Healthy People 2010 Operational Definition

28-14. Increase the proportion of persons who have had a hearing examination on schedule.

28-14c. Adolescents aged 12 to 19 years who have had a hearing examination within the past 5 years.

National Data Source National Health and Nutrition Examination Survey

(NHANES), CDC, NCHS.

State Data Source Not identified.

Healthy People 2000

Objective

Not applicable.

Changes since the

2000 Publication

New subobjective (see Comments).

Measure Percent.

Baseline (Year) 79.3 (2005-06)

Target 87.2

Target-Setting Method 10 percent improvement

For a discussion of target-setting methods, see Part

A, section 4.

Numerator Number of persons aged 70 years and older who

report they have had a hearing exam within the past

5 years.

Denominator Number of adolescents aged 12 to 19 years.

Population Targeted U.S. civilian, noninstitutionalized population.

Questions Used To Obtain the National

Baseline Data

From the 2005-06 National Health and Nutrition

Examination Survey:

About how long has it been since you last had your hearing tested?

- Less than 1 year ago
- 1 year to 4 years ago
- More than 4 years ago
- Never

Expected Periodicity

Periodic.

Comments

The numerator for this objective is estimated by all adolescents who responded "yes" to having their hearing tested "less than 1 year ago" or "1 year to 4 years ago."

Objective 28-14 moved from developmental to measurable status at the Healthy People 2010 Midcourse Review. Three subobjectives, targeting different age groups, were created. Subobjective 28-14a focuses on ages 20-69, 28-14b targets ages 70 years and older, and 28-14c targets adolescents aged 12 to 19 years.

Objective 28-14c moved from developmental to measurable status when the 2005-06 NHANES data become available.

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 NHANES and Appendix A for focus area contact information.

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