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Introduction

Background

James Madison University's Institute for Innovation in Health and Human Services (IIHHS) is pleased to present the 2023 Youth Data Survey (YDS) for Harrisonburg and Rockingham County. The YDS has taken place every two years since 1997 and continues to provide key data about local youth risk behaviors which enables the community to develop priority areas around youth issues. Administered by IIHHS, the YDS is a collaborative effort involving many community partners, including United Way of Harrisonburg and Rockingham County, Harrisonburg City and Rockingham County Public Schools, Eastern Mennonite High School, James Madison University, the Healthy Community Council, Sentara RMH Community Health, the Blue Ridge Area Health Education Center, and the Futuro Latino Coalition. Over 50 agency representatives and community volunteers assist with the administration of the survey every two years. The goal of the YDS is to examine the current and longitudinal trends around local youth risk behaviors with an approach that taps into the larger community question of what assets we need in our community to help people successfully navigate from infancy to adulthood. The objectives of the YDS for the community are the following: produce reliable information on risk behaviors; assess needs; ascertain gaps in service; assist in determining priority areas; allow agencies access to local data in order to write successful state, federal, and foundation grant applications to address the identified needs; and evaluate the impact agency programs have on the local youth over time. The ultimate goal is to improve the quality of life for the children and youth in Harrisonburg and Rockingham County.

Every two years in the fall, a locally created survey is administered to approximately half of all 8th, 10th, and 12th graders in Harrisonburg City and Rockingham County. Every 10 years, a committee comprised of local agency representatives and interested community members evaluate the survey and make any necessary additions and revisions. JMU students assist IIHHS staff and help secure and train agency representatives and community volunteers to administer the survey. This report would not be possible without the support of our local schools, community organizations, and many dedicated volunteers.

The survey was administered during the weeks of October 30th and November 17th, 2023 to youth in Harrisonburg City and Rockingham County. Surveys were completed by 1,762 students (approximately 822 females, 897 males, 9 transgender youth, and 18 gender non-conforming youth) between the ages of 12 and 19.

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This report presents information on key issues affecting the youth in our community. The Quick Facts section gives an overview of the assets and risk factors present in our youth. The data is then presented by topic for a more detailed investigation of assets and risk factors. The final section includes Topical Fact Sheets that provide at-a-glance information on selected risk factors. A link to the survey is included in the appendix for your reference.

Additional Information

In addition to the data presented in this report, IIHHS staff are available to make specialized presentations or reports for any interested group. Please contact Jennifer Rea at (540) 568-2559 or reajl@jmu.edu with requests. Archived data from all administrations of the Youth Data Survey (1997-2021) is also available on the IIHHS website (<http://www.jmu.edu/iihhs/youthdata.shtml>).

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RISK FACTORS

YOUTH 2023

Alcohol Usage	Percentage
Did not use	81.1%
Every day	0.8%
Once/week	2.0%
Once/month	5.4%
Once/year	10.7%

Tobacco Usage	Percentage
Did not use	95.3%
Every day	0.8%
Once/week	0.5%
Once/month	1.1%
Once/year	2.4%

Sexual Activity	Percentage (of sexually active youth)
Birth control pills	22.8%
Birth control shot	1.0%
Condoms	44.6%
IUD (intrauterine device)	0.3%
No method was used	19.4%
Other form of birth control (patch, ring, etc.)	2.4%
Withdrawal (pulling out)	9.3%

Electronic Vapor Usage	Percentage
Did not use	86.1%
Every day	3.7%
Once/week	1.6%
Once/month	3.0%
Once/year	5.6%

Marijuana Usage	Percentage
Did not use	87.5%
Every day	2.2%
Once/week	2.4%
Once/month	3.3%
Once/year	4.5%

Weight Loss	Percent
Did not try to lose weight	70.5%
Vomit	1.5%
Over-exercise	4.5%
Skipped meals	12.0%
Diet Pills	0.7%
Some other method	10.9%

RISK FACTORS

8TH GRADERS 2023

Alcohol Usage	Percentage
Did not use	92.3%
Every day	0.2%
Once/week	0.4%
Once/month	1.6%
Once/year	5.6%

Tobacco Usage	Percentage
Did not use	98.2%
Every day	0.4%
Once/month	0.2%
Once/year	1.2%

Sexual Activity	Percentage (of sexually active youth)
Birth control pills	3.1%
Condoms	46.9%
No method was used	12.5%
Other form of birth control (patch, ring, etc.)	3.1%
Withdrawal (pulling out)	9.4%

Electronic Vapor Usage	Percentage
Did not use	91.7%
Every day	1.2%
Once/week	0.8%
Once/month	2.0%
Once/year	4.4%

Marijuana Usage	Percentage
Did not use	96.0%
Every day	0.8%
Once/week	0.8%
Once/month	0.8%
Once/year	1.6%

Weight Loss	Percentage
Did not try to lose weight	20%
Vomit	0.7%
Over-exercise	1.9%
Skipped meals	3.1%
Diet Pills	0.3%
Some other method	4.1%

RISK FACTORS

10TH GRADERS 2023

Alcohol Usage	Percentage
Did not use	82.8%
Every day	0.7%
Once/week	2.2%
Once/month	14.2%
Once/year	10.1%

Tobacco Usage	Percentage
Did not use	94.8%
Every day	0.5%
Once/week	1.0%
Once/month	0.8%
Once/year	2.9%

Sexual Activity	Percentage (of sexually active youth)
Birth control pills	12.0%
Birth control shot	2.4%
Condoms	32.5%
No method was used	14.5%
Other form of birth control (patch, ring, etc.)	3.6%
Withdrawal (pulling out)	16.9%

Electronic Vapor Usage	Percentage
Did not use	86.8%
Every day	3.4%
Once/week	1.9%
Once/month	2.9%
Once/year	5.1%

Marijuana Usage	Percentage
Did not use	89.4%
Every day	1.9%
Once/week	1.5%
Once/month	3.4%
Once/year	3.9%

Weight Loss	Percentage
Did not try to lose weight	26.2%
Vomit	0.6%
Over-exercise	1.2%
Skipped meals	4.4%
Diet Pills	0.2%
Some other method	3.5%

RISK FACTORS

12TH GRADERS 2023

Alcohol Usage	Percentage
Did not use	69.4%
Every day	1.3%
Once/week	3.2%
Once/month	10.2%
Once/year	15.9%

Tobacco Usage	Percentage
Did not use	93.4%
Every day	1.3%
Once/week	2.0%
Once/month	0.4%
Once/year	3.0%

Sexual Activity	Percentage (of sexually active youth)
Birth control pills	16.9%
Birth control shot	2.9%
Condoms	37.2%
IUD (intrauterine device)	1.7%
No method was used	8.7%
Other form of birth control (patch, ring, etc.)	5.8%
Withdrawal (pulling out)	5.6%

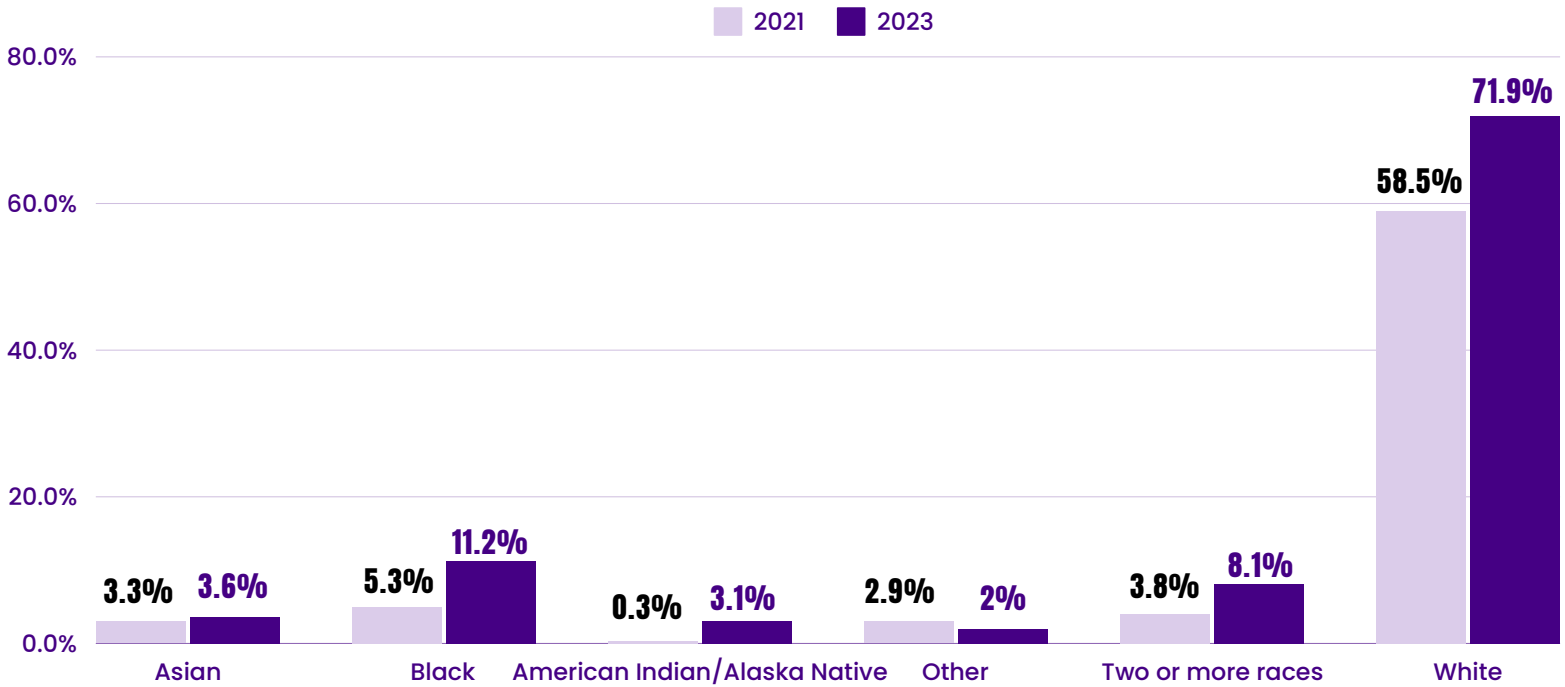
Electronic Vapor Usage	Percentage
Did not use	80.4%
Every day	6.1%
Once/week	2.1%
Once/month	4.3%
Once/year	7.1%

Marijuana Usage	Percentage
Did not use	78.0%
Every day	3.6%
Once/week	4.8%
Once/month	5.7%
Once/year	7.9%

Weight Loss	Percent
Did not try to lose weight	24.6%
Vomit	0.5%
Over-exercise	1.5%
Skipped meals	4.6%
Diet Pills	0.3%
Some other method	3.2%

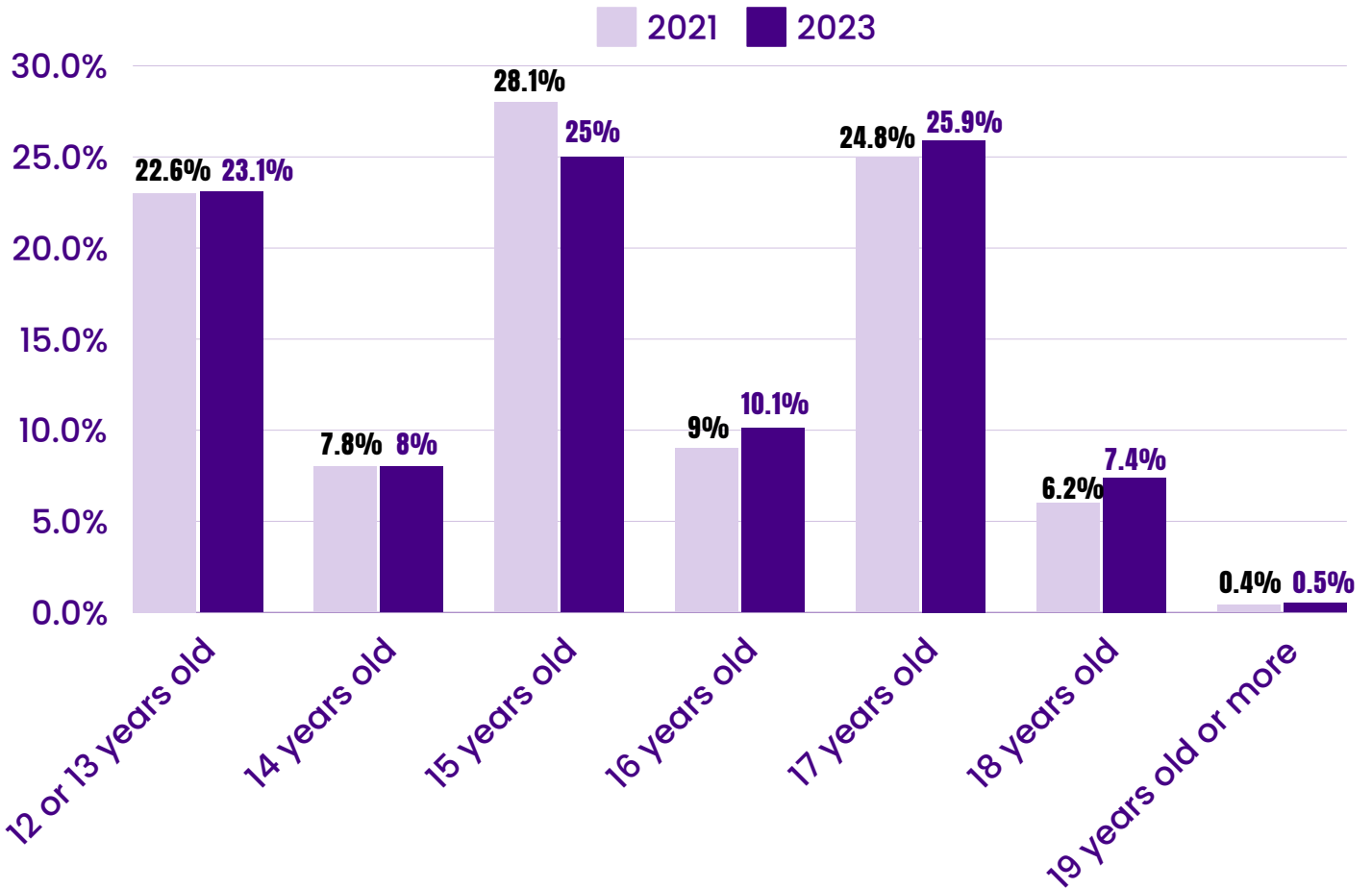
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Youth by Race



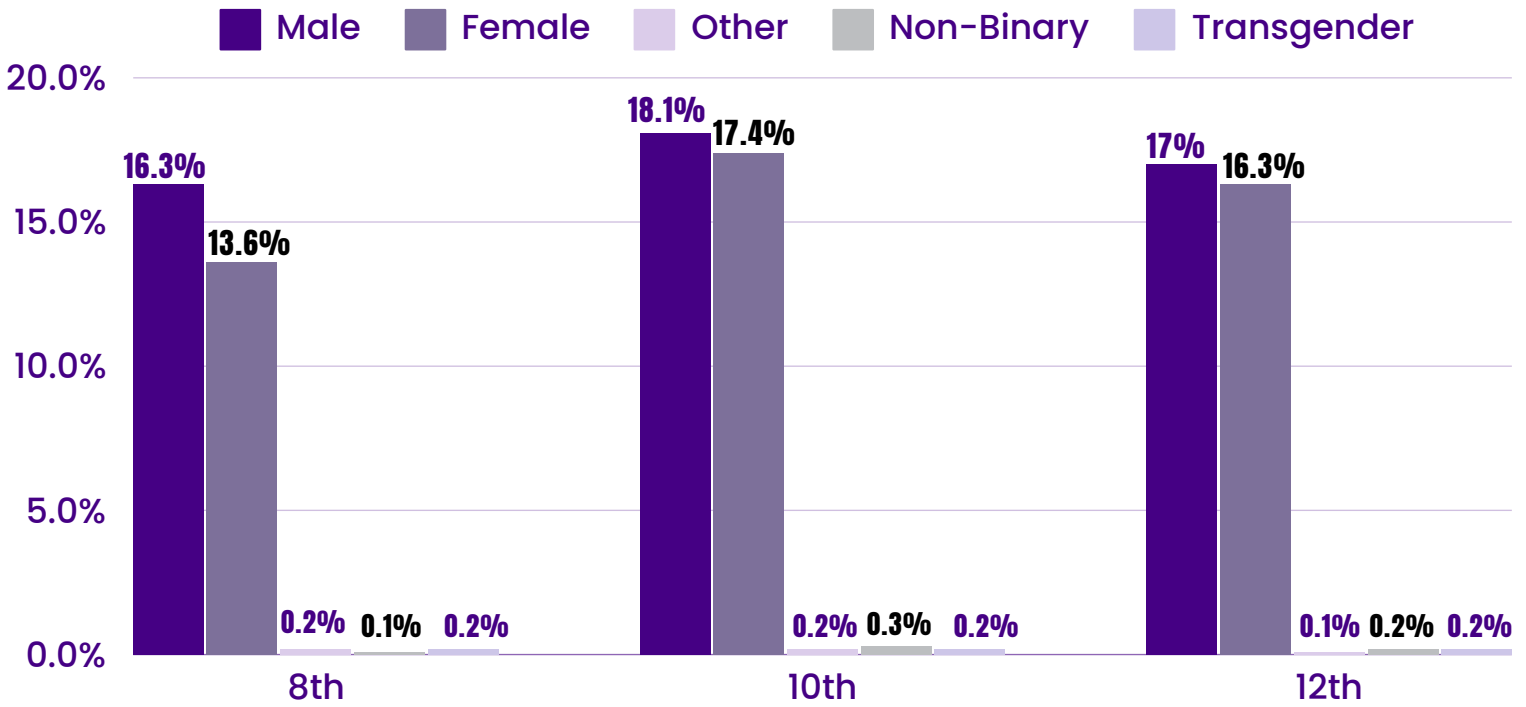
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Youth by Age



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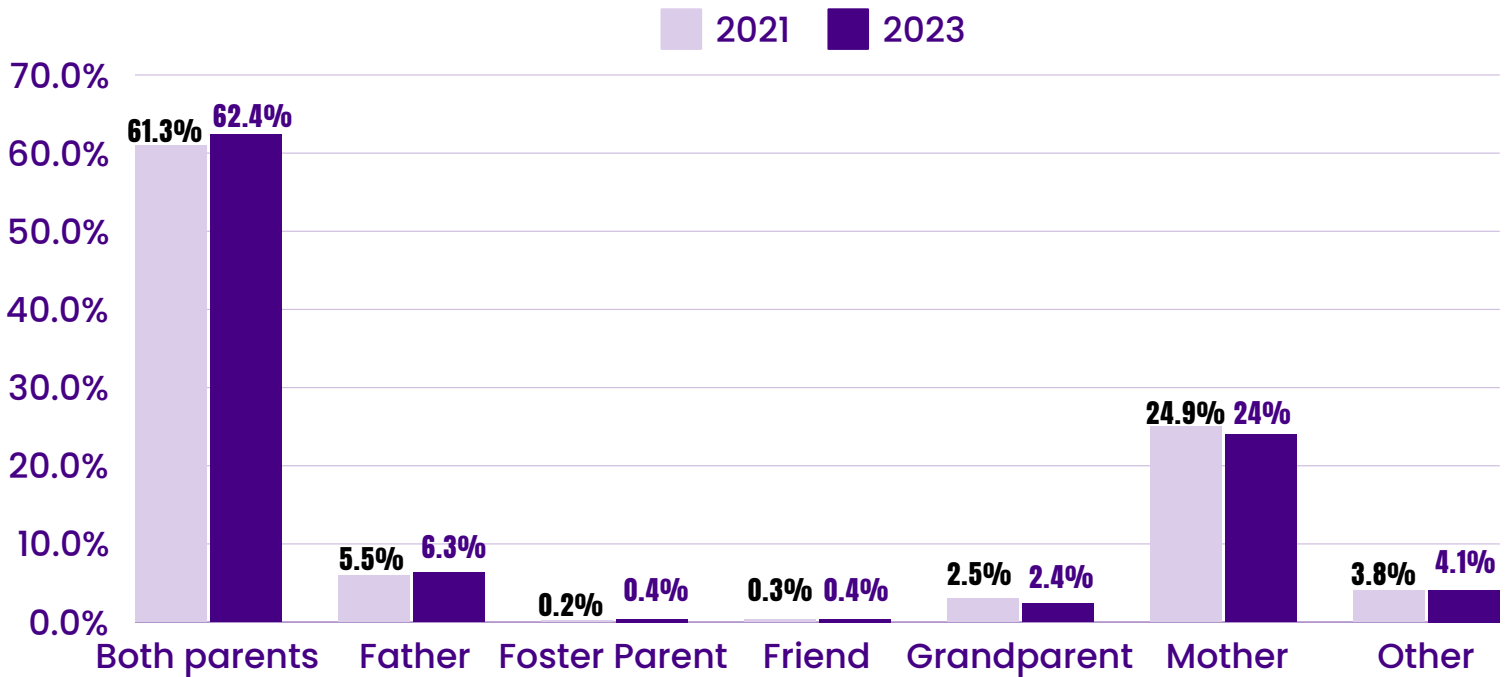
Youth by Gender



Additional Information: the percentages above are representative of the whole sample and not of the grades (e.g., 16.3% of the entire sample were 8th grade males).

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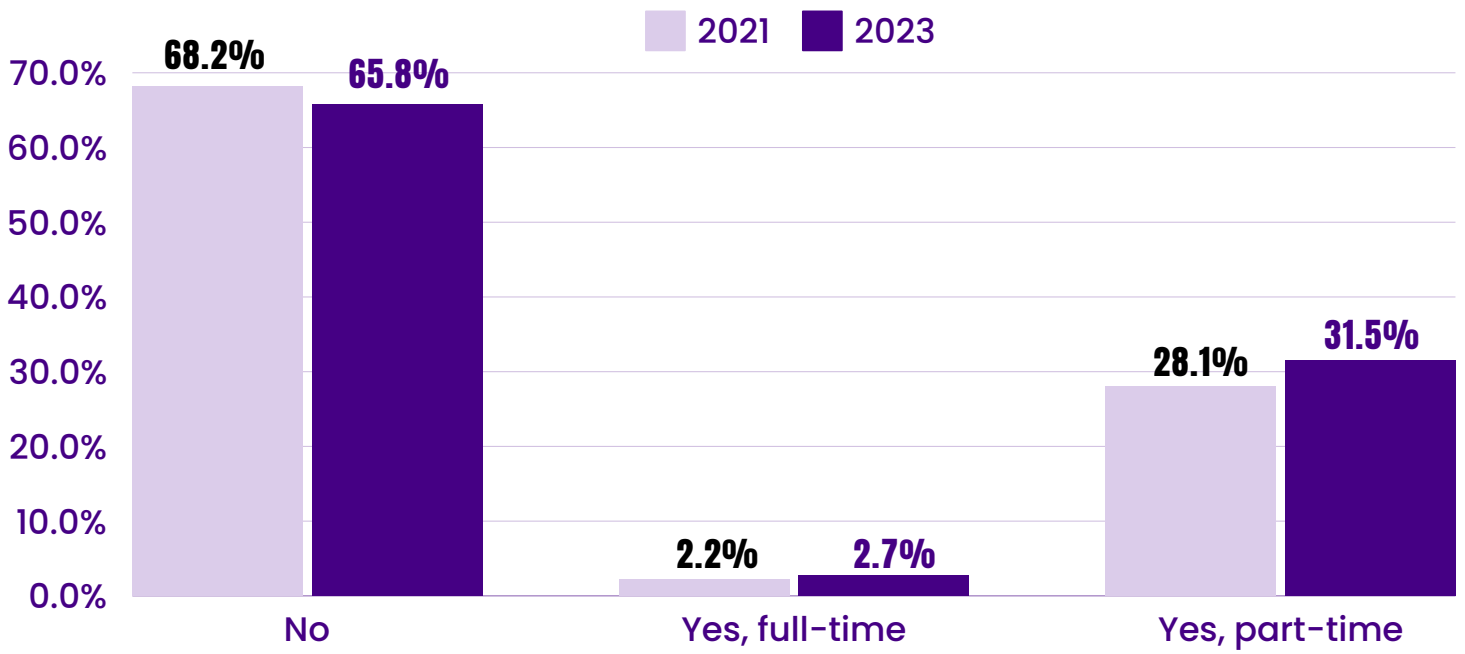
Living Situation



What the numbers and other information told us: The majority of teens (62.4%) still live with both parents. After that, nearly one-fourth of youth reside with just their mother or their mother and a step-parent (24%).

