

**Oregon Youth Risk Behavior Survey (YRBS) 1997 High School**

Q48. How old were you when you had your first drink  
of alcohol other than a few sips?  
Weighted Column Percents

	Total	Grade			
		9th	10th	11th	12th
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I have never had a drink of alcohol other than a few sips	29.4	36.6	28.7	27.1	22.3
8 years old or younger	10.3	12.1	10.9	9.0	8.4
9 or 10 years old	6.5	8.4	6.6	5.6	4.5
11 or 12 years old	12.2	15.7	12.2	10.4	9.0
13 or 14 years old	25.0	24.4	28.3	24.7	21.6
15 or 16 years old	14.6	2.9	13.1	21.8	26.1
17 years old or older	1.9	.0	.2	1.3	8.1
Female					
I have never had a drink of alcohol other than a few sips	29.1	35.8	28.4	27.0	22.0
8 years old or younger	8.2	10.1	9.2	6.3	6.0
9 or 10 years old	5.2	7.0	5.4	4.3	3.4
11 or 12 years old	12.0	17.2	11.2	10.2	7.5
13 or 14 years old	27.4	26.8	31.6	26.6	23.4
15 or 16 years old	16.1	3.1	14.1	24.6	28.9
17 years old or older	2.0	.0	.1	1.0	8.8
Male					
I have never had a drink of alcohol other than a few sips	29.8	37.3	29.1	27.1	22.6
8 years old or younger	12.5	14.1	12.6	11.9	10.8
9 or 10 years old	7.8	9.8	7.8	7.0	5.6
11 or 12 years old	12.4	14.2	13.1	10.7	10.5
13 or 14 years old	22.6	21.9	25.0	22.8	19.8
15 or 16 years old	13.1	2.6	12.2	18.9	23.3
17 years old or older	1.9	.0	.2	1.7	7.4
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Total N =  
31,288

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Unweighted Frequencies

	Total	Grade			
		9th	10th	11th	12th
I have never had a drink of alcohol other than a few sips	9,085	3,339	2,499	1,922	1,325
8 years old or younger	3,366	1,156	998	690	522
9 or 10 years old	2,036	777	566	403	290
11 or 12 years old	3,905	1,510	1,072	756	567
13 or 14 years old	7,763	2,277	2,373	1,777	1,336
15 or 16 years old	4,526	279	1,110	1,555	1,582
17 years old or older	607	0	12	95	500
Female					
I have never had a drink of alcohol other than a few sips	4,571	1,653	1,240	999	679
8 years old or younger	1,349	495	405	259	190
9 or 10 years old	852	341	241	161	109
11 or 12 years old	1,967	839	500	376	252
13 or 14 years old	4,367	1,288	1,357	987	735
15 or 16 years old	2,530	154	599	898	879
17 years old or older	313	0	5	38	270
Male					
I have never had a drink of alcohol other than a few sips	4,514	1,686	1,259	923	646
8 years old or younger	2,017	661	593	431	332
9 or 10 years old	1,184	436	325	242	181
11 or 12 years old	1,938	671	572	380	315
13 or 14 years old	3,396	989	1,016	790	601
15 or 16 years old	1,996	125	511	657	703
17 years old or older	294	0	7	57	230
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