

## 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.**

**1-8h. Hispanic or Latino — nursing.**

<b>National Data Source</b>	Annual Survey of RN (Registered Nurse) Programs, National League for Nursing, Center for Research in Nursing Education and Community Health.
<b>State Data Source</b>	Annual Survey of RN (Registered Nurse) Programs, National League for Nursing, Center for Research in Nursing Education and Community Health.
<b>Healthy People 2000 Objective</b>	Adapted from 21.8a (Clinical Preventive Services).
<b>Changes since the 2000 Publication</b>	None.
<b>Measure</b>	Percent.
<b>Baseline (Year)</b>	3.4 (1995–96)
<b>Target</b>	12.0
<b>Target-Setting Method</b>	Target is based on the U.S. Bureau of Census projection of the proportion of Hispanic or Latinos 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 in nursing awarded by accredited schools to Hispanic or Latino persons.
<b>Denominator</b>	Number of degrees awarded by accredited schools to all persons in nursing.
<b>Population Targeted</b>	Students in accredited nursing schools.
<b>Questions Used To Obtain the National Baseline Data</b>	From the 1999 Annual Survey of RN (Registered Nurse) Programs:

- *Total Enrollments*  
*Ethnic/Racial distribution (all students):*  
 \_\_\_\_\_ *American Indian/Alaskan Native*  
 \_\_\_\_\_ *Asian/Pacific Islander*  
 \_\_\_\_\_ *Black, Non-Hispanic*  
 \_\_\_\_\_ *Hispanic*  
 \_\_\_\_\_ *White, Non-Hispanic*  
 \_\_\_\_\_ *Unknown*  
 (The total of the numbers above should equal the total enrollment.)
- *Total Graduations*  
*Ethnic/Racial distribution (number):*  
 \_\_\_\_\_ *American Indian/Alaskan Native*  
 \_\_\_\_\_ *Asian/Pacific Islander*  
 \_\_\_\_\_ *Black, Non-Hispanic*  
 \_\_\_\_\_ *Hispanic*  
 \_\_\_\_\_ *White, Non-Hispanic*  
 \_\_\_\_\_ *Unknown*  
 (The total of the numbers above should equal the total graduations.)

**Expected Periodicity** Annual.

**Comments** Nursing degrees in basic nursing education include diploma, associates degree, and basic baccalaureate degree.<sup>1</sup> Data exclude degrees awarded to students in American Samoa, Guam, and Puerto Rico.

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.

See Appendix A for focus area contact information.

## References

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1. National League of Nursing (NLN). *Trends in Registered Nurse Education 1998 to 2008: A Report of a National Study on Basic RN Programs*. New York, NY: NLN, 2005.