

Title V Block Grant Measures (used before 2015)

Federal legislation requires that all states and territories in the U.S. submit data on the health of mothers and children each year as part of the [Title V Block Grant](#) five year application and annual reporting process.

Before the Title V Block Grant [transformation](#) that was implemented in 2015, states and territories used a set of 43 measures that had been developed in the 1990s in alignment with legislated reporting requirements. These measures consisted of 18 National Performance Measures, 6 National Outcome Measures, 7 Health Systems Capacity Indicators, and 12 Health Status Indicators.

These measures were developed before the availability of large national data sets such as the National Survey of Children’s Health (NSCH), National Survey of Children with Special Healthcare Needs (NS-CSHCN) and the American Community Survey (ACS), among others. States and territories were tasked with selecting their own data sources for most of the measures, and many selected state- and territory-level sources. This made it difficult to compare indicators across states and jurisdictions and over time. The information presented below refers to measures and measurement requirements before the 2015 Title V block grant transformation.

The Title V MCH Service Block Grant Program

This federal grant program was initiated in 1935 as part of the U.S. Social Security Act, and is currently administered by the Maternal and Child Health Bureau (MCHB), one of six bureaus within the Health Resources and Services Administration (HRSA), an agency of the U.S. Department of Health and Human Services (HHS). MCHB oversees the provision of Title V funds and provides direction to state agencies working to strengthen public health infrastructure for mothers, children, and their families.

Title V Maternal and Child Health Services Block Grant Measures of Performance, Outcomes, Health System Capacity and Health Status (Used before 2015).

Developer(s)	Maternal and Child Health Bureau (MCHB) technical advisors and stakeholders.
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Purpose(s)	To provide states and territories with measures for the purposes of tracking progress on MCH health indicators and accountability related to receipt of Title V block grant funding.
Target Populations	Pregnant women, infants, children, adolescents, and those with special health care needs in the U.S.
Data Sources	Many data sources were utilized. Sources varied among states and jurisdictions.
Technical Measure Descriptions	Measure descriptions and data source information can be found in this federal Guidance and Forms document .
Number of Measures	43 measures.
Topics of Measurement	Health behaviors, health care access and quality, morbidity, and mortality.
Reporting Requirements	State and jurisdiction reporting was mandatory. Requirements for reporting before 2015 can be found in this Guidance and Forms document .
Recommended or Required Stratification	Numerous stratifications were required, and varied by measures. Stratification information can be found in the Guidance and Forms document .
Link to Additional Info	About Title V Title V Information System 75 years of Title V Data for many measures are available through the Data Resource Center for Child and Adolescent Health (DRC).

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