

Healthy People 2010 Operational Definition

15-35. Reduce the annual rate of rape or attempted rape.

National Data Source	National Crime Victimization Survey (NCVS), Department of Justice (DOJ), Bureau of Justice Statistics (BJS).
State Data Source	Not identified.
Healthy People 2000 Objective	Adapted from 7.7 (Violent and Abusive Behavior).
Changes since the 2000 Publication	Revised baseline (see Comments). Revised target (see Comments).
Measure	Rate per 1,000 population.
Baseline (Year)	0.9 (1998)
Target	0.8
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 persons aged 12 years and older who reported being raped or a victim of an attempted rape.
Denominator	Number of persons aged 12 years and older.
Population Targeted	Noninstitutionalized population.
Questions Used To Obtain the National Baseline Data	From the 1998 National Crime Victimization Survey (NCVS-2 form): ➤ <i>How did the offender TRY to attack you? How were you threatened? Any other way? Mark (X) all that apply. [response 1]</i> <ol style="list-style-type: none"><i>1. Verbal threat of rape</i><i>2. Verbal threat to kill</i><i>3. Verbal threat of attack other than to kill or rape</i><i>4. Verbal threat of sexual assault other than rape</i><i>5. Unwanted sexual contact with force (grabbing, fondling, etc.)</i><i>6. Unwanted sexual contact without force (grabbing, fondling, etc.)</i><i>7. Weapon present or threatened with weapon</i><i>8. Shot at (but missed)</i>

9. *Attempted attack with knife/sharp weapon*
 10. *Attempted attack with weapon other than gun/knife/sharp weapon*
 11. *Object thrown at person*
 12. *Followed or surrounded*
 13. *Tried to hit, slap, knock down, grab, hold, trip, jump, push, etc.*
 14. *Other – Specify*
- *How were you attacked? Any other way? Mark (X) all that apply. [responses 1 or 2]*
1. *Raped*
 2. *Tried to rape*
 3. *Sexual assault other than rape or attempted rape*
 4. *Shot*
 5. *Shot at (but missed)*
 6. *Hit with gun held in hand*
 7. *Stabbed/cut with knife/sharp weapon*
 8. *Attempted attack with knife/sharp weapon*
 9. *Hit by object (other than gun) held in hand*
 10. *Hit by thrown object*
 11. *Attempted attack with weapon other than gun/knife/sharp weapon*
 12. *Hit, slapped, knocked down*
 13. *Grabbed, held, tripped, jumped, pushed, etc.*
 14. *Other – Specify*
- *What were the injuries you suffered, if any? Anything else? [responses 2 or 3]*
1. *None – SKIP to 40*
 2. *Raped*
 3. *Attempted rape*
 4. *Sexual assault other than rape or attempted rape*
 5. *Knife or stab wounds*
 6. *Gunshot, bullet wounds*
 7. *Broken bones or teeth knocked out*
 8. *Internal injuries*
 9. *Knocked unconscious*
 10. *Bruises, black eye, cuts, scratches, swelling, chipped teeth*
 11. *Other – Specify*

Expected Periodicity Annual.

Comments Rape or attempted rape includes forced sexual intercourse including both psychological coercion as well as physical force; and attempted rape includes verbal threats of rape. This objective tracks incidents against males and females identified as crimes. This objective differs from Healthy People 2000 objective 7.7, which included females only.

The original baseline of 0.8 rapes or attempted rapes per 1,000 population was revised to 0.9 per

1,000 to reflect updated data. The target was proportionally adjusted from 0.7 rapes or attempted rapes per 1,000 population to 0.8 per 1,000 to reflect the revised baseline using the original target-setting method.

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 NCVS and Appendix A for focus area contact information.

References

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