YTS AAPOR Transparency Initiative Immediate Disclosure Items

1. Who sponsored the research study

The Nebraska SHARP Surveillance System is administered by the Nebraska Department of Health and Human Services and the Nebraska Department of Education through a contract with the Bureau of Sociological Research at the University of Nebraska-Lincoln.

2. Who conducted the research study.

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3. If who conducted the study is different from the sponsor, the original sources of funding will also be disclosed.

The 2017 YTS is funded by the Nebraska Department of Education and the Nebraska Department of Health and Human Services.

4. The exact wording and presentation of questions and response options whose results are reported.

http://bosr.unl.edu/yts-questionnaires

5. A definition of the population under study and its geographic location.

The YTS targets public high school students in grades 9-12 in Nebraska.

6. Dates of data collection.

The 2017 YTS was administered starting in September 2016 and concluding during February 2017.

7. A description of the sampling frame(s) and its coverage of the target population, including mention of any segment of the target population that is not covered by the design.

The YTS sampling frame consists of the Nebraska Department of Education Membership Information by County data file, which provides a list of all schools in Nebraska with the school type (public, private, alternative, etc.), school and school district codes, corresponding address, county, and enrollment by grade level. This list is then reduced to only include public schools with students in 9, 10, 11, and/or 12th grade.

8. The name of the sample supplier, if the sampling frame and/or the sample itself was provided by a third party.

The data file used to create the sampling frame is obtained through the Nebraska Department of Education website.

9. The methods used to recruit the panel or participants, if the sample was drawn from a pre-recruited panel or pool of respondents.

The CDC drew the 2017 YTS sample for Nebraska using a two-stage cluster sampling design. In the first stage, a random sample of public high schools was selected with probability proportionate to school enrollment. Eligible schools were then recruited to participate. They were first informed of this eligibility via mailed letter at the beginning of 2016. This letter informed them of the opportunity to participate in the YTS in the upcoming fall. In March, active recruitment both through mailed letter, phone, and/or e-mail by BOSR began in an effort to get as many schools to participate as possible. In the second stage, within each of the participating schools, a random sample of
classrooms was selected and all students in those classes were targeted for participation.

10. A description of the sample design, giving a clear indication of the method by which the respondents were selected, recruited, intercepted or otherwise contacted or encountered, along with any eligibility requirements and/or oversampling. The description of the sampling frame and sample design will include sufficient detail to determine whether the respondents were selected using probability or non-probability methods.

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11. Method(s) and mode(s) used to administer the survey (e.g., CATI, CAPI, ACASI, IVR, mail survey, web survey) and the language(s) offered.

The YTS is a self-administered, paper-pencil survey administered within the classroom. The survey was only offered in English.

12. Sample sizes (by sampling frame if more than one was used) and a discussion of the precision of the findings. For probability samples, the estimates of sampling error will be reported, and the discussion will state whether or not the reported margins of sampling error or statistical analyses have been adjusted for the design effect due to weighting, clustering, or other factors.

Because the CDC develops the sampling plan, draws the sample, and weights the data, this information is best found at https://www.cdc.gov/tobacco/data_statistics/surveys/yts/index.htm

13. A description of how the weights were calculated, including the variables used and the sources of weighting parameters, if weighted estimates are reported.

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14. If the results reported are based on multiple samples or multiple modes, the preceding items will be disclosed for each.

Not applicable.

15. Contact for obtaining more information about the study.

Any questions regarding the 2017 YTS administration can be directed to the Bureau of Sociological Research at the University of Nebraska-Lincoln by calling (402) 472-3672 or by sending an e-mail to bosr@unl.edu.