According to the Global School-based Health Survey (GSHS), which was conducted in Grenada in 2008, approximately 49% of boys and 43% of girls between the ages of 13 to 15 years in Grenada had at least one drink containing alcohol, during the 30 days prior to the survey.

Approximately 10% of girls and 18% of boys started drinking alcohol before the age of seven (7). However, there are very little discrepancies between the drinking habits of boys and girls thereafter.

Figure 1 illustrates the difference between boys and girls in relation to the age at first drink. There is a 7.3% difference between both genders prior to the age of 10, where proportionately more boys start to drink earlier. However, the trends and percentages are similar at age 10 and older.

The study population consisted of 1,542 secondary school students, ages 11 to 16 years. The survey yielded a 95% school response rate, 82% student response rate and 78% overall response rate.

Further details on the findings of the Global School-based Health Survey can be obtained from the Drug Control Secretariat, or our webpage: www.gov.gd/ncodc.html