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Data from the Arizona Youth Survey is available on the ACJC website at [www.azcjc.gov/Data/Arizona-Youth-Survey](http://www.azcjc.gov/Data/Arizona-Youth-Survey).

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## **2022 Arizona Youth Survey: State Report Summary**

The Arizona Youth Survey (AYS) was administered to a statewide sample of 8<sup>th</sup>, 10<sup>th</sup>, and 12<sup>th</sup> grade students by the Arizona Criminal Justice Commission’s Statistical Analysis Center in partnership with Arizona State University’s School of Criminology and Criminal Justice. The Commission administers the AYS every two years in accordance with Arizona Revised Statute §41-2416.

Based on the nationally recognized Risk and Protective Factor model and the Communities That Care survey (Hawkins et al., 1992), the AYS assesses the prevalence and frequency of youth substance use, gang involvement, and other risky behaviors in order to better understand the risk and protective factors correlated with these outcomes.

The results presented below are based on the responses of 51,448 youth from 301 schools across all 15 counties in Arizona, representing 22% of schools and 19% of all 8<sup>th</sup>, 10<sup>th</sup>, and 12<sup>th</sup> grade students in the state. Participation rates were uneven across counties, ranging from 68% of students in Santa Cruz to 9% of students in Yuma county. Overall, the 2022 AYS sample consisted of a greater proportion of 8<sup>th</sup> graders and Hispanic students relative to the demographic composition of Arizona’s total 8<sup>th</sup>, 10<sup>th</sup>, and 12<sup>th</sup> grade population.<sup>1</sup>

### **Using the AYS Data**

At the school and district level, administrators may use data from this report to guide decision-making around prevention programming and services. Planners at the regional, county, and state levels can use this data to better understand community needs and allocate resources accordingly.

Across all stakeholder levels, the AYS data are used in a variety of ways:

- To examine significant community issues;
- Modify or redesign existing projects or policies;
- Design and implement new projects or policies;
- Secure funding for new projects or policies.

### **Substance Use**

Reported 30-day alcohol, marijuana, and tobacco use decreased from 2020 to 2022 in each grade level. Similar to youth surveyed in 2020, students most frequently reported having ever used alcohol (31.0%), marijuana (20.4%), and e-cigarettes (18.9%).

### **Gang Involvement, Delinquency, and Problem Behaviors**

Fewer than 1% of surveyed youth reported currently belonging to a gang. About 2% of 10<sup>th</sup> and 12<sup>th</sup> graders reported having ever belonged to a gang, compared to nearly 3% of 8<sup>th</sup> graders.

About 54% of youth reported placing a bet or gambling in the last 12 months, with the most commonly reported activity being spending money to access extra features on video games or apps (47.1%).

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<sup>1</sup> National Center for Education Statistics (2022). Common core of data. *United State Department of Education*.

Nearly 20% of youth reported having harassed or made fun of another person online or through text at least once in the past year. More than a quarter of surveyed youth reported being picked on or bullied on school property, and 40% reported having seen someone bullied on school property. A greater percentage of students reported not feeling safe at school in 2022 (20.7%) than in 2020 (17.7%).

### **Adverse Childhood Experiences (ACEs)**

Research has established a link between early childhood experiences of abuse or neglect and negative outcomes later in life.<sup>2</sup> Six questions related to ACEs were included in the 2022 AYS. The most frequently reported ACE among all surveyed youth included having parents who were ever separated or divorced (39.7%), living with adults who insulted or put you down (32.1%), and living with an alcoholic (30.2%). Sixty-one percent of students reported at least one ACE.

### **Risk and Protective Factors**

The three most commonly reported risk factors in 8<sup>th</sup>, 10<sup>th</sup>, and 12<sup>th</sup> graders were slight or no perceived risk of drug use (65.9%), low school commitment (62.3%), and low neighborhood attachment (53.8%).

Among all surveyed youth, opportunities for prosocial involvement in school (69.2%), opportunities for prosocial involvement with family (57.4%), and a belief in the moral order (i.e., what is “right” and “wrong,” 55.5%) were the most commonly reported protective factors.

### **Handgun Use and Violence Exposure**

About seventeen percent of students reported that it would be “sort of” or “very” easy to acquire a handgun. Approximately 9% of youth reported seeing someone shot, shot at, or threatened with a gun at least once in the past 12 months, and 7% reported having at least one close friend who carried a gun in the same timeframe.

