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Non-Prescription Drug Use and Attitudes

Stockbridge-Munsee Community



About This Report

To better understand how community attitudes and perceptions toward non-prescription drug use impact individuals and substance use prevention efforts, the Stockbridge-Munsee Community partnered with the Great Lakes Inter-Tribal Epidemiology Center (GLITEC) to create and disseminate a community assessment that included questions on the following topics:

- Demographics
- Substance Use in the Community
- Non-prescription Drug use
- Experience With Substance Use & Mental Health
- Prevention Activities

After disseminating the assessment to community members, GLITEC cleaned and analyzed response data. **This report presents key findings from the non-prescription drug use and attitudes survey**, along with an overview of the data, the methods used to collect and analyze it, and the raw counts and percentages from the assessment.

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Demographics

This section provides an overview of survey respondent demographics, including age, gender, relationship to the community, and primary residence.

Figure 1.1 Age of survey respondents. Almost a third of respondents (32.5%; n=68) are 65 or older.

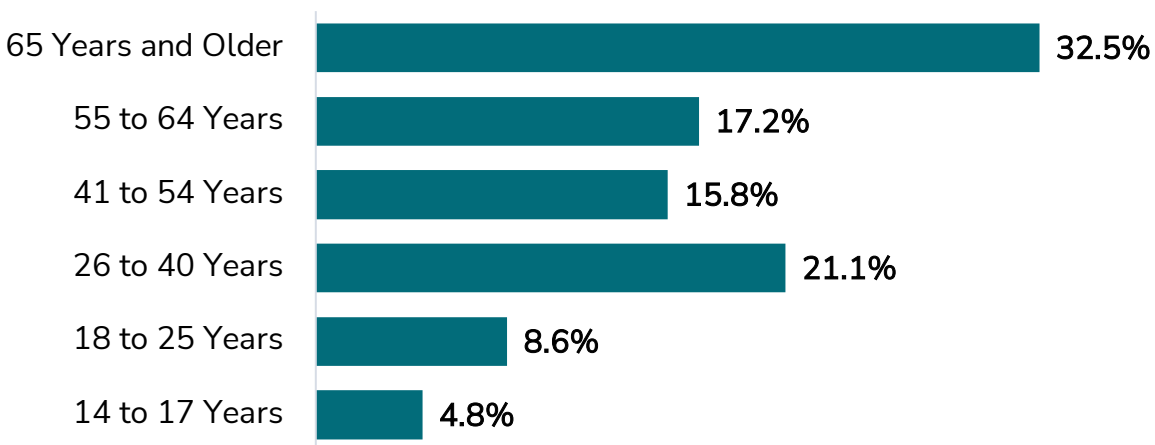


Figure 1.2 Gender of survey respondents. 58.9% of respondents (n=123) identify as Female. There was one respondent who was Non-binary or Gender Fluid.

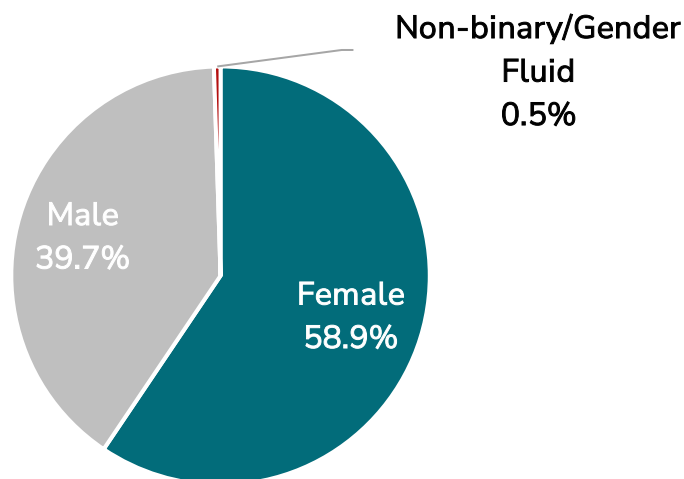
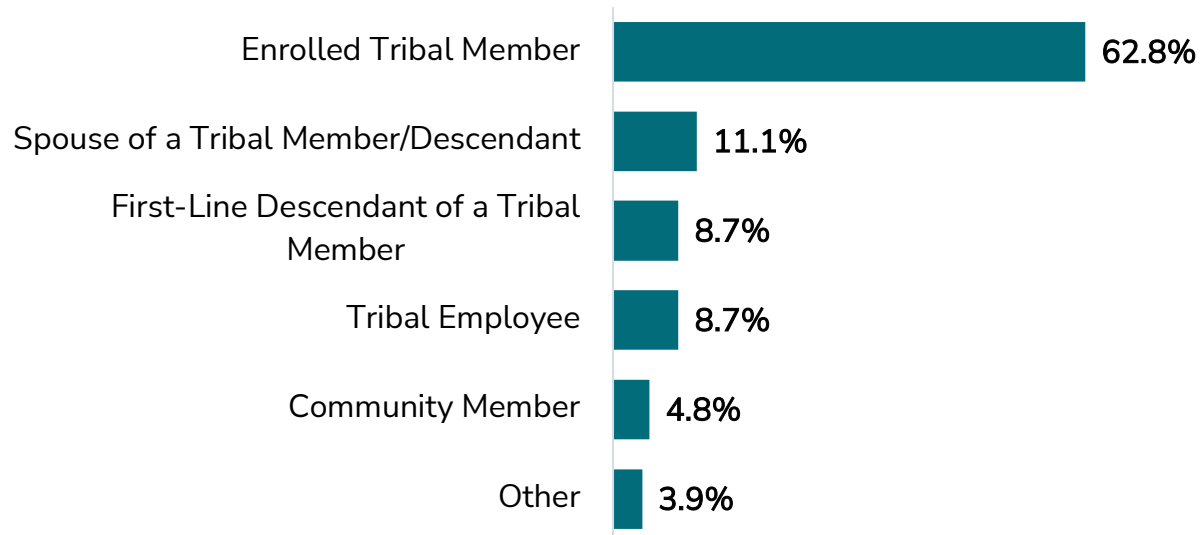
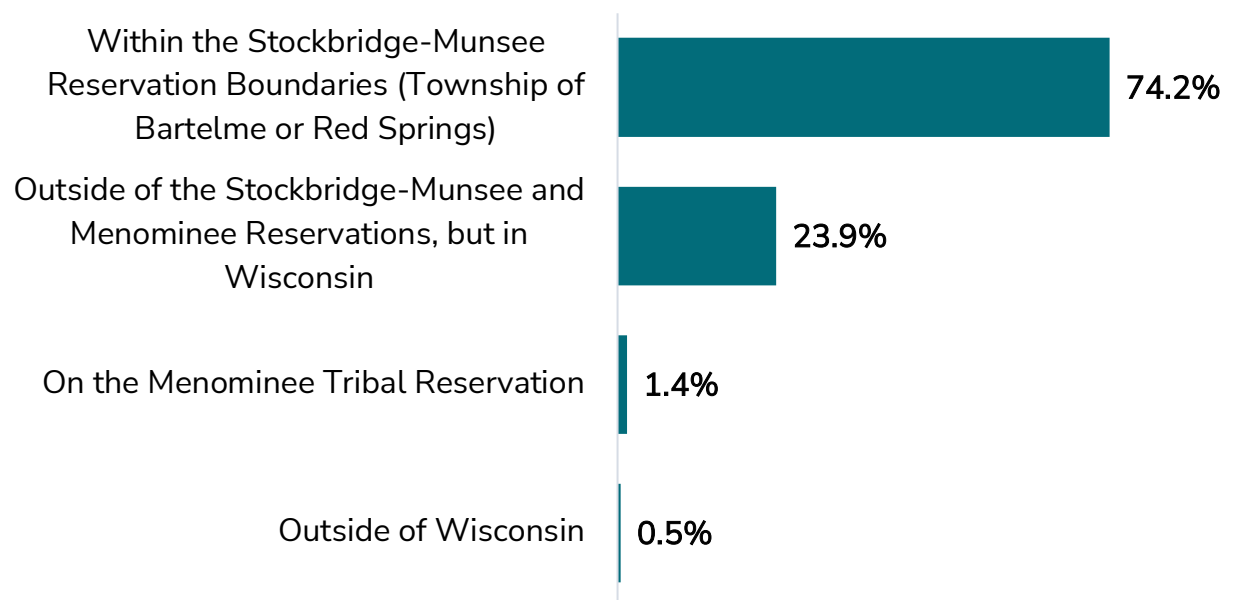


