

Young Adult Community Survey

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This survey is voluntary. If you choose to take it, you may skip any question you don't want to answer.

This survey asks about your experiences and opinions on a number of topics related to alcohol. Your answers to these questions will be confidential. That means no one will connect your answers with your name or other identifying information. To help us keep your answers confidential, please do not write your name on this survey form.

This is not a test, so there are no right or wrong answers. Some questions may ask you to select all of the answers that are relevant, and others ask you to select a single answer. If the question asks for a single answer and you don't find an answer that exactly fits, choose one that comes closest.

Throughout this survey are questions about drinking alcohol. This includes drinking beer, wine, wine coolers, or liquor such as rum, gin, vodka, whiskey or mixed drinks. For these questions, drinking alcohol does not include drinking a few sips of wine for religious purposes.

Thank you for agreeing to participate in this survey.

Please fill bubbles completely...

Correct = ● Incorrect = ☒ ☑ ⊖

and write comments in spaces provided

These questions ask for general information about you. Please mark the response that best describes you.

Date survey completed: / /

How old are you?

0%	16	14%	21
2%	17	11%	22
15%	18	11%	23
16%	19	18%	24
10%	20	4%	25 or older

Are you: 49% Female
51% Male

What is your zip code?

What do you consider yourself to be?

(Choose all that apply)

91% White
7% Black or African American
2% American Indian/Native American, Eskimo or Aleut
2% Spanish/Hispanic/Latino
1% Asian or Pacific Islander
0.5% Other *(Please specify):*

What is the highest level of education you've completed?

22% some high school
43% high school graduate
19% some college
4% Trade school / apprenticeship
2% Associate's degree
5% 4-year college degree
0.5% Post-graduate degree
5% Other *(please specify):*

If you are still in school, are you going full- or part-time?

19% Full Time
16% Part-time

Do you have a job?

42% Yes, full-time
31% Yes, part-time
23% No, but looking
5% No, and not looking

How many hours do you work in an average week?

4% 1-5 hours/week
3% 6-10 hours/week
13% 11-20 hours/week
23% 21-30 hours/week
35% 31-40 hours/week
22% Over 40 hours/week

The following questions ask about perceptions and behaviors of TYPICAL YOUNG ADULTS in your community. They ARE NOT specific to your actions.

Which of these statements about drinking alcohol do you feel most people your age in your community would agree with? (SN_4) (Check ONE)

- 5% Drinking is never a good thing to do.
- 8% Drinking is all right but a person should not get drunk.
- 57% Occasionally getting drunk is okay as long as it doesn't interfere with work or other responsibilities.
- 9% Occasionally getting drunk is okay even if it does interfere with work or other responsibilities.
- 21% Frequently getting drunk is okay if that's what the individual wants to do.

How many nights a week do you think MOST PEOPLE YOUR AGE in this community party with alcohol?

- 5% 1
- 21% 2
- 25% 3
- 23% 4
- 10% 5
- 4% 6
- 12% 7

During the past 30 days, do you think the typical person your age in your community had at least one drink of alcohol? (SN_5)

- 97% Yes
- 3% No

During the past 30 days, do you think the typical person your age in your community had 5 or more drinks of alcohol in a row, that is, within a couple of hours? (SN_6)

- 82% Yes
- 18% No

Which type of alcoholic drink do you think is most commonly consumed by people your age in your community who do drink? (Check ONE)

- 61% Beer
- 2% Wine
- 20% Hard liquor
- 17% Hard lemonade, twisted tea, wine coolers, or other premixed bottled alcoholic drinks

How many alcoholic drinks are typically consumed by a person your age in your community at parties or other social occasions?

- 1% None
- 1% Less than 1 drink
- 6% 1-2 drinks
- 27% 3-4 drinks
- 65% 5 or more drinks

Not counting just a few sips of wine for religious purposes, how many of your friends typically drink alcohol? (SN_7) And how many other people your age typically drink alcohol?

<u>Your Friends</u>		<u>Other people your age</u>	
2%	None	0%	None
16%	Less than Half	8%	Less than Half
22%	Half	27%	Half
43%	More than Half	57%	More than Half
16%	All	8%	All

The following question asks about YOUR OWN perceptions and behaviors related to alcohol use. Several questions refer to a "drink" or "drinks" of an alcoholic beverage. One drink is equivalent to a 12 ounce beer, a 5 ounce glass of wine, or a drink with one shot of liquor.

Which of these statements about drinking alcohol do YOU PERSONALLY agree with the most?

