Underage drinking, or drinking prior to the age of 21, is a key behavioral health indicator measured by the National Survey on Drug Use and Health every year. Reducing underage drinking is one of the top substance abuse prevention priorities of the Michigan Department of Health and Human Services. This infographic summarizes 2012-2013 data collected in Michigan.

**At What Age Did Young People Start Using Alcohol?**

Of those who first used alcohol in 2013:

- 85% were younger than age 21.
- 61% were younger than age 18.

Rates of current underage drinking increased with age:

- 2% of 12 to 13 year-olds
- 11% of 14 to 15 year-olds
- 25% of 16 to 17 year-olds
- 49% of 18 to 20 year-olds

**How Many Young People Reported Binge Drinking?**

- 0.6% of 12 to 13 year-olds
- 4.4% of 14 to 15 year-olds
- 12.4% of 16 to 17 year-olds
- 34.0% of 18 to 20 year-olds

**What Were the Drinking Rates Among College Students?**

- 3 Out of 5 college students (18-22 year-olds) were current drinkers (62%). Among current drinkers in college:
  - 42% were binge drinkers.
  - 1 out of 2 men (48%) were binge drinkers compared to 1 out of 3 women (35%).
  - 13% were heavy drinkers.

**At What Time Did Young People Report Their Last Drink?**

- 1 out of 4 12 to 20 year-olds reported current alcohol use in 2012-2013 (25.6%).
- 78% of 12 to 20 year-olds reported drinking with two or more friends when they did drink.
- 36% of current drinkers reported their last drink was in their own home.
- 54% of current drinkers reported their last drink was in someone else’s home.
- Women were twice as likely as men to have had their last drink at a restaurant, bar, or club (10% vs. 5%).

Adults ages 21 or older who had first used alcohol at age 14 or younger (16%) were 7 times more likely to be classified with alcohol dependence or abuse than adults who had their first drink at 21 or older (2%).