

# Supporting Consumers Through Outreach:

Amplifying Public Awareness of State Insurance Departments

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### Survey Goals and Objectives

Survey of the Public Information Officers

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- 1. What are the best practices utilized to increase public awareness?
- 2. What are some of the communication methods and metrics used to gauge success/engagement?
- 3. What barriers do departments face in educating consumers, and how can they be addressed?





## 31 Total Respondents



## Hawaii Puerto Rico RANCE COMMISSIONERS

#### 28 States and Territories

Arizona	Nevada
Connecticut *	North Dakota
DC	Ohio
Delaware	Oklahoma *
Guam	Oregon
Hawaii	Puerto Rico
Indiana	Rhode Island
Iowa	South Carolina
Maine	Texas
Maryland *	Tennessee
Massachusetts	Utah
Mississippi	Virginia
Missouri	Wisconsin
Nebraska	Wyoming

<sup>\*</sup> Represents states with 2 respondents



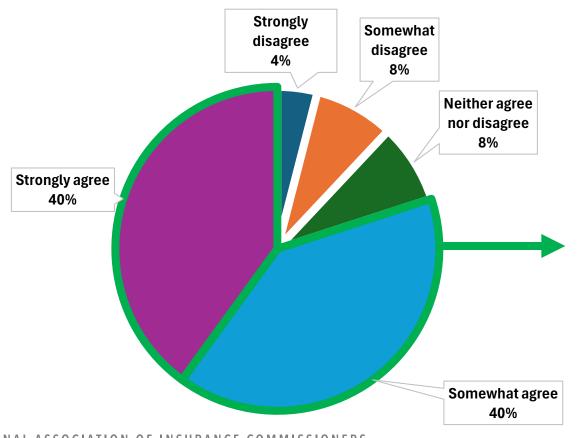
## In the last year or so have you launched any consumer outreach campaigns...

	Yes
Primarily or solely aimed at increasing awareness about what your department does.	35%
Consumer outreach campaigns about a particular insurance issue or topic.	
Responses=	25

81% of the states surveyed are engaging in consumer outreach campaigns.



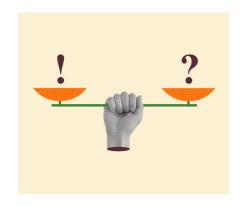
# Campaigns about insurance topics/issues are effective at raising awareness about what our department does and the services we offer.



