# Arizona Behavioral Risk Factor Surveillance System Survey 2016





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### **Executive Summary**

The Arizona Behavioral Risk Factor Surveillance System (BRFSS) survey is an annual, state-wide survey of adults aged 18 years and older. The Arizona survey is a collaborative effort between the Population Health Surveillance Branch (PHSB) of the Centers for Disease Control and Prevention (CDC) and Health Promotion; other CDC centers and federal agencies, such as the Health Resources and Services Administration, Administration on Aging, Department of Veterans Affairs, and Substance Abuse and Mental Health Services Administration, and the Arizona Department of Health Services (ADHS). The landline telephone sample design is a random digit dialed methodology with a disproportionate stratification based on phone bank density and whether or not the phone numbers were directory listed. The sample of cell phone numbers was randomly selected from dedicated cellular telephone banks sorted on the basis of area code and exchange. This report summarizes data on healthrelated quality of life, preventive practices, barriers to healthcare, health risk behaviors, beneficial health practices, and health conditions and limitations as reported by Arizonans. Arizona response variables should be understood to be the weightadjusted percentage of survey participants who are asked the questions and provided an informative response (excluding nonrespondents, those who refused to respond, and those who indicated that they did not know how to respond). Because of this, results for the Arizona BRFSS survey in this report will differ slightly from the CDC-provided Arizona response tables in the appendix, which include some of these response categories. Additionally, the variable names used by Arizona could vary between CDC and Arizona data results. Any inference drawn from these results about the Arizona general population should be made in consideration of the confidence intervals provided within the report. In 2016, Arizona Sample design consisted of 10 regions with 10,952 combined cell phone and landline (complete and partial) interviews. The BRFSS survey provides a rich source of state-level public health data. This data has become integral to health promotion, disease prevention and intervention planning throughout Arizona. Highlights from the 2016 BRFSS are presented in Table 1 below.

Risk Factors	Arizona	National*
Seatbelt Use	86.9	85.1
Health Status (Good, Very Good, Excellent)	81.4	83.3
Usual Source of Healthcare (at least one provider)	73.3	78.2
Pap Smear (women, ages 21+ had test in last 3 years)	69.5	73.6
Colonoscopy & Sigmoidoscopy (ages 50+ ever had test)	67.6	69.8
Routine Medical Examination (past year)	67.4	70.8
Mammogram (women, ages 40+ had test past year)	54.9	59.1
Folic Acid Awareness**	54.2	Not Asked
Influenza Vaccinations (65 years and older)	53.4	58.2
Preconception Health <sup>**</sup>	41.7	Not Asked
Prostate Specific Antigen Test (Men tested & counseled)	38.1	40.8
Influenza Vaccinations (18 years and older)	35.2	38.8
Fecal Occult Blood Test (men, 50+ ages ever had test)	34.7	30.4
Folic Acid Use**	32.8	Not Asked
Physical Activity (Met both Guidelines)**	29.3	Not Asked
Obesity (B.M.I. ≥ 30)	29.0	30.1
Substance Abuse <sup>**</sup>	22.0	Not Asked
Barriers to Socialization	17.2	15.3
Alcohol Abuse: Binge Drinking	15.6	16.9
Cigarette Smoking (current smoker)	14.7	17.0
Asthma	14.6	14.0
Diabetes	10.8	10.5
Fruit & Vegetable Consumption (2 & 3 servings a day)**	10.5	Not Asked
Chronic Obstructive Pulmonary Disease (COPD)	6.8	6.2
Alcohol Abuse: Heavy Drinking	6.2	6.5
Cardiovascular Disease: Heart Attack	4.5	4.4
Cardiovascular Disease: Angina	4.4	4.1
Stroke	3.4	3.0
Poverty (<133% FPL)	3.1	2.2

Table 1: Arizona and National Behavioral Risk Factor Surveillance System (BRFSS) 2016 Survey Highlights. Weighted to population characteristics. The BRFSS 2016 "National" estimates included in the "BRFSS Executive Summary" chart are median values. "Arizona's BRFSS specific modules and state-added questions.



#### Arizona and National BRFSS 2016 Highlights Risk Factors and Chronic Diseases

The BRFSS 2016 "National" estimates included in the "Risk Factor & Chronic Disease Highlights" Executive Summary chart are median values not means. CDC does not generate a "National" estimate by using the mean because the survey is a combination of separate state surveys. \*Question Not Asked. \*\*Denotes Arizona State-Added questions.

### Introduction

#### Background

The Arizona BRFSS 2016 collected 10,952 combined landlines and cell phones. In 2016, the cost per questions was \$6,100. In 2016, the Arizona length of BRFSS questionnaire survey was within 24.4 minutes. In 2016, the Arizona BRFSS used a split survey design to remain within the 25 minute survey limit. The split survey allowed Arizona BRFSS to include more questions requested by health programs which expanded survey funding. This also allowed substantially more completed interviews to be conducted.

Certain activities or behaviors increase the risk of mortality and morbidity. Promotion of cessation programs, awareness, and policy changes will help reduce the impact of these behaviors. Many programs and policies have been enacted to reduce the burdens associated with participating in these risky behaviors. Continued monitoring of these behaviors will provide Arizona with a tool to assess the impact of these programs and policies.

#### The BRFSS is comprised of CDC's Core, Modules, and State-added questions.

#### Core component consists of three areas:

The fixed core is made up of standard questions that are asked by every state.

The rotating core is a set of biennial questions.

The emerging core questions are experimental questions (up to 5 a year) that are asked to determine their potential use.

#### Modules included in the 2016 survey:

Diabetes

#### Optional CDC modules are sets of questions that focus on specific topics such as:

Caregiver Childhood Asthma Prevalence Random Child Selection

#### State added questions are generated by stakeholders and ADHS Programs:

Adverse Childhood Experience Asthma Call-Back Permission Script Folic Acid Fruits and Vegetables Food Assistance/Security Medical Tourism Nearest Intersection Preconception Health/Family Planning Prescription Drug Abuse Substance Abuse Use of Cigarettes Valley Fever

State added questions must be validated and approved by CDC's and Arizona's Human Subjects Review Board.

### Methodology

In 2011, CDC implemented a methodological change in how BRFSS data are weighted; specifically, the weighting method changed from post-stratification to iterative proportional fitting (refer to the 2011 Annual Arizona BRFSS Report for more details). The iterative proportional fitting (or "raking,") replacement was needed in order to include analysis for imperfections in the sample that might lead to bias. In addition, this method included the selection of units with unequal probabilities, non-coverage of the population, and non-response. The "raking" adjusts the data so that groups which are underrepresented in the sample can be more accurately represented in the final dataset. The raking incorporates additional demographic characteristics and it accurately matches sample distributions to known demographics. Furthermore, the use of raking reduces non-response bias and has been shown to reduce within-error estimates. BRFSS raking integrates a multitude of categories such as age by gender, marital status, education attainment, employment status, income, age groups, race and ethnicity, telephone source, and renter/owner status. Thus, BRFSS 2013 annual report included the respondents contacted by landline and cellular phones. In 2015, according to the Pew Research Center's Internet and American Life Project, "92% of American adults have cell phones. Cell phone-only households are especially prevalent among younger families and among certain racial/ethnic groups. Moreover, it was evident that people were using their cell phones."<sup>1</sup> One anticipated change to Arizona's BRFSS' sample design is to increase the number of cell phone participants by changing the screening process. BRFSS would be unable to fully capture disease and prevalence trends by continuing to rely solely upon landlines.

In another change from 2011, if a cell phone respondent received a call from a BRFSS interviewer, and they had a landline, they were excluded from the survey. This eliminated a large number of willing cell phone respondents. Therefore, beginning with the 2012 survey, the CDC applied a fully overlapping sample. Under this approach, some of the counties will **not** be able to achieve the minimum of 50 participants. This might affect the ability to analyze the data for those counties with the required minimum number of participants. In 2016, the analyses will have to be done within each of the ten different strata. CDC contracts with Marketing System Group (MSG) who developed a methodology for constructing cellular sampling frames using rate centers. A rate center delineates the local call boundaries set by service providers for billing purposes. MSG can identify subsets of cellular blocks for all wireless service providers that correspond to the area of interest. Geographic stratification is available for the cell phone sample for 2016. To make the best use of this method, geo-strata should consist of contiguous counties. Weights will be produced for the combined landline and cell phone data. The Arizona BRFSS previously followed CDC's guidelines regarding the rule of not reporting or interpreting percentages based upon a denominator of fewer than 50 respondents, as well as regions with adult populations less than or equal to 500 residents. Confidence interval limits for Arizona measure as upper and lower brackets connected by a single line at the top of each table column. In 2016, Arizona's sample size consisted of 10,952 complete and partial interviews.

#### Changes to the 2016 AZ BRFSS Annual Report

The 2016 BRFSS Annual Report has a layout that provides the reader information that corresponds to core and state-added questions covering a number of health risks and chronic diseases. At the beginning of each section, a description of the data elements is presented, including variable names. Each subsection includes, in most instances, 5-year trend data, national, regional and county information data (presented as maps), and a table of respondent demographics comparing Arizona to National respondents. The demographics table contains the N, percent, and associated confidence interval. The appendix contains additional information to provide the reader with information regarding death, birth, and number of patients discharged from the hospital. Tables and charts presented in the Hospital Discharge Data (HDD) Section (Appendix A) are presented in the same order as information in the core BRFSS 2016 report. Information presented in Appendix A utilized the International Classification of Diseases (ICD-10) which is the World Health Organization's 10<sup>th</sup> revision and represents data from January 1, 2016 - December 31, 2016. Information for some questions may not contain national comparisons due to the questions being state-added.

<sup>&</sup>lt;sup>1</sup> (Rainie, Lee, Pew Research Center's Internet & American Life Project) Washington, D.C., 2002-2016, Web accessed: 3/9/2017 <u>http://www.pewinternet.org/chart/mobile-phone-ownership/</u>



### **BRFSS Survey in Comparisons**

The BRFSS is the largest telephone survey conducted in the United States and its territories. As the BRFSS grows and improves its methodology, the number of requests for localized health analysis increases. In response to the growing demand, CDC analyzes BRFSS data for metropolitan and micropolitan statistical areas (MMSA). The analysis of Arizona MMSAs includes Nogales, Phoenix-Mesa-Scottsdale, Sierra Vista-Douglas, Tucson, and Yuma. Any further analysis will require combining BRFSS data across multiple years, and/or harmonizing across surveys. There are many other surveys currently sponsored by the U.S. government and its agencies, many of which have questions that overlap with the BRFSS. The structure of the questions found within commonly merged datasets is displayed in **Table 2** (below).

	Comparison of Surveys				
	Census	BRFSS	NHANES	HINTS	
Participant Selection	All U.S. households are required to participate	Random telephone survey of non-institutionalized adults ages 18-99 residing in US, District of Columbia, the Commonwealth of Puerto Rico, and Guam.	Participants are selected based off Census information	Stratified sample of addresses were selected from the Marketing Systems Group.	
Data Collection Techniques	Questionnaire sent in the mail and direct interviews from Census workers	Telephone survey, with Computer Assisted Telephone Interviewing (CATI) system, and dedicated cellular telephone banks.	Anthropometric measurements, blood and urine samples are gathered by health professionals. Interviews are done in person at the participant's home.	Random digit dials and address-based sampling	
Data Gathered	<ul> <li>Number of people living in a housing unit</li> <li>Housing unit type</li> <li>Telephone number</li> <li>Name</li> <li>Gender</li> <li>Date of birth</li> <li>Race and ethnicity</li> <li>Other residences</li> </ul>	Demographic data asked annually: • Race and ethnicity • Gender • Income • Martial status • Educational achievement • Working status • Household size Only source of population- based estimates of the prevalence of various health behaviors, medical conditions, and preventive health practices. Other Health Indicator Questions are developed by the CDC. Each state has the ability to generate questions to assess its specific needs.	<ul> <li>Anemia</li> <li>Cardiovascular disease</li> <li>Diabetes</li> <li>Environmental exposures</li> <li>Eye diseases</li> <li>Hearing loss</li> <li>Infectious diseases</li> <li>Kidney disease</li> <li>Nutrition</li> <li>Obesity</li> <li>Oral health</li> <li>Osteoporosis</li> <li>Physical fitness and physical functioning</li> <li>Reproductive history and sexual behavior</li> <li>Respiratory disease (asthma, chronic bronchitis, emphysema)</li> <li>Sexually transmitted diseases</li> <li>Vision</li> <li>Anthropometrics</li> </ul>	<ul> <li>Breast cancer</li> <li>Cancer communication</li> <li>Cancer perceptions and knowledge</li> <li>Cervical cancer</li> <li>Colon cancer</li> <li>Demographics</li> <li>Food and medical</li> <li>Products information</li> <li>Health communication</li> <li>Health services</li> <li>Health status</li> <li>Internet use</li> <li>Lung cancer</li> <li>Medical records</li> <li>Numeracy</li> <li>Nutrition and physical activity</li> <li>Patient-provider communication</li> <li>Prostate Cancer</li> <li>Risk Perceptions</li> <li>Skin Cancer</li> <li>Skin Protection</li> <li>Social Networks</li> <li>Tobacco Use</li> </ul>	
Sample Size	Current U.S. housing Units = 132,312,404	2016 National Cell & Landline combined = 486,303 2016 Arizona = 10,952	2009-2010 Survey=9,338	2008 Survey=7,674 2011-2012 Survey =3,959 2012-2013 Survey =3,630 2013 Survey =3,185	
Collection Interval	Every 10 years	Annual	Starting in 1999 NHANES began gathering data annually. However, data are only presented in 2- yr. intervals.	The HINTS includes five data collection cycles over the course of 3 years: from October 2011 through November of 2014.	

Table 2. Survey Comparison



### **Health-Related Quality of Life**

Health-related quality of life (HRQoL) has a broad definition. HRQoL research potentially can incorporate physical activity, amount of time spent at work, physical health, mental health, emotional health, and personality questions.<sup>2</sup> The CDC has created a manual on using the BRFSS data to assess HRQoL. The methodology utilizes self-reported health status, mental health, physical health, and inhibited socialization due to poor health. The assessment of HRQoL using BRFSS data is as follows<sup>3</sup>:

- Self-reported health status (variable GENHLTH) Convert into a binary variable where good to excellent health is a positive outcome; poor and fair health is a negative outcome.
- Frequent Mental Distress (variable MENTHLTH) Generate a binary variable where reporting 14 or more days of poor • mental health are a negative outcome.
- Frequent Physical Distress (variable PHYSHLTH) Generate a binary variable where reporting 14 or more days of poor . physical health are a negative outcome.
- Barriers to Socialization (variable POORHLTH) Generate a binary variable where reporting 14 or more days of poor physical or mental health prevented daily activities are a negative outcome.

#### Number of Unhealthy Days

The majority of Arizonans report zero unhealthy days. However, the second largest category is reporting 30 unhealthy days (see Figure 1) Unhealthy days are an estimate of the overall number of days during the previous 30 days when the respondent felt that his or her physical or mental health was not good. To obtain an estimate of a person's overall unhealthy days, respondents are asked, "Now, thinking about your physical health, which includes physical illness and how many days during the past 30 days was your physical health not good? And, now thinking about your mental health, which includes stress, depression and emotions, for how many days during the past 30 days was your mental health not good?" These are added together with a logical maximum of 30 unhealthy days.



Figure 1: Arizonans who reported unhealthy days in the BRFSS 2016 survey.

#### How is the Summary Index of Unhealthy Days Calculated?

Unhealthy days are an estimate of the overall number of days during the previous 30 days when the respondent felt that his or her physical or mental health was not good. To obtain this estimate, responses to questions regarding Physical and Mental health are combined to calculate a summary index of overall unhealthy days, with a logical maximum of 30 unhealthy days. For example, a person who reports four physically unhealthy days and two mentally unhealthy days is assigned a value of six unhealthy days, and someone who reports 30 physically unhealthy days and 30 mentally unhealthy days is assigned the maximum of 30 unhealthy days. Healthy days are the positive complementary form of unhealthy days. A healthy day estimates the number of recent days when a person's physical and mental health was good (or better) and is calculated by subtracting the number of unhealthy days from 30 days.

<sup>&</sup>lt;sup>2</sup>Ware, J.E., & Sherbourne, C.D. (1992). "Medical Outcomes Study: 36-Item Short Form Survey Instrument." Conceptual Framework and Item Selection Medical Care, 30(6), 473-483. Retrieved Web.12 Sept. 2013. http://www.jstor.org/stable/3765916 <sup>3</sup> Centers for Disease Control and Prevention. Measuring Healthy Days. Atlanta, Georgia: CDC, November 2000. (<u>http://www.cdc.gov/hrqol/methods.htm</u>)

### Health Related Quality of Life: Self-Reported Health Status

Survey Question: Would you say that in general your health is: Excellent, Very Good, Good, Fair, Poor, Don't Know/Not Sure?

Self-reported health status is one of the most frequently assessed health perceptions in epidemiological research.<sup>4</sup> As a health-related quality of life indicator, it is a multi-dimensional concept that is related to physical, mental, emotional and social health.<sup>5</sup> It has proven to be a more dominant predictor of mortality and morbidity than many objective measures of health.<sup>6</sup> Self-rated health status also has been shown to be a significant predictor for the onset of coronary heart disease, diabetes, stroke, lung disease, and arthritis.<sup>7</sup> Self-assessed health status has been validated as a useful indicator of health among different populations and allows for broad comparisons across a variety of health conditions.<sup>8</sup>



Figure A: Arizona and National BRFSS 2012-2016 Survey respondents who reported that their health status was excellent, good or very good.

In the 2016 BRFSS Survey, 81.4% of Arizonans reported that they had good, very good or excellent health, very close to the national figure of 83.3% (see Figure A).

When looking at the other states in the nation, Arizona falls in the second-highest category (79.3-82.4%) for the percent of respondents reporting good, very good or excellent health (see Figure B).



Figure B: BRFSS respondents' who reported: Good, Very Good, or Excellent Health Status by State 2016 (natural breaks).

The distribution of surveyed Arizonans' self-reported health status was similar to the nation median across all categories (see Figure C).



### Figure C: Arizona and National BRFSS 2016 Survey Self-Reported Health Status.

Figure D displays that the percentage of men and women in Arizona was broadly similar in 2016 in all health status categories.

General Health Status by Gender, BRFSS 2016



Figure D: Arizona BRFSS 2016 respondents who self-reported health status stratified by gender.

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<sup>&</sup>lt;sup>7</sup>Latham K., Peek CW. Self-rated health and morbidity onset among late midlife U.S. adults. J. Gerontol B Psychol Sci Soc Sci. 2013 Jan;68(1): 107-16: PMID: 23197340

<sup>&</sup>lt;sup>8</sup> Idler E, Benyamini Y. Self-rated Health and Mortality: a Review of Twenty-Seven Community Studies. J Health Soc Behav. 1997; 38(1): 21-37.

Arizonans Who Reported					
Good to	b Exceller	t Healt	n Confidence Interval		
Charactoristic	Porcont	N*	Lower	Upper	
National	83.3%	54	Iviean	IVIEAII	
Arizona	81.4%	8783	80.2%	82 7%	
Male	82.2%	3674	80.3%	84 1%	
Female	80.7%	5109	79.0%	82.4%	
18-24	89.3%	338	85.0%	93.5%	
25-34	88.1%	590	84.8%	91.5%	
35-44	85.5%	852	82.0%	89.0%	
45-54	78.6%	1147	75.3%	81.9%	
55-64	72.4%	1803	69.5%	75.3%	
65+	76.9%	4053	75.1%	78.6%	
Married	84.1%	4744	82.5%	85.7%	
Divorced	73.3%	1191	69.4%	77.2%	
Widowed	73.0%	1293	69.6%	76.5%	
Separated	68.4%	125	56.3%	80.5%	
Never Married	83.8%	1108	80.9%	86.7%	
Unmarried Couple	81.5%	258	73.8%	89.3%	
Less than highschool	57.4%	391	51.8%	63.1%	
High School/GED	80.6%	1895	78.4%	82.9%	
Some College/Technical	84.6%	2657	82.9%	86.4%	
School					
College/Technical School	92.0%	3813	90.9%	93.1%	
Grad Employed for Wages	89.5%	3074	87.6%	91.3%	
Self Employed	87.3%	676	82.6%	91.9%	
Out of Work	74.2%	307	67.8%	80.7%	
Homemaker	81.5%	573	76.6%	86.4%	
Student	92.4%	197	87.7%	97.1%	
Retired	78.3%	3641	76.5%	80.1%	
Unable to Work	27.8%	238	23.2%	32.5%	
Less than \$10,000	53.5%	233	45.5%	61.5%	
\$10,000 to \$14,999	55.3%	256	47.7%	62.8%	
\$15,000 to \$19,999	72.3%	424	66.5%	78.1%	
\$20,000 to \$24,999	75.2%	601	69.8%	80.6%	
\$25,000 to \$34,999	78.4%	755	73.4%	83.4%	
\$35,000 to \$49,999	85.6%	1186	82.7%	88.5%	
\$50,000 to \$74,999	90.0%	1302	87.4%	92.6%	
Above \$75,000	93.9%	2417	92.7%	95.2%	
White Non-Hispanic	84.3%	6941	83.2%	85.5%	
Black/African American	79.7%	186	72.8%	86.5%	
Hispanic	75.6%	962	72.0%	79.2%	
Asian/Pacific Islander	97.1%	122	94.6%	99.7%	
American Indian Non- Hispanic	64.3%	360	56.8%	71.9%	
Other	83.5%	212	76.7%	90.3%	

### Health Related Quality of Life: Self-Reported Health Status

The table to the left displays proportions of Arizonans who responded in 2016 that their health status was good, very good or excellent. Results are shown by sex, age categories, marital status, educational attainment, employment status, income and race/ethnicity.

The "Nationwide" estimates are median values across all states, not means. The "National" level estimates reported here use medians because no national stratum was defined in the 2016 BRFSS survey. Survey results at the national level were not adjusted or weighted to produce a national mean result.

Use caution in interpreting cell sizes less than 50. N\* is unweighted. National N is 53 = all 50 states, DC and Territories.

### Health Related Quality of Life: Frequent Mental Distress

Survey Question: Now thinking about your mental health, which includes stress, depression, and problems with emotions, for how many days during the past 30 days was your mental health not good?

By 2020, depression is projected to be the second leading cause of the global disease burden. Research has shown that depression and other mental health conditions are associated with an increased prevalence of chronic diseases. The association is a complex, self-propagating interrelationship between chronic disease and mental illness.<sup>9</sup> For example, an individual may initially suffer from a chronic disease and then develop a mental health condition (i.e., depression), which exacerbates the initial condition. Another individual could suffer from a mental illness which could precipitate a chronic disease and fall into an exacerbated cycle of chronic and mental health diseases. The BRFSS survey includes depression and anxiety questions within the core section. Researchers have developed and accepted an alternative method of evaluating mental illness called 'Frequent Mental Distress' (FMD). FMD is defined as 14 days or more of poor mental health within the past 30 days.<sup>10</sup> Since 2012, Arizonans surveyed report FMD at similar levels to the national median (see Figure A).



Figure A: Arizona and National 2012-2016 BRFSS prevalence of reporting frequent mental distress (≥14 days in past 30-days).

In 2016, 11.7% of Arizonans surveyed reported that they suffered from FMD; the same as the national median. When looking at the other states in the nation, Arizona falls in the second-highest class for the percent of respondents reporting FMD (See Figure B).



Figure B: Arizona and National 2016 BRFSS respondents reporting Frequent Mental Distress (≥14 days in past 30-days) by state (natural breaks).

Among Arizonans surveyed, FMD is reported more frequently in current smokers than nonsmokers or former smokers (see Figure C).



**Frequent Mental Distress by Smoking Status** 

Since 2012, FMD has been reported more frequently by Arizonans surveyed as household income declines (see Figure D).

**Frequent Mental Distress by Income** 



Figure D. Arizona 2012-2016 BRFSS respondents reporting Frequent Mental Distress (≥14 days in past 30 days) stratified by income.

<sup>&</sup>lt;sup>9</sup> Chapman DP, Perry GS, Strine TW. The vital link between chronic disease and depressive disorders. Prev Chronic Dis. 2005 Jan;2(1):414. Epub 2004 Dec 15. <sup>10</sup> Althouse discrete discrete and the second secon

<sup>&</sup>lt;sup>10</sup> Al-Nsour M, Zindah M, Belbeisi et al. Frequent Mental Distress, Chronic Conditions, and Adverse Health Behaviors in the Behavioral Risk Factor Surveillance Survey, Jordan, 2007. Prev Chronic Dis 2013; 10:130030.

Figure D. Arizona 2012-2016 BRFSS over five years of individuals reporting Frequent Mental Distress (≥14 days in past 30-days) by income.

#### Arizonans Who Reported ≥ 14 days of Frequent Mental Distress

			Confidence	
			Inte	rval
Characteristic	Percent	N*	Lower Mean	Upper Mean
National	11.7%	54	wican	wican
Arizona	11 7%	1114	10.6%	12.8%
Male	10.4%	386	8.8%	11.9%
Female	13.0%	728	11 5%	14.6%
18-24	12.8%	48	8.7%	16.9%
25-34	14.5%	97	11.0%	18.0%
35-44	11.3%	114	8.4%	14.2%
45-54	12.2%	184	9.7%	14.6%
55-64	12.2%	289	10.1%	14.3%
65+	8.4%	382	7.2%	9.7%
Married	8.6%	422	7.3%	9.8%
Divorced	16.5%	224	12.9%	20.1%
Widowed	11.6%	169	9.0%	14.3%
Separated	23.9%	48	13.9%	33.8%
Never Married	14.3%	206	11.6%	17.1%
Unmarried Couple	13.7%	35	6.9%	20.5%
Less than highschool	16.0%	120	11.6%	20.3%
High School/GED	14.3%	317	12.0%	16.7%
Some College/Technical School	11.6%	366	9.9%	13.3%
College/Technical School Grad	6.8%	306	5.7%	7.9%
Employed for Wages	9.2%	270	7.6%	10.8%
Self Employed	8.9%	49	4.8%	13.1%
Out of Work	24.3%	96	18.0%	30.7%
Homemaker	7.7%	60	4.6%	10.8%
Student	10.6%	28	5.5%	15.7%
Retired	8.7%	326	7.3%	10.2%
Unable to Work	34.7%	276	29.0%	40.3%
Less than \$10,000	26.0%	120	19.0%	33.1%
\$10,000 to \$14,999	21.3%	95	15.1%	27.6%
\$15,000 to \$19,999	17.4%	117	12.3%	22.5%
\$20,000 to \$24,999	13.4%	115	9.2%	17.6%
\$25,000 to \$34,999	11.8%	105	8.2%	15.4%
\$35,000 to \$49,999	10.8%	133	8.2%	13.5%
\$50,000 to \$74,999	7.0%	108	4.8%	9.3%
Above \$75,000	7.1%	128	5.3%	8.8%
White Non-Hispanic	11.8%	819	10.6%	13.0%
Black/African Ameri	11.3%	21	5.1%	17.4%
Hispanic	11.0%	156	8.4%	13.7%
Asian/Pacific Islan	7.8%	8	0.6%	15.1%
American Indian Non	16.0%	72	10.6%	21.4%
Other	17.3%	- 38	9.5%	25.1%

### Health Related Quality of Life: Frequent Mental Distress

The table to the left displays the proportions of Arizonans surveyed in 2016 who responded that they suffered more than 14 days of poor mental health, in the 30 days prior. Results are also shown by sex, age categories, marital status, educational attainment, employment status, income and race/ethnicity.

