

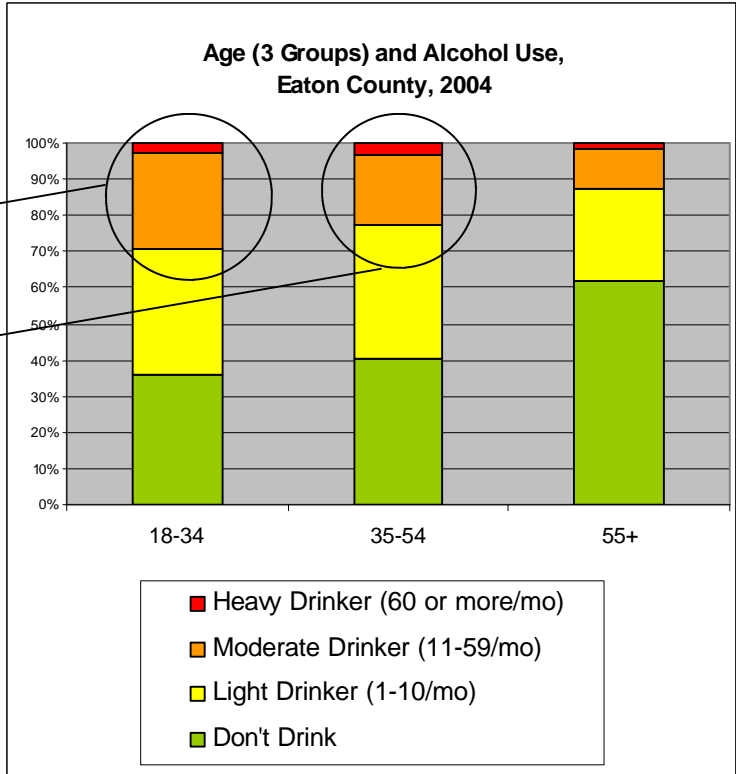
# DATA IN ACTION!

## January 2007 Focus: Adult Alcohol Use and Consequences

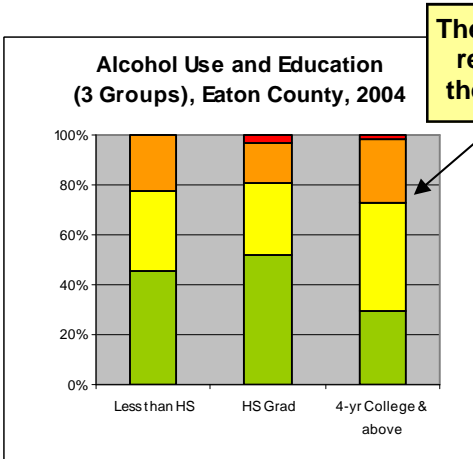
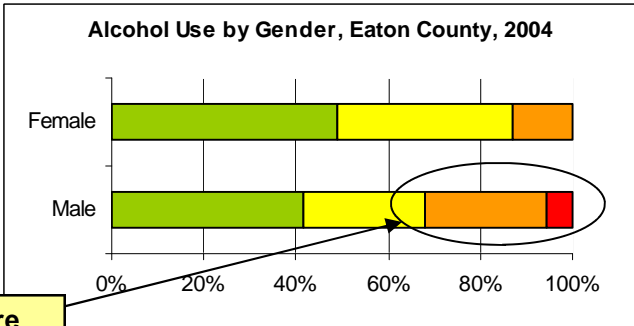
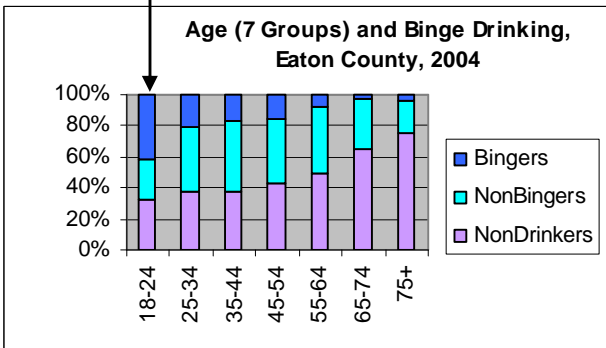
### Which adults are drinking?

