

## Healthy People 2010 Operational Definition

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### **15-30. Reduce hospital emergency department visits for nonfatal dog bite injuries.**

<b>National Data Source</b>	National Hospital Ambulatory Medical Care Survey (NHAMCS), CDC, NCHS.
<b>State Data Source</b>	Not identified.
<b>Healthy People 2000 Objective</b>	Not applicable.
<b>Changes since the 2000 Publication</b>	Revised baseline (see Comments). Revised target (see Comments).
<b>Measure</b>	Rate per 100,000 population (age adjusted—see Comments).
<b>Baseline (Year)</b>	150.2 (1997)
<b>Target</b>	113.0
<b>Target-Setting Method</b>	Better than the best racial/ethnic subgroup.  For a discussion of target-setting methods, see Part A, section 4.
<b>Numerator</b>	Number of emergency room visits for dog bite injuries (first-listed ICD-9-CM codes E906.0).
<b>Denominator</b>	Number of persons.
<b>Population Targeted</b>	U.S. civilian population.
<b>Questions Used To Obtain the National Baseline Data</b>	Not applicable.
<b>Expected Periodicity</b>	Annual.
<b>Comments</b>	The original baseline of 151.4 emergency room visits for dog bites per 100,000 population was revised to 150.2 due to a change in the age adjustment methodology and the population targeted. The denominator was expanded from the U.S. civilian, noninstitutionalized population to the full U.S. civilian population because persons who visit nonfederal hospital emergency departments

can include civilians who reside inside or outside institutional settings. The target was proportionally adjusted from 114.0 emergency department visits per 100,000 population to 113.0 visits per 100,000 population to reflect the revised baseline using the original target-setting method.

Data are age adjusted to the 2000 standard population using the age groups 0-17, 18-44, 45-64, 65-74, and 75 years and over. Age-adjusted percents are weighted sums of age-specific percents. For a discussion of age adjustment see Part A, section 7.

For some measures, data do not meet the criteria for statistical reliability, data quality, or confidentiality and have been suppressed. Information on suppression of data for the major Healthy People 2010 data systems has been published in a *Healthy People Statistical Note*.<sup>1</sup>

See Part C for a discussion of NHAMCS and Appendix A for focus area contact information.

## References

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1. Klein, R.J.; Proctor, S.E.; Boudreault, M.A.; Turczyn, K.M. Healthy People 2010 Criteria for Data Suppression. *Statistical Notes* No. 24. Hyattsville, MD: National Center for Health Statistics. 2002.