

Data Brief

High School binge drinking declines, South Dakota activity higher than US

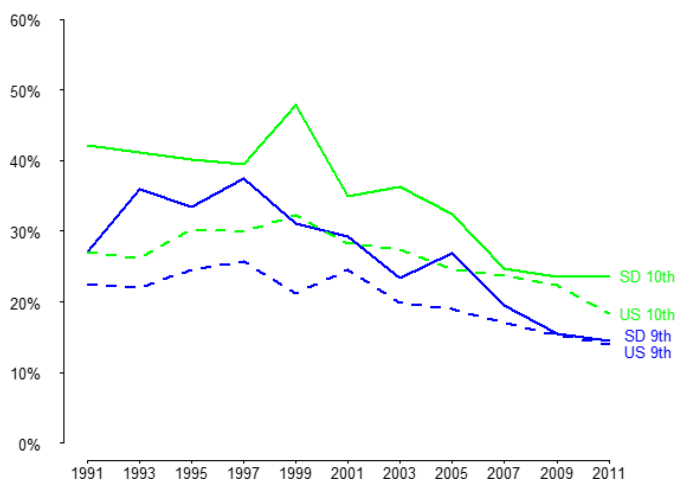
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HS Binge drinking declines, 11th-12th grades higher than 9th-10th

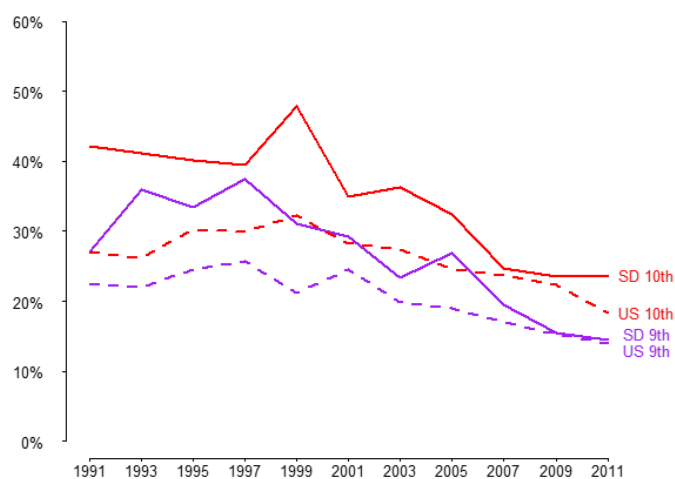
Binge drinking among high school students, grades 9 - 12, has declined since 1991. Nationwide it has shown a steady decline in all grades according to data released from Youth Risk Behavior Survey (YRBS). While binge drinking in South Dakota has also declined, the activity remains higher than national rates. Both South Dakota and nationwide activity increased as students moved into the higher grades. In 1999, South Dakota students in 9th grade peaked at 37%, and 12 graders peaked at 60%. Nationwide at the same time, 9th graders were at just over 20% and 12 graders were at 42%. Binge drinking is defined as having 5 or more drinks in one day in the past month.

Binge drinking for high school students , South Dakota and United States

Grades 9 and 10



Grades 11 and 12



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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