



New Mexico Youth Risk and Resiliency Survey (YRRS)  
Middle School Survey Results  
Curry County  
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**New Mexico Youth Risk and Resiliency Survey**  
Participation in Curry County  
Middle School (Grades 7-8)

The response rate for Curry County was 86%.

A high response rate produces survey results that are more representative of the student population. A response rate of at least 60% allows generalization of results to the entire student body. A response rate of 70% is excellent and allows a high degree of confidence in results. Response rates below 60% are considered low, and caution should be exercised in interpreting results. Low response rates indicate that the data may represent only students who participated in the survey and not necessarily the entire student body.

Profile of students surveyed

	<u>Number of students who responded</u>	<u>Percent (%)</u>
<u>Total</u>	191	(100%)
<u>Gender</u>		
Girls	93	(48.7%)
Boys	98	(51.3%)
<u>Race/Ethnicity</u>		
<i>(Totals may be more than 100% because respondents were allowed to choose multiple race/ethnicities)</i>		
American Indian or Alaska Native	30	(15.7)
Asian	5	(2.6)
Black or African-American	20	(10.5)
Hispanic	103	(53.9)
Native Hawaiian or Pacific Islander	8	(4.2)
White	127	(66.5)
<u>Grade Level</u>		
6th	13	(6.9%)
7th	75	(39.7%)
8th	96	(54.9%)
Ungraded or other	7	(4.0%)





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**Risk Behaviors at a Glance**

**Curry County and New Mexico  
Middle School (Grades 7-8)**

<b>Indicator</b>	<b>Curry County</b>		<b>New Mexico</b>	
	<b>%</b>	<b>(95% CI)</b>	<b>%</b>	<b>(95% CI)</b>
<b>Personal Safety</b>				
Rarely or never wore a bicycle helmet (of those who rode a bicycle)	93.6	(85.7-97.3)	74.0	(68.8-78.6)
Rarely or never wore a seatbelt	4.3	(1.8-9.9)	5.7	(4.5-7.2)
Ever carried a weapon	34.2	(27.7-41.3)	32.0	(29.4-34.6)
Ever in a physical fight	50.6	(41.6-59.5)	45.8	(42.7-49.0)
Ever bullied on school property	39.0	(28.3-51.0)	46.0	(43.8-48.3)
Ever electronically bullied	16.2	(10.9-23.3)	18.6	(16.8-20.5)
<b>Mental Health</b>				
Ever thought about killing self	16.2	(10.8-23.7)	20.9	(19.0-23.0)
Ever planned to kill self	10.7	(6.9-16.2)	13.6	(11.9-15.6)
Ever tried to kill self	6.7	(3.8-11.5)	7.8	(6.8-8.9)
<b>Tobacco Use</b>				
Current cigarette smoking	1.7	(0.4-7.3)	4.6	(3.8-5.7)
Current cigar use	2.2	(0.7-7.2)	4.5	(3.5-5.9)
Current spit tobacco use	1.2	(0.3-4.2)	3.0	(2.4-3.8)
Exposed to second hand cigarette smoke	31.4	(23.8-40.2)	30.7	(27.5-34.1)
<b>Alcohol Use</b>				
Ever had a drink of alcohol	34.6	(26.5-43.7)	25.7	(22.4-29.2)
Current drinker	12.1	(8.1-17.7)	9.2	(7.8-11.0)
Binge drinker	6.8	(3.6-12.2)	3.9	(3.0-5.0)
First drink before age 11	15.2	(9.4-23.6)	11.9	(10.1-14.1)
<b>Drug Use</b>				
Ever used marijuana	19.4	(13.6-27.0)	15.7	(13.4-18.4)
Used marijuana before age 11	5.6	(2.8-11.0)	5.0	(3.9-6.5)
Current marijuana use	10.9	(7.3-16.1)	10.2	(8.6-12.2)
Ever used synthetic marijuana	3.7	(1.7-7.7)	7.3	(6.1-8.7)
Ever used cocaine	4.0	(2.5-6.5)	3.3	(2.7-4.1)
Ever used inhalants	12.0	(7.6-18.6)	9.3	(8.4-10.3)
Ever used prescription drugs without prescription	4.6	(2.5-8.5)	5.5	(4.8-6.2)
Ever used painkillers to get high	1.0	(0.3-3.7)	3.1	(2.6-3.6)

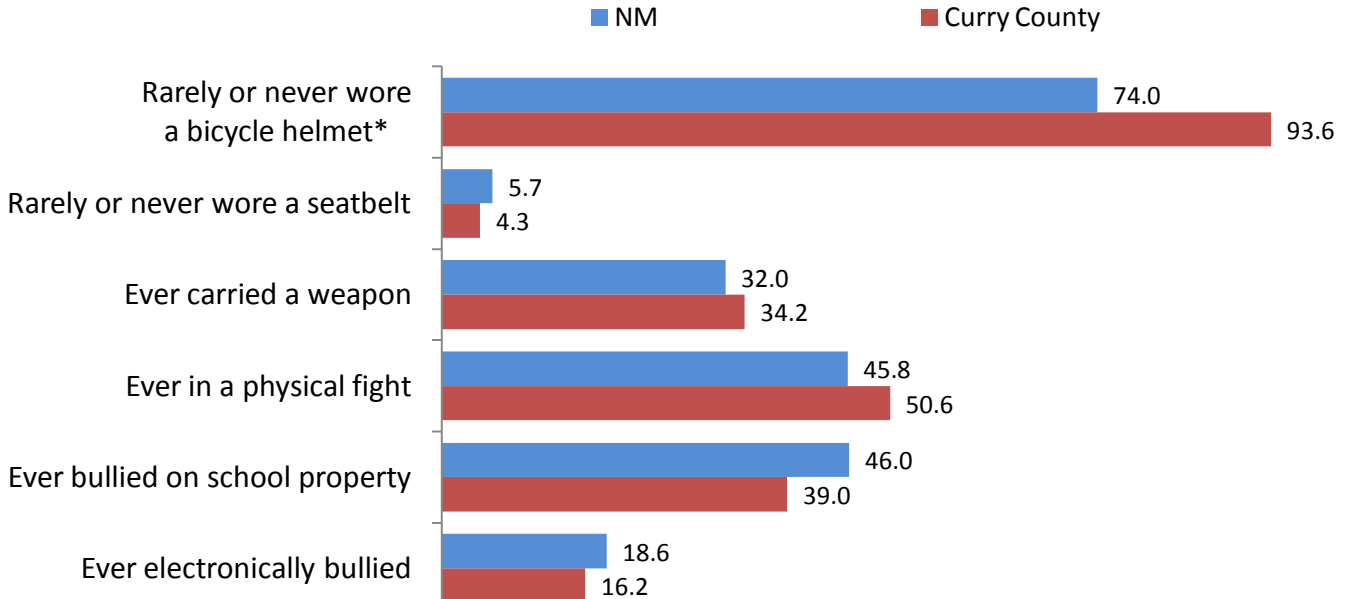
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<u>Indicator</u>	<u>Curry County</u>		<u>New Mexico</u>	
	%	(95% CI)	%	(95% CI)
<b>Sexual Behavior</b>				
Ever had sexual intercourse	6.6	(3.5-12.1)	8.3	(6.8-10.0)
Had sexual intercourse with 3 or more people *	3.9	(3.6-12.2)	3.0	(3.0-5.0)
Used a condom *	74.0	(9.4-23.6)	58.8	(10.1-14.1)
<b>Body Weight</b>				
Described self as overweight	34.9	(19.3-29.1)	25.3	(19.2-22.7)
Trying to lose weight	48.1	(21.1-36.7)	46.4	(21.8-26.4)
Ever fasted to lose weight	18.2	(73.1-84.7)	20.0	(78.2-80.9)
Ever vomited or used laxatives to lose weight	4.3	(67.7-78.9)	6.3	(66.7-72.4)
<b>Physical Activity and Nutrition</b>				
No physical activity in the past week	10.6	(65.8-81.4)	13.3	(71.9-78.3)
Physically active five days per week	65.5	(13.6-27.0)	57.1	(13.4-18.4)
Daily physical activity	34.1	(2.8-11.0)	35.0	(3.9-6.5)
Three hours of TV per day	32.8	(7.3-16.1)	30.7	(8.6-12.2)
Three hours of video or computer use per day	33.9	(1.7-7.7)	33.0	(6.1-8.7)
Daily PE at school	66.2	(2.5-6.5)	35.4	(2.7-4.1)
Participates in team sports	68.2	(7.6-18.6)	63.6	(8.4-10.3)
Daily breakfast	50.1	(2.5-8.5)	43.5	(4.8-6.2)

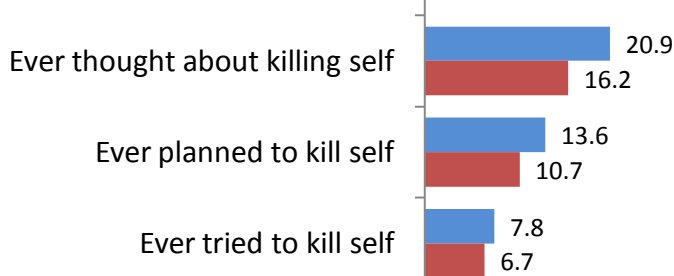
\* Among students who ever had sexual intercourse

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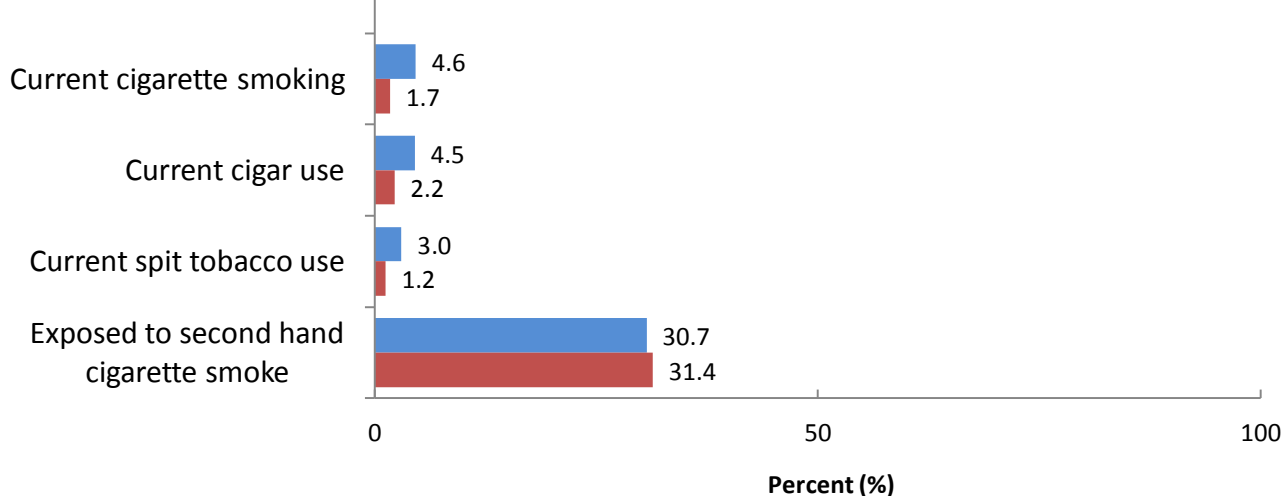
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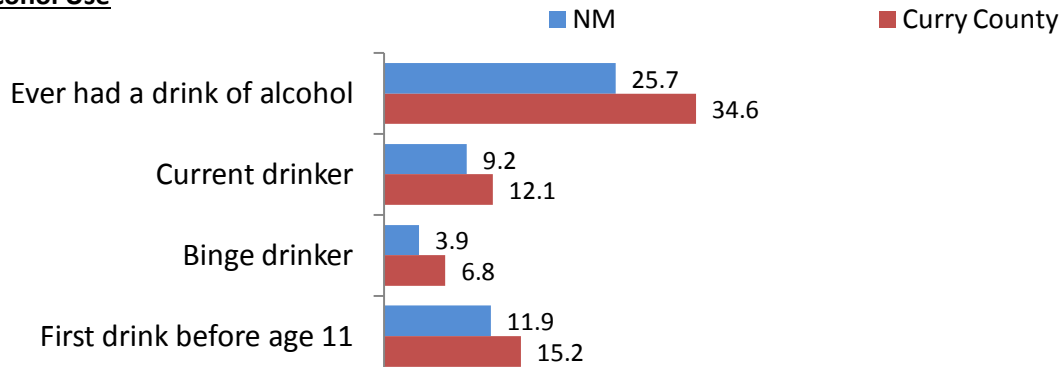
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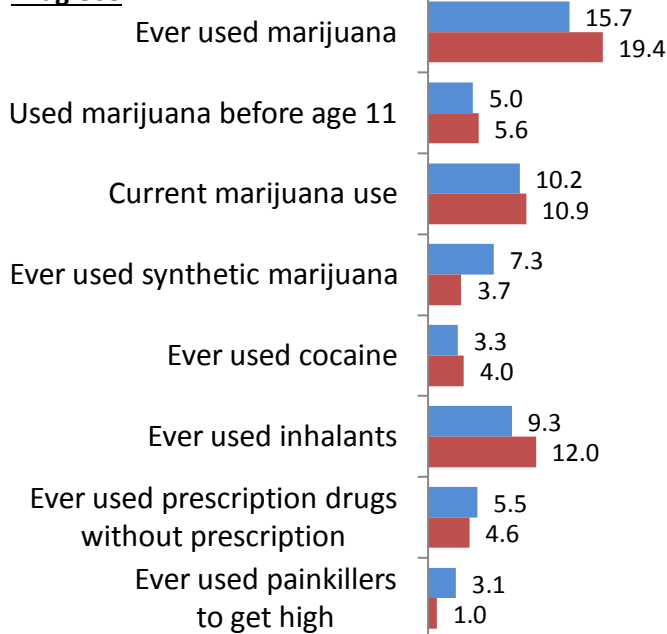
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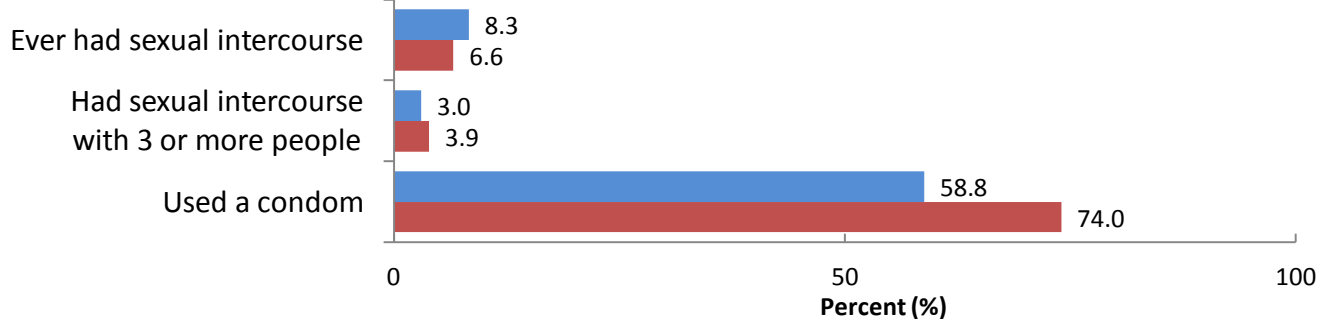
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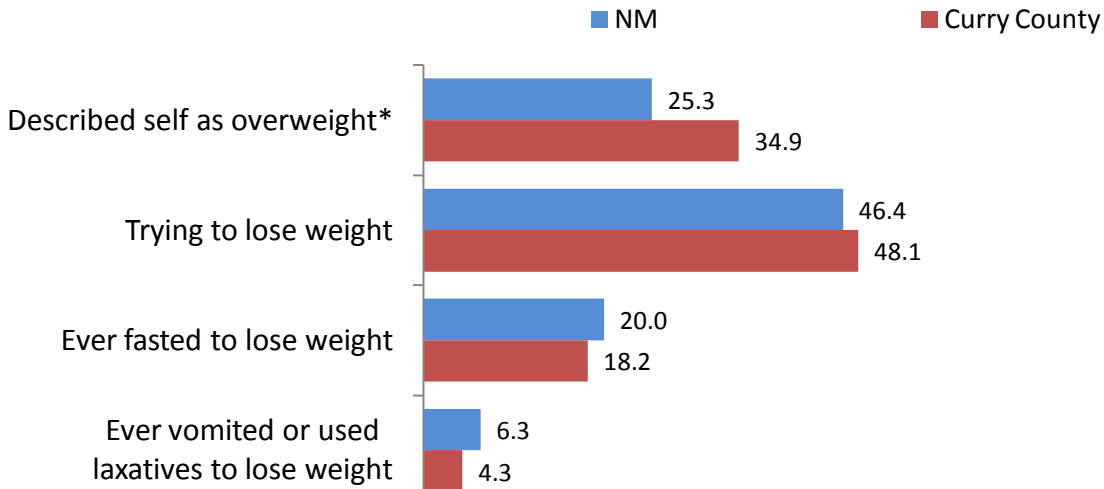
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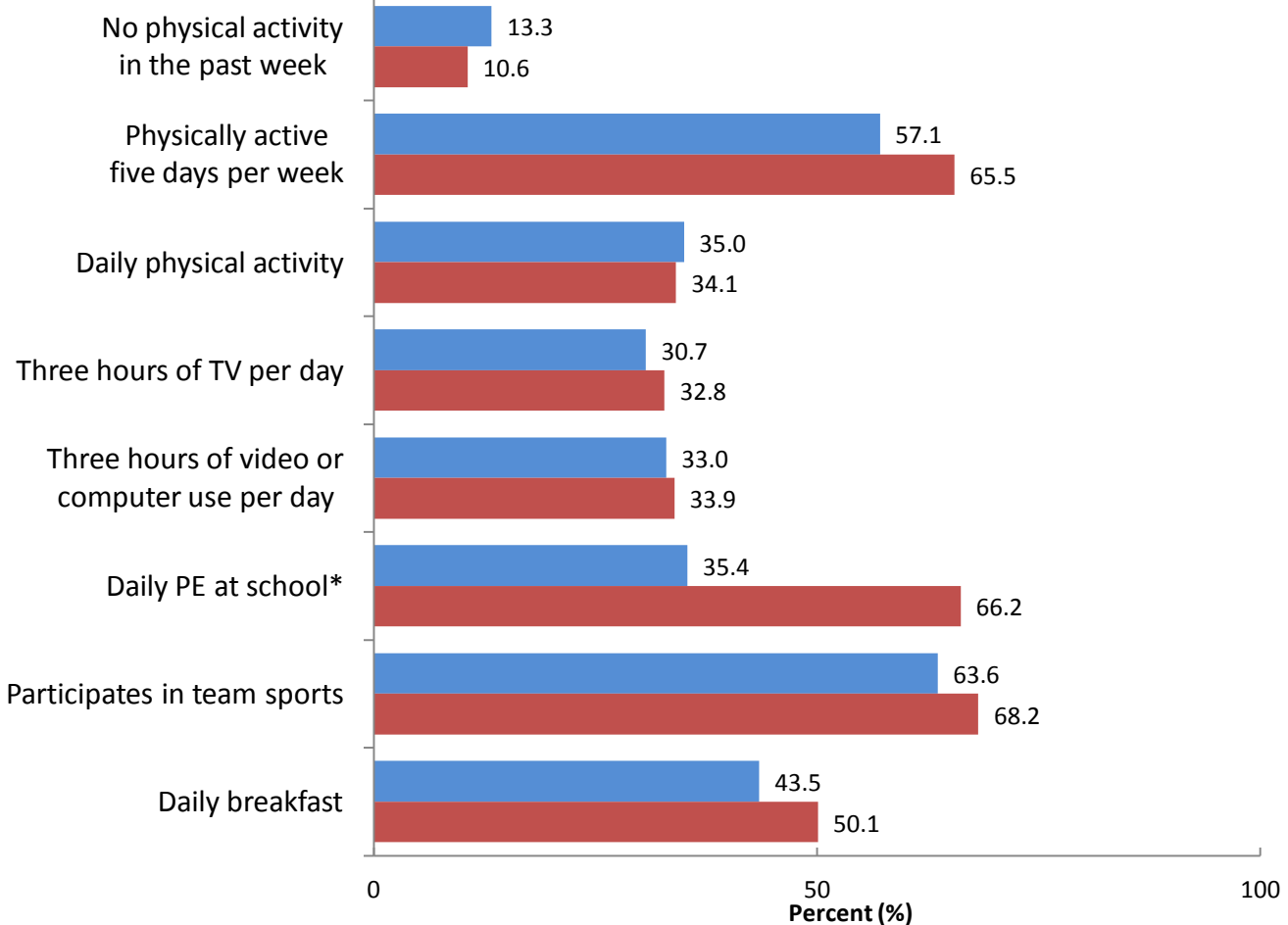
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**Body Weight**



**Physical Activity and Nutrition**



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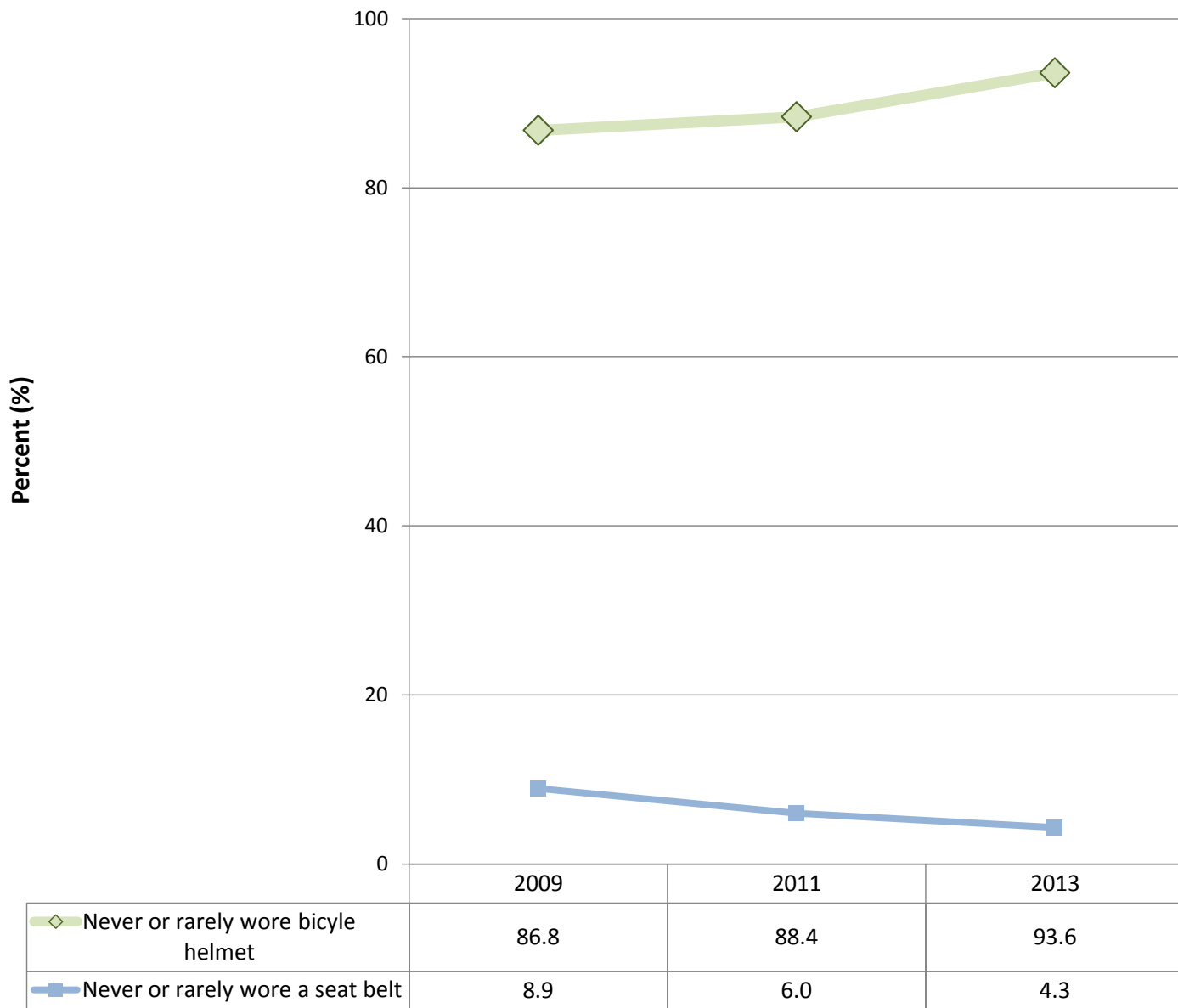


## Curry County Charts

*For definitions of risk behaviors, see Appendix C.*

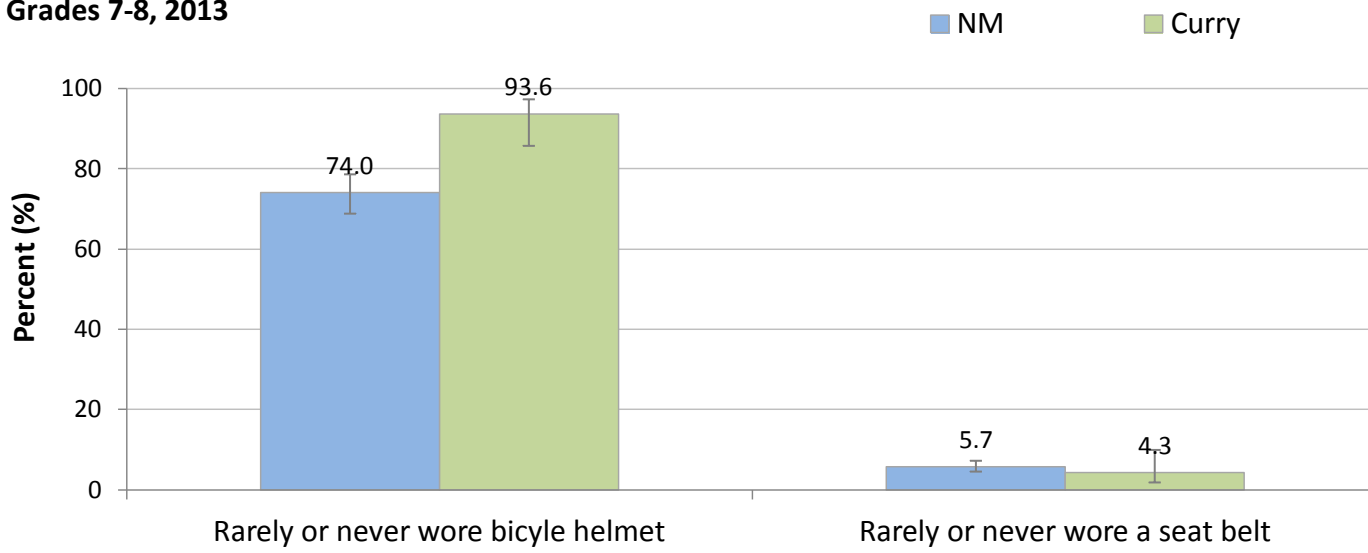
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Behaviors Associated with Personal Safety  
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Grades 7-8, 2009-2013

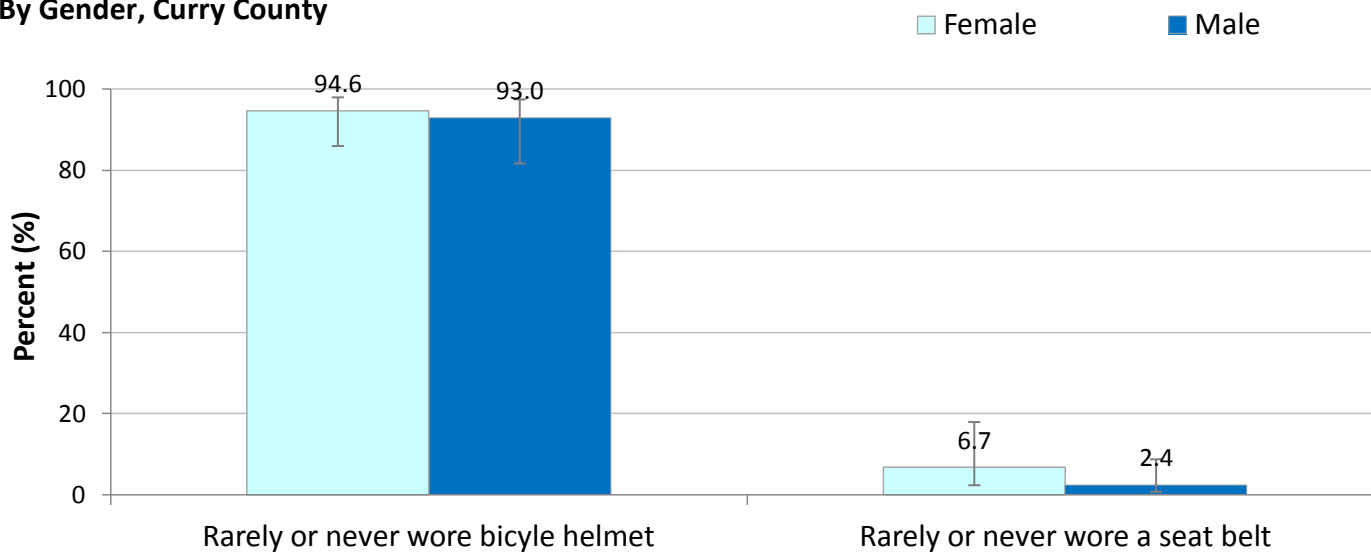




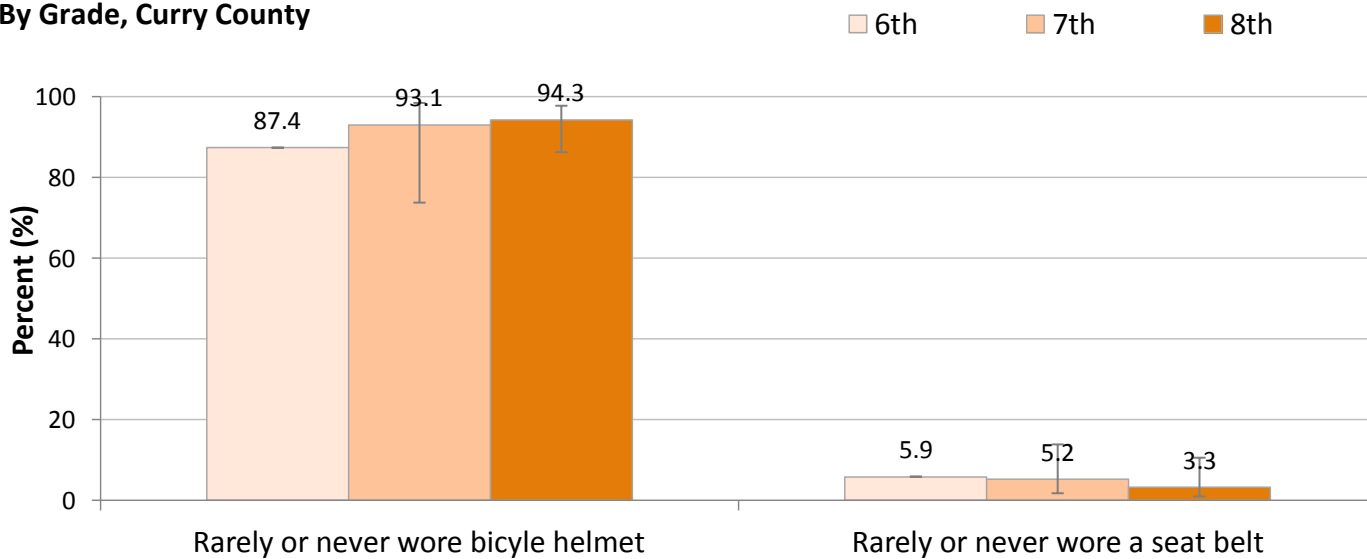
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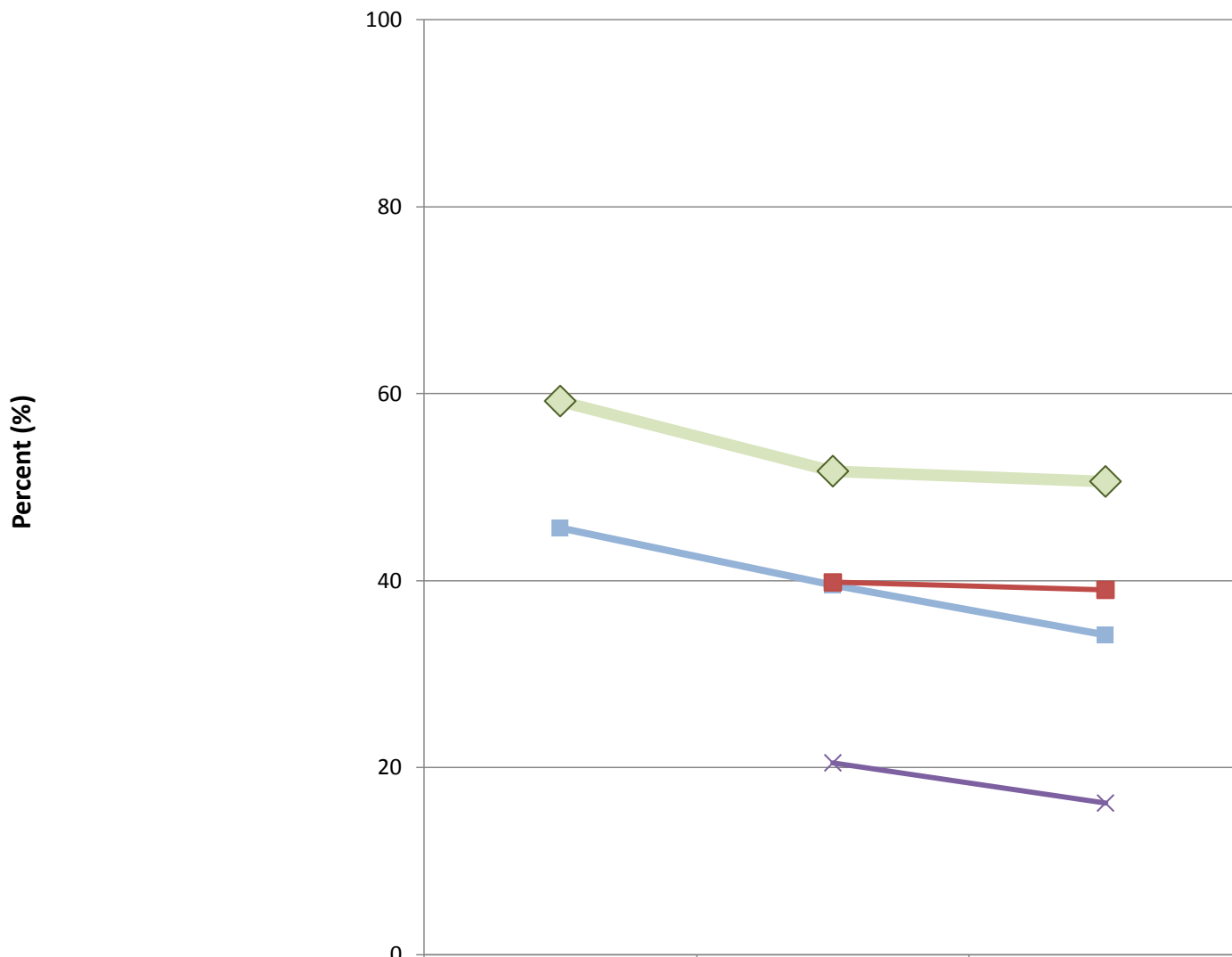


