

Oregon Youth Risk Behavior Survey (YRBS) 1997 Middle School
Question 28. How old were you when you had your first drink of alcohol?

Unweighted Column Percents

	6th	7th	8th
Total			
I never had a drink	49.6	38.3	26.5
8 years old or younger	22.0	25.1	27.4
9 years old	8.0	6.6	6.4
10 years old	8.8	8.6	9.6
11 years old	8.2	8.9	8.0
12 years old	3.2	9.7	10.1
13 years old	.1	2.6	9.4
14 years old or more	.1	.2	2.6
Female			
Total			
I never had a drink	53.6	40.8	26.8
8 years old or younger	18.6	22.4	24.4
9 years old	6.8	5.9	5.7
10 years old	8.8	9.3	9.6
11 years old	8.8	9.0	8.1
12 years old	3.4	10.4	11.6
13 years old	.0	2.3	11.1
14 years old or more	.0	.1	2.6
Male			
Total			
I never had a drink	45.6	35.8	26.1
8 years old or younger	25.3	27.8	30.4
9 years old	9.5	7.4	7.1
10 years old	8.8	7.9	9.5
11 years old	7.5	8.9	8.0
12 years old	3.0	9.1	8.6
13 years old	.3	2.8	7.6
14 years old or more	.0	.4	2.6

Total N =
9,199

Unweighted Frequencies

	6th	7th	8th
Total			
I never had a drink	747	1,319	1,133
8 years old or younger	332	864	1,174
9 years old	121	228	276
10 years old	132	297	409
11 years old	123	307	344
12 years old	48	335	433
13 years old	2	88	402
14 years old or more	1	7	111

Female

Total

I never had a drink	412	703	574
8 years old or younger	143	386	523
9 years old	52	101	123
10 years old	68	160	206
11 years old	68	156	173
12 years old	26	179	248
13 years old	0	39	238
14 years old or more	0	1	56

Male

Total

I never had a drink	333	610	557
8 years old or younger	185	473	648
9 years old	69	126	152
10 years old	64	134	202
11 years old	55	151	171
12 years old	22	155	183
13 years old	2	48	163
14 years old or more	0	6	55

Total N =
9,199