

STAKEHOLDER CONSULTATIONS

McCreary Centre Society's BC Adolescent Health Survey (BC AHS) is conducted every five years with youth aged 12–19 in public schools across British Columbia.

Prior to administration of the 2018 BC AHS, youth, parents, service providers and policy makers provided input into what should be included on the survey.

Forty community consultations took place across the province, and a further sixteen school based consultations were conducted with students in Grades 7 through 12.

As a result of these stakeholder consultations, new questions were added to the survey which speak to determinants of health. These included the development of a deprivation index and new items about gender identity, refugee status, access to health care, transportation, and food security.

2018 BC AHS Participating School Districts



Note: Grey indicates non-participating school districts.



Graphic aid
created to
accompany the
2018 BC AHS
consent form.

DATA COLLECTION

Data collection for the 2018 BC AHS was completed in June 2018, with over 38,000 students participating across the province. This is the largest BC AHS sample to be collected since the survey began in 1992, with 58 of the 60 school districts participating, including the Conseil scolaire francophone for the first time.

The survey was administered in partnership with over 400 trained Public Health Nurses and registered nurses, with the help of nursing students from universities and colleges across the province.

As part of the administration process, a 'by youth, for youth' graphic was created to increase students' understanding and awareness of the content and purpose of the survey, as well as students' rights as research participants.

The graphic was distributed to students alongside a written consent form and verbal explanation from the survey administrator. The graphic was also shared as a poster in BC schools prior to survey administration.

DATA ANALYSIS AND DISSEMINATION

Following the completion of data collection in June 2018, data entry, cleaning and weighting takes place before data analysis can begin. The provincial highlights report will be released in March 2019, and will provide an overview of the 2018 results, including trends over time in key areas and results of the new questions which were added to this wave of the survey.

In March, each participating school district will receive confidential copies of their district's data tables. Regional reports for each of the province's Health Service Delivery Areas will follow. The results will be used to inform policy and programming across BC and Canada.

The 2018 BC AHS Youth Action Grant program will also open in March. Young people in school districts which participated in the survey will be eligible to apply for a Youth Action Grant. The \$500 grants support youth to conduct projects in their community which address health inequities identified in the 2018 survey.