

2020 Community Survey Report Groton, Connecticut

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RESULTS & DISCUSSION

Survey Logistics.

The 2020 Groton Community Survey was the third time Groton adults – both parents and non-parents – were polled about youth substance abuse issues. It was conducted during the Covid-19 pandemic of 2020 by GASP (Groton Adolescent Substance-abuse Program), a unit of Ledge Light Health District. Carolyn Wilson, Senior Program Coordinator, managed the survey. Because of the pandemic, the concurrent youth survey could not be completed. Comparisons of parents and youth therefore rely on the community surveys of 2013 and 2016, and the youth survey of 2016.

More Groton residents responded to the 2020 survey than in 2013 or 2016. Notices were posted on social media, and were sent to Groton parents (courtesy of email addresses supplied by Groton Public Schools), to the Groton Board of Education, and to City and Town Councils. The survey was opened 300 times, and analyzable information was entered 250 times (Table 1). Substantially more parents of high school and college students responded than in past surveys. The racial mixture of children in the sample was similar to the population of Groton (Table 2).

Substance Use.

Parents were asked about their oldest child aged 21 or younger, whether he/she had used various substances in the past 30 days. There was too little data from the 2016 parent survey, so comparisons were drawn with 2013 (Table 3). Only one parent of a high school student reported cigarette use (2.0%). Smoking was somewhat more common among college students, but is practically unknown among public school students. Comparisons between parents and use of alcohol, marijuana and prescription drugs reported in the 2016 student survey are shown in Table A. In general, parents have an accurate impression of use by their own child and by his/her peers. Parent awareness of increased use of alcohol and marijuana with increasing age is particularly evident (Table 4). Table 5 is comparison of responses according to age of parent.

The majority of parents of older children seem satisfied with the amount of time spent in school on the hazards and effects of substances, especially cigarette smoking. If more emphasis were given, it should be on marijuana (Table 6). Most families have rules, either explicit or understood, discouraging substance use by their children. Changes between 2013 and 2020 are slight weakening of rules against drinking or marijuana use by older youth (Table 7).

For the past several years, Groton has provided drug take-back services for its citizens. Drop boxes are located in the lobbies of both City and Town police departments, to provide security for the boxes. The rules governing use are fairly simple, and knowledge of the details has been relatively consistent since 2016 (Table 8).

Perception of harm from smoking cigarettes and abuse of prescription drugs has been very high among almost all adults since at least 2013 (Table 9). Small numbers of adults, both parents and non-parents are less certain about harm from the use of alcohol or marijuana. Parents wisely express concern about vaping, included in the survey for the first time in 2020. Most adults think that allowing youth to drink, to “teach them responsible drinking”, is NOT a good idea. Opinions about legal sale of marijuana within Groton are divided, perhaps because recreational use of marijuana is not legal, unlike in some nearby states. Sale of “medical” marijuana (defined as “medical” by lawmakers, not medical authorities) has been recently permitted in the Town. Marijuana is still classified federally as a Class A substance – along with heroin, crack cocaine, crystal meth, etc. – lacking useful medicinal properties. Recent publications in professional medical journals have found almost no legitimate medical usefulness of marijuana or its principal cannabinoid constituents, Δ^9 -tetrahydrocannabinol and cannabidiol.

The number of adults who know about mental and physical effects of substances on teens is encouragingly high, although there is still room for improvement (Table 10). Women are more likely than men to possess such knowledge. Survey respondents were asked how wrong they would feel if their own child used any of five substances, and most replied “Wrong” or “Very Wrong” to all except Vaping (Table 11). There may be a bit of confusion about vaping, comparing Tables 9 and 11.

Parents were asked about the ease of access to substances, a question which also appears on the youth survey. Results are reported by grade (Table 12). Alcohol is the most readily available, and hard drugs and prescription meds for recreational use are the least available. Finally, all adults were asked their opinions on a variety of substance-related topics (Table 13). Most answered Yes to questions regarding CT Social Host law and enforcement policies. Interestingly, opinions were divided on recreational use of marijuana for adults.

It is instructive to compare responses of youth and their parents to similar questions. Because the 2018 youth survey could not be completed, comparison is drawn between 2016 youth and their parents in 2020 (Table A). Parent estimates of both their own child and median estimates of their child’s peers are recorded. Agreement among the values is quite striking. Only parents’ estimated use of prescription meds by peers is much different from either youth reports or parent estimates of their own child.

Table A. Substance Use Comparison: Youth 2016 vs Parents 2020

| Substance | Data Source | Grades | |
|-----------|-----------------------|--------|-------|
| | | 9-10 | 11-12 |
| Alcohol | Youth 2016 Survey | % | % |
| | Parent 2020 (Medians) | 5.4 | 22.4 |
| | Own Child | 3.3 | 22.4 |
| | Child's Peers | 3.6 | 19.2 |
| Marijuana | Youth 2016 Survey | 5.6 | 14.9 |
| | Parent 2020 Survey | | |
| | Own Child | 0.0 | 10.0 |
| | Child's Peers | 5.7 | 12.7 |
| Rx Drugs | Youth 2016 Survey | 1.5 | 2.2 |
| | Parent 2020 Survey | | |
| | Own Child | 0.0 | 2.0 |
| | Child's Peers | 1.5 | 6.8 |

Correlations.

