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State-Added Question (SAQ) Database: A Tool for Health Surveillance

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BRFSS Questionnaire

- Core Questions - Asked by all states*
- Optional Modules - Standardized topic questions states can choose to include*
- State Added Questions - State specific questions used to address state and local issues

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The core questions and optional modules are available on CDC's BRFSS web site (www.cdc.gov/brfss) organized by year, category and state.



Purpose of Website

This new tool can help us to:

- archive state-added questions that are included on state BRFSS surveys
- search for newly created questions or questions selected from CDC optional modules or other health surveys
- standardize state added questions for the purpose of comparison
- gather ideas for survey instrument development
- locate available questions for secondary analyses



History

August 2006 - CDC BRFSS sent an email request to states/territories asking for a volunteer to host a BRFSS state added question archive on their state website.

August 2006 - Arkansas volunteered to host the site on our state website portal.

October/December 2008 - Arkansas sent CDC the website proposal information for approval.

April 2009 - CDC awarded funds to Arkansas BRFSS for completion of a website for state added questions.

March 2010 – Arkansas sent BRFSS coordinators a request for state added question data

November 2010 - Arkansas announced the availability of the BRFSS State-Added Questions Database website that included 23 participating states/territories.

Bookmark it!

Welcome to the Behavioral Risk Factor Surveillance System (BRFSS) State-Added Question Database. This web-based tool will be used to collect state-added questions included on the annual BRFSS surveys. This tool can be used to locate available data for secondary analyses and gather ideas for future instrument development.

Question Category:

State:

Years: To

Question Text:

Search for All Words Search for Any Words

Search

Search Tips

- To search for a phrase, use quotation marks.
For example "any alcohol" includes questions with both terms together.
- To search for any form of a word, use the word stem.
For example, if you enter "part," questions with the word stem "part" will be displayed (i.e., art also includes
- For more matches, search for any words, only one word or part of a word.
- To display all questions, leave the Question Text box blank.

This is the main page of the website:
Questions are searchable by category, state, year, and by word.



- Any
- Cardiovascular Health
- Colorectal/Prostate Health
- Communicable/Infectious Diseases
- Demographics
- Diagnosed Conditions
- Diet/Nutrition
- Disability/Quality of Life
- Emergency Preparedness
- Environmental Health
- Exercise/Physical Activity
- Eye Care Access/Coverage
- Family Planning
- Gambling
- Genetics
- Health Status
- Immunization/Vaccination
- Injury/Violence
- Public Health Awareness/Support
- Sexual Health
- Sexual Orientation
- Substance Abuse
- Tobacco
- Women's Health
- Health Care Access/Coverage
- Mental Health
- Weight Control
- Oral Health

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Welcome to the Behavioral Risk Factor Surveillance System (BRFSS) web-based tool. This tool will be used to search for questions that can be used to locate available questions for development.

Question Category:

State:

Years:

State-Added Question Database

(SS) State-Added Question Database. This tool is based on the annual BRFSS surveys. This tool is used to gather ideas

Select the "Question Category" that interests you and press the "Search" button.

Question Text:

Search for All Words Search for Any Words

For example: To find questions related to Diabetes, Arthritis, or Cancer, select the "Diagnosed Conditions" question category option and then press the "Search" button.

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- To display all questions, leave the Question Text box blank.

State-Added Question Database

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- Any
- Alaska
- Arkansas
- California
- Colorado
- Connecticut
- Idaho
- Illinois
- Indiana
- Iowa
- Kansas
- Louisiana
- Massachusetts
- Michigan
- Missouri
- Montana
- New Hampshire
- North Dakota
- Ohio
- South Carolina
- Texas
- Vermont
- Virginia
- Wisconsin
- Guam

Question Category:

State:

Years:

Question Text:

Search for All Words
 Search for Any Words

Select the "State" that interests you and press the "Search" button.

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- For more matches, search for any words, only one word or part of a word.
- To display all questions, leave the Question Text box blank.

For example: To find any and all questions that Arkansas included on its' survey, select "Arkansas" on the "State" dropdown selection menu and then press the "Search" button.



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Select the year or year (s) that interest you and press the "Search" button.

Question Category:

State:

Years: To

Question Text:

Search for All Words Search for Any Words

Search Tips

- To search for a phrase, use quotation marks. For example "any alcohol" includes questions with the phrase "any alcohol" both terms together.
- To search for any form of a word, use the word stem. For example, if you enter "part," questions with the word stem "part" will be returned. The word stem "part" will be returned for "part" or "parted" or "parting" or "parts" or "partly" or "partially" or "partly" or "partly".
- For more matches, search for any words, or use the word stem.
- To display all questions, leave the Question Category, State, and Years blank.

- Any
- 1995
- 1996
- 1997
- 1998
- 1999
- 2000
- 2001
- 2002
- 2003
- 2004
- 2005
- 2006
- 2007
- 2008
- 2009
- 2010
- 2011

For example: Select years 2010 and 2011 and press "Search" to find questions during those particular years.

