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Alcohol is the most common drug consumed by college students. Most Cal students who drink or use other substances make safe choices and don’t experience negative academic, physical or social consequences due to their use.

However, the range and scope of risk should not be underestimated. Adverse consequences related to substance use are well-documented, and they often impact more than just the users themselves. Adverse consequences include death, injuries, sexual and physical assault, hangovers, black-outs, impaired academic performance, student attrition, driving under the influence, legal fines, property damage, vandalism, high risk sex, and dependence.

We draw on several national college data sources as well as our own campus research statistics to inform and guide our policies, strategies and activities. Key data and facts are included here.

- 33% of Berkeley students don’t drink (past month)
- 71% of Berkeley students who drink usually have 4 or fewer
- 21% of Berkeley students binge drink (past two weeks)
- 83% don’t use marijuana and 94% don’t smoke cigarettes (past month)
- 41% of new Berkeley students don’t drink (includes transfers) (Campus Clarity)
- 99% of student drinkers use one or more personal risk management techniques.
  - 43% alternate non-alcoholic with alcoholic beverages
  - 76% keep track of how many drinks they consume
  - 38% pace drinks to one per hour
  - 31% set a limit in advance
- 58% of student drinkers do not experience negative consequences due to their drinking. However:
  - 30% did something they later regretted
  - 19% drove under the influence
  - 11% had unprotected sex
  - 8% injured themselves
- Alcohol emergency transports (UCPD):
  - Fall 2017 – 58
  - Fall 2016 – 64
  - Fall 2015 – 65
  - Fall 2014 – 83
- Public Nuisance Violations for loud, late parties (BPD):
  - Fall 2016 – 31
  - Fall 2015 – 59
  - Fall 2014 – 47
  - Fall 2013 – 76

Data Source (unless otherwise indicated): NCHA Survey, Spring 2016
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