**Steuben County**

 **Steuben Prevention Coalition**

**2018 Adult Perception Survey**

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| **Do you have a child in: (check all that apply)** |
| **Answer Options** | **Response Percent** | **Response Count** |
| Elementary School (K-5) | 21.51% | 60 |
| Middle School (6-8) | 12.90% | 36 |
| High School (9-12) | 19.71% | 55 |
| **Out of School** | **44.09%** | **123** |
| No Children | 26.16% | 73 |
| **Total Respondents** | **279** |

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| **Please choose a location that best describes where you live** |
| **Answer Options** | **Response Percent** | **Response Count** |
| **Rural area** | **35.34%** | **100** |
| Village | 25.44% | 72 |
| Town | 14.84% | 42 |
| City | 18.37% | 52 |
| Village/Town/City limits | 6.01% | 17 |
| **Total Respondents** | **283** |

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| **What is your zip code?** |
| **Zip Code/Town** | **Response Percent** | **Response Count** |
| **14810 - Bath** | **21.91%** | **62** |
| **14843 - Hornell** | **13.78%** | **39** |
| **14830 - Corning** | **20.49%** | **58** |
| 14801 -Addison | 3.18% | 9 |
| **14870 - Gang Mills** | **4.59%** | **13** |
| 14855 - Jasper | 1.77% | 5 |
| 14840 - Hammondsport | 2.12% | 6 |
| **14823 - Canisteo** | **7.07%** | **20** |
| 14826 – Cohocton | 2.12% | 6 |
| 14879 – Savona | 2.12% | 6 |
| 14821 - Campbell | 2.12% | 6 |
| 14873 – Prattsburgh | 1.77% | 5 |
| 14809 – Avoca | 2.83% | 8 |
| 14807 – Arkport  | 2.12% | 6 |
| Other | 12.01% | 34 |
| **Total Respondents** | **283** |

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| **What is your household income range?** |
| **Answer Options** | **Response Percent** | **Response Count** |
| $0-$20,000 | 4.98% | 14 |
| $20,001 - $50,000 | 25.62% | 72 |
| $50,001 - $75,000 | 22.06% | 62 |
| $75,001 - $100,000 | 20.28% | 57 |
| $100,001+ | 19.22% | 54 |
| Prefer not to answer | 7.83% | 22 |
| **Total Respondents** | **281** |

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| **What is your highest level of education?** |
| **Answer Choices** | **Response Percent** | **Response County** |
| Some high school | 1.42% | 4 |
| GED | 0.35% | 1 |
| High school diploma | 8.51% | 24 |
| Some college | 11.70% | 33 |
| **Associates degree** | **17.73%** | **50** |
| **Bachelors degree** | **25.18%** | **71** |
| **Masters degree or higher** | **33.33%** | **94** |
| Trade certification or diploma | 1.06% | 3 |
| Prefer not to answer | 0.71% | 2 |
| **Total Respondents** | **282** |

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| **Which of the following is a problem for young people in your community? (check all that apply)** |
| **Answer Choices** | **Responses** |
| **Alcohol** | **88.64%** | **234** |
| **Marijuana** | **78.79%** | **208** |
| **Tobacco** | **74.62%** | **197** |
| Chewing/Smokeless Tobacco | 54.55% | 144 |
| E-Cigarettes/Vapor Pens | 63.26% | 167 |
| Narcotics (Heroin) | 50.38% | 133 |
| Stimulants - Cocaine | 34.09% | 90 |
| Stimulants - Energy Drinks | 57.58% | 152 |
| Hallucinogens (LSD, PCP) | 10.61% | 28 |
| Inhalants (glue, paint thinner) | 20.08% | 53 |
| Prescription Drugs (Vicodin, Oxycontin) | 54.92% | 145 |
| K2 - Synthetic Marijuana | 21.21% | 56 |
| Bath Salts | 31.44% | 83 |
| Methamphetamines | 47.73% | 126 |
| **Total Respondents** | **264** |

