

**Excerpts from the 2008 Georgia Student Health Survey
Prepared for the Cobb Alcohol Taskforce**

The following charts illustrate the demographics of student survey respondents from Cobb County School District and all schools in Georgia. Graphs that follow illustrate a comparison of excerpted alcohol related survey questions and student response rates from Cobb County School District and all schools in Georgia. For the complete survey report, check out the following link www.cobbk12.org/preventionintervention

The Georgia Student Health Survey is administered through the internet to students in grades 6, 8, 10, and 12 every year during the month of October. This section of the 2008 survey will serve as baseline data for Cobb County School District's current Grant to Reduce Alcohol Abuse and future survey results will become part of our evaluation data.

Cobb County School District Demographics

Frequency Col Pct	Table of Gender by Grade					
	Gender(Gender)	Grade(Grade)				Total
		6	8	10	12	
	Female	942 50.46	1016 50.83	459 51.11	589 51.00	3006
	Male	925 49.54	983 49.17	439 48.89	566 49.00	2913
	Total	1867	1999	898	1155	5919

Frequency Col Pct	Table of Ethnicity by Grade					
	Ethnicity(Ethnicity)	Grade(Grade)				Total
		6	8	10	12	
	Black	582 31.17	687 34.37	232 25.84	283 24.50	1784
	Hispanic	314 16.82	357 17.86	83 9.24	99 8.57	853
	White	736 39.42	731 36.57	474 52.78	684 59.22	2625
	Asian	88 4.71	76 3.80	50 5.57	41 3.55	255
	Other	147 7.87	148 7.40	59 6.57	48 4.16	402
	Total	1867	1999	898	1155	5919

Georgia Demographics

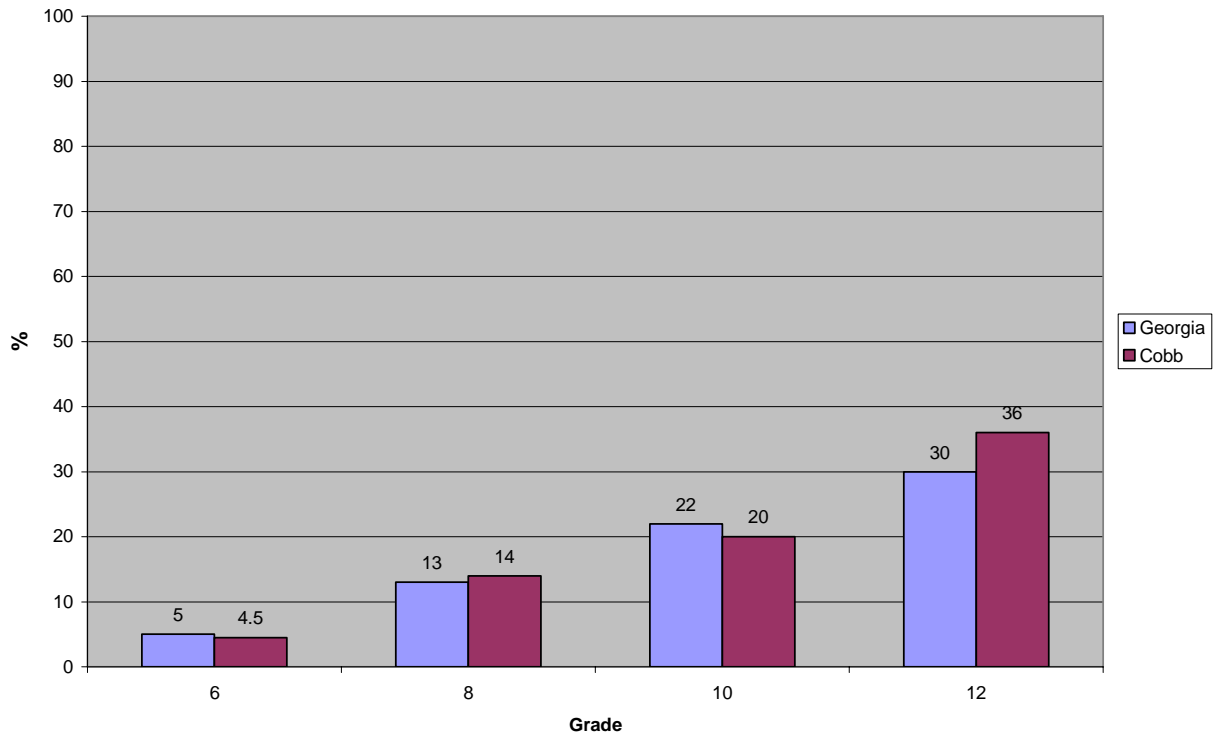
Frequency
Col Pct

Table of Gender by Grade					
Gender(Gender)	Grade(Grade)				Total
	6	8	10	12	
Female	32704 50.04	34209 51.30	25384 52.33	20599 52.73	112896
Male	32646 49.96	32473 48.70	23125 47.67	18463 47.27	106707
Total	65350	66682	48509	39062	219603

