# Epidemiological profile on alcohol

A summary of key findings about patterns of alcohol consumption and its consequences in Oregon



#### Purpose of the epidemiological profiles

- Summarize the nature magnitude and distribution of alcohol, drug and tobacco use and related consequences in Oregon
  - Use data that has been collected and reported in a consistent (valid and reliable) manner for at least three years

#### Methodology

- Examine preventable consequences first, then focus on consumption indicators with a causal relationship
- Findings are described based on:
  - The magnitude or size of the problem
  - Improving or worsening trends
  - Comparison of Oregon to the United States
  - Differences based on age and/or gender
  - Severity of consequences or consumption

#### Alcohol constructs

#### Consequences

- Alcohol-induced disease mortality
- Motor vehicle fatalities
- Alcohol dependence or abuse

#### Consumption

- Per capita consumption
- Adult alcohol use
- Driving while impaired
- Underage drinking
- Age of initial use

#### What we learned about...

- Consequences of alcohol use
  - Oregon's rate of alcohol dependence or abuse is about the same as that of the nation
  - Oregon's death rate due to alcohol-induced disease is higher than the nation's
  - The percent of motor vehicle fatalities that involve drivers who were legally drunk has changed little in the past 10 years
  - Alcohol consumption has more negative effects for men than women

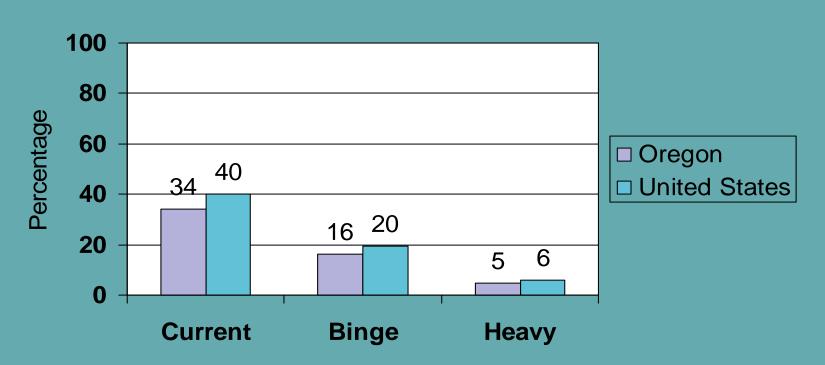
#### What we learned about...

#### Adult alcohol consumption in Oregon

- Per capita consumption of alcohol is slightly higher than the nation
- Overall, the rates of adult binge drinking and heavy drinking are about the same as the United States
- About 2/3 of men and 1/2 of women drink each month
- Men are about twice as likely to binge as women (18.7 vs. 9.5 percent)
- Rate of heavy drinking is about the same for men and women (5 to 6 percent)
- Unlike smoking, more education and higher income are associated with increased likelihood of drinking

#### Underage drinking, 18 to 20

# Alcohol Use Among 18 to 20 Year olds in Oregon and the United States, 2005

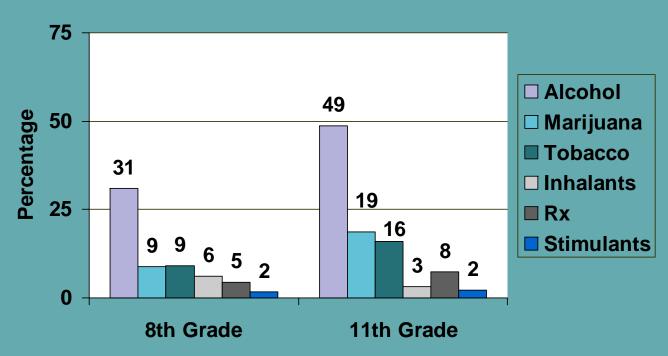


## Alcohol use by youth

- Oregon has higher rates of alcohol use than the nation
- Alcohol use by Oregon youth has gender-specific and age-specific differences
  - In 8<sup>th</sup> grade females are at greater risk
  - By 11<sup>th</sup> grade male alcohol use surpasses female use

