Youth Risk Behavior Survey

The Youth Risk Behavior Survey (YRBS) was conducted in Ohio in 2013. The survey is given to high school students grades 9 through 12. The respondents are between 14 to 18 years old. This year was the first time the survey identified disability as a demographic. YRBS asked two screening questions to identify students with disabilities:

1. Do you have any physical disabilities or long-term health problems? (Long-term means 6 months or more.)
2. Do you have any long-term emotional problems or learning disabilities? (Long-term means 6 months or more.)

Roughly 1 out of 5 high school students in Ohio have a disability.

For students who said they had suicidal thoughts, students with disabilities are 3.5 times more likely to attempt suicide than students without disabilities.

Substance Abuse Among Students

Students with disabilities are almost 2 times more likely to abuse prescription pain medications.

35% of students with disabilities drink alcohol vs. 28% in students without disabilities

Students Who Have Experienced Forced Sexual Activity from an Intimate Partner

Students Who Have Ever Been Physically Forced Into Unwanted Sex