

Healthy People 2010 Operational Definition

27-12. Increase the proportion of persons covered by indoor worksite policies that prohibit smoking.

National Data Sources	Current Population Survey (CPS), U.S. Bureau of the Census and U.S. Bureau of Labor Statistics.
State Data Source	Not identified.
Healthy People 2000 Objective	Adapted from 3.11 (Tobacco) (also 10.18).
Changes since the 2000 Publication	Revised text (see Comments). Revised baseline (see Comments). Revised target (see Comments). Revised data source (see Comments).
Measure	Percent.
Baseline (Year)	69 (1998–99)
Target	100
Target-Setting Method	Total coverage. For a discussion of target-setting methods, see Part A, section 4.
Numerator	Number of persons aged 18 and over who were covered by indoor worksite smoking policies that prohibit smoking.
Denominator	Number of employed persons aged 18 and over.
Population Targeted	Employed persons
Questions Used To Obtain the National Data	From the 1998-99 Current Population Survey:

➤ **Does your place of work have an official policy that restricts smoking in any way?**

Which of these best describes your place of work's smoking policy for INDOOR PUBLIC OR COMMON AREAS, such as lobbies, rest rooms, and lunch rooms?

Which of these best describes your place of work's smoking policy for WORK AREAS?

Expected Periodicity Periodic.

Comments The original data source for this objective was the National Worksite Health Promotion Survey (NWHPS). However, in 2004, the NWHPS dropped the questions relating to worksite tobacco policies that were needed to measure this objective. A new data source – the Current Population Survey – was identified and implemented at the Healthy People midcourse review. The questions found in the Tobacco Use Supplement to the CPS closely correlate with those included in the NWHPS. However, the CPS only asks about indoor worksites and does not ask about ventilated areas. Thus, the original text was revised to reflect the new data source. A new baseline was established based on the 1999 CPS. A new target was set using total coverage as the target-setting method.

Persons are considered to be covered by indoor worksite smoking policies that prohibit smoking if they answer 'yes' to 'does your place of work have an official policy that restricts smoking in any way?' and if they answer 'not allowed in any public/work areas' to the other two questions listed above.

The universe of the Tobacco Use Supplement to the CPS changed from employed persons aged 15 years and older to employed persons aged 18 and older during the collection of the 2006-07 data. The data trend for this objective was subsequently revised from showing data for employed persons aged 15 and older to showing data for employed persons aged 18 and older. This revision did not affect the baseline or target values for this objective.

The Current Population Survey (CPS) collects family income information in categories that include a range of incomes. Family income levels are determined using poverty thresholds from the U.S Census Bureau as described in Tracking Healthy People, Part A. For this objective, CPS family income categories that fall completely below the poverty threshold are displayed as "Poor", income categories that contain the poverty threshold are displayed as "Near poor", and income categories

that fall completely above the poverty threshold are displayed as “Middle/high income”. In the CPS, these categories are labeled, respectively, as “Below”, “Borderline”, and “Above”.

This objective differs from Healthy People 2000 objective 3.11, which monitored worksites with smoking policies that prohibited smoking or limited it to separately ventilated areas.

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 Appendix A for focus area contact information.

References

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