Nearly 40% of youth reported seeing someone punched, kicked, choked, or beaten up in the past 12 months, while 18% reported being the victim of these behaviors. More than a quarter of students reported having been harassed or made fun of by another person online or through text in the last year.

### **Dangerous Driving**

46.7% of surveyed 12<sup>th</sup> graders reported having driven a vehicle while texting or talking on the phone in the past 30 days, a lower percentage compared to both the 2018 and 2020 AYS. The percentage of youth that reported riding in a vehicle driven by someone who had been drinking alcohol or using marijuana has decreased in each of the three AYS administrations since 2016. As in 2020, fewer than four percent of all students surveyed in 2022 reported having driven a car or other vehicle after drinking alcohol or using marijuana.

**For additional information on the Arizona Youth Survey, please contact:**

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<sup>2</sup> Felitti, V.J., Anda, R. F., Nordenberg, D., Williamson, D. F., Spitz, A. M., Edwards, V., & Marks, J. S. (1998). Relationship of Childhood Abuse and Household Dysfunction to Many of the Leading Causes of Death in Adults: The Adverse Childhood Experiences (ACE) Study. *American Journal of Preventive Medicine*, 14(4):245-258.

## Section 1.1 Background

Every two years, the Arizona Criminal Justice Commission’s Statistical Analysis Center conducts the Arizona Youth Survey (AYS) to comply with Arizona Revised Statute §41-2416. This survey was designed to assess the prevalence and frequency of youth substance use, gang involvement and other risky behaviors in Arizona, and to better understand the risk and protective factors that are correlated with these behaviors. The AYS is based on the nationally recognized Risk and Protective Factor model included in the Communities That Care (CTC) survey. This framework was developed in 1989 by J. David Hawkins, Ph.D., Richard F. Catalano, Ph.D., and a team of researchers at the University of Washington (Hawkins et al., 1992).

During each administration year, the Arizona Youth Survey is completed by 8<sup>th</sup>, 10<sup>th</sup>, and 12<sup>th</sup> grade students throughout all 15 counties in Arizona. Any school that serves these grade levels is eligible to participate regardless of school type (e.g. traditional public, private, or charter schools). The 2022 survey was administered between February and May 2022, and resulted in the participation of 51,448 students from 301 schools across Arizona. Because the 2020 survey was interrupted by school closures due to the COVID-19 pandemic, it was administered to students in eligible grades in both Spring 2020 and Fall 2020.

## Section 1.2 State sample

All 1,350 Arizona schools in the National Center for Education Statistics’ Common Core of Data (2020-2021) with enrolled 8<sup>th</sup>, 10<sup>th</sup>, or 12<sup>th</sup> grade students were eligible to participate in the 2022 Arizona Youth Survey. Careful planning and uniform administration of the survey were enacted in order to obtain valid and representative data. Each school was contacted at least once by email and mail, and schools that did not respond were contacted by phone. Among participating schools, 16 selected the paper survey administration and 285 selected the online survey administration.

Table 1 summarizes school and student participation in the AYS compared to National Center for Education Statistics’ Common Core of Data (2020-2021) enrollment figures in order to assess representativeness of the AYS sample across Arizona counties. Participation rates were uneven across counties. Overall, 22% of schools serving 8<sup>th</sup>, 10<sup>th</sup> or 12<sup>th</sup> graders participated in the AYS and 19% of students in these grades submitted valid surveys used in this report. State participation rates are quite similar to those of Maricopa county, where two-thirds of the state’s 8<sup>th</sup>, 10<sup>th</sup> and 12<sup>th</sup> graders reside. The lowest student participation rate in any county was 9% in Pima and Yuma counties.

