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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.
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This Executive Summary highlights results of the ACHA-NCHA II Fall 2008 survey for a Reference Group consisting of 26,685 respondents.

The overall response proportion was 27.4%.

Findings

A. General Health of College Students

■ 59.5 % of college students surveyed (66.5 % male and 56.4 % female) described their health as *very good or excellent*.

■ 92.1 % of college students surveyed (93.8 % male and 91.4 % 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:	22.4 %	Hepatitis B or C:	0.4 %
Asthma:	9.1 %	High blood pressure:	3.1 %
Back pain:	12.6 %	High cholesterol:	3.3 %
Broken bone/Fracture/Sprain:	8.6 %	HIV infection:	0.3 %
Bronchitis:	6.4 %	Irritable Bowel Syndrome:	2.7 %
Chlamydia:	1.0 %	Migraine headache:	7.9 %
Diabetes:	1.1 %	Mononucleosis:	2.1 %
Ear infection:	7.7 %	Pelvic Inflammatory Disease:	0.2 %
Endometriosis:	0.9 %	Repetitive stress injury:	1.9 %
Genital herpes:	0.8 %	Sinus infection:	18.2 %
Genital warts/HPV:	2.1 %	Strep throat:	12.1 %
Gonorrhea:	0.3 %	Tuberculosis:	0.4 %
		Urinary tract infection:	9.6 %

■ 57.9 % of college students (48.2 % male, 63.1 % 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)	5.1 %
Chronic illness (e.g., cancer, diabetes, auto-immune disorders)	3.7 %
Deaf/Hard of hearing	1.5 %
Learning disability	3.6 %
Mobility/Dexterity disability	0.8 %
Partially sighted/Blind	1.7 %
Psychiatric condition	4.2 %
Speech or language disorder	0.8 %
Other disability	2.2 %

B. Disease and Injury Prevention

College students reported receiving the following vaccinations (shots):

- 78.1 % reported receiving vaccination against hepatitis B.
- 31.8 % reported receiving vaccination against Human Papillomavirus/HPV (cervical cancer vaccine).
- 32.0 % reported receiving vaccination against influenza (flu) in the last 12 months (shot or nasal mist).
- 75.0 % reported receiving vaccination against measles, mumps, rubella.
- 62.4 % reported receiving vaccination against meningococcal meningitis.
- 44.2 % reported receiving vaccination against varicella (chicken pox).

Other disease prevention practices reported by college students:

- 75.4 % reported having a dental exam and cleaning in the last 12 months.
- 37.5 % of males reported performing a testicular self exam in the last 30 days.
- 39.4 % of females reported performing a breast self exam in the last 30 days.
- 52.1 % of females reported having a routine gynecological exam in the last 12 months.
- 52.8 % reported using sunscreen regularly with sun exposure.
- 24.0 % reported ever being tested for Human Immunodeficiency Virus (HIV) infection.

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

<i>Percent (%)</i>	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	0.3		0.4	3.8	95.8
Wear a helmet when you rode a bicycle	48.8		44.5	22.3	33.2
Wear a helmet when you rode a motorcycle	85.0		9.0	7.5	83.5
Wear a helmet when you were inline skating	86.8		59.4	15.1	25.4

* 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:	4.0 %	Gambling:	0.4 %
Allergies:	3.0 %	Homesickness:	4.2 %
Anxiety:	18.2 %	Injury:	2.1 %
Assault (physical):	0.6 %	Internet use/computer games:	10.8 %
Assault (sexual):	0.8 %	Learning disability:	2.9 %
Attention Deficit/Hyperactivity Disorder:	4.3 %	Participation in extracurricular activities:	10.3 %
Cold/Flu/Sore throat:	15.4 %	Pregnancy (yours or partner's):	1.0 %
Concern for a troubled friend or family member:	11.3 %	Relationship difficulties:	10.7 %
Chronic health problem or serious illness:	3.4 %	Roommate difficulties:	5.4 %
Chronic pain:	2.7 %	Sexually transmitted disease/infection (STD/I):	0.5 %
Death of a friend or family member:	5.7 %	Sinus infection/Ear infection/Bronchitis/Strep throat:	5.6 %
Depression:	11.2 %	Sleep difficulties:	19.3 %
Discrimination:	1.0 %	Stress:	27.2 %
Drug use:	1.8 %	Work:	13.1 %
Eating disorder/problem:	1.2 %	Other:	1.8 %
Finances:	6.1 %		

