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## The 25 best things about being in your early twenties



Quoth the raven, "You have fresh young skin and you can do whatever."

- 1. Your face is a fresh, dewy wonder.** Had a crazy night out? Later in life, you'll spend 45 minutes in the bathroom trying to look slightly less like Charlize Theron in *Monster*. But for now, you could spend all night doing crank in a radiation lab and still wake up looking 17.
- 2. You're still that person who "just doesn't get hangovers!"** Hahaha, oh boy, JUST YOU WAIT.
- 3. You're free of any high school and early college labels you may have accrued.** When you go to happy hour with your coworkers, or out with a new guy, they don't know that you were considered the "responsible one" in high school, or that you once drunkenly puked in the broom closet of a frat house, or had bad hair, or that your nickname used to be Jenna Teeth Blowjob. You're free to reinvent yourself. (Jenna *Awesome* Blowjob?)
- 4. You have an excuse to upgrade your wardrobe for both work *and* play.** This ain't no sweatpants-to-your-11 a.m.-recitation shit. Once you land your first job, you have an excuse to go on a profesh-woman shopping spree. (And counter it with a bunch of hot going-out outfits.)
- 5. Theme parties.** Truth bomb: After the age of 25 you will never go to another *Great Gatsby*-themed house party again. May as well give the flapper number to Goodwill and check your "getting wasted in period attire" pass at the door.
- 6. You can prematurely start the beauty routines that will Benjamin Button your twentysomething self for years to come.** Moisturizer! Eye cream! Way ahead of the game if you start these ASAP. I didn't moisturize until I was 23 and when I told a bunch of friends this, they looked at me like I'd just pooped on the table.
- 7. You can go out in American Apparel dresses without questioning the age-appropriateness of it/you/every decision you've made.** Go forth and purchase that body-con U-neck dress with no remorse. You look amazing.
- 8. You can still be on your parents' insurance.** Do not underestimate the importance of access to Pap smears and root canals.
- 9. You can still be on the family plan.** How much does it cost to send one text? You don't know, do you.

**10. Going to a music festival is still exciting and awesome and not a living nightmare.** Ditto for low-budget road trips. Or sleeping on anyone's floor. Or couch-surfing.

**11. A drunk person trashing your house is still a funny story, not yet the worst thing that could ever happen and winds up costing you your security deposit.** Starter apartments, in general, are meant to be trashed. #sorrynotsorry.

**12. You just got your first real paycheck and are able to buy things.** Or just, like, one Anthropologie bowl. But, things!

**13. Side-bow headbands are still a possibility for you.**

**14. Go ahead, have Wendy's chili and stolen work bagels from the office next door and \$1 pizza for every meal this week.** Because you'll feel fine, and not sick at all, and I'm jealous.

**15. You can hook up with the most inappropriate and/or lame people in the universe without even the slightest worry that it should "go somewhere."** I guess you can do this for forever, but when you're 22, you don't even feel anywhere NEAR obligated to keep seeing duds just for the sake of it.

**16. Basically all of your peers are as confused as you are.** You're all on the same page, more or less. Once you hit your late twenties, people start getting married/pregnant/traveling through space.

**17. Metabolism.** 'Nuff said.

**18. The energy!** O to go to parties that start at 11 p.m.

**19. You have sexual power simply by virtue of your age.** Being in your early twenties has a strange, hypnotizing effect on older men — even slightly older. Not that they're the ones you should be focusing on... but still. Yay for power.

**20. You are automatically one hotness level up from college because you've learned how to style yourself better.** No more ill-advised harem pants.

**21. You have more Twitter followers than your boss.**

**22. You unabashedly post pictures of yourself to Facebook and Instagram without wondering whether you'll come off self-absorbed.** And trust me, once you are an Old, you'll be glad you have proof that you once had skin that nice.

**23. It's still early enough to deviate from your major and/or make a big career switch.** I majored in film, and now I am doing this. That is all the proof you need.

**24. You can travel the world and basically not miss anything.** Go! Teach English in China for a year! Now is the time to go backpacking and exploring and screwing around — and when you get back, you're still right on schedule.

**25. You have never found a gray hair and had an existential crisis about why we're REALLY here, what is our purpose, how will I ever find my soulmate, should I be doing more aid work???** Nope. Not a problem for you.

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