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Research Informing Policies \& Practices
for Healthy Youth

## Policy \& Environmental Influences on Childhood Obesity

Healthy Eating Research Annual Meeting
February 3, 2011, Austin TX

## Bridging the Gap is...

- A collaborative effort to assess the impacts of policies, programs \& other environmental factors on a variety of adolescent health-related behaviors
- An RWJF initiative begun in 1997 with focus on adolescent alcohol, tobacco, and other drug use and related outcomes
- More recently expanded to include youth eating practices, physical activity, and weight outcomes
- Linked to the ongoing, NIDA-funded, Monitoring the Future study



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## Monitoring the Future (MTF)

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ImpacTeen
A Policy Research Partnership for Healthier Youth Behavior
Food \& Fitness
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## Bridging the Gap integrates across

- Multiple behaviors
- Healthy eating, physical activity, tobacco use, and related outcomes
- Multiple disciplines
- Social psychology, economics, public health, epidemiology, political science, law, sociology, public policy, biostatistics, and more
- Multiple levels of social organization
- Individual, schools, communities, states, and the nation
- Multiple centers and collaborators
- UM, UIC, Mayatech, Public Health Institute, and others
- Multiple funders
- RWJF, NIDA, NCI, NHLBI, USDA, CDC, ALF, ACS, and others
- Multiple data sources
- Variety of originally collected and archival data


## Bridging the Gap - Obesity



## Bridging the Gap data include

- Monitoring the Future Surveys of adolescents
- Household food purchases (HomeScan)
- Surveys of primary and secondary school administrators
- School district wellness policies
- Community-level observations
- Community-level ordinances and regulations
- Market and national level television advertising exposure
- State-level policies and regulations
- Variety of archival data



## Bridging the Gap <br> Research Informing Practice and Policy for Healthy Youth Behavior

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## MTF Student Surveys

Nationally representative annual $8^{\text {th }}, 10^{\text {th }}$, and $12^{\text {th }}$ grade student surveys (approximately 50,000 students in about 420 public and private secondary schools)

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## Trends in Mean BMI by Gender, 1986-2009



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BMI = Body Mass Index (weight in kg / height in meters squared)

Sports, Athletics, or Exercising: Trends in the Percent of Students Participating by Gender, 1976-2009


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"Participating" defined as participating almost every day or daily.

## Eating Breakfast Daily by Gender, 1979-2009



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"How often do you eat breakfast?" $1=$ Never, $2=$ Seldom, $3=$ Sometimes, $4=$ Most days, $5=$ Nearly every day, 6=Every day. "Daily" recode: $1=$ Nearly every day or every day; $\mathrm{o}=$ Other.

## Eating Fruit Daily by Gender, 1979-2009



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"How often do you eat at least some fruit?" $1=$ Never, $2=$ Seldom, $3=$ Sometimes, $4=$ Most days, $5=$ Nearly every day, $6=$ Every day. "Daily" recode: $1=$ Nearly every day or every day; $0=$ Other.

## Eating Green Vegetables Daily by Gender, 1979-2009




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"How often do you eat at least some green vegetables?" $1=$ Never, $2=$ Seldom, $3=$ Sometimes, $4=$ Most days, $5=$ Nearly every day, $6=$ Every day. "Daily" recode: $1=$ Nearly every day or every day; $0=$ Other.

## YES School Administrator Surveys on Health Policies and Practices in Schools

Nationally representative annual surveys of school administrators in approximately 550 secondary schools (about $2808^{\text {th }}$ grade schools, $13510^{\text {th }}$ and $13512^{\text {th }}$ grade schools)

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Results on School Policies and Programs
Overview of Key Findings

2009

- Annual releases of key summary data
- First monograph to be released in coming weeks
- Full summary data on-line


# Types of Beverages Available as Part of the School Lunch Meal, 2007-2008 



Alliance Beverages: bottled water; 100\% fruit or vegetable juice, low-fat or non-fat milk.
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Additional Alliance Beverages: diet soft drinks; other no- or low-calorie beverages; "light" juices. Sugar-sweetened Beverages: regular soft drinks; sports drinks; fruit drinks that are not 100\% fruit juice and that are high in calories. Other Milk: whole or $2 \%$ milk, or flavored milk.

