

Healthy People 2010 Operational Definition

1-8. In the health professions, allied and associated health profession fields, and the nursing field, increase the proportion of all degrees awarded to members of underrepresented racial and ethnic groups.

1-8m. American Indian or Alaska Native — dentistry.

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| National Data Source | Survey of Predoctoral Dental Educational Institutions, American Dental Association. |
| State Data Source | Survey of Predoctoral Dental Educational Institutions, American Dental Association. |
| Healthy People 2000 Objective | Adapted from 21.8 (Clinical Preventive Services). |
| Changes since the 2000 Publication | None. |
| Measure | Percent. |
| Baseline (Year) | 0.5 (1996–97) |
| Target | 1.0 |
| Target-Setting Method | Target is based on the U.S. Bureau of Census projection of the proportion of American Indian or Alaska Natives in the U.S. population in the year 2000. For a discussion of target-setting methods, see Part A, section 4. |
| Numerator | Number of degrees from accredited dental schools awarded to American Indian or Alaska Native persons. |
| Denominator | Number of degrees from accredited dental schools awarded to all persons. |
| Population Targeted | Students in accredited dental schools. |
| Questions Used To Obtain the National Baseline Data | From the 1997–98 Survey of Predoctoral Dental Educational Institutions: |

- *How many students received a D.D.S. or D.M.D. degree between October 1, 1996 and September 30, 1997?*

(Total must equal the total number of graduates listed on the graduate class list.)

- *How many students received a D.D.S. or D.M.D. degree between October 1, 1996 and September 30, 1997 in each of the following race/ethnicity categories?*

| | <i>Male</i> | <i>Female</i> | <i>Total</i> |
|---------------------------|-------------|---------------|--------------|
| <i>a. White</i> | _____ | _____ | _____ |
| <i>b. Black</i> | _____ | _____ | _____ |
| <i>c. Hispanic</i> | _____ | _____ | _____ |
| <i>d. Native American</i> | _____ | _____ | _____ |
| <i>e. Asian</i> | _____ | _____ | _____ |
| <i>f. Not Indicated</i> | _____ | _____ | _____ |
| <i>Total</i> | _____ | _____ | _____ |

(Total must equal the total number of graduates listed on the graduate class list.)

Expected Periodicity Annual.

Comments Dental degrees include both D.D.S. and D.M.D.¹

Objective 1-8 is similar to Healthy People 2000 objective 21.8, which tracked the proportion of degrees awarded to underrepresented persons enrolled in nursing schools. Objective 1-8 tracks degrees awarded to underrepresented populations in all Health professions, nursing, medicine, dentistry, and pharmacy.

See Appendix A for focus area contact information.

References

1. American Dental Association (ADA). *2004 Survey of Dental Education – Volume 1: Academic Programs, Enrollment and Graduates*. Chicago, IL: ADA, 2006.