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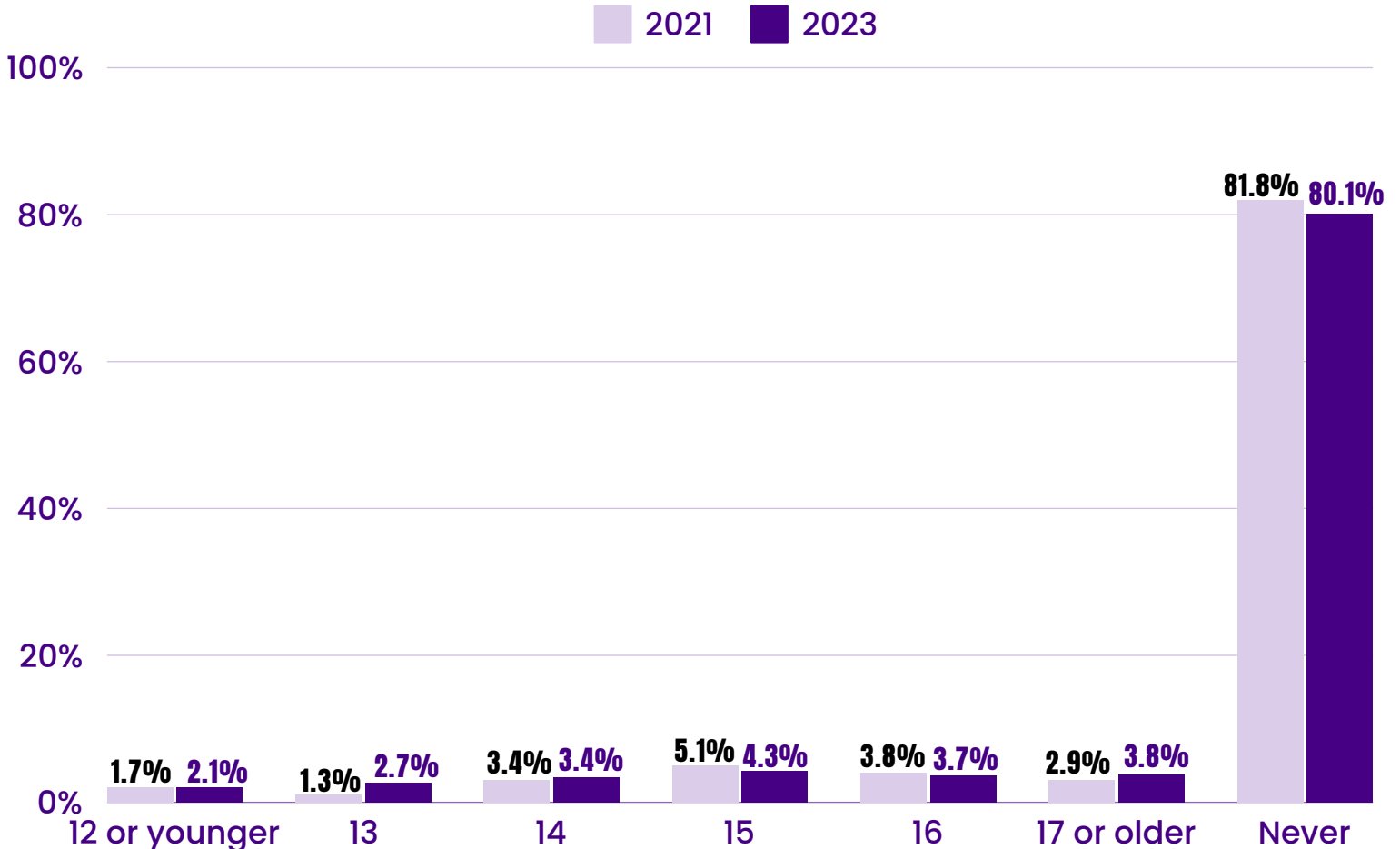
Youth Employment Status



What the numbers and other information told us: The majority of youth are not employed (65.8%), while about one-third (34.2%) of youth are employed (full or part time).

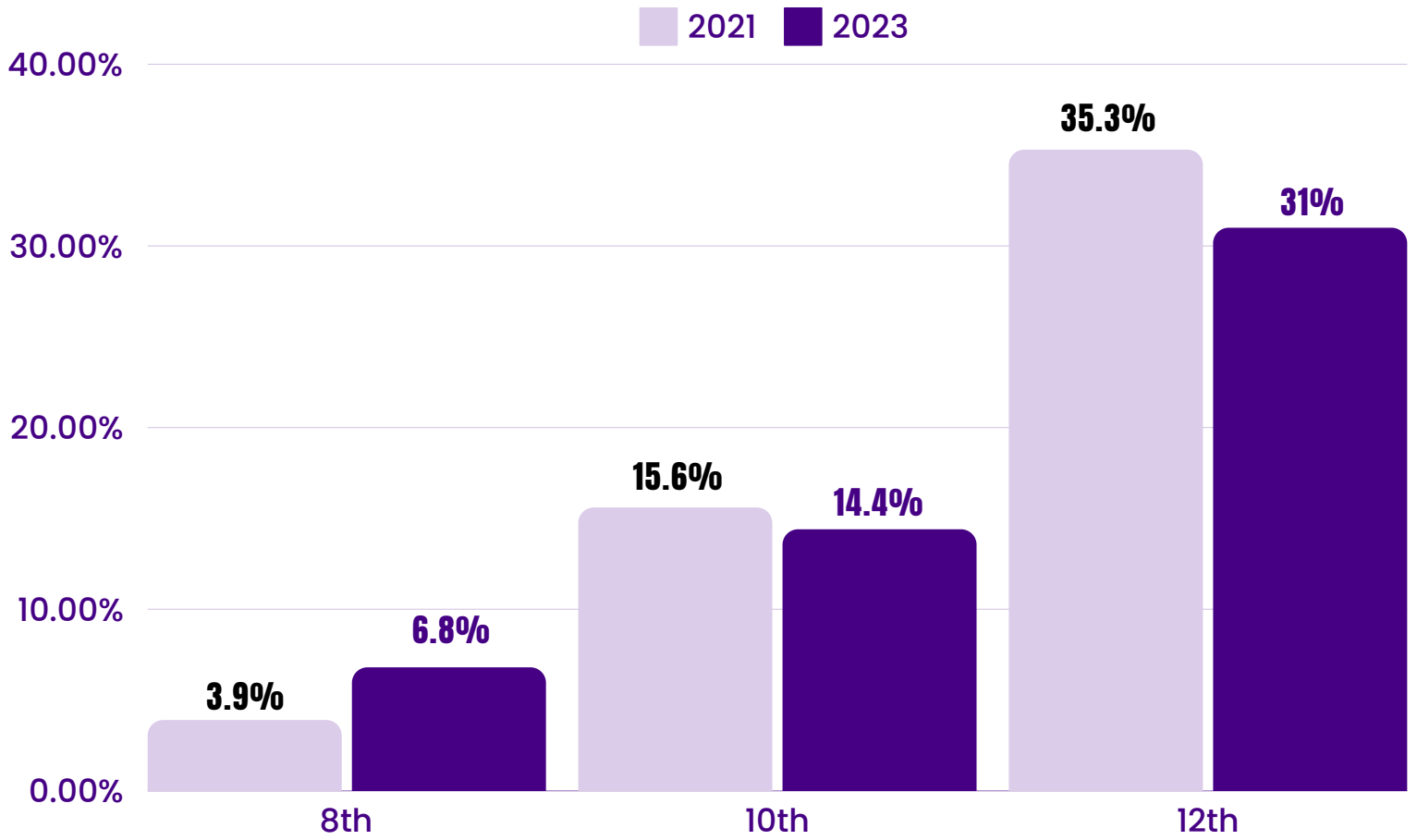
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Age at First Time of Sexual Intercourse



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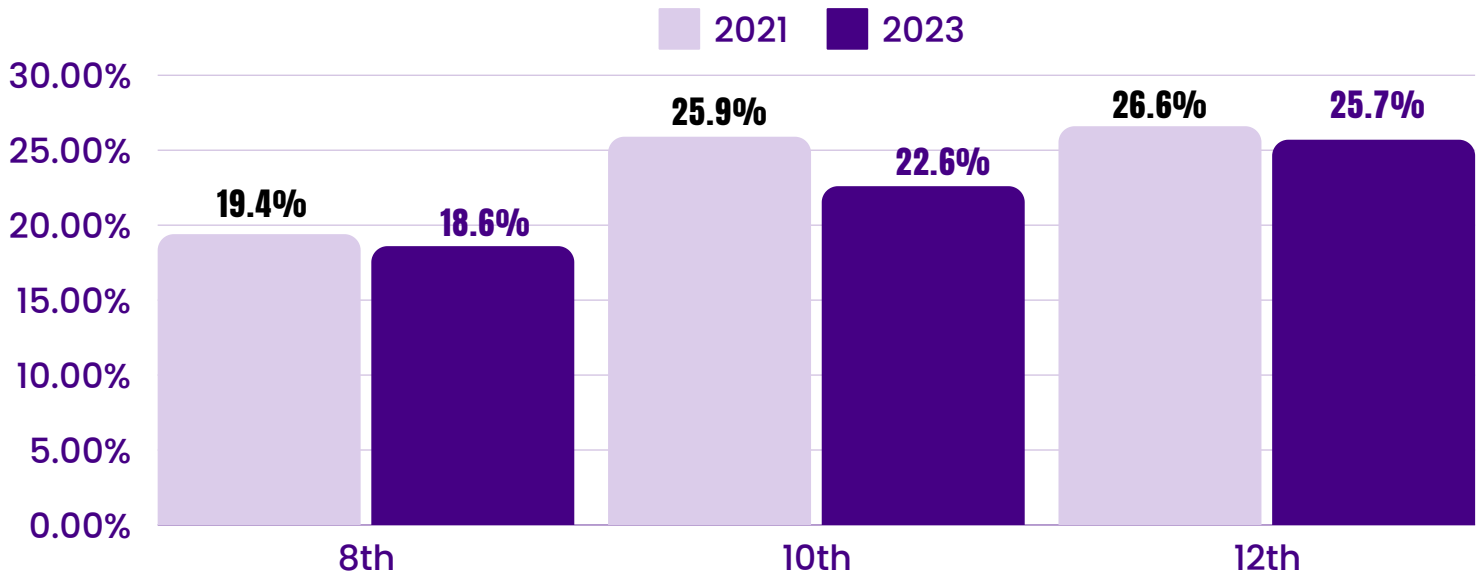
Sexual Intercourse by Grade Level



What the numbers and other information told us: Across most grades, the number of youth reporting having had sexual intercourse has decreased since 2021, with the only increase found in 8th graders (2.9% increase).

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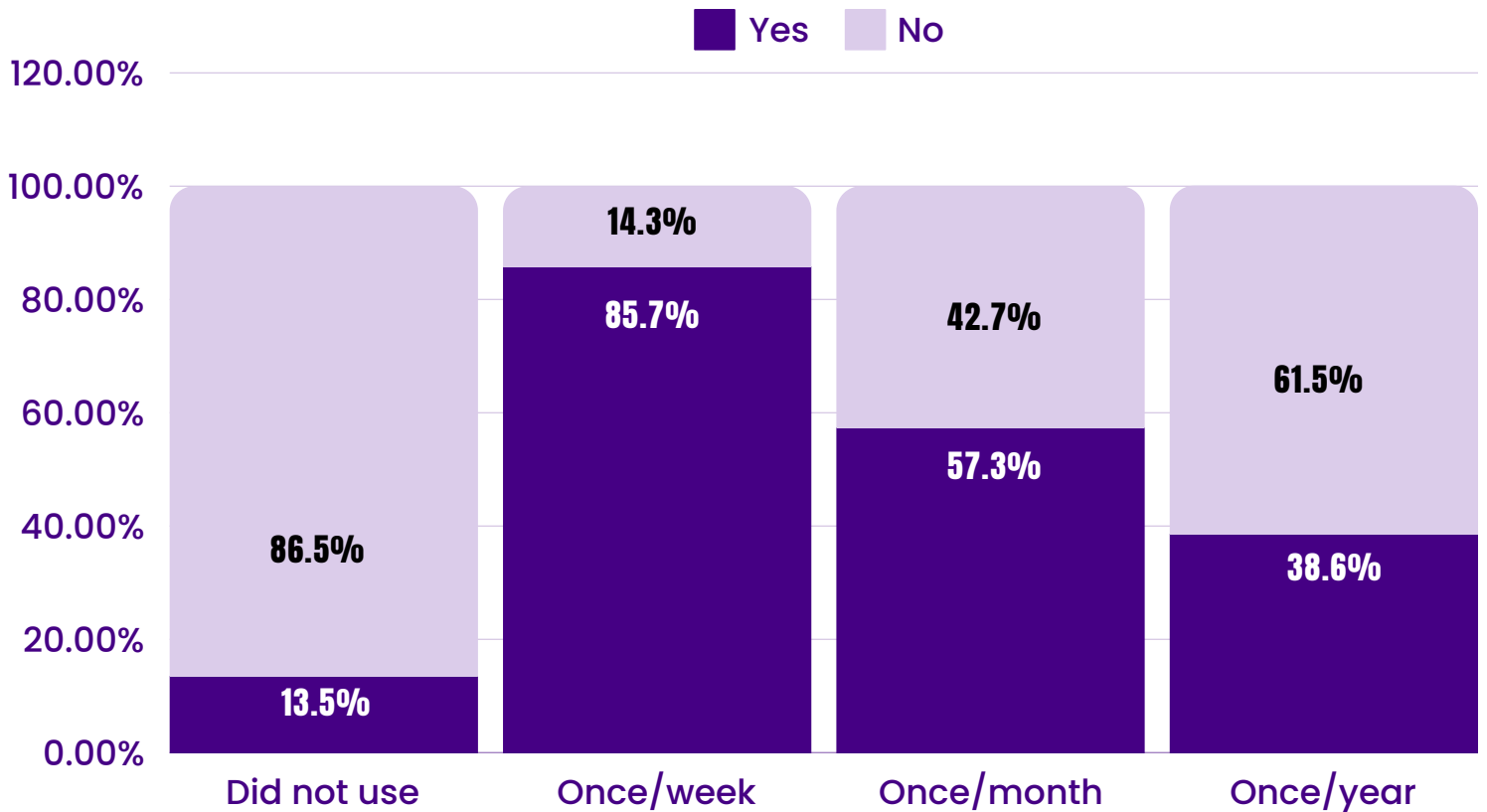
Percent of Youth Who Report Talking to their Parents about Sex Sometimes, Often, or A Lot



What the numbers and other information told us: This year, we saw a marked decrease in the number of youth that report they talk to their parents about sex. Nearly one quarter (22.5%) of all youth surveyed in 2023 say that they talk to their parents about this topic sometimes, often, or a lot and another quarter (22.8%) indicating they seldom talk to their parents about sex.

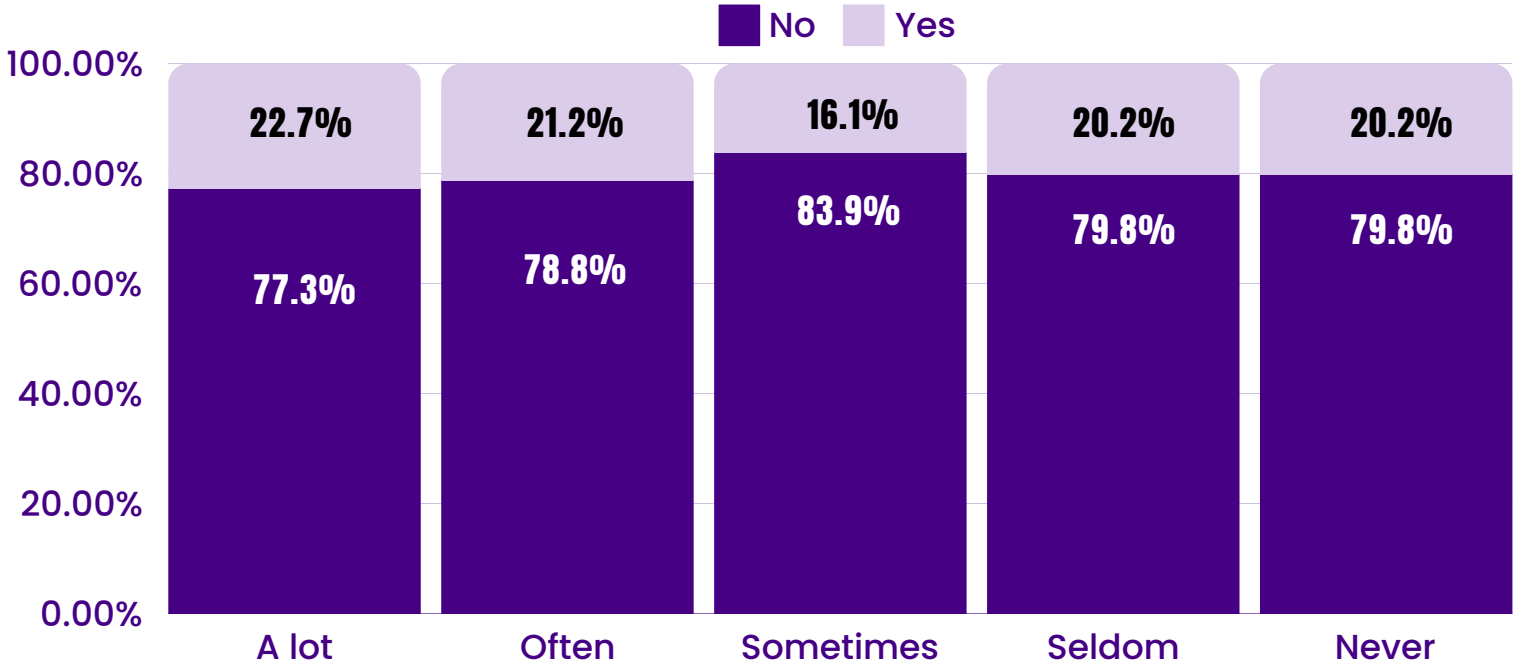
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Sexual Intercourse by Alcohol Use



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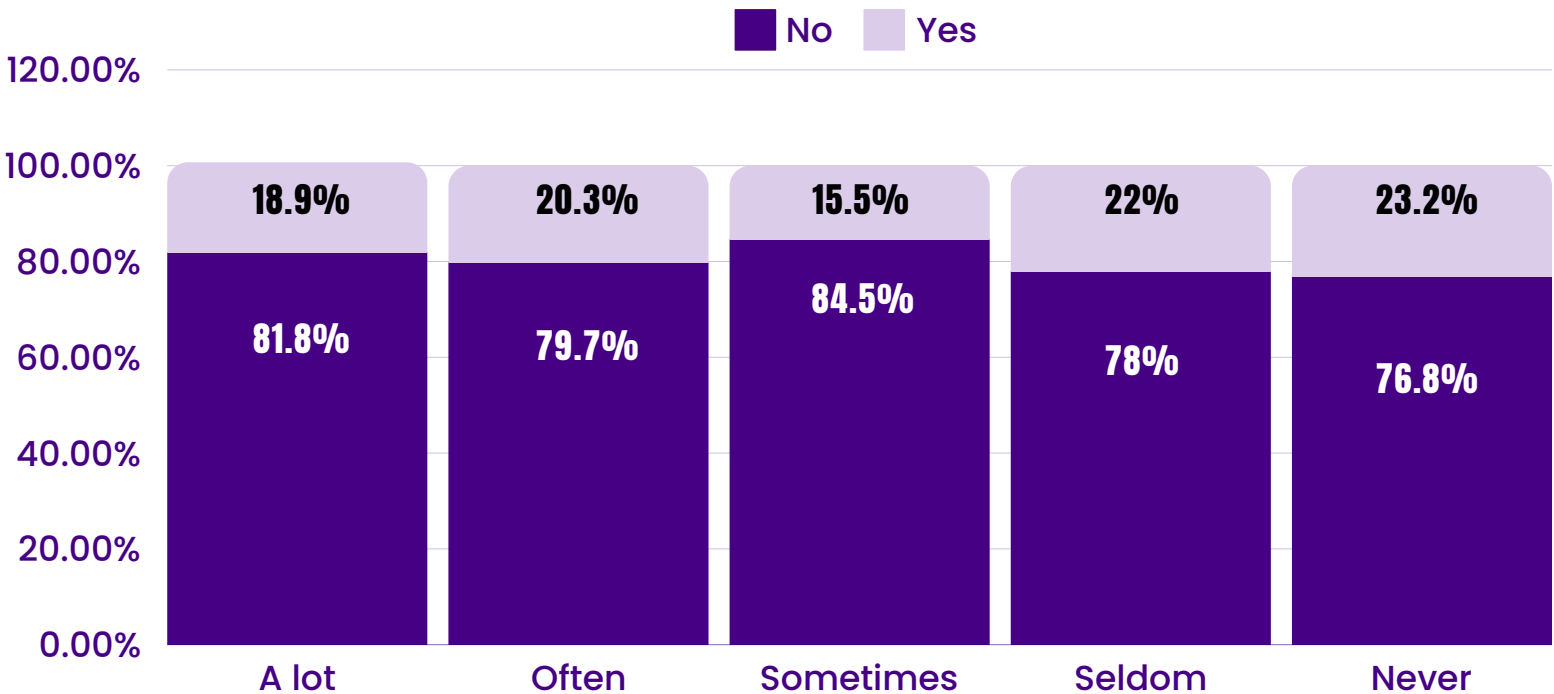
Sexual Intercourse by Youth Who Are Involved in Sports



What the numbers and other information told us: Though in 2023 youth that did not play sports had a higher proportion of sexual activity (8.1%) than youth that played sports often (2.7%) or a lot (5.9%).

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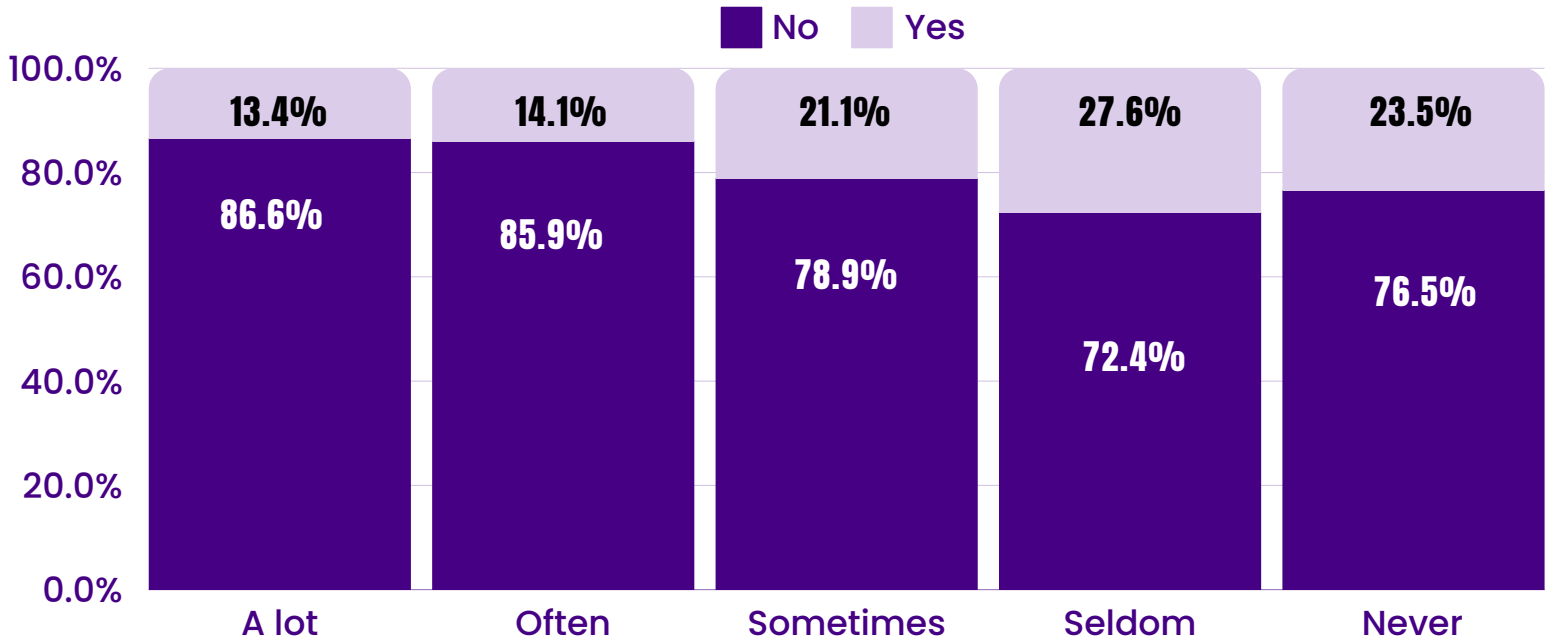
Sexual Intercourse by Youth Who Are Involved in School Activities



What the numbers and other information told us: In 2023, survey results indicated that youth who never participate in school activities were more likely to have had sex than youth who were involved in school activities.

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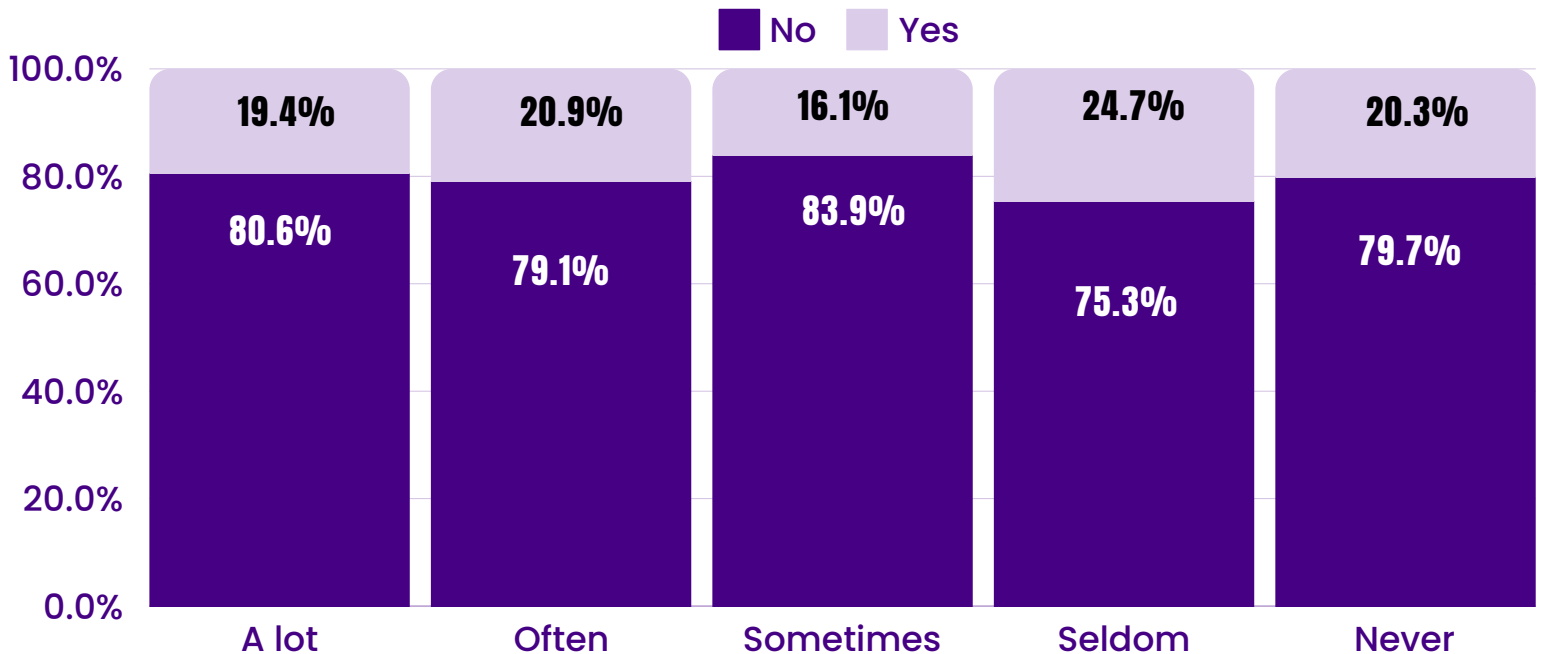
Sexual Intercourse by Youth Who Are Involved in Church Activities



What the numbers and other information told us: Youth who never or seldom participate in church activities are more likely to be sexually active than youth who participate in church activities sometimes, often, or a lot of the time.