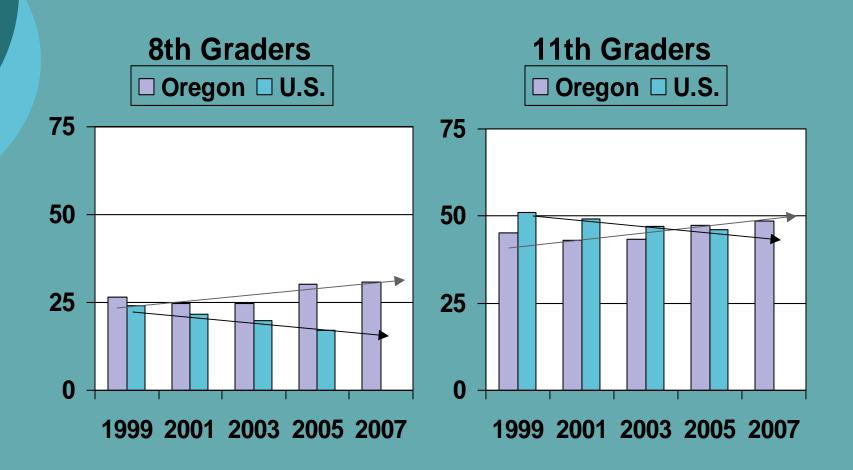
## Past month ATOD use by youth

# Past month ATOD use by Oregon youth, 2007

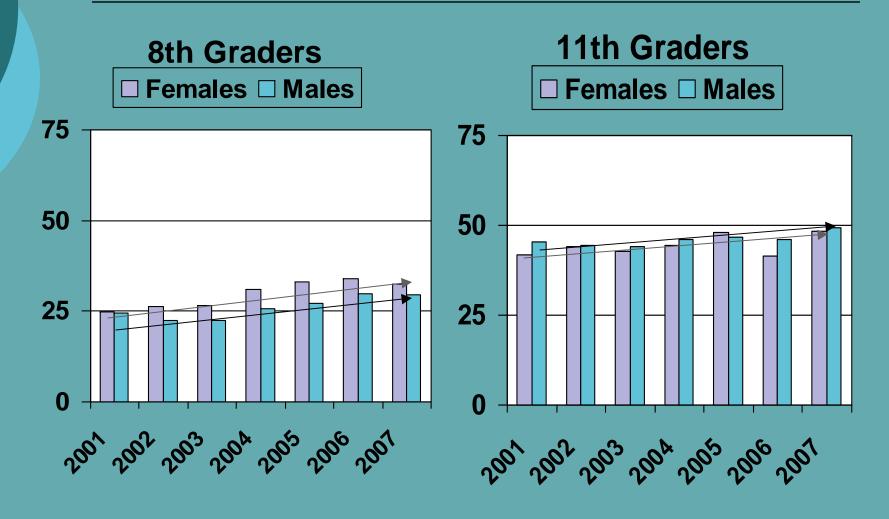


Data Source: Oregon Healthy Teens Survey, 2007

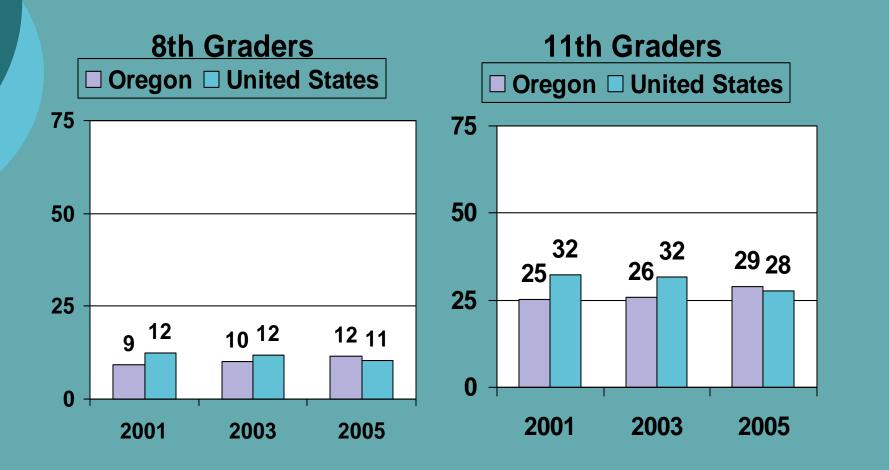
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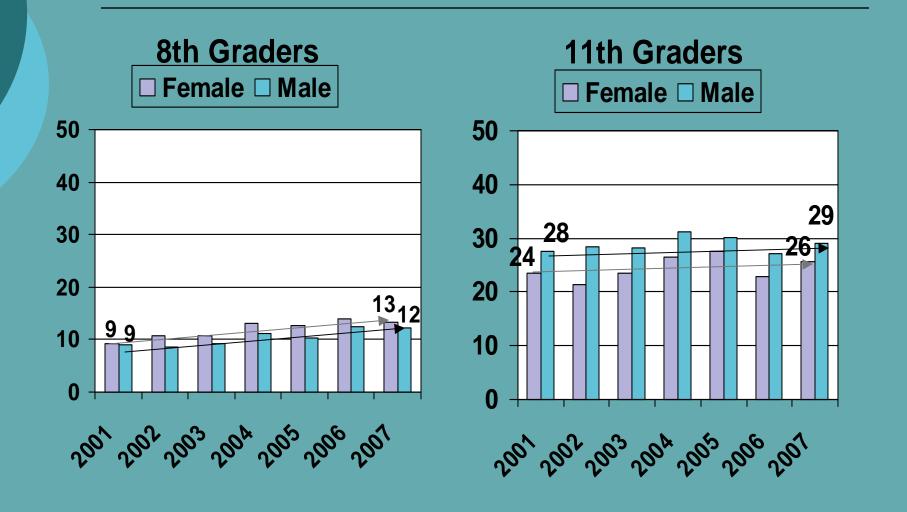
