

# Adult Social Hosting Survey Results 2008

## Terms and Results

**Social Hosting** is when someone provides alcohol to an underage person.

An **Adult** is someone who is 21 years of age or older.

A **Youth** is someone who is under 21 years of age.

A **party** is a social gathering (of any size) where alcohol is present.

Total amount of completed surveys: 430

## **Section 1: Prevalence of Underage Drinking**

1. *What percent of underage youth in your community have had at least one alcoholic drink in the last 30 days?*

<b>Response</b>	<b>Number</b>	<b>*Percent</b>
0-20%	22	5.2
21-40%	87	20.7
41-60%	106	25.2
61-80%	88	20.9
81-100%	15	3.6
Not Sure	103	24.5
Total	421	

2. *Generally, how often do you think youth drink alcohol?*

<b>Response</b>	<b>Number</b>	<b>*Percent</b>
a. Only on special occasions	17	4.0
b. Less than once per month	25	5.9
c. About once per month	67	15.8
d. Once per week, on the <u>weekends</u>	132	31.2
e. Once per week, <u>during the week</u>	11	2.6
f. Multiple times per week, on the <u>weekends</u>	59	13.4
g. Multiple times per week, <u>during the week</u>	23	5.4
h. Youth in my age/in my grade do not drink alcohol	2	0.5
i. Not sure	87	20.6
Total	423	

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3. *How concerned are you about underage drinking in your community?*

<b>Response</b>	<b>Number</b>	<b>*Percent</b>
Not Very Concerned	16	3.8
Somewhat Concerned	118	27.8
Very Concerned	284	66.8
Not Sure	7	1.6
Total	425	

4. *Have you **ever** had a **whole drink** (not just a sip or taste) of beer, wine, wine cooler, or liquor?*

<b>Response</b>	<b>Number</b>	<b>*Percent</b>
Yes	400	95.5
No	19	4.5
Total	419	

5. *In the past 12 months, how often have you had one or more **whole drinks** of an alcoholic beverage (beer, wine, wine cooler, or liquor)?*

	<b>Response</b>	<b>Number</b>	<b>*Percent</b>
a.	Not at all	87	20.9
b.	1-2 times in the past 12 months	41	9.8
c.	3-5 times in the past 12 months	46	11.0
d.	6-10 times in the past 12 months	39	9.4
e.	About once a month	39	9.4
f.	2-3 times a month	55	13.2
g.	1-2 times a week	66	15.8
h.	Several times a week	37	8.9
i.	Every day	7	1.7
	Total	417	

6. *Those times when you drank alcoholic beverages in the **past 12 months**, about **how many** did you **usually** have?*

	<b>Response</b>	<b>Number</b>	<b>*Percent</b>
a.	None	74	18.1
b.	Less than one	13	3.2
c.	One	140	34.3

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d. Two	127	31.1
e. Three	33	8.1
f. Four	10	2.5
g. Five	6	1.5
h. Six or more	5	1.
i. Total	408	

## Section 2: Availability of Alcohol to Underage Youth

1. How difficult or easy is it for youth to obtain alcohol in your community?

Response	Number	*Percent
Very Difficult	2	.5
Somewhat Difficult	40	10.8
Somewhat Easy	170	46.1
Very Easy	95	25.7
Not Sure	63	17.1
Total	369	

2. Suppose a youth wanted to get each of the following beverages. How easy or difficult do you think it would be for them to get each one?

