

Healthy People 2010 Operational Definition

14-31. Increase the scientific knowledge on vaccines and adverse events.

14-31b. Increase the proportion of total VAERS reports that are submitted electronically.

National Data Source	Vaccine Adverse Event Reporting System (VAERS), CDC, OD, OCSO, and FDA.
State Data Source	Not identified.
Healthy People 2000 Objective	Not applicable.
Changes since the 2000 Publication	New subobjective (see Comments). Revised baseline (see Comments).
Measure	Percent.
Baseline (Year)	16 (2003)
Target	TBD
Target-Setting Method	Expert judgment and knowledge of programs currently in place. For a discussion of target-setting methods, see Part A, section 4.
Numerator	Number of vaccine adverse event reports submitted electronically.
Denominator	Total number of reports received in VAERS.
Population Targeted	U.S. civilian, noninstitutionalized population.
Questions Used To Obtain the National Baseline Data	Not applicable.
Expected Periodicity	Annual.
Comments	This subobjective was added during the Healthy People 2010 Midcourse Review. Recent enhancements to the VAERS system, including the availability of a free public-use dataset and the ability to report adverse events through the Internet,

contributed to the importance of tracking electronic reporting.

The original baseline of 12 percent was revised to 16 percent after the Healthy People 2010 Midcourse Review. The original target of 30 percent has been designated as to be determined (TBD) pending review of the revised target by the Healthy People 2010 Steering Committee.

See Appendix A for focus area contact information.