

Healthy People 2010 Operational Definition

16-6. Increase the proportion of pregnant women who receive early and adequate prenatal care.

16-6a. Care beginning in the first trimester of pregnancy.

National Data Source	National Vital Statistics System - Natality (NVSS-N), CDC, NCHS.
State Data Source	National Vital Statistics System - Natality (NVSS-N), CDC, NCHS.
Leading Health Indicator	Access to Health Care.
Healthy People 2000 Objective	14.11 (Maternal and Infant Health).
Changes since the 2000 Publication	None.
Measure	Percent of live births.
Baseline (Year)	83 (1998)
Target	90
Target-Setting Method	Better than the best racial/ethnic subgroup. For a discussion of target-setting methods, see Part A, section 4.
Numerator	Number of females receiving prenatal care in the first trimester (three months) of pregnancy.
Denominator	Number of live births.
Population Targeted	U.S. resident population.
Questions Used to Obtain the National Baseline Data	Not applicable.
Expected Periodicity	Annual.
Comments	A description of the primary measurement used to determine the infant's gestational age—the interval between the first day of the last normal menstrual period (LMP) and the birth—has been published by

NCHS.¹

This objective uses the same measurement protocol as the comparable Healthy People 2000 objective 14.11. A description of the prenatal care measurement has been published by NCHS.²

Due to comparability issues between the prenatal care data from the 1989 and 2003 revisions of the U.S. Standard Certificate of Live Birth, tracking of this objective ended in 2002, the last year before States began to implement the 2003 revision.³

This objective is one of the measures used to track the Access to Care Leading Health Indicator. See Appendix E for a complete list.

See Part C for a description of NVSS-N and Appendix A for focus area contact information.

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