

How the Survey was Conducted

During February – May 2005, students enrolled in high schools that had been selected by a scientific sampling process completed the Ohio YRBS. Their classes were randomly picked from master schedules submitted by school administrators. Research and sampling guidelines from the CDC were followed to make all selections scientifically valid. Following strict research procedures also ensured that:

- Selected schools, their administrators, parents and students were informed and voluntarily agreed to participate.
- Individual student identity remained anonymous in all reports.

Who Participated in the Survey?

The 99-item, multiple-choice YRBS was administered to 1,411 students in 49 Ohio public and non-public high schools in February – May 2005. This represented a school response rate of 73 percent and a student response rate of 86 percent. This was a response rate high enough to produce results which are representative of Ohio high school students as a group and allows an accurate comparison of Ohio results to YRBS findings for the nation.