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:

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<th>Females</th>
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<td>Students</td>
<td>51.0%</td>
<td>30.8%</td>
<td>26.1%</td>
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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.
2003 Youth Risk Behavior Survey

Mississippi High School Survey

Summary Graphs

Number of students in a class of 30 who:

- Sometimes, most of the time, or always wore a seatbelt when riding in a car: 23.0
- Did not ride with a driver who had been drinking alcohol during the past 30 days: 20.7
- Did not carry a weapon in the past 30 days: 24.0
- Did not attempt suicide during the past 12 months: 28.0
- Did not smoke cigarettes during the past 30 days: 22.5
- Did not drink alcohol during the past 30 days: 17.5
- Did not use marijuana during the past 30 days: 23.8
- Never had sexual intercourse: 11.7
- Participated in vigorous physical activity three or more days during the past seven days: 16.0
- Attended PE class daily: 7.0
- Were not overweight*: 25.3
- Ate five or more fruits and vegetables per day: 6.1

Weighted Data
*See the corresponding summary table for detailed explanation of data.
2003 Youth Risk Behavior Survey

Mississippi High School Survey

Summary Graphs

Number of students in a class of 30 who:

- Rarely or never wore a seatbelt when riding in a car: 7.0
- Rode with a driver who had been drinking alcohol during the past 30 days: 9.3
- Carried a weapon during the past 30 days: 6.0
- Attempted suicide during the past 12 months: 2.0
- Smoked cigarettes during the past 30 days: 7.5
- Drank alcohol during the past 30 days: 12.5
- Used marijuana during the past 30 days: 6.2
- Ever had sexual intercourse: 18.3
- Did not participate in vigorous physical activity three or more days during the past seven days: 14.0
- Did not attend PE class daily: 23.0
- Were overweight*: 4.7
- Did not eat five or more fruits and vegetables per day: 23.9

Weighted Data
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Percentage of students who:

- Sometimes, most of the time, or always wore a seatbelt when riding in a car: 76.8%
- Did not ride with a driver who had been drinking alcohol during the past 30 days: 69.1%
- Did not carry a weapon in the past 30 days: 80.0%
- Did not attempt suicide during the past 12 months: 93.4%
- Did not smoke cigarettes during the past 30 days: 75.0%
- Did not drink alcohol during the past 30 days: 75.0%
- Did not use marijuana during the past 30 days: 79.4%
- Never had sexual intercourse: 39.0%
- Participated in vigorous physical activity three or more days during the past seven days: 53.3%
- Attended PE class daily: 23.4%
- Were not overweight*: 84.3%
- Ate five or more fruits and vegetables per day: 20.4%

Weighted Data
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Mississippi High School Survey

Summary Graphs

Percentage of students who:
- Rarely or never wore a seatbelt when riding in a car: 23.2%
- Rode with a driver who had been drinking alcohol during the past 30 days: 30.9%
- Carried a weapon during the past 30 days: 20.0%
- Attempted suicide during the past 12 months: 6.6%
- Smoked cigarettes during the past 30 days: 25.0%
- Drank alcohol during the past 30 days: 41.8%
- Used marijuana during the past 30 days: 20.6%
- Ever had sexual intercourse: 61.0%
- Did not participate in vigorous physical activity three or more days during the past seven days: 46.7%
- Did not attend PE class daily: 74.6%
- Were overweight*: 15.7%
- Did not eat five or more fruits and vegetables per day: 79.6%

Weighted Data
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