

# State and Territorial Needs Assessment (SNA): Overview of Methods and Key Findings

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# State and Territorial Needs Assessment (SNA) Goals

- **Understand national gaps** in suicide prevention infrastructure, competencies, and development
- Obtain information that **informs our abilities to provide technical assistance** and develop resources that address identified national gaps
- **Provide information back to states** on their own progress in developing suicide prevention infrastructure



# Six Essential Elements: State Suicide Prevention Infrastructure

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Authorize	Lead	Partner	Examine	Build	Guide
	  			 	  

In our technical assistance with states, we are working to weave infrastructure into all aspects of suicide prevention planning and programming, and vice versa.



# Survey Structure and Scoring

## Survey Structure/Sections:

1) Authorize	2) Lead	3) Partner	4) Examine	5) Build	6) Guide
Potential Score Range: 0-24	Potential Score Range: 0-24	Potential Score Range: 0-12	Potential Score Range: 0-20	Potential Score Range: 0-48	Potential Score Range: 0-12

34 states and 2 territories contributed to our scoring.

### 7) Infrastructure Tools

- Rank familiarity with Infrastructure Recommendations
- Signify use of Infrastructure Tools
- No scoring

# Survey Structure and Scoring

## Major Question Areas in First Six Sections:

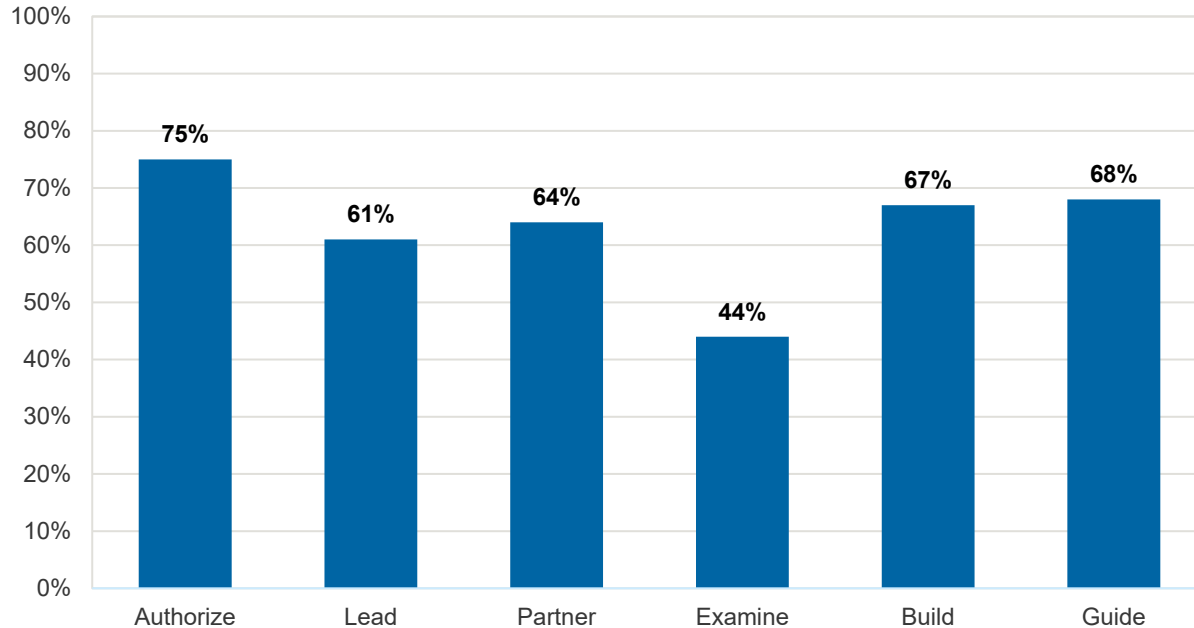
- Assess progress in achieving each Infrastructure Recommendation (scored)

Not yet in place / Unaware of any work to get this in place
Planning steps to get this in place
Actively working to get this in place
This is in place, but it is not yet sustainable
This is sustainably in place

