

## Healthy People 2010 Operational Definition

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### 6-4. Increase the proportion of adults with disabilities who participate in social activities.

<b>National Data Source</b>	National Health Interview Survey (NHIS), CDC, NCHS.
<b>State Data Source</b>	Behavioral Risk Factor Surveillance System (BRFSS), CDC, NCCDPHP.
<b>Healthy People 2000 Objective</b>	Not applicable.
<b>Changes since the 2000 Publication</b>	Revised text (see Comments). Revised baseline (see Comments). Revised target (see Comments).
<b>Measure</b>	Percent (age adjusted—see Comments).
<b>Baseline (Year)</b>	61 (2001)
<b>Target</b>	79
<b>Target-Setting Method</b>	30 percent improvement (parity with adults aged 18 years and older without disabilities in 2001).  For a discussion of target-setting methods, see Part A, section 4.
<b>Numerator</b>	Number of persons aged 18 years and older with disabilities who report participation in at least 5 out of 7 social activities.
<b>Denominator</b>	Number of persons aged 18 years and older with disabilities.
<b>Population Targeted</b>	U.S. civilian, noninstitutionalized population.
<b>Questions Used To Obtain the National Baseline Data</b>	From the 2001 National Health Interview Survey:  [NUMERATOR:] ➤ <i>Do you participate in social activities such as getting together with friends and family, telephoning friends and family, or going to worship or group events?</i>  [DENOMINATOR:] ➤ <i>I am now going to ask you about (your/the) general health (of family members) and the effects of any</i>

*physical, mental, or emotional health problems.*

- *Because of a physical, mental or emotional problem (do/does) (you/anyone) in the family need the help of other persons with PERSONAL CARE NEEDS, such as eating, bathing, dressing, or getting around inside this home?*
- *Because of a physical, mental or emotional problem (do/does) (you/anyone) in the family need the help of other persons in handling ROUTINE NEEDS, such as everyday household chores, doing necessary business, shopping, or getting around for other purposes?*
- *Does a physical, mental or emotional problem NOW keep (you/any family members aged 18 and older) from working at a job or business?*
- *(Are any family members aged 18 and older) limited in the kind OR amount of work (you/they) can do because of a physical, mental or emotional problem?*
- *Because of a health problem, (do/does) (you/anyone) in the family have difficulty walking without using any special equipment?*
- *(Are/Is) (you/anyone) in the family LIMITED IN ANY WAY in any activities because of difficulty remembering or because {you/they} experience periods of confusion?*
- *(Are/Is) (you/anyone) in the family LIMITED IN ANY WAY in any activities because of physical, mental or emotional problems?*
- *Do you now have any health problems that require you to use special equipment, such as a cane, a wheelchair, a special bed, or a special telephone?*

**Expected Periodicity** Periodic.

**Comments** Persons aged 18 years and older are defined as having a disability if he/she responds “yes” to any of the limitation questions listed in the DENOMINATOR section for objective 6-3.

A person is considered to participate in social activities if he/she responded “yes” to the questions listed in the NUMERATOR section above.

The baseline and target have been revised. The original baseline (1997) was based on the NHIS question “How difficult is it for you to participate in (at least five out of the seven) social activities?” The original baseline was 95 percent and the target setting method was total coverage. Hence, the original target was 100 percent. The revised baseline (2001) is based on the NHIS question “Do

you participate in social activities such as getting together with friends and family, telephoning friends and family, or going to worship or group events?" The revised baseline is 61 percent and the target setting method is 30 percent improvement (parity with adults aged 18 years and older without disabilities in 2001), resulting in a target of 79 percent.

Data (except those by education status) are age adjusted to the 2000 standard population using the age groups 18-24, 25-34, 35-44, 45-64, and 65 years and over. Data by education status are age adjusted to the 2000 standard population using the age groups 25-34, 35-44, 45-64, and 65 years and over. Age-adjusted percents are weighted sums of age-specific percents. For a discussion of age adjustment, see Part A, section 7.

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*.<sup>1</sup>

See Part C for a description of NHIS and Appendix A for focus area contact information.

## References

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