

SURVEY TITLE: Youth Risk Behavior Survey - Vermont

ACRONYM: YRBS - VT

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: Vermont.

YEARS SEXUAL ORIENTATION DATA COLLECTED: 1995, 1997, 1999, 2001, 2003, 2005, 2007, 2009

SAMPLE SIZE: 1995: 21,297 1997: 14,623. 1999: 9,096 2001: 9,337 2003: 8,081 2005: 9,342; Response rate 72% 2007: 8,452 2009: 11,427

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

SEXUAL ORIENTATION QUESTIONS:

1995:

Q55: "During your life, with how many males have had sexual intercourse?"

Q56: "During your life, with how many females have had sexual intercourse?"

Q57: "During the past three months, with how many males have had sexual intercourse?"

Q58: "During the past three months, with how many females have had sexual intercourse?"

1997:

Q78: "The persons you have had sexual activity with are: (1) I have not had sexual activity with anyone; (2) females; (3) males; (4) females and males"

1999:

Q69: “The persons you have had sexual intercourse with are: (1) I have never had sexual intercourse; (2) females; (3) males; (4) females and males”

2001:

Q67: “With whom have you had sexual intercourse?: (1) I have never had sexual intercourse; (2) females; (3) males; (4) females and males”

2003:

Q70. “With whom have you had sexual intercourse? a. I have never had sexual intercourse; b. Females; c. Males; d. Females and Males”

2005, 2007, 2009:

Q9. “ Which of the following best describes you? a. Heterosexual (straight); b. Gay or Lesbian; c. Bisexual; d. Not sure.

Q69. “ With whom have you had sexual intercourse? a. I have never had sexual intercourse; b. Females; c. Males; d. Females and Males”