

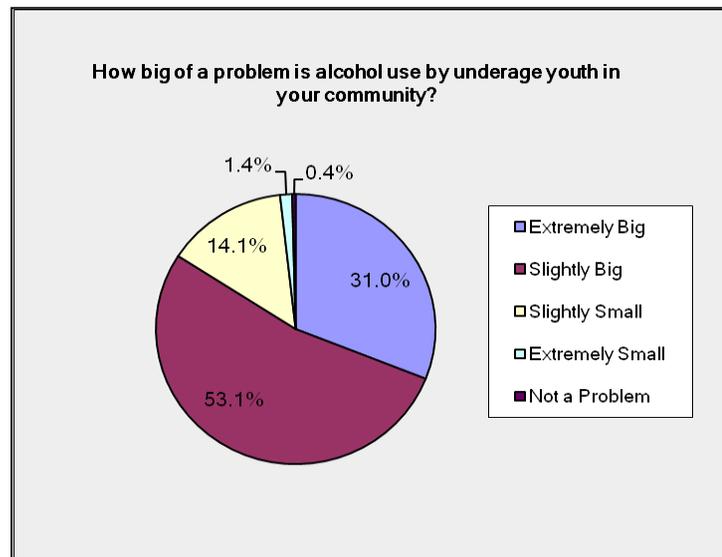


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Steuben County Steuben Prevention Coalition 2015 Adult Perception Survey

Do you have a child in: (check all that apply)		
Answer Options	Response Percent	Response Count
Elementary School (K-5)	17.4%	49
Middle School (6-8)	13.8%	39
High School (9-12)	19.9%	56
Out of School	46.5%	131
No Children	23.4%	66
Total Respondents		282

Zip Code/Town	Response Percent	Response Count
14810 - Bath	23.6%	69
14843 - Hornell	14.4%	42
14830 - Corning	15.1%	44
14879 - Savona	2.7%	8
14840 - Hammondsport	6.2%	18
14809 - Avoca	1.7%	5
14821 - Campbell	2.7%	8
14873 - Prattsburgh	1.7%	5
14823 - Canisteo	6.8%	20
14807 - Arkport	1.0%	3
14870 - Gang Mills	4.1%	12
14801 - Addison	3.1%	9
Total Respondents		292



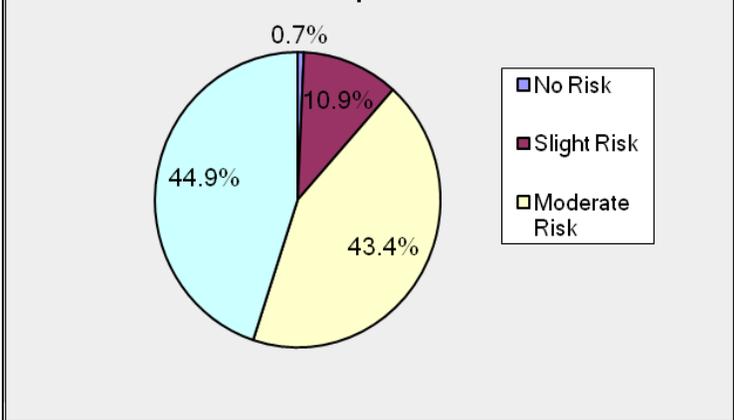
Do you think parents/adults host parties, in your community, where alcohol is available or provided to youth under the age of 21?

Answer Options	Response Percent	Response Count
Yes, Definitely	65.3%	179
Unsure	28.8%	79
No, Probably Not	4.4%	12
No, Definitely Not	1.5%	4
Total Respondents		274

Which of the following best describes your attitude about alcohol use by underage youth (under 21)?

