

**Delaware School Survey:  
Alcohol, Tobacco  
& Other Drug Abuse  
Among Delaware Students  
2012**

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## DELAWARE SCHOOL SURVEYS OVERVIEW

This study is the continuation of a survey that was first administered to Delaware students in Spring, 1989. From 1989 through 1994, the survey was conducted for the Delaware Department of Education with the Perspectives, Attitudes and Use Survey (PAUS). From 1995 to 1998, the Delaware School Survey of Alcohol, Tobacco and Other Drug Abuse was supported by the Delaware Prevention Coalition (administered through the Office of Prevention in the Department of Services for Children, Youth and Their Families) and conducted by the Center for Drug and Alcohol Studies at the University of Delaware. From 1999 the 2003, the survey was a part of the Delaware State Incentive Grant (SIG) Cooperative Agreement from the Substance Abuse and Mental Health Services Administration's Center for Substance Abuse Prevention (CSAP). The Delaware SIG was administered by Delaware Health and Social Services, Division of Substance Abuse and Mental Health. Since 2004, the Delaware School Survey has been jointly sponsored by the Delaware Legislature through the Delaware Health Fund and by support from the Division of Substance Abuse and Mental Health through federal Prevention Block Grant funding.

The objectives of the Delaware School Survey are:

- A. To provide estimates of students' Alcohol, Tobacco and Other Drug Abuse (ATODA) attitudes as well as the incidence and prevalence of substance use for National Outcomes Measures (NOMS) reporting and other reports to federal agencies;
- B. To provide estimates of student ATODA incidence, prevalence, abuse, and dependence for state assessment, planning, and funding purposes;
- C. To provide ongoing trend data; and
- D. To provide information for other state and local planning and assessment purposes – particularly to individual schools and districts.

Since 1999 the survey has been expanded from the sample used in previous years to an attempt to interview most 5<sup>th</sup>, 8<sup>th</sup>, and 11<sup>th</sup> graders in the Delaware public schools. The survey is conducted from January into June each year as an anonymous classroom administration, using a form that can be completed in no more than one class period. Classroom administrations are conducted by University of Delaware personnel, rather than by teachers, to reduce teacher burden and to help increase students' perceptions that the results were not seen by school personnel. Classroom administrations are coordinated with two other surveys administered in Delaware Schools asking about substance use: the Centers for Disease Control and Prevention (CDC) Youth Risk Behavior Survey (YRBS), which is administered in odd years and the CDC's Youth Tobacco Survey (YTS) which is administered in even years. This coordination ensures that no classroom has to complete more than one survey in any year. Parents are informed about the survey and given the opportunity to decide if their child should not participate. Students also get to choose whether to participate. Only a very small number of parents or students chose not to participate. All consent procedures are reviewed annually and approved by the University of Delaware's Institutional Review Board. The numbers of completed interviews, after excluding any students who reported using a fictitious drug (included as a question) or who otherwise obviously falsified their answers, are reported in the following table.

### SAMPLE DESCRIPTION -- DELAWARE SCHOOL SURVEY

	<b>FIFTH GRADE (N= 8260)</b>	<b>EIGHTH GRADE (N= 5651)</b>	<b>ELEVENTH GRADE (N= 4730)</b>
<b>GENDER (%)</b>			
<b>Males</b>	<b>50</b>	<b>50</b>	<b>49</b>
<b>Females</b>	<b>50</b>	<b>50</b>	<b>51</b>
<b>ETHNICITY (%)</b>			
<b>White Non-Hispanic</b>	<b>39</b>	<b>48</b>	<b>50</b>
<b>Black Non-Hispanic</b>	<b>26</b>	<b>24</b>	<b>25</b>
<b>Hispanic/Latino</b>	<b>16</b>	<b>16</b>	<b>14</b>
<b>Other</b>	<b>19</b>	<b>12</b>	<b>11</b>
<b>COUNTY (Ns)</b>			
<b>New Castle</b>	<b>4623</b>	<b>3673</b>	<b>2603</b>
<b>Kent</b>	<b>2103</b>	<b>1392</b>	<b>1707</b>
<b>Sussex</b>	<b>1521</b>	<b>1187</b>	<b>968</b>

The survey included the Census version of race/ethnicity. In this format, race, and whether students consider themselves Hispanic are asked in two separate questions. Some students who would have previously identified themselves as white, African-American or "other" are now identified as Hispanics.

Surveys were completed in all 19 school districts in the State and in all but one Charter School. Each of our samples since 1999 allows for statewide and countywide estimates that have much greater reliability and smaller confidence intervals than were available in previous years.

Since 1995, the cooperation and assistance of the schools and school district offices has been essential to completing the study, and we are very grateful for their help. This year, once again, all public schools in the State (with the exception of the Charter School of Wilmington) agreed to participate. The results have proved useful and important for the state agencies involved, for legislative initiatives, and for the communities statewide who are dealing with the problems of alcohol, tobacco, and other drug use among youth. The expanded samples from 1999 to present have proven even more useful than in providing community-level data to schools, state agencies, and communities statewide dealing with the problems of alcohol, tobacco, and other drug use among youth. Reports to the districts since 1999 have been based on significantly more reliable samples. Data from this year's survey are being used for Federal reporting requirements to the Office of National Drug Control Policy, the Department of Health and Humans Services, the Department of Education, and the CDC. Results from the surveys are also a regular part of the *Kids Count* Reports in Delaware. The findings are being used by schools and by school districts in their applications for competitive state and federal grants. Information is used to measure prevention program effectiveness in schools and communities. The ongoing collaboration of schools, state agencies, the Delaware legislature and the University of Delaware enables us to provide this service to the State of Delaware.

**I. Trends in Past Month or Regular Drug Use in Delaware, 1989-Present**

**Cigarette, Alcohol, and Marijuana Use Among 5th, 8th, 11th Graders**

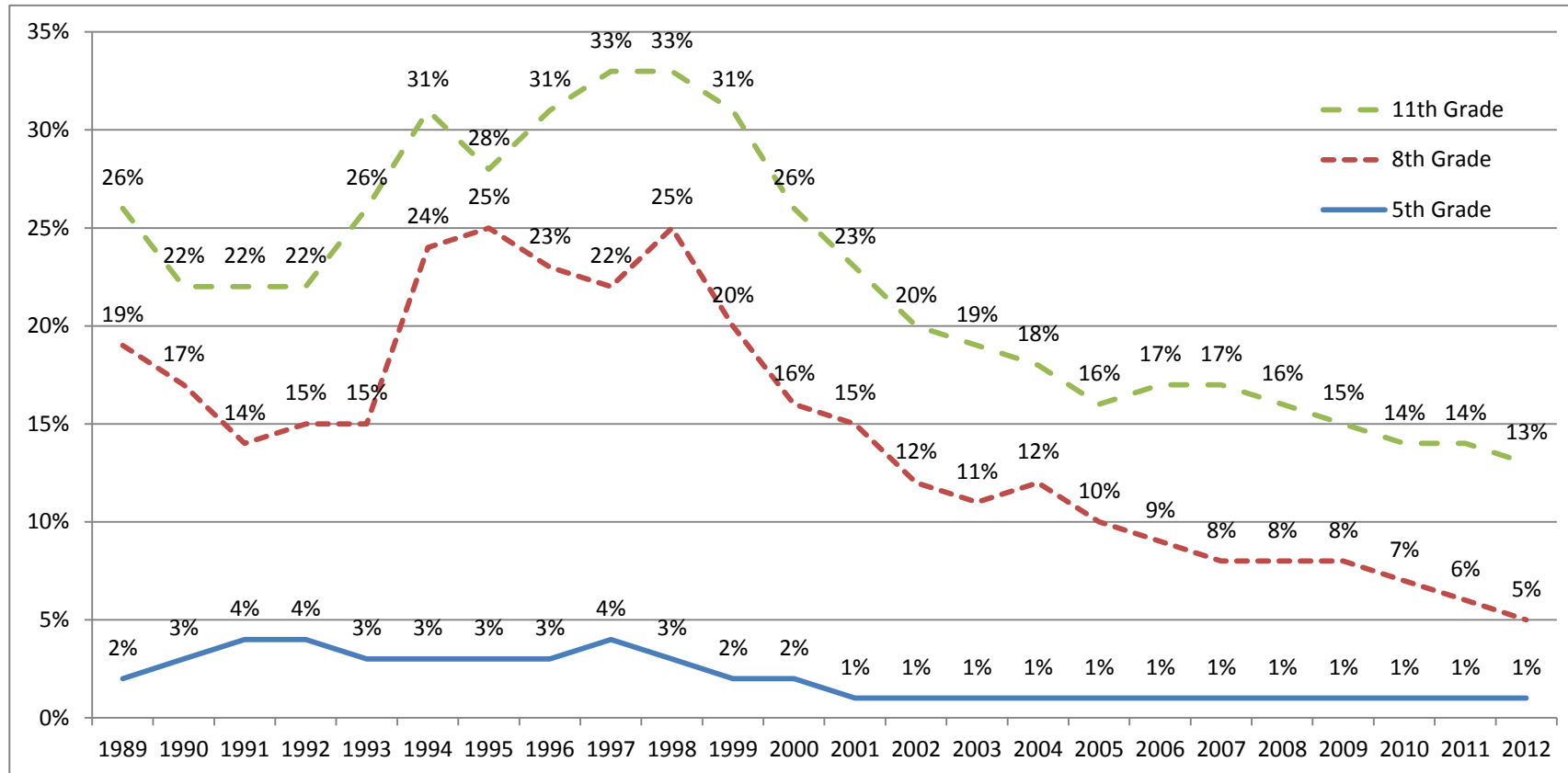
**Inhalant, Hallucinogen, Stimulant, Cocaine, Heroin, Ecstasy, and Prescription Drug Use Among 8th Graders**

**Inhalant, Hallucinogen, Stimulant, Cocaine, Heroin, Ecstasy, and Prescription Drug Use Among 11th Graders**

**Average Age of Onset for Tobacco, Alcohol, and Marijuana for 8th and 11th Graders**

**Perceived Risk of Using Tobacco, Alcohol, and Marijuana for 8th and 11th Graders**

## TRENDS IN DELAWARE STUDENTS' CIGARETTE USE BY GRADE SELF-REPORTED REGULAR USE, 1989 - Present



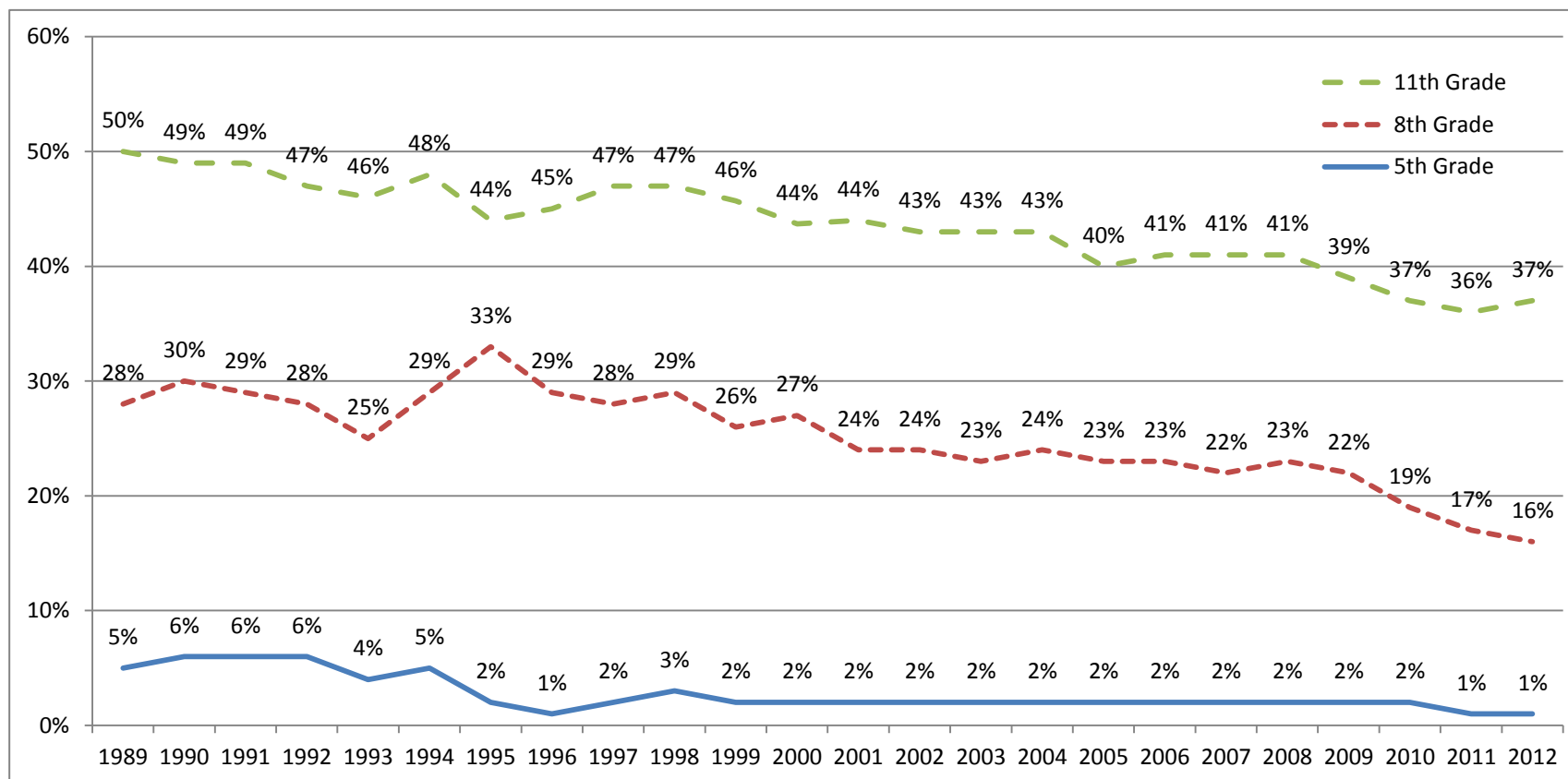
Regular use is defined as reports of one cigarette once a month or more often; see footnote page.

Source: Data Base/DiagnosticsPlus (1989-1993); Department of Public Instruction (1994); Delaware School Survey, Center for Drug and Alcohol Studies, University of Delaware (1995-Present).

These statistics contribute to the National Outcome Measures (NOMs)

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## TRENDS IN DELAWARE STUDENTS' ALCOHOL USE BY GRADE SELF-REPORTED REGULAR USE, 1989 - Present



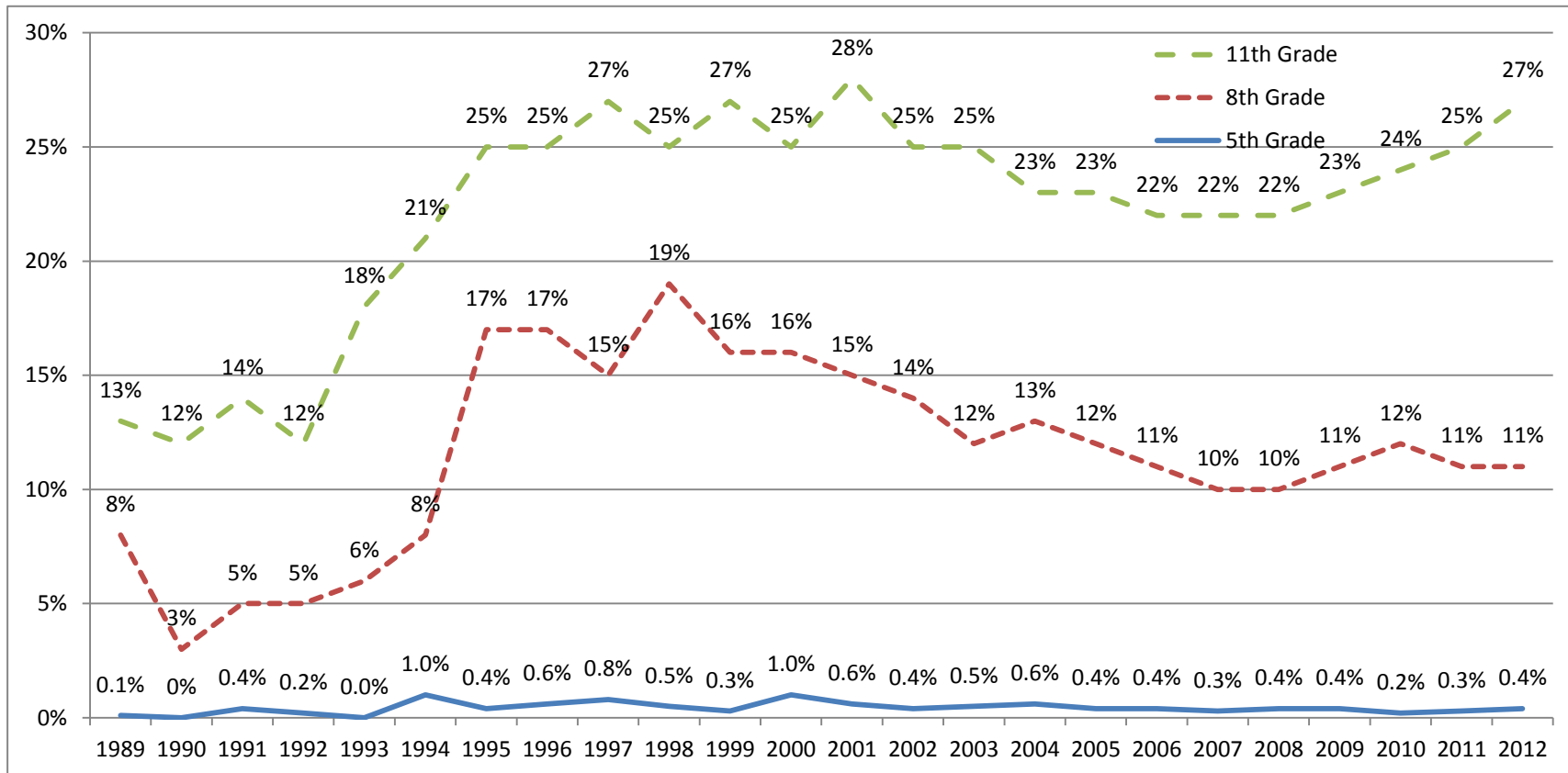
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## TRENDS IN DELAWARE STUDENTS' MARIJUANA USE BY GRADE SELF-REPORTED REGULAR USE, 1989 - Present



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**TRENDS IN MONTHLY USE OF OTHER ILLEGAL DRUGS  
AMONG DELAWARE EIGHTH GRADERS 1989-Present  
(Percentages)**

DRUG	1989	1990	1991	1992	1993	1994	1995	1996	1997	1998	1999	2000	2001	2002	2003	2004	2005	2006	2007	2008	2009	2010	2011	2012
Inhalants <sup>c</sup>	2	2	2	1	2	2	9	6	9	8	5	6	5	5	6	6	2	2	2	2	1	2	1	1
Hallucinogens	1	-	1	1	1	1	2	2	1	1	2	2	1	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-
Stimulants	4	2	2	2	2	2	2	1	2	2	2	2	1	1	1	1	1	-	-	-	-	-	-	-
Cocaine	1	-	1	-	-	1	1	-	1	1	1	1	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-
Heroin <sup>a</sup>	na	na	na	na	na	na	na	na	1	1	-	1	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-
Designer Drugs/ Ecstasy <sup>ab</sup>	na	na	na	na	na	na	-	1	1	-	-	1	1	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-
Ritalin <sup>a</sup>	na	na	na	na	na	na	na	na	na	na	na	na	2	1	1	1	1	1	1	1	1	1	-	1
Painkillers <sup>a</sup>	na	na	na	na	na	na	na	na	na	na	na	na	na	3	2	3	2	3	2	2	2	2	1	2
Prescription Drugs (Past Year) <sup>a</sup>	na	na	na	na	na	na	na	na	na	na	na	na	na	na	na	na	13	15	11	12	13	12	12	11
Any Illegal Drugs (excluding marijuana) <sup>a</sup>	na	na	na	na	na	na	na	na	na	na	8	9	8	7	9	10	6	6	5	6	5	4	5	4

Note: (-) indicates less than one-half of one percent.

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<sup>b</sup> Through 1999, the question asked about "designer drugs (XTC, Special K & Roche)". From 2000 on, the question asked explicitly about ecstasy.

<sup>c</sup>Inhalant question altered in 2005 and subsequently

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**TRENDS IN MONTHLY USE OF OTHER ILLEGAL DRUGS  
AMONG DELAWARE ELEVENTH GRADERS 1989-Present  
(Percentages)**

DRUG	1989	1990	1991	1992	1993	1994	1995	1996	1997	1998	1999	2000	2001	2002	2003	2004	2005	2006	2007	2008	2009	2010	2011	2012
Inhalant <sup>c</sup>	3	2	1	2	1	4	2	3	3	2	3	3	3	2	2	2	1	1	-	1	-	-	-	-
Hallucinogens	2	1	3	2	3	4	3	3	3	3	2	2	2	1	-	-	1	1	1	-	-	-	1	-
Stimulants	3	2	3	3	3	4	2	2	4	3	2	3	2	1	2	1	1	1	-	-	1	-	-	-
Cocaine	3	2	1	1	-	1	1	2	2	2	1	1	1	-	1	-	1	1	1	1	1	-	-	-
Heroin <sup>a</sup>	1	-	1	-	-	na	1	1	1	1	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-
Designer Drugs/ Ecstasy <sup>ab</sup>	na	na	na	na	na	na	-	1	1	1	1	3	2	1	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-
Ritalin <sup>a</sup>	na	na	na	na	na	na	na	na	na	na	na	na	2	2	3	2	2	2	2	2	2	2	2	1
Painkillers <sup>a</sup>	na	na	na	na	na	na	na	na	na	na	na	na	na	4	4	4	4	4	4	4	4	4	3	3
Prescription Drugs (Past Year) <sup>a</sup>	na	na	na	na	na	na	na	na	na	na	na	na	na	na	na	na	18	22	20	20	21	20	20	19
Any Illegal Drugs (excluding marijuana) <sup>a</sup>	na	na	na	na	na	na	na	na	na	na	7	8	8	6	9	8	7	7	6	7	7	6	6	6

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## **Important Footnote to the Trend Graphs and Tables of Delaware Students' Report of Monthly or Regular Use:**

⇒ The data from the 1989 - 1994 PAUS Survey, administered for the Delaware Department of Public Instruction (DPI), come from responses to the questions: "How often do you usually use (or have ever used) each of:

Cigarettes

Alcohol (beer, wine, liquor, coolers)

Marijuana (grass, pot, hash, weed)

With response categories: "never," "once or twice before but not again," "about once or twice a year," "about once or twice a month," "about once or twice a week," and "almost every day." Responses of (about once or twice a month) or more often are considered monthly or regular use.

⇒ The data from the 1995 - present year University of Delaware Surveys for 5th graders come from responses to a question similar to that used in the PAUS survey. The data for 8th and 11th graders are different. They come from the questions used in the national Monitoring the Future Surveys (MTF):

"In the past month,

how many cigarettes have you smoked

how many times have you had a drink (not just a few sips) of alcohol  
(beer, wine, liquor, mixed drinks)

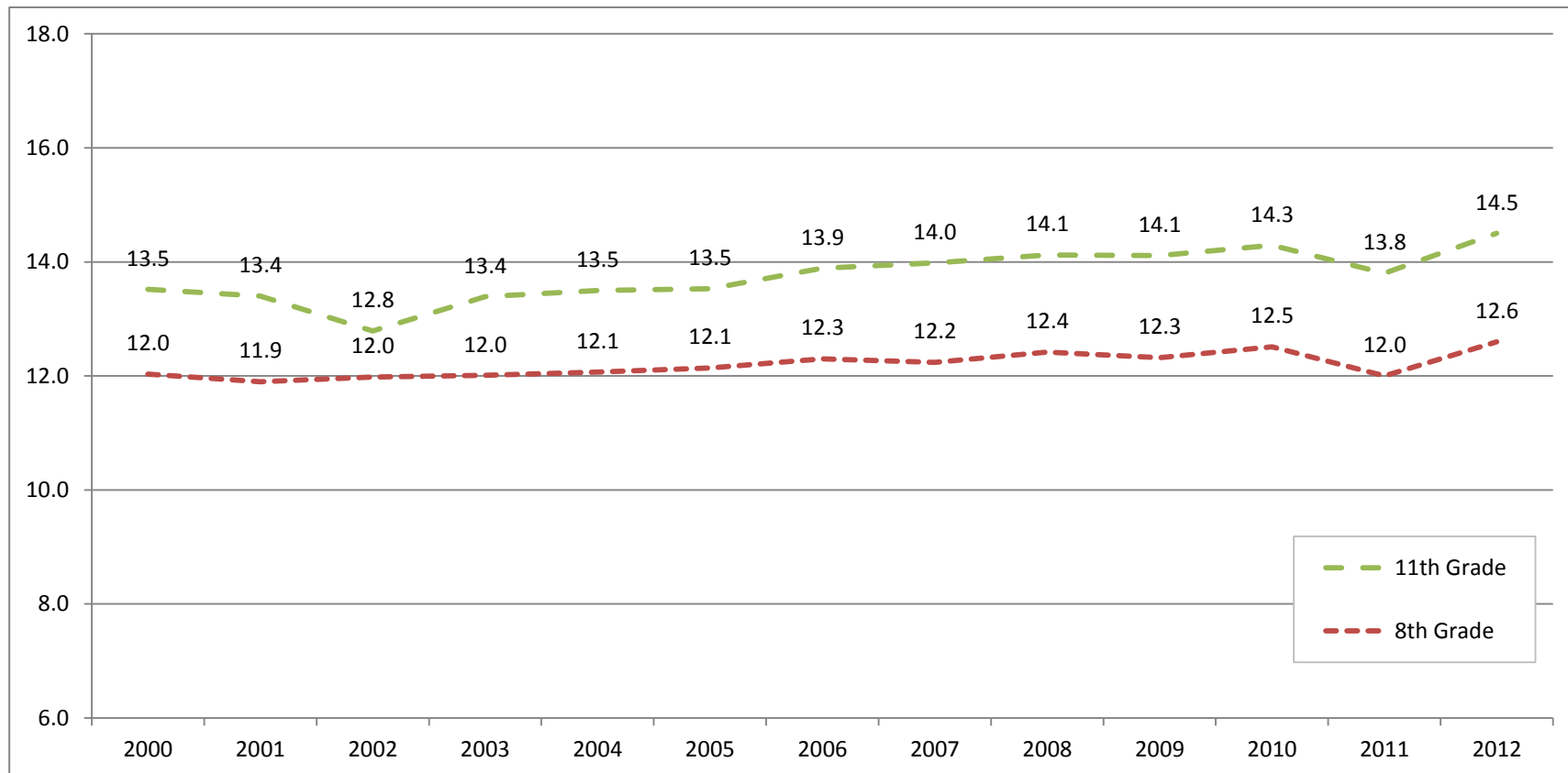
how many times have you smoked marijuana (grass, pot, hash, weed)

⇒ Responses of one full cigarette and one time or more are coded as regular use.

In both the PAUS and UD surveys, any student who reports use of a fictitious drug ("dactyls") is excluded from the analysis.

Nationally, use of marijuana by youth escalated dramatically between 1993 and 1995. It increased even more dramatically in Delaware; however, the change in wording after 1995 may explain part of the increase in drug use shown in the figures from 1994 to 1995. This is particularly true for the 8th graders, if one assumes that past month use may be experimental and not indicative of what one "usually uses." This means the 1995-present year question may be measuring past month use rather than past month regular use. And the Delaware estimates for 1989-1994 may actually underestimate past month use, as measured in the national MTF and National Household surveys. The question format has been consistent since 1995.

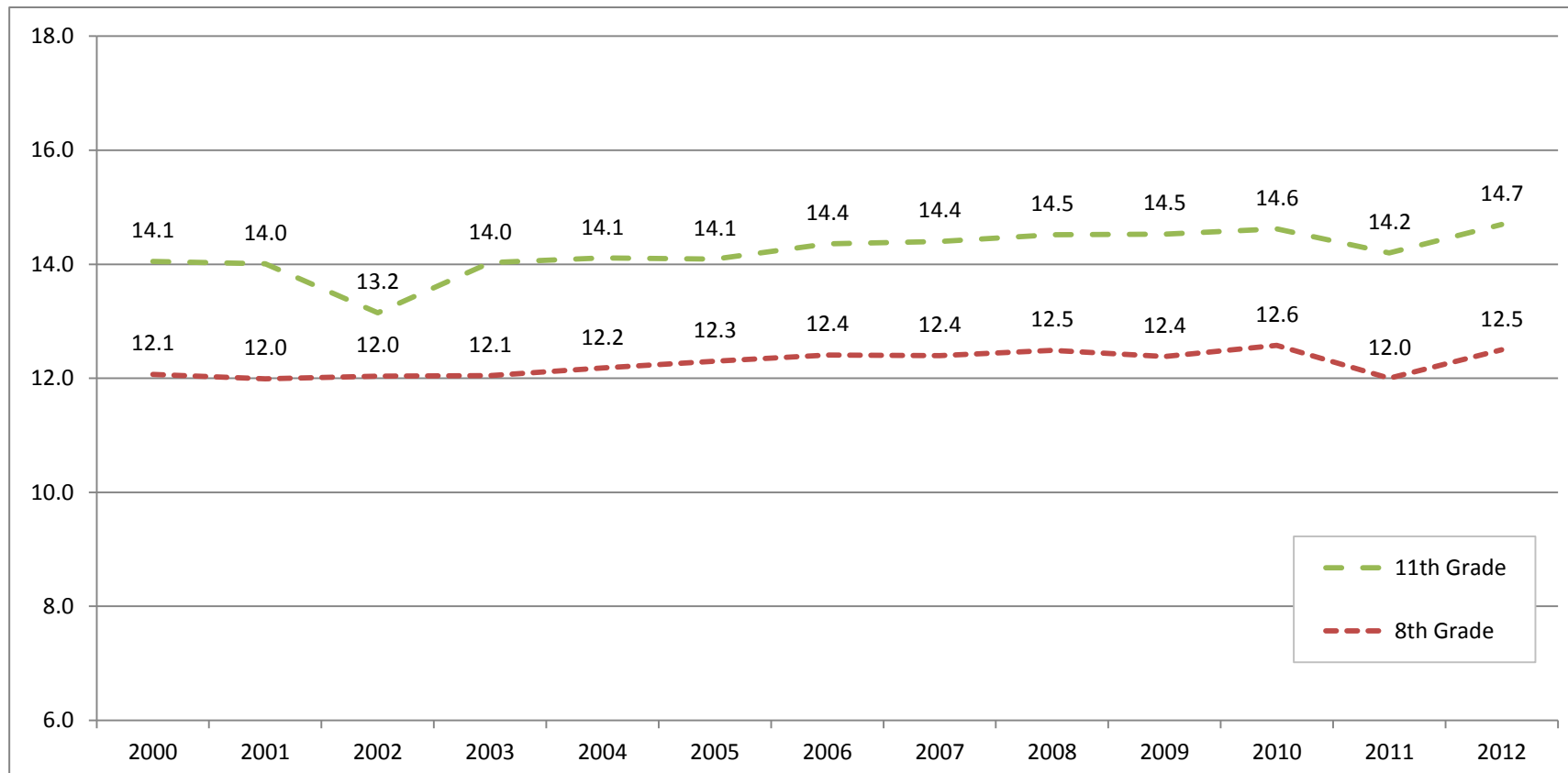
## TRENDS IN DELAWARE STUDENTS' AVERAGE AGE OF ONSET Age First Used Tobacco\*



\* Among those who have ever smoked

These statistics contribute to the National Outcome Measures (NOMs)

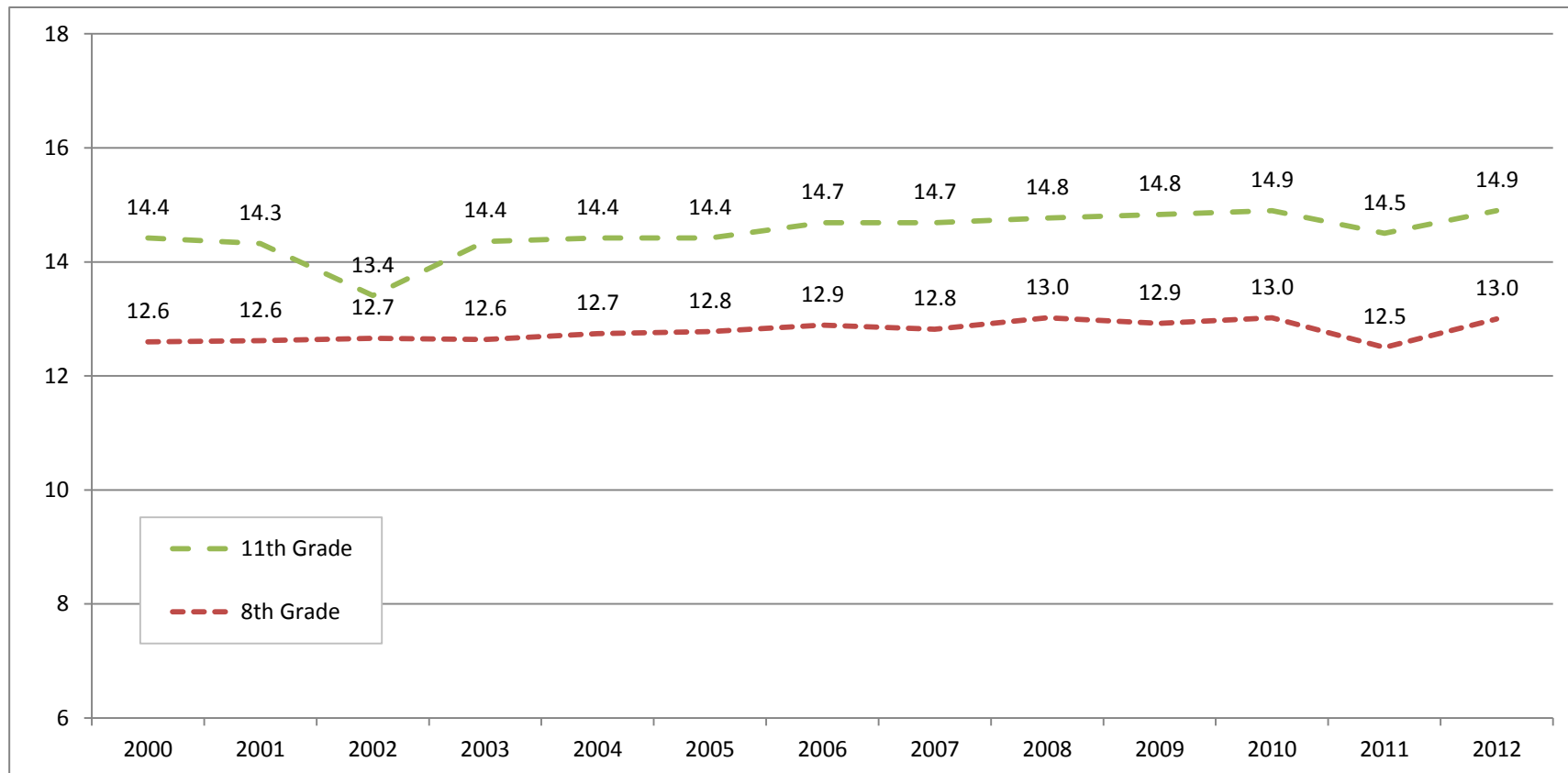
## TRENDS IN DELAWARE STUDENTS' AVERAGE AGE OF ONSET Age First Used Alcohol\*



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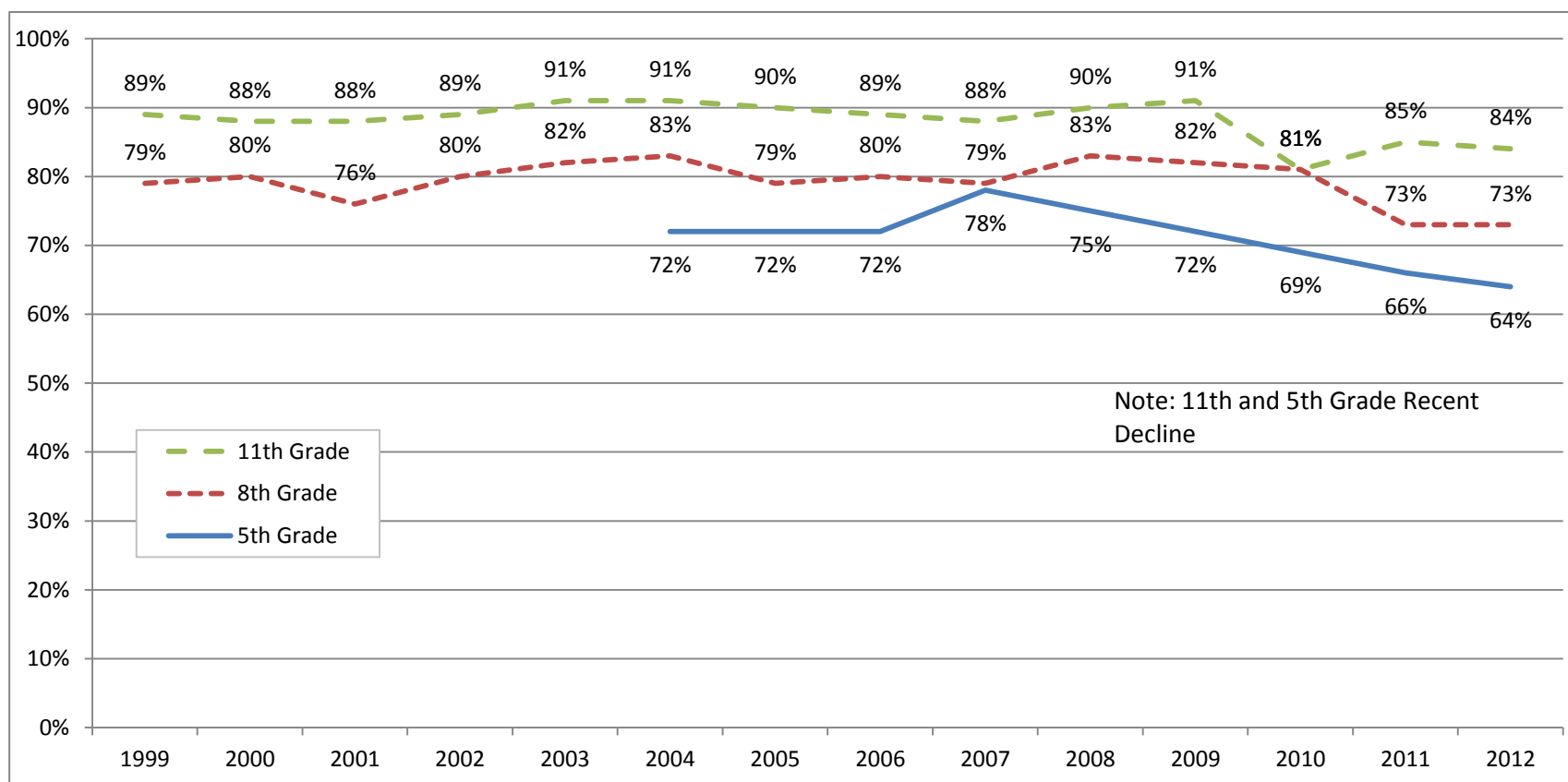


