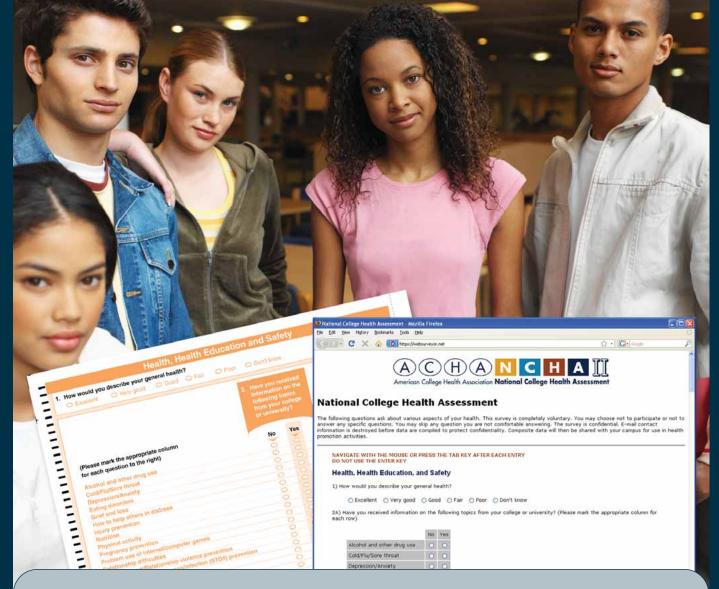
A

American College Health Association National College Health Assessment



Reference Group Executive Summary

American College Health Association





Reference Group Executive Summary Spring 2009

The ACHA-NCHA II supports the health of the campus community by fulfilling the academic mission, supporting short- and long-term healthy behaviors, and gaining a current profile of health trends within the campus community.

Copyright 2009 S American College Health Association. All Rights Reserved.

Table of Contents

I. Introduction

II. Findings	
A. General Health of College Students	3
B. Disease and Injury Prevention	4
C. Academic Impacts	5
D. Violence, Abusive Relationships and Personal Safety	5
E. Alcohol, Tobacco, and Other Drug Use	6
F. Sexual Behavior	10
G. Nutrition and Exercise	12
H. Mental Health	13
I. Sleep	16
III. Demographics and Student Characteristics	17
IV. Demographics of Participating Institutions	18

ACHA, the nation's principal advocate and leadership organization for college and university health, represents a diverse membership that provides and supports the delivery of health care and prevention and wellness services for the nation's 18 million college students. For more information about the association's programs and services, visit www.acha.org, and www.acha-ncha.org.

Suggested citation for this document:

American College Health Association. American College Health Association-National College Health Assessment II: Reference Group Executive Summary Spring 2009. Linthicum, MD: American College Health Association; 2009. 2

Introduction

The ACHA-National College Health Assessment II (ACHA-NCHA II) is a national research survey organized by the American College Health Association (ACHA) to assist college health service providers, health educators, counselors, and administrators in collecting data about their students' habits, behaviors, and perceptions on the most prevalent health topics.

ACHA initiated the original ACHA-NCHA in 2000 and the instrument was used nation wide through the spring 2008 data collection period. The ACHA-NCHA now provides the largest known comprehensive data set on the health of college students, providing the college health and higher education fields with a vast spectrum of information on student health.

The revised survey, the ACHA-NCHA-II, was developed following a thorough pilot testing process. Although the general categories of information for which data are collected remain the same between the original ACHA-NCHA and this revised survey, a number of questions have been modified, and new questions have been added to monitor a variety of health constructs. Specific revisions include updated lists of illegal drugs, contraceptive methods, and vaccines. New items have been added to capture sleep behaviors, self-injury, the use/abuse of prescription drugs and additional mental health issues.

Please note the ACHA-NCHA II is not appropriate for trend comparison of items from the original ACHA-NCHA survey. A new baseline for ACHA-NCHA II began in the fall of 2008. Directly comparing pre- and post-redesign estimates on similar data points, without taking into account the impact of the survey's redesign, might lead to an erroneous conclusion. Documentation regarding the results of the pilot study and differences between the instruments can be obtained at the ACHA-NCHA website, www.acha-ncha.org.

For additional information about the survey's development, design, and methodology, email Mary Hoban, PhD, CHES, (mhoban@acha.org), E. Victor Leino, PhD (vleino@acha.org), or visit www.acha-ncha.org.

Note on use of data:

Missing values have been excluded from analysis. Students responding "not applicable" were excluded from several analyses, which are specifically noted throughout this document. All response categories were included, including "don't know" or "0" unless otherwise noted.

This Executive Summary highlights results of the ACHA-NCHA II Spring 2009 survey for a Reference Group consisting of 87,105 respondents. The overall response proportion was 30%.

A. General Health of College Students

59.9 % of college students surveyed (65.3 % male and 57.0 % female) described their health as *very good or excellent*.