Response	Number	*Percent
<u>BEER:</u>		
Very Difficult	1	0.3
Difficult	16	4.3
Unsure	59	16.0
Easy	194	52.6
Very Easy	99	26.8
Total	369	

<u>WINE:</u>		
Very Difficult	1	0.3
Difficult	27	7.3
Unsure	97	26.3
Easy	168	45.5
Very Easy	76	20.6
Total	369	

<u>WINE COOLER:</u>		
Very Difficult	2	0.5
Difficult	19	5.2
Unsure	82	22.3

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Easy	184	50.1
Very Easy	80	21.8
Total	369	

**LIQUOR:**

Very Difficult	4	1.1
Difficult	54	14.6
Unsure	119	32.2
Easy	144	39.0
Very Easy	48	13.0
Total	369	

3. *If a youth wanted to, how easy or difficult would it be for them to get beer, wine, wine cooler, or liquor from home without their parents knowing it?*

<b>Response</b>	<b>Number</b>	<b>*Percent</b>
Very Difficult	4	1.1
Somewhat Difficult	29	7.9
Somewhat Easy	187	50.7
Very Easy	115	31.2
Not Sure	35	9.5
Total	370	

4. *If a youth wanted to, how easy or difficult would it be for them to get someone they didn't know who was over 21 years old to buy alcohol for them?*

<b>Response</b>	<b>Number</b>	<b>*Percent</b>
Very Difficult	4	1.1
Somewhat Difficult	103	27.8
Somewhat Easy	141	38.1
Very Easy	60	16.2
Not Sure	63	17.0
Total	371	

5. *How easy or difficult would it be for a youth to steal beer, wine, wine cooler, or liquor from a store?*

<b>Response</b>	<b>Number</b>	<b>*Percent</b>
Very Difficult	62	16.7
Somewhat Difficult	164	44.2
Somewhat Easy	63	17.0
Very Easy	27	7.3

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Not Sure	56	15.1
Total	372	

6. *How many stores do you know of that would sell youth alcohol without asking them for ID or proof of age?*

<b>Response</b>	<b>Number</b>	<b>*Percent</b>
None	218	59.4
One or Two	115	31.3
Three or Four	30	8.2
Five or Six	3	0.8
More than Six	2	0.5
Total	368	

7. *In your opinion, how do youth under the age of 21 obtain alcohol in your community?*  
*\*\*Check all that apply.*

<b>Response</b>	<b>Number</b>	<b>**Percent</b>	<b>Rank</b>
a. They bought it themselves <u>with</u> fake ID	180	49.0	6
b. They bought it themselves <u>without</u> fake ID	92	25.1	10
c. They got it from someone they know aged 21 or older	349	95.1	1
d. They got it from someone they know under age 21	155	42.2	7
e. They got it from a brother or sister	253	68.2	3
f. They got it from their parents <u>with</u> permission	203	55.3	4
g. They got it from their parents <u>without</u> permission	290	79.0	2
h. They got it from another relative	189	51.5	5
i. A stranger bought it for them	134	36.5	8
j. They took it from a store or shop	128	34.9	9
k. Other	18	4.9	11

8. *In the **past 12 months**, do you think youth have bought alcoholic beverages at any of the following places? (Yes or No)*

<b>Response</b>	<b>Number (Yes)</b>	<b>*Percent</b>	<b>Rank</b>
a. Grocery Store or Supermarket	154	46.1	4
b. Liquor Store	72	22.0	7
c. Convenience Store (e.g. 7-11)	286	83.6	2
d. Gas Station Mini Mart	288	85.5	1
e. Bar or Pub	147	46.2	5
f. Nightclub	130	40.8	6
g. Restaurant	147	45.1	5
h. Sporting Event (not at school)	166	51.1	3

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9. *How difficult or easy is it in your community for a youth to find a parent, sibling, or other adult to buy alcohol for them?*

<b>Response</b>	<b>Number</b>	<b>*Percent</b>
Very Difficult	6	1.6
Somewhat Difficult	65	17.7
Somewhat Easy	183	49.7
Very Easy	71	19.3
Not Sure	44	12.0
Total	369	

10. *How difficult or easy would it be in your community for youth under the age of 21 to find a party where they could obtain alcohol?*

<b>Response</b>	<b>Number</b>	<b>*Percent</b>
Very Difficult	1	0.3
Somewhat Difficult	13	3.5
Somewhat Easy	125	33.8
Very Easy	204	55.1
Not Sure	28	7.6
Total	371	