D. Violence, Abusive Relationships and Personal Safety

Within the last 12 months, college students reported experiencing:

	<i>Percent (%)</i>	Male	Female	Total
A physical fight		12.8	4.4	7.0
A physical assault (not sexual assault)		5.8	3.7	4.4
A verbal threat		30.3	17.9	21.8
Sexual touching without their consent		3.7	8.5	7.1
Sexual penetration attempt without their consent		0.8	3.5	2.7
Sexual penetration without their consent		0.6	2.1	1.6
Stalking		4.5	8.1	7.0
An emotionally abusive intimate relationship		7.3	11.5	10.3
A physically abusive intimate relationship		2.1	2.4	2.4
A sexually abusive intimate relationship		0.6	1.8	1.5

Findings continued

College students reported feeling *very safe* :

	Percent (%)	Male	Female	Total
On their campus (daytime)		90.2	86.6	87.5
On their campus (nighttime)		51.7	24.0	32.5
In the community surrounding their school (daytime)		57.5	47.0	50.1
In the community surrounding their school (nighttime)		26.3	9.6	14.7

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.

Alcohol

	Percent (%)	Actual Use		
		Male	Female	Total
Never used		22.9	23.1	23.1
Used, but not in the last 30 days		12.3	14.5	13.8
Used 1-9 days		46.2	50.4	49.0
Used 10-29 days		17.1	11.5	13.2
Used all 30 days		1.5	0.5	0.9
<i>Any use within the last 30 days</i>		64.8	62.4	63.1

Perceived Use		
Male	Female	Total
3.5	2.8	3.1
3.0	2.5	2.6
39.0	34.4	35.8
42.4	45.9	44.7
12.0	14.4	13.7
93.5	94.7	94.3

Cigarette

	Percent (%)	Actual Use		
		Male	Female	Total
Never used		63.7	67.9	66.7
Used, but not in the last 30 days		16.5	16.9	16.7
Used 1-9 days		10.2	8.2	8.8
Used 10-29 days		3.8	2.4	2.9
Used all 30 days		5.8	4.6	5.0
<i>Any use within the last 30 days</i>		19.8	15.2	16.6

Perceived Use		
Male	Female	Total
7.7	5.9	6.5
12.3	10.3	10.9
39.7	34.1	35.9
21.7	23.1	22.5
18.5	26.6	24.2
79.9	83.8	82.6

Marijuana

	Percent (%)	Actual Use		
		Male	Female	Total
Never used		62.8	69.0	67.1
Used, but not in the last 30 days		18.2	18.6	18.4
Used 1-9 days		10.9	9.0	9.6
Used 10-29 days		4.9	2.5	3.3
Used all 30 days		3.2	0.9	1.7
<i>Any use within the last 30 days</i>		19.0	12.4	14.5

Perceived Use		
Male	Female	Total
10.5	9.2	9.7
13.7	11.8	12.3
48.7	46.5	47.0
20.0	23.9	22.7
7.0	8.6	8.2
75.8	79.0	77.9

Findings continued

Tobacco from a water pipe (hookah)

	<i>Percent (%)</i>	Actual Use		
		Male	Female	Total
Never used		64.7	72.6	70.1
Used, but not in the last 30 days		21.8	18.9	19.8
Used 1-9 days		11.7	7.9	9.0
Used 10-29 days		1.5	0.6	0.9
Used all 30 days		0.3	0.0	0.2
<i>Any use within the last 30 days</i>		13.5	8.5	10.1