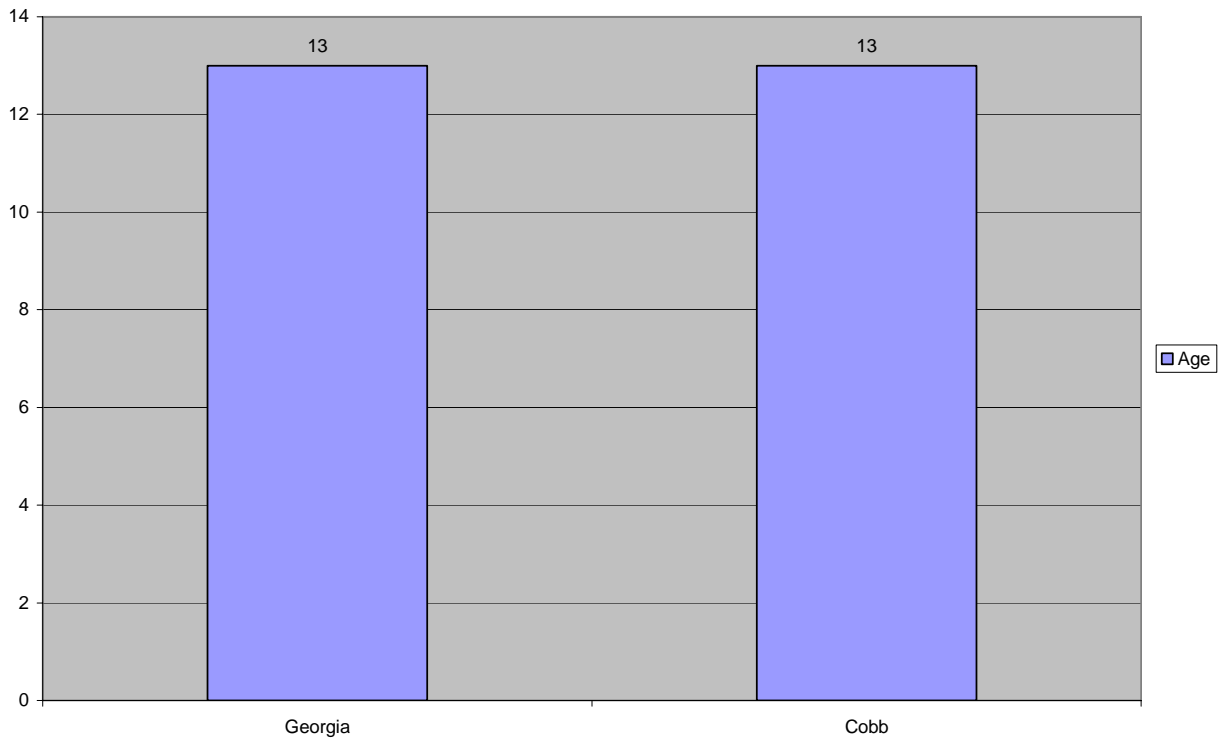
Frequency
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Table of Ethnicity by Grade					
Ethnicity(Ethnicity)	Grade(Grade)				Total
	6	8	10	12	
Black	22552 34.51	24277 36.41	16445 33.90	14034 35.93	77308
Hispanic	5492 8.40	5465 8.20	3231 6.66	2127 5.45	16315
White	31627 48.40	31675 47.50	24938 51.41	19986 51.16	108226
Asian	1877 2.87	1990 2.98	1553 3.20	1223 3.13	6643
Other	3802 5.82	3275 4.91	2342 4.83	1692 4.33	11111
Total	65350	66682	48509	39062	219603

