

They can be found at this CDC Web site:  
<https://www.cdc.gov/healthyyouth/data/yrbss/index.htm>

**Youth Online, the YRBS Explorer, and the YRBS Analysis Tool** are valuable tools for monitoring trends, setting research priorities, and planning programs and initiatives.

Youth Online allows users to access YRBS data, perform statistical tests, and create customized tables, maps, and graphs. The YRBS Explorer provides YRBS data in pre-created tables and graphs, allowing users to examine national, state, and local data without conducting analyses. The YRBS Analysis Tool allows users to run a real-time data analysis that generates frequencies, cross tabulations, and stratified results.

Data users can examine prevalence estimates and long term trends on health-risk behaviors and experiences that contribute to the leading causes of death and disability among youth and adults. Users can view data by health topic, location, and year. Filter and sort data by race/ethnicity, sex, academic grade, sexual orientation, age, location, and year (going back to 1991).

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# CDC's Summary of Youth Surveillance Activities

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	Youth Risk Behavior Surveillance System (YRBSS)			School Health Profiles (Profiles)
	National	State/Territorial/Tribal/District	Other	
<b>What is the surveillance system's purpose?</b>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>To determine the prevalence of health-risk behaviors among students</li> <li>To assess trends in these behaviors</li> <li>To examine the co-occurrence of health-risk behaviors</li> </ul>			To provide data on health policies and activities in schools for states, large urban school districts, and territories
<b>What does the surveillance system monitor?</b>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>Behaviors that contribute to unintentional injuries and violence</li> <li>Sexual behaviors that contribute to unintended pregnancy and sexually transmitted infections, including HIV infection</li> <li>Alcohol and other drug use</li> <li>Tobacco use</li> <li>Unhealthy dietary behaviors</li> <li>Inadequate physical activity</li> <li>Obesity</li> <li>Asthma</li> </ul>			<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>School health education requirements and content</li> <li>Physical education and physical activity</li> <li>Practices related to bullying and sexual harassment</li> <li>School health policies related to tobacco-use prevention and nutrition</li> <li>School-based health services</li> <li>Family engagement and community involvement</li> <li>School health coordination</li> </ul>
<b>Which population(s) are represented?</b>	Public and private high school students	Public high school students in each jurisdiction	Middle school and alternative school students	Public middle and high schools in each state, territory, or school district
<b>How are the surveys administered?</b>	Self-administered paper-and-pencil questionnaires, conducted in classrooms	Self-administered or web-based questionnaires, conducted in classrooms	Self-administered or web-based questionnaires, conducted in classrooms	Self-administered, mailed or web-based questionnaires
<b>When are the surveys administered?</b>	Biennially, since 1991		Varied	Biennially, since 1994
<b>Example of key results?</b>	In 2019, 40.3% of Hispanic female high school students in the U.S. had ever had sexual intercourse.	The percentage of high school students in Kentucky who had ever had sexual intercourse decreased from 48.3% in 2009 to 39.2% in 2019.	In 2019, 7.2% of middle school students in Broward County, FL had ever had sexual intercourse.	In 2018, 76.8% of secondary schools in Alabama had teachers who taught HIV prevention in a required course.
<b>How can I access the data?</b>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>Data available for download <a href="http://www.cdc.gov/healthyyouth/data/index.htm">www.cdc.gov/healthyyouth/data/index.htm</a></li> <li>Youth Online data analysis tool YRBS Analysis Tool <a href="https://nccd.cdc.gov/youthonline/App/Default.aspx">https://nccd.cdc.gov/youthonline/App/Default.aspx</a></li> <li>YRBS Explorer <a href="https://yrbs-explorer.services.cdc.gov/">https://yrbs-explorer.services.cdc.gov/</a></li> </ul>			Data available upon request

[www.cdc.gov/yrbs](http://www.cdc.gov/yrbs)

[www.cdc.gov/schoolhealthprofiles](http://www.cdc.gov/schoolhealthprofiles)

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