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How serious a public health problem in the State of New York is each of the following: [Q1A-Q1I ROTATED]							
Q1A. Alcohol abuse							
		Field					
	Total	Social Services/ Non-Profit	Education	Health	Law	Mental Health	Other
Very serious	61%	63%	53%	63%	36%	71%	52%
Somewhat serious	35%	35%	38%	33%	52%	28%	46%
Not very serious	4%	3%	9%	4%	12%	0%	2%
Not at all serious	0%	0%	0%	0%	0%	0%	0%
Q1B. Mental illness							
		Field					
	Total	Social Services/ Non-Profit	Education	Health	Law	Mental Health	Other
Very serious	78%	85%	70%	80%	72%	79%	72%
Somewhat serious	21%	14%	28%	20%	27%	21%	28%
Not very serious	1%	1%	2%	0%	1%	0%	0%
Not at all serious	0%	0%	0%	0%	0%	0%	0%
Q1C. Tobacco use							
		Field					
	Total	Social Services/ Non-Profit	Education	Health	Law	Mental Health	Other
Very serious	46%	51%	38%	50%	24%	48%	52%
Somewhat serious	44%	41%	49%	41%	52%	46%	34%
Not very serious	9%	8%	13%	9%	21%	6%	12%
Not at all serious	1%	1%	0%	0%	3%	0%	2%
Q1D. Obesity							
		Field					
	Total	Social Services/ Non-Profit	Education	Health	Law	Mental Health	Other
Very serious	57%	62%	49%	63%	37%	60%	52%
Somewhat serious	39%	35%	45%	34%	51%	37%	44%
Not very serious	4%	3%	6%	3%	7%	2%	4%
Not at all serious	0%	0%	0%	0%	4%	0%	0%
Q1E. Prescription drug abuse							
		Field					
	Total	Social Services/ Non-Profit	Education	Health	Law	Mental Health	Other
Very serious	79%	75%	79%	84%	73%	82%	72%
Somewhat serious	19%	22%	19%	16%	24%	17%	26%
Not very serious	2%	3%	2%	0%	3%	1%	2%
Not at all serious	0%	0%	0%	0%	0%	0%	0%

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Q1F. Heroin use							
		Field					
	Total	Social Services/ Non-Profit	Education	Health	Law	Mental Health	Other
Very serious	90%	90%	77%	91%	96%	92%	86%
Somewhat serious	9%	10%	21%	9%	4%	8%	12%
Not very serious	0%	0%	2%	0%	0%	0%	2%
Not at all serious	0%	0%	0%	0%	0%	0%	0%
Q1G. Marijuana use							
		Field					
	Total	Social Services/ Non-Profit	Education	Health	Law	Mental Health	Other
Very serious	31%	32%	28%	29%	19%	38%	18%
Somewhat serious	36%	27%	36%	37%	43%	40%	32%
Not very serious	21%	23%	23%	26%	27%	13%	24%
Not at all serious	13%	19%	13%	8%	10%	9%	26%
Q1H. E-cigarette use and vaping							
		Field					
	Total	Social Services/ Non-Profit	Education	Health	Law	Mental Health	Other
Very serious	36%	41%	45%	35%	19%	39%	36%
Somewhat serious	43%	38%	40%	42%	37%	50%	36%
Not very serious	17%	18%	13%	21%	34%	9%	22%
Not at all serious	4%	3%	2%	2%	9%	3%	6%
Q1I. The growing availability of synthetic opioids							
		Field					
	Total	Social Services/ Non-Profit	Education	Health	Law	Mental Health	Other
Very serious	84%	83%	81%	90%	82%	84%	82%
Somewhat serious	14%	16%	19%	10%	15%	14%	14%
Not very serious	1%	2%	0%	0%	3%	1%	4%
Not at all serious	0%	0%	0%	0%	0%	0%	0%
Q2. Do you agree or disagree with those that say the United States is in the middle of an opioid epidemic?							
		Field					
	Total	Social Services/ Non-Profit	Education	Health	Law	Mental Health	Other
Agree	94%	92%	91%	97%	99%	95%	90%
Disagree	3%	5%	2%	2%	0%	3%	6%
Don't know	3%	3%	6%	2%	1%	2%	4%

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<b>Q3. How serious of a problem would you say opioid abuse is in your area?</b>							
		<b>Field</b>					
	<b>Total</b>	<b>Social Services/ Non-Profit</b>	<b>Education</b>	<b>Health</b>	<b>Law</b>	<b>Mental Health</b>	<b>Other</b>
<b>Very serious</b>	78%	72%	68%	81%	75%	81%	80%
<b>Somewhat serious</b>	19%	24%	21%	18%	25%	17%	12%
<b>Not too serious</b>	3%	4%	11%	1%	0%	2%	8%
<b>Not at all serious</b>	0%	0%	0%	0%	0%	0%	0%
<b>Q4. Over the past few years, do you think the problem of opioid abuse has gotten worse, improved or stayed about the same?</b>							
		<b>Field</b>					
	<b>Total</b>	<b>Social Services/ Non-Profit</b>	<b>Education</b>	<b>Health</b>	<b>Law</b>	<b>Mental Health</b>	<b>Other</b>
<b>Gotten worse</b>	88%	95%	87%	90%	85%	85%	88%
<b>Improved</b>	1%	1%	0%	1%	3%	2%	0%
<b>Stayed the same</b>	10%	4%	13%	10%	12%	13%	12%
<b>Q5. When you hear people discussing the 'opioid crisis', do you think primarily of the abuse of legal prescription opioids like OxyContin, the abuse of illegal opioids like heroin, or the abuse of both legal and illegal opioids?</b>							
		<b>Field</b>					
	<b>Total</b>	<b>Social Services/ Non-Profit</b>	<b>Education</b>	<b>Health</b>	<b>Law</b>	<b>Mental Health</b>	<b>Other</b>
<b>Legal prescription opioids</b>	3%	3%	13%	3%	0%	2%	4%
<b>Illegal opioids</b>	8%	9%	6%	6%	16%	4%	12%
<b>Both legal and illegal opioids</b>	89%	88%	81%	91%	84%	94%	84%
<b>Q6. Opioid abuse has touched many New Yorkers in different ways. Have you had any of the following experiences:</b>							
		<b>Field</b>					
	<b>Total</b>	<b>Social Services/ Non-Profit</b>	<b>Education</b>	<b>Health</b>	<b>Law</b>	<b>Mental Health</b>	<b>Other</b>
<b>You or someone in your immediate family has abused opioids</b>	30%	36%	26%	23%	13%	32%	46%
<b>A friend or extended family member has abused opioids</b>	52%	56%	40%	49%	48%	55%	52%
<b>Someone you know through work has abused opioids</b>	41%	45%	28%	40%	30%	49%	34%
<b>A friend, coworker, relative or acquaintance shared with you that one of their family members abused opioids</b>	61%	60%	60%	65%	45%	66%	60%
<b>Someone who your organization or agency serves has abused opioids</b>	54%	60%	28%	56%	28%	69%	32%
<b>I do not know of anyone who has abused opioids</b>	9%	10%	6%	10%	21%	4%	10%