Perceived Use

Male	Female	Total
16.3	14.3	15.0
19.3	17.8	18.2
50.1	51.2	50.8
10.8	12.9	12.2
3.6	3.8	3.8
64.5	67.9	66.8

All other drugs combined*

	<i>Percent (%)</i>	Actual Use		
		Male	Female	Total
Never used		53.5	70.7	65.4
Used, but not in the last 30 days		24.1	19.0	20.6
Used 1-9 days		16.4	7.9	10.6
Used 10-29 days		3.3	1.6	2.1
Used all 30 days		2.7	0.8	1.4
<i>Any use within the last 30 days</i>		22.5	10.3	14.1

Perceived Use

Male	Female	Total
9.6	8.4	8.9
15.7	14.4	14.7
48.0	45.9	46.5
17.9	21.0	20.0
8.8	10.3	9.9
74.7	77.2	76.4

* 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).

■ 3.5 % 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	<i>Percent (%)</i>	Male	Female	Total
< .08		60.2	63.1	62.2
< .10		68.4	70.8	70.0
Mean		0.080	0.070	0.080
Median		0.060	0.050	0.050
Std Dev		0.080	0.080	0.080

Findings continued

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		28.4	43.3	38.5
5		7.0	8.4	8.0
6		6.4	5.5	5.7
7 or more		27.7	10.9	16.1
Mean		6.50	4.18	4.93
Median		5.00	4.00	4.00
Std Dev		5.06	3.06	4.08

* 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		25.0	25.4	25.3
None		32.0	46.1	41.7
1-2 times		24.4	20.1	21.5
3-5 times		14.1	7.0	9.2
6 or more times		4.4	1.4	2.3

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		2.6	3.3	3.1
Erectile dysfunction drugs		1.3	0.8	1.0
Pain killers		9.4	8.2	8.6
Sedatives		4.5	4.2	4.4
Stimulants		6.4	5.2	5.6
<i>Used 1 or more of the above</i>		13.9	13.2	13.5

Findings continued

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	20.8	31.1	27.9	
Avoid drinking games	34.1	45.3	41.8	
Choose not to drink alcohol	21.6	30.2	27.6	
Determine in advance not to exceed a set number of drinks	32.0	43.0	39.6	
Eat before and/or during drinking	72.8	79.4	77.3	
Have a friend let you know when you have had enough	25.2	41.3	36.3	
Keep track of how many drinks being consumed	57.7	71.2	66.9	
Pace drinks to one or fewer an hour	18.8	35.7	30.5	
Stay with the same group of friends the entire time drinking	75.2	88.8	84.4	
Stick with only one kind of alcohol when drinking	45.0	54.9	51.8	
Use a designated driver	78.5	87.8	84.9	
<i>Reported one or more of the above</i>	96.6	98.4	97.8	

*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	34.3	33.4	33.7	
Forgot where you were or what you did	31.7	28.1	29.2	
Got in trouble with the police	6.6	3.5	4.5	
Had sex with someone without giving your consent	1.7	2.1	2.0	
Had sex with someone without getting their consent	0.5	0.3	0.4	
Had unprotected sex	17.2	14.0	15.1	
Physically injured yourself	17.5	14.5	15.4	
Physically injured another person	4.2	1.5	2.4	
Seriously considered suicide	2.0	1.4	1.6	
<i>Reported one or more of the above</i>	52.0	48.1	49.4	

*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:

	<i>Percent (%)</i>	Male	Female	Total
None		34.5	33.4	33.7
1		38.7	43.7	42.1
2		9.9	10.6	10.5
3		6.1	5.4	5.6
4 or more		10.8	6.9	8.2

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

	Male	Female	Total
Mean	2.53	1.80	2.06
Median	1.00	1.00	1.00
Std Dev	5.14	1.67	3.53

*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

	<i>Percent (%)</i>	Male	Female	Total
No, have never done this sexual activity		29.8	32.6	31.7
No, have done this sexual activity but not in the last 30 days		29.0	26.8	27.4
Yes		41.2	40.6	40.9