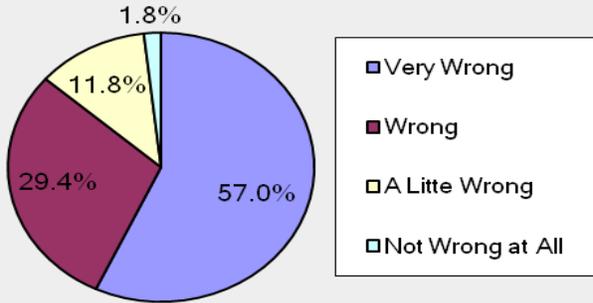
Answer Options	Response Percent	Response Count
Should not use until they are 21	55.2%	148
Should be allowed to use before they are 21 with adult supervision	9.7%	26
Should be taught to use responsibly before they are 21	32.1%	86
Should be allowed to use before they are 21	3.0%	8
Total Respondents		268

How much do you think people under 21 risk harming themselves if they drink beer, wine, or hard liquor?



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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?



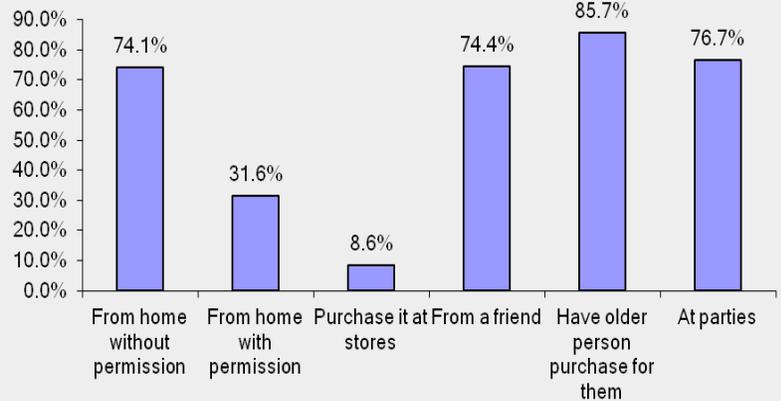
If a young person under 21 in your community wanted to get beer, wine or hard liquor (for example, vodka, whiskey or gin) how easy would it be for them?

Answer Options	Response Percent	Response Count
Difficult	3.3%	9
Easy	63.8%	173
Unsure	32.8%	89
Total Respondents	271	

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

- Peer pressure; to 'fit in'
- peer pressure, school, college, environment
- latch key youth need a place to go and someone in their lives who are present and care about them
- 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.
- it is their choice, they learn what it is at a young age, they can say yes or no, it is no one's fault
- boredom in rural communities, it's the thing to do to be popular and fit in.
- Peer pressure
- Cultural upbringing.
- The culture of partying being considered a "normal" part of the teenage years
- TV shows/movies that show teens at drinking parties
- bullying, stress
- Peer pressure-a need to 'fit in'
- lack of other things to focus on

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	48.5%	130
Friends	98.5%	264
Alcohol advertising	29.9%	80
Other adults' drinking	46.3%	124
Social media (facebook, internet, youtube)	69.4%	186
Total Respondents	268	

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

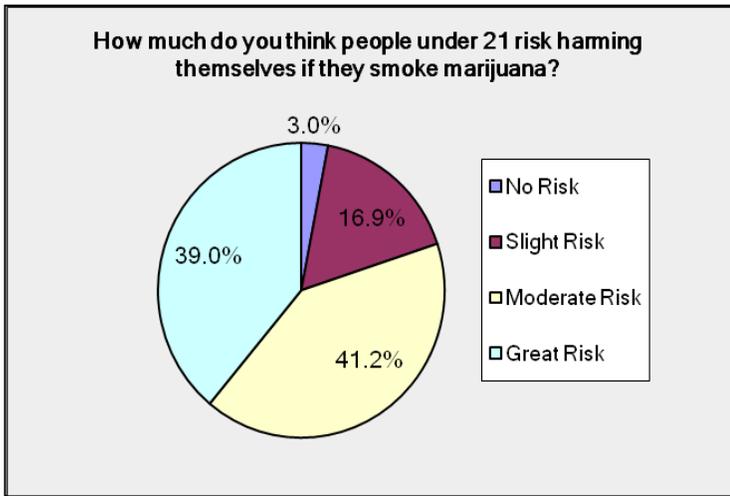
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Other Comments - What of the following messages would you want to share with youth (under 21)?

