

Youth Social Hosting Survey Results 2008

Terms and Methodology

Social Hosting is when someone provides alcohol to an underage person.

An **Adult** is someone who is 21 years of age or older.

A **Youth** is someone who is under 21 years of age.

A **Party** is a social gathering (of any size) where alcohol is present.

Total amount of completed surveys: 393

Section 1: Prevalence of Underage Drinking Section

1. *What percent of underage youth in your community do you think have had at least one alcoholic drink in the last 30 days?*

Response:	Number:	*Percent:
0-20%	23	6.1
21-40%	70	18.7
41-60%	104	27.8
61-80%	117	31.3
81-100%	36	9.6
Not Sure	24	6.4
Total	374	

2. *Generally, how often do youth your age/in your grade drink alcohol?*

Response:	Number	*Percent:
a. Only on a special occasion	22	5.7
b. Less than once per month	20	5.2
c. About once per month	51	13.1
d. Once per week, on the <u>weekends</u>	131	33.8
e. Once per week, <u>during the week</u>	8	2.1
f. Multiple times per week, on the <u>weekends</u>	65	16.8
g. Multiple times per week, <u>during the week</u>	26	6.7
h. Youth my age/in my grade do not drink alcohol	6	1.5
i. Not sure	59	15.2
Total	388	

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3. *How concerned are you about underage drinking in the community?*

Response	Number	*Percent
Not Very Concerned	145	37.1
Somewhat Concerned	183	46.8
Very Concerned	44	11.3
Not Sure	19	4.9
Total	391	

4. *Have you ever had a whole drink (not just a sip or taste) of beer, wine, a wine cooler, or liquor (vodka, gin, whiskey, etc., or mixed drinks made with liquor)?*

Response	Number	*Percent
Yes	197	50.4
No	194	49.6
Total	391	

5. *In the past 12 months, how often have you had one or more whole drinks or an alcoholic beverage (beer, wine, wine cooler, or liquor)?*

Response	Number	*Percent
a. Not at all	228	58.5
b. 1-2 times in the past 12 months	52	13.3
c. 3-5 times in the past 12 months	28	7.2
d. 6-10 times in the past 12 months	26	6.7
e. About once a month	9	2.3
f. 2-3 times a month	25	6.4
g. 1-2 times a week	13	3.3
h. Several times a week	6	1.5
i. Every day	3	.8
Total	390	

6. *Those times when you drank alcoholic beverages in the past 12 months, about how many drinks did you usually have at any one time?*

Response	Number	*Percent
a. None	220	56.8
b. Less than one	15	3.9
c. One	38	9.8
d. Two	36	9.3
e. Three	20	5.2
f. Four	19	4.9

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g. Five	8	2.1
h. Six or more	31	8.0
Total	387	

Section 2: Availability of Alcohol to Underage Youth

1. How easy or difficult is it to obtain alcohol in your own community?

Response	Number	*Percent
Very Difficult	9	2.3
Somewhat Difficult	41	10.5
Somewhat Easy	138	35.5
Very Easy	147	37.8
Not Sure	54	13.9
Total	389	

2. Suppose you wanted to get each of the following beverages. How easy or difficult do you think it would be for you to get each one?

Response	Number	*Percent
<u>BEER</u>		
Very Difficult	16	4.1
Difficult	20	5.1
Unsure	71	18.2
Easy	145	37.2
Very Easy	138	35.4
Total	390	

<u>WINE</u>		
Very Difficult	19	4.9
Difficult	42	10.8
Unsure	115	29.6
Easy	118	30.3
Very Easy	95	24.4
Total:	389	

<u>WINE COOLER</u>		
Very Difficult	23	5.9
Difficult	41	10.6
Unsure	115	29.6

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Easy	121	31.2
Very Easy	88	22.7
Total	388	

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Very Difficult	28	7.2
Difficult	44	11.4
Unsure	87	22.5
Easy	139	35.9
Very Easy	89	23.0
Total	387	

3. *If you wanted to, how easy or difficult would it be for you to get beer, wine, wine coolers, or liquor from home without your parents knowing it?*