In order to determine which opinions or perceptions of parents are most closely associated with substance use, graphs were prepared comparing the scores of personal characteristics with parent estimates of prevalence of substance use. Figures 1 and 2 show the relationship between estimated alcohol use by the parent’s own child and: (Figure 1) the parent’s perception of their child’s access to alcohol, and (Figure 2) how wrong the parent thinks drinking is. The prevalence of drinking, on the other hand, did not change consistently when parents thought great harm comes from drinking (graph not shown). All the figures are for high school students. The results may seem counterintuitive. The harder alcohol is to obtain, in parents’ opinion, the more likely their child is to drink? In the 2016 youth survey (Figure 3), youth reported the opposite: the *harder* alcohol is to obtain, the *less* they drink. Similarly, the more parents considered drinking to be wrong, the more drinking occurred, again opposite to youth reports (Figure 4). Almost exactly the same relationships were evident in plots of marijuana use (graphs not shown).

Parents whose children drink the most are convinced that their children have great difficulty getting alcoholic beverages. Perhaps their primary sources are outside the family. The fact that parents who think drinking by their child is very wrong may be a consequence of the experience of their child with alcohol. These are interesting questions to explore with parents of high school students, to help parents advise their children.

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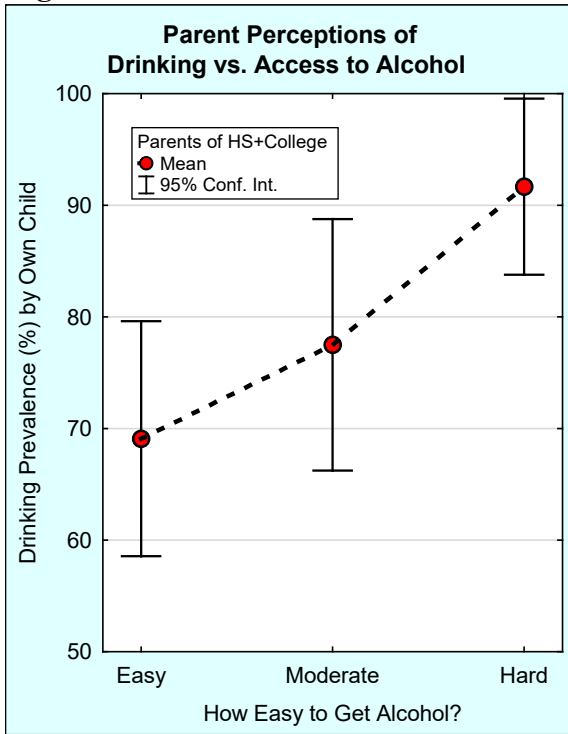


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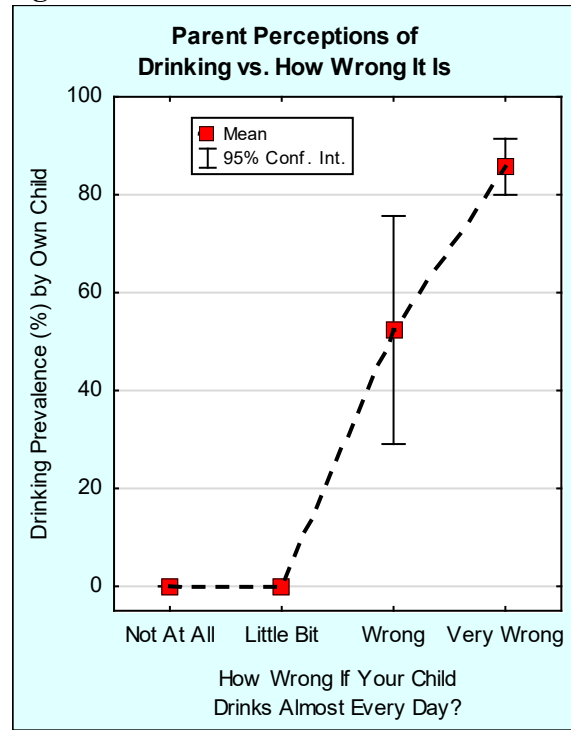


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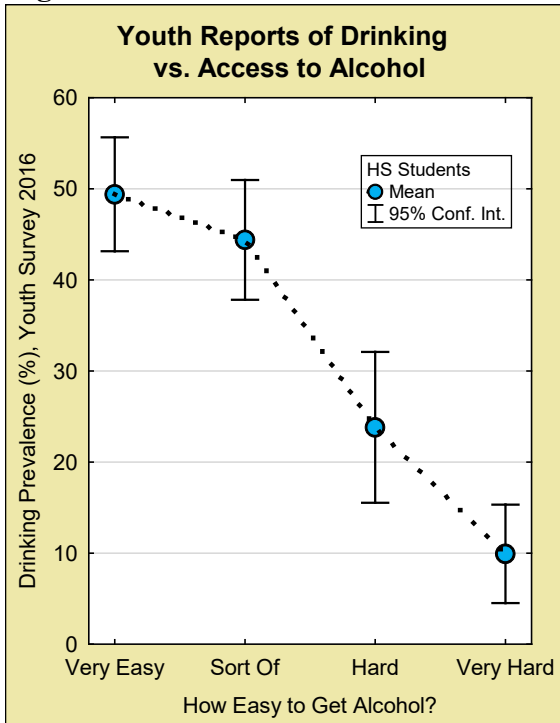


