

Healthy People 2010 Operational Definition

1-11. Increase the proportion of persons who have access to rapidly responding prehospital emergency medical services

1-11c. Population covered by helicopter

National Data Source	National Assessment of State Trauma System Development, Emergency Medical Services Resources, and Disaster Readiness for Mass Casualty Events, HRSA.
State Data Source	National Assessment of State Trauma System Development, Emergency Medical Services Resources, and Disaster Readiness for Mass Casualty Events, HRSA.
Healthy People 2000 Objective	Not applicable.
Changes since the 2000 Publication	New subobjective (see Comments).
Measure	Percent.
Baseline (Year)	75 (2002)
Target	83
Target-Setting Method	10 percent improvement. For a discussion of target-setting methods, see Part A, section 4.
Numerator	Number of persons living in areas covered by helicopter ambulance services.
Denominator	Number of persons.
Population Targeted	U.S. civilian population.
Questions Used to Obtain the National Baseline Data	Not applicable.
Expected Periodicity	Periodic.
Comments	The National Assessment of State Trauma System Development was administered to 50 States and 3

Territories by HRSA in 2002. States were required to convene a panel of Trauma-EMS stakeholders within the State to complete the survey. The stakeholder group included representatives from professional groups such as EMS administrators, hospital administrators, trauma nurses and surgeons, rural health officers, pediatric representatives, public health officials, and others.

Baseline (2002) data for this subobjective were collected from all States except Colorado and Georgia. Data were not collected for the District of Columbia. The national estimate is a weighted-average of the State-specific percents. The weight assigned to each State were determined based the 2000 U.S. Census population.

Objective 1-11 moved from developmental to measurable status at the Healthy People 2010 Midcourse Review. The objective was divided into 7 subobjectives, each addressing different aspects of prehospital emergency medical services.

See Appendix A for focus area contact information.