# The State of Student Health: The 2010 NCHA Survey of MSU Students 

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## About the Survey

- NCHA = National College Health Assessment
- Developed by the CORE Institute for the American College Health Association (2000)
- Administered ~ 500 campuses nationwide, 150 annually
- Topics
-Sexual health
-Alcohol, tobacco, and other drug use
-Weight, nutrition, and exercise
-Mental health
-Personal safety and violence
- Administration
- Originally a paper \& pencil mail survey
- Web survey version began in 2003


## The NCHA at MSU

- First conducted in 2000
- Conducted every two years: 2000, 2002, 2004, 2006, 2008, 2010
- Random samples of currently enrolled students
- Undergrads and grads/professionals
- $N=773-1,700$
- Consistently administered February-March
- OSR manages
-the sampling
-respondent contacts
-follow-ups
-incentives
-data weighting
-analysis and
-reporting


## The 2010 NCHA Survey at MSU

- Total $\mathrm{N}=1,468$
- 321 Graduate/Professional Students
- 1,147 Undergraduate Students
- February 9 - March 3
- Data file weighted to match demographic profile of enrolled students Spring 2010 re:
- Grad/undergrad, class, gender, race
- Response Rate = 30.1\%
- Overall margin of sampling error $\leq+/-2.6 \%$


## Profile of Students

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## \% of Students Who Were



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## General Health

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## How Students Rated Their General Health Currently: 2010

- $65 \%$ of males rated their health
 excellent or very good vs. 60\% of females
- $65 \%$ of white students rate their health excellent or very good vs. $55 \%$ of other students
- $11 \%$ of on campus students rated their health as fair or poor vs. $6 \%$ of off campus students


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## Percent of Students Rating Their Health as Excellent/Very Good, Fair/Poor: 2000-2010



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## Percent of Students Diagnosed or Treated for Various Health

 Problems in Past 12 Months: 2010

Weight, nutrition, and exercise

## RESULTS

## Weight Status

$\square$ Obese
$\square$ Overweight
Acceptable
$\square$ Underweight


- No difference in \% obese by gender, race, residence
- $39 \%$ of those NOT overweight/obese trying to lose weight
- $83 \%$ of obese \& $72 \%$ of overweight trying to lose weight
- Among overweight, $72 \%$ exercising, $46 \%$ dieting to lose weight; among obese, $59 \%$ exercising, $59 \%$ dieting



## \# Servings Fruits \& Vegetables/Day



- $39 \%$ of females eat $3+$ servings/day vs. $29 \%$ of males
- $36 \%$ of white students eat $3+$ servings vs. $30 \%$ of other students
- No difference between on campus and off campus



## Exercise Behavior

- No difference between males \& females on exercise; $33 \%$ of males vs. $21 \%$ of females do weights
- $68 \%$ of white students vs. $55 \%$ of other students exercise 3+ days/wk.
- No difference by residence on either.
- Students with lower GPA exercise less often


## How many days out of 7 get enough sleep to feel rested?

Get Enough Sleep to Feel Rested
$\square<4$ days $\quad 4-5$ days $\quad 6-7$ days


- $67 \%$ of males vs. $59 \%$ of females get 6-7 days restful sleep/wk
- $66 \%$ of white students vs. $52 \%$ of other students get 6-7 days restful sleep/wk
- No difference by residence
- $66 \%$ of student with A GPA get 6-7 days vs. 59$60 \%$ of those with lower GPA

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## Trends in Health Lifestyles: 2000-2010



## Percent of Students Receiving Health Screening, Vaccinations: 2010



## Trends

- $71 \%$ claimed to have been vaccinated against hepatitis $B$ - down somewhat from the 74\% in 2008.
- $40 \%$ claimed to have been vaccinated against varicella - down from $53 \%$ in 2008
- $55 \%$ claimed to have been vaccinated against meningococcus - down from $63 \%$ in 2008.
- $63 \%$ said they were vaccinated against measles, mumps and rubella - down from $73 \%$ in 2008.
- $29 \%$ claimed to be vaccinated against influenza last year - up from $23 \%$ in 2008.
- $57 \%$ of females said they had a gynecological exam in the past year - down from $62 \%$ in 2008 ; 38\% said they perform monthly breast self-exams -- down from $45 \%$ in 2008 and $41 \%$ in 2006.


## Sexual health

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## Number of Sex (oral, anal, vaginal) Partners Students Had in Past 12 Months: 2010



## Condom Use

- $49 \%$ reported oral sex in previous month ( $24.7 \%$ never)
- $4.1 \%$ of these used condom all or most of the time
- $54.9 \%$ reported vaginal intercourse in previous month (26.5\% never)
- $53.8 \%$ of these used condom all or most of the time
- $4.5 \%$ reported anal intercourse in previous month (77.1\% never)
- $26.6 \%$ of these used condom all or most of the time


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## \% of Respondents Reporting Respondent or Partner Used Birth Control Last Time Had Vaginal Intercourse: 2010



Alcohol, tobacco, and other drug use

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## Percent of Students Who Reported Using Various