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Enter the "Question Text" words that interest you and press the "Search" button.

Question Category:

State:

Years: To

Question Text:

Search for All Words Search for Any Words

For example: Enter the word "Diabetes" and press the "Search" button to find a list of questions that include the word "Diabetes" as a question or a response choice word.

Search Tips

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- For more matches, search for any words, only one word or part of a word.
- To display all questions, leave the Question Text box blank.

Group Results By: Year
Category
State
Year

Prev 1 2 3 4 5 ... Ne
Year: 2010

Question results can be grouped by Question Category, State, or Year.

[View](#) Diagnosed Conditions Arkansas
Question: How old were you when you were first told you had diabetes?
Responses: __ Code age in years (97 = 97 or older) 98 Don't Know 99 Refused
01 MIN 30 MAX

[View](#) Diagnosed Conditions Arkansas
Question: About how many times in the past 12 months have you seen a doctor nurse or other health professional for your diabetes?
Responses: __ Number of times [76=76 or more] 88 None 77 Don't Know/Not Sure 99 Refused

[View](#) Diagnosed Conditions Arkansas
Question: Has a doctor ever told you that diabetes has affected your eyes or that you had retinopathy?
Responses: 1 Yes 2 No 7 Don't Know/Not Sure 9 Refused

[View](#) Diagnosed Conditions Arkansas
Question: Have you ever taken a course or class in how to manage your diabetes yourself?
Responses: 1 Yes 2 No 7 Don't Know/Not Sure 9 Refused

[View](#) Diagnosed Conditions Colorado
Question: If core question 6.1 = 1 (respondent has been told has diabetes) continue. Otherwise go to next section. How old were you when you were told you have diabetes?
Responses: __ Code age in years [97 = 97 and older] 98. Don't know/Not sure 99 Refused

The view option can be used to review information about single questions.

[View](#) Diagnosed Conditions Colorado
Question: About how many times in the past 12 months have you seen a doctor nurse or other health professional for your diabetes?
Responses: __ Number of times [76=76 or more] 88. None 77. Don't know / Not

[View](#) Diagnosed Conditions Colorado
Question: Has a doctor ever told you that diabetes has affected your eyes or that you had retinopathy?
Responses: 1. Yes 2. No 7. Don't Know/Not Sure 9. Refused

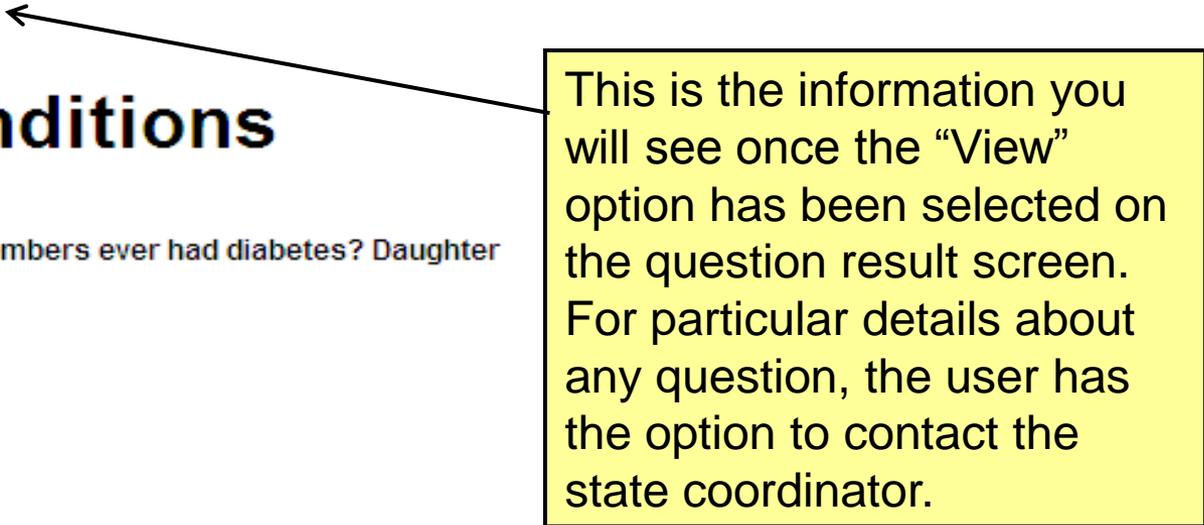
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Diagnosed Conditions

Which if any of your biological family members ever had diabetes? Daughter

1. Yes 2. No 7. Don't know 9. Refused

California - 2009



This is the information you will see once the “View” option has been selected on the question result screen. For particular details about any question, the user has the option to contact the state coordinator.

Future Plans



- Via electronic email, request state added question data from states/territories
- Send pre-formatted excel spreadsheet to states/territories for input of their question data
- Import state-added question data into website database by mid-March of every year
- Request more state/territory participation



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