

## Healthy People 2010 Operational Definition

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**23-14. Increase the proportion of Tribal, State, and local public health agencies that provide or assure comprehensive epidemiology services to support the essential public health services.**

**23-14c. State public health agencies.**

<b>National Data Source</b>	Epidemiology Capacity Assessment, Council of State and Territorial Epidemiologists (CSTE).
<b>State Data Source</b>	Epidemiology Capacity Assessment, Council of State and Territorial Epidemiologists (CSTE).
<b>Healthy People 2000 Objective</b>	Not applicable.
<b>Changes since the 2000 Publication</b>	New subobjective (see Comments).
<b>Measure</b>	Percent.
<b>Baseline (Year)</b>	10 (2004)
<b>Target</b>	15
<b>Target-Setting Method</b>	Post-MCR target-setting method for non population-based objectives of 5 percentage points improvement.  For a discussion of target-setting methods, see Part A, section 4.
<b>Numerator</b>	Number of State health departments who indicated “substantial to full capacity” to all four questions below.
<b>Denominator</b>	Number of States.
<b>Population Targeted</b>	State Health Departments.
<b>Questions Used to Obtain the National Baseline Data</b>	From the 2004 Epidemiology Capacity Assessment::

- *Does your State Health Department have adequate epidemiologic capacity to provide the following four essential public health services?*
  - a) *Monitoring health status to identify and solve community health problems*
  - b) *Diagnosing and investigating health problems and health hazards in the community*
  - c) *Evaluating effectiveness, accessibility, and quality of personal and population based health services*
  - d) *Researching new insights and innovative solutions to health problems*

**Expected Periodicity**      Every two years.

**Comments**                      Objective 23-14 moved from developmental to measurable during the Healthy People 2010 Midcourse Review. Four subobjectives were created addressing (a) state epidemiologists with formal training in epidemiology, (b) tribal public health agencies, (c) state public health agencies, and (d) local public health agencies. At the time of the Midcourse Review, only one subobjective (a) was measurable. Subobjective (c) moved to from developmental to measurable status at the June 2009 meeting of the Healthy People Steering Committee.

See Appendix A for focus area contact information.