

Appendix B.

Items from the 2002 Rhode Island BRFSS used as independent variables:

1. Age – Three categories
 - 1) 18 – 44
 - 2) 45-64
 - 3) 65+

2. Sex
 - 1) Male
 - 2) Female

3. Race/Ethnicity
 - 1) White non-Hispanic
 - 2) Hispanic
 - 3) Other non-Hispanic

4. Household Income
 - 1) <\$25,000
 - 2) \$25,000 – \$49,999
 - 3) \$50,000 or more

5. Employment
 - 1) Unable to work
 - 2) Unemployed
 - 3) Retired
 - 4) Homemaker/Student
 - 5) Employed

6. Currently has asthma
 - 1) Asthma
 - 2) No Asthma

7. Respondent was told by a doctor that he/she has diabetes.
 - 1) Diabetes
 - 2) No Diabetes

8. Two Level Body Mass Index (BMI) categories. BMI = weight in kilograms divided by the square of height in meters (kg/m^2), and is based on self-reported height and weight.
 - 1) Obese ($\text{BMI} > 30$)
 - 2) Not Obese ($\text{BMI} \leq 30$)

9. Physical disability: Respondents limited in any way in any activity because of any physical problem, or using special equipment such as a cane, a wheelchair, a special bed, or a special telephone.
 - 1) Disability
 - 2) No disability

10. Current smoker: Respondents who had smoked at least 100 cigarettes in their lifetime and now smoke everyday or some days.
 - 1) Current Smoker
 - 2) Not Current Smoker

11. Chronic drinker: Male respondents having an average of more than 2 drinks per day; females respondents having an average of more than 1 drink per day.
 - 1) Chronic Drinker
 - 2) Not Chronic Drinker

12. No leisure time physical activity or exercise during the past 30 days other than the respondent's regular job.
 - 1) Leisure Time Activity
 - 2) No Leisure Time Activity