

MORE PEOPLE HAVING MORE THAN JUST A SIP

Studies show that as teens get older, the amount of alcohol they consume increases

In 2009, about 10.4 million young people between ages 12 and 20 drank more than "just a few sips" of alcohol. As kids get older, they drink more. By age 15, half of teens have had at least one drink. By age 18, more than 70% of teens have had at least one drink.



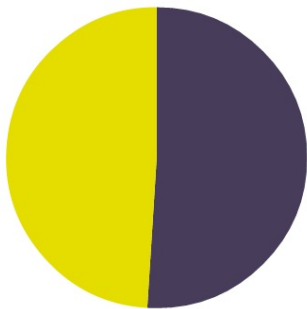
1 in 6 teens binge drink yet 1 in 100 parents believe their child binge drinks.

26.4%
of teens have consumed alcohol in the past 30 days.

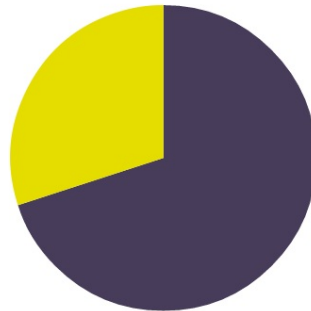
17.4%
of the those who had consumed alcohol within 30 days had been binge drinking.

In our survey, we asked students if they had ever tried alcohol before. The results show about half of students have.

We asked FHN students if they would get in trouble with their parents if they found out they drank. Majority of students say they would.



■ Yes (51%) ■ No (49%)



■ Yes (70%) ■ No (30%)

Total alcohol-impaired fatalities in Missouri 280

Total alcohol-impaired fatalities in Missouri under the age of 21 30

SADD : goo.gl/sIBC18

National Institute of Alcohol Abuse and Alcoholism: goo.gl/QN9hwf

Foundation for Advancing Alcohol Responsibility: goo.gl/C4R1wi

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Alcohol is one of the most common substances that is abused. With many teens participating in underage drinking, problems may arise.

Drivers are less likely to use restraints when they have been drinking. In 2009, **60%** of the young drivers of passenger vehicles involved in fatal crashes who had been drinking were unrestrained.

In 2009, an estimated **623** lives were saved by minimum-drinking-age laws.

The National Highway Traffic Safety Administration estimates that the 21-year-old minimum drinking age laws have reduced traffic fatalities involving **18 to 21** years old by **13%** and have saved an estimated **27,677** lives since 1975.

The number of 15- to 20-year-old drivers involved in fatal crashes who had a BAC of .01 g/dL or higher dropped by **37%**, from **1,932** in 2000 to **1,210** in 2009.

National Organization for Youth Safety: <http://goo.gl/23Qkcs>