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#### Health Related Quality of Life: Frequent Physical Distress

**Survey Question:** Now thinking about your physical health, which includes physical illness and injury, for how many days during the past 30 days was your physical health not good?

Frequent physical distress (FPD) is defined as suffering 14 or more physically unhealthy days in the past 30 days. FPD has been associated with both being underweight and with obesity. Obesity increases the risk of morbidity and mortality. Additionally, obesity increases the risk of having heart disease, hypertension, diabetes, arthritis, and some cancers.<sup>11</sup> Furthermore, FPD has been associated with increased risky behaviors, such as drinking and smoking in women of childbearing age.<sup>12</sup> Arizonans surveyed from 2012 through 2016 reported FPD more frequently than the national median (see Figure A).



Figure A: Arizona and national 2012-2016 BRFSS prevalence of Frequent Physical Distress (FPD) suffering ≥14 physically unhealthy days (in the 30 days prior).

Arizona falls in the second-highest class among all states for the percent of respondents reporting FPD (see Figure B).



Figure B. BRFSS 2016 respondents reporting Frequent Physical Distress (FPD) by state (natural breaks).

Arizona 2016 BRFSS results generally concur with the current literature on FPD among women of child-bearing age (see Figure C). Arizona women surveyed who are current or former cigarette smokers report FPD more frequently than Arizona women surveyed who had never smoked.



Arizona Women Ages 18 to 45 Who Reported

Figure C: Arizona 2016 BRFSS data assessing frequent physical distress and risky behaviors such as cigarette smoking in women 18 to 45 years of age. <sup>\*</sup>FPD: Frequent Physical Distress (suffering ≥14 physically unhealthy days in the 30 days prior).

Among Arizonans surveyed who reported having certain chronic conditions like heart disease, diabetes, hypertension, and obesity were more likely to report FPD than those without chronic conditions, and the occurrence of each of these conditions increased the likelihood of reporting FPD above the Arizona average of 13.2% in 2016 (see Figure A).



Figure D: Arizona 2016 BRFSS data assessing frequent physical distress, body mass index category, and conditions associated with being overweight/obese, or having diabetes, a heart attack \* or hypertension.

FPD: Frequent Physical Distress (suffering  $\geq$ 14 physically unhealthy days in the 30 days prior).

<sup>&</sup>lt;sup>11</sup> Ford ES, Moriarty DG, Zack MM, Mokdad AH, Chapman DP. Self-reported body mass index and healthrelated quality of life: findings from the Behavioral Risk Factor Surveillance System. Obes Res. 2001 Jan;9(1):21-31.

<sup>&</sup>lt;sup>12</sup> Ahluwalia IB, Mack KA, Mokdad A. Mental and physical distress and high-risk behaviors among reproductive-age women. Obstet Gynecol. 2004 Sep;104(3):477-83.

Arizonans Who Reported ≥ 14 days					
of Frequ	lent Physic		Confidence		
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National	11 7%	N. E4	wean	wean	
	11.7%	54	12 20/	14.20/	
Arizona	13.2%	1693	10.2%	14.2%	
	11.7%	657	10.3%	13.1%	
Female	14.7%	1036	13.2%	16.2%	
18-24	4.9%	18	2.1%	7.7%	
25-34	7.0%	52	4.7%	9.3%	
35-44	11.3%	110	8.3%	14.3%	
45-54	15.8%	214	13.0%	18.5%	
55-64	21.4%	443	18.7%	24.1%	
65+	16.8%	856	15.4%	18.3%	
Married	11.2%	691	10.0%	12.5%	
Divorced	22.6%	375	18.9%	26.3%	
Widowed	20.1%	314	17.0%	23.2%	
Separated	27.1%	51	16.6%	37.6%	
Never Married	10.6%	204	8.3%	12.9%	
Unmarried Couple	7.4%	38	3.1%	11.7%	
Less than highschool	21.7%	189	17.2%	26.2%	
High School/GED	13.9%	451	12.0%	15.9%	
Some College/Technical	13.4%	591	11.8%	15.0%	
School					
College/Technical School Grad	7.4%	453	6.4%	8.5%	
Employed for Wages	6.5%	222	5.2%	7.8%	
Self Employed	6.2%	44	3.8%	8.7%	
Out of Work	22.6%	106	16.5%	28.7%	
Homemaker	10.2%	89	7.0%	13.3%	
Student	5.1%	15	1.5%	8.7%	
Retired	15.6%	740	14.1%	17.1%	
Unable to Work	62.2%	468	56.7%	67.6%	
Less than \$10,000	28.7%	164	22.1%	35.3%	
\$10,000 to \$14,999	37.3%	167	29.7%	44.8%	
\$15,000 to \$19,999	16.0%	165	11.9%	20.2%	
\$20,000 to \$24,999	14.2%	179	10.5%	17.9%	
\$25,000 to \$34,999	14.2%	186	11.0%	17.4%	
\$35,000 to \$49,999	11.7%	188	9.0%	14.3%	
\$50,000 to \$74.999	7.9%	152	5.9%	9.8%	
Above \$75.000	6.1%	163	4.7%	7.5%	
White Non-Hispanic	13.1%	1293	12.1%	14.2%	
Black/African American	13.8%	38	8 3%	19.2%	
Hisnanic	13.0%	210	10.6%	15.9%	
Asian/Pacific Islander	5 2%	0	0.6%	10.1%	
American Indian Non-	19.2%	22	13.0%	25.2%	
Hispanic	19.270	00	13.270	25.270	
Other	16.1%	55	8.4%	23.8%	

### Health Related Quality of Life: Frequent Physical Distress

The table to the left displays the proportions of the prevalence of Arizona adults who responded that they suffered 14 or more days of poor physical health in the 30 days prior. The data are reported by sex, age categories, marital status, educational attainment, employment status, income and race/ethnicity.

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### Health Related Quality of Life: Barriers to Socialization

Survey Question: During the past 30 days, for about how many days did poor physical or mental health keep you from doing your usual activities, such as self-care, work, or recreation?

Socialization plays a significant role in public health. Research has shown that individuals who have the fewest social ties have an increased risk of mortality. Furthermore, the number of social relationships is inversely related to all-cause mortality.<sup>13</sup> The BRFSS survey asked if a person's activities were inhibited due to poor physical or mental health. To assess socialization, respondents were classified as inhibited socially if they reported 14 or more days of limited activities due to health, within the 30 days prior. Arizonans surveyed reported a higher frequency of inhibited socialization when compared to the national median (see Figure A).





When looking at all the states in the nation in 2016, Arizona falls in the second-lowest class for the percent of respondents reporting inhibited socialization (see Figure B).



Figure B. BRFSS 2016 respondents reporting inhibited socialization (≥14 days in past 30-days) by state (natural breaks).

Arizona 2016 BRFSS results generally concur with the current literature on FPD among women of child-bearing age (see Figure C). Arizona women surveyed who are current or former cigarette smokers report FPD more frequently than Arizona women surveyed who had never smoked. There were some differences in frequent inhibited socialization reported by Arizona survey respondents who also engaged in various other types of social activities such as smoking, binge drinking, heavy drinking, and marital status (see Figure C).





### Figure C: Arizona 2016 BRFSS data assessing frequent inhibited socialization by social activity.

There are differences in Arizonans surveyed who reported frequent inhibited socialization who also reported certain medical conditions (see Figure D). While the occurrence of chronic conditions is higher among those that reported frequently inhibited socialization, not all respondents with these chronic diseases reported that they are socially inhibited.



## Figure D: Arizona 2016 BRFSS respondents reporting frequent inhibited socialization (≥ 14 days within the past 30-days) by chronic disease. \*COPD - Chronic Obstructive Pulmonary Disease;\*\*GALF - Gout, Arthritis, Lupus, and Fibromyalgia.

<sup>&</sup>lt;sup>13</sup> Umberson D, Montez JK. Social Relationships and Health: A Flashpoint for Health Policy. Journal of health and social behavior. 2010;51(Suppl):S54-S66. doi:10.1177/0022146510383501.

Arizonans Reporting Frequent Inability to Socialize (> 14 days) Due to Poor Health					
			Confidence Interval		
Charactoristic	Porcont	NI*	Lower	Upper	
National	15.3%	54	Ivicali	Ivicali	
Arizona	17.2%	1108	15.6%	18.8%	
Male	17.2%	443	14.7%	19.0%	
Female	17.3%	665	15.1%	19.5%	
18-24	7.5%	16	2.9%	12.2%	
25-34	8.4%	38	5.1%	11.6%	
35-44	16.0%	79	11.0%	20.9%	
45-54	25.1%	167	20.6%	29.6%	
55-64	24.9%	295	21.3%	28.5%	
65+	21.3%	513	19.0%	23.7%	
Married	14.4%	433	12.5%	16.3%	
Divorced	27.8%	256	22.5%	33.2%	
Widowed	25.0%	196	20.3%	29.7%	
Separated	19.8%	27	10.1%	29.5%	
Never Married	14.4%	154	10.9%	18.0%	
Unmarried Couple	14.6%	29	6.4%	22.9%	
Less than highschool	22.2%	107	15.9%	28.6%	
High School/GED	19.1%	307	16.0%	22.2%	
Some College/Technical	18.0%	392	15.4%	20.6%	
School					
College/Technical School	10.2%	296	8.5%	11.9%	
Grad Employed for Wages	6.5%	108	1.8%	8.3%	
Self Employed	7.2%	27	2.6%	11.8%	
Out of Work	28.6%	85	20.2%	37.0%	
Homemaker	10.5%	43	5.9%	15.1%	
Student	5.6%	7	0.2%	10.9%	
Retired	20.1%	425	17.4%	22.7%	
Unable to Work	62.6%	405	56.7%	68.4%	
Less than \$10.000	31.2%	121	23.3%	39.1%	
\$10,000 to \$14,999	33.9%	118	26.0%	41.8%	
\$15.000 to \$19.999	14.3%	116	10.2%	18.4%	
\$20.000 to \$24.999	20.1%	112	13.5%	26.7%	
\$25,000 to \$34,999	16.6%	109	11.7%	21.5%	
\$35,000 to \$49,999	17.2%	135	12.9%	21.6%	
\$50,000 to \$74,999	9.7%	98	6.6%	12.8%	
Above \$75,000	9.3%	101	6.7%	12.0%	
White Non-Hispanic	18.4%	868	16.7%	20.2%	
Black/African American	21.0%	21	10.3%	31.7%	
Hispanic	13.1%	116	9.3%	16.9%	
Asian/Pacific Islander	4.9%	4	0.0%	11.7%	
American Indian Non-	23.0%	59	14.4%	31.6%	
Other	23.2%	40	11.3%	35.0%	

### Health Related Quality of Life: Barriers to Socialization

The table to the left proportion of Arizonans surveyed who indicated that they suffered 14 or more days of poor physical or mental health inhibiting daily function in the 30 days prior. The data are also reported by sex, age categories, marital status, educational attainment, employment status, income and race/ethnicity.

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### **Preventive Health Practices**

Prevention is grouped into three levels: primary, secondary, and tertiary. Primary prevention consists of practices aimed at preventing diseases from ever occurring. Vaccination is an example of primary prevention. Secondary prevention is used after the person develops a disease but before they exhibit symptoms. Cancer screening is considered secondary prevention. Lastly, tertiary prevention is targeted at individuals who already have symptoms of a disease. Administration of antibiotics is an example of tertiary prevention. This section of the 2016 BRFSS Annual Report focuses on primary and secondary prevention, including an analysis of the following:

- Routine Medical Examination (variable CHECKUP1) A medical examination within a year is considered a positive outcome, and medical examination over a year ago is considered a negative outcome. [A routine checkup is a general physical exam, not an exam for a specific injury, illness, or condition.]
- Annual Influenza Vaccine (variables '\_FLSHOT6' & 'FLUSHOT6')—Individuals 65 and older with influenza vaccinations within the last 12 months is considered a positive outcome. Individuals exceeding 12 months are considered a negative outcome.
- **Colorectal Cancer Screening** The guidelines set by the United States Preventive Services Task Force recommend a secondary preventive regiment using annual fecal occult blood testing, sigmoidoscopy every five years, and a colonoscopy every ten years. The BRFSS has two questions that can be used to assess colorectal cancer screening.
  - o **Fecal Occult Blood Test (variable 'BLDSTOOL')** Individuals 50 and older ever having a fecal occult blood test is considered a positive outcome, and never having a fecal occult blood test is considered a negative outcome.
  - **Sigmoidoscopy and Colonoscopy (variable 'HADSIGM3')** Individuals 50 and older ever having a sigmoidoscopy or colonoscopy is considered a positive outcome, and never having a sigmoidoscopy or colonoscopy is considered a negative outcome.
- Women's Health: Preconception Health Women of reproductive age should receive preconception care to improve their health, and improve their pregnancy outcomes.
- **Preconception Health-(variable 'AZ1\_1' through 'AZ1\_7')** Women (childbearing age) who talk to a health care professional about ways to prepare for a healthy baby is considered to be a positive outcome.
- Women's Health: Mammography (variable 'HOWLONG')—Binary outcome where women 40 years of age and older with a mammogram in the past year is considered a positive outcome, and having a mammogram more than one year ago is considered a negative outcome.
- Women's Health, Cervical Cancer Screening: Pap smear Test (variable LASTPAP2)—Women respondents ages 18+ who had a Pap smear in the last three years.
- Men's Health: Prostate Specific Antigen Test (PSA) (calculated from variables PCPSAAD2, PCPSADI1, PCPSARE1, PSATESTS1, PSATIME, and PCPSARS1) Examines physician communication about PSA testing where the respondent

had a PSA Test. 'PCPSAAD2'= PSAtest (yes, no): did doc ever talk to you about advantages of PSA test? 'PCPSAD11' = PSAdoc (yes, no): did doc ever talk to you about disadvantages of PSA test? 'PCPSARE1' = PSArec (yes, no): did doctor recommend you get a PSA test. 'PSATEST1' = PSAhad (yes, no): ever had a PSA test? 'PSATIME' = PSAtime2 (past year, within 2 years, within 3 years, within 5 years, 5+ years) = When was your last PSA test? 'PCPSARS1' = PSAwhy (routine exam, prostate problem, family history, told had prostate cancer, other reason) = Why did you get a PSA test?

### **Preventive Health Practices: Routine Medical Examinations**

Survey Question: About how long has it been since you last visited a doctor for a routine checkup?

Regular medical exams are a valuable tool in preventive care. Routine examinations can find problems early, when treatment is more effective.<sup>14</sup> However, there is a growing discussion on what tests to include and how often an examination is necessary. Depending on age and gender, the recommended frequency ranges from 1-5 years for healthy individuals.<sup>15</sup> If a person suffers from a serious medical condition, it is advised that he/she see a medical professional regularly.<sup>16</sup> To assess the utilization of health services, the shortest interval recommended for a routine medical examination (1 year) was used. Arizonans surveyed from 2012 through 2016 reported having a routine medical exam in the past year less frequently than the U.S. median (see Figure A).



Figure A: Arizona and national BRFSS 2016 respondents who have had a routine medical exam within a 12-month period.

In 2016, 67.4% of Arizonans surveyed reported they had a routine medical examination in the past year. The national prevalence is 70.8%. When looking at all the states in the nation, Arizona falls in the second lowest class (see Figure B).



Figure B: BRFSS 2016 survey respondents who reported having had a routine medical exam in the past year by state, (natural breaks).

<sup>14</sup> "Regular Checks- Are Important." Centers for Disease Control and Prevention. Centers for Disease Control and Prevention, n.d. Web. 08 Oct. 2013. http://www.cdc.gov/family/checkup/.

<sup>15</sup> Physical Exam Frequency: MedlinePlus Medical Encyclopedia." U.S National Library of Medicine. U.S. National Library of Medicine, n.d. Web. 08 Oct. 2013.

http://www.nlm.nih.gov/medlineplus/ency/article/002125.htm.

<sup>16</sup> Bodenheimer T. Willard-Grace R. Teamlets in Primary Care: Enhancing the Patient and Clinical Experience. J Am Board of Fam Med. 2006 Jan-Feb: 29(1): 135-138. doi: 10.3122/jabfm . 2016.01.150176 The lack of health insurance acts as a barrier to accessing health care. Uninsured people are more likely to report that they were unable to receive medical care, and are more likely to have poor health status.<sup>17</sup> Arizonans surveyed who reported having no health insurance were significantly less likely to have had a check-up in the past year when compared to those respondents with health insurance (see Figure C).



Figure C: Arizona BRFSS 2016 respondents who have had a routine medical exam within 12-months stratified by insurance status.

Arizonans who reported having a checkup within the prior year ranges from 77.4% to 85.9%, depending on the Chronic Condition (CC). These are all higher than the percentage among all Arizonans surveyed, at 67.4% (see Figure D). Routine medical examinations prevent the exacerbation of CCs and reduce future costs of care. The yellow dashed line is the overall percent of Arizonans who have had a routine medical exam in the last 12 months, BRFSS 2016 (see Figure D).



Arizonans Who Reported Living with a Chronic

Figure D: Arizona BRFSS 2016 respondents living with chronic conditions. Percent of Arizonans who've seen a medical professional in the past year (yellow dashed line). \*GALF: Gout, Arthritis, Lupus, and Fibromyalgia.

<sup>&</sup>lt;sup>17</sup> Bodenheimer T. Willard-Grace R. Teamlets in Primary Care: Enhancing the Patient and Clinical Experience. J Am Board of Fam Med. 2006 Jan-Feb: 29(1): 135-138. doi: 10.3122/ jabfm . 2016.01.150176

#### Arizonans Who Reported Having A Routine Medical Examinations (within past 12-months)

			Confidence Interval	
Characteristic	Percent	N*	Lower Mean	Upper Mean
National	70.8%	54	mean	mean
Arizona	67.4%	8186	65.8%	69.0%
Male	63.5%	3280	61.1%	65.9%
Female	71.1%	4906	69.0%	73.2%
18-24	57.8%	206	51.7%	63.9%
25-34	54.5%	351	49.5%	59.5%
35-44	59.3%	605	54.9%	63.7%
45-54	66.9%	960	63.3%	70.4%
55-64	72.5%	1707	69.7%	75.4%
65+	85.8%	4357	84.4%	87.2%
Married	70.1%	4312	68.0%	72.2%
Divorced	72.8%	1237	68.9%	76.8%
Widowed	81.1%	1388	77.6%	84.6%
Separated	64.6%	119	52.8%	76.5%
Never Married	59.4%	884	55.3%	63.4%
Unmarried Couple	47.0%	178	38.3%	55.8%
Less than highschool	63.8%	511	58.1%	69.5%
High School/GED	64.3%	1830	61.1%	67.5%
Some College/Technical	66.9%	2466	64.2%	69.6%
School				
College/Technical School Grad	73.4%	3352	71.2%	75.6%
Employed for Wages	61.5%	2280	58.9%	64.2%
Self Employed	58.5%	488	52.3%	64.6%
Out of Work	57.1%	273	49.6%	64.6%
Homemaker	60.5%	495	54.3%	66.6%
Student	65.7%	129	57.7%	73.8%
Retired	85.2%	3866	83.6%	86.7%
Unable to Work	78.9%	597	74.3%	83.4%
Less than \$10,000	66.2%	312	58.3%	74.0%
\$10,000 to \$14,999	72.1%	355	64.7%	79.6%
\$15,000 to \$19,999	61.0%	449	54.1%	67.9%
\$20,000 to \$24,999	59.4%	608	52.9%	65.9%
\$25,000 to \$34,999	60.9%	730	55.0%	66.7%
\$35,000 to \$49,999	67.6%	1062	63.2%	72.1%
\$50,000 to \$74,999	70.5%	1131	66.4%	74.5%
Above \$75,000	70.9%	1984	68.1%	73.7%
White Non-Hispanic	70.4%	6445	68.7%	72.1%
Black/African American	70.8%	198	61.8%	79.8%
Hispanic	61.4%	913	57.3%	65.4%
Asian/Pacific Islander	69.2%	92	58.4%	79.9%
American Indian Non- Hispanic	62.5%	347	55.1%	69.9%
Other	53.0%	191	43.5%	62.5%

### Preventive Health Practices: Routine Medical Examinations

The table to the left displays the proportions of Arizona adults who have had a routine medical examination in the past 12 months by: sex, age categories, marital status, educational attainment, employment status, income and race/ethnicity.

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#### Preventive Health Practices: Influenza Vaccination

**Survey Question:** During the past 12 months, have you had either a flu shot or a flu vaccine that was sprayed in your nose?

Since 1918, there have been four influenza (flu) pandemics; the most recent was the 2009-2010 H1N1 pandemic. The CDC estimated that between 43 million and 89 million people contracted H1N1 during the 2009/2010 pandemic.<sup>18</sup> An analysis comparing the cost effectiveness of vaccination versus antiviral treatment of the flu found that antiviral treatment was the most consistently cost-effective treatment for working adults. However, the analysis did not take into consideration flu pandemics, herd immunity, or the possibility of drug resistant strains of the flu.<sup>19</sup> When H1N1 was discovered, it was resistant to two of the four available antivirals; at the end of the pandemic, "evolved strains were found that were resistant to three antivirals."<sup>20</sup> For this reason, the CDC recommends annual flu vaccinations.

The 2015-2016 flu season started a little later than the previous three flu seasons. H3N2 viruses predominated early in the season, while H1N1 viruses were the most common later in the season and predominated for the entire season. While there were reports of severe flu illnesses and deaths, the season overall was milder than the three prior seasons.<sup>21</sup> In 2016, 35.2% of Arizonans surveyed reported having a flu vaccine in the last year, which was lower than the national



Figure A: Arizona and National BRFSS 2016 data results from respondents who reported having a flu vaccine in the past 12 months.

Due to the potential co-occurrence of the flu and pneumonia, infection in high-risk populations is of greater concern. Monitoring vaccination prevalence of individuals who are over the age of 6 months and those who are 65 and older is recommended. In 2016, more than one half (53.4%) of Arizonans over the age of 65 years surveyed in 2016 BRFSS reported having a flu vaccine within the past year, levels similar to the national median (see Figure B).





Figure B: Percentage of Arizona and National BRFSS 2012-2016 Respondents who received a flu vaccine within past 12-months.

When compared to the other states in the nation, Arizona fell into the lowest category (49.5-54.9%) for the percent of individuals 65 years of age and older reporting a flu shot in the last 12 months (see Figure C).



Figure C: Arizona and National 2016 BRFSS respondents (≥65 years) who had an influenza vaccination in the past 12-months by state



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Figure D: Arizona 2016 BRFSS respondents 65 years and older who had an influenza vaccination in the past 12months by county.

<sup>&</sup>lt;sup>18</sup> Centers for Disease Control and Prevention. "Key Facts About Seasonal Flu Vaccine." CDC, 07 Nov. 2013. Web. 12 Feb. 2014. <a href="http://www.cdc.gov/flu/protect/keyfacts.htm">http://www.cdc.gov/flu/protect/keyfacts.htm</a>.

<sup>&</sup>lt;sup>19</sup> Rothberg, MB and Rose, DN. Am J Med. 2005 Jan; 118(1):68-77. Accessed 15 March 2017 <a href="https://www.ncbi.nlm.nih.gov/pubmed/15639212">https://www.ncbi.nlm.nih.gov/pubmed/15639212</a>>. <a href="https://www.ncbi.nlm.nih.gov/pubmed/15639212">https://www.ncbi.nlm.nih.gov/pubmed/15639212</a>>.

 <sup>&</sup>lt;sup>20</sup>Nichol, K. The efficacy, effectiveness and cost-effectiveness of inactivated influenza virus vaccines.
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 <sup>21</sup> Centers for Disease Control and Prevention. "Summary of the 2015-2016 Influenza Season." CDC, 27

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Hispanic	American Indian Non- Hispanic	69.5%	46	57.9%	81.1%
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### Preventive Health Practices: Influenza Vaccination

The table to the left displays the proportion of the 2016 Arizona BRFSS respondents of 65 years and older who reported that they had a flu vaccination in the past 12 months. Responses are also represented by sex, age categories, marital status, educational attainment, employment status, income and race/ ethnicity.

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Arizonans (≥18 years) Who Received a Flu				
Shot in			Confidence Interval	
Characteristic	Percent	N*	Lower Mean	Upper Mean
National	38.8%	54	mean	mean
Arizona	35.2%	4650	33.7%	36.7%
Male	32.4%	1887	30.3%	34.6%
Female	37.8%	2763	35.7%	39.9%
18-24	24.2%	94	18.9%	29.4%
25-34	23.7%	165	19.5%	27.8%
35-44	30.0%	286	25.9%	34.2%
45-54	30.5%	466	27.2%	33.9%
55-64	41.6%	952	38.6%	44.6%
65+	53.1%	2687	51.1%	55.1%
Married	38.8%	2488	36.8%	40.8%
Divorced	38.9%	678	34.6%	43.1%
Widowed	46.7%	834	42.8%	50.5%
Separated	29.9%	68	18.2%	41.6%
Never Married	25.2%	446	21.7%	28.7%
Unmarried Couple	24.4%	106	17.4%	31.4%
Less than highschool	29.7%	260	24.8%	34.6%
High School/GED	31.3%	918	28.3%	34.2%
Some College/Technical School	34.2%	1309	31.6%	36.7%
College/Technical School Grad	43.7%	2149	41.4%	46.0%
Employed for Wages	31.9%	1271	29.5%	34.2%
Self Employed	19.5%	200	15.3%	23.7%
Out of Work	23.1%	124	17.5%	28.6%
Homemaker	30.1%	243	24.3%	35.8%
Student	26.9%	59	19.3%	34.4%
Retired	52.5%	2393	50.4%	54.6%
Unable to Work	46.2%	342	40.4%	52.0%
Less than \$10,000	35.7%	167	27.9%	43.4%
\$10,000 to \$14,999	37.6%	178	30.4%	44.7%
\$15,000 to \$19,999	27.7%	234	21.9%	33.4%
\$20,000 to \$24,999	32.1%	347	26.4%	37.7%
\$25,000 to \$34,999	34.0%	418	29.0%	39.0%
\$35,000 to \$49,999	36.3%	622	32.1%	40.4%
\$50,000 to \$74,999	33.7%	635	29.8%	37.7%
Above \$75,000	38.2%	1227	35.4%	41.0%
White Non-Hispanic	38.5%	3770	36.8%	40.1%
Black/African American	28.0%	80	20.3%	35.6%
Hispanic	29.6%	437	25.9%	33.3%
Asian/Pacific Islander	35.5%	59	26.2%	44.9%
American Indian Non- Hispanic	32.3%	208	25.9%	38.7%
Other	26.8%	96	19.1%	34.6%

### Preventive Health Practices: Influenza Vaccination

The table to the left displays the proportion of the 2016 Arizona BRFSS respondents (above age 18) who reported that they had a flu vaccination in the past 12-months. The data are reported by sex, age categories, marital status, educational attainment, employment status, income and race/ethnicity.

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#### **Preventive Health Practices: Fecal Occult Blood Test**

Survey Question: A blood stool test is a test that may use a special kit at home to determine whether the stool contains blood. Have you ever had this test using a home kit?

