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Trends on Driving under the Influence of Alcohol and Illicit Drugs among Delawarean Young Adults

Use of illicit drugs can make driving a car unsafe just like driving after drinking alcohol. In spite of a consistent decrease from 2007 to 2013 on the percentage of young adults who reported driving under the influence of alcohol (from 28.4% to 20.5%), there is an overall upward trend from 2007 to 2014 on the percentage of young adults reporting driving under the influence of illicit drugs (from 18% to 21.3%), though with a temporary decrease during 2011 to 2013. The results indicate the continuing prevention messages on driving after drinking may be having an effect, but prevention messages and education initiatives on illicit drug's influence on driving may deserve substantial efforts as well.

