



# The Consumption and Consequences of Alcohol in Allen County, 2008

*\*Binge Drinking is defined as having five or more drinks for men and four or more drinks for women during one occasion.*

*\*Youth who obtained alcohol in Allen County reported that they received it primarily from someone older than 21 or had someone else buy it.*

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## Prevalence of Underage Drinking

- 11.2% of 12<sup>th</sup> graders surveyed drank alcohol 40 or more times in the past year
- 18.4% of 12<sup>th</sup> graders surveyed drank alcohol 40 or more times in their lifetime
- 18.3% of 6<sup>th</sup> graders surveyed drank alcohol at some time in their life
- 29% of 8<sup>th</sup> graders surveyed drank alcohol in the last year
- 28.7% of 12<sup>th</sup> graders surveyed binge drink
- 17.4% of all of those surveyed say the age of their first use of alcohol was 7 years or younger

## Impact: Health

- Treatment episodes for detoxification, rehabilitation/residential, and ambulatory peaked from 2001-2003 in the 35-44 age category, but in 2006 peaked in the 25-34 age category
- The highest number of treatment episodes was in 2005 in the 25-34 age category at just under 450
- Treatment episodes for duplicated clients where alcohol was the primary drug of choice peaked in 2004 with females at 334 and males at 961.
- From 2001-2005, 88 Allen County individuals suffered alcohol-induced deaths

## Impact: Criminal Justice

- In 2006, 36% of Allen County car fatalities were alcohol related.
- Drug and alcohol-related arrests account for almost half of the total arrests in Allen County
- During a survey of 100 blood tests collected from individuals arrested for operating a motor vehicle while intoxicated, 68% of the tests were positive for alcohol and two or more drugs

## Perceptions:

- 25.7% of 12<sup>th</sup> graders surveyed feel that their peers approve of or strongly approve of binge drinking weekly
- 67.7% of 12<sup>th</sup> graders surveyed perceive that their parents would disapprove or strongly disapprove of 1-2 drinks occasionally