



Bennington County Community Survey 2021

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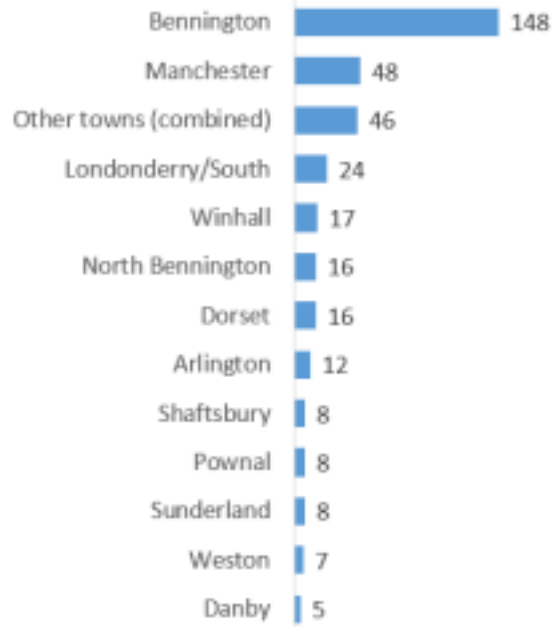
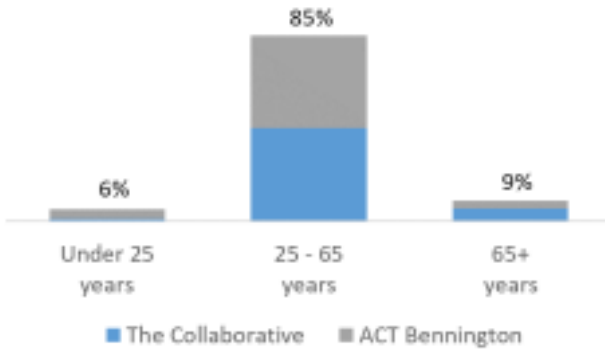
Survey demographics

A combined 365 community members responded to a survey regarding alcohol, tobacco, e-cigs and vaping, marijuana and marijuana products, and other drug use among youths aged 9-18 years in the community.

The Collaborative survey: 168 respondents; ACT Bennington survey: 197 respondents

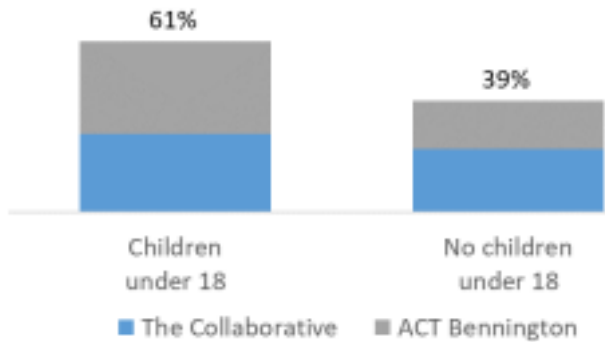
Age

A majority of respondents were 25-65 years of age



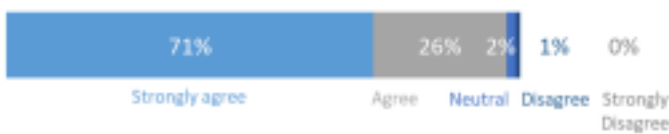
Dependent children

61% of respondents reported having at least one dependent child under 18 years



Town of Residence

Youth substance use in the community



Prevention and reduction of youth substance use is an important issue for our community.¹

Our community is committed to preventing and reducing youth substance use.



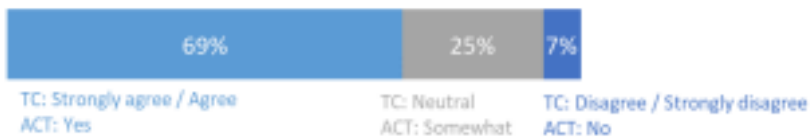
In our community, how much of a problem is youth substance use?²



I believe that youth are valued in this community.³



I believe I play an active role in preventing youth substance

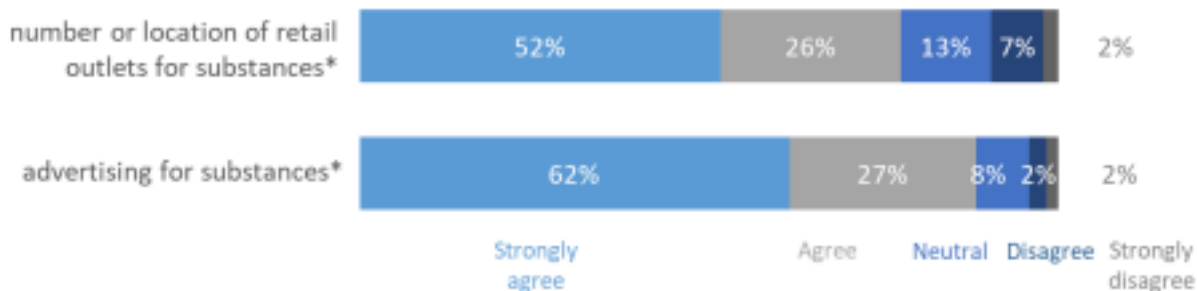


use.⁴

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Youth substance use policy and perceptions

I would support town policies that would limit youth exposure to:

