

Healthy People 2010 Operational Definition

26-16. Increase the proportion of adolescents who disapprove of substance abuse.

One or two alcoholic drinks nearly every day.

26-16a. 8th graders.

National Data Source	Monitoring the Future Study (MTF), NIH, NIDA.
State Data Source	Not identified.
Healthy People 2000 Objective	Adapted from 4.9 (Substance Abuse: Alcohol and Other Drugs) (also 3.21).
Changes since the 2000 Publication	None.
Measure	Percent.
Baseline (Year)	77 (1998)
Target	83
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 8 th grade students who report their disapproval of people who take one or two drinks nearly every day.
Denominator	Number of 8 th grade students.
Population Targeted	Public and private schools in the coterminous United States.
Questions Used To Obtain the National Baseline Data	From the 1998 Monitoring the Future Study: ➤ <i>Individuals differ in whether or not they disapprove of people doing certain things. Do YOU disapprove of people doing each of the following?</i> [Response categories "a" through "p" include:] <i>j. Taking one or two drinks nearly every day....</i> <i>Disapprove</i>

Don't disapprove
Strongly disapprove
Can't say, Drug Unfamiliar

Expected Periodicity Annual.

Comments Disapproval is defined as those who report that they "disapprove" or "strongly disapprove."

Data are based on students in attendance on the day of the survey administration.

This objective differs from Healthy People 2000 objective 4.9, which measures perception of disapproval by others and is limited to tracking 12th grade students.

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 MTF and Appendix A for focus area contact information.

References

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