11. *What is the average size of the \*parties that go on in your town?*

*\*For the purpose of this survey a **Party** is defined as a social gathering (of any size) where alcohol is present.*

<b>Response</b>	<b>Number</b>	<b>*Percent</b>
0-5	12	3.3
5-10	77	21.1
10-20	132	36.2
20+	29	7.9
Not Sure	116	31.8
Total	366	

12. *What type of alcohol do you think is **usually available at parties** where underage youth are present? \*\*Check all that apply.*

<b>Responses</b>	<b>Number</b>	<b>**Percent</b>	<b>Rank</b>
a. Beer (bottles or cans)	343	94.8	1
b. Beer (keg)	151	41.7	5
c. Wine	94	26.0	7
d. Wine Coolers	189	52.2	3
e. Pre-mixed Drinks	90	24.9	8

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f. Hard Liquor	227	62.7	2
g. Alco-pops (flavored spirit beverage)	115	31.8	6
h. Shots	169	46.7	4
i. Other	13	3.6	9

13. What type of alcohol do you think is used **during party games** where underage youth are present?

Response	Number	**Percent	Rank
a. Beer (bottles or cans)	330	92.2	1
b. Beer (keg)	154	43.0	4
c. Wine	71	19.8	8
d. Wine Coolers	120	33.5	5
e. Pre-mixed Drinks	84	23.5	7
f. Hard Liquor	202	56.4	3
g. Alco-pops (flavored spirit beverage)	96	26.8	6
h. Shots	205	57.3	2
i. Other	13	3.6	9

14. Where do underage youth consume alcohol in your community? **\*\*Check all applicable.**

Response	Number	**Percent	Rank
a. At a friends home <u>with</u> permission	210	66.7	6
b. At a friends home <u>without</u> permission	334	97.9	2
c. At your home <u>with</u> permission	35	11.6	12
d. At your home <u>without</u> permission	51	17.3	11
e. At indoor places (camps, houses, barns) <u>with</u> permission	189	61.8	7
f. At indoor places <u>without</u> permission	333	98.2	1
g. At places outdoors (fields,parks,woods,gravel pits) <u>with</u> permission	174	55.9	8
h. At places outdoors <u>without</u> permission	338	97.4	3
i. Vacant or abandoned buildings	224	74.9	5
j. In vehicles	311	94.2	4
k. In public places	141	53.6	9
l. Other	20	35.7	10

15. Do you agree or disagree that some parents/adults **knowingly** provide a place (home, fields, etc.) for underage youth in your community to drink alcohol?

Response	Number	*Percent
Strongly Agree	102	27.6
Agree	211	57.2
Disagree	14	3.8

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Strongly Disagree	16	4.3
Not Sure	27	7.0
Total	370	

16. In your opinion, **how often** do parents/adults knowingly provide a place for underage youth to drink alcohol?

<b>Response</b>	<b>Number</b>	<b>*Percent</b>
Always	5	1.4
Sometimes	247	67.5
Rarely	68	18.6
Never	3	0.8
Not Sure	44	12.0
Total	367	

17. Have you ever attended a party where **alcohol was available** to underage youth?

<b>Response</b>	<b>Number</b>	<b>*Percent</b>
I have	157	43.9
I haven't	163	45.5
Not sure	39	10.9
Total	359	

18. Have your peers ever attended a party where alcohol was available to underage youth?

<b>Response</b>	<b>Number</b>	<b>*Percent</b>
Yes	173	48.1
No	56	15.6
Not Sure	132	36.7
Total	361	

19. In your opinion, what percent of underage drinking happens at a location with an adult present?

<b>Response</b>	<b>Number</b>	<b>*Percent</b>
0-20%	131	35.9
21-40%	97	26.6
41-60%	76	20.8
81-100%	16	4.4
Not sure	46	12.6
Total	366	

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20. Has anyone you know ever provided alcohol to underage youth?

