



# Focus Area Name

Essential information for Healthy Delaware 2010  
work group participants

## Overview

This section should summarize data on the focus area, particularly as it affects Delawareans. Depending upon the topic, data in this section may include:

- Population data (prevalence/incidence of behavior or condition, specific to age groups as appropriate and available)
- Known or estimated contribution to illness, disability, and death in Delaware (or the nation)
- Known or estimated cost to Delawareans (or the nation)

The lead measure chosen by the steering committee must be included in the data presented here (most recent Delaware data AND comparison to U.S.). The selection of other data to highlight is at the discretion of the SME. The type of data included in the “Overview” section of the relevant Healthy People 2010 focus area <[www.health.gov/healthypeople](http://www.health.gov/healthypeople)> may be an excellent guide.

### Trends & Progress

Summarize major Delaware trends in this section, plus how the trend compares to national trends. Again, use the trend information in Healthy People 2010 as a guide, and focus on the leading measures and other data presented above.

## Disparities

This section should highlight for the focus area, particularly the lead measure:

- Delaware populations that experience the best health status or most favorable measures
- Populations that experience significant disparities

Populations and measures to highlight are at the discretion of the SME, based on the subject of the focus area and available data. Populations that experience disparities may be defined by gender, race, ethnicity, income, education, disability, sexual orientation, geographic location (rural vs. urban, county), or other characteristics.<sup>1</sup> If no information is available on certain state populations, state the gap and provide relevant, national data from Healthy People 2010.

<sup>1</sup>Age may be a dimension of disparity or included in the above overview if important to the focus area or specific to measures. Healthy People 2010 often includes age categories in the objectives (e.g., teen smoking, adult immunization), focusing on eliminating disparities within age categories.

## Delaware Activities & Initiatives

This section should highlight:

- Major Delaware planning and assessment initiatives in this area (who, what, when, where), and BRIEFLY state their findings, recommendations, or current activities
- The focus of major initiatives (past, current, and planned), known outcomes or major lessons, and any important shifts in focus in recent years
- Relative levels of activity among various sectors, if known
- Important facts about Delaware policy initiatives or the policy environment (what entity in Delaware has authority in this area; what laws, regulations, or administrative policies have been passed/enforced to address this area)
- Significant strengths or weaknesses in the state's infrastructure (data, trained personnel, organizational capacity, partnerships, etc.) to support and track improvement in this area

To prepare this section,

- (a) think about potential health improvement strategies that the work groups might explore, and try to provide a basic Delaware history in these areas
- (b) consider what Delaware information is essential to know before discussing potential strategies