

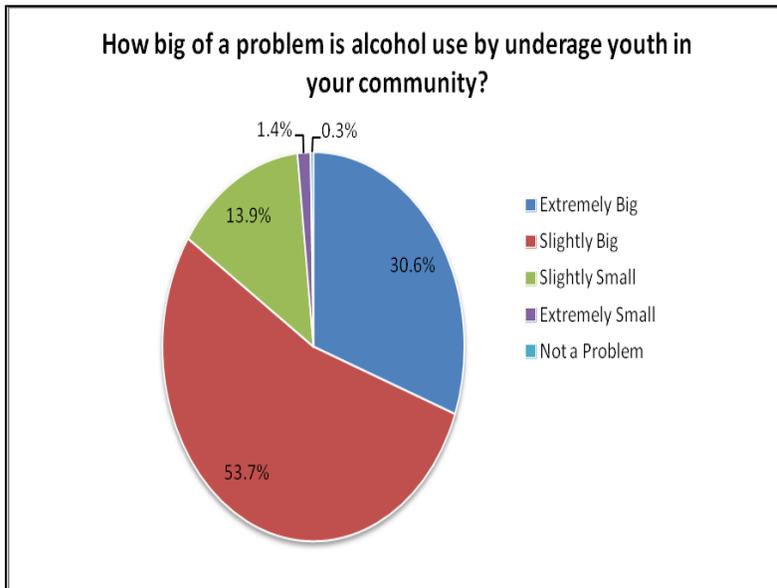


# Steuben Task Force on Underage Drinking

## Steuben County Steuben Prevention Coalition 2015 Adult Perception Survey

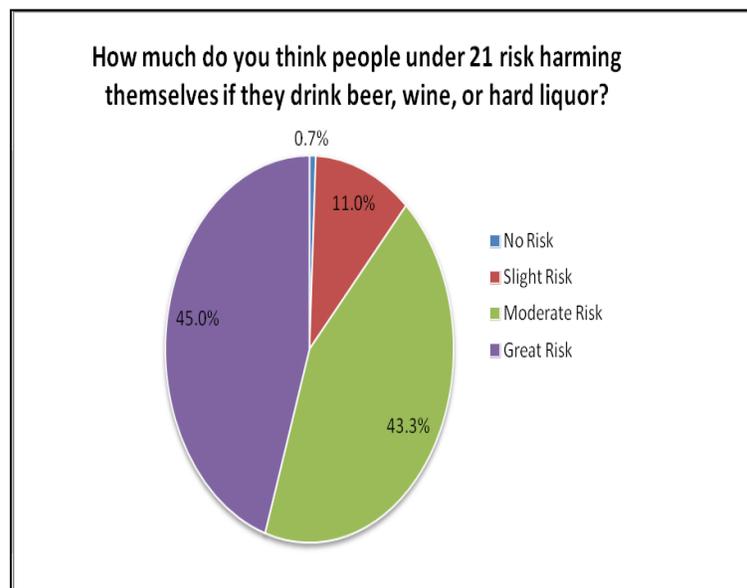
Do you have a child in: (check all that apply)		
Answer Options	Response Percent	Response Count
Elementary School (K-5)	17.1%	51
Middle School (6-8)	14.0%	42
High School (9-12)	19.7%	59
<b>Out of School</b>	<b>45.8%</b>	<b>137</b>
No Children	23.7%	71
Total Respondents	299	

Zip Code/Town	Response Percent	Response Count
14810 - Bath	22.8%	71
14843 - Hornell	14.8%	46
14830 - Corning	16.1%	50
14879 - Savona	2.6%	8
14840 - Hammondsport	6.8%	21
14809 - Avoca	1.9%	6
14821 - Campbell	2.6%	8
14873 - Prattsburgh	1.9%	6
14823 - Canisteo	6.4%	20
14807 - Arkport	1.0%	3
14870 - Gang Mills	3.9%	12
14801 - Addison	3.2%	10
Total Respondents	311	