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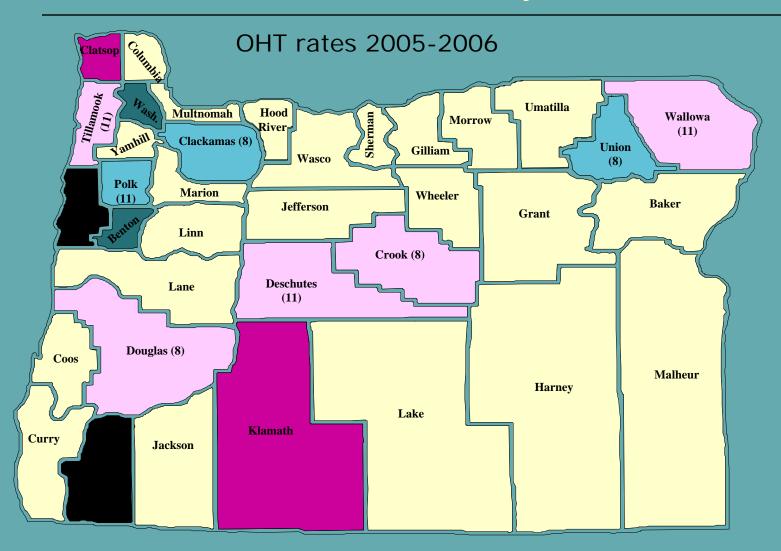
## Past month binge drinking by youth



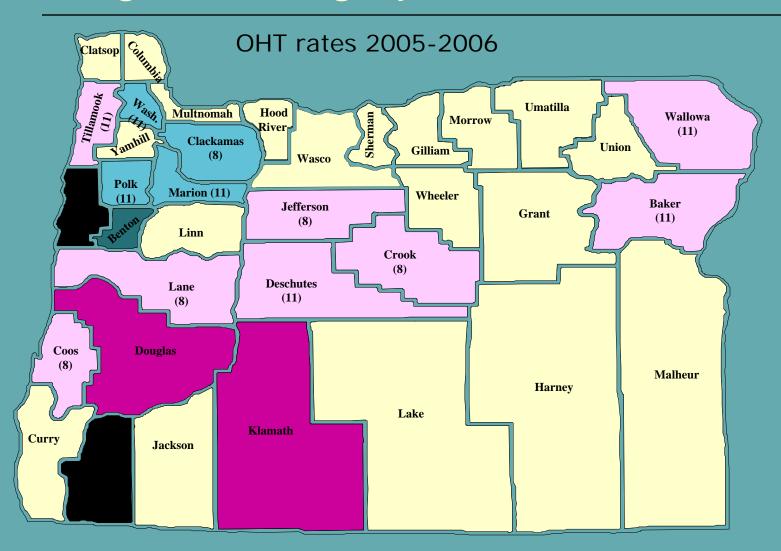
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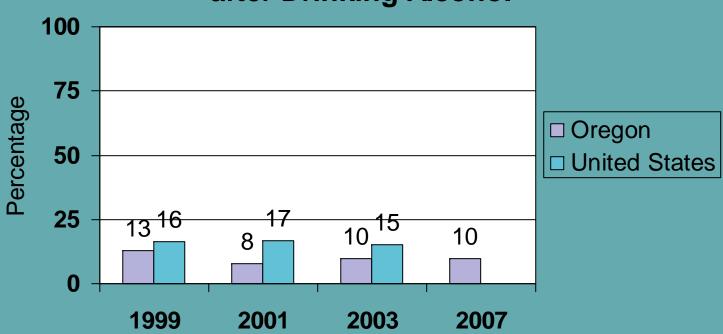


