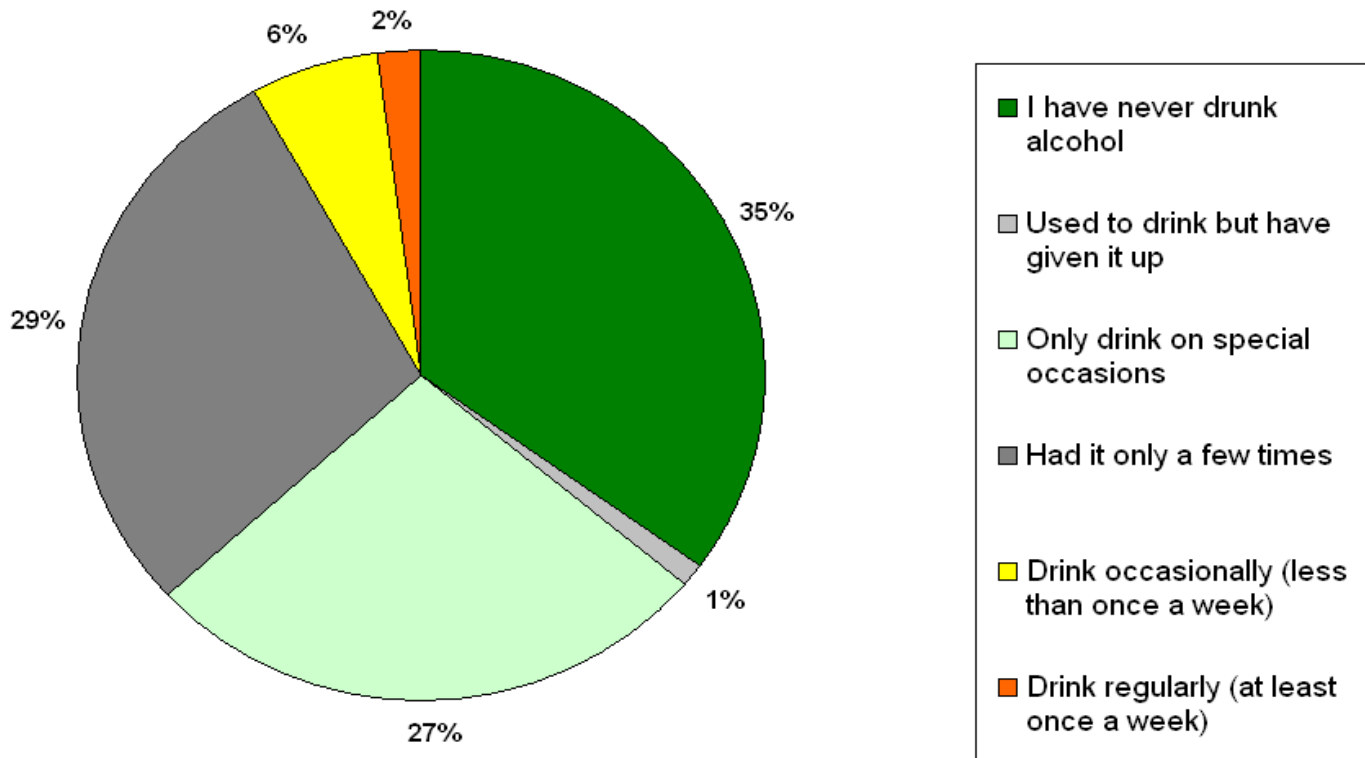
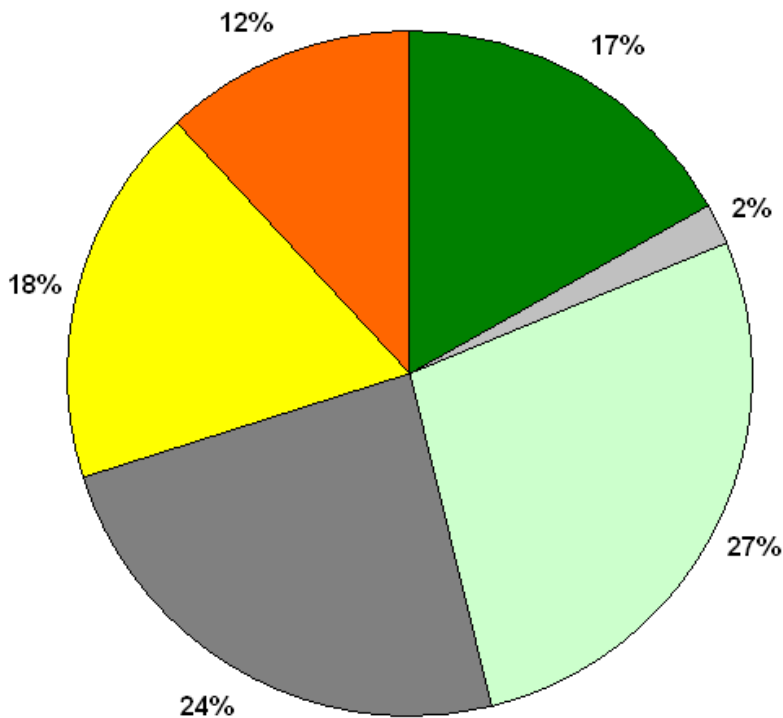


