SPOTLIGHT BRIEF
ALCOHOL CONSUMPTION

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Highlights
- Recent data shows that approximately 65% of undergraduate and graduate students drink alcohol (beer, wine, or liquor)
- Of those that consume alcohol, about 25% are considered high-pattern drinkers
- Of undergraduate and graduate students who drink, the percentage of those who “blacked-out” has increased from 17% (2000) to 21% (2016)
- 1.4% of students who consume alcohol reported having sex with someone without giving consent

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Survey Summary
Survey Title: ACHA-NCHA Annual Reports
Sample Method: Random Selection
Sample Scope: USC undergraduate and graduate students enrolled on the University Park Campus during the spring semester
Sample Size: 459 - 1,235 (varies on academic year)
Reference: http://engemannshc.usc.edu/what-we-know-about-you/

STUDENTS AND ALCOHOL CONSUMPTION

- Of undergraduate and graduate students who responded, approximately 65% drink alcohol (beer, wine, or liquor)
IDENTIFYING THE HIGH RISK PATTERN DRINKERS...

Over the last two weeks, how many times have you had **five or more** drinks of alcohol at a sitting?

The percentage of undergraduate and graduate students who have experienced any of the following when drinking alcohol:

- Of undergraduate and graduate students who drink, the percentage who have blacked out while drinking in the last year has increased from 17% in 2000 to 21% in 2016.

- Of undergraduate and graduate students who drink, 1.4% report having had sex with someone without giving their consent.