

# YOUTH ALCOHOL USE: ISLAND COUNTY 2006



Findings from the Washington State Healthy Youth Survey

<b>DRINKING</b>	<b>6<sup>TH</sup> GRADERS</b>	<b>8<sup>TH</sup> GRADERS</b>	<b>10<sup>TH</sup> GRADERS</b>	<b>12<sup>TH</sup> GRADERS</b>
Current Alcohol Use	4.2%	17.2%	28.6%	43.3%
Ever tried Alcohol	30.3%	41.5%	61.3%	74.1%
Current Binge Drinking	~	*	12.6%	23.9%

<b>DRIVING</b>	<b>6<sup>TH</sup> GRADERS</b>	<b>8<sup>TH</sup> GRADERS</b>	<b>10<sup>TH</sup> GRADERS</b>	<b>12<sup>TH</sup> GRADERS</b>
Recently rode in a vehicle driven by someone who had been drinking	~	13.8%	23.9%	23.9%
Recently drove a vehicle (themselves) when you had been drinking	~	4.4%	2.7%	14.2%

<b>PERCEPTION OF USE</b>	<b>6<sup>TH</sup> GRADERS</b>	<b>8<sup>TH</sup> GRADERS</b>	<b>10<sup>TH</sup> GRADERS</b>	<b>12<sup>TH</sup> GRADERS</b>
Think it would be easy to get Alcohol if they wanted some	19.9%	35.8%	51.2%	72.3%
Think it is very wrong for someone their age to use Alcohol	94.7%	67.7%	42.3%	26.9%

<b>ACCESS TO ALCOHOL</b>	<b>8<sup>TH</sup> GRADERS</b>	<b>10<sup>TH</sup> GRADERS</b>	<b>12<sup>TH</sup> GRADERS</b>
Got alcohol from friends	2.6%	6.6%	15.3%
Got alcohol at home without permission	3.0%	4.1%	2.3%
Got alcohol at home with permission	2.6%	3.4%	4.2%
Got alcohol at a party	1.5%	5.5%	4.2%
Gave someone money to buy alcohol for them	.8%	3.4%	7.9%

~ Not asked of students in this grade

\* Too few responses to report

Current use = any use in the past 30 days (also called recent use). Ever tried = use at anytime in the past (also called lifetime use).

*We are extremely appreciative of the participation of all four Island County school districts in the Healthy Youth Survey. Their participation allows us to report on the current health status of our youth and track trends over time.*

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