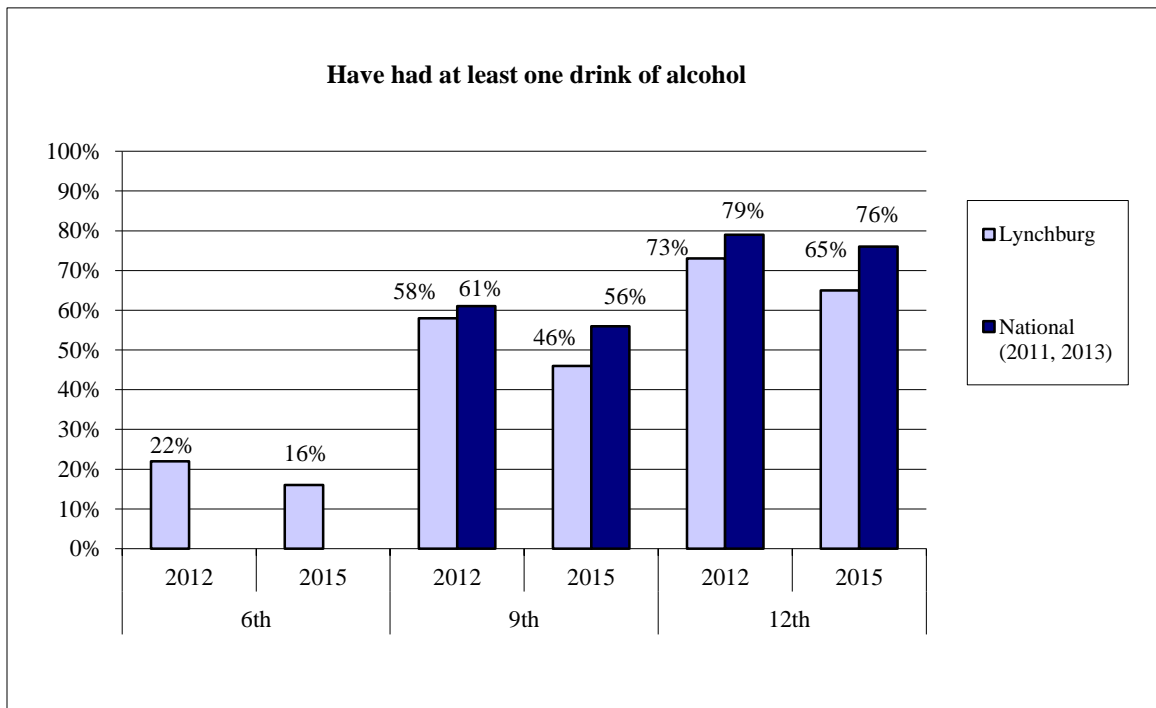


# Alcohol

## Survey Question:

**During your life, on how many days have you had at least one drink of alcohol?**

The percentages of students who reported having ever had at least one drink of alcohol are displayed in the graph below.



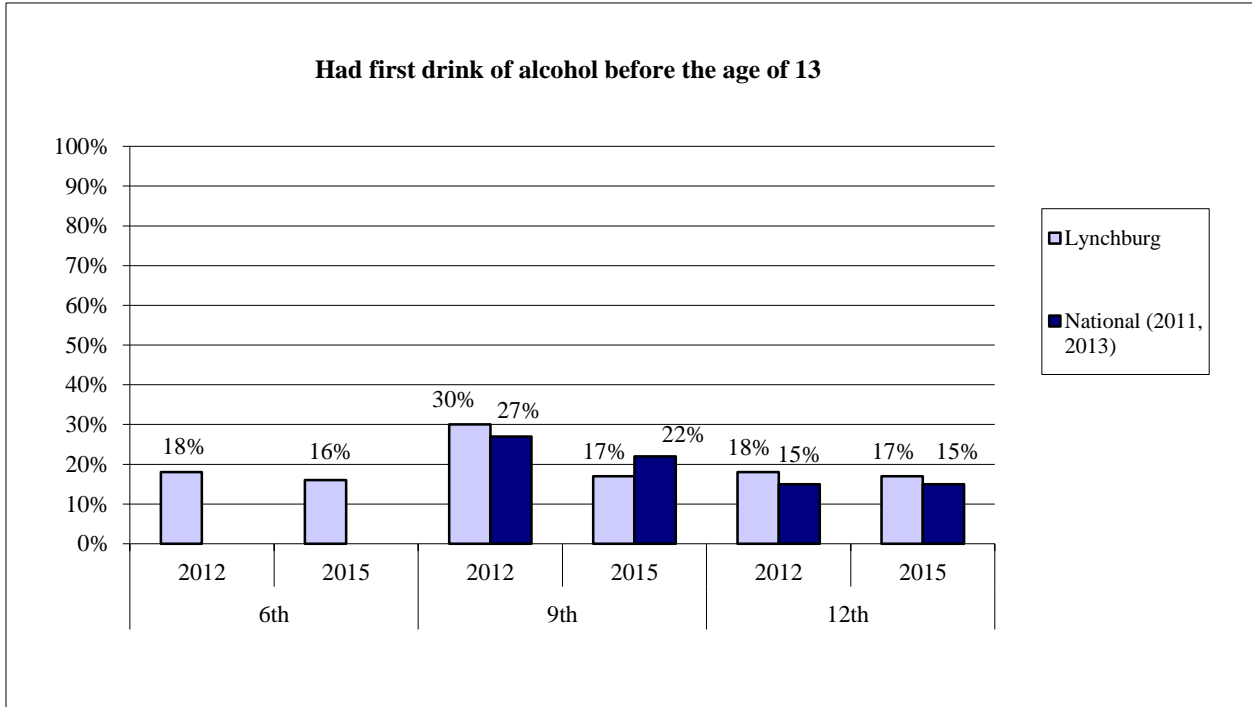
6th grade N = 501 (2012), 511 (2015); 9<sup>th</sup> grade N = 526 (2012), 520 (2015); 12<sup>th</sup> grade N = 510 (2012), 368 (2015)