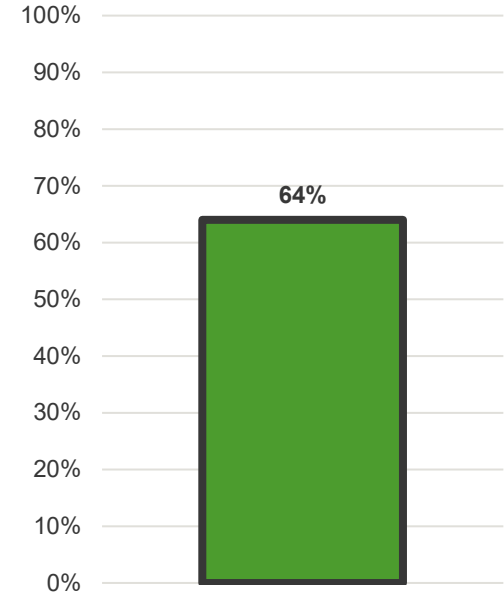
- Share on other key suicide prevention areas (not scored)
- Share challenges or successes within each Essential Element (not scored)
- Share what support, resources, or tools SPRC could provide (not scored)

# Suicide Prevention Infrastructure Scores

## Percent Progress in Achieving the Six Essential Elements



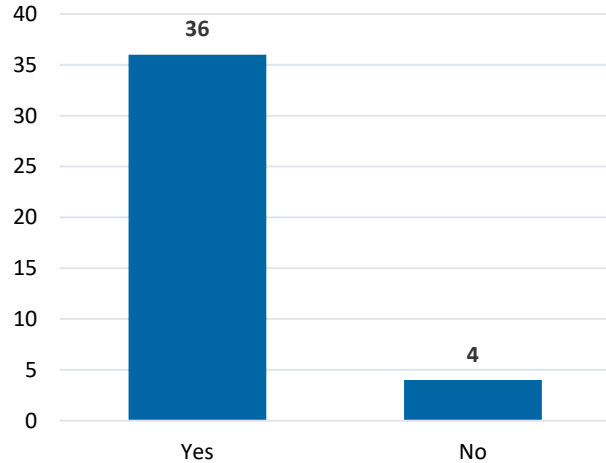
## Combined Progress Across All Elements



# Authorize



## Designated Lead Agency or Office?



## State Progress Establishing and Sustaining Budget Line Items for Suicide Prevention

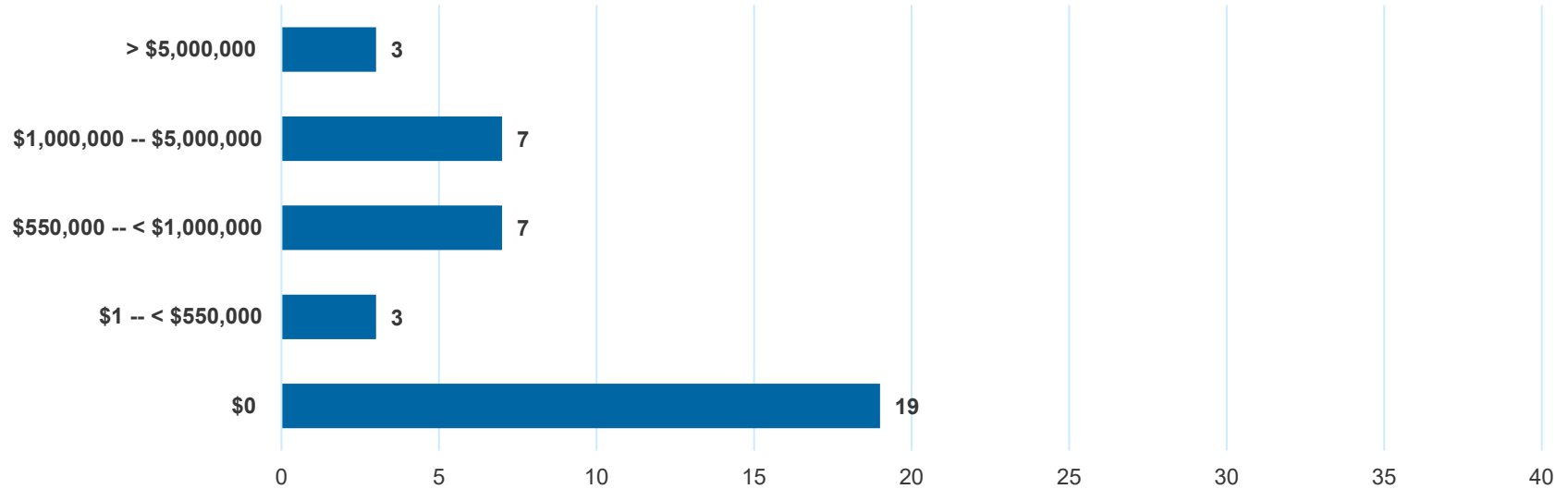
Self-Rated State Progress	Percent	Count
Not yet in place / Unaware of any work to get this in place	28%	11
Planning steps to get this in place	10%	4
Actively working to get this in place	10%	4
This is in place, but it is not yet sustainable	18%	7
This is sustainably in place	35%	14



