

High School Codebook

2009 YOUTH RISK BEHAVIOR SURVEY

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The codebook explains the SAS, SPSS, MS Access, and ASCII data files on the CD-ROM included in this report binder. The columns in the codebook include the following information:

Data Location: This column contains the beginning and ending column position for each variable. Data location is only used to read the ASCII format data file. For the SAS, SPSS, and MS Access files, data are referenced directly by variable name, not by data location.

Variable Name: This column contains the variable names listed in the order that they appear in the data files. A brief description of variable names and variable types in the file follows.

- Q1 through Q87 correspond to questions on the 2009 Standard YRBS High School questionnaire. Question numbers will not match the question numbers from questionnaires modified from the standard questionnaire. The *Map Form* in the “Questionnaire” tab of this report binder contains information on questions and their corresponding question numbers for modified questionnaires.
- Q88 through Q# correspond to site-added questions.
- QN# are dichotomous variables which denote “responses of interest” for each question (except for demographic questions).
- QN*word* variables, or supplemental dichotomous variables, are derived from one or more standard YRBS questions.
- Weight, PSU, and Stratum have been added to all weighted data files during the weighting process. They are used when running analyses. Refer to *Software for Analysis of YRBS Data* in the “Resources” tab of this report binder for more information on using these variables.
- BMIPct contains the percentile for the students BMI.
- RaceEth contains the eight category race/ethnicity indicator calculated from Q4 and Q5.

Refer to the *Data User’s Guide* in the “Data User’s Guide” tab of this binder for more details on variable types, supplemental variables, and how they are calculated.

Question Code and Label: This column contains each question, its response options, and response option codes for each standard question (Q1 through Q87) and for each site-added question (Q88 through Q#). For QN# and QN*word* variables, this column contains text that summarizes the “responses of interest”, and the codes “1” and “2” for “Yes” and “No” respectively to indicate whether or not the response was one of the “responses of interest”.

Unweighted Frequency: This column contains the number of students that chose a specific response option or response of interest.

Weighted or Unweighted Percentage: This column contains the percentage of students who chose a specific response option or response of interest. For sites with weighted data, these percentages are weighted and represent students across the site. For sites with unweighted data, these percentages are unweighted and represent only the students who participated in the survey.