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| **Other Comments:** |
| * Don't know
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| * All of the above
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| * PROBABLY ALL OF THE ABOVE
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| * Rude behavior
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| * I do not really know
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| * not being able to disengage from electronic devices
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| * Also- electronic games
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| * no parental supervision/family life
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| * violence
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| * Anything they can or think they can get a high from.
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| * I only chose the ones my children have mentioned hearing about at school.
* Over regulation and the police state, primarily
* No idea
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| **Other Comments:** |
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| * Don't know
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| * Don't know
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| * I don't really know
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| * No idea - minor I'd say
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| * No issues that I'm aware of
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| * Don't know
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| * Unaware of a problem
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| * Not aware - but I don't really hear about it
 |
| * Based on comments from when my kids were in school (5+ years ago) and from comments from youth group kids speaking about kids at school
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| * Not sure
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| * I think it is considered a rite of passage that everyone does it.
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| * Not sure
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| * Alcohol use isn't a problem associated with age
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| **Other Comments:** |
| * Don't know
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| * I don't know
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| * Probably
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| * The people around the area that I live all seem like upstanding citizens who endeavor to uphold the law and raise their children well
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| * Interesting enough, I have watched retired police officers and school personnel host parties and let their kids drink.
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| * I'm sure there are some parents who do
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| * I hope not
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| **Other Comments:** |
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| * Teens brains aren't developed enough at this time to realize the danger they could be putting themselves in with drinking irresponsibly. They are reckless and are not afraid to try new things.
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| * If frequency & amount were part of the description, it would impact my answer.
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| * Drink brings risky behavior/choices
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| * Amount of alcohol consumed makes a difference
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| * The risk is only from police assault.
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| * The biggest concerns are drunk driving and also consuming so much hard liquor so fast as to succumb to alcohol poisoning/death.
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| **Which of the following best describes your attitude about alcohol use by underage youth (under 21)?** |
| **Answer Choices** | **Response Percent** | **Response Count** |
| Should not use until they are 21 | 53.18% | 142 |
| Should be allowed to use before they are 21 with parental supervision | 14.98% | 40 |
| Should be taught to use responsibly before they are 21 | 27.34% | 73 |
| Should be allowed to use before they are 21 | 4.49% | 12 |
| **Total Respondents** | **267** |

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| **Other Comments:** |
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| * I feel it should be the parents decision
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| * shouldnt be allowed to use until 21 but if done needs to be responsible
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| * Hard question. I lived in Michigan and the age to drink was 18; my friends and I were quite responsible. Since the age requirement here now is 21 years old I stand by the rule
 |
| * They could get rid of alcohol all together and that would be fine with me
 |
| * Although I do think youth under 21 should be taught how to use alcohol responsibly before they turn 21.
 |
| * 18 OR 19. I feel if you can serve your Country you should be able to have a drink
 |
| * If you can serve your country and die for your country at 18 then you should be able to have a beer.
 |
| * Should be taught to use responsibly when they are of legal drinking age v
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| * I don't feel those over 21 should consume alcohol either.
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| * Own parental supervision, not a party w 1 set of parents supervising all!
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| * Their own parents, not a friends parents nor parents hosting a party.
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| * I also believe if they sign up for the military to defend our country, they should get exception to drink.
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| * Youth should be taught to use responsibly with both words and example. I feel that if alcohol is going to be a legal substance at any age the starting point should be 18 because it seems ridiculous to me that, without parental consent, a youth can sign up for enlistment in the military, be trained in all sorts of weaponry, and be sent to war to defend our great Country, and yet it is illegal for that same youth to drink a beer until he is 21. I think there is plenty of education out there, there just isn't enough "leading by example.." and not just parental example, there also needs to be a "lead by example" not a "do as I say not as I do" attitude by folks who stand out in our communities... law enforcement, judges, teachers, principals, etc....
 |
| * Conversations about drinking responsibly should start when they are exposed and old enough to understand.
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| * In European countries they are allowed to legally drink before they are allowed to drive a car.
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| * Should not use after 21 either
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| * I believe everyone always has the same rights, regardless of age.
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| * I feel that allowing your child to taste, not consume large amounts, makes them less likely to do it in a party situation
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| * I always thought the age should be 18, but I understand the reasoning that it is 21. However, I do think that kids need to be taught more responsibly about drinking becuase it's inevitable kids are going to drink and we need to provide resources for them to use if they drink and need to make good decisions.
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| * In an ideal world, underage kids would not drink until 21. However, as this is not always realistic, I believe teens should be taught to drink responsibly and should be taught the dangers of being impaired.
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| * I teach my children the law is the law, so no drinking until 21 regardless of personal thoughts.
 |
| * I think that education is key. While I don't advocate drinking and do very little my self we had a glass of wine prior to our children attending college and had a discussion about responsibility. I did not want them to depend on other children to make a decision in that situation
 |
| * Not that i agree, but most youth will experience alcohol before 21(college etc) should know the risks etc
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| * If they are going to drink, need to teach don't drink and drive or ride w/someone that has been and have maybe 1-2 Only
 |
| * children need to be exposed to the education of use of alcohol and effects so this way when they turn 21 it's not a "free for all".
 |
| * 21 may not even be old enough
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| * I think it is problematic that young men and women can serve in the military, but cannot drink legally. I also believe that young adults are going off to college in a social atmosphere where drinking is socially acceptable, with little or no experience or supervision.
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| * should be taught the effects alcoholism has and taught to be responsible.
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| Holidays, celebrations - such as at a wedding can have a small amount to toast with if older te |

