

SOUTH CAROLINA
2020 School Health Profiles Report
Survey Summary

The School Health Profiles (Profiles) assists state and local education and health agencies in monitoring and assessing characteristics of school health education; physical education and physical activity; practices related to bullying and sexual harassment; school health policies related to tobacco-use prevention and nutrition; school-based health services; family engagement and community involvement; and school health coordination. Data from Profiles can be used to improve school health programs.

Two questionnaires are used to collect data – one for school principals and one for lead health education teachers. The two questionnaires were mailed to 316 regular public schools containing any of grades 6 through 12 in South Carolina during spring 2020. One or both questionnaires were received from 62% of eligible sampled schools. Usable questionnaires were received from principals in 52% of schools and from lead health education teachers in 60% of schools. Because the nonresponse bias analyses indicated low bias in the principal survey and the lead health education teacher survey, the results are weighted and are representative of all regular public schools in South Carolina having at least one of grades 6 through 12. Results from the principal and lead health education teacher surveys are presented for the following types of schools in South Carolina:

- High schools with a low grade of 9 or higher and a high grade of 10 or higher;
- Middle schools with a high grade of 9 or lower;
- Junior/senior high schools with a low grade of 8 or lower and a high grade of 10 or higher; and
- All schools.

The Profiles questionnaires were developed by the Division of Adolescent and School Health, National Center for HIV, Viral Hepatitis, STD, and TB Prevention, Centers for Disease Control and Prevention in collaboration with representatives of state, local, and territorial departments of health and education.