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<b>Q7. Do you personally know of someone, a family member, friend, acquaintance that has died due to an opioid overdose?</b>							
		<b>Field</b>					
	<b>Total</b>	<b>Social Services/ Non-Profit</b>	<b>Education</b>	<b>Health</b>	<b>Law</b>	<b>Mental Health</b>	<b>Other</b>
<b>Yes</b>	65%	61%	51%	71%	42%	75%	64%
<b>No</b>	34%	39%	49%	28%	57%	25%	34%
<b>Prefer not to answer</b>	0%	0%	0%	1%	1%	0%	2%
<b>To what extent do you think each of the following is responsible for the current level of opioid abuse? [Q8A - Q8I ROTATED]</b>							
<b>Q8A. Pharmaceutical Companies promoting legal drugs without fully warning about risks</b>							
		<b>Field</b>					
	<b>Total</b>	<b>Social Services/ Non-Profit</b>	<b>Education</b>	<b>Health</b>	<b>Law</b>	<b>Mental Health</b>	<b>Other</b>
<b>Very responsible</b>	67%	69%	64%	66%	37%	77%	68%
<b>Somewhat responsible</b>	24%	23%	30%	25%	37%	19%	26%
<b>Not very responsible</b>	6%	4%	4%	6%	21%	3%	2%
<b>Not at all responsible</b>	1%	1%	2%	1%	3%	0%	4%
<b>Don't know</b>	1%	3%	0%	2%	1%	0%	0%
<b>Q8B. Doctors over-prescribing opioids</b>							
		<b>Field</b>					
	<b>Total</b>	<b>Social Services/ Non-Profit</b>	<b>Education</b>	<b>Health</b>	<b>Law</b>	<b>Mental Health</b>	<b>Other</b>
<b>Very responsible</b>	66%	70%	64%	51%	57%	74%	76%
<b>Somewhat responsible</b>	28%	23%	30%	41%	31%	24%	20%
<b>Not very responsible</b>	5%	5%	6%	6%	7%	2%	4%
<b>Not at all responsible</b>	1%	2%	0%	1%	1%	0%	0%
<b>Don't know</b>	0%	0%	0%	1%	3%	0%	0%
<b>Q8C. Allowing patients access to too many pain pills</b>							
		<b>Field</b>					
	<b>Total</b>	<b>Social Services/ Non-Profit</b>	<b>Education</b>	<b>Health</b>	<b>Law</b>	<b>Mental Health</b>	<b>Other</b>
<b>Very responsible</b>	68%	70%	66%	60%	63%	74%	70%
<b>Somewhat responsible</b>	26%	23%	28%	31%	30%	24%	24%
<b>Not very responsible</b>	4%	5%	6%	7%	4%	1%	4%
<b>Not at all responsible</b>	1%	3%	0%	2%	0%	1%	2%
<b>Don't know</b>	0%	0%	0%	0%	3%	0%	0%

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<b>Q8D. Insufficient governmental regulation of access to prescription opioids</b>							
		<b>Field</b>					
	<b>Total</b>	<b>Social Services/ Non-Profit</b>	<b>Education</b>	<b>Health</b>	<b>Law</b>	<b>Mental Health</b>	<b>Other</b>
<b>Very responsible</b>	45%	45%	47%	36%	37%	51%	56%
<b>Somewhat responsible</b>	36%	31%	38%	36%	37%	39%	30%
<b>Not very responsible</b>	12%	16%	6%	15%	13%	8%	8%
<b>Not at all responsible</b>	5%	3%	4%	9%	9%	1%	6%
<b>Don't know</b>	2%	5%	4%	3%	3%	0%	0%

<b>Q8E. Lack of public awareness programs</b>							
		<b>Field</b>					
	<b>Total</b>	<b>Social Services/ Non-Profit</b>	<b>Education</b>	<b>Health</b>	<b>Law</b>	<b>Mental Health</b>	<b>Other</b>
<b>Very responsible</b>	30%	24%	30%	33%	15%	35%	38%
<b>Somewhat responsible</b>	45%	42%	51%	53%	28%	46%	42%
<b>Not very responsible</b>	20%	28%	13%	10%	40%	17%	16%
<b>Not at all responsible</b>	4%	3%	6%	3%	15%	2%	4%
<b>Don't know</b>	1%	4%	0%	0%	1%	0%	0%