Young adults aged 18-34 have the highest percentage of Moderate Use, and are the group that uses alcohol the most heavily.

Many adults aged 35-54 are Heavy and Moderate users as well.



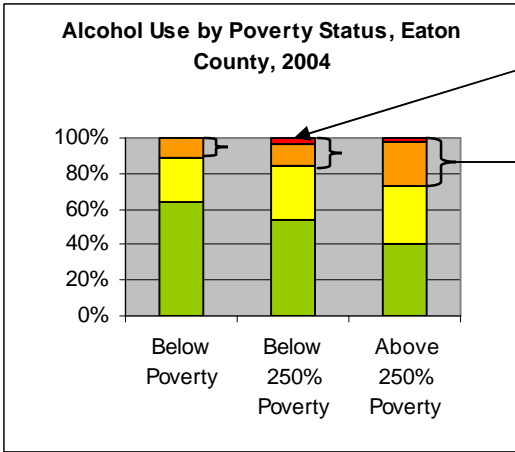
18-24 year olds lead in Binge Drinking



The most educated residents report the most drinking

Males drink more heavily than females.

No statistically significant difference was found between the alcohol use of urban, suburban, and rural residents of Eaton County.



Those living from 101% to 250% poverty had the highest proportion of Heavy Drinkers.

Overall, those living in more well-off families (above 250% poverty) are more likely to drink, and to drink more heavily.

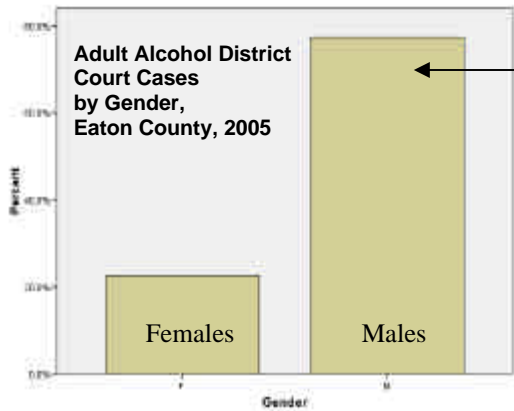
This is statistically significant.

Data source: Behavioral Risk Factor Survey, 2004  
www.barryeatonhealth.org

# What are the **consequences** of Adult Drinking?

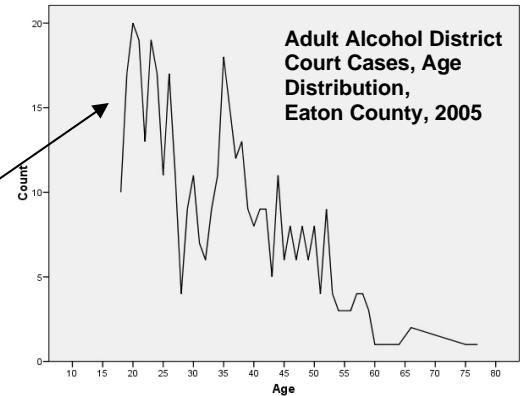
## Alcohol Misuse Crimes — *the operation of a vehicle after consumption*

In 2005, there were 403 cases in the Eaton County District Court due to alcohol offenses. That means at least 1 to 2 cases go through the district court system each business day, due to the consumption of alcohol by adults.

