

Table 2b. Prevalence of current¹ and binge² drinking among youth by demographic characteristics, New York City³, 2009

Source: NYC Youth Risk Behavior Survey, 2009

2009									
Variables	Current drinking			Binge drinking			Binge drinking (among youth who report current drinking)		
	Weighted N	Row %	95% C.I.	Weighted N	Row %	95% C.I.	Weighted N	Row %	95% C.I.
Total	64,000	32.0	(30.0-34.2)	30,000	14.0	(12.6-15.5)	29,000	46.1	(43.4-48.9)
Gender									
Male	28,000	30.5D	(28.0-33.2)	15,000	14.6	(12.9-16.6)	14,000	50.6	(46.7-54.6)
Female	35,000	33.4	(31.2-35.6)	15,000	13.4	(11.9-15.0)	15,000	42.5U	(39.1-46.1)
Grade									
9	16,000	26.4	(23.1-30.1)	6,000	9.9	(8.3-11.8)	6,000	40.3	(36.6-44.2)
10	16,000	29.3	(26.1-32.6)	7,000	12.4	(10.0-15.3)	7,000	44.9	(38.3-51.7)
11	14,000	32.8	(30.2-35.6)	6,000	13.5U	(11.5-15.8)	6,000	43.5D	(38.3-48.7)
12	17,000	42.6	(39.4-45.8)	9,000	22.1	(19.6-24.8)	9,000	53.6	(48.6-58.5)
Race/Ethnicity									
White Non-Hispanic	12,000	42.1	(36.7-47.8)	6,000	20.7	(15.3-27.4)	6,000	51.0	(40.9-60.1)
Black Non-Hispanic	18,000	28.6	(26.2-31.2)	7,000	9.8	(8.7-11.1)	7,000	36.2	(32.5-40.2)
Hispanic	26,000	39.9	(37.4-42.4)	13,000	18.7	(16.9-20.6)	13,000	50.3	(47.4-53.1)
Asian	4,000	14.3	(10.6-19.0)	2,000	6.7	(4.4-10.0)	2,000	48.0	(37.9-58.3)
Other ⁴	500	29.8	(24.8-35.3)	200	12.9	(9.3-17.5)	200	46.7	(36.0-57.8)
Borough of Residence									
Bronx	13,000	33.3	(29.9-36.9)	6,000	14.3	(12.1-16.7)	6,000	46.0	(41.4-50.7)
Brooklyn	20,000	31.7	(26.7-37.2)	8,000	12.4	(9.4-16.1)	8,000	40.8	(35.9-45.8)
Manhattan	7,000	38.0	(32.7-43.6)	4,000	17.1	(14.8-19.6)	3,000	47.3	(41.0-53.6)
Queens	17,000	28.1	(25.2-31.2)	8,000	12.5U	(10.6-14.8)	8,000	47.3	(42.1-52.6)
Staten Island	6,000	39.1	(35.0-43.2)	3,000	22.4	(18.6-26.7)	3,000	60.7	(53.1-67.8)

¹ Current drinking: Consuming at least 1 alcoholic drink during the past 30 days.

² Binge drinking: Consuming 5 or more alcoholic drinks in a row (within a couple of hours) at least once during the past 30 days.

³ NYC YRBS is administered to public schools only.

⁴ Other category includes non-Hispanic students who selected American Indian/Alaska Native, Native Hawaiian/other Pacific Islander, or multiple race categories.

D Data rounded down to the nearest whole number for the purposes of reporting in the text.

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C.I. = Confidence interval

95% confidence intervals are a measure of estimate precision. The wider the interval, the more imprecise the estimate.