

Data Source Documentation

Indicator	Cholesterol screening, adults 18+
Demographic Group	Wisconsin adults aged 18 and older
Numerator	The number of adults aged 18 and older in the Wisconsin Behavioral Risk Factor Survey (BRFS) sample who reported having their blood cholesterol level tested within the past five years.
Denominator	The total number of adults aged 18 and older who responded to the Wisconsin BRFS in the relevant year or years.
Details about Data Item	<p>In the tables, the 95% confidence interval (the “+/-“ column) indicates the range in which 95 of 100 identical surveys would estimate the percent of adults who had their cholesterol tested in the past five years. Add the confidence interval to the estimated percent to find the high boundary and subtract it to find the low boundary. Smaller numbers of cases in the denominator produce larger confidence intervals.</p> <p>Results shown in the tables are weighted to represent the overall population of adults in Wisconsin.</p> <p>BRFS questions:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • “Blood cholesterol is a fatty substance found in the blood. Have you ever had your blood cholesterol checked?” • “About how long has it been since you last had your blood cholesterol checked?”
Other Data Information	<p>The Wisconsin Behavioral Risk Factor Survey (BRFS) is a sample survey conducted by the BRFS Program in the Division of Public Health, in conjunction with the U.S. Centers for Disease Control and Prevention (CDC). The University of Wisconsin Survey Center conducts BRFS interviews. The annual number of BRFS cases in Wisconsin averages approximately 4,000 and has ranged from approximately 3,500 to 7,500 in the past five years. Weighted BRFS data used in these tables are representative of the Wisconsin adult population living in households with landline telephones. CDC calculates case weights using Wisconsin population data and provides a weighting variable to the Wisconsin BRFS Program along with final data sets. Tables by race and ethnicity show “rolling averages” using combined years of data to yield a minimum of 100 cases per group.</p>
Data Source	<p>Wisconsin Behavioral Risk Factor Survey, Bureau of Health Information and Policy, Division of Public Health, Wisconsin Department of Health Services.</p> <p>The BRFS is an ongoing probability survey conducted by telephone and carried out in conjunction with CDC. Each survey year begins on January 1 and ends on December 31.</p>

Additional Information	<p>The CDC Web site (http://www.cdc.gov/brfss/) provides substantial information about the BRFSS at both the national and state levels, including prevalence and trend data and historical question information.</p> <p>Information about the Wisconsin BRFSS is also available at http://dhs.wisconsin.gov/stats/BRFS.htm</p>
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