

# SOCIAL DETERMINANTS OF HEALTH DATA

## SURVEY RESULTS ON THE COLLECTION, INTEGRATION, AND USE



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### SURVEY OBJECTIVES

- Better understand how SDOH data are collected, coded, and used
- Inform the development of educational tools and resources needed by HI professionals
- Inform the development of policy recommendations to further the standardization and use of SDOH data

### DESCRIPTIONS AND SPECIFICATIONS

The survey is a 27-question survey fielded to a convenience sample of HI professionals. It was fielded from Aug. 24 – Sept. 9, 2022. There were 2,637 respondents.

### KEY FINDINGS

There are challenges to collecting, sharing, and use of complete and accurate SDOH data, including:

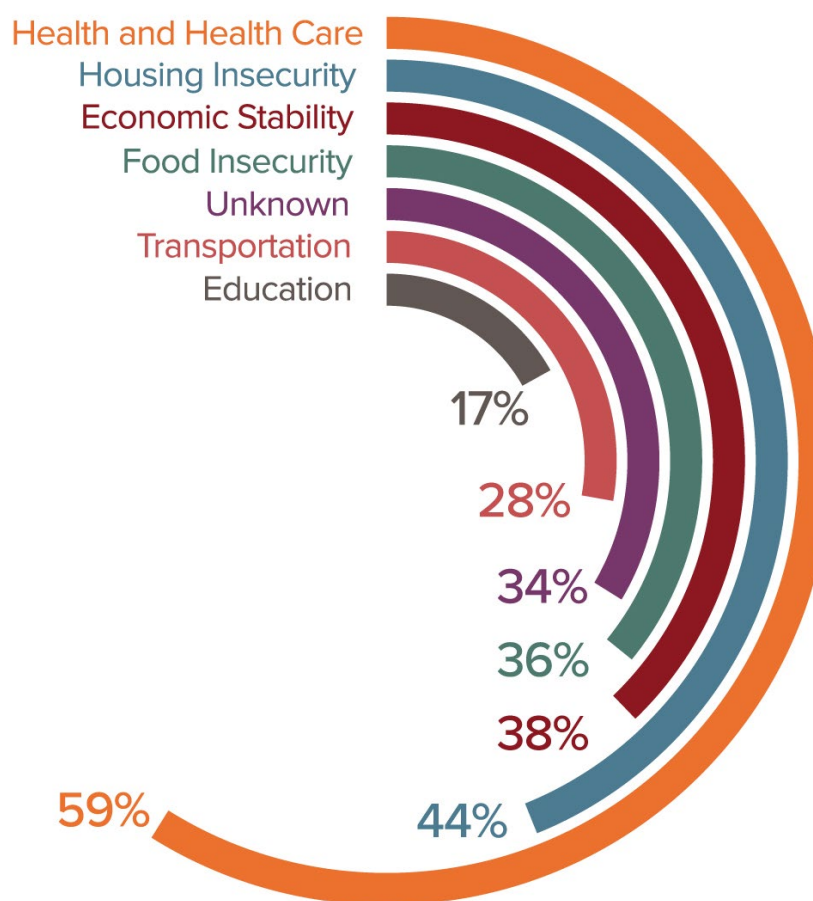
- Lack of standardization and integration of the data into an individual's medical record
- Insufficient training and education on how to capture, collect, code, and use the data
- Limited use of the data to communicate between healthcare providers and community-based referral organizations

