



# 2009–2010 Allegheny County Health Survey (2009–2010 ACHS)

## **Background:**

- Partnership of the Allegheny County Health Department with the Evaluation Institute (EI) in the Department of Behavioral and Community Health Sciences.
- The 2009–2010 ACHS is a county-wide, population-based telephone survey modeled after the Behavioral Risk Factor Surveillance System (BRFSS).
- Funded by the ACHD, GSPH, and several community partners.

## **Results:**

- 5,442 interviews conducted between August 2009 and September 2010.
- Overall, 66% of those contacted responded to the interview.
- 67% female, 19% self-identified as African Americans, 62% reported household incomes under \$50,000, and 26% were younger than 45 years old.
- The results of this survey point to the urgent need for efforts to address health disparities in our region.

## **Data use and available:**

- The ACHD and the Evaluation Institute expect that these data are useful for public and community organizations, appointed and elected officials, the public, and researchers.
- The data can be used to support policy proposals, to plan programs and services to meet residents' needs, to support funding for a variety of services, and to conduct research.

Report available at [http://www.achd.net/biostats/pubs/pdf/ACHS\\_2009-2010.pdf](http://www.achd.net/biostats/pubs/pdf/ACHS_2009-2010.pdf)

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