

## Healthy People 2010 Operational Definition

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### **23-13. Increase the proportion of Tribal and State public health agencies that provide or assure comprehensive laboratory services to support essential public health services.**

#### **23-13g. Policy development.**

<b>National Data Source</b>	Comprehensive Laboratory Services Survey (CLSS), Association of Public Health Laboratories (APHL).
<b>State Data Source</b>	Comprehensive Laboratory Services Survey, Association of Public Health Laboratories (APHL).
<b>Healthy People 2000 Objective</b>	Not applicable.
<b>Changes since the 2000 Publication</b>	New subobjective (see Comments). Revised text (see Comments). Revised baseline (see Comments). Revised baseline year (see Comments). Revised target (see Comments).
<b>Measure</b>	Percent.
<b>Baseline (Year)</b>	63 (2006)
<b>Target</b>	100
<b>Target-Setting Method</b>	Expert opinion.  For a discussion of target-setting methods, see Part A, section 4.
<b>Numerator</b>	Number of States and Territories participating in the survey that meet the defined standards/criteria for Policy Development.
<b>Denominator</b>	Number of States and Territories participating in the survey.
<b>Population Targeted</b>	State and Territorial public health laboratories.
<b>Questions Used to Obtain the National Baseline Data</b>	From the 2006 Comprehensive Laboratory Services Survey:

- *Does your laboratory regularly provide data for developing health policy at the following levels? (Check all that apply)*
  - a) *Locally (City or County) (0.33)*
  - b) *For your state (0.33)*
  - c) *Federal (0.33)*
  - d) *None of the above (0)*
- *Does your laboratory director or designee regularly participate in establishing health policy for the state?*
  - a) *Yes (1)*
  - b) *No (0)*
- *Does your laboratory director or designee regularly participate in developing state specific standards for health related laboratories?*
  - a) *Yes (1)*
  - b) *No (0)*
- *Is the laboratory director part of the state health official's management team?*
  - a) *Yes (1)*
  - b) *No (0)*
- *Does the laboratory director or designee contribute to the promulgation of state rule making?*
  - a) *Yes (1)*
  - b) *No (0)*
- *Is the laboratory director or designee responsible for developing and justifying the laboratory budget?*
  - a) *Yes (1)*
  - b) *No (0)*

**Expected Periodicity**

Approximately every two years

**Comments**

Questions to determine whether a State or Territory is providing or assuring comprehensive laboratory services in support of essential public health services were selected by the Leadership Committee of the Association of Public Health Laboratories (APHL). The committee consists of practicing and retired public health laboratory directors, members of academia, and other laboratory practitioners.

A State/Territory is considered to have met the core function of Policy Development if it scored at least 5 of the 6 total possible points for this subobjective.

Forty-eight of the 56 States and Territories responded to the Internet-based survey system entitled "LabNet" in 2004.

Objective 24-13 moved from developmental to

measurable during the Healthy People 2010 Midcourse Review. The original objective included comprehensive laboratory services provided by State, Tribal, and local health agencies. Local health agencies were dropped from the objective scope due to the lack of a data source. Eleven subobjectives were created, each addressing specific components of comprehensive laboratory services.

For this objective, the term “State” includes the District of Columbia and Puerto Rico.

The first CLSS survey was fielded in 2004. Between 2004 and 2006, significant changes were made to improve the survey instrument. These include modifications to clarify questions that may have been confusing; updates to reflect changes in current laboratory practice; and the addition of follow-up questions to enable more accurate measurement of given subobjectives.

Consequently, the original 2004 baseline of 23 percent was replaced with the 2006 measure of 63 percent. The original target of 50 percent was proportionally adjusted to 100 percent to reflect the revised baseline using the original target-setting methodology.

At this time, data for Tribal agencies are not collected. However, if data should become available by 2010, the information will be included.

See Appendix A for focus area contact information.