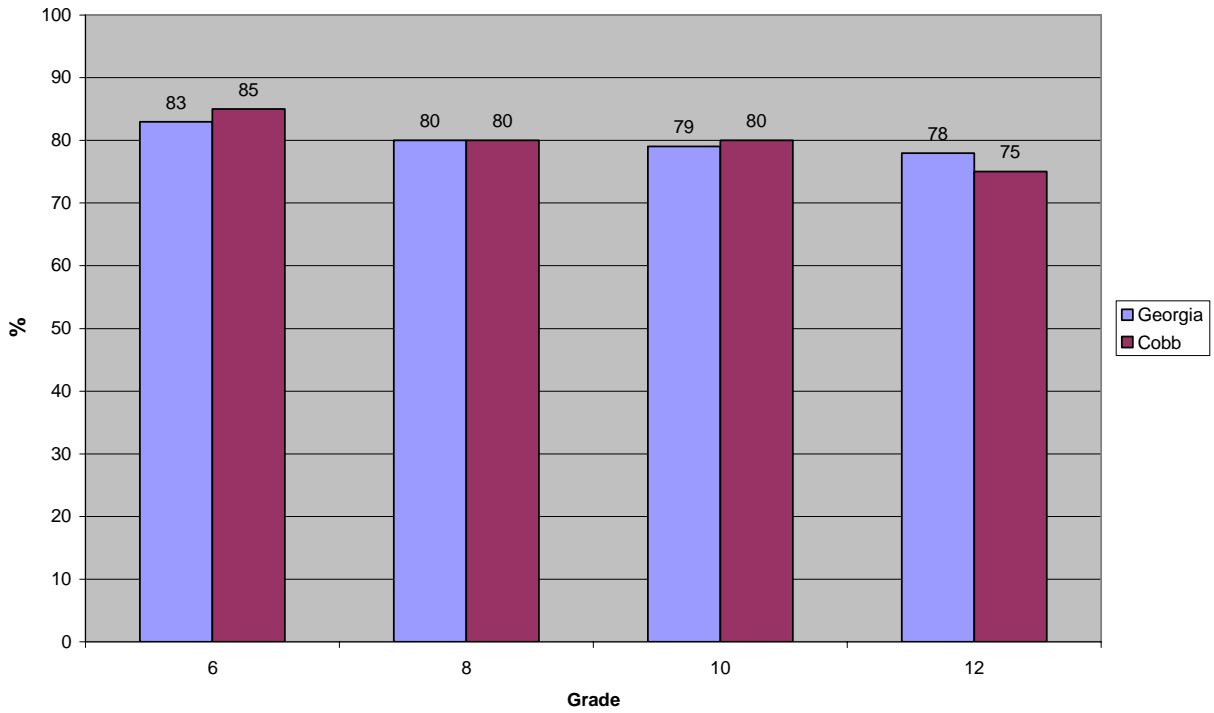
Alcohol use in the past 30 days



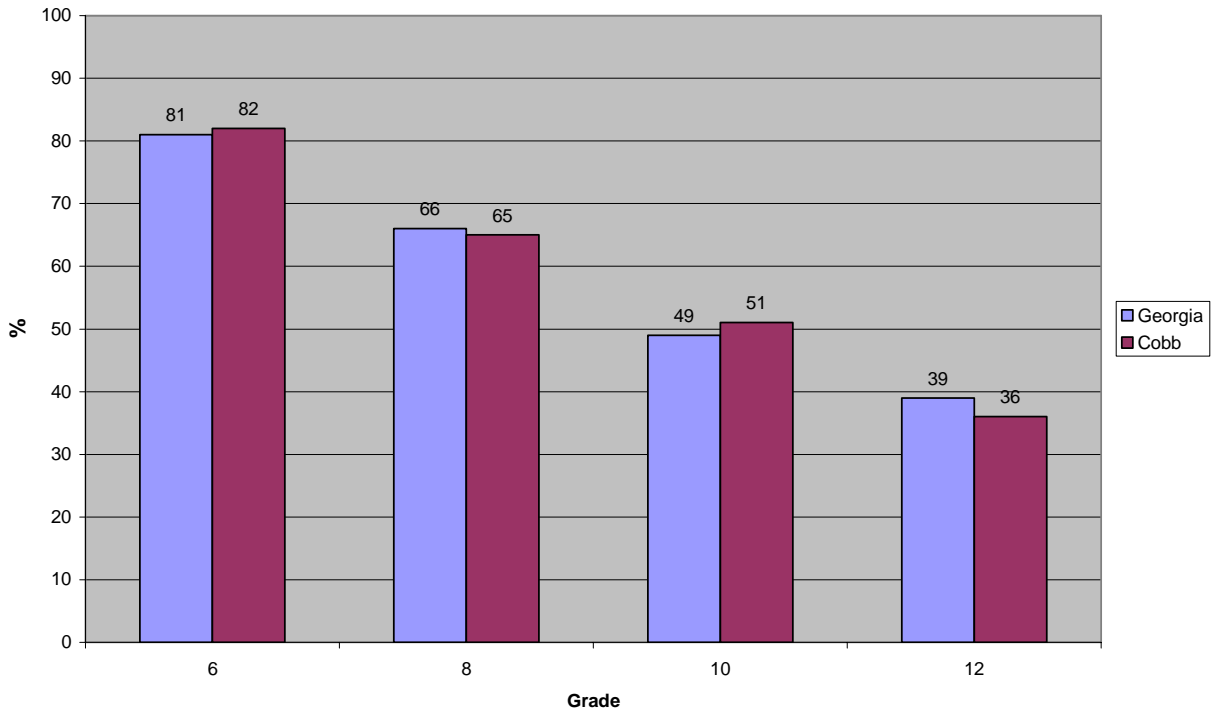
Age of first use



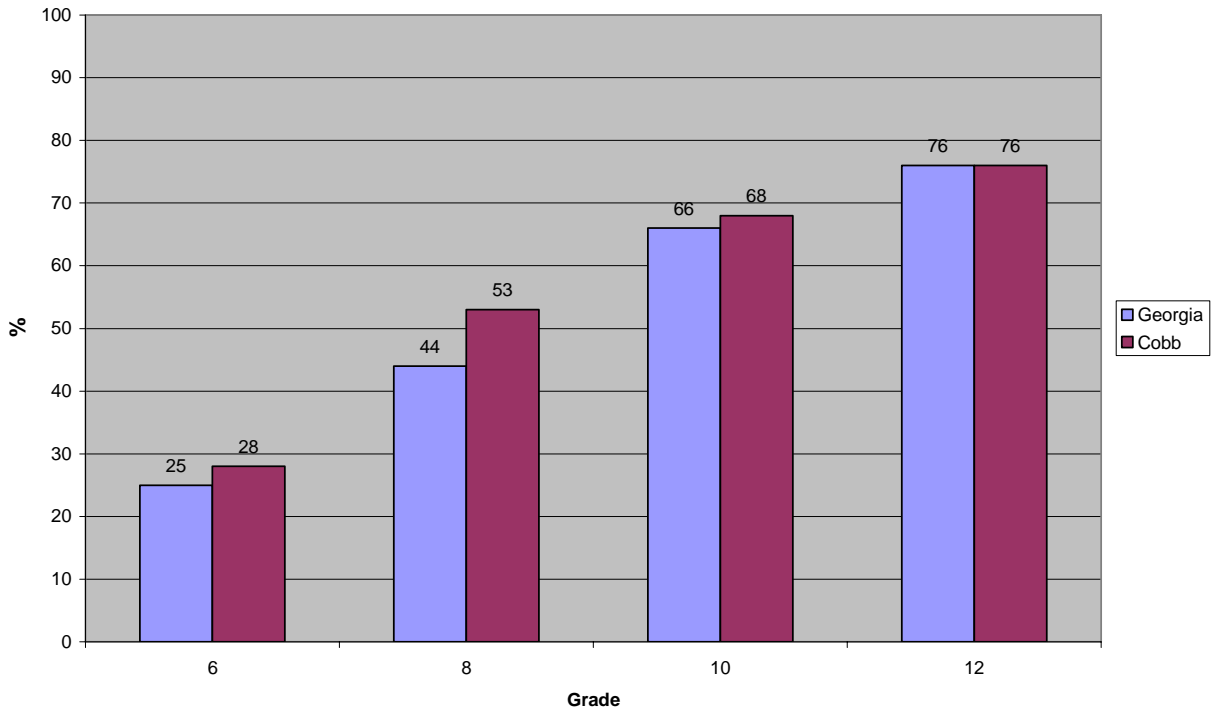
