

Vermont Parent Survey on Youth Substance Use

Welcome to the Vermont Parent Survey on Youth Substance Use.

We value your opinions and are pleased that you accessed the survey website. This short (10-15 minute) survey was specially designed for parents of Vermont students in grades 6 through 12.

At the end of the survey, you and other participants in the survey may enter a drawing for a cash prize of \$100 or \$500.

Rules:

Only one entry per participant is allowed.

Duplicate entries will be rejected.

Documentation of eligibility will be required from prize winners.

Important Information

(Please read before proceeding)

- We are interested in the opinions of parents of Vermont students who will be in grades 6 through 12 in the 2017-2018 school year.**
- This 10-15 minute survey is completely anonymous. You will not be asked for your name or other information that could be used to identify you, and this website does not record email addresses or any other information that could identify you.**

- **The survey is being conducted by the Pacific Institute for Research and Evaluation (PIRE), which is a research organization contracted by the Vermont Department of Health for a project funded by the U.S. Center for Substance Abuse Prevention. The information from the survey will be reported as a summary. No one from the Department of Health will have access to your individual responses.**
 - **The survey will ask about your attitudes and behaviors related to youth substance use. Although these issues could be considered somewhat sensitive, we believe it is extremely unlikely that a respondent will experience any negative effects due to participation in the survey.**
 - **The survey is completely voluntary. You may choose not to participate or you may skip any question you are not comfortable answering or are unsure how to answer.**
 - **Your participation and the information you provide will help inform and improve prevention programs for youth.**
 - **If you have any questions about this survey, please contact Jessica Edwards at PIRE, via phone at (919) 265-2636, or email at jedwards@pire.org.**
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1) Are you at least 18 years old and the parent or guardian* of a student in Vermont who will be in the 6th through 12th grades in the 2017-2018 school year?

Yes

No

***For this survey, parent or guardian includes parents, step-parents, and other types of legal guardians with whom the child lives for at least part of the year.**

Reminder: All Responses Are Confidential And Nobody Will Know Who You Are

As you proceed through the survey, please use the Next” button at the bottom of each page to go to the next page and the “Back” button if you need to review or change a previous answer. Do not use your browser forward and back buttons. If you get disconnected before completing the survey, you will need to access the survey again and start at the beginning.

2) Do you have more than one child in the 6th through 12th grades?

Yes

No

[If yes]

Of those children, please think of the child who has the next birthday after today's date, and focus all your answers on that child only. If you have more than one child with that birthday, please focus your answers on just one of them (your choice) throughout this survey.

3) What is the age of your child?

- 10 or younger
- 11
- 12
- 13
- 14
- 15
- 16
- 17
- 18
- 19
- 20
- 21 or older

4) What is the grade of your child?

- 6th
- 7th
- 8th
- 9th
- 10th
- 11th
- 12th

5) Does your child identify him or herself as...(Check all that apply.)

- Female
 - Male
 - Transgender
 - Other
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During the past 12 months, how many times have you talked with your child about the potential dangers or problems that could result from persons their age...

6) Using alcohol?

- 0 times
- 1 to 2 times
- A few times
- Many times

7) Using marijuana?

- 0 times
- 1 to 2 times
- A few times
- Many times

8) Using prescription drugs that are not prescribed to them or using them in ways other than prescribed by their doctor?

- 0 times
- 1 to 2 times
- A few times
- Many times

9) Using e-cigarettes?

- 0 times
- 1 to 2 times
- A few times
- Many times

The next set of questions asks about your attitudes and beliefs about alcohol and drug use.

10) What I say to my child will have a major influence on whether and to what extent my child uses alcohol and drugs.

- Strongly agree
- Agree
- Disagree
- Strongly disagree
- Undecided or don't know

11) There are helpful resources online where I can learn more about how to help prevent my child from using alcohol and drugs.

- Strongly agree
- Agree
- Disagree
- Strongly disagree
- Don't know

12) There are places in my community where I can learn more about how to help prevent my child from using alcohol and drugs.

- Strongly agree
- Agree
- Disagree
- Strongly disagree
- Don't know

13) There are places in my community where I can get help if my child is using alcohol or drugs.

- Strongly agree
 - Agree
 - Disagree
 - Strongly disagree
 - Don't know
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14) Are there places in your community where you can dispose of unused prescription drugs?

