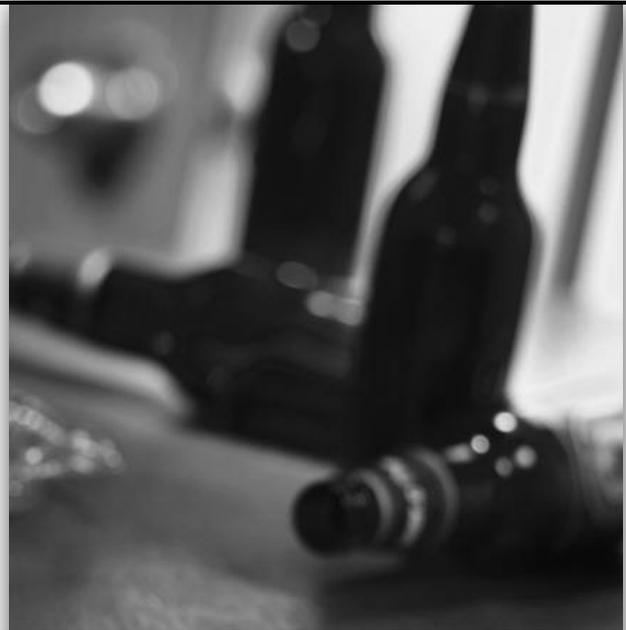


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Adult Use of Alcohol [see Table 2.1.1]

- Similar to the statewide results, when participants were asked to rank the seriousness of *adult* use of alcohol, 69 percent of the ***Community Members*** indicated this to be a *minor to moderate* problem in their community. According to ***Key Informants***, 59.5 percent felt that *adult* alcohol use was a *minor to moderate* problem while 37.8 percent believed this to be a *serious* problem.

Youth Use of Alcohol [see Table 2.1.1]

- ***Community Members*** felt that *youth* alcohol use was more of a serious issue as compared to adult use of alcohol in that 46.3 percent of respondents indicated this to be a *serious* problem and 41.7 percent felt this was a *minor to moderate* problem in their community. With ***Key Informants***, the majority (70.3%) felt that *youth* alcohol use was a *serious* problem and 29.7 percent believed this was a *minor to moderate* problem in their community.

Adult Use of Methamphetamine [see Table 2.1.6]

- With ***Community Members***, 32 percent felt *adult* use of methamphetamine was a *minor to moderate* problem, 23 percent indicated this to be a *serious* problem, and 33.3 percent specified they *don't know* the extent of the problem. Of ***Key Informants***, 45.9 percent of respondents indicated *adult* use of methamphetamine to be a *minor to moderate* problem, 32.4 percent felt this was a *serious* problem and 13.5 percent indicated they *don't know* the extent of the problem.

Youth Use of Methamphetamine [see Table 2.1.6]

- Of ***Community Members***, 31.3 percent perceived *youth* use of methamphetamine as a *minor to moderate* problem, 25.3 percent a *serious* problem, and 31 percent specified they *don't know* the extent of the problem. Among the ***Key Informants***, 48.6 percent perceived the use of methamphetamine by youth as a *minor to moderate* problem, 18.9 percent a *serious* problem, and 24.3 percent indicated they *don't know* the extent of the problem.

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- When asked whether underage drinking was accepted in their community, ***Community Members*** generally disagreed-strongly disagreed (60.7%). On the other hand, the perception of ***Key Informants*** differed in that a greater percentage agreed-strongly agreed (62.2%).

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- When respondents were asked to indicate the extent to which they either agree or disagree with increasing alcohol taxes, 54.3 percent of the ***Community Members*** *agree-strongly agree*. The ***Key Informant*** responses were slightly different in that 75.7 percent *agree-strongly agree* in support of an increase in alcohol taxes.

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- Of **Community Member** respondents, 58 percent indicated that *yes* they would be in support of implementing a law prohibiting giving alcohol to your own children. On the other hand, **Key Informants** were more supportive of this type of law in that 91.9 percent responded that *yes* they would be in support of a law prohibiting giving alcohol to your own children.

Support for Advertising Liquor/Beer/Wine Ads on Television/Billboards [see Table 4.3]

- The results were very similar for all three questions related to alcohol advertising. Over 61 percent of **Community Members** were in support of banning alcohol advertisements on either television or billboards. Among **Key Informants**, over 89 percent support bans on alcohol advertising.

Youth Accessibility to Alcohol [see Table 5.1]

- When **Community Members** were asked “How difficult is it for youth to get an older person to buy alcohol for them”, 45.3 percent believed that it is *slightly/somewhat* difficult, and 45 percent indicated it was *not at all* difficult. Among **Key Informants**, 59.5 percent of respondents indicated that it was *not at all* difficult for *youth* to get an older person to buy alcohol for them, and 35.1 percent responded that this was only *slightly/somewhat* difficult.
- When **Community Members** were asked the following, “How difficult is it for youth to sneak alcohol from their home or a friend’s home”, 55.7 percent believed this was *not at all* difficult and 37 percent indicated this was *slightly/somewhat* difficult. Of **Key Informants**, 73 percent specified that it was *not at all* difficult for youth to obtain alcohol in this manner, while the remaining 27 percent felt that this was only *slightly/somewhat* difficult.

Adult/Youth Access to Marijuana/Methamphetamine [see Table 5.2]

- Of **Community Members**, 35.7 percent perceived access to **marijuana** as *not at all* difficult for adults/youth to obtain while 42.3 percent felt access was *slightly/somewhat* difficult. Of the **Key Informants**, 45.9 percent perceived access to **marijuana** as *not at all* difficult, and 43.2 percent responded this was only *slightly/somewhat* difficult for adults/youth to obtain.
- Of **Community Members**, 26.3 percent perceived access to **methamphetamine** as *not at all* difficult to access, and 48 percent believed access was *slightly/somewhat* difficult. Of the **Key Informants**, 48.6 percent indicated that access to **methamphetamine** was *slightly/somewhat* difficult and 35.1 percent believed access was *not at all* difficult.

Presence of Community Action Plan [see Table 6.2]

- For both **Community Members** and **Key Informants**, the majority (58.7% and 51.4% respectively) *did not know* if their community had an action plan for dealing with substance abuse issues.

Sources of Information Regarding Crime [see Table 6.3]

- The most common media sources accessed for information regarding crime for the **Community Members** was “Television” (34.7%) and “Newspapers” (30.3%). Likewise, the most common sources of information regarding crime for the **Key Informants** was “Television” (40.5%) and “Newspapers” (29.7%).

Introduction

The Rural Crime and Justice Center (RCJC) at Minot State University, in conjunction with North Dakota's Department of Human Services, implemented a Community Readiness Survey to gauge perceptions of alcohol and other drug use in North Dakota communities. This was made possible through funding provided by North Dakota's Department of Human Services, Division of Mental Health and Substance Abuse Services. The Community Readiness Survey assessed the perceptions of Youth Alcohol and Other Drug Use by surveying community members living in North Dakota. The sample represents eight regions in North Dakota and within each region frontier, rural, and urban communities are represented based on population density. This report will focus on the data collected from *Region VIII* and will also include the statewide results. This is not a statistical comparison; region wide data is simply presented alongside statewide data.

The RCJC conducted a similar study in 2005, surveying community members residing in Region II of North Dakota. The Region II Alcohol, Tobacco and Other Drug Use study provided a concrete foundation for looking at parallel issues at the statewide level.

The use and abuse of alcohol and other drugs has a considerable impact on communities throughout the nation. Often times the use of such substances is overlooked by members within a particular community. Consequently, community perception and the readiness to address the problem of alcohol and other drug use needs to be periodically assessed in order to fully develop a comprehensive plan.

Project Goals

The specific goal of the Community Readiness Survey was to design an assessment tool targeting communities and the public's readiness to respond to alcohol and other drug use (AOD) among adults and youth. Since North Dakota communities are currently experiencing high rates of binge drinking among adolescents, the RCJC, along with the North Dakota's Department of Human Services, Division of Mental Health and Substance Abuse Services, recognized the importance of assessing community members' perceptions regarding these issues. The five pertinent areas that were addressed in the survey were: 1) Community perception of an AOD problem; 2) Permissiveness of attitudes towards AOD use; 3) Community support for AOD prevention; 4) Community perception of adolescent access to alcohol and other illegal substances; and 5) Overall perception of community commitment.

By addressing communities at local levels, we can begin to identify the real issues that are plaguing our communities. It is our hope that this project will lead to promising initiatives concentrating on our youth and lead to preventative measures that can decrease the rate of AOD concerns in North Dakota.

Literature Review

The destructive use and abuse of alcohol, tobacco, and other drugs has become a major social problem deeply rooted in our society (www.bridges-mccasa.org/ypp.html). The impressionability of youth makes them extremely vulnerable to many problems associated with alcohol and drug abuse. Furthermore, adolescence is an experimental stage in life and often results in the testing of illegal substances. Since North Dakota is leading the nation in adolescent binge drinking (NSDUH, 2004-05), preventative efforts need to be taken at various levels in an attempt to curtail these problems.

National Survey on Drug Use and Health

Data obtained from the *State Estimates of Substance Use from the 2004-2005 National Surveys on Drug Use and Health (NSDUH)* illustrate the extent of substance abuse issues within communities nationwide. The Substance Abuse and Mental Health Services Administration (SAMHSA) combined two years of data to enhance the accuracy of estimates for less populated states. The survey evaluates state rates of use of illegal drugs, binge drinking, serious mental illness, and tobacco use. State-by-state data provides a powerful tool for policymakers at the federal, state, and local levels by identifying needs and targeting prevention and treatment resources.

Alcohol

In regards to rates of past month alcohol use, North Dakota was ranked in the top five of all states for all three age groups (12 to 17, 18 to 25, and 26 or older) (NSDUH, 2004-05).

Results from the National Survey indicate that at the national level, almost a quarter of all persons aged 12 or older participated in binge use of alcohol in the past month. Binge alcohol use is defined as “drinking five or more drinks on the same occasion (i.e., at the same time or within a couple hours of each other) on at least one day in the 30 days prior to the survey” (NSDUH, 2004-05). The highest rates of binge alcohol use occurred among persons aged 18 to 25. North Dakota had the highest rate in this age group at 58.1 percent, almost double the highest rate among persons aged 26 or older and almost four times the highest rate among youth aged 12 to 17 (NSDUH, 2004-05). Based on this finding alone, an assessment of communities in North Dakota is necessary in order to develop policy to concentrate on these issues.

In assessing perceptions of the risk of binge alcohol drinking use to the actual rates of usage, the National Study concluded that although North Dakota had the highest rate of binge drinking among all 50 states, the *perceived* risk of binge drinking was among the *lowest*. Similarly, six other states with higher rates of binge drinking also scored lower in terms of perception of risk.

Illicit Drugs

According to the results of NSDUH (2004-2005), the frequent use of illicit drugs in North Dakota appears to be less severe than alcohol use. The survey results indicate that North Dakota was one of two states to show a significant decrease from 2003-04 to 2004-05, in the percentage of “all persons aged 12 or older who used an illicit drug in the past month” (North Dakota decreased from 7.5% to 6.2%).

North Dakota was also one of six states to represent a decline amid the 2003-04 and 2004-05 studies, in “past year use of marijuana among all persons aged 12 or older,” dropping from 10.1 percent to 8.5 percent. In regards to other illicit drugs, aside from marijuana, state-by-state results also show improvements in North Dakota’s prevalence of use. According to NSDUH, “illicit drugs other than marijuana include cocaine, heroin, hallucinogens, inhalants, and the nonmedical use of prescription-type pain relievers, tranquilizers, stimulants, and sedatives” (NSDUH, 2004-05). Both North and South Dakota had the lowest rate (2.8%) of past month use of an illicit drug other than marijuana among persons 12 or older, compared to the national average of 3.6 percent and the state with the highest rate of use, Colorado at 4.5 percent. Lastly, with regards to past year cocaine use among all persons aged 12 or older, North Dakota had the lowest rate (1.7%) in that population (NSDUH, 2004-05).

The focus of the next section is to identify the significance of public opinion, the influence of the media on the configuration of public opinion, and details how this information can be interpreted and useful when looking at developing effective prevention strategies for Alcohol and Other Drug use among youth. Results from the 2007 Youth Risk Behavior Survey will be incorporated.

Media Influence on Public Opinion

Mass media has a tendency to shape a person’s outlook, their cultural identity, as well as processes of open exchange (www.wz.nrw.de, 2006). The nature of the media has changed drastically and has evolved with technology. Therefore, the source of information for people, whether it is television, newspaper, internet, or other forms of mass media, may play a crucial role in shaping ideas and perceptions. This can lead to the development of inaccurate understanding of the issues at hand, especially if the source of information does not clearly state the distinction between fact and opinion.

North Dakota Youth Risk Behavior Survey (YRBS)

Through the implementation of the YRBS, youth are provided the opportunity to share their experiences with AOD in this survey that is conducted every two years. High School students are asked a series of questions in which they are instructed to answer “truthfully.” The YRBS is designed to target those behaviors related to the paramount causes of death and disability among youth and young adults and to evaluate how these risky behaviors change over time (North Dakota High School, YRBS data, 2007). The YRBS is a self-reporting survey that is intended to measure health-risk behaviors that fall into six categories:

- Behaviors that result in unintentional injuries and violence
- Tobacco use
- Alcohol and other drug use
- Sexual behaviors that result in HIV infection, other sexually transmitted diseases, and unintended pregnancies
- Dietary behaviors
- Physical activity (ND YRBS data, 2007)

The data obtained from the YRBS represent both urban and rural areas allowing the data to focus on problem areas geographically. Thus, data may potentially be helpful in identifying which regions are in most need of resources and assistance to target problems plaguing their youth. According to North Dakota's YRBS data (2007), 6,745 middle school students (Grades 7-8) from 110 North Dakota middle schools participated in the survey and 9,750 high school students (Grades 9-12) from 104 North Dakota high schools participated in the survey.

North Dakota YRBS (2007) Middle School Results

Results pertaining to the use of alcohol and/or other drugs will be discussed. The following section will include **Statewide** results from the YRBS, as well as data as it pertains to **Region VIII** (Dickinson Area).

Alcohol Use

In regards to the "percentage of students who have ever had a drink of alcohol, other than a few sips," the Centers for Disease Control and Prevention (CDC) **Statewide** results indicate that 32.7 percent of students have had at least one drink of alcohol in their lifetime; **Region VIII** results indicate that 46.9 percent of students indicated ever having had a drink of alcohol (North Dakota YRBS, 2007).

The percentage of students who indicated having had five or more drinks of alcohol in a row, that is, within a couple of hours (binge alcohol use) was 15 percent for the **Statewide** results; percentage of use in **Region VIII** was slightly higher at 17.3 percent.

Marijuana & Other Drug Use

The percentage of students who specified ever having used marijuana was 7.8 percent **Statewide**. **Region VIII** results showed that 5.6 percent of students indicated having used marijuana at least once in their lifetime. The **Statewide** percent of students who had sniffed glue, breathed the contents of spray cans, or inhaled any paints or sprays to get high for the first time before age 11 years was 9.5 percent; results for **Region VIII** indicated 11.6 percent. Students who responded as ever having used methamphetamines – also called speed, crystal, crank or ice, was 1.7 percent **Statewide**; **Region VIII** results indicated that 2.4 percent of students have used methamphetamine at least once in their lifetime.

North Dakota YRBS (2007) High School Results

Alcohol Use

According to the **Statewide** results, the percentage of students who "had at least one drink of alcohol on one or more days during their life" was 73.9 percent. **Region VIII** (Dickinson Area) results specified that 81.3 percent of students had reported engaging in alcohol use at least once in their lifetime.

Statewide, 32.5 percent of students specified having had "five or more drinks of alcohol in row, that is, within a couple of hours, on one or more of the past 30 days" (binge alcohol use). **Region VIII** results illustrated that a slightly higher percentage (35.9%) of students had engaged in this type of behavior within the past 30 days.

When students were asked to report whether they “drank a usual type of alcohol during the past 30 days”, 43.9 percent of students **Statewide** reported that they preferred a specific type of alcohol to consume; percentages for **Region VIII** indicated that 46.3 percent of students preferred to consume a specific type of alcohol.

Marijuana & Other Drug Use

According to the **Statewide** results, 30.1 percent of students indicated having used “marijuana one or more times during their life”; **Region VIII** results indicated that 18.3 percent of students had engaged in this type of behavior.

With a focus on other drugs, students were asked a series of questions regarding prevalence of use. **Statewide**, 6.2 percent of students reported having used “any form of cocaine, including powder, crack, or freebase one or more times during their life” (North Dakota YRBS, 2007). **Region VIII** indicated that 6.7 percent of students reported having used a form of cocaine on one or more occasions in their lifetime.

When students were asked if they have “sniffed glue, breathed the contents of aerosol spray cans, or inhaled any paints or sprays to get high one or more times during their life,” **Statewide** results illustrated that 11.1 percent of students had engaged in this behavior; percentages for **Region VIII** were higher, at 19.6 percent.

When asked whether they had used “methamphetamines one or more times during their life,” the **Statewide** results indicated that 4.1 percent of students had used methamphetamines at least once, and **Region VIII** rate of use was at 4.9 percent.

Statewide outcomes indicate that the percentage of students who were “offered, sold, or given an illegal drug by someone on school property during the past 12 months” was 18.7 percent. **Region VIII** percentages were higher at 21.6 percent.

The next section will discuss in detail the research methods that were used to efficiently complete the research process. The topics that will be discussed include survey construction/measurement, sample populations, overall sample sizes, participant selection for the Key Informant groups and the Community Members, the procedure for survey distribution, and response rates for both participants and non-participants.

Methods

The RCJC, in collaboration with the North Dakota Department of Human Services, Division of Mental Health and Substance Abuse completed this research project in an attempt to assess community perceptions regarding issues of alcohol and substance abuse. The data obtained reflect small towns and communities and resident's willingness to recognize AOD use within their communities. Recipients of the survey were provided the opportunity to communicate their beliefs and opinions regarding AOD abuse. It is anticipated that the data collected from this study will create opportunities for frontier, rural, and urban communities within North Dakota to respond effectively to these issues.

Survey Development

This project involved one data collection instrument designed to assess the community's perception of AOD use within their community. A portion of the questions contained in this survey are used with permission from the *Community Readiness Survey* © 1999 by the Minnesota Institute of Public Health (www.miph.org). Five specific areas were addressed in the survey: Community Perception of an Alcohol and Other Drug (AOD) Problem; Permissiveness of Attitudes Toward AOD use; Community Support for AOD Prevention; Access to Alcohol and Other Drugs; and Perception of Community Commitment. The input received from selected community members will facilitate more effective responses in dealing with substance abuse.

The survey included ten demographic questions, sixty-one ranking questions, followed by three open-ended questions.

Survey Construction/Measurement

Ideally, this survey was created to evaluate the opinions of community members related to AOD use within frontier, rural, and urban communities throughout North Dakota. Of the five specific classifications included, each was intended to evaluate different areas of AOD issues. This survey was compiled based on a ranking system and all questions, with the exception of the demographic questions, were ranked using two, four, or five point Likert scales.

Section 1 – Demographics

This section of the survey focused on demographic questions, including age, sex, race/ethnicity, employment status and current occupation, level of church and community volunteering, location (i.e., city and county), and number of children present in the home.

Section 2 – Community Perception of an AOD Problem

Items in this category focused on perception of alcohol and other drug use issues within each community. Participants were questioned as to how much of a problem they perceived for both adults and youth regarding the following: use of alcohol; use of tobacco; and use of marijuana to be in their community. Other items consisted of use of inhalants, cocaine, methamphetamine, over-the-counter drugs,

prescription drugs, and hallucinogens. Final items in this section included contribution of drug and alcohol use to crashes or injuries and contribution of drug and alcohol use to crime.

Section 3 – Permissiveness of Attitudes toward AOD use

This section focused on how tolerant community members may or may not be in relation to AOD issues. Items required participants to indicate the extent to which they *agree* or *disagree* with the following statements: youth consuming alcohol at parties; youth drinking and driving; youth smoking cigarettes; youth alcohol and other drug experimentation; parents offering alcoholic beverages to youth in their own homes; community acceptance of underage drinking; driving while under the influence of alcohol and/or drugs; and riding in a motor vehicle with someone under the influence of alcohol and/or drugs.

Section 4 – Community Support for AOD Prevention

Willingness to support AOD prevention initiatives was the focus of this section of the survey. Participants were asked to rank the items ranging from *strongly disagree* to *strongly agree*. Items included the following: a focus on law enforcement competency; support for educational and prevention programs; community commitment; advertising devices; tax issues related to alcohol and tobacco; the enforcement of drinking and driving laws; and laws prohibiting parents providing alcohol to their own children.

Additional items in this section assessed responses regarding support for the following statements: drinking age of 21 years; penalties for adults who provide alcohol to youth; compliance checks; laws prohibiting giving alcohol to your own children; and DUI checkpoints. Respondents were also questioned as to whether or not they support *bans* on the following: liquors advertisements on TV; beer and wine advertisements on TV; and billboard alcohol advertisements. The final series of questions asked respondents if they would be willing to attend the following events if they were alcohol-free: a party; wedding dance/reception; and sporting events.

Section 5 – Access to Alcohol and Other Drugs

This series of questions focused on the availability of alcohol and other drugs within the sampled communities. Respondents were asked to indicate the level of difficulty in which youth can obtain alcohol under the following circumstances: liquor store accessibility; bar accessibility; at home accessibility; and alcohol provided by parents and/or other family members. Regarding the accessibility of illegal substances within the community, respondents were asked to rank how difficult it is to access marijuana, inhalants, cocaine, methamphetamine, and hallucinogens.

Section 6– Perception of Community Commitment

Lastly, participants were asked to rank the community's overall commitment to addressing the perceived problems of alcohol and substance use. The questions focused on the importance of preventing alcohol and drug use among youth, concern for the availability of sufficient prevention programs, the most effective method for achieving drug free youth, through educating youth, parents, or community members, the presence of leaders within the community willing to address these issues, where to seek assistance

within the community regarding these matters, the presence of a community action plan, and primary sources for information regarding crime.

Sample Population

Participants were selected using a random sample from telephone directories representing community members throughout North Dakota, as well as databases of professionals obtained from respective agencies chosen for the study. Random numbers were selected from a random numbers table, as guided by statistical sampling procedures. The random numbers identified were 34 and 81. For the shorter directories, every 34th name was selected and for the larger directories, every 81st name. The numbers chosen were adequate in ensuring that each directory was, at minimum, sampled through one time.

Overall Sample Sizes

The overall sample consisted of 16,125 individuals selected statewide. The sample of 16,125 was divided into two groups: *Community Members* and *Key Informants*. The same survey instrument was used for both groups.

Community Members Participant Selection (N=14400)

For the Community Members sample of 14,400, participants were selected through a systematic random sampling of households. The households to be sampled were selected from North Dakota telephone directories. The two main sources utilized to obtain this information included: 1) North Dakota Telephone Association (i.e., maintain listings on Local Exchange Companies) and 2) DEX electronic directories. Local exchange companies provided the following directories for sampling: Polar Communications; Souris River Telephone (SRT) Communications; Consolidated Badlands; Southeast North Dakota; Durum Triangle; and Northwest North Dakota. DEX Directories provided residential information on the following cities and surrounding areas: Bismarck/Mandan; Dickinson; Fargo/Moorhead; Grafton; Grand Forks/East Grand Forks; North Dakota/South Central; Jamestown/Valley City; Wahpeton/Breckenridge; and Williston. The listings included the following information: non-residential listings; duplicate phone numbers (i.e., households with more than one landline were counted as one household); and listings from towns/cities (i.e., East Grand Forks, Moorhead, Breckenridge) bestriding neighboring states (i.e., Minnesota, South Dakota).