■ 92.2 % of college students surveyed (93.4 % male and 91.6 % female) described their health as *good, very good or excellent*.

Proportion of college students who reported being diagnosed or treated by a professional for any of the following health problems within the last 12 months:

Allergies:	19.9 %	Hepatitis B or C:	0.5 %
Asthma:	8.6 %	High blood pressure:	3.0 %
Back pain:	12.3 %	High cholesterol:	3.0 %
Broken bone/Fracture/Sprain:	8.0 %	HIV infection:	0.3 %
Bronchitis:	6.5 %	Irritable Bowel Syndrome:	2.7 %
Chlamydia:	0.9 %	Migraine headache:	7.4 %
Diabetes:	1.0 %	Mononucleosis:	2.2 %
Ear infection:	7.4 %	Pelvic Inflammatory Disease:	0.3 %
Endometriosis:	0.8 %	Repetitive stress injury:	1.8 %
Genital herpes:	0.8 %	Sinus infection:	17.8 %
Genital warts/HPV:	2.2 %	Strep throat:	11.0 %
Gonorrhea:	0.4 %	Tuberculosis:	0.4 %
		Urinary tract infection:	9.6 %

56.2 % of college students (47.0 % male, 62.2 % female) reported being diagnosed or treated by a professional with one or more of the above conditions within the last 12 months.

Proportion of college students who reported the following disabilities or medical conditions:

Attention Deficit and Hyperactivity Disorder (ADHD)5.4	%
Chronic illness (e.g., cancer, diabetes, auto-immune disorders) 3.7	%
Deaf/Hard of hearing 1.3	%
Learning disability 3.7	%
Mobility/Dexterity disability 0.8	%
Partially sighted/Blind 1.3	%
Psychiatric condition 4.3	%
Speech or language disorder 0.8	%
Other disability 1.9	%

B. Disease and Injury Prevention

College students reported receiving the following vaccinations (shots):

- 76.0 % reported receiving vaccination against hepatitis B.
- 29.5 % reported receiving vaccination against Human Papillomavirus/HPV (cervical cancer vaccine).
- 32.9 % reported receiving vaccination against influenza (flu) in the last 12 months (shot or nasal mist).
- 74.7 % reported receiving vaccination against measles, mumps, rubella.
- 59.0 % reported receiving vaccination against meningococcal meningitis.
- 41.6 % reported receiving vaccination against varicella (chicken pox).

Other disease prevention practices reported by college students:

- 74.7 % reported having a dental exam and cleaning in the last 12 months.
- 35.2 % of males reported performing a testicular self exam in the last 30 days.
- 38.3 % of females reported performing a breast self exam in the last 30 days.
- 56.6 % of females reported having a routine gynecological exam in the last 12 months.
- 50.3 % reported using sunscreen regularly with sun exposure.
- 26.6 % reported ever being tested for Human Immunodeficiency Virus (HIV) infection.

College students reported the following behaviors within the last 12 months:

Percent (%)	N/A, did not do this activity within the last 12 months	Never*	Rarely or sometimes*	Mostly or always*
Wear a seatbelt when				
you rode in a car	0.7	0.5	4.7	94.7
Wear a helmet when you				
rode a bicycle	49.7	47.8	21.6	30.5
Wear a helmet when you				
rode a motorcycle	84.9	10.2	8.7	81.1
Wear a helmet when you				
were inline skating	85.6	 63.0	15.1	21.9

* Students responding "N/A, did not do this activity within the last 12 months" were excluded.

C. Academic Impacts

Within the last 12 months, students reported the following factors affecting their individual academic performance, defined as: received a lower grade on an exam, or an important project; received a lower grade in the course; received an incomplete or dropped the course; or experienced a significant disruption in thesis, dissertation, research, or practicum work; (listed alphabetically):

Alcohol use:	5.2 %	Gambling:	0.4 %
Allergies:	2.6 %	Homesickness:	3.9 %
Anxiety:	18.5 %	Injury:	2.3 %
Assault (physical):	0.7 %	Internet use/computer games:	11.7 %
Assault (sexual):	0.7 %	Learning disability:	2.9 %
Attention Deficit/Hyperactivity Disorder:	4.5 %	Participation in extracurricular	
Cold/Flu/Sore throat:	17.4 %	activities:	9.3 %
Concern for a troubled friend		Pregnancy (yours or partner's):	1.0 %
or family member:	11.2 %	Relationship difficulties:	11.1 %
Chronic health problem or serious illness:	3.5 %	Roommate difficulties:	6.3 %
Chronic pain:	2.7 %	Sexually transmitted disease/	
Death of a friend or family member:	5.7 %	infection (STD/I):	0.5 %
Depression:	11.6 %	Sinus infection/Ear infection/	
Discrimination:	1.1 %	Bronchitis/Strep throat:	6.1 %
Drug use:	1.9 %	Sleep difficulties:	19.4 %
Eating disorder/problem:	1.2 %	Stress:	26.9 %
Finances:	6.4 %	Work:	13.0 %
		Other:	2.1 %

