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**EPI GROUP: TEEN SUBSTANCE  
CONSUMPTION**

**HOCKLEY CO**

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## VOICES OF HOCKLEY CO

Hockley County VOICES<sup>1</sup> is a community coalition, funded by Texas Department of State Health Services (DSHS), whose purpose is to encourage community mobilization to implement evidence-based environmental strategies with a primary focus on changing policies and social norms in Hockley County to prevent and reduce underage drinking and marijuana and prescription drug abuse. Their mission is to empower communities to create positive changes in attitudes, behaviors, and policies to prevent and reduce at-risk behaviors in youth with a unified focus on alcohol, marijuana, and prescription drugs.

Members of this coalition are people who wish to help youth make better choices. These people are from a wide range of organizations that represent Hockley County. These volunteers include people from civic groups, local churches, city government, medical professionals, school officials, humanitarian organizations, and young people themselves. Anyone who wants to help make Hockley County a better place to live is welcome to join.

VOICES keeps active in the community through several programs aimed at making Hockley County a better place to live. Each year VOICES sponsors the Back-to-School Kickoff where backpacks filled with school supplies are given to students who need them. Twice a year VOICES conducts a Medication Cleanout where old and expired prescription medication is collected and safely disposed of. Through the school year, volunteers conduct youth prevention programs and other community service projects.

As part of their mission, Hockley County VOICES conducts a community needs assessment that looks at how teens are misusing marijuana, alcohol, and prescription drugs. As part of this, volunteers conducted a survey focusing on how Hockley County teens perceive and consume alcohol.

## TSS—LEVELLAND ISD

### ALCOHOL

	How recently, if ever, have you used...			
	Past Month	School Year	Ever Used	Never Used
Any Alcohol Product	51.2%	58.7%	75.6%	24.4%
Beer	27.6%	41.8%	65.2%	34.8%
Wine Coolers	21.4%	32.7%	55.2%	44.8%
Wine	14.6%	23.7%	53.0%	47.0%
Liquor	25.2%	38.6%	59.9%	40.1%

- Binge Drinking: 26.7% of drinkers at least once in the past 30 days
- Access: 61.6% say easy or very easy to get alcohol
- Driving Under the Influence: 10.5% have driven drunk 1-3 times in the past year
- Alcohol at Parties: 39.2% say alcohol present at parties most of the time or always

<sup>1</sup> Volunteers Offering Involvement in Communities to Expand Services (VOICES)

- Perception of Risk: 80.2% say very or somewhat dangerous
- Parental Attitude: 70% report that parents disapprove

Since school began in the fall, on how many days (if any) have you attended class while drunk?

	None	1-3 Days	4-9 Days	10+ Days
All	92.6%	6.2%	1.2%	0.0%
Grade 9	94.2%	5.8%	0.0%	0.0%
Grade 10	92.5%	6.3%	1.3%	0.0%
Grade 11	91.0%	7.5%	1.5%	0.0%
Grade 12	92.2%	5.6%	2.2%	0.0%

How often, if ever, do you get alcoholic beverages from...

	Do Not Drink	Never	Seldom	Most of the Time	Always
Home	40.6%	24.1%	25.0%	7.4%	2.9%
Friends	37.2%	17.8%	14.7%	22.3%	8.1%
A Store	39.7%	48.7%	4.3%	4.6%	2.7%
Parties	33.8%	19.3%	10.7%	16.2%	20.1%
Other Sources	41.9%	28.9%	13.2%	7.9%	8.1%

## DRUGS

How recently, if ever, have you used...

	Past Month	School Year	Ever Used	Never Used
Marijuana	23.1%	27.5%	36.6%	63.4%
Cocaine	3.5%	4.5%	8.6%	91.4%
Crack	0.9%	0.9%	2.2%	97.8%
Hallucinogens	1.7%	2.5%	5.4%	94.6%
Synthetic Cathinones	0.6%	0.6%	0.8%	99.2%
Steroids	0.5%	0.5%	0.8%	99.2%
Ecstasy	1.0%	2.4%	3.4%	96.6%
Heroin	0.3%	0.6%	1.1%	98.9%
Methamphetamine	0.6%	2.1%	3.4%	96.6%
Synthetic Marijuana	2.8%	3.1%	7.3%	92.7%

- 4.1% use marijuana every day
- 10.7% attended classes while high on marijuana in the last year
- 3.8% attended classes while high on some other drug in the last year
- 10.6% have driven while high in the last year
- Parental Attitude: 82.2% of parents strongly or mildly disapprove of marijuana

## If you wanted some, how difficult would it be to get...

	Impossible	Very Difficult	Somewhat Difficult	Somewhat Easy	Very Easy
Marijuana	16.5%	9.1%	10.2%	19.4%	29.7%
Cocaine	27.7%	11.3%	15.7%	9.4%	10.0%
Crack	30.8%	14.5%	13.0%	4.9%	6.8%
Steroids	29.3%	14.3%	10.4%	8.0%	6.6%
Ecstasy	28.0%	10.9%	11.4%	7.1%	7.5%
Heroin	32.8%	14.0%	7.9%	5.2%	4.8%
Methamphetamine	31.7%	12.4%	11.2%	5.3%	5.7%
Synthetic Marijuana	25.7%	11.2%	13.2%	7.1%	11.8%

## How dangerous do you think it is for kids your age to use...

	Very Dangerous	Somewhat Dangerous	Not Very Dangerous	Not at All Dangerous	Do Not Know
Marijuana	53.0%	14.8%	13.8%	12.6%	5.8%
Cocaine	88.2%	5.5%	0.8%	0.6%	5.0%
Crack	89.9%	4.0%	0.2%	0.3%	5.6%
Steroids	76.7%	11.7%	3.9%	1.4%	6.2%
Ecstasy	83.5%	6.0%	2.5%	1.3%	6.7%
Heroin	90.6%	3.7%	0.2%	0.0%	5.5%
Methamphetamine	90.7%	3.4%	0.4%	0.0%	5.4%
Synthetic Marijuana	87.6%	5.9%	0.2%	0.0%	6.3%

## PRESCRIPTION DRUGS

## How recently, if ever, have you used...

	Past Month	School Year	Ever Used	Never Used
Codeine Cough Syrup	8.7%	10.7%	17.9%	82.1%
OxyContin, Oxycodone, Percodan, etc.	4.9%	6.1%	9.7%	90.3%
Valium, Xanax, etc.	2.2%	2.5%	5.2%	94.8%
Adderall, Ritalin, Dexedrine, etc.	1.7%	2.1%	3.4%	96.6%
Any other not listed	3.4%	4.7%	10.2%	89.8%

- 87.4% report that it is very or somewhat dangerous for kids to use prescription drugs not prescribed to them

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