

Furman University Core Alcohol & Other Drug Survey Longitudinal Student Data

	2005	2006
Number of surveys returned at Furman	880	742

	2004	2005
Number of national (or reference) surveys returned	68498	59668
Number of institutions participating	173	132

Sample Demographics	2005	2006	National
<i>Following are some summary characteristics of the students who completed and returned the questionnaire.</i>			
% were freshmen	26.3	27.4	29.6
% were sophomores	23.5	23.3	23.5
% were juniors	20.6	20.4	21.7
% were seniors	29.5	28.9	21.2
% were graduates	0.0	0.0	3.3
% were other	0.1	0.0	0.7
% were in the "typical" college age range of 18-22.	97.8	97.7	87.2
% were female.	67.7	63.7	60.8
% lived off campus.	6.9	7.2	40.1
% worked part-time or full-time.	42.9	42.5	54.5
% were full-time students.	98.3	98.2	96.5
% reported spending at least 5 hours per month in volunteer work.	36.1	33.8	24.8

Differences among Student Groups

Gender	2005		2006	
	Female	Male	Female	Male
Sample Sizes:	595	284	472	269
Currently use (in the past 30 days) alcohol	57.0	56.6	59.4	61.9
Currently use (in the past 30 days) marijuana	3.9	4.2	5.3	7.1
Currently use (in the past 30 days) illegal drugs other than marijuana	1.2	0.0	2.3	2.2
Had 6 or more binges in the past 2 weeks	2.0	4.3	1.1	6.7
Have driven a car while under the influence during past year	13.9	12.1	14.9	18.0
Have been taken advantage of sexually during past year	8.0	4.7	7.2	6.0
Have taken advantage of another sexually during past year	0.8	1.4	1.1	1.1

Age	2005		2006	
	16-20	21+	16-20	21+
Sample Sizes:	590	289	500	241
Currently use (in the past 30 days) alcohol	44.5	82.2	48.2	85.7
Currently use (in the past 30 days) marijuana	3.9	4.2	5.2	7.5
Currently use (in the past 30 days) illegal drugs other than marijuana	0.7	1.0	2.2	2.5
Had 6 or more binges in the past 2 weeks	2.6	3.1	3.4	2.5
Have driven a car while under the influence during past year	9.9	20.1	12.0	24.3
Have been taken advantage of sexually during past year	5.9	9.1	7.0	6.3
Have taken advantage of another sexually during past year	0.7	1.7	1.4	0.4

Average Grades	2005		2006	
	A-B	C-F	A-B	C-F
Sample Sizes:	811	64	681	58
Currently use (in the past 30 days) alcohol	55.3	77.8	59.7	67.2
Currently use (in the past 30 days) marijuana	3.6	9.4	5.3	12.1
Currently use (in the past 30 days) illegal drugs other than marijuana	0.9	0.0	2.4	0.0
Had 6 or more binges in the past 2 weeks	2.2	9.4	2.9	3.4
Have driven a car while under the influence during past year	12.1	27.0	15.1	25.9
Have been taken advantage of sexually during past year	6.6	10.9	6.5	8.6
Have taken advantage of another sexually during past year	1.0	1.6	1.0	1.7

Campus Residence	2005		2006	
	On	Off	On	Off
Sample Sizes:	818	61	687	53
Currently use (in the past 30 days) alcohol	56.0	69.0	57.7	92.5
Currently use (in the past 30 days) marijuana	3.7	8.3	5.3	15.1
Currently use (in the past 30 days) illegal drugs other than marijuana	0.6	3.3	2.0	5.7
Had 6 or more binges in the past 2 weeks	2.7	3.3	2.6	9.4
Have driven a car while under the influence during past year	12.3	26.7	14.2	39.6
Have been taken advantage of sexually during past year	6.9	6.7	6.5	11.3
Have taken advantage of another sexually during past year	1.0	1.7	1.0	1.9

Following are some key findings on the use of alcohol:	2005	2006	National
% of the students consumed alcohol in the past year ("annual prevalence").	72.2	75.2	84.5
% of the students consumed alcohol in the past 30 days ("30-day prevalence").	56.9	60.3	72.8
% of underage students (younger than 21) consumed alcohol in the previous 30 days.	44.5	48.2	68.1
% of students reported binge drinking in the previous two weeks. A binge is defined as consuming 5 or more drinks in one sitting.	26.8	33.3	47.5

