

# Results from Fall 2017 Teen Maze Survey

## Coosa Fairgrounds

**Table 1: Characteristics of 9<sup>th</sup> Grade Students Who Completed the Questionnaire**

**Demographic Characteristics (total participants = 399)**

**Sex**

Male	44.8% (179)
Female	53.8% (215)
other	.8% (3)

**Race & Ethnicity**

Black	18.3% (65)	Native Hawaiian/Other Pacific Islander	.6% (2)
White	67.6% (240)	American Indian	1.1% (4)
Mixed Race	9.9% (35)	Asian	2.5% (9)
Hispanic/Latino	20.8% (80)		

**Age** 14.5 years is the average age of survey participants

**Student Rating of the Teen Maze Experience**

Students were asked to rate their overall view of the Teen Maze, answering 4 questions about how seriously they thought their peers approached the experience, whether they thought it would make a difference, etc.

The measures were tabulated to create an *Index of Attitudes Toward the Teen Maze*. On this index, the lowest possible rating (indicating a negative view) was a 4, and the highest possible rating was a 20 (highly positive view).

All students combined, the average rating was a 14.5 on this index (4-20). For Rome City ninth grade students, the average rating was 14.8. The average rating provided by ninth grade Floyd County Students was 14.4.

**Table 2: Core Measures and Other Outcomes of Interest**

Ninth grade students at the Teen Maze were asked to “agree” or “disagree” with a series of statement in terms of who they described their best friends. The results below provide average scores per statement and by subgroup. These average scores are derived from the 5-point rating of each statement, where a score of “1” means “disagree completely,” 2 means “disagree,” 3 means “neutral,” 4 means “agree,” and 5 means “agree completely.”

Variables “My Friends...”	All (n=391)	Rome City Students (n=150)	Floyd County Students (n=249)	Males (n=179)	Females (n=215)	Hispanic (n=80)	Non- Hispanic (n=304)
Approve of drinking alcohol at my age	1.66	1.63	1.67	1.57	1.73	1.58	1.67
Believe that drinking alcohol at my age harms oneself physically or in other ways	4.07	4.22	3.98	4.20	3.99	4.18	4.08
Believe my parents disapprove of youth who drink alcohol	4.20	4.14	4.24	4.20	4.24	4.10	4.24
Believe it is easy for people my age to get beer, wine, or liquor	2.86	2.59*	3.02*	2.83	2.88	2.54*	2.95*
Have had 5+ alcoholic drinks at once in the past 30 days	1.33	1.33	1.34	1.32	1.33	1.30	1.34
Approve of using marijuana at my age	1.59	1.51	1.64	1.58	1.61	1.46	1.62
Believe that marijuana use at my age harms oneself physically or in other ways	3.73	3.84	3.67	3.73	3.74	3.67	3.82
Believe my parents disapprove of youth who use marijuana	3.95	3.89	3.99	3.96	3.97	3.74	4.03
Believe it is easy for people my age to get marijuana	2.95	2.75	3.06	2.99	2.91	2.63*	3.05*
Used marijuana in the past 30 days	1.39	1.53*	1.31*	1.37	1.41	1.34	1.40

Interpretation of the above values. On a scale ranging from 1 to 5, where 1 is disagree completely and 5 is agree completely, the average score reported was a 1.66 when 9<sup>th</sup> graders were asked if they think their friends “approve of drinking at my age.” Thus, most **disagree** with the statement: **My friends approve of drinking at my age.**

Likewise, on a scale ranging from 1 to 5, where 1 is disagree completely and 5 is agree completely, the average score reported was a 1.59 when 9<sup>th</sup> graders were asked if they think their friends “approve of using marijuana at my age.” Thus, most **disagree** with the statement: **My friends approve of using marijuana at my age.**

\*means that the comparisons (e.g., Rome City students v. Floyd County students, Hispanic v. non-Hispanic) are statistically significant.

Participation in the survey was voluntary, and no personally identifying information was collected.