D. Violence, Abusive Relationships and Personal Safety

Within the last 12 months, college students reported experiencing:

Percent (%)	Male	Female	Total
A physical fight	12.9	4.2	7.4
A physical assault (not sexual assault)	6.3	3.6	4.6
A verbal threat	29.1	17.0	21.3
Sexual touching without their consent	3.9	7.8	6.5
Sexual penetration attempt without their consent	0.8	3.2	2.4
Sexual penetration without their consent	0.6	1.7	1.4
Stalking	4.0	7.9	6.5
An emotionally abusive intimate relationship	7.7	11.3	10.0
A physically abusive intimate relationship	2.4	2.3	2.4
A sexually abusive intimate relationship	0.9	1.9	1.6

College students reported feeling *very safe* :

	Percent (%)	Male	Female	Total
On their campus (daytime)		87.9	83.7	85.0
On their campus (nighttime)		51.3	23.5	33.4
In the community surrounding their				
school (daytime)		58.2	49.4	52.5
In the community surrounding their				
school (nighttime)		27.1	10.7	16.6

E. Alcohol, Tobacco, and Other Drug Use

Reported use versus perceived use - reported use for all students within the past 30 days compared with how often students perceived the typical student on campus used substances within the same time period. The last line of each table combines all categories of any use in the last 30 days.

Icohol Actual Use			se
Percent (%)	Male	Female	Total
Never used	19.0	17.7	18.3
Used, but not in the last 30 days	11.2	13.9	12.9
Used 1-9 days	48.4	54.9	52.4
Used 10-29 days	19.5	13.0	15.3
Used all 30 days	1.9	0.6	1.1
Any use within the last 30 days	69.8	68.4	68.8

Perceived Use				
Male	Female	Total		
3.7	2.2	2.9		
2.1	1.4	1.7		
38.9	33.1	35.1		
42.7	48.3	46.1		
12.6	15.2	14.3		
94.2	96.5	95.5		

Cigarette		Actual Use			
Per	cent (%) Mal	le Fema	ale Total		
Never used	62.	1 66.	8 65.1		
Used, but not in the last 30 days	18.	1 18.	2 18.1		
Used 1-9 days	10.	3 8.0	8.8		
Used 10-29 days	3.5	5 2.4	2.8		
Used all 30 days	6.0) 4.7	5.2		
Any use within the last 30 days	19.	8 15.	0 16.8		

Marijuana Actual Use			se
Percent (%)	Male	Female	Total
Never used	60.4	65.8	63.9
Used, but not in the last 30 days	21.1	21.1	21.0
Used 1-9 days	10.7	9.4	9.8
Used 10-29 days	4.7	2.6	3.3
Used all 30 days	3.1	1.2	1.9
Any use within the last 30 days	18.5	13.1	15.1

Perceived Use					
Male	Female	Total			
7.4	4.7	5.8			
11.7	9.1	10.0			
40.2	35.0	36.8			
22.5	24.6	23.7			
18.2	26.6	23.6			
80.8	86.1	84.1			

Perceived Use

Male	Female	Total
10.3	7.2	8.5
13.0	10.6	11.4
49.2	48.2	48.4
19.8	24.7	22.9
7.8	9.3	8.8
76.7	82.2	80.1

Tobacco from a water pipe (hookah)		Actual Use			
Percent (%)	Male	Female	Total		
Never used	65.6	72.6	70.1		
Used, but not in the last 30 days	24.3	21.1	22.2		
Used 1-9 days	8.9	5.7	6.8		
Used 10-29 days	0.9	0.5	0.6		
Used all 30 days	0.3	0.1	0.2		
Any use within the last 30 days	10.1	6.2	7.7		

Perceived Use Male Female Total 16.5 13.1 14.4 20.9 18.7 19.4 50.1 52.3 51.4 9.0 12.2 11.1 3.5 3.7 3.8 62.7 68.3 66.2

All other drugs combined *	Actual Use			
Percent (%)	Male	Female	Total	
Never used	52.6	69.9	63.8	
Used, but not in the last 30 days	25.8	20.6	22.4	
Used 1-9 days	15.2	7.2	10.1	
Used 10-29 days	3.3	1.4	2.1	
Used all 30 days	3.0	0.9	1.7	
Any use within the last 30 days	21.5	9.5	13.9	

Perceived Use					
Male	Female	Total			
9.4	7.1	8.1			
15.9	14.0	14.6			
47.1	46.9	46.9			
18.5	21.4	20.3			
9.1	10.6	10.2			
74.6	78.9	77.3			

^{*} Includes cigars, smokeless tobacco, cocaine, methamphetamine, other amphetamines, sedatives, hallucinogens, anabolic steroids, opiates, inhalants, MDMA, other club drugs, other illegal drugs. (Excludes alcohol, cigarettes, tobacco from a water pipe, and marijuana).