Colorectal cancer is the third-most common type of non-skin cancer in both men and women. Patients who have early stages of colorectal cancer typically do not exhibit symptoms. Therefore, regular screening is the best prevention.<sup>22</sup> Three types of tests are recommended by the United States Preventive Services Task Force (USPSTF) to screen for colon cancer: sigmoidoscopy, colonoscopy, and fecal occult blood testing (FOBT). The FOBT is a lab test that is used to check stool samples for hidden (occult) blood. It's considered a noninvasive and cost-effective way to screen for colorectal cancer. The test is completed at home and then submitted to a lab for analysis. The optimal use of the FOBT is part of a programmatic screening, as suggested by the USPSTF. A positive FOBT may indicate colon cancer or polyps in the colon.<sup>23</sup> The USPSTF currently recommends that individuals 50 to 75, who do not have a first-degree relative diagnosed with colorectal cancer, have an annual FOBT.<sup>24</sup> Over one third (36.5%) of Arizonans over the age of 50 who were surveyed in 2014 reported they had a FOBT, slightly higher to the national median (see Figure A).





Figure A: Arizona and National BRFSS 2012-2016 respondents over the age of 50 who reported every having a fecal occult blood test.

Arizona had fewer BRFSS respondents reporting having had an FOBT, compared to the other states in the nation. Arizona fell into the third-highest class for FOBT (see Figure B).

<a>http://www.mayoclinic.org/diseases-conditions/colon-polyps/basics/definition/con-20031957></a> <sup>24</sup> U.S. Preventive Services Task Force. "Screening for Colorectal Cancer." : U.S. Preventive Services Task Force Recommendation Statement. N.p., n.d. Web. 17 Jan. 2014.



Figure B: BRFSS 2016 survey respondents over the age of 50 who reported ever having a fecal occult blood test, (natural breaks).

The largest proportion of Arizona BRFSS respondents who reported an FOBT had received it five years or more ago, at 31.5%, lower than the national levels at 36.6% (see Figure C).



Figure C: Arizona and National BRFSS 2016 respondents reported last year having an FOBT.

Colorectal cancer is associated with lifestyle factors such as being overweight or obese, alcohol consumption, low fruit and vegetable intake, and tobacco use.<sup>25</sup> Arizona residents who eat less than five servings of fruit and vegetables a day, who were former or current smokers, who are overweight or obese, and who drink heavily are less likely to report having an FOBT (see Figure D). Medical advances have only offered slightly improved survival rates for patients who present with advanced colon cancer. Therefore, prevention, screening, and education should be the primary focus of colorectal cancer treatment (see Figure D).

<sup>&</sup>lt;sup>22</sup>Haggar FA, Boushey RP. Colorectal Cancer Epidemiology: Incidence, Mortality, Survival, and Risk Factors. Clinics in Colon and Rectal Surgery. 2009;22(4):191-197. doi:10.1055/s-0029-1242458.

<sup>&</sup>lt;sup>23</sup>Mayo Clinic. "Diseases and Conditions Colon Polyps." N.p., n.d. Web. 15 Jan. 2014.

<sup>&</sup>lt;http://www.uspreventiveservicestaskforce.org/uspstf08/colocancer/colors.htm>

<sup>&</sup>lt;sup>25</sup> Haggar FA, Boushey RP. Colorectal Cancer Epidemiology: Incidence, Mortality, Survival, and Risk Factors. Clinics in Colon and Rectal Surgery. Nutritional Practices, Physical Activity and Obesity, Cigarette Smoking, Heavy Alcohol Consumption 2009;22(4):191-197. doi:10.1055/s-0029-1242458

#### Arizonans Who Reported Having FOBT by Colorectal Cancer Risk-Factors, BRFSS 2016



Figure D: Arizona BRFSS 2016 respondents who reported having FOBT by colorectal cancer risk factors.

#### Arizonans 50 Years of Age & Older Reported Having a Fecal Occult Blood

	Test (FOB	<u>1)</u>	Config	dence
			Inte	rval
Characteristic	Percent	N*	Lower Mean	Mean
National	30.4%	54	mean	mean
Arizona	34.7%	3062	33.2%	36 3%
Male	33.9%	1196	31.6%	36.3%
Female	35.4%	1866	33.4%	37.5%
45-54	18.3%	134	14 5%	22.1%
55-64	28.4%	667	25.8%	31.1%
65+	46.1%	2261	44.2%	48.1%
Married	36.1%	1624	34.1%	38.2%
Divorced	31.1%	482	27.2%	35.0%
Widowed	40.2%	671	36.4%	44 1%
Separated	17.6%	28	7.9%	27.4%
Never Married	30.2%	190	24.0%	36.5%
Unmarried Couple	28.0%	50	17.3%	38.7%
Less than highschool	26.7%	141	21.5%	31.9%
High School/GED	31.7%	613	28.8%	34.7%
Some College/Technical	37.0%	927	34.3%	39.6%
School	0,10,0	527	0.1070	001070
College/Technical School Grad	38.7%	1371	36.4%	41.0%
Employed for Wages	23.3%	471	20.5%	26.1%
Self Employed	28.7%	163	22.9%	34.5%
Out of Work	27.5%	76	19.7%	35.3%
Homemaker	36.4%	157	28.8%	44.0%
Student	60.0%	4	0.0%	100.0 %
Retired	44.8%	1982	42.7%	46.9%
Unable to Work	30.2%	198	24.9%	35.5%
Less than \$10,000	22.2%	82	14.8%	29.5%
\$10,000 to \$14,999	38.1%	147	29.8%	46.3%
\$15,000 to \$19,999	33.9%	162	26.8%	41.0%
\$20,000 to \$24,999	31.9%	216	26.1%	37.6%
\$25,000 to \$34,999	35.2%	284	30.3%	40.1%
\$35,000 to \$49,999	38.0%	447	33.9%	42.0%
\$50,000 to \$74,999	36.4%	464	32.4%	40.4%
Above \$75,000	33.1%	675	30.2%	36.1%
White Non-Hispanic	37.0%	2665	35.4%	38.6%
Black/African American	35.4%	59	26.1%	44.8%
Hispanic	24.6%	184	20.0%	29.3%
Asian/Pacific Islander	40.6%	24	26.1%	55.1%
American Indian Non-	25.7%	63	16.7%	34.7%
Hispanic Other	20.20/	67	27 50/	40.00/
Uner	38.2%	0/	27.5%	49.0%

Use caution in interpreting cell sizes less than 50. N\* is unweighted. National N is 53 = all 50 states, DC and Territories.

### Preventive Health Practices: Fecal Occult Blood Test

The table to the left reflects surveyed Arizona adults aged 50 and over who indicated they have ever had a FOBT. Results are also presented by sex, age, marital status, educational attainment, employment status, income and race/ethnicity.

The "Nationwide" estimates shown are median values across all states, not means. "National" level estimates reported here use medians because no national stratum was defined in the 2016 BRFSS survey. Survey results at the national level were not adjusted or weighted to produce a national mean result.

#### Preventive Health Practices: Sigmoidoscopy & Colonoscopy

**Survey Question:** Sigmoidoscopy and colonoscopy are exams in which a tube is inserted in the rectum to view the colon for signs of cancer or other health problems. Have you ever had either of these exams?

Colorectal cancer (CRC) is the third-most common type of nonskin cancer in both men and women. Patients who have early stages of colorectal cancer typically do not exhibit symptoms. Therefore, regular screening is the best prevention. Three types of tests are recommended by the United States Preventive Services Task Force (USPSTF) to screen for colon cancer: sigmoidoscopy, colonoscopy and fecal occult blood testing (FOBT). To reduce mortality associated with CRC, programmatic screening that utilizes fecal occult blood tests, flexible sigmoidoscopy, and colonoscopy are recommended by the (USPSTF)<sup>26</sup>. Research has shown that colonoscopies can reduce mortality related to CRC by 29%; sigmoidoscopy has been shown to reduce CRC-related mortality by 26%.<sup>27,28</sup> In the 2016 BRFSS, over 67.6% of Arizonans over the age of 50 reported having had a colonoscopy or sigmoidoscopy, slightly lower than the national median (see Figure A).



#### Respondents 50+ Years of Age Reported Having Had a Sigmoidoscopy or Colonoscopy

Figure A: Arizona and national BRFSS 2012-2016 respondents over the age of 50 who reported every having a sigmoidoscopy or colonoscopy.

When compared to the other states in the nation, Arizona fell into the second lowest class for its residents having had a colonoscopy or sigmoidoscopy (see Figure B).



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<sup>27</sup> Singh H, et al. The reduction batterment. Np. , ind. Web. 17 Juli. 2014.
 <sup>27</sup> Singh H, et al. The reduction in colorectal cancer mortality after colonoscopy varies by site of the cancer. Gastroenterology. 2010 Oct;139(4):1128-37. doi: 10.1053/j.gastro.2010.06.052.
 <sup>28</sup> Schoen RE, Pinsky PF, Weissfeld JL, et al. Colorectal-Cancer Incidence and Mortality with Screening Flexible Sigmoidoscopy. *The New England journal of medicine*. 2012;366(25):2345-



Figure B: BRFSS 2016 survey respondents over the age of 50 who reported having had a sigmoidoscopy or colonoscopy, (natural breaks).

Arizonans surveyed in 2016 who reported having a known risk for CRC (eating less than five servings of fruit and vegetables daily, being a former or current smoker, being overweight, obese, or drinking heavily) also more frequently reported having had a colonoscopy or sigmoidoscopy (see





Figure C: Arizona and National BRFSS 2016 respondents reported last having a sigmoidoscopy or colonoscopy.

BRFSS 2016 survey results indicate that 20.9% of Arizonans over the age of 50 reported they had either a sigmoidoscopy or colonoscopy within the last 5 years. The national median was at 21.4% (see Figure D, on page 27).

#### Arizonans 50 years + of Age Who had a Sigmoidoscopy or Colonscopy by Colorectal Cancer Risk Factors



Figure D: Arizona BRFSS 2016 respondents who reported having had a sigmoidoscopy or colonoscopy by colorectal cancer risk factors

#### Arizonans 50 + Years of age Reported Having had a Sigmoidoscopy or Colonoscopy

			Confi	dence rval
			Lower	Upper
Characteristic	Percent	N*	Mean	Mean
National	69.8%	54		
Arizona	67.6%	5657	65.8%	69.3%
Male	67.2%	2271	64.4%	69.9%
Female	67.9%	3386	65.7%	70.1%
35-44	28.0%	1		
45-54	43.5%	347	38.6%	48.3%
55-64	66.2%	1489	63.1%	69.4%
65+	78.6%	3820	76.8%	80.4%
Married	71.5%	3097	69.3%	73.7%
Divorced	65.1%	906	60.7%	69.4%
Widowed	67.1%	1122	62.9%	71.3%
Separated	49.9%	56	32.5%	67.3%
Never Married	50.2%	352	43.3%	57.2%
Unmarried Couple	59.4%	86	47.1%	71.6%
Less than highschool	47.2%	256	40.9%	53.5%
High School/GED	66.4%	1141	63.1%	69.6%
Some College/Technical	70.2%	1726	67.5%	72.8%
School				
College/Technical School Grad	76.6%	2520	74.3%	78.9%
Employed for Wages	59.7%	1097	56.0%	63.4%
Self Employed	54.0%	319	47.1%	60.9%
Out of Work	49.0%	143	39.5%	58.5%
Homemaker	57.7%	245	49.8%	65.5%
Student	72.7%	6	0.0%	100.0%
Retired	79.5%	3445	77.7%	81.3%
Unable to Work	63.0%	369	56.5%	69.5%
Less than \$10,000	41.9%	142	32.3%	51.6%
\$10,000 to \$14,999	51.6%	217	42.6%	60.7%
\$15,000 to \$19,999	56.4%	268	48.5%	64.4%
\$20,000 to \$24,999	59.6%	399	52.5%	66.6%
\$25,000 to \$34,999	73.7%	534	68.4%	79.0%
\$35,000 to \$49,999	76.2%	811	72.5%	79.8%
\$50,000 to \$74,999	74.2%	836	70.2%	78.1%
Above \$75,000	73.6%	1402	70.4%	76.9%
White Non-Hispanic	72.0%	4882	70.3%	73.6%
Black/African American	67.6%	111	57.6%	77.6%
Hispanic	55.1%	411	49.2%	61.0%
Asian/Pacific Islander	50.6%	39	36.6%	64.7%
American Indian Non-	37.6%	106	27.5%	47.6%
Hispanic				
Other	57.0%	108	45.8%	68.3%

Use caution in interpreting cell sizes less than 50. N\* is unweighted. National N is 53 = all 50 states, DC and Territories.

### Preventive Health Practices: Sigmoidoscopy & Colonoscopy

The table to the left reflects surveyed Arizona adults aged 50 and over who indicated they have ever had a sigmoidoscopy or colonoscopy. Results are also presented by sex, age, marital status, educational attainment, employment status, income and race/ethnicity.

The "Nationwide" estimates shown are median values across all states, not means. "National" level estimates reported here use medians because no national stratum was defined in the 2016 BRFSS survey. Survey results at the national level were not adjusted or weighted to produce a national mean result.

#### Preventive Health Practices: Preconception Health

Survey Question: Has a doctor, nurse, or other health care worker ever talked with you about ways to prepare for a healthy pregnancy and baby?

Preconception health refers to the health of women and men before and between pregnancies. Preconception Health focuses on improving health before becoming to help improve pregnancy health and birth pregnant outcomes, resulting in healthier infants and children.<sup>29</sup> Preconception health is about getting and staying healthy throughout the lifespan. All women and men can benefit from improving their health, regardless of whether or not they plan to have baby. Preconception health а encompasses multiple areas of health. including reproductive health, nutrition, physical activity, tobacco use, abuse learning substance and to manage conditions.<sup>30</sup> Preconception health also chronic leads to healthier communities as a whole.

Unplanned pregnancy happens frequently. About half of all pregnancies in the United States are unintended.<sup>31</sup> Preconception health is an important opportunity to safeguard babies' future health. In 2016, the BRFSS survey asked respondents if a doctor, nurse, or other health care worker had ever talked with them about ways to prepare for a healthy pregnancy and baby. 41.7% of Arizonans surveyed indicated they had been asked about preconception health.(see Figure A).



Figure A: Arizonans Preconception Health Status, 2012 - 2016

Figure A: Arizona BRFSS 2012-2016 female respondents ages 18 to 45 who reported a doctor, nurse, or other health care worker ever having talked with them about ways to prepare for a healthy pregnancy and baby.

Recognizing the importance of preconception health, since 2006, the Centers for Disease Control and Prevention have recommended that preconception health and care be incorporated into routine primary care visits.<sup>32</sup> While all women and men of reproductive age should receive preconception care, it is particularly important for women with chronic diseases.<sup>33</sup> Chronic diseases before and during pregnancy, such as diabetes, hypertension, high cholesterol, and mental health conditions, have been associated with increased risk of adverse birth outcomes such as pre-term birth, low birth weight, birth defects, and even infant mortality.<sup>34</sup> During preconception health counseling, women can discuss with their health professionals ways to better manage their conditions, increase compliance with treatment and alter treatment plans if necessary (see Figure B).







Figure C: Arizona women who reported a health care professional talked with them about ways to prepare for a healthy pregnancy and baby by county, BRFSS 2016.

 <sup>&</sup>lt;sup>29</sup>Web: 14 January 2014 (<u>https://www.azdhs.gov/prevention/womens-childrens-health/womens-health/index.php#preconception-home</u>)
 <sup>30</sup> Mumford SL, Michels KA, Salaria N, Valanzasca P, Belizán JM. Preconception care: it's never too early.

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<sup>&</sup>lt;sup>31</sup> (Kathryn M. Curtis & Curtis, PhD, 2013) Division of Reproductive Health, National Center for Chronic Disease Prevention and Health Promotion Center for Chronic Disease Prevention and Health Promotion; Finer LB, 201a MR. Unintended pregnancy in the United States: incidence and disparities, 2006. Contraception 2011;84:478–85.

<sup>&</sup>lt;sup>32</sup> Bello JK et al. Trends in Contraceptive and Preconception Care in United States Ambulatory Practices. Fam Med. 2015;47(4):264-271.

<sup>&</sup>lt;sup>33</sup> Steel A, Lucke J, Adams J. The prevalence and nature of the use of preconception services by women with chronic health conditions: an integrative review. BMC Women's Health. 2015;15:14.

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 <sup>34</sup> Steel A, Lucke J, Adams J. The prevalence and nature of the use of preconception services by women with chronic health conditions: an integrative review. BMC Women's Health. 2015;15:14. doi:10.1186/s12905-015-0165-6.

Arizona Females Ages ≥18 and ≤45 Who Reported a Healthcare Professional Ever Talked to Them About Ways to Prepare for a Healthy Pregnancy and Baby

			Confidence Interval	
<b>a</b>			Lower	Upper
Characteristic	Percent	N*	Mean	Mean
Female	41.7%	173	35.3%	48.2%
18-24	24.7%	14	11.2%	38.2%
25-34	46.7%	63	35.7%	57.7%
35-44	50.1%	96	40.6%	59.5%
Married	48.9%	110	39.9%	57.9%
Divorced	42.1%	13	18.1%	66.1%
Separated	54.4%	8	17.5%	91.3%
Never Married	28.0%	29	16.5%	39.4%
Unmarried Couple	61.1%	13	35.2%	86.9%
Less than highschool	59.9%	19	41.1%	78.8%
High School/GED	41.8%	44	29.5%	54.1%
Some College/Technical School	39.3%	52	28.1%	50.5%
College/Technical School Grad	34.5%	58	24.4%	44.6%
Employed for Wages	39.4%	83	30.6%	48.2%
Self Employed	35.5%	11	9.3%	61.6%
Out of Work	45.6%	9	7.2%	83.9%
Homemaker	65.9%	48	51.8%	79.9%
Student	18.6%	7	0.8%	36.3%
Unable to Work	47.7%	13	19.0%	76.5%
Less than \$10,000	51.7%	14	16.6%	86.9%
\$10,000 to \$14,999	53.3%	5	19.5%	87.2%
\$15,000 to \$19,999	78.1%	17	66.5%	89.8%
\$20,000 to \$24,999	54.9%	18	33.9%	75.9%
\$25,000 to \$34,999	28.4%	12	7.9%	48.9%
\$35,000 to \$49,999	29.9%	16	11.1%	48.7%
\$50,000 to \$74,999	38.1%	20	21.0%	55.2%
Above \$75,000	40.5%	52	28.4%	52.6%
White Non-Hispanic	38.7%	91	29.9%	47.4%
Black/African American	16.4%	1	13.7%	19.0%
Hispanic	52.6%	61	41.4%	63.7%
Asian/Pacific Islander	8.4%	2	0.0%	21.0%
American Indian Non- Hispanic	38.3%	16	24.1%	52.6%
Other	27.3%	2	0.0%	89.9%

Use caution in interpreting cell sizes less than 50. N\* is unweighted.

### Preventive Health Practices: Preconception Health

The table to the left displays the characteristics of Arizona women of childbearing age (between the ages of 18 and 45) who reported a health care professional ever having talked to them about ways to prepare for a healthy pregnancy and baby. The data are reported by age categories, marital status, educational attainment, employment status, income, and race/ethnicity.

### Preventive Health Practices: Mammography

**Survey Question:** A mammogram is an x-ray of each breast to look for breast cancer. Have you ever had a mammogram?

In 2009, the U.S. Preventative Services Task Force (USPSTF) changed its mammogram recommendation. The change was twofold. First the age should begin women seeking mammograms was raised from 40 to 50. Second, they recommended that women have a mammogram once every two years instead of annually. Other agencies, such as the American Cancer Society (ACS), continued to support annual mammograms for women 40 years and older.<sup>35,36</sup> The USPSTF recommendation new has faced much controversy. Many organizations state that the guidelines set by the USPSTF would cause a substantial degree of under-diagnosis.<sup>37</sup> The current USPSTF guidelines are less stringent than those set in the past, however, compliance has not reached 100%. The BRFSS 2016 survey reported that 18.1% of Arizona women over the age of 55 had a mammogram within a two-year period. 17.9% nationally (see Figure A).





Figure A: Arizona and National 2016 BRFSS female respondents aged 40+, time since most recent mammogram.

When looking across all states in the U.S., Arizona is in the second- lowest class category for female respondents over 40 reporting that they had a mammogram within the past year since 2012. (See Figure B).



Figure B: U.S. map of BRFSS 2016 female respondents, 40 + years of age, reported having a mammogram in past year (natural breaks).

According to the BRFSS, there has not been a statistically significant change in the percent of women, between the ages of 40 and 50, reporting an annual mammogram (see Figure C).



Figure C: Arizona and National 2012-2016 BRFSS female respondents between ages 40-60 had a mammogram in past year.

Each woman's risk of breast cancer is different. Family history, high penetrance genes, obesity, and exposure to radiation are risk factors that increase the odds of having breast cancer. To ensure that each woman is treated and tested appropriately, the USPSTF and other breast cancer awareness organizations promotes an open dialog between women and their health care providers<sup>38</sup>. The BRFSS does not collect information on breast cancer awareness counseling. Until the module is revised, the more stringent guideline will be assessed.

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<sup>37</sup> NCBI. U.S. National Library of Medicine, n.d. Web. 07 Nov. 2013.
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<sup>&</sup>lt;sup>35</sup> Recommendations of the U.S. Preventive Services Task Force: Abstract (Guide to Clinical Preventive Services). September 2010. Agency for Healthcare Research and Quality, Rockville, MD

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<sup>&</sup>lt;sup>38</sup> "State Cancer Profiles: Arizona." Quick Profiles: Arizona. National Cancer Institute, n.d. Web. 10 Dec. 2016. <https://statecancerprofiles.cancer.gov/quickprofiles/ index.php?statename=arizona#t=2>



Figure D: Arizona map of BRFSS 2016, 40 + years of age, reported having had a mammogram in past year.

#### Arizonan Women 40+ Years of Age Reported Having Had a Mammogram

		N*	Confidence Interval	
Characteristic	Percent		Lower Mean	Upper Mean
National	59.1%	54		
Arizona	54.9%	2890	52.6%	57.1%
Female	54.9%	2890	52.6%	57.1%
18-24	54.3%	9	22.6%	85.9%
25-34	47.2%	20	28.1%	66.2%
35-44	50.8%	140	42.7%	58.8%
45-54	50.6%	369	45.5%	55.8%
55-64	59.9%	732	55.9%	63.8%
65+	56.4%	1620	53.8%	58.9%
Married	58.2%	1462	55.2%	61.2%
Divorced	54.5%	511	49.5%	59.5%
Widowed	49.3%	585	44.9%	53.7%
Separated	46.2%	37	30.3%	62.2%
Never Married	44.3%	206	34.8%	53.8%
Unmarried Couple	65.5%	61	52.0%	79.0%
Less than highschool	45.6%	149	37.5%	53.7%
High School/GED	56.8%	660	52.5%	61.1%
Some College/Technical School	52.7%	862	49.0%	56.4%
College/Technical School Grad	61.7%	1211	58.4%	65.0%
Employed for Wages	58.6%	751	54.4%	62.8%
Self Employed	53.6%	153	44.3%	62.9%
Out of Work	34.4%	83	23.5%	45.2%
Homemaker	49.1%	249	41.9%	56.4%
Student	42.2%	9	2.2%	82.2%
Retired	58.1%	1421	55.4%	60.8%
Unable to Work	51.8%	211	44.1%	59.5%
Less than \$10,000	51.8%	89	40.2%	63.3%
\$10,000 to \$14,999	47.7%	114	37.4%	58.1%
\$15,000 to \$19,999	55.9%	162	45.2%	66.7%
\$20,000 to \$24,999	47.5%	209	38.6%	56.5%
\$25,000 to \$34,999	51.1%	245	43.4%	58.8%
\$35,000 to \$49,999	57.0%	406	51.2%	62.8%
\$50,000 to \$74,999	54.9%	376	48.6%	61.2%
Above \$75,000	61.6%	698	57.5%	65.8%
White Non-Hispanic	54.6%	2341	52.3%	56.9%
Black/African American	56.0%	63	42.8%	69.2%
Hispanic	53.8%	300	47.1%	60.6%
Asian/Pacific Islander	59.1%	28	41.8%	76.4%
American Indian Non- Hispanic	61.9%	107	50.2%	73.6%
Other	58.3%	51	43.6%	73.0%

Use caution in interpreting cell sizes less than 50. N\* is unweighted. National N is 53 = all 50 states, DC and Territories.

### Preventive Health Practices: Mammography

The table to the left displays the proportions of Arizonan women 40+ years of age who reported having had a mammogram in the past 12 months by sex, age categories, marital status, educational attainment, employment status, income and race/ ethnicity.

The "Nationwide" estimates are median values across all states, not means. The "National" level estimates reported here use medians because no national stratum was defined in the 2016 BRFSS survey. Survey results at the national level were not adjusted or weighted to produce a national mean result.
#### **Preventive Health Practices: Cervical Cancer Screening**

#### Survey Question: How long has it been since you had your last Pap test?

Cervical cancer used to be the leading cause of cancer death for women in the United States. However, in the past 40 years, the number of cases of cervical cancer and the number of deaths from cervical cancer have decreased significantly. This decline largely is the result of many women getting regular Pap tests, which can find pre-cancerous cells before they turn into cancer. Cervical cancer is the first cancer with a proposed necessary cause, the human papillomavirus (HPV). cancer epidemiology.<sup>39</sup> The term necessary cause implies in that cervical cancer will not develop or progress without persistent HPV infection. Cervical cancer is highly preventable in most Western countries because screening tests and a vaccine to prevent human papillomavirus (HPV) infections are available. When cervical cancer is found early, it is highly treatable and associated with long survival and good quality of life. All women are at risk for cervical cancer. It occurs most often in women over age 30. Each year, about 12,000 women in the United States get cervical cancer and about 4,000 women die from it. Human papillomavirus (HPV) is the main cause of cervical cancer.<sup>40</sup> These guidelines state that women, between 21 and 65 years old, should get a pap smear once every three years and once every five years if they receive HPV testing (see Figure A).



Women Ages 21 to 65 who reported how long it had been since their last Pap test, BRFSS 16

Figure A: Arizona and National BRFSS 2016 women respondents ages 21 to 65 who reported when their last pap test screening occurred.

Although vaccines for HPV exist, they are only recommended for women under 26; therefore, Pap smears must be part of a woman's preventive health routine. In 2012, the United States Preventative Services Task Force (USPSTF) and the American Cancer Society (ACS) released new cervical cancer screening

"Gynecologic Cancers: Reduce my risk of cervical cancer". Nov 17 2016.

guidelines. These guidelines state that women between 21 and 65 should get a pap smear once every three years and once every five years if they receive HPV testing.<sup>41</sup> The BRFSS data indicates that the percent of women, between the ages of 21 and 65, who had a pap smear within 3 years has been decreasing. In 2016, the national prevalence was ~4.1% higher than Arizona, at 73.6% (see Figure B).

Women respondents, ages 21 to 65, reported having had a Pap test within the past 3 years



Figure B: Arizona respondents who have had a routine medical exam within 12-months stratified by insurance status, BRFSS 2016.

When compared across all the states, Arizona falls in the second lowest class category for following the USPSTF guidelines for cervical cancer screening (see Figure C).



Women who smoke should be especially diligent in their cervical cancer screening routine. Smoking has been established as an HPV cofactor for the development of cervical cancer. Women who smoke are at a higher risk of developing cervical cancer. However, women who currently smoke were the least likely to have a Pap smear within three years (see Figure D).





Figure D: Percent of 2016 BRFSS respondents, women age 21 to 65, who reported having a Pap smear within three years by smoking status.

