

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

**ACRONYM:** YRBS - OH

**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 Youth Risk Behavior Survey (YRBS) has been administered in secondary schools throughout Cuyahoga County with support from a variety of funders and community sponsors since 1995. In 2008 the administrative and program components of the Center for Adolescent Health merged with the Center for Health Promotion Research, thus incorporating the YRBS project under one community surveillance umbrella. The YRBS is a cross-sectional tool developed by the Centers for Disease Control and Prevention (CDC) to track adolescent risk behavior over time. The national YRBS has tracked the major causes of morbidity and mortality for adolescents since 1991. Nationwide, the YRBS is conducted every two years among students in grades 9-12. In Cuyahoga County, the YRBS is conducted every year (7-8 grades in even years and 9-12 grades in odd years). (Prevention Research Center for Healthy Neighborhoods. (2010). Youth Risk Behavior Survey: Data Collection. Retrieved from [http://prchn.org/yrbs/.](http://prchn.org/yrbs/))

**LOCATION SAMPLED:** Cuyahoga County

**YEARS SEXUAL ORIENTATION DATA COLLECTED:** 2006, 2007, 2009

**SAMPLE SIZE:**

2007: 4,996, overall response rate: 44.5%

2009: 4529, overall response rate: 46%

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

**SEXUAL ORIENTATION QUESTIONS:**

**2006:**

76. Which of the following best describes you?

Heterosexual (straight)

Gay or Lesbian

Bisexual

Not sure

None of the above

**2007:**

76. Which of the following best describes you?

Heterosexual (straight)

Gay or Lesbian

Bisexual

Not sure

**2009:**

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

A. I have never had sexual contact

B. Females

C. Males

D. Females and males

61. Which of the following best describes

61. Which of the following best describes your feelings?

A. 100% heterosexual (attracted to persons of the opposite sex)

B. Mostly heterosexual

C. Bisexual (equally attracted to men and women)

D. Mostly homosexual

E. 100% homosexual (gay/lesbian; attracted to persons of the same sex)

F. Not sure

G. None of the above