

Public Health Work Group

Consensus Recommendation for Regions

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The PHWG recommends eight regions composed as below for the purposes of data, planning, administration, funding allocation, and the effective and efficient delivery of public health services. Provisions shall be made for necessary exceptions for services across regional boundaries.

Regions Recommended by PHWG		
County	County Population	Region Population
York	200,359	200,359
Cumberland	273,505	273,505
Sagadahoc	36,927	151,555
Lincoln	35,236	
Waldo	38,392	
Knox	41,000	
Androscoggin	107,022	
Oxford	56,614	193,372
Franklin	29,736	
Kennebec	120,645	
Somerset	51,584	172,229
Piscataquis	17,525	
Penobscot	148,196	165,721
Aroostook	73,390	
Hancock	53,556	87,114
Washington	33,558	

The establishment of such regions in Maine is designed to enhance effectiveness and efficiency of public health services by:

- creating the geographic framework for greater consistency and equity in statewide delivery of all 10 Essential Public Health Services.
- providing a consistent basis for regional planning and coordination across the public, nonprofit, and business sectors.
- building sustainable infrastructure through regional co-location of Maine CDC and DHHS staff, “braided” funds, and the establishment of Regional Coordinating Councils.