

## Fall 2017 Reference Group Executive Summary





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#### Introduction

The ACHA-National College Health Assessment II (ACHA-NCHA II) is a national research survey organized by the American College Health Association (ACHA) to assist college health service providers, health educators, counselors, and administrators in collecting data about their students' habits, behaviors, and perceptions on the most prevalent health topics.

ACHA initiated the original ACHA-NCHA in 2000 and the instrument was used nation wide through the spring 2008 data collection period. The ACHA-NCHA now provides the largest known comprehensive data set on the health of college students, providing the college health and higher education fields with a vast spectrum of information on student health. A revised survey, the ACHA-NCHA-II, has been in use since the fall 2008 data collection period.

Please note the ACHA-NCHA II is not appropriate for trend comparison with items from the original ACHA-NCHA survey. Directly comparing pre- and post-redesign estimates on similar data points, without taking into account the impact of the survey's redesign, can lead to an erroneous conclusion.

#### Notes about this report:

1. Missing values have been excluded from analysis and only valid percents are included in this document.

2. Students responding "not applicable" were excluded from several analyses, which are specifically noted throughout this document. This will often explain differences observed between this document and the full data report.

3. A note about the use of sex and gender in this report: Survey responses are reported by sex based on the responses to questions 47a, 47b, and 47c. For the purpose of the ACHA-NCHA report documents, respondents are reported as male or female only when their responses to these three questions are consistent with one another. If students' gender identity is consistent with their sex at birth AND the student selects "no" for transgender, then respondents are designated as either *male* or *female*. If respondents select "yes" for transgender OR their sex at birth is not consistent with their gender identity, then they are designated as *non-binary*. A respondent that skips any of the three questions is designated as *unknown*. Totals displayed in this report include *non-binary* and *unknown* students.

For additional information about the survey's development, design, and methodology, email Mary T Hoban, PhD, MCHES, (mhoban@acha.org), E. Victor Leino, PhD (vleino@acha.org), or visit www.acha-ncha.org.

This Executive Summary highlights results of the ACHA-NCHA II Fall 2017 survey for Reference Group consisting of 31,463 respondents. The overall response proportion was 18.4%.

## Findings

#### A. General Health of College Students

■ 49.6 % of college students surveyed (57.5 % male and 46.2 % female) described their health as *very good or excellent*.

■83.9 % of college students surveyed ( 87.2 % male and 82.8 % female) described their health as *good, very good or excellent*.

Proportion of college students who reported being diagnosed or treated by a professional for any of the following health problems within the last 12 months:

Allergies:	20.5 %	Hepatitis B or C:	0.3 %
Asthma:	9.4 %	High blood pressure:	3.1 %
Back pain:	12.6 %	High cholesterol:	2.6 %
Broken bone/Fracture/Sprain:	6.5 %	HIV infection:	0.2 %
Bronchitis:	5.9 %	Irritable Bowel Syndrome:	3.3 %
Chlamydia:	1.4 %	Migraine headache:	9.5 %
Diabetes:	1.2 %	Mononucleosis:	1.4 %
Ear infection:	7.2 %	Pelvic Inflammatory Disease:	0.3 %
Endometriosis:	1.0 %	Repetitive stress injury:	1.9 %
Genital herpes:	0.6 %	Sinus infection:	17.3 %
Genital warts/HPV:	0.8 %	Strep throat:	11.2 %
Gonorrhea:	0.4 %	Tuberculosis:	0.3 %
		Urinary tract infection:	9.1 %

■55.3 % of college students ( 43.6 % male, 61.4 % female) reported being diagnosed or treated by a professional with one or more of the above conditions within the last 12 months.

Proportion of college students who reported any of the following:

Attention Deficit and Hyperactivity Disorder (ADHD)	8.8 %
Chronic illness (e.g., cancer, diabetes, auto-immune disorders)	5.9 %
Deafness/Hearing loss	2.3 %
Learning disability	4.9 %
Mobility/Dexterity disability	1.1 %
Partial sightedness/Blindness	2.6 %
Psychiatric condition	8.9 %
Speech or language disorder	1.0 %
Other disability	2.8 %

#### **B.** Disease and Injury Prevention

College students reported receiving the following vaccinations (shots):

- 69.4 % reported receiving vaccination against hepatitis B.
- 55.7 % reported receiving vaccination against Human Papillomavirus/HPV (cervical cancer vaccine).
- 48.4 % reported receiving vaccination against influenza (flu) in the last 12 months (shot or nasal mist).
- 75.4 % reported receiving vaccination against measles, mumps, rubella.
- 68.9 % reported receiving vaccination against meningococcal meningitis.
- 66.8 % reported receiving vaccination against varicella (chicken pox).