Figure 1.3 Respondent's relationship to the Stockbridge-Munsee Community. Most respondents (62.8%; n=130) were enrolled Tribal members.



Other responses included being friends with a Tribal member or having a Tribal girlfriend. The full list of responses is available in Appendix B.

Figure 1.4 Primary residence. Most respondents (74.2%; n=155) live within the Stockbridge-Munsee Reservation boundaries.



Substance Use in the Community

This section provides an overview of survey respondents' perceptions of a non-prescription drug use problem in the community and their safety living there.

Figure 2.1 Belief that there is a non-prescription drug problem in the Stockbridge-Munsee Community. A large majority of the respondents (82.8%; n=169) believe, in their experience, that there is a non-prescription drug problem in the community.

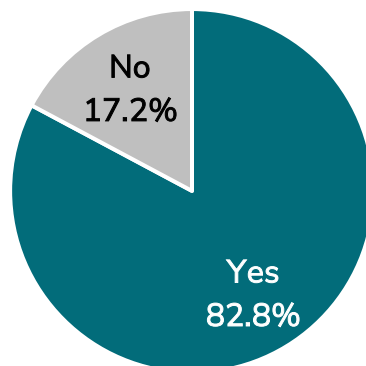


Figure 2.2 Seriousness of non-prescription drug use problem in the Stockbridge-Munsee Community. Of those who thought there was a drug problem in the community (82.8%, n=169), almost all think the level of seriousness is three or above (95.8%; n=161).

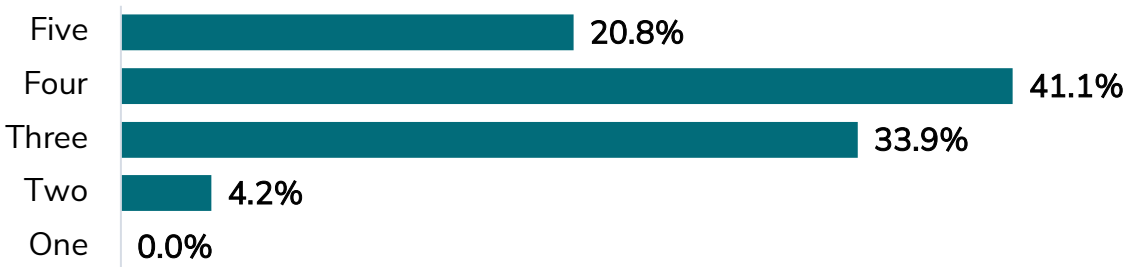


Figure 2.3 Perceived illicit drug misuse in the community. A majority of respondents believe that methamphetamine, heroin, and fentanyl are a **big problem** or a **moderate problem** in their communities. A minority of respondents felt that community use of these three substances is a **small problem or not a problem**.

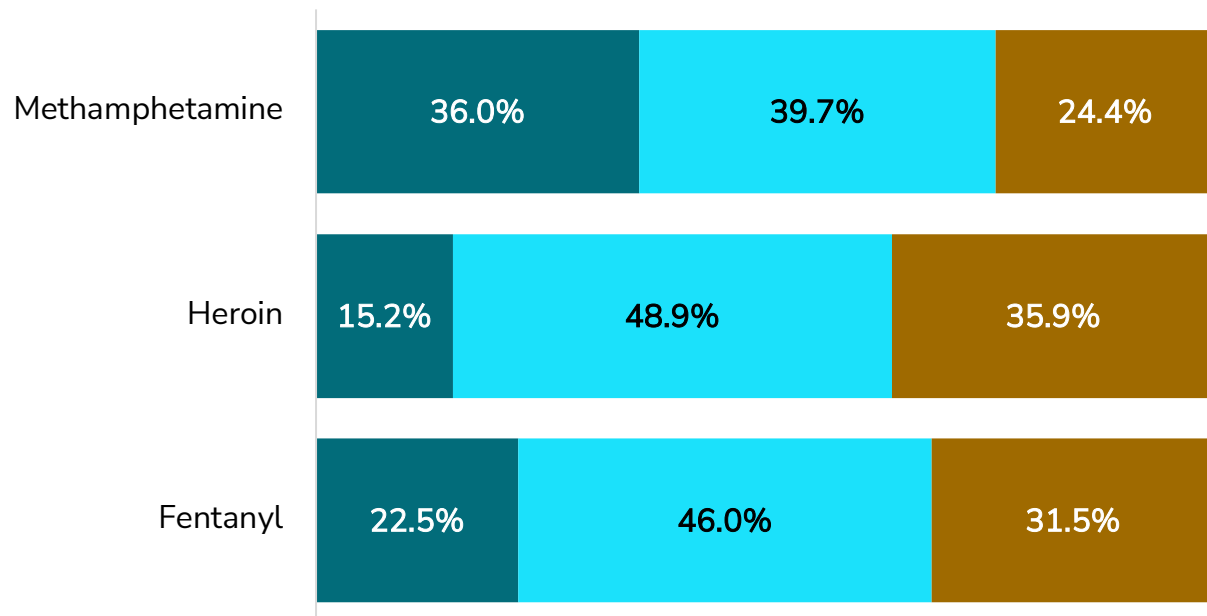


Figure 2.4 Safety in the home. Almost all respondents felt safe in their own home, with only one person not feeling so.

