

AlcoholEdu survey results

Survey 1 = Pre-survey (149 items)
 Survey 2 = Module effectiveness (22 items)
 Survey 3 = Post-survey (138 items)

N = 333 (100%)
 116 males (35%)
 217 females (65%)
 309 Caucasian (93%)
 326 age 18-19 (98%)
 321 live on-campus (96%)
 17 live in substance-free hall (5%)
 3 transfer students (1%)
 72 from Iowa (22%)
 165 from Illinois (50%)

163 volunteer/com service (49%)
 50 student religious group (15%)
 141 athletics (42%)
 162 intramural (49%)
 15 health education group (5%)
 15 media organization (5%)
 51 music/performing arts (15%)

88 never started drinking (26%)
 35 started drinking before age 15 (11%)
 199 started drinking before age 18 (60%)

122 never got drunk (37%)
 21 got drunk before age 15 (6%)
 167 got drunk before age 18 (50%)

Pre: 238 consumed alcohol in the past year (71%)
 Post: 254 consumed alcohol in the past year (76%)

Pre: 111 see no need to change the way they drink (33%)
 Post: 156 see no need to change the way they drink (47%)

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Q1: Does age of first drink predict the likelihood of use or more frequent use?

-- First, I want to see how old students were when they started drinking and when they first got drunk. These variables will be our predictors.

Q145. How old were you when you first started drinking?	Q146. Personal Characteristics - How old were you when you first got drunk?					Total
	Never did	11 years	12-14 yea	15-17 yea	18-20 yea	
Never did this	86	0	0	0	1	87
11 years or younger	0	1	1	0	0	2
12-14 years old	0	0	16	17	0	33
15-17 years old	17	0	2	127	18	164
18-20 years old	18	0	1	2	22	43
Total	121	1	20	146	41	329

-- Next, I want to see the indicators of "frequency of use." The first measure will be question #5 from the pre-survey.

Q5. Frequency of High-Risk Drinking

in the past 2 weeks	Freq.	Percent	Cum.
Never	67	20.12	20.12
Once	34	10.21	30.33
Twice	27	8.11	38.44
Three or more times	5	1.50	39.94
(no response)	200	60.06	100.00
Total	333	100.00	

-- This might be a problem - 200 students did not respond to this item. For these 133 students, let's look at their age of first use.

Q145. How old were you when you first started drinking?	Q146. Personal Characteristics - How old were you when you first got drunk?					Total
	Never did	11 years	12-14 yea	15-17 yea	18-20 yea	
Never did this	0	0	0	0	1	1
11 years or younger	0	1	1	0	0	2
12-14 years old	0	0	11	13	0	24
15-17 years old	2	0	0	78	8	88
18-20 years old	6	0	1	1	10	18
Total	8	1	13	92	19	133

92 of the 133 respondents first got drunk between the ages of 15-17. Since so many students are in this single group, question 146 won't predict much of anything. We might get a good prediction from question 145.

Q5. Frequency of High-Risk Drinking in the past 2 weeks	Q145. Personal Characteristics - How old were you when you first started drinking?					Total
	Never did	11 years	12-14 yea	15-17 yea	18-20 yea	
Never	1	1	7	45	13	67
Once	0	1	10	19	4	34
Twice	0	0	5	21	1	27
Three or more times	0	0	2	3	0	5
Total	1	2	24	88	18	133

From this table, there doesn't appear to be much of a relationship (since most students did not drink in the past 2 weeks). If anything, it looks as though students who began drinking between the ages of 15-17 more often engage in high-risk drinking. I'll go ahead and run a linear and ordinal logistic regression to see if we get a good prediction.

Linear regression

Number of obs = 133
 F(1, 131) = 3.03
 Prob > F = 0.0842
 R-squared = 0.0230
 Root MSE = .89429

oneQ5	Coef.	Robust Std. Err.	t	P> t	Beta
oneQ145	-.2066945	.1187887	-1.74	0.084	-.1516571
_cons	1.374316	.3657241	3.76	0.000	.

Ordered logistic regression

Number of obs = 133
 LR chi2(1) = 3.27


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11* | 0002223344577
12* | 01566

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We ended up with 221 students who answered all 18 items related to protective behaviors. There's a pretty nice distribution here, with only two students (those scoring 126) who reported using all 18 protective behaviors all the time.

