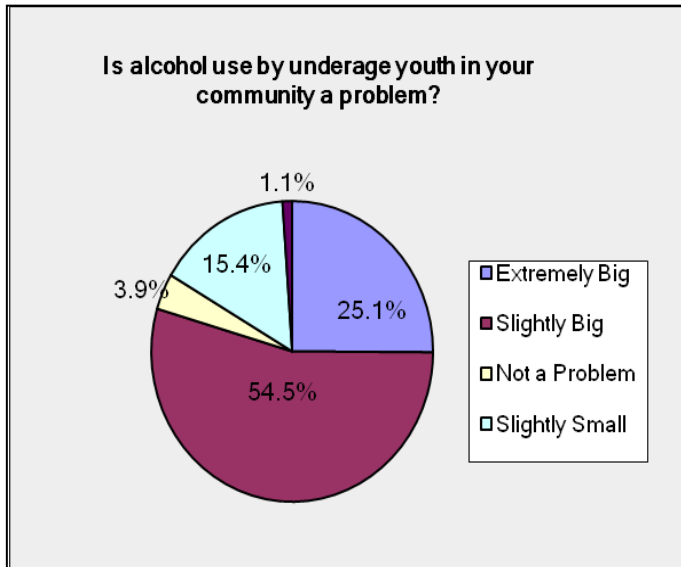




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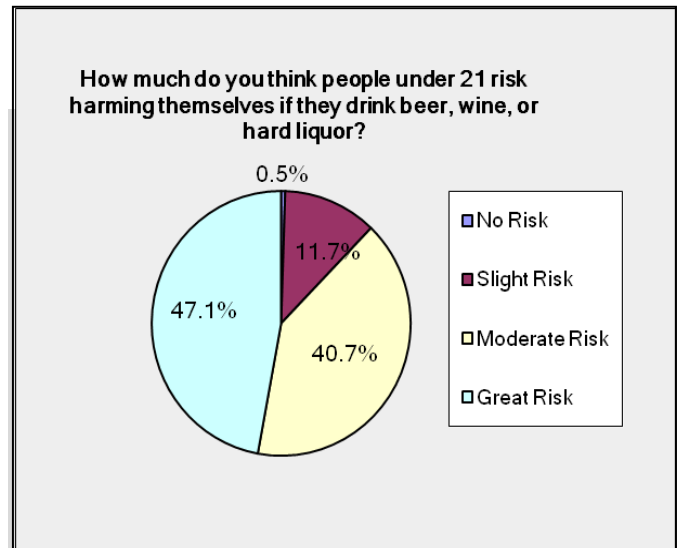
Do you have a child in: (check all that apply)		
Answer Options	Response Percent	Response Count
Elementary School (K-5)	19.8%	115
Middle School (6-8)	14.3%	83
High School (9-12)	19.6%	114
<b>Out of School</b>	<b>47.8%</b>	<b>278</b>
No Children	18.7%	109
<b>Total Respondents</b>	<b>582</b>	



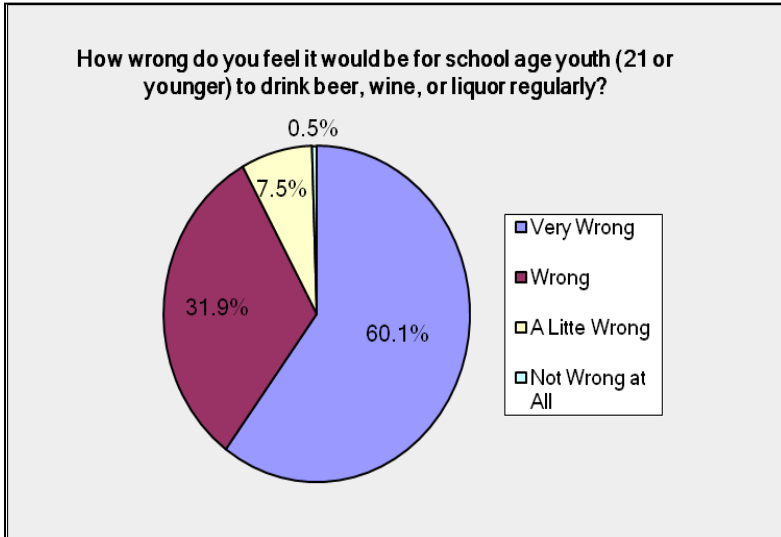
Zip Code/Town	Response Percent	Response Count
14810 - Bath	23.4%	140
14843 - Hornell	19.4%	116
14830 - Corning	9.3%	56
14879 - Savona	3.3%	20
14840 - Hammondsport	5.3%	32
14809 - Avoca	2.2%	13
14821 - Campbell	3.7%	22
14873 - Prattsburgh	3.0%	18
14823 - Canisteo	7.0%	42
14807 - Arkport	1.8%	11
14870 - Gang Mills	4.2%	25
<b>Total Respondents</b>	<b>599</b>	

