

Youth Alcohol Consumption

Key Findings

In 2008, the health assessment results indicated that 60% of Auglaize County youth had drunk at least one drink of alcohol in their life increasing to 87% of youth seventeen and older. One-third (33%) of those who drank, took their first drink before the age of 12. Almost two-fifths (38%) of all Auglaize County youth and 61% of those 17-18 years had at least one drink in the past 30 days. Over two-thirds (69%) 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, 2005 Alcohol Use

- ❖ 46% of Ohio high school students drank alcohol in the past month compared with 45% of U.S. high school youth.
- ❖ 26% of Ohio and U.S. high school students self-reported heavy episodic drinking in the past month.
- ❖ Current drinking prevalence was essentially the same for female (45%) and male (46%) U.S. high school students: binge drinking incidence was higher for males (31%) than females (27%).

(Source: CDC: YRBSS, Updated 5/19/08)

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- ◆ In 2008, the health assessment results indicate that three-fifths (60%) of all Auglaize County youth (ages 12 to 18) have had at least one drink of alcohol in their life, increasing to 87% of 17-18 year olds (2007 YRBS reports 76% for Ohio and 75% for the U.S.).
- ◆ Almost two-fifths (38%) of the youth had drunk at least one drink in the past 30 days, increasing to 61% of 17-18 year olds (2007 YRBS reports 46% for Ohio and 45% for the U.S.)
- ◆ Of those who drank, 69% had five or more alcoholic drinks on an occasion in the last month and would be considered binge drinkers by definition, increasing to 79% of those ages 17 and over.
- ◆ Based on all youth surveyed, 26% were defined as binge drinkers (2007 YRBS reports 29% for Ohio and 26% for the U.S.).
- ◆ About one in eleven (9%) Auglaize County youth who reported drinking in the past 30 days, drank on at least 10 or more days during the month.
- ◆ One-third (33%) of Auglaize County youth who reported drinking at sometime in their life had their first drink under the age of 12, 28% took their first drink between the ages of 13 and 14, and 39% drank between the ages of 15 and 18.
- ◆ During the past month 23% of all Auglaize County youth had ridden in a car driven by someone who had been drinking alcohol (2007 YRBS reports 23% for Ohio and 29% for the U.S.)
- ◆ 8% of all youth drivers had driven a car in the past month after they had been drinking alcohol (2007 YRBS reports 10% for Ohio and 11% for the U.S.)

Behaviors of Auglaize Youth

Current Drinkers vs. Non-Current Drinkers

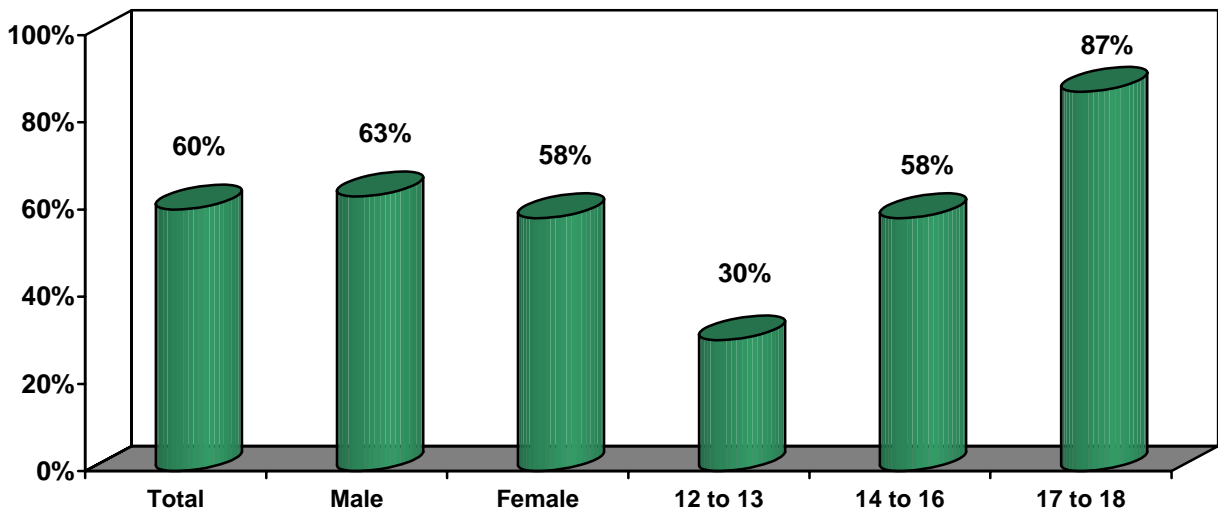
Youth Behaviors	Current Drinker	Non-Current Drinker
Have been in a physical fight in the past 12 months	41%	16%
Have seriously considered attempting suicide in the past 12 months	25%	7%
Have smoked in the past 30 days	37%	4%
Have used marijuana in the past 30 days	20%	1%
Have had sexual intercourse	51%	10%
Involved in extracurricular activities	78%	88%

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

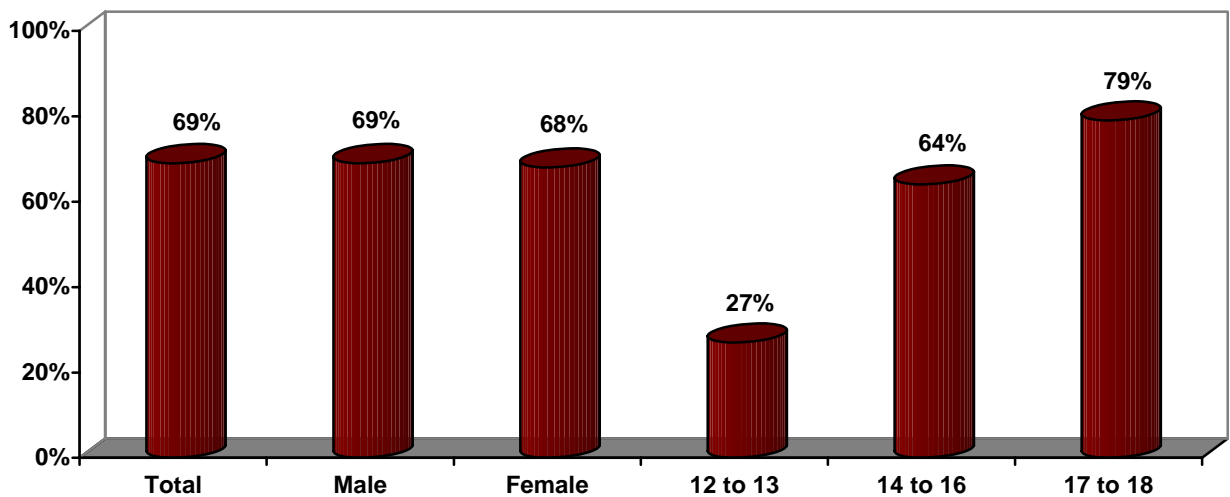
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The following graphs show the percentage of Auglaize County youth who have drunk in their lifetime and binge drinkers. Examples of how to interpret the information include: 60% of all Auglaize County youth were have drank at some time in their life, 63% of males, and 58% of females had drank.

Auglaize County Youth Having At Least One Drink In Their Lifetime



Auglaize 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.