

## Healthy People 2010 Operational Definition

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### **25-4. Reduce the proportion of adults with genital herpes infection.**

<b>National Data Source</b>	National Health and Nutrition Examination Survey (NHANES), CDC, NCHS.
<b>State Data Source</b>	Not identified.
<b>Healthy People 2000 Objective</b>	Adapted from 19.5 (Sexually Transmitted Diseases).
<b>Changes since the 2000 Publication</b>	None.
<b>Measure</b>	Percent.
<b>Baseline (Year)</b>	17 (1988–94)
<b>Target</b>	14
<b>Target-Setting Method</b>	Better than the best racial/ethnic subgroup. For a discussion of target-setting methods, see Part A, section 4.
<b>Numerator</b>	Number of persons aged 20 to 29 years with a positive result from a herpes simplex virus, type 2 (HSV-2) laboratory test.
<b>Denominator</b>	Number of persons aged 20 to 29 years.
<b>Population Targeted</b>	U.S. civilian, noninstitutionalized population.
<b>Questions Used To Obtain the National Baseline Data</b>	Not applicable.
<b>Expected Periodicity</b>	Periodic.
<b>Comments</b>	A case definition for genital herpes is provided by CDC. <sup>1</sup>  This measure is a modification of Healthy People 2000 objective 19.5, which tracked the number of first-time visits to physicians' offices for genital herpes, as measured by the National Disease and Therapeutic Index, IMS America, Ltd. This measure tracks the proportion of persons aged 20 to 29 years with a positive laboratory test result for herpes

simplex virus, type 2, as measured by NHANES.

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*.<sup>2</sup>

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

## References

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