

**Iowa Behavioral Risk Factor Surveillance System
2006 State-added Gambling Questions**

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

STATE-ADDED GAMBLING QUESTIONS (BRFSS 2005*)***

Q.1 Have you gambled in the last 12 months?

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|--------------------|-------|--------|-------------|
| Yes | 31.9% | 1,603 | (30.4-33.5) |
| No | 67.5% | 3,487 | |
| Unsure/ Refused | 0.6% | 42 | |
| Total | | 5,132 | |
| Blank (missing) | | 305*** | |

Q.2 Has the money you spent gambling led to financial problems?
(includes only participants who responded "yes" to Q.1)

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|--------------------|-------|-------|-----------|
| Yes | 1.1% | 19 | (0.5-1.7) |
| No | 98.9% | 1,584 | |
| Unsure/ Refused | 0.0% | 0 | |
| Total | | 1,603 | |

Q.3 Has the time you spent gambling led to problems in your family, work, or personal life? (includes only participants who responded "yes" to Q.1)

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|--------------------|-------|-------|-----------|
| Yes | 1.0% | 21 | (0.5-1.5) |
| No | 98.9% | 1,581 | |
| Unsure/ Refused | 0.1% | 1 | |
| Total | | 1,603 | |

Percentage of total participants in each age group who have gambled in the past year

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|-------|-------|------------------|-------------|
| 18-34 | 33.8% | 283 out of 833 | (29.9-37.6) |
| 35-54 | 31.8% | 620 out of 1,969 | (29.5-34.1) |
| 55+ | 30.4% | 690 out of 2,294 | (28.3-32.4) |

Percentage of participants in each age group who claim that gambling has led to financial problems

| | | | |
|-------|------|--------------|-----------|
| 18-34 | 0.4% | 3 out of 283 | (0.0-1.0) |
| 35-54 | 1.7% | 9 out of 620 | (0.5-3.0) |
| 55+ | 1.1% | 7 out of 690 | (0.2-1.9) |

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Percentage of participants in each age group who claim that gambling has led to problems in family, work, or personal life

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|-------|------|---------------|-----------|
| 18-34 | 0.4% | 2 out of 283 | (0.0-1.1) |
| 35-54 | 1.1% | 7 out of 620 | (0.2-1.9) |
| 55+ | 1.6% | 12 out of 690 | (0.6-2.7) |

Percentage of total participants by gender who have gambled in the past year

| | | | |
|---------|-------|------------------|-------------|
| Males | 36.8% | 756 out of 2,039 | (34.2-39.4) |
| Females | 27.4% | 847 out of 3,093 | (25.5-29.3) |

Percentage of participants by gender who claim that gambling has led to financial problems

| | | | |
|---------|------|---------------|-----------|
| Males | 1.0% | 9 out of 756 | (0.3-1.8) |
| Females | 1.2% | 10 out of 847 | (0.3-2.1) |

Percentage of participants by gender who claim that gambling has led to problems in family, work, or personal life

| | | | |
|---------|------|---------------|-----------|
| Males | 1.0% | 9 out of 756 | (0.3-1.7) |
| Females | 1.1% | 12 out of 847 | (0.4-1.7) |

Percentage of total participants by race who have gambled in the past year**

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|----------|-------|--------------------|-------------|
| White | 32.7% | 1,561 out of 4,907 | (31.1-34.3) |
| Nonwhite | 20.4% | *40 out of 211 | (12.7-28.1) |

Percentage of total participants by marital status who have gambled in the past year

| | | | |
|-----------|-------|------------------|-------------|
| Married | 32.4% | 993 out of 3,134 | (30.5-34.2) |
| Unmarried | 31.1% | 604 out of 1,980 | (28.1-34.2) |

Percentage of participants by marital status who claim that gambling has led to financial problems

| | | | |
|-----------|------|---------------|-----------|
| Married | 0.8% | 8 out of 993 | (0.2-1.4) |
| Unmarried | 1.8% | 11 out of 604 | (0.6-3.0) |

