The PA YTS was conducted during the fall and winter of the 2010-2011 school year and included 81 questions. Respondents for the 2010-2011 PA YTS were selected using a two-stage cluster sampling design to obtain a representative sample of public school students at the state level in grades 6-8 and grades 9-12. From the sample frames, 87 eligible high schools (HS) and 87 eligible middle schools (MS) were selected. Lists of classes were obtained from each participating school, and one to four classes were selected randomly from these class rosters.

The overall response rate for middle school was 65.2% and the overall response rate for high school was 61.9% (an overall response rate of 60% is required by CDC to represent all students in grades 6-12). 3.4% of youth in middle school and 18.6% of high school students smoked cigarettes for one or more days in the past 30 days.

Conclusions and Implications
- These findings improved program development, informed funding decisions, facilitated program monitoring, and supported health-related policies and legislation.
- Collaboration with the PA Department of Education is ongoing and includes combined administration of the 2014-2015 PA YTS and PA Youth Risk Behavior Survey.
- The collaborative efforts to collect data from a coordinated sample of Pennsylvania schools are expected to result in a more effective description of risk behaviors and school health policies and practices.
- Lessons learned from coordinated survey implementation can inform future partnerships.