



# 2024 COMMUNITY NEEDS ASSESSMENT

**Lee/Whiteside Counties**

**Recovery Oriented System of Care Council**

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# ROSC Definition & Project Information

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## Recovery Oriented System of Care (ROSC)

A Recovery Oriented System of Care is a coordinated network of community-based services and supports that is person-centered. It builds on the strengths and resilience of individuals, families, and communities to achieve recovery and improve health, wellness, and the quality of life for those with or at risk of alcohol/substance use and/or mental health issues.

## Background and Purpose

In the Spring of 2023, Sauk Valley Voices of Recovery (SVVOR) was awarded a ROSC grant by the Illinois Department of Human Services Office of Substance Use and Prevention (SUPr) to begin July 1, 2023. SVVOR had been working in the community as a recovery community organization (RCO) for several years at the time and was quickly able to assemble a council of community leaders, service providers, and persons with lived experience (PLEs). Since the grant start, the ROSC Council has met on a monthly basis to consider ways to reduce stigma, increase access to care, and help strengthen a resource network for those in the recovery community. The mission of the Lee/Whiteside ROSC Council is to collaborate to build and empower communities of recovery.

## Project Description

The ROSC Council assists the community in investigating and building local initiatives that can network with statewide recovery efforts. To ensure sustainability of the ROSC Council, SVVOR must demonstrate a commitment to establish its permanence with a long-term (5 year) strategic plan. This agreement is set forth by the terms and conditions of the grant.

# Project Expectations

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1) **Involve people with lived experience.**

Lived Experience means personal knowledge about substance use disorders (SUDs) including co-occurring mental health issues, treatment options and recovery through direct involvement, which may include that individual's experience as a patient, family member or loved one of a person with such conditions.

2) **Create a coalition of recovery systems within the community**

The ROSC serves to connect community stakeholders including hospitals, primary care, mental health, law enforcement, local business owners, government representatives, policy makers and any other interested or concerned community members.

3) **Complete a community needs assessment**

The Council will conduct a community study to find community specific needs and assets that impact recovery from SUD and Mental Health issues in the community. These findings can help inform planning and implementation of future projects.

4) **Create a long-term strategic plan**

Once the needs of the community have been identified, the Council must create a sustainable, reliable and predictable community system of care. This will require long-term planning and commitment on the part of Council members. In many cases, these efforts will result in the creation of further RCOs.

# Methodology and Sources

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Sauk Valley Voices of Recovery is the lead agency for 2 ROSC Councils. Each council represents 2 counties. Lee and Whiteside Counties share boundaries with both Ogle and DeKalb Counties. The residents of these counties tend to move throughout all 4 counties on a daily basis for work, recreation and services. Due to administrative directives, the ROSC Councils are separate coalitions, though several members participate in both meetings as their organizations service area and catchment is within both areas. To date, SVVOR has generally allowed the 2 Councils to operate in tandem to gain economies of scale. In the case of this survey, both Councils used the same questionnaire and interviews. Results will be given for the specific Council community and for the larger 4 county area as well.

## 1) **Survey**

SVVOR conducted an electronic survey by placing a QR code in our monthly newsletter and on table signs at our monthly sober social events. The 20 question survey was multiple choice and the first 75 people to complete the survey were awarded a \$10 e-gift card from Amazon.

## 2) **Interviews**

The ROSC Coordinators held one-on-one interviews with 25 members of the ROSC Councils and asked a very simple but open-end question, "If money were no object and you could create anything you can imagine to combat SUD in our community, what would you create?". The answers to that question were cataloged and tallied.

## 3) **The Lee County 2021 Community Needs Assessment**

The Dixon IL Chamber of Commerce provided SVVOR with a copy of the Lee County Needs report they completed in 2021. We took pertinent data from that document for demographic and other general community information.

# Community Demographics - Lee County

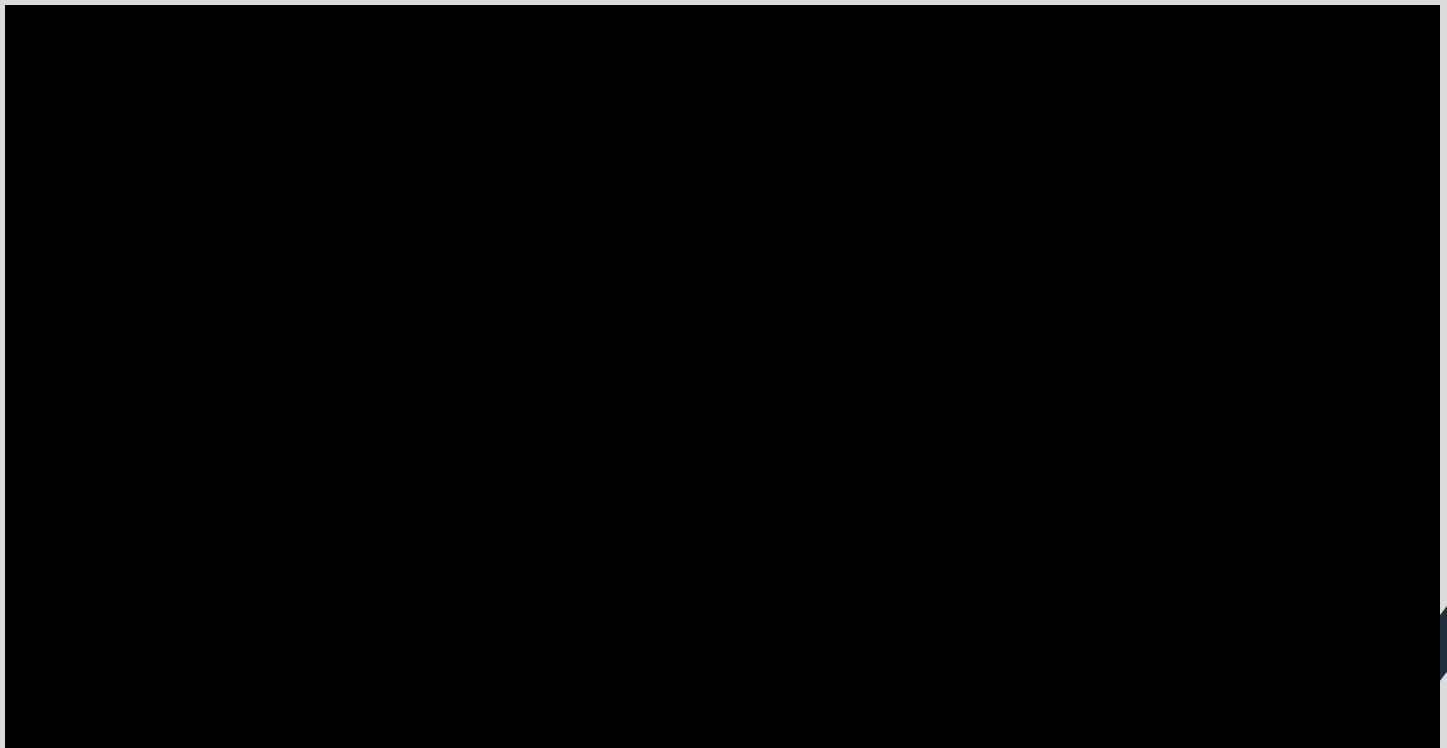
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According to the United States Census Bureau 2023 estimates ([www.census.gov](http://www.census.gov)), Lee County is a rural, 724 sq. mile county in northwest IL. It has a population of 33,654 and the population density is 47.1 people per square mile. The racial make up of the county is 91.2% Caucasian, 5.8% African American, and 7.2% Hispanic. Lee County residents are comprised of 4.7% of people under the age of 5, 19.6% of people are under the age of 18 and 21.2% are 65 and up. Females make up 46.7% of the population.

Where education is concerned, 90% of the population has graduated from High School and 18.9% have a bachelor's degree or higher.

The average household income is \$64,588.

12.1% of people are below poverty threshold.



**Map of Lee County**

# Community Demographics - Whiteside County

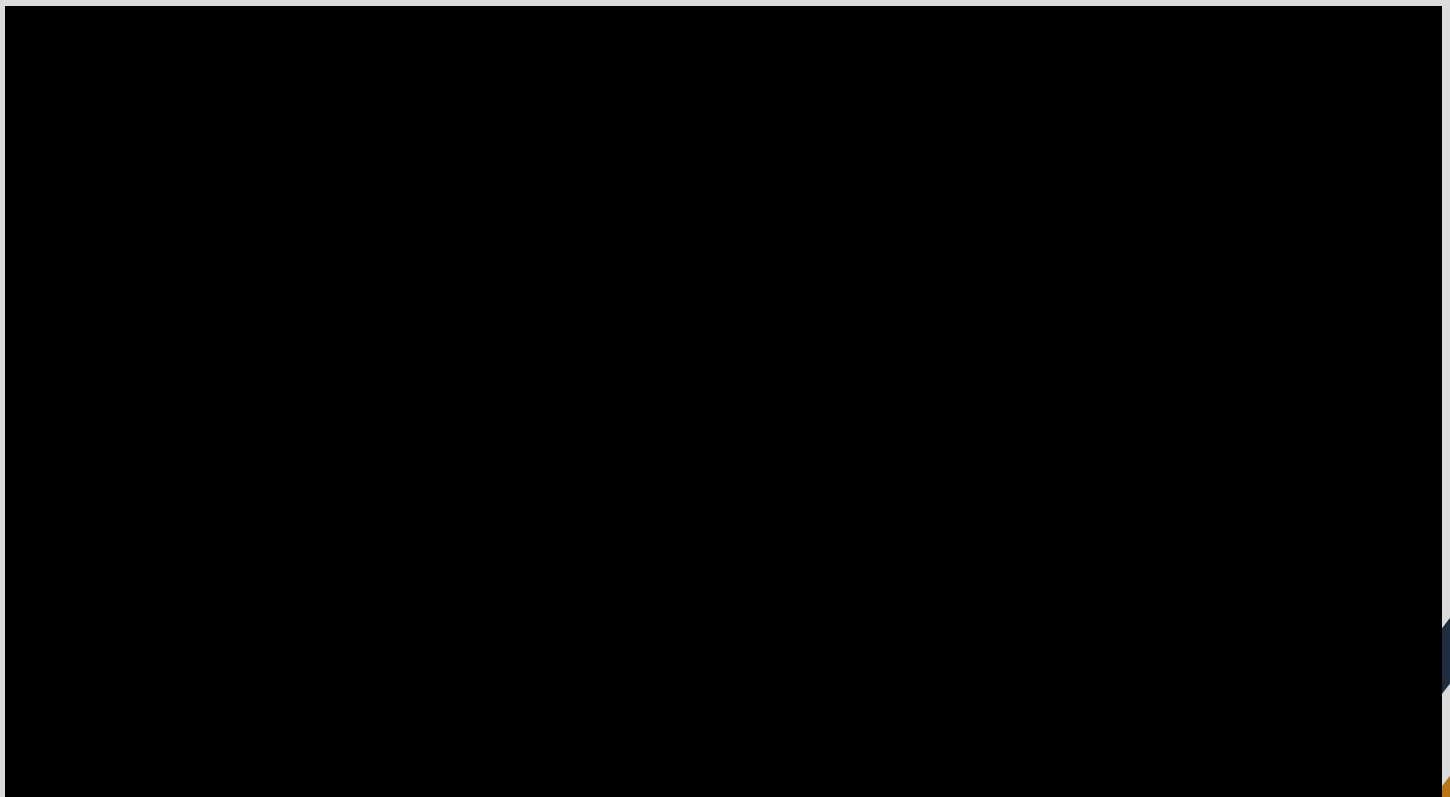
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According to the United States Census Bureau 2023 estimates ([www.census.gov](http://www.census.gov)), Whiteside County is a rural, 684 sq. mile county in northwest IL. It has a population of 54,498 and the population density is 81.4 people per square mile. The racial make up of the county is 95% Caucasian, 1.9% African American, and 13.1% Hispanic. Whiteside County residents are comprised of 5.5% of people under the age of 5, 21.7% of people are under the age of 18 and 22% are 65 and up. Females make up 50.1% of the population.