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| **Other Comments:** |
| * Wish it was able to truly be enforced
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| * It's an unconstitutional violation of private property rights.
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| **Other Comments:** |
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| * 21 is an arbitrary age. Young Adult brains aren't finished forming until age 25. So the neural reward pathways you create/strengthen by drinking alcohol to excess (if you have a predisposition) will be created regardless of your having reached age 21 or not. I think use with parental teaching and the possibility of use with medication (naltrexone) to prevent the high would be useful to prevent maladaptive behavioral/neural patterns prior to age 25.
 |
| * Depends on definition of "regularly"
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| * AGE SHOULD BE AT LEAST 18
 |
| * Wrong because it's the law. When I was 18 the law said 18 was minimum, so we were allowed and were responsible. Since the age now is 21 we must abide by that.
 |
| * I don’t think beer and liquor are equivalent.
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| * 13-17 Very wrong; 18-20 - when? where? supervision would change answer
 |
| * Unless signed up for military. Stress of putting your life on the line at that age, there are worse things for them. Having a beer or glass of wine could help relax them. And if they are old enough to die for their country, then they are old enough to drink.
 |
| * I feel it would be just as wrong for youth under 21 to drink beer, wine or liquor regularly as it would someone over 21,if they were drinking to excess. Also, this question is too broad.... what is the definition of "regularly?" Is it asking, daily... a few times a week, on weekends.... "regularly" can mean many things, depending on who is answering....
 |
| * Not any more wrong than adult.
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| * Should not be done regularly
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| * I think 18 is a better drinking age, because it is the age of military service, voting, driving, etc.
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| * because of the word regularly - quantity & frequency
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| * I think it poses health risks not wrong
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| **Other Comments:** |
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| * Don't know
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| * I don't know cause I have no experience with that
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| * No idea
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| * I think and hope it would be very hard, preferably impossible.
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| * they have older friends access it for them
 |
| * Unsure
 |
| * not sure
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| * Depends on who they know---older sibs? relatives? access to liquor cabinet?
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| * If there is a desire, there is a market.
 |
| * I don’t know...
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| * I believe there is always a way for them to get it.
 |
| * I honestly do not know.
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| * No idea
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| * Dry town
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| * Not sure
 |
| * Person to person in-store sales are much better regulated now. Legal individuals, purchasing alcohol for minors, is still a problem.
 |
| * I don't know.
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| * If they took it from their parents or asked an older sibling or friend to buy it, somewhat easy. If they tried to buy it themselves at a store or a bar, somewhat hard.
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| **Other Comments:** |
| * Don't know
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| * No idea
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| * No idea
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| * I really have no idea
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| * Based on hearsay, they just need to approach someone in school
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| * Don't know
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| * It literally grows anywhere, that's why it's known as a weed.
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| * I have no idea.
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| * I honestly do not know
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| * No idea
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| * No Idea
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| * I'm guessing
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| **Where do you think most young people (under 21) in your community get alcohol? (check all that apply)** |
| **Answer Choices** | **Responses** |
| Bought it from a store | 14.94% | 39 |
| **Got it at a party** | **77.78%** | **203** |
| **Gave someone else money to buy it for me** | **80.84%** | **211** |
| **Got it from someone age 21 or older** | **85.82%** | **224** |
| Got it from someone under age 21 | 19.16% | 50 |
| Got it from a family member or relative other than parents | 59.77% | 156 |
| Got it from home with parents’ permission | 33.33% | 87 |
| Got it from home without parents’ permission | 70.50% | 184 |
| Got it at work | 6.51% | 17 |
| **Total Respondents** | **261** |