<b>Response</b>	<b>Number</b>	<b>*Percent</b>
Yes	207	57.0
No	101	27.8
Not Sure	56	15.4

**If YES: Who provided the alcohol?**

a. An adult (someone over 21)		
◦ A parent/guardian	131	61.5
◦ A brother or sister	116	54.5
◦ Another relative	95	44.6
◦ A friend	141	66.2
◦ A co-worker	51	23.9
◦ Someone they know aged 21 or older	108	50.7
b. A youth (someone under age 21)		
◦ A brother or sister	53	24.9
◦ Another relative	33	15.5
◦ A friend	82	38.5
◦ A co-worker	28	13.1
◦ Someone they know under 21	41	19.2
c. A stranger bought it	37	17.4
d. Other	2	1.9

21. Have you ever been to a party where an **adult** has provided the following to underage youth:

<b>Response</b>	<b>Number</b>	<b>*Percent</b>
Location	17	5.0
Alcohol	13	3.8
Both	138	40.8
None of the above	171	50.4
Total	339	

22. Have **you** ever provided the following to youth for the purpose of a party:

<b>Response</b>	<b>Number</b>	<b>*Percent</b>
Location	16	4.8
Alcohol	8	2.4
Both	12	3.6

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None of the above	297	89.5
Total	333	

### Section 3: Community and Family Norms about Underage Drinking

1. At what age do people in your community think it is okay to drink alcohol?

**Average (mean) Response:** 18

2. At what age does your family think it is okay to start drinking alcohol?

**Average (mean) Response:** 21

3. In your community, is underage drinking acceptable?

Response	Number	*Percent
Yes	118	34.3
No	131	38.1
Not Sure	95	27.6
Total	344	

4. If a youth were to drink, what might happen in your community? **\*\*Check all that apply.**

Response	Number	**Percent	Rank
a. They might get arrested	268	83.2	3
b. They might be in trouble at school	301	92.0	2
c. They might be in trouble with their family	320	96.7	1
d. Their image might be affected in a positive way	121	61.1	5
e. Their image might be affected in a negative way	207	81.5	4
f. Nothing would happen	147	61.0	6

5. Does your family have clear rules about alcohol and drug use?

Response	Number	*Percent
Yes	315	92.6
No	18	5.3
Not Sure	7	2.1
Total	340	

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6. *Would you approve if your child attended a party where alcohol was available to underage youth?*

<b>Response</b>	<b>Number</b>	<b>*Percent</b>
Yes	8	2.3
No	316	92.4
Not Sure	18	5.3
Total	342	

7. *Under what conditions is it okay for youth to consume alcohol? \*\*Check all that apply*

<b>Response</b>	<b>Number</b>	<b>**Percent</b>	<b>Rank</b>
a. Never	229	78.2	1
b. At a friends' home <u>with</u> parental permission	13	5.9	10
c. At your home <u>with</u> permission	51	22.7	3
d. On special occasions	76	32.8	2
e. If their keys are taken away	28	12.6	7
f. If there is adult supervision	30	13.3	6
g. If they don't drink and drive	31	13.8	5
h. If the party is kept small	15	6.9	9
i. If there is a limit to the amount of alcohol they can consume	38	16.8	4
j. As a rite of passage	17	8.0	8
k. Other	12	11.5	7

8. *Circle the response highlighted in **bold** that best matches how you feel and what happens in your family.*

I (**like/don't like**) that my family (**does host/doesn't host**) underage drinking parties.

