

Special Issue

Alcohol Use in Young People

Message from the Guest Editors

Alcohol use among adolescents and young adults remains a major public health concern worldwide, with far-reaching consequences for physical health, mental well-being, academic performance, and long-term life trajectories. Early alcohol initiation is strongly associated with increased risk of substance use disorders, injuries, violence, and chronic health conditions later in adulthood. In recent years, rapid shifts in social norms, digital communication environments, and the broader stressors facing young people, including economic uncertainty, social isolation, and structural inequities, have created new patterns of risk and protection.

Understanding these dynamics is essential for developing effective prevention and intervention strategies tailored to today's youth. This Special Issue aims to advance the scientific understanding of alcohol use among young people (approximately ages 10–29) by highlighting cutting-edge research on epidemiology, prevention, treatment, and policy. We welcome studies that explore how developmental, social, cultural, and environmental factors shape alcohol-related behaviors and outcomes.

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Message from the Editor-in-Chief

Youth is an international and peer-reviewed journal covering a broad range of topics that all influence persons lumped into the category of youth. The numerous issues of interest to the research community involving youth include mental health, education, sociology, economics, employment, cultural studies, civic engagement, and other social perspectives of youth and young adulthood.

Our goal is to work together with the global research community whose interest and scholarship speak to providing evidence that will support and enhance the lives of youth and the systems that affect their lives. We are interested in working with graduate students, scholars, scientists, and research centers who share this interest.

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