Do you know parents/adults who 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	13.8%	79
Yes, Probably	25.9%	148
<b>Unsure</b>	<b>27.5%</b>	<b>157</b>
No, Probably Not	19.1%	109
No, Definitely Not	13.7%	78
<b>Total Respondents</b>	<b>571</b>	

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 ever	10.5%	59
<b>Should not use until they are 21</b>	<b>48.2%</b>	<b>271</b>
Should be allowed to use before they are 21 with adult supervision	10.7%	60
Should be taught to use responsibly before they are 21	27.6%	155
Should be allowed to use before they are 21	3.0%	17
<b>Total Respondents</b>	<b>562</b>	



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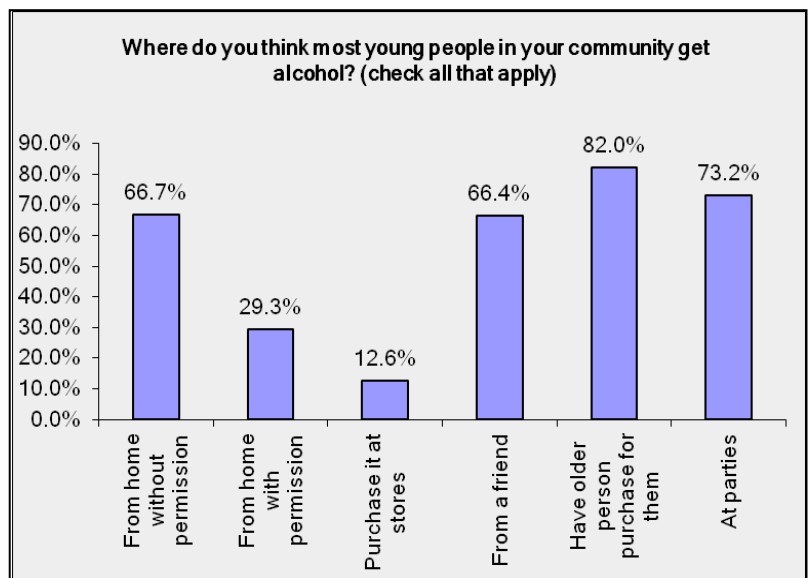


**If a young person under 21 in your community wanted to get alcohol, how easy would it be for them?**

Answer Options	Response Percent	Response Count
Difficult	7.1%	40
<b>Not too Difficult</b>	<b>57.1%</b>	<b>320</b>
Easy	35.7%	200
<b>Total Respondents</b>	<b>560</b>	

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

- Peer pressure
- All of the above
- Curiosity
- Puberty/hormones
- Laws telling them that they cannot
- Lack of support
- Lack of parent supervision
- Mental health issues, depression, stress, lack of self esteem
- Media, movie/music industry, modern country music
- Lack of positive role models
- Poor parenting
- Rebellion
- Lack of other things to do/bored
- Traditions, daring acts, mob mentality
- Lack of consequences for drinking under 21
- History of family addiction



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

Answer Options	Response Percent	Response Count
The parent	68.2%	374
<b>Friends</b>	<b>97.4%</b>	<b>534</b>
Alcohol advertising	38.0%	208
Other adults' drinking	54.4%	298
Social media (facebook, internet, youtube)	74.1%	406
<b>Total Respondents</b>	<b>548</b>	

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

- Steal from stores of friends/family homes.
- My neighbor has had beer stolen from a fridge that he keeps in the garage which was locked.
- Fake Id's or not being Id at all.
- Frat parties, older boyfriends/girlfriends.
- All of the above
- Not sure/I do not know
- Siblings over 21
- Responsible teachers and youth group advisors have been known to give alcohol to other people's children themselves.

