

## Youth Alcohol Consumption

### Key Findings

*In 2009, the assessment results indicated that 68% of Allen County youth had drunk at least one drink of alcohol in their life. Almost two-fifths (39%) of those who drank, took their first drink before the age of 12. Just over one-third (34%) of all Allen County youth and 40% of those 14-16 and 17-18 years had at least one drink in the past 30 days. Almost two-thirds (65%) of the youth who reported drinking in the past 30 days had at least one episode of binge drinking. 8% of all youth drivers had driven a car in the past month after they had been drinking alcohol.*

### Youth Risk Behavior Survey Results, 2007 Alcohol Use

- ❖ 46% of Ohio high school students drank alcohol in the past month compared with 45% of U.S. high school youth.
- ❖ 29% of Ohio and 26% of U.S. high school students reported binge drinking in the past month.
- ❖ Current drinking prevalence was the same for female (45%) and male (45%) U.S. high school students: binge drinking incidence was higher for males (28%) than females (24%).

(Source: CDC: YRBS, Updated 5/20/08)

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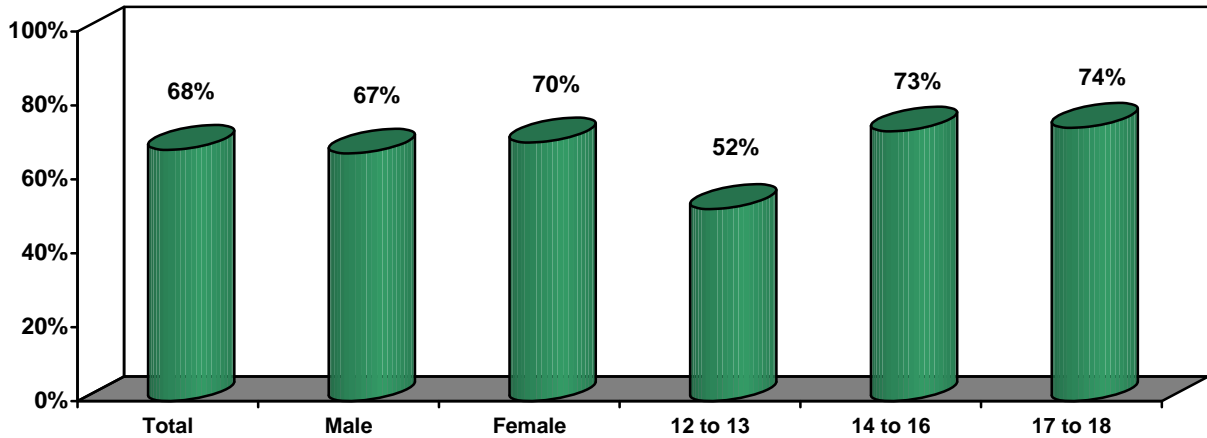
- ◆ In 2009, over two-thirds (68%) of all Allen County youth (ages 12 to 18) have had at least one drink of alcohol in their life. 75% of high school youth had drunk at some time in their life (2007 YRBS reports 76% for Ohio and 75% for the U.S. high school youth).
- ◆ Just over one-third (34%) of all youth had at least one drink in the past 30 days. 41% of high school youth at least one drink in the past month (2007 YRBS reports 46% for Ohio and 45% for the U.S.).
- ◆ 2% of Allen County youth drank alcohol on school property.
- ◆ Of those who drank, 65% had five or more alcoholic drinks on an occasion in the last month and would be considered binge drinkers by definition, increasing to 73% of 12-13 year olds.
- ◆ Based on all youth surveyed, 22% were defined as binge drinkers. 28% of high school youth were binge drinkers (2007 YRBS reports 29% for Ohio and 26% for the U.S. high school youth).
- ◆ About one in eleven (9%) Allen County youth who reported drinking in the past 30 days, drank on at least 10 or more days during the month.
- ◆ Almost two-fifths (39%) of Allen County youth who reported drinking at sometime in their life had their first drink under the age of 12, 22% took their first drink between the ages of 13 and 14, and 39% drank between the ages of 15 and 18.
- ◆ When asked where they got their alcohol, youth reported the following: someone gave it to them (52%), a parent gave it to them (11%), they took it from a store or family member (8%), they bought it at a store (5%), or they bought it at a restaurant, bar, or club (2%) and 23% got it some other way.
- ◆ During the past month 22% of all Allen County youth had ridden in a car driven by someone who had been drinking alcohol. 21% of high school youth had ridden with someone who had been drinking (2007 YRBS reports 23% for Ohio and 29% for the U.S. high school youth).
- ◆ 8% of all youth drivers had driven a car in the past month after they had been drinking alcohol and 9% of high school youth had done the same (2007 YRBS reports 10% for Ohio and 11% for the U.S.).

