

Healthy People 2010 Operational Definition

15-38. Reduce physical fighting among adolescents.

National Data Source	Youth Risk Behavior Surveillance System (YRBSS), CDC, NCCDPHP.
State Data Source	Youth Risk Behavior Surveillance System (YRBSS), CDC, NCCDPHP.
Healthy People 2000 Objective	Adapted from 7.9 (Violent and Abusive Behavior).
Changes since the 2000 Publication	None.
Measure	Percent.
Baseline (Year)	36 (1999)
Target	32
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 students in grades 9 through 12 who report being in a physical fight at least 1 time during the 12 months preceding the survey.
Denominator	Students in grades 9 through 12.
Population Targeted	Students in grades 9 through 12.
Questions Used To Obtain the National Baseline Data	From the 1999 Youth Risk Behavior Surveillance System: ➤ <i>During the past 12 months, how many times were you in a physical fight?</i> <i>0 times</i> <i>1 time</i> <i>2 or 3 times</i> <i>4 or 5 times</i> <i>6 or 7 times</i> <i>8 or 9 times</i> <i>10 or 11 times</i> <i>12 or more times</i>
Expected Periodicity	Biennial.

Comments

This objective was adapted from Healthy People 2000 objective 7.9, which measured the monthly number of physical fights per 100 adolescents aged 14 to 17 years. This objective measures the percent of students in grades 9 through 12 who were engaged in at least one physical fight in the past year.

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 YRBSS and Appendix A for focus area contact information.

References

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