

Healthy People 2010 Operational Definition

8-27. Increase or maintain the number of Territories, Tribes, and States and the District of Columbia that monitor diseases or conditions that can be caused by exposure to environmental hazards.

8-27c. Mercury poisoning.

National Data Source	Periodic surveys by the Public Health Foundation (PHF) and the Council of State and Territorial Epidemiologists (CSTE).
State Data Source	Not identified.
Healthy People 2000 Objective	11.16 (Environmental Health).
Changes since the 2000 Publication	None.
Measure	Number.
Baseline (Year)	14 (1997)
Target	20
Target-Setting Method	Expert opinion. For a discussion of target-setting methods, see Part A, section 4.
Numerator	Number of States and the District of Columbia monitoring mercury poisoning.
Denominator	Not applicable.
Population Targeted	Not applicable.
Questions Used To Obtain the National Baseline Data	From the 1997 Survey of State and Territorial Environmental Public Health Surveillance Systems: ➤ <i>For which environmental disease are you coordinating a surveillance system? (Please check one)</i> [List of diseases includes:] _____ <i>Mercury Poisoning</i>

Expected Periodicity	Periodic.
Comments	<p>A State is considered as monitoring mercury poisoning if they report coordinating a surveillance system for either children or adults.</p> <p>Objective 8-27 was adapted from Healthy People 2000 objective 11.16; to establish and monitor State plans to define and track sentinel environmental diseases. The Healthy People 2000 objective tracked State data collection for 9 diseases including lead poisoning, mercury poisoning, arsenic poisoning, cadmium poisoning, methemoglobinemia, acute chemical poisoning, carbon monoxide poisoning, heatstroke, and hypothermia. Objective 8-27 tracks the monitoring of these diseases as well as 3 others: pesticide poisoning, asthma, and birth defects. The U.S. Territories and Tribes were added to the populations targeted by objective 8-27. Unlike the Healthy People 2000 objective, which had a single target of 35 States, the objective 8-27 targets are specific for each subobjective and range from 10 to 51 jurisdictions.</p> <p>An operational definition for number of Tribes and number of Territories was not available at the time of publication, and no proposed data source for Tribes and Territories has been identified, therefore, data for Tribes and Territories are developmental.</p> <p>See Appendix A for focus area contact information.</p>