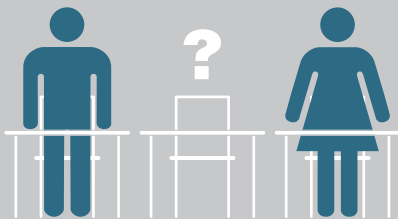


State of the State on
Underage Drinking

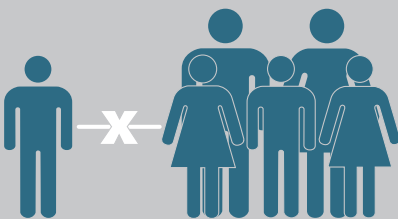
By the Numbers

Underage drinking can...

...interfere with school attendance¹



...damage relationships with parents and peers¹



...potentially alter brain functions and other aspects of development¹



These effects can impact the success of youth in future physical, social, emotional, intellectual and professional situations

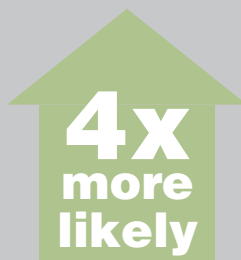
Research indicates that the human brain is not fully developed until the **mid 20s**²



Introducing alcohol to the developing brain puts youth at greater risk for

unintentional death
 injury
 sexual behavior²
 suicide
 risky behavior²

Young people who begin drinking before age 15:



to develop alcohol dependence than those who begin drinking at age 21³



of having other substance abuse problems during adolescence⁴

#1

The rank of alcohol among drugs frequently used by Kansas youth⁵

13 years old

The age at which Kansas youth begin drinking alcohol (6th grade)⁵

47%

The percent of Kansas 12th graders who report drinking alcohol at least once in the last 30 days⁵

1 in 4

The number of alcohol abuse treatment admissions in Kansas that are attributed to youth under age 21⁶

15%

The percent of Kansas 10th graders who binge on alcohol at least once in the last 30 days⁵

1 in 5

The number of Kansas 12th graders who think it's "OK" for someone their age to drink alcohol regularly⁵

