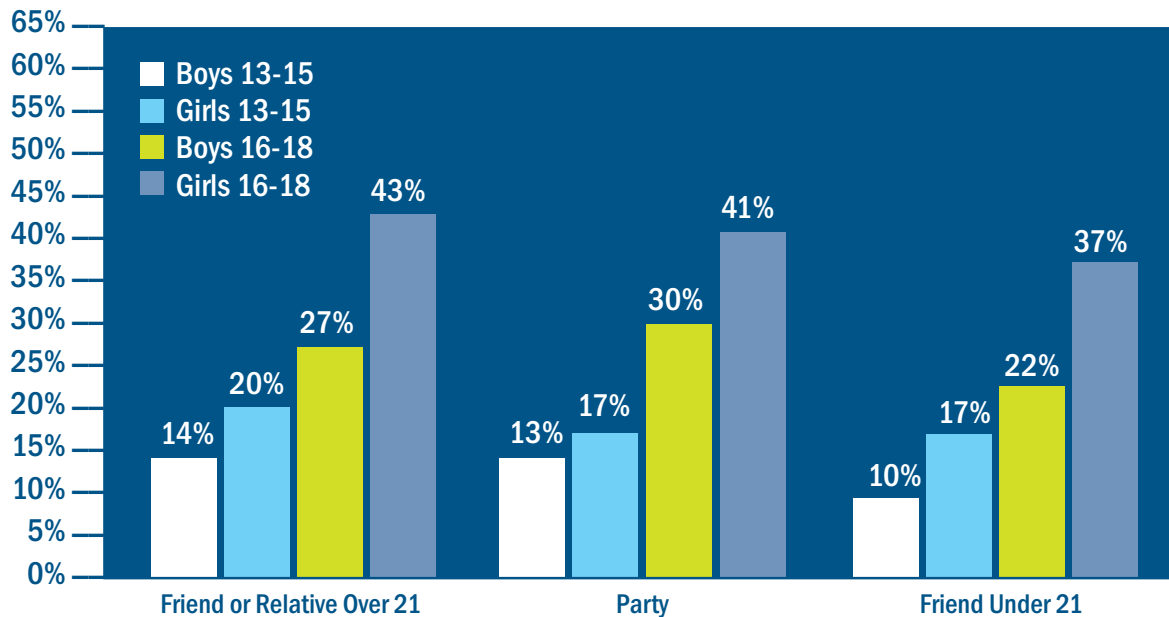




More Teenage Girls Than Boys Report Having Obtained Alcohol

A recent nationwide American Medical Association (AMA) survey revealed that the percentage of teenage girls who have ever acquired alcohol is higher than the percentage of teenage boys who have (N=701). As expected, a larger percentage of older girls than younger ones report having obtained it. Fifty-nine percent of girls 16-18 years old reported having ever acquired alcohol, as compared to 50 percent of boys in that age group. Among girls 13-15 years old, 41 percent reported having ever acquired alcohol, as compared to 39 percent of boys in that age group. Forty-three percent of girls aged 16-18 report having obtained alcohol from a friend or relative of legal buying age; 41 percent from a party; and 37 percent from a friend under the legal buying age. These rates are all significantly higher than the rates for boys in the same age range.

Sources From Which Teens Report Having Obtained Alcohol



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