Other disease prevention practices reported by college students:

- 74.8 % reported having a dental exam and cleaning in the last 12 months.
- 36.4 % of males reported performing a testicular self exam in the last 30 days.
- 36.2 % of females reported performing a breast self exam in the last 30 days.
- 41.4 % of females reported having a routine gynecological exam in the last 12 months.
- 56.3 % reported using sunscreen regularly with sun exposure.
- 25.8 % reported ever being tested for Human Immunodeficiency Virus (HIV) infection.

College students reported the following behaviors within the last 12 months:

Percent (%)	N/A, did not do this activity within the last 12 months	Never*	Rarely or sometimes*	Mostly or always*
Wear a seatbelt when				
you rode in a car	0.3	0.4	3.1	96.5
Wear a helmet when you				
rode a bicycle	44.3	38.5	25.7	35.8
Wear a helmet when you				
rode a motorcycle	84.5	10.6	7.8	81.6
Wear a helmet when you				
were inline skating	84.8	51.3	15.2	33.4

\* Students responding "N/A, did not do this activity within the last 12 months" were excluded.

#### **C. Academic Impacts**

Within the last 12 months, students reported the following factors affecting their individual academic performance, defined as: received a lower grade on an exam, or an important project; received a lower grade in the course; received an incomplete or dropped the course; or experienced a significant disruption in thesis, dissertation, research, or practicum work; (listed alphabetically):

Alcohol use:	3.0 %	Gambling:	0.3 %
Allergies:	2.4 %	Homesickness:	4.3 %
Anxiety:	25.1 %	Injury:	2.3 %
Assault (physical):	0.8 %	Internet use/computer games:	9.0 %
Assault (sexual):	1.7 %	Learning disability:	3.7 %
Attention Deficit/Hyperactivity Disorder:	6.2 %	Participation in extracurricular	
Cold/Flu/Sore throat:	13.5 %	activities:	10.0 %
Concern for a troubled friend		Pregnancy (yours or partner's):	0.7 %
or family member:	10.8 %	Relationship difficulties:	8.9 %
Chronic health problem or serious illness:	4.2 %	Roommate difficulties:	5.1 %
Chronic pain:	3.4 %	Sexually transmitted disease/	
Death of a friend or family member:	5.8 %	infection (STD/I):	0.4 %
Depression:	16.8 %	Sinus infection/Ear infection/	
Discrimination:	1.5 %	Bronchitis/Strep throat:	4.7 %
Drug use:	1.6 %	Sleep difficulties:	21.4 %
Eating disorder/problem:	1.5 %	Stress:	31.7 %
Finances:	6.5 %	Work:	12.9 %
		Other:	2.5 %

#### D. Violence, Abusive Relationships and Personal Safety

Within the last 12 months, college students reported experiencing:

Percent (%)	Male	Female	Total
A physical fight	8.7	2.4	4.6
A physical assault (not sexual assault)	3.5	2.7	3.1
A verbal threat	23.8	17.1	19.8
Sexual touching without their consent	3.5	12.4	9.6
Sexual penetration attempt without their consent		5.1	3.7
Sexual penetration without their consent		3.2	2.4
Stalking	2.5	7.3	5.8
An emotionally abusive intimate relationship	6.1	10.9	9.5
A physically abusive intimate relationship		1.8	1.7
A sexually abusive intimate relationship	0.9	3.1	2.4

College students reported feeling *very safe* :

	Percent (%)	Male	Female	Total
On their campus (daytime)		90.2	86.6	87.5
On their campus (nighttime)		62.4	28.2	39.5
In the community surrounding their				
school (daytime)		59.8	48.5	52.1
In the community surrounding their				
school (nighttime)		33.5	13.6	20.3

#### E. Tobacco, Alcohol and Marijuana Use

Reported use versus perceived use - reported use for all students within the past 30 days compared with how often students perceived the typical student on campus used substances within the same time period. The last line of each table combines all categories of any use in the last 30 days.

