



# Community Survey Results

## June 2020

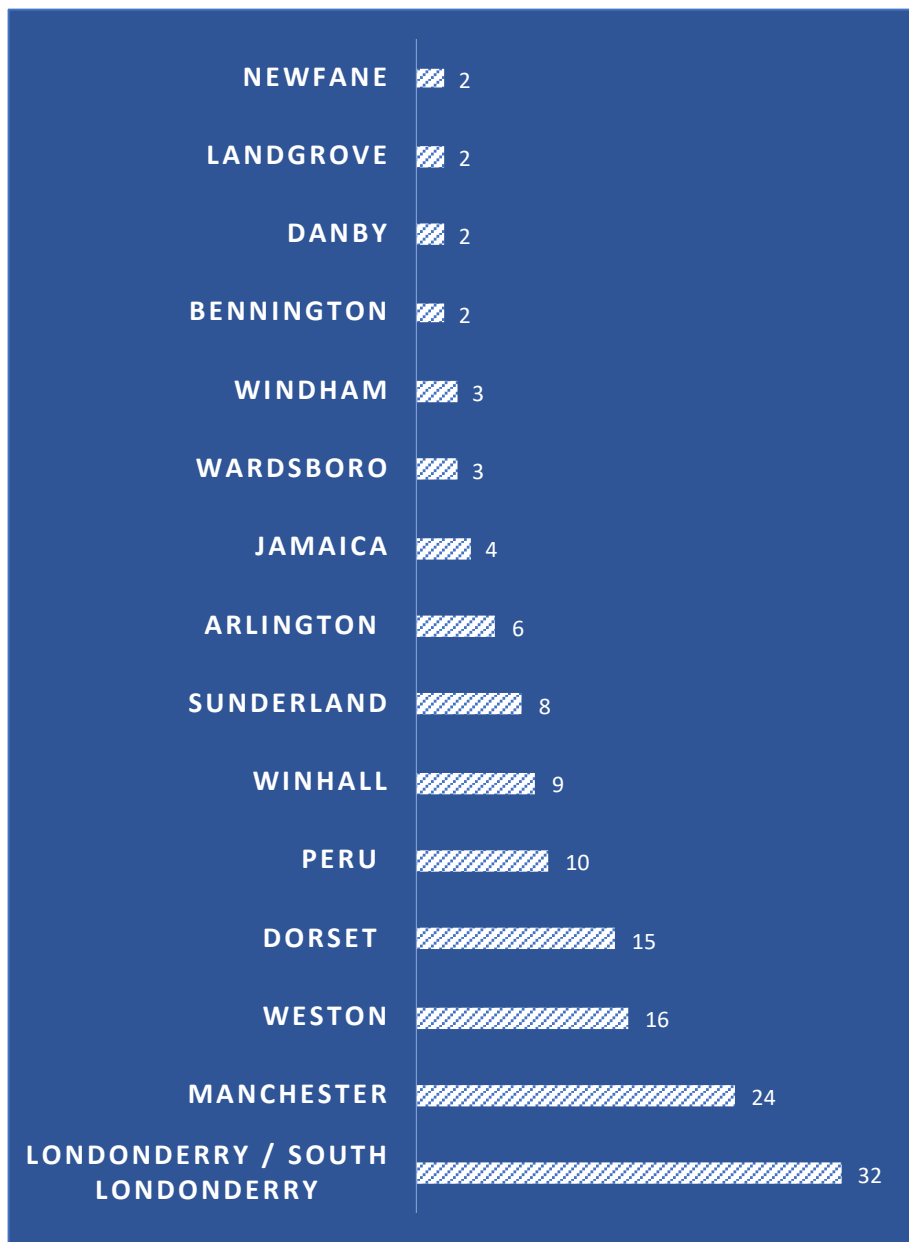
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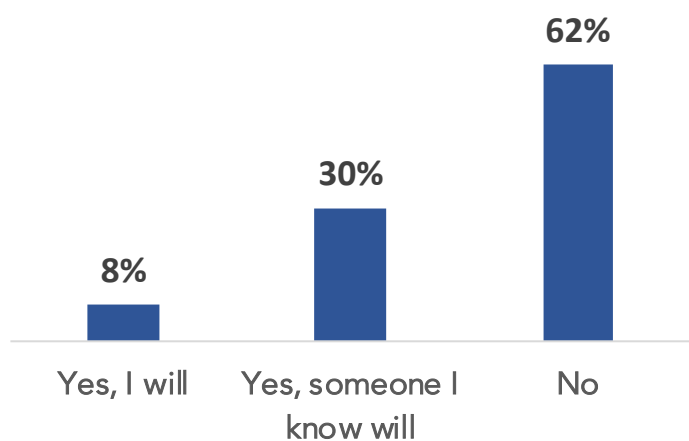
# Survey Background

