

What is the Community Readiness Survey (CRS)?

The CRS is a key informant survey, conducted biennially by DMHAS since 2006 to measure state and community readiness and capacity for implementing effective evidence-based substance misuse prevention programs, policies and practices.

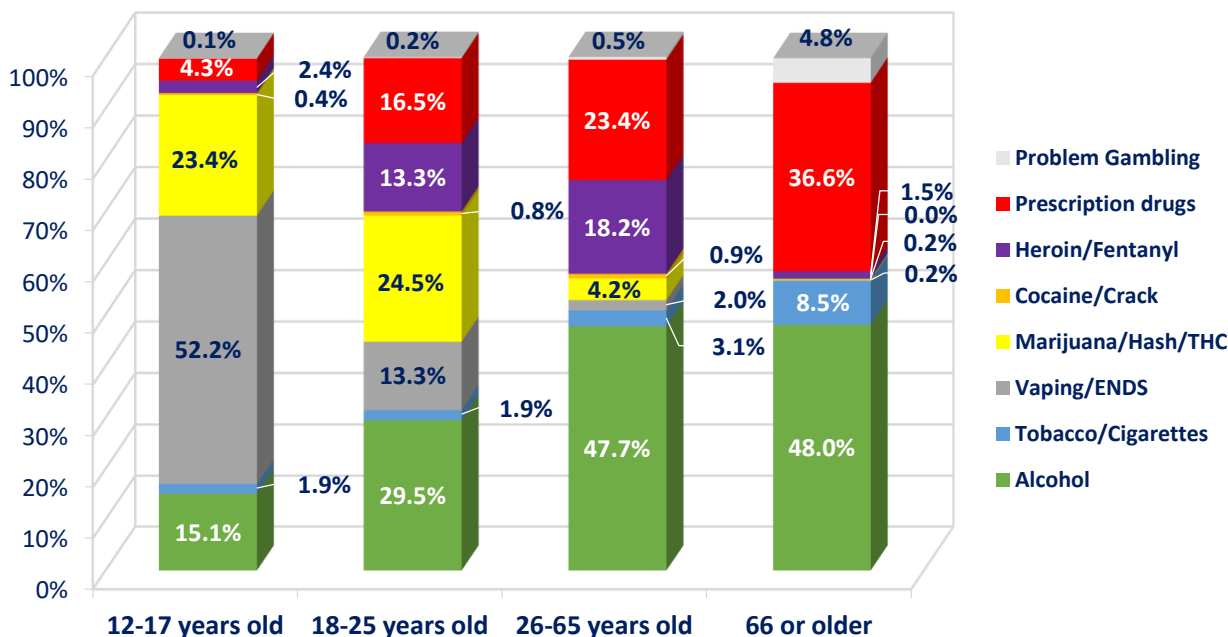
The results of the CRS have contributed to state, regional and community strategic prevention planning and evaluation.

Who participated?