# Binge Drinking by Youth



# Youth driving while impaired

# Percent of 11th Grade Youth Who Drove after Drinking Alcohol



#### Current cigarette use vs. alcohol

#### **Cigarettes**

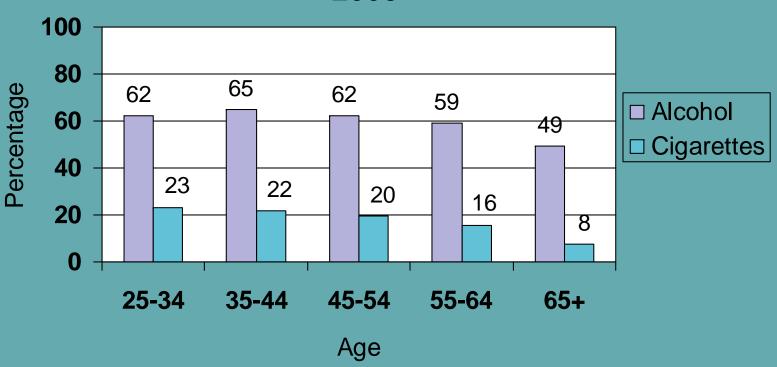
- Less than ¼ of the population are current smokers
- More education is associated with decreased likelihood of smoking
- Greater affluence is associated with decreased likelihood of smoking

#### **Alcohol**

- More than 1/2 of the population currently drink
- More education is associated with increased likelihood of drinking
- Greater affluence is associated with increased likelihood of drinking

