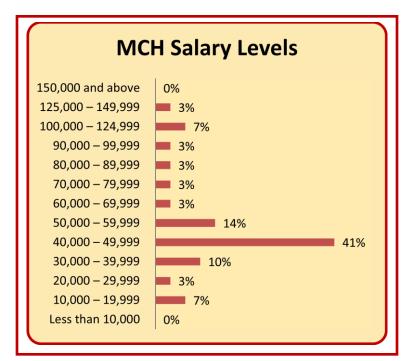
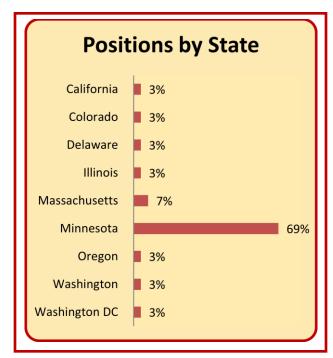
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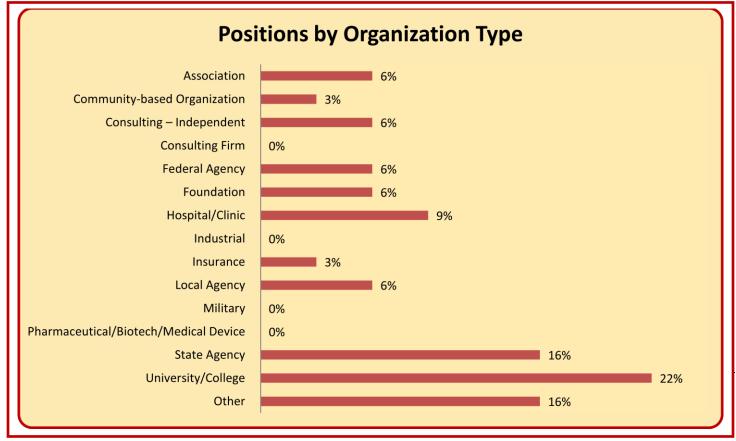


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# **JOB OUTLOOK**

- Leaders in the field of maternal and child health (MCH) identify and promote social and environmental conditions that contribute to the health of women, children, youth, and families. MCH MPH graduates often work with—or on behalf of--socially and economically vulnerable populations that include women, children, youth, and family members (broadly defined to include fathers, grandparents, etc.).
- Much of their work is focused on socially and economically vulnerable populations. MCH leaders develop public
  health programs and policies that focus on health promotion, health care equity, disease prevention, and
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  promotion, health care equity, disease prevention, and primary care services. Their work is conducted in nonprofit organizations, government agencies, universities, school districts, advocacy organizations, health clinics,
  and research/academic institutions.
- Epidemiologic skills focused on maternal and child health are increasingly required in city, county, and state health departments. Graduates work in nonprofit organizations, government agencies, universities, school districts, and research institutes.
- This public health field focuses on improving the health of women, children, and families in domestic and international settings through research, program planning, training, and policy development. In preparing the next generation of MCH leaders, major emphasis is placed on population-based solutions to complex health problems that are multi-factorial in origin. For example, you may collect and use data to improve programs and decision making in family planning, nutrition, and HIV/AIDS in Central and South America, Africa, and Asia.
- The University of Minnesota has one of the most respected MCH programs in the world, founded by internationally recognized MCH leaders, including Helen Wallace and Ruth Boynton. We have had more than 1000 graduates, many of whom have become leaders in MCH research, program development, and policymaking.
- In addition, every state department of health--and many city and county departments of health--have departments specifically dedicated to MCH public health advocacy, assessment, and program development. In Minnesota, see <a href="http://www.health.state.mn.us/divs/fh/mch/">http://www.health.state.mn.us/divs/fh/mch/</a> for a description of the many focal areas the State's MCH Section.
- MCH public health is one of the oldest—and one of the most varied—areas in national health promotion and assurance in the US. In the US there is a national agency dedicated to MCH work, the Maternal and Child Health Bureau, which oversees public health programs that address a wide range of topics, including reproductive and