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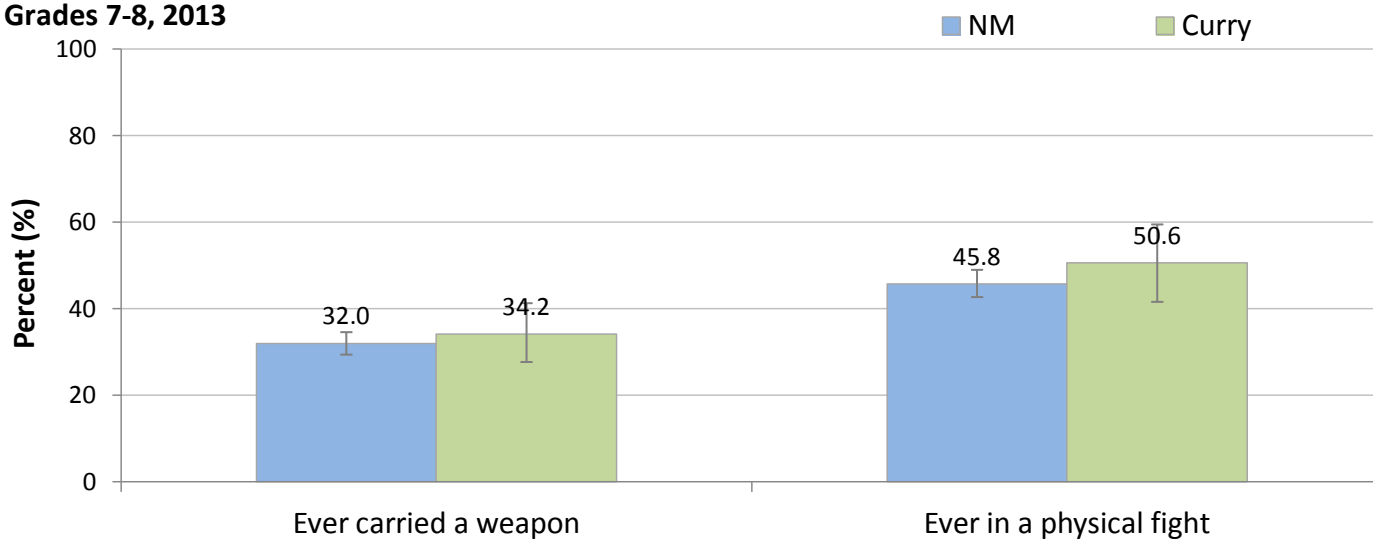
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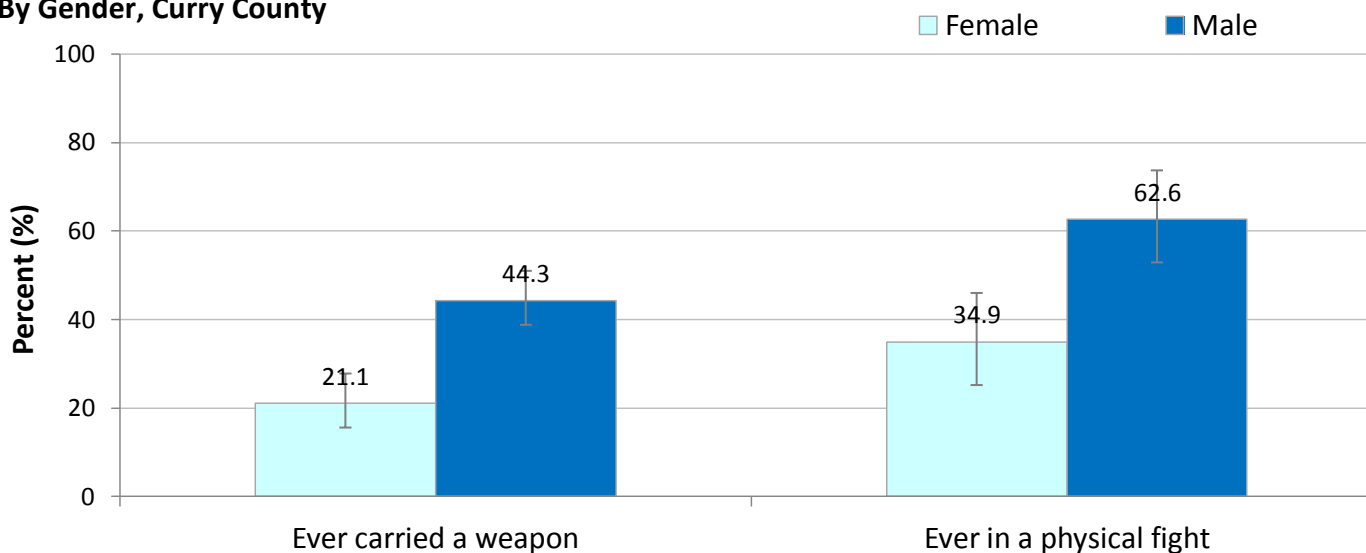


	2009	2011	2013
Ever in a physical fight	59.2	51.7	50.6
Ever carried a weapon	45.6	39.5	34.2
Ever bullied on school property		39.8	39.0
Ever electronically bullied		20.5	16.2

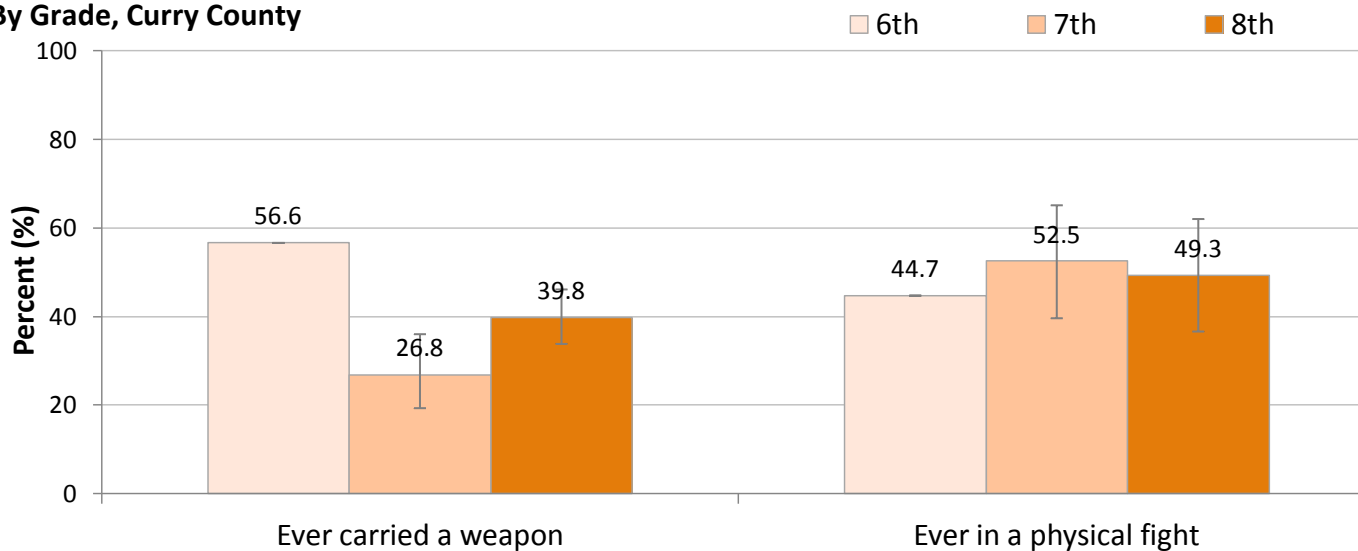
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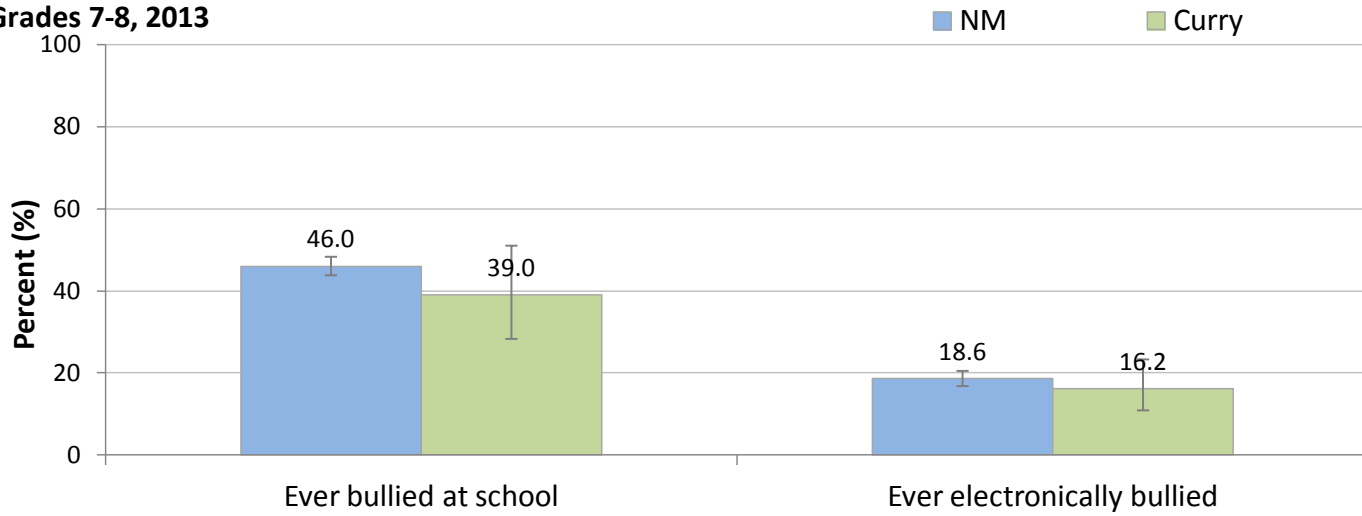
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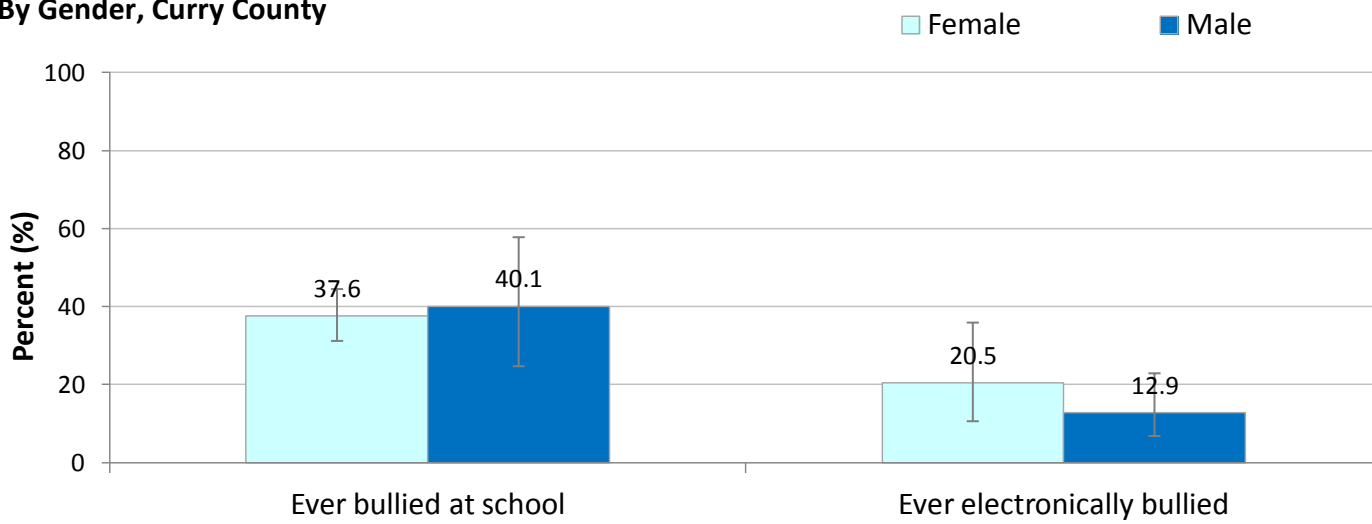
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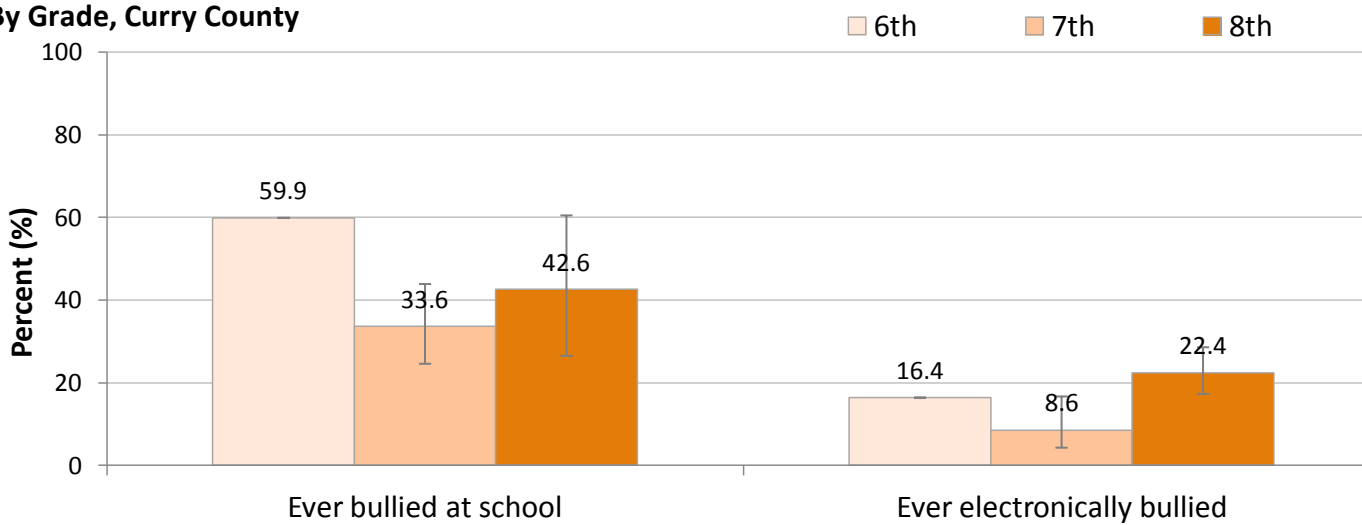
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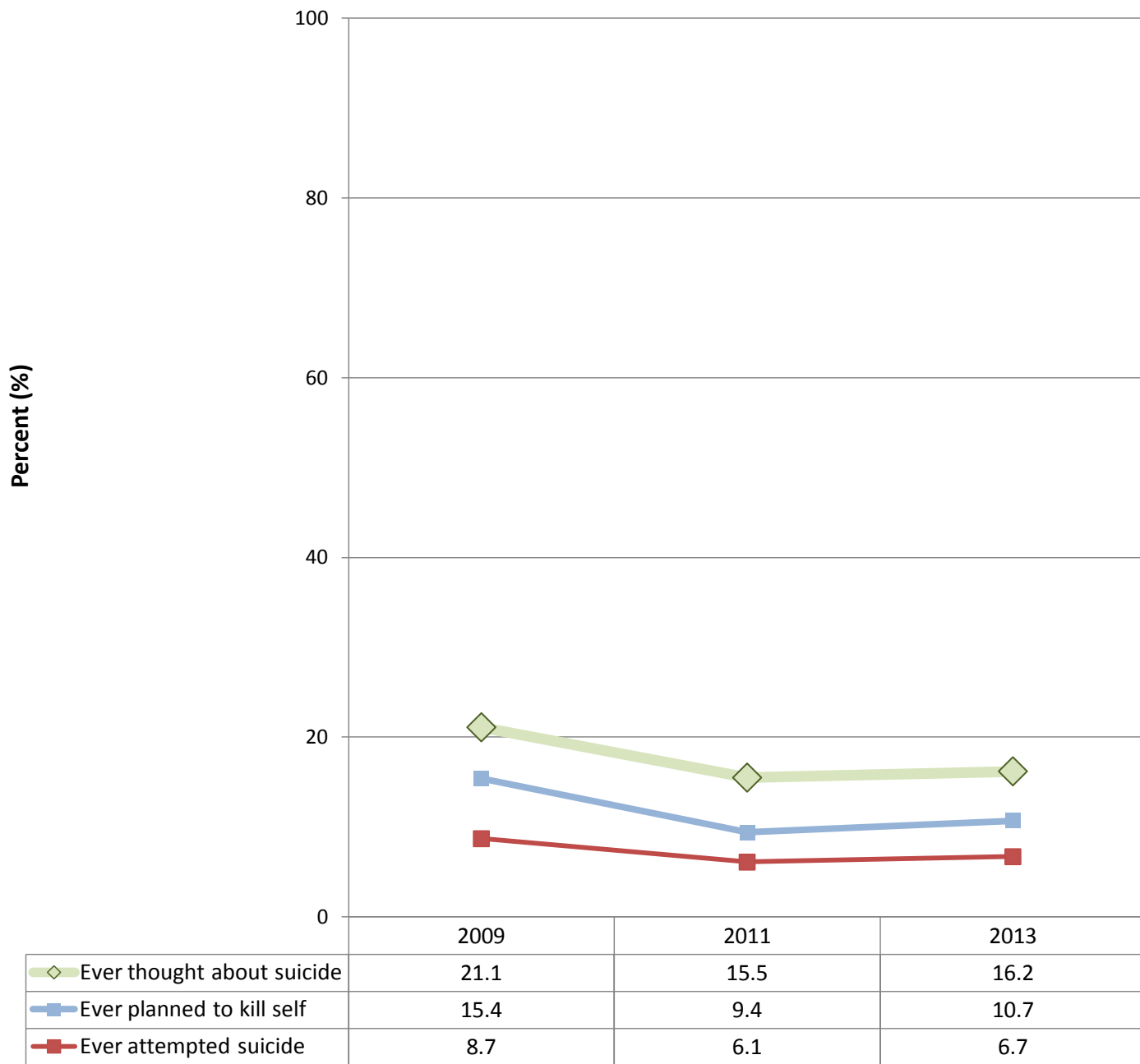


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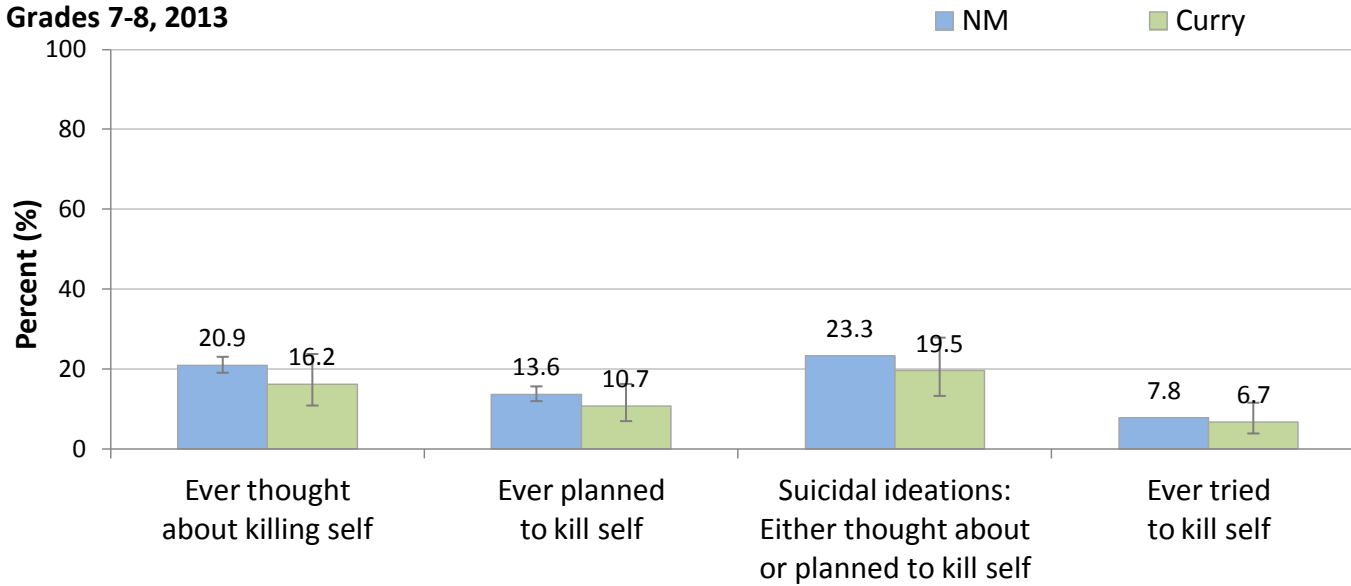


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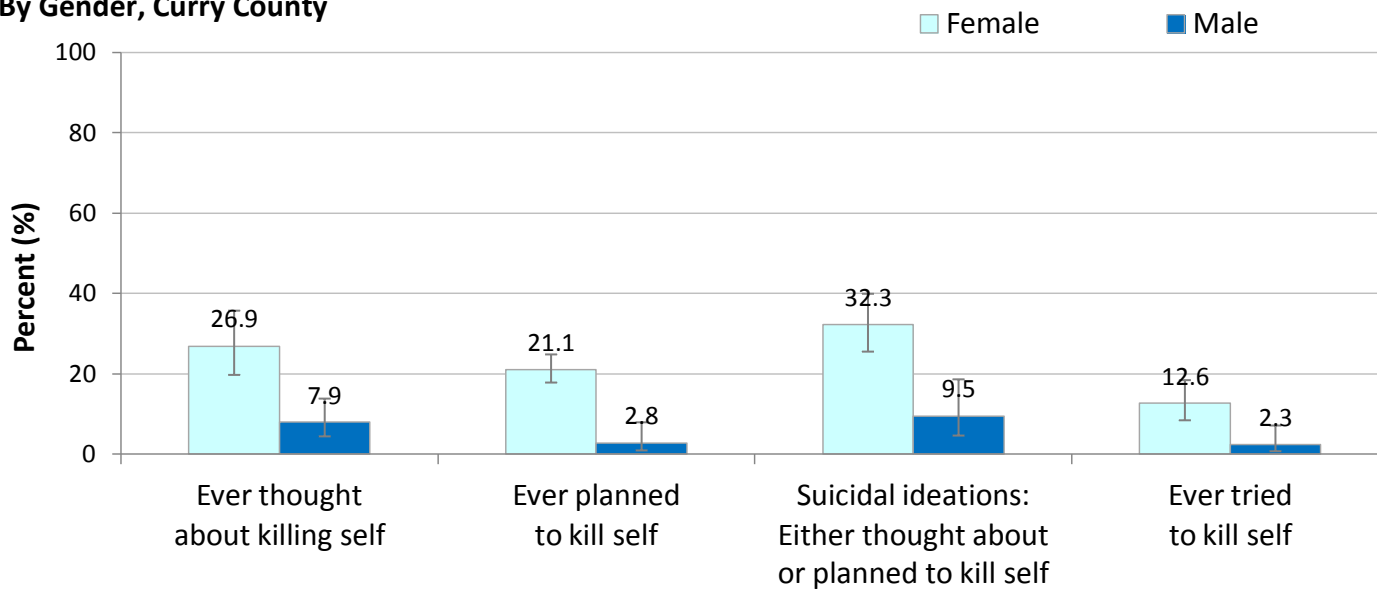
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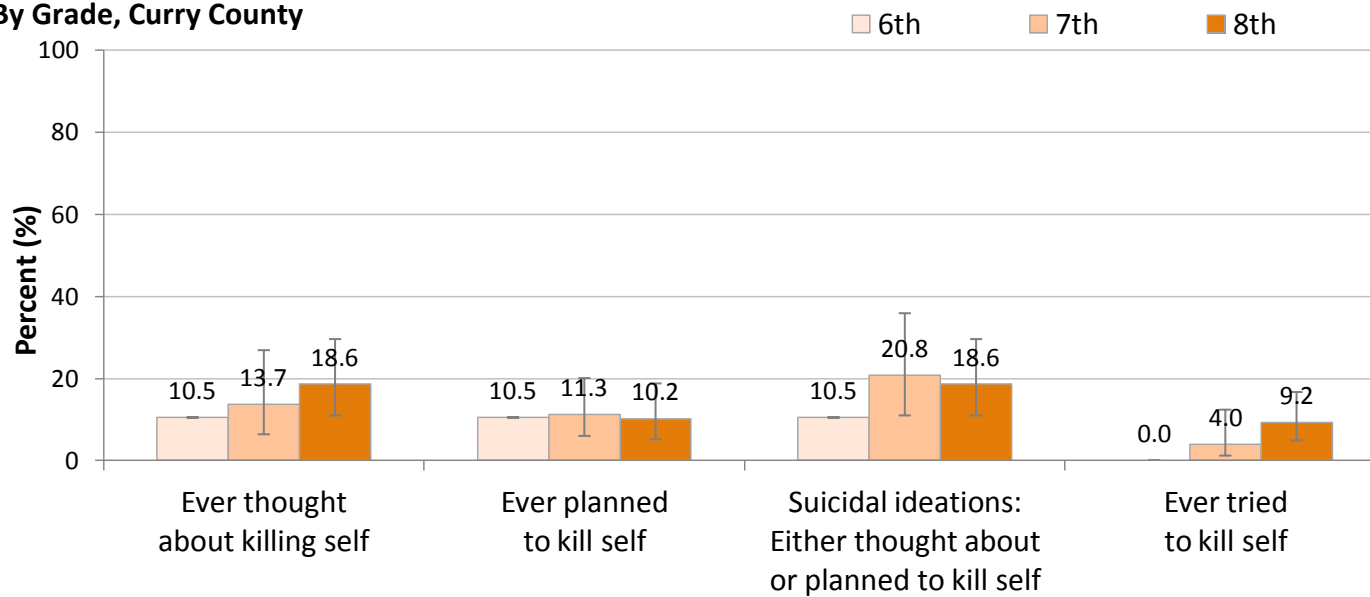
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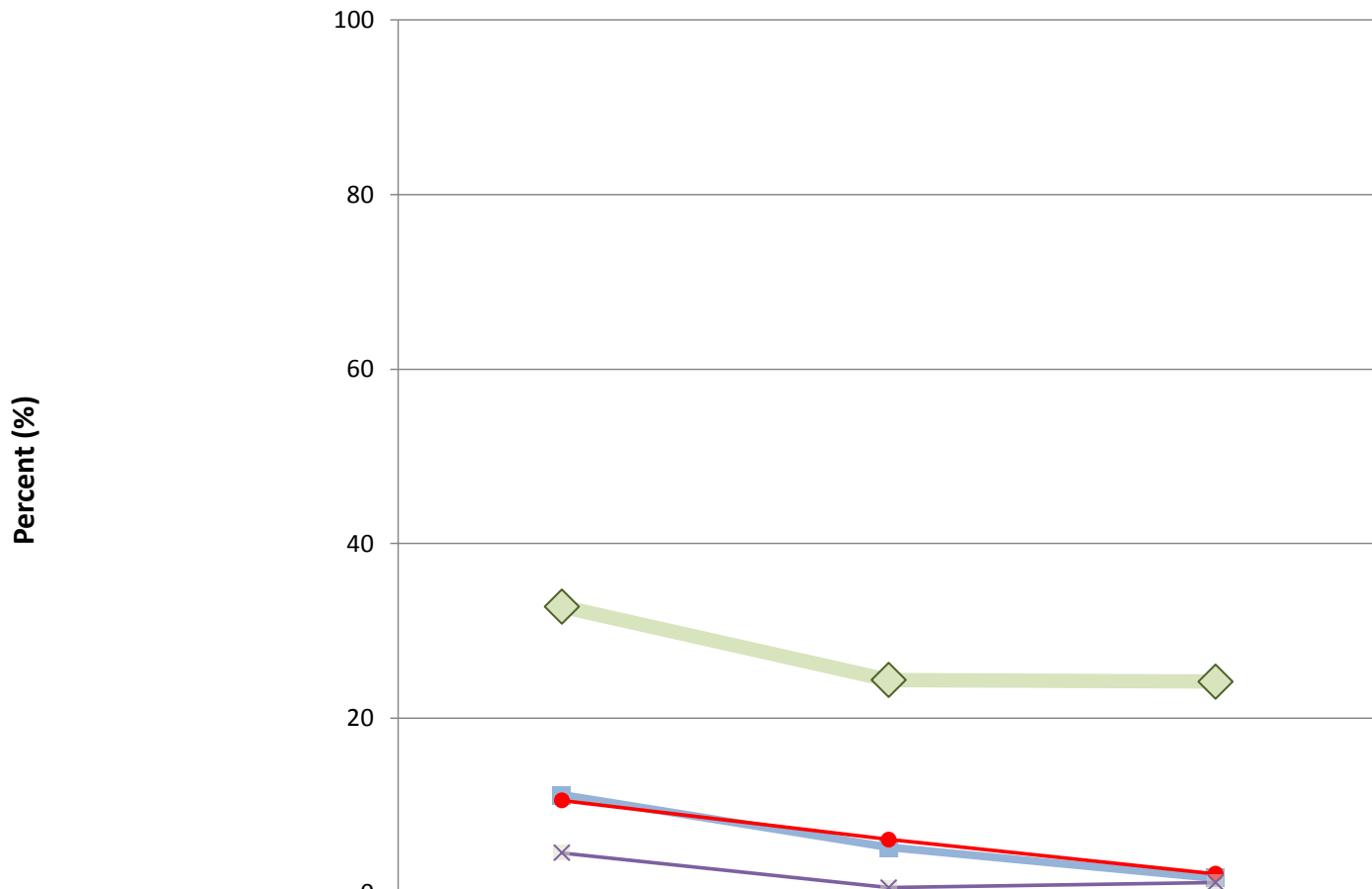


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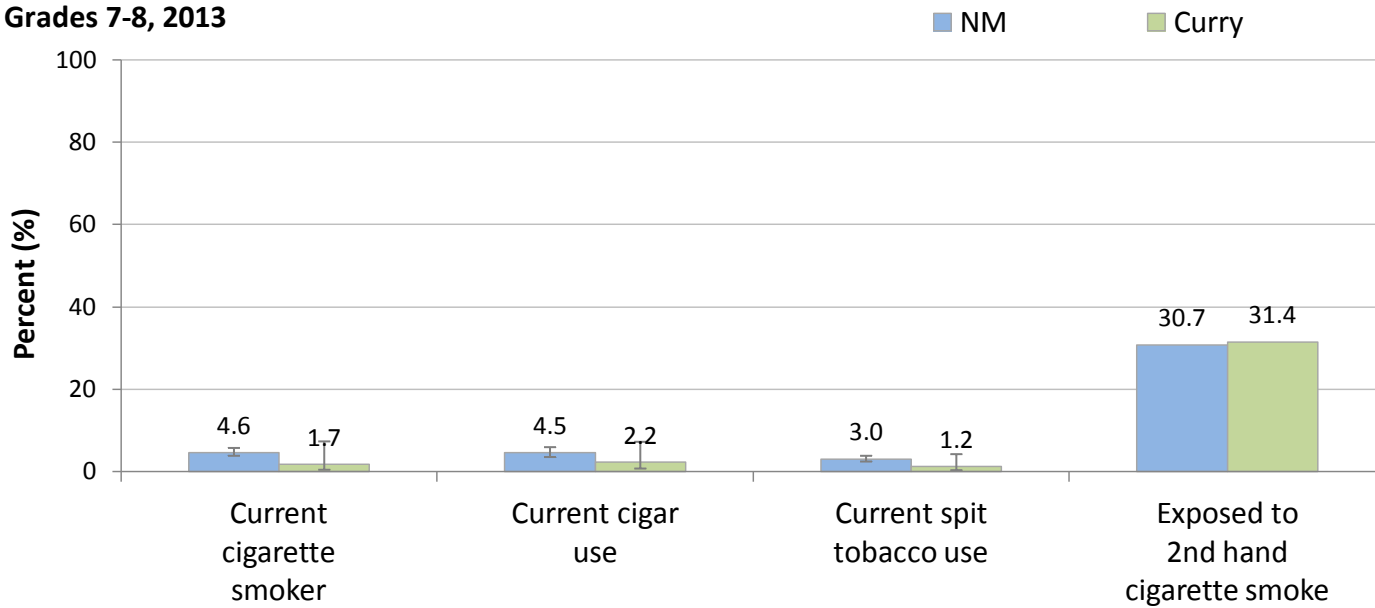
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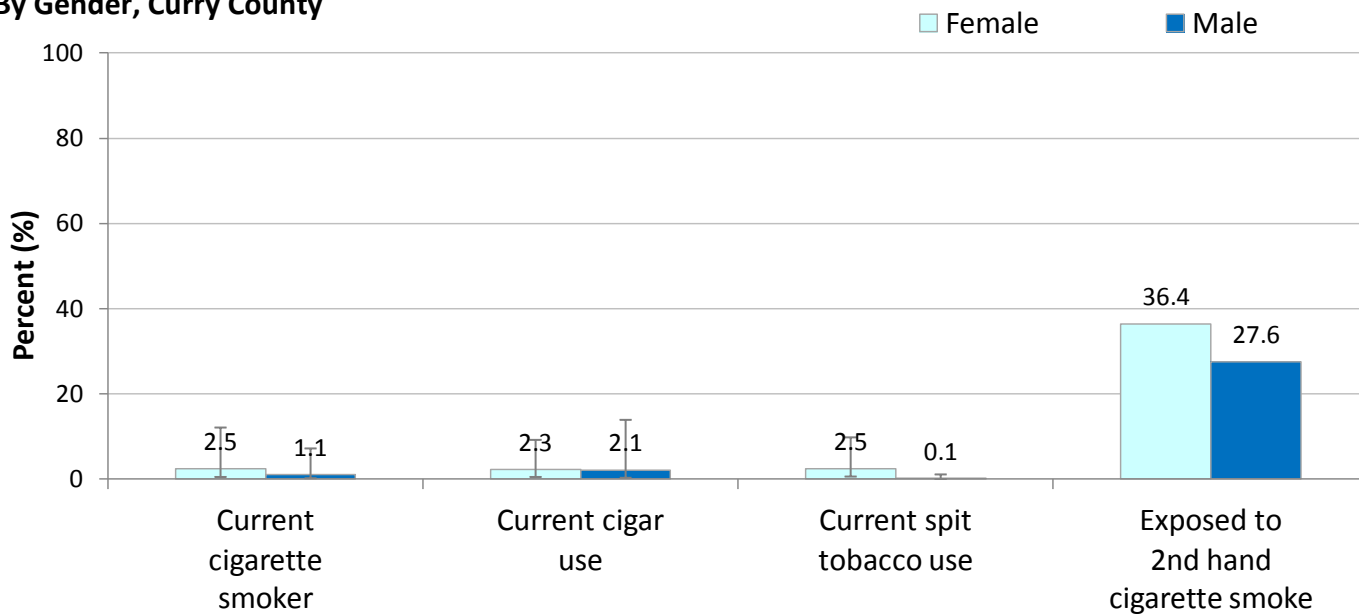


	2009	2011	2013
Ever tried cigarettes	32.8	24.4	24.2
Current cigarette smoker	11.2	5.2	1.7
Current cigar use	10.6	6.1	2.2
Current spit tobacco use	4.6	0.6	1.2

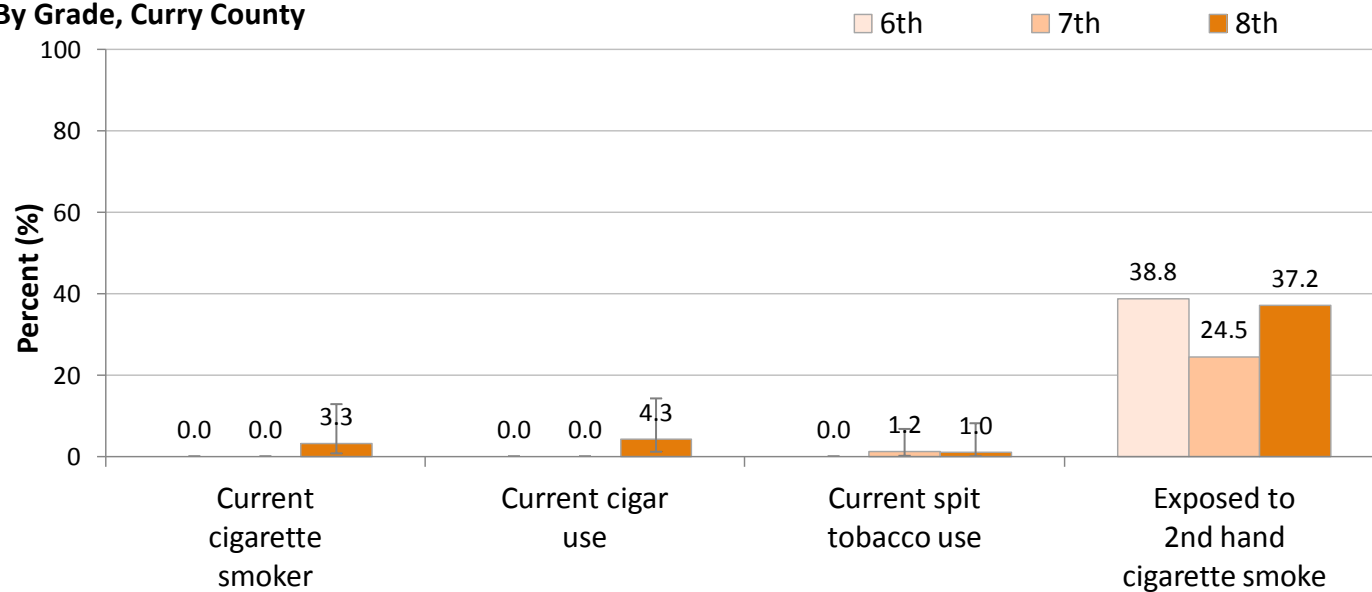
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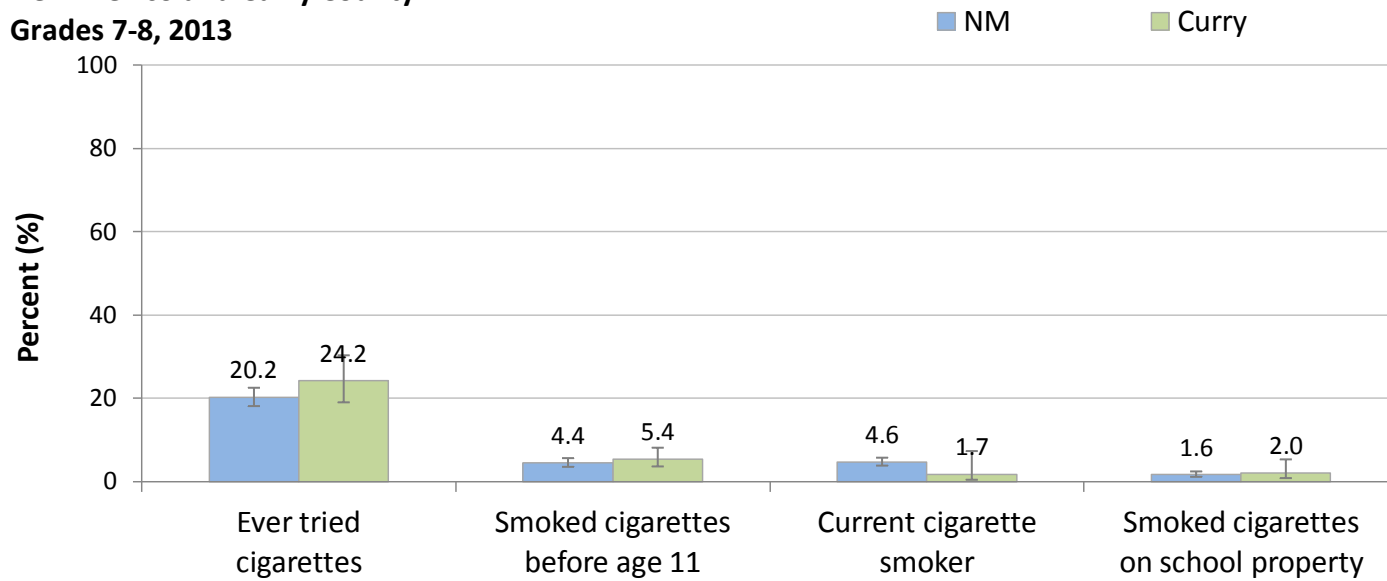
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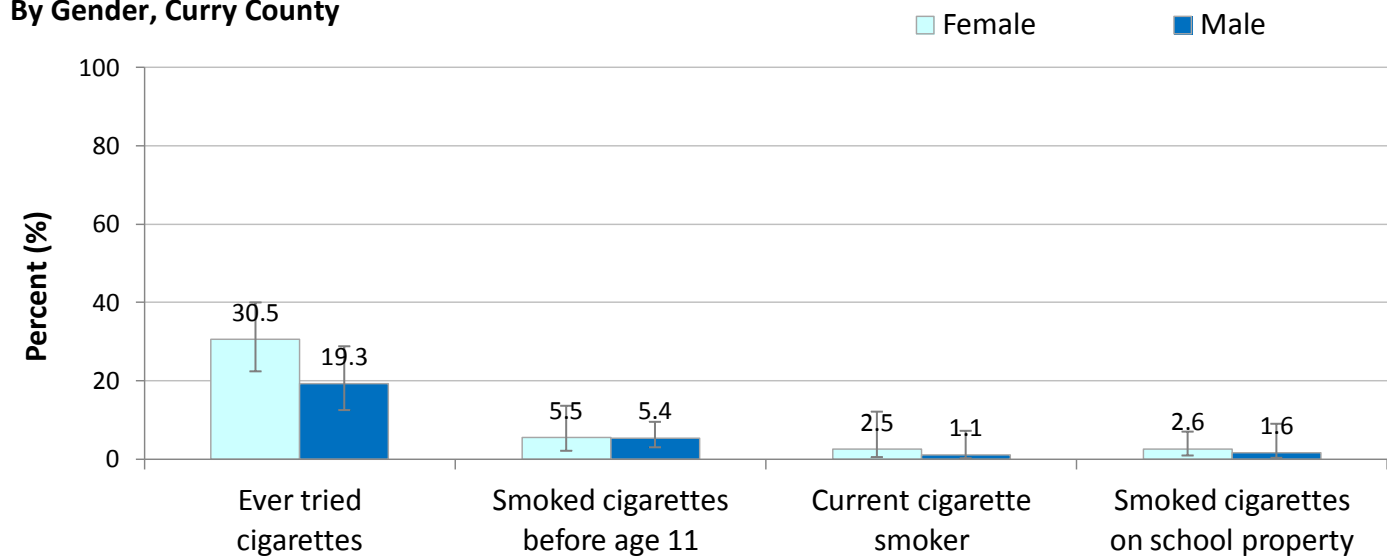


