

Healthy People 2010 Operational Definition

26-8. Reduce the cost of lost productivity in the workplace due to alcohol and drug use.

26-8a. Due to alcohol abuse.

National Data Source	NIH, NIAAA.
State Data Source	Not identified.
Healthy People 2000 Objective	Not applicable.
Changes since the 2000 Publication	New subobjective (see Comments).
Measure	Dollars per capita.
Baseline (Year)	\$468 (1998)
Target	\$435
Target-Setting Method	7 percent improvement. For a discussion of target-setting methods, see Part A, section 4.
Numerator	Lost future earnings due to premature deaths, alcohol-related illness, fetal alcohol syndrome, and crime/victimization.
Denominator	Number of persons.
Population Targeted	U.S. civilian, noninstitutionalized population.
Questions Used To Obtain the National Baseline Data	Not applicable.
Expected Periodicity	Periodic.
Comments	To control for spurious increases due to inflation and population growth, this measure adjusts the raw future lost estimates to 1998 dollars using the CPI and will report per-capita values based on intercensal estimates. The unadjusted productivity loss (in millions) has been published previously, ¹ based on estimates,

analyses, and data reported by NIAA earlier in the decade.²

The average Consumer Price Index (CPI) is made available by the Bureau of Labor Statistics each year.³ The Intercensal Estimates of the United States Resident population is made available by the Census Bureau.⁴

Objective 26-8 moved from developmental to measurable at the Healthy People 2010 Midcourse Review. Two subobjectives were created, the first addressing alcohol abuse and the second, substance abuse.

See Appendix A for focus area contact information.

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