	AYS Participants		State Total		Participation Rate	
	Schools	Students	Schools	Students	Schools	Students
<b>County</b>						
Apache	4	422	28	2,403	14%	18%
Cochise	16	2,330	45	4,413	36%	53%
Cocconino	9	1,724	37	4,150	24%	42%
Gila	4	594	20	1,658	20%	36%
Graham	5	396	19	1,463	26%	27%
Greenlee	2	212	4	379	50%	56%
La Paz	4	283	10	511	40%	55%
Maricopa	174	32,201	737	180,484	24%	18%
Mohave	15	2,137	33	5,126	45%	42%
Navajo	5	767	39	4,199	13%	18%
Pima	18	3,474	188	34,034	10%	10%
Pinal	15	2,132	74	13,029	20%	16%
Santa Cruz	8	1,724	16	2,543	50%	68%
Yavapai	15	2,208	64	5,689	23%	39%
Yuma	7	844	34	9,094	21%	9%
<b>Total</b>						
State	301	51,448	1,350	269,175	22%	19%

Table 2 presents summary demographic statistics for the 2022 district sample compared to National Center for Education Statistics data (if available) in order to assess representativeness of the AYS sample in terms of gender and race compared to the district as a whole. Table 2 also allows for demographic comparisons of the AYS district sample across the 2018, 2020 and 2022 surveys.

To better understand the diversity of Arizona’s youth population, respondents were allowed to choose multiple race and ethnicity categories from the following list: White, Hispanic/Latino, Black/African American, Asian, American Indian/Alaska Native, and Hawaiian/Other Pacific Islander. This method for obtaining ethnicity and race information provides more comprehensive data on youth ethnic and racial self-identification, and on Arizona’s diverse youth population. Because students were able to check as many categories as they felt applied to them, percentages in the race categories may not add up to 100%. To simplify this issue, percentages are reported for a composite race/ethnicity variable created based on answers to the race/ethnicity question.

The data included in this report describe substance use, gang involvement, delinquency and problem behavior and the level of risk and protective factors of those youth who participated in the survey. These can be used to inform the development of school and community-based prevention and intervention activities that may benefit all students regardless of survey participation.

**Table 2. Summary of Participants**

	District 2018		District 2020		District 2022		NCES District Total 2020-2021*	
	Number	Percent	Number	Percent	Number	Percent	Number	Percent
<b>Students by Grade</b>								
Grade 8	104	34.7	117	41.9	74	28.9	112	31.0
Grade 10	102	34.0	82	29.4	126	49.2	128	35.5
Grade 12	94	31.3	80	28.7	56	21.9	121	33.5
<b>Students by Gender</b>								
Male	183	61.0	157	56.5	141	55.1	200	55.4
Female	117	39.0	121	43.5	115	44.9	161	44.6
<b>Students by Race/Ethnicity</b>								
White (non-Hispanic)	219	74.0	198	71.2	168	65.9	245	67.9
Hispanic	30	10.1	38	13.7	38	14.9	43	11.9
African American (non-Hispanic)	11	3.7	5	1.8	3	1.2	4	1.1
American Indian (non-Hispanic)	16	5.4	19	6.8	22	8.6	48	13.3
Asian/Pacific Islander (non-Hispanic)	5	1.7	6	2.2	6	2.4	4	1.1
Multi-racial	15	5.1	12	4.3	18	7.1	17	4.7

\*Total 2020-2021 represents numbers from the Common Core of Data for this district, for the grades listed.

### Section 1.3 Structure of the Report

Results from the survey are presented in three sections. Bar graphs (“figures”) and tables summarizing responses to a selection of questionnaire items are presented in Section 2. Supplementary tables are presented in Section 3. All figures and most tables report results separately by grade. Section 2 begins with substance use, gang involvement, delinquency and other problem behaviors before turning to a summary of risk and protective factors. This section also summarizes handgun use, violence exposure, dangerous driving and adverse childhood experiences (ACEs). Section 3 includes supplementary tables pertaining to substance use including where substances were obtained and reasons for using or not using drugs and alcohol. Figures presented in this report also include results from the 2018 and 2020 Arizona Youth Surveys when available, allowing for trend assessments. National norms, when available, are presented for comparison.

Appendix A contains additional detail on the Risk and Protective Factor model. Appendix B contains bibliographic information for all references made throughout the report. Appendix C contains wording changes in the 2022 AYS relative to 2018 and 2020. Appendix D contains community and state prevention resource contacts.

### Section 1.4 Interpreting the Figures

Every figure in this report presents results by grade and year for the district sample. All of the figures are bar graphs (a.k.a. “bar charts”, “bar plots”, etc.). These figures depict the percentage of youth in the sample who agreed with a

statement (e.g. “I feel safe at my school.”) or reported having participated in some activity (e.g. used marijuana in the past 30 days).