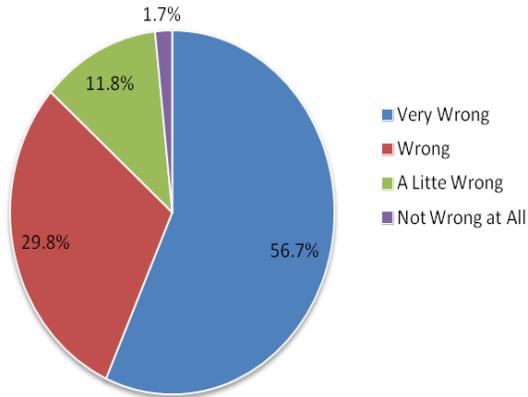
Do you think parents/adults host parties, in your community, where alcohol is available or provided to youth under the age of 21?		
Answer Options	Response Percent	Response Count
<b>Yes, Definitely</b>	<b>65.3%</b>	<b>190</b>
Unsure	29.2%	85
No, Probably Not	4.1%	12
No, Definitely Not	1.4%	4
Total Respondents	291	

Which of the following best describes your attitude about alcohol use by underage youth (under 21)?		
Answer Options	Response Percent	Response Count
<b>Should not use until they are 21</b>	<b>55.1%</b>	<b>157</b>
Should be allowed to use before they are 21 with adult supervision	10.2%	29
Should be taught to use responsibly before they are 21	31.9%	91
Should be allowed to use before they are 21	2.8%	8
Total Respondents	285	



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How wrong do you feel it would be for school age youth (21 or younger) to drink beer, wine, or liquor regularly?



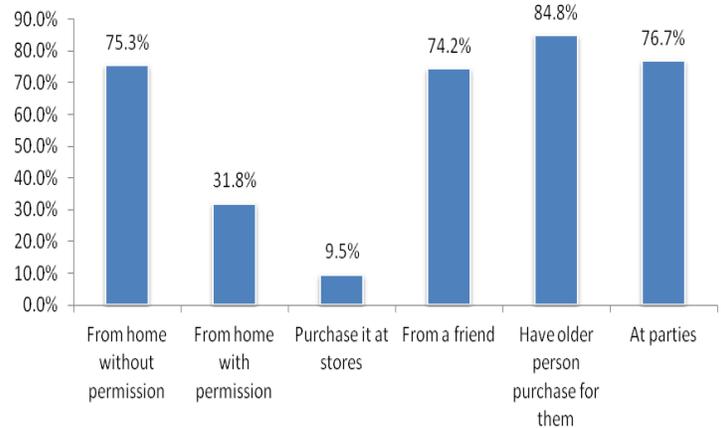
If a young person under 21 in your community wanted to get beer, wine or hard liquor (for example, vodka, whiskey or gin) how easy would it be for them?

Answer Options	Response Percent	Response Count
Difficult	3.1%	9
<b>Easy</b>	<b>63.5%</b>	<b>183</b>
Unsure	33.3%	96
Total Respondents	288	

### Other Comments - What influences a young person's decision to drink or not?

- alcohol in our society is not only viewed as acceptable, it is often encouraged through all forms of media such as movies, TV, and even books.
- boredom in rural communities, it's the thing to do to be popular and fit in.
- bullying, stress
- Cultural upbringing.
- Feelings of low-self-worth, wanting to be accepted by a certain crowd, lack of adult supervision, easy access
- it is their choice, they learn what it is at a young age, they can say yes or no, it is no ones fault
- lack of other things to focus on
- latch key youth need a place to go and someone in their lives who are present and care about them
- Peer pressure
- peer pressure, school, college , environment
- Peer pressure; to 'fit in'
- Peer pressure-a need to 'fit in'
- The culture of partying being considered a "normal" part of the teenage years
- TV shows/movies that show teens at drinking parties

### Where do you think most young people (under 21) in your community get alcohol? (check all that apply)



### What influences a young person's decision to drink or not? (check all that apply)

Answer Options	Response Percent	Response Count
The parent	48.4%	138
<b>Friends</b>	<b>98.6%</b>	<b>281</b>
Alcohol advertising	29.8%	85
Other adults' drinking	46.7%	133
Social media (facebook, internet, youtube)	69.8%	199
Total Respondents	285	

