

DRINKING TIED TO TEENS WHO WORK MORE HOURS

U.S. teenagers who work more than ten hours per week are more likely to drink and to drink heavily than those who work fewer hours or not at all.

A study of over 6,500 adolescents by Mallie Paschall, a University of California researcher, was published in the January, 2004 issue of the *Journal of Adolescent Health*.

About 24% of teens who worked more than ten hours per week reported they had engaged in heavy drinking in the past year. Less than 10% of nonworking teens or teens working less than ten hours per week reported the same.

Work offers income to afford alcohol and also places teens with older adolescents and adults who can make drinking appear more socially acceptable.

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