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## TRENDS IN DELAWARE STUDENTS' PERCEIVED RISK BY GRADE

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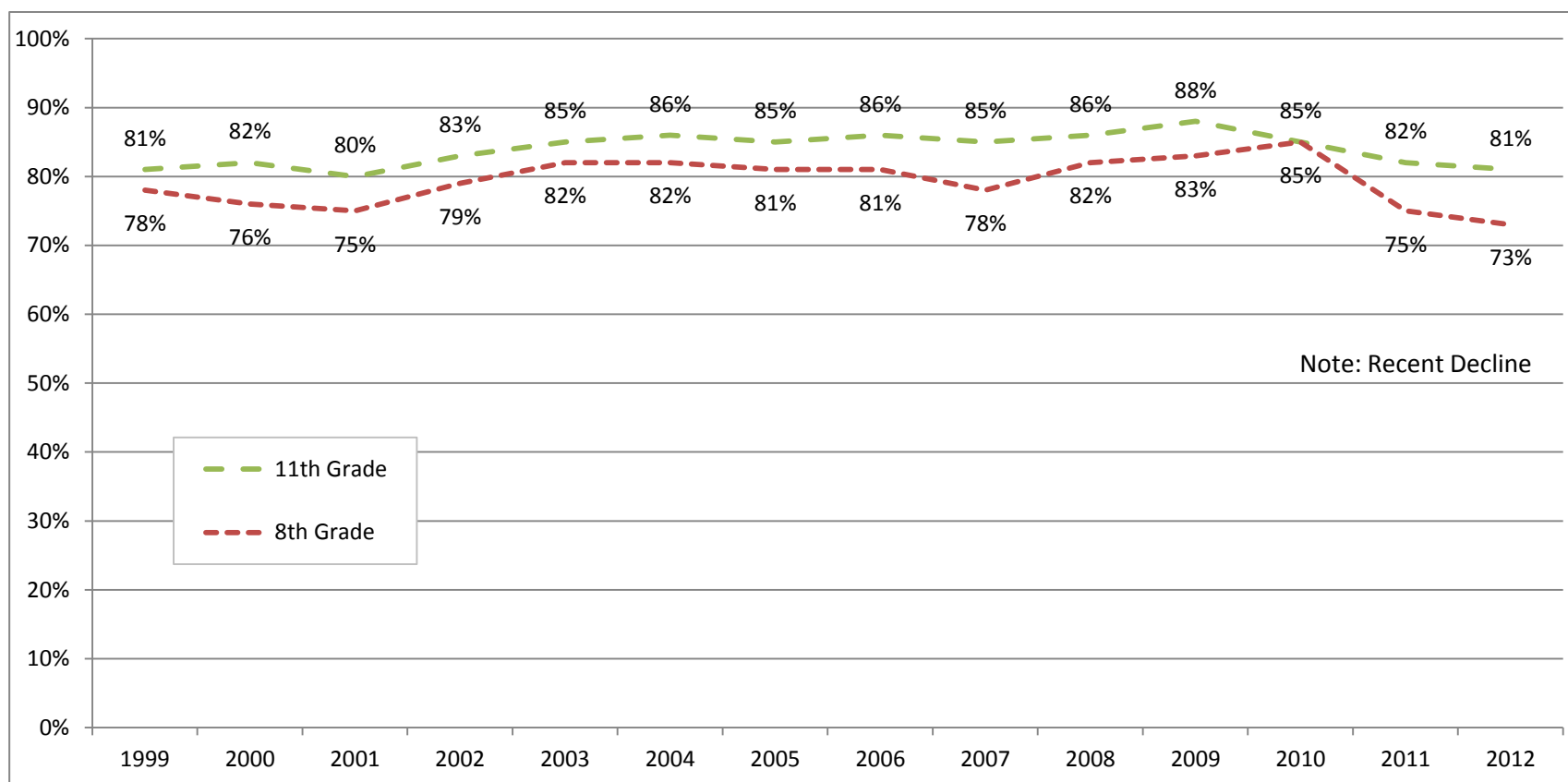


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"Perceived Risk" refers to students who reported "Moderate Risk" or "Great Risk" of harming themselves by using this substance

Note: Displayed percentiles are rounded to the nearest whole number

## TRENDS IN DELAWARE STUDENTS' PERCEIVED RISK BY GRADE Binge Drinking



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Binge drinking is defined as having five or more drinks in one sitting

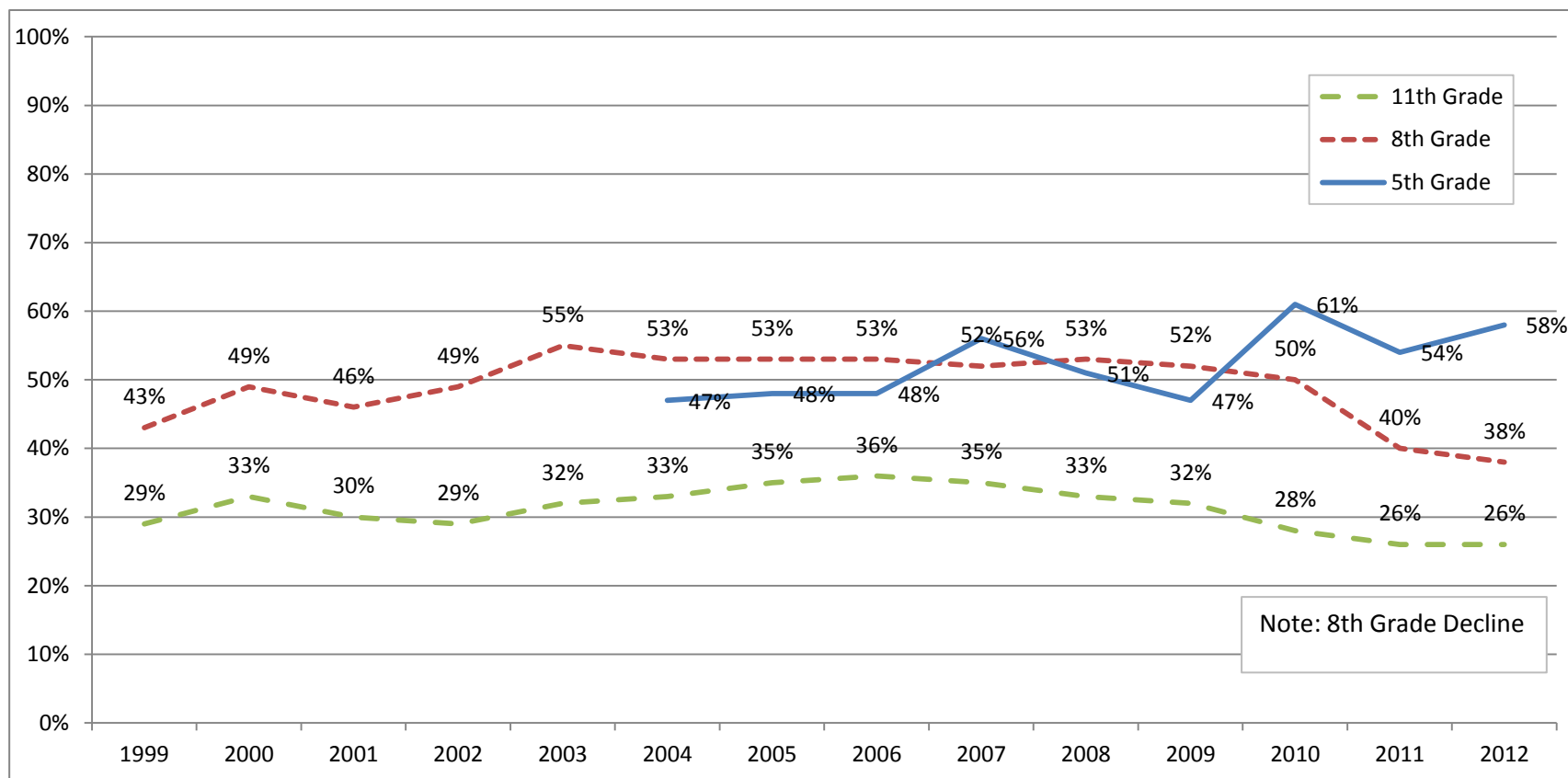
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### Trying Marijuana

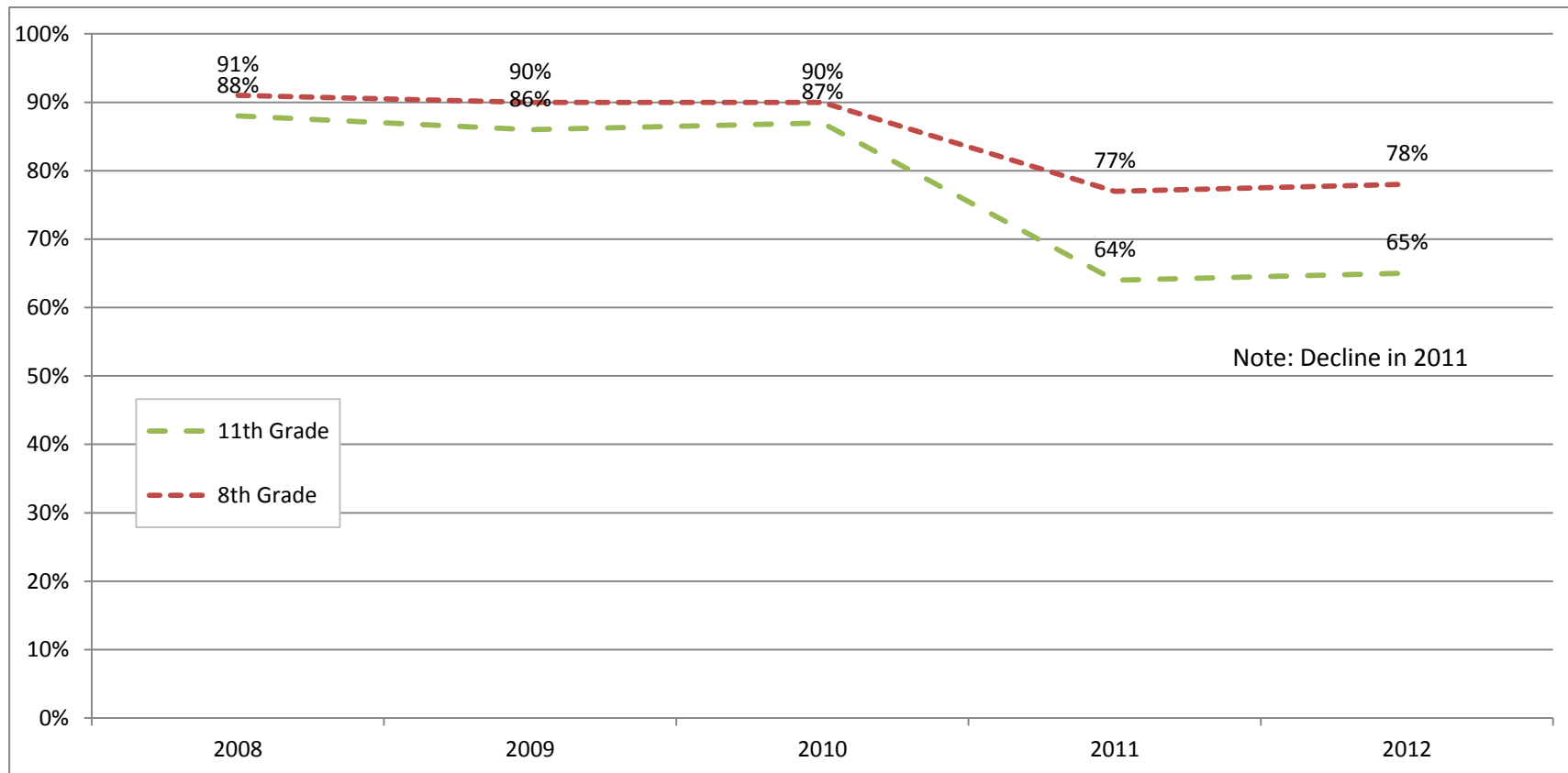


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## TRENDS IN DELAWARE STUDENTS' DISAPPROVAL BY GRADE Using Tobacco

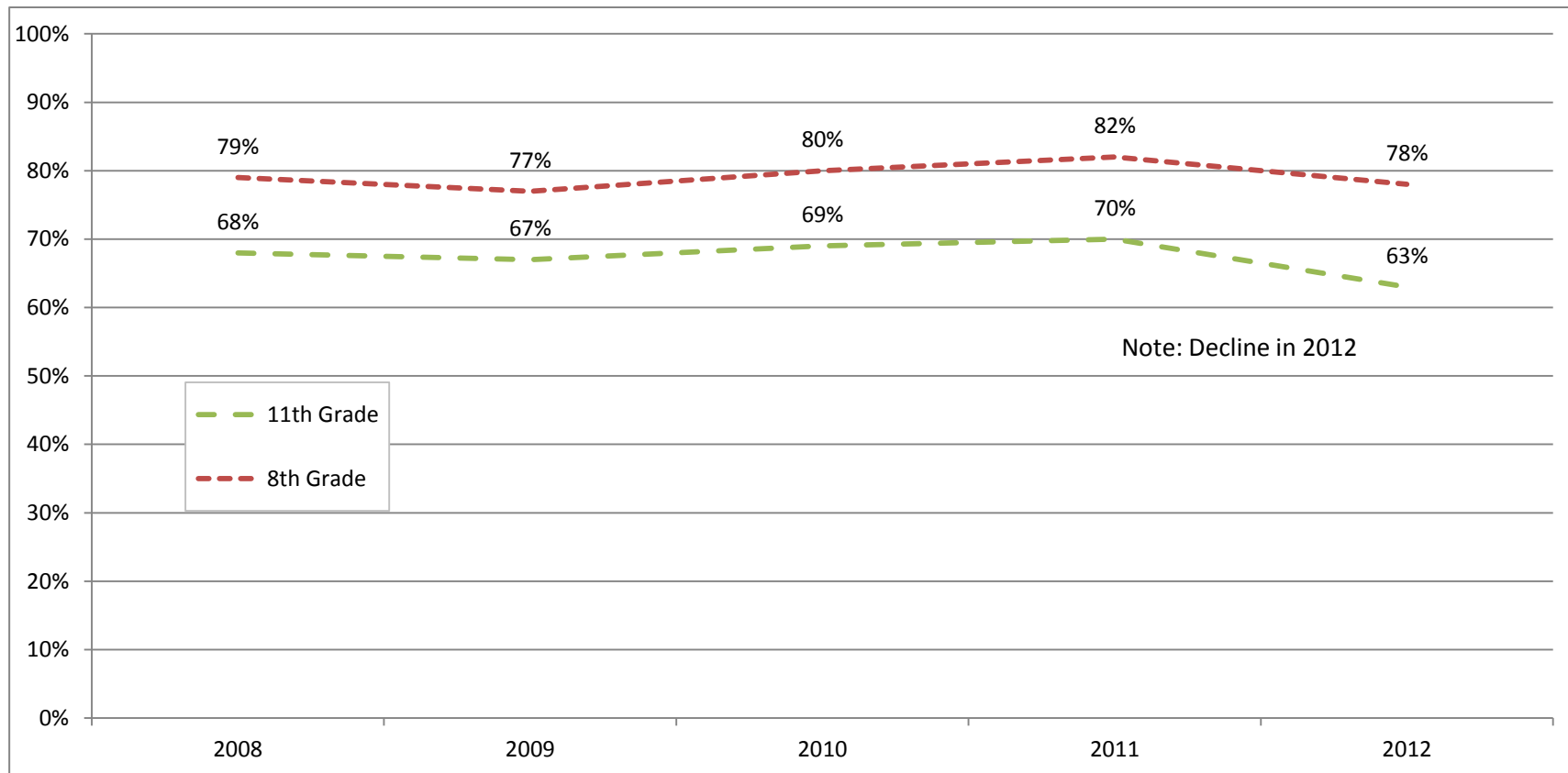


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## TRENDS IN DELAWARE STUDENTS' DISAPPROVAL BY GRADE Using Alcohol Daily

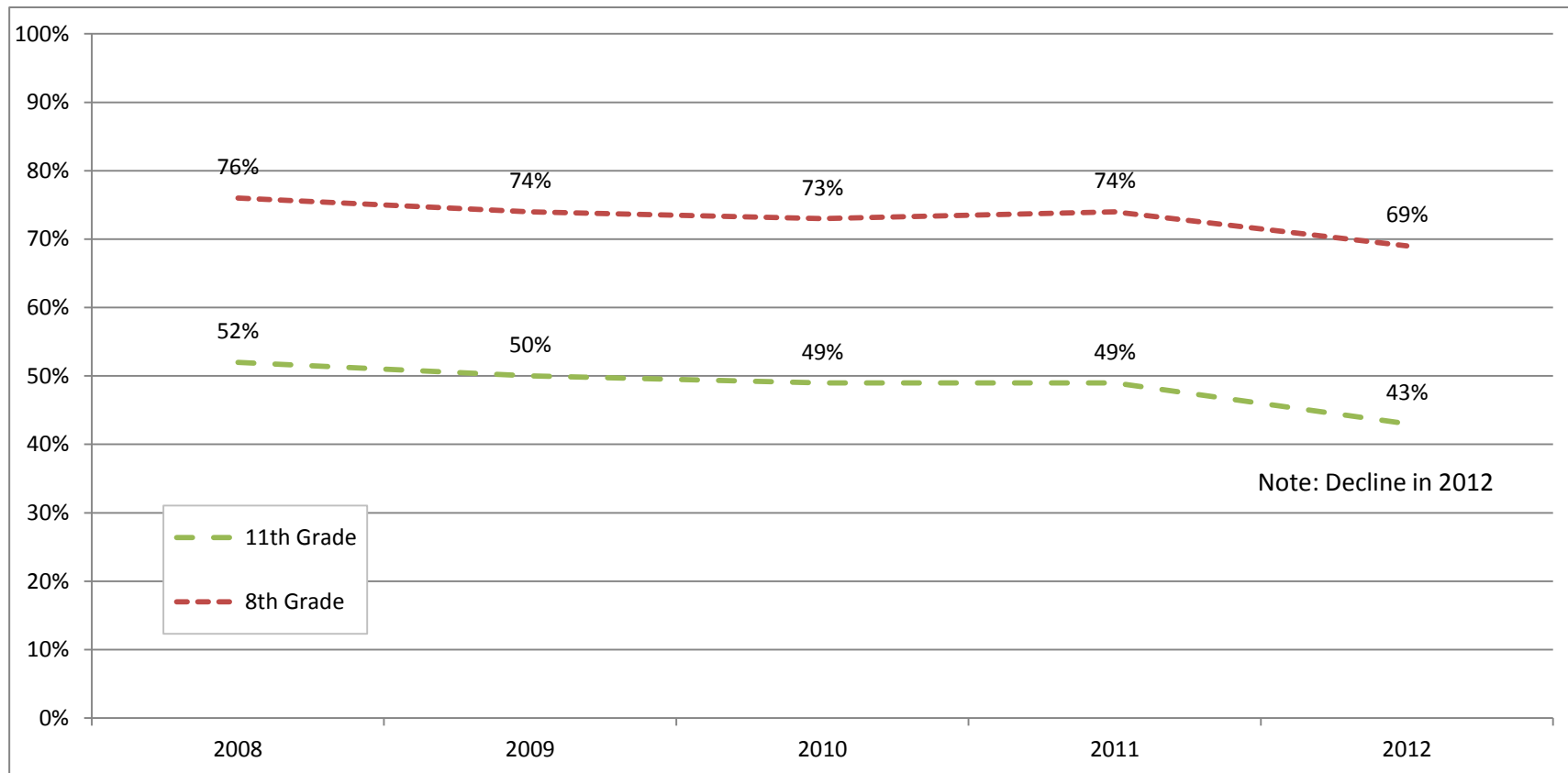


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## TRENDS IN DELAWARE STUDENTS' DISAPPROVAL BY GRADE Trying Marijuana

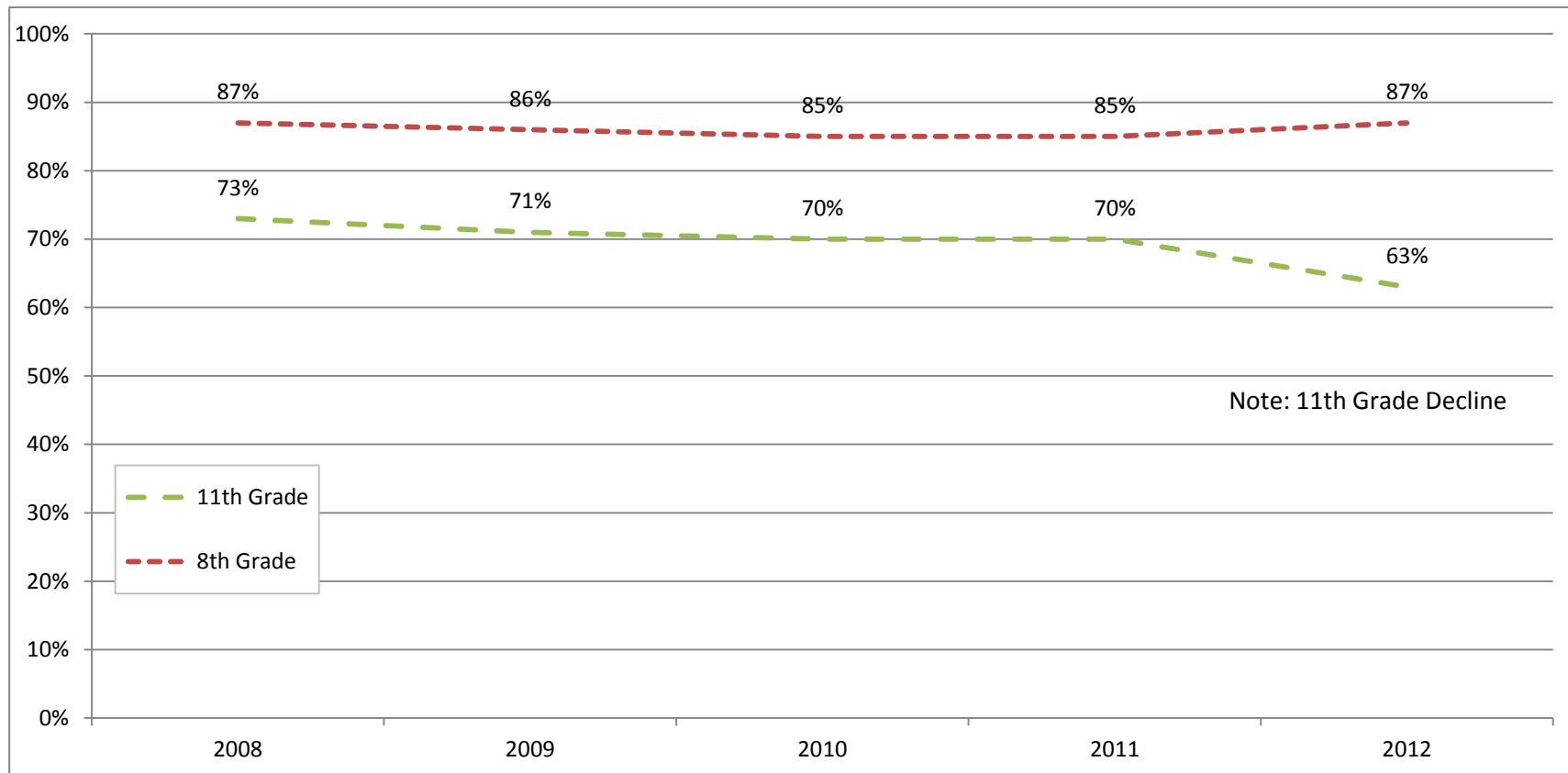


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## TRENDS IN DELAWARE STUDENTS' DISAPPROVAL BY GRADE Using Marijuana Regularly

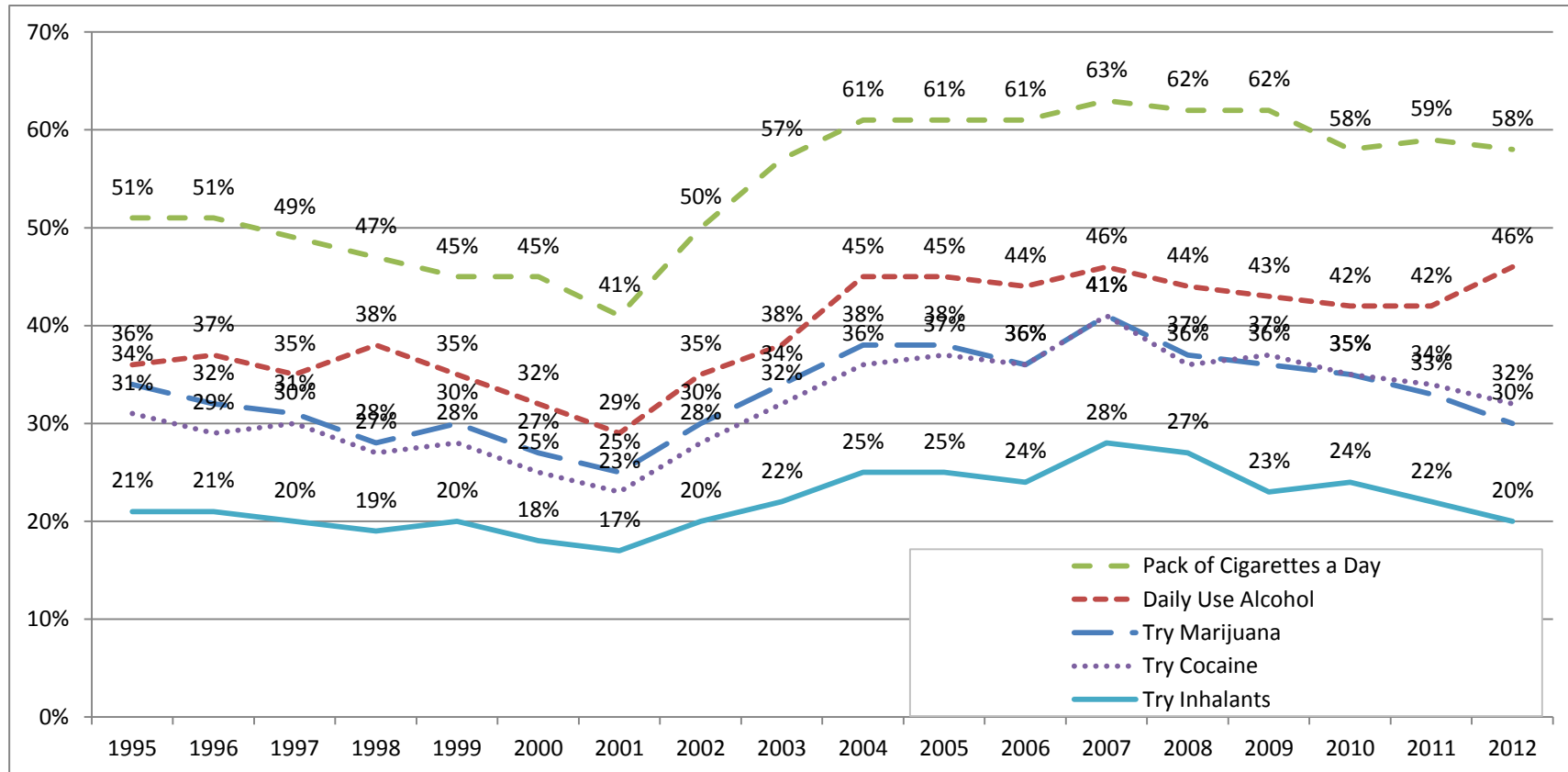


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## TRENDS IN DELAWARE FIFTH GRADERS' PERCEPTIONS OF "GREAT RISK" IN SUBSTANCE USE

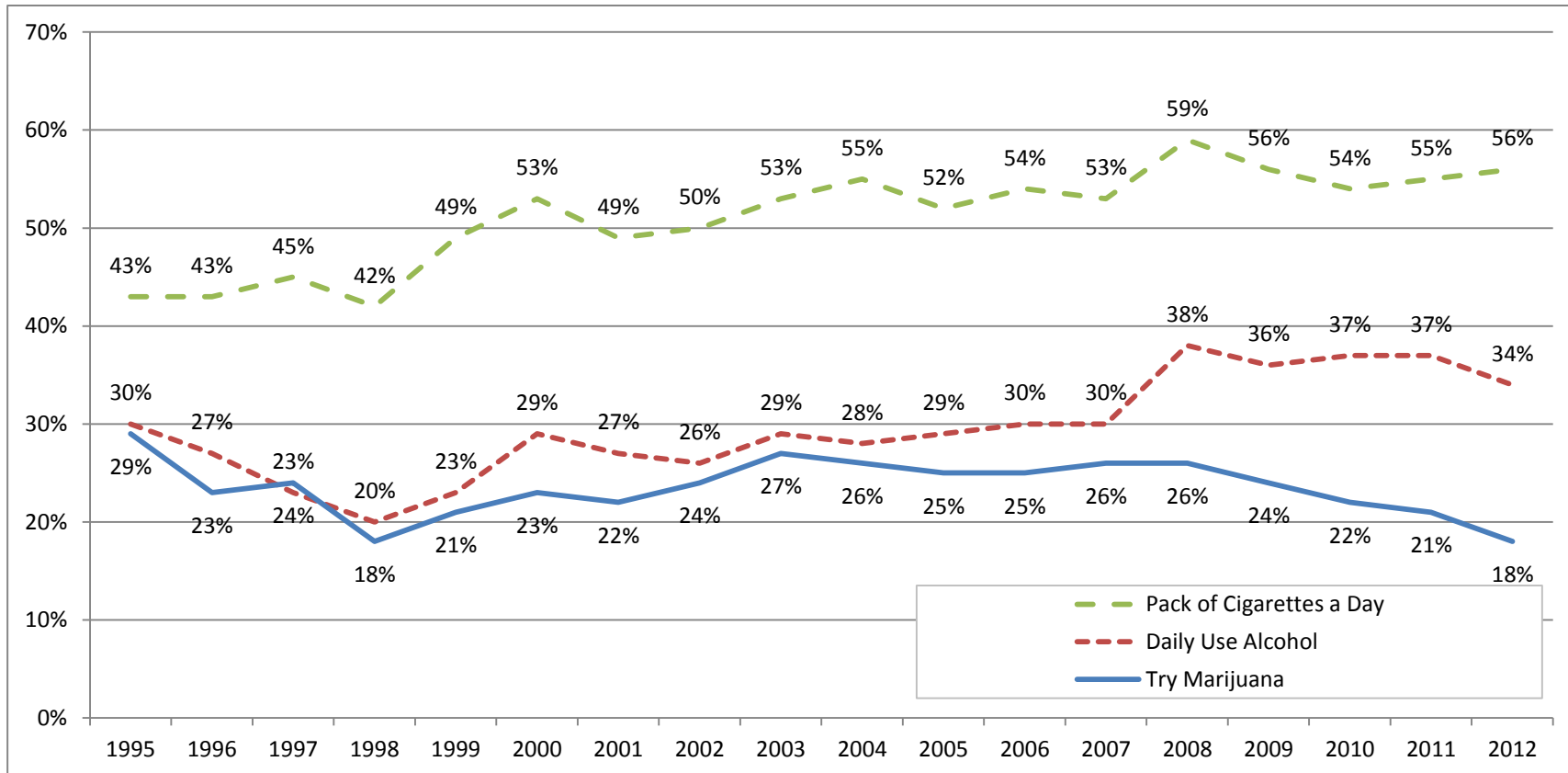


"Great Risk" refers to students who reported "Great Risk" of harming themselves by using this substance.

This is a more extreme criterion than that reported in earlier NOMs graphs of "Moderate or Great Risk."

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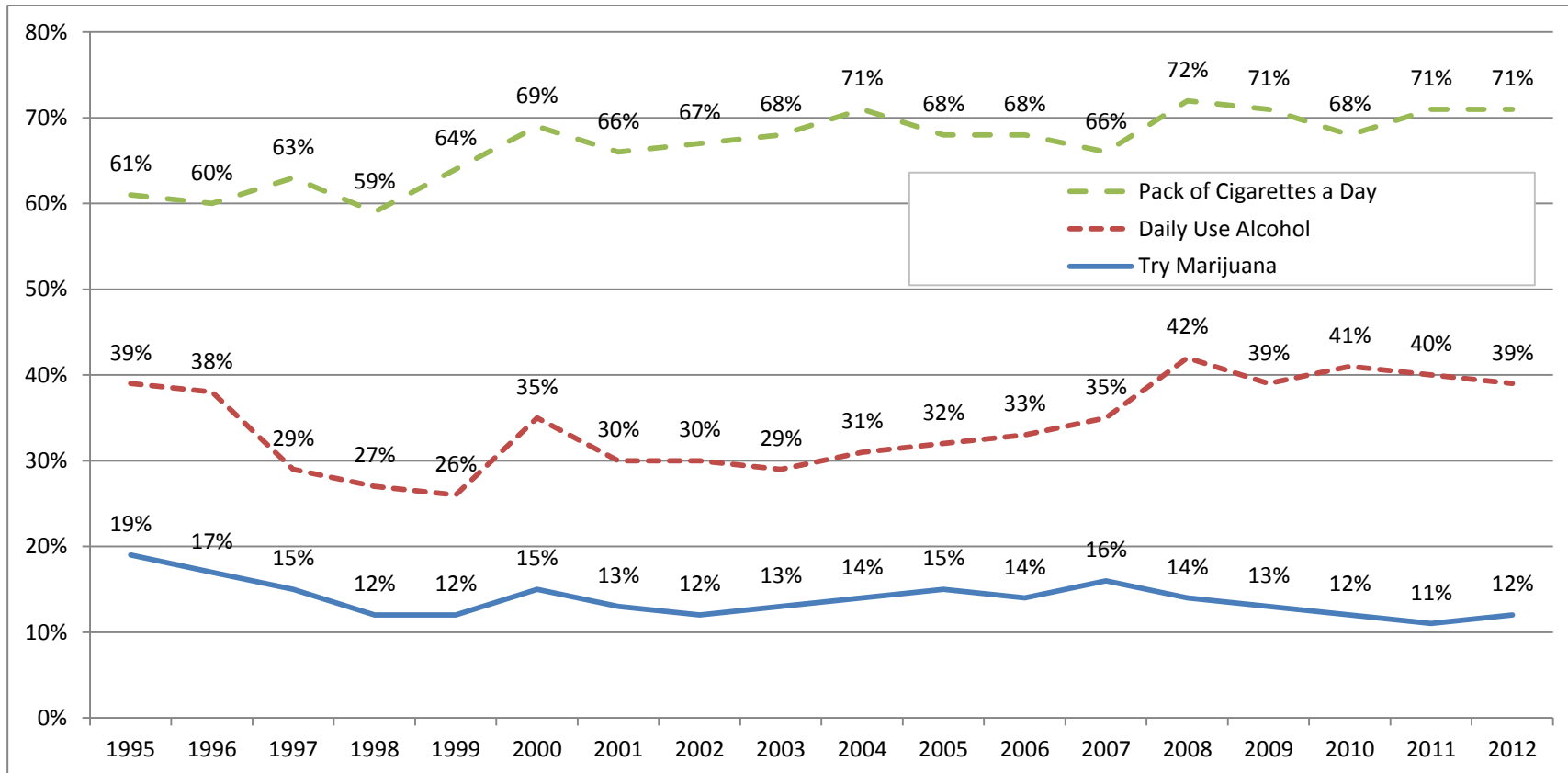


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## TRENDS IN DELAWARE ELEVENTH GRADERS' PERCEPTIONS OF "GREAT RISK" IN SUBSTANCE USE



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II. For Each of 5th, 8th, and 11th Graders:

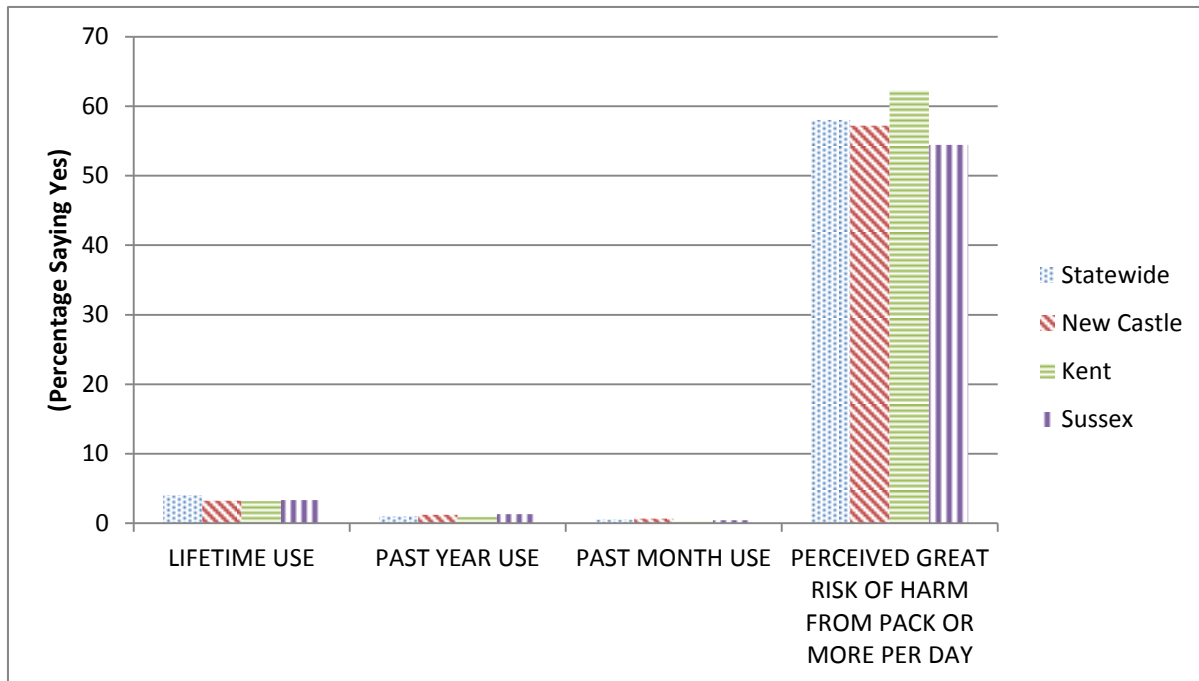
Estimates by Gender and County of Lifetime, Past Year, Past Month, and Recent Heavy Use of Tobacco, Alcohol, Inhalants, and Marijuana and Estimates of Perceived Harmfulness of Each Substance

Estimates by Gender and County of Use of Other Illegal Drugs

# CIGARETTE USE AMONG DELAWARE FIFTH GRADERS

(in percentages)

