

# OLDHAM COUNTY COMMUNITY HEALTH SURVEY RESULTS 2018

681 Oldham County residents responded to the survey.

## COMMUNITY HEALTH

### TOP 3 FACTORS improving quality of life

- 63% Good schools
- 42% Low crime/safe neighborhoods
- 40% Good place to raise children

### TOP 3 PROBLEMS having greatest impact on overall community health

- 70% Alcohol/Drugs
- 50% Mental Health
- 25% Obesity

### TOP 3 BEHAVIORS having greatest impact on overall community health

- 62% Drug abuse
- 40% Alcohol abuse
- 38% Poor eating habits



## SUBSTANCE USE



### How much do you think ADULTS risk harming themselves if they smoke MARIJUANA once or twice a week?

- 28% Great risk
- 30% Moderate Risk
- 26% Slight Risk
- 16% No risk

### How much do you think YOUTH risk harming themselves if they smoke MARIJUANA once or twice a week?

- 54% Great risk
- 25% Moderate risk
- 17% Slight risk
- 4% No risk

### How much do you think ADULTS risk harming themselves if they VAPE/use E-CIGARETTES?

- 52% Great risk
- 35% Moderate Risk
- 11% Slight Risk
- 2% No risk

### How much do you think YOUTH risk harming themselves if they drink ALCOHOL once or twice a week?

- 69% Great risk
- 23% Moderate Risk
- 7% Slight Risk
- 1% No risk

### How concerned are you by underage drinking in Oldham County?

- 43% Very concerned
- 43% Somewhat concerned
- 9% Not very concerned
- 5% Not sure

### Is it okay for youth under the age of 21 to drink if they are at home supervised by an adult?

- 14% YES
- 86% NO

### Are you aware of Oldham County's Social Host Ordinance?

- 66% YES
- 34% NO

## SAFETY

### TOP 3 SAFETY CONCERNS in Oldham County

- 75% Alcohol and drug use
- 36% School violence
- 33% Unsafe driving



### Are safe walking paths important to you?

- 94% YES
- 6% NO

### Do you think completion of the GREENWAYS PROJECT should be a community priority?

- 75% YES
- 25% NO

## ITEMS OF NOTE

- In 2018, Oldham County residents identified the following as the “**top three factors that most improve the quality of life**” in Oldham County: 1) good schools, 2) low crime/safe neighborhoods, and 3) good place to raise children. These were the top three responses in 2015, as well.
- The three primary “**problems having the greatest impact on overall community health**” in Oldham County in 2018 were cited as: 1) alcohol/drugs, 2) mental health problems, and 3) obesity. Notably, in 2015, a much lower percentage of respondents identified ‘mental health problems’, and it was ranked in fifth place. Additionally, the recent data indicate that in 2018, a significantly larger proportion of respondents view alcohol/drugs as impacting community health than in 2015.
- The overall perceived impact of substance use has increased since 2015. This year, “drug abuse” and “alcohol abuse” were cited as the top two “**behaviors having the greatest impact on overall community health**”; “poor eating habits” was the third.
- In 2018, school violence emerged as a **top safety concern** in Oldham County. Alcohol and drug use remains a top-tier issue of concern, as does unsafe driving.
- To assess the community’s perception of risk associated with **adult use of e-cigarettes**, a new question was added to this year’s survey. Nearly 88% of respondents perceive moderate or great risk associated with the use of e-cigarettes/vaping.