## District Youth in Brief: Adolescent Drinking and Driving August 2011 Vol. 3 Issue 7

## How Prevalent is Riding with a Drinking Driver in the Past Month Among Public High School Students in DC?\*

30%	22.3%	19.9%	23.3%	25.7%
25%				6.2%
20% — 15% —	6.0%	4.1%	6.7%	
10% -	8.5%	7.5%	8.5%	10.6%
5%	7.8%	8.3%	8.1%	8.9%
0% ⊥	9th Grade (n=3,227)	10th Grade (n=2,616)	11th Grade (n=2,397)	12th Grade (n=2,109)

□1 Time □2 or 3 Times □4 or More Times

- Nearly one in four DC public high school students rode at least once with a drinking driver in the past month.
- Among those public high school students who rode with a drinking driver in the past month more than half did it on more than one occasion.
- Freshmen rode with drinking drivers just as often as sophomores, juniors, and seniors.
- Of all freshmen who rode with a drinking driver in the past month nearly 27% rode with a drinking driver four or more times. Of all seniors who rode with a drinking driver nearly 24% rode with a drinking driver four or more times.
- The majority of all teens who rode with a drinking driver four or more times in the past month actually rode as many as 6 or more times in the past month (data not shown).

## **Drinking and Driving**

Seven percent of DC teens 16 years or older drank alcohol then drove a vehicle in the past month.

A greater percentage of males than females drank and drove in the past month (10.5% vs. 3.8%).

Juniors and seniors drank and drove at least once in the past month at similar rates.

Of students younger than 16 years, 2.5% reported drinking and driving in the past month.

Data Notes & Source: \*Numbers and percentages are from a weighted sample of public high school students in DC. Students attending public charter schools were not included in the 2011 Youth Risk Behavior Survey (YRBS).

Only those students who reported a valid sex and grade were included in this analysis. Unweighted number of students who responded to the question "During the past 30 days, how many times did you ride in a car or other vehicle driven by someone who had been drinking alcohol?":  $9^{th} = 320$ ;  $10^{th} = 312$ ;  $11^{th} = 330$ ;  $12^{th} = 404$ . Unweighted number of students age 16 years or older across all grades who responded to the question "During the past 30 days, how many times did you drive a car or other vehicle when you had been drinking alcohol?": 839.

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