

Data Trends

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This News brief alerts you to a new report, "Youth Risk Behavior Surveillance --- United States, 2005," from the National Centers for Disease Control, Division of Adolescent and School Health, National Center for Chronic Disease Prevention and Health Promotion, the CDC's Division of Adult and Community Health, National Center for Chronic Disease Prevention and Health Promotion, and from ORC Macro. Most items covered include risky behaviors relevant to health-related issues, but sections on suicide and alcohol and substance abuse are also included.

From the Introduction: "Unhealthy and risky behaviors are often established during childhood and adolescence and extend into adulthood. To monitor health-risk behaviors among young people in the United States, CDC developed the Youth Risk Behavior Surveillance System, which monitors a sampling of students in public and private schools across the country in grades 9-12. This report presents findings from the 2005 Youth Risk Behavior Survey, which indicate a positive trend of a decreasing prevalence of unhealthy behaviors among the nation's youth since 1991. However, many young people continue to engage in risky behaviors that vary across cities and states."

Read the full report at: http://www.cdc.gov/mmwr/preview/mmwrhtml/ss5505a1.htm?s_cid=ss5505a1_e

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