

PARTY 101 STATS

**Each day in the United States
5,000 kids under 16 years old
take their first drink of alcohol**

**94% of 12th graders
84% of 10th graders
65% of 8th graders
Report that alcohol is EASY to get.**

**Drinking before Age 15
Four Times more likely to become
Alcohol Dependent than waiting to
Age 21**

Average age of first drink in New Mexico is 12 Years Old

**High School Students who frequently use alcohol or other drugs
are 5 TIMES more likely than others to drop out of school.**

**Almost 20% of 8th graders and over 40% of 10th graders have been
DRUNK at least once.**

**75% of High School Students in New Mexico
have had at least one alcoholic drink.**

**31% of PARENTS of 15-16 year olds believe their child had a drink in the
past year.**

60% of 15-16 year olds report drinking.

**In 2003 nearly 20% of youth in New Mexico indicated they had driven a
vehicle one or more times in the past 30 days AFTER THEY HAD BEEN
DRINKING.**

**Adolescents who abuse alcohol may remember
10% less of what they have learned than those who don't drink.**