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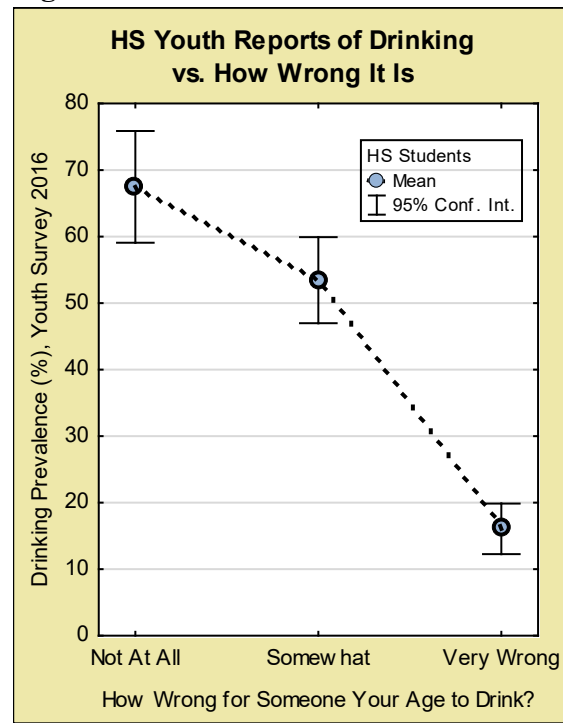


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Table 1. Demography of Adults

| Description | Year of Survey | | |
|-------------------|----------------|-------|-------|
| | 2013 | 2016 | 2020 |
| Total Sample Size | 138 | 51 | 250 |
| Analyzable | 90.2% | 89.5% | 81.0% |
| Parent | | | |
| No | 50 | 18 | 67 |
| Yes | 88 | 33 | 183 |
| Missing | 0 | 0 | 0 |
| Age | | | |
| Under 30 | 12 | 3 | 7 |
| 30-39 | 29 | 7 | 38 |
| 40-49 | 47 | 6 | 88 |
| 50-59 | 25 | 19 | 53 |
| 60 or older | 24 | 6 | 46 |
| Missing | 1 | 10 | 18 |
| Gender | | | |
| Female | 99 | 32 | 171 |
| Male | 37 | 9 | 58 |
| Missing | 2 | 16 | 21 |
| Groton Resident | | | |
| Yes | 129 | 32 | 221 |
| No | 8 | 6 | 8 |
| Missing | 1 | 13 | 21 |

Table 2. Demography of Children

| Description | Year of Survey | | |
|-----------------|----------------|------|------|
| | 2013 | 2016 | 2020 |
| Total | 50 | 33 | 183 |
| Grade | | | |
| Preschool | 1 | 1 | 1 |
| K-5 | 14 | 8 | 9 |
| 6-8 | 14 | 8 | 12 |
| 9-10 | 12 | 5 | 66 |
| 11-12 | 4 | 5 | 52 |
| College | 4 | 4 | 35 |
| Vocational | -- | -- | 0 |
| Not in school | 1 | 2 | 8 |
| Missing | 0 | 0 | 0 |
| Race of child | | | |
| White | 30 | 26 | 123 |
| Black | 6 | 2 | 22 |
| Asian | 6 | 4 | 10 |
| Hispanic | 3 | 1 | 17 |
| Native American | 3 | 0 | 6 |
| Other | 1 | 0 | 5 |
| Gender of child | | | |
| Female | 48 | 19 | 81 |
| Male | 40 | 14 | 99 |
| Missing | -- | -- | 3 |

