

A   
*Ginormous*

...and Somewhat

*Disorganized*

Bunch of

**statistics**



about

*Drinking:*



# Prevalence

About two fifths of students (41%) have consumed alcohol (more than just a few sips) by 8th grade.<sup>1</sup>

*This isn't very surprising - if you've ever, you know, met people.*

More than half (58%) of 12th graders report having been drunk at least once in their life. One fifth (20%) of 8th graders report having been drunk at least once in their life.<sup>1</sup>

*Again, that's people for you.  
Haha let's get wasted! I am so trashed right now! Wooo! Hahaha!*

High school students who use alcohol or other substances are five times more likely than other students to drop out of school.<sup>2</sup>

*Wait... that's not funny. I don't like where this ginormous poster is going...*





*Alcohol abusers that started drinking underage*

*Alcohol abusers that didn't*

0 3,750,000 7,500,000 11,250,000 15,000,000

**REALLY BIG!**

*itsy bitsy.*



Among the 14 million adults aged 21 or older who were classified as having past year alcohol dependence or abuse, more than 13 million (95 per-cent) had started using alcohol before age 21.<sup>4</sup>



Persons reporting first use of alcohol before age 15 were more than 5 times as likely to report past year alcohol dependence or abuse than persons who first used alcohol at age 21 or older.<sup>4</sup>

*Um... ok. Either all other drugs ever are not that big a deal, or underage alcohol use causes a lot of deaths.*

Underage alcohol use is more likely to kill young people than all illegal drugs combined.<sup>3</sup>



**It's, um, bad.**

# And now for something *really* disturbing...

*It gets worse as you get  
older, because...*

Annually, more than 100,000 students between the ages of 18 and 24 report having been **too intoxicated to know if they consented to having sex.**<sup>5</sup>

*Um... wow.*

*Just... wow.*

*Like...*

*...WOW.*

3 in 4 female students who reported that they were victims of a sexual assault were under the influence of alcohol at the time of the rape.<sup>6</sup>

*That means...*

*Sex assault  
victims*

*The only  
sober one*



This brings me to the real purpose of the poster. It's really all been leading up to one question. Namely,

# What the

Seriously.

Where'd you learn this?

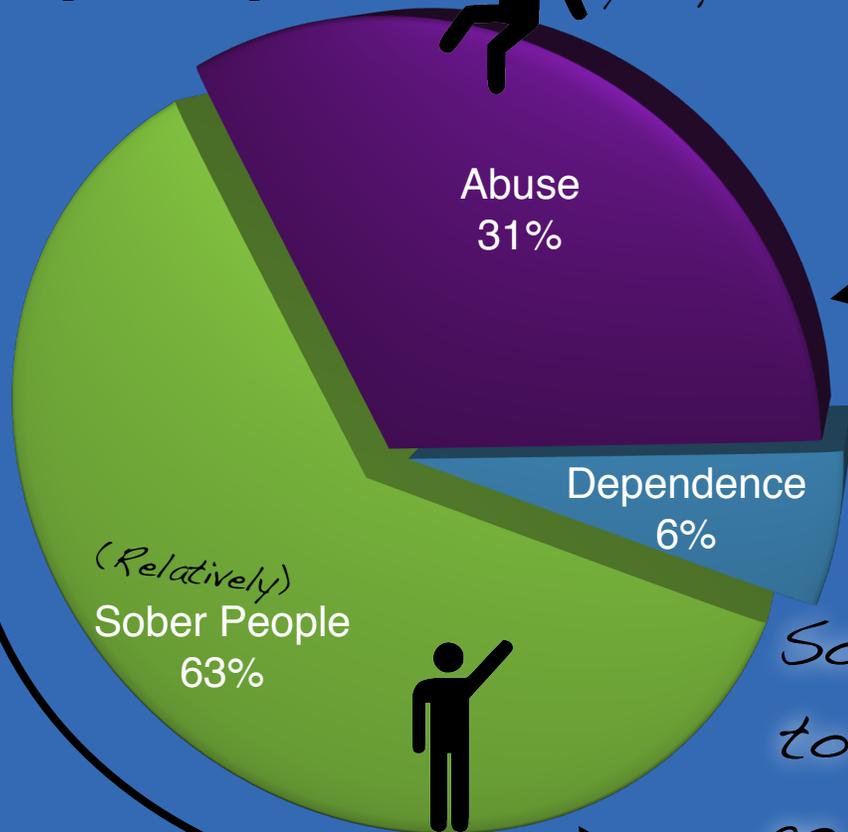
Stop doing it.

Among college students, 31% abuse alcohol and 6% are dependent upon it.<sup>8</sup>

(Actually, it turns out you probably learned it from your parents.)

# heck!?

Binge drinking rates of college students correlate with the binge drinking rates of adults living in the same state.<sup>7</sup>



So, when you get to college, please go here. Not here.

# So, um...

K? Thanks.

Bye.

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