4.1 % of college students reported driving after having 5 or more drinks in the last 30 days.*
25.6 % of college students reported driving after having any alcohol in the last 30 days.*
*Students responding "N/A, don't drive" and "N/A don't drink" were excluded from this analysis.

Estimated Blood Alcohol Concentration (or eBAC) of college students reporting 1 or more drinks the last time they "partied" or socialized. **Students reporting 0 drinks were excluded from the analysis**. Due to the improbability of a student surviving a drinking episode resulting in an extremely high eBAC, all students with an eBAC of 0.50 or higher are also omitted from these eBAC figures. eBAC is an estimated figure based on the reported number of drinks consumed during the last time they "partied" or socialized, their approximate time of consumption, sex, weight, and the average rate of ethanol metabolism.

Estimated BAC	Percent (%)	Male	Female	Total
< .08		62.3	64.1	63.4
<.10		69.7	71.8	71.0
Mean		0.08	0.07	0.07
Median		0.05	0.05	0.05
Std Dev		0.08	0.08	0.08

Reported number of drinks consumed the last time students "partied" or socialized. Only students reporting one or more drinks were included.

Number of drinks*	Percent (%)	Male	Female	Total
4 or fewer		41.1	63.3	55.5
5		10.2	12.1	11.4
6		9.0	8.6	8.7
7 or more		39.6	16.0	24.4
Mean		6.54	4.19	5.04
Median		5.00	4.00	4.00
Std Dev		5.14	2.99	4.15

* Students reporting 0 drinks were excluded.

Reported number of times college students consumed five or more drinks in a sitting within the last two weeks:

Percent (%)	Male	Female	Total
N/A don't drink	20.2	19.6	19.9
None	33.9	48.8	43.5
1-2 times	26.0	22.3	23.5
3-5 times	15.0	7.8	10.3
6 or more times	4.9	1.5	2.8

Percent of college students who reported using prescription drugs that were not prescribed to them within the last 12 months:

	Percent (%)	Male	Female	Total
Antidepressants		2.7	3.3	3.1
Erectile dysfunction drugs		1.4	0.8	1.0
Pain killers		10.1	8.2	8.9
Sedatives		4.6	3.9	4.2
Stimulants		8.0	6.1	6.8
Used 1 or more of the above		15.8	14.0	14.7

College students reported doing the following *most of the time* or *always* when they "partied" or socialized during the last 12 months:*

Percent (%)	Male	Female	Total
Alternate non-alcoholic with alcoholic beverages	19.5	29.4	25.9
Avoid drinking games	34.6	43.1	40.0
Choose not to drink alcohol	18.3	25.7	23.2
Determine in advance not to exceed a set number of drinks	29.0	39.8	36.0
Eat before and/or during drinking	73.4	79.4	77.1
Have a friend let you know when you have had enough	22.3	38.1	32.5
Keep track of how many drinks being consumed	55.2	69.3	64.2
Pace drinks to one or fewer an hour	18.9	34.1	28.8
Stay with the same group of friends the entire time drinking	77.4	89.3	84.9
Stick with only one kind of alcohol when drinking	46.5	54.3	51.5
Use a designated driver	75.7	86.9	82.8
Reported one or more of the above	96.2	98.6	97.6

*Students responding "N/A, don't drink" were excluded from this analysis.

College students who drank alcohol reported the following consequences occurring in the last 12 months as a result of their own drinking:*

Percent (%)	Male	Female	Total
Did something you later regretted	36.8	34.9	35.5
Forgot where you were or what you did	33.3	29.1	30.6
Got in trouble with the police	6.2	2.9	4.1
Had sex with someone without giving your consent	1.7	2.0	1.9
Had sex with someone without getting their consent	0.8	0.2	0.5
Had unprotected sex	18.3	15.0	16.2
Physically injured yourself	18.1	15.3	16.3
Physically injured another person	4.2	1.8	2.7
Seriously considered suicide	1.9	1.5	1.7
Reported one or more of the above	53.9	49.6	51.1

*Students responding "N/A, don't drink" were excluded from this analysis.

F. Sexual Behavior

College students reported having the following number of sexual partners (oral sex, vaginal or anal intercourse) within the last 12 months:

	Percent (%)	Male	Female	Total
None		29.8	28.3	28.8
1		40.8	47.4	45.0
2		10.2	11.2	10.8
3		6.8	5.8	6.1
4 or more		12.3	7.4	9.2

Number of partners among students reporting to have at least one sexual partner within the last 12 months:*

	Male	Female	Total
Mean	2.50	1.80	2.07
Median	1.00	1.00	1.00
Std Dev	4.14	1.82	3.09

*Students reporting 0 sexual partners within the last 12 months were excluded.

