

BRFSS State Added Gambling Questions

The Iowa Behavioral Risk Factor Surveillance System (BRFSS) is an ongoing monthly telephone survey, which is financially and technically supported by the Centers for Disease Control and Prevention (CDC). The statewide survey, a scientifically designed and validated method of collecting information from 5,000 household telephone surveys, is designed to collect information on health-risk behaviors of Iowa residents age 18 and over on nationally agreed upon topics and on additional areas of special interest to Iowa, and to monitor prevalence of these behaviors over time. The University of Northern Iowa contracts with the Iowa Department of Public Health to conduct the survey.

Have you gambled in the last 12 months?

		2009	2010	2011	2012	2013	2014	2015
Total		33.3%	33.8%	32.4%	44.4%	25.2%	27.3%	26.5%
Sex								
	Male	39.1%	39.1%	36.5%	49.0%	31.2%	33.3%	32.1%
	Female	27.8%	28.9%	28.5%	40.2%	19.3%	21.5%	21.2%
Race/Ethnicity								
	White Non-Hispanic	34.0%	34.8%	33.8%	45.6%	25.6%	28.3%	27.4%
	Non-White or Hispanic	23.1%	21.3%	19.6%	34.0%	20.2%	17.4%	15.6%
Age								
	18-24	18.7%	23.8%	14.7%	30.3%	19.7%	27.3%	22.3%
	25-34	29.2%	34.1%	29.7%	47.1%	29.5%	30.9%	32.7%
	35-44	37.7%	36.7%	35.2%	48.2%	25.6%	23.8%	24.5%
	45-54	37.7%	37.6%	40.5%	49.9%	27.4%	23.2%	27.6%
	55-64	39.4%	38.3%	41.8%	49.5%	28.1%	32.5%	25.9%
	65-74	38.6%	38.6%	36.1%	47.7%	24.4%	29.0%	28.7%
	75+	24.0%	22.0%	23.0%	30.7%	17.4%	23.5%	20.7%
Education								
	< High School	13.9%	22.3%	21.7%	24.8%	16.7%	19.9%	26.0%
	High School Grad	36.3%	33.4%	31.5%	45.1%	25.9%	30.3%	23.5%
	Some College	33.9%	37.1%	37.4%	48.2%	26.4%	27.3%	28.6%
	College Graduate	33.7%	33.9%	30.9%	46.0%	25.6%	26.1%	27.3%
Household Income								
	< \$15,000	15.4%	22.4%	22.5%	32.5%	16.8%	18.1%	19.8%
	\$15,000 - \$24,999	23.7%	28.7%	30.4%	36.6%	23.8%	20.9%	20.2%
	\$25,000 - \$34,999	33.3%	31.4%	32.9%	44.7%	23.0%	26.7%	21.5%
	\$35,000 - \$49,999	38.5%	37.0%	34.4%	46.3%	31.0%	25.4%	30.2%
	50,000 - \$74,999	33.4%	37.0%	39.9%	50.9%	29.8%	30.5%	32.4%
	> \$75,000	41.3%	40.5%	37.2%	54.0%	27.8%	32.5%	30.2%
Other Gambling Questions:								
	Gambling led to financial problems	1.5%	ND	ND	ND	ND	ND	ND
	Gambling led to life problems	1.7%	ND	ND	ND	ND	ND	ND
	Ever Felt the Need to bet More and More	ND	ND	ND	ND	8.8%	4.1%	ND
	Ever had to lie about gambling	ND	ND	ND	ND	3.3%	2.3%	ND
	BBGS1 - Felt irritable when trying to cut down?	ND	ND	ND	ND	ND	ND	1.40%
	BBGS2 - Tried to keep your family and friends from knowing how much?	ND	ND	ND	ND	ND	ND	2.00%
	BBGS3 - Had so much financial trouble you needed help?	ND	ND	ND	ND	ND	ND	0.50%

Information about BRFSS can be found at: <http://www.idph.iowa.gov/brfss/>