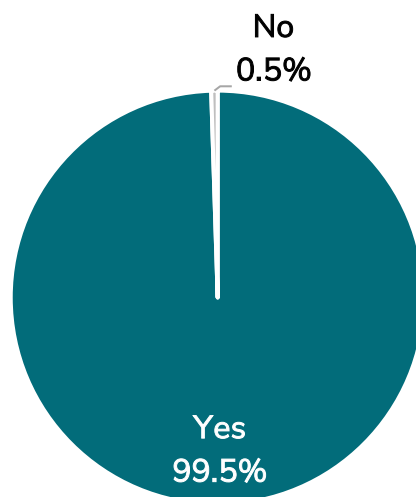
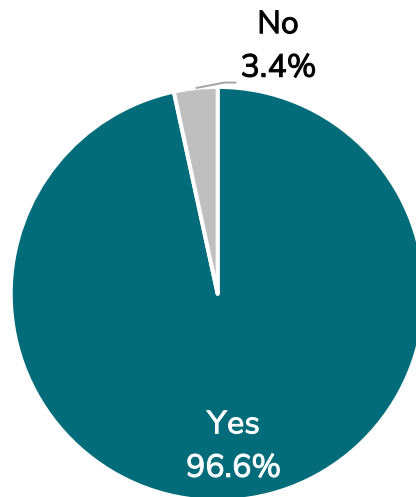


Figure 2.5 Safety in the Stockbridge-Munsee Community. Almost all respondents felt safe in the Stockbridge-Munsee Community, with only a few (3.4%; n=7) feeling unsafe.



Non-Prescription Drug Use

This section provides an overview of survey respondents' non-prescription drug use habits and perceived access to substances.

Respondents were asked how often they had used certain illicit drugs in the past three months. Most or all respondents **never** used the following substances:

- Acid (**99.5% never used**)
- Bath Salts (not for bathtub use) [**100.0% never used**]
- Hallucinogenic Mushrooms (**97.1% never used**)
- Cocaine (**98.5% never used**)
- Heroin (**100.0% never used**)
- Methamphetamine (**99.5% never used**)
- Fentanyl (**99.5% never used**)

The full breakdown of responses is in Appendix B.

Alcohol and Marijuana were used more frequently and are displayed in the next two figures.

Figure 3.1. Frequency of alcohol consumption in the last three months. About half of the respondents never had alcohol in the past three months, while the other half used it in varying amounts from once or twice (26.0%, n=54) to daily or almost daily (1.4%, n=3).

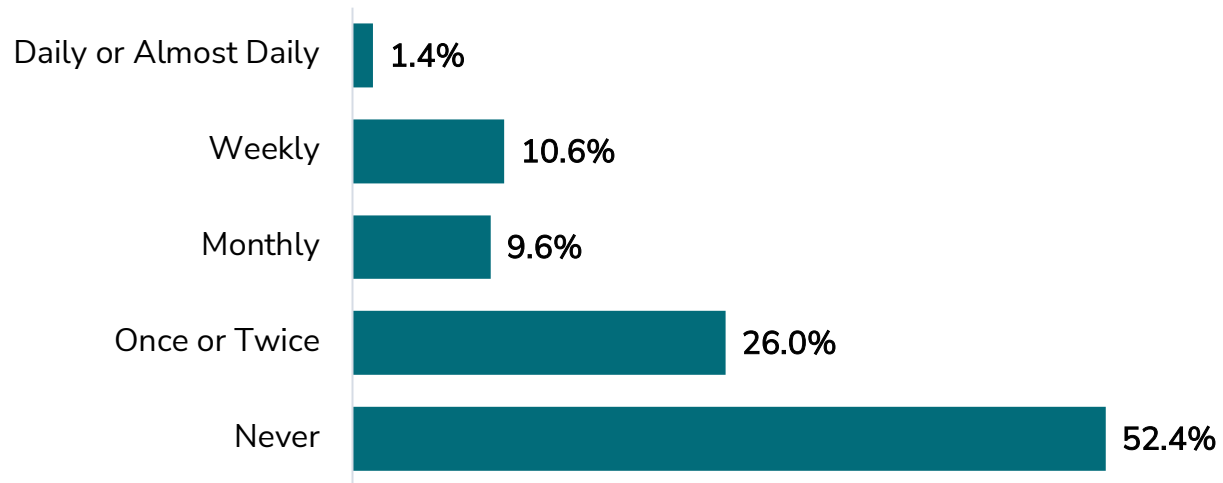
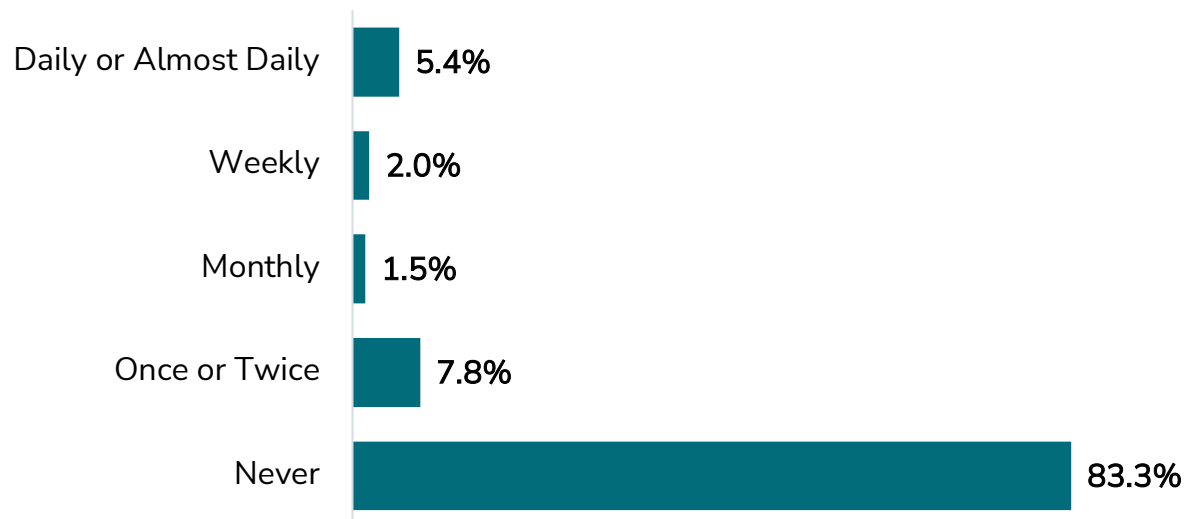


Figure 3.2. Frequency of marijuana consumption in the last three months. Most respondents (83.3%, n=170) never used marijuana in the past three months, while a small percentage (5.4%, n=11) used it daily or almost daily.



Respondents were then asked a similar question about substance use in the past three months, but this time about use of drugs that normally would be prescribed, but that they used without a prescription. Most respondents never took any of these substances without a prescription, as shown in Figure 2.3.

Figure 3.3 Frequency of never using prescription drugs without a prescription.

