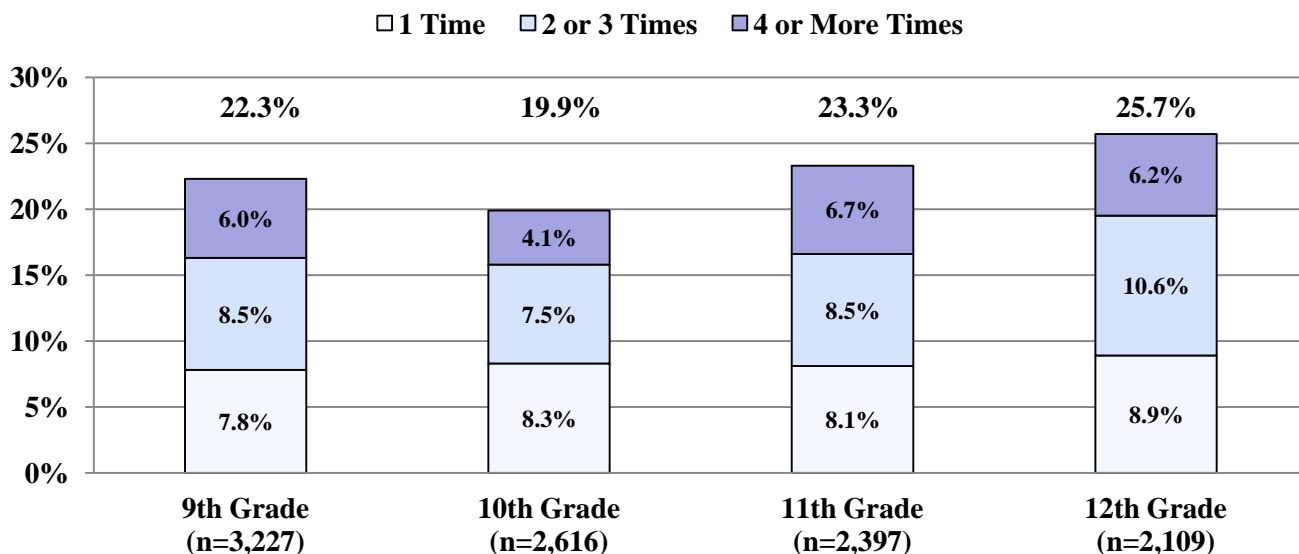


## How Prevalent is Riding with a Drinking Driver in the Past Month Among Public High School Students in DC?\*



- Nearly one in four DC public high school students rode at least once with a drinking driver in the past month.
- Among those public high school students who rode with a drinking driver in the past month more than half did it on more than one occasion.
- Freshmen rode with drinking drivers just as often as sophomores, juniors, and seniors.
- Of all freshmen who rode with a drinking driver in the past month nearly 27% rode with a drinking driver four or more times. Of all seniors who rode with a drinking driver nearly 24% rode with a drinking driver four or more times.
- The majority of all teens who rode with a drinking driver four or more times in the past month actually rode as many as 6 or more times in the past month (data not shown).

### Drinking and Driving

Seven percent of DC teens 16 years or older drank alcohol then drove a vehicle in the past month.

A greater percentage of males than females drank and drove in the past month (10.5% vs. 3.8%).

Juniors and seniors drank and drove at least once in the past month at similar rates.

Of students younger than 16 years, 2.5% reported drinking and driving in the past month.

Data Notes & Source: \*Numbers and percentages are from a weighted sample of public high school students in DC. Students attending public charter schools were not included in the 2011 Youth Risk Behavior Survey (YRBS).

Only those students who reported a valid sex and grade were included in this analysis. Unweighted number of students who responded to the question "During the past 30 days, how many times did you ride in a car or other vehicle driven by someone who had been drinking alcohol?": 9<sup>th</sup> = 320; 10<sup>th</sup> = 312; 11<sup>th</sup> = 330; 12<sup>th</sup> = 404. Unweighted number of students age 16 years or older across all grades who responded to the question "During the past 30 days, how many times did you drive a car or other vehicle when you had been drinking alcohol?": 839.

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