

INSTITUTIONAL REVIEW BOARD (IRB)



HEALTH EQUITY INITIATIVE BASELINE EVALUATION FINDINGS

The baseline evaluation data presented here was collected prior to the implementation of the Los Angeles County (LAC) Department of Public Health (DPH) IRB's Health Equity Standard of Practice (SOP).

Total respondents: 42
Response rate: 59%
Time Frame: April '23 to August '24

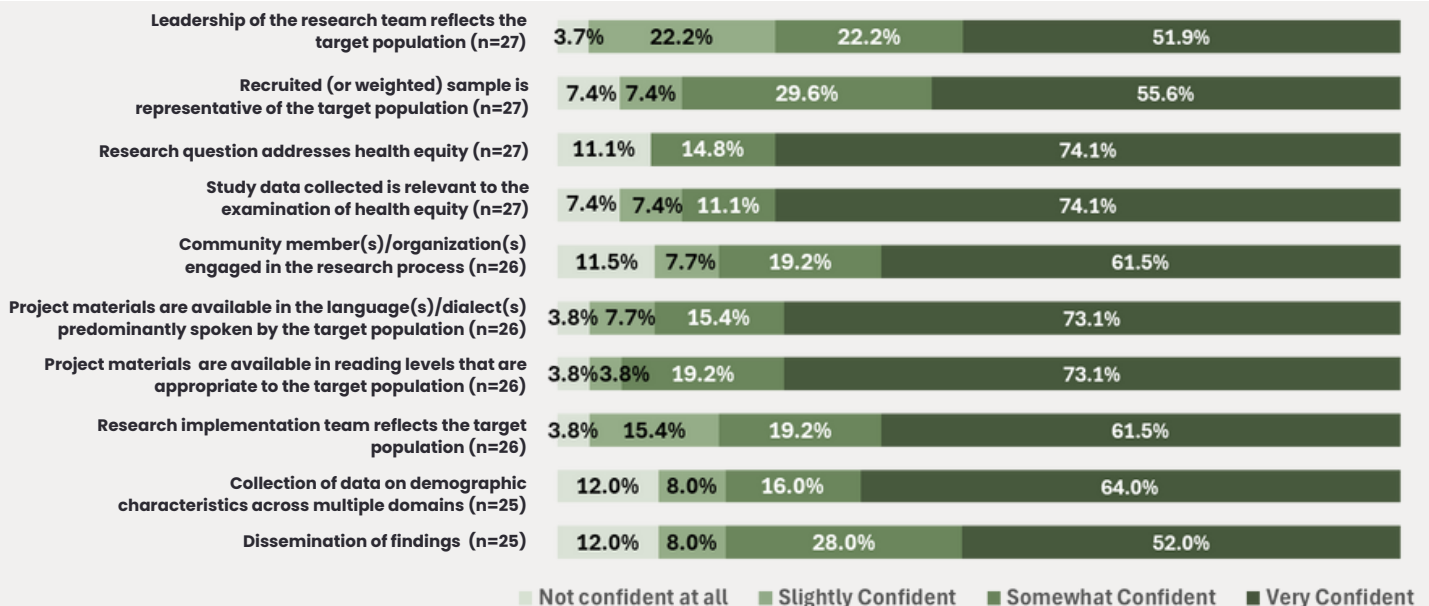
The SOP was developed to provide written guidance for DPH researchers and project leads on how to address health equity in their research.

83.3%

of respondents were employed by LA County Department of Public Health

Data were collected from researchers and project leads who submitted new IRB applications between April 2023 and August 2024 and voluntarily completed an evaluation survey when completing their application. These data, along with data collected after implementation, will be used to assess the efficacy of the SOP.

Respondents' confidence in their teams' ability to address health equity*



*This question asked respondents to rate how confident they were in their team's ability to address health equity in each of the categories. Respondents were provided examples not listed in category labels above.

Anticipated barriers and challenges to addressing health equity in projects

"Target population reached will only be determined once [community-based organizations] are engaged and recruitment begins. this is a difficult topic to discuss, which may inhibit community participation."

