

Rhode Island HEALTH Web Data Query System - BRFSS
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Alcohol consumption	Binge Drinking	Had five or more alcoholic drinks on one or more occasion in past month.		Y		Y	Y	Y	Y	Y	Y	Y	Y
Alcohol Consumption	Chronic/Heavy drinking	For men: had more than 2 drinks per day in past 30 days. For women: had more than 1 drink per day in past 30 days.				Y	Y	Y	Y	Y	Y	Y	Y
Alcohol consumption	Drinking and Driving	Drove one or more times in past month when had too much to drink. Question asked only of people who drank alcohol in the past month.		Y			Y		Y		Y		
Anxiety and Depression	Days felt as a failure	Past 2 weeks, days felt bad about self or felt as a failure to self and family members.									Y		
Anxiety and Depression	Days felt down, depressed or hopeless	Past 2 weeks, days felt down, depressed or hopeless.									Y		
Anxiety and Depression	Days felt fidgety or restless	Past 2 weeks, days felt fidgety or restless that moved around a lot more than usual.									Y		
Anxiety and Depression	Days felt tired or had little energy	Past 2 weeks, days felt tired or had little energy.									Y		
Anxiety and Depression	Days had little interest or pleasure in doing things	Past 2 weeks, days had little interest or pleasure in doing things.									Y		
Anxiety and Depression	Days had poor appetite or eaten too much	Past 2 weeks, days had a poor appetite or eaten too much.									Y		
Anxiety and Depression	Days had trouble concentrating	Past 2 weeks, days had trouble concentrating on things, such as reading the newspaper or watching TV.									Y		
Anxiety and Depression	Days had trouble sleeping or sleeping too much	Past 2 weeks, days had trouble falling asleep or staying asleep or sleeping too much.									Y		
Anxiety and Depression	Told by health care provider have depressive disorder	Ever told have a depressive disorder by a doctor or other health care professional (including depression, major depression, dysthymia, or minor depression).									Y		
Anxiety and Depression	Told by health care provider have anxiety disorder	Ever told have an anxiety disorder by a doctor or other health care provider (including acute stress disorder, anxiety, generalized anxiety disorder, obsessive-compulsive disorder, panic disorder, phobia, posttraumatic stress disorder or social anxiety disorder).									Y		
Asthma	Current asthma	Persons who have ever been told by a doctor, nurse, or health professional that they have asthma and who still have asthma. Denominator is all persons.			Y	Y	Y	Y	Y	Y	Y	Y	Y
Asthma	Ever told have asthma by doctor	Ever told by doctor that have asthma. Note, this question differs from the question asked in 2001 and 2002 which was "Have you ever been told by a doctor, nurse or other health professional that you had asthma?"			Y								
Asthma	Ever told have asthma by health care professional	Ever told by a doctor, nurse or other health professional that had asthma. Note this question differs from the question asked in 2000 which was "Have you ever been told by a doctor that you had asthma?"				Y	Y	Y	Y	Y	Y	Y	Y
Asthma	Interrupted sleep	Past 30 days, how many days did symptoms of asthma made it difficult to stay asleep. Denominator is persons who reported having current asthma.					Y		Y	Y	Y		
Asthma	Past 12 months, doctor's visits	Past 12 months, times saw a doctor or other health care professional for urgent treatment of worsening asthma symptoms. Denominator is persons who reported having current asthma.					Y		Y	Y	Y		
Asthma	Past 12 months, days unable to work	Past 12 months, days unable to work or carry out usual activities because of asthma. Denominator is persons who reported having current asthma.					Y		Y	Y	Y		
Asthma	Past 12 months, emergency room visits	Past 12 months, times visited an emergency room or urgent care center because of asthma. Denominator is persons who reported having current asthma.					Y		Y	Y	Y		
Asthma	Past 12 months, episode of asthma	Past 12 months, had an episode of asthma or an asthma attack. Denominator is persons who reported having current asthma.					Y			Y	Y		
Asthma	Past 12 months, routine checkup for your asthma?	Past 12 months, times saw a doctor or other healthcare professional for a routine checkup for asthma. Denominator is persons who reported having current asthma.					Y		Y	Y	Y		
Asthma	Past 30 days, asthma medication	Past 30 days, how often took sthma medication that was prescribed or given by a doctor. Denominator is persons who reported having current asthma.					Y						
Asthma	Past 30 days, symptoms of asthma?	Past 30 days, how often had any symptoms of asthma. Denominator is persons who reported having current asthma.					Y			Y	Y		
Asthma	Past 30 days, use of rescue inhaler to breathe better?	Past 30 days, how often used a rescue inhaler to breathe better. Denominator is persons who reported having current asthma.							Y				
Cholesterol	Cholesterol	Denominator is persons who reported having checked their blood cholesterol		Y		Y		Y		Y		Y	
Cholesterol	Time since last cholesterol check	About how long has it been since you had your blood cholesterol checked?		Y		Y		Y		Y		Y	
Colorectal CA Screening	Ever had home blood stool test (Age 50+)	A blood stool test is a test that may use a special kit at home to determine whether the stool contains blood. Have you ever had this test using a home kit? This question was asked only of those age 50 years and older.		Y		Y	Y		Y		Y		Y