Most respondents never used any of these substances without a prescription from a licensed medical provider

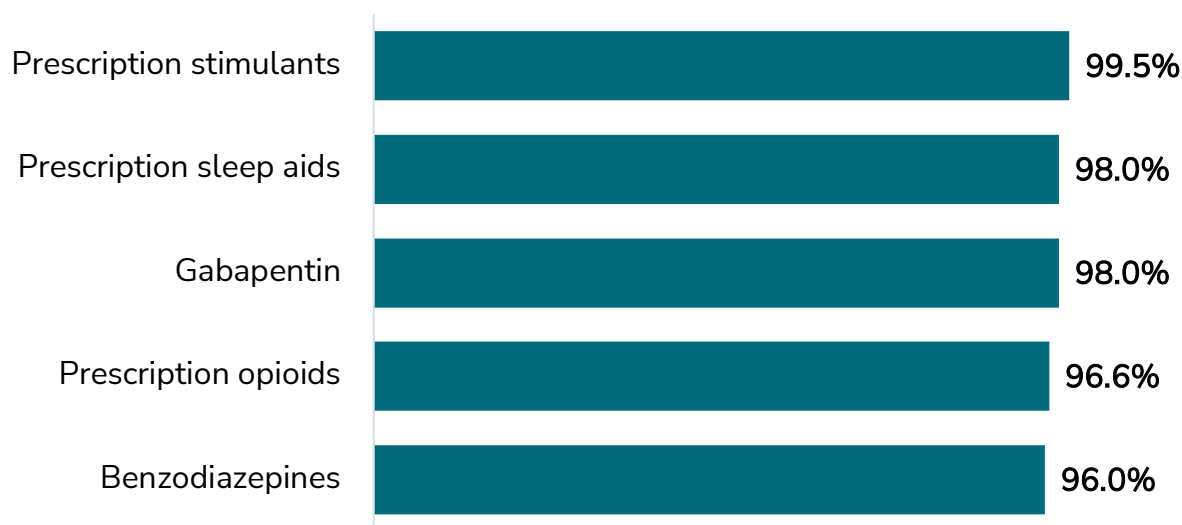
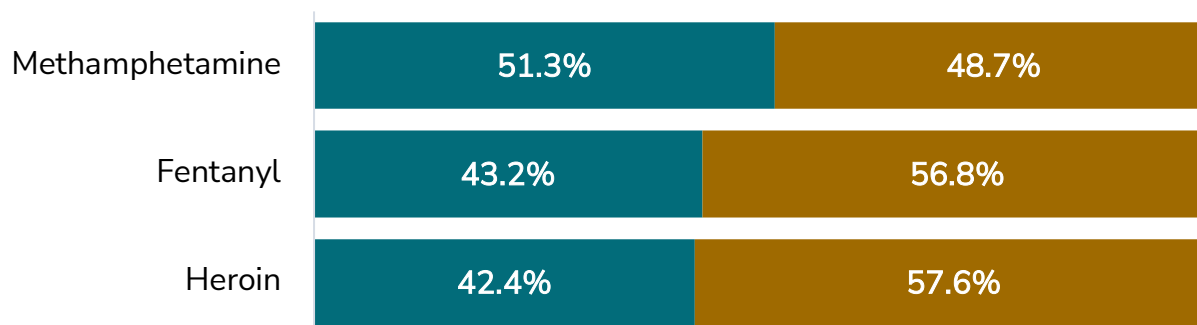


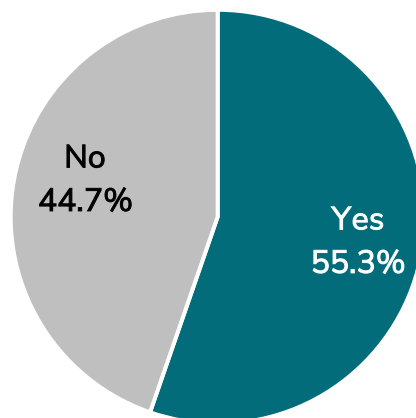
Figure 3.4 Perceptions of illicit drug accessibility. Respondents were asked how easy they thought it would be to access methamphetamine, heroin, and fentanyl. Responses were categorized as **easy to access** or **difficult to access**. Respondents were split on this topic, with around half believing that each substance would be easy to access. Methamphetamine was thought to be the easiest of the three illicit drugs to acquire.



Experience With Substance Use & Mental Health

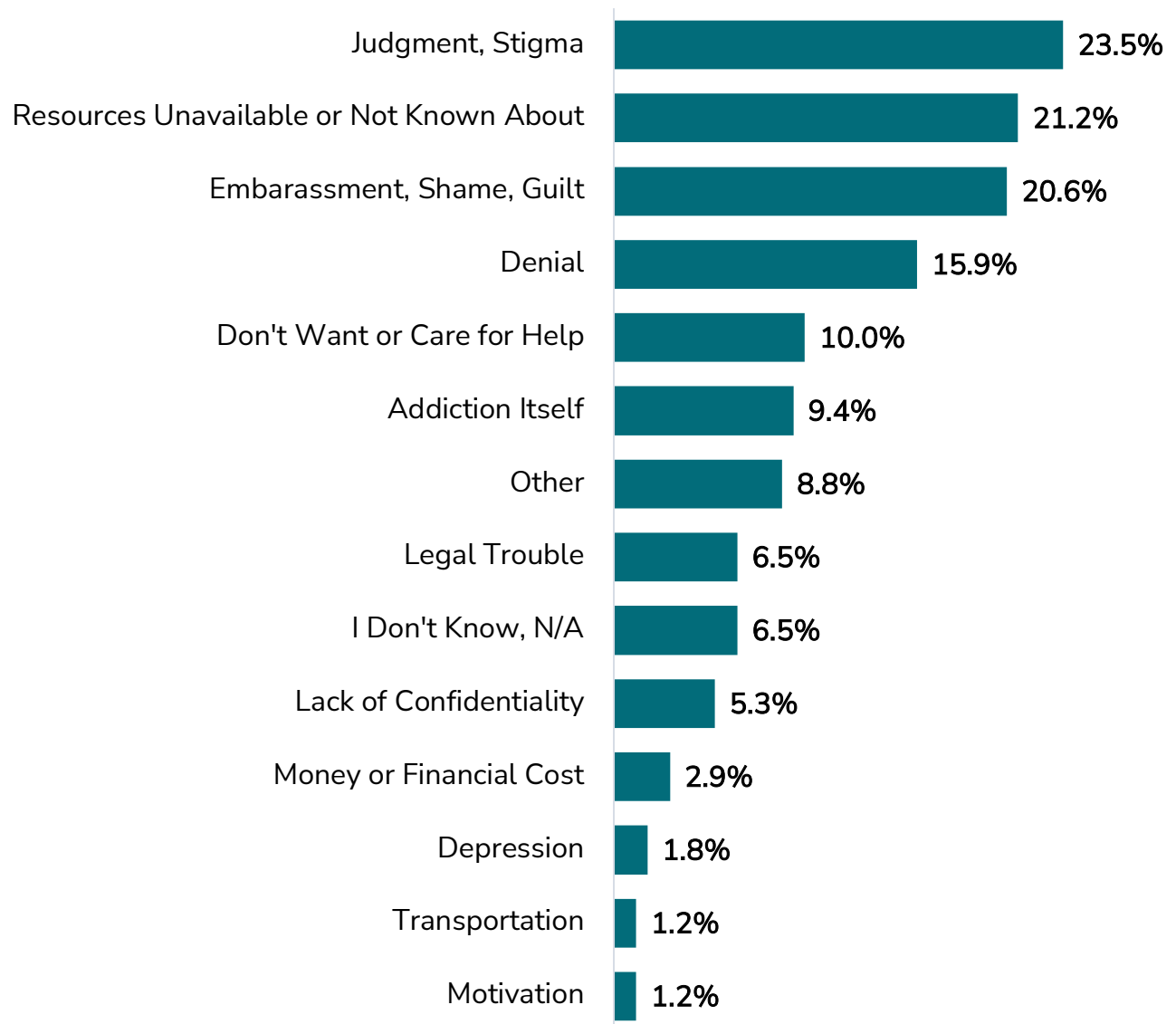
This section provides an overview of survey respondents' experience with substance use disorder in their lives and what they might do to help people in the community, as well as their own experiences with mental health issues.

