

## Unintentional Injury

### *Survey Question:*

#### **When you rollerblade or ride a skateboard, how often do you wear a helmet?\***

The results to this survey question, for the 2015 Lynchburg City School 6<sup>th</sup> graders only, are displayed in the table below.

6 <sup>th</sup>	When you rollerblade or ride a skateboard, how often do you wear a helmet?	Response	2012	2015
		I do not rollerblade or ride a skateboard	37%	48%
Never wear a helmet	27%	32%		
Rarely wear a helmet	10%	6%		
Sometimes wear a helmet	10%	3%		
Most of the time wear a helmet	7%	4%		
Always wore a helmet	8%	7%		

6<sup>th</sup> grade N = 501 (2012), 511 (2015)

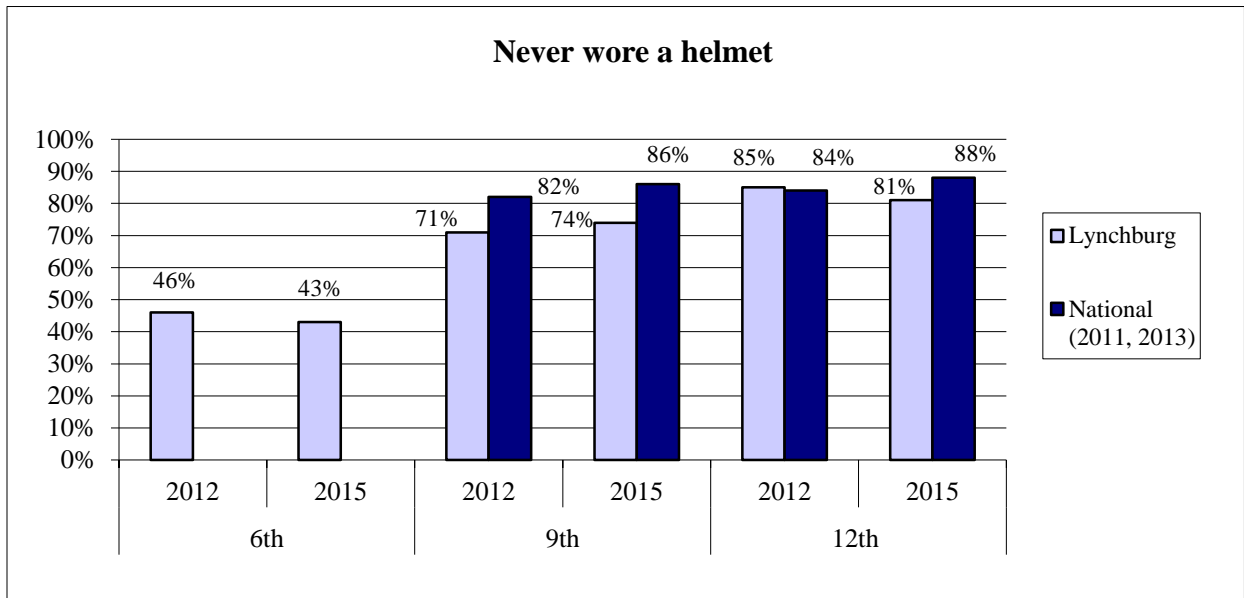
Only 7% of Lynchburg City 6<sup>th</sup> graders always wear a helmet when rollerblading or riding a skateboard, while 32% of them never wear one. The three intermediate responses, “rarely”, “sometimes”, and “most of the time” wear a helmet, all elicited about the same rate of selection (3 – 6%).

\*This question was not asked of the Lynchburg high school students, or in the national survey.

*Survey Question:*

**When you rode a bicycle during the past year, how often did you wear a helmet?**

The results to this survey question are displayed in the graph below.



