

**SURVEY TITLE:** Behavioral Risk Factor Survey - Massachusetts

**ACRONYM:** BRFS - MA

**SPONSOR:** National Center for Chronic Disease Prevention and Health Promotion, Centers for Disease Control and Prevention, United States Department of Health and Human Services.

**SURVEY PURPOSE:** The CDC's Behavioral Risk Factor Surveillance System has helped state and local areas survey U.S. adults to gather information about a wide range of behaviors that affect their health. The primary focus of these Behavioral Risk Factor Surveys has been on behaviors that are linked with the leading causes of death—heart disease, cancer, stroke, diabetes, and injury—and other important health issues. These behaviors include: 1) not getting enough physical activity, 2) being overweight, 3) not using seatbelts, 4) using tobacco and alcohol, and 5) not getting preventive medical care that can save lives, such as flu shots, mammograms, Pap smears, and colorectal cancer screening tests.

**LOCATION SAMPLED:** Massachusetts.

**YEARS SEXUAL ORIENTATION DATA COLLECTED:** 2000+.

**SAMPLE SIZE:** unknown/unavailable.

**METHOD OF SEXUAL ORIENTATION DATA COLLECTION:** Telephone.

**SEXUAL ORIENTATION QUESTIONS:**

**2000:**

1) During the past 12 months, have you had sex with only males, or only females, or with both males and females?

**2001:**

1) During the past 12 months, have you had sex with only males, or only females, or with both males and females?

2) Do you consider yourself to be: heterosexual or straight, homosexual or (if respondent is male read "gay": else if female, read "lesbian"), bisexual or other?

**2002:**

1) During the past 12 months, have you had sex with only males, or only females, or with both males and females?

2) Do you consider yourself to be: heterosexual or straight, homosexual or (if respondent is male read "gay": else if female, read "lesbian"), bisexual or other?

**2003:**

35.3) During the past 12 months, have you had sex with only males, only females, or with both males and females?

35.5) The last time you had sex, was your partner male or female?

14.4) Do you consider yourself to be: heterosexual or straight, homosexual or (if respondent is male read "gay": else if female, read "lesbian"), bisexual or other?

42.1) When seeing a doctor, nurse or other health care providers, do you generally disclose your sexual orientation?

42.2) What is the main reason or reasons that you don't disclose your sexual orientation? Would you say... 1. It isn't relevant 2. It doesn't come up in the discussion 3. You are uncomfortable disclosing this information 4. You feel that your treatment would be negatively affected 5. Some other reason

42.3) What effect do you feel that disclosing your sexual orientation might have on the medical care you receive? Do you feel that... 1. Your health care would be better 2. Your health care would be worse 3. Your health care would be the same

42.5) What effect do you feel that disclosing your sexual orientation has had on the health care you receive? Do you feel that... 1. Your health care has been better 2. Your health care has been worse 3. Your health care has been the same

**2004:**

13.4) Do you consider yourself to be: heterosexual or straight, homosexual or (if respondent is male read "gay"; else if female, read "lesbian"), bisexual or other?

**2005:**

13.3) Do you consider yourself to be: heterosexual or straight, homosexual or (if respondent is male read "gay"; else if female, read "lesbian"), bisexual or other?

37.3) During the past 12 months, have you had sex with only males, only females, or with both males and females?

37.4) The last time you had sex, was your partner male or female?

**2006:**

11.3) Do you consider yourself to be: heterosexual or straight, homosexual or (if respondent is male read "gay"; else if female, read "lesbian"), bisexual or other?

34.3) During the past 12 months, have you had sex with only males, only females, or with both males and females?

34.4) The last time you had sex, was your partner male or female?

**2007:**

13.3) Do you consider yourself to be: heterosexual or straight, homosexual or (if respondent is male read "gay"; else if female, read "lesbian"), bisexual or other?

30.1) Do you consider yourself to be transgender?

37.3) During the past 12 months, have you had sex with only males, only females, or with both males and females?

37.4) The last time you had sex, was your partner male or female?

**2008:**

12.3) Do you consider yourself to be: heterosexual or straight, homosexual or (if respondent is male read "gay"; else if female, read "lesbian"), bisexual or other?

12.4) Do you consider yourself to be transgender?

40.3) During the past 12 months, have you had sex with only males, only females, or with both males and females?

40.4) The last time you had sex, was your partner male or female?

**2009:**

12.3) Do you consider yourself to be: heterosexual or straight, homosexual or (if respondent is male read "gay"; else if female, read "lesbian"), bisexual or other?

12.4) Do you consider yourself to be transgender?

47.3) During the past 12 months, have you had sex with only males, only females, or with both males and females?

47.4) The last time you had sex, was your partner male or female?

**2010 (Proposed):**

Do you consider yourself to be: heterosexual or straight, homosexual or (if respondent is male read "gay"; else if female, read "lesbian"), bisexual or other?

Do you consider yourself to be transgender?

During the past 12 months, have you had sex with only males, only females, or with both males and females?

The last time you had sex, was your partner male or female?