Following are some key findings on the use of illegal drugs:	2005	2006	National
% of the students have used marijuana in the past year ("annual prevalence").	12.5	15.3	30.1
% of the students are current marijuana users ("30-day prevalence").	4.0	6.0	16.7
% of the students have used an illegal drug other than marijuana in the past year ("annual prevalence").	3.8	5.1	12.3
% of the students are current users of illegal drugs other than marijuana ("30-day prevalence").	0.8	2.3	6.2

The most frequently reported illegal drugs used in the past 30 days were:	2005	2006	National
% Marijuana (pot, hash, hash oil)	4.0	6.0	16.7
% Amphetamines (diet pills, speed)	0.3	1.6	3.3
% Cocaine (crack, rock, freebase)	0.2	2.3	2.1

Following are some key findings on the consequences of alcohol and drug use:	2005	2006	National
% reported some form of public misconduct (such as trouble with police, fighting/argument, DWI/DUI, vandalism) at least once during the past year as a result of drinking or drug use.	19.0	21.8	36.9
% reported experiencing some kind of serious personal problems (such as suicidality, being hurt or injured, trying unsuccessfully to stop using, sexual assault) at least once during the past year as a result of drinking or drug use.	12.9	16.5	24.7

Following are some key findings on opinions about the campus environment:	2005	2006	National
% of students said the campus has alcohol and drug policies;	99.1	99.6	91.3
% said they "don't know"; and	0.6	0.0	8.3
% said there wasn't a policy.	0.3	0.4	0.4
% of students said the campus has an alcohol and drug prevention program;	48.9	45.9	49.5
% said they "don't know"; and	45.4	48.3	46.2
% said there wasn't a program.	5.7	5.8	4.3
% of students said the campus is concerned about the prevention of drug and alcohol use;	88.1	89.9	78.4
% said they "don't know"; and	6.8	4.2	12.3
% said the campus is not concerned.	5.0	5.9	9.3

With regard to students' perceptions of other students' use:	2005	2006	National
% of students believe the average student on campus uses alcohol once a week or more.	80.7	80.2	91.5
% of students believe the average student on this campus uses some form of illegal drug at least once a week.	20.0	15.6	48.5
% of students indicated they would prefer not to have alcohol available at parties they attend.	38.2	34.3	26.0
% of students indicated they would prefer not to have drugs available at parties they attend.	94.7	92.3	82.6

The following percentages of survey respondents said they saw drinking as a central part of the social life of the following groups:	2005	2006	National
% of the respondents said they saw drinking as central in the social life of <u>male</u> students.	71.5	73.7	87.8
% of the respondents said they saw drinking as central in the social life of <u>female</u> students.	54.5	54.5	76.8
% of the respondents said they saw drinking as central in the social life of <u>faculty/staff</u> .	14.9	14.7	17.4
% of the respondents said they saw drinking as central in the social life of <u>alumni</u> .	34.8	42.1	40.9
% of the respondents said they saw drinking as central in the social life of <u>athletes</u> .	61.0	66.8	66.0
% of the respondents said they saw drinking as central in the social life of <u>fraternities</u> .	93.8	94.3	78.5
% of the respondents said they saw drinking as central in the social life of <u>sororities</u> .	72.1	70.8	70.9
% of the students said they believe the social atmosphere on campus promotes alcohol use.	41.8	43.1	61.1
% of the students said they believe the social atmosphere on campus promotes drug use.	4.9	4.9	20.9
% of the students said they do not feel safe on campus.	1.8	3.9	7.1

Compared to other campuses...	2005	2006	National
% feel that alcohol use is greater	1.7	1.9	15.3
% feel that alcohol use is less	72.4	75.1	29.7
% feel alcohol use is about the same	25.8	23.0	54.7

On the Core Alcohol and Drug Survey, respondents were asked to report whether students on this campus cared about a number of campus climate issues (with the response options being "not at all", "slightly", "somewhat", and "very much"). The following percentages of respondents on this campus indicated that their fellow students cared "somewhat" or "very much" about the following issues:	2005	2006	National
% said students cared about sexual assault	83.3	90.1	85.3
% said students cared about assaults that are non-sexual	75.0	81.6	76.6
% said students cared about harassment because of race or ethnicity	69.4	69.9	72.4
% said students cared about harassment because of religion	67.1	62.3	61.5
% said students cared about harassment because of gender	66.8	66.6	69.0
% said students cared about campus vandalism	63.3	64.3	58.7
% said students cared about alcohol and other drug use	58.1	55.8	41.9
% said students cared about harassment because of sexual orientation	55.2	58.8	66.3