Cigarette Actual U		se	
Percent (%)	Male	Female	Total
Never used	73.8	81.3	78.7
Used, but not in the last 30 days	13.9	11.2	12.1
Used 1-9 days	8.5	4.7	6.0
Used 10-29 days	1.8	1.1	1.3
Used all 30 days	2.0	1.8	1.9
Any use within the last 30 days	12.2	7.5	9.2

E-Cigarette	Actual Use			
Percent (%)	Male	Female	Total	
Never used	75.7	85.7	82.3	
Used, but not in the last 30 days	12.3	8.4	9.7	
Used 1-9 days	6.9	3.9	4.9	
Used 10-29 days	2.1	0.9	1.3	
Used all 30 days	3.0	1.1	1.8	
Any use within the last 30 days	12.0	5.9	8.0	

Tobacco from a water pipe (hookah)	Α	ctual Us	se
Percent (%)	Male	Female	Total
Never used	80.6	85.0	83.5
Used, but not in the last 30 days	16.1	12.6	13.8
Used 1-9 days	2.7	2.1	2.4
Used 10-29 days	0.3	0.2	0.3
Used all 30 days	0.2	0.1	0.1
Any use within the last 30 days	3.2	2.4	2.8

Perceived Use				
Male	Female	Total		
17.0	12.9	14.3		
16.6	14.5	15.1		
46.0	44.1	44.7		
12.0	15.1	14.0		
8.4	13.5	11.8		
66.4	72.7	70.6		

Perceived Use					
Male	Female	Total			
15.6	13.7	14.4			
12.1	10.9	11.3			
42.8	41.6	41.9			
18.7	19.2	19.0			
10.8	14.6	13.3			
72.3	75.4	74.3			

Perceived Use						
Male	Female	Total				
27.0	19.1	21.8				
22.2	18.4	19.7				
42.0	47.1	45.2				
6.1	11.0	9.3				
2.6	4.5	3.9				
50.7	62.6	58.5				

Alcohol Actual Use				
Percent (%)	Male	Female	Total	
Never used	25.2	21.8	23.0	
Used, but not in the last 30 days	14.3	15.7	15.3	
Used 1-9 days	45.0	49.8	48.0	
Used 10-29 days	14.3	12.1	12.8	
Used all 30 days	1.3	0.6	0.9	
Any use within the last 30 days	60.5	62.5	61.7	

Marijuana	Actual Use				
Percent (%)	Male	Female	Total		
Never used	62.8	64.0	63.5		
Used, but not in the last 30 days	19.1	19.4	19.3		
Used 1-9 days	10.9	11.4	11.2		
Used 10-29 days	4.3	3.2	3.6		
Used all 30 days	2.9	2.0	2.4		
Any use within the last 30 days	18.1	16.6	17.3		

Perceived Use						
Male Female Total						
5.0	3.4	4.0				
2.5	2.1	2.2				
46.7	39.2	41.7				
36.2	42.4	40.2				
9.6	13.0	11.9				
92.5	94.5	93.7				

Perceived Use						
Male	Female	Total				
12.1	7.2	8.9				
11.0	6.9	8.3				
48.2	45.2	46.1				
21.2	28.3	25.9				
7.5	12.4	10.8				
76.9	85.9	82.8				
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#### **Drinking and Driving**

■ 1.6 % of college students reported driving after having 5 or more drinks in the last 30 days.\*

22.3 % of college students reported driving after having *any alcohol* in the last 30 days.\*

\*Students responding "N/A, don't drive" and "N/A don't drink" were excluded from this analysis.

Estimated Blood Alcohol Concentration (or eBAC) of college students reporting 1 or more drinks the last time they "partied" or socialized. **Students reporting 0 drinks were excluded from the analysis**. Due to the improbability of a student surviving a drinking episode resulting in an extremely high eBAC, all students with an eBAC of 0.50 or higher are also omitted from these eBAC figures. eBAC is an estimated figure based on the reported number of drinks consumed during the last time they "partied" or socialized, their approximate time of consumption, sex, weight, and the average rate of ethanol metabolism.

Estimated BAC	Percent (%)	Male	Female	Total
< .08		68.7	69.8	69.5
< .10		75.9	77.1	76.7
Mean		0.06	0.06	0.06
Median		0.04	0.04	0.04
Std Dev		0.07	0.07	0.07

Reported number of drinks consumed the last time students "partied" or socialized. Only students reporting one or more drinks were included.

Number of drinks*	Percent (%)	Male	Female	Total
4 or fewer		47.5	68.3	61.7
5		10.7	11.8	11.3
6		9.6	7.7	8.3
7 or more		32.2	12.2	18.7
Mean		5.74	3.86	4.48
Median		5.00	3.00	4.00
Std Dev		4.47	2.80	3.63

\* Students reporting 0 drinks were excluded.