In Vermont, substance use among youth continues to be a problem and prescription drug drop boxes remain underutilized.

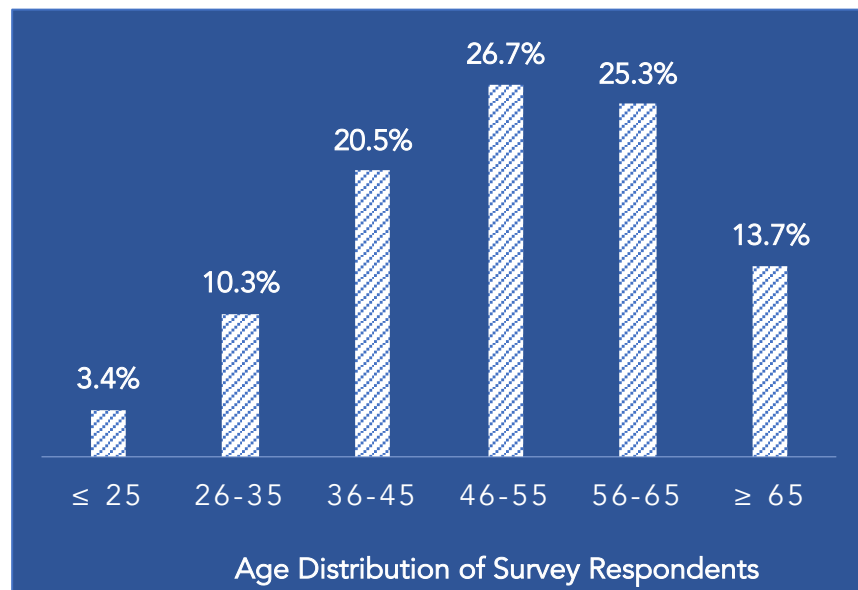
**146 individuals** responded to a survey distributed by The Collaborative to the greater Londonderry area in Spring 2020. The survey aimed to gather perceptions of youth substance use and community use of prescription drug drop boxes.



Additional towns with one respondent: Grafton, Pawlet, Pittsfield, Pownal, Rupert, Shaftsbury, Stratton, Woodford



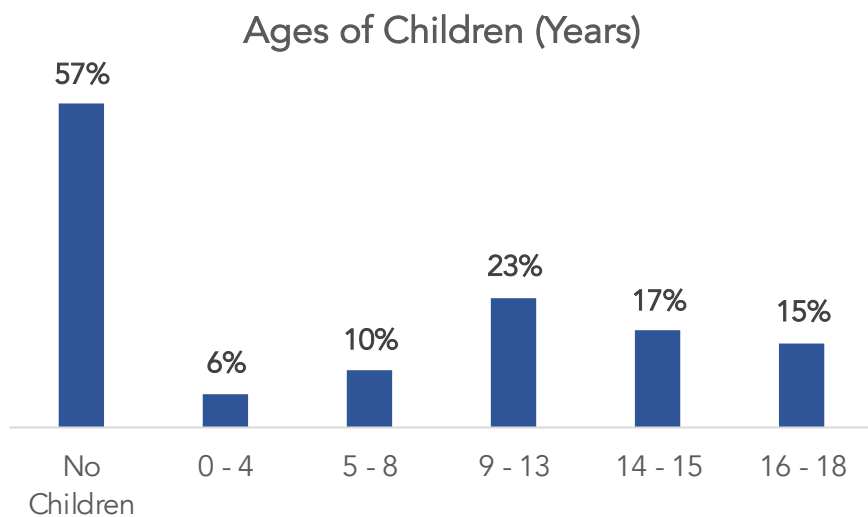
Participants were asked if they will have a need for infant/toddler childcare in the next 12 months



