



YRBS Data Brief

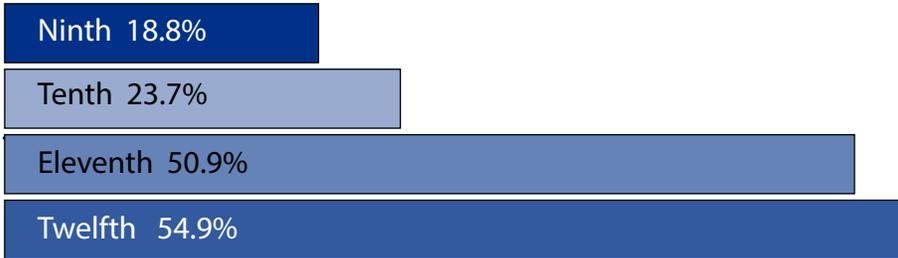
Texas Youth Risk Behavior Survey

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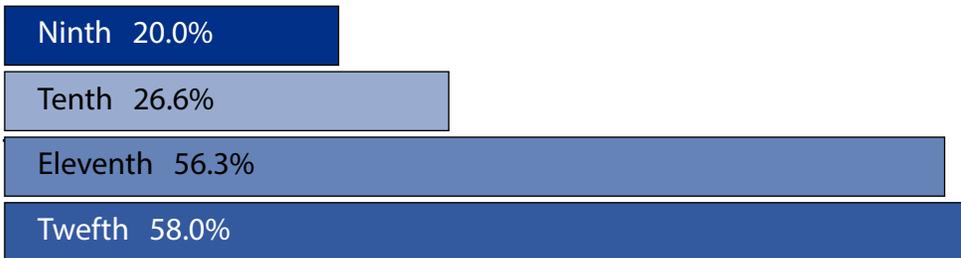
Distracted Driving

Texting and Talking on a Cell Phone While Driving Among Texas High School Student Drivers by Grade, Texas YRBS 2017

Texting



Talking



The rate of texting or talking while driving more than doubles between sophomore and junior year in high school. This is same time period that students begin operating motor vehicles without constant adult supervision. AAA Foundation for Traffic Safety reports that 60% of teen traffic accidents are due to driver distraction (<http://teendriving.aaa.com/TX/aaa-teen-driver-safety-research/distraction-teen-crashes>). In our data we also found that males students are just as likely to text and drive as female students.

Drinking & Driving (in the Past 30 Days)

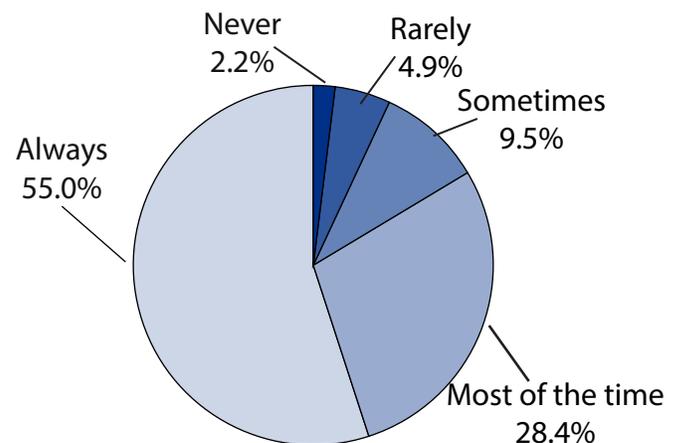


of Texas high school student drivers drove a vehicle after drinking alcohol



of Texas high school students rode in a vehicle driven by someone who had been drinking alcohol

Frequency of Seatbelt Use by Texas High School Students, Texas YRBS 2017



The Texas YRBS is a biennial survey of students in randomly selected public and charter high schools across Texas. For more information about the Texas Youth Risk Behavior Survey please visit: www.dshs.texas.gov/chs/yrbs.