- Yes
- No
- Don't know

15) In the past 12 months, how many times have you taken unused prescription drugs to a drop-off location in your community?

- 0 times
- 1 to 2 times
- A few times
- Many times

16) Under what circumstances, if any, would it ever be OK with you for your child to drink any amount of alcohol? (Choose the response that best reflects your view.)

- Never OK under any circumstances
 - Never OK, other than having small sips at religious events
 - OK under certain circumstances, such as family gatherings for holidays or weddings
 - OK as long as I am there to supervise
 - OK as long as some adult is present
 - OK most or all of the time
 - OK under some other circumstances (specify):
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In those circumstances, what amounts of alcohol are generally OK for your child to drink?

- Sips or tastes only
- Amounts less than one drink (a drink is 12 ounces of beer, a glass of wine, or one ounce of liquor)
- One drink
- More than one drink

17) Under what circumstances, if any, would it ever be OK with you for your child to use marijuana? (Choose the response that best reflects your view.)

- Never OK under any circumstances
 - OK only if prescribed by a doctor for medical purposes
 - OK for certain circumstances such as family gatherings
 - OK as long as I am there to supervise
 - OK as long as some adult is present
 - OK most or all of the time
 - OK under some other circumstances (specify):
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18) In your community, what percentage of persons your child's age do you think have used marijuana in the past 30 days?

- 0-20%
- 21-40%
- 41-60%
- 61-80%
- 81-100%

How much do persons your child's age risk harming themselves physically and in other ways if they..

19) Drink alcohol occasionally?

- No risk
- Slight risk
- Moderate risk
- Great risk

20) Have five or more drinks of an alcoholic beverage once or twice a week?

- No risk
- Slight risk
- Moderate risk
- Great risk

21) Use marijuana once or twice a week?

- No risk
- Slight risk
- Moderate risk
- Great risk

22) Use prescription drugs that are not prescribed to them or use them in ways other than prescribed by their doctor?

- No risk
- Slight risk
- Moderate risk
- Great risk

23) Use e-cigarettes nearly every day?

- No risk
- Slight risk
- Moderate risk
- Great risk

24) Use any type of tobacco occasionally?

- No risk
 - Slight risk
 - Moderate risk
 - Great risk
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Imagine your child is going to a party or other social gathering at a friend's house that you don't know very well. How likely are you or another adult in your household to do each of the following...

25) Ask your child if alcohol or drugs will be used or available at this event.

- Very likely
- Somewhat likely
- Not very likely
- Not at all likely

26) Ask your child if a parent or other responsible adult will be present at this event.

- Very likely
- Somewhat likely
- Not very likely
- Not at all likely

27) Contact the friend's parents to verify that a parent or other responsible adult will be present at this event.

- Very likely
- Somewhat likely
- Not very likely
- Not at all likely

How often do you or another adult in your household...

28) Make an effort to know your child's friends and their parents, especially the families of your child's closest friends.

- Never
- Rarely
- Sometimes
- Most of the time
- Always

29) Make an effort to know the rules of your child's friends' families.

- Never
- Rarely
- Sometimes
- Most of the time
- Always

30) Ask your child to call or text you to check in when he or she is out at night.

- Never
- Rarely
- Sometimes
- Most of the time
- Always
- Not Applicable (child does not go out at night)

31) In the past 12 months, has your child been at a friend's house where alcohol was available to teens?

- Yes, I know so
- Yes, I suspect so
- No, I don't think so
- No, I am sure they have not

32) In the past 12 months, has your child been at a friend's house where marijuana was available to teens?

- Yes, I know so
- Yes, I suspect so
- No, I don't think so
- No, I am sure they have not

How likely is it that your child would be able to access the following substances in your home without your knowledge...

33) Alcohol?

- Very likely
- Somewhat likely
- Not very likely
- Not at all likely
- Not applicable (alcohol is never kept in our home)

34) Marijuana?

- Very likely
- Somewhat likely
- Not very likely
- Not at all likely
- Not applicable (marijuana is never kept in our home)

35) Prescription medications?

- Very likely
- Somewhat likely
- Not very likely
- Not at all likely
- Not applicable (prescription medications are not kept in our home)

How likely is it that your child has used the following substances in the past 12 months...