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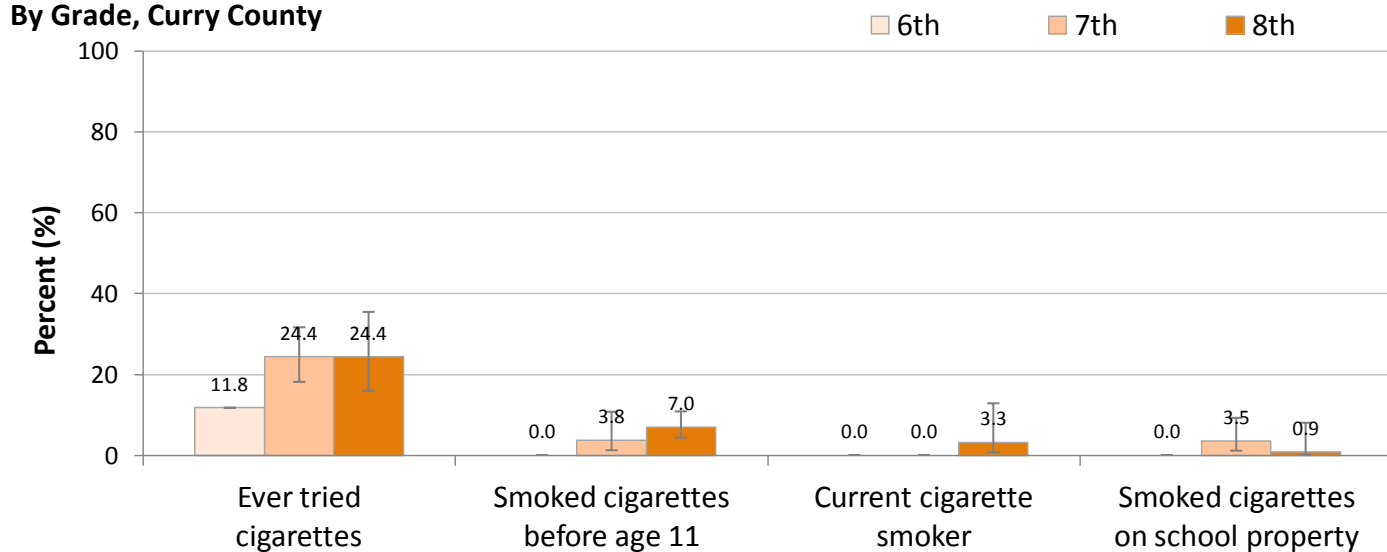
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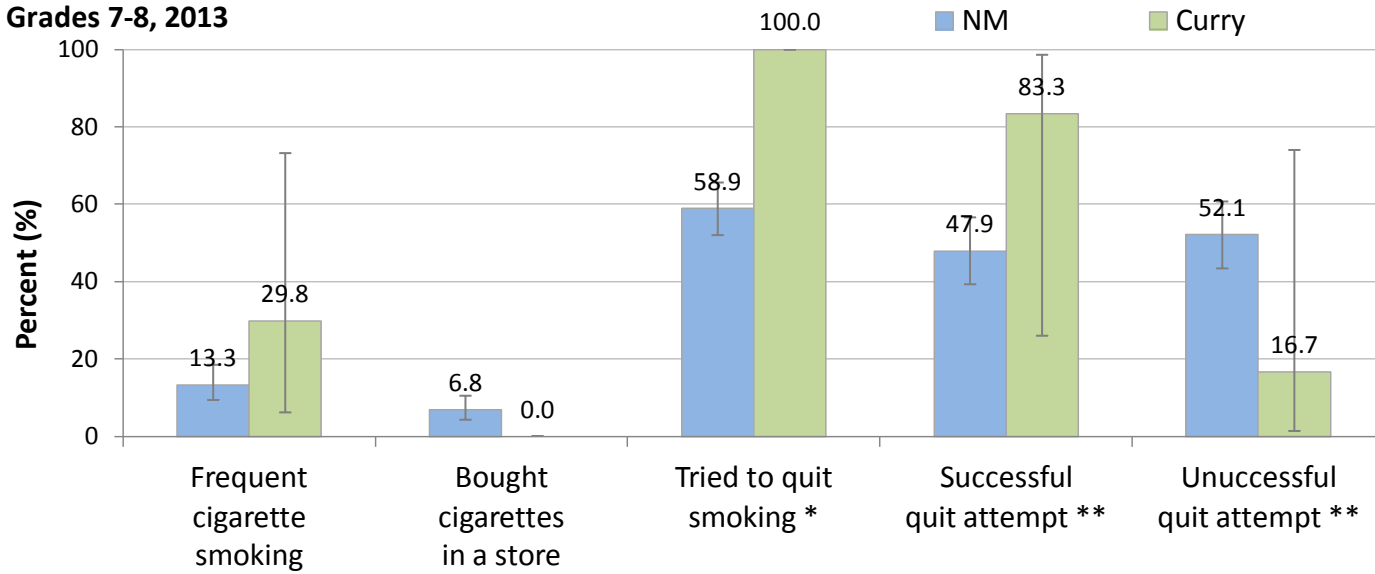
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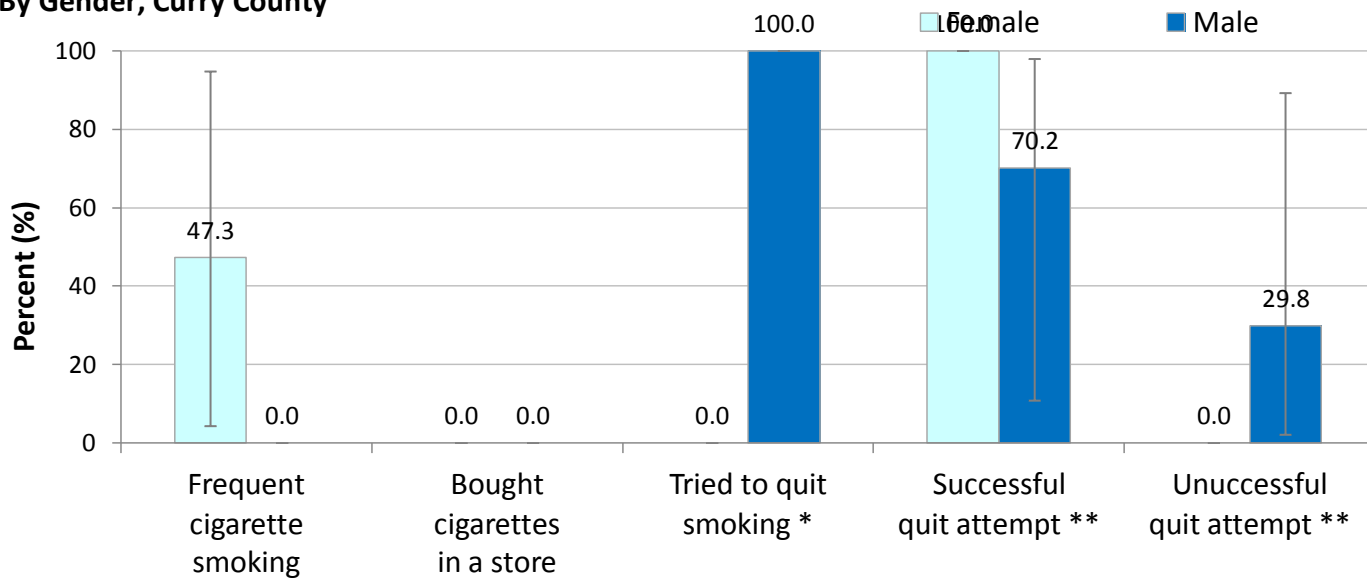
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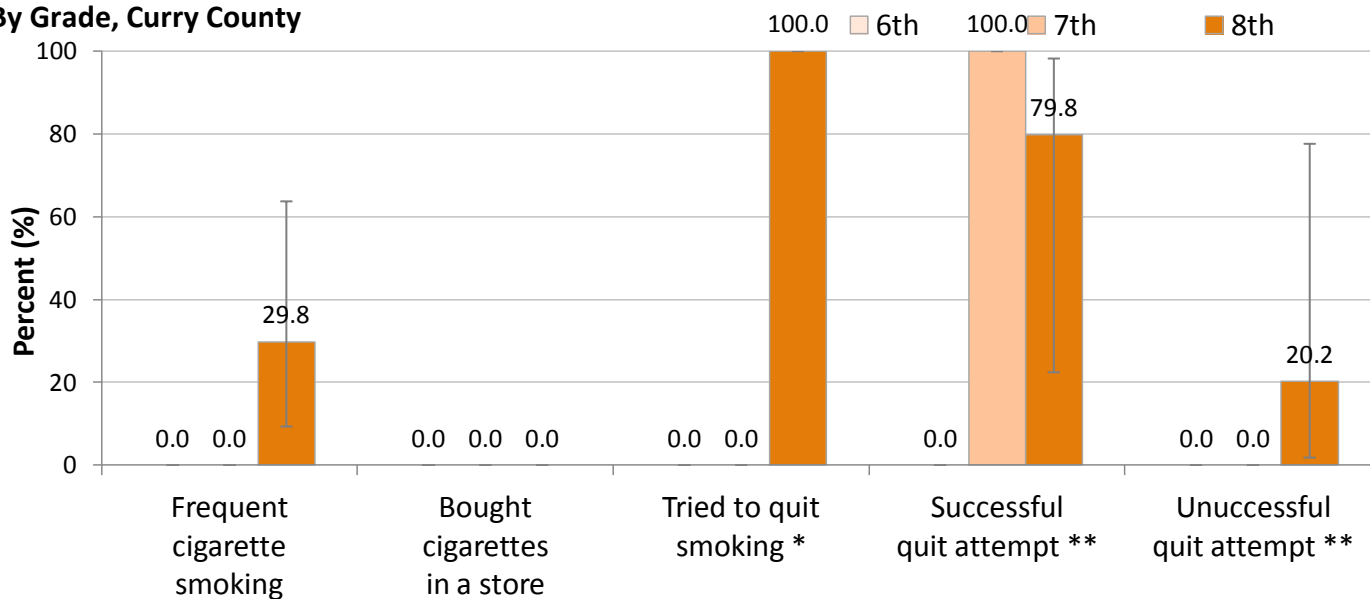
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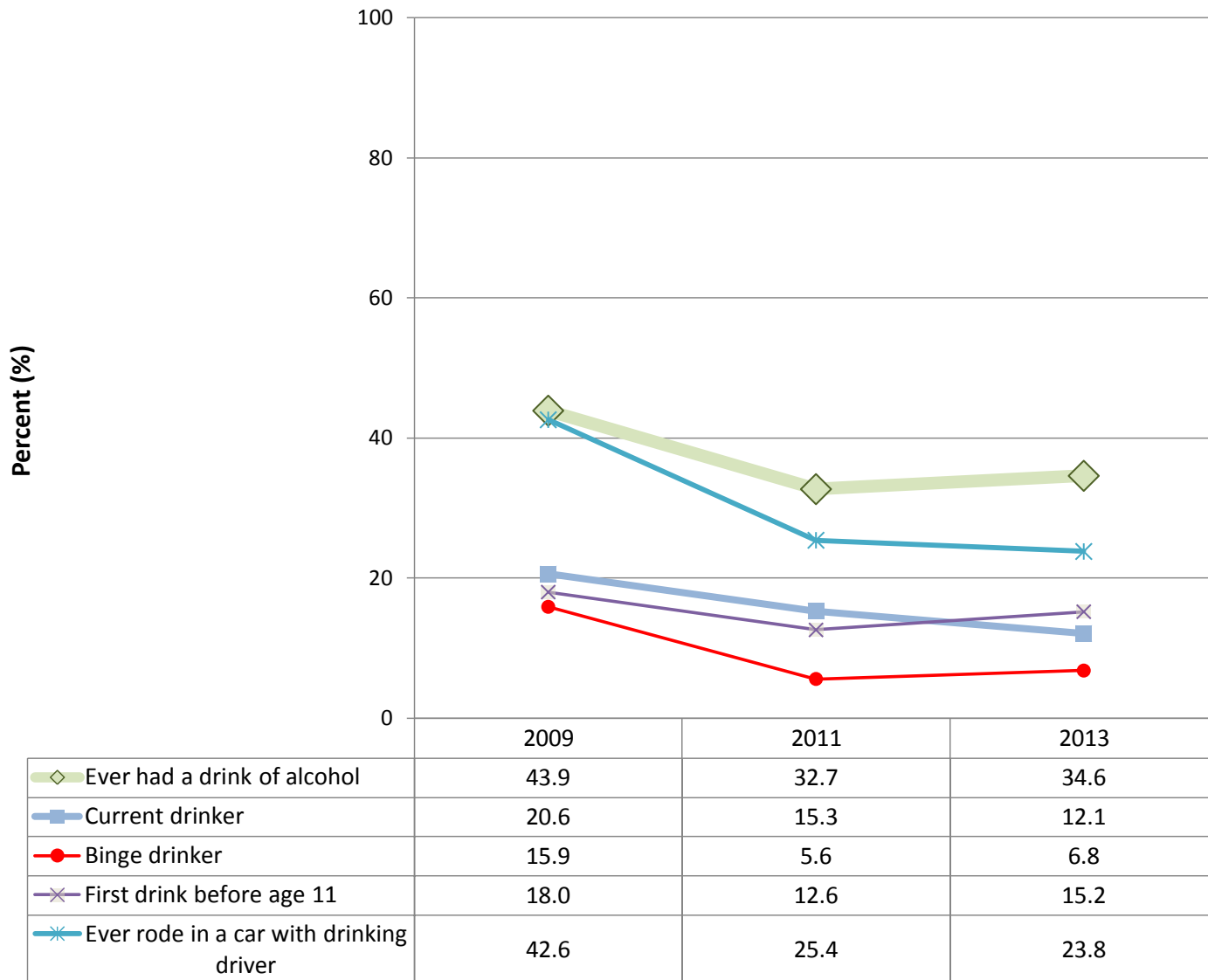


\* Among current cigarette smokers.

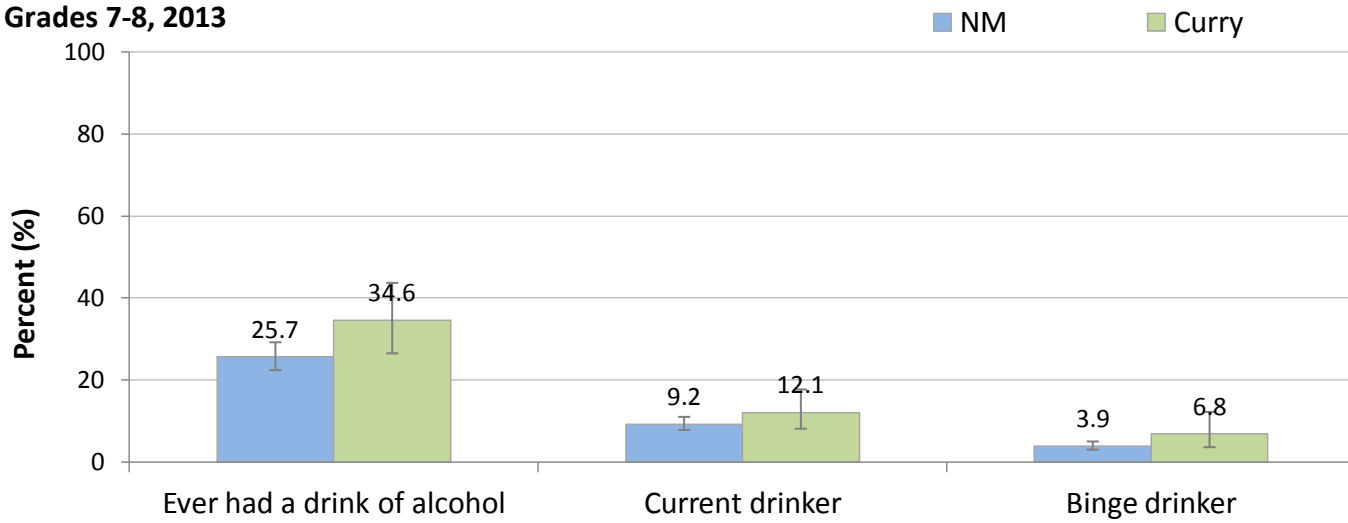
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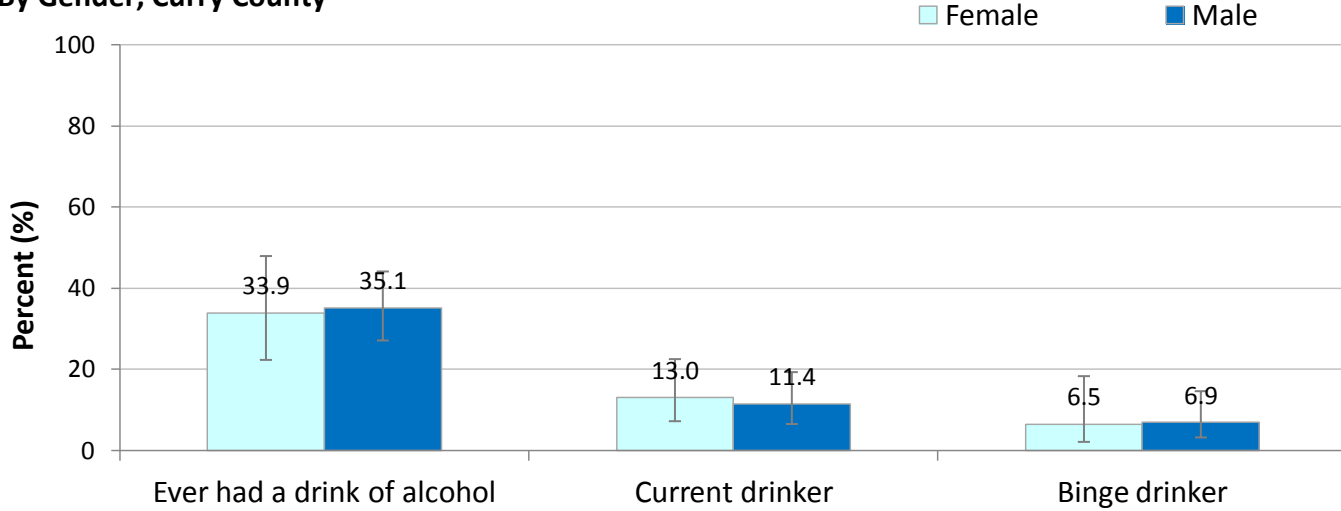
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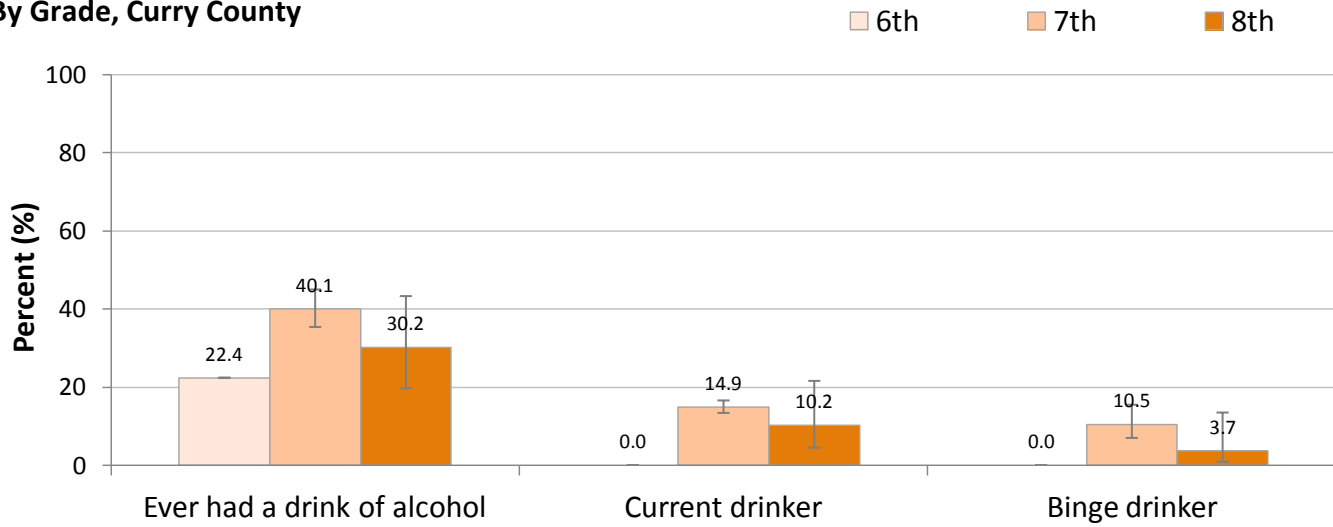
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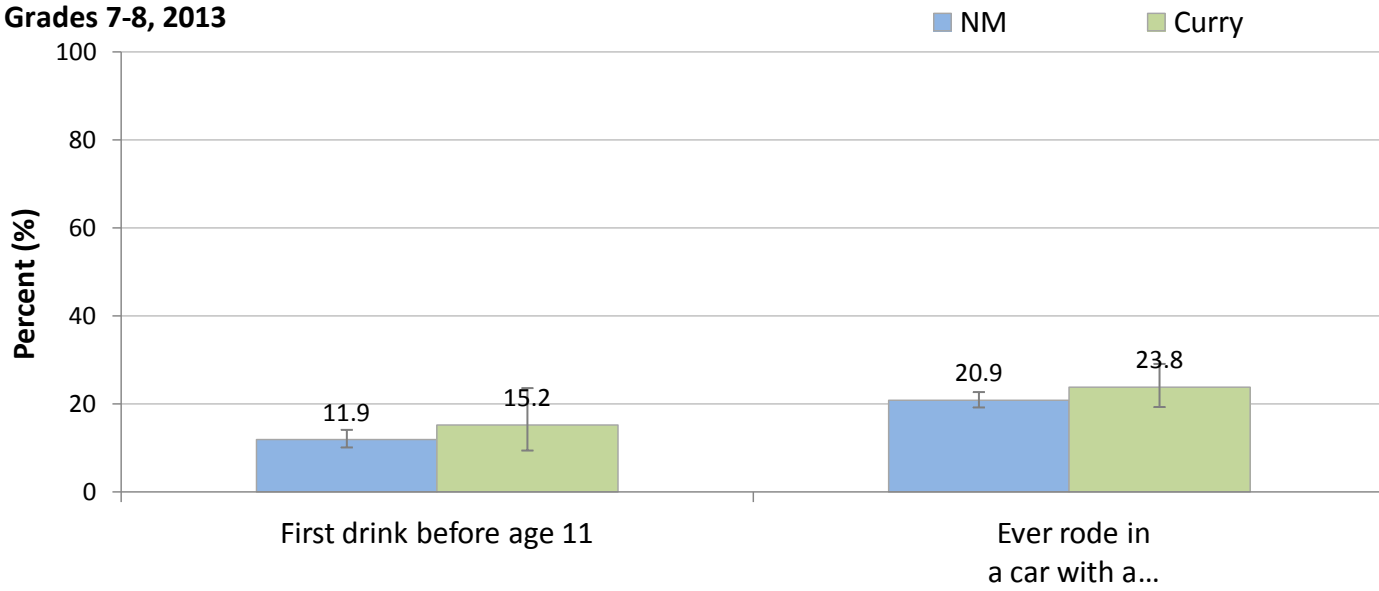
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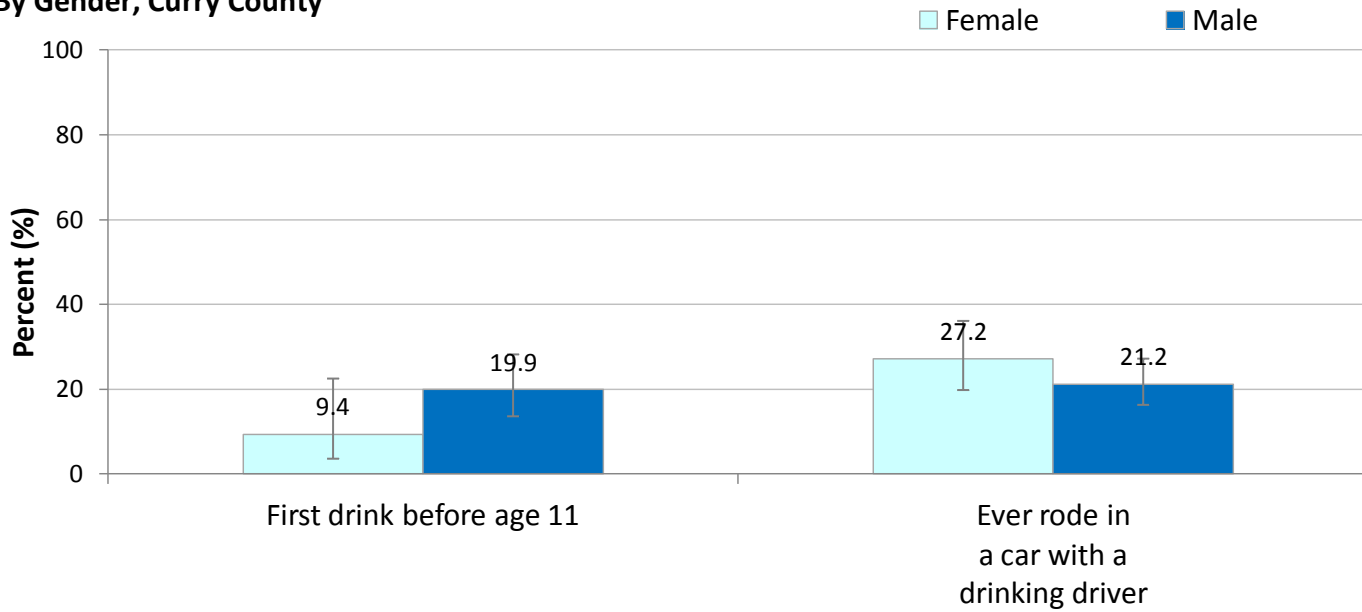
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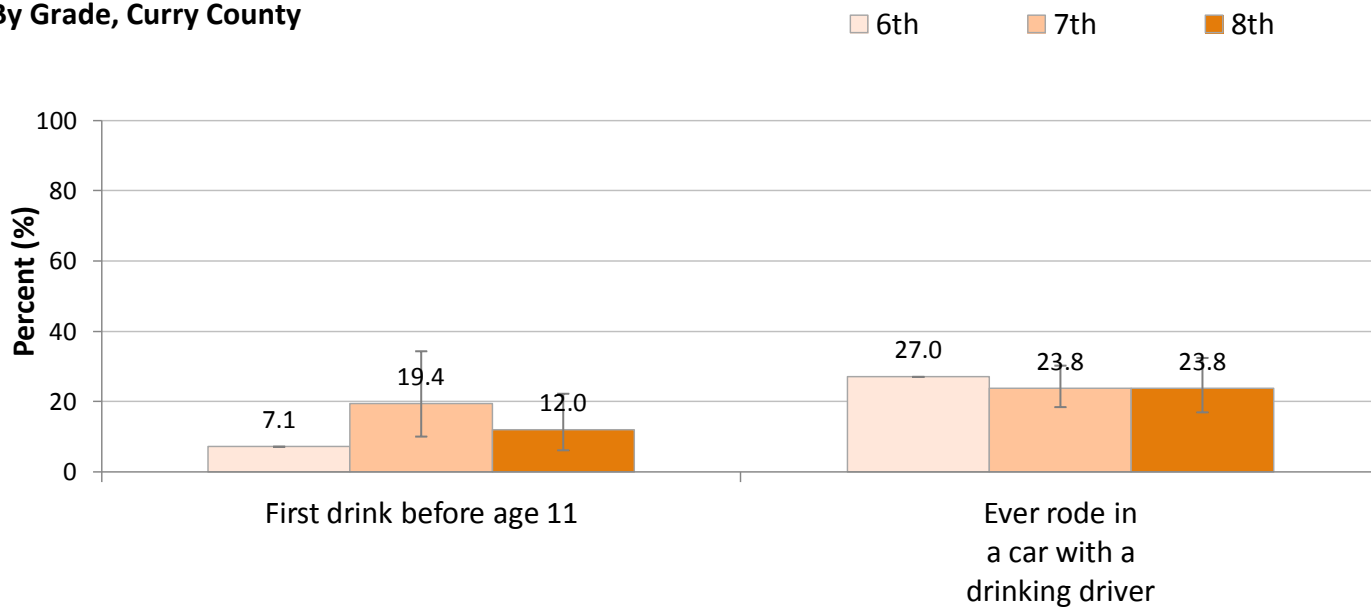
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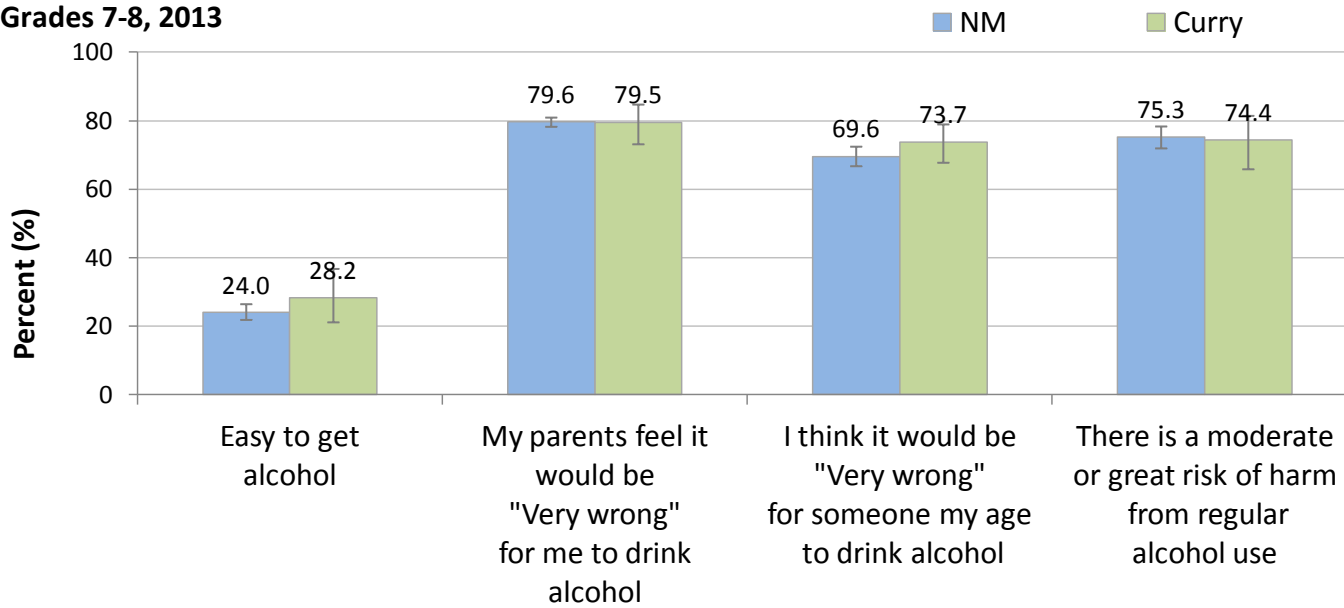
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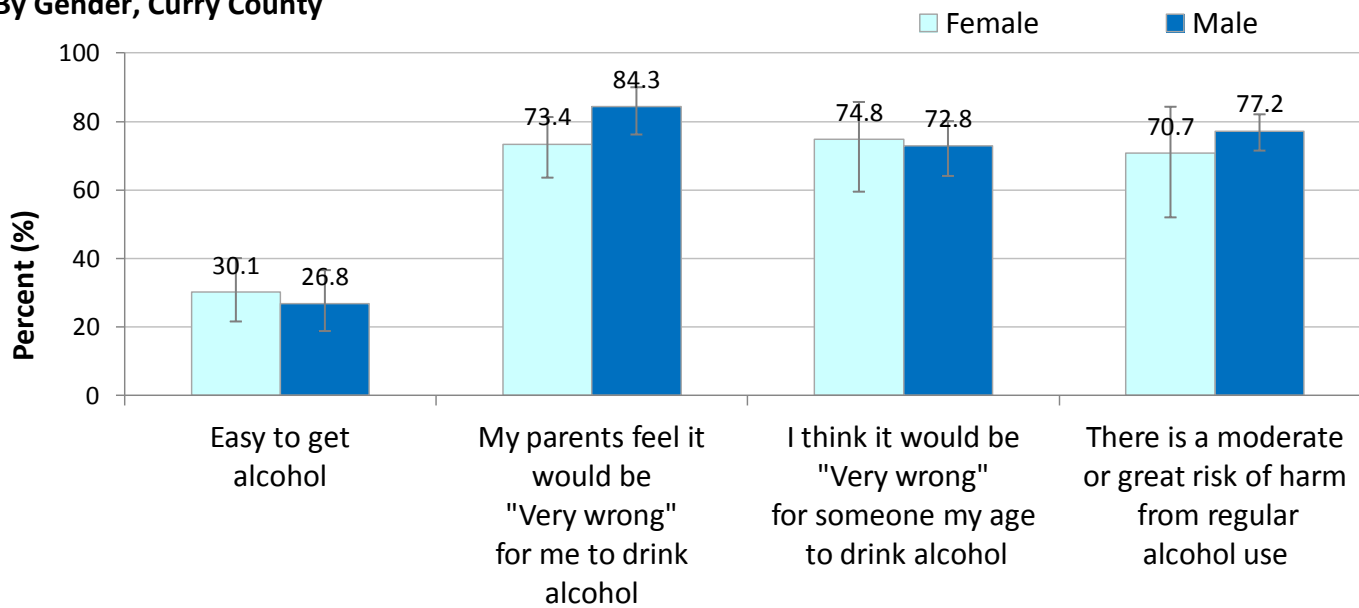
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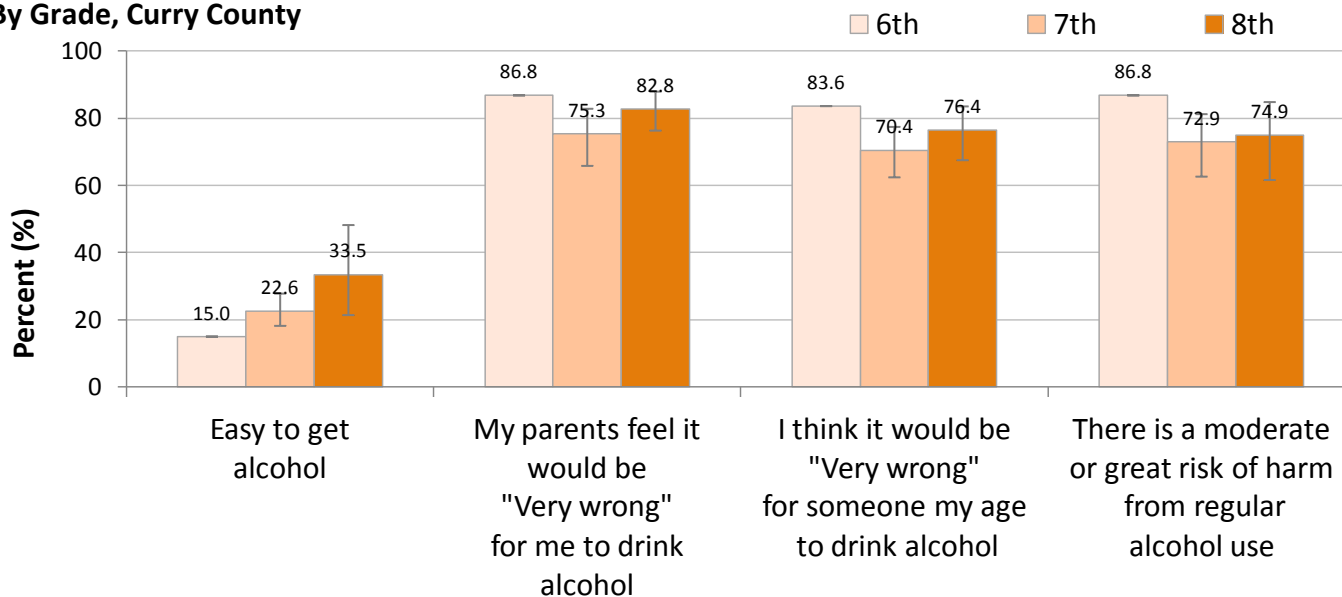
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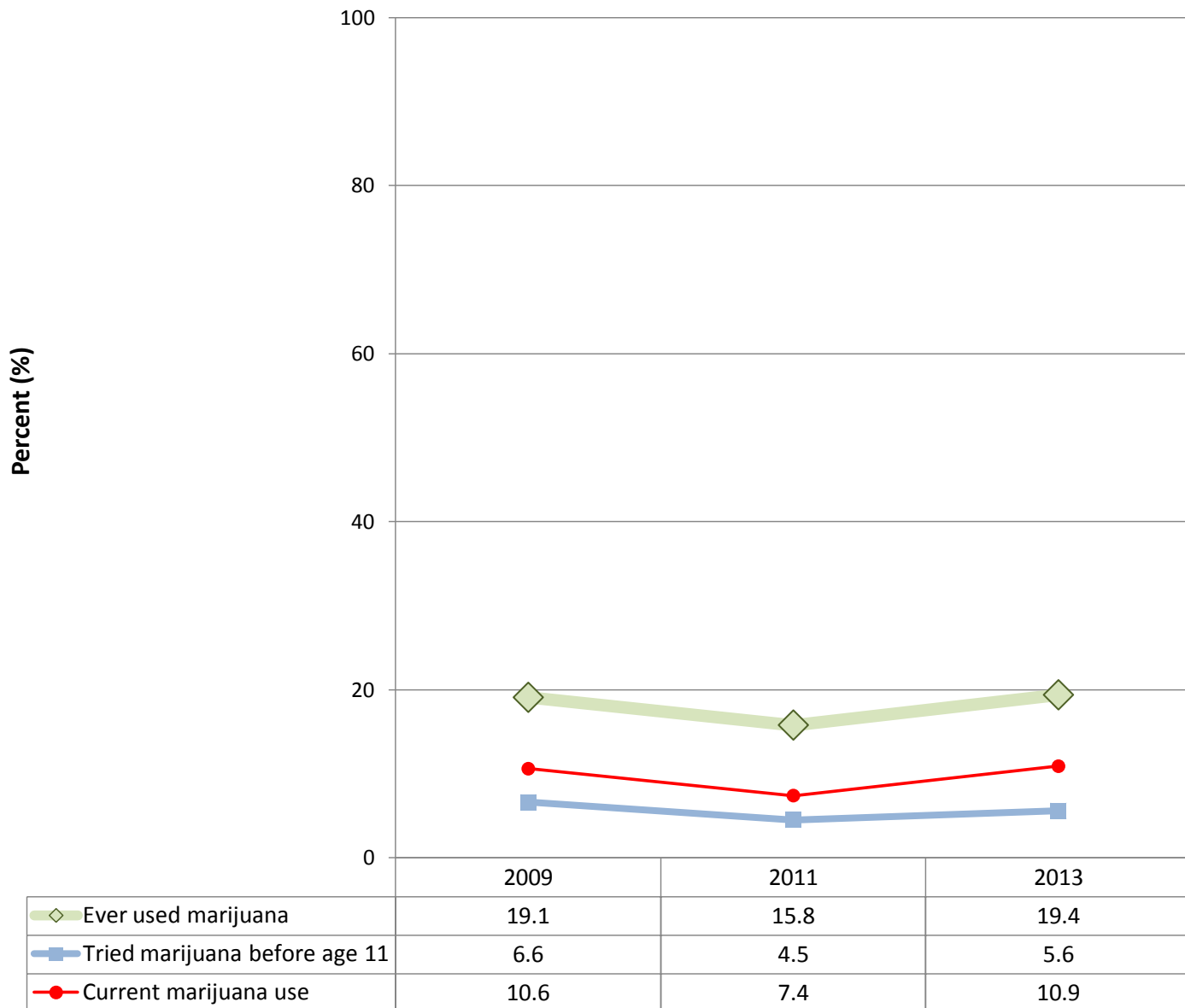


