

Vermont Young Adult Survey 2014

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(Survey logo here)

Welcome to the Vermont Young Adult Survey!

We value your opinions and appreciate your participation. This survey was designed for Vermont residents between the ages of 18 and 25. The survey takes about 10 minutes to complete and will ask questions about your perceptions and use of alcohol and other drugs.

DO NOT take this survey if:

- you have already completed this survey in 2014
OR
- you are under 18 or over 25
OR
- you have lived outside of Vermont for all of the past year

If you had already begun the survey [Click here](#) to complete it.

Otherwise, please continue.....

[Click here](#) to proceed

Important Information for Respondents
(Please read before proceeding)

This survey is completely anonymous and does not record any personally identifying information. Please answer all questions truthfully.

The survey is being conducted by the Pacific Institute for Research and Evaluation (PIRE), which is a non-profit organization contracted by the Vermont Department of Health. The information from the survey will be released in summary form only. No one from the Department of Health will have access to your individual responses.

At the end of the survey you will be able to enter a drawing for one of several \$100 cash prizes as well as one \$250 grand prize. Your contact information for the drawing will be saved in a separate location and can never be linked to your survey data.

You may only enter the drawing once; duplicate entries will be discarded and proof of age and Vermont residence will be required to receive a prize.

The information will be used to help inform and improve prevention programs.

The survey is completely voluntary. You may choose not to participate at any time. You may skip any questions you are not comfortable answering.

[Click here](#) to begin the survey

Please tell us what kind of device you are using to do this survey:

- Smart phone
- Tablet
- Laptop or desktop computer
- Other

[Click Here](#) to Proceed

Pop-up note for respondents who checked smart phone:

If using a smart phone, the survey will be easier to do if you orient your screen horizontally. If you scanned the QR code to access the survey, you may need to open the survey in your web browser in order to do get a horizontal screen.

Please create a User ID between 6 and 12 characters in the field below.

You will need this to return to where you left off in case you get disconnected from the survey before it has been completed.

The user id is not case sensitive.

Submit and Continue

This survey is anonymous. Your responses can never be linked to you personally [appears on every screen]

Demographic Information

1) What is your age?

- a) Under 18
- b) 18 to 20
- c) 21 to 25
- d) Over 25

If under 18 or over 25, respondent will be informed that they are not eligible and survey will stop

2) What is your gender?

- a) Female
- b) Male
- c) Transgender or other

3) What is your employment status?

- a) Employed for wages (full-time)
- b) Employed for wages (part-time)
- c) Self-employed
- d) Not employed and looking for work
- e) Not employed and not looking for work

4) Are you a student?

- a) No
- b) Yes, in college or vocational school, full-time
- c) Yes, in college or vocational school, part-time
- d) Yes, in high school or a GED program
- e) Yes, in some other type of school

5) What is your zip code? (Please select the five-digit zip code of the Vermont address where you live the greatest amount of time during the year).

Zip Code _____ Click here if you don't know your zip code

If zip code not valid or missing, proceed to 5a. Otherwise skip to #6.

5a) Please select the Vermont city or town where you live the greatest amount of time during the year.

Town or City: _____ (pull down menu, alphabetically ordered)

If your city is not in the drop down menu enter it here _____

Perceptions About Ease of Access to Alcohol and other Substances

Note: response items for all items in this section are:

- a) Very easy
- b) Somewhat easy
- c) Somewhat difficult
- d) Very difficult
- e) Don't know

- 6) How easy do you think it is for persons aged 18 to 20 in your community (that is, the Vermont community where you live for most of the year) to purchase alcohol in stores?
- 7) How easy do you think it is for persons aged 18 to 20 in your community to purchase alcohol in bars and restaurants?
- 8) How easy do you think it is for persons aged 18 to 20 in your community to obtain alcohol from friends or family members?
- 9) How easy do you think it is for persons your age in your community to obtain marijuana (from any source)?
- 10) How easy do you think it is for persons your age in your community to obtain prescription pain relievers (e.g., Oxycontin, Vicodin, Codeine) without having their own prescription?

