

Healthy People 2010 Operational Definition

8-6. Reduce waterborne disease outbreaks arising from water intended for drinking among persons served by community water systems.

National Data Source	State Reporting Systems, CDC, NCID.
State Data Source	State health departments.
Healthy People 2000 Objective	11.3 (Environmental Health).
Changes since the 2000 Publication	None.
Measure	Number (10-year average).
Baseline (Year)	6 outbreaks per year (1987-96)
Target	2 outbreaks per year
Target-Setting Method	67 percent improvement. For a discussion of target-setting methods, see Part A, section 4.
Numerator	Number of outbreaks where two or more people are affected by infectious agents or one or more people are affected by chemical agents from water intended for drinking.
Denominator	Not applicable.
Population Targeted	Not applicable.
Questions Used To Obtain the National Baseline Data	Not applicable.
Expected Periodicity	Biennial (see Comments).
Comments	The data include only outbreaks from infectious agents (in two or more persons) and chemical poisoning (in a single person) from water intended for drinking. Community water systems are public or investor-owned water systems that serve large or small communities, subdivisions, or trailer parks with at least 15 service connections or 25 year-round residents.

This objective is similar to Healthy People 2000 objective 11.3, which tracked waterborne infections among persons served by community water systems.

Although the reporting of these data is biennial, they are obtained annually by CDC.

See Appendix A for focus area contact information.