### Other Comments - Where do you think young people in your community get alcohol?

- All of the above
- Parents don't parent!! Lots of lip service but "programs" offered are somewhat of a joke and a waste because nothing is enforced or seen as important until a crisis happens
- All of the above
- Strangers
- I am not sure
- Restaurant bars

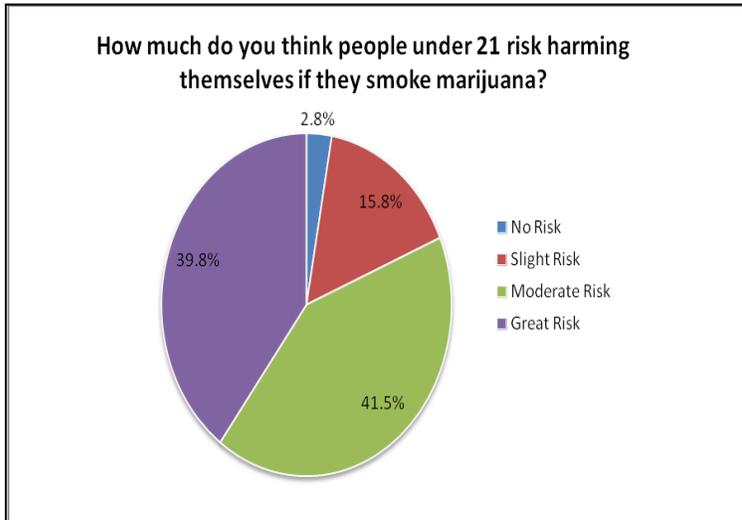
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### Other Comments - What of the following messages would you want to share with youth (under 21)?

- A small glass of wine with a meal is an acceptable practice
- again, it's the law,
- based on their age
- Be responsible for yourself. Don't rely on others to be responsible for you.
- Be responsible if you drink alcohol
- Because this is a huge problem I feel some real life impact stories before High School may help to influence better decision making
- But if they do, be responsible.
- Do not drink and drive at any age
- Following the Law of age
- I don't like any of these answers. Giving advise as fear based will not work because psychologically teens brains aren't fully developed and still have the "it won't happen to me" mentality. They should be told that there are good reasons to wait until 21, but if for some reason they do come across alcohol before this age that they should contact an adult for help.
- I think the main message is to be careful. However, dependency becomes an issue, especially if using at a young age/before one gets to know him/herself. Learning to live without alcohol is a struggle for those who use it as a crutch (and can be done in many ways).
- It is against the law.
- It is not okay for them to drink until they are adults with supporting evidence.
- It is not okay to drink if they are underage, but if they do, they should never get behind the wheel. Call for a ride, no questions asked.
- it is OK for them to drink with a responsible parent and if they are responsible
- It's also legal if with a parent.
- It's best to wait until you are 21 years old
- its not okay to drink but if they are they need to know the consequences and how to be responsible.
- My children personally, when I have them, I will share that it is never okay, but if they do drink, they should do so carefully and can always call for a ride.
- ok if they are responsible
- personally, them waiting until 21 to drink and they aren't sure what their limit is can end in many bad ways, it is good for them to experiment but not have one or two not a whole bottle to themselves
- safety and moderation is key, dependant on the parent, kind of booze, situation, and child.
- Some parents may introduce their children, appropriately, to alcohol. Other parents give permission to their children to drink as a "rite of passage" which is quite dangerous.
- unless they are in the military
- unsure, I wouldn't want to promote drinking yet I feel like they need to be taught how to be responsible
- Unsure-it would depend on how responsible the parents were
- Unsure-it would depend on the parents/guardians. We were offered wine at a very early age and it wasn't seen as a problem. It was a small (4oz) glass at dinner.
- When your 21 or older you can drink
- While the drinking age is still 21 and drinking alcohol under 21 is illegal it is not okay for them to drink.
- with a responsible adult or with another adult the parent has given permission to (i.e. friends parent)
- With conversations , lots of conversations
- Your age range is too broad to answer accurately. 18-21 year olds should be allowed to drink responsibly; younger than 18 should be educated about the use of alcohol to take the mystery away from it so it isn't so taboo and such a draw for them. Regardless of age (including adults over 21), drinking should be done responsibly, have a designated driver lined up and be careful.

