

**Save the Date and Call for Abstracts:
BRFSS 2025 Meeting
Monday, April 14th – Friday, April 18th, 2025**

The Behavioral Risk Factor Surveillance System (BRFSS) annual in-person meeting will be held in Atlanta, Georgia, from Monday, April 14th, through Friday, April 18th, 2025. The meeting will commemorate BRFSS's 41st anniversary, kick off the new funding period, present state and CDC plenary sessions, offer training and networking opportunities, and discuss the use of BRFSS data. Each day will feature sessions, presentations, and activities designed to highlight BRFSS data and collection activities.

Please note:

- Information about the Atlanta meeting site will be provided as it becomes available.
- To be able to attend, federal employees must be on the Conference Approval Management System (CAMS) list. Please ask your group's administrative assistant how you can be added.
- If you are interested in submitting an abstract for an oral presentation or a poster display, please see the information below.

**Attention Data Researchers and Scientists!
Call for Abstracts for the BRFSS 2025 Meeting**

Abstracts are now being accepted for presentations and posters at the BRFSS 2025 Meeting, to be held April 14th to 18th, 2025. The BRFSS 2025 Meeting Committee invites you to submit an abstract for an oral presentation or poster display, so your research can be considered for inclusion in this upcoming meeting.

The submission deadline is **Friday, February 7th, 2025**.

We will notify you if your presentation was accepted as soon as the review process is complete.

Submit abstracts to BRFSS brfssabstracts@cdc.gov with the subject line "BRFSS 2025 Abstract Submission."

Submission Guidelines

Abstracts related to **BRFSS topics in survey research, epidemiology, evaluation, policy, or public health** are welcome for consideration. See the subject categories below.

Subject Categories:

1. Innovations in survey methodology and analytical methods
2. Topics on chronic disease, conditions, and COVID
3. Health disparities and health equity
4. Social determinants of health (SDOH)
5. Reactions to Race
6. Emerging health and other issues
7. Depression, anxiety, and emotional well-being
8. Environmental determinants of health
9. Health care access and use of preventive services
10. Health-related risk behaviors
11. Health policy decisions and impact
12. Dissemination/data visualization, partnerships, and collaboration

Writing Guidelines

Each abstract must be:

- Written in English, describing original work.
- Saved in MS Word (.doc or .docx). If using Information Protection Label Usage Guidelines, please select “General.”
- Complete; incomplete abstracts will not be accepted.
- Inclusive of the submitter’s information, even if you are submitting an abstract for someone else.
- Left-justified and single-spaced. Leave one line of space before the text following the title, headings, and subheadings. Double-space between paragraphs, but do not indent. Do not use bold, italics, underline (except for presenter), tabs, hard returns, or all capital letters in the abstract text.

The abstract should have following sections:

- **Title** — Use a title format with the first letter of each word capitalized.
- **Authors** — List the primary author first. All authors’ names should begin with the first name; include each author’s degrees without punctuation (e.g., MD, MPH). Underline the presenting author’s name.
- **Background** — Describe the problem or situation addressed in the abstract.
- **Objectives** — State the goals of the project.
- **Methods** — Describe the interventions, activities, programs, etc., used to address the problem.
- **Results** — Present key findings related to implementing the methods.
- **Conclusions** — Summarize lessons learned, plans and directions for future developments, and implications for research and practice.
- **Key Words** — List five key words.
- **Learning Objective(s)** — State one or two findings that participants should know after attending the presentation.

Additional information about abstract submissions:

- Word limit: **250 words**, not counting title, author names and degrees, headings, key words, objectives, and presenter information.

- No images, charts, or tables are permitted in the abstract.
- Please provide name, position, mailing address, email address, telephone number, and fax number (if available) for each presenter, and please indicate the subject category from the chart above that best corresponds to your abstract.
- Final acceptance is contingent upon the self-arranged registration of all presenters.
- Please designate your preference to share your work as a poster, an oral presentation, or both.

Oral presentations must be no more than 15 minutes long, with 5 additional minutes allowed for discussion. Session-specific duration/format guidelines will be provided after approval notifications have been sent. Presentations addressing the same issue or theme will be grouped together to form a session. Presenters should report recently completed or ongoing work.

Poster presentations should follow the guidelines listed for abstracts. Results may be summarized in the form of graphs, tables, pictures, and other visuals. Graphic displays should be appropriately labeled and legible. Approved poster presenters will be responsible for producing their posters and submitting them in their final form on-site for display—and presenters will receive site-related information about poster setup as registration time nears.

If you are submitting multiple abstracts, please submit each abstract as a separate file in the same email. Please save the file as **presenter's last name_abstract**. If more than one abstract is submitted, add a number after the presenter's name for each additional abstract. For example, if the presenter is Dr. Smith, the file should be saved as **Smith_abstract**. If Dr. Smith has three abstracts to submit, the second and third files would be saved as **Smith2_abstract** and **Smith3_abstract**.

For questions about abstract submission, please email:

BRFSS Submissions (CDC): brfssabstracts@cdc.gov

We are looking forward to this event and hope you will be able to attend and participate!

-The members of the 2025 BRFSS Meeting Committee