I think Alcohol is Harmful
(% that answered yes)



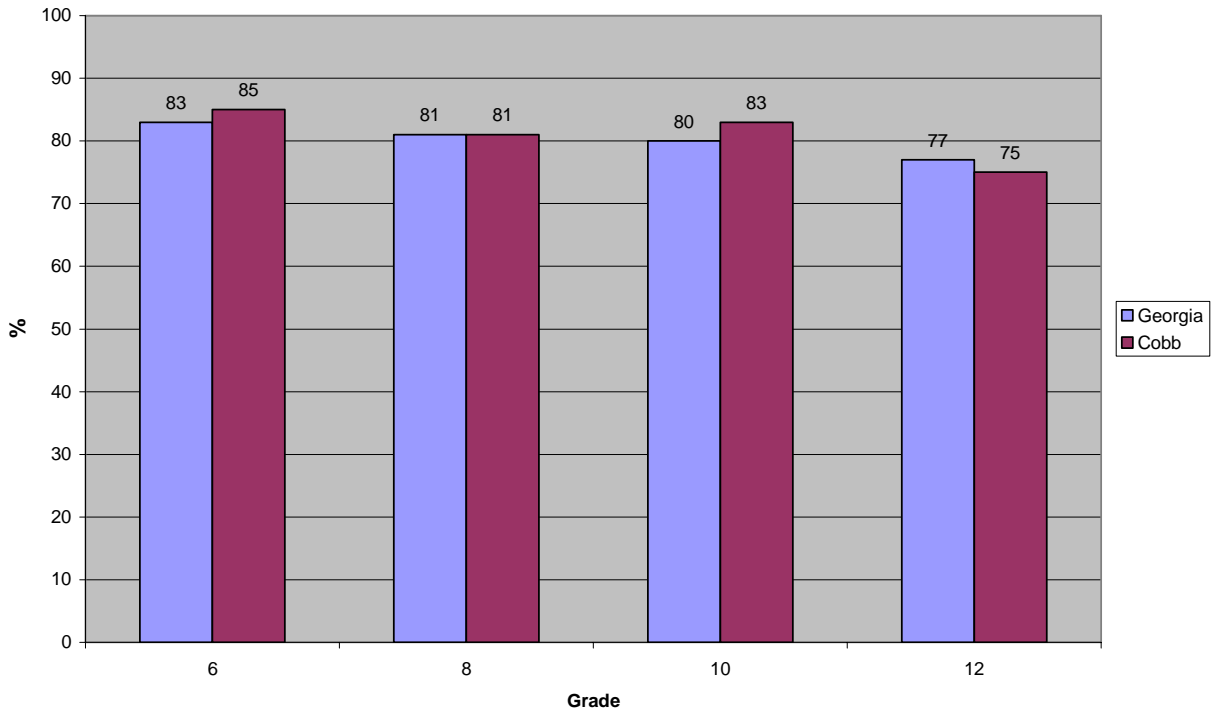
Friends would disapprove of my alcohol use
(% that answered yes)