 Substances: 2010

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## Observations

- $62 \%$-- virtually the same as in 2008 - have never smoked cigarettes, another $21 \%$ have not smoked in the previous month; $8 \%$ smoked cigarettes 6 or more days out of the previous 30.
- Only $\mathbf{1 5 . 4 \%}$ have never drunk alcohol (up slightly from $14.5 \%$ in 2008 and $12.7 \%$ in 2006), $10.3 \%$ had not drunk alcohol in the past month; $39 \%$ had drunk alcohol on six or more of the previous 30 days.
- Males more likely than females to report smoking cigarettes, cigars, and marijuana, smoking tobacco from a water pipe, using smokeless tobacco, and to report drinking alcohol at least once in the month. Males more likely than females to have used methamphetamines, sedatives, hallucinogens, steroids, opiates, inhalants, and other club drugs at least once in the past month.
- Those with lower GPAs more likely than those with higher GPAs to report having used nearly all the substances at least once in the previous month - alcohol is a noteworthy exception in that those with a B GPA were more likely to report drinking at least once in the past month than were those with $A$ or C/D/F GPAs.
- Undergraduates were more likely than graduate students to report smoking cigarettes, cigars, and marijuana, and more likely to report using other amphetamines, hallucinogens, and opiates.

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## Trends in \% of Students Using Substances: 2000-2010



## Percent of Students Using Various Types Unprescribed Prescription Drugs in Past 12 Months: 2010



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## Trends in Percent of Students Driving After Drinking: 2000-2010



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## Trends in Number Drinks Consumed Last Time Partied, by Student Status: 2000-2010



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Trend of Average Number Alcohol Drinks Consumed Last Time Partied: 2000-2010

Mean \# Drinks Last Time Partied by Survey Year


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- Average number times drank $5+$ drinks in past 2 weeks = 1.16 , down $24 \%$ since 2000 ( $2000=1.53$ vs. 1.16 in 2010)
- males=1.9, females= 1.1
- White=1.6, Other=0.9
- Undergrad=1.7, Grad=0.5
- Greek=2.3, non-Greek=1.4
- Average number drinks students believe the typical student drank last time partied has dropped 13\% (6.1 to 5.3) from 2000 to 2010
- Still overestimate by $26 \%$


## Percent of Students Who Drink Experiencing Adverse Outcomes From Drinking in Past Year: 2010



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## Trends in Harmful Outcomes of Alcohol Consumption: 2000-2010



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## Trends in Adverse Impact of Drinking on Academic Performance: 2000-2010


-Alcohol affected academic performance
-Lower grade on exam/project
$\sim$ Lower grade in course

C-Incomplete/ Dropped course

## Mental health

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## Percent of Students Diagnosed/Treated for Various Mental/Emotional Health Problems in Past Year: 2010



## Percent of Students for Whom Various Issues Were Traumatic/Very Difficult in Past Year: 2010



## Student Ratings of Their Overall Level of Stress Over the Past 12 Months: 2010


$\square$ No stress
$\square$ Less than average stress
$\square$ Average stress
$\square$ More than average stress
$\square$ Tremendous stress

## Percent of Students Feeling Emotionally Challenged, and Actions, by Recency: 2010



## Prevalence of Feeling Emotionally Troubled and Relation to Self-Destructive Behavior: 2010



## Percent Engaging in Self-Destructive Actions/Thoughts by Number Emotionally Troubling Experiences in Past Year



## Percent of Students Ever Having Received Help/Treated for Emotional, Psychological Issues: 2010

- $30.7 \%$ ever received professional psychological or mental health services
- Less than half those who experienced trauma, emotional challenges received professional help
- $9.9 \%$ received psychological/mental health services from current college/university
- $67.9 \%$ claim they would consider seeking professional help if having a personal problem in future


## Personal safety and violence

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## Percent of Students Always/(Most of time) Wearing Seatbelt/Helmets to Prevent Injury: 2010



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## Trends in Injury Prevention Behavior: 2000-2010 <br> (Of those who participate)



## How Safe Students Feel They Are On Campus, in the Community: 2010



## Percent of Students Victimized in Various Ways in Past Year: 2010



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## Trends in Victimization: 2000-2010



Note: 2000-2008 "Within the last school year "vs. 2010 "In the past 12 months"

## Factors Affecting Academic Performance

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Work<br>Sleep difficulties<br>Internet use/computer games<br>Anxiety<br>Participation in extracurricular activities

Concern for troubled friend/family
Relationship difficulty
Roommate difficulties
Finances Homesickness

Allergies
Sinus/ear infection, bronchitis, strep
Depression
Death of friend or family member Injury
Drug use
Chronic illness (diabetes, asthma, etc.)
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| -70.5 |  |
| -70.5 |  | Assault (sexual) 0.5

## \% of Students Academically Impaired If Experienced Event/Problem in Past Year: 2010

(11 Most Common Problems)


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$\square$ Affected If Have



Health Information and Credibility

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## Percent of Student Claiming to Have Ever Received Information From MSU on Various Health-Related Topics: 2010



## 10/1/2010

## Believability of Health Information From Various Sources, Prevalence as Source Used: 2010



## Summary

- What we've covered
- What we haven't
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