

Consequences of Underage Drinking in Michigan Youth

Risky Violent Behavior & Suicide

Current Drinkers were more than *two times* as likely to report violent behavior.

In the previous 30 days:

- 23% of current drinkers have **carried a weapon**, (gun, knife or club) compared to 10% of nondrinkers.
- 45% of current drinkers were in a **physical fight** compared to 20% of nondrinkers.

In the previous 12 months:

- 16% of current drinkers were in a **physical fight on school property** compared to 6% of nondrinkers.
- 8% of current drinkers have been **treated by a doctor or nurse for fighting** compared to 1% of nondrinkers.

Current Drinkers were *two times* more likely to report mental distress.

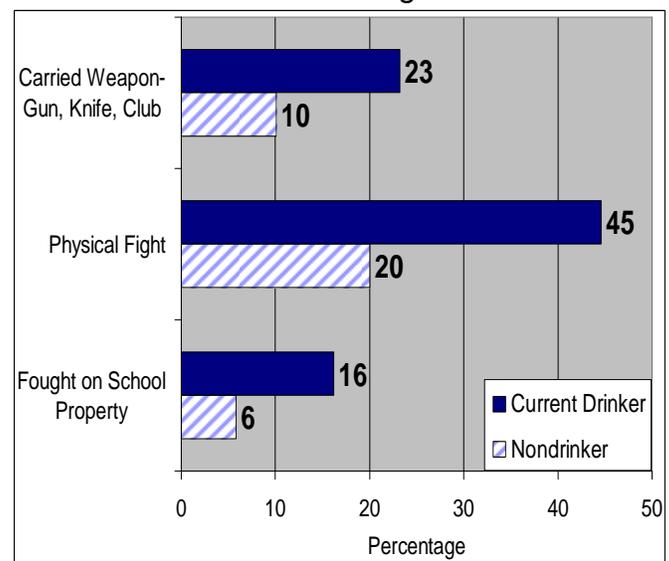
In the previous 12 months:

- 22% of current drinkers **considered suicide** compared to 11% of nondrinkers.
- 19% of current drinkers **created a suicide plan** compared to 11% of nondrinkers.
- 11% of current drinkers **attempted suicide** compared to 6% of nondrinkers.

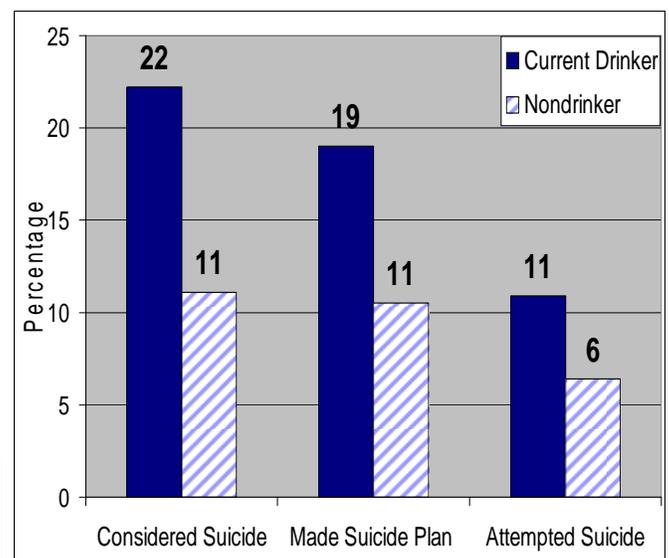
“Nondrinkers” reported not drinking any alcohol in the past 30 days. “Current drinkers” reported having at least one drink of alcohol in the past 30 days. “Youth” are 9th-12th grade students attending Michigan public high schools.



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