

All Together Upper Valley Region



Results 2017

Upper Valley Annual Community Survey:
Data Tables by Age and by Parent Status

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RESULTS – BY AGE

Age Group	Upper Valley Region* % (n)
18-25	3.1% (15)
26-35	15.8% (77)
36-50	39.6% (193)
Over 50 years	41.5% (202)

Social Norms – by age

The percentage of respondents that agree or strongly agree with the following statements.	18-25	26-35	36-50	Over 50
It is OK for youth under the age of 18 to use alcohol at parties if they don't drive.	23.1% (**)	10.8% (8)	6.0% (11)	2.6% (5)
It is OK for adults to provide alcohol to young people under the age of 18.	23.1% (**)	5.4% (**)	4.9% (9)	3.7% (7)
It is OK for an older brother or sister to provide alcohol to a younger sibling under the age of 18.	15.4% (**)	6.8% (5)	3.9% (7)	1.6% (**)
Occasional use of alcohol is OK for young people under 18 if it doesn't interfere with schoolwork or other responsibilities.	38.5% (5)	20.3% (15)	9.8% (18)	7.9% (15)
Occasional use of alcohol is OK for young people under 21 if it doesn't interfere with schoolwork or other responsibilities.	76.9% (10)	47.3% (35)	35.7% (65)	23.8% (45)
Occasional use of marijuana is OK for people under 18 if it doesn't interfere with schoolwork or other responsibilities.	38.5% (5)	13.5% (10)	9.8% (18)	5.3% (10)
Occasional use of marijuana is OK for people under 21 if it doesn't interfere with schoolwork or other responsibilities.	46.2% (6)	43.2% (32)	27.9% (51)	20.0% (38)

* The percent of those in each age group who Strongly Agree or Agree with statements.
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Perceptions of Use – by age

Table 3. Perceptions of Use, by Age*				
The percentage of respondents that agree or strongly agree with the following statements.	18-25	26-35	36-50	Over 50
I am concerned about alcohol use in the community.	38.5% (5)	41.7% (30)	64.5% (111)	87.8% (158)
I am concerned about marijuana use in the community.	38.5% (5)	31.9% (23)	52.6% (91)	69.1% (123)
I am concerned about prescription drug use in the community.	84.6% (11)	94.4% (68)	88.4% (153)	91.7% (165)
I am concerned about heroin use in the community.	92.3% (12)	93.1% (67)	91.9% (158)	97.8% (177)
Alcohol is widely used in the community by people under 18 years of age.	33.3% (**)	60.3% (41)	56.1% (92)	75.4% (126)
Alcohol is widely used in the community by people under 21 years of age.	69.2% (9)	83.6% (56)	75.6% (124)	85.3% (145)
Alcohol is widely used in the community by people 21 years of age and older .	92.3% (12)	97.1% (66)	92.8% (154)	90.1% (155)
Marijuana is widely used in the community by people under 18 years of age.	41.7% (5)	57.4% (39)	60.5% (98)	73.7% (123)
Marijuana is widely used in the community by people 18 years of age and older .	83.3% (10)	83.8% (57)	72.7% (120)	82.2% (139)
Prescription drugs are widely abused in the community by people under 18 years of age.	25.0% (**)	50.0% (34)	48.4% (77)	61.6% (101)
Prescription drugs are widely abused in the community by people 18 years of age and older .	53.8% (7)	77.9% (53)	73.9% (119)	76.4% (126)
Heroin is widely abused in the community by people under 18 years of age.	8.3% (**)	44.9% (31)	37.5% (60)	53.0% (87)
Heroin is are widely abused in the community by people 18 years of age and older .	41.7% (5)	66.7% (46)	61.5% (99)	66.5% (111)
* The percent of those in each age group who Strongly Agree or Agree with statements.				
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Perception of Risk – by age

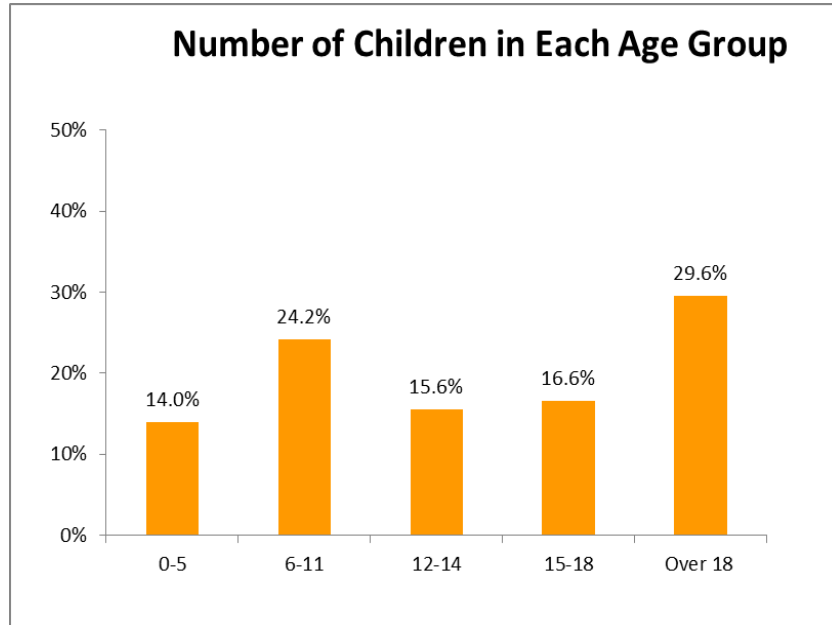
Table 4. Perceptions of Risk, by Age*				
The percentage of respondents that reported Moderate or Great Risk to the following statements.	18-25	26-35	36-50	Over 50
Take five or more drinks of an alcoholic beverage in a row once or twice each weekend.	91.7% (11)	72.5% (50)	86.9% (146)	91.9% (158)
Smoke marijuana occasionally.	8.3% (**)	15.9% (11)	32.3% (54)	39.9% (69)
Smoke marijuana regularly.	41.7% (5)	41.2% (28)	67.9% (114)	78.0% (135)
Take prescription drugs without a doctor's prescription.	100% (12)	94.2% (65)	97.6% (164)	98.3% (169)
Take prescription drugs other than as prescribed.	100% (12)	92.8% (64)	97.6% (164)	99.4% (171)
Use heroin occasionally.	100% (12)	97.1% (67)	100% (167)	99.4% (169)
Use heroin regularly.	83.3% (10)	98.6% (68)	100% (167)	100% (173)
* <i>The percent of those in each age group who reported Great Risk or Moderate Risk of harm.</i>				
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Community Action – by age