Since the community member participants were selected from the telephone directories, the selection included the risk of eliminating potential candidates for the study due to unlisted telephone numbers and relocation. However, this was the most exhaustive and accurate listing that could be obtained for the purposes of this study.

Sample Size for Community Members

Sample sizes were predetermined by the Department of Human Services, Division of Mental Health and Substance Abuse Services (See Appendix A). Within each region, 1,800 community members (i.e., 600

each from **urban, rural, frontier**) were sampled tallying 14,400 across all eight regions in North Dakota. Definitions of population density, although differing by source, were obtained from the U.S. Census Bureau system. **Urban Areas** (UA) are defined as those counties with a central city and the surrounding area consisting of a population of 50,000 or more. An **Urban Cluster** (UC) consists of densely settled territory that has at least 2,500 people but fewer than 50,000. Subsequently, by this definition **Rural Areas** consist of all territory located outside of urbanized areas and urban clusters. A **Frontier County** describes a county with a population density of six or fewer persons per square mile (U.S. Census Bureau, Census 2000). For North Dakota, persons per square mile according to the U.S. Census, 2000 averaged 9.3.

Key Informant Group Participant Selection (N=1725)

The Key Informant sample was selected from the following professions: School Counselors; Family Medicine/Physicians; Social Services; Treatment Providers; Prevention Coordinators; and Law Enforcement agencies to include Police and Sheriff. The names and addresses of individuals were obtained by purchasing Excel databases of the respective agencies/entities. A listing of current employees within each professional group was obtained as detailed below:

1. *School Counselors in North Dakota*-purchased through North Dakota Department of Public Instruction (NDDPI);
2. *Family Medicine Physicians*-free of charge through the North Dakota Academy of Family Physicians;
3. *Social Services*-purchased from North Dakota Board of Social Work Examiners (NDBSWE);
4. *Treatment Providers*- purchased from North Dakota Board of Addiction Counseling Examiners (NDBACE)
5. *Law Enforcement Agencies*-Police and Sheriff Departments were identified through a public listing of agencies from the North Dakota Peace Officer Standards and Training Boards (NDPOST)
6. *Prevention Coordinators*-provided by the state Prevention Administrator

Each North Dakota law enforcement agency (113) was included in the sample (i.e., one survey mailed to each agency/department), as well as one survey mailed to all 12 Prevention Coordinators statewide (totaling 125 surveys distributed among these two groups). For the remaining Key Informant Groups, *Proportional Allocation* was used to determine what percentage of each database must be selected to attain a sample of 1,600. The table below demonstrates the proposed sample sizes as guided by this formula:

KEY INFORMANT GROUP	Group Database N	Sample N
School Counselor	347	209
Family Medicine Physicians	385	232
Social Services	1648	990
Treatment Providers	281	169
Law Enforcement agencies	113	113
Prevention Coordinators	12	12
Total	2786	1725

The proportions were sampled from each database using a *Random Number Function* in Microsoft Office Excel, 2007. This function randomly selected the sample from each group (i.e., assigned computer program-generated random numbers to each row item/name, shuffled, and sorted the spreadsheet allowing the desired sample to be drawn).

Region VIII Sample Population

Of the 14,400 Community Members sampled statewide, 1,800 individuals were selected to represent Region VIII by Urban, Rural, and Frontier population densities sampled. Consolidated Badlands Regional Telephone Directory was the source used for sampling therefore represented the population within this region.

Survey Distribution

Prior to distributing the survey, a press conference was held focusing on alcohol and substance abuse in North Dakota communities in which the public was informed that a statewide AOD study would be administered in the spring. Of the first sample, 1,725 participants were selected from the key informant databases representing the professional groups previously mentioned. For the 14,400 general community members, these individuals were selected from the telephone directories to include all eight regions of North Dakota.

Surveys were mail administered and included a detailed letter discussing the nature and anonymity of the study (to include confidentiality, participation opt in/opt out, etc.), a prepaid return envelope, and an entry form for the incentive gas card drawing. This provided recipients the opportunity to become eligible for a chance to win a prepaid gas card reliant upon completion and return of the survey.

In order to minimize the number of *undeliverable* surveys, the envelope was addressed to the name selected in the phone directory and included *or current resident*. In May 2008, the surveys were mailed to the selected 16,125 and respondents were given three weeks to complete and return the survey. Data entry was completed on June 30, 2008.

Response Rates – Statewide Participants

Of the 16,125 individuals surveyed, the overall response rate was 18.9 percent (3,046 of 16,125). The response rate for the Community Members (14,400 sampled) was 16.81 percent, and for the Key Informants (1,625 sampled), the response rate was 36.29 percent.

The following is a breakdown of those Key Informant Groups with *adequate* rates of response: School Counselors (53.11%); Social Services (35.35%); Treatment Providers (41.42%); Police Departments (43.44%); Sheriffs (33.96%); and Prevention Coordinators (100%). The only Key Informant Group generating a low response rate was Family Medicine Physicians (16.81%). In an attempt to ensure accurate response rates, respondents were given the opportunity to qualify for a prepaid gas card drawing if the survey was completed and returned. Among the surveys completed, the incentive participation rate was 15.2 percent.

Response Rates – Statewide Non-Participants

The number of items returned totaled 79 (.48% of the surveys mailed out). Of the Key Informants, four social workers and one family medicine physician surveys were returned stating “no longer work here.” Three surveys received from one law enforcement agency were excluded, as they were photocopies of the original survey. Among the Community Members, 52 surveys were returned as “undeliverable.”

Remaining surveys were returned uncompleted for the following reasons as noted:

- Deceased (n=2);
- Do not participate in surveys/remove name from mailing list (n=4);
- Did not feel qualified/not in touch with current issues/too old (n=3);
- Completed surveys were returned past the deadline (n=13).

Response Rates – Region VIII Participants

Three hundred and thirty-seven individuals from **Region VIII** participated in the survey. Of the 1,800 Community Members sampled within **Region VIII**, 300 (89%) individuals completed and returned the survey. This resulted in a response rate of 16.7 percent within this region. Among Key Informants, the total number of respondents in this group was 37, which accounts 11 percent of the total (N=337) within this region. The following is a breakdown of representation by profession within **Region VIII**: *School Counselors* (N=11, 3.3%); *Family Medicine-Physicians* (N=5, 1.5%); *Social Services* (N=12, 3.6%); *Treatment Providers* (N=1, .3 %); *LE-Police* (N=5, 1.5%); *LE-Sheriff* (N=2 .6%); and *Prevention Coordinators* (N=1, .3%).

Respondent Geographic Location (N=337)

FRONTIER (N=123, 36.5%)

- **Counties:** Adams, Billings, Bowman, Dunn, Golden Valley, Hettinger, Slope
- **Towns/Cities:** Amidon , Beach*, Bowman*, Dunn Center*, Gascoyne, Golva, Halliday, Hettinger*, Killdeer*, Manning, Medora*, Mott*, New England, Reeder*, Regent, Rhame*, Scranton*, Sentinel Butte, Twin Buttes*

RURAL (N=76, 22.6%)

- **Counties:** Stark
- **Towns/Cities:** Belfield*, Gladstone, Richardton*, South Heart*, Taylor

URBAN (N=138, 40.9%)

- **Counties:** Stark
- **Towns/Cities:** Dickinson*

*denotes Community Member AND Key Informant town/city of residence

he next section will highlight the results of the study and will include frequencies (basic percentages) according to Community Members and Key Informants, separated by Urban, Rural, and Frontier. This will include **Region VIII** results as, well as the **Statewide** results.

Survey Findings

The following tables provide a descriptive summary of the findings. The percentages used to describe the findings refer specifically to overall community members and key informants. It should be kept in mind that the following tables are ***NOT comparative*** in nature. In other words, though presented side-by-side, the responses of the community members and those of the key informants are ***NOT*** being compared. The tables simply present a descriptive account about how each group responded to each question.

Section 1: Demographics

This section of the survey focused on demographic questions, including age, sex, race/ethnicity, employment status, current occupation, level of church and community volunteering, recipient location, and number of children present in the home.

Table 1.1: WHAT IS YOUR AGE?

<ul style="list-style-type: none"> ▪ Region VIII ▪ Statewide 	COMMUNITY MEMBERS							KEY INFORMANTS						OVERALL TOTAL				
	Urban		Rural		Frontier		Community Member TOTAL	Urban		Rural		Frontier		Key Informant TOTAL		N	%	
	N	%	N	%	N	%	N	%	N	%	N	%	N	%	N	%		
18-20 years	1	.8	-	-	1	.9	2	.7	-	-	-	-	-	-	2	.6		
	6	.7	3	.4	3	.4	12	.5	-	-	-	-	-	-	12	.4		
21-24 years	3	2.5	-	-	-	-	3	1.0	-	-	-	1	5.9	1	2.7	4	1.2	
	15	1.7	9	1.3	9	1.1	33	1.4	2	.5	-	3	2.6	5	.8	38	1.3	
25-44 years	31	25.4	25	34.7	25	23.6	81	27.0	5	31.2	-	5	29.4	10	27.0	91	27.0	
	203	23.5	173	24.3	151	19.3	527	22.4	170	42.9	30	36.1	41	36.0	241	40.6	768	26.0
45-64 years	54	44.3	27	37.5	46	43.4	127	42.3	10	62.5	4	100	11	64.7	25	67.6	152	45.1
	412	47.7	322	45.3	347	44.3	1081	45.9	210	53.0	50	60.2	65	57.0	325	54.8	1406	47.7
65 + years	30	24.6	20	27.8	34	32.1	84	28.0	1	6.2	-	-	-	1	2.7	85	25.2	
	215	24.9	197	27.7	259	33.1	671	28.5	12	3.0	3	3.6	5	4.4	20	3.4	691	23.4
<i>Did not answer</i>	3	2.5	-	-	-	-	3	1.0	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	3	.9
	12	1.4	7	1.0	14	1.8	33	1.4	2	.5	-	-	-	2	.3	35	1.2	
Total	122	100	72	100	106	100	300	100	16	100	4	100	17	100	37	100	337	100
	863	100	711	100	783	100	2357	100	396	100	83	100	114	100	593	100	2950	100

Viewing the overall age distribution for **Statewide** (47.7%) and **Region VIII** (45.1%), it is apparent that roughly half of the sample fell within the 45-64 age range. Furthermore, the **Region VIII** overall total for 65 plus category was slightly overrepresented at 25.2 percent when compared to the U.S. Census 2006 estimates which report that persons 65 years and over account for 14.6 percent of North Dakota's population.

Table 1.2: SEX

<ul style="list-style-type: none"> ▪ Region VIII ▪ Statewide 	COMMUNITY MEMBERS							KEY INFORMANTS							OVERALL TOTAL			
	Urban		Rural		Frontier		Community Member TOTAL	Urban		Rural		Frontier		Key Informant TOTAL		N	%	
	N	%	N	%	N	%	N	%	N	%	N	%	N	%	N	%		
Male	47	38.5	23	31.9	35	33.0	105	35.0	6	37.5	1	25.0	9	52.9	16	43.2	121	35.9
	342	39.6	234	32.9	288	36.8	864	36.7	94	23.7	21	25.3	42	36.8	157	26.5	1021	34.6
Female	70	57.4	49	68.1	71	67.0	190	63.3	10	62.5	3	75.0	8	47.1	21	56.8	211	62.6
	506	58.6	466	65.5	476	60.8	1448	61.4	298	75.3	62	74.7	72	63.2	432	72.8	1880	63.7
<i>Did not answer</i>	5	4.1	-	-	-	-	5	1.7	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	5	1.5
	15	1.7	11	1.5	19	2.4	45	1.9	4	1.0	-	-	-	-	4	.7	49	1.7
Total	122	100	72	100	106	100	300	100	16	100	4	100	17	100	37	100	337	100
	863	100	711	100	783	100	2357	100	396	100	83	100	114	100	593	100	2950	100

According to the U.S. Census Bureau 2006 estimates, females constitute 49.8 percent of the population in North Dakota. At the **Statewide** level, 63.7percent (61.4% *Community Members* and 72.8% *Key Informants*) of the survey respondents were *female*. Likewise, the majority (62.6%) of survey respondents in **Region VIII** (63.3% of *Community Members* and 56.8% of *Key Informants*) were *female*.

Table 1.3: RACE

<ul style="list-style-type: none"> ▪ Region VIII ▪ Statewide 	COMMUNITY MEMBERS							KEY INFORMANTS							OVERALL TOTAL			
	Urban		Rural		Frontier		Community Member TOTAL	Urban		Rural		Frontier		Key Informant TOTAL		N	%	
	N	%	N	%	N	%	N	%	N	%	N	%	N	%	N	%		
Caucasian	117	95.9	72	100	103	97.2	292	97.3	14	87.5	4	100	16	94.1	34	91.9	326	96.7
	827	95.8	676	95.1	742	94.8	2245	95.2	382	96.5	72	86.7	98	86.0	552	93.1	2797	94.8
Black or African American	1	.8	-	-	-	-	1	.3	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	1	.3
	2	.2	-	-	2	.3	4	.2	2	.5	-	-	1	.9	3	.5	7	.2
American Indian or Alaska Native	-	-	-	-	2	1.9	2	.7	1	6.2	-	-	1	5.9	2	5.4	4	1.2
	9	1.0	22	3.1	12	1.5	43	1.8	6	1.5	10	12.0	13	11.4	29	4.9	72	2.4
Asian	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-
	1	.1	-	-	-	-	1	.0	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	1	.0
Native Hawaiian or Pacific Islander	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-
	2	.2	-	-	-	-	2	.1	1	.3	-	-	-	-	1	.2	3	.1
Hispanic or Latino	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-
	-	-	-	-	1	.1	1	.0	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	1	.0
Other	-	-	-	-	1	.9	1	.3	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	1	.3
	2	.2	1	.1	4	.5	7	.3	-	-	-	-	1	.9	1	.2	8	.3
<i>Did not answer</i>	4	3.3	-	-	-	-	4	1.3	1	6.2	-	-	-	-	1	2.7	5	1.5
	20	2.3	12	1.7	22	2.8	54	2.3	5	1.3	1	1.2	1	.9	7	1.2	61	2.1
Total	122	100	72	100	106	100	300	100	16	100	4	100	17	100	37	100	337	100
	863	100	711	100	783	100	2357	100	396	100	83	100	114	100	593	100	2950	100

According to the U.S. Census Bureau 2006, North Dakota race/ethnicity estimates for white persons was 91.9 percent and for *American Indian and Alaska Native* persons, 5.4 percent. Given the racial and ethnic composition of North Dakota, it is evident that the sample was slightly overrepresented with 94.8 percent of the *Statewide* sample and 96.7 percent of the *Region VIII* sample being *Caucasian*.

Table 1.4: EMPLOYMENT STATUS

<ul style="list-style-type: none"> ▪ Region VIII ▪ Statewide 	COMMUNITY MEMBERS								KEY INFORMANTS								OVERALL TOTAL	
	Urban		Rural		Frontier		Community Member TOTAL		Urban		Rural		Frontier		Key Informant TOTAL		N	%
	N	%	N	%	N	%	N	%	N	%	N	%	N	%	N	%		
Full Time	66	54.1	41	56.9	51	48.1	158	52.7	14	87.5	3	75.0	16	94.1	33	89.2	191	56.7
	462	53.5	339	47.7	356	45.5	1157	49.1	355	89.6	71	85.5	99	86.8	525	88.5	1682	57.0
Part Time	15	12.3	10	13.9	17	16.0	42	14.0	2	12.5	-	-	1	5.9	3	8.1	45	13.4
	93	10.8	102	14.3	91	11.6	286	12.1	24	6.1	8	9.6	8	7.0	40	6.7	326	11.1
Full Time w/ Second Job	1	.8	2	2.8	5	4.7	8	2.7	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	8	2.4
	33	3.8	24	3.4	27	3.4	84	3.6	9	2.3	2	2.4	6	5.3	17	2.9	101	3.4
Not Employed	36	29.5	19	26.4	33	31.1	88	29.3	-	-	1	25.0	-	-	1	2.7	89	26.4
	260	30.1	232	32.6	290	37.0	782	33.2	5	1.3	2	2.4	-	-	7	1.2	789	26.7
<i>Did not answer</i>	4	3.3	-	-	-	-	4	1.3	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	4	1.2
	15	1.7	14	2.0	19	2.4	48	2.0	3	.8	-	-	1	.9	4	.7	52	1.8
Total	122	100	72	100	106	100	300	100	16	100	4	100	17	100	37	100	337	100
	863	100	711	100	783	100	2357	100	396	100	83	100	114	100	593	100	2950	100

Fifty-seven percent of the *Statewide* sample and 56.7 percent of the *Region VIII* sample report *full-time* employment, while 26.7 percent of the *Statewide* sample and 26.4 percent of the *Region VIII* sample were *not employed*.

Table 1.5: CURRENT OCCUPATION (if not working, check category of last employment)

<ul style="list-style-type: none"> ▪ Region VIII ▪ Statewide 	COMMUNITY MEMBERS							KEY INFORMANTS						OVERALL			
	Urban		Rural		Frontier		Community Member TOTAL	Urban		Rural		Frontier		Key Informant TOTAL		TOTAL	
	N	%	N	%	N	%	N	%	N	%	N	%	N	%	N	%	
Agriculture	6	4.9	17	23.6	18	17.0	41	13.7	-	-	-	-	-	-	41	12.2	
	39	4.5	116	16.3	168	21.5	323	13.7	-	-	-	-	1	.9	1	.2	
Construction/Mining	7	5.7	6	8.3	5	4.7	18	6.0	-	-	-	-	-	-	18	5.3	
	35	4.1	38	5.3	27	3.4	100	4.2	-	-	-	-	-	-	100	3.4	
Manufacturing	2	1.6	3	4.2	1	.9	6	2.0	-	-	-	-	-	-	6	1.8	
	28	3.2	29	4.1	24	3.1	81	3.4	-	-	-	-	-	-	81	2.7	
Transportation/Utilities	4	3.3	2	2.8	3	2.8	9	3.0	-	-	-	-	-	-	9	2.7	
	40	4.6	21	3.0	21	2.7	82	3.5	-	-	-	-	-	-	82	2.8	
Wholesale	1	.8	-	-	-	-	1	.3	-	-	-	-	-	-	1	.3	
	13	1.5	3	.4	4	.5	20	.8	-	-	-	-	-	-	20	.7	
Retail	12	9.8	6	8.3	5	4.7	23	7.7	-	-	-	-	-	-	23	6.8	
	77	8.9	64	9.0	42	5.4	183	7.8	-	-	-	-	-	-	183	6.2	
Finance/Real Estate	5	4.1	2	2.8	5	4.7	12	4.0	-	-	-	-	-	-	12	3.6	
	27	3.1	17	2.4	25	3.2	69	2.9	1	.3	-	-	-	.2	1	.2	
Business and Repair Services	4	3.3	-	-	5	4.7	9	3.0	-	-	-	-	-	-	9	2.7	
	30	3.5	28	3.9	18	2.3	76	3.2	-	-	-	-	-	-	76	2.6	
Professional	31	25.4	11	15.3	23	21.7	65	21.7	6	37.5	1	25.0	8	47.1	15	40.5	
	245	28.4	139	19.5	172	22.0	556	23.6	246	62.1	44	53.0	48	42.1	338	57.0	
Government	9	7.4	3	4.2	10	9.4	22	7.3	6	37.5	2	50.0	3	17.6	11	29.7	
	86	10.0	48	6.8	77	9.8	211	9.0	69	17.4	12	14.5	26	22.8	107	18.0	
Leisure and Hospitality	5	4.1	5	6.9	9	8.5	19	6.3	-	-	-	-	-	-	19	5.6	
	36	4.2	43	6.0	47	6.0	126	5.3	2	.5	-	-	-	.3	2	.3	
Education	18	14.8	9	12.5	7	6.6	34	11.3	4	25.0	1	25.0	6	35.3	11	29.7	
	132	15.3	101	14.2	79	10.1	312	13.2	71	17.9	24	28.9	35	30.7	130	21.9	
Other (selected but did not specify)	4	3.3	3	4.2	11	10.4	18	6.0	-	-	-	-	-	-	18	5.3	
	35	4.1	27	3.8	41	5.2	103	4.4	4	1.0	1	1.2	3	2.6	8	1.3	
Student	1	.8	-	-	1	.9	2	.7	-	-	-	-	-	-	2	.6	
	1	.1	2	.3	2	.3	5	.2	-	-	-	-	-	-	5	.2	
Entrepreneur/Self-Employed	1	.8	1	1.4	-	-	2	.7	-	-	-	-	-	-	2	.6	
	2	.2	4	.6	2	.3	8	.3	-	-	-	-	-	-	8	.3	
Clergy	1	.8	-	-	-	-	1	.3	-	-	-	-	-	-	1	.3	
	1	.1	1	.1	3	.4	5	.2	-	-	-	-	-	-	5	.2	
Did not answer	11	9.0	4	5.6	3	2.8	18	6.0	-	-	-	-	-	-	18	5.3	
	36	4.2	30	4.2	31	4.0	97	4.1	3	.8	2	2.4	1	.9	6	1.0	
Total	122	100	72	100	106	100	300	100	16	100	4	100	17	100	37	100	
	863	100	711	100	783	100	2357	100	396	100	83	100	114	100	593	100	

At the **Statewide** level, *Professional* (23.6%), *Agriculture* (13.7%), and *Education* (13.2%) were among the most frequent categories of employment selected by *Community Members*, while *Key Informants* categorized their employment as *Professional* (57.0%), and *Education* (21.9%). Within **Region VIII**, *Professional* (21.7%), *Agriculture* (13.7%), and *Education* (11.3%) were among the most frequent categories of employment selected by *Community Members*, while *Key Informants* categorized their employment as *Professional* (40.5%), *Government* (29.7%), and *Education* (29.7%).

Table 1.6: COMMUNITY VOLUNTEERING-Church

<ul style="list-style-type: none"> ▪ Region VIII ▪ Statewide 	COMMUNITY MEMBERS							KEY INFORMANTS						OVERALL TOTAL				
	Urban		Rural		Frontier		Community Member TOTAL	Urban		Rural		Frontier		Key Informant TOTAL		TOTAL		
	N	%	N	%	N	%	N	%	N	%	N	%	N	%	N	%		
Volunteer	52	42.6	28	38.9	49	46.2	129	43.0	6	37.5	1	25.0	9	52.9	16	43.2	145	43.0
	384	44.5	377	53.0	422	53.9	1183	50.2	153	38.6	43	51.8	60	52.6	256	43.2	1439	48.8
Do not volunteer	63	51.6	43	59.7	56	52.8	162	54.0	10	62.5	3	75.0	8	47.1	21	56.8	183	54.3
	466	54.0	327	46.0	353	45.1	1146	48.6	241	60.9	40	48.2	54	47.4	335	56.5	1481	50.2
<i>Did not answer</i>	7	5.7	1	1.4	1	.9	9	3.0	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	9	2.7
	13	1.5	7	1.0	8	1.0	28	1.2	2	.5	-	-	-	-	2	.3	30	1.0
Total	122	100	72	100	106	100	300	100	16	100	4	100	17	100	37	100	337	100
	863	100	711	100	783	100	2357	100	396	100	83	100	114	100	593	100	2950	100

Table 1.7: COMMUNITY VOLUNTEERING-Civic

<ul style="list-style-type: none"> ▪ Region VIII ▪ Statewide 	COMMUNITY MEMBERS							KEY INFORMANTS						OVERALL TOTAL				
	Urban		Rural		Frontier		Community Member TOTAL	Urban		Rural		Frontier		Key Informant TOTAL		TOTAL		
	N	%	N	%	N	%	N	%	N	%	N	%	N	%	N	%		
Volunteer	34	27.9	19	26.4	43	40.6	96	32.0	9	56.2	3	75.0	5	29.4	17	45.9	113	33.5
	257	29.8	243	34.2	334	42.7	834	35.4	146	36.9	39	47.0	43	37.7	228	38.4	1062	36.0
Do not volunteer	81	66.4	52	72.2	62	58.5	195	65.0	7	43.8	1	25.0	12	70.6	20	54.1	215	63.8
	593	68.7	461	64.8	441	56.3	1495	63.4	248	62.6	44	53.0	71	62.3	363	61.2	1858	63.0
<i>Did not answer</i>	7	5.7	1	1.4	1	.9	9	3.0	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	9	2.7
	13	1.5	7	1.0	8	1.0	28	1.2	2	.5	-	-	-	-	2	.3	30	1.0
Total	122	100	72	100	106	100	300	100	16	100	4	100	17	100	37	100	337	100
	863	100	711	100	783	100	2357	100	396	100	83	100	114	100	593	100	2950	100

Volunteering is often considered to be a primary activity for promoting both social and personal change. Nearly half (48.8%) of **Statewide** respondents indicated they participate in some type of *church-related* volunteer activity. Similarly, 43 percent of **Region VIII** respondents indicated participation in *church-related* volunteering while 54.3 percent indicated they do not participate. When asked to specify the type of *church-related*

volunteering, responses ranged from providing guidance to youth, teaching bible studies/Sunday school, and fundraising through membership in women’s groups.