College students reported having oral, vaginal or anal sex in the last 30 days:

Oral sex within the past 30 days

Oral sex within the past 50 days			
Percent (%)	Male	Female	Total
No, have never done this sexual activity	25.9	27.3	26.8
No, have done this sexual activity but not in the last 30 days	28.9	28.0	28.2
Yes	45.3	44.7	44.9

Vaginal sex within the past 30 days

vaginar sex within the past 50 days			
Percent (%)	Male	Female	Total
No, have never done this sexual activity	31.8	29.1	30.1
No, have done this sexual activity but not in the last 30 days	22.0	18.8	19.9
Yes	46.1	52.1	50.0

Anal sex within the past 30 days

Anal sex within the past 50 days						
Percent (%)	Male	Female	Total			
No, have never done this sexual activity	73.7	78.7	76.9			
No, have done this sexual activity but not in the last 30 days	19.8	17.7	18.4			
Yes	6.5	3.6	4.7			

Percent (%)	Male	Female	Total
Sexually active students reported*			
Oral sex	5.0	4.9	5.0
Vaginal intercourse	56.2	50.4	52.3
Anal intercourse	39.2	23.5	30.4

Using a condom or other protective barrier within the last 30 days (*mostly or always*):

*Students responding "Never did this sexual activity" or "Have not done this during the last thirty days" were excluded from the analysis.

Contraceptive use reported by students or their partner the last time they had vaginal intercourse:

Percent	(%)	Male	Female	Total
Yes, used a method of contraception		54.4	59.9	57.9
Not applicable/Didn't use a method/Don't know		45.6	40.1	42.1

If YES to contraceptive use the last time student had vaginal intercourse, reported means of birth control used among college students or their partner to prevent pregnancy:

Percent (%)	Male	Female	Total
Birth control pills (monthly or extended cycle)	64.6	62.5	63.1
Birth control shots	2.7	2.4	2.5
Birth control implants	1.1	0.5	0.8
Birth control patch	1.6	1.2	1.4
Vaginal ring	5.0	5.2	5.1
Intrauterine device	2.7	3.4	3.2
Male condom	67.7	59.9	62.4
Female condom	0.8	0.5	0.6
Diaphragm or cervical cap	0.7	0.3	0.5
Contraceptive sponge	0.5	0.3	0.4
Spermicide (foam, jelly, cream)	7.9	4.6	5.7
Fertility awareness (calendar, mucous, basal body temperature)	4.9	5.6	5.3
Withdrawal	25.1	27.6	26.7
Sterilization (hysterectomy, tubes tied, vasectomy)	1.7	2.6	2.4
Other method	2.4	1.9	2.1
Male condom use plus another method	50.1	44.8	46.4
Any two or more methods (excluding male condoms)	26.4	26.0	26.1

■ 14.5 % of sexually active college students reported using (or reported their partner used) emergency contraception ("morning after pill") within the last 12 months. (male: 12.4 %; female: 15.5 %).*

*Students responding "Not sexually active" were excluded from the analysis.

2.0 % of college students who had vaginal intercourse within the last 12 months reported experiencing an unintentional pregnancy or got someone pregnant within the last 12 months. (male: 2.0 %; female: 1.9 %).**

**Students responding "Have not had vaginal intercourse within the last 12 months" were excluded from the analysis. 11

G. Nutrition and Exercise

College students reported usually eating the following number of servings of fruits and vegetables per day:

Percent (%	6) Male	Female	Total
0 servings per day	7.6	4.7	5.8
1-2 per day	61.8	57.6	59.1
3-4 per day	25.5	31.3	29.2
5 or more per day	5.2	6.3	5.9

College students reported the following behaviors within the past 7 days:

Do moderate-intensity cardio or aerobic exercise for at least 30 minutes:

	Percent (%)	Male	Female	Total
0 days		23.8	24.1	24.0
1-4 days		55.6	58.7	57.6
5-7 days		20.6	17.2	18.3

Do vigorous-intensity cardio or aerobic exercise for at least 20 minutes:

	Percent (%)	Male	Female	Total
0 days		33.7	42.7	39.4
1-2 days		32.4	29.7	30.7
3-7 days		33.9	27.6	29.8

Physical Activity and Public Health: Updated Recommendations for Adults. From the American College of Sports Medicine and the American Heart Association (2007): Moderate-intensity cardio or aerobic exercise for at least 30 minutes on 5 or more days per week or vigorous-intensity cardio or aerobic exercise for at least 20 minutes on 3 or more days per week.

Students meeting the Recommendation for moderate-intensity exercise, vigorous-intensity exercise, or a combination of the two (2 moderate-intensity exercise periods = 1 vigorous-intensity exercise period).