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Colorectal CA Screening	Ever had sigmoidoscopy or colonoscopy (Age 50+)	Sigmoidoscopy and colonoscopy are exams in which a tube is inserted in the rectum to view for bowel for signs of cancer or other health problems. Have you ever had either of these exams? This question was asked only of those age 50 years and older.		Y		Y	Y		Y		Y	Y	Y
Colorectal CA Screening	Length since last blood stool test (Age 50+)	How long has it been since you had your last blood stool test using a home kit? This question was asked only of those age 50 years and older who have ever had a blood stool test.				Y	Y		Y		Y	Y	Y
Colorectal CA Screening	Length since last sigmoidoscopy or colonoscopy (Age 50+)	How long has it been since you had your sigmoidoscopy or colonoscopy? This question was asked only of those age 50 years and older who have ever had a sigmoidoscopy or colonoscopy.				Y	Y		Y		Y	Y	Y
Demographics	Education	Education level	Y	Y	Y	Y	Y	Y	Y	Y	Y	Y	Y
Demographics	Education-Age 25+	Education level – variable is restricted to persons aged 25 and older who are presumed to have completed their education. This education variable is specific to Healthy Rhode Islanders 2010 to correspond with national Healthy People 2010 demographics.	Y	Y	Y	Y	Y	Y	Y	Y	Y	Y	Y
Demographics	Employment – 3 categories	Employment status. "All others" includes student, homemaker, retired, and unable to work.	Y	Y	Y	Y	Y	Y	Y	Y	Y	Y	Y
Demographics	Employment – 5 categories	Employment status	Y	Y	Y	Y	Y	Y	Y	Y	Y	Y	Y
Demographics	Health Insurance – Ages 18+	Health insurance status for persons aged 18 and older. Health insurance coverage is defined as having some kind of health care coverage, including private health insurance, prepaid plan such as HMO, or government plan such as Medicare or Medicaid. Health insurance results available from CDC will be different because CDC results are based on a single question and this variable is based on the single CDC question and a state-added follow-up question.	Y	Y	Y	Y	Y	Y	Y	Y	Y	Y	Y
Demographics	Health Insurance – Ages 18-64	Health insurance status for working age persons (age 18 - 64). Health insurance coverage is defined as having some kind of health care coverage, including private health insurance, prepaid plan such as HMO, or government plan such as Medicare or Medicaid. Health insurance results available from CDC will be different because CDC results are based on a single question and this variable is based on the CDC single question and a state-added follow-up question.	Y	Y	Y	Y	Y	Y	Y	Y	Y	Y	Y
Demographics	Hispanic Origin	Reported Hispanic Origin. Note: This question was asked after the race question prior to 2001. In 2001 and later it was asked before the race question.	Y	Y	Y	Y	Y	Y	Y	Y	Y	Y	Y
Demographics	Income Categories	Income levels for Healthy Rhode Islanders 2010 includes "don't know and refused" in the denominator and as a category because of the high proportion of respondents who were unwillingly to provide information about income.	Y	Y	Y	Y	Y	Y	Y	Y	Y	Y	Y
Demographics	Marital Status	Marital Status	Y	Y	Y	Y	Y	Y	Y	Y	Y	Y	Y
Demographics	Race - standard from 1998	Reported Race using 1998 standard. In 2001 the standard changed to include more categories. The 1998 standard can be used for years post-1998 while the 2001 standard can not be used for years prior to 2001. Starting in 2001 respondents were able to select more than one race.	Y	Y	Y	Y	Y	Y	Y				Y
Demographics	Race - standard from 2001	Reported Race using 2001 standard. In 2001 the standard changed to include more categories. The 2001 standard cannot be used for years prior to 2001 while the 1998 standard can be used for years post-1998. Starting in 2001 respondents were able to select more than one race. Those that select more than one race were given a follow-up question asking them to select a preferred race. Preferred race was used to categorize the respondent into a single race category.				Y	Y	Y	Y	Y	Y	Y	Y
Demographics	Race/ethnicity	Race/ethnicity is created using the variables "Race-standard from 1998" and "Hispanic Origin".	Y	Y	Y	Y	Y	Y	Y	Y	Y	Y	Y
Demographics	Reported Age - 20 year age groups	Reported age categorized into twenty year age groups.	Y	Y	Y	Y	Y	Y	Y	Y	Y	Y	Y
Demographics	Reported Age - 5 year age groups	Reported age categorized into five year age groups	Y	Y	Y	Y	Y	Y	Y	Y	Y	Y	Y
Demographics	Reported Age - Age 65+	Reported age for those over the age of 64.	Y	Y	Y	Y	Y	Y	Y	Y	Y	Y	Y
Demographics	Sex	Reported sex	Y	Y	Y	Y	Y	Y	Y	Y	Y	Y	Y
Demographics	Veteran status	Have you ever served on active duty in the United States Armed Forces, either in the regular military or in a National Guard or military reserve unit?			Y			Y	Y	Y	Y	Y	Y
Demographics	Reported Age - 10 year age groups	Reported age categorized into ten year age groups.	Y	Y	Y	Y	Y	Y	Y	Y	Y	Y	Y
Diabetes	Attended diabetes education past 12 months	Attended at least one diabetes education session or one-on-one counseling with a diabetes educator, nurse, dietitian, or pharmacist in past 12 months among those with diabetes (non-gestational).		Y	Y	Y	Y	Y	Y	Y	Y	Y	Y

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Diabetes	Diabetes	Ever told by doctor you have diabetes.	Y	Y	Y	Y	Y	Y	Y	Y	Y	Y	Y
Diabetes	Dilated eye exam	When had last eye exam in which pupils were dilated among those with diabetes (non-gestational).	Y	Y	Y	Y	Y	Y	Y	Y	Y	Y	Y
Diabetes	Ever taken class to manage diabetes	Ever taken class to manage diabetes, among those with diabetes (non-gestational).			Y	Y	Y	Y	Y	Y	Y	Y	Y
