

Underage Drinking

- More than five million high school students in America binge drink (consume five or more drinks in one sitting) at least once a month.
- Those who begin drinking before the age of 15 are four times as likely to develop alcoholism later.
- One third of all 6th and 9th graders who drink obtain the alcohol from their own home.
- 80% of students have consumed alcohol by the end of high school.
- About eight young people die everyday in an alcohol related crash.
- Everyday, an average of 11,318 American youth, ages 12-20, try alcohol for the first time.
- About 5,000 young people under the age of 21 die every year due to alcohol.
- Young people between the ages of 12 and 20 are more likely to use alcohol than they are to use tobacco, marijuana, or other drugs.
- The three leading causes for death among 15 to 24 year olds are car crashes, homicides, and suicides. Alcohol is the leading factor of all three.
- The average age at which Americans begin drinking regularly is 15.9.
- About 10% of 9 and 10 year olds have begun drinking and almost one third of all youth began drinking before the age of 13.
- Approximately 700,00 college students are assaulted by other students who have been drinking, each year.
- The economic cost of underage drinking is estimated to be about 62 billion dollars.

