

Healthy People 2010 Operational Definition

27-1. Reduce tobacco use by adults.

27-1c. Cigars.

National Data Source	National Health Interview Survey (NHIS), CDC, NCHS.
State Data Source	Not identified—see Comments.
Healthy People 2000 Objective	Not applicable.
Changes since the 2000 Publication	Revised baseline (see Comments).
Measure	Percent (age adjusted—see Comments).
Baseline (Year)	2.4 (1998)
Target	1.2
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 adults 18 years and older who report having smoked at least 50 cigars in lifetime and now smoke cigars everyday or some days.
Denominator	Number of adults aged 18 years and older.
Population Targeted	U.S. civilian, noninstitutionalized population.
Questions Used To Obtain the National Baseline Data	From the 1998 National Health Interview Survey: ➤ <i>Have you ever smoked cigars?</i> [If yes:] <ul style="list-style-type: none">○ <i>Have you smoked at least 50 cigars in your entire life?</i>○ <i>Do you now smoke cigars everyday, some days, or not at all?</i>
Expected Periodicity	Periodic.

Comments

Persons are classified as smoking cigars if they answer “yes” to smoking 50 cigars in their lifetime, and report smoking cigars “everyday” or “some days.”

For State data, questions on cigar smoking for the 2001 BRFSS (Optional Module) are proposed. They are not identical to the NHIS questions.

The original baseline of 2.5 percent was revised to 2.4 percent due to a change in programming methodology. The baseline of 1.2 percent did not change.

Data (except those by education status) 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. Data by education status are age adjusted using the age groups 25-34, 35-44, 45-64, and 65 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*.¹

See Part C for a description of NHIS and Appendix A for focus area contact information.

References

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.