

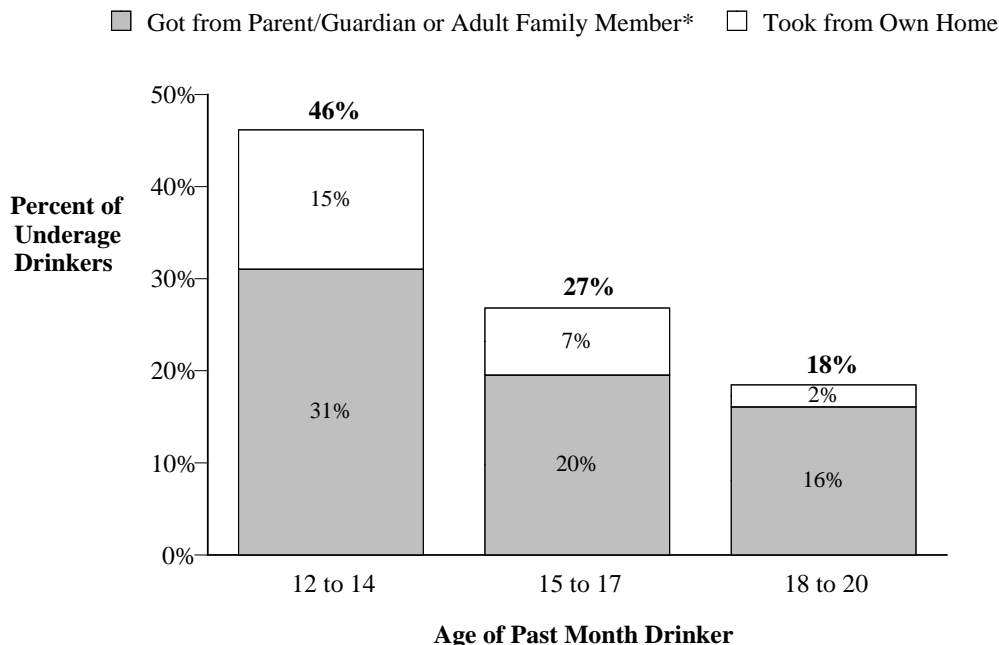
**A Weekly FAX from the Center for Substance Abuse Research**

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***Young Drinkers Ages 12 to 14 More Likely to Obtain Alcohol from Family or Home Than Other Underage Drinkers***

Young drinkers are more likely than other underage drinkers to get alcohol from their family, according to data from the most recent National Survey on Drug Use and Health. Nearly one-half of youths ages 12 to 14 who drank alcohol in the past month obtained the alcohol from a parent, guardian, or other adult family member\* (31%) or took the alcohol from their own home (15%). In contrast, 27% of underage drinkers ages 15 to 17 and 18% of those ages 18 to 20 reported getting alcohol from family or their home the last time they drank. These findings suggest the need for increased parental education on the effects of early alcohol use as well as increased monitoring of the presence of alcohol in the home.

**Percentage of Current Underage Drinkers Who Reported Getting Alcohol from Their Family/Home the Last Time They Drank, by Age, 2009**



\*Includes obtaining alcohol for free from parent/guardian or adult family member and paying a parent/guardian or adult family member to purchase it.

SOURCE: Adapted by CESAR from Substance Abuse and Mental Health Services Administration (SAMHSA), Office of Applied Studies, *Results from the 2009 National Survey on Drug Use and Health: Volume I. Summary of National Findings*, 2010. Available online at <http://oas.samhsa.gov/NSDUH/2k9NSDUH/2k9ResultsP.pdf>.