In regards to *civic-related* volunteering activity, two-thirds of **Statewide** (63.0%) and **Region VIII** (63.8%) respondents reported that they *do not* volunteer.

Table 1.8: NUMBER of CHILDREN in YOUR HOME

<ul style="list-style-type: none"> ▪ Region VIII ▪ Statewide 	COMMUNITY MEMBERS							KEY INFORMANTS							OVERALL TOTAL			
	Urban		Rural		Frontier		Community Member TOTAL	Urban		Rural		Frontier		Key Informant TOTAL		TOTAL		
	N	%	N	%	N	%	N	%	N	%	N	%	N	%	N	%		
None (including children NOT living at home)	78	63.9	40	55.6	75	70.8	193	64.3	6	37.5	4	100	5	29.4	15	40.5	208	61.7
	540	62.6	443	62.3	524	66.9	1507	63.9	202	51.0	39	47.0	46	40.4	287	48.4	1794	60.8
1-2	25	20.5	23	31.9	27	25.5	75	25.0	10	62.5	-	-	9	52.9	19	51.4	94	27.9
	231	26.8	190	26.7	185	23.6	606	25.7	155	39.1	29	34.9	49	43.0	233	39.3	839	28.4
3+	17	13.9	8	11.1	3	2.8	28	9.3	-	-	-	-	2	11.8	2	5.4	30	8.9
	83	9.6	72	10.1	64	8.2	219	9.3	39	9.8	14	16.9	17	14.9	70	11.8	289	9.8
<i>Did not answer</i>	2	1.6	1	1.4	1	.9	4	1.3	-	-	-	-	1	5.9	1	2.7	5	1.5
	9	1.0	6	.8	10	1.3	25	1.1	-	-	1	1.2	2	1.8	3	.5	28	.9
Total	122	100	72	100	106	100	300	100	16	100	4	100	17	100	37	100	337	100
	863	100	711	100	783	100	2357	100	396	100	83	100	114	100	593	100	2950	100

Considering both the **Statewide** and **Region VIII** respondents, roughly sixty percent overall (60.8% **Statewide** and 61.7% **Region VIII**) report having *no children (including children NOT living at home)*, while one-quarter (28.4% **Statewide** and 27.9% **Region VIII**) indicated 1-2 children. This would be expected given that a considerable percentage of the respondents fell within the 45 and older age groups.

Section 2: Community Perception of Alcohol & Other Drug (AOD) Problem

Items in this category focused on perception of alcohol and other drug use issues within each community. Participants were questioned as to how much of a problem they perceived for both adults and youth regarding the following: use of alcohol; use of tobacco; and use of marijuana to be in their community. Other items consisted of use of Inhalants, Cocaine, Methamphetamine, Over-the-Counter Drugs, Prescription Drugs, and Hallucinogens. Final items in this section included contribution of Drug and Alcohol use to crashes or injuries, and contribution of Drug and Alcohol use to crime.

NOTE: It should be kept in mind that the following tables are **NOT comparative** in nature. In other words, though presented side-by-side, the responses of the community members and those of the key informants are **NOT** being compared. The tables simply present a descriptive account about how each group responded to each question.

Table 2.1.1: Perception of ALCOHOL use in your community

<ul style="list-style-type: none"> ▪ Region VIII ▪ Statewide 		COMMUNITY MEMBERS						KEY INFORMANTS						OVERALL TOTAL						
		Urban		Rural		Frontier		Community Member TOTAL		Urban		Rural		Frontier		Key Informant TOTAL		N %		
		N	%	N	%	N	%	N	%	N	%	N	%	N	%	N	%	N	%	
ADULT use	NOT A PROBLEM	7	5.7	5	6.9	9	8.5	21	7.0	1	6.2	-	-	-	-	1	2.7	22	6.5	
		34	3.9	47	6.6	46	5.9	127	5.4	2	.5	-	-	1	.9	3	.5	130	4.4	
	MINOR TO MODERATE PROBLEM	84	68.9	52	72.2	71	67.0	207	69.0	8	50.0	2	50.0	12	70.6	22	59.5	229	68.0	
		552	64.0	449	63.2	535	68.3	1536	65.2	219	55.3	48	57.8	77	67.5	344	58.0	1880	63.7	
	SERIOUS PROBLEM	24	19.7	9	12.5	23	21.7	56	18.7	7	43.8	2	50.0	5	29.4	14	37.8	70	20.8	
		239	27.7	155	21.8	152	19.4	546	23.2	168	42.4	33	39.8	35	30.7	236	39.8	782	26.5	
	DON'T KNOW	6	4.9	6	8.3	3	2.8	15	5.0	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	15	4.5	
		32	3.7	52	7.3	36	4.6	120	5.1	7	1.8	2	2.4	1	.9	10	1.7	130	4.4	
	Did not answer	1	.8	-	-	1	1.2	1	.3	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	1	.3
		6	.7	8	1.1	14	1.8	28	1.2	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	28	.9
Total	122	100	72	100	106	100	300	100	16	100	4	100	17	100	37	100	337	100.0		
	863	100	711	100	783	100	2357	100	396	100	83	100	114	100	593	100	2950	100.0		

Table 2.1.1 Cont'd: Perception of ALCOHOL use in your community

<ul style="list-style-type: none"> ▪ Region VIII ▪ Statewide 		COMMUNITY MEMBERS						KEY INFORMANTS						OVERALL TOTAL					
		Urban		Rural		Frontier		Community Member TOTAL		Urban		Rural		Frontier		Key Informant TOTAL		TOTAL	
		N	%	N	%	N	%	N	%	N	%	N	%	N	%	N	%	N	%
YOUTH use	NOT A PROBLEM	3	2.5	3	4.2	6	5.7	12	4.0	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	12	3.6
		13	1.5	39	5.5	23	2.9	75	3.2	1	.3	-	-	-	-	1	.2	76	2.6
	MINOR TO MODERATE PROBLEM	41	33.6	35	48.6	49	46.2	125	41.7	6	37.5	1	25.0	4	23.5	11	29.7	136	40.4
		336	38.9	327	46.0	404	51.6	1067	45.3	129	32.6	28	33.7	53	46.5	210	35.4	1277	43.3
	SERIOUS PROBLEM	70	57.4	26	36.1	43	40.6	139	46.3	10	62.5	3	75.0	13	76.5	26	70.3	165	49.0
		448	51.9	259	36.4	266	34.0	973	41.3	256	64.6	52	62.7	61	53.5	369	62.2	1342	45.5
	DON'T KNOW	5	4.1	4	5.6	5	4.7	14	4.7	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	14	4.2
		38	4.4	55	7.7	51	6.5	144	6.1	4	1.0	1	1.2	-	-	5	.8	149	5.1
	Did not answer	3	2.5	4	5.6	3	2.8	10	3.3	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	10	3.0
		28	3.2	31	4.4	39	5.0	98	4.2	6	1.5	2	2.4	-	-	8	1.3	106	3.6
Total		122	100	72	100	106	100	300	100	16	100	4	100	17	100	37	100	337	100.0
		863	100	711	100	783	100	2357	100	396	100	83	100	114	100	593	100	2950	100.0

Regarding *adult* use of alcohol, 65.2 percent of the **Statewide** Community Members indicated that it is a *minor to moderate* problem within their community and 23.2 percent felt this was a *serious* problem. Similarly, 58 percent of the **Statewide** Key Informant participants felt this was a *minor to moderate* problem within their community, and 39.8 percent responded this was a *serious* problem. Within **Region VIII**, 69 percent of the Community Members and 59.5 percent of the Key Informants indicated *adult* use of alcohol to be a *minor to moderate* problem within their community, while 18.7 percent and 37.8 percent respectively felt this was a *serious* problem in the community. In general, it appears that Key Informants perceived *adult* use of alcohol as more of a *serious* issue within the community than Community Members.

On the other hand, alcohol use by *youth* was perceived as more problematic at both the statewide and regional level in that overall, 45.5 percent of **Statewide** respondents (Community Members, 41.3% and Key Informants, 62.2%) and 49 percent of **Region VIII** respondents (Community Members, 46.3% and Key Informants, 70.3%) perceived *youth* use of alcohol to be a *serious* problem while 43.3 percent of **Statewide** respondents (Community Members, 45.3% and Key Informants, 35.4%) and 40.4 percent of **Region VIII** respondents (Community Members, 41.7% and Key Informants, 29.7%) perceived it to be a *minor to moderate* problem.

Table 2.1.2: Perception of TOBACCO use in your community

<ul style="list-style-type: none"> ▪ Region VIII ▪ Statewide 		COMMUNITY MEMBERS								KEY INFORMANTS								OVERALL TOTAL	
		Urban		Rural		Frontier		Community Member TOTAL		Urban		Rural		Frontier		Key Informant TOTAL		N	%
		N	%	N	%	N	%	N	%	N	%	N	%	N	%	N	%		
ADULT use	NOT A PROBLEM	12	9.8	5	6.9	8	7.5	25	8.3	2	12.5	1	25.0	2	11.8	5	13.5	30	8.9
		59	6.8	43	6.0	62	7.9	164	7.0	10	2.5	3	3.6	8	7.0	21	3.5	185	6.3
	MINOR TO MODERATE PROBLEM	71	58.2	48	66.7	69	65.1	188	62.7	9	56.2	3	75.0	13	76.5	25	67.6	213	63.2
		542	62.8	473	66.5	545	69.6	1560	66.2	237	59.8	51	61.4	83	72.8	371	62.6	1931	65.5
	SERIOUS PROBLEM	33	27.0	12	16.7	23	21.7	68	22.7	4	25.0	-	-	2	11.8	6	16.2	74	22.0
		220	25.5	132	18.6	127	16.2	479	20.3	138	34.8	26	31.3	22	19.3	186	31.4	665	22.5
	DON'T KNOW	6	4.9	6	8.3	5	4.7	17	5.7	1	6.2	-	-	-	-	1	2.7	18	5.3
	37	4.3	53	7.5	37	4.7	127	5.4	8	2.0	3	3.6	1	.9	12	2.0	139	4.7	
Did not answer	-	-	1	1.4	1	.9	2	.7	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	2	.6
	5	.6	10	1.4	12	1.5	27	1.1	3	.8	-	-	-	-	3	.5	30	1.0	
Total	122	100	72	100	106	100	300	100	16	100	4	100	17	100	37	100	337	100.0	
	863	100	711	100	783	100	2357	100	396	100	83	100	114	100	593	100	2950	100.0	
YOUTH use	NOT A PROBLEM	4	3.3	2	2.8	5	4.7	11	3.7	-	-	-	-	1	5.9	1	2.7	12	3.6
		24	2.8	44	6.2	27	3.4	95	4.0	2	.5	1	1.2	4	3.5	7	1.2	102	3.5
	MINOR TO MODERATE PROBLEM	55	45.1	44	61.1	61	57.5	160	53.3	9	56.2	3	75.0	7	41.2	19	51.4	179	53.1
		448	51.9	397	55.8	474	60.5	1319	56.0	220	55.6	48	57.8	76	66.7	344	58.0	1663	56.4
	SERIOUS PROBLEM	50	41.0	16	22.2	28	26.4	94	31.3	6	37.5	1	25.0	7	41.2	14	37.8	108	32.0
		319	37.0	166	23.3	165	21.1	650	27.6	163	41.2	30	36.1	30	26.3	223	37.6	873	29.6
	DON'T KNOW	11	9.0	7	9.7	10	9.4	28	9.3	1	6.2	-	-	2	11.8	3	8.1	31	9.2
	47	5.4	78	11.0	83	10.6	208	8.8	6	1.5	2	2.4	4	3.5	12	2.0	220	7.5	
Did not answer	2	1.6	3	4.2	2	1.9	7	2.3	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	7	2.1
	25	2.9	26	3.7	34	4.3	85	3.6	5	1.3	2	2.4	-	-	7	1.2	92	3.1	
Total	122	100	72	100	106	100	300	100	16	100	4	100	17	100	37	100	337	100.0	
	863	100	711	100	783	100	2357	100	396	100	83	100	114	100	593	100	2950	100.0	

Regarding *adult* use of tobacco, 65.5 percent of **Statewide** respondents overall perceived this as a *minor to moderate* problem. Similarly within **Region VIII**, 63.2 percent of respondents overall perceived tobacco use among adults as a *minor to moderate* problem.

With respect to *youth* use of tobacco, 56.4 percent of **Statewide** respondents overall perceived this as a *minor to moderate* problem while 29.6 percent rated this as a *serious* problem. Likewise, 53.1 percent of **Region VIII** respondents overall perceived tobacco use among *youth* as a *minor to moderate* problem while 32 percent rated tobacco use by *youth* as a *serious* problem.

No considerable differences were noted among *Community Members* and *Key Informants* at either the statewide or regional levels.

Table 2.1.3: Perception of MARIJUANA use in your community

<ul style="list-style-type: none"> ▪ Region VIII ▪ Statewide 		COMMUNITY MEMBERS						KEY INFORMANTS						OVERALL TOTAL					
		Urban		Rural		Frontier		Community Member TOTAL		Urban		Rural		Frontier		Key Informant TOTAL		TOTAL	
		N	%	N	%	N	%	N	%	N	%	N	%	N	%	N	%	N	%
ADULT use	NOT A PROBLEM	11	9.0	10	13.9	15	14.2	36	12.0	1	6.2	-	-	1	5.9	2	5.4	38	11.3
		58	6.7	97	13.6	110	14.0	265	11.2	8	2.0	3	3.6	10	8.8	21	3.5	286	9.7
	MINOR TO MODERATE PROBLEM	55	45.1	30	41.7	40	37.7	125	41.7	8	50.0	2	50.0	14	82.4	24	64.9	149	44.2
		413	47.9	270	38.0	302	38.6	985	41.8	257	64.9	52	62.7	74	64.9	383	64.6	1368	46.4
	SERIOUS PROBLEM	16	13.1	2	2.8	8	7.5	26	8.7	5	31.2	-	-	-	-	5	13.5	31	9.2
		124	14.4	65	9.1	75	9.6	264	11.2	78	19.7	17	20.5	15	13.2	110	18.5	374	12.7
	DON'T KNOW	39	32.0	29	40.3	42	39.6	110	36.7	1	6.2	2	50.0	2	11.8	5	13.5	115	34.1
		257	29.8	265	37.3	279	35.6	801	34.0	51	12.9	10	12.0	15	13.2	76	12.8	877	29.7
Did not answer	1	.8	1	1.4	1	.9	3	1.0	1	6.2	-	-	-	-	1	2.7	4	1.2	
	11	1.3	14	2.0	17	2.2	42	1.8	2	.5	1	1.2	-	-	3	.5	45	1.5	
Total	122	100	72	100	106	100	300	100	16	100	4	100	17	100	37	100	337	100	
	863	100	711	100	783	100	2357	100	396	100	83	100	114	100	593	100	2950	100.0	
YOUTH use	NOT A PROBLEM	2	1.6	5	6.9	13	12.3	20	6.7	-	-	-	-	1	5.9	1	2.7	21	6.2
		21	2.4	60	8.4	64	8.2	145	6.2	3	.8	1	1.2	7	6.1	11	1.9	156	5.3
	MINOR TO MODERATE PROBLEM	50	41.0	28	38.9	39	36.8	117	39.0	11	68.8	3	75.0	8	47.1	22	59.5	139	41.2
		360	41.7	266	37.4	308	39.3	934	39.6	206	52.0	47	56.6	66	57.9	319	53.8	1253	42.5
	SERIOUS PROBLEM	33	27.0	10	13.9	15	14.2	58	19.3	5	31.2	-	-	3	17.6	8	21.6	66	19.6
		230	26.7	107	15.0	108	13.8	445	18.9	148	37.4	24	28.9	20	17.5	192	32.4	637	21.6
	DON'T KNOW	34	27.9	24	33.3	36	34.0	94	31.3			1	25.0	5	29.4	6	16.2	100	29.7
		224	26.0	249	35.0	264	33.7	737	31.3	33	8.3	8	9.6	21	18.4	62	10.5	799	27.1
Did not answer	3	2.5	5	6.9	3	2.8	11	3.7	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	11	3.3	
	28	3.2	29	4.1	39	5.0	96	4.1	6	1.5	3	3.6	-	-	9	1.5	105	3.6	
Total	122	100	72	100	106	100	300	100	16	100	4	100	17	100	37	100	337	100.0	
	863	100	711	100	783	100	2357	100	396	100	83	100	114	100	593	100	2950	100.0	

Overall, 46.4 percent of the *Statewide* sample view the use of marijuana by *adults* as a *minor to moderate* problem and 42.5 percent perceived the use of marijuana by *youth* as a *minor to moderate* problem. Nearly one-third of the *Statewide* sample indicated that they *don't know* the extent of marijuana use by *adults* and/or *youth* (29.7% and 27.1% respectively) within their community.

Survey participants residing in *Region VIII* displayed little variation from the statewide percentages. Overall, 44.2 percent of the *Region VIII* sample views the use of marijuana by *adults* a *minor to moderate* problem while 41.2 percent perceived the use of marijuana by *youth* as a *minor to*

moderate problem. Similar to statewide findings, nearly one-third of the **Region VIII** sample indicated that they *don't know* the extent of marijuana use by *adults* and/or *youth* (34.1% and 29.7% respectively) within their community.

Table 2.1.4: Perception of INHALANT (glue, paint, aerosols, solvents, etc.) use in your community

<ul style="list-style-type: none"> ▪ Region VIII ▪ Statewide 		COMMUNITY MEMBERS						KEY INFORMANTS						OVERALL TOTAL					
		Urban		Rural		Frontier		Community Member TOTAL		Urban		Rural		Frontier		Key Informant TOTAL		N	%
		N	%	N	%	N	%	N	%	N	%	N	%	N	%	N	%		
ADULT use	NOT A PROBLEM	22	18.0	23	31.9	33	31.1	78	26.0	2	12.5	1	25.0	6	35.3	9	24.3	87	25.8
		151	17.5	187	26.3	230	29.4	568	24.1	75	18.9	31	37.3	36	31.6	142	23.9	710	24.1
	MINOR TO MODERATE PROBLEM	28	23.0	14	19.4	21	19.8	63	21.0	9	56.2	-	-	4	23.5	13	35.1	76	22.6
		290	33.6	133	18.7	123	15.7	546	23.2	205	51.8	34	41.0	39	34.2	278	46.9	824	27.9
	SERIOUS PROBLEM	6	4.9	-	-	2	1.9	8	2.7	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	8	2.4
		35	4.1	11	1.5	13	1.7	59	2.5	12	3.0	1	1.2	-	-	13	2.2	72	2.4
	DON'T KNOW	66	54.1	34	47.2	49	46.2	149	49.7	5	31.2	3	75.0	7	41.2	15	40.5	164	48.7
	373	43.2	365	51.3	399	51.0	1137	48.2	101	25.5	15	18.1	38	33.3	154	26.0	1291	43.8	
	<i>Did not answer</i>	-	-	1	1.4	1	.9	2	.7	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	2	.6
		14	1.6	15	2.1	18	2.3	47	2.0	3	.8	2	2.4	1	.9	6	1.0	53	1.8
	Total	122	100	72	100	106	100	300	100	16	100	4	100	17	100	37	100	337	100.0
		863	100	711	100	783	100	2357	100	396	100	83	100	114	100	593	100	2950	100.0
YOUTH use	NOT A PROBLEM	5	4.1	10	13.9	19	17.9	34	11.3	-	-	-	-	3	17.6	3	8.1	37	11.0
		46	5.3	119	16.7	141	18.0	306	13.0	8	2.0	13	15.7	16	14.0	37	6.2	343	11.6
	MINOR TO MODERATE PROBLEM	39	32.0	21	29.2	32	30.2	92	30.7	11	68.8	2	50.0	9	52.9	22	59.5	114	33.8
		343	39.7	186	26.2	177	22.6	706	30.0	248	62.6	51	61.4	53	46.5	352	59.4	1058	35.9
	SERIOUS PROBLEM	17	13.9	5	6.9	4	3.8	26	8.7	1	6.2	-	-	2	11.8	3	8.1	29	8.6
		121	14.0	28	3.9	39	5.0	188	8.0	76	19.2	4	4.8	12	10.5	92	15.5	280	9.5
	DON'T KNOW	59	48.4	32	44.4	49	46.2	140	46.7	4	25.0	2	50.0	3	17.6	9	24.3	149	44.2
	325	37.7	355	49.9	386	49.3	1066	45.2	58	14.6	13	15.7	31	27.2	102	17.2	1168	39.6	
	<i>Did not answer</i>	2	1.6	4	5.6	2	1.9	8	2.7	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	8	2.4
		28	3.2	23	3.2	40	5.1	91	3.9	6	1.5	2	2.4	2	1.8	10	1.7	101	3.4
	Total	122	100	72	100	106	100	300	100	16	100	4	100	17	100	37	100	337	100.0
		863	100	711	100	783	100	2357	100	396	100	83	100	114	100	593	100	2950	100.0

Both **Statewide** and **Region VIII** respondents appear to be less aware regarding the presence and use of inhalants within their community. With *adult* use, 43.8 percent of **Statewide** and 48.7 percent of **Region VIII** respondents overall indicated they *don't know* when asked to indicate how problematic inhalant use by *adults* was in their community. Similarly, 39.6 percent of **Statewide** and 44.2 percent of **Region VIII** respondents overall indicated they *don't know* when asked about *youth* use of inhalants.