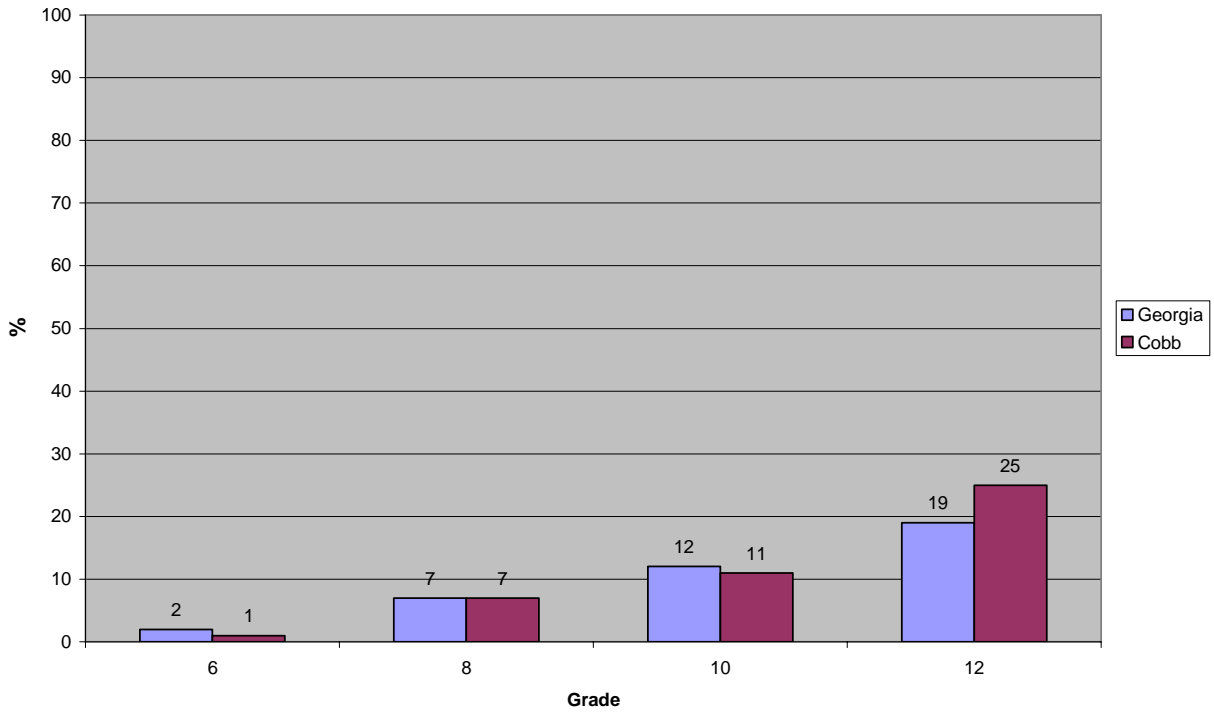
Alcohol is easy to get
(% that answered yes)



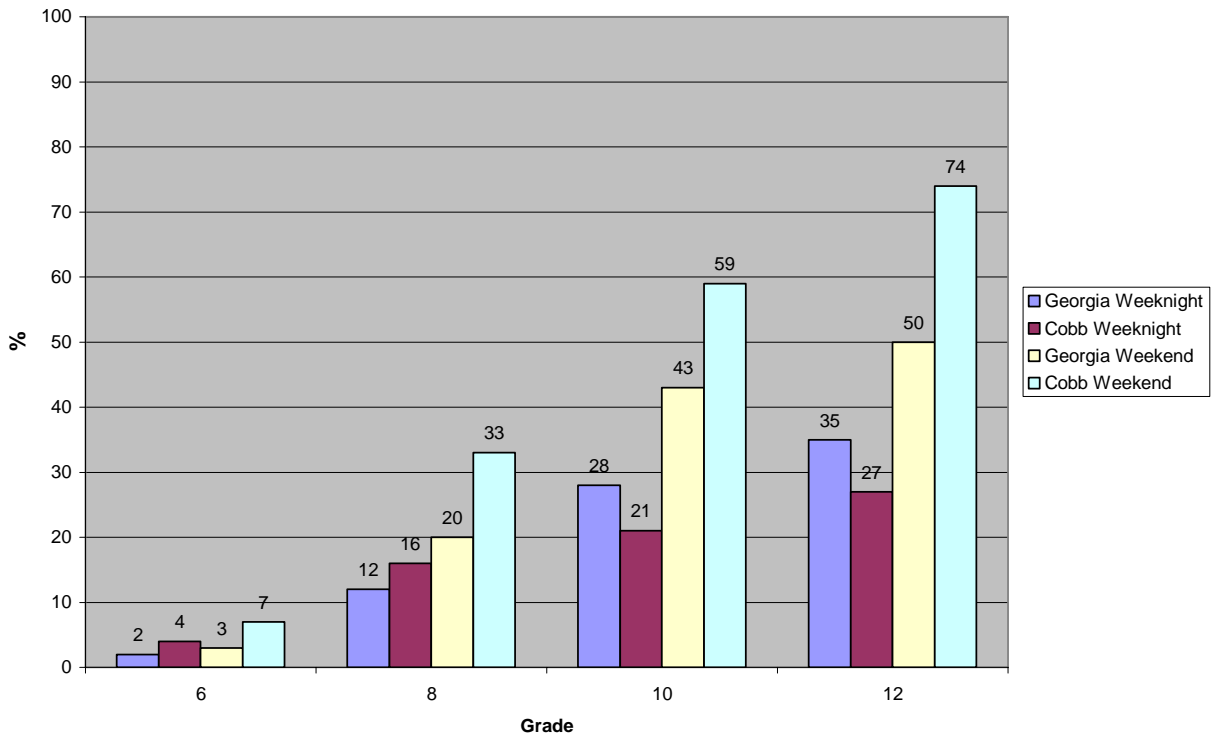
Adults would disapprove of my alcohol use
(% that answered yes)