Where education is concerned, 90.8% of the population has graduated from High School and 19.3% have a bachelor's degree or higher.

The average household income is \$62,8288.

12.9% of people are below poverty levels.



**Map of Whiteside County**



# Interview Findings

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We conducted one on one interviews with 25 members of our ROSC Councils, asking them what they would like to see in our community as it pertains to SUD. Our specific question was "If money were no object and you could create anything you can imagine to combat SUD in our community, what would you create?" They overwhelmingly responded that the greatest need is for treatment services. We also received responses on the need for detox, sober living, MAR services and a few other ideas. All responses are listed below. Some answers overlapped when the interviewee contributed more than one response.

**Treatment/Detox 11**

**Collegiate Recovery 2**

**Prescription Control 1**

**MAR 4**

**Public Transportation 2**

**Housing 2**

**Young Adult Education 3**

**Better Crisis Response 1**

**Better Laws 1**





# Lee/Whiteside Survey Results

## Community Needs Assessment

Please enter your current Illinois resident zip code

38 Responses

Date	Responses
61021	15
61071	13
61081	3
61270	3
61250	2
61277	1
61310	1

**SVVOR was able to filter out survey responses from the following zip codes representing the following towns:**

**Dixon, IL - 15 surveys**

**Rock Falls, IL - 13 surveys**

**Sterling, IL - 3 surveys**

**Morrison, IL - 3 surveys**

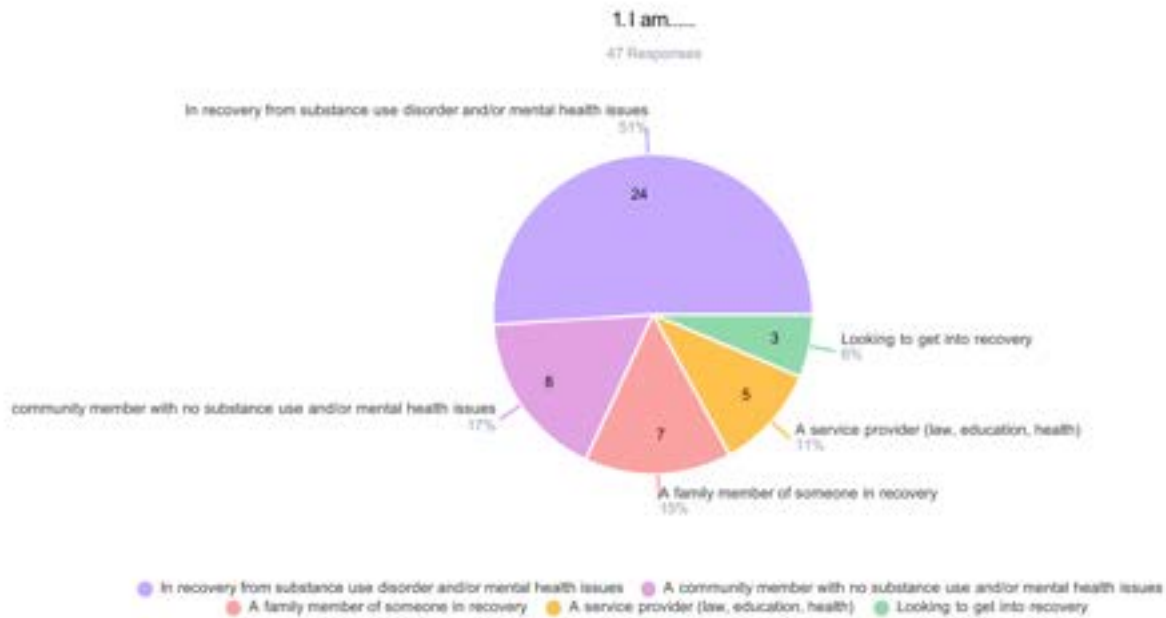
**Erie, IL - 2 surveys**

**Prophetstown, IL - 1 survey**

**Amboy, IL - 1 survey**

# Lee/Whiteside Survey Results

## Community Needs Assessment



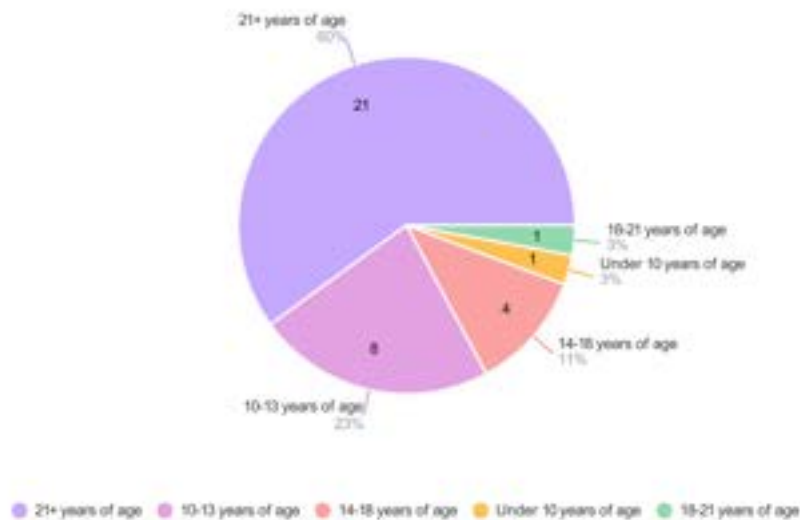
**51% of survey takers identify as a person in recovery. Some subjects identified themselves as members of multiple categories.**

# Lee/Whiteside Survey Results

## Community Needs Assessment

2. At what age did you or a loved one start experimenting with recreational drugs?

35 Responses- 3 Empty



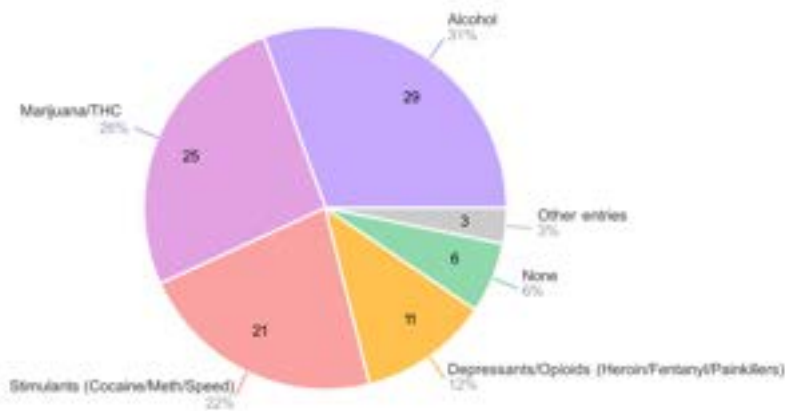
**60% of subjects indicate that their use of recreational drugs began at 21+ years of age. The next most selected age range was ages between 10-13 years old with 23%.**

# Lee/Whiteside Survey Results

## Community Needs Assessment

### 3. What drug(s) did you experiment with first?

95 Responses



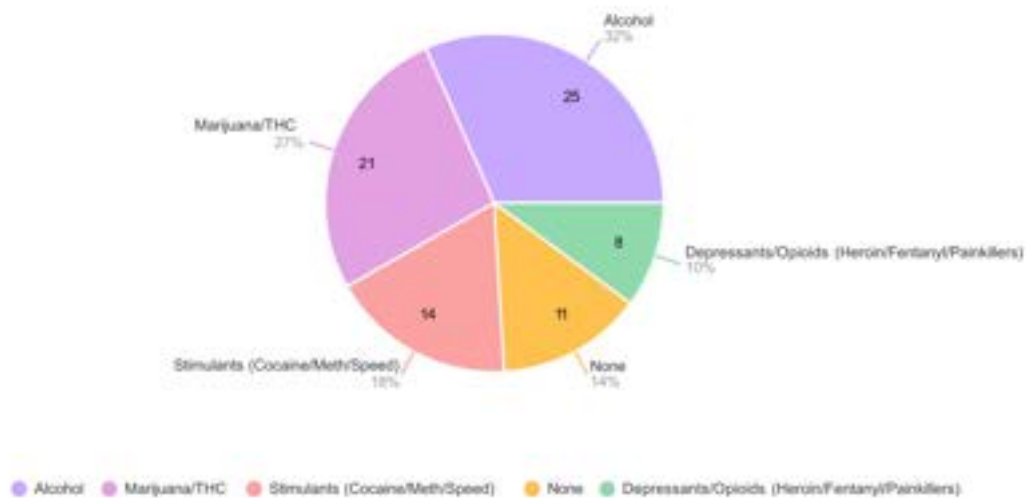
**Our survey suggests that Marijuana and Alcohol are the most popular entryway substances at 26% and 31% respectively.**

# Lee/Whiteside Survey Results

## Community Needs Assessment

4. What drugs have you used in the last 6 months? (Select all that apply)

75 Responses



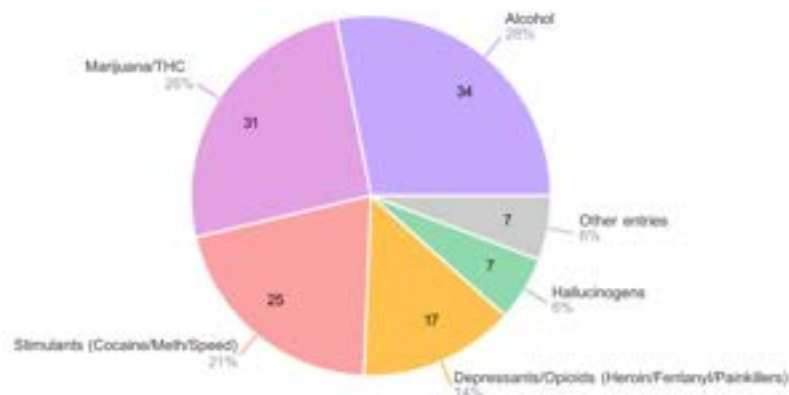
The above pie chart demonstrates that of those that have used any drugs or alcohol in the last 6 months, a quarter have used Depressants, Opioids and Stimulants. We anticipate use in the socially acceptable category (Marijuana and Alcohol) and see these reported at a total of 59%.

