



Youth Risk Behavior Survey

The 2007 Indiana Youth Risk Behavior Survey

General Survey Information

The Youth Risk Behavior Survey (YRBS) is part of a biennial national effort led by the Centers for Disease Control and Prevention (CDC). The YRBS monitors health risks and behaviors in six categories, which are related to the leading causes of mortality and morbidity among both youth and adults. Data is collected from 9th through 12th graders on behaviors that contribute to physical activity, nutrition, tobacco use, alcohol and other drug use, violence and injuries, and sexual behavior.

Data for the YRBS is collected from a random selection of high school

students (grades 9-12) who complete an anonymous 87-item questionnaire. The 2007 Indiana YRBS was administered by the Indiana State Department of Health in the spring of 2007 to 2,331 students in 44 public high schools. Females accounted for 49.4% of respondents to the survey; males accounted for 50.6%. Additional demographic information on the survey respondents is included in Table 1. Due to the method of random selection of schools and survey respondents that was utilized, the survey results can be interpreted as representative of all Indiana students in grades 9-12.

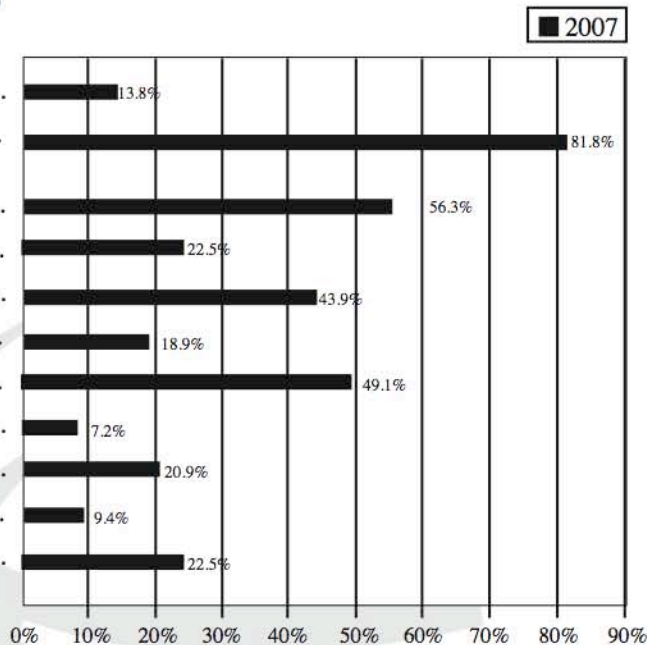
**Table 1
2007 Indiana YRBS
Demographic Information**

Total	2,331(100%)
Grade:	
9 th	28.5%
10 th	26.0%
11 th	23.8%
12 th	21.5%
Other	0.2%
Race/Ethnicity:	
Black*	11.4%
Hispanic/Latino	4.8%
White*	81.0%
All Other Races	1.7%
Multiple Races	1.1%

*non-Hispanic

2007 Indiana YRBS Overview

- Were overweight*.....
- Didn't eat fruits or vegetables 5 or more times a day.....
- Were not physically active for a total of at least 60 minutes per day on 5 or more of the past seven days.....
- Smoked cigarettes during the past 30 days.....
- Drank alcohol during the past 30 days.....
- Used marijuana during the past 30 days.....
- Ever had sexual intercourse.....
- Attempted suicide during the past 12 months.....
- Carried a weapon during the last 30 days.....
- Physically forced to have sexual intercourse.....
- Told by the doctor or nurse that he/she has asthma.....



* At or above the 95th percentile for body mass index, by age and sex. The body mass index is calculated based on self reported weight and height data.

