

**NORTH KINGSTOWN HEALTH AND WELLNESS SURVEY
KEY POINTS REPORT**

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(N=1,274)

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1. This year 55% reported never drinking at all, in comparison to 41% last year.

2. 76% said that they didn't smoke marijuana (compared to 73% last year, an overall decrease in 30-day use of 3%).

Still, perception of others' drinking confirms the social norms thinking, i.e., most believe those who drink do so 3-9 times a month, while most who drink say they did so once or twice over the past 30 days.

3. Perception of harm :

A. Those who thought that they faced no risk by having one or two alcoholic drinks every day dropped from 8.6% to 5%.

B. Those who thought that they faced no risk by smoking marijuana every day dropped from 15.2% to 13%.

4. Access:

A. About 63% said it would be easy or sort of easy to get alcohol if they wanted (down from 68% last year).

B. About 60% said it would be easy or sort of easy to get marijuana if they wanted (down from 65% last year).

C. About 38% said it would be easy or sort of easy to get other drugs if they wanted (down from 44% last year).

Generally, there appears to be improvement in almost all areas which is an excellent trend. However, remember this is only a one-year snapshot, and it does re-confirm much of what we learned last year. But all the signs are encouraging that there have been some changes in attitude and perception.