

2003 YOUTH RISK BEHAVIOR SURVEY

High School Codebook Introduction

The codebook provides the following information about the SAS, SPSS, MS Access, and ASCII data files on your CD-ROM:

- **Data location** – Beginning and ending position of the variable on the data set. This column is useful for the ASCII file only.
- **Variable name** – Variable on the data set. Variables that are named Q1 – Q87 correspond to the questions from the standard YRBS questionnaire. Variables that are named Q88 – QX are site-added questions (X denotes the total number of questions). Variables that are named QNX are dichotomous variables which denote “responses of interest.” These variables are reported in your summary tables and the MMWR Surveillance Summary. The QN variable names map to the standard question number.

QN variables with an abbreviated name are calculated variables. Calculated variables are derived from two or more questions. The names of calculated variables as shown in the codebook do not appear on the tables and graphs. The headings on the tables and graphs are labeled as follows:

QNFRCIG	M1	QNROVWGT	M7
QNTENCIG	M2	QNOVWGT	M8
QNSTORE	M3	QNFRVG	M9
QNANYTOB	M4	QNMNPA	M10
QNABSTSX	M5	QNNOPA	M11
QNRESPSX	M6	QNDLYPE	M12

See *2003 YRBS Data Processing* in the Documentation section of this binder for details on calculated variables.

- **Question, code and label** – For standard and site-added questions, this column contains question text, response data code and response label for variables Q1 - QX.

For QN variables, this column contains a description of the “responses of interest.” This description also appears at the top of your summary tables and graphs. The response data value and response text indicate whether the response was included in the “response of interest” (i.e., Yes or No).

- **Unweighted frequency** – Number of the actual students who chose a specific response option.
- **Weighted (or unweighted) percent** – The percentage of students across your site who engage in a specific behavior. For sites with weighted data, these percentages are weighted. For sites with unweighted data, these percentages are unweighted.