

Scituate FACTS Welcomes You to...

The Data Station!

**Test your knowledge, and
Strengthen your skills**

**Let's See How Well You
Predict Recent/Past 30-Day
Alcohol Use Of Our Youth**

Are the kids alright?

Looking at the percentages of drinking alcohol between 7th and 12th grade--where is *the biggest jump* in the data in recent/30 day alcohol misuse?

The Scituate **FACTS** are ...

Between 9th and 10th grade

During this time, the percentage of teens who drink goes **from 17% to 36%.**

While as parents and caregivers, we are always “on,” it is especially important during this time to use our prevention strategies!

Source - SHS YRBS Data, 2022

Are the kids alright?

Looking at the percentages of drinking alcohol between 7th and 12th grade--where is the *2nd Biggest jump* in the data in recent/30 day alcohol misuse?

The Scituate **FACTS** are ...

Between 8th and 9th grade

During this time, the percentage of teens who drink goes
from 6% to 17%.

While as parents and caregivers, we are always “on,” it is especially important during this time to use our prevention strategies!

Source - SHS YRBS Data, 2022

Are the kids alright?

Do more 11th graders or 12th graders engage in more recent/30 day alcohol misuse?

The Scituate FACTS are ...

11th grade students

45% of 11th graders report that they consumed alcohol in the past 30 days, while 42% of 12th grade students reported that behavior.

However, when it comes to binge drinking, it is 12th graders whose percentage is higher - 23% for 11th graders and 32% for 12th graders.

Source - SHS YRBS Data, 2022

**Let's See How Well You
Predict Perceived Parent
Disapproval Of Alcohol Use
Of Our Youth**

The Power of Parents and Caregivers!

What percentage of high school students perceive **little or no** parental/caregiver disapproval of teen drinking drink alcohol regularly?

The Scituate **FACTS** are ...

42%

Source - National Survey by MADD

The Power of Parents and Caregivers!

What percentage of high school students who perceive **high** parental/caregiver disapproval of teen drinking drink alcohol regularly?

The Scituate FACTS are ...

8%

**High parent/caregiver is a
critical strategy for preventing
underage drinking!**

Source - National Survey by MADD

The Power of Parents and Caregivers!

What percentage of 8th graders surveyed perceived that their parents/caregivers disapproved of teen drinking?

The Scituate **FACTS** are ...

82%

Source - SPS YRBS Data, 2021

The Power of Parents and Caregivers!

What percentage of 12th graders surveyed perceived that their parents/caregivers disapproved of teen drinking?

The Scituate **FACTS** are ...

61%

Source - SPS YRBS Data, 2021

The Power of Parents and Caregivers!

In light of that...what percentage of 8th graders surveyed drank regularly and what percentage of 12th graders surveyed drank regularly?

The Scituate FACTS are ...

6% of 8th graders

45% of 12th graders

Source - SPS YRBS, 2021

So, if we keep reminding our children, as they get older, that we disapprove of them drinking, how much of an impact could we make?

**Let's See How Effective
Parent/Caregiver
Conversations Are With
Their Children**

The Power of Parents/Caregivers

When parents/caregivers talk to their teen about alcohol, how much less likely is their teen to drink alcohol?

The Scituate FACTS are ...

50% less likely!

Source - The Partnership at Drugfree.org

The Power of Parents and Caregivers!

In light of that, what percentage of SHS students say they and their parents have discussed rules about underage drinking in the last 30 days?

The Scituate FACTS are ...

34%

Source - SPS YRBS Data, 2021

What could the impact be if all families in Scituate were talking with our kids regularly about rules regarding underage drinking?

**Let's See How
Parents/Caregivers Think &
Feel About Underage
Drinking**

The Power of Parents and Caregivers!

What percentage of surveyed Scituate parents think that teens getting drunk occasionally is NOT ok?

The Scituate FACTS are ...

More of us than you might have guessed!

98%!

Source - 2021 Survey of Scituate Parents/Caregivers on Youth Substance Misuse

Yes, 98% of us think that underage drinking is NOT ok. 98% of us also think it is NOT ok to drink underage under the supervision of a friend's parents, and 98% of us also think it is NOT ok to drink without supervision, even when there is no driving involved.

Not everyone is doing it...

While surveyed parents/caregivers believed 52% of SHS students drink alcohol, the real number is...

The Scituate FACTS are ...

32%

Source - 2021 SPS Youth Risk Behavior Survey

What might cause parents/caregivers to think the percentage is higher than it is?

The Power of Parents and Caregivers!

What percentage of parents/caregivers would like other parents/caregivers to call or text them to make sure there will be trusted adult supervision before sending their child over for a social gathering?

The Scituate FACTS are ...

94%

Source - 2021 Survey of Scituate Parents/Caregivers on Youth Substance Misuse

Meanwhile, only 30% of parents/caregivers have used this substance misuse prevention strategy.

We do have some work to do...

What percentage of middle school parents/caregivers say that their child has had a drink of alcohol in the last 30 days?

The Scituate **FACTS** are ...

0%

Source - 2021 Survey of Scituate Parents/Caregivers on Youth Substance Misuse

But that reality is that 7% of Gates students report having a drink in the last 30 days. We cannot assume it is not our child.

Looking For Some Effective Strategies To Prevent Substance Misuse??

Family Feud Time!

What are the Top 5 substance misuse prevention strategies parents/caregivers in Scituate use?

The Scituate **FACTS** are ...

#5 Restricting the use of the car

#4 Verbal reminders about rules and consequences

#3 Giving a weekend curfew

#2 Giving a school night curfew

#1 Waiting for their teen to return home before going to bed themselves