- But if they do, be responsible.
- It's also legal if with a parent.
- based on their age
- 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.
- again, it's the law,
- It is against the law.
- unsure, I wouldn't want to promote drinking yet I feel like they need to be taught how to be responsible
- 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.
- Because this is a huge problem I feel some real life impact stories before High School may help to influence better decision making
- A small glass of wine with a meal is an acceptable practice
- With conversations , lots of conversations
- Be responsible if you drink alcohol
- 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.
- 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.
- 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
- It is not okay for them to drink until they are adults with supporting evidence.
- 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
- its not okay to drink but if they are they need to know the consequences and how to be responsible.
- Unsure-it would depend on how responsible the parents were
- Following the Law of age
- Do not drink and drive at any age
- When your 21 or older you can drink
- it is OK for them to drink with a responsible parent and if they are responsible
- with a responsible adult or with another adult the parent has given permission to (i.e. friends parent)
- unless they are in the military
- It's best to wait until you are 21 years old
- safety and moderation is key, dependant on the parent, kind of booze, situation, and child.
- 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.
- Be responsible for yourself. Don't rely on others to be responsible for you.

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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
It is never okay for them to drink	68.8%	176
It is okay for them to drink if they are with their parent	17.2%	44
It is okay for them to drink if they are with an adult	0.8%	2
It is okay for them to drink if they don't drive	7.0%	18
It is okay for them to drink if they are careful	6.3%	16
Total Respondents	256	



Which of the following best describes your attitude about marijuana use by youth (under 21)?		
Answer Options	Response Percent	Response Count
Should not use ever	75.7%	196
Should not use until they are 21	11.2%	29
Should be allowed to use before they are 21 with adult supervision	1.9%	5
Should be taught to use responsibly before they are 21	9.3%	24
Should be allowed to use before they are 21	1.9%	5
Total Respondents	259	

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	1.9%	5
Moderate Risk	8.0%	21
Great Risk	89.8%	237
Total Respondents	264	

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	3.8%	10
Great Risk	96.2%	254
Total Respondents	264	

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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
Should not use ever	98.1%	259
Should not use until they are 21	0.8%	2
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
Total Respondents	264	

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
Yes	90.0%	233
No	10.0%	26
Total Respondents	259	

Which of the following is a problem for young people in your community? (check all that apply)		
Answer Options	Response Percent	Response Count
Alcohol	77.6%	215
Marijuana	70.8%	196
Tobacco	67.1%	186
Chewing/Smokeless Tobacco	48.0%	133
E-Cigarettes/Vapor Pens	40.4%	112
Narcotics (Heroin)	30.3%	84
Hallucinogens (LSD, PCP)	11.6%	32
Inhalants (glue, paint thinner)	16.2%	45
Prescription Drugs (Vicodin, Oxycontin)	40.8%	113
K2 - Synthetic Marijuana	18.1%	50
Bath Salts	40.8%	113
Methamphetamines	31.8%	88
All of the Above	24.9%	69
Total Respondents	277	

- Other Comments - Which of the following is a problem for young people in your community?**
- I would guess that all of these are a problem and no one wants to talk about it
 - Drug use by youth is inherently dangerous
 - Teens are often using whatever drugs they can access.
 - They are all issues when taken by a young person
 - Probably all of the above; just not aware of them
 - The drugs that I checked are the ones of which I am aware, there may be more.
 - Unknown
 - Cocaine, Crack
 - Opiates
 - I am not sure
 - Crack / Cocaine
 - apathetic parents
 - could be others
 - Adderral

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	31.8%	83	261
No	68.2%	178	

I would approve of a marijuana grow/nursery operation in my community?			
Answer Options	Response Percent	Response Count	Total Respondents
Yes	31.8%	82	258
No	68.2%	176	

