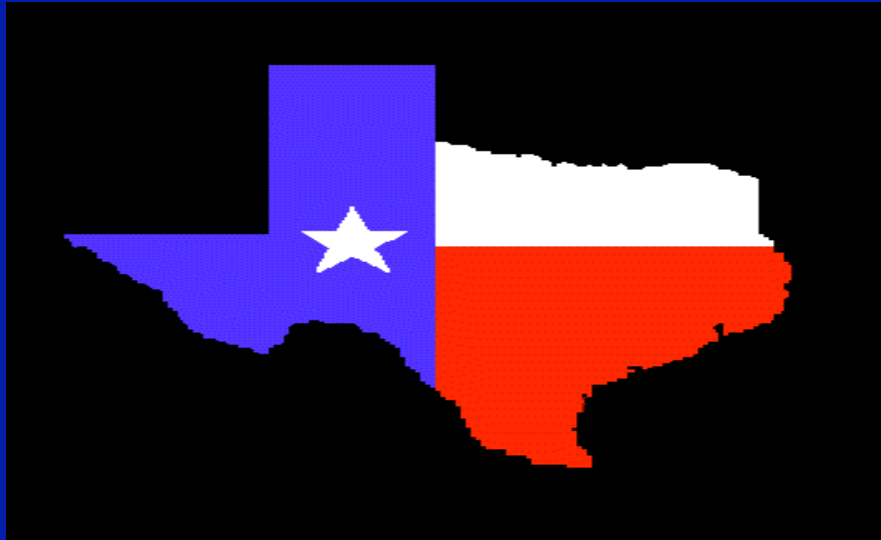


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**The Statewide Coalition to Prevent
Youth Alcohol, Tobacco & Other
Drug Use**

Substance Abuse in Texas



The Five Substances Most Widely Used by Young People in Texas are:

*Alcohol

*Tobacco

*Marijuana

*Inhalants

*Powder Cocaine

*2004 DSHS Texas Secondary School Survey

Substance Abuse in Texas

Age of First Use in Texas

Alcohol	12.4 Years of Age
Cigarettes	12.5 Years of Age
Marijuana	13.5 Years of Age*

*2004 DSHS Secondary School Survey

Alcohol

Continues to be the most widely used substance among secondary school students.

*68% Report lifetime use

*33% Report past month use

*15% Report drinking 5 or more beers at one time.



*2004 DSHS Texas Secondary School Survey

Tobacco

Tobacco is the 2nd most widely used Substance among secondary students.

*39% Report lifetime use of any tobacco Product

*17% Report past month use of any Tobacco product



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Marijuana

*30% Report lifetime use among Secondary students

*13% Report past month use Among secondary students



Inhalants

*17% Report lifetime use among Secondary students

*7% Report past month use among Secondary students.



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Cost of Underage Alcohol Use in Texas

\$5.5 Billion annually

- Costs from medical care, work loss, and multiple youth alcohol-related problems, such as
 - Alcohol related violence
 - » Suicide, homicide, aggravated assault, rape
 - Traffic crashes
 - High-risk sex
 - Crime
 - Injuries
 - Poisonings and psychosis
 - Fetal Alcohol Syndrome
 - Youth alcohol treatment

2004 Texas DPS Arrest Data

Alcohol

- *11,308 Texans under the age of 21 were arrested for DUI
- *19,056 Texans under the age of 21 were arrested for Public Drunkenness
- *35 youth 12 and under were arrested for Public Drunkenness

Marijuana

- *27,678 Texans under the age of 21 Were arrested for possession of Marijuana.



TABC Arrest Data

Between 8/01/05 and 3/27/06
The TABC reports that **15%** (368)
of All Public Intoxication Arrests
Were between the ages of
15-20



National Highway Transportation Safety Administration 2004 Data

In 2004 Texas Led The Nation
In Alcohol-Related Traffic Fatalities

- Of the 3,583 Traffic Fatalities in Texas, **1,642 (46%)** Were Alcohol-Related.
- For the Ages 16-20, There Were **266** Alcohol-Related Traffic Fatalities, **55%** Of All Fatalities In That Age Group.



Kids Experience a Different Drinking Environment



What has changed:

- What kids drink (potency of alcohol)
- How much kids drink
- Frequency of their drinking
- Age they begin drinking
- Overall availability of alcohol
- Definition of a “drink”
- Parental/adult supervision

Source: FACE – Truth and Clarity on Alcohol.

