

ONE JOHNS CREEK MARIJUANA AND NICOTINE MISUSE COMMUNITY ASSESSMENT

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Methodology

One Johns Creek focused a community assessment on marijuana and nicotine to ask the community about underage marijuana and nicotine misuse. Questions focused on how marijuana and nicotine may be obtained in One Johns Creek and what forms of these substances were being used.

The survey was launched in November 2023. Multiple venues were used for sending out the survey with most respondents (89.5%) indicating residency in Johns Creek. Overall, 32 responses were collected during this time.

The survey was completed as an on-line, anonymous questionnaire. Survey procedures were designed to protect the privacy of participants.



Survey Demographics

Respondent City of Residence

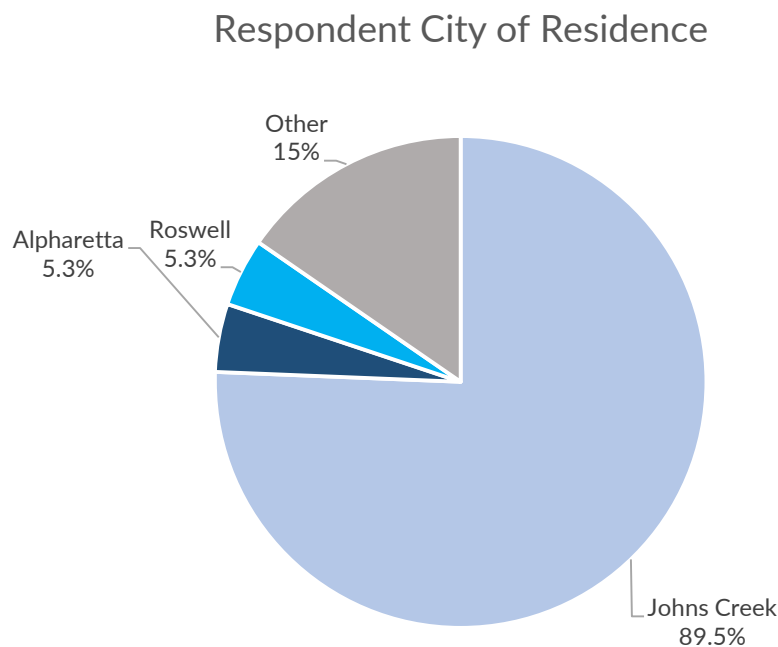


Figure 1: Respondent City of Residence



Marijuana Use

Who do you think is using marijuana in this community?

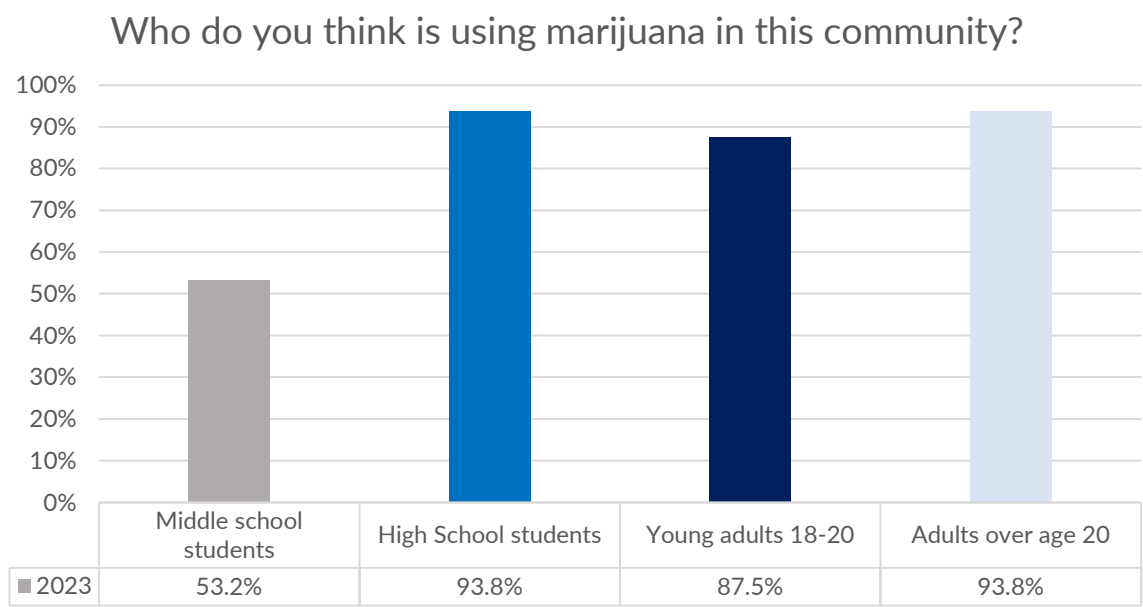


Figure 2: Who do you think is using marijuana in this community?



What forms of marijuana do you think are being used in this community?

