

## Healthy People 2010 Operational Definition

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### 16-1. Reduce fetal and infant deaths.

#### 16-1f. All birth defects.

<b>National Data Source</b>	National Vital Statistics System - Mortality and Natality (NVSS-M and NVSS-N), CDC, NCHS.
<b>State Data Source</b>	National Vital Statistics System - Mortality and Natality (NVSS-M and NVSS-N), CDC, NCHS.
<b>Healthy People 2000 Objective</b>	Not applicable.
<b>Changes since the 2000 Publication</b>	Revised baseline (see Comments). Revised target (see Comments).
<b>Measure</b>	Rate per 1,000 live births.
<b>Baseline (Year)</b>	1.4 (1999)
<b>Target</b>	0.7
<b>Target-Setting Method</b>	Better than the best racial/ethnic subgroup For a discussion of target-setting methods, see Part A, section 4.
<b>Numerator</b>	Number of infant (under age 1 year) deaths due to birth defects (ICD-10 codes Q00-Q99).
<b>Denominator</b>	Number of live births.
<b>Population Targeted</b>	U.S. resident live births.
<b>Questions Used to Obtain the National Baseline Data</b>	Not applicable.
<b>Expected Periodicity</b>	Annual.
<b>Comments</b>	Data for this objective come from the period-linked birth and infant death data set (linked file). <sup>1</sup> In the linked file, the information from the death certificate is linked to information on the birth certificate for each infant under 1 year who died during the calendar year. The purpose of the linkage is to use the many variables and improve racial/ethnic

reporting available from the birth certificate.

The original baseline was revised from 1.6 deaths per 1,000 live births to 1.4 deaths per 1,000 due to changes in the International Classification of Diseases (ICD) system. The original baseline (1998) was based on ICD-9 codes 740-759. The revised baseline (1999) is based on the ICD-10 system. The baseline year for all Healthy People 2010 mortality objectives was changed to 1999 so that a consistent trend based on a single ICD classification scheme could be tracked throughout the decade. See Part A, section 8 for a discussion of the International Classification of Diseases (ICD). Information on comparability between ICD-9 and ICD-10 has been published by NCHS.<sup>2</sup>

The target was proportionally adjusted from 1.1 deaths per 1,000 live births to 0.7 deaths per 1,000 to reflect the revised baseline using the original target-setting method.

For some measures, data do not meet the criteria for statistical reliability, data quality, or confidentiality and have been suppressed. Information on suppression of data for the major Healthy People 2010 data systems has been published in a *Healthy People Statistical Note*.<sup>3</sup>

See Part C for a description of NVSS-M and NVSS-N and Appendix A for focus area contact information.

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