

FY 2016 NWPG Measure Definitions Pacific Islands



Measure Code: PI-SP26

Measure Language: Percent of population in the U.S. Pacific Island Territories served by community water systems that has access to continuous drinking water meeting all applicable health-based drinking water standards, measured on a four quarter rolling average.

Type of Measure: Target measure; annually reported

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- *U.S. Pacific territories* consist of Guam, Commonwealth of the Northern Mariana Islands, and American Samoa.
- A *community water system* is a public water system which serves at least 15 service connections used by year-round residents or regularly serves at least 25 year-round residents.

Methodology for computation of results: Quarterly Safe Drinking Water Information System (SDWIS) data from the three territories is reviewed. The population served by water with any health-based violations is subtracted from the total population in each territory. The result is a one year rolling average and reported as a percentage.

Units: Population, expressed as a percentage.

Universe: Total population served by community water systems, of the U.S. Pacific territories (Guam, Commonwealth of the Northern Mariana Islands, and American Samoa)

Baseline: The population in American Samoa, Commonwealth of the Northern Mariana Islands, and Guam served by community water systems receiving drinking water that meets all applicable health-based drinking water standards throughout the year at a point in time (FY 2005).