

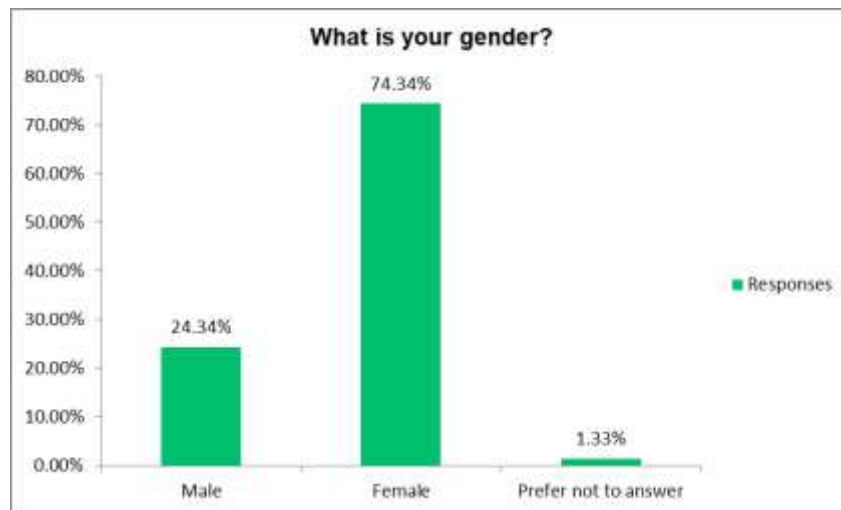
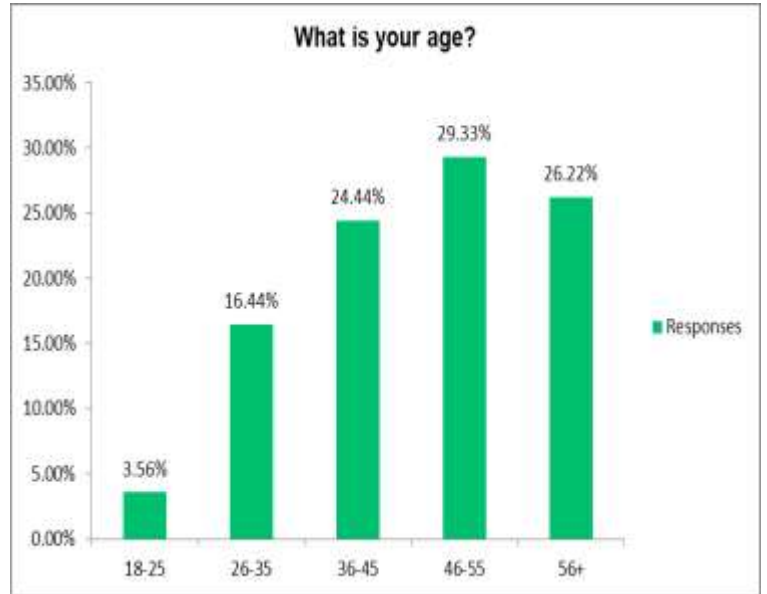


## Steuben County Steuben Prevention Coalition 2017 Adult Perception Survey

Do you have a child in: (check all that apply)		
Answer Options	Response Percent	Response Count
Elementary School (K-5)	21.27%	47
Middle School (6-8)	11.76%	26
High School (9-12)	17.19%	38
<b>Out of School</b>	<b>51.13%</b>	<b>113</b>
No Children	18.10%	40
<b>Total Respondents</b>	<b>221</b>	

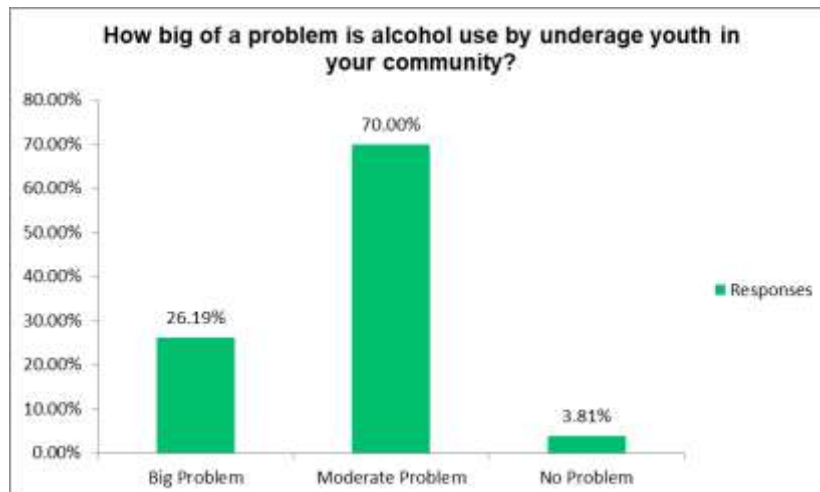
Please choose a location that best describes where you live		
Answer Options	Response Percent	Response Count
<b>Rural area</b>	<b>39.73%</b>	<b>89</b>
Village	27.68%	62
Town	17.41%	39
City	10.27%	23
Village/Town/City limits	4.91%	11
<b>Total Respondents</b>	<b>224</b>	

What is your zip code?		
Zip Code/Town	Response Percent	Response Count
<b>14810 - Bath</b>	<b>30.4%</b>	<b>69</b>
<b>14843 - Hornell</b>	<b>17.2%</b>	<b>39</b>
<b>14830 - Corning</b>	<b>7.5%</b>	<b>17</b>
<b>14809 - Avoca</b>	<b>4.0%</b>	<b>9</b>
<b>14870 - Gang Mills</b>	<b>3.5%</b>	<b>8</b>
14801 - Addison	3.5%	8
14840 - Hammondsport	3.1%	7
14823 - Canisteo	3.1%	7
14826 - Cohocton	2.2%	5
14879 - Savona	2.2%	5
14821 - Campbell	1.8%	4
14572 - Wayland	1.8%	4
14807 - Arkport	1.8%	4
14873 - Prattsburg	1.8%	4
<b>Total Respondents</b>	<b>227</b>	



