

These risk behaviors among high school students¹ ...

Unintentional Injuries and Violence

- 12% Rarely or never wore a seat belt
- 21% Rode with a driver who had been drinking alcohol, during the past month
- 20% Carried a weapon during the past month
- 28% Were in a physical fight during the past year
- 9% Attempted suicide during the past year

Alcohol and Other Drug Use

- 33% Drank alcohol during the past month
- 22% Reported episodic heavy drinking during the past month²
- 23% Used marijuana during the past month
- 7% Ever used cocaine
- 10% Ever used inhalants
- 21% Ever used prescription drugs without prescription

Sexual Behaviors

- 44% Ever had sexual intercourse
- 11% Had sexual intercourse with ≥ 4 people
- 30% Had sexual intercourse during the past three months
- 38% Did not use a condom during last sexual intercourse³

Tobacco Use

- 48% Ever tried cigarette smoking
- 16% Smoked cigarettes during the past month
- 5% Smoked cigarettes on ≥ 20 days during the past month
- 14% Used smokeless tobacco during the past month
- 10% Smoked cigars during the past month

Dietary Behaviors

- 83% Ate fruits and vegetables < 5 times/day during the past 7 days
- 20% Drank soda or pop one or more times a day during the past 7 days (not including diet soda or pop)

Physical Activity

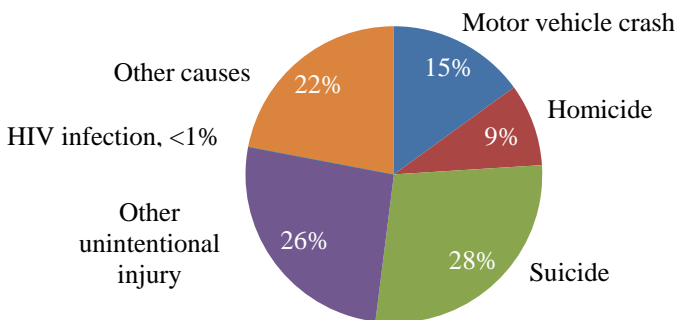
- 58% Did not meet currently recommended levels of physical activity⁴
- 54% Did not attend physical education class
- 82% Did not attend physical education class daily

Overweight

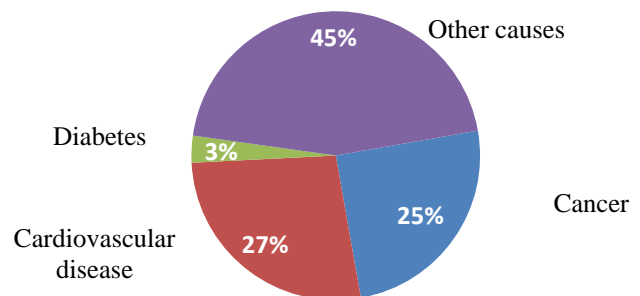
- 14% Were overweight⁵
- 12% Were obese⁶

... contribute to these leading causes of death⁷

Youth Aged 10-24 Years



Adults Aged 25 Years and Older



¹ High school students grades 9-12 in Alaska excluding alternative schools and boarding schools, 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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