

Healthy People 2010 Operational Definition

16-17. Increase abstinence from alcohol, cigarettes, and illicit drugs among pregnant women.

16-17d. Illicit drugs.

National Data Source	National Survey on Drug Use and Health (NSDUH), SAMSHA.
State Data Source	Not identified.
Healthy People 2000 Objective	Adapted from 14.10 (Maternal and Infant Health).
Changes since the 2000 Publication	Revised baseline (see Comments).
Measure	Percent.
Baseline (Year)	96 (2002-03)
Target	100
Target-Setting Method	Complete elimination. For a discussion of target-setting methods, see Part A, section 4.
Numerator	Number of pregnant females aged 15 to 44 years reporting not using any illicit drugs in the past month (30 days).
Denominator	Number of pregnant females aged 15 to 44 years.
Population Targeted	U.S. civilian noninstitutionalized population.
Questions Used to Obtain the National Baseline Data	From the 2002-03 National Survey on Drug Use and Health: [The following question is asked separately for each illicit drug: marijuana or hashish, cocaine, "crack," heroin, hallucinogens, and inhalants:] ➤ <i>How long has it been since you last used [marijuana or hashish, cocaine, "crack," heroin, hallucinogens, inhalants]?</i> [The following questions are asked separately for nonmedical use of analgesics (prescription pain killers), tranquilizers, stimulants, and sedatives:]

- *How long has it been since you last used (a pain killer, tranquilizers, stimulants, sedatives) that was not prescribed for you, or that you took only for the experience or feeling it caused?*
- *Are you currently pregnant?*

[If yes:]

How many months pregnant are you?

Number of months pregnant _____

Expected Periodicity Annual

Comments

Illicit drugs are defined as marijuana or hashish, cocaine (including crack), inhalants, hallucinogens (including PCP and LSD), heroin, and nonmedical use of psychotherapeutics.

To ensure adequate precision of estimates for pregnant women, baseline data are based on combined data from 2002 and 2003 surveys and represent annual average estimates for 2002 and 2003.

The original baseline of 98 percent in 1996-97 was revised as the result of several methodological changes to the National Household Survey on Drug Abuse (NHSDA) during the period from 1999 to 2002 including: incentive payments; improved data collection quality control procedures and, use of 2000 Census-Based data. The survey name also changed to the National Survey on Drug Use and Health (NSDUH). The 2002-03 baseline is 96 percent.

The target of 100 percent did not change.

This objective is adapted from Healthy People 2000 objective 14.10, which tracked abstinence from marijuana and cocaine use during pregnancy with data from the National Maternal and Infant Health Survey and the National Pregnancy and Health Survey. The Healthy People 2010 objective measures abstinence from any illicit drug during the past 30 days.

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 Part C for a description of NSDUH and
Appendix A for focus area contact information.

References

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