

Community Prevention Survey

This survey is voluntary. If you choose to take it, you may skip any question you don't want to answer.

This survey asks about your experiences and opinions on a number of topics related to alcohol. Your answers to these questions will be confidential. That means no one will connect your answers with your name or other identifying information. To help us keep your answers confidential, please do not write your name on this survey form.

The information in this survey will be used to learn more about the effectiveness of programs to prevent substance abuse.

This is not a test. So, there are no right or wrong answers. Some questions may ask you to select all of the answers that are relevant, and others ask you to select a single answer. If the question asks for a single answer and you don't find an answer that exactly fits, choose one that comes closest.

Throughout this survey are questions about drinking alcohol. This includes drinking beer, wine, wine coolers, or liquor such as rum, gin, vodka, whiskey or mixed drinks. For these questions, drinking alcohol does not include drinking a few sips of wine for religious purposes.

Thank you for agreeing to participate in this survey.

Date survey completed

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These first few questions ask for general information about you.

1. What is your gender?	44.4% (60) Male 55.6% (75) Female
2. Are you Hispanic or Latino (check one)	3.8% (5) Yes 96.2% (128) No
3. What is your race (select one or more)	2.2% (3) American Indian or Alaska Native 1.5% (2) Asian 2.3% (3) Black or African American 0.0% (0) Black or African Native 1.5% (2) Native Hawaiian or Other Pacific Islander 95.5% (126) White
4. How old are you today?	Mean age of 20.64 years old Median age of 21 years old
5. What is your current Zip Code where you live?	59.3% (80) Region F residents 40.7% (55) Non-residents
6. Do you live at this Zip Code year round--that is more than 9 months of the year?	78.4% (105) Yes 21.6% (29) No
7. Do you currently have a job? 6A. If yes, how many hours do you work at a job(s) in an average week?	68.1% (82) Yes 31.9% (43) No Mean of 33.03 Hours
8. What is your occupation?	17.8% (24) Retail 14.8% (120) Food service 11.1% (15) Student 5.2% (7) Construction 4.4% (6) Homemaker 1.5% (2) Emergency services For others, see frequency table

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9. Are you currently enrolled in post-high school education programming (e.g. college, technical school, apprenticeships, etc.)	47.4% (64) Yes	52.6% (71) No
9a. If yes, is your participation full- or part-time?	87.5% (56) Full Time	12.5% (8) Part-time

The following questions ask about what you think about the perceptions and behaviors of TYPICAL YOUNG ADULTS in your community. They ARE NOT specific to your actions.

10. Which of these statements about drinking alcohol do you feel most people your age in your community would agree with? <i>(Check Only One)</i>	<p>14.4% (19) Drinking is never a good thing to do.</p> <p>9.1% (12) Drinking is all right but a person should not get drunk.</p> <p>49.2% (65) Occasionally getting drunk is okay as long as it doesn't interfere with work or other responsibilities.</p> <p>9.8% (13) Occasionally getting drunk is okay even if it does interfere with work or other responsibilities.</p> <p>17.4% (23) Frequently getting drunk is okay if that's what the individual wants to do.</p>
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11. During the past 30 days, do you think the typical person your age in your community had at least one drink of alcohol?	96.2% (127) Yes	3.8% (5) No
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12. During the past 30 days, do you think the typical person your age in your community had 5 or more drinks of alcohol in a row, that is, within a couple of hours?	81.8% (108) Yes	18.2% (24) No
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13. How many nights a week do you think MOST PEOPLE YOUR AGE in this community party with alcohol?	Mean of 3.48 nights a week				
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14. Which type of alcoholic drink do you think is most commonly consumed by people your age in your community who do drink? <i>(Check ONE)</i>	<p>78.2% (93) Beer</p> <p>0.8% (1) Wine</p> <p>14.3% (17) Hard liquor</p> <p>6.7% (8) Hard lemonade, twisted tea, wine coolers, or other premixed bottled alcoholic drinks</p>				
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	None	Less than 1 drink	1-2 drinks	3-4 drinks	5 or more drinks
15. How many alcoholic drinks are typically consumed by a person your age in your community at parties or other social occasions?	0.8% (1)	2.3% (3)	11.5% (15)	31.3% (41)	54.2% (71)

	None	Less than Half	Half	More than Half	All
16. a. Not counting just a few sips of wine for religious purposes, how many of <i>your friends</i> typically drink alcohol?	9.1% (12)	11.4% (15)	15.9% (21)	37.1% (49)	26.5% (35)
b. Not counting just a few sips of wine for religious purposes, how many <i>other people your age</i> typically drink alcohol?	4.5% (6)	6.1% (8)	15.9% (21)	55.3% (73)	18.2% (24)

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The following question asks about YOUR OWN perceptions and behaviors related to alcohol use. Several questions refer to a "drink" or "drinks" of an alcoholic beverage. One drink is equivalent to a 12-ounce beer, a 5-ounce glass of wine, or a drink with one shot of liquor.