- 8% Drinking is never a good thing to do.
- 11% Drinking is all right but a person should not get drunk.
- 59% Occasionally getting drunk is okay as long as it doesn't interfere with work or other responsibilities.
- 6% Occasionally getting drunk is okay even if it does interfere with work or other responsibilities.
- 16% Frequently getting drunk is okay if that's what the individual wants to do.

Which statement best describes your drinking history? I began drinking alcohol...

- 22% Before I turned 18, and drink about the same as I drink now
- 24% Before I turned 18, and I drink more now
- 24% Before I turned 18, and I drink less now
- 9% Before I turned 18, but I don't drink now
- 13% After I turned 18, but before I was 21 years old
- 3% After I turned 21
- 4% I have never had an alcoholic drink. (NOM_5)

During the past 30 days, on how many days did you have at least one drink of alcohol? (NOM_6)

- 21% 0 days - never
- 23% 1 or 2 days
- 12% 3 to 5 days
- 18% 6 to 9 days
- 22% 10 to 29 days
- 3% All 30 days

How old were you the FIRST TIME you ever had a drink of alcohol? (NOM_7)

6%	8 or younger	16%	14	-	20
2%	9	9%	15	0.5%	21
5%	10	12%	16	-	22
1%	11	6%	17	-	23
5%	12	5%	18	-	24
8%	13	2%	19	-	never

Would you be more or less likely to want to work for an employer that tests its employees for alcohol use on a random basis? (NOM_8) (Check one)

- 4% A lot more Likely
- 10% More Likely
- 21% Less likely
- 28% A lot less likely
- 36% Would make no difference

How do you feel about someone your age...

	Strongly Approve	Approve	Dis-approve	Strongly Dis-approve
Having one or two drinks of an alcoholic beverage nearly every day? (SN_2)	7%	51%	37%	5%
Having five or more drinks in a row once or twice a week? (SN_3)	5%	47%	34%	13%

How much do you think people risk harming themselves (physically or in other ways) if they:

	No Risk	Slight Risk	Mod-erate Risk	Great Risk
Take one or two drinks of an alcoholic beverage nearly every day?	24%	42%	24%	10%
Take five or more drinks of an alcoholic beverage once or twice each weekend?	14%	37%	34%	15%
Take five or more drinks of an alcoholic beverage nearly every day?	3%	15%	24%	58%

How much do people your age put themselves at risk for the following problems if they drink 5 or more alcoholic beverages in a row, that is, within a couple of hours each weekend: (PR_2)

	No Risk	Slight Risk	Mod-erate Risk	Great Risk
Alcohol poisoning or death	10%	40%	34%	17%
Use of other drugs	9%	37%	33%	21%
Being injured	6%	38%	38%	18%
Getting into fights	6%	36%	35%	23%
Injuring someone else	8%	37%	36%	18%
Unwanted sexual contact or advances	7%	28	37%	28%
Problems with the law	8%	32%	38%	22%
Problems with school	19%	32%	32%	18%
Problems with work	18%	37%	29%	16%
Problems with family	14%	41%	28%	17%
Unhealthy brain development	12%	39%	34%	15%
Alcoholism	4%	27%	31%	37%

Please indicate if you agree or disagree with the following statements:

	Strongly Agree	Agree	Dis-agree	Strongly Dis-agree
Parents can have a strong influence on their child's decision to use alcohol.	34%	51%	12%	2%
Alcohol advertising influences a young person's decision to drink. (SN_1a)(AP_1)	16%	47%	29%	8%
It is ok for youth under the age of 21 to drink at parties if they don't drive. (SN_1b)	15%	51%	23%	10%
Drinking alcohol in moderation is all right for adults, but never for people under 21. (SN_1c)	8%	27%	54%	11%
Occasional drinking is ok for people under 21 if it doesn't interfere with schoolwork or other responsibilities. (SN_1d)	17%	55%	17%	11%
Drinking is part of growing up. (SN_1e)	17%	41%	27%	15%
Young adults (ages 18 to 25) who do not drink alcohol at parties feel left out. (SN_1f)	12%	38%	40%	10%
It is wrong for adults to provide alcohol to people under the age of 21. (SA_1)	17%	38%	34%	10%
I am concerned about drinking in my community.	4%	19%	53%	24%

Next we have three questions about marijuana use.

Think back over your entire lifetime, have you ever tried marijuana, hashish or related substances?

- 77% Yes
- 23% No

During the past 30 days, on how many days have you smoked marijuana, hashish or related substances?

- 52% None - 0 days
- 11% 1 or 2 days
- 4% 3 to 5 days
- 7% 6 to 9 days
- 12% 10 to 29 days
- 14% All 30 days

If you ever used marijuana, hashish or related substances, how old were you the FIRST TIME you tried it?

