

SURVEY TITLE: Youth Risk Behavior Survey - Washington

ACRONYM: YRBS - WA

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: Seattle.

YEARS SEXUAL ORIENTATION DATA COLLECTED: 1995, 1999, 2002, 2004, 2006, 2008

SAMPLE SIZE: unknown/unavailable.

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

SEXUAL ORIENTATION QUESTIONS:

1995:

Q23: "Has anyone ever made offensive comments or attacked you because of your sexual orientation/preference – at school or on the way to or from school? Yes; No"

Q58: "How would you describe your sexual orientation/preference?" Heterosexual – attracted to the opposite sex; Bisexual – attracted to both sexes; Homosexual (gay or lesbian) – attracted to the same sex; Not sure"

1999:

Q25: "Has anyone ever made offensive comments or attacked you because they thought you were gay or lesbian - at school or on your way to or from school? Yes; No"

Q46: "How would you describe your sexual orientation? Heterosexual – attracted to the opposite sex; Bisexual – attracted to both sexes; Homosexual (gay or lesbian) – attracted to the same sex; Not sure"

2002:

115. Has anyone ever made offensive comments or attacked you because they thought you were gay or lesbian- at school or on your way to or from school? a. no b. yes c. unsure

2004:

102. Has anyone ever made offensive comments or attacked you because they thought you were gay or lesbian- at school or on your way to or from school? a. no b. yes c. unsure

2006:

59. In the past 30 days, how often were you bullied, harassed, or intimidated at school or on your way to or from school: C. Because someone thought you were gay, lesbian, or bisexual (whether you are or not)? a. 0 times b. 1 time c. 2-3 times d. about once a week e. Several times a week or more

2008:

16. In the past 30 days, how often were you bullied, harassed, or intimidated at school or on your way to or from school because someone thought you were gay, lesbian, or bisexual (whether you are or not)? a. 0 times b. 1 time c. 2-3 times d. about once a week e. Several times a week or more