

SURVEY TITLE: Youth Risk Behavior Survey - Illinois

ACRONYM: YRBS - IL

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. Additionally, both the Chicago YRBS and the 2011 Illinois YRBS contain questions about students' sexual orientation.

LOCATION SAMPLED: Chicago.

YEARS SEXUAL ORIENTATION DATA COLLECTED: 2003, 2007 (Chicago), 2009 (Illinois)

SAMPLE SIZE:

2007 (Chicago): 1,118

2009 (Illinois): 1,758

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

SEXUAL ORIENTATION QUESTIONS:

2003:

Which of the following best describes you? a) Heterosexual (straight); b) Gay or lesbian; c) Bisexual; d) Not sure”

2007, 2009:

During your life, with whom have you had sexual contact?

Which of the following best describes you?

Heterosexual (straight). Gay or lesbian. Bisexual. Not sure