Over half (52%) of survey respondents were middle aged adults (46-65).

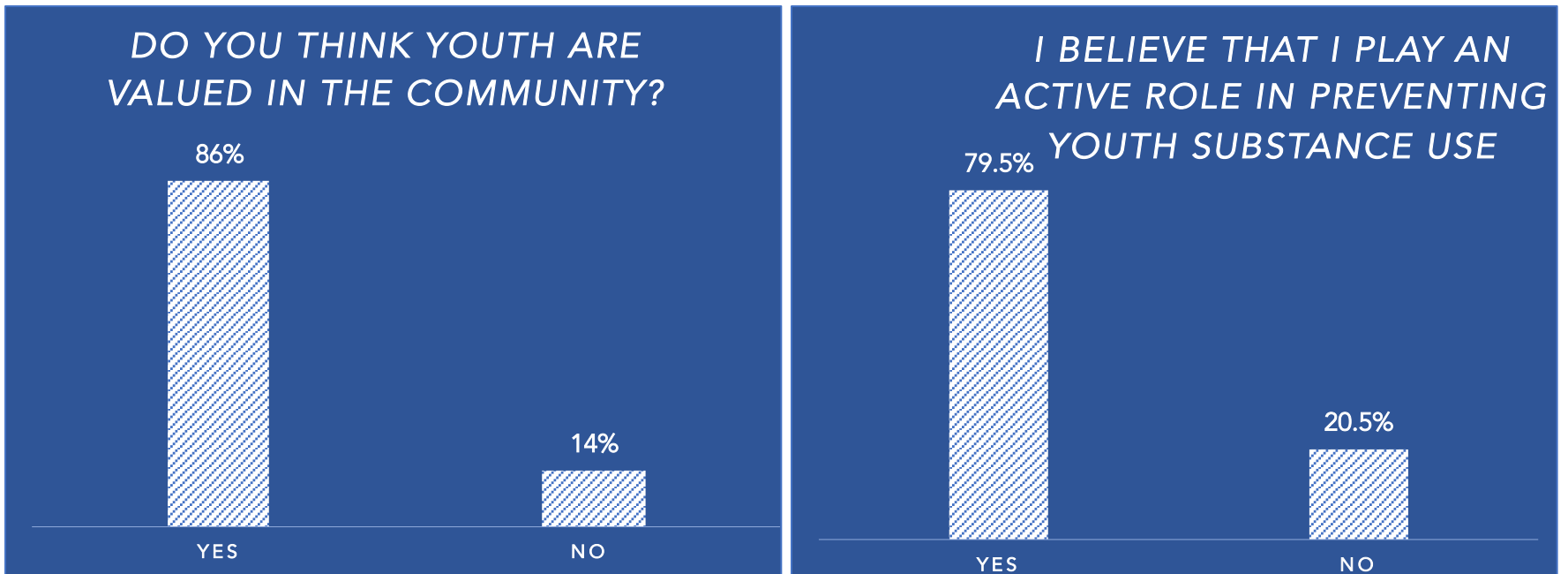
**In contrast**, the age distribution in surrounding counties reflects a younger population, with only 34% (Bennington) and 39% (Windham) middle aged adults (aged 45-64) making up the overall adult population. In both counties, young adults (18-35) make up **over 20%** of the population.

