

Colorado 2005 YOUTH RISK BEHAVIOR SURVEY (YRBS)

The Youth Risk Behavior Survey (YRBS) was completed by 1,498 students in 29 public high schools in Colorado during the fall of 2005. In Colorado the YRBS is a component of the Healthy Kids Colorado Survey. The Healthy Kids Colorado Survey effort is a collaborative involving several state agencies and other organizations. The Colorado results are representative of all students in grades 9-12. The weighted demographic characteristics of the sample are as follows:

Females	49.1%	9 th Grade	28.5%	Black	5.8%
Males	50.9%	10 th Grade	25.5%	Hispanic/Latino	23.1%
		11 th Grade	23.6%	White	68.3%
		12 th Grade	22.4%	All other races	1.8%
				Multiple races	1.0%

Students completed a self-administered, anonymous, 87-item questionnaire. Survey procedures were designed to protect the privacy of students by allowing for anonymous and voluntary participation. Local parental permission procedures were followed before survey administration.

The Youth Risk Behavior Surveillance System measures behaviors that fall into six categories:

1. Behaviors that result in unintentional injuries and violence;
2. Tobacco use;
3. Alcohol and other drug use;
4. Sexual behaviors that result in HIV infection, other sexually transmitted diseases, and unintended pregnancies;
5. Dietary behaviors; and
6. Physical activity.

The links below describe the survey, the methods and results. For more information, contact Stan Paprocki at the Colorado Department of Education: paprocki_s@cde.state.co.us or the Health Statistics Section at the Colorado Department of Public Health and Environment: health.statistics@state.co.us