

Healthy People 2010 Operational Definition

8-5. Increase the proportion of persons served by community water systems who receive a supply of drinking water that meets the regulations of the Safe Drinking Water Act.

National Data Sources	Potable Water Surveillance System (PWSS) and Safe Drinking Water Information System (SDWIS), U.S. Environmental Protection Agency (EPA), Office of Water (OW), Office of Ground Water and Drinking Water (OGWDW).
State Data Source	Local drinking water supplies reports by State.
Healthy People 2000 Objective	Adapted from 11.9 (Environmental Health).
Changes since the 2000 Publication	Revised baseline (see Comments).
Measure	Percent.
Baseline (Year)	84 (1995)
Target	95
Target-Setting Method	Consistent with EPA's 2003-08 Strategic Plan.
Numerator	Number of persons served by community water supply utilities that do not have violations of the Safe Drinking Water Act Regulation.
Denominator	Number of persons served by community water supplies.
Population Targeted	U.S. resident population.
Questions Used To Obtain the National Baseline Data	Not applicable.
Expected Periodicity	Annual.
Comments	The violations of the Safe Drinking Water Act are limited to those related to the Maximum Contaminant Levels for specific contaminants and do not include violations related to monitoring and reporting requirements. The number of contaminants monitored has changed over time, which affects trends. The denominator is estimated

from reports of the number of persons served by the water system providers. While 93 percent of the U.S. population is served by community water supplies, those using wells or other sources are not included in the population estimates reported for this objective.

The original baseline was revised from 85 percent to 84 percent after the November 2000 publication. The target of 95 percent did not change.

This objective differs from Healthy People 2000 objective 11.9, which included violations related to monitoring and reporting requirements in the numerator.

See Appendix A for focus area contact information.