

## Healthy People 2010 Operational Definition

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### **8-15. Increase recycling of municipal solid waste.**

<b>National Data Source</b>	Municipal Solid Waste in the United States, U.S. Environmental Protection Agency (EPA), Office of Solid Waste and Emergency Response (OSWER), Office of Solid Waste (OSW).
<b>State Data Source</b>	Not identified.
<b>Healthy People 2000 Objective</b>	Adapted from 11.8 (Environmental Health).
<b>Changes since the 2000 Publication</b>	None.
<b>Measure</b>	Percent.
<b>Baseline (Year)</b>	27 (1996)
<b>Target</b>	38
<b>Target-Setting Method</b>	Consistent with the EPA's 1997 Strategic Plan. For a discussion of target-setting methods, see Part A, section 4.
<b>Numerator</b>	Estimated weight in pounds of municipal solid waste that is recycled or composted.
<b>Denominator</b>	Estimated weight in pounds of all municipal solid waste.
<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>	Estimates of municipal solid waste and the proportion recycled and composted are derived using biennial estimates based on volume of material production and life cycle of materials, as well as samples of waste handled by municipal waste operators. These data are analyzed using an algorithm that produces national estimates. Annual estimates are based on projections from biennial

estimates.

This objective differs from Healthy People 2000 objective 11.8, which measured average pounds of solid waste production per person per day and average pounds of solid waste after recycling and composites.

See Appendix A for focus area contact information.