



**Data Brief**

**Underage alcohol usage high, declines for 9th to 12th graders**

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**9th to 12th grade student alcohol usage declines**

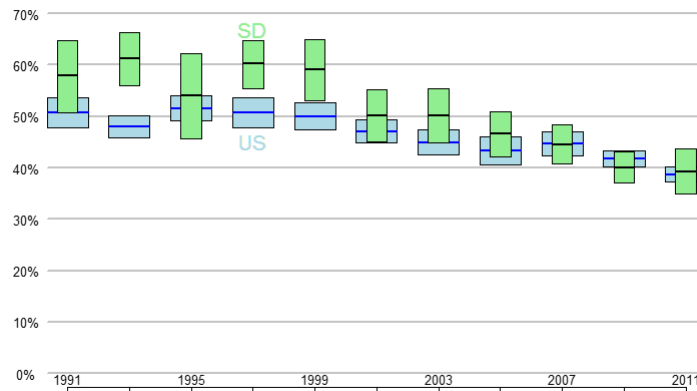
**SD students show higher usage in 1991, but similar to US usage by 2011**

Underage alcohol usage by high school students in South Dakota has declined from about 60% in early 1990s to the lower 40s percentile between 2007–2011. South Dakota usage was above the national in the 1990s. However, from 2000 to 2011, while both groups continued to decline, SD student usage dropped more and become more in alignment with the US ranges of usage which was approximately 40–50%.

Underage alcohol usage by 9-12th graders, United States and South Dakota  
Percentages

	1991	1993	1995	1997	1999	2001	2003	2005	2007	2009	2011
<b>South Dakota</b>	57.9%	61.2%	54.0%	60.2%	59.2%	50.2%	50.2%	46.6%	44.5%	40.1%	39.2%
<b>United States</b>	50.8%	48.0%	51.6%	50.8%	50.0%	47.1%	44.9%	43.3%	44.7%	41.8%	38.7%

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With 95% confidence interval



Source: "South Dakota 2011 Results." *CDC-Youth Online-High School YRBS*. N.p., n.d. Web. 26 Oct. 2012.  
<http://apps.nccd.cdc.gov/youthonline/App/Results.aspx?LID=SD>.

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