Experiences of Harassment or Violence	2005	2006	National
<i>Table shows the percentage of students who reported having experienced any of the following within the last year and, if so, the percentage who reported consuming alcohol or other drugs shortly before these incidents.</i>			
<u>Incident</u>	Experience / Used AOD	Experience / Used AOD	Experience / Used AOD
% Ethnic or racial harassment	1.9 / 1.3	3.8 / 0.0	6.3 / 12.0
% Threats of physical violence	3.2 / 23.1	6.4 / 34.1	9.5 / 49.9
% Actual physical violence	0.9 / 37.5	2.0 / 42.9	4.3 / 62.1
% Theft involving force or threat of force	0.2 / 0.0	0.5 / 0.0	1.6 / 39.1
% Forced sexual touching or fondling	2.3 / 70.0	3.5 / 72.0	5.2 / 72.3
% Unwanted sexual intercourse	1.4 / 75.0	1.2 / 87.5	2.9 / 83.2

On the Core Alcohol and Drug Survey, students were asked to rate the degree of risk people take when they act in certain ways, listed below. The response options were, "no risk", "slight risk", "moderate risk", "great risk", and "can't say". The numbers listed below indicate the percentage of respondents who felt there was "great risk" associated with the following behaviors:	2005	2006	National
% try marijuana once or twice	12.7	11.3	9.9
% smoke marijuana occasionally	24.0	21.2	17.6
% smoke marijuana regularly	61.2	58.4	47.4
% try cocaine once or twice	55.3	50.7	46.9
% take cocaine regularly	90.1	89.8	83.2
% try LSD once or twice	65.2	57.5	54.0
% take LSD regularly	89.5	87.7	81.8
% try amphetamines once or twice	55.4	50.8	46.3
% take amphetamines regularly	85.0	82.7	75.5
% take one or two drinks of an alcoholic beverage (beer, wine, liquor) nearly every day	21.1	19.1	18.2
% take four or five drinks nearly every day	67.8	68.2	59.9
% have five or more drinks in one sitting	57.9	52.8	43.9
% take steroids for body building or improved athletic performance	57.3	53.2	56.5
% consume alcohol prior to being sexually active	48.2	42.7	37.8
% regularly engage in unprotected sexual activity with a single partner	52.7	46.8	46.3
% regularly engage in unprotected sexual activity with multiple partners	92.9	92.4	87.6

Sexual Behavior:	2005	2006	National
% of the students reported engaging in sexual intercourse within the past year.	31.6	33.6	62.2
Of these, ___% used alcohol the last time they had intercourse	18.1	22.8	22.4
Of these, ___% used drugs.	2.6	2.4	4.9

In the last 30 days, the following percentages of students engaged in the behaviors described below:	2005	2006	National
% refused an offer of alcohol or other drugs	63.9	67.4	68.0
% bragged about alcohol or other drug use	16.7	18.1	21.6
% heard someone else brag about alcohol or other drug use	82.1	82.3	78.1
% carried a weapon such as a gun, knife, etc. (not hunting or job related)	4.3	4.3	6.4
% experienced peer pressure to drink or use drugs	36.0	37.8	38.8
% held a drink to have people stop bothering you about why you weren't drinking	11.0	8.9	13.2
% thought a sexual partner was not attractive because he/she was drunk	15.6	17.3	24.0
% told a sexual partner that he/she was not attractive because he/she was drunk	7.9	9.6	14.5

The following data describes how students say their friends would feel if they...	2005	2006	National
% of their friends would disapprove if they tried marijuana once or twice	67.6	62.0	47.4
% of their friends would disapprove if they smoked marijuana occasionally	79.9	76.4	61.4
% of their friends would disapprove if they smoked marijuana regularly	94.1	91.8	82.0
% of their friends would disapprove if they tried cocaine once or twice	97.1	95.5	89.5
% of their friends would disapprove if they took cocaine regularly	99.1	98.9	97.5
% of their friends would disapprove if they tried LSD once or twice	97.7	95.0	90.3
% of their friends would disapprove if they took LSD regularly	99.2	99.0	97.4
% of their friends would disapprove if they took one or two drinks every day	70.0	68.8	59.6
% of their friends would disapprove if they took four or five drinks every day	93.5	93.9	87.8
% of their friends would disapprove if they had five or more drinks at one sitting	68.2	62.6	52.1