**80%** believe these campaigns are effective or somewhat effective for raising awareness of the department.



## Why Not?



Limited Resources and Capacity



Organizational and Structural Challenges



Competing Priorities and Focus on Specific Initiatives

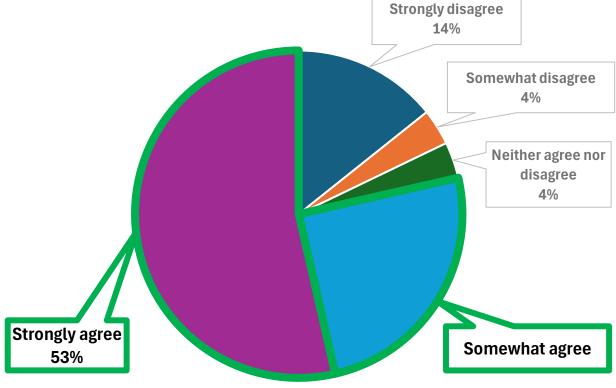


Emerging Interest and Future Plans



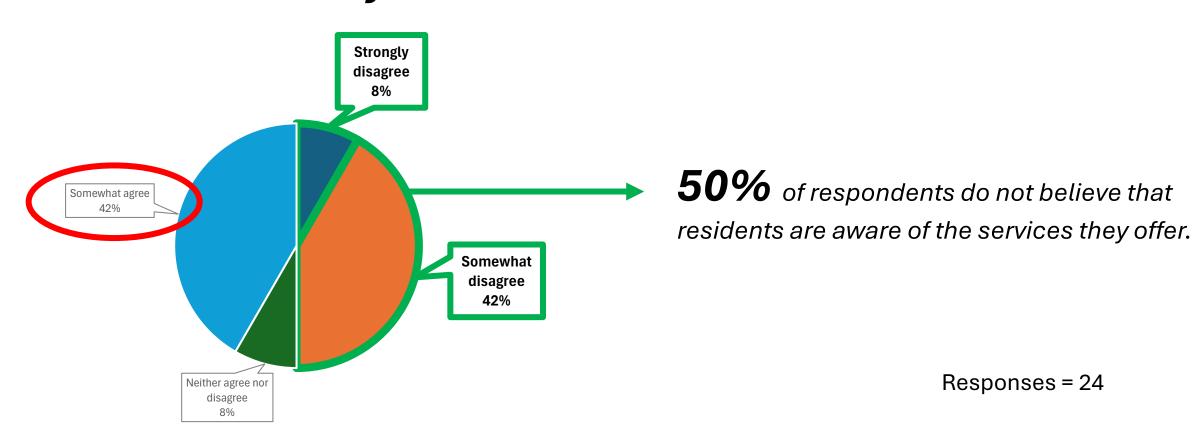
Marketing to increase awareness of our department

78% Agree this is an important initiative





## Awareness of the department's work and the services they offer.





# What aspects of your departments work do you think your states residents may not fully understand or be aware of?

That we help consumers	87%
That we are part of state government	50%
·	47%
That we provide services after disasters  That our services are free	47 %

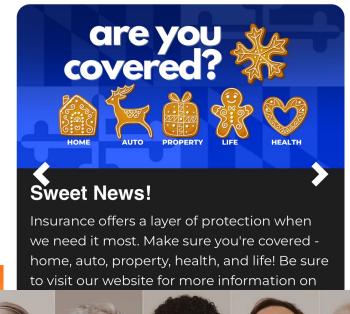


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- 3. Evaluate and adapt messages.



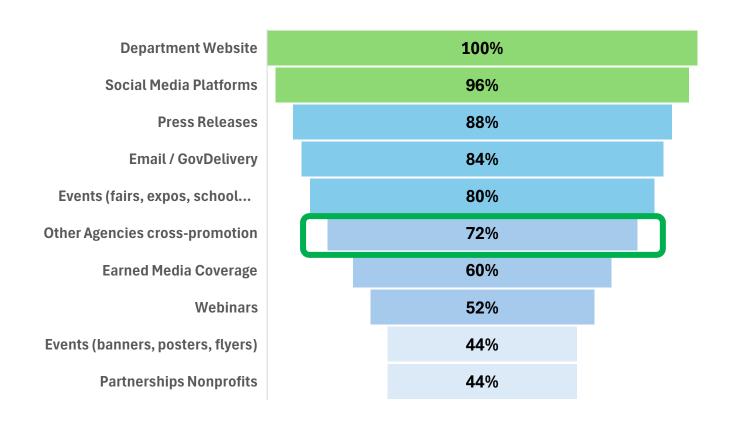






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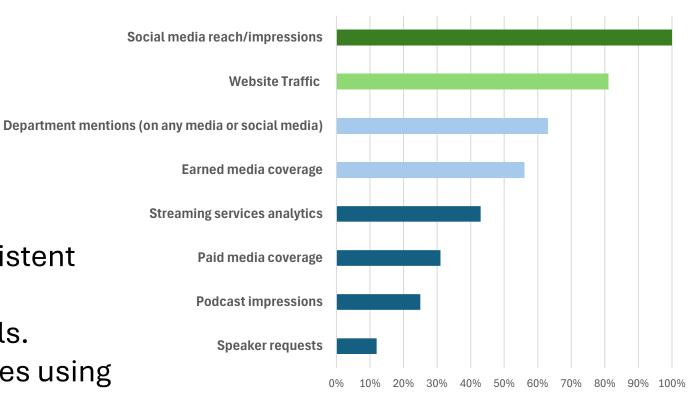
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Responses = 16

Weekly	25%
Monthly	31%
Quarterly	31%
Bi-annually	6%
Annually	6%



## What are some of the obstacles you face?



Public Awareness and Trust



Communication and Media Challenges



Resources and Capacity Constraints



Access and Equity Barriers

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## How can we help?



Infographics to explain key insurance concepts or reasons to buy insurance.

Opportunities to brainstorm with individuals in other states who do the same work as you do.

## Thank you

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