

Alcohol Use Among Florida Public High School Students



Results from the 2007 Florida Youth Risk Behavior Survey

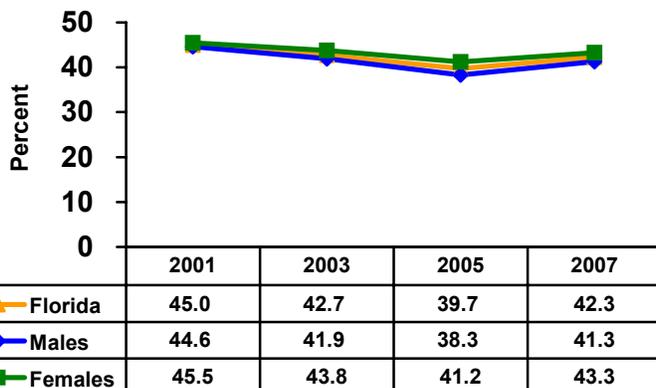
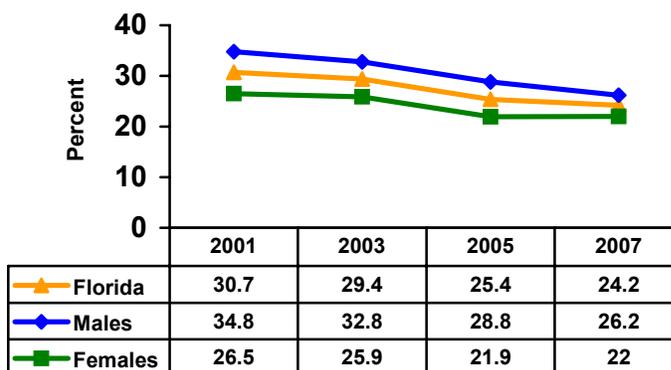
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Introduction

The Florida Youth Risk Behavior Survey (YRBS) is a self-administered, school-based anonymous survey that has been conducted in Florida public high schools every two years since 1991. It is part of a national survey effort led by the Centers for Disease Control and Prevention (CDC) to monitor priority health risk behaviors that contribute markedly to the leading causes of death, disability, and social problems among youth in the United States. In 2007, 4,523 students in 69 public high schools in Florida completed the YRBS. The overall response rate was 61 percent. Since 2001, the response rate has been high enough for the data to be weighted to represent all Florida public high school students.

Drank alcohol before age 13

In 2007, approximately 190,200 students (24.2%) had their first drink of alcohol, other than a few sips, before age 13. This prevalence decreased significantly by 21.2% from 2001 to 2007. Males had a significantly higher prevalence of this behavior than females during this time period.

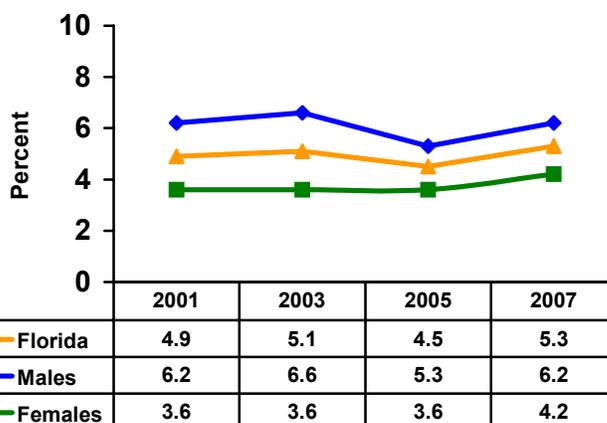


Current alcohol drinkers

In 2007, approximately 313,900 students (42.3%) had at least one drink of alcohol on one or more of the past 30 days. This prevalence did not change significantly from 2001 to 2007. Females had a slightly higher prevalence of this behavior than males during this time period.

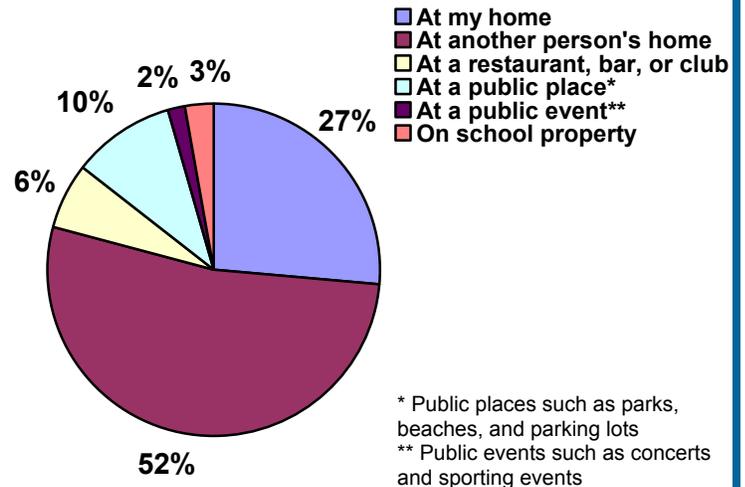
Used alcohol on school property

In 2007, approximately 41,600 students (5.3%) had at least one drink of alcohol on school property on one or more of the past 30 days. This prevalence remained at the same level from 2001 to 2007. Males had a slightly higher prevalence of this behavior than females during this time period.

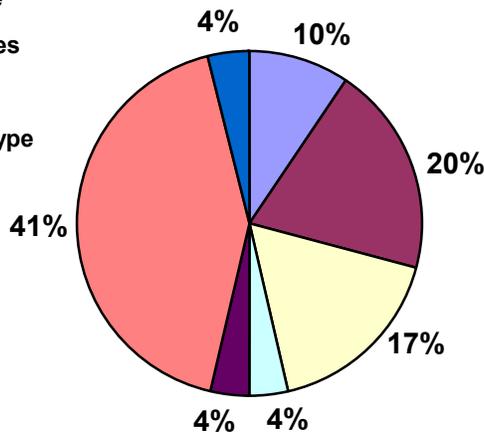


Location of consumption

In 2007, among students who drank alcohol during the past 30 days, when asked *where* they usually drank alcohol, more than half of students said “at another person’s home.” A quarter of students responded that they usually drank in their own home. Females (57%) were more like to drink at someone else’s home than males (49%), and males (12%) were more likely to drink in public places than females (8%).



- No usual type
- Beer
- Malt beverages
- Wine coolers
- Wine
- Liquor
- Some other type



Type of alcohol

In 2007, among students who drank during the past 30 days, when asked what *type* of alcohol they usually drank, the majority of students responded “liquor” (41%). This was followed by beer (20%) and malt beverages (17%). Males (26%) were more likely to drink beer than females (11%), and females (17%) were more likely to drink malt beverages than males (10%).

Source of alcohol

In 2007, among students who drank alcohol during the past 30 days, when asked how they usually got their alcohol, 42% of students said someone else gave it to them. Males (13%) were twice as likely as females (6%) to buy it in a store, and females (51%) were more likely than males to receive alcohol from someone else (33%).