School Administrator Surveys on Health Policies and Practices in Schools

## Student Access to Less Healthy Lunch Meal Foods, 2007-2008


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## Student Access to Competitive Venues Not Implementing School Beverage Guidelines, 2007-2008


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The 2007 value was $57 \%$ for high school students for both à la carte and stores/snack bars/carts.

## Student Access to Competitive Venues Not Implementing Nutritional Guidelines for Competitive Foods, 2007-2008


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School Administrator Surveys on Health Policies and Practices in Schools

## Student Access to Regular Soft Drinks by Competitive Venue, 2007-2008


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## Competitive Venue SSB Availability by Beverage Supplier Involvement in Vending Beverage Choices, 2007-2009


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SSBs: Sugar-sweetened beverages. Regular soda: regular soft drinks (such as Coke, Pepsi, or Dr. Pepper). Non-soda SSBs: sports drinks; fruit drinks that are not $100 \%$ fruit juice and that are high in calories.

## Students Participating in Interscholastic/Varsity Sports During the School Year by School SES, 2008


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## Students Participating in Interscholastic/Varsity Sports During the School Year by School Racial and Ethnic Makeup, 2008



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## Food \& Fitness Administrator Surveys on Policies and Practices in Elementary Schools

Nationally representative annual surveys of school administrators 2006-07 school year $(\mathrm{N}=578)$ and 2007-2008 school year $(\mathrm{N}=748)$

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## Annual Primary School Administrator Survey http://www.bridgingthegapresearch.org/research/elementary school survey//

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- First monograph released fall 2010
- Full summary data on-line


## Report 1:

School Policies and Practices to Improve Health and Prevent Obesity. National Elementary School Survey Results, School Years 2006-07 and 2007-08.

Foods Available in Lunches Offered at Elementary Schools Participating in the National School Lunch Program

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Availability of Foods or Beverages in Competitive Venues in Elementary Schools

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## Availability of Beverages in Any Competitive Venue (vending, stores/snack bar, à la carte) in Elementary Schools



Turner, L. \& Chaloupka, F.J. (2010). Wide Availability of High-Calorie Beverages in
bridging the gap Elementary Schools. Archives of Pediatric and Adolescent Medicine, published online Nov 1, 2010.

## Policies or Restrictions on Sugary Foods During Parties and Snack Time in Elementary Schools


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## Elementary School Administrator Surveys

## Minutes of Physical Education Class Time Per Week, $3^{\text {rd }}$ Grade Students



Recommendations from the CDC, IOM and NASPE are for 150+ minutes of physical education per week

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Elementary School Administrator Surveys

## Percentage of $3^{\text {rd }}$ Grade Students Receiving 20+ Minutes of Recess Daily


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# School District Wellness Policies 

Approximately 600 School Districts Annually

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## District Policy Study Overview

Ongoing nationwide evaluation of school district wellness policies

- Nationally representative sample of 579, 641, and 593 school districts, respectively, for school years 06-07, 07-08, and 08-09; 09-10 data being finalized
-94\% response (collection) rate for 06-07 and 07-08
-97\% response rate for 08-09
- Coded for policies effective as of the day after labor day of each year (proxy for $1^{\text {st }}$ day of each school year)
Primary policy collection and analysis, included wellness policy and all associated regulations/guidelines/procedures
- Also included cross-referenced policies/models/embedded state laws

Related studies examining school-level policies and practices

## Annual Nationwide Evaluation of District Wellness Policies http://www.bridgingthegapresearch.org/research/district wellness policies/



## Wellness Policy Requirements

\% of Students in Districts with Policy by Year


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## Selected Nutrition Education Policy Requirements



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## Selected School Meal Policy Provisions

\% of Students in Districts with Policy by Year

Meals Meet Dietary Guidelines


Nutritional Content Info for Meals


Adequate Time to Eat


■ Strong policy (Required)