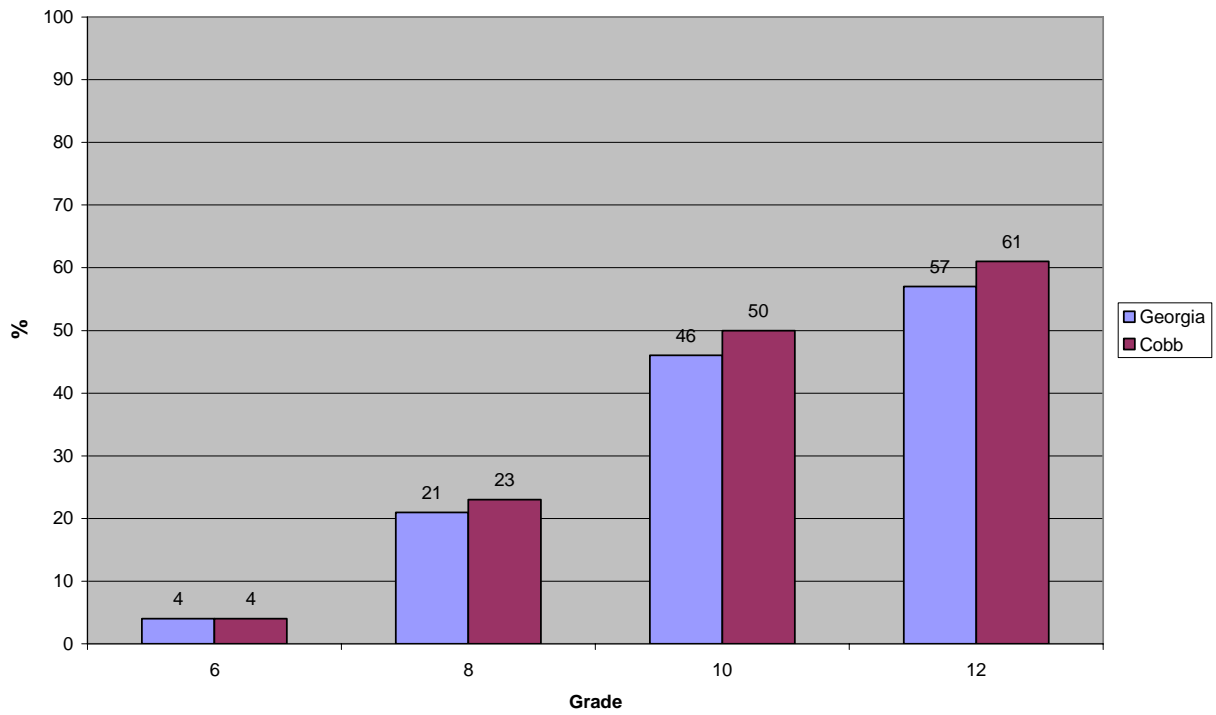
Binge drinking
 (% that answered yes to having 5 or more drinks at one sitting)



