Alcohol Use in Delaware

Past Month Alcohol Use (%)

- 16% of 11th graders reported using alcohol in the past month.
- 7% of 8th graders reported using alcohol in the past month.

Age of First Use
Among high school students surveyed in 2021, 13% had their first drink of alcohol before age 13.

Driving Under the Influence
In 2022, there were 2,841 DUI arrests in the state of Delaware, and 27% of fatal car crashes involved alcohol.

Adult Drinking
While young adults aged 18-25 report the lowest rates of any past month alcohol use compared to other adults, this same age group reports the highest rates of binge drinking*.

* Binge drinking defined as four or more drinks for women and five or more drinks for men, on an occasion during the past 30 days.

This infographic references data reported in the Alcohol Module of the 2023 Delaware Epidemiological Profile, which draws upon the following sources: National Highway Traffic Safety Survey, Delaware School Surveys, Youth Risk Behavior Survey, and the Delaware Behavioral Risk Factor Surveillance System.