

Healthy People 2010 Operational Definition

2-5. Reduce the impact of doctor-diagnosed arthritis on employment in the working-aged population.

2-5b. Reduction in the proportion of adults with doctor-diagnosed arthritis who are limited in their ability to work for pay due to arthritis.

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	New subobjective (see Comments).
Measure	Percent (age adjusted—see Comments).
Baseline (Year)	30 (2002)
Target	23
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 18 - 64 years with doctor-diagnosed arthritis who are limited in their ability to work for pay due to arthritis.
Denominator	Number of persons aged 18 - 64 years with doctor diagnosed arthritis.
Population Targeted	U.S. civilian, noninstitutionalized population, ages 18-64.
Questions Used To Obtain the National Baseline Data	From the 2002 National Health Interview Survey: [NUMERATOR:] ➤ <i>Do arthritis or joint symptoms now affect whether you work, the type of work you do, or the amount of work you do?</i>

[DENOMINATOR:]

- *Have you ever been told by a doctor or other health professional that you have some form of arthritis, rheumatoid arthritis, gout, lupus, or fibromyalgia?*

Expected Periodicity Periodic.

Comments This subobjective was added during the Healthy People 2000 Midcourse Review.

The new field of arthritis public health is evolving rapidly and case definitions may change as understanding improves. Cognitive testing and validation of self-reports and other arthritis-related questions over the next few years may result in the rephrasing of some of the national arthritis objectives.

Data are age adjusted to the 2000 standard population using age groups 18-44 and 45-64. Data by education status are age adjusted using the age groups 25-44 and 45-64. Age-adjusted percents are weighted sums of age-specific percents. For a discussion of age adjustment, see Part A, section 7.

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 description of NHIS and Part 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.