



BRFSS Brief Overview

- Behavioral Risk Factor Surveillance System (BRFSS)
 - Assesses prevalence and trends of disease and health-related behaviors
 - Funded and coordinated by CDC
 - Administered in all 50 states
 - Random-digit-dialed telephone survey of non-institutionalized adult population ≥ 18 years





BRFSS Brief Overview (cont'd)

- Questions developed by CDC in collaboration with states
 - includes a core component of questions administered by all states
 - current health-related perceptions, conditions, and behaviors (e.g., health status, health insurance, diabetes, tobacco use, disability, and HIV/AIDS risks), as well as demographic questions.
 - CDC optional modules
 - State added questions



WA added questions

WA BRFSS 2002

- Workers' Comp module
 - Working for wages
 - Injury or illness
 - In the past 12 months, have you been injured while performing your job, OR has a doctor or other medical professional told you that you have a work-related illness?
 - Who paid for treatment?
 - Why not paid by WC?



Workers' Compensation Underreporting

	Reporting work-related injury or illness	Filed WC claims
OPS 2002*	8.1%	52.7%
WA BRFSS 2002	12.8%	51.5%

*Oregon Population Survey 2002

