

## Healthy People 2010 Operational Definition

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### **16-10. Reduce low birth weight (LBW) and very low birth weight (VLBW).**

#### **16-10b. Very low birth weight (VLBW).**

<b>National Data Source</b>	National Vital Statistics System - Natality (NVSS-N), CDC, NCHS.
<b>State Data Source</b>	National Vital Statistics System - Natality (NVSS-N), CDC, NCHS.
<b>Healthy People 2000 Objective</b>	14.5 (Maternal and Infant Health).
<b>Changes since the 2000 Publication</b>	None.
<b>Measure</b>	Percent.
<b>Baseline (Year)</b>	1.4 (1998)
<b>Target</b>	0.9
<b>Target-Setting Method</b>	Better than the best racial/ethnic subgroup.  For a discussion of target-setting methods, see Part A, section 4.
<b>Numerator</b>	Number of live births with birth weight of less than 1,500 grams (3 lbs, 4oz).
<b>Denominator</b>	Number of live births.
<b>Population Targeted</b>	U.S. resident live births.
<b>Questions Used to Obtain the National Baseline Data</b>	Not applicable.
<b>Expected Periodicity</b>	Annual.
<b>Comments</b>	The measure tracked by this subobjective is identical to one of the measures monitored by Healthy People 2000 objective 14.5.  See Part C for a description of NVSS-N and Appendix A for focus area contact information.