Reported number of times college students consumed five or more drinks in a sitting within the last two weeks:

Percent (%)	Male	Female	Total
N/A don't drink	30.2	26.8	28.1
None	33.6	47.1	42.6
1-2 times	24.0	20.1	21.2
3-5 times	9.9	5.2	6.7
6 or more times	2.4	0.8	1.3

Percent of college students who reported using prescription drugs that were not prescribed to them within the last 12 months:

	Percent (%)	Male	Female	Total
Antidepressants		1.8	3.1	2.8
Erectile dysfunction drugs		0.9	0.6	0.8
Pain killers		3.9	4.1	4.2
Sedatives		2.9	2.8	2.9
Stimulants		5.9	4.8	5.3
Used 1 or more of the above		9.9	9.9	10.1

College students reported doing the following *most of the time* or *always* when they "partied" or socialized during the last 12 months:\*

Percent (%)	Male	Female	Total
Alternate non-alcoholic with alcoholic beverages	31.3	40.3	37.5
Avoid drinking games	34.2	42.5	40.0
Choose not to drink alcohol	20.1	25.9	24.1
Determine in advance not to exceed a set number of drinks	35.9	45.8	42.7
Eat before and/or during drinking	78.5	84.7	82.5
Have a friend let you know when you have had enough	33.3	48.3	43.3
Keep track of how many drinks being consumed	63.4	72.6	69.6
Pace drinks to one or fewer an hour	25.6	40.8	36.0
Stay with the same group of friends the entire time drinking	83.4	92.1	89.1
Stick with only one kind of alcohol when drinking	45.1	56.1	52.5
Use a designated driver	83.3	90.8	88.2
Reported one or more of the above	96.7	98.7	98.0

\*Students responding "N/A, don't drink" were excluded from this analysis.

College students who drank alcohol reported experiencing the following in the last 12 months when drinking alcohol:\*

Percent	(%) Ma	ale	Female	Total
Did something you later regretted	31	.8	32.2	32.0
Forgot where you were or what you did	28	.3	26.4	26.9
Got in trouble with the police	2.	.9	1.5	2.0
Someone had sex with me without my consent	1.	.1	3.0	2.5
Had sex with someone without their consent	0.	.4	0.3	0.3
Had unprotected sex	20	9.6	20.4	20.4
Physically injured yourself	13	.6	11.3	12.1
Physically injured another person	2.	.1	0.8	1.3
Seriously considered suicide	4.	.5	3.6	4.1
Reported one or more of the above	50	).3	48.5	49.1

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\*Students responding "N/A, don't drink" were excluded from this analysis.

#### F. Sexual Behavior

College students reported having the following number of sexual partners (oral sex, vaginal or anal intercourse) within the last 12 months: . . .

	Percent (%)	Male	Female	Total
None		36.7	33.7	34.8
1		39.3	44.3	42.3
2		8.5	8.9	8.8
3		5.2	5.2	5.2
4 or more		10.3	7.9	8.9

Number of partners among students reporting to have at least one sexual partner within the last 12 months:\*

	Male	Female	Total
Mean	2.40	1.97	2.15
Median	1.00	1.00	1.00
Std Dev	3.76	2.74	3.44

\*Students reporting 0 sexual partners within the last 12 months were excluded.

College students reported having oral, vaginal or anal sex in the last 30 days:

#### Oral sex within the past 30 days

Percent (%)	Male	Female	Total
No, have never done this sexual activity	32.5	32.6	32.6
No, have done this sexual activity but not in the last 30 days	27.5	24.1	25.2
Yes	40.0	43.3	42.1

#### Vaginal sex within the past 30 days

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Percent (%)	Male	Female	Total	
No, have never done this sexual activity	39.4	34.7	36.4	
No, have done this sexual activity but not in the last 30 days	21.3	16.9	18.5	
Yes	39.3	48.3	45.1	

#### Anal sex within the past 30 days

Anal sex within the past 50 days			-
Percent (%)	Male	Female	Total
No, have never done this sexual activity	74.1	77.2	75.9
No, have done this sexual activity but not in the last 30 days	19.6	18.4	18.9
Yes	6.3	4.4	5.2

Using a condom or other protective barrier within the last 30 days (mostly or always ):

	Percent (%)	Male	Female	Total
Sexually active students reported*				
Oral sex		5.1	4.8	5.0
Vaginal intercourse		51.8	43.6	46.1
Anal intercourse		34.2	20.0	25.9

\*Students responding "Never did this sexual activity" or "Have not done this during the last thirty days" were excluded from the analysis.

