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Sexual Health Survey Results, 2005

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Purpose Statement

- The purpose of this study was to develop and validate a sexual health knowledge, attitudes, and behaviors scale to assess the sexual health needs of the college student population. These data were used in sexual health program design and implementation.



Selection of Study Participants

- Simple random sampling (student emails)
- 6,000 randomly sampled undergraduate students enrolled at the university
- Goal=1,000 participants
- Response rate=20.5% response rate



SKABS Instrument


- Sexual Health Knowledge

- (dichotomous, ordinal)



- 67 items

- Content: pregnancy, trends, prevention and risk-STDs, barrier methods, testing, and acquaintance rape






SKABS Instrument

- Sexual health Attitudes

- (ordinal)

- 98 items



- Content: Healthy relationship, perceived risk STDs, safer sex, societal perceptions and pressures, alcohol & sex, decision-making & contraceptives, perceived risk acquaintance rape






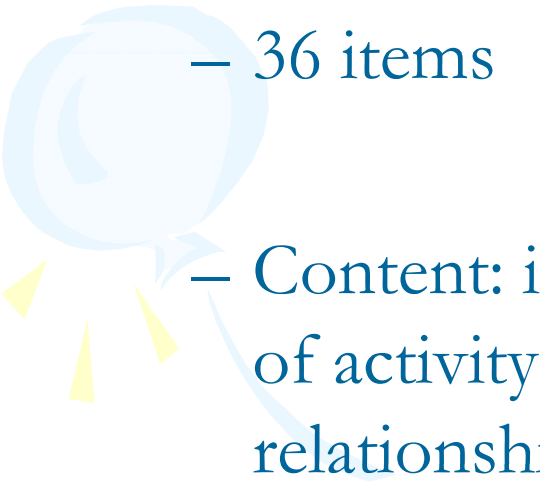
SKABS Instrument

- Sexual Health Behaviors

- (Dichotomous)

- 36 items

- Content: initiation sexual activity, type & frequency of activity, contraceptive use, number partners, relationship status, alcohol use & sex





Data Collection

- Self-administered student email URL (unique ID)
- Four contacts with participants
 - Pre-notice
 - Survey instrument/cover letter/informed consent
 - Reminder
 - Second reminder
 - Incentives (5-\$50 gift certificates-lottery drawing)