Percentage of participants by marital status who claim that gambling has led to problems in family, work, and personal life

| | | | |
|-----------|------|---------------|-----------|
| Married | 1.1% | 13 out of 993 | (0.4-1.7) |
| Unmarried | 1.0% | 8 out of 604 | (0.1-1.9) |

Percentage of total participants by income level who have gambled in the past year

| | | | |
|-------------------|-------|------------------|-------------|
| <\$15,000 | 24.5% | 92 out of 397 | (18.8-30.1) |
| \$15,000-\$24,999 | 26.0% | 186 out of 711 | (21.8-30.1) |
| \$25,000-\$49,999 | 32.9% | 457 out of 1,433 | (29.9-35.9) |
| \$50,000-\$74,999 | 34.0% | 317 out of 915 | (30.3-37.6) |
| \$75,000 or more | 37.4% | 373 out of 1,022 | (33.9-40.9) |

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Percentage of participants by income level who claim that gambling has led to financial problems

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|-------------------|------|--------------|-----------|
| <\$15,000 | 3.2% | 3 out of 92 | (0.0-7.2) |
| \$15,000-\$24,999 | 2.4% | 4 out of 186 | (0.0-4.9) |
| \$25,000-\$49,999 | 1.1% | 6 out of 457 | (0.1-2.0) |
| \$50,000-\$74,999 | 1.1% | 2 out of 317 | (0.0-2.6) |
| \$75,000 or more | 0.3% | 1 out of 373 | (0.0-0.7) |

Percentage of participants by income level who claim that gambling has led to problems in family, work, or personal life

| | | | |
|-------------------|------|--------------|-----------|
| <\$15,000 | 2.8% | 3 out of 92 | (0.0-6.7) |
| \$15,000-\$24,999 | 2.4% | 5 out of 186 | (0.0-4.9) |
| \$25,000-\$49,999 | 0.8% | 5 out of 457 | (0.0-1.7) |
| \$50,000-\$74,999 | 0.4% | 1 out of 317 | (0.0-1.1) |
| \$75,000 or more | 0.9% | 4 out of 373 | (0.0-1.8) |

Percentage of total participants by employment status who have gambled in the past year

| | | | |
|------------------------------------|-------|------------------|-------------|
| Employed for wages | 35.1% | 927 out of 2,678 | (32.9-37.3) |
| Self Employed | 34.9% | 148 out of 442 | (29.8-39.9) |
| Not Employed/ Student/Homemaker | 23.0% | 127 out of 543 | (18.3-27.7) |
| Retired/Disabled | 27.8% | 399 out of 1,465 | (25.3-30.4) |

Percentage of total participants by employment status who claim that gambling has led to financial problems

| | | | |
|------------------------------------|------|---------------|-----------|
| Employed for wages | 1.1% | 11 out of 927 | (0.4-1.9) |
| Self Employed | 0.3% | 1 out of 148 | (0.0-0.9) |
| Not employed/ student/homemaker | 2.5% | 4 out of 127 | (0.0-5.1) |
| Retired/Disabled | 0.7% | 3 out of 399 | (0.0-1.5) |

Percentage of total participants by employment status who claim that gambling has led to problems in family, work, or personal life

| | | | |
|------------------------------------|------|---------------|-----------|
| Employed for wages | 0.9% | 11 out of 927 | (0.3-1.5) |
| Self Employed | 0.8% | 2 out of 148 | (0.0-2.0) |
| Not employed/ student/homemaker | 0.9% | 1 out of 127 | (0.0-2.7) |
| Retired/Disabled | 1.6% | 7 out of 399 | (0.3-3.0) |

* Included in 2006 is the number of respondents on which percentages are based. Percentages will differ from what you get if you divide the numbers due to weighting of responses to the population. It is recommended that data not be used if based on a denominator of less than 50. Also note that the range of percentage (in parenthesis to the right) represents the 95% confidence interval.

** Due to considerations of possible multiple race designation, race is considered preferred race.

*** In years prior to 2002 when a survey was terminated prior to full completion the remaining questions were marked refused. Now these are treated as missing data. This has lowered the percentage who showed a response of "don't know/refused" considerably.