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| **Other Comments:** |
| * Don’t know
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| * No idea
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| * ALL OF THE ABOVE
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| * Best guesses
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| * Where there’s a will, there’s a way
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| * Would not know
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| **Other Comments:** |
| * Don't know
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| * No idea
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| * All of the above
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| * No idea
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| * wherever they can get it
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| * Don't know
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| * They will find someone somehow to get it for them
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| * I'm sure there are some who get it from parents & siblings too.
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| * Whoever is selling
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| * No idea
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| **Who influences a young person's (under 21) decision to drink? (check all that apply)** |
| **Answer Choices** | **Responses** |
| **The parent** | **60.47%** | **153** |
| **Friends** | **99.21%** | **251** |
| Alcohol advertising | 39.53% | 100 |
| Other adults' drinking | 51.78% | 131 |
| **Social media (facebook, internet, youtube)** | **72.33%** | **183** |
| Music/entertainment | 50.59% | 128 |
| **Total Respondents** | **202** |

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| **Other Comments:** |
| * Don’t know
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| * County music songs
* All of the above
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| * ALL OF THE ABOVE
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| * Naturally
* There’s a lot of peer pressure
* All of the above
* Part of life
* Not sure

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| * It's everywhere, we adults can't even get away from the uncontrolled forced advertising of alchohol.
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| * not only the decision "to drink" but also how they drink..... all the time.... to excess.... what they drink...
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| * The person makes his or her own decision to consume.
 |
| * Being told not to drink, not being taught to responsibly drink
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| * I think peers are the biggest influencer.
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| * All of them influence a young person's decision to drink, but friends and parents are the most important factors.
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| * It's bio, psycho, social
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| **Which of the following messages would you want to share with youth (under 18)? (check one)** |
| **Answer Choices** | **Responses** |
| **It is never okay for them to drink** | **75.93%** | **183** |
| It is okay for them to drink if they are with their parent | 14.52% | 35 |
| It is okay for them to drink if they are with an adult | 0.83% | 2 |
| It is okay for them to drink if they don't drive | 4.56% | 11 |
| It is okay for them to drink if they are careful | 4.15% | 10 |
| **Total Respondents** | **241** |

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| **Other Comments:** |
| * Different families and individuals have different predispositions and reactions to alcohol. We need to stop thinking about this as a one size fits all problem and be honest about the problems alcohol can create for individuals and families. Owning those problems is difficult for over 25 year old adults and even harder for children and young adults under 25. Our discussions need to start aligning with family history and neurology.
 |
| * It's okay for them to drink when they reach the legal age and when they know the risks associated with drinking
 |
| * It is not okay to drink until they are of age and then it should be done responsibly
 |
| * social drinker ony
 |
| * when they are of age
 |
| * It is okay to have an occassional drink with supervision and no driving. Must be monitored and also continued communication about the dangers of alcohol and other drugs.
 |
| * It will be ok for them to drink someday, but not yet.
 |
| * It's okay for them to drink when they are of age and to do so responsibly.
 |
| * It kills brains cells, worse the younger you are.
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| * You shouldn't be drinking, but if that is what you are going to do - learn to do it responsibly
 |
| * i think if you say never then they will want to try it.
 |
| * Occasionally
 |
| * None
 |
| * I know that older teens will drink, exp college students. They need to know how to be safe and responsible. They need to know the dangers of getting drunk and losing control. “Responsible” drinking must be a part of the conversation and must include keeping your self/friends safe and being respectful to others when they’re in able of making safe choices.
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| * It's equally okay for a teen to consume alcohol as it is for an adult to consume alcohol.