■ Weak policy

## Competitive Food \& Beverage Location Restrictions by Grade Level and Year

\% of Students in Districts with Policy by Grade Level and Year

Elementary


Middle

$\rightarrow$ Ban

- -Vending Machines
-     - School Stores
* A la Carte
* Guidelines apply to contracts
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Competitive Food Content Restrictions that Meet IOM Standards or Ban Such Sales, SY 2008-09
\% of students in districts with policy by grade level


Competitive Beverage Content Restrictions that Meet IOM Standards or Ban Such Sales, SY 2008-09
\% of students in districts with policy by grade level


*Note: Soda/SSBs overlap

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## Community Obesity Measures Project

150-180 communities surrounding MTF $2^{\text {nd }}$ year half-sample schools


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## Food Environment Measures

- Observational data collection
- Food stores (supermarkets, grocery stores, convenience stores, gas stations, drug stores, dollar stores)
- Fast food restaurants
- Measures and indices constructed
- Availability, placement, pricing and quality of select food and beverage products and tobacco products
- Food/beverage and tobacco advertising
- Nutrition information


## Physical Activity Environment Measures

- Observational data collection
- Fitness centers (YMCA, B\&G Clubs, JCCs, Commercial)
- Community recreation centers and parks
- PA Instructional schools (e.g., karate, dance)
- Street segments
- Measures and indices constructed
- Availability and quality of facilities; pricing
- Safety, amenities, aesthetics
- Walkability, bikability


## Policy Environment Measures

- Local policy collection and coding:
- Local ordinances and codes
- Local zoning policies
- Community master plans
- Local taxes on soda and candy
- School district wellness policies and joint use agreements
- Menu labeling requirements
- Restrictions on fast food, formula restaurants


## Data Collection

- 2010 - Completed in 154 communities
- 2011 - Starting in April in 162+ communities
- Beyond 2011?


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## Inter-Rater Reliability of BTG-COMP Food Store and Fast Food Measures

| Instrument | Category (\# measures) | \% measures Kappa/ICC $\geq 0.80$ | \% measures Kappa/ICC $\geq 0.60$ |
| :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: |
| Food store | Product availability (56) | 77\% | 92\% |
| Food store | Product pricing (47) | 62\% | 89\% |
| Food store | Counts of fruits and vegetables (6) | 100\% | 100\% |
| Food store | Interior/exterior store characteristics (21) | 62\% | 81\% |
| Food store | Counts of exterior food and beverage ads (12) | 67\% | 92\% |
| Fast food | Characteristics of menu and kids' menu (20) | 59\% | 88\% |
| Fast food | Food and beverage items available (17) | 94\% | 100\% |
| Fast food | Availability of nutrition information (20) | 36\% | 86\% |
| Fast food | Interior/exterior restaurant characteristics (23) | 57\% | 74\% |
| Fast food | Counts of exterior food and beverage ads (12) | 17\% | 67\% |

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## Inter-Rater Reliability of BTG-COMP Built Environment Food Policy Instrument

| Instrument | Category (\# measures) | \% measures <br> Kappa $\geq \mathbf{0 . 8 0}$ | \% measures <br> Kappa 0.60-0.79 | \% measures <br> Kappa <0.60 |
| :--- | :--- | :---: | :---: | :---: |
| Food | Stores Promoting F\&B Access (18) | $33 \%$ | $67 \%$ | -- |
| Food | Other Locations Promoting Food <br> Access (e.g., Farmers' Markets, <br> Mobile Vendors, Community <br> Gardens) (5) | $60 \%$ | $40 \%$ | -- |
| Food | Types of Food Stores (6) |  |  |  |
| Food | Menu Labeling (8) | $33 \%$ | $50 \%$ |  |
| Food | Other Food-Related Policy (5) | $20 \%$ | -- | $17 \%$ |