# Lee/Whiteside Survey Results

## Community Needs Assessment

5. What drugs have you ever used? (Select all that apply)

121 Responses



As our survey was distributed at recovery community events and in newsletters, it is not surprising to find reported use of many substances.

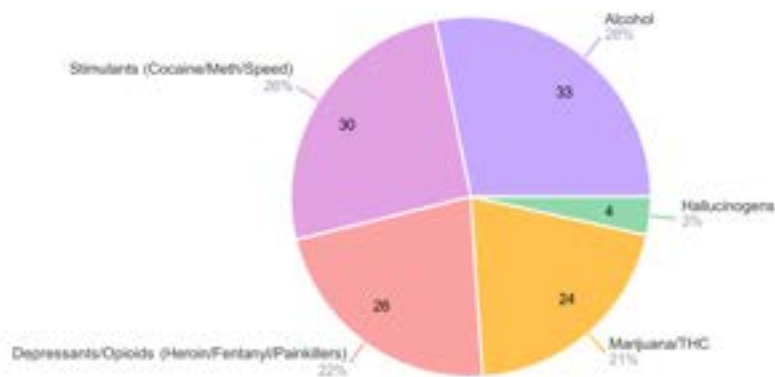


# Lee/Whiteside Survey Results

## Community Needs Assessment

6. What specific substances are problematic in your community? (Select all that apply)

17 Responses - 1 Empty



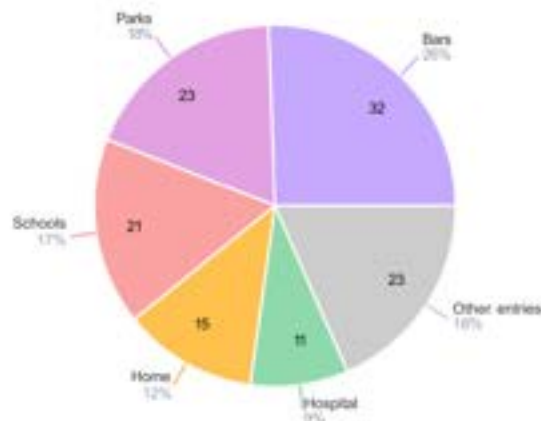
In this question, participants are asked for their opinion on the substances that are most problematic in their community. Stimulants, Alcohol, Depressants and Marijuana are generally ranking at percentage points within a small range.

# Lee/Whiteside Survey Results

## Community Needs Assessment

7. What places do you associate with drug use? (Select all that apply)

125 Responses - 1 Empty



Jotform Reports

When responding to what places they associate with substance use, participants mentioned a wide variety. The most selected were:

**1 - Bars**

**2 - Parks**

**3 - Schools**

**4 - Home**

**5 - Hospital**

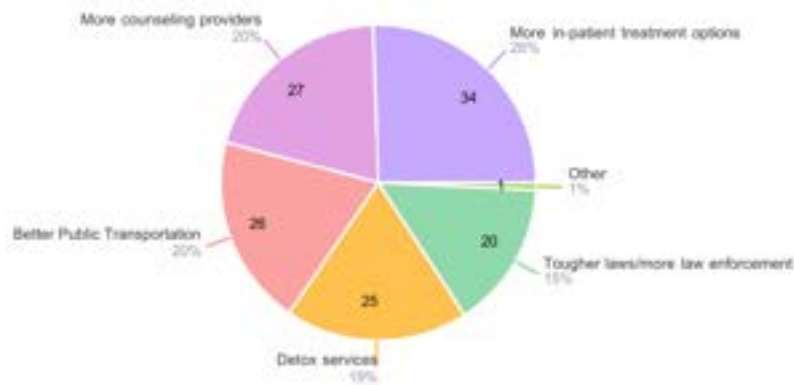
**multiple selections were possible**

# Lee/Whiteside Survey Results

## Community Needs Assessment

B. What support systems or resources does our community need to respond to substance use and/or mental health issues? (Select all that apply)

133 Responses



More in-patient treatment options More counseling providers Better Public Transportation Detox services Tougher laws/more law enforcement Other

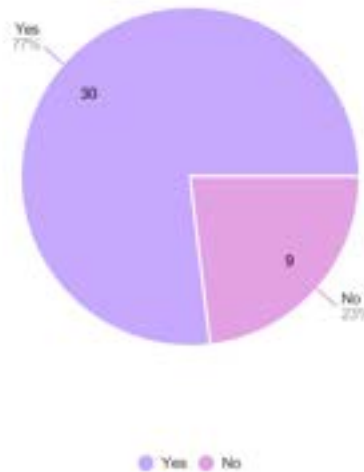
**When presented with a choice of several community resources that need improvement, 45% of responses suggest the need for improved Treatment and Detox options.**

# Lee/Whiteside Survey Results

## Community Needs Assessment

9. Do you feel confident you can respond to an overdose emergency?

30 Responses



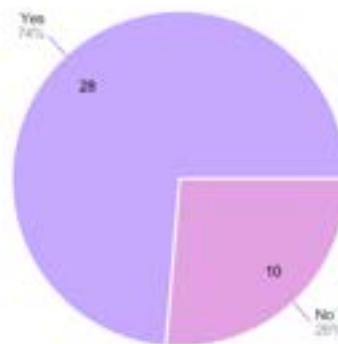
**77% of participants feel confident they can properly respond to an overdose emergency if presented.**

# Lee/Whiteside Survey Results

## Community Needs Assessment

10. Have you ever been trained to administer Naloxone (Narcan)?

28 Responses



Yes No

Similar to the previous question on overdose response confidence, over 70% of our subject pool report that they have been trained to administer Naloxone (Narcan).

# Lee/Whiteside Survey Results

## Community Needs Assessment

11 What external resources are you currently needing? (Select all that apply)

72 Responses



The most needed external resources in the immediate for respondents:

**Treatment for Mental Health - 31%**

**Treatment for Substance Use - 25%**

**Housing Assistance - 22%**

To our pleasure, we found 19% feeling no immediate need for assistance.



# Lee/Whiteside Survey Results

## Community Needs Assessment

12. Have you ever worked with a therapist or a counselor on substance use or mental health issues?

37 Responses - 1 Empty



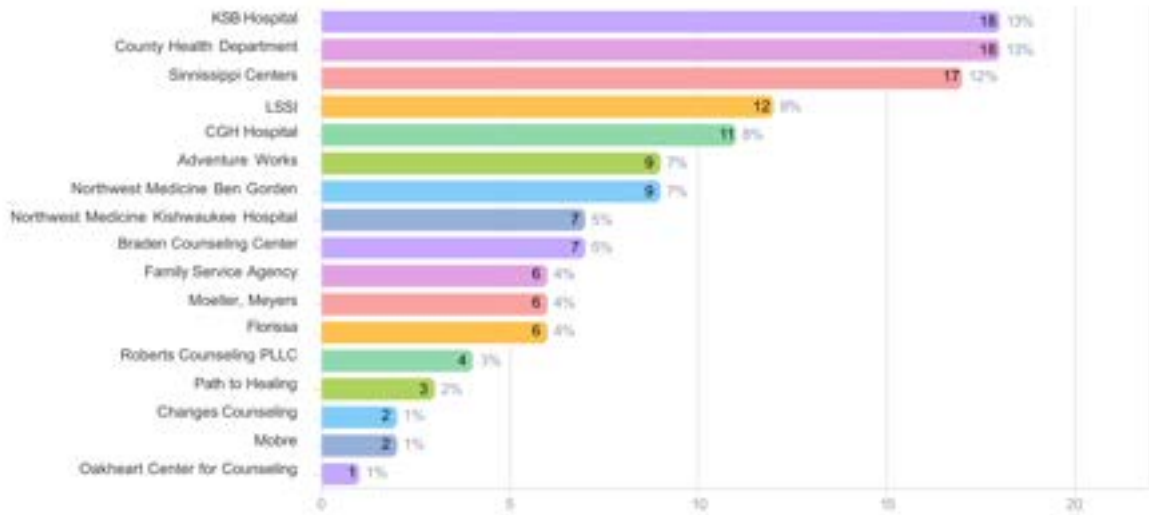
**73% report having worked with a therapist or counselor to deal with SUD and Mental Health issues.**