### LACK OF STANDARDIZATION + INTEGRATION

There is a growing understanding of the value of SDOH data in healthcare

78% Collects data

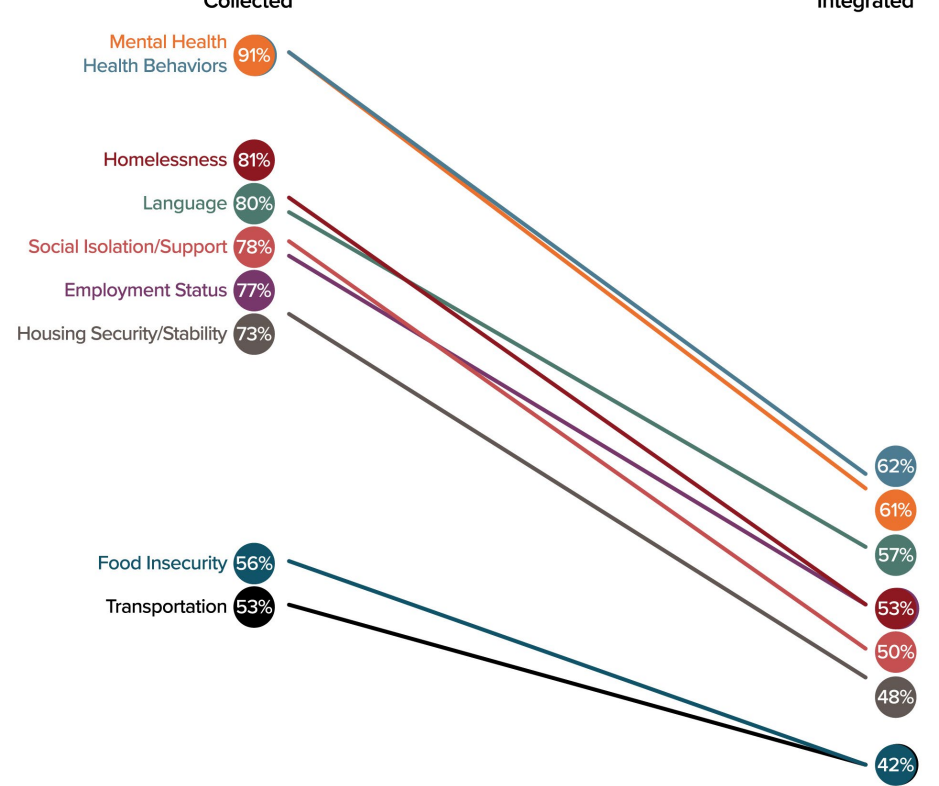
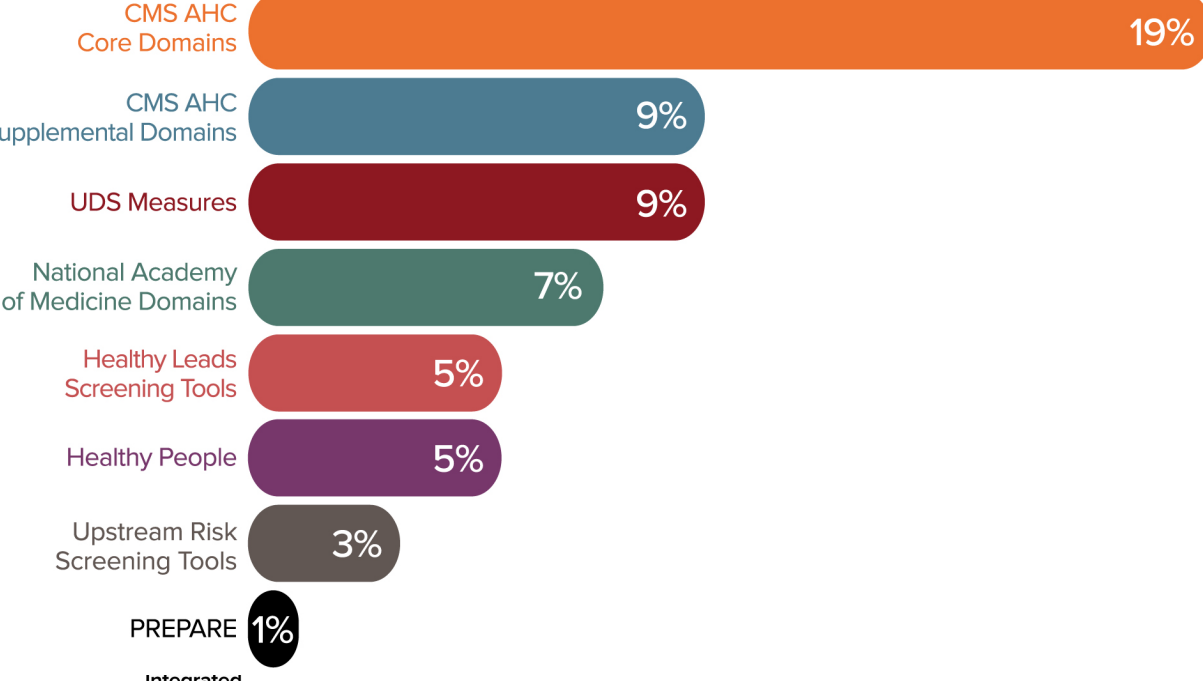
22% Does not collect data



Prioritization of SDOH data elements is uneven across the healthcare sector.

Insurance coverage and health behavior information are (e.g., smoking, alcohol consumption, etc.) prioritized at higher levels.