**43% of survey respondents reported having children under 18**

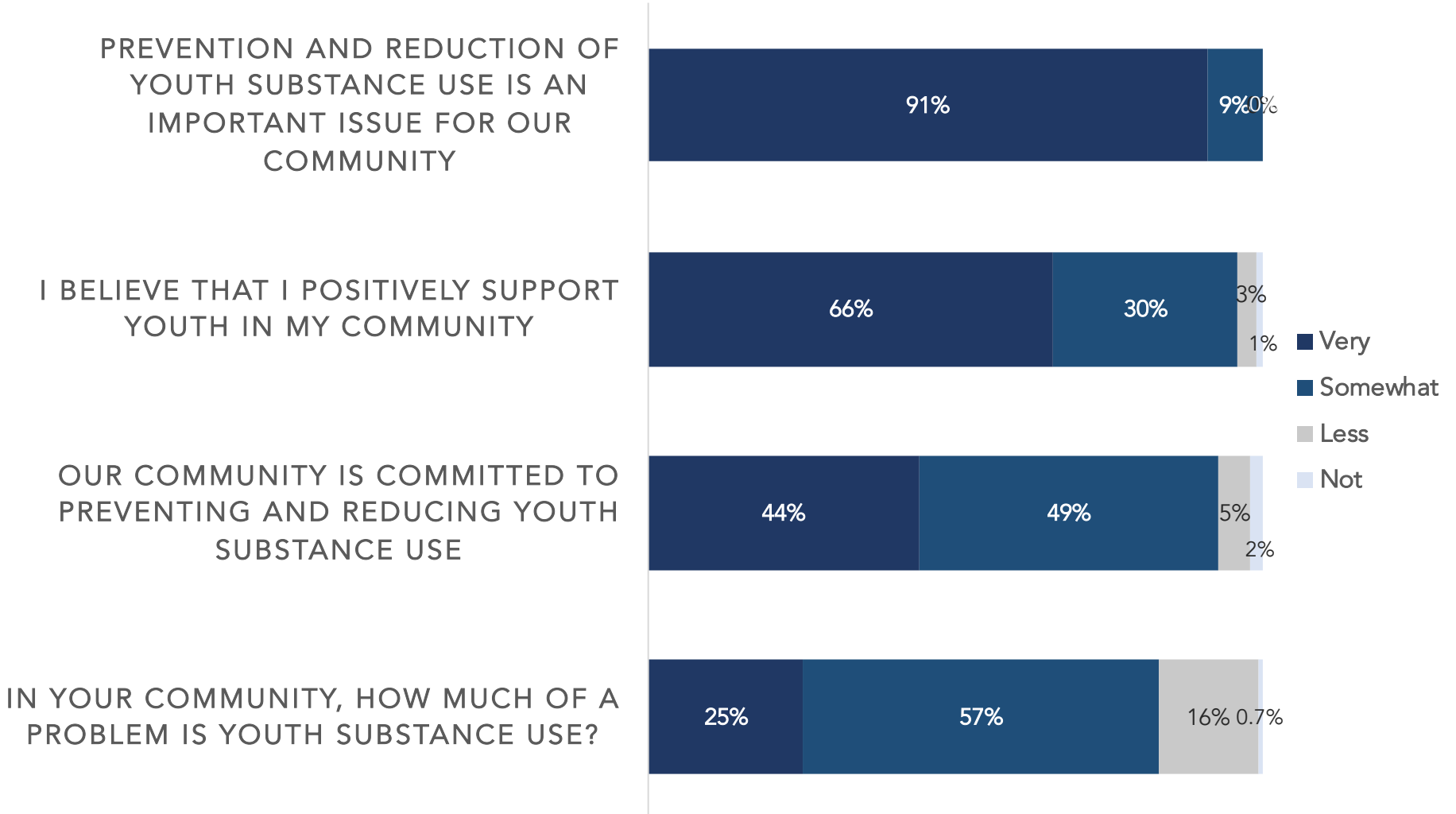


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# Youth Substance Use



The majority of survey respondents view youth as an asset to the community (86%) and believe that they play an active role in preventing substance abuse among youth (79.5%).