# Drinking by children

## Year 8 (12 - 13 years)



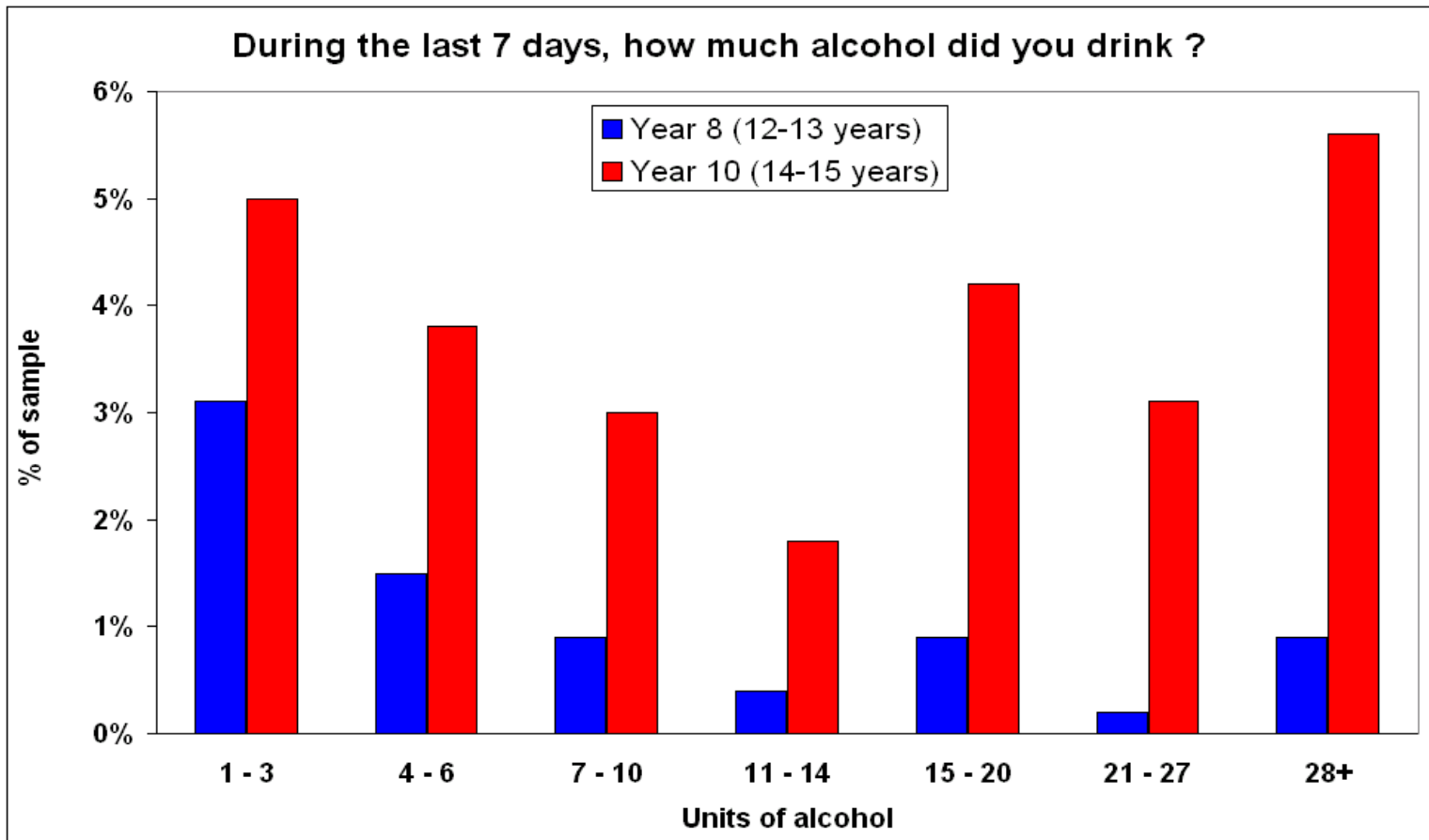
## Year 10 (14 - 15 years)



• **Year 8:** 35% have never drunk alcohol, whilst 6% drink occasionally (less than once a week) and 2% drink regularly (at least once a week).