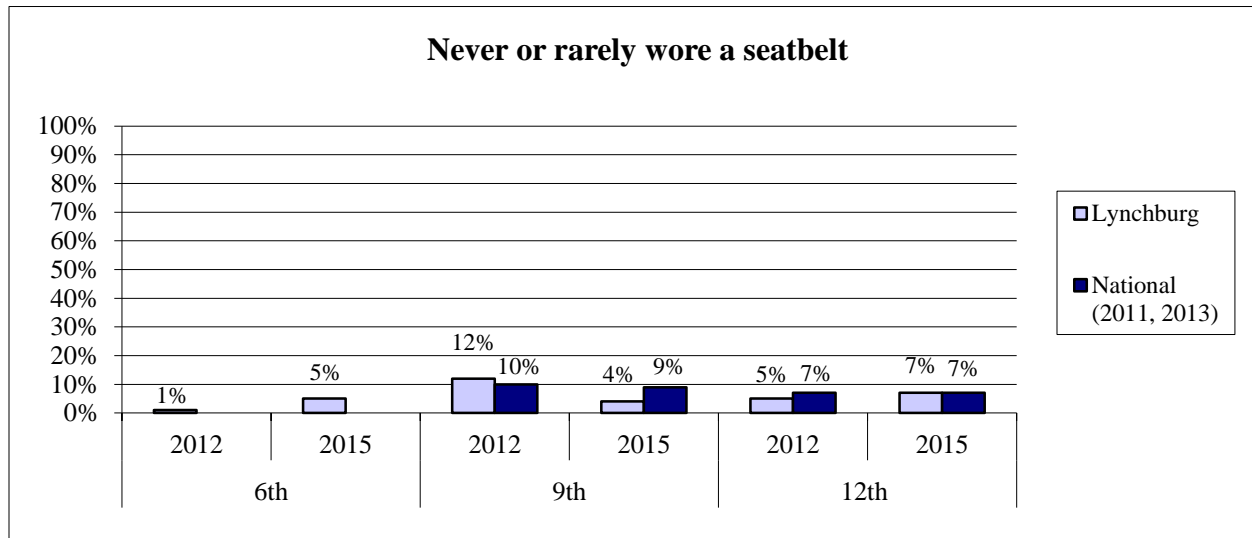
6th grade N = 501 (2012), 511 (2015); 9<sup>th</sup> grade N = 526 (2012), 520 (2015); 12<sup>th</sup> grade N = 510 (2012), 368 (2015)

The number of Lynchburg City School 9<sup>th</sup> graders who reported that they never wore a helmet when riding a bicycle in the last year increased by 3% since 2012. The percentages of 6<sup>th</sup> and 12<sup>th</sup> graders who reported the same behavior, however, are 3% and 4% lower than in 2012, respectively.

*Survey Question:*

**How often do you wear a seat belt when you are riding in a car?**

The results to this survey question are displayed in the graph below.



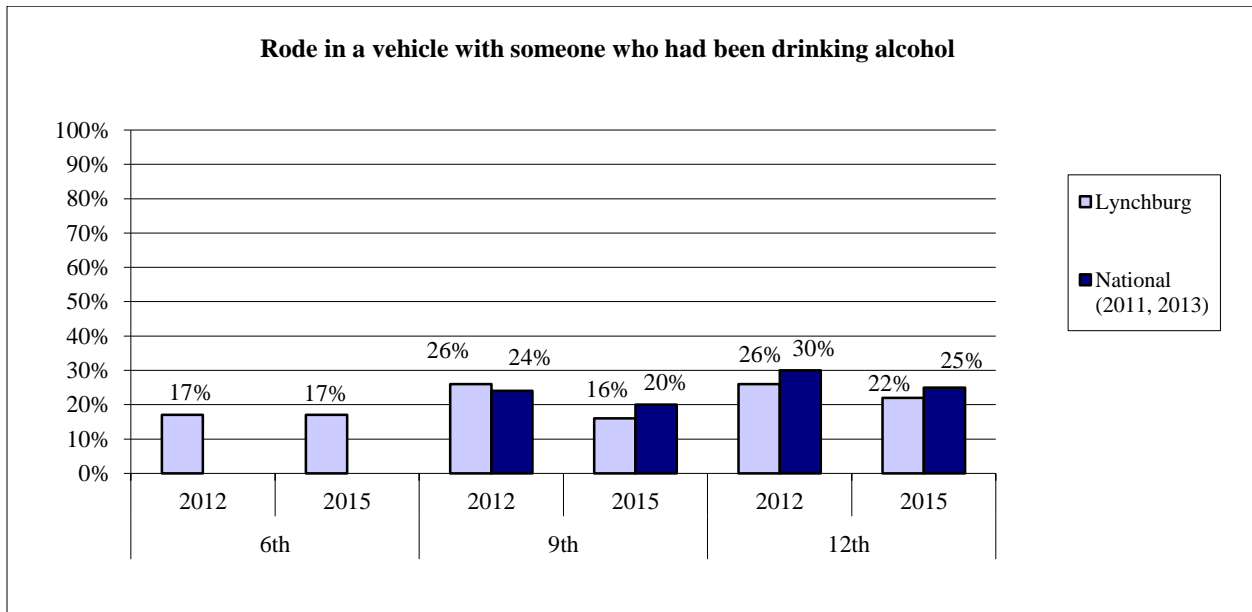
6th grade N = 501 (2012), 511 (2015); 9th grade N = 526 (2012), 520 (2015); 12th grade N = 510 (2012), 368 (2015)

