

SURVEY TITLE: Youth Risk Behavior Survey/ Oregon Healthy Teens Survey - Oregon

ACRONYM: YRBS/ OHT - OR

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.

Historically, two agencies in the Department of Human Services administered two school-based youth surveys on alternating years Oregon: the CDC-based Youth Risk Behavioral Survey (YRBS), administered in odd-numbered years since 1991, and the Student Drug Use survey (including Risk and Protective factor information) in even-numbered years since 1996. While each survey provided data on part of the key indicators for many state and national strategic assessments and plans, a more coordinated approach was needed to help develop consistent, yearly tracking of key indicators, and increase the usefulness of data to local communities and schools. Oregon Healthy Teens (OHT) is Oregon's effort to monitor the health and well-being of adolescents. An anonymous and voluntary research-based survey, OHT is conducted among 8th and 11th graders statewide. The OHT survey incorporates two youth surveys that preceded it, the YRBS and the Student Drug Use Survey.

The OHT survey includes the following topics:

- Tobacco, alcohol and other drug use
- Access to tobacco and alcohol
- Personal safety behaviors and perceptions
- Violence-related behaviors
- Diet and exercise
- Extracurricular activities
- Sexual activity and HIV/AIDS knowledge
- Health conditions and access to care
- Individual, peer, community and family influences on risk behaviors

LOCATION SAMPLED: Oregon.

YEARS SEXUAL ORIENTATION DATA COLLECTED: 1997, 1999, 2001, 2003, 2005, 2007, 2009

SAMPLE SIZE:

1997: Sample size of 32,378

1999: Sample size of 22,913

2001: Sample size of 7,700

2003: Not available

2005: Sample size of 27,622; Response rate of 73.2%

2007: Sample size of 28,100; Response rate of 78.4%

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

SEXUAL ORIENTATION QUESTIONS:

1997:

Q24: "In the past 30 days, what were you harassed about? (If more than one reason, what was the most upsetting or offensive to you?): I was not harassed; Race or national origin; Unwanted sexual attention or comments; Perceived sexual orientation (gay/lesbian/bisexual); Physical disability; Other not listed; Don't know why I was harassed."

1999:

The next three questions ask about harassment at school. Harassment can include threatening, bullying; name calling or obscenities; offensive notes or graffiti; exclusion from groups, unwanted attention or unwanted touching; and physical assault. Q12. "During the past 12 months, have you ever been harassed at school (or on the way to or from school) because someone thought you were gay, lesbian or bisexual? a) Yes, b) No."

2001-2002:

F17: The next question asks about harassment at school. Harassment can include threatening, bullying; name calling or obscenities; offensive notes or graffiti; unwanted touching; and physical assault. During the PAST 12 MONTHS, have you ever been harassed at school (or on the way to or from school) in relation to any of the following issues? (Please fill in all that apply): a) Harassment about your race or ethnic origin, b) Unwanted sexual comments or attention, c) Harassment because someone thought you were gay, lesbian or bisexual, d) Harassment about your weight, clothes, acne, or other physical characteristics, e) Harassment about your group of friends, f) Other reasons, g) I have not been harassed.

2003:

F24: The next question asks about harassment at school. Harassment can include threatening, bullying; name calling or obscenities; offensive notes or graffiti; unwanted touching; and physical attacks. During the PAST 12 MONTHS, have you ever been harassed at school (or on the way to or from school) in relation to any of the following issues? (Please fill in all that apply): a) Harassment about your race or ethnic origin, b) Unwanted sexual comments or attention, c) Harassment because someone thought you were gay, lesbian or bisexual, d) Harassment about your weight, clothes, acne, or other physical characteristics, e) Harassment about your group of friends, f) Other reasons, g) I have not been harassed.

2004:

Q61: The next question asks about harassment at school. Harassment can include threatening, bullying; name calling or obscenities; offensive notes or graffiti; unwanted touching; and physical attacks. During the PAST 12 MONTHS, have you ever been harassed at school (or on the way to or from school) in relation to any of the following issues? (Please mark all that apply): a) Harassment about your race or ethnic origin, b) Unwanted sexual comments or attention, c) Harassment because someone thought you were gay, lesbian or bisexual, d) Harassment about your weight, clothes, acne, or other physical characteristics, e) Harassment about your group of friends, f) Other reasons, g) I have not been harassed.

2007:

57. Which of the following best describes you? A. Heterosexual (straight) B. Gay or lesbian C. Bisexual D. Not sure

58. During your life, with whom have you had sexual contact? A. I have never had sexual contact B. Females C. Males D. Males and Females

69. The next question asks about harassment. Harassment can include threatening, bullying, name-calling or obscenities, offensive notes or graffiti, unwanted touching, and physical attacks. During the past 30 days, have you ever been harassed at school (or on the way to or from school) in relation to any of the following issues? (Select one or more responses.) A. Harassment about your race or ethnic origin B. Unwanted sexual comments or attention C. Harassment because someone thought you were gay, lesbian or bisexual D. Harassment about your weight, clothes, acne, or other physical characteristics E. Harassment about your group of friends F. Other reasons G. I have not been harassed

2009:

56. During the past 30 days, have you ever been harassed at school (or on the way to or from school) in relation to any of the following issues? (Select one or more responses.) A. Harassment about your race or ethnic origin B. Unwanted sexual comments or attention C. Harassment because someone thought you were gay, lesbian or bisexual D. Harassment about your weight, clothes, acne, or other physical characteristics E. Harassment about your group of

friends F. Other reasons
G. I have not been harassed

66. Which of the following best describes you?

A. Heterosexual (straight) B. Gay or lesbian C. Bisexual D. Not sure

67. 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