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Inter-Rater Reliability of BTG-COMP Built Environment Zoning \& Master Plan Instruments

| Instrument | Category (\# measures) | \% measures <br> Kappa $\mathbf{0} \mathbf{0 . 8 0}$ | $\%$ measures <br> Kappa 0.60-0.79 | \% measures <br> Kappa <0.60 |
| :--- | :--- | :---: | :---: | :---: |
| Zoning | Types of Codes (25) | $92 \%$ | $8 \%$ | -- |
| Zoning | Types of Zones/Districts (44) | $93 \%$ | $2 \%$ | $5 \%$ |
| Zoning | Markers of Walkability (30) | $93 \%$ | $7 \%$ | -- |
| Zoning | Bicycle/Trail-related Items (49) | $88 \%$ | $12 \%$ | -- |
| Zoning | Complete Streets (2) | $100 \%$ | -- | -- |
| Plan | Overall Plan Information (13) | $77 \%$ | $23 \%$ | -- |
| Plan | Plan Elements/Status (34) | $91 \%$ | $9 \%$ | -- |
| Plan | Markers of Walkability (35) | $57 \%$ | $40 \%$ | $3 \%$ |
| Plan | Markers of Active Recreation (38) | $53 \%$ | $42 \%$ | $5 \%$ |
| Plan | Bicycle, Trail, and Open-Space (76) | $54 \%$ | $42 \%$ | $4 \%$ |
| Plan | Other BE/PA-related Items (2) | $100 \%$ | -- | -- |

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## Inter-Rater Reliability of BTG-COMP Street Segment Observation Form

| Method | Category (\# measures) | \% measures Kappa/ICC $\geq 0.80$ | \% measures Kappa/ICC $\geq 0.60$ | \% No Presence |
| :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: |
| Inter-rater | Land Use/Opportunities for PA (34) | 50\% | 35\% | 15\% |
| Walk vs. Drive | Land Use/Opportunities for PA (34) | 70\% | 21\% | 9\% |
| Inter-rater | Traffic and Pedestrians (32) | 56\% | 44\% | -- |
| Walk vs. Drive | Traffic and Pedestrians (32) | 63\% | 22\% | 15\% |
| Inter-rater | Aesthetics (13) | 54\% | 31\% | 15\% |
| Walk vs. Drive | Aesthetics (13) | 70\% | 15\% | 15\% |
| Inter-rater | Physical Disorder (4) | -- | 100\% | -- |
| Walk vs. Drive | Physical Disorder (4) | 25\% | 75\% | -- |
| Inter-rater | TOTAL Across all Measures | 51\% | 33\% | 16\% |
| Walk vs. Drive | TOTAL Across all Measures | 68\% | 22\% | 10\% |

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## State Policy Data

## BTG State Food/Beverage-related Tax Data

| Topic | Years Available | Annual reference date |
| :--- | :--- | :--- |
| Taxation |  |  |
| State sales/excise taxes on <br> SSB and diet beverages | $1997-2010$ <br> 2011 in development | $1 / 1 /$ XXXX |
| State sales taxes on restaurant <br> sales (includes fast food) | $1997-2010$ <br> 2011 in development | $1 / 1 /$ XXXX |
| State sales taxes on candy <br> and chips | $1997-2010$ <br> 2011 in development | $1 / 1 / /$ XXXX |
| State sales taxes on other <br> snacks | $1997-2010$ <br> Discontinued in 2011 | $1 / 1 /$ XXXX |
| State "food" definitions and <br> food exemptions | $2008-2010$ <br> 2011 in development | $1 / 1 /$ XXXX |

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## BTG State School-based Laws/Regulation Data

| Topic | Years Available | Annual reference date |
| :--- | :--- | :--- |
| Requirements for school- <br> based nutrition education, <br> school meals, competitive <br> foods \& beverages | $2006-2009$ <br> 2010 in development | $9 / X X X X$ <br> beginning of each school <br> year) |
| State requirements for PE and <br> PA outside of PE during the <br> school day | $2006-2009$ <br> 2010 in development | $9 / X X X X$ |
| Safe Route to School-related <br> Laws | $2005-2009$ <br> $2010 / 11$ to be <br> developed | $1 / 1 /$ XXXX |
| Minimum busing distance | $2005-2009$ <br> $2010 / 11$ to be <br> developed | $1 / 1 /$ XXXX |
| Farm-to-School and other local | $2006-2009$ <br> procurement laws | $9 / X X X X$ |

