

Healthy People 2010 Operational Definition

23-10. Increase the proportion of Tribal, State, and local public health personnel that receive continuing education consistent with the core competencies in the essential public health services.

23-10c. Local public health personnel.

National Data Source	National Sample Survey of Registered Nurses (NSSRN), HRSA, BHP.
State Data Source	Not identified.
Healthy People 2000 Objective	Not applicable.
Changes since the 2000 Publication	New subobjective (see Comments).
Measure	Percent.
Baseline (Year)	15 (2000)
Target	17
Target-Setting Method	10 percent improvement. For a discussion of target-setting methods, see Part A, section 4.
Numerator	Number of local public health nurses that receive continuing education in the past year.
Denominator	Number of local public health nurses.
Population Targeted	Local public health personnel.
Questions Used to Obtain the National Baseline Data	From the 2000 National Sample of Registered Nurses:

A continuing education program is a formal program designed to maintain, update and increase knowledge and skills in health care. Exclude study for an academic degree but include self-study.

➤ *During the past year, what type of formal continuing education program(s) have you participated in? Include programs inside and outside of your employment setting. (Mark all that apply)*

- a) None
- b) Case Management
- c) Quality Improvement
- d) Clinical Care
- e) Informatics
- f) Leadership/Supervision
- g) Risk Management
- h) Other

Expected Periodicity

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Comments

Current data are for the State public health nurses and address general continuing education. As data for other health professionals are obtained, the information will be added.

Objective 23-10 moved from developmental to measurable during the Healthy People 2010 Midcourse Review. Three subobjectives were created, addressing Tribal, State, and local public health personnel.

See Appendix A for focus area contact information.