



Monroe County Community Perceptions Survey 2013 Results Summary

Monroe County Safe Community Coalition Community Perceptions Survey was completed by 357 residents in October of 2013.

Top 5 Concern Areas by Age Group and Topic

Participants were asked to rate their level of concern on alcohol, tobacco, and other drug use by age groups (under 17, 18-20, and 21 and older) on a scale of 1 (no problem) to 4 (serious problem).

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| 1. Prescription abuse/misuse by adults ages 21 and older | 3.17 average rating |
| 2. Binge drinking by adults ages 21 and older | 3.13 average rating |
| 3. Binge drinking by young adults ages 18-20 | 3.08 average rating |
| 4. Prescription abuse/misuse by young adults ages 18-20 | 3.05 average rating |
| 5. Heroin use by adults ages 21 and older | 3.04 average rating |

Disapproval of Underage Drinking

- 98% strongly disagree or disagree that binge drinking among teens is acceptable.
- 98% report that it is not okay for parents to offer alcohol to teens.
- 96% strongly disagree or disagree that binge drinking is acceptable among 18-20 year olds.
- 74% strongly agree or agree that alcohol is readily available to teens.
- 79% strongly agree or agree that adult friends or siblings often provide alcohol to teens.

Level of Support-Top 5 Strategies

Based on participants reporting mostly or completely supporting the idea:

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| 1. Law enforcement conducting retailer compliance checks to prevent the sale of alcohol to teenagers and young adults | 94% Support |
| 2. A take back program for unwanted medications in your community | 93% Support |
| 3. A permanent medication drop-off site in your community | 92% Support |
| 4. Conducting retailer compliance checks to prevent the sale of tobacco to teenagers | 88% Support |
| 5. An online networking & informational website for parents | 83% Support |

Other Health Issues of Concern

Participants also rated health issues (other than alcohol, tobacco, and other drugs) on a scale of 1 (no problem) to 4 (serious problem).

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| 1. Bullying through the use of technology | 3.02 average rating |
| 2. Depression in adults ages 21 and older | 2.97 average rating |
| 3. Bullying among teenagers ages 13-17 | 2.96 average rating |
| 4. Depression in teenagers and young adults ages 20 and younger | 2.91 average rating |
| 5. Availability of mental health care services in community | 2.74 average rating |

Brought to you by the Monroe County Safe Community Coalition

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