

## Healthy People 2010 Operational Definition

---

### 9-9. Increase the proportion of adolescents who have never engaged in sexual intercourse.

#### 9-9b. Males.

|  |  |
|--|--|
| <b>National Data Sources</b>                               | National Survey of Adolescent Males (NSAM), Urban Institute; National Survey of Family Growth (NSFG), CDC, NCHS.   |
| <b>State Data Source</b>                                   | Not identified.  |
| <b>Healthy People 2000 Objective</b>                       | Adapted from 5.4 (Family Planning) (also 18.3 and 19.9).   |
| <b>Changes since the 2000 Publication</b>                  | None.  |
| <b>Measure</b>   | Percent.   |
| <b>Baseline (Year)</b>                                     | 57 (1995)  |
| <b>Target</b>  | 75   |
| <b>Target-Setting Method</b>                               | Better than the best racial/ethnic subgroup.<br><br>For a discussion of target-setting methods, see Part A, section 4.   |
| <b>Numerator</b>   | Number of males aged 15 to 17 years who had never had sexual intercourse with a female.  |
| <b>Denominator</b>   | Number of males aged 15 to 17 years.   |
| <b>Population Targeted</b>                                 | U.S. civilian, noninstitutionalized population.  |
| <b>Questions Used To Obtain the National Baseline Data</b> | From the 1995 National Survey of Adolescent Males:<br><br>➤ <i>Have you ever had sexual intercourse with a female (sometimes this is called “making love,” “having sex” or “going all the way”)?</i> |
| <b>Expected Periodicity</b>                                | Periodic.  |
| <b>Comments</b>  | This objective is adapted from Healthy People 2000 objective 5.4, which tracked the proportion of adolescents aged 15 to 17 years who engaged in   |

sexual intercourse. This measure tracks the proportion of males aged 15 to 17 years who have never engaged in sexual intercourse.

The baseline data are from the NSAM. As of data year 2002, the NSFG replaced NSAM as the data source for monitoring this objective.

For some measures, data do not meet the criteria for statistical reliability, data quality, or confidentiality and have been suppressed. Information on suppression of data for the major Healthy People 2010 data systems has been published in a *Healthy People Statistical Note*.<sup>1</sup>

See Part C for a description of NSFG and Appendix A for focus area contact information.

## References

---

1. Klein, R.J.; Proctor, S.E.; Boudreault, M.A.; Turczyn, K.M. Healthy People 2010 Criteria for Data Suppression. *Statistical Notes* No. 24. Hyattsville, MD: National Center for Health Statistics. 2002.