



FALL 2019Reference Group Executive Summary



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Introduction and Notes

The ACHA-National College Health Assessment (ACHA-NCHA) 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 and behaviors on the most prevalent health topics. 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.

ACHA initiated the original ACHA-NCHA in 2000 and the instrument was used nationwide through the Spring 2008 data collection period. A revised survey, the ACHA-NCHA-II, was in use from Fall 2008 - Spring 2019 data collection periods. The survey was redesigned again, and data collection with the ACHA-NCHA III began in Fall 2019.

Please note that it is not appropriate to compare trends between versions of the survey. Directly comparing data points between the Original ACHA-NCHA, the ACHA-NCHA II, and the ACHA-NCHA III can lead to an erroneous conclusions and is not recommended.

Notes about this report:

- 1. Missing values have been excluded from analysis and only valid percents are included in this document, unless otherwise noted
- 2. The ACHA-NCHA III is programmed differently than earlier versions of the survey. Rather than asking the respondents to answer every question (and offering a "not applicable" option), display logic was used throughout the survey to determine whether, based on their response to an earlier question, the student saw a follow-up question. This makes the valid percents of certain questions impossible to apply to the entire sample, as the denominator used was limited to only the number of students that saw the question. When appropriate, results are also presented using the entire sample as the denominator to show the proportion of the overall sample that experienced a particular issue. These differences in presentation are carefully noted throughout the document and will often explain differences observed between this document and the full data report. Please look carefully at descriptions of the data presented in each table, as well as any footnotes included.
- 3. About the use of sex and gender in this report: Survey responses are reported by sex based on the responses to questions 67A, 67B, and 67C. For the purpose of the ACHA-NCHA report documents, respondents are reported as male or female only when their responses to these three questions are consistent with one another. If gender identity is consistent with sex at birth AND "no" is selected for transgender, then respondents are designated as either male or female. If respondents select "yes" for transgender OR their sex at birth is not consistent with their gender identity, then they are designated as non-binary. A respondent that selects "intersex" for sex at birth, "no" for transgender, and man or woman for gender identity are designated as male or female. A respondent that selects "intersex" for sex at birth, "yes" for transgender, or selects a gender identity other than man or woman are designated as non-binary. A respondent that skips any of the three questions is designated as unknown. Totals displayed in this report include non-binary and unknown responses.

For additional information about the survey's development, design, and methodology, email Mary T Hoban, PhD, MCHES, (mhoban@acha.org), Christine Kukich, MS (ckukich@acha.org), or visit www.acha-ncha.org.

This Executive Summary highlights results of the ACHA-NCHA III Fall 2019 survey for Reference Group consisting of 38,679 respondents.

The response rate was 14%.

Findings

A. General Health and Campus Climate

- 54.4 % of college students surveyed (62.8 % male and 50.5 % female) described their health as *very good or excellent.*
- 89.0 % of college students surveyed (91.5 % male and 88.1 % female) described their health as *good*, *very good or excellent*.

Proportion of college students who reported they agree or strongly agree that:

Percent (%)	Male	Female	Total
I feel that I belong at my college/university	72.2	71.0	71.0
I feel that students' health and well-being is a priority at my college/university	57.8	53.7	54.8
At my college/university, I feel that the campus climate encourages free and open			
discussion of students' health and well-being.	60.8	58.6	59.0
At my college/university, we are a campus where we look out for each other	55.8	54.0	54.3

B. Nutrition, BMI, Physical Activity, and Food Security

College students reported:

Percent (%)	Male	Female	Total
Drinking 0 sugar-sweetened beverages (per day), on average, in the last 7 days	32.4	31.8	31.9
Drinking 1 or more sugar-sweetened beverages (per day), on average, in the last 7 days	67.6	68.2	68.1
Drinking energy drinks or shots on 0 of the past 30 days	74.6	84.1	80.5
Drinking energy drinks or shots on 1-4 of the past 30 days	15.8	10.6	12.6
Drinking energy drinks or shots on 5 or more of the past 30 days	9.5	5.3	6.9
Eating 3 or more servings of fruits (per day), on average, in the last 7 days	18.3	18.3	18.3
Eating 3 or more servings of vegetables (per day), on average, in the last 7 days	29.5	30.7	30.4

■ Estimated 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	4.4	4.8	4.8
18.5-24.9 Healthy Weight	54.4	56.5	55.6
25-29.9 Overweight	27.4	21.7	23.7
30-34.9 Class I Obesity	8.9	9.6	9.4
35-39.9 Class II Obesity	3.2	4.3	4.0
≥40 Class III Obesity	1.7	3.1	2.7
Mean	24.98	25.17	25.13
Median	23.99	23.57	23.73
Std Dev	5.30	6.09	5.86

Students meeting the recommended guidelines for physical activity

Based on: US Dept of Health and Human Services. *Physical Activities Guidelines for Americans*, 2nd edition. Washington, DC: US Dept of Health and Human Services; 2018

Definitions:

- Recommendation for **aerobic activity**: 150 minutes or more of moderate-intensity physical activity per week or 75 minutes of vigorous-intensity physical activity or the equivalent combination
- Recommendation for **strength training**: 2 or more days a week of moderate or greater intensity activities that involve all major muscle groups
- Active Adults meet the recommendation for strength training AND aerobic activity
- *Highly Active Adults* meet the recommendation for strength training and TWICE the recommendation for aerobic activity (300 minutes or more of moderate-intensity physical activity per week or 150 minutes of vigorous-intensity physical activity or the equivalent combination)

Percent (%)	Male	Female	Total
Guidelines met for aerobic exercise only	73.0	64.9	67.6
Guidelines met for Active Adults	48.3	36.2	40.3
Guidelines met for Highly Active Adults	39.6	28.9	32.4

Food Security

Based on responses to the US Household Food Security Survey Module: Six-Item Short Form (2012) from the USDA Economic Research Service.