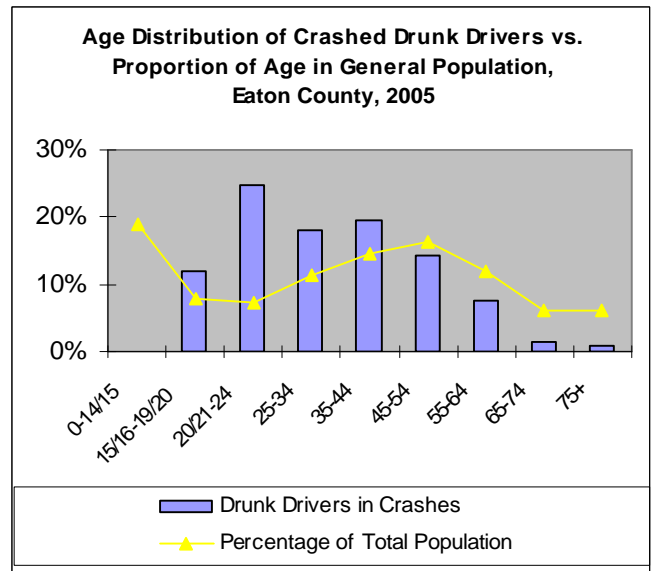
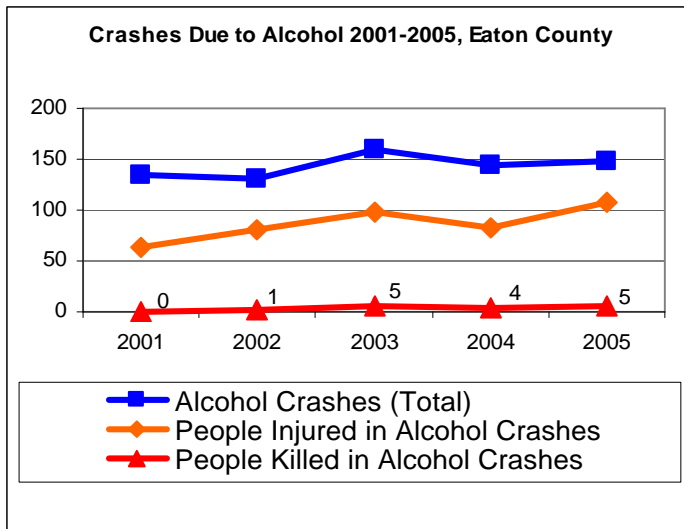


Significantly more males than females are processed for drunk driving.

More younger adults than older adults are processed for alcohol cases in the district court.

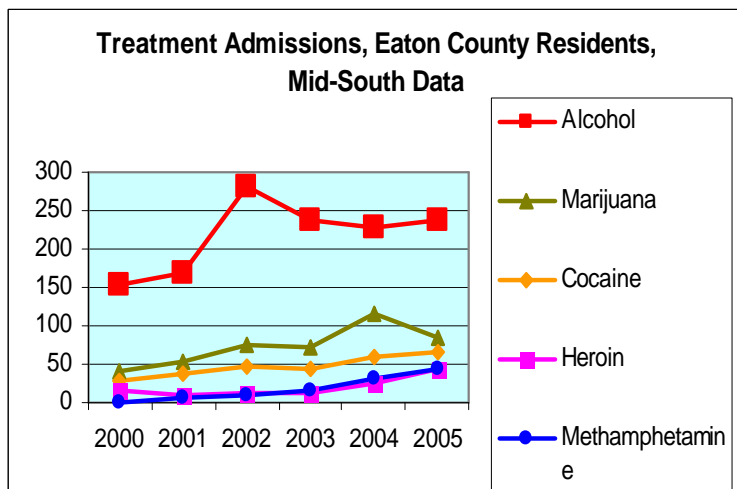


## Vehicle Crashes



Source: Michigan Office of Highway Safety Planning

## Treatment of Alcohol Abuse/Addiction



## Death due to Long-term Alcohol Consumption

On average **8 to 9** Eaton County residents die each year due to Chronic Liver Disease.

In 2005, **135** potential years of life before age 75 were lost (PYLL) due to Chronic Liver Disease and Cirrhosis — that's more PYLL than influenza and pneumonia, homicide, kidney diseases, and HIV/AIDS (Eaton County PYLL).

Source: MDCH