

Data Spotlight

National Survey on Drug Use and Health

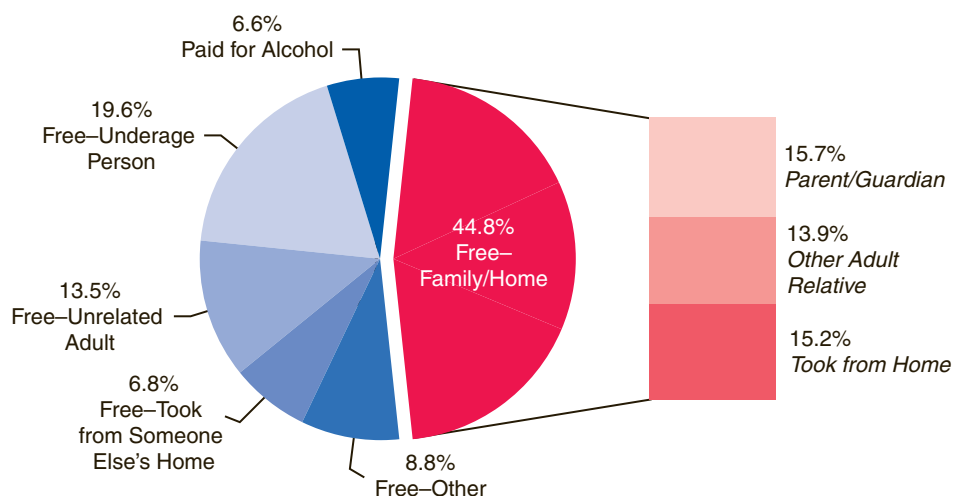
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Young Alcohol Users Often Get Alcohol from Family or Home

Annually, an estimated 709,000 youths aged 12 to 14 (5.9 percent) drank alcohol in the past month according to combined 2006 to 2009 data from the National Survey on Drug Use and Health. Almost all of these adolescents (93.4 percent) received their alcohol for free the last time they drank, and 44.8 percent (about 317,000) got the alcohol for free from their family or at home (Figure). These results suggest that family members can play a direct and important role in reducing young adolescents' access to alcohol, preventing not only underage drinking but also the early onset of other associated behavioral health problems.

For more information on SAMHSA's efforts to prevent underage alcohol use, see <http://www.stopalcoholabuse.gov/>.

Payment and Source of Most Recently Used Alcohol among Past Month Alcohol Users Aged 12 to 14: 2006 to 2009*



* Percentages were computed after excluding respondents with missing payment or source information.

Source: The National Survey on Drug Use and Health (NSDUH) is an annual survey sponsored by the Substance Abuse and Mental Health Services Administration (SAMHSA). The survey collects data by administering questionnaires to a representative sample of the population through face-to-face interviews at their places of residence.

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