<b>Response</b>	<b>Number</b>	<b>*Percent</b>
Like/Does	6	1.9
Like/Doesn't	306	95.3
Don't Like/Does	6	1.9
Don't Like/Doesn't	3	0.9
Total	321	

9. *How often in the past **12 months** have you talked with your child about...*

	<b>Never</b>	<b>1-2 Times</b>	<b>3-4 Times</b>	<b>5-6 Times</b>	<b>7 or more</b>	<b>Total</b>
a. Not Drinking Alcohol?	10.4%(22)	31.6%(67)	22.6%(48)	13.7%(29)	21.7%(46)	212
b. Not Driving After Drinking?	18.8%(40)	25.4%(54)	16.9%(36)	12.7%(27)	26.8%(57)	213

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c. Not riding with a driver who had been drinking?	16.4%(35)	23.5%(50)	16.9%(36)	14.6%(31)	28.6%(61)	213
d. Not going to parties where alcohol is served?	20.5%(42)	27.8%(57)	22.0%(45)	12.7%(26)	17.1%(35)	205

10. In your opinion, how **likely** or **unlikely** is it that a youth would be caught by their parents if they were to do each of the following?

	Very Likely % number	Somewhat Likely	Somewhat Unlikely	Very Unlikely	Total
a. Drank Alcohol?	10.7% (35)	46.8% (153)	34.6% (113)	8.3% (27)	327
b. Drove after drinking?	17.7% (58)	45.0% (147)	31.5% (103)	6.1% (20)	327
c. Rode with a driver who had been drinking?	7.1% (23)	26.8% (87)	46.5% (151)	19.7% (64)	325
d. Went to a party where alcohol was served?	8.0% (26)	28.0% (91)	46.8% (152)	17.8% (58)	325

## Section 4: Knowledge of Underage Drinking

1. In your opinion, how **likely** or **unlikely** is it that each of the following things would happen to you personally if **you** were to drink **3 or 4 whole drinks** of an alcoholic beverage-beer, wine, wine cooler or liquor? If you've never had anything to drink, please try to imagine and make your best guess.

Response	Very Likely	Somewhat Likely	Somewhat Unlikely	Very Unlikely
a. Feel Relaxed?	64.3% (198)	24.4% (75)	4.2% (13)	7.5%(23)
b. Get in trouble with the police?	8.9% (27)	12.9% (39)	24.4% (74)	54.5% (165)
c. Feel more confident or sure of yourself?	22.2% (68)	36.6% (112)	18.3% (56)	23.2% (71)
d. Harm your health?	24.5 (75)	30.1% (92)	24.2% (74)	21.9% (67)
e. Feel happy?	30.2% (91)	46.8% (141)	13.0% (39)	10.0% (30)
f. Get a hangover?	43.6% (132)	29.7% (90)	15.5% (47)	11.6% (35)
g. Have an easier time expressing your Feelings?	22.3% (68)	43.0% (131)	21.6% (66)	13.1% (40)
h. Do something you regret?	24.3% (74)	30.8% (94)	27.9% (85)	17.4% (53)
i. Feel sick to your stomach?	34.6% (104)	28.2% (85)	22.6% (68)	15.6% (47)
j. Feel more friendly or outgoing?	26.5% (80)	50.3% (152)	14.9% (45)	8.6% (26)
k. Feel out of control?	23.7% (72)	29.6% (90)	22.4% (68)	25.3% (77)
l. Get into fistfights or shoving matches?	5.0% (15)	8.6% (26)	15.0% (45)	71.8% (216)
m. Feel good?	23.9% (72)	49.5% (149)	14.3% (43)	12.3% (37)
n. Have an easier time talking to people?	22.6% (69)	45.9% (140)	17.0% (52)	14.4% (44)
o. Feel sad?	8.6% (26)	25.7% (78)	36.3% (110)	29.4% (89)

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p. Damage your reputation?	16.5% (50)	22.1% (67)	27.1% (82)	34.3% (104)
q. Have a lot of fun?	16.3% (49)	41.7% (125)	28.0% (84)	14.0% (42)
r. Have unprotected sex?	10.9% (33)	12.2% (37)	17.2% (52)	60.1% (182)
s. Increased likelihood to become Dependant on alcohol?	11.6% (35)	22.8% (69)	19.1% (58)	47.2% (143)

2. Please indicate what you believe are the consequences for adults or underage individuals who supply alcohol to underage youth. **\*\*Check all that apply.**