<b>Q8F. Insufficient attention paid by local law enforcement to opioid abuse</b>							
		<b>Field</b>					
	<b>Total</b>	<b>Social Services/ Non-Profit</b>	<b>Education</b>	<b>Health</b>	<b>Law</b>	<b>Mental Health</b>	<b>Other</b>
<b>Very responsible</b>	16%	18%	15%	17%	9%	15%	24%
<b>Somewhat responsible</b>	29%	23%	34%	36%	13%	32%	32%
<b>Not very responsible</b>	37%	34%	34%	36%	34%	45%	26%
<b>Not at all responsible</b>	14%	18%	13%	8%	37%	6%	18%
<b>Don't know</b>	4%	8%	4%	2%	6%	3%	0%

<b>Q8G. Insufficient attention paid by federal law enforcement to opioid abuse</b>							
		<b>Field</b>					
	<b>Total</b>	<b>Social Services/ Non-Profit</b>	<b>Education</b>	<b>Health</b>	<b>Law</b>	<b>Mental Health</b>	<b>Other</b>
<b>Very responsible</b>	23%	18%	19%	23%	15%	25%	40%
<b>Somewhat responsible</b>	37%	38%	49%	37%	21%	40%	34%
<b>Not very responsible</b>	27%	23%	26%	30%	36%	28%	14%
<b>Not at all responsible</b>	10%	14%	2%	8%	25%	4%	12%
<b>Don't know</b>	3%	6%	4%	2%	3%	3%	0%

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<b>Q8H. The moral failings of individuals</b>							
		<b>Field</b>					
	<b>Total</b>	<b>Social Services/ Non-Profit</b>	<b>Education</b>	<b>Health</b>	<b>Law</b>	<b>Mental Health</b>	<b>Other</b>
<b>Very responsible</b>	15%	13%	13%	13%	39%	10%	18%
<b>Somewhat responsible</b>	20%	23%	28%	15%	36%	14%	20%
<b>Not very responsible</b>	19%	12%	30%	21%	15%	20%	24%
<b>Not at all responsible</b>	43%	48%	30%	49%	6%	54%	34%
<b>Don't know</b>	3%	5%	0%	2%	4%	2%	4%
<b>Q8I. Increasing societal pressures like economic problems</b>							
		<b>Field</b>					
	<b>Total</b>	<b>Social Services/ Non-Profit</b>	<b>Education</b>	<b>Health</b>	<b>Law</b>	<b>Mental Health</b>	<b>Other</b>
<b>Very responsible</b>	28%	28%	38%	31%	18%	27%	28%
<b>Somewhat responsible</b>	43%	46%	45%	36%	37%	45%	50%
<b>Not very responsible</b>	23%	19%	13%	26%	31%	23%	20%
<b>Not at all responsible</b>	5%	3%	4%	6%	12%	4%	2%
<b>Don't know</b>	2%	4%	0%	2%	1%	1%	0%
<b>Q9. Of those, which single contributor to the problem do you think is most responsible for the current level of opioid abuse? [CHOICES ROTATED]</b>							
		<b>Field</b>					
	<b>Total</b>	<b>Social Services/ Non-Profit</b>	<b>Education</b>	<b>Health</b>	<b>Law</b>	<b>Mental Health</b>	<b>Other</b>
<b>Pharmaceutical Companies promoting legal drugs without fully warning about risks</b>	26%	27%	26%	26%	7%	31%	30%
<b>Doctors over-prescribing opioids</b>	26%	28%	28%	23%	30%	27%	20%
<b>Allowing patients access to too many pain pills</b>	12%	10%	11%	14%	12%	14%	12%
<b>Insufficient governmental regulation of access to prescription opioids</b>	3%	2%	2%	5%	1%	5%	2%
<b>Lack of public awareness programs</b>	4%	3%	9%	4%	0%	4%	8%
<b>Insufficient attention paid by local law enforcement to opioid abuse</b>	1%	0%	2%	1%	3%	0%	0%
<b>Insufficient attention paid by federal law enforcement to opioid abuse</b>	1%	3%	0%	0%	1%	2%	2%
<b>The moral failings of individuals</b>	7%	6%	6%	5%	33%	2%	0%
<b>Increasing societal pressures like economic problems</b>	10%	16%	13%	10%	6%	5%	14%
<b>None of these</b>	9%	8%	4%	12%	6%	9%	12%

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<b>Q10. Do you think governmental entities across New York are doing as much as they can to address opioid abuse, or not?</b>							
		<b>Field</b>					
	<b>Total</b>	<b>Social Services/ Non-Profit</b>	<b>Education</b>	<b>Health</b>	<b>Law</b>	<b>Mental Health</b>	<b>Other</b>
<b>Yes, they are doing as much as they can</b>	28%	26%	19%	30%	37%	31%	16%
<b>No, they are not doing as much as they can</b>	72%	74%	81%	70%	63%	69%	84%
<b>To what extent would you support governmental entities doing each of the following to address opioid abuse?[Q11A - Q11G ROTATED]</b>							
<b>Q11A. Allocate more funding for treatment and rehabilitation</b>							
		<b>Field</b>					
	<b>Total</b>	<b>Social Services/ Non-Profit</b>	<b>Education</b>	<b>Health</b>	<b>Law</b>	<b>Mental Health</b>	<b>Other</b>
<b>A great deal</b>	78%	82%	74%	85%	42%	84%	78%
<b>Some</b>	16%	13%	19%	12%	36%	14%	16%
<b>Not very much</b>	4%	3%	6%	3%	16%	1%	2%
<b>Not at all</b>	1%	2%	0%	0%	4%	0%	4%
<b>Don't know</b>	0%	1%	0%	0%	1%	0%	0%
<b>Q11B. Provide more funding for law enforcement aimed at lessening the availability of illegal opioids</b>							
		<b>Field</b>					
	<b>Total</b>	<b>Social Services/ Non-Profit</b>	<b>Education</b>	<b>Health</b>	<b>Law</b>	<b>Mental Health</b>	<b>Other</b>
<b>A great deal</b>	40%	33%	36%	41%	69%	34%	42%
<b>Some</b>	38%	41%	38%	38%	24%	42%	32%
<b>Not very much</b>	14%	11%	21%	14%	4%	18%	10%
<b>Not at all</b>	8%	14%	4%	7%	3%	5%	14%
<b>Don't know</b>	1%	1%	0%	0%	0%	1%	2%
<b>Q11C. Increase the severity of sentences for those convicted for trafficking in illegal opioids</b>							
		<b>Field</b>					
	<b>Total</b>	<b>Social Services/ Non-Profit</b>	<b>Education</b>	<b>Health</b>	<b>Law</b>	<b>Mental Health</b>	<b>Other</b>
<b>A great deal</b>	35%	26%	26%	30%	78%	30%	38%
<b>Some</b>	27%	32%	23%	26%	13%	31%	20%
<b>Not very much</b>	19%	18%	26%	25%	4%	19%	22%
<b>Not at all</b>	18%	23%	21%	19%	3%	18%	14%
<b>Don't know</b>	2%	2%	4%	0%	1%	2%	6%