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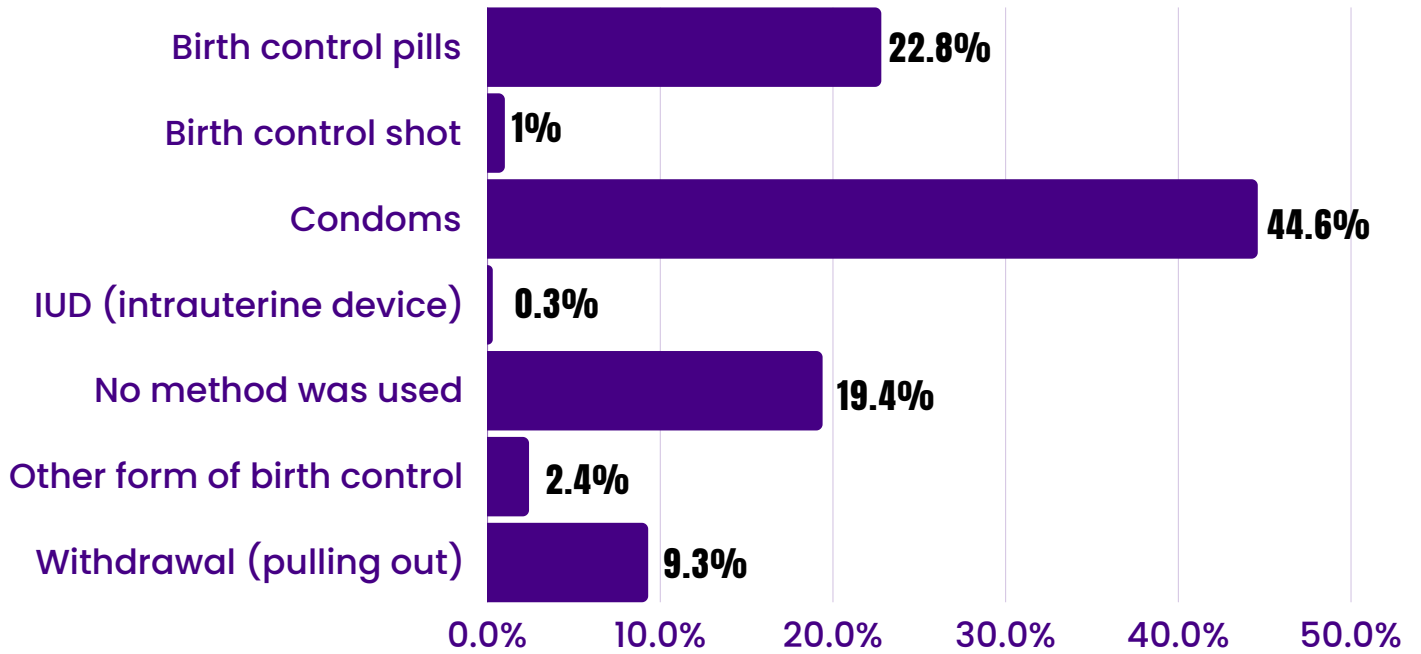
Sexual Intercourse by Youth Who Are Involved in Community Activities



What the numbers and other information told us: In 2023, we observed a higher percentage of sexually active youth who never participate in community activities (about 38.3%) than the observed percentage of sexually active youth who are involved in community activities (about 10-11%).

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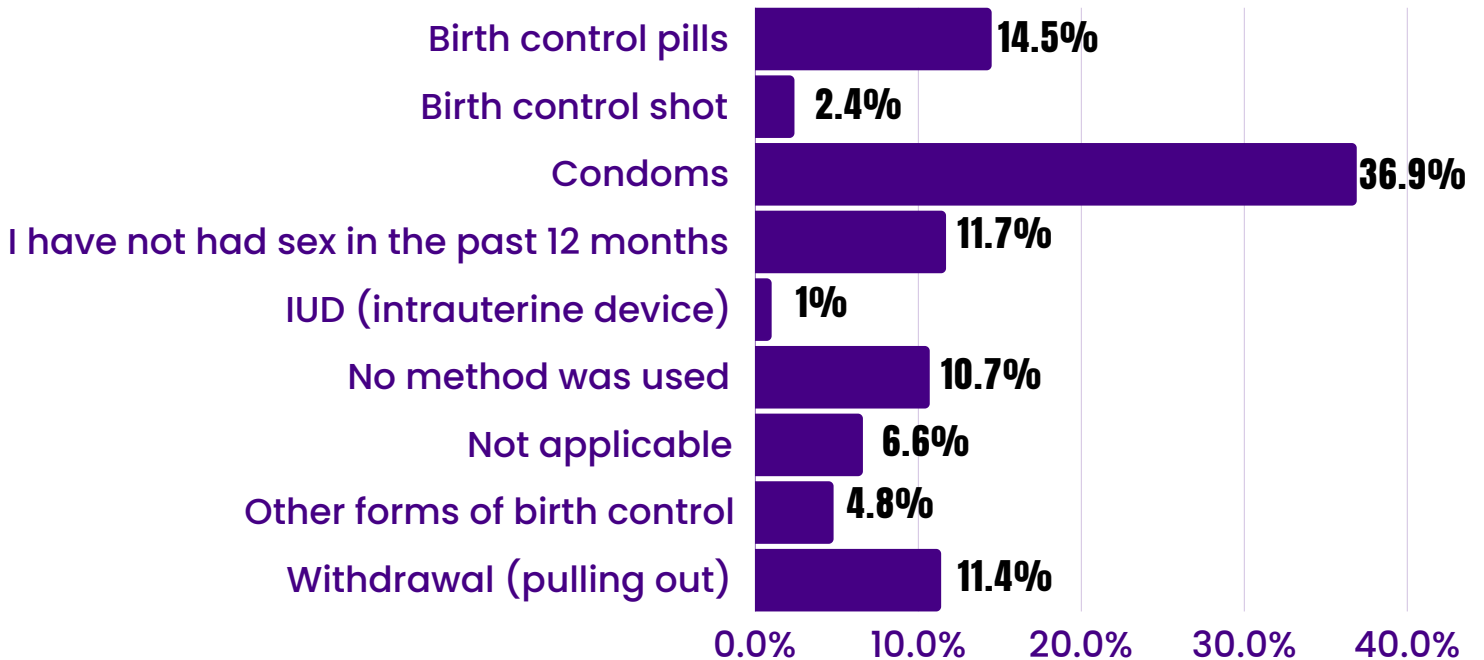
Contraceptive Method Used Most Recently



What the numbers and other information told us: When asked which contraceptive methods teens used the last time they had intercourse, 44.6% of sexually active teens indicated they used condoms, while 19.4% noted that they used no form of protection.

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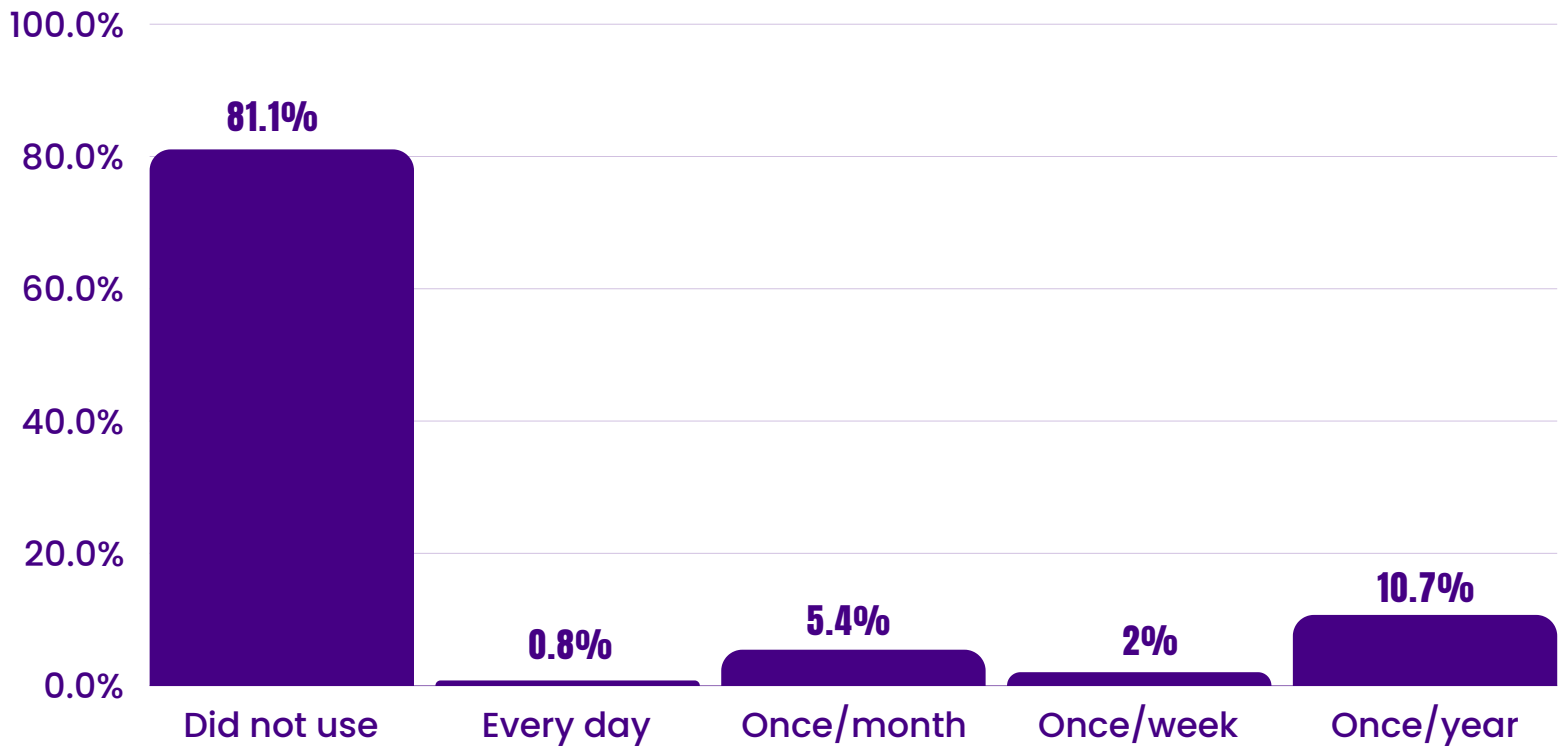
Most Commonly Used Choice of Contraceptive Method



What the numbers and other information told us: When sexually active teens indicated which form of contraception they utilized most frequently in the past twelve months, condoms were the most commonly selected (36.9%) with birth control pills coming in second (14.5%). Only 11.4% of teens relied primarily on withdrawal and only 10.7% typically do not use protection.

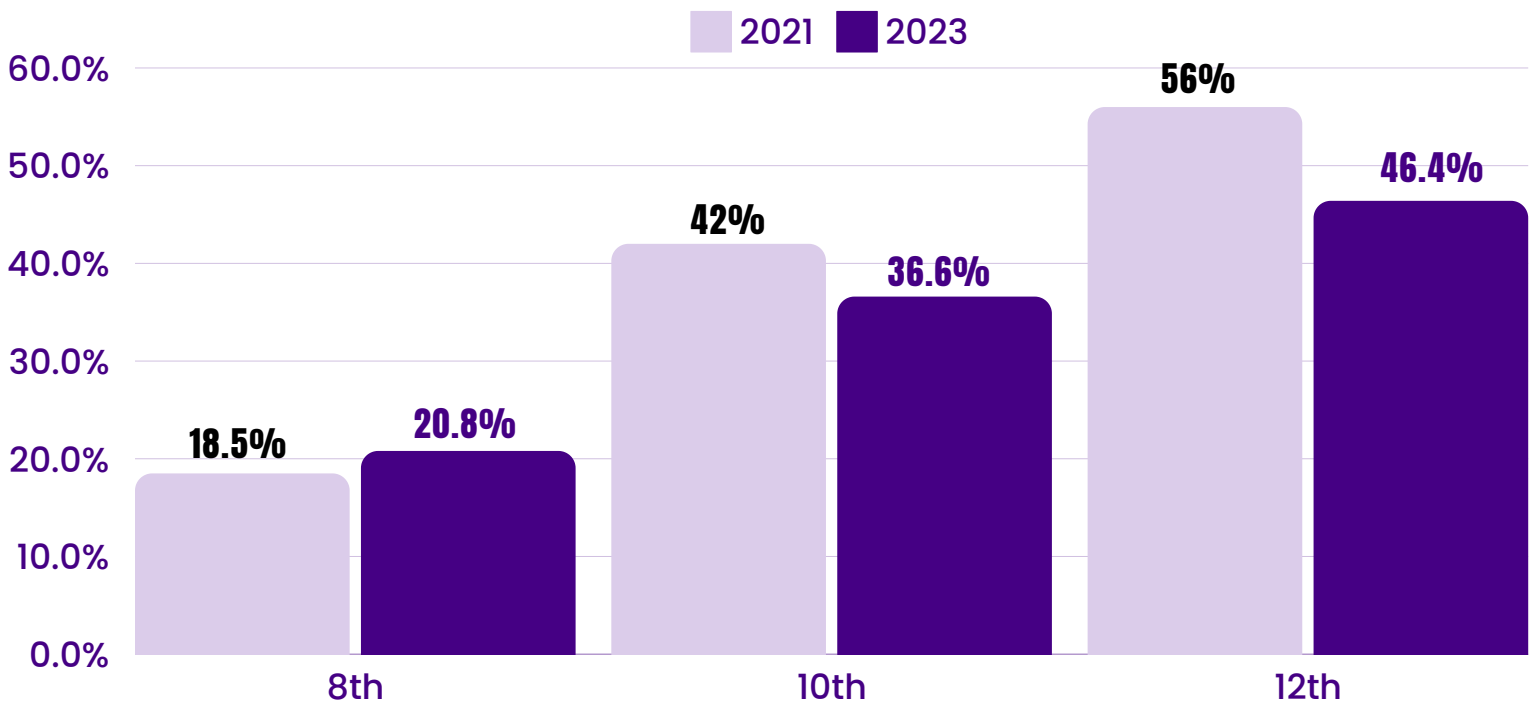
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Frequency of Alcohol Use



ALCOHOL USE

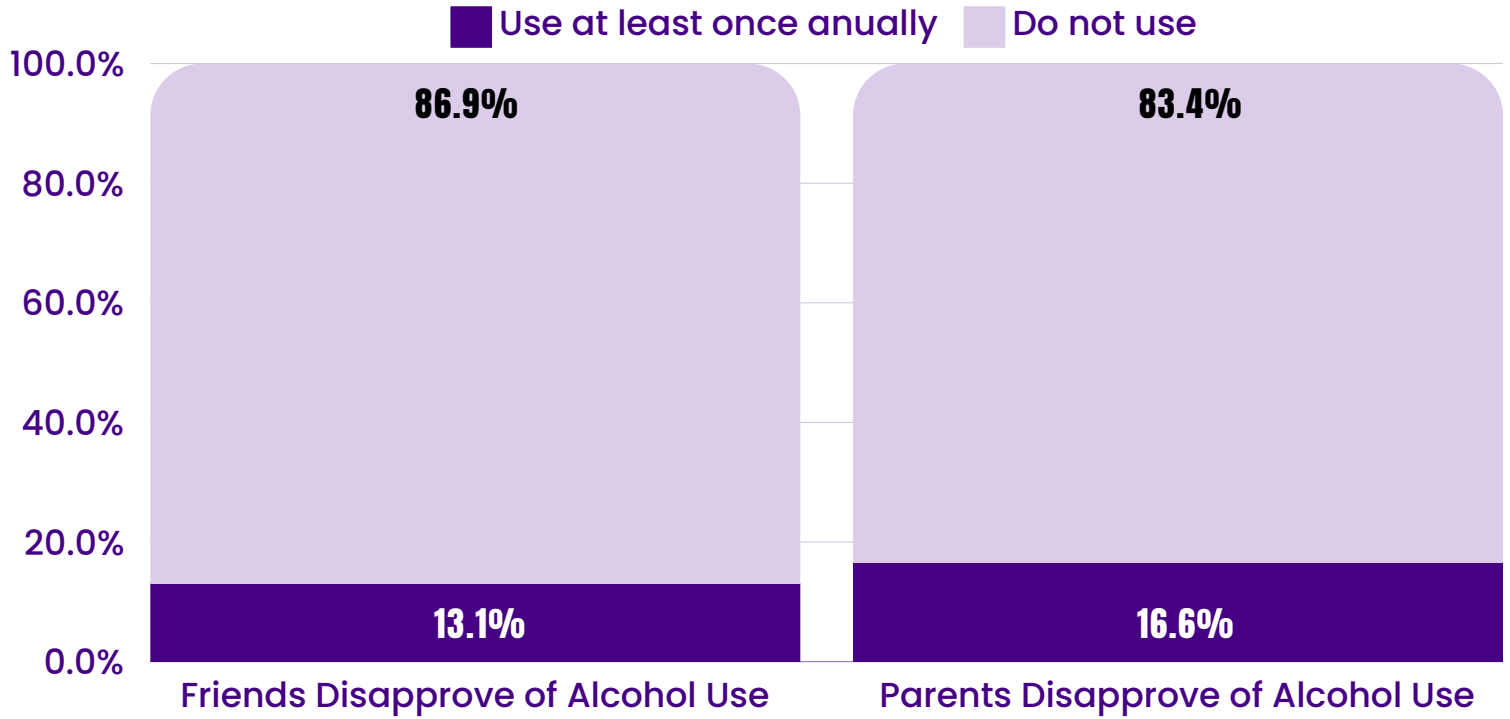
Youth By Grade Who Report it is Very Easy or Fairly Easy to Get Alcohol



What the numbers and other information told us: The number of youth reporting that it is very easy or fairly easy to get alcohol steadily increased with each grade level.

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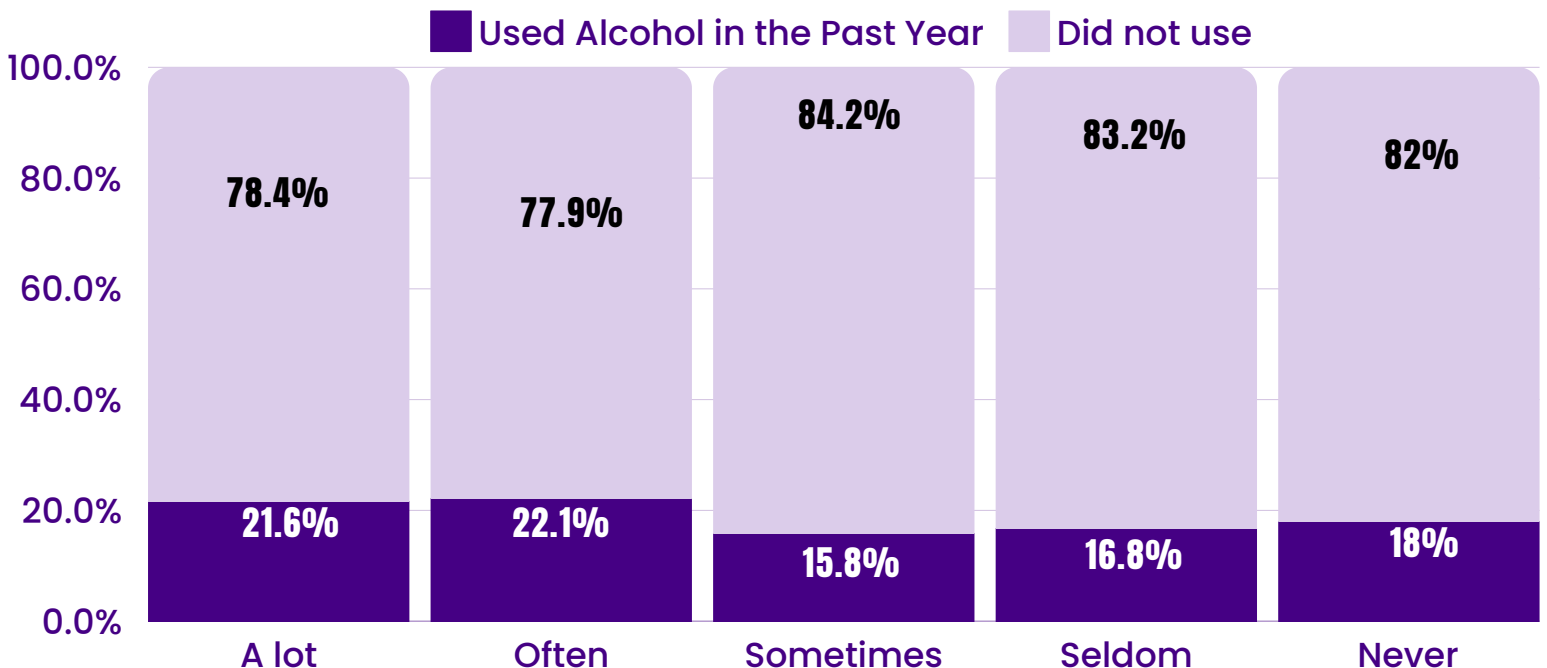
Alcohol Use by Youth Whose Friends and Parents Think Drinking Alcohol Nearly Every Day is Wrong or Very Wrong



What the numbers and other information told us: About one-tenth of students whose friends disapprove of alcohol use drink at least once a year. Similarly, only 16.6% of youth whose parents disapprove of alcohol use drink at least once a year.

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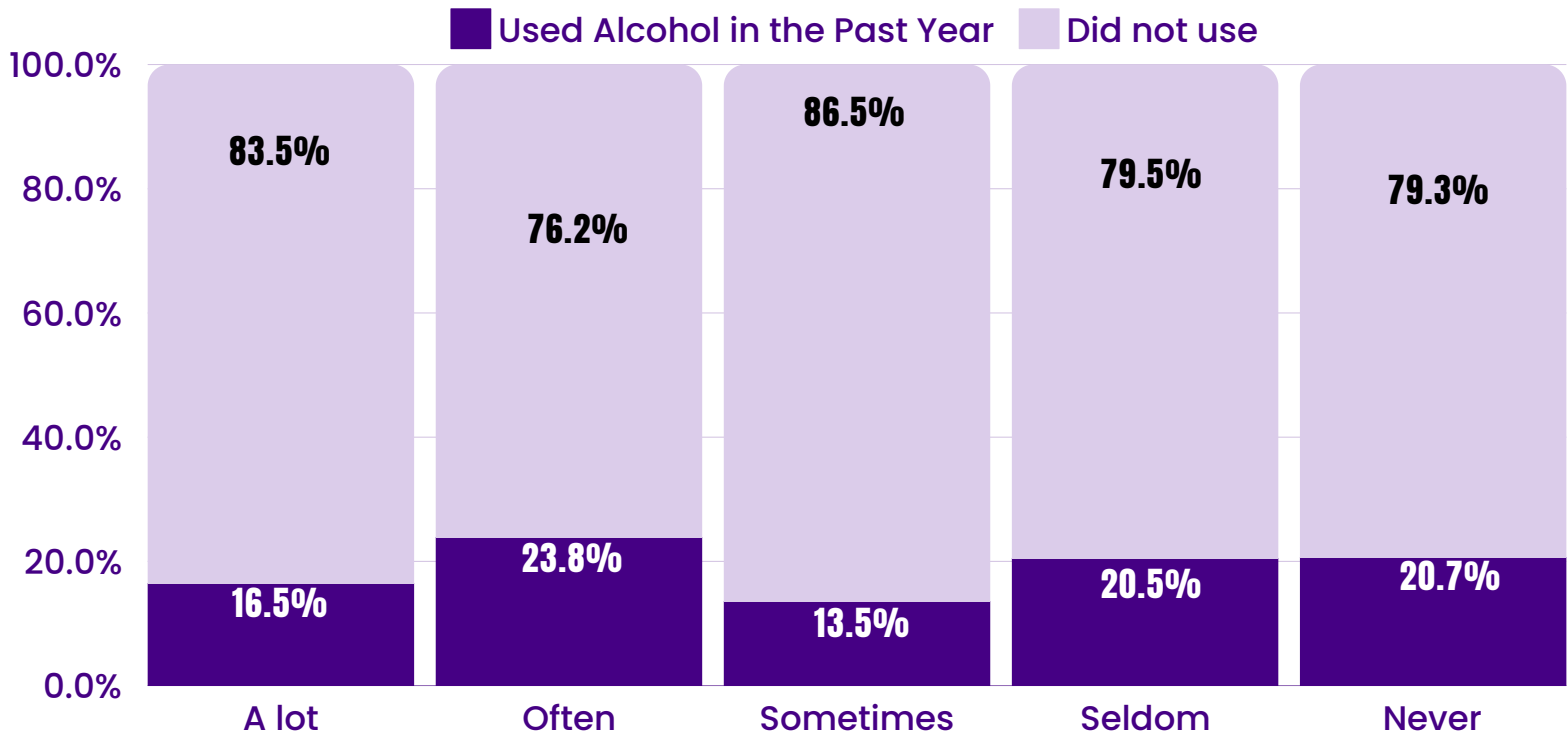
Alcohol Use by Youth Who Are Involved in Sports



What the numbers and other information told us: In 2023, a slightly larger proportion of youth who had some level of involvement with sports used alcohol than those that were never involved in sports (7.1%).