Vaginal sex within the past 30 days

	<i>Percent (%)</i>	Male	Female	Total
No, have never done this sexual activity		36.9	35.1	35.6
No, have done this sexual activity but not in the last 30 days		21.6	17.9	19.0
Yes		41.5	47.0	45.4

Anal sex within the past 30 days

	<i>Percent (%)</i>	Male	Female	Total
No, have never done this sexual activity		76.7	81.4	79.9
No, have done this sexual activity but not in the last 30 days		17.7	15.1	15.9
Yes		5.6	3.5	4.2

Findings continued

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

	<i>Percent (%)</i>	Male	Female	Total
<i>Sexually active students reported*</i>				
Oral sex		5.3	5.0	5.1
Vaginal intercourse		58.5	51.4	53.5
Anal intercourse		37.3	22.3	27.8

*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:

	<i>Percent (%)</i>	Male	Female	Total
Yes, used a method of contraception		49.5	53.7	52.4
Not applicable/Didn't use a method/Don't know		50.5	46.3	47.6

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:

	<i>Percent (%)</i>	Male	Female	Total
Birth control pills (monthly or extended cycle)		62.7	60.1	60.9
Birth control shots		2.6	2.4	2.5
Birth control implants		1.2	0.3	0.6
Birth control patch		1.5	1.0	1.2
Vaginal ring		4.6	5.8	5.4
Intrauterine device		3.1	3.4	3.3
Male condom		69.4	61.2	63.6
Female condom		0.8	0.6	0.7
Diaphragm or cervical cap		0.8	0.4	0.5
Contraceptive sponge		0.6	0.2	0.4
Spermicide (foam, jelly, cream)		9.4	5.5	6.6
Fertility awareness (calendar, mucous, basal body temperature)		4.7	5.9	5.6
Withdrawal		24.5	28.5	27.4
Sterilization (hysterectomy, tubes tied, vasectomy)		1.8	2.7	2.5
Other method		2.2	2.1	2.1
<i>Male condom use plus another method</i>		51.1	45.7	47.2
<i>Any two or more methods (excluding male condoms)</i>		26.6	26.6	26.6

- 14.0 % of sexually active college students reported using (or reported their partner used) emergency contraception ("morning after pill") within the last 12 months. (male: 11.6 %; female: 15.0 %).*

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

- 3.3 % 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: 3.1 %; female: 3.3 %).**

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

G. Nutrition and Exercise

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

	<i>Percent (%)</i>	Male	Female	Total
0 servings per day		8.1	5.6	6.4
1-2 per day		61.2	59.8	60.2
3-4 per day		25.9	29.3	28.3
5 or more per day		4.8	5.2	5.2

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

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

	<i>Percent (%)</i>	Male	Female	Total
0 days		22.1	25.2	24.2
1-4 days		55.0	57.5	56.7
5-7 days		22.9	17.3	19.1

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

	<i>Percent (%)</i>	Male	Female	Total
0 days		32.9	45.2	41.4
1-2 days		31.5	29.3	30.0
3-7 days		35.6	25.4	28.6

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).

	<i>Percent (%)</i>	Male	Female	Total
Guidelines met		52.7	42.9	45.9

Findings continued

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		3.5	5.9	5.2
18.5-24.9 Healthy Weight		59.2	65.4	63.5
25-29.9 Overweight		26.5	17.8	20.4
30-34.9 Class I Obesity		7.0	6.5	6.6
35-39.9 Class II Obesity		2.6	2.6	2.6
≥40 Class III Obesity		1.2	1.9	1.7
Mean		24.58	23.91	24.11
Median		23.71	22.60	22.96
Std Dev		4.68	5.27	5.11

H. Mental Health

Students reported experiencing the following within the last 12 months:

Felt things were hopeless

<i>Percent (%)</i>	Male	Female	Total
No, never	41.0	29.6	33.1
No, not last 12 months	19.9	20.1	20.0
Yes, last 2 weeks	14.4	18.0	16.9
Yes, last 30 days	7.1	9.7	8.9
Yes, in last 12 months	17.7	22.6	21.1
<i>Any time within the last 12 months</i>	39.1	50.4	47.0