	LIFETIME USE	PAST YEAR USE	PAST MONTH USE	PERCEIVED GREAT RISK OF HARM FROM PACK OR MORE PER DAY
<u>Statewide</u>	4	1	1	58
<u>Males</u>	3	1	0	56
<u>Females</u>	3	1	1	59
<u>New Castle</u>	3	1	1	57
<u>Males</u>	3	1	0	56
<u>Females</u>	3	2	1	58
<u>Kent</u>	3	1	0	62
<u>Males</u>	3	1	0	60
<u>Females</u>	3	1	0	64
<u>Sussex</u>	3	1	0	54
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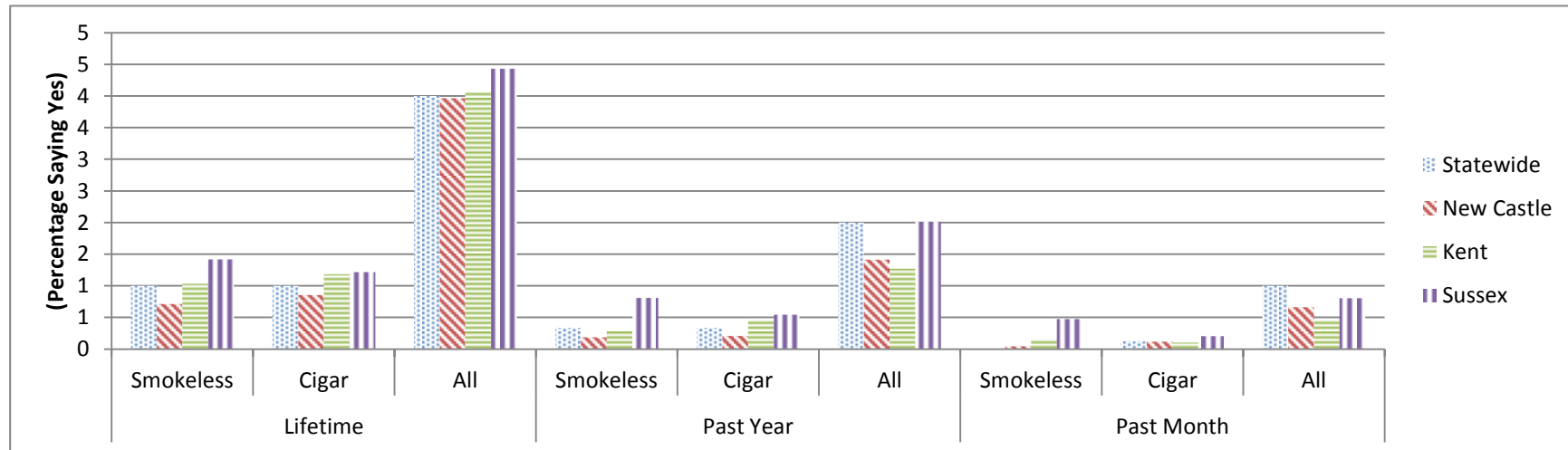


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## OTHER TOBACCO USE AMONG DELAWARE FIFTH GRADERS

(in percentages)

	Lifetime			Past Year			Past Month		
	Smokeless	Cigar	All	Smokeless	Cigar	All	Smokeless	Cigar	All
<b>Statewide</b>	1	1	4	0	0	2	0	0	1
<b>Males</b>	1	1	4	0	0	2	0	0	1
<b>Females</b>	1	1	4	0	0	1	0	0	1
<b>New Castle</b>	1	1	4	0	0	1	0	0	1
<b>Males</b>	1	1	4	0	0	1	0	0	0
<b>Females</b>	0	1	4	0	0	2	0	0	1
<b>Kent</b>	1	1	4	0	0	1	0	0	0
<b>Males</b>	1	2	5	0	1	1	0	0	0
<b>Females</b>	1	1	3	0	0	1	0	0	0
<b>Sussex</b>	1	1	4	1	1	2	0	0	1
<b>Males</b>	2	1	5	1	1	3	1	0	1
<b>Females</b>	1	1	4	0	0	1	0	0	0



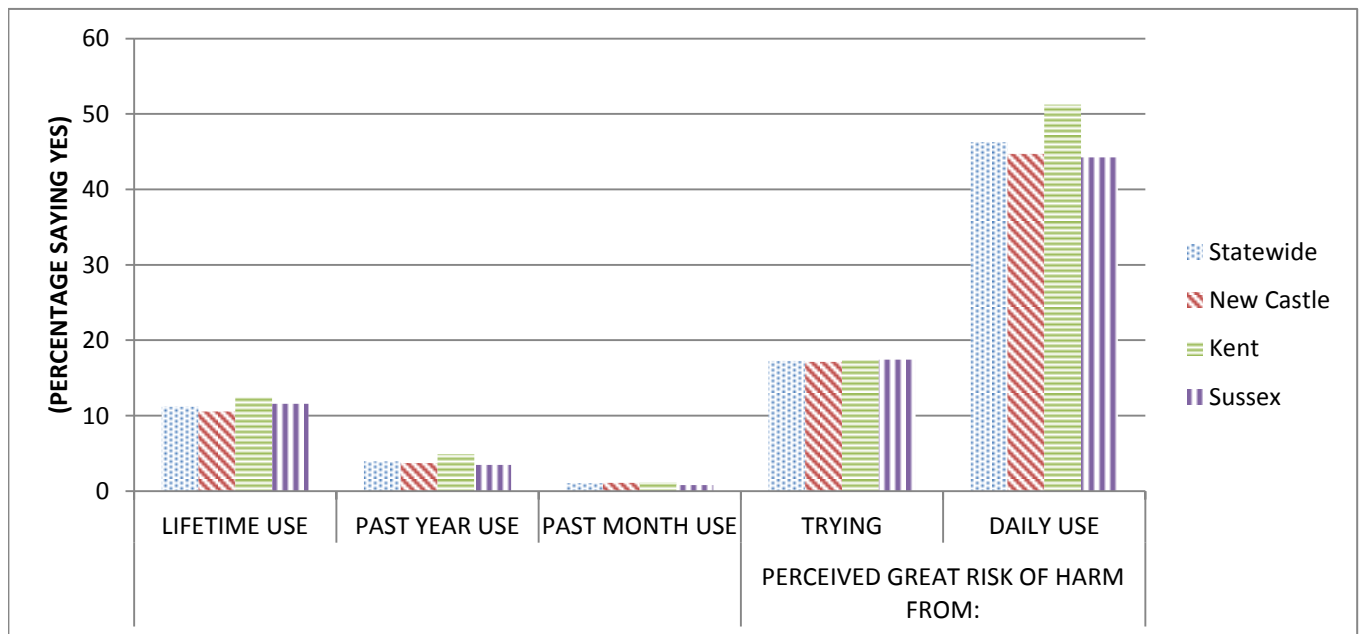
"All" includes smokeless tobacco, cigars, and cigarettes.

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## ALCOHOL USE AMONG DELAWARE FIFTH GRADERS

(in percentages)

	LIFETIME USE	PAST YEAR USE	PAST MONTH USE	PERCEIVED GREAT RISK OF HARM FROM:	
				TRYING	DAILY USE
<b><u>Statewide</u></b>	11	4	1	17	46
<b><u>Males</u></b>	13	4	1	17	46
<b><u>Females</u></b>	10	4	1	18	47
<b><u>New Castle</u></b>	11	4	1	17	45
<b><u>Males</u></b>	12	4	1	17	45
<b><u>Females</u></b>	9	3	1	17	44
<b><u>Kent</u></b>	12	5	1	17	51
<b><u>Males</u></b>	14	5	1	17	49
<b><u>Females</u></b>	11	5	1	18	53
<b><u>Sussex</u></b>	12	3	1	17	44
<b><u>Males</u></b>	12	4	1	17	44
<b><u>Females</u></b>	10	3	1	18	45

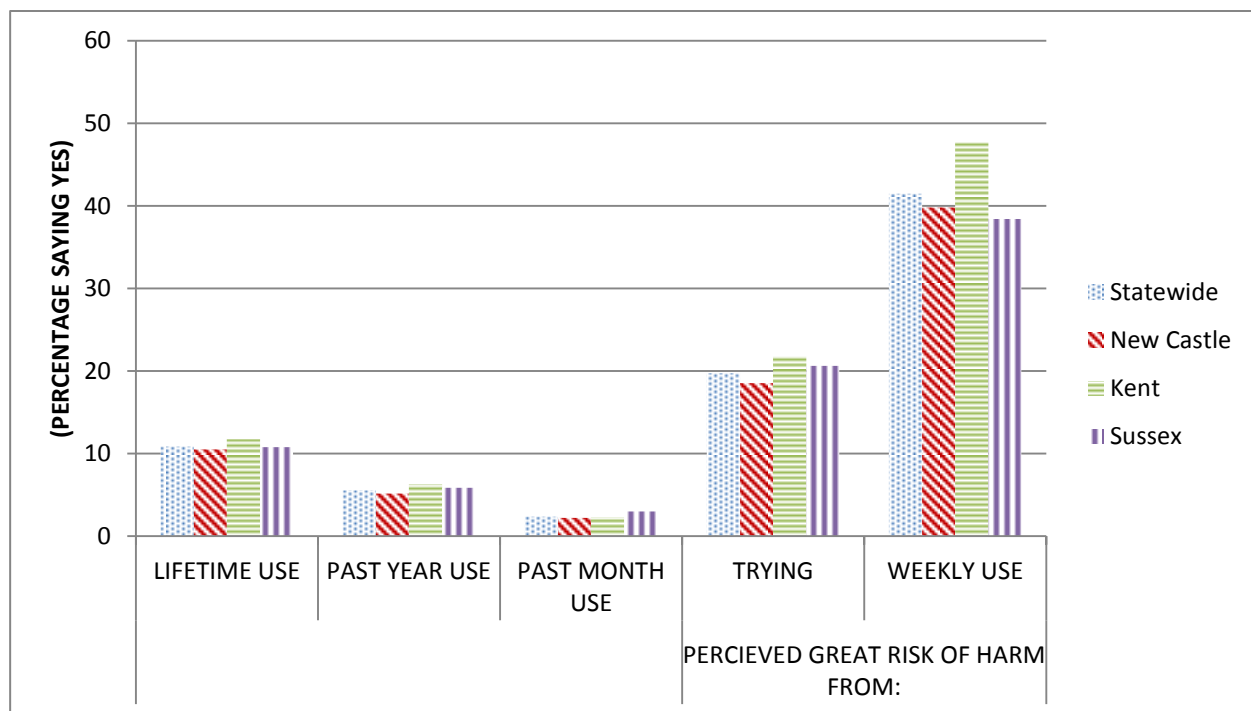


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## INHALANT USE AMONG DELAWARE FIFTH GRADERS

(in percentages)

	LIFETIME USE	PAST YEAR USE	PAST MONTH USE	PERCIEVED GREAT RISK OF HARM FROM:	
				TRYING	WEEKLY USE
<u>Statewide</u>	11	6	2	20	41
<u>Males</u>	10	5	3	21	42
<u>Females</u>	11	6	2	18	41
<u>New Castle</u>	11	5	2	19	40
<u>Males</u>	10	5	2	20	40
<u>Females</u>	11	5	2	17	39
<u>Kent</u>	12	6	2	22	48
<u>Males</u>	11	6	2	22	47
<u>Females</u>	13	7	2	21	48
<u>Sussex</u>	11	6	3	21	38
<u>Males</u>	11	6	4	24	38
<u>Females</u>	11	5	2	17	38

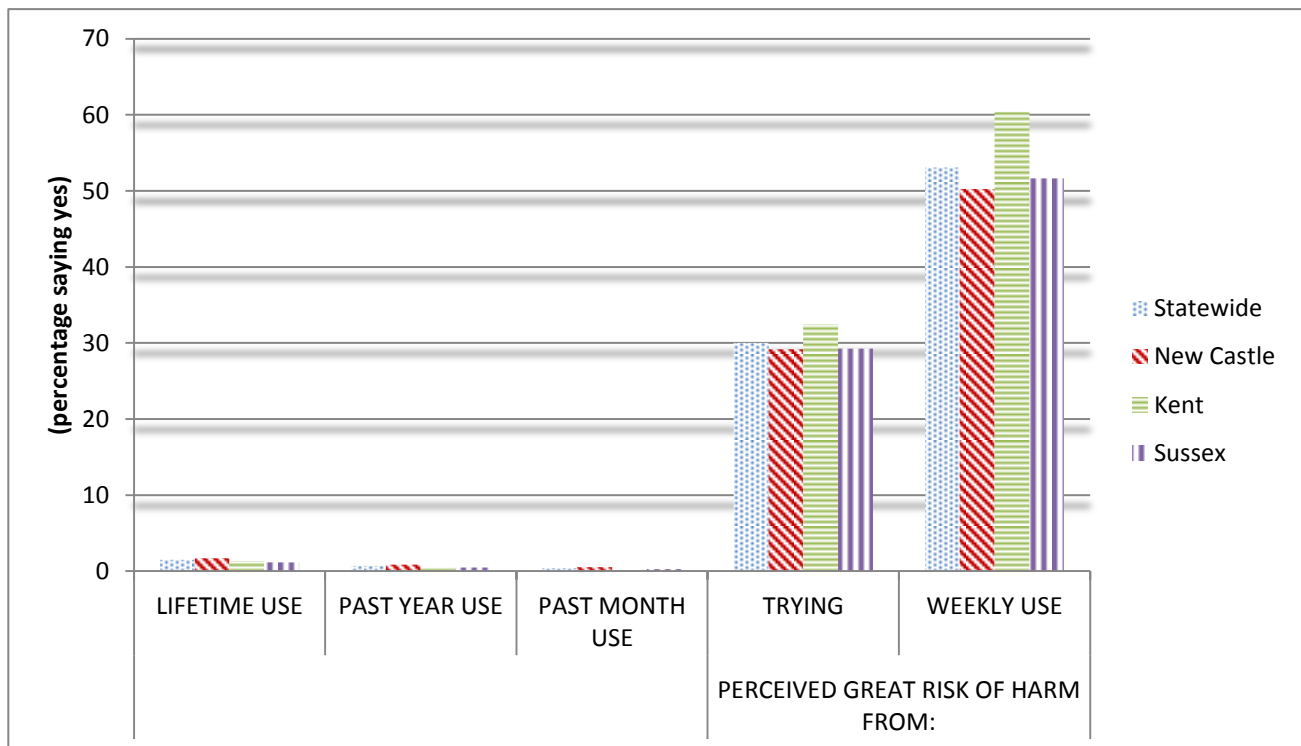


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## MARIJUANA USE AMONG DELAWARE FIFTH GRADERS

(in percentages)

	LIFETIME USE	PAST YEAR USE	PAST MONTH USE	PERCEIVED GREAT RISK OF HARM	
				TRYING	WEEKLY USE
<b>Statewide</b>	1	1	0	30	53
<b>Males</b>	2	1	0	32	54
<b>Females</b>	1	1	0	28	52
<b>New Castle</b>	2	1	1	29	50
<b>Males</b>	2	1	0	31	51
<b>Females</b>	2	1	1	27	50
<b>Kent</b>	1	0	0	32	60
<b>Males</b>	2	1	0	32	61
<b>Females</b>	1	0	0	32	59
<b>Sussex</b>	1	0	0	29	52
<b>Males</b>	1	1	0	32	52
<b>Females</b>	1	0	0	26	51



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## OTHER ILLEGAL DRUG USE AMONG DELAWARE FIFTH GRADERS

(in percentages)

	LIFETIME USE	PAST YEAR USE	PAST MONTH USE
<u>Statewide</u>	11	6	3
<u>Males</u>	11	6	3
<u>Females</u>	12	6	3
<u>New Castle</u>	12	6	3
<u>Males</u>	11	6	3
<u>Females</u>	12	6	3
<u>Kent</u>	12	6	3
<u>Males</u>	11	6	3
<u>Females</u>	13	7	3
<u>Sussex</u>	12	7	4
<u>Males</u>	11	7	5
<u>Females</u>	12	6	3



Other illegal drugs include prescription downers, prescription uppers, inhalant hallucinogens, Ritalin (“to get high”), and cocaine.

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**PAST YEAR USE OF OTHER ILLEGAL SUBSTANCES AMONG  
DELAWARE FIFTH GRADERS**

(in percentages)

	<b>HALLUCI- NOGENS</b>	<b>COCAINE</b>	<b>RITALIN</b>
<u>Statewide</u>	0	0	0
<u>Males</u>	0	0	1
<u>Females</u>	0	0	0
<u>New Castle</u>	0	0	1
<u>Males</u>	0	0	1
<u>Females</u>	0	0	0
<u>Kent</u>	0	0	0
<u>Males</u>	0	0	0
<u>Females</u>	0	0	0
<u>Sussex</u>	0	0	0
<u>Males</u>	0	0	1
<u>Females</u>	0	0	0

"Ritalin" includes Ritalin, Adderall, Cylert, and Concerta "to get high."

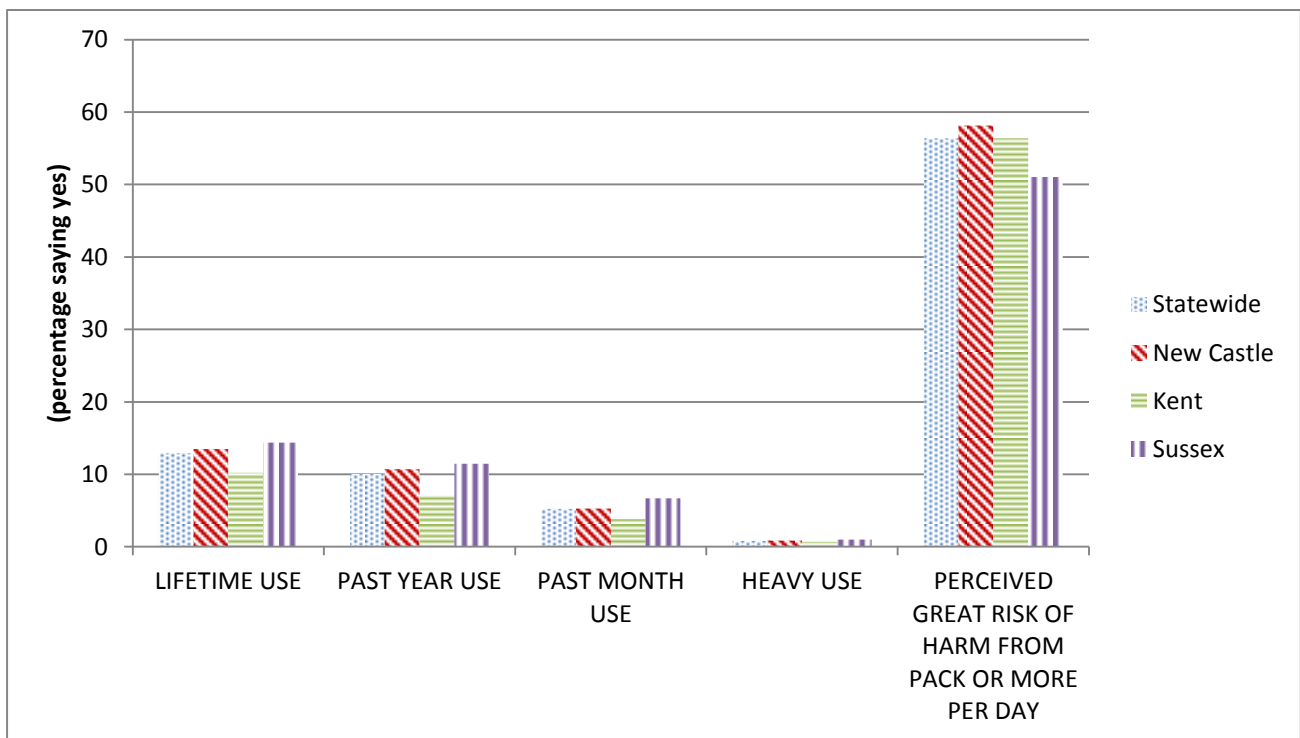
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# CIGARETTE USE AMONG DELAWARE EIGHTH GRADERS

(in percentages)

	LIFETIME USE	PAST YEAR USE	PAST MONTH USE	HEAVY USE	PERCEIVED GREAT RISK OF HARM FROM PACK OR MORE PER DAY
<u>Statewide</u>	13	10	5	1	56
<u>Males</u>	13	10	5	1	55
<u>Females</u>	12	10	5	1	58
<u>New Castle</u>	13	11	5	1	58
<u>Males</u>	14	11	6	1	57
<u>Females</u>	13	10	5	1	60
<u>Kent</u>	10	7	4	1	56
<u>Males</u>	10	7	4	1	55
<u>Females</u>	10	7	4	1	58
<u>Sussex</u>	14	11	7	1	51
<u>Males</u>	15	11	7	1	48
<u>Females</u>	14	12	6	1	54



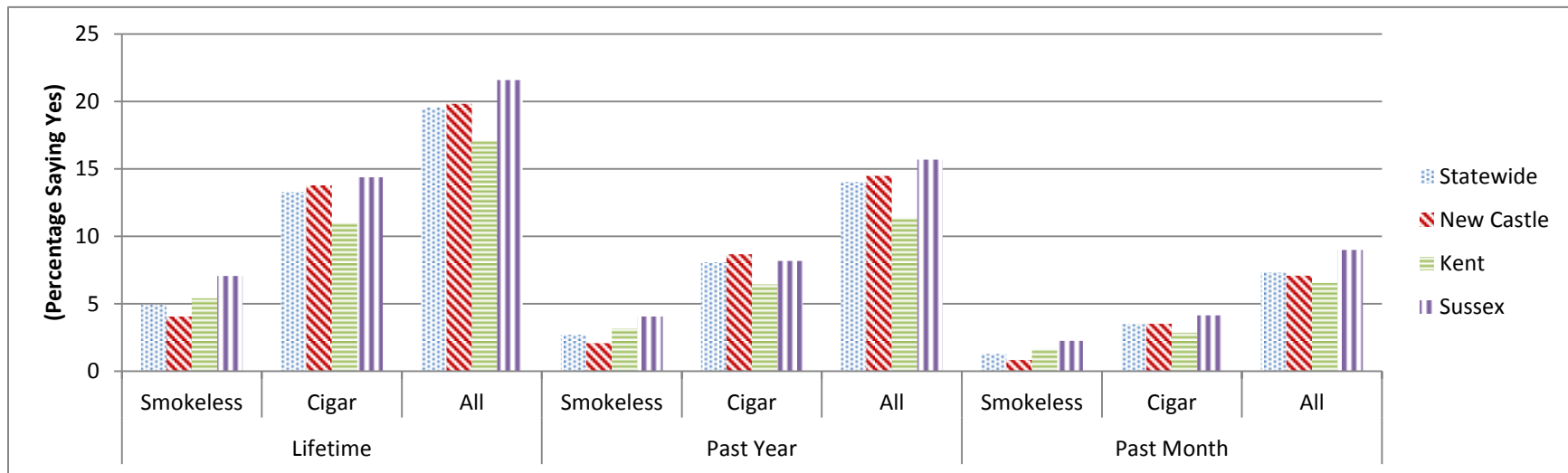
"Heavy use" is more than one-half pack per day in last thirty days.

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## OTHER TOBACCO USE AMONG DELAWARE EIGHTH GRADERS

(in percentages)

	Lifetime			Past Year			Past Month		
	Smokeless	Cigar	All	Smokeless	Cigar	All	Smokeless	Cigar	All
<b>Statewide</b>	5	13	20	3	8	14	1	3	7
<b>Males</b>	7	16	22	4	10	15	2	5	8
<b>Females</b>	3	10	18	2	6	13	1	2	6
<b>New Castle</b>	4	14	20	2	9	14	1	4	7
<b>Males</b>	5	16	21	2	10	15	1	5	8
<b>Females</b>	3	11	18	2	7	13	1	2	6
<b>Kent</b>	5	11	17	3	6	11	2	3	7
<b>Males</b>	8	14	20	5	8	13	3	4	8
<b>Females</b>	3	9	15	1	5	10	0	2	5
<b>Sussex</b>	7	14	22	4	8	16	2	4	9
<b>Males</b>	11	18	25	7	11	17	4	6	11
<b>Females</b>	3	10	18	1	5	14	1	2	7



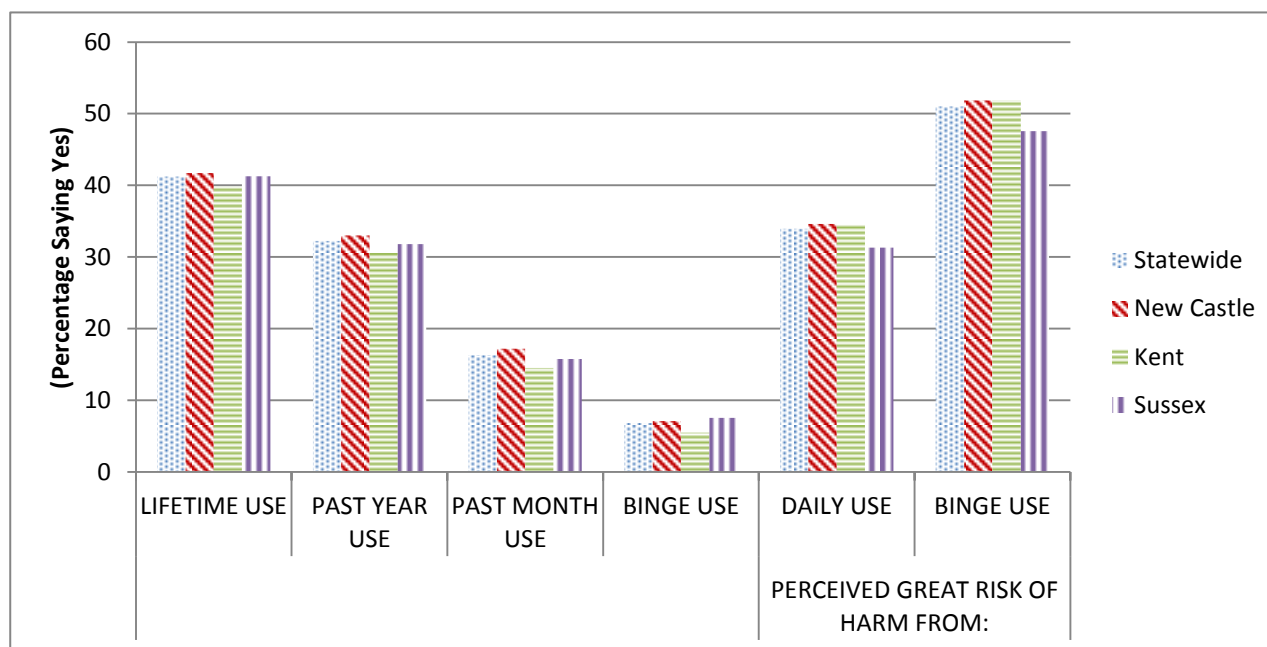
"All" includes smokeless tobacco, cigars, and cigarettes.

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## ALCOHOL USE AMONG DELAWARE EIGHTH GRADERS

(in percentages)

	LIFETIME USE	PAST YEAR USE	PAST MONTH USE	BINGE USE	PERCEIVED GREAT RISK OF HARM FROM:	
					DAILY USE	BINGE USE
<b>Statewide</b>	41	32	16	7	34	51
<b>Males</b>	40	30	15	7	32	49
<b>Females</b>	43	35	18	7	36	53
<b>New Castle</b>	42	33	17	7	35	52
<b>Males</b>	41	31	16	7	31	49
<b>Females</b>	42	35	18	7	38	54
<b>Kent</b>	40	31	15	6	34	52
<b>Males</b>	35	27	12	5	36	51
<b>Females</b>	44	34	17	6	33	52
<b>Sussex</b>	41	32	16	8	31	48
<b>Males</b>	40	28	15	8	29	44
<b>Females</b>	43	35	16	7	34	51



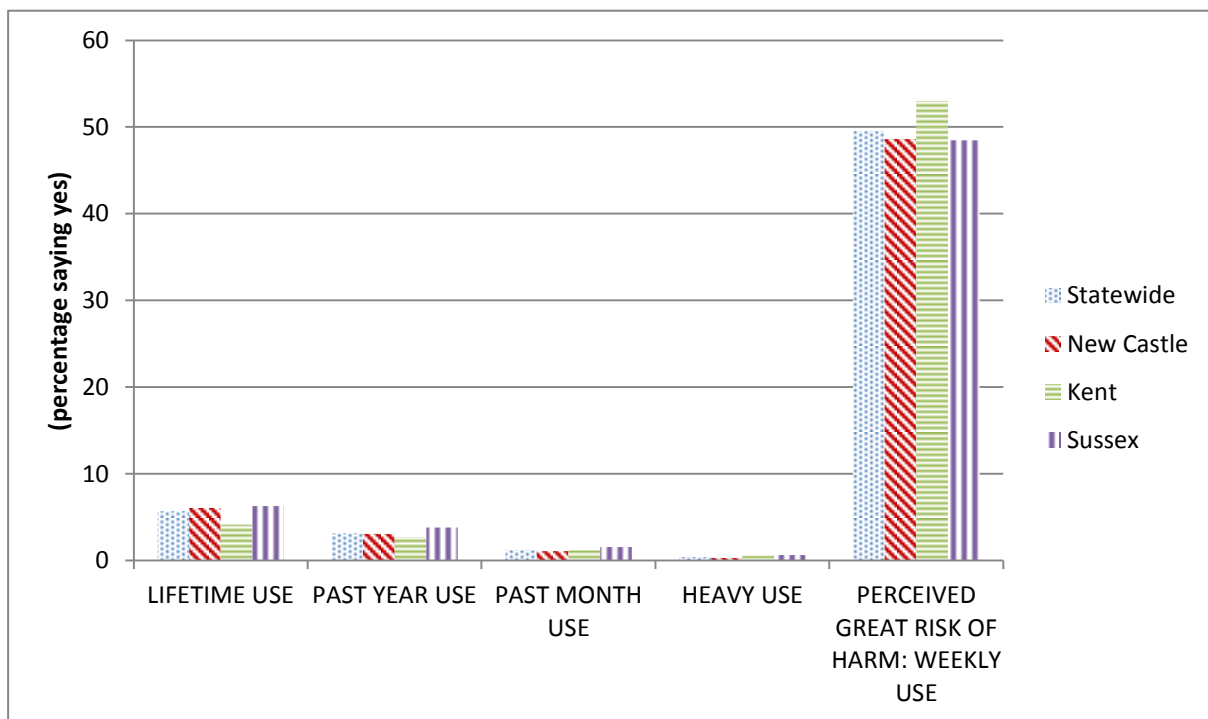
"Binge use" is defined as three or more drinks at a time in the last two weeks.

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## INHALANT USE AMONG DELAWARE EIGHTH GRADERS

(in percentages)

	LIFETIME USE	PAST YEAR USE	PAST MONTH USE	HEAVY USE	PERCEIVED GREAT RISK OF HARM: WEEKLY USE
<b>Statewide</b>	6	3	1	0	50
<b>Males</b>	5	3	1	1	47
<b>Females</b>	6	4	1	0	51
<b>New Castle</b>	6	3	1	0	49
<b>Males</b>	5	2	1	0	46
<b>Females</b>	7	4	1	0	51
<b>Kent</b>	4	3	1	1	53
<b>Males</b>	4	3	1	0	52
<b>Females</b>	4	2	1	1	54
<b>Sussex</b>	6	4	2	1	48
<b>Males</b>	5	3	2	1	46
<b>Females</b>	8	5	1	0	51



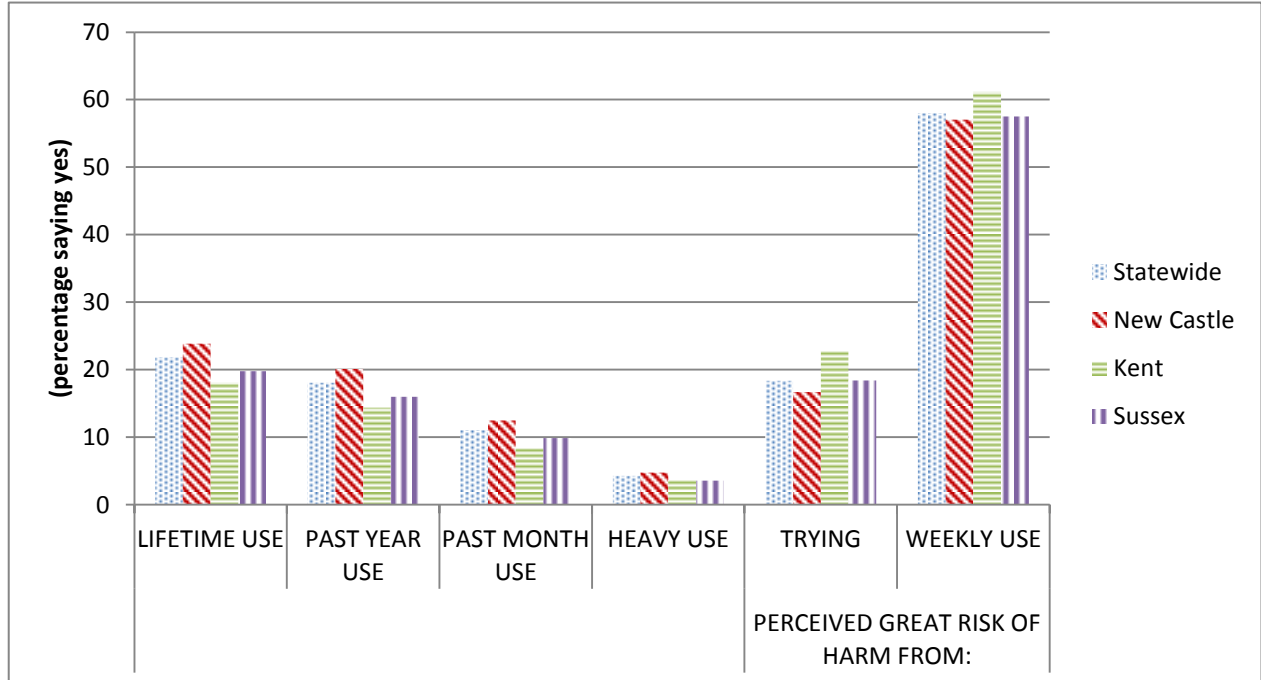
"Heavy Use" indicates more than six times in the past month.

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## MARIJUANA USE AMONG DELAWARE EIGHTH GRADERS

(in percentages)

	LIFETIME USE	PAST YEAR USE	PAST MONTH USE	HEAVY USE	PERCEIVED GREAT RISK OF HARM FROM:	
					TRYING	WEEKLY USE
<b><u>Statewide</u></b>	22	18	11	4	18	58
<b><u>Males</u></b>	24	20	12	6	18	53
<b><u>Females</u></b>	20	16	10	3	19	63
<b><u>New Castle</u></b>	24	20	12	5	17	57
<b><u>Males</u></b>	26	22	13	6	16	51
<b><u>Females</u></b>	21	18	11	3	18	63
<b><u>Kent</u></b>	18	14	8	4	23	61
<b><u>Males</u></b>	19	15	9	5	26	59
<b><u>Females</u></b>	17	14	7	2	20	63
<b><u>Sussex</u></b>	20	16	10	4	18	58
<b><u>Males</u></b>	22	18	11	5	17	53
<b><u>Females</u></b>	17	14	9	3	20	61



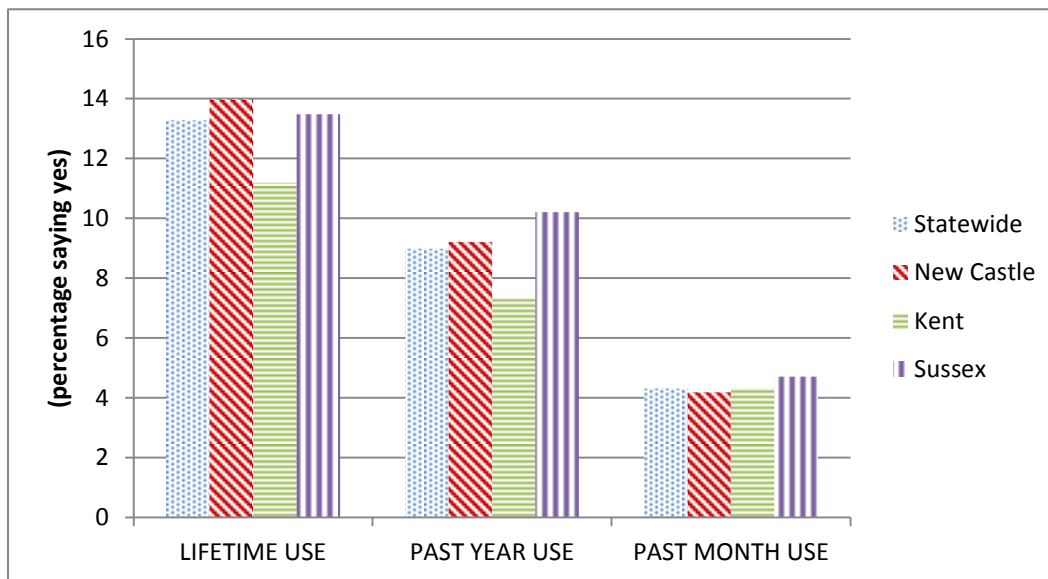
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## OTHER ILLEGAL DRUG USE AMONG DELAWARE EIGHTH GRADERS

(in percentages)

	LIFETIME USE	PAST YEAR USE	PAST MONTH USE
<u>Statewide</u>	13	9	4
<u>Males</u>	12	8	4
<u>Females</u>	14	10	5
<u>New Castle</u>	14	9	4
<u>Males</u>	13	8	4
<u>Females</u>	15	10	5
<u>Kent</u>	11	7	4
<u>Males</u>	10	7	4
<u>Females</u>	12	8	4
<u>Sussex</u>	13	10	5
<u>Males</u>	12	8	4
<u>Females</u>	15	12	5



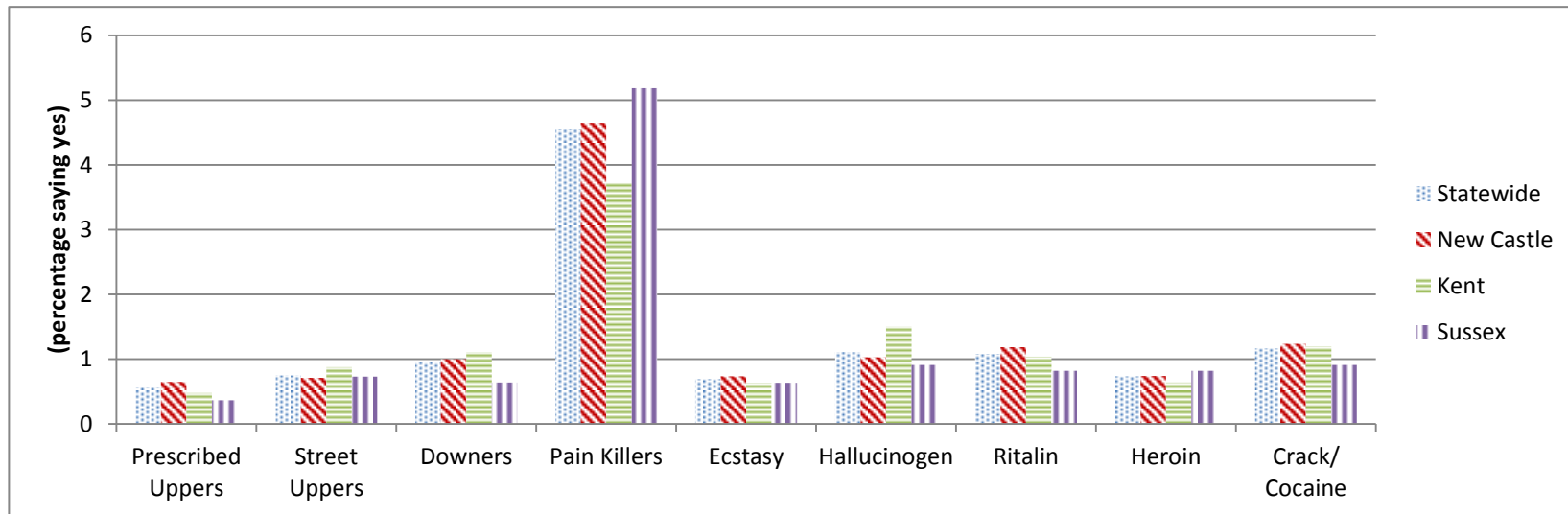
Other illegal drugs include prescription downers, prescription stimulants, inhalants, hallucinogens, crack, cocaine, heroin, ritalin, painkillers, and designer drugs.

