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Alcohol Update Underage Drinking



SAMHSA report shows steady decline in underage drinking from 2002-2013

Yet alcohol still remains the most widely used substance of abuse among youths aged 12 to 20.

The report shows that **level of current underage drinking** among those aged 12 to 20 decreased from 28.8 percent in 2002 to **22.7 percent in 2013**.

Likewise, the level of **current underage binge drinking** also declined from 19.3 percent in 2002 to **14.2 percent in 2013**. Binge drinking is defined as having five or more drinks on the same occasion (i.e., at the same time or within a couple of hours of each other) on at least one day in the past 30 days.

Despite this reduction, however, **more youths aged 12 to 20 currently use alcohol (22.7 percent) than use tobacco (16.9 percent) or use illicit drugs (13.6 percent)**.
Read more: <http://www.samhsa.gov/newsroom/press-announcements/201506111200-2>

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