

## Healthy People 2010 Operational Definition

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### **24-8. Increase the number of States with an asthma surveillance system for tracking asthma cases, illness, and disability.**

<b>National Data Source</b>	Behavioral Risk Factor Surveillance System (BRFSS), CDC, NCCDPHP.
<b>State Data Source</b>	Behavioral Risk Factor Surveillance System (BRFSS), CDC, NCCDPHP.
<b>Healthy People 2000 Objective</b>	Not applicable.
<b>Changes since the 2000 Publication</b>	Revised text (see Comments).
<b>Measure</b>	Number.
<b>Baseline (Year)</b>	19 (2003)
<b>Target</b>	25
<b>Target-Setting Method</b>	32 percent improvement.  For a discussion of target-setting methods, see Part A, section 4.
<b>Numerator</b>	Number of States (including the District of Columbia) that have a system for tracking asthma cases, illness, and disability.
<b>Denominator</b>	Not applicable.
<b>Population Targeted</b>	Not applicable.
<b>Questions Used to Obtain the National Baseline Data</b>	Not applicable.
<b>Expected Periodicity</b>	Annual.
<b>Comments</b>	This objective moved from developmental to measurable at the Healthy People 2010 Midcourse Review. The objective text was modified to conform to the new data source. The original text was: "Establish in at least 25 States a surveillance system for tracking asthma death, illness, disability, impact of occupational and environmental factors on

asthma, access to medical care, and asthma management.”

A system for tracking asthma cases, illness, and disability is defined as implementation of the BRFSS Adult Asthma History module or Asthma Call-back Survey. The Asthma Call-back Survey first became available in 2005. When the Adult Asthma Call-back Survey is administered, it is unnecessary to do the Adult Asthma History module since the first eight questions on the module are included in the call-back survey, and the two medication questions on the module are replaced by medication questions that are more in-depth.

See Part C for a description of BRFSS and Appendix A for focus area contact information.