Diabetes	Feet check past 12 months	Times health professional checked feet for sores or irritations in past 12 months among those with diabetes (non-gestational).	Y	Y	Y	Y	Y	Y	Y	Y	Y	Y	Y
Diabetes	Hemoglobin "A one C" check past 12 months	Times hemoglobin "A one C" checked in past 12 months by doctor, nurse or health professional among those with diabetes (non-gestational).			Y	Y	Y	Y	Y	Y	Y	Y	
Disability	Activities limited because of health problems	Are you limited in any way in any activities because of physical, mental, or emotional problems?	Y	Y	Y	Y	Y	Y	Y	Y	Y	Y	Y
Disability	CDC Disability- 1998-2000	A person is defined as having a disability if they are limited in any way in any activity because of any impairment or health problem, or if they use any special equipment or help from others to get around.	Y	Y	Y								
Disability	CDC Disability- 1998-2000	A person is defined as having a disability if they are limited in any way in any activity because of any impairment or health problem, or if they use any special equipment or help from others to get around.	Y	Y	Y								Y
Disability	CDC Disability- 2001+	A person is defined as having a disability if they are limited in any way in any activity because of any physical, mental, or emotional problems, or if they use any special equipment such as a cane, a wheelchair, a special bed, or a special telephone.				Y	Y	Y	Y	Y	Y	Y	Y
Disability	CDC Disability- 2001+	A person is defined as having a disability if they are limited in any way in any activity because of any physical, mental, or emotional problems, or if they use any special equipment such as a cane, a wheelchair, a special bed, or a special telephone.				Y	Y	Y	Y	Y	Y	Y	
Disability	Days felt did not get enough rest or sleep	During the past 30 days, for about how many days have you felt you did not get enough rest or sleep?	Y	Y	Y	Y	Y	Y	Y		Y		
Disability	Days felt sad, blue, or depressed	During the past 30 days, for about how many days have you felt sad, blue, or depressed?	Y	Y	Y	Y	Y	Y	Y		Y		
Disability	Days felt very healthy and full of energy	During the past 30 days, for about how many days have you felt very healthy and full of energy?	Y	Y	Y	Y	Y	Y	Y		Y		
Disability	Days felt worried, tense, or anxious	During the past 30 days, for about how many days have you felt worried, tense or anxious?	Y	Y	Y	Y	Y	Y	Y		Y		
Disability	Days pain prevented activities	During the past 30 days, for about how many days did PAIN make it hard for you to do your usual activities, such as self-care, work, or recreation?	Y	Y	Y	Y	Y	Y	Y		Y		Y
Disability	RI Disability 1998-2000	A person is defined as having a disability if they meet any one of four criteria: 1) Are limited in the kind or amount of work they can do because of any impairment or health problem; 2) Have any trouble learning, remembering, or concentrating because of any impairment or health problem; 3) Use special equipment or help from others to get around; or 4) Are limited in any way in any activities because of any impairment or health problem.	Y	Y	Y								
Disability	Special equipment required- 1998-2000	A person is considered to use special equipment if they answer that they use other people, cane or walking stick, walker, crutch or crutches, manual wheelchair, motorized wheelchair, electric mobility scooter, artificial leg, brace, services animal (such as guide dog or other animal specifically trained to provide assistance), oxygen or special breathing equipment, or any other special equipment to get around.	Y	Y	Y								
Disability	Special equipment required -2001+	Do you now have any health problem that requires you to use special equipment, such as a cane, a wheelchair, a special bed, or a special telephone?				Y	Y	Y	Y	Y	Y	Y	Y
Emergency Preparedness	Household supplies in case of emergency	Does household have enough food, water, medicine and other emergency supplies to last for 3 days in case of an emergency.										Y	
Emergency Preparedness	Vaccination to fight deadly infection	Agree to go to a community center to get a vaccination to fight a very infectious disease if instructed to.										Y	

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Emergency Preparedness	Way to communicate in an emergency	Does household have a plan for staying in touch if normal communications breakdown if some can not get home.									Y		
Environmental conditions	Past 12 months, illness due to inside air	Past 12 months, had an illness or symptom that you think was caused by something in the air inside a home, office, or other building?							Y				
Environmental conditions	Past 12 months, illness due to outside air	Past 12 months, had an illness or symptom that you think was caused by pollution in the air outdoors?							Y				
Firearms	Firearms in or around home	Are any firearms kept in or around your home?				Y	Y		Y				
Firearms	Firearms loaded	Are any of these firearms now loaded? Asked only of those who kept a firearm in or around the home.					Y		Y				
Firearms	Loaded firearms unlocked	Are any of these loaded firearms also unlocked? By "unlocked" we mean you do not need a key or combination to get the gun or to fire it. We don't count safety as a lock. Asked only of those who kept a loaded firearm in or around the home.					Y		Y				
Fruits and Vegetables	5-a-day Fruits and Vegetables	Consume at least 5 daily servings of fruits and vegetables.	Y		Y		Y	Y		Y		Y	
Fruits and Vegetables	Fruit and Vegetable Index	Number of daily servings of fruits and vegetables a day a respondent reports eating.	Y		Y		Y	Y		Y		Y	
