

HB 677
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 Informational Data

Data indicates alcohol use has been related to academic difficulties, social problems – mental illness, risky sexual behaviors, and motor vehicle accidents. (Substance Abuse and Mental Health Services Administration – SAMHSA)

Children and youth are three times more likely to drink alcohol, smoke cigarettes, be in a car crash, engage in sexual activity between the hours of 3pm and 6pm.

The Statewide indicators/data suggest we need prevention activities that will help in preventing and/or delaying substance abuse and violence in our Montana Youth.

It's important when looking at the percentages relate it to a small Montana town and then you can realize the devastation these risk behaviors have on our own people – Montana's future leaders.

- Montana vital statistics – **Youth cause of death** - The #1 cause of death among youth is accidents, and the #2 cause of death among youth is suicides.
- **Provisional data for FY 2006** indicates for ages 10 through 24 cause of death 73 accidents and 23 suicides.
- **FY 2005 data** indicates for ages 10 through 24 cause of death 77 accidents and 35 suicides. (Included in these statistics are accidents youth alcohol/drug related fatal crashes - see below)
- Comparison of data from 1998 through 2006 from the **Prevention Needs Assessment Survey** (given to approx. 20,000 - 8th, 10th, 12th graders) regarding alcohol perceptions and usage:

COMPARISON DATA FROM THE PREVENTION NEEDS ASSESSMENT:
Percentage of Montana students respondents - easy it is to get alcohol.

	1998	2000	2002	2004	2006
Very Hard	10.4	8.8	9.8	12.1	13.8
Sort of Hard	13.1	12.1	11.8	13.4	14.4
Sort of Easy	32.3	33.0	30.8	30.3	31.3
Very Easy	44.3	46.1	47.6	44.2	40.5

In 2000 the combined response was 20.9% perceived it was hard, whereas, in 2006 the combined youth perception was 28.2% thought it was hard to get alcohol. This is a 7.3% increase in perception among the approximately 20,000 youth surveyed.

Percentage of Montana students respondents – would police catch a kid drinking alcohol

	1998	2000	2002	2004	2006
NO!	36.1	32.8	33.1	27.3	25.5
No	49.1	53.8	52.0	52.2	52.9
Yes	11.3	10.7	11.7	16.1	16.4
YES!	3.5	2.6	3.2	4.4	5.3

Youth perception is changing in Montana, in the year 2000 only 13.3% of youth combined indicates “yes” – police would catch a kid drinking alcohol, whereas, in 2006 combined youth perception has changed to 21.7%. The data indicates an 8.4% change in youth perception.

Percentage of Montana students respondents – lifetime alcohol use frequency

FREQUENCY TIMES	1998	2000	2002	2004	2006
0	25.5	24.5	25.9	29.3	32.6
1-2	13.1	15.0	14.4	14.1	14.6
3-5	10.7	11.3	11.0	10.1	10.3
6-9	8.3	8.8	8.5	8.0	7.5
10-19	10.6	11.0	10.9	9.9	9.3
20-39	9.8	9.6	9.5	9.3	8.5
40+	22	19.8	19.7	19.4	17.2

Percentage of Montana students respondents – 30 day alcohol use frequency

FREQUENCY	1998	2000	2002	2004	2006
0	57.2	52.5	55.5	56.7	62.1
1-2	18.2	19.7	18.7	18.5	17.6
3-5	10.0	11.0	10.3	9.6	8.4
6-9	6.4	7.4	6.6	7.0	5.3
10-19	4.8	5.4	4.8	4.6	3.8
20-39	1.6	1.8	1.6	1.7	1.2
40+	1.8	2.2	2.5	1.8	1.5

Percentage of Montana students respondents – last two weeks, how many times have you had 5 or more drinks