#### Contraceptive use reported by students or their partner the last time they had vaginal intercourse:

Percent (%)	Male	Female	Total
Yes, used a method of contraception	49.6	54.7	52.7
Not applicable/Didn't use a method/Don't know	50.4	45.3	47.3

If YES to contraceptive use the last time student had vaginal intercourse, reported means of birth control used among college students or their partner to prevent pregnancy:

Percent (%)	Male	Female	Total
Birth control pills (monthly or extended cycle)	59.6	54.0	55.5
Birth control shots	4.8	3.5	3.9
Birth control implants	9.7	8.7	9.0
Birth control patch	1.3	0.8	1.0
Vaginal ring	3.1	2.5	2.8
Intrauterine device	12.4	14.1	13.7
Male condom	67.8	56.5	60.1
Female condom	0.6	0.5	0.6
Diaphragm or cervical cap	0.5	0.2	0.3
Contraceptive sponge	0.4	0.2	0.3
Spermicide (foam, jelly, cream)	4.8	2.4	3.1
Fertility awareness (calendar, mucous, basal body temperature)	6.4	9.5	8.6
Withdrawal	28.8	34.8	32.9
Sterilization (hysterectomy, tubes tied, vasectomy)	2.0	2.7	2.5
Other method	2.6	1.8	2.1
Male condom use plus another method	54.5	47.2	49.4
Any two or more methods (excluding male condoms)	33.8	36.1	35.3

■ 14.4 % of sexually active college students reported using (or reported their partner used) emergency contraception ("morning after pill") within the last 12 months.

(male: 12.1 %; female: 15.5 %).\*

\*Students responding "Not sexually active" were excluded from the analysis.

1.3 % of college students who had vaginal intercourse within the last 12 months reported experiencing an unintentional pregnancy or got someone pregnant within the last 12 months. (male: 1.2 %; female: 1.3 %).\*\*

\*\*Students responding "Have not had vaginal intercourse within the last 12 months" were excluded from the analysis. 11

#### G. Nutrition and Exercise

College students reported usually eating the following number of servings of fruits and vegetables per day:

Percent (%)	Male	Female	Total
0 servings per day	9.8	7.4	8.3
1-2 per day	63.0	62.1	62.3
3-4 per day	23.0	25.8	24.8
5 or more per day	4.1	4.8	4.6

College students reported the following behaviors within the past 7 days:

#### Do moderate-intensity cardio or aerobic exercise for at least 30 minutes:

	Percent (%)	Male	Female	Total
0 days		20.6	21.6	21.5
1-4 days		53.8	58.5	56.8
5-7 days		25.6	19.9	21.7

#### Do vigorous-intensity cardio or aerobic exercise for at least 20 minutes:

	Percent (%)	Male	Female	Total
0 days		34.4	44.0	41.1
1-2 days		31.2	30.6	30.7
3-7 days		34.4	25.4	28.2

Physical Activity and Public Health: Updated Recommendations for Adults. From the American College of Sports Medicine and the American Heart Association (2007): Moderate-intensity cardio or aerobic exercise for at least 30 minutes on 5 or more days per week, or vigorous-intensity cardio or aerobic exercise for at least 20 minutes on 3 or more days per week.

# Students meeting the Recommendations for moderate-intensity exercise, vigorous-intensity exercise, or a combination of the two (2 moderate-intensity exercise periods = 1 vigorous-intensity exercise period).

	Percent (%)	Male	Female	Total
Guidelines met		53.6	44.6	47.4



Estimated average Body Mass Index (BMI): This figure incorporates reported height, and weight to form a general indicator of physical health. Categories defined by The World Health Organization (WHO) 2000, reprinted 2004. Obesity: Preventing and Managing the Global Epidemic. WHO Tech Report Series: 894.