4%	8 or younger	14%	14	-	20
3%	9	12%	15	0.5%	21
2%	10	12%	16	0.5%	22
-	11	6%	17	0.5%	23
8%	12	6%	18	-	24
7%	13	1%	19		

Next we have four questions about over the counter and prescription drugs.

Think back over your entire lifetime, have you ever taken over-the-counter drugs to get high? (NOM_2)

31%	Yes
69%	No

Think back over your entire lifetime, have you ever used prescription drugs without a doctor's orders? (NOM_1)

58%	Yes
42%	No

During the past 30 days, on how many days did you taken a prescription drug (such as OxyContin, Percocet, Vicodin, Adderall, Ritalin, or Xanax) without a doctor's orders? (NOM_3)

75%	0 days
10%	1 or 2 days
4%	3 to 5 days
3%	6 to 9 days
6%	10 to 29 days
3%	All 30 days

If you have ever used prescription drugs without a doctor's orders, what was your age the FIRST TIME you used the substance? (NOM_4)

1%	8 or younger	6%	14	2%	20
0.5%	9	4%	15	1%	21
3%	10	13%	16	0.5%	22
2%	11	10%	17	1%	23
1%	12	8%	18	0.5%	24
1%	13	5%	19		

Next we have three questions about other illegal drugs like LSD, cocaine, heroin, methedrine, & ecstasy.

Think back over your entire lifetime, have you ever tried any other illegal drugs like LSD, cocaine, heroin, methedrine, or ecstasy?

40%	Yes
60%	No

During the past 30 days, on how many days have you used any other illegal drugs?

80%	None - 0 days
6%	1 or 2 days
3%	3 to 5 days
4%	6 to 9 days
5%	10 to 29 days
2%	All 30 days

If you ever used other illegal drugs like LSD, cocaine, heroin, methedrine or ecstasy, how old were you the FIRST TIME you tried it?

4%	8 or younger	9%	14	10%	20
1%	9	8%	15	1%	21
3%	10	16%	16	1%	22
4%	11	15%	17	1%	23
-	12	14%	18	1%	24
5%	13	6%	19		

The following set of questions asks about communications regarding the dangers or problems associated with the use of alcohol.

How much do you think typical parents of youth in your community limit underage drinking? (SN_8)

(Check only one)

18%	No drinking except for a few sips at family or religious gatherings
27%	Some drinking with parents if only family is present
23%	Some drinking with friends if parent is present
17%	Drinking without parent if not driving or getting drunk
14%	No limits on drinking

During the past 3 months, how many times do you recall hearing, reading, or seeing an advertisement or message about the prevention or harm of underage drinking or binge drinking? (SN_9)

49%	None
40%	1-3 times
11%	4 or more times

Did any of the advertisements or messages about the prevention or harm of underage drinking or binge drinking...

(SN_10) (Check all that apply)

25%	Reinforce what you already believe?
14%	Lead you to believe that underage or binge drinking is more harmful than you thought?
7%	Lead you to drink less?
3%	Lead you to have a conversation with a family member or friend about the harm and risks of underage or binge drinking?
21%	None of the above
37%	I don't recall any advertisements or messages.

During the past 12 months, how many times have you talked with your parents or other adults about the dangers or problems associated with the use of alcohol? (SN_12)

64%	0 times
13%	1 to 2 times
14%	A few times
4%	Many times
5%	Don't know

During the past 12 months, how many times have you talked with friends or other young adults about the dangers or problems associated with the use of alcohol? (SN_12)

58%	0 times
17%	1 to 2 times
16%	A few times
8%	Many times
2%	Don't know

The next few questions ask about underage youth access to alcohol in your community and monitoring of underage drinking.

Does your family have clear rules around alcohol use? 56% Yes 44% No

Do children under the age of 18 in your home have a curfew (guidelines about how late they can stay out)? 58% Yes 42% No

Do you know parents or other adults in your community who host parties where alcohol is available or served to underage youth? 47% Yes 53% No

How likely is it that 18 to 20 year olds are able to buy alcohol at stores or at bars or restaurants in your community? (RA_1)(RA_2)

Table with 2 columns: Buy At Stores, Bars or Restaurants. Rows include Very likely, Likely, Unlikely, Very Unlikely percentages.

How do 18 to 20 year olds who drink alcohol in your community most often get the alcohol they drink?