# Authorize



## Number of States Reporting a State Budget Line Item within Each Range



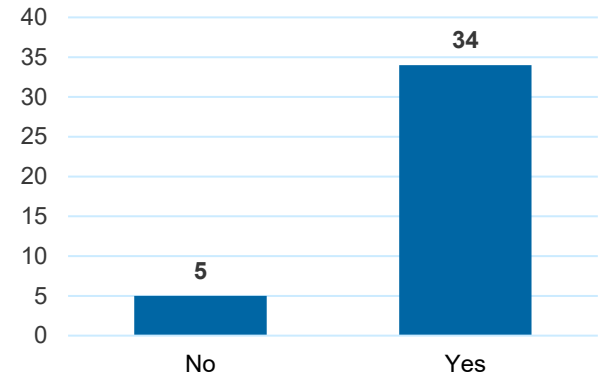
# Lead



## Progress toward Adequately Funding Needed Technological Support

Self-Rated State Progress	Percent	Count
Not yet in place/Unaware of any work to get this in place	23%	9
Planning steps to get this in place	21%	8
Actively working to get this in place	18%	7
This is in place, but it is not yet sustainable	23%	9
This is sustainably in place	15%	6

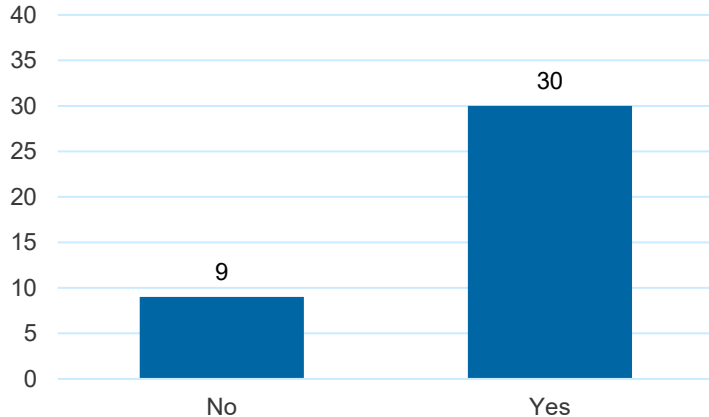
## Suicide Prevention Coordinator?



# Partner



## Statewide Suicide Prevention Coalition



## Progress toward Setting Mutually Agreed Upon Goals

Self-Rated State Progress	Percent	Count
Not yet in place/Unaware of any work to get this in place	0%	0
Planning steps to get this in place	10%	3
Actively working to get this in place	30%	9
This is in place, but it is not yet sustainable	7%	2
This is sustainably in place	53%	16

# Examine



## Progress toward Establishing Statewide Systems for Collecting and Analyzing Suicide Data

Self-Rated State Progress	Percent	Count
Not yet in place/Unaware of any work to get this in place	3%	1
Planning steps to get this in place	13%	5
Actively working to get this in place	26%	10
This is in place, but it is not yet sustainable	13%	5
This is sustainably in place	45%	17