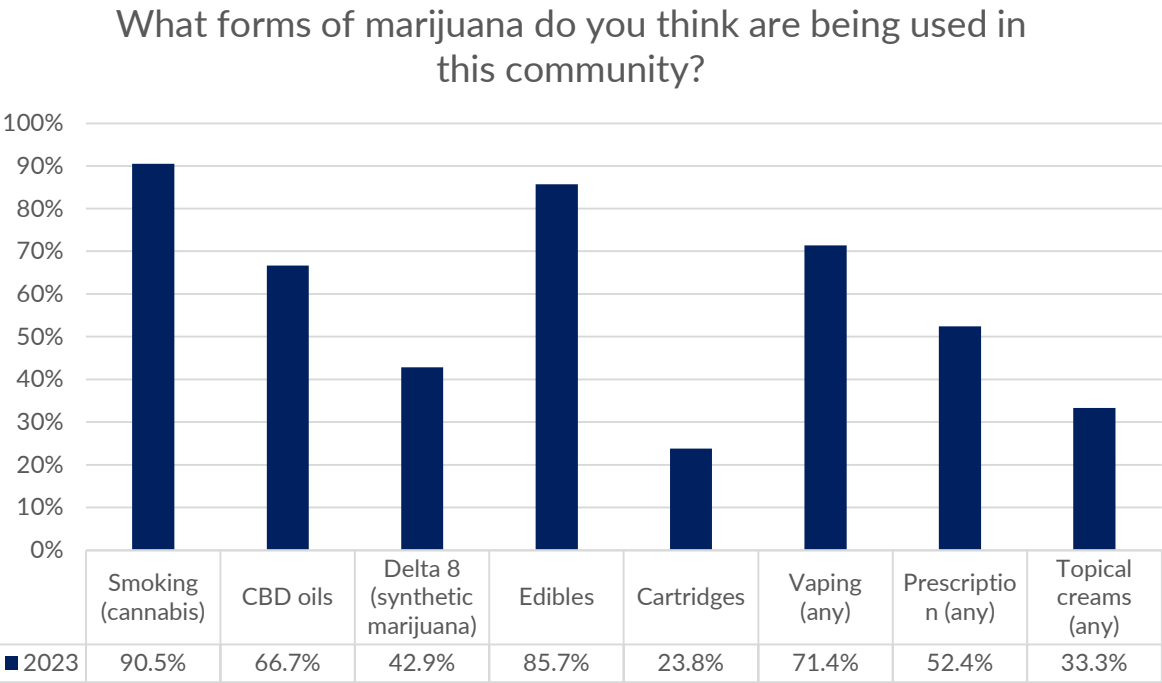


Figure 3: What forms of marijuana do you think are being used in this community?



Why do you think people are using marijuana in this community?

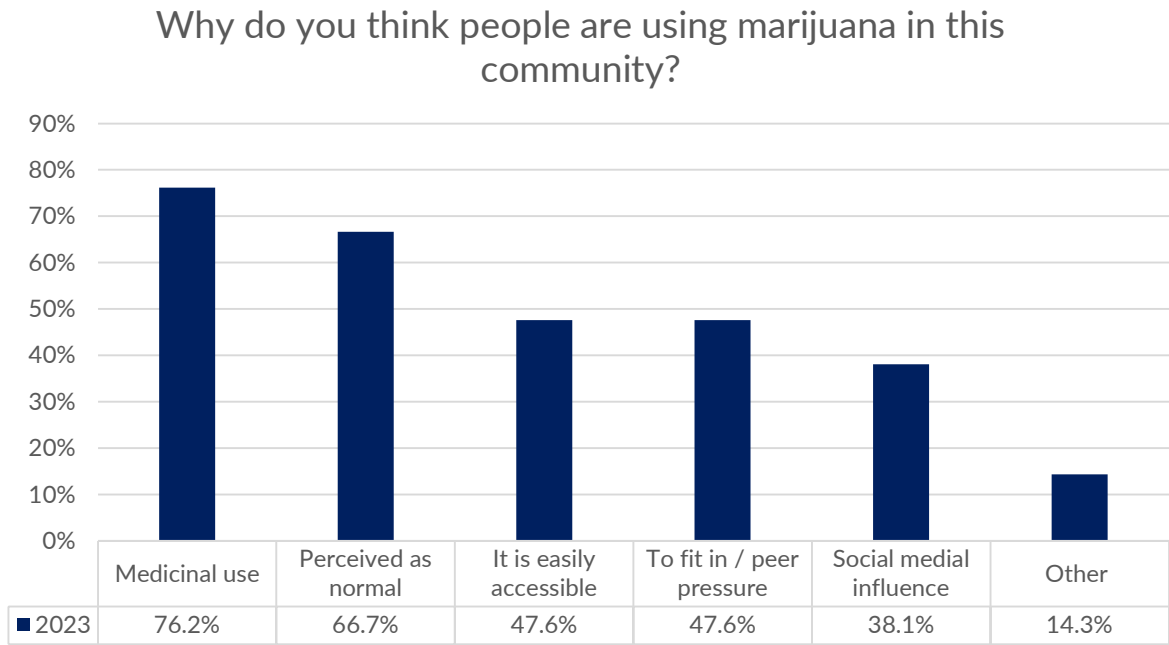


Figure 4: Why do you think people are using marijuana in this community?



Where are people using marijuana in this community?

