

Healthy People 2020 Objectives*

[Healthy People](#) 2020 (HP 2020) was released in December 2010, and contains over 1,200 objectives organized into [42 topic areas](#). 26 of these objectives were selected as [Leading Health Indicators](#), for which Healthy People monitors progress each year. Each objective has a baseline measure, [data source](#), and most have targets for specific national improvements to be achieved by the year 2020. Although there are no specific reporting requirements tied to the objectives, many public health programs across the country use them as benchmarks and targets for progress.

Each US state and territory has a [Healthy People coordinator](#) who serves as a liaison with the U.S. Office of Disease Prevention and Health Promotion (ODPHP). These coordinators help states, territories counties and cities develop public health goals aligned with Healthy People objectives. The Data Resource Center for Child and Adolescent Health ([DRC](#)) has identified 368 objectives that directly relate to maternal and/or child health and wellbeing. Currently, data for 68 HP 2020 objectives are hosted on the [DRC website](#).

Healthy People

The Healthy People Initiative contains a set of 10-year objectives designed to guide national health promotion and disease prevention efforts to improve the health of all people in the United States. The Healthy People program is managed by the Office of Disease Prevention and Health Promotion (ODPHP), part of the U.S. Department of Health and Human Services (HHS). Guidelines have been established every 10 years since 1980 with the goal of improving the health of all Americans through science-based national objectives.

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Developer(s)	U.S. Office of Disease Prevention and Health Promotion (ODPHP), among other lead federal agencies.
Funder(s)	ODPHP, National Center for Health Statistics (NCHS), Centers for Disease Control and Prevention (CDC)
Purpose(s)	To identify nationwide health improvement priorities, to provide measurable objectives and goals that are applicable to the national, state, and local levels, to increase public awareness and understanding of the determinants of health and disease, to engage multiple sectors to take actions to strengthen policies and improve evidence-based practices, and to identify critical research, evaluation, and collection needs.
Target Populations	All people in the United States, including women, children, and adolescents.
Data Sources	214 data sources . Most sources are nationally representative, some are derived from state and local data.
Technical Measure Descriptions	Detailed measure descriptions and available data can be found in the HP 2020 Search the Data feature.
Number of Measures	Over 1200 objectives within 42 topic areas. 368 have been identified as directly related to maternal and child health. 26 measures have been selected as Leading Health Indicators.
Topics of Measurement	Health conditions, access to care services, pregnancy and birth outcomes, mortality, and risk and protective factors including (but not limited to) education, economic factors, environmental factors, community, and family.
Reporting Requirements	HP 2020 objectives are used by a variety of states, counties and cities to measure progress. State and local-level reporting requirements vary, and there are no reporting requirements tied to the HP 2020 set as a whole. Some measures overlap with federal MCH accountability reporting (e.g. Title V measures).
Recommended or Required Stratification	Recommended stratifications vary by measure. Examples include sex, race/ethnicity, age group, income, geographic location, educational attainment, health status, and more.
Link to Additional Info	Healthy People 2020 Framework . Leading Health Indicators 2014 progress report .

[Browse and Search the Measures](#)

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