

## Healthy People 2010 Operational Definition

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### 6-5. Increase the proportion of adults with disabilities reporting sufficient emotional support.

<b>National Data Source</b>	Behavioral Risk Factor Surveillance System (BRFSS), CDC, NCCDPHP.
<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 data source (see Comments). Revised baseline (see Comments). Revised target (see Comments).
<b>Measure</b>	Percent (age adjusted—see Comments).
<b>Baseline (Year)</b>	67 (2005)
<b>Target</b>	80
<b>Target-Setting Method</b>	20 percent improvement (parity with adults aged 18 years and older without disabilities in 2005).  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 receiving sufficient emotional support.
<b>Denominator</b>	Number of persons aged 18 years and older with disabilities.
<b>Population Targeted</b>	Civilian, noninstitutionalized population of selected States (see Comments).
<b>Questions Used To Obtain the National Baseline Data</b>	From the 2005 Behavioral Risk Factor Surveillance System:  [NUMERATOR:] ➤ <i>How often do you get the social and emotional support you need?</i> <i>Always</i> <i>Usually</i> <i>Sometimes</i> <i>Rarely</i>

*Never*  
*Refused/Not ascertained/Don't know*

[DENOMINATOR:]

- *Are you limited in any way in any activities because of any impairment or health problem?*
- *If you use special equipment or help from others to get around, what type do you use?*

**Expected Periodicity** Annual.

**Comments** For this objective, adults with disabilities are defined as persons aged 18 years and older who report being limited in any activity because of impairments or health problems or who require special equipment. An adult is considered to have sufficient social support if he/she reported “always” or “usually” to the question listed in the NUMERATOR section above.

Starting in 2005, the question for this objective (see numerator above) is in the core of the BRFSS representing all 50 states.

The original data source for this objective was the BRFSS (1998). The baseline was 71 percent and the target was 79 percent. The target-setting method was 11 percent improvement (parity with adults aged 18 years and older without disabilities in 1998). The data source was subsequently revised to the 2001 NHIS. The baseline was 71 percent and the target was 84 percent. The target-setting method was 18 percent improvement (parity with adults aged 18 years and older without disabilities in 1998). The 2001 NHIS was used as an interim data source. Data from this interim source are included in the Healthy People 2010 Midcourse Review publication.

The data source was changed back to the BRFSS due to the lack of follow-up data in the NHIS and availability of BRFSS data starting in 2005. The (new) revised baseline is 61 percent; the target-setting method is 20 percent improvement, and the revised target is 79 percent.

Data 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. 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 BRFSS and Appendix A for focus area contact information.

## References

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