• **Year 10:** 17% have never drunk alcohol, whilst 18% drink occasionally and 12% drink regularly.

# How much children drink



The Department of Health recommends that an alcohol-free childhood is best:

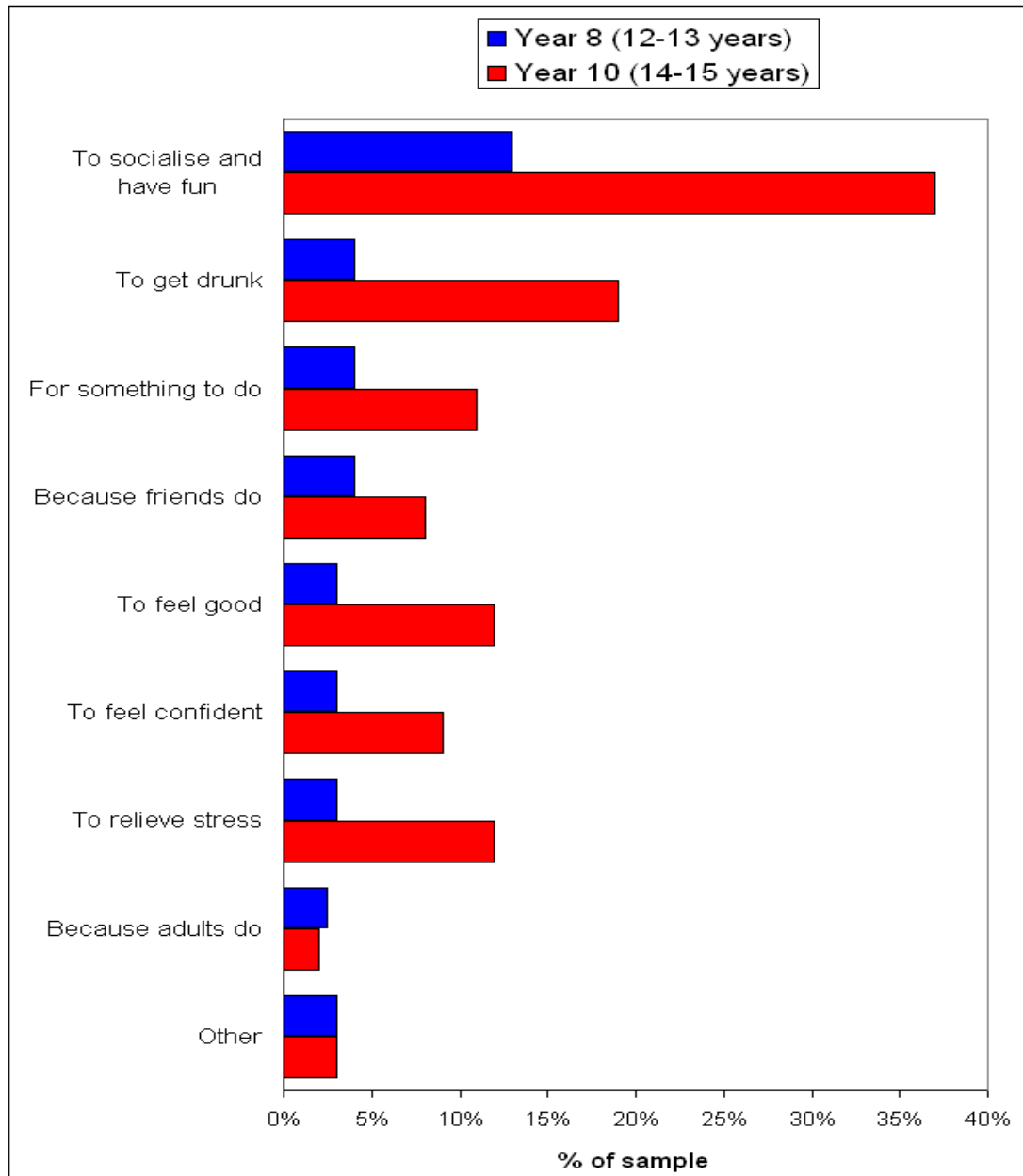
- Children should not drink before they are 15.
- If 15-17 year olds drink, it should be no more than one small drink a week, supervised by an adult.