	Percent (%)	Male	Female	Total
High or marginal food security (score 0-1)		59.0	54.0	55.3
Low food security (score 2-4)		22.6	25.4	24.4
Very low food security (score 5-6)		18.3	20.7	20.3
Any food insecurity (low or very low food security)		41.0	46.0	44.7

C. Health Care Utilization

College students reported:

	Percent (%)	Male	Female	Total
Receiving psychological or mental health services within the last 12 months		16.9	30.0	26.0
*The services were provided by:				
My current campus health and/or counseling center		54.4	53.0	53.5
A mental health provider in the local community near my campus		21.9	24.8	24.6
A mental health provider in my home town		39.9	46.0	44.6
A mental health provider not described above		9.4	7.5	8.1

^{*}Only students who reported receiving care in the last 12 months were asked these questions

	Percent (%)	Male	Female	Total
Visiting a medical provider within the last 12 months		60.8	77.9	71.9
*The services were provided by:				
My current campus health center		35.6	37.4	36.9
A medical service provider in the local community near my campus		25.2	28.9	28.0
A mental service provider in my home town		71.6	75.6	74.2
A mental service provider not described above		6.7	5.6	6.0

^{*}Only students who reported receiving care in the last 12 months were asked these questions

College students reported:

Percent (%)	Male	Female	Total
Flu vaccine within the last 12 month	45.8	49.2	47.9
Not starting the HPV vaccine series	26.6	20.6	22.7
Starting, but not completing HPV vaccine series	4.7	6.8	6.0
Completing HPV vaccine series	39.5	55.0	49.5
Not knowing their HPV vaccine status	29.2	17.7	21.8
Ever having a GYN visit or exam (females only)		53.5	
Having a dental exam in the last 12 months	70.5	74.6	72.9
Being tested for HIV within the last 12 months	12.6	18.9	16.8
Being tested for HIV more than 12 months ago	9.6	11.0	10.6
Wearing sunscreen usually or always when outdoors	17.8	35.6	29.1
Spending time outdoors with the intention of tanning at least once in the last 12 months	37.1	58.6	50.5

D. Impediments to Academic Performance

Respondents are asked in numerous places throughout the survey about issues that might have negatively impacted their academic performance within the last 12 months. This is defined as negatively impacting their performance in a class or delaying progress towards their degree. Both types of negative impacts are represented in the figures below. Please refer to the corresponding Data Report for specific figures on each type of impact. Figures in the left columns use all students in the sample as the denominator. Figures in the right columns use only the students that experienced that issue (e.g. students who used cannabis, reported a problem or challenge with finances, or experienced a particular health issue) in the denominator. (items are listed in the order in which they appear in the survey)

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Problems or challenges in the last 12 months							
Career	11.4	11.6	11.6		37.6	36.0	36.8
Finances	13.6	15.9	15.3		34.6	32.9	33.8
Procrastination	43.5	43.2	43.4		64.3	61.4	62.6
Faculty	6.2	6.4	6.5		58.3	55.1	56.4
Family	7.2	12.0	10.6		29.1	32.1	31.8
Intimate Relationships	10.5	11.9	11.6		30.7	31.1	31.4
Roommate/housemate	3.8	5.5	5.0		21.0	21.4	21.6
Peers	4.1	4.9	4.8		21.5	19.7	20.8
Personal appearance	4.0	6.6	5.9		13.6	13.7	14.1
Health of someone close to me	6.9	10.3	9.2		24.8	27.9	27.3
Death of a family member, friend, or someone close to							
me	6.3	9.5	8.4		33.2	40.8	38.9
Bullying	1.4	2.1	2.0		34.1	32.1	33.2
Cyberbullying	0.7	0.8	0.9		33.0	29.9	32.1
Hazing	0.5	0.3	0.4		35.4	36.3	37.8
Microaggression	1.6	2.5	2.4		16.6	15.7	16.7
Sexual Harassment	0.7	2.5	1.9		26.8	21.7	23.0
Discrimination	2.1	2.4	2.6		26.1	23.4	25.5

Negatively impacted academic performance among <u>all students in the</u>

Negatively impacted academic performance among only students that experienced the issue

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Percent (%)	Male	<u>sample</u> Female	Total	Male	Female	Total
Acute Diagnoses in the last 12 months	Maie	remaie	Total	Maie	remate	Total
Bronchitis	1.0	2.6	2.1	39.0	46.6	46.1
Chlamydia	0.1	0.2	0.2	12.1		16.1
Chicken Pox (Varicella)	0.1	0.1	0.1	17.8		22.2
Cold/Virus or other respiratory illness	9.4	17.2	14.5	35.3		40.6
Concussion	1.2	2.0	1.8	61.0		65.9
Gonorrhea	0.1	0.1	0.1	24.6	+ +	30.0
Flu (influenza or flu-like illness)	4.0	5.8	5.2	45.4		51.0
Mumps	0.1	0.0	0.1	50.0		45.9
Mononucleosis (mono)	0.6	1.1	1.0	54.8		60.3
Orthopedic injury	2.2	3.0	2.8	27.3		29.4
Pelvic Inflammatory Disease	0.1	0.1	0.1	33.3	37.7	43.6
Pneumonia	0.5	0.8	0.7	44.8		53.9
Shingles	0.1	0.1	0.2	39.1	34.5	41.1
Stomach or GI virus or bug, food poisoning or gastritis	2.3	4.9	4.0	35.1	44.4	42.8
Urinary tract infection	0.2	2.7	1.9	23.9	20.6	21.3
Percent (%)	Male	Female	Total	Male	Female	Total
Any ongoing or chronic medical conditions						
diagnosed or treated in the last 12 months	14.3	25.5	22.0	23.3	34.6	31.7
Other impediments to academic performance						
Assault (physical)	0.5	0.9	0.8	16.9	26.9	25.4
Assault (sexual)	0.4	2.4	1.8	19.8		31.1
Allergies	2.9	3.9	3.6	8.8		9.5
Anxiety	19.2	31.5	27.6	41.3	+	47.3
ADHD or ADD	6.5	6.5	6.8	53.5		59.0
Concussion or TBI	1.5	2.1	1.9	41.9		48.8
Depression	16.2	23.6	21.5	48.7		54.1
Eating disorder/problem	1.5	3.3	2.8	22.7		24.6
Headaches/migraines	6.0	13.8	11.2	22.4		29.6
Influenza or influenza-like illness (the flu)	3.3	5.4	4.8	30.7		34.5
Injury	2.3	2.7	2.6	17.5		20.7
PMS	0.2	12.4	8.2	16.1		24.3
PTSD	1.4	3.4	2.9	38.2		44.3
Short-term illness	3.1	5.7	4.9	22.2		26.7
Upper respiratory illness	5.3	10.5	8.8	22.2		26.2
Sleep difficulties	17.9	23.8	22.1	41.9		44.0
Stress	28.0	42.4	37.6	41.7		48.2

