



# YRBSS

## National Youth Risk Behavior Survey: 1991-2003

### *Trends in the Prevalence of Suicide Ideation and Attempts*

#### What Is the National Youth Risk Behavior Survey (YRBS)?

The national YRBS monitors priority health risk behaviors that contribute to the leading causes of death, disability, and social problems among youth and adults in the United States. The national YRBS is conducted every two years during the spring semester and provides data representative of 9th through 12th grade students in public and private schools throughout the United States.

1991	1993	1995	1997	1999	2001	2003	Changes from 1991 – 2003 <sup>1</sup>	Change from 2001 – 2003 <sup>2</sup>
<b>Seriously considered attempting suicide</b> (During the 12 months preceding the survey.)								
29.0 (±1.5) <sup>3</sup>	24.1 (±0.9)	24.1 (±1.1)	20.5 (±2.3)	19.3 (±1.2)	19.0 (±1.4)	16.9 (±0.7)	Decreased, 1991 – 1999 No change, 1999 – 2001 Decreased, 2001 – 2003	Decreased
<b>Made a suicide plan</b> (During the 12 months preceding the survey.)								
18.6 (±1.5)	19.0 (±1.1)	17.7 (±1.4)	15.7 (±1.3)	14.5 (±1.4)	14.8 (±1.1)	16.5 (±3.5)	Decreased, 1991 – 2003	No change
<b>Attempted suicide</b> (One or more times during the 12 months preceding the survey.)								
7.3 (±0.9)	8.6 (±0.8)	8.7 (±0.8)	7.7 (±0.9)	8.3 (±1.0)	8.8 (±0.8)	8.5 (±1.1)	No change, 1991 – 2003	No change

<sup>1</sup> Based on linear and quadratic trend analyses using a logistic regression model controlling for sex, race/ethnicity, and grade.

<sup>2</sup> Based on T-test analyses.

<sup>3</sup> 95% confidence interval.

#### Where can I find more information?

More information about the YRBSS is available at [www.cdc.gov/yrbss](http://www.cdc.gov/yrbss) or call (888)231-6405.



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