

Community Drug Perception Survey

BHS/ NCADD
Prevention Program

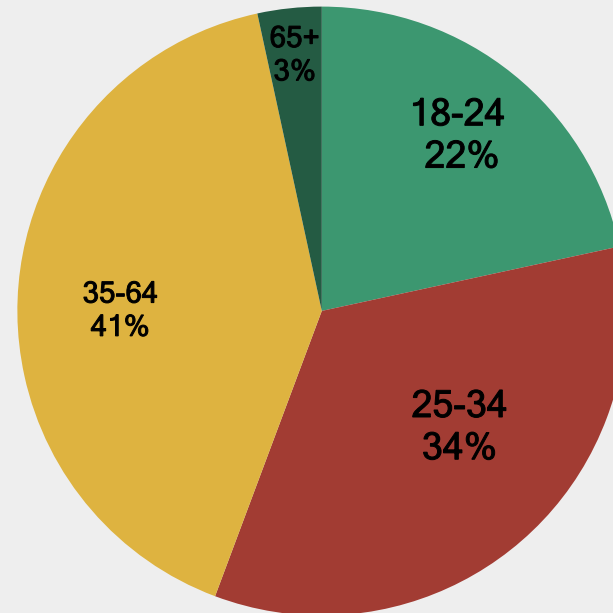
2017



Respondents Demographics

94 total respondents

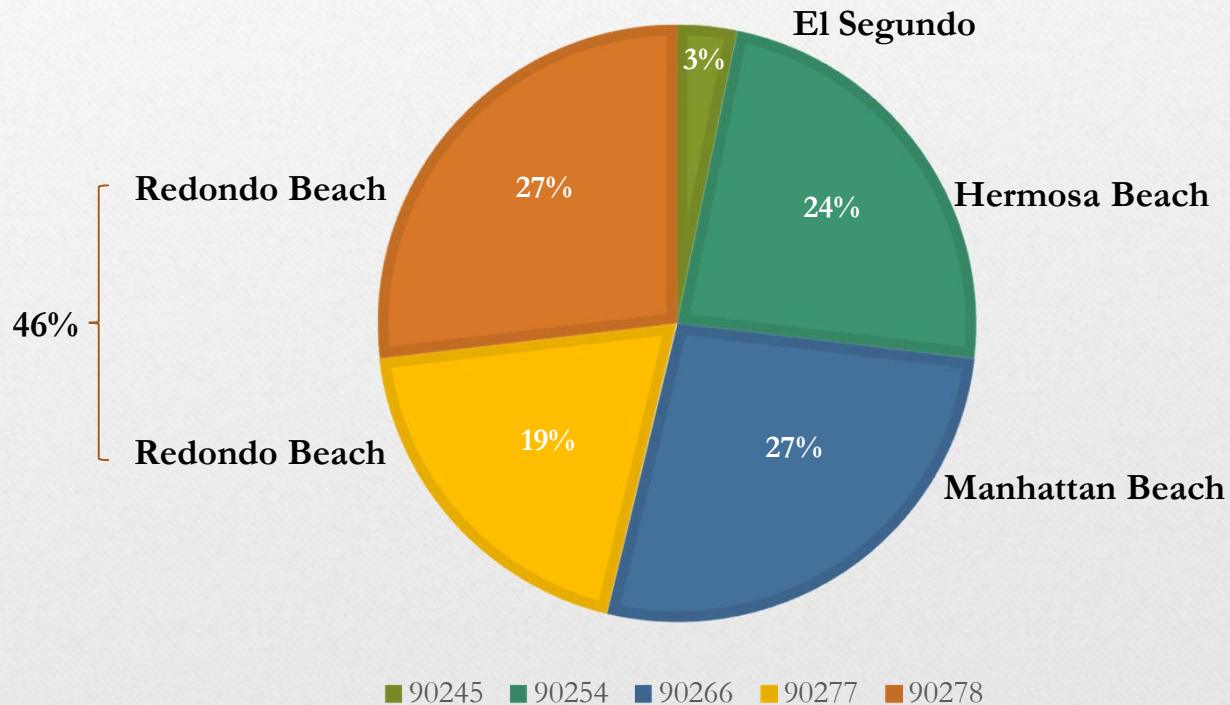
RESPONDENTS' AGE



39%(n=33) Have a youth under 18 living in the household
61% (n=51) Do not have anyone under 18 living in the household