E. Violence, Abusive Relationships, and Personal Safety

Within the last 12 months, college students reported experiencing:

Percent (%)	Male	Female	Total
A physical fight	4.2	1.6	2.6
A physical assault (not sexual assault)	2.1	1.7	2.0
A verbal threat	11.6	8.9	10.2
Sexual touching without their consent	2.6	7.8	6.1
Sexual penetration attempt without their consent	0.8	2.5	2.0
Sexual penetration without their consent	0.7	1.8	1.5
Being a victim of stalking	1.9	5.0	4.0
A partner called me names, insulted me, or put me down to make me feel bad	8.5	11.4	10.5
A partner often insisted on knowing who I was with and where I was or tried to limit my			
contact with family or friends	6.0	6.9	6.7
A partner pushed, grabbed, shoved, slapped, kicked, bit, choked or hit me without my			
consent	2.6	2.8	2.8
A partner forced me into unwanted sexual contact by holding me down or hurting me in			
some way	0.9	1.7	1.5
A partner pressured me into unwanted sexual contact by threatening me, coercing me, or			
using alcohol or other drugs	1.7	2.9	2.6

College students reported feeling *very safe*:

Percent (%)	Male	Female	Total
On their campus (daytime)	84.8	79.1	80.8
On their campus (nighttime)	51.8	22.3	32.6
In the community surrounding their campus (daytime)	54.4	41.1	45.7
In the community surrounding their campus (nighttime)	28.5	11.0	17.2

F. Tobacco, Alcohol, and Other Drug Use

	Ever Used		*Used in the last 3 months				
Percent (%)	Male	Female	Total		Male	Female	Total
Tobacco or nicotine delivery products (cigarettes, e-							
cigarettes, Juul or other vape products, water pipe or							
hookah, chewing tobacco, cigars, etc.)	38.0	31.3	33.8		26.1	19.8	22.0
Alcoholic beverages (beer, wine, liquor, etc.)	68.7	73.6	71.8		63.3	68.7	66.4
Cannabis (marijuana, weed, hash, edibles, vaped							
cannabis, etc.) [Please report nonmedical use only.]	36.2	38.6	37.9		23.3	24.8	24.4
Cocaine (coke, crack, etc.)	7.1	5.3	6.1		2.6	2.0	2.2
Prescription stimulants (Ritalin, Concerta, Dexedrine,							
Adderall, diet pills, etc.) [Please report nonmedical							
use only.]	9.4	8.4	8.8		3.4	3.4	3.5
Methamphetamine (speed, crystal meth, ice, etc.)	1.4	1.0	1.2		0.3	0.2	0.3
Inhalants (poppers, nitrous, glue, gas, paint thinner,							
etc.)	4.0	1.9	2.8		1.5	0.6	1.0
Sedatives or Sleeping Pills (Valium, Ativan, Xanax,							
Klonopin, Librium, Rohypnol, GHB, etc.) [Please							
report nonmedical use only.]	5.9	5.5	5.8		2.0	2.4	2.4
Hallucinogens (Ecstasy, MDMA, Molly, LSD, acid,							
mushrooms, PCP, Special K, etc.)	10.3	7.0	8.3		3.8	2.5	3.1
Heroin	0.8	0.4	0.6		0.2	0.1	0.2
Prescription opioids (morphine, codeine, fentanyl,							
oxycodone [OxyContin, Percocet], hydrocodone							
[Vicodin], methadone, buprenorphine [Suboxone],							
etc.) [Please report nonmedical use only.]	4.9	3.6	4.2		1.2	0.9	1.1

^{*}These figures use all students in the sample as the denominator, rather than just those students who reported lifetime use.

Substance Specific Involvement Scores (SSIS) from the ASSIST

	*Moderate risk use of the substance			*Hig	of the		
Percent (%)	Male	Female	Total		Male	Female	Total
Tobacco or nicotine delivery products	16.9	11.8	13.7		1.2	0.9	1.0
Alcoholic beverages	12.2	11.6	11.8		1.3	1.0	1.2
Cannabis (nonmedical use)	14.4	15.3	15.1		1.0	0.7	0.8
Cocaine	1.6	1.0	1.3		0.1	0.1	0.1
Prescription stimulants (nonmedical use)	1.6	1.9	1.8		0.1	0.0	0.1
Methamphetamine	0.4	0.2	0.3		0.1	0.0	0.1
Inhalants	0.7	0.3	0.5		0.1	0.0	0.1
Sedatives or Sleeping Pills (nonmedical use)	1.1	1.5	1.4		0.1	0.1	0.1
Hallucinogens	1.9	1.4	1.6		0.1	0.0	0.1
Heroin	0.2	0.1	0.2		0.1	0.0	0.1
Prescription opioids (nonmedical use)	0.7	0.7	0.7		0.1	0.0	0.1

^{*}These figures use all students in the sample as the denominator, rather than just those students who reported lifetime use.