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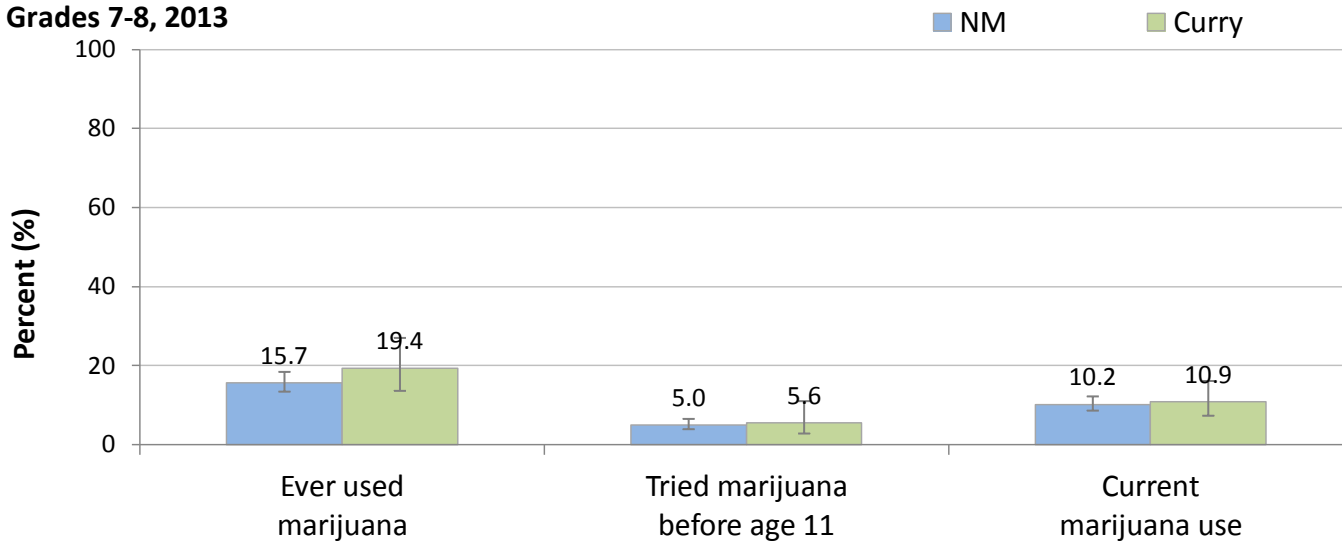


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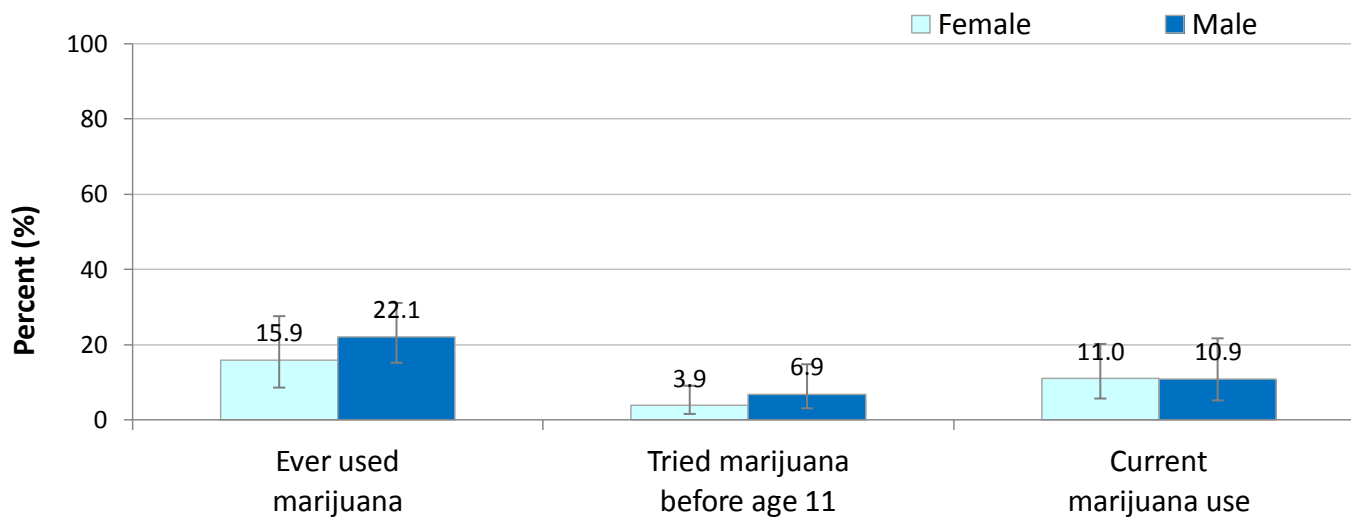
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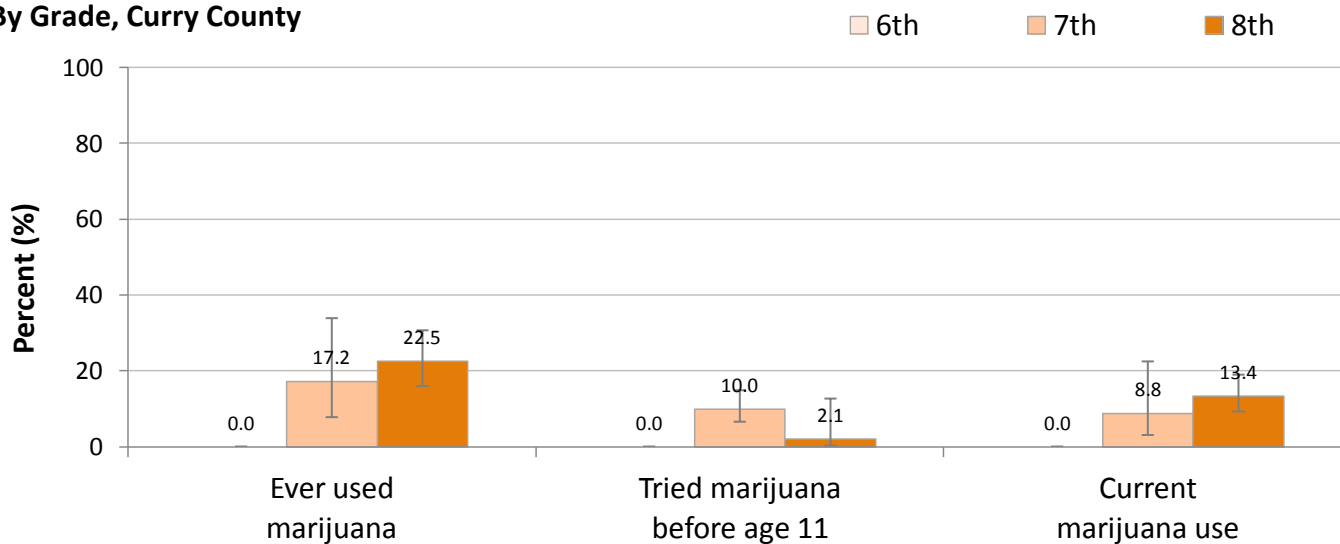
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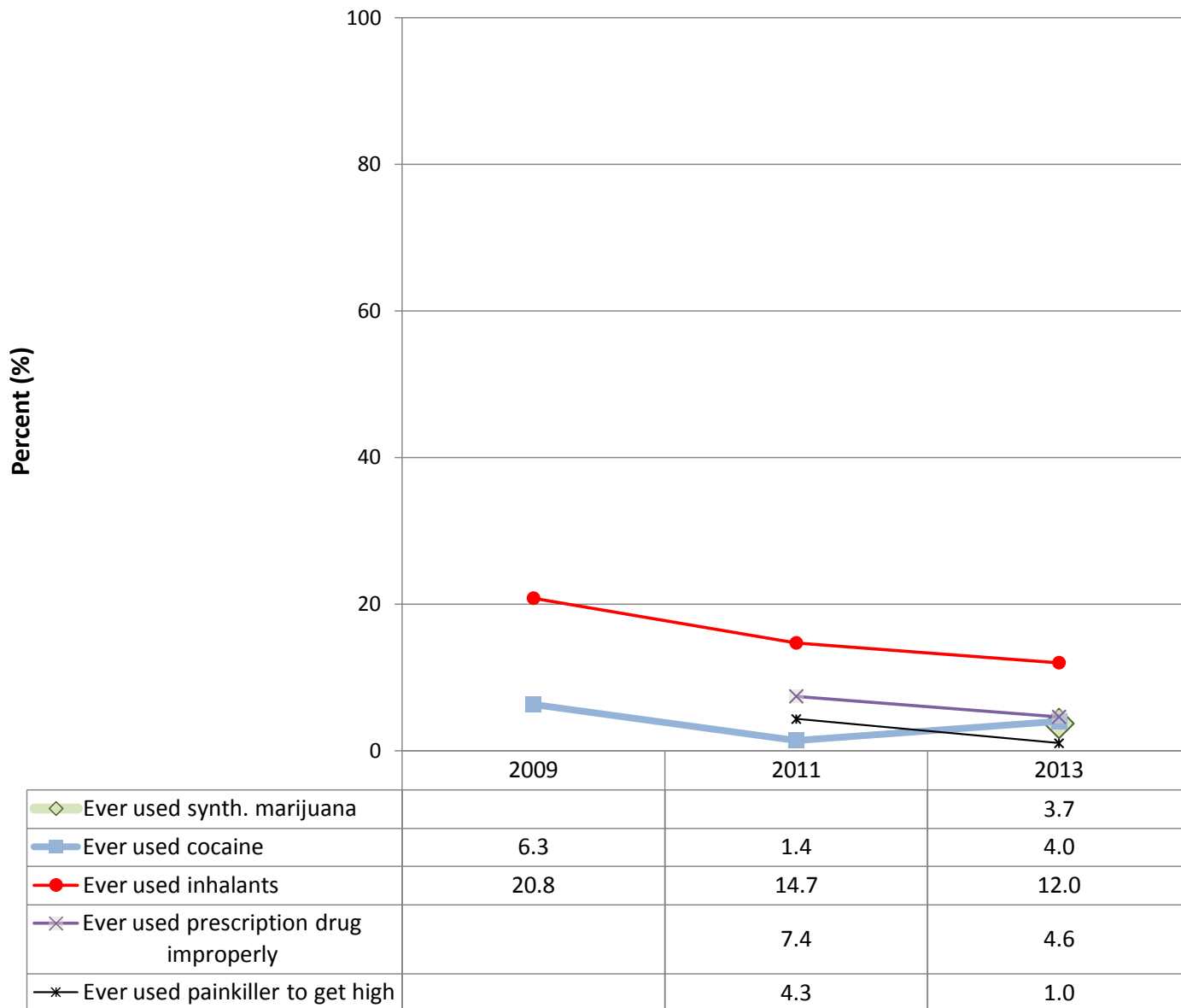
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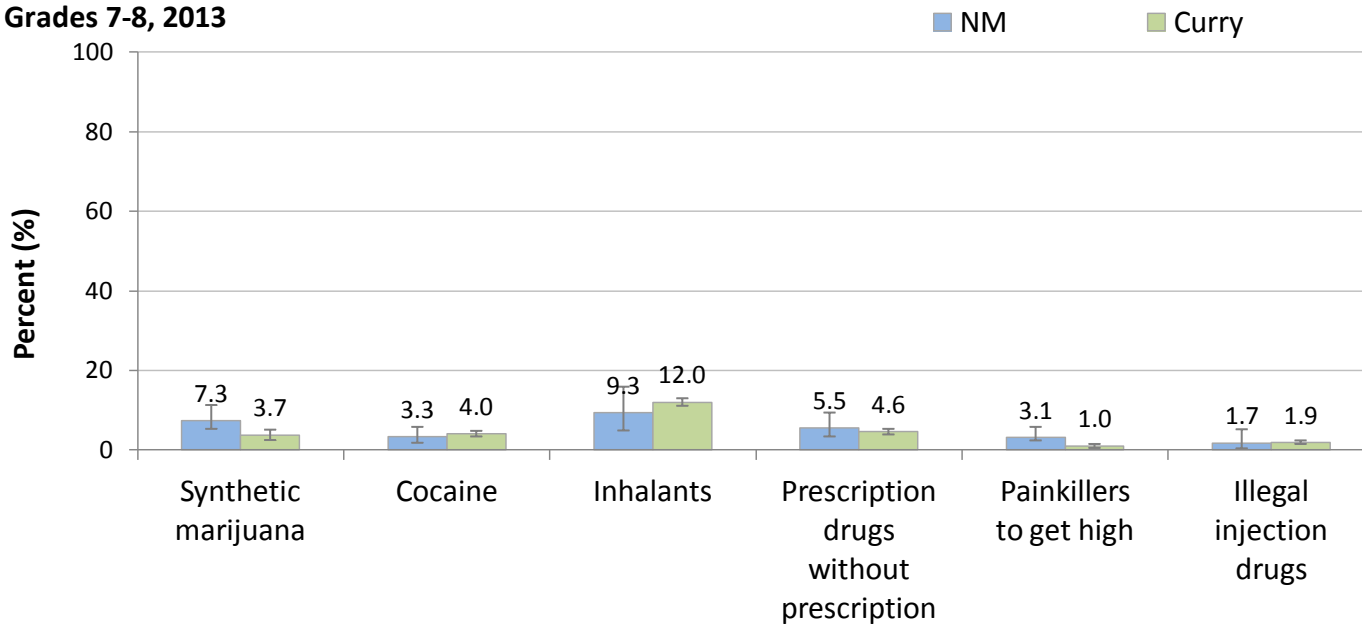


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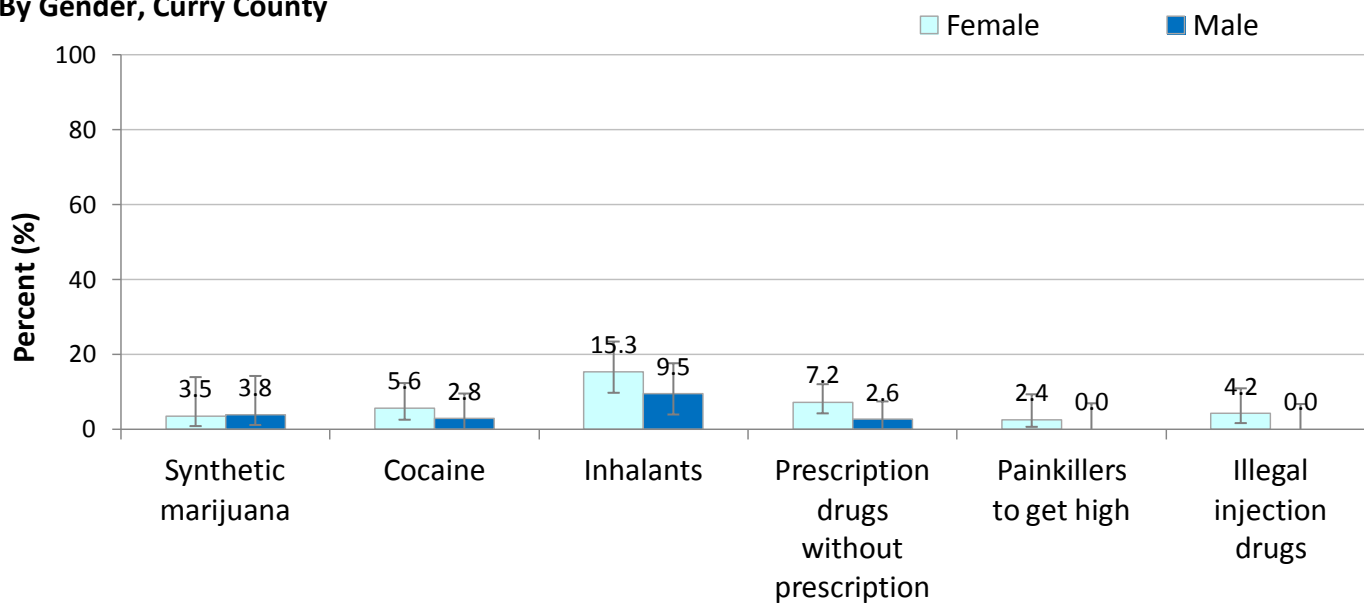
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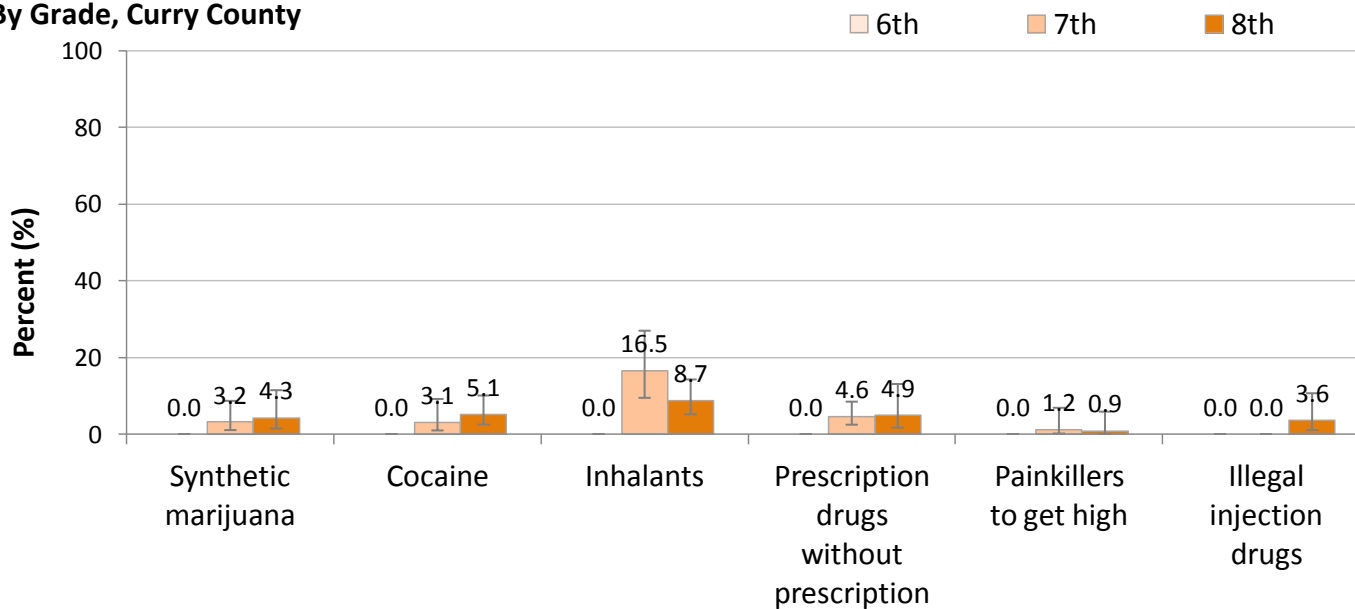
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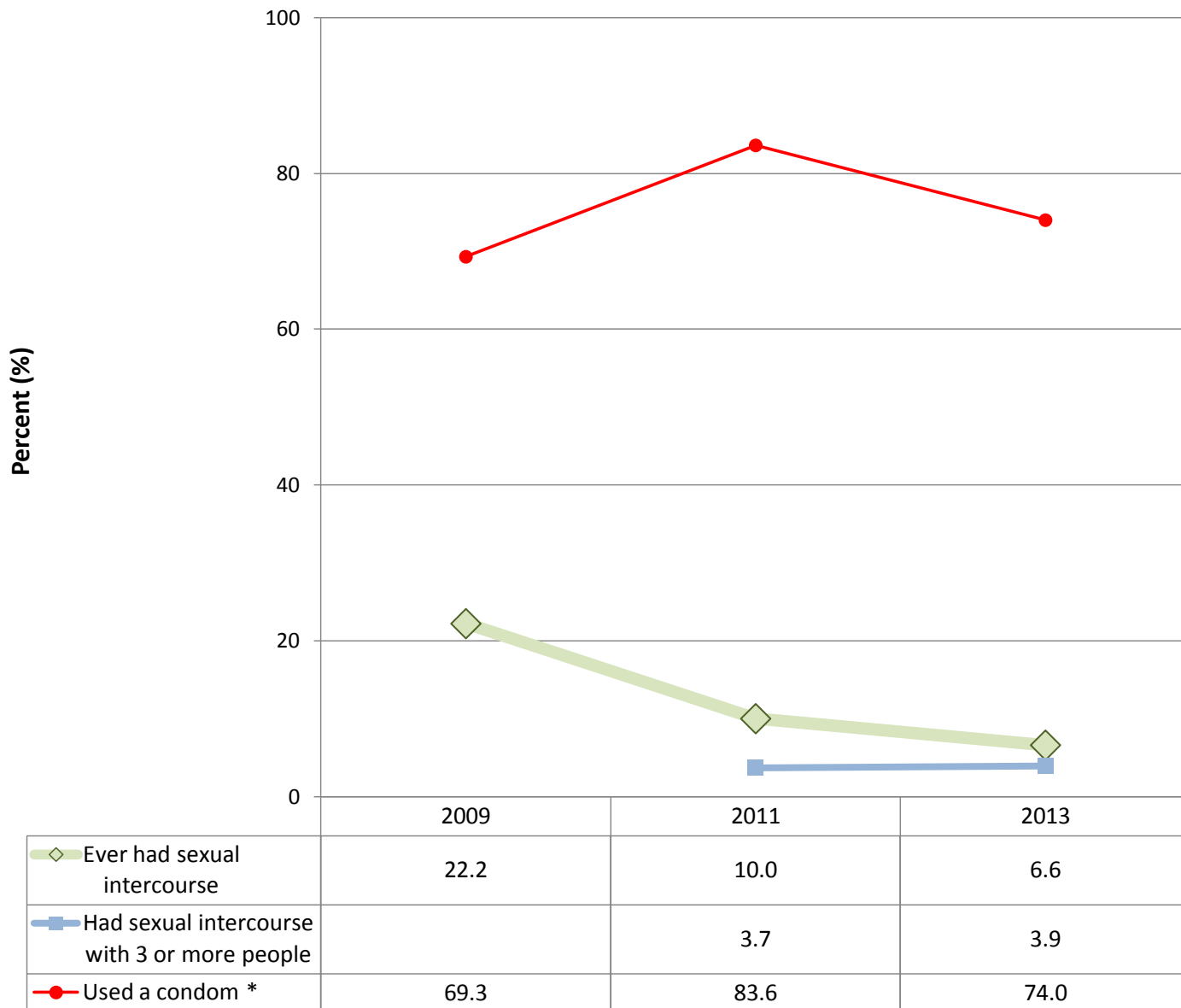


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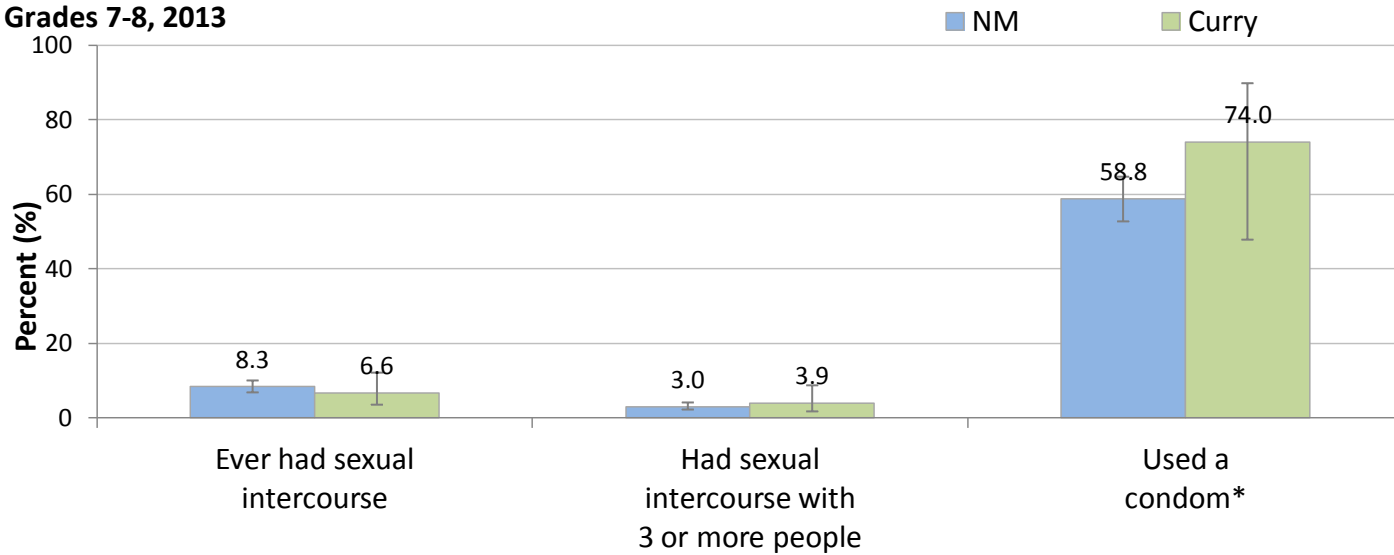
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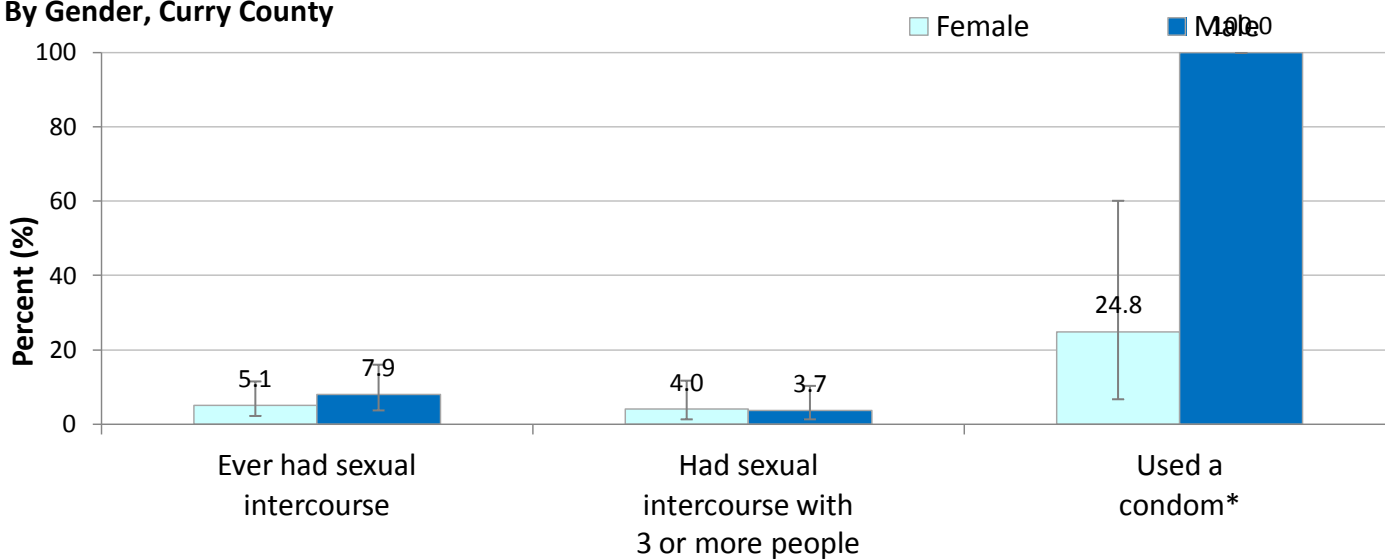