# Lee/Whiteside Survey Results

## Community Needs Assessment

13. Which of these mental health resources are you familiar with? (select all that apply)

138 Responses - 1 Empty



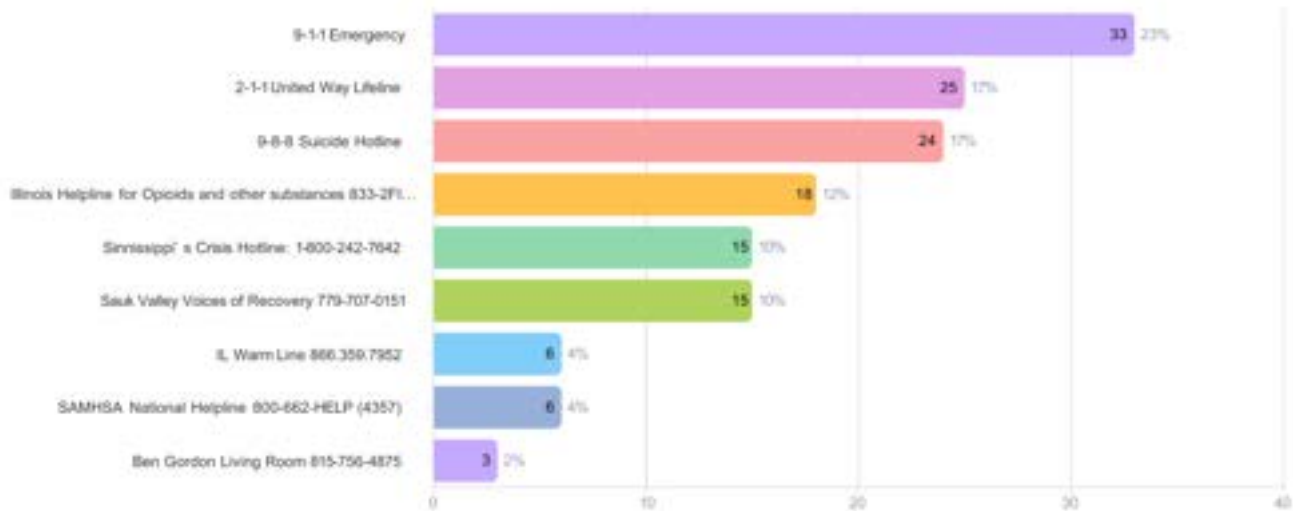
The survey presented many public and private Mental Health service providers and asked which were known by our audience. The results indicate that smaller and private providers are not familiar for survey participants.

# Lee/Whiteside Survey Results

## Community Needs Assessment

15. Have you heard of these support helplines? (Select all that apply)

140 Responses



Allowing for multiple answers from each participant in this question demonstrates that our audience is aware of multiple options. We suggest there may be some ambiguity in this question as we expected 100% to report awareness of "9-1-1".

# Lee/Whiteside Survey Results

## Community Needs Assessment

14. Are finances an obstacle for you to get treatment for substance use or mental health issues?

26 Responses - 2 Empty



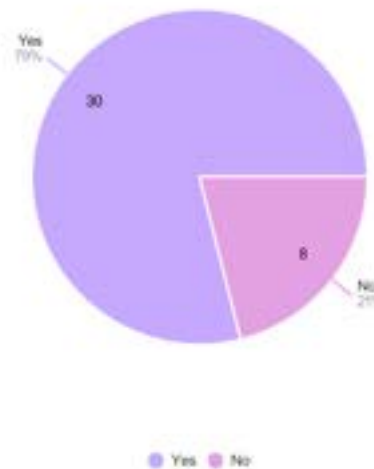
**64% of respondents report that they have financial hurdles to obtaining the Substance Use and /or Mental Health care they would like.**

# Lee/Whiteside Survey Results

## Community Needs Assessment

16. Is there adequate access to social services (i.e day care, counseling, work force development, recovery support and/or safety services)?

38 Responses



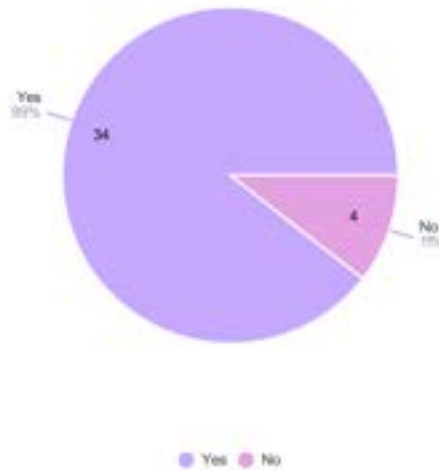
**Almost 80% of participants report adequate access to social services like childcare, recovery support and other assistance in our community.**

# Lee/Whiteside Survey Results

## Community Needs Assessment

17. Is there availability of adequate health care services (i.e pharmacies, hospitals, local clinics)?

38 Responses



**89% of those that submitted surveys see the community as having satisfactory availability to health care services.**

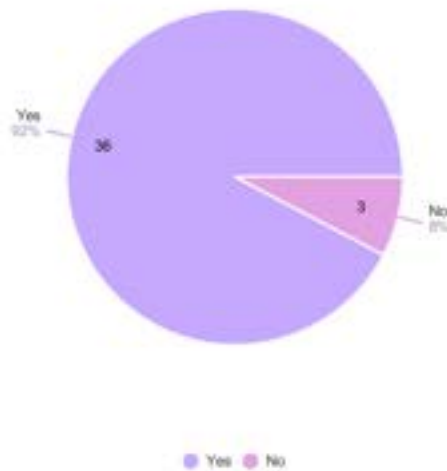


# Lee/Whiteside Survey Results

## Community Needs Assessment

18. Are there grocery stores and fresh fruit markets in your community?

39 Responses



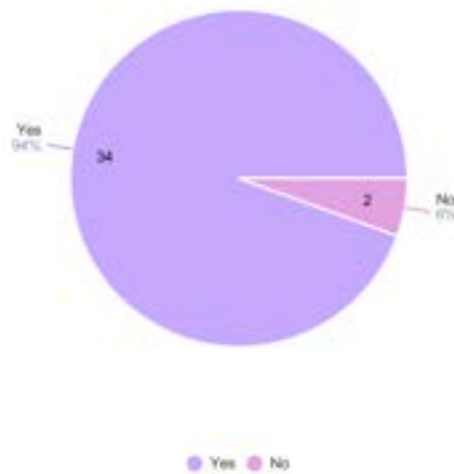
Though we know there are vast areas within the counties that are not populated or have many businesses, 92% of survey participants answered they have access to grocery stores and fresh fruit.

# Lee/Whiteside Survey Results

## Community Needs Assessment

19. Do you have access to spiritual, social and cultural activities that support your recovery from substance use and/or mental health issues?

36 Responses - 2 Empty



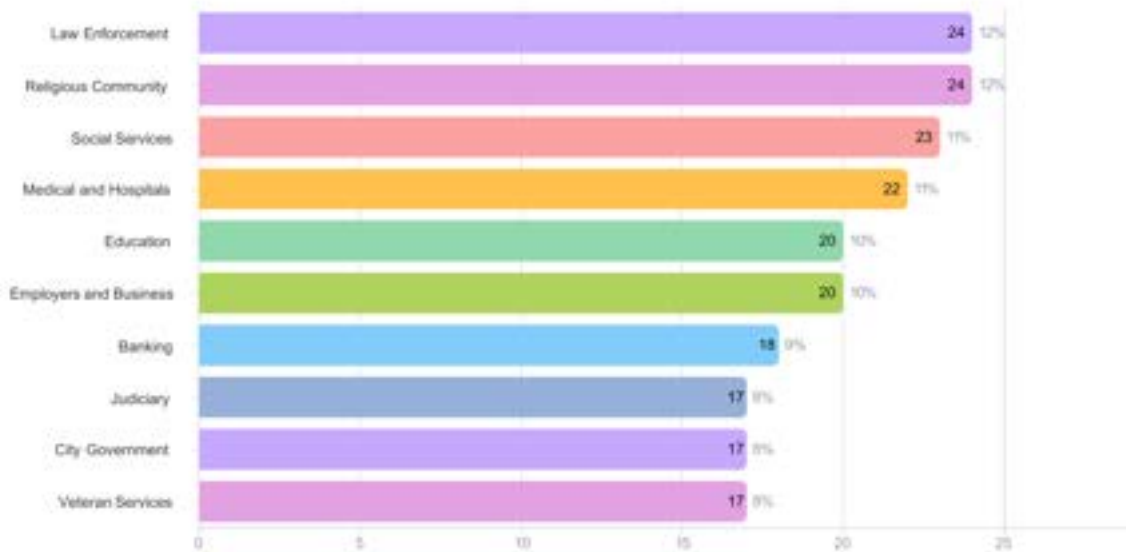
**Considering the fact that most of our surveys were completed at recovery social events, the response that 94% believed themselves to have access to activities that support their recovery.**

# Lee/Whiteside Survey Results

## Community Needs Assessment

20. Do you believe that these community branches are supportive of people with substance use and/or mental health issues? (Select all that apply)

202 Responses- 2 Empty



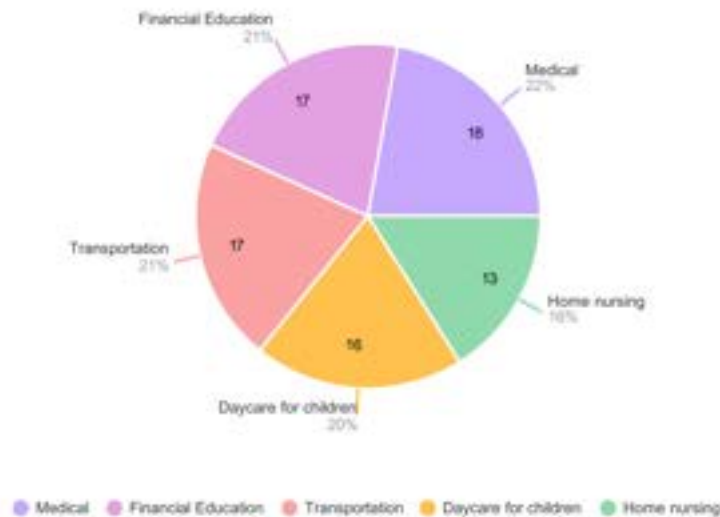
**Statistics indicate that residents of Lee and Whiteside Counties believe they are supported in recovery and mental health by 10 general community branches/institutions. Our survey points to Law Enforcement and the Religious Community as the most viewed as allied.**

# Lee/Whiteside Survey Results

## Community Needs Assessment

21. Do you presently need assistance from any of the following? (Select all that apply)

81 Responses - 16 Empty



The final survey question asked if there are any immediate assistance needs for this sample group. The answers present a priority list for community stakeholders.