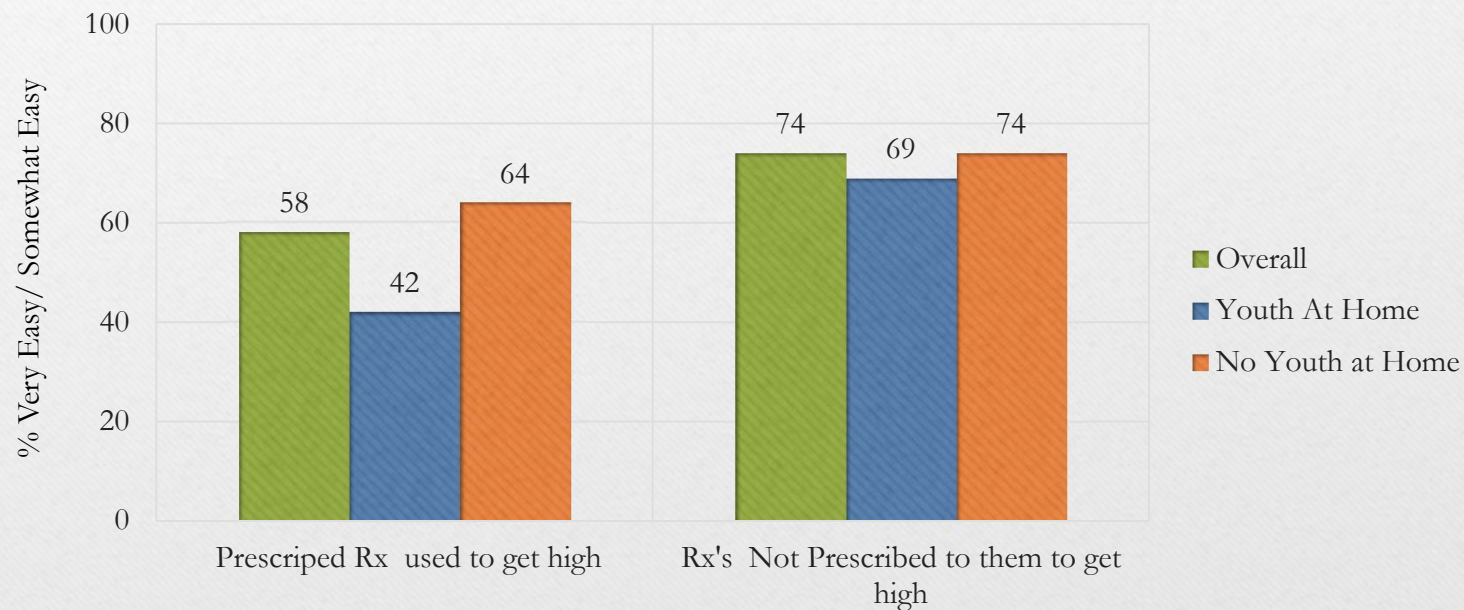
57% (n=52) Female
42% (n=38) Male
1% (n=1) Other