Table 3. 30-Day Substance Use by Own Child X Grade

| Substance | Year of Survey | School Grade of Own Child | | | | | | |
|------------------------|----------------|---------------------------|------|--------|-----------|------------|---------|------|
| | | Pre-school | Elem | Middle | High 9-10 | High 11-12 | College | None |
| Cigarettes | 2013 | 0.0 | 0.0 | 0.0 | 0.0 | 0.0 | 25.0 | -- |
| | 2020 | 0.0 | 0.0 | 0.0 | 0.0 | 2.0 | 6.1 | 25.0 |
| Vaping | 2013 | (not included) | | | | | | |
| | 2020 | 0.0 | 0.0 | 0.0 | 0.0 | 6.1 | 9.1 | 37.5 |
| Alcohol | 2013 | 0.0 | 0.0 | 0.0 | 0.0 | 25.0 | 25.0 | -- |
| | 2020 | 0.0 | 0.0 | 0.0 | 3.3 | 22.4 | 50.0 | 62.5 |
| 4+ Alcohol at One Time | 2013 | 0.0 | 0.0 | 0.0 | 0.0 | 25.0 | 0.0 | -- |
| | 2020 | 0.0 | 0.0 | 0.0 | 0.0 | 6.0 | 12.1 | 25.0 |
| Marijuana | 2013 | 0.0 | 0.0 | 0.0 | 0.0 | 25.0 | 25.0 | -- |
| | 2020 | 0.0 | 0.0 | 0.0 | 0.0 | 10.0 | 18.2 | 37.5 |
| Rx Drug without Own Rx | 2013 | 0.0 | 0.0 | 0.0 | 0.0 | 0.0 | 0.0 | -- |
| | 2020 | 0.0 | 0.0 | 0.0 | 0.0 | 2.0 | 0.0 | 0.0 |
| Sample Size: | 2013 | 1 | 14 | 14 | 12 | 4 | 4 | 0 |
| | 2020 | 1 | 9 | 12 | 66 | 52 | 35 | 8 |

Table 4. Substance Use by Child's Peers X Grade

How many in Your Child's grade do you think use Substance once a week or more?

| Substance/How Many | Own Child's Grade | | | | | |
|--------------------------------|-------------------|------|------|-------|---------|-----------|
| | K-5 | 6-8 | 9-10 | 11-12 | College | No School |
| Drink Alcohol | % | % | % | % | % | % |
| None | 88.9 | 25.0 | 9.4 | 0.0 | 0.0 | 16.7 |
| Under 2% | 11.1 | 33.3 | 28.1 | 8.0 | 0.0 | 0.0 |
| 2-5% | 0.0 | 25.0 | 18.8 | 10.0 | 5.9 | 0.0 |
| 5-10% | 0.0 | 16.7 | 25.0 | 10.0 | 5.9 | 0.0 |
| 10-25% | 0.0 | 0.0 | 12.5 | 24.0 | 17.6 | 0.0 |
| 25-50% | 0.0 | 0.0 | 6.3 | 30.0 | 38.2 | 50.0 |
| 50-75% | 0.0 | 0.0 | 0.0 | 18.0 | 23.5 | 16.7 |
| More than 75% | 0.0 | 0.0 | 0.0 | 0.0 | 8.8 | 16.7 |
| Use Marijuana | % | % | % | % | % | % |
| None | 100.0 | 33.3 | 10.9 | 0.0 | 0.0 | 16.7 |
| Under 2% | 0.0 | 25.0 | 9.4 | 5.9 | 2.9 | 0.0 |
| 2-5% | 0.0 | 25.0 | 26.6 | 11.8 | 2.9 | 0.0 |
| 5-10% | 0.0 | 8.3 | 23.4 | 13.7 | 17.6 | 0.0 |
| 10-25% | 0.0 | 8.3 | 18.8 | 21.6 | 20.6 | 16.7 |
| 25-50% | 0.0 | 0.0 | 9.4 | 25.5 | 35.3 | 50.0 |
| 50-75% | 0.0 | 0.0 | 1.6 | 19.6 | 11.8 | 16.7 |
| More than 75% | 0.0 | 0.0 | 0.0 | 2.0 | 8.8 | 0.0 |
| Use Rx Drugs w/o Own Rx | % | % | % | % | % | % |
| None | 100.0 | 50.0 | 17.2 | 0.0 | 12.1 | 16.7 |
| Under 2% | 0.0 | 50.0 | 34.4 | 25.5 | 18.2 | 0.0 |
| 2-5% | 0.0 | 0.0 | 18.8 | 7.8 | 18.2 | 0.0 |
| 5-10% | 0.0 | 0.0 | 21.9 | 25.5 | 27.3 | 0.0 |
| 10-25% | 0.0 | 0.0 | 7.8 | 21.6 | 24.2 | 50.0 |
| 25-50% | 0.0 | 0.0 | 0.0 | 15.7 | 0.0 | 16.7 |
| 50-75% | 0.0 | 0.0 | 0.0 | 3.9 | 0.0 | 16.7 |
| More than 75% | 0.0 | 0.0 | 0.0 | 0.0 | 0.0 | 0.0 |

Table 5. Substance Use by Own Child by Parent Age

| Question/Responses | Year of Survey | | | | |
|---|----------------|---------|---------|---------|------|
| | 2013 | 2016 | 2020 | | |
| Parent Age: | Age 50+ | Age 50+ | Age 50+ | Age <50 | ALL |
| | % | % | % | % | % |
| <u>In the past 30 days, I think My Child probably</u> | | | | | |
| Smoked cigarettes (1 or more) | 7.7 | 0 | 2.2 | 1.7 | 1.8 |
| Vaped (e-cigarettes or other) | -- | 0 | 4.3 | 6.0 | 5.5 |
| Drank alcohol (more than sip) | 23.1 | 0 | 28.3 | 16.9 | 20.1 |
| Had 4+ alcoholic drinks on 1 occasion | 7.7 | 0 | 4.3 | 4.2 | 4.3 |
| Used marijuana | 23.1 | 10 | 10.9 | 6.8 | 7.9 |
| Used an Rx drug recreationally | 0 | 0 | 2.2 | 0.0 | 0.6 |

Table 6. Substance education, 2020 Survey.