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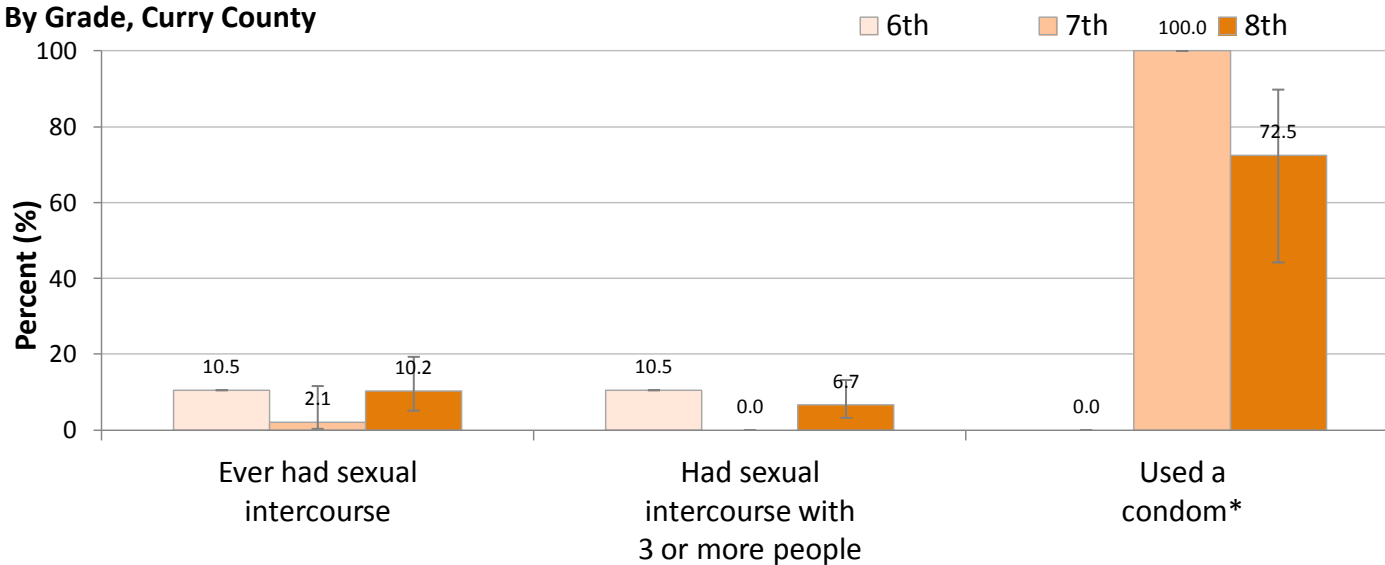
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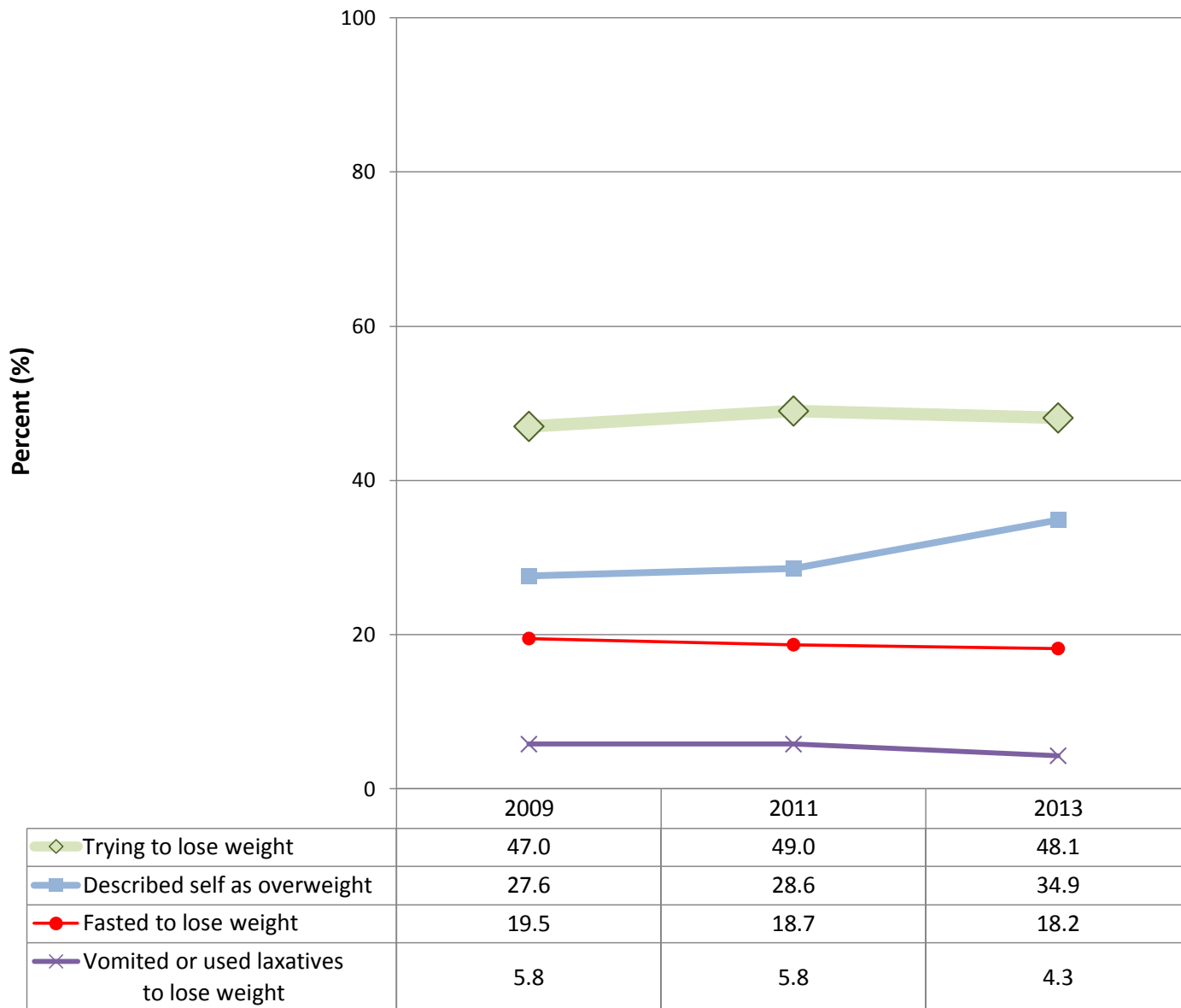
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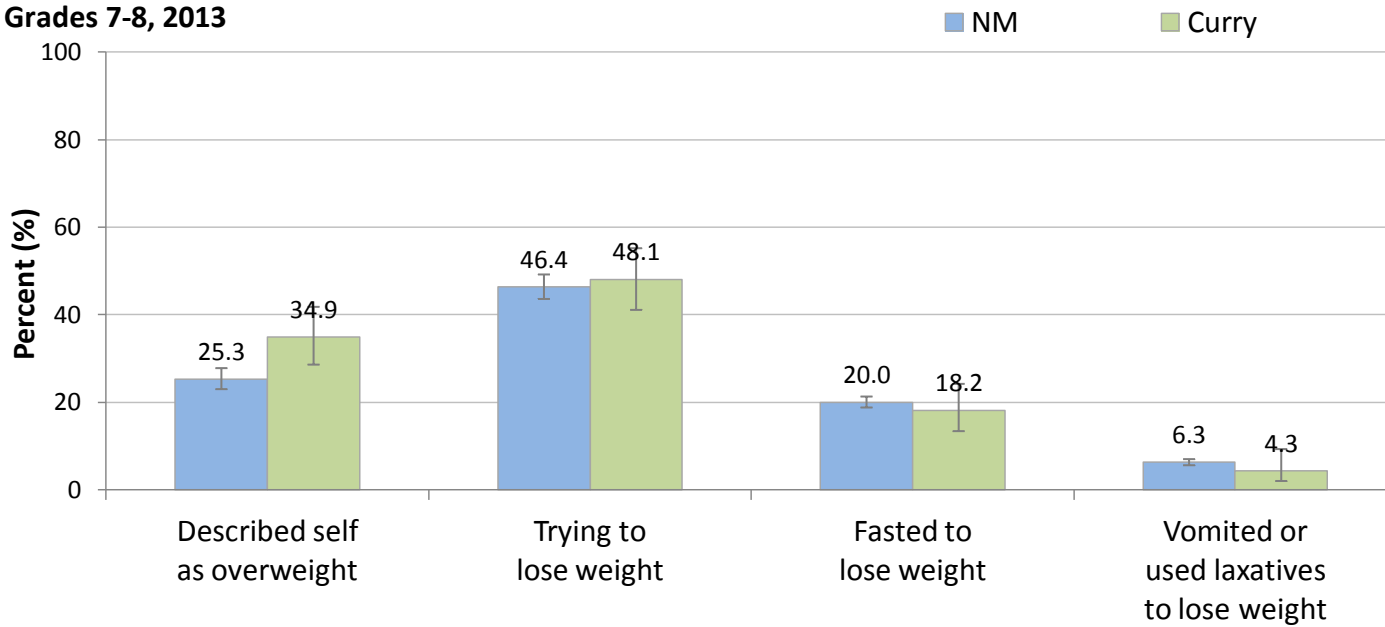
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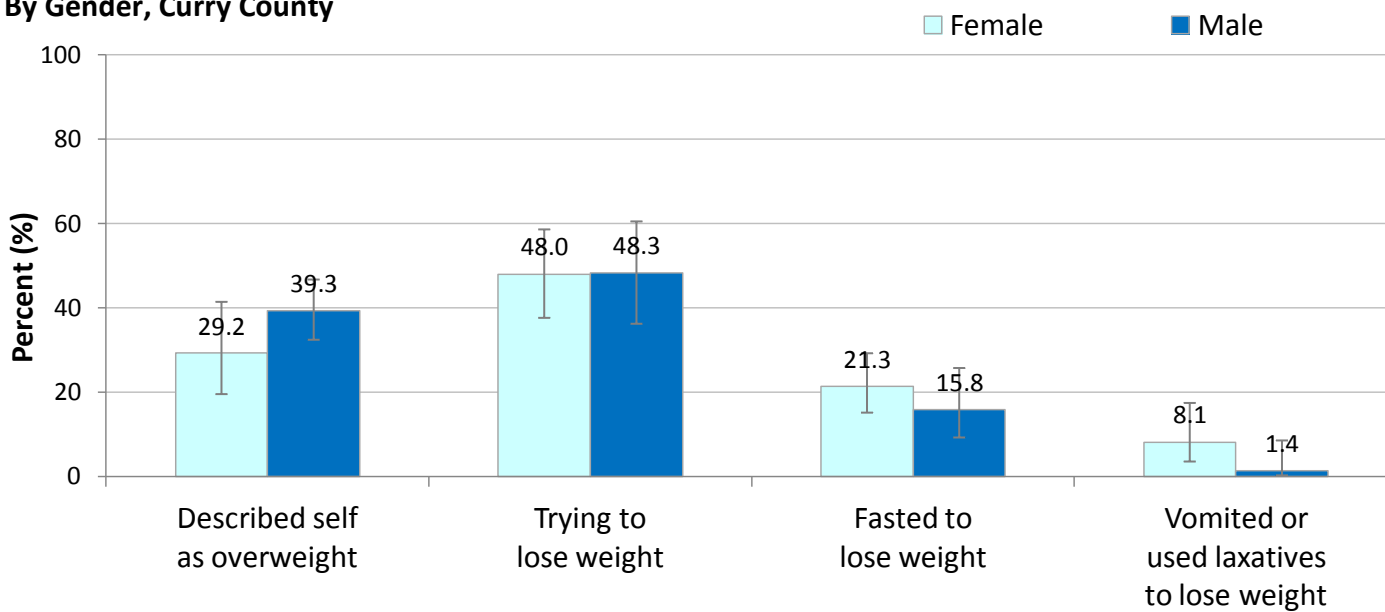


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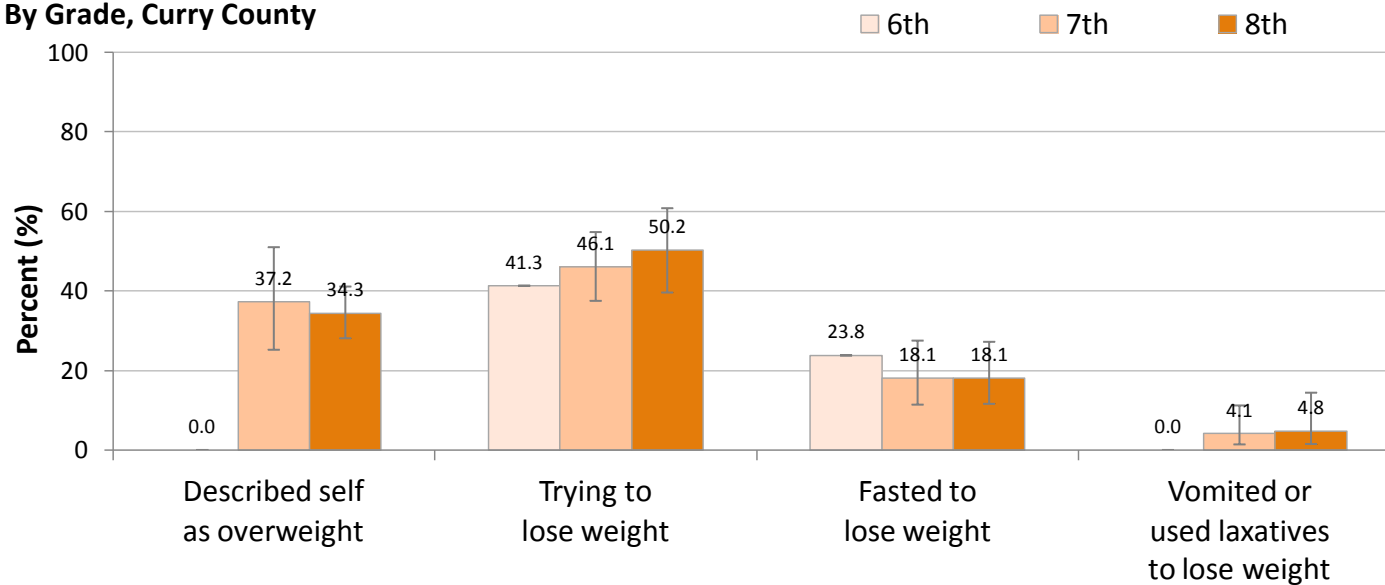
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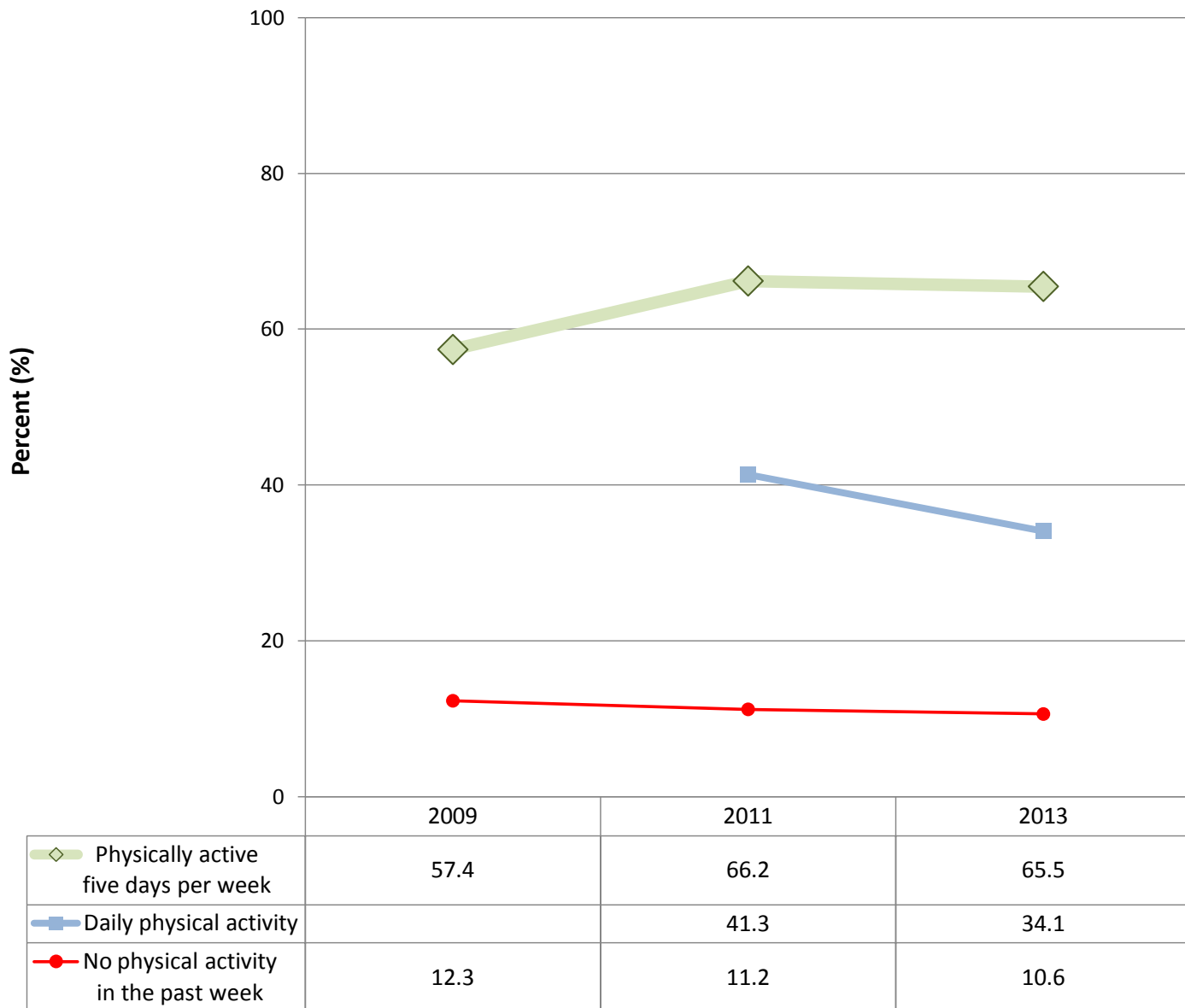


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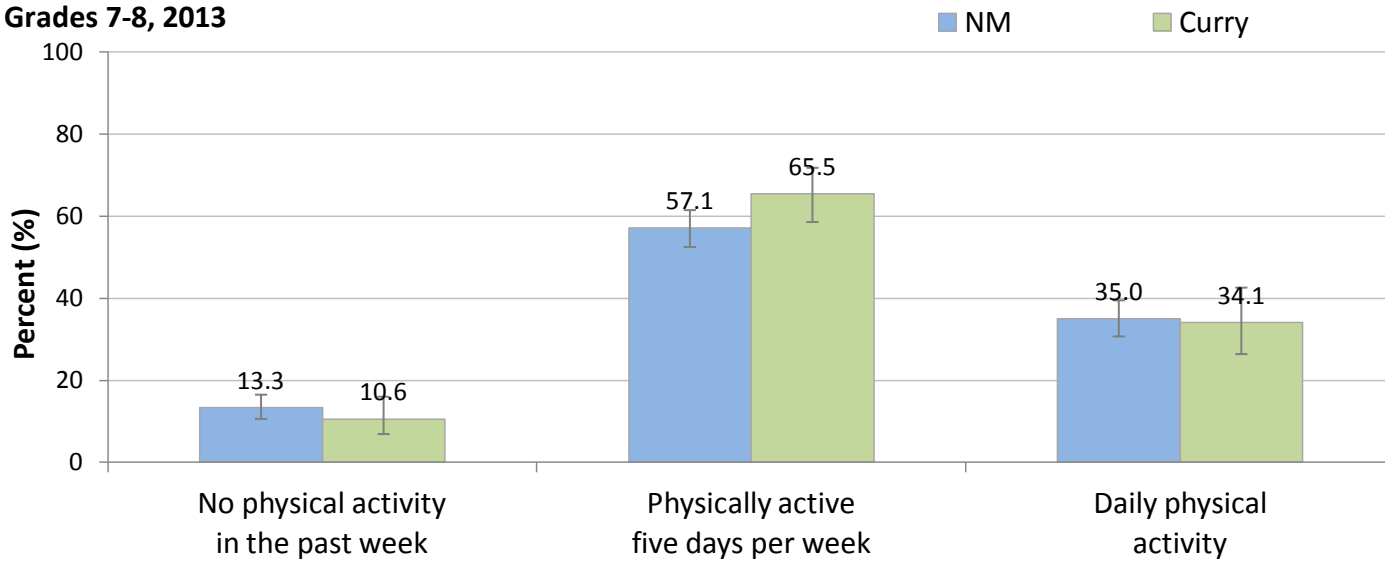


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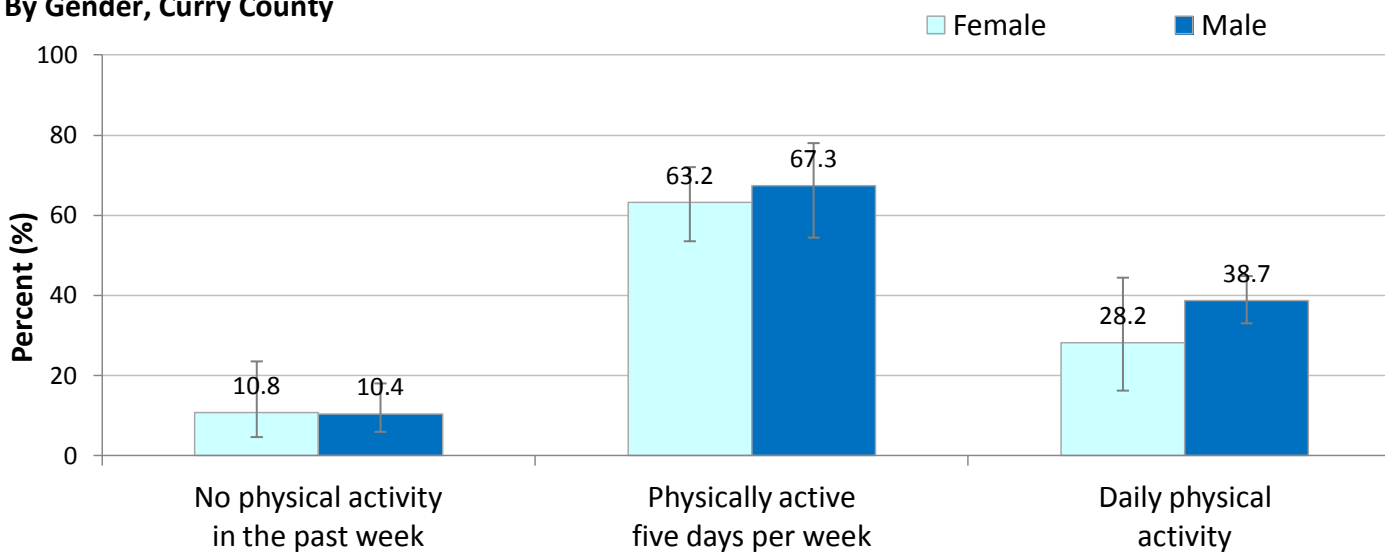
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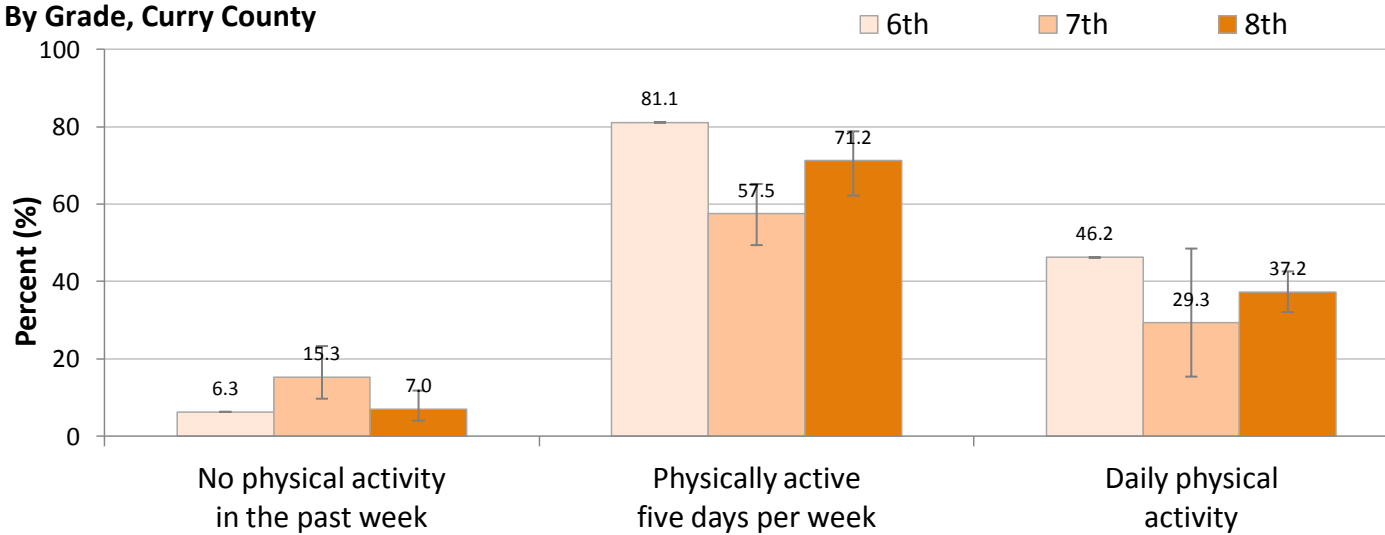
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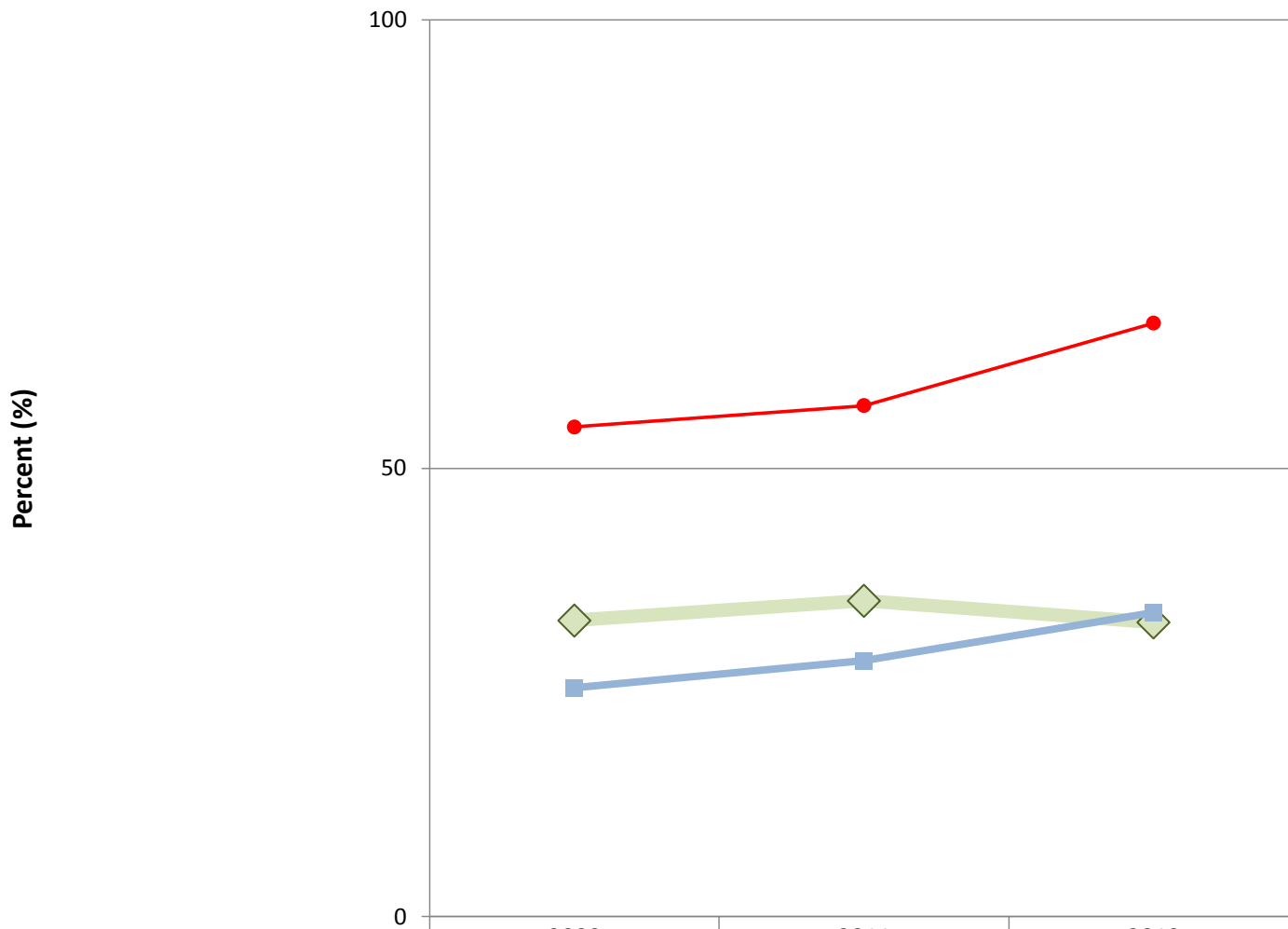


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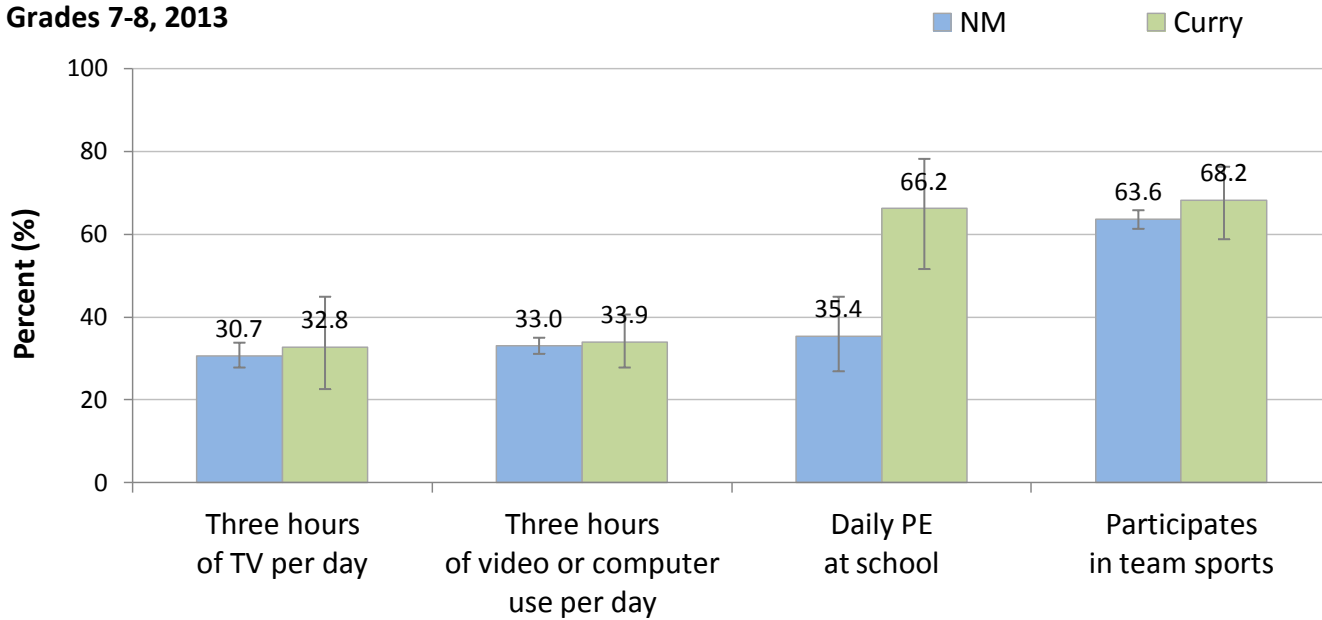
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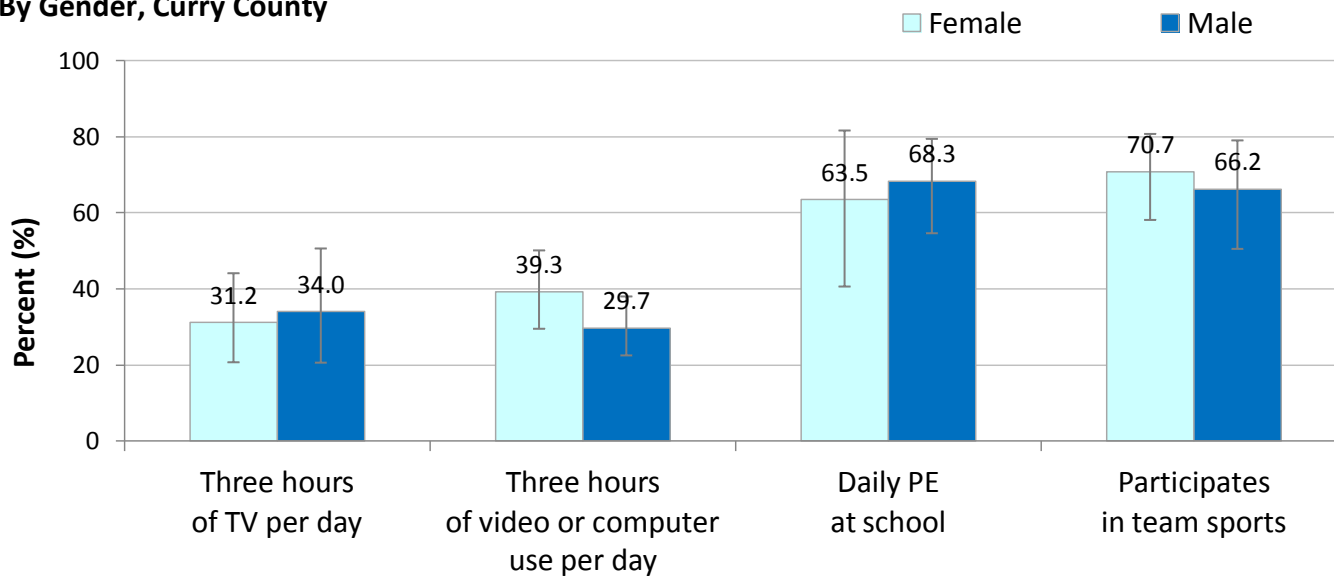


	2009	2011	2013
◇ Three hours of TV per day	33.0	35.2	32.8
■ Three hours of video or computer use per day	25.5	28.5	33.9
● Daily PE at school	54.6	57.0	66.2