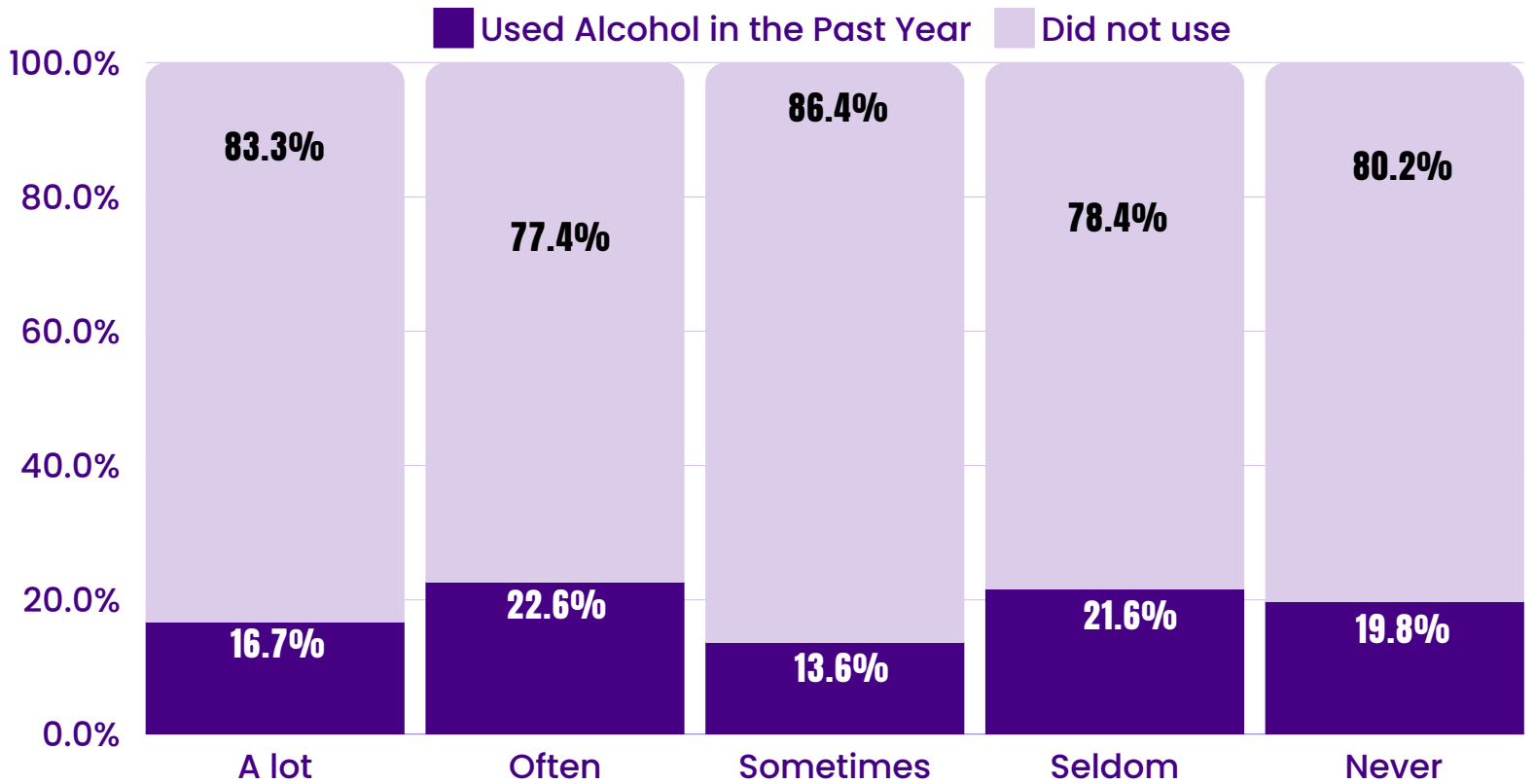
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Alcohol Use by Youth Who Are Involved in School Activities



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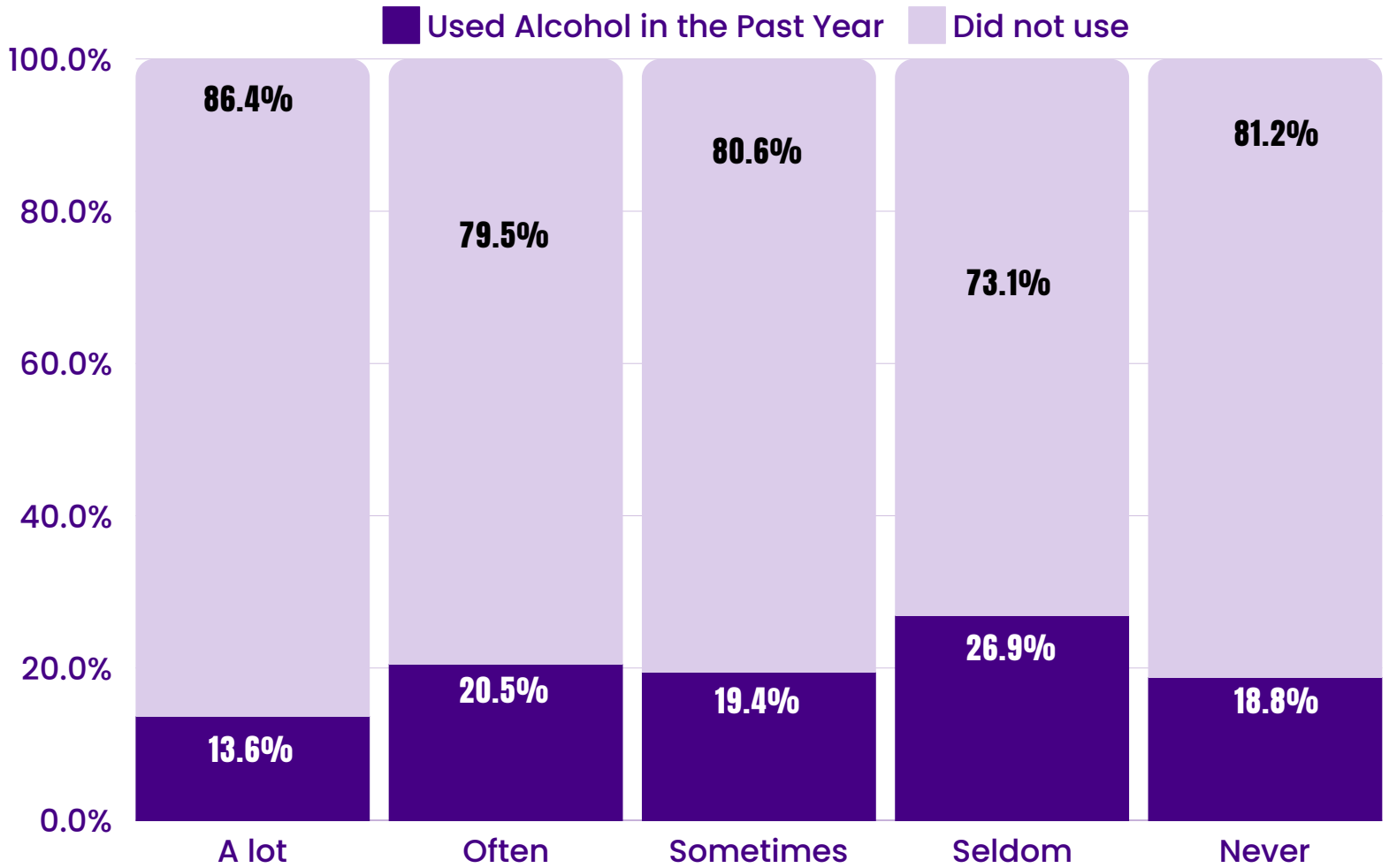
Alcohol Use by Youth Who Are Involved in Church Activities



What the numbers and other information told us: Overall, the proportion of youth that use alcohol at least annually decreases, as youth involvement in church activities increases.

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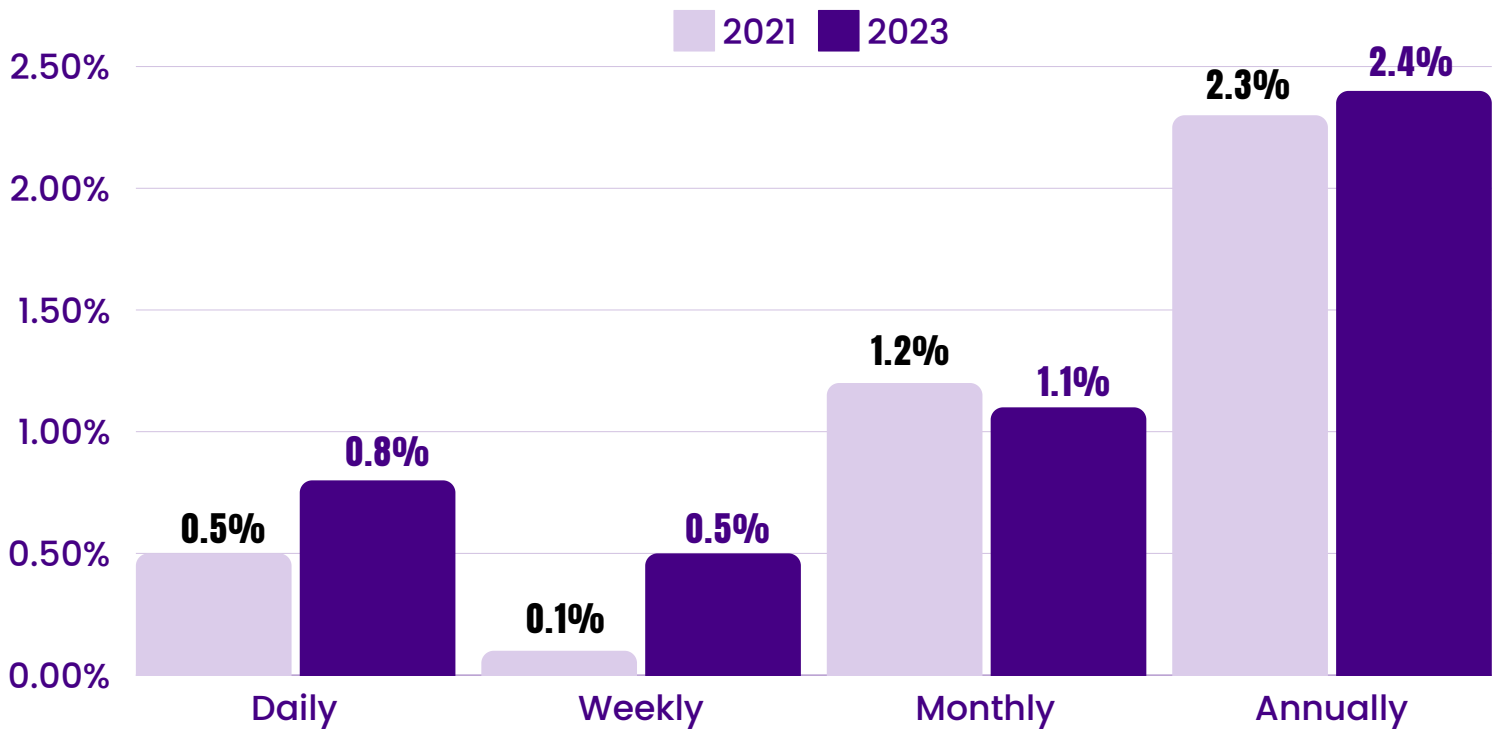
Alcohol Use by Youth Who Are Involved in Community Activities



What the numbers and other information told us: There does not appear to be a consistent trend regarding annual alcohol use and involvement in community activities.

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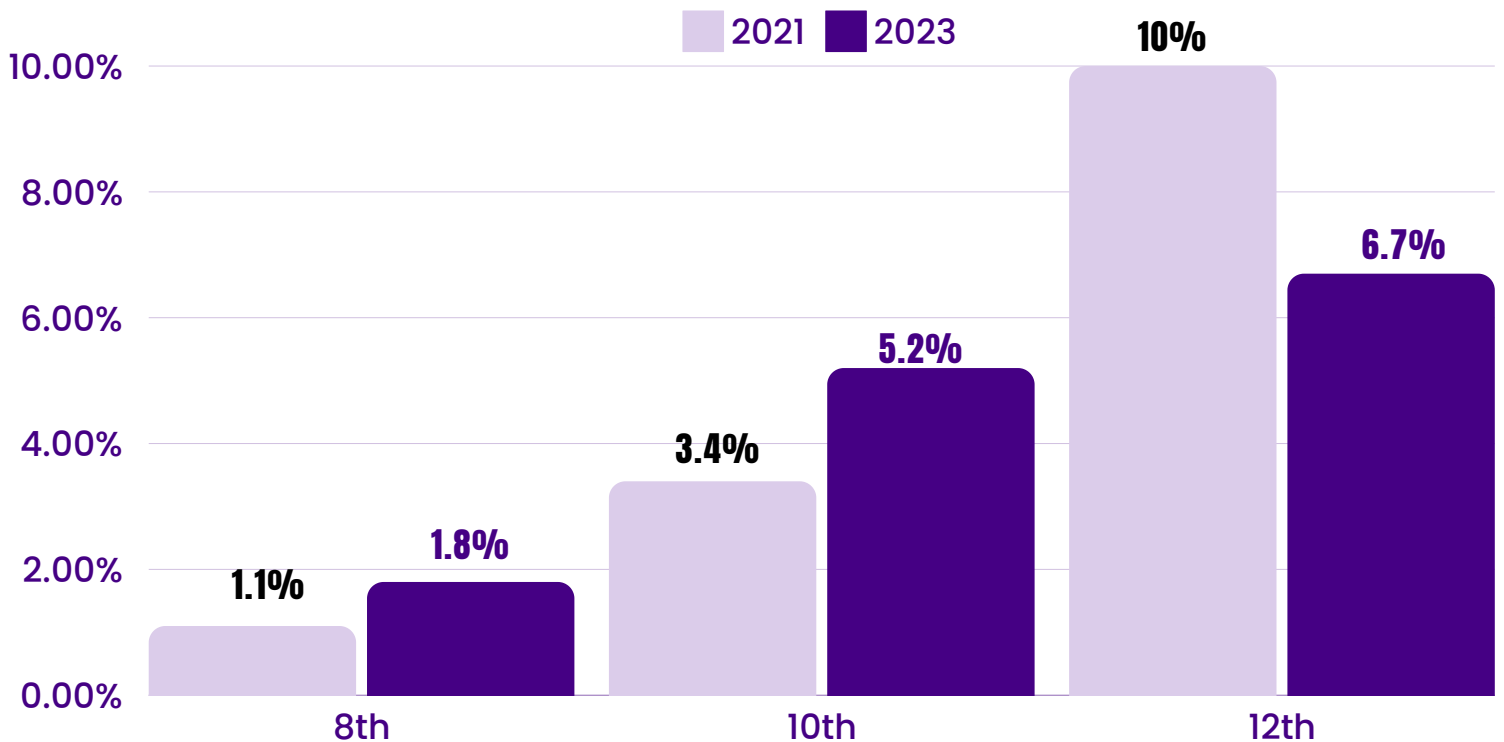
Frequency of Tobacco Use



What the numbers and other information told us: There has been a slight increase in the overall use of tobacco in all grades from 2021, with daily use seeing an increase of 0.3%.

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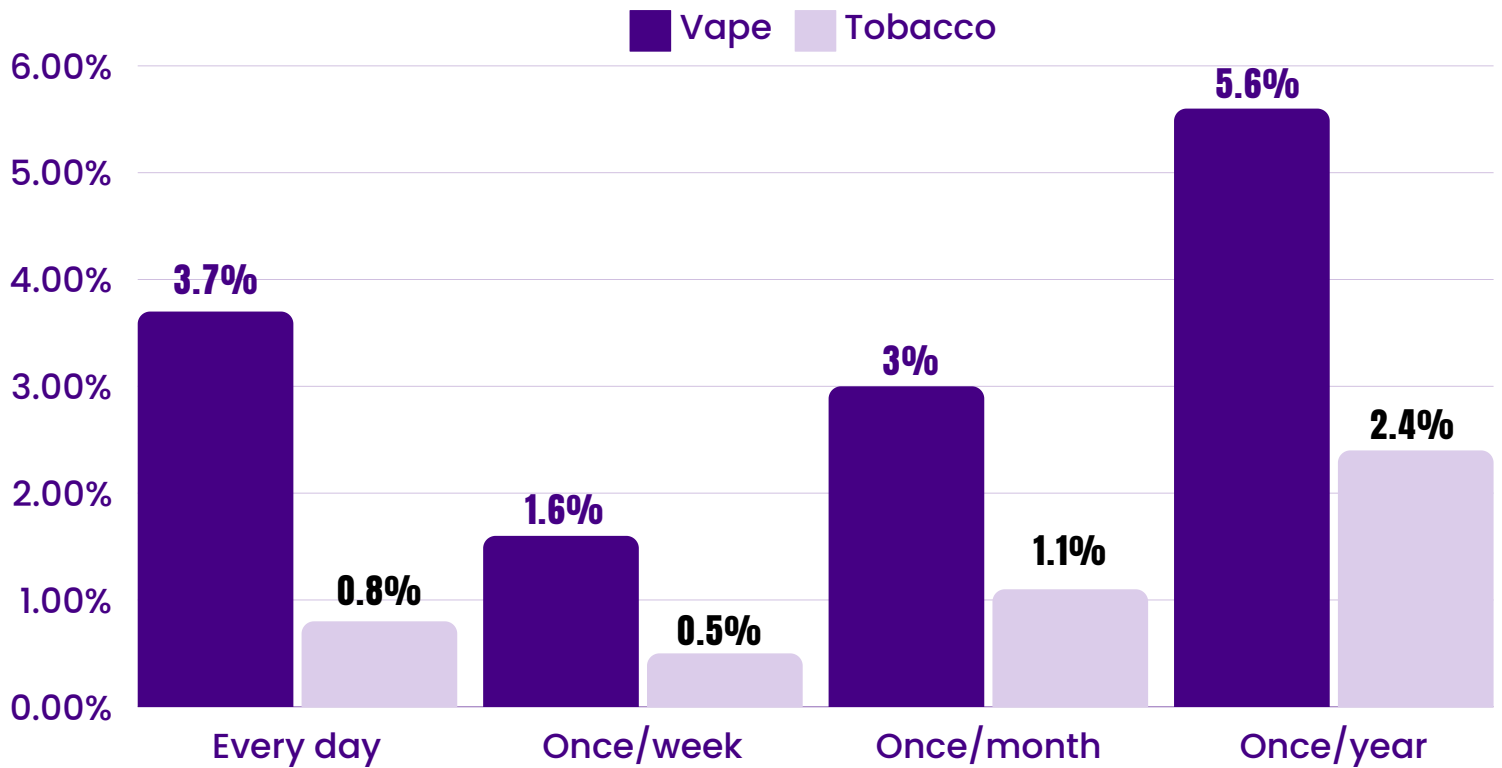
Youth By Grade Who Use Tobacco



What the numbers and other information told us: This year saw a significant decrease in tobacco use among 12th graders. Meanwhile, there has been a small increase in tobacco between 8th & 10th graders.

ELECTRONIC VAPOR USE

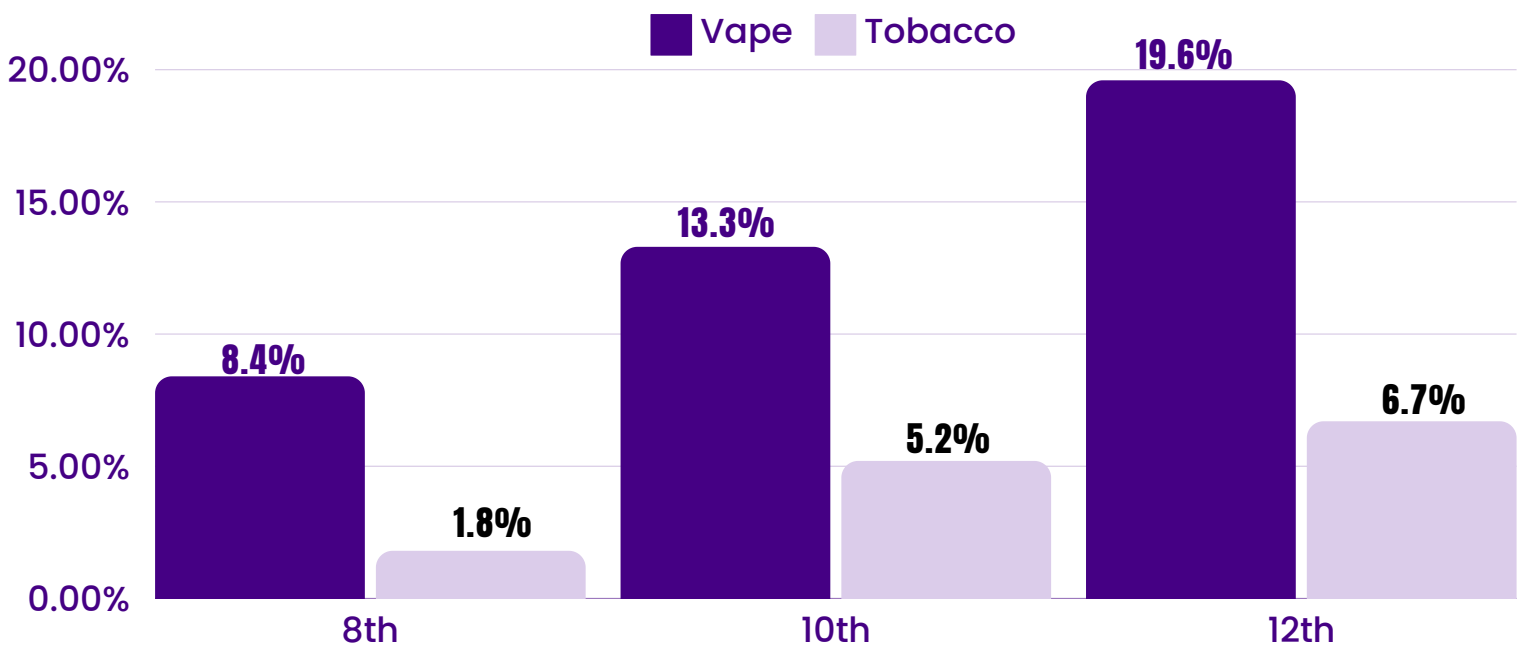
Frequency of Electronic Vapor Product Use



What the numbers and other information told us: In 2023, teens reported using electronic vapor products more often than tobacco products daily, weekly, monthly, and annually.

ELECTRONIC VAPOR USE

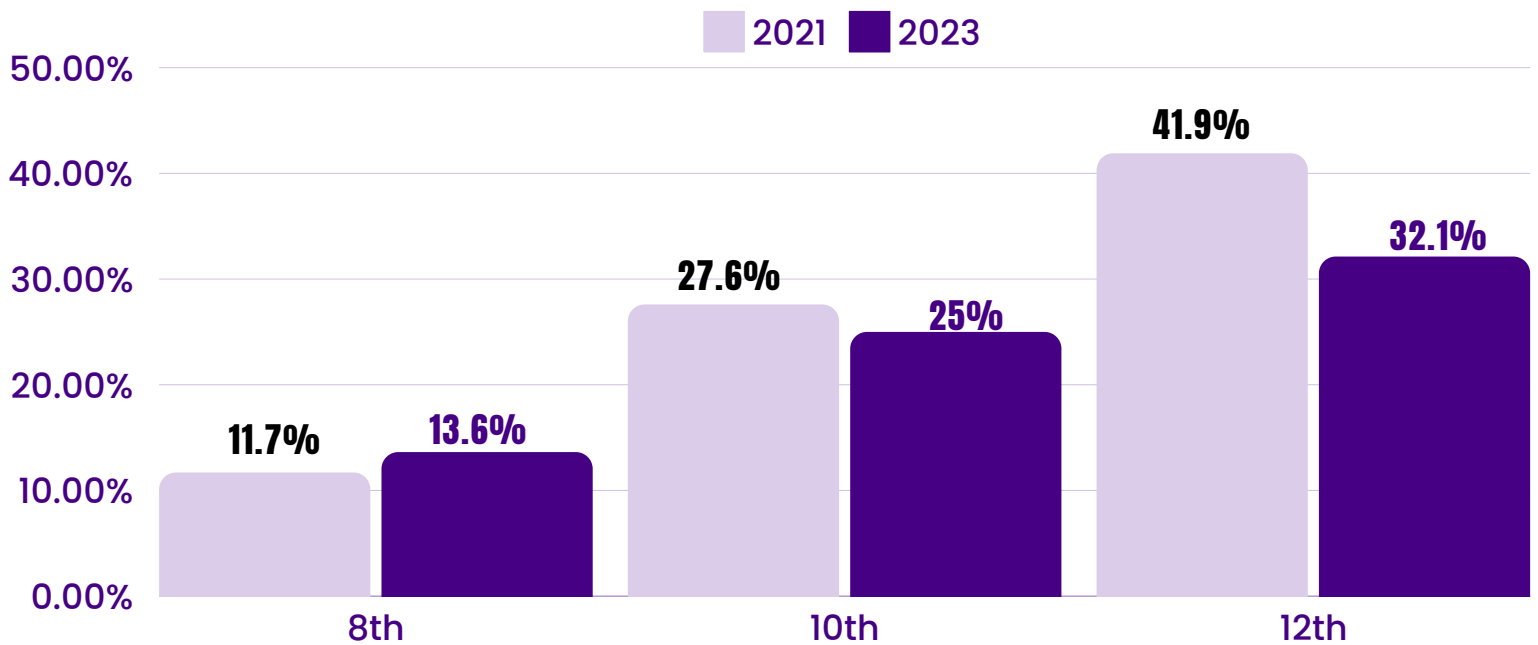
Youth By Grade Who Use Electronic Vapor Products At Least Once Per Year



What the numbers and other information told us: Across all grades, more teens use electronic vapor products annually than tobacco products. This difference is most pronounced in 12th graders, where annual use of electronic vapor products surpasses tobacco products by 12.9%.