I think my child's peers receive enough instruction in school about: (% YES)

| Question | School Grade of Own Child | | | | |
|---|---------------------------|--------|-----------|------------|---------|
| | Elem | Middle | High 9-10 | High 11-12 | College |
| | | % | % | % | % |
| Effects of alcohol on adolescent brain development | 50.0 | 66.7 | 71.1 | 71.0 | 59.1 |
| Effects of marijuana on cognitive abilities. | 50.0 | 44.4 | 57.9 | 71.0 | 54.5 |
| Dangers of recreational use of prescription medicines. | 50.0 | 22.2 | 55.3 | 74.2 | 72.7 |
| Starting substance use at young age can lead to problems later in life. | 50.0 | 33.3 | 76.3 | 83.9 | 77.3 |
| Hazards of smoking tobacco. | 100.0 | 88.9 | 89.5 | 83.9 | 95.5 |
| Hazards of "vaping", or using e-cigarettes. | 50.0 | 33.3 | 76.3 | 71.0 | 77.3 |

Table 7. Rules About Substance Use

My family has clear rules for My Child, discouraging... (% YES)

| Question | Year of Survey | School Grade of Own Child | | | | |
|------------------------------|----------------|---------------------------|--------|-----------|------------|---------|
| | | Elem | Middle | High 9-10 | High 11-12 | College |
| Smoking Cigarettes | | | % | % | % | % |
| | 2013 | 100.0 | 100.0 | 100.0 | 100.0 | 100.0 |
| | 2020 | 75.0 | 100.0 | 96.7 | 100.0 | 94.1 |
| Drinking Alcohol | | | | | | |
| | 2013 | 100.0 | 100.0 | 100.0 | 100.0 | 75.0 |
| | 2020 | 75.0 | 100.0 | 95.1 | 88.0 | 70.6 |
| Use of Marijuana | | | | | | |
| | 2013 | 100.0 | 92.3 | 100.0 | 100.0 | 100.0 |
| | 2020 | 75.0 | 100.0 | 91.8 | 94.0 | 85.3 |
| Recreational Use of Rx Drugs | | | | | | |
| | 2013 | 92.3 | 84.6 | 100.0 | 100.0 | 100.0 |
| | 2020 | 87.5 | 100.0 | 93.4 | 94.0 | 88.2 |

Table 8. Knowledge of Drug Take-Back - All Adults

Both Town and City of Groton have active prescription drug take-back program

I am familiar with the following (%Yes)

| Question | Year of Survey | Gender of Adult | | |
|--|----------------|-----------------|------|------|
| | | Female | Male | ALL |
| Locations of drug drop-boxes. | | % | % | % |
| | 2016 | 59.4 | 55.6 | 58.5 |
| | 2020 | 50.9 | 44.8 | 49.3 |
| Time of day drugs can be left. | | | | |
| | 2016 | 15.6 | 22.2 | 17.1 |
| | 2020 | 17.5 | 15.5 | 17.0 |
| Types of drugs accepted. | | | | |
| | 2016 | 21.9 | 11.1 | 19.5 |
| | 2020 | 26.3 | 20.7 | 24.9 |
| Person dropping off is not asked for ID. | | | | |
| | 2016 | 40.6 | 22.2 | 36.6 |
| | 2020 | 36.3 | 32.8 | 35.4 |
| Know hazards of improper disposal of drugs | | | | |
| | 2016 | 50.0 | 55.6 | 51.2 |
| | 2020 | 55.0 | 44.8 | 52.4 |