**Medical - 22%**

**Financial Education - 21%**

**Transportation - 21%**

**Daycare for Children - 20%**

**Home Nursing - 16%**

# Lee Co. Community Needs Assessment

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**Amanda Wike, Executive Director of the Dixon Chamber of Commerce and Main Street, shared the 2022 Lee County Community Needs Assessment with the ROSC Council. This study used several sources for data including:**

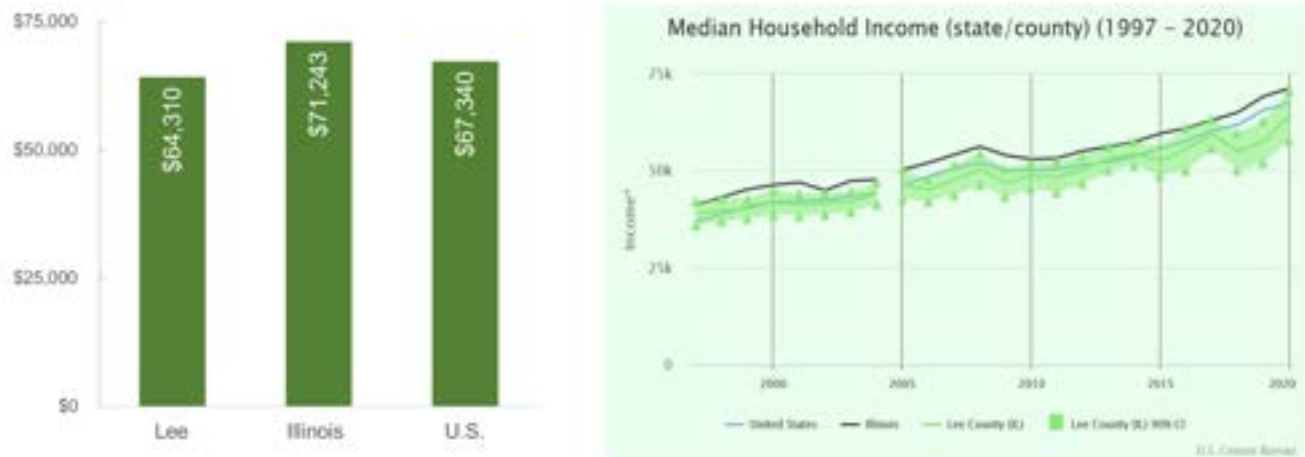
- The US Census**
- Illinois Department of Public Health**
- Centers for Disease Control and Prevention, National Center for Health Statistics**
- Illinois Department of Employment Security**
- US Department of Treasury, Internal Revenue Service**
- Illinois Youth Survey (U. IL Center for Prevention Research and Development)**
- Illinois Stated Board of Education**
- Illinois Secretary of State DUI Fact Book**
- Illinois State Police, Uniform Crime Reporting**

**The data was collected and presented by Deborah Lischwe**

**SVVOR utilized this report to find out more about Lee County in general. We have included several data points that reference Substance Use Disorder/Mental Health**

# Lee Co. Community Needs Assessment

## Household Median Income



Lee's median household income closer to national median than state

The Lee County report is in accord with our census reports showing that Lee residents have a median household income below State and national average.



# Lee Co. Community Needs Assessment

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## Other Lee County low-income measures

- Free/reduced lunch (eligible) = **44%** of county's school children, 2020
- Medicaid recipients comprised **25%** of county's 2021 population
- **29%** of county's population report incomes up to 2x poverty line (**17%** are between poverty and twice poverty, considered "struggling")

Sources: Illinois State Board of Education., Illinois Department of Healthcare and Family Services, U.S Census Bureau, 2020 American Community Survey 5-Year Estimates

**25% of Lee County's population receives their health insurance via Medicaid and almost 30% are living with income under 2X the poverty line.**

# Lee Co Community Needs Assessment

## Compared to Decade Ago (Numbers)

Death Cause	Number of Deaths		Percent Change
	2018-2020	2008-2010	
Heart	300	248	+21.0%
Cancer	271	282	-3.9%
Chronic lower respiratory	71	66	+7.6%
Accidents	60	52	+15.4%
Stroke	56	52	+7.7%
Alzheimer	47	38	+23.7%
Nephritis, etc	35	24	+45.8%
Chronic liver, cirrhosis	24	13	+84.6%
Suicide	20	16	+25.0%
Influenza, pneumonia	16	17	-5.9%
Diabetes	15	21	-28.6%

Source: National Center for Health Statistics, CDC WONDER

This slide shows 2 pertinent data points, Suicide (Mental Health) up 25% and Chronic Liver/Cirrhosis (Substance Use Disorder) up 84.6% in the last 10 years.

# Lee Co. Community Needs Assessment

## Drug, Alcohol, Opioids

During 2016-2020, Lee County deaths due to

- Drug & alcohol overdoses average **10** per year
- Highest rate is 45-64 year-olds
- **22** opioid overdoses, average **4.5** per year.
- County's opioid overdose deaths more than doubled in past decade

### Drug & Alcohol Overdose Deaths

	Lee County		U.S.
	Number	Rate per 100,000	
<b>2016-2020</b>			
Total	52*	30.5	35.4
25-44	12	28.5	48.8
45-64	30	61.7	64.0
<b>2006-2010</b>			
Total	27	15.0	20.7

\*28 drug, 24 alcohol

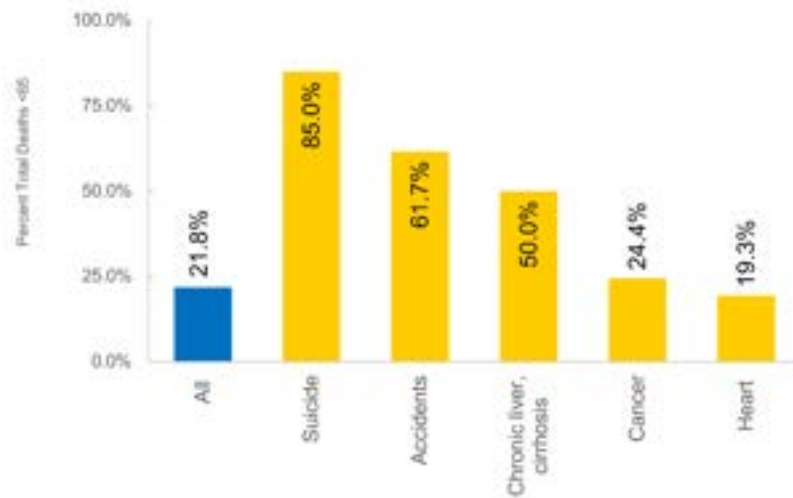
Source: National Center for Health Statistics, CDC WONDER

For the years 2016-2020, Lee County experienced 52 Drug and Alcohol Overdose Deaths. At a rate of 30.5 per 100,000, Lee was just short of the national average. Also, the County's opioid overdose deaths more than doubled in 10 years.

# Lee Co. Community Needs Assessment

## Premature Deaths (under 65) 2018-2020

**Suicide, accidents, and chronic liver claim highest share of early death (2018-20)**



Source: National Center for Health Statistics, CDC WONDER

**This slide demonstrates that the tragic result of some mental health issues and substance use disorders represent some of the highest percentages of premature deaths under 65 years of age.**

# Lee Co. Community Needs Assessment

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## Leading Death Cause by Age Group, 2011-2020

<u>Age Group</u>	<u>Cause</u>	<u>% within age group (n)</u>
0-24	Accidents	39.2% (20)
25-44	Accidents	32.3% (39)
	Suicide	18.2% (22)
45-64	Cancer	33.9% (242)
65-74	Cancer	33.5% (248)
75+	Heart	26.7% (584)

Source: National Center for Health Statistics, CDC WONDER

This data points indicates that Suicide is one of the leading causes of death in Lee County residents aged 25-44.

# Lee Co. Community Needs Assessment

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## Teen Mental Health

Grade	Lee	Illinois (rural counties)
In the past year, have you...		
SERIOUSLY CONSIDERED SUICIDE		
10 <sup>th</sup>	18%	18%
12 <sup>th</sup>	13%	18%
FELT SAD AND HOPELESS*		
8 <sup>th</sup>	40%	38%
10 <sup>th</sup>	39%	39%
12 <sup>th</sup>	38%	40%

\* "Felt so sad and hopeless almost every day for two or more weeks in a row that you stopped doing usual activities."

Source: Illinois Youth Survey 2020

**Teen Mental Health comparisons with the general population of Illinois.**



# Lee Co. Community Needs Assessment

## Adult Substance Use

Year	DUI Arrests per 100,000 pop. 16+	
	Lee (n)	Illinois
2020	340.7 (96)	197.5
2019	450.7 (127)	257.3
2018	443.6 (125)	258.9

- Lee's DUI arrest rates surpass IL
- 2020 rate is 23.2% below 2018, same as state decline (-23.7%)

Source: Illinois Secretary of State, DUI Fact Book 2022

Based on BRFSS 2019,

- **15.5%** adults "at risk for acute/binge drinking", **5.0%** report heavy drinking. Rates below state
- **14.2%** adults currently smoke, same as state (14.5%), **4.2%** use smokeless tobacco and **5.8%** e-cigarettes

Source: Illinois Department of Public Health, Behavioral Risk Factor Survey 2019

**DUI arrests rate in Lee County far exceeds the State of Illinois.**

# Lee Co. Community Needs Assessment

## Adolescent Alcohol Use 2020

Alcohol use rises as grades increase, both locally and statewide

Grade	Lee	Illinois (rural counties)
<b>Alcohol PAST MONTH USE</b>		
8 <sup>th</sup>	18%	17%
10 <sup>th</sup>	30%	27%
12 <sup>th</sup>	35%	42%
<b>Binge Drinking PAST TWO WEEKS</b>		
8 <sup>th</sup>	7%	6%
10 <sup>th</sup>	15%	12%
12 <sup>th</sup>	16%	20%

Source: Illinois Youth Survey 2020

This chart indicates that alcohol use among adolescents increases as they get older.



