



YOUTH ALCOHOL USE IN 2008

THURSTON COUNTY AND WASHINGTON STATE

Findings from the Washington State Healthy Youth Survey

ALCOHOL USE	THURSTON COUNTY 2008			WASHINGTON STATE 2008		
	8 TH GRADERS	10 TH GRADERS	12 TH GRADERS	8 TH GRADERS	10 TH GRADERS	12 TH GRADERS
Current alcohol use	16%	31%	40%	16%	32%	41%
Current binge drinking	9%	18%	24%	9%	18%	26%
Ever tried alcohol	40%	59%	73%	39%	61%	72%

DRINKING AND DRIVING	THURSTON COUNTY 2008			WASHINGTON STATE 2008		
	8 TH GRADERS	10 TH GRADERS	12 TH GRADERS	8 TH GRADERS	10 TH GRADERS	12 TH GRADERS
Recently rode in a vehicle with a drinking driver	17%	23%	20%	19%	24%	23%
Recently drove a vehicle after drinking	3%	5%	12%	4%	6%	12%

PERCEPTION OF USE	THURSTON COUNTY 2008			WASHINGTON STATE 2008		
	8 TH GRADERS	10 TH GRADERS	12 TH GRADERS	8 TH GRADERS	10 TH GRADERS	12 TH GRADERS
Think it is easy to get alcohol	37%	60%	72%	37%	59%	71%
Do 'not' think it is wrong to use alcohol	17%	33%	45%	17%	35%	45%

PARENTS/GUARDIANS	THURSTON COUNTY 2008			WASHINGTON STATE 2008		
	8 TH GRADERS	10 TH GRADERS	12 TH GRADERS	8 TH GRADERS	10 TH GRADERS	12 TH GRADERS
Have 'not' been talked to about drinking	44%	50%	56%	42%	49%	55%

Current use = any use in the past 30 days (also called recent use).
 Binge drinking = having five or more drinks in a row during the past two weeks.
 Ever tried = use at anytime, at any age, in the past (also called lifetime use).
 Recently drove = was the drinking driver at least once in the past 30 days.
 Not wrong to use = Think it is not wrong at all or only a little wrong for someone their age to drink alcohol.
 Talked to = by a parent or guardian about using alcohol (excluding/not counting drinking and driving).
 Students in 8th grade are usually age 13-14, in 10th grade age 15-16 and 12th grade age 17-18.
 For more information about this data sheet contact, Mary Ann O'Garro at 360-867-2525 or ogarro@co.thurston.wa.us





YOUTH ALCOHOL USE: THURSTON COUNTY 2006 & 2008

Findings from the Washington State Healthy Youth Survey

ALCOHOL USE	2006 THURSTON COUNTY			2008 THURSTON COUNTY		
	8 TH GRADERS	10 TH GRADERS	12 TH GRADERS	8 TH GRADERS	10 TH GRADERS	12 TH GRADERS
Current alcohol use	16%	29%	39%	16%	31%	40%
Current binge drinking	10%	16%	23%	9%	18%	24%
Ever tried alcohol	39%	59%	72%	40%	59%	73%

DRINKING AND DRIVING	2006 THURSTON COUNTY			2008 THURSTON COUNTY		
	8 TH GRADERS	10 TH GRADERS	12 TH GRADERS	8 TH GRADERS	10 TH GRADERS	12 TH GRADERS
Recently rode in a vehicle with a drinking driver	17%	22%	17%	17%	23%	20%
Recently drove a vehicle after drinking	3%	6%	11%	3%	5%	12%

PERCEPTION OF USE	2006 THURSTON COUNTY			2008 THURSTON COUNTY		
	8 TH GRADERS	10 TH GRADERS	12 TH GRADERS	8 TH GRADERS	10 TH GRADERS	12 TH GRADERS
Think it is easy to get alcohol	36%	52%	68%	37%	60%	72%
Do 'not' think it is wrong to use alcohol	16%	33%	41%	17%	33%	45%

PARENTS/GUARDIANS	2006 THURSTON COUNTY			2008 THURSTON COUNTY		
	8 TH GRADERS	10 TH GRADERS	12 TH GRADERS	8 TH GRADERS	10 TH GRADERS	12 TH GRADERS
Have 'not' been talked to about drinking	~	~	~	44%	50%	56%

~ Data was not collected in 2006.

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