Respondents' Residency

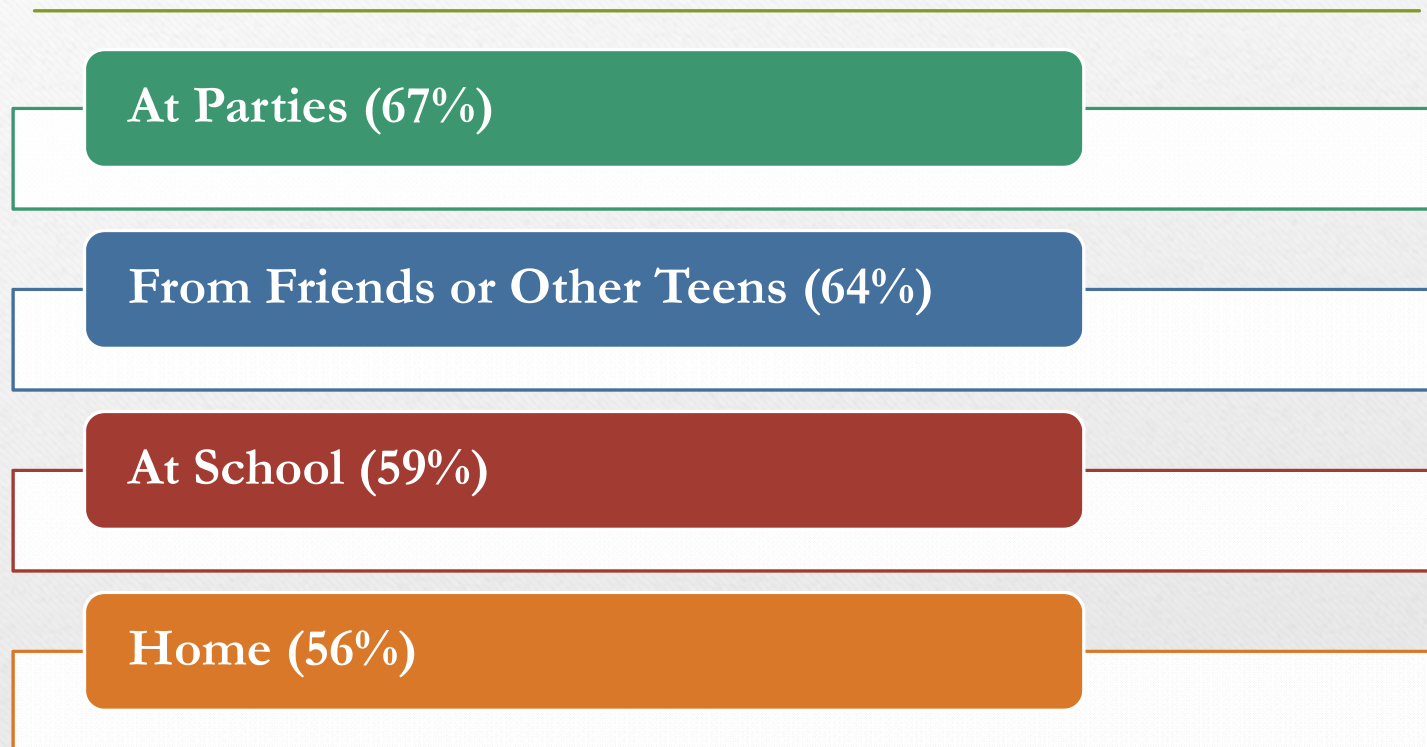


Perceptions of Youth Access to Prescription Drugs

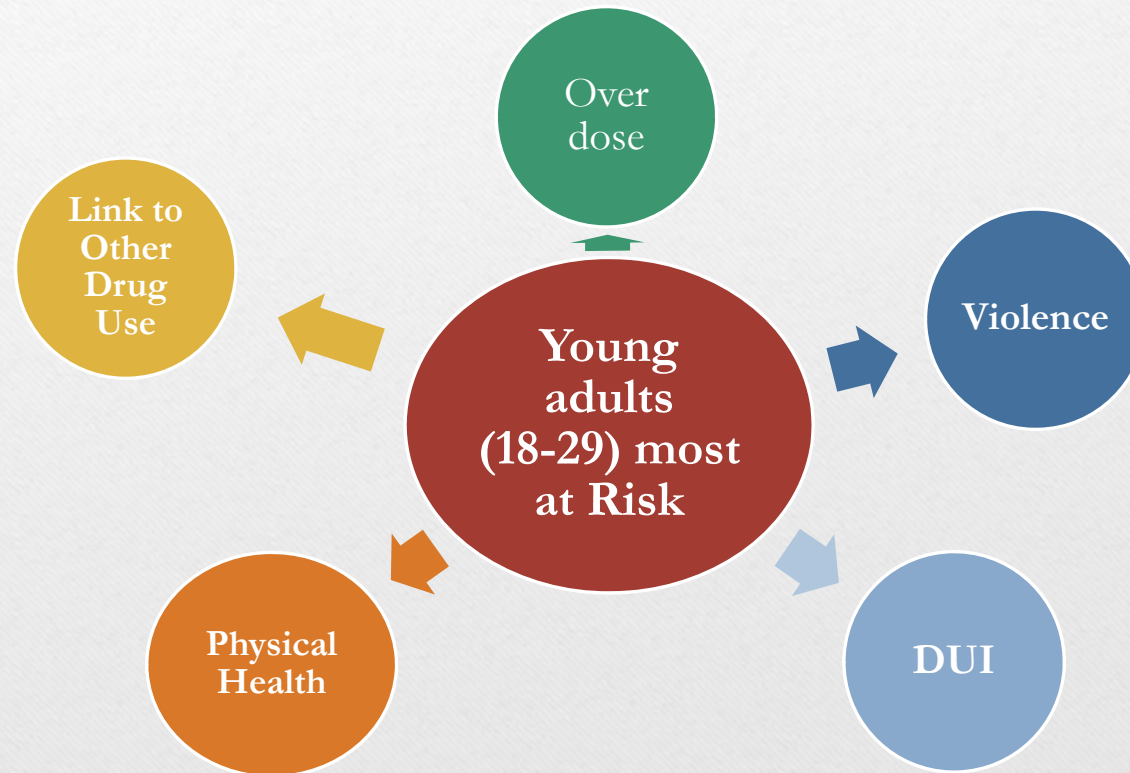
How easy is it for youth (under 18) to get...