# Lee Co. Community Needs Assessment

PAST MONTH USE		
Grade	Lee	Illinois (rural counties)
<b>Any Tobacco or Vaping Product</b>		
8 <sup>th</sup>	13%	12%
10 <sup>th</sup>	22%	22%
12 <sup>th</sup>	33%	34%
<b>Marijuana</b>		
8 <sup>th</sup>	6%	4%
10 <sup>th</sup>	17%	10%
12 <sup>th</sup>	17%	22%
<b>Prescription Drugs Not Prescribed to You</b>		
8 <sup>th</sup>	4%	3%
10 <sup>th</sup>	3%	2%
12 <sup>th</sup>	1%	2%

Most common (> 80%)  
is e-cigarettes/vaping

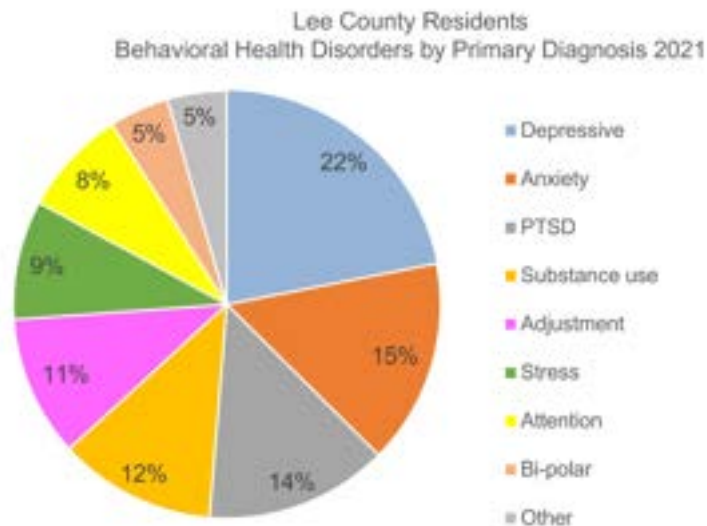
Source: Illinois Youth Survey 2020

Here we see that teens are using tobacco, vaping, marijuana and prescription pills within a reasonable variance to statewide numbers.

# Lee Co. Community Needs Assessment

## Local Mental Health

- In 2021, one in five (310 of 1,550) Lee County patients using Whiteside County Community Health Clinic sought behavioral health care



Here is a list of the most common behavioral health disorders in Lee County.

# Lee Co. Community Needs Assessment

## Health Problems, Potential Priorities

- **Low Weight and Preterm Births**  
*upward trend*
- **Heart Disease**  
*#1 death cause 2020, higher rate than U.S., death rate ↑ over past decade*
- **Pandemic preparedness**  
*Covid-19 is #3 death cause 2020*
- **Obesity**  
*70% Lee adults report being overweight or obese, 2019 obesity up 12 points over past decade & above state*
- **Mental health**
  - *Teen mental health prevalence*
  - *Suicide = highest % premature death*
  - *Depression, anxiety, stress major reasons for seeking care*
- **Accidents**  
*↑ over decade, #1 death cause ages <45, premature mortality. Majority due to poisoning*
- **Poisoning - Alcohol, drug use/abuse**
  - *#1 cause of accidental death*
  - *Drug and alcohol overdoses doubled in past decade*
  - *Among age groups, highest rate = 45-64.*
  - *Adult alcohol (DUI arrest rate > IL, 15.5% at risk for binge drinking)*
  - *Youth alcohol use (↑ with grade)*
  - *Opioid overdoses*
  - *Chronic liver, cirrhosis deaths ↑ past decade*

**OTHERS?**

**These are some of the conclusions drawn by the presenter after analyzing their data.**

# 4 County Survey Results

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**SVVOR offered the same survey to all 4 counties that our 2 ROSC Councils cover. We broke out the data for Lee/Whiteside earlier. Here we provide the data for all 4 counties.**





# 4 County Survey Results

Community Needs Assessment

Please enter your current Illinois resident zip code

26 Responses

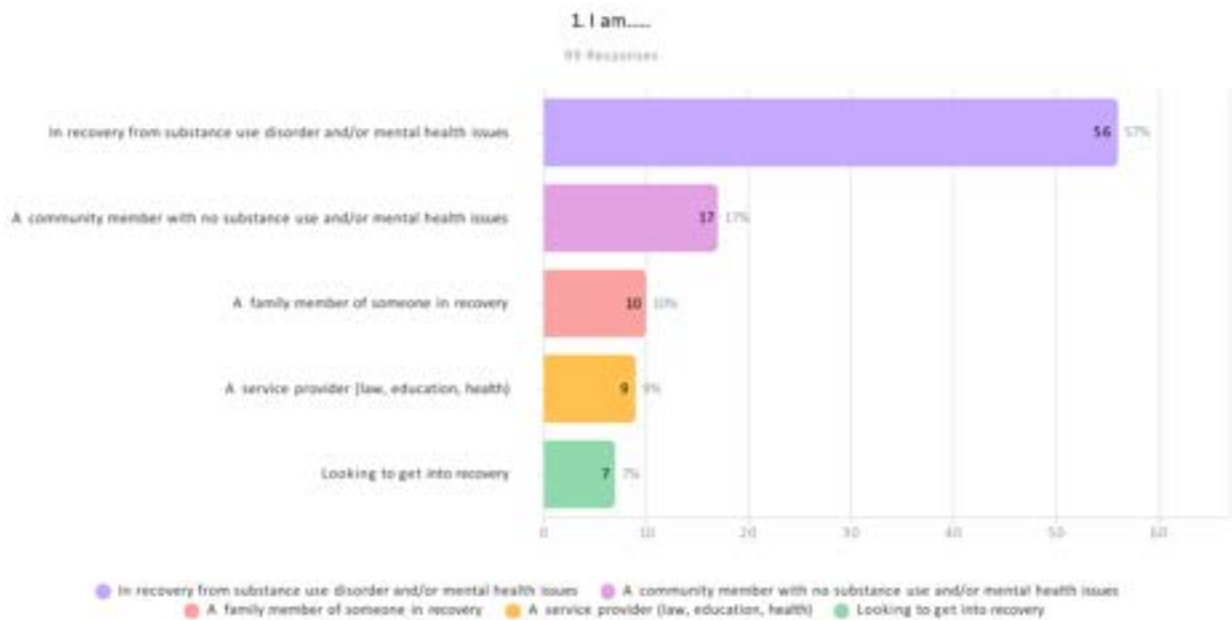
Data	Responses
61061	20
61021	15
61071	13
60606	7
60115	4
61081	3
61068	3
61270	3
Other entries	18

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**These are the original survey results for the entire 4 county area. The Ogle/DeKalb County ROSC is led by Sauk Valley Voices of Recovery as is also the Lee/Whiteside ROSC Council. Even though the councils are separate, both share similar difficulties yet there are very minor differences in the results.**

# 4 County Survey Results

## Community Needs Assessment



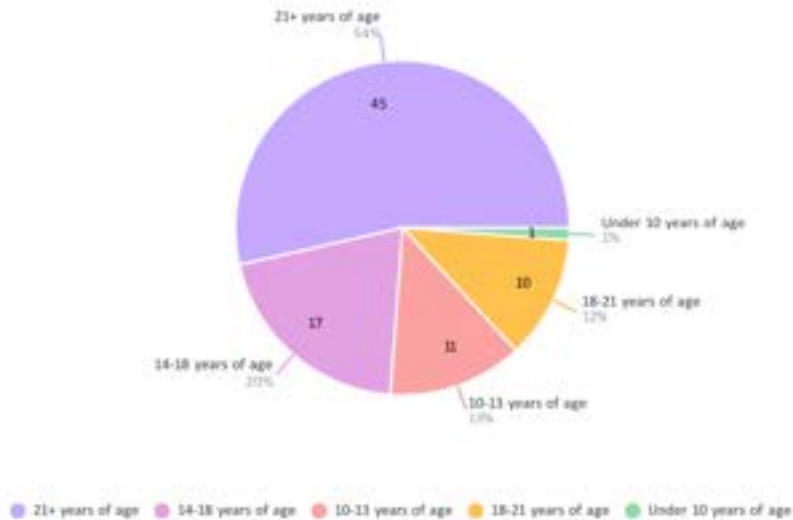
This question indicates where people identify how they are aligned with recovery.

# 4 County Survey Results

## Community Needs Assessment

2. At what age did you or a loved one start experimenting with recreational drugs?

84 Responses: 3 Empty



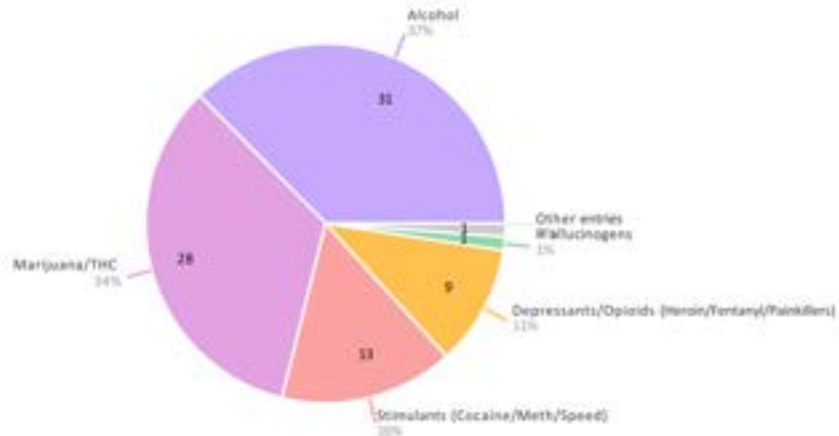
This question allows us to determine what age people were when they started experimenting with recreational drugs.

