

Healthy People 2010 Operational Definition

15-5. Reduce nonfatal firearm-related injuries.

National Data Source	National Electronic Injury Surveillance System (NEISS), Consumer Product Safety Commission (CPSC).
State Data Source	Not identified.
Healthy People 2000 Objective	Not applicable.
Changes since the 2000 Publication	Revised baseline (see Comments). Revised target (see Comments).
Measure	Rate per 100,000 population.
Baseline (Year)	23.6 (1997)
Target	9.1
Target-Setting Method	Better than the best racial/ethnic subgroup. For a discussion of target-setting methods, see Part A, section 4.
Numerator	Number of nonfatal firearm-related cases treated in U.S. hospital emergency department records.
Denominator	Number of persons.
Population Targeted	U.S. resident population.
Questions Used To Obtain the National Baseline Data	Not applicable.
Expected Periodicity	Periodic.
Comments	<p>A firearm-related injury is defined as a penetrating injury or gunshot wound from a weapon using a powder charge to fire a projectile.</p> <p>NEISS does not use ICD codes. However, reporters are given extensive training and report any gun-related injury cases in the emergency department record. Victims may also have other types of injuries, but if the incident involved a gun, it is included. Coders also attempt to capture data on intent, when appropriate information is provided in</p>

the medical record.

The original baseline of 24.0 firearm-related injuries per 100,000 population was revised to 23.6 injuries per 100,000 to reflect updated data. The target was proportionately adjusted from 8.6 firearm-related injuries per 100,000 population to 9.1 injuries per 100,000 to reflect the revised baseline using the original target-setting method.

For some measures, data do not meet the criteria for statistical reliability, data quality, or confidentiality and have been suppressed. Information on suppression of data for the major Healthy People 2010 data systems has been published in a *Healthy People Statistical Note*.¹

See Appendix A for focus area contact information.

References

1. Klein, R.J.; Proctor, S.E.; Boudreault, M.A.; Turczyn, K.M. Healthy People 2010 Criteria for Data Suppression. *Statistical Notes* No. 24. Hyattsville, MD: National Center for Health Statistics. 2002.