

# Greater Sullivan County Public Health Network 2021 Community Survey



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Greater Sullivan County Public Health Network is a system of organizations and individuals that work together to identify and address public health challenges in the region. As part of the Network's assessment process, a community survey was developed and administered in 2021 to collect information of community norms.

Community	n	%
Charlestown	4	2.2%
Claremont	34	18.6%
Croydon	2	1.1%
Goshen	2	1.1%
Langdon	1	0.6%
New London	38	20.8%
Newbury	22	12.0%
Newport	5	2.7%
Springfield	21	11.5%
Sunapee	4	2.2%
Sutton	29	15.9%
Unity	4	2.2%
Wilmot	17	9.3%

## Social Norms

Please indicate the extent to which you agree or disagree with the following statements.	Strongly Agree	n=	Agree	n=	Disagree	n=	Strongly Disagree	n=
It is OK for youth under the age of 18 to use alcohol at parties if they don't drive.	3.2%	4	4.8%	6	30.4%	38	61.6%	77
It is OK for adults, including family members, to provide alcohol to young people under the age of 18.	3.2%	4	5.7%	7	29.8%	37	61.3%	76
The use of alcohol is OK for young people under 18 if it doesn't interfere with schoolwork or other responsibilities.	2.4%	3	4.8%	6	25.6%	32	67.2%	84
The use of alcohol is OK for young people under 21 if it doesn't interfere with schoolwork or other responsibilities.	7.2%	9	16.0%	20	30.4%	38	46.4%	58
The use of marijuana is OK for people under 18 if it doesn't interfere with schoolwork or other responsibilities.	3.2%	4	4.0%	5	26.6%	33	66.1%	82

The use of marijuana is OK for people under 21 if it doesn't interfere with schoolwork or other responsibilities.	9.6%	12	15.2%	19	20.0%	25	55.2%	69
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Please indicate the extent to which you agree or disagree with the following statements.	Strongly Agree	n=	Agree	n=	Disagree	n=	Strongly Disagree	n=
Alcohol is widely used in my community by people under 21 years of age.	21.3%	26	47.5%	58	25.4%	31	5.7%	7
Alcohol is widely misused in the community by people 21 years of age and older.	21.5%	26	41.3%	50	33.9%	41	3.3%	4
Marijuana is widely used in the community by people under 21 years of age.	30.9%	38	48.8%	60	17.1%	21	3.3%	4
Marijuana is widely misused in the community by people 21 years of age and older.	23.8%	29	34.4%	42	33.6%	41	8.2%	10
Prescription drugs are widely misused in my community by people under 18 years of age.	17.0%	20	33.9%	40	40.7%	48	8.5%	10
Prescription drugs are widely misused in my community by people age 18 years of age and older.	21.7%	26	39.2%	47	34.2%	41	5.0%	6
Opiates (Heroin, Oxycodone, Hydrocodone, Morphine, Fentanyl, etc.) are widely misused in my community by people under 18 years of age.	14.4%	17	32.2%	38	44.9%	53	8.5%	10
Opiates (Heroin, Oxycodone, Hydrocodone, Morphine, Fentanyl, etc.) are widely misused in my community by people age 18 years of age and older.	25.2%	30	37.0%	44	30.3%	36	7.6%	9

## Perception of Risk

How much do you think people, under 18 years old, risk harming themselves (physically or in other ways) if they do the following:	No Risk	n=	Slight Risk	n=	Moderate Risk	n=	Great Risk	n=
Take five or more drinks of an alcoholic beverage in a row once or twice each weekend	2.4%	3	4.8%	6	20.0%	25	72.8%	91
Smoke marijuana regularly	4.0%	5	16.9%	21	29.8%	37	49.2%	61
Misuse opiates regularly	1.6%	2	4.0%	5	4.0%	5	90.3%	112
Take prescription drugs without a doctor's prescription	1.6%	2	3.2%	4	5.6%	7	89.6%	112
Take prescription drugs other than as prescribed	1.6%	2	4.0%	5	8.9%	11	85.5%	106

How much do you think people, 18 to 21 years old, risk harming themselves (physically or in other ways) if they do the following:	No Risk	n=	Slight Risk	n=	Moderate Risk	n=	Great Risk	n=
Take five or more drinks of an alcoholic beverage in a row once or twice each weekend	1.6%	2	5.7%	7	29.0%	36	63.7%	79
Smoke marijuana regularly	4.0%	5	21.0%	26	31.5%	39	43.6%	54
Misuse opiates regularly	0.8%	1	1.6%	2	8.1%	10	89.5%	111
Take prescription drugs without a doctor's prescription	1.6%	2	1.6%	2	8.8%	11	88.0%	110
Take prescription drugs other than as prescribed	0.8%	1	2.4%	3	10.5%	13	86.3%	107

