

Healthy People 2010 Operational Definition

18-3. Increase the proportion of homeless adults with mental health problems who receive mental health services.

National Data Source	Projects for Assistance in Transition from Homelessness (PATH) Annual Application, SAMHSA, CMHS.
State Data Source	Projects for Assistance in Transition from Homelessness (PATH) Annual Application, SAMHSA, CMHS.
Healthy People 2000 Objective	Not applicable.
Changes since the 2000 Publication	Revised text (see Comments). Revised baseline (see Comments). Revised target (see Comments).
Measure	Percent.
Baseline (Year)	27 (2000)
Target	30
Target-Setting Method	10 percent improvement. For a discussion of target-setting methods, see Part A, section 4.
Numerator	Number of homeless persons aged 18 years and older with mental health problems who receive mental health services.
Denominator	Number of homeless persons aged 18 years and older contacted by PATH mental health outreach workers.
Population Targeted	Homeless adults.
Questions Used To Obtain the National Baseline Data	Not applicable.
Expected Periodicity	Annual.
Comments	The objective text was revised to more accurately correspond to the data source. The original objective was to <u>decrease</u> the percentage of

homeless adults with serious mental illness. The text was revised to the percentage with serious mental illness who receive services. PATH tracks the number of homeless adults in social services who may or may not be diagnosed with mental health problems. The numerator is the number of homeless PATH clients that receive mental health services. The denominator is the number of homeless PATH clients that receive any service. Clients are eligible for PATH mental health services if they are homeless and diagnosed with one of a variety of mental health disorders or have co-occurring disorders.

The original 1996 baseline of 25 percent was revised to 27 percent and updated to data year 2000 to reflect the objective text revisions. The target was proportionately adjusted from 19 percent (a decrease) to 30 percent (an increase) to reflect the revised baseline and text 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*.¹

See Appendix A for focus area contact information.

References

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.