

Unruly parties & Underage Drinking

People who begin drinking before age 15 are 4 times more likely to develop alcohol dependence than those who start drinking at 21 years of age.³

Number of Complaint Calls Concerning Loud and Unruly Parties.⁷

Jurisdiction	2009
Napa Police Department	554
St. Helena Police Department	9
Calistoga Police Department	28
Napa County Sheriff Unincorporated	150
Napa County Sheriff-Yountville	16
Napa County Sheriff-American Canyon	107

Number of Social Host Citations Issued By Jurisdiction.⁷

Jurisdiction	2007	2008	2009
Napa Police Department	14	16	1
St. Helena Police Department	1	2	1
Calistoga Police Department	1	3	0
Napa County Sheriff	0	0	0
Napa County Sheriff-American Canyon	0	0	0

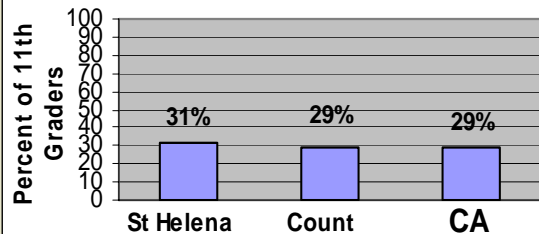
WHAT'S THE PROBLEM?

According to the 2009 California Healthy Kids Survey¹, rates of underage drinking rates in St. Helena are high and in many cases higher than in Napa County as a whole.

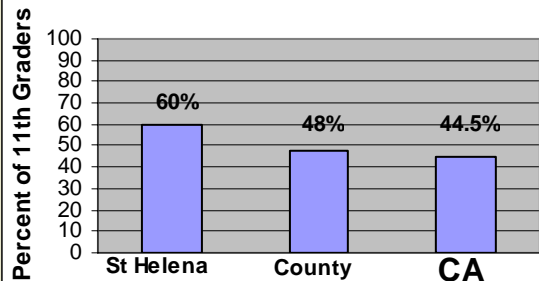
Among 11th graders in St Helena¹:

- 49% report drinking alcohol in the past 30 days
- 60% report that they have driven after drinking alcohol (themselves or by a friend)
- 55% have used alcohol by the age of

Percent of 11th Graders Who Have Engaged in Binge Drinking² in the Last 30 Days



Percent of 11th Graders Who Have Been Drunk or Sick From Drinking Alcohol

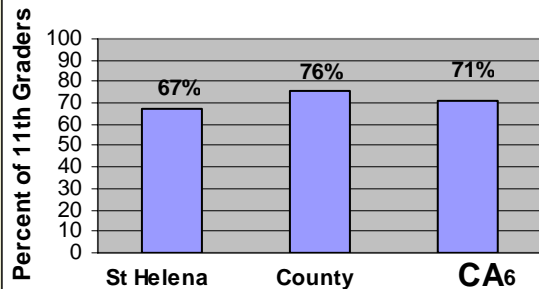


IT'S EASY FOR YOUTH TO GET ALCOHOL

Most 11th Graders in St. Helena report that it is **fairly easy** or **very easy** to obtain alcohol.

Most underage drinkers in St. Helena report that they usually get their alcohol at **parties** or at **home**.

Percent of 11th Graders Who Report it is Easy to Obtain Alcohol

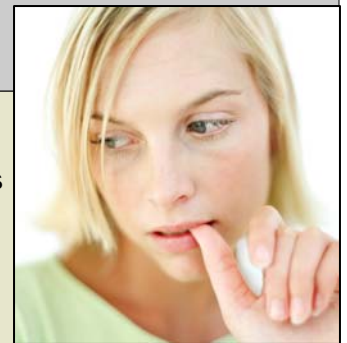


"While it is of great concern to see how easily teens, especially young girls, get alcohol, it is alarming to know that legal-age adults, even parents, are supplying the alcohol." ⁴

J. Edward Hill, MD, President of the American Medical Association

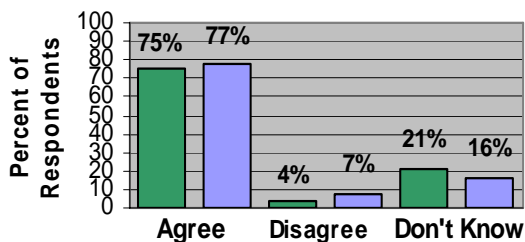


WHAT DOES MY COMMUNITY THINK?



According to a recent survey of St. Helena residents⁵, many people think that underage drinking is a problem in their community and that local community leaders should focus on reducing underage drinking. There is a high level of support for new or stronger laws that fine adults who allow gatherings where underage people are permitted to possess or consume alcohol.

Underage Drinking is a Problem in My Community

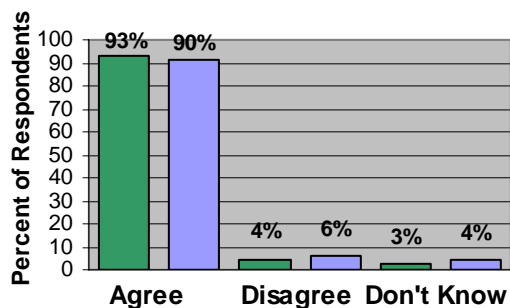


Green=St. Helena; Purple=Napa County

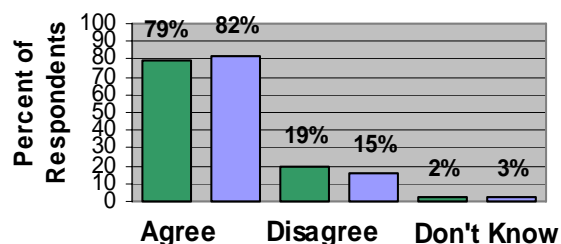
“The biggest problem I face as a parent is dealing with gatherings/parties that are allowed to take place at the home of present or non-attentive parents-the ones who look the other way.”⁵

-Parent in Napa County

Community Leaders Should Focus On Underage Drinking



Support Laws that Fine Adults For Allowing Gatherings Involving Underage Drinking



Alcohol is the leading contributor to death of people under 21 years of age.³

1. California Healthy Kids Survey, 2009.
2. Binge Drinking :Consuming five or more drinks (male), or four or more drinks (female), in about two hours. (NIAAA, 2004)
3. The Surgeon General’s Call to Action, 2007.
4. American Medical Association Press Release, August, 2005:
http://www.alcoholpolicy.md.com/pdf/PR_Release08085.pdf
5. Catalyst Coalition surveyed 865 Napa County Residents, 2009
Margin of error<5%
6. 2008 California Healthy Kids Survey data (2009 not available)
7. Data collected from local law enforcement agencies (2010)



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