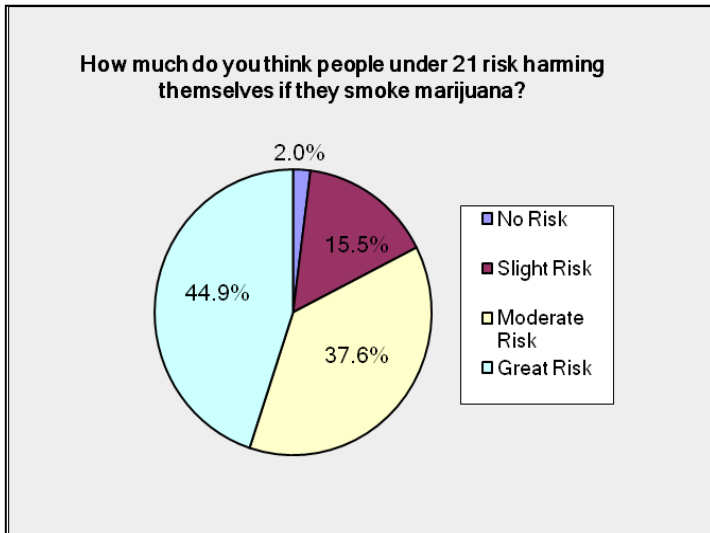
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### Other Comments - What of the following messages would you want to share with youth (under 21)?

- It depends on how responsible their parent is. Not all parents have the same level of common sense
- I grew up with French grandparents. We were always allowed to have a very small glass of wine with dinner or just after. I was always allowed to have a bottle of wine ( even before age) I learned to have a small glass once in a great while, never getting drunk from this. I think learning to be responsible is key. Later when my friends drank I would have maybe one.
- Be strong. Don't give in to peer pressure
- There are better choices in life than drinking
- Learn to use alcohol responsibly and understand the repercussions
- by "with a parent" I mean on special occasions, maybe a sip of wine so they know what it is like; never to excess or more than 1/2 a glass at only a special occasion
- Because it's the law!
- It's not OK because it is against the law. However, I know that some of them are going to do it anyway. I did when I was their age. So if you are going to drink you need to do it responsibly. It is never OK to drink and drive and you should never get into a vehicle with someone who has. If you see someone who has had too much take their keys. Call a parent or friend and if you can't do that call me.
- The pressure to drink exists in many situations, and will continue to exist even when you are older- be smart and be responsible
- but knowing that the situation will occur please be responsible and call/do not drive/and warn that they are young and will consume at a fast pace and before they know it they will end up in hospital.
- One Glass of wine with dinner with family isn't too bad.
- It is ok if MODERATE consumption and they are NOT EVER driving after drinking any amount.
- Minimal drinking with parent supervision is acceptable on certain occasion
- Moderation!
- The pros and cons of drinking. Education is power. Making decisions for young adults makes them more resistant. Children and youths in cultures where alcohol use is socially acceptable in certain situations are less likely to use and/or abuse it.
- It is not ok to drink alcohol but more importantly they should call for a ride home anytime they are in an uncomfortable situation or that have been drinking.
- I don't feel it's ok but if they do call me don't drink and drive. Bottom line is teens will drink, the least parents can do is educate and hope for the best. I have never seen where a parent tells their kids its not ok to drink and they listen, this is very rare.
- I feel it's ok to drink occasionally with a responsible parent
- moderation as opposed to binge drinking.
- Drinking carries too many risks, and they have too much going for them to take those risks.
- If they do drink under 21 or after 21 to call for a ride!
- Honestly- in this community I feel that the use of hard drugs is more evident these days than alcohol- I think the community needs to concentrate more on keeping meth and bath salts out of the hands of our children than alcohol.
- look at what alcohol abuse does to people it all around Steuben County show kids a video of how most Steuben County residents live in poverty and abuse .... Its sickening!!!!
- When I was 18 the law was 18 or older can drink. When you are 18 you can vote and serve in the military. I support the no-drinking under age 21 because it's the law; however, I believe the law should be 18 or under.
- It is not ok for them to drink, but they need to understand when they are old enough that they need to drink responsibly or will create trouble for themselves
- To say "okay" is the wrong message, but a realistic approach has to be what to do in a situation where they make the decision to drink. Stress abstinence, but then you have to go from there. What do you do if it happens? How do you mitigate problems?
- if they are in the military hard to say they aren't old enough to drink?.....
- It is okay for them to drink occasionally if not overdone.
- They may not have the maturity level to stop at a safe no.
- it depends on the under 21 maturity. Our goal as parents was to make alcohol a non issue and we succeeded in that. We let our child have an occasional small glass of wine with dinner when 19 - 21. It worked and our child is now a responsible, moderate drinker as an adult. We also set a good example.
- In very limited quantities
- Depends on the age. If you are 19-21, i'd say with a parent or responsibly if they are off at college in that type of environment. If under 18, then no drinking.
- Only for those over 18, and under 21, otherwise it's not okay
- I personally think the drinking age should be lowered back to 18.

