

Healthy People 2010 Operational Definition

9-9. Increase the proportion of adolescents who have never engaged in sexual intercourse.

9-9a. Females.

National Data Source	National Survey of Family Growth (NSFG), CDC, NCHS.
State Data Source	Not identified.
Healthy People 2000 Objective	Adapted from 5.4 (Family Planning) (also 18.3 and 19.9).
Changes since the 2000 Publication	None.
Measure	Percent.
Baseline (Year)	62 (1995)
Target	75
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 females aged 15 to 17 years who had never had sexual intercourse with a male.
Denominator	Number of females aged 15 to 17 years.
Population Targeted	U.S. civilian, noninstitutionalized population.
Questions Used To Obtain the National Baseline Data	From the 1995 National Survey of Family Growth: ➤ <i>At any time in your life, have you ever had sexual intercourse with a man, that is, made love, had sex, or gone all the way?</i>
Expected Periodicity	Periodic.
Comments	This objective is adapted from Healthy People 2000 objective 5.4, which tracked the proportion of adolescents aged 15 to 17 years who engaged in sexual intercourse. This measure tracks the

proportion of females aged 15 to 17 years who have never engaged in sexual intercourse.

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 NSFG and Appendix A for focus area contact information.

References

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