

Healthy People 2010 Operational Definition

20-6. Reduce work-related assaults.

National Data Source	National Crime Victimization Survey (NCVS), Department of Justice, Bureau of Justice Statistics.
State Data Source	Not identified.
Healthy People 2000 Objective	Not applicable.
Changes since the 2000 Publication	Revised target (see Comments) Revised baseline (see Comments)
Measure	Rate per 100 workers.
Baseline (Year)	1.10 (1998)
Target	0.78
Target-Setting Method	29 percent improvement. For a discussion of target-setting methods, see Part A, section 4.
Numerator	Number of persons aged 16 years and older who report being the victim of an assault (see Comments) while working or on duty.
Denominator	Average annual number of workers aged 16 years and older.
Population Targeted	U.S. resident population; U.S. civilian, noninstitutionalized population (see Comments).
Questions Used To Obtain the National Baseline Data	From the 1998 National Crime Victimization Survey: [NUMERATOR:] <ul style="list-style-type: none">➤ <i>What were you doing when this incident occurred?</i> [Response categories include:] ____ <i>Working or on duty</i>➤ <i>Other than any incidents already mentioned, has anyone attacked or threatened you in any of these ways:</i><ul style="list-style-type: none">a) <i>With any weapon, for instance, a gun, or knife-</i>b) <i>With anything like a baseball bat, frying pan, scissors, or stick-</i>c) <i>By something thrown, such as a rock or bottle-</i>

d) *Include any grabbing, punching, or choking-*

e) *Any rape, attempted rape, or other type of sexual attack-*

f) *Any face to face threats-*

OR

g) *Any attack or threat or use of force by anyone at all?*

Please mention it even if you are not certain that it was a crime.

(Briefly describe incident.)

- *Did the offender hit you, knock you down or actually attack you in any way?*
- *Did the offender TRY to attack you?*
- *Did the offender THREATEN you with harm in any way?*

[DENOMINATOR:]

- *Did you have a job at the time of the incident?*

Expected Periodicity

Annual.

Comments

For this objective, assault includes a response of “yes” to any of the assault categories listed in the questions above and a response that the assault occurred while working or on duty. Assault occurring on the way to or from work was not included.

The numerator and denominator of this measure refer to slightly different populations. The numerator includes all U.S. residents; the denominator includes only the U.S. civilian, noninstitutionalized population.

The original baseline was revised from 0.85 (1987-92) to 1.10 (1998) assaults per 100 workers as the result of the NCVS redesign. The target was proportionally adjusted from 0.60 to 0.78 assaults per 100 workers to reflect the revised baseline using the original target setting method.

For some objectives, 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 NCVS and Appendix A for focus area contact information.

References

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