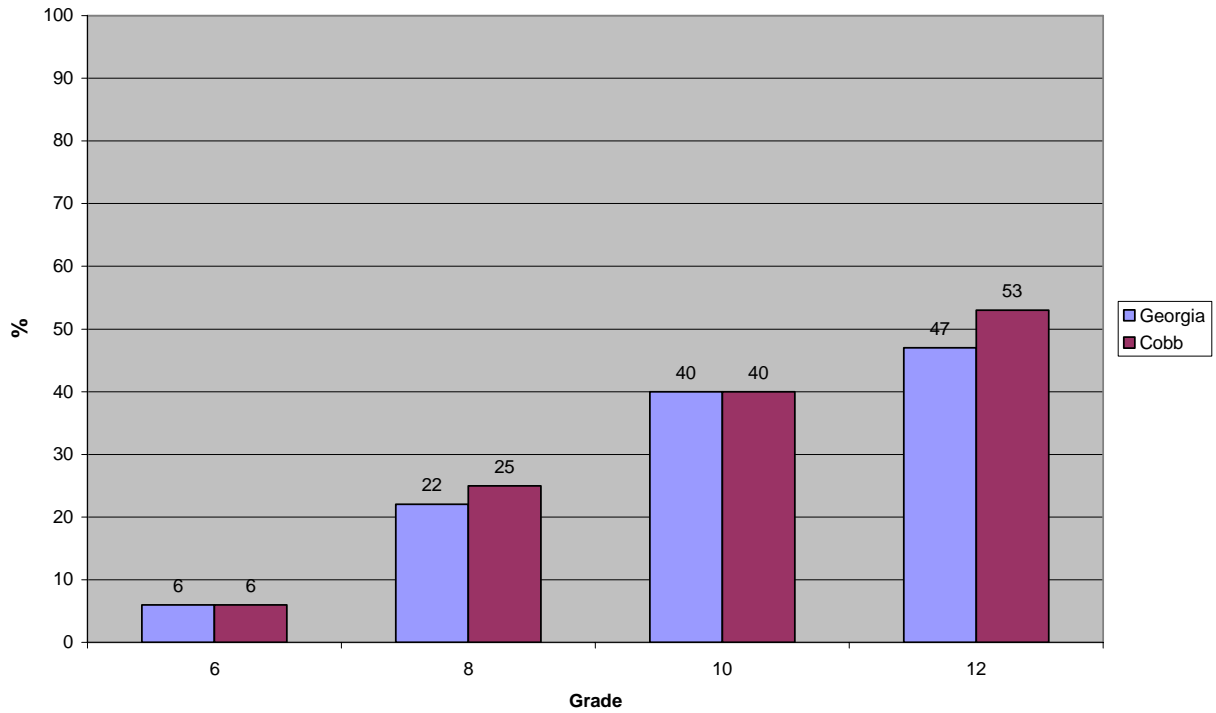
Times friends use alcohol



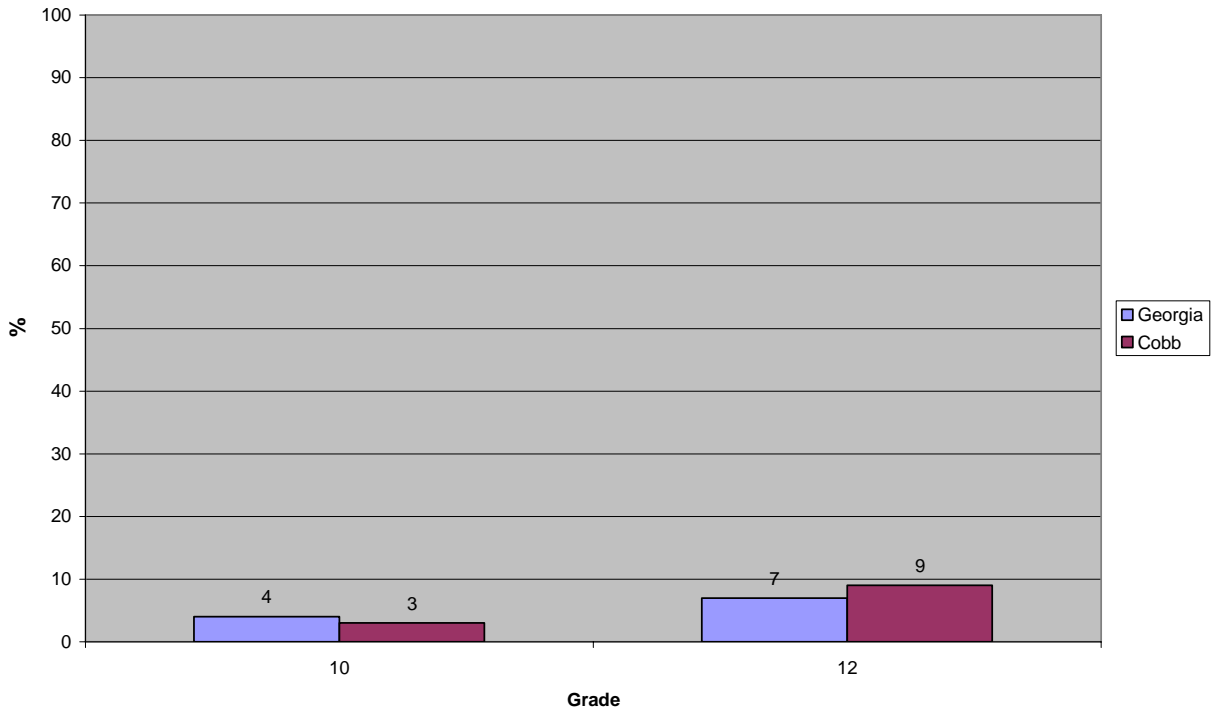
Alcohol use at a friends house
(% that answered yes)



