

In 2010 and 2011, the Public Health Division conducted a survey among Oregon adults called the Oregon Behavioral Risk Factor Surveillance System (BRFSS) Race Oversample 2010-2011. The survey was about population health. The goal was to collect information from a large enough number of respondents to be able to analyze certain chronic diseases and health risk factors by race and ethnicity.

Estimates from 2010 and 2011¹ indicate that the Oregon adult population is mostly non-Latino White (83.1%), followed by Latino (9.3%), non-Latino Asian (3.6%), non-Latino African American (1.9%), non-Latino American Indian/Alaskan Native (1.3%), and non-Latino Pacific Islander (0.8%).

To get enough surveys from each of the smaller populations, special techniques were used. Even with those methods, the number of non-Latino Pacific Islander adult respondents was small, and their surveys had to be combined with those of non-Latino Asian adults.

The data set includes 454 non-Latino African American adults, 668 non-Latino Asian/Pacific Islander adults, 576 non-Latino American Indian/Alaskan Native adults, 682 Latino adults and 19,905 non-Latino White adults. Average ages across racial and ethnic groups for this data set are 42 years old for non-Latino African Americans, 42 years old for non-Latino Asian/Pacific Islanders, 44 years old for non-Latino American Indian/Alaskan Natives, 38 years old for Latino, and 49 years old for non-Latino Whites.

Additional information about the composition of the survey respondents includes:

- About one-third (37%) of those who reported as American Indian said that they were enrolled members of an Oregon tribe. Among American Indian/Alaskan Native respondents, 9% speak a language other than English at home.
- Among those who reported as Asian/Pacific Islander, 30% reported Chinese, 20% Japanese, 10% Korean, 9% Filipino, 7% Vietnamese, and 4% Native Hawaiian ethnicity. About one-fifth (19%) reported ethnicity as "Other". Of those who reported an ethnicity of "Other", 48 reported Indian/East Indian/Hindu (7%), 22 reported Southeast Asian /Thai /Indonesian /Lao /Cambodian/Chamorro (3%), and 14 reported Pacific Islander/Samoan/Guamanian /Tongan/Polynesian/Micronesian (2%). About 46% of Asian/Pacific Islander respondents speak a language other than English at home.
- About 18% of Latino respondents took the survey in Spanish. Overall, 47% of Latino respondents reported speaking a language other than English at home.

¹ Bridged-race postcensal estimates from the National Center for Health Statistics

- About 7% of African American respondents speak a language other than English at home.

The sampling methods for the Oregon BRFSS Race Oversample 2010-2011 data set were different from similar data sets collected in previous years. The data set included cell phone respondents and used a different method to weight the data. **Therefore, the point estimates from this data set should not be compared to any prior estimates from BRFSS surveys for racial and ethnic groups in Oregon.**