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# Where do adolescent recent drinkers obtain and use alcohol?

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## ABSTRACT

Background: Alcohol use among adolescents is a serious health issue in the United States. The purpose of the study is to determine factors associated with the locations and sources of last alcoholic beverages drank by adolescent recent drinkers. Method: A secondary data analysis of the NSDUH 2012 was performed including a sample of 2,321 recent alcohol users of 12–17 years of age nationwide. Results: Findings indicate someone else's home was the top location for recent drinkers' last alcoholic beverage. Regarding source, recent users report obtaining their last alcoholic beverage from someone not related to them who was older than 21 years. Several differences in location and source were found based on study variables. Discussion: Several variables were found to be associated with source and location of alcohol among adolescents. Expanding existing educational and social hosting programs to adults may be an important method of reducing adolescent access to alcohol.

**KEYWORDS:** Adolescent, alcohol, alcohol locations, alcohol sources

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