<sup>&</sup>lt;sup>39</sup> Thomas E. Rohan and Keerti V. Shah, Cervical Cancer: From Etiology to Prevention (Springer-Science+Business Media, B.V., 2014), 212.

U.S. Department of Health & Human Services. Center for Disease Control and Prevention.

<sup>&</sup>lt;sup>41</sup> Final Update Summary: Cervical Cancer: Screening. U.S. Preventive Services Task Force.

September 2016.

https://www.uspreventiveservicestaskforce.org/Page/Document/UpdateSummaryFinal/cervicalcancerscreening

# Arizonan Women ages 21 to 65 who reported having had a Pap test within the past 3 years

			Confidence Interval	
Characteristic	Percent	N*	Lower Mean	Upper Mean
National	73.6%	54	mean	mean
Arizona	69.5%	3121	67 7%	71 4%
Female	69.5%	3121	67.7%	71.4%
19.24	05.5%	74	07.770	100.0
10-24	90.778	74	92.370	100.0 %
25-34	90.0%	254	85.6%	94.4%
35-44	83.6%	399	79.3%	87.9%
45-54	70.4%	542	65.8%	75.1%
55-64	68.1%	833	64.4%	71.8%
65+	38.9%	1019	36.3%	41.5%
Married	70.8%	1663	68.2%	73.3%
Divorced	64.3%	528	59.4%	69.3%
Widowed	41.8%	383	37.0%	46.6%
Separated	73.5%	56	60.9%	86.1%
Never Married	82.8%	357	78.2%	87.5%
Unmarried Couple	87.9%	108	81.9%	94.0%
Less than highschool	71.0%	178	64.6%	77.5%
High School/GED	65.7%	639	61.8%	69.6%
Some College/Technical School	66.1%	935	62.9%	69.3%
College/Technical School Grad	76.8%	1364	74.3%	79.2%
Employed for Wages	80.9%	1164	78.2%	83.6%
Self Employed	68.5%	207	60.5%	76.4%
Out of Work	66.4%	129	56.1%	76.6%
Homemaker	76.3%	359	71.3%	81.3%
Student	94.8%	57	87.9%	100.0 %
Retired	44.4%	948	41.5%	47.2%
Unable to Work	64.5%	238	57.5%	71.5%
Less than \$10,000	60.0%	124	48.7%	71.3%
\$10,000 to \$14,999	60.0%	122	51.1%	69.0%
\$15,000 to \$19,999	75.9%	169	69.2%	82.5%
\$20,000 to \$24,999	68.7%	237	62.4%	75.1%
\$25,000 to \$34,999	70.1%	249	64.1%	76.1%
\$35,000 to \$49,999	66.6%	404	61.3%	71.9%
\$50,000 to \$74,999	71.5%	435	66.8%	76.2%
Above \$75,000	76.9%	872	73.5%	80.2%
White Non-Hispanic	63.6%	2337	61.5%	65.8%
Black/African American	75.3%	65	66.2%	84.5%
Hispanic	83.0%	439	79.3%	86.7%
Asian/Pacific Islander	64.0%	31	49.0%	78.9%
American Indian Non- Hispanic	81.3%	175	71.9%	90.7%
Other	71.3%	74	59.1%	83.4%

Use caution in interpreting cell sizes less than 50. N\* is unweighted. National N is 53 = all 50 states, DC and Territories.

## Preventive Health Practices: Routine Medical Examinations

The table to the left displays the proportions of Arizonan women, ages 21 to 65, who reported having had a Pap test within the past 3 years by: sex, age categories, marital status, educational attainment, employment status, income and race/ethnicity.

The "Nationwide" estimates shown are median values across all states, not means. "National" level estimates reported here use medians because no national stratum was defined in the 2016 BRFSS survey. Survey results at the national level were not adjusted or weighted to produce a national mean result.

#### Preventive Health Practices: PSA Test

#### Survey Question: A Prostate-Specific Antigen test, also called a PSA test, is a blood test used to check men for prostate cancer.

Currently, there are two methods to test for prostate cancer: the digital rectal exam and the Prostate-Specific Antigen (PSA) Test. The U.S. Preventative Services Task Force (USPSTF) recommends against the use of the PSA<sup>42</sup>. While other organizations such as the American Urological Association (AUA) recommends that men, between the ages of 55 to 69, consider PSA screening, after talking to their physician about the risk and benefits of the procedure.<sup>43</sup> This disconnect has emerged due to the large number of false positives, which leads to needless biopsies for tumors that are benign or extremely slow growing. The risks associated with biopsies are infection, blood in semen, difficulty urinating, and bleeding at the site.44 According to the 2016 BRFSS survey, the percent of men, over age of 40, who received a PSA test and were counseled on the advantage and disadvantages, was 91.3%. Arizona men who received the PSA test but did not receive counseling was 61% (see Figure A).



Figure A: Arizona Men age 40 years and older responded to the 2016 BRFSS prostate cancer screening module (PSA test (yes) + PSAdoc (yes) + PSAhad (yes)\*PSAcounsel. Respondent was talked to about the advantages and disadvantages of a PSA test and has had a PSA test.

<sup>42</sup> Recommendations of the U.S. Preventive Services Task Force: Abstract (Guide to Clinical Preventive Services). September 2010. Agency for Healthcare Research and Quality, Rockville, MD.
<sup>43</sup> "Detection of Prostate Cancer: American Urological Association." *Detection of Prostate Cancer*:

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When looking across all states in the U.S., Arizona is in the second-highest category for having had a PSA test and received counseling on both the benefits and risks of a PSA Test (see Figure B).



Figure B: U.S. map of BRFSS 2016 male respondents who had reported they had a PSA test and received counseling on both the benefits and risks of the PSA Test (natural breaks).

A major risk associated with prostate biopsies is infection, which then leads to acute prostatitis. In men over the age of 50, acute prostatitis is associated with having a benign prostatic hyperplasia, commonly referred to as an enlarged prostate. As men get older, it is common for their prostate to continue growing. More than half of the men over the age of 60 will experience complications due to an enlarged prostate, and approximately 6.4% of men over the age of 40 will experience complications. Furthermore, men with enlarged prostates will have elevated levels of PSA in blood. As men get older their blood PSA levels will increase for numerous reasons that are unrelated to prostate cancer, resulting in more false positive PSA tests.<sup>31</sup> According to the 2016 BRFSS, 70.5% of Arizona men over the age of 40 had a PSA during a routine examination. When looking at PSA screening, 70.5% reported having one during routine examination in Arizona and 71.7% nationally (see Figure C).



Figure C: Arizona and National BRFSS 2016 male respondents that had a PSA Test and why they had the PSA test.



Figure D: Arizona map of BRFSS 2016, 40 + years of age, reported having had a mammogram in past year.

#### Arizonan Men Who Reported Having a PSA and Had a Medical Professional Tell them About its Benefits and Risks

			Confidence	
			Inte	erval
Characteristic	Percent	N*	Lower	Upper
National	40.8%	54	wear	Ivicali
Arizona	38.1%	843	35.1%	41.0%
Male	38.1%	843	35.1%	41.0%
35-44	30.6%	15	16.2%	44.9%
45-54	45.1%	93	36.0%	54.3%
55-64	41.3%	220	35.4%	47.2%
65+	34.3%	515	31.0%	37.5%
Married	40.2%	609	36.9%	43.6%
Divorced	30.9%	99	22.3%	39.6%
Widowed	29.6%	72	21.6%	37.6%
Separated	30.8%	9	0.0%	71.4%
Never Married	40.6%	46	26.0%	55.2%
Unmarried Couple	24.1%	6	1.0%	47.1%
Less than highschool	44.4%	28	29.0%	59.8%
High School/GED	36.3%	118	29.3%	43.3%
Some College/Technical	37.6%	207	32.2%	42.9%
School				
College/Technical School Grad	38.3%	490	34.7%	42.0%
Employed for Wages	42.2%	213	36.2%	48.1%
Self Employed	35.9%	72	26.1%	45.7%
Out of Work	50.2%	24	29.7%	70.7%
Homemaker	43.2%	3	8.6%	77.7%
Student	37.6%	1	0.0%	100.0%
Retired	35.9%	487	32.3%	39.4%
Unable to Work	34.4%	40	22.6%	46.2%
Less than \$10,000	41.3%	16	17.9%	64.8%
\$10,000 to \$14,999	47.2%	31	29.3%	65.1%
\$15,000 to \$19,999	22.0%	24	6.5%	37.5%
\$20,000 to \$24,999	38.4%	25	23.2%	53.6%
\$25,000 to \$34,999	33.5%	64	23.8%	43.2%
\$35,000 to \$49,999	38.1%	116	30.2%	46.0%
\$50,000 to \$74,999	31.5%	134	25.0%	38.1%
Above \$75,000	42.4%	321	37.6%	47.2%
White Non-Hispanic	37.3%	721	34.2%	40.3%
Black/African American	46.3%	18	29.7%	62.9%
Hispanic	40.3%	65	30.5%	50.0%
Asian/Pacific Islander	37.7%	6	8.6%	66.8%
American Indian Non-	45.6%	14	38.4%	52.9%
Hispanic				
Other	35.7%	19	9.1%	62.4%

Use caution in interpreting cell sizes less than 50. N\* is unweighted. National N is 53 = all 50 states, DC and Territories.

#### Preventive Health Practices: PSA Test

The table to the left displays the proportions of Arizonan men who reported having had a PSA Test and a medical professional tell them about the advantages (benefits) and disadvantages (risks) of the PSA test, by: age categories, marital status, educational attainment, employment status, income and race/ ethnicity.

The "Nationwide" estimates are median values across all states, not means. The "National" level estimates reported here use medians because no national stratum was defined in the 2016 BRFSS survey. Survey results at the national level were not adjusted or weighted to produce a national mean result.

#### **Barriers to Health Care**

In 2014, the United States entered a new healthcare model with the implementation of the Patient Protection and Affordable Care Act (ACA). Under the ACA, Medicaid coverage was expanded to include individuals/households with incomes less than the 133% of the federal poverty level. Furthermore, refundable tax credits will be available to all Americans with incomes between 100% and 400% of the federal poverty level. Continued monitoring of barriers to healthcare will provide the feedback needed to assess Arizona's efforts to provide services and care to its population. On March 23, 2010, President Obama signed the Affordable Care Act and set into place an effort that will help ensure Americans have secure, stable, and affordable health insurance. As part of the law, the Centers for Consumer Information & Insurance Oversight (CCIO), within the division of the Centers for Medicare & Medicaid Services (CMS), and part of the Department of Health & Human Services (DHHS), provide national leadership in setting and enforcing standards for health insurance that promote fair and reasonable practices to ensure that affordable, quality health coverage is available to all Americans. People with low and middle incomes are eligible for tax subsidies that will help them buy coverage from state health insurance exchanges. The Affordable Care Act also broadens Medicaid eligibility in many states, including Arizona, to generally include individuals with income below 133% of the Federal poverty level (\$15,654 for an individual and \$32,252 for a family of four), including single adults without children who were previously not generally eligible for Medicaid. Persons living with human immunodeficiency virus (HIV), who meet this income threshold, no longer have to wait for an AIDS diagnosis in order to become eligible for Medicaid. The ACA also helps people with public or private coverage have access to the information they need to get the best quality care. This section of the 2016 BRFSS Annual Report will include analysis of the following:

- **Poverty (variable calculated from INCOME2, NUMMEN, NUMWOMEN, and CHILDREN)** binary variable where household size and income are used to calculate 133% of the federal poverty level.
- Healthcare Insurance status (variable calculated from HLTHPLN1) binary variable where having insurance is considered a positive outcome and not having insurance is considered a negative outcome.
- **Cannot Afford Needed Healthcare (variable MEDCOST)** binary variable where being able to afford needed healthcare is a positive outcome and being able to not afford needed health care is considered a negative outcome.
- Usual Source of Healthcare (variable calculated from PERSDOC2) binary variable in which having a usual health care provider is considered a positive outcome and not having a usual health care provider is considered a negative outcome.

#### Barriers to Healthcare: Poverty

Globally, there are approximately 1.2 billion people living in extreme poverty (less than a dollar a day). It is very rare to find extreme poverty in the U.S.; however, poverty does exist. Poverty in the U.S. is based on income and the size of the household. Research has shown that individuals who live in poverty have worse health outcomes. The U.S. Census Bureau sets the federal poverty level (FPL) using annual household income data and household size.<sup>47</sup> According to the 2016 BRFSS, 3.1% of Arizonans surveyed reported they lived with household incomes below 133% of FPL, 0.9% above the national 2016 BRFSS median. Survey respondents indicating they are in poverty (at or below 133% of the FPL) have gradually declined since 2012 (see Figure A).



Figure A: Arizona and National BRFSS 2012-2016 survey respondents who reported living in poverty.

When looking across all states in the nation, Arizona is in the highest category for percent of impoverished respondents (see Figure B).



<sup>46</sup> Wagstaff, Adam. (2002). Poverty and health sector inequalities. *Bulletin of the World Health Organization*, *80*(2), 97-105. Retrieved March 29, 2016, from http://www.scielosp.org/scielo.php?script=sci\_arttext&pid=S0042-

96862002000200004&Ing=en&tIng=en.

<sup>47</sup> Federal Register, Vol. 78, No. 16, January 24, 2013, pp. 5182-5183. Web. Dec. 2013. "The poverty guidelines updated periodically in the Federal Register by the U.S. Department of Health and Human Services under the authority of 42 U.S.C. 9902(2)" http://aspe.hhs.gov/2013-povertyguidelines.html All categories of poverty were exhibited across Arizona with Gila County and Western Region in the highest category (9.8-12.7%) (See Figure C).



Figure C: Arizona BRFSS 2016 respondents who reported living in poverty by county or region.

The prevalence of poverty is broadly similar among Arizonans surveyed in 2016 when different chronic conditions are taken into consideration. Those reporting diabetes, stroke, COPD or GALF diagnoses also reported being in poverty slightly more frequently than those with other conditions (see Figure D).



Percentage of Respondents Who Were Living In Poverty With A Chronic Condition, BRFSS 2016

Figure D. Arizona BRFSS 2016 respondents who reported poverty status and a chronic condition. \*GALF: Gout, Arthritis, Lupus, and Fibromyalgia.

In 2016, Arizona BRFSS respondents reported living below 133% of FPL and were uninsured at 5.4%, see Figure D (yellow). Respondents whose earned income was above 133% of FPL and having no insurance at 94.6% see Figure D (red).



**Arizona Respondents Poverty & Insurance Status** 

Impoverished w/o Insurance

Impoverished w/Insurance

Figure D: Arizonans who reported poverty status with or without insurance, BRFSS 2012-2016.

Arizonans Who Reported				
Living in P	overty («	<133% F	PL)	
			Confidence Interval	
Characteristic	Percent	N*	Lower Mean	Upper Mean
National	2.2%	54		
Arizona	3.1%	293	2.6%	3.7%
Male	2.3%	86	1.6%	3.0%
Female	4.0%	207	3.2%	4.8%
18-24	3.0%	15	1.2%	4.8%
25-34	3.4%	50	2.1%	4.6%
35-44	6.6%	86	4.9%	8.3%
45-54	3.2%	54	2.0%	4.5%
55-64	2.4%	53	1.5%	3.3%
65+	0.9%	35	0.5%	1.4%
Married	3.2%	135	2.5%	3.9%
Divorced	3.2%	50	2.0%	4.5%
Widowed	2.6%	30	1.5%	3.7%
Separated	5.5%	13	1.0%	10.0%
Never Married	3.0%	53	1.8%	4.3%
Unmarried Couple	3.1%	11	0.6%	5.5%
Less than highschool	8.3%	66	6.0%	10.7%
High School/GED	3.7%	96	2.5%	4.8%
Some College/Technical School	2.1%	84	1.6%	2.7%
College/Technical School Grad	0.9%	46	0.6%	1.2%
Employed for Wages	2.7%	106	2.0%	3.4%
Self Employed	4.6%	30	2.2%	6.9%
Out of Work	6.4%	37	3.9%	8.8%
Homemaker	5.5%	36	2.9%	8.1%
Student	4.1%	11	1.0%	7.2%
Retired	1.0%	29	0.5%	1.5%
Unable to Work	5.3%	41	3.0%	7.6%
Less than \$10,000	7.6%	46	4.0%	11.1%
\$10,000 to \$14,999	12.0%	37	7.1%	16.8%
\$15,000 to \$19,999	8.2%	61	5.3%	11.2%
\$20,000 to \$24,999	9.8%	73	6.8%	12.8%
\$25,000 to \$34,999	6.6%	53	4.3%	9.0%
\$35,000 to \$49,999	1.7%	22	0.8%	2.6%
\$50,000 to \$74,999	0.1%	1	0.0%	0.2%
White Non-Hispanic	1.5%	116	1.1%	1.8%
Black/African American	3.0%	7	0.6%	5.5%
Hispanic	6.9%	106	5.3%	8.5%
American Indian Non- Hispanic	7.5%	57	5.0%	10.0%
Other	1.0%	7	0.0%	2.1%

#### Use caution in interpreting cell sizes less than 50. N\* is unweighted. National N is 53 = all 50 states, DC and Territories.

## Barriers to Healthcare: Poverty

The table to the left displays the proportions of Arizona adults living in poverty (defined as earning less than 133% of the federal poverty level (FPL) by sex, age categories, marital status, educational attainment, employment status, income and race/ ethnicity.

The "Nationwide" estimates shown are median values across all states, not means. "National" level estimates reported here use medians because no national stratum was defined in the 2016 BRFSS survey. Survey results at the national level were not adjusted or weighted to produce a national mean result.

#### Barriers to Healthcare: No Health Insurance

Survey Question: Do you have any kind of health care coverage, including health insurance, prepaid plans such as HMOs, or government plans such as Medicare, or Indian Health Service?

On May 23, 2010, the Patient Protection and Affordable Care Act (ACA) was passed by Congress and signed into law by the President. A number of lawsuits followed, each challenging the constitutionality of parts of the ACA. The U.S. Supreme Court combined several of these cases into one. On June 28, 2012, the Supreme Court did two major things. One, upheld requires all citizens to obtain health insurance or pay a penalty on taxable income. And two, struck down as unconstitutional the part that "penalized" states with loss of federal funding for Medicaid programs for not participating in the ACA, but approved the federal government providing states a choice to accept a federal grant and comply with accompanying conditions, or not participate.<sup>48</sup>

One of the key functions of the law is to expand the scope of Medicaid and the number of individuals the state must cover. In the past, Medicaid was designed to provide assistance in obtaining medical care to pregnant women, children, needy families, the blind, the elderly, and the disabled. Under the ACA, Medicaid will provide coverage to adults with an income up to 133% of the FPL.<sup>49</sup>

12.1% Arizonans surveyed in 2016 reported not having health insurance, higher then national median, 10.2%. After the implementation of the ACA, data collected from 2014 through 2016 showed Arizona and National BRFSS respondents with no insurance on a gradual decline (see Figure A).



Percentage of Respondents With No Healthcare

Figure A: Arizona and National 2012-2016 BRFSS respondents who reported having no health insurance.

When compared to other states across the nation, Arizona is in the second-highest category (9.6-12.1%) for respondents who reported that they do not have health insurance (see Figure B).



Figure B: U.S. Map of 2016 BRFSS respondents who reported not having health insurance (natural breaks).

When assessing insurance status, it is necessary to exclude the elderly from the analysis as individuals 65 and older qualify for Medicare. Hispanics were 31.0% of Arizona's total population (2016); <sup>50</sup> however, they comprised 26.2% of the Arizonans surveyed (2016) who reported not having health insurance. Thus, Hispanic BRFSS respondents are disproportionately represented among all surveyed without health insurance (see Figure D).



Arizonans Who Reported Not Having Healthcare Coverage, BRFSS 2016

Figure C. Arizona 2012-2016 BRFSS fiver year rolling averages of individuals reporting no insurance by race/ethnicity.



<sup>&</sup>lt;sup>48</sup>Nat'l Fed'n of Indep. Bus. v. Sebelius, 567 U.S. 132 , S. Ct. 2566, 2608 (2012).

<sup>&</sup>lt;sup>49</sup> Nat'l Fed'n of Indep. Bus. v. Sebelius, 567 U.S. 132 , S. Ct. 2566, 2608 (2012).

Arizonans Who Reported Being Uninsured					
			Confidence Interval		
			Lower	Upper	
Characteristic	Percent	N*	Mean	Mean	
National	<b>10.2</b> %	54			
Arizona	12.5%	641	11.1%	<b>13.9</b> %	
Male	13.4%	293	11.4%	15.5%	
Female	11.5%	348	9.7%	13.3%	
18-24	20.2%	64	15.0%	25.3%	
25-34	16.5%	82	12.3%	20.6%	
35-44	18.3%	118	14.2%	22.4%	
45-54	13.7%	130	10.6%	16.9%	
55-64	9.3%	161	7.0%	11.6%	
65+	1.8%	86	1.3%	2.4%	
Married	9.0%	244	7.3%	10.6%	
Divorced	9.8%	90	6.5%	13.2%	
Widowed	5.7%	53	2.7%	8.7%	
Separated	20.3%	21	8.3%	32.3%	
Never Married	19.6%	181	16.1%	23.2%	
Unmarried Couple	24.9%	44	16.5%	33.2%	
Less than highschool	32.0%	119	26.3%	37.7%	
High School/GED	14.9%	211	12.2%	17.6%	
Some College/Technical School	8.7%	192	6.9%	10.5%	
College/Technical School Grad	3.7%	117	2.7%	4.6%	
Employed for Wages	13.5%	246	11.2%	15.7%	
Self Employed	17.1%	72	11.6%	22.7%	
Out of Work	22.4%	75	15.9%	28.9%	
Homemaker	26.7%	83	20.1%	33.2%	
Student	12.4%	24	6.8%	17.9%	
Retired	2.3%	93	1.6%	3.0%	
Unable to Work	8.2%	42	4.7%	11.7%	
Less than \$10,000	22.6%	63	15.1%	30.0%	
\$10,000 to \$14,999	15.4%	42	8.5%	22.3%	
\$15,000 to \$19,999	30.1%	80	22.9%	37.3%	
\$20,000 to \$24,999	23.5%	70	16.9%	30.0%	
\$25,000 to \$34,999	12.6%	71	8.1%	17.1%	
\$35,000 to \$49,999	12.4%	78	8.7%	16.2%	
\$50,000 to \$74,999	8.3%	59	5.2%	11.3%	
Above \$75,000	2.8%	52	1.7%	3.9%	
White Non-Hispanic	6.3%	337	5.3%	7.3%	
Black/African American	14.5%	19	6.8%	22.3%	
Hispanic	26.2%	206	22.4%	30.1%	
Asian/Pacific Islander	8.9%	8	1.6%	16.3%	
American Indian Non- Hispanic	13.3%	53	8.0%	18.5%	
Other	12.8%	18	5.0%	20.6%	

## Barriers to Healthcare: No Health Insurance

The table to the left displays the proportion of the 2016 Arizona BRFSS respondents who reported having no health insurance represented by sex, age categories, marital status, educational attainment, employment status, income and race/ ethnicity.

The "Nationwide" estimates shown are <u>median</u> values across all states, not means. "National" level estimates reported here use medians because no national stratum was defined in the 2016 BRFSS survey. Survey results at the national level were not adjusted or weighted to produce a national mean result.

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#### Barriers to Health Care: Cost of Care

**Survey Question:** Was there a time in the past 12 months when you needed to see a doctor but could not because of cost?

When people lack health insurance or sufficient coverage, or their financial situation deteriorates, they may often forgo needed medical tests and therapies. Electing to decline needed medical care has many ethical and clinical implications. Often, symptoms of one disease overlap and tests are necessary to determine if a treatment is appropriate. Barriers to care associated with cost imposes ethical dilemmas on healthcare professionals: do they treat the patient's symptoms, treat at minimal or substandard care levels, or deny them care outright due to the inability to afford costs? Patients will often request that their providers treat at minimal or substandard care because it is more affordable. By treating patients in this way, underlying disease(s) may remain untreated, resulting in a more serious condition later.<sup>51</sup> The inability to seek or receive appropriate medical care creates a strain on the medical system for both patients and providers. 13.6% of Arizonans surveyed reported they could not afford needed medical care (see Figure A).



Figure A: Arizona and National 2012-2016 BRFSS respondents who reported that they could not afford needed medical care.

When compared to the other states, Arizona is in the secondhighest category (12.2-14.6%) of respondents reporting that they could not afford needed medical care (see Figure B).



Figure B: BRFSS 2016 Survey respondents who reported they could not afford needed health care by state (natural breaks). Research has shown that families are more likely to be unable to pay their medical bills. Families are defined as a group of two or more related individuals living in the same housing unit. Analysis of family units is important due to the shared impact of taking on financial risks.<sup>52</sup> Nationally, in general, as household size increases, the inability to afford needed health care also increases. Data comparing Arizona family size to national medians since 2012 are shown in (Figure C).

#### Median Respondents Who Could Not Afford Needed Health Care by Household Size, BRFSS 2016



Figure C: Arizona and National 2016 BRFSS respondents who reported that they were unable to afford needed medical care by the number of children in the household.

Household composition can also play a significant role in one's ability to afford needed medical care. BRFSS data only provides information on the gender of the guardian; therefore it is not possible to differentiate familial relationships. However, information on family composition can still offer insight on potential disparities. Nationally, single individuals and traditional families were the least likely to report being unable to afford medical care. Families with a single female guardian and non-traditional structures (families units that are made up of combinations male or female adults ( $\geq$ 18 years) with or without children) were more likely to report being unable to afford medical care (Figure D).





Figure D: BRFSS 2016 Arizona respondents who reported that they were unable to afford needed medical care by household composition.

<sup>&</sup>lt;sup>51</sup> Weiner, S. (2001), "I Can't Afford That!". Journal of General Internal Medicine, 16: 412–418. doi: 10.1046/j.1525-1497.2001.016006412.x

<sup>&</sup>lt;sup>52</sup> Cohen, R., and Kirzinger, W. (2014, Jan.). Financial Burden of Medical Care: A Family Perspective. NCHS Data Brief No. 142. Washington: U.S. Department of Health and Human Services.