Table 9. Perceptions of Harm by Adults

| Question / Response | 2013 | | | | | 2020 | | | | |
|--|--------|------|-----------------|------|------|--------|------|-----------------|------|------|
| | Parent | | Gender of Adult | | ALL | Parent | | Gender of Adult | | ALL |
| | No | Yes | Female | Male | | No | Yes | Female | Male | |
| % | % | % | % | % | % | % | % | % | % | |
| <u>Teenagers risk harming themselves if they</u> | | | | | | | | | | |
| Smoke cigarettes every day. | | | | | | | | | | |
| Yes | 98.0 | 97.6 | 98.0 | 97.2 | 97.6 | 94.5 | 97.0 | 95.3 | 94.8 | 95.2 |
| Maybe | 2.0 | 1.2 | 1.0 | 2.8 | 1.9 | 1.8 | 1.5 | 1.8 | 1.7 | 1.7 |
| No | 0.0 | 1.2 | 1.0 | 0.0 | 0.5 | 3.7 | 1.5 | 2.9 | 3.4 | 3.0 |
| Don't Know | 0.0 | 0.0 | 0.0 | 0.0 | 0.0 | 0.0 | 0.0 | 0.0 | 0.0 | 0.0 |
| Drink alcohol at least once a week. | | | | | | | | | | |
| Yes | 84.0 | 97.6 | 96.9 | 80.6 | 88.7 | 81.7 | 85.1 | 87.1 | 69.0 | 82.7 |
| Maybe | 18.0 | 1.2 | 2.0 | 19.4 | 10.7 | 12.2 | 13.4 | 10.6 | 19.0 | 12.6 |
| No | 0.0 | 1.2 | 1.0 | 0.0 | 0.0 | 3.0 | 1.5 | 0.6 | 8.6 | 2.6 |
| Don't Know | 0.0 | 0.0 | 0.0 | 0.0 | 0.0 | 3.0 | 0.0 | 1.8 | 3.4 | 2.2 |
| Use marijuana regularly. | | | | | | | | | | |
| Yes | 87.8 | 95.2 | 95.8 | 83.3 | 89.6 | 80.5 | 79.1 | 81.2 | 75.9 | 80.1 |
| Maybe | 10.2 | 3.6 | 3.1 | 13.9 | 8.5 | 13.4 | 16.4 | 15.3 | 12.1 | 14.3 |
| No | 2.0 | 1.2 | 1.0 | 2.8 | 1.0 | 2.4 | 3.0 | 1.2 | 6.9 | 2.6 |
| Don't Know | 0.0 | 0.0 | 0.0 | 0.0 | 0.0 | 3.7 | 1.5 | 2.4 | 5.2 | 3.0 |
| Vape regularly. | | | | | | | | | | |
| Yes | | | | | | 93.9 | 86.6 | 94.1 | 84.5 | 91.8 |
| Maybe | | | | | | 2.4 | 6.0 | 2.4 | 6.9 | 3.5 |
| No | | | | | | 0.6 | 3.0 | 1.2 | 1.7 | 1.3 |
| Don't Know | | | | | | 3.0 | 4.5 | 2.4 | 6.9 | 3.5 |
| Use prescription drugs without their own Rx. | | | | | | | | | | |
| Yes | 98.0 | 96.5 | 96.9 | 97.3 | 97.1 | 96.9 | 94.0 | 97.0 | 93.1 | 96.1 |
| Maybe | 2.0 | 0.0 | 1.0 | 0.0 | 0.5 | 1.2 | 3.0 | 1.2 | 3.4 | 1.7 |
| No | 0.0 | 1.2 | 1.0 | 0.0 | 0.5 | 1.8 | 3.0 | 1.8 | 3.4 | 2.2 |
| Don't Know | 0.0 | 2.4 | 1.0 | 2.7 | 1.9 | 0.0 | 0.0 | 0.0 | 0.0 | 0.0 |

Table 9. Perceptions of Harm by Adults, continued

| Question / Response | 2013 | | | | | 2020 | | | | |
|---|-------------|------|-----------------|------|------|-------------|------|-----------------|------|------|
| | Parent | | Gender of Adult | | ALL | Parent | | Gender of Adult | | ALL |
| | No | Yes | Female | Male | | No | Yes | Female | Male | |
| | % | % | % | % | % | % | % | % | % | |
| | 2016 | | | | | 2020 | | | | |
| I think teenagers should be allowed to drink, to teach them how to drink responsibly. | | | | | | | | | | |
| Yes | 0.0 | 4.3 | 0.0 | 11.1 | 2.4 | 4.8 | 7.5 | 2.9 | 13.8 | 5.6 |
| Maybe | 16.7 | 17.4 | 15.6 | 22.2 | 17.1 | 13.9 | 20.9 | 15.2 | 19.0 | 15.9 |
| No | 83.3 | 78.3 | 84.4 | 66.7 | 80.5 | 78.2 | 71.6 | 79.5 | 65.5 | 76.3 |
| Don't Know | 0.0 | 0.0 | 0.0 | 0.0 | 0.0 | 3.0 | 0.0 | 2.3 | 1.7 | 2.2 |
| I think marijuana should be legal for persons 21 and under. | | | | | | | | | | |
| Yes | 0.0 | 17.4 | 9.4 | 11.1 | 9.8 | 34.5 | 40.9 | 35.3 | 39.7 | 36.4 |
| Maybe | 55.6 | 17.4 | 18.8 | 88.9 | 34.1 | 21.2 | 30.3 | 25.3 | 20.7 | 23.8 |
| No | 38.9 | 56.5 | 62.5 | 0.0 | 48.8 | 40.6 | 27.3 | 36.5 | 36.2 | 36.8 |
| Don't Know | 2.6 | 8.7 | 9.4 | 0.0 | 7.3 | 3.6 | 1.5 | 2.9 | 3.4 | 3.0 |

