

These risk behaviors among alternative high school students¹ ...

Unintentional Injuries and Violence

- 14% Rarely or never wore a seat belt
- 30% Rode with a driver who had been drinking alcohol, during the past month
- 28% Carried a weapon during the past month
- 46% Were in a physical fight during the past year
- 11% Attempted suicide during the past year

Alcohol and Other Drug Use

- 57% Drank alcohol during the past month
- 43% Reported episodic heavy drinking during the past month²
- 51% Used marijuana during the past month
- 29% Ever used cocaine
- 20% Ever used inhalants
- 49% Ever used prescription drugs without prescription

Sexual Behaviors

- 82% Ever had sexual intercourse
- 43% Had sexual intercourse with ≥ 4 people
- 66% Had sexual intercourse during the past three months
- 54% Did not use a condom during last sexual intercourse³

Tobacco Use

- 87% Ever tried cigarette smoking
- 58% Smoked cigarettes during the past month
- 34% Smoked cigarettes on ≥ 20 days during the past month
- 18% Used smokeless tobacco during the past month
- 28% Smoked cigars during the past month

Dietary Behaviors

- 80% Ate fruits and vegetables < 5 times/day during the past 7 days
- 31% Drank soda or pop one or more times a day during the past 7 days (not including diet soda or pop)

Physical Activity

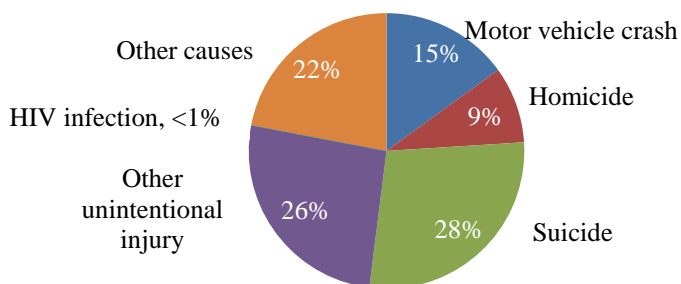
- 80% Did not meet currently recommended levels of physical activity⁴
- 71% Did not attend physical education class
- 87% Did not attend physical education class daily

Overweight

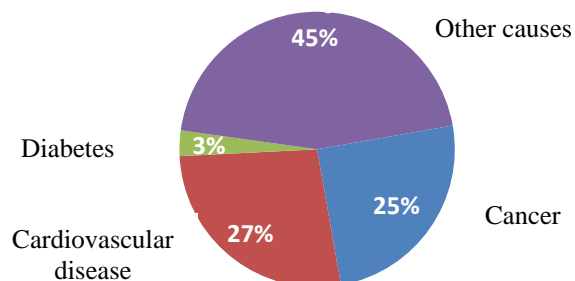
- 18% Were overweight⁵
- 19% Were obese⁶

... contribute to these leading causes of death⁷

Youth Aged 10-24 Years



Adults Aged 25 Years and Older



¹ Alternative high school students grades 9-12 in Alaska, weighted data.

² Students who had five or more drinks of alcohol in a row within a couple of hours on at least 1 day during the past 30 days

³ Among students who had sexual intercourse during the past 3 months.

⁴ Students who were not physically active for a total of at least 60 minutes per day on 5 or more days of the past 7 days.

⁵ Students who were at or above the 85th percentile but below the 95th percentile for body mass index by age and sex.

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⁷ 2004-2006 Alaska mortality data, Centers for Disease Control and Prevention.

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