

Data Brief

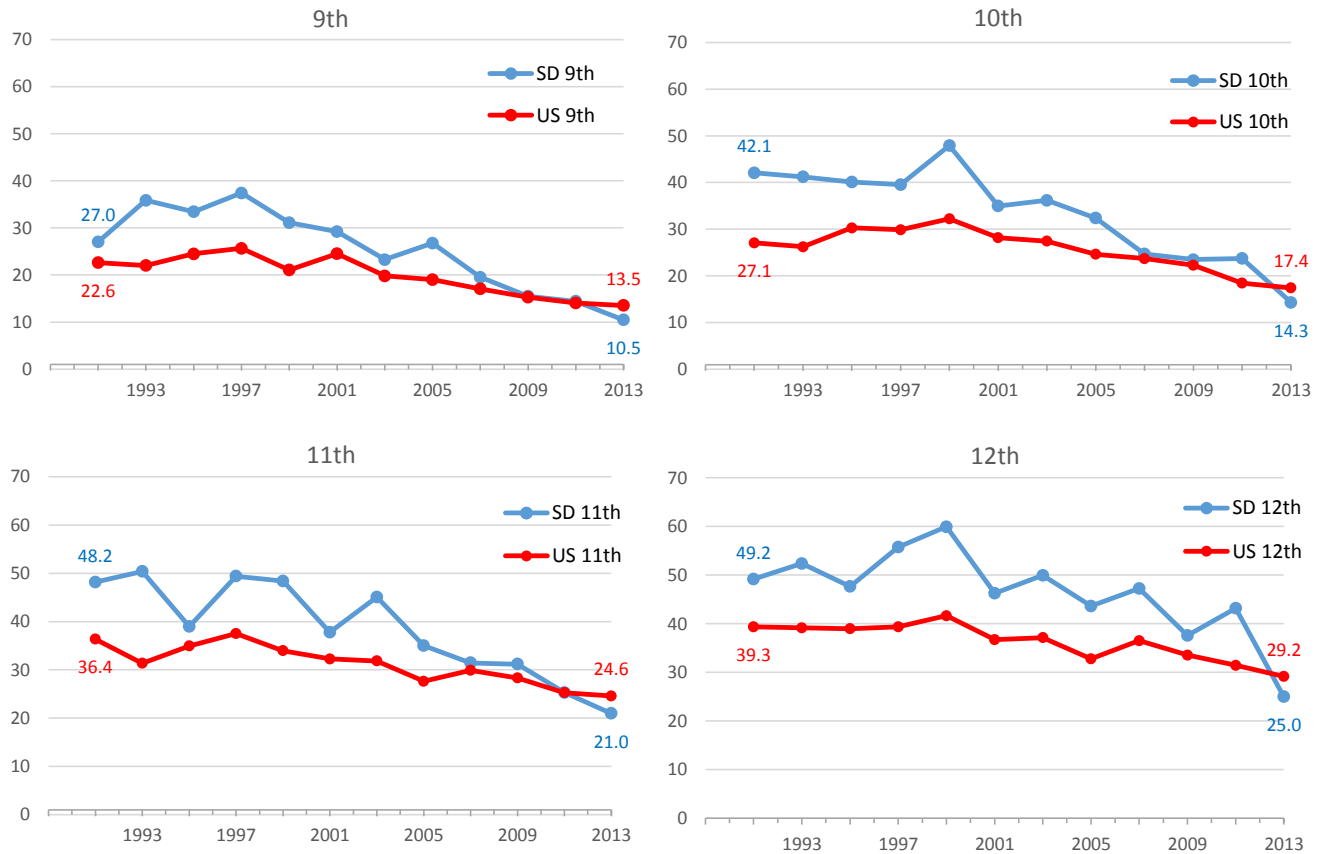
High School binge drinking declines, South Dakota activity higher than US

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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). For the first time since 1991, the binge drinking rate among high school students in South Dakota has dropped below the national average. Even though binge drinking activity increased as students moved into the higher grades in South Dakota and nationwide, the high school binge drinking rate among South Dakota High School students is lower in each grade compared to the national average. 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



Source: "South Dakota YRBSS 2013 Results." CDC-Youth Online-High School YRBS. N.p., n.d. Web. 15 July 2014.
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