Perceptions About Risks from Alcohol and other Substances

- 11) How much do people risk harming themselves physically or in other ways if they have five or more drinks of an alcoholic beverage once or twice a week?
 - a. no risk
 - b. slight risk
 - c. moderate risk
 - d. great risk
 - e. don't know
- 12) How much do people risk harming themselves physically or in other ways if they smoke marijuana once or twice a week?
 - a. no risk
 - b. slight risk
 - c. moderate risk
 - d. great risk
 - e. don't know
- 13) How much do people risk harming themselves physically or in other ways if they use prescription pain relievers (e.g., Oxycontin, Vicodin, Codeine) that were not prescribed for them a few times per year?
 - a. no risk
 - b. slight risk
 - c. moderate risk
 - d. great risk
 - e. don't know

- 14) How much do people risk harming themselves physically or in other ways if they use prescription pain relievers (e.g., Oxycontin, Vicodin, Codeine) that were prescribed for them, but in higher dosages or for different reasons than prescribed, a few times per year?
- a. no risk
 - b. slight risk
 - c. moderate risk
 - d. great risk
 - e. don't know

Perceptions Regarding Law Enforcement.

Note: response options for all items in this section are:

- a) Very likely
- b) Somewhat likely
- c) Not very likely
- d) Not at all likely
- e) Don't know

- 15) If someone your age was driving through your community one evening after having too much to drink, how likely is it that they would be noticed and stopped by the police?
- 16) How likely are police in your community to find out about and break up parties where underage persons are drinking?
- 17) If someone your age is caught by the police using or possessing a small amount of marijuana, how likely is it that they will be cited and fined?

The Next Set of Questions Asks About Your Own Behaviors and Experiences With Alcohol and Other Substances

- 18) During the past 30 days, have you had at least one drink of any alcoholic beverage such as beer, wine, a malt beverage, or liquor?
- a) Yes
 - b) No
 - c) Don't know
- (If no or don't know, skip to Q-24)
- 19) During the past 30 days, have you driven a car or other vehicle after having too much to drink?
- a) Yes
 - b) No
 - c) Don't know
- 20) Considering all types of alcoholic beverages, how many days (if any) during the past 30 days did you have 5 or more drinks (if male) or 4 or more drinks (if female) on a single occasion?
- _____ Days in past 30 days (drop down menu from 0-30) ___ Don't know

(If respondent is 21 years of age or older, skip to Q-24)

- 21) During the past 30 days, how did you get your alcohol? (Check all that apply)
- a) I bought it at a store, such as a liquor store, convenience store, or grocery store
 - b) I bought it at a restaurant, bar or public place
 - c) My parent or guardian gave it to me or bought it for me
 - d) Another adult family member (age 21 or older) gave it to me or bought it for me
 - e) An adult (age 21 or older) who I know but who is not related to me gave it to me or bought it for me
 - f) Someone who I know under age 21 gave it to me or bought it for me
 - g) Someone I don't know gave it to me or bought it for me
 - h) It was available at a social gathering (such as a party or wedding)
 - i) I took it from my parents' home or someone else's home
 - j) I took it from a store without paying for it
 - k) I got it in Canada
 - l) I got it some other way

If (a) was checked...

- 22) The most recent time you purchased alcohol in a store, what form of ID did you show to the clerk?
- a) I was not asked to show any ID
 - b) Someone else's real ID
 - c) A fake or altered ID
 - d) My own real ID
 - e) Other
 - f) Don't remember

If (b) was checked...

- 23) The most recent time you purchased alcohol at a restaurant or bar, what form of ID did you show to the server?
- a) I was not asked to show any ID
 - b) Someone else's real ID
 - c) A fake or altered ID
 - d) My own real ID
 - e) Other
 - f) Don't remember

- 24) During the past 30 days, have you used marijuana or hashish?

- a) Yes
- b) No
- c) Don't know

(If no or don't know, go to Q-28)

- 25) On how many days in the past 30 days did you use marijuana or hasish?

