

Table 3.64

Reported alcohol use and most recent use among students

By sex, college plans, region, and population density, United States, 2003

Questions: "On how many occasions have you had alcoholic beverages to drink, more than just a few sips, in your lifetime? On how many occasions have you had alcoholic beverages to drink, more than just a few sips, during the last 12 months? On how many occasions have you had alcoholic beverages to drink, more than just a few sips, during the last 30 days?"

	Ever used			Used in last 12 months			Used in last 30 days		
	Eighth grade	Tenth grade	Twelfth grade	Eighth grade	Tenth grade	Twelfth grade	Eighth grade	Tenth grade	Twelfth grade
Total	45.6%	66.0%	76.6%	37.2%	59.3%	70.1%	19.7%	35.4%	47.5%
Sex									
Male	45.4	64.3	76.8	36.6	57.5	71.0	19.4	35.3	51.7
Female	45.5	67.5	76.5	37.6	61.0	69.3	19.8	35.3	43.8
College plans									
None or under 4 years	63.1	75.9	82.6	54.1	69.8	76.2	35.3	46.6	55.4
Complete 4 years	43.6	64.5	74.9	35.3	57.7	68.5	18.1	33.6	45.2
Region									
Northeast	43.0	70.0	79.9	35.8	64.2	74.6	18.4	38.7	51.6
North Central	47.7	63.9	78.0	40.4	58.2	71.8	21.9	34.4	50.8
South	48.6	67.6	73.8	38.8	59.5	66.1	20.8	34.8	43.0
West	38.8	62.3	76.1	30.7	55.6	70.1	16.0	34.1	47.0
Population density									
Large SMSA	45.5	65.1	74.2	36.6	58.1	67.7	18.2	33.1	43.0
Other SMSA	44.4	65.9	77.6	36.4	59.6	71.4	19.4	35.6	49.6
Non-SMSA	47.9	67.7	77.8	39.5	60.7	70.9	22.3	38.3	49.6

Note: These data are from a series of nationwide surveys of high school seniors conducted by the University of Michigan's Institute for Social Research for the National Institute on Drug Abuse from 1975 through 2003. The survey design is a multistage random sample of high school seniors in public and private schools. Depending on the survey year, approximately 65% of the schools initially invited to participate agreed to do so. Completed questionnaires were obtained from approximately 83% of all sampled students in participating schools each year. Beginning in 1991, eighth and tenth grade students also were included in the survey. All percentages reported are based on weighted cases; the Ns that are shown in the tables also refer to the approximate number (i.e., rounded to the

nearest hundred) of weighted cases. The number of respondents for 2003 were approximately 16,500 for eighth graders, 15,800 for tenth graders, and 14,600 for twelfth graders, excluding cases with missing data. For survey methodology and definitions of terms, see [Appendix 6](#).

Source: Lloyd D. Johnston et al., *Monitoring the Future National Survey Results on Drug Use, 1975-2003*, Vol. 1, Secondary School Students (Bethesda, MD: U.S. Department of Health and Human Services, 2004), pp. 106, 110, 114. Table adapted by SOURCEBOOK staff.