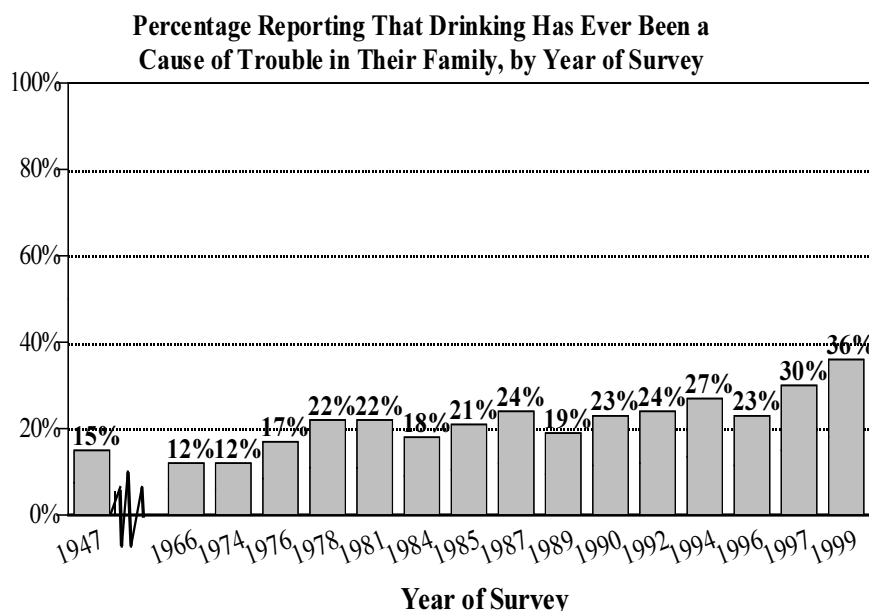


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For the First Time in Fifty Years, More Than One-Third of U.S. Adults Say Drinking Caused Family Trouble

According to a recent Gallup Poll, 36% of adults in the U.S. report that drinking has ever been a cause of trouble in their family. This is the highest rate found since the question was first asked in 1947. The 36% rate found in 1999 is more than twice the rate found in 1947. While difficult to interpret, the findings suggest, at a minimum, increased perceptions of alcohol-related problems in the U.S. population.



NOTE: The sample size in 1999 was 1,039 adults ages 18 years and older.

SOURCES: Newport, F. (1999, November 3). More than a third of Americans report drinking has caused family problems. [Gallup Organization Poll Releases](http://www.gallup.com/poll/releases/pr991103.asp) [Online]. Available: <http://www.gallup.com/poll/releases/pr991103.asp> [1999, November 11]

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