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## Other BTG State Law/Regulation Data

| Topic | Years Available | Annual reference date |
| :--- | :--- | :--- |
| State requirements for <br> county/municipal plans | 2010 <br> 2011 TBD | $1 / 1 /$ XXXX |
| State laws governing <br> county/municipal zoning <br> authority | 2010 <br> 2011 TBD | $1 / 1 /$ XXXX |
| Healthy foods in <br> government worksites/ <br> public places | Forthcoming | $1 / 1 /$ XXXX |
| Trans fat bans | Forthcoming | $1 / 1 /$ XXXX |
| Menu labeling | TBD based on fed <br> regs | TBD |
| Complete streets | Forthcoming | $1 / 1 /$ XXXX |

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# Combined MTF Student Surveys and School Administrator Surveys in MTF Schools 

Approximately 19,600 students and about 170 secondary schools per year

## Percent of Students $\geq 85^{\text {th }}$ BMI Percentile by Percent Participating in Interscholastic Sports, 2004-2007



Percentage of students participating in interscholastic sports

O’Malley, P. M., Johnston, L. D., Delva, J., \& Terry-McElrath, Y. M. (2009). School physical activity environment related to student obesity and activity: A national study of schools and students. Journal of Adolescent Health, 45,- S71-S81.

## Student Consumption of Fruit and Vegetables by School Availability in Lunch Meal or À la Carte, 2004-2007




Food Item Availability
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Terry-McElrath, Y. M., O’Malley, P. M., Delva, J., \& Johnston, L. D. (2009). The school food environment and student body mass index and food consumption: 2004-2007 national data. Journal of Adolescent Health, 45,- S45-S56.

## Percent of Students Eating Breakfast Almost Daily/Daily by School Start Time, 2004-2007



School start time
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Terry-McElrath, Y. M., O’Malley, P. M., Delva, J., \& Johnston, L. D. (2009). The school food environment and student body mass index and food consumption: 2004-2007 national data. Journal of Adolescent Health, 45,- S45-S56.

# Combined State Policy, School District Policy and School Practice Data 

## District competitive food policies are stronger in states with strong competitive food policies




Source: Taber, Chriqui, Chaloupka, under review

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Fruits and vegetables are more commonly available in elementary school meals in states with Farm-to-School Laws and schools with Farm-to-School Programs


Source: Nicholson, Chriqui, Schneider, et al., in preparation bridging the gap

## Television Advertising Data

Nielsen Media Research Ratings Data

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## Advertising Data

- Targeted Ratings Points (TRPs) data on exposure to ads seen on TV obtained from Nielsen Media Research
- Ratings cover all programming seen by children and teens
- Ratings points measure the reach and frequency of advertising. For example, a commercial with 80 TRPs for 2-5 year olds per month is estimated to have been seen an average of one time by $80 \%$ of children 2-5 over the defined period
- Ratings by:
> Year: 2003, 2005, 2007, and 2009
> Age Groups: 2-5 yr, 6-11yr, and 12-17 yr
> Race: All children, separately by white and black. Study does not include separate ratings for Hispanic children nor does it cover Spanish Language TV
- Food-related advertising categorized as:
$>$ Cereal, Sweets, Snacks, Beverages, Fast Food Restaurants, Full-service Restaurants, and Other
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## Exposure to Food Advertisements per Day for Children by Year

Children Ages 2-5 Years


## Exposure to Food Advertisements per Day for Children by Year

Children Ages 6-11 Years


## Exposure to Food Advertisements per Day for Adolescents by Year

Adolescents Ages 12-17 Years


## Nutritional Content Analysis

- Food and beverage advertisements were assessed on the basis of:
> Fat (\% Kcal): High > 35\% Kcal from fat
$>$ Saturated Fat (\% Kcal): High >10\% Kcal from saturated fat
> Sugar (\%Kcal): High >25\% Kcal from sugar
$>$ Sodium (mg per 50 g portion): High $>200 \mathrm{mg}$ of sodium per 50 g portion
$>$ Fiber (g per 50 g portion): Low $<1.15 \mathrm{~g}$ of fiber per 50 g portion
- Nutritional Content was weighted by the ratings data to provide estimates of exposure to nutritional content