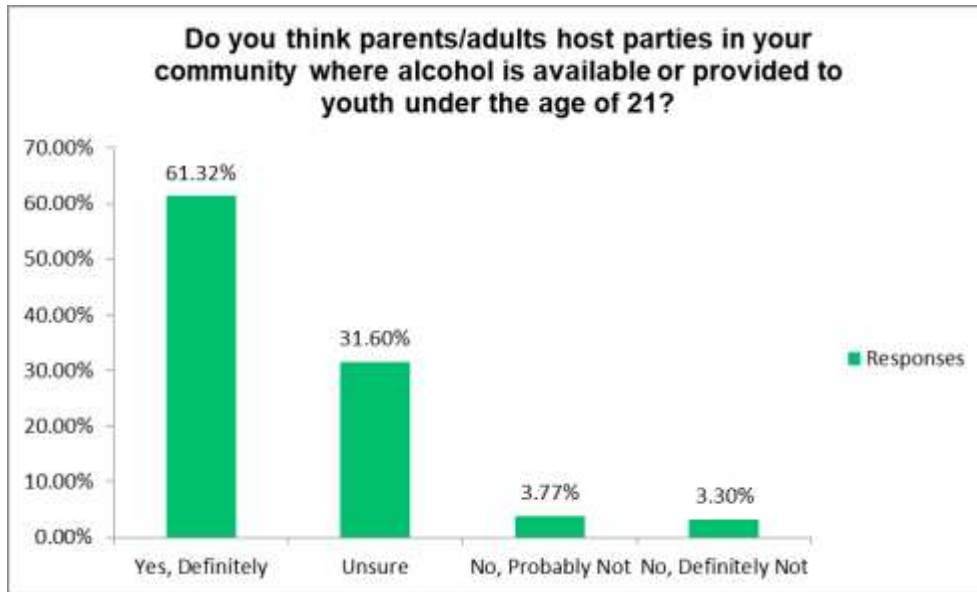
Which of the following is a problem for young people in your community? (check all that apply)		
Answer Choices	Responses	
Alcohol	88.79%	190
Marijuana	79.91%	171
Tobacco	78.97%	169
Chewing/Smokeless Tobacco	60.28%	129
E-Cigarettes/Vapor Pens	58.88%	126
Narcotics (Heroin)	54.21%	116
Stimulants - Cocaine	31.31%	67
Stimulants - Energy Drinks	58.41%	125
Hallucinogens (LSD, PCP)	10.28%	22
Inhalants (glue, paint thinner)	18.69%	40
Prescription Drugs (Vicodin, Oxycontin)	61.21%	131
K2 - Synthetic Marijuana	21.96%	47
Bath Salts	35.05%	75
Methamphetamines	42.06%	90
<b>Total Respondents</b>		<b>214</b>

- Other Comments:**
- NOT SURE OF OTHERS
  - No idea as I try to interact with public during non-work hours as little as possible.
  - Don't know
  - Since i have no children in school I'm not sure
  - Gambling addiction
  - I am not aware of any specific problem
  - All of above
  - Fentynal
  - Trauma
  - And variety of drugs
  - Unsure about the others, but most likely an issue



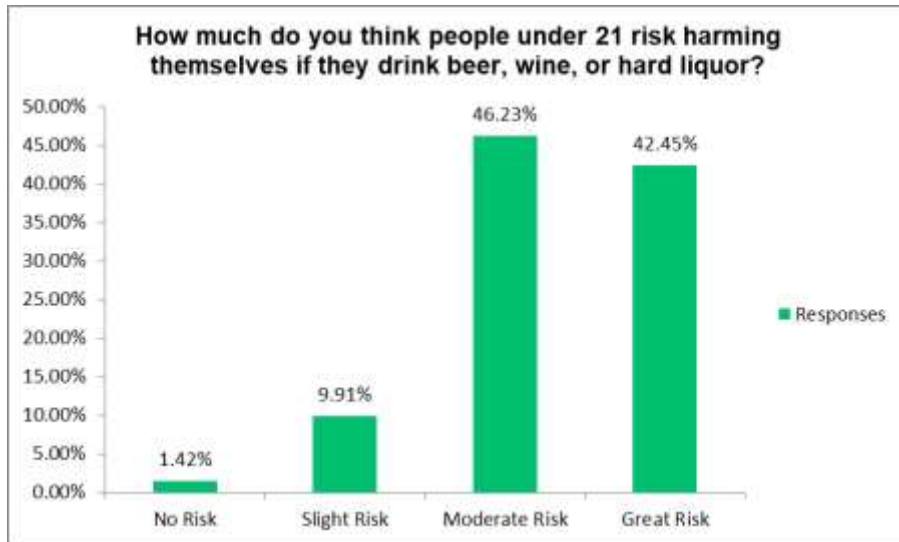
**Other Comments:**

- It's difficult for me to answer since my children are grown.
- I don't really know
- No idea and I find it hard to make myself care.
- Don't know
- I'm not really too sure on the use of alcohol by underage youth in our comm. I'm sure they do it.
- I don't really know, as my daughter is 47.
- Somewhere between moderate and no problem
- Not sure ?
- Unknown
- Normal to experiment
- Too many adults see it as a right of passage
- I believe it is big, others think moderate.