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What of the following messages would you want to share with youth (under 21)? (check one)		
Answer Options	Response Percent	Response Count
<b>It is never okay for them to drink</b>	<b>69.1%</b>	<b>188</b>
It is okay for them to drink if they are with their parent	16.9%	46
It is okay for them to drink if they are with an adult	1.1%	3
It is okay for them to drink if they don't drive	6.6%	18
It is okay for them to drink if they are careful	6.3%	17
Total Respondents	272	



Which of the following best describes your attitude about marijuana use by youth (under 21)?		
Answer Options	Response Percent	Response Count
<b>Should never use</b>	<b>77.0%</b>	<b>211</b>
Should not use until they are 21	10.6%	29
Should be allowed to use before they are 21 with adult supervision	1.8%	5
Should be taught to use responsibly before they are 21	8.8%	24
Should be allowed to use before they are 21	1.8%	5
Total Respondents	274	

How much do you think youth under 21 risk harming themselves if they take prescription drugs that are not prescribed for them (ex: Vicodin, Oxycontin, Aderal, etc.)?

Answer Options	Response Percent	Response Count
No Risk	0.4%	1
Slight Risk	1.8%	5
Moderate Risk	7.9%	22
Great Risk	<b>90.0%</b>	<b>251</b>
Total Respondents	279	

How much do you think youth under 21 risk harming themselves if they use other illegal drugs (ex: bath salts, synthetic marijuana, cocaine, crack, heroin, LSD, etc.)?

Answer Options	Response Percent	Response Count
No Risk	0.0%	0
Slight Risk	0.0%	0
Moderate Risk	3.6%	10
<b>Great Risk</b>	<b>96.4%</b>	<b>269</b>
Total Respondents	279	

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Which of the following best describes your attitude about use of other illegal drugs by youth (under 21)?		
Answer Options	Response Percent	Response Count
<b>Should never use</b>	<b>97.8%</b>	<b>273</b>
Should not use until they are 21	1.1%	3
Should be allowed to use before they are 21 with adult supervision	0.0%	0
Should be taught to use responsibly before they are 21	1.1%	3
Should be allowed to use before they are 21	0.0%	0
<b>Total Respondents</b>	<b>279</b>	

Do you know where to go for help if you're having concerns with a young person's use of alcohol or drugs?		
Answer Options	Response Percent	Response Count
<b>Yes</b>	<b>89.8%</b>	<b>246</b>
No	10.2%	28
<b>Total Respondents</b>	<b>274</b>	

Which of the following is a problem for young people in your community? (check all that apply)		
Answer Options	Response Percent	Response Count
<b>Alcohol</b>	<b>78.6%</b>	<b>231</b>
<b>Marijuana</b>	<b>71.4%</b>	<b>210</b>
<b>Tobacco</b>	<b>68.4%</b>	<b>201</b>
Chewing/Smokeless Tobacco	49.0%	144
E-Cigarettes/Vapor Pens	41.2%	121
Narcotics (Heroin)	31.0%	91
Hallucinogens (LSD, PCP)	11.2%	33
Inhalants (glue, paint thinner)	16.0%	47
Prescription Drugs (Vicodin, Oxycontin)	40.8%	120
K2 - Synthetic Marijuana	17.7%	52
Bath Salts	41.5%	122
Methamphetamines	31.6%	93
All of the Above	24.1%	71
<b>Total Respondents</b>	<b>294</b>	

**Other Comments - Which of the following is a problem for young people in your community?**

- I am not sure
- I would guess that all of these are a problem and no one wants to talk about it
- Opiates
- Probably all of the above; just not aware of them
- Teens are often using whatever drugs they can access.
- The drugs that I checked are the ones of which I am aware, there may be more.
- They are all issues when taken by a young person
- Unknown

### Added Questions:

If there was a New York State Referendum to legalize the recreational use of marijuana, would you support it?			
Answer Options	Response Percent	Response Count	Total Respondents
Yes	30.8%	85	276
<b>No</b>	<b>69.2%</b>	<b>191</b>	