Response	Number	*Percent
Very Difficult	70	18.0
Somewhat Difficult	72	18.5
Somewhat Easy	95	24.4
Very Easy	125	32.1
Not sure	27	6.9
Total	389	

4. *If you wanted to, how easy or difficult would it be for you to get someone you didn't know who was over 21 years old to buy alcohol for you?*

Response	Number	*Percent
Very Difficult	53	13.6
Somewhat Difficult	105	26.9
Somewhat Easy	123	31.5
Very Easy	56	14.3
Not Sure	54	13.8
Total	391	

5. *How easy or difficult would it be for you to steal beer, wine, wine coolers, or liquor from a store?*

Response	Number	*Percent
Very Difficult	173	44.2
Somewhat Difficult	89	22.8
Somewhat Easy	30	7.7
Very Easy	22	5.6

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Not Sure	77	19.7
Total	391	

6. *How many stores do you know of that would sell you alcohol without asking you for ID or proof of age?*

Response	Number	*Percent
None	236	60.8
One or Two	123	31.7
Three or Four	15	3.9
Five or Six	4	1.0
More than Six	10	2.6
Total	388	

7. *In your opinion, how do youth under the age of 21 obtain alcohol in your community? **(Check all that apply)*

Response	Number	**Percent	Rank
a. They buy it themselves <u>with</u> a fake ID	125	31.8	7
b. They buy it themselves <u>without</u> a fake ID	78	19.8	10
c. They get it from someone they know aged 21 or older	326	83.0	1
d. They get it from someone they know under age 21	164	41.7	4
e. They get it from a brother or sister	231	58.8	3
f. They get it from their parents <u>with</u> permission	159	40.5	5
g. They get it from their parents <u>without</u> permission	243	61.8	2
h. They get it from another relative	138	35.1	6
i. A stranger buys it for them	90	22.9	8
j. They take it from a store or shop	88	22.4	9
k. Other	14	3.6	11

8. *In the past 12 months, did you buy alcoholic beverages at any of the following places? (Yes or No)*

Response	Number (Yes)	*Percent	Rank
a. Grocery Store or Supermarket	11	2.9	3
b. Liquor Store	13	3.4	1
c. Convenience Store	13	3.4	1
d. Gas Station Mini-Mart	12	3.1	2
e. Bar or Pub	10	2.6	4
f. Nightclub	7	1.8	6
g. Restaurant	10	2.6	4
h. Sporting Event (not at school)	8	2.1	5

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9. How difficult or easy is it in your community to find a parent, sibling, or other adult to buy alcohol for someone who is underage?

Response	Number	*Percent
Very Difficult	25	6.4
Somewhat Difficult	89	22.8
Somewhat Easy	143	36.6
Very Easy	75	19.2
Not Sure	59	15.1
Total	391	

10. How difficult or easy would it be in your community for youth under the age of 21 to find a party where they could get alcohol?

Response	Number	*Percent
Very Difficult	9	2.3
Somewhat Difficult	34	8.7
Somewhat Easy	121	31.0
Very Easy	191	49.0
Not Sure	35	9.0
Total	390	

11. What is the average size of the ** parties that go on in your town?

***For the purpose of this study, a **Party** is defined as a social gathering (of any size) where alcohol is present

Response	Number	*Percent
0-5	24	6.2
6-10	60	15.5
11-20	120	30.9
21+	60	15.5
Not Sure	124	32.0
Total	388	

12. Thinking about the last “kegger” you went to, who supplied the keg for that party?

Response	Number	*Percent
Have not been to a kegger	283	73.7
A friend under 21	20	5.2
A friend over 21	26	6.8
A stranger under 21	0	0.0
A stranger over 21	5	1.3
I supplied it myself	2	.5

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Parents of the person giving the party	4	1.0
Another relative under 21 of the person giving the party	0	0.0
Another relative over 21 of the person giving the party	2	.5
Someone else	4	1.0
I don't know	38	9.9
Total	384	

13. What type of alcohol is usually available at parties where underage youth are present? ** (Check all that apply)

Response	Number	**Percent	Rank
a. Beer (bottles or cans)	322	81.9	1
b. Beer (keg)	128	32.6	5
c. Wine	67	17.0	8
d. Wine Coolers	119	30.3	6
e. Pre-mixed drinks	144	36.6	4
f. Hard liquor	254	64.6	2
g. Alco-pops (flavored spirit beverages)	80	20.4	7
h. Shots	209	53.2	3
i. Other	16	4.1	9