Table 2.1.5: Perception of COCAINE use in your community

<ul style="list-style-type: none"> ▪ Region VIII ▪ Statewide 		COMMUNITY MEMBERS						KEY INFORMANTS						OVERALL TOTAL					
		Urban		Rural		Frontier		Community Member TOTAL		Urban		Rural		Frontier		Key Informant TOTAL		TOTAL	
		N	%	N	%	N	%	N	%	N	%	N	%	N	%	N	%	N	%
ADULT use	NOT A PROBLEM	13	10.7	15	20.8	28	26.4	56	18.7	2	12.5	-	-	3	17.6	5	13.5	61	18.1
		96	11.1	135	19.0	203	25.9	434	18.4	14	3.5	18	21.7	31	27.2	63	10.6	497	16.8
	MINOR TO MODERATE PROBLEM	41	33.6	19	26.4	21	19.8	81	27.0	11	68.8	1	25.0	6	35.3	18	48.6	99	29.4
		317	36.7	148	20.8	151	19.3	616	26.1	237	59.8	43	51.8	42	36.8	322	54.3	938	31.8
	SERIOUS PROBLEM	8	6.6	1	1.4	4	3.8	13	4.3	1	6.2	-	-	-	-	1	2.7	14	4.2
		59	6.8	25	3.5	26	3.3	110	4.7	48	12.1	5	6.0	3	2.6	56	9.4	166	5.6
	DON'T KNOW	59	48.4	36	50.0	51	48.1	146	48.7	2	12.5	3	75.0	8	47.1	13	35.1	159	47.2
	376	43.6	390	54.9	385	49.2	1151	48.8	96	24.2	17	20.5	38	33.3	151	25.5	1302	44.1	
	<i>Did not answer</i>	1	.8	1	1.4	2	1.9	4	1.3	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	4	1.2
		15	1.7	13	1.8	18	2.3	46	2.0	1	.3	-	-	-	-	1	.2	47	1.6
	Total	122	100	72	100	106	100	300	100	16	100	4	100	17	100	37	100	337	100.0
		863	100	711	100	783	100	2357	100	396	100	83	100	114	100	593	100	2950	100.0
YOUTH use	NOT A PROBLEM	13	10.7	13	18.1	27	25.5	53	17.7	2	12.5	1	25.0	2	11.8	5	13.5	58	17.2
		87	10.1	135	19.0	184	23.5	406	17.2	25	6.3	24	28.9	34	29.8	83	14.0	489	16.6
	MINOR TO MODERATE PROBLEM	34	27.9	16	22.2	19	17.9	69	23.0	10	62.5	1	25.0	7	41.2	18	48.6	87	25.8
		303	35.1	138	19.4	134	17.1	575	24.4	228	57.6	36	43.4	40	35.1	304	51.3	879	29.8
	SERIOUS PROBLEM	9	7.4	3	4.2	1	.9	13	4.3	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	13	3.9
		66	7.6	26	3.7	27	3.4	119	5.0	34	8.6	4	4.8	4	3.5	42	7.1	161	5.5
	DON'T KNOW	63	51.6	36	50.0	55	51.9	154	51.3	4	25.0	2	50.0	8	47.1	14	37.8	168	49.9
	381	44.1	388	54.6	399	51.0	1168	49.6	103	26.0	18	21.7	36	31.6	157	26.5	1325	44.9	
	<i>Did not answer</i>	3	2.5	4	5.6	4	3.8	11	3.7	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	11	3.3
		26	3.0	24	3.4	39	5.0	89	3.8	6	1.5	1	1.2	-	-	7	1.2	96	3.3
	Total	122	100	72	100	106	100	300	100	16	100	4	100	17	100	37	100	337	100.0
		863	100	711	100	783	100	2357	100	396	100	83	100	114	100	593	100	2950	100.0

Similar to perceptions of inhalant use, both *Statewide* and *Region VIII* respondents appear to be less aware regarding the presence and use of cocaine in their community. Although 31.8 percent of *Statewide* and 29.4 percent of *Region VIII* respondents overall perceived *adult* use of cocaine as a *minor to moderate* problem, 44.1 percent of *Statewide* and 47.2 percent of *Region VIII* respondents indicated that they *don't know* the extent of cocaine use among *adults* within their community. Similarly, 44.9 percent of *Statewide* and 49.9 percent of *Region VIII* respondents indicated *don't know* when asked about *youth* use of cocaine. Notably, both *Statewide* and *Region VIII* *Key Informants* rating of cocaine use was very different from *Community Members* in that they were more inclined to rate *adult* and *youth* inhalant use as a *minor to moderate* problem.

Table 2.1.6: Perception of METHAMPHETAMINE use in your community

<ul style="list-style-type: none"> ▪ Region VIII ▪ Statewide 		COMMUNITY MEMBERS								KEY INFORMANTS								OVERALL TOTAL	
		Urban		Rural		Frontier		Community Member TOTAL		Urban		Rural		Frontier		Key Informant TOTAL		N	%
		N	%	N	%	N	%	N	%	N	%	N	%	N	%	N	%		
ADULT use	NOT A PROBLEM	6	4.9	8	11.1	18	17.0	32	10.7	1	6.2	-	-	2	11.8	3	8.1	35	10.4
		42	4.9	84	11.8	113	14.4	239	10.1	5	1.3	3	3.6	9	7.9	17	2.9	256	8.7
	MINOR TO MODERATE PROBLEM	36	29.5	29	40.3	31	29.2	96	32.0	7	43.8	2	50.0	8	47.1	17	45.9	113	33.5
		315	36.5	222	31.2	238	30.4	775	32.9	164	41.4	52	62.7	60	52.6	276	46.5	1051	35.6
	SERIOUS PROBLEM	39	32.0	10	13.9	20	18.9	69	23.0	7	43.8	-	-	5	29.4	12	32.4	81	24.0
		304	35.2	145	20.4	126	16.1	575	24.4	205	51.8	23	27.7	26	22.8	254	42.8	829	28.1
	DON'T KNOW	41	33.6	23	31.9	36	34.0	100	33.3	1	6.2	2	50.0	2	11.8	5	13.5	105	31.2
	193	22.4	250	35.2	289	36.9	732	31.1	22	5.6	5	6.0	18	15.8	45	7.6	777	26.3	
	<i>Did not answer</i>	-	-	2	2.8	1	.9	3	1.0	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	3	.9
		9	1.0	10	1.4	17	2.2	36	1.5	-	-	-	-	1	.9	1	.2	37	1.3
	Total	122	100	72	100	106	100	300	100	16	100	4	100	17	100	37	100	337	100.0
		863	100	711	100	783	100	2357	100	396	100	83	100	114	100	593	100	2950	100.0
YOUTH use	NOT A PROBLEM	5	4.1	7	9.7	16	15.1	28	9.3	1	6.2	-	-	2	11.8	3	8.1	31	9.2
		23	2.7	81	11.4	89	11.4	193	8.2	6	1.5	6	7.2	24	21.1	36	6.1	229	7.8
	MINOR TO MODERATE PROBLEM	29	23.8	26	36.1	39	36.8	94	31.3	7	43.8	1	25.0	10	58.8	18	48.6	112	33.2
		323	37.4	221	31.1	234	29.9	778	33.0	196	49.5	53	63.9	49	43.0	298	50.3	1076	36.5
	SERIOUS PROBLEM	49	40.2	15	20.8	12	11.3	76	25.3	6	37.5	-	-	1	5.9	7	18.9	83	24.6
		293	34.0	131	18.4	114	14.6	538	22.8	145	36.6	11	13.3	13	11.4	169	28.5	707	24.0
	DON'T KNOW	36	29.5	19	26.4	38	35.8	93	31.0	2	12.5	3	75.0	4	23.5	9	24.3	102	30.3
	199	23.1	253	35.6	313	40.0	765	32.5	43	10.9	12	14.5	27	23.7	82	13.8	847	28.7	
	<i>Did not answer</i>	3	2.5	5	6.9	1	.9	9	3.0	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	9	2.7
		25	2.9	25	3.5	33	4.2	83	3.5	6	1.5	1	1.2	1	.9	8	1.3	91	3.1
	Total	122	100	72	100	106	100	300	100	16	100	4	100	17	100	37	100	337	100.0
		863	100	711	100	783	100	2357	100	396	100	83	100	114	100	593	100	2950	100.0

Regarding the *adult* use of methamphetamines, 35.6 percent of *Statewide Community Members* and *Key Informants* overall reported this to be a *minor to moderate* problem, 28.1 percent felt this was a *serious* problem, and 26.3 percent indicated that they *don't know* the extent of the problem. When asked to gauge the use of methamphetamines by *youth*, 36.5 percent of *Statewide* respondents overall believed that this was a *minor to moderate* problem, 24 percent reported this to be a *serious* problem, and 28.7 percent *don't know* the extent of the problem within their community.

Community Members and *Key Informants* from *Region VIII* indicate that overall, 33.5 percent felt *adult* use of methamphetamine was a *minor to moderate* problem, 24 percent indicated this to be a *serious* problem, and 31.2 percent specified that they *don't know* the extent of the problem. The *Key*

Informant population appeared more informed on the use of methamphetamines among *adults* in the community as only 13.5 percent (compared to 33.3% of *Community Members*) did not know the extent of the problem. In addition, *Key Informants* perceived methamphetamine use by adults as more of an issue where 45.9 percent perceived use as a *minor to moderate* problem and 32.4 percent a *serious* problem.

When asked to gauge the use of methamphetamines by *youth* in their community, 33.2 percent of **Region VIII** respondents felt it was a *minor to moderate* problem, 24.6 percent perceived this as a *serious* problem, and 30.3 percent specified they *don't know* the extent of the problem. No differences between *Community Members* and *Key Informants* perception regarding *youth* use of methamphetamine were noted.

Table 2.1.7: Perception of OVER-the-COUNTER DRUG (abuse of cough medicines, Dramamine, diet pills, sleeping pills, etc.) use in your community

<ul style="list-style-type: none"> ▪ Region VIII ▪ Statewide 		COMMUNITY MEMBERS						KEY INFORMANTS						OVERALL TOTAL					
		Urban		Rural		Frontier		Community Member TOTAL		Urban		Rural		Frontier		Key Informant TOTAL		TOTAL	
		N	%	N	%	N	%	N	%	N	%	N	%	N	%	N	%	N	%
ADULT use	NOT A PROBLEM	11	9.0	12	16.7	17	16.0	40	13.3	1	6.2	-	-	2	11.8	3	8.1	43	12.8
		77	8.9	128	18.0	139	17.8	344	14.6	13	3.3	12	14.5	14	12.3	39	6.6	383	13.0
	MINOR TO MODERATE PROBLEM	48	39.3	22	30.6	33	31.1	103	34.3	8	50.0	1	25.0	11	64.7	20	54.1	123	36.5
		380	44.0	206	29.0	229	29.2	815	34.6	223	56.3	37	44.6	52	45.6	312	52.6	1127	38.2
	SERIOUS PROBLEM	12	9.8	4	5.6	4	3.8	20	6.7	5	31.2	1	25.0	-	-	6	16.2	26	7.7
		109	12.6	45	6.3	40	5.1	194	8.2	92	23.2	16	19.3	12	10.5	120	20.2	314	10.6
	DON'T KNOW	51	41.8	33	45.8	51	48.1	135	45.0	2	12.5	2	50.0	4	23.5	8	21.6	143	42.4
	287	33.3	325	45.7	364	46.5	976	41.4	65	16.4	17	20.5	36	31.6	118	19.9	1094	37.1	
	Did not answer	-	-	1	1.4	1	.9	2	.7	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	2	.6
		10	1.2	7	1.0	11	1.4	28	1.2	3	.8	1	1.2	-	-	4	.7	32	1.1
	Total	122	100	72	100	106	100	300	100	16	100	4	100	17	100	37	100	337	100
		863	100	711	100	783	100	2357	100	396	100	83	100	114	100	593	100	2950	100.0
YOUTH use	NOT A PROBLEM	9	7.4	10	13.9	15	14.2	34	11.3	1	6.2	-	-	2	11.8	3	8.1	37	11.0
		48	5.6	108	15.2	122	15.6	278	11.8	8	2.0	10	12.0	14	12.3	32	5.4	310	10.5
	MINOR TO MODERATE PROBLEM	47	38.5	21	29.2	33	31.1	101	33.7	6	37.5	1	25.0	10	58.8	17	45.9	118	35.0
		379	43.9	207	29.1	222	28.4	808	34.3	221	55.8	42	50.6	55	48.2	318	53.6	1126	38.2
	SERIOUS PROBLEM	18	14.8	6	8.3	5	4.7	29	9.7	7	43.8	1	25.0	1	5.9	9	24.3	38	11.3
		134	15.5	50	7.0	36	4.6	220	9.3	107	27.0	15	18.1	10	8.8	132	22.3	352	11.9
	DON'T KNOW	47	38.5	32	44.4	52	49.1	131	43.7	2	12.5	2	50.0	4	23.5	8	21.6	139	41.2
	284	32.9	326	45.9	374	47.8	984	41.7	52	13.1	15	18.1	35	30.7	102	17.2	1086	36.8	
	Did not answer	1	.8	3	4.2	1	.9	5	1.7	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	5	1.5
		18	2.1	20	2.8	29	3.7	67	2.8	8	2.0	1	1.2	-	-	9	1.5	76	2.6
	Total	122	100	72	100	106	100	300	100	16	100	4	100	17	100	37	100	337	100.0
		863	100	711	100	783	100	2357	100	396	100	83	100	114	100	593	100	2950	100.0

When asked to gauge over-the-counter drug abuse in their community, both **Statewide** and **Region VIII Community Members** appeared to be less informed on such abuse among both *adults* and *youth*; at least forty-one percent reported they *don't know* the extent of the problem. On the other hand, both **Statewide** and **Region VIII Key Informants** perceived the *adult* abuse of over-the-counter drugs as a *minor to moderate* problem with 52.6 percent and 54.1 percent respectively. With respect to *youth* abuse, 53.6 percent of **Statewide Key Informants** and 45.9 percent of **Region VIII Key Informants** gauged the problem as *minor to moderate*.

Table 2.1.8: Perception of PRESCRIPTION DRUG (abuse of) use in your community

<ul style="list-style-type: none"> ▪ Region VIII ▪ Statewide 		COMMUNITY MEMBERS						KEY INFORMANTS						OVERALL TOTAL					
		Urban		Rural		Frontier		Community Member TOTAL		Urban		Rural		Frontier		Key Informant TOTAL		N	%
		N	%	N	%	N	%	N	%	N	%	N	%	N	%	N	%		
ADULT use	NOT A PROBLEM	8	6.6	12	16.7	18	17.0	38	12.7	-	-	-	-	1	5.9	1	2.7	39	11.6
		66	7.6	126	17.7	137	17.5	329	14.0	6	1.5	8	9.6	9	7.9	23	3.9	352	11.9
	MINOR TO MODERATE PROBLEM	52	42.6	23	31.9	37	34.9	112	37.3	9	56.2	1	25.0	9	52.9	19	51.4	131	38.9
		389	45.1	210	29.5	252	32.2	851	36.1	201	50.8	38	45.8	51	44.7	290	48.9	1141	38.7
	SERIOUS PROBLEM	14	11.5	5	6.9	4	3.8	23	7.7	6	37.5	-	-	2	11.8	8	21.6	31	9.2
		136	15.8	47	6.6	36	4.6	219	9.3	142	35.9	19	22.9	17	14.9	178	30.0	397	13.5
	DON'T KNOW	48	39.3	31	43.1	46	43.4	125	41.7	1	6.2	3	75.0	5	29.4	9	24.3	134	39.8
	266	30.8	324	45.6	346	44.2	936	39.7	46	11.6	18	21.7	37	32.5	101	17.0	1037	35.2	
	<i>Did not answer</i>	-	-	1	1.4	1	.9	2	.7	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	2	.6
		6	.7	4	.6	12	1.5	22	.9	1	.3	-	-	-	-	1	.2	23	.8
	Total	122	100	72	100	106	100	300	100	16	100	4	100	17	100	37	100	337	100.0
		863	100	711	100	783	100	2357	100	396	100	83	100	114	100	593	100	2950	100.0
YOUTH use	NOT A PROBLEM	15	12.3	11	15.3	23	21.7	49	16.3	-	-	-	-	2	11.8	2	5.4	51	15.1
		75	8.7	131	18.4	156	19.9	362	15.4	15	3.8	15	18.1	17	14.9	47	7.9	409	13.9
	MINOR TO MODERATE PROBLEM	47	38.5	19	26.4	24	22.6	90	30.0	10	62.5	1	25.0	10	58.8	21	56.8	111	32.9
		371	43.0	170	23.9	186	23.8	727	30.8	228	57.6	44	53.0	49	43.0	321	54.1	1048	35.5
	SERIOUS PROBLEM	13	10.7	5	6.9	3	2.8	21	7.0	4	25.0	-	-	-	-	4	10.8	25	7.4
		96	11.1	38	5.3	29	3.7	163	6.9	71	17.9	5	6.0	6	5.3	82	13.8	245	8.3
	DON'T KNOW	46	37.7	34	47.2	54	50.9	134	44.7	2	12.5	3	75.0	5	29.4	10	27.0	144	42.7
	304	35.2	351	49.4	379	48.4	1034	43.9	75	18.9	17	20.5	42	36.8	134	22.6	1168	39.6	
	<i>Did not answer</i>	1	.8	3	4.2	2	1.9	6	2.0	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	6	1.8
		17	2.0	21	3.0	33	4.2	71	3.0	7	1.8	2	2.4	-	-	9	1.5	80	2.7
	Total	122	100	72	100	106	100	300	100	16	100	4	100	17	100	37	100	337	100.0
		863	100	711	100	783	100	2357	100	396	100	83	100	114	100	593	100	2950	100.0

Similarly, when asked to gauge prescription drug abuse in their community, both *Statewide* and *Region VIII Community Members* appeared to be less informed on such abuse among both *adults* and *youth* where at least one-third (range 39.7 to 44.7%) reported they *don't know* the extent of the problem. On the other hand, both *Statewide* and *Region VIII Key Informants* perceived the *adult* abuse of prescription drugs as a *minor to moderate problem* with 48.9 percent and 51.4 percent respectively. With respect to *youth* abuse, 54.1 percent of *Statewide Key Informants* and 56.8 percent of *Region VIII Key Informants* gauged the problem as *minor to moderate*.

Table 2.1.9: Perception of HALLUCINOGEN (LSD, Shrooms, PCP, etc.) use in your community

<ul style="list-style-type: none"> ▪ Region VIII ▪ Statewide 		COMMUNITY MEMBERS						KEY INFORMANTS						OVERALL TOTAL					
		Urban		Rural		Frontier		Community Member TOTAL		Urban		Rural		Frontier		Key Informant TOTAL		N	%
		N	%	N	%	N	%	N	%	N	%	N	%	N	%	N	%		
ADULT use	NOT A PROBLEM	16	13.1	16	22.2	31	29.2	63	21.0	3	18.8	2	50.0	3	17.6	8	21.6	71	21.1
		117	13.6	162	22.8	213	27.2	492	20.9	40	10.1	28	33.7	34	29.8	102	17.2	594	20.1
	MINOR TO MODERATE PROBLEM	34	27.9	13	18.1	15	14.2	62	20.7	8	50.0	-	-	5	29.4	13	35.1	75	22.3
		280	32.4	111	15.6	112	14.3	503	21.3	223	56.3	34	41.0	30	26.3	287	48.4	790	26.8
	SERIOUS PROBLEM	2	1.6	2	2.8	-	-	4	1.3	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	4	1.2
		30	3.5	11	1.5	9	1.1	50	2.1	13	3.3	-	-	2	1.8	15	2.5	65	2.2
	DON'T KNOW	70	57.4	41	56.9	60	56.6	171	57.0	5	31.2	2	50.0	8	47.1	15	40.5	186	55.2
	429	49.7	418	58.8	437	55.8	1284	54.5	120	30.3	21	25.3	47	41.2	188	31.7	1472	49.9	
	<i>Did not answer</i>	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	1	5.9	1	2.7	1	.3	
		7	.8	9	1.3	12	1.5	28	1.2	-	-	-	-	1	.9	1	.2	29	1.0
	Total	122	100	72	100	106	100	300	100	16	100	4	100	17	100	37	100	337	100.0
		863	100	711	100	783	100	2357	100	396	100	83	100	114	100	593	100	2950	100.0
YOUTH use	NOT A PROBLEM	10	8.2	12	16.7	27	25.5	49	16.3	4	25.0	2	50.0	5	29.4	11	29.7	60	17.8
		80	9.3	142	20.0	179	22.9	401	17.0	33	8.3	26	31.3	39	34.2	98	16.5	499	16.9
	MINOR TO MODERATE PROBLEM	35	28.7	14	19.4	15	14.2	64	21.3	6	37.5	-	-	3	17.6	9	24.3	73	21.7
		298	34.5	113	15.9	122	15.6	533	22.6	228	57.6	33	39.8	27	23.7	288	48.6	821	27.8
	SERIOUS PROBLEM	6	4.9	4	5.6	-	-	10	3.3	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	10	3.0
		49	5.7	15	2.1	16	2.0	80	3.4	18	4.5	2	2.4	2	1.8	22	3.7	102	3.5
	DON'T KNOW	70	57.4	39	54.2	62	58.5	171	57.0	6	37.5	2	50.0	8	47.1	16	43.2	187	55.5
	418	48.4	419	58.9	436	55.7	1273	54.0	112	28.3	21	25.3	45	39.5	178	30.0	1451	49.2	
	<i>Did not answer</i>	1	.8	3	4.2	2	1.9	6	2.0	-	-	-	-	1	5.9	1	2.7	7	2.1
		18	2.1	22	3.1	30	3.8	70	3.0	5	1.3	1	1.2	1	.9	7	1.2	77	2.6
	Total	122	100	72	100	106	100	300	100	16	100	4	100	17	100	37	100	337	100.0
		863	100	711	100	783	100	2357	100	396	100	83	100	114	100	593	100	2950	100.0

When asked to gauge the use of hallucinogens in their community, both **Statewide** and **Region VIII Community Members** and **Key Informants** appeared to be the least informed on such use among both *adults* and *youth*. That is, overall 49.9 percent of **Statewide** and 55.2 percent of **Region VIII** respondents reported they *don't know* the extent of hallucinogen use among *adults* in their community. Equally, when asked to gauge *youth* use of hallucinogens within their community, 49.2 percent of **Statewide** and 55.5 percent of **Region VIII** respondents reported they *don't know*.

Table 2.2.1: Contribution of drug and alcohol use to CRASHES or INJURIES (such as automobile, hunting, boating, snowmobiling)

<ul style="list-style-type: none"> ▪ Region VIII ▪ Statewide 	COMMUNITY MEMBERS							KEY INFORMANTS						OVERALL TOTAL			
	Urban		Rural		Frontier		Community Member TOTAL	Urban		Rural		Frontier		Key Informant TOTAL		TOTAL	
	N	%	N	%	N	%	N	%	N	%	N	%	N	%	N	%	
NOT A PROBLEM	3	2.5	5	6.9	8	7.5	16	5.3	-	-	-	-	-	-	16	4.7	
	22	2.5	55	7.7	64	8.2	141	6.0	2	.5	-	-	2	1.8	4	.7	
MINOR TO MODERATE PROBLEM	60	49.2	34	47.2	62	58.5	156	52.0	5	31.2	3	75.0	6	35.3	14	37.8	
	401	46.5	352	49.5	422	53.9	1175	49.9	128	32.3	40	48.2	61	53.5	229	38.6	
SERIOUS PROBLEM	48	39.3	27	37.5	27	25.5	102	34.0	10	62.5	1	25.0	11	64.7	22	59.5	
	382	44.3	229	32.2	207	26.4	818	34.7	256	64.6	41	49.4	49	43.0	346	58.3	
DON'T KNOW	11	9.0	5	6.9	9	8.5	25	8.3	1	6.2	-	-	-	-	1	2.7	
	55	6.4	70	9.8	84	10.7	209	8.9	10	2.5	2	2.4	2	1.8	14	2.4	
Did not answer	-	-	1	1.4	-	-	1	.3	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	
	3	.3	5	.7	6	.8	14	.6	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	
Total	122	100	72	100	106	100	300	100	16	100	4	100	17	100	37	100	
	863	100	711	100	783	100	2357	100	396	100	83	100	114	100	593	100	

When respondents were asked to indicate their beliefs regarding the *contribution of drugs/alcohol to injuries*, 49.9 percent of the **Statewide Community Members** indicated that this was a *minor to moderate* problem, while 34.7 percent felt this was a *serious* problem within their community. Approximately 38 percent of the **Key Informants** indicated this to be a *minor to moderate* problem, while the majority (58.3%) considered this to be a *serious* problem.

