

Healthy People 2010 Operational Definition

6-6. Increase the proportion of adults with disabilities reporting satisfaction with life.

National Data Source	Behavioral Risk Factor Surveillance System (BRFSS), CDC, NCCDPHP.
State Data Source	Behavioral Risk Factor Surveillance System (BRFSS), CDC, NCCDPHP.
Healthy People 2000 Objective	Not applicable.
Changes since the 2000 Publication	Revised data source (see Comments). Revised baseline (see Comments). Revised target (see Comments).
Measure	Percent (age adjusted—see Comments).
Baseline (Year)	84 (2005)
Target	97
Target-Setting Method	15 percent improvement (parity with persons aged 18 years and older without disabilities in 2005). For a discussion of target-setting methods, see Part A, section 4.
Numerator	Number of persons aged 18 years and older with disabilities who report satisfaction with life.
Denominator	Number of persons aged 18 years and older with disabilities.
Population Targeted	Civilian, noninstitutionalized population of selected States (see Comments).
Questions Used To Obtain the National Baseline Data	From the 2005 Behavioral Risk Factor Surveillance System: [NUMERATOR:] ➤ <i>In general, how satisfied are you with your life?</i> <i>Very satisfied</i> <i>Satisfied</i> <i>Dissatisfied</i> <i>Very dissatisfied</i> <i>Refused/Not ascertained/Don't know</i>

[DENOMINATOR:]

- *Are you limited in any way in any activities because of any impairment or health problem?*
- *If you use special equipment or help from others to get around, what type do you use?*

Expected Periodicity Annual.

Comments For this objective, adults with disabilities are defined as persons 18 years and older who report being limited in any activity because of impairments or health problems or who require special equipment. An adult is considered to be satisfied with life if he/she reported being “very satisfied” or “satisfied” to the question listed in the NUMERATOR section above.

In 2005, the question for this objective (see numerator above) is in the core of the BRFSS representing all 50 states.

The original data source for this objective was the BRFSS (1998). The baseline was 87 percent and the target was 96 percent. The target setting method was 10 percent improvement (parity with adults aged 18 years and older without disabilities in 1998). The data source was subsequently revised to the 2001 NHIS. The baseline was 80 percent and the target was 96 percent. The target setting method was 20 percent improvement (parity with adults aged 18 years and older without disabilities in 1998). The 2001 NHIS was used as an interim data source. Data from this interim source are included in the Healthy People 2010 Midcourse Review publication.

The data source was changed back to the BRFSS due to the lack of follow-up data in the NHIS and availability of BRFSS data starting in 2005. . The (new) revised baseline is 84 percent; the target-setting method is 15 percent improvement, and the revised target is 97 percent.

Data are age adjusted to the 2000 standard population using the age groups 18-24, 25-34, 35-44, 45-64 and 65 years and over. Age-adjusted percents are weighted sums of age-specific percents. For a discussion of age adjustment, see

Part A, section 7.

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 BRFSS and Appendix A for focus area contact information.

References

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