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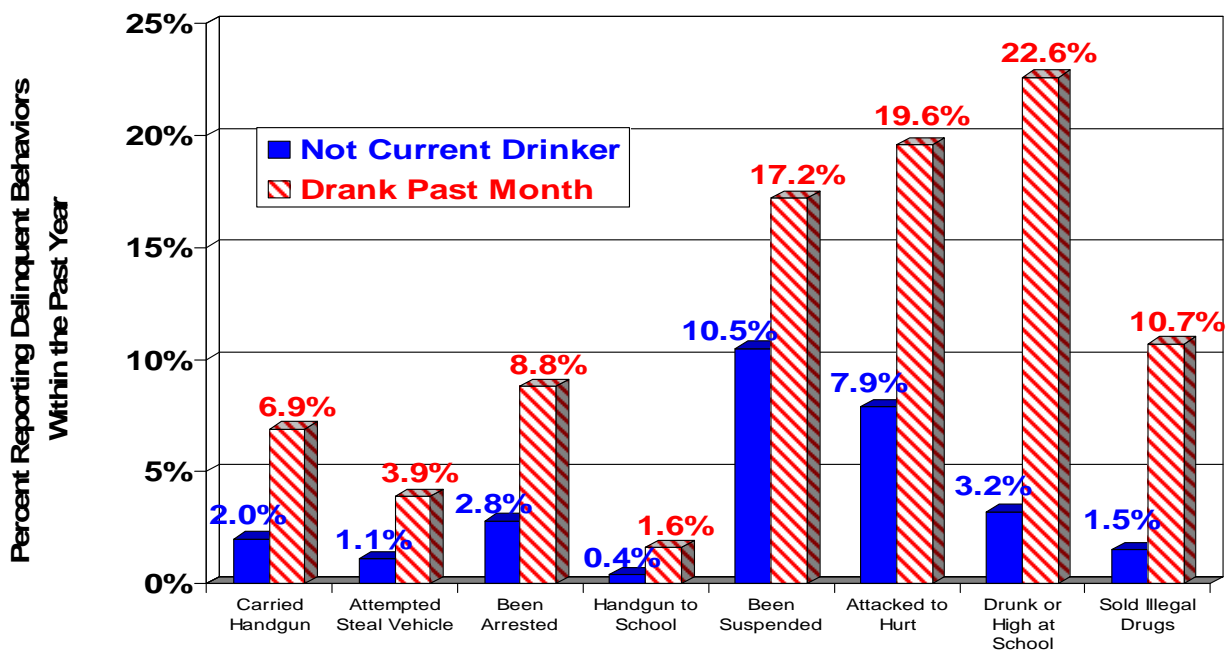
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Youth Alcohol Use Linked to Delinquent Behaviors

Broward County middle and high school students who self-reported use of alcohol within the past 30 days (“current users”) on the 2008 Florida Youth Substance Abuse Survey also reported higher levels of delinquent behaviors within the past year than students who were not current alcohol users. Rates of students reporting they (1) carried a handgun within the last year, (2) attempted to steal a motor vehicle, (3) were arrested, (4) carried a handgun to school, (5) were suspended from school, (6) attacked someone with the intent to hurt them, (7) were drunk or “high” at school, and (8) sold illegal drugs were higher for those who also reported any alcohol use within the past month. A recent University of Miami study found that the ¼ billion dollar cost of underage drinking in Broward County during 2007 included \$127 million for violent crimes, \$44 million for motor vehicle crashes, and \$28 million for property crimes.

Percent of Broward Middle and High School Students Reporting Delinquent Behaviors By Current (Past 30 Day) Alcohol Use and Non-Current Alcohol Use



SOURCE: 2008 Florida Youth Substance Abuse Survey: Broward Sample = 9,135