- prenatal health care access, newborn screening, family home visiting, care of children with special health care needs, and autism research. All of these initiatives require MCH professionals at national and local levels. <a href="http://www.hrsa.gov/about/organization/bureaus/mchb/">http://www.hrsa.gov/about/organization/bureaus/mchb/</a>
- MCH MPH-level epidemiologists participate in research teams to conduct needs assessments, evaluate
  programs, and identify and promote social and environmental conditions that contribute to the health of
  women, children, youth, and families. MCH professionals with epidemiologic skills are especially in demand in
  city, county and state health departments. The Centers for Disease Control and Prevention sponsors MCH
  epidemiology training and internships because of the national importance of MCH epidemiology.
  <a href="http://www.cdc.gov/reproductivehealth/mchepi/index.htm">http://www.cdc.gov/reproductivehealth/mchepi/index.htm</a>
- MCH professionals are in heavy demand internationally. Most of the eight United Nations' Millennium Development Goals focus on MCH areas, including eradicating poverty, reducing child mortality, empowering women/promoting gender equity, improving maternal health, and reducing the risk of HIV/AIDS and other diseases that affect vulnerable populations. <a href="http://www.who.int/topics/millennium\_development\_goals/en/">http://www.who.int/topics/millennium\_development\_goals/en/</a>
- To prepare our students for leadership positions, they are assigned to MCH mentors and they undertake field
  experiences with MCH leaders to enhance their research, program development, and policy making skills. In
  2011 alone our students received training in local and regional family planning or family practice clinics,
  academic institutions outside of Minnesota, county and state departments of health, the US Maternal and Child
  Health Bureau, international non-governmental and governmental organizations, tribal health sites, health
  maintenance organizations, social service organizations, and advocacy organizations.
- Graduates find employment in sites similar to those available for field experiences. The positions of recent (i.e., since 2009) graduates include: Associate Commissioner for Health Policy and Reform for the state of Minnesota; survey specialist, University of Chicago; Programme Officer, Medical and Abortion, International Planned Parenthood Federation, South Asia Regional Office; and Children and Youth with Special Health Care Needs, Emergency Preparedness and Early Childhood Manager, Alaska Department of Health.
- In addition to training graduate students, the MCH program has a training grant dedicated to the ongoing training of MCH professionals. Please see <a href="http://www.epi.umn.edu/mch">http://www.epi.umn.edu/mch</a> to understand the diversity of expertise and opportunities in MCH training at the University of Minnesota.
- Other Sources: http://www.sph.umn.edu/programs/mch/field/ and www.explorehealthcareers.com



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# **JOB TITLES**

Assistant/Associate Professor Health Policy Fellow

Maternal & Child Health Specialist Project Coordinator

Statistical Manager

Director – Program Services Lead Health Associate Policy Associate Research Scientist Youth Center Coordinator Evaluation Specialist Nurse Specialist Program Manager Senior Policy Advisor

## **EMPLOYERS**

Ashoka

City of Minneapolis, MN National Center for Health Statistics

University of California, Berkeley

Boston University Concern Worldwide National Assoc. of County & City Health Off. University of Maryland Children's Defense Fund Global Health Fellows State of Minnesota University of Minnesota