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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>74.4%</b>	<b>370</b>
It is okay for them to drink if they are with their parent	14.5%	72
It is okay for them to drink if they are with an adult	1.2%	6
It is okay for them to drink if they don't drive	5.6%	28
It is okay for them to drink if they are careful	4.2%	21
<b>Total Respondents</b>	<b>497</b>	



Which of the following best describes your attitude about marijuana use by youth (under 21)?		
Answer Options	Response Percent	Response Count
<b>Should not use ever</b>	<b>77.9%</b>	<b>423</b>
Should not use until they are 21	10.3%	56
Should be allowed to use before they are 21 with adult supervision	0.6%	3
Should be taught to use responsibly before they are 21	9.4%	51
Should be allowed to use before they are 21	1.8%	10
<b>Total Respondents</b>	<b>543</b>	

**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	0.0%	0
Slight Risk	1.3%	7
Moderate Risk	8.7%	47
<b>Great Risk</b>	<b>90.0%</b>	<b>485</b>
<b>Total Respondents</b>	<b>539</b>	

**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	0.2%	1
Slight Risk	1.3%	7
Moderate Risk	5.0%	27
<b>Great Risk</b>	<b>93.5%</b>	<b>507</b>
<b>Total Respondents</b>	<b>542</b>	

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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 not use ever</b>	<b>97.8%</b>	<b>527</b>
Should not use until they are 21	0.7%	4
Should be allowed to use before they are 21 with adult supervision	0.2%	1
Should be taught to use responsibly before they are 21	0.9%	5
Should be allowed to use before they are 21	0.4%	2
<b>Total Respondents</b>	<b>539</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>80.2%</b>	<b>430</b>
No	19.8%	106
<b>Total Respondents</b>	<b>536</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>75.6%</b>	<b>399</b>
<b>Marijuana</b>	<b>69.3%</b>	<b>366</b>
<b>Tobacco</b>	<b>70.8%</b>	<b>374</b>
Prescription Drugs (Vicodin, Oxycontin)	59.5%	314
Chewing/Smokeless Tobacco	39.8%	210
Bath Salts	22.0%	116
Inhalants (glue, paint thinner)	34.7%	183
K2 - Synthetic Marijuana	61.4%	324
Methamphetamines	30.5%	161
All of the Above	51.3%	271
Narcotics (Heroin)	46.6%	246
Hallucinogens (LSD, PCP)	36.0%	190
<b>Total Respondents</b>	<b>528</b>	

Other Comments - Which of the following is a problem for young people in your community?	
<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Do not know, unsure</li> <li>• Prescription drugs not taken as they're written</li> <li>• Cocaine (several answers)</li> <li>• Meth and heroin - HUGE destroying families</li> <li>• Any "challenge" or "experiment" like the cinnamon challenge you find on the internet</li> <li>• Any low cost substance that can alter consciousness</li> <li>• Biggest now is cocaine</li> <li>• Cocaine and ecstasy</li> <li>• Caffeine</li> <li>• As a parent, I am concerned about the potential harm from exposure to any of the above.</li> <li>• I think that most of these are out there and they probably aren't that hard for kids to get.</li> <li>• Not very involved/aware, but I'm sure they're all out there in bad amounts.</li> </ul>	

### Added Questions:

If there was a New York State Referendum to legalize Medical Marijuana would you support it?			
Answer Options	Response Percent	Response Count	Total Respondents
<b>Yes</b>	<b>52.2%</b>	<b>280</b>	536
No	47.8%	256	

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	27.9%	149	534
<b>No</b>	<b>72.1%</b>	<b>385</b>	

If our county had a "Social Host" ordinance (social host is local law that serves to limit the availability of alcoholic beverages to minors by holding those persons who permit underage drinking on their property responsible) would you support it?			
Answer Options	Response Percent	Response Count	Total Respondents
<b>Yes</b>	<b>83.0%</b>	<b>459</b>	553
No	17.0%	94	