

Healthy People 2010 Operational Definition

14-1. Reduce or eliminate indigenous cases of vaccine-preventable diseases.

14.1b. Diphtheria (persons under age 35 years).

National Data Source	National Notifiable Diseases Surveillance System (NNDSS), CDC, NCPHI.
State Data Source	National Notifiable Diseases Surveillance System (NNDSS), CDC, NCPHI.
Healthy People 2000 Objective	20.1 (Immunization and Infectious Diseases).
Changes since the 2000 Publication	None.
Measure	Number.
Baseline (Year)	1 (1998)
Target	0
Target-Setting Method	Total elimination. For a discussion of target-setting methods, see Part A, section 4.
Numerator	Number of confirmed cases of diphtheria among persons under age 35 years.
Denominator	Not applicable.
Population Targeted	U.S. resident population.
Questions Used To Obtain the National Baseline Data	CDC Diphtheria Worksheet.
Expected Periodicity	Annual.
Comments	A case definition for confirmed cases of diphtheria is available from CDC. ¹ This objective is a modification of Healthy People 2000 objective 20.1, which tracked the number of confirmed cases of diphtheria among persons aged 25 years and under. This measure tracks the

number of confirmed cases of diphtheria among persons under age 35 years.

See Part C for a description of NNDSS and Appendix A for focus area contact information.

References

1. Centers for Disease Control and Prevention (CDC). Case definitions for infectious conditions under public health surveillance. *Morbidity and Mortality Weekly Report* 46 (RR-10), 1997. (Updated case definitions can be found at: <http://www.cdc.gov/epo/dphsi/casedef/>).