

According to the *Michigan Alcohol and Other Drugs School Survey*, Summary Report for Oakland County, 2003-2005:

***Oakland County students report***

***Alcohol Use in the past 30 days:***

- 12th graders 53.8%
- 10th graders 36.4%
- 8th graders 13.8%

***Binge Drinking (5 or more drinks in a row in the past two weeks):***

- 12th graders 34.4%
- 10th graders 21.8%
- 8th graders 6.8%

***Perceived Availability (Alcohol is "fairly easy" or "very easy" to get):***

- 12th graders 95.2%
- 10th graders 91.0%
- 8th graders 77.9%

***Alcohol use at a friend's in the past 30 days:***

- 12th graders 48.7%
- 10th graders 34.9%
- 8th graders 12.8%

***Rode at least once with driver who had 5 or more drinks (one or more times in the past two weeks):***

- 12th graders 8.9%
- 10th graders 8.2%
- 8th graders 8.3%

*If you would like to be part of the solution visit [www.achconline.org](http://www.achconline.org) or contact your local coalition.*



**UNDERAGE  
DRINKING**

**Not a minor problem**

- Alcohol is the most commonly used drug among Oakland County teens (*MI Alcohol and Other Drugs School Survey and Western MI University, 2003-2005*).
- Teens who use alcohol are more likely to perform poorly in school and suffer from social problems, depression, suicidal thoughts, and violence (*AMA: Underage Drinkers at Higher Risk of Brain Damage*).
- Persons reporting first using alcohol before age 15 are more than 5 times as likely to report past year alcohol dependence or abuse than those first using alcohol at age 21 (*SAMHSA*).
- In the United States alone, alcohol kills more kids than all illegal drugs combined (*Morbidity and Mortality Weekly, Report 51 (5504): 1-62, 2002*).
- Two thirds of youth ages 13-17 say losing their parent's respect and pride is one of the main reasons they don't use alcohol or other drugs (*Keeping Your Teens Drug Free, A Family Guide, ONDCP*).

