

Healthy People 2010 Operational Definition

16-17. Increase abstinence from alcohol, cigarettes, and illicit drugs among pregnant women.

16-17a. Alcohol.

National Data Source	National Survey on Drug Use and Health (NSDUH), SAMSHA.
State Data Source	Not identified.
Healthy People 2000 Objective	Adapted from 14.10 (Maternal and Infant Health).
Changes since the 2000 Publication	Revised baseline (see Comments). Revised target (see Comments).
Measure	Percent.
Baseline (Year)	90 (2002-03)
Target	95
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 pregnant females aged 15 to 44 years reporting not drinking alcohol at all in the past month (30 days).
Denominator	Number of pregnant females aged 15 to 44 years.
Population Targeted	U.S. civilian noninstitutionalized population.
Questions Used to Obtain the National Baseline Data	From the 2002-03 National Survey on Drug Use and Health: <ul style="list-style-type: none">➤ <i>How long has it been since you last drank an alcoholic beverage?</i><ul style="list-style-type: none"><i>Within the past 30 days — that is, since [DATE]</i><i>More than 30 days ago but within the past 12 months</i><i>More than 12 months ago</i>➤ <i>Are you currently pregnant?</i><ul style="list-style-type: none"><i>[If yes:]</i>

*How many months pregnant are you?
Number of months pregnant _____*

Expected Periodicity Annual

Comments

To ensure adequate precision of estimates for pregnant women, baseline data are based on combined data from 2002 and 2003 surveys and represent annual average estimates for 2002 and 2003.

The original baseline of 86 percent in 1996-97 was revised as the result of several methodological changes to the National Household Survey on Drug Abuse (NHSDA) during the period from 1999 to 2002 including: incentive payments; improved data collection quality control procedures and, use of 2000 Census-Based data. The survey name also changed to the National Survey on Drug Use and Health (NSDUH). The 2002-03 baseline is 90 percent.

The target was proportionally adjusted from 94 percent to 95 percent to reflect the revised baseline using the original target-setting methodology.

This objective is a measure similar to Healthy People 2000 objective 14.10, which used data from the National Maternal and Infant Health Survey and the National Pregnancy and Health Survey.

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 NSDUH and Appendix A for focus area contact information.

References

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