	Percent (%)	Male	Female	Total
Guidelines met		51.2	44.7	47.0

Estimated average Body Mass Index (BMI): This figure incorporates reported height, and weight to form a general indicator of physical health. Categories defined by The World Health Organization (WHO) 2000, reprinted 2004. Obesity: Preventing and Managing the Global Epidemic. WHO Tech Report Series: 894.

BMI	Percent (%)	Male	Female	Total
<18.5 Underweight		3.2	5.9	5.0
18.5-24.9 Healthy Weight		57.5	66.2	63.1
25-29.9 Overweight		28.0	17.7	21.4
30-34.9 Class I Obesity		7.7	6.2	6.8
35-39.9 Class II Obesity		2.5	2.4	2.4
≥40 Class III Obesity		1.1	1.5	1.4
Mean		24.73	23.78	24.12
Median		23.75	22.60	23.03
Std Dev		4.75	5.20	5.10

H. Mental Health

Students reported experiencing the following within the last 12 months:

Felt things were hopeless

Percent (%)	Male	Female	Total
No, never	41.4	29.9	34.1
No, not last 12 months	19.2	20.4	19.9
Yes, last 2 weeks	13.7	16.7	15.7
Yes, last 30 days	7.5	9.7	8.9
Yes, in last 12 months	18.2	23.3	21.4
Any time within			
the last 12 months	39.4	49.7	46.0

Felt exhausted (not from physical activity)

i ele childustea (llot il olli physical activity)						
Percent (%)	Male	Female	Total			
No, never	19.0	8.1	12.1			
No, not last 12 months	8.8	5.6	6.8			
Yes, last 2 weeks	38.5	51.6	46.8			
Yes, last 30 days	16.2	17.9	17.3			
Yes, in last 12 months	17.4	16.8	17.0			
Any time within						
the last 12 months	72.1	86.3	81.1			

Felt overwhelmed by all you had to do

Percent (%)	Male	Female	Total
No, never	15.4	4.9	8.8
No, not last 12 months	7.3	3.4	4.8
Yes, last 2 weeks	39.7	55.0	49.5
Yes, last 30 days	16.6	18.1	17.5
Yes, in last 12 months	21.0	18.5	19.4
Any time within			
the last 12 months	77.3	91.6	86.4

Felt very lonely

Percent (%)	Male	Female	Total
No, never	29.5	18.7	22.6
No, not last 12 months	20.0	19.6	19.7
Yes, last 2 weeks	19.5	23.5	22.1
Yes, last 30 days	10.8	14.1	12.9
Yes, in last 12 months	20.2	24.1	22.7
Any time within			
the last 12 months	50.5	61.7	57.7

Felt very sad

Percent (%)	Male	Female	Total
No, never	27.9	15.7	20.2
No, not last 12 months	20.2	16.6	17.8
Yes, last 2 weeks	18.3	25.8	23.1
Yes, last 30 days	10.8	15.2	13.6
Yes, in last 12 months	22.8	26.7	25.3
Any time within			
the last 12 months	51.9	67.7	62.0

Felt overwhelming anxiety

Percent (%)	Male	Female	Total
No, never	43.6	29.9	34.9
No, not last 12 months	17.0	15.5	16.0
Yes, last 2 weeks	13.7	20.4	18.1
Yes, last 30 days	8.9	12.6	11.2
Yes, in last 12 months	16.8	21.5	19.8
Any time within			
the last 12 months	39.4	54.6	49.1

Seriously considered suicide

Percent (%)	Male	Female	Total
No, never	83.2	80.7	81.5
No, not last 12 months	10.9	13.4	12.5
Yes, last 2 weeks	1.5	1.2	1.3
Yes, last 30 days	0.9	0.9	0.9
Yes, in last 12 months	3.6	3.9	3.8
Any time within			
the last 12 months	5.9	5.9	6.0

Intentionally cut, burned, bruised, or otherwise injured yourself .

otherwise injured yourself					
Percent (%)	Male	Female	Total		
No, never	87.3	81.9	83.7		
No, not last 12 months	8.7	12.4	11.1		
Yes, last 2 weeks	1.1	1.4	1.3		
Yes, last 30 days	0.7	0.8	0.8		
Yes, in last 12 months	2.2	3.4	3.0		
Any time within					
the last 12 months	4.0	5.6	5.1		

Felt so depressed that it was difficult to function

Percent (%)	Male	Female	Total
No, never	52.1	43.7	46.7
No, not last 12 months	21.3	23.4	22.6
Yes, last 2 weeks	8.2	10.0	9.4
Yes, last 30 days	5.0	6.3	5.8
Yes, in last 12 months	13.4	16.6	15.5
Any time within			
the last 12 months	26.6	33.0	30.7

Felt overwhelming anger

Felt overwhelming anger				
Percent (%)	Male	Female	Total	
No, never	43.0	38.3	40.1	
No, not last 12 months	21.3	21.8	21.6	
Yes, last 2 weeks	11.0	11.9	11.6	
Yes, last 30 days	7.9	8.9	8.5	
Yes, in last 12 months	16.8	19.1	18.3	
Any time within				
the last 12 months	35.7	39.9	38.4	