Figure 4.1 Percentage of individuals who know someone who struggles with substance use disorder or addiction. While few respondents (3.3%, n=7) struggle with substance use disorder or addiction themselves, more than half (55.3%, n=115) know close family members or friends who do.



Participants were asked about what might prevent people from seeking help for substance use disorder or addiction. They were categorized into 12 categories, as well as an 'other' category and a 'no response' category. The categorized responses are shown in Figure 4.2

Figure 4.2 Reasons people don't seek substance use disorder help. Respondents believed that the most common reason that people in the community don't seek help for substance use disorder or addiction is the feeling of being judged or the stigma associated with seeking treatment (23.5%; n=40). Lack of knowledge about resources or insufficient resources themselves was also a top issue, indicating a need for more outreach and funding for addiction treatment options (21.2%; n=36).

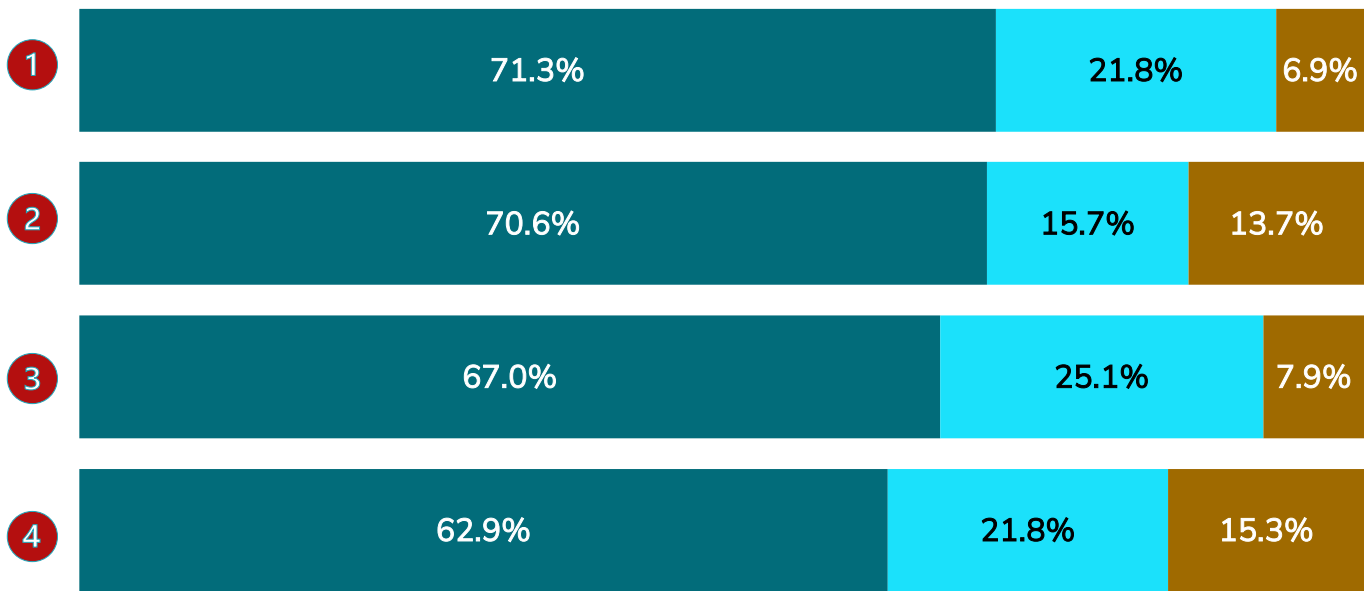


Percentages will not add up to 100 as some responses were counted in more than one category.

Survey respondents were asked over the last 30 days how often they had experienced the following:

- 1. Feeling down, depressed, or hopeless
- 2. Not being able to stop or control worrying
- 3. Having little interest or pleasure in doing things
- 4. Feeling nervous, anxious, or on edge

Figure 4.3 Mental health experiences more than half the days or nearly every day. Respondents were asked, over the last 30 days, how often they experienced each of four emotions. Responses were categorized as **rarely, or not at all**, **several days**, and **more than half the days, or nearly every day**.



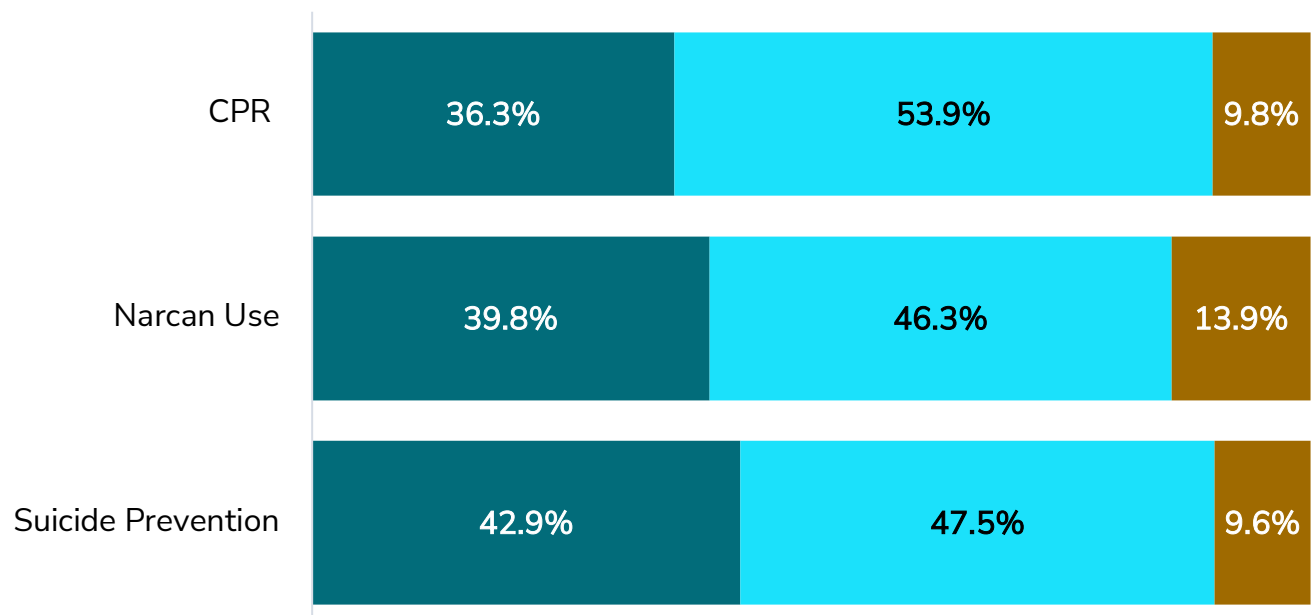
Prevention Activities

This section provides an overview of survey respondents' perceptions of community knowledge and readiness to save lives, as well as community activities aimed at preventing drug overdoses.

Respondents were asked how knowledgeable they believed their community to be on various life-saving measures, including providing CPR, administering Narcan to reverse an overdose, and what to do if someone talks about committing suicide.

Figure 5.1 Perceptions of community understanding of life-saving strategies.

Respondents rated community knowledge as either **not informed**, **somewhat informed**, or **well informed**. For all life-saving measures listed, around six in ten believed their community was informed, indicating a potential area for education and resource allocation.



