

Healthy People 2010 Operational Definition

15-39. Reduce weapon carrying by adolescents on school property.

National Data Source	Youth Risk Behavior Surveillance System (YRBSS), CDC, NCCDPHP.
State Data Source	Youth Risk Behavior Surveillance System (YRBSS), CDC, NCCDPHP.
Healthy People 2000 Objective	Adapted from 7.10 (Violent and Abusive Behavior).
Changes since the 2000 Publication	None.
Measure	Percent.
Baseline (Year)	6.9 (1999)
Target	4.9
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 students in grades 9 through 12 who report carrying a weapon on school property at least 1 day in the 30 days preceding the survey.
Denominator	Students in grades 9 through 12.
Population Targeted	Students in grades 9 through 12.
Questions Used To Obtain the National Baseline Data	From the 1999 Youth Risk Behavior Surveillance System: ➤ <i>During the past 30 days, on how many days did you carry a weapon, such as a gun, knife, or club on school property?</i> <i>0 days</i> <i>1 day</i> <i>2 or 3 days</i> <i>4 or 5 days</i> <i>6 or more days</i>
Expected Periodicity	Biennial.

Comments

This objective differs from Healthy People 2000 objective 7.10 in that it is limited to weapon carrying on school grounds; objective 7.10 tracked weapon carrying in any location.

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 YRBSS and Appendix A for focus area contact information.

References

1. Klein, R.J.; Proctor, S.E.; Boudreault, M.A.; Turczyn, K.M. Healthy People 2010 Criteria for Data Suppression. *Statistical Notes* No. 24. Hyattsville, MD: National Center for Health Statistics. 2002.