



YOUTH ALCOHOL USE AND TRAFFIC SAFETY

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Alcohol is the substance young people most commonly use.



of Texas middle and high school students have used alcohol at some point in their lives.



12.5

is the average age of first use in Texas.



17%

of Texas students reported using alcohol at least once in the past 30 days.



Alcohol-related crashes in Texas cost the public an estimated \$10.3 billion.

When alcohol is involved, a young Texas driver is

15x

more likely to die compared to young drivers in crashes that don't involve alcohol.

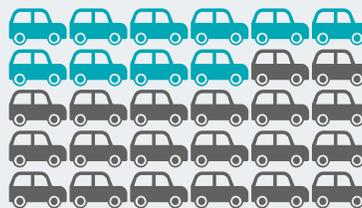


21%

of Texas youth have ridden with a driver who has been drinking alcohol.



Motor vehicle crashes are the leading cause of death for teens.



In Texas, nearly

1/3

of all alcohol-related crashes involve drivers 25 and under.