36) Alcohol?

- Very likely or absolutely certain
- Somewhat likely
- Not very likely
- Not at all likely or absolutely not

37) Marijuana?

- Very likely or absolutely certain
- Somewhat likely
- Not very likely
- Not at all likely or absolutely not

38) Prescription drugs that were not prescribed to them, or used them in ways other than prescribed by their doctor?

- Very likely or absolutely certain
- Somewhat likely
- Not very likely
- Not at all likely or absolutely not

39) How confident are you in being able to talk effectively with your child about alcohol and drugs?

- Very confident
- Somewhat confident
- Not very confident
- Not at all confident
- Undecided or don't know

40) How confident are you in knowing the patterns or signs that could indicate your child has been using alcohol or drugs?

- Very confident
 - Somewhat confident
 - Not very confident
 - Not at all confident
 - Undecided or don't know
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The next set of questions asks about information you may have seen or heard recently about parenting a teen.

41) Over the past 12 months, have you seen or heard any information about (or from) a resource called ParentUp that is designed to help parents prevent underage drinking and other drug use?

- Yes
- No
- Not sure

Where did you see or hear the information? Please check all that apply.

- Radio
- Television
- Online
- Community meeting
- Newspaper article
- School meeting or other communication from school
- Directly from someone I know
- Not sure
- Other (specify): _____

Have you visited the ParentUp website in the past 6 months?

Yes

No

Has the ParentUp website information increased your confidence that you can help prevent your teenage children from using alcohol or other drugs?

Yes

No

Not sure

Have you taken any specific actions as a result of seeing the ParentUp website information?

Yes (specify): _____

No

Not sure

What information on the ParentUp website was useful to you?

Just a few more questions! These questions ask about background information. This information will help understand how groups of parents respond. The information will not be used to identify who you are.

42) What is your age?

- 18-24
- 25-34
- 35-44
- 45-54
- 55-64
- 65 or older

43) Do you identify yourself as...(Check all that apply.)

- Female
- Male
- Transgender
- Other

44) What best describes your household composition?

- I am a single parent
- I live with my female spouse or partner
- I live with my male spouse or partner
- Other (specify): _____

45) Thinking of your child's mother (or current primary female guardian), what is the highest level of education this person has completed?

- Did not complete high school
- Completed high school (including GED)
- Attended some college
- Completed college
- Completed graduate or professional school after college
- Other (specify): _____

46) Are you currently or have you ever been a member of the United States Armed services (active duty, reserve, or National Guard)?

- Yes
 - No
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47) What is your zip code? (Please select the zip code of the address where you live the greatest amount of time during the year.)

Not a Vermont resident

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48) Just to confirm, was [('value')] your response for your zip code?

- Yes
 - No
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We appreciate receiving your opinions and sincerely thank you for taking time to complete this survey.

If you have any comments or suggestions you'd like to share with us, either on the topic of substance use or about this survey, please enter them in the space provided below.

That concludes this survey. The next page will explain how you and other survey participants may enter the drawing for a prize.

If you have any questions about this survey, or would like to know where you can get more information about alcohol and other drug issues, please contact Jessica Edwards at PIRE, via phone at (919) 265-2636, or email at jedwards@pire.org.

If you have questions regarding your rights as a participant in this study, you may contact Elysia Oudemans, Pacific Institute for Research and Evaluation, (301) 755-2757 or toll free: 1-866-PIRE-ORG ext. 2757 (1-866-747-3674 ext. 2757).

You are eligible to enter a drawing for a weekly \$100 cash prize and one \$500 cash prize once the survey has ended. Winners will be asked to provide documentation of being the parent or guardian of a Vermont student in grades 6 through 12.

To enter the drawing, please respond "yes" to the question on this page. You will be taken to a separate site and be asked to provide your name and e-mail address or phone number. The site is entirely separate from the survey site. There is no way to connect your contact information and your survey responses.

Would you like to enter the drawing?

Yes

No

[No, do not enter drawing]

Thank you for participating in the survey. Find us on Facebook at <https://www.facebook.com/Vermontps> or by searching for Vermont Parent Survey.

You may exit your browser now or click on the link above for more information.

[Yes, enter drawing]

Thank you for participating in the survey. You will be taken to the prize drawing site in 10 seconds.
