

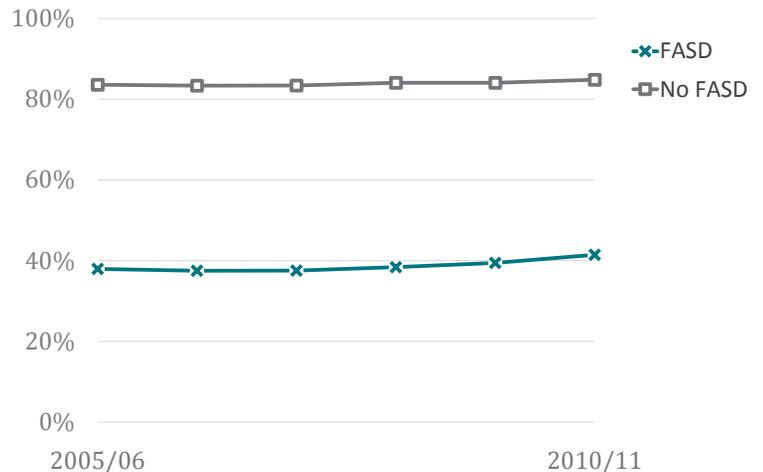
DID YOU KNOW?

Nearly half of young Albertans with Fetal Alcohol Spectrum Disorder were meeting or exceeding educational expectations between 2005/06 and 2010/11.

Fetal Alcohol Spectrum Disorder (FASD) is a complex and preventable disorder caused by alcohol exposure during pregnancy. The prevalence in Canada is estimated to be 4%. Of young Albertans with FASD, almost 40% were meeting or exceeding educational expectations compared to 80% of young Albertans without a diagnosis of FASD.

Expectations for educational achievement were computed by Alberta Education using age, grade, school type, special education codes, provincial achievement test scores, home education status, number of high school credits earned, number of higher level courses taken, average grade in higher level courses, possession of an Alberta Education certificate or diploma, and Alexander Rutherford scholarship eligibility.

Percentage of Albertans in grades 3 to 12 meeting or exceeding educational expectations over time



Learn more: <https://policywise.com/FASDprofile>

So what? This evidence might lead you to think about questions, such as:

Is the definition of meeting educational expectations used for the general population appropriate for a population with complex needs and challenges?

What other indicators or measures of positive outcomes might be used to determine whether services and programs are improving the quality of life for young Albertans with FASD?

How might the opportunity to meet educational expectations be impacted by a person's gender, where they live, cultural background, or abilities?



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