

2015 National College Health Assessment: UW-Green Bay

SNAPSHOT: Alcohol and Other Drug Abuse

About the NCHA

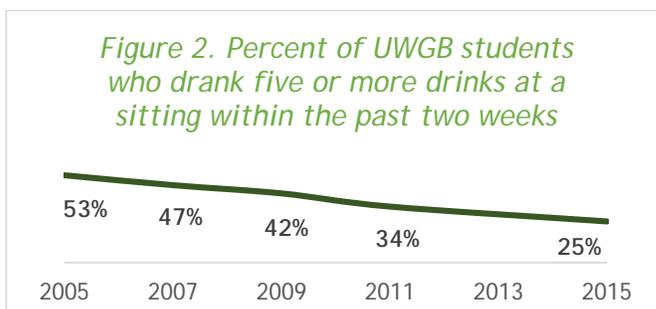
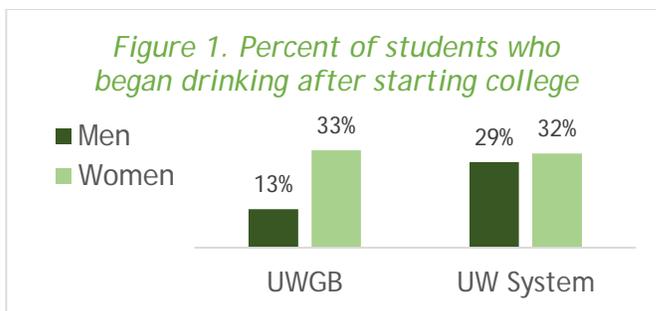
In spring 2015, 255 UW-Green Bay students participated in the National College Health Assessment (NCHA), an online survey done each year by the American College Health Association. These snapshot reports examine some of the topics covered by the survey. For more information about the survey, contact the Counseling & Health Center at UW-Green Bay at (920)465-2380.

Compared to students attending other University of Wisconsin schools and schools in other states, UW-Green Bay students have relatively low levels of alcohol consumption (table 1). For most measures related to alcohol consumption, female students attending UW-Green Bay reflect statewide and national data. The male students at UW-Green Bay who participated in this survey are more likely to be nondrinkers (47% versus 27% at the other UW schools).

Binge drinking appears to have fallen among UW-Green Bay students, based on data collected on similar surveys in the past (figure 2).

Table 1. Alcohol Consumption Comparisons

Measure	UWGB	UW System	National
Never used alcohol	21%	17%	21%
Used alcohol, but not in the past 30 days	19%	14%	13%
Drank in the past 30 days	60%	69%	66%
Drank 5 or more alcoholic drinks the last time you partied	25%	33%	34%
Drove after drinking within the past 30 days	17%	16%	12%
Forgot where you were or what you did after drinking within the past year	17%	25%	27%
Had unprotected sex after drinking within the past year	15%	17%	17%
Physically injured yourself after drinking within the past year	8%	11%	13%



Besides alcohol, use of other illegal drugs by UW-Green Bay students remains very low, as it does across the entire UW-System. Just under 10% of respondents used marijuana within the past 30 days, compared to 14% among the UW sample and only half as high as the national rate of 20%.

A relatively low percent of UW-Green Bay students recall receiving information from the school about alcohol and other drug use. Their interest in receiving additional information mirrors students elsewhere.