General Health	General Health	Self-reported general health status	Y	Y	Y	Y	Y	Y	Y	Y	Y		
General Health	Mental Health	Number of days in the past month in which respondent reported that his or her mental health was "not good". Mental health includes stress, depression and problems with emotions.	Y	Y	Y	Y	Y	Y	Y	Y	Y	Y	
General Health	Physical Health	Number of days in the past 30 days respondent reported that his or her physical health which includes illness and injury was "not good". Physical health includes illness and injury.	Y	Y	Y	Y	Y	Y	Y	Y	Y	Y	Y
General Health	Poor Health	Number of days in the past month in which respondent reported that poor physical or mental health kept him or her from doing usual activities, such as self-care, work or recreation. This question was asked only of those who reported at least one day of poor physical or mental health.	Y	Y	Y	Y	Y	Y	Y	Y	Y	Y	Y
Geography	County	County	Y	Y	Y	Y	Y	Y	Y	Y	Y	Y	Y
Geography	Regions	Geographic strata similar to counties but with some counties combined (Bristol and Newport) and Providence County divided into Outer Providence County (Burrville, Cranston, Cumberland, Foster, Gloucester, Johnston, Lincoln, N. Smithfield, N. Providence, Scituate, Smithfield, Woonsocket) and Urban Providence County (Providence, East Providence, Central Falls, and Pawtucket).	Y	Y	Y	Y	Y	Y	Y	Y	Y	Y	Y
Geography	Town/City	Cities with populations of at least 50,000 persons as of 2000 can be selected individually. Two of these cities, Providence and Pawtucket are "core" cities. Other "core" cities with populations less than 50,000 persons are grouped together (Central Falls, Newport, Woonsocket and West Warwick). All other cities and towns are grouped as "other rural and suburban cities". A "core" city is one in which 15% or more of the children live in families with income below the federal poverty level. This definition is from	Y	Y	Y	Y	Y	Y	Y	Y	Y	Y	Y
Geography	Urban/Non-urban	Urban "core" cities includes: Central Falls, Newport, Pawtucket, Providence, Woonsocket, West Warwick. Non-urban "core" includes all other cities and towns. A "core" city is one in which 15% or more of the children live in families with income below the federal poverty level. This definition is from	Y	Y	Y	Y	Y	Y	Y	Y	Y	Y	Y
Health Care Access	Dental Insurance	Do you have any kind of insurance coverage that pays for some or all of your routine dental care, including dental insurance, prepaid plans such as HMOs, or government plans such as Medicaid?			Y	Y	Y		Y				Y
Health Care Access	Health Insurance – Ages 18+	Health insurance status for persons aged 18 and older. Health insurance coverage is defined as having some kind of health care coverage, including private health insurance, prepaid plan such as HMO, or government plan such as Medicare or Medicaid. Health insurance results available from CDC will be different because CDC results are based on a single question and this variable is based on the single CDC question and a state-added follow-up question.	Y	Y	Y	Y	Y	Y	Y	Y	Y	Y	Y

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Health Care Access	Health Insurance – Ages 18-64	Health insurance status for working age persons (age 18 - 64). Health insurance coverage is defined as having some kind of health care coverage, including private health insurance, prepaid plan such as HMO, or government plan such as Medicare or Medicaid. Health insurance results available from CDC will be different because CDC results are based on a single question and this variable is based on the CDC single question and a state-added follow-up question.	Y	Y	Y	Y	Y	Y	Y	Y	Y	Y	Y
Health Care Access	Need but unable to get medical care in past 12 months	Time in past 12 months when needed medical care but were not able to get it.					Y						Y
Health Care Access	Personal health care provider	Has one, or more than one, person they think of as personal doctor or health care provider.				Y	Y	Y	Y	Y	Y	Y	Y
Health Care Access	Reason did not get medical care	Reason unable to get medical care among those who report needing but being unable to get medical care in past 12 months. All other reasons include: distance, office not open when I could get there, too long a wait for an appointment, too long a wait in waiting room, no childcare, no transportation or access for people with disabilities, and the medical provider didn't speak my language.					Y						
Health Care Access	Specific source of ongoing care	Have regular (specific) source of ongoing care including walk-in or urgent care clinic, doctor's office, clinic, health center facility, hospital outpatient clinic, HIM, prepaid group, military or other VA health care or some other place. Hospital emergency room is NOT included as a specific source of primary care.			Y	Y					Y		
Health Care Access	Time since last routine check-up	Time since last routine check-up.	Y	Y	Y	Y	Y	Y	Y	Y	Y	Y	Y
Health Care Access	Unable to see doctor due to cost	Unable to see doctor in past 12 months due to cost.	Y	Y	Y	Y		Y	Y	Y	Y	Y	Y
Health Care Access	Usual place of care	Place respondent usually goes when sick or in need of advice about health.			Y	Y	Y						
Healthy People 2010	5-a-day Fruits and Vegetables	Consume at least 5 daily servings of fruits and vegetables.	Y		Y		Y	Y		Y		Y	Y
Healthy People 2010	Binge Drinking	Had five or more alcoholic drinks on one or more occasion in past month.		Y		Y	Y	Y	Y	Y	Y	Y	Y
Healthy People 2010	Current smoker	Ever smoked at least 100 cigarettes and now smokes every day or some days.	Y	Y	Y	Y	Y	Y	Y	Y	Y	Y	Y
