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**College students and underage college students reporting alcohol use**

By frequency of use, United States, 1998-2002

	College students' alcohol use			Underage college students' alcohol use	
	In past year	In past 30 days	Binge drinking <sup>a</sup>	In past year	In past 30 days
1998	85.2%	73.1%	45.6%	83.3%	70.4%
1999	85.1	73.2	46.8	83.4	70.7
2000	84.1	72.1	46.5	82.2	69.1
2001	85.3	74.4	49.7	83.6	71.8
2002	85.2	73.4	47.7	82.2	70.3

Note: These data are from the Core Alcohol and Drug Survey, a series of surveys of college students conducted by the Core Institute, Southern Illinois University at Carbondale. These data are from samples of 2- and 4-year colleges and universities in the United States. The 1998 survey included 30,965 students from 64 colleges; the 1999 survey, 65,033 students from 157 colleges; the 2000 survey, 55,026 students from 132 colleges; the 2001 survey, 54,444 students from 131 colleges; and the 2002 survey, 54,367 students from 125 colleges. Only institutions employing random sampling techniques to collect data representative of their campuses are included. Comparisons across years should be undertaken with caution because participating institutions varied from year to year.

<sup>a</sup>"Binge" drinking is defined as five or more drinks on the same occasion at least once during the 2 weeks prior to the survey.

Source: Core Institute, Southern Illinois University at Carbondale, **Core Alcohol and Drug Survey** [Online]. Available: [http://www.siu.edu/departments/coreinst/public\\_html/1998.htm](http://www.siu.edu/departments/coreinst/public_html/1998.htm); [http://www.siu.edu/departments/coreinst/public\\_html/1999.htm](http://www.siu.edu/departments/coreinst/public_html/1999.htm); [http://www.siu.edu/departments/coreinst/public\\_html/2000.htm](http://www.siu.edu/departments/coreinst/public_html/2000.htm); [http://www.siu.edu/departments/coreinst/public\\_html/2001.htm](http://www.siu.edu/departments/coreinst/public_html/2001.htm); and [http://www.siu.edu/departments/coreinst/public\\_html/2002.htm](http://www.siu.edu/departments/coreinst/public_html/2002.htm) [June 16, 2004]. Table adapted by SOURCEBOOK staff.