



TOWN HALL MEETING

Why We Care!

The healthy development of America's youth is a national goal that is threatened by underage alcohol consumption and the adverse consequences it can bring. In sometimes subtle and sometimes dramatic ways, alcohol use can sidetrack the trajectory of a child's life or end it.



Excessive Drinking By County In Maryland
Reported on April 30, 2013 by WBAL-TV 11

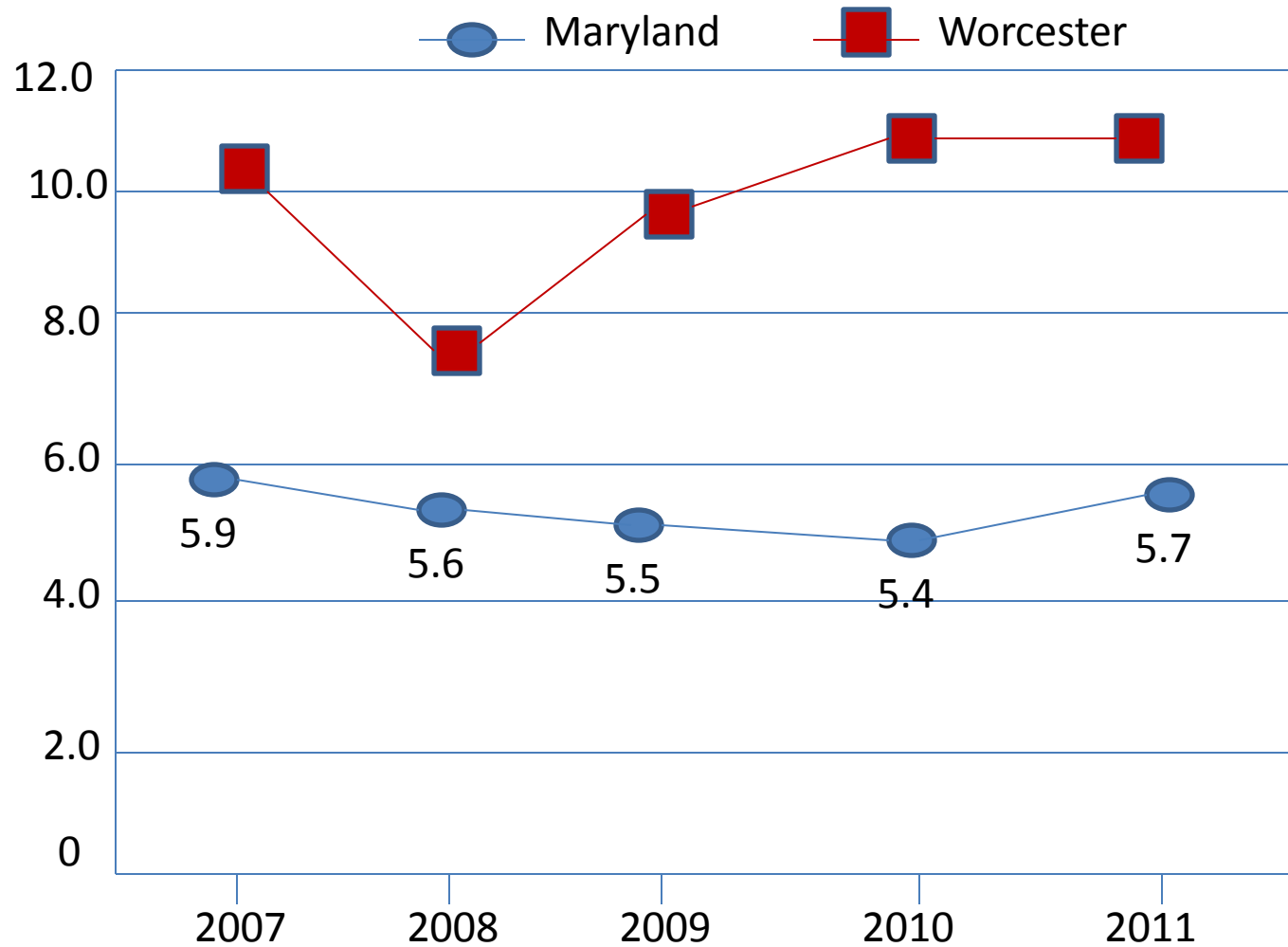
The following data is a ranking of counties for which reporting is available based on the percentage of people reporting to be excessive drinkers.

An excessive drinker, binge drinker, is defined as consuming more than 4 (women) or 5 (men) alcoholic beverages on a single occasion in the past 30 days, or heavy drinking, defined as drinking more than one (women) or 2 (men) drinks per day.