Healthy People 2010	Education-Age 25+	Education level – variable is restricted to persons aged 25 and older who are presumed to have completed their education. This education variable is specific to Healthy Rhode Islanders 2010 to correspond with national Healthy People 2010 demographics.	Y	Y	Y	Y	Y	Y	Y	Y	Y	Y	Y
Healthy People 2010	Ever had pneumonia vaccine - Age 65+	Persons aged 65 and older who ever had a pneumonia vaccination.		Y	Y	Y	Y	Y	Y	Y	Y	Y	Y
Healthy People 2010	Flu shot past 12 months - Age 65+	Persons aged 65 and older who had a flu shot in the past year.		Y	Y	Y	Y	Y	Y	Y	Y	Y	Y
Healthy People 2010	Health Insurance – Ages 18-64	Health insurance status for working age persons (age 18 - 64). Health insurance coverage is defined as having some kind of health care coverage, including private health insurance, prepaid plan such as HMO, or government plan such as Medicare or Medicaid. Health insurance results available from CDC will be different because CDC results are based on a single question and this variable is based on the CDC single question and a state-added follow-up question.	Y	Y	Y	Y	Y	Y	Y	Y	Y	Y	Y
Healthy People 2010	Income Categories	Income levels for Healthy Rhode Islanders 2010 includes "don't know and refused" in the denominator and as a category because of the high proportion of respondents who were unwillingly to provide information about income.	Y	Y	Y	Y	Y	Y	Y	Y	Y	Y	Y
Healthy People 2010	Obese- Age 20+	Persons aged 20 and older whose BMI = 25 or higher. BMI=Body Mass Index=Weight in kilograms/(height in meters)2.	Y	Y	Y	Y	Y	Y	Y	Y	Y	Y	Y
Healthy People 2010	Overweight - Age 20+	Persons aged 20 and older whose BMI = 25 or higher. BMI=Body Mass Index=Weight in kilograms/(height in meters)2.	Y	Y	Y	Y	Y	Y	Y	Y	Y	Y	Y
Healthy People 2010	Recommended physical activity (1998, 2000)	Engages in physical activity for 30 or more minutes, 5 or more times per week, regardless of intensity.	Y		Y								
Healthy People 2010	Recommended physical activity (2001, 2003, 2005, 2007)	Physical activity for 30 or more minutes per day for 5 or more days per week, or vigorous activity for 20 or more minutes per day on three or more days of the week.				Y		Y		Y		Y	
HIV/AIDS	Condom use	Used condom at last sexual intercourse. This question was only asked of respondents 50 years and younger.					Y	Y			Y		

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HIV/AIDS	Past 12 months, number of sexual partners	Past 12 months, with how many people have you had sexual intercourse? This questions was only asked of respondents 50 years and younger.					Y	Y			Y		
HIV/AIDS	Discussed condom use with health professional	In the past 12 months has a doctor, nurse or other health professional talked to you about preventing sexually transmitted diseases through condom use?				Y	Y	Y	Y				
HIV/AIDS	Ever tested for HIV	As far as you know, have you ever been tested for HIV? Do not count tests you may have had as part of a blood donation.				Y	Y	Y	Y	Y	Y		Y
HIV/AIDS beliefs	Can medical treatment help HIV+ persons live longer?	There are medical treatments available that are intended to help a person who is infected with HIV to live longer. Respondents were asked to reply "true" or "false" to this question.				Y	Y	Y	Y				
HIV/AIDS beliefs	Can prenatal HIV transmission be prevented?	A pregnant woman with HIV can get treatment to help reduce the chances that she will pass the virus on to her baby. Respondents were asked to reply "true" or "false" to this question.				Y	Y	Y	Y				
HIV/AIDS beliefs	Efficacy of HIV treatment	How effective do you think these [HIV] treatments are at helping persons with HIV live longer? Asked only of those who believe there are treatments available.				Y							
HIV/AIDS beliefs	Importance of knowing HIV status	How important do you think it is for people to know their HIV status by getting tested?				Y	Y	Y					
Hypertension Awareness	Currently taking medication for high blood pressure	Are you currently taking medicine for your high blood pressure? Asked only of those who have ev been told they have high blood pressure.				Y		Y		Y		Y	
Hypertension Awareness	High blood pressure	Persons who have ever been told by a doctor, nurse, or health professional that they have high blood pressure.		Y		Y		Y		Y		Y	
Immunizations	Ever had pneumonia vaccine	Ever had a pneumonia vaccination.		Y	Y	Y	Y	Y	Y	Y	Y	Y	Y
Immunizations	Ever had pneumonia vaccine - Age 65+	Persons aged 65 and older who ever had a pneumonia vaccination		Y	Y	Y	Y	Y	Y	Y	Y	Y	
Immunizations	Flu shot past 12 months - Age 65+	Persons aged 65 and older who had a flu shot in the past year		Y	Y	Y	Y	Y	Y	Y	Y	Y	
Immunizations	Flu shot past 12 months	Had a flu shot in the past 12 months.		Y	Y	Y	Y	Y	Y	Y	Y	Y	
Life Satisfaction	Satisfaction with life	In general, how satisfied are you with your life?	Y	Y	Y	Y		Y	Y	Y	Y	Y	
Oral Health	Dental Insurance	Do you have any kind of insurance coverage that pays for some or all of your routine dental care, including dental insurance, prepaid plans such as HMOs, or government plans such as Medicaid?			Y	Y	Y		Y				
Oral Health	Length since last dental visit	How long has it been since you last visited a dentist or a dental clinic for any reason?		Y	Y	Y	Y		Y		Y		
Oral Health	Length since teeth cleaned	How long has it been since you had your teeth cleaned by a dentist or dental hygienist?		Y	Y	Y	Y		Y		Y		
Oral Health	Number permanent teeth removed	How many of your permanent teeth have been removed because of tooth decay or gum disease? Do not include teeth lost for other reasons, such as injury or orthodontics.		Y	Y	Y	Y		Y		Y		