Proportion of students (overall sample) who report misusing prescription medications (taking without a prescription, or taking more medication or more often than prescribed) in the past 3 months:

	Percent (%)	Male	Female	Total
Prescription stimulants		2.9	2.8	2.9
Prescription sedatives or sleeping pills		1.5	1.7	1.7
Prescription opioids		0.8	0.6	0.7

*Tobacco or nicotine delivery products used in the last 3 months

Percent (%)	Male	Female	Total
Cigarettes	11.1	6.9	8.5
E-cigarettes or other vape products (for example: Juul,			
etc.)	17.2	14.8	15.6
Water pipe or hookah	3.3	2.8	3.0
Chewing or smokeless tobacco	4.4	0.4	1.8
Cigars or little cigars	7.9	1.8	4.0
Other	0.7	0.2	0.4

^{*}These figures use all students in the sample as the denominator, rather than just those students who reported tobacco or nicotine delivery product use in the last 3 months.

Students in Recovery

■ 1.8 % of college students surveyed (2.1 % male and 1.4 % female) indicated they were in recovery from alcohol or other drug use.

When, if ever, was the last time you:

	Dr	ank Alcol	hol
Percent (%)	Male	Female	Total
Never	24.3	19.3	21.2
Within the last 2 weeks	51.9	53.6	52.8
More than 2 weeks ago but within the last 30 days	7.3	9.4	8.6
More than 30 days ago but within the last 3 months	6.6	8.1	7.6
More than 3 months ago but within the last 12 months	5.5	6.0	5.8
More than 12 months ago	4.5	3.7	4.0

*Students were instructed to	<u>include</u>	medical	and non-medical	use of cannabis.
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*Used Cannabis/Marijuana						
Male	Female	Total				
59.0	56.3	57.0				
13.8	13.3	13.7				
3.6	4.0	3.9				
5.3	6.4	6.0				
7.3	8.1	7.8				
11.0	12.0	11.6				

Driving under the influence

- 15.8 % of college students reported driving after having any alcohol in the last 30 days.*

 *Only students who reported driving in the last 30 days and drinking alcohol in the last 30 days were asked this question.
- 36.0 % of college students reported driving within 6 hours of using cannabis/marijuana in the last 30 days.*

*Only students who reported driving in the last 30 days and using cannabis in the last 30 days were asked this question.

Estimated Blood Alcohol Concentration (or eBAC) of college students. 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 drank alcohol in a social setting, their approximate time of consumption, sex, weight, and the average rate of ethanol metabolism. Only students who reported drinking alcohol within the last 3 months answered these questions.

Estimated BAC	Percent (%)	Male	Female	Total
< .08		79.4	77.2	78.0
< .10		84.8	83.7	84.1
Mean		0.05	0.05	0.05
Median		0.02	0.03	0.03
Std Dev		0.06	0.06	0.06

*Reported number of drinks consumed the last time students drank alcohol in a social setting.

Number of drinks	Percent (%)	Male	Female	Total
4 or fewer		64.1	78.3	73.6
5		8.9	8.5	8.5
6		7.3	5.3	5.9
7 or more		19.7	7.9	11.9
Mean		4.3	3.1	3.5
Median		3.0	2.0	3.0
Std Dev		3.7	2.6	3.1

^{*}Only students who reported drinking alcohol in the last three months were asked this question.

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

Among all students surveyed Percent (%) Male Female Total Did not drink alcohol in the last two weeks (includes non-drinkers) 48.1 46.5 47.3 25.9 None 22.2 24.5 1-2 times 20.0 20.7 20.4 3-5 times 8.1 6.1 6.7 6 or more times 1.6 0.8 1.1

^{*}Among those who reported drinking alcohol within the last two weeks

Male	Female	Total
42.8	48.4	46.5
38.6	38.7	38.6
15.5	11.3	12.7
3.1	1.6	2.2

*College students who drank alcohol reported experiencing the following in the last 12 months when drinking alcohol:

Percent (%)	Male	Female	Total
Did something I later regretted	18.5	18.9	18.8
Blackout (forgot where I was or what I did for a large period of time and cannot			
remember, even when someone reminds me)	12.5	11.1	11.6
Brownout (forgot where I was or what I did for short periods of time, but can			
remember once someone reminds me)	21.5	23.9	23.0
Got in trouble with the police	1.4	0.7	1.0
Got in trouble with college/university authorities	1.5	1.0	1.2
Someone had sex with me without my consent	0.7	1.6	1.3
Had sex with someone without their consent	0.3	0.1	0.2
Had unprotected sex	10.9	11.9	11.6
Physically injured myself	6.0	6.2	6.2
Physically injured another person	0.8	0.4	0.6
Seriously considered suicide	2.5	2.0	2.3
Needed medical help	0.8	0.8	0.9
Reported two or more of the above	24.1	24.9	24.6

 $[*]Only\ students\ who\ reported\ drinking\ alcohol\ in\ the\ last\ 12\ months\ were\ asked\ these\ questions.$

^{*}Only students who reported drinking alcohol in the last two weeks were asked this question.

G. Sexual Behavior

When, if ever, was the last time you had: Oral sex Percent (%) Male Female Total Never 36.6 34.1 35.0 Within the last 2 weeks 28.6 31.6 30.4 More than 2 weeks ago but within the last 30 days 7.3 8.7 8.3 More than 30 days ago but within the last 3 months 8.9 9.5 9.3 9.1 More than 3 months ago but within the last 12 months 9.6 8.8 More than 12 months ago 8.9

Vaginal intercourse				
Male	Female	Total		
43.1	35.8	38.6		
28.8	36.2	33.3		
5.9	7.4	6.9		
7.1	7.9	7.6		
7.6	7.1	7.3		
7.5	5.6	6.3		

	Ana	al intercou	ırse
Percent (%)	Male	Female	Total
Never	80.9	82.4	81.6
Within the last 2 weeks	3.6	2.0	2.6
More than 2 weeks ago but within the last 30 days	1.6	1.1	1.3
More than 30 days ago but within the last 3 months	2.5	2.3	2.4
More than 3 months ago but within the last 12 months	3.6	3.9	3.8
More than 12 months ago	7.9	8.3	8.2

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

	Percent (%)	Male	Female	Total
None		0.4	0.3	0.3
1		64.6	66.9	66.0
2		13.4	14.3	14.0
3		7.6	7.3	7.4
4 or more		14.0	11.2	12.3
Mean		2.2	1.9	2.0
Median		1.0	1.0	1.0
Std Dev		3.8	2.2	3.0

^{*}Only students who reported having oral sex, or vaginal or anal intercourse in the last 12 months were asked this question.

