

Youth Risk Behavior Survey*

Figure 34. Findings from the Youth Risk Behavior Survey Regarding Health Risks, Potential Injuries and Violence, Tobacco, Alcohol, and Drug Use, and Sexual Behaviors of Students in Grades 9-12, North Dakota and the United States, 2005

Health Risks, 2005	North Dakota	United States
Students who were at risk for becoming overweight**	13%	16%
Students who were overweight	11%	13%
Students who played on one or more sports teams during the past 12 months**	61%	56%
Students who watched three or more hours of TV per day on an average school day**	24%	37%
Students who rode one or more times in a vehicle driven by someone who had been drinking alcohol (in the past 30 days)**	37%	29%
Students who drove a vehicle one or more times when they had been drinking (in the past 30 days)**	22%	10%

Potential Injuries and Violence, 2005	North Dakota	United States
Students who were in a physical fight on school property one or more times during the past 12 months**	11%	14%
Students who were hit, slapped, or physically hurt on purpose by their boyfriend or girlfriend during the past 12 months	9%	9%
Students who seriously considered attempting suicide during the past 12 months	15%	17%

Tobacco, Alcohol, and Drug Use, 2005	North Dakota	United States
Students who smoked cigarettes on one or more of the past 30 days	22%	23%
Students who used chewing tobacco or snuff on one or more of the past 30 days**	11%	8%
Students who had at least one drink of alcohol on one or more of the past 30 days**	49%	43%
Students who used marijuana one or more times during the past 30 days**	16%	20%
Students who had five or more drinks of alcohol in a row, within a couple of hours, on one or more of the past 30 days (binge drinking)**	34%	26%
Students who used any form of cocaine one or more times during their life	7%	8%
Students who used methamphetamines one or more times during their life	5%	6%

*The Centers for Disease Control and Prevention's Youth Risk Behavior Surveillance System conducts a national survey of students in grades 9-12 every two years.

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North Dakota's youth are much more likely than youth in the United States overall to report risky behaviors with respect to drinking and driving.



North Dakota students have one of the highest rates of binge drinking in the nation.

North Dakota youth who had sexual intercourse recently were more likely to have been drinking or using drugs than similar youth in the nation.

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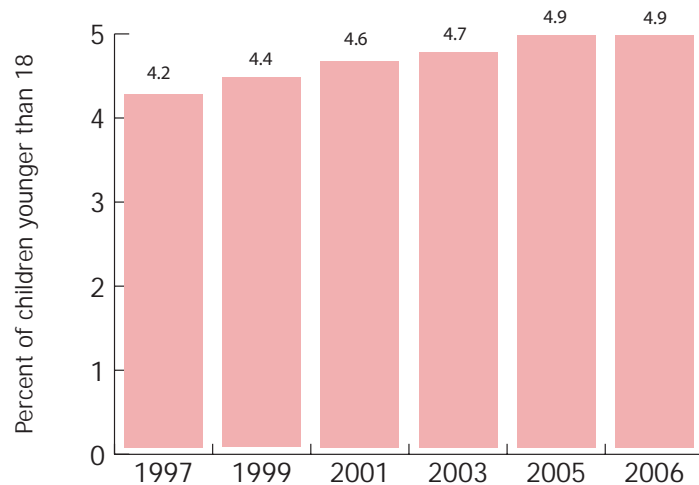
Sexual Behaviors, 2005	North Dakota	United States
Students who have had sexual intercourse**	41%	47%
Students who had sexual intercourse with one or more people during the past three months	32%	34%
Of students who had sexual intercourse during the past three months, those who drank or used drugs before last sexual intercourse**	30%	23%
Of students who had sexual intercourse during the past three months, those who used a condom during last sexual intercourse	63%	63%
Of students who had sexual intercourse during the past three months, those who used birth control pills prior to last sexual intercourse**	25%	18%

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Suspected victims of abuse and neglect represent an increasing percentage of all North Dakota children.

Figure 35. Suspected Victims of Child Abuse and Neglect in North Dakota as a Percent of Children Younger than 18, 1997-2006



While the number of suspected victims of child abuse and neglect has declined since 1997, these suspected victims represent an increasing percentage of all North Dakota children, reflecting the shrinking number of children in the state.