



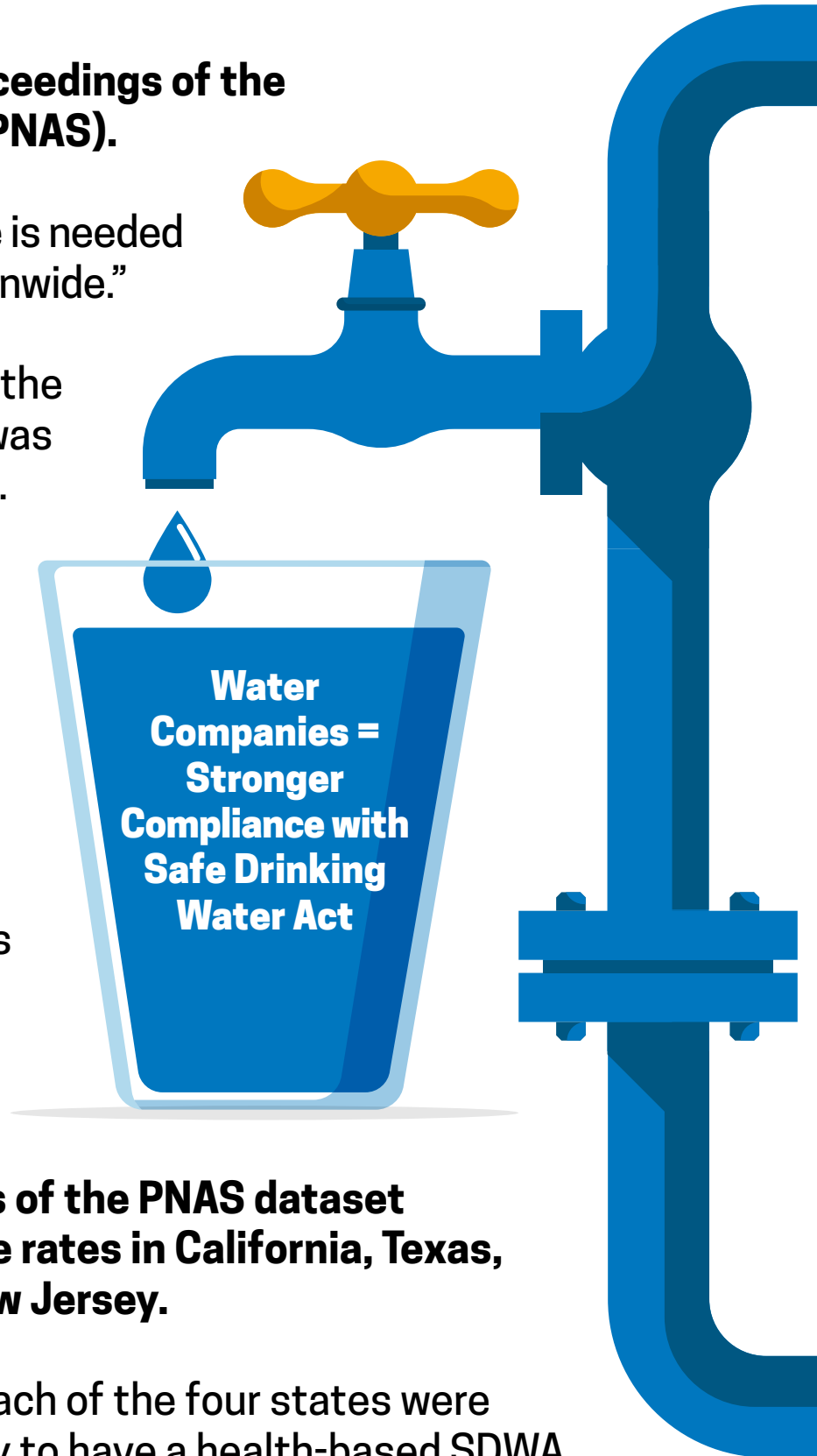
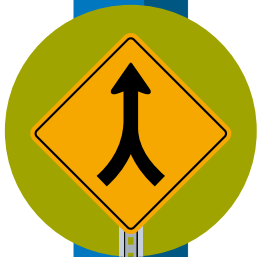
◀ **2018 study published in the Proceedings of the National Academy of Sciences (PNAS).**

◀ **Conclusion:** “Improved compliance is needed to ensure safe drinking water nationwide.”

◀ **Finding:** Greater compliance with the Safe Drinking Water Act (SDWA) was associated with private ownership.

◀ **Finding:** Privately-owned utilities are less vulnerable to water quality violations than their municipal counterparts.

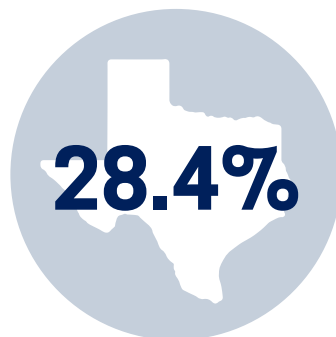
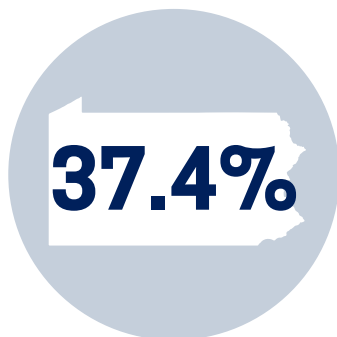
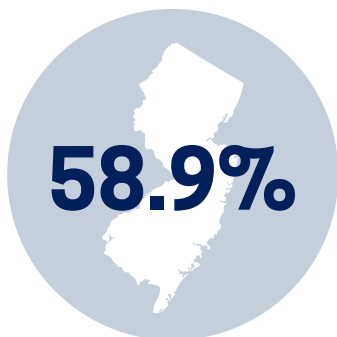
◀ **Recommendation:** To ensure adequate water quality and compliance, the study recommends consolidating systems.



A state-level analysis of the PNAS dataset examined compliance rates in California, Texas, Pennsylvania and New Jersey.

Water companies in each of the four states were significantly less likely to have a health-based SDWA violation compared to government-run systems.

Percent less likely that a water company has a SDWA violation than a government-run system:



Based on EPA Data, 1982-2015