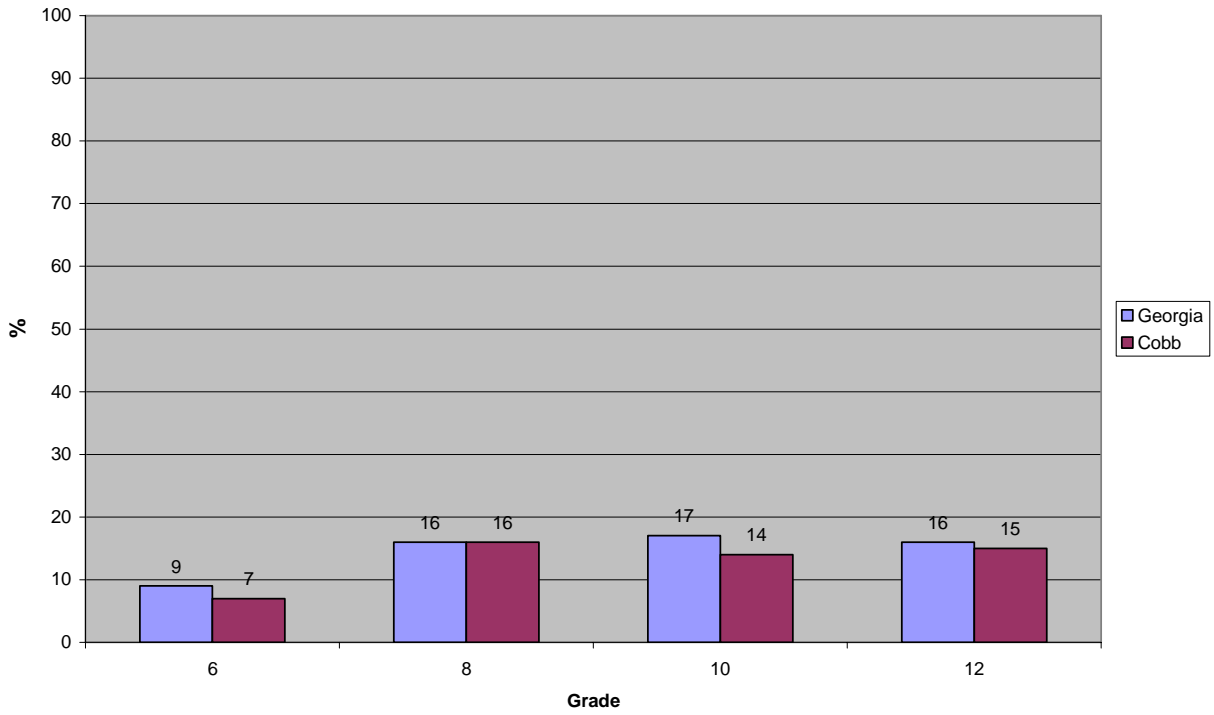
Friends use Alcohol at home
(% that answered yes)



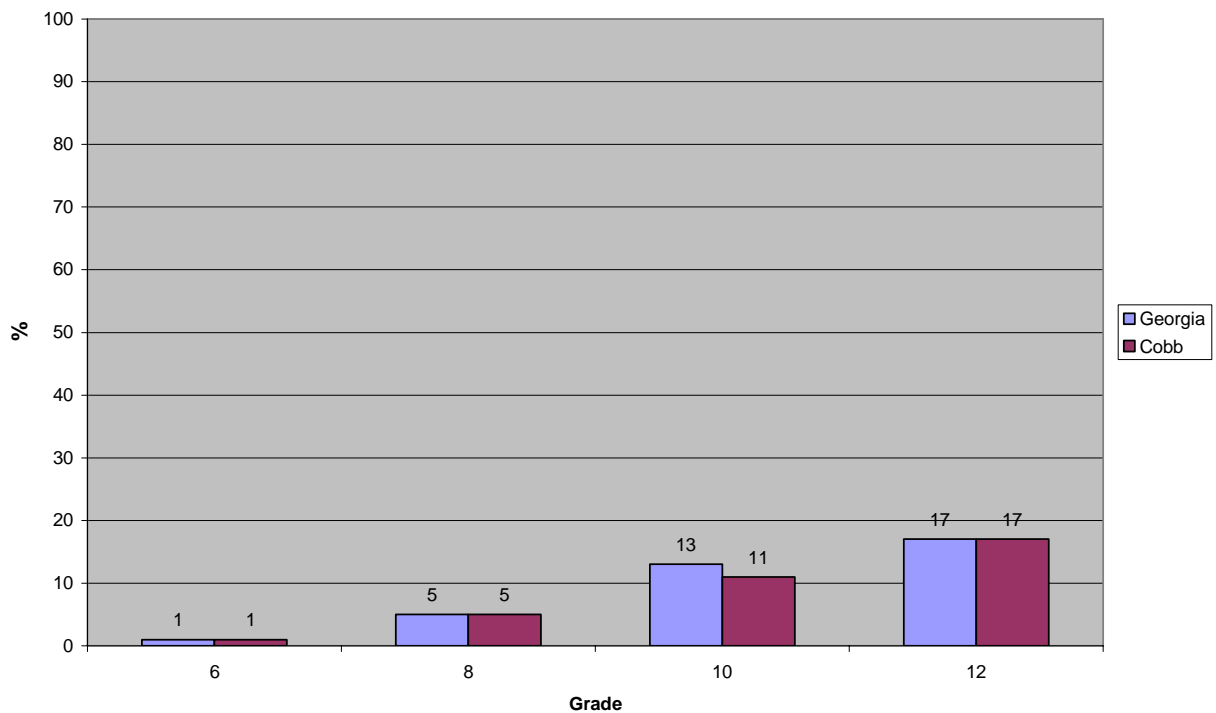
Drove while drinking
(% that answered yes)



Ridden in a car with an intoxicated driver
(% that answered yes)



**Alcohol use in a car
(% that answered yes)**



Analysis findings and general trends from the survey illustrate:

- **As students get older**
 - **Use of alcohol increases**
 - **Perceptions of harm decrease**
 - **Perceptions of disapproval decrease**
 - **Risky behaviors increase**

Cobb students reported more 30 day alcohol use than the state and also higher binge drinking than the state. Cobb students also reported higher weekend alcohol use than the state.

A summary statement based on analysis of the data could be:

Cobb students binge drink at a friends house on the weekend more than other students in the state.