Table 10. Knowledge of Substance Effects- All Adults

| Question / Response | 2016 | | | | | 2020 | | | | |
|---|----------------|------|-----------------|------|------|--------|------|-----------------|------|------|
| | Parent | | Gender of Adult | | ALL | Parent | | Gender of Adult | | ALL |
| | No | Yes | Female | Male | | No | Yes | Female | Male | |
| | % | % | % | % | % | % | % | % | % | |
| <u>I know A LOT about effects on a teen's physical and mental development of:</u> | | | | | | | | | | |
| Alcohol | | | | | | | | | | |
| Yes | 55.6 | 65.2 | 59.4 | 66.7 | 61.0 | 77.4 | 68.7 | 78.2 | 63.8 | 74.9 |
| Maybe | 27.8 | 26.1 | 31.3 | 11.1 | 26.8 | 15.2 | 17.9 | 14.1 | 22.4 | 16.0 |
| No | 16.7 | 8.7 | 9.4 | 22.2 | 12.2 | 7.3 | 13.4 | 7.6 | 13.8 | 9.1 |
| Nicotine | | | | | | | | | | |
| Yes | (not included) | | | | | 82.9 | 70.1 | 81.8 | 70.7 | 79.2 |
| Maybe | (not included) | | | | | 8.5 | 13.4 | 10.0 | 10.3 | 10.0 |
| No | (not included) | | | | | 8.5 | 16.4 | 8.2 | 19.0 | 10.8 |
| Marijuana | | | | | | | | | | |
| Yes | 55.6 | 63.6 | 54.8 | 77.8 | 60.0 | 76.8 | 59.1 | 74.7 | 61.4 | 71.7 |
| Maybe | 33.3 | 22.7 | 35.5 | 0.0 | 27.5 | 14.6 | 25.8 | 18.2 | 17.5 | 17.8 |
| No | 11.1 | 13.6 | 9.7 | 22.2 | 12.5 | 8.5 | 15.2 | 7.1 | 21.1 | 10.4 |
| Rx Drug Abuse | | | | | | | | | | |
| Yes | 61.1 | 77.3 | 71.0 | 66.7 | 70.0 | 81.7 | 70.1 | 82.9 | 63.8 | 78.4 |
| Maybe | 27.8 | 9.1 | 19.4 | 11.1 | 17.5 | 11.0 | 17.9 | 11.2 | 19.0 | 13.0 |
| No | 11.1 | 13.6 | 9.7 | 22.2 | 12.5 | 7.3 | 11.9 | 5.9 | 17.2 | 8.7 |

Table 11. Attitudes of Parents

How wrong would you feel it would be for Your Child to:

| Question | Response | Own Child's Grade | | | | |
|--|--------------|-------------------|------|-------|---------|-----------|
| | | 6-8 | 9-10 | 11-12 | College | No School |
| Smoke Cigarettes or Other Tobacco | Not at All | 0.0 | 0.0 | 0.0 | 2.9 | 0.0 |
| | A Little Bit | 0.0 | 1.6 | 2.0 | 5.9 | 0.0 |
| | Wrong | 9.1 | 13.1 | 10.0 | 29.4 | 62.5 |
| | Very Wrong | 90.9 | 85.2 | 88.0 | 61.8 | 37.5 |
| 1-2 Drinks Alcohol Nearly Every Day | Not at All | 0.0 | 0.0 | 2.0 | 5.9 | 0.0 |
| | A Little Bit | 0.0 | 0.0 | 2.0 | 0.0 | 0.0 |
| | Wrong | 0.0 | 6.6 | 14.0 | 23.5 | 12.5 |
| | Very Wrong | 100.0 | 93.4 | 82.0 | 70.6 | 87.5 |
| Use Marijuana or THC | Not at All | 0.0 | 0.0 | 0.0 | 2.9 | 0.0 |
| | A Little Bit | 0.0 | 3.3 | 10.0 | 8.8 | 0.0 |
| | Wrong | 0.0 | 18.0 | 14.0 | 32.4 | 12.5 |
| | Very Wrong | 100.0 | 78.7 | 76.0 | 55.9 | 87.5 |
| Vape Regularly | Not at All | 0.0 | 0.0 | 0.0 | 0.0 | 12.5 |
| | A Little Bit | 0.0 | 0.0 | 0.0 | 5.9 | 0.0 |
| | Wrong | 0.0 | 11.5 | 6.0 | 23.5 | 0.0 |
| | Very Wrong | 100.0 | 88.5 | 94.0 | 70.6 | 87.5 |
| Use Rx Drug Without Own Rx | Not at All | 0.0 | 0.0 | 0.0 | 0.0 | 0.0 |
| | A Little Bit | 0.0 | 0.0 | 0.0 | 0.0 | 0.0 |
| | Wrong | 0.0 | 4.9 | 4.1 | 14.7 | 0.0 |
| | Very Wrong | 100.0 | 95.1 | 95.9 | 85.3 | 100.0 |