## Community Action

How likely would it be for someone in your community to be arrested for the following actions?	Very Likely	n=	Likely	n=	Unlikely	n=	Very Unlikely	n=
Gave alcohol to a person under the age of 18	15.6%	19	34.4%	42	43.4%	53	6.6%	8
Someone under the age of 18 drank some beer, wine, or hard liquor	18.6%	23	29.8%	37	38.7%	48	12.9%	16

Is it against the law in New Hampshire and Vermont to host a party where alcohol is being used by minors even if you do not provide the alcohol?		n=
Yes	98.4%	122
No	1.6%	2

I believe youth in our community are made to feel valued.		n=
Strongly agree	8.9%	11
Agree	48.4%	60
Disagree	37.9%	47
Strongly disagree	4.8%	6

### Risk and Protective Factors

During the past 3 months, how many times do you recall hearing, reading, or watching messages about the prevention or harm of underage drinking, binge drinking, or nicotine use?		n=
None/don't recall any	52.8%	66
1-3 times	34.4%	43
4 or more times	12.8%	16

Did messages about the prevention or harm of underage drinking, binge drinking, or nicotine use lead you to talk with your child or any youth about the harm or risks of underage, binge drinking, or nicotine use?		n=
Yes	20.3%	25
No	39.0%	48
Did not see/ recall any	40.7%	50

During the past 12 months, have you talked with your child or any other youth about the dangers of tobacco, alcohol, or other drug use?		n=
Yes	70.4%	88
No	26.4%	33
Not Sure	3.2%	4

When you notice your child or other youth feeling sad, hopeless, angry, or anxious, how likely are you to talk with them about it?		n=
Very likely	71.0%	88
Somewhat likely	21.8%	27
Neither likely or unlikely	4.0%	5
Somewhat unlikely	1.6%	2
Very unlikely	1.6%	2

Do you know of parents or other adults in your community who host parties where alcohol is available or served to young people under the age of 21?		n=
Yes	30.9%	38
No	69.1%	85

Does your household have clear rules around alcohol use?		n=
Yes	90.2%	92
No	9.8%	10

Does your household have clear rules around marijuana use?		n=
Yes	85.3%	87
No	14.7%	15

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?		n=
Yes	86.1%	87
No	13.9%	14

### Alcohol Practices

If you keep alcohol in the home, do you do any of the following?		n=
I do not keep alcohol in the home	31.1%	32
I keep it locked or in a place where others can't get it	12.6%	13
I keep track of it to make sure no one has taken any	34.0%	35
I instruct children not to take any	31.1%	32
I don't do anything special	21.4%	22
Other (please specify)	5.8%	6

### Prescription Drugs Practices

If you keep prescription drugs in the home, do you do any of the following?		n=
I do not keep prescription drugs in the home	25.2%	26
I keep them locked in a safe place	21.4%	22
I keep track of them	45.6%	47
I dispose of them when they are no longer needed	37.9%	39
I instruct children not to take any	26.2%	27
I don't do anything special	10.7%	11
Other (please specify)	3.9%	4

## Description of Respondents

Are you a parent or guardian?		n=
Yes	84.8%	106
No	15.2%	19

Do you have children in any of the following age ranges?		n=
5 years of age or younger	17.8%	18
6-11 years of age	34.7%	35
12-14 years of age	21.8%	22
15-18 years of age	40.6%	41
Over 18 years of age	43.6%	44

How did you hear about our survey?		n=
Personal Email	29.8%	36
Town List-serve	1.7%	2
School Newsletter	30.6%	37
Recreation Department Newsletter	0.8%	1
ALL Together Website	0.8%	1
Community Event	0.0%	0
Facebook	13.2%	16
Twitter	0.0%	0
Work Email	12.4%	15
Other (please specify)	11.6%	14

Would you describe yourself as?		n=
Male	19.0%	23
Female	77.7%	94
Non-binary	0.0%	0
Transgender Male	0.0%	0
Transgender Female	0.0%	0
Prefer not to disclose	3.3%	4
Prefer to self-describe	0.0%	0

What is your age?		n=
18-25	7.5%	9
26-35	8.3%	10
36-50	45.8%	55
Over 50 years old	38.3%	46

What is the primary language spoken in your home?		n=
English	99.2%	120
Spanish	0.0%	0
Other (please specify)	0.8%	1

What is your race?		n=
White	96.6%	115
Black or African American	0.8%	1
Asian	0.0%	0
American Indian or Alaska Native	0.8%	1
Native Hawaiian or other Pacific Islander	0.0%	0
Prefer to Self-Describe	4.2%	5

Do you identify as Hispanic or Latino/a?		n=
Yes	0.0%	0
No	100.0%	119

How long have you lived in the Upper Valley or Greater Sullivan County community?		n=
Less than 1 year	0.0%	0
1-2 years	4.1%	5
3-10 years	14.9%	18
More than 10 years	81.0%	98