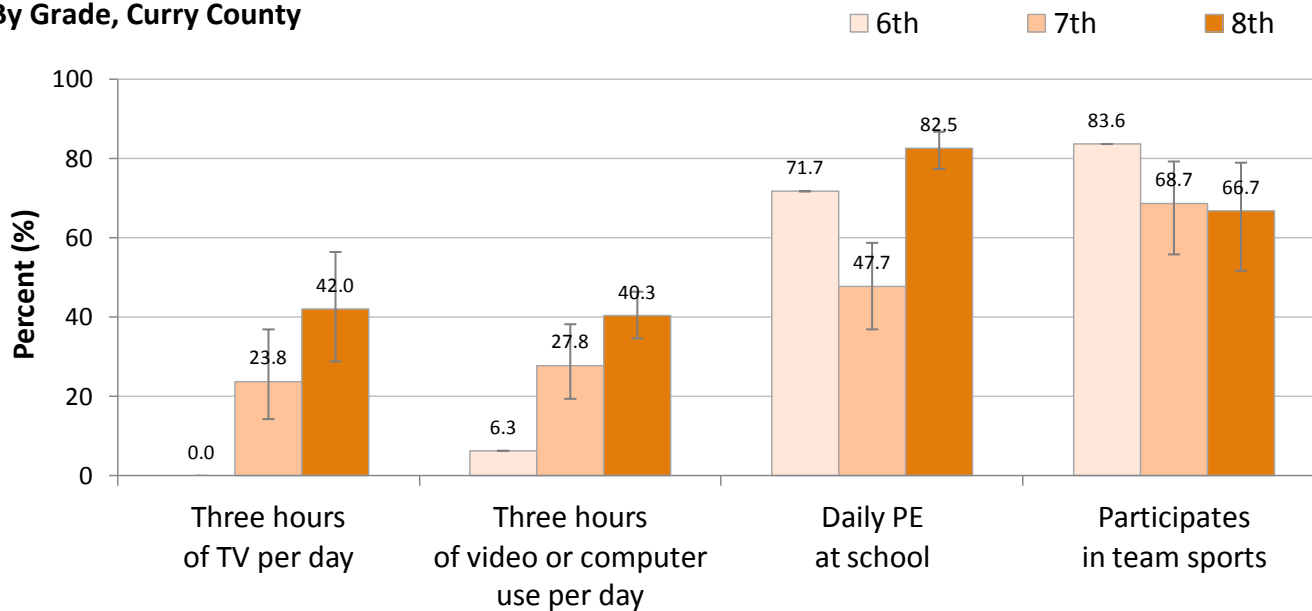
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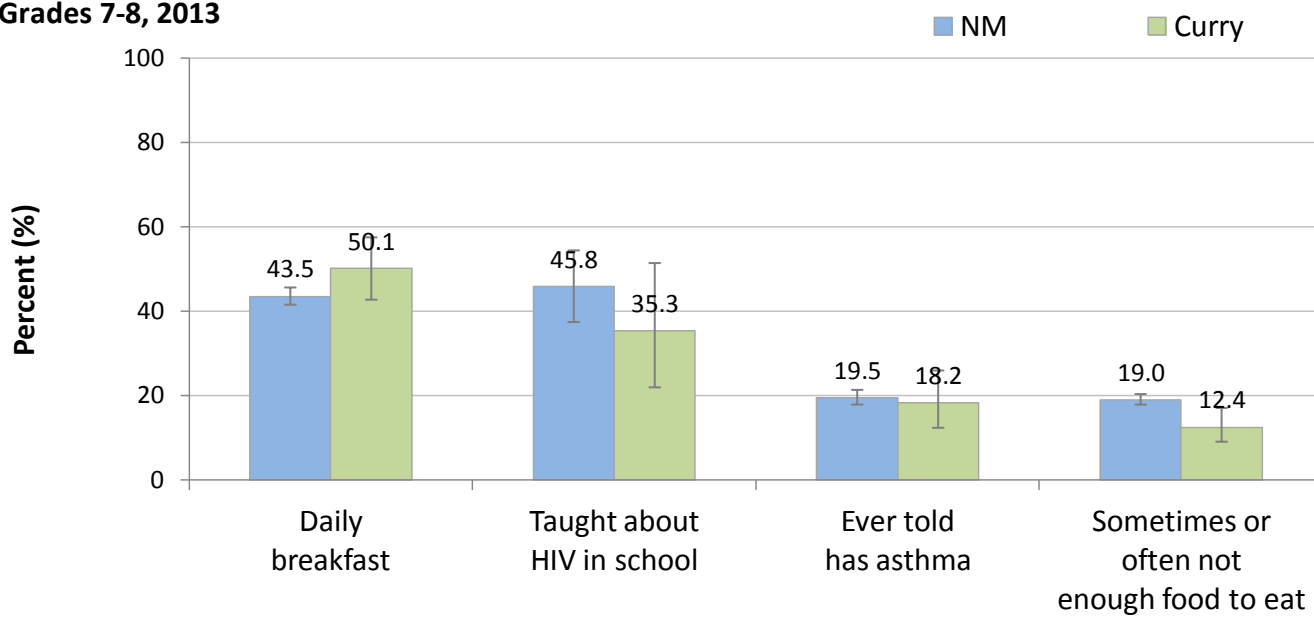
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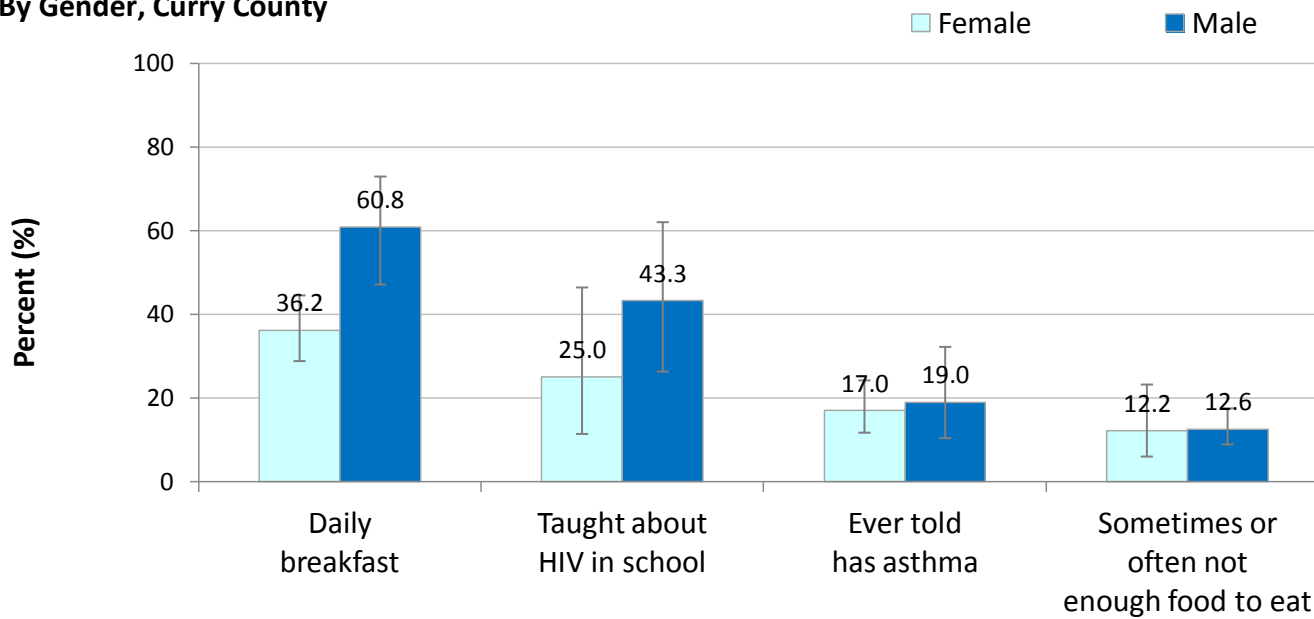
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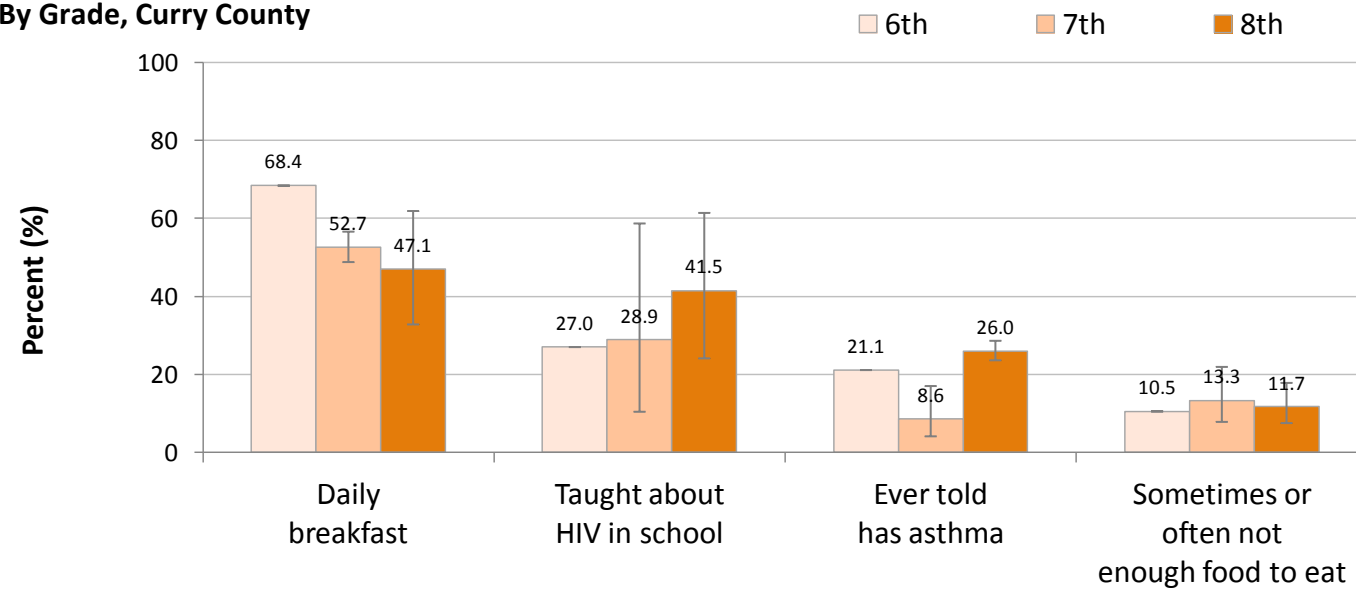
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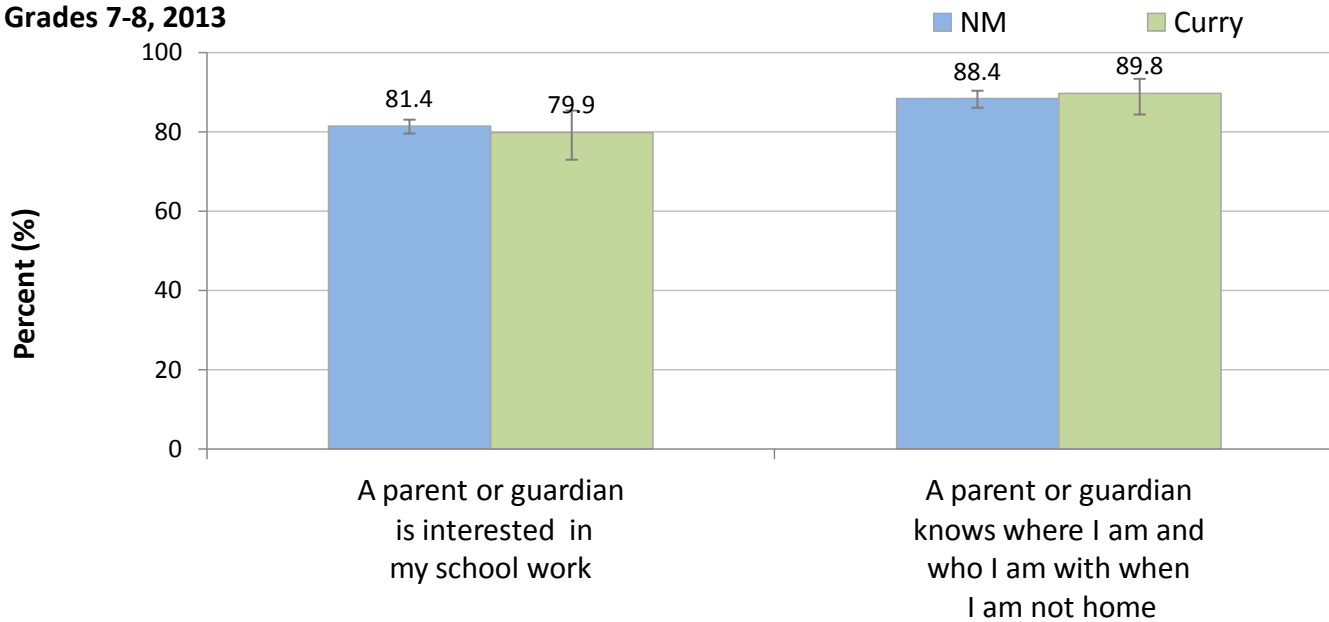
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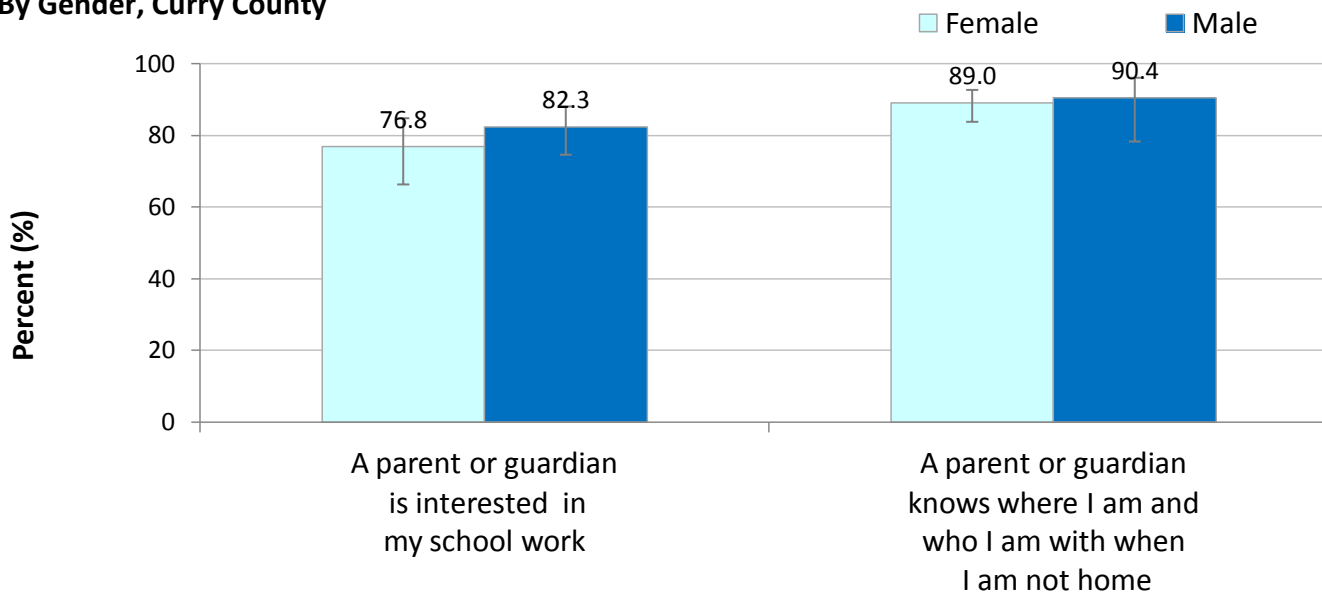


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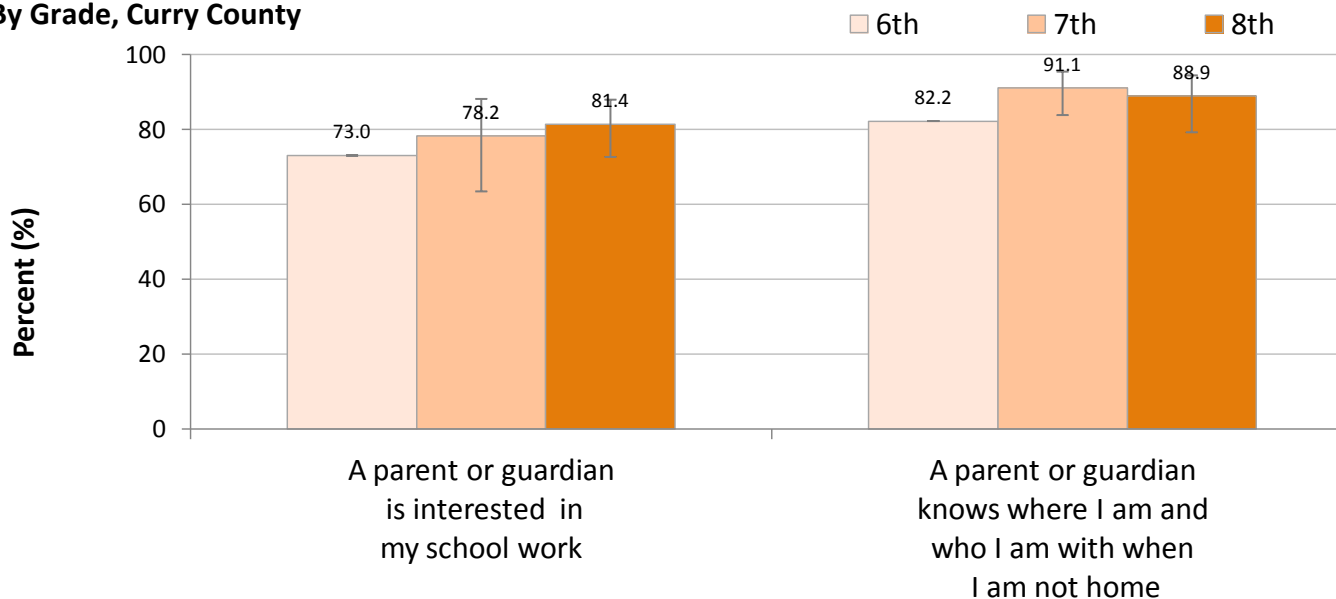
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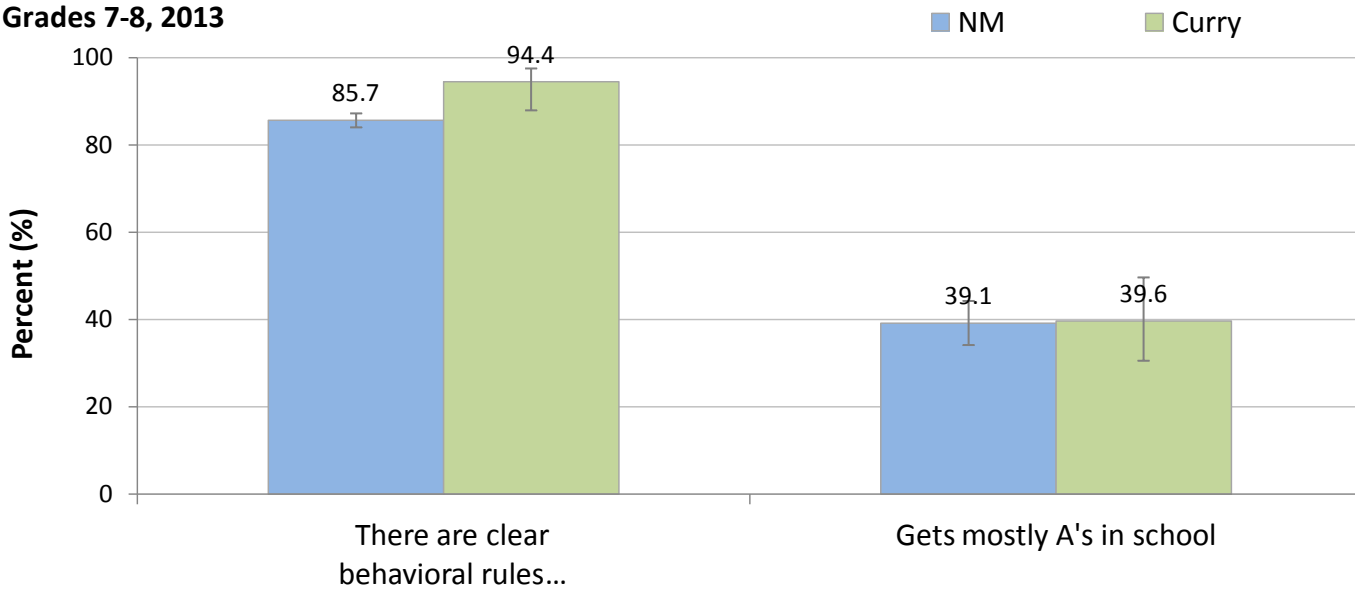
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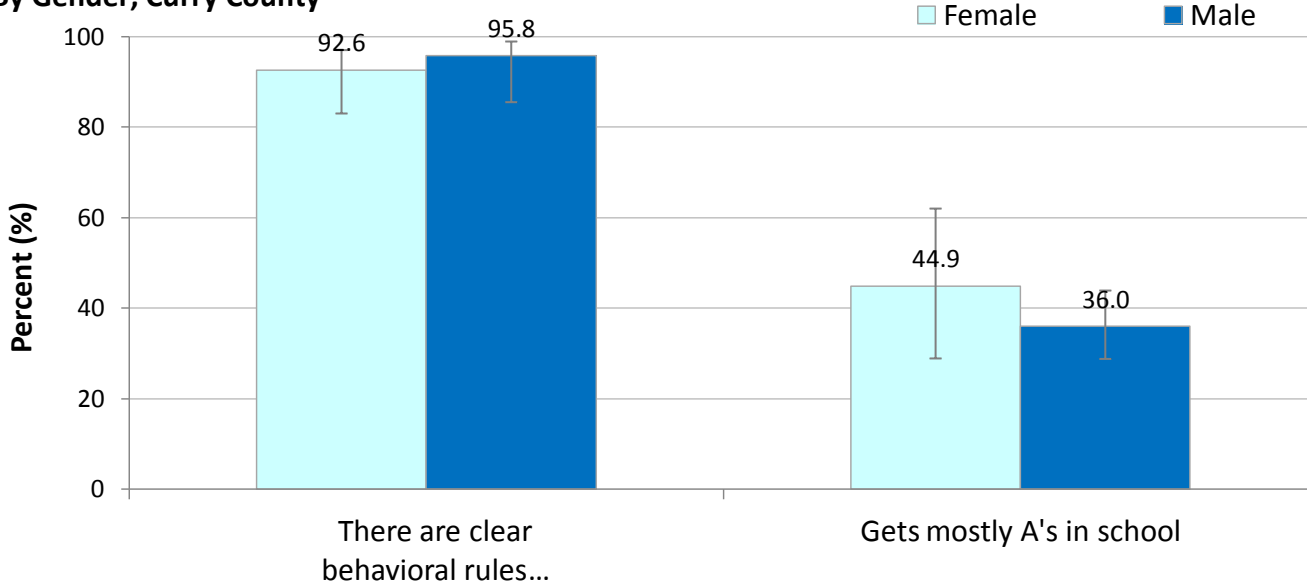
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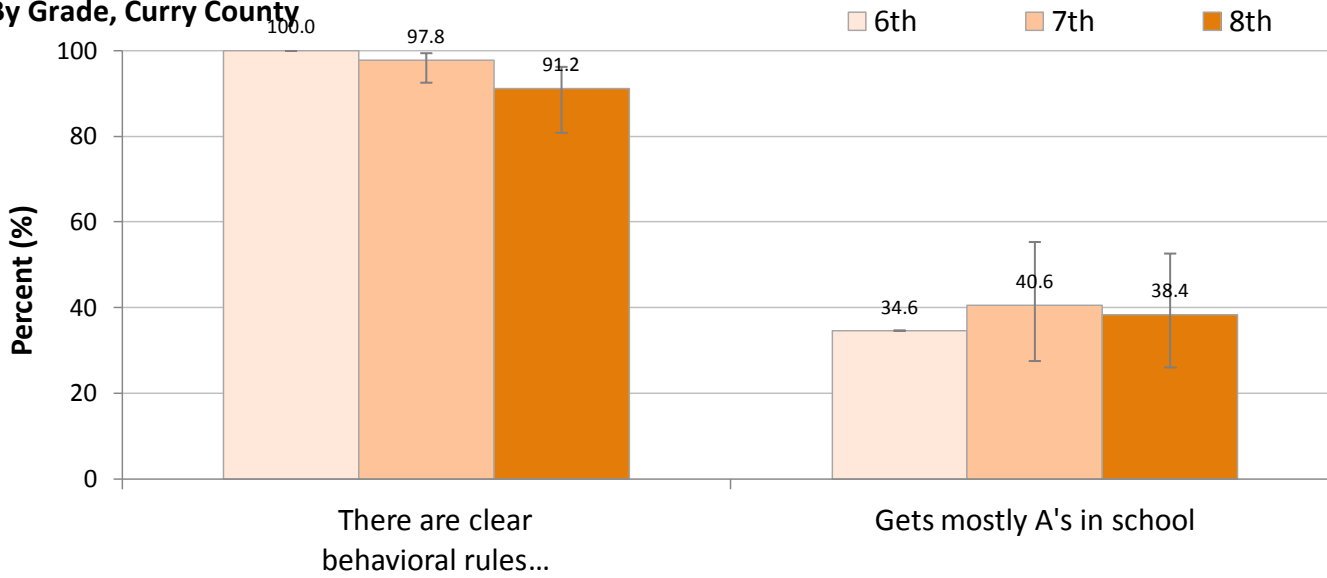
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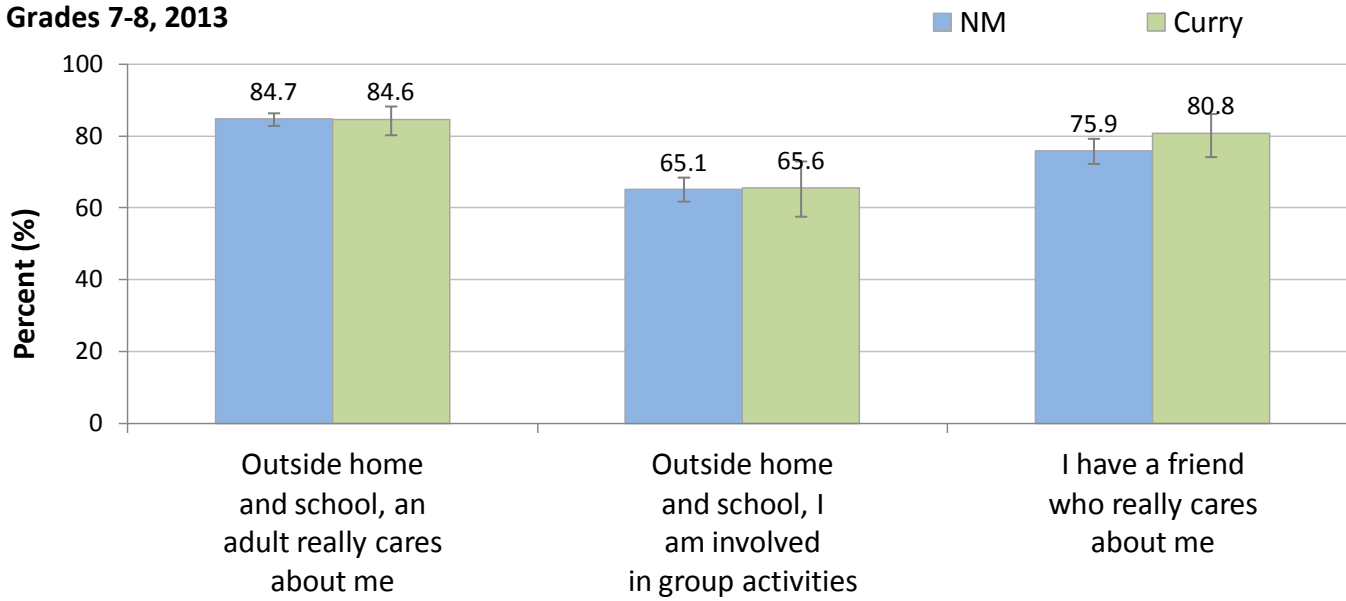
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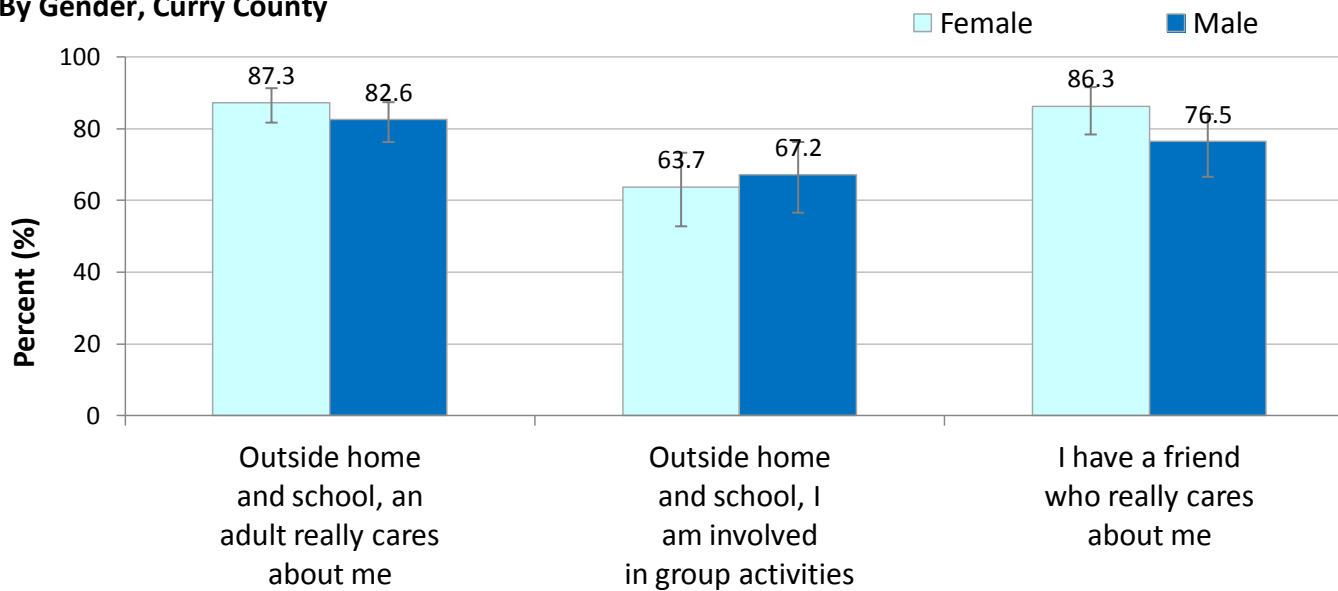
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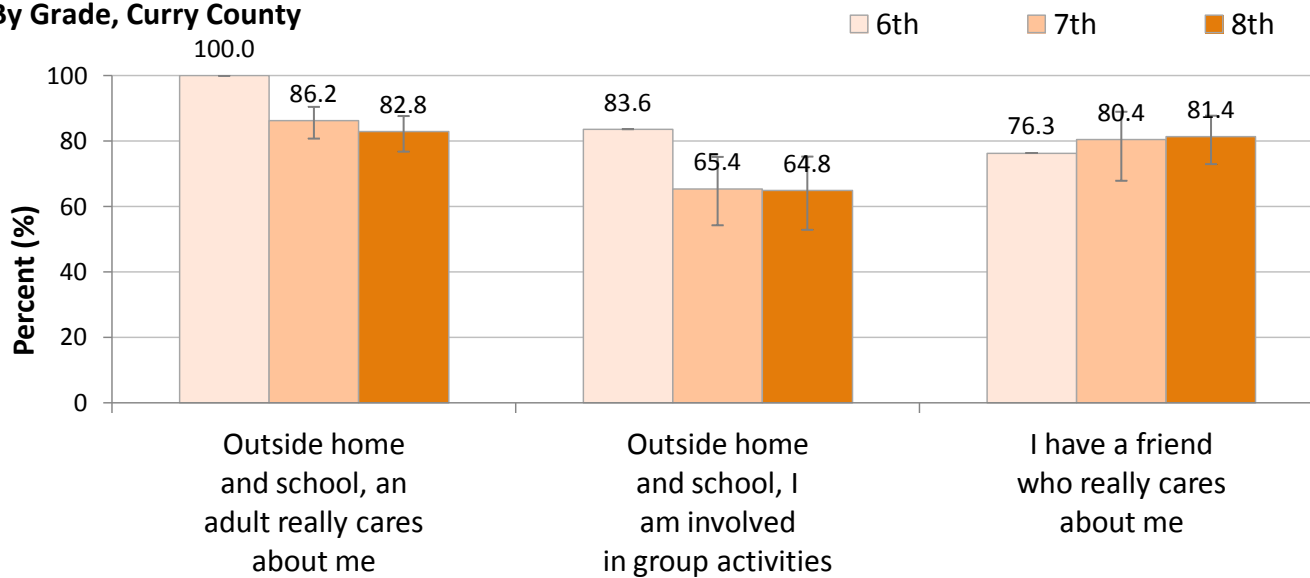
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**Grades 7-8, 2013**



**By Gender, Curry County**



**By Grade, Curry County**





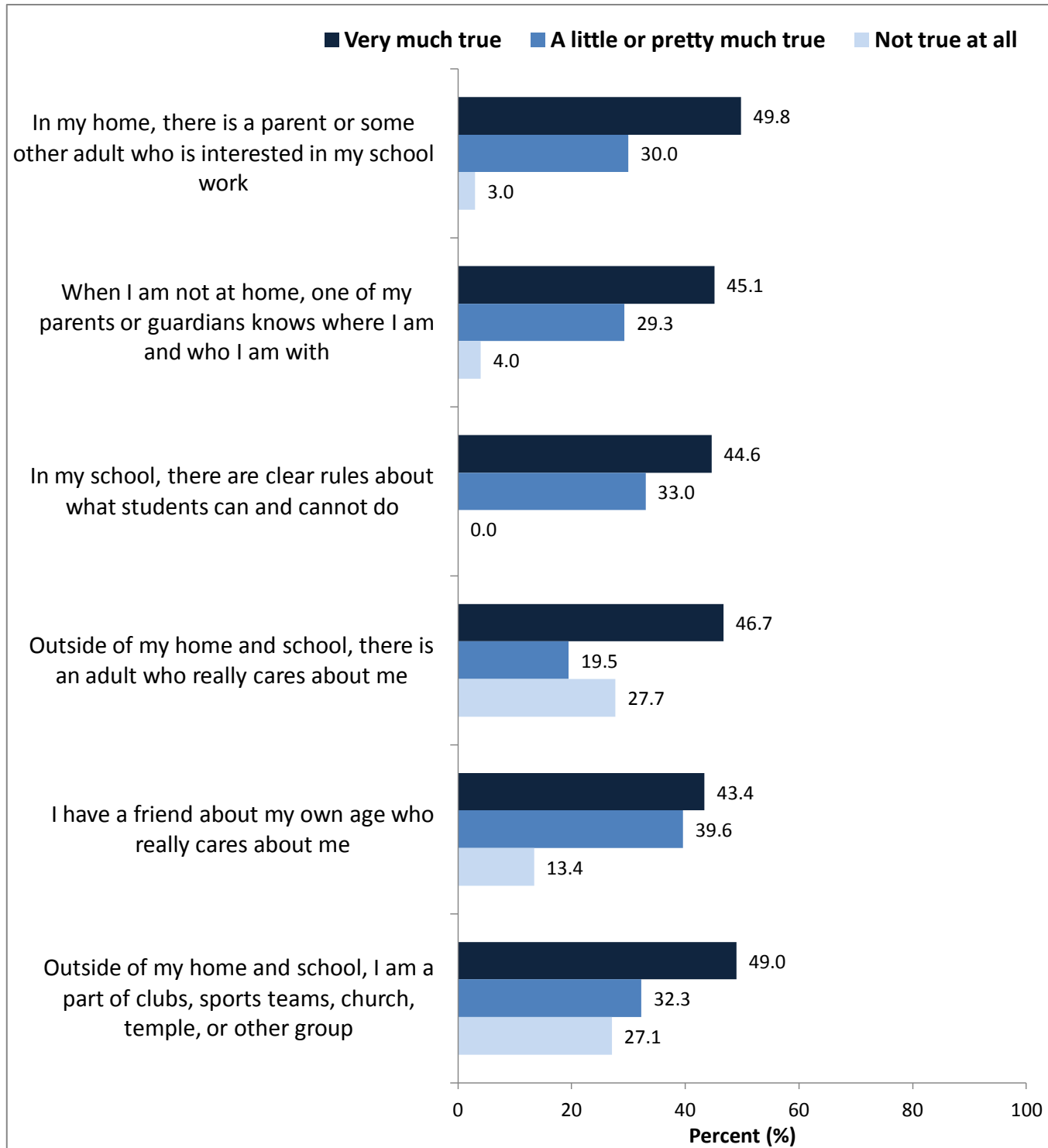
## Relationship Between Selected Risk Behaviors and Resiliency/Protective Factors

## Got mostly A's in school

by Selected Resiliency Factors

Curry County

Grades 7-8, 2013



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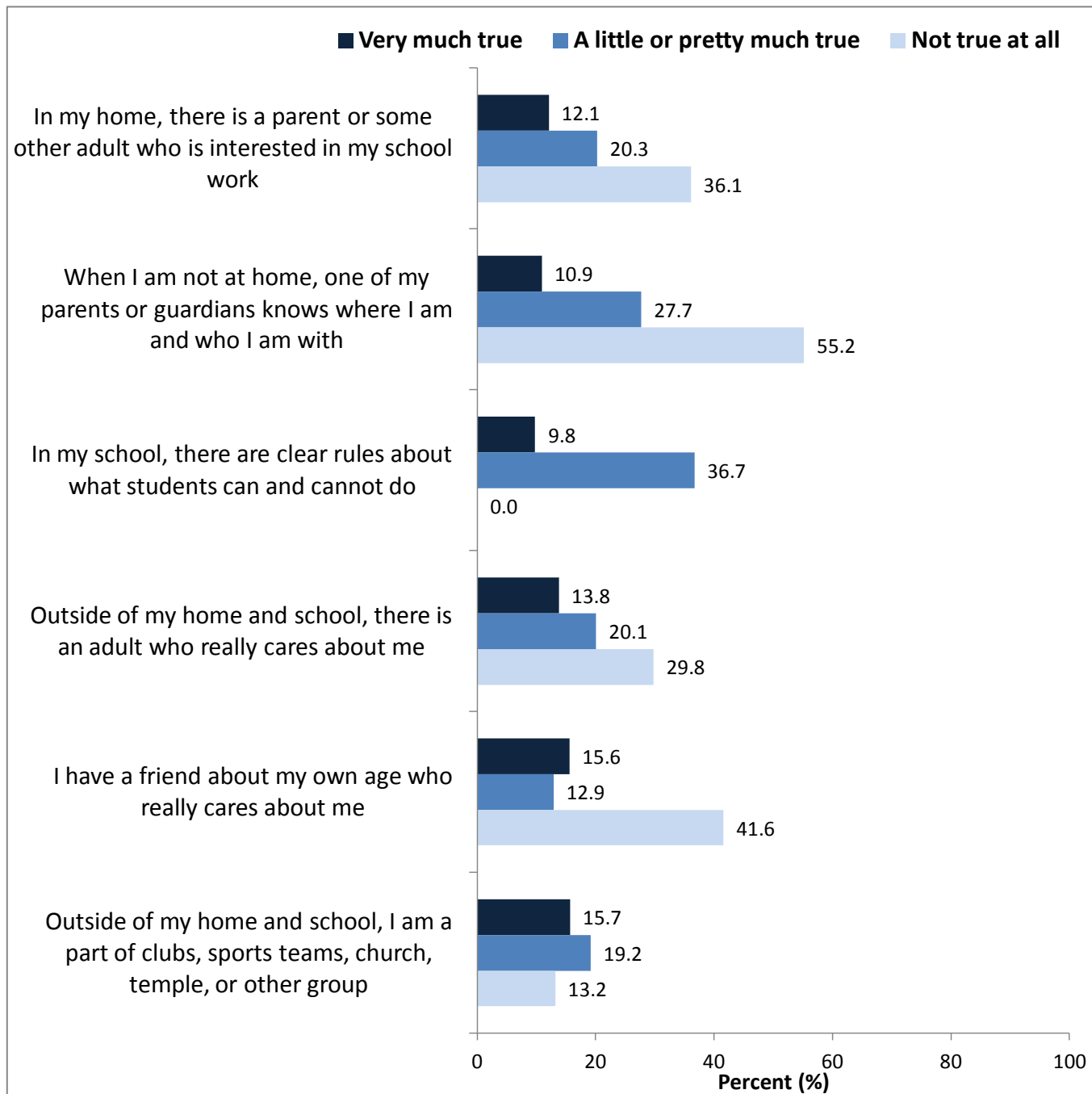
- Of those who said it was 'Very much true' that a parent or other adult was interested in their school work, 49.8% got mostly A's in school
- Of those who said it was 'A little or pretty much true' that a parent or other adult was interested in their school work, 30.0% got mostly A's in school
- Of those who said it was 'Not true at all' that a parent or other adult was interested in their school work, 3.0% got mostly A's in school

### Ever thought about killing self

by Selected Resiliency Factors

Curry County

Grades 7-8, 2013



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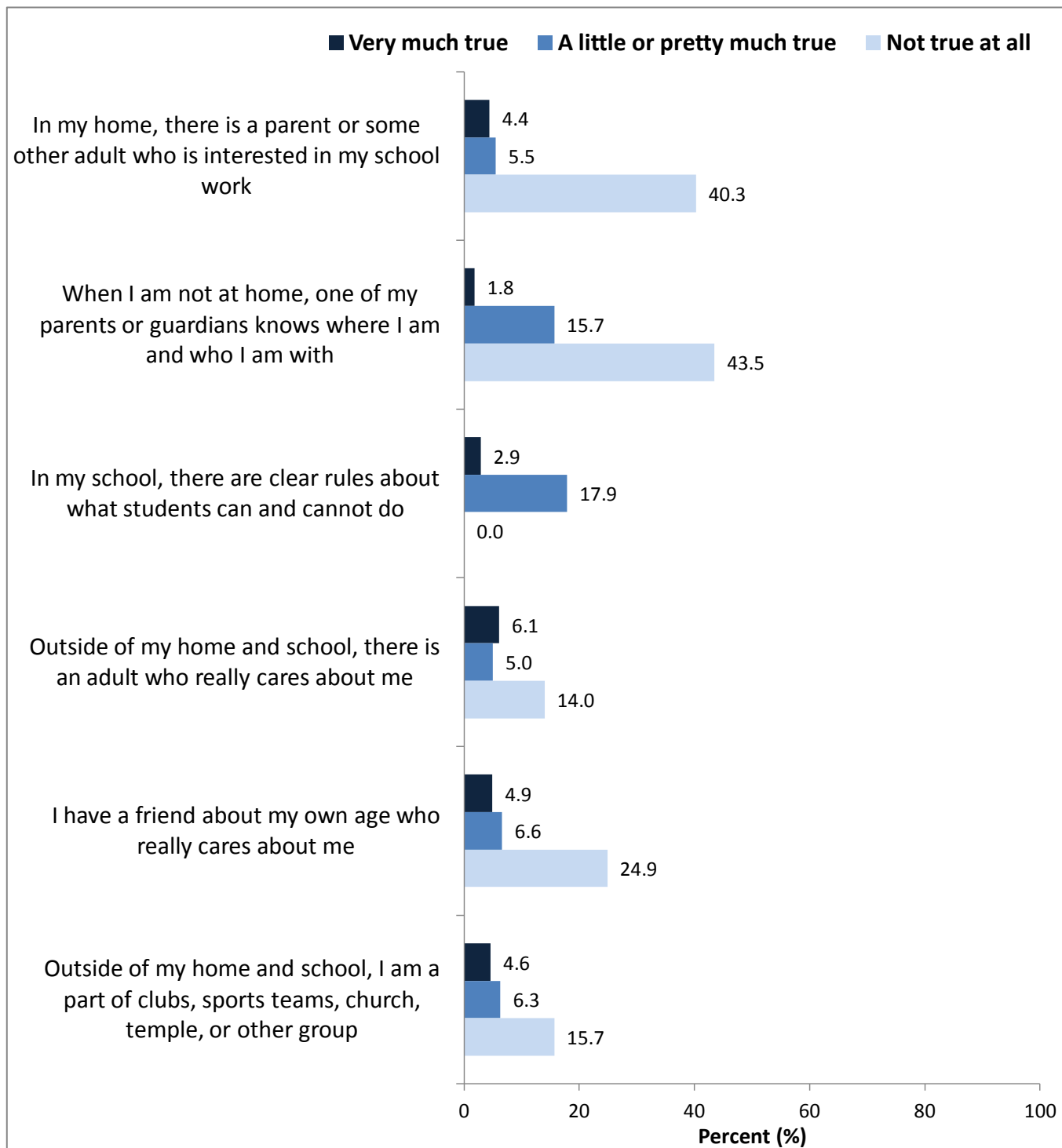
- Of those who said it was 'Very much true' that a parent or other adult was interested in their school work, 12.1% ever seriously thought about killing themselves.
- Of those who said it was 'A little or pretty much true' that a parent or other adult was interested in their school work, 20.3% ever seriously thought about killing themselves.
- Of those who said it was 'Not true at all' that a parent or other adult was interested in their school work, 36.1% ever seriously thought about killing themselves.

