

Healthy People 2010 Operational Definition

28-4. Reduce blindness and visual impairment in children and adolescents aged 17 years and under.

National Data Source	National Health Interview Survey (NHIS), CDC, NCHS.
State Data Source	Not identified.
Healthy People 2000 Objective	Not applicable.
Changes since the 2000 Publication	Revised baseline (see Comments). Revised target (see Comments).
Measure	Rate per 1,000 population.
Baseline (Year)	24 (1997)
Target	18
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 17 years and under who have trouble seeing, even when wearing glasses or contact lenses.
Denominator	Number of persons aged 17 years and under.
Population Targeted	U.S. civilian, noninstitutionalized population.
Questions Used To Obtain the National Baseline Data	From the 1997 National Health Interview Survey: ➤ <i>Does {child's name} have any trouble seeing?</i> [If age 2+ years:] ○ <i>even when wearing glasses or contact lenses?</i>
Expected Periodicity	Annual.
Comments	The original baseline was revised from 25 cases per 1,000 persons aged 17 years and under to 24 cases per 1,000 due to a data entry error. The target was proportionally adjusted from 20 cases per 1,000 persons aged 17 years and under to 18 cases per

1,000 to reflect the revised baseline using the original target-setting method.

For some objectives, 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 discussion of NHANES and Appendix A for focus area contact information.

References

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