

YOUTH ALCOHOL USE: ISLAND COUNTY 2008



Findings from the Washington State Healthy Youth Survey

DRINKING	6 TH	8 TH	10 TH	12 TH
	GRADERS	GRADERS	GRADERS	GRADERS
Current Alcohol Use	4.3	13.5	29.7	44.4
Ever tried Alcohol	28.9	40.7	60.9	75.5
Current Binge Drinking	3.8	6.2	15.9	25.4
Problem drinking	~	4	8	12
Heavy drinking	~	5	11	18
NO DRINKING	~	86	69	55

Problem drinking: Drinking on 3-5 days in the last 30 days or 1 binge drinking in past 2 weeks
 Heavy drinking: 6+ days drinking in past 30 days or 2 binge drinking in past 2 weeks

DRIVING	6 TH	8 TH	10 TH	12 TH
	GRADERS	GRADERS	GRADERS	GRADERS
Recently rode in a vehicle driven by someone who had been drinking	~	15.6	26.0	22.0
Recently drove a vehicle (themselves) when you had been drinking	~	3.9	7.4	10.5

PERCEPTION OF USE	6 TH	8 TH	10 TH	12 TH
	GRADERS	GRADERS	GRADERS	GRADERS
Think it would be easy to get Alcohol if they wanted some	19.2	33.4	57.5	76.7
Think it is very wrong for someone their age to use Alcohol	81.4	67.4	47.6	24.6

ACCESS TO ALCOHOL	8 TH	10 TH	12 TH
	GRADERS	GRADERS	GRADERS
Got alcohol from friends	2.8	9.2	19.7
Got alcohol at home without permission	5.2	7.9	5.3
Got alcohol at home with permission	2.0	4.4	12.2
Got alcohol at a party	.8	6.6	13.8
Gave someone money to buy alcohol for them	2.0	4.0	12.2

~ 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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