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Division of Adolescent and School Health

Summary of Surveillance Activities

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| | Youth Risk Behavior Surveillance System (YRBSS) | | | School Health Policies and Practices Study (SHPPS) | School Health Profiles (Profiles) |
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| | National | State/Territorial/ Tribal/District | Other | | |
| Purpose | <ul style="list-style-type: none"> To determine the prevalence of health-risk behaviors among students To assess trends in these behaviors To examine the co-occurrence of health-risk behaviors | | | To provide national data on eight components of school health at the state, school district, school, and classroom levels | To provide data on health policies and activities at schools for states, large urban school districts, territories, and tribal governments |
| Content | <ul style="list-style-type: none"> Unintentional injuries and violence Tobacco use Alcohol and other drug use Sexual behaviors that contribute to unintended pregnancy and sexually transmitted diseases, including HIV infection Unhealthy dietary behaviors Physical inactivity Obesity Asthma | | | <ul style="list-style-type: none"> Health education Physical education and activity Health services Mental health and social services Nutrition services Healthy and safe school environment Faculty and staff health promotion Family and community involvement | <ul style="list-style-type: none"> School health education requirements and content Physical education and physical activity School health policies related to HIV infection/AIDS, tobacco-use prevention, and nutrition Asthma management activities Family and community involvement in school health programs School health coordination |
| Sample | Nationally representative sample of public and private high school students | Representative samples of public high school students in each jurisdiction | Representative samples of students in: <ul style="list-style-type: none"> Middle schools Alternative schools | <ul style="list-style-type: none"> All states Nationally representative sample of school districts Nationally representative sample of public and private elementary schools, middle schools, and high schools | Representative sample of public middle schools and high schools in each state, territory, tribal government, or school district |
| Methods | Self-administered paper-and-pencil questionnaires, conducted in classrooms | | | Computer-assisted personal interviews, Web-based surveys, and self-administered, mailed questionnaires | Self-administered, mailed questionnaires |
| Timing | Biennially, since 1991 | | Varied | Every 6 years, since 1994 | Biennially, Since 1994 |
| Example Statements | In 2011, 48.6% of Hispanic female high school students in the U.S. attended physical education classes on 1 or more days in an average week when they were in school. | In 2011, 26.5% of female high school students in Kentucky attended physical education classes on 1 or more days in an average week when they were in school. | In 2011, 88.2% of middle school students in Wyoming attended physical education classes on 1 or more days in an average week when they were in school. | <p>State: In 2012, 98.0% of states had adopted national or state physical education standards.</p> <p>District: In 2012, 63.2% of districts had someone oversee or coordinate physical education.</p> <p>School: In 2006, 78.3% of schools required students to take some physical education.</p> | In 2012, 71.8% of secondary schools in Arizona required physical education for students in any of grades 6 through 12. |
| Ownership of Data | CDC | States, territories, tribal governments, and school districts | Varied | CDC | States, territories, tribal governments, and school districts |
| Contractor | ICF Macro, Inc., an ICF International Company | Westat, Inc., plus companies hired by states, territories, tribal governments, and school districts | Varied | ICF Macro, Inc., an ICF International Company | Westat, Inc., plus companies hired by states, territories, tribal governments, and school districts |
| Web Site | www.cdc.gov/yrbss | | | www.cdc.gov/shpps | www.cdc.gov/schoolhealthprofiles |

*Surveillance is the ongoing collection, analysis, and interpretation of data from generalizable samples.