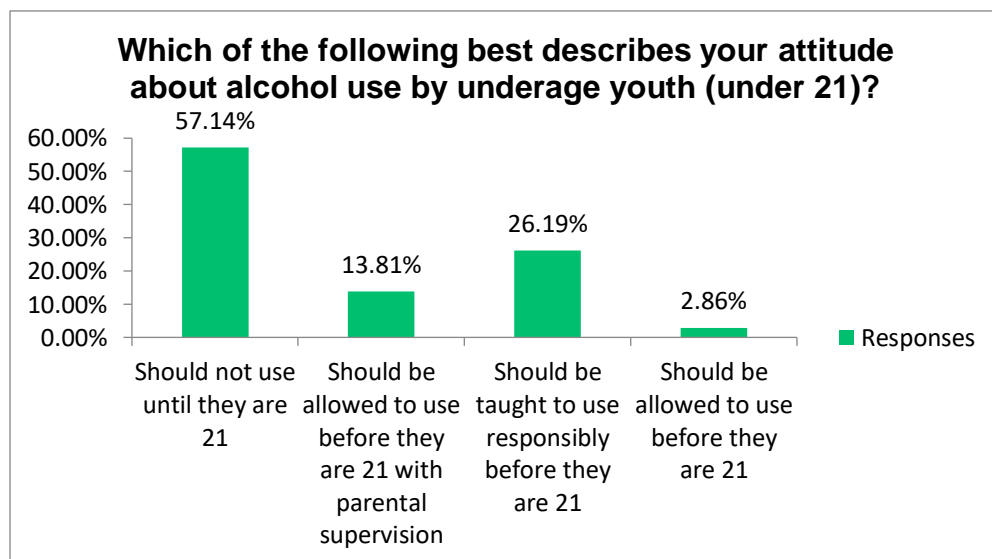
**Other Comments:**

- It happened at every party I ever attended.
- I think more often they do not intend to host, but it easily comes into the home unbeknownst to them/hidden by teens even if parents are home- and they end up unaware or with impaired kids at their homes. Or they are out and find it when they come home- don't like the word "host" meaning they buy/supply- which does happen but much less often than 10-20 years ago
- I do not know of any specific party or location, but I would imagine these parties go on, they always have.
- Yes, it probably happens, but I don't believe it is a major problem
- Possible but the liability of it anymore is too much to risk it
- I'm sure there are these people, my child has not ever drank or used. As an addict in recovery, I know it's important to find these people and prosecute.
- They still believe as long as they don't drive it is ok.



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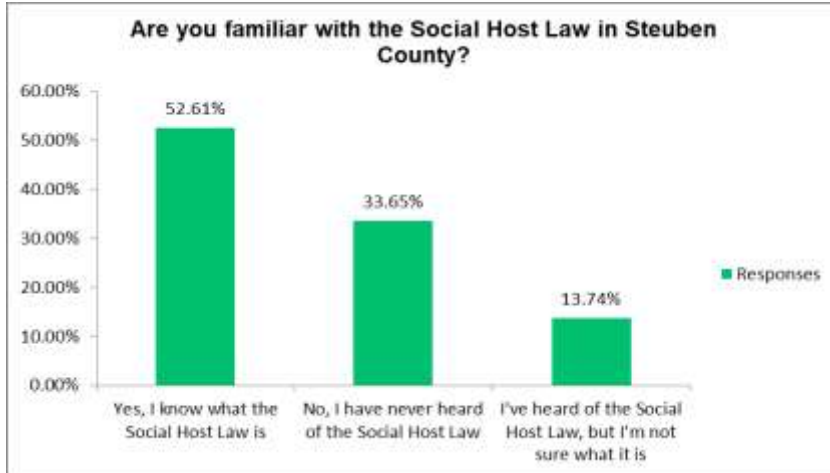
- There is always a great risk, but it also depends on whether you are discussing harm to health or outside factors such as driving, impaired judgement or both
- This is a difficult question as I'd think it depends on the amount of consumption?
- No more than tobacco
- DRINKING AGE WAS 18 WHEN I GREW UP AND I THINK THAT IT SHOULD BE AGAIN
- Risk comes from driving a car after drinking or being taken advantage of sexually if you are highly intoxicated. Same risks those over 21 face.
- You are going to have some that party till they puke. Those that continue to do this are known as Losers and will spend the rest of their days as such. I do not see where the age 21 has a benefit over the age 18 as when I was a teen.
- I believe it depends, at times there is great risk and at times moderate risk. Due to underage drinking being illegal my opinion is that the "lowest level of risk" starts at moderate as there is legal repercussions.
- Unable to answer. It would depend on how much alcohol was consumed and how often.
- Brains not fully developed, it is a terrible risk
- They don't know how bad it can really be for them.



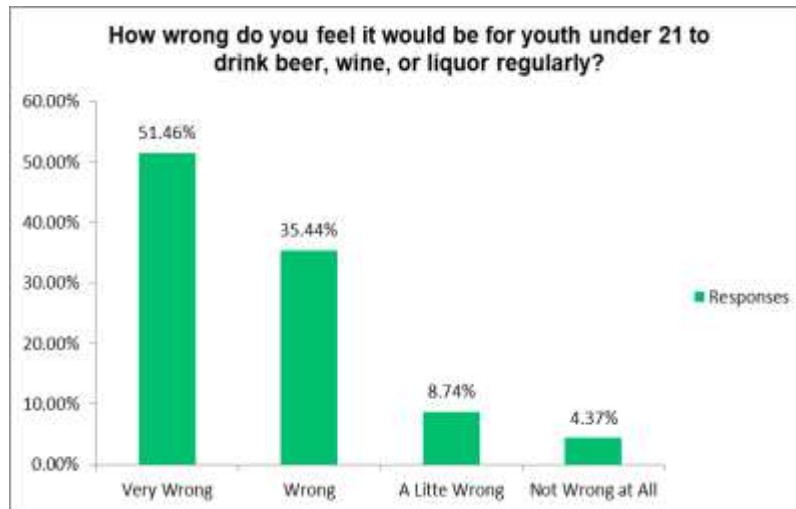
### Other Comments:

