

## Healthy People 2010 Operational Definition

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### 17-6. Increase the proportion of persons who donate blood, and in so doing ensure an adequate supply of safe blood.

<b>National Data Source</b>	National Health Interview Survey (NHIS), CDC, NCHS.
<b>State Data Source</b>	Not identified.
<b>Healthy People 2000 Objective</b>	Not applicable.
<b>Changes since the 2000 Publication</b>	Revised data source (see Comments). Revised baseline (see Comments). Revised target-setting method (see Comments).
<b>Measure</b>	Percent (age adjusted – see Comments).
<b>Baseline (Year)</b>	6 (1998)
<b>Target</b>	8
<b>Target-Setting Method</b>	Better than the best racial/ethnic subgroup.  For a discussion of target-setting methods, see Part A, section 4.
<b>Numerator</b>	Number of persons aged 18 and older, who have donated blood within the past year.
<b>Denominator</b>	Number of persons aged 18 years and older.
<b>Population Targeted</b>	U.S. civilian, noninstitutionalized population.
<b>Questions Used To Obtain the National Baseline Data</b>	From the 1998 National Health Interview Survey:  ➤ <i>Have you given blood since 1985?</i> [If yes:] ○ <i>During the past 12 months, that is since (date) have you donated blood?</i>
<b>Expected Periodicity</b>	Annual.
<b>Comments</b>	Respondents who answered yes to both questions listed above were considered to have donated blood.

The original data source for this objective was the American Association of Blood Banks. The baseline and baseline data year were revised from 5 percent and 1994 to 6 percent and 1998 when data from the 1998 NHIS became available. The target-setting method was revised from 60 percent improvement to better than the best racial/ethnic subgroup when population level data became available. Despite the change in the target-setting method, the original target of 8 percent did not change.

Data are age adjusted to the 2000 standard population using the age groups 18-24, 25-34, 35-44, 45-64, 65 years and over. Data by education status are age adjusted using the age groups 25-34, 35-44, 45-64, and 65 years and over. Age-adjusted percents are the weighted sums of the age-specific percents. For a discussion of age adjustment, see Part A, section 7.

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 NHIS and Appendix A for focus area contact information.

## References

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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.