



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

**Question:**

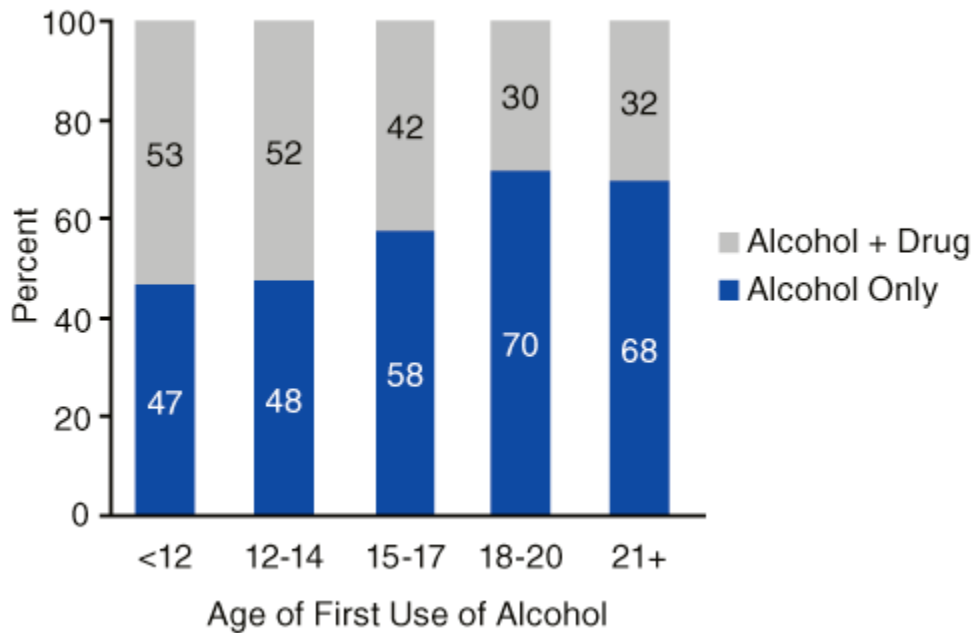
*Are kids who start drinking to intoxication at an early age more likely than others to use other drugs as well?*

**Answer:**

Based on data from 683,000 adult admissions to addiction treatment, those who started drinking at an age younger than 15 were more likely to report other drug use than those who reported their first alcohol intoxication at 15 or older.

**MISSOURI ALCOHOL IMPACT FACT #55**

**Primary Alcohol Admissions Aged 21 or Older, by Age of First Use of Alcohol and Presence of Secondary Substance: 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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