I would approve of a marijuana grow/nursery operation in my community?			
Answer Options	Response Percent	Response Count	Total Respondents
Yes	30.8%	84	273
<b>No</b>	<b>69.2%</b>	<b>189</b>	

I would approve of a marijuana dispensary that will sell marijuana and marijuana products in my community?			
Answer Options	Response Percent	Response Count	Total Respondents
Yes	31.6%	85	269
<b>No</b>	<b>68.4%</b>	<b>184</b>	

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For the general population (adults), I believe marijuana use is okay under the following condition...		
Answer Options	Response Percent	Response Count
For any reason	17.7%	49
<b>For a medical condition</b>	<b>62.1%</b>	<b>172</b>
Never	20.2%	56
Total Respondents	277	

### Other Comments - I would approve of a marijuana grow/nursery operation in my community?

- absolutely never!
- ABSOLUTELY NOT!
- Already too many illegal ones
- as long as it was legally controlled
- But only for medical/ prescription use
- for medical use
- for medical purposes
- for medical purposes only
- For medical reason
- For medical use
- For use in the medical industry
- For what purpose?
- I believe having a grow/nursery operation in our county would give the impression that marijuana is an okay thing and that it would lead people to believe it is okay to use (smoke) marijuana for recreational use.
- I do believe in the use of medical marijuana but not in smoking form. Only in pill form. CBD is actually the medicinal portion of marijuana and it actually suppresses the THC high. It should be strictly CBD.
- i know they will get it elsewhere but why make it legal for them? i don't like it.
- I will leave NYS
- I would move out of said community
- If for medical use only
- If it was legal
- medical purposes
- Never!
- Never!!
- No. Period.
- Not sure.
- only for medical use only
- Only for proven medical use
- With strict regulations. Compared to other street drugs, marijuana doesn't pose as much risk, but there is still risk associated with overuse and binge use. However, the potential financial benefits to a rural community (jobs, commerce, taxes) would garner my support.

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### Other Comments - I would approve of a marijuana dispensary that will sell marijuana and marijuana products in my community?

- ABSOLUTELY NOT!
- Absolutely not.
- Again, for what purpose?
- As long as controls are in place to limit to people over 21
- But only for prescription use
- for medical purposes
- for medical purposes only
- For medical use
- for medical use
- For medical use
- Get rid of the illegal sales and increase safety of product
- Having a dispensary in our county would legitimize the use of marijuana. I believe people would conclude that marijuana is okay to use for medical reasons and is also okay to use recreationally
- If for medical use only.
- Never!
- not for recreational use
- not recreationally; but medically
- Only for medical use, prescribed by Oncologists
- Only for proven medical use
- only in pill form, for medicinal use with a prescription.
- same as the question before
- see Q# 19
- We have enough problems with substances in Bath.
- With strict regulations. Compared to other street drugs, marijuana doesn't pose as much risk, but there is still risk associated with overuse and binge use. However, the potential financial benefits to a rural community (jobs, commerce, taxes) would garner my support.

### Other Comments - Which of the following best describes your attitude about marijuana use by youth (under 21)?

- Contrary to what is portrayed I've seen the impact from early use in my professional & personal life and there is more than health risk as most will steal for cash to make a purchase putting them at risk in that manner as well although they learn that the powers that be will only turn a blind eye .....more wasted tax dollars in programs that don't work
- for 18 and over.
- I think anything that alters your state of mind is a risk, regardless of how careful you are.
- In an ideal world no one would be using any type of drug
- It is still illegal for recreational use. Marijuana actually creates fat layers in the brain that cause wholes/gaps. This can severely stunt an growing adolescents brain and cause damage.
- Marijuana and Alcohol are on the same level of the drug scale
- Marijuana is illegal still in NY so therefore no one should use
- responsible experimentation is a good way to avoid deviant thoughts
- same reasoning as for okay to drink before 21
- Should only be used for medical purposes
- They should not break the law
- Unsure
- Unsure.
- Why is this a question for youth? Nobody should be doing it, that's the problem with how society thinks.

