

## Healthy People 2010 Operational Definition

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**1-8. In the health professions, allied and associated health profession fields, and the nursing field, increase the proportion of all degrees awarded to members of underrepresented racial and ethnic groups.**

**1-8j. Asian or Pacific Islander — medicine.**

<b>National Data Source</b>	<i>AAMC Data Book: Statistical Information Related to Medical Schools and Teaching Hospitals</i> , Association of American Medical Colleges.
<b>State Data Source</b>	Not identified.
<b>Healthy People 2000 Objective</b>	Adapted from 21.8 (Clinical Preventive Services).
<b>Changes since the 2000 Publication</b>	Revised baseline (see Comments).
<b>Measure</b>	Percent.
<b>Baseline (Year)</b>	16.0 (1996–97).
<b>Target</b>	4.0 (see Comments).
<b>Target-Setting Method</b>	Target is based on the U.S. Bureau of Census projection of the proportion of Asian or Pacific Islanders in the U.S. population in the year 2000.  For a discussion of target-setting methods, see Part A, section 4.
<b>Numerator</b>	Number of degrees awarded by accredited allopathic medical schools to Asian or Pacific Islander persons.
<b>Denominator</b>	Number of degrees awarded by accredited allopathic medical schools to all persons.
<b>Population Targeted</b>	Students in accredited allopathic medical schools.
<b>Questions Used To Obtain the National Baseline Data</b>	See <i>AAMC Data Book</i> . <sup>1</sup>
<b>Expected Periodicity</b>	Annual.

## Comments

Data are obtained through annual surveys completed by accredited medical schools and are aggregate counts of the number of graduates with an M.D. degree.<sup>1</sup>

Objective 1-8 is similar to Healthy People 2000 objective 21.8, which tracked the proportion of degrees awarded to underrepresented persons enrolled in nursing schools. Objective 1-8 tracks degrees awarded to underrepresented populations in all Health professions, nursing, medicine, dentistry, and pharmacy.

The Asian or Pacific Islander population group exceeded its target at the baseline. The target was set based on this group's estimated proportion of the population in the year 2000.

The original baseline of 15.9 percent was based on preliminary data and was revised to 16.0 percent when complete data became available. The original target of 4.0 percent did not change.

See Appendix A for focus area contact information.

## References

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1. Association of American Medical Colleges (AAMC). *AAMC Data Book: Statistical Information Related to Medical Education*. Washington, DC: AAMC. 2005.