Note: Responses from 145 / 146 survey respondents

# Youth Substance Use

I WOULD SUPPORT TOWN POLICIES THAT WOULD LIMIT YOUTH'S EXPOSURE TO ADVERTISING\*



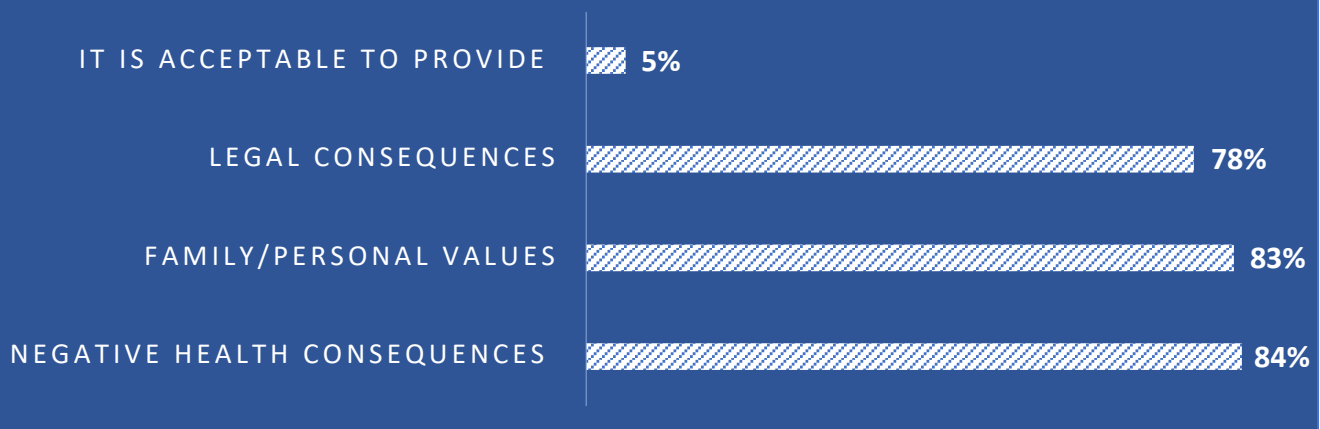
■ Definitely  
 ■ Probably  
 ■ Probably Not  
 ■ No

I WOULD SUPPORT TOWN POLICIES THAT WOULD LIMIT YOUTH'S EXPOSURE TO THE NUMBER OR LOCATION OF RETAIL OUTLETS\*



\*Retail outlets or advertising for: alcohol, tobacco and vape products, marijuana and marijuana products, etc.