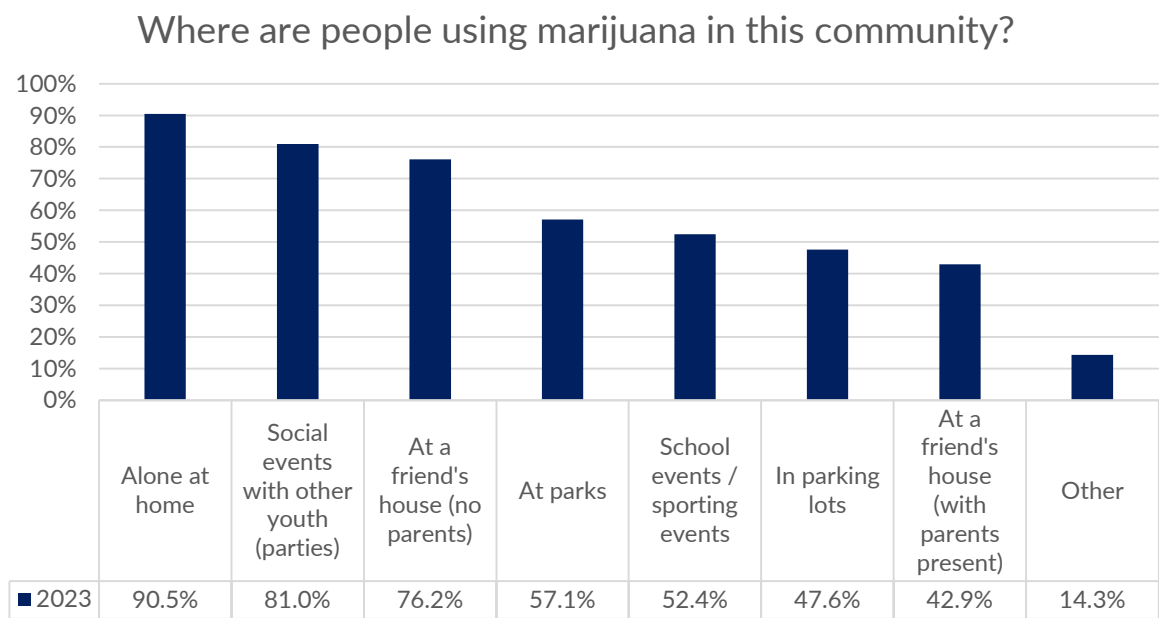


Figure 5: Where are people using marijuana in this community?



How do you think underage people are accessing marijuana in this community?

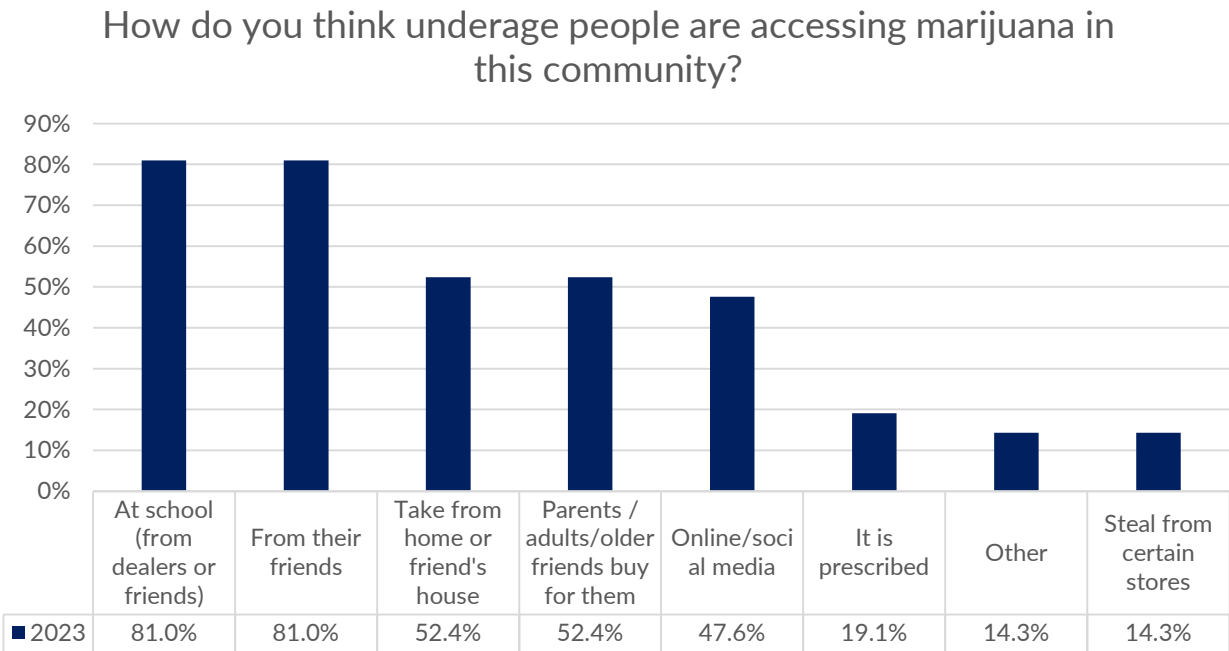


Figure 6: How do you think underage people are accessing marijuana in this community?



What do you perceive are the parental attitudes and behaviors towards marijuana use in this community?

