

Healthy People 2010 Operational Definition

25-7. Reduce visual impairment due to cataract.

National Data Source	National Health Interview Survey (NHIS), CDC, NCHS.
State Data Source	Not identified.
Healthy People 2000 Objective	Not applicable.
Changes since the 2000 Publication	None.
Measure	Rate per 1,000 population (age adjusted - see Comments).
Baseline (Year)	119.3 (2002)
Target	91.4
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 persons aged 65 years and older who report they have trouble seeing and that they have ever been told they had cataracts.
Denominator	Number of persons aged 65 years and older.
Population Targeted	U.S. civilian, noninstitutionalized population.
Questions Used To Obtain the National Baseline Data	From the 2002 National Health Interview Survey: <ul style="list-style-type: none">➤ <i>Do you have trouble seeing, even when wearing glasses or contact lenses?</i>➤ <i>Have you ever been told by a doctor or other health professional that you had cataracts?</i>
Expected Periodicity	Periodic.
Comments	Adults who answer “yes” to the above questions met the criteria for the objective as closely as possible using self-report. Data are age adjusted to the 2000 standard population using the age groups 65-74, and 75

years and older. Age-adjusted rates are weighted sums of age-specific rates. For a discussion of age-adjustment, see Part A, section 7.

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

For some objectives, 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 discussion of NHIS and 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.