This information was obtained by the Behavioral Risk Factor Surveillance System, and reported to the National Center for Health Statistics/ Centers for Disease Control and Prevention. This data is from 2011.

Jurisdiction	Ranking	Percentage
Queen Anne's County	#1	23%
Carroll County	#2	19%
Worcester County	#3	19%
Anne Arundel County	#4	19%
Calvert County	#5	18%
Cecil County	#6	17%
St. Mary's County	#7	17%
Caroline County	#8	17%
Frederick County	#9	17%
Garrett County	#10	17%
Baltimore City	#11	16%
Harford County	#12	16%
Dorchester County	#13	16%
Baltimore County	#14	16%
Washington County	#15	15%
Talbot County	#16	15%
Allegany County	#17	15%
Howard County	#18	15%
Charles County	#19	14%
Montgomery County	#20	13%
Kent County	#21	13%
Wicomico County	#22	12%
Prince George's County	#23	10%
Somerset County	#24	9%

Alcohol or Alcohol and Drug Impaired Crashes as Percentage of Total Crashes among 16-25 year olds



Maryland Adolescent Survey Results 2002, 2004, and 2007

Any Form of Alcohol – Past 30 Days								
Year	Maryland				Worcester County			
	6th Grade	8th Grade	10th Grade	12th Grade	6th Grade	8th Grade	10th Grade	12th Grade
2002	5.0	16.4	35.0	44.3	4.8	24.8	41.5	51.7
2004	5.4	16.2	31.4	44.1	5.5	12.5	38.2	51.0
2007	3.8	12.7	27.8	42.2	3.6	15.4	37.6	49.7

Five or More Servings of Alcohol on the Same Occasion (Binge)								
Year	Maryland				Worcester County			
	6th Grade	8th Grade	10th Grade	12th Grade	6th Grade	8th Grade	10th Grade	12th Grade
2002	1.3	7.2	19.6	28.8	2.8	11.7	21.0	31.9
2004	1.4	6.6	17.4	29.0	1.4	4.7	24.4	34.2
2007	0.9	4.7	15.3	28.6	0.0	5.9	24.9	36.4

**Maryland Behavioral Risk Factor Surveillance System (MD BRFSS)/ 2010
Binge Drinking – Males w/ 5 or more drinks; Females w/4 or more drinks in one
occasion in past month
2006-2010 Results**

Area/ Age Range	18-34	35-49	50-64	65+
Worcester	24.9	23.5	13.3	3.8
Statewide	22.3	14.3	9.1	3.4
Ranking in State	11 of 23	2 of 23	2 of 23	11 of 21**

*Somerset County is not included due to low sample size

** #4 ranking is tied between 3 counties

ADULT SURVEY

- What is your age range? 21-35 years old 35-50 years old 50 and older
- What is your sex? Male Female
- Are you a parent? Yes No

- What is your zip code? _____
- How easy is it for teens in your community to gain access to alcohol?
 - 1.It is **very easy** for teens in my community to gain access to alcohol. _____
 - 2.It is **somewhat easy** for teens in my community to gain access to alcohol. _____
 - 3.It is **somewhat difficult** for teens in my community to gain access to alcohol. _____
 - 4.It is **very difficult** for teens in my community to gain access to alcohol. _____
- What do parents in your community think about teens drinking alcohol?
 - 1.Most parents in my community believe it is “ok” for teens to drink alcohol. _____
 - 2.Most parents in my community believe it is wrong for teens to drink alcohol. _____

•What is the ONE **most common** source of alcohol for underage youth in your community?

Check only one.

- A Parent/Guardian gave it to them _____
- They took it from their home (without parent’s permission) _____
- A friend or relative (brother, sister, uncle, etc.) who is 21 or older gave it to them _____
- A friend or relative (brother, sister, cousin, etc.) who is under 21 gave it to them _____
- A non-relative adult gave it to them _____
- They took it from someone else’s home _____
- They got it at a party _____
- They got it at a community event where alcohol was served _____
- They bought it in a bar or restaurant _____
- They bought it in a liquor, grocery, or convenience store _____
- Other (specify) _____