Along with the belief that the community is somewhat well informed about administering Narcan/naloxone, about three-quarters of all respondents (75.7%, n=156) have access to it. Another place to access harm reduction and other helpful materials is in a Public Health Vending Machine (PHVM), and over 80% of respondents (82.5%, n=170) know what a PHVM is and where one is located.

Figure 5.2 Participation in cultural activities. Most respondents (70.0%; n=142) sometimes attend or participate in cultural activities.

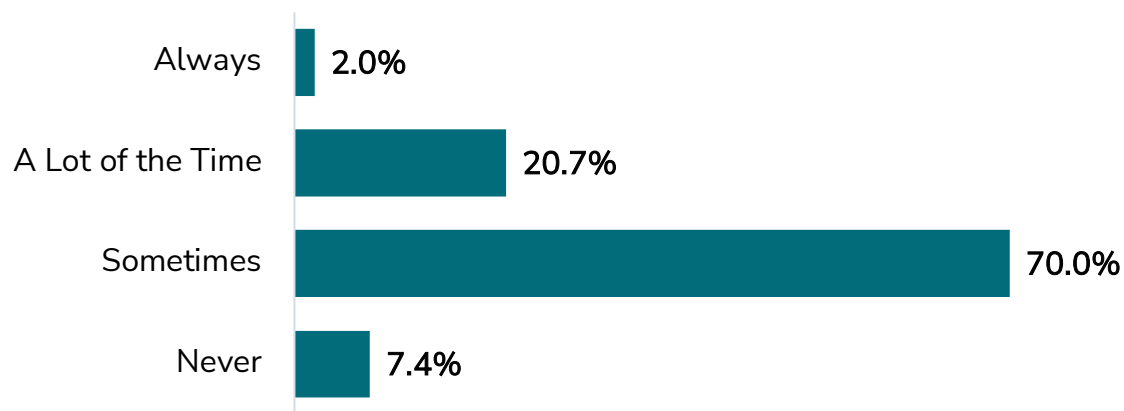


Figure 5.3 Communication about community events. Respondents learn about what is going on in the community in many different ways, but word of mouth was the most likely way for almost eight out of ten respondents (n=162), while physical communication was the least common (40.4%; n=82).

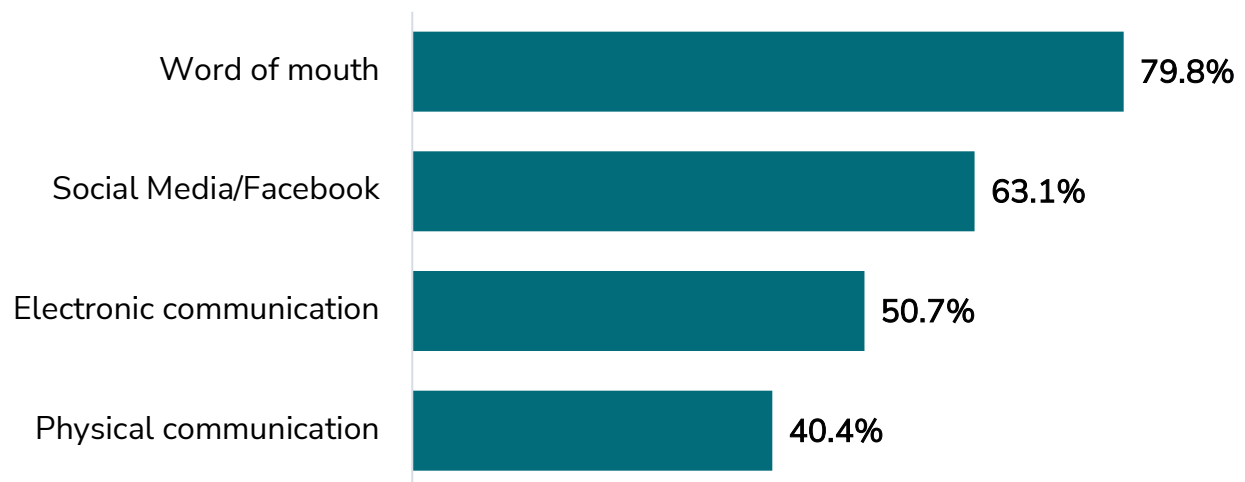
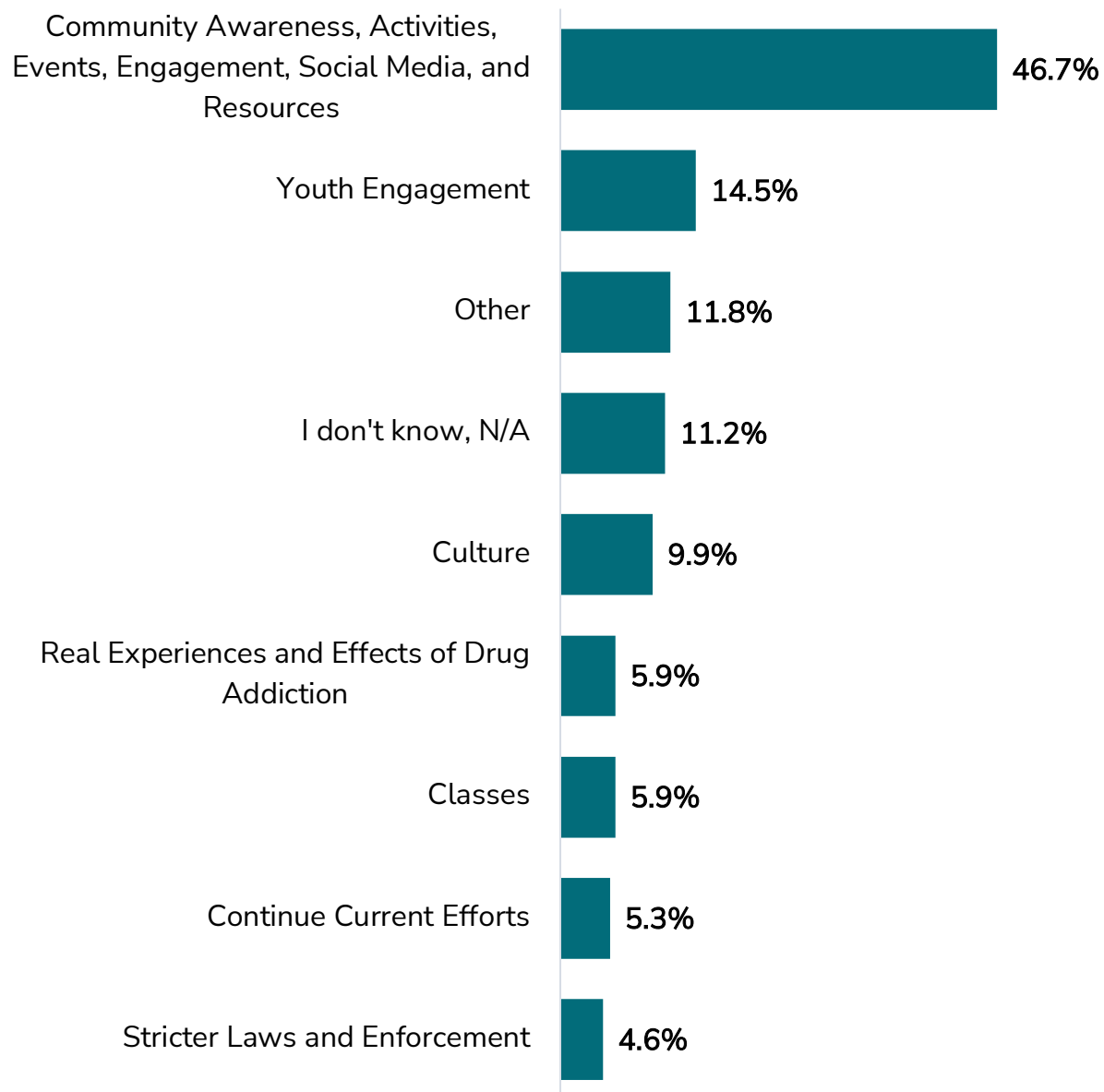


Figure 5.4 Suggestions for promoting community drug prevention (n=152).

