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Update on State Legislative Activity

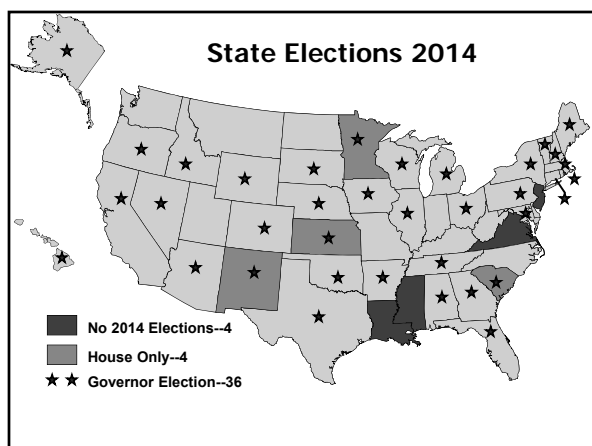
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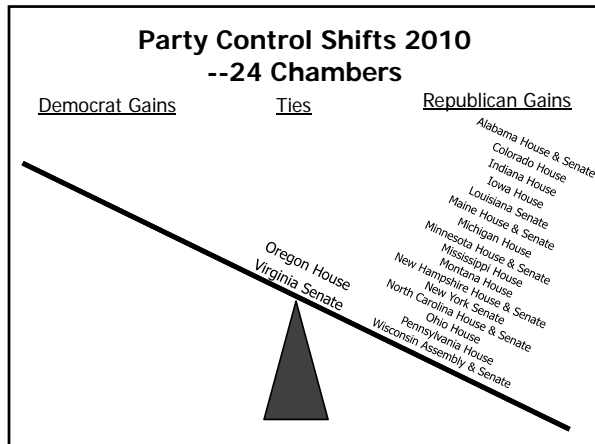
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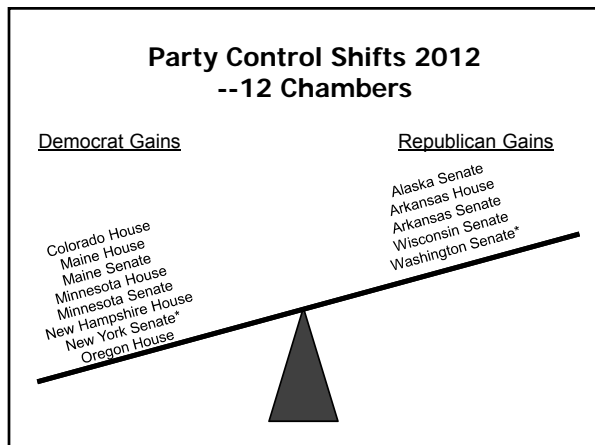
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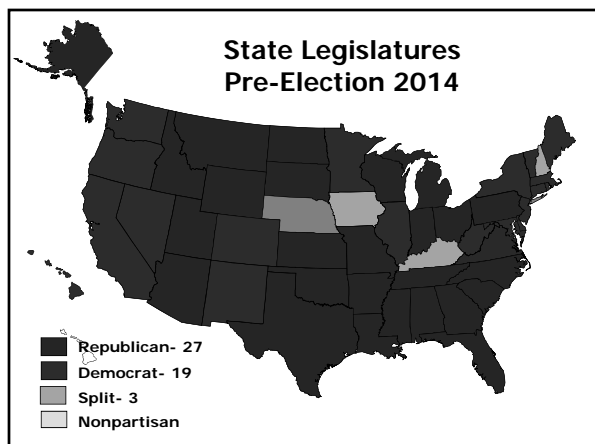
2014 Mid-term Elections

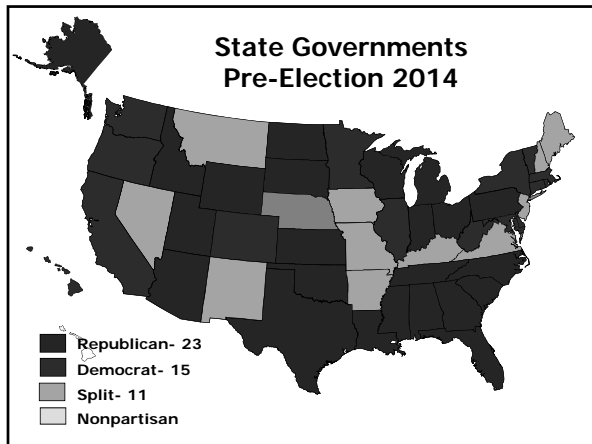
- Which states have no legislative elections in 2014?
- How many states will be electing a governor in 2014?

