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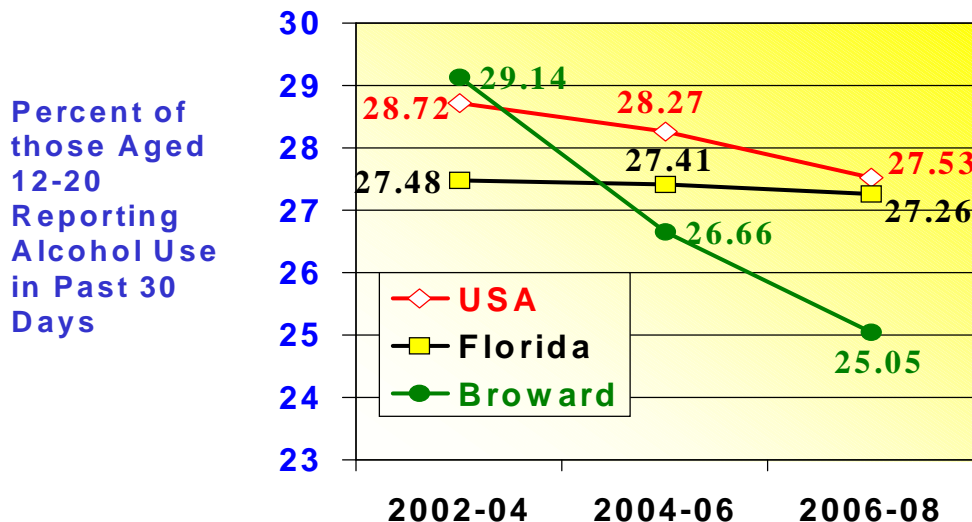
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Broward Rates of Underage Alcohol Use Decline

The percent of Broward residents aged 12 to 20 years reporting any alcohol use in the past 30 days declined from 29 to 25 percent between 2002 and 2008 according to the just released substate findings of the National Survey on Drug Use and Health. While the decline was technically not enough to be statistically significant, **Broward youth and young adults under age 20 outpaced those in Florida and the nation whose rates remained relatively stable.** Rates among the same age group reporting binge alcohol use of 5 or more drinks in a row on one or more occasions in the past month also declined from 17.14 percent to 15.13 percent in Broward County over the same 7-year period, while the national and State rates remained stable at 18.31 percent nationally and 17.45 percent for all of Florida. The National Survey on Drug Use and Health combines 3 years of data in order to provide findings for 362 substate areas across the nation including Broward County. The full report is available at: <http://www.oas.samhsa.gov/substate2k10/2k8Substate.pdf>

**Trends in Percent of Current Alcohol Use Among Underage Drinkers 12-20 Years of Age
 USA, Florida, & Broward County: 2002-2008**



SOURCE: SAMHSA (2010) Substate Estimates from the 2002-2008 National Surveys on Drug Use and Health (Office of Applied Studies)