

Healthy People 2010 Operational Definition

9-8. Increase the proportion of adolescents who have never engaged in sexual intercourse before age 15 years.

9-8b. Males.

National Data Sources	National Survey of Adolescent Males (NSAM), Urban Institute; National Survey of Family Growth (NSFG), CDC, NCHS.
State Data Source	Not identified.
Healthy People 2000 Objective	Adapted from 5.4 (Family Planning) (also 18.3 and 19.9).
Changes since the 2000 Publication	None.
Measure	Percent.
Baseline (Year)	79 (1995)
Target	88
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 males aged 15 to 19 years who had no sexual intercourse with a female before age 15.
Denominator	Number of males aged 15 to 19 years.
Population Targeted	U.S. civilian, noninstitutionalized population.
Questions Used To Obtain the National Baseline Data	From the 1995 National Survey of Adolescent Males: <ul style="list-style-type: none">➤ <i>Have you ever had sexual intercourse with a female (sometimes this is called “making love,” “having sex” or “going all the way”)?</i><ul style="list-style-type: none">[If yes:]<ul style="list-style-type: none">○ <i>Please look at the calendar and think back to the very first time in your life that you ever had sexual intercourse with a female. In what month and year was that?</i>

____Month ____Year

Expected Periodicity Periodic.

Comments Males are considered to have never had sexual intercourse before age 15 if they report that they either never had sexual intercourse with a female or their age at first intercourse was greater than 15 years.

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

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 19 years who have never engaged in sexual intercourse.

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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