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	32.7%	83	254
No	67.3%	171	

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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	18.7%	49
For a medical condition	61.8%	162
Never	19.5%	51
Total Respondents	262	

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

- ABSOLUTELY NOT!
- For what purpose?
- If for medical use only
- as long as it was legally controlled
- I will leave NYS
- Never!!
- If it was legal
- 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.
- I would move out of said community
- for medical purposes
- absolutely never!
- medical purposes
- i know they will get it elsewhere but why make it legal for them? i don't like it.
- No. Period.
- Not sure.
- for medical purposes only
- Already too many illegal ones
- for medical use
- But only for medical/ prescription use
- only for medical use only
- Only for proven medical use
- For use in the medical industry
- For medical 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.
- For medical reason
- 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.

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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!
- Again, for what purpose?
- If for medical use only.
- see Q# 19
- 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.
- Get rid of the illegal sales and increase safety of product
- for medical purposes
- same as the question before
- For medical use
- not for recreational use
- Only for medical use, prescribed by Oncologists
- only in pill form, for medicinal use with a prescription.
- Absolutely not.
- for medical purposes only
- for medical use
- But only for prescription use
- Only for proven medical use
- not recreationally; but medically
- As long as controls are in place to limit to people over 21
- For medical use
- We have enough problems with substances in Bath.
- 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

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

- In an ideal world no one would be using any type of drug
- 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 eyemore wasted tax dollars in programs that don't work
- responsible experimentation is a good way to avoid deviant thoughts
- Marijuana is illegal still in NY so therefore no one should use
- Why is this a question for youth? Nobody should be doing it, that's the problem with how society thinks.
- Marijuana and Alcohol are on the same level of the drug scale
- same reasoning as for okay to drink before 21
- Unsure
- Should only be used for medical purposes
- They should not break the law
- for 18 and over.
- 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.
- Unsure.

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

- They can go to war at 18 why can't they be allowed to drink alcohol responsibly
- need to do a better job educating the youth
- parent supervision required and not in front of anyone outside of the immediate family
- If you can enlist at 18 then you should be able to use consume alcohol.
- But it has to be responsible adults. The age was 18 when I was a kid. Awareness is the best advice
- 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
- Should be taught to use responsibly. Legal age was 18 when we were young.
- 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
- 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
- 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 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.
- 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
- Alcohol use before 21 is considered taboo resulting in more teens wanting to use/experiment
- I see no issue with the drinking age being brought back down to 18. Education is still important regarding it though.
- should be taught the responsibilities due the realization that even though the legal age is 21 youth are going to experiment.
- Not sure
- Except for military personnel. If you are old enough to die for your country, you should be able to drink legally.
- Should be educated before they are 21 about responsible use but not allowed to used until 21.
- At a family event with the parents of the child present
- but not to get intoxicated.
- 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.
- This use should be in a non party setting and overseen by the parents.
- 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.
- Some people grow up drinking wine with a meal; alcohol can be used, not abused, in the right context.
- They shouldn't use it but honestly kids do use it. Being 21 is something they wait for to get into clubs.
- If someone can fight for our country at 18, they should be able to drink an alcoholic beverage to celebrate
- Should follow the Law, NYS is currently 21 so they shouldn't drink until 21.
- 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.
- Developmentally, they really shouldn't use until age 25.
- If an underage youth is with a parent, in the privacy of his or her own home, at the discretion of the parent.
- Should also be taught to use responsibly
- age 18. if old enough to die for their country then they should be able to drink
- you can go to war and kill for our country at age 18, but can not drink alcohol until 21
- Should be taught to use responsibly way before they are 21, however, should not use until they are 21.
- On occasion, not in excess and safely
- 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.
- 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.
- Youth after 18 should be aware of the dangers and responsibilities of alcohol consumption.
- 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.
- 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.

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

- minus alcohol
- ILLEGAL!! Enough said!
- No one should use these drugs. Age shouldn't matter!!
- The drugs are illegal for a reason and their use breaks the law.
- Again, this is a society issue where nobody should be thinking this is ok.