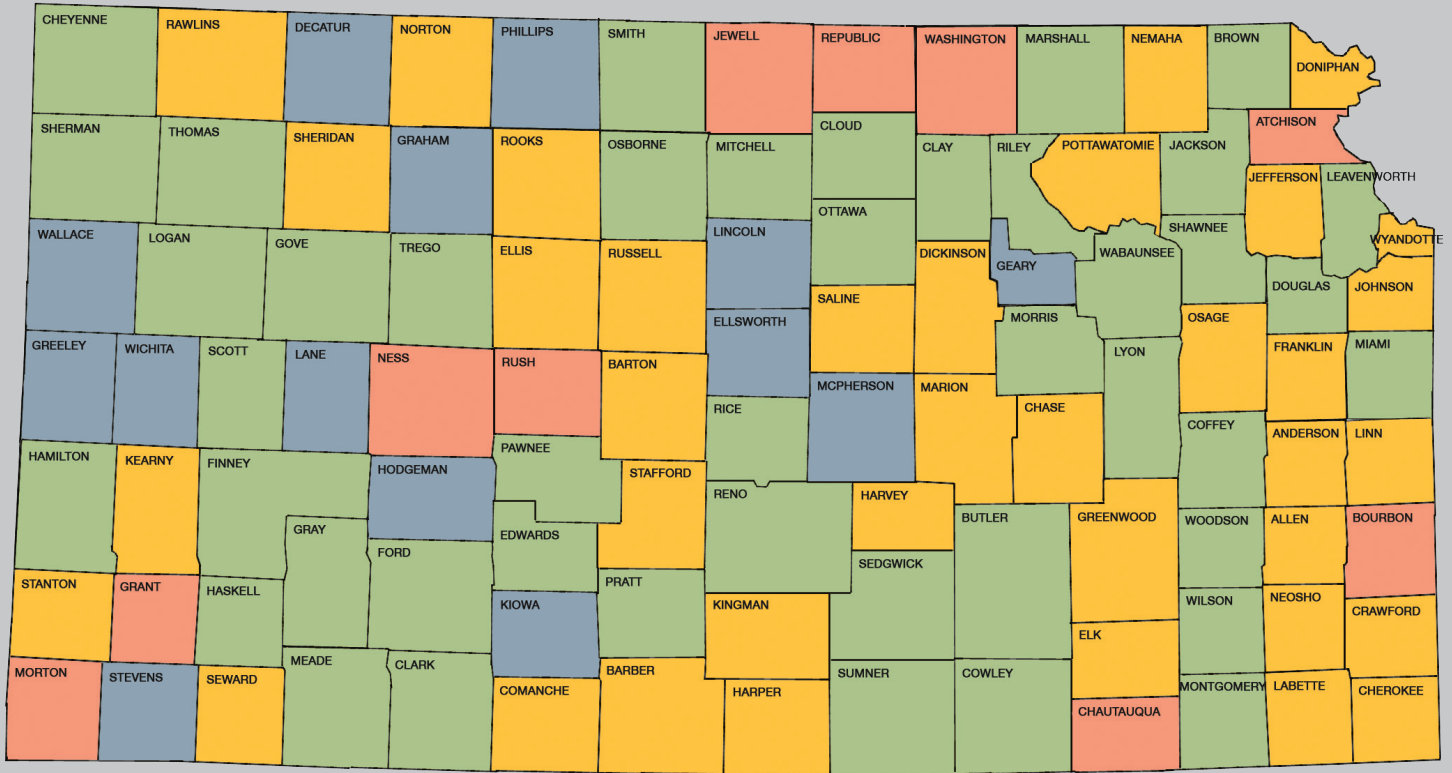
24%

The percent of Kansas high school students who, at least once in the last 30 days, have ridden with a driver who had been drinking⁵

68

The number of fatal crashes in Kansas involving drivers between ages 15 and 20, with 25 drivers cited as being alcohol-impaired⁷

30-Day Alcohol Use in Kansas



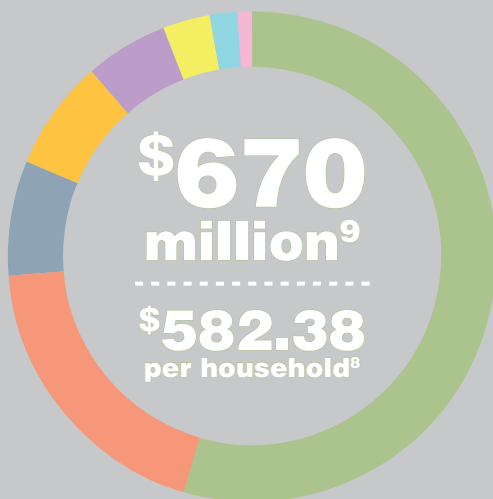
Percent of 6th, 8th, 10th and 12th grade students who report drinking alcohol at least once in the past 30 days⁵



327,342

The number of Kansas youth under age 18 who reside in counties where 30-day alcohol use is above the state average of 20.88%^{5,8}

Underage Drinking Costs to Kansans



- 55%, \$365,000,000 Youth Violence⁹
- 19%, \$129,200,000 Youth Traffic Crashes⁹
- 8%, \$50,800,000 High-Risk Youth Sex, Ages 14–20⁹
- 7%, \$48,900,000 Youth Property Crime⁹
- 5%, \$36,600,000 Youth Alcohol Treatment⁹
- 3%, \$20,900,000 Youth Injury⁹
- 2%, \$12,200,000 Children Born with Fetal Alcohol Syndrome to Mothers, Ages 15–20⁹
- 1%, \$6,400,000 Poisonings and Psychoses⁹

These costs include medical care, work loss, and pain and suffering associated with multiple problems that result from youth alcohol use⁹

Kansas spends

17.4%

of its total state budget on the burdens of substance abuse and addiction¹⁰

but only

.27%

of its total state budget on substance abuse and addiction prevention, treatment and research¹⁰

For references, visit www.kansasfamily.com/ksleadership/kansas-underage-drinking-documents