How Respondents Believe Youth Access Prescription Drugs



Perceived Public Health & Safety Risks for Misuse of Rx Drugs



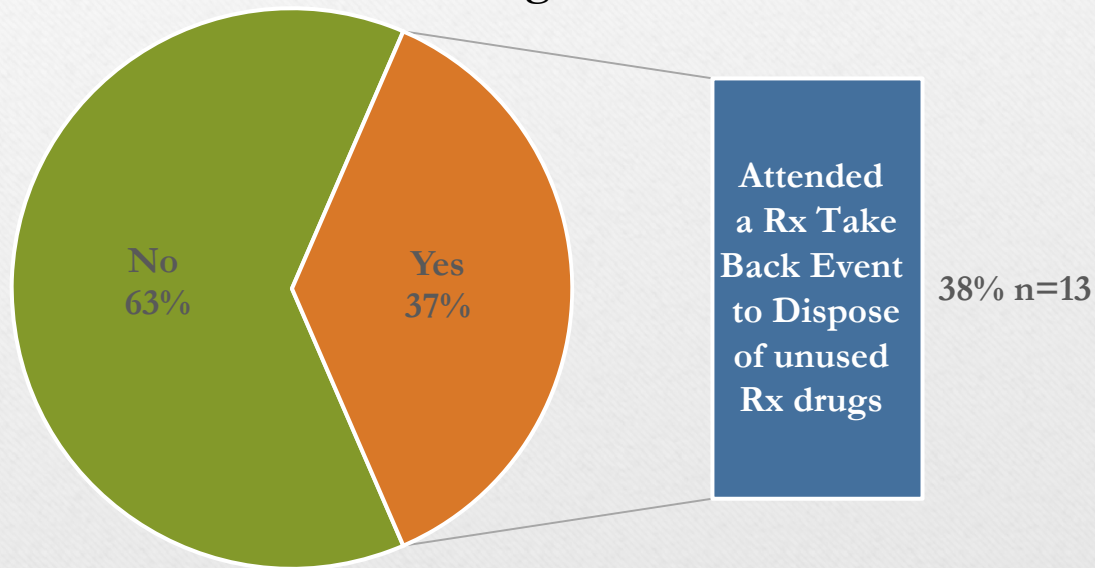
Prescription Drug Storage & Disposal

Respondents' Rx Drug Safety Behavior

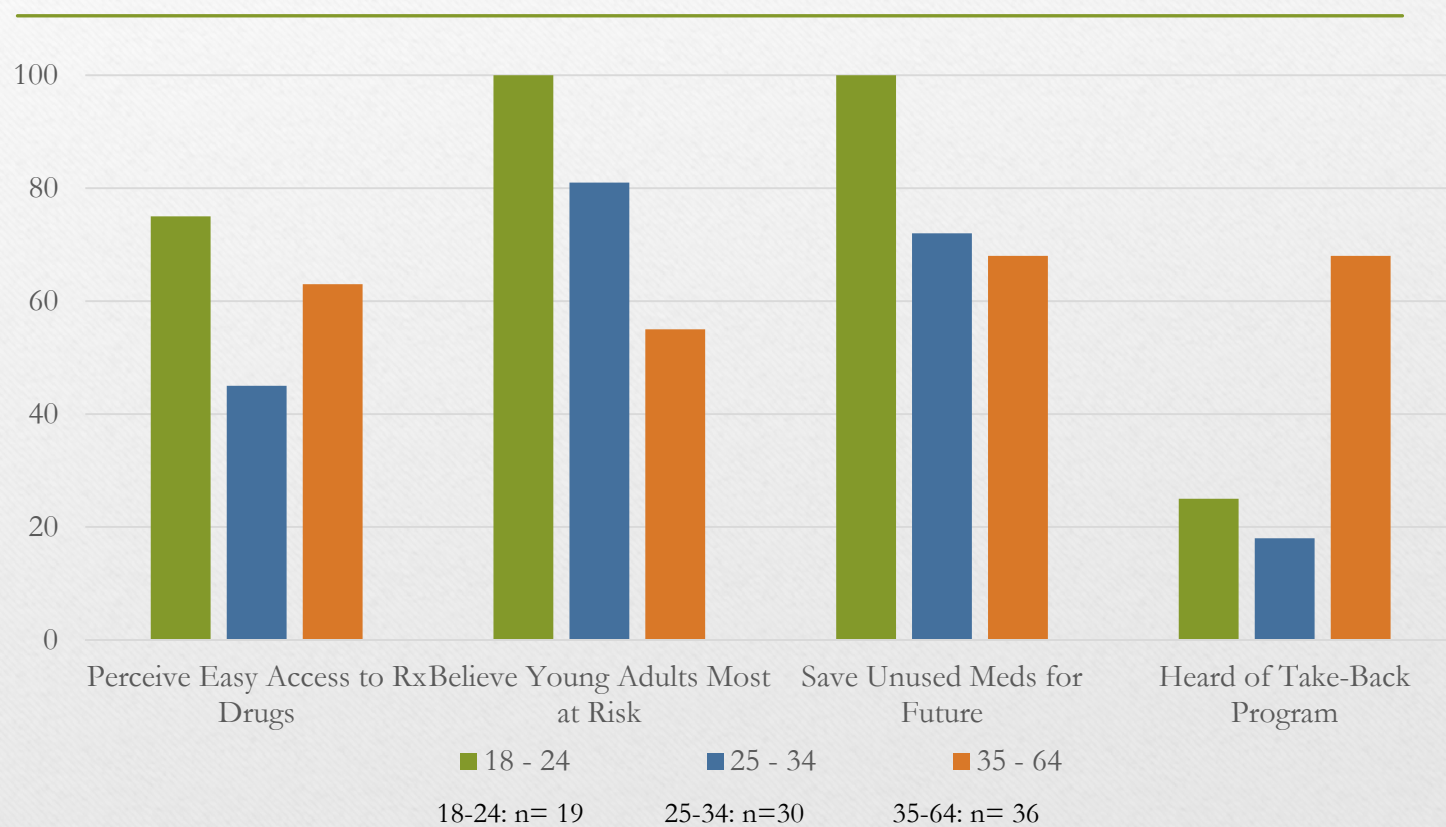
- 74% of those who have prescription drugs **do not** store them in a secure or locked location
 - Only 40% of those with youth under 18 in the home lock up their prescription drugs
- 44% save unused medication for the future
- 26% throw unused medication in the trash
- 20% flush unused medication
- 3.5% share unused medication with others

Rx Take Back Program Awareness & Utilization

Aware of Rx Take Back Programs



Beliefs, Behavior & Awareness by Age



Current Community Behavior will Not Mitigate Risk of Rx Misuse

- Most resident respondents believe there are many community & public health risks associated with misuse of prescription drugs
- Most believe young adults (18-29) are most vulnerable to misuse of prescription drugs
 - Only one-third believe youth (12-17) are the most at risk
- The majority of respondents believe it is easy for youth to access prescription drugs, particularly those not prescribed to them
 - About 2/3 believe youth obtain prescription drugs from their home &/or their social circle
- Nevertheless, very few lock up their prescription meds
 - Most keep unused medication for future use
 - Only 1/3 are aware of the Rx Take-Back Programs
 - Of those aware of them, only 1/3 have participated