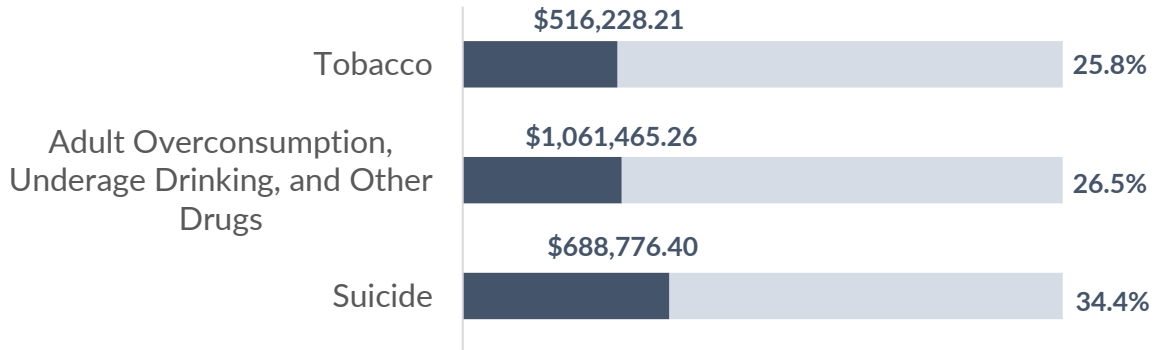


FY 2025 | QUARTER 3 SNAPSHOT

Community Prevention Grant Period: July 2024 – June 2026
Quarter 3: January 2025 – March 2025

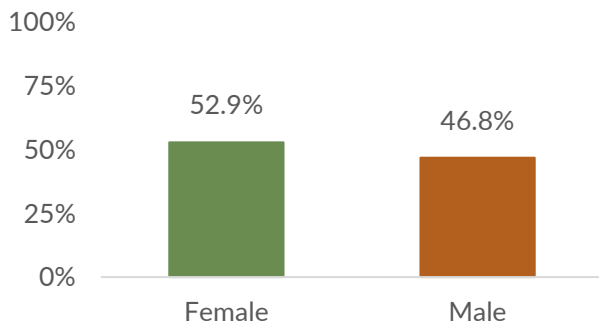
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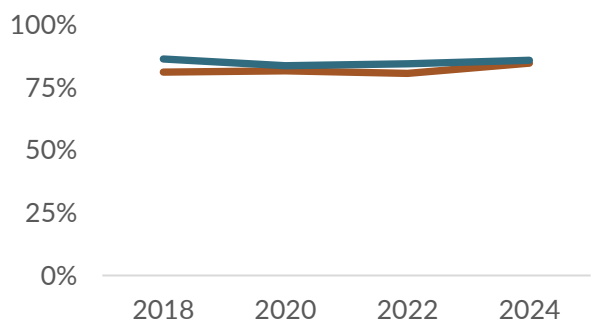
Data Snapshot | Connectedness

Shared risk and protective factors across the Community Prevention Grant's focus areas—alcohol, tobacco, marijuana, and suicide—allow Community Prevention Specialists to address multiple behaviors simultaneously. Examples of these factors include family support and bonding, and connection to a caring adult.¹

Almost half of Wyoming high school and middle school students (49.4%) responded that in the past 12 months, they have talked with at least one of their parents about the dangers of tobacco, alcohol, or drug use. **Female students** are more likely to report having talked to a parent than **male students**.²



The majority of Wyoming students in **high school (84.9%)** and **middle school (85.9%)** reported that they have an adult in their community whom they can talk to about their problems. This percentage has remained stable since 2018, when the survey item was introduced.²



PNA, 2024



Topic Highlight – Prevention Needs Assessment

The Prevention Needs Assessment Survey (PNA), conducted by the Wyoming Department of Health (WDH), Public Health Division (PHD), Community Prevention Unit (CPU), is a survey given to the 6th, 8th, 10th, and 12th grade students in Wyoming schools every other school year. This **anonymous** and **voluntary** survey includes questions about basic demographics, substance use, mental health, and other related behaviors, perceptions, and experiences.³

During the past 30 days, what type of alcohol did you most often consume?

- ☐ I did not consume alcohol during the past 30 days
- ☐ Beer
- ☐ Wine
- ☐ Wine cooler or sweetened alcoholic beverage (for example, Seagrams, Smirnoff Ice, Hard Lemonade)
- ☐ Gin, vodka, rum, or other type of hard liquor
- ☐ Some other type

A question from the high school version of the PNA.

For over 20 years, the PNA has provided a platform for youth to share their stories, helping parents, schools, and community organizations understand what students need to be healthy, safe, and successful. Participation in the PNA assists local prevention teams, including Community Prevention Specialists (CPSs), in building effective programs and support systems, putting resources where they are most needed.³ In 2024, 26 school districts participated in the PNA, representing students from 19 out of 23 counties. CPSs play a crucial role in promoting greater engagement in the survey.

To gain insights into the awareness and perceptions of the PNA, WDH-PHD CPU, in partnership with CPSs, organized focus groups with parents across Wyoming communities.

Two key themes emerged from the focus groups:



Overall awareness of the PNA

Parents were generally supportive of the survey, but wanted to be more informed about it, when it was happening, and how it could impact their community.



Data privacy and confidentiality

The majority of participants mentioned concerns about data privacy and/or confidentiality.

Based on these themes, WDH-PHD CPU developed [PreventionWithPNA.org](https://preventionwithpna.org) to ensure parents are informed about the confidentiality and privacy of the survey. The website also links to resources for parents.

¹Shared Risk and Protective Factors Model. Retrieved from https://health.wyo.gov/wp-content/uploads/2023/12/Shared-Risk-and-Protective-Factors-Report_FINAL.pdf

²Wyoming Prevention Needs Assessment, 2024

³What is the Wyoming PNA survey? Retrieved from <https://health.wyo.gov/publichealth/prevention/pna-survey/>