I don't know much about AlcoholEdu, but I would (naively) expect students to report using protective behaviors more often on the post-survey. Let's look at the distribution for the post-survey:

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1* | 88
2* | 1
3* | 03456688
4* | 2599
5* | 011222333444444455668889999
6* | 001222222333344444445555666777888888
7* | 0000001122222222222222333344444455556667778888889
8* | 00011111111111223333455568888
9* | 000112233334444567777999
10* | 000002224444566778888889
11* | 00123444567779
12* | 0233344556666666

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Following the AlcoholEdu program, the number of students using all protective behaviors all the time increased to 7. Let's run a quick dependent-samples t-test to see if we have a significant change in the use of protective behaviors:

Paired t test

Variable	Obs	Mean	Std. Err.	Std. Dev.	[95% Conf. Interval]	
presurvey	197	78.38071	1.49768	21.02094	75.42707	81.33435
postsurv	197	79.6599	1.647589	23.12502	76.41062	82.90918
diff	197	-1.279188	1.421626	19.95347	-4.082835	1.524459
mean(diff) = mean(protective - postprotective)					t = -0.8998	
Ho: mean(diff) = 0					degrees of freedom = 196	
Ha: mean(diff) < 0		Ha: mean(diff) != 0		Ha: mean(diff) > 0		
Pr(T < t) = 0.1847		Pr(T > t) = 0.3693		Pr(T > t) = 0.8153		

The average "protective behaviors" score for students at the beginning of the program was 78. By the end of the program, that average increased slightly to 80. It wasn't a statistically significant difference -- we cannot conclude the AlcoholEdu program was associated with an increase in the reported use of protective behaviors.

The following stem plot shows the change in "protective behaviors" following the AlcoholEdu program:

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-7* | 0
-6* | 4
-5* | 3
-4* | 75210
-3* | 6533
-2* | 9988544332110
-1* | 99988865433322000
-0* | 99988777776666555444333322222211111
0* | 00000001111111222223334445555666667788899999999
1* | 011112222233333344455556666777899
2* | 00011224445667
3* | 1236
4* | 00124

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5* | 7
6* | 03

Once again, it shows that just as many (if not more) students reporting using protective behaviors LESS frequently following the program.

Ok, back to the original question: Does age of first use predict the use of protective behaviors?

Source	SS	df	MS	Number of obs =	221
Model	14112.5556	2	7056.27778	F(2, 218) =	19.66
Residual	78250.6662	218	358.94801	Prob > F =	0.0000
Total	92363.2217	220	419.832826	R-squared =	0.1528
				Adj R-squared =	0.1450
				Root MSE =	18.946

protective	Coef.	Std. Err.	t	P> t	[95% Conf. Interval]	
oneQ145	6.212621	1.849309	3.36	0.001	2.567807	9.857435
oneQ146	-5.450851	1.026691	-5.31	0.000	-7.474362	-3.42734
_cons	74.18919	6.259451	11.85	0.000	61.8524	86.52598

This seems to indicate:

- a) Students who begin drinking at a later age are more likely to use protective behaviors
- b) Students who first get drunk at a later age are less likely to use protective behaviors

Let's look at some conditional means (and ANOVA tables) to see what's really going on:

oneQ145	N	mean	sd
Never did this	3	80.33333	54.50076
11 years or youn	2	78.5	9.192388
12-14 years old	30	68.1	20.10893
15-17 years old	146	78.20548	18.97436
18-20 years old	40	87.3	20.28161
Total	221	78.51131	20.48982

Source	Analysis of Variance			F	Prob > F
	SS	df	MS		
Between groups	6365.11944	4	1591.27986	4.00	0.0038
Within groups	85998.1023	216	398.139362		
Total	92363.2217	220	419.832826		

Bartlett's test for equal variances: $\chi^2(4) = 9.2007$ Prob> $\chi^2 = 0.056$

Row Mean-	Never di	11 years	12-14 ye	15-17 ye
11 years	-1.83333 1.000			
12-14 ye	-12.2333 1.000	-10.4 1.000		
15-17 ye	-2.12785 1.000	-.294521 1.000	10.1055 0.122	
18-20 ye	6.96667	8.8	19.2	9.09452

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oneQ146	N	mean	sd
Never did this	35	98.94286	20.73352
11 years or youn	1	85	.
12-14 years old	17	64.82353	19.21664
15-17 years old	130	74.17692	17.70143
18-20 years old	38	80.47368	17.23563
Total	221	78.51131	20.48982

Source	Analysis of Variance			F	Prob > F
	SS	df	MS		
Between groups	20426.461	4	5106.61524	15.33	0.0000
Within groups	71936.7608	216	333.040559		
Total	92363.2217	220	419.832826		

Bartlett's test for equal variances: chi2(3) = 1.7406 Prob>chi2 = 0.628

Row Mean-	Col Mean			
	Never di	11 years	12-14 ye	15-17 ye
11 years	-13.9429 1.000			
12-14 ye	-34.1193 0.000	-20.1765 1.000		
15-17 ye	-24.7659 0.000	-10.8231 1.000	9.35339 0.482	
18-20 ye	-18.4692 0.000	-4.52632 1.000	15.6502 0.037	6.29676 0.627

These tables seem to indicate:

- a) Students who began drinking between the ages of 18-20 are significantly more likely to use protective behaviors (compared to ages 12-14)
- b) Students who have never gotten drunk are significantly more likely to use protective behaviors.
- c) Students who got drunk for the first time between the ages of 18-20 are significantly more likely to use protective behaviors (compared to ages 12-14).

When I put all these factors into an AxB ANOVA, the effects disappear. All these conclusions hold for the post-survey as well.

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Q3: Does sex predict use patterns?

