

Search Institute Survey, February 2008

(We will have updated 2011 data within the next 2 months)

Drinking Age of Onset

	12 or younger	13	14	15 or older	Never
I first tried alcohol at...	18%	17%	13%	34%	17%

Past 30-day Use & Binge Drinking

Grade	7	8	9	10	11	12	Average
Had a drink in the past 30 days	6%	21%	18%	51%	52%	55%	33%
Had more than 5 or more drinks in a row in past 2 weeks	8%	12%	10%	22%	33%	35%	20%
During the last 12 months, have been to a party where other kids their age were drinking	13%	38%	42%	73%	76%	77%	53%

Peer & Parental Approval of Drinking

	Not Wrong	Somewhat Wrong	Wrong/ Very Wrong	Don't Know/ Missing
My parents feel drinking alcohol regularly (1 or 2 drinks nearly every day) is...	9%	15%	69%	7%
Students in my grade feel drinking alcohol regularly (1 or 2 drinks nearly every day) is...	26%	28%	32%	13%
Students in my grade feel driving a car after 2 or 3 drinks of alcohol is...	12%	23%	50%	15%

Parent Survey Data, 2010-2011

Some highlights...

- 80% of parents feel underage drinking is a problem in Stratford
- Parents feel kids have the easiest access getting alcohol at a friend's home or having an older sibling or friend buy it for them
- 52% of parents are not concerned about their child using alcohol
- 97% would not allow their child or child's friends to drink at their home
- 81% closely monitor the liquor in their home
- 39% would call the Stratford Tip Line
- 93% of parents felt their child does not drink alcohol
- 81% feel they have control over whether or not their child drinks alcohol
- 54% of parents feel drinking is an inevitable part of growing up

Social Host Law

Before the law was approved in June 2006, possession of alcohol by an underage person was illegal *only on public property*. The change in the law makes it illegal for a property owner to permit anyone under 21 to possess alcohol on the property, or for the owner to fail to make reasonable efforts to stop a minor from possessing alcohol on the property. It also gives law enforcement officers the right to enter private property if they believe an underage party is taking place.

Who can be held responsible?

- Adults, including family members and friends, who serve or provide alcohol to an underage youth, anywhere on their property.
- Adults, including family members and friends, can be arrested if they allow under-age consumption to occur with their knowledge, even if they did not provide the alcohol.
- Parents and homeowners even if they are not on the premises and/or did not provide the alcohol.

What are some of the consequences?

- Individuals who knowingly permit minors to possess and/or consume alcohol may be fined, imprisoned, or both.
- Minors can be fined and driver's license can be suspended for violating the law.
- You could be held civilly liable for injuries, alcohol poisoning, sexual assaults or deaths that occur.
- You could be charged for medical bills and property damage.
- Your homeowner's insurance may increase.
- Someone could be injured or die!