Arizona Respondents Who Could Not Afford Care					
		Confidence Interval			
			Lower	Upper	
Characteristic	Percent	N*	Mean	Mean	
National	12.1%	54			
Arizona	13.6%	1031	12.3%	14.8%	
Male	11.3%	380	9.6%	12.9%	
Female	15.8%	651	14.0%	17.6%	
18-24	14.9%	57	10.5%	19.3%	
25-34	18.4%	102	14.2%	22.5%	
35-44	16.0%	134	12.7%	19.3%	
45-54	16.1%	202	13.2%	19.1%	
55-64	13.9%	282	11.5%	16.2%	
65+	5.1%	254	4.3%	6.0%	
Married	11.4%	443	9.9%	13.0%	
Divorced	15.9%	195	12.8%	19.1%	
Widowed	6.6%	103	4.7%	8.6%	
Separated	24.2%	30	12.5%	36.0%	
Never Married	16.6%	204	13.6%	19.7%	
Unmarried Couple	19.4%	47	11.9%	26.9%	
Less than highschool	22.6%	124	17.6%	27.5%	
High School/GED	13.5%	267	11.2%	15.8%	
Some College/Technical	13.7%	346	11.7%	15.7%	
School					
College/Technical School Grad	8.1%	286	6.8%	9.5%	
Employed for Wages	13.1%	348	11.2%	15.1%	
Self Employed	14.1%	76	9.1%	19.0%	
Out of Work	25.6%	84	18.9%	32.3%	
Homemaker	20.3%	85	14.9%	25.7%	
Student	13.9%	33	7.9%	19.9%	
Retired	5.4%	218	4.4%	6.4%	
Unable to Work	23.0%	179	18.4%	27.6%	
Less than \$10,000	23.0%	85	15.6%	30.5%	
\$10,000 to \$14,999	22.8%	76	15.5%	30.1%	
\$15,000 to \$19,999	26.8%	120	20.1%	33.5%	
\$20,000 to \$24,999	15.1%	112	10.8%	19.4%	
\$25,000 to \$34,999	19.5%	115	14.4%	24.7%	
\$35,000 to \$49,999	12.8%	133	9.8%	15.9%	
\$50,000 to \$74,999	8.5%	95	5.9%	11.1%	
Above \$75,000	5.9%	104	4.3%	7.4%	
White Non-Hispanic	10.8%	672	9.6%	12.0%	
Black/African American	17.2%	28	9.4%	25.1%	
Hispanic	19.6%	211	16.3%	22.9%	
Asian/Pacific Islander	3.5%	7	0.0%	7.0%	
American Indian Non- Hispanic	18.1%	75	11.9%	24.3%	
Other	17.7%	38	9.5%	26.0%	

### Barriers to Health Care: Cost of Care

The table to the left displays proportions of Arizona adults who reported that they could not afford needed medical care by sex, age categories, marital status, educational attainment, employment status, income and race/ethnicity.

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#### Barriers to Health Care: Usual Source of Health Care

The Committee on Quality of Health Care in America and the Institute of Medicine recommended that health care organizations offer customization of care based on patient needs and become better able to anticipate the needs of the patient rather than reacting to medical events.<sup>53</sup> To do this, health care professionals and patients must build a long term and trusting relationship, ideally with a primary care provider (PCP). A PCP is an individual's main health care practitioner that offers nonemergency care. PCPs can be doctors, physician assistants, or nurse practitioners. PCPs provide preventive care, teach and promote healthy lifestyle choices, and identify and treat common medical conditions.<sup>54</sup> Since 2012, Arizonans BRFSS respondents were less likely to report having a usual source of health care than the national median. In 2016, just 74.2% of Arizonans surveyed reported having a usual source of healthcare, higher than the national median of 73.3% (see Figure A).





When compared nationally, Arizona is in the lowest ranked category for percent of respondents reporting that they had a usual source of health care (see Figure B).



The services physicians provide are not identical. There are many different specialties in medicine and an individual may need to see more than one physician. More than 67.5% of Arizonans surveyed said they had at least one provider, below the national median of 70.8% (see Figure C).





Figure C: Distribution of the number of providers respondents see as a usual source of health care in the Arizona and National BRFSS 2016.

Arizona respondents that reported not having a usual source of health care were found *more* frequently among respondents who were Hispanic, uninsured and *less* frequently among respondents who were White non-Hispanics, insured, and not in poverty (see Figure D).





Figure D: Arizona and National 2016 BRFSS respondents having a usual source of health care.

 <sup>&</sup>lt;sup>53</sup> IOM (Institute of Medicine) Washington, D.C: National Academy Press; 2001. Crossing the Quality Chasm: A New Health System for the 21st Century.
 <sup>54</sup> "Choosing a Primary Care Provider" Medline Plus. U.S. National Library of Medicine, 12 Aug. 2011.

<sup>&</sup>quot;Choosing a Primary Care Provider" Medline Plus. U.S. National Library of Medicine, 12 Aug. 2011. Web. 26 Feb. 2014. http://www.nlm.nih.gov/medlineplus/ency/article/001939.htm>

Arizona Respondents Who Reported Having a				
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Arizona	/3.3%	9241		74.9%
Fomalo	79.09/	5064	05.0%	70.0%
19.24	76.9%	208	50.7%	62.0%
10-24 2E 24	JU.070	200	50.7%	60.4%
25-54	55.5% 66.2%	705	61.0%	00.4%
JJ-44	00.3%	11/2	74.49/	91.0%
4J-J4	97.6%	1143	90.0%	01.070 95.2%
65+	02.0%	1998	01.7%	03.3%
Married	77 7%	4010	75 7%	70.9%
Divorced	70.0%	1385	76.3%	83.6%
Widowed	88.0%	1559	84.6%	91 3%
Senarated	74.6%	1/0	63.5%	85.6%
Never Married	61.0%	977	57.0%	65.0%
	52.1%	216	1/1 1%	62.0%
Less than highschool	62.3%	52/	56.6%	68.1%
High School/GED	69.6%	2034	66.5%	72.8%
Some College/Technical	75.7%	2034	73 1%	78.3%
School	73.770	2025	/ 3.1/0	70.570
College/Technical School	80.4%	3811	78.3%	82.6%
Grad				
Employed for Wages	66.1%	2594	63.5%	68.8%
Self Employed	73.8%	605	67.9%	79.7%
Out of Work	62.6%	301	55.3%	70.0%
Homemaker	73.6%	580	67.6%	79.6%
Student	63.8%	138	55.4%	72.3%
Retired	91.3%	4260	90.0%	92.6%
Unable to Work	85.0%	692	80.9%	89.2%
Less than \$10,000	65.9%	338	57.8%	73.9%
\$10,000 to \$14,999	74.4%	396	66.7%	82.0%
\$15,000 to \$19,999	60.4%	502	53.5%	67.4%
\$20,000 to \$24,999	69.8%	687	63.6%	76.0%
\$25,000 to \$34,999	67.1%	803	61.0%	73.1%
\$35,000 to \$49,999	74.6%	1216	70.2%	78.9%
\$50,000 to \$74,999	71.9%	1262	67.5%	76.3%
Above \$75,000	82.5%	2301	79.9%	85.0%
White Non-Hispanic	78.6%	7387	77.0%	80.3%
Black/African American	69.9%	204	60.8%	78.9%
Hispanic	65.9%	1002	61.9%	70.0%
Asian/Pacific Islander	68.1%	100	57.0%	79.2%
American Indian Non- Hispanic	52.8%	322	45.4%	60.1%
Other	65.9%	226	56.5%	75.3%

## Barriers to Health Care: Usual Source of Care

The table to the left displays the proportions of Arizona adults who reported that they had a usual source of health care by sex, age categories, marital status, educational attainment, employment status, income and race/ethnicity.

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### Health Risks & Behaviors

Certain activities or behaviors increase the risk of mortality and morbidity. Promotion of cessation programs, awareness, and policy changes will help reduce the impact of these risky behaviors. Many programs and policies have been enacted to reduce the burdens associated with participating in these risky behaviors. Continued monitoring of these behaviors will provide Arizona with a tool to assess the impact of these enacted programs and policies. The Health Risks and Behaviors Section of this annual report include an analysis of the following:

- Seat Belt Use (variable SEATBELT) Always wearing a seat belt is considered a positive outcome and less frequent use is considered a negative outcome.
- **Cigarette Smoking (variable \_SMOKER3)** Formerly or never smoking are considered a positive outcome and currently smoking is considered a negative outcome.
- Alcohol Abuse: Heavy Drinking (variable \_RFDRHV5) Adult men who have more than two drinks a day, and women who have more than one drink per day are considered a negative outcome and less frequent drinking, including no drinking, is considered a positive outcome.
- Alcohol Abuse: Binge Drinking (variable \_RFBING5) A person that has more than five drinks on at least one occasion in the past 30 days is considered a negative outcome and not engaging in this behavior is considered a positive outcome.

#### Health Risks & Behaviors: Seat Belt Use

Survey Question: How often do you use seat belts when you drive or ride in a car?

Motor vehicle crashes are the leading cause of death for people between the ages of 5 and 34. It is estimated that seat belt use can reduce the number of deaths and serious injuries by 50%.<sup>55</sup> Biennially since 2006, the BRFSS survey contained a seat belt use question. In 2016, the majority (86.9%) of Arizonans reported that they always wear their seat belts when they drive or ride in a car. Arizona is slightly above the national median for 2016, 85.1% (see Figure A).



Respondents Who Reported They Always Wear A Seat Belt

Figure A: Arizona and National 2012-2016 BRFSS respondents who reported that they always wore a seat belt when they drove or rode in a car.

Seat belt use may be impacted by a state's laws. States with primary seat belts laws allow police officers to stop vehicles solely for seat belt violations. In states with secondary seat belt laws, such as Arizona, an officer must have another reason to stop the vehicle (see Figure B).<sup>56</sup>



Arizonans' reported always wearing a seat belt at a rate of 86.9%, similar to the national rate of 85.1%. Arizona fell into the second highest category for percent of respondents reporting that they always wear a seat belt when compared to all other states (see Figure C).



Figure C: Figure B: BRFSS 2016 respondents who reported that they always wore a seat belt when they drove or rode in a car by county (natural breaks).



Figure D: Arizona BRFSS 2016 Respondents who reported that they always wore a seat belt when they drove or rode in a car by county.

Figure B: U.S. Map highlighting Seatbelt Laws by State, 2016.

<sup>&</sup>lt;sup>55</sup> Centers for Disease Control. "Adult Seat Belt Use." CDC Vital Signs.CDC, 04 Jan. 2011. Web. 26 Feb. 2014. <a href="http://www.cdc.gov/vitalsigns/SeatBeltUse/>">http://www.cdc.gov/vitalsigns/SeatBeltUse/></a>. <sup>56</sup> "Governors Highway Safety Association. Seat Belt Laws.

<sup>&</sup>lt;http://www.ghsa.org/html/stateinfo/laws/seatbeltlaws.html> Pub 2015. Accessed December 10, 2015.

Arizonans Who Reported They				
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<b>.</b>			Lower	Upper
	Percent	N*	Mean	Mean
National	85.1%	54	05 54	00.40/
Arizona	86.9%	9109	85.7%	88.1%
	84.1%	3641	82.2%	86.0%
Female	89.6%	5468	88.1%	91.0%
18-24	80.7%	282	75.8%	85.6%
25-34	83.6%	503	/9./%	87.5%
35-44	88.3%	780	85.5%	91.2%
45-54	87.4%	11/1	84.9%	90.0%
55-04 CE :	89.1%	1971	87.1%	91.0%
00+ Married	90.2%	4402	89.0%	91.4%
Narried	89.8%	4778	88.5%	91.1%
Divorceu Widowod	80.2%	1335	83.1% 06.0%	89.3%
vvidowed Constrated	89.0%	1452	80.8%	92.3%
Separateu	78.0%	141	70.9%	90.7%
	82.9%	245	79.8%	80.0%
	70.0%	245 E60	70.0%	87.0%
	84.7%	1090	80.4%	88.9%
Some College/Technical	03.9% 97.0%	1969	01.4% 85.0%	80.5%
School	07.0%	2774	65.0%	69.0%
College/Technical School	91.0%	3748	89.5%	92.4%
Grad	07 50/	2709	0E C0/	<u> 00 20/</u>
Colf Employed	70.0%	2790	72.0%	09.5% 0E 10/
	79.0%	220	75.0%	03.1%
	/0.5%	529	70.0%	83.0%
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Betired	01.5%	2071	00.5%	92.370
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	75.0%	240	67.7%	07.2/0 9/ 1%
\$10,000 to \$14,000	83.3%	340	77.7%	88.8%
\$15,000 to \$14,999	82.5%	505	77.7%	87.7%
\$10,000 to \$19,999	84.4%	685	79.6%	80.7%
\$25,000 to \$24,999	85.2%	798	81.0%	89.2%
\$25,000 to \$34,999	85.7%	1197	82.2%	89.3%
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White Non-Hispanic	88.4%	7152	87.2%	92.0%
Black/African American	87.9%	203	81.8%	0 <i>1</i> 1%
Hisnanic	8/ 2%	1033	81 1%	87.5%
Asian/Pacific Islander	86.7%	111	77 /1%	96.0%
American Indian Non-	80.6%	389	74.5%	86.8%
Hispanic	0- 0-1			00.00
Other	85.0%	221	77.6%	92.4%

## Health Risks & Behaviors: Seat Belt Use

The table to the left displays the proportion of Arizonans who reported that they "always" wear a seat belt when driving or riding in a car. Data are also presented by sex, age categories, marital status, educational attainment, employment status, income and race/ethnicity.

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#### Health Risks & Behaviors: Alcohol Abuse - Heavy Drinking

#### Survey Question(s):

- 1) During the past 30 days, how many days per week or per month did you have at least one drink of any alcoholic beverage such as beer, wine, a malt beverage or liquor?
- 2) During the past 30 days, on the days when you drank, about how many drinks did you drink on the average?

In adults, alcohol use can be beneficial or detrimental to health. Research has shown that moderate daily consumption of alcohol in middle-aged and older adults reduces the likelihood of cardiovascular events, all-cause mortality, and helps keep cognitive function intact as a person ages. However, moderate alcohol consumption has been associated with increased risk of breast cancer, violence, drowning, and injuries from falls and motor vehicle crashes. Exceeding moderate alcohol consumption (heavy drinking) provides no health benefit and has been associated with increased body mass index, impaired cognitive functioning (both long term and short term), liver disease, hypertension, stroke, type 2 diabetes, injury, and violence. To reduce the risk of alcohol-related harms, the 2015-2020 U.S. Dietary Guidelines for Americans recommends that if alcohol is consumed, it should be consumed in moderation-up to one drink per day for women and two drinks per day (not an average over time) for men-and only by adults of legal drinking age.<sup>59</sup>

Heavy drinking is defined as having more than two drinks a day for men and more than one serving a day for women.<sup>60</sup> In 2016, BRFSS respondents surveyed who reported being a heavy drinker (6.2%) is lower than the national median, 6.5% (see Figure A).



Figure A: Arizona and National 2012-2016 BRFSS respondents who were classified as heavy drinkers.

In BRFSS 2016, 6.4% of males reported were classified as heavy drinkers and 6.1% of females based on CDC classification (see Figure B).



Figure B: Arizona 2016 BRFSS respondents who were classified as heavy drinkers by gender.

Comparing Arizona across the nation, Arizona is in the second-lowest category (4.9-5.4%) for reported heavy drinking (see Figure C).



Figure C: U.S. Map of BRFSS 2016 respondents who were classified as heavy drinkers (natural breaks).



Figure D: Map of Arizona BRFSS 2016 respondents classified as heavy drinkers.

<sup>&</sup>lt;sup>59</sup> U.S. Department of Health and Human Services and U.S. Department of Agriculture. <u>2015 – 2020</u> <u>Dietary Guidelines for Americans</u>. 8th Edition, Washington, DC; 2015.

<sup>&</sup>lt;sup>60</sup> U.S. Department of Agriculture and U.S. Department of Health and Human Services. Dietary Guidelines for Americans, 2010. 7th Edition, Washington, DC: U.S. Government Printing Office, December 2010.

Arizonans Who Reported Drinking				
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Anzona	<b>0.2%</b>	200	<b>5.3%</b>	7.0%
Famala	0.4%	250	5.3% F 10/	7.0%
Female	6.1%	349	5.1%	7.0%
10-24	0.8%	20	4.0%	9.7%
25-34	7.1%	48	4.8%	9.4%
35-44	4.8%	55	3.3%	6.4%
45-54	7.8%	89	5.7%	9.8%
55-64	5.4%	129	4.9%	7.9%
65+	5.1%	258	4.2%	5.9%
Married	5.1%	287	4.3%	5.9%
Divorced	8.0%	98	5.5%	10.4%
Widowed	4.1%	83	2.7%	5.5%
Separated	6.6%	14	1.8%	11.4%
Never Married	8.6%	93	6.5%	10.8%
Unmarried Couple	5.2%	24	2.4%	8.0%
Less than highschool	3.7%	25	1.9%	5.6%
High School/GED	7.2%	139	5.5%	8.9%
Some College/Technical	6.1%	175	4.8%	7.4%
School	6.0%	264	E 70/	0.70/
Grad	0.9%	204	5.7%	0.270
Employed for Wages	6.3%	199	5.1%	7.6%
Self Employed	8.1%	49	5.0%	11.3%
Out of Work	11.3%	29	6.4%	16.1%
Homemaker	3.2%	25	1.7%	4.6%
Student	6.5%	16	2.8%	10.3%
Retired	6.0%	254	5.0%	7.0%
Unable to Work	3.9%	28	1.9%	5.9%
Less than \$10,000	5.8%	20	2.1%	9.4%
\$10,000 to \$14,999	5.8%	19	2.1%	9.5%
\$15,000 to \$19,999	5.8%	29	2.6%	9.1%
\$20,000 to \$24,999	4.7%	38	2.5%	6.8%
\$25,000 to \$34,999	4.8%	52	2.8%	6.8%
\$35,000 to \$49,999	7.7%	88	5.4%	10.1%
\$50.000 to \$74.999	7.6%	104	5.4%	9.9%
Above \$75.000	6.9%	187	5.5%	8.4%
White Non-Hispanic	7.6%	517	6.6%	8.6%
Black/African American	5.5%	14	2.1%	8.9%
Hispanic	3.1%	36	1.8%	4.3%
Asian/Pacific Islander	4.4%	5	0.0%	9.7%
American Indian Non-	7.5%	16	2.9%	12.2%
Hispanic		10		/0
Other	8.6%	17	3.4%	13.9%

## Health Risks & Behaviors: Alcohol Abuse - Heavy Drinkers

The table to the left displays the proportions of Arizonans who are heavy drinkers by sex, age categories, marital status, educational attainment, employment status, income and race/ ethnicity.

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#### Health Risks & Behaviors: Alcohol Abuse - Binge Drinking

For men, binge drinking is defined as having five or more drinks on one occasion; for women, binge drinking is defined as having four or more drinks on one occasion. It is the most common form of drinking in the U.S. It is estimated that 1 in 7 adults binge drink about three to four times a month. Furthermore, it is a common risk behavior among all stages of life.<sup>61</sup> Since 2012, Arizonans who reported any binge drinking has been lower than the national median. In 2016, 15.6% of Arizonans reported binge drinking (see Figure A).



**Respondents Who Reported Binge Drinking** 

Figure A: Arizona and National 2012-2016 BRFSS respondents who responded that they participate in binge drinking as per CDC Guidelines.

When looking across all states in the U.S., Arizona is in the second-lowest category for reported binge drinking among survey respondents (see Figure B).



Figure B: U.S. map of BRFSS 2016 respondents who reported on average, consumption of four or more (females) and five or more (males) drinks (natural breaks).

In 2016, Men were more likely to engage in binge drinking than women. Both nationally and in Arizona, men binge drink more frequently than women. In 2016, Arizona male respondents reported binge drinking less frequently than the national median for men (see Figure C).







Figure D: Arizona map of BRFSS 2016 respondents who reported on average, consumption of four or more (females) and five or more (males) drinks.

<sup>&</sup>lt;sup>61</sup> Bouchery EE, Harwood HJ, Sacks JJ, Simon CJ, Brewer RD. Economic costs of excessive alcohol consumption in the United States, 2006. External Web Site Icon. Am J Prev Med 2011;41:516–24.

Arizonans Who Reported Drinking				
Classified as Binge Drinkers Confidence				
			Inte	rval
			Lower	Upper
Characteristic	Percent	N*	Mean	Mean
National	16.9%	54		
Arizona	15.6%	971	14.3%	16.9%
Male	21.3%	579	19.1%	23.5%
Female	10.1%	392	8.7%	11.5%
18-24	21.8%	84	16.9%	26.7%
25-34	24.2%	151	19.9%	28.5%
35-44	21.2%	166	17.4%	25.0%
45-54	14.7%	166	12.0%	17.5%
55-64	11.5%	219	9.4%	13.5%
65+	4.4%	185	3.5%	5.2%
Married	12.8%	452	11.2%	14.3%
Divorced	14.8%	144	11.3%	18.2%
Widowed	5.6%	66	3.8%	7.5%
Separated	16.0%	20	6.2%	25.8%
Never Married	23.8%	233	20.2%	27.3%
Unmarried Couple	20.6%	51	12.8%	28.5%
Less than highschool	12.5%	58	8.3%	16.7%
High School/GED	16.0%	229	13.2%	18.7%
Some College/Technical	15.6%	293	13.4%	17.8%
School				
College/Technical School	17.0%	391	15.0%	19.0%
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Employed for Wages	21.5%	486	19.2%	23.8%
Self Employed	18.1%	90	13.0%	23.2%
Out of Work	18.7%	58	13.3%	24.2%
Homemaker	9.8%	53	5.8%	13.7%
Student	14.4%	34	9.0%	19.8%
Retired	5.6%	187	4.5%	6.7%
Unable to Work	9.0%	55	5.8%	12.2%
Less than \$10,000	18.5%	56	11.6%	25.3%
\$10,000 to \$14,999	12.0%	32	6.8%	17.2%
\$15,000 to \$19,999	15.4%	54	9.9%	21.0%
\$20,000 to \$24,999	13.1%	67	8.4%	17.9%
\$25,000 to \$34,999	12.7%	81	9.2%	16.3%
\$35,000 to \$49,999	17.6%	128	13.7%	21.5%
\$50,000 to \$74,999	20.4%	150	16.3%	24.5%
Above \$75,000	18.9%	316	16.3%	21.4%
White Non-Hispanic	15.5%	722	14.0%	17.0%
Black/African American	14.6%	28	8.4%	20.9%
Hispanic	16.1%	144	12.9%	19.3%
Asian/Pacific Islander	4.4%	3	0.0%	9.7%
American Indian Non- Hispanic	21.3%	49	13.9%	28.8%
Other	19.6%	25	11.1%	28.2%

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## Health Risks & Behaviors: Alcohol Abuse – Binge Drinkers

The table to the left displays the proportions of Arizonans who are heavy drinkers by sex, age categories, marital status, educational attainment, employment status, income and race/ ethnicity.

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### **Beneficial Health Practices**

Certain health practices decrease the risk of morbidity and mortality. Programs promoting awareness and policy changes will benefit the community as a whole. Continued monitoring of these practices will provide Arizona with a tool to assess the impact of these programs and policies. The Beneficial Health Practices Section of the 2016 Arizona BRFSS section includes an analysis of the following:

- **Physical Activity (variables EXERANY2, \_TOTINDA, and AZ5\_1 through AZ5\_7)** coded variable measuring a person's level of participation in moderate or vigorous activities according to established guidelines.
- Fruit and Vegetable Consumption (variables AZ3\_1, AZ3\_2, AZ3\_3, AZ3\_4, AZ3\_5, and AZ3\_6) binary outcome where the variables are summed together. If their daily total is five or greater than they are considered a positive outcome. If their daily total is less than five, they are considered a negative outcome.
- Folic Acid Use (Variable AZ2\_1) binary outcome where women who take a supplement or multivitamin with folic acid are considered a positive outcome and women who do not take a supplement or multivitamin with folic acid are considered a negative outcome.
- Folic Acid Awareness (Variable AZ2\_3) binary outcome where women who state that folic acid prevents birth defects are considered a positive outcome and women who state that folic acid prevents anything other than birth defects are considered a negative outcome.

#### **Beneficial Health Practices: Physical Activity**

In the past, the BRFSS physical activity questions focused on the amount of time a person participated in moderate or vigorous activities. The new physical activity questions remove ambiguity in these categories and they ask if the interviewee participates in specific physical activities.

According to the American College of Sports Medicine's Fitness Advisory Board, Arizona (data are based upon Maricopa and Pinal Counties) is ranked 32<sup>nd</sup> in the nation in terms of promoting physical fitness. Some areas where Arizona did well included: having a high percentage of state land designated as parkland, higher park-related expenditures per capita, and having lower smoking and heart disease mortality.<sup>62</sup>

To further improve the health of Arizonans it is the goal of ADHS to increase physical activity throughout the state. Physical activity decreases the risk of heart attack, colon cancer, diabetes and high blood pressure, and may decrease the risk of stroke. It also helps with weight control, contributes to healthy bones, muscles and joints; reduces the incidence of falls among the elderly; helps to relieve the pain of arthritis; decreases symptoms of anxiety and depression; and can decrease the need for hospitalizations, physician visits and medications. Moreover, physical activity does not need to be strenuous to be beneficial.<sup>63</sup> Regular exercise also can contribute to the functional independence of the elderly and improve the quality of life for people of all ages.64



Figure A: Arizona and National 2012-2016 BRFSS respondents who reported that they met at least one physical activity guideline. \*state-added only question.

In 2016, Arizonans were more likely to meet the aerobic physical activity guideline (53.8%) than the strength physical activity guideline (31.5%) (see Figure B & C).



Figure B: Arizona and National 2012-2016 BRFSS respondents who reported meeting aerobic physical activity guideline. \*state-added only question.





Figure C: Arizona and National 2016 BRFSS respondents who reported meeting strength physical activity guideline. \*state-added only question.

in 2016, 18.1% of Arizonans reported not meeting either the physical activity or strength guideline and 29.3% Arizona of survey respondents reported meeting both aerobic and muscle strengthening guidelines (see Figure D).



Figure D: Arizona 2016 BRFSS respondents reported meeting physical activity guidelines.

<sup>&</sup>lt;sup>62</sup>American College of Sports Medicine. Acsm American Fitness Index<sup>™</sup> Health and Community Fitness Status of the 50 Largest Metropolitan Areas 2011 Edition. Accessed 2/1/2013

http://www.americanfitnessindex.org/docs/reports/2011\_afi\_report\_final.pdf <sup>63</sup>U.S. Department of Health and Human Services. Center for Disease Control and Prevention, The Burden of Chronic Diseases and Their Risk Factors: National and State Perspectives. CDC.2004. <sup>64</sup>Katz S. Branch LG, Branson MH., et al., Active Life Expectancy. N Engl J Med. 1983; 309: 1218-1224

#### Arizona Respondents Who Met One or More Physical Activity Requirements

			Confidence Interval	
Characteristic	Percent	N*	Lower Mean	Upper Mean
Arizona	81.9%	2553	79.6%	84.3%
Male	86.3%	1129	83.3%	89.4%
Female	77.2%	1424	73.7%	80.7%
18-24	80.8%	94	72.9%	88.7%
25-34	80.7%	159	74.1%	87.3%
35-44	77.5%	225	71.1%	84.0%
45-54	81.5%	364	76.7%	86.2%
55-64	81.7%	534	77.3%	86.0%
65+	89.0%	1177	86.6%	91.4%
Married	81.5%	1434	78.5%	84.5%
Divorced	81.3%	344	75.0%	87.6%
Widowed	83.5%	340	76.4%	90.5%
Separated	96.1%	34	93.7%	98.5%
Never Married	81.0%	314	75.0%	87.0%
Unmarried Couple	85.1%	75	74.5%	95.6%
Less than highschool	81.3%	97	72.1%	90.6%
High School/GED	81.6%	477	76.7%	86.5%
Some College/Technical School	82.1%	783	78.0%	86.3%
College/Technical School Grad	82.0%	1190	78.6%	85.4%
Employed for Wages	81.2%	871	77.8%	84.5%
Self Employed	86.2%	203	80.1%	92.3%
Out of Work	85.2%	85	75.0%	95.3%
Homemaker	71.1%	148	59.5%	82.8%
Student	79.8%	59	68.2%	91.5%
Retired	88.7%	1093	86.0%	91.3%
Unable to Work	67.4%	79	56.6%	78.2%
Less than \$10,000	88.6%	58	78.2%	99.1%
\$10,000 to \$14,999	90.4%	85	82.3%	98.5%
\$15,000 to \$19,999	80.1%	118	69.0%	91.2%
\$20,000 to \$24,999	66.8%	145	53.8%	79.8%
\$25,000 to \$34,999	88.7%	230	82.7%	94.6%
\$35,000 to \$49,999	78.7%	345	71.8%	85.7%
\$50,000 to \$74,999	79.7%	375	73.4%	86.0%
Above \$75,000	84.6%	771	81.0%	88.2%
White Non-Hispanic	83.3%	1993	80.9%	85.7%
Black/African American	92.4%	56	87.1%	97.7%
Hispanic	75.6%	296	69.3%	82.0%
Asian/Pacific Islander	88.5%	44	80.6%	96.4%
American Indian Non- Hispanic	79.4%	93	68.0%	90.8%
Other	96.1%	71	92.3%	100.0%

#### Barriers to Health Care: Physical Activity

The table to the left displays the proportions of Arizonans who met one or more physical activity requirements by sex, age categories, marital status, educational attainment, employment status, income and race/ethnicity.