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## PAST YEAR USE OF OTHER ILLEGAL SUBSTANCES AMONG DELAWARE EIGHTH GRADERS

(in percentages)

	Prescribed Uppers	Street Uppers	Downers	Pain Killers	Ecstasy	Hallucinogen	Ritalin	Heroin	Crack/Cocaine
<u>Statewide</u>	1	1	1	5	1	1	1	1	1
<u>Males</u>	0	1	1	4	1	1	1	1	1
<u>Females</u>	1	1	1	5	1	1	1	1	1
<u>New Castle</u>	1	1	1	5	1	1	1	1	1
<u>Males</u>	0	1	1	5	1	1	1	1	1
<u>Females</u>	1	1	1	5	1	1	1	1	1
<u>Kent</u>	0	1	1	4	1	1	1	1	1
<u>Males</u>	0	1	1	3	1	2	2	1	2
<u>Females</u>	1	1	1	4	1	1	1	1	1
<u>Sussex</u>	0	1	1	5	1	1	1	1	1
<u>Males</u>	0	0	0	4	0	1	1	0	1
<u>Females</u>	1	1	1	6	1	1	1	1	1



"Pain killers" includes OxyContin, Codeine, Percocet, and Tylenol 3 "to get high."

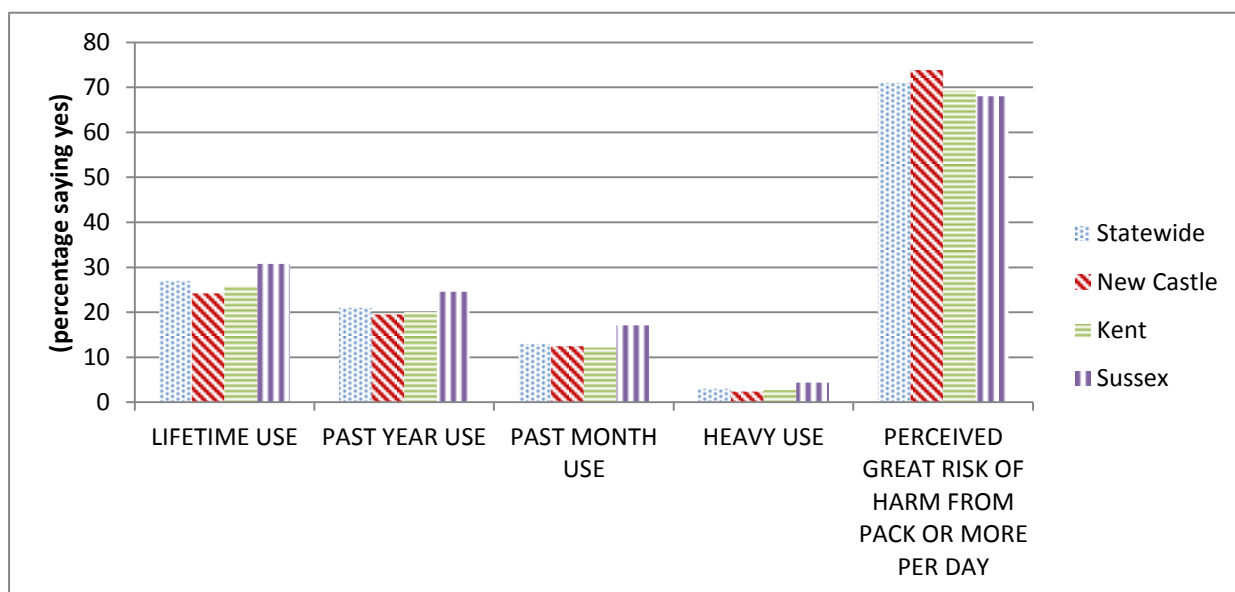
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# CIGARETTE USE AMONG DELAWARE ELEVENTH GRADERS

(in percentages)

	LIFETIME USE	PAST YEAR USE	PAST MONTH USE	HEAVY USE	PERCEIVED GREAT RISK OF HARM FROM PACK OR MORE PER DAY
<u>Statewide</u>	27	21	13	3	71
<u>Males</u>	28	23	15	3	69
<u>Females</u>	24	19	12	2	74
<u>New Castle</u>	24	20	12	2	74
<u>Males</u>	26	21	14	2	71
<u>Females</u>	23	18	11	2	76
<u>Kent</u>	26	20	12	3	69
<u>Males</u>	28	22	13	3	67
<u>Females</u>	24	18	11	2	71
<u>Sussex</u>	31	25	17	4	68
<u>Males</u>	34	28	18	6	65
<u>Females</u>	28	22	16	3	71



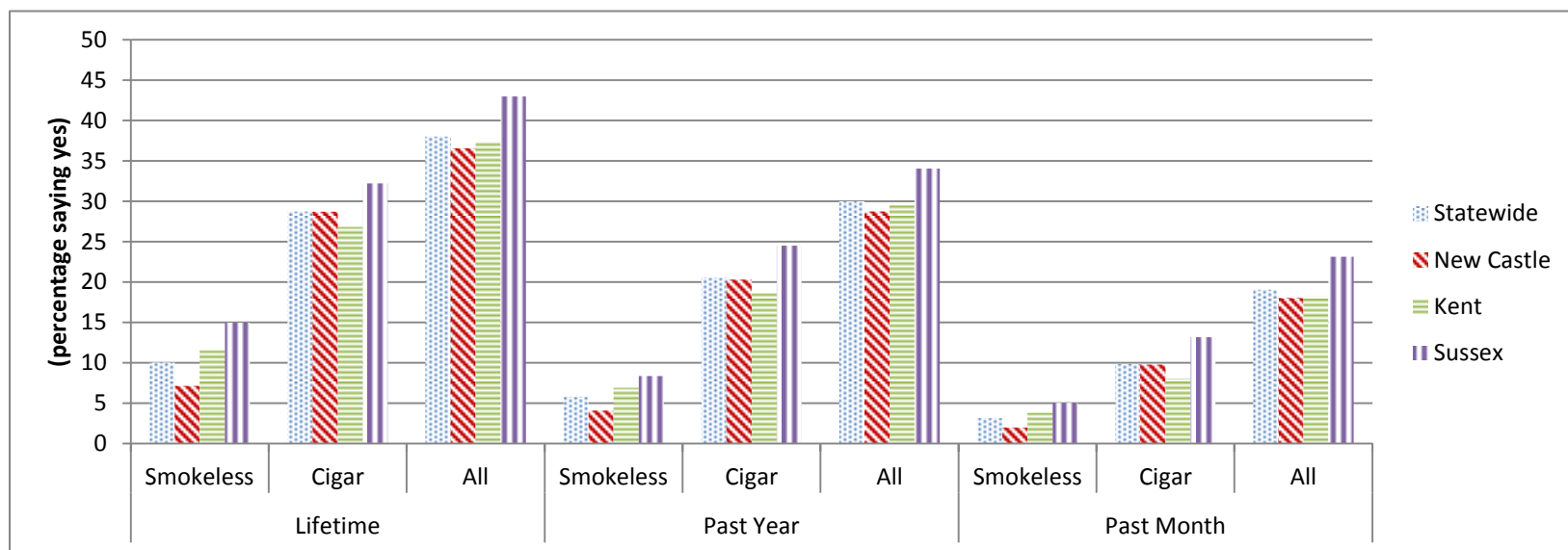
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## OTHER TOBACCO USE AMONG DELAWARE ELEVENTH GRADERS

(in percentages)

	Lifetime			Past Year			Past Month		
	Smokeless	Cigar	All	Smokeless	Cigar	All	Smokeless	Cigar	All
<b>Statewide</b>	10	29	38	6	21	30	3	10	19
<b>Males</b>	17	34	42	11	25	34	6	12	23
<b>Females</b>	4	24	34	1	16	26	0	7	16
<b>New Castle</b>	7	29	37	4	20	29	2	10	18
<b>Males</b>	12	33	40	7	24	32	4	13	21
<b>Females</b>	3	24	33	1	16	26	0	7	15
<b>Kent</b>	12	27	37	7	19	30	4	8	18
<b>Males</b>	19	31	41	12	23	34	7	9	21
<b>Females</b>	4	22	33	1	14	25	0	7	15
<b>Sussex</b>	15	32	43	8	24	34	5	13	23
<b>Males</b>	24	38	50	16	31	41	10	16	28
<b>Females</b>	7	27	37	2	19	28	0	11	19



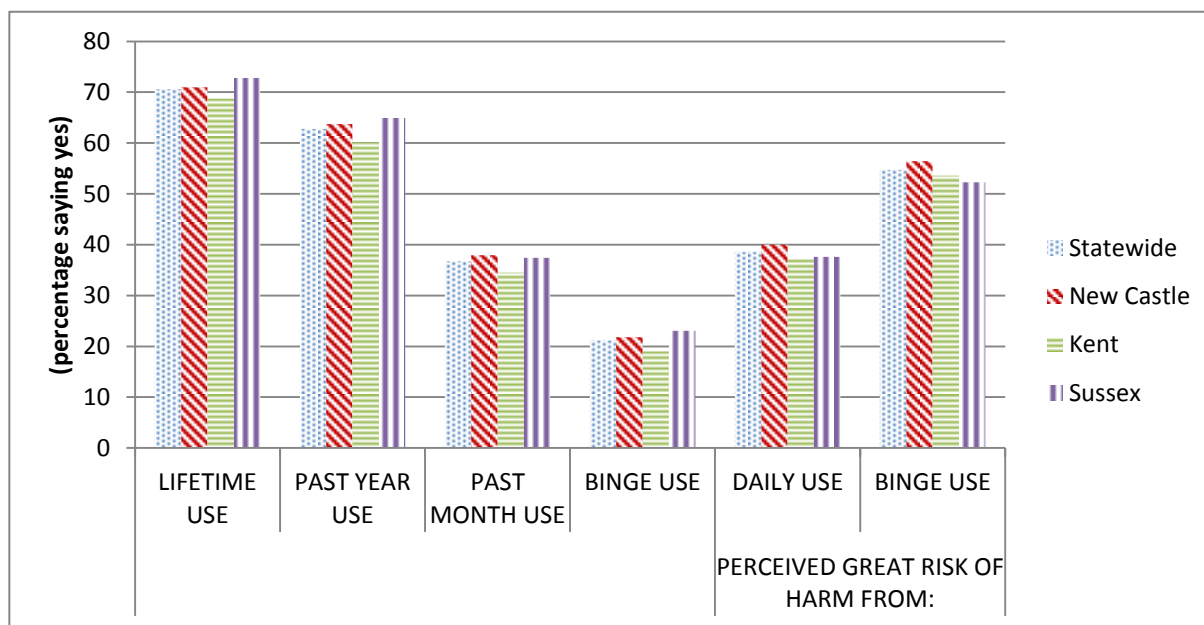
"All" includes smokeless tobacco, cigars, and cigarettes.

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## ALCOHOL USE AMONG DELAWARE ELEVENTH GRADERS

(in percentages)

	LIFETIME USE	PAST YEAR USE	PAST MONTH USE	BINGE USE	PERCEIVED GREAT RISK OF HARM FROM	
					DAILY USE	BINGE USE
<b>Statewide</b>	71	63	37	21	39	55
<b>Male</b>	69	62	37	22	32	48
<b>Female</b>	73	64	37	20	44	61
<b>New Castle</b>	71	64	38	22	40	56
<b>Male</b>	68	62	36	21	35	50
<b>Female</b>	73	65	40	22	45	62
<b>Kent</b>	69	60	35	19	37	54
<b>Male</b>	67	60	37	22	31	47
<b>Female</b>	70	61	32	16	43	60
<b>Sussex</b>	73	65	37	23	38	52
<b>Male</b>	71	64	40	25	29	42
<b>Female</b>	74	66	35	21	45	61



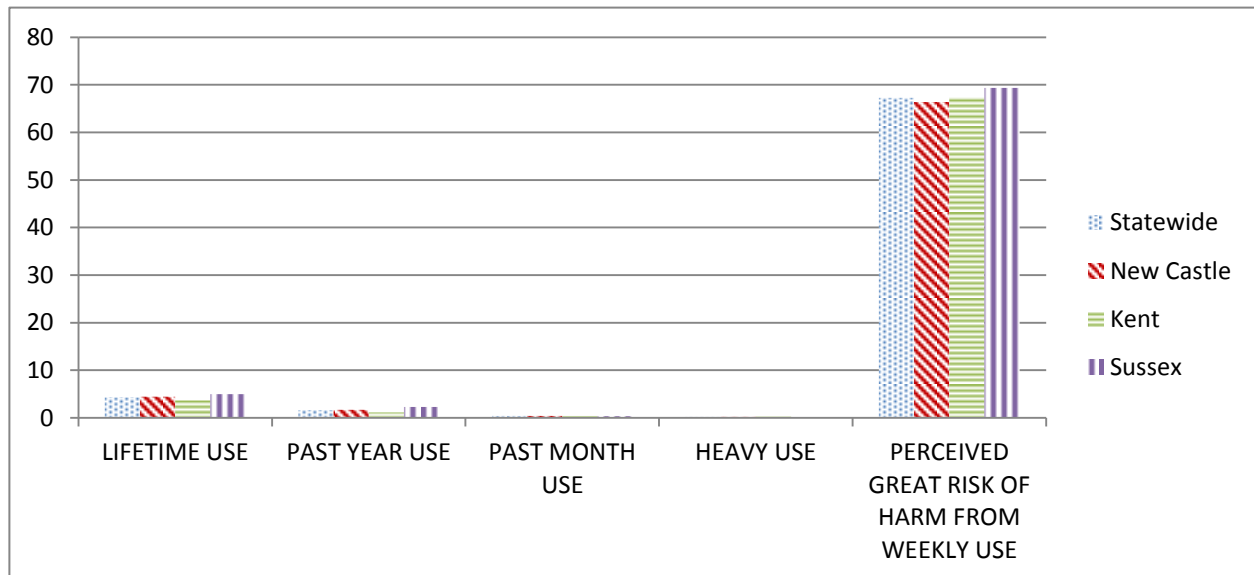
"Binge use" is defined as three or more drinks at a time in the last two weeks.

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## INHALANT USE AMONG DELAWARE ELEVENTH GRADERS

(in percentages)

	LIFETIME USE	PAST YEAR USE	PAST MONTH USE	HEAVY USE	PERCEIVED GREAT RISK OF HARM FROM WEEKLY USE
<b><u>Statewide</u></b>	4	2	0	0	67
<b><u>Males</u></b>	4	2	0	0	65
<b><u>Females</u></b>	5	2	0	0	69
<b><u>New Castle</u></b>	4	2	0	0	66
<b><u>Males</u></b>	4	1	1	0	63
<b><u>Females</u></b>	5	2	0	0	69
<b><u>Kent</u></b>	4	1	0	0	67
<b><u>Males</u></b>	4	1	0	0	66
<b><u>Females</u></b>	4	1	0	0	69
<b><u>Sussex</u></b>	5	2	0	0	69
<b><u>Males</u></b>	5	2	0	0	67
<b><u>Females</u></b>	5	2	0	0	71



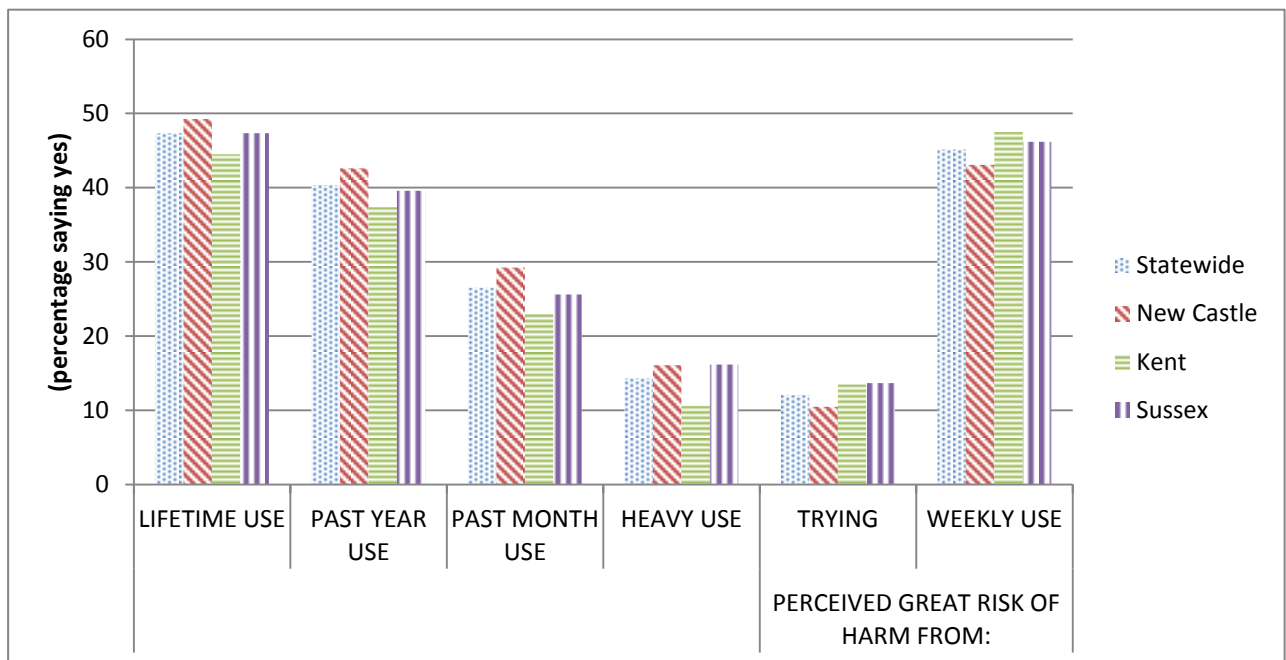
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## MARIJUANA USE AMONG DELAWARE ELEVENTH GRADERS

(in percentages)

	LIFETIME USE	PAST YEAR USE	PAST MONTH USE	HEAVY USE	PERCEIVED GREAT RISK OF HARM FROM:	
					TRYING	WEEKLY USE
<b><u>Statewide</u></b>	47	40	27	14	12	45
<b><u>Males</u></b>	50	42	29	18	12	38
<b><u>Females</u></b>	45	39	24	11	12	52
<b><u>New Castle</u></b>	49	43	29	16	10	43
<b><u>Males</u></b>	52	44	31	19	10	35
<b><u>Females</u></b>	47	41	27	13	11	50
<b><u>Kent</u></b>	44	37	23	11	14	48
<b><u>Males</u></b>	46	38	25	14	14	42
<b><u>Females</u></b>	44	37	21	7	13	53
<b><u>Sussex</u></b>	47	40	26	16	14	46
<b><u>Males</u></b>	52	44	30	22	13	37
<b><u>Females</u></b>	43	36	22	11	14	54



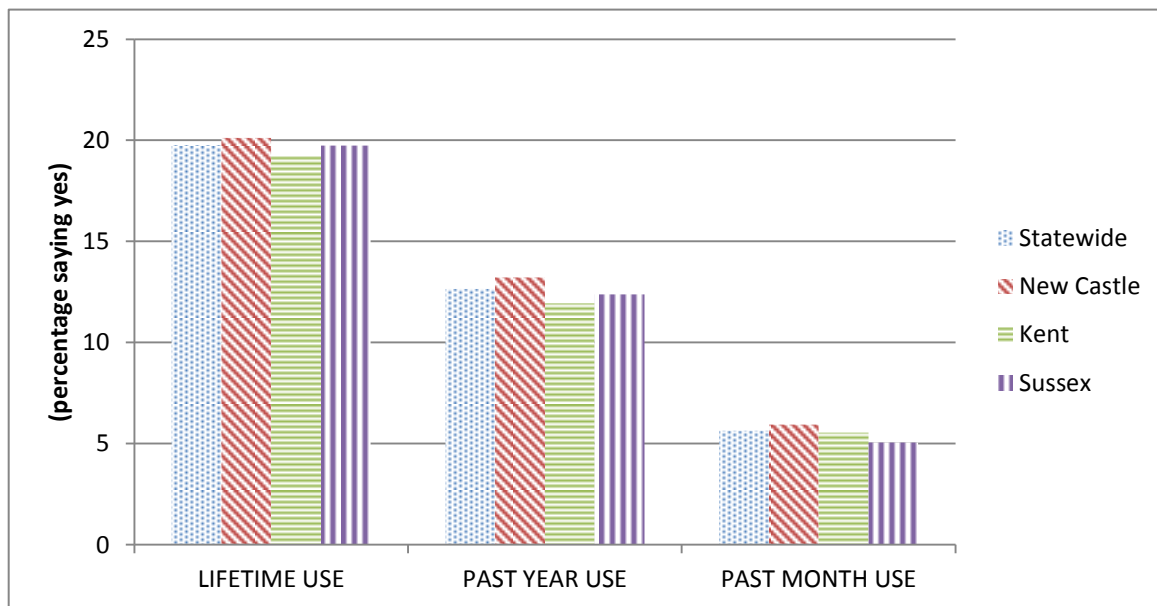
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# OTHER ILLEGAL DRUG USE AMONG DELAWARE ELEVENTH GRADERS

(in percentages)

	LIFETIME USE	PAST YEAR USE	PAST MONTH USE
<u>Statewide</u>	20	13	6
<u>Males</u>	20	13	6
<u>Females</u>	19	12	5
<u>New Castle</u>	20	13	6
<u>Males</u>	20	13	6
<u>Females</u>	20	13	6
<u>Kent</u>	19	12	6
<u>Males</u>	20	13	6
<u>Females</u>	18	11	5
<u>Sussex</u>	20	12	5
<u>Males</u>	21	14	7
<u>Females</u>	19	11	4



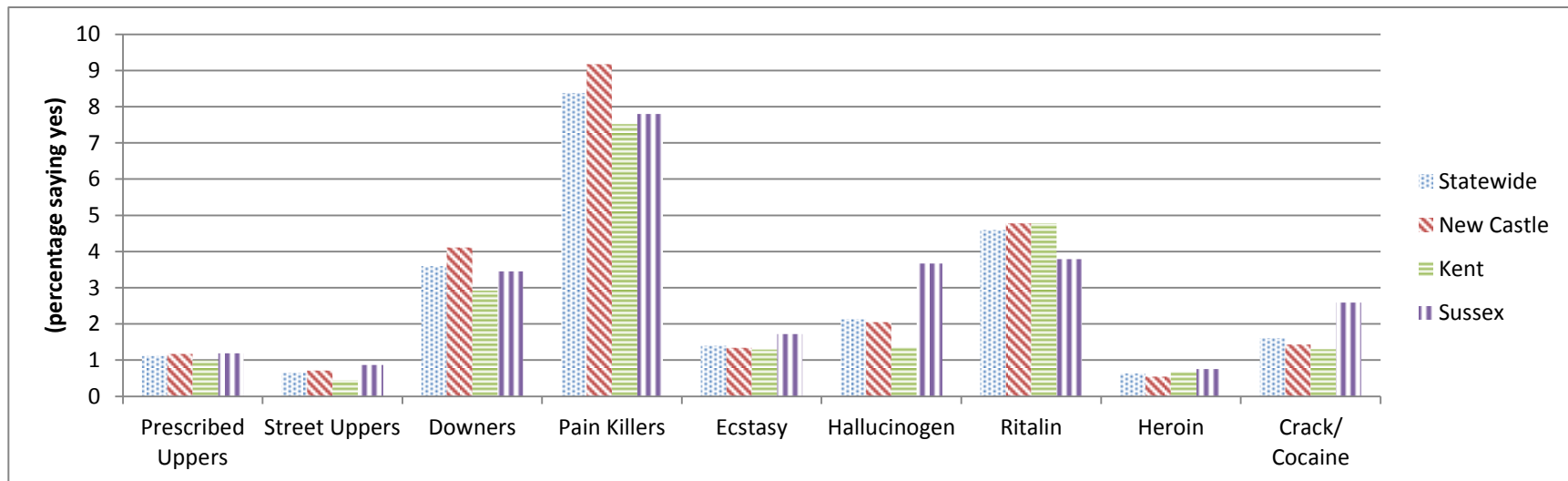
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# PAST YEAR USE OF OTHER ILLEGAL SUBSTANCES AMONG DELAWARE ELEVENTH GRADERS

(in percentages)

	Prescribed Uppers	Street Uppers	Downers	Pain Killers	Ecstasy	Hallucinogen	Ritalin	Heroin	Crack/Cocaine
<u>Statewide</u>	1	1	4	8	1	2	5	1	2
<u>Males</u>	1	1	3	8	2	3	4	1	2
<u>Females</u>	1	1	4	8	1	1	5	0	1
<u>New Castle</u>	1	1	4	9	1	2	5	1	1
<u>Males</u>	1	1	3	9	1	3	4	1	2
<u>Females</u>	1	1	5	9	1	1	5	0	1
<u>Kent</u>	1	0	3	8	1	1	5	1	1
<u>Males</u>	1	1	3	8	1	2	5	1	1
<u>Females</u>	1	0	3	7	1	1	5	1	1
<u>Sussex</u>	1	1	3	8	2	4	4	1	3
<u>Males</u>	1	1	3	8	2	5	2	1	3
<u>Females</u>	2	1	4	8	1	2	5	0	2



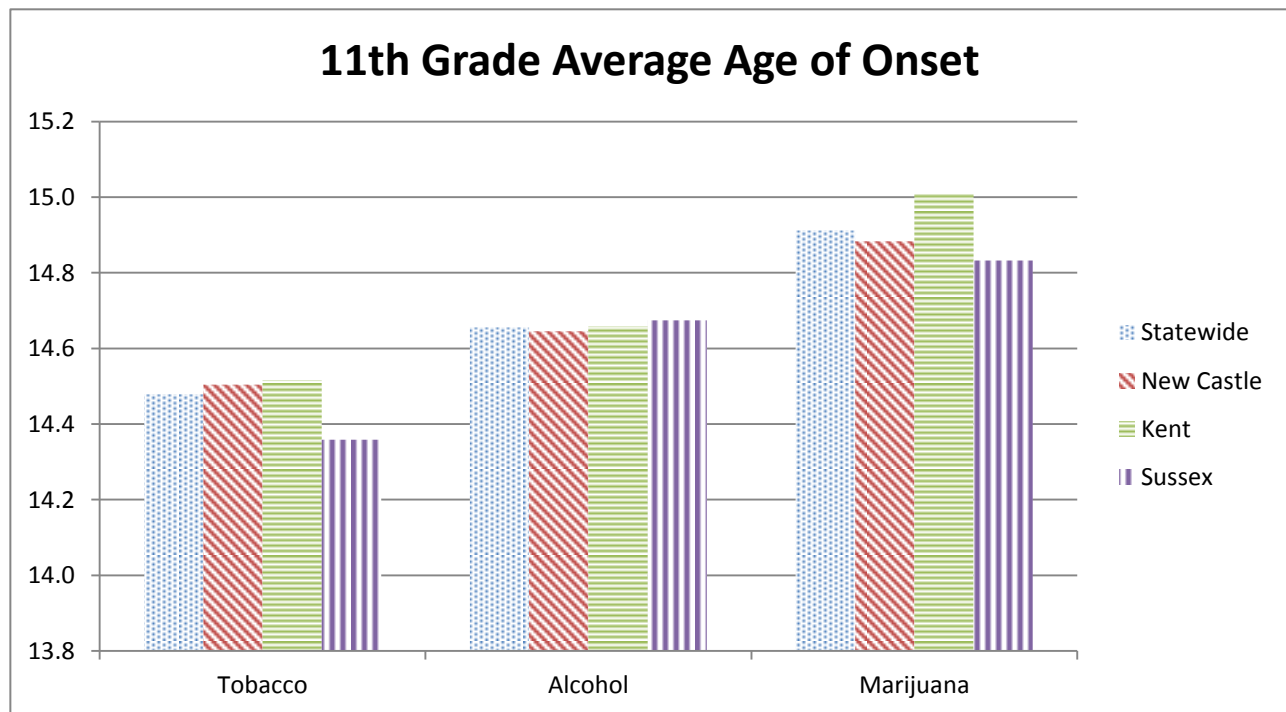
"Pain killers" includes OxyContin, Codeine, Percocet, and Tylenol 3 "to get high."

"Ritalin" includes Ritalin, Adderall, Cylert, and Concerta "to get high."

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### Average Age of Onset for 8th and 11th Graders for Alcohol, Tobacco and Marijuana Use

	Tobacco		Alcohol		Marijuana	
	8th	11th	8th	11th	8th	11th
<b><u>Statewide</u></b>	12.6	14.5	12.5	14.7	13.0	14.9
<b><u>Males</u></b>	12.5	14.5	12.5	14.8	12.9	15.1
<b><u>Females</u></b>	12.6	14.4	12.5	14.5	13.1	14.8
<b><u>New Castle</u></b>	12.6	14.5	12.5	14.6	13.0	14.9
<b><u>Males</u></b>	12.5	14.4	12.5	14.6	12.9	14.7
<b><u>Females</u></b>	12.7	14.6	12.6	14.7	13.2	15.0
<b><u>Kent</u></b>	12.6	14.5	12.6	14.7	13.1	15.0
<b><u>Males</u></b>	12.5	14.5	12.6	14.5	13.1	14.8
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<b><u>Sussex</u></b>	12.4	14.4	12.4	14.7	12.9	14.8
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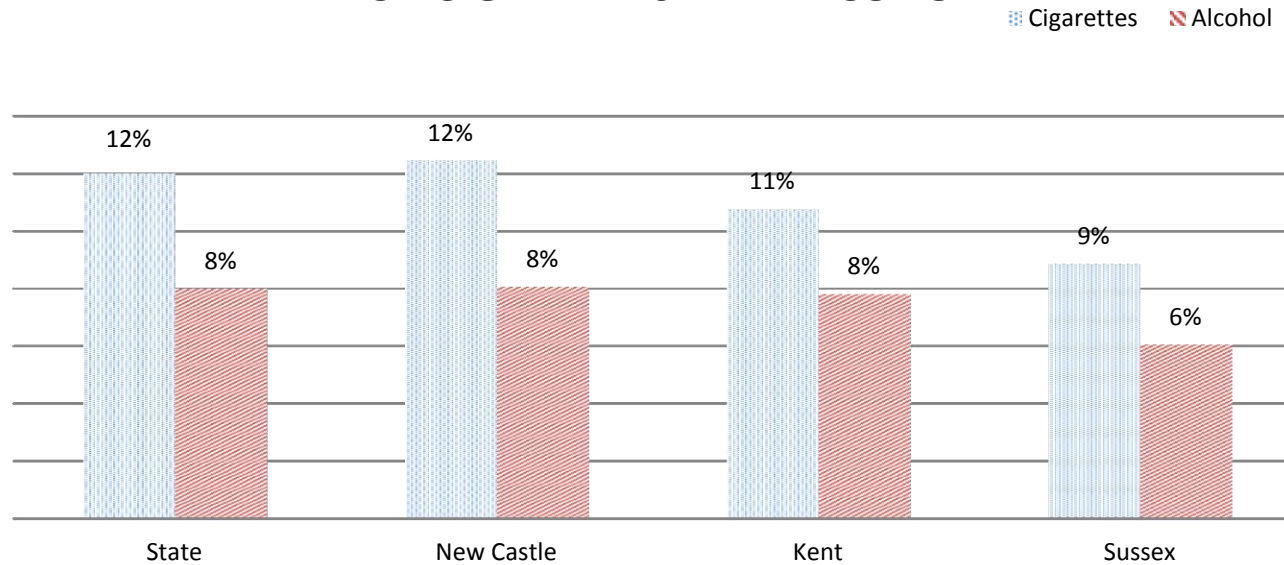
### III. Risk and Protective Factors for Drug Use:

Availability of Cigarettes, Alcohol, and Other Drugs to Students

Perceived Community Environment

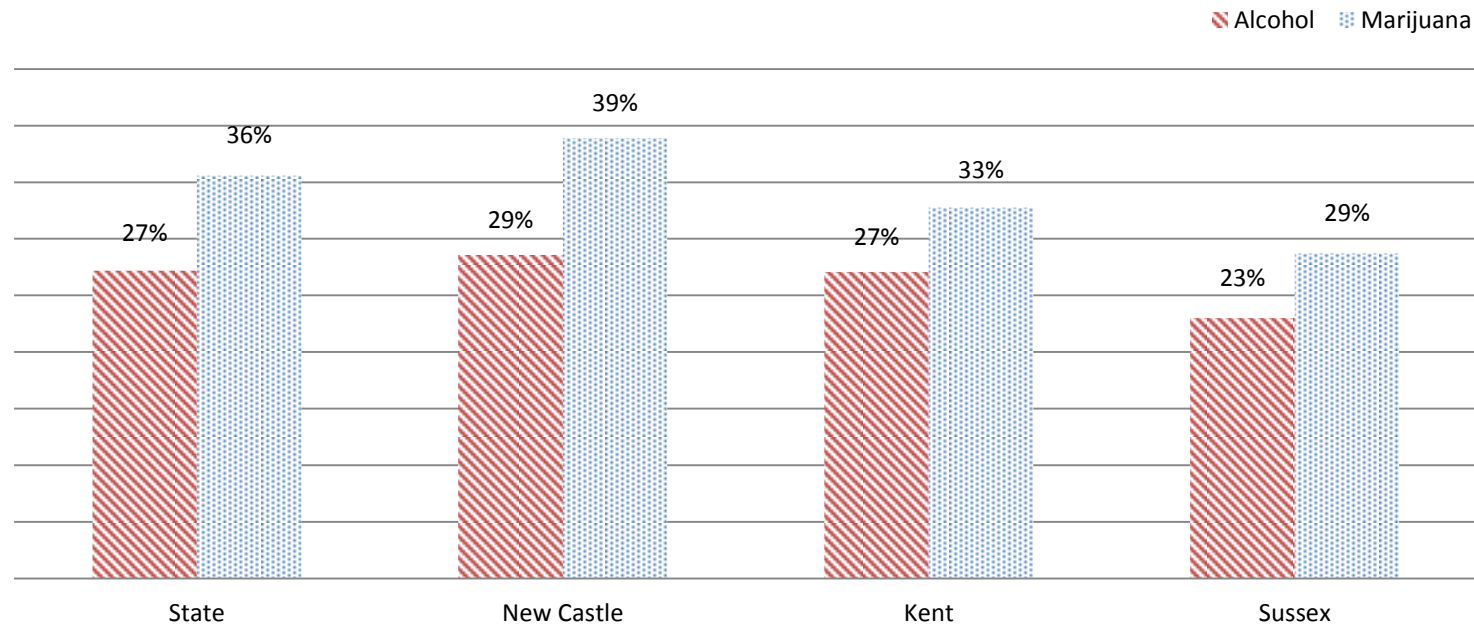


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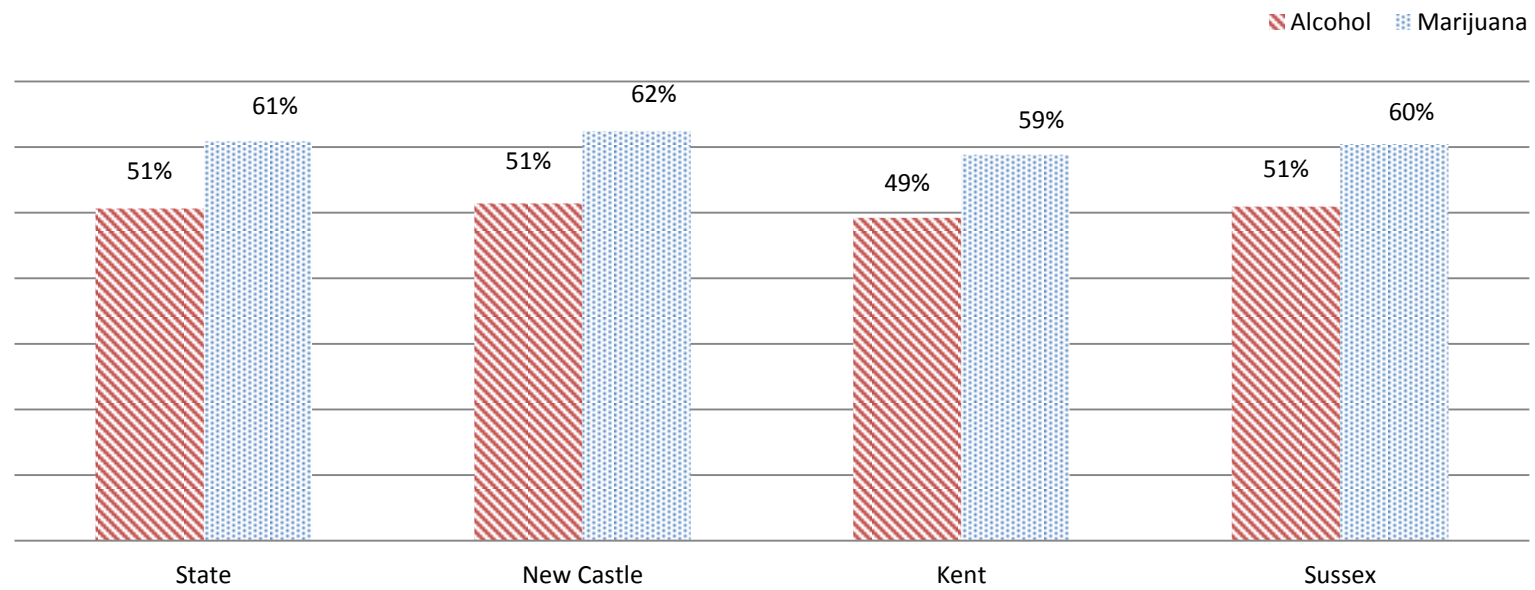
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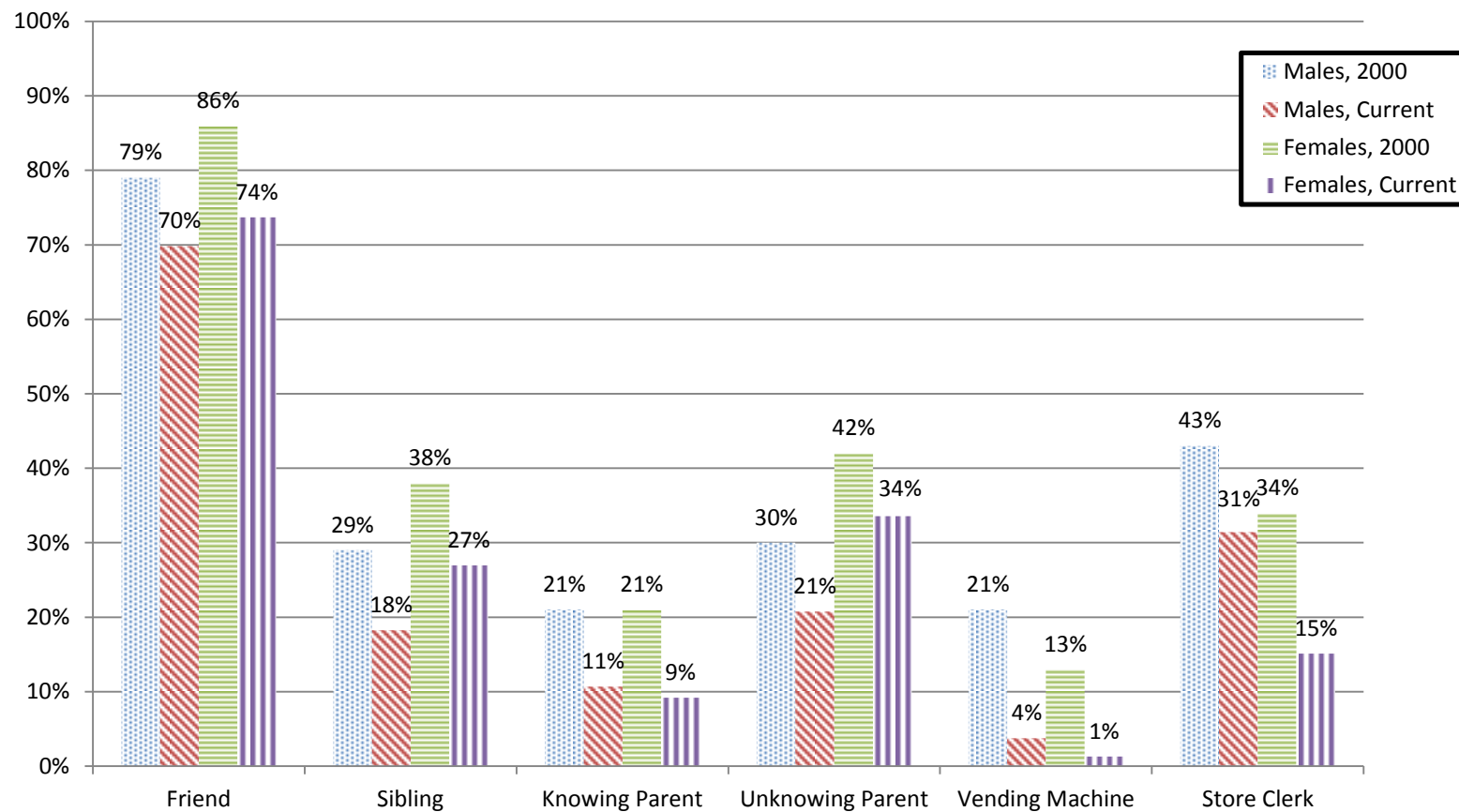
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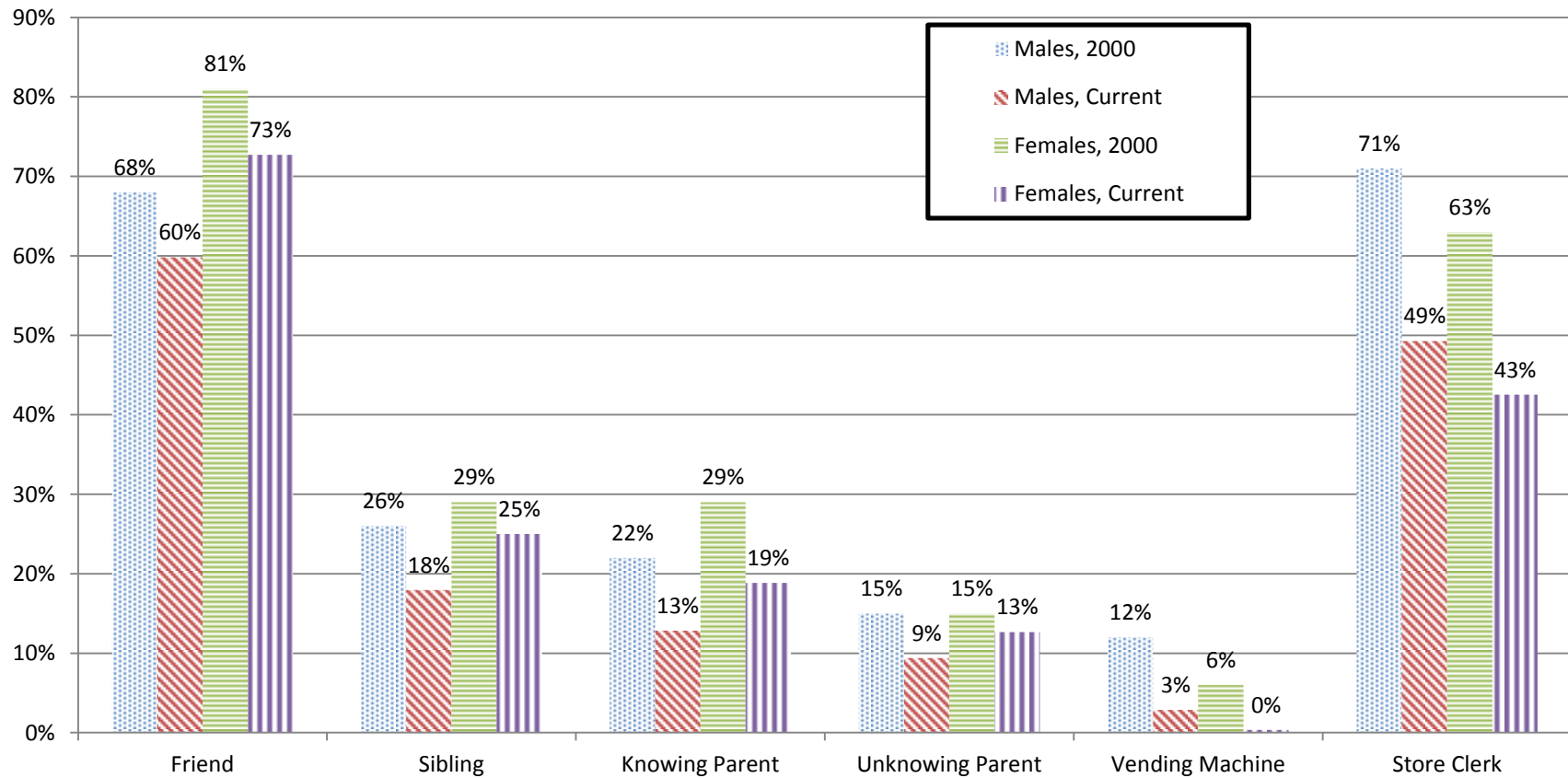


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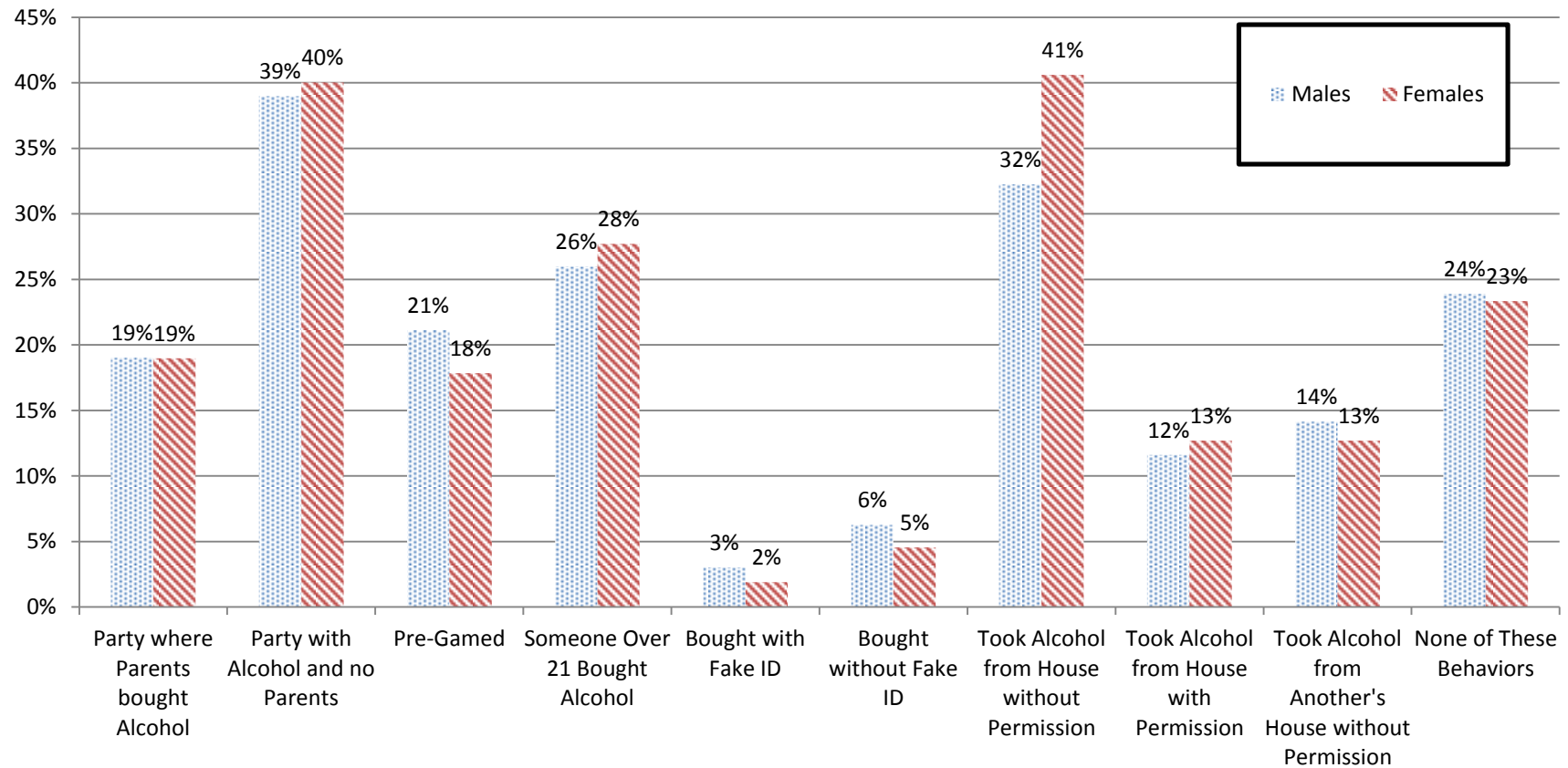


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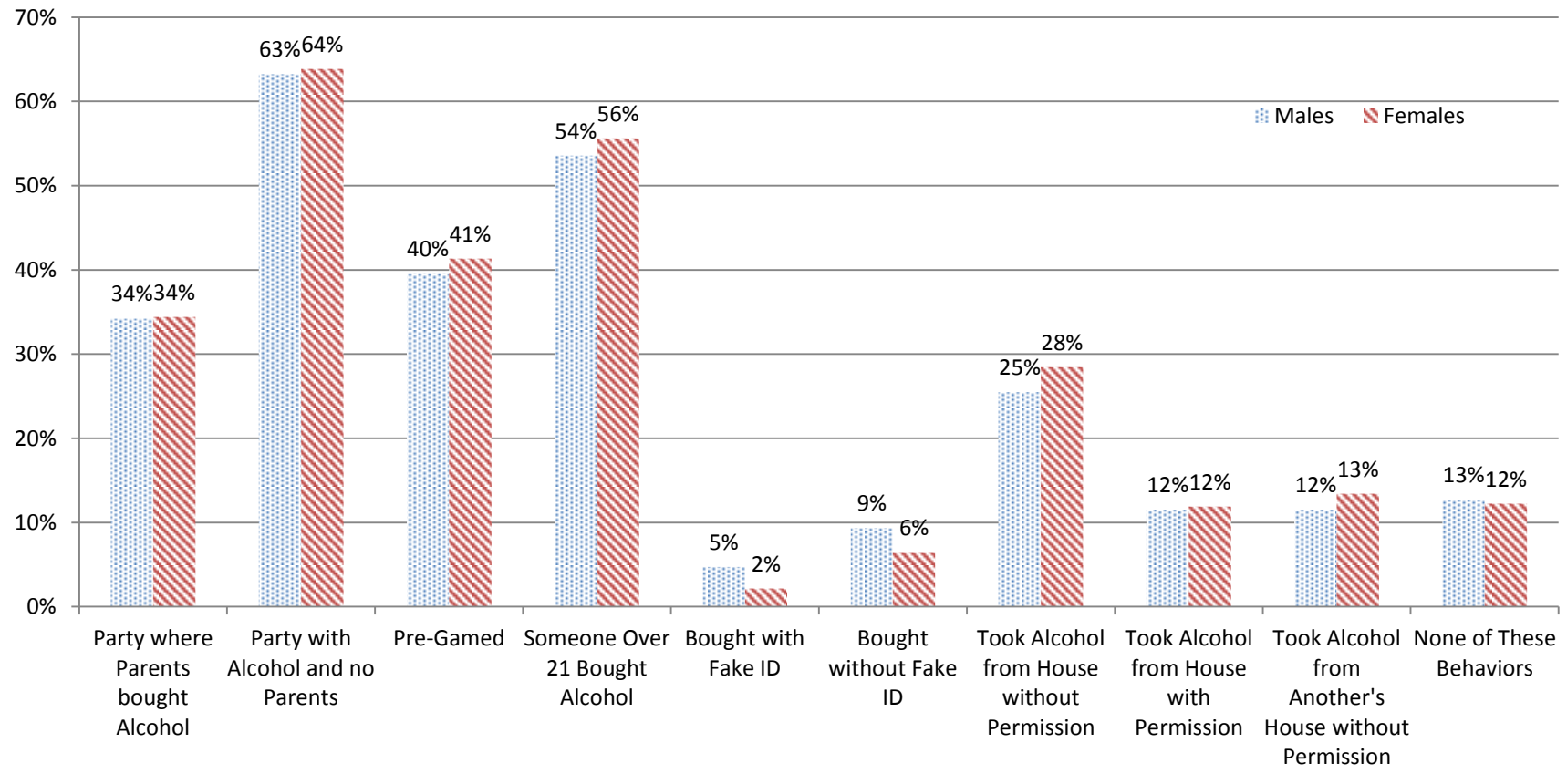
## PAST YEAR BEHAVIOR OF CURRENT DRINKERS AMONG DELAWARE EIGHTH GRADERS



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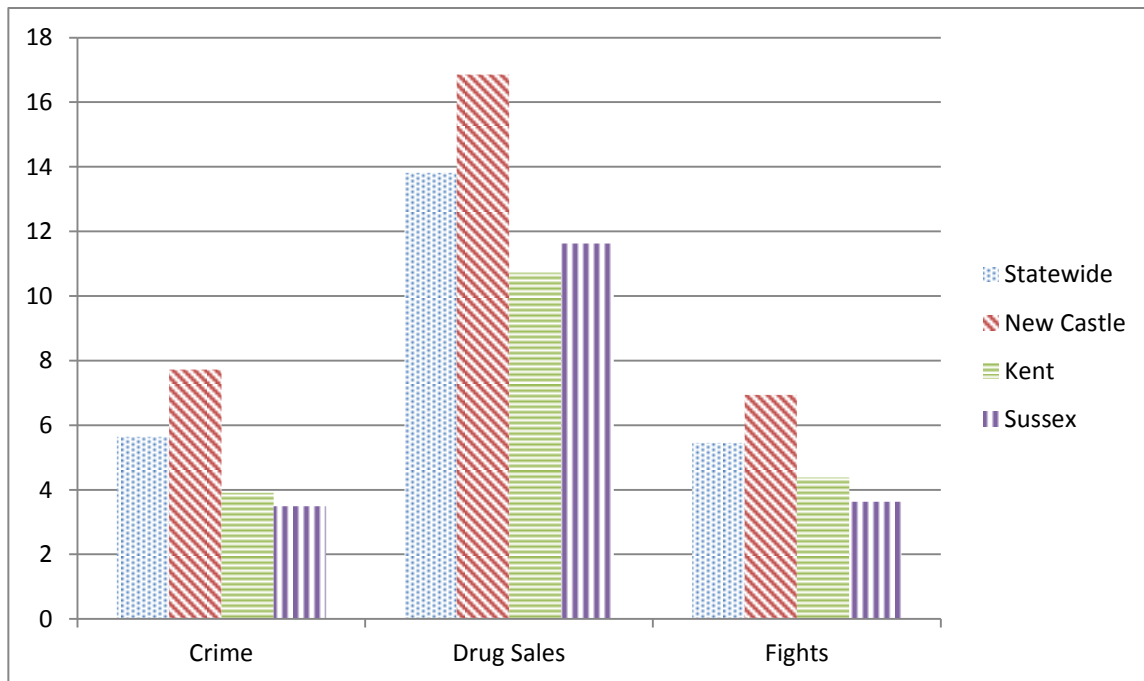
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### Perceived Neighborhood Problems:

(in percentages)

	8th Grade			11th Grade		
	Crime	Drug Sales	Fights	Crime	Drug Sales	Fights
<b>Statewide</b>	5	11	7	6	14	5
<b>Males</b>	5	9	6	5	13	5
<b>Females</b>	5	12	7	6	15	5
<b>New Castle</b>	6	13	7	8	17	7
<b>Males</b>	6	12	7	8	16	7
<b>Females</b>	6	14	8	7	18	7
<b>Kent</b>	3	6	5	4	11	4
<b>Males</b>	3	5	5	4	11	4
<b>Females</b>	3	7	6	4	11	5
<b>Sussex</b>	3	8	5	3	12	4
<b>Males</b>	2	6	5	3	9	3
<b>Females</b>	3	9	5	4	14	4



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Bar chart reflects 11th grade responses

Based on the question: "How much do each of the following describe your neighborhood?"



**Self-Reported Physical/Verbal Victimization, Attributed to  
"Kids In Neighborhood"**  
(in percentages)

	8th Grade		11th Grade	
	Verbal	Physical	Verbal	Physical
<b><u>Statewide</u></b>	4	3	2	2
<b><u>Males</u></b>	4	4	2	2
<b><u>Females</u></b>	4	3	2	1
<b><u>New Castle</u></b>	5	4	2	2
<b><u>Males</u></b>	5	4	2	2
<b><u>Females</u></b>	5	3	2	1
<b><u>Kent</u></b>	3	3	2	2
<b><u>Males</u></b>	3	3	3	2
<b><u>Females</u></b>	3	2	2	1
<b><u>Sussex</u></b>	4	3	2	1
<b><u>Males</u></b>	4	3	2	2
<b><u>Females</u></b>	4	2	2	1

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Based on the question: "During the past 30 days, which of the following things has happened TO YOU, and who was was involved:" "Kids In Neighborhood"

#### IV. School Environment

Estimates by Gender and County of School Violence, School Safety, and Student Comportment

Trends in School Safety and Student Comportment 1997-Present

Perceived Use by Peers

Use of Ritalin or Other Prescribed Psychoactive Medications to Improve Concentration at School by 5th, 8th, and 11th Graders

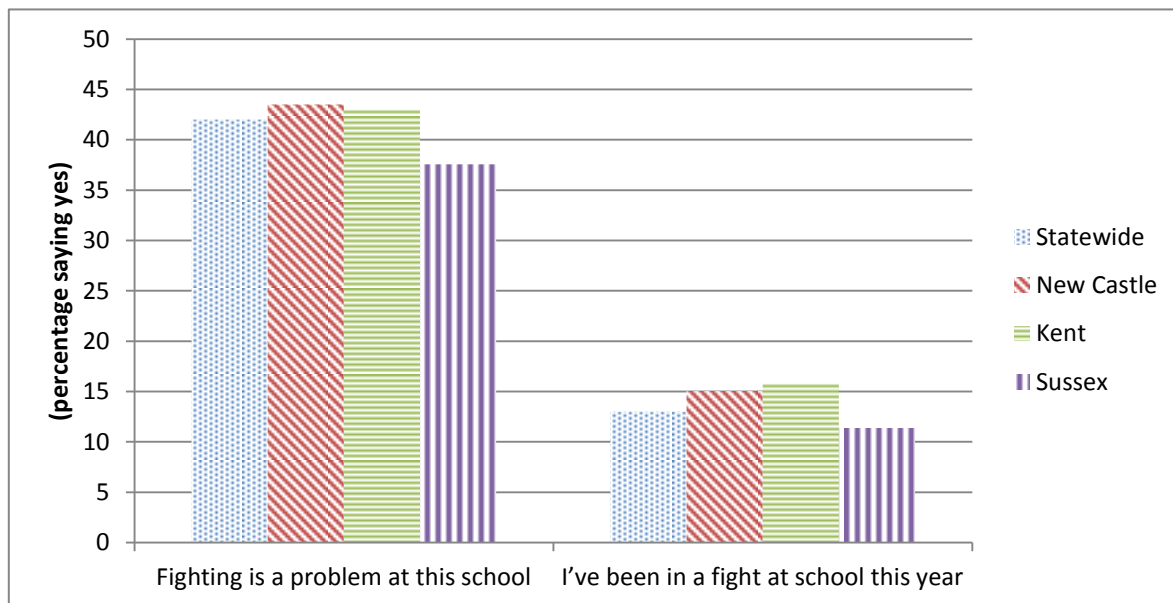
Past Month Substance Use in Relation to Prescribed Use of Psychoactive Drugs

Wellness Center Use by Eleventh Graders

## SCHOOL FIGHTING REPORTED BY DELAWARE FIFTH GRADERS

(in percentages)

	Fighting is a problem at this school	I've been in a fight at school this year
<b><u>Statewide</u></b>	42	13
<b><u>Males</u></b>	43	20
<b><u>Females</u></b>	42	10
<b><u>New Castle</u></b>	43	15
<b><u>Males</u></b>	44	19
<b><u>Females</u></b>	43	11
<b><u>Kent</u></b>	43	16
<b><u>Males</u></b>	43	22
<b><u>Females</u></b>	43	10
<b><u>Sussex</u></b>	38	11
<b><u>Males</u></b>	41	17
<b><u>Females</u></b>	33	6

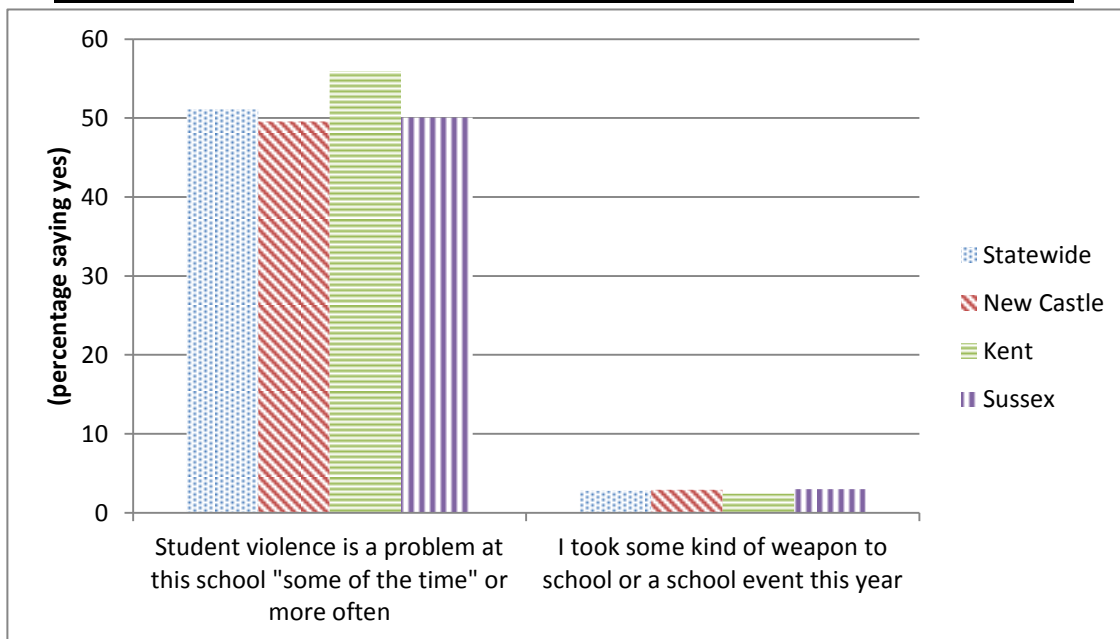


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## SCHOOL FIGHTING REPORTED BY DELAWARE EIGHTH GRADERS

(in percentages)

	Student violence is a problem at this school "some of the time" or more often	I took some kind of weapon to school or a school event this year
<b><u>Statewide</u></b>	51	3
<b><u>Males</u></b>	51	4
<b><u>Females</u></b>	52	1
<b><u>New Castle</u></b>	50	3
<b><u>Males</u></b>	49	4
<b><u>Females</u></b>	50	2
<b><u>Kent</u></b>	56	2
<b><u>Males</u></b>	57	4
<b><u>Females</u></b>	55	1
<b><u>Sussex</u></b>	50	3
<b><u>Males</u></b>	49	5
<b><u>Females</u></b>	51	1

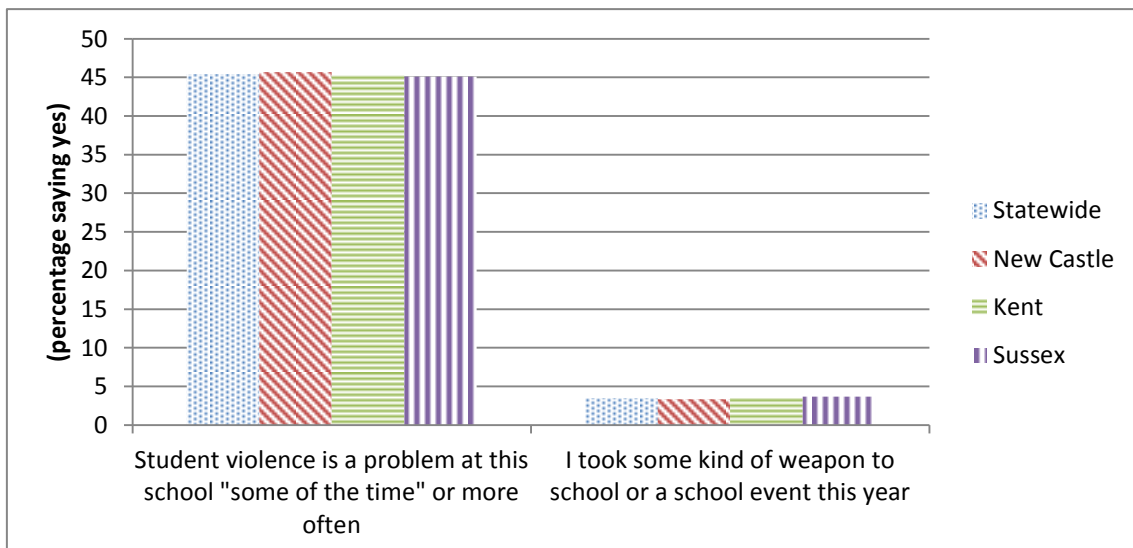


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(in percentages)

	Student violence is a problem at this school "some of the time" or more often	I took some kind of weapon to school or a school event this year
<b>Statewide</b>	45	3
<b>Males</b>	45	5
<b>Females</b>	46	2
<b>New Castle</b>	46	3
<b>Males</b>	44	5
<b>Females</b>	47	2
<b>Kent</b>	45	4
<b>Males</b>	46	6
<b>Females</b>	45	1
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<b>Females</b>	45	2

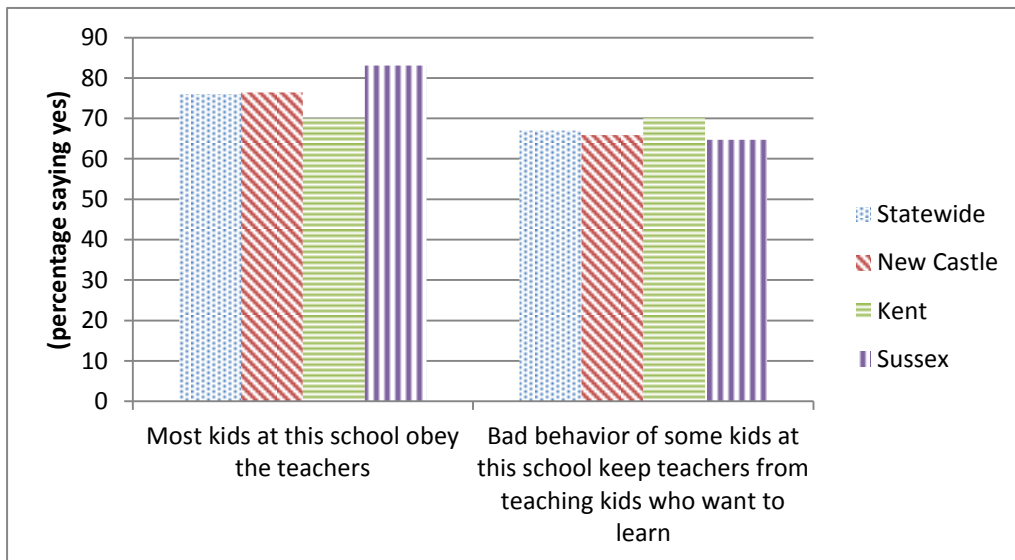


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**PERCEIVED STUDENT BEHAVIOR REPORTED  
BY DELAWARE FIFTH GRADERS**

(in percentages)

	Most kids at this school obey the teachers	Bad behavior of some kids at this school keep teachers from teaching kids who want to learn
<b><u>Statewide</u></b>	76	67
<b><u>Males</u></b>	77	69
<b><u>Females</u></b>	75	65
<b><u>New Castle</u></b>	76	66
<b><u>Males</u></b>	77	68
<b><u>Females</u></b>	75	64
<b><u>Kent</u></b>	70	70
<b><u>Males</u></b>	70	72
<b><u>Females</u></b>	70	69
<b><u>Sussex</u></b>	83	65
<b><u>Males</u></b>	83	69
<b><u>Females</u></b>	84	60

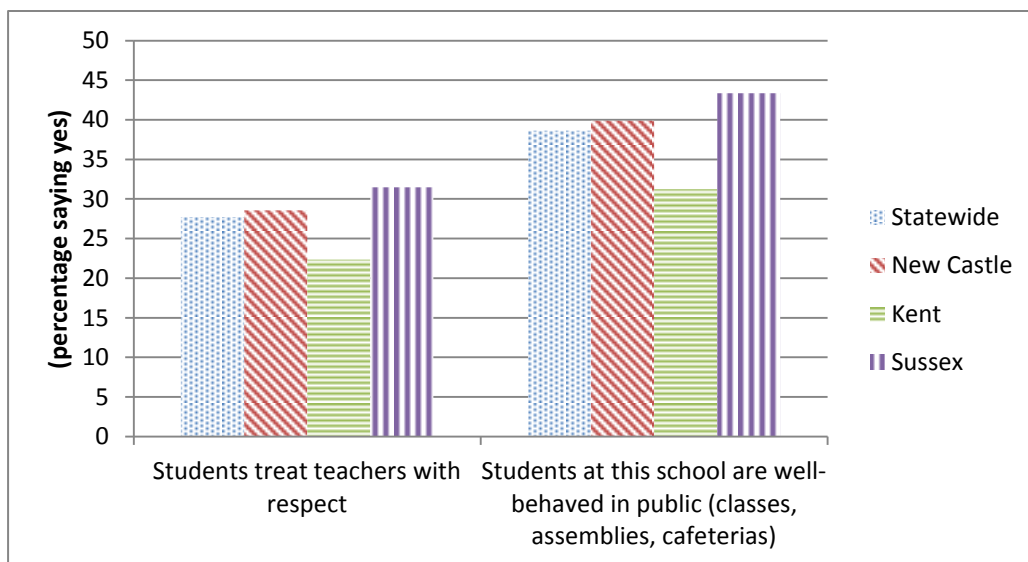


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**PERCEIVED STUDENT BEHAVIOR REPORTED  
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(percentage responding "often" or "most of the time")

	Students treat teachers with respect	Students at this school are well behaved in public (classes, assemblies, cafeterias)
<b>Statewide</b>	28	39
<b>Males</b>	32	42
<b>Females</b>	24	36
<b>New Castle</b>	29	40
<b>Males</b>	33	44
<b>Females</b>	24	36
<b>Kent</b>	22	31
<b>Males</b>	25	34
<b>Females</b>	20	29
<b>Sussex</b>	31	43
<b>Males</b>	36	45
<b>Females</b>	27	42



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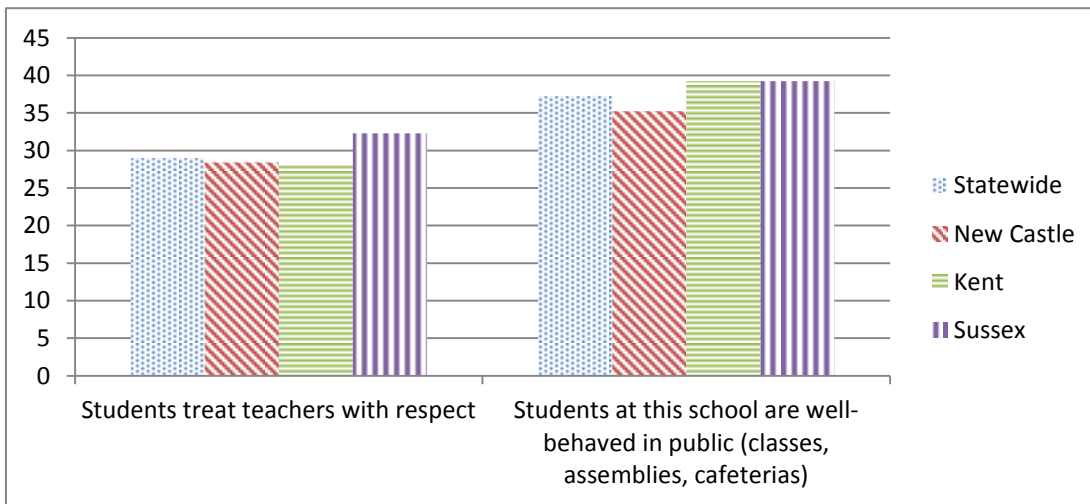
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- often
- some of the time
- not often
- never

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(percentage responding "often" or "most of the time")

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<b>Females</b>	24	31
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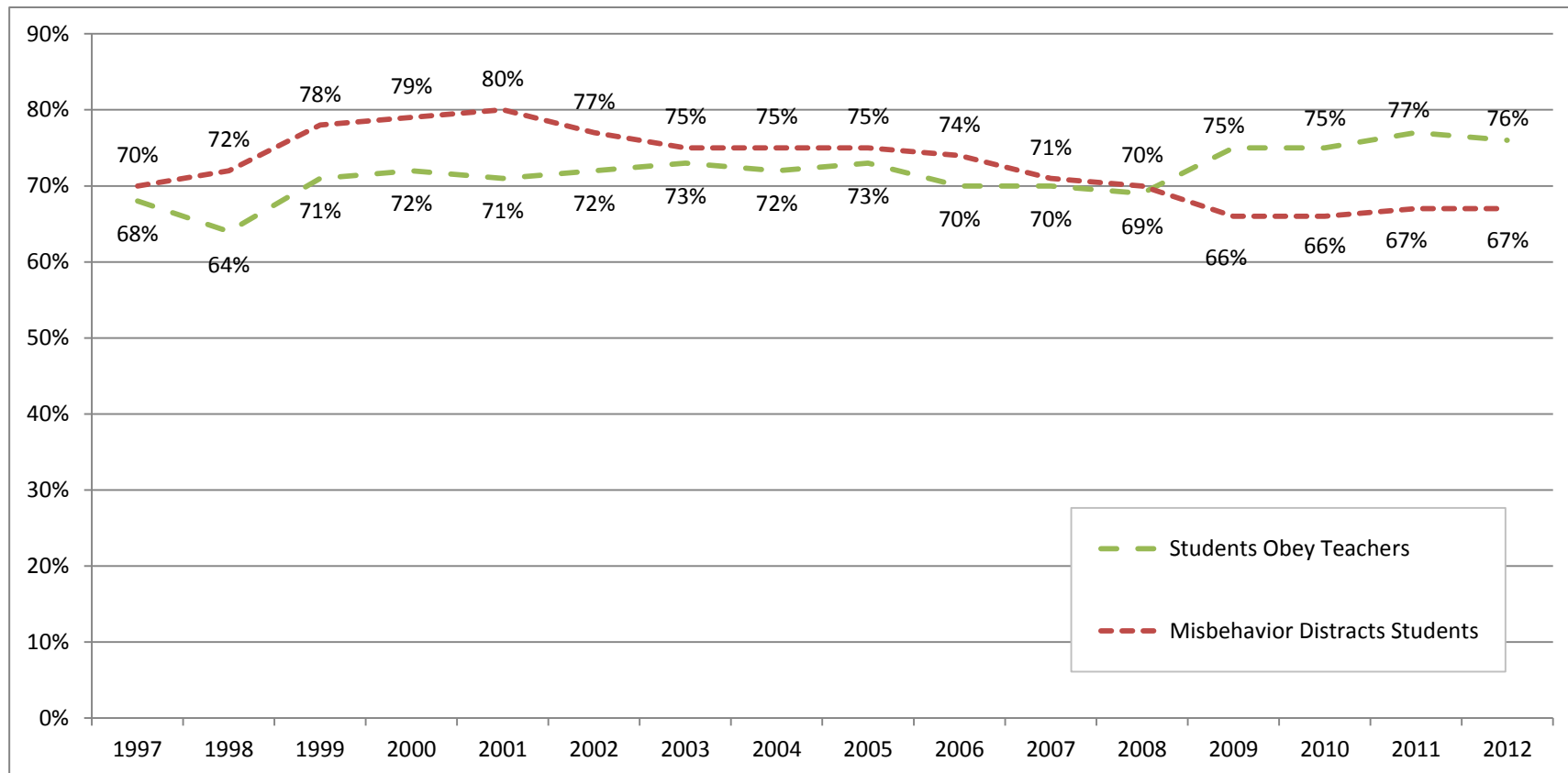
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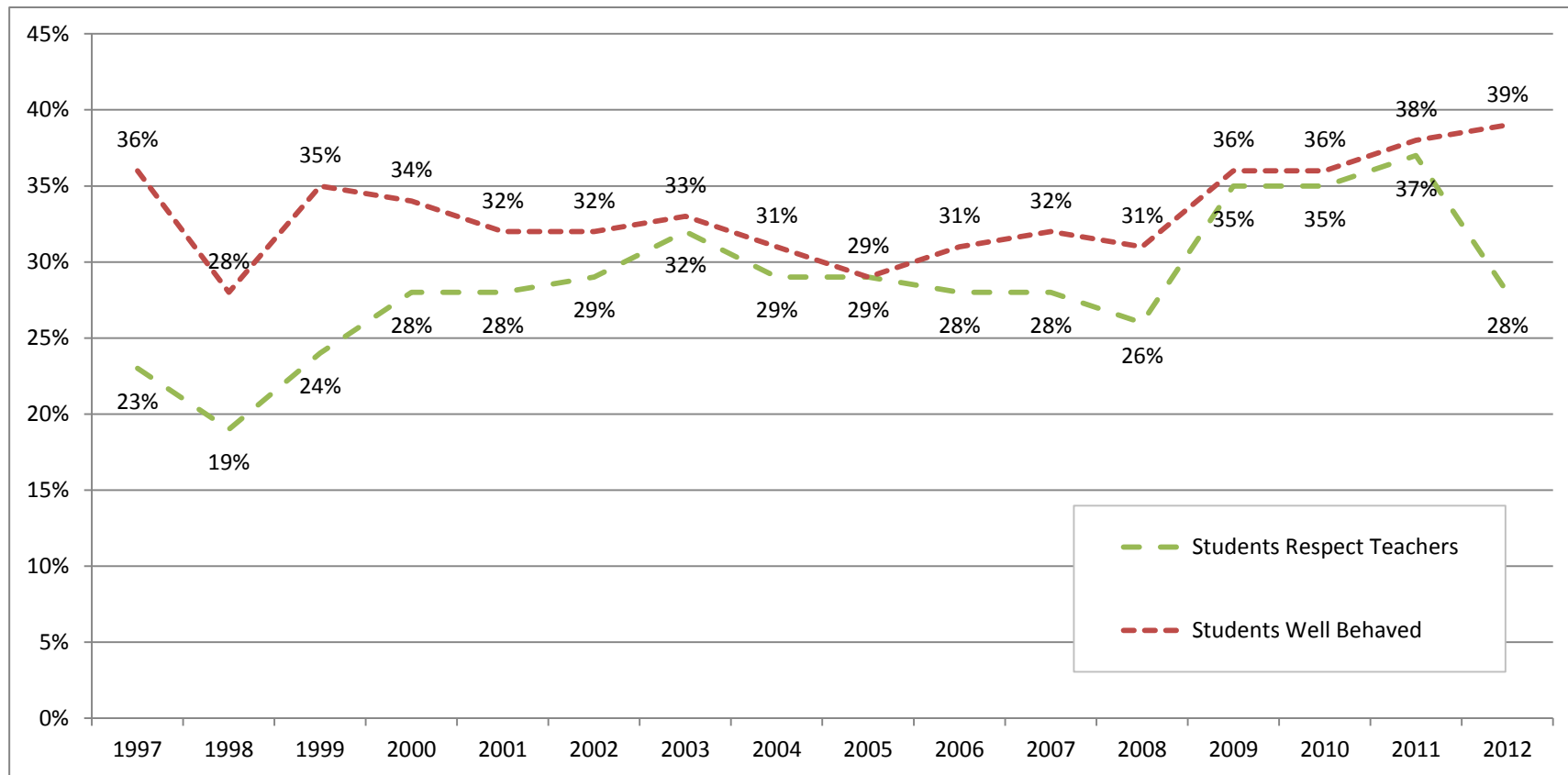


