TENNESSEE HEALTH AND LIFESTYLES SURVEY OF ADULTS, 1998-COUNTY, REGIONAL AND STATEWIDE WEIGHTED RESULTS[1]

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These tables summarize weighted statewide, regional and county level results from the Tennessee Health and Lifestyles Survey of Adults in 1998. The Tennessee Health and Lifestyles Survey was a cross-sectional random digit dial (RDD) telephone survey of about 11,000 Tennessee adult household residents. It was conducted for the Tennessee Department of Health (TDH), Bureau of Alcohol and Drug Abuse Services, by the Community Health Research Group (CHRG) at The University of Tennessee, Knoxville (UTK). It was a partial replication of the 1993 Tennessee AOD Needs Assessment Survey, an earlier RDD telephone survey of 8,000 adults living in Tennessee households. These surveys are being used to identify regional and statewide changes in substance use and abuse, health status and health practices over time. The survey goals include ascertaining the prevalence of alcohol and other drug use and abuse and need for treatment, identifying physical and mental health problems, and studying utilization of and access to various health services, attitudes toward and prioritization of community AOD and other health problems, and behavioral health risk factors at regional and county levels in Tennessee. The data help us to identify the geographic areas and population subgroups in need of substance abuse treatment and other health and mental health services. Statewide survey results have been used to support the Federal Substance Abuse Block Grant Application of the TDH, and data have been analyzed and presented in the Tennessee Health Status Report of 1998. Data from the survey will be made available on Health Information Tennessee (HIT) and its Statistical Profiling of Tennessee (SPOT) for statewide and regional comparisons for 1998 as well as for 1993 (this url is *server.to/hit*). For more information, please contact Dr. Sandra Putnam, Director, Community Health Research Group, UTK, Suite 309, Conference Center Building, Knoxville, Tennessee 37996-4133, 865-974-4511, sputnam1@utk.edu.

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[1] By weighting the data, adjustments have been made for unequal probability sampling. For example, certain populations and households had unequal probabilities of completing the survey and, therefore, were oversampled or undersampled as a result of this. Females, for instance, are more likely to complete a telephone survey than their male counterparts and, therefore, are overrepresented in such surveys. Weighting the data adjusts such oversampling and undersampling problems, thereby allowing for percentages and rates that reflect equal probability sampling. By weighting the data, adjustment was also made for the cluster sampling design. Weighted results may differ from unweighted results, but are to be used as accurate estimates of population parameters.