This is easier to see in a graph, but here's a t-test:

Two-sample t test with equal variances

Group	Obs	Mean	Std. Err.	Std. Dev.	[95% Conf. Interval]	
Male	81	72.33333	2.178529	19.60676	67.99792	76.66874
Female	140	82.08571	1.707383	20.20203	78.70991	85.46151

combined	221	78.51131	1.378295	20.48982	75.79496	81.22766
diff		-9.752381	2.790161		-15.25139	-4.253377
diff = mean(Male) - mean(Female)						t = -3.4953
Ho: diff = 0						degrees of freedom = 219
Ha: diff < 0		Ha: diff != 0		Ha: diff > 0		
Pr(T < t) = 0.0003		Pr(T > t) = 0.0006		Pr(T > t) = 0.9997		

Females reported using protective behaviors more frequently than males. Looking at the protective behaviors individually, these stick out:

Females are more likely to use...

- 78 - Pace your drinks to 1 or fewer per hour
- 80 - Alternate non-alcoholic drinks
- 85 - Have friends let you know when you've had enough
- 88 - Avoid drinking games
- 89 - Know where your drink is at all times
- 91 - Put extra ice in your drink

Q4: If students report expecting to get in trouble, did they tend to report less use?

The two items related to "getting in trouble" were items 43-44. Let's look at those distributions:

Q43 Likelihood of getting in trouble with authorities	Q44. Likelihood of getting in trouble with your parents							Total
	(1) V Unl.	(2)	(3)	(4)	(5)	(6)	(7)	
(1) Very unlikely	43	14	15	13	4	3	8	100
(2)	9	27	14	10	5	4	3	72
(3)	4	5	8	10	3	4	5	39
(4)	0	4	6	12	4	0	9	35
(5)	3	0	4	2	6	6	8	29
(6)	0	0	2	1	1	10	5	19
(7) Very Likely	0	0	2	1	1	1	24	29
Total	59	50	51	49	24	28	62	323

211 students (65%) think it's unlikely that they will get in trouble with authorities if they had 3-4 drinks. 160 students (50%) think it's unlikely that they will get in trouble with their parents if they had 3-4 drinks.

I can compare this to item #5 (frequency of use) to see if a relationship exists. Rather than run a test, I think this table shows a relationship:

Q43 Likelihood of getting in trouble with authorities	Q5. Self-Reported Drinking Rates and Behaviors - Frequency of High-Risk Drinking				Total
	Never	Once	Twice	Three or	
(1) Very unlikely	19	12	12	1	44
(2)	21	13	7	4	45
(3)	6	6	2	0	14
(4)	8	1	3	0	12
(5)	5	1	1	0	7
(6)	4	0	0	0	4
(7) Very Likely	4	1	2	0	7

Total | 67 34 27 5 | 133

Of the 67 students who did not engage in high-risk drinking, the majority thought it was unlikely that they would get in trouble with authorities if they had 3-4 drinks. 19% of these students, however, did think it was likely. I'll summarize the table another way to show the result:

Students who never engage in high-risk drinking:
 69% think it is unlikely they will get in trouble with authorities
 19% think it is likely

Students who engaged in high-risk drinking one time in 2 weeks:
 91% think it is unlikely they will get in trouble with authorities
 6% think it is likely

Students who engaged in high-risk drinking 2 times in 2 weeks:
 78% think it is unlikely they will get in trouble with authorities
 11% think it is likely

Students who engaged in high-risk drinking 3+ times in 2 weeks:
 100% think it is unlikely they will get in trouble with authorities
 0% think it is likely

This shows that students who drink more are less likely to think they will get in trouble with authorities if they have 3-4 drinks. Let's try the same analysis focused on getting in trouble with parents.

Q44 Likelihood of getting in trouble with parents	Q5. Self-Reported Drinking Rates and Behaviors - Frequency of High-Risk Drinking				Total
	Never	Once	Twice	Three or	
(1) Very unlikely	17	7	8	1	33
(2)	12	12	7	1	32
(3)	9	5	8	1	23
(4)	12	5	4	1	22
(5)	7	3	0	1	11
(6)	3	0	0	0	3
(7) Very Likely	7	2	0	0	9
Total	67	34	27	5	133

Students who never engage in high-risk drinking:
 57% think it is unlikely they will get in trouble with authorities
 25% think it is likely

Students who engaged in high-risk drinking one time in 2 weeks:
 71% think it is unlikely they will get in trouble with authorities
 15% think it is likely

Students who engaged in high-risk drinking 2 times in 2 weeks:
 85% think it is unlikely they will get in trouble with authorities
 0% think it is likely

Students who engaged in high-risk drinking 3+ times in 2 weeks:
 60% think it is unlikely they will get in trouble with authorities
 20% think it is likely

This shows a similar trend: Students who drink more are less likely to think they will get in trouble with their parents if they have 3-4 drinks.

These results held for the post-survey.

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Q5: Do scores on AlcoholEdu indicate use patterns (more use; lower score)?

The dataset doesn't actually contain their test scores (for items 134-135). Instead, every student just received a "1" for the first test, "2" for the second test, and so on.