

Healthy People 2010 Operational Definition

26-10. Reduce past-month use of illicit substances.

26-10b. Reduce the proportion of adolescents reporting use of marijuana during the past 30 days.

National Data Source	National Survey on Drug Use and Health (NSDUH) SAMHSA.
State Data Source	National Survey on Drug Use and Health (NSDUH) SAMHSA.
Healthy People 2000 Objective	4.6 (Substance Abuse: Alcohol and Other Drugs) (also 3.20).
Changes since the 2000 Publication	Revised baseline (see Comments).
Measure	Percent.
Baseline (Year)	8.2 (2002)
Target	0.7
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 persons aged 12 to 17 years who reported using marijuana during the past 30 days.
Denominator	Number of persons aged 12 to 17 years.
Population Targeted	U.S. civilian, noninstitutionalized population.
Questions Used To Obtain the National Baseline Data	From the 2002 National Survey on Drug Use and Health: <ul style="list-style-type: none">➤ <i>Have you ever, even once, used [marijuana or hashish;...]?</i>➤ <i>How long has it been since you last used [marijuana or hashish;...]?<ol style="list-style-type: none">1 <i>Within the past 30 days -- that is, since [DATE]</i>2 <i>More than 30 days ago but within the past 12 months</i>3 <i>More than 12 months ago</i></i>

Expected Periodicity Annual.

Comments

Respondents are considered to have used marijuana or hashish if they report use of either substance in the past 30 days.

The original baseline of 8.3 percent (1998) was revised to 8.2 percent (2002) 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).

No adjustment was made to the target of 0.7 percent as a result of the baseline revision.

This subobjective tracks one of the measures monitored by Healthy People 2000 objective 4.6.

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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