

# Healthy People 2010 Operational Definition

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## 7-1. Increase high school completion.

<b>National Data Source</b>	Current Population Survey (CPS), U.S. Department of Commerce, U.S. Bureau of the Census.
<b>State Data Source</b>	Current Population Survey (CPS), U.S. Department of Commerce, U.S. Bureau of the Census.
<b>Healthy People 2000 Objective</b>	8.2 (Educational and Community-Based Programs).
<b>Changes since the 2000 Publication</b>	None.
<b>Measure</b>	Percent.
<b>Baseline (Year)</b>	85 (1998)
<b>Target</b>	90
<b>Target-Setting Method</b>	Consistent with National Education Goals Panel – Goals 2000.  For a discussion of target-setting methods, see Part A, section 4.
<b>Numerator</b>	Number of persons 18-24 years old not currently enrolled in grades 7-12 who report that they have received a high school diploma or its equivalent.
<b>Denominator</b>	Persons aged 18 to 24 years.
<b>Population Targeted</b>	U.S. civilian, noninstitutionalized population.
<b>Questions Used to Obtain the National Baseline Data</b>	From the 1998 Current Population Survey: <ul style="list-style-type: none"><li>➤ <i>What is the age of the (Person) as of the end of survey week?</i></li><li>➤ <i>What grade or year is (Person) attending?</i></li><li>➤ <i>What is the highest level of school (Person) has completed or the highest degree (Person) has received?</i></li></ul>
<b>Expected Periodicity</b>	Annual.
<b>Comments</b>	High school completion is the proportion of persons aged 18 to 24 years not currently enrolled in high

school who report that they have received a high school diploma or the equivalent (such as a General Educational Development (GED) certificate), regardless of the type of credential.

States are able to report in 3-year averages only. For States with small populations, the 3-year estimates may be unreliable.

Objective 7-1 is identical to Healthy People 2000 objective 8.2, which tracked high school graduation rates among persons aged 18 to 24 years.

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 Appendix A for focus area contact information.

## References

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1. Klein, R.J.; Proctor, S.E.; Boudreault, M.A.; Turczyn, K.M. Healthy People 2010 Criteria for Data Suppression. *Statistical Notes* No. 24. Hyattsville, MD: National Center for Health Statistics. 2002.