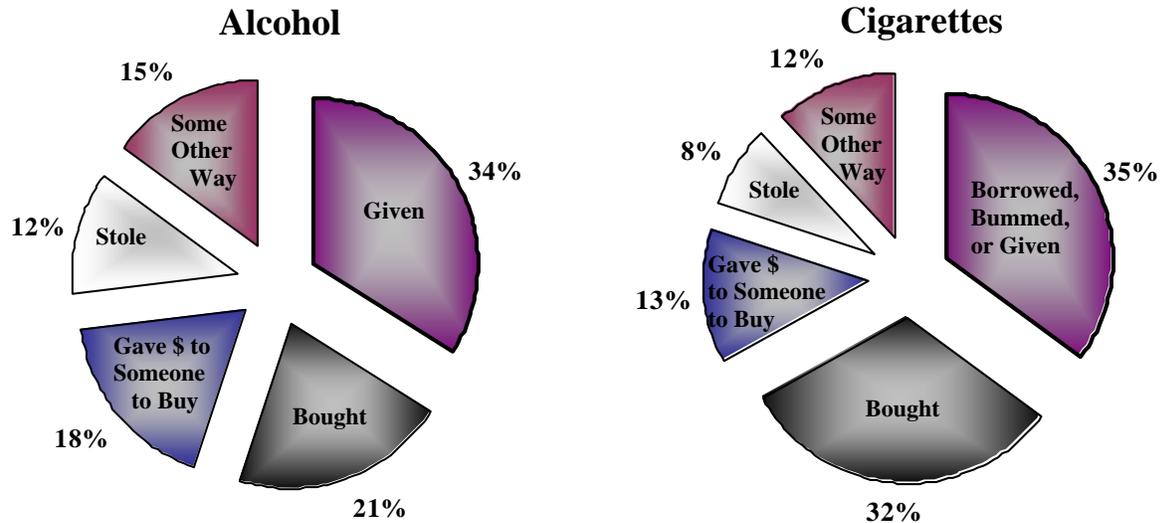


How Do DC Teenagers Who Drink or Smoke Get Alcohol and Cigarettes?¹



- Approximately one in three DC teens drank alcohol in the past month, while one in ten smoked cigarettes. Of those teens, one in three usually got their alcohol or cigarettes from other people, including underage and adult friends, relatives, neighbors, and acquaintances.
- Females were more likely than males to be given alcohol. Males were more likely than females to purchase alcohol or cigarettes.

Did You Know...?

- As of 2007, there were more than 1,400 licensed alcohol retailers and more than 1,100 licensed tobacco retailers in DC—a 68-square mile area. That's approximately 21 alcohol retailers and 16 tobacco retailers per square mile in the District.
- In 2008, tobacco compliance checks revealed that 9.2% of sampled DC retailers sold tobacco products to minors.²
- Underage drinking cost the District \$153 million in 2005. These costs included medical care, work loss, and pain and suffering associated with the use of alcohol by youth.³

Data Notes & Sources: ¹Percentages are from a weighted sample of public charter and public high school students. Students who drank alcohol in the past month unweighted n=1,067. Cigarette smokers were under age 18. Students who smoked cigarettes in the past month unweighted n=348. Adapted by CESAR from data from the DC Youth Risk Behavior Survey, DC Public Schools, 2007.

²DC Annual Synar Report, 2008.

³Produced by the Pacific Institute for Research and Evaluation (PIRE) in July 2007, available from the Underage Drinking Enforcement Training Center at www.udetc.org.

It's Illegal in DC for...

- Persons under age 21 to possess, drink, purchase, attempt to purchase an alcoholic beverage, or to use a fake ID. Violations may result in suspension of driving privileges for up to one year and a fine of up to \$1,000 (DC Code § 25-1002).
- Persons to purchase, sell, or in any other way deliver alcoholic beverages to someone under age 21. Convictions may result in up to one year in jail and/or fines of up to \$5,000 (DC Code §§ 25-781, 25-785).
- Persons to sell, give, or furnish any cigarette or other tobacco product to any person under age 18. Convictions may result in up to 90 days in jail and/or fines of \$500 to \$1,000 (DC Code § 22-1320).