<b>Response</b>	<b>Yes</b>	<b>No</b>	<b>Not Sure</b>
a. Personal liability	96.2% (307)	1.6% (5)	2.2% (7)
b. Legal infractions (fines, arrests)	96.6% (308)	2.2% (7)	1.3% (4)
c. Damaged reputation	86.8% (276)	8.2% (26)	5.0% (16)
d. Property damage	82.5% (259)	8.3% (26)	9.6% (30)
e. Alcohol poisoning	74.6% (232)	12.2% (38)	13.2% (41)
f. Drinking and driving	89.8% (282)	3.5% (11)	6.7% (21)
g. Automobile accidents	90.4% (284)	2.2% (7)	7.3% (23)
h. Fatal injury	84.2% (262)	5.1% (16)	10.6% (33)
i. Consequences from other adults in the community	82.7% (258)	9.3% (29)	8.3% (26)
j. Other	53.8% (14)	15.4% (4)	30.8% (8)

## **Section 5: Enforcement of Underage Drinking Laws**

1. To what degree do police in your town enforce underage drinking laws?

<b>Response:</b>	<b>Number:</b>	<b>*Percent:</b>
Not at all	2.8	9
Some of the time	79	24.4
Most of the time	104	32.1
All of the time	64	19.8
Not Sure	68	21.0
Total	315	

2. How would police in your community respond if they caught an underage person drinking alcohol?  
**\*\*Check all applicable.**

<b>Response</b>	<b>Yes</b>	<b>No</b>	<b>Not Sure</b>
a. Arrest the person	49.8% (155)	16.1% (50)	34.4% (107)
b. Take the person home	56.7% (173)	10.5% (32)	33.1% (101)
c. Call the person's family to let them know what happened.	74.6% (232)	4.8% (15)	20.9% (65)
d. They would break up the	78.9% (247)	4.5% (14)	16.9% (53)

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	party or make the person leave.			
e.	They would do nothing	5.1% (14)	71.4% (197)	23.9% (66)
f.	Other	35.5% (11)	19.4% (6)	45.2% (14)

3. *Would police in your community charge a **youth** for social hosting?*

<b>Response</b>	<b>Number</b>	<b>*Percent</b>
Not at all	15	4.7
Some of the time	50	15.5
Most of the time	70	21.7
All of the time	71	22.0
Not sure	116	36.0
Total	322	

4. *Would police in your community charge an **adult** for social hosting?*

<b>Response</b>	<b>Number</b>	<b>*Percent</b>
Not at all	7	2.2
Some of the time	59	18.2
Most of the time	76	23.5
All of the time	112	34.6
Not sure	70	21.6
Total	318	

5. *In your opinion, would strict enforcement of underage drinking laws stop parents and adults from hosting parties or providing alcohol to underage youth?*

<b>Response</b>	<b>Number</b>	<b>*Percent</b>
Yes	164	50.8
No	92	28.5
Not Sure	67	20.7
Total	323	

## **Section 6: Respondent Information**

1. *Please indicate your age:*

<b>Response</b>	<b>Number</b>	<b>*Percent</b>
21 to 30 years	54	16.7
31 to 40 years	70	21.7
41 to 50 years	91	28.2
51 to 60 years	84	26.0

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61 to 70 years	22	6.8
Over 70 years	2	0.6

2. Please indicate your gender:

<b>Response</b>	<b>Number</b>	<b>*Percent</b>
Female	251	78.0
Male	71	22.0

3. Are you a parent or guardian?

<b>Response</b>	<b>Number</b>	<b>*Percent</b>
Yes	252	77.8
No	72	22.2

If yes, **how many** children do you have and what are their ages?

*How many children?*

<b>Responses</b>	<b>Number</b>	<b>*Percent</b>
One	41	16.4
Two	117	46.8
Three	61	24.4
Four	19	7.6
Five or more	12	4.8

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