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| * And in moderation.
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| * If they are going to drink, how o do it responsibly : the risks, alcohol poisoning, being in public etc
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| * But not ok to get drunk.
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| * The most important message is always "don't drink while underage," but we have to be realistic and provide our teens with guidelines and tools to enable them to drink responsibly, if they are going to drink anyway. It's like sex ed. Saying to abstain is fine, but we also need to discuss birth control options for safe sex. So we can say "don't drink," but we must also discuss how to stay safe and drink responsibly (by never drinking and driving, limiting number of drinks and hard alcohol, buddy system (especially for girls), etc.)
 |
| * It's not about personal feelings, it is about be a law abiding citizen.
 |
| * under 18 did it for me
 |
| * Be responsible, know your consequences, ask for help
 |
| * Probably best to wait, but never drink and drive
 |
| * Unsure
 |
| * there are reasons why alcohol is limited to a certain age. Now is the time to learn about it and see how you can use it responsibly, if you choose, when you become of age.
 |
| * Again, infrequently and for celebrations or holidays.
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| **Other Comments:** |
| * Pot smoking, alone, alters judgment and it often - perhaps usually - leads to harder drugs
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| * substance has changed over the years
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| * risk to lungs, risk of having what they buy "laced" with something else, risk that goes with irresponsibility
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| * It's a mind altering drug...
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| * These days it often contains harmful additives
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| * These days it is mixed with so many other dangerous additives
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| * Marijuana is one of the least harmful psychoactive substances.
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| * I worry that 1) marijuana is a gateway drug to more dangerous drugs and 2) teens think marijuana is no big deal.
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| * I do not know enough to answer.
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| * I have no clue
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| * This does not include hash oil or any such thing or if it has been laced with anything.
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| **Which of the following best describes your attitude about marijuana use by youth (under 18)?** |
| **Answer Choices** | **Responses** |
| **Should never use** | **73.98%** | **182** |
| Should not use until they are 18 | 16.67% | 41 |
| Should be allowed to use before they are 18 with adult supervision | 1.22% | 3 |
| Should be taught to use responsibly before they are 18 | 6.91% | 17 |
| Should be allowed to use before they are 18 | 1.22% | 3 |
| **Total Respondents** | **246** |

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| **Other Comments:** |
| * I don't really care
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| * Should never use unless prescribed for medicinal use
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| * only if they have a medical need for it, otherwise they shouldn't be using it.
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| * I am in favor of medicinal marijuana
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| * medical marijuana is okay.
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| * MJ is extremely toxic to the developing brain. Permanent change ocurrs
 |
| * Should be taught to use responsibly when they are if legal age.
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| * Should only be used for medical purposes.
 |
| * Undecided
 |
| * On occasion from a trusted source
 |
| * Occasionally, from a trusted source
 |
| * It's a plant. Everyone should be allowed to partake in whatever plants they choose.
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| * None of the above, the facts and risk management should be taught
 |
| * again under 18
 |
| * It is still illegal, they should be taught about it before they ever attempt to use. A lot use because they are curious, education helps fill in that curiosity.
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| * Should not use unless for medical reasons
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| * This is a gateway drug! You are speeding addiction for those that have a predisposition.
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| * Medical marijuana if used following medical protocals given.
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| **Other Comments:** |
| * Only medical use
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| * If they were adult
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| * Only government regulated/licensed operations
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| * If it's legal
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| * Only for medical reasons.
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| * Would increase the legal issues
 |
| * OK if it is legal; I know a doctor who has studied it extensively and there are absolute medicinal benefits
 |
| * for medical marijuana
 |
| * For Medical Use Only
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| * It's coming... the State just better be ready to pay more for addiction services.
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| * No looking at the literature noting the affects to brain development
 |
| * For medical purposes
 |
| * Due to chronic pain, I am considering medical marijuana
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| * For medical use
 |
| * For medical marijuana
 |
| * I support it being grown everywhere. The state has no authority to ban plants.
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| * Medical marijuana should be legalized nationally. It is very important for so many illnesses.
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| * Marijuana does have benefits for people suffering from chronic illness.
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| * I do not have enough information to answer
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| * It depends on the protocols. Oil has been proven to help with seizures
 |
| * i think regardless of your opinion on marijuana, it is just a matter of time before it is legal in all states
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| * for medically approved marjiuana yes, for recreational use no
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| * Terrible idea, with exponential effects for society.
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| **Other Comments:** |
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| * No support
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| * If legalized, should be very heavily taxed to help NYS.
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| * We need to explain to these kids that is a HUGE difference between someone who smokes once or twice a month verses someone who smokes every day. Teachers refuse to do this out of fear of public outrage (mostly from bible hugging nut jobs who drink everyday and think that's okay)
 |
| * Would not approve of smoking marijuana for medical marijuana should be in the pill form!
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| * For medical THC use only and then only in pill form. Don't need to encourage any more smoking behaviors that destroy lungs and raise the cost of Medicaid dollars!
 |
| * I tried it as a teenager in Ohio and Michigan and if it is legal and regulated I think it may be okay; however, I think there should be strict driving laws like with alcohol. I imagine there is a way to detect if someone has smoked it recently or not.
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| * I am open to more convincing, but at this time am not in favor...
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| * WITH REGULATIONS- ONLY OVER 18, ONLY IN CERTAIN QUANTITIES, NO DRIVING, ETC.
 |
| * I don't agree with it, but we won't win this.
 |
| * Demonstrated increased impaired driving in other states, increased access for youth
 |
| * not sure
 |
| * Unsure
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| * I guess if you want to legalize a gateway drug just to make money, you can spend that money on all the other issues that will come to our community when they no longer get a high of marijuana.
 |
| * Preferably without taxation, as taxation is theft.
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| * I do not have enough information, I have never smoked it nor do I have a desire to.
 |
| * If this offer control some control and distribution
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| * I would need more data to form a factual opinion
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| * With limitations like alcohol has
 |
| * not sure, most likely
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| * Promoting profit off of vices in this state. Gambling, alcohol, and drug use. You cannot extrapolate the future cost. It will be enormous.
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| * I'm on the fence
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| **Do you feel that marijuana is addictive?** |
| **Answer Choices** | **Responses** |
| **Yes** | **69.80%** | **171** |
| No | 30.20% | 74 |
| **Total Respondents** | **245** |