All three grades surveyed in Lynchburg City had significant decreases in reporting rates of having ever had at least one drink of alcohol (6% - 12%). Both local high school samples had notably less affirmative answers for this survey question than their national counterparts.

*Survey Question:*

**How old were you when you had your first drink of alcohol other than a few sips?**

The percentages of students who reported having had their first drink of alcohol before the age of 13 are displayed in the graph below.



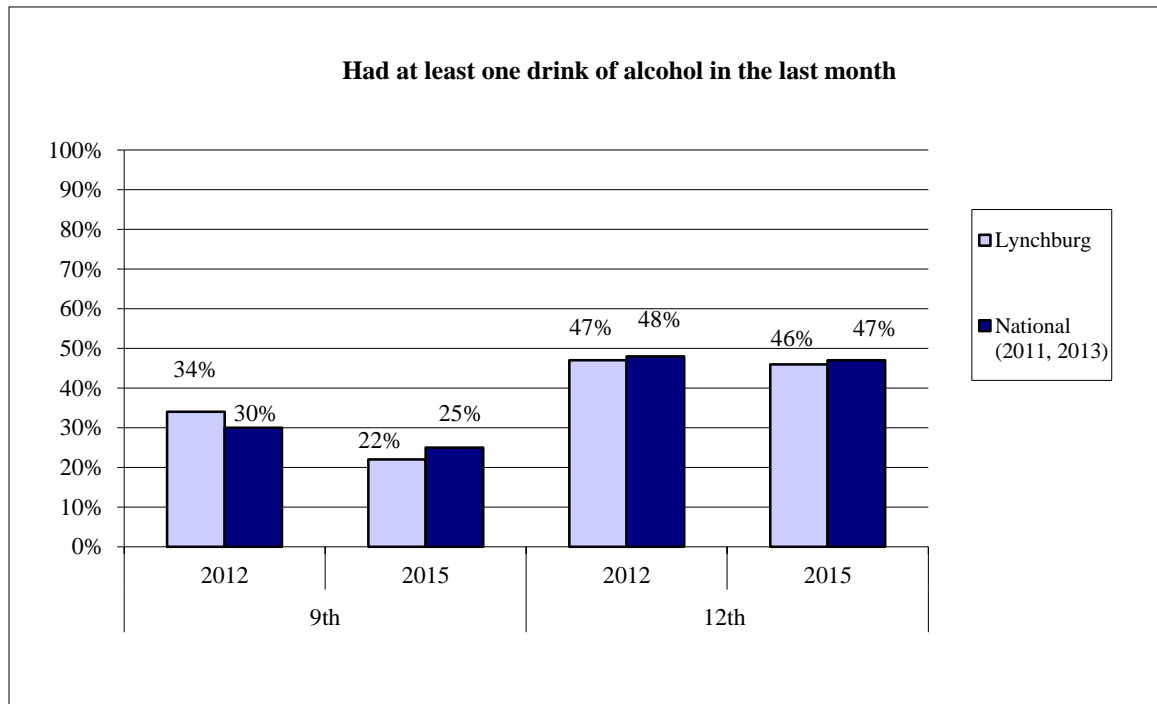
6th grade N = 501 (2012), 511 (2015); 9th grade N = 526 (2012), 520 (2015); 12th grade N = 510 (2012), 368 (2015)

A significant decrease in Lynchburg City School 9th grade students who reported drinking before the age of 13 occurred between 2012 and 2015. Slightly less 2012 nationally surveyed 12th graders reported an early drinking age than the Lynchburg City School sample of the same grade level.

### Survey Question:

#### During the past month, on how many days did you have at least one drink of alcohol?

The percentages of students who reported having had at least one drink of alcohol during the past month are displayed in the graph below.