BMI	Percent (%)	Male	Female	Total
<18.5 Underweight		3.7	4.6	4.3
18.5-24.9 Healthy Weight		55.4	59.4	57.9
25-29.9 Overweight		28.3	20.7	23.2
30-34.9 Class I Obesity		8.4	8.7	8.7
35-39.9 Class II Obesity		2.8	3.6	3.4
≥40 Class III Obesity		1.4	2.8	2.5
Mean		24.90	24.88	24.96
Median		23.96	23.34	23.63
Std Dev		4.94	5.99	6.26

#### H. Mental Health

Students reported experiencing the following within the last 12 months:

#### Felt things were hopeless

Percent (%)	Male	Female	Total
No, never	39.0	25.8	29.9
No, not last 12 months	18.0	18.9	18.4
Yes, last 2 weeks	17.7	22.9	21.6
Yes, last 30 days	8.0	11.1	10.1
Yes, in last 12 months	17.3	21.3	20.0
Any time within			
the last 12 months	42.9	55.3	51.7

Felt overwhelmed by all you had to do				
Percent (%)	Male	Female	Total	
No, never	16.5	5.4	9.1	
No, not last 12 months	7.1	3.0	4.4	
Yes, last 2 weeks	44.2	61.5	56.0	
Yes, last 30 days	15.5	16.0	15.7	
Yes, in last 12 months	16.6	14.0	14.8	
Any time within the last 12 months	76.4	91.6	86.5	
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## Felt exhausted (not from physical activity)

Percent (%)	Male	Female	Total
No, never	18.9	7.5	11.3
No, not last 12 months	7.4	4.3	5.3
Yes, last 2 weeks	44.8	59.2	54.6
Yes, last 30 days	14.5	15.7	15.2
Yes, in last 12 months	14.4	13.3	13.6
Any time within	70 7	00.0	02.4
the last 12 months	73.7	88.2	83.4

#### Felt very lonely

Percent (%)	Male	Female	Total
No, never	28.4	16.5	20.3
No, not last 12 months	17.2	16.5	16.6
Yes, last 2 weeks	24.6	31.0	29.3
Yes, last 30 days	11.3	14.4	13.4
Yes, in last 12 months	18.6	21.5	20.5
Any time within			
the last 12 months	54.4	67.0	63.1

#### Felt very sad

Percent (%)	Male	Female	Total
No, never	26.5	14.2	18.1
No, not last 12 months	17.5	13.4	14.6
Yes, last 2 weeks	24.0	34.3	31.3
Yes, last 30 days	11.4	14.7	13.6
Yes, in last 12 months	20.7	23.5	22.4
Any time within			
the last 12 months	56.1	72.4	67.3

## Felt overwhelming anxiety

Percent (%)	Male	Female	Total
No, never	39.3	21.4	27.0
No, not last 12 months	14.9	10.7	12.1
Yes, last 2 weeks	18.8	32.6	28.5
Yes, last 30 days	10.4	14.7	13.2
Yes, in last 12 months	16.6	20.5	19.2
Any time within			
the last 12 months	45.7	67.9	60.9

#### Seriously considered suicide

Seriously considered suicide					
Percent (%)	Male	Female	Total		
No, never	76.6	71.1	72.0		
No, not last 12 months	13.1	16.8	15.9		
Yes, last 2 weeks	2.6	2.5	2.7		
Yes, last 30 days	1.7	2.1	2.0		
Yes, in last 12 months	6.0	7.6	7.3		
Any time within					
the last 12 months	10.3	12.1	12.1		

#### Intentionally cut, burned, bruised, or otherwise injured yourself

otherwise injured yourself					
Percent (%)	Male	Female	Total		
No, never	86.4	75.4	78.2		
No, not last 12 months	8.9	16.1	14.0		
Yes, last 2 weeks	1.3	2.0	2.0		
Yes, last 30 days	0.8	1.4	1.3		
Yes, in last 12 months	2.7	5.0	4.5		
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Any time within					
the last 12 months	4.8	8.5	7.8		

#### Felt so depressed that it was difficult to function i i i

function			
Percent (%)	Male	Female	Total
No, never	49.4	36.4	40.2
No, not last 12 months	19.4	21.3	20.5
Yes, last 2 weeks	12.0	16.0	15.2
Yes, last 30 days	5.6	8.5	7.6
Yes, in last 12 months	13.6	17.8	16.4
Any time within			
the last 12 months	31.2	42.4	39.3

#### Felt overwhelming anger

Percent (%)	Male	Female	Total
No, never	42.8	35.3	37.4
No, not last 12 months	22.3	21.8	22.0
Yes, last 2 weeks	11.1	14.2	13.4
Yes, last 30 days	7.3	9.5	8.9
Yes, in last 12 months	16.6	19.1	18.4
Any time within			
the last 12 months	34.9	42.9	40.6

#### Attempted suicide

Percent (%)	Male	Female	Total
No, never	91.5	88.4	88.8
No, not last 12 months	6.9	9.9	9.3
Yes, last 2 weeks	0.4	0.2	0.3
Yes, last 30 days	0.2	0.1	0.2
Yes, in last 12 months	1.0	1.4	1.4
Any time within			
the last 12 months	1.6	1.8	1.9

