

SURVEY TITLE: Youth Risk Behavior Survey - California

ACRONYM: YRBS - CA

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 YRBSS was developed in 1990 to monitor priority health risk behaviors that contribute markedly to the leading causes of death, disability, and social problems among youth and adults in the United States. These behaviors, often established during childhood and early adolescence, include: tobacco use, unhealthy dietary behaviors, inadequate physical activity, alcohol and other drug use, sexual behaviors that contribute to unintended pregnancy and sexually transmitted diseases (including HIV infection), and behaviors that contribute to unintentional injuries and violence. The California Youth Risk Behavior Survey (YRBS) is funded by the U.S Centers for Disease Control and Prevention. The survey will be implemented statewide for the first time in spring 2009.

LOCATION SAMPLED: Los Angeles, San Bernardino, San Diego, and San Francisco.

YEARS SEXUAL ORIENTATION DATA COLLECTED: Los Angeles: 2003; San Bernardino: 2001; San Diego: 1999, 2003, 2007; San Francisco: 1997, 1999, 2001, 2003, 2005, 2007

SAMPLE SIZE: unknown/unavailable.

METHOD OF SEXUAL ORIENTATION DATA COLLECTION: Self-completed questionnaire.

SEXUAL ORIENTATION QUESTIONS:

SAN BERNARDINO 2001:

Which of the following best describes you? a) Heterosexual (straight); b) Gay or lesbian; c) Bisexual; d) Not sure; e) None of the above”

SAN DIEGO 1999, 2003, and 2007:

“With whom have you had sexual intercourse? a) I have not had sexual intercourse with anyone; b) Females; c) Males; d) Females and males”

LOS ANGELES 2003:

“With whom have you had sexual intercourse? a) I have not had sexual intercourse with anyone; b) Females; c) Males; d) Females and males”

SAN FRANCISCO:

1997:

Q62: "Have you ever had sexual intercourse with a male? a) Yes b) No"

Q63: "Have you ever had sexual intercourse with a female? a) Yes b) No"

1999:

Q67: "With whom have you had sexual intercourse? a) I have not had sexual intercourse with anyone b) Females c) Males d) Females and males"

2001:

Q80. "How would you describe your sexual orientation/preference? a. Heterosexual, attracted to the opposite sex; b. Bisexual, attracted to both sexes; c. Homosexual, gay or lesbian, attracted to the same sex; d. Not sure."

Q?. "During the past 30 days, have you been the victim of a verbal slur because of your gender or sexual orientation/preference? a. Yes; b. No; c. Not sure"

2003:

Q80. "How would you describe your sexual orientation? a. Heterosexual, attracted to the opposite sex; b. Bisexual, attracted to both sexes; c. Homosexual: gay/lesbian, attracted to the same sex; d. Not sure"

Q24. During the past 30 days, have you been the victim of a verbal slur because of your gender or sexual orientation? a. Yes; b. No; c. Not sure"