FREQUENCY	1998	2000	2002	2004	2006
NONE	70.6	69.5	70.8	69.3	75.2
ONCE	9.5	10.4	9.7	10.3	9.0
TWICE	7.3	7.2	7.7	7.9	6.2
3- 5 TIMES	7.4	7.9	6.9	7.9	5.9
6-9 TIMES	2.3	2.5	2.3	2.1	1.7
10 OR MORE TIMES	2.8	2.6	2.6	2.4	2.0

Percentage of Montana students respondents – How wrong do your parents feel it would be for you to drink alcohol regularly

FREQUENCY	1998	2000	2002	2004	2006
VERY WRONG	59.3	54.0	55.3	54.0	55.7
WRONG	23.4	26.0	25.0	25.1	24.4
A LITTLE BIT WRONG	14.1	16.6	15.7	17.0	16.2
NOT WRONG AT ALL	3.2	3.5	4.0	3.9	3.7

My family has clear rules about alcohol and drug use.

	1998	2000	2002	2004	2006
NO!	3.9	3.7	3.8	3.2	2.6
no	15.9	15.1	14.8	13.5	12.6
yes	31.5	35.7	36.0	37.2	36.3
YES!	48.7	45.6	45.4	46.2	48.6

How wrong do you think it is for someone your age to drink alcohol?

	1998	2000	2002	2004	2006
Very Wrong		32.1	33.1	34.0	38.0
Wrong		24.6	25.0	23.3	23.8
A little Bit Wrong		26.6	26.3	27.1	25.2
Not Wrong at All		16.7	15.6	15.6	13.0

- Comparison Data from 1999 through 2005 from the **Youth Risk Behavior Survey Summary** (given to approx. 20,000 - 9th thru 12th graders) relating to alcohol usage:

**During your life, on how many days have you had at least one drink of alcohol?
Percentage**

Number of Days	1999	2001	2003	2005
0	13.9	17.1	18.9	22.2
1 to 2	8.2	8.3	9.2	9.5
3 to 9	15.3	13.8	14.9	14.9
10 to 19	12.5	11.7	13.5	12.9
20 to 39	14.1	14.7	11.3	12.0
40 to 99	14.8	13.5	13.4	12.5
100 or more	21.1	20.9	18.8	16.0

How old were you when you had your first drink of alcohol other than a few sips?

	1999	2001	2003	2005
Never had a drink other than a few sips	13.5	17.1	18.6	22.0
8 years old or younger	10.2	13.0	9.0	7.9
9 or 10 years old	7.5	8.3	7.5	7.1
11 or 12 years old	15.8	13.9	14.0	12.9
13 or 14 years old	29.5	28.3	28.6	27.1
15 or 16 years old	20.9	17.1	19.8	20.1
17 years or older	2.5	2.4	2.7	2.9

During the past 30 days, on how many days did you have at least one drink of alcohol?

Days	1999	2001	2003	2005
0 Days	42.4	45.9	50.5	51.4
1 or 2 days	20.4	18.3	18.5	20.1
3 to 5 days	14.5	14.5	11.7	11.1
6 to 9 days	12.3	10.6	8.7	8.8
10 to 19 days	7.4	7.8	7.3	5.8
20 to 29 days	2.0	1.8	1.6	1.4
All 30 days	1.0	1.1	1.5	1.4

During the past 30 days, on how many days did you have 5 or more drinks of alcohol in a row, that is, within a couple of hours?

Days	1999	2001	2003	2005
0	56.4	58.6	62.7	65.6
1	12.0	10.4	10.8	10.5
2	9.0	8.9	7.7	7.3
3 to 5	11.6	11.0	8.8	7.7
6 to 9	6.8	6.2	5.5	5.0
10 to 19	2.9	3.8	3.2	2.2
20 or more	1.3	1.0	1.3	1.7

During the past 30 days, on how many days did you have at least one drink of alcohol on school property?