The following are some key findings on the perceived effects of alcohol:	2005	2006	National
% say it breaks the ice	68.4	70.6	77.2
% say it enhances social activity	65.4	68.0	75.6
% say it makes it easier to deal with stress	34.9	37.6	40.6
% say it facilitates a connection with peers	52.4	58.0	61.8
% say it gives people something to talk about	69.1	70.1	68.7
% say it facilitates male bonding	50.2	54.3	59.1
% say it facilitates female bonding	37.6	42.3	48.4
% say it allows people to have more fun	50.0	53.3	62.3
% say it gives people something to do	69.2	74.2	74.4
% say it makes food taste better	17.3	19.3	18.8
% say it makes women sexier	22.2	23.5	27.7
% say it makes men sexier	16.3	15.6	17.8
% say it makes me sexier	15.6	15.6	17.5
% say it facilitates sexual opportunity	48.0	49.5	53.9

Use of Drugs

Substance Use

Lifetime Prevalence	2005	2006	National
Tobacco	27.8	32.3	52.5
Alcohol	73.2	75.7	87.2
Marijuana	18.9	22.9	45.7
Cocaine	1.6	1.6	8.8
Amphetamines	4.4	4.1	14.0
Sedatives	1.7	2.3	7.7
Hallucinogens	1.9	2.9	8.2

Substance Use

Annual Prevalence	2005	2006	National
Tobacco	21.8	27.6	40.9
Alcohol	72.2	75.2	84.0
Marijuana	12.5	15.3	31.0
Cocaine	0.8	1.2	5.3
Amphetamines	1.4	2.7	6.6
Sedatives	0.7	1.6	4.4
Hallucinogens	0.5	2.0	3.9

Substance Use

30-Day Prevalence	2005	2006	National
Tobacco	11.5	17.5	29.0
Alcohol	56.9	60.3	71.4
Marijuana	4.0	6.0	17.5
Cocaine	0.2	0.3	2.4
Amphetamines	0.3	1.6	3.4
Sedatives	0.1	0.5	2.1
Hallucinogens	0.0	0.3	1.2

Substance Use

3X Per Week or More	2005	2006	National
Tobacco	3.8	3.8	17.0
Alcohol	13.6	14.7	23.5
Marijuana	0.9	1.9	6.5
Cocaine	0.1	0.0	0.4
Amphetamines	0.2	0.7	1.7
Sedatives	0.2	0.1	0.5
Hallucinogens	0.0	0.0	0.2

	2005	2006
The average number of drinks consumed per week at this institution is ____ drinks.	2.9	3.4
The national average is ____ drinks.	6.1	5.8
The percentage of students who report having binged in the last two weeks at this institution is ____ %	26.8	33.3
compared to the national average of ____ %.	48.5	47.0

Consequences of Alcohol and Drug Use

The proportion of students who report having had problems as a result of drinking or drug use is another indicator of the level of substance abuse. The percentages of students who reported that within the past year they had various problematic experiences are given below. The top group of items represents public misconduct or behaviors that involve actual or potential harm to others. The second group represents possibly serious personal problems. The last group may consist of less serious (and more common) experiences which nevertheless may indicate excessive use.

Problematic Experiences	2005	2006	National
Been arrested for DWI/DUI	0.2	0.1	1.7
Been in trouble with police, residence hall, or other college authorities	6.5	7.6	14.0
Damaged property, pulled fire alarms, etc.	2.4	3.3	7.1
Driven a car while under the influence	13.3	16.0	26.6
Got into an argument or fight	14.4	17.9	32.3
Tried to commit suicide	0.3	0.5	1.5
Seriously thought about suicide	1.8	1.9	4.5
Been hurt or injured	7.0	11.2	15.6
Been taken advantage sexually	6.9	6.8	10.6
Taken advantage of another sexually	1.0	1.1	3.4
Tried unsuccessfully to stop using	1.5	2.3	5.3
Thought I might have a drinking or other drug problem	5.7	5.3	10.6
Performed poorly on a test or important project	8.3	11.7	22.7
Done something I later regretted	24.9	28.3	37.5
Missed a class	13.1	20.5	31.0
Been criticized by someone I know	22.8	22.1	30.4
Had a memory loss	20.7	27.8	33.5
Got nauseated or vomited	35.9	39.5	53.6
Had a hangover	39.6	45.7	62.4