

Healthy People 2010 Operational Definition

23-12. Increase the proportion of Tribal, State (including the District of Columbia), and local health agencies that have implemented a health improvement plan and increase the proportion of local health jurisdictions that have a health improvement plan linked with their State plan.

23-12c. Local health agencies.

National Data Source	National Profile of Local Health Departments (NPLHD), National Association of City and County Health Officials.
State Data Source	National Profile of Local Health Departments (NPLHD), National Association of City and County Health Officials.
Local Area Data Source	National Profile of Local Health Departments (NPLHD), National Association of City and County Health Officials.
Healthy People 2000 Objective	Not applicable.
Changes since the 2000 Publication	Revised text (see Comments).
Measure	Percent.
Baseline (Year)	32 (1992-93)
Target	80
Target-Setting Method	150 percent improvement. For a discussion of target-setting methods, see Part A, section 4.
Numerator	Number of local agencies with a health improvement plan.
Denominator	Number of local agencies.
Population Targeted	Local health agencies

Questions Used To Obtain the National Baseline Data

Not applicable.

Expected Periodicity

Periodic.

Comments

The baseline refers to the percent of local health agencies that developed objectives for the year 2000. This definition is a proxy for health improvement plans, and will change with subsequent updates.

A critical aspect of public health infrastructure assessment is monitoring the status of health improvement plans at the State and local level. A health improvement plan is a long-term, systematic effort to address health problems on the basis of the results of a community needs assessment. This plan is used by health and other governmental education and human service agencies, in collaboration with community partners, to set priorities and coordinate and target resources.

The text of Objective 23-12 was revised to focus on state and local health agencies. The original objective addressed health improvement plans for states and local jurisdictions.

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