

Healthy People 2010 Operational Definition

15-34. Reduce the rate of physical assault by current or former intimate partners.

National Data Source	National Crime Victimization Survey (NCVS), Department of Justice (DOJ), Bureau of Justice Statistics (BJS).
State Data Source	Not identified.
Healthy People 2000 Objective	Adapted from 7.5 (Violent and Abusive Behavior).
Changes since the 2000 Publication	Revised baseline (see Comments). Revised target (see Comments).
Measure	Rate per 1,000 population.
Baseline (Year)	3.6 (1998)
Target	2.7
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 12 years and older who report being threatened or assaulted by current or former spouse, boyfriend, or girlfriend.
Denominator	Number of persons aged 12 years and older.
Population Targeted	U.S. resident, noninstitutionalized population.
Questions Used To Obtain the National Baseline Data	From the 1998 National Crime Victimization Survey (NCVS-2 form): <ul style="list-style-type: none">➤ <i>Did the offender hit you, knock you down or actually attack you in any way?</i>➤ <i>Did the offender TRY to attack you?</i>➤ <i>Did the offender THREATEN you with harm in any way?</i> ➤ <i>How did the offender TRY to attack you? How were you threatened? Any other way? Mark (X) all that apply. [responses 2, 3, 7, 8, 9, 10, 11 (if injury), 13, 14 (certain circumstances)]</i>

1. Verbal threat of rape
2. Verbal threat to kill
3. Verbal threat of attack other than to kill or rape
4. Verbal threat of sexual assault other than rape
5. Unwanted sexual contact with force (grabbing, fondling, etc.)
6. Unwanted sexual contact without force (grabbing, fondling, etc.)
7. Weapon present or threatened with weapon
8. Shot at (but missed)
9. Attempted attack with knife/sharp weapon
10. Attempted attack with weapon other than gun/knife/sharp weapon
11. Object thrown at person
12. Followed or surrounded
13. Tried to hit, slap, knock down, grab, hold, trip, jump, push, etc.
14. Other – Specify

➤ How were you attacked? Any other way? Mark (X) all that apply. [responses 4-14]

1. Raped
2. Tried to rape
3. Sexual assault other than rape or attempted rape
4. Shot
5. Shot at (but missed)
6. Hit with gun held in hand
7. Stabbed/cut with knife/sharp weapon
8. Attempted attack with knife/sharp weapon
9. Hit by object (other than gun) held in hand
10. Hit by thrown object
11. Attempted attack with weapon other than gun/knife/sharp weapon
12. Hit, slapped, knocked down
13. Grabbed, held, tripped, jumped, pushed, etc.
14. Other – Specify

➤ How did you know the offender? For example, was the offender a friend, cousin, etc.? [responses 1, 2, 7]

RELATIVE

1. Spouse at time of incident
2. Ex-spouse at time of incident
3. Parent or step-parent
4. Own child or step-child
5. Brother/sister
6. Other relative - Specify

NONRELATIVE

7. Boyfriend or girlfriend, ex-boyfriend or ex-girlfriend
8. Friend or ex-friend
9. Roommate, boarder
10. Schoolmate
11. Neighbor
12. Someone at work, customer

13. *Other non-relative – Specify*

Expected Periodicity	Annual.
Comments	<p>Physical assault includes both completed and attempted simple and aggravated assaults as well as threats thereof committed by intimate partners identified as crimes. Intimate relationships involve current or former spouses, boyfriends or girlfriends, including same-sex relationships. This measure does NOT include physical assaults committed by other relatives (parent, child, sibling, grandparent, in-law, cousin), acquaintances (friend, coworker, neighbor, schoolmate, someone known), or stranger (anyone not previously known by the victim). In addition, “series assaults” (that is, repeat victimizations that happened at least six times during the previous 6 months, were similar in nature, and for which the respondent could not remember all the details of each) are excluded.</p> <p>The original baseline of 4.4 physical assaults by intimate partners per 1,000 population was revised to 3.6 due to a change in the definition. Previously, this measure captured other forms of violent crimes in addition to physical assault which was not expressed in the wording of the objective. The target of 3.3 per 1,000 population was revised to 2.7 per 1,000 population to reflect the revised baseline using the original target-setting method</p> <p>This objective differs from Healthy People 2000 objective 7.5, which included females only.</p> <p>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 <i>Healthy People Statistical Note</i>.¹</p> <p>See Part C for a description of NCVS and Appendix A for focus area contact information.</p>

References

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