- Essentially the age of 21 drinking age is great in theory, however, most 18 year olds head to college where drinking is an inevitable culture. I do think that the 21 year age does hinder the preparation for youth to learn responsible drinking before they move out. Sadly, this also creates a culture among high school students where they just learn to drink "under cover" with no real delay in drinking.
- They should be taught responsibility from a young age!
- I want to support the law but very difficult for parents to enforce and so I believe this increases risk of heavy drinking. I would prefer my kids start drinking with my supervision to learn how to drink responsibly.
- Once again depends on moderation. Also you can smoke and be drafted at 18...so not sure of the point?
- I don't think they should use after age 21 however my response indicates that they should be taught responsible behavior before age 21.
- And educated in regards to using responsibly and the consequences.
- Refer back to Q.09 - I was raised in the "legal at 18" era, I still do not see where raising the age to 21 has benefits. a few kids will get fall down stupid drunk and some will not, always been like that, they (the fed. government) tried to outlaw alcohol during prohibition during the 20's & 30's, that went over well didn't it (NOT). Take a look back to the 50's & 60's, when I was growing up there was a family unit, a mom, a dad and a secure home environment, there were still rebels and under age use of alcohol and tobacco, but there also was respect for your parents. NO, I do not believe that alcohol or tobacco provide benefit to the body but they have been around forever in our history, the answer is not to forbid the use but to educate in a better way. I don't have a better answer but I do know that my wife and I raised two responsible sons, they do not use drugs or abuse alcohol or tobacco, they have gainful employment and nice homes. I will say this, somewhere and far too often, our leadership fails us with their litigation and laws. Do you want just one example other than the "age 21" law? Who is the Dumb Ass that believes raising the minimum wage to \$15 is better than trying to curb inflation. At what point will this foolishness stop? Get real Albany. Are you starting to wish that I didn't answer the survey?
- An 18 year old can vote, drive a car, can emancipate themselves and join the military. I think the drinking age is too high. If you are emancipated or a guardian is present, 18 year old people should be allowed to drink.
- I have a hard time calling 19 and 20 year olds "youth". We have an economy based on alcohol - young people should learn to appreciate it responsibly.
- Cultural, societal and social norms need to shift/change- not as simple as parents supervising or changing a drinking age
- You can buy cigarettes and enter the military at 18, but you cannot drink alcohol?
- I also feel they should be allowed to use with parental supervision. You don't know how you are going to react when drunk or how much/little it takes to get there. I would much rather have my teen drunk in my presence than out somewhere that the consequences could be much greater for a bad decision.
- Special family dinners/occasions, I believe the age should be changed to 18
- Education + Prevention = Better Outcomes
- I choose this response as if an older adolescent is with their parent during a holiday or celebration and has limited alcohol use (ie: a small glass to toast at a wedding) should be at the parents' discretion yet should be limited and supervised.
- I do not believe age limits are effective. Education & communication about family history (genetics) is more important
- Use under supervision by itself is not enough. Teaching responsible use under supervision.
- Not use on a regular occasion, but maybe a drink once per year at special occasions.
- They are doing it anyway. Teens used to be the only ones doing this. It is such a problem in today's world because kids are having kids, so when teens are growing up their parents often are late 20's early 30's and allow the use. Also now a day's parents or so drugged out that children 1 on up to 21 are getting into drugs and alcohol because that is what the "normal" their house is.
- Drinking age of 18 is appropriate.
- Unable to answer. I would've selected 'used with parental supervision however not all parents are responsible.
- they are going to drink regardless
- I struggle with the 18 versus 21.... Since they can join the Military and be "adult" at 18, I feel we need to match these responsibilities with drinking age. I believe it should be 21!!! BUT if we continue expect adult behaviors in other areas at 18, then.....????

- If they want to try it and are a kind of kid who doesn't take advantage.
- I think by 18 I can serve my own child, I would never serve anybody else's child. I just want to teach my child how to drink
- Taught by parents through example, not by allowing experimentation.
- But should also be taught to use safely

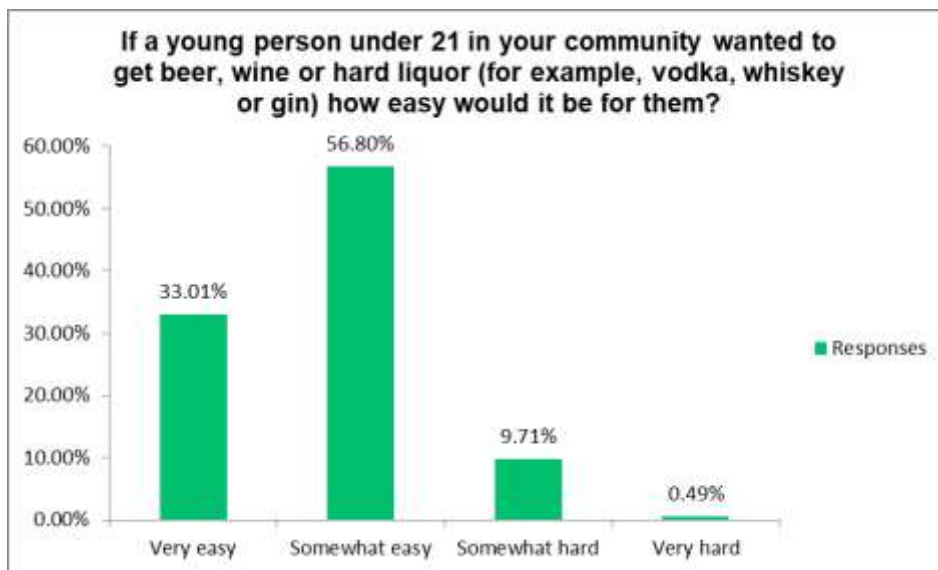


- Other Comments:**
- And I feel that this is just and proper, someone needs to be held accountable. There again, who is fooling who if we think kids will not try alcohol, weed or other drugs.
  - Parents should be allowed to responsibly serve their own children alcohol within their own homes.
  - I only know of what it is because I work in a law office.



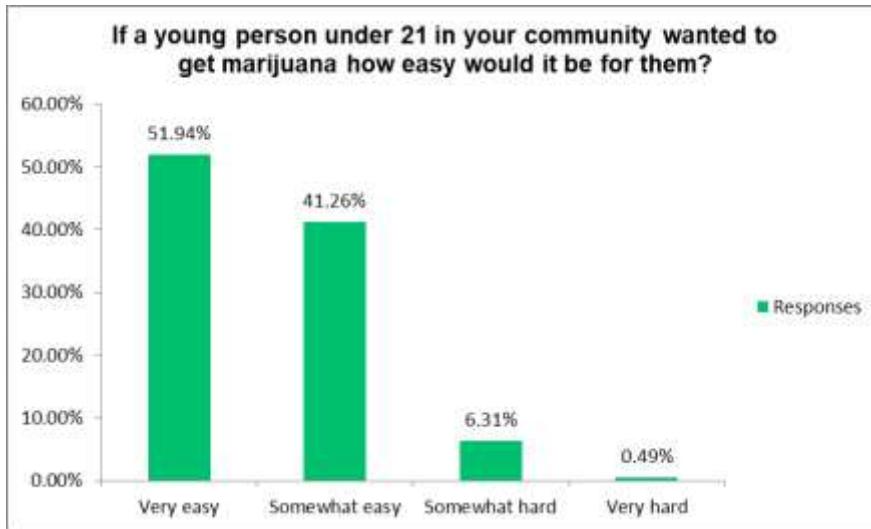
- Other Comments:**
- Regularly. If it is occasional and in moderation with parents out to dinner (which is legal) I feel that is acceptable.
  - Again, depends on amounts.
  - I think the legal drinking age should be 19. But it's not good if they need to lie to get alcohol.
  - We are told that there are benefits to wine and beer, but the benefits stop and are even reversed with too much. At a younger age, the growing body does not want or need alcohol, nor can it handle it.
  - 18, 19, 20 year olds are young adults, not youth.
  - This question isn't specific enough. If the question is how wrong is it if they underage consume AND the legal age is 21 - then it's wrong because it's illegal. If the question is how wrong is it they consume AND the legal age is 18? Then I'm ok with that. They can kill people in the military but we can't allow them to consume alcohol? No one under 18 should be drinking at all.
  - Not a moral /shame issue of right and wrong it's a public health issue. And it's not black and white as question asks

- "Regularly" is not descriptive. If they have no problem with "regular" use then it's not a problem.
- Depending on the age, of course.
- Again, those age 18 living as adults and maybe even in the Military should be able to make these decisions.....
- I don't like the term "how wrong do you feel..." I believe that it would be very unhealthy and that they should seek help but "how wrong" seems very judge mental.
- I object to the word wrong
- Depends on culture. At dinner, are sips of wine allowable? I would agree it's all perception based on demographic and culture upbringing.