# 4 County Survey Results

## Community Needs Assessment

### 3. What drug(s) did you experiment with first?

83 Responses



**Alcohol and Marijuana seem to be the majority of the reports of the first drug(s) experimented with.**

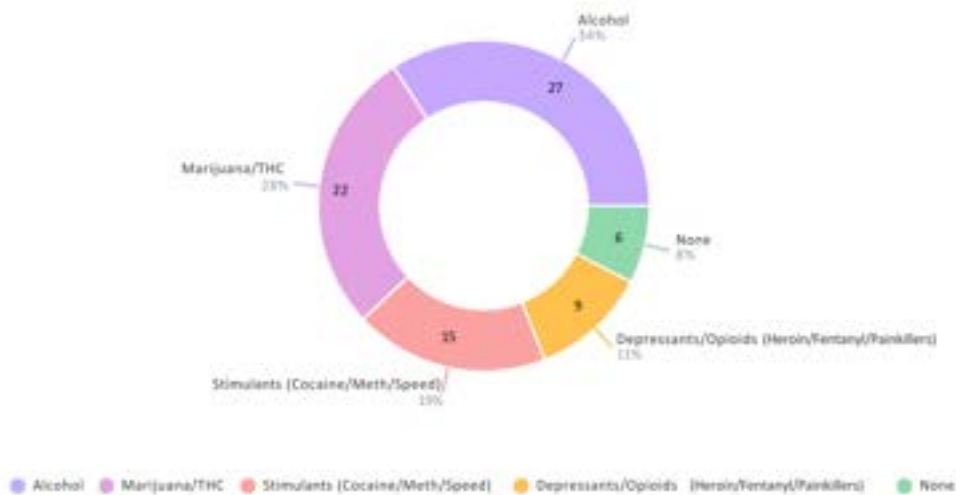


# 4 County Survey Results

## Community Needs Assessment

4. What drugs have you used in the last 6 months? (Select all that apply)

77 Responses



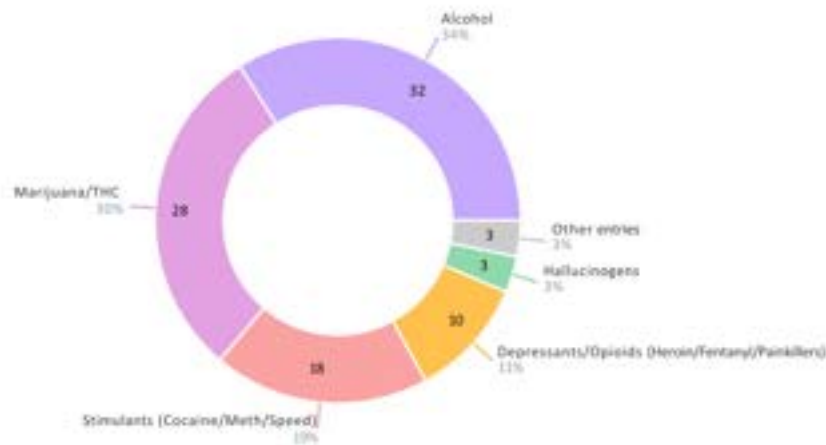
**Based on the answers above, Alcohol and Marijuana are the top two drugs that have been used within the last 6 months by the interviewees.**

# 4 County Survey Results

## Community Needs Assessment

5. What drugs have you ever used? (Select all that apply)

34 Responses



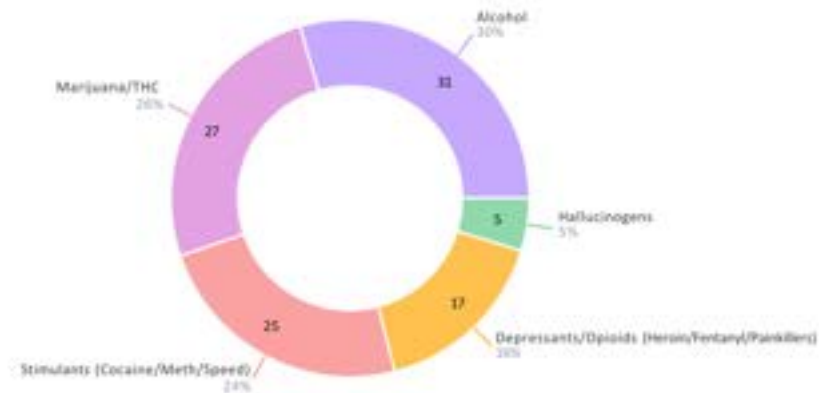
People in the 4 Counties state to have used all available drugs in the options provided.

# 4 County Survey Results

## Community Needs Assessment

6. What specific substances are problematic in your community? (Select all that apply)

105 Responses



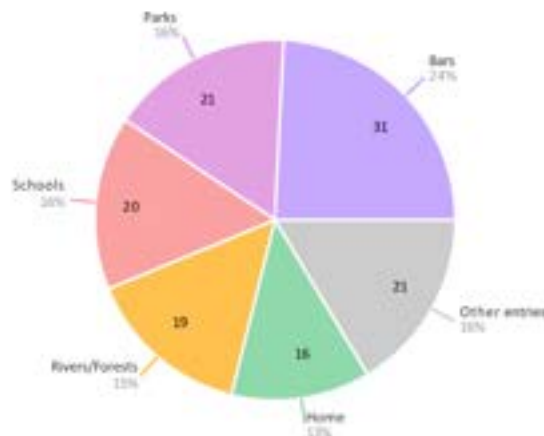
**Of the 4 Counties, Alcohol, Marijuana and Stimulants seem to be the most problematic.**

# 4 County Survey Results

## Community Needs Assessment

7. What places do you associate with drug use? (Select all that apply)

128 Responses

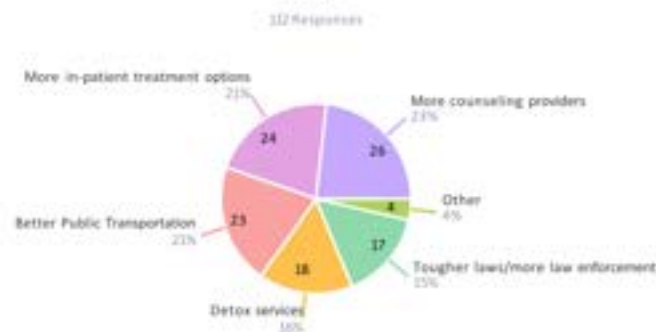


This question indicates that schools are associated with substance use, which counters the response that most people that responded were 21 or over when they started using. This could indicate that people may not see alcohol and/or marijuana as a drug and it is a problematic substance for youth.

# 4 County Survey Results

## Community Needs Assessment

8. What support systems or resources does our community need to respond to substance use and/or mental health issues? (Select all that apply)



Data	Response	%
More counseling providers	26	23%
More in-patient treatment options	24	21%
Better Public Transportation	23	21%
Detox services	18	16%
Tougher laws/more law enforcement	17	15%
Other	4	4%

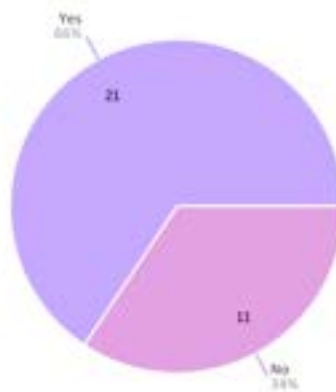
The top three responses that people feel are needed in the community are more counseling services, which are accessible, yet several providers have long waiting lists. People feel that we need inpatient treatment services, which unfortunately, we don't have any of in all four counties which means people have to travel towards the suburbs or closer to Chicago in order to receive treatment. Being a rural area people strongly feel that public transportation is needed as well.

# 4 County Survey Results

## Community Needs Assessment

10. Have you ever been trained to administer Naloxone (Narcan)?

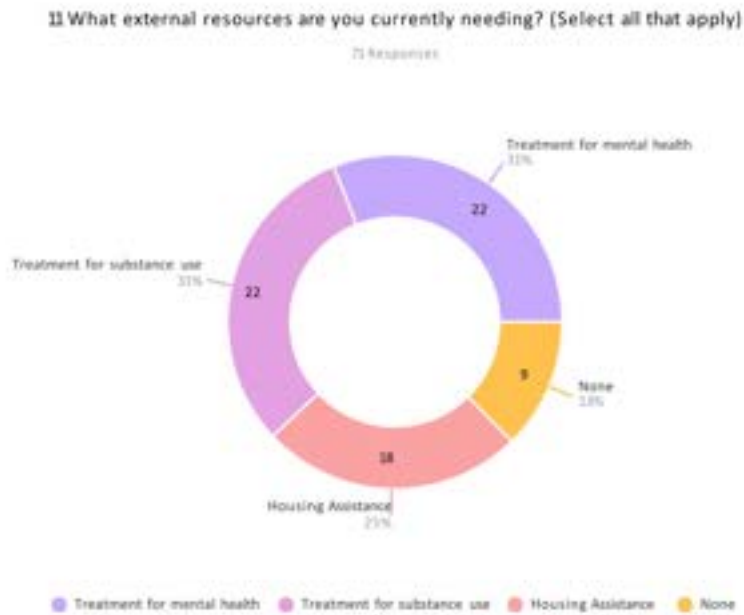
33 Responses



**Over half of the people that completed the survey indicated that they have been trained to administer Naloxone (Narcan). This will need to be further investigated to find out where they are receiving their training.**

# 4 County Survey Results

## Community Needs Assessment



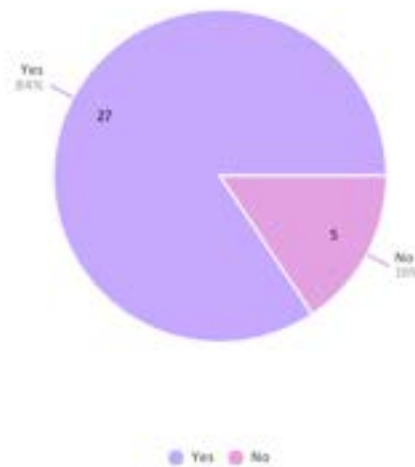
People are expressing the need for mental health and substance use treatment equally. Help with housing is a close competitor.

# 4 County Survey Results

## Community Needs Assessment

12. Have you ever worked with a therapist or a counselor on substance use or mental health issues?

32 Responses



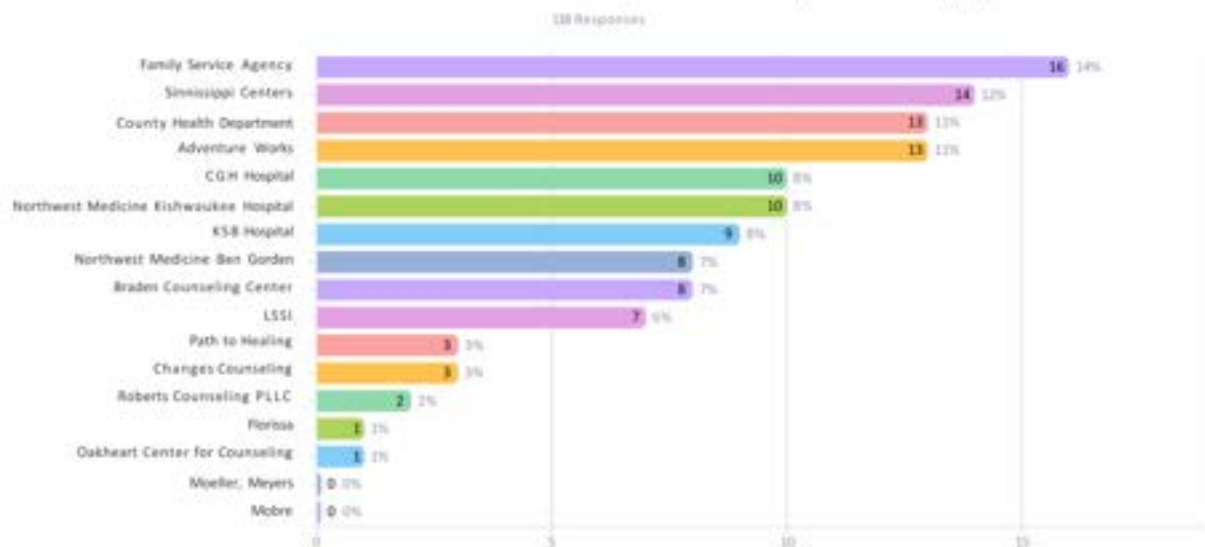
The majority of people that took this survey have worked with a therapist or counselor previously for substance use or mental health issues.



