

Healthy People 2010 Operational Definition

26-9. Increase the age and proportion of adolescents who remain alcohol and drug free.

High school seniors never using substances:

26-9c. Alcoholic beverages.

National Data Source	Monitoring the Future Study (MTF), NIH, NIDA.
State Data Source	Not identified.
Healthy People 2000 Objective	Not applicable.
Changes since the 2000 Publication	None.
Measure	Percent.
Baseline (Year)	19 (1998)
Target	29
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 12 th grade students who report never using alcohol.
Denominator	Number of 12 th grade students.
Population Targeted	Students in public and private schools in the coterminous United States.
Questions Used To Obtain the National Baseline Data	From the 1998 Monitoring the Future Study: ➤ <i>On how many occasions (if any) have you had alcohol to drink - more than just a few sips... in your lifetime? ... during the last 12 months? ... during the last 30 days?</i> [Mark one circle for each line. Response categories include:]

0 occasions
1-2 occasions
3-5 occasions
6-9 occasions
10-19 occasions
20-39 occasions
40 or more

Expected Periodicity Annual.

Comments Students are considered to have never used alcohol if they respond they drank alcohol on 0 occasions in their lifetime. Data are based on students in attendance on the day of the survey administration.

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 NVSS-M and Appendix A for focus area contact information.

References

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