- The majority of children who drank in the previous 7 days appear to have drunk above the recommended level.

# Why children drink

To what extent do the following describe your reasons for drinking alcohol?

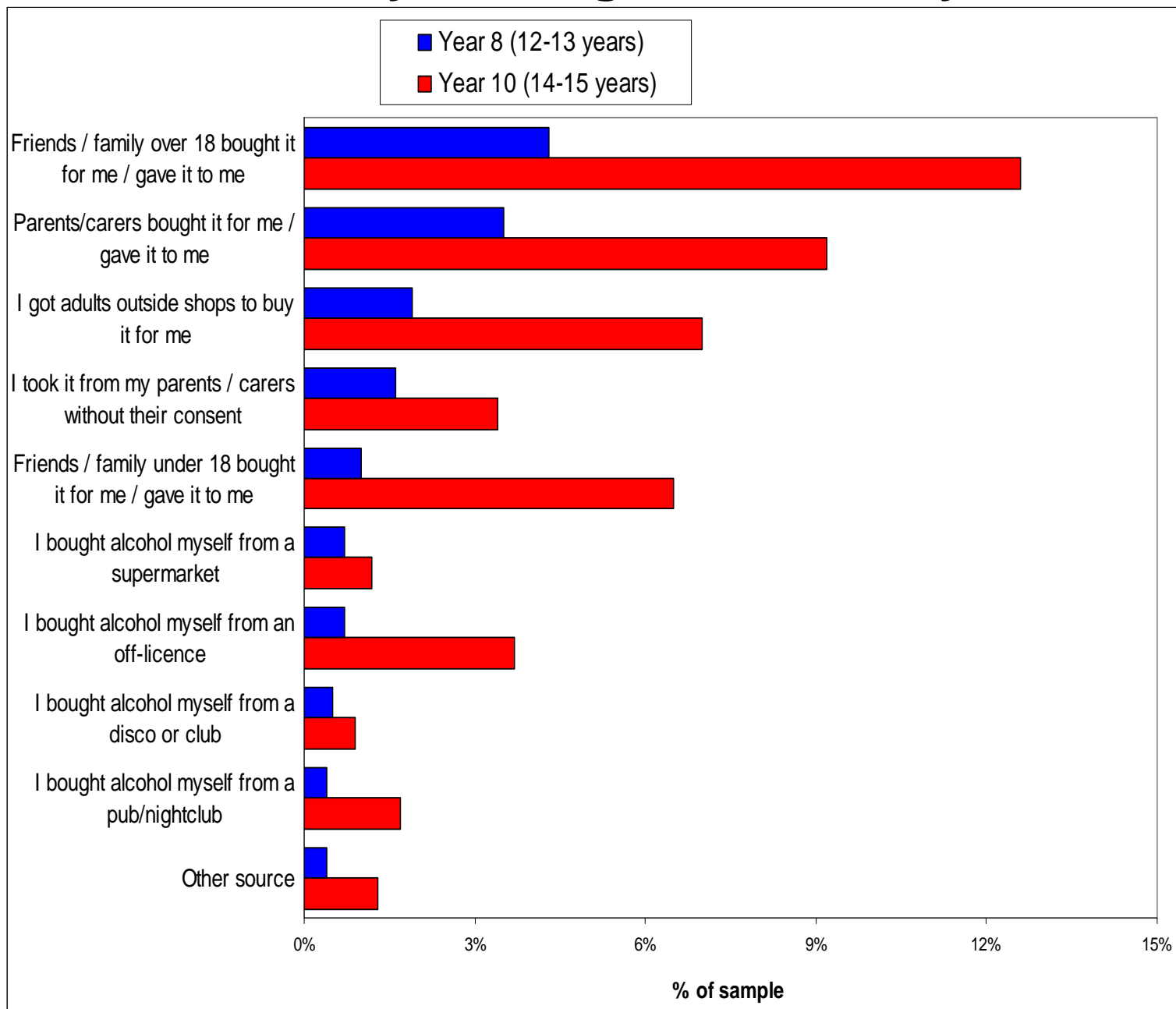
% responding 'often' or 'always'



- The main reason Year 8 and Year 10 children drink alcohol is to socialise and have fun.

