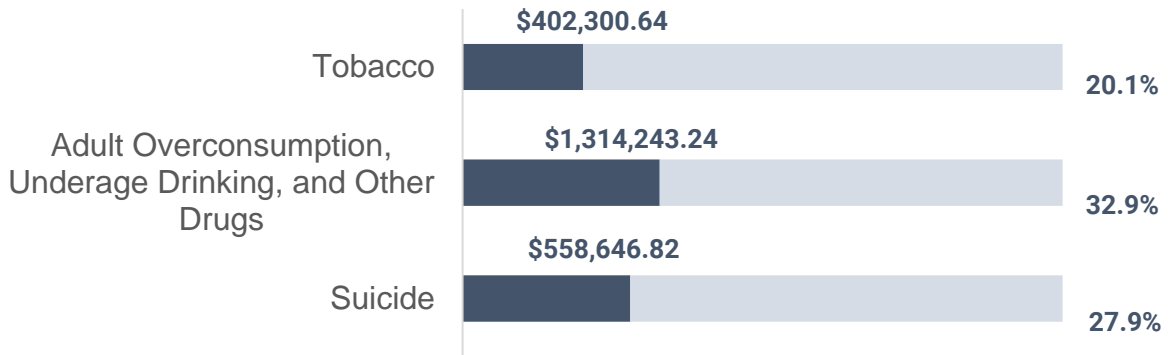




# FY 2023 | QUARTER 3 REPORT

Community Prevention Grant Period: July 2022 – June 2024  
Quarter 3: January 2023 – March 2023

Amount Spent by Prevention Funding Area, YTD



## Data Snapshot | Young Adults

Young adults represent an important population to understand for prevention efforts. However, they are traditionally a difficult group from which to get information. Young adults are much less likely to participate in a phone survey than an online survey. They also have different stressors and health barriers than both children and older adults.

After increasing challenges reaching young adults using telephone-based interviewing, the 2022 Young Adult Survey methodology was modified to a web-based survey. Initial results show **higher rates of substance use among young adults than previously reported** on surveys utilizing a phone-based methodology.<sup>1</sup>

**Wyoming young adult respondents (ages 18–29) reported using the following substances at least once in the past 30 days:**

Nearly **nine in ten** (89.6%) **drank alcohol**.<sup>1</sup>



Nearly **two-thirds** (63.9%) **used tobacco/nicotine**.<sup>1</sup>



**Just under half** (43.3%) reported **using marijuana**.<sup>1</sup>



<sup>1</sup>Includes e-cigarettes, smokeless tobacco, hookah, cigars / cigarillos, or cigarettes

<sup>1</sup>Wyoming Young Adult Survey, 2022

Icons: wine bottle by Constanza from Noun Project; Cigarette by Adrián Zuzula from Noun Project; Marijuana by Marco Livolsi from Noun Project

# Topic Highlight – Young Adult Survey

In the Fall of 2022, the Community Prevention Unit (CPU), in co-sponsorship with the Maternal and Child Health Unit, implemented the fourth iteration of the Wyoming Young Adult Survey (YAS). The YAS assesses substance use and other health-related behaviors among Wyoming young adults ages 18–29.

## Areas of interest include:

Substance  
use

Mental health  
and suicide

Motor vehicle  
safety

Healthcare  
access

Experiences  
with violence

It was important to obtain respondents from a wide range of education levels and industries to avoid assuming that college student behaviors are representative of the entire young adult population in Wyoming. The Wyoming Department of Health (WDH) attempted to collect responses across all counties and educational attainment levels to provide a young adult health profile for each county. After conducting an online survey that remained open from early October 2022 to the end of December 2022, the survey received 5,408 responses.

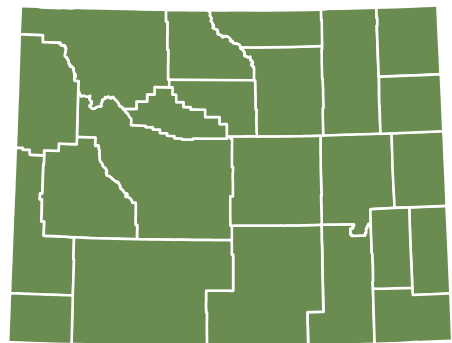


After confirming eligibility and removing erroneous responses, the survey represented an unweighted total of 4,531 Wyoming young adults. At least 50 responses were collected from every county.

# 4,531

Wyoming young adults  
responded to the survey  
representing responses from  
**every county in Wyoming.**

**Community Prevention Specialist advertising and promotion** through their social media platforms and coalitions were **key factors** in the successful collection of responses from **every county in Wyoming**. In the upcoming months, WDH will work to analyze data and provide county-level estimates when available to help inform CPU and county prevention efforts moving forward.



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