

## Healthy People 2010 Operational Definition

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### 27-2. Reduce tobacco use by adolescents.

#### 27-2a. Tobacco products (past month).

<b>National Data Source</b>	Youth Risk Behavior Surveillance System (YRBSS), CDC, NCCDPHP.
<b>State Data Source</b>	Youth Risk Behavior Surveillance System (YRBSS), CDC, NCCDPHP.
<b>Healthy People 2000 Objective</b>	Adapted from 3.9 (Tobacco) (also 13.17) and 4.6 (Substance Abuse: Alcohol and Other Drugs) (also 3.20).
<b>Changes since the 2000 Publication</b>	None.
<b>Measure</b>	Percent.
<b>Baseline (Year)</b>	40 (1999)
<b>Target</b>	21
<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 students in grades 9 through 12 who report using cigarettes, spit tobacco, or cigars on 1 or more of the 30 days preceding the survey.
<b>Denominator</b>	Number of students in grades 9 through 12.
<b>Population Targeted</b>	Students in grades 9 through 12.
<b>Questions Used To Obtain the National Data</b>	From the 1999 Youth Risk Behavior Surveillance System: <ul style="list-style-type: none"><li>➤ <i>During the past 30 days, on how many days did you smoke cigarettes?</i></li><li>➤ <i>During the past 30 days, on how many days did you use chewing tobacco or snuff, such as Redman, Levi Garrett, Beechnut, Skoal, Skoal Bandits, or Copenhagen?</i></li><li>➤ <i>During the past 30 days, on how many days did you smoke any cigars, cigarillos, or little cigars?</i></li></ul>

**Expected Periodicity** Biennial.

**Comments** Students are classified as using tobacco if they report using at least one of the tobacco products on 1 or more of the 30 days preceding the survey.

This subobjective differs from Healthy People 2000 objectives in two ways. For the Healthy People 2000 objectives, the national data source was the National Household Survey on Drug Abuse (NHSDA), SAMHSA, and the targeted age group was 12 to 17 years.

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>1</sup>

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

## References

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