Percent (%)	Male	Female	Total
Anorexia	0.7	1.8	1.5
Anxiety	11.0	26.2	21.6
Attention Deficit and Hyperactivity Disorder	7.7	6.3	7.0
Bipolar Disorder	1.2	1.9	1.8
Bulimia	0.6	1.4	1.2
Depression	10.2	20.8	17.8
Insomnia	3.5	5.9	5.3
Other sleep disorder	2.4	2.6	2.7
Obsessive Compulsive Disorder	2.2	3.6	3.2
Panic attacks	4.2	13.4	10.7
Phobia	1.0	1.3	1.3
Schizophrenia	0.5	0.2	0.4
Substance abuse or addiction	1.5	1.0	1.2
Other addiction	1.0	0.4	0.7
Other mental health condition	2.8	3.8	3.8
Students reporting none of the above	79.4	65.6	69.6
Students reporting only one of the above	8.7	9.8	9.4
Students reporting both Depression and Anxiety	7.0	17.1	14.2
Students reporting any two or more of the above			
excluding the combination of Depression and Anxiety	5.6	10.5	9.3

#### Within the last 12 months, diagnosed or treated by a professional for the following:

#### Within the last 12 months, any of the following been traumatic or very difficult to handle:

Percent (%)	Male	Female	Total
Academics	38.6	50.4	46.8
Career-related issue	22.0	27.3	25.7
Death of family member or friend	12.8	18.0	16.3
Family problems	18.8	33.2	28.8
Intimate relationships	26.4	32.3	30.5
Other social relationships	20.9	30.8	27.8
Finances	26.0	36.7	33.5
Health problem of family member or partner	14.0	22.9	20.2
Personal appearance	17.9	32.8	28.3
Personal health issue	13.9	26.1	22.4
Sleep difficulties	25.3	32.8	30.7
Other	7.9	10.5	10.1
Students reporting none of the above	33.9	20.7	24.9
Students reporting only one of the above	14.9	11.2	12.3
Students reporting 2 of the above	12.7	12.1	12.2
Students reporting 3 or more of the above	38.6	56.0	50.6

## Within the last 12 months, how would you rate the overall level of stress experienced:

Percent (	(%)	Male	Female	Total
No stress		3.7	0.8	1.8
Less than average stress		11.7	4.2	6.6
Average stress		37.3	32.7	34.0
More than average stress		38.6	48.3	45.1
Tremendous stress		8.7	14.0	12.5

#### I. Sleep

#### Past 7 days, getting enough sleep to feel rested in the morning:

Per	cent (%) Mal	e Female	Total
0 days	11.7	13.8	13.4
1-2 days	30.5	5 34.4	33.0
3-5 days	44.5	6 43.1	43.4
6+ days	13.3	8 8.7	10.2

## Past 7 days, how often felt tired, dragged out, or sleepy during the day:

	Percent (%)	Male	Female	Total
0 days		12.0	5.7	7.8
1-2 days		32.4	25.7	27.7
3-5 days		41.1	46.9	44.9
6+ days		14.4	21.7	19.6

#### Past 7 days, how much of a problem with sleepiness during daytime activities:

Percent (%)	Male	Female	Total
No problem	12.8	7.1	8.9
A little problem	47.2	44.7	45.2
More than a little problem	23.9	27.5	26.4
A big problem	11.2	14.7	13.6
A very big problem	4.9	5.9	5.8