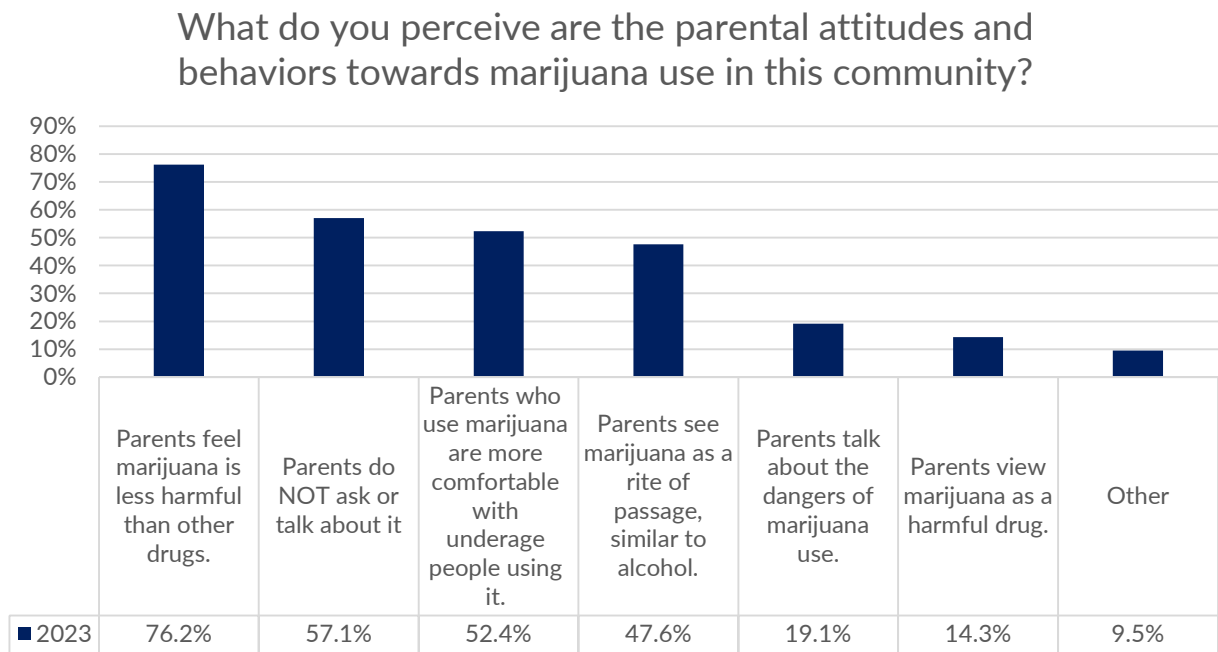


Figure 7: What do you perceive are the parental attitudes and behaviors towards marijuana use in this community?



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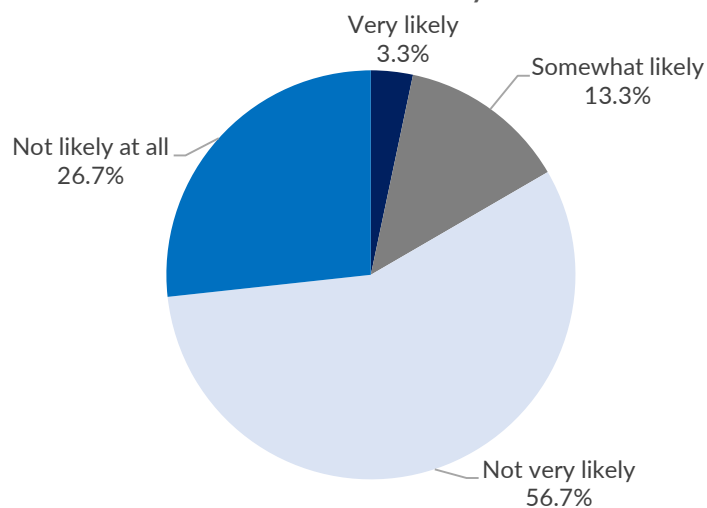


Figure 8: How likely do you think underage people believe they will get caught/experience consequences for using marijuana in this community?



Additional comments

- Marijuana should only be prescribed by doctors for patients.
- Marijuana should be legal and regulated and treated no differently from alcohol.
- This questionnaire is deeply loaded to get negative responses. It is not a major issue.
- I have noticed public consumption (by smell) in places like festivals, hotels, driving, etc. I think we need to legalize marijuana and educate people on the harms. Alcohol is legal and drunk driving incidents kill far more people when used in excess, but yet we have open container approval to walk around drinking publicly.
- Strong PSA & Messaging to Adult public & schools both. Reform Georgia legislature code to prohibit cannabis farming and shut down cannabis retail stores. Toughen sentencing laws on possession and usage of cannabis. Toughen sentencing on supplying and growing cannabis. Reset to stop normalizing drug use as normal. It's NOT! It leads to other illicit drug use or opioid addiction.
- Stop Dr. Kush on State Bridge from selling to underage people. These stores need to be checking ID every time or get shut down. It has been awful for my daughter and the group she attends for teen sobriety.
- Community efforts need to be focused on drug traffickers and giving young people options where they can socialize safely. Parks and activities where young people can gather with healthy activities easily accessible. Giving young people healthy outlets. If they have a community of healthy adults and other young people around them then they will be less likely to fall prey to drugs.



