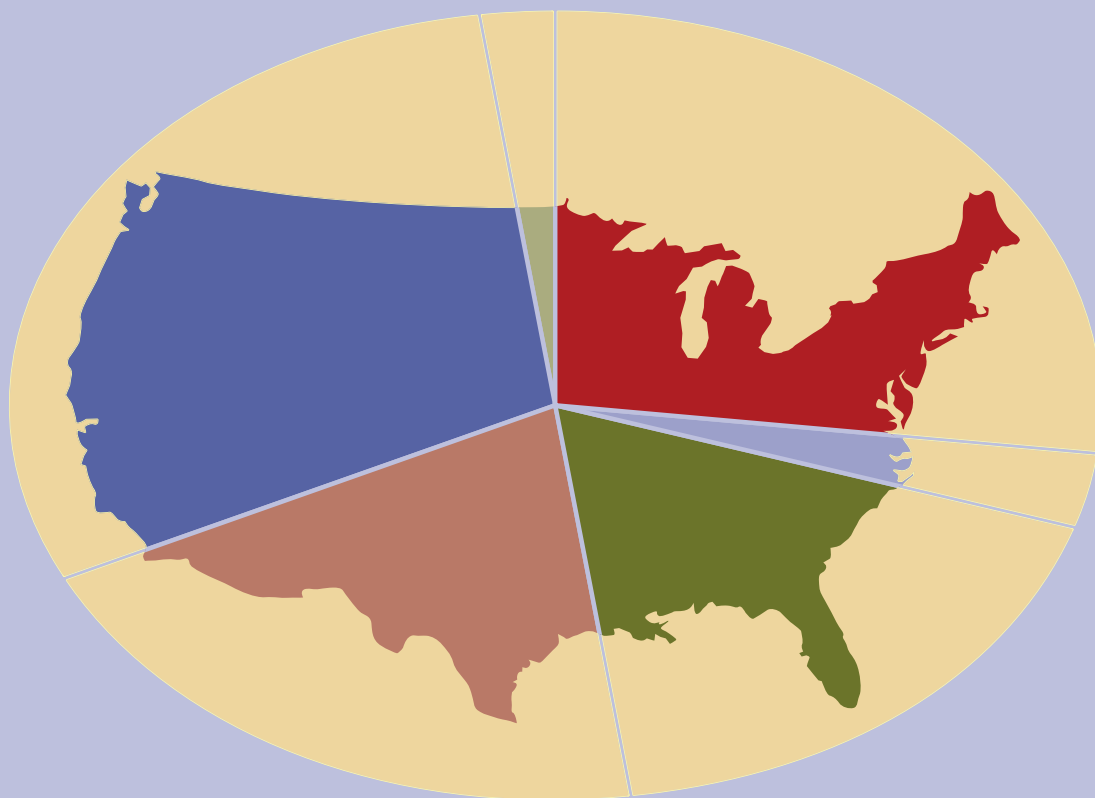


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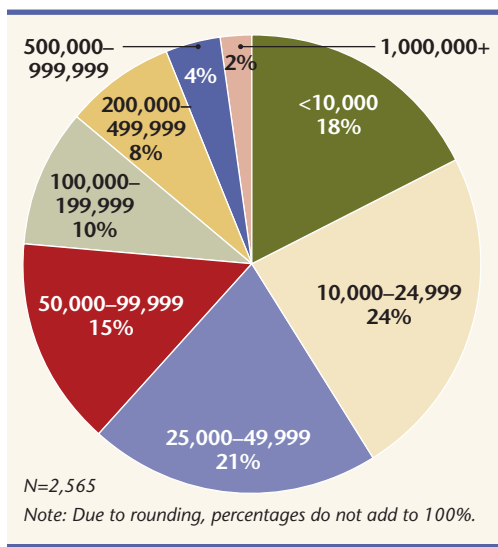
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Background

Chapter 2 begins with an analysis of the population sizes served by LHDs. These findings are based on Profile study findings and additional secondary data regarding respondent and non-respondent LHD size of population served, and thus include all 2,565 LHDs in the study population. The population data used for these analyses are based on estimated population figures of the U.S. Bureau of the Census 2008. Additionally, information presented here regarding LHD governance builds on work performed by the Association of State and Territorial Health Officials (ASTHO) and the National Opinion Research Center (NORC), in conjunction with NACCHO, to classify the governance relationships that state health departments have with LHDs. For additional information

about ASTHO's classification system, visit <http://www.astho.org/research/data-and-analysis/>. All other national data shown in the chapter (and in the rest of the report) are taken from the 2010 Profile study questionnaires and are weighted to represent all LHDs.

FIGURE 2.1 | Percentage Distribution of LHDs, by Size of Population Served



What Size Populations Did LHDs Serve?

Among the 2,565 total LHDs in the United States, the largest numbers of LHDs served jurisdictions with small populations. About 63 percent served populations less than 50,000 persons (Figure 2.1). Another 15 percent served populations from 50,000 to 99,999, and 18 percent served populations from 100,000 to 499,999. Six percent served populations of 500,000 or more.

Figure 2.2 shows both the percent of all LHDs by population category and the percent of the U.S. population served. About 5 percent of all LHDs covered 49 percent of the U.S. population; whereas 32 percent of all LHDs covered 40 percent of the U.S. population and 63 percent covered 11 percent of the U.S. population.

FIGURE 2.2 | Percentage of LHDs and Percentage of U.S. Population Served, by Size of Population Served

