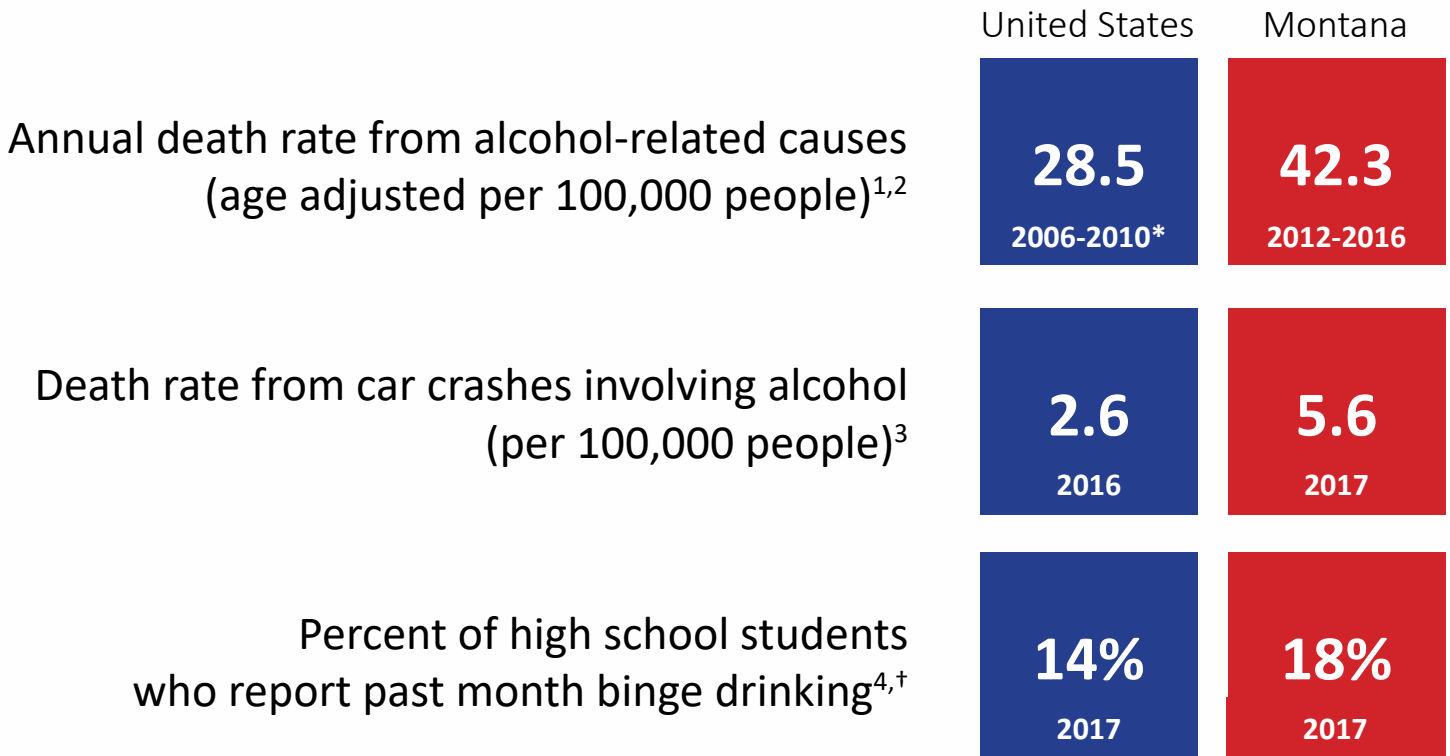




Alcohol Use in Montana



Key Points:

- One in three high school students reported alcohol use in the last month; over 50% of students who reported alcohol use also engaged in binge drinking[†] behavior.⁴
- From 2012-2016, on average, 475 Montanans died each year due to excessive alcohol use. Over two-thirds (67%) of these deaths occurred among Montanans aged 20 to 64 years.
Thus, excessive alcohol use accounted for a substantial amount of premature death, with an average of 13,236 Years of Potential Life Lost (YPLL) each year.²
- In 2017, 30% of all traffic fatalities in Montana were alcohol-related.³
- Over \$42 million dollars were charged by Montana hospitals for alcohol-related hospitalizations and emergency department visits in 2017.⁵

*Rate only included data from 11 states: California, Michigan, Nebraska, New Mexico, North Carolina, North Dakota, South Dakota, Utah, Virginia, Wisconsin

†Binge drinking is defined as having five or more alcoholic drinks on one occasion for males, and four or more alcoholic drinks on one occasion for females



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