Felt overwhelmed by all you had to do

<i>Percent (%)</i>	Male	Female	Total
No, never	15.1	4.9	8.2
No, not last 12 months	7.5	3.1	4.4
Yes, last 2 weeks	43.3	59.1	54.2
Yes, last 30 days	15.8	17.7	17.1
Yes, in last 12 months	18.3	15.1	16.1
<i>Any time within the last 12 months</i>	77.4	91.9	87.4

Felt exhausted (not from physical activity)

<i>Percent (%)</i>	Male	Female	Total
No, never	19.2	8.3	11.7
No, not last 12 months	8.5	5.5	6.4
Yes, last 2 weeks	41.1	54.6	50.4
Yes, last 30 days	15.5	17.3	16.8
Yes, in last 12 months	15.6	14.3	14.7
<i>Any time within the last 12 months</i>	72.3	86.2	81.9

Felt very lonely

<i>Percent (%)</i>	Male	Female	Total
No, never	28.6	18.1	21.4
No, not last 12 months	19.5	18.6	18.9
Yes, last 2 weeks	21.5	27.2	25.5
Yes, last 30 days	11.3	14.8	13.8
Yes, in last 12 months	19.0	21.2	20.5
<i>Any time within the last 12 months</i>	51.8	63.3	59.7

Felt very sad

Percent (%)	Male	Female	Total
No, never	27.2	15.5	19.1
No, not last 12 months	19.6	16.1	17.1
Yes, last 2 weeks	19.9	29.1	26.3
Yes, last 30 days	11.0	15.5	14.1
Yes, in last 12 months	22.4	23.8	23.3
<i>Any time within the last 12 months</i>	53.2	68.4	63.7

Felt overwhelming anxiety

Percent (%)	Male	Female	Total
No, never	44.1	31.0	35.0
No, not last 12 months	17.2	15.4	15.9
Yes, last 2 weeks	14.5	21.5	19.4
Yes, last 30 days	8.5	12.8	11.5
Yes, in last 12 months	15.6	19.3	18.2
<i>Any time within the last 12 months</i>	38.6	53.6	49.1

Seriously considered suicide

Percent (%)	Male	Female	Total
No, never	82.8	79.9	80.8
No, not last 12 months	11.0	13.6	12.8
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	3.7	4.3	4.1
<i>Any time within the last 12 months</i>	6.1	6.4	6.4

Intentionally cut, burned, bruised, or otherwise injured yourself

Percent (%)	Male	Female	Total
No, never	86.8	81.5	83.1
No, not last 12 months	8.8	12.6	11.4
Yes, last 2 weeks	1.2	1.5	1.4
Yes, last 30 days	0.7	0.9	0.9
Yes, in last 12 months	2.5	3.5	3.2
<i>Any time within the last 12 months</i>	4.4	5.9	5.5

Felt so depressed that it was difficult to function

Percent (%)	Male	Female	Total
No, never	53.4	43.6	46.6
No, not last 12 months	21.0	23.5	22.7
Yes, last 2 weeks	8.6	10.6	10.0
Yes, last 30 days	4.6	6.3	5.8
Yes, in last 12 months	12.3	15.9	14.8
<i>Any time within the last 12 months</i>	25.5	32.8	30.6

Felt overwhelming anger

Percent (%)	Male	Female	Total
No, never	42.6	38.6	39.8
No, not last 12 months	21.5	21.6	21.6
Yes, last 2 weeks	10.7	12.4	12.0
Yes, last 30 days	7.9	9.2	8.8
Yes, in last 12 months	17.2	18.2	17.9
<i>Any time within the last 12 months</i>	35.9	39.8	38.6

Attempted suicide

Percent (%)	Male	Female	Total
No, never	93.4	91.9	92.3
No, not last 12 months	5.4	6.9	6.5
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	0.9	0.9
<i>Any time within the last 12 months</i>	1.2	1.2	1.3