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#### Beneficial Health Practices: Fruit & Vegetable Consumption

The 2015-2020 Dietary Guidelines for Americans, 8th edition, reflects the large body of evidence which shows that healthy eating patterns and regular physical activity can help people achieve and maintain good health and reduce the risk of chronic diseases like cardiovascular disease, type 2 diabetes. and overweight and obesity. Previous editions of the Dietary Guidelines focused on individual dietary components. The current guidelines reflect the growing body of research that examines the relationship between overall eating patterns, health, and risk of chronic disease. The guidelines advise that a healthy eating pattern is not a an adaptable framework rigid prescription but that provides individual the choices to enjoy foods to meet their personal, cultural, and traditional preferences, as well within their budget. One as, fit of the key recommendations from the dietary Guidelines is to "Consume a healthy eating pattern that accounts for all foods and beverages within an appropriate calorie level." Specific recommendations regarding vegetables and fruits in a healthy eating pattern include:

- A variety of vegetables from all subgroups dark green, red and orange, legumes (beans and peas), starches, and others
- Fruits, especially whole fruits

Overall, adults throughout the United States do not meet intake recommendations for vegetables or fruits. For most adults, 2 1/2 to 3 cups of vegetables, with a wide variety chosen from the vegetable subgroups, is recommended and 2 cups of fruit, preferably whole fruits, is recommended. In 2016, 10.5% of Arizona BRFSS respondents consumed vegetables at least three time and fruits twice daily (see Figure A).



Figure A: Arizona and National BRFSS 2012-2016 respondents who reported consuming vegetables at least three times and fruits twice per day. \*State-added question.

The mean serving of fruits and vegetables consumed by Arizonans in 2016 were 1.4 and 2.2, respectively (see figure B).

Arizona Adult Fruit & Vegetable Consumption,



Figure B: Arizona BRFSS 2012-2016 Respondents Fruit & Vegetable Consumption.

One of the most noteworthy items for the Arizona 2016 BRFSS is the large proportion of the population who reported not consuming vegetables or fruits 63.0% (see Figure C).



Arizona Adult Fruit & Vegetable Consumption, BRFSS 2016

Figure C: Arizona and National BRFSS 2016 reported fruit and vegetable consumption.

In 2016, Pinal County had the highest proportion of respondents consuming vegetables three times and fruits twice daily, 16.0%. Gila County had the lowest, 6.8% (see Figure D).



Figure D: Arizona Map of BRFSS 2016 respondents who reported consuming vegetables at least three times and fruits two times per day.

#### Arizona Respondents Who Consume At Least Two Servings of Fruits and Three Vegetables Per Day

			Confidence	
			Inte	rval
Charactoristic	Dorcont	NI*	Lower	Upper
	10.5%	N <sup>.</sup>	a o%	12 1%
Malo	7.0%	111	5.3%	10.2%
Fomalo	12.0%	222	10.7%	15.2%
19.24	6.2%	11	1 00/	10.5%
25.24	12.0%	21	7.10/	10.5%
25-34	12.9%	31	7.1%	18.7%
35-44	12.9%	48	8.2%	17.0%
45-54	12.2%	102	8.5%	12.9%
55-04	9.7%	103	0.8%	12.5%
05+	8.7%	207	7.1%	10.2%
Married	10.6%	264	8.7%	12.5%
Divorced	11.4%	75	7.3%	15.4%
Widowed	9.1%	69	6.3%	11.9%
Separated	4.0%	4	0.0%	9.9%
Never Married	9.3%	50	5.6%	13.1%
Unmarried Couple	15.6%	13	3.4%	27.8%
Less than highschool	10.0%	28	5.3%	14.7%
High School/GED	8.6%	79	5.2%	11.9%
Some College/Technical School	9.8%	132	7.1%	12.5%
College/Technical School Grad	13.5%	237	10.7%	16.3%
Employed for Wages	10.3%	165	7.9%	12.7%
Self Employed	15.6%	40	7.8%	23.4%
Out of Work	9.6%	14	2.4%	16.7%
Homemaker	20.2%	45	12.5%	27.9%
Student	11.5%	10	2.7%	20.2%
Retired	7.1%	171	5.7%	8.5%
Unable to Work	5.8%	30	2.7%	8.8%
Less than \$10,000	10.3%	17	2.8%	17.8%
\$10,000 to \$14,999	8.8%	12	2.5%	15.2%
\$15,000 to \$19,999	18.4%	29	7.9%	29.0%
\$20,000 to \$24,999	9.6%	40	4.6%	14.6%
\$25,000 to \$34,999	5.7%	29	2.4%	9.0%
\$35,000 to \$49,999	8.1%	56	4.1%	12.1%
\$50,000 to \$74,999	12.6%	67	8.1%	17.1%
Above \$75,000	10.7%	140	7.9%	13.5%
White Non-Hispanic	9.3%	352	7.7%	10.9%
Black/African American	15.1%	15	0.7%	29.6%
Hispanic	12.7%	65	8.8%	16.6%
Asian/Pacific Islander	10.3%	4	0.0%	23.3%
American Indian Non- Hispanic	10.1%	18	1.9%	18.3%
Other	9.4%	23	3.5%	15.3%

#### Beneficial Health Practices: Fruit & Vegetable Consumption

The table to the left displays the proportions of Arizonans who at least consume two fruits and three vegetables each day. The data are reported by age categories, marital status, educational attainment, employment status, income and race/ethnicity.

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#### **Beneficial Health Practices:** Folic Acid Use & Awareness

Neural tube defects (NTD) are among the most serious birth defects that contribute to infant mortality and morbidity. Nationally, NTDs including anencephaly, spina bifida, and encephalocele are estimated to account for 2,660 infants born with a birth defect annually.<sup>65</sup> Research has shown that 50% to 70% of these NTDs can be prevented if women consume 0.4mg of folic acid daily before and during pregnancy. The United States Preventive Services Task Force (USPSTF) recommends that all women who are planning to or can potentially become pregnant take a daily supplement containing folic acid. In 2014, 35.9% of surveyed Arizona women of child-bearing age reported taking a supplement containing folic acid (See Figure A).



Figure A: Arizona 2012-2016 BRFSS female respondents of child-bearing age who reported taking a supplement containing Folic Acid

The USPSTF recommends daily supplementation due to the fact that approximately 50% of all U.S. pregnancies are unplanned.<sup>66</sup> Less than half (35.9%) of women of childbearing age knew that folic acid prevents birth defects. However, only 16.9% of women follow the USPSTF guideline of daily supplementation (See Figure B).



Figure B: Arizona 2012-2016 BRFSS female respondents of child-bearing age who reported taking a Supplement containing Folic Acid daily & understood it prevents birth defects

In 1996, the Food and Drug Administration (FDA) began requiring that specific flours, breads, and other grain be fortified with folic acid. The FDA expanded its mandate in 1998 to include other products that use enriched flour and corn flour. Breakfast cereal aside, the foods fortified with folic acid do not provide sufficient folic acid to meet the .4mg recommended; breakfast cereal contains 0.4mg of folic acid, but the other fortified foods only contain 0.1 mg per serving. Furthermore, imported corn meal and corn flour products are not required to follow FDA guidelines. Research has shown that Hispanic women are less likely to consume breakfast cereals and are more likely to purchase imported corn flour products.<sup>67</sup> The data indicates that there is a racial disparity when assessing folic acid awareness and supplementation. In 2016, lower percentages of Arizona Hispanic, Black and American Indian women surveyed reported taking a folic acid supplement than White Non-Hispanics (See Figure C).



Figure C: Arizona 2012-2016 BRFSS female respondents of child-bearing age who reported taking a supplement containing Folic Acid daily & understood it prevents birth defects by race

Since 2012, the percent of women surveyed who take a folic acid supplement is higher when they are aware of its benefits than when they are unaware (see Figure D).



Figure D: Arizona 2012-2016 BRFSS female respondents of child-bearing age who reported taking a Supplement containing Folic Acid stratified by awareness status

<sup>&</sup>lt;sup>65</sup> Draft Update Summary: Folic Acid for the Prevention of Neural Tube Defects: Preventive Medication. U.S. Preventive Services Task Force. October 2014.

<sup>&</sup>lt;sup>66</sup> Division of Birth Defects and Developmental Disabilities, Centers for Disease Control and Prevention. Birth Defects. Data & Statistics. http://www.cdc.gov/ncbddd/birthdefects/data.html

<sup>&</sup>lt;sup>67</sup> Decline in the Prevalence of Spina Bifida and Anencephaly by Race/Ethnicity: Laura J. Williams, Sonja A. Rasmussen, Alina Flores, Russell S. Kirby, Larry D. Edmonds. Pediatrics Sep 2005, 116(3)580-586; doi: 10.1542/peds.2005-0592.

#### Arizona Women Respondents of Child-Bearing Age Who Take a Supplement Containing Folic Acid

			Confidence Interval	
			Lower	Upper
Characteristic	Percent	N*	Mean	Mean
Female	<b>32.8</b> %	126	<b>26.3</b> %	<b>39.3</b> %
18-24	19.0%	9	5.7%	32.4%
25-34	34.1%	41	22.7%	45.4%
35-44	41.4%	76	31.8%	50.9%
Married	40.4%	78	31.2%	49.6%
Divorced	24.2%	8	4.1%	44.3%
Widowed	46.9%	1	0.0%	0.0%
Separated	50.7%	8	6.5%	94.8%
Never Married	22.4%	23	11.1%	33.6%
Unmarried Couple	29.3%	8	2.2%	56.5%
Less than highschool	15.9%	5	0.0%	33.7%
High School/GED	31.0%	24	17.4%	44.6%
Some College/Technical School	35.1%	43	23.7%	46.6%
College/Technical School Grad	39.6%	53	28.5%	50.8%
Employed for Wages	32.4%	68	23.8%	41.1%
Self Employed	30.0%	10	6.7%	53.2%
Out of Work	11.5%	1	0.0%	41.2%
Homemaker	52.6%	29	36.6%	68.6%
Student	15.1%	6	0.0%	32.5%
Unable to Work	45.4%	10	8.5%	82.4%
Less than \$10,000	15.7%	3	0.0%	43.6%
\$10,000 to \$14,999	13.3%	3	0.0%	42.7%
\$15,000 to \$19,999	19.2%	8	2.3%	36.2%
\$20,000 to \$24,999	40.8%	15	17.6%	63.9%
\$25,000 to \$34,999	49.4%	12	22.0%	76.7%
\$35,000 to \$49,999	34.8%	16	13.5%	56.2%
\$50,000 to \$74,999	32.2%	21	16.5%	47.8%
Above \$75,000	41.1%	36	27.7%	54.5%
White Non-Hispanic	37.5%	75	28.4%	46.6%
Black/African American	28.8%	3	0.0%	100.0%
Hispanic	30.8%	35	19.8%	41.8%
Asian/Pacific Islander	17.3%	3	5.1%	29.6%
American Indian Non- Hispanic	27.2%	9	8.7%	45.6%
Other	2.7%	1	1.7%	3.6%

#### Beneficial Health Practices: Folic Acid Use

The table to the left displays the proportions of Arizonans women of child-bearing age who take a supplement that contains folic acid by: age categories, marital status, educational attainment, employment status, income and race/ethnicity.

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#### Arizona Women Respondents of Child-Bearing Age Who Reported that Folic Acid Prevents Birth Defects

			Confidence Interval	
Characteristic	Percent	N*	Lower Mean	Upper Mean
Female	54.2%	165	46.8%	61.7%
18-24	36.5%	13	17.5%	55.5%
25-34	55.4%	51	43.3%	67.6%
35-44	63.1%	101	53.3%	72.9%
Married	66.5%	103	57.0%	75.9%
Divorced	77.6%	16	61.7%	93.6%
Widowed	100.0%	2	0.0%	0.0%
Separated	33.8%	4	0.0%	96.4%
Never Married	33.0%	28	19.3%	46.6%
Unmarried Couple	43.3%	12	11.0%	75.5%
Less than highschool	10.5%	4	0.0%	22.4%
High School/GED	38.6%	20	22.6%	54.7%
Some College/Technical School	52.7%	47	39.6%	65.8%
College/Technical School Grad	79.5%	93	71.7%	87.2%
Employed for Wages	57.8%	96	48.1%	67.5%
Self Employed	78.4%	16	46.7%	100.0%
Out of Work	72.7%	5	0.0%	100.0%
Homemaker	53.0%	34	36.0%	70.0%
Student	37.6%	8	9.7%	65.5%
Unable to Work	32.5%	4	0.0%	71.7%
Less than \$10,000	9.6%	2	6.9%	12.4%
\$10,000 to \$14,999	95.5%	8	85.0%	100.0%
\$15,000 to \$19,999	29.3%	9	16.6%	41.9%
\$20,000 to \$24,999	28.9%	5	0.0%	59.8%
\$25,000 to \$34,999	43.1%	16	20.4%	65.9%
\$35,000 to \$49,999	66.1%	20	46.1%	86.2%
\$50,000 to \$74,999	66.6%	32	49.9%	83.3%
Above \$75,000	73.5%	61	61.8%	85.3%
White Non-Hispanic	56.3%	98	46.1%	66.4%
Black/African American	36.7%	2	0.0%	100.0%
Hispanic	57.0%	45	43.7%	70.3%
Asian/Pacific Islander	81.0%	8	69.1%	93.0%
American Indian Non- Hispanic	23.2%	9	16.5%	29.8%
Other	43.2%	3	0.0%	100.0%

#### Beneficial Health Practices: Folic Acid Awareness

The table to the left displays the proportions of Arizonans women of child-bearing age who responded that folic acid prevents birth defects by: age categories, marital status, educational attainment, employment status, income and race/ethnicity.

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## **Health Conditions & Limitations**

Chronic health conditions contribute to morbidity and mortality. Furthermore, these conditions reduce an individual's quality of life. The benefits of programs and policies targeting these conditions will be difficult to quantify as data collection on the community's quality of life is not feasible. However, monitoring the prevalence of these diseases will provide Arizona with a tool to assess the impact of these programs and policies. The Health Conditions and Limitations Section include an analysis of the following:

- **Obesity (variable\_BMI5CAT)** Not being obese is considered a positive outcome, and being obese is considered a negative outcome.
- **Diabetes (variable DIABETE3)** Never receiving a diagnosis of diabetes is considered a positive outcome, and receiving a diagnosis of diabetes is considered a negative outcome.
- Chronic Obstructive Pulmonary Disease (COPD) (variable CHCCOPD1) Never receiving a diagnosis of having COPD, emphysema or chronic bronchitis is considered a positive outcome, and receiving a diagnosis of having COPD, emphysema or chronic bronchitis is considered a negative outcome.
- Asthma (variable \_LTASTH1) Never receiving a diagnosis of asthma is considered a positive outcome, and receiving a diagnosis of asthma is considered a negative outcome
- **Cardiovascular Disease: Angina (variable CVDCRHD4)** Never receiving a diagnosis of angina is considered a positive outcome, and receiving a diagnosis of angina is considered a negative outcome.
- **Cardiovascular Disease: Heart Attack (variable CVDINFR4)** Never receiving a diagnosis of a heart attack is considered a positive outcome, and receiving a diagnosis of a heart attack is considered a negative outcome.
- Stroke (variable CVDSTRK3) Never receiving a diagnosis of a stroke is considered a positive outcome, and receiving a diagnosis of a stroke is considered a negative outcome.

### Health Conditions & Limitations: Obesity

#### Survey Question(s):

- 1) About how much do you weigh without shoes?
- 2) About how tall are you without shoes?

More than one-third of U.S. adults are obese. Obesity-related conditions include type 2 diabetes, heart disease, stroke and arthritis-related disabilities. <sup>68</sup> Furthermore, one in three cancerrelated deaths can also be attributed to obesity.<sup>69</sup> Obesity has attained epidemic proportions in the United States more than doubling in the past two decades.<sup>70</sup> To assess obesity, the BRFSS collects data on self-reported height and weight; the formula for body mass index (BMI) is bodyweight in kilograms divided by height in meters squared. BMI Categories are defined as follows:

- Underweight (BMI 12.0 18.4)
- Overweight (BMI 25.0 29.9)
- Normal (BMI 18.5-24.9)
- Obese (BMI 30.0-99.8)

29.0% of Arizonans surveyed in 2016 were obese, slightly below the national median (30.1%) since 2012 (see Figure A).



Respondents Who Were Obese (BMI ≥ 30)

Figure A: Arizona and National 2012-2016 BRFSS respondents who were obese based on self-reported height and weight.

Research has shown that low-income households are less likely to live in communities that support healthy eating, and that stores in low-income communities are more likely to stock foods that are of lower quality but are more filling. Furthermore, individuals from low-income households have expressed that fresh fruits and vegetables are desirable but impractical due to cost.<sup>71</sup> The effects of the unavailability of

healthy foods can be seen in the rise of obesity in low income households. BRFSS data from 2000-2010 showed that respondents in low-income households were the most likely to report being obese. Recent data since 2012 show similar patterns with highest obesity levels reported by the respondents in the lowest income groups (less than \$20,000), and the lowest levels reported in the highest income group (above \$75,000) (see Figure B).



Figure B: Arizona 2012-2016 BRFSS Respondents Categorized as Obese Stratified by Income.

Although the disease burden associated with obesity is far reaching, being overweight and underweight can also have detrimental effects on health. In 2016, 32.6% of Arizonans reported being in the normal BMI range, while only 36.9% reported being in the overweight category (see Figure C).

<sup>&</sup>lt;sup>68</sup>Ogden CL, Carroll MD, Fryar CD, Flegal KM. Prevalence of obesity among adults and youth: United States, 2011–2014. NCHS data brief, no 219. Hyattsville, MD: National Center for Health Statistics. 2015. <sup>69</sup> Trust for America's Health. Reports, Fast in Fat: How Obesity Threatens America's Future 2012. Published Sep 2012. Accessed Sep 2013. <u>http://healthyamericans.org/report/100/</u>.

<sup>&</sup>lt;sup>70</sup> CDC. State-specific prevalence of obesity among adults---United States, 2009. MMWR 2010;59(30);951-955

<sup>&</sup>lt;sup>71</sup> Hendrickson D., Smith C., Eikenberry N. Fruit and vegetable access in four low-income food deserts communities in Minnesota. Agric. Hum. Values. 2006;23:371-383. doi:10.1007/s10460-006-9002-8.



Figure C: BRFSS 2016 Respondent Comparison of Arizona and National BMI Categories.

When compared to other states, Arizona is in the second-lowest category (26.1-29.6%) for percent of respondents who reported they are obese (see Figure D).



Figure D: United States Map of BRFSS 2016 Comparison of Arizona and National Obese BMI Category.

When compared to other counties in Arizona, respondents from Gila county responded more frequently (39.0%) that they were obese (the highest-category possible) (see Figure E).



Figure E: Arizona BRFSS 2016 map of respondents who reported being the in the obese BMI category by county.

			Confidence Interval	
Characteristic	Percent	N*	Lower Mean	Upper Mean
National	30.1%	54	mean	mean
Arizona	29.0%	2731	27.5%	30.5%
Male	30.2%	1269	27.9%	32.4%
Female	27.8%	1462	25.8%	29.9%
18-24	14.4%	54	9.9%	18.9%
25-34	28.5%	174	23.7%	33.2%
35-44	34.5%	283	30.1%	38.8%
45-54	36.4%	451	32.6%	40.2%
55-64	33.8%	664	30.8%	36.8%
65+	25.9%	1105	24.1%	27.7%
Married	31.4%	1446	29.3%	33.4%
Divorced	30.6%	407	26.3%	35.0%
Widowed	28.1%	359	24.2%	32.0%
Separated	36.7%	61	24.9%	48.5%
Never Married	21.9%	361	18.6%	25.3%
Unmarried Couple	33.0%	88	23.9%	42.1%
Less than highschool	35.8%	226	29.9%	41.7%
High School/GED	30.5%	688	27.4%	33.5%
Some College/Technical	30.2%	926	27.6%	32.8%
School				
College/Technical School Grad	22.2%	888	20.2%	24.2%
Employed for Wages	28.8%	903	26.4%	31.3%
Self Employed	31.5%	169	25.4%	37.7%
Out of Work	36.9%	139	29.0%	44.8%
Homemaker	33.4%	161	27.0%	39.8%
Student	12.4%	31	6.9%	17.9%
Retired	25.5%	1008	23.6%	27.4%
Unable to Work	45.3%	311	39.3%	51.3%
Less than \$10,000	32.8%	141	25.1%	40.5%
\$10,000 to \$14,999	32.7%	131	25.6%	39.8%
\$15,000 to \$19,999	36.4%	200	29.5%	43.3%
\$20,000 to \$24,999	36.1%	245	29.8%	42.3%
\$25,000 to \$34,999	26.5%	261	21.5%	31.5%
\$35,000 to \$49,999	31.2%	390	26.8%	35.5%
\$50,000 to \$74,999	28.1%	377	24.1%	32.1%
Above \$75,000	25.8%	622	23.2%	28.4%
White Non-Hispanic	26.2%	1962	24.7%	27.8%
Black/African American	31.3%	81	23.2%	39.5%
Hispanic	35.1%	408	31.0%	39.3%
Asian/Pacific Islander	12.7%	14	4.2%	21.3%
American Indian Non- Hispanic	42.0%	184	34.5%	49.4%
Other	33.5%	82	23.6%	43.5%

## Health Conditions & Limitations: Obesity

The table to the left displays the proportions of Arizona BRFSS survey respondents who were categorized as being obese (based on calculated BMI) by sex, age, marital status, educational attainment, employment status, income and race/ethnicity.

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#### Health Conditions & Limitations: Diabetes

# **Survey Question:** Has a doctor, nurse, or other healthcare professional **EVER** told you that you have diabetes?

More than 29.1 million Americans have diabetes, and 86 million have prediabetes, a serious health condition that increases the risk of type II diabetes and other chronic diseases.<sup>72</sup> The 2011 national mortality data (the most current available) shows that diabetes mellitus is the seventh leading cause of death in the U.S. Nationally, in 2014 there were 76,488 deaths associated with diabetes.<sup>73</sup> Diabetes can cause heart disease, stroke, blindness, kidney failure, amputations, pregnancy complications, and death. Particularly at risk are the 1 out of 3 Americans unaware that they have prediabetes.

The hormones which appear during pregnancy can cause glucose intolerance. This is known as gestational diabetes. It typically goes away after childbirth.<sup>74</sup> Therefore, individuals who were diagnosed with gestational diabetes are not categorized as diabetics in this summary. In 2016, 10.8% Arizonans surveyed reported they had a health professional



Reported Diabetes

Figure A: Arizona and National 2012-2016 BRFSS respondents who reported that they were diagnosed with diabetes.

In BRFSS 2016, Arizona is in the second-highest category of those surveyed who reported a diabetes diagnosis when compared to the other states across the U.S. (see Figure B).



Figure B: US MAP of BRFSS 2016 respondents who reported having Diabetes. (natural breaks)

Research has shown that smoking decreases insulin sensitivity, which in turn results in disorders of glucose metabolism. Furthermore, it has been shown that smoking worsens metabolic control when compared to non-smokers. Additionally, nicotine has been shown to increase apoptosis of islet  $\beta$ - cells, which synthesize and secrete insulin.<sup>75,76</sup> Survey data indicates that current smokers and never smokers have a similar prevalence of diabetes, while former smokers have higher diabetes prevalence, at 15.5% (see Figure C).



Figure C: Arizona 2012-2016 survey respondents who reported having Diabetes by smoking status (current smoker, former smoker, never smoker). When compared to other counties in Arizona, respondents from Gila County responded more frequently that they were told by a healthcare professional that they had Diabetes (19.3%), placing the county in the highest-category possible. (see Figure D).



Figure D: Arizona BRFSS 2016 respondents who reported they were told they had diabetes by a health care professional.

 <sup>&</sup>lt;sup>72</sup> Centers for Disease Control and Prevention. "At a Glance 2016: Diabetes" 2016. Accessed Mar 23,
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<sup>&</sup>lt;sup>75</sup>Xie X, Liu Q, Wu J, Wakuie M. Impact of cigarette smoking in type 2 diabetes development. Acta Pharmacol Sin. 2009. doi: 10.1038/aps.2009.49

<sup>&</sup>lt;sup>76</sup> Rohit N Kulkarni. The islet beta-cell. Int J Biochem Cell Biol. 2004 Mar;36(3):365-71. doi: 10.1016/j.biocel.2003.08.010.

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Characteristic	Percent	NI*	Lower	Upper Mean
National	10.5%	54	wear	Ivicali
Arizona	10.9%	1600	10.0%	11.6%
Male	12.2%	790	10.9%	13.5%
Female	9.5%	810	8.5%	10.0%
18-24	0.5%	3	0.0%	1 1%
25-31	2.7%	17	1.1%	1.170
35-11	2.776	61	3.1%	4.3% 5.6%
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65+	20.8%	062	10.9%	22.1%
Married	12 /0/	905 Q10	11.2%	12 70/
Diversed	12.4%	250	12.2%	19.0%
Widowod	17.1%	259	14.5%	20.0%
widowed Senerated	17.3%	297	14.0%	20.0%
Separated	10.4%	33	5.1%	15.8%
	5.4%	157	4.0%	6.8%
Unmarried Couple	2.5%	25	1.2%	3.9%
Less than highschool	16.6%	164	13.1%	20.2%
High School/GED	11.2%	415	9.6%	12.8%
Some College/Technical	10.6%	534	9.4%	11.9%
College/Technical School Grad	7.5%	483	6.5%	8.4%
Employed for Wages	6.5%	296	5.3%	7.6%
Self Employed	4.7%	52	2.9%	6.6%
Out of Work	10.0%	58	6.5%	13.5%
Homemaker	10.3%	99	7.3%	13.3%
Student	2.2%	8	0.0%	4.6%
Retired	19.9%	851	18.3%	21.6%
Unable to Work	28.3%	229	23.5%	33.1%
Less than \$10.000	16.4%	104	12.0%	20.9%
\$10.000 to \$14.999	21.2%	98	15.0%	27.3%
\$15.000 to \$19.999	13.6%	138	9.4%	17.7%
\$20.000 to \$24.999	11.9%	135	8.8%	15.1%
\$25.000 to \$34.999	9.4%	171	7.4%	11.5%
\$35,000 to \$49,999	10.7%	206	8.6%	12.8%
\$50.000 to \$74.999	9,0%	207	7.1%	11.0%
Above \$75,000	8.0%	256	6.7%	9.3%
White Non-Hispanic	10.2%	1123	9.4%	11.1%
Black/African American	13.8%	52	9.2%	18.3%
Hisnanic	11 5%	248	9.4%	13.6%
Asian/Pacific Islander	3.1%	240	0.5%	5.7%
American Indian Non-	19.1%	112	14.2%	24.5%
Hispanic	13.470	110	17.270	24.370
Other	10.5%	51	6.1%	15.0%

## Health Conditions & Limitations: Diabetes

The table to the left displays the proportion of Arizonans who were diagnosed with diabetes by age categories, marital status, educational attainment, employment status, income and race/ethnicity.