Nicotine Use

Who do you think is using nicotine in this community?

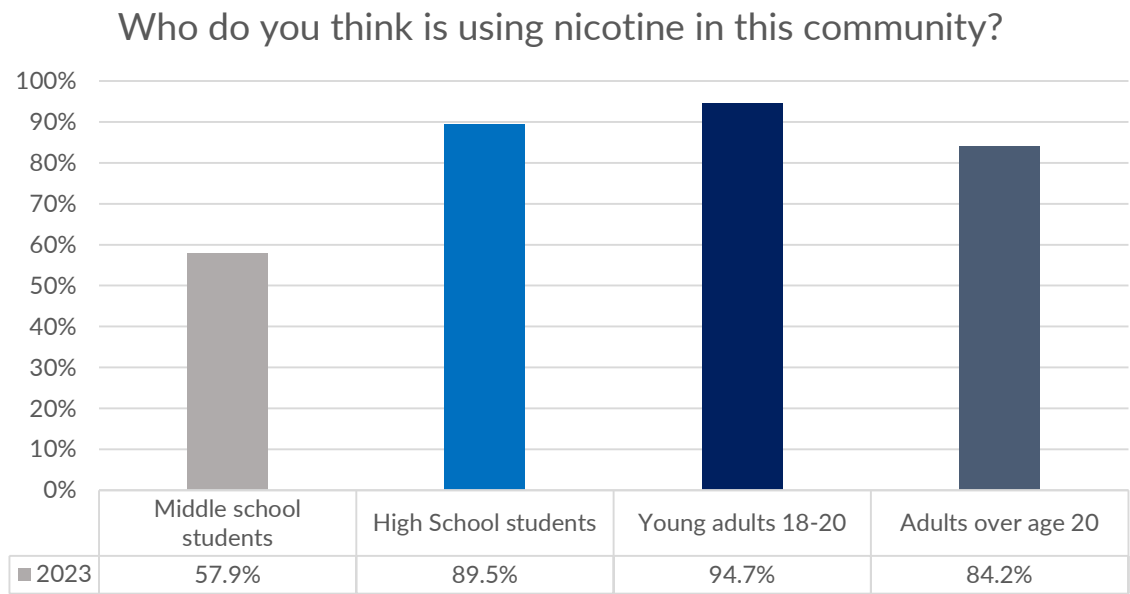


Figure 9: Who do you think is using nicotine in this community?



At what age is nicotine legal to use?

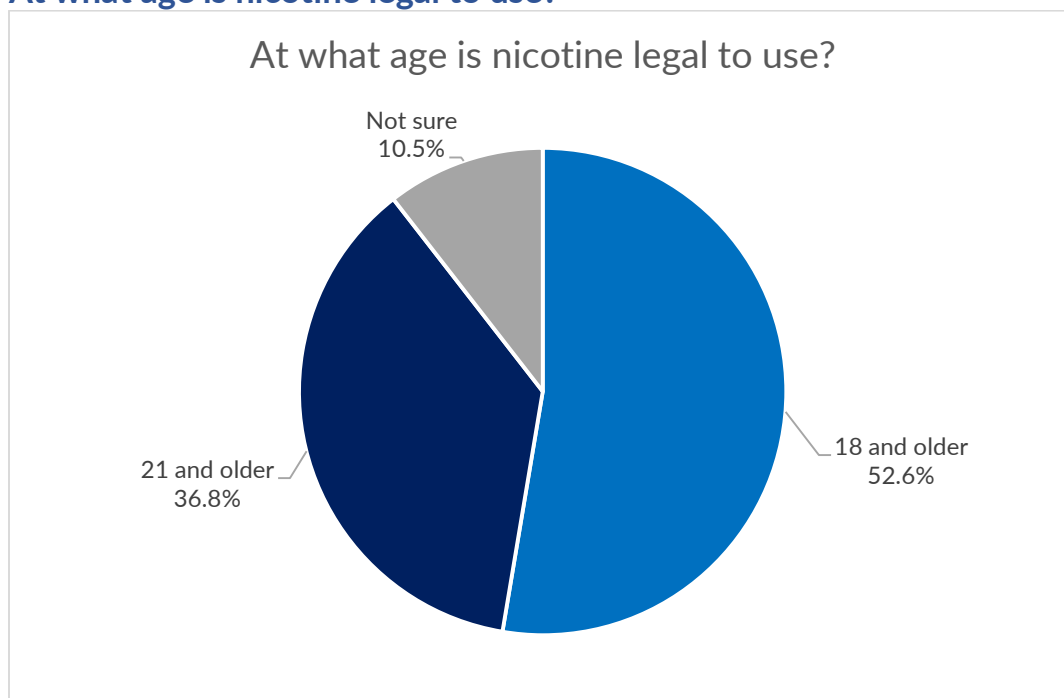


Figure 10: At what age is nicotine legal to use?



What forms of nicotine are being used in this community and by whom?