14. What type of alcohol is used during party games where underage youth are present? ** (Check all that apply)

Response	Number	**Percent	Rank
a. Beer (bottles or cans)	280	71.2	1
b. Beer (keg)	95	24.2	4
c. Wine	42	10.7	8
d. Wine coolers	64	16.3	6
e. Pre-mixed drinks	94	23.9	5
f. Hard Liquor	187	47.6	3
g. Alco-pops (flavored spirit beverages)	52	13.2	7
h. Shots	192	48.9	2
i. Other	15	4.0	9

15. Where do underage youth consume alcohol in your community?
** (Check all that apply)

Response	Number	**Percent	Rank
a. At a friend's home <u>with</u> permission	159	40.5	5
b. At a friend's home <u>without</u> permission	294	74.8	1
c. At your home <u>with</u> permission	43	10.9	10

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d. At your home <u>without</u> permission	116	29.5	6
e. At indoor places (camps, houses, barns) <u>with</u> permission	91	23.2	8
f. At indoor places <u>without</u> permission	224	57.0	3
g. At places outdoors (fields, parks, woods, gravel pits) <u>with</u> permission	77	19.6	9
h. At places outdoors <u>without</u> permission	247	62.8	2
i. Vacant or abandoned buildings	104	26.5	7
j. In vehicles	182	46.3	4
k. In public places	35	8.9	11
l. Other	9	2.3	12

16. Do you agree or disagree that some parents/adults knowingly provide a place (home, fields, etc.) for underage youth in your community to drink alcohol?

Response	Number	*Percent
Strongly Agree	37	9.5
Agree	174	44.7
Disagree	68	17.5
Strongly Disagree	46	11.8
Not Sure	64	16.5
Total	389	

17. In your opinion, how often do parents/adults knowingly provide a place for underage youth to drink?

Response	Number	*Percent
Always	3	.8
Sometimes	152	39.2
Rarely	114	29.4
Never	35	9.0
Not Sure	84	21.6
Total	388	

18. Have you ever attended a party where alcohol was available to underage youth?

Response	Number	*Percent
I have	194	50.5
I haven't	167	43.5
Not Sure	23	6.0
Total	384	

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18a. If you have attended a party where alcohol was present, did your parents know about it?

Response	Number	*Percent
Yes	60	28.3
No	115	54.2
Not sure	37	17.5
Total	212	

18b. If you haven't attended a party where alcohol was present, would you in the future?

Response	Number	*Percent
Yes	51	25.4
No	61	30.3
Not Sure	89	44.3
Total	201	

19. Have your peers ever attended a party where alcohol was available to underage youth?

Response	Number	*Percent
Yes	306	79.7
No	20	5.2
Not Sure	58	15.1
Total	384	

20. In your community, what percent of underage drinking happens at a location with an adult present?

Response	Number	*Percent
0-20%	132	34.1
21-40%	86	22.2
41-60%	50	12.9
61-80%	20	5.2
81-100%	10	2.6
Not Sure	89	23.0
Total	381	

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21. Has anyone you know ever provided alcohol to underage youth?

Response	Number	*Percent
Yes	224	58.3
No	67	17.4
Not Sure	93	24.2
Total	384	

IF YES: WHO PROVIDED THE ALCOHOL?

An Adult	Number	**Percent	Rank
<input type="radio"/> A parent/guardian	111	56.1	4
<input type="radio"/> A brother or sister	126	63.6	3
<input type="radio"/> Another relative	89	53.0	5
<input type="radio"/> A friend	178	79.1	1
<input type="radio"/> A co-worker	64	41.6	8
<input type="radio"/> Someone they know aged 21 years or older	72	51.8	7
A Youth			
<input type="radio"/> A brother or sister	85	54.1	6
<input type="radio"/> Another relative	53	40.2	9
<input type="radio"/> A friend	129	69.4	2
<input type="radio"/> A co-worker	35	28.7	10
<input type="radio"/> Someone they know under 21	29	26.9	11
<input type="radio"/> A stranger	27	24.3	12
<input type="radio"/> Other	4	5.3	13

22. Have you ever been to a party where an adult has provided the following to underage youth?

Response	Number	*Percent
Location	53	28.6
Alcohol	21	11.4
Both	105	56.8
Total	179	

IF SO: Were adults present?

