

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.

1-8g. Black or African American — nursing.

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| National Data Source | Annual Survey of RN (Registered Nurse) Programs, National League for Nursing, Center for Research in Nursing Education and Community Health. |
| State Data Source | Annual Survey of RN (Registered Nurse) Programs, National League for Nursing, Center for Research in Nursing Education and Community Health. |
| Healthy People 2000 Objective | Adapted from 21.8a (Clinical Preventive Services). |
| Changes since the 2000 Publication | None. |
| Measure | Percent. |
| Baseline (Year) | 6.9 (1995–96). |
| Target | 13.0 |
| Target-Setting Method | Target is based on the U.S. Bureau of Census projection of the proportion of Black or African Americans 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 in nursing awarded by accredited schools to black or African American persons. |
| Denominator | Number of degrees awarded by accredited schools to all persons in nursing. |
| Population Targeted | Students in accredited nursing schools. |
| Questions Used To Obtain the National Baseline Data | From the 1999 Annual Survey of RN (Registered Nurse) Programs: |

- *Total Enrollments*
Ethnic/Racial distribution (all students):
 _____ *American Indian/Alaskan Native*
 _____ *Asian/Pacific Islander*
 _____ *Black, Non-Hispanic*
 _____ *Hispanic*
 _____ *White, Non-Hispanic*
 _____ *Unknown*
 (The total of the numbers above should equal the total enrollment.)
- *Total Graduations*
Ethnic/Racial distribution (number):
 _____ *American Indian/Alaskan Native*
 _____ *Asian/Pacific Islander*
 _____ *Black, Non-Hispanic*
 _____ *Hispanic*
 _____ *White, Non-Hispanic*
 _____ *Unknown*
 (The total of the numbers above should equal the total graduations.)

Expected Periodicity Annual.

Comments Nursing degrees in basic nursing education include diploma, associates degree, and basic baccalaureate degree.¹ Data exclude degrees awarded to students in American Samoa, Guam, and Puerto Rico.

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. National League of Nursing (NLN). *Trends in Registered Nurse Education 1998 to 2008: A Report of a National Study on Basic RN Programs*. New York, NY: NLN, 2005.