

Healthy People 2010 Operational Definition

27-13. Establish laws on smoke-free indoor air that prohibit smoking in public places and worksites.

27-13e. Day care centers.

National Data Source	State Tobacco Activities Tracking and Evaluation System (STATE System), CDC, NCCDPHP, OSH.
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Healthy People 2000 Objective	3.12 (Tobacco) (also 10.19).
Changes since the 2000 Publication	Revised text (see Comments). Revised baseline (see Comments).
Measure	Number.
Baseline (Year)	21 (1998)
Target	51
Target-Setting Method	Total coverage. For a discussion of target-setting methods, see Part A, section 4.
Numerator	Number of States and the District of Columbia with comprehensive laws for day care centers (commercial or home-based) prohibiting smoking.
Denominator	Not applicable.
Population Targeted	Not applicable.
Questions Used To Obtain the National Baseline Data	Not applicable.
Expected Periodicity	Annual.
Comments	Commercial and home-based day care centers are tracked separately; this objective combines them. Newly enacted State tobacco-control legislation is downloaded from Lexis-Nexis, an on-line legal

database. CDC, OSH searches two Lexis-Nexis subfiles: the StateTrack System and the Advanced Legislative Services System. The downloads are coded according to variables identified by CDC, OSH, which include the comprehensiveness of the law, includes smoking areas permitted or required, separately ventilated smoking areas required, and no smoking allowed. In some cases, data on enforcement authority, penalty for violation, and signage required are also collected.

The text of objective 27-13 was revised at the Healthy People 2010 Midcourse Review. The language about limiting smoking to “separately ventilated areas” was dropped. The rationale was that laws that prohibit smoking altogether in worksites better protect the health of workers.

The original baseline of 22 States was revised to 20 States after the Healthy People 2010 Midcourse Review. The original target of 51 States did not change.

The baseline was later revised from 20 to 21 after the data in the STATE System was updated as part of a quality assurance process. The target did not change.

Objective 27-13 was adapted from Healthy People 2000 objective 3.12, which monitored States with laws that prohibited smoking in workplaces and public places or limited it to separately ventilated areas. The Healthy People 2000 objective tracked 7 types of places: public workplaces, private workplaces, restaurants, public transportation, hospitals, day care centers, and grocery stores. In addition to these places, objective 27-13 monitors States that prohibit smoking in retail stores (rather than grocery stores) and bars, as well as laws enacted by Tribes and Territories.

See Part C for a description of the STATE System and Appendix A for focus area contact information.