



WISDOM Data Source Descriptions

Youth Risk Behavior Surveillance System (YRBSS) Random Sample

Methodology:

Youth Risk Behavior Surveillance System (YRBSS) Random Sample data are weighted to adjust for school and student nonresponse and to make the data representative of the population of students from which the sample was drawn. Generally, these adjustments are made by applying a weight based on student sex, grade, and race/ethnicity. Weighting is a mathematical procedure that makes data representative of the population from which it was drawn. In the YRBSS, only surveys with a scientifically drawn sample, appropriate documentation, and an overall response rate of at least 60% are weighted. State and local YRBS data that are weighted are representative of all public school students in grades 9-12 in the respective jurisdiction.

References:

<http://www.cdc.gov/healthyouth/data/yrbs/faq.htm>