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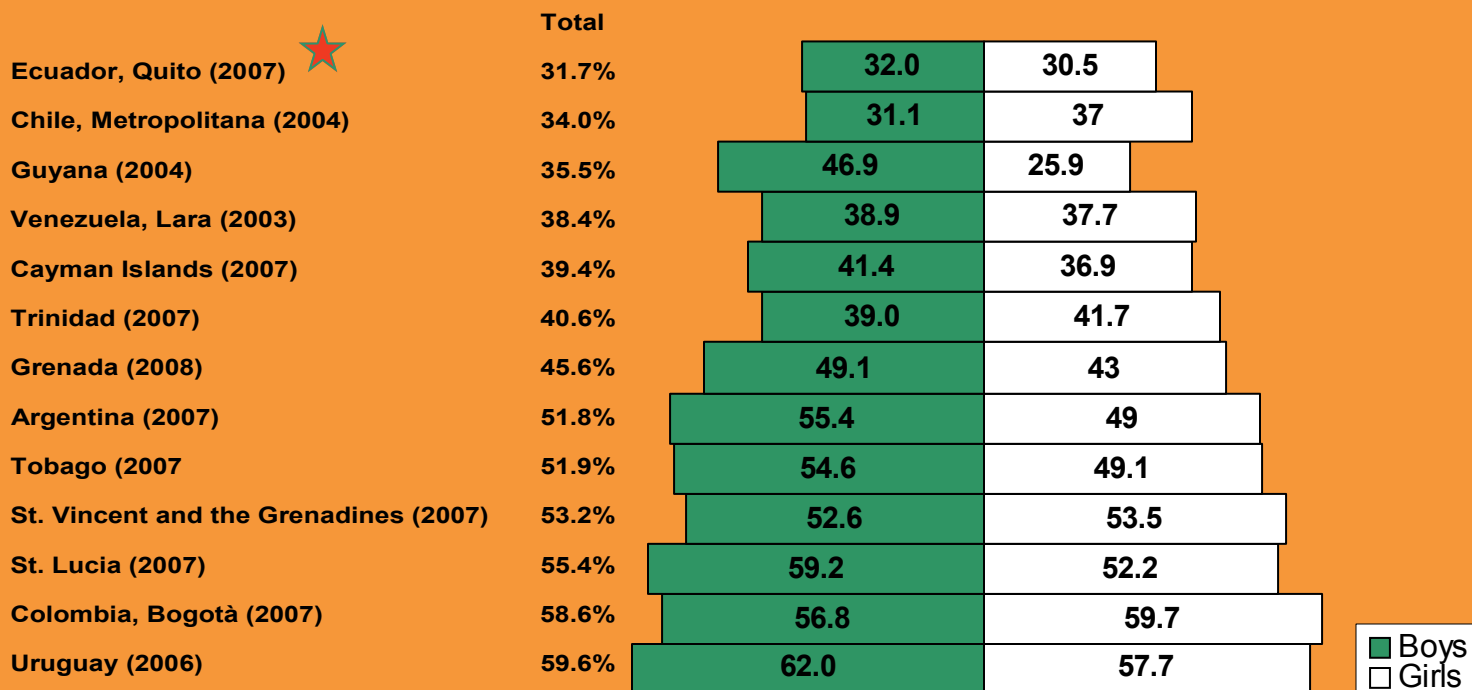
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Area of Sustainable
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Environmental Health

SURPRISING ALCOHOL PATTERNS OF CONSUMPTION AMONG BOYS AND GIRLS

Alcohol is no longer a thing for men. In fact, girls reported to have more access to alcohol than boys in Colombia, St. Vincent, Trinidad and Chile.

Percentage of Students who have had at Least One Drink in the Past 30 Days



★ What does Ecuador say?

Three elements have contributed to lower rates of alcohol consumption among our youth, especially in Quito city.

1. The Ministry of Health is promoting, since 2006, the program *managing the drinker problem program* by training professionals in the Health Areas as well as young students and community leaders.

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You Tube

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TO LAUGH 😄



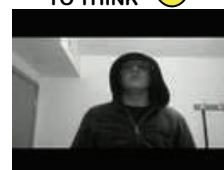
[Drunk chick falls into the toilet](#)

TO CRY 😭



[Teen party tragedy](#)

TO THINK 😏



[PSA teen drinking alcohol related suicide](#)

Additional Reading

- [Global Status Report: Alcohol and Young People](#)
- [Alcohol Marketing and Youth: An Overview](#)
- [Alcohol and Public Health in the Americas](#)



The GSHS is a relatively low-cost survey which uses a self-administered questionnaire to obtain data from a representative sample of students, between 13 to 15 years, on health risk behaviors and protective factors that affect the morbidity and mortality among young people worldwide. Participating countries receive technical assistance from PAHO/WHO and the CDC.

For additional information about the GSHS: <http://www.bvsde.ops-oms.org/bvsdeescuelas/EMSE/EMSEeng.html>
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