

Healthy People 2010 Operational Definition

1-4. Increase the proportion of persons who have a specific source of ongoing care.

1-4c. Adults 18 years and older.

National Data Source	National Health Interview Survey (NHIS), CDC, NCHS.
State Data Source	Not identified.
Healthy People 2000 Objective	Adapted from 21.3 (Clinical Preventive Services).
Changes since the 2000 Publication	Revised methodology (see Comments).
Measure	Percent.
Baseline (Year)	85 (1998)
Target	96
Target-Setting Method	Better than the best racial/ethnic subgroup. For a discussion of target-setting methods, see Part A, section 4.
Numerator	Number of persons aged 18 years and over who report having a specific source of primary care.
Denominator	Number of persons aged 18 years and over.
Population Targeted	U.S. civilian, noninstitutionalized population.
Questions Used to Obtain the National Baseline Data	From the 1998 National Health Interview Survey: ➤ <i>Is there a place that you usually go when you are sick or need advice about your health?</i> ➤ <i>What kind of place is it?</i> <i>(a) Clinic or health center</i> <i>(b) Doctor's office or HMO</i> <i>(c) Hospital emergency room</i> <i>(d) Hospital outpatient department</i> <i>(e) Some other place</i>
Expected periodicity	Annual.

Comments

In 1998, a specific source of primary care included responses (a), (b), (d), and (e) listed above.

The survey question was modified slightly in 1999 when the response category “(f) Doesn’t go to one place most often” was added. Since 1999, the definition of a specific source of primary care includes responses (a), (b), (d), (e), and (f).

There have been no changes to the survey question since 1999.

Originally, this subobjective was measured using age-adjusted percents. The measure was revised to use crude percents after the Healthy People 2010 Midcourse Review. The baseline and tracking data have been recomputed in terms of crude percents. Although the measure was revised, the original baseline did not change.

This subobjective is used to track the Access to Health Care Leading Health Indicator. See Appendix E for a complete list.

Objective 1-4 is similar to Healthy People 2000 objective 21.3, which tracked the proportion of persons aged 18 years and older with a specific source of ongoing care. Objective 1-4 tracks persons of all ages, through 3 subobjectives targeting all ages, persons aged 17 years and under, and persons aged 18 years and older.

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 NHIS and Appendix A for focus area contact information.

References

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