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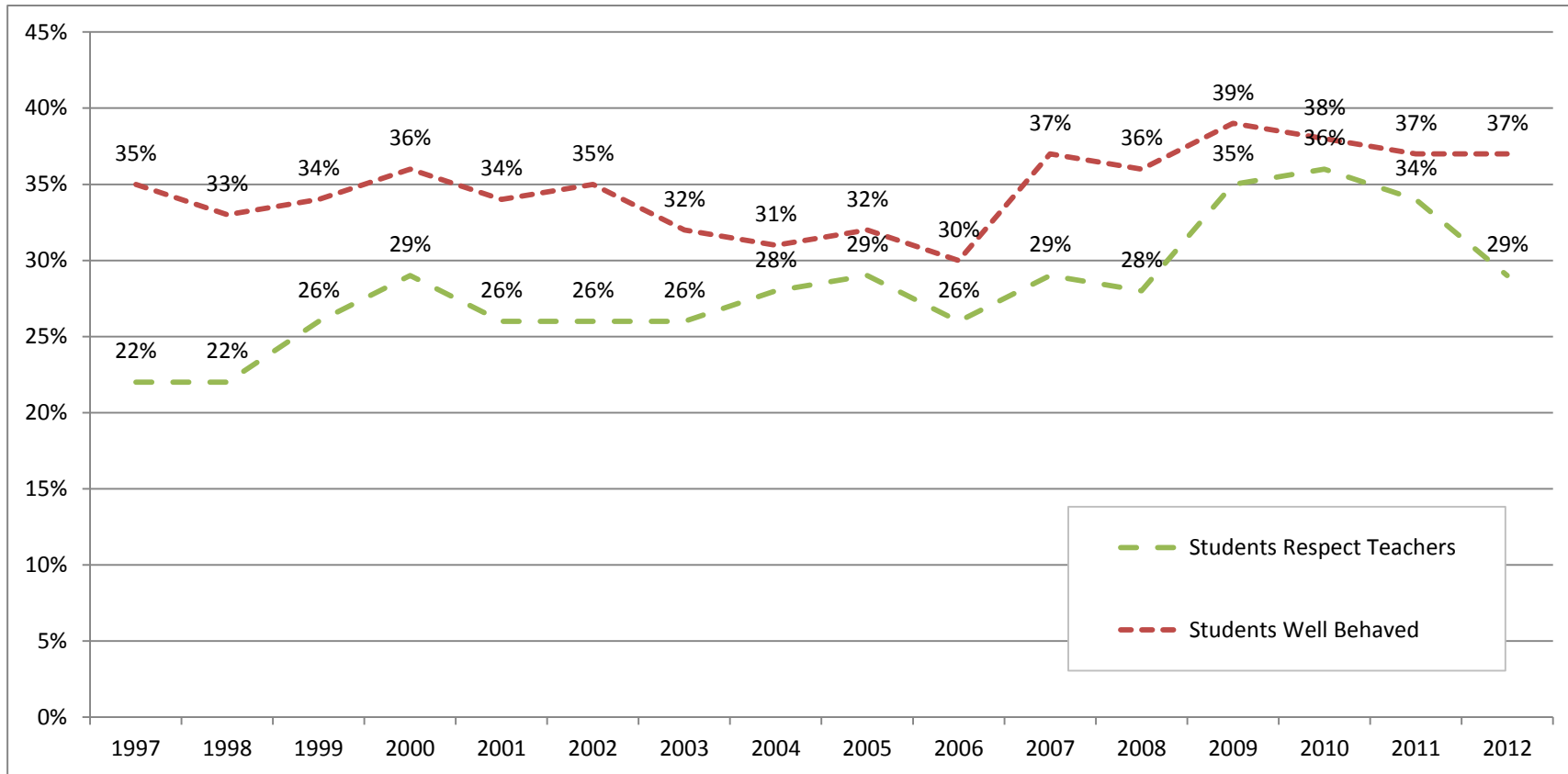
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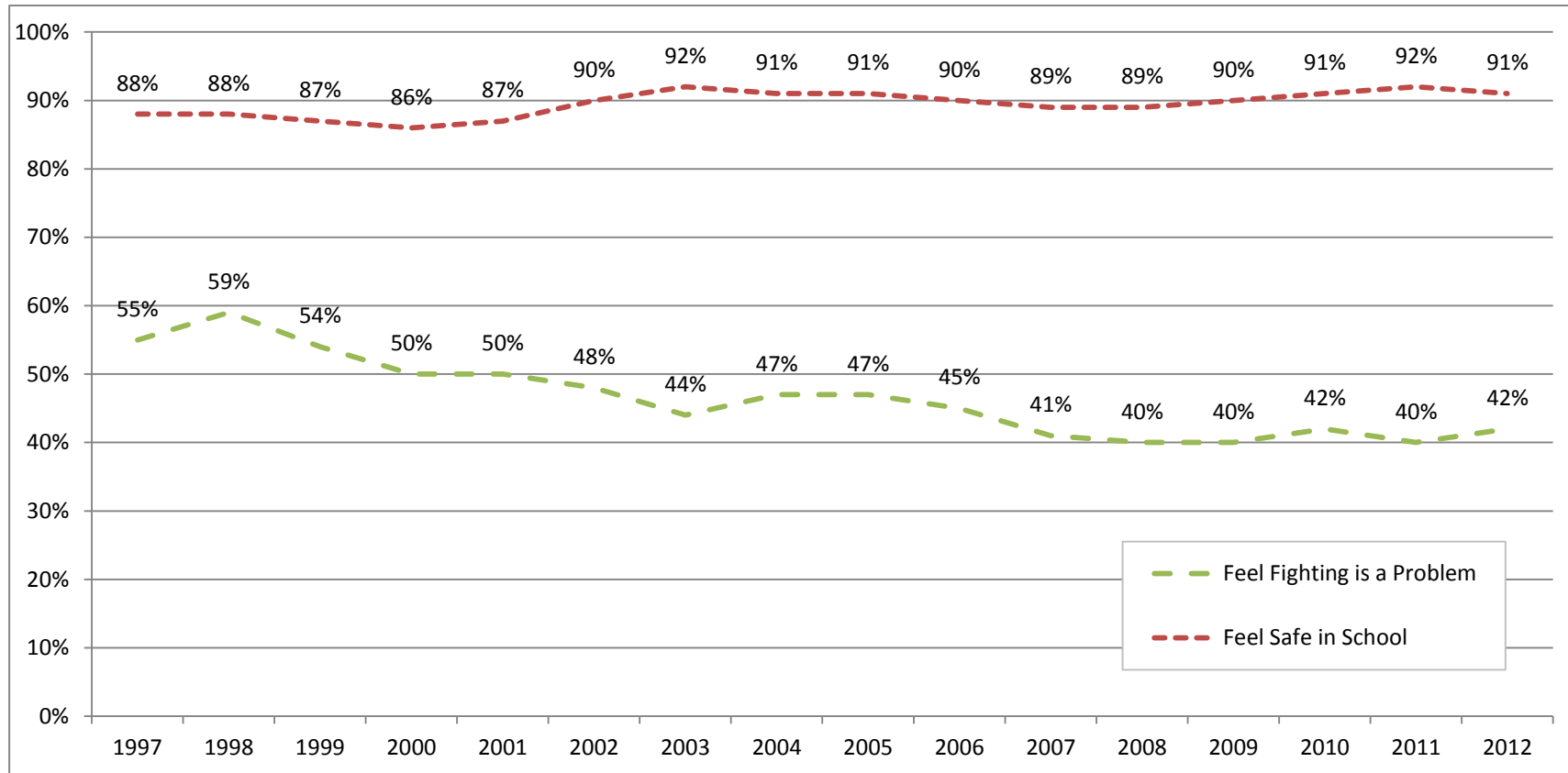
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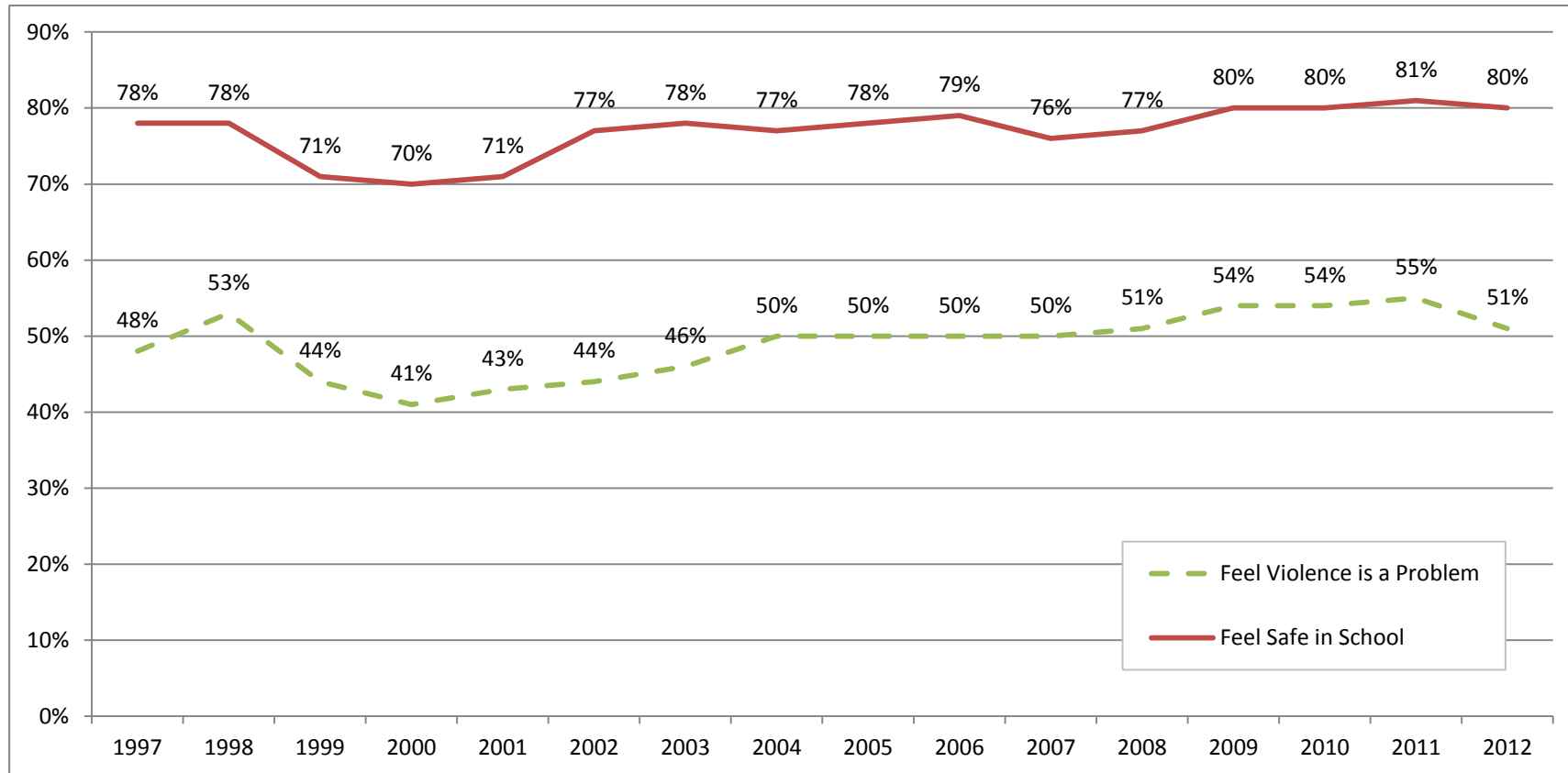
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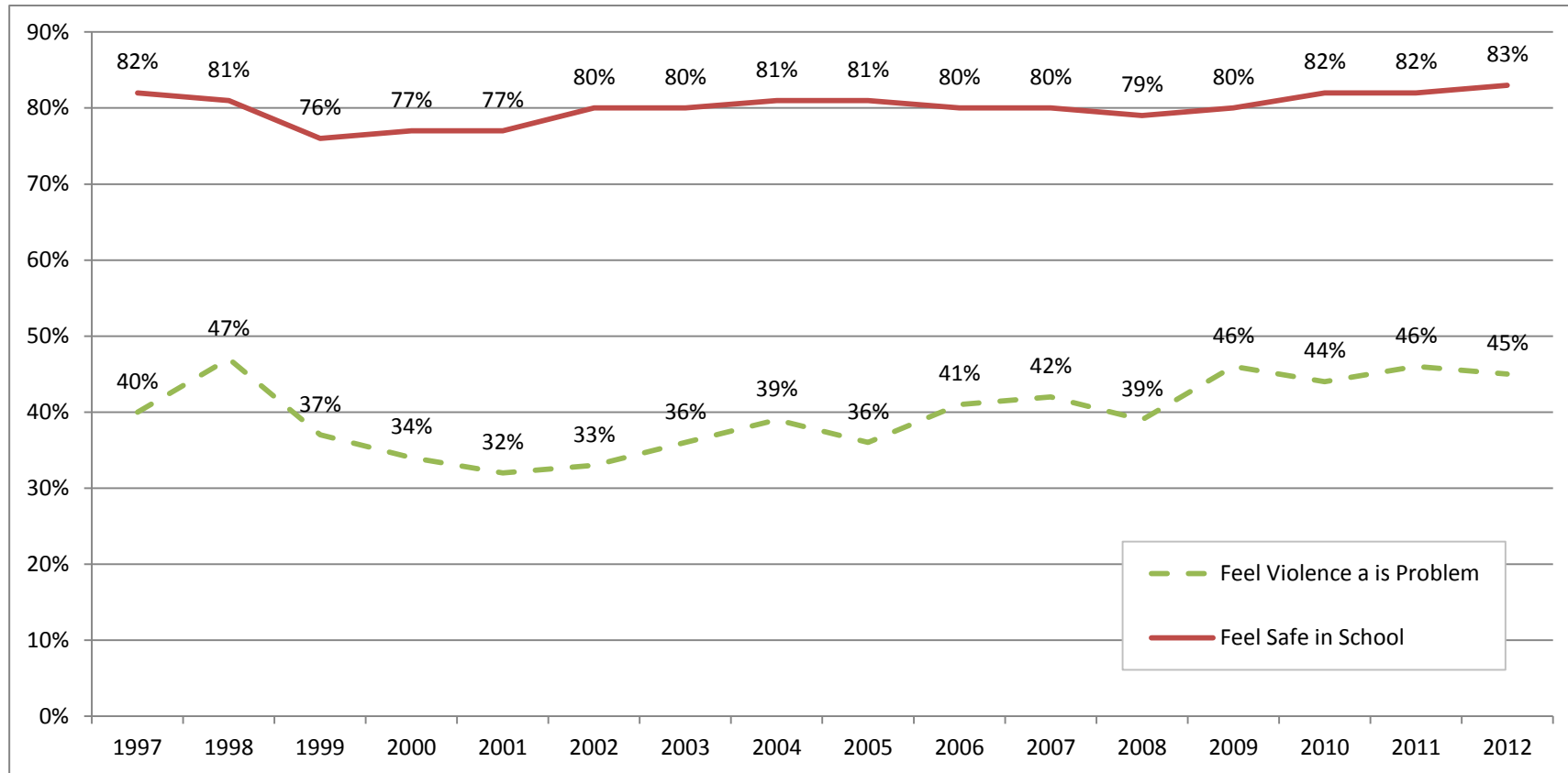
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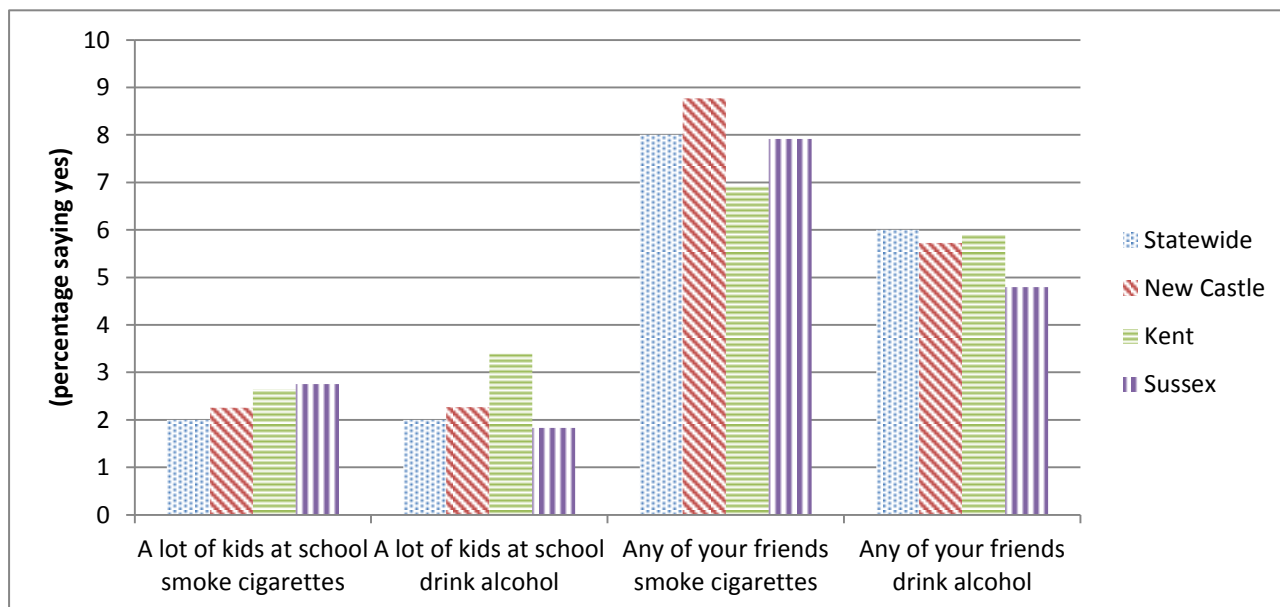


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## SUBSTANCE USE BY PEERS REPORTED BY DELAWARE FIFTH GRADERS

(in percentages)

	A lot of kids at school smoke cigarettes	A lot of kids at school drink alcohol	Any of your friends smoke cigarettes	Any of your friends drink alcohol
<b><u>Statewide</u></b>	2	2	8	6
<b><u>Males</u></b>	2	2	8	5
<b><u>Females</u></b>	3	3	8	6
<b><u>New Castle</u></b>	2	2	9	6
<b><u>Males</u></b>	2	2	8	5
<b><u>Females</u></b>	3	2	9	6
<b><u>Kent</u></b>	3	3	7	6
<b><u>Males</u></b>	2	4	7	6
<b><u>Females</u></b>	3	3	7	6
<b><u>Sussex</u></b>	3	2	8	5
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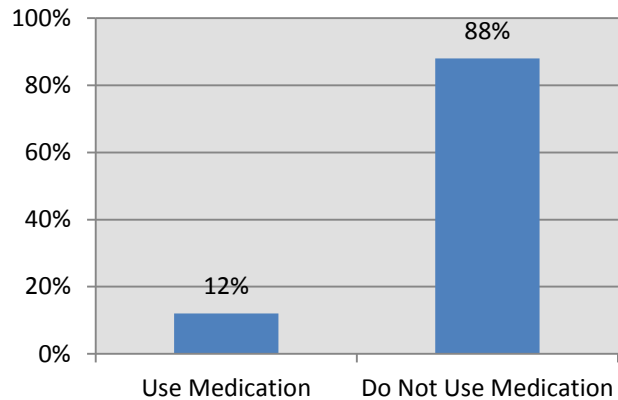


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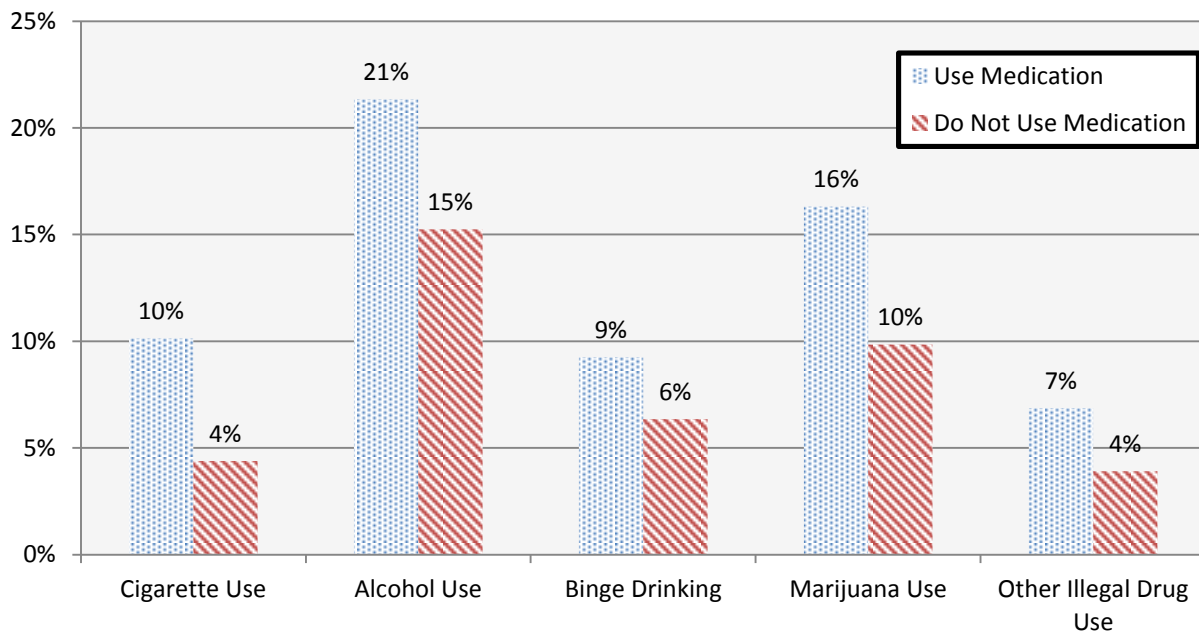
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## Past Month Substance Abuse Among Delaware Eighth Graders Who Use and Do Not Use Ritalin or Other Psychoactive Medication



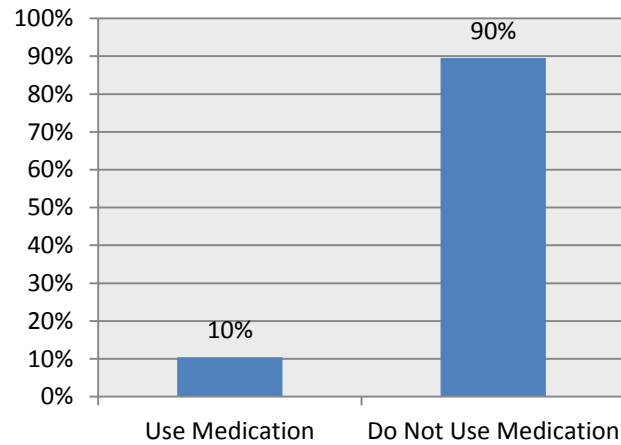
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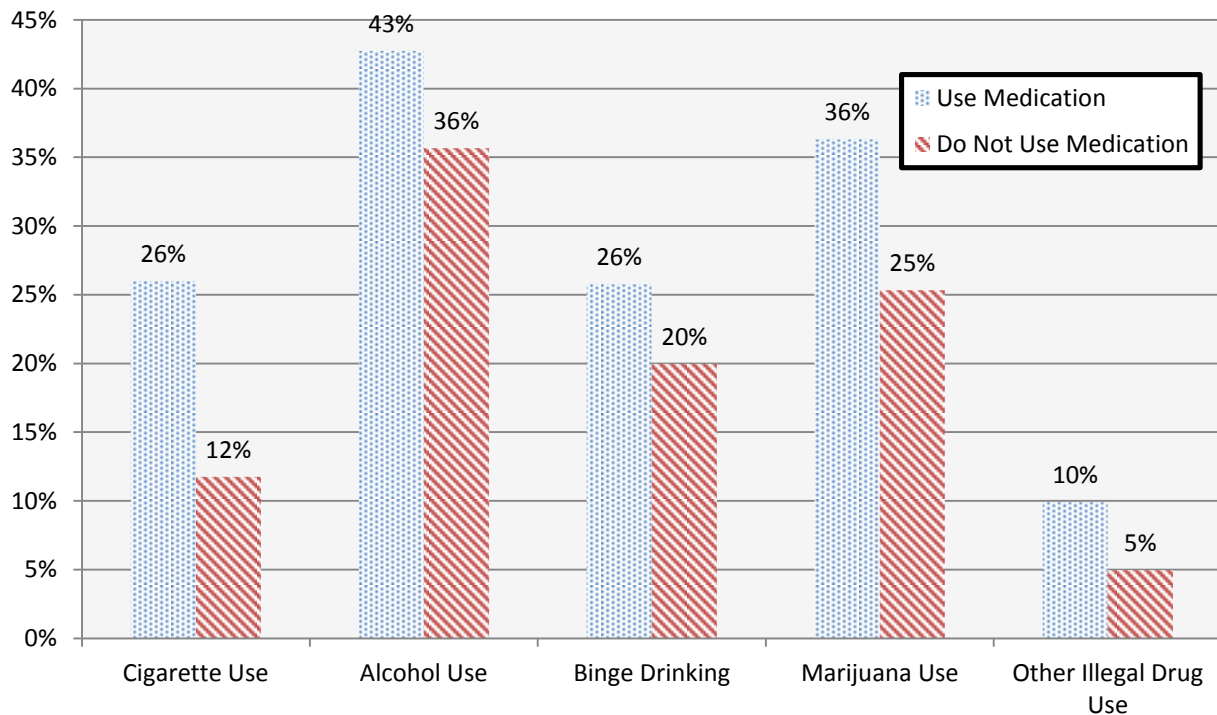
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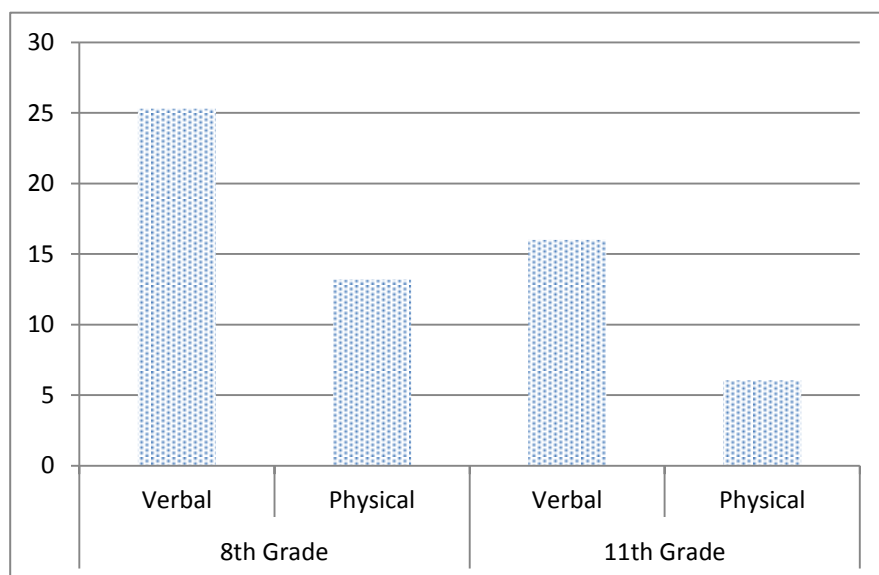
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### Verbal/Physical Abuse by "Kids In School"

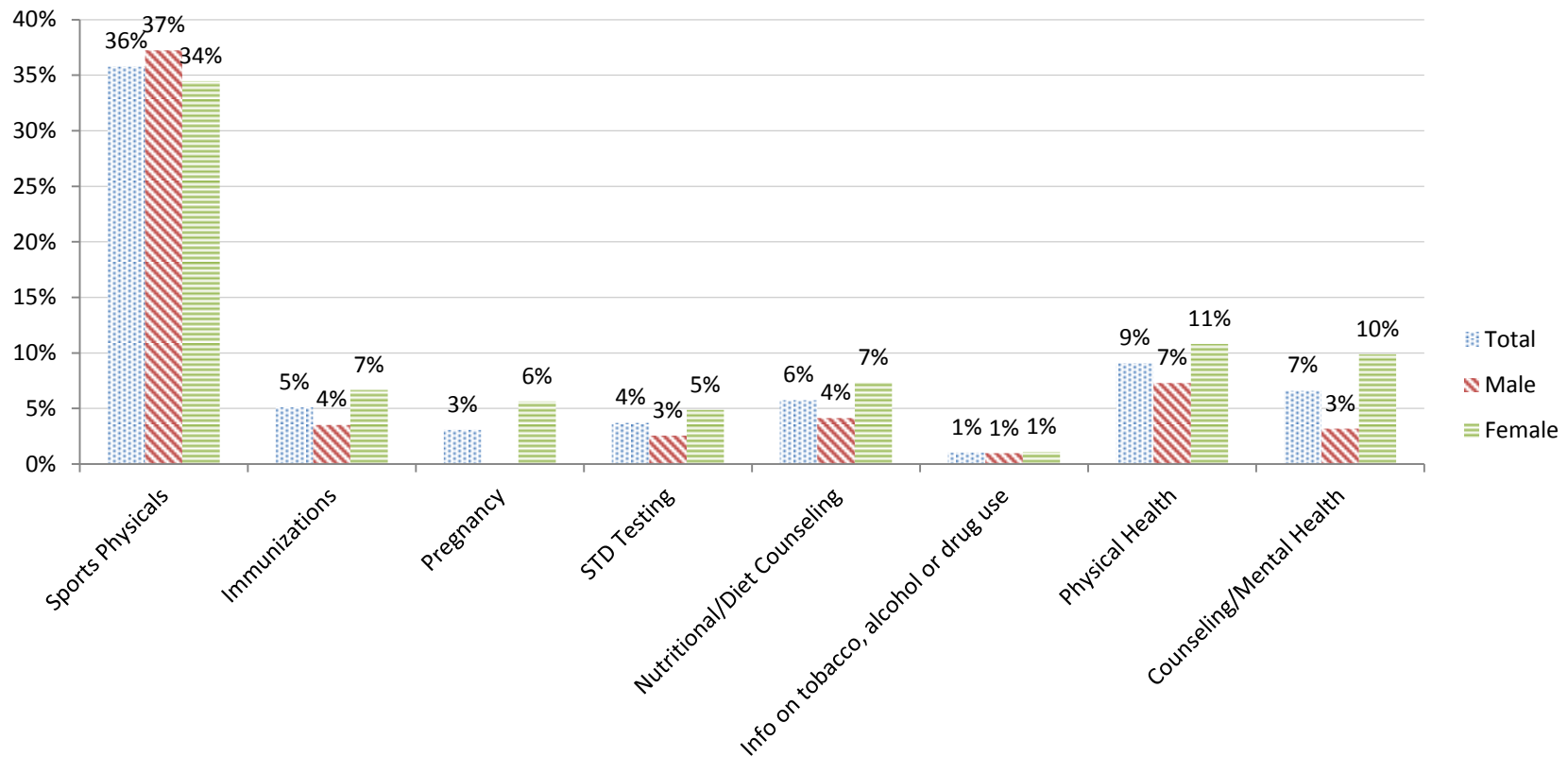
	8th Grade		11th Grade	
	Verbal	Physical	Verbal	Physical
<b><u>Statewide</u></b>	25	13	16	6
<b><u>Males</u></b>	22	15	13	7
<b><u>Females</u></b>	29	11	19	5
<b><u>New Castle</u></b>	24	12	15	6
<b><u>Males</u></b>	20	13	12	6
<b><u>Females</u></b>	28	11	18	5
<b><u>Kent</u></b>	28	15	17	7
<b><u>Males</u></b>	25	19	13	7
<b><u>Females</u></b>	32	12	21	5
<b><u>Sussex</u></b>	26	15	15	6
<b><u>Males</u></b>	23	17	12	8
<b><u>Females</u></b>	29	12	19	4



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Based on the question: "During the past 30 days, which of the following things has happened TO YOU, and who was involved: 'Kids in School'."

## PERCENTAGE OF DELAWARE ELEVENTH GRADERS REPORTING WELLNESS CENTER USE



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Note: These are reasons for use and do not represent the amount of use for different categories of visits.

Note: Not all schools have Wellness Centers.