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| **Other Comments:** |
| * But also no
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| * No idea
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| * Unsure
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| * Not from a neurological reward system perspective, but from a ritualistic perspective, yes.
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| * There is a focus on getting and using marijuana and if not available then the person becomes agitated, nastey.
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| * I've been told it is not and I tried it when I was a teen and did not become addicted
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| * I feel the adictive part of using is the way it makes you feel, not so much physically adictive, but addictive to wanting to use
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| * I believe there is a wide variance of susceptibility to addiction, though... it may have to do with frequency of use
 |
| * It can be abused just like alcohol but it is not automatically an addiction.
 |
| * I work with addicts... ask any addict and they will tell you marijuana was their gate way drug.
 |
| * Mostly for those using this to self medicate, not physically
 |
| * I don’t know, I never use it. Some users I have know act as though they were addicted.
 |
| * I do believe it is a gateway drug.
 |
| * not sure
 |
| * sometimes it can be depends on the person.
 |
| * And it often stops being enough, leading to the need for more.
 |
| * Unsure
 |
| * It has been proven to not be addictive.
 |
| * Gateway
 |
| * For some people yes.
 |
| * as with any drug it effects the brain
 |
| * I don't feel that marijuana itself is addictive, however I feel people can become addicted to the sensation they get from using it.
 |
| * not sure, it may be
 |
| * Psychologically addictive.
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| * binds to the fat cells in the brain, changing brain chemistry. The psychological effect is addicting, not the substance itself.
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| * If a person has an addictive personality, anything can be addictive.
 |
| * I think when people utilize something/anything to cope with life - that becomes the addictive part as they cannot cope without as they have no other skills.
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| **For the general population (adults - age 18 and older), I believe marijuana use is okay under the following condition...** |
| **Answer Choices** | **Response Percent** | **Response Counts** |
| For any reason | 24.80% | 61 |
| **For an approved medical condition (The 12 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, post-traumatic stress disorder, and chronic pain)** | **65.85%** | **162** |
| Never | 9.35% | 23 |
| **Total Respondents** | **246** |

