



**PERFORMANCE MEASURE  
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**14.1 Percent of women who smoke during pregnancy and  
14.2 Percent of children, ages 0 through 17, who live in households where someone smokes**

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**GOAL**

- 14.1 To decrease the number of women who smoke during pregnancy and
- 14.2 To decrease the number of households where someone smokes.

**DEFINITION**

**Numerator:**

- 14.1 Number of women who report smoking during pregnancy
- 14.2 Number of children, ages 0 through 17, who live in households where there is household member who smokes

**Denominator:**

- 14.1 Number of live births
- 14.2 Number of children, ages 0 through 17

**Units:** 100

**Text:** Percent

**HEALTHY PEOPLE 2020  
OBJECTIVE**

Related to Tobacco Use (TU) Objective 6: Increase smoking cessation during pregnancy (Target: 30.0%) and related to Tobacco Use (TU) Objective 11.1: Reduce the proportion of children aged 3 to 11 years exposed to secondhand smoke. (Baseline: 52.2% , Target 47%)

**DATA SOURCES and DATA  
ISSUES**

- 14.1 National Vital Statistics System (NVSS)
- 14.2 National Survey of Children's Health (NSCH)

**MCH POPULATION DOMAIN**

Women/Maternal Health, Child Health, and/or Adolescent Health

**SIGNIFICANCE**

Women who smoke during pregnancy are more likely to experience a fetal death or deliver a low birth weight baby. Adverse effects of parental smoking on children have been a clinical and public health concern for decades. Children have an increased frequency of ear infections; acute respiratory illnesses and related hospital admissions during infancy; severe asthma and asthma-related problems; lower respiratory tract infections; and SIDS.

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