



The Fact Is...

(Source: 2010 Oregon Student Wellness Survey)

Alcohol & Drug Use In Washington County

- ✓ 64% of county 11th graders report never trying marijuana. The same is true for 82% of 8th graders and 98% of 6th graders
- ✓ Three factors known to influence the likelihood of underage alcohol use are: accessibility to alcohol, perceived risk of harm, and parents' disapproval of drinking.
- ✓ 72% of county 11th graders said it would be "easy," or "very easy" to get alcohol. The same is true for 36% of 8th graders.
- ✓ 72% of county 11th graders reported considering it a moderate, or great, risk to take one or two drinks of alcohol nearly every day. The same is true for 69% of 8th graders and 75% of 6th graders.
- ✓ 85% of county 11th graders report that it would be wrong, or very wrong, to drink alcohol regularly. The same is true for 92% of 8th graders and 98% of 6th graders .
- ✓ Conservative estimates reveal that almost 30,000 people in Washington County abuse, or are dependent on, alcohol and are in need of treatment.
- ✓ 5% of county 11th graders, and 4% of 8th graders report using prescription drugs (without a doctor's orders) to get high.
- ✓ In 2010, rates of marijuana use by county youth were 13% for 8th graders, and 23% for 11th graders.
- ✓ Those county 8th graders that report drinking alcoholic beverages regularly began doing so, on average, when they were under 12 years old (11.9 y/o).
- ✓ 15% of Washington County 11th graders report binge drinking in the past 30 days. Eight percent of 8th graders report binge drinking.
- ✓ 6% of county 11th graders report using illicit drugs, other than marijuana, in the past 30 days. The same is true for 4% of 8th graders.
- ✓ 30% of county 11th graders reported having at least one drink in the last 30 days. The same is true for 21% of 8th graders and 7% of 6th graders.
- ✓ For information on drug and alcohol treatment services in Washington County, call the Washington County Crisis Line at, **503/291-9111**.



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