Region VIII responses align with those of the statewide participants. For example, 52 percent of the **Community Members** believed that the contribution of drug/alcohol use to crashes/injuries was a *minor to moderate* problem and 34 percent indicated this was *serious* problem. Among **Key Informants**, 37.8 percent specified this was a *minor to moderate* problem while 59.5 percent felt this was a *serious* problem within their community.

In sum, the percentage of **Community Members** and **Key Informants** in **Region VIII** that perceived the use of drugs and/or alcohol as a contributing factor to crashes or injuries *to some degree* (i.e., *minor to moderate* or *serious*) was considerable.

Table 2.2.2: Contribution of drug and alcohol use to CRIMES

<ul style="list-style-type: none"> ▪ Region VIII ▪ Statewide 	COMMUNITY MEMBERS								KEY INFORMANTS						OVERALL TOTAL			
	Urban		Rural		Frontier		Community Member TOTAL		Urban		Rural		Frontier		Key Informant TOTAL		TOTAL	
	N	%	N	%	N	%	N	%	N	%	N	%	N	%	N	%	N	%
NOT A PROBLEM	3	2.5	5	6.9	11	10.4	19	6.3	-	-	1	25.0	1	5.9	2	5.4	21	6.2
	15	1.7	71	10.0	66	8.4	152	6.4	2	.5	3	3.6	6	5.3	11	1.9	163	5.5
MINOR TO MODERATE PROBLEM	48	39.3	39	54.2	53	50.0	140	46.7	6	37.5	2	50.0	7	41.2	15	40.5	155	46.0
	330	38.2	318	44.7	384	49.0	1032	43.8	99	25.0	38	45.8	54	47.4	191	32.2	1223	41.5
SERIOUS PROBLEM	58	47.5	14	19.4	21	19.8	93	31.0	10	62.5	1	25.0	9	52.9	20	54.1	113	33.5
	434	50.3	208	29.3	200	25.5	842	35.7	280	70.7	38	45.8	48	42.1	366	61.7	1208	40.9
DON'T KNOW	12	9.8	14	19.4	21	19.8	47	15.7	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	47	13.9
	76	8.8	106	14.9	129	16.5	311	13.2	14	3.5	4	4.8	6	5.3	24	4.0	335	11.4
Did not answer	1	.8	-	-	-	-	1	.3	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	1	.3
	8	.9	8	1.1	4	.5	20	.8	1	.3	-	-	-	-	1	.2	21	.7
Total	122	100	72	100	106	100	300	100	16	100	4	100	17	100	37	100	337	100.0
	863	100	711	100	783	100	2357	100	396	100	83	100	114	100	593	100	2950	100.0

When respondents were asked about the relationship between drug/alcohol use and crime, 43.8 percent of the *Statewide Community Members* indicated that this was a *minor to moderate* problem, while 35.7 percent felt this was a *serious* problem within their community. Approximately thirty-two percent of *Key Informants* indicated this to be a *minor to moderate* problem, while the majority (61.7%) considered this to be a *serious* problem.

In terms of *Region VIII Community Members*, 46.7 percent believed that the contribution of drug/alcohol use to crime was a *minor to moderate* problem and 31 percent indicated this was *serious* problem. Among the *Key Informants*, 40.5 percent felt this was a *minor to moderate* problem within their community while 54.1 percent specified this was a *serious* problem.

In sum, the percentage of *Region VIII* respondents that perceived drugs and or alcohol as a contributing factor to crime *to some degree* (i.e., *minor to moderate* or *serious*) was considerable (*Community Members*, 77.7% and *Key Informants*, 94.6%).

Section 3: Permissiveness of Attitudes Toward AOD Use

This section focused on how tolerant community members may or may not be in relation to AOD issues. Items required participants to indicate the extent in which they either agreed or disagreed with the following statements: youth consuming alcohol at parties; youth drinking and driving; youth smoking cigarettes; youth alcohol and other drug experimentation; parents offering alcoholic beverages to youth in their own homes; community acceptance of underage drinking; driving while under the influence of alcohol and/or drugs; and riding in a motor vehicle with someone under the influence of alcohol and/or drugs.

NOTE: It should be kept in mind that the following tables are **NOT comparative** in nature. In other words, though presented side-by-side, the responses of the community members and those of the key informants are **NOT** being compared. The tables simply present a descriptive account about how each group responded to each question. For this section, response categories were collapsed into **AGREE** (to include agree or strongly agree) and **DISAGREE** (to include disagree or strongly disagree).

Table 3.1: To what extent do you AGREE or DISAGREE with the following statements?

<ul style="list-style-type: none"> ▪ Region VIII ▪ Statewide 		COMMUNITY MEMBERS							KEY INFORMANTS						OVERALL TOTAL				
		Urban		Rural		Frontier		Community Member TOTAL		Urban		Rural		Frontier		Key Informant TOTAL		N	%
		N	%	N	%	N	%	N	%	N	%	N	%	N	%	N	%		
It is okay for youth to drink at parties as long as they don't get drunk.	DISAGREE	114	93.4	69	95.8	98	92.5	281	93.7	16	100	4	100	17	100	37	100	318	94.4
		830	96.2	680	95.6	750	95.8	2260	95.9	384	97.0	83	100	112	98.2	579	95.9	2839	96.2
	AGREE	8	6.6	3	4.2	8	7.5	19	6.3	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	19	5.6
		31	3.6	29	4.1	30	3.8	90	3.8	10	2.5	-	-	2	1.8	12	3.8	102	3.5
	Did not answer	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-
	2	.2	2	.3	3	.4	7	.3	2	.5	-	-	-	-	2	.3	9	.3	
Total	122	100	72	100	106	100	300	100	16	100	4	100	17	100	37	100	337	100	
	863	100	711	100	783	100	2357	100	396	100	83	100	114	100	593	100	2950	100	
Youth should be able to drink as long as they don't drive afterwards.	DISAGREE	115	94.3	70	97.2	97	91.5	282	94.0	16	100	4	100	17	100	37	100	319	94.7
		829	96.1	680	95.6	735	93.9	2244	95.2	386	97.5	83	100	111	97.4	580	97.8	2824	95.7
	AGREE	7	5.7	2	2.8	9	8.5	18	6.0	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	18	5.3
		32	3.7	28	3.9	44	5.6	104	4.4	10	2.5	-	-	3	2.6	13	2.2	117	4.0
	Did not answer	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-
	2	.2	3	.4	4	.5	9	.4	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	9	.3	
Total	122	100	72	100	106	100	300	100	16	100	4	100	17	100	37	100	337	100	
	863	100	711	100	783	100	2357	100	396	100	83	100	114	100	593	100	2950	100	
It is okay for youth to smoke cigarettes.	DISAGREE	117	95.9	72	100	106	100	295	98.3	16	100	4	100	17	100	37	100	332	98.5
		841	97.5	699	98.3	766	97.8	2306	97.8	395	99.7	83	100	113	99.1	591	99.7	2897	98.2
	AGREE	5	4.1	-	-	-	-	5	1.7	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	5	1.5
		19	2.2	7	1.0	12	1.5	38	1.6	1	.3	-	-	1	.9	2	.3	40	1.4
	Did not answer	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-
	3	.3	5	.7	5	.6	13	.6	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	13	.4	
Total	122	100	72	100	106	100	300	100	16	100	4	100	17	100	37	100	337	100	
	863	100	711	100	783	100	2357	100	396	100	83	100	114	100	593	100	2950	100	

Table 3.1 Cont'd: To what extent do you AGREE or DISAGREE with the following statements?

<ul style="list-style-type: none"> ▪ Region VIII ▪ Statewide 		COMMUNITY MEMBERS							KEY INFORMANTS							OVERALL TOTAL			
		Urban		Rural		Frontier		Community Member TOTAL	Urban		Rural		Frontier		Key Informant TOTAL		TOTAL		
		N	%	N	%	N	%	N	%	N	%	N	%	N	%	N	%		
Youth who experiment with alcohol or other drugs almost always grow out of it.	DISAGREE	110	90.2	70	97.2	100	94.3	280	93.3	16	100	4	100	17	100	37	100	317	94.1
		797	92.4	663	93.2	734	93.7	2194	93.1	369	93.2	81	97.6	109	95.6	559	94.3	2753	93.3
	AGREE	11	9.0	2	2.8	6	5.7	19	6.3	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	19	5.6
		62	7.2	45	6.3	44	5.6	151	6.4	26	6.6	2	2.4	5	4.4	33	5.6	184	6.2
	Did not answer	1	.8	-	-	-	-	1	.3	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	1	.3
	4	.5	3	.4	5	.6	12	.5	1	.3	-	-	-	-	1	.2	13	.4	
	Total	122	100	72	100	106	100	300	100	16	100	4	100	17	100	37	100	337	100
		863	100	711	100	783	100	2357	100	396	100	83	100	114	100	593	100	2950	100
It is okay for parents to offer their youth alcoholic beverages in their home.	DISAGREE	101	82.8	63	87.5	91	85.8	255	85.0	16	100	4	100	15	88.2	35	94.6	290	86.1
		763	88.4	634	89.2	699	89.3	2096	88.9	377	95.2	78	94.0	108	94.7	563	94.9	2659	90.1
	AGREE	21	17.2	9	12.5	15	14.2	45	15.0	-	-	-	-	2	11.8	2	5.4	47	13.9
		95	11.0	72	10.1	77	9.8	244	10.4	18	4.5	5	6.0	6	5.3	29	4.9	273	9.3
	Did not answer	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-
	5	.6	5	.7	7	.9	17	.7	1	.3	-	-	-	-	1	.2	18	.6	
	Total	122	100	72	100	106	100	300	100	16	100	4	100	17	100	37	100	337	100
		863	100	711	100	783	100	2357	100	396	100	83	100	114	100	593	100	2950	100
It is okay for parents to offer alcoholic beverages in their home to youth (other than their own).	DISAGREE	120	98.4	69	95.8	101	95.3	290	96.7	16	100	4	100	17	100	37	100	327	97.0
		854	99.0	701	98.6	764	97.6	2319	98.4	395	99.7	83	100	114	100	592	99.8	2911	98.7
	AGREE	2	1.6	2	2.8	5	4.7	9	3.0	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	9	2.7
		8	.9	6	.8	16	2.0	30	1.3	1	.3	-	-	-	-	1	.2	31	1.1
	Did not answer	-	-	1	1.4	-	-	1	.3	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	1
	1	.1	4	.6	3	.4	8	.3	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	8	.3	
	Total	122	100	72	100	106	100	300	100	16	100	4	100	17	100	37	100	337	100
		863	100	711	100	783	100	2357	100	396	100	83	100	114	100	593	100	2950	100
In my community, drinking among teenagers is acceptable.	DISAGREE	79	64.8	42	58.3	61	57.5	182	60.7	6	37.5	1	25.0	6	35.3	13	35.1	195	57.9
		635	73.6	452	63.6	526	67.2	1613	68.4	228	57.6	34	41.0	45	39.5	307	51.8	1920	65.1
	AGREE	43	35.2	30	41.7	44	41.5	117	39.0	10	62.5	3	75.0	10	58.8	23	62.2	140	41.5
		223	25.8	249	35.0	252	32.2	724	30.7	167	42.2	49	59.0	68	59.6	284	47.9	1008	34.2
	Did not answer	-	-	-	-	1	.9	1	.3	-	-	-	-	1	5.9	1	2.7	2	.6
	5	.6	10	1.4	5	.6	20	.8	1	.3	-	-	1	.9	2	.3	22	.7	
	Total	122	100	72	100	106	100	300	100	16	100	4	100	17	100	37	100	337	100
		863	100	711	100	783	100	2357	100	396	100	83	100	114	100	593	100	2950	100

Table 3.1 Cont'd: To what extent do you AGREE or DISAGREE with the following statements?

■ Region VIII ■ Statewide		COMMUNITY MEMBERS						KEY INFORMANTS						OVERALL TOTAL						
		Urban		Rural		Frontier		Community Member TOTAL		Urban		Rural		Frontier		Key Informant TOTAL		TOTAL		
		N	%	N	%	N	%	N	%	N	%	N	%	N	%	N	%	N	%	
Driving under the influence of drugs and/or alcohol is okay.	DISAGREE	121	99.2	71	98.6	103	97.2	295	98.3	14	87.5	4	100	16	94.1	34	91.9	329	97.6	
		845	97.9	701	98.6	757	96.7	2303	97.7	390	98.5	80	96.4	110	96.5	580	97.8	2883	97.7	
	AGREE	-	-	1	1.4	2	1.9	3	1.0	2	12.5	-	-	1	5.9	3	8.1	6	1.8	
		13	1.5	10	1.4	21	2.7	44	1.9	5	1.3	2	2.4	3	2.6	10	1.7	54	1.8	
	Did not answer	1	.8	-	-	1	.9	2	.7	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	2	.6	
		5	.6	-	-	5	.6	10	.4	1	.3	1	1.2	1	.9	3	.5	13	.4	
	Total	122	100	72	100	106	100	300	100	16	100	4	100	17	100	37	100	337	100	
		863	100	711	100	783	100	2357	100	396	100	83	100	114	100	593	100	2950	100	
It is okay to ride in a motor vehicle with someone under the influence of drugs and/or alcohol.	DISAGREE	122	100	71	98.6	104	98.1	297	99.0	15	93.8	4	100	17	100	36	97.3	333	98.8	
		848	98.3	705	99.2	765	97.7	2318	98.3	393	99.2	82	98.8	113	99.1	588	99.2	2906	98.5	
	AGREE	-	-	1	1.4	2	1.9	3	1.0	1	6.2	-	-	-	-	1	2.7	4	1.2	
		14	1.6	6	.8	16	2.0	36	1.5	3	.8	1	1.2	1	.9	5	.8	41	1.4	
	Did not answer	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-
		1	.1	-	-	2	.3	3	.1	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	3	.1	
	Total	122	100	72	100	106	100	300	100	16	100	4	100	17	100	37	100	337	100	
		863	100	711	100	783	100	2357	100	396	100	83	100	114	100	593	100	2950	100	

The statements contained in Table 3.1 were structured in such a way that agreement would indicate a permissive attitude toward drug and alcohol related issues. The results indicate that overall, **Region VIII Community Members** and **Key Informants** are not tolerant of AOD use and related activity among adults and youth. A strong majority of respondents **disagreed** with following statements and thus, demonstrate this generalization:

- It is okay for youth to drink at parties as long as they don't get drunk (94.4% *disagree-strongly disagree*)
- Youth should be able to drink as long as they don't drive afterwards (94.7% *disagree-strongly disagree*)
- It is okay for youth to smoke cigarettes (98.5% *disagree-strongly disagree*)
- Youth who experiment with alcohol or other drugs almost always grow out of it (94.1% *disagree-strongly disagree*)
- It is okay for parents to offer their youth alcoholic beverages in their home (86.1% *disagree-strongly disagree*)
- It is okay for parents to offer alcoholic beverages in their home to youth other than their own (97.0% *disagree-strongly disagree*)
- Driving under the influence of drugs and/or alcohol is okay (97.6% *disagree-strongly disagree*)
- It is okay to ride in a motor vehicle with someone under the influence of drugs and/or drugs (98.8% *disagree-strongly disagree*)

On the other hand, when asked whether drinking among teenagers is acceptable within their community, 57.9 percent of respondents overall *disagree-strongly disagree* while 41.5 percent *agree-strongly agree*.

Section 4: Community Support for AOD Prevention

Willingness to support AOD prevention initiatives was the focus of this section of the survey. Participants were asked to rank the items ranging from strongly disagree to strongly agree. Items included the following: a focus on law enforcement competency, support for educational and prevention programs, community commitment, advertising devices, tax issues related to alcohol and tobacco, the enforcement of drinking and driving laws, and laws prohibiting parents providing alcohol to their own children.

Additional items in this section assessed responses regarding support for the following statements: drinking age of 21 years; penalties for adults who provide alcohol to youth; compliance checks; laws prohibiting giving alcohol to your own children; and DUI checkpoints. Respondents were also questioned as to whether or not they support bans on the following: liquors advertisements on TV; beer and wine advertisements on TV; and billboard alcohol advertisements. The final series of questions asked respondents if they would be willing to attend the following events if they were alcohol-free: a party; wedding dance/reception; and sporting events.

NOTE: It should be kept in mind that the following tables are **NOT comparative** in nature. In other words, though presented side-by-side, the responses of the community members and those of the key informants are **NOT** being compared. The tables simply present a descriptive account about how each group responded to each question. Within this section, response categories were collapsed into **AGREE** (to include agree or strongly agree) and **DISAGREE** (to include disagree or strongly disagree).

Table 4.1: To what extent do you AGREE or DISAGREE with the following statements?

<ul style="list-style-type: none"> ▪ Region VIII ▪ Statewide 		COMMUNITY MEMBERS						KEY INFORMANTS						OVERALL TOTAL					
		Urban		Rural		Frontier		Community Member TOTAL		Urban		Rural		Frontier		Key Informant TOTAL		TOTAL	
		N	%	N	%	N	%	N	%	N	%	N	%	N	%	N	%	N	%
<p>Law enforcement should be spending more time enforcing the minimum drinking age.</p>	DISAGREE	28	23.0	17	23.6	16	15.1	61	20.3	2	12.5	-	-	1	5.9	3	8.1	64	19.0
		177	20.5	114	16.0	96	12.3	387	16.4	90	22.7	11	13.3	11	9.6	112	18.9	499	16.9
	AGREE	93	76.2	55	76.4	90	84.9	238	79.3	14	87.5	4	100	16	94.1	34	91.9	272	80.7
		675	78.2	592	83.3	683	87.2	1950	82.7	303	76.5	72	86.7	101	88.6	476	80.3	2426	82.2
	Did not answer	1	.8	-	-	-	-	1	.3	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	1	.3
	11	1.3	5	.7	4	.5	20	.8	3	.8	-	-	2	1.8	5	.8	25	.8	
	Total	122	100	72	100	106	100	300	100	16	100	4	100	17	100	37	100	337	100
		863	100	711	100	783	100	2357	100	396	100	83	100	114	100	593	100	2950	100
<p>Schools need to be more active in dealing with alcohol, tobacco, and other drug problems.</p>	DISAGREE	25	20.5	13	18.1	12	11.3	50	16.7	4	25.0	2	50.0	4	23.5	10	27.0	60	17.8
		113	13.1	99	13.9	81	10.3	293	12.4	64	16.2	12	14.5	19	16.7	95	16.0	388	13.2
	AGREE	97	79.5	59	81.9	93	87.7	249	83.0	12	75.0	2	50.0	13	76.5	27	73.0	276	81.9
		746	86.4	604	85.0	697	89.0	2047	86.8	329	83.1	71	85.5	94	82.5	494	83.3	2541	86.1
	Did not answer	-	-	-	-	1	.9	1	.3	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	1	.3
	4	.5	8	1.1	5	.6	17	.7	3	.8	-	-	1	.9	4	.7	21	.7	
	Total	122	100	72	100	106	100	300	100	16	100	4	100	17	100	37	100	337	100
		863	100	711	100	783	100	2357	100	396	100	83	100	114	100	593	100	2950	100

Table 4.1 Cont'd: To what extent do you AGREE or DISAGREE with the following statements?

<ul style="list-style-type: none"> ▪ Region VIII ▪ Statewide 	COMMUNITY MEMBERS								KEY INFORMANTS						OVERALL TOTAL					
	Urban		Rural		Frontier		Community Member TOTAL		Urban		Rural		Frontier		Key Informant TOTAL		N	%		
	N	%	N	%	N	%	N	%	N	%	N	%	N	%	N	%	N	%		
It is possible to reduce alcohol and drug problems through prevention.	DISAGREE	15	12.3	5	6.9	8	7.5	28	9.3	1	6.2	1	25.0	-	-	2	5.4	30	8.9	
		73	8.5	53	7.5	50	6.4	176	7.5	25	6.3	6	7.2	3	2.6	34	5.7	210	7.1	
	AGREE	107	87.7	66	91.7	96	90.6	269	89.7	15	93.8	3	75.0	17	100	35	94.6	304	90.2	
		786	91.1	652	91.7	721	92.1	2159	91.6	371	93.7	76	91.6	111	97.4	558	94.1	2717	92.1	
	Did not answer	-	-	1	1.4	2	1.9	3	1.0	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	3	.9
	4	.5	6	.8	12	1.5	22	.9	-	-	1	1.2	-	-	1	.2	23	.8		
Total	122	100	72	100	106	100	300	100	16	100	4	100	17	100	37	100	337	100		
	863	100	711	100	783	100	2357	100	396	100	83	100	114	100	593	100	2950	100		
Alcohol and other drug prevention programs are a good investment because they save lives and money.	DISAGREE	10	8.2	4	5.6	7	6.6	21	7.0	1	6.2	1	25.0	2	11.8	4	10.8	25	7.4	
		58	6.7	42	5.9	40	5.1	140	5.9	27	6.8	3	3.6	3	2.6	33	5.6	173	5.9	
	AGREE	112	91.8	68	94.4	98	92.5	278	92.7	15	93.8	3	75.0	15	88.2	33	89.2	311	92.3	
		798	92.5	662	93.1	731	93.4	2191	93.0	369	93.2	77	92.8	111	97.4	557	93.9	2748	93.2	
	Did not answer	-	-	-	-	1	.9	1	.3	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	1	.3
	7	.8	7	1.0	12	1.5	26	1.1	-	-	3	3.6	-	-	3	.5	29	1.0		
Total	122	100	72	100	106	100	300	100	16	100	4	100	17	100	37	100	337	100		
	863	100	711	100	783	100	2357	100	396	100	83	100	114	100	593	100	2950	100		
The community has the responsibility to set up prevention programs to help people avoid alcohol and other drug problems.	DISAGREE	18	14.8	11	15.3	18	17.0	47	15.7	-	-	2	50.0	4	23.5	6	16.2	53	15.7	
		98	11.4	104	14.6	100	12.8	302	12.8	18	4.5	7	8.4	9	7.9	34	5.7	336	11.4	
	AGREE	104	85.2	61	84.7	88	83.0	253	84.3	16	100	2	50.0	13	76.5	31	83.8	284	84.3	
		759	87.9	594	83.5	671	85.7	2024	85.9	376	94.9	75	90.4	105	92.1	556	93.8	2580	87.5	
	Did not answer	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-
	6	.7	13	1.8	12	1.5	31	1.3	2	.5	1	1.2	-	-	3	.5	34	1.2		
Total	122	100	72	100	106	100	300	100	16	100	4	100	17	100	37	100	337	100		
	863	100	711	100	783	100	2357	100	396	100	83	100	114	100	593	100	2950	100		
Public service announcements are a good way to change attitudes about alcohol, tobacco, & other drugs.	DISAGREE	23	18.9	11	15.3	21	19.8	55	18.3	2	12.5	1	25.0	5	29.4	8	21.6	63	18.7	
		165	19.1	115	16.2	120	15.3	400	17.0	84	21.2	16	19.3	27	23.7	127	21.4	527	17.9	
	AGREE	99	81.1	60	83.3	84	79.2	243	81.0	13	81.2	3	75.0	12	70.6	28	75.7	271	80.4	
		695	80.5	583	82.0	655	83.7	1933	82.0	309	78.0	65	78.3	87	76.3	461	77.7	2394	81.2	
	Did not answer	-	-	1	1.4	1	.9	2	.7	1	6.2	-	-	-	-	1	2.7	3	.9	
	3	.3	13	1.8	8	1.0	24	1.0	3	.8	2	2.4	-	-	5	.8	29	1.0		
Total	122	100	72	100	106	100	300	100	16	100	4	100	17	100	37	100	337	100		
	863	100	711	100	783	100	2357	100	396	100	83	100	114	100	593	100	2950	100		

Table 4.1 Cont'd: To what extent do you AGREE or DISAGREE with the following statements?

