

Healthy People 2010 Operational Definition

16-10. Reduce low birth weight (LBW) and very low birth weight (VLBW).

16-10a. Low birth weight (LBW).

National Data Source	National Vital Statistics System - Natality (NVSS-N), CDC, NCHS.
State Data Source	National Vital Statistics System - Natality (NVSS-N), CDC, NCHS.
Healthy People 2000 Objective	14.5 (Maternal and Infant Health).
Changes since the 2000 Publication	None.
Measure	Percent.
Baseline (Year)	7.6 (1998)
Target	5.0
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 live births with birth weight of less than 2,500 grams (5 lbs, 8oz).
Denominator	Number of live births.
Population Targeted	U.S. resident live births.
Questions Used to Obtain the National Baseline Data	Not applicable.
Expected Periodicity	Annual.
Comments	The measure tracked by this subobjective is identical to one of the measures monitored by Healthy People 2000 objective 14.5. See Part C for a description of NVSS-N and Appendix A for focus area contact information.

