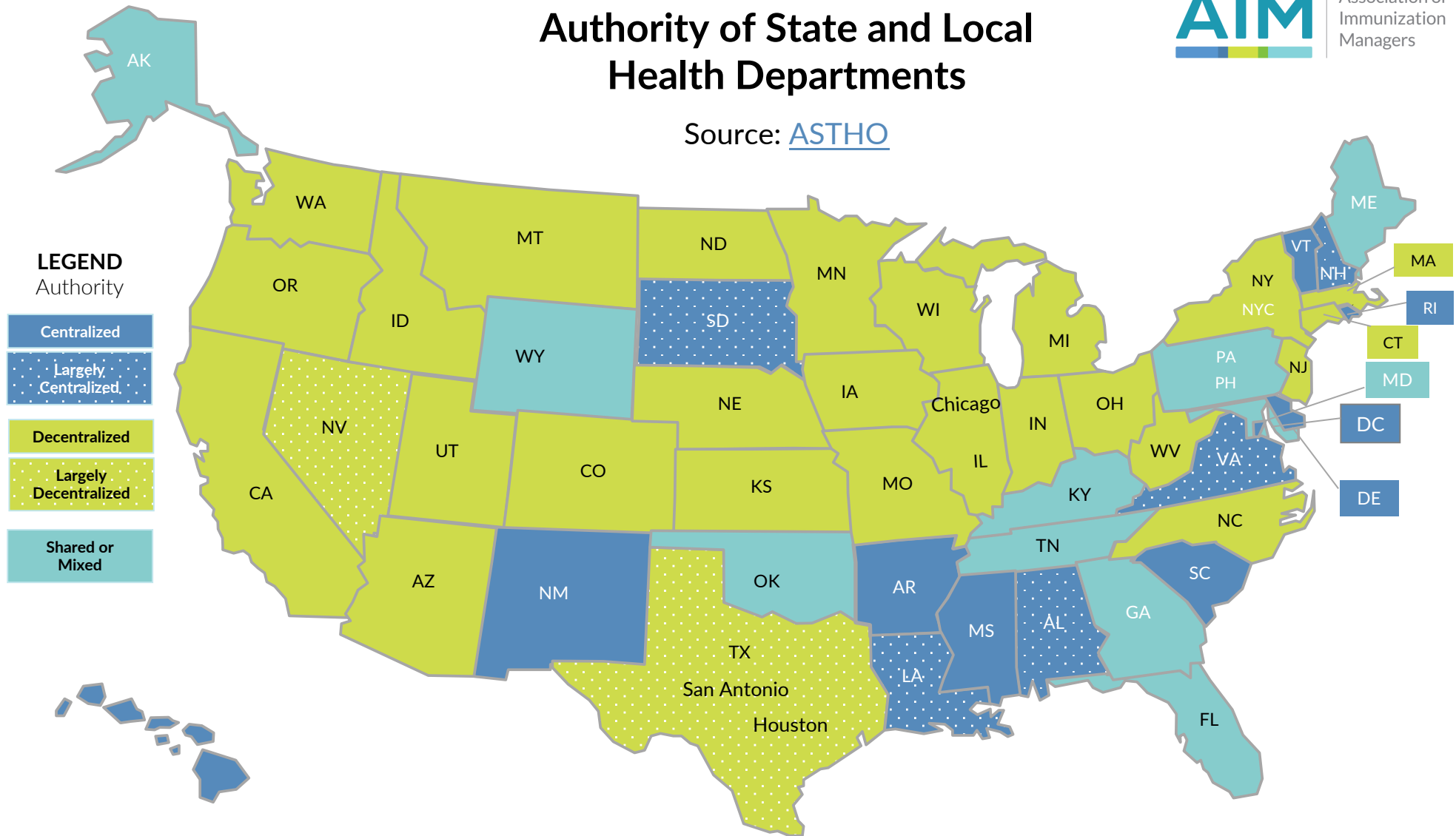


# Authority of State and Local Health Departments

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**Centralized** : The state maintains authority, and local units are typically run by state employees.

**Decentralized**: The local government has authority over most decisions. Employees work for local government and not for the state.

**Shared or Mixed**: The government is set up differently depending on where you live within a state, county, or city. It's not consistent across the state.