Codebook Documentation

Purpose

The codebook documents the structure of the SAS, SPSS, MS Access, and ASCII data files.

Example

2013 YOUTH RISK BEHAVIOR SURVEY RESULTS

Metropolis High School Survey

Codebook

Data Location	Variable Name	Question Code and Label		Unweighted Frequency	Weighted Percentage
4-13	SCHOOLID				
14-16	CLASSID				
17-17	Q1	How old are you?			
		1	12 years old or younger	2	0.2
		2	13 years old	37	3.7
		3	14 years old	205	19.0
		4	15 years old	371	27.9
		5	16 years old	292	24.3
		6	17 years old	223	18.7
		7	18 years old or older	77	6.2
			Missing	1	
18-18	Q2	What is your sex?			
		1	Female	627	50.0
		2	Male	570	50.0
			Missing	11	
19-19	Q3	In what grade are you?			
		1	9th grade	317	30.7
		2	10th grade	364	25.0
		3	11th grade	256	23.1
		4	12th grade	258	21.0
		5	Ungraded or other grade	2	0.2
			Missing	11	
20-20	Q4	Are you Hispanic or Latino?			
		1	Yes	768	61.4
		2	No	424	38.6
			Missing	16	

Content

The Codebook contains the following columns:

Column	Content
Data Location	The beginning and ending column position for each variable. Data location is only used to read the ASCII format data file. For the SAS, SPSS, and MS Access files, data are referenced directly by variable name, not by data location.

Variable Name	Variable names listed in the order that they appear in the data files. • Q1 through Q86 variables correspond to questions on the 2013 standard high school questionnaire. Q1 through Q50 variables correspond to questions on the standard middle school questionnaire. **Note:** Question numbers may not match the question numbers from your questionnaire if you have modified the standard questionnaire. The "Map Form" maps question numbers on your YRBS questionnaire to the question numbers on the standard YRBS questionnaire. • Q87 through Q# variables correspond to site added questions on the high school questionnaire. Q51 through Q# correspond to site added questions on the middle school questionnaire. • QN# and QNword variables are based on one or more standard questions. QN variables are dichotomized (yes/no) variables that describe a "response of interest (ROI)" or the typical way that results for each variable is reported. These variables can be found in the Summary Tables. • Weight, PSU, and Stratum variables are available on all weighted data files and should be used for running all analyses. BMIPct describes the BMI percentile by age and sex for each student (high school surveys only). • RaceEth provides the eight standard race/ethnicity categories calculated from Q4 and Q5.
Question Code and Label	A description of the question or variable and possible values for that variable.
Unweighted Frequency	The number of students that chose a specific response option or response of interest.
Weighted Frequency/ Unweighted Frequency	The weighted percentage of students who chose a specific response option or response of interest. Codebooks for unweighted data sets contain unweighted percentages in this column.

How to Use the Codebook

The Codebook is designed to support secondary analyses of YRBS data. Analysts should run simple weighted and unweighted analyses to make sure their output matches the output in the Codebook before conducting more complex analyses.

Notes

Refer to the "Data User's Guide" for more details on variable types, supplemental variables, and how they are calculated.

Refer to the "Map Form Documentation" for more details on variable names and how they correspond to question numbers on your questionnaire.

See Software for Analysis of YRBS Data on the YRBS website for more information about analyzing YRBS data.