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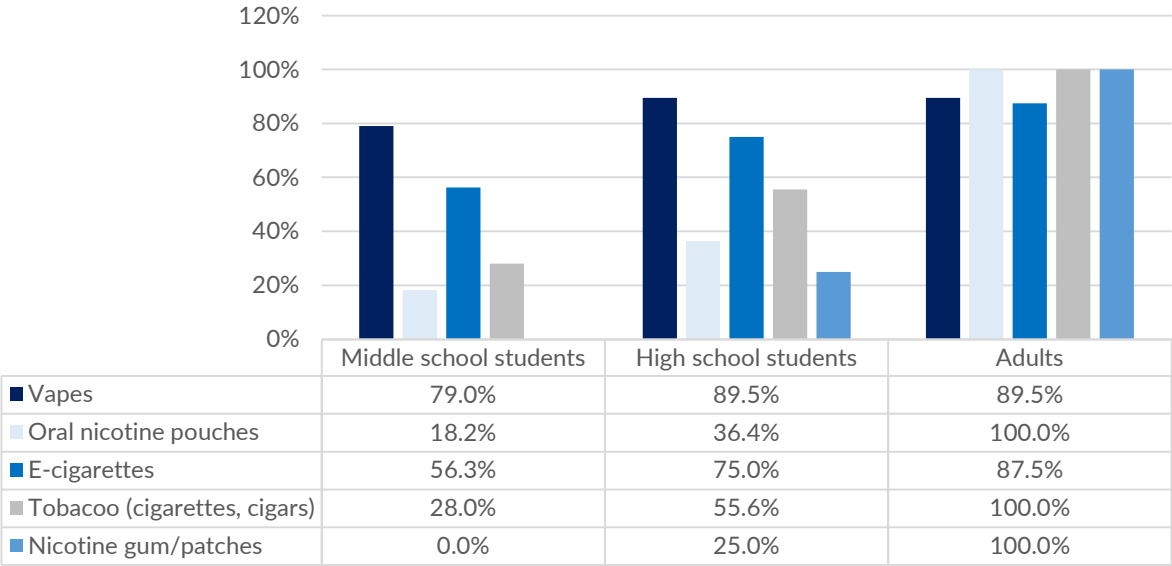


Figure 11: What forms of nicotine are being used in this community and by whom?



Why do you think underage people are using nicotine this community?

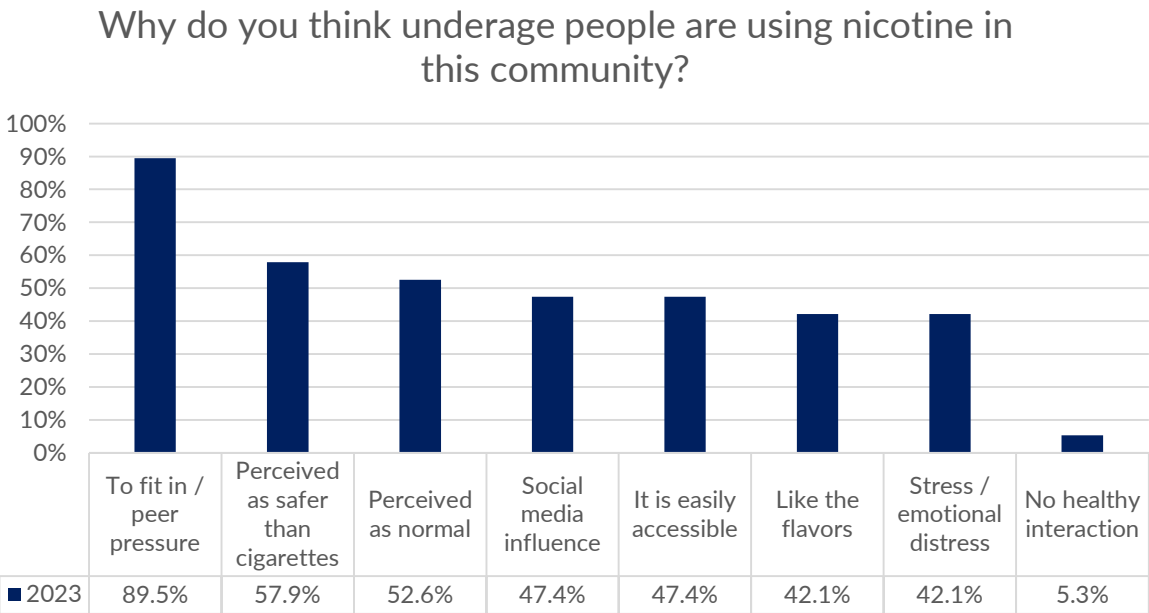


Figure 12: Why do you think underage people are using nicotine in this community?



Where are underage people using nicotine in this community?