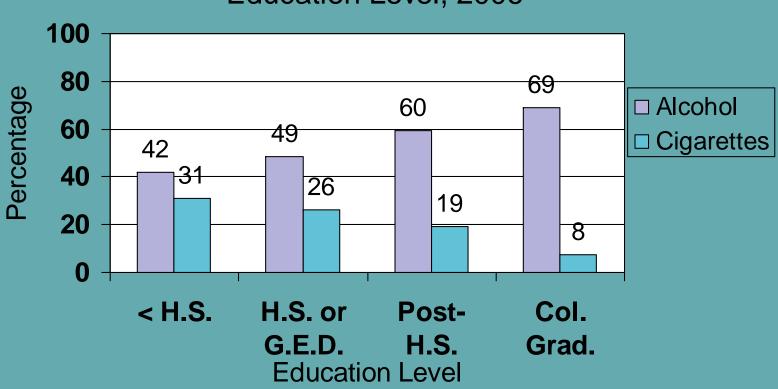
#### Climate for Prevention Efforts

Past Month Use by Adults in Oregon, by Age, 2006

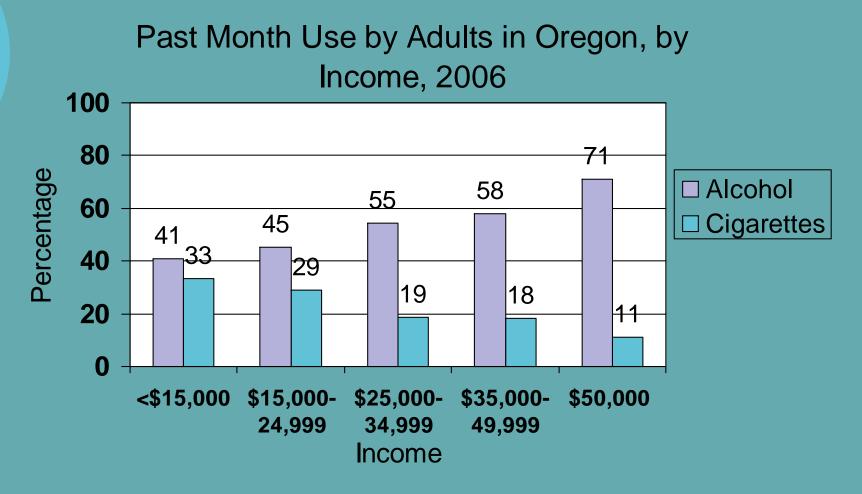


#### Climate for prevention efforts

Past Month Use by Adults in Oregon, by Education Level, 2006



#### Climate for prevention efforts



# Summary Consumption Rates, 2006

|                   | Adults | 18-24 | 11 <sup>th</sup> Gr. | 8 <sup>th</sup> Gr. |
|-------------------|--------|-------|----------------------|---------------------|
|                   | BRFSS  | BRFSS | OHT                  | OHT                 |
| Current<br>use    | 58.0%  | 45.5% | 43.9%                | 31.9%               |
| Binge<br>Drinking | 14.0%  | 25.8% | 24.9%                | 13.3%               |
| Heavy<br>Drinking | 5.4%   | 4.9%  | N/A                  | N/A                 |

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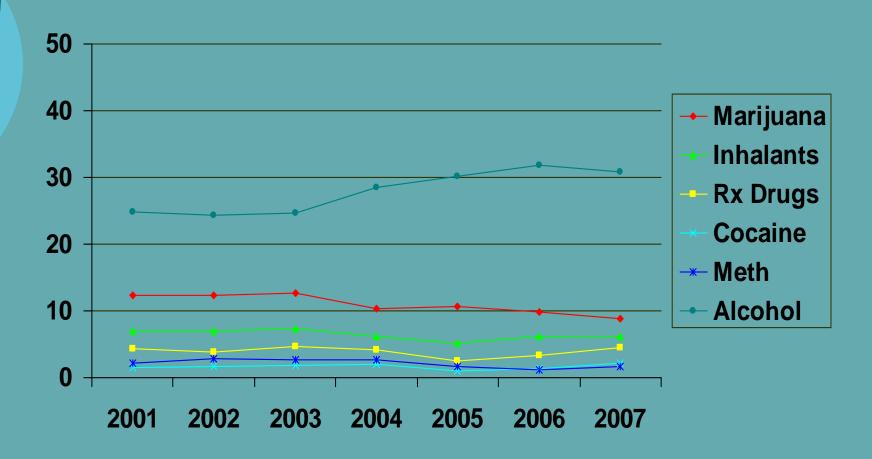
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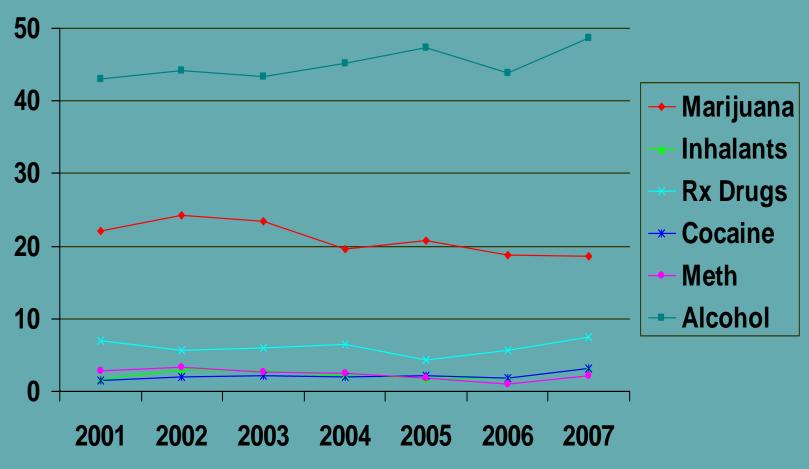
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# Past Month Drug Use, 8th Grade



Data Source: Oregon Healthy Teens Survey, 2001 to 2007

# Past Month Drug Use, 11th Grade



Data Source: Oregon Healthy Teens Survey, 2001 to 2007