<p>17. Which statement best describes your drinking history? I began drinking alcohol...</p>	<p>23.7% (32) Before I turned 18, and drink about the same as I drink now</p> <p>11.9% (16) Before I turned 18, and I drink more now</p> <p>21.5% (29) Before I turned 18, and I drink less now</p> <p>5.2% (7) Before I turned 18, but I don't drink now</p> <p>15.6% (21) After I turned 18, but before I was 21 years old</p> <p>8.9% (12) After I turned 21</p> <p>13.3% (18) I have never had an alcoholic drink.</p>				
<p>18. Which of these statements about drinking alcohol do YOU PERSONALLY agree with the most? <i>(Check Only One)</i></p>	<p>17.2% (23) Drinking is never a good thing to do.</p> <p>18.7% (25) Drinking is all right but a person should not get drunk.</p> <p>58.2% (78) Occasionally getting drunk is okay as long as it doesn't interfere with work or other responsibilities.</p> <p>2.2% (3) Occasionally getting drunk is okay even if it does interfere with work or other responsibilities.</p> <p>3.7% (5) Frequently getting drunk is okay if that's what the individual wants to do.</p>				
<p>19. Think back over your entire lifetime, have you ever had a drink of alcohol?</p>	<p>87.4% (118) Yes</p>	<p>12.6% (17) No</p>			
<p>20. During the past 30 days, on how many days did you have at least one drink of alcohol</p>	<p>18.6% (22) 0 days</p> <p>27.1% (32) 1 or 2 days</p> <p>19.5% (23) 3 to 5 days</p> <p>18.6% (22) 6 to 9 days</p> <p>14.4% (17) 10 to 29 days</p> <p>1.7% (2) All 30 days</p>				
<p>21. If you have ever had alcohol, what was your age the FIRST TIME you drank the alcohol?</p>	<p>Mean age of 15.61 years old</p>				
	<p>A lot more Likely</p>	<p>More Likely</p>	<p>Less likely</p>	<p>A lot less likely</p>	<p>Would make no difference</p>
<p>22. Would you be more or less likely to want to work for an employer that tests its employees for alcohol use on a random basis? <i>(Check one)</i></p>	<p>11.9% (16)</p>	<p>13.4% (18)</p>	<p>17.9% (24)</p>	<p>13.4% (18)</p>	<p>43.3% (58)</p>

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		Strongly Approve	Approve	Disapprove	Strongly Disapprove
23.	How do you feel about someone your age having one or two drinks of an alcoholic beverage nearly every day?	4.5% (6)	36.4% (48)	40.9% (54)	18.2% (24)
24.	How do you feel about someone your age having five or more drinks in a row once or twice a week?	3.0% (4)	42.1% (56)	33.1% (44)	21.8% (29)
25.	How much do you think people risk harming themselves (physically or in other ways) if they:	No Risk	Slight Risk	Moderate Risk	Great Risk
	a. Take one or two drinks of an alcoholic beverage nearly every day?	15.0% (20)	42.9% (47)	28.6% (38)	13.5% (18)
	b. Take five or more drinks of an alcoholic beverage once or twice each weekend?	6.0% (8)	26.3% (35)	48.9% (65)	18.8% (25)
	c. Take five or more drinks of an alcoholic beverage nearly every day?	3.7% (5)	12.7% (17)	16.4% (22)	67.2% (90)
26.	How much do you think people your age put themselves at risk for the following problems if they drink 5 or more alcoholic beverages in a row, that is, within a couple of hours each weekend:	No Risk	Slight Risk	Moderate Risk	Great Risk
	a. Alcohol poisoning or death	6.1% (8)	29.0% (38)	34.4% (45)	30.5% (40)
	b. Use of other drugs	7.0% (9)	23.3% (30)	36.4% (47)	33.3% (43)
	c. Being injured	3.1% (4)	25.6% (33)	44.2% (57)	27.1% (35)
	d. Getting into fights	2.3% (3)	21.7% (28)	42.6% (55)	33.3% (43)
	e. Injuring someone else	3.9% (5)	26.4% (34)	37.2% (48)	32.6% (42)
	f. Unwanted sexual contact or advances	4.6% (6)	24.4% (32)	29.8% (39)	41.2% (54)
	g. Problems with the law	3.8% (5)	23.1% (30)	35.4% (46)	37.7% (49)
	h. Problems with school	6.9% (9)	37.4% (49)	25.2% (33)	30.5% (40)
	i. Problems with work	6.9% (9)	32.1% (42)	35.9% (47)	25.2% (33)
	j. Problems with family	3.8% (5)	40.0% (52)	25.4% (33)	30.8% (40)
	k. Unhealthy brain development	8.5% (11)	31.5% (41)	29.2% (38)	30.8% (40)
	l. Alcoholism	4.7% (6)	22.5% (29)	34.1% (44)	38.8% (50)