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## Nutritional Content : Mean of Selected Measures

All Food Ads Seen by Children and Adolescents

|  | \% Kcal Fat |  | \% Kcal <br> Saturated <br> Fat |  | \% Kcal <br> Sugar |  | Sodium (mg) per 50 g |  | $\begin{aligned} & \text { Fiber }(\mathrm{g}) \text { per } \\ & 50 \mathrm{~g} \end{aligned}$ |  |
| :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: |
|  | 2003 | 2009 | 2003 | 2009 | 2003 | 2009 | 2003 | 2009 | 2003 | 2009 |
| Ages 2-5 | 21.2 | 19.6 | 7.3 | 6.8 | 43.4 | 36.7 | 193.8 | 222.1 | 0.8 | 1.4 |
| Ages 6-11 | 21.1 | 19.7 | 7.3 | 6.9 | 44.1 | 36.7 | 190.6 | 222.3 | 0.8 | 1.3 |
| Ages 12-17 | 21.7 | 21.8 | 7.7 | 7.9 | 44.2 | 34.3 | 181.1 | 215.1 | 0.8 | 1.2 |

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# Number of Ads Seen and Nutritional Content (\%) of Ads for Selected Companies in the CFBAI 

## Children Ages 6-11 Years

|  | General Mills |  | Kellogg |  | Kraft Foods |  | Coca-Cola |  | Pepsi |  | Nestle |  |
| :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: |
|  | 2003 | 2009 | 2003 | 2009 | 2003 | 2009 | 2003 | 2009 | 2003 | 2009 | 2003 | 2009 |
| Number of Ads Seen | 2.2 | 2.3 | 1.4 | 0.9 | 1.3 | 0.8 | 0.2 | 0.1 | 0.6 | 0.2 | 0.4 | 0.3 |
| High Fat | 4.6 | 9.1 | 12.4 | 7.5 | 34.9 | 30.6 | 0.0 | 0.0 | 20.5 | 24.4 | 55.3 | 37.8 |
| High Sat Fat | 14.9 | 19.1 | 15.4 | 11.9 | 40.5 | 30.6 | 0.0 | 0.0 | 15.2 | 3.0 | 70.7 | 55.5 |
| High Sugar | 90.5 | 81.6 | 71.8 | 66.4 | 64.9 | 36.8 | 83.9 | 44.8 | 66.3 | 57.4 | 60.1 | 18.7 |
| High Sodium | 50.4 | 60.8 | 73.9 | 60.4 | 38.0 | 60.0 | 0.0 | 0.0 | 37.8 | 25.0 | 17.1 | 20.2 |
| Low Fiber | 67.0 | 43.0 | 69.7 | 26.0 | 76.9 | 80.3 | 100 | 100 | 56.2 | 59.4 | 90.1 | 93.4 |
| High Sat Fat, Sugar or Sodium | 96.6 | 97.3 | 98.7 | 88.7 | 97.5 | 94.9 | 94.5 | 44.8 | 90.8 | 82.4 | 92.6 | 73.7 |
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## Policy Implications of Trends in Ad Content

- Children, on average, continue to see more than 10 food-related ads on TV every day (teens see almost 15 ads per day)
- Children and teens continue to be exposed mainly to food and beverage ads for products that are high in saturated fat, sugar or sodium
- These results suggest that industry self-regulation is limited in its effectiveness to substantially improve food-related advertising seen by children on TV
- Key issues of concern for policymakers regarding CFBAI self-regulation:
$>$ No uniform nutritional standards
$>$ No uniform definition of child audiences
$>$ Does not address reach of ads in non-child programming
$>$ Does not apply to children age 12 and over


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## Analyses of State Policy and Household/Youth Data