Attempted suicide

Percent (%)	Male	Female	Total
No, never	94.0	92.1	92.7
No, not last 12 months	4.9	6.9	6.2
Yes, last 2 weeks	0.4	0.2	0.3
Yes, last 30 days	0.2	0.1	0.1
Yes, in last 12 months	0.6	0.7	0.7
Any time within			
the last 12 months	1.1	1.0	1.1

Within the last 12 months, diagnosed or treated by a professional for the following:

Percent (%)	Male	Female	Total
Anorexia	0.4	1.3	1.0
Anxiety	6.2	12.7	10.5
Attention Deficit and Hyperactivity Disorder	4.1	3.4	3.7
Bipolar Disorder	1.1	1.3	1.3
Bulimia	0.5	1.2	1.0
Depression	6.3	12.1	10.1
Insomnia	2.6	3.9	3.5
Other sleep disorder	2.0	2.2	2.2
Obsessive Compulsive Disorder	1.5	2.2	2.0
Panic attacks	2.5	6.1	4.9
Phobia	0.7	1.0	0.9
Schizophrenia	0.4	0.1	0.3
Substance abuse or addiction	1.5	0.8	1.1
Other addiction	0.7	0.3	0.5
Other mental health condition	1.5	2.1	1.9
Students reporting none of the above	86.1	78.2	80.9
Students reporting only one of the above	6.6	8.4	7.8
Students reporting both Depression and Anxiety	3.7	7.7	6.3
Students reporting any two or more of the above			
excluding the combination of Depression and Anxiety	3.7	5.7	5.0

Within the last 12 months, any of the following been traumatic or very difficult to handle:

Percent (%)	Male	Female	Total
Academics	39.8	48.3	45.3
Career-related issue	23.4	26.3	25.3
Death of family member or friend	12.3	17.4	15.6
Family problems	18.9	30.3	26.3
Intimate relationships	29.2	35.4	33.2
Other social relationships	19.6	27.4	24.6
Finances	30.6	37.6	35.1
Health problem of family member or partner	13.6	20.5	18.1
Personal appearance	13.9	25.3	21.3
Personal health issue	12.2	20.2	17.4
Sleep difficulties	22.2	26.5	25.0
Other	8.3	10.1	9.5
Students reporting none of the above	32.0	20.8	24.8
Students reporting only one of the above	15.6	12.9	13.8
Students reporting 2 of the above	13.5	13.8	13.7
Students reporting 3 or more of the above	38.9	52.6	47.7

Within the last 12 months, how would you rate the overall level of stress experienced:

P	ercent (%)	Male	Female	Total
No stress		3.3	0.6	1.6
Less than average stress		13.4	5.2	8.1
Average stress		40.4	38.0	38.8
More than average stress		35.6	45.0	41.6
Tremendous stress		7.4	11.1	9.8

I. Sleep

Past 7 days, getting enough sleep to feel rested in the morning:

		0	0	-				
					Percent (%)	Male	Female	Total
0 days						8.3	9.6	9.2
1-2 days	8					27.6	31.1	29.8
3-5 days	8					50.3	48.8	49.3
6+ days						13.9	10.6	11.7

Past 7 days, how often felt tired, dragged out, or sleepy during the day:

	Percent (%)	Male	Female	Total
0 days		11.6	6.2	8.2
1-2 days		36.7	31.2	33.2
3-5 days		39.8	45.7	43.5
6+ days		11.9	16.9	15.1

Past 7 days, how much of a problem with sleepiness during daytime activities:

Percent (%)	Male	Female	Total
No problem	13.7	8.8	10.6
A little problem	50.1	49.9	49.9
More than a little problem	22.4	24.8	23.9
A big problem	9.8	11.8	11.1
A very big problem	4.0	4.7	4.5

Demographics and Student Characteristics

Age:

■ Age:		
Average age:	22.33 years	
Median:	21.00 years	
Std Dev:	5.71 years	
18 - 20 years:		47.5 %
21 - 24 years:		34.5 %
25 - 29 years:		10.3 %
30+ years:		7.7 %
Gender*		
Female:		63.3 %
Male:		34.5 %
Transgender:		0.2 %
■ Student stat	us:	
1st year underg	graduate:	22.9 %
2nd year under	graduate:	20.2 %
3rd year under	graduate:	19.6 %
4th year under	graduate:	15.8 %
5th year or mo	re undergraduate:	4.9 %
Graduate or pre-	ofessional:	15.7 %
Not seeking a c	degree:	0.3 %
Other:		0.6 %
Full-time stude	ent:	92.7 %
Part-time stude	ent:	6.5 %
Other student:		0.8 %
Relationship	o status:	
Not in a relation	onship:	47.5 %
In a relationshi	p but not living together:	37.4 %
In a relationshi	p and living together:	15.1 %
Marital stat	us:	
Single:		86.6 %
Married/Partne	ered:	9.9 %
Separated:		0.3 %
Divorced:		1.0 %
Other:		2.1 %

