

Healthy People 2010 Operational Definition

18-7. Increase the proportion of children with mental health problems who receive treatment.

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	Revised baseline (see Comments).
Measure	Percent.
Baseline (Year)	60 (2001)
Target	67
Target-Setting Method	Better than the best racial/ethnic subgroup. For a discussion of target-setting methods, see Part A, section 4.
Numerator	Persons aged 4 to 17 years with mental health problems receiving one or more forms of treatment.
Denominator	Persons aged 4 to 17 years with mental health problems.
Population Targeted	Persons aged 4 to 17 years
Questions Used To Obtain the National Baseline Data	From the 2001 National Health Interview Survey: [NUMERATOR] <ul style="list-style-type: none">➤ <i>During the past 12 months have you seen or talked to a psychiatrist, psychologist, psychiatric nurse, or clinical social worker about an emotional, developmental or behavioral problem?</i>➤ <i>During the past 12 months have you seen or talked to a general doctor about an emotional, developmental or behavioral problem?</i>➤ <i>Do any children under 18 in this family receive Special Educational or Early Intervention Service? And Does the child receive these services because of an emotional or behavioral problem?</i>

[DENOMINATOR]

- Overall do you think that the child has difficulties in any of the following areas: emotions, concentration, behavior, or being able to get along with people?

Expected Periodicity Periodic.

Comments Children are considered to have received treatment if there is a “yes” response to any of the questions designated as NUMERATOR questions above where the parent responds as a proxy for the child.

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

The original baseline of 59 percent was revised to 60 percent after the Healthy People 2010 Midcourse review. The target was proportionally adjusted from 66 percent to 67 percent to reflect the revised baseline 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 Part C for a description of NHIS and Appendix A for focus area contact information.

References

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