

Healthy People 2010 Operational Definition

8-9. Increase the proportion of days that beaches are open and safe for swimming.

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| National Data Source | BEACH Program, U.S. Environmental Protection Agency (EPA), Office of Water (OW), Office of Science and Technology (OST). |
| State Data Source | BEACH Program, U.S. Environmental Protection Agency (EPA), Office of Water (OW), Office of Science and Technology (OST). |
| Healthy People 2000 Objective | Not applicable. |
| Changes since the 2000 Publication | Revised text (see Comments). |
| Measure | Percent. |
| Baseline (Year) | 94 (2002) |
| Target | 98 |
| Target-Setting Method | Consistent with EPA's 2003-08 Strategic Plan. |
| Numerator | Percent of beach-days assessed safe. |
| Denominator | Percent of beach-days assessed. |
| Population Targeted | U.S. resident population. |
| Questions Used To Obtain the National Baseline Data | Not applicable. |
| Expected Periodicity | Periodic. |
| Comments | <p>This objective moved from developmental to measurable during the Healthy People 2010 Midcourse Review.</p> <p>The original objective title was changed to reflect how data are reported by EPA. The percentage of days of the beach season that coastal recreation and Great Lakes beaches monitored by State beach safety programs are open and safe for swimming.</p> <p>See Appendix A for focus area contact information.</p> |

