Another quality control tool is the Data Quality Profile which is generated annually for each SEER registry. This profile assesses the extent to which each registry provides data meeting certain contractual and other standards. For example, the DQP includes the percent of cases for which a specific data item is coded unknown and compares that result to the desired goal. Annual data are also subjected to trend analyses to identify areas needing improvement and to monitor outcomes from quality-oriented interventions. Registries with exceptional DQP results are recognized.