Osteoporosis	Broken or fractured wrist or hip	Since the age of 45, have you ever broken or fractured your wrist or hip? This questions was only asked of respondents 45 years of age and older.								Y	Y		
Osteoporosis	Discussed risk of osteoporosis with health care provider	Has your doctor, nurse, or health care provider ever dcussed the risk of osteoporosis with you? This questions was only asked of respondents 50 years of age and older.	Y	Y				Y			Y		
Osteoporosis	Ever had a bone mineral density test	Has your doctor, nurse, or health care provider ever recommended you receive a bone mineral density test? This question was only asked of respondents 50 years of age and older.						Y			Y		
Osteoporosis	Ever heard of osteoporosis	Have you ever heard if osteoporosis? This questions was only asked of respondents 50 years of age and older.							Y				

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Osteoporosis	Ever told have bone loose or brittle bones	Have you ever been told by a doctor, nurse, or health professional that you have bone loss or brittle bones? This questions was only asked of respondents 50 years of age and older.							Y	Y			
Osteoporosis	Ever told have osteoporosis	Have you ever been told by a doctor, nurse, or health care professional that you have osteoporosis? This questions was only asked of respondents 50 years of age and older.								Y			
Osteoporosis	Loss inch in height	Since you were a teenager, have you lost more than an inch in height? This questions was only asked of respondents 45 years of age and older.								Y	Y		
Osteoporosis	Perceived risk of osteoporosis	Compared to other men or women of your age, do you think that your risk of getting bone loss, thin or brittle bones, or osteoporosis is about average or above average? This questions was only asked of respondents 50 years of age and older.							Y				
Osteoporosis	Recommended calcium and vitamin D	Has your doctor or health care provider ever recommended calcium and vitamin D? This questions was only asked of respondents 50 years of age and older.	Y	Y							Y		
Prostate CA Screening	Ever had digital rectal exam (Men 40+)	A digital rectal exam is an exam in which a doctor, nurse or other health professional places a gloved finger into the rectum to feel the size, hardness of the prostate gland. Have you ever had a digital rectal exam? This question was asked only of men age 40 years and older.				Y	Y		Y		Y		Y
Prostate CA Screening	Ever had PSA test (Men 40+)	A prostate-specific antigen test, also called a PSA test, is a blood test used to check men for prostate cancer. Have you ever had a PSA test? This question was asked only of men age 40 years and older.				Y	Y		Y		Y	Y	
Prostate CA Screening	Ever told have prostate cancer (Men 40+)	Have you ever been told by a doctor, nurse, or health professional that you had prostate cancer? This question was asked only of men age 40 years and older.				Y	Y		Y		Y	Y	
Prostate CA Screening	Length since last digital rectal exam (Men 40+)	How long has it been since your last digital rectal exam? This question was asked only of men age 40 years and older who ever had a digital rectal exam.				Y	Y		Y		Y	Y	Y
Prostate CA Screening	Length since last PSA test (Men 40+)	Length since last PSA test among those who ever had PSA test. This question was asked only of men age 40 years and older.				Y	Y		Y		Y	Y	
Quality of Life	Days felt did not get enough rest or sleep	During the past 30 days, for about how many days have you felt you did not get enough rest or sleep?	Y	Y	Y	Y	Y	Y	Y		Y		
Quality of Life	Days felt healthy and full of energy	During the past 30 days, for about how many days have you felt very healthy and full of energy?	Y	Y	Y	Y	Y	Y	Y		Y		Y
Quality of Life	Days felt sad, blue, or depressed	During the past 30 days, for about how many days have you felt sad, blue, or depressed?	Y	Y	Y	Y	Y	Y	Y		Y		
Quality of Life	Days felt worried, tense, or anxious	During the past 30 days, for about how many days have you felt worried, tense or anxious?	Y	Y	Y	Y	Y	Y	Y		Y		
Quality of Life	Days pain prevented activities	During the past 30 days, for about how many days did pain make it hard for you to do your usual activities, such as self-care, work, or recreation?	Y	Y	Y	Y	Y	Y	Y		Y	Y	
Quality of Life	Help with personal care	Because of any impairment or health problem, do you need the help of other persons with your personal care needs, such as eating, bathing, dressing, or getting around the house? This question was only asked of respondents who met any one of the three criteria: 1) Are limited in the kind or amount of work they can do because of any impairment or health problem; 2) Have any trouble learning, remembering, or concentrating because of any impairment or health problem; 3) Use special equipment or help from others to get around.	Y	Y	Y	Y	Y	Y			Y	Y	

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Quality of Life	Help with routine need	Because of any impairment or health problem, do you need the help of other persons in handling your routine needs, such as everyday household chores, doing necessary business, shopping or getting around for other purposes? This question was only asked of respondents who met any one of the three criteria: 1) Are limited in the kind or amount of work they can do because of any impairment or health problem; 2) Have any trouble learning, remembering, or concentrating because of any impairment or health problem; 3) Use special equipment or help from others to get around.	Y	Y	Y	Y	Y	Y			Y		
