

Healthy People 2010 Operational Definition

26-20. Increase the number of admissions to substance abuse treatment for injection drug use.

National Data Source	Treatment Episodes Data System (TEDS), SAMHSA, OAS.
State Data Source	State administrative data.
Healthy People 2000 Objective	Not applicable.
Changes since the 2000 Publication	Revised baseline (see Comments). Revised target (see Comments).
Measure	Number.
Baseline (Year)	215,560 (1997)
Target	256,680
Target-Setting Method	19 percent improvement. For a discussion of target-setting methods, see Part A, section 4.
Numerator	Number of admissions for injection drug use in substance abuse treatment programs.
Denominator	Not applicable.
Population Targeted	Public and private nonprofit substance abuse treatment program population.
Questions Used To Obtain the National Baseline Data	Not applicable.
Expected Periodicity	Annual.
Comments	TEDS data are not based on a statistical data collection system. TEDS data are continuously submitted to SAMHSA by States from their administrative data systems. The States collect data from substance abuse treatment providers, primarily from publicly-funded treatment programs. Each State uses its own form for collecting information on substance abuse admissions. When data are submitted to SAMHSA, data are matched to the

core variables contained in TEDS. There is a considerable time lag between the date of admission and when SAMHSA receives data from each State.

The original baseline was revised from 167,960 admissions to 215,560 admissions when data from State reports were updated. States rely on individual facilities to report in a timely manner so that they can in turn report data to SAMHSA at regular intervals. Admissions from facilities that report late to the States may appear in a later data submission to SAMHSA. Also, States continually review the quality of their data processing. When systematic errors are identified, States may revise or replace historical TEDS data files. Thus, the number of admissions reported for a given year may change as data submissions continue.

The target was proportionally adjusted from 200,000 admissions to 256,680 admissions to reflect the revised baseline using the original target-setting method.

See Appendix A for focus area contact information.