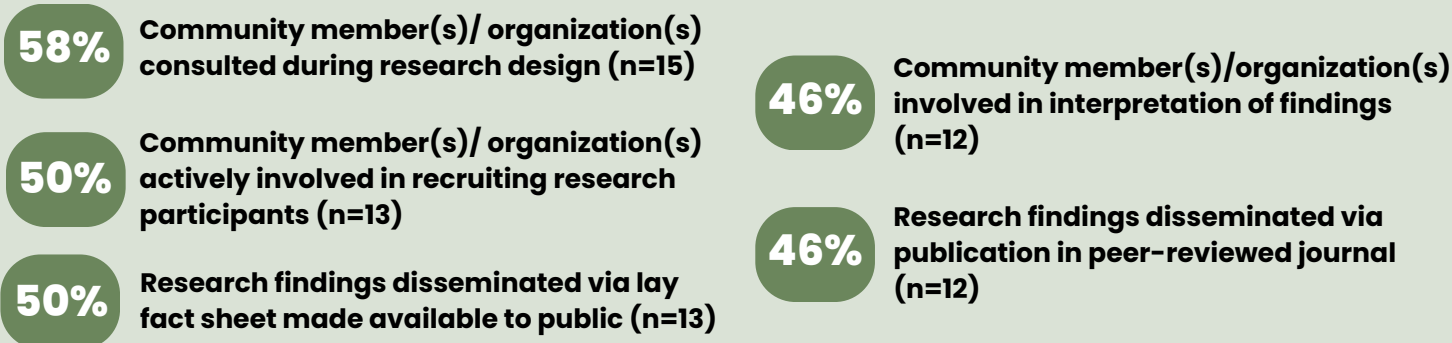
-Respondent

"Participants of the focus group are current [redacted] and there may be gaps in seeking input from all members that represent all relevant public health issues or priorities"

-Respondent

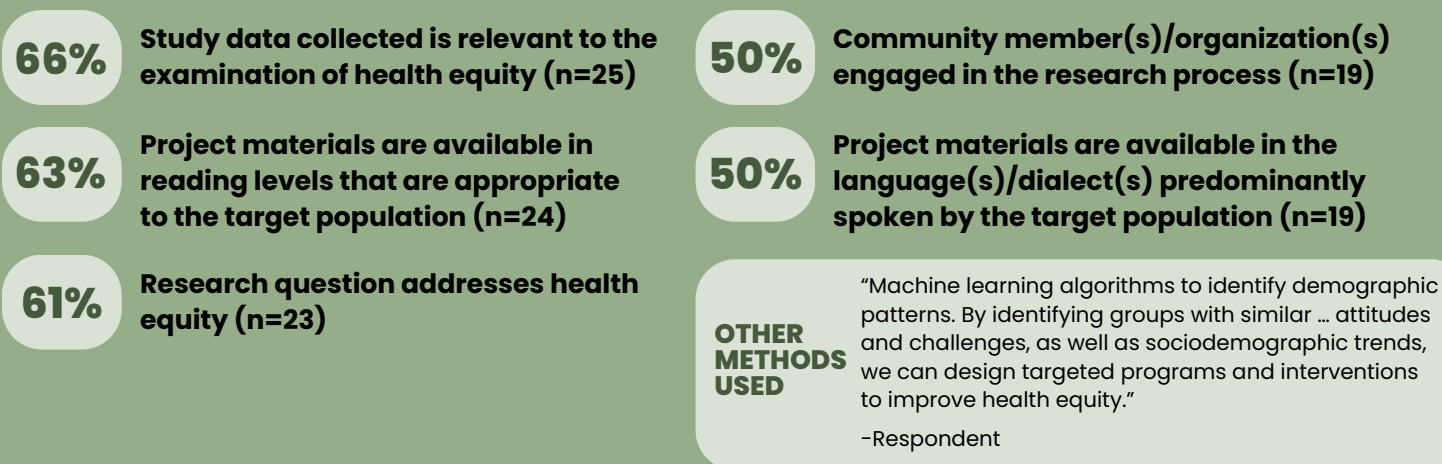


Top 5 methods of community engagement researchers planned to use in their project (n=26)*



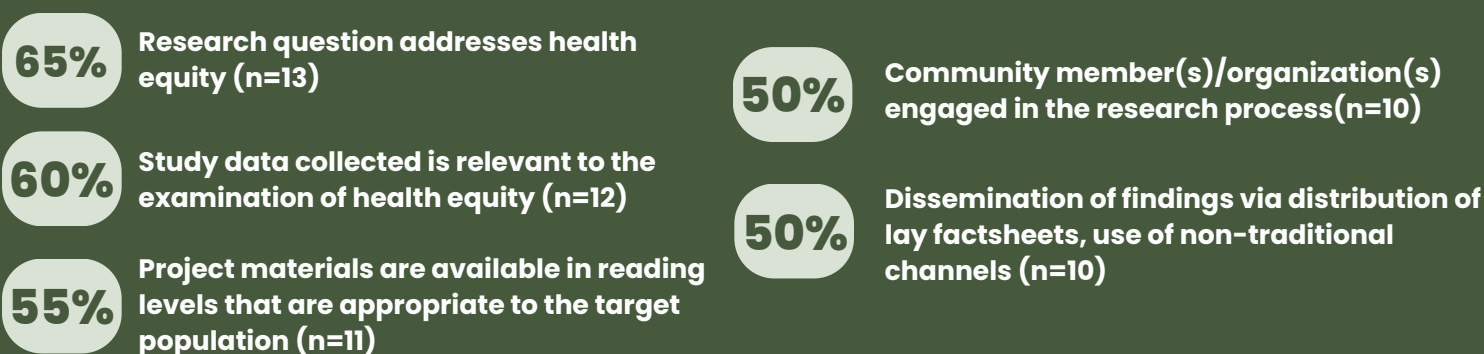
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Top 5 methods for addressing health equity in research respondents planned to use in their project (n=38)*



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Top 5 ways researchers planned to track whether their project is addressing health equity (n=20)*



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