An increased portion (4%) of the sampled Lynchburg City School 6<sup>th</sup> graders reported never wearing a seat belt, between 2012 and 2015. The portion of 9<sup>th</sup> graders is much smaller (by 8%), and 12<sup>th</sup> graders reported a 2% increase from 5% to 7%.

### Survey Question:

**During the past month, how many times did you ride in a car or other vehicle driven by someone who had been drinking alcohol?**

The results to this survey question are displayed in the graph below.



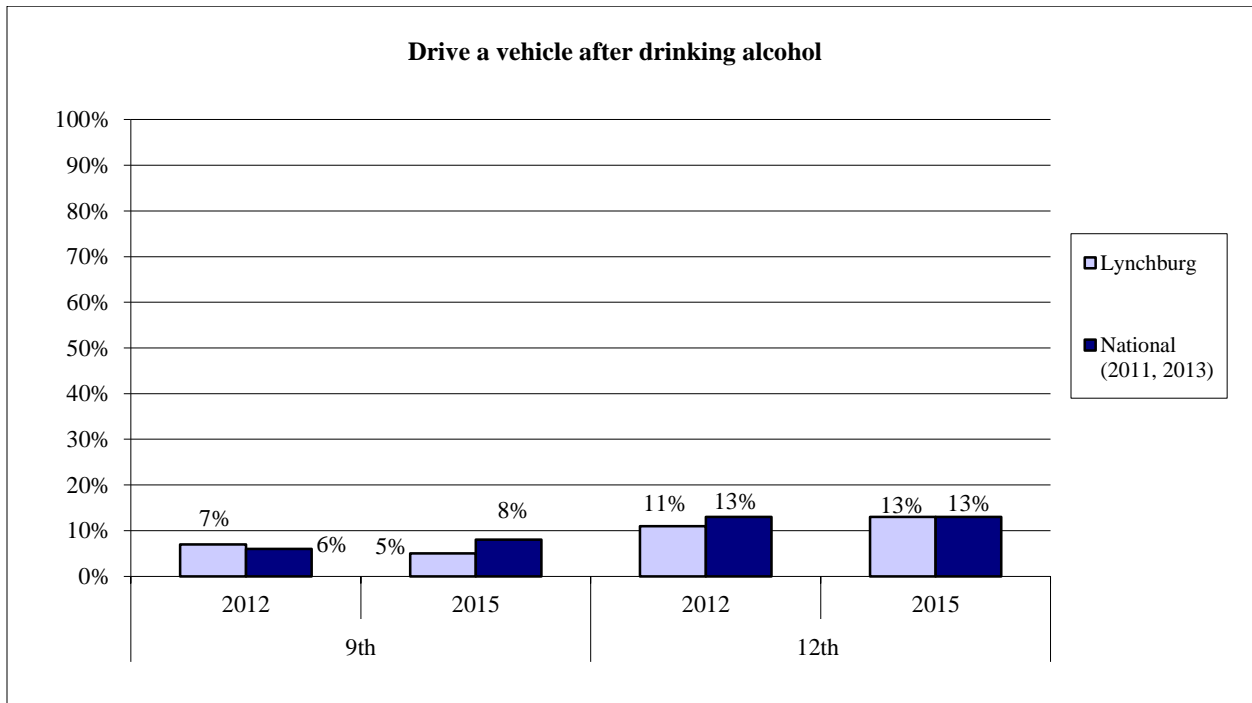
6th grade N = 501 (2012), 511 (2015); 9th grade N = 526 (2012), 520 (2015); 12th grade N = 510 (2012), 368 (2015)