### Ever attempted to kill self

by Selected Resiliency Factors

Curry County

Grades 7-8 2013



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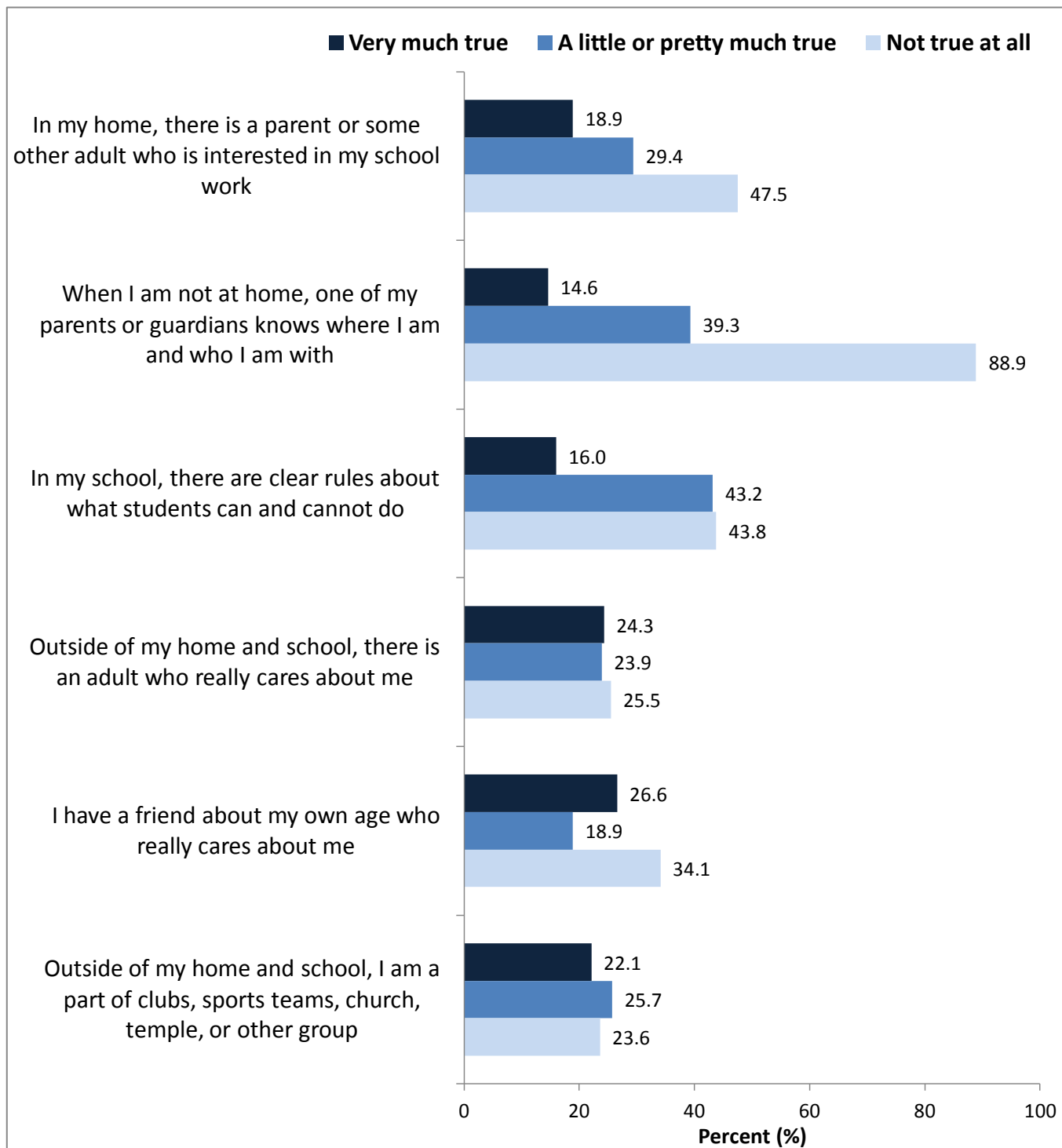
- Of those who said it was 'Very much true' that a parent or other adult was interested in their school work, 4.4% ever attempted to kill themselves.
- Of those who said it was 'A little or pretty much true' that a parent or other adult was interested in their school work, 5.5% ever attempted to kill themselves.
- Of those who said it was 'Not true at all' that a parent or other adult was interested in their school work, 40.3% ever attempted to kill themselves.

## Ever tried cigarettes

by Selected Resiliency Factors

Curry County

Grades 7-8, 2013



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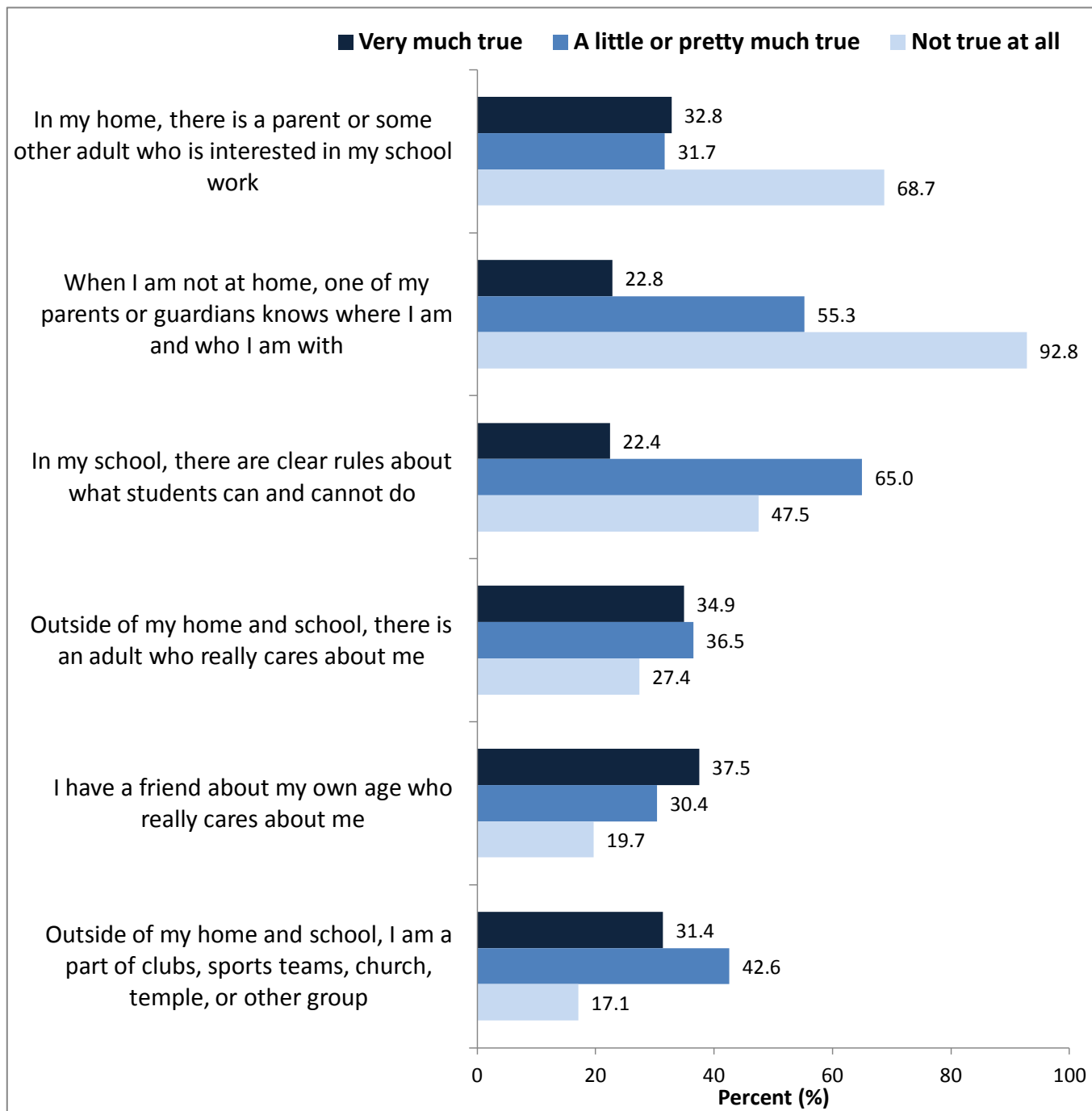
- Of those who said it was 'Very much true' that a parent or other adult was interested in their school work, 18.9% ever tried smoking a cigarette.
- Of those who said it was 'A little or pretty much true' that a parent or other adult was interested in their school work, 29.4% ever tried smoking a cigarette.
- Of those who said it was 'Not true at all' that a parent or other adult was interested in their school work, 47.5% ever tried smoking a cigarette.

## Ever had a drink of alcohol

by Selected Resiliency Factors

Curry County

Grades 7-8, 2013



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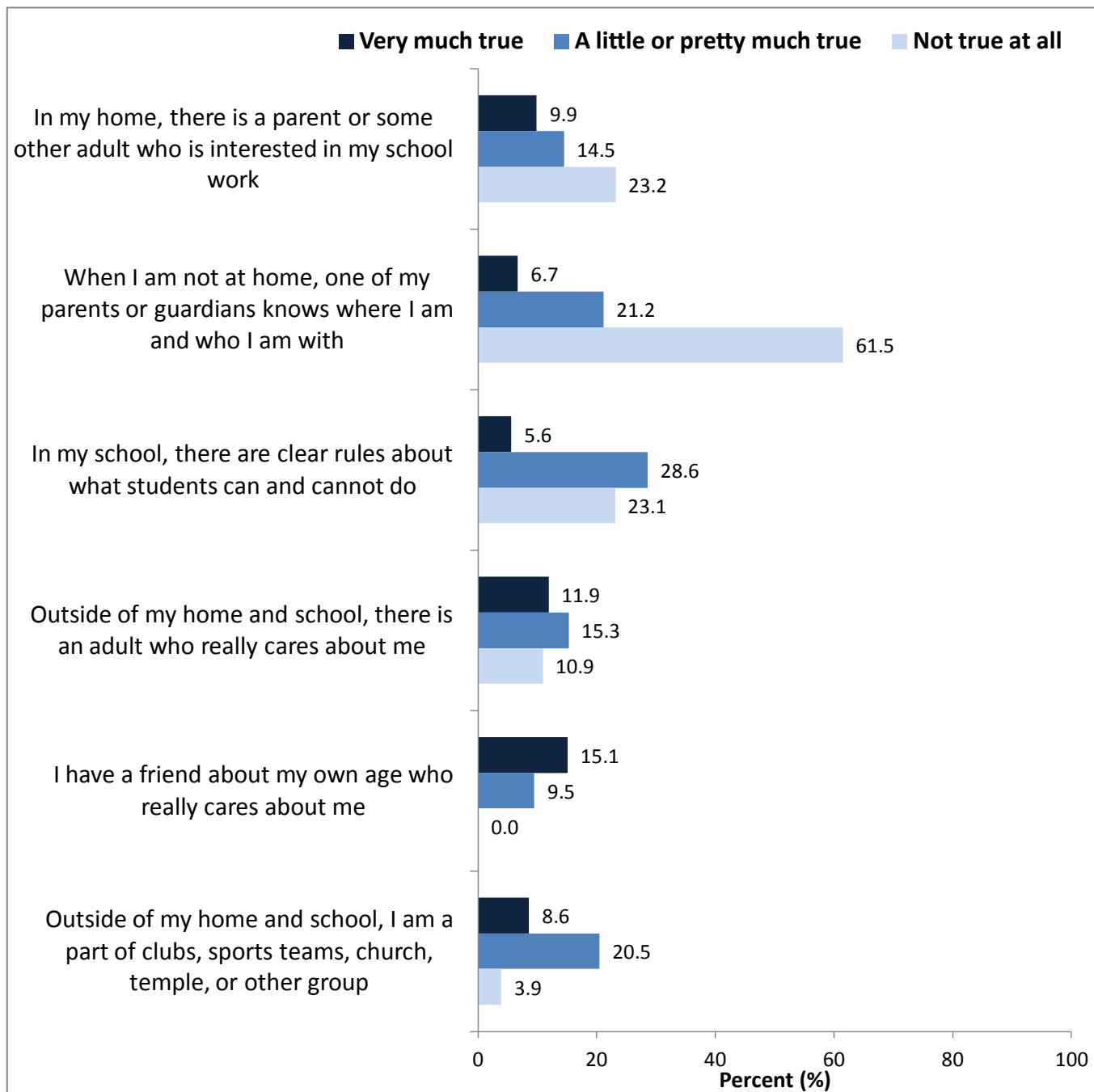
- Of those who said it was 'Very much true' that a parent or other adult was interested in their school work, 32.8% ever had a drink of alcohol.
- Of those who said it was 'A little or pretty much true' that a parent or other adult was interested in their school work, 31.7% ever had a drink of alcohol.
- Of those who said it was 'Not true at all' that a parent or other adult was interested in their school work, 68.7% ever had a drink of alcohol.

## Current drinking

by Selected Resiliency Factors

Curry County

Grades 7-8, 2013

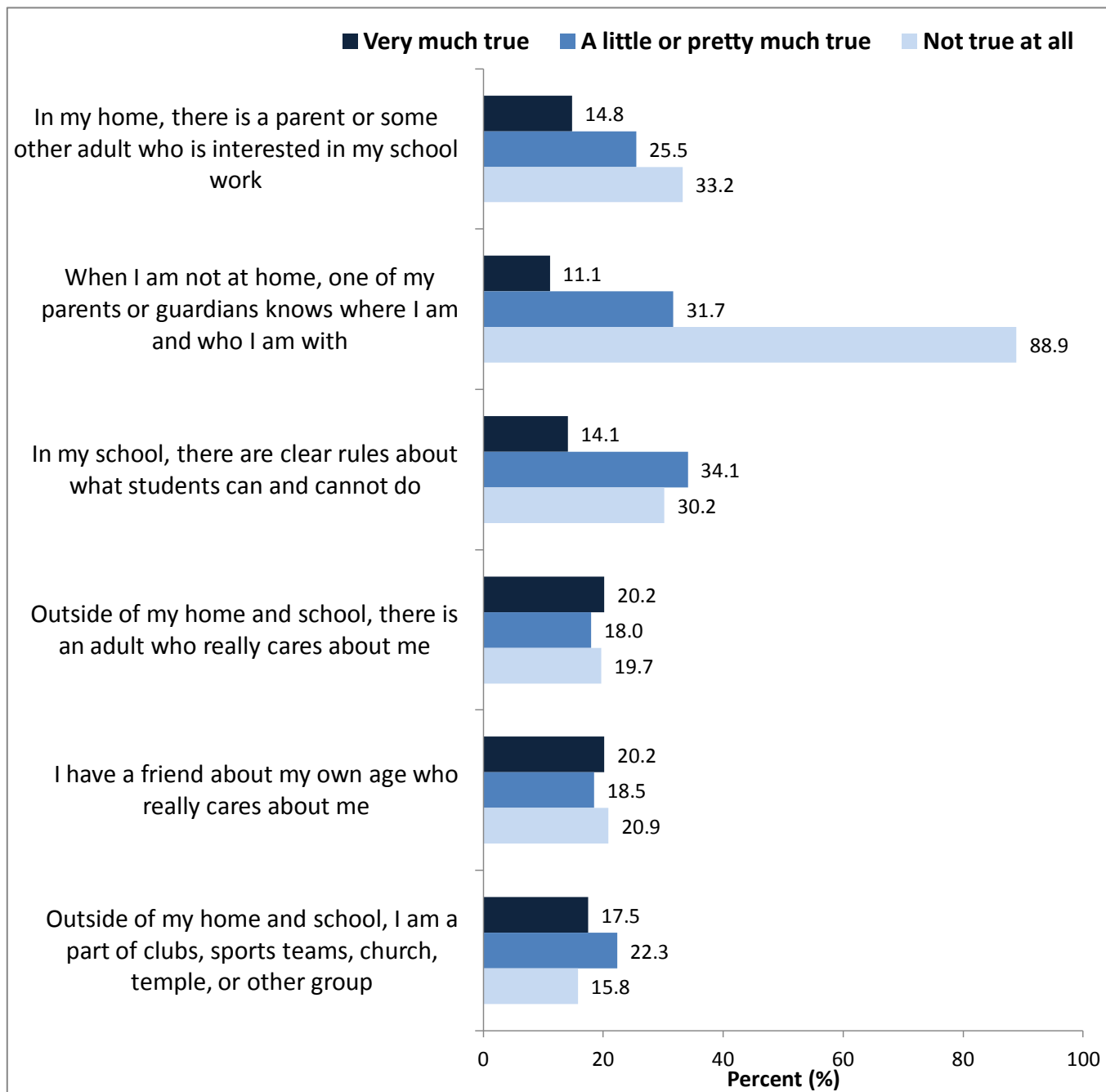


### How to read this chart:

- Of those who said it was 'Very much true' that a parent or other adult was interested in their school work, 9.9% engaged in current drinking.
- Of those who said it was 'A little or pretty much true' that a parent or other adult was interested in their school work, 14.5% engaged in current drinking.
- Of those who said it was 'Not true at all' that a parent or other adult was interested in their school work, 23.2% engaged in current drinking.

## Ever used marijuana

by Selected Resiliency Factors  
Curry County  
Grades 7-8, 2013



### How to read this chart:

- Of those who said it was 'Very much true' that a parent or other adult was interested in their school work, 14.8% ever used marijuana.
- Of those who said it was 'A little or pretty much true' that a parent or other adult was interested in their school work, 25.5% ever used marijuana.
- Of those who said it was 'Not true at all' that a parent or other adult was interested in their school work, 33.2% ever used marijuana.

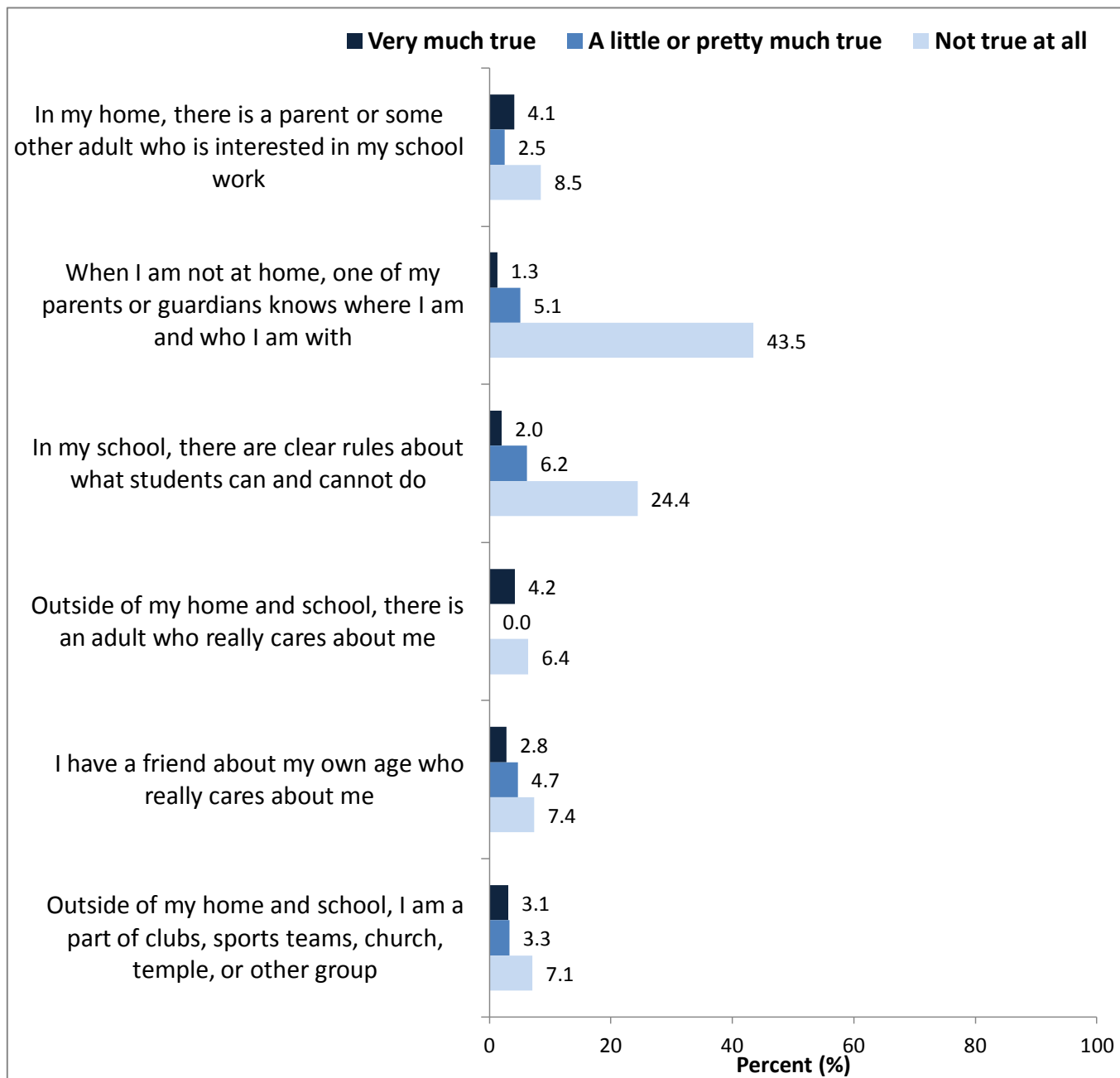


### Ever used synthetic marijuana

by Selected Resiliency Factors

Curry County

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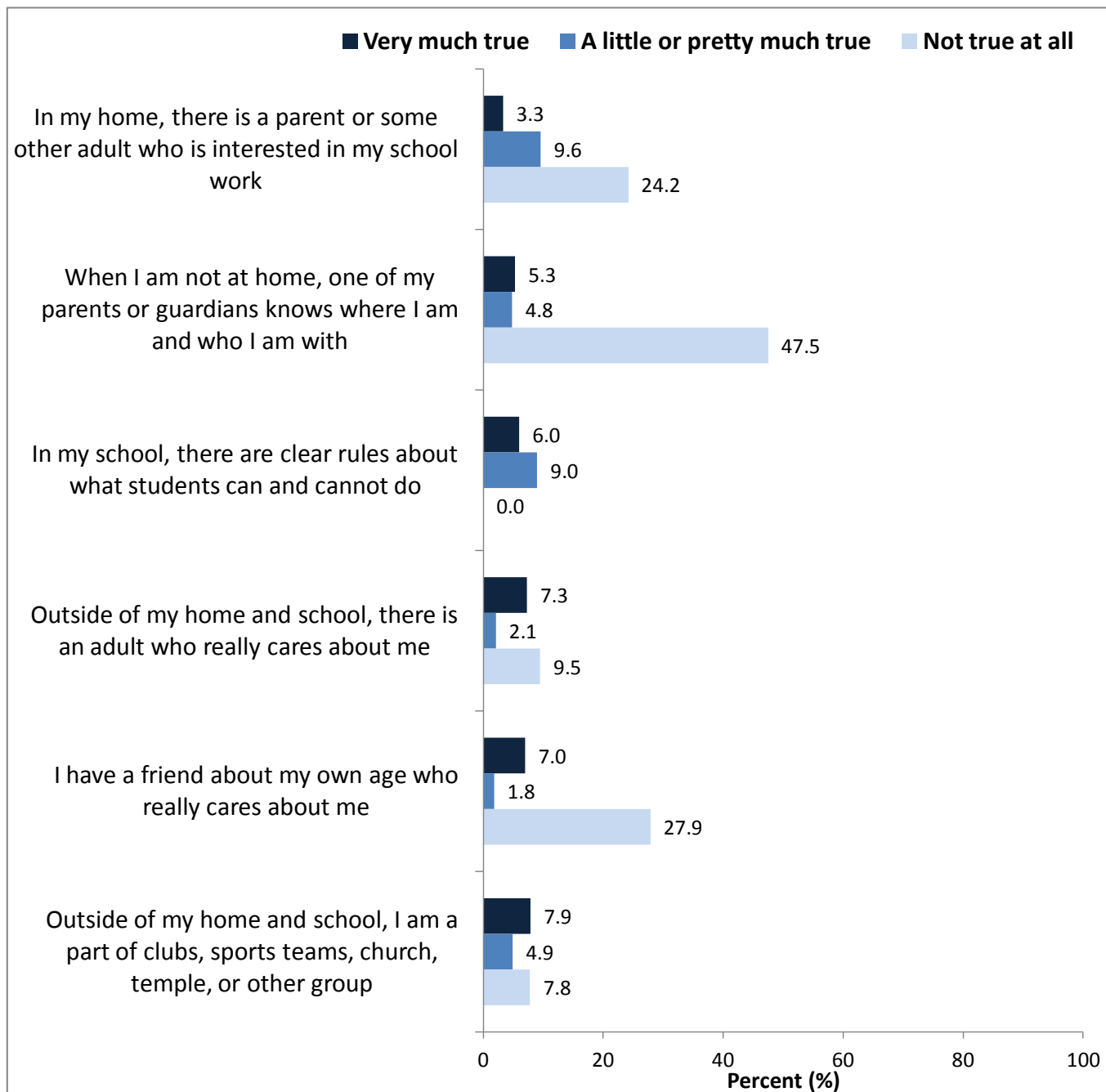
- Of those who said it was 'Very much true' that a parent or other adult was interested in their school work, 4.1% ever used synthetic marijuana.
- Of those who said it was 'A little or pretty much true' that a parent or other adult was interested in their school work, 2.5% ever used synthetic marijuana.
- Of those who said it was 'Not true at all' that a parent or other adult was interested in their school work, 8.5% ever used synthetic marijuana.

### Ever had sexual intercourse

by Selected Resiliency Factors

Curry County

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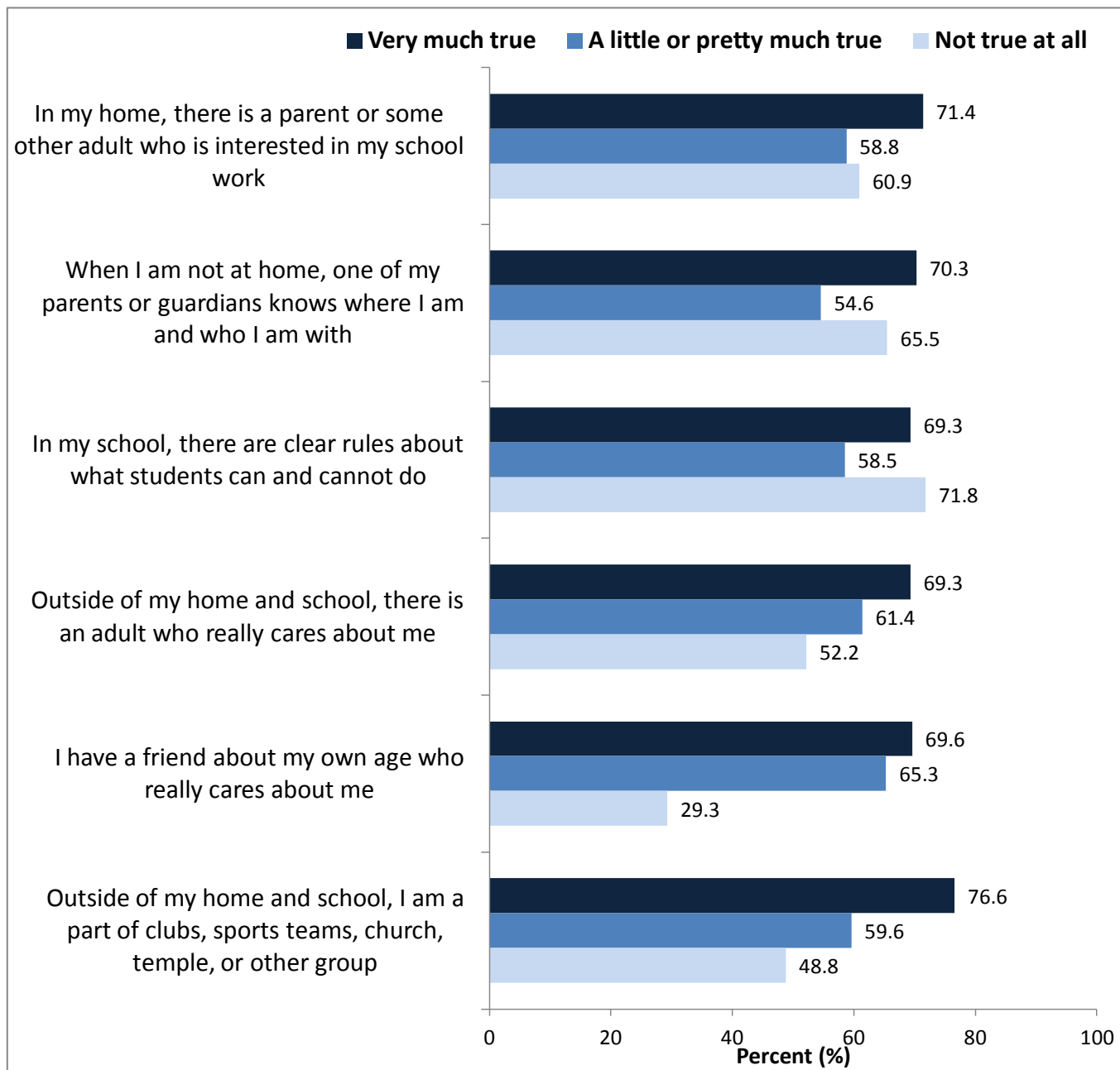


**How to read this chart:**

- Of those who said it was 'Very much true' that a parent or other adult was interested in their school work, 3.3% ever had sexual intercourse.
- Of those who said it was 'A little or pretty much true' that a parent or other adult was interested in their school work, 9.6% ever had sexual intercourse.
- Of those who said it was 'Not true at all' that a parent or other adult was interested in their school work, 24.2% ever had sexual intercourse.

### Physically active five days per week

by Selected Resiliency Factors  
Curry County  
Grades 7-8, 2013



**How to read this chart:**

- Of those who said it was 'Very much true' that a parent or other adult was interested in their school work, 71.4% were physically active on at least five days per week.
- Of those who said it was 'A little or pretty much true' that a parent or other adult was interested in their school work, 58.8% were physically active on at least five days per week.
- Of those who said it was 'Not true at all' that a parent or other adult was interested in their school work, 60.9% were physically active on at least five days per week.



## Appendix A

### Questionnaire with Results

**2013 Middle School Questionnaire**  
**NM YRRS**  
**Curry County**

	<u>Number of responses</u>	<u>%</u>
1. How old are you?		
A. 10 years old or younger	0	0.0%
B. 11 years old	6	3.1%
C. 12 years old	57	29.8%
D. 13 years old	83	43.5%
E. 14 years old	42	22.0%
F. 15 years old	3	1.6%
G. 16 years old or older	0	0.0%
2. What is your sex?		
A. Female	93	48.7%
B. Male	98	51.3%
3. In what grade are you?		
A. 6th grade	13	6.9%
B. 7th grade	75	39.7%
C. 8th grade	96	54.9%
D. Ungraded or other grade	7	4.0%
4. Are you Hispanic or Latino?		
A. Yes	103	54.5%
B. No	86	45.5%
5. What is your race? (Select one or more responses.)		
A. American Indian or Alaska Native	30	17.1%
B. Asian	5	2.9%
C. Black or African American	20	11.4%
D. Native Hawaiian or Other Pacific Islander	8	4.6%
E. White	127	72.6%

	<b><u>Weighted</u></b>	
	<b><u>Percent</u></b>	
	<b><u>(%)</u></b>	<b><u>(95% CI)</u></b>
6. During the past 12 months, how would you describe your grades in school?		
A. Mostly A's	36.1	(28.0-45.0)
B. Mostly B's	32.3	(25.4-40.0)
C. Mostly C's	15.9	(9.0-26.7)
D. Mostly D's	5.0	(2.5-9.7)
E. Mostly F's	1.7	(0.4-6.5)
F. None of these grades	0.0	(-.-)
G. Not sure	9.0	(5.7-13.9)
7. Which one of these groups best describes you?		
A. American Indian or Alaska Native	5.0	(2.5-9.7)
B. Asian	1.2	(0.3-4.2)
C. Black or African American	9.6	(5.9-15.3)
D. Hispanic or Latino	50.9	(42.6-59.2)
E. Native Hawaiian or Other Pacific Islander	0.5	(0.1-3.4)
F. White	32.8	(24.3-42.7)

### **Personal Safety**

The next 3 questions ask about personal safety.

8. When you ride a bicycle, how often do you wear a helmet?		
A. I do not ride a bicycle	22.9	(15.1-33.3)
B. Never wear a helmet	61.5	(53.5-69.0)
C. Rarely wear a helmet	10.6	(7.1-15.7)
D. Sometimes wear a helmet	1.3	(0.3-5.9)
E. Most of the time wear a helmet	1.0	(0.2-4.7)
F. Always wear a helmet	2.6	(0.9-7.7)
9. How often do you wear a seat belt when riding in a car?		
A. Never	0.6	(0.1-4.4)
B. Rarely	3.7	(1.5-8.7)
C. Sometimes	6.7	(3.3-13.0)
D. Most of the time	28.3	(21.4-36.3)
E. Always	60.8	(50.1-70.5)

10. Have you ever ridden in a car driven by someone who had been drinking alcohol?		
A. Yes	23.8	(19.3-29.1)
B. No	62.9	(58.4-67.3)
C. Not sure	13.2	(8.8-19.5)

**Violence-Related Behaviors**

The next 2 questions ask about violence-related behaviors.

11. Have you ever carried a weapon, such as a gun, knife, or club?		
A. Yes	34.2	(27.7-41.3)
B. No	65.8	(58.7-72.3)
12. Have you ever been in a physical fight?		
A. Yes	50.6	(41.6-59.5)
B. No	49.4	(40.5-58.4)

**Bullying**

The next 2 questions ask about bullying. Bullying is when 1 or more students tease, threaten, spread rumors about, hit, shove, or hurt another student over and over again. It is not bullying when 2 students of about the same strength or power argue or fight or tease each other in a friendly way.

13. Have you ever been bullied on school property?		
A. Yes	39.0	(28.3-51.0)
B. No	61.0	(49.0-71.7)
14. Have you ever been electronically bullied? (Count being bullied through e-mail, chat rooms, instant messaging, Web sites, or texting.)		
A. Yes	16.2	(10.9-23.3)
B. No	83.8	(76.7-89.1)

**Sadness and Attempted Suicide**

The next 3 questions ask about attempted suicide. Sometimes people feel so depressed about the future that they may consider attempting suicide or killing themselves.

15 Have you ever seriously thought about killing yourself?		
A. Yes	16.2	(10.8-23.7)
B. No	83.8	(76.3-89.2)



16 Have you ever made a plan about how you would kill yourself?		
A. Yes	10.7	(6.9-16.2)
B. No	89.3	(83.8-93.1)

17. Have you ever tried to kill yourself?		
A. Yes	6.7	(3.8-11.5)
B. No	93.3	(88.5-96.2)

### **Tobacco Use**

The next 17 questions ask about tobacco use.