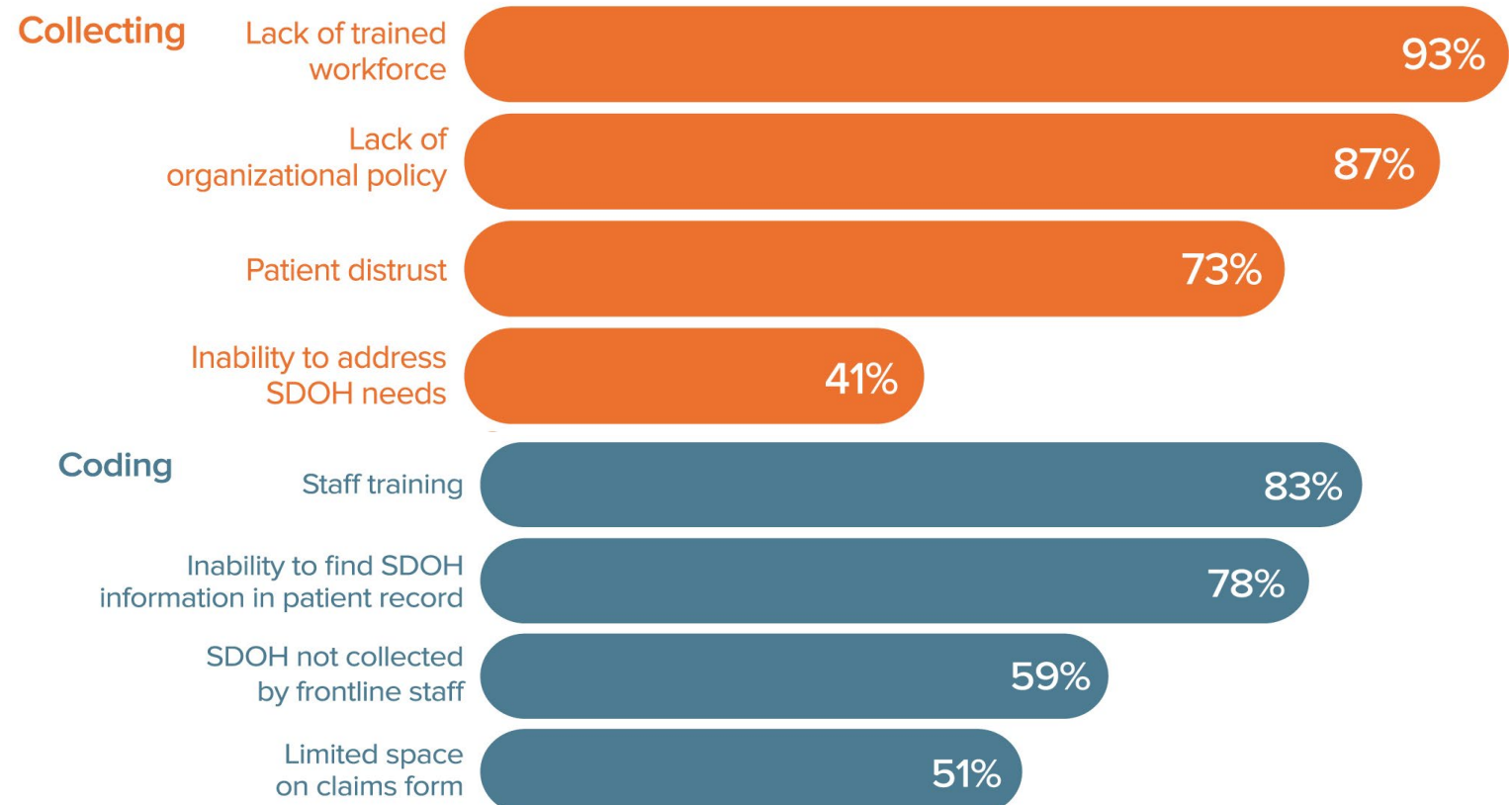
A variety of screening tools are used; however, respondents said the CMS Accountable Health Communities Core Domains are most frequently used.



While individual SDOH data elements are captured, these data are not necessarily integrated into EHRs.

### TRAINING + EDUCATION ON CAPTURE + USE

Most respondents said their organizations offer education and training to support collection and use of SDOH data. However, lack of training is a top challenge, implying that more education and training is necessary.



### PROVIDER + PARTNER COMMUNICATION

Addressing SDOH is not something that can be done by one organization. Communication channels between providers and partners. Is critical. Respondents, however, indicated that communication and integration between the health and social services sectors is often limited and inconsistent.

Electronic referrals to CBOs or referral partners



Closed-loop referral process



Organizations are more likely to make electronic referrals to referral partners than have a closed-looped referral process.

### POLICY RECOMMENDATIONS

The report includes policy recommendations that would lead to improved collection, use, and sharing of SDOH data to improve health and healthcare outcomes.

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