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<b>Q11D. Work to facilitate easier communication between elements of law enforcement, medical institutions, treatment facilities and insurance providers</b>							
	<b>Field</b>						
	<b>Total</b>	<b>Social Services/ Non-Profit</b>	<b>Education</b>	<b>Health</b>	<b>Law</b>	<b>Mental Health</b>	<b>Other</b>
<b>A great deal</b>	68%	65%	70%	75%	57%	68%	72%
<b>Some</b>	22%	23%	19%	21%	28%	23%	16%
<b>Not very much</b>	6%	7%	9%	2%	10%	6%	4%
<b>Not at all</b>	3%	3%	0%	2%	4%	2%	4%
<b>Don't know</b>	1%	2%	2%	0%	0%	0%	4%
<b>Q11E. Provide funding to educate the general public about opioid abuse</b>							
	<b>Field</b>						
	<b>Total</b>	<b>Social Services/ Non-Profit</b>	<b>Education</b>	<b>Health</b>	<b>Law</b>	<b>Mental Health</b>	<b>Other</b>
<b>A great deal</b>	60%	61%	57%	57%	43%	66%	64%
<b>Some</b>	32%	32%	32%	37%	39%	29%	18%
<b>Not very much</b>	7%	8%	11%	5%	13%	4%	10%
<b>Not at all</b>	1%	0%	0%	1%	4%	0%	8%
<b>Don't know</b>	0%	0%	0%	0%	0%	0%	0%
<b>Q11F. Incorporate more drug abuse prevention programs in public schools</b>							
	<b>Field</b>						
	<b>Total</b>	<b>Social Services/ Non-Profit</b>	<b>Education</b>	<b>Health</b>	<b>Law</b>	<b>Mental Health</b>	<b>Other</b>
<b>A great deal</b>	62%	58%	66%	61%	55%	70%	50%
<b>Some</b>	26%	28%	21%	24%	27%	25%	34%
<b>Not very much</b>	9%	10%	9%	13%	13%	4%	8%
<b>Not at all</b>	2%	3%	2%	1%	3%	0%	8%
<b>Don't know</b>	1%	0%	2%	1%	1%	0%	0%
<b>Q11G. Impose the death penalty on drug traffickers</b>							
	<b>Field</b>						
	<b>Total</b>	<b>Social Services/ Non-Profit</b>	<b>Education</b>	<b>Health</b>	<b>Law</b>	<b>Mental Health</b>	<b>Other</b>
<b>A great deal</b>	12%	12%	6%	8%	37%	6%	18%
<b>Some</b>	12%	13%	13%	10%	27%	9%	12%
<b>Not very much</b>	16%	13%	19%	19%	15%	16%	10%
<b>Not at all</b>	56%	58%	60%	60%	19%	64%	52%
<b>Don't know</b>	4%	4%	2%	3%	1%	5%	8%



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<b>Q12. Have you, a family member or close friend pursued treatment for opioid abuse?</b>							
		<b>Field</b>					
	<b>Total</b>	<b>Social Services/ Non-Profit</b>	<b>Education</b>	<b>Health</b>	<b>Law</b>	<b>Mental Health</b>	<b>Other</b>
<b>Yes</b>	41%	46%	36%	43%	10%	46%	56%
<b>No</b>	58%	53%	64%	57%	88%	53%	42%
<b>Prefer not to answer</b>	1%	1%	0%	0%	1%	1%	2%
<b>Q13. To the best of your knowledge how easy is it to access treatment for opioid abuse in your area? Is it...</b>							
		<b>Field</b>					
	<b>Total</b>	<b>Social Services/ Non-Profit</b>	<b>Education</b>	<b>Health</b>	<b>Law</b>	<b>Mental Health</b>	<b>Other</b>
<b>Very easy</b>	12%	11%	2%	10%	16%	14%	12%
<b>Somewhat easy</b>	35%	33%	26%	35%	40%	41%	18%
<b>Not very easy</b>	32%	29%	34%	37%	24%	31%	32%
<b>Not at all easy</b>	14%	16%	15%	15%	7%	11%	22%
<b>Don't know</b>	8%	12%	23%	3%	12%	2%	16%
<b>Q14. Which of the following have you heard as barriers to people in your area receiving treatment for opioid abuse? [CHOICES ROTATED]</b>							
		<b>Field</b>					
	<b>Total</b>	<b>Social Services/ Non-Profit</b>	<b>Education</b>	<b>Health</b>	<b>Law</b>	<b>Mental Health</b>	<b>Other</b>
<b>Insufficient space in treatment facilities</b>	58%	57%	38%	64%	54%	58%	66%
<b>Insurance refusing to cover the cost of adequate treatment</b>	73%	78%	68%	73%	54%	77%	80%
<b>Treatment programs not working with individuals for a long enough period</b>	60%	64%	55%	60%	52%	61%	60%
<b>Poor follow-up after a patient completes a treatment program</b>	55%	59%	53%	56%	46%	58%	50%
<b>Other</b>	25%	25%	21%	21%	19%	29%	30%
<b>Q15. In order to address opioid addiction, how long should the average person be in treatment?</b>							
		<b>Field</b>					
	<b>Total</b>	<b>Social Services/ Non-Profit</b>	<b>Education</b>	<b>Health</b>	<b>Law</b>	<b>Mental Health</b>	<b>Other</b>
<b>No more than a month</b>	0%	0%	2%	0%	1%	0%	0%
<b>More than a month but no more than 90 days</b>	5%	7%	9%	4%	1%	4%	4%
<b>At least 90 days, but no more than 6 months</b>	23%	27%	21%	19%	34%	22%	20%
<b>More than 6 months</b>	55%	48%	51%	64%	34%	66%	42%
<b>Don't know</b>	16%	19%	17%	14%	28%	7%	34%