Youth Comparisons	Allen County 2009 (6 <sup>th</sup> – 12 <sup>th</sup> )	Allen County 2009 (6 <sup>th</sup> – 8 <sup>th</sup> )	Allen County 2009 (9 <sup>th</sup> – 12 <sup>th</sup> )	Ohio 2007 (9 <sup>th</sup> – 12 <sup>th</sup> )	U.S. 2007 (9 <sup>th</sup> – 12 <sup>th</sup> )
Ever tried alcohol	68%	55%	75%	76%	75%
Current drinker	34%	19%	41%	46%	45%
Binge drinker	22%	10%	28%	29%	26%
Rode with someone who was drinking	22%	26%	21%	23%	29%
Drank and drove	8%	5%	9%	10%	11%

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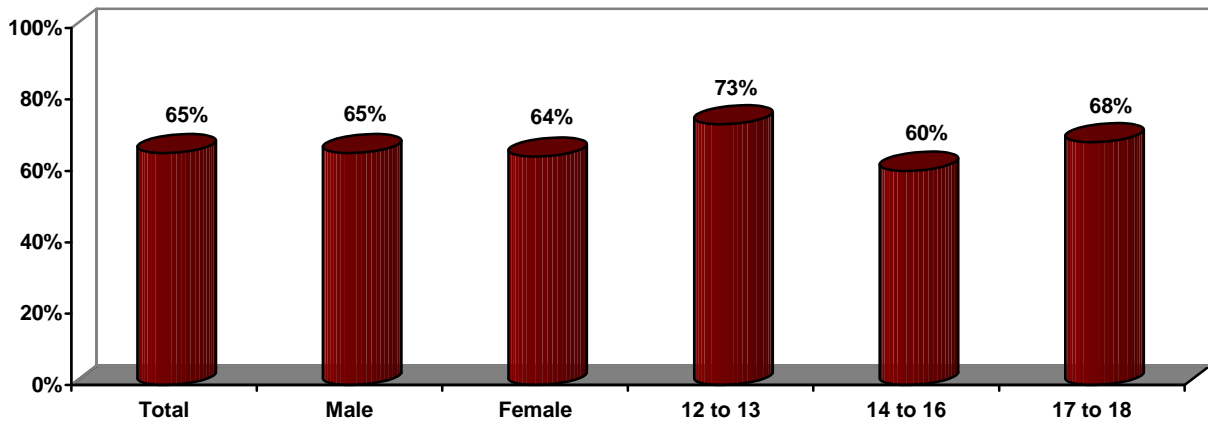
The following graphs show the percentage of Allen County youth who have drunk in their lifetime and those who binge drink. Examples of how to interpret the information include: 68% of all Allen County youth have drunk at some time in their life, 67% of males, and 70% of females had drunk.

**Allen County Youth Having At Least One Drink In Their Lifetime**



*Source: 2009 Allen County Health Risk and Community Needs Assessment*

**Allen County Youth Current Drinkers Binge Drinking in Past Month\***



*\*Based on all current drinkers. Binge drinking is defined as having five or more drinks on an occasion.*

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**Behaviors of Allen Youth: Current Drinkers vs. Non-Current Drinkers**

Youth Behaviors	Current Drinker	Non-Current Drinker
Have been in a physical fight in the past 12 months	45%	23%
Have seriously considered attempting suicide in the past 12 months	16%	11%
Have smoked in the past 30 days	38%	5%
Have used marijuana in the past 30 days	34%	7%
Have had sexual intercourse	71%	33%
Involved in extracurricular activities	77%	75%

*Current drinkers are those youth surveyed who have self-reported drinking at any time during the past 30 days.*

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