

What's happening with alcohol use among Kansas kids?

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Nearly 3 in 4 Kansas kids surveyed in 2021 reported they have NEVER used alcohol.

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1 in 10 kids surveyed in 2021 reported they drank alcohol in the past month.

Why does this matter?

Delaying the start of substance use will reduce problems for kids.

Research shows that kids who start using early are not only more likely to keep using but their level of use is likely to increase.

Do you know what to look for?

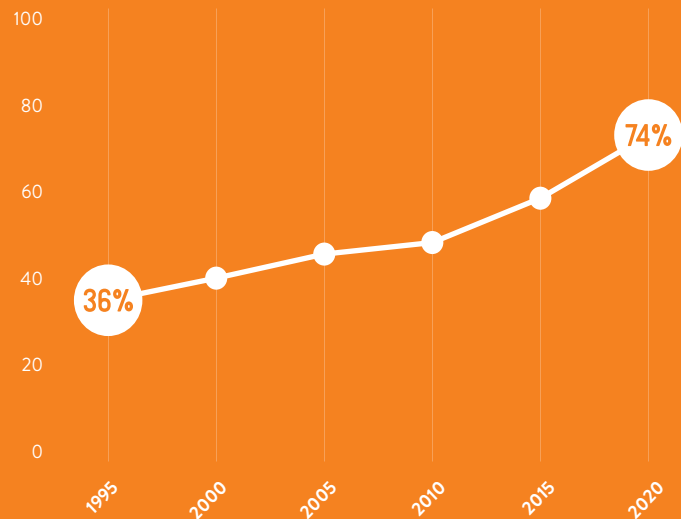


Check out these resources to learn more about the warning signs of teen substance use.



More kids surveyed in 2021 reported they have never drank alcohol in their lifetime than ever before. Over the past 25 years, kids who reported they never drank alcohol has increased nearly 40 percentage points.

Trend in % of Kansas kids surveyed who reported they have NEVER drank alcohol in their lifetime



What can we do?

Continue the conversation! Kids model their own behavior on parents' actions, expectations, and attitudes.



To learn more about how to talk with your kids about alcohol and other drug use, check out this online resource.

Visit KCTCdata.org to learn more.

*The Kansas Communities That Care (KCTC) Student Survey is administered annually to 6th, 8th, 10th, and 12th graders across the state. | *Schools may participate at no cost. | *The survey is supported by the Kansas Department of Aging and Disability Services Behavioral Health Services.