

Healthy People 2010 Operational Definition

18-1. Reduce the suicide rate.

National Data Source	National Vital Statistics System--Mortality (NVSS-M), CDC, NCHS.
State Data Source	National Vital Statistics System--Mortality (NVSS-M), CDC, NCHS.
Healthy People 2000 Objective	6.1 (Mental Health and Mental Disorders) (also 7.2)
Changes since the 2000 Publication	Revised Baseline. Revised Target.
Measure	Rate per 100,000 (age adjusted, see Comments).
Baseline (Year)	10.5 (1999)
Target	4.8
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 deaths due to suicide (ICD-10 codes *U03, X60-X84, Y87.0).
Denominator	Number of persons aged 5 and over.
Population Targeted	U.S. resident population.
Questions Used To Obtain the National Baseline Data	Not applicable.
Expected Periodicity	Annual.
Comments	Suicides may be undercounted because of difficulty in the determination of suicidal intent by coroner or medical examiner. The original baseline was revised from 11.3 deaths per 100,000 population to 10.5 per 100,000 due to changes in the International Classification of Diseases (ICD) system. The original baseline (1998) was based on ICD-9 codes 140-209. The revised baseline (1999) is based on the ICD-10 system. The baseline year for all Healthy People

2010 mortality objectives was changed to 1999 so that a consistent trend based on a single ICD classification scheme could be tracked throughout the decade. See Part A, section 8 for a discussion of the International Classification of Diseases (ICD). Information on comparability between ICD-9 and ICD-10 has been published by NCHS.¹

The target was proportionally adjusted from 5.0 deaths per 100,000 population to 4.8 deaths per 100,000 to reflect the revised baseline using the original target-setting method.

Data (except those by education status) are age adjusted to the 2000 standard population using the age groups 5-14, 15-24, 25-34, 35-44, 45-54, 55-64, 65-74, 75-84, 85 years and over. Data by education status are adjusted using the age groups 25-34, 35-44, 45-54, and 55-64. Age-adjusted rates are weighted sums of age-specific rates. For a discussion of age adjustment, see Part A, section 7.

This objective differs from Healthy People 2000 objective 6.1, which age adjusted the death rates using the 1940 standard population.

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*.²

See Part C for a description of NVSS-M and Appendix A for focus area contact information.

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