

# Barry County gets better by CHANGE

Barry County Adult Community Survey

# 2019

USE PERCEPTION BREAKDOWN

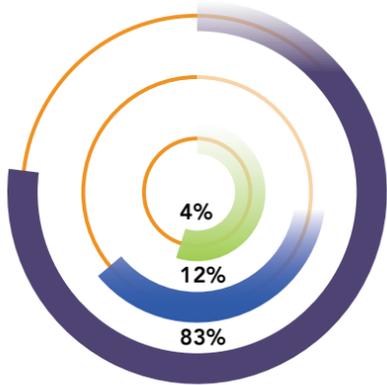
# 2021

## WHO TOOK THE SURVEY?

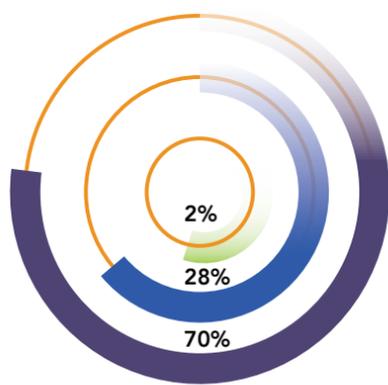
2019

2021

■ FEMALE  
■ MALE  
■ PREFER NOT TO ANSWER

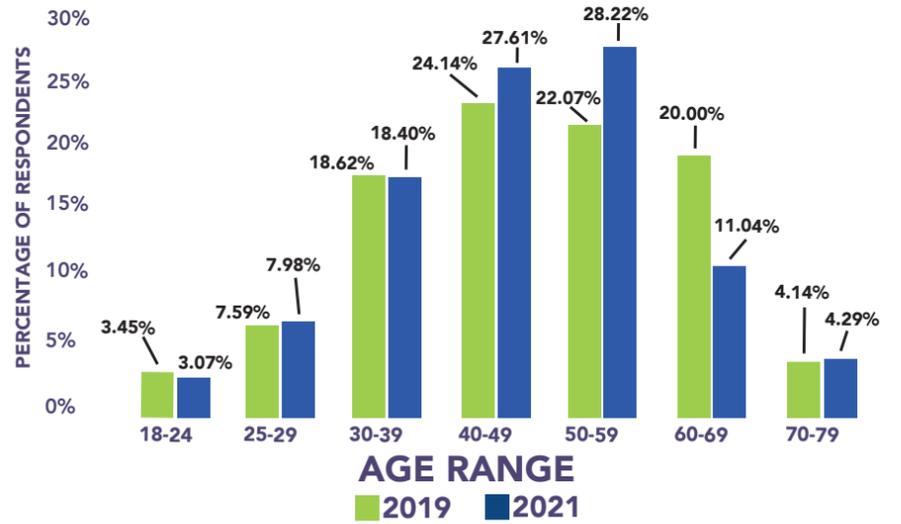


145 RESPONDENTS



185 RESPONDENTS

## AGE DEMOGRAPHICS



## LOCAL ISSUES. LOCAL PERCEPTIONS.

### VAPING/TOBACCO

In 2019 and 2021, many adults acknowledged the dangers of vaping including the health risks. In our 2021 data, vaping is still considered a large issue and health risk.

Most respondents in 2019 and 2021 responded "no" they do not know of parents/adults in the community who support vaping.



**FACT: One pod of e-liquid contains as much nicotine as 20 cigarettes.**

Visit [teen.smokefree.gov/quit-vaping](https://teen.smokefree.gov/quit-vaping) for help to quit vaping for free.

### MARIJUANA

Most respondents believe marijuana use is harmful to youth.

Although marijuana is legal for adults 21 and older, it's not legal or safe for children and teens. It is very important to note that marijuana can affect developing brains.

Marijuana has been found to affect emotional control, increased risk of mental health issues, and impaired driving.



### OPIOIDS, Rx MEDS

A majority of adults from each year's survey knows where to safely dispose of medication and the risk of youth using prescribed opioids has decreased.

It is important to continue reducing the risks associated with different methods of prescription, or opioid use. How? Keep medicine locked up for safety, avoid mixing with other classes of drugs, and don't use more than your prescribed amount. If there is a medical emergency, call for help.

To learn more about harm reduction strategies, getting a FREE Narcan kit, safe medicine disposal and more, visit [barrycountysatf.com](https://barrycountysatf.com)

### METH

Methamphetamine is a real concern, but recovery is possible. Reach out for help. Visit [barrycountyrecovery.org](https://barrycountyrecovery.org) for more information.

### PREVENTION WORKS!

In the 2019 and 2021 survey about half of adults have talked to youth about substance prevention in the past year.

Most respondents agreed that Barry County has the necessary resources to prevent and reduce drug use.

Need help with conversation starters and more? Visit [talksooner.org](https://talksooner.org) for additional resources.



### ALCOHOL

Results across both years were consistent that a majority of respondents found underage drinking to be a moderate issue.

In 2019, 93% of respondents viewed driving after drinking as a high risk and in 2021, 94% of respondents viewed driving after drinking as a high risk.



# Let's Work Together for Change!



Barry County Substance Abuse Task Force  
"Working Together for a Drug Free Community"

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