

What Do You Know About Youth & Alcohol?
Street Test

1. How many youth start drinking by age 13?
 - a. About one-half
 - b. Nearly one-third
 - c. Approximately one-quarter
 - d. Very few

2. Young people use alcohol at higher rates than _____?
 - a. Tobacco
 - b. Cocaine
 - c. Marijuana
 - d. All illegal drugs, combined

3. Each year in the U.S. about _____ people under 21 die from injury involving underage drinking?
 - a. 2,000
 - b. 5,000
 - c. 7,000
 - d. 10,000

4. Where do underage drinkers report they are most likely to consume alcohol?
 - a. Someone else's home
 - b. School
 - c. Their own home
 - d. Car

5. How many parents of teens said they allowed friends of their own teens to drink in their home under their supervision?
 - a. 1 in 20
 - b. 1 in 12
 - c. 1 in 5
 - d. None

6. How much of all the alcohol consumed by underage drinkers in the U.S. is in the form of 'binge drinking'? (defined as drinking 5 or more drinks in a row)
 - a. 75%
 - b. 35%
 - c. 90%
 - d. 67%

7. Cobb County students report more _____ than all Georgia students?
 - a. 30-day alcohol use
 - b. Binge drinking
 - c. Weekend alcohol use
 - d. All of the above

8. In Georgia, what can happen to adults who provide alcohol to minors?
 - a. Fines up to \$1,000
 - b. Up to 12 months in jail
 - c. Garnished personal property/wages
 - d. All of the above

9. Underage drinking alone cost the citizens of Georgia \$_____ in 2007.
 - a. \$2.5 Billion
 - b. \$60 Million
 - c. \$1.7 Billion
 - d. \$500 Million

Answer Key:

1. Answer: (b) Nearly one-third (*about 22,000 youth in Cobb County* U.S. Census, 2000*)
Sources: U.S. Surgeon General's Report, 2007 and GA Student Health Survey, 2009

2. Answer: (d) All illegal drugs, combined.
Source: National Survey on Drug Use and Health, 2008

3. Answer: (b) 5,000 youth die every year (*700,000 youth are assaulted, 45% of people who die in DUI crash are other than the underage drunk driver*)
Source: U.S. Surgeon General's Report, 2007

4. Answer: (a) Someone else's home (53%)
Sources: National Survey on Drug Use and Health, 2008 & GA Student Health Survey, 2009

5. Answer: (b) 1 in 12
Source: American Medical Association: Teenage Drinking Key Findings, 2005

6. Answer: (c) 90%
Source: Drinking in America: Myths, Realities and Prevention Policy, 2005

7. Answer: (d) All of the above
Source: GA Student Health Survey, 2008

8. Answer: (d) All of the above
Source: Georgia law O.C.G.A., Section 3-3-23 & 3-5-5

9. Answer: (c) \$1.7 Billion (*representing \$1,783 for each youth in the state, annually*)
Source: Pacific Institute for Research and Evaluation, 2009

