

Healthy People 2010 Operational Definition

25-2. Reduce gonorrhea.

25-2a. New cases of gonorrhea in the total population.

National Data Source	STD Surveillance System (STDSS), CDC, NCHHSTP
State Data Source	State and local Health Department STD Control Programs.
Healthy People 2000 Objective	19.1 (Sexually Transmitted Diseases).
Changes since the 2000 Publication	Revised baseline (see Comments)
Measure	Rate per 100,000 population.
Baseline (Year)	122 (1997)
Target	19
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 new reported cases of gonorrhea in the past 12 months.
Denominator	Number of persons.
Population Targeted	U.S. resident population
Questions Used To Obtain the National Baseline Data	CDC Report of Civilian Cases of Primary and Secondary Syphilis, Gonorrhea, and Chlamydia by Reporting Source, Sex, Race/Ethnicity, and Group, Form 73.2638.
Expected Periodicity	Annual.
Comments	The baseline was revised from 123 to 122 new cases of gonorrhea. The target, 19 new cases, did not change. In most instances, if age or race/ethnicity was not specified, cases were allocated according to the distribution of cases for which these variables were

specified. In 1998, New Jersey and Idaho did not report race/ethnicity for most cases and were excluded.

This subobjective was originally titled “Reduce gonorrhea” and labeled objective 25-2. The scope of the objective was enlarged and the original objective was relabeled 25-2a and given a new title: “Reduce new cases of gonorrhea in the total population.” A second subobjective (25-2b), gonorrhea in females aged 15 to 44 years, was added in order to track the population at greatest risk for complications of gonorrhea (women in their reproductive years).

Objective 25-2a tracks the same measure as Healthy People 2000 objective 19.1; objective 25-2b tracks the same measure as Healthy People 2000 objective 19.1c.

See Appendix A for focus area contact information.