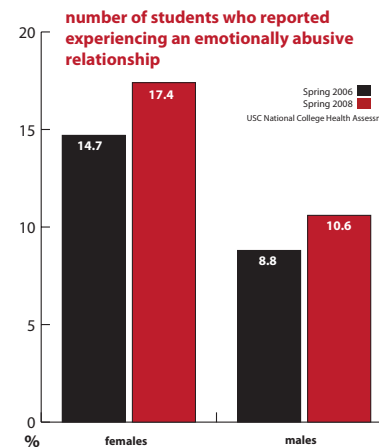
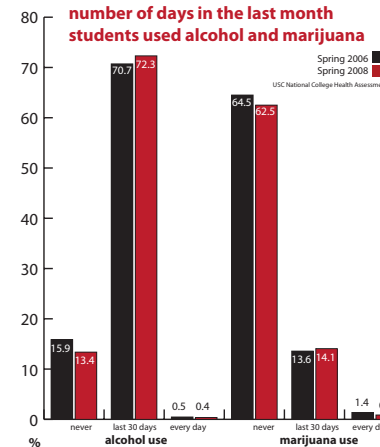
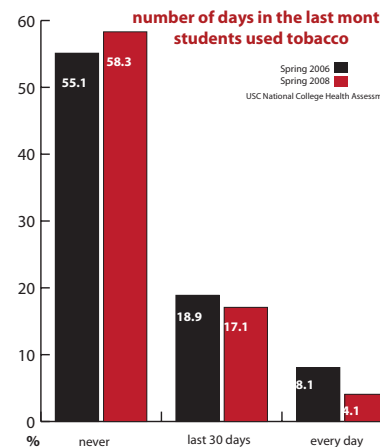
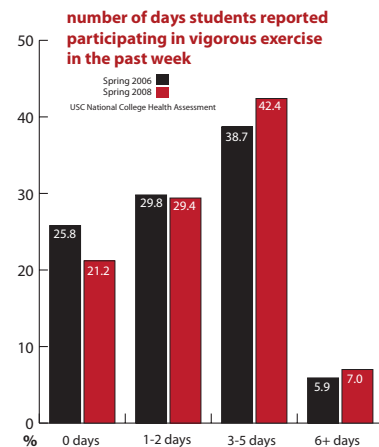
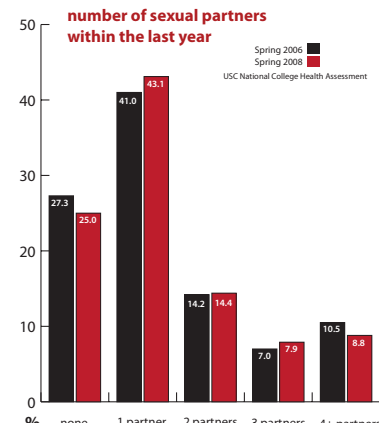
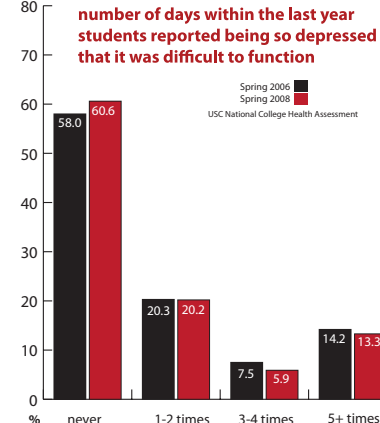
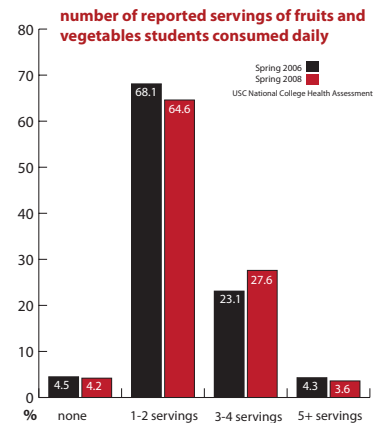
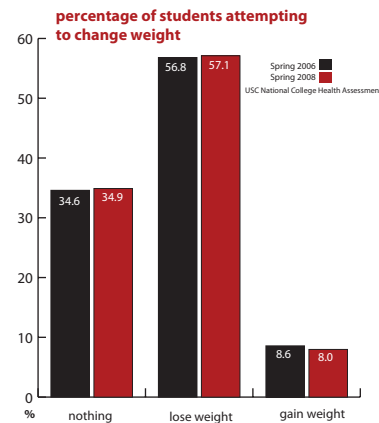


The University of South Carolina participates in the National College Health Assessment through the University of South Carolina's membership in the American College Health Association (ACHA). The NCHA was pilot tested in 1998-1999 and systematically evaluated with reliability and validity analyses comparing common survey items with national studies such as the National College Health Risk Behavior Survey (CDC).

The goal of this research project is to collect data about risk and protective behaviors, perceived norms, and incidence and prevalence of a variety of health problems/conditions which may affect academic performance and retention. Healthy Carolina conducted the NCHA for the second time during the 2008 Spring semester, and will continue to conduct the assessment periodically on campus. A total of 4500 students were randomly selected to participate and received an official letter and e-mail informing them that the assessment was completely confidential and inviting them to participate. A 35 percent response rate was obtained.



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