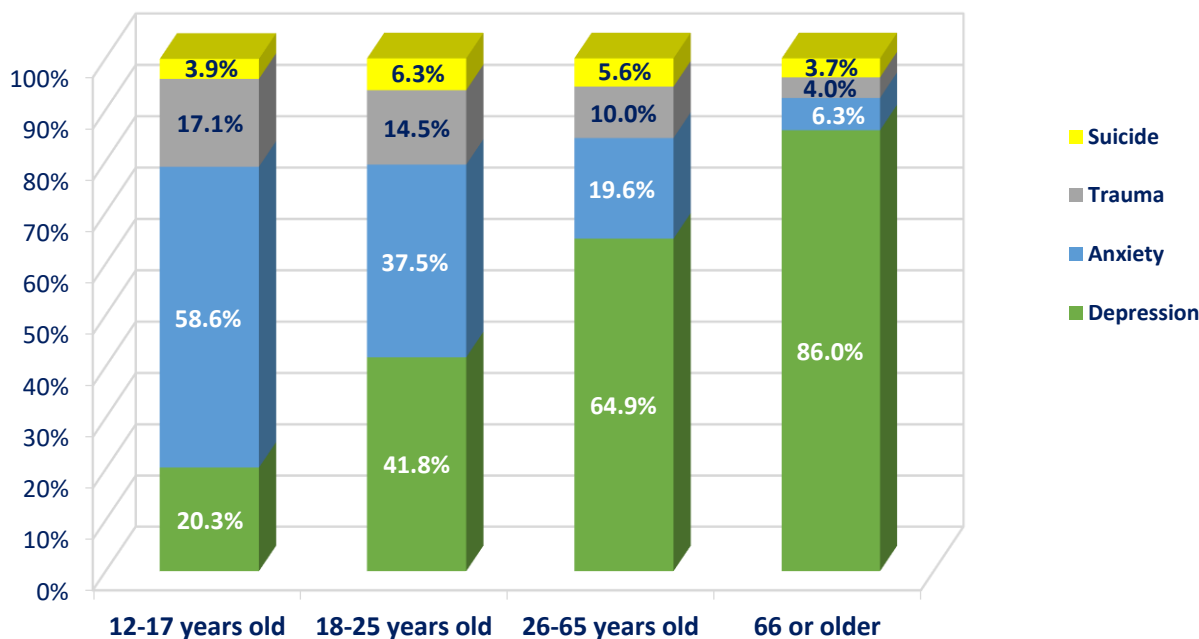
- 1236 key informants responded
- 166 of 169 communities were represented
- Respondents were 72% female, 91% White, 2.7% Black, and 5% Hispanic

The CRS was developed by a work group comprised of representatives from UConn Health, the CT Department of Mental Health and Addiction Services (DMHAS), the Connecticut Clearinghouse and regional planning representatives (Regional Behavioral Health Action Organizations).

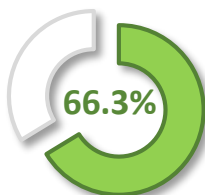
PROBLEM SUBSTANCES OF GREATEST COMMUNITY CONCERN BY AGE GROUP



MENTAL HEALTH ISSUES OF GREATEST COMMUNITY CONCERN BY AGE GROUP



GAMING AND GAMBLING

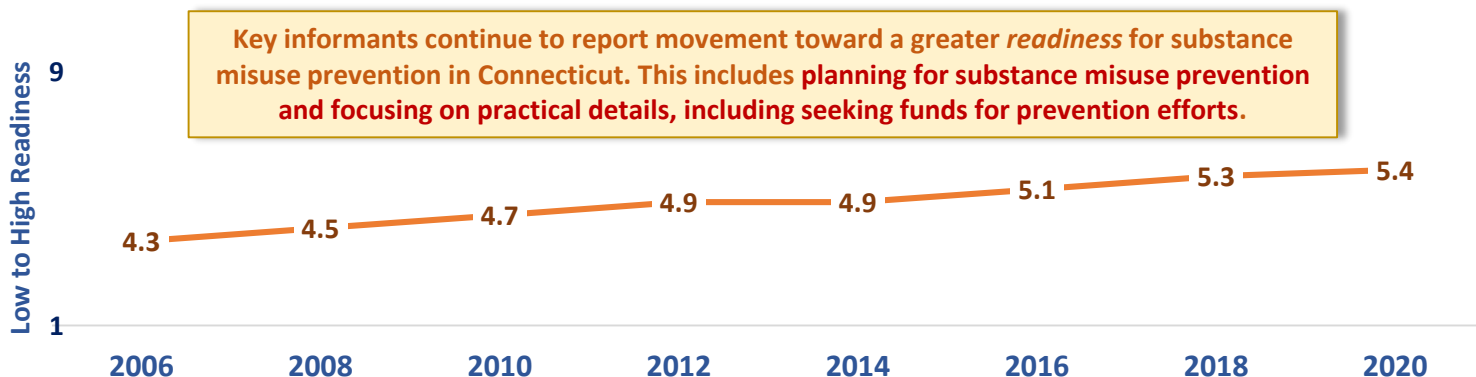


of respondents rated their community's ability to raise awareness about the risks of gambling/gaming addiction as low or having no ability.



