



**Put In Your 2¢ Worth...**  
**About 2¢ a drink yields \$44 million annually to reduce the impact of alcohol problems in Missouri.**

**Question:**

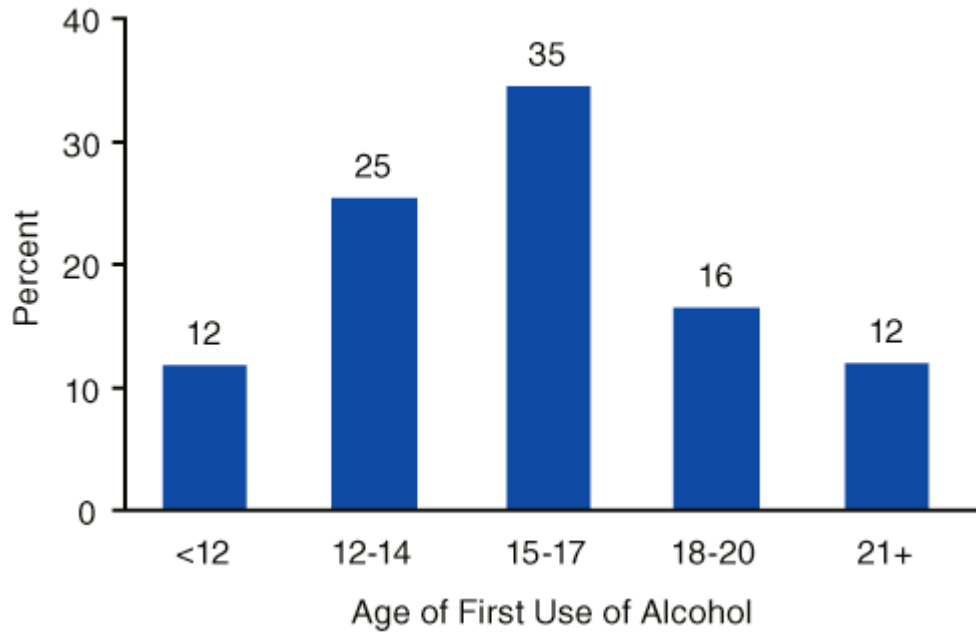
*What can national data tell us about the impact of alcohol on people who are admitted to addiction treatment programs?*

**Answer:**

**Of the 683,000 adults who were admitted to addictions treatment programs in 2002, more than one-third reported their age of first intoxication at between ages 15 and 17.**

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Figure 1. Primary Alcohol Admissions Aged 21 or Older, by Age of First Use of Alcohol: 2002



Source: 2002 SAMHSA Treatment Episode Data Set (TEDS).

NOTE: "Age of First Use" is defined as "age of first intoxication" in the Treatment Episode Data Set. For other drugs, age of first use is defined as the age at which the respective drug was first used.

Source: U.S. Dept. of Health and Human Services, Substance Abuse and Mental Health Services Administration, "Characteristics of Primary Alcohol Admissions by Age of First Use of Alcohol: 2002." DASIS Report, April 14, 2005.

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