

BRFSS State Added Gambling Questions

The Iowa Behavioral Risk Factor Surveillance System (BRFSS) is an ongoing monthly telephone survey, which is financially and technically supported by the Centers for Disease Control and Prevention (CDC). The statewide survey, a scientifically designed and validated method of collecting information from 5,000 household telephone surveys, is designed to collect information on health-risk behaviors of Iowa residents age 18 and over on nationally agreed upon topics and on additional areas of special interest to Iowa, and to monitor prevalence of these behaviors over time. The University of Northern Iowa contracts with the Iowa Department of Public Health to conduct the survey.

Have you gambled in the last 12 months?

		2010	2011	2012	2013	2014	2015	2016
Total		33.8%	32.4%	44.4%	25.2%	27.3%	26.5%	26.9%
Sex								
	Male	39.1%	36.5%	49.0%	31.2%	33.3%	32.1%	32.2%
	Female	28.9%	28.5%	40.2%	19.3%	21.5%	21.2%	21.7%
Race/Ethnicity								
	White Non-Hispanic	34.8%	33.8%	45.6%	25.6%	28.3%	27.4%	28.4%
	Non-White or Hispanic	21.3%	19.6%	34.0%	20.2%	17.4%	15.6%	12.2%
Age								
	18-24	23.8%	14.7%	30.3%	19.7%	27.3%	22.3%	20.8%
	25-34	34.1%	29.7%	47.1%	29.5%	30.9%	32.7%	31.3%
	35-44	36.7%	35.2%	48.2%	25.6%	23.8%	24.5%	27.6%
	45-54	37.6%	40.5%	49.9%	27.4%	23.2%	27.6%	30.2%
	55-64	38.3%	41.8%	49.5%	28.1%	32.5%	25.9%	27.2%
	65-74	38.6%	36.1%	47.7%	24.4%	29.0%	28.7%	28.8%
	75+	22.0%	23.0%	30.7%	17.4%	23.5%	20.7%	19.0%
Education								
	< High School	22.3%	21.7%	24.8%	16.7%	19.9%	26.0%	16.5%
	High School Grad	33.4%	31.5%	45.1%	25.9%	30.3%	23.5%	26.3%
	Some College	37.1%	37.4%	48.2%	26.4%	27.3%	28.6%	29.1%
	College Graduate	33.9%	30.9%	46.0%	25.6%	26.1%	27.3%	27.8%
Household Income								
	< \$15,000	22.4%	22.5%	32.5%	16.8%	18.1%	19.8%	15.9%
	\$15,000 - \$24,999	28.7%	30.4%	36.6%	23.8%	20.9%	20.2%	20.3%
	\$25,000 - \$34,999	31.4%	32.9%	44.7%	23.0%	26.7%	21.5%	21.6%
	\$35,000 - \$49,999	37.0%	34.4%	46.3%	31.0%	25.4%	30.2%	29.1%
	50,000 - \$74,999	37.0%	39.9%	50.9%	29.8%	30.5%	32.4%	31.7%
	> \$75,000	40.5%	37.2%	54.0%	27.8%	32.5%	30.2%	32.1%
Other Gambling Questions:								
	Ever Felt the Need to bet More and More	ND	ND	ND	8.8%	4.1%	ND	ND
	Ever had to lie about gambling	ND	ND	ND	3.3%	2.3%	ND	ND
	BBGS1 - Felt irritable when trying to cut down?	ND	ND	ND	ND	ND	1.40%	1.10%
	BBGS2 - Tried to keep your family and friends from knowing how much?	ND	ND	ND	ND	ND	2.00%	1.30%
	BBGS3 - Had so much financial trouble you needed help?	ND	ND	ND	ND	ND	0.50%	0.60%

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