

Healthy People 2010 Operational Definition

21-17. Increase the number of health agencies that have a public dental health program directed by a dental professional with public health training.

21-17b. Indian Health Service Areas and Tribal health programs that serve jurisdictions of 30,000 or more persons

National Data Source	Indian Health Service, Division of Oral Health.
State Data Source	Not applicable.
Healthy People 2000 Objective	Not applicable.
Changes since the 2000 Publication	New subobjective (see Comments).
Measure	Count.
Baseline (Year)	9 (2003)
Target	9
Target Setting Method	5 percent improvement. For a discussion of target-setting methods, see Part A, Section 4.
Numerator	Number of Indian Health Service Areas and Tribal health Agencies that serve jurisdictions of 30,000 or more persons that have a public dental health program directed by a dental professional with public health training (out of 32).
Denominator	Not applicable.
Population Targeted	Not applicable.
Questions Used to Obtain the National Baseline Data	The following questions were asked of each of the dental directors of the 12 Indian Health Service areas and 16 local service units that serve at least 30,000 people: [For your area, please respond to the following questions:] ➤ <i>Is there anyone in the Area Office dental program</i>

with formal public health training? (If so, who and what degree); and

- *Is there anyone in the dental program of the service Units with formal public health training? (If so, who, and what degree?)*

Expected Periodicity Annual.

Comments Objective 21-17 moved from developmental to measurable at the Healthy People 2010 Midcourse Review. Two subobjectives were created, one addressing public health dental programs in State and local health agencies, and one addressing Indian Health Service and Tribal public health dental programs.

See Appendix A for focus area contact information.