College students who reported having oral sex, or vaginal or anal intercourse within the last 30 days who reported using a condom or another protective barrier *most of the time* or *always*:

	Percent (%)	Male	Female	Total
Oral sex		6.0	5.2	5.5
Vaginal intercourse		46.2	40.1	41.9
Anal intercourse		34.2	22.7	28.7

^{*}Only students who reported having oral sex, or vaginal or anal intercourse in the last 30 days were asked these questions.

College students who reported having vaginal intercourse (penis in vagina) within the last 12 months were asked if they or their partner used any method to prevent pregnancy the <u>last time</u> they had vaginal intercourse:

	Percent (%)	Male	Female	Total
Yes, used a method of contraception		82.8	84.5	83.8
No, did not want to prevent pregnancy		3.4	2.3	2.7
No, did not use any method		11.5	12.4	12.2
Don't know		2.3	0.8	1.3

^{*}Only students who reported having oral sex, or vaginal or anal intercourse in the last 12 months were asked this question.

*Those students who reported using a contraceptive use the last time they had vaginal intercourse, reported they (or their partner) used the following methods:

Male	Female	Total
48.0	47.4	47.2
2.7	2.7	2.7
7.8	7.5	7.7
1.0	0.9	0.9
1.6	2.3	2.1
4.2	4.5	4.4
10.6	14.1	13.1
58.1	48.7	51.6
0.3	0.2	0.2
0.1	0.1	0.1
0.1	0.1	0.1
17.6	22.2	20.7
2.0	3.9	3.4
1.6	1.9	1.8
1.2	1.1	1.2
34.6	33.7	34.0
18.3	21.0	20.1
	48.0 2.7 7.8 1.0 1.6 4.2 10.6 58.1 0.3 0.1 17.6 2.0 1.6 1.2	48.0 47.4 2.7 2.7 7.8 7.5 1.0 0.9 1.6 2.3 4.2 4.5 10.6 14.1 58.1 48.7 0.3 0.2 0.1 0.1 0.1 0.1 17.6 22.2 2.0 3.9 1.6 1.9 1.2 1.1

^{*}Only students who reported they or their partner used a method the last time they had vaginal intercourse were asked these questions.

College students who reported having vaginal intercourse (penis in vagina) within the last 12 months were asked if they or their partner used emergency contraception ("morning after pill" or "Plan B") in the last 12 months:

Yes (male: 14.6 %; female: 17.2 %).

College students who reported having vaginal intercourse (penis in vagina) within the last 12 months were asked if they experienced an unintentional pregnancy or got someone pregnant within the last 12 months:

Yes (male: 1.2 %; female: 1.3 %).

H. Mental Health and Wellbeing

Kessler 6 (K6) Non-Specific Psychological Distress Score (Range is 0-24)*

	Percent (%)	Male	Female	Total
No or low psychological distress (0-12)		86.5	80.4	82.0
Serious psychological distress (13-24)		13.5	19.6	18.0

^{*}ACHA discontinued the practice of reporting moderate psychological distress in fall 2023 due to lack of consensus on an appropriate cut off score. Instead, we recommend reporting only students who screen positive (or negative) for serious psychological distress as indicated above. All reference group reports were updated to reflect this change.

Mean	6.89	8.04	7.73
Median	6.00	7.00	7.00
Std Dev	5.05	5.31	5.29

UCLA Loneliness Scale (ULS3) Score (Range is 3-9)

	Percent (%)	Male	Female	Total
Negative for loneliness (3-5)		53.1	51.4	51.5
Positive for loneliness (6-9)		46.9	48.6	48.5
Mean		5.30	5.40	5.39
Median		5.00	5.00	5.00
Std Dev		1.90	1.86	1.88

Diener Flourishing Scale – Psychological Well-Being (PWB) Score (Range is 8-56)

(higher scores reflect a higher level of psychological well-being)

	Male	Female	Total
Mean	46.70	47.28	46.92
Median	48.00	48.00	48.00
Std Dev	8.33	7.62	8.02

The Connor-Davison Resilience Scale (CD-RISC2) Score (Range is 0-8)

(higher scores reflect greater resilience)

	Male	Female	Total
Mean	6.16	5.91	5.98
Median	6.00	6.00	6.00
Std Dev	1.57	1.58	1.59

Self injury

9.1 % of college students surveyed (6.3 % male and 9.7 % female) indicated they had intentionally cut, burned, bruised, or otherwise injured themselves within the last 12 months.

Within the last 12 months, have you had problems or challenges with any of the following:

Male Female Total Percent (%) Academics 44.0 46.7 46.1 Career 30.7 32.5 32.0 Finances 39.5 48.8 45.8 70.4 Procrastination 68.3 71.1 Faculty 11.0 11.8 11.8 25.0 38.1 34.0 Family Intimate relationships 34.5 38.5 37.3 Roommate/housemate 18.0 25.9 23.2 Peers 19.2 25.3 23.5 Personal appearance 30.1 48.3 42.3 Health of someone close to me 28.2 37.2 34.3 Death of a family member, friend, or someone close to 18.9 23.4 21.9 me Bullying 4.2 6.7 6.0 Cyberbullying 2.2 2.7 2.8 Hazing 0.9 1.4 1.1 Microaggression 9.5 16.0 14.5 Sexual Harassment 2.5 11.5 8.5 Discrimination 10.6

^{*}Only students who reported a problem or challenge in the last 12 months were asked about level of distress.