8. How wrong do **you** think the following are? (check one box per item below)

9. How wrong do **most parents in your community** think following are? (check one box per item below)

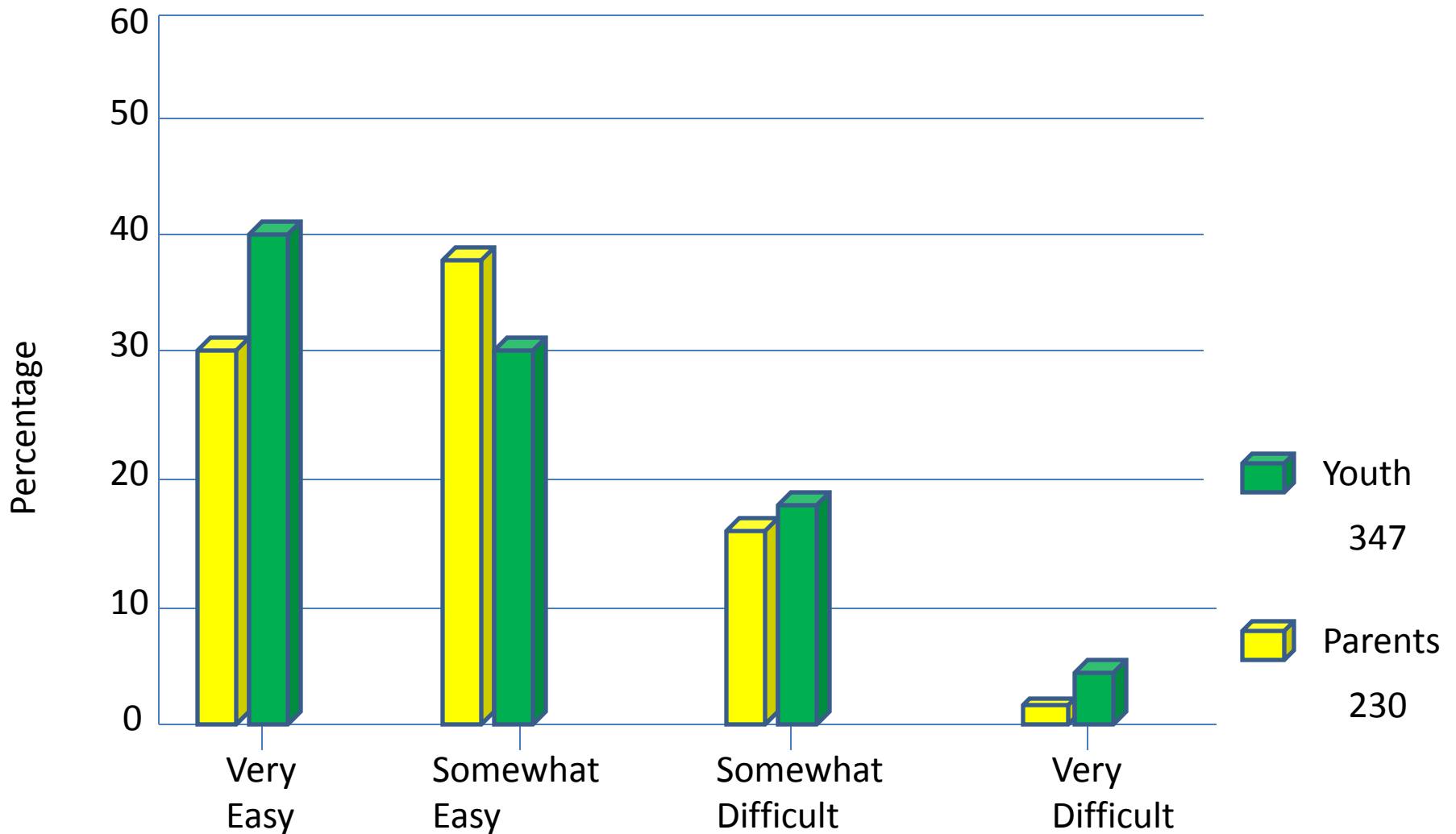
	Very wrong	Wrong	A little bit wrong	Not wrong at all
a) Alcohol use by persons under age 21				
a) Having five or more drinks at one time				
a) Providing alcohol to persons under age 21				

