

Table 1. Selected attributes of survey design and implementation, National Survey of Adolescent Males (NSAM), National Survey of Family Growth (NSFG), Youth Risk Behavior Survey (YRBS) and National Longitudinal Study of Adolescent Health (Add Health), by year

Attribute	NSAM		NSFG		YRBS				Add Health
	1988	1995	1988	1995	1991	1993	1995	1997	1995
Survey design									
Purpose	Sexual and repro. behavior	Sexual and repro. behavior	Fertility	Fertility	Health risk behaviors	Health risk behaviors	Health risk behaviors	Health risk behaviors	Health risk behaviors
No. surveyed									
Males	1,880	1,729	na	na	5,984	8,020	5,356	8,057	5,779
Females	na	na	8,450	10,847	6,283	8,233	5,499	8,195	6,322
Age/grade	15–19 yrs.	15–19 yrs.	15–44 yrs.	15–44 yrs.	Grades 9–12	Grades 9–12	Grades 9–12	Grades 9–12	Grades 7–12
Marital status	Ever-married excluded	All	All	All	All	All	All	All	All
Oversampled	Black, Hispanic	Black, Hispanic	Black	Black	Black, Hispanic	Black, Hispanic	Black, Hispanic	Black, Hispanic	Black,* Hispanic,* Asian
Sampling frame	Household	Household & group quarters	Household	Household	Pub. & priv. schools†	Pub. & priv. schools†	Pub. & priv. schools†	Pub. & priv. schools†	All U.S. high schools with 11th grade & >30 students
Geographic range	48 coterminous states & DC	48 coterminous states & DC	50 states & DC	50 states & DC	50 states & DC	50 states & DC	50 states & DC	50 states & DC	50 states & DC
Adjusted for	Nonresponse & oversampling	Nonresponse & oversampling	Nonresponse & oversampling	Nonresponse & oversampling	Nonresponse & oversampling	Nonresponse & oversampling	Nonresponse & oversampling	Nonresponse & oversampling	Nonresponse & sampling probability‡
Poststratification	March 1987 CPS	1995 Census pop. estimates	June 1988 Census pop. estimates	June 1994 Census pop. estimates	USDOE data national student population	USDOE data national student population	USDOE data national student population	USDOE data national student population	Quality Education database & Census pop. estimates
Survey mode§	Face-to-face, administered by interviewer	Face-to-face, administered by interviewer	Face-to-face, administered by interviewer	Face-to-face, administered by interviewer	Paper & pencil interview, self-administered	Paper & pencil interview, self-administered	Paper & pencil interview, self-administered	Paper & pencil interview, self-administered	Audio computer-assisted self-interview
Interview location	Home	Home	Home	Home	School	School	School	School	Home
Implementation									
Response rate	74%	75%	79% (15–19, 81%)	79% (15–17, 83%)	75% (school), 90% (student), 68% (overall)**	78% (school), 90% (student), 70% (overall)**	70% (school), 86% (student), 60% (overall)**	79% (school), 87% (student), 69% (overall)**	77% (school), 79% (student), 60% (overall)**
Length	57 minutes	68 minutes	70 minutes	103 minutes	1 class period	1 class period	1 class period	1 class period	90 minutes
When fielded	April–Dec.	Feb.–Nov.	Jan.–Aug.	Jan.–Oct.	Feb.–April	Feb.–April	Feb.–April	Feb.–April	April–Dec.
Parental permission	Active for minors	Active for minors	Active for minors	Active for minors	28% active, 72% passive	24% active, 77% passive	36% active, 64% passive	37% active, 63% passive	Active for minors
Survey firm	Institute for Survey Research (Temple Univ.)	Research Triangle Institute	Westat	Research Triangle Institute	Macro	Macro	Macro	Macro	National Opinion Research Center

*Selected subgroups. †Including vocational schools, but not alternative schools. ‡Schools and individuals. §For questions used in this analysis. **Overall response rate was calculated by multiplying school response rate and student responsive rate. Notes: CPS=Current Population Surveys, U.S. Bureau of the Census. USDOE=U.S. Department of Education.