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<b>Q16. How effective do you believe most treatment programs are in getting participants to overcome their opioid addiction? Do you</b>							
		<b>Field</b>					
	<b>Total</b>	<b>Social Services/ Non-Profit</b>	<b>Education</b>	<b>Health</b>	<b>Law</b>	<b>Mental Health</b>	<b>Other</b>
<b>Very effective</b>	4%	3%	2%	7%	1%	4%	2%
<b>Somewhat effective</b>	55%	47%	53%	56%	42%	65%	46%
<b>Not very effective</b>	31%	33%	28%	29%	46%	25%	30%
<b>Not effective at all</b>	4%	4%	2%	2%	4%	1%	14%
<b>Don't know</b>	7%	13%	15%	5%	6%	3%	8%

<b>Q17. Regardless of how effective you think treatment programs are, which of the following account for participants not overcoming their addiction to opioids? [CHOICES ROTATED]</b>							
		<b>Field</b>					
	<b>Total</b>	<b>Social Services/ Non-Profit</b>	<b>Education</b>	<b>Health</b>	<b>Law</b>	<b>Mental Health</b>	<b>Other</b>
<b>Patients are simply not in treatment long enough</b>	64%	68%	64%	62%	46%	69%	62%
<b>Programs are not successful at generating honest effort from participants</b>	20%	17%	13%	23%	33%	18%	24%
<b>The addiction for so many is so powerful that the program cannot overcome that urge to use</b>	42%	42%	45%	43%	36%	43%	48%
<b>Lack of continuing care after patient leaves the most highly supervised component of the program</b>	73%	76%	72%	73%	52%	77%	80%
<b>Patient relapses when they return to the environment in which they used opioids</b>	81%	82%	81%	78%	84%	81%	80%
<b>Programs are unable to get patients to confront reasons that they became addicted to opioids</b>	26%	27%	26%	23%	30%	23%	36%
<b>Lack of appropriately trained treatment practitioners</b>	36%	33%	23%	40%	16%	43%	44%
<b>Other</b>	21%	23%	9%	20%	10%	26%	18%

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**Q18. Of those reasons, which ONE do you think accounts most for programs not being effective in leading participants to overcome their addiction to opioids?**

	Field						
	Total	Social Services/ Non-Profit	Education	Health	Law	Mental Health	Other
Patients are simply not in treatment long enough	15%	9%	6%	15%	10%	23%	16%
Programs are not successful at generating honest effort from participants	2%	2%	0%	2%	6%	2%	2%
The addiction for so many is so powerful that the program cannot overcome that urge to use	11%	11%	15%	13%	13%	8%	14%
Lack of continuing care after patient leaves the most highly supervised component of the program	25%	28%	40%	27%	18%	24%	16%
Patient relapses when they return to the environment in which they used opioids	24%	27%	28%	22%	42%	17%	30%
Programs are unable to get patients to confront reasons that they became addicted to opioids	4%	5%	6%	2%	4%	4%	2%
Lack of appropriately trained treatment practitioners	4%	2%	2%	4%	1%	7%	4%
Other	14%	18%	2%	16%	4%	16%	16%

**Q19. How effective do you think law enforcement has been in restricting the supply of illegal opioids from being present in the Capital Region? Has law enforcement been...**

	Field						
	Total	Social Services/ Non-Profit	Education	Health	Law	Mental Health	Other
Very effective	2%	2%	2%	0%	7%	2%	0%
Somewhat effective	36%	26%	28%	38%	55%	39%	30%
Not very effective	30%	33%	43%	29%	33%	25%	30%
Not effective at all	10%	15%	6%	10%	4%	7%	18%
Don't know	22%	24%	21%	23%	0%	26%	22%

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**Q20. Which of the following accounts for any lack of effectiveness on the part of law enforcement's efforts to restrict the supply of illegal opioids in the Capital Region? [CHOICES ROTATED]**

	Field						
	Total	Social Services/ Non-Profit	Education	Health	Law	Mental Health	Other
Insufficient resources	56%	56%	55%	56%	75%	51%	50%
Inability to obtain information due to HIPAA in cases in which hospitals or other medical professionals are involved	22%	17%	19%	24%	30%	19%	30%
Having to balance arrests with acting to save lives here and now	31%	26%	36%	27%	37%	34%	32%
Not sharing information with other law enforcement agencies	18%	23%	17%	24%	19%	13%	14%
Other	26%	23%	21%	25%	16%	31%	28%

**Q21. How effective have our legislative leaders been in providing support to our community in an effort to combat opioid addiction?**