Quality of Life	Limited because of impairment or health problem	Are you limited in any way in any activities because of any impairment or health problem?	Y	Y	Y	Y	Y	Y	Y	Y	Y	Y	
Quality of Life	Mental Health	Number of days in the past month in which respondent reported that his or her mental health was "not good". Mental health includes stress, depression and problems with emotions.	Y	Y	Y	Y	Y	Y	Y	Y	Y	Y	
Quality of Life	Physical Health	Number of days in the past 30 days respondent reported that his or her physical health which includes illness and injury was "not good". Physical health includes illness and injury.	Y	Y	Y	Y	Y	Y	Y	Y	Y	Y	
Quality of Life	Poor Health	Number of days in the past month in which respondent reported that poor physical or mental health kept him or her from doing usual activities, such as self-care, work or recreation. This question was asked only of those who reported at least one day of poor physical or mental health.	Y	Y	Y	Y	Y	Y	Y	Y	Y	Y	Y
Quality of Life	Satisfaction with life	In general, how satisfied are you with your life?	Y	Y	Y	Y		Y	Y	Y	Y	Y	
Quality of Life	Social and emotional support	How often do you get the social and emotional support you need?	Y	Y	Y	Y		Y	Y	Y	Y	Y	Y
Quality of Life	Special equipment required -2001+	Do you now have any health problem that requires you to use special equipment, such as a cane, a wheelchair, a special bed, or a special telephone?				Y	Y	Y	Y	Y	Y	Y	Y
Quality of Life	Trouble learning, remembering	Because of any impairment or health problem, do you have any problem learning, remembering or concentrating?	Y	Y	Y	Y		Y	Y	Y	Y	Y	
Seatbelts	Seatbelt use	How often do you use seatbelts when you drive or ride in a car?					Y				Y	Y	Y
Sexual Behavior	Condom use	Used condom at last sexual intercourse. This questions was only asked of respondents 50 years and younger.					Y	Y			Y		
Sexual Behavior	Discussed condom use with health professional	In the past 12 months has a doctor, nurse or other health professional talked to you about preventing sexually transmitted diseases through condom use?				Y	Y	Y	Y				
Sexual Behavior	Ever tested for HIV	As far as you know, have you ever been tested for HIV? Do not count tests you may have had as part of a blood donation.				Y	Y	Y	Y	Y	Y	Y	Y
Sexual Behavior	Past 12 months, number of sexual partners	Past 12 months, with how many people have you had sexual intercourse? This questions was only asked of respondents 50 years and younger.					Y	Y			Y		
Smoking	Current smoker	Ever smoked at least 100 cigarettes and now smokes every day or some days.	Y	Y	Y	Y	Y	Y	Y	Y	Y	Y	Y
Smoking	Home tobacco smoke exposure - 2 categories (2003)	Past 7 days, hours per week exposed to other people's tobacco smoke inside home or apartment? Denominator: NOTE: This question is the same as the question asked in 2004 and 2005, but the denominator is diferent. In 2003, the question was asked only to non-smokers.						Y					Y
Smoking	Home tobacco smoke exposure -2 categories (2004+)	Past 7 days, hours per week exposed to other people's tobacco smoke inside home or apartment? Denominator: Question asked of all survey respondents.							Y	Y	Y	Y	Y
Smoking	Home tobacco smoke exposure- 3 categories (2003)	Past 7 days, hours per week exposed to other people's tobacco smoke inside home or apartment? Denominator: NOTE: This question is the same as the question asked in 2004 and 2005, but the denominator is diferent. In 2003, the question was asked only to non-smokers.						Y					Y

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Smoking	Home tobacco smoke exposure-3 categories (2004+)	Past 7 days, hours per week exposed to other people's tobacco smoke inside home or apartment? Denominator: Question asked of all survey respondents.							Y	Y	Y	Y	
Smoking	Indoor work location	While working at your job, are you indoors most of the time?Denominator: Question only asked of people who are working (employed or self-employed).				Y	Y	Y					
Smoking	Smoking allowed at home	What best describes the rules about smoking inside your home? Denominator: Question asked of all survey respondents.				Y	Y	Y	Y				
Smoking	Smoking and the workplace (2000)	Should smoking in indoor work areas be allowed without restriction, be permitted only in designated areas or not be allowed at all? Question asked of all survey respondents.			Y								
Smoking	Smoking and the workplace (2003+)	Should smoking in indoor work areas be allowed in all areas, only in certain areas, or not be allowed at all? Denominator: Question asked of all survey respondents.						Y	Y	Y	Y	Y	Y
Smoking	Smoking in restaurants	Should smoking in restaurants be allowed in all areas, only in certain areas, or not be allowed at all? Denominator: Question asked of all survey respondents.						Y					
Smoking	Smoking status - 4 categories	This variable combines results from two questions: Ever smoked 100+ cigarettes in life and smoke now somedays or every day. There are four categories: Current/every day (Ever smoked at least 100 cigarettes and now smokes every day); Current/some days (Ever smoked at least 100 cigarette and now smokes some days); Former smoker (Ever smoked at least 100 cigarettes and now does not smoke); Never smoked (Never smoked at least 100 cigarettes).	Y	Y	Y	Y	Y	Y	Y	Y	Y	Y	
Smoking	Workplace smoking policy	Which best describes your place of work's official indoor smoking policy? Question only asked of people who are working (employed or self-employed).							Y	Y	Y	Y	