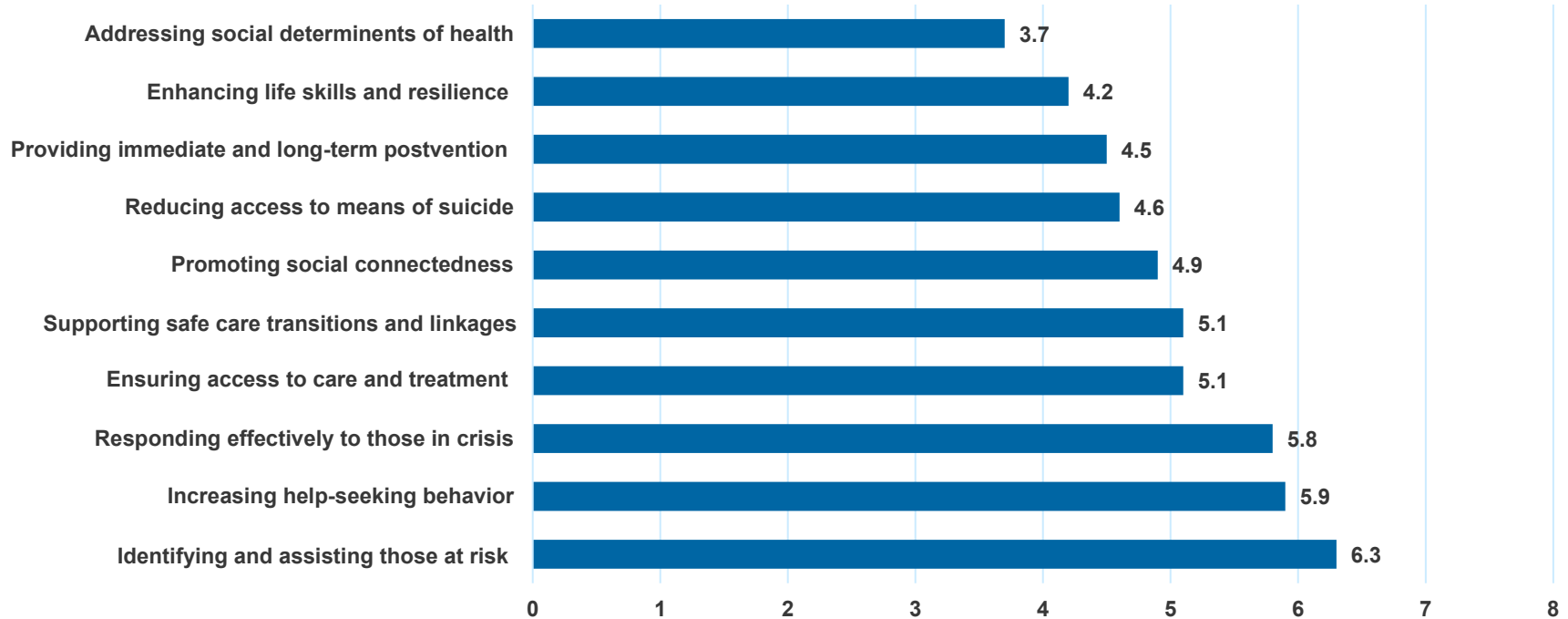
## Progress toward Establishing a Near Real-Time Statewide Data System

Self-Rated State Progress	Percent	Count
Not yet in place/Unaware of any work to get this in place	16%	6
Planning steps to get this in place	34%	13
Actively working to get this in place	18%	7
This is in place, but it is not yet sustainable	18%	7
This is sustainably in place	13%	5