Drop down menu from 0 to 30 _____ Don't know

26) During the past 30 days, did you consume any commercially packaged food or drink products that contained marijuana (e.g., brownies, energy bars, candies, gum, oils, sodas)?

- a) Yes
- b) No
- c) Don't know

27) During the past 30 days, have you driven a car or other vehicle when you had been using marijuana or hashish?

- a) Yes
- b) No
- c) Don't know

[Response options for the next four questions are: Yes No Don't know]

28) Within the last 12 months, have you taken any of the following prescription drugs that were not prescribed to you?

- a) Pain killers (e.g., OxyContin, Vicodin, Codeine)
- b) Sedatives (e.g., Xanax, Valium)
- c) Stimulants (e.g., Ritalin, Adderall)
- d) Methadone (e.g., Suboxone, Subutex) or buprenorphine

If yes to any of the above, ask the following question for each one that was a yes response:

28_2) The last time you used a [pain killer / sedative / stimulant / methadone or buprenorphine] that was not prescribed for you, how did you obtain it?

- a) Got it from a friend or relative for free
- b) Bought it from a friend or relative
- c) Took it from a friend or relative without asking
- d) Bought it from a drug dealer or other stranger
- e) Bought it on the internet
- f) Got it some other way
- g) Don't remember

29) Within the last 12 months, have you taken any of the following prescription drugs that were prescribed to you, but at higher dosages or for a different reason than prescribed?

- a) Pain killers (e.g., OxyContin, Vicodin, Codeine)
- b) Sedatives (e.g., Xanax, Valium)
- c) Stimulants (e.g., Ritalin, Adderall)

30) Within the past 12 months have you seen or heard any information regarding safe storage and disposal of prescription drugs?

31) Within the past 12 months, have you used, even once, any form of heroin?

Wrap-up Questions

32) Where did you first find out about this survey?

- a) From a postcard I received in the mail
- b) A postcard that someone else received that they gave me or I happened to see
- c) An ad on Facebook
- d) A friend or family member told me about it or sent me the link
- e) Other (please describe _____)

33) Is there anything else you'd like to tell us or add regarding the issues we have asked about today, or about your experience taking the survey?

That was the last question. Your survey information was successfully submitted.

Thank you for your time.

If you have questions about this survey, or would like to know where you can find more information about alcohol and other drug issues, please contact Amy Livingston at PIRE by phone at (802) 652-4111 or email at alivingston@pire.org. You may also contact John Searles at the Vermont Department of Health, by phone at (802) 657-4264 or email at john.searles@state.vt.us.

If you have questions about your rights as a participant in this study, you may contact Elysia Oudemans at PIRE by phone at (301) 755-2757 or toll free 866-PIRE-ORG ext. 2757 (866-747-3674 ext. 2757).

This survey was approved by:
Vermont Department of Health

[Click here](#) to enter a
drawing for cash prizes

If you do not wish to enter the drawing, you may simply exit this site now.
Thank you for your participation.

Vermont Young Adult Survey Drawing

Thank you for completing the Vermont Young Adult Survey.

You are eligible to enter a drawing for a \$100 or \$250 prize. One \$100 winner will be drawn each week, and a \$250 grand prize winner will be drawn when the survey is over later this spring. Winners will be notified within two weeks of each drawing. Documentation of age and Vermont residence will be required of all participants selected to receive an award. Duplicate entries will be discarded.

Your contact information for the drawing will be saved in a separate location and can never be linked to your survey data.

To enter the drawing, please confirm your eligibility by checking the following item, and then provide your contact information.

I am at least 18 years old and am not older than 25, and reside (for at least part of the year) in Vermont .

First Name

Last Name

Phone

Alternate Phone

E-mail Address

If age confirmation box was not checked:

Please check the box to confirm your age and Vermont residence.
If that statement does not apply to you, you cannot be entered for the drawing.

If still not checked:

Thank you for your interest in the Vermont Young Adult Survey.
Please close your web browser now.

Otherwise, display this message when information is submitted:

You have been successfully entered for the cash drawing.
Please close your web browser now.