

2003 YOUTH RISK BEHAVIOR SURVEY RESULTS

New York City High School Survey Survey Summary

The Youth Risk Behavior Survey (YRBS) was completed by 7390 students in 77 public high schools in New York City during the spring of 2003. The school response rate was 97%, the student response rate was 67%, and the overall response rate was 65%. The results are representative of all students in grades 9-12. The weighted demographic characteristics of the sample are as follows:

Males	50.8%	9th grade	37.3%	African American	34.8%
Females	49.2%	10th grade	30.9%	Asian	9.1%
		11th grade	17.2%	Hispanic/ Latino	36.9%
		12th grade	14.5%	White	16.5%
				All other races	1.7%
				Multiple races	1.1%

Students completed a self-administered, anonymous, 87-item questionnaire. Survey procedures were designed to protect the privacy of students by allowing for anonymous and voluntary participation. Local parental permission procedures were followed before survey administration.

The YRBS is one component of the Youth Risk Behavior Surveillance System developed by the Centers for Disease Control and Prevention in collaboration with representatives from 71 state and local departments of education and health, 19 other federal agencies, and national education and health organizations. The Youth Risk Behavior Surveillance System was designed to focus the nation on behaviors among youth related to the leading causes of mortality and morbidity among both youth and adults and to assess how these risk behaviors change over time. The Youth Risk Behavior Surveillance System measures behaviors that fall into six categories:

1. Behaviors that result in unintentional injuries and violence;
2. Tobacco use;
3. Alcohol and other drug use;
4. Sexual behaviors that result in HIV infection, other sexually transmitted diseases, and unintended pregnancies;
5. Dietary behaviors; and
6. Physical activity.

More information about the Youth Risk Behavior Surveillance System can be obtained from <http://www.cdc.gov/yrbss>.