

## **Youth Risk Behavior Survey (YRBS): Asthma Content**

The YRBS was developed in 1990 to monitor priority health risk behaviors that contribute to the leading causes of death, disability, and social problems among middle school and high school students in the United States. The survey is conducted every other year at the national and state levels. Six categories of priority health-risk behaviors are monitored.

**Administered** by the National Center for HIV/AIDs, STD, and TB Prevention, CDC

**Survey Website:** <http://www.cdc.gov/healthyyouth/yrbs/index.htm>

### **Sampling Frame and Methodology:**

- Conducted every 2 years
- Self-administered questionnaire in school setting
- National, state, and local school-based surveys of representative samples of high school students (9th through 12th grade students) and middle school students (7th and 8th grades)
- Geography: National and state estimates only

### **Respiratory Health Content:**

Asthma prevalence questions added in 2005 (not directly comparable to NHIS, BRFSS):

- Lifetime asthma diagnosis
- Current asthma prevalence
- Asthma attack prevalence

### **Questionnaire, Data Access, & Technical Documentation:**

Questionnaires (All Years): <https://www.cdc.gov/healthyyouth/data/yrbs/questionnaires.htm>

Data (All Years): <https://www.cdc.gov/healthyyouth/data/yrbs/data.htm>

Online Data Request Form (for states, territories, urban school districts): <https://www.cdc.gov/healthyyouth/data/yrbs/contact.htm>

### **Results, Reports, & Resources:**

Youth Online Data Analysis Tool: <http://nccd.cdc.gov/YouthOnline/App/Default.aspx?SID=MS> (select "Other Health Topics")

Results, Slides, and MMWR Publications: <https://www.cdc.gov/healthyyouth/data/yrbs/results.htm>

**Developed by CDC National Asthma Control Program:** <http://www.cdc.gov/asthma/NACP.htm>

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### YRBS Relevant Survey Questions:

	2003	2005	2007	2009	2011	2013	2015	2017
Has a doctor or nurse ever told you that you have asthma?								
During the past 12 months, have you had an episode of asthma or an asthma attack?								
Do you still have asthma?								

Note: Dark grey areas in table represent inclusion of asthma content for given year(s)

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