- (RA_3)(SA_2) (Check all that apply)
70% They get it from an older friend or sibling
12% They buy it in a store
5% They buy it at a restaurant, bar, or club
4% They buy it at a public event such as a concert or sporting event
56% They give someone else money to buy it for them
31% Someone gives it to them
31% They steal it from a store or family member
17% They get it from their parent or guardian
19% They get it from other family members
36% They get it some other way

If an 18 - 20 year old wanted to get alcohol, how hard or easy would it be for him/her to get some? (RA_4)

- 5% Very hard
24% Sort of hard
45% Sort of easy
26% Very easy

If you keep alcohol in the home, do you do any of the following?

- (Please check all that apply)
32% I do not keep alcohol in the home
11% I keep it locked or in a place where others can't get it
18% I keep track of it to make sure no one has taken any
11% I instruct children not to take any
40% I don't do anything special
7% Other (please explain):

If someone in your community gave alcohol to a person under the age of 21, how likely is it that he or she would be arrested by the police? (EN_1)

- 9% Very Likely
28% Likely
42% Unlikely
21% Very Unlikely

If you thought a party was being held in your community where alcoholic beverages might be available to people under 21, how likely would you be to report it? (EN_2)

- 6% Very Likely
24% Likely
48% Unlikely
22% Very Unlikely

If someone under the age of 21 drank some beer, wine or hard liquor in your community, how likely is it that he or she would be arrested by the police? (EN_3)

- 6% Very Likely
24% Likely
48% Unlikely
41% Very Unlikely

Are you aware that it is against the law in New Hampshire to host a party where alcohol is being consumed by minors even if you do not provide the alcohol? 90% Yes 10% No

Please name any particular groups within your community who are negatively affected by underage or binge drinking (e.g. is the problem worse for females? Athletes? Particular occupations? Minority groups? Certain neighborhoods? Other sectors?)

Empty text box for community group input.

Please suggest any services that might be helpful to address underage or binge drinking in your community.

Empty text box for service suggestions.

Thank you for taking the time to complete this survey. Your responses will help improve alcohol prevention in your community

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Young Adult Alcohol Control Measures (Other)

- 8 No children in my home
- 15 If I have vodka nobody is to touch
- 21 Only buy what I'm going to drink
- 23 In the fridge
- 28 If it's there drink it!
- 54 There's no children
- 70 I don't drink anymore
- 78 Hide it from siblings younger than me
- 117 Not 21
- 128 Keep it out of reach of children and educate them
- 155 Under 21
- 188 I buy it and drink it

Groups within community who are negatively affected by underage or binge drinking:

- 8 Athletes, college, students, highschoolers
- 21 Need more groups
- 26 High schoolers
- 37 People pressured by our economic retardation
- 46 Everyone
- 49 People in this community drink b/c they work but never make enough to get ahead
- 53 Athletes, students, freshman
- 55 College age students
- 65 No group everybody can do it
- 76 Blacks
- 78 Girls between 15 and 20ish seem to feel more pressured to fit in
- 79 Worse for females
- 81 Minority groups
- 85 Local music scene
- 90 Athletes
- 132 Bartenders stores convenient
- 133 The only groups are age groups of people 16-20 the problem is worse for males but that doesn't exclude the females
- 136 Certain neighborhoods
- 137 Is equal risk for everyone
- 140 High school students-sophomores
- 147 Anyone in high school
- 158 Minors
- 159 Young teens w/ nothing to do
- 165 Athletes, popular crowd
- 171 Minors
- 182 Athletes

Services that might be helpful to address underage or binge drinking in the community

- 8 Education programs
- 17 Drinking and party rocks!
- 26 Going to A.A. listening to others stories
- 28 Fuck off, don't be dicks! If you are able to serve in the army you should be able to drink
- 37 I'm unsure I think advertising and American culture tells us we should drink
- 39 Lower the drinking age
- 46 A.A.
- 55 A.A. teen challenge type program
- 70 I think people slow down on the drinking because it gets in trouble, plus you can hurt yourselves or by someone
- 73 A.A. meetings
- 85 A local public seminar/ educational sr. motivational speakers
- 103 We need more services to educate our youth
- 115 Better police enforcement would help
- 128 They should do as much to help kids for drinking like they do for marijuana and cigarettes
- 132 Seminars, big gatherings at schools of churches explaining cause/effect
- 133 I don't necessarily think kids will listen. They are stubborn. But probably if they did advertise it more it would help
- 141 Things to do in the community that don't involve drinking for example a place to play pool that isn't a bar
- 147 Youth services that show the downfalls of drinking testimony from former alcohols
- 158 Meeting
- 159 More services that have low or no cost to occupy their minds and time (community center, playgrounds etc.)