**Other Comments:**

- I do not know
- I think the kids who are 21 buy for their friends
- Paying others, stealing, take from parents, etc...Several ways to get it easily.
- Young people always find a way to get liquor etc.
- All it takes is to know somebody who is of age and will buy it for them.
- Friends that are 21 get it for them
- If they want to they will find it.
- Unsure
- Depending on the group of people they "hang with"
- Not sure?
- Not sure
- unknown
- If they are not of age and do not have an ID -- they will just get someone who is of age with an ID to get it for them
- Misba Mart or the store by the library provides easy access
- Unless they have older relatives
- They ask someone of age to purchase it for them.



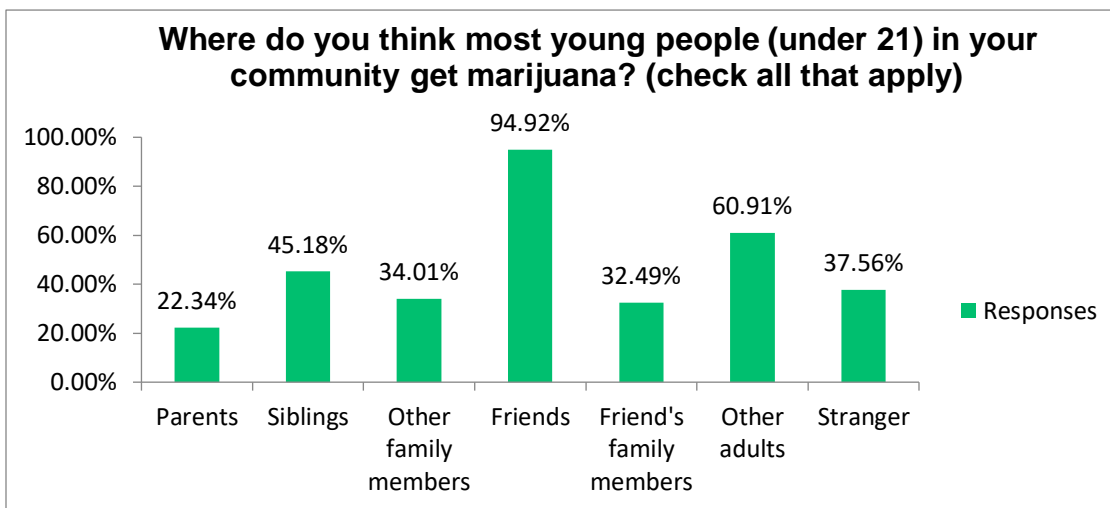
- Other Comments:**
- I do not know
  - Since I've seen/know some smokers of weed.
  - I am not very sure how easy it would be to find a dealer, but it's the same as with alcohol. They just have to know somebody else who knows where to get it.
  - Don't know
  - It is on every street corner, does someone think it is not?
  - I'm not sure. But it should be legalized anyways.
  - My daughter comments about many of her classmates going to school stoned most of the time. They were regular users by 7th and 8th grade.
  - Depending on the group of people they "hang with"
  - Not sure?
  - People are out there daily selling drugs
  - No details on how they get it
  - My daughter tells me who is using and dealing

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

Answer Choices	Responses	
	Percentage	Count
Bought it from a store	20.20%	41
<b>Got it at a party</b>	<b>74.88%</b>	<b>152</b>
<b>Gave someone else money to buy it for me</b>	<b>80.30%</b>	<b>163</b>
<b>Got it from someone age 21 or older</b>	<b>90.15%</b>	<b>183</b>
Got it from someone under age 21	23.65%	48
Got it from a family member or relative other than parents	60.59%	123
Got it from home with parents' permission	35.47%	72
Got it from home without parents' permission	70.44%	143
Got it at work	4.43%	9
<b>Total Respondents</b>		<b>203</b>

- Other Comments:**
- Older sibling
  - Seriously?
  - Fake identification
  - Not sure?
  - Gas station across from Library in Bath, NY
  - Don't know





- Other Comments:**
- I think most kids that use marijuana have seen their parents use and so its accepted
  - I don't know.
  - Don't know
  - classmates that use/deal
  - Seriously, are you stopping at just these 2 or does the list or bad stuff go on?
  - I have never used, so I have no clue where they are getting it from. I just know it is a problem in the Bath School system.
  - Not sure?
  - Don't know
  - Not really sure how they get it
  - Internet (Craigslist)

**Who influences a young person's (under 21) decision to drink? (check all that apply)**

Answer Choices	Responses	
	Percentage	Count
The parent	64.36%	130
Friends	97.03%	196
Alcohol advertising	47.03%	95
Other adults' drinking	53.96%	109
Social media (facebook, internet, youtube)	78.22%	158
Music/entertainment	51.98%	105
<b>Total Respondents</b>		<b>202</b>