Students describe themselves as:

Students describe themselve	es as:
White:	73.6 %
Black – not Hispanic:	5.3 %
Hispanic or Latino/a:	6.6 %
Asian or Pacific Islander:	11.4 %
American Indian, Alaskan	
Native or Native Hawaiian:	1.3 %
Biracial or Multiracial:	3.5 %
Other:	2.5 %
■ International Student:	
International:	9.6 %
■ Students describe themselve	es as:
Heterosexual:	93.1 %
Gay/Lesbian:	2.4 %
Bisexual:	2.9 %
Unsure:	1.6 %
■ Housing:	
Campus residence hall:	36.5 %
Fraternity or sorority house:	1.3 %
Other university housing:	6.7 %
Parent/guardian home:	11.7 %
Other off-campus housing:	38.5 %
Other:	5.3 %
Participated in organized co	ollege athletics
Varsity:	8.0 %
Club sports:	10.4 %
Intramurals:	20.8 %
Member of a social fraterni	ty or sorority:
Greek member:	9.5 %
■ Primary Source of Health I	nsurance:
College/university sponsored	
plan:	17.6 %
Parents' plan:	63.5 %
Another plan:	12.6 %
Don't have health insurance:	5.3 %

* Cases where sex is missing are included in the calculation of percentages for this variable

Not sure if have plan:

0.9 %

Demographics of Participating Institutions

One hundred thirty postsecondary institutions self-selected to participate in the Spring 2009 ACHA National College Health Assessment II and 91,869 surveys were completed by students on these campuses. For the purpose of forming the Reference Group, only those institutions that surveyed all students, or used a random sampling technique are included in the analysis, yielding a final data set consisting of 87,105 students and 117 schools. Demographic characteristics of the 117 campuses follow:

Demographical Characteristics of the 117 Postsecondary Institutions Included in the Spring 2009 ACHA-NCHA II Reference Group.		
Campus Characteristic	n	
Type of Institution		
Public	75	
Private	42	
2-year	7	
4-year or above	110	
Location of Campus		
Northeast (CT, ME, MA, NH, NJ, NY, PA, RI, VT)	31	
Midwest (IL, IN, IA, KS, MI, MN, MO, NE, ND, OH, SD, WI)	31	
South (AL, AR, DE, DC, FL, GA, KY, LA, MD, MS, NC, OK, SC,	26	
TN, TX, VA, WV)		
West (AK, AZ, CA, CO, HI, ID, MT, NV, NM, OR, UT, WA, WY)	23	
Outside US	6	
Campus Size		
< 2,500 students	17	
2,500 - 4,999 students	12	
5,000 – 9,999 students	28	
10,000 – 19,999 students	31	
20,000 students or more	29	
Campus Setting		
Very large city (population over 500,000)	22	
Large city (population 250,000-499,999)	5	
Small city (population 50,000-249,999)	51	
Large town (population 10,000 – 49,999)	26	
Small town (population 2,500-9,999)	11	
Rural community (population under 2,500)	2	
Carnegie Classification		
Associates Colleges	7	
Baccalaureate Colleges	17	
Masters Colleges and Universities	43	
Research Institutions	40	
Special Focus Institutions	4	
Miscellaneous/Not Classified	6	

Demographical Characteristics of the 117 Postsecondary Institutions Included in the Spring 2009 ACHA-NCHA II Reference Group.		
Campus Characteristic	n	
ACHA Membership Status		
Institutional Member	109	
Nonmember	8	
Religious Affiliation		
No	98	
Yes	19	
<u>If yes:</u>		
Catholic	11	
Protestant or Other Christian	8	
Postsecondary Minority Institution (US Department of Education)		
No	112	
Yes	5	
<u>*If yes:</u>		
Postsecondary Minority Institution	2	
Historically Black College or University (HBCU)	1	
High Hispanic Enrollment	4	
Hispanic Serving Institution (HSI)	4	
Indian Tribally Controlled College or University	0	
Alaska Native-Serving Institution	0	
Native Hawaiian-Serving Institution	0	
*institutions may hold more than one type of minority status		

	All Spring 2009 Institutions	Paper Survey Administration	Web Survey Administration
Number of institutions	117*	18	100
Number of students	87,105	11,269	75,836
Mean response proportion	30%	82%	20%
Median response proportion	21%	86%	18%

*The number of paper and web institutions may sum to more than the total number of participating institutions as some schools administered both paper and web surveys. Sample size and response proportion for these schools are reported separately for each survey method.



891 Elkridge Landing Road, Suite 100 Linthicum, MD 21090 (410) 859-1500 www.acha.org