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27. Please indicate if you agree or disagree with the following statements:	Strongly Agree	Agree	Disagree	Strongly Disagree
a. Parents can have a strong influence on their child's decision to use alcohol.	40.2% (53)	45.5% (60)	9.8% (13)	4.5% (6)
b. Alcohol advertising influences a young person's decision to drink.	22.1% (29)	48.9% (64)	21.4% (28)	7.6% (10)
c. It is ok for youth under the age of 21 to drink at parties if they don't drive.	6.1% (8)	48.9% (64)	22.1% (29)	22.9% (30)
d. Drinking alcohol in moderation is all right for adults, but never for people under 21.	15.3% (20)	27.5% (36)	39.7% (52)	17.6% (23)
e. Occasional drinking is ok for people under 21 if it doesn't interfere with schoolwork or other responsibilities.	12.3% (16)	47.7% (62)	23.1% (30)	16.9% (22)
f. Drinking is part of growing up.	8.5% (11)	40.8% (53)	30.0% (39)	20.8% (27)
g. Young adults (ages 18 to 25) who do not drink alcohol at parties feel left out.	13.1% (17)	32.3% (42)	36.9% (48)	17.7% (23)
h. It is wrong for adults to provide alcohol to people under the age of 21.	33.3% (44)	38.6% (51)	18.9% (25)	9.1% (12)
i. I am concerned about drinking in my community.	11.5% (15)	26.7% (35)	44.3% (58)	17.6% (23)

Next we have four questions about over-the-counter and prescription drugs.

28. Think back over your entire lifetime, have you ever taken over-the-counter drugs to get high?	25.0% (33) Yes	75.0% (99) No
29. Think back over your entire lifetime, have you ever used prescription drugs without a doctor's orders?	28.0% (37) Yes	72.0% (95) No
30. During the past 30 days, on how many days did you taken a prescription drug (such as OxyContin, Percocet, Vicodin, Adderall, Ritalin, or Xanax) without a doctor's orders?	54.1% (20) 0 days 27.0% (10) 1 or 2 days 8.1% (3) 3 to 5 days 2.7% (1) 6 to 9 days 5.4% (2) 10 to 29 days 2.7% (1) All 30 days	
31. If you have ever used prescription drugs without a doctor's orders, what was your age the FIRST TIME you used the substance?	Mean age of 16.26 years old	

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The following set of questions asks about communications regarding the dangers or problems associated with the use of alcohol.

32.	How much do you think typical parents of youth in your community limit underage drinking?	<p>24.2% (31) No drinking except for a few sips at family or religious gatherings</p> <p>28.1% (36) Some drinking with parents if only family is present</p> <p>26.6% (34) Some drinking with friends if parent is present</p> <p>15.6% (20) Drinking without parent if not driving or getting drunk</p> <p>5.5% (7) No limits on drinking</p>
33.	During the past 3 months, how many times do you recall hearing, reading, or seeing an advertisement or message about the prevention or harm of underage drinking or binge drinking?	<p>25.2% (33) None</p> <p>46.6% (61) 1-3 times</p> <p>28.2% (37) 4 or more times</p>
34.	<p>Did any of the advertisements or messages about the prevention or harm of underage drinking or binge drinking...</p> <p><i>(Check all that apply)</i></p>	<p>30.4% (38) Reinforce what you already believe?</p> <p>12.8% (16) Lead you to believe that underage or binge drinking is more harmful than you thought?</p> <p>12.0% (15) Lead you to drink less?</p> <p>9.6% (12) Lead you to have a conversation with a family member or friend about the harm and risks of underage or binge drinking?</p> <p>25.6% (32) None of the above</p> <p>23.2% (29) I don't recall any advertisements or messages.</p>

	0 times	1 to 2 times	A few times	Many times
35. During the past 12 months, how many times have you talked with your parents or other adults about the dangers or problems associated with the use of alcohol?	53.1% (69)	33.1% (43)	10.0% (13)	3.8% (5)
36. During the past 12 months, how many times have you talked with friends or other young adults about the dangers or problems associated with the use of alcohol?	42.6% (55)	32.6% (42)	18.6% (24)	6.2% (8)

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The next few questions ask about your perceptions of underage youth access to alcohol in your community and monitoring of underage drinking.