## WHAT FACTORS PREVENT YOU FROM PROVIDING ALCOHOL, MARIJUANA, VAPING AND TOBACCO PRODUCTS TO YOUTH?

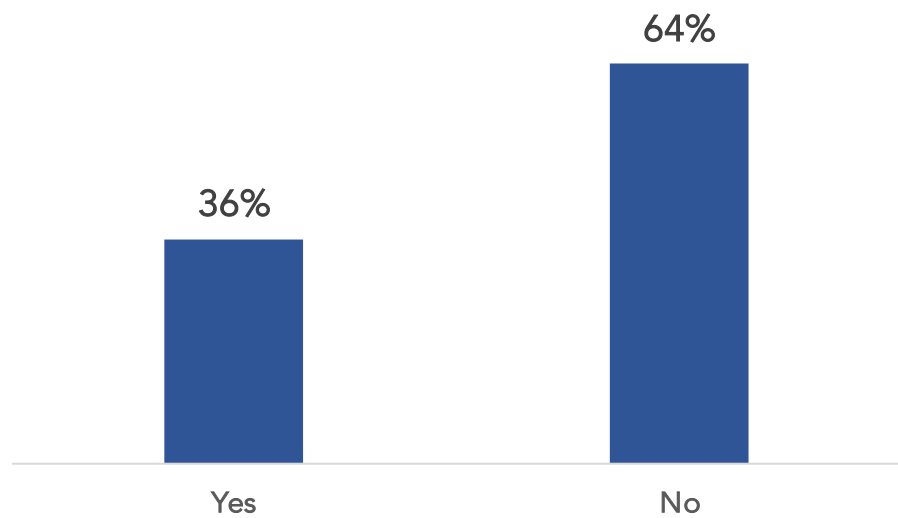


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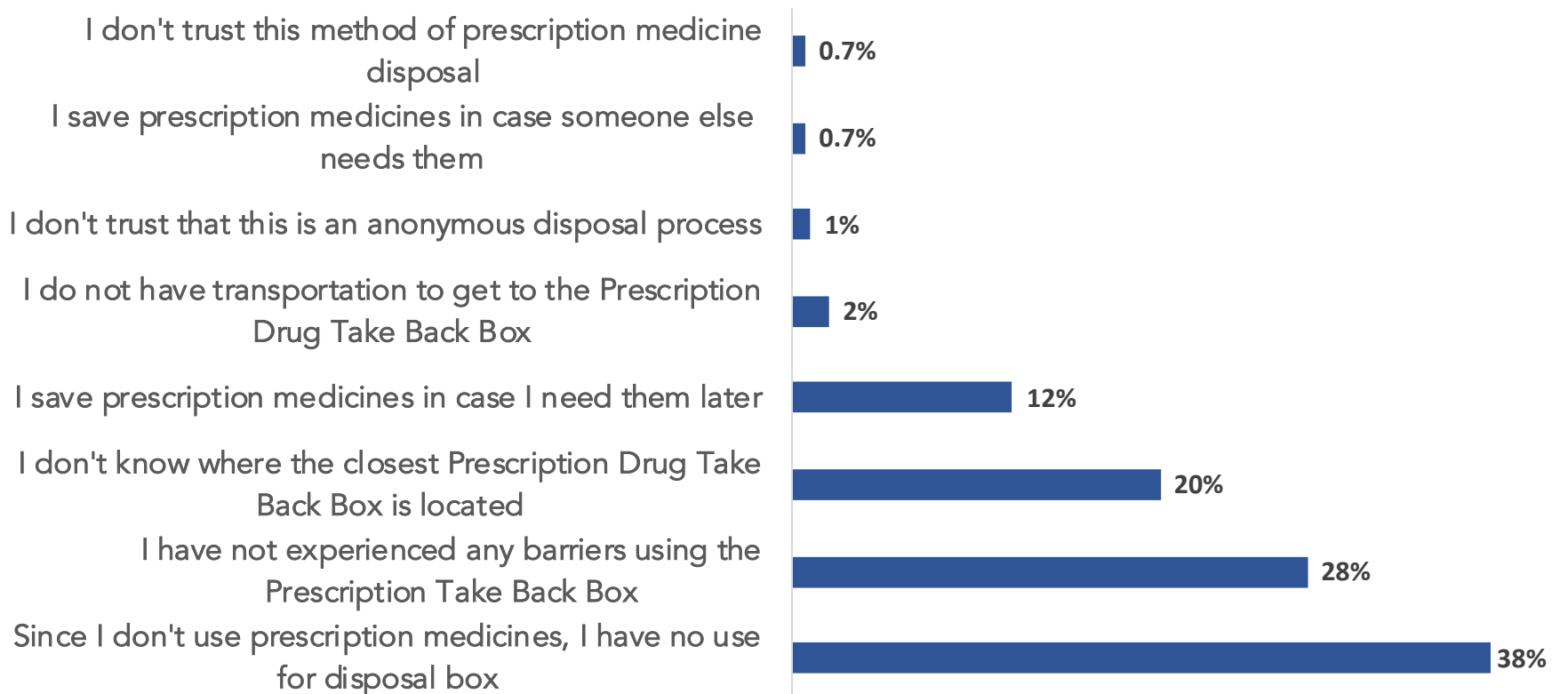
# Prescription Drug Drop Box Use

Do you use a prescription drug drop box in your community?