# Where children get alcohol

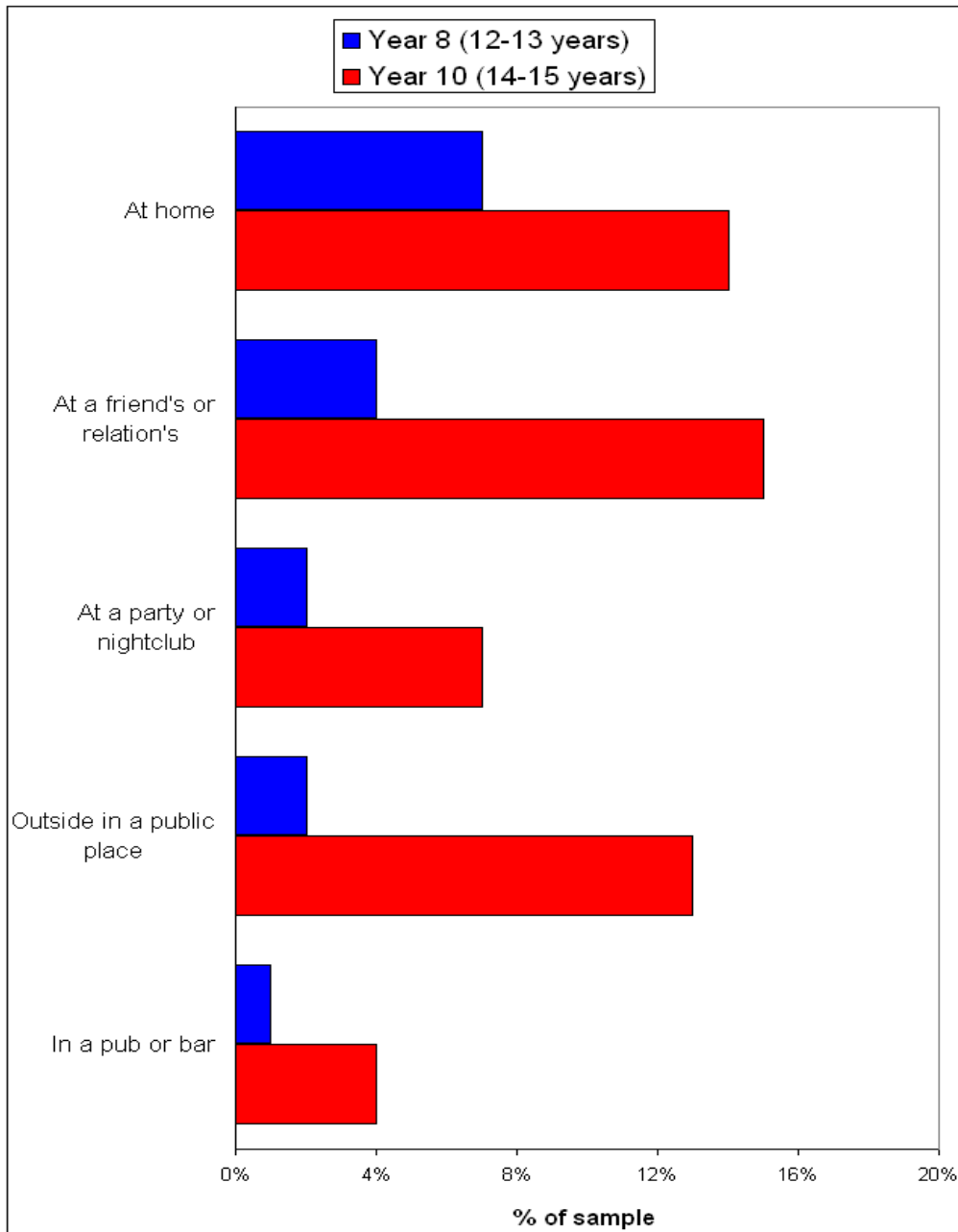
## Have you obtained alcoholic drink in any of these ways during the last 7 days ?



- The majority of children who had alcohol in the previous 7 days obtained it from adults.

# Where children drink alcohol

Have you drunk alcoholic drink at any of these places during the last 7 days ?



- The majority of children who drink alcohol do so at home or with friends and relations.