TOBACCO USE

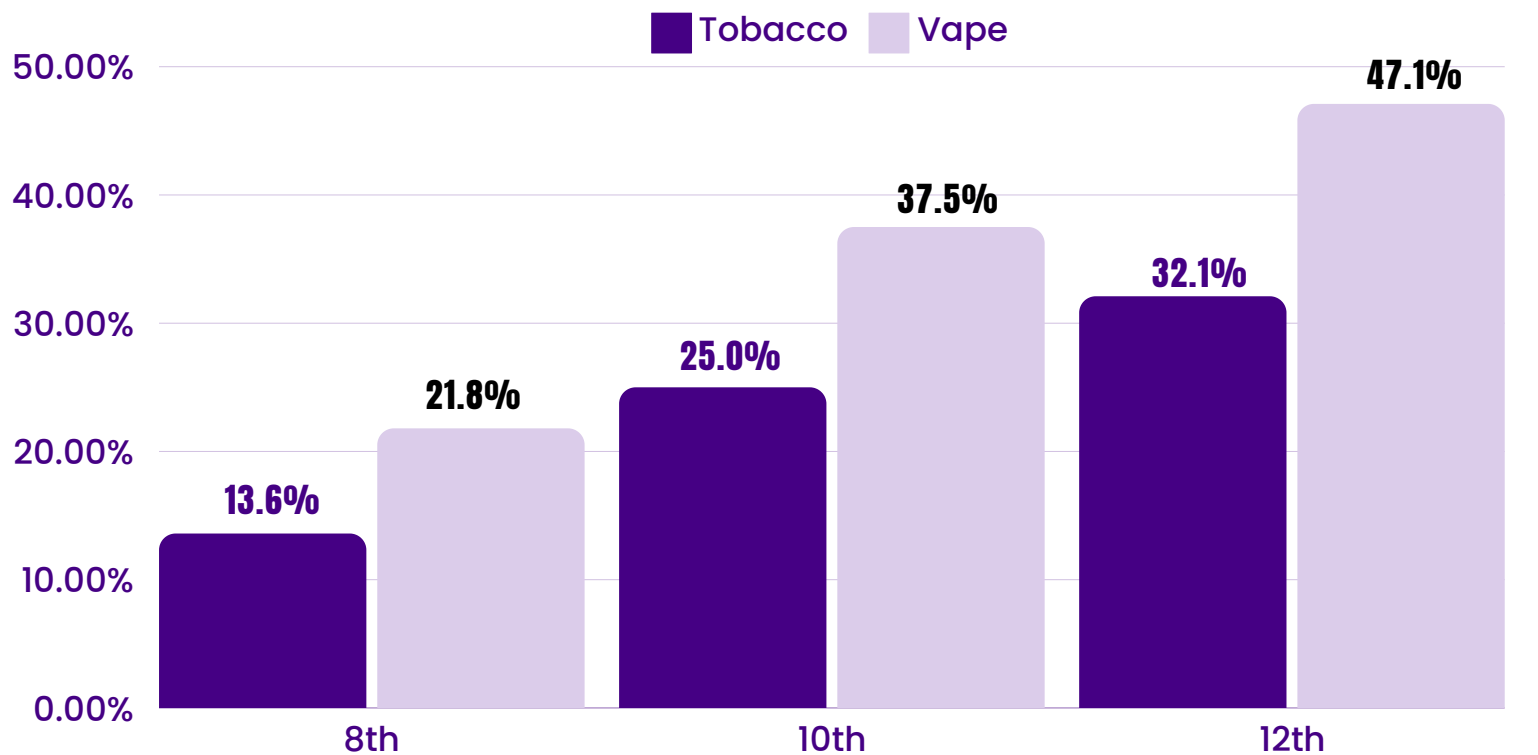
Youth By Grade Who Report it is Very Easy or Fairly Easy to Get Tobacco Products



What the numbers and other information told us: A higher percentage of 8th graders reported that it was easier to access tobacco products in 2023 compared to 2021. Conversely, fewer 10th and 12th graders indicated that obtaining tobacco products was very easy or fairly easy in 2021 than in 2023.

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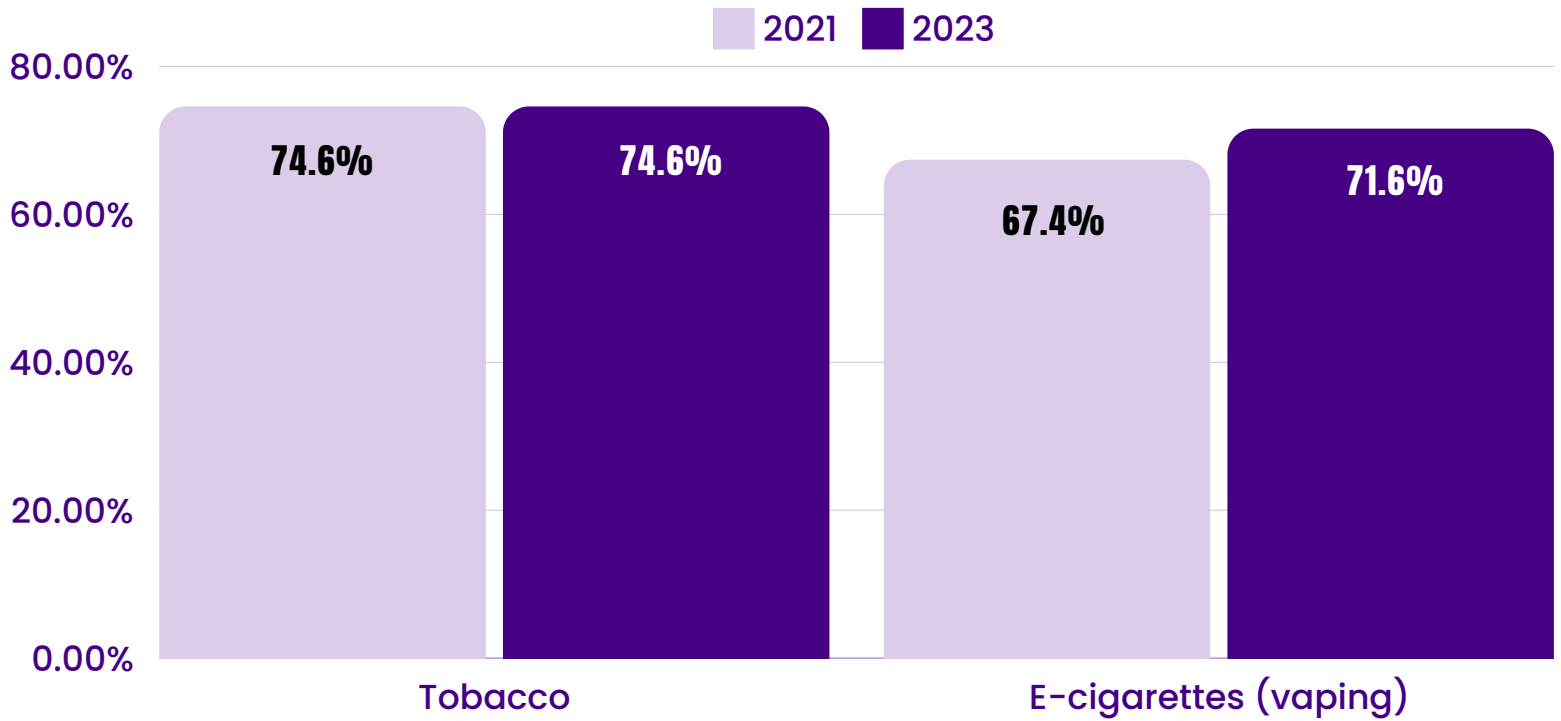
Youth By Grade Who Report it is Very Easy or Fairly Easy to Get Tobacco and Electronic Vapor Products



What the numbers and other information told us: In 2023, more teens indicate that they would have an easier time acquiring electronic vapor products than tobacco products. This trend is seen across all grades.

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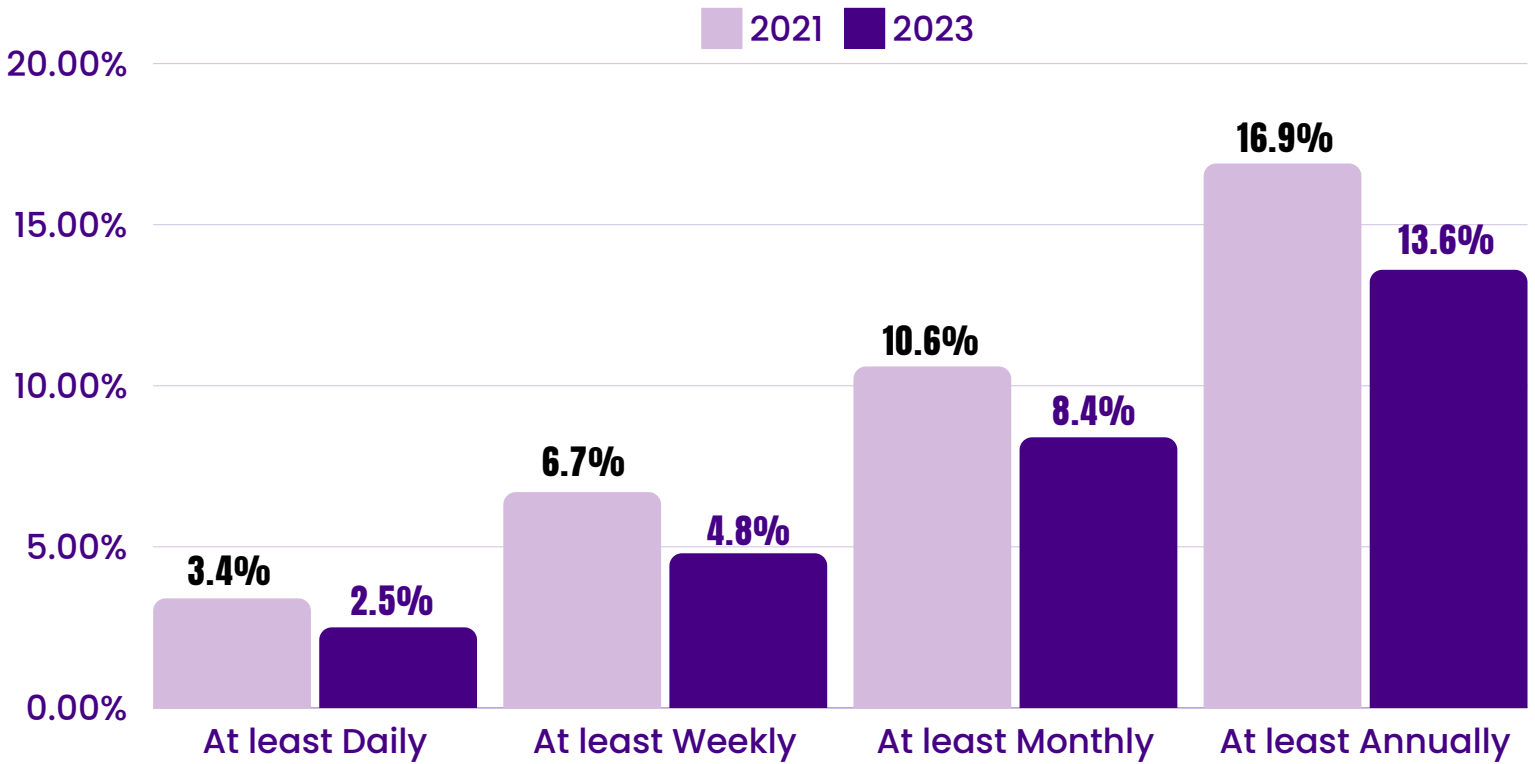
Youth Who Agree That Using Cigarettes or e-Cigarettes Puts an Individual at Moderate or Great Risk



What the numbers and other information told us: Overall, 74.6% of youth feel that tobacco use risks moderate to great harm. In contrast, since 2021, more youth (compared to 67.4% in 2017) revealed that using e-cigarettes puts an individual at moderate or great risk of harm.

DRUG USE

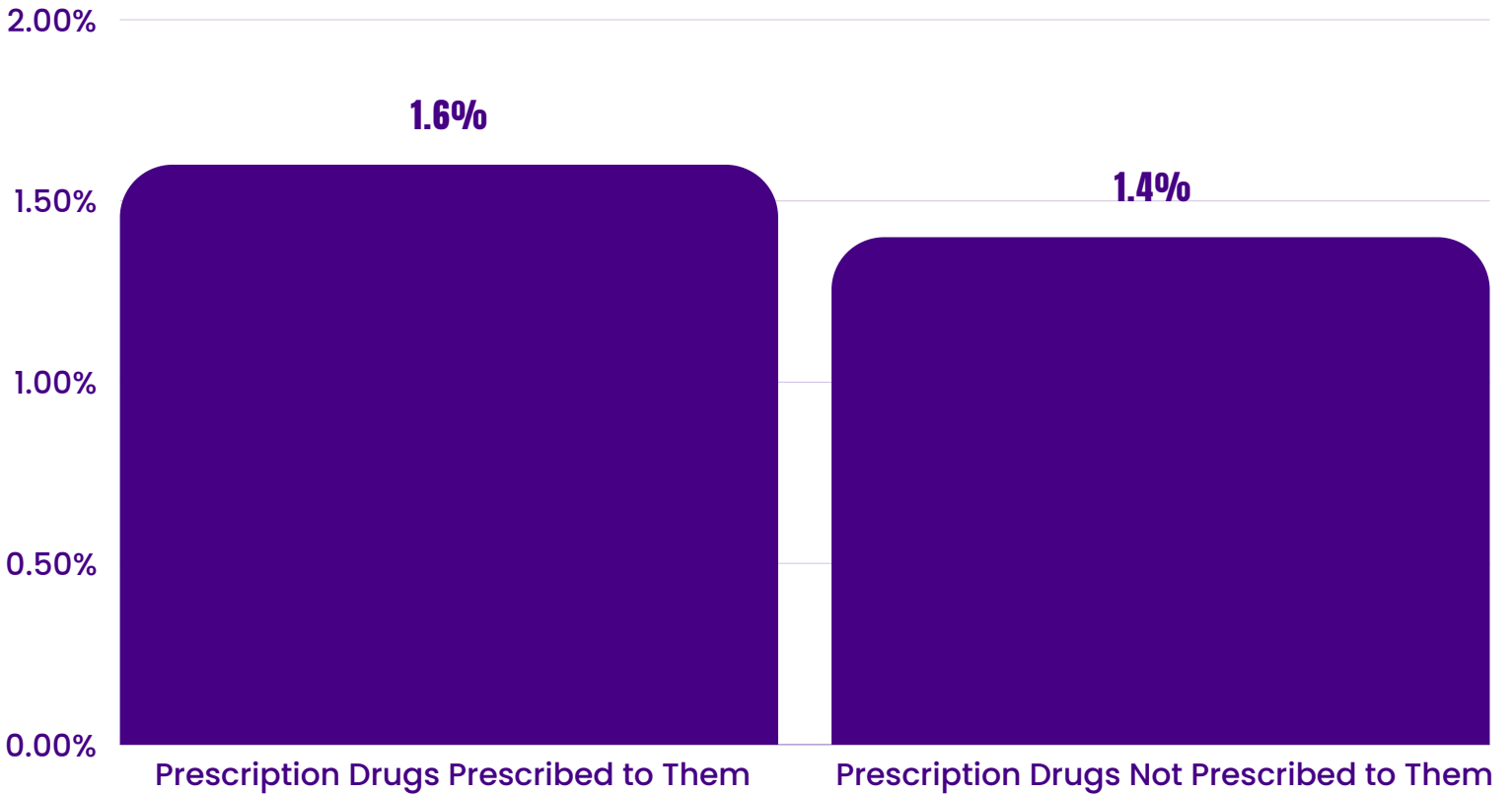
Cumulative Frequency of Illicit Drug Use



What the numbers and other information told us: In 2023, Harrisonburg City/Rockingham County teens reported less illicit drug use than they did in 2021.

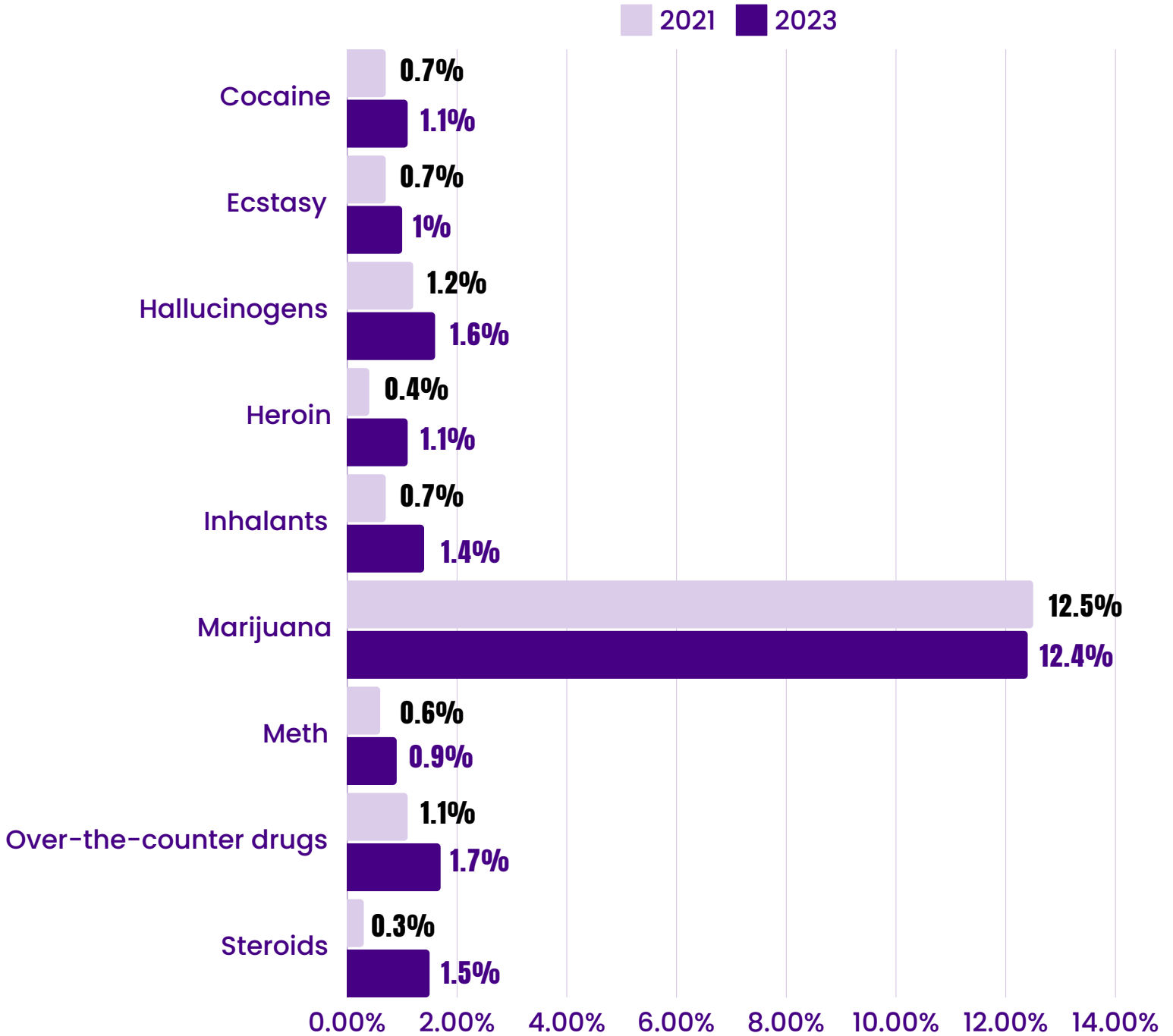
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Types of Drugs Used in the Past Year



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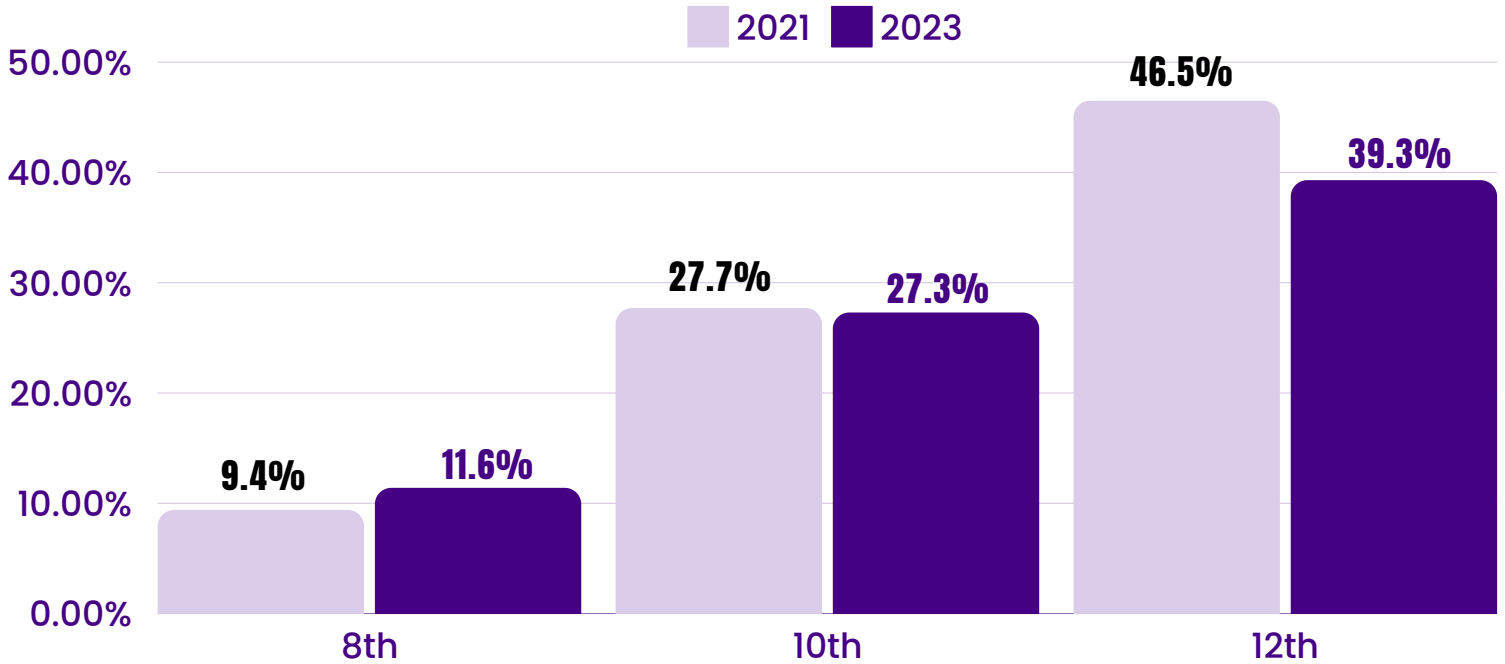
Types of Drugs Used in the Past Year



What the numbers and other information told us: Marijuana remains the most used drug with 12.4% of youth using at least annually. Across the board, drug use observed an increase in 2023.

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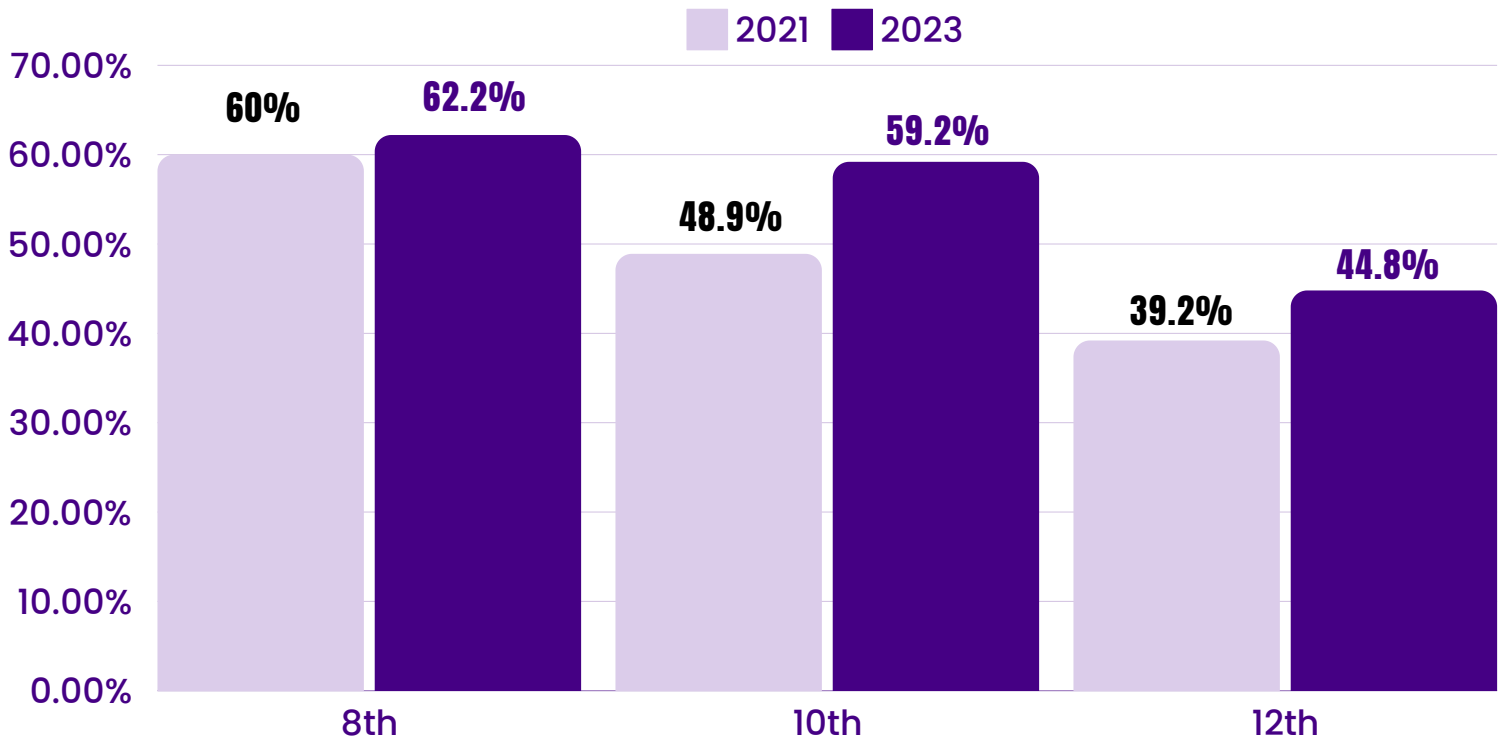
Youth By Grade Who Report it is Very Easy or Fairly Easy to Get Marijuana



What the numbers and other information told us: There has been a decrease in the number of 10th and 12th grade students reporting that it is very easy or fairly easy to get marijuana, while an increase was observed for 8th grade students.