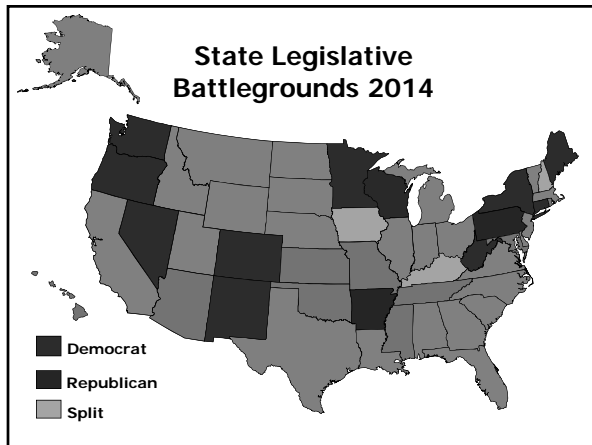


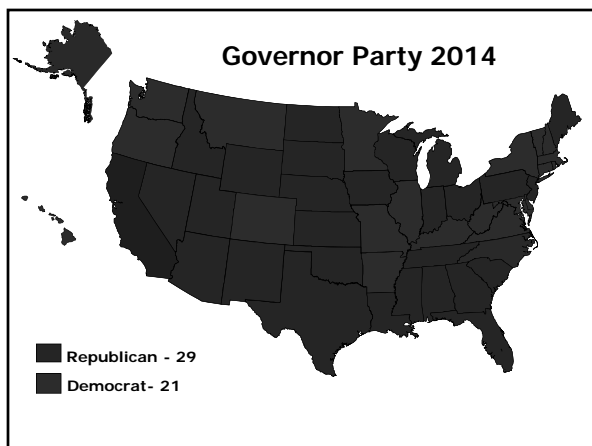


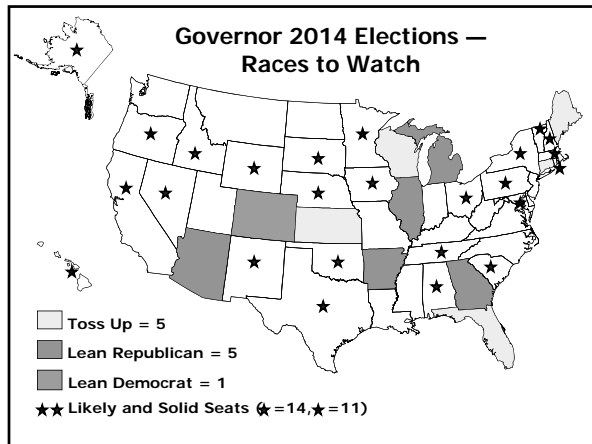














Final Points

- History points to GOP gains
- Biggest Challenge for GOP is past success
- Chamber Switches may be Low/more change in Governors
- The Republican South
- How many people will turn out to vote?




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State Budgets

- What is the fastest growing program area for FY 2015?



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State Budget Conditions


States experienced slow revenue growth in FY 2014.

Slightly stronger revenue growth is expected in FY 2015.

Funding for higher education and Medicaid continue to outpace other spending areas.

States are still talking about tax reform, but acting less.


Year-end balances are expected to decline in FY 2015.



