

What Youth Are Saying About ALCOHOL

PAYS 2025 Data

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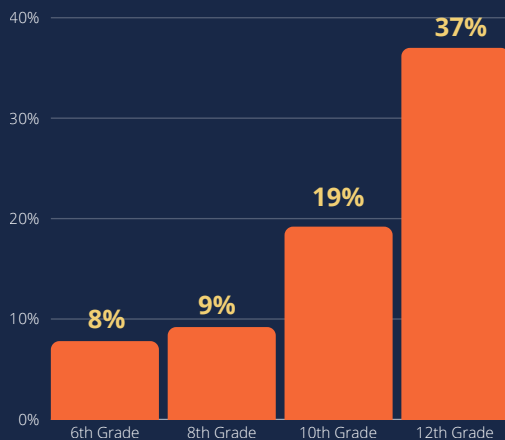
The Pennsylvania Youth Survey (PAYS) is a student survey administered in odd-numbered years (e.g. 2021, 2023, 2025) to youth in 6th, 8th, 10th, and 12th grades in participating schools throughout the state. The questions asked in the survey cover many types of attitudes, knowledge, behaviors, and experiences.

2025 DASD PAYS Participation

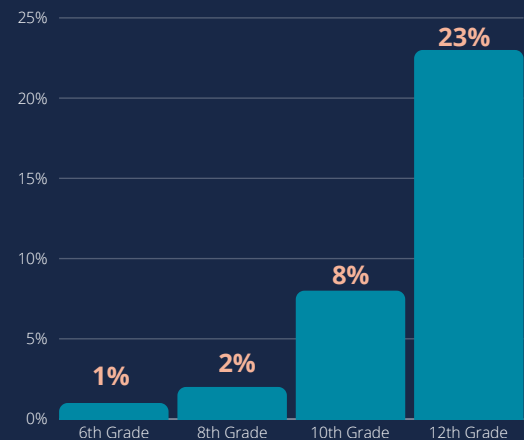
6th	924
8th	842
10th	798
12th	544

Total student
participation:
3,108

DASD Youth Reported They:



Have drank alcohol at least
once in their lifetime.



Have drank alcohol in
the past 30 days.

The above stats are DOWN from 2023 and DASD youth are changing their attitudes towards alcohol use.

90%



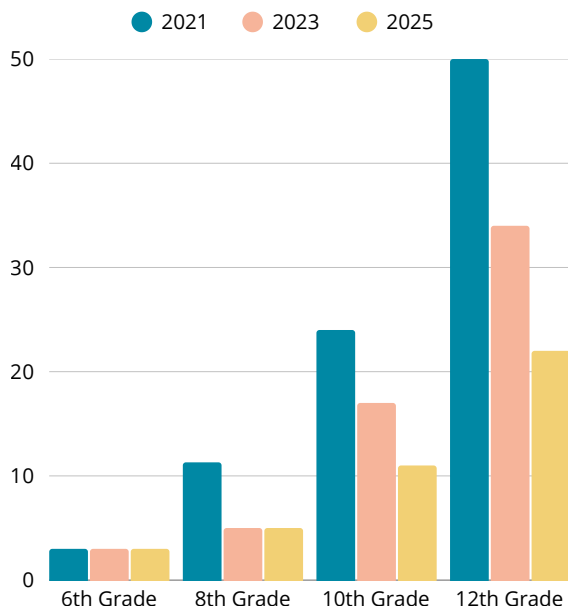
of DASD youth said friends feel
it would be "wrong" or "very wrong"
to have one or two drinks of an
alcoholic beverage nearly every day.

92%



of DASD youth said
people are at a
moderate or great
risk of harming
themselves if they
have five or more
drinks of alcohol
once or twice a
week.

DASD Youth Reported:



Willingness to try alcohol before they are 21.

The top 3 sources of alcohol given by students who reported alcohol use were:



A friend or sibling gave it to me for free (42%)



A parent/caregiver gave it to me for free (31%)



Took it without permission from my home (24%)



Only 2.5% of DASD youth reported binge drinking during the past two weeks (down from 4% in 2021).

Less than 1% of DASD 12th graders reported driving after alcohol use in the past year.



Adult actions influence youth.
Family rules, parental/caregiver monitoring, and actions of adults in youth's lives influence their risk of using substances.



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