

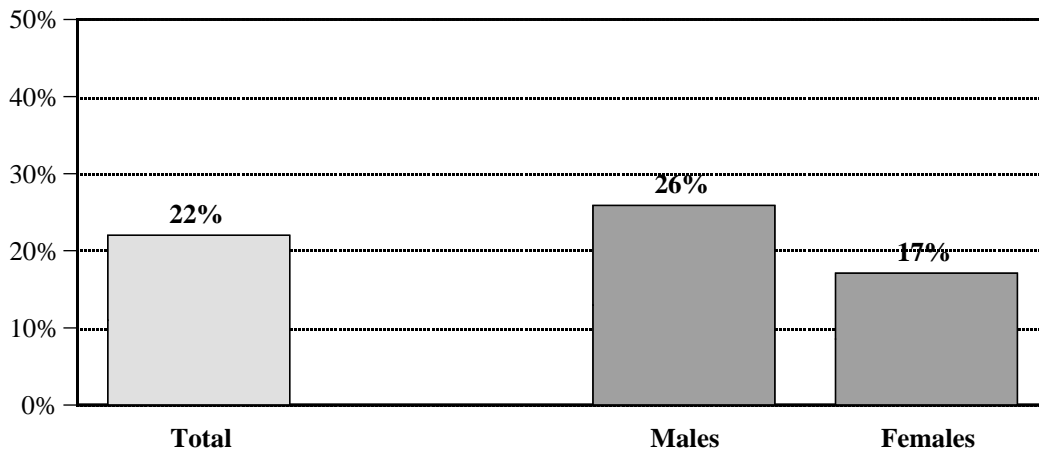
A Weekly FAX from the Center for Substance Abuse Research

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Slightly More Than One-Fifth of Sexually Active High School Students Used Alcohol or Drugs Before Their Last Intercourse in 2009; Males More Likely Than Females to Mix Drugs and Sex

Approximately one-third of U.S. high school students were sexually active in 2009, according to data from the Youth Risk Behavior Survey. Of these sexually active students (defined as having had sexual intercourse during the three months preceding the survey), 22% reported that they used alcohol or drugs before their last sexual intercourse (see figure below). Males were significantly more likely than females to report using alcohol or drugs prior to having sex (26% vs. 17%). Despite a brief rise from 1993 to 2001, these rates are identical to those found when the survey began in 1991 (data not shown).

**Percentage of Sexually Active U.S. High School Students Who Reported
Using Alcohol or Drugs Before Their Last Sexual Intercourse, 2009**



NOTES: The Youth Risk Behavior Survey employs a three-stage cluster sample design to produce a nationally representative sample of 16,410 public and private school students in grades 9 to 12.

SOURCE: Adapted by CESAR from the Centers for Disease Control and Prevention, "Youth Risk Behavior Surveillance—United States, 2009," *Morbidity and Mortality Weekly Report* 59 (SS-5), June 4, 2010. Available online at <http://www.cdc.gov/HealthyYouth/yrbs/index.htm>.

CESAR Recruiting PI-Level NIH Researcher

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