

## Healthy People 2010 Operational Definition

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### 18-7. Increase the proportion of children with mental health problems who receive treatment.

<b>National Data Source</b>	National Health Interview Survey (NHIS), CDC, NCHS.
<b>State Data Source</b>	Not identified.
<b>Healthy People 2000 Objective</b>	Not applicable.
<b>Changes since the 2000 Publication</b>	Revised baseline (see Comments).
<b>Measure</b>	Percent.
<b>Baseline (Year)</b>	60 (2001)
<b>Target</b>	67
<b>Target-Setting Method</b>	Better than the best racial/ethnic subgroup.  For a discussion of target-setting methods, see Part A, section 4.
<b>Numerator</b>	Persons aged 4 to 17 years with mental health problems receiving one or more forms of treatment.
<b>Denominator</b>	Persons aged 4 to 17 years with mental health problems.
<b>Population Targeted</b>	Persons aged 4 to 17 years
<b>Questions Used To Obtain the National Baseline Data</b>	From the 2001 National Health Interview Survey:  [NUMERATOR] <ul style="list-style-type: none"><li>➤ <i>During the past 12 months have you seen or talked to a psychiatrist, psychologist, psychiatric nurse, or clinical social worker about an emotional, developmental or behavioral problem?</i></li><li>➤ <i>During the past 12 months have you seen or talked to a general doctor about an emotional, developmental or behavioral problem?</i></li><li>➤ <i>Do any children under 18 in this family receive Special Educational or Early Intervention Service? And Does the child receive these services because of an emotional or behavioral problem?</i></li></ul>

[DENOMINATOR]

- Overall do you think that the child has difficulties in any of the following areas: emotions, concentration, behavior, or being able to get along with people?

**Expected Periodicity** Periodic.

**Comments** Children are considered to have received treatment if there is a “yes” response to any of the questions designated as NUMERATOR questions above where the parent responds as a proxy for the child.

This objective moved from developmental to measurable at the Healthy People 2010 Midcourse Review.

The original baseline of 59 percent was revised to 60 percent after the Healthy People 2010 Midcourse review. The target was proportionally adjusted from 66 percent to 67 percent to reflect the revised baseline using the original target-setting method.

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*.<sup>1</sup>

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

## References

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