46.7% (n=71) of the participants who responded suggested ideas that were broadly related to community efforts such as education, outreach, awareness, events, and activities. Specific suggestions involving youth engagement were separated out and ranked second largest, with 14.5% (n=22) of respondents. Individuals in this group encouraged activities with youth, the school, and parents to provide resources and information on drug use and addiction.



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Appendices

Appendix A: Methods

Assessment Creation

The Stockbridge-Munsee Community and GLITEC wrote questions to reflect their goals for this assessment. Once finalized, the assessment was formatted in a Word document.

Assessment Dissemination

The survey was made available for responses in March and closed in early April, staying open for approximately one month.

Data Cleaning

The Stockbridge-Munsee Community received 209 paper survey responses, which were entered into an Excel spreadsheet by GLITEC staff.

Data Analysis

The cleaned dataset was analyzed using R version 4.5.3.

Appendix B: Results

Table 1a. “How would you classify yourself?” (n=209)

	Count	Percent
Female	123	58.9%
Male	83	39.7%
Non-binary/Gender Fluid	1	0.5%
Transgender	0	0.0%
Two-Spirit	0	0.0%
Other	2	1.0%
Did not respond	0	-

Table 1b. “How would you classify yourself? Other” (n=2)

	Count
“Male and Two-Spirit”	1
“Non-disclosed”	1
Did not respond	0

Table 2. “Which age group are you in?” (n=209)

	Count	Percent
14-17 years	10	4.8%
18-25 years	18	8.6%
26-40 years	44	21.1%
41-54 years	33	15.8%
55-64 years	36	17.2%
65 years and older	68	32.5%
Did not respond	0	-

Table 3a. “What best describes your relationship to the Stockbridge-Munsee Community?” (n=207)

	Count	Percent
Enrolled tribal member	130	62.8%
First-line descendant of a tribal member	18	8.7%
Spouse of a tribal member/descendant	23	11.1%
Community member	10	4.8%
Tribal employee	18	8.7%
Other	8	3.9%
Did not respond	2	-

Table 3b. “What best describes your relationship to the Stockbridge-Munsee Community? Other” (n=7)

	Count
Bowler	2
Employee	1
Friend of a Tribal member	1
Girlfriend is Tribal	1
Menominee neighbor	1
Pastor Stockbridge Bible	1
Did not respond	1

Table 4. “Where do you primarily live?” (n=209)

	Count	Percent
Within the Stockbridge-Munsee reservation boundaries (Township of Bartelme or Red Springs)	155	74.2%
On the Menominee tribal reservation	3	1.4%
Outside of the Stockbridge-Munsee and Menominee reservations, but in Wisconsin	50	23.9%
Outside of Wisconsin	1	0.5%
Did not respond	0	-

Table 5a. “In your experience, do you think there’s a non-prescription drug problem in the Stockbridge-Munsee Community?” (n=204)

	Count	Percent
Yes	169	82.8%
No	35	17.2%
Did not respond	5	-

Table 5b. “If you answered 'Yes' to the previous question, please indicate on a scale of 1-5, the seriousness of the non-prescription drug problem in the Stockbridge-Munsee Community.” (n=168)

	Count	Percent
1	0	0.0%
2	7	4.2%
3	57	33.9%
4	69	41.1%
5	35	20.8%
Did not respond	1	-

Table 6. “Do you know how to access help for addiction treatment in the Stockbridge-Munsee Community?” (n=207)

	Count	Percent
Yes	157	75.8%
No	50	24.2%
Did not respond	2	-

Table 7. “Do you struggle with substance use disorder/addiction?” (n=209)

	Count	Percent
Yes	7	3.3%
No	199	95.2%
Prefer not to answer	3	1.4%
Did not respond	0	-

Table 8. “Do you know any close family members or friends that struggle with substance use disorder/addiction?” (n=208)

	Count	Percent
Yes	115	55.3%
No	79	38.0%
Prefer not to answer	14	6.7%
Did not respond	1	-

Table 9a. “In the past three months, how often have you used any of the substances listed below? Alcohol” (n=208)

	Count	Percent
Never	109	52.4%
Once or Twice	54	26.0%
Monthly	20	9.6%
Weekly	22	10.6%
Daily or Almost Daily	3	1.4%
Did not respond	1	-

Table 9b. “In the past three months, how often have you used any of the substances listed below? Acid” (n=201)

	Count	Percent
Never	200	99.5%
Once or Twice	1	0.5%
Monthly	0	0.0%
Weekly	0	0.0%
Daily or Almost Daily	0	0.0%
Did not respond	8	-

Table 9c. “In the past three months, how often have you used any of the substances listed below? Bath Salts (not for bathtub use)” (n=204)

	Count	Percent
Never	204	100.0%
Once or Twice	0	0.0%
Monthly	0	0.0%
Weekly	0	0.0%
Daily or Almost Daily	0	0.0%
Did not respond	5	-

Table 9d. “In the past three months, how often have you used any of the substances listed below? Marijuana” (n=204)

	Count	Percent
Never	170	83.3%
Once or Twice	16	7.8%
Monthly	3	1.5%
Weekly	4	2.0%
Daily or Almost Daily	11	5.4%
Did not respond	5	

Table 9e. “In the past three months, how often have you used any of the substances listed below? Hallucinogenic Mushrooms” (n=204)

	Count	Percent
Never	198	97.1%
Once or Twice	5	2.5%
Monthly	0	0.0%
Weekly	1	0.5%
Daily or Almost Daily	0	0.0%
Did not respond	5	-

Table 9f. “In the past three months, how often have you used any of the substances listed below? Cocaine” (n=204)

	Count	Percent
Never	201	98.5%
Once or Twice	3	1.5%
Monthly	0	0.0%
Weekly	0	0.0%
Daily or Almost Daily	0	0.0%
Did not respond	5	-

Table 9g. “In the past three months, how often have you used any of the substances listed below? Heroin” (n=204)

	Count	Percent
Never	204	100.0%
Once or Twice	0	0.0%
Monthly	0	0.0%
Weekly	0	0.0%
Daily or Almost Daily	0	0.0%
Did not respond	5	-

Table 9h. “In the past three months, how often have you used any of the substances listed below? Methamphetamine” (n=204)

	Count	Percent
Never	203	99.5%
Once or Twice	1	0.5%
Monthly	0	0.0%
Weekly	0	0.0%
Daily or Almost Daily	0	0.0%
Did not respond	5	-

