

Healthy People 2010 Operational Definition

20-11. (Developmental) Reduce new cases of work-related, noise-induced hearing loss.

Comments

This objective was retained at the Healthy People Midcourse Review despite the current lack of data. An operational definition could not be specified at the time of publication.

The proposed national data source is Survey of Occupational Injuries and Illnesses (SOII), Department of Labor, Bureau of Labor Statistics (BLS).

The BLS started collecting data on work-related, noise-induced hearing loss on January 1, 2004. By 2005, BLS will have one year of data on work-related threshold shifts in hearing. Data should be available on an annual basis, starting in 2006.

Objective 20-11 was adapted from Healthy People 2000 objective 10.7 which used data from the U.S. Air Force Hearing Conservation database.

See Part C for a description of SOII and Appendix A for focus area contact information.