

# ALCOHOL: Age at first use

## Q45: How old were you when you had your first drink of alcohol other than a few sips?

In 2005, approximately one-fourth of students reported that they had their first drink of alcohol before age 13.

- 22.7 percent of students reported having had their first drink of alcohol before age 13.
- There were no significant differences in having had a first drink of alcohol before age 13 by gender, grade level or race.

A significant decrease was observed from 1999 (30 percent) to 2005 (22.7 percent) in the percentage of students who had their first drink of alcohol before age 13.

- Significant decreases were observed for males and students in the ninth and 11<sup>th</sup> grades.
- There were no significant differences between 2003 and 2005.