Table 12 Ease of Access to Substances

If My Child wanted to, it would be EASY for him/her to get:

| Substance | Response | Own Child's Grade | | | | |
|----------------------------------|------------|-------------------|------|-------|---------|-----------|
| | | 6-8 | 9-10 | 11-12 | College | No School |
| | | % | % | % | % | % |
| Cigarettes | Yes, Easy | 18.2 | 11.5 | 26.0 | 35.3 | 62.5 |
| | Maybe | 0.0 | 18.0 | 28.0 | 20.6 | 0.0 |
| | Not Easy | 81.8 | 62.3 | 38.0 | 32.4 | 37.5 |
| | Don't Know | 0.0 | 8.2 | 8.0 | 11.8 | 0.0 |
| Vaping Materials | Yes, Easy | 9.1 | 11.5 | 32.0 | 41.2 | 50.0 |
| | Maybe | 0.0 | 21.3 | 22.0 | 20.6 | 0.0 |
| | Not Easy | 90.9 | 54.1 | 34.0 | 20.6 | 50.0 |
| | Don't Know | 0.0 | 13.1 | 12.0 | 17.6 | 0.0 |
| Alcoholic Beverages | Yes, Easy | 45.5 | 21.3 | 46.0 | 58.8 | 62.5 |
| | Maybe | 9.1 | 34.4 | 22.0 | 23.5 | 25.0 |
| | Not Easy | 45.5 | 32.8 | 24.0 | 11.8 | 12.5 |
| | Don't Know | 0.0 | 11.5 | 8.0 | 5.9 | 0.0 |
| Marijuana | Yes, Easy | 9.1 | 16.4 | 26.0 | 41.2 | 37.5 |
| | Maybe | 0.0 | 16.4 | 24.0 | 17.6 | 25.0 |
| | Not Easy | 90.9 | 54.1 | 38.0 | 17.6 | 25.0 |
| | Don't Know | 0.0 | 13.1 | 12.0 | 23.5 | 12.5 |
| Drug Like Cocaine, Heroin or LSD | Yes, Easy | 9.1 | 3.3 | 2.0 | 8.8 | 25.0 |
| | Maybe | 0.0 | 6.6 | 14.0 | 8.8 | 12.5 |
| | Not Easy | 90.9 | 75.4 | 58.0 | 55.9 | 37.5 |
| | Don't Know | 0.0 | 14.8 | 26.0 | 26.5 | 25.0 |
| Rx Drug Without Own Rx | Yes, Easy | 18.2 | 6.6 | 16.0 | 14.7 | 37.5 |
| | Maybe | 9.1 | 24.6 | 20.0 | 14.7 | 37.5 |
| | Not Easy | 72.7 | 54.1 | 44.0 | 47.1 | 25.0 |
| | Don't Know | 0.0 | 14.8 | 20.0 | 23.5 | 0.0 |

Table 13. Opinions of Adults

| Question | Response | Own Child's Grade | | | | | |
|---|------------|-------------------|-------|------|-------|---------|-----------|
| | | Elem | 6-8 | 9-10 | 11-12 | College | No School |
| | | % | % | % | % | % | % |
| Do you know CT Social Host Law makes it illegal to allow underage drinking on your property, except your own child? | Yes | 87.5 | 90.9 | 96.6 | 95.7 | 97.1 | 85.7 |
| | No | 12.5 | 9.1 | 3.4 | 4.3 | 2.9 | 14.3 |
| Should establishments that sell or serve alcohol require seller/server training/certification? | Yes | 75.0 | 90.9 | 72.4 | 78.7 | 88.2 | 100.0 |
| | Maybe | 12.5 | 0.0 | 19.0 | 12.8 | 2.9 | 0.0 |
| | No | 12.5 | 0.0 | 6.9 | 6.4 | 5.9 | 0.0 |
| | No Opinion | 0.0 | 9.1 | 1.7 | 2.1 | 2.9 | 0.0 |
| Should establishments that sell or serve alcohol use ID scanner to verify age? | Yes | 87.5 | 100.0 | 74.1 | 78.7 | 73.5 | 71.4 |
| | Maybe | 12.5 | 0.0 | 22.4 | 14.9 | 20.6 | 28.6 |
| | No | 0.0 | 0.0 | 3.4 | 6.4 | 2.9 | 0.0 |
| | No Opinion | 0.0 | 0.0 | 0.0 | 0.0 | 2.9 | 0.0 |
| Should gas stations & convenience stores be prohibited from selling drug paraphernalia? | Yes | 75.0 | 100.0 | 65.5 | 85.1 | 76.5 | 71.4 |
| | Maybe | 0.0 | 0.0 | 15.5 | 0.0 | 8.8 | 14.3 |
| | No | 25.0 | 0.0 | 15.5 | 14.9 | 5.9 | 0.0 |
| | No Opinion | 0.0 | 0.0 | 3.4 | 0.0 | 8.8 | 14.3 |
| Should your community prohibit the sale of marijuana for recreational adult use? | Yes | 25.0 | 63.6 | 25.9 | 36.2 | 32.4 | 42.9 |
| | Maybe | 25.0 | 9.1 | 17.2 | 19.1 | 14.7 | 14.3 |
| | No | 37.5 | 18.2 | 41.4 | 40.4 | 38.2 | 28.6 |
| | No Opinion | 12.5 | 9.1 | 15.5 | 4.3 | 14.7 | 14.3 |