18. Have you ever tried cigarette smoking, even one or two puffs?		
A. Yes	24.2	(19.0-30.3)
B. No	75.8	(69.7-81.0)

19. How old were you when you smoked a whole cigarette for the first time?		
A. I have never smoked a whole cigarette	84.8	(80.3-88.4)
B. 8 years old or younger	1.1	(0.3-3.8)
C. 9 years old	0.8	(0.2-4.2)
D. 10 years old	3.5	(1.7-7.0)
E. 11 years old	2.4	(0.6-9.2)
F. 12 years old	3.3	(1.4-7.7)
G. 13 years old or older	4.1	(1.9-8.6)

20. About how many cigarettes have you smoked in your entire life?		
B. 1 or more puffs but never a whole cigarette	79.9	(70.8-86.6)
C. 1 cigarette	9.0	(4.8-16.1)
D. 2 to 5 cigarettes	4.3	(2.2-8.4)
E. 6 to 15 cigarettes (about ½ a pack total)	4.6	(2.1-9.6)
F. 16 to 25 cigarettes (about 1 pack total)	0.5	(0.1-3.3)
G. 26 to 99 cigarettes (more than 1 pack, but less than 5 packs)	0.5	(0.1-3.4)
H. 100 or more cigarettes (5 or more packs)	0.7	(0.1-4.7)
A. 0 cigarettes	0.6	(0.1-4.2)

21. During the past 30 days, on how many days did you smoke cigarettes?		
A. 0 days	98.3	(92.7-99.6)
B. 1 or 2 days	1.2	(0.3-4.9)
C. 3 to 5 days	0.0	(.-)
D. 6 to 9 days	0.0	(.-)
E. 10 to 19 days	0.0	(.-)
F. 20 to 29 days	0.0	(.-)
G. All 30 days	0.5	(0.1-3.6)

22. Have you ever smoked cigarettes daily, that is, at least one cigarette every day for 30 days?		
A. Yes	1.9	(0.7-5.1)
B. No	98.1	(94.9-99.3)
23. During the past 30 days, on how many days did you smoke cigarettes on school property?		
A. 0 days	98.0	(94.7-99.2)
B. 1 or 2 days	1.5	(0.4-5.5)
C. 3 to 5 days	0.0	(.-)
D. 6 to 9 days	0.0	(.-)
E. 10 to 19 days	0.5	(0.1-3.2)
F. 20 to 29 days	0.0	(.-)
G. All 30 days	0.0	(.-)
24. During the past 30 days, how did you usually get your own cigarettes? (Select only one response.)		
A. I did not smoke cigarettes during the past 30 days	98.3	(92.3-99.6)
B. I bought them in a store such as a convenience store, supermarket, discount store, or gas station	0.0	(.-)
C. I bought them from a vending machine	0.0	(.-)
D. I gave someone else money to buy them for me	0.6	(0.1-4.8)
E. I borrowed (or bummed) them from someone else	0.0	(.-)
F. A person 18 years old or older gave them to me	0.0	(.-)
G. I took them from a store or family member	1.1	(0.2-4.7)
H. I got them some other way	0.0	(.-)
25. During the past 30 days, what brand of cigarettes did you usually smoke? (Select only one response.)		
A. I did not smoke cigarettes during the past 30 days	94.2	(89.5-96.9)
B. I do not have a usual brand	1.6	(0.4-5.6)
C. Camel	1.0	(0.3-3.6)
D. Marlboro	2.6	(1.1-6.2)
E. Newport	0.6	(0.1-4.5)
F. Virginia Slims	0.0	(.-)
G. GPS, Basic, or Doral	0.0	(.-)
H. Some other brand	0.0	(.-)

26. During the past 30 days, how many times have you seen or heard commercials on TV, the Internet, or on the radio about the dangers of cigarette smoking?		
A. 0 times	37.7	(29.6-46.5)
B. 1 to 3 times during the past 30 days	23.4	(16.5-32.0)
C. 1 to 3 times during the past week	10.9	(6.5-17.9)
D. Daily or almost daily	13.6	(9.2-19.5)
E. More than once a day	14.4	(9.8-20.7)
27. During the past 12 months, did you ever try to quit smoking cigarettes?		
A. I did not smoke during the past 12 months	90.2	(86.4-93.0)
B. Yes	6.6	(3.9-10.8)
C. No	3.3	(1.6-6.3)
28. During the past 30 days, on how many days did you smoke cigars, cigarillos, or little cigars?		
A. 0 days	97.8	(92.8-99.3)
B. 1 or 2 days	0.6	(0.1-4.4)
C. 3 to 5 days	0.5	(0.1-3.1)
D. 6 to 9 days	0.5	(0.1-4.3)
E. 10 to 19 days	0.0	(.-)
F. 20 to 29 days	0.0	(.-)
G. All 30 days	0.6	(0.1-4.4)
29. During the past 30 days, on how many days did you use chewing tobacco, snuff, or dip, such as Redman, Levi Garrett, Beechnut, Skoal, Skoal Bandits, or Copenhagen?		
A. 0 days	98.8	(95.8-99.7)
B. 1 or 2 days	1.1	(0.3-4.2)
C. 3 to 5 days	0.0	(.-)
D. 6 to 9 days	0.0	(.-)
E. 10 to 19 days	0.0	(.-)
F. 20 to 29 days	0.0	(.-)
G. All 30 days	0.1	(0.0-0.6)
30. During the past 7 days, on how many days were you in the same room with someone who was smoking cigarettes?		
A. 0 days	68.6	(59.8-76.2)
B. 1 or 2 days	14.5	(9.3-21.8)
C. 3 or 4 days	5.0	(2.7-9.1)
D. 5 or 6 days	3.3	(1.4-7.7)
E. 7 days	8.6	(6.9-10.8)

31. Do you think smoke from other people's cigarettes is harmful to you?		
A. Definitely yes	50.6	(41.7-59.5)
B. Probably yes	35.7	(28.7-43.4)
C. Probably not	9.3	(6.4-13.2)
D. Definitely not	4.4	(2.1-9.0)
32. Do you think that you will try smoking a cigarette soon?		
A. I have already tried smoking cigarettes	5.1	(2.3-11.0)
B. Yes	8.6	(5.3-13.7)
C. No	86.3	(80.7-90.5)
33. Do you think you will smoke a cigarette at anytime during the next year?		
A. Definitely yes	1.2	(0.3-4.5)
B. Probably yes	5.2	(2.3-11.7)
C. Probably not	17.8	(11.0-27.4)
D. Definitely not	75.8	(67.1-82.8)
34. If one of your best friends offered you a cigarette, would you smoke it?		
A. Definitely yes	1.9	(0.5-6.5)
B. Probably yes	6.1	(3.7-10.0)
C. Probably not	18.1	(11.8-26.7)
D. Definitely not	73.9	(65.0-81.2)

### **Alcohol**

The next 8 questions ask about drinking alcohol. This includes drinking beer, wine, wine coolers, and liquor such as rum, gin, vodka, or whiskey. For these questions, drinking alcohol does not include drinking a few sips of wine for religious purposes.

35. Have you ever had a drink of alcohol, other than a few sips?		
A. Yes	34.6	(26.5-43.7)
B. No	65.4	(56.3-73.5)
36. How old were you when you had your first drink of alcohol other than a few sips?		
A. I have never had a drink of alcohol other than a few sips	65.6	(56.5-73.6)
B. 8 years old or younger	6.8	(2.9-15.2)
C. 9 years old	4.0	(1.7-9.5)
D. 10 years old	4.3	(1.6-11.0)
E. 11 years old	3.9	(1.7-8.6)
F. 12 years old	10.7	(5.9-18.6)
G. 13 years old or older	4.6	(2.0-10.0)

37. During the past 30 days, on how many days did you have at least one drink of alcohol?		
A. 0 days	87.9	(82.3-91.9)
B. 1 or 2 days	6.8	(3.8-11.8)
C. 3 to 5 days	2.1	(0.8-5.0)
D. 6 to 9 days	2.0	(0.6-6.9)
E. 10 to 19 days	1.2	(0.3-4.1)
F. 20 to 29 days	0.0	(.-.)
G. All 30 days	0.0	(.-.)
38. During the past 30 days, on how many days did you have 5 or more drinks of alcohol in a row, that is, within a couple of hours?		
A. 0 days	93.2	(87.8-96.4)
B. 1 day	3.4	(1.3-8.4)
C. 2 days	2.2	(0.9-5.3)
D. 3 to 5 days	0.0	(.-.)
E. 6 to 9 days	0.0	(.-.)
F. 10 to 19 days	0.6	(0.1-4.4)
G. 20 or more days	0.6	(0.1-3.7)
39. If you wanted to get some beer, wine, or hard liquor (for example, vodka, whiskey, or gin), how easy would it be for you to get?		
A. Very hard	59.8	(51.1-67.9)
B. Sort of hard	12.0	(8.3-16.9)
C. Sort of easy	17.9	(12.1-25.6)
D. Very easy	10.4	(6.8-15.5)
40. How wrong do your parents feel it would be for you to drink alcohol (beer, wine, or hard liquor) regularly?		
A. Very wrong	79.5	(73.1-84.7)
B. Wrong	13.7	(8.2-21.8)
C. A little bit wrong	5.5	(2.8-10.5)
D. Not wrong at all	1.4	(0.4-4.1)
41. How wrong do you think it is for someone your age to drink alcohol (beer, wine, or hard liquor) regularly?		
A. Very wrong	73.7	(67.7-78.9)
B. Wrong	13.9	(11.3-16.9)
C. A little bit wrong	11.3	(7.1-17.5)
D. Not wrong at all	1.2	(0.3-5.1)

42. How much do you think people risk harming themselves (physically or in other ways) if they have one or two drinks of beer, wine, or hard liquor nearly every day?		
A. No risk	9.8	(6.4-14.7)
B. Slight risk	15.8	(10.9-22.4)
C. Moderate risk	21.2	(16.9-26.3)
D. Great risk	53.2	(45.4-60.9)

### **Marijuana and other Drug Use**

The next 8 questions ask about marijuana use and other drug use. Marijuana also is called grass or pot.

43. Have you ever used marijuana?		
A. Yes	19.4	(13.6-27.0)
B. No	80.6	(73.0-86.4)
44. How old were you when you tried marijuana for the first time?		
A. I have never tried marijuana	81.3	(74.7-86.4)
B. 8 years old or younger	1.9	(0.7-5.1)
C. 9 years old	0.6	(0.1-4.4)
D. 10 years old	3.0	(0.9-9.4)
E. 11 years old	3.1	(1.6-6.2)
F. 12 years old	6.6	(3.0-14.1)
G. 13 years old or older	3.4	(1.6-7.0)
45. During the past 30 days, how many times did you use marijuana?		
A. 0 times	89.1	(83.9-92.7)
B. 1 or 2 times	5.3	(2.4-11.2)
C. 3 to 9 times	2.7	(0.9-8.0)
D. 10 to 19 times	1.8	(0.6-5.3)
E. 20 to 39 times	0.5	(0.1-3.1)
F. 40 or more times	0.6	(0.1-4.4)
46. Have you ever used “synthetic marijuana” (also called “K2” or “Spice”)?		
A. Yes	3.7	(1.7-7.7)
B. No	96.3	(92.3-98.3)
47. Have you ever used any form of cocaine, including powder, crack, or freebase?		
A. Yes	4.0	(2.5-6.5)
B. No	96.0	(93.5-97.5)

48. Have you ever sniffed glue, or breathed the contents of spray cans, or inhaled any paints or sprays to get high?		
A. Yes	12.0	(7.6-18.6)
B. No	88.0	(81.4-92.4)
49. Have you ever taken a prescription drug (such as OxyContin, Percocet, Vicodin, codeine, Adderall, Ritalin, or Xanax) without a doctor's prescription?		
A. Yes	4.6	(2.5-8.5)
B. No	95.4	(91.5-97.5)
50. Have you ever used a pain killer to get high, like Vicodin, OxyContin (also called Oxy or OC), or Percocet (also called Percs)?		
A. Yes	1.0	(0.3-3.7)
B. No	99.0	(96.3-99.7)
51. Have you ever used a needle to inject any illegal drug into your body?		
A. Yes	1.9	(0.6-5.4)
B. No	98.1	(94.6-99.4)

### **Sexual Behavior**

The next 4 questions ask about sexual intercourse.

52. Have you ever had sexual intercourse?		
A. Yes	6.6	(3.5-12.1)
B. No	93.4	(87.9-96.5)
53. How old were you when you had sexual intercourse for the first time?		
A. I have never had sexual intercourse	93.3	(87.8-96.5)
B. 8 years old or younger	0.0	(.-)
C. 9 years old	0.0	(.-)
D. 10 years old	0.0	(.-)
E. 11 years old	0.3	(0.0-1.8)
F. 12 years old	2.5	(0.8-7.3)
G. 13 years old or older	3.9	(2.2-7.0)
54. With how many people have you ever had sexual intercourse?		
A. I have never had sexual intercourse	93.3	(87.8-96.5)
B. 1 person	2.2	(0.8-5.7)
C. 2 people	0.6	(0.1-4.4)
D. 3 people	2.4	(0.8-6.7)
E. 4 people	0.7	(0.1-4.0)
F. 5 people	0.0	(.-)
G. 6 or more people	0.7	(0.1-5.1)

55. The last time you had sexual intercourse, did you or your partner use a condom?		
A. I have never had sexual intercourse	93.4	(87.9-96.5)
B. Yes	4.9	(2.3-10.3)
C. No	1.7	(0.7-4.0)

**Body Weight**

The next 4 questions ask about body weight.

56. How do you describe your weight?		
A. Very underweight	3.3	(1.0-10.1)
B. Slightly underweight	10.9	(7.4-15.6)
C. About the right weight	50.9	(44.9-57.0)
D. Slightly overweight	32.5	(26.8-38.8)
E. Very overweight	2.4	(0.9-6.0)

57. Which of the following are you trying to do about your weight?		
A. Lose weight	48.1	(41.1-55.2)
B. Gain weight	9.9	(6.3-15.1)
C. Stay the same weight	21.8	(15.8-29.3)
D. I am not trying to do anything about my weight	20.2	(17.4-23.2)

58. Have you ever gone without eating for 24 hours or more (also called fasting) to lose weight or to keep from gaining weight?		
A. Yes	18.2	(13.4-24.2)
B. No	81.8	(75.8-86.6)

59. Have you ever vomited or taken laxatives to lose weight or to keep from gaining weight?		
A. Yes	4.3	(2.0-9.3)
B. No	95.7	(90.7-98.0)



**Breakfast**

The next question asks about eating breakfast.

60. During the past 7 days, on how many days did you eat breakfast?		
A. 0 days	13.0	(7.8-20.7)
B. 1 day	1.3	(0.3-4.9)
C. 2 days	7.5	(5.5-10.2)
D. 3 days	7.9	(4.4-13.6)
E. 4 days	4.8	(2.3-9.7)
F. 5 days	9.5	(6.3-14.1)
G. 6 days	6.0	(3.6-9.8)
H. 7 days	50.1	(42.7-57.5)

**Physical Activity**

The next 5 questions ask about physical activity.

61. During the past 7 days, on how many days were you physically active for a total of at least 60 minutes per day? (Add up all the time you spent in any kind of physical activity that increased your heart rate and made you breathe hard some of the time.)		
A. 0 days	10.6	(6.9-16.0)
B. 1 day	3.8	(1.6-8.9)
C. 2 days	2.3	(0.7-7.2)
D. 3 days	7.8	(4.3-13.8)
E. 4 days	10.0	(6.8-14.6)
F. 5 days	24.2	(16.8-33.5)
G. 6 days	7.3	(4.8-10.8)
H. 7 days	34.1	(26.4-42.6)
62. On an average school day, how many hours do you watch TV?		
A. I do not watch TV on an average school day	8.6	(5.4-13.7)
B. Less than 1 hour per day	16.4	(12.0-22.1)
C. 1 hour per day	20.0	(13.2-29.1)
D. 2 hours per day	22.2	(16.9-28.6)
E. 3 hours per day	15.3	(8.7-25.5)
F. 4 hours per day	6.2	(3.4-11.0)
G. 5 or more hours per day	11.3	(7.0-17.5)

63. On an average school day, how many hours do you play video or computer games or use a computer for something that is not school work? (Count time spent on things such as Xbox, PlayStation, an iPod, an iPad or other tablet, a smartphone, YouTube, Facebook or other social networking tools, and the Internet.)

A. I do not play video or computer games or use a computer for something that is not school work	14.5	(10.0-20.4)
B. Less than 1 hour per day	13.7	(8.1-22.1)
C. 1 hour per day	18.6	(12.7-26.4)
D. 2 hours per day	19.3	(14.4-25.2)
E. 3 hours per day	10.4	(6.0-17.6)
F. 4 hours per day	5.9	(3.3-10.3)
G. 5 or more hours per day	17.6	(13.2-23.0)

64. In an average week when you are in school, on how many days do you go to physical education (PE) classes?

A. 0 days	27.3	(16.6-41.5)
B. 1 day	0.7	(0.1-5.3)
C. 2 days	2.2	(0.8-5.8)
D. 3 days	0.6	(0.1-3.8)
E. 4 days	3.0	(1.3-6.5)
F. 5 days	66.2	(51.6-78.2)

65. During the past 12 months, on how many sports teams did you play? (Count any teams run by your school or community groups.)

A. 0 teams	31.8	(23.7-41.2)
B. 1 team	29.7	(21.2-39.8)
C. 2 teams	15.1	(9.9-22.3)
D. 3 or more teams	23.4	(17.1-31.2)

**Health-Related Topics**

The next 3 questions ask about other health-related topics.

66. Have you ever been taught about AIDS or HIV infection in school?		
A. Yes	35.3	(21.9-51.4)
B. No	32.3	(22.9-43.4)
C. Not sure	32.4	(23.4-42.9)
67. Has a doctor or nurse ever told you that you have asthma?		
A. Yes	18.2	(12.3-25.9)
B. No	73.2	(65.4-79.7)
C. Not sure	8.7	(6.1-12.2)
68. Do you have enough food to eat, sometimes not enough to eat, or often not enough to eat?		
A. Enough food to eat	87.6	(83.0-91.0)
B. Sometimes not enough to eat	10.1	(7.2-14.0)
C. Often not enough to eat	2.3	(0.9-5.7)

**Resiliency Factors**

How true do you feel the following 7 statements are for you?

69. My friends get into a lot of trouble.		
A. Not true at all	33.2	(23.6-44.5)
B. A little true	44.6	(35.4-54.2)
C. Pretty much true	13.7	(8.1-22.3)
D. Very much true	8.4	(4.7-14.7)
70. I have a friend about my own age who really cares about me.		
A. Not true at all	6.5	(3.0-13.8)
B. A little true	12.7	(9.4-17.0)
C. Pretty much true	21.6	(16.3-28.1)
D. Very much true	59.2	(48.8-68.8)
71. Outside of my home and school, there is an adult who really cares about me.		
A. Not true at all	11.0	(7.4-16.2)
B. A little true	4.3	(2.1-8.6)
C. Pretty much true	11.5	(8.2-15.7)
D. Very much true	73.2	(70.4-75.8)

72. In my home, there is a parent or some other adult who is interested in my school work.		
A. Not true at all	5.6	(3.7-8.4)
B. A little true	14.5	(8.9-22.6)
C. Pretty much true	22.3	(18.4-26.8)
D. Very much true	57.6	(50.4-64.4)
73. In my school, there are clear rules about what students can and cannot do.		
A. Not true at all	2.9	(1.0-8.0)
B. A little true	2.7	(0.9-7.8)
C. Pretty much true	24.2	(16.9-33.5)
D. Very much true	70.2	(61.3-77.7)
74. When I am not at home, one of my parents/guardians knows where I am and who I am with.		
A. Not true at all	3.5	(1.7-7.2)
B. A little true	6.7	(3.8-11.5)
C. Pretty much true	19.0	(12.6-27.6)
D. Very much true	70.8	(64.7-76.1)
75. Outside of my home and school, I am a part of clubs, sports teams, church/temple, or other group activities.		
A. Not true at all	14.7	(8.5-24.4)
B. A little true	19.6	(15.0-25.2)
C. Pretty much true	17.9	(13.3-23.5)
D. Very much true	47.8	(36.8-59.0)

## Appendix B About this Report

## **Appendix B: About this Report**

This report contains county level results from the 2013 New Mexico Middle School Youth Risk and Resiliency Survey (YRRS). The YRRS is a statewide survey of public school students in middle schools and high schools throughout New Mexico. Statewide and county level results are available at

[www.YouthRisk.org](http://www.YouthRisk.org), and  
[nmhealth.org/go/youth](http://nmhealth.org/go/youth).

School district reports are available only with permission from the appropriate school district superintendent. Forms for this permission are available under the "Requesting Data" link on the [youthrisk.org](http://youthrisk.org) site. Together, these documents comprise a useful tool for those working on youth-related issues at the state and local level.

### **Using the Report**

The YRRS is organized into two major content areas: risk behaviors and protective (resiliency) factors. Risk behaviors include behaviors associated with unintentional injury, violence, mental health, tobacco use, alcohol use, drug use, sexual activity, physical activity, and nutrition. Protective or resiliency factors are measures of the positive and supportive relationships, experiences, activities, resources and values that encourage healthy youth development. Resiliency factors and related traits include caring and supportive relationships in the family, school, community and with peers; boundaries set by the family and school; positive peer support; meaningful participation and constructive use of time in school and outside of school.

The main section of this report consists of a module of results for each main topic area of the YRRS. Each module starts with a set of line charts illustrating change in behavior over the years of the survey (for counties or school districts that only have one recent year of data, the line charts are omitted). The line charts are followed by one or more sets of three bar charts. The first bar chart in each set compares the county prevalence of a group of behaviors to the NM prevalence for the same behaviors; the second compares the county prevalence for girls to that of boys for the same behaviors, and the third compares the county prevalence for each grade level.

Following the section on distinct risk and resiliency factors is a section that illustrates the relationship between risk behaviors and protective factors. This section consists of a set of bar charts, each showing the prevalence of a particular risk behavior for students with varying levels of selected protective factors.

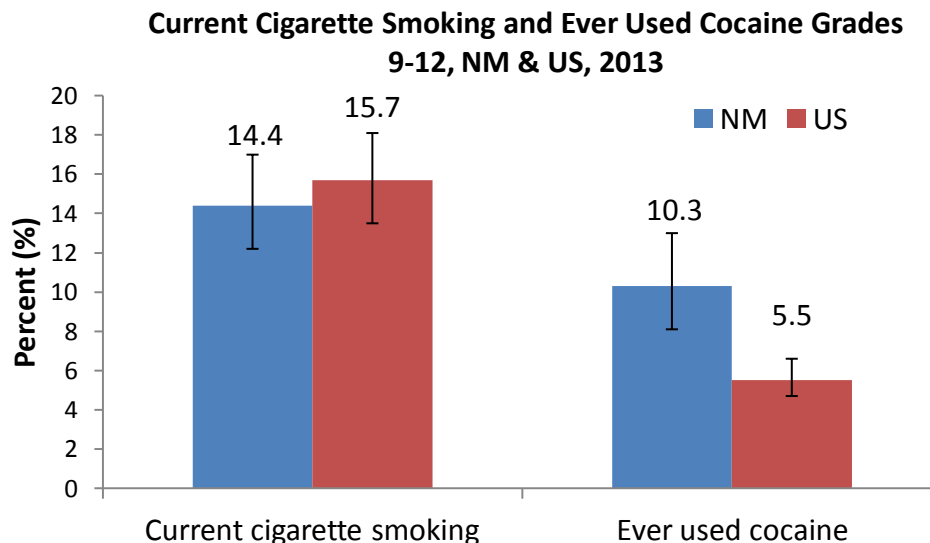
In some cases with very few students in a particular age or gender group, data have been suppressed to protect the anonymity of the individual respondents. Suppressed data are marked with "--". In cases where there are fewer than 50 respondents per grade level or gender, grade level or gender charts have been omitted.

## Understanding the Charts - and A Word about Error Bars

The bar charts in this report present the percentage of students who reported engaging in any given risk behavior or who reported having any given protective factor. The height of the bars conveys the percentage of students reporting each trait, and provides a quick visual comparison between different groups of students reporting that trait. A label for each bar presents the actual percentage of students who reported each trait. For instance, the chart on page 17, Unintentional Injury, shows that 5.7% of students in New Mexico rarely or never wore seatbelts, while 4.3% of students in Curry County rarely or never wore seatbelts.

Because of the high cost and logistical complications involved in conducting a statewide survey, the YRRS was administered to a sample of students, rather than to every single student in each school district. Because YRRS data are from a **sample** of students, and not the entire student body, the results in this report are **estimates**. As with all estimates, there is some uncertainty associated with each of these results. On the charts in this report, this degree of uncertainty is represented by an error bar (or confidence interval). The error bar is the thin 'I' shaped line that extends above and below the end of each bar in a chart. One of the major influences on the size of the confidence interval or error bar is the number of participants in the survey. In general, this means that with more students participating in the survey, there will be a higher degree of confidence in the results (i.e., error bars will be smaller).

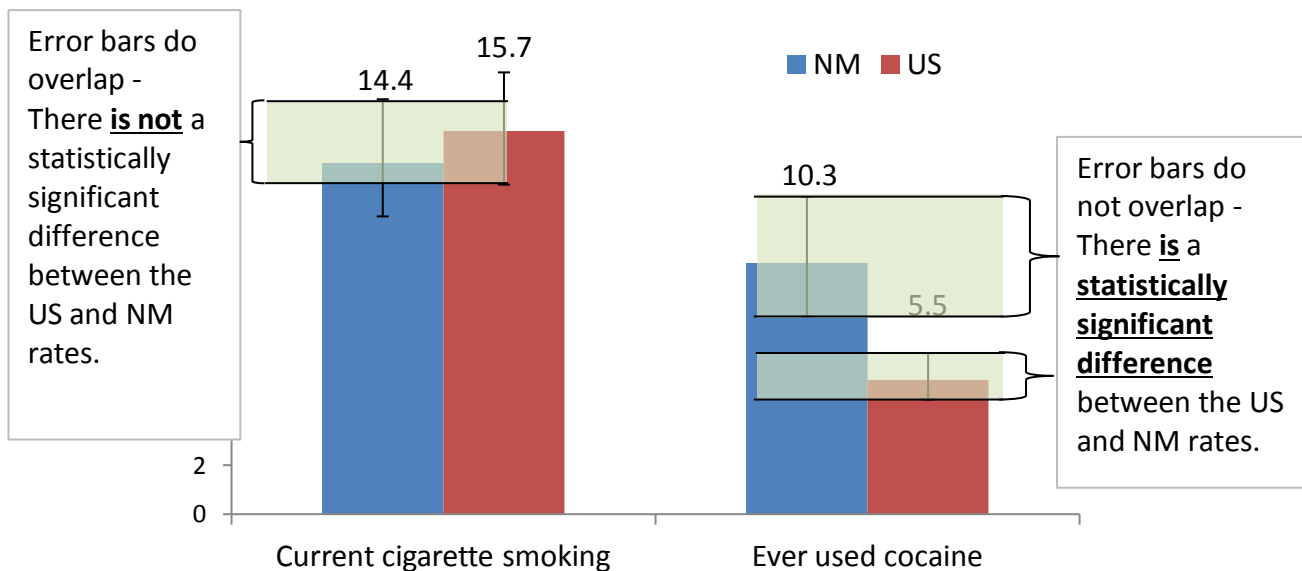
The proper interpretation of an error bar can be illustrated by looking at the chart below. This chart compares the New Mexico high school prevalence of cigarette smoking and cocaine use to the United States prevalence for 2013. The chart shows that the prevalence of current cigarette smoking was 14.4% for New Mexico and 15.7% for the United States. The error bar for the estimate of current smoking among New Mexico students extends a little more than 2 percentage points in either direction, from 12.2% to 16.8%. This means that we are confident that the actual percentage of smokers in this group of students was between 12.2% and 16.8%. The error bar for the estimate of current smoking in the US also extends more than 2 percentage points in either direction, so we are confident that the actual percentage of smokers among this group was between 13.5% and 18.1%.



How does knowing the upper and lower limits of our error bars help us? While it appears at first glance that New Mexico has a lower prevalence of smoking than the United States (14.4% vs. 15.7%), a closer look at the error bars shows a more complicated picture. The error bars for the New Mexico estimate (12.2%–16.8%) and the US estimate (13.5%-18.1%) overlap. Because of this overlap, we do not have a high degree of confidence that the prevalence of smoking in New Mexico was actually different from the prevalence in the United States. In other words, the difference between the prevalence of smoking in New Mexico and the United States was not statistically significant.

For cocaine use it appears that New Mexico had a higher prevalence than the United States (10.3% vs. 5.5%). The error bar for New Mexico extends from 8.1% to 13.0%, and the error bar for the United States extends from 4.7% to 6.6%. Because the higher bound of the US error bar (6.6%) is lower than the lower bound of the NM error bar (8.1%), these error bars do not overlap. For cocaine use, we are confident in saying that the New Mexico prevalence was higher than the US prevalence. In other words, the difference between the prevalence of cocaine use in New Mexico and the United States was a statistically significant difference.

**Current Cigarette Smoking and Ever Used Cocaine Grades 9-12, NM & US, 2013**



For some small school districts, error bars have been removed from this report. With small populations, the number of students sampled can approach the total student population. In these cases, error bars would have limited meaning because with a high percentage of students surveyed, there is less uncertainty around the estimates than error bars suggest.



**Risk Behavior and Resiliency/Protective Factor Definitions**Personal Safety (Injury, Violence, and Bullying)

Rarely or never wore a bike helmet

Of those who rode a bicycle, answered 'Never' or 'Rarely' to the question, *When you ride a bicycle, how often do you wear a helmet?*

Rarely or never wore a seatbelt

Answered 'Never' or 'Rarely' to the question, *How often do you wear a seat belt when riding in a car?*

Ever carried a weapon

Answered 'Yes' to the question, *Have you ever carried a weapon, such as a gun, knife, or club?*

Ever been in a physical fight

Answered 'Yes' to the question, *Have you ever been in a physical fight?*

Ever bullied on school property

Answered 'Yes' to the question, *Have you ever been bullied on school property?*

Ever bullied electronically

Answered 'Yes' to the question, *Have you ever been electronically bullied? (Include being bullied through e-mail, chat rooms, instant messaging, Web sites, or texting.)*

Mental Health

Ever seriously thought about killing self

Answered 'Yes' to the question, *Have you ever seriously thought about killing yourself?*

Ever planned to kill self

Answered 'Yes' to the question, *Have you ever made a plan about how you would kill yourself?*

Ever tried to kill self

Answered 'Yes' to the question, *Have you ever tried to kill yourself?*

Tobacco Use

Ever smoked cigarettes

Answered 'Yes' to the question, *Have you ever tried cigarette smoking, even one or two puffs?*

First smoked a cigarette before age 11

Answered '10 years old' or younger to the question, *How old were you when you smoked a whole cigarette for the first time?*

Smoked at least one whole cigarette in life

Answered '1 cigarette' or more to the question, *About how many cigarettes have you smoked in your entire life?*

Current cigarette smoking (Smoked cigarettes at least once in the past 30 days)

Answered '1 or 2 days' or more to the question, *During the past 30 days, on how many days did you smoke cigarettes?*

Non-smoker

Answered '0 days' to the question, *During the past 30 days, on how many days did you smoke cigarettes?*

Frequent cigarette smoking

Answered '20 to 29 days' or more to the question, *During the past 30 days, on how many days did you smoke cigarettes?*

## Smoked on school property

Answered '1 or 2 days' or more to the question, *During the past 30 days, on how many days did you smoke cigarettes on school property?*

## Of those who smoked in the past 12 months, tried to quit smoking

Answered 'Yes' to the question, *During the past 12 months, did you ever try to quit smoking cigarettes?*, among those who answered 'Yes' or 'No' to the

## Successful quit attempt by one who smoked in the past 12 months

Answered 'Yes' to the question, *During the past 12 months, did you ever try to quit smoking cigarettes?*

- and -

Answered '0 days' to the question, *During the past 30 days, on how many days did you smoke cigarettes?* (i.e., were currently non-smokers.)

## Unsuccessful quit attempt by one who smoked in the past 12 months

Answered 'Yes' to the question, *During the past 12 months, did you ever try to quit smoking cigarettes?*

- and -

Answered '1 or 2 days' or more to the question, *During the past 30 days, on how many days did you smoke cigarettes?* (i.e., were current smokers.)

## Current cigar smoking

Answered '1 or 2 days' or more to the question, *During the past 30 days, on how many days did you smoke cigars, cigarillos, or little cigars?*

## Current spit tobacco use

Answered '1 or 2 days' or more to the question, *During the past 30 days, on how many days did you use chewing tobacco, snuff, or dip, such as Redman,*

## Exposed to second hand cigarette smoke

Answered '1 or 2 days' or more to the question, *During the past 7 days, on how many days were you in the same room with someone who was smoking cigarettes?*

Alcohol Use

## Ever drank alcohol

Answered 'Yes' to the question, *Have you ever had a drink of alcohol, other than a few sips?*

## Drank alcohol before age 11

Answered '10 years old' or younger to the question, *How old were you when you had your first drink of alcohol other than a few sips?*

## Current drinking

Answered '1 or 2 days' or more to the question, *During the past 30 days, on how many days did you have at least one drink of alcohol?*

## Binge drinking (Had 5 or more drinks on a single occasion at least once in the past 30 days)

Answered '1 day' or more to the question, *During the past 30 days, on how many days did you have 5 or more drinks of alcohol in a row, that is, within*

## It would be very easy or sort of easy to get alcohol

Answered 'Very easy' or 'Sort of easy' to the question, *If you wanted to get some beer, wine, or hard liquor (for example, vodka, whiskey, or gin),*

## My parents think my regular alcohol use would be wrong

Answered 'Very wrong' or 'Wrong' to the question, *How wrong do your parents feel it would be for you to drink alcohol (beer, wine, or hard liquor) regularly?*

I think regular alcohol use by people my age is very wrong

Answered 'Very wrong' or 'Wrong' to the question, *How wrong do you think it is for someone your age to drink alcohol (beer, wine, or hard liquor) regularly?*

People face great risk from daily alcohol use

Answered *great risk* to the question, *How much do you think people risk harming themselves (physically or in other ways) if they have one or two*

Ever rode in a car with a drinking driver

Answered 'Yes' to the question, *Have you ever ridden in a car driven by someone who had been drinking alcohol?*

#### Drug use

Ever used marijuana

Answered 'Yes' to the question, *Have you ever used marijuana?*

First used marijuana before age 11

Answered '10 years old' or younger to the question, *How old were you when you tried marijuana for the first time?*

Current marijuana use

Answered '1 or 2 times' or more to the question, *During the past 30 days, how many times did you use marijuana?*

Ever used a prescription drug without a doctor's prescription

Answered 'Yes' to the question, *Have you ever taken a prescription drug (such as OxyContin, Percocet, Vicodin, codeine, Adderall, Ritalin, or Xanax) without a doctor's prescription?*

Ever used a painkiller to get high

Answered 'Yes' to the question, *Have you ever used a pain killer to get high, like Vicodin, OxyContin (also called Oxy or OC), or Percocet (also called Percs)?*

Ever used cocaine

Answered 'Yes' to the question, *Have you ever used any form of cocaine, including powder, crack, or freebase?*

Ever used inhalants

Answered 'Yes' to the question, *Have you ever sniffed glue, or breathed the contents of spray cans, or inhaled any paints or sprays to get high?*

Ever used illegal injection drugs

Answered 'Yes' to the question, *Have you ever used a needle to inject any illegal drug into your body?*

#### Sexual Activity

Ever had sexual intercourse

Answered 'Yes' to the question, *Have you ever had sexual intercourse?*

Had sexual intercourse before age 11

Answered '10 years old' or younger to the question, *How old were you when you had sexual intercourse for the first time?*

Had sexual intercourse with three or more people in lifetime

Answered '3 people' or more to the question, *With how many people have you ever had sexual intercourse?*

Used a condom (among those who ever had sexual intercourse)

Answered 'Yes' to the question, *The last time you had sexual intercourse, did you or your partner use a condom?*

- among those who -

Answered 'Yes' to the question, *Have you ever had sexual intercourse?*

Taught about HIV/AIDS

Answered 'Yes' to the question, *Have you ever been taught about AIDS or HIV infection in school?*

Body Weight and Weight Control

Self-described as slightly or very overweight

Answered 'Very overweight' or 'Slightly overweight' to the question, *How do you describe your weight?*

Trying to lose weight

Answered 'Lose weight' to the question, *Which of the following are you trying to do about your weight?*

Ever fasted to lose weight

Answered 'Yes' to the question, *Have you ever gone without eating for 24 hours or more (also called fasting) to lose weight or to keep from gaining weight?*

Ever vomited or used laxatives to lose weight

Answered 'Yes' to the question, *Have you ever vomited or taken laxatives to lose weight or to keep from gaining weight?*

Physical Activity

No physical activity in the past week

Answered '0 days' to the question, *During the past 7 days, on how many days were you physically active for a total of at least 60 minutes per day? (Add up all the time you spend in any kind of physical activity that increases your heart rate and makes you breathe hard some of the time.)*

Physically active five days per week

Answered '5 days' or more to the question, *During the past 7 days, on how many days were you physically active for a total of at least 60 minutes per day? (Add up all the time you spend in any kind of physical activity that increases your heart rate and makes you breathe hard some of the time.)*

Daily physical activity

Answered '7 days' to the question, *During the past 7 days, on how many days were you physically active for a total of at least 60 minutes per day? (Add up all the time you spend in any kind of physical activity that increases your heart rate and makes you breathe hard some of the time.)*

At least one day/week of physical education

Answered '1 day' or more to the question, *In an average week when you are in school, on how many days do you go to physical education (PE) classes?*

Daily physical education at school

Answered '5 days' to the question, *In an average week when you are in school, on how many days do you go to physical education (PE) classes?*

Resiliency/Protective Factors

Gets mostly A's in school

Answered 'Mostly A's' to the question, *During the past 12 months, how would you describe your grades in school?*

Unless otherwise noted, responses to other resiliency/protective factor questions refer to respondents who answered "Pretty much true" or "Very much true" to the questionnaire item indicated.