# 4 County Survey Results

## Community Needs Assessment

13. Which of these mental health resources are you familiar with? (select all that apply)



This question indicates that the majority of people in all four counties are most aware of the Family Service Agency. Sinnissippi Centers is the mental health agency that covers three of the four counties. Adventure Works is in DeKalb, Illinois and works specifically with children, which indicates a lack of child counseling in the other three counties.

# 4 County Survey Results

## Community Needs Assessment

14. Are finances an obstacle for you to get treatment for substance use or mental health issues?

12 Responses



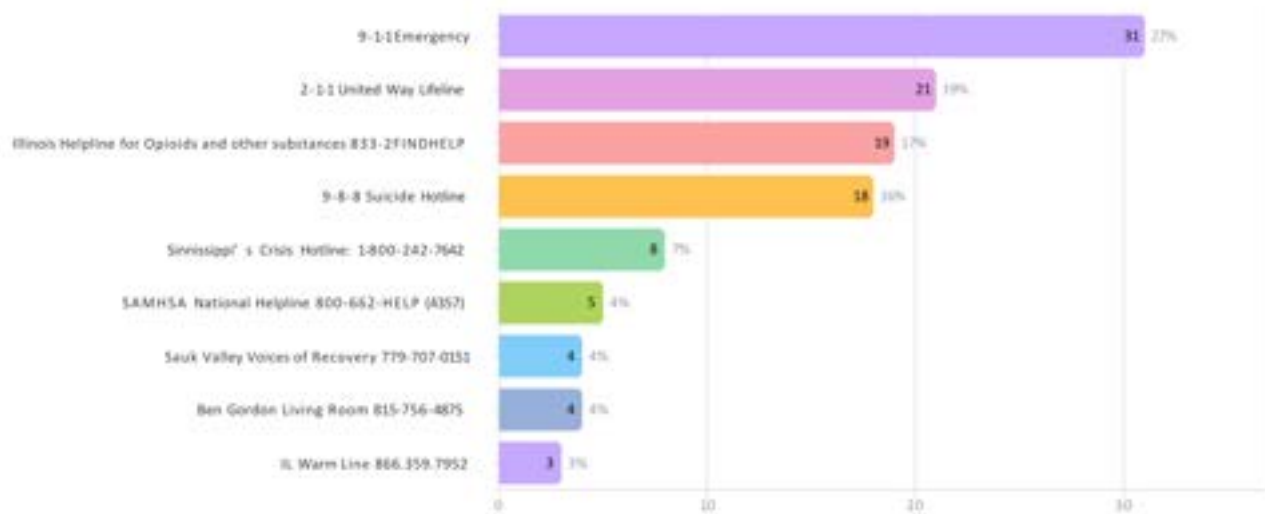
In this question people indicate that finances are an obstacle to substance and mental health services, yet the agencies that are indicated in the previous question either take medicaid or work on a sliding scale. Also, there are several AA meetings in the area that are free of charge. This may be indicative of work hours being inconsistent with agency hours.

# 4 County Survey Results

## Community Needs Assessment

15. Have you heard of these support helplines? (Select all that apply)

23 Responses



This question indicates that not everyone taking the survey has heard of 9-1-1 which is the most common helpline or that the participants misunderstood the question.

# 4 County Survey Results

## Community Needs Assessment

16. Is there adequate access to social services (i.e. day care, counseling, work force development, recovery support and/or safety services)?

33 Responses



Data	Response	%
Yes	27	82%
No	6	18%

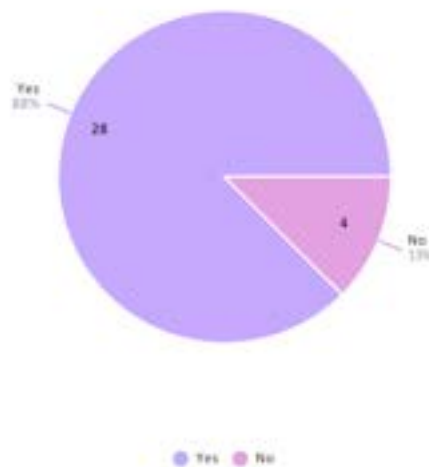
**The majority of respondents in the 4 counties believe that there is adequate access to social services such as daycare, counseling, workforce development, recovery support and safety services.**

# 4 County Survey Results

## Community Needs Assessment

17. Is there availability of adequate health care services (i.e. pharmacies, hospitals, local clinics)?

32 Responses



The majority of respondents feel that there are adequate health care services in the 4 counties.

# 4 County Survey Results

## Community Needs Assessment

18. Are there grocery stores and fresh fruit markets in your community?

33 Responses



Data	Response	%
Yes	32	97%
No	1	3%

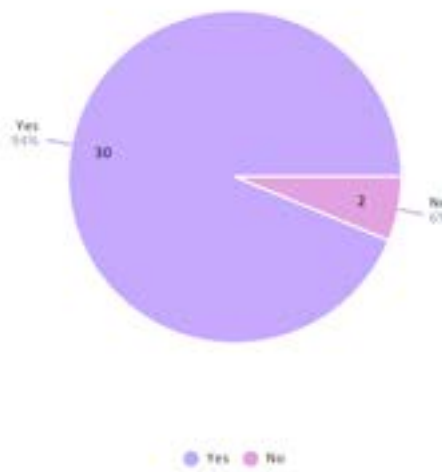
The results for this question indicate that respondents feel that there are grocery stores and fresh fruit markets in their community, however it does not represent the percentage of food insecurity due to low income.

# 4 County Survey Results

## Community Needs Assessment

19. Do you have access to spiritual, social and cultural activities that support your recovery from substance use and/or mental health issues?

32 Responses



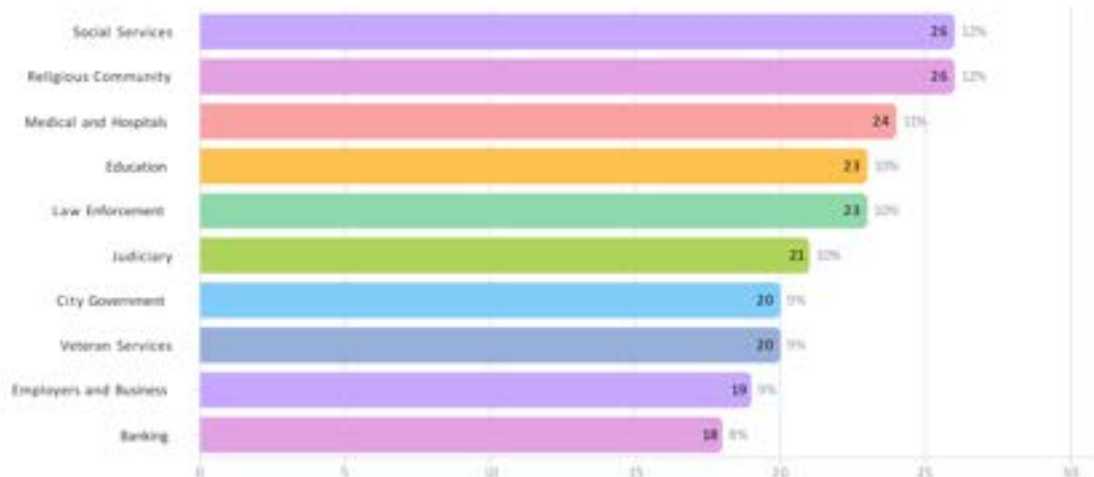
The majority of respondents feel that there is adequate access to social and cultural activities that support them and others recovering from substance use and/or mental health.

# 4 County Survey Results

## Community Needs Assessment

20. Do you believe that these community branches are supportive of people with substance use and/or mental health issues? (Select all that apply)

220 Responses - 2 Empty



**Of the 4 counties, respondents are consistent with their belief that social services and the religious community are the biggest supporters in substance abuse and mental health issues.**

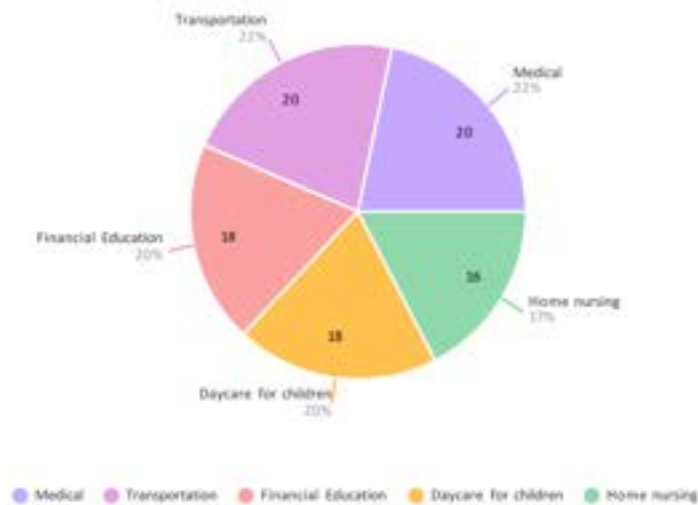


# 4 County Survey Results

## Community Needs Assessment

21. Do you presently need assistance from any of the following? (Select all that apply)

92 Responses - 9 Empty



**This question shows that respondents feel that they almost equally need assistance with transportation, medical care, financial education, daycare for their children and home nursing. There is not much variation in their responses, so these are things we will further look into on how we can provide support for the community.**