	Field						
	Total	Social Services/ Non-Profit	Education	Health	Law	Mental Health	Other
Very effective	3%	2%	4%	1%	1%	4%	2%
Somewhat effective	41%	40%	28%	41%	30%	51%	30%
Not very effective	36%	34%	45%	38%	40%	31%	36%
Not effective at all	15%	17%	13%	15%	25%	8%	26%
Don't know	6%	8%	11%	5%	3%	4%	6%

**Specifically, how good a job are our legislative leaders doing as a whole on each of the following? [Q22A-Q22B ROTATED]**

**Q22A. Instituting an effective prescription monitoring program**

	Field						
	Total	Social Services/ Non-Profit	Education	Health	Law	Mental Health	Other
Excellent	6%	4%	2%	11%	3%	8%	0%
Good	29%	30%	13%	36%	16%	36%	16%
Fair	33%	27%	49%	29%	42%	35%	28%
Poor	20%	22%	26%	20%	28%	13%	32%
Don't know	10%	18%	11%	3%	10%	7%	24%

**Q22B. Allocating funding to address opioid addiction**

	Field						
	Total	Social Services/ Non-Profit	Education	Health	Law	Mental Health	Other
Excellent	3%	3%	2%	2%	1%	4%	0%
Good	18%	21%	17%	15%	19%	19%	12%
Fair	38%	32%	38%	38%	40%	43%	26%
Poor	34%	31%	32%	42%	31%	30%	44%
Don't know	8%	14%	11%	2%	7%	4%	18%

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Q23. How effective has the medical field been in combatting opioid addiction?							
		Field					
	Total	Social Services/ Non-Profit	Education	Health	Law	Mental Health	Other
Very effective	2%	3%	2%	2%	3%	2%	2%
Somewhat effective	34%	29%	23%	45%	21%	40%	24%
Not very effective	46%	47%	51%	41%	52%	45%	42%
Not effective at all	12%	13%	6%	10%	15%	10%	26%
Don't know	5%	8%	17%	1%	9%	2%	6%

**Specifically, how good a job are medical professionals doing as a whole on each of the following? [Q24A-Q24E ROTATED]**

Q24A. Appropriately prescribing opioids							
		Field					
	Total	Social Services/ Non-Profit	Education	Health	Law	Mental Health	Other
Excellent	1%	2%	2%	1%	3%	1%	2%
Good	14%	12%	23%	15%	19%	12%	12%
Fair	39%	39%	38%	49%	27%	45%	12%
Poor	34%	29%	30%	31%	34%	34%	54%
Don't know	11%	18%	6%	3%	16%	8%	20%

Q24B. Informing patients of the risks involved in taking prescription opioids							
		Field					
	Total	Social Services/ Non-Profit	Education	Health	Law	Mental Health	Other
Excellent	3%	3%	2%	3%	6%	2%	2%
Good	17%	13%	21%	16%	31%	15%	18%
Fair	33%	33%	30%	38%	22%	36%	26%
Poor	34%	34%	36%	39%	22%	35%	36%
Don't know	12%	17%	11%	4%	18%	11%	18%

Q24C. Treating patients that are currently addicted to opioids							
		Field					
	Total	Social Services/ Non-Profit	Education	Health	Law	Mental Health	Other
Excellent	2%	2%	2%	2%	3%	1%	0%
Good	11%	13%	15%	7%	22%	11%	4%
Fair	36%	23%	38%	51%	39%	37%	24%
Poor	38%	43%	26%	36%	18%	43%	42%
Don't know	13%	20%	19%	3%	18%	8%	30%

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<b>Q24D. Becoming trained in treating patients with opioid addiction</b>							
		<b>Field</b>					
	<b>Total</b>	<b>Social Services/ Non-Profit</b>	<b>Education</b>	<b>Health</b>	<b>Law</b>	<b>Mental Health</b>	<b>Other</b>
<b>Excellent</b>	2%	1%	2%	2%	4%	1%	0%
<b>Good</b>	12%	13%	21%	8%	24%	8%	16%
<b>Fair</b>	31%	22%	26%	42%	30%	35%	20%
<b>Poor</b>	38%	39%	26%	40%	15%	47%	34%
<b>Don't know</b>	17%	25%	26%	9%	27%	9%	30%

<b>Q24E. Utilizing the existing prescription monitoring program</b>							
		<b>Field</b>					
	<b>Total</b>	<b>Social Services/ Non-Profit</b>	<b>Education</b>	<b>Health</b>	<b>Law</b>	<b>Mental Health</b>	<b>Other</b>
<b>Excellent</b>	7%	7%	9%	14%	7%	5%	0%
<b>Good</b>	30%	24%	23%	34%	22%	37%	24%
<b>Fair</b>	32%	34%	38%	36%	27%	29%	28%
<b>Poor</b>	10%	8%	9%	10%	13%	10%	16%
<b>Don't know</b>	20%	27%	21%	6%	30%	18%	32%

A great deal of things have been said about the opioid crisis or at least the current state of opioid use. For each of the following, indicate whether you strongly agree, somewhat agree, somewhat disagree, or strongly disagree.

<b>Q25A. People that abuse opioids should pay the price of their personal choices. It is not up to the rest of us to fix their problems.</b>							
		<b>Field</b>					
	<b>Total</b>	<b>Social Services/ Non-Profit</b>	<b>Education</b>	<b>Health</b>	<b>Law</b>	<b>Mental Health</b>	<b>Other</b>
<b>Strongly agree</b>	4%	3%	4%	2%	15%	2%	8%
<b>Somewhat agree</b>	11%	8%	15%	9%	30%	6%	12%
<b>Somewhat disagree</b>	24%	28%	19%	19%	31%	22%	26%
<b>Strongly disagree</b>	61%	61%	62%	71%	24%	70%	54%