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Areas of Spending Over Budget in FY 2014

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Corrections/ Public Safety

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Education

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Medicaid/ Health Care

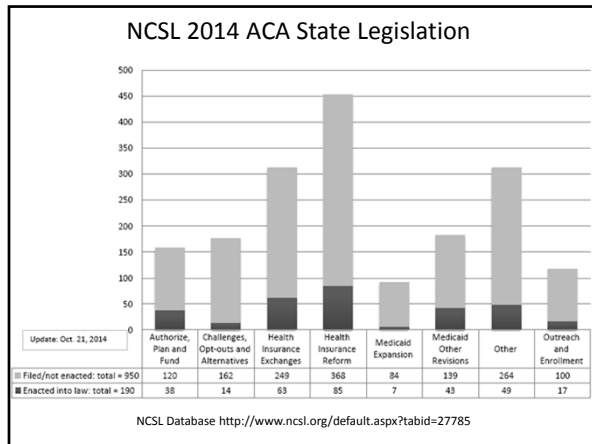


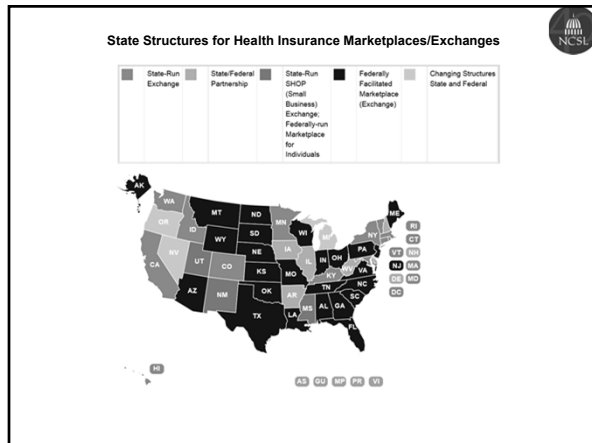
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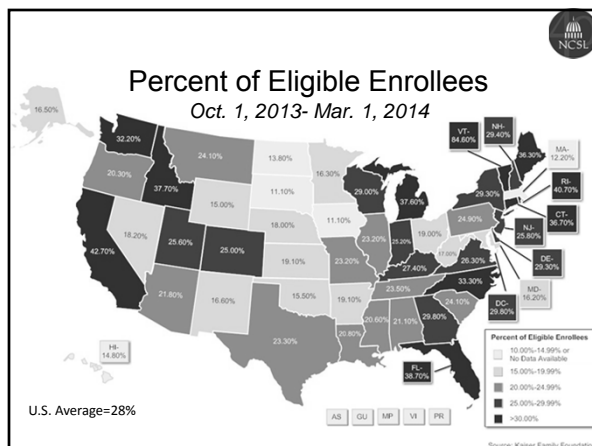


In the 2014 legislative sessions, about **HALF** of state legislators were serving their first or second term.

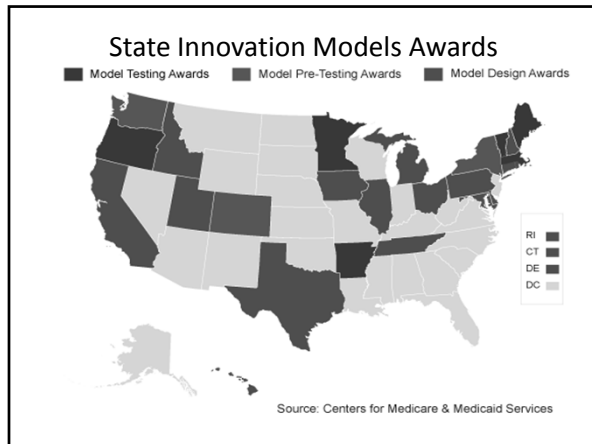


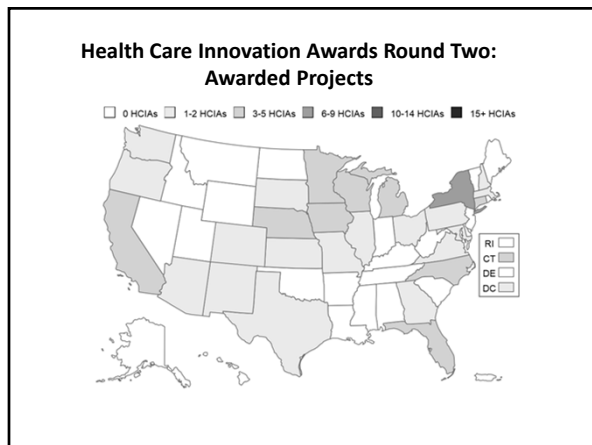















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Emerging and Continuing Policy Issues

What health policy area received the most legislative requests in the past month at NCSL?