Nearly two thirds of survey respondents do not use prescription drug drop boxes



Participants were asked about the barriers to using the Prescription Drug Drop Box in the community



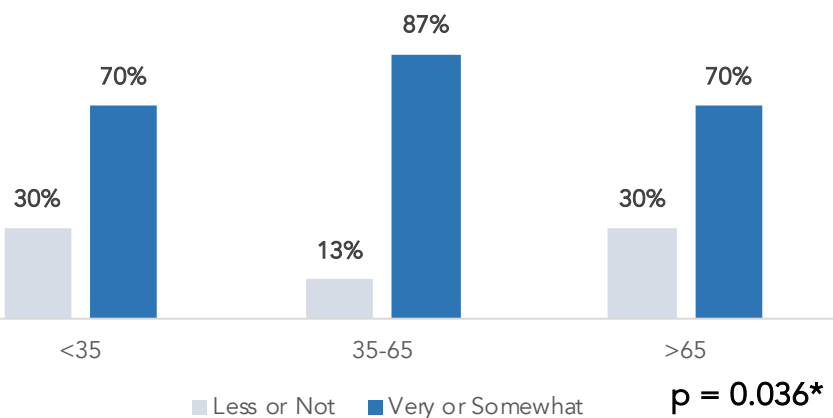
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# Differences Among Age Groups

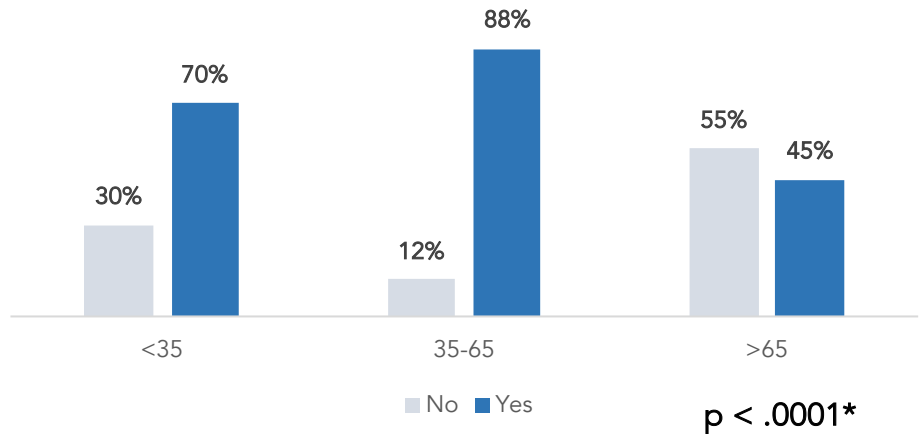
Differences with  $p < .05$  are considered statistically significant. Statistical significance is based on Chi Square tests of proportion.

Comparisons between **Younger <35** (N = 20)  
**Middle 35-65** (N = 106)  
**& Older >65** (N = 20)