Students reporting none of the above	12.7	7.6	9.4
Students reporting only one of the above	12.0	8.0	9.3
Students reporting 2 of the above	14.0	10.6	11.6
Students reporting 3 or more of the above	61.3	73.7	69.7

*Of those reporting this issue, it caused moderate or

high distress						
Male	Female	Total				
79.7	87.5	84.9				
68.5	72.9	71.5				
68.9	76.9	74.6				
56.4	62.7	60.7				
51.8	56.8	55.3				
56.2	68.0	65.2				
61.4	65.3	64.1				
44.0	55.7	52.7				
37.4	46.4	44.1				
47.8	60.9	58.1				
56.8	67.5	64.5				
64.1	76.5	72.7				
48.1	57.9	55.8				
42.1	53.6	50.7				
33.9	50.0	44.1				
29.8	36.8	36.0				
41.0	55.7	55.1				
41.4	48.6	47.6				

Suicide Behavior Questionnaire-Revised (SBQR) Screening Score (Range is 3-18)

Percent (%	6) Male	Female	Total
Negative suicidal screening (3-6)	79.3	76.2	76.3
Positive suicidal screening (7-18)	20.7	23.8	23.7
Mean	4.84	5.08	5.08
Median	3.00	4.00	4.00
Std Dev	2.77	2.96	2.96

Suicide attempt

2.4 % of college students surveyed (attempted suicide within the last 12 months.

2.6 % male and

2.1 % female) indicated they had

Within the last 30 days, how would you rate the overall level of stress experienced:

	Percent (%)	Male	Female	Total
No stress		3.3	0.9	1.8
Low		31.4	17.5	22.3
Moderate		45.9	50.8	48.8
High		19.3	30.8	27.1

I. Acute Conditions

College students reported being diagnosed by a healthcare professional within the last 12 months with:

Percent (%)	Male	Female	Total
Bronchitis	2.7	5.8	4.7
Chlamydia	0.9	1.7	1.4
Chicken Pox (Varicella)	0.4	0.4	0.4
Cold/virus or other respiratory illness (for example:			
sinus infection, ear infection, strep throat, tonsillitis,			
pharyngitis, or laryngitis)	27.3	41.8	36.6
Concussion	2.1	3.1	2.8
Gonorrhea	0.5	0.3	0.4
Flu (influenza) or flu-like illness	9.1	11.3	10.6
Mumps	0.3	0.2	0.2
Mononucleosis (mono)	1.2	1.9	1.7
Orthopedic injury (for example: broken bone, fracture,			
sprain, bursitis, tendinitis, or ligament injury)	8.2	10.5	9.7
Pelvic Inflammatory Disease	0.2	0.3	0.3
Pneumonia	1.1	1.6	1.5
Shingles	0.4	0.4	0.4
Stomach or GI virus or bug, food poisoning or gastritis	6.7	11.3	9.7
Urinary tract infection	0.9	13.8	9.3

J. Ongoing or Chronic Conditions

The questions for the *ongoing or chronic conditions* are presented differently in this report than the order they appear in the survey. In the survey, all items appear in a single list, ordered alphabetically. In this report, the conditions are presented in groups to ease burden on the reader. The findings are divided into mental health conditions, STIs and other chronic infections, and other ongoing or chronic conditions in this report.

*Of those ever diagnosed,

those reporting contact with College students reported healthcare or MH ever being diagnosed professional within last 12 **Mental Health** with the following: months Percent (%) Male Female Total Male Female **Total** ADD/ADHD - Attention Deficit/Hyperactivity 9.1 68.3 Disorder 7.2 8.2 56.2 63.7 1.3 0.8 42.0 49.0 Alcohol or Other Drug-Related Abuse or Addiction 1.1 53.5 Anxiety (for example: Generalized Anxiety, Social 75.1 Anxiety, Panic Disorder, Specific Phobia) 13.1 28.4 23.5 66.4 73.6 1.8 0.5 1.2 39.0 41.0 42.1 Autism Spectrum Bipolar and Related Conditions (for example: Bipolar 69.3 I, II, Hypomanic Episode) 1.4 2.2 2.1 62.3 71.5 Borderline Personality Disorder (BPD), Avoidant Personality, Dependent Personality, or another 67.6 personality disorder 0.5 0.9 0.9 57.4 64.3 Depression (for example: Major depression, persistent depressive disorder, disruptive mood disorder) 11.6 22.4 19.3 66.2 74.4 72.9 Eating Disorders (for example: Anorexia Nervosa, 0.9 Bulimia Nervosa, Binge-Eating) 3.6 45.4 48.3 47.6 0.1 0.1 22.0 Gambling Disorder 0.2 20.0 10.0 5.0 53.9 57.6 56.8 Insomnia Obsessive-Compulsive and Related Conditions (for example: OCD, Body Dysmorphia, Hoarding, Trichotillomania and other body-focused repetitive 2.2 4.0 4.6 52.5 63.0 60.6 behavior disorders) PTSD (Posttraumatic Stress Disorder), Acute Stress Disorder, Adjustment Disorder, or another trauma- or 2.1 5.8 69.0 stressor- related condition 4.8 60.8 67.4 Schizophrenia and Other Psychotic Conditions (for example: Schizophrenia, Schizoaffective Disorder, 0.5 Schizophreniform Disorder, Delusional Disorder) 0.2 0.4 58.3 67.9 63.2 Tourette's or other neurodevelopmental condition not 0.4 0.2 0.3 26.0 36.2 34.2 already listed Traumatic brain injury (TBI) 52.2 1.1 0.9 1.0 51.4 53.0

^{*}Only students who reported ever being diagnosed were asked about contact with a healthcare or mental health professional within the last 12 months.

