

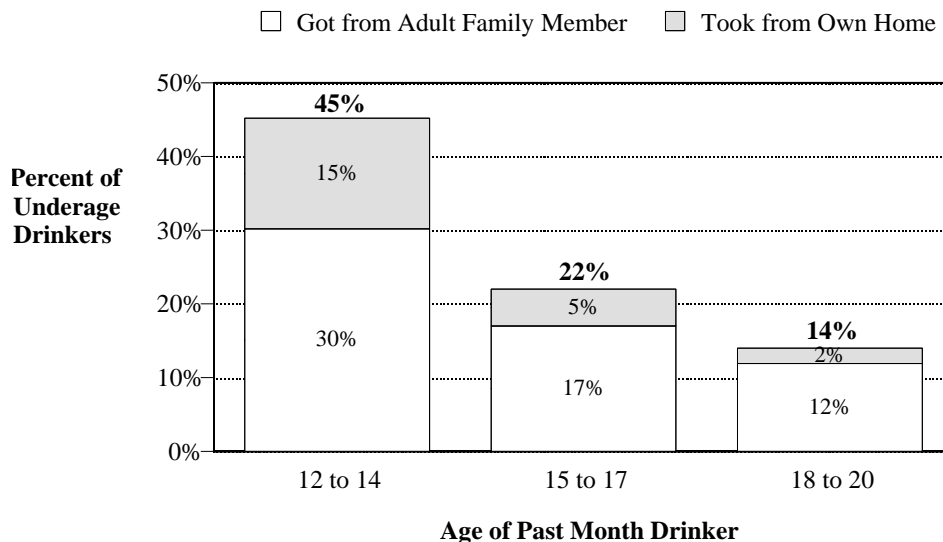
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45% of Young Drinkers Ages 12 to 14 Get Alcohol Free from Adult Family Members or Take from Home

Young drinkers ages 12 to 14 are more likely to get alcohol in their own home than other underage drinkers, according to a recent analysis of data from the National Survey on Drug Use and Health. Forty-five percent of youths ages 12 to 14 who drank alcohol in the past month were given alcohol for free by an adult member of their family (30%) or took the alcohol from their own home the last time they drank (15%). In comparison, 22% of underage drinkers age 15 to 17 and 14% of those age 18 to 20 reported getting alcohol from family or home the last time they drank. Similar results were found in a Chicago public school study published in 2007 (see *CESAR FAX*, Volume 16, Issue 18). These findings support the need for increased parental education on the effects of early alcohol use as well as the need to monitor the presence of alcohol in the home.

Percentage of Underage Drinkers Who Reported Getting Alcohol from Their Family/Home the Last Time They Drank, by Age, 2006



SOURCE: Adapted by CESAR from Substance Abuse and Mental Health Services Administration, Office of Applied Studies, *Underage Alcohol Use: Findings from the 2002-2006 National Surveys on Drug Use and Health*, 2008. Available online at <http://www.oas.samhsa.gov/underage2k8/underage.pdf>.