Table 5. Community Action, by Age*				
The percentage of respondents that said the following were Likely or Very Likely to happen.	18-25	26-35	36-50	Over 50
If someone in your community gave alcohol to a person under the age of 18, how likely is it that he or she would be arrested by the police?	10.0% (**)	23.1% (15)	29.6% (48)	40.1% (65)
If someone under the age of 18 drank some beer, wine, or hard liquor in your community, how likely is it that he or she would be arrested by the police?	9.1% (**)	24.2% (16)	22.8% (37)	26.9% (43)
During the past 3 months, how many times do you recall hearing, reading, or watching messages about the prevention or harm of underage drinking or binge drinking? (<i>At least one time</i>)	100% (**)	46.9% (15)	53.0% (80)	72.0% (95)
Were you aware before today that it is against the law in New Hampshire and Vermont to host a party where alcohol is being consumed by minors even if you do not provide the alcohol? (<i>% Yes</i>)	83.3% (10)	80.6% (54)	85.6% (143)	93.5% (158)
* <i>The percent of those who reported likely or very likely/At least one time.</i>				
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RESULTS – PARENT/GUARDIAN

Almost Seventy Seven (76.8%) of respondents indicated that they were a parent or guardian. The following tables reflect the responses of the 321 parents or guardians of children in the region.



Risk and Protective Factors

Table 6: Communication	Parent
During the past 3 months, how many times do you recall hearing, reading, or watching an advertisement or messages about the prevention or harm of underage drinking or binge drinking?	
None/ Don't recall advertisements	39.6% (125)
1 or more times	60.4% (191)
Did any of the advertisements or messages about the prevention or harm of underage drinking or binge drinking lead you to have a conversation with your child or other youth about the harm and risks of underage or binge drinking?	
Yes	32.3% (102)

Youth Access & Monitoring

Table 7: Perceptions of Youth Access & Monitoring of Use	Parent
During the past 12 months, have you talked with your kids about the dangers of tobacco, alcohol, or other drug use?	75.6% (238)
Does your household have clear rules around alcohol use?	83.4% (261)
Does your household have clear rules around marijuana use?	79.5% (248)
Do adults in your household make clear to youth the kind of consequences that will happen if youth violate household alcohol, marijuana, and other drug rules?	76.2% (234)
* The percent of those who reported yes.	

Alcohol Practices

Table 8: Alcohol Practices	Parent
Does not keep alcohol in the home	12.3% (60)
Keeps alcohol locked or in a place where others cannot get it	8.4% (41)
Keeps track of it to make sure no one has taken any	24.8% (121)
Instructs children not to take any	24.2% (118)
Doesn't do anything special	15.6% (76)
Does something else	11.9% (37)
<i>(We model responsible behavior around alcohol including when others are drinking; We have discussed beginning to lock it up now that our eldest child will be in 8th grade and we've heard alcohol has been consumed in the community at this age.)</i>	

Prescription Drug Practices

Table 9: Prescription Drugs Practices	Parent
Does not keep prescription drugs in the home	14.0% (68)
Keeps track of them to make sure no one has taken any	31.8% (155)
Keeps them locked in a safe place	12.1% (59)
Disposes of them when they are no longer needed	25.9% (126)
Instructs children not to take any	22.8% (111)
Doesn't do anything special	8.2% (40)
Does something else	8.0% (25)
<i>(I educate her on the possible side effects and/or long term damage; we keep ALL drugs locked because my child has overdosed on an over the counter drug)</i>	

Table 10: State Laws	Parent
Do you know parents or other adults in your community who host parties where alcohol is available or served to young people under the age of 18?	22.1% (69)
<i>* The percent of those who reported yes.</i>	

Table 11: How much do you think typical parents of youth under the age of 18 in your community limit underage drinking?	Parent
No drinking except for a few sips at family or religious gatherings	40.6% (117)
Some drinking with parents if only family is present	30.9% (89)
Some drinking with friends if parent is present	15.3% (44)
Drinking without parent if not driving or getting drunk	10.1% (29)
No limits on drinking	3.1% (9)