Percent (%)	Male	Female	Total
Students reporting none of the above	75.7	62.8	66.7
Students reporting only one of the above	12.0	13.3	12.8
Students reporting both Depression and Anxiety	7.8	18.3	15.2
Students reporting any two or more of the above			
(excluding the combination of Depression and			
Anxiety)	4.5	5.6	5.4

College students reported <u>ever</u> being diagnosed with the following:

*Of those ever diagnosed, had contact with healthcare or MH professional within last 12 months

STI's/Other chronic infections

Percent (%)	Male	Female	Total
Genital herpes	0.4	1.1	0.9
Hepatitis B or C	0.4	0.2	0.3
HIV or AIDS	0.3	0.1	0.2
Human papillomavirus (HPV) or genital warts	0.6	2.0	1.5

Male	Female	Total
37.0	53.1	50.2
48.9	27.9	39.8
68.8	31.6	54.7
44.9	54.4	52.8

^{*}Only students who reported ever being diagnosed were asked about contact with a healthcare or mental health professional within the last 12 months.

					*Of tho	se ever dia	gnosed,
		students r				act with he	
		eing diag			-	professiona	
Other Chronic /Ongoing Medical Conditions	with	the follow			la	st 12 montl	18
Percent (%)	Male	Female	Total		Male	Female	Total
Acne	23.1	27.8	26.2		32.4	47.3	42.4
Allergies - food allergy	8.3	12.6	11.2		28.2	37.3	34.7
Allergies - animals/pets	11.3	13.3	12.7		24.5	31.9	29.4
Allergies - environmental (for example: pollen, grass,							
dust, mold)	25.6	30.8	29.1		26.9	37.5	34.0
Asthma	14.6	16.9	16.2		27.9	42.0	37.5
Cancer	0.8	0.9	0.9		57.0	64.9	61.7
Celiac disease	0.5	0.9	0.8		43.5	56.7	53.5
Chronic pain (for example: back or joint pain, arthritis,							
nerve pain)	4.2	7.5	6.5		64.6	71.5	69.9
Diabetes or pre-diabetes/insulin resistance	1.8	2.6	2.4		67.2	70.0	68.3
Endometriosis	0.1	2.0	1.4		35.7	63.3	61.2
Gastroesophageal Reflux Disease (GERD) or acid							
reflux	2.6	5.1	4.3		51.2	56.6	54.5
Heart & vascular disorders (for example: atrial							
fibrillation or other cardiac arrhythmia, mitral valve							
prolapse or other valvular heart disease, congenital							
heart condition)	1.8	2.4	2.3		46.1	52.2	50.5
High blood pressure (hypertension)	3.7	2.4	2.9		62.1	69.3	65.8
High cholesterol (hyperlipidemia)	2.6	2.9	2.9		60.4	59.9	59.8
Irritable bowel syndrome (spastic colon or spastic							
bowel)	1.9	4.8	3.9		56.7	56.2	56.1
Migraine headaches	5.2	13.3	10.6		39.6	56.2	53.1
Polycystic Ovarian Syndrome (PCOS)	0.1	4.0	2.7	Ī	38.5	71.9	71.3
Sleep Apnea	2.2	1.4	1.7	F	56.9	51.4	53.8
Thyroid condition or disorder	0.9	4.1	3.0		74.8	82.1	80.4
Urinary system disorder (for example: bladder or				F			
kidney disease, urinary reflux, interstitial cystitis)	0.6	1.6	1.3		51.9	59.5	57.4
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^{*}Only students who reported ever being diagnosed were asked about contact with a healthcare or mental health professional within the last 12 months.

Students who reported being diagnosed with diabetes or pre-diabetes/insulin resistance, indicated they had:

	Percent (%)	Male	Female	Total
Type I Diabetes		38.6	21.3	26.9
Type II Diabetes		33.2	23.0	25.9
Pre-diabetes or insulin resistance		42.9	64.5	58.9
Gestational Diabetes		3.6	7.8	7.2

K. Sleep

Reported amount of time to usually fall asleep at night (sleep onset latency):

Per	cent (%)	Male	Female	Total
Less than 15 minutes		52.3	47.2	48.6
16 to 30 minutes		25.6	26.2	26.0
31 minutes or more		22.0	26.6	25.4

Over the last 2 weeks, students reported the following average amount of sleep (excluding naps):

			weeknig	
	Percent (%)	Male	Female	Total
Less than 7 hours		48.6	48.6	48.7
7 to 9 hours		50.6	49.8	49.9
10 or more hours		0.9	1.6	1.4

On weekend nights					
N	Iale	Female	Total		
	22.3	24.0	23.5		
	70.0	68.0	68.5		
	7.7	8.0	8.0		

Students reported the following on 3 or more of the last 7 days:

	during the day		
Percent (%)	Male	Female	Total
0 days	5.7	2.4	3.6
1-2 days	28.3	16.8	20.7
3-5 days	43.7	44.0	43.7
6-7 days	22.3	36.9	32.0

felt rested			
Male	Female	Total	
14.6	21.9	19.6	
38.0	42.2	40.5	
35.6	28.5	31.0	
11.7	7.4	8.9	

