

# The 2009 Vermont Youth Risk Behavior Survey Training Administration Procedures

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# The Vermont Youth Risk Behavior Survey

- Measures the prevalence of behaviors that contribute to the leading causes of death, disease, and injury
- Enables us to:
  - **Monitor trends**
  - **Compare VT to US**
  - **Plan, evaluate and improve** community and school programs that prevent health problems and promote healthy behavior
- Over **28,000** VT students participated in 2007



# The 2007 Vermont Youth Risk Behavior Survey

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## METHODS

### Statewide Sample

- **Sampling:** Twenty Vermont high schools of varying sizes, along with their 21 associated middle schools were randomly selected for the state sample
- **Response rates:** All of the 41 sampled schools participated.
  - School response rate was 100%
  - Student response rate was 74%
  - The overall response rate was 74%  
( $1.00 \times .74 = .74$ )

# The 2007 Vermont Youth Risk Behavior Survey

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## METHODS (cont'd)

### Volunteer Sample

- **Sampling:** All remaining VT schools with students in grades 8–12 were invited to participate
- **Response rates:**
  - Of the 150 public schools invited, 143 participated (95%)
  - A total of **28,918** public school students participated (74% of VT's total '06–'07 enrollment for grades 8-12)

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Confidentiality and Parental Notification

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### Specifics for Survey Administration

1. Count your questionnaires!
2. Pick a date
3. Send in Date of Administration form
4. Notify parents
5. Train teachers
6. Collect surveys
7. FedEx completed surveys

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Using your local data

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### 2009 Questionnaire

#### Deletions:

- How often do you wear a safety belt when driving a car?
- During the past 12 months, how many times has someone stolen or deliberately damaged your property such as your car, clothing, or books on school property?
- During your life, how many times have you taken a prescription drug, not prescribed for you, such as Ritalin, Oxycontin, Vicodin, or other prescription drug?
  - Split into two questions in 2009

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### 2009 Questionnaire

#### Deletions:

- During the past 3 months, with how many people did you have sexual intercourse?

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### 2009 Questionnaire

#### Additions:

- During the past 12 months, have you ever been electronically bullied, such as through e-mail, chat rooms, instant messaging, Web sites, or text messaging?
- During the past 30 days, on how many days did you smoke cigars, cigarillos, or little cigars?
- Out of 100 Vermont high school students, how many do you think smoke cigarettes?

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### 2009 Questionnaire

#### **Additions:**

- During your life, how many times have you take a prescription pain reliever such as Oxycontin, Vicodin, or other prescription pain reliever not prescribed to you?
- During your life, how many times have you taken the prescription stimulant Ritalin or Adderall not prescribed to you?
- Have you ever been tested for HIV, the virus that causes AIDS? (Do not count tests done if you donated blood)

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Questions and Answers

# Other Documents

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- Do Kids Tell the Truth on YRBS? – p. 9
- Teacher Script – p. 14
- Instructions for Administration – p. 16

# Resources

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