<b>Q25B. Addiction to opioids is a disease and should be treated as a disease just like cancer or heart failure.</b>							
		<b>Field</b>					
	<b>Total</b>	<b>Social Services/ Non-Profit</b>	<b>Education</b>	<b>Health</b>	<b>Law</b>	<b>Mental Health</b>	<b>Other</b>
<b>Strongly agree</b>	67%	65%	64%	75%	22%	77%	68%
<b>Somewhat agree</b>	21%	21%	23%	18%	39%	16%	18%
<b>Somewhat disagree</b>	8%	10%	9%	5%	21%	5%	6%
<b>Strongly disagree</b>	5%	4%	4%	2%	18%	1%	8%

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<b>Q25C. Until we address the root causes, things like inequality and poverty, we will never make any progress combatting opioid abuse.</b>							
	<b>Field</b>						
	<b>Total</b>	<b>Social Services/ Non-Profit</b>	<b>Education</b>	<b>Health</b>	<b>Law</b>	<b>Mental Health</b>	<b>Other</b>
<b>Strongly agree</b>	31%	37%	38%	31%	16%	29%	40%
<b>Somewhat agree</b>	40%	46%	45%	35%	30%	42%	36%
<b>Somewhat disagree</b>	20%	13%	15%	24%	27%	23%	16%
<b>Strongly disagree</b>	9%	4%	2%	10%	27%	6%	8%

<b>Q25D. The opioid crisis is just another sign that we have an untreated mental health crisis.</b>							
	<b>Field</b>						
	<b>Total</b>	<b>Social Services/ Non-Profit</b>	<b>Education</b>	<b>Health</b>	<b>Law</b>	<b>Mental Health</b>	<b>Other</b>
<b>Strongly agree</b>	36%	39%	32%	34%	33%	34%	50%
<b>Somewhat agree</b>	43%	39%	38%	49%	48%	44%	30%
<b>Somewhat disagree</b>	14%	11%	23%	14%	12%	15%	12%
<b>Strongly disagree</b>	7%	11%	6%	3%	7%	7%	8%

<b>Q25E. The pharmaceutical companies must be held legally and financially responsible for the current opioid crisis.</b>							
	<b>Field</b>						
	<b>Total</b>	<b>Social Services/ Non-Profit</b>	<b>Education</b>	<b>Health</b>	<b>Law</b>	<b>Mental Health</b>	<b>Other</b>
<b>Strongly agree</b>	51%	51%	47%	51%	40%	52%	68%
<b>Somewhat agree</b>	33%	33%	36%	34%	30%	35%	16%
<b>Somewhat disagree</b>	12%	12%	15%	10%	21%	9%	12%
<b>Strongly disagree</b>	4%	4%	2%	6%	9%	3%	4%

<b>Q25F. Medical professionals should be allowed to actually prescribe heroin to patients in cases in which they deem this to be the best option.</b>							
	<b>Field</b>						
	<b>Total</b>	<b>Social Services/ Non-Profit</b>	<b>Education</b>	<b>Health</b>	<b>Law</b>	<b>Mental Health</b>	<b>Other</b>
<b>Strongly agree</b>	8%	11%	4%	6%	3%	8%	16%
<b>Somewhat agree</b>	16%	19%	23%	15%	7%	13%	22%
<b>Somewhat disagree</b>	20%	19%	21%	26%	18%	19%	12%
<b>Strongly disagree</b>	56%	51%	51%	52%	72%	60%	50%

<b>Q25G. We should enlarge emergency room facilities so that we can accommodate treatment for addiction to opioids as well as we currently treat physical emergencies.</b>							
	<b>Field</b>						
	<b>Total</b>	<b>Social Services/ Non-Profit</b>	<b>Education</b>	<b>Health</b>	<b>Law</b>	<b>Mental Health</b>	<b>Other</b>
<b>Strongly agree</b>	34%	30%	36%	41%	12%	41%	32%
<b>Somewhat agree</b>	35%	38%	40%	25%	39%	38%	30%
<b>Somewhat disagree</b>	23%	26%	19%	22%	31%	18%	30%
<b>Strongly disagree</b>	8%	6%	4%	12%	18%	3%	8%

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<b>Q25H. We should make Naloxone or Narcan, the medication used to block the effects of opioids, readily and freely available to law enforcement and medical professionals.</b>							
		<b>Field</b>					
	<b>Total</b>	<b>Social Services/ Non-Profit</b>	<b>Education</b>	<b>Health</b>	<b>Law</b>	<b>Mental Health</b>	<b>Other</b>
<b>Strongly agree</b>	83%	80%	70%	90%	73%	87%	78%
<b>Somewhat agree</b>	12%	16%	21%	8%	15%	10%	10%
<b>Somewhat disagree</b>	3%	4%	6%	1%	3%	2%	8%
<b>Strongly disagree</b>	2%	0%	2%	2%	9%	1%	4%

<b>Q25I. The current opioid crisis is more insidious than previous public health crises, as overdosing on some opioids including heroin and fentanyl is killing people at previously unheard of rates.</b>							
		<b>Field</b>					
	<b>Total</b>	<b>Social Services/ Non-Profit</b>	<b>Education</b>	<b>Health</b>	<b>Law</b>	<b>Mental Health</b>	<b>Other</b>
<b>Strongly agree</b>	59%	51%	55%	60%	51%	66%	68%
<b>Somewhat agree</b>	30%	36%	28%	32%	37%	26%	18%
<b>Somewhat disagree</b>	8%	11%	13%	6%	9%	6%	12%
<b>Strongly disagree</b>	2%	3%	4%	2%	3%	1%	2%

**Please indicate whether you support or oppose each of the following initiatives that have been suggested here in New York State:  
 [Q26A-Q26J ROTATED]**

<b>Q26A. Strengthening the prescription monitoring service to prevent consumers from 'doctor shopping' for multiple prescriptions</b>							
		<b>Field</b>					
	<b>Total</b>	<b>Social Services/ Non-Profit</b>	<b>Education</b>	<b>Health</b>	<b>Law</b>	<b>Mental Health</b>	<b>Other</b>
<b>Support</b>	95%	94%	96%	92%	100%	96%	96%
<b>Oppose</b>	5%	6%	4%	8%	0%	4%	4%

