

Texas BRFSS Public Use Data File User Registration and Confidentiality Agreement

Name: _____

Organization: _____

Phone Number: _____

E-mail Address: _____

Place of Employment (check all that apply):

Federal Government	University	State Government	Medical School
Local Government	Non-Profit Agency	Hospital or Clinic	Foundation
Other: _____			

Primary Professional Activity (check all that apply):

Epidemiology	Student Project	Education	Evaluation
Administration	Clinical Care	Statistics	Other _____

Years Needed : _____

The most current year available is 2021.

Please note that with the methodology change starting with 2011 survey data, if years are combined for analysis, then 2000-2010 should be grouped together, and 2011-2021 should be grouped together.

File Formats Available: SAS (.sas7bdat), SPSS (.sav) and Stata (.dta)

The Texas Behavioral Risk Factor Surveillance System (BRFSS) Public Use Data Files (PUDFs) were established so that analysts, epidemiologists, statisticians, etc. would have the ability to do additional in-depth analyses. The Texas BRFSS data may be used only for the purposes for which the data were obtained.

The Community Assessment Team (CAT) highly recommends that estimates should not be reported or interpreted based upon a denominator of fewer than 50 respondents (unweighted sample size) due to decreased statistical reliability.

Therefore, your signature on this form gives the following assurances:

1. I will analyze the Texas BRFSS data with appropriate software that accounts for the complex sample survey design of the Texas BRFSS. Examples of these software packages include SPSS with Complex Samples, SAS (v.9 or later), STATA, or SUDAAN.
2. I understand that, in most cases, the Texas BRFSS PUDFs contain data collected from January through December of each year.
3. I must use the appropriate weighting factor to get correct estimates. All PUDFs contain Centers for Disease Control and Prevention final weighting factors. Additional weighting factors for split surveys are also provided.
4. Under special circumstances, a preliminary data file may be made available. If I am using a preliminary data file, I will not release any preliminary results or findings from the Texas BRFSS PUDF without first discussing such actions with the Texas BRFSS Coordinator at the Texas DSHS. I will receive an updated finalized Texas BRFSS PUDF when one is available.
5. I will not distribute the Texas BRFSS PUDFs to any other partners, organizations, foundations, institutions, agencies or programs.
6. I will not attempt to use the Texas BRFSS PUDFs nor permit others to use the Texas BRFSS PUDFs to learn the identity of any person.
7. If I should discover the identity of any person, I will make no use of the knowledge, I will advise the Texas BRFSS Coordinator at the Texas DSHS of the incident, I will safeguard or delete the information that would identify an individual, as requested by the Texas DSHS, and I will inform no one else of the discovered identity.
8. If the Texas BRFSS PUDFs will be made available on a network, all staff members who have access to the data set are aware of these conditions and complete their own form.
9. I recognize that the data are not guaranteed to be without error.
10. I will provide the Texas BRFSS Program with copies of reports or publications produced from the requested BRFSS data files.

Signature: _____ Date: _____

Printed Name: _____