Smoking	Workplace smoking policy- common area	Which best describes your place of work's official smoking policy for indoor public or common areas?Question only asked of people who are working (employed or self-employed).				Y	Y	Y					
Smoking	Workplace tobacco smoke exposure - 2 categories (2003)	Past 7 days, hours per week exposed to other people's tobacco smoke at work? Denominator: Question only asked of people who are working (employed or self-employed) and who are non-smokers.						Y					
Smoking	Workplace tobacco smoke exposure - 2 categories (2004+)	Past 7 days, hours per week exposed to other people's tobacco smoke at work? Denominator: Question only asked of people who are working (employed or self-employed).							Y	Y	Y	Y	Y
Smoking	Workplace tobacco smoke exposure - 3 categories (2003)	Past 7 days, hours per week exposed to other people's tobacco smoke at work? Denominator: Question only asked of people who are working (employed or self-employed) and who are non-smokers.						Y					Y
Smoking	Workplace tobacco smoke exposure - 3 categories (2004+)	Past 7 days, hours per week exposed to other people's tobacco smoke at work? Denominator: Question only asked of people who are working (employed or self-employed).							Y	Y	Y	Y	
Smoking	Worplace smoking policy-work area	Which best describes your place of work's official policy for work area? Question only asked of people who are working (employed or self-employed).				Y	Y	Y					
Social Emotional Support	Social and emotional support	How often do you get the social and emotional support you need?	Y	Y	Y	Y		Y	Y	Y	Y	Y	Y
Weight Control	Leisure time physical activity	During the past 30 days, participated in physical activity or exercise other than regular job such as running, calisthenics, golf, gardening or walking.	Y		Y	Y	Y	Y	Y	Y	Y	Y	
Weight Control	Obese- Age 20+	Persons aged 20 and older whose BMI = 25 or higher. BMI=Body Mass Index=Weight in kilograms/(height in meters)2.	Y	Y	Y	Y	Y	Y	Y	Y	Y	Y	
Weight Control	Overweight - Age 20+	Persons aged 20 and older whose BMI = 25 or higher. BMI=Body Mass Index=Weight in kilograms/(height in meters)2.	Y	Y	Y	Y	Y	Y	Y	Y	Y	Y	Y
Weight Control	Recommended physical activity (1998, 2000)	Engages in physical activity for 30 or more minutes, 5 or more times per week, regardless of intensity.	Y		Y								Y
Weight Control	Recommended physical activity (2001, 2003, 2005, 2007)	Physical activity for 30 or more minutes per day for 5 or more days per week, or vigorous activity for 20 or more minutes per day on three or more days of the week.				Y		Y		Y		Y	Y
Weight Control	Weight - 4 categories	Underweight = BMI under 20. Normal = BMI 20-24.9. Overweight = BMI 25-29.9. Obese = BMI 30 and over. BMI=Body Mass Index= Weight in kilograms/(height in meters)2.	Y	Y	Y	Y	Y	Y	Y	Y	Y	Y	Y

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Women's Health	2 year mammogram - Age 40+	Women aged 40+ who had a mammogram in the past 2 years of women who have ever had a mammogram.	Y	Y	Y	Y	Y		Y		Y		Y
Women's Health	3 year pap test	Women aged 18 and older who had pap test in the past 3 years of women who ever had a pap test.	Y	Y	Y	Y	Y		Y				Y
Women's health	Ever had clinical breast exam	A clinical breast exam is when a doctor, nurse, or other health professional feels the breast for lumps. Have you ever had a clinical breast exam?	Y	Y	Y	Y	Y		Y		Y		Y
Women's Health	Ever Mammogram - Age 40+	Women aged 40+ who report ever having a mammogram.	Y	Y	Y	Y	Y		Y		Y		Y
Women's Health	Ever Pap	Women aged 18 and older who report ever having a pap test.	Y	Y	Y	Y	Y		Y		Y		Y
Year	Year of interview	Year of interview	Y	Y	Y	Y	Y	Y	Y	Y	Y	Y	Y
Statistical Calculation	Confidence Interval	<p>Data results of surveys are “estimates” of the actual prevalence of attributes in the entire target population at the time the sample was drawn.The likelihood of differences between data results obtained from a sample and results that would have been obtained from the entire population is mathematically expressed by using confidence intervals. A confidence interval is expressed as the number of percentage points which should be added to and subtracted from a point estimate in order to have a given level of confidence that the range includes the “true” value for the whole population. The smaller the sample, the broader the confidence interval. Thus, estimates for subgroups of the overall sample result in broader confidence intervals. Confidence intervals are calculated with the equation:</p> $CI_{95} = \pm 1.96 \sqrt{\frac{(P) (1-P)}{N}}$ <p>Where: CI₉₅ = confidence intervals at 95% confidence level, P = weighted sample estimate (as a proportion), N = sample size. Estimates based on fewer than 100 cases are not reported.</p>											
	Weighting	Data are weighted to adjust survey results so they are representative of all Rhode Island adults living in telephone-equipped households. Weighting adjusts for: 1) Differences in probability of selection of phone number, 2) Differences in probability of selection of households for households with more than one telephone number, 3) Differences in probability of selection of adults living in households with more than one adult, 4) Differences in the age and sex stratification of the survey sample compared with the actual age and sex distribution of Rhode Island's adult population based on US Census data and intercensal estimates.Weighting enables results from the survey to be generalized to the adult population of Rhode Island.											