Days	1999	2001	2003	2005
0 days	92.8	93.1	93.3	93.6
1 or 2 days	4.6	4.4	3.9	4.3
3 to 5 days	1.4	1.2	1.0	0.8
6 to 9 days	0.4	0.6	0.6	0.3
10 to 19 days	0.3	0.4	0.5	0.2
20 to 29 days	0.1	0.1	0.1	0.1
All 30 days	0.4	0.3	0.7	0.7

During the past 30 days, how many times did you ride in a car or other vehicle driven by someone who had been drinking alcohol?

Times	1999	2001	2003	2005
0 times	56.9	60.7	63.1	65.6
1 time	13.1	12.0	11.6	11.9
2 or 3 times	16.6	14.7	13.7	12.9
4 or 5 times	5.1	4.4	4.7	3.9
6 or more times	8.3	8.3	6.8	5.6

During the past 30 days, how many times did you drive a car or other vehicle when you had been drinking alcohol?

Times	1999	2001	2003	2005
0 times	77.3	78.2	79.6	81.5
1 time	9.4	9.0	7.8	8.2
2 or 3 times	6.7	7.3	7.0	5.6
4 or 5 times	2.3	2.3	2.3	2.0
6 or more times	4.4	3.2	3.3	2.7

- **MBCC Enforcing Underage Drinking Laws - Total MIP citations issued by 12 subgrantees for SFY 2006 totaling 4,858 MIP citations to youth** – which is approximately the population of either Glendive or Hamilton or Polson. This is not all inclusive MIP citations for the State.
- **MT DOR- violations issued to alcohol licensees for Selling Alcohol to a minor**
– In 2006 there has been 191 violations selling to a minor.
- **Addictive and Mental Disorder Division – MT DPHHS youth age 20 and under admissions to State Approved Alcohol Treatment Facilities 2006 - 1,284 youth admissions unduplicated.** This approximates the population of Chinook.
- **MT DOT Drivers Under 21 Crashes - 2005** – 468 alcohol/drug related crashes drivers under 21– with 11 fatal crashes related to alcohol/drugs.
- **Preliminary data from MTDOT regarding 2006 drivers under 21** – with 16 fatal crashes related to alcohol/drugs. The data indicates its not any better from the previous year, in fact its an increase from 2005.
- **YRBS 2005 Montana Youth Suicide** – Note of the 20,000 9th thru 12th graders surveyed
- 14.6% of those youth – which approx to 2,920 youths throughout Montana **“Made a plan about how they would attempt suicide during the past 12 months.** This is approximate population of Libby, Colstrip, Conrad or Wolf Point.

- Of the 20,000 surveyed 10.3% or **approx. 2,060 actually attempted suicide during the past 12 months**. This is approximate population of Choteau, Colstrip, East Helena, Stevensville or Red Lodge.
- And of the 20,000 surveyed 3.1% or **approx. 620 youths "Had a suicide attempt resulting in injury, poisoning, or overdose that required medical treatment during the past 12 months"**. This is approximate population of Belt, Big Sandy, Bridger, Circle, Fairfield, Fairview, Joilet, or Sheridan.
- **Remember suicide is the second leading cause of death for 2005 for our Montana Youth.**
- YRBS on Youth Violence 2005 – Indicates 30.5% of the students surveyed, **approximately 6,100 students were in a physical fight during the past 12 months**. This is approximate population size of Laurel or Lewistown.
- 10.9% or **2,180 were in a physical fight on school property during the past 12 months**. This is approximate population size of Libby or Big Timber.
- The YRBS Violence 2005 – Indicates 10.2% or **approximately 2,040 students carried a weapon on school property during the past 30 days**. This is approximately population size of Libby or Big Timber.
- MBCC Juvenile Crime Statistic – 1,260 Crimes against persons committed by juveniles (approx. size of Pinesdale), and 3,519 (approx. size of Shelby) Crimes against property committed by juveniles (juveniles are persons under 18 years of age).

The amount of federal Safe and Drug-Free School funding has decrease since SFY 2003 by \$125,266.00.