

High School Codebook Introduction

The codebook documents the SAS, SPSS, MS Access, and ASCII data files on your CD-ROM. The columns in the codebook include the following information:

Data Location: This column contains the numbers indicating the beginning and ending column position for each variable. The data location is relevant only when you are using the ASCII formatted data file; for the other files, you will reference data by variable name, not location.

Variable Name: This column contains the variable names listed in the order that the variables appear in the data files. A brief description of variable names and the types of variables in the file follows.

- Q1 through Q87 correspond to questions on the YRBS High School questionnaire. Please refer to the map form for your questionnaire in this report binder for information on questions and their corresponding question numbers.
- Q88 through Q# correspond to any site-added questions.
- QN# are dichotomous variables which denote “response of interest” for each question (except for demographic variables).
- QN*word* variables, or Supplemental Variables, are dichotomous variables that are derived from one or more standard YRBS questions, providing information additional to the QN# variable.

Please refer to the *2005 YRBS Data Processing and Editing Procedures* in the Data Analysis Resources section of this binder for more details on variable types and supplemental variables.

Question Code and Label: This column contains information about each variable in the data file. For each standard question (Q1 through Q87) and for each site-added question (Q88 through Q#), this column contains question text, response option codes, and response option text. For QN# and QN*word* variables, this column contains text that summarizes the “responses of interest”, and the codes “1” and “2” for “Yes” and “No” respectively to indicate whether or not the response was one of the “responses of interest”.

Unweighted Frequency: This column contains the number of the students who chose a specific response option or response of interest.

Weighted or Unweighted Percent: This column contains the percentage of students who chose a specific response option or response of interest. If your data were weighted, these percentages are weighted and represent students across your site. If your data were not weighted, these percentages are unweighted and represent only the students who took the survey.