<ul style="list-style-type: none"> ▪ Region VIII ▪ Statewide 	COMMUNITY MEMBERS								KEY INFORMANTS						OVERALL TOTAL				
	Urban		Rural		Frontier		Community Member TOTAL		Urban		Rural		Frontier		Key Informant TOTAL		N	%	
	N	%	N	%	N	%	N	%	N	%	N	%	N	%	N	%	N	%	
Taxes on alcohol should be increased.	DISAGREE	51	41.8	33	45.8	53	50.0	137	45.7	4	25.0	2	50.0	3	17.6	9	24.3	146	43.3
		370	42.9	290	40.8	325	41.5	985	41.8	145	36.6	26	31.3	39	34.2	210	35.4	1195	40.5
	AGREE	71	58.2	39	54.2	53	50.0	163	54.3	12	75.0	2	50.0	14	82.4	28	75.7	191	56.7
		485	56.2	414	58.2	446	57.0	1345	57.1	248	62.6	56	67.5	73	64.0	377	63.6	1722	58.4
	Did not answer	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-
	8	.9	7	1.0	12	1.5	27	1.1	3	.8	1	1.2	2	1.8	6	1.0	33	1.1	
Total	122	100	72	100	106	100	300	100	16	100	4	100	17	100	37	100	337	100	
	863	100	711	100	783	100	2357	100	396	100	83	100	114	100	593	100	2950	100	
Taxes on tobacco should be increased.	DISAGREE	41	33.6	26	36.1	42	39.6	109	36.3	2	12.5	1	25.0	4	23.5	7	18.9	116	34.4
		290	33.6	236	33.2	255	32.6	781	33.1	119	30.1	23	27.7	40	35.1	182	30.7	963	32.6
	AGREE	80	65.6	45	62.5	63	59.4	188	62.7	14	87.5	3	75.0	13	76.5	30	81.1	218	64.7
		566	65.6	467	65.7	513	65.5	1546	65.6	274	69.2	59	71.1	72	63.2	405	68.3	1951	66.1
	Did not answer	1	.8	1	1.4	1	.9	3	1.0	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	3	.9
	7	.8	8	1.1	15	1.9	30	1.3	3	.8	1	1.2	2	1.8	6	1.0	36	1.2	
Total	122	100	72	100	106	100	300	100	16	100	4	100	17	100	37	100	337	100	
	863	100	711	100	783	100	2357	100	396	100	83	100	114	100	593	100	2950	100	
Drinking and driving laws are enforced in my local community.	DISAGREE	11	9.0	17	23.6	37	34.9	65	21.7	5	31.2	2	50.0	4	23.5	11	29.7	76	22.6
		79	9.2	188	26.4	229	29.2	496	21.0	34	8.6	29	34.9	34	29.8	97	16.4	593	20.1
	AGREE	111	91.0	55	76.4	67	63.2	233	77.7	11	68.8	2	50.0	13	76.5	26	70.3	259	76.9
		777	90.0	511	71.9	535	68.3	1823	77.3	359	90.7	54	65.1	77	67.5	490	82.6	2313	78.4
	Did not answer	-	-	-	-	2	1.9	2	.7	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	2	.6
	7	.8	12	1.7	19	2.4	38	1.6	3	.8	-	-	3	2.6	6	1.0	44	1.5	
Total	122	100	72	100	106	100	300	100	16	100	4	100	17	100	37	100	337	100	
	863	100	711	100	783	100	2357	100	396	100	83	100	114	100	593	100	2950	100	
There should be a law prohibiting giving alcohol to your children	DISAGREE	50	41.0	29	40.3	43	40.6	122	40.7	-	-	-	-	6	35.3	6	16.2	128	38.0
		282	32.7	253	35.6	261	33.3	796	33.8	102	25.8	17	20.5	34	29.8	153	25.8	949	32.2
	AGREE	71	58.2	43	59.7	61	57.5	175	58.3	16	100	4	100	11	64.7	31	83.8	206	61.1
		573	66.4	450	63.3	509	65.0	1532	65.0	290	73.2	66	79.5	78	68.4	434	73.2	1966	66.6
	Did not answer	1	.8	-	-	2	1.9	3	1.0	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	3	.9
	8	.9	8	1.1	13	1.7	29	1.2	4	1.0	-	-	2	1.8	6	1.0	35	1.2	
Total	122	100	72	100	106	100	300	100	16	100	4	100	17	100	37	100	337	100	
	863	100	711	100	783	100	2357	100	396	100	83	100	114	100	593	100	2950	100	

Table 4.1 demonstrates that both *Community Members* and *Key Informants* agree on key issues ranging from enforcing minimum drinking violations to support for prevention programs and local initiatives. *Region VIII* parallel those responses found at the *Statewide* level.

When **Region VIII** respondents were asked to indicate the extent to which they either *agree* or *disagree* with increasing alcohol taxes, 45.7 percent of the *Community Members disagree-strongly disagree*, while 54.3 percent *agree-strongly agree* in support of increasing alcohol taxes. Results for *Key Informants* were very different in that 24.3 percent *disagree-strongly disagree* and 75.7 percent *agree-strongly agree* with increasing taxes on alcohol.

When **Region VIII** respondents were asked to indicate the extent to which they either agree or disagree with increasing taxes on tobacco, 36.3 percent of the *Community Members disagree-strongly disagree*, while 62.7 percent *agree-strongly agree*. Again very different from the *Community Members*, 18.9 percent of *Key Informants disagree-strongly disagree* and 81.1 percent *agree-strongly agree* in support of increasing tobacco taxes.

Table 4.2: Do you support the following?

<ul style="list-style-type: none"> ▪ Region VIII ▪ Statewide 		Community Members						Key Informants						OVERALL TOTAL					
		Urban		Rural		Frontier		Community Member TOTAL		Urban		Rural		Frontier		Key Informant TOTAL		TOTAL	
		N	%	N	%	N	%	N	%	N	%	N	%	N	%	N	%	N	%
Minimum legal drinking age of 21	YES	105	86.1	64	88.9	90	84.9	259	86.3	16	100	4	100	17	100	37	100	296	87.8
		761	88.2	629	88.5	700	89.4	2090	88.7	364	91.9	80	96.4	108	94.7	552	93.1	2642	89.6
	NO	17	13.9	8	11.1	15	14.2	40	13.3	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	40	11.9
		102	11.8	76	10.7	78	10.0	256	10.9	30	7.6	3	3.6	6	5.3	39	6.6	295	10.0
	Did not answer	-	-	-	-	1	.9	1	.3	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	1
	-	-	6	.8	5	.6	11	.5	2	.5	-	-	-	-	2	.3	13	.4	
Total		122	100	72	100	106	100	300	100	16	100	4	100	17	100	37	100	337	100
		863	100	711	100	783	100	2357	100	396	100	83	100	114	100	593	100	2950	100
Penalties for adults who provide alcohol to youth	YES	117	95.9	70	97.2	101	95.3	288	96.0	15	93.8	4	100	17	100	36	97.3	324	96.1
		840	97.3	686	96.5	753	96.2	2279	96.7	388	98.0	81	97.6	111	97.4	580	97.8	2859	96.9
	NO	5	4.1	2	2.8	5	4.7	12	4.0	1	6.2	-	-	-	-	1	2.7	13	3.9
		22	2.5	21	3.0	26	3.3	69	2.9	7	1.8	2	2.4	3	2.6	12	2.0	81	2.7
	Did not answer	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-
	1	.1	4	.6	4	.5	9	.4	1	.3	-	-	-	-	1	.2	10	.3	
Total		122	100	72	100	106	100	300	100	16	100	4	100	17	100	37	100	337	100
		863	100	711	100	783	100	2357	100	396	100	83	100	114	100	593	100	2950	100
Compliance checks (used to identify alcohol establishments that sell alcohol to underage youth)	YES	117	95.9	71	98.6	102	96.2	290	96.7	16	100	4	100	17	100	37	100	327	97.0
		828	95.9	684	96.2	752	96.0	2264	96.1	387	97.7	82	98.8	113	99.1	582	98.1	2846	96.5
	NO	5	4.1	1	1.4	4	3.8	10	3.3	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	10	3.0
		33	3.8	24	3.4	25	3.2	82	3.5	8	2.0	1	1.2	1	.9	10	1.7	92	3.1
	Did not answer	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-
	2	.2	3	.4	6	.8	11	.5	1	.3	-	-	-	-	1	.2	12	.4	
Total		122	100	72	100	106	100	300	100	16	100	4	100	17	100	37	100	337	100
		863	100	711	100	783	100	2357	100	396	100	83	100	114	100	593	100	2950	100

Table 4.2 Cont'd: Do you support the following?

<ul style="list-style-type: none"> ▪ Region VIII ▪ Statewide 		Community Members								Key Informants								OVERALL TOTAL	
		Urban		Rural		Frontier		Community Member TOTAL		Urban		Rural		Frontier		Key Informant TOTAL		TOTAL	
		N	%	N	%	N	%	N	%	N	%	N	%	N	%	N	%	N	%
Laws prohibiting giving alcohol to your own children	YES	74	60.7	40	55.6	60	56.6	174	58.0	16	100	4	100	14	82.4	34	91.9	208	61.7
		592	68.6	459	64.6	523	66.8	1574	66.8	295	74.5	68	81.9	82	71.9	445	75.0	2019	68.4
	NO	45	36.9	32	44.4	45	42.5	122	40.7	-	-	-	-	3	17.6	3	8.1	125	37.1
		262	30.4	236	33.2	251	32.1	749	31.8	96	24.2	15	18.1	30	26.3	141	23.8	890	30.2
	<i>Did not answer</i>	3	2.5	-	-	1	.9	4	1.3	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	4
	9	1.0	16	2.3	9	1.1	34	1.4	5	1.3	-	-	2	1.8	7	1.2	41	1.4	
Total	122	100	72	100	106	100	300	100	16	100	4	100	17	100	37	100	337	100	
		863	100	711	100	783	100	2357	100	396	100	83	100	114	100	593	100	2950	100
DUI checkpoint <small>(used by law enforcement to deter or detect a drunk driver through the use of roadblocks or sobriety checkpoints)</small>	YES	102	83.6	65	90.3	88	83.0	255	85.0	15	93.8	4	100	16	94.1	35	94.6	290	86.1
		742	86.0	627	88.2	674	86.1	2043	86.7	357	90.2	80	96.4	105	92.1	542	91.4	2585	87.6
	NO	19	15.6	6	8.3	17	16.0	42	14.0	1	6.2	-	-	1	5.9	2	5.4	44	13.1
		118	13.7	78	11.0	101	12.9	297	12.6	38	9.6	3	3.6	9	7.9	50	8.4	347	11.8
	<i>Did not answer</i>	1	.8	1	1.4	1	.9	3	1.0	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	3	.9
	3	.3	6	.8	8	1.0	17	.7	1	.3	-	-	-	-	1	.2	18	.6	
Total	122	100	72	100	106	100	300	100	16	100	4	100	17	100	37	100	337	100	
		863	100	711	100	783	100	2357	100	396	100	83	100	114	100	593	100	2950	100

While *Community Members* and *Key Informants* at both statewide and regional levels support “Minimum drinking age of 21,” “Penalties for adults who provide alcohol to youth,” “Compliance checks,” and “DUI checkpoints” there was somewhat of a disparity in beliefs regarding “Laws prohibiting giving alcohol to your own children.” At the **Statewide** level, 68.4 percent of respondents indicated that *yes* they would support laws prohibit giving alcohol to your own children while 30.2 percent would not. Of **Region VIII** respondents, 61.7 percent indicated that *yes* they would be in support of this type of law while 37.1 percent indicated *no*, they would not be in support of this type of law. This finding seems counterintuitive in that a strong majority disagreed with related statements; particularly that it was okay for parents to offer youth (their own and/or other than their own) alcoholic beverages in their home (See Table 3.1) yet would be reluctant to support such a law. Furthermore, *Key Informant* responses showed much more support in that 91.9 percent responded that *yes* they would be in support of a law prohibiting giving alcohol to “your own” children.

Table 4.3: Do you support BANS on the following?

<ul style="list-style-type: none"> ▪ Region VIII ▪ Statewide 		COMMUNITY MEMBERS								KEY INFORMANTS								OVERALL TOTAL	
		Urban		Rural		Frontier		Community Member TOTAL		Urban		Rural		Frontier		Key Informant TOTAL		TOTAL	
		N	%	N	%	N	%	N	%	N	%	N	%	N	%	N	%	N	%
Liquor advertisements on TV	YES	77	63.1	46	63.9	65	61.3	188	62.7	15	93.8	4	100	16	94.1	35	94.6	223	66.2
		539	62.5	472	66.4	525	67.0	1536	65.2	269	67.9	64	77.1	80	70.2	413	69.6	1949	66.1
	NO	44	36.1	26	36.1	41	38.7	111	37.0	1	6.2	-	-	1	5.9	2	5.4	113	33.5
		309	35.8	233	32.8	249	31.8	791	33.6	124	31.3	19	22.9	31	27.2	174	29.3	965	32.7
	Did not answer	1	.8	-	-	-	-	1	.3	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	1	.3
	15	1.7	6	.8	9	1.1	30	1.3	3	.8	-	-	3	2.6	6	1.0	36	1.2	
	Total	122	100	72	100	106	100	300	100	16	100	4	100	17	100	37	100	337	100
		863	100	711	100	783	100	2357	100	396	100	83	100	114	100	593	100	2950	100
Beer & wine advertisements on TV	YES	75	61.5	46	63.9	62	58.5	183	61.0	15	93.8	4	100	16	94.1	35	94.6	218	64.7
		519	60.1	458	64.4	506	64.6	1483	62.9	265	66.9	64	77.1	77	67.5	406	68.5	1889	64.0
	NO	46	37.7	26	36.1	44	41.5	116	38.7	1	6.2	-	-	1	5.9	2	5.4	118	35.0
		330	38.2	244	34.3	267	34.1	841	35.7	128	32.3	19	22.9	33	28.9	180	30.4	1021	34.6
	Did not answer	1	.8	-	-	-	-	1	.3	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	1	.3
	14	1.6	9	1.3	10	1.3	33	1.4	3	.8	-	-	4	3.5	7	1.2	40	1.4	
	Total	122	100	72	100	106	100	300	100	16	100	4	100	17	100	37	100	337	100
		863	100	711	100	783	100	2357	100	396	100	83	100	114	100	593	100	2950	100
Billboard alcohol advertisements	YES	77	63.1	43	59.7	64	60.4	184	61.3	13	81.2	4	100	16	94.1	33	89.2	217	64.4
		526	61.0	453	63.7	505	64.5	1484	63.0	262	66.2	63	75.9	77	67.5	402	67.8	1886	63.9
	NO	44	36.1	29	40.3	42	39.6	115	38.3	3	18.8	-	-	1	5.9	4	10.8	119	35.3
		323	37.4	250	35.2	266	34.0	839	35.6	131	33.1	20	24.1	33	28.9	184	31.0	1023	34.7
	Did not answer	1	.8	-	-	-	-	1	.3	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	1	.3
	14	1.6	8	1.1	12	1.5	34	1.4	3	.8	-	-	4	3.5	7	1.2	41	1.4	
	Total	122	100	72	100	106	100	300	100	16	100	4	100	17	100	37	100	337	100
		863	100	711	100	783	100	2357	100	396	100	83	100	114	100	593	100	2950	100

The results presented in Table 4.3 are very consistent across questions. Over sixty-three percent of the *Statewide* respondents (range 63.9% to 66.1%) support *bans* on television and billboard forms of alcohol advertisements while one-third (range 32.7% to 34.7%) would not support such bans. Results from *Region VIII* respondents were also very similar regarding all three questions related to alcohol advertising in that over sixty percent (range 64.4% to 66.2%) of respondents were in support of banning alcohol advertisements on either television or billboards, whereas one-third (range 33.5% to 35.3%) were not in support of banning this type of advertising. *Key Informants* appeared to be more supportive of banning alcohol advertisements than *Community Members*.

Table 4.4: Would you attend any of the following events if they were alcohol-free?

<ul style="list-style-type: none"> ▪ Region VIII ▪ Statewide 		COMMUNITY MEMBERS							KEY INFORMANTS							OVERALL			
		Urban		Rural		Frontier		Community Member TOTAL		Urban		Rural		Frontier		Key Informant TOTAL		TOTAL	
		N	%	N	%	N	%	N	%	N	%	N	%	N	%	N	%	N	%
Party	YES	120	98.4	69	95.8	102	96.2	291	97.0	16	100	4	100	17	100	37	100	328	97.3
		821	95.1	683	96.1	737	94.1	2241	95.1	388	98.0	82	98.8	109	95.6	579	97.6	2820	95.6
	NO	2	1.6	3	4.2	4	3.8	9	3.0	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	9	2.7
		38	4.4	25	3.5	35	4.5	98	4.2	8	2.0	1	1.2	2	1.8	11	1.9	109	3.7
	Did not answer	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-
	4	.5	3	.4	11	1.4	18	.8	-	-	-	-	3	2.6	3	.5	21	.7	
	Total	122	100	72	100	106	100	300	100	16	100	4	100	17	100	37	100	337	100
		863	100	711	100	783	100	2357	100	396	100	83	100	114	100	593	100	2950	100
Wedding Dance/Reception	YES	121	99.2	70	97.2	102	96.2	293	97.7	16	100	4	100	17	100	37	100	330	97.9
		820	95.0	681	95.8	742	94.8	2243	95.2	393	99.2	81	97.6	111	97.4	585	98.7	2828	95.9
	NO	1	.8	2	2.8	4	3.8	7	2.3	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	7	2.1
		37	4.3	24	3.4	33	4.2	94	4.0	3	.8	2	2.4	1	.9	6	1.0	100	3.4
	Did not answer	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-
	6	.7	6	.8	8	1.0	20	.8	-	-	-	-	2	1.8	2	.3	22	.7	
	Total	122	100	72	100	106	100	300	100	16	100	4	100	17	100	37	100	337	100
		863	100	711	100	783	100	2357	100	396	100	83	100	114	100	593	100	2950	100
Sporting Event	YES	119	97.5	71	98.6	102	96.2	292	97.3	16	100	4	100	17	100	37	100	329	97.6
		825	95.6	693	97.5	755	96.4	2273	96.4	393	99.2	82	98.8	111	97.4	586	98.8	2859	96.9
	NO	3	2.5	1	1.4	3	2.8	7	2.3	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	7	2.1
		34	3.9	12	1.7	18	2.3	64	2.7	3	.8	1	1.2	1	.9	5	.8	69	2.3
	Did not answer	-	-	-	-	1	.9	1	.3	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	1
	4	.5	6	.8	10	1.3	20	.8	-	-	-	-	2	1.8	2	.3	22	.7	
	Total	122	100	72	100	106	100	300	100	16	100	4	100	17	100	37	100	337	100
		863	100	711	100	783	100	2357	100	396	100	83	100	114	100	593	100	2950	100

The absence of alcohol at parties, wedding related activities, or sporting events would not curb attendance as indicated by an overwhelming majority of both the *Statewide* and *Region VIII* participants.

Section 5: Access to Alcohol and Other Drugs

This series of questions focused on the availability of alcohol and other drugs by youth within the sampled communities. Respondents were asked to rank the level of difficulty in which youth can obtain alcohol under the following circumstances; liquor store accessibility, bar accessibility, at home accessibility, and alcohol provided by parents and/or other family members. Regarding the accessibility of illegal substances within the community, respondents were asked to rank how difficult it is for youth to access marijuana, inhalants, cocaine, methamphetamine, and hallucinogens.

NOTE: It should be kept in mind that the following tables are **NOT comparative** in nature. In other words, though presented side-by-side, the responses of the community members and those of the key informants are **NOT** being compared. The tables simply present a descriptive account about how each group responded to each question.

Table 5.1: Please respond accordingly to the following questions regarding access in your community.

<ul style="list-style-type: none"> ▪ Region VIII ▪ Statewide 		COMMUNITY MEMBERS								KEY INFORMANTS								OVERALL TOTAL	
		Urban		Rural		Frontier		Community Member TOTAL		Urban		Rural		Frontier		Key Informant TOTAL		N	%
		N	%	N	%	N	%	N	%	N	%	N	%	N	%	N	%		
How difficult is it for youth to buy beer, wine, or hard liquor at stores themselves?	NOT AT ALL	10	8.2	8	11.1	12	11.3	30	10.0	1	6.2	-	-	1	5.9	2	5.4	32	9.5
		55	6.4	65	9.1	74	9.5	194	8.2	28	7.1	13	15.7	9	7.9	50	8.4	244	8.3
	SLIGHTLY/SOMEWHAT	64	52.5	30	41.7	48	45.3	142	47.3	10	62.5	3	75.0	9	52.9	22	59.5	164	48.7
		442	51.2	297	41.8	342	43.7	1081	45.9	229	57.8	41	49.4	64	56.1	334	56.3	1415	48.0
	QUITE/EXTREMELY	45	36.9	34	47.2	41	38.7	120	40.0	5	31.2	1	25.0	7	41.2	13	35.1	133	39.5
		343	39.7	326	45.9	337	43.0	1006	42.7	134	33.8	29	34.9	38	33.3	201	33.9	1207	40.9
	<i>Did not answer</i>	3	2.5	-	-	5	4.7	8	2.7	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	8	2.4
	23	2.7	23	3.2	30	3.8	76	3.2	5	1.3	-	-	3	2.6	8	1.3	84	2.8	
Total	122	100	72	100	106	100	300	100	16	100	4	100	17	100	37	100	337	100	
	863	100	711	100	783	100	2357	100	396	100	83	100	114	100	593	100	2950	100	
How difficult is it for youth to get an older person to buy alcohol for them?	NOT AT ALL	57	46.7	26	36.1	52	49.1	135	45.0	10	62.5	2	50.0	10	58.8	22	59.5	157	46.6
		332	38.5	290	40.8	324	41.4	946	40.1	190	48.0	44	53.0	66	57.9	300	50.6	1246	42.2
	SLIGHTLY/SOMEWHAT	54	44.3	40	55.6	42	39.6	136	45.3	5	31.2	2	50.0	6	35.3	13	35.1	149	44.2
		439	50.9	351	49.4	359	45.8	1149	48.7	185	46.7	38	45.8	43	37.7	266	44.9	1415	48.0
	QUITE/EXTREMELY	8	6.6	6	8.3	6	5.7	20	6.7	1	6.2	-	-	1	5.9	2	5.4	22	6.5
		65	7.5	48	6.8	66	8.4	179	7.6	14	3.5	1	1.2	2	1.8	17	2.9	196	6.6
	<i>Did not answer</i>	3	2.5	-	-	6	5.7	9	3.0	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	9	2.7
	27	3.1	22	3.1	34	4.3	83	3.5	7	1.8	-	-	3	2.6	10	1.7	93	3.2	
Total	122	100	72	100	106	100	300	100	16	100	4	100	17	100	37	100	337	100	
	863	100	711	100	783	100	2357	100	396	100	83	100	114	100	593	100	2950	100	

Table 5.1 Cont'd: Please respond accordingly to the following questions regarding access in your community.