<b>Q26B. Improving access to medications like methadone and buprenorphine, which are opioids themselves, as a way to wean addicts off other opioids</b>							
		<b>Field</b>					
	<b>Total</b>	<b>Social Services/ Non-Profit</b>	<b>Education</b>	<b>Health</b>	<b>Law</b>	<b>Mental Health</b>	<b>Other</b>
<b>Support</b>	83%	84%	85%	88%	54%	90%	70%
<b>Oppose</b>	17%	16%	15%	12%	46%	10%	30%

<b>Q26C. Increasing support to syringe exchange programs</b>							
		<b>Field</b>					
	<b>Total</b>	<b>Social Services/ Non-Profit</b>	<b>Education</b>	<b>Health</b>	<b>Law</b>	<b>Mental Health</b>	<b>Other</b>
<b>Support</b>	77%	78%	76%	85%	42%	85%	74%
<b>Oppose</b>	23%	22%	24%	15%	58%	16%	26%



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<b>Q26D. Charging the Attorney General of the State of New York to initiate legal proceedings against pharmaceutical companies deemed to be responsible for the promotion of opioids as safe and effective drugs</b>							
		Field					
	Total	Social Services/ Non-Profit	Education	Health	Law	Mental Health	Other
<b>Support</b>	82%	84%	83%	80%	69%	86%	87%
<b>Oppose</b>	18%	16%	17%	20%	31%	14%	13%
<b>Q26E. Punishing doctors that are shown to over-prescribe opioids</b>							
		Field					
	Total	Social Services/ Non-Profit	Education	Health	Law	Mental Health	Other
<b>Support</b>	81%	82%	89%	71%	83%	85%	79%
<b>Oppose</b>	19%	18%	11%	29%	17%	15%	21%
<b>Q26F. Expanding drug rehabilitation programs within correctional facilities</b>							
		Field					
	Total	Social Services/ Non-Profit	Education	Health	Law	Mental Health	Other
<b>Support</b>	95%	97%	93%	96%	86%	98%	91%
<b>Oppose</b>	5%	3%	7%	4%	14%	3%	9%
<b>Q26G. Increasing funding for supervised injection sites where it would be safe to use heroin and other injected opioids</b>							
		Field					
	Total	Social Services/ Non-Profit	Education	Health	Law	Mental Health	Other
<b>Support</b>	54%	51%	65%	63%	20%	58%	57%
<b>Oppose</b>	46%	49%	35%	37%	80%	42%	43%
<b>Q26H. Allowing doctors to order involuntary treatment for opioid addiction in cases in which the doctor believes the patient's life may be at risk</b>							
		Field					
	Total	Social Services/ Non-Profit	Education	Health	Law	Mental Health	Other
<b>Support</b>	73%	66%	85%	70%	82%	73%	74%
<b>Oppose</b>	27%	34%	15%	30%	18%	27%	26%
<b>Q26I. Requiring healthcare insurance companies to increase benefits for treatment beyond medical detox</b>							
		Field					
	Total	Social Services/ Non-Profit	Education	Health	Law	Mental Health	Other
<b>Support</b>	94%	96%	96%	94%	82%	98%	89%
<b>Oppose</b>	6%	4%	4%	6%	18%	3%	11%

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<b>Q26J. Working with online platforms that both dealers and users use in order to interrupt access to drugs</b>							
		<b>Field</b>					
	<b>Total</b>	<b>Social Services/ Non-Profit</b>	<b>Education</b>	<b>Health</b>	<b>Law</b>	<b>Mental Health</b>	<b>Other</b>
<b>Support</b>	85%	78%	91%	93%	83%	84%	85%
<b>Oppose</b>	15%	22%	9%	7%	17%	17%	15%

**Q27. Assume for a second that you were going to decide how to spend 100% of the money that is available in New York State to address the opioid crisis. What percent of the money would you spend on each of the following? Your answer must total to 100%. [CHOICES ROTATED]**

		<b>Field</b>					
	<b>Total</b>	<b>Social Services/ Non-Profit</b>	<b>Education</b>	<b>Health</b>	<b>Law</b>	<b>Mental Health</b>	<b>Other</b>
<b>Addressing the root causes of addiction</b>	22%	26%	27%	20%	17%	21%	23%
<b>Public education and awareness</b>	17%	16%	18%	16%	14%	19%	15%
<b>Addressing those that are responsible for opioid abuse both through litigation and regulation</b>	12%	10%	12%	11%	16%	11%	14%
<b>Empowering the criminal justice system to address the problem.</b>	12%	9%	9%	12%	27%	10%	9%
<b>Funding treatment and rehabilitation</b>	37%	39%	34%	41%	26%	39%	39%

**Q28. Given what you know about the measures we have already taken as a society to address the opioid epidemic, do you think the problem of opioid abuse will get worse, stay the same or get better?**

		<b>Field</b>					
	<b>Total</b>	<b>Social Services/ Non-Profit</b>	<b>Education</b>	<b>Health</b>	<b>Law</b>	<b>Mental Health</b>	<b>Other</b>
<b>Get worse</b>	51%	52%	43%	50%	63%	46%	65%
<b>Stay the same</b>	30%	33%	32%	31%	28%	28%	26%
<b>Get better</b>	19%	15%	25%	19%	9%	26%	9%

**Which of the following most closely matches the field you work in? If you work in multiple fields listed below, please choose the**

	<b>Total</b>						
<b>Social Services/Non-Profit</b>	20%						
<b>Education</b>	8%						
<b>Health</b>	20%						
<b>Law</b>	11%						
<b>Mental Health</b>	33%						
<b>Other</b>	8%						