Yes	100	46.5
No	54	25.1
Not Sure	61	28.4
Total	215	

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23. Have you ever provided the following to your peers for a party?

Response	Number	*Percent
Location	35	32.1
Alcohol	29	26.6
Both	37	33.9
No	8	7.3
Total	109	

IF SO: Were adults present?

Yes	31	24.3
No	74	57.8
Not Sure	23	18.0
Total	128	

Section 3: Community and Family Norms about Underage Drinking

1. At what age do people in your community think it is okay to drink alcohol?

Average (median) Response: 16

2. At what age does your family think it is okay to start drinking alcohol?

Average (median) Response: 21

3. In your community, is underage drinking acceptable?

Response	Number	*Percent
Yes	90	23.9
No	163	43.4
Not Sure	123	32.7
Total	376	

4. If you were to drink, what might happen in your community?

******(Check all that apply)

Response	Number	**Percent	Rank
a. I might get arrested.	218	68.1	3
b. I might be in trouble at school.	232	70.9	2
c. I might be in trouble with my family.	335	90.3	1
d. My reputation would be affected in a positive way.	115	42.1	5

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e. My reputation would be affected in a negative way.	200	65.4	4
f. Nothing would happen.	107	39.2	6

5. *Does your family have clear rules about alcohol and drug use?*

Response	Number	*Percent
Yes	294	76.4
No	51	13.2
Not Sure	40	10.4
Total	385	

6. *Would your family approve if you attended a party where alcohol was available to underage youth?*

Response	Number	*Percent
Yes	46	12.0
No	268	69.8
Not Sure	70	18.2
Total	384	

7. *Do you agree or disagree with the following statements?*

	Agree	Disagree	Not Sure	Total
	% (n)	% (n)	% (n)	
a. My family thinks it is okay to drink at a party or at home as long as I don't drive.	15.8%(61)	67.8%(261)	16.4%(63)	385
b. I think it is okay to drink at a party or at home as long as I don't drive.	34.9%(134)	51.8%(199)	13.3%(51)	384
c. It is okay for someone else to drink at a party as long as he/she doesn't drive.	48.2%(183)	33.2%(126)	18.7%(71)	380

8. *Circle the response highlighted in bold that best matches how you feel and what happens in your family.*

I (**like/don't like**) that my family (**does host/doesn't host**) underage drinking parties.

Response	Number	*Percent
Like/Does Host	4	1.2
Like/Doesn't Host	290	90.4

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Don't Like/Does Host	4	1.2
Don't Like/Doesn't Host	23	7.2
Total	321	

9. How much do you think the following people would disapprove or approve if you were to have three or four whole drinks?

	Disapprove Strongly % (n)	Disapprove % (n)	Neither % (n)	Approve % (n)	Approve Strongly % (n)	N/A % (n)	Total
a. Mother, stepmother, or female guardian	65.2%(244)	17.4%(65)	12.3%(46)	1.9%(7)	1.1%(4)	2.1%(8)	374
b. Father, stepfather, or male guardian	57.8%(216)	19.5%(73)	15.5%(58)	3.7%(14)	1.1%(4)	2.4%(9)	374
c. Brother or sister	28.4%(106)	17.4%(65)	31.1%(116)	10.2%(38)	4.6%(17)	8.3%(31)	373
d. Most other adults you know	43.1%(153)	34.4%(122)	16.3%(58)	2.3%(8)	.8%(3)	3.1%(11)	355
e. Best friend	25.1%(94)	9.9%(37)	34.0%(127)	18.7%(70)	9.6%(36)	2.7%(10)	374
f. Your other good friends	21.1%(79)	10.7%(40)	36.3%(136)	20.0%(75)	9.3%(35)	2.7%(10)	375
g. Other people you know your age	13.1%(49)	8.0%(30)	43.7%(164)	20.0%(75)	11.7%(44)	3.5%(13)	375

