

# Underage Drinking Statistics



**ONE IN SIX TEENS BINGE DRINKS, YET ONLY 1 IN 100 PARENTS BELIEVE HIS OR HER TEEN BINGE DRINKS.** 


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**TEEN ALCOHOL USE KILLS 4,700 PEOPLE EACH YEAR - THAT'S MORE THAN ALL ILLEGAL DRUGS COMBINED.** 

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**CAR CRASHES ARE THE LEADING CAUSE OF DEATH FOR TEENS, AND ABOUT A QUARTER OF THOSE CRASHES INVOLVE AN UNDERAGE DRINKING DRIVER.** 

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**KIDS WHO START DRINKING YOUNG ARE SEVEN TIMES MORE LIKELY TO BE IN AN ALCOHOL-RELATED CRASH.** 

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**HIGH SCHOOL STUDENTS WHO USE ALCOHOL OR OTHER SUBSTANCES ARE FIVE TIMES MORE LIKELY TO DROP OUT OF SCHOOL.** 

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**ALMOST HALF OF ALL 10TH GRADERS DRINK ALCOHOL.** 

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