Findings continued

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

	<i>Percent (%)</i>	Male	Female	Total
Anorexia		0.6	1.4	1.2
Anxiety		6.1	12.2	10.4
Attention Deficit and Hyperactivity Disorder		4.3	3.3	3.6
Bipolar Disorder		1.1	1.4	1.4
Bulimia		0.5	1.4	1.1
Depression		6.3	11.9	10.2
Insomnia		2.4	3.7	3.3
Other sleep disorder		1.9	2.0	2.0
Obsessive Compulsive Disorder		1.8	2.2	2.1
Panic attacks		2.5	6.2	5.1
Phobia		0.9	1.2	1.1
Schizophrenia		0.5	0.1	0.3
Substance abuse or addiction		1.5	0.9	1.1
Other addiction		0.8	0.3	0.5
Other mental health condition		1.7	2.1	2.0
<i>Students reporting none of the above</i>		86.1	78.7	80.9
<i>Students reporting only one of the above</i>		6.8	8.2	7.8
<i>Students reporting both Depression and Anxiety</i>		3.6	7.5	6.3
<i>Students reporting any two or more of the above excluding the combination of Depression and Anxiety</i>		3.4	5.9	5.2

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

	<i>Percent (%)</i>	Male	Female	Total
Academics		39.2	47.8	45.2
Career-related issue		19.9	23.2	22.2
Death of family member or friend		12.3	17.6	16.1
Family problems		19.4	32.2	28.4
Intimate relationships		29.2	35.8	33.8
Other social relationships		20.5	29.3	26.7
Finances		29.3	38.1	35.5
Health problem of family member or partner		13.8	20.7	18.6
Personal appearance		14.3	26.6	22.9
Personal health issue		11.8	20.5	17.9
Sleep difficulties		20.4	25.2	23.8
Other		9.0	11.6	10.9
<i>Students reporting none of the above</i>		32.7	20.6	24.3
<i>Students reporting only one of the above</i>		15.2	13.0	13.7
<i>Students reporting 2 of the above</i>		13.3	13.5	13.4
<i>Students reporting 3 or more of the above</i>		38.8	52.9	48.6

Findings continued

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

	<i>Percent (%)</i>	Male	Female	Total
No stress		3.4	0.8	1.6
Less than average stress		14.7	5.8	8.5
Average stress		41.2	38.8	39.5
More than average stress		33.8	44.4	41.1
Tremendous stress		6.9	10.3	9.3

I. Sleep

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

	<i>Percent (%)</i>	Male	Female	Total
0 days		7.9	10.3	9.6
1-2 days		27.8	34.3	32.3
3-5 days		51.3	46.2	47.7
6+ days		13.0	9.2	10.4

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

	<i>Percent (%)</i>	Male	Female	Total
0 days		11.1	5.4	7.2
1-2 days		34.8	29.4	31.0
3-5 days		42.2	46.5	45.2
6+ days		12.0	18.7	16.6

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

	<i>Percent (%)</i>	Male	Female	Total
No problem		11.8	7.4	8.8
A little problem		50.4	48.2	48.7
More than a little problem		23.5	26.1	25.3
A big problem		10.2	13.2	12.3
A very big problem		4.1	5.3	4.9

Demographics and Student Characteristics

■ Age:

Average age:	21.53 years
Median:	20.00 years
Std Dev:	5.84 years

18 - 20 years:	60.2 %
21 - 24 years:	26.4 %
25 - 29 years:	6.8 %
30+ years:	6.7 %

■ Gender*

Female:	67.9 %
Male:	29.8 %
Transgender:	0.2 %

■ Student status:

1st year undergraduate:	31.5 %
2nd year undergraduate:	17.5 %
3rd year undergraduate:	20.0 %
4th year undergraduate:	15.2 %
5th year or more undergraduate:	4.3 %
Graduate or professional:	10.4 %
Not seeking a degree:	0.4 %
Other:	0.7 %
Full-time student:	93.0 %
Part-time student:	6.4 %
Other student:	0.5 %

■ Relationship status:

Not in a relationship:	51.4 %
In a relationship but not living together:	35.5 %
In a relationship and living together:	13.1 %

■ Marital status:

Single:	87.7 %
Married/Partnered:	8.9 %
Separated:	0.3 %
Divorced:	1.1 %
Other:	2.0 %

■ Students describe themselves as:

White:	75.8 %
Black – not Hispanic:	7.1 %
Hispanic or Latino/a:	8.3 %
Asian or Pacific Islander:	10.2 %
American Indian, Alaskan Native or Native Hawaiian:	1.7 %
Biracial or Multiracial:	4.0 %
Other:	3.1 %

■ International Student:

International:	7.0 %
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■ Students describe themselves as:

Heterosexual:	93.4 %
Gay/Lesbian:	2.1 %
Bisexual:	2.8 %
Unsure:	1.7 %

■ Housing:

Campus residence hall:	45.5 %
Fraternity or sorority house:	0.9 %
Other university housing:	6.4 %
Parent/guardian home:	10.8 %
Other off-campus housing:	31.7 %
Other:	4.8 %

■ Participated in organized college athletics:

Varsity:	9.4 %
Club sports:	11.4 %
Intramurals:	18.9 %

■ Member of a social fraternity or sorority:

Greek member:	8.0 %
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■ Primary Source of Health Insurance:

College/university sponsored plan:	12.5 %
Parents' plan:	68.9 %
Another plan:	11.7 %
Don't have health insurance:	5.5 %
Not sure if have plan:	1.3 %

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

Demographics of Participating Institutions

Forty-four postsecondary institutions self-selected to participate in the Fall 2008 ACHA-National College Health Assessment and 28,144 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 26,685 students and 40 schools. Demographic characteristics of the 40 campuses follow:

Demographical Characteristics of the 40 Postsecondary Institutions Included in the Fall 2008 ACHA-NCHA Reference Group.	
Campus Characteristic	<i>n</i>
Type of Institution	
Public	22
Private	18
2-year	3
4-year	37
Location of Campus	
Northeast (CT, ME, MA, NH, NJ, NY, PA, RI, VT)	13
Midwest (IL, IN, IA, KS, MI, MN, MO, NE, ND, OH, SD, WI)	10
South (AL, AR, DE, DC, FL, GA, KY, LA, MD, MS, NC, OK, SC, TN, TX, VA, WV)	12
West (AK, AZ, CA, CO, HI, ID, MT, NV, NM, OR, UT, WA, WY)	5
Outside US	0
Campus Size	
< 2,500 students	7
2,500 – 4,999 students	9
5,000 – 9,999 students	6
10,000 – 19,999 students	10
20,000 students or more	8
Campus Setting	
Very large city (population over 500,000)	6
Large city (population 250,000-499,999)	4
Small city (population 50,000-249,999)	16
Large town (population 10,000 – 49,999)	7
Small town (population 2,500-9,999)	5
Rural community (population under 2,500)	2
Carnegie Classification	
Associates Colleges	3
Baccalaureate Colleges	10
Masters Colleges and Universities	7
Research Institutions	20
Special Focus Institutions	0
Miscellaneous/Not Classified	0

Demographical Characteristics of the 40 Postsecondary Institutions Included in the Fall 2008 ACHA-NCHA Reference Group.	
Campus Characteristic	<i>n</i>
ACHA Membership Status	
Institutional Member	39
Nonmember	1
Religious Affiliation	
No	31
Yes	9
<u>If yes:</u>	
Catholic	3
Protestant or Other Christian	6
Postsecondary Minority Institution (US Department of Education)	
No	36
Yes	4
<u>*If yes:</u>	
Postsecondary Minority Institution	2
Historically Black College or University (HBCU)	1
High Hispanic Enrollment	1
Hispanic Serving Institution (HSI)	1
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 Fall 2008 Institutions	Paper Survey Administration	Web Survey Administration
Number of institutions	40	5	35
Number of students	26,685	2,321	24,364
Mean response proportion	27%	63%	22%
Median response proportion	23%	59%	22%

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