Table 9i. “In the past three months, how often have you used any of the substances listed below? Fentanyl” (n=204)

	Count	Percent
Never	203	99.5%
Once or Twice	1	0.5%
Monthly	0	0.0%
Weekly	0	0.0%
Daily or Almost Daily	0	0.0%
Did not respond	5	-

Table 10a. “In the past three months, how often have you used any of the substances listed below without a prescription from a licensed medical provider? Prescription opioids (OxyContin, Vicodin, Norco, Percocet, etc.)” (n=204)

	Count	Percent
Never	197	96.6%
Once or Twice	6	2.9%
Monthly	0	0.0%
Weekly	1	0.5%
Daily or Almost Daily	0	0.0%
Did not respond	5	-

Table 10b. “In the past three months, how often have you used any of the substances listed below without a prescription from a licensed medical provider? Gabapentin” (n=204)

	Count	Percent
Never	200	98.0%
Once or Twice	1	0.5%
Monthly	0	0.0%
Weekly	0	0.0%
Daily or Almost Daily	3	1.5%
Did not respond	5	-

Table 10c. “In the past three months, how often have you used any of the substances listed below without a prescription from a licensed medical provider? Benzodiazepines (Valium, Xanax, Ativan, Klonopin, etc.)” (n=202)

	Count	Percent
Never	194	96.0%
Once or Twice	3	1.5%
Monthly	1	0.5%
Weekly	1	0.5%
Daily or Almost Daily	3	1.5%
Did not respond	7	-

Table 10d. “In the past three months, how often have you used any of the substances listed below without a prescription from a licensed medical provider? Prescription stimulants (Ritalin, Adderall, etc.)” (n=201)

	Count	Percent
Never	200	99.5%
Once or Twice	0	0.0%
Monthly	0	0.0%
Weekly	1	0.5%
Daily or Almost Daily	0	0.0%
Did not respond	8	-

Table 10e. “In the past three months, how often have you used any of the substances listed below without a prescription from a licensed medical provider? Prescription sleep aids (Ambien, Lunesta, etc.)” (n=201)

	Count	Percent
Never	197	98.0%
Once or Twice	1	0.5%
Monthly	1	0.5%
Weekly	1	0.5%
Daily or Almost Daily	1	0.5%
Did not respond	8	-

Table 11. “How easy do you think it would be for you to get fentanyl or fatty if you wanted to?” (n=196)

	Count	Percent
Very easy	13	6.8%
Fairly easy	69	36.3%
Fairly difficult	47	24.7%
Very difficult	61	32.1%
Did not respond	13	-

Table 12. “How easy do you think it would be for you to get heroin if you wanted to?” (n=198)

	Count	Percent
Very easy	11	5.8%
Fairly easy	70	36.6%
Fairly difficult	45	23.6%
Very difficult	65	34.0%
Did not respond	11	-

Table 13. “How easy do you think it would be for you to get meth if you wanted to?” (n=191)

	Count	Percent
Very easy	27	14.1%
Fairly easy	71	37.2%
Fairly difficult	36	18.8%
Very difficult	57	29.8%
Did not respond	18	-

Table 14. “How much of a problem is fentanyl use in your community?” (n=187)

	Count	Percent
Not a problem	15	8.0%
A small problem	44	23.5%
A moderate problem	86	46.0%
A big problem	42	22.5%
Did not respond	22	-

Table 15. “How much of a problem is heroin use in your community?” (n=184)

	Count	Percent
Not a problem	21	11.4%
A small problem	45	24.5%
A moderate problem	90	48.9%
A big problem	28	15.2%
Did not respond	25	-

Table 16. “How much of a problem is meth use in your community?” (n=189)

	Count	Percent
Not a problem	19	10.1%
A small problem	27	14.3%
A moderate problem	75	39.7%
A big problem	68	36.0%
Did not respond	20	-

Table 17. “Do you feel safe in your home?” (n=205)

	Count	Percent
Yes	204	99.5%
No	1	0.5%
Did not respond	4	-

Table 18. “Do you feel safe in the Stockbridge-Munsee Community?” (n=205)

	Count	Percent
Yes	198	96.6%
No	7	3.4%
Did not respond	4	-

Table 19. “Have you personally seen someone overdose on drugs?” (n=205)

	Count	Percent
Yes	39	19.0%
No	166	81.0%
Did not respond	4	-

Table 20a. “In general, how educated do you think people in the community are about each of the following? How to give CPR” (n=204)

	Count	Percent
Not informed	18	8.8%
Not very informed	56	27.5%
Somewhat informed	110	53.9%
Well informed	20	9.8%
Did not respond	5	-

Table 20b. “In general, how educated do you think people in the community are about each of the following? How to give someone Narcan/naloxone” (n=201)

	Count	Percent
Not informed	30	14.9%
Not very informed	50	24.9%
Somewhat informed	93	46.3%
Well informed	28	13.9%
Did not respond	8	-

Table 20c. “In general, how educated do you think people in the community are about each of the following? What to do when someone talks about committing suicide” (n=198)

	Count	Percent
Not informed	29	14.6%
Not very informed	56	28.3%
Somewhat informed	94	47.5%
Well informed	19	9.6%
Did not respond	11	-

Table 21. “Do you have access to Narcan/naloxone?” (n=206)

	Count	Percent
Yes	156	75.7%
No	50	24.3%
Did not respond	3	-

Table 22. “Do you know what a Public Health Vending Machine (PHVM) is and where it is located?” (n=206)

	Count	Percent
Yes	170	82.5%
No	36	17.5%
Did not respond	3	-

Table 23a. “Over the last 30 days, how often have you experienced the following? Feeling nervous, anxious, or on edge” (n=202)

	Count	Percent
Rarely, or not at all	127	62.9%
Several days	44	21.8%
More than half the days	20	9.9%
Nearly everyday	11	5.4%
Did not respond	7	-

Table 23b. “Over the last 30 days, how often have you experienced the following? Not being able to stop or control worrying” (n=204)

	Count	Percent
Rarely, or not at all	144	70.6%
Several days	32	15.7%
More than half the days	17	8.3%
Nearly everyday	11	5.4%
Did not respond	5	-

Table 23c. “Over the last 30 days, how often have you experienced the following? Having little interest or pleasure in doing things” (n=203)

	Count	Percent
Rarely, or not at all	136	67.0%
Several days	51	25.1%
More than half the days	11	5.4%
Nearly everyday	5	2.5%
Did not respond	6	-

Table 23d. “Over the last 30 days, how often have you experienced the following? Feeling down, depressed, or hopeless” (n=202)

	Count	Percent
Rarely, or not at all	144	71.3%
Several days	44	21.8%
More than half the days	8	4.0%
Nearly everyday	6	3.0%
Did not respond	7	-

Table 24. “How often do you attend or participate in cultural activities or events?” (n=) *

	Count	Percent
Never	15	7.4%
Sometimes	142	70.0%
A lot of the time	42	20.7%
Always	4	2.0%
Did not respond	6	-

Table 25. “How do you generally learn about things going on in your community?” (n=203) *

	Count	Percent
Word of mouth	162	79.8%
Physical communication (newspaper, phone calls, texts)	82	40.4%
Electronic communication (website, emails)	103	50.7%
Social Media/Facebook	128	63.1%
Did not respond	6	-