

Livingston/Washtenaw Substance Abuse Coordinating Agency

SAFE and SOUND 2010 - *Pocket Profile of Adult Survey Results*

(Substance Abuse Factors in our Environment and Survey for Understanding Neighborhood Determinants)

The Adult Substance Abuse Factors in our Environment and Survey for Understanding Neighborhood Determinants is a survey conducted by the Livingston/Washtenaw Substance Abuse Coordinating Agency (SACA), Substance Abuse Monitoring, Assessment And Recommendation Team (SMART) in Fall 2009. The purpose of the survey was to assess use, perceived risks, availability, protective factors, parental perception of youth substance use, perceived parental efficacy, access to substances, enforcement and awareness of related laws and perceived community norms encouraging substance abuse among randomly selected Washtenaw County and Livingston County adults and youth (ages 12-17 years old). A major goal of the survey method design was to enable comparisons between adult and youth responses, including parental influence on youth substance use and attitudes. Survey questions were taken from the Washtenaw and Livingston County Behavioral Risk Factor Surveys, the National Household Survey on Drug Use and Health, the Ohio Drug Free Alliance 'Parents Who Host' survey, and the Paula Feathers 'Community Readiness' surveys.

Adult Survey Questions - <i>abbreviated versions</i>	Total	Washtenaw	Livingston
Use			
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? – 'yes'	64.3%	62.3%	67.4%
During the past 30 days, on the days when you drank, how many times did you have (5 for males; 4 for females) or more drinks on one occasion at least once? (Binge Drinking)			
Males	6.4%	5.5%	7.8%
Females	4.6%	4.9%	4.1%
Perceived Availability and Risk			
How much do people risk harming themselves physically and in other ways when they smoke marijuana once or twice a week? – 'great risk or moderate risk'	90.1%	88.8%	92.4%
How difficult or easy would it be for you to get some marijuana, if you wanted some? – <i>very easy or fairly easy</i>	63.3%	63.4%	63.0%
How difficult or easy would it be for you to get some cocaine if you wanted some? – <i>very easy or fairly easy</i>	37.0%	39.2%	33.1%
How often do you get a real kick out of doing things that are a little risky? – 'always or sometimes'	15.4%	13.8%	17.9%
Perceptions of Child's Use			
In the past 12 months, do you think your child has smoked one or more cigarettes, even once? – 'yes'	3.9%	5.0%	2.0%
In the past 12 months, do you think your child has drunk any type of alcoholic beverage, even once? – 'yes'	20.8%	20.1%	21.8%
In the past 12 months, do you think your child has used any marijuana or hashish, even once? – 'yes'	4.2%	4.4%	3.8%
The most likely location where you think underage youth in your community drink the alcohol they obtain?			
'Vehicle'	20.6%	19.0%	23.1%
'Home'	10.5%	9.4%	12.0%
'Park'	20.9%	22.9%	17.9%
'Friends' Homes'	32.7%	34.0%	30.8%
'Social Event'	15.2%	14.4%	16.3%
Family Rules and Discussions			
During the past 12 months, how many times have you talked with your child about the dangers or problems associated with the use of tobacco, alcohol, or other drugs? – 'zero times'	6.8%	6.8%	6.8%
Think about the most serious and thorough discussion about drugs you had with your child during the past 12 months. About how long did this discussion last? – 'average minutes'	17.0	18.4	14.5
What I say will have little influence on whether my child uses drugs. – 'agree or strongly agree'	10.5%	10.3%	10.8%
When was the last time you talked with your child about attending parties where alcohol was available or being served to teens? – 'never'	23.7%	26.7%	18.9%

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Family Rules and Discussions			
If your child asked to attend a friend's (un-chaperoned) party where alcohol was going to be available or served, how likely is it that you would let them go? - 'very likely or likely'	5.7%	7.8%	2.2%
If your child asked to attend that same party and a parent was chaperoning, how likely is it you would let them go? - 'very likely or likely'	16.9%	17.8%	15.5%
In the past 2 months, has your child been at a friend's house or a party where alcohol was available or served to teens? - 'yes, definitely or probably'	11.4%	10.6%	12.6%
Do you know other parents who host parties where alcohol is available or served to teens? - 'yes'	27.7%	20.9%	38.1%
Adult Behavior and Perception Responses Related to Youth Behavior and Perception Responses			
Of parents of youth who drink:		Of parents of youth who do not drink:	
➤ 23% do not drink		➤ 35% do not drink	
➤ 19% binge drink		➤ 11% who binge drink	
➤ 58.8% perceive great risk for binge drinking		➤ 67.8% perceive great risk for binge drinking	
➤ 28.6% perceive that underage drinking is an extremely big problem in their community		➤ 43.2% perceive that underage drinking is an extremely big problem in their community	
➤ 59% would be very unlikely to allow child to attend chaperoned party where alcohol was being served		➤ 72.5% would be very unlikely to allow child to attend chaperoned party where alcohol was being served	
➤ 11.4% feel that what they say will have very little influence on whether their child uses drugs or alcohol		➤ 8.1% feel that what they say will have very little influence on whether their child uses drugs or alcohol	
Of parents of youth who have used marijuana:		Of parents of youth who have not used marijuana:	
➤ 41.2% perceive great risk of smoking marijuana once or twice a week		➤ 63.5% perceive great risk of smoking marijuana once or twice a week	
➤ 48% perceive the child has used marijuana		➤ 4.2% perceive the child has used marijuana	
➤ 0% perceive that it would be probably impossible to get marijuana if they wanted some		➤ 4.1% perceive that it would be probably impossible to get marijuana if they wanted some	
➤ 25% feel that what they say will have very little influence on whether their child uses drugs or alcohol		➤ 8.2% feel that what they say will have very little influence on whether their child uses drugs or alcohol	
		Youth	Adults
Where do you think underage youth drink their alcohol?			
<i>Friends Homes</i>		64.5%	32.7%
<i>Home</i>		38%	10.5%
<i>Social Events</i>		39%	15.2%
<i>Park</i>		28.6%	20.9%
<i>Vehicles</i>		20.6%	15.9%

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