Between 2012 and 2015, there was a 10% decrease in 9th grade students who reported being a passenger in a vehicle driven by someone who had been drinking alcohol. There was also a notable decrease for 12th graders (4%). Lynchburg 9th graders and 12th graders report this behavior slightly less often (4% and 3%, respectively) in 2015 than their national peers.

### Survey Question:

**During the past 30 days, how many times did you drive a car or other vehicle when you had been drinking alcohol?\***

The results to this survey question are displayed in the graph below.



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

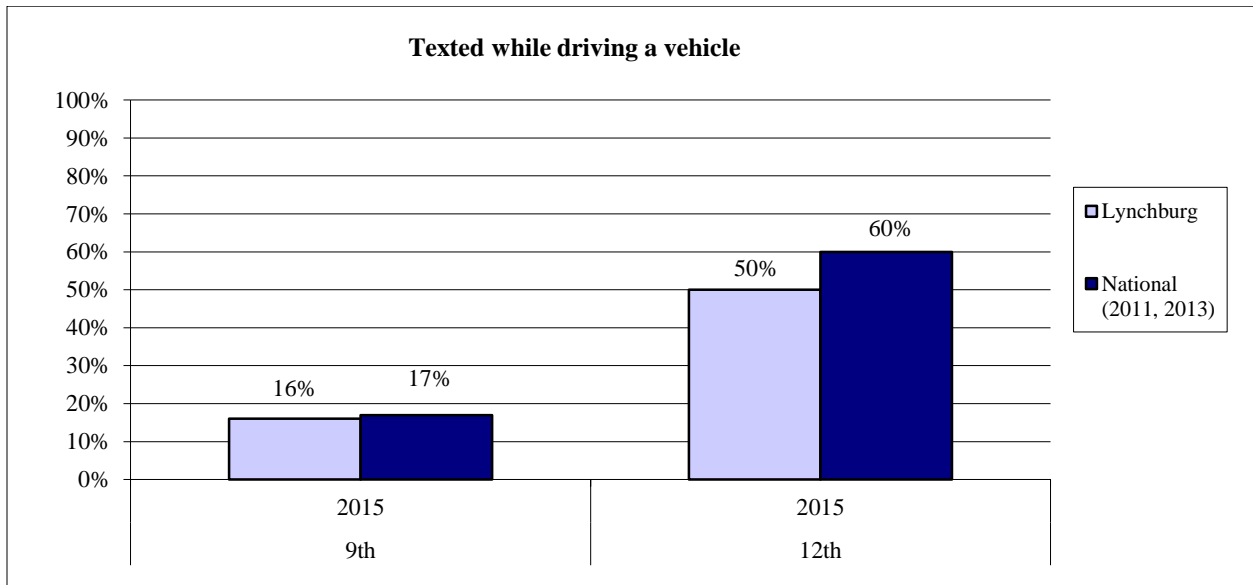
The results from the Lynchburg City School survey and the national survey are similar (within less than 3% of each other) for this question. The portion of local 9<sup>th</sup> grade high school students decreased by 2%, while the portion of local 12<sup>th</sup> graders increased by that amount.

\*This question was not asked of the Lynchburg City School 6<sup>th</sup> grade sample.

*Survey Question:*

**During the past 30 days, how many times did you text or email while driving a car or other vehicle?\***

The results to this survey question are displayed in the graph below.



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

Although local and national 9<sup>th</sup> graders answered this question similarly, the Lynchburg 12<sup>th</sup> graders reported texting while driving at a rate that was 10% less of their national peers.