

2003 YOUTH RISK BEHAVIOR SURVEY RESULTS

Mississippi High School Survey Survey Summary

The Youth Risk Behavior Survey (YRBS) was completed by 1488 students in 34 public high schools in Mississippi during the spring of 2003. The school response rate was 76%, the student response rate was 89%, and the overall response rate was 68%. The results are representative of all students in grades 9-12. The weighted demographic characteristics of the sample are as follows:

Females	51.0%	9th grade	30.8%	African American	48.5%
Males	49.0%	10th grade	26.1%	Hispanic/ Latino	0.4%
		11th grade	22.6%	White	49.8%
		12th grade	20.4%	All other races	0.9%
				Multiple races	0.4%

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 YRBS is one component of the Youth Risk Behavior Surveillance System developed by the Centers for Disease Control and Prevention in collaboration with representatives from 71 state and local departments of education and health, 19 other federal agencies, and national education and health organizations. The Youth Risk Behavior Surveillance System was designed to focus the nation on behaviors among youth related to the leading causes of mortality and morbidity among both youth and adults and to assess how these risk behaviors change over time. 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.

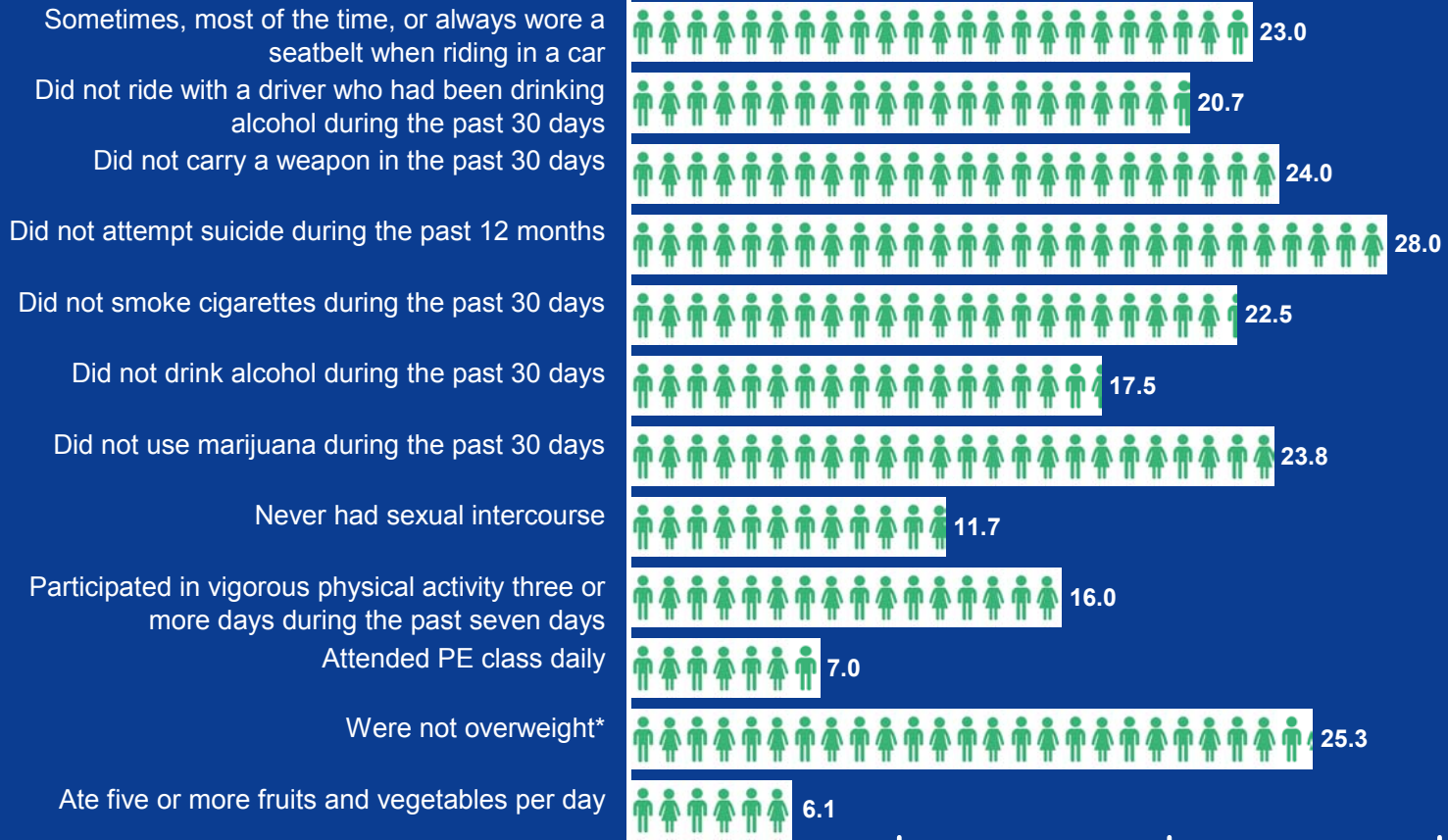
More information about the Youth Risk Behavior Surveillance System can be obtained from <http://www.cdc.gov/yrbss>.



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Summary Graphs

Number of students in a class of 30 who:



Weighted Data

*See the corresponding summary table for detailed explanation of data.



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Number of students in a class of 30 who:

Rarely or never wore a seatbelt when riding in a car



Rode with a driver who had been drinking alcohol during the past 30 days



Carried a weapon during the past 30 days



Attempted suicide during the past 12 months



Smoked cigarettes during the past 30 days



Drank alcohol during the past 30 days



Used marijuana during the past 30 days



Ever had sexual intercourse



Did not participate in vigorous physical activity three or more days during the past seven days



Did not attend PE class daily



Were overweight*



Did not eat five or more fruits and vegetables per day



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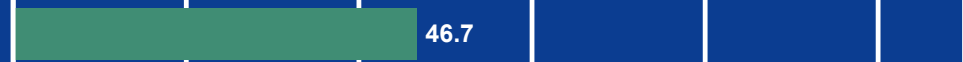
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