DRUG USE

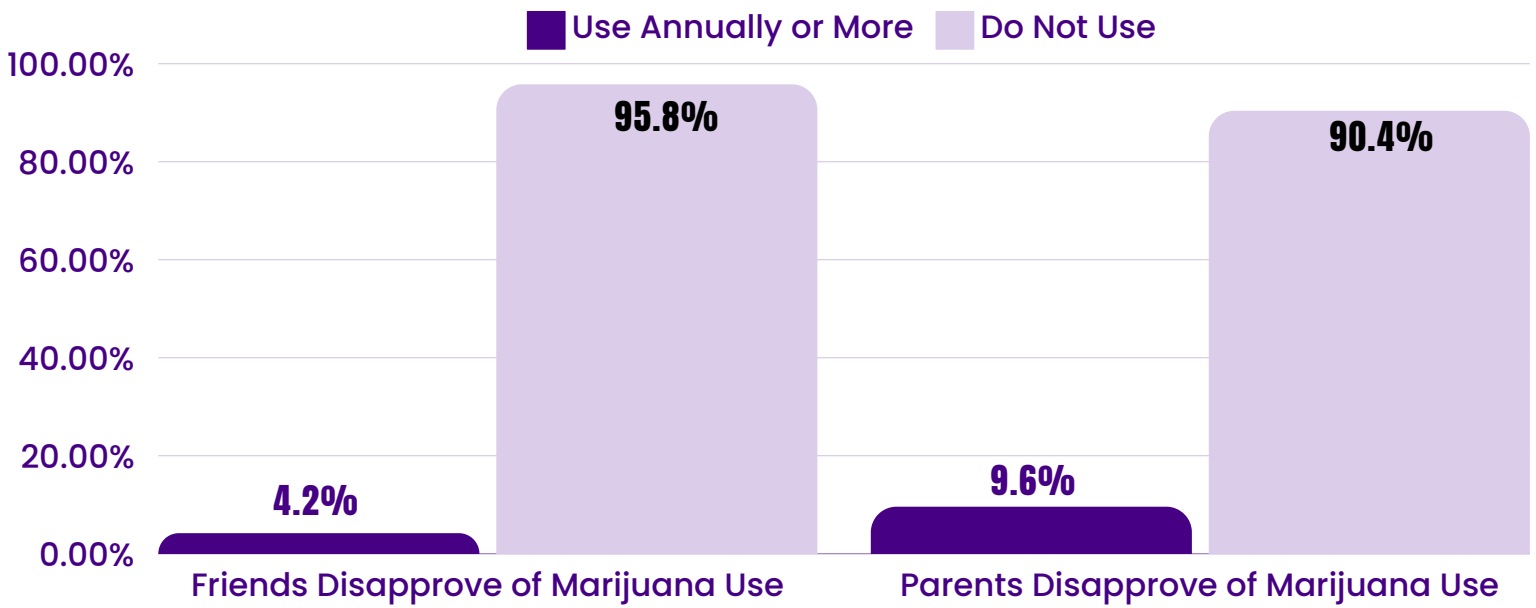
Youth By Grade Who Report there is Moderate Risk or Great Risk to Use Marijuana



What the numbers and other information told us: As grade levels increase, there is a decrease in the percentage of students who view marijuana as posing a moderate or great risk of harm.

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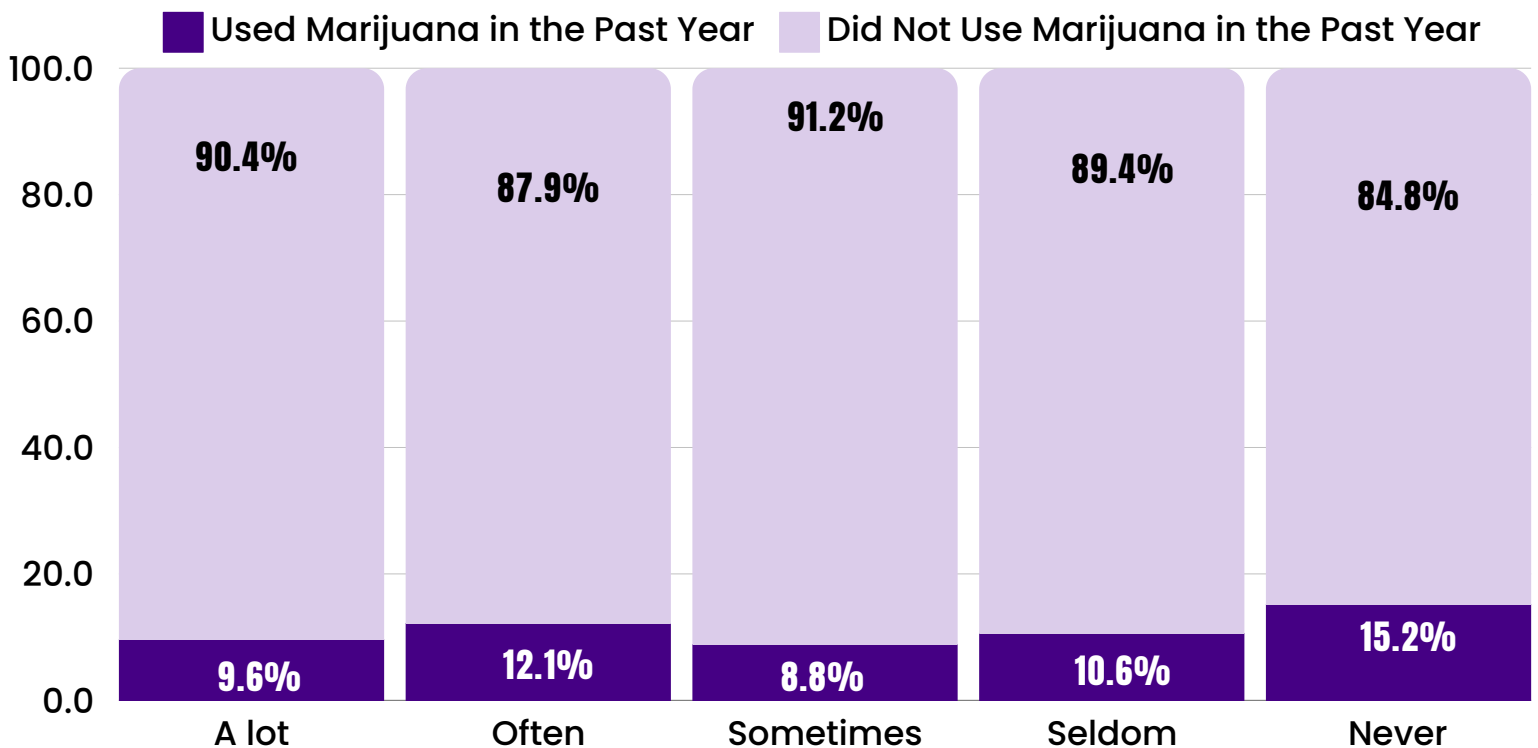
Youth Who Report if Their Friends or Parents Disapprove of Marijuana Use



What the numbers and other information told us: Of youth whose friends disapprove of marijuana use, only 4.2% used the drug in the past year. Similarly, of youth whose parents disapprove of marijuana use, only 9.6% used the drug in the past year.

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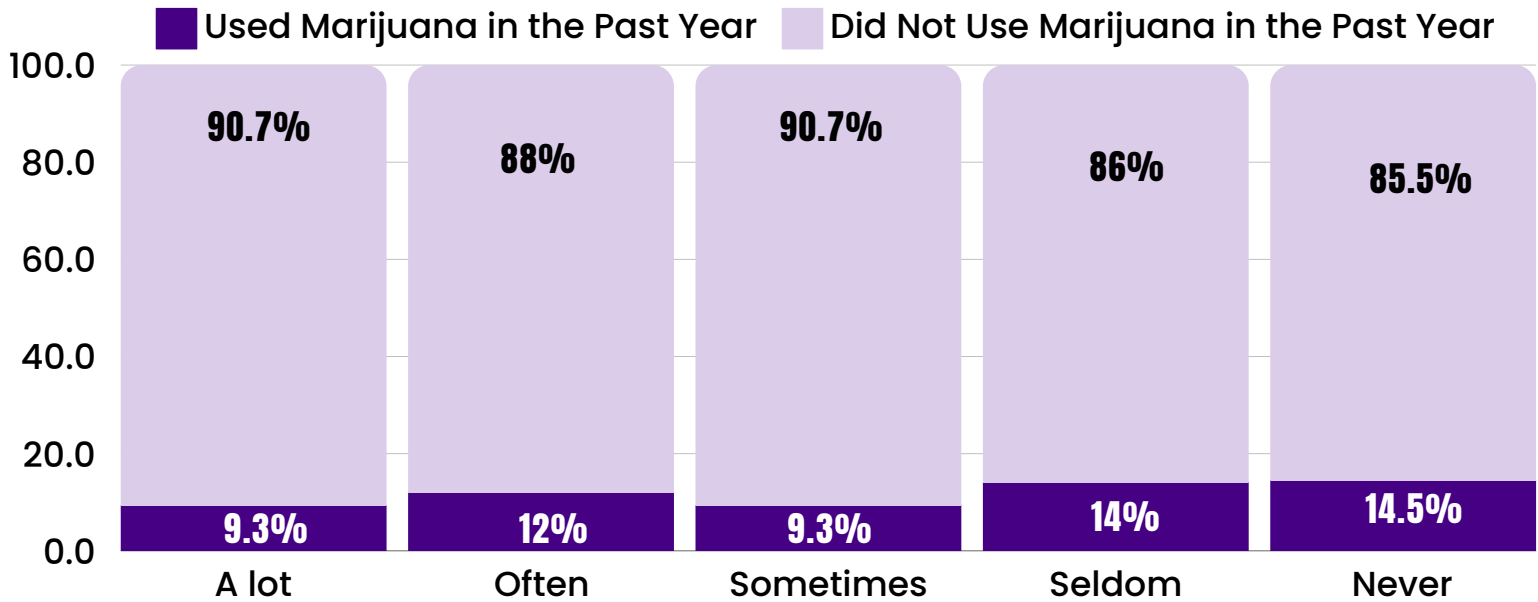
Marijuana Use by Youth Who Are Involved in Sports



What the numbers and other information told us: There does not appear to be any noteworthy differences in annual marijuana use based on level of involvement with sports.

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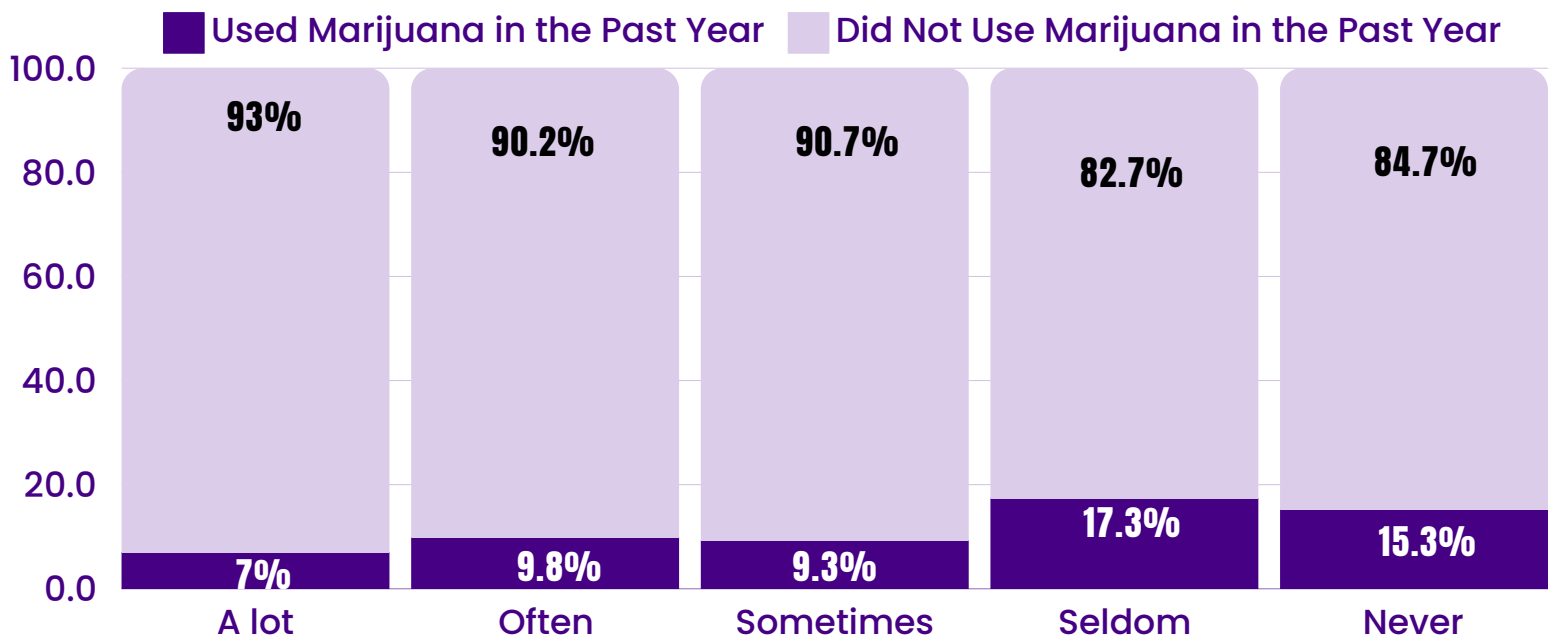
Marijuana Use by Youth Who Are Involved in School Activities



What the numbers and other information told us: Youth that a lot, seldom, sometimes, and often involve themselves in school activities reported slightly less marijuana use than youth that never participate in school activities.

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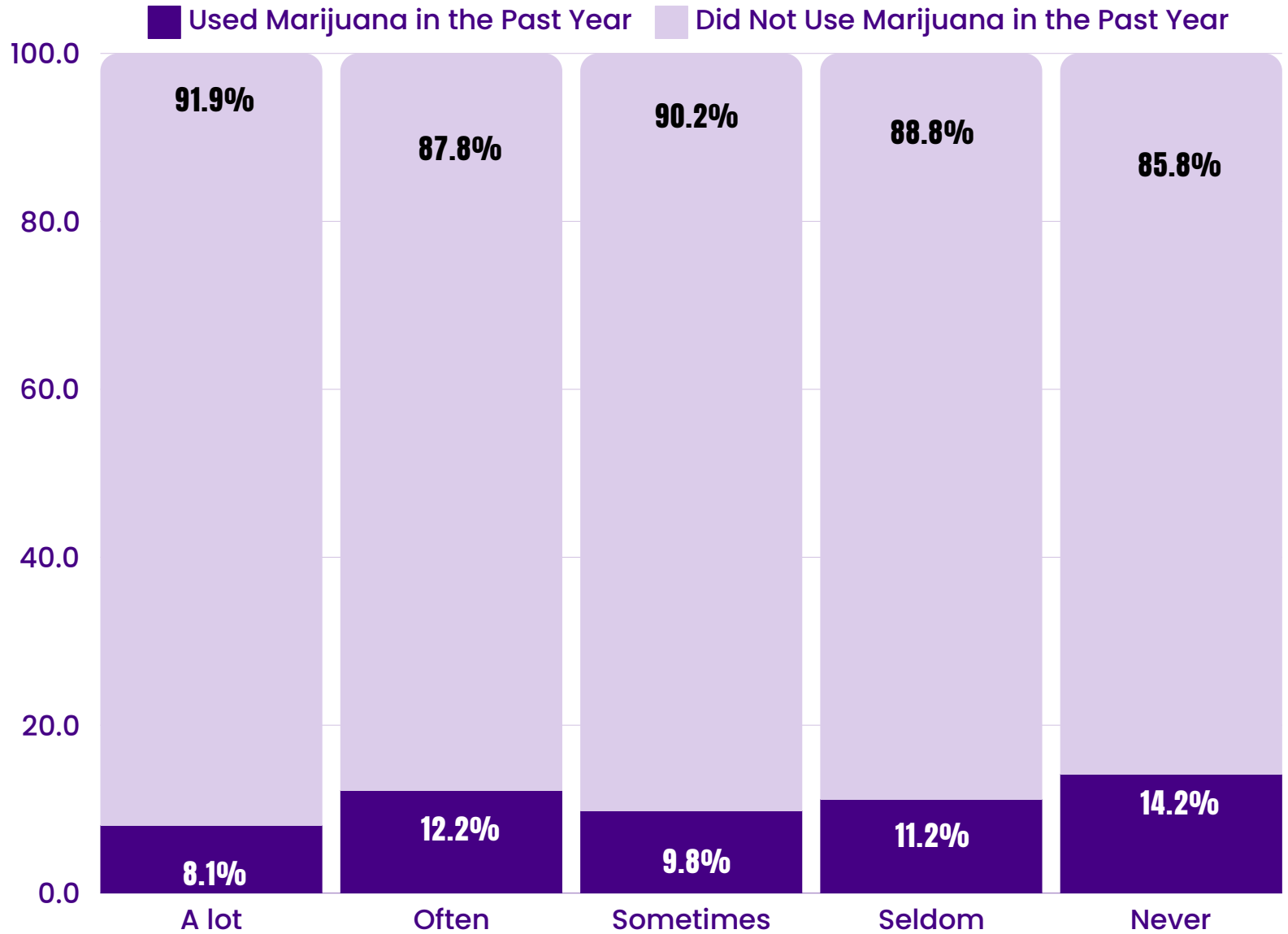
Marijuana Use by Youth Who Are Involved in Church Activities



What the numbers and other information told us: In 2023, teens who were involved in church activities sometimes, often, and a lot reported less marijuana use than did teens who were never involved in church activities.

DRUG USE

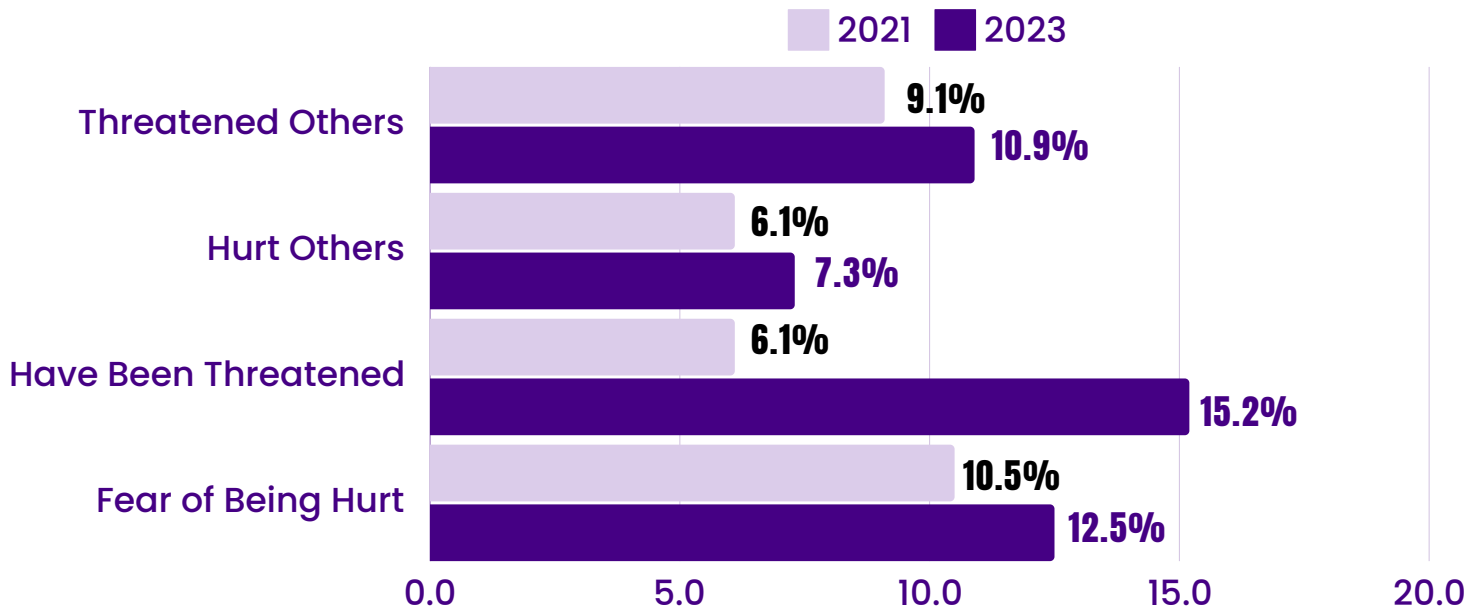
Marijuana Use by Youth Involved in Community Activities



What the numbers and other information told us: Youth who suggested that they were never involved in community activities had the highest percentage of marijuana use in 2023, while those who participated in activities “a lot” used marijuana the least.

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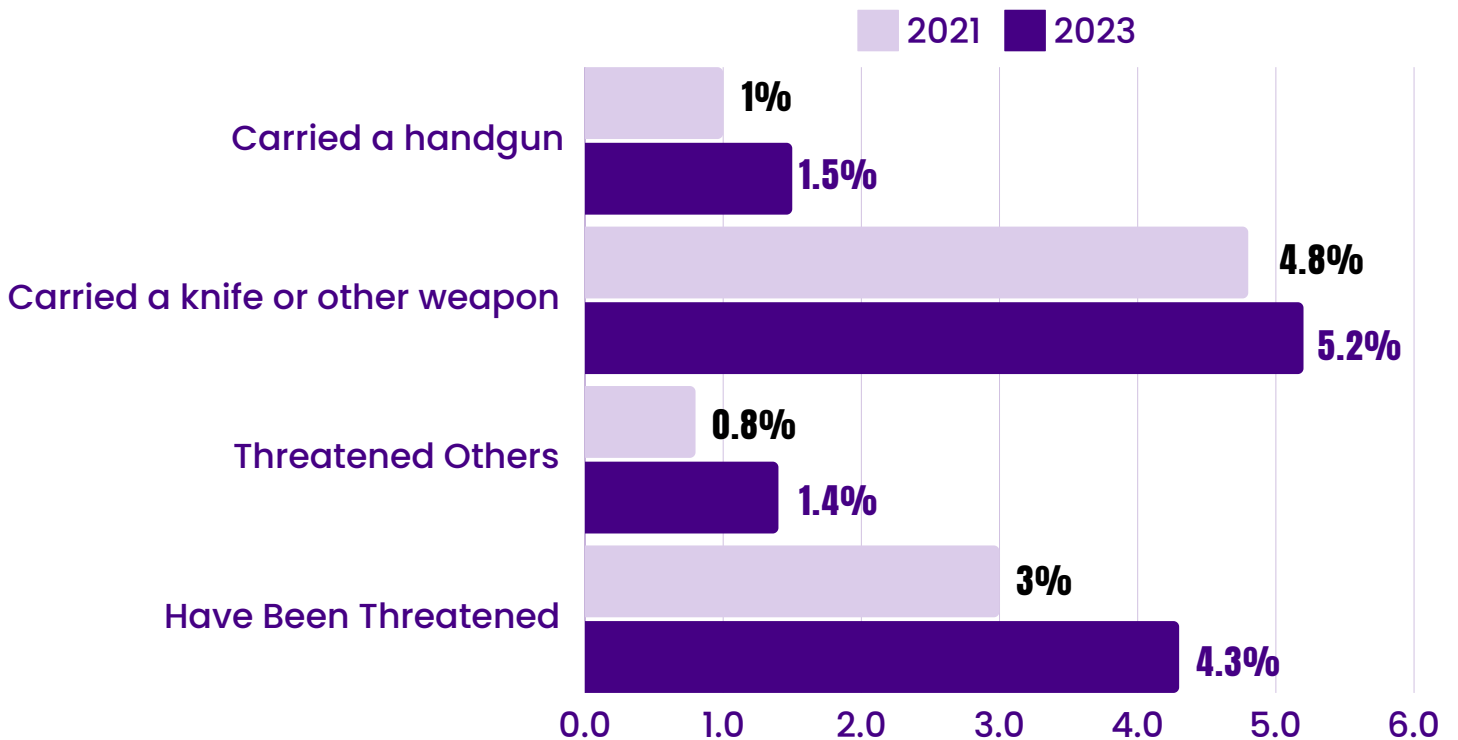
Youth Who Reported Violence at School Without a Weapon



What the numbers and other information told us: There was a slight increase in all aspects of school violence in 2023.