## FIELD EXPERIENCE SITES

### Minnesota

Annex Teen Clinic

Associates in Newborn Medicine, PA

Bloomington Department of Health

Camp Fire USA Minnesota Council

Cedar Riverside People's Center Clinic

Child Care Works

Children, Youth and Family Consortium

Children's Defense Fund

Children's Home Society and Family Services

Children's Hospitals and Clinics of MN

City of Minneapolis

Community University Health Care Center

CornerHouse

Fairview Health Services

Family Tree Clinic

Faribault and Martin County Human Services

Great Lakes Inter-Tribal Epidemiology Center

Health Partners Research Foundation

HealthPartners Medical Group & Clinics

Hennepin Care East Clinic

Hennepin County Human Services & Public Health

Hennepin County Medical Center

Institute for Agriculture & Trade Policy

March of Dimes, Greater Twin Cities

Mayo Clinic

Minnesota Breastfeeding Coalition

Minnesota Department of Health

Minnesota Department of Human Services

Minnesota Fathers and Families Network

Minnesota International Health Volunteers

National Alliance on Mental Illness

Neighborhood Health Source

Neighborhood House

Nellie Stone Johnson School

Northside Food Project

Park Avenue Foundation

Planned Parenthood

Rachel Greenhouse Consulting Services

Rainbow Health Initiative

Reden & Anders

Smiley's Residency Program UMMC

St. Paul Public Schools

St. Paul-Ramsey County Department of Health

Stair Step Foundation

Statewide Association of Family Planning

Teenwise Minnesota

The Center for Victims of Torture

University of Minnesota Children's Hospital, Fairview, NICU

West Suburban Teen Clinic

William Mitchell School of Law - Public Health Law Center

Women of Means

#### Nation-wide

American College of Nurse-Midwives

Association of Maternal and Child Health Programs

Baldwin Area Medical Center

**Brown County Health Department** 

Colorado Department of Public Health and Environment

**Cross-Cultural Solutions** 

Friends of Little Field Home

**Greene County Combined Health District** 

**Grounds for Health** 

Instituto Familiar de la Raza

JSI Research & Training Institute, Inc.

Maternal and Child Health Bureau

Milwaukee Division of Public Health

National Partnership for Women and Families

**Nutrition Council** 

**PCC Community Wellness Center** 

Planned Parenthood of Northern New England

Planned Parenthood of the Rocky Mountains

State of Alaska, Division of Public Health

University of Alabama at Birmingham

Vail Valley Medical Center

West Virginia Bureau of Public Health

World Relief

### **International**

All Kids Can Learn International

Anglican Church- Diocese of Niassa, Mozambique

Asha Medical Foundation

Foundation of Sustainable Development

Kasturba Medical College-Manipal

Lutheran Mission Zambia

Minnesota International Health Volunteers - Uganda

**National AIDS Control Program** 

Pathfinder International - Rua do Hospital

People's Development Initiatives

Route de la republique

Tiny Tim and Friends

Uganda Rural Fund

University of Auckland

Women Fighting AIDS in Kenya

World Health Organization

## PROFESSIONAL ASSOCIATIONS

#### General

- American Public Health Association (APHA) http://www.apha.org
- Minnesota Public Health Association (MPHA) <a href="http://www.mpha.net">http://www.mpha.net</a>
- Association of Schools of Public Health (ASPH) <a href="http://www.asph.org">http://www.asph.org</a>
- American Society of Tropical Medicine and Hygiene (ASTMH) <a href="http://www.astmh.org">http://www.astmh.org</a>
- Association of Public Health Laboratories (APHL) <a href="http://www.aphl.org">http://www.aphl.org</a>
- Association of State and Territorial Health Officials (ASTHO) <a href="http://www.astho.org">http://www.astho.org</a>
- Carter Center http://www.cartercenter.org/index.html
- National Association of Local Boards of Health (NALBOH) <a href="http://www.nalboh.org/">http://www.nalboh.org/</a>
- Pan American Health Organization (PAHO) <a href="http://new.paho.org/">http://new.paho.org/</a>
- Public Health Foundation (PHF) <a href="http://www.phf.org">http://www.phf.org</a>
- World Health Organization (WHO) <a href="http://www.who.int/en/">http://www.who.int/en/</a>
- Global Health Council <a href="http://www.globalhealth.org">http://www.globalhealth.org</a>
- Healthcare Professional Associations Directory <a href="http://www.pohly.com/assoc2.html">http://www.pohly.com/assoc2.html</a>

#### **Maternal and Child Health**

- Association of Maternal and Child Health Programs <a href="http://www.amchp.org/pages/default.aspx">http://www.amchp.org/pages/default.aspx</a>
- Maternal Child Health Leadership Academy http://www.nursingsociety.org/LEADERSHIPINSTITUTE/MCH/Pages/mch.aspx
- Society for Equity in Child Health <a href="http://www.equitychildhealth.org/">http://www.equitychildhealth.org/</a>