

Healthy People 2010 Operational Definition

24-2. Reduce hospitalizations for asthma.

24-2c. Adults aged 65 years and older.

National Data Source	National Hospital Discharge Survey (NHDS), NCHS, CDC.
State Data Source	State hospital discharge survey systems.
Healthy People 2000 Objective	Adapted from 11.1 (Environmental Health).
Changes since the 2000 Publication	None.
Measure	Rate per 10,000 population (age adjusted -- see Comments).
Baseline (Year)	17.7 (1998)
Target	11.0
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 discharges with a principal diagnosis of asthma (ICD-9-CM code 493) among persons aged 65 years and older.
Denominator	Number of persons aged 65 years and older.
Population Targeted	U.S. civilian population.
Questions Used to Obtain the National Baseline Data	From the 1998 National Hospital Discharge Survey:
Expected Periodicity	Annual.
Comments	<p>➤ <i>Final diagnoses (Including E-code diagnoses)</i> <i>Principal:</i> _____</p> <p>Principal diagnosis is the diagnosis chiefly responsible for admission of the person to the hospital. See Part A, section 8 for a discussion of the International Classification of Diseases (ICD)</p>

and ICD-9-CM.

Data are age adjusted to the 2000 standard population using the age groups 65-74 and 75 years and over. Age-adjusted rates are weighted sums of age-specific rates. For a discussion of age adjustment, see Part A, section 7.

Objective 24-2 differs from Healthy People 2000 objective 11.1 in that different age groups are tracked. Objective 11.1 monitored asthma hospitalizations in children under age 15 and females aged 25 and older. This objective tracks children under age 5 years, persons aged 5 to 64 years, and persons aged 65 years and older.

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

References

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