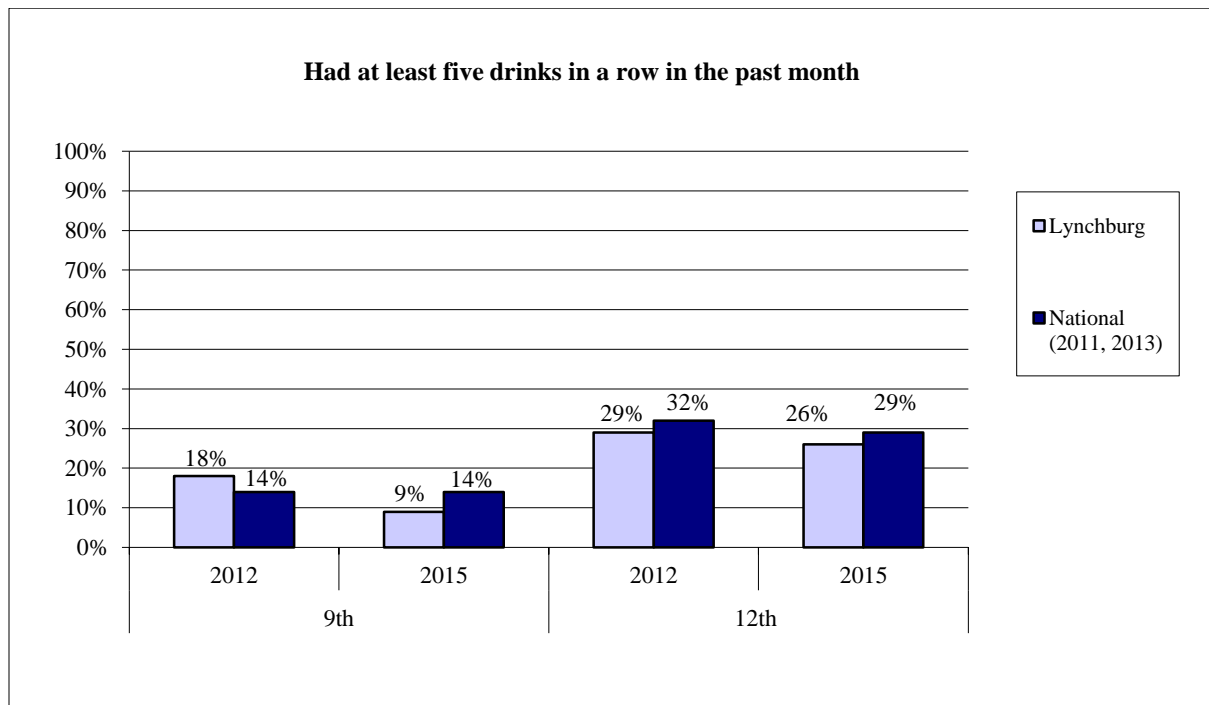
6th grade N = 501 (2012), 511 (2015); 9th grade N = 526 (2012), 520 (2015); 12th grade N = 510 (2012), 368 (2015)

The 2012 survey results indicate that there was a small (1%) decrease since 2012 in the portion of 12<sup>th</sup> grade Lynchburg City School students who reported having had at least one drink of alcohol in the past month. There is a notable (12%) decrease for the 9<sup>th</sup> grade Lynchburg City students. The portions, across national and local survey results, were consistent for the older students (the 12<sup>th</sup> grade level).

*Survey Question:*

**During the past month, did you have 5 or more drinks of alcohol in a row,  
that is, within a couple of hours?**

The percentages of students who reported having had 5 or more drinks in a row during the past month are displayed in the graph below.



6th grade N = 501 (2012), 511 (2015); 9th grade N = 526 (2012), 520 (2015); 12th grade N = 510 (2012), 368 (2015)

The rates of reporting this behavior grow substantially as grade level increases. Both local high school samples exhibited decreases in the reporting rate of binge drinking in the past month. The portion of 9th grade Lynchburg City students responding affirmatively to this question decreased by half over the last three years.

*Survey Question:*

**During the past 30 days, how did you USUALLY get the alcohol you drank?**

**(Select one response.)**

The results pertaining to this question, *for the 2015 Lynchburg City School survey only*, are presented in the tables below.

9 <sup>th</sup>	During the past 30 days, how did you USUALLY get the alcohol you drank?	Response	2012	2015
		I did not drink alcohol	63%	77%
		I gave someone else money to buy it for me	7%	3%
		I got it some other way	8%	4%
		I took it from a family member or store	9%	4%
		I bought it in a store	0%	<1%
		Someone gave it to me	12%	12%
12 <sup>th</sup>	During the past 30 days, how did you USUALLY get the alcohol you drank?	Response	2012	2015
		I did not drink alcohol	52%	53%
		I bought it from a store	3%	7%
		I bought it at a restaurant, bar, or club	--	1%
		I gave someone else money to buy it for me	14%	10%
		I got it some other way	6%	7%
		I took it from a family member or store	7%	3%
Someone gave it to me	18%	19%		

9<sup>th</sup> grade N = 520 (2015); 12<sup>th</sup> grade N = 368 (2015)

Across both grade levels, the most likely way that students obtained alcohol is that someone else gave it to them.