

Youth Risk Behavior Surveillance System

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The Youth Risk Behavior Surveillance System (YRBS) monitors priority health-risk behaviors and the prevalence of obesity and asthma among youth and young adults. The YRBS is conducted throughout the U.S. with support from the Centers for Disease Control and Prevention (CDC).

The YRBS monitors the following priority health-risk behaviors among youth and young adults:

- » behaviors that contribute to unintentional injuries and violence;
- » tobacco use;
- » alcohol and other drug use;
- » sexual behaviors that contribute to unintended pregnancy and sexually transmitted diseases (STDs), including human immunodeficiency virus (HIV) infection;
- » unhealthy dietary behaviors;
- » physical inactivity; and
- » prevalence of obesity and asthma.

The Louisiana 2008 and 2009 YRBSS was implemented by the Louisiana Department of Education (LDOE) in collaboration with the Louisiana Department of Health and Hospitals, Tobacco Control Program, ICF Macro International and the Louisiana Public Health Institute (LPHI) among 9th through 12th grade students in a random selection of public schools in Louisiana.

More information on the purpose, components and use of the data for YRBSS is available at <http://www.cdc.gov/HealthyYouth/yrbs/index.htm>.

The following table presents the basic demographics of the respondents for the Louisiana 2008 and 2009 YRBS surveys.



2008 YOUTH RISK BEHAVIOR SURVEY RESULTS | LOUISIANA HIGH SCHOOL STUDENTS

DEMOGRAPHIC TABLE

		MALE		FEMALE		TOTAL	
		N	Weighted Percentage	N	Weighted Percentage	N	Weighted Percentage
Total		626	48.6	709	51.4	1335	
Grade	9th	172	14.9	151	14.5	323	24.3
	10th	177	12.5	230	13.5	407	30.6
	11th	183	11	222	12.1	405	30.4
	12th	88	10	104	11.3	192	14.4
	Ungraded or other grade	3	0.2	1	0.1	4	0.3
	Missing	3		1		4	--
Race/Ethnicity	Black*	204	19.4	240	20.6	444	33.9
	Hispanic/Latino	40	1.5	31	0.9	71	5.4
	White*	332	26.7	389	28.7	721	55.1
	All other races	25	0.8	19	0.6	44	3.4
	Multiple races	15	0.5	13	0.4	28	2.1
	Missing	10		17		27	

*N= Number of students | *Non-Hispanic*

2009 YOUTH RISK BEHAVIOR SURVEY RESULTS | LOUISIANA HIGH SCHOOL STUDENTS

DEMOGRAPHIC TABLE

		MALE		FEMALE		TOTAL	
		N	Weighted Percentage	N	Weighted Percentage	N	Weighted Percentage
Total		420	48.9	608	51.1	1035	
Grade	9th	107	15.6	167	14.7	274	30.1
	10th	134	11.9	219	12.8	356	24.9
	11th	114	11.3	134	12.3	249	23.5
	12th	64	10.1	86	11.3	151	21.4
	Ungraded or other grade	0	0	1	0.1	1	0.1
	Missing	1		1		4	--
Race/Ethnicity	Black*	188	21.0	297	22.3	486	43.2
	Hispanic/Latino	26	1.2	36	1.2	64	2.4
	White*	167	25.1	229	26.7	397	51.8
	All other races	24	1.1	18	0.6	42	1.8
	Multiple races	7	0.3	16	0.5	24	0.9
	Missing	8		12		22	--

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