YOUTH SURVEY

- What is your age range? 12-17 years old 18-20 years old
- What is your sex? Male Female
- What is your zip code? _____
- How easy is it for teens your age to gain access to alcohol?
 - 1.It is **very easy** for teens in my community to gain access to alcohol. _____
 - 2.It is **somewhat easy** for teens in my community to gain access to alcohol. _____
 - 3.It is **somewhat difficult** for teens in my community to gain access to alcohol. _____
 - 4.It is **very difficult** for teens in my community to gain access to alcohol. _____
- If you drank any kind of alcohol (more than a sip) in the past 30 days, where did you get the alcohol? **Check all that apply.**
 1. I didn't drink alcohol in the last 30 days _____
 2. A Parent/Guardian gave it to me _____
 - 3.I took it from my home (without parent's permission) _____
 - 4.A friend or relative (brother, sister, uncle, etc.) who is 21 or older gave it to me _____
 - 5.A friend or relative (brother, sister, cousin, etc.) who is under 21 gave it to me _____
 - 6.A non-relative adult gave it to me _____
 - 7.I took it from someone else's home _____
 - 8.I got it at a party _____
 - 9.I got it at a community event where alcohol was served _____
 - 10.I bought it in a bar, restaurant _____
 - 11.I bought it in a liquor, grocery, or convenience store _____
 - 12.Other (specify)----- _____
- What do you think is the primary source of alcohol for youth your age who drink in your community? **Check only one.**
 - A Parent/Guardian gave it to them _____
 - They took it from their home (without parent's permission) _____
 - A friend or relative (brother, sister, uncle, etc.) who is 21 or older gave it to them _____
 - A friend or relative (brother, sister, cousin, etc.) who is under 21 gave it to them _____
 - A non-relative adult gave it to them _____
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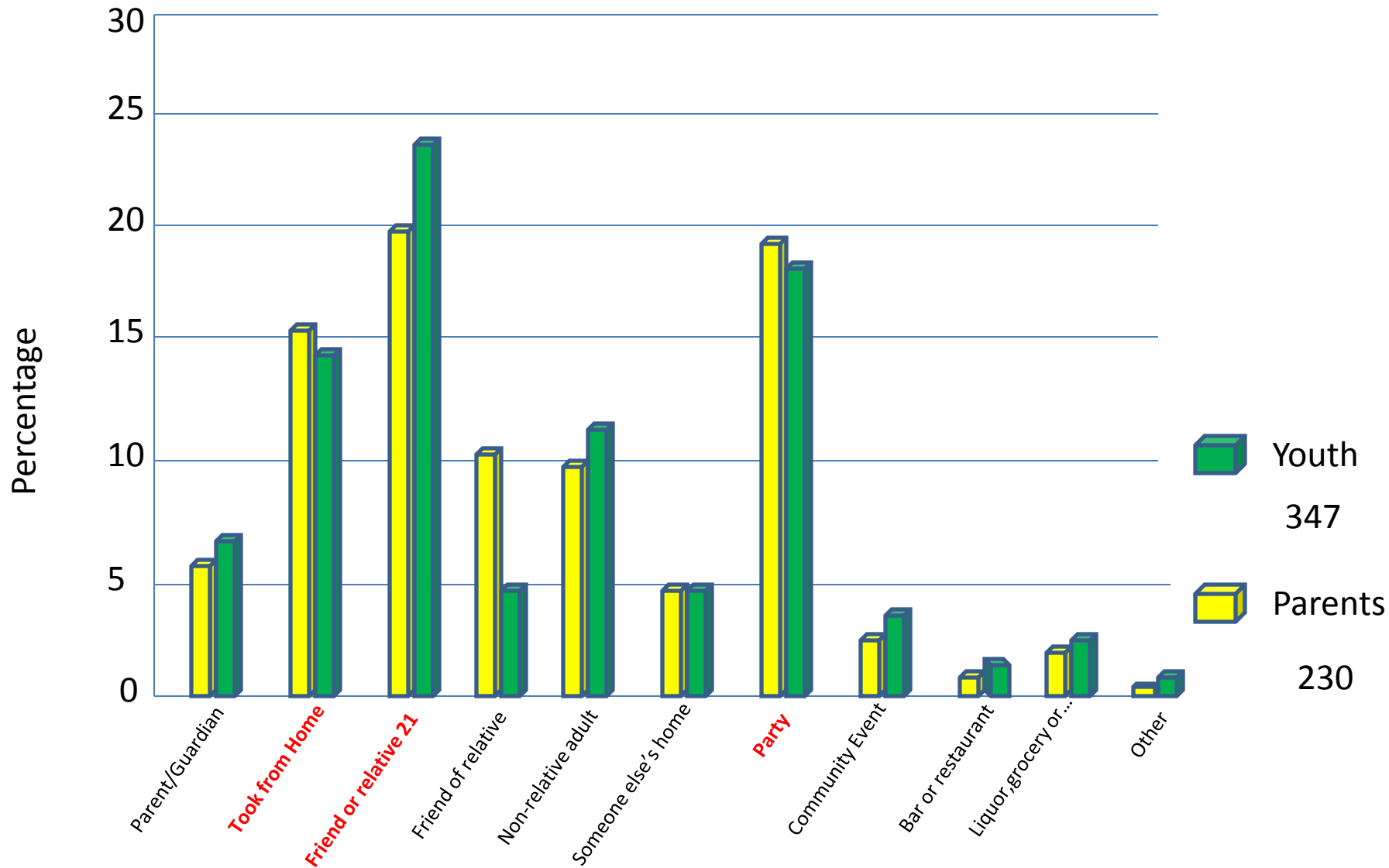
Ease of Access to Alcohol for Teens

WORCESTER COUNTY



Common Source of Alcohol for Youth in Community

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**Environmental Prevention:
Changing the environment to reduce
alcohol availability and appeal**