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#### Health Conditions & Limitations: Chronic Obstructive Pulmonary Disease (COPD), Emphysema, or Chronic Bronchitis

Survey Question: Has a doctor, nurse, or other health professional EVER told you that you have Chronic Obstructive Pulmonary Disease or COPD, emphysema or chronic bronchitis?

Chronic Obstructive Pulmonary Disease (COPD) is not one disease; it is an umbrella term that describes chronic lung conditions that cause pathological changes in the lungs. These changes occur in the large (central) airways, the peripheral bronchioles, and the lung parenchyma. These changes essentially block airflow as the individual exhales, making it increasingly difficult to breathe. These changes are progressive, not fully reversible, and cannot be treated with inhaled steroids/corticosteroids (used to treat asthma). The primary treatment is the bronchodilator; however, steroid inhalers can use of а reduce COPD exacerbations and increase quality of life.<sup>77</sup> COPD is predominantly associated with smoking.<sup>78</sup>

In 2016, 6.8 % of Arizona respondents reported that they had been told by a healthcare professional that they had COPD, emphysema, or chronic bronchitis (See Figure A).



Figure A: Arizona and National 2012-2016 BRFSS respondents who reported that they have been diagnosed with COPD, Emphysema, or Chronic Bronchitis.

According to the 2016 BRFSS, Arizonans are more likely to report that they have been diagnosed with COPD when compared to the nation as a whole. However, Arizona is the second-lowest (5.5-7.5) category for COPD, Emphysema or Chronic Bronchitis when compared to the Nation (see Figure B).



Figure B: BRFSS 2016 survey respondents who reported that they were diagnosed with COPD, Emphysema, or Chronic Bronchitis (natural breaks).

Figure C (below) shows lower levels of COPD among Arizona males, for 2016, when stratified by gender.



#### Reported COPD, Emphysema, or Chronic Bronchitis by Gender

Figure C: Arizona 2012-2016 BRFSS respondents who reported a health care professional told them they had COPD, Emphysema, or Chronic Bronchitis stratified by Gender.

When compared to other counties in Arizona, respondents from Navajo, Gila, and Pinal counties responded more frequently than they were diagnosed with COPD, Emphysea, or Bronchitis, placing the counties in the highest-category possible (10.6-11.7%). (see Figure D)



Figure D: Arizona BRFSS 2016 map of respondents who reported a health care professional told them they had COPD, Emphysema, or Chronic Bronchitis by county.

<sup>&</sup>lt;sup>77</sup> Cayley WE Jr. Use of inhaled corticosteroids to treat stable COPD. Am Fam Physician. 2008 Jun 1;77(11):1532-3. <sup>78</sup> Istinger Using Carlier (111): https://www.stable.com/stable/com/stable/com/stable/com/stable/com/stable/com/stable/com/stable/com/stable/com/stable/com/stable/com/stable/com/stable/com/stable/com/stable/com/stable/com/stable/com/stable/com/stable/com/stable/com/stable/com/stable/com/stable/com/stable/com/stable/com/stable/com/stable/com/stable/com/stable/com/stable/com/stable/com/stable/com/stable/com/stable/com/stable/com/stable/com/stable/com/stable/com/stable/com/stable/com/stable/com/stable/com/stable/com/stable/com/stable/com/stable/com/stable/com/stable/com/stable/com/stable/com/stable/com/stable/com/stable/com/stable/com/stable/com/stable/com/stable/com/stable/com/stable/com/stable/com/stable/com/stable/com/stable/com/stable/com/stable/com/stable/com/stable/com/stable/com/stable/com/stable/com/stable/com/stable/com/stable/com/stable/com/stable/com/stable/com/stable/com/stable/com/stable/com/stable/com/stable/com/stable/com/stable/com/stable/com/stable/com/stable/com/stable/com/stable/com/stable/com/stable/com/stable/com/stable/com/stable/com/stable/com/stable/com/stable/com/stable/com/stable/com/stable/com/stable/com/stable/com/stable/com/stable/com/stable/com/stable/com/stable/com/stable/com/stable/com/stable/com/stable/com/stable/com/stable/com/stable/com/stable/com/stable/com/stable/com/stable/com/stable/com/stable/com/stable/com/stable/com/stable/com/stable/com/stable/com/stable/com/stable/com/stable/com/stable/com/stable/com/stable/com/stable/com/stable/com/stable/com/stable/com/stable

<sup>&</sup>lt;sup>78</sup> National Clinic Guideline Centre (UK). Management of Chronic Obstructive Pulmonary Disease in Adults in Primary and Secondary Care. London: Royal College of Physicians (UK); 2010 Jun.

#### Arizonans Who Reported Ever Having Had COPD, Emphysema or Chronic Bronchitis

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	Percent	N*	iviean	iviean
National	6.2%	54	6 4 9 /	7 50/
Arizona	6.8%	1017	6.1%	7.5%
Male	6.1%	404	5.1%	7.1%
Female	7.4%	613	6.4%	8.4%
18-24	2.6%	8	0.4%	4.7%
25-34	3.7%	18	1.6%	5.9%
35-44	2.6%	30	1.4%	3.7%
45-54	7.0%	97	5.1%	8.9%
55-64	9.9%	226	8.0%	11.8%
65+	12.4%	638	11.1%	13.6%
Married	5.7%	399	4.9%	6.6%
Divorced	11.5%	229	9.1%	13.9%
Widowed	15.0%	243	12.4%	17.5%
Separated	7.5%	20	1.8%	13.2%
Never Married	4.7%	99	3.1%	6.4%
Unmarried Couple	5.1%	19	0.3%	9.8%
Less than highschool	9.6%	107	6.5%	12.6%
High School/GED	7.6%	280	6.1%	9.0%
Some College/Technical School	6.9%	349	5.8%	8.0%
College/Technical School Grad	4.1%	277	3.4%	4.8%
Employed for Wages	3.1%	144	2.4%	3.9%
Self Employed	5.0%	35	1.3%	8.7%
Out of Work	7.4%	40	4.1%	10.7%
Homemaker	4.7%	42	2.4%	7.0%
Student	4.2%	7	0.0%	8.4%
Retired	11.2%	546	10.0%	12.4%
Unable to Work	23.8%	195	19.2%	28.5%
Less than \$10,000	10.9%	61	5.6%	16.3%
\$10,000 to \$14,999	14.0%	84	9.6%	18.5%
\$15,000 to \$19,999	9.6%	109	6.5%	12.7%
\$20,000 to \$24,999	8.0%	105	5.6%	10.4%
\$25,000 to \$34,999	7.3%	121	5.1%	9.4%
\$35,000 to \$49,999	6.3%	128	4.8%	7.8%
\$50,000 to \$74,999	5.0%	107	3.5%	6.5%
Above \$75,000	2.9%	97	2.1%	3.7%
White Non-Hispanic	8.4%	869	7.6%	9.3%
Black/African American	5.5%	19	2.0%	8.9%
Hispanic	3.9%	72	2.4%	5.5%
Asian/Pacific Islander	3.6%	3	0.0%	10.0%
American Indian Non-	3.5%	19	1.1%	5.9%
Hispanic		-	-	
Other	8.6%	35	3.4%	13.8%

#### Health Conditions & Limitations: Chronic Obstructive Pulmonary Disease (COPD), Emphysema, or Chronic Bronchitis

The table to the left displays the proportions of Arizonans who reported that someone in the health profession told them that they had COPD. The data are reported by sex, age, marital status, educational attainment, employment status, income and race/ethnicity.

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#### Health Conditions & Limitations: Asthma

# **Survey Question:** Has a doctor, nurse, or other health professional **EVER** told you that you had asthma?

Asthma is a chronic respiratory disease characterized by episodes or attacks of impaired breathing. Symptoms are caused by inflammation and narrowing of small airways and may include shortness of breath, coughing, wheezing, and chest pain. Disease severity ranges from mild with occasional signs to severe with persistent symptoms that impact quality of life. However, even people with mild disease may suffer severe attacks. Common attack triggers include airway irritants (e.g. tobacco smoke and air pollution), allergens, respiratory infections, stress, and exercise.<sup>79</sup> Therefore, continued monitoring of asthma prevalence is of great importance. In 2016, 15.7% of Arizonans surveyed reported being diagnosed with asthma, higher than the national, 14.3% (see Figure A).



Figure A: Arizona and National 2012-2016 BRFSS respondents who reported that they have been told they have Asthma.

Although, Arizona had a higher prevalence of asthma when compared to the nation, it was not the state with the highest prevalence. When comparing Arizona to all the states in the U.S. the data shows that Arizona falls into the second highest class for individuals reporting that a health care professional had told them they had asthma (see Figure B).



Figure B: National 2016 BRFSS map of respondents who reported a health care professional told them they had asthma. On May 31, 2012, the U.S. President's Task Force on Environmental Health Risk and Safety Risks to Children released the Coordinated Federal Action Plan to Reduce Racial and Ethnic Asthma Disparities. The document outlines the racial and socioeconomic disparities that exist in the U.S. regarding asthma burden. The disparities listed by the Task Force show that minority children and children from impoverished families are disproportionately affected by asthma. Furthermore, minority children are less likely to be prescribed or receive the appropriate treatment.<sup>80</sup> As a follow-up to this initial work, the Asthma Disparities Workgroup released a series for recommendations to track racial disparities in childhood asthma. In the Arizona BRFSS 2016 survey, reported asthma among survey respondents was significantly lower among Asian and Pacific Islanders when compared to the state. Other race/ethnicity groups and risk factor groups such as poverty were not significantly different from the state mean, 14.6% (see Figure C).

Respondents Ever Having Had Asthma Stratified by Race & Poverty Status, BRFSS 2016



Figure C: Arizona 2016 BRFSS respondents who reported that they have been diagnosed with asthma stratified by race and poverty status.



Figure D: Arizona BRFSS 2016 map of respondents who reported that they had ever been diagnosed with asthma by county.

<sup>&</sup>lt;sup>79</sup> National Asthma Education and Prevention Program, Third Expert Panel on the Diagnosis and Management of Asthma. Expert Panel Report 3: Guidelines for the Diagnosis and Management of Asthma. Bethesda (MD): National Heart, Lung, and Blood Institute (US); 2007Aug. Available from: http://www.ncbi.nlm.nih.gov/books/NBK7232/

<sup>&</sup>lt;sup>80</sup> EPA. President's Task Force on Environmental Health Risks and Safety Risks to Children: Coordinated Federal Action Plan to Reduce Racial and Ethnic Asthma Disparities. May 2012. https://www.epa.gov/sites/production/files/2014-08/documents/federal asthma disparities action plan.pdf

Arizonans Who Reported							
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			Lower	Upper			
Characteristic	Percent	N*	Mean	Mean			
National	<b>14.0</b> %	54					
Arizona	<b>14.6</b> %	1620	13.5%	15.7%			
Male	13.3%	575	11.7%	15.0%			
Female	15.8%	1045	14.3%	17.4%			
18-24	13.4%	57	9.5%	17.3%			
25-34	15.0%	109	11.7%	18.4%			
35-44	14.9%	141	11.5%	18.3%			
45-54	16.3%	238	13.6%	19.0%			
55-64	15.7%	397	13.6%	17.9%			
65+	12.7%	678	11.4%	13.9%			
Married	14.0%	798	12.6%	15.5%			
Divorced	17.0%	280	13.6%	20.5%			
Widowed	14.3%	215	11.6%	17.1%			
Separated	10.6%	22	4.2%	16.9%			
Never Married	15.7%	246	13.0%	18.5%			
Unmarried Couple	12.3%	45	6.6%	18.0%			
Less than highschool	14.9%	118	10.8%	19.1%			
High School/GED	14.3%	350	12.2%	16.5%			
Some College/Technical	15.0%	504	13.1%	17.0%			
School	14.20/	CAE	10 70/	15.00/			
Grad	14.2%	645	12.7%	15.8%			
Employed for Wages	13.9%	481	12.1%	15.7%			
Self Employed	10.5%	102	7.5%	13.4%			
Out of Work	23.0%	86	16.7%	29.2%			
Homemaker	11.9%	77	8.1%	15.7%			
Student	9.9%	29	5.2%	14.6%			
Retired	12.9%	618	11.6%	14.3%			
Unable to Work	28.6%	217	23.1%	34.1%			
Less than \$10,000	19.3%	105	13.3%	25.4%			
\$10,000 to \$14,999	14.7%	78	10.4%	19.1%			
\$15,000 to \$19,999	14.6%	113	10.2%	18.9%			
\$20,000 to \$24,999	11.3%	123	8.0%	14.5%			
\$25,000 to \$34,999	14.2%	138	9.9%	18.4%			
\$35,000 to \$49,999	14.4%	199	11.4%	17.4%			
\$50,000 to \$74.999	13.9%	203	10.8%	17.1%			
Above \$75,000	14.3%	358	12.3%	16.4%			
White Non-Hispanic	15.7%	1247	14.4%	17.0%			
Black/African American	14.7%	41	9.1%	20.2%			
Hispanic	11.7%	173	9.0%	14.3%			
Asian/Pacific Islander	7.5%	13	2.7%	12.3%			
American Indian Non-	22.7%	93	16.2%	29.2%			
Hispanic							
Other	16.8%	53	9.3%	24.3%			

### Health Conditions & Limitations: Cardiovascular - Asthma

The table to the left displays the proportions of Arizonans who reported that they were diagnosed with asthma by age categories, marital status, educational attainment, employment status, income and race.

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# Health Conditions & Limitations: Cardiovascular - Angina

Survey Question: Has a doctor, nurse, or other health professional EVER told you that you had angina or coronary heart disease?

Angina uncomfortable usually causes pressure, fullness, squeezig, nor pain in the center of the chest. Pain can also be felt in your shoulders, arms, neck, jaw, back, or it may feel like indigestion.<sup>81</sup> Angina is not a disease, but rather a symptom of an underlying heart problem, which is usually coronary heart disease (CHD). CHD is a disease where plaque, a buildup of cholesterol and white blood cells, narrows and stiffens the arteries. This makes it much more likely that blood clots will form in a coronary artery and restrict blood flow to the heart muscle. The reduction in oxygen-rich blood to the muscle results in angina and worst case, a heart attack. Depending on the angina type, there are many factors that can trigger angina pain and the different ways it presents. Major types of angina include: 82,83

- Stable Angina/Angina Pectoris: Most common and follows a regular pattern. Pain occurs when the heart works harder than usual due to it not receiving enough blood flow.
- Unstable Angina: Unexpected chest pain, usually while resting. Typically results from atherosclerotic rupture causing a blood clot that blocks the flow of blood.
- Variant (Prinzmetal) Angina: Rarely occurs. Often happens while at rest and results from a spasm in a coronary artery.
- Microvascular Angina: Results from vascular spasms in the smallest coronary arteries.



Figure A: Difference between a normal artery and an artery exhibiting atherosclerosis.

Angina is the result of a progressive disease and CHD is a form of atherosclerosis that affects the coronary arteries. Over time fat and cholesterol build up on the artery walls, forming a plaque (see Figure A). Plaque buildup can begin as early as infancy, and it continues throughout life, although complications from plaque formation

tend to develop later in life. Heart attacks and strokes are the most severe complication. Atherosclerosis has been shown to develop in healthy individuals; however, risk factors such as eating foods high in unhealthy cholesterol, having high blood pressure, having Type I or Type II diabetes, being overweight or obese, and eating an unhealthy diet will accelerate its' progression.<sup>84</sup> In 2016, 4.4% of Arizonans were diagnosed with angina, which was slightly higher than the national, 4.1% (see Figure B).





Figure B: Arizona and National 2012-2016 BRFSS respondents who reported a health care professional told them they had angina.

When compared to other states across the nation, Arizona respondents are in the second lowest class (4.3-5.4%) for individuals reporting being told by a health professional that they ever had angina or CHD. Arizona Counties Gila and Pinal had the highest rates of reported angina at 7.2% and 7.9%, respectively (Figure C).



Figure C: Arizona BRFSS 2016 map of respondents who reported a health care professional told them they had angina.

<sup>&</sup>lt;sup>81</sup>National Institutes of Health. National Heart, Lung, and Blood Institute. Explore Coronary Heart Disease: What is Coronary Heart Disease? Updated Oct 23, 2015. https://www.phblin.ib.gov/health/health-tonics/cad/

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https://www.nhlbi.nih.gov/health/health-topics/topics/cad/ <sup>83</sup> MayoClinic.org. Diseases and Conditions: Small vessel disease. Accessed Jan 20, 2013.

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<sup>&</sup>lt;sup>84</sup> National Institutes of Health. National Heart, Lung, and Blood Institute. Health Topics: What is Atherosclerosis? Updated Aug 22, 2015. <u>https://www.nhlbi.nih.gov/health/health/ topics/topics/atherosclerosis/MayoClinic.org</u>. Diseases and Conditions: Small vessel disease. Accessed Jan 20, 2013. <u>http://www.mayoclinic.org/diseases-conditions/small-vessel-disease/home/ovc-20198376</u>

#### Arizonans Who Reported A Healthcare Professional Told Them They Had Angina

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Charactoristic	Porcont	NI*	Lower	Upper
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	4.1/0	774	2.00/	F 09/
Arizona	<b>4.4%</b>	//4	3.8%	5.0%
Male Famala	5.4%	441	4.5%	0.3%
Female	3.4%	333	2.6%	4.1%
25-34	0.2%	4	0.0%	0.5%
35-44	2.8%	12	0.3%	5.3%
45-54	2.0%	29	1.1%	2.9%
55-64	6.4%	133	4.7%	8.1%
65+	11.9%	596	10.7%	13.0%
Married	5.2%	416	4.3%	6.1%
Divorced	6.0%	109	3.3%	8.7%
Widowed	10.2%	182	8.3%	12.2%
Separated	3.4%	10	0.4%	6.5%
Never Married	0.8%	38	0.4%	1.2%
Unmarried Couple	2.2%	12	0.2%	4.1%
Less than highschool	5.9%	59	2.9%	9.0%
High School/GED	4.3%	182	3.5%	5.2%
Some College/Technical	4.2%	256	3.5%	4.9%
School				
College/Technical School Grad	3.8%	275	3.2%	4.4%
Employed for Wages	1.8%	88	1.0%	2.6%
Self Employed	2.6%	29	1.3%	3.9%
Out of Work	2.4%	19	0.9%	3.9%
Homemaker	2.5%	32	1.2%	3.9%
Retired	11.2%	518	9.9%	12.4%
Unable to Work	11.3%	86	6.5%	16.1%
Less than \$10,000	3.5%	28	1.5%	5.6%
\$10,000 to \$14,999	6.3%	39	3.4%	9.3%
\$15,000 to \$19,999	4.5%	59	2.7%	6.3%
\$20,000 to \$24,999	5.2%	77	3.2%	7.1%
\$25,000 to \$34,999	6.2%	86	3.1%	9.2%
\$35,000 to \$49,999	3.8%	103	2.7%	4.9%
\$50,000 to \$74,999	3.5%	93	2.5%	4.4%
Above \$75.000	3.1%	141	2.4%	3.7%
White Non-Hispanic	5.3%	668	4.7%	5.8%
Black/African American	3.1%	15	0.9%	5.3%
Hispanic	3.3%	53	1.6%	5.0%
Asian/Pacific Islander	1.4%	5	0.1%	2.6%
American Indian Non-	1.6%	16	0.6%	2.6%
Hispanic	1.070	10	0.070	2.070
Other	4.1%	17	0.9%	7.3%

Use caution in interpreting cell sizes less than 50. N\* is unweighted. National N is 53 = all 50 states, DC and Territories.

# Health Conditions & Limitations: Cardiovascular - Angina

The table to the left displays the proportions of Arizonans who reported that a health professional told them that they suffered from angina. The data are reported by age categories, marital status, educational attainment, employment status, income, and race/ethnicity.

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# Health Conditions & Limitations: Cardiovascular - Heart Attack

Survey Question: Has a doctor, nurse, or other health professional EVER told you that you had a heart attack, also called a myocardial infarction? Possible Responses: Yes, No, or Not sure.

Cardiovascular disease remains the leading cause of death in the United States. The 2014 national vital statistics mortality data (the most current available) shows that heart disease is the leading cause of death in the U.S. There were 614,348 (23.4%) deaths related to heart disease nationwide. It is estimated that 167.0 deaths per 100,000 were attributed to heart disease, after adjusting for age. Acute myocardial infarctions, also known as heart attacks, contributed to 114,019 deaths nationwide.<sup>85</sup> In 2016, 4.5% percent of Arizonans surveyed reported that a health professional told them they had a heart attack, and that was above the national median, 4.4% (see Figure A).



Figure A: Arizona and National 2012-2016 BRFSS respondents who reported that a health care professional told them they had a heart attack.

Arizona is in the second lowest category (3.8-4.6%) for survey respondents reporting they had a heart attack when compared to other states across the nation (see Figure B).



Figure B: BRFSS 2016 survey respondents who reported that a health care professional told them they had suffered from a heart attack (natural breaks).

<sup>85</sup> Kochanek, KD, Murphy, SL, Xu, JQ. Tejada-Vera, B. Deaths: Final data for 2014. National Vital Statistics Reports; vol 65 no 4. Hyattsville, MD: National Center for Health Statistics. 2016. In 2016, Arizona male BRFSS respondents (5.9%) reported having a heart attack more frequently than females (3.1%) (See Figure C).

Respondents Who Had a Heart Attack by Gender,



Figure C: Arizona 2016 BRFSS respondents who reported that a health care professional told them they had a heart attack by Gender.

Arizona Counties, including: Yavapai, Western Region (Mohave, La Paz, and Yuma) had the highest rates of reported heart (Figure D).



Figure D: Arizona BRFSS 2016 respondents who reported that a health care professional told them they had a heart attack.

#### Arizonans Who Reported a Healthcare Professional Told Them They Had a Heart Attack

			Confic	lence
			Inte	rval
Charactoristic	Dorcont	NI*	Lower	Upper
National	Percent	N. 54	wean	wean
Arizona	4.4/0	772	2.0%	E 19/
Alizona	<b>4.3%</b>	470	<b>3.3%</b>	<b>5.1%</b>
Ividie	5.9%	470	5.0%	0.8%
Female	3.1%	302	2.4%	3.9%
18-24	0.3%	1	0.0%	0.8%
25-34	0.3%	4	0.0%	0.6%
35-44	2.1%	16	0.2%	3.9%
45-54	3.8%	42	2.0%	5.7%
55-64	6.3%	144	4.7%	7.9%
65+	11.4%	565	10.2%	12.6%
Married	4.6%	381	3.9%	5.4%
Divorced	7.4%	132	4.7%	10.2%
Widowed	10.5%	179	8.3%	12.8%
Separated	6.2%	14	1.1%	11.4%
Never Married	1.6%	50	0.8%	2.3%
Unmarried Couple	1.6%	13	0.5%	2.8%
Less than highschool	7.0%	70	4.0%	10.0%
High School/GED	5.0%	210	4.0%	6.0%
Some College/Technical School	3.9%	255	3.2%	4.5%
College/Technical School Grad	3.4%	237	2.8%	4.0%
Employed for Wages	2.0%	98	1.3%	2.7%
Self Employed	2.2%	29	1.0%	3.4%
Out of Work	2.5%	20	1.1%	3.8%
Homemaker	1.3%	23	0.6%	2.0%
Student	0.7%	2	0.0%	1.7%
Retired	11.1%	494	9.8%	12.5%
Unable to Work	12.5%	103	7.6%	17.5%
Less than \$10,000	5.0%	40	2.8%	7.2%
\$10,000 to \$14,999	7.8%	56	4.8%	10.9%
\$15,000 to \$19,999	5.4%	65	2.2%	8.7%
\$20,000 to \$24,999	4.1%	74	2.6%	5.6%
\$25,000 to \$34,999	5.1%	80	3.4%	6.7%
\$35,000 to \$49,999	5.5%	114	3.9%	7.0%
\$50,000 to \$74,999	3.3%	88	2.4%	4.2%
Above \$75,000	2.7%	121	2.0%	3.3%
White Non-Hispanic	5.2%	647	4.6%	5.8%
Black/African American	3.8%	15	1.3%	6.4%
Hispanic	3.4%	61	1.8%	5.0%
Asian/Pacific Islander	0.9%	3	0.0%	2.0%
American Indian Non-	3.0%	23	1.4%	4.7%
Other	6.9%	23	0.9%	12.9%
American Indian Non- Hispanic Other	3.0% 6.9%	23 23	0.9%	4.7%

# Health Conditions & Limitations: Cardiovascular - Heart Attack

The table to the left displays the proportions of Arizonans who reported that a health professional told them that they suffered from a heart attack. The data are reported by age categories, marital status, educational attainment, employment status, income and race/ethnicity.

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### Health Conditions & Limitations: Stroke

# **Survey Question:** Has a doctor, nurse, or other health professional **EVER** told you that you had a stroke?

Strokes are medical emergencies that result when "something blocks blood supply to part of the brain or when a blood vessel in the brain bursts. In either case, parts of the brain become damaged or die. A stroke can cause lasting brain damage, long-term disability or even death."<sup>86</sup> Strokes are the fifth leading cause of death in the U.S. in adults.<sup>87</sup> The three main types of stroke are:

- Ischemic Stroke: an artery that supplies blood to the brain is blocked; 87% of all strokes are ischemic.<sup>88</sup>
- Hemorrhagic Stroke: an artery in the brain leaks or ruptures (breaks open), and the leaked blood puts too much pressure on brain cells, which damages them.
- Transient Ischemic Attack (TIA) (a warning or "ministroke"): blood flow to the brain is blocked for a short period of time (< 5 minutes).<sup>89</sup>

In BRFSS 2016, 3.4% of Arizonans surveyed reported they had suffered from a stroke, which was slightly more than the national median 3.0% (see Figure A).



**Respondents Who Reported Having A Stroke** 

Figure A: Arizona and National 2012-2016 BRFSS respondents who reported having suffered from a stroke.

When compared to other states across the nation, Arizona (3.4%) fell into the second highest class (3.4-4.0%) of respondents reporting a healthcare professional had told them they had a stroke (see Figure B).



Figure B: U.S Map of 2016 BRFSS respondents who reported a health care professional told them they had angina.

In 2016, Arizona male BRFSS respondents (3.0%) reported having a stroke slightly more frequently than females (2.8%) (see Figure C).

**Respondents Who Reported A Stroke by Gender,** 



Figure C: Arizona 2016 BRFSS respondents who reported a health care professional told them they had a stroke by gender.

