



RDMC DATA SHEET

SARG Data Category: 2. CONSUMPTION
behavior that is related to the problem

Title: Youth Alcohol Consumption

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Indicator:

The percentage of Leon County middle school (MS) and high school (HS) youth reporting lifetime, past 30 day, and binge alcohol consumption.

Commentary:

According to Florida Youth Substance Abuse Surveys (FYSAS) from 2000 to 2008, 2002 appeared to be an anomaly, possibly due to a smaller sample size (375 vs. a typical range of 1000-1400 in other years). Though the current trend seems to show a slight decline in substance abuse from 2006-08, the percentage of underage drinking remains high. Except for the '02 anomaly, overall since 2000 about one in five middle school and two in five high school students report alcohol use in the last 30 days - the latter about the same stats as middle school students reporting using alcohol at least once in their lifetime (hovering around 40%). Binge drinking, an indicator of potential significant adult alcohol problems later in life, also remains high.

Source(s):

Florida Youth Substance Abuse Surveys (FYSAS), even years from 2000 to 2008, Leon County Reports.
<http://www.dcf.state.fl.us/mentalhealth/publications/fysas/>

Note: FYSAS repeatedly notes that alcohol is the most widely used substance among both Leon County and Florida youth.

Chart 1: Leon County MS/HS Alcohol Consumption

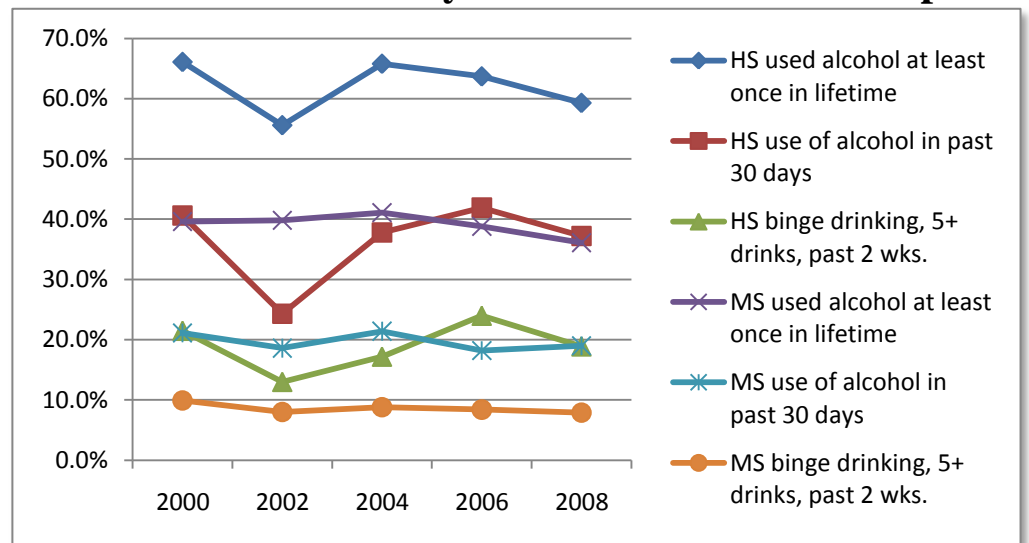


Table 1: Leon County MS/HS Alcohol Consumption

	2000	2002	2004	2006	2008
HS used alcohol at least once in lifetime	66.1%	55.6%	65.8%	63.7%	59.3%
HS use of alcohol in past 30 days	40.6%	24.3%	37.8%	41.9%	37.2%
HS binge drinking, 5+ drinks, past 2 wks.	21.5%	13.0%	17.2%	24.0%	18.9%
MS used alcohol at least once in lifetime	39.6%	39.8%	41.1%	38.8%	36.1%
MS use of alcohol in past 30 days	21.1%	18.6%	21.4%	18.2%	19.0%
MS binge drinking, 5+ drinks, past 2 wks.	9.9%	8.0%	8.8%	8.4%	7.9%