

Healthy People 2010 Operational Definition

16-11. Reduce preterm births.

16-11a. Total preterm births.

National Data Source	National Vital Statistics System - Natality (NVSS-N), CDC, NCHS.
State Data Source	National Vital Statistics System - Natality (NVSS-N), CDC, NCHS.
Healthy People 2000 Objective	Not applicable.
Changes since the 2000 Publication	None.
Measure	Percent.
Baseline (Year)	11.6 (1998)
Target	7.6
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 infants born prior to 37 completed weeks of gestation.
Denominator	Number of live births.
Population Targeted	U.S. resident live births.
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 LMP and the birth has been published by NCHS. ¹ See Part C for a description of NVSS-N and Appendix A for focus area contact information.

References

1. Martin, J.A.; Hamilton, B.E.; Sutton, P.D.; et al. Births: Final data for 2003. *National Vital Statistics Reports* Vol. 54, No. 2. Hyattsville, MD: National Center for Health Statistics, 2005.