37. Do you know parents or other adults in your community who host parties where alcohol is available or served to underage youth?	53.0%(70) Yes 47.0% (62) No
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	Very likely	likely	Unlikely	Very Unlikely
38. How likely is it that 18 to 20 year olds are able to buy alcohol <u>at stores</u> in your community?	11.4% (15)	28.0% (37)	36.4% (48)	24.2% (32)
39. How likely is it that 18 to 20 year olds are able to buy alcohol <u>at bars or restaurants</u> in your community?	5.5% (7)	25.8% (33)	39.8% (51)	28.9% (37)

40. How do 18 to 20 year olds who drink alcohol in your community most often get the alcohol they drink? <i>(Check all that apply)</i>	<p>84.5% (109) They get it from an older friend or sibling</p> <p>22.5% (29) They buy it in a store</p> <p>10.9% (14) They buy it at a restaurant, bar, or club</p> <p>15.5% (20) They buy it at a public event such as a concert or sporting event</p> <p>69.0% (89) They give someone else money to buy it for them</p> <p>61.2% (79) Someone gives it to them</p> <p>38.8% (50) They steal it from a store or family member</p> <p>35.7% (46) They get it from their parent or guardian</p> <p>34.9% (45) They get it from other family members</p> <p>35.7% (46) They get it some other way</p>
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	Very hard	Sort of hard	Sort of easy	Very easy
41. If an 18-20 year old wanted to get alcohol, how hard or easy would it be for him/her to get some?	3.9% (5)	17.1% (22)	41.9% (54)	37.2% (48)

	Very Likely	Likely	Unlikely	Very Unlikely
42. If someone in your community gave alcohol to a person under the age of 21, how likely is it that he or she would be arrested by the police?	14.0% (18)	15.5% (20)	50.4% (65)	20.2% (26)
43. If you thought a party was being held in your community where alcoholic beverages might be available to people under 21, how likely would you be to report it?	12.4% (16)	17.8% (23)	34.1% (44)	35.7% (46)

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44. If someone under the age of 21 drank some beer, wine or hard liquor in your community, how likely is it that he or she would be arrested by the police?	7.9% (10)	18.1% (23)	52.8% (67)	21.3% (27)
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45. Were you aware before today that it is against the law in New Hampshire to host a party where alcohol is being consumed by minors even if you do not provide the alcohol?	86.3% (113)	13.7% (18)
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<p>46. Please name any particular groups within your community who are negatively affected by underage or binge drinking (e.g. is the problem worse for females? Athletes? Particular occupations? Minority groups? Certain neighborhoods? Other sectors?)</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • "popular" (2) • Alcoholics • Athletes and hipsters (too much cheap beer) • Athletes at my old high school get suspended for four weeks from athletics if caught outside of school drinking alcohol. • Athletes (7) • Certain neighborhoods (3) • Bad neighborhoods, college towns • Certain neighborhoods are bad, but overall my town is pretty good about alcohol use. • College students (2) • College students; they get a taste of freedom, but abuse the privilege and get stupid. Because alcohol is forbidden but now available its a problem. • Don't know (9) • Elder gods, CHe Guavara, Flying Monkeys, wet things • Elderly (2) • Everyone • Family history (2) • Females (4) • GLBTQ
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- Hispanics
- Greek life (5)
- High SES
- I keep to myself.
- I would say that it is mostly the more "popular" kids, as in "preps" or "jocks"
- Irresponsible people
- Kids who are depressed in high school should stay away from drugs and alcohol.
- Lafayette Street, Brack Street, Heaton Street, Portland Street
- Low-income
- Vulnerable populations (lower income, lower educational status) (4)
- Males (3)
- Minorities
- Parents because the kids might get abused.
- School sports
- Stop snitching
- Taxpayers
- Teens (7)
- The neighborhoods behind Janeto's. The poor people in Rochester & Somersworth, older HS students & college kids, UNH
- University communities & Organizations (athletics, Greek life)
- youth

47. Please suggest any services that might be helpful to address underage or binge drinking in your community.

- A life :)
- Ads, Youth-to-Youth, teen centers or the AA for kids I forget what that is called.
- Advertisement in local convenience stores regarding the issue of underage drinking
- Don't know (9)

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- Lower drinking age (4)
- More alternative "dry" activities. (5)
- More counseling/support opportunities (9)
- More parental involvement. (9)
- More youth education.
- More/better law enforcement. (9)
- Parents should expose children, raise them with it so they don't abuse it. I was allowed wine with family but now I don't drink.
- Self-medicating
- Underage alcohol stings
- Underage drinking is bad. Make you into an alcoholic ? believe me!
- Youth-2-Youth (3)

THANK YOU!