



The Fact Is...

(Sources: Washington County's Epidemiological Data on Alcohol, Drugs and Mental Health 2000-2012; and the 2012 Oregon Student Wellness Survey)

Alcohol & Drug Use In Washington County

- ✓ 88% of county 8th graders report never trying marijuana. The same is true for 64% of 11th 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.
- ✓ 68% of county 11th graders said it would be "easy," or "very easy" to get alcohol. The same is true for 42% of 8th graders and 19% of 6th graders.
- ✓ 61% of county 11th graders reported considering it a moderate, or great, risk of harming themselves by taking one or two drinks of alcohol nearly every day. The same is true for 58% of 8th graders and 53% of 6th graders.
- ✓ 85% of county 11th graders report that their parents feel it would be wrong, or very wrong, for youth to drink alcohol regularly. The same is true for 94% of 8th graders and 96% of 6th graders .
- ✓ It is estimated that there are over 36,000 people in Washington County (age 12 and over) who abuse, or are dependent on, alcohol and are in need of treatment.
- ✓ It is estimated that there are over 12,000 people in Washington County (age 12 and over) who abuse, or are dependent on, drugs and are in need of treatment.
- ✓ 8% of county 11th graders, 3% of 8th graders, and 1% of 6th graders report using prescription drugs (without a doctor's orders).
- ✓ In 2012, rates of marijuana use by county youth were 20% for 11th graders, 8% for 8th graders, and 0.9% for 6th graders.
- ✓ 21% of county residents ages 18-25, used marijuana or hashish in the past 30 days.
- ✓ 9% of county 11th graders report smoking cigarettes in the past 30 days. 10% report using hookah for tobacco.
- ✓ 29% of county 11th graders report having at least one drink of alcohol in the past 30 days. The same is true for 16% of 8th graders and 5% of 6th graders.
- ✓ 36% of county 11th graders report never having more than a sip or two of alcohol. The same is true for 62% of 8th graders and 79% of 6th graders.