## Sales taxes applied to vending machines sales, selected beverages (as of July 1, 2010)

|  | Mean all <br> states (\%) | Max (\%) |  | Mean taxing <br> states (\%) |
| :--- | ---: | ---: | ---: | ---: |
| Soda | 4.14 | 8.00 | 40 | 5.28 |
| Diet Soda | 4.14 | 8.00 | 40 | 5.28 |
| S50\% fruit juice | 4.02 | 8.00 | 39 | 5.26 |
| Isotonic beverages | 4.02 | 8.00 | 39 | 5.26 |
| Sweetened teas (bottle/can) | 3.90 | 8.00 | 38 | 5.24 |
| Bottled water | 3.38 | 8.00 | 34 | 5.07 |
| $>51 \%$ fruit juice, but < 100\% | 3.30 | 8.00 | 33 | 5.10 |
| fruit juice | 3.30 | 8.00 | 33 | 5.10 |
| 100\% fruit juice |  |  |  |  |

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## State Sales Taxes on Regular and Diet Soda as of July 1, 2010



Note: Three states also impose a mandatory statewide local tax that is not reflected in the above data: CA (1\%), UT (1.25\%), VA (1\%).
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## Overview

- Empirically examine associations between state-level soda taxes and consumption and weight outcomes, using nationally representative data sets including:
- A.C. Nielsen Homescan Data
- Early Childhood Longitudinal Study-Kindergarten Cohort (ECLS-K)
- Monitoring the Future (MTF)
- National Longitudinal Survey of Youth 1997 (NLSY97)


## Objective

- To examine the association of soda taxes with household soda purchases; HomeScan data


## Data Description

- Cross-section of household purchase information based on scanner data from a variety of stores, $2^{\text {nd }}$ Q 2007
- Household demographic data
- Final sample includes 66,211 non-military households
- Outcome variable: soda volume in ounces of carbonated beverages purchased per household over the sample period ( $m=566$ ounces $\sim 2$ cases of 12 oz cans)
- Control variables: household income, size, race, educational attainment, presence of children/age, female head of household employment status, and census regions


## Policy Simulation Example: Household Regular Soda Purchases

- Study results imply very small tax elasticities for purchases of -0.06.
- If all states increased sales taxes to the maximum tax rate of $7 \%$ (an increase of $60.6 \%$ from the current sample mean of $4.36 \%)$, household purchases of regular soda are estimated to be $3.6 \%$ lower.
- Consider the imposition of a new $20 \%$ tax $\rightarrow$ assuming constant elasticity, household regular soda purchases are estimated to be 33\% lower.
*The extent to which this applies to all regular soda consumption depends on constant elasticity noted above, and whether regular soda consumed away-from-home is similarly price/tax responsive.


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## Objective

- To examine association between soda taxes, consumption and weight of children ; ECLS data


## Data Description

- Nationally representative panel of elementary school students.
- Food consumption $5^{\text {th }}$ grade; measured height and weight
- Final sample:7,414 children who reported their food consumption and 7,300 children for which height and weight information exists
- Outcome variables: soda consumption in last week ( $m=6$ ), soda purchases at school ( $\mathrm{m}=0.4$ ), and weight change $3^{\text {rd }}$ to $5^{\text {th }}$ grade ( $\mathrm{m}=1.9$ )
- Control variables: age in months, race/ethnicity, family income, mother's education level, physical activity, TV watching, parent-child interactions.


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## Associations by Sub-populations

| Outcome <br> Variable | Total <br> Consumption |  | School <br> Consumption |  | BMI <br> Change |  |
| :--- | :---: | :--- | :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: |
|  | Higher <br> Soda Tax <br> Amount | Higher <br> Soda Tax <br> Indicator | Higher <br> Soda Tax <br> Amount | Higher <br> Soda Tax <br> Indicator | Higher <br> Soda Tax <br> Amount | Higher <br> Soda Tax <br> Indicator |
| Full <br> Sample | -0.004 | -0.006 | -0.010 | $-0.064^{*}$ | $-0.013^{*}$ | $-0.085^{* *}$ |
| At Risk of <br> Overweight | -0.026 | -0.078 | -0.011 | -0.067 | $-0.033^{* *}$ | $-0.222^{* *}$ |
| Low- <br> Income | $-0.142^{*}$ | -0.811 | $-0.039^{* *}$ | $-0.239^{* *}$ | -0.000 | -0.005 |
| African <br> American <br> 9+ Hrs | -0.125 | -0.767 | $-0.103^{* *}$ | $-0.585^{* *}$ | 0.029 | 0.086 |
| TV |  |  |  |  |  |  |

