

Healthy People 2010 Operational Definition

9-2. Reduce the proportion of births occurring within 24 months of a previous birth.

National Data Source	National Survey of Family Growth (NSFG), CDC, NCHS.
State Data Source	Not identified.
Healthy People 2000 Objective	Not applicable.
Changes since the 2000 Publication	None.
Measure	Percent.
Baseline (Year)	11 (1995)
Target	6
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 females aged 15 to 44 years whose most recent live birth occurred within 24 months of a previous live birth.
Denominator	Number of females aged 15 to 44 years with at least one live birth.
Population Targeted	U.S. civilian, noninstitutionalized population.
Questions Used To Obtain the National Baseline Data	From the 1995 National Survey of Family Growth: ➤ <i>How many times have you been pregnant altogether?</i> [For each pregnancy:] ➤ <i>In which of the ways did the pregnancy end?</i> (a) <i>Miscarriage</i> (b) <i>Still birth</i> (c) <i>Abortion</i> (d) <i>Ectopic or tubal pregnancy</i> (e) <i>Live birth by Cesarean section</i> (f) <i>Live birth by vaginal delivery</i>

[For each live birth:]

➤ On what date was (baby's name) born?

Expected Periodicity

Periodic.

Comments

A female is considered to have had a birth within 24 months of a previous birth if she had consecutive pregnancies ending in a live birth by Cesarean section or live birth by vaginal delivery.

The interval between consecutive live births is derived from the date of birth.

Vaginal delivery includes delivery through natural or induced labor.

Questions addressing how the pregnancy ended and date baby was born are repeated based on the number of pregnancies.

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 NSFG and Appendix A for focus area contact information.

References

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