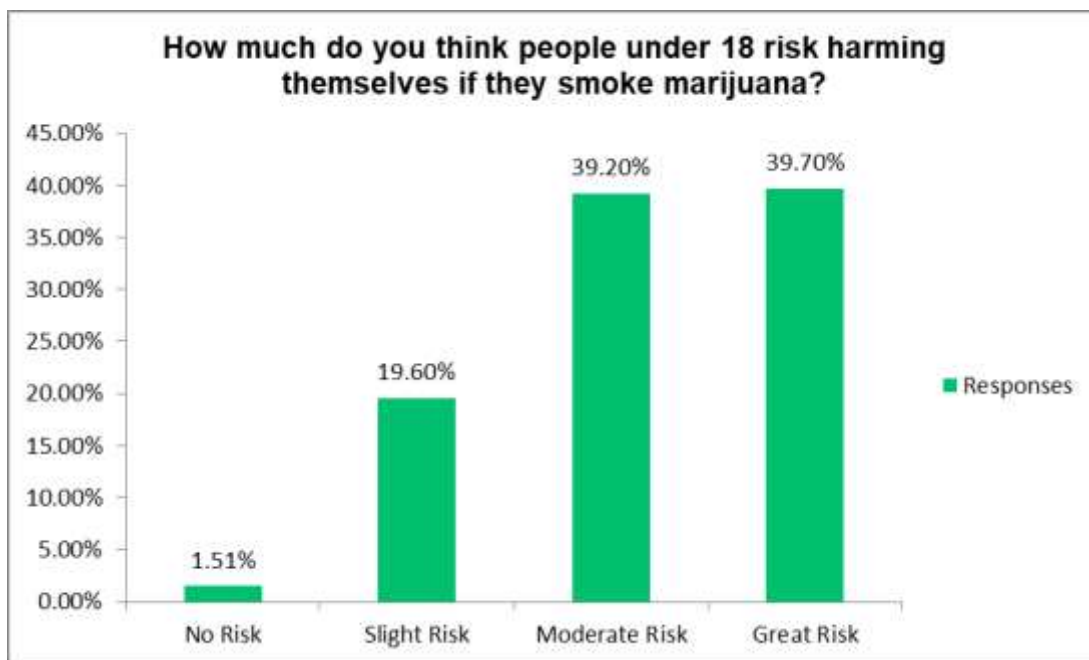
- Other Comments:**
- Perhaps peer group.
  - All of the above.
  - All of these are very big influences weather the individual realizes it or not.
  - Siblings

**Which of the following messages would you want to share with youth (under 18)? (check one)**

Answer Choices	Responses	
	Percentage	Count
It is never okay for them to drink	89.58%	172
It is okay for them to drink if they are with their parent	7.81%	15
It is okay for them to drink if they are with an adult	0.00%	0
It is okay for them to drink if they don't drive	1.04%	2
It is okay for them to drink if they are careful	1.56%	3
<b>Total Respondents</b>		<b>192</b>

### Other Comments:

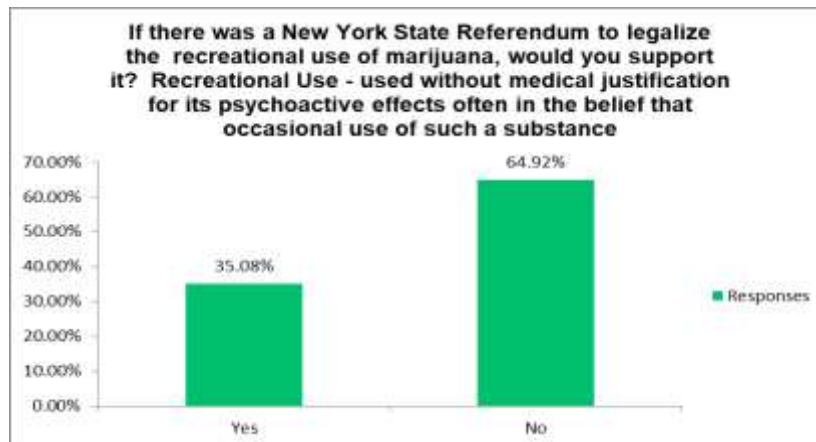
- I don't care what you do to yourselves as long as it only impacts you. Sure I'll act out the social norm of "Oh no, it's terrible." But my own feelings are of indifference.
- Be responsible and abide all the laws not just alcohol and marijuana laws. Don't text and drive and follow traffic laws
- Why do you feel that you want to drink? There again, the 5 answers above do not properly address the issue. It is too easy to group people as under 18 or under 21 and make laws, too hard to sit with someone and talk with them (not dictate) and find their motivation. Still sorry you asked my opinion?
- Responsible parents should legally be able to responsibly serve their children, wine with dinner for example.
- Alcohol and other drugs are going to be widely available in many places you will be; let's talk about these different situations and what might be best for your well-being when you are faced with these
- It is against the law. However, if they do drink, I want a call to come and pick them up. I would rather get them drunk from a party than ID them at a morgue.
- It is not okay for them to drink and here are the reasons why: etc.
- What makes you want to drink? What would make you decide to drink or not drink?
- I do not support or approve of drinking, and if you do drink don't be afraid to call or come home. Be safe.
- None of the above
- I feel as though if you tell a child "It's never okay for you to drink." they are going to want to do it more. I feel as though you should educate them on all of the negative effects of alcohol and why it is not good to consume it. You aren't condoning it, just giving them all of the reasons why it's so bad for you rather than just saying "Never drink this" without reason. Those words are almost enticing to teens.
- That's too young
- Never would I let them have more than 2. They need to be 21.
- It is not OK in any of those circumstances
- We have to teach responsible carousing for individuals who are 16 and 17. All could be right, and all could be wrong depending on student upbringing.
- In the home, one drink



