

SURVEY TITLE: Youth Risk Behavior Survey - Maryland

ACRONYM: YRBS - MD

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: Baltimore.

YEARS SEXUAL ORIENTATION DATA COLLECTED: 2003, 2005, 2007

SAMPLE SIZE: 2005 sample size: 1414; 2005 response rate: 65%

2007 sample size: 1528; 2007 response rate: 63%

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

SEXUAL ORIENTATION QUESTIONS:

2003:

Which of the following best describes your sexual orientation? a) Heterosexual, b) Gay or lesbian, c) Bisexual, d) Not sure, e) None of the above.

2005:

During the past 12 months, have you been harassed because someone thought you were gay, lesbian, or bisexual? A. Yes B. No

2007:

During the past 12 months, have you been harassed because someone thought you were gay, lesbian, or bisexual? A. Yes B. No