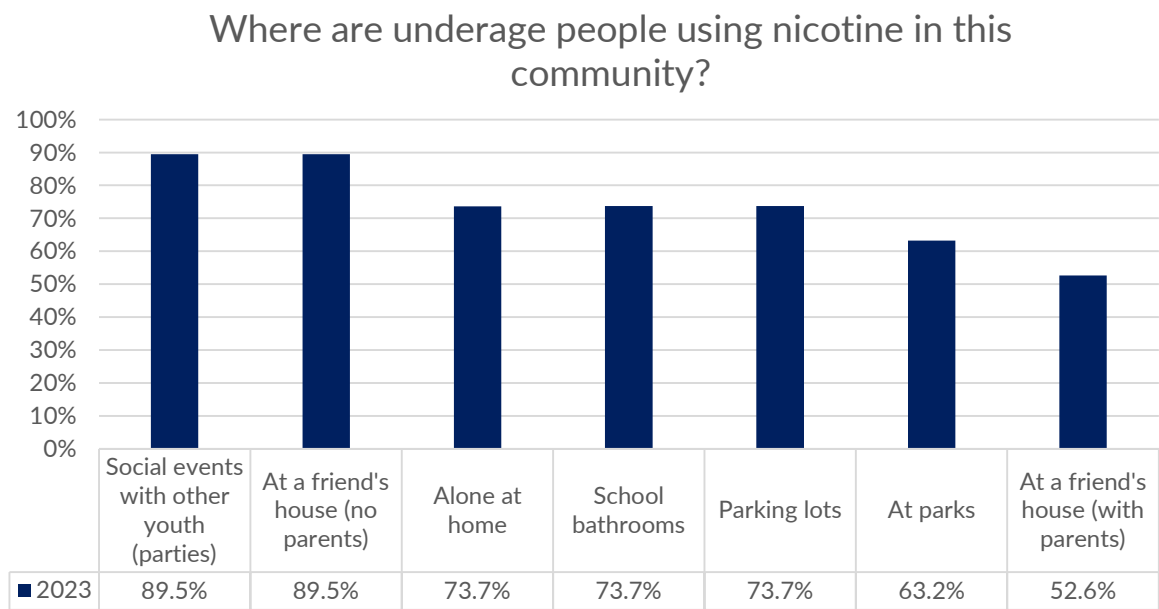


Figure 13: Where are underage people using nicotine in this community?



In this community, how do you think underage people are getting nicotine?

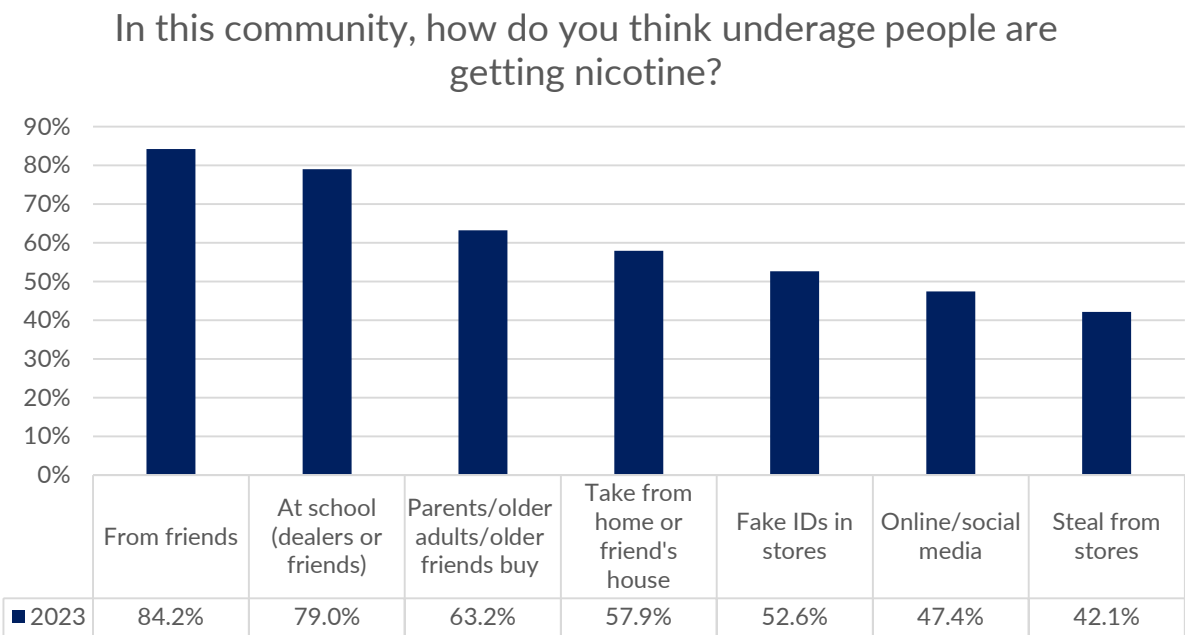


Figure 14: In this community, how do you think underage people are getting nicotine?



What do you perceive are the parental attitudes and behaviors towards using nicotine?

