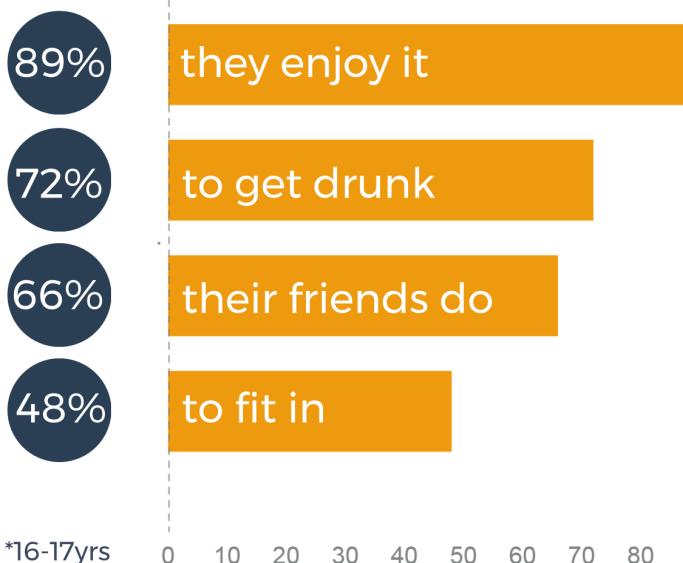


Why do West Coast young people drink alcohol?

Young people* said they drink alcohol because ...



Alcohol use by West Coast young people

A survey of young people's views

August 2017

Young people's interactions with alcohol



1/2 Drink alcohol
Self-reported 'sometimes drink alcohol'



3/4 of 16-17yrs. drink
Self-reported by 264 young people 16-17yrs.



1/3 Drink too much
Of all who self-reported that they 'sometimes drink alcohol'

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+ Local context



Economic situation



Unemployment



Deprivation



Geographical isolation + population outflow

= Vulnerabilities | Increased sensitivity to alcohol harm

Where do West Coast young people get their alcohol from?

Parents/caregivers supply vs purchasing own alcohol, by age group.

