



Alcohol

The 2022-23 Tennessee Together Student Survey was administered to public school students in 8th, 10th, and 12th grade. There were 186 schools across 35 counties that opted to participate.

The final sample included 23,011 students with final results weighted to represent the statewide population in surveyed grades.

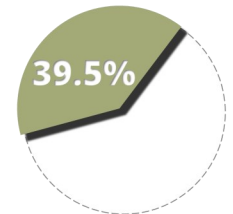
The survey measured youth behaviors, attitudes and social norms related to alcohol, tobacco, and other drug use, including the misuse of prescription medications.



Approximately one in three students in Tennessee, or 30.6%, reported ever drinking alcohol

AVERAGE AGE OF INITIATION **13.4** years old

More than one-third of students reported that it was either "very" or "fairly difficult" to obtain alcohol.

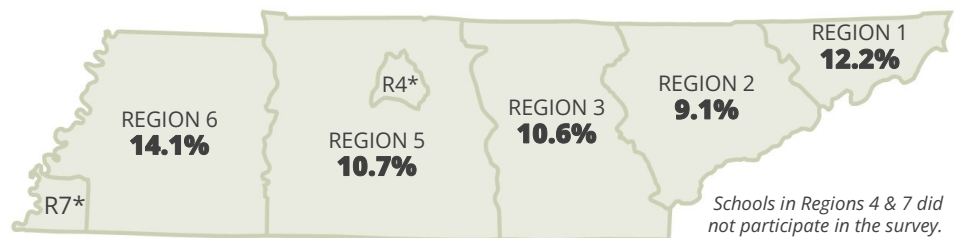


PAST 30-DAY USE

11.1% of students reported consuming alcohol in the past 30 days.

24.2% of the students who consumed in the past 30 days reported use on six or more days, defined as **high-frequency** use.

PAST 30-DAY USE BY TDMHSAS PLANNING AND POLICY REGION



Schools in Regions 4 & 7 did not participate in the survey.

PEER MISUSE

35.9% of students reported that **at least one of their closest friends** had consumed one or more drinks of an alcoholic beverage in the past year.

PARENT COMMUNICATION

51.7% of students reported speaking **with their parents** specifically about the dangers of alcohol, tobacco, and other drugs in the past year.

PARENT, PERSONAL, AND PEER APPROVAL

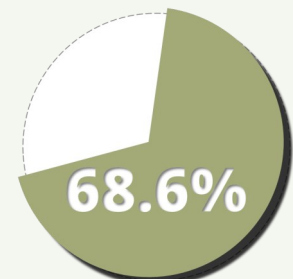
95.2% of students perceived that their **parents** feel it would be "wrong" or "very wrong" for someone their age to have one or two drinks nearly every day.

88.4% of **students** felt it would be "wrong" or "very wrong" for someone their age to have one or two drinks nearly every day.

77.4% of students perceived that their **friends** feel it would be "wrong" or "very wrong" to have one or two drinks nearly every day.

0% 20% 40% 60% 80% 100%

PERCEIVED RISK



of students perceived "moderate" or "great risk" associated with drinking one or two nearly drinks every day.