Got enough sleep so that they

Demographics and Sample Characteristics

■ Age			■ Students describe themselves as	
18 - 20 years:		50.8 %	Straight/Heterosexual:	82.1 %
21 - 24 years:		28.5 %	Asexual:	0.7 %
25 - 29 years:		11.1 %	Asexual:	8.8 %
30+ years:		9.6 %		2.0 %
Mean age:	22.5 years	9.0 70	Gay: Lesbian:	1.3 %
-	•		Pansexual:	1.6 %
Median age:	20.0 years			1.0 %
■ Gender*			Queer: Questioning:	1.9 %
Female:		61.9 %		0.4 %
			Identity not listed above:	0.4 %
Male:		34.4 %		
Non-binary:		2.9 %		
* See note on page 2 r	egarding gender categories			
■ Student status			■ Housing	
1st year undergrad		23.0 %	Campus or university housing:	38.3 %
2nd year undergra	aduate:	19.1 %	Fraternity or sorority residence:	1.8 %
3rd year undergra	duate:	17.8 %	Parent/guardian/other family:	18.7 %
4th year undergra	duate:	14.5 %	Off-campus:	39.5 %
5th year or more u	undergraduate:	3.9 %	Temporary or "couch surfing":	0.4 %
Master's (MA, MS	S, MFA, MBA, etc.):	11.0 %	Don't have a place to live:	0.1 %
	EdD, MD, JD, etc.):	9.2 %	Other:	1.1 %
Not seeking a deg		0.6 %		
Other:	,	0.9 %		
			Students describe themselves as	
Full-time student:		90.7 %	American Indian or Native Alaskan	2.1 %
Part-time student:		8.8 %	Asian or Asian American	12.3 %
Other student:		0.5 %	Black or African American	9.7 %
			Hispanic or Latino/a/x	18.3 %
			Middle Eastern/North African (MENA)	
■ Visa to work or	r study in the US:	14.0 %	or Arab Origin:	1.4 %
	,		Native Hawaiian or Other	
■ Relationship st	atus		Pacific Islander Native:	0.6 %
Not in a relationsh		53.7 %	White:	61.3 %
	out not married/partnered:	37.2 %	Biracial or Multiracial:	4.0 %
Married/partnered		9.1 %	Identity not listed above:	1.6 %
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•	e of Health Insurance	1= 2 2'	If Hispanic or Latino/a/x, are you	
	y sponsored SHIP plan:	17.3 %	Mexican, Mexican American, Chicano:	71.4 %
Parent or guardian		60.0 %	Puerto Rican:	6.6 %
	or my spouse/partners):	6.9 %	Cuban:	2.5 %
	are, SCHIP, or VA:	6.3 %	Another Hispanic, Latino/a/x, or	
Bought a plan on		2.3 %	Spanish Origin:	24.5 %
Don't have health		4.6 %		
Don't know if I ha	eve health insurance:	1.2 %	If Asian or Asian American, are you	
Have insurance, b	out don't know source:	1.5 %	East Asian:	49.7 %
			Southeast Asian:	22.7 %
■ Student Vetera	ın:	2.3 %	South Asian:	28.4 %
			Other Asian:	2.2 %
■ Parent or prim	ary responsibility for			
someone else's ch		7.2 %		
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■ First generation students (Proportion of students for whom no parent/guardian have completed a bachelor's degree)	37.5 %	■ Participated in organized college athletics: Varsity: Club sports: Intramurals:	8.5 % 10.9 % 17.9 %
■ Do you have any of the following?		■ Member of a social fraternity or sorority:	
Attention Deficit/Hyperactivity Disorder		Greek member:	8.3 %
(ADD or ADHD):	9.0 %		
Autism Spectrum Disorder:	1.3 %		
Deaf/Hearing loss:	2.0 %		
Learning disability:	3.6 %		
Mobility/Dexterity disability:	1.1 %		
Blind/low vision:	3.8 %		
Speech or language disorder:	0.9 %		

Demographics of Participating Institutions

Sixty-seven postsecondary institutions self-selected to participate in the Fall 2019 ACHA National College Health Assessment and 43,140 surveys were completed by students on these campuses. For the purpose of forming the Reference Group, only institutions located in the United States that surveyed all students or used a random sampling technique, and used the NCHA III (currently only offered as a web survey) are included in the analysis, yielding a final data set consisting of 38,679 students at 58 schools. Demographic characteristics of the 58 campuses follow.

Demographical Characteristics of the 58 US Postsecondary Institutions Included in the Fall 2019 ACHA-NCHA III Reference Group		
Campus Characteristic	n	
Type of Institution		
Public	29	
Private	29	
2-year	5	
4-year or above	53	
Location of Campus		
Northeast (CT, ME, MA, NH, NJ, NY, PA, RI, VT)	11	
Midwest (IL, IN, IA, KS, MI, MN, MO, NE, ND, OH, SD, WI)	13	
South (AL, AR, DE, DC, FL, GA, KY, LA, MD, MS, NC, OK, SC,		
TN, TX, VA, WV)	25	
West (AK, AZ, CA, CO, HI, ID, MT, NV, NM, OR, UT, WA, WY)	9	
Campus Size		
< 2,500 students	12	
2,500 – 4,999 students	11	
5,000 – 9,999 students	14	
10,000 – 19,999 students	9	
20,000 students or more	12	
Campus Setting		
Very large city (population over 500,000)	10	
Large city (population 250,000-499,999)	4	
Small city (population 50,000-249,999)	24	
Large town (population 10,000 – 49,999)	16	
Small town (population 2,500-9,999)	4	
Rural community (population under 2,500)	0	
Carnegie Classification		
Associates Colleges	5	
Baccalaureate Colleges	10	
Baccalaureate/Associates Colleges	1	
Masters Colleges and Universities	14	
Doctoral Universities	26	
Special Focus Institutions	2	
Miscellaneous/Not Classified	0	

Demographical Characteristics of the 58 US Postsecondary Institutions Included in the Fall 2019 ACHA-NCHA III Reference Group		
Campus Characteristic		
ACHA Membership Status		
Institutional Member	50	
Nonmember	8	
Religious Affiliation		
No	43	
Yes	15	
If yes:		
Catholic	7	
Protestant or Other Christian	8	
Postsecondary Minority Institution (US Department of Education)		
No	46	
Yes	12	
*If yes:		
Postsecondary Minority Institution	0	
Historically Black College or University (HBCU)	2	
High Hispanic Enrollment	3	
Hispanic-serving Institution (HSI)	8	
Tribal College or University		
Predominately Black Institution	0	
Asian American and Native American Pacific Islander-serving	1	
Alaska Native-serving or Native Hawaiian-serving Institution	1	
Native American-serving Nontribal Institution	0	
*institutions may hold more than one type of minority status		

	Fall 2019 NCHA III Institutions
Number of institutions	58
Number of students	38,679
Mean response proportion	14%
Median response proportion	12%