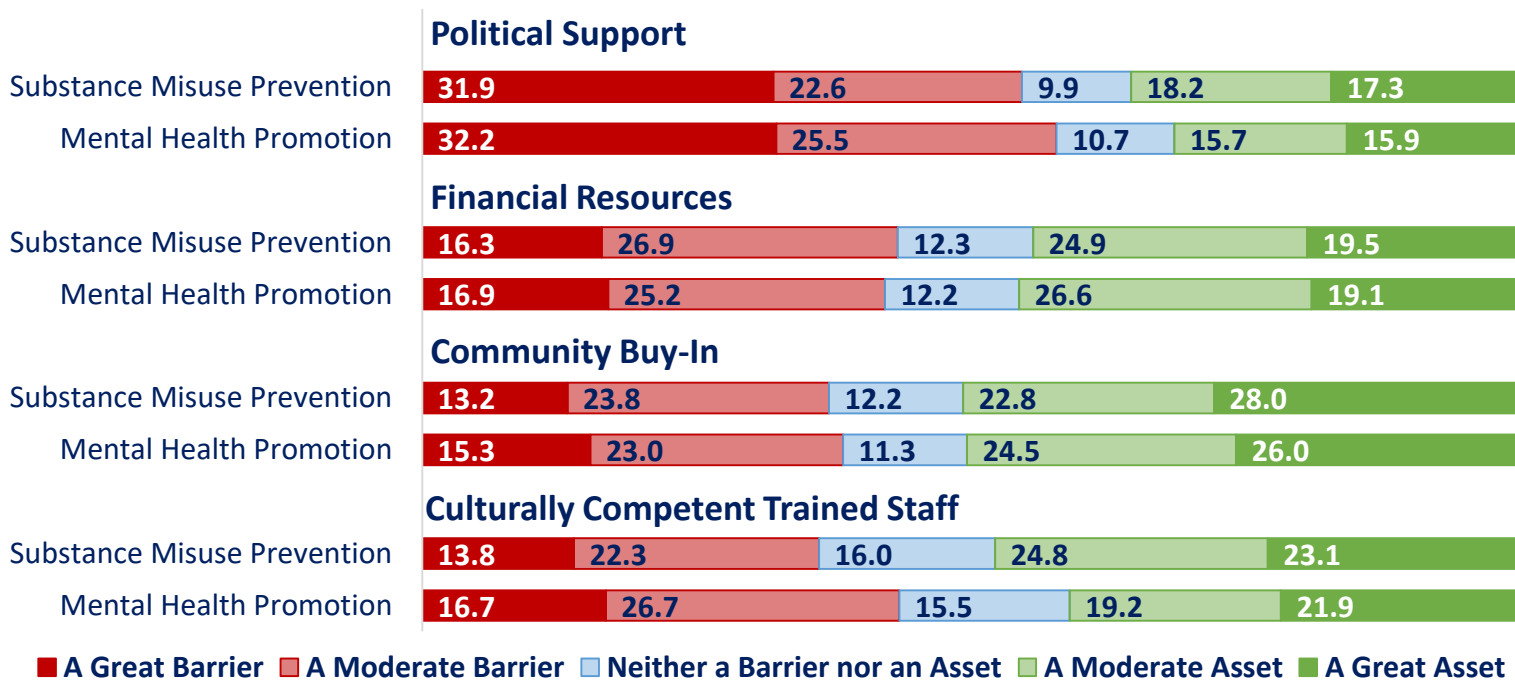
of respondents believe that their community residents are a little aware or not aware that gambling activities can become an addiction.

CHANGES IN CONNECTICUT'S COMMUNITY READINESS: 2006-2020

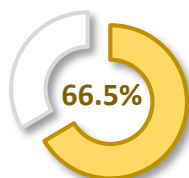


A parallel scale to measure readiness for mental health promotion was added to the 2020 CRS. The mean stage of readiness for mental health promotion was **4.8**.

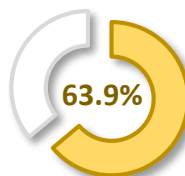
Perceived Barriers and Assets to Substance Misuse Prevention and Mental Health Promotion



SUICIDE PREVENTION



of respondents believe there is some/a lot of community support for suicide prevention efforts



of respondents rated their community's ability to implement suicide prevention efforts as medium or high.

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