

NRPFSS 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 2019 NRPFSS is funded by the Substance Abuse and Mental Health Services Administration Center for Substance Abuse Prevention - Strategic Prevention Framework Partnerships for Success Grant Award 1U79SP020162-05 and 1H79SP080988-01 through the Nebraska Department of Health and Human Services Division of Behavioral Health.

4. The exact wording and presentation of questions and response options whose results are reported. This includes preceding interviewer or respondent instructions and any preceding questions that might reasonably be expected to influence responses to the reported results.

<http://bosr.unl.edu/nrpfss-questionnaires>

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

The NRPFSS targets Nebraska students in grades 8, 10, and 12 with a goal of providing schools and communities with local-level data. As a result, the NRPFSS is implemented as a census survey, meaning that every public and non-public school with an eligible grade can choose to participate.

6. Dates of data collection.

The 2018 NRPFSS was administered starting in August 2018 and concluding during March 2019.

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. This may include, for example, exclusion of Alaska and Hawaii in U.S. surveys; exclusion of specific provinces or rural areas in international surveys; and exclusion of non-panel members in panel surveys. If possible the estimated size of non-covered segments will be provided. If a size estimate cannot be provided, this will be explained. If no frame or list was utilized, this will be indicated.

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

Not applicable to the NRPFSS. The school list is provided by the Nebraska Department of Education.

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

All Nebraska schools with an eligible grade were first informed via emailed letter at the beginning of 2018 that they would have an opportunity to participate in the NRPFSS in the upcoming fall. Then, in March, active recruitment both through phone and/or e-mail by BOSR began in an effort to get as many schools to participate as possible. Once a school agreed to participate, all students in grades 8, 10, and 12 with parental permission were then asked to participate.

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. If quotas were used, the variables defining the quotas will be reported. If a within-household selection procedure was used, this will be described. 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 NRPFSS is a self-administered survey available as paper-pencil and web-based, and administered within the classroom. In 2018, the survey was offered in English and Spanish.

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. Disclosure requirements for non-probability samples are different because the precision of estimates from such samples is a model-based measure (rather than the average deviation from the population value over all possible samples). Reports of non-probability samples will only provide measures of precision if they are accompanied by a detailed description of how the underlying model was specified, its assumptions validated and the measure(s) calculated. To avoid confusion, it is best to avoid using the term “margin of error” or “margin of sampling error” in conjunction with non-probability samples.

Because the NRPFSS is a census, sampling error is not applicable. Also, the NRPFSS data are not weighted in any way.

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

Not applicable to NRPFSS.

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

The NRPFSS report indicates when a subsample of respondents is being referenced.

15. Contact for obtaining more information about the study.

Any questions regarding the 2018 NRPFSS 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.