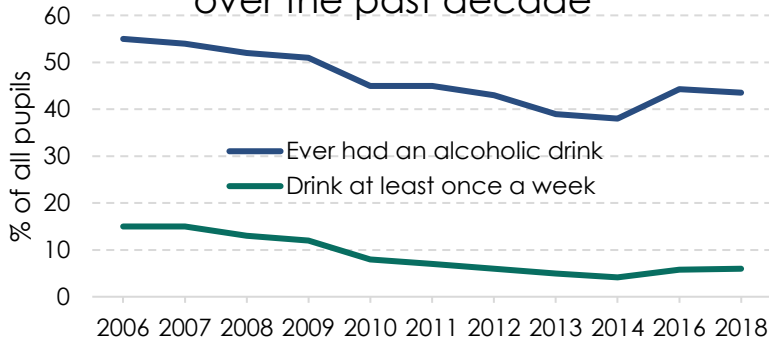


# Underage drinking in the UK

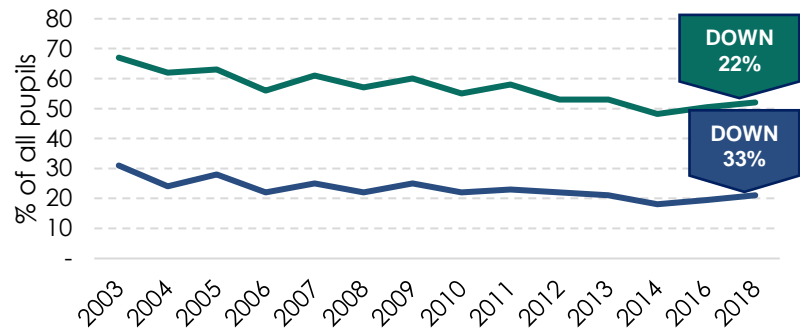
- Underage drinking continues to fall across the UK, though there has been a concerning recent rise in Scotland
- The number of children who think drinking alcohol is acceptable has also declined
- Alcohol-specific hospital admissions among under 18s has also fallen every year for the past decade

## Underage drinking among 11-15 year olds in England has declined over the past decade



Source: NHS Digital  
Pre-2016 data not comparable due to a change in the wording of the question pupils were asked.

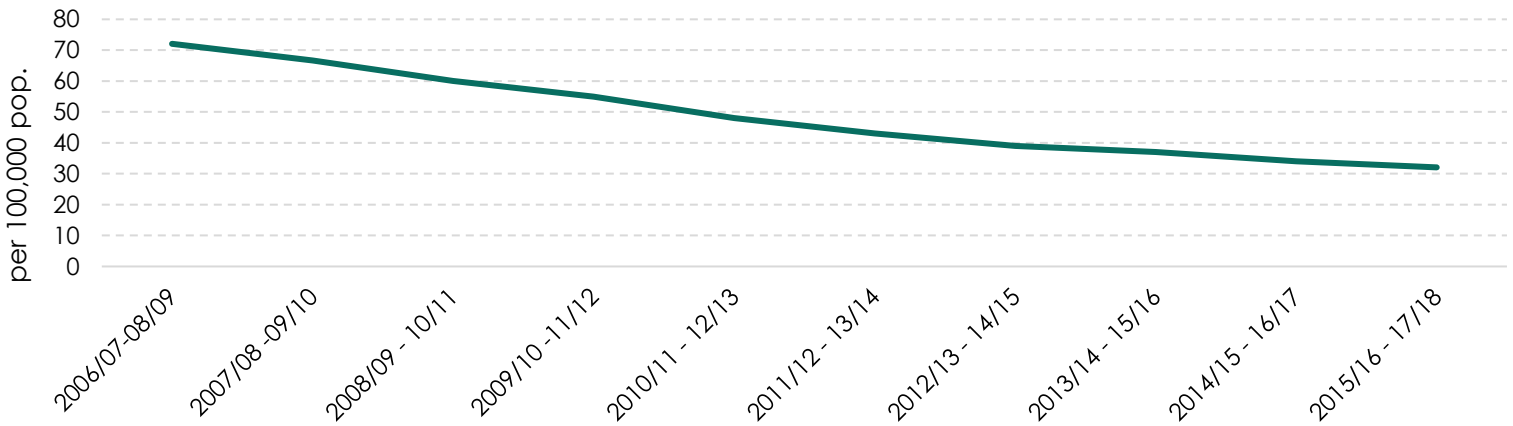
## The number of English pupils who think it's OK to drink or get drunk



— OK to try drinking alcohol to see what it's like  
— OK to try getting drunk to see what it's like

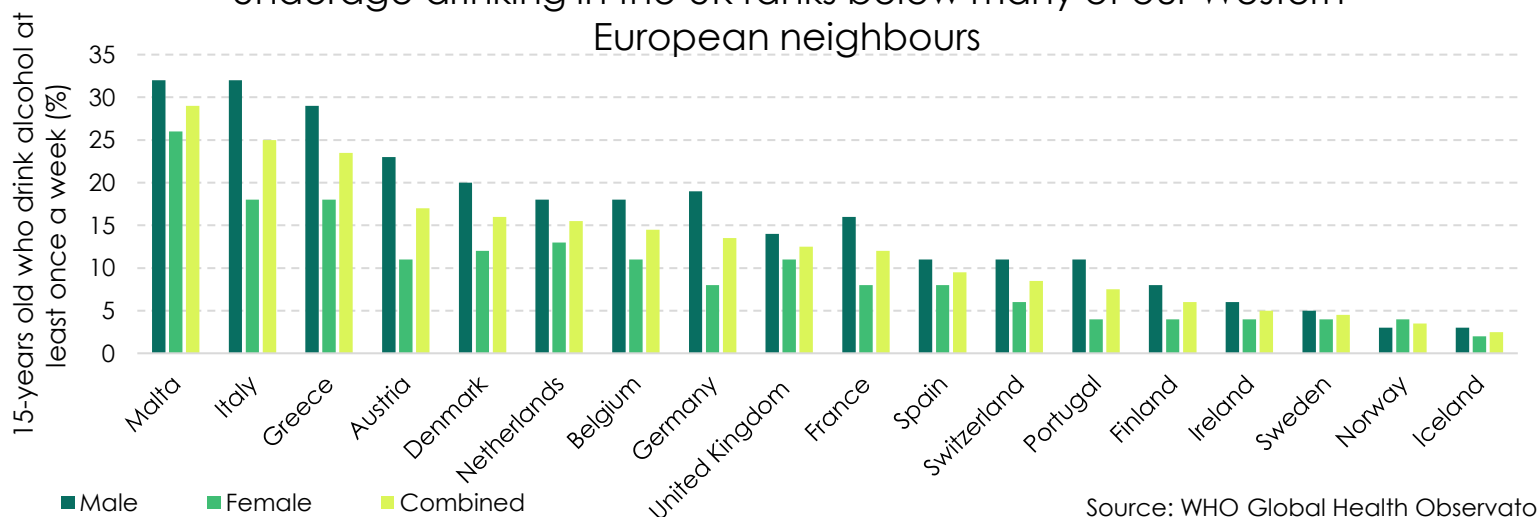
Source: NHS Digital

## Under-18's alcohol-specific hospital admissions in England have fallen every year over the past decade



Source: Public Health England

## Underage drinking in the UK ranks below many of our Western European neighbours



Source: WHO Global Health Observatory