

## Healthy People 2010 Operational Definition

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**13-6. Increase the proportion of sexually active persons who use condoms.**

**13-6a. Unmarried females aged 18 to 44 years.**

<b>National Data Source</b>	National Survey of Family Growth (NSFG), CDC, NCHS.
<b>State Data Source</b>	Behavioral Risk Factor Surveillance System (BRFSS), CDC, NCCDPHP. (See State Operational Definition, below.)
<b>Healthy People 2000 Objective</b>	Adapted from 19.10 (Sexually Transmitted Diseases) (also 18.4).
<b>Changes since the 2000 Publication</b>	None.
<b>Leading Health Indicator</b>	Responsible Sexual Behavior.
<b>Measure</b>	Percent.
<b>Baseline (Year)</b>	23 (1995)
<b>Target</b>	50
<b>Target-Setting Method</b>	Better than the best racial/ethnic subgroup. For a discussion of target-setting methods, see Part A, section 4.
<b>Numerator</b>	Number of sexually active, unmarried females aged 18 to 44 years who reported using a condom at last sexual intercourse.
<b>Denominator</b>	Number of sexually active, unmarried females aged 18 to 44 years.
<b>Population Targeted</b>	U.S. civilian, noninstitutionalized population.
<b>Questions Used To Obtain the National Baseline Data</b>	From the 1995 National Survey of Family Growth:  ➤ <i>What is your current marital status? Are you...</i> 1) <i>Married</i> 2) <i>Widowed</i>

- 3) *Divorced*
- 4) *Separated, because you and your husband are not getting along*
- 5) *Have you never been married?*

➤ *The last time you had intercourse, did you or your partner use any method?*

[If yes:]

*Which methods?*

- 1) *Birth control pills*
- 2) *Condom*
- 3) *Partner's vasectomy*
- 4) *Diaphragm*
- 5) *Foam*
- 6) *Jelly or cream*
- 7) *Cervical cap*
- 8) *Suppository, insert*
- 9) *Today sponge*
- 10) *Female condom, vaginal pouch*
- 11) *IUD, Coil, Loop*
- 12) *Norplant*
- 13) *Depo-provera, Injectables*
- 14) *Morning after pill*
- 15) *Rhythm or safe period by calendar*
- 16) *Safe period by temperature, or cervical mucus test, natural family planning*
- 17) *Withdrawal, pulling out*
- 18) *Respondent sterile*
- 19) *Partner sterile*
- 20) *Other method (specify)*

**Expected Periodicity**      Periodic.

**Comments**                      Unmarried females are considered to have used a condom at last intercourse if they reported they were either not married, but living together with a partner of the opposite sex; widowed; divorced; separated; or had never been married; were sexually active, and either whose partner used a condom (rubber) or who used a female condom (vaginal pouch) at their last intercourse.

Sexually active refers to females who have had intercourse in the 3 months prior to interview.

Objective 13-6 is one of the measures used to track the Responsible Sexual Behavior Leading Health Indicator. See Appendix E for a complete list.

This subobjective is adapted from a measure in Healthy People 2000 objective 19.10, which tracked the proportion of sexually active, unmarried people aged 15 to 44 years who report their partner used a

condom at last intercourse. This measure tracks the proportion of females aged 18 to 44 years who used a condom (male or female) at last intercourse.

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 NSFG and Appendix A for focus area contact information.

## References

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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.

## State Operational Definition

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**13-6a. Unmarried females aged 18 to 44 years.**

<b>State Data Source</b>	Behavioral Risk Factor Surveillance System (BRFSS), CDC, NCCDPHP.
<b>National Data Source</b>	National Survey of Family Growth (NSFG), CDC, NCHS.
<b>Measure</b>	Percent.
<b>Numerator</b>	Number of sexually active, unmarried females aged 18 to 44 years who reported using a condom at last

	sexual intercourse.
<b>Denominator</b>	Number of sexually active, unmarried females aged 18 to 44 years.
<b>Population Targeted</b>	State-specific civilian, non-institutionalized adult population residing in households with telephones (see Comments).
<b>Questions Used To Obtain the State Baseline Data</b>	<p>From the 1998 Behavioral Risk Factor Surveillance System:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>➤ <i>What is your current marital status? Are you...</i> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>a) <i>Married</i></li> <li>b) <i>Widowed</i></li> <li>c) <i>Divorced</i></li> <li>d) <i>Separated</i></li> <li>e) <i>Never been married</i></li> <li>f) <i>Member of an unmarried couple</i></li> <li>g) <i>Refused</i></li> </ul> </li> <li>➤ <i>Was a condom used that last time you had sexual intercourse?</i></li> </ul>
<b>Expected Periodicity</b>	Periodic.
<b>Comments</b>	<p>Data for this objective are collected using an optional module of the BRFSS, which is made available to States for administration annually. The number of States that select the Sexual Behavior module varies every year. In 1998, 8 States used the optional Sexual Behaviors module.</p> <p>National data from the NSFG and state data from the BRFSS may not be comparable for a number of reasons, including mode of question administration, context of questions, question wording, and survey sampling frame.</p> <p>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 <i>Healthy People Statistical Note</i>.<sup>1</sup></p> <p>See <a href="http://www.cdc.gov/brfss">www.cdc.gov/brfss</a> for a description of BRFSS and Appendix A for focus area contact information.</p>

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