



**Be Smart. Be Sober. Be Safe.
Travel Alcohol & Drug Free!**

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Get Involved in Alcohol Awareness Month

While national figures show a downward trend in the number of young people who use alcohol, alcohol remains the number one drug of choice for America's youth and is more likely to kill young people than all illegal drugs combined. That's why it's important to get involved in Alcohol Awareness Month, observed annually throughout April.

NCADD Alcohol Awareness Month encourages organizations and communities to reach out to the public with information about alcohol use and alcoholism as a preventable disease and encourages people who are already addicted to seek treatment.

This year's theme, "For the Health of It: Early Education on Alcoholism and Addiction," can be incorporated into coalitions' April outreach activities and campaigns.

[https:// www.cadca.org/resource/get-involved-alcohol-awareness-month/](https://www.cadca.org/resource/get-involved-alcohol-awareness-month/)

Wilcox County Free Community Health Fair

According to Data USA, 29% of the population for whom poverty status is determined in Wilcox County, Alabama (2.94k out of 10.1k People) live below the poverty line, a number that is higher than the national average of 12.4%. The uninsured population face numerous cultural, linguistic, and financial barriers to accessing health care services. Community health fairs have been developed to address the unmet need for no- and low-cost services that target prevention and education among underserved communities.



WILCOX COUNTY FREE COMMUNITY HEALTH PICTURES



Special Project-Dolly Parton Imagination Library events in March, 2025.

BAMA Kids, Inc. Choices Camp March 21, 2025

Each year during Spring Break, BAMA Kids, Inc., offers a camp for students to learn in a relaxed, fun environment. The mission of BAMA Kids, Inc. is to improve the well-being educationally, emotionally, and physically of youth, by combining organized recreational and educational activities, by developing and promoting life skills to prevent substance abuse and other harmful activities.

The Wilcox County PFS Coordinator along with Deputy Champion from the Wilcox County Sheriff Department discussed the consequences when making "bad" choices about alcohol and drug usage.

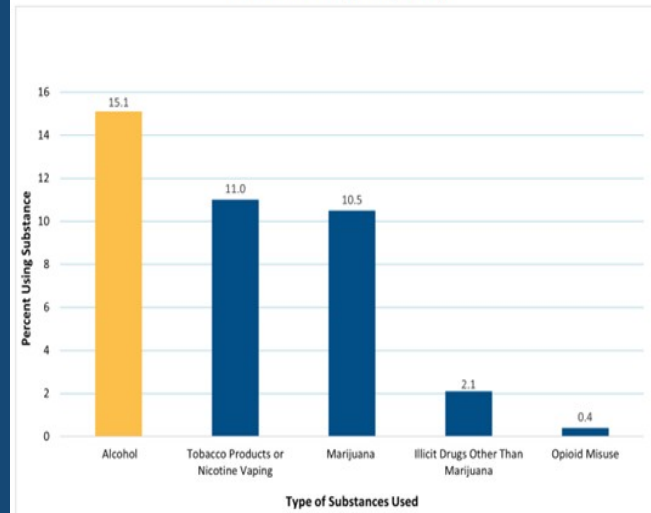


Current Characteristics of Underage Drinking in the United States

Alcohol Is the Most Widely Used Substance Among U.S. Youth

Alcohol is the most widely used substance among youth in the United States,¹⁰ with the proportion of young people using alcohol higher than the proportion of young people using marijuana, tobacco, or another drug (Exhibit E.3; CBHSQ, 2022a).

Exhibit E.3: Substances Most Widely Used by People Ages 12–20 in the Past Month: NSDUH 2021 Data (CBHSQ, 2022a)



According to the 2021 NSDUH, within the past 30 days among individuals ages 12–20:

- 15.1 percent reported alcohol use,
- 11.0 percent reported tobacco product use or nicotine vaping,
- 10.5 percent reported use of marijuana,
- 2.1 percent reported illicit drug use other than marijuana, and
- 0.4 percent reported opioid misuse (CBHSQ, 2022a).

¹⁰ For the purposes of this report, the terms "youth," "young people," and "underage" refer to individuals ages 12–20 unless otherwise specified; these terms include adolescents and young adults assessed by the various surveys who are not legally permitted to drink.

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