10. How often in the past 12 months have your parents talked to you about the following?

	Never % (n)	1-2 Times % (n)	3-4 Times % (n)	5-6 Times % (n)	7 or more % (n)	Total
a. Not drinking alcohol?	38.0%(142)	39.6%(148)	12.0%(45)	4.0%(15)	6.4%(24)	374
b. Not driving after drinking?	44.4%(165)	29.8%(111)	11.8%(44)	5.4%(20)	8.6%(32)	372
c. Not riding with a driver who had been drinking?	38.1%(141)	29.2%(108)	15.4%(57)	7.0%(26)	10.3%(38)	370
d. Not going to parties where alcohol is served?	49.2%(183)	31.5%(117)	10.2%(38)	3.5%(13)	5.6%(21)	372

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11. *In your opinion, how likely or unlikely is it that you would be caught by your parents if you were to do each of the following?*

	Very Likely % (n)	Somewhat Likely % (n)	Somewhat Unlikely % (n)	Very Unlikely % (n)	Total
a. Drank Alcohol?	24.1%(89)	25.1%(93)	27.6%(102)	23.2%(86)	370
b. Drove after Drinking?	42.4%(156)	27.7%(102)	16.0%(59)	13.9%(51)	368
c. Rode with a driver who had been drinking?	23.8%(88)	28.5%(105)	26.6%(98)	21.1%(78)	369
d. Went to a party where alcohol was served?	26.9%(99)	25.8%(95)	24.5%(90)	22.8%(84)	368

Section 4: Knowledge of Underage Drinking

1. *In your opinion, how likely or unlikely is it that each of the following things would happen to you personally if you were to drink three to four whole drinks or an alcoholic beverage—beer, wine, wine cooler, or liquor?*

Response	Very Likely % (n)	Likely % (n)	Unlikely % (n)	Very Unlikely % (n)	Total
a. Feel relaxed?	24.6(89)	39.5(143)	20.4(74)	15.5(56)	362
b. Get into trouble with the police	19.1(68)	27.0 (96)	30.9(110)	23.0(82)	356
c. Feel more confident or sure of yourself?	19.1(68)	29.2(104)	28.9(103)	22.8(81)	356
d. Harm your health?	34.4(123)	32.4(116)	21.5(77)	11.7(42)	358
e. Feel Happy?	32.0(113)	38.2(135)	16.5(57)	13.6(48)	353
f. Get a hangover?	40.6(142)	31.1(109)	17.1(60)	11.1(39)	350
g. Have an easier time expressing your feelings?	31.1(109)	33.9(118)	19.8(69)	14.9(52)	348
h. Do something you regret?	43.5(154)	34.5(122)	14.7(52)	7.3(26)	354
i. Feel sick to your stomach?	39.8(141)	32.8(116)	18.6(66)	8.8(31)	354
j. Feel more friendly and outgoing?	31.4(110)	37.1(130)	17.1(60)	14.3(50)	350
k. Get into trouble with your parents?	35.8(127)	27.9(99)	24.2(86)	12.1(43)	355
l. Feel out of control?	30.8(110)	29.4(105)	26.3(94)	13.4(48)	357
m. Get into fistfights or shoving matches?	21.8(77)	20.4(72)	30.9(109)	26.9(95)	353
n. Feel good?	27.0(96)	35.8(127)	21.1(75)	16.1(57)	355
o. Have an easier time talking to people?	31.3(111)	31.8(113)	22.3(79)	14.6(52)	355
p. Feel sad?	17.7(62)	26.5(93)	35.6(125)	20.2(71)	351
q. Get in trouble with other adults (friends' parents, relatives, clergy)?	26.7(95)	29.8(106)	25.3(90)	18.3(65)	356
r. Damage your reputation?	27.2(97)	22.8(81)	29.5(105)	20.5(73)	356
s. Have a lot of fun?	29.4(104)	37.0(131)	16.9(60)	16.7(59)	354
t. Get in trouble at school?	19.3(68)	24.1(85)	36.1(127)	20.5(72)	352
u. Have unprotected sex?	17.7(62)	23.9(84)	29.1(102)	29.3(103)	351