# Build



## State Emphasis on Addressing High-Level Suicide Prevention Strategies

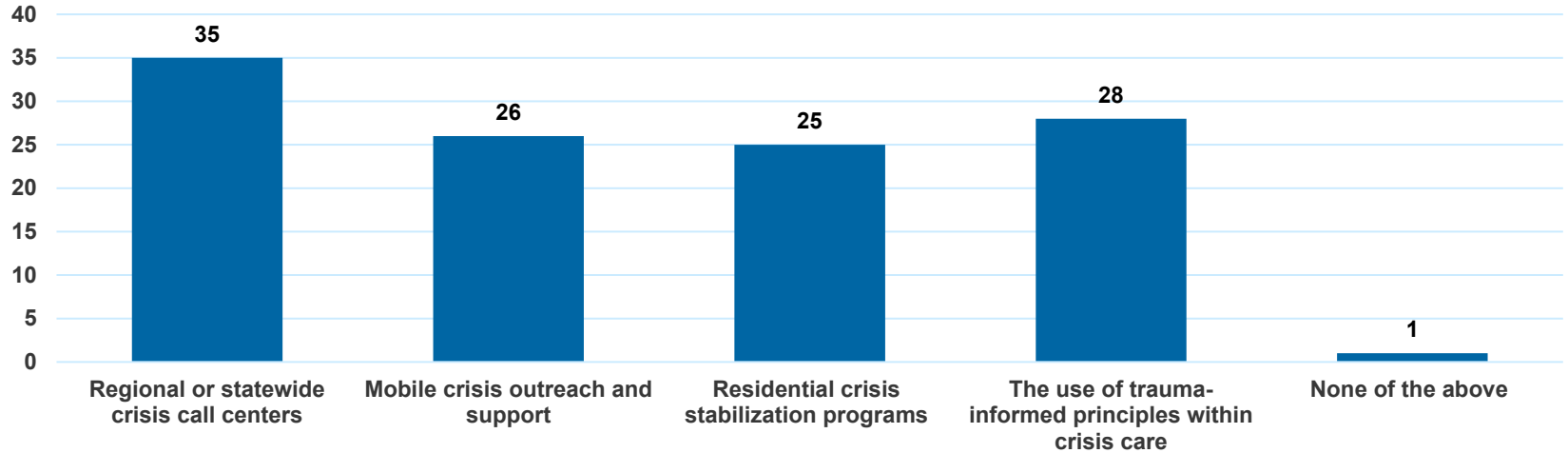


Level of emphasis ranged from 0 (low) to 8 (high) and was defined as the relative amount of funding, number of activities, and the level of effort expended.

# Build



## Number of States Reporting Core Elements of Effective Crisis Care



States could select all that apply.

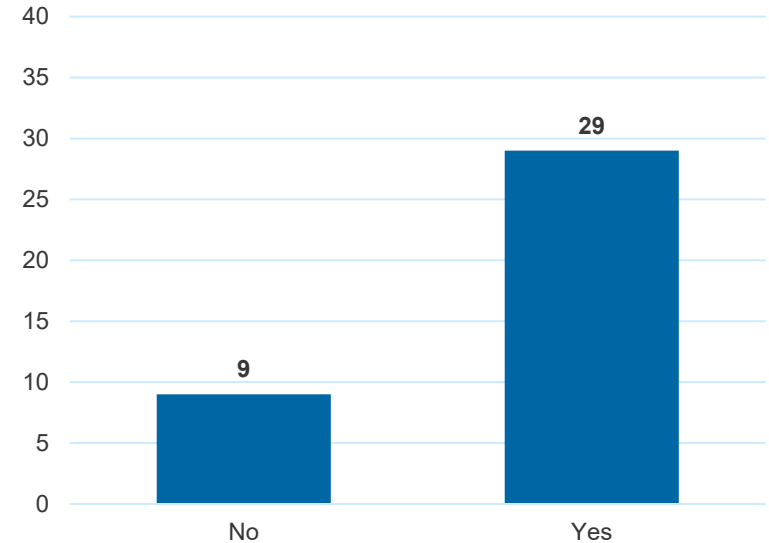
# Guide



## Progress toward Allocating Funding and Resources Needed to Guide Local Groups in Implementing Suicide Prevention Programming

Self-Rated State Progress	Percent	Count
Not yet in place/Unaware of any work to get this in place	11%	4
Planning steps to get this in place	26%	10
Actively working to get this in place	16%	6
This is in place, but it is not yet sustainable	26%	10
This is sustainably in place	21%	8

## County or Regional Suicide Prevention Coalitions?



# SPRC Support

## Desired Support “Types” Most Frequently Mentioned

- State examples
- Templates, model language, blueprints
- Draft legislation



*Leader support, funding, staff capacity, and partner fragmentation are inhibiting progress across elements.*



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