

Healthy People 2010 Operational Definition

26-25. Extend legal requirements for maximum blood alcohol concentration levels of 0.08 percent for motor vehicle drivers aged 21 years and older.

National Data Source	U. S. Department of Transportation, National Highway Traffic Safety Administration (DOT, NHTSA).
State Data Source	Police Accident Reports (PARs).
Healthy People 2000 Objective	4.18 (Substance Abuse: Alcohol and Other Drugs).
Changes since the 2000 Publication	Revised baseline (see Comments).
Measure	Number.
Baseline (Year)	15 (1998)
Target	51
Target-Setting Method	Total coverage. For a discussion of target-setting methods, see Part A, section 4.
Numerator	Number of States, including the District of Columbia, with maximum blood alcohol concentration (BAC) levels of 0.08 percent for motor vehicle drivers aged 21 years and older.
Denominator	Not applicable.
Population Targeted	Not applicable.
Questions Used To Obtain the National Baseline Data	Not applicable.
Expected Periodicity	Annual.
Comments	BAC is measured as a percentage by weight of alcohol in the blood (grams per deciliter). A positive BAC level (0.01 g/dL and higher) indicates that alcohol was consumed by the person tested. A BAC of 0.10 g/dL or more indicates that the person was intoxicated.

One of the major differences among States is in the degree of testing for driver and non-occupant BACs.

The original baseline of 16 States was modified to 15 as the result of revised reporting. The target of 51 did not change.

This objective tracks the same measure as Healthy People 2000 objective 4.18.

See Appendix A for focus area contact information.