Arizona Counties, including: Coconino, Gila, Pinal had the highest rates of reported stroke at 5.5%, 5.7%, and 6.0%, respectively (Figure D)



 <sup>&</sup>lt;sup>86</sup> National Center for Chronic Disease Prevention and Health Promotion, Division for Heart Disease and Stroke Prevention. CDC: Stroke. Updated Dec 28, 2016.<u>http://www.cdc.gov/stroke/types\_of\_stroke.htm</u>
 <sup>87</sup> K ochanek, KD, Murphy, SL, Xu, JQ. Tejada-Vera, B. Deaths: Final data for 2014. National Vital Statistics

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 <sup>80</sup> National Center for Chronic Disease Prevention and Health Promotion, Division for Heart Disease and Stroke StrokePrevention. CDC: Stroke. Updated Jan 26, 2017. <u>https://www.dc.gov/stroke/types.of\_stroke.htm#ischemic</u>

#### Arizonans Who Reported A Healthcare Professional Told Them They Had A Stroke

		_	Confi Inte	dence rval
			Lower	Unner
Characteristic	Percent	N*	Mean	Mean
National	3.0%	54		
Arizona	3.4%	539	<b>2.8</b> %	<b>3.9</b> %
Male	3.5%	228	2.7%	4.3%
Female	3.3%	311	2.6%	4.0%
25-34	1.5%	8	0.0%	3.1%
35-44	2.4%	12	0.3%	4.5%
45-54	2.4%	42	1.4%	3.4%
55-64	4.4%	97	3.2%	5.5%
65+	7.6%	380	6.6%	8.6%
Married	3.3%	249	2.7%	3.9%
Divorced	5.0%	91	2.4%	7.6%
Widowed	6.9%	128	5.3%	8.5%
Separated	5.7%	12	1.6%	9.8%
Never Married	1.5%	44	0.8%	2.2%
Unmarried Couple	3.2%	10	0.0%	7.7%
Less than highschool	6.0%	52	3.0%	9.0%
High School/GED	3.2%	141	2.4%	3.9%
Some College/Technical School	3.3%	188	2.6%	4.0%
College/Technical School Grad	2.2%	158	1.7%	2.7%
Employed for Wages	1.3%	47	0.7%	1.9%
Self Employed	3.5%	18	0.0%	7.1%
Out of Work	2.3%	19	1.0%	3.6%
Homemaker	1.0%	17	0.4%	1.6%
Retired	7.2%	342	6.2%	8.2%
Unable to Work	11.8%	91	7.3%	16.3%
Less than \$10,000	6.2%	30	1.3%	11.0%
\$10,000 to \$14,999	5.4%	45	3.2%	7.7%
\$15,000 to \$19,999	2.7%	44	1.6%	3.9%
\$20,000 to \$24,999	2.9%	48	1.7%	4.0%
\$25,000 to \$34,999	2.8%	50	1.8%	3.9%
\$35,000 to \$49,999	5.3%	81	3.6%	7.1%
\$50,000 to \$74,999	2.1%	63	1.5%	2.7%
Above \$75,000	1.9%	54	1.0%	2.8%
White Non-Hispanic	3.8%	430	3.2%	4.4%
Black/African American	3.8%	16	1.5%	6.1%
Hispanic	2.6%	48	1.1%	4.2%
Asian/Pacific Islander	0.6%	2	0.0%	1.6%
American Indian Non- Hispanic	3.0%	14	0.8%	5.2%
Other	5.0%	29	2.4%	7.7%

Use caution in interpreting cell sizes less than 50. N\* is unweighted. National N is 53 = all 50 states, DC and Territories.

# Health Conditions & Limitations: Stroke

The table to the left displays the proportions of Arizonans who reported that a health professional told them that they suffered from a stroke. The data are reported by sex, age, marital status, educational attainment, employment status, income and race/ethnicity.

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ARIZONA 2016 RESPONDENT PROFILE							
GROUPS	PERCENT**	N*	GROUPS	PERCENT**	N*		
TOTAL	100	10952	EMPLOYMENT				
SEX			Employed for wages	44.4	3380		
Male	49.3	4569	Self-employed	7.2	753		
Female	50.7	6383	Out of work	5.8	430		
AGE			Homemaker	7.6	692		
18-24	13.0	373	Student	6.6	212		
25-34	17.4	665	Retired	20.5	4614		
35-44	16.3	977	Unable to work	7.0	782		
45-54	15.9	1427	INCOME				
55-64	15.6	2340	<\$25,000	25.3	2420		
65+	21.8	5170	\$25,000-\$34,999	9.6	977		
MARITALSTATUS			\$35,000-\$49,999	11.7	1416		
Married	49.6	5637	\$50,000-\$74,999	13.0	1486		
Divorced	11.6	1623	\$75,000 or more	23.1	2605		
Widowed	6.9	1710	RACE/ETHNICITY				
Separated	2.5	181	White, Non-Hispanic	60.3	8467		
Never married	23.4	1398	Black	4.2	249		
Unmarried couple	5.4	310	Asian/ Pacific Islander	3.1	130		
EDUCATION			American Indian	3.7	508		
Less than High School	14.7	723	Hispanic	26.7	1314		
High School Graduate/GED	25.3	2520	Other	1.8	284		
Some College/Tech School	35.1	3348					
College Grad	24.4	4320					

### Arizona BRFSS 2016 Respondent Profile

Appendices

#### APPENDIX A

#### Healthcare Cost and Utilization

The tables and figures in Appendix A are generated from the Arizona Hospital Discharge Database. The International Classification of Diseases (ICD), published by the World Health Organization, is the standard diagnostic tool for epidemiology, health management and clinical purposes. The International Classification of Diseases Clinical Modification (ICD-CM) is the United States' clinical modification of the World Health Organization's ICD.<sup>90</sup> The term clinical is used to emphasize the modification's intent: to serve as a useful tool in the area of classification of morbidity data for indexing medical records, medical care review, and ambulatory and other medical care programs, as well as the basic health statistics. ICD-CM is the official system of assigning codes to diagnoses and procedures associated with hospital utilization in the United States. In this 2016 BRFSS annual report, the version used was the ICD-10-CM, 10<sup>th</sup> revision, for which character classifications expanded to include health-related conditions and provide greater specificity. The ICD-10-CM codes refer to the time frame of January 1, 2016, through December 31, 2016, and expanded to the  $6^{h}$  and  $7^{h}$  character level. The estimated costs column in the tables is calculated with the Healthcare Cost and Utilization Project's dataset for 2016. The Healthcare Cost and Utilization Project (HCUP) is a family of databases, software tools and related products developed through a Federal-State-Industry partnership and sponsored by Agency for Healthcare Research and Quality (AHRQ).<sup>91</sup> HCUP databases are derived from administrative data and contain encounter-level, clinical and nonclinical information including all-listed diagnoses and procedures, discharge status, patient demographics, and charges for all patients, regardless of payer (e.g., Medicare, Medicaid, private insurance, uninsured).

<sup>&</sup>lt;sup>90</sup>International Classification of Diseases, Tenth Revision, Clinical Modification (ICD-10-CM).(2015) Retrieved August 18, 2017 from http://www.cdc.gov/nchs/icd/icd10cm.htm

<sup>&</sup>lt;sup>91</sup>Hart, A. C. (2014). ICD-10-CM for hospitals and payers, volumes 1, 2, 3: 2016 expert: International classification of diseases, 10th revision; clinical modification, sixth edition. Eden Prairie, MN: OptumInsight.

2016 Arizona Disease Burden Inpatient & Emergency Department Hospital Discharges					
Disease	Estimated Costs				
Coronary Heart Disease	\$1,249,432,652				
Diabetes	\$1,483,405,555				
Lung Disease	\$921,817,249				
Stroke	\$450,433,544				
Total	\$4,105,089,000				

**Table A1**: In 2016 the hospital encounters, both inpatient and emergency department, contained thefollowing ICD-10 codes for Coronary Heart Disease: I20.0, I20.8-I20.9, I25-I25.9; Diabetes: E10-E11.9;Lung Disease: J20-J21.9, J40-J44.9; Stroke: G45-G45.9, I60-I69.

2016 Arizona Inpatient & Emergency Department Hospital Discharges					
Payer Type	Number of Discharges	Estimated Costs	Average Length of Stay (Days)		
Charity	415	\$6,114,436	14733.6		
Medicaid	74,797	\$1,055,116,595	14106.4		
Medicare	390,035	\$6,167,122,376	15811.7		
Other	16,544	\$290,671,922	17569.6		
Private Insurance	109,103	\$1,794,884,027	16451.7		
Self-Pay	15,876	\$161,998,595	10204.0		
Total	606,770	\$9,475,907,951			

**Table A3**: The 2016 hospital encounters, both inpatient and emergency department, by Payer-type.

2016 Arizona Influenza with Pneumonia Related Inpatient & Emergency Department Hospital Discharges					
Age	Number of Discharges	Estimated Costs	Average Length of Stay (Days)		
<18	384	\$4,569,263	4.3		
18-24	74	\$634,562	2.5		
25-39	184	\$2,315,688	5.5		
40-54	278	\$3,604,081	4.3		
55+	2,020	\$22,117,671	4.9		
Total	2,940	\$33,241,266			

**Table A2**: In 2016 the hospital encounters, both inpatient and emergency department, contained the following ICD-10 codes for Influenza (and Influenza with Pneumonia): J09-J11.89.



**Figure A1**: In 2016 the hospital encounters, both inpatient and emergency department, contained the following ICD-10 codes for Influenza (and Influenza with Pneumonia): J09-J11.89.

2016 Arizona Trachea, Bronchus and Lung Cancer Related Inpatient & Emergency Department Hospital Discharges						
Payer Type	Number of Discharges	Died	Estimated Costs	Average Length of Stay (Days)		
Charity	4	1	\$47,723	2.5		
Medicaid	520	30	\$8,606,583	6.0		
Medicare	4,910	274	\$78,357,090	5.9		
Other	188	26	\$2,809,338	5.3		
Private Insurance	1,753	129	\$29,792,159	5.3		
Self-Pay	74	7	\$1,254,931	6.9		
Total	7,449	467	\$120,867,824			

**Table A4**: In 2016 the hospital encounters, both inpatient and emergency department, contained the following ICD-10 codes for Trachea, Bronchus and Lung Cancer: C33-C34.9, C46.5-C46.52, and C78-C78.2.

2016 Arizona Asthma-Related Inpatient & Emergency Department Hospital Discharges					
Age	Number of Discharges	Estimated Costs	Average Length of Stay (Davs)		
<18	2,943	\$18,776,059	4.3		
18-24	2,570	\$20,037,729	4.6		
25-39	6,524	\$59,515,982	4.7		
40-54	6,984	\$86,829,626	4.9		
55+	20,213	\$286,018,207	4.8		
Total	39,234	\$471,177,602			

**Table A12:** In 2016 the hospital encounters, both inpatient and emergency department, contained the following ICD-10 codes for Asthma: J45 (all)

2016 Arizona Motor Vehicle Accidents Resulting in Injury Inpatient & Emergency Department Hospital Discharges					
Age	Number of	Died	Estimated Costs	Average Length of	
	Discharges			Stay (Days)	
<18	210	5	\$3,834,487	4.1	
18-24	636	10	\$14,266,317	5.0	
25-39	1,020	20	\$24,214,919	5.8	
40-54	1,036	15	\$23,898,774	6.2	
55+	2,195	77	\$49,444,247	6.6	
Total	5,097	127	\$115,658,745		

**Table A5**: In 2016 the hospital encounters, both inpatient and emergency department, contained the following ICD-10 codes for Motor Vehicle Accidents that resulted in injury: V00-V99.



**Figure A2**: In 2016 the hospital encounters, both inpatient and emergency department, contained the following ICD-10 codes for Motor Vehicle Accidents that resulted in injury: V00-V99.

2016 Arizona Alcohol & Dependency-Related Inpatient & Emergency Department Hospital Discharges						
Age		Number of Discharges	Crash Related	Died	Estimated Costs	Average Length of Stay (Days)
<18		569	22	1	\$3,989,752	15.7
18-24		1,137	101	11	\$9,925,892	5.5
25-39		4,465	260	54	\$45,087,019	5.8
40-54		7,011	266	147	\$83,489,870	5.7
55+		11,755	325	351	\$169,154,762	6.0
	Total	24,937	974	564	\$311,647,296	

**Table A6**: In 2016 the hospital encounters, both inpatient and emergency department, contained thefollowing ICD-10 codes for Alcohol and Dependency: F10-F10.229 and F10.10.

2016 Arizona Alcohol-Related Inpatient & Emergency Department Hospital Discharges			
Condition	Number of Discharges	Estimated Costs	Average Length of Stay
Fetal Alcohol Syndrome	55	\$818,008	14.3
Alcohol Poisoning	33	\$325,173	4.2
Alcoholic	322	\$6,552,090	6.9
Cardiomyopathy			
Alcoholic	181	\$2,360,161	6.2
Polyneuropathy			
Alcohol Induced Liver	4,183	\$61,319,812	5.8
Damage			
Total	4,774	\$71,375,245	

**Table A7:** In 2016 the hospital encounters, both inpatient and emergency department, contained the following ICD-10 codes for Fetal Alcohol Syndrome: Q86.0; Alcohol Poisoning: T51.91XA, T51.92XA, T51.93XA, T51.94XA; Alcoholic Cardiomyopathy: I42.6; Alcoholic Polyneuropathy: G62.1; Alcohol Induced Liver Damage: K70.0, K70.10, K70.30, K70.9.



**Figure A3**: In 2016 the hospital encounters, both inpatient and emergency department, contained the following ICD-10 codes for Alcohol Induced Psychoses: F10-F10.229 and F10.10.

2016 Arizona Diabetes Related Inpatient & Emergency Department Hospital Discharges			
Payer Type	Number of Discharges	Estimated Costs	Average Length of Stay (Days)
Charity	118	\$1,754,403	6.8
Medicaid	23,246	\$328,916,536	5.6
Medicare	124,292	\$1,947,035,088	5.6
Other	4,994	\$87,580,067	5.3
Private Insurance	35,384	\$561,049,135	5.1
Self-Pay	3,976	\$42,040,185	6.0
Total	192,010	\$2,968,375,414	

**Table A8:** In 2016 the hospital encounters, both inpatient and emergency department, contained thefollowing ICD-10 codes for Diabetes: E10-E10.9 and E11-E11.9.



**Figure A4:** In 2016 the hospital encounters, both inpatient and emergency department, contained the following ICD-10 codes for Diabetes Type I: E10-E10.9; Diabetes Type II: E11-E11.9.

2016 Arizona Heart Attack Related Inpatient & Emergency Department Hospital Discharges				
Payer Type	Number of Discharges	Died	Estimated Costs	Average Length of Stay (Days)
Charity	14	2	\$329,918	4.1
Medicaid	963	62	\$24,865,222	5.6
Medicare	8,823	781	\$206,514,169	6.0
Other	369	34	\$10,480,391	6.1
Private Insurance	2,665	139	\$68,130,135	4.8
Self-Pay	267	32	\$5,718,104	3.8
Total	13,101	1,050	\$316,037,939	

**Table A9:** In 2016 the hospital encounters, both inpatient and emergency department, contained the following ICD-10 codes for Heart Attack: I21-I21.4, I22-I22.9, I23-I23.8.



**Figure A5:** In 2016 the hospital encounters, both inpatient and emergency department, contained the following ICD-10 codes for Heart Attack Episode type. For Initial Episode: I21.0, I21.01, I21.02, I21.09, I21.1, I21.11, I21.19, I21.2, I21.21, I21.29, I21.3; Subsequent Episode: I21.4, I22, I22.0, I22.1, I22.2, I22.8, I22.9; Unspecified Episode: I23.0, I23.1, I23.2, I23.3, I23.4, I23.5, I23.6, I23.7, I23.8.

2016 Arizona Angina Related Inpatient & Emergency Department Hospital Discharges			
Payer Type	Number of Discharges	Estimated Costs	Average Length of Stay (Days)
Charity	1	\$6,387	3.0
Medicaid	62	\$625,027	4.2
Medicare	320	\$4,867,052	4.5
Other	12	\$134,968	2.5
Private Insurance	137	\$2,040,185	3.4
Self-Pay	19	\$122,886	3.1
Total	551	\$7,796,505	

**Table A11:** In 2016 the hospital encounters, both inpatient and emergency department, contained the following ICD-10 codes for Angina: I20-I20.9.



**Figure A6:** In 2016 the hospital encounters, both inpatient and emergency department, contained the following ICD-10 codes for Stroke. For Ischemic Stroke: I63.22, I63.019, I63.119, I63.219, I63.59, I63.20, I63.30, I63.40, I63.50; For Hemorrhage Stroke: I60.9, I61.9, I62.1, I62.00, I62.9.

#### **Appendix B: BRFSS Resources & Associated Documentation**

All documents for the 2016 BRFSS Survey listed below can be located on the Arizona Department of Health Services Website here: <u>http://azdhs.gov/preparedness/public-health-statistics/behavioral-risk-factor-</u> <u>surveillance/index.php</u>. Information for past years is also available.

- Arizona BRFSS Questionnaire, 2016
- Arizona BRFSS Landline and Cell Phone Codebook Report, 2016
- Arizona BRFSS Calculated Variable Data Comparison Report, 2016
- Arizona BRFSS Core Variable Report, 2016
- Arizona BRFSS Module Questions Data Report, 2016
- Arizona BRFSS Data Set, 2016

# Appendix C: Risk Factors/Chronic Disease Glossary

Arthritis Burden	While the word <i>arthritis</i> is used by clinicians to specifically mean joint inflammation, it is used in public health to refer more generally to more than 100 rheumatic diseases and conditions that affect joints, the tissues which surround the joint, and other connective tissue. The pattern, severity, and location of symptoms can vary. <u>http://www.cdc.gov/arthritis/basics/general.htm</u>
Alcohol Consumption	According to the <i>Dietary Guidelines for Americans</i> , moderate alcohol consumption is defined as having up to one drink per day for women and up to two drinks per day for men. This definition is referring to the amount consumed on any single day and is not intended as an average over several days. <u>http://www.cdc.gov/alcohol/faqs.htm#whatAlcohol</u>
All-Cause Mortality	All-cause mortality is a term used by epidemiologists, or disease-tracking scientists, to refer to death from any cause.
Asthma	The National Heart, Lung, and Blood Institute defines asthma as "a chronic inflammatory disorder of the airways in which many cells and cellular elements play a role, in particular, mast cells, eosinophil, T lymphocytes, airway macrophages, neutrophils, and epithelial cells. In susceptible individuals, this inflammation causes recurrent episodes of wheezing, breathlessness, chest tightness and coughing, particularly at night or in the early morning. These episodes are usually associated with widespread but variable airflow obstruction that is often reversible, either spontaneously or with treatment. The inflammation also causes an associated increase in the existing bronchial hyper-responsiveness to a variety of stimuli" (NHLBI 2003). <a href="http://www.atsdr.cdc.gov/csem/astham/docs/asthma.pdf">http://www.atsdr.cdc.gov/csem/astham/docs/asthma.pdf</a>
Binge Drinking	Respondents who reported having five or more drinks on an occasion, one or more times in the past month.
Cardiovascular Disease	Respondents who reported a doctor told them they had a heart attack, angina or stroke. Coronary artery disease can cause a heart attack. If you have a heart attack, you are more likely to survive if you know the <u>signs and symptoms</u> , call 9-1-1 right away, and get to a hospital quickly. People who have had a heart attack can also reduce the risk of future heart attacks or strokes by making lifestyle changes and taking medication. <u>http://www.cdc.gov/heartdisease/</u>
Cancer	Respondents who reported having been told by a doctor, nurse, or other health care professional that they had cancer. In addition, cancer survivors reported on the type of cancer they had and if they were in clinical trials. For more than 30 years, excess weight, lack of physical activity, and an unhealthy diet have been considered second only to tobacco use as preventable causes of disease and death in the United States. Since the 1960s, tobacco use has decreased by a third while obesity rates have doubled. http://www.cdc.gov/Features/dsCancerAnnualReport/
Cancer	<ul> <li>The special feature section explains how being overweight and not getting enough physical activity increase cancer risk. The following six cancers are associated with being overweight or obese:</li> <li>Breast Cancer among postmenopausal women</li> <li>Colorectal Cancer</li> <li>Endometrial Cancer</li> <li>Esophageal Adenocarcinoma</li> <li>Kidney Cancer</li> <li>Pancreatic Cancer</li> </ul>

Chronic Obstructive Pulmonary	One of the most common lung diseases. There are two main forms of COPD—Chronic Bronchitis		
	(long-term cough with mucus), and emphysema (involves the destruction of the lungs over		
time).	Most people have a combination of the two forms.		
	http://www.ncbi.nlm.nin.gov/pubmedhealth/PMH0001153/		
Current Smoking	Respondents who reported smoking at least 100 cigarettes during their lifetime and who smoke		
	now (regularly or irregularly).		
Diabetes	Respondents who reported a doctor them they had diabetes. Diabetes is a serious disease that		
	affects almost every part of your body and can shorten your life.		
	Some complications with diabetes are kidney disease, heart disease, stroke, eye disease, and		
	having to have a leg or foot amputated. If you already have diabetes, you can still do a lot to keep		
	from getting complications from diabetes. <u>http://www.cdc.gov/Features/LivingWithDiabetes/</u>		
Disability	Is a secondary condition and can include pain, depression, and a greater risk for certain illnesses.		
	To be healthy, people with disabilities require health care that meets their needs as a whole		
	person not just as a person with a disability.		
	http://www.cdc.gov/ncbddd/disabilityandhealth/healthyliving.html		
Influenza Vaccination	Respondents 65 years or older who reported not receiving a flu shot in the past 12 months.		
	Influenza illness can include any or all of these symptoms: fever, muscle aches, headache, lack of		
	energy, dry cough, sore throat, and possibly a runny nose.		
	http://www.cdc.gov/flu/professionals/diagnosis/labrolesprocedures.htm		
Immunization	Immunizations work by stimulating the immune system, the natural disease fighting system of the		
	body.		
Folic Acid Awareness	Female respondents 18 to 44 years of age reported a reason other than preventing birth		
	defects as the reason experts recommend that women take folic acid. Folic acid is a B vitamin. If		
	a woman has enough folic acid in her body before and during pregnancy, it can help prevent		
	major birth defects of the baby's brain and spine. Women need 400 micrograms (mcg) of folic		
	acid every day.		
Fruits/Vegetables	Respondents who reported that they consumed fewer than five servings of fruits and		
	vegetables daily. To increase fruit and vegetable consumption of community members, it is		
	important to improve access to, and increase the availability of high quality, affordable fruits		
	and vegetables. A diet high in fruits and vegetables can reduce the risk for many leading causes		
	of death and can play an important role in weight management.		
	http://www.cdc.gov/mmwr/preview/mmwrhtml/mm5935a1.htm		
НСИР	Healthcare Cost https://hcup-us.ahrq.gov		
	The death of heart muscle due to the loss of blood supply. The loss of blood supply is usually		
Heart Attack	caused by a complete blockage of a coronary artery, one of the arteries that supplies blood to the		
	heart muscle. Death of the heart muscle, in turn, causes chest pain and electrical instability of		
	the heart muscle tissue. http://www.medterms.com/script/main/art.asp?articlekey=3669		
	Respondents who reported that they did not have health care coverage.		
Health Care Coverage			

Hypertension Awareness	Hypertension, also known as high blood pressure, affects one out of every three American adults. But more than half don't have their blood pressure under control. Left untreated, high blood pressure raises your risk for heart disease, stroke, kidney failure, and other conditions. Prevention is your best defense, but lifestyle changes and medications can help get your blood pressure numbers to a healthy level. <u>http://www.cdc.gov/mmwr/preview/mmwrhtml/mm6040a1.htm</u>
Heavy Drinking	Adult men having more than two drinks per day and adult women having more than one drink per day. Excessive drinking, either in the form of heavy drinking or binge drinking, is associated with numerous health problems, including chronic diseases such as liver cirrhosis (damage to liver cells), pancreatitis (inflammation of the pancreas), various cancers, including liver, mouth, throat, larynx (the voice box), esophagus, high blood pressure, and psychological disorders. Heavy drinking can cause unintentional injuries, such as motor-vehicle traffic crashes, falls, drowning, burns, and firearm injuries. It also can cause violence, such as child maltreatment, homicide, and suicide.
HIV/AIDS	HIV is the human immunodeficiency virus. It is the virus that can lead to acquired immune deficiency syndrome, or AIDS. <u>http://www.cdc.gov/hiv/topics/basic/index.htm</u>
Limited Activities	Respondents who reported they were limited in any activities due to any impairment or health problems.
No Leisure-Time Activity	Respondents who reported that they did not participate in physical activity in the past month outside of normal work-related activities.
Pre-Diabetes	The condition of having a hereditary tendency or high probability for developing diabetes mellitus, although neither symptoms nor test results confirms the presence of the disease. <a href="http://dictionary.reference.com/browse/prediabetes?s=t">http://dictionary.reference.com/browse/prediabetes?s=t</a>
Pre-conception Health	Pre-conception care and interventions are designed to reduce perinatal risk factors and, for optimal effectiveness, must be successfully implemented before the start of pregnancy. <a href="http://www.ncbi.nlm.nih.gov/pmc/articles/PMC1592248/">http://www.ncbi.nlm.nih.gov/pmc/articles/PMC1592248/</a>
Respondent	Arizona residents 18 years of age or older. In some cases various subset(s) of this group may be used.
Seat belt Use	Respondents who reported that they "sometimes" or "seldom" or "never" wear seat belts when driving or riding in a car.
Special needs population	Populations whose members may have additional needs before, during and after an incident in functional areas, including but not limited to: maintaining independence, communication, transportation, supervision and medical care. Individuals in need of additional response assistance may include those who have disabilities; who live in institutionalized settings; who are elderly; who are children; who are from diverse cultures; who have limited English proficiency or are non-English speaking; or who are transportation-disadvantaged.
Stroke	Stoppage of blood flow to the brain due to a sudden blockage or rupture of a blood vessel in the brain resulting in the loss of consciousness, partial loss of movement, or loss of speech. <u>http://www.bing.com/Dictionary/search?q=define+stroke&amp;qpvt=DEFINE+STRO</u> KE&FORM=DTPDIA

Smoking causes cancer, heart disease, stroke, and lung diseases (including emphysema, bronchitis and chronic airway obstruction). For every person who dies from a smoking-related disease, 20 more people suffer with at least one serious illness from smoking.

Centers for Disease Control and Prevention. <u>Cigarette Smoking-Attributable Morbidity United</u> <u>States, 2000.</u> Morbidity and Mortality Weekly Report 2003; 52 (35):842–4 [accessed 2012 Jun 7]

#### Appendix D: Behavioral Risk Factor Surveillance System Methods

- Behavioral Risk Factor Surveillance System, OVERVIEW: BRFSS 2016
   <a href="https://www.cdc.gov/brfss/annual\_data/2016/pdf/overview\_2016.pdf">https://www.cdc.gov/brfss/annual\_data/2016/pdf/overview\_2016.pdf</a>
- Behavioral Risk Factor Surveillance System, Comparability of Data BRFSS 2016

https://www.cdc.gov/brfss/annual\_data/2016/pdf/compare\_2016.pdf

#### Appendix E: Disclaimer for 2016

Due to significant changes in the BRFSS methodology as described above, Arizona's BRFSS estimates for 2011, 2012, 2013, 2014, 2015, and 2016 data SHOULD NOT be compared to estimates provided from previous years. Thus, Arizona's 2011 through 2016 data present a new baseline for Arizona BRFSS survey results. The new methodology changes will cause breaks in the BRFSS trends, but going forward, it will also greatly improve the accuracy, coverage, validity, and repetitiveness of the Arizona BRFSS. Additional information regarding the new BRFSS METHODS is available at:

http://www.cdc.gov/brfss/annual\_data/2011/2011\_weighting.htm