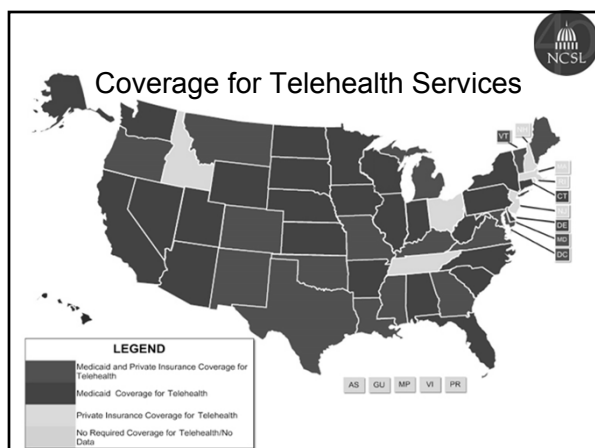



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Emerging and Continuing Issues

- Narrow networks/network adequacy
- Prescription drug abuse prevention.
- Community health workers and community paramedics.
- Medicaid and Corrections.
- Telehealth
- Coordinating care for dually eligible beneficiaries
- Social determinants of health/health disparities
- E-cigarettes/Vapor regulation
- Medical marijuana
- Public health preparedness
- Improving health/reducing the need for health care.






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Telehealth

- Reimbursement of telehealth encounters.
- Licensure for telehealth providers.
- Ensuring patient privacy and safety.





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Preventing Prescription Drug Abuse and Overdose: 2014 Trends

- Allow a degree of immunity for individuals who seek medical assistance or administer treatment for those experiencing an overdose.
- Amend or modify existing Prescription Drug Monitoring Programs.
- Prohibiting the substitution of opioid analgesic drugs incorporating a tamper-resistant technology
- Establish or amend operational requirements for pain management clinics (often called "Pill Mills")
- Amend requirements for Chief Medical Examiners for overdose deaths related to controlled substances.






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State E-cigarette laws/regs

- 41+ states prohibit sales to minors
- 3 states have added vapor/e-cig use to 100% clean indoor air laws: NJ, ND, UT
- 2 states tax e-cigs specifically: MN and NC
- 2 states require child-resistant liquid nicotine packaging
- States define vapor products and other tobacco products (OTP) but usually NOT as a traditional combustible cigarette or smokeless products
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Medical Marijuana Laws

- CA: First state to pass with Prop. 215 in 1996
- Since then, 22 states and DC have followed: AK, AZ, CO, CT, DE, HI, IL, ME, MD, MA, MI, MN, MT, NV, NH, NJ, NM, NY, OR, RI, VT, WA
- 12 became legal through voter/ballot initiative process
- 12 legal through legislation (CT, DE, HI, IL, NJ, NM, RI, VT)
- NCSL MMJ webpage:
<http://www.ncsl.org/default.aspx?tabid=19587>
- 11 new "low THC" limited programs in 2014
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Reducing Health Disparities: State Actions




■ Bills Filed
■ Enacted Bills



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Social Determinants of Health, Snapshot of State Actions

- Environmental Health & Asthma: 27 bills in 18 states were enacted.
- Early Education and Child Care: 42 bills in 23 states were enacted.
- Grants or Incentives For Small or Minority-Owned Business: 31 bills in 17 states were enacted.
- Minimum Wage: 15 bills in 14 states were enacted.
- Tribal Health and Human Services: 14 bills in 10 states were enacted.
- Unemployment Benefits or Retraining Programs: 63 bills in 27 states were enacted.

Includes D.C. in some cases.



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