

2011 MIYHS: 30 Day Alcohol Use and Select Family/Community/Individual Risk Factors, Maine

(all rate ratios show a statistically significant difference)

High School Students

Among students who think that it is very easy or sort of easy to get alcohol, **35.8%** had consumed alcohol in the past 30 days, compared with **11.9%** of students who think alcohol is sort of hard or very hard to get. Students who believe that alcohol is easy to get are **3.0** times as likely to drink.

Among students who believe that their parents feel it is a little wrong or not wrong at all for the student to drink alcohol regularly, **56.9%** had consumed alcohol in the past 30 days, compared with **23.4%** of students who think their parents feel it is wrong or very wrong. Students who don't believe their parents think it is wrong for them to drink regularly are **2.4** times as likely to drink.

Among students who think that they will probably not or definitely not be caught by their parents if they drink some alcohol, **43.0%** had consumed alcohol in the past 30 days, compared with **9.1%** of students who think they probably will or definitely will be caught by their parents. Students who think they will not be caught by their parents are **4.7** times as likely to drink.

Among students who think there is no risk or slight risk of harming themselves if they had one or two drinks of alcohol daily, **38.6%** had consumed alcohol in the past 30 days, compared with **21.1%** of students who think the risk is moderate to great. Students who think there is little risk from drinking alcohol daily are **1.8** times as likely to drink.

Among students who think that they will probably not or definitely not be caught by the police, **30.3%** had consumed alcohol in the past 30 days, compared with **14.5%** of students who think they probably will or definitely will be caught by the police. Students who think they will not be caught by the police are **2.1** times as likely to drink.

Among students who believe that adults in their neighborhood feel it is a little wrong or not wrong at all for kids to drink alcohol, **45.8%** had consumed alcohol in the past 30 days, compared with **21.7%** of students who think adults feel it is wrong or very wrong. Students who believe that adults in their community think underage drinking is okay are **2.1** times as likely to drink.

Among students who think that there is a good chance that they would be considered "cool" if they drank regularly (at least once or twice a month), **42.0%** had consumed alcohol in the past 30 days, compared with **24.7%** of students who thought there was no,

little, or some chance of seeming cool. Students who think they will be considered cool are **1.7** times as likely to drink alcohol.

Among students who had personally known adults who had gotten drunk or high in the past year, **33.4%** had consumed alcohol in the past 30 days, compared with **9.8%** of students who had not known adults that had gotten drunk or high. Students who knew adults that had gotten drunk or high were **3.4** times as likely to drink.

Middle School Students

Among students who think that it is very easy or sort of easy to get alcohol, **13.4%** had consumed alcohol in the past 30 days, compared with **1.8%** of students who think alcohol is sort of hard or very hard to get. Students who believe that alcohol is easy to get are **7.4** times as likely to drink.

Among students who believe that their parents feel it is a little wrong or not wrong at all for the student to drink alcohol regularly, **31.4%** had consumed alcohol in the past 30 days, compared with **4.4%** of students who think their parents feel it is wrong or very wrong. Students who don't believe their parents think it is wrong for them to drink regularly are **7.1** times as likely to drink.

Among students who think that they will probably not or definitely not be caught by their parents if they drink some alcohol, **19.8%** had consumed alcohol in the past 30 days, compared with **1.7%** of students who think they probably will or definitely will be caught by their parents. Students who think they will not be caught by their parents are **11.3** times as likely to drink.

Among students who think there is no risk or slight risk of harming themselves if they had one or two drinks of alcohol daily, **11.2%** had consumed alcohol in the past 30 days, compared with **3.8%** of students who think the risk is moderate to great. Students who think there is little risk from drinking alcohol daily are **2.9** times as likely to drink.

Among students who think that they will probably not or definitely not be caught by the police, **9.5%** had consumed alcohol in the past 30 days, compared with **1.9%** of students who think they probably will or definitely will be caught by the police. Students who think they will not be caught by the police are **4.9** times as likely to drink.

Among students who believe that adults in their neighborhood feel it is a little wrong or not wrong at all for kids to drink alcohol, **27.3%** had consumed alcohol in the past 30 days, compared with **4.6%** of students who think adults feel it is wrong or very wrong. Students who believe that adults in their community think underage drinking is okay are **5.9** times as likely to drink.

Among students who think that there is a good chance that they would be considered “cool” if they drank regularly (at least once or twice a month), **25.8%** had consumed alcohol in the past 30 days, compared with **5.2%** of students who thought there was no, little, or some chance of seeming cool. Students who think they will be considered cool are **5.0** times as likely to drink alcohol.

Among students who had personally known adults who had gotten drunk or high in the past year, **10.3%** had consumed alcohol in the past 30 days, compared with **1.2%** of students who had not known adults that had gotten drunk or high. Students who knew adults that had gotten drunk or high were **8.4** times as likely to drink.

5th/6th Grade Students

Among students who think that it is very easy or sort of easy to get alcohol, **6.9%** had consumed alcohol in the past 30 days, compared with **0.9%** of students who think alcohol is sort of hard or very hard to get. Students who believe that alcohol is easy to get are **7.5** times as likely to drink.

Among students who believe that their parents feel it is a little wrong or not wrong at all for the student to drink alcohol regularly, **15.8%** had consumed alcohol in the past 30 days, compared with **1.4%** of students who think their parents feel it is wrong or very wrong. Students who don't believe their parents think it is wrong for them to drink regularly are **11.5** times as likely to drink.