

Healthy People 2010 Operational Definition

21-17. Increase the number of health agencies that have a public dental health program directed by a dental professional with public health training.

21-17a. State (including the District of Columbia) and local health agencies that serve jurisdictions of 250,000 or more persons.

National Data Source	Annual Synopses of State and Territorial Dental Public Health Programs, Association of State and Territorial Dental Directors (ASTDD).
State Data Source	Annual Synopses of State and Territorial Dental Public Health Programs, Association of State and Territorial Dental Directors (ASTDD).
Healthy People 2000 Objective	Not applicable.
Changes since the 2000 Publication	New subobjective (see Comments).
Measure	Count.
Baseline (Year)	39 (2003)
Target	41
Target-Setting Method	5 percent improvement. For a discussion of target-setting methods, see Part A, Section 4.
Numerator	Number of State (including the District of Columbia) and local health Agencies that serve jurisdictions of 250,000 or more persons that have a public dental health program directed by a dental professional with public health training (out of 191)
Denominator	Not applicable.
Population Targeted	Not applicable.
Questions Used to Obtain the National Baseline Data	From the 2003 Annual Synopses of State and Territorial Dental Public Health Programs: ➤ <i>How many State/Territorial and local health agencies</i>

in your State have a service population of 250,000 or more? Include the State or Territory health program if the State or Territory population is 250,000 or more.

- *How many of the agencies included in the response immediately above have a dental program? (To be counted, a program should have a separate budget.)*
- *How many of the dental programs included in the response immediately above are directed by a dental professional? (i.e., dentist, hygienist, or dental assistant)*
- *How many of the directors included in the response immediately above have a masters or higher public health related degree? (MPH, MSPH, MSHA, PhD, DrPH)*

Expected Periodicity Annual.

Comments Objective 21-17 moved from developmental to measurable at the Healthy People 2010 Midcourse Review. Two subobjectives were created, one addressing public health dental programs in State and local health agencies, and one addressing Indian Health Service and Tribal public health dental programs.

See Appendix A for focus area contact information.