

The project was conducted in three distinct, but related and overlapping phases:

1. In Phase one, two intensive information sharing projects were conducted: one with state-level criminal justice agencies in New York, which aimed to develop a governance structure for statewide criminal justice information sharing initiatives; and one with the New York State Department of Health and related state and local agencies involving a retrospective study of the state's response to the 1999 West Nile virus outbreak and planning for the reemergence of the virus in 2000. This work was conducted in 2003-04.
2. Phase two included six additional case studies—mostly outside of New York State--involving past or ongoing government cross-boundary information sharing (CBI) initiatives within the public health and criminal justice policy arenas. This work, which involved document collection and site visits to interview key government participants, was conducted in 2004 and involved the states of Colorado (public health and criminal justice), Connecticut (public health), North Carolina (criminal justice), Oregon (public health), and the city of New York (criminal justice).
3. Phase three consisted of a national survey designed to test the preliminary cross-boundary information sharing models developed from data collected and analyzed during phases one and two. Theory development and conceptual modeling began in 2004 and the final survey was administered in early 2008. The survey represented the final data collection phase of the MIII project. The Web based survey, which was pretested and piloted in late 2007, was administered in its final version from February through March of 2008.

Upon conclusion of the survey and following preparation of the response data, the research team began its preliminary analysis. The team used basic statistical measures such as descriptive statistics, frequencies, crosstabs, and t-tests. The remaining sections of this report provide what we consider to be the most interesting findings from this preliminary analysis. We first present survey respondent demographics and the results and effectiveness of initiatives. We will then share the comparisons between different groups of respondents and the factors affecting the initiatives.

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