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v. Slowed or damaged brain growth?	27.3(96)	31.5(111)	25.3(89)	15.9(56)	352
w. Increased likelihood to become dependant on alcohol?	21.9(78)	25.3(90)	29.2(104)	23.6(84)	356

2. Please indicate what you believe are the consequences for adults or underage individuals who supply alcohol to underage youth. *(Check all that apply)

Response	Yes % (n)	No % (n)	Not Sure % (n)	Total
a. Personal Liability	72.2%(254)	4.5%(16)	23.3%(82)	352
b. Legal Infractions	77.8%(277)	7.0%(25)	15.2%(54)	356
c. Damaged Reputation	63.6%(222)	17.2%(60)	19.2%(67)	349
d. Property Damage	58.8%(2040)	19.3%(67)	21.9%(76)	347
e. Alcohol Poisoning	61.1%(214)	16.9%(59)	22.0%(77)	350
f. Drinking and Driving	69.1%(242)	12.6%(44)	18.3%(64)	350
g. Automobile Accidents	71.5%(251)	10.0%(35)	18.5%(65)	351
h. Fatal Injury	63.3%(221)	12.6%(44)	24.1%(84)	349
i. Consequences from other adults in the community	67.0%(235)	12.3%(43)	20.8%(73)	351
j. Other	25.2%(28)	16.2%(18)	58.6%(65)	111

Section 5: Enforcement of Underage Drinking Laws

1. To what degree do police in your town enforce underage drinking laws?

Response	Number	*Percent
Not at all	19	5.2
Some of the time	108	29.4
Most of the time	95	25.9
All of the time	80	21.8
Not Sure	65	17.7
Total	367	

2. How would police in your community respond if they caught an underage person drinking alcohol?

Response	Yes % (n)	No % (n)	Not Sure % (n)	Total
a. Arrest the person?	40.0%(142)	20.3%(72)	39.7%(141)	355
b. Take the person home?	65.0%(234)	10.0%(36)	25.0%(90)	360
c. Call the person's family to let them know what happened?	75.1%(272)	7.5%(27)	17.4%(63)	362

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d. They would break up the party or make the person leave the area?	73.4%(267)	6.3%(23)	20.3%(74)	364
e. Do nothing?	11.3%(38)	54.9%(185)	33.8%(114)	337
f. Other	14.1%(13)	19.6%(18)	66.3%(61)	92

3. *Would police in your community charge a youth for social hosting?*

Response	Number	*Percent
Not at all	23	6.3
Some of the time	84	23.0
Most of the time	63	17.2
All of the time	44	12.0
Not Sure	152	41.5
Total	366	

4. *Would police in your community charge an adult for social hosting?*

Response	Number	*Percent
Not at all	14	3.8
Some of the time	60	16.4
Most of the time	89	24.4
All of the time	95	26.0
Not Sure	107	29.3
Total	365	

5. *In your opinion would strict enforcement of underage drinking laws stop parents and adults from hosting parties or providing alcohol to underage youth?*

Response	Number	*Percent
Yes	72	19.7
No	160	43.7
Not Sure	134	36.6
Total	366	

Section 6: Respondent Information

1. *Please indicate your age*

Response	Number	*Percent
14 and under	54	14.5

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15 years	111	29.9
16 years	86	23.2
17 years	64	17.3
18 years	36	9.7
19 years	14	3.8
20 and over	6	1.6
Total	371	

2. *Please indicate your gender*

Responses	Number	*Percent
Female	200	53.6
Male	173	46.4
Total	373	

3. *Please indicate your grade*

Responses	Number	*Percent
9 th	101	26.9
10 th	116	30.9
11 th	60	16.0
12 th	70	18.7
College	20	5.3
Other	8	2.1
Total	375	

4. *Please indicate the county in which you live*

Responses	Number	*Percent
Androscoggin	30	7.8
Cumberland	5	1.3
Franklin	15	3.9
Kennebec	1	.3
Knox	7	1.8
Lincoln	3	.8
Oxford	138	36.0
Penobscot	62	16.2
Sagadahoc	43	11.2
Waldo	11	2.9
York	68	17.8
Total	383	

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