VIOLENCE

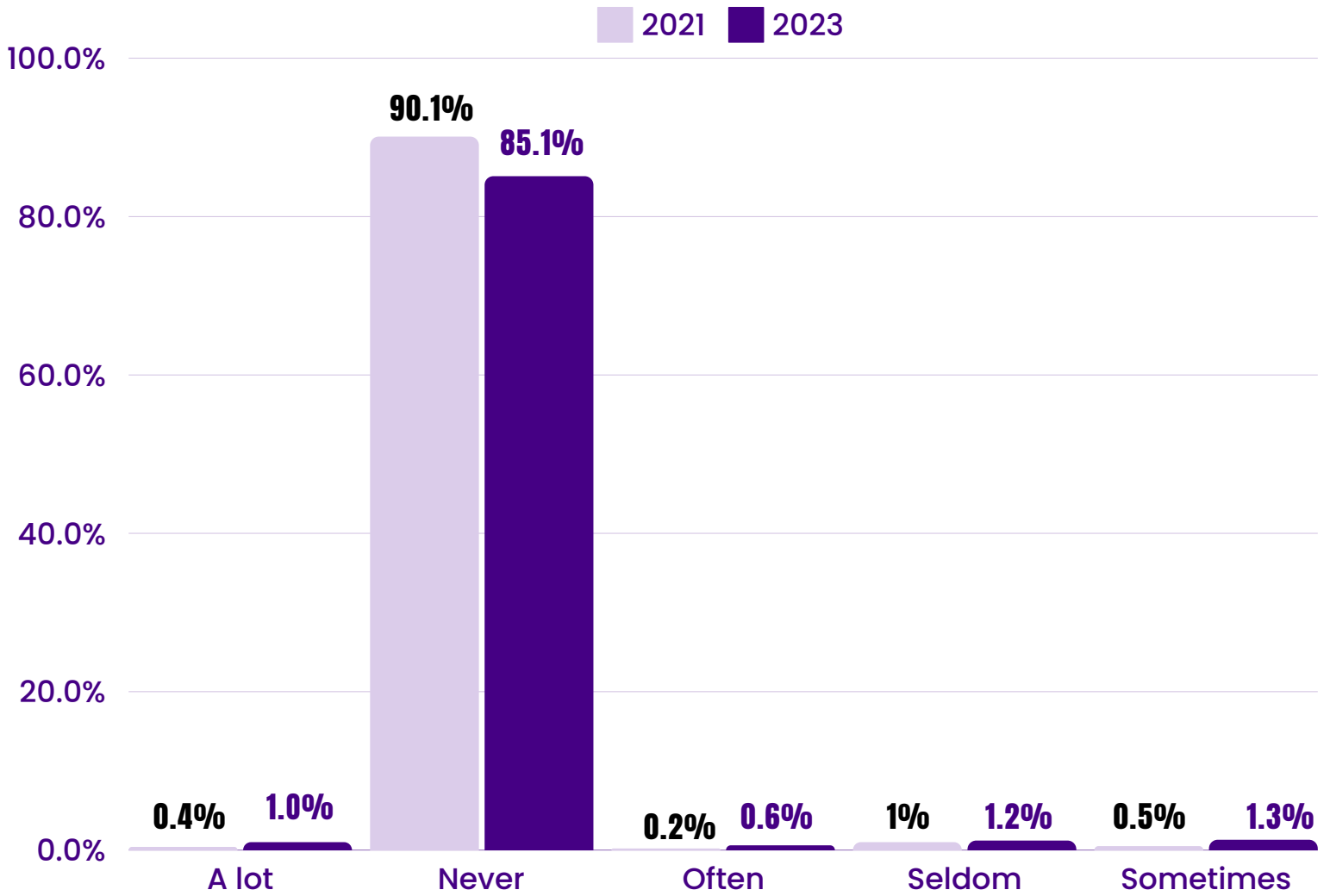
Youth Who Reported Violence at School With a Weapon



What the numbers and other information told us: There was an increase in reported violence with a weapon in 2023, including being hurt, threatened, or threatening others.

VIOLENCE

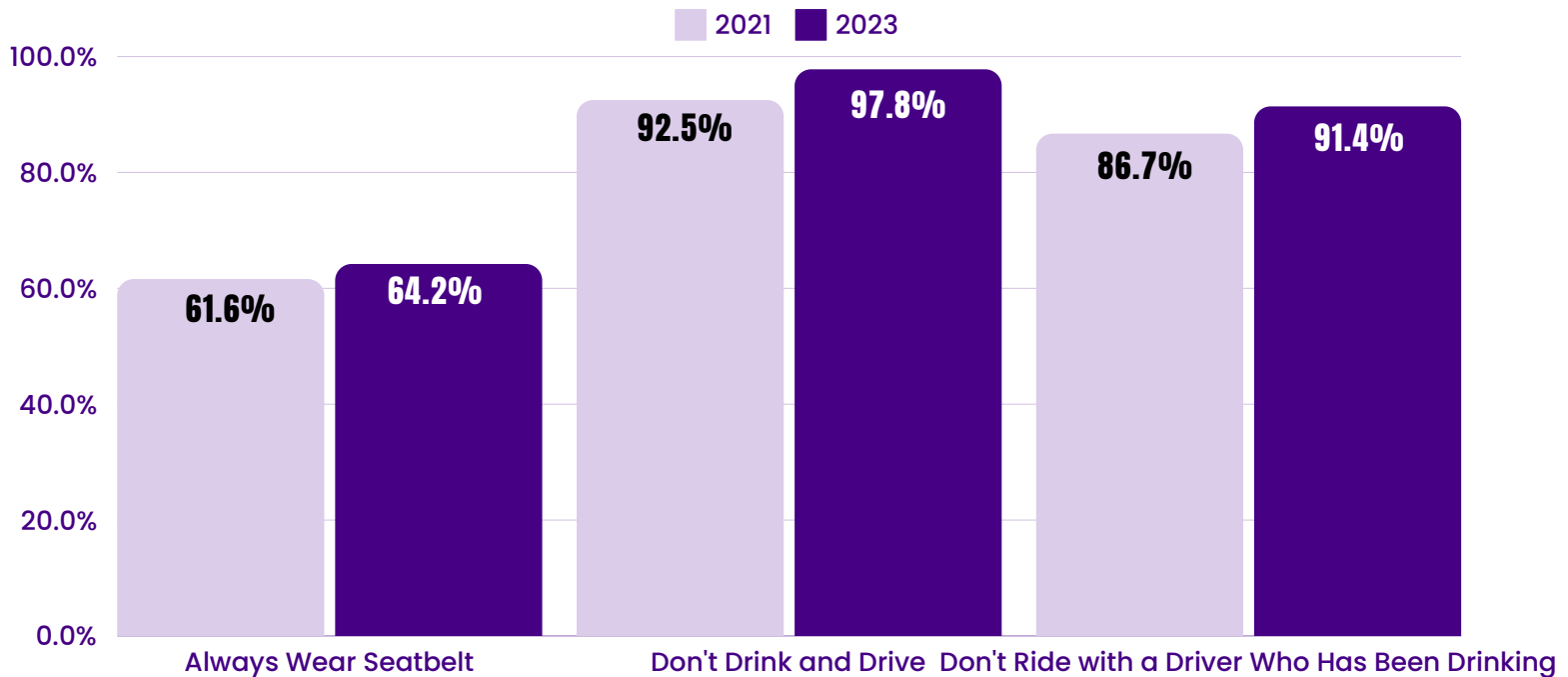
Youth Participation in Gang Activity



What the numbers and other information told us: The vast majority of teens still do not report participate in gang activity. The numbers of youth reporting that they participate in gang activity seldom, sometimes, often, or a lot have increased slightly since 2021.

SAFETY

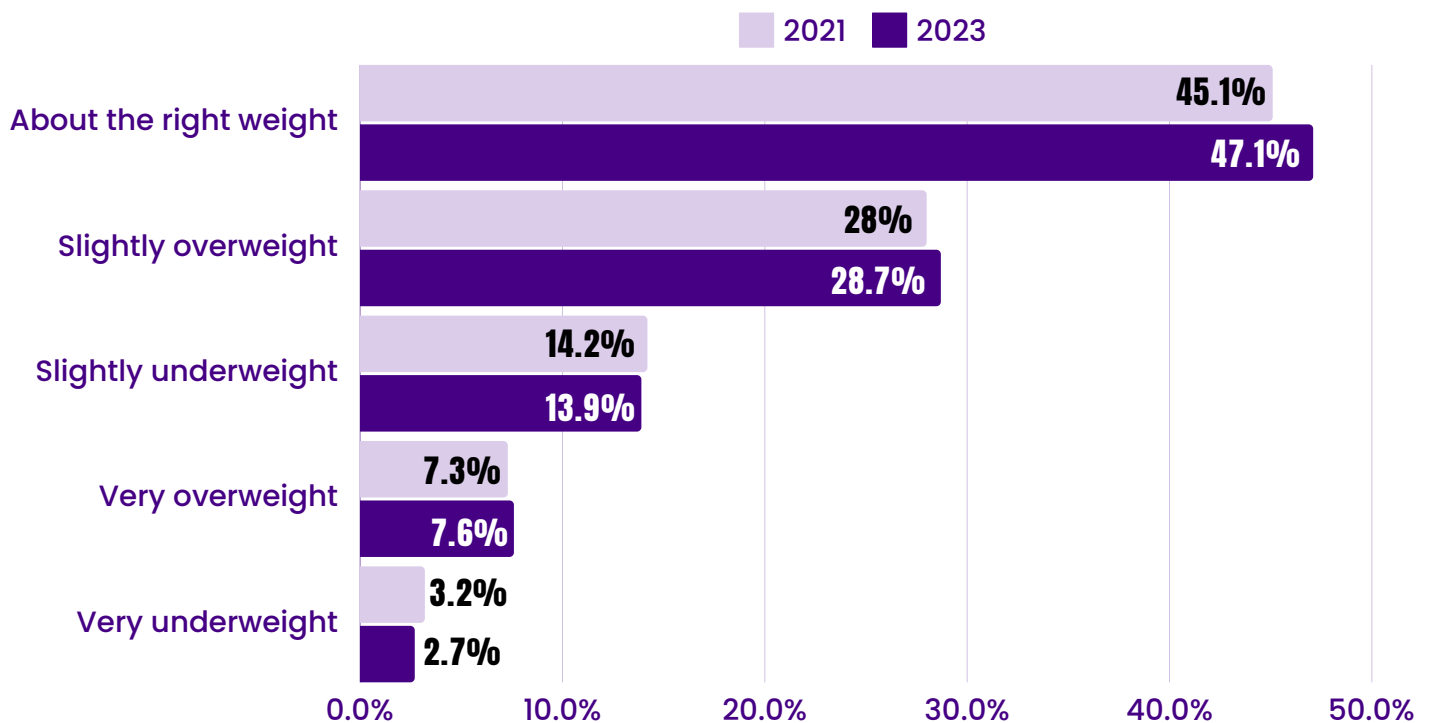
Youth Who Always Wear Seatbelts, Never Drink and Drive, and Don't Ride with Someone Who Has Been Drinking



What the numbers and other information told us: The majority of youth reported that they always wear their seatbelts, don't drink and drive, and don't ride with a driver who has been drinking in 2023.

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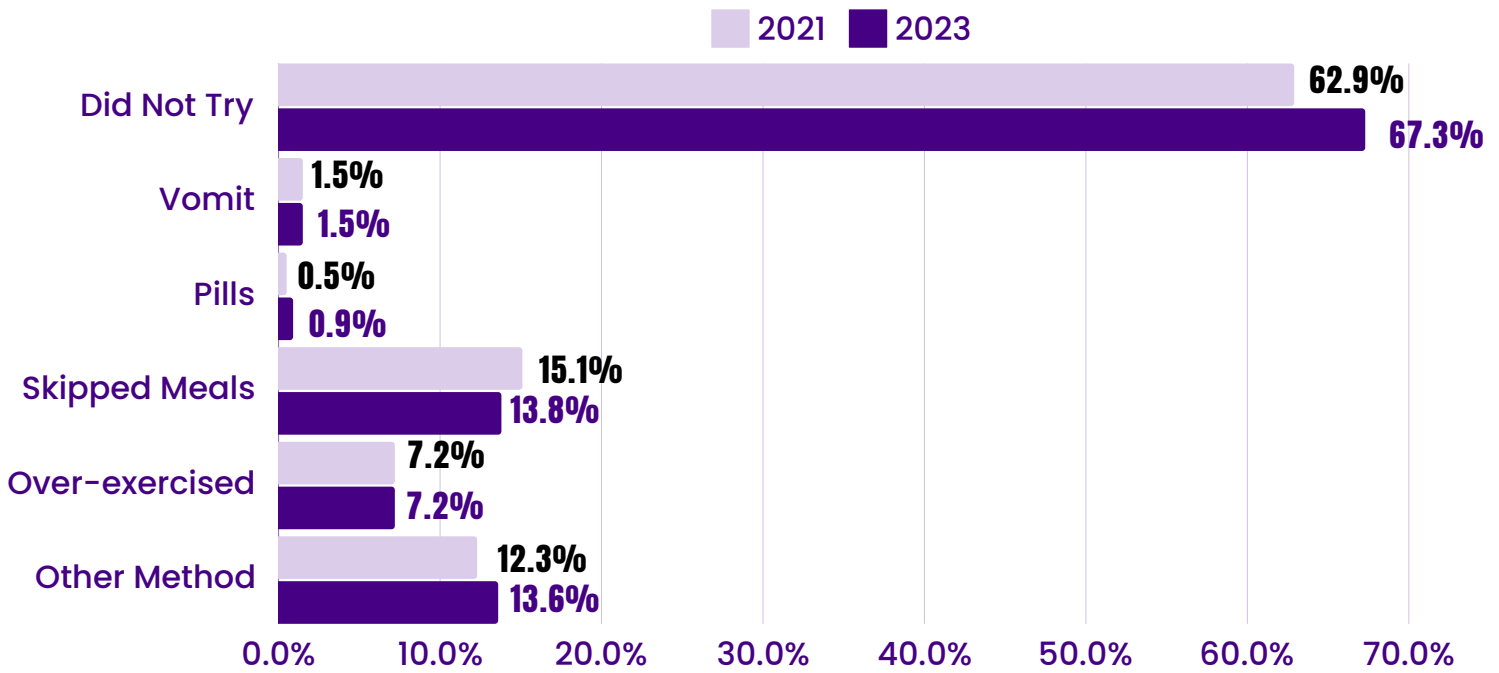
Self-Report of Weight



What the numbers and other information told us: Response percentages were nearly identical between 2021 and 2023 in regard to self-reported weight, albeit a moderate increase for those who believed they were “about the right size.”

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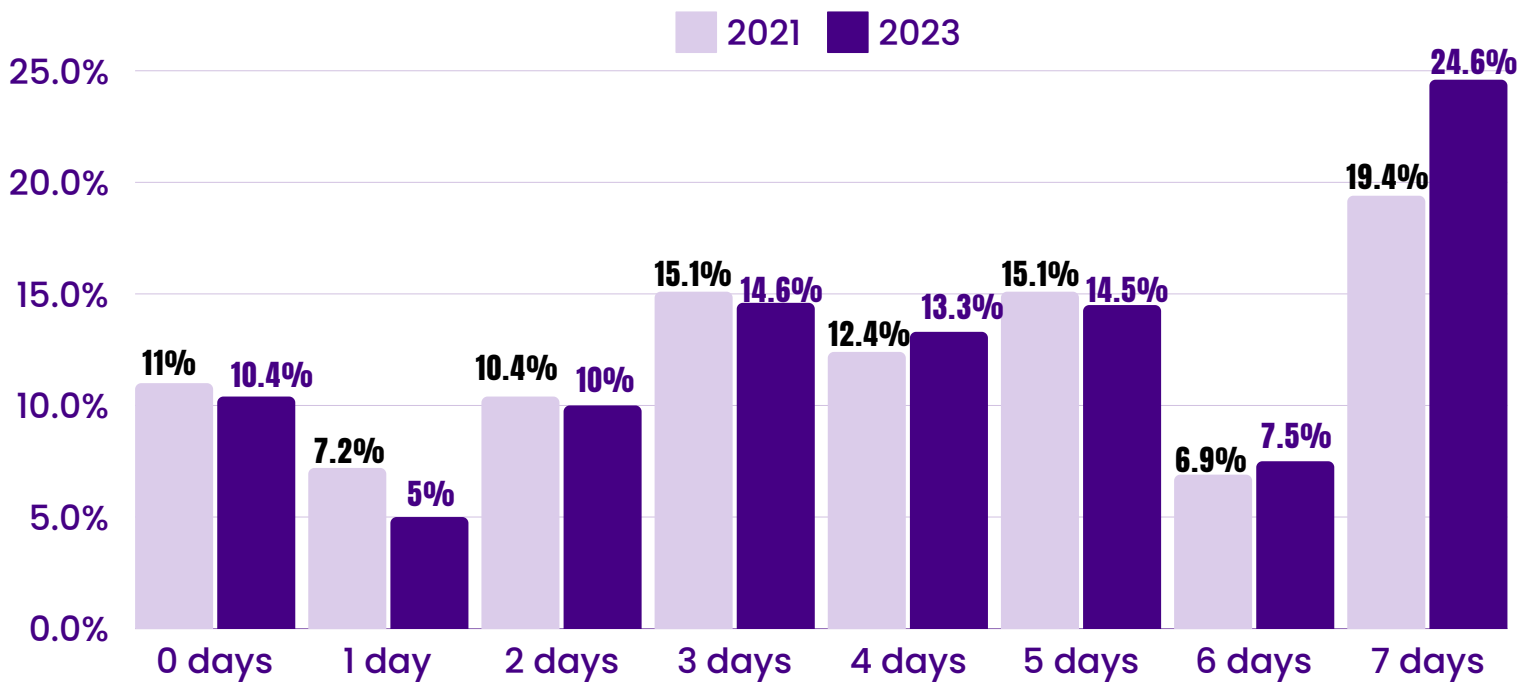
Weight Loss Methods



What the numbers and other information told us: In 2023, more youth reported that they did not try to lose weight. For those who did try, less youth responded that they skipped meals while more used another method to attempt weight loss.

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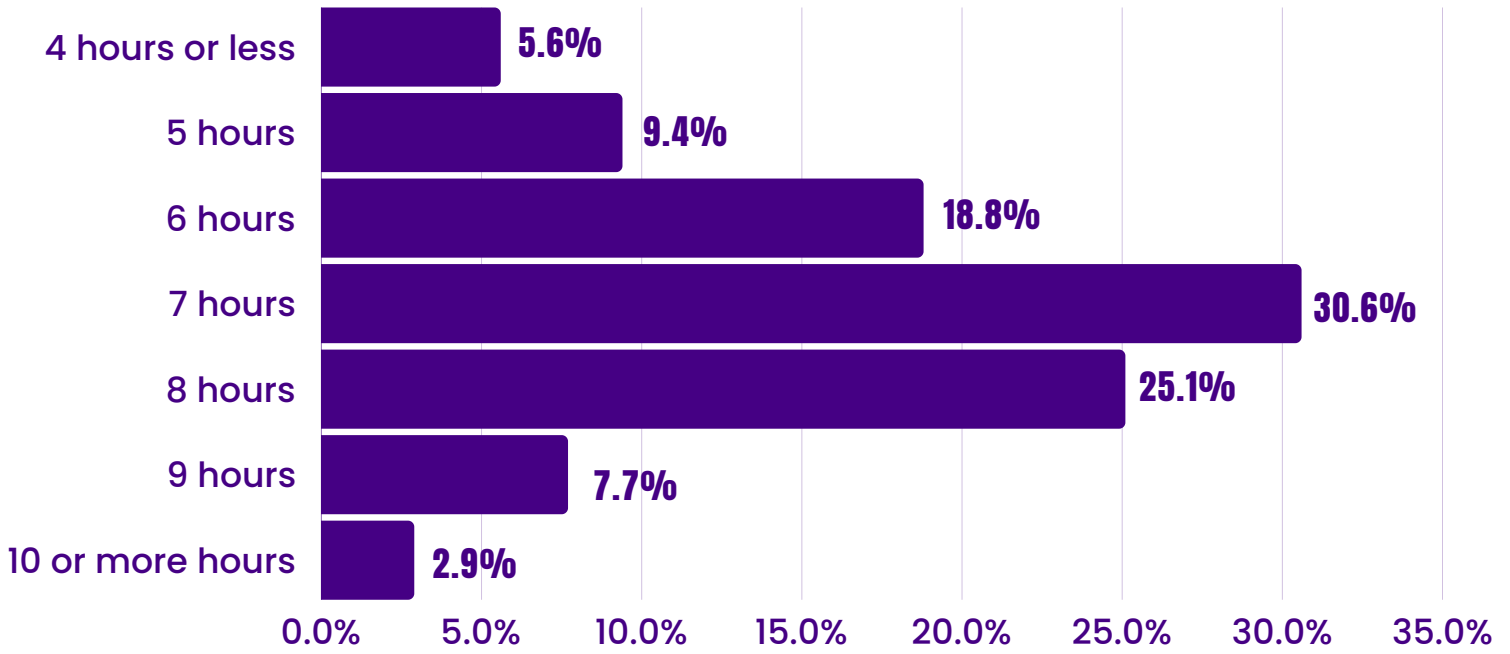
Number of Days Youth Exercised for 60 Minutes in the Last Week



What the numbers and other information told us: In general, the number of days youth reported exercising in the last week for at least 60 minutes decreased ever slightly in 2023, except for 4, 6, and 7 days a week.

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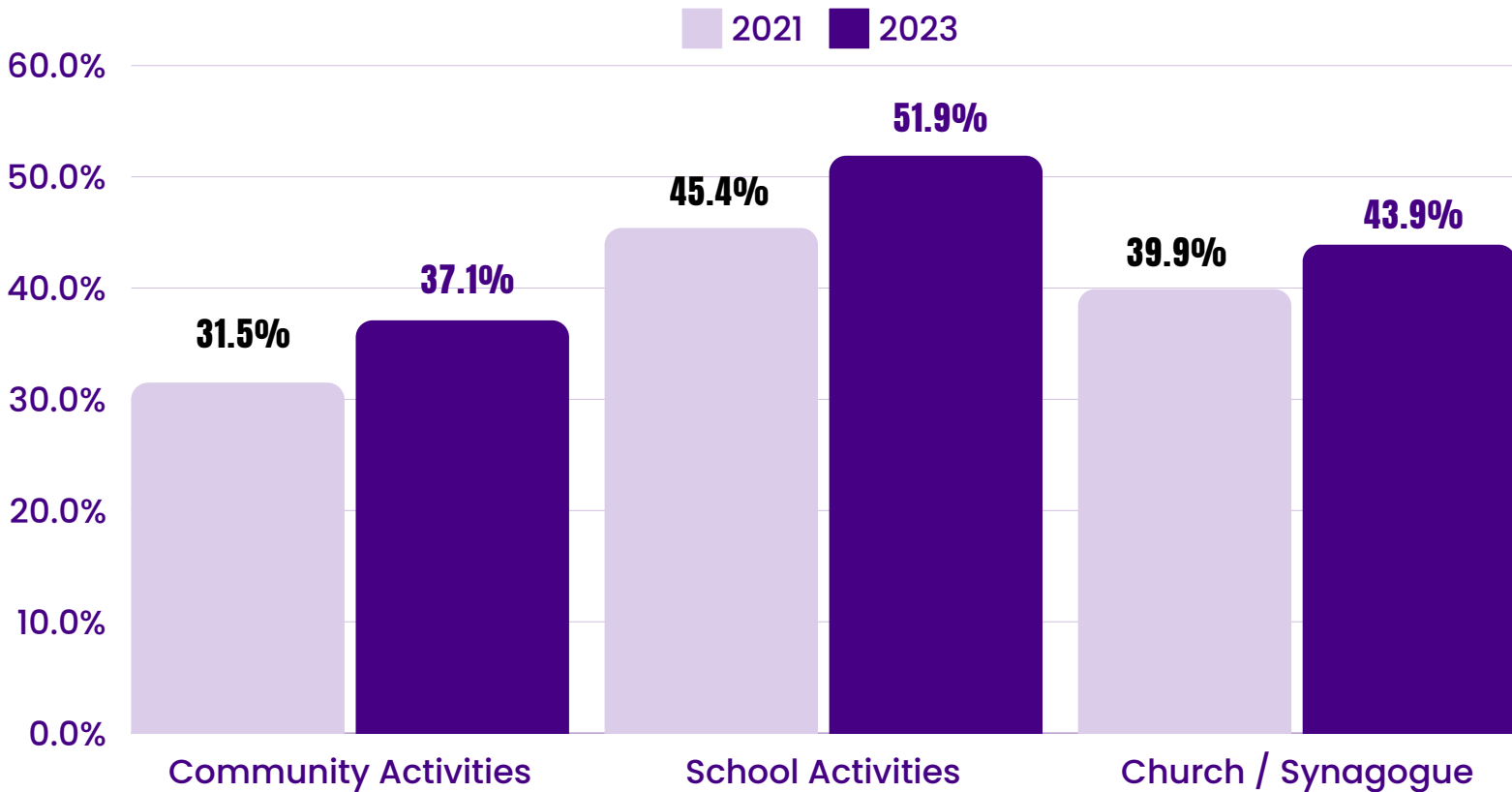
Number of Hours of Sleep on Average School Night



What the numbers and other information told us: More than 60% of youth report getting at least 7 hours of sleep on an average school night.