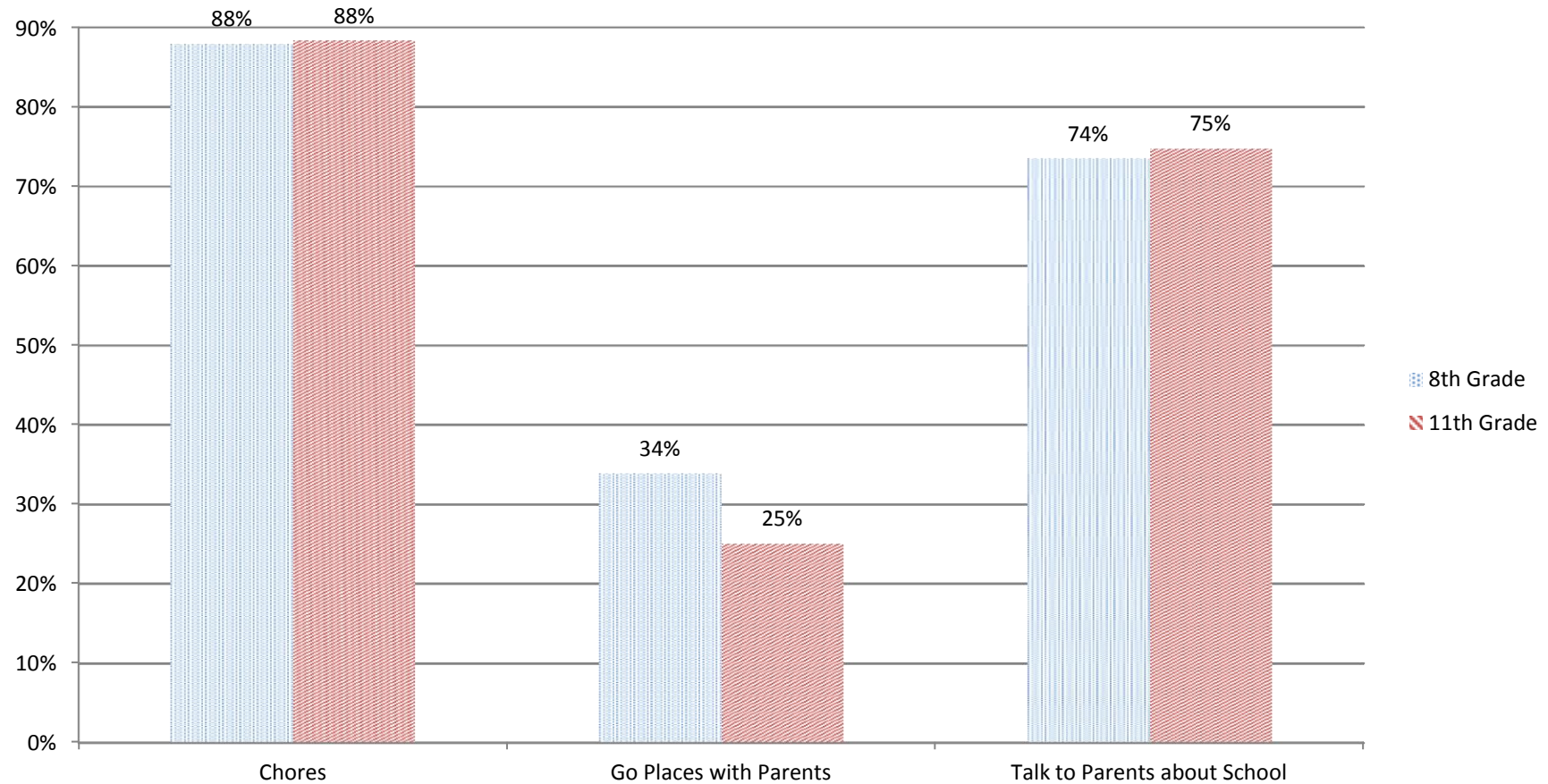
## V. Family Environment

Perceived Family Climate: Chores, Family Activities, and Talks

Perceived Parental Behavior: Monitoring, Rule-Setting, and Support

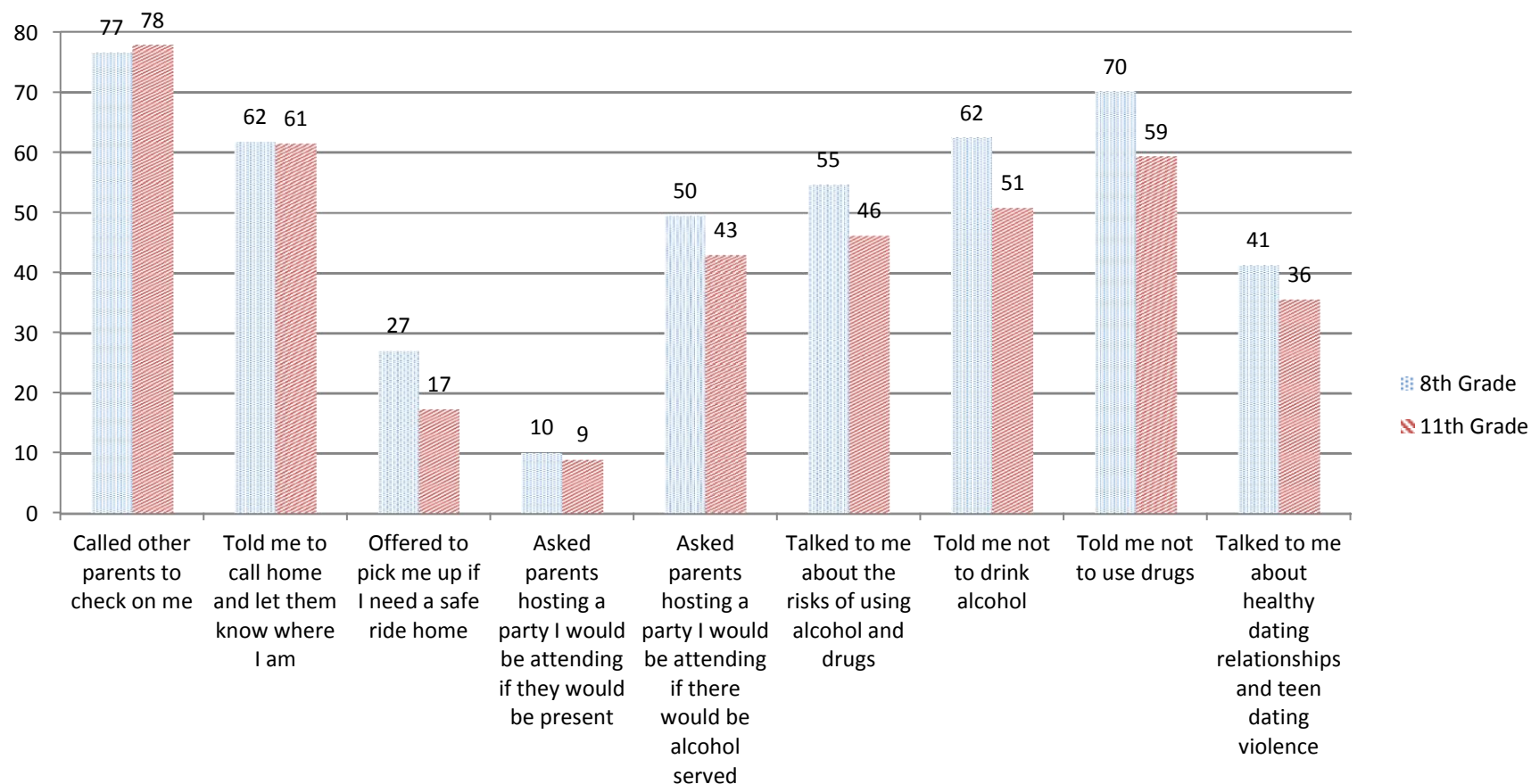
Fighting/Arguing with Parents

### Perceived Family Climate: Percentage of 8th and 11th Graders' Behaviors in the Past Month



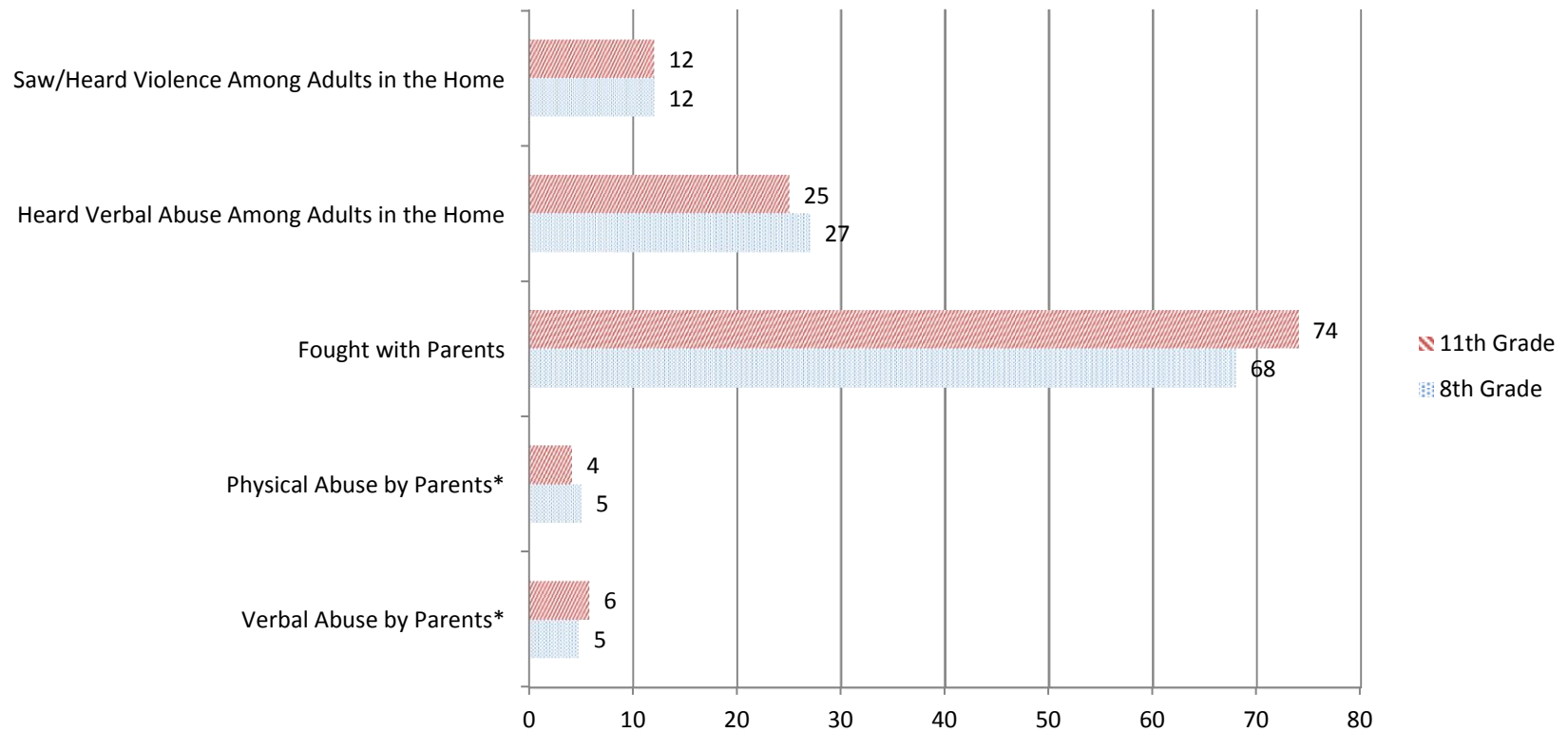
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## Percentage of 8th and 11th Graders Whose Parents Have Done the Following In the Past Year:



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## Past Year Family Climate Reported by 8th and 11th Graders



\*Past Month

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## VI. Other Risk Behaviors and Consequences

Delinquency: Arrests, Suspensions, Group Fights, Hitting, Stealing, Trespassing, Weapon-Carrying, Vandalism, and Selling/Giving Drugs

Estimates by Gender and County of Lifetime, Past Year, and Past Month Riding in a Car with a Driver Who Has Been Drinking or Using Marijuana, 8th and 11th Graders

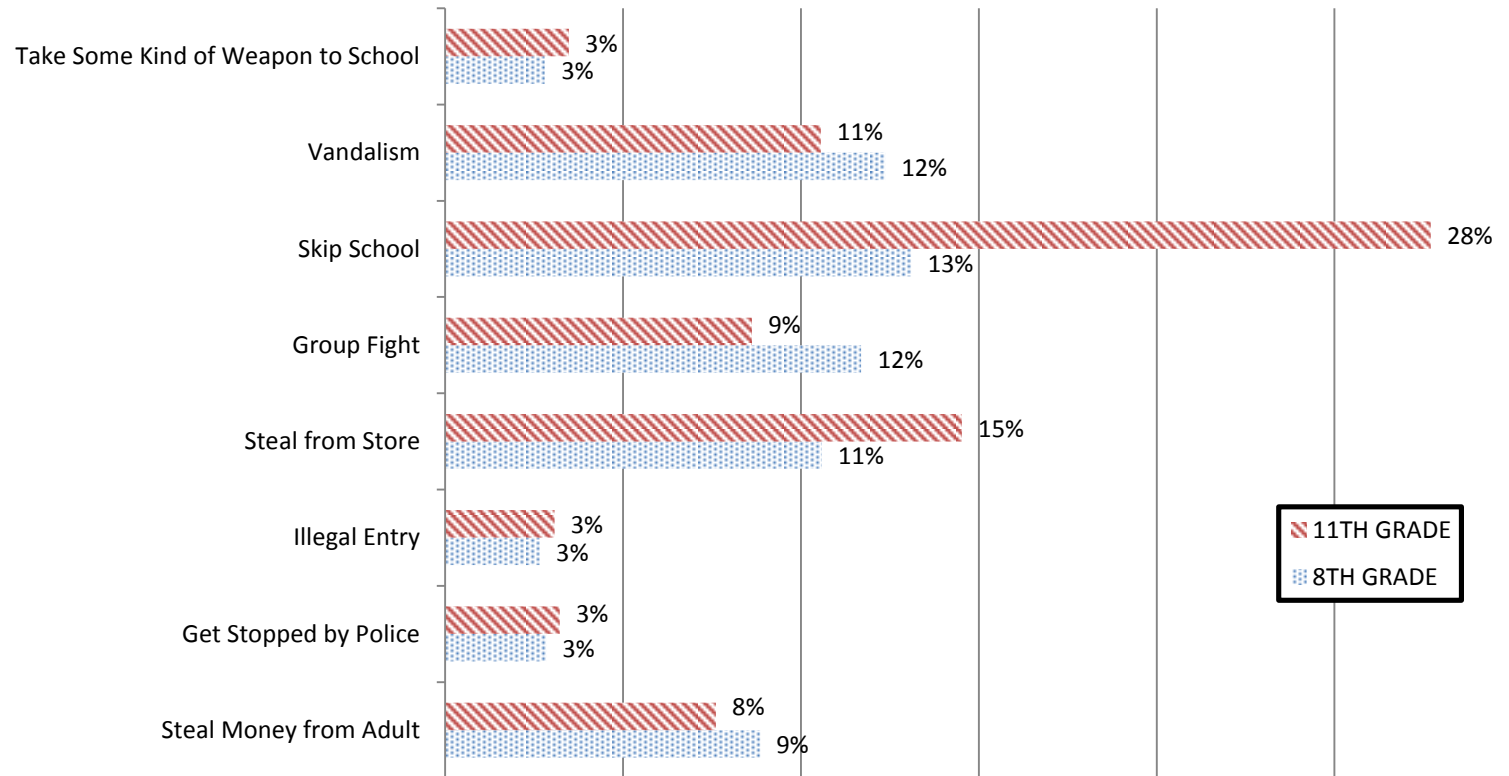
Trends over Time in Report of Past Month Drinking and Driving and of Past Month Marijuana Use and Driving, 1989-Present 11th Graders

Estimates by Gender and County of Lifetime, Past Year, and Past Month Drinking and Driving and Marijuana Use and Driving, 11th Graders

Past Month Drug Use in Relation to Past Year Report of Delinquent Behaviors, 8th and 11th Graders



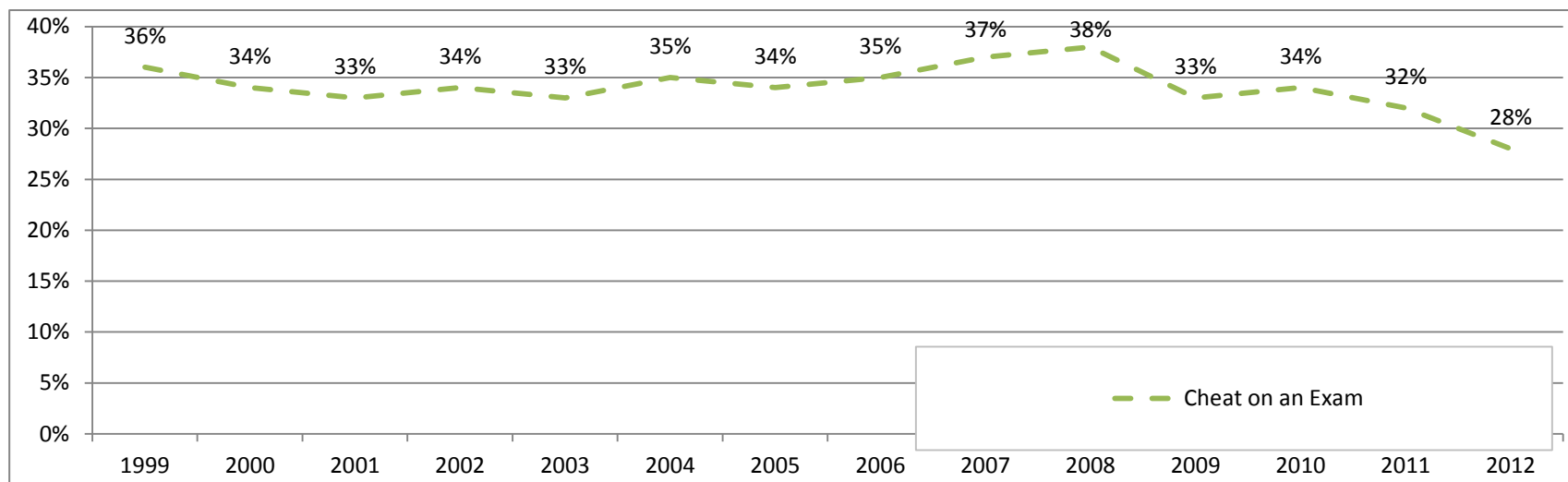
## REPORT OF PAST YEAR DELINQUENT BEHAVIOR REPORTED BY DELAWARE EIGHTH AND ELEVENTH GRADERS



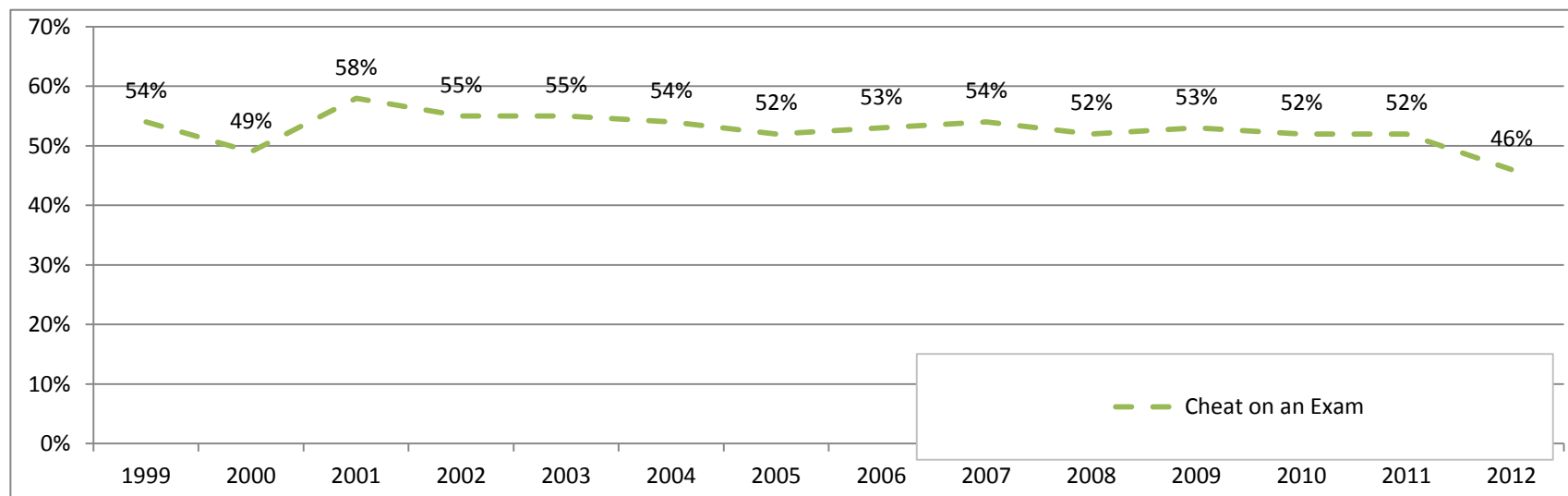
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# **TRENDS IN DELAWARE STUDENTS' DELINQUENCY** **Past Year Reports of Non-Criminal Negative Behaviors**

8th Grade



11th Grade

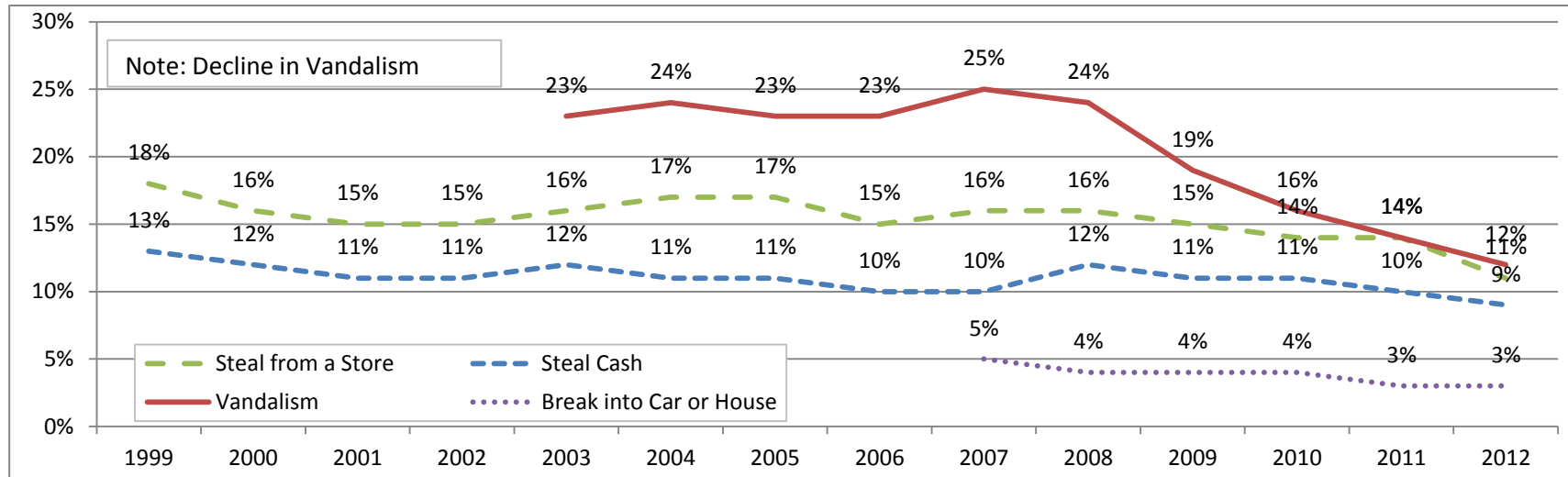


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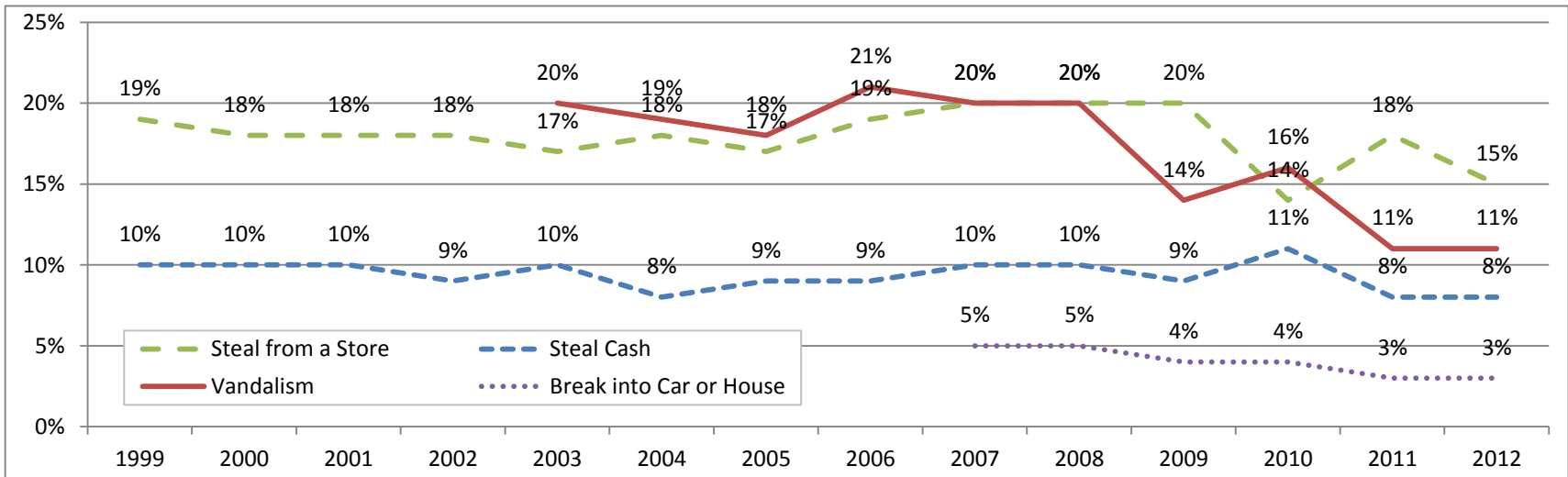
## TRENDS IN DELAWARE STUDENTS' DELINQUENCY

### Past Year Reports of Property Crimes

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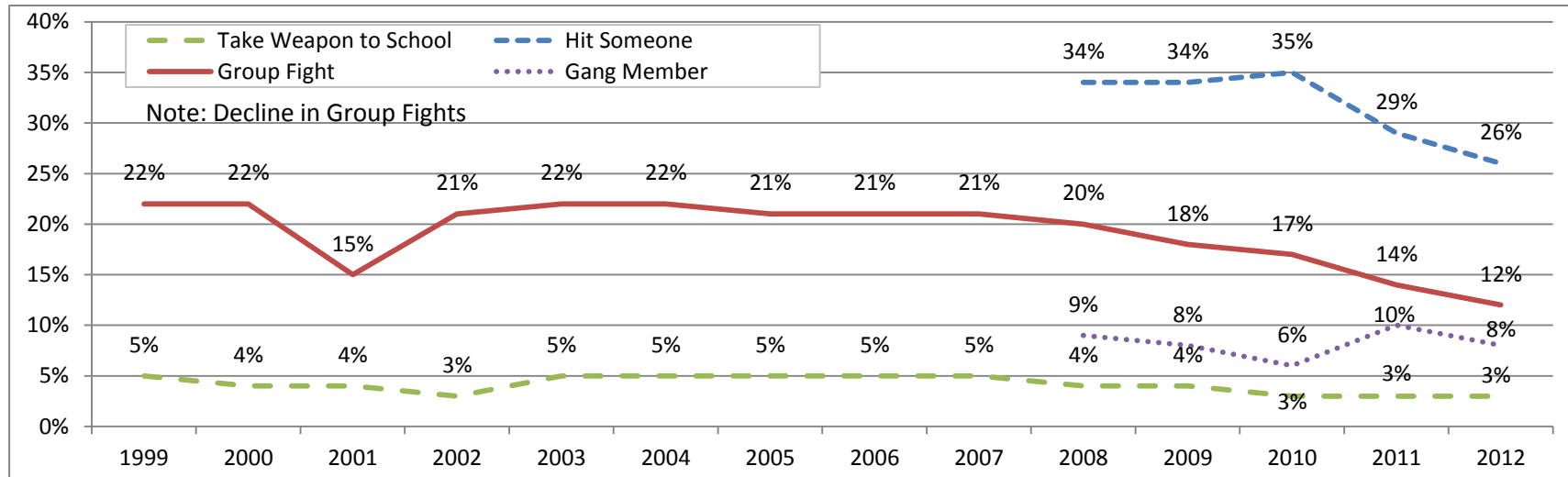


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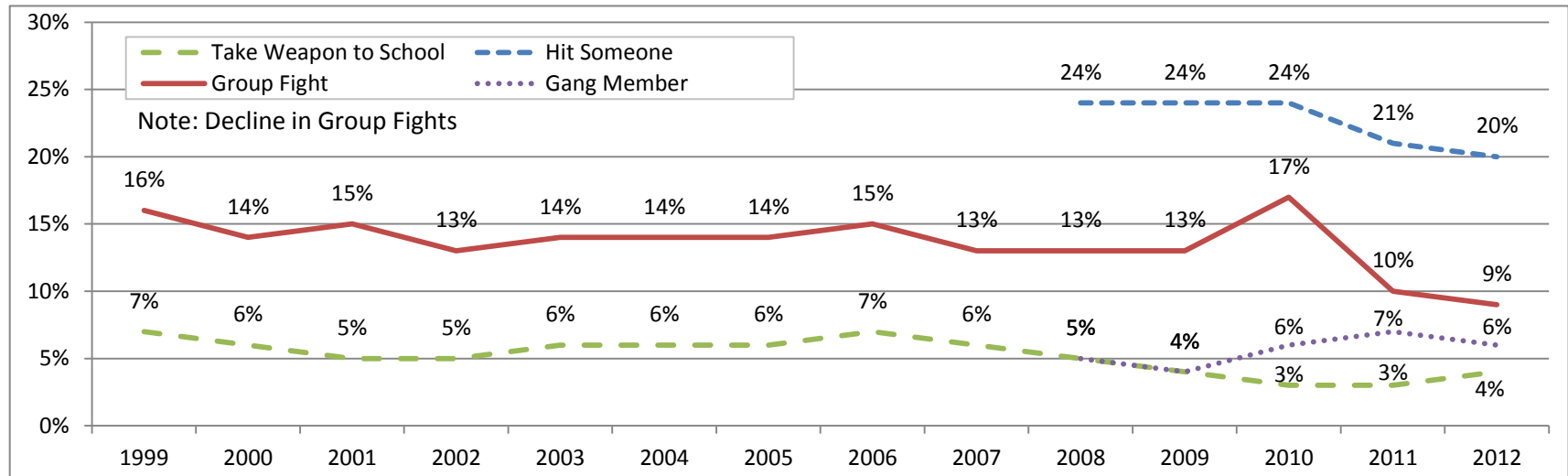
## TRENDS IN DELAWARE STUDENTS' DELINQUENCY

### Past Year Reports of Violence

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11th Grade

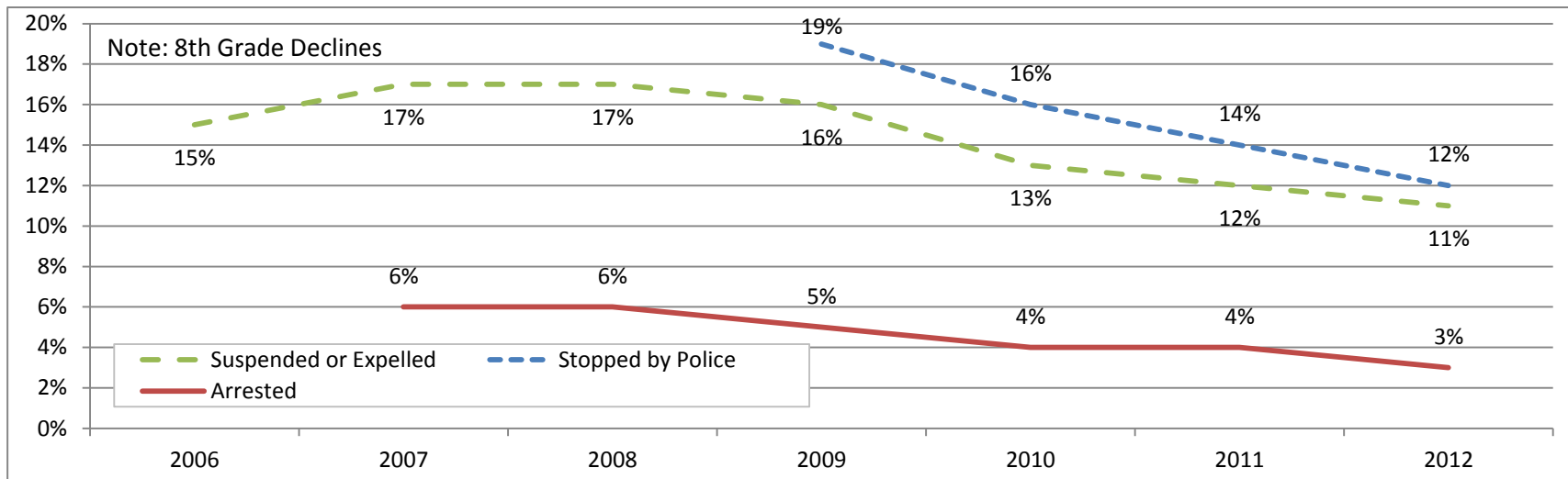


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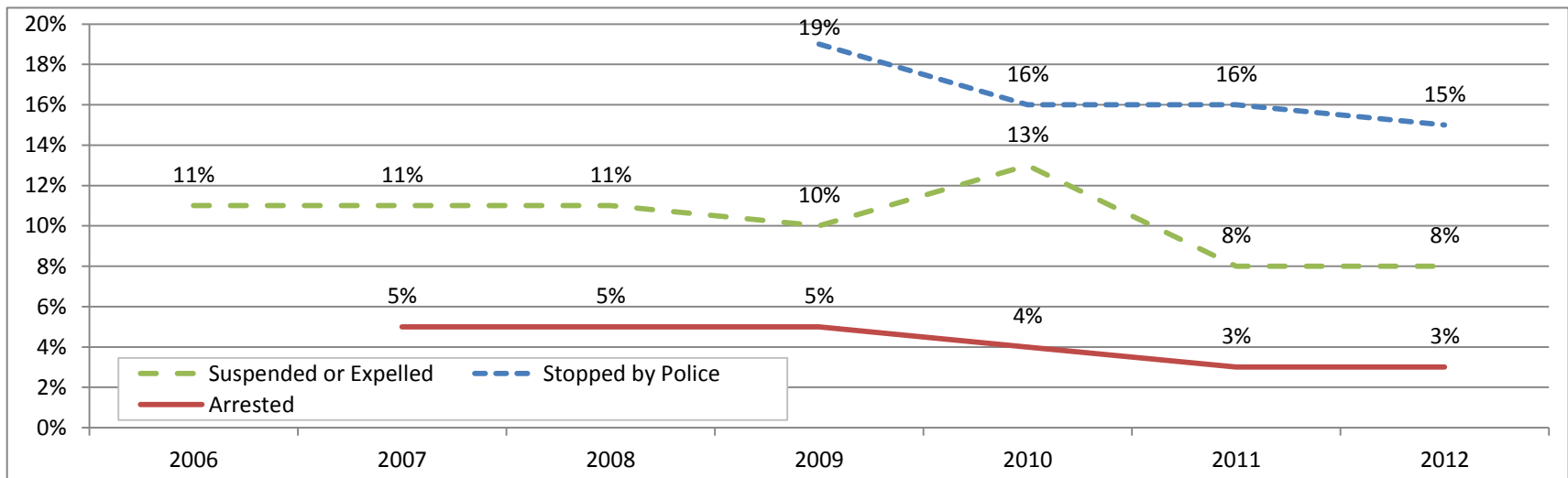
## TRENDS IN DELAWARE STUDENTS' DELINQUENCY

### Past Year Reports of Consequences

8th Grade



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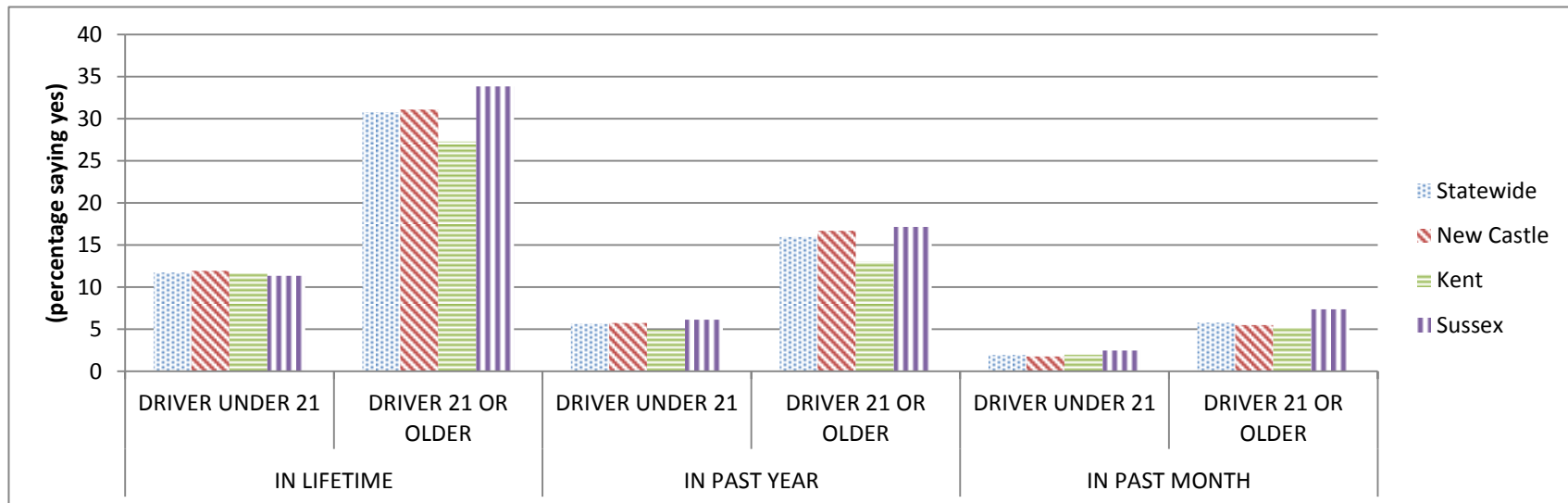


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# DELAWARE EIGHTH GRADERS' REPORTS OF RIDING IN A CAR WITH A DRINKING DRIVER

(in percentages)

	IN LIFETIME		IN PAST YEAR		IN PAST MONTH	
	DRIVER UNDER 21	DRIVER 21 OR OLDER	DRIVER UNDER 21	DRIVER 21 OR OLDER	DRIVER UNDER 21	DRIVER 21 OR OLDER
<b>Statewide</b>	12	31	6	16	2	6
<b>Males</b>	11	29	5	16	2	6
<b>Females</b>	12	33	6	16	2	5
<b>New Castle</b>	12	31	6	17	2	5
<b>Males</b>	12	30	5	17	2	6
<b>Females</b>	12	32	6	17	2	5
<b>Kent</b>	12	27	5	13	2	5
<b>Males</b>	10	24	4	12	2	5
<b>Females</b>	13	31	6	14	2	5
<b>Sussex</b>	11	34	6	17	2	7
<b>Males</b>	12	32	7	18	3	9
<b>Females</b>	11	35	5	17	2	6

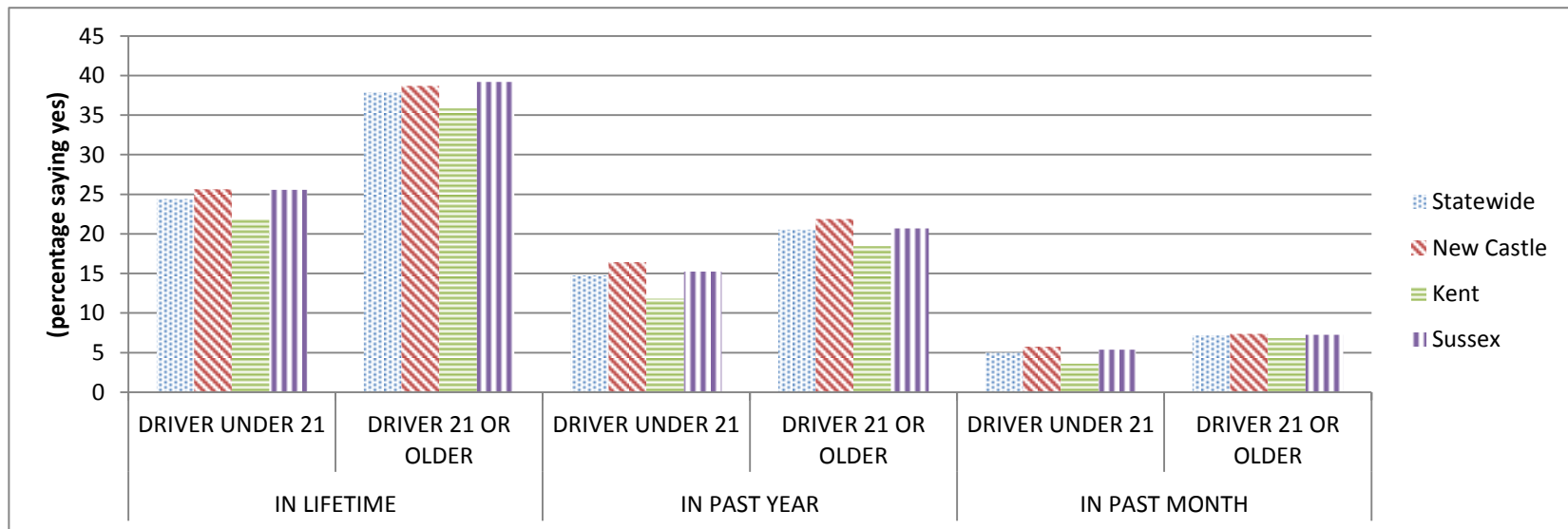


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# DELAWARE ELEVENTH GRADERS' REPORTS OF RIDING IN A CAR WITH A DRINKING DRIVER

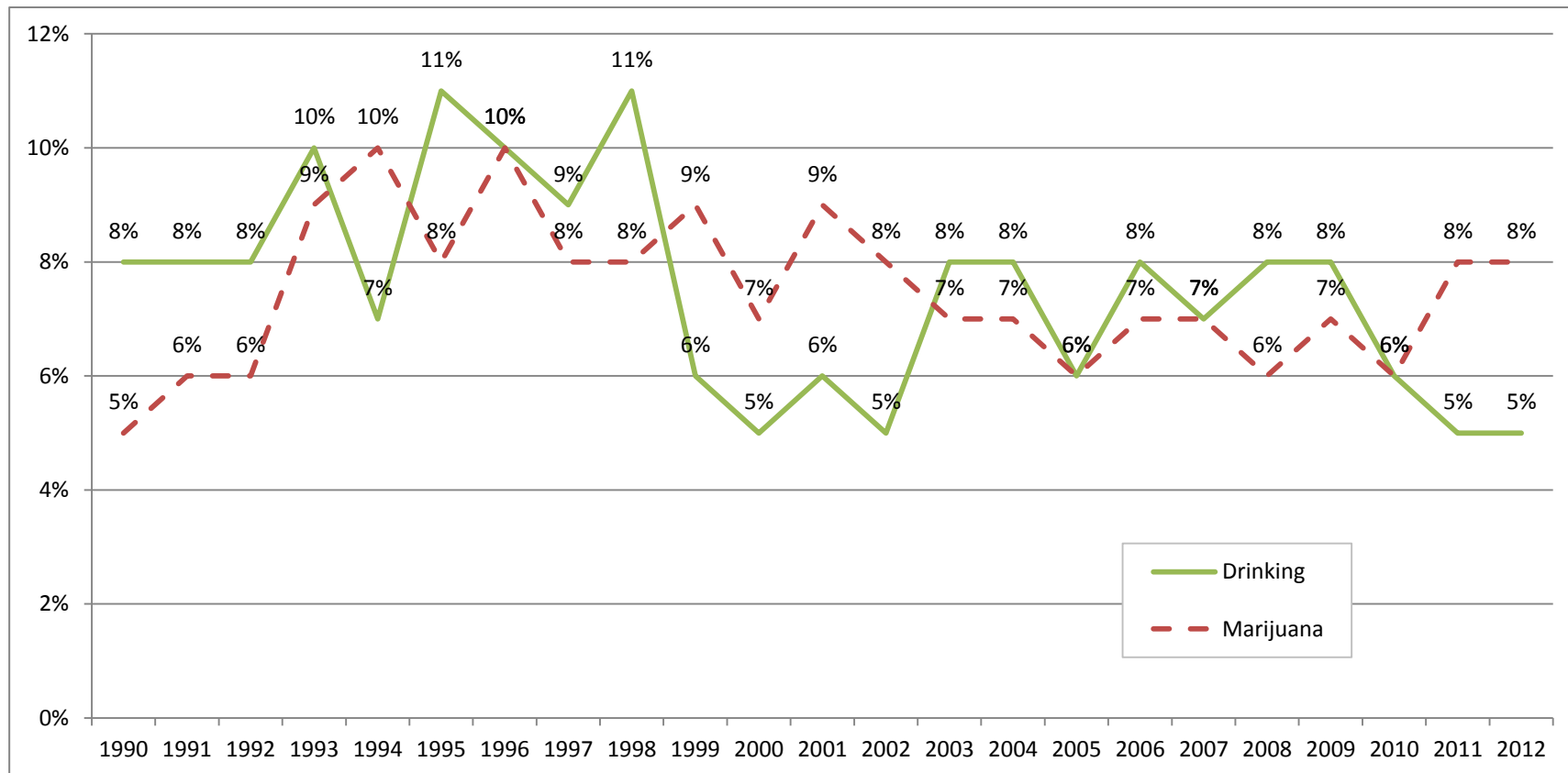
(in percentages)

	IN LIFETIME		IN PAST YEAR		IN PAST MONTH	
	DRIVER UNDER 21	DRIVER 21 OR OLDER	DRIVER UNDER 21	DRIVER 21 OR OLDER	DRIVER UNDER 21	DRIVER 21 OR OLDER
<b>Statewide</b>	24	38	15	21	5	7
<b>Males</b>	25	37	15	20	6	7
<b>Females</b>	24	38	15	21	4	7
<b>New Castle</b>	26	39	16	22	6	7
<b>Males</b>	26	38	16	20	7	8
<b>Females</b>	25	39	17	23	5	7
<b>Kent</b>	22	36	12	18	4	7
<b>Males</b>	22	34	12	17	4	7
<b>Females</b>	22	38	12	20	3	7
<b>Sussex</b>	26	39	15	21	5	7
<b>Males</b>	27	41	16	23	6	8
<b>Females</b>	24	37	14	19	5	7



Note: Displayed percentiles are rounded to the nearest whole number. Bar charts may differ due to this rounding.