Age of 1st Use of Alcohol in Texas

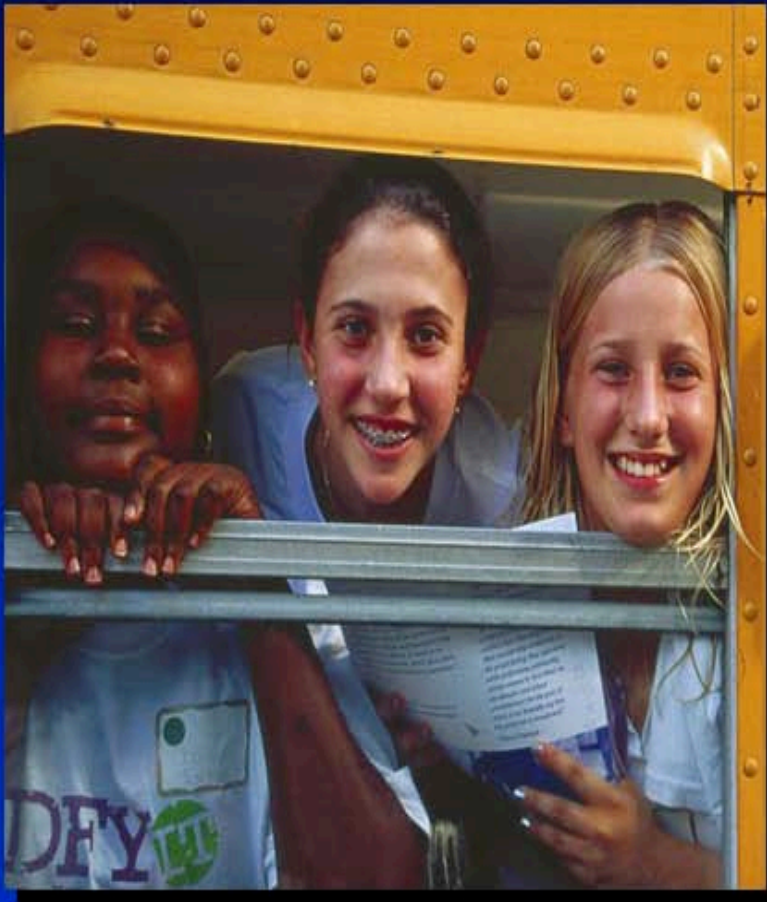
12.4 Years Old



- 7th graders report 1st use of beer at age 10.5 years

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Girls are Drinking at Younger Ages Than Ever Before



- In the 1960s, seven percent of new female users of alcohol were ages 10 to 14.¹
- By the early 1990s, that figure had risen to thirty-one percent.¹
- Smaller amounts of alcohol are more intoxicating to females, regardless of their size, because women absorb and metabolize alcohol differently than men.²

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¹ Substance Abuse and Mental Health Services Administration. National Household Survey on Drug Abuse, Substance Abuse Among Women in the U.S., Rockville, MD: U.S. Department of Health and Human Services, 1996.

² National Institute on Alcohol Abuse and Alcoholism, Alcohol Alert, No. 46. Are Women More Vulnerable to Alcohol's Effects? Bethesda, MD: National Institute on Alcohol Abuse and Alcoholism, 1999.

% Alcohol Use - Past Month

	Boys	Girls
• 7th Grade	16.0%	17.6%
• 8th Grade	22.2%	25.0%
• 9th Grade	31.1%	33.8%
• 10th Grade	38.6%	39.0%
• 11th Grade	43.9%	40.2%
• 12th Grade	50.7%	44.4%

* 2004 DSHS Texas Secondary School Survey

How Dangerous Do You Think It Is For Kids Your Age To Use:

Very/Somewhat Dangerous

Cocaine	92.9%
Inhalants	90.2%
Steroids	89.3%
Marijuana	79.2%
Tobacco	79.0%
Alcohol	77.7%

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How Easy Is It To Get The Following

Very/Somewhat Easy

Alcohol	67.8%
Tobacco	61.2%
Inhalants	53.8%
Marijuana	44.3%
Cocaine	22.5%

*DHS Texas Secondary School Survey - 2004

Environmental Policies Do Work

The Use of Alcohol, Tobacco Has Decreased Overall Since 1990.

	Ever Used		
	1990	2000	2004
Alcohol	81%	71%	68%
Tobacco	55%	51%	39%

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*2004 DSHS Secondary School Survey

Environmental Changes: Availability

Over The Past Ten Years, Alcohol Has Become Less Available From Retailers

Where Do You always/Most Of The Time Get Alcohol?

	1994	2004
Stores	39%	22%
Home	20%	18%
Friends	71%	67%
Parties	75%	67%*



*2004 DSHS Secondary School Survey

Environmental Changes: Social Norms Parental Guidance In Prevention

How Do Your Parents Feel about Kids
Your Age Using The Following?

Mildly/Strongly Disapprove

Marijuana	86%
Cigarettes	82%
Beer	79%*



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