

Healthy People 2010 Operational Definition

1-8. In the health professions, allied and associated health profession fields, and the nursing field, increase the proportion of all degrees awarded to members of underrepresented racial and ethnic groups.

1-8e. American Indian or Alaska Native — nursing.

National Data Source	Annual Survey of RN (Registered Nurse) Programs, National League for Nursing, Center for Research in Nursing Education and Community Health.
State Data Source	Annual Survey of RN (Registered Nurse) Programs, National League for Nursing, Center for Research in Nursing Education and Community Health.
Healthy People 2000 Objective	Adapted from 21.8a (Clinical Preventive Services).
Changes since the 2000 Publication	None.
Measure	Percent.
Baseline (Year)	0.7 (1995–96).
Target	1.0
Target-Setting Method	Target is based on the U.S. Bureau of Census projection of the proportion of American Indian or Alaska Natives in the U.S. population in the year 2000. For a discussion of target-setting methods, see Part A, section 4.
Numerator	Number of degrees in nursing awarded by accredited schools to American Indian or Alaska Native persons.
Denominator	Number of degrees awarded by accredited schools to all persons in nursing.
Population Targeted	Students in accredited nursing schools.

Questions Used To Obtain the National Baseline Data

From the 1999 Annual Survey of RN (Registered Nurse) Programs:

➤ *Total Enrollments*

Ethnic/Racial distribution (all students):

_____ *American Indian/Alaskan Native*

_____ *Asian/Pacific Islander*

_____ *Black, Non-Hispanic*

_____ *Hispanic*

_____ *White, Non-Hispanic*

_____ *Unknown*

(The total of the numbers above should equal the total enrollment.)

➤ *Total Graduations*

Ethnic/Racial distribution (number):

_____ *American Indian/Alaskan Native*

_____ *Asian/Pacific Islander*

_____ *Black, Non-Hispanic*

_____ *Hispanic*

_____ *White, Non-Hispanic*

_____ *Unknown*

(The total of the numbers above should equal the total graduations.)

Expected Periodicity

Annual.

Comments

Nursing degrees in basic nursing education include diploma, associates degree, and basic baccalaureate degree.¹ Data exclude degrees awarded to students in American Samoa, Guam, and Puerto Rico.

Objective 1-8 is similar to Healthy People 2000 objective 21.8, which tracked the proportion of degrees awarded to underrepresented persons enrolled in nursing schools. Objective 1-8 tracks degrees awarded to underrepresented populations in all Health professions, nursing, medicine, dentistry, and pharmacy.

See Appendix A for focus area contact information.

References

1. National League of Nursing (NLN). *Trends in Registered Nurse Education 1998 to 2008: A Report of a National Study on Basic RN Programs*. New York, NY: NLN, 2005.