

Healthy People 2010 Operational Definition

11-1. Increase the proportion of households with access to the Internet at home.

National Data Source	Current Population Survey (CPS), U.S. Department of Commerce, Bureau of the Census
State Data Source	Not identified.
Healthy People 2000 Objective	Not applicable.
Changes since the 2000 Publication	None
Measure	Percent.
Baseline (Year)	26 (1998)
Target	80
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 U.S. households with connections to the Internet.
Denominator	Number of U.S. households.
Population Targeted	Persons aged 18 years and older.
Questions Used to Obtain the National Baseline Data.	From the 1998 Current Population Survey: ➤ <i>Is there a personal computer or laptop in this household?</i> ➤ <i>Is there a WebTV in this household?</i> [If “yes” to one of the above questions:] <ul style="list-style-type: none">○ <i>Does anyone in this household use the Internet from home?</i> [If “yes” to both of the above questions:] <ul style="list-style-type: none">○ <i>Earlier you said that you have both a computer and WebTV. Does anyone in this household use either one to connect to the Internet?</i>

Expected Periodicity Periodic.

Comments A household was considered to have a connection to the Internet if the household responded “yes” to either of the last two questions above.

This objective is tracked by the Current Population Survey (CPS) administered by the Bureau of the Census. The 1998 baseline data were collected as part of the Computer and Internet Use Supplement to CPS; this supplement contained questions about the household in general and about those individual household members who use the Internet.

See Appendix A for focus area contact information.

References

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