## Objective

- To examine association of soda taxes with youths' BMI using cross-sectional and longitudinal models; NLSY data


## Data Description

- Nationally representative longitudinal data on youth aged 12 to 17 in 1997; 4 waves of including 1997, 1998, 1999 and 2000
- Estimation sample includes 11,900 person-year observations living at home
- Information on parental characteristics available from parental questionnaire and annual household roster data
- Outcome variable: weight status: BMI and overweight prevalence
- Control variables: age, gender, race, ethnicity, income, mother's education, mother's employment status
- Neighborhood controls: median household income


## Preliminary Regressions Results-Cross Sectional Analysis

|  | Female |  | Male |  |
| :--- | :--- | :--- | :--- | :--- |
|  | BMI | Overweight | BMI | Overweight |
| Full Sample |  |  |  |  |
| $0<$ tax $\leq 4 \%$ | 0.0552 | 0.0019 | -0.0337 | -0.0055 |
| $4 \%<t a x \leq 5 \%$ | 0.1339 | 0.0017 | -0.1457 | -0.0160 |
| $5 \%<t a x \leq 6 \%$ | -0.0797 | -0.0105 | 0.2203 | 0.1010 |
| tax>6\% | -0.0548 | -0.0053 | $0.5410^{\star}$ | 0.0257 |
| Low Income |  |  |  |  |
| 0<tax $\leq 4 \%$ | -0.5963 | $-0.0371^{*}$ | -0.5030 | $-0.0556^{* *}$ |
| $4 \%<t a x \leq 5 \%$ | 0.2401 | -0.0094 | -0.2245 | -0.0073 |
| $5 \%<\operatorname{tax} \leq 6 \%$ | -0.3359 | $-0.0436^{* *}$ | -0.1683 | $-0.0470^{* *}$ |
| tax>6\% | -0.4483 | $-0.0369^{*}$ | -0.4099 | $-0.0435^{* *}$ |

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## Preliminary Regressions Results-Longitudinal Analysis (FE)

|  | Female |  | Male |  |
| :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: |
|  | BMI | Overweight | BMI | Overweight |
| Full Sample |  |  |  |  |
| $0<t a x \leq 4 \%$ | -0.7805** | -0.0078 | -0.4054*** | -0.0503 |
| 4\%<tax $55 \%$ | -0.7938** | -0.0153 | -0.0942 | -0.0369 |
| 5\%<tax $66 \%$ | -0.2033 | 0.0308* | -0.2297 | -0.0591 |
| tax>6\% | -0.5647 | $0.0667 *$ | 0.4693 | -0.0212 |
| Low Income |  |  |  |  |
| 0<tax $\leq 4 \%$ | -2.1950*** | $-0.0628^{* * *}$ | -1.0196*** | $-0.0922^{* * *}$ |
| 4\%<tax $55 \%$ | $-2.3600^{* * *}$ | $-0.0737^{* *}$ | -0.5907* | $-0.0732^{* * *}$ |
| 5\%<tax $\leq 6 \%$ | -1.1818 | -0.0162 | -1.5229*** | -0.0879*** |
| tax>6\% | -0.2139 | 0.0847 | 0.5069 | -0.0969** |

## Summary: Policy Implications of Empirical Results

- Generally very small associations between soda taxes and consumption or weight outcomes based on the existing low tax rates which range up to just $7 \%$ in the study samples.
- Larger associations for populations at greater risk for obesity.
- Substantial increases in soda tax rates may have some measureable effects on outcomes and even greater effects at the population level.


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