**Other Comments:**

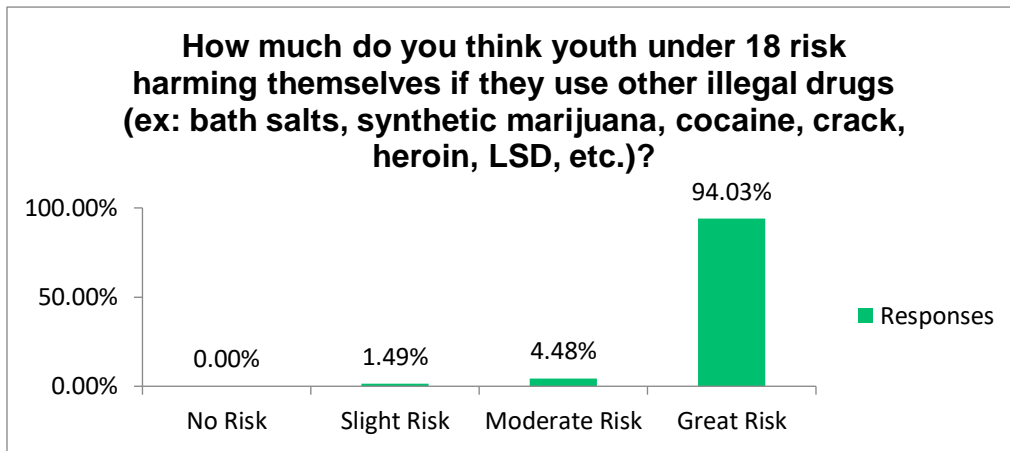
- Impairs development
- This is another difficult question as it depends again on moderation and situations. Medically it helps a lot of people. I've also seen documentaries on how it can harm youth due to hormonal changes. But again, their choice for most part.
- it would depend on the amount, try it and don't like it not at all, use it every day and it will create a problem
- Honestly I don't know the facts but I have heard from multiple healthcare professionals that it is definitely bad for you.
- Don't know
- I have never tried the stuff, don't know what it would do to me, I do not think it could benefit our youth.
- This is another question which the answer depends. I believe there is a slight risk for development reasons in that it may affect a young person as they are still developing. Otherwise, marijuana is harmless. Now there is a moderate/great risk of harm because marijuana is not legal so when they buy it from the guy on the street corner, they are buying marijuana but who knows if anything else is mixed in with it. That's where the real danger lies.
- I think there is some evidence that if smoked regularly, it can damage developing brains. Smoked occasionally, I don't know.
- Depends on source/dose/frequency/reason/genetics / location/driving etc.
- Marijuana was prevalent when I was a teenager and those schoolmates of mine who used are now either totally burned-out or deceased.
- Not sure?
- It's addictive and often leads to other drug use.
- Not as bad as alcohol
- Marijuana in itself is harmful but with all of the things that it can be laced with; it carries great risk.

Which of the following best describes your attitude about marijuana use by youth (under 18)?		
Answer Choices	Responses	
Should never use	78.79%	156
Should not use until they are 18	18.18%	36
Should be allowed to use before they are 18 with adult supervision	0.51%	1
Should be taught to use responsibly before they are 18	2.02%	4
Should be allowed to use before they are 18	0.51%	1
<b>Total Respondents</b>		<b>198</b>



#### Other Comments:

- I don't know. I am leaning no. But what would be the factors? Age limit? Controlled production/vendors? The big issue is that many teens use tobacco products with no legal consequences. Consideration should be given to the role of both of these items. If you are going to limit marijuana with consequences then tobacco should be treated the same way.
- Spikes accidents & related insurance -police costs
- I do worry this is a gateway drug.
- My support or lack of support would depend on how the law was written and the safety guards, taxation and legal ramifications
- Again. Better safe than sorry.
- Any use of the drug influences your mind set and decision making.
- Not sure
- No way in the work place
- Absolutely not!
- I have never used it, don't intend to but I don't want to interfere in someone's party. I do hear of a higher rate of drunk drivers and I could have a real problem with someone high on marijuana crashing their car into my mom or my wife on the road.
- Should fall under the same category as alcohol
- Legalize, tax, and regulate just like we do alcohol and tobacco. Hypocrisy not to do so. Impacts on society are less than alcohol or tobacco.
- Our courts and jails are full of recreational users.
- Absolutely NOT! It is a drug and illegal. Plain and simple
- This would become even worse than the tobacco situation, costs \$\$\$ to everyone, yet people have the "right"???
- Not sure how I feel about it
- Prohibition and abstinence have been shown to be ineffective. I think marijuana falls along those lines. Regulate the manufacturing of it, control marketing for it, develop laws distancing the sale of it from schools, and provide the community and youth with accurate evidence-based education regarding it.
- With specification as to age of use and limits on how much can be purchased at a time.
- I am not sure.
- How is it that our society finally understands the dangers of tobacco but chooses to ignore the negative side effects and consequences of marijuana to the point of endorsing it?
- Not sure, would need more information before making a decision
- Not sure?
- Unsure
- I believe medical use is appropriate but i wouldn't really support recreational use.
- Occasional use is fine over 18
- I believe in medical use only.
- I have seen the damage both marijuana and alcohol can do to a teenager



**Other Comments:**

- Regular Marijuana has been proven again and again to be non-habit forming. All the legislation against it is from crazy religious groups and cigarette companies. But I'll assume this question is about other drugs.
- All drug have great risks to a person's body, their brain, and community.
- This stuff is known to be nasty bad and unfortunately it has been brought into the scene.
- Kids overdosing daily
- Get ahold of fentanyl and you could die just by touching it.
- The risk greatly outweigh the benefit of use. Adolescent omnipotence in this area is deadly.
- Brain development

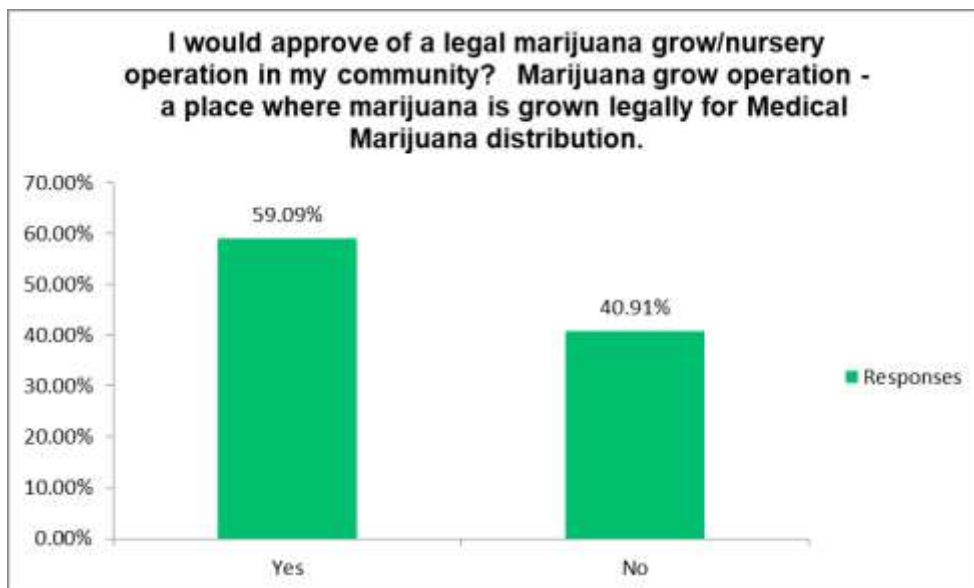
Which of the following best describes your attitude about use of other illegal drugs by youth (under 18)?		
Answer Choices	Responses	
Should never use	99.50%	198
Should not use until they are 18	0.50%	1
Should be allowed to use before they are 18 with adult supervision	0.00%	0
Should be taught to use responsibly before they are 18	0.00%	0
Should be allowed to use before they are 18	0.00%	0
<b>Total Respondents</b>		<b>199</b>

**Other Comments:**

- They should never use any illegal drug ever.
- Doesn't matter what it is, please tell me why do you feel that you need to put this into your body?
- I don't think kids should be using drugs period, but if they do and have a problem, we need the funds to support treatment.
- Age does not matter. It is just dangerous to use for anyone. There is little chance of moderate use of these drugs due to their potency and its effect on the brain
- I believe ADULTS should not use these drugs either
- I was very close with someone who used and it was the saddest most terrifying thing to watch them become more and more addicted and watch their life fall apart. I don't think anyone should ever use anything that harms their body. That is why education is so important. Real education. People need to see the effect this has on a person and their loved ones, physically and mentally.