For 30-day and lifetime substance use, national norms based on the Monitoring the Future survey in 2021 (Johnston et al., 2022) are provided. These are represented by black diamonds in the figures. Other graphs include norms from the 2022 statewide AYS, represented by yellow diamonds. If the diamond is above the bar, it means that the district is below the norm for that substance. On the other hand, the district is above the norm for that substance if the diamond is below the top of the bar. Note, however, that small differences should not be over-interpreted as there is sampling error.

#### Key points to remember about figures with this format:

- Red bars represent the district survey average in 2022
- Blue bars represent the district survey average in 2020
- Green bars represent the district survey average in 2018

Black X’s represent the 2021 Monitoring the Future average.

Yellow diamonds represent the 2022 statewide AYS average

### Section 1.5 Data Limitations

It is important to recognize the strengths and weaknesses of sample data and whether it is representative of a population. One simple way to assess representativeness of the sample is to compare basic demographic characteristics of the students who participated in the survey to what is known about the district population. These comparisons are shown in Table 2.



Schools could refuse to participate for any reason and students within participating schools could refuse to respond. Some students did not participate because they were absent on the day of survey administration. Beyond basic demographic comparisons, there is no way to determine if the responses of participating students accurately reflect the behavior of these non-participating students.

Because many of the questions in the 2022 version of the AYS were carried over from earlier versions of the survey, it is possible to construct trends in responses and scales by comparing to the 2018 and 2020 surveys. Trends in responses within grade level indicate whether problem behaviors are increasing, holding steady, or decreasing. However, trends across these years may be significantly affected by COVID-19-related restrictions that limit social interaction and school attendance. Further, students who took the survey in Spring 2020 are slightly younger than those who took it in Fall 2020, so the average age of the 2020 participants is slightly younger than that of 2018 and 2022. Finally, students who were enrolled in online schooling during the Fall 2020 survey administration were not given the opportunity to complete the survey. These factors may account for apparent decreases in substance use from 2018 to 2022. It is unclear, therefore, whether such decreases will be sustained once the pandemic has subsided.

We advise against interpreting trends when grade levels are pooled. Many of the behaviors measured in the AYS increase sharply with age. Therefore, trends in pooled measures can reflect either 1) real change across all three grade levels or 2) changes in the proportion of the sample that is in 8<sup>th</sup>, 10<sup>th</sup> and 12<sup>th</sup> grade. Specifically, 35.0% of the 2018 AYS was made up of 8<sup>th</sup> graders, compared to 43.5% of the 2022 AYS.

A common concern with youth survey data is truthfulness of the responses. In general, studies show that self-reported delinquency is highly correlated with official reports (Farrington et al., 1996). To guard against untruthful reports skewing the results of the survey, a non-existent drug was included in the survey. Youth who reported ever using the non-existent drug were dropped from the report because they were not answering questions honestly.

There are some small methodological differences across the three years of survey administration in this report. Some questions are worded differently across administrations, the order of questions differs, and some response options are different. Certain items were omitted in one or more survey years. We have noted these discrepancies throughout the report's figures and tables and have summarized all changes in Appendix C. More information can be found on the ACJC website: [www.azcjc.gov/Programs/Statistical-Analysis-Center/Arizona-Youth-Survey](http://www.azcjc.gov/Programs/Statistical-Analysis-Center/Arizona-Youth-Survey).

## Section 2.1 Substance Use

Youths were asked about their lifetime and 30-day use of various substances. With the exception of marijuana edibles, which were not asked about in 2018, all of the below substances are included in each of the three years of survey results presented in this report (2018, 2020, and 2022).

- tobacco cigarettes
- electronic cigarettes
- alcohol
- marijuana
- marijuana concentrates
- marijuana edibles
- cocaine or crack
- hallucinogens
- inhalants
- methamphetamines
- heroin
- ecstasy
- steroids
- prescription opioids
- prescription stimulants
- prescription sedatives
- synthetic drugs
- over-the-counter drugs
- poly drug use
- mixing alcohol and prescription opioids

*Lifetime Substance Use* is a measure of the percentage of youth who tried a particular substance at least once