

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 Chronic Disease Prevention and Health Promotion, CDC. Sponsored by the National Center for Environmental Health, CDC (asthma prevalence questions only).

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 estimate

Respiratory Health Content:

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

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

Most Recent Survey and Available Data:

2013 & 2015 Questionnaires available: http://www.cdc.gov/healthyyouth/yrbs/questionnaire_rationale.htm

2013 High School Data & Documentation: <http://www.cdc.gov/healthyyouth/yrbs/data/index.htm>

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Questionnaire, Data Access, & Technical Documentation:

Questionnaires (All Years): http://www.cdc.gov/healthyyouth/yrbs/questionnaire_rationale.htm

Data & Methods (All Years for High School): <http://www.cdc.gov/healthyyouth/yrbs/data/index.htm>

Data Request Information (for states, territories, urban school districts): <http://www.cdc.gov/healthyyouth/yrbs/requestingdata.htm>

Results, Reports, & Resources:

Youth Online Results Middle School Students: <http://nccd.cdc.gov/YouthOnline/App/Default.aspx?SID=MS>

Youth Online Results High School Students: <http://nccd.cdc.gov/YouthOnline/App/Default.aspx?SID=HS> ('Other Health Topics')

Adolescent & School Health Reports & MMWR: <http://www.cdc.gov/healthyyouth/yrbs/cdcreports.htm>

Presentation Slides and Maps: <http://www.cdc.gov/HealthyYouth/yrbs/slides/index.htm>

Adolescent and School Health Journal Articles: <http://www.cdc.gov/healthyyouth/yrbs/articles.htm>

YRBS Fact Sheets: <http://www.cdc.gov/healthyyouth/yrbs/factsheets/index.htm>

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

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YRBS Relevant Survey Questions:	2001	2003	2005	2007	2009	2011	2013	2015
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?								

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