<ul style="list-style-type: none"> ▪ Region VIII ▪ Statewide 		COMMUNITY MEMBERS						KEY INFORMANTS						OVERALL TOTAL					
		Urban		Rural		Frontier		Community Member TOTAL		Urban		Rural		Frontier		Key Informant TOTAL		N	%
		N	%	N	%	N	%	N	%	N	%	N	%	N	%	N	%		
How difficult is it for youth to order a drink at a bar?	NOT AT ALL	6	4.9	2	2.8	5	4.7	13	4.3	-	-	-	-	1	5.9	1	2.7	14	4.2
		22	2.5	16	2.3	25	3.2	63	2.7	4	1.0	3	3.6	3	2.6	10	1.7	73	2.5
	SLIGHTLY/SOMEWHAT	56	45.9	33	45.8	30	28.3	119	39.7	9	56.2	2	50.0	9	52.9	20	54.1	139	41.2
		388	45.0	275	38.7	271	34.6	934	39.6	199	50.3	41	49.4	62	54.4	302	50.9	1236	41.9
	QUITE/EXTREMELY	57	46.7	37	51.4	65	61.3	159	53.0	7	43.8	2	50.0	7	41.2	16	43.2	175	51.9
		428	49.6	396	55.7	455	58.1	1279	54.3	187	47.2	39	47.0	45	39.5	271	45.7	1550	52.5
	<i>Did not answer</i>	3	2.5	-	-	6	5.7	9	3.0	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	9	2.7
		25	2.9	24	3.4	32	4.1	81	3.4	6	1.5	-	-	4	3.5	10	1.7	91	3.1
	Total	122	100	72	100	106	100	300	100	16	100	4	100	17	100	37	100	337	100
		863	100	711	100	783	100	2357	100	396	100	83	100	114	100	593	100	2950	100
How difficult is it for youth to sneak alcohol from their home or a friend's home?	NOT AT ALL	75	61.5	38	52.8	54	50.9	167	55.7	12	75.0	3	75.0	12	70.6	27	73.0	194	57.6
		504	58.4	328	46.1	387	49.4	1219	51.7	269	67.9	61	73.5	78	68.4	408	68.8	1627	55.2
	SLIGHTLY/SOMEWHAT	38	31.1	29	40.3	44	41.5	111	37.0	4	25.0	1	25.0	5	29.4	10	27.0	121	35.9
		298	34.5	322	45.3	316	40.4	936	39.7	120	30.3	21	25.3	33	28.9	174	29.3	1110	37.6
	QUITE/EXTREMELY	6	4.9	5	6.9	4	3.8	15	5.0	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	15	4.5
		35	4.1	35	4.9	45	5.7	115	4.9	2	.5	1	1.2	-	-	3	.5	118	4.0
	<i>Did not answer</i>	3	2.5	-	-	4	3.8	7	2.3	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	7	2.1
		26	3.0	26	3.7	35	4.5	87	3.7	5	1.3	-	-	3	2.6	8	1.3	95	3.2
	Total	122	100	72	100	106	100	300	100	16	100	4	100	17	100	37	100	337	100
		863	100	711	100	783	100	2357	100	396	100	83	100	114	100	593	100	2950	100
How difficult is it for youth to get their parents to give them alcohol?	NOT AT ALL	16	13.1	12	16.7	15	14.2	43	14.3	2	12.5	2	50.0	1	5.9	5	13.5	48	14.2
		77	8.9	81	11.4	95	12.1	253	10.7	34	8.6	9	10.8	17	14.9	60	10.1	313	10.6
	SLIGHTLY/SOMEWHAT	68	55.7	42	58.3	66	62.3	176	58.7	9	56.2	2	50.0	11	64.7	22	59.5	198	58.8
		533	61.8	407	57.2	449	57.3	1389	58.9	279	70.5	56	67.5	77	67.5	412	69.5	1801	61.1
	QUITE/EXTREMELY	33	27.0	18	25.0	22	20.8	73	24.3	5	31.2	-	-	4	23.5	9	24.3	82	24.3
		220	25.5	195	27.4	206	26.3	621	26.3	75	18.9	17	20.5	15	13.2	107	18.0	728	24.7
	<i>Did not answer</i>	5	4.1	-	-	3	2.8	8	2.7	-	-	-	-	1	5.9	1	2.7	9	2.7
		33	3.8	28	3.9	33	4.2	94	4.0	8	2.0	1	1.2	5	4.4	14	2.4	108	3.7
	Total	122	100	72	100	106	100	300	100	16	100	4	100	17	100	37	100	337	100
		863	100	711	100	783	100	2357	100	396	100	83	100	114	100	593	100	2950	100

Table 5.1 Cont'd: Please respond accordingly to the following questions regarding access in your community.

<ul style="list-style-type: none"> ▪ Region VIII ▪ Statewide 	COMMUNITY MEMBERS								KEY INFORMANTS						OVERALL TOTAL				
	Urban		Rural		Frontier		Community Member TOTAL		Urban		Rural		Frontier		Key Informant TOTAL		TOTAL		
	N	%	N	%	N	%	N	%	N	%	N	%	N	%	N	%	N	%	
How difficult is it for youth to get other family members to give them alcohol?	NOT AT ALL	22	18.0	15	20.8	19	17.9	56	18.7	3	18.8	1	25.0	4	23.5	8	21.6	64	19.0
		134	15.5	131	18.4	137	17.5	402	17.1	73	18.4	21	25.3	30	26.3	124	20.9	526	17.8
	SLIGHTLY/SOMEWHAT	82	67.2	43	59.7	72	67.9	197	65.7	12	75.0	3	75.0	10	58.8	25	67.6	222	65.9
		557	64.5	407	57.2	471	60.2	1435	60.9	276	69.7	56	67.5	73	64.0	405	68.3	1840	62.4
	QUITE/EXTREMELY	15	12.3	14	19.4	12	11.3	41	13.7	1	6.2	-	-	2	11.8	3	8.1	44	13.1
		142	16.5	146	20.5	142	18.1	430	18.2	40	10.1	5	6.0	6	5.3	51	8.6	481	16.3
	Did not answer	3	2.5	-	-	3	2.8	6	2.0	-	-	-	-	1	5.9	1	2.7	7	2.1
	30	3.5	27	3.8	33	4.2	90	3.8	7	1.8	1	1.2	5	4.4	13	2.2	103	3.5	
Total	122	100	72	100	106	100	300	100	16	100	4	100	17	100	37	100	337	100	
	863	100	711	100	783	100	2357	100	396	100	83	100	114	100	593	100	2950	100	

When **Statewide Community Members** were asked “How difficult is it for youth to get an older person to buy alcohol for them,” 40.1 percent indicated it was *not at all* difficult, 48.7 percent believed that it is *slightly/somewhat* difficult, and only 7.6 percent believed this be *quite/extremely* difficult. Similarly, 50.6 percent of the *Key Informants* felt this was *not at all* difficult, 44.9 percent responded as *slightly/somewhat* difficult and only 2.9 percent believed this to be *quite/extremely* difficult. Likewise, 45 percent of **Region VIII Community Members** believed that getting an older person to buy alcohol for youth is was *not at all* difficult and 45.3 percent indicated it was *slightly/somewhat* difficult. Among the *Key Informant* population, 59.5 percent of respondents indicated that it was *not at all* difficult for youth to get an older person to buy alcohol for them and 35.1percent responded that this was only *slightly/somewhat* difficult.

When the **Statewide Community Members** were asked “How difficult is it for youth to sneak alcohol from their home or a friend’s home,” 51.7 percent reported that this was *not at all* difficult and 39.7 percent perceived this to be *slightly/somewhat* difficult. Regarding the question above, 68.8 percent of the *Key Informants* specified that this was *not at all* difficult and 29.3 percent thought this was *slightly/somewhat* difficult. Similarly, when **Region VIII Community Members** were asked the following, “How difficult is it for youth to sneak alcohol from their home or a friend’s home,” 55.7 percent believed this was *not at all* difficult and 37 percent indicated this was only *slightly/somewhat* difficult. Of the *Key Informant* population, 73 percent specified that it was *not at all* difficult for youth to obtain alcohol in this manner, while 27 percent felt that this was only *slightly/somewhat* difficult.

Table 5.2: How difficult is it for youth or adult to ACCESS the following in your community.

<ul style="list-style-type: none"> ▪ Region VIII ▪ Statewide 		COMMUNITY MEMBERS								KEY INFORMANTS								OVERALL	
		Urban		Rural		Frontier		Community Member TOTAL		Urban		Rural		Frontier		Key Informant TOTAL		TOTAL	
		N	%	N	%	N	%	N	%	N	%	N	%	N	%	N	%	N	%
Marijuana	NOT AT ALL	51	41.8	17	23.6	39	36.8	107	35.7	8	50.0	1	25.0	8	47.1	17	45.9	124	36.8
		331	38.4	220	30.9	234	29.9	785	33.3	217	54.8	35	42.2	44	38.6	296	49.9	1081	36.6
	SLIGHTLY/SOMEWHAT	45	36.9	37	51.4	45	42.5	127	42.3	8	50.0	2	50.0	6	35.3	16	43.2	143	42.4
		398	46.1	326	45.9	343	43.8	1067	45.3	161	40.7	43	51.8	55	48.2	259	43.7	1326	44.9
	QUITE/EXTREMELY	17	13.9	11	15.3	9	8.5	37	12.3	-	-	1	25.0	3	17.6	4	10.8	41	12.2
		62	7.2	101	14.2	120	15.3	283	12.0	8	2.0	5	6.0	8	7.0	21	3.5	304	10.3
	Indicated "Do not know"	7	5.7	6	8.3	11	10.4	24	8.0	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	24	7.1
		52	6.0	41	5.8	66	8.4	159	6.7	8	2.0	-	-	5	4.4	13	2.2	172	5.8
Did not answer	2	1.6	1	1.4	2	1.9	5	1.7	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	5	1.5	
	20	2.3	23	3.2	20	2.6	63	2.7	2	.5	-	-	2	1.8	4	.7	67	2.3	
Total	122	100	72	100	106	100	300	100	16	100	4	100	17	100	37	100	337	100	
	863	100	711	100	783	100	2357	100	396	100	83	100	114	100	593	100	2950	100.0	
Inhalants (Glue, paint, aerosols, solvents, etc.)	NOT AT ALL	70	57.4	33	45.8	46	43.4	149	49.7	12	75.0	3	75.0	11	64.7	26	70.3	175	51.9
		506	58.6	318	44.7	325	41.5	1149	48.7	324	81.8	61	73.5	71	62.3	456	76.9	1605	54.4
	SLIGHTLY/SOMEWHAT	34	27.9	20	27.8	37	34.9	91	30.3	4	25.0	-	-	3	17.6	7	18.9	98	29.1
		231	26.8	242	34.0	249	31.8	722	30.6	57	14.4	18	21.7	28	24.6	103	17.4	825	28.0
	QUITE/EXTREMELY	8	6.6	10	13.9	9	8.5	27	9.0	-	-	1	25.0	2	11.8	3	8.1	30	8.9
		48	5.6	81	11.4	113	14.4	242	10.3	5	1.3	4	4.8	7	6.1	16	2.7	258	8.7
	Indicated "Do not know"	7	5.7	6	8.3	12	11.3	25	8.3	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	25	7.4
		54	6.3	41	5.8	70	8.9	165	7.0	7	1.8	-	-	5	4.4	12	2.0	177	6.0
Did not answer	3	2.5	3	4.2	2	1.9	8	2.7	-	-	-	-	1	5.9	1	2.7	9	2.7	
	24	2.8	29	4.1	26	3.3	79	3.4	3	.8	-	-	3	2.6	6	1.0	85	2.9	
Total	122	100	72	100	106	100	300	100	16	100	4	100	17	100	37	100	337	100	
	863	100	711	100	783	100	2357	100	396	100	83	100	114	100	593	100	2950	100.0	
Cocaine	NOT AT ALL	25	20.5	8	11.1	10	9.4	43	14.3	2	12.5	-	-	2	11.8	4	10.8	47	13.9
		123	14.3	77	10.8	73	9.3	273	11.6	62	15.7	8	9.6	9	7.9	79	13.3	352	11.9
	SLIGHTLY/SOMEWHAT	57	46.7	32	44.4	53	50.0	142	47.3	13	81.2	1	25.0	9	52.9	23	62.2	165	49.0
		458	53.1	334	47.0	323	41.3	1115	47.3	263	66.4	51	61.4	60	52.6	374	63.1	1489	50.5
	QUITE/EXTREMELY	29	23.8	23	31.9	28	26.4	80	26.7	1	6.2	3	75.0	5	29.4	9	24.3	89	26.4
		189	21.9	217	30.5	275	35.1	681	28.9	55	13.9	22	26.5	35	30.7	112	18.9	793	26.9
	Indicated "Do not know"	9	7.4	7	9.7	13	12.3	29	9.7	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	29	8.6
		62	7.2	45	6.3	79	10.1	186	7.9	11	2.8	1	1.2	7	6.1	19	3.2	205	6.9
Did not answer	2	1.6	2	2.8	2	1.9	6	2.0	-	-	-	-	1	5.9	1	2.7	7	2.1	
	31	3.6	38	5.3	33	4.2	102	4.3	5	1.3	1	1.2	3	2.6	9	1.5	111	3.8	
Total	122	100	72	100	106	100	300	100	16	100	4	100	17	100	37	100	337	100	
	863	100	711	100	783	100	2357	100	396	100	83	100	114	100	593	100	2950	100.0	

Table 5.2 Cont'd: How difficult is it for youth or adult to ACCESS the following in your community.

<ul style="list-style-type: none"> ▪ Region VIII ▪ Statewide 	Level of Difficulty	COMMUNITY MEMBERS								KEY INFORMANTS								OVERALL TOTAL	
		Urban		Rural		Frontier		Community Member TOTAL		Urban		Rural		Frontier		Key Informant TOTAL		N	%
		N	%	N	%	N	%	N	%	N	%	N	%	N	%	N	%		
Methamphetamine	NOT AT ALL	41	33.6	11	15.3	27	25.5	79	26.3	7	43.8	-	-	6	35.3	13	35.1	92	27.3
		252	29.2	161	22.6	154	19.7	567	24.1	137	34.6	18	21.7	26	22.8	181	30.5	748	25.4
	SLIGHTLY/SOMEWHAT	51	41.8	40	55.6	53	50.0	144	48.0	7	43.8	3	75.0	8	47.1	18	48.6	162	48.1
		442	51.2	347	48.8	358	45.7	1147	48.7	225	56.8	54	65.1	67	58.8	346	58.3	1493	50.6
	QUITE/EXTREMELY	19	15.6	12	16.7	14	13.2	45	15.0	2	12.5	1	25.0	3	17.6	6	16.2	51	15.1
		90	10.4	125	17.6	172	22.0	387	16.4	24	6.1	10	12.0	14	12.3	48	8.1	435	14.7
	Indicated "Do not know"	8	6.6	7	9.7	10	9.4	25	8.3	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	25	7.4
		55	6.4	44	6.2	72	9.2	171	7.3	8	2.0	-	-	5	4.4	13	2.2	184	6.2
	Did not answer	3	2.5	2	2.8	2	1.9	7	2.3	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	7	2.1
		24	2.8	34	4.8	27	3.4	85	3.6	2	.5	1	1.2	2	1.8	5	.8	90	3.1
Total	122	100	72	100	106	100	300	100	16	100	4	100	17	100	37	100	337	100	
	863	100	711	100	783	100	2357	100	396	100	83	100	114	100	593	100	2950	100.0	
Hallucinogens (LSD, Shrooms, PCP, etc.)	NOT AT ALL	27	22.1	6	8.3	9	8.5	42	14.0	4	25.0	-	-	-	-	4	10.8	46	13.6
		136	15.8	79	11.1	70	8.9	285	12.1	59	14.9	6	7.2	9	7.9	74	12.5	359	12.2
	SLIGHTLY/SOMEWHAT	59	48.4	33	45.8	52	49.1	144	48.0	8	50.0	1	25.0	10	58.8	19	51.4	163	48.4
		463	53.7	328	46.1	309	39.5	1100	46.7	254	64.1	51	61.4	58	50.9	363	61.2	1463	49.6
	QUITE/EXTREMELY	25	20.5	24	33.3	30	28.3	79	26.3	4	25.0	3	75.0	6	35.3	13	35.1	92	27.3
		170	19.7	222	31.2	288	36.8	680	28.9	67	16.9	24	28.9	37	32.5	128	21.6	808	27.4
	Indicated "Do not know"	9	7.4	7	9.7	13	12.3	29	9.7	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	29	8.6
		64	7.4	46	6.5	80	10.2	190	8.1	12	3.0	1	1.2	7	6.1	20	3.4	210	7.1
	Did not answer	2	1.6	2	2.8	2	1.9	6	2.0	-	-	-	-	1	5.9	1	2.7	7	2.1
		30	3.5	36	5.1	36	4.6	102	4.3	4	1.0	1	1.2	3	2.6	8	1.3	110	3.7
Total	122	100	72	100	106	100	300	100	16	100	4	100	17	100	37	100	337	100	
	863	100	711	100	783	100	2357	100	396	100	83	100	114	100	593	100	2950	100.0	

One-third (33.3%) of *Statewide Community Members* perceived *marijuana* as *not at all* difficult for adults/youth to obtain in their community, whereas 45.3 percent felt access was *slightly/somewhat* difficult. Among the *Key Informants*, almost half (49.9%) perceived *marijuana* was *not at all* difficult for adults/youth to access, while 43.7 percent felt accessing *marijuana* was *slightly/somewhat* difficult. Within *Region VIII*, 35.7 percent of *Community Member* respondents perceived access to *marijuana* as *not at all* difficult for adults/youth to obtain, 42.3 percent felt access was *slightly/somewhat* difficult, and only 12.3 percent perceived this to be *quite/extremely* difficult. Nearly half (45.9%) of *Key Informant* respondents perceived access to *marijuana* as *not at all* difficult for adults/youth to obtain, while 43.2 percent perceived access to *marijuana* as *slightly/somewhat* difficult.

When asked about access to *methamphetamine* within the community, one quarter (24.1%) of **Statewide** *Community Member* respondents believed this methamphetamine was *not at all* difficult to access, whereas 48.7 percent believed that access was *slightly/somewhat* difficult. Among the *Key Informants*, 30.5 percent believed that methamphetamine was *not at all* difficult to access, and over half (58.3%) believed that access was *slightly/somewhat* difficult. Within **Region VIII**, 26.3 percent of *Community Member* respondents perceived methamphetamine as *not at all* difficult to access, while 48 percent believed that access was *slightly/somewhat* difficult. Nearly half (48.6%) of *Key Informant* respondents indicated that access to methamphetamine was *slightly/somewhat* difficult, whereas 35.1 percent believed that accessing methamphetamine was *not at all* difficult.

Respondents perceived access to cocaine, and hallucinogens in a similar way (i.e., *slightly/somewhat* difficult to access) although one-quarter thought access would be *quite/extremely* difficult. Overall, inhalants were perceived as the most accessible to youth and adults as indicated by 54.4 percent of **Statewide** respondents and 51.9 percent of **Region VIII** respondents.

Section 6: Perception of Community Commitment

Lastly, participants were asked to rank the community's overall commitment to addressing the perceived problems of youth alcohol and substance use. The questions focused on the importance of preventing alcohol and drug use among youth, concern for the availability of sufficient prevention programs, the most effective method for achieving drug free youth, through educating youth, parents, or community members, the presence of leaders within the community willing to address these issues, where to seek assistance within the community regarding these matters, the presence of a community action plan, and primary sources of information regarding crime.

NOTE: It should be kept in mind that the following tables are **NOT comparative** in nature. In other words, though presented side-by-side, the responses of the community members and those of the key informants are **NOT** being compared. The tables simply present a descriptive account about how each group responded to each question. Within this section, response categories were collapsed into **AGREE** (to include agree or strongly agree) and **DISAGREE** (to include disagree or strongly disagree).

Table 6.1: To what extent do you AGREE or DISAGREE with the following statements?

<ul style="list-style-type: none"> ▪ Region VIII ▪ Statewide 		COMMUNITY MEMBERS						KEY INFORMANTS						OVERALL TOTAL					
		Urban		Rural		Frontier		Community Member TOTAL		Urban		Rural		Frontier		Key Informant TOTAL			
		N	%	N	%	N	%	N	%	N	%	N	%	N	%	N	%	N	%
Preventing alcohol and other drug use among youth is important.	DISAGREE	2	1.6	2	2.8	2	1.9	6	2.0	-	-	-	-	1	5.9	1	2.7	7	2.1
		23	2.7	15	2.1	28	3.6	66	2.8	12	3.0	2	2.4	4	3.5	18	3.0	84	2.8
	AGREE	120	98.4	70	97.2	104	98.1	294	98.0	16	100	4	100	16	94.1	36	97.3	330	97.9
		836	96.9	693	97.5	748	95.5	2277	96.6	384	97.0	81	97.6	108	94.7	573	96.6	2850	96.6
	Did not answer	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-
	4	.5	3	.4	7	.9	14	.6	-	-	-	-	2	1.8	2	.3	16	.5	
	Total	122	100	72	100	106	100	300	100	16	100	4	100	17	100	37	100	337	100
		863	100	711	100	783	100	2357	100	396	100	83	100	114	100	593	100	2950	100
I am concerned about whether my community has sufficient AOD abuse prevention programs.	DISAGREE	30	24.6	13	18.1	15	14.2	58	19.3	2	12.5	1	25.0	1	5.9	4	10.8	62	18.4
		182	21.1	139	19.5	134	17.1	455	19.3	80	20.2	16	19.3	20	17.5	116	19.6	571	19.4
	AGREE	90	73.8	59	81.9	89	84.0	238	79.3	14	87.5	3	75.0	16	94.1	33	89.2	271	80.4
		668	77.4	565	79.5	636	81.2	1869	79.3	312	78.8	67	80.7	92	80.7	471	79.4	2340	79.3
	Did not answer	2	1.6	-	-	2	1.9	4	1.3	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	4	1.2
	13	1.5	7	1.0	13	1.7	33	1.4	4	1.0	-	-	2	1.8	6	1.0	39	1.3	
	Total	122	100	72	100	106	100	300	100	16	100	4	100	17	100	37	100	337	100
		863	100	711	100	783	100	2357	100	396	100	83	100	114	100	593	100	2950	100

Table 6.1 Cont'd: To what extent do you AGREE or DISAGREE with the following statements?