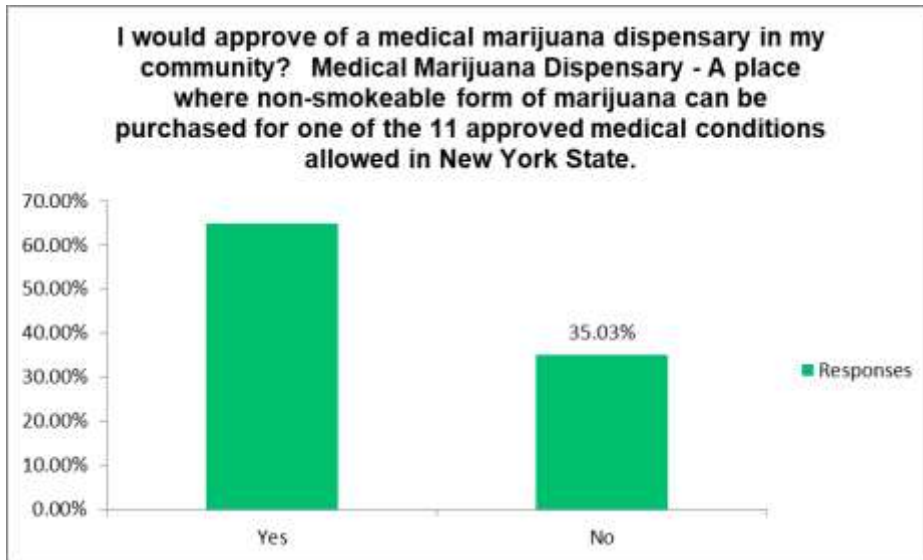
How much do you think youth under 18 risk harming themselves if they take prescription drugs that are not prescribed for them (ex: Vicodin, Oxycontin, Adderall, etc.)?		
Answer Choices	Responses	
No Risk	0.00%	0
Slight Risk	1.01%	2
Moderate Risk	6.03%	12
<b>Great Risk</b>	<b>92.96%</b>	<b>185</b>
<b>Total Respondents</b>		<b>199</b>

- Other Comments:**
- Those can end up habit forming and can cause lasting damage.
  - High risk for addiction
  - See # 23.
  - Daily overdoses!!
  - Again, they are habit forming. If you can't get what you need, other crimes are committed to support your habit.
  - Highly addicting due to its chemical make-up. Genetics don't matter> ANYONE can become addicted to OPIOIDS/OPIATES
  - Our community need to do a better job of promoting healthy coping skills and recreation opportunities, and offer free resources to aid in supporting families and children. Unfortunately NYS under Cuomo administration is cutting such valuable services, and proves that it doesn't value resources that will help in reducing the likelihood of youth and adults turning to substances to cope with stress, mental illness and/or boredom. (Example: Due to new mandates Finger Lakes Parent Network has to now turn away families who use their parent support groups as they have been in the program "too long". NYS has shut down pediatric psychiatric mental health inpatient programs. Specialized mental health programs continuously are shut down in the state that support children as well as adults with mental health issues that are susceptible to drug use. There are very little recreation opportunities in Bath NY for youth - except for the folks looking to peddle drugs to them. There is a lack of late buses for kids to stay after and participate in after school programs (when they exist), leading to latchkey issues with many youth and making them vulnerable. ....)
  - 3 days = addicted



**Other Comments:**

- I guess for economic stability - jobs - but not to promote its use
- I know of great success with medical marijuana use for really ill people
- Not sure
- If regulated and used for medicinal purposes.
- Absolutely not!
- The only upside is all the Tax and Revenue the gov't will take in from it.
- Good for economic development and employment
- It could bring in jobs and tax revenue.
- if well-regulated and secure, to provide for medical use
- If properly secured and clearly for medical use.



**Other Comments:**

- Possibly
- I do not wish to hinder pain relief if it would help someone, but I don't see it for me.
- Why should this be more stigmatized than a pharmacy? Many people are helped by medical marijuana.
- It can increase jobs and tax revenue.
- I think it should be in a pharmacy like every other prescription.
- I'm not sure how I feel about it at this point. Not really educated in it

For the general population (adults), I believe marijuana use is okay under the following condition...		
Answer Choices	Responses	
For any reason	19.70%	39
For an approved medical condition (The 11 legally approved conditions are: cancer, HIV infection or AIDS, amyotrophic lateral sclerosis (ALS), Parkinson's disease, multiple sclerosis, spinal cord injury with spasticity, epilepsy, inflammatory bowel disease, neuropathy, Huntington's disease, and chronic pain).	71.21%	141
Never	9.09%	18
<b>Total Respondents</b>		<b>198</b>

Other Comments:
• As long as it is not smoked and use is monitored.
• See # 26
• Again, should fall under the same category as alcohol, but restricted use as cigarettes are (not in public buildings, etc.) but added that it should not be allowed in public parks.
• Medical professionals discretion
• With a Doctor's script for a prescription, only
• I would also be in favor at looking at statistics to determine if marijuana is appropriate for mental health disorders including, but not limited to, anxiety.
• Only after other safer treatments have failed. I think the use of medical marijuana is being hyped in the media and sure someone is getting rich from it.
• See previous comment
• Person should not have a driver's license
• However, not in a smoked form or vape type form

Do you know where to go for help if you're having concerns with a young person's use of alcohol, marijuana, or other drugs? Click <a href="#">HERE</a> for more information.		
Answer Choices	Responses	
Yes	<b>87.44%</b>	<b>174</b>
No	12.56%	25
<b>Total Respondents</b>		<b>199</b>