*In your community, how much of a problem is youth substance use?*

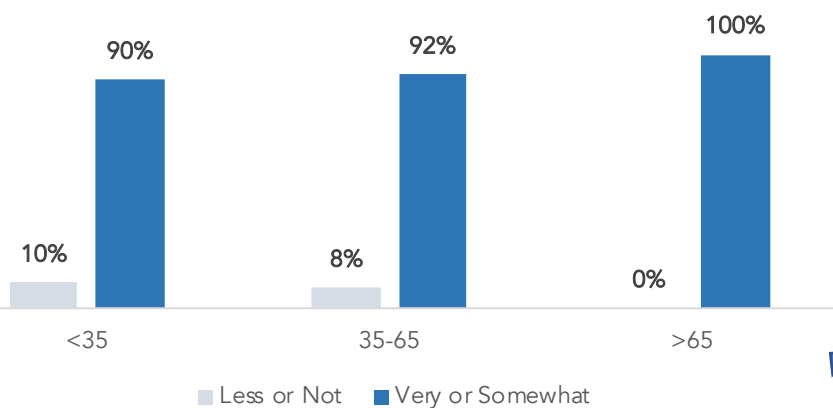


*I believe that I play an active role in preventing youth substance use*

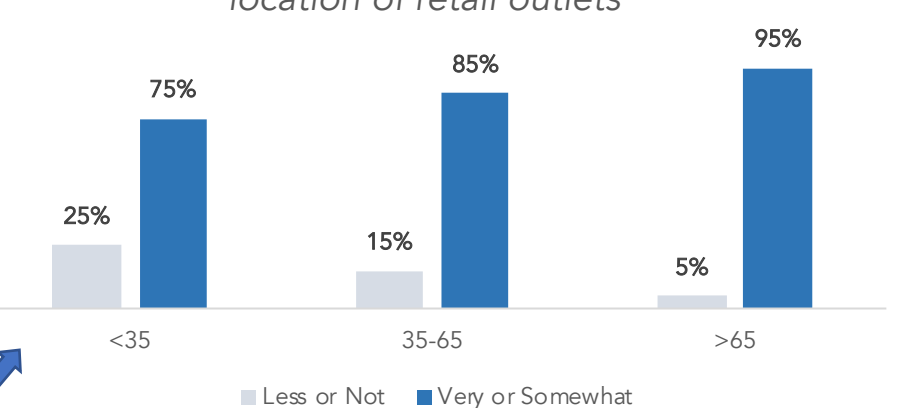


Middle-aged adults (35-65) were significantly more likely to feel that they play a central role in preventing substance use among youth. Compared to younger and older adults, middle-aged adults were also more likely to regard youth substance use as somewhat or very much of a problem in the community.

*Our community is committed to preventing and reducing youth substance use and abuse*

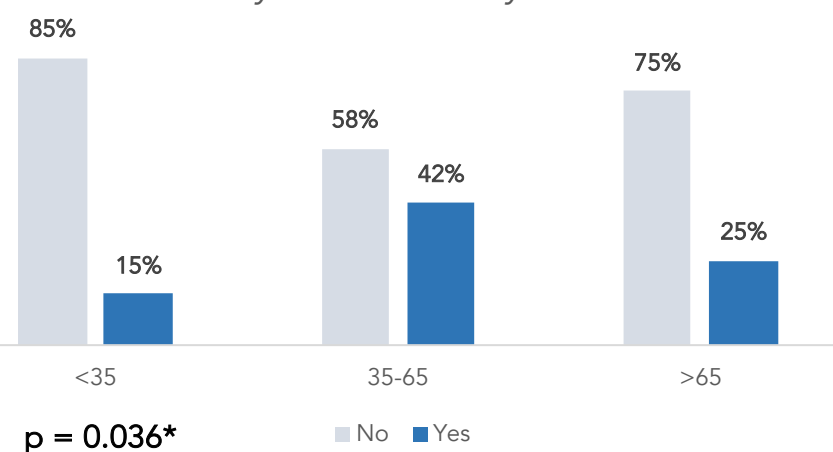


*I would support town policies that would limit youth's exposure to the number or location of retail outlets\**



No significant difference ( $p > .05$ )

*Do you use a prescription drug drop box in your community?*



Compared to other age demographics, older adults (>65) are prescribed the most prescription medications.<sup>1</sup>

In this sample, middle-aged adults (35-65) were significantly more likely to report using a prescription drug take back box.