<ul style="list-style-type: none"> ▪ Region VIII ▪ Statewide 		COMMUNITY MEMBERS								KEY INFORMANTS						OVERALL			
		Urban		Rural		Frontier		Community Member TOTAL		Urban		Rural		Frontier		Key Informant TOTAL		TOTAL	
		N	%	N	%	N	%	N	%	N	%	N	%	N	%	N	%	N	%
Alcohol and drug free youth can best be achieved by educating youth themselves.	DISAGREE	9	7.4	7	9.7	7	6.6	23	7.7	3	18.8	1	25.0	2	11.8	6	16.2	29	8.6
		68	7.9	59	8.3	75	9.6	202	8.6	55	13.9	10	12.0	11	9.6	76	12.8	278	9.4
	AGREE	112	91.8	64	88.9	99	93.4	275	91.7	13	81.2	3	75.0	15	88.2	31	83.8	306	90.8
		784	90.8	647	91.0	698	89.1	2129	90.3	338	85.4	72	86.7	101	88.6	511	86.2	2640	89.5
	Did not answer	1	.8	1	1.4	-	-	2	.7	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	2	.6
	11	1.3	5	.7	10	1.3	26	1.1	3	.8	1	1.2	2	1.8	6	1.0	32	1.1	
	Total	122	100	72	100	106	100	300	100	16	100	4	100	17	100	37	100	337	100
		863	100	711	100	783	100	2357	100	396	100	83	100	114	100	593	100	2950	100
Alcohol and drug free youth can best be achieved by educating parents.	DISAGREE	10	8.2	9	12.5	16	15.1	35	11.7	1	6.2	-	-	-	-	1	2.7	36	10.7
		91	10.5	53	7.5	79	10.1	223	9.5	40	10.1	4	4.8	6	5.3	50	8.4	273	9.3
	AGREE	111	91.0	62	86.1	90	84.9	263	87.7	15	93.8	4	100	17	100	36	97.3	299	88.7
		765	88.6	650	91.4	690	88.1	2105	89.3	356	89.9	78	94.0	106	93.0	540	91.1	2645	89.7
	Did not answer	1	.8	1	1.4	-	-	2	.7	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	2	.6
	7	.8	8	1.1	14	1.8	29	1.2	-	-	1	1.2	2	1.8	3	.5	32	1.1	
	Total	122	100	72	100	106	100	300	100	16	100	4	100	17	100	37	100	337	100
		863	100	711	100	783	100	2357	100	396	100	83	100	114	100	593	100	2950	100
Alcohol and drug free youth can best be achieved by educating the community.	DISAGREE	9	7.4	8	11.1	9	8.5	26	8.7	-	-	1	25.0	-	-	1	2.7	27	8.0
		88	10.2	73	10.3	76	9.7	237	10.1	29	7.3	4	4.8	10	8.8	43	7.3	280	9.5
	AGREE	113	92.6	63	87.5	95	89.6	271	90.3	16	100	3	75.0	17	100	36	97.3	307	91.1
		767	88.9	630	88.6	692	88.4	2089	88.6	365	92.2	78	94.0	101	88.6	544	91.7	2633	89.3
	Did not answer	-	-	1	1.4	2	1.9	3	1.0	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	3	.9
	8	.9	8	1.1	15	1.9	31	1.3	2	.5	1	1.2	3	2.6	6	1.0	37	1.3	
	Total	122	100	72	100	106	100	300	100	16	100	4	100	17	100	37	100	337	100
		863	100	711	100	783	100	2357	100	396	100	83	100	114	100	593	100	2950	100
There are leaders in my community who are interested in reducing access & abuse of alcohol and other drugs.	DISAGREE	5	4.1	15	20.8	16	15.1	36	12.0	-	-	1	25.0	3	17.6	4	10.8	40	11.9
		75	8.7	134	18.8	137	17.5	346	14.7	26	6.6	17	20.5	18	15.8	61	10.3	407	13.8
	AGREE	112	91.8	56	77.8	85	80.2	253	84.3	16	100	3	75.0	14	82.4	33	89.2	286	84.9
		765	88.6	549	77.2	616	78.7	1930	81.9	368	92.9	66	79.5	93	81.6	527	88.9	2457	83.3
	Did not answer	5	4.1	1	1.4	5	4.7	11	3.7	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	11	3.3
	23	2.7	28	3.9	30	3.8	81	3.4	2	.5	-	-	3	2.6	5	.8	86	2.9	
	Total	122	100	72	100	106	100	300	100	16	100	4	100	17	100	37	100	337	100
		863	100	711	100	783	100	2357	100	396	100	83	100	114	100	593	100	2950	100

Table 6.1 Cont'd: To what extent do you AGREE or DISAGREE with the following statements?

<ul style="list-style-type: none"> ▪ Region VIII ▪ Statewide 		COMMUNITY MEMBERS								KEY INFORMANTS						OVERALL TOTAL			
		Urban		Rural		Frontier		Community Member TOTAL		Urban		Rural		Frontier		Key Informant TOTAL		TOTAL	
		N	%	N	%	N	%	N	%	N	%	N	%	N	%	N	%	N	%
I know who to go to if I need help for myself or family members(s) who are abusing alcohol and other drugs.	DISAGREE	20	16.4	20	27.8	25	23.6	65	21.7	-	-	1	25.0	2	11.8	3	8.1	68	20.2
		132	15.3	137	19.3	159	20.3	428	18.2	18	4.5	4	4.8	11	9.6	33	5.6	461	15.6
	AGREE	97	79.5	52	72.2	80	75.5	229	76.3	16	100	3	75.0	15	88.2	34	91.9	263	78.0
		716	83.0	559	78.6	607	77.5	1882	79.8	378	95.5	79	95.2	101	88.6	558	94.1	2440	82.7
	Did not answer	5	4.1	-	-	1	.9	6	2.0	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	6	1.8
	15	1.7	15	2.1	17	2.2	47	2.0	-	-	-	-	2	1.8	2	.3	49	1.7	
Total	122	100	72	100	106	100	300	100	16	100	4	100	17	100	37	100	337	100	
	863	100	711	100	783	100	2357	100	396	100	83	100	114	100	593	100	2950	100	

When asked whether *Statewide* and *Region VIII* respondents considered *alcohol and other drug use prevention among youth as important*, a strong majority (96.6% and 97.9% respectively) *agree-strongly agree*. Regarding the *sufficiency of their community's AOD abuse prevention programs*, 79.3 percent of *Statewide* respondents and 80.4 percent *Region VIII* respondents indicated that they were concerned. When asked if community leaders were interested in *reducing access and abuse of alcohol and other drugs*, 84.9 percent of *Region VIII* respondents *agree-strongly agree*. Similarly, when asked if they *know who to go to if they need help for themselves or family* with alcohol and other drug issues, 78 percent of *Region VIII* *agree-strongly agree*. Finally, at least eighty-nine percent of the *Statewide* (range 89.5% to 89.7%) and *Region VIII* (range 88.7% to 91.1%) respondents *agree-strongly agree* that alcohol and drug free youth can best be achieved by: 1) educating youth themselves; 2) educating parents; and 3) educating the community.

Table 6.2: Our community has an action plan for dealing with issues surrounding substance abuse

<ul style="list-style-type: none"> ▪ Region VIII ▪ Statewide 	COMMUNITY MEMBERS								KEY INFORMANTS						OVERALL TOTAL			
	Urban		Rural		Frontier		Community Member TOTAL		Urban		Rural		Frontier		Key Informant TOTAL		N	%
	N	%	N	%	N	%	N	%	N	%	N	%	N	%	N	%		
Yes	57	46.7	9	12.5	12	11.3	78	26.0	5	31.2	1	25.0	6	35.3	12	32.4	90	26.7
	321	37.2	93	13.1	108	13.8	522	22.1	170	42.9	20	24.1	23	20.2	213	35.9	735	24.9
No	2	1.6	18	25.0	21	19.8	41	13.7	3	18.8	1	25.0	2	11.8	6	16.2	47	13.9
	39	4.5	161	22.6	164	20.9	364	15.4	42	10.6	36	43.4	37	32.5	115	19.4	479	16.2
Don't know	62	50.8	43	59.7	71	67.0	176	58.7	8	50.0	2	50.0	9	52.9	19	51.4	195	57.9
	481	55.7	440	61.9	495	63.2	1416	60.1	181	45.7	23	27.7	53	46.5	257	43.3	1673	56.7
<i>Did not answer</i>	1	.8	2	2.8	2	1.9	5	1.7	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	5	1.5
	22	2.5	17	2.4	16	2.0	55	2.3	3	.8	4	4.8	1	.9	8	1.3	63	2.1
Total	122	100	72	100	106	100	300	100	16	100	4	100	17	100	37	100	337	100
	863	100	711	100	783	100	2357	100	396	100	83	100	114	100	593	100	2950	100

When respondents were asked whether their community has an action plan for dealing with issues surrounding substance abuse, 56.7 percent of **Statewide** respondents and 57.9 percent of **Region VIII** respondents overall indicated that they *don't know* whether their community has a plan for dealing with issues surrounding substance abuse.

Table 6.3: From which one source do you get most of your news about crime?

<ul style="list-style-type: none"> ▪ Region VIII ▪ Statewide 	COMMUNITY MEMBERS								KEY INFORMANTS						OVERALL TOTAL			
	Urban		Rural		Frontier		Community Member TOTAL		Urban		Rural		Frontier		Key Informant TOTAL		N	%
	N	%	N	%	N	%	N	%	N	%	N	%	N	%	N	%		
Television	38	31.1	28	38.9	38	35.8	104	34.7	6	37.5	-	-	9	52.9	15	40.5	119	35.3
	307	35.6	302	42.5	287	36.7	896	38.0	170	42.9	35	42.2	52	45.6	257	43.3	1153	39.1
Newspapers	45	36.9	24	33.3	22	20.8	91	30.3	6	37.5	2	50.0	3	17.6	11	29.7	102	30.3
	280	32.4	150	21.1	177	22.6	607	25.8	119	30.1	21	25.3	26	22.8	166	28.0	773	26.2
Co-workers	3	2.5	1	1.4	9	8.5	13	4.3	-	-	-	-	1	5.9	1	2.7	14	4.2
	15	1.7	19	2.7	35	4.5	69	2.9	17	4.3	2	2.4	7	6.1	26	4.4	95	3.2
Friends	4	3.3	1	1.4	12	11.3	17	5.7	-	-	-	-	1	5.9	1	2.7	18	5.3
	19	2.2	29	4.1	45	5.7	93	3.9	1	.3	-	-	5	4.4	6	1.0	99	3.4
Neighbors	-	-	1	1.4	3	2.8	4	1.3	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	4	1.2
	4	.5	10	1.4	10	1.3	24	1.0	1	.3	1	1.2	2	1.8	4	.7	28	.9
Other (combination of above to include internet)	24	19.7	11	15.3	16	15.1	51	17.0	3	18.8	1	25.0	3	17.6	7	18.9	58	17.2
	172	19.9	146	20.5	151	19.3	469	19.9	61	15.4	19	22.9	19	16.7	99	16.7	568	19.3
Do not know	1	.8	-	-	-	-	1	.3	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	1	.3
	4	.5	2	.3	5	.6	11	.5	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	11	.4
<i>Did not answer</i>	7	5.7	6	8.3	6	5.7	19	6.3	1	6.2	1	25.0	-	-	2	5.4	21	6.2
	62	7.2	53	7.5	73	9.3	188	8.0	27	6.8	5	6.0	3	2.6	35	5.9	223	7.6
Total	122	100	72	100	106	100	300	100	16	100	4	100	17	100	37	100	337	100
	863	100	711	100	783	100	2357	100	396	100	83	100	114	100	593	100	2950	100

When asked “From which one source do you get most of your news about crime”, **Statewide Community Members** and **Key Informants** cited “Television” (38%), and “Newspapers” (25.8%) their preferred media sources. Similarly, “Television” (35.3%), “Newspapers” (30.3%), were cited as the most frequently accessed for news about crime among **Region VIII Community Members** and **Key Informants**.

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APPENDICES

Appendix A: Sample Sizes for Prevention Readiness Survey

Sample Sizes for Prevention Readiness Survey (based on pop 18+, 2006), 10% margin of error

*inflated by 10x's

		85%	90%	95%	
Region 1					
Frontier	Divide/McKenzie	520	600	680	960
Rural	Williams	520	600	680	960
Urban	Williams (Williston)	520	600	680	960
Region 2					
Frontier	Bottineau/Burke/McHenry/Mountrail/Renville	520	600	680	960
Rural	Pierce/Ward	520	600	680	960
Urban	Ward (Minot)	520	600	680	960
Region 3					
Frontier	Benson/Cavalier/Eddy/Towner	520	600	680	960
Rural	Ramsey/Rolette	520	600	680	960
Urban	Ramsey (Devils Lake)	520	600	680	960
Region 4					
Frontier	Nelson	520	600	680	960
Rural	Grand Forks/Pembina/Walsh	520	600	680	960
Urban	Grand Forks (Grand Forks)	520	600	680	960
Region 5					
Frontier	Sargent/Steele	520	600	680	960
Rural	Cass/Ransom/Richland/Traill	520	600	680	960
Urban	Cass (Fargo/West Fargo)/Richland (Wahpeton)	520	600	680	960
Region 6					
Frontier	Dickey/Foster/Griggs/Lamoure/Logan/McIntosh/Wells	520	600	680	960
Rural	Barnes/Stutsman	520	600	680	960
Urban	Barnes (Valley City)/Stutsman (Jamestown)	520	600	680	960
Region 7					
Frontier	Emmons/Grant/Kidder/McLean/Oliver/Sheridan/Sioux	520	600	680	960
Rural	Burleigh/Mercer/Morton	520	600	680	960
Urban	Burleigh (Bismarck)/Morton (Mandan)	520	600	680	960
Region 8					
Frontier	Adams/Billings/Bowman/Dunn/Golden Valley/Hettinger/Slope	520	600	680	960
Rural	Stark	520	600	680	960
Urban	Stark (Dickinson)	520	600	680	960
Total Sample		12480	14400	16320	23040

Appendix B: Cover Letter

Dear Community Member:

Congratulations! You have been selected to participate in the enclosed survey designed to gauge your community's perceptions of alcohol and other drug use. As our thank-you for completing this survey, you have the opportunity to enter your name in a drawing to win one of several **pre-paid gas cards worth up to \$500**.

The Rural Crime and Justice Center (RCJC), along with the North Dakota Department of Human Services, has designed this survey to discuss alcohol and other drug (AOD) use in your community. With your help, we can identify perceptions of the AOD problem, attitudes toward AOD use, support for AOD prevention, adolescent access to AOD, and level of commitment within *your* community to address these issues.

It will only take 5-10 minutes to complete this brief survey. Your responses are confidential and anonymous, and will be used to develop effective responses to AOD issues at the community level. Following completion, please return the survey in the enclosed pre-paid return envelope by **June 15, 2008**. Results of the survey will be available to the public this fall. If you would like to participate in the drawing for a pre-paid gas card, please refer to the enclosed postcard for more information.

Your support and participation are greatly appreciated. If you have any further questions, please feel free to contact me at 1-800-777-0750, ext. 3441.

Sincerely,

A handwritten signature in black ink that reads "Trista Ortynsky". The signature is written in a cursive style with a large initial "T" and "O".

Trista Ortynsky
Project Coordinator
Rural Crime and Justice Center

Appendix C: Survey Instrument

Alcohol and Other Drugs(AOD) in North Dakota:



*A Community Readiness Survey
to Gauge perceptions of Alcohol and Other Drug Use*



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Please refer to the following information regarding your participation in this survey:

The RCJC follows the guidelines stated in the United States Code of Federal Regulations 45 CFR 46.116. Any information gathered in this survey is viewed as confidential. The RCJC will follow all necessary protocol to ensure the confidentiality and integrity of all information supplied. Each survey will remain anonymous and identifiable only to the selected researchers assigned to this project. All information obtained will be restricted in a password protected database. Hard copies are stored in a protected file in a secure location. Computer and hard copy files pertaining to this data collection device will be destroyed three years following the completion of the project. Such procedures are necessary to guarantee your anonymity and to decrease any risk to your involvement as a contributor.

This survey has been approved by the Institutional Review Board (IRB) at Minot State University. For additional information regarding IRB regulations, please contact Dr. Margi Coxwell, IRB Chair, at (701) 858-3125. ***Please understand that completion of this survey constitutes that you fully comprehend the information contained in this letter, you provide consent to partake in completion of this survey, you fully understand that all the information you provide in this survey will be kept confidential, and you have the choice to withdraw from participation in this survey at any time.***

INTRODUCTION: North Dakota's Department of Human Services has designed a Community Readiness survey to evaluate alcohol, and other drug (AOD) use. This survey is intended to measure **perceptions** about AOD use as well as current prevention efforts. The results will be used to help identify how prepared communities are to take action on AOD, and utilized by prevention specialists and community members to decide the best strategies for North Dakota communities.

Keeping **"your community"** in mind, please indicate your choice by placing a ✓ in the appropriate box. For open-ended questions, please write your thoughts in the space provided.

Section 1: Demographics

This information will be used for statistical purposes only. Please mark your answers in the appropriate boxes.

1.1 What is your age?

- 18-20
- 21-24
- 25-44
- 45-64
- 65 and Over

1.2 Sex:

- Male
- Female

1.3 Race (please mark all that apply):

- Caucasian
- Black or African American
- American Indian or Alaska Native
- Asian
- Native Hawaiian or Pacific Islander
- Other (please specify): _____

1.4 Are you of Hispanic Origin?

- Yes
- No

1.5 Employment Status:

- Full Time
- Part Time
- Full Time with Second Job
- Not Employed – Looking
- Not Employed – Not looking (i.e. retired, have a disability, stay-at-home spouse/parent)

1.6 Current Occupation (If not currently working, check category of *last* employment):

- Agriculture
- Construction/Mining
- Manufacturing
- Transportation/Utilities
- Wholesale
- Retail
- Finance and Real Estate
- Business and Repair Services
- Professional
- Government
- Leisure and Hospitality
- Education
- Other _____

1.7 Community Volunteering:

Church
(Please specify: _____)

Civic
(Please specify: _____)

1.8 City of Residence: _____

1.9 County of Residence: _____

1.10 Number of Children in Your Home: _____

Section 2: Community Perception of an Alcohol & Other Drug (AOD) Problem

2.1 How much of a problem do you perceive the use of the following substances to be in your community?

	Not a Problem	Minor Problem	Moderate Problem	Serious Problem	Don't Know
Alcohol					
Adults	<input type="checkbox"/>				
Youth	<input type="checkbox"/>				
Tobacco					
Adults	<input type="checkbox"/>				
Youth	<input type="checkbox"/>				
Marijuana					
Adults	<input type="checkbox"/>				
Youth	<input type="checkbox"/>				
Inhalants (glue, paint, aerosols, solvents, etc.)					
Adults	<input type="checkbox"/>				
Youth	<input type="checkbox"/>				
Cocaine					
Adults	<input type="checkbox"/>				
Youth	<input type="checkbox"/>				
Methamphetamine					
Adults	<input type="checkbox"/>				
Youth	<input type="checkbox"/>				
Over-the-Counter Drugs (abuse of cough medicines, Dramamine, diet pills, sleeping pills, etc.)					
Adults	<input type="checkbox"/>				
Youth	<input type="checkbox"/>				
Prescription Drugs (abuse of)					
Adults	<input type="checkbox"/>				
Youth	<input type="checkbox"/>				
Hallucinogens (LSD, Shrooms, PCP, etc.)					
Adults	<input type="checkbox"/>				
Youth	<input type="checkbox"/>				

2.2 How much of a problem do you perceive the following to be in your community?

	Not a Problem	Minor Problem	Moderate Problem	Serious Problem	Don't Know
Contribution of drug and alcohol use to crashes or injuries (such as automobile, hunting, boating, snowmobiling).	<input type="checkbox"/>				
Contribution of drug and alcohol use to crimes.	<input type="checkbox"/>				

Section 3: Permissiveness of Attitudes Toward AOD Use

3.1 To what extent do you AGREE or DISAGREE with the following statements?

	Strongly Disagree	Disagree	Agree	Strongly Agree
It is okay for youth to drink at parties as long as they don't get drunk.	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>
Youth should be able to drink as long as they don't drive afterwards.	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>
It is okay for youth to smoke cigarettes.	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>
Youth who experiment with alcohol or other drugs almost always grow out of it.	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>
It is okay for parents to offer their youth alcoholic beverages in their home.	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>
It is okay for parents to offer alcoholic beverages in their home to youth (other than their own children).	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>
In my community, drinking among teenagers is acceptable.	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>
Driving under the influence of drugs and/or alcohol is okay.	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>
It is okay to ride in a motor vehicle with someone under the influence of drugs and/or alcohol.	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>

Section 4: Community Support for AOD Prevention

4.1 To what extent do you AGREE or DISAGREE with the following statements?

	Strongly Disagree	Disagree	Agree	Strongly Agree
Law enforcement should be spending more time enforcing the minimum drinking age.	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>
Schools need to be more active in dealing with alcohol, tobacco, and other drug problems.	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>
It is possible to reduce alcohol and drug problems through prevention.	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>
Alcohol and other drug prevention programs are a good investment because they save lives and money.	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>
The community has the responsibility to set up prevention programs to help people avoid alcohol and other drug problems.	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>
Public service announcements are a good way to change attitudes about alcohol, tobacco, and other drug use.	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>
Taxes on alcohol should be increased.	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>
Taxes on tobacco should be increased.	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>
Drinking and driving laws are enforced in my local community.	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>
There should be a law prohibiting giving alcohol to your own children.	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>

4.2 Please check YES or NO for the following sets of questions.

Do you support the following?	Yes	No
Minimum legal drinking age of 21	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>
Penalties for adults who provide alcohol to youth	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>
Compliance checks (used to identify alcohol establishments that sell alcohol to underage youth)	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>
Laws prohibiting giving alcohol to your own children	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>
DUI checkpoint (used by law enforcement to deter or detect a drunk driver through the use of roadblocks or sobriety checkpoints.)	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>

Do you support BANS on the following?

	Yes	No
Liquor advertisements on TV	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>
Beer and wine advertisements on TV	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>
Billboard alcohol advertisements	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>

Would you attend any of the following events if they were alcohol-free?

	Yes	No
Party	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>
Wedding Dance/Reception	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>
Sporting Event	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>

Section 5: Access to Alcohol and Other Drugs

5.1 Please respond accordingly to the following questions regarding access in your community.

	Not at All Difficult	Slightly Difficult	Somewhat Difficult	Quite Difficult	Extremely Difficult
How difficult is it for youth to buy beer, wine, or hard liquor at stores themselves?	<input type="checkbox"/>				
How difficult is it for youth to get an older person to buy alcohol for them?	<input type="checkbox"/>				
How difficult is it for youth to order a drink at a bar?	<input type="checkbox"/>				
How difficult is it for youth to sneak alcohol from their home or a friend's home?	<input type="checkbox"/>				
How difficult is it for youth to get their parents to give them alcohol?	<input type="checkbox"/>				
How difficult is it for youth to get other family members to give them alcohol?	<input type="checkbox"/>				

5.2 How difficult is it for a youth or adult to access the following in your community?

	Not at All Difficult	Slightly Difficult	Somewhat Difficult	Quite Difficult	Extremely Difficult
Marijuana	<input type="checkbox"/>				
Inhalants (glue, paint, aerosols, solvents, etc.)	<input type="checkbox"/>				
Cocaine	<input type="checkbox"/>				
Methamphetamine	<input type="checkbox"/>				
Hallucinogens (LSD, Shrooms, PCP, etc.)	<input type="checkbox"/>				

Section 6: Perception of Community Commitment

6.1 To what extent do you AGREE or DISAGREE with the following statements?

	Strongly Disagree	Disagree	Agree	Strongly Agree
Preventing alcohol and other drug use among youth is important.	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>
I am concerned about whether my community has sufficient alcohol and other drug abuse prevention programs.	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>
Alcohol and drug free youth can best be achieved by educating youth themselves.	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>
Alcohol and drug free youth can best be achieved by educating parents.	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>
Alcohol and drug free youth can best be achieved by educating the community.	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>
There are leaders in my community who are interested in reducing access and abuse of alcohol and other drugs.	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>
I know who to go to if I need help for myself or family member(s) who are abusing alcohol or other drugs.	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>

6.2 Our community has an action plan for dealing with issues surrounding substance abuse.

- Yes
- No
- Don't Know

6.3 From which one source do you get most of your news about crime?

- Television
- Newspapers
- Co-workers
- Friends
- Neighbors
- Other (Please specify: _____)
- Do not know

6.4 What kind of information do people in your community need regarding the prevention of alcohol and substance use by our youth?

6.5 What would be the best way to deliver this information?

6.6 Please list ways in which your community is addressing problems associated with substance use and abuse.

Thank you for completing this survey!