

Healthy People 2010 Operational Definition

15-37. Reduce physical assaults.

National Data Source	National Crime Victimization Survey (NCVS), Department of Justice (DOJ), Bureau of Justice Statistics (BJS).
State Data Source	Not identified.
Healthy People 2000 Objective	Adapted from 7.6 (Violent and Abusive Behavior).
Changes since the 2000 Publication	None.
Measure	Rate per 1,000 population.
Baseline (Year)	31.1 (1998)
Target	13.6
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 years and older who report being physically assaulted.
Denominator	Number of persons aged 12 years and older.
Population Targeted	Noninstitutionalized population.
Questions Used To Obtain the National Baseline Data	From the 1998 National Crime Victimization Survey (NCVS-2 form): <ul style="list-style-type: none">➤ Did the offender hit you, knock you <i>down or actually attack you in any way</i>?➤ <i>Did the offender TRY to attack you?</i>➤ <i>Did the offender THREATEN you with harm in any way?</i>➤ <i>How did the offender TRY to attack you? How were you threatened? Any other way? Mark (X) all that apply. [responses 2, 3, 7, 8, 9, 10, 11 (if injury), 13, 14 (certain circumstances)]</i><ol style="list-style-type: none">1. <i>Verbal threat of rape</i>2. <i>Verbal threat to kill</i>3. <i>Verbal threat of attack other than to kill or rape</i>

4. *Verbal threat of sexual assault other than rape*
5. *Unwanted sexual contact with force (grabbing, fondling, etc.)*
6. *Unwanted sexual contact without force (grabbing, fondling, etc.)*
7. *Weapon present or threatened with weapon*
8. *Shot at (but missed)*
9. *Attempted attack with knife/sharp weapon*
10. *Attempted attack with weapon other than gun/knife/sharp weapon*
11. *Object thrown at person*
12. *Followed or surrounded*
13. *Tried to hit, slap, knock down, grab, hold, trip, jump, push, etc.*
14. *Other – Specify*

➤ *How were you attacked? Any other way? Mark (X) all that apply. [responses 4-14]*

1. *Raped*
2. *Tried to rape*
3. *Sexual assault other than rape or attempted rape*
4. *Shot*
5. *Shot at (but missed)*
6. *Hit with gun held in hand*
7. *Stabbed/cut with knife/sharp weapon*
8. *Attempted attack with knife/sharp weapon*
9. *Hit by object (other than gun) held in hand*
10. *Hit by thrown object*
11. *Attempted attack with weapon other than gun/knife/sharp weapon*
12. *Hit, slapped, knocked down*
13. *Grabbed, held, tripped, jumped, pushed, etc.*
14. *Other – Specify*

Expected Periodicity Annual.

Comments This objective is modified from Healthy People 2000 objective 7.6, which tracked assault injuries. This objective tracks reports of physical assaults including completed and attempted simple and aggravated assault or threats thereof identified as crimes.

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 NCVS and Appendix A for focus area contact information.

References

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