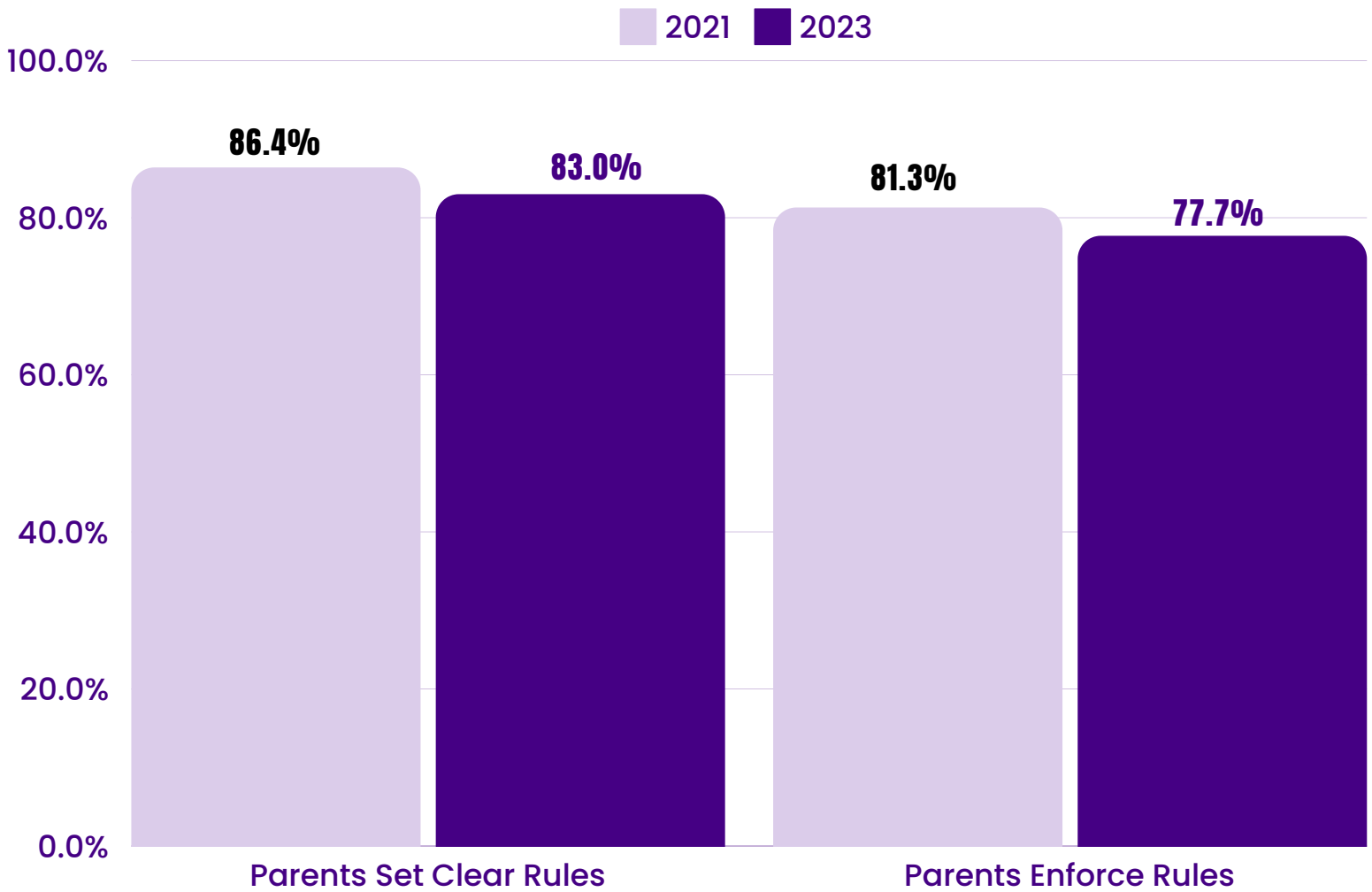
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Youth Who Participate in Activities Sometimes, Often, or A lot



SAFETY AND HEALTH

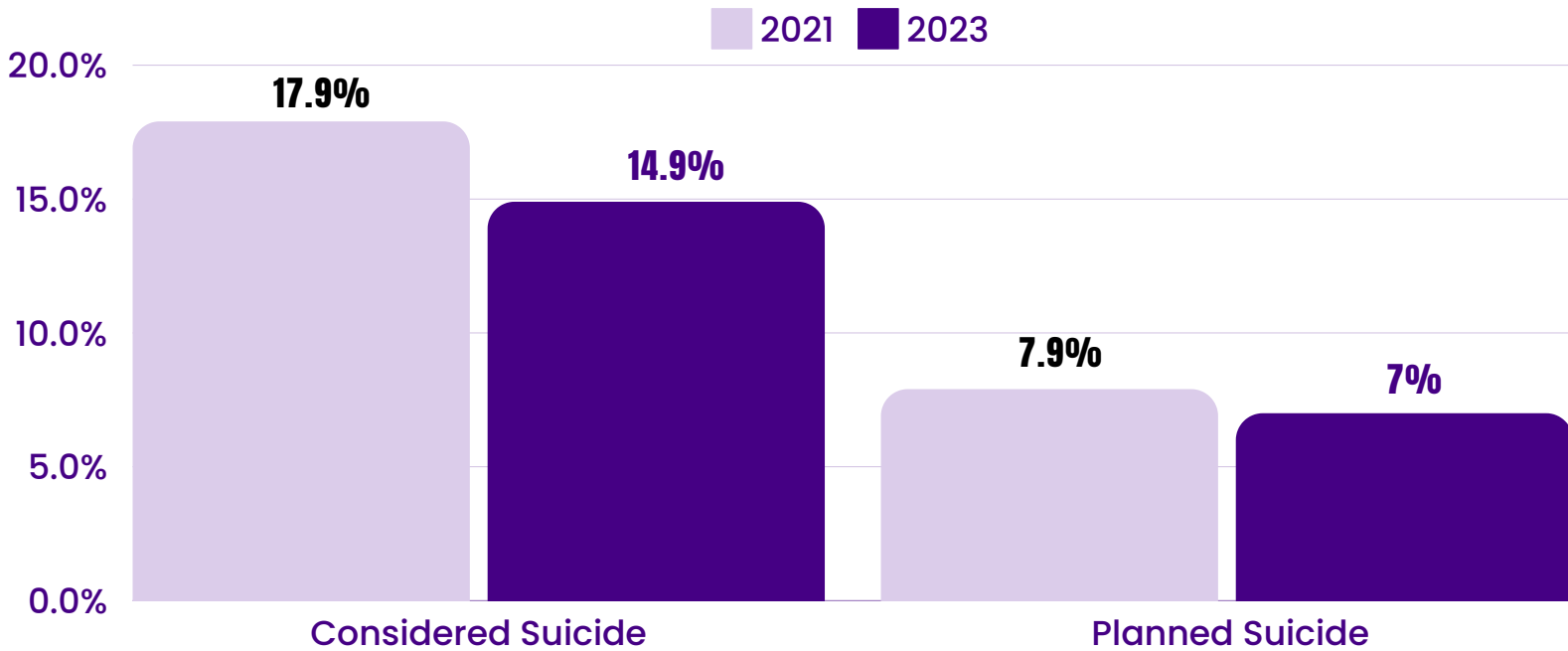
Youth Whose Parents Set and Enforce Rules



What the numbers and other information told us: The percentage of youth who indicated that their parents/guardians actually set and enforced rules (e.g., seldom, sometimes, often or a lot) did not change substantially in 2023.

SUICIDAL BEHAVIOR

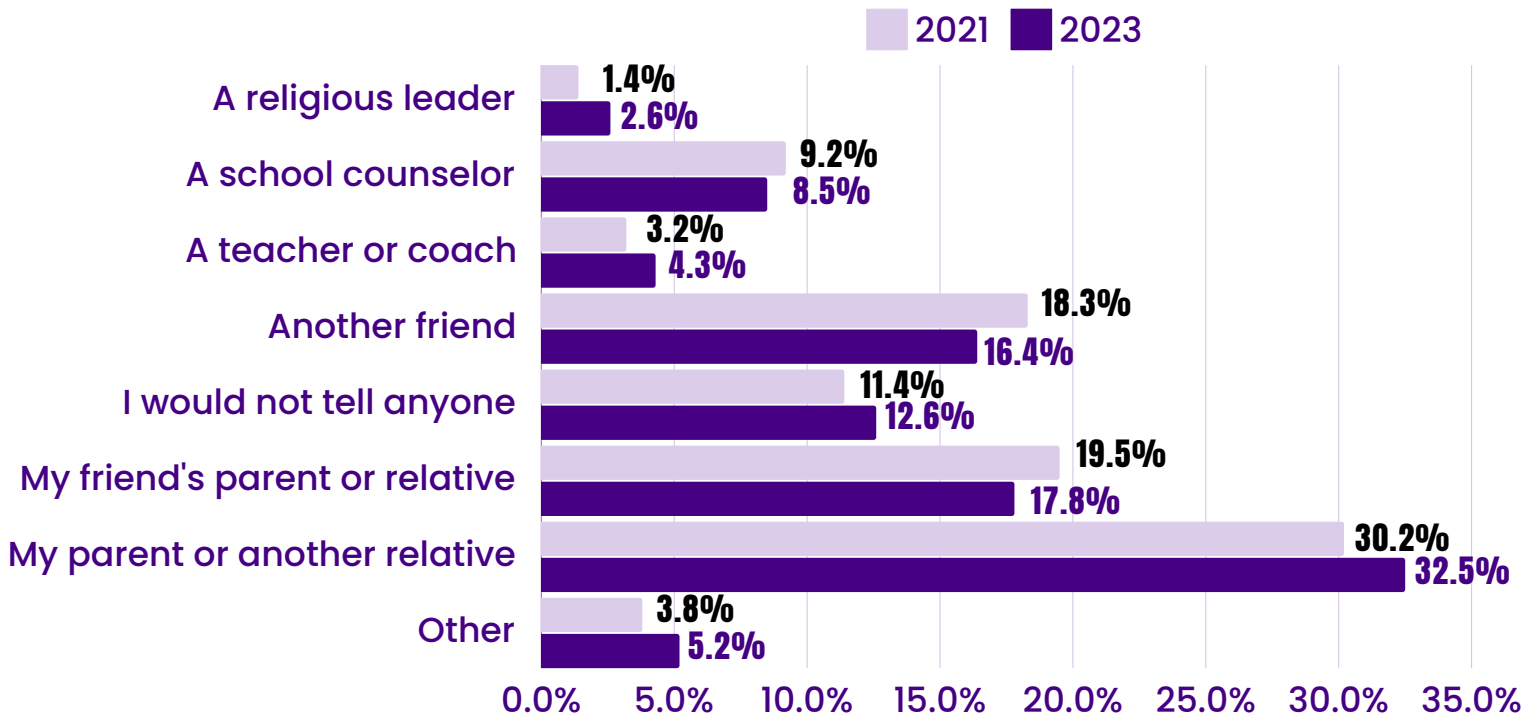
Youth Who Have Considered and / or Planned on Attempting Suicide



What the numbers and other information told us: The reported rates of youth who have considered and/or planned on attempting suicide remained similar between the years, with decreases to both considered and planned suicide in 2023.

SUICIDAL BEHAVIOR

Who Youth Would Tell When Worried About A Friend Seriously Thinking of Suicide



What the numbers and other information told us: The person/people that youth reported as being who they would speak to when worried about a friend considering suicide remained relatively consistent across all response options between 2021 and 2023.

Supporting Data

Parental Information 2023

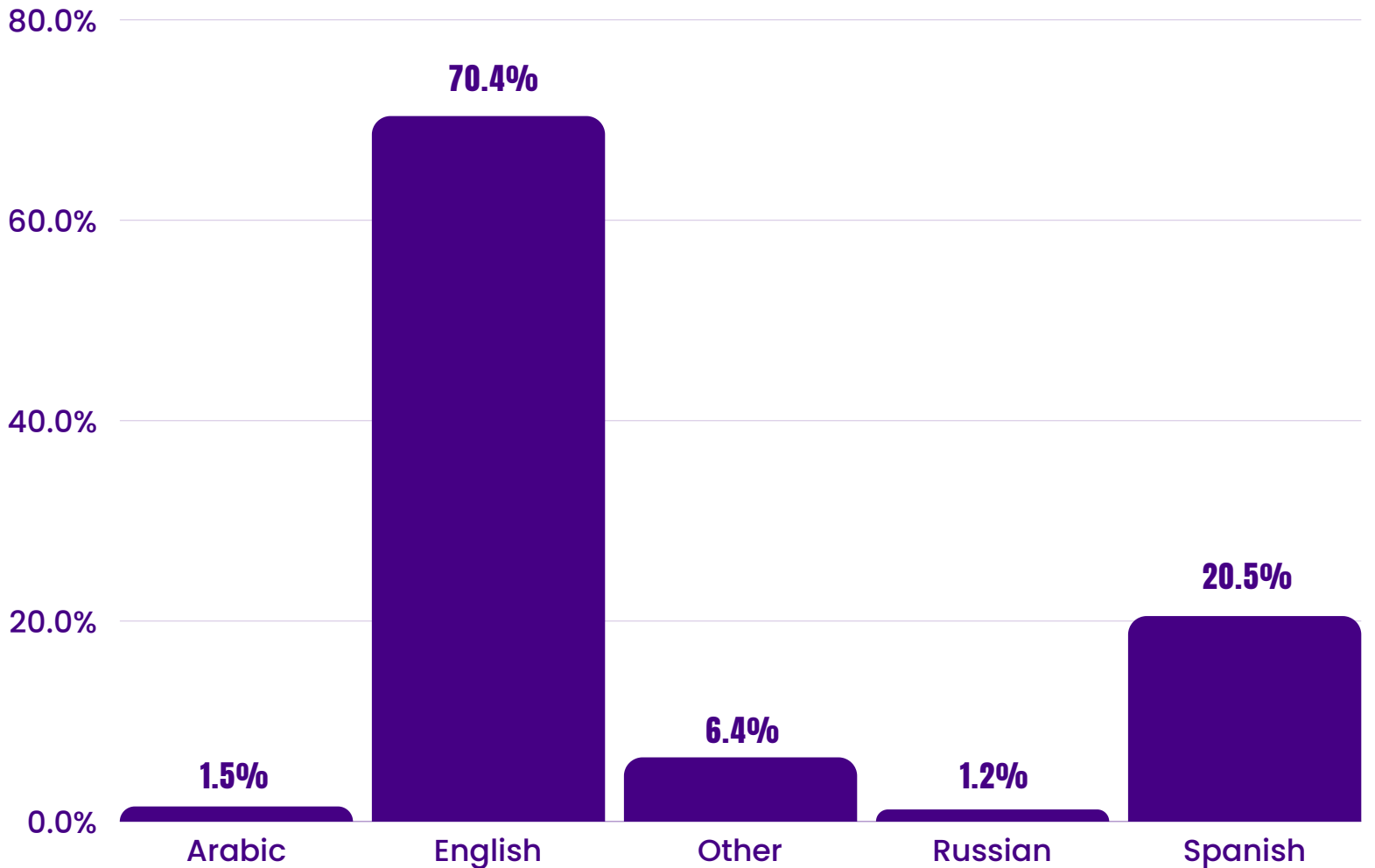
Education Level of Parents

Reported by Youth

Some High School	High School Graduate	Some College	College Graduate
15.9%	31.5%	12.8%	39.7%

LANGUAGE SPOKEN AT HOME

REPORTED BY YOUTH



Appendix: 2023 Harrisonburg-Rockingham Youth Survey

You can find the survey administered to students in 2023 online
(<https://www.jmu.edu/iihhs/youthdata.shtml>)
or by contacting Jennifer Rea at reajl@jmu.edu or (540) 568-2559.

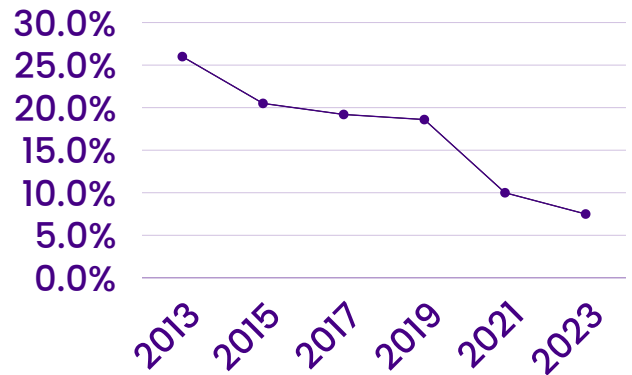
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ALCOHOL

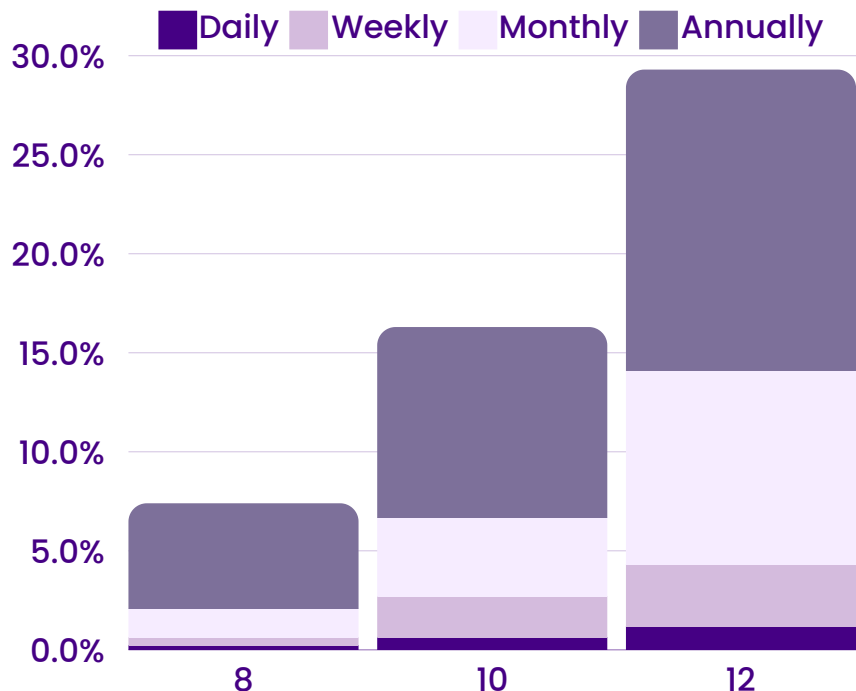


**81.1% OF YOUTH
IN 2023
REPORTED NEVER
USING
ALCOHOL IN THE
PAST YEAR.**

**THE PERCENTAGE OF YOUTH
WHO REPORT USING ALCOHOL AT
LEAST MONTHLY HAS DECREASED
OVER THE PAST SIX SURVEY
ADMINISTRATIONS, FROM 26% IN
2013 TO 7.5% IN 2023.**

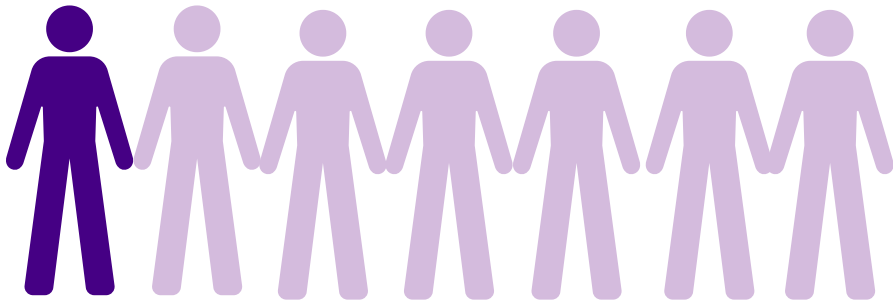


**REPORTED ALCOHOL USE
INCREASED WITH GRADE
LEVEL, WITH 12TH GRADERS
REPORTING MORE FREQUENT
USE THAN 8TH AND 10TH
GRADERS. ACROSS ALL
STUDENTS WHO DRINK, MOST
REPORTED DRINKING
ANNUALLY.**



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MENTAL HEALTH



APPROXIMATELY 1 IN 7 YOUTH (14.9%) IN 2023 REPORTED THEY HAD THOUGHT ABOUT ATTEMPTING SUICIDE.



ABOUT HALF OF YOUTH IN 2023 (50.3%) SAID IF THEY HAD A FRIEND WHO WAS CONSIDERING SUICIDE, THEY WOULD TELL THEIR PARENT OR RELATIVE, OR THEIR FRIEND'S PARENT OR RELATIVE. ANOTHER 16.4% SAID THEY WOULD TELL A FRIEND.

YOUTH WERE ASKED IN 2023 ABOUT INTENTIONALLY HURTING THEMSELVES (CUTTING, BURNING, ETC.), AND 80% OF SAID THEY HAD NEVER HURT THEMSELVES IN THE PAST 6 MONTHS.

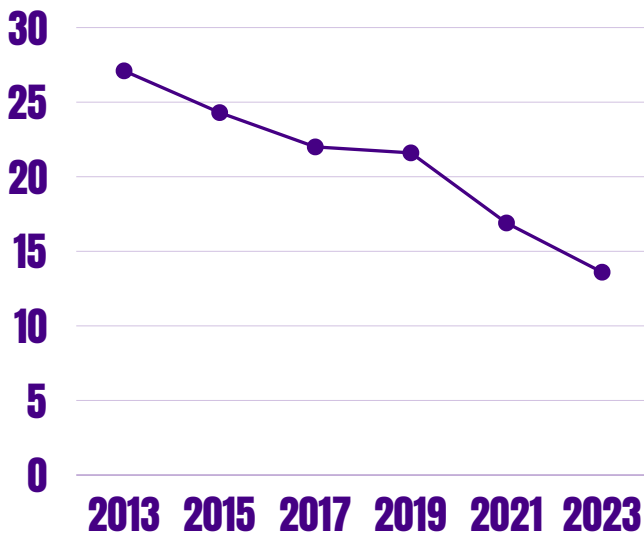


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DRUGS

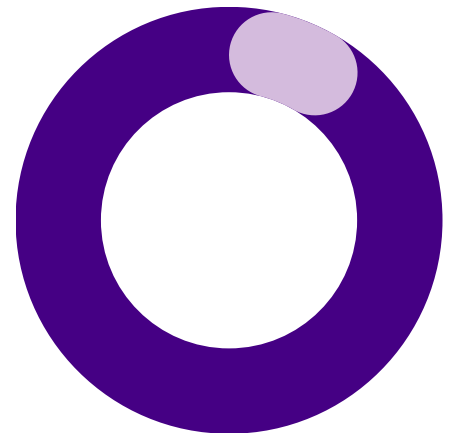


1.4% OF YOUTH IN 2023 REPORTED USING PRESCRIPTION DRUGS IN THE PAST YEAR TO GET HIGH, DOWN FROM 2% IN 2021.



THE PERCENTAGE OF YOUTH WHO REPORT USING ILLICIT DRUGS AT LEAST ONCE A YEAR HAS DECREASED ACROSS SURVEY ADMINISTRATIONS, FROM 27% IN 2013 TO 14% IN 2023.

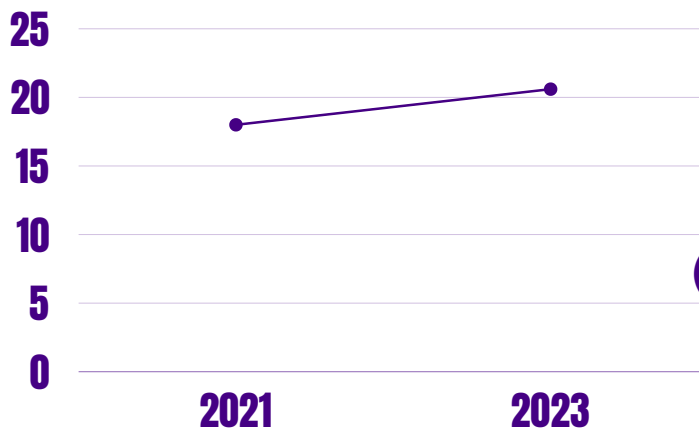
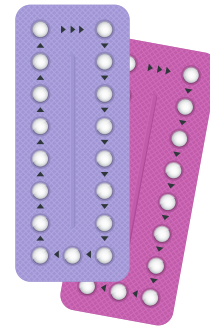
THE MOST FREQUENT DRUG YOUTH REPORTED USING IN THE PAST YEAR WAS MARIJUANA, WITH 12.4% OF YOUTH REPORTING USING MARIJUANA IN THE PAST YEAR.



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SEXUAL HEALTH

71.1% OF SEXUALLY ACTIVE YOUTH IN 2023 REPORTED USING AN EFFECTIVE METHOD OF BIRTH CONTROL (CONDOMS OR HORMONAL) AS THEIR USUAL METHOD.



THERE WAS A SLIGHT INCREASE TO 20.6% SEXUALLY ACTIVE YOUTH IN 2023, COMPARED TO 18% IN 2021 (WHICH WAS THE LOWEST OVERALL RATE IN THE HISTORY OF THE SURVEY).

IN 2023, 9.5% OF SEXUALLY ACTIVE YOUTH REPORTED USING DRUGS AND/OR ALCOHOL THE LAST TIME THEY HAD SEX.



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HEALTH & SAFETY



**28% OF YOUTH REPORT
THEY HAVE
BEEN BULLIED. 14% OF
YOUTH REPORT
BEING BULLIED
ELECTRONICALLY.**

**THE NUMBER OF YOUTH WHO HAVE BEEN
THREATENED OR HURT ON SCHOOL
PROPERTY DECREASED IN 2023, WITH
15.2% OF STUDENTS REPORTING HAVING
BEEN HURT OR THREATENED BY OTHERS
(DOWN FROM 19% IN 2021).**



**THE NUMBER OF YOUTH
REPORTING THEY FEEL THEIR
WEIGHT IS “ABOUT RIGHT”
INCREASED IN 2023, WITH 47.1% OF
YOUTH DESCRIBING THEMSELVES
THIS WAY.**