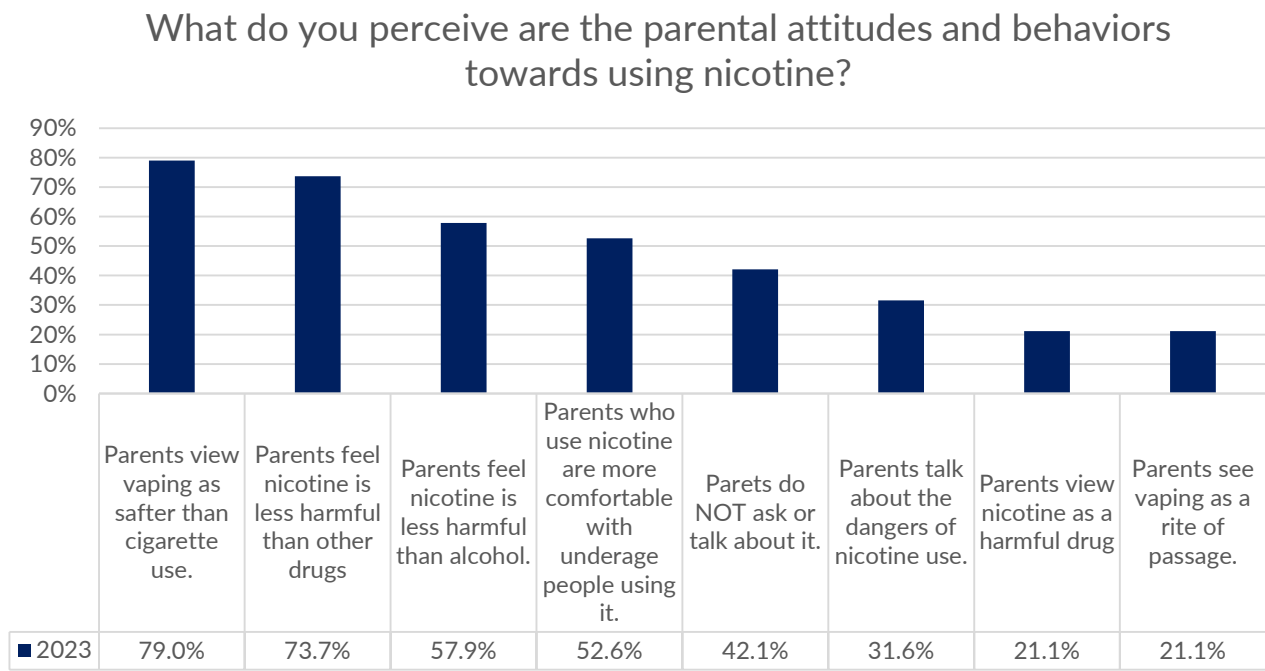


Figure 15: What do you perceive are the parental attitudes and behaviors towards using nicotine?



How likely do you think that underage people believe they will get caught/experience consequences for using nicotine in this community?

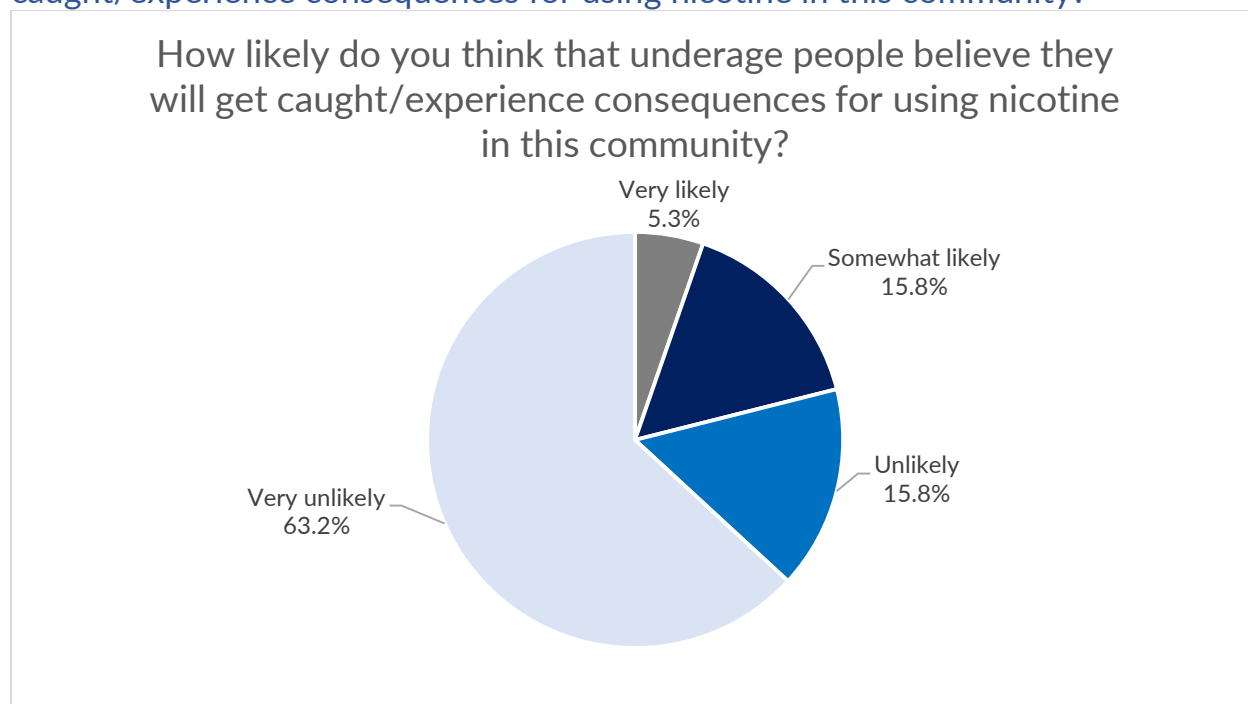


Figure 16: How likely do you think that underage people believe they will get caught/experience consequences for using nicotine in this community?



Additional Comments

- Do not allow anymore vape stores in the community
- Shut down Dr. Kush
- If youth had healthy outlets, they would be less prone. Coffee shops that are open to young people hanging out offering reduced healthy beverages for them after school and weekends.



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