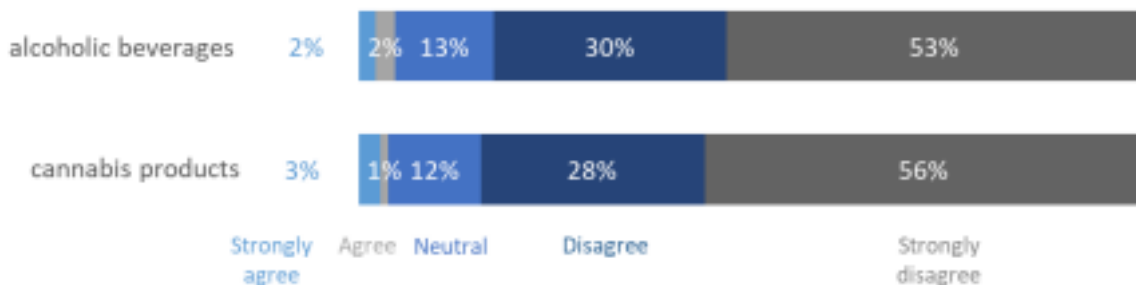


* Substances: alcohol, tobacco and vape products, marijuana and marijuana products, etc.⁵

How much do youth risk harming themselves physically and in other ways when they smoke cannabis once or twice a week?



As long as they are in their home, it is acceptable for parents and other adults to offer underage youth:

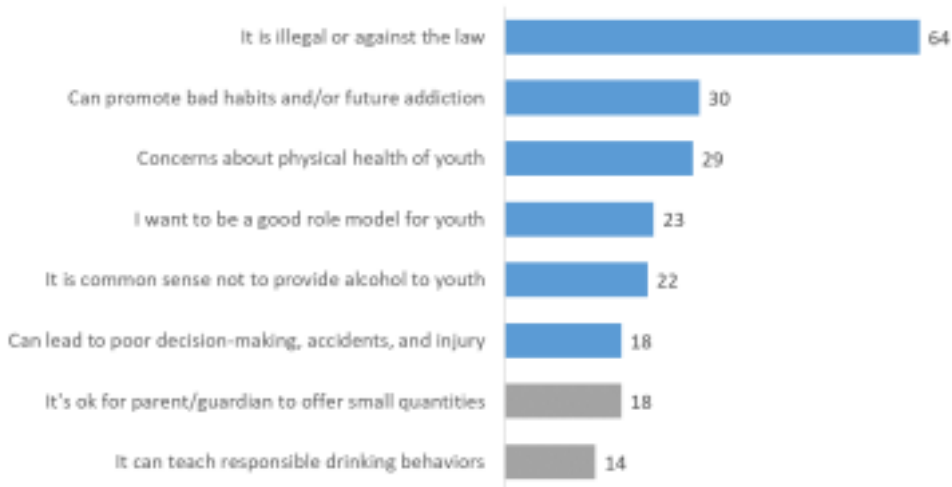


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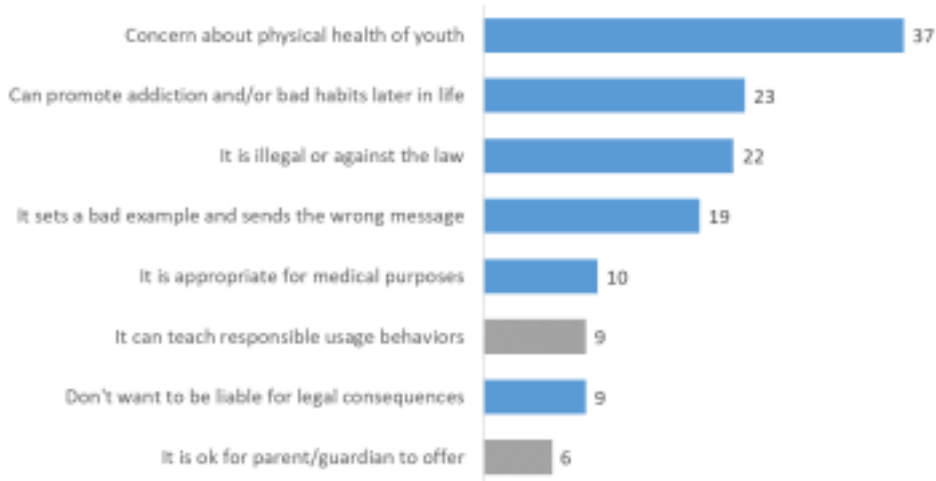
Open-ended comments: offering alcohol &

cannabis to youth in home

Why do you/do you not choose to offer underage youth alcoholic beverages in your home? Primary themes:



Why do you/do you not choose to offer underage youth marijuana (cannabis) products in your home? Primary themes:



Responses may sum to more than the total sample size because respondents may contribute to more than one category

Appendix: Exact question wording

Some survey questions were worded differently between the Collaborative and ACT Bennington surveys. It is possible that these differences explain some of the variation in response between the two surveys. Exact wording is provided below for comparison.

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1. The Collaborative: Prevention and reduction of youth substance use is an important issue for our community.
ACT Bennington: Prevention and reduction of youth substance (alcohol, tobacco, marijuana, and other drugs) use is an important issue for our community.
2. The Collaborative: In our community, how much of a problem is youth substance use? ACT Bennington: In our community, how much of a problem is youth use of substances such as alcohol, tobacco, and other drugs?
3. The Collaborative: I believe youth are valued in this community.
ACT Bennington: Do you feel that youth are valued in the community?
4. The Collaborative: I believe that I play an active role in preventing youth substance use. ACT Bennington: I believe I play an active role in prevention (i.e., by communicating with my youth, supporting prevention organizations, etc.)

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5. Substancespecified:
The Collaborative: alcohol, tobacco and vape products, marijuana and marijuana products, etc. ACT Bennington: alcohol, tobacco and vape products, and cannabis products