

Table 3.81

Binge drinking among underage and legal age college students

By living arrangement, United States, 2001

Living arrangement	Total	Underage (N=4,231)	Legal age (N=4,547)
Off campus with parents	29.9%	24.9%	35.7%
Substance-free residence hall	35.5	35.8	33.8
Off campus without parents	53.9	49.6	56.2
Non-substance-free residence hall	49.9	50.7	47.1
Fraternity/sorority house	76.0	69.9	83.4
Controlled living arrangement ^a	32.0	30.3	35.4
Uncontrolled living arrangement ^b	53.1	51.1	55.5

Note: See Note, table 3.77. These data are limited to students participating in the 2001 College Alcohol Study who were 23 years of age and younger. "Underage" students are those under 21 years of age; "legal age" students are those 21 to 23 years of age. "Binge drinking" is the consumption of five or more drinks in a row for men and four or more drinks in a row for women, on one or more occasions during the 2 weeks prior to the survey.

^aIncludes substance-free residence hall and off campus with parents.

^bIncludes non-substance-free residence hall, off campus without parents, and fraternity/sorority house.

Source: Henry Wechsler et al., "Underage College Students' Drinking Behavior, Access to Alcohol, and the Influence of Deterrence Policies," *Journal of American College Health*, Vol. 50 (March 2002), p. 227 [Online]. Available: <http://www.hsph.harvard.edu/cas/Documents/underminimum/DrinkingBehavior.pdf> [Dec. 14, 2004]. Table adapted by SOURCEBOOK staff.