

**SURVEY TITLE:** Youth Risk Behavior Survey - Massachusetts

**ACRONYM:** YRBS - 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 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.

**LOCATION SAMPLED:** Massachusetts and Boston.

**YEARS SEXUAL ORIENTATION DATA COLLECTED:** Boston and Massachusetts: 1993, 1995, 1997, 1999, 2001, 2003, 2005, 2009

**SAMPLE SIZE:** unknown/unavailable.

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

**SEXUAL ORIENTATION QUESTIONS:**

**1993:**

Q64: "The person(s) with whom you have had sexual contact is (are): (a) female(s), (b) male(s) (c) female(s) and male(s) and (d) I have not had sexual contact with anyone"

**1995:**

Q67: "The person(s) with whom you have had sexual contact is (are): a) I have not had sexual contact with anyone; b) Female(s); c) Male(s); d) Female(s) and male(s)"

Q68: "Which of the following best describes you? a) Heterosexual (straight); b) Bisexual; c) Gay or lesbian; d) Not sure; e) None of the above"

**1997:**

Q7: "Which of the following best describes you? a) Heterosexual (straight); b) Gay or lesbian; c) Bisexual; d) Not sure"

Q69: "The person(s) with whom you have had sexual contact is (are): a) I have not had sexual contact with anyone; b) Female(s); c) Male(s); d) Female(s) and male(s)"

**1999, 2001, 2003, 2005, 2009, 2011:**

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

"During your life, the person(s) with whom you have had sexual contact is (are): a) I have not had sexual contact with anyone; b) Female(s); c) Male(s); d) Female(s) and male(s)"