

Washington State 2006 School Health Profiles Results Background

Overview

The School Health Profiles (Profiles) assist states and local education and health agencies in monitoring and assessing characteristics of and trends in school health education; physical education; asthma management activities; school health policies related to HIV/AIDS prevention, tobacco-use prevention, violence prevention, physical activity, and nutrition; food service; and family and community involvement in school health programs. Data from Profiles can be used to improve school health programs.

The Profiles questionnaires were developed by the Division of Adolescent and School Health, National Center for Chronic Disease Prevention and Health Promotion, Centers for Disease Control and Prevention in collaboration with representatives of state, local, and territorial departments of health and education.

Two questionnaires are used to collect data — one for school principals and one for lead health education teachers.

The two questionnaires were mailed to 416 regular secondary public schools containing any of grades 6 through 12 in Washington during the spring of 2006.

Principal Response Rate and Weighting

Usable questionnaires were received from 71% of principals.

Because the response rate for the principal survey was $\geq 70\%$, the results are weighted and are representative of all regular public secondary schools in Washington having at least one of grades 6 through 12.

Results from the principal survey are presented for the following types of schools in Washington:

- Senior high schools with a low grade of 9 or higher and a high grade of 10 or higher;
- Middle schools with a high grade of 9 or lower;
- Junior/senior high schools with a low grade of 8 or less and a high grade of 10 or higher; and
- All schools.

Lead Health Teacher Response Rate and Weighting

Usable questionnaires were received from 51% of teachers.

Because the response rate for the lead health education survey was $<70\%$, the results are unweighted and are representative only of participating schools. Results from the lead health education survey are presented for all participating schools.