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### Other Comments - Which of the following best describes your attitude about alcohol use by youth (under 21)?

- 21 is an artificial boundary; anyone who can vote, join the military and die for his/her country should be able to have a beer.
- age 18. if old enough to die for their country then they should be able to drink
- Alcohol use before 21 is considered taboo resulting in more teens wanting to use/experiment
- At a family event with the parents of the child present
- But it has to be responsible adults. The age was 18 when I was a kid. Awareness is the best advice
- but not to get intoxicated.
- Developmentally, they really shouldn't use until age 25.
- Except for military personnel. If you are old enough to die for your country, you should be able to drink legally.
- Exceptions may be made for parents, allowing their older (over 18) Children to have a drink under supervision; no chance of having to drive, etc.
- I feel mixed. If you make it overly desirable and make it a big deal then I feel later some kids go overboard with drinking. The flip side is you can't tell if your child is mature enough and that is why they have an age requirement.
- I see no issue with the drinking age being brought back down to 18. Education is still important regarding it though.
- I think youth should not use alcohol before age 21, but it's always going to be an issue. If a youth is going to drink, they should be taught to do so responsibly.
- If a person is old enough to be sent into combat, they should be old enough to be able to consume alcohol.
- If an underage youth is with a parent, in the privacy of his or her own home, at the discretion of the parent.
- If someone can fight for our country at 18, they should be able to drink an alcoholic beverage to celebrate
- If they are considered an adult to serve in the Military at 18 WITH PROPER BACKGROUND INFO/CLASS and maybe a visit to jail/AAA meeting then maybe
- If you can enlist at 18 then you should be able to use consume alcohol.
- If you can sign up to die for your country, or to vote, you ought to be able to have a beer if you want
- It's the law. However, if folks can join the military, vote and perform other 'adult' activities, perhaps they should be allowed to responsibly drink. Note: the key word is 'responsibly' which pertains to anyone drinking regardless of their age
- It's up to parents to instruct their children proper alcohol usage. Making alcohol a taboo until 21 doesn't facilitate this idea. Kids should be taught moderation while under their parents' supervision.
- I've given my nieces and nephews a beer an outdoor event in the past. I don't think it's a big deal for a 16+ year old to have a beer or two, as long as they don't get drunk.
- Members of the armed forces should be allowed to drink upon enlistment. Also education for youth should reduce harm caused by experimentation with alcohol in college aged kids
- Minors should be educated on the short and long term affects of ETOH on the body and brain while they are in school. Also they should understand the legal, economic and social consequences involving choices made to use ETOH.
- need to do a better job educating the youth
- Not sure
- Obey the 21 age law, but children need to be taught responsibility before this so when they turn 21 they don't go "hog wild" with the experience. If we as a society don't put much importance or positive reinforcement into alcohol, it won't be a big deal or a sought after item for children/teens.
- On occasion, not in excess and safely
- only if they are in the military, if they are old enough to die for our country, then it is my opinion that they should be able to have a drink.
- parent supervision required and not in front of anyone outside of the immediate family
- Responsible adult supervision is necessary
- Should also be taught to use responsibly
- Should be educated before they are 21 about responsible use but not allowed to used until 21.
- should be taught the responsibilities due the realization that even though the legal age is 21 youth are going to experiment.
- Should be taught to use responsibly way before they are 21, however, should not use until they are 21.
- Should be taught to use responsibly. Legal age was 18 when we were young.
- Should follow the Law, NYS is currently 21 so they shouldn't drink until 21.

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**Other Comments - Which of the following best describes your attitude about use of other illegal drugs by youth (under 21)?**

- Some people grow up drinking wine with a meal; alcohol can be used, not abused, in the right context.
- They can go to war at 18 why can't they be allowed to drink alcohol responsibly
- They shouldn't use it but honestly kids do use it. Being 21 is something they wait for to get into clubs.
- This use should be in a non party setting and overseen by the parents.
- you can go to war and kill for our country at age 18, but can not drink alcohol until 21
- Youth after 18 should be aware of the dangers and responsibilities of alcohol consumption.