

## Healthy People 2010 Operational Definition

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

#### **26-8b. Due to drug abuse.**

<b>National Data Source</b>	Office of National Drug Control Policy (ONDCP)
<b>State Data Source</b>	Not identified.
<b>Healthy People 2000 Objective</b>	Not applicable.
<b>Changes since the 2000 Publication</b>	New subobjective (see Comments).
<b>Measure</b>	Dollars per capita.
<b>Baseline (Year)</b>	\$360 (1998)
<b>Target</b>	\$335
<b>Target-Setting Method</b>	7 percent improvement.  For a discussion of target-setting methods, see Part A, section 4.
<b>Numerator</b>	Lost future earnings due to drug-abuse related premature death, illness, institutionalization or hospitalization, crime victimization, incarceration, and crime careers.
<b>Denominator</b>	Number of persons.
<b>Population Targeted</b>	U.S. civilian, noninstitutionalized population.
<b>Questions Used To Obtain the National Baseline Data</b>	Not applicable.
<b>Expected Periodicity</b>	Annual.
<b>Comments</b>	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 by ONDCP.<sup>1</sup> Estimates subsequently were adjusted to take account of new information on the fraction of homicide deaths attributable to drug abuse and a change in the OMB-NIH-recommended discount rate for loss of expected lifetime productivity.

The average Consumer Price Index (CPI) is made available by the Bureau of Labor Statistics each year.<sup>2</sup> The Intercensal Estimates of the United States Resident population is made available by the Census Bureau.<sup>3</sup>

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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