

Healthy People 2010 Operational Definition

18-2. Reduce the rate of suicide attempts by adolescents.

National Data Source	Youth Risk Behavior Surveillance System (YRBSS), CDC, NCCDPHP.
State Data Source	Youth Risk Behavior Surveillance System (YRBSS), CDC, NCCDPHP.
Healthy People 2000 Objective	7.8 (Violent and Abusive Behavior) (also 6.2).
Changes since the 2000 Publication	None.
Measure	Percent.
Baseline (Year)	2.6 (1999)
Target	1.0
Target-Setting Method	Better than the best racial/ethnic subgroup. For a discussion of target-setting methods, see Part A, section 4.
Numerator	Number of students in grades 9 through 12 who reported suicide attempts that required medical attention in the 12 months preceding the survey.
Denominator	Number of students in grades 9 through 12.
Population Targeted	Students in grades 9 through 12.
Questions Used To Obtain the National Baseline Data	From the 1999 Youth Risk Behavior Survey: ➤ <i>If you attempted suicide during the past 12 months, did any attempt result in an injury, poisoning or overdose that had to be treated by a doctor or a nurse?</i> 1) <i>I did not attempt suicide during the past 12 months</i> 2) <i>Yes</i> 3) <i>No</i>
Expected Periodicity	Biennial.
Comments	This objective is similar to Healthy People 2000 objective 7.8. Objective 7.8 monitored suicide

attempts among persons aged 14 to 17 years, while objective 18-2 monitors suicide attempts among students in grades 9 through 12.

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*.¹

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

References

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