

# 1999 Youth Risk Behavior Survey

## Colorado High School *Sample Description and Weighting Procedures*

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### **Sample Description:**

**School Level** - All regular public schools containing grades 9, 10, 11, or 12 were included in the sampling frame. Schools were selected systematically with probability proportional to enrollment in grades 9 through 12 using a random start. 48 schools were sampled, of which 47 were eligible.

**Class Level** - All classes in a required subject or all classes meeting during a particular period of the day, depending on the school, were included in the sampling frame. Systematic equal probability sampling with a random start was used to select classes from each school that participated in the survey.

### **Response Rates:**

**Schools** - 32% 15 of the 47 sampled schools participated.

**Students** - 85% 594 of the 701 sampled students completed usable questionnaires.

**Overall response rate** -  $32\% * 85\% = 27\%$

### **Weighting:**

In probability sampling, associating a weight with each questionnaire is intended to reflect the likelihood of sampling each student and to reduce bias by compensating for differing patterns of nonresponse. The low overall response rate precludes weighting of the data.

### **Use Of the Unweighted Results:**

The unweighted results provide a description of the priority health-risk behaviors of the survey participants. These results cannot be generalized to other students.