## TRENDS IN DELAWARE ELEVENTH GRADERS' REPORT OF DRINKING AND DRIVING AND REPORT OF SMOKING MARIJUANA AND DRIVING, 1990-Present



Past month reports of drinking/smoking and driving.

Source: Data Base/DiagnosticsPlus (1990-1993); Department of Public Instruction (1994); Delaware School Survey, Center for Drug and Alcohol Studies, University of Delaware (1995-Present).

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## VII. Parental Involvement and Students' Substance Use

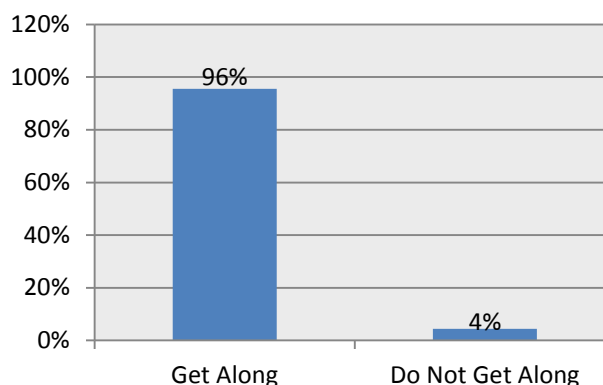
Get Along with Parents, Argue with Parents,  
Talk to Parents, Parents Volunteer at School,  
and Students' Drug Use

Household Members' Smoking and Students'  
Drug Use

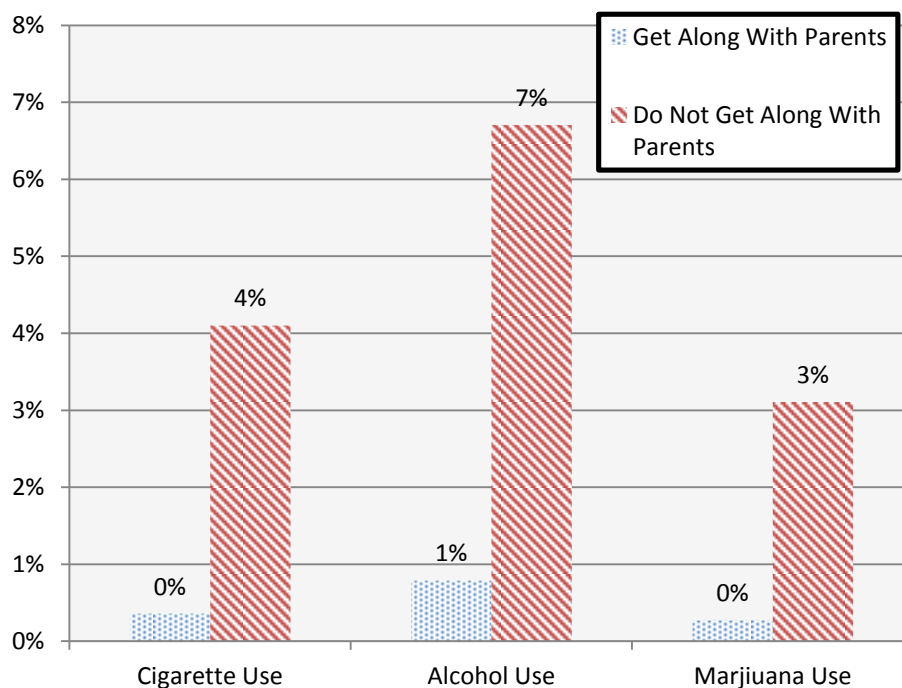
## Past Month Substance Abuse Among Delaware Fifth Graders by Getting Along With Parents

The table on the right shows that most Delaware Fifth graders report getting along with their parents. The table below shows that those who report getting along with their parents use substances less than those who report not getting along with their parents. The differences are significant ( $p < .01$ ) for all substance abuse measures.

**Percent of Delaware Fifth Graders Who Get Along Well With Parents**



**Past Month Substance Abuse Among Delaware Fifth Graders Reporting Getting Along Well With Parents**

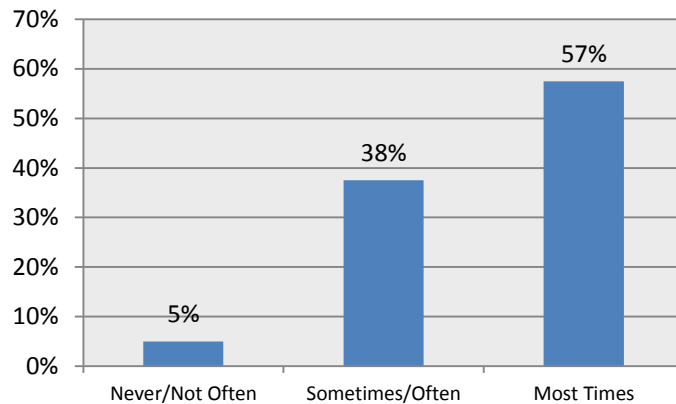


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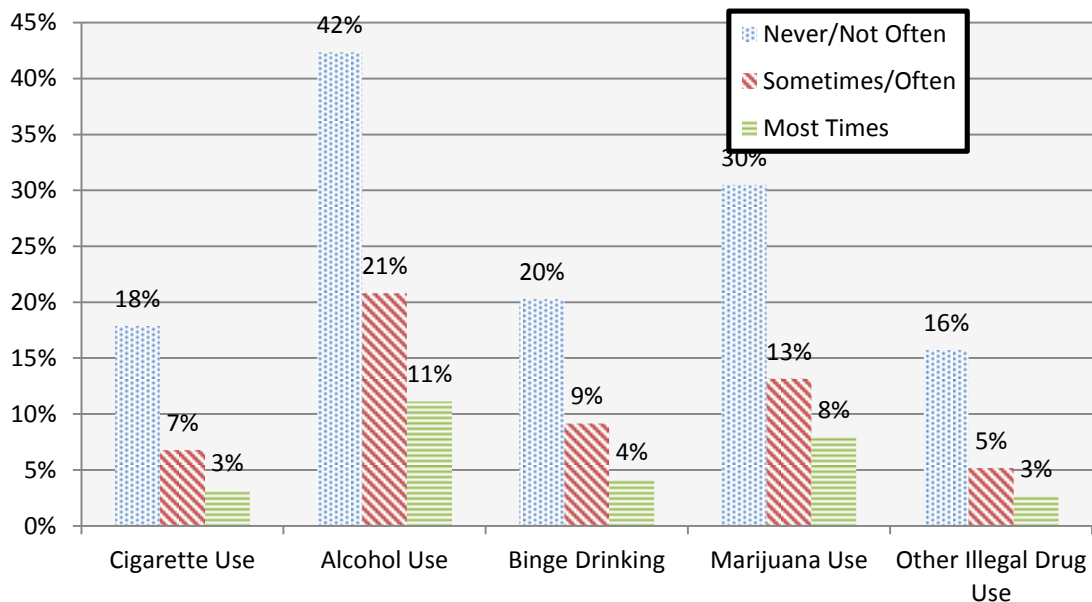
## Past Month Substance Abuse Among Delaware Eighth Graders by Getting Along With Parents

The table on the right shows how often Delaware eighth graders report getting along well with parents. As shown in the table below, the more eighth graders report getting along well with parents, the less likely they are to use substances. The differences are significant ( $p < .01$ ) for all substance use measures.

### How Often Delaware Eighth Graders Get Along Well With Parents



## Past Month Substance Abuse Among Delaware Eighth Graders by Getting Along Well With Parents



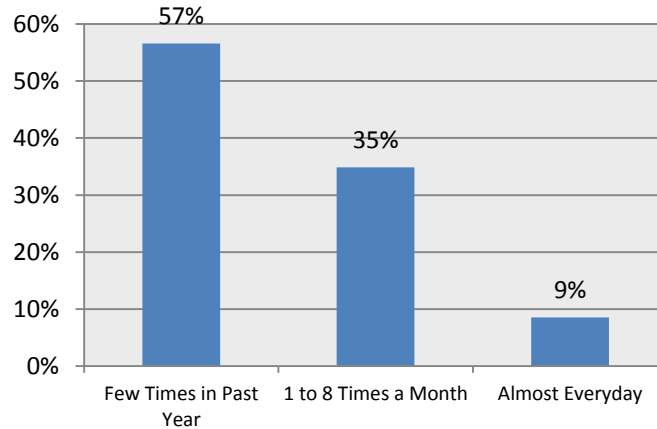
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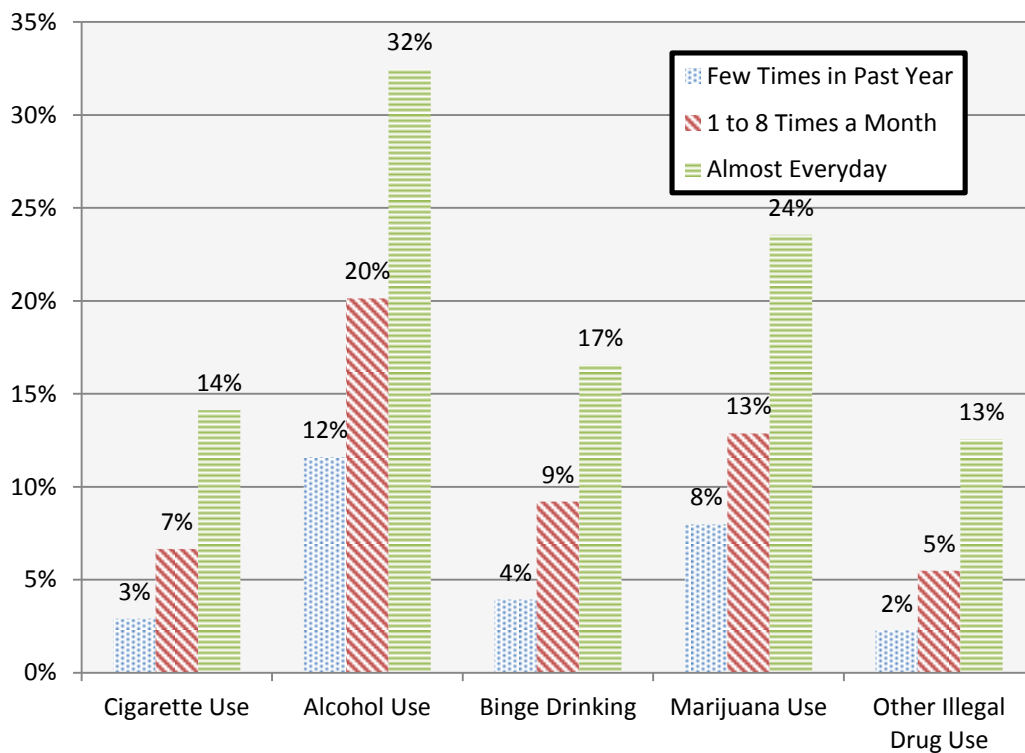
## Past Month Substance Abuse Among Delaware Eighth Graders by Fighting/Arguing With Parents

The table on the right shows how often Delaware eighth graders report arguing or fighting with parents. The table below shows that those Eighth graders who argue with parents the least are less likely to report past month substance use. The differences are statistically significant ( $p < .01$ ) for all substance use measures.

**How Often Delaware Eighth Graders Argue or Fight With Parents**



**Past Month Substance Abuse Among Delaware Eighth Graders by Arguing or Fighting With Parents**



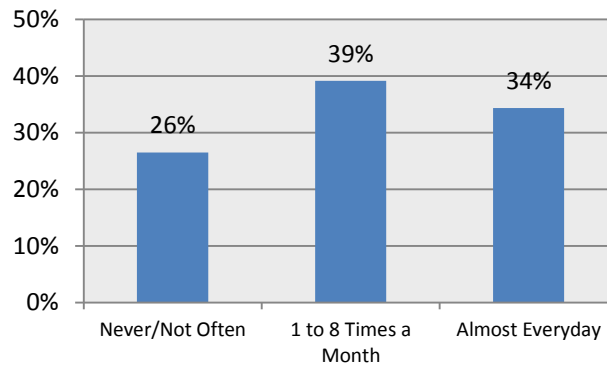
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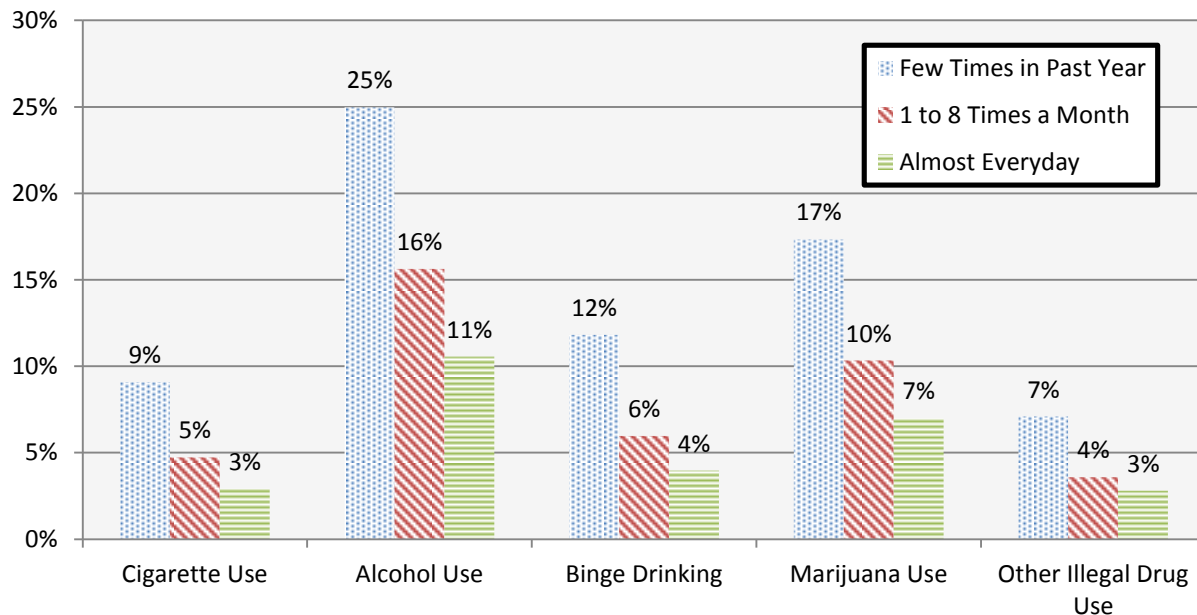
## Past Month Substance Abuse Among Delaware Eighth Graders by Talking With Parents About School

The table on the right shows how often Delaware eighth graders report talking with their parents about school. The table below shows that those who report talking with parents about school the most use substances the least. The differences are statistically significant for all substance abuse measures ( $p < .01$ ).

How Often Delaware Eighth Graders Talk With Parents About School



Past Month Substance Abuse Among Delaware Eighth Graders by Talking With Parent About School

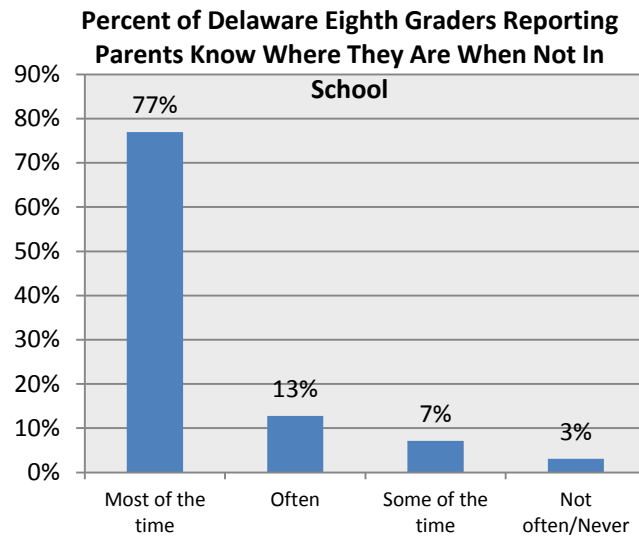


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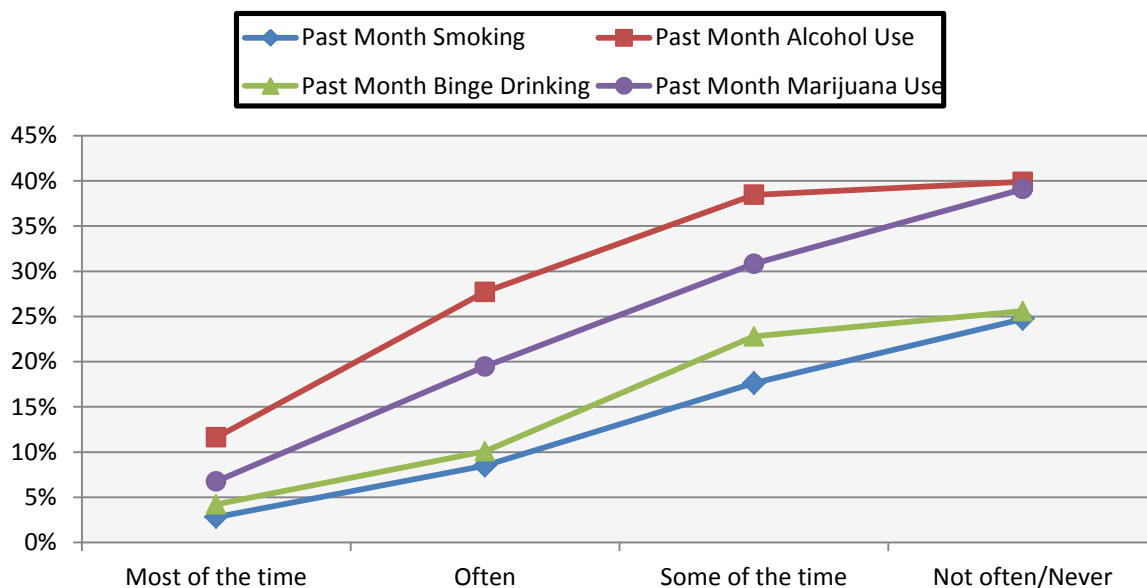
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## Past Month Substance Abuse Among Delaware Eighth Graders Reporting Parents Know Where They Are When Not In School

The table on the right shows that 90% of Delaware eighth graders report that their parents know where they are most of the time or often when they are not in school. The table below reveals an increase in reports of past month substance use as students report less parental supervision. The steady increase in substance use is statistically significant ( $p < .001$ ) for each substance abuse measure.



### Past Month Substance Abuse Among Delaware Eighth Graders Reporting Parents Know Where They Are When They Are Not In School

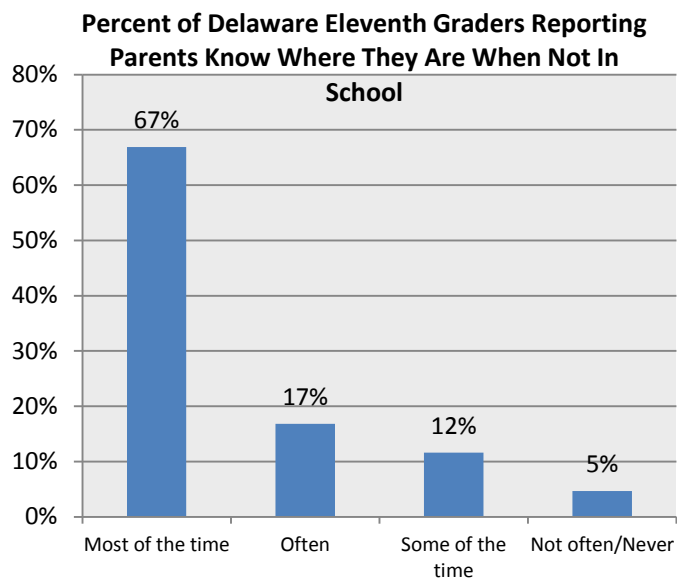


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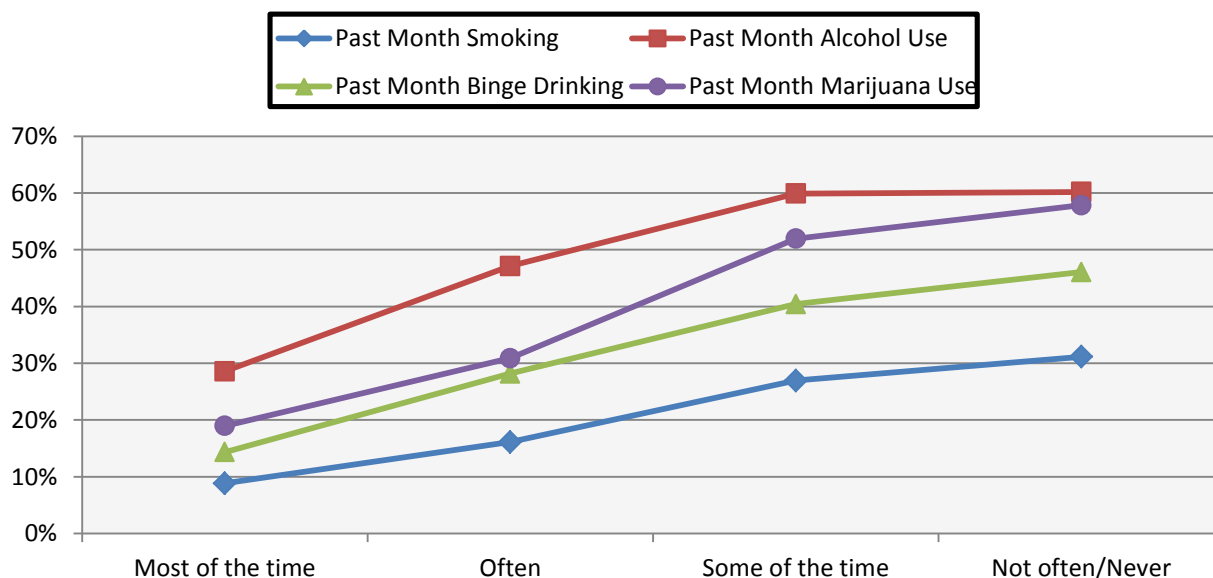
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## Past Month Substance Abuse Among Delaware Eleventh Graders Reporting Parents Know Where They Are When Not In School

The table on the right shows that about 84% of Delaware eleventh graders report that their parents know where they are most of the time or often when they are not in school. The table below reveals the increase in reports of past month substance use as students report less parental supervision. The steady increase in substance use is statistically significant ( $p < .001$ ) for each substance abuse measure.



## Past Month Substance Abuse Among Delaware Eleventh Graders Reporting Parents Know Where They Are When They Are Not In School



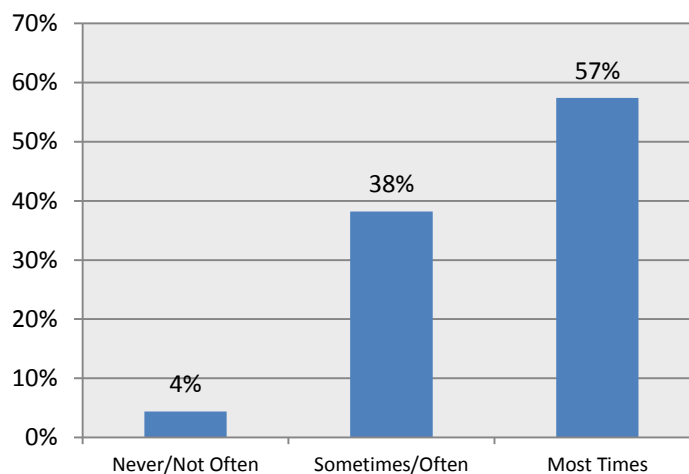
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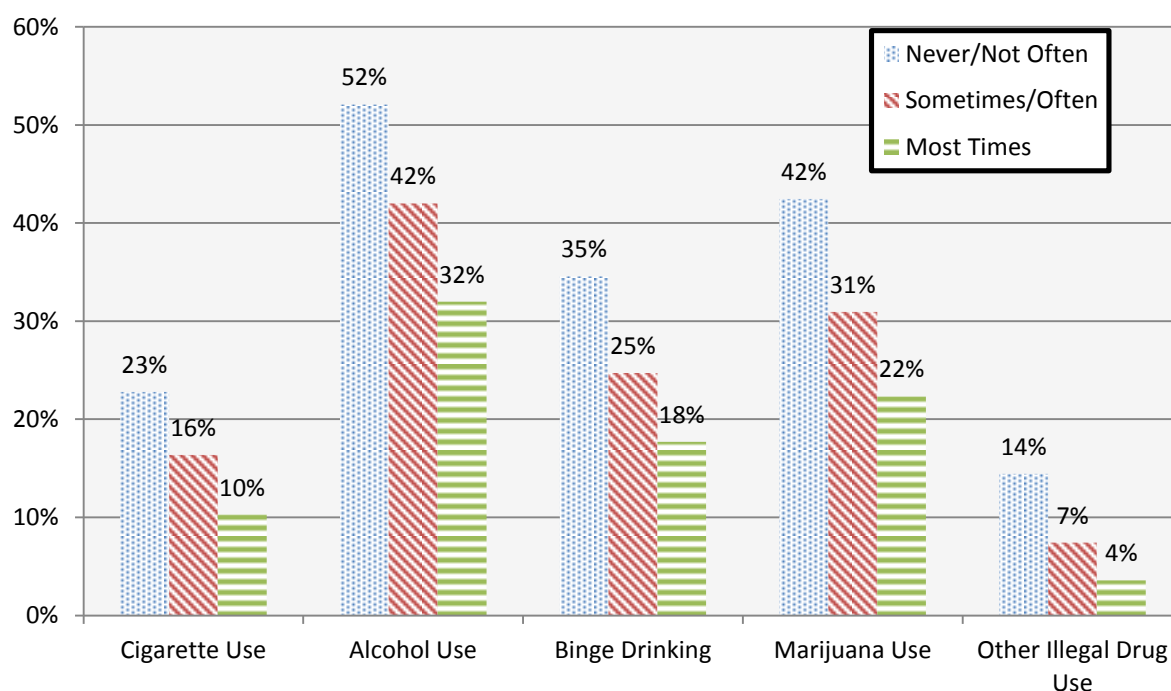
## Past Month Substance Abuse Among Delaware Eleventh Graders by Getting Along With Parents

The table on the right shows how often Delaware eleventh graders report getting along well with parents. The table below shows that the more eleventh graders report getting along well with parents, the less likely they are to use substances. The differences are significant ( $p < .01$ ) for all substance use measures.

### How Often Delaware Eleventh Graders Get Along Well With Parents



### Past Month Substance Abuse Among Delaware Eleventh Graders by Getting Along Well With Parents



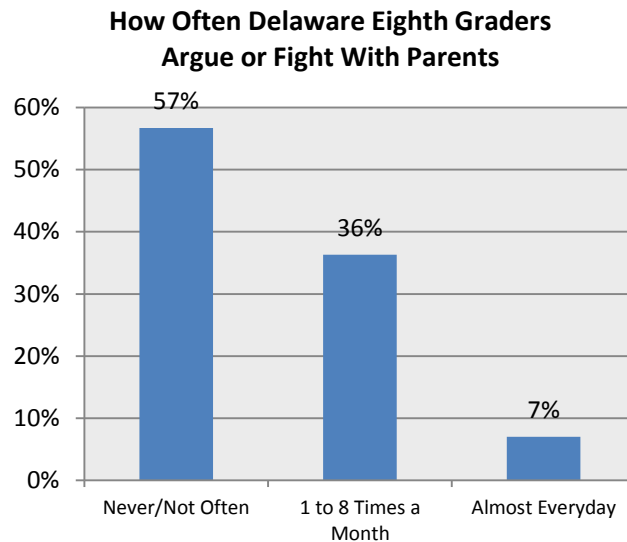
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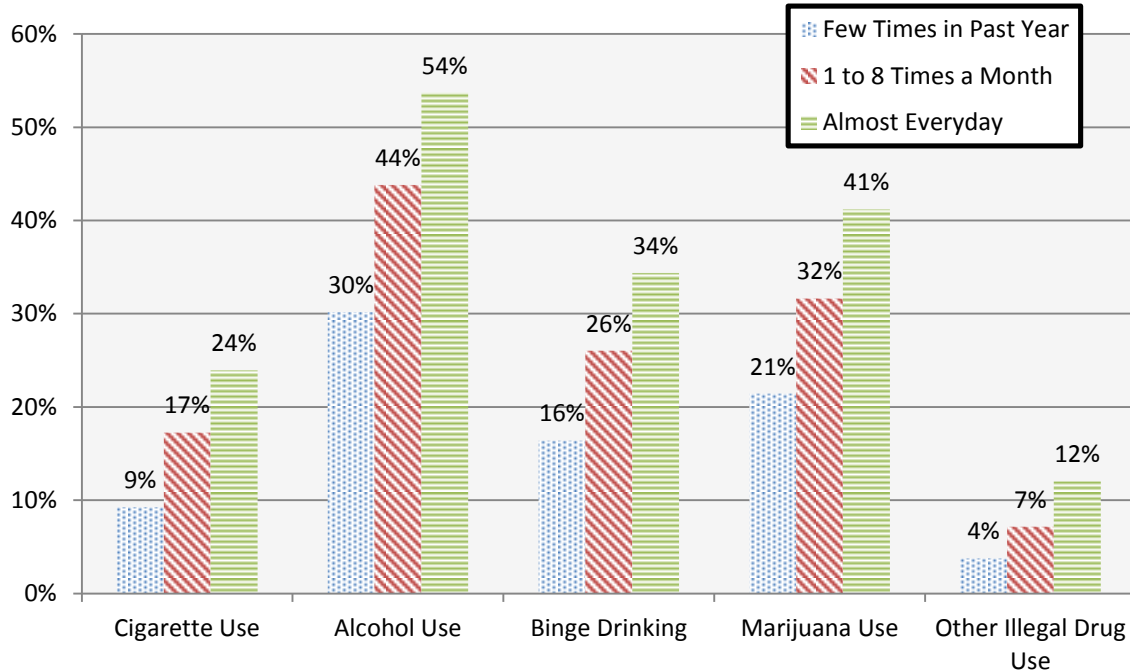


## Past Month Substance Abuse Among Delaware Eighth Graders by Fighting/Arguing With Parents

The table on the right shows how often Delaware eleventh graders report arguing or fighting with parents. The table below shows that those who argue with parents the least are less likely to report past month substance use. The differences are statistically significant ( $p < .01$ ) for all substance use measures.



### Past Month Substance Abuse Among Delaware Eighth Graders by Arguing or Fighting With Parents

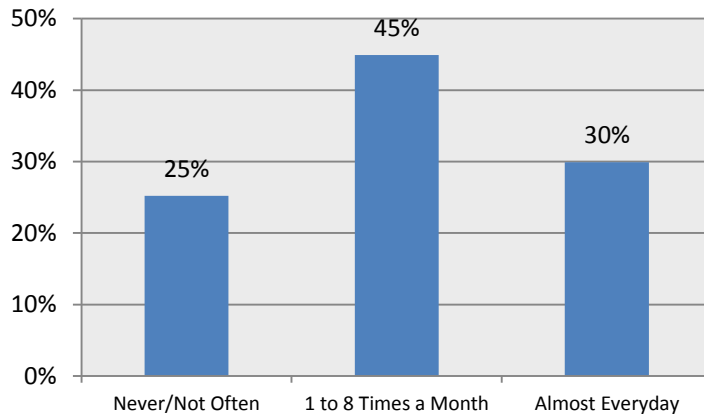


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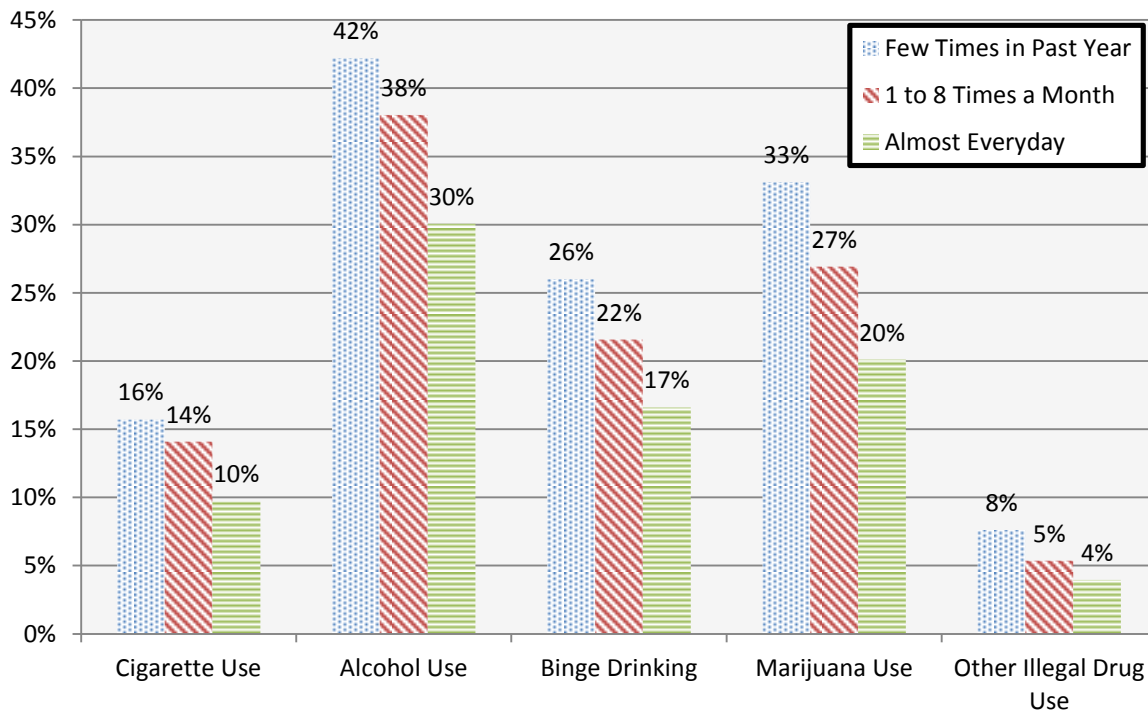
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The table on the right shows how often Delaware eleventh graders report talking with their parents about school. The table below shows that those who report talking with parents about school the most use substances the least. The differences are statistically significant for all substance abuse measures ( $p < .01$ ).

**How Often Delaware Eleventh Graders Talk With Parents About School**



**Past Month Substance Abuse Among Delaware Eleventh Graders by Talking With Parent About School**



"Binge use" is defined as three or more drinks at a time in the last two weeks.

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VIII. How Do the Data for Delaware  
Compare With What is Happening  
Nationally?

**COMPARISON OF RECENT NATIONAL AND DELAWARE ESTIMATES  
OF CIGARETTES, ALCOHOL, AND MARIJUANA AMONG MIDDLE SCHOOL STUDENTS  
(Percentages)**

	<u>CIGARETTES</u>		<u>ALCOHOL</u>		<u>MARIJUANA</u>	
	<u>Past Year*</u>	<u>Past Month</u>	<u>Past Year*</u>	<u>Past Month</u>	<u>Past Year*</u>	<u>Past Month</u>
2012 8 <sup>th</sup> Grade Delaware	10	5	32	16	18	11
2012 8 <sup>th</sup> Grade MTF	*	5	24	11	11	7
2011 8 <sup>th</sup> Grade Delaware	12	6	35	17	18	11

Note: \* Indicates that no estimate is available.

Source: 2012 Monitoring the Future Study (MTF), University of Michigan;  
2011-2012 Delaware School Survey, Center for Drug and Alcohol Studies, University of Delaware.

Note: Displayed percentiles are rounded to the nearest whole number.

**COMPARISON OF RECENT NATIONAL AND DELAWARE ESTIMATES  
OF CIGARETTES, ALCOHOL, AND MARIJUANA AMONG HIGH SCHOOL STUDENTS  
(Percentages)**

	<u>CIGARETTES</u>		<u>ALCOHOL</u>		<u>MARIJUANA</u>	
	<u>Past Year*</u>	<u>Past Month</u>	<u>Past Year*</u>	<u>Past Month</u>	<u>Past Year*</u>	<u>Past Month</u>
2012 11 <sup>th</sup> Grade Delaware	21	13	63	37	40	27
2011 11 <sup>th</sup> Grade Delaware	21	14	63	36	39	25
2012 12 <sup>th</sup> Grade MTF	*	17	64	42	36	23
2010 11 <sup>th</sup> Grade Delaware	22	14	63	37	38	24
2011 9 <sup>th</sup> –12 <sup>th</sup> Grade YRBS- Delaware	*	19	*	41	*	28
2009 9 <sup>th</sup> –12 <sup>th</sup> Grade YRBS- Delaware	*	20	*	42	*	21

Note: \*Indicates that no estimate is available.

Source: 2012 Monitoring the Future Study (MTF), University of Michigan; 2011 Youth Risk Behavior Surveillance Survey (YRBS), Centers for Disease Control; 2010-2012 Delaware Students Survey, Center for Drug and Alcohol Studies, University of Delaware.

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