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| **Other Comments:** |
| * Medical only
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| * Personal choice
 |
| * Again, 18 is arbitrary, 25 should be the cut off.
 |
| * Not for PTSD, anyone can say that they have had trauma in their life. People need to learn coping skills instead of relying on marijuana to feel good. Besides there is enough damag/cost for tobacco related diseases don't need to add to the cost by legalizing smoking of marijuana!!
 |
| * When or if it becomes legal for recreational use I would approve of it that way if well-regulated
 |
| * With restrictions i.e. not when operating a vehicle, not when in school.
 |
| * All medical reasons given above, and recreationally, in moderation, like alcohol use.
 |
| * Look at the social costs in colorado
 |
| * As long as they want to.
 |
| * and have conditions of limitations on activity that could harm others if used (driving, operating machinery, etc.)
 |
| * I feel that people with an addictive personality should not have access to marijuana unless there's a medical condition. Also, If a person wants to use it they will do it even if it's illegal
 |
| * In a medically acceptable delivery system.
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| **Other Comments:** |
| * Great risk with everything on that list except marijuana
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| * Some people, regardless of age, over estimate their ability to handle intoxicating substances.
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| **Which of the following best describes your attitude about use of other illegal drugs by youth (under 18)?** |
| **Answer Choices** | **Responses** |
| **Should never use** | **97.95%** | **239** |
| Should not use until they are 18 | 0.41% | 1 |
| Should be allowed to use before they are 18 with adult supervision | 0.41% | 1 |
| Should be taught to use responsibly before they are 18 | 0.82% | 2 |
| Should be allowed to use before they are 18 | 0.41% | 1 |
| **Total Respondents** | **244** |

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| **Other Comments:** |
| * Schools need to teach better
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| * Being taught to "use responsibly" means rarely for everyone in general, and for those under 25, VERY VERY rarely (if at all), under adult supervision, after researching the drug's effects heavily
 |
| * Should be illegal regardless of age
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| * The state has no authority to ban people from consuming substances. Read the Constitution.
 |
| * also, risk management and local recovery resources
 |
| * The word illegal did it for me
* Harm reduction
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| **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 | 0.41% | 1 |
| Slight Risk | 2.04% | 5 |
| Moderate Risk | 10.20% | 25 |
| **Great Risk** | **87.35%** | **214** |
| **Total Respondents** | **245** |

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| **Other Comments:** |
| * I have personal experience of people who have suffered from using the drug even when it was prescribed for them... and had an addictive response
 |
| * Same risk as other intoxicating substances.
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| * not for them
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| **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 HERE for more information.** |
| **Answer Choices** | **Responses** |
| **Yes** | **85.54%** | **207** |
| No | 14.46% | 35 |
| **Total Respondents** | **242** |

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| **Other Comments:** |
| * Mental health
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| * Children's services at DSS and a medical doctor would be a good start
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| * 211 Helpline, family physician, county services, etc.
 |
| * counselors
 |
| * You go and fuck yourself, because other people's decisions don't affect your life.
 |
| * No, but I know how to find info if I ever need help for my children.
 |
| * Yes as an instructor in the IDP course
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**Social Media Question:**

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| **Does your child (under the age of 18) have their own social media account? (Facebook, Instagram, SnapChat, YouTube, etc.)** |
| **Answer Choices** | **Response Percent** | **Response Counts** |
| Yes | 23.77% | 58 |
| No | 20.90% | 51 |
| I do not know | 0.41% | 1 |
| **N/A - I do not have a child under the age of 18** | **54.92%** | **134** |
| **Total Respondents** | **244** |

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| **If yes, how do you monitor their use of social media?  (having their password, parental controls, etc.)** |
| * I have their password and I monitor it daily.
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| * only uses when not working
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| * passwork; parental controls, access to their device
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| * Parental controls
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| * have passwords, parental controls, and friends with them on the accounts
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| * Password, Parental Controls, Limited Use, Monitoring
 |
| * no
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| * Have pass words and also have them show me their pages.
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| * i had my childs passwords to all accounts.
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| * Check it randomly
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| * We are friends and had their password until they turned 18.
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| * Passwords, have to be friends
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| * Passwords
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| * I have access to their accounts, passwords etc
 |
| * Friends with them...
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| * Password
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| * Password, and it is linked to my email
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| * Yes. I monitor
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| * I don't monitor it. I trust my three teens. I talk to them all the time but don't invade their privacy.
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| * I follow them
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| * I can look at their phones anytime
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| **Other Comments:** |
| * Should be like us growing up old school
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| * Don't know
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| * It depends on the level of parental involvement
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| * I blame too much screen time for a great portion of obesity, laziness and immorality
 |
| * I think the parent's place the kids in front of the TV, tablet etc just so they don't have to deal the child
 |
| * They do need to learn how to moderate their own use... screens are a part of life, and are necessary to this culture, even with employment. But all people need to learn how to responsibly engage and disengage.
 |
| * time is limited
 |
| * sometimes
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| * just wish that it was like old times when they spent more time outside.
 |
| * I have limits on it
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| * Some children, yes
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| * We limited
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| * They would be better served outside, but that's not my choice to make.
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| * People walk around looking at their screen instead of where they are walking
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| **Do you think that the use of screens (computer, tablet, video games, smart phone, TV, etc.) by children under the age of 18 contributes to any of the following?  Please check all that apply.** |
| **Answer Choices** | **Response Percent** | **Response Counts** |
| Increased risk of substance use (alcohol, tobacco, marijuana, other drugs, etc.) | 41.92% | 96 |
| Increased risk of mental health issues (depression, anxiety, etc.) | 74.67% | 171 |
| **Decreased social skills** | **96.51%** | **221** |
| Behavioral problems | 75.55% | 173 |
| Bullying and violence | 69.00% | 158 |
| **Total Respondents** | **229** |

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| **Other Comments:** |
| * Don't know
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| * No
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| * The first time a parent (guardian) is worried is a problem
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| * Special problems, such as apathy or loss of communication skills
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| * Obesity, neck problems
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| * It contributes, but not in every case
 |
| * It depends on the level of parental involvement
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| * unsure if screen addiction would detract from substance abuse... on the other hand, addiction is addiction, and harmful, either way, even if in different ways.
 |
| * No
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| * I would check all however the question below covers what children under 18 would have access to on the tablet, computer etc.
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| * increased anger
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| * When an adult is harassed, he can sue in court. When a minor gets harassed by another minor, it's labelled bullying. That's why you have the violence, because society accepts harassment of youths and won't pass laws to protect them.
 |
| * None of the above... I think these things are used as excuses for certain behaviors but they are not responsible nor do they contribute.... what contributes is the parents tossing a device in front of their kids so they don't have to deal with them... sounds harsh... but I have seen it happen way too often.
 |
| * Poor academics
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| * None of these. It's just a different way of reading and interacting.
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| * There are a lot of benefits of electronics. It can teach many skills. It is more about what skills the youth are taught in using it. Violence in games doesn't cause violence, but things like Facebook and Instagram create a new avenue for bullying.
 |
| * depending on the content. Studies show that fast paced content changes behavior of growing children. Slow programs (Mr. Rogers) don't have much affect.
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| * Obesity, vision problems, tech neck, ergonomic concerns
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| * There are studies that have demonstrated screen time changes neural pathways negatively.
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| **Do you think that the use of social media by children under the age of 18 contributes to any of the following? Please check all that apply.** |
| **Answer Choices** | **Response Percent** | **Response Counts** |
| Increased risk of substance use (alcohol, tobacco, marijuana, other drugs, etc.) | 46.05% | 105 |
| Increased risk of mental health issues (depression, anxiety, etc.) | 77.63% | 177 |
| **Decreased social skills** | **89.91%** | **205** |
| Behavioral problems | 70.18% | 160 |
| Bullying and violence | 78.95% | 180 |
| **Total Respondents** | **228** |

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| **Other Comments:** |
| * Don't know
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| * No
 |
| * Everything
 |
| * Obesity, neck problems
 |
| * You. An get to all of the above by question number 33 so answer would be the same in both
 |
| * It contributes, but not in every case
 |
| * It depends on the level of parental involvement
 |
| * same as previous question
 |
| * same question as above
 |
| * With social media platforms, instead of children just dealing with harassment at school, they get it 24/7 on social media platforms.
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| * I think the use of social media makes bullying much easier because it makes the victim more accessible
 |
| * Poor academics
 |
| * None of these. Social media is just a different way of interacting with people, usually on a larger scale than previously available.
 |
| * But I also think that if used responsibly, screens and social media can help: build relationships (it's very easy to keep in touch with peers), increase knowledge (they have the world at their fingertips through the web), build tech skills (teens know technology), etc. Screens/social media aren't all bad, especially in moderation. However, cyberbullying is a huge concern with too few consequences because it's not easy to track until it's too late.
 |
| * Obesity, vision problems, tech neck, ergonomic concerns
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