

SAMHSA's Center for the Application of Prevention Technologies Sources of Data on Boys and Young Men of Color

Many national data sources provide data on substance-related consequences, consumption patterns, and risk and protective factors related to boys and young men of color. Key sources include the following:

- SAMHSA's *National Survey of Drug Use and Health (NSDUH)* provides data on consumption patterns and risk and protective factors for individuals ages 12 and above through its Restricted Data Analysis System (R-DAS).
- The Centers for Disease Control and Prevention's (CDC) *Wide-ranging Online Data for Epidemiologic Research (WONDER)* system provides data on substance-related mortality for all ages.
- CDC's *Youth Risk Behavior Surveillance System (YRBSS)* provides data on consumption patterns and risk and protective factors for 9th-12th grade students through its youth online system.
- CDC's *Behavioral Risk Factor Surveillance System (BRFSS)* provides data on alcohol and tobacco use among individuals ages 18 and above.

Table 1 (below) provides an overview of the strengths and limitations of these data sources as they relate to collecting and analyzing data on boys and young men of color.

Table 1: Strengths and Limitations of Data Sources for Boys and Young Men (BY&M) of Color

Dataset/ Tool	Strengths	Limitations	Access Information
CDC WONDER (all ages)	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Able to generate tables and graphs for substance-related causes of death for B&YM of color 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Small numbers will lead to suppression of results for certain race/ethnic categories • Does not identify indirect substance-attributable deaths 	http://wonder.cdc.gov/
YRBSS (9 th - 12 th grades)	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Able to generate tables and graphs for consumption patterns and risk and protective factors for B&YM of color 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Small sample size • Not all race/ethnicity categories available • No county-level data 	http://nccd.cdc.gov/youthonline/App/Default.aspx

Dataset/ Tool	Strengths	Limitations	Access Information
BRFSS (ages 18 and above)	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Provides access to raw data and methods documentation to conduct further analysis for B&YM of color 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> No data on illicit drug use No data on substance-related risk and/or protective factors Low sample size No county-level data 	http://www.cdc.gov/brfss/data_tools.htm
R-DAS/ NSDUH (ages 12 and above)	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Able to generate tables and graphs for consumption patterns and risk and protective factors for B&YM of color 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Small sample size Not available for jurisdiction and tribes No county level-data 	http://www.icpsr.umich.edu/icpsrweb/content/SAMHDA/rdas.html