## **Demographics and Student Characteristics**

Age:		■ Students describe themselv	es as:
18 - 20 years:	53.5 %	White:	73.2 %
21 - 24 years:	29.1 %	Black or African American:	6.0 %
25 - 29 years:	9.2 %	Hispanic or Latino/a:	10.5 %
30+ years:	8.2 %	Asian or Pacific Islander:	10.9 %
		American Indian, Alaskan	
Gender*		Native or Native Hawaiian:	1.8 %
Female:	65.0 %	Biracial or Multiracial:	4.0 %
Male:	32.3 %	Other:	2.1 %
Non-binary	2.7 %		
		International Student:	
Student status:		International:	6.0 %
1st year undergraduate:	24.6 %		
2nd year undergraduate:	19.8 %	Students describe themselv	es as:
3rd year undergraduate:	18.7 %	Asexual:	1.3 %
4th year undergraduate:	16.7 %	Bisexual:	6.4 %
5th year or more undergraduate:	4.3 %	Gay:	1.6 %
Graduate or professional:	14.9 %	Lesbian:	1.2 %
Not seeking a degree:	0.4 %	Pansexual:	1.7 %
Other:	0.7 %	Queer:	0.8 %
		Questioning:	1.6 %
Full-time student:	92.6 %	Straight/Heterosexual	84.6 %
Part-time student:	6.7 %	Another identity:	0.8 %
Other student:	0.8 %		
Relationship status:		Housing:	
Not in a relationship:	52.0 %	Campus residence hall:	39.9 %
In a relationship but not living together:	32.9 %	Fraternity or sorority house:	1.5 %
In a relationship and living together:	15.1 %	Other university housing:	6.9 %
		Parent/guardian home:	11.5 %
Marital status:		Other off-campus housing:	35.0 %
Single:	88.0 %	Other:	5.2 %
Married/Partnered:	9.2 %		
Separated/Divorced/Other:	2.8 %	Participated in organized c	ollege athletics:
		Varsity:	8.7 %
Primary Source of Health Insurance:		Club sports:	10.6 %
College/university sponsored		Intramurals:	18.8 %
plan:	12.6 %		
Parents' plan:	69.1 %	Member of a social fratern	ity or sorority:
Another plan:	14.4 %	Greek member:	9.5 %
Don't have health insurance:	2.8 %		
Not sure if have plan:	1.1 %		

\* See note on page 2 regarding gender categories

### **Demographics of Participating Institutions**

Sixty one postsecondary institutions self-selected to participate in the Fall 2017 ACHA National College Health Assessment and 37,638 surveys were completed by students on these campuses. For the purpose of forming the Reference Group, only institutions located in the United States that surveyed all students or used a random sampling technique are included in the analysis, yielding a final data set consisting of 31,463 students at 52 schools. Demographic characteristics of the 52 campuses follow.

Demographical Characteristics of the 52 US Postsecondary Institutions Included in the Fall 2017 ACHA-NCHA II Reference Group		
Campus Characteristic	п	
Type of Institution		
Public	26	
Private	26	
2-year	5	
4-year or above	47	
Location of Campus		
Northeast (CT, ME, MA, NH, NJ, NY, PA, RI, VT)	13	
Midwest (IL, IN, IA, KS, MI, MN, MO, NE, ND, OH, SD, WI)	12	
South (AL, AR, DE, DC, FL, GA, KY, LA, MD, MS, NC, OK, SC,		
TN, TX, VA, WV)	13	
West (AK, AZ, CA, CO, HI, ID, MT, NV, NM, OR, UT, WA, WY)	14	
Campus Size		
< 2,500 students	14	
2,500 – 4,999 students	13	
5,000 – 9,999 students	5	
10,000 – 19,999 students	11	
20,000 students or more	9	
Campus Setting		
Very large city (population over 500,000)	6	
Large city (population 250,000-499,999)	3	
Small city (population 50,000-249,999)	20	
Large town (population 10,000 – 49,999)	16	
Small town (population 2,500-9,999)	6	
Rural community (population under 2,500)	1	
Carnegie Classification		
Associates Colleges	5	
Baccalaureate Colleges	13	
Baccalaureate/Associates Colleges	3	
Masters Colleges and Universities	14	
Doctoral Universities	16	
Special Focus Institutions	1	
Miscellaneous/Not Classified	0	

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Campus Characteristic	n	
ACHA Membership Status		
Institutional Member	45	
Nonmember	7	
Religious Affiliation		
No	39	
Yes	13	
<u>If yes:</u>		
Catholic	4	
Protestant or Other Christian	9	
Postsecondary Minority Institution (US Department of Education)		
No	48	
Yes	4	
<u>*If yes:</u>		
Postsecondary Minority Institution	0	
Historically Black College or University (HBCU)	0	
High Hispanic Enrollment	1	
Hispanic-serving Institution (HSI)	4	
Tribal College or University	0	
Predominately Black Institution	0	
Asian American and Native American Pacific Islander-serving	0	
Alaska Native-serving or Native Hawaiian-serving Institution	0	
Native American-serving Nontribal Institution	0	
*institutions may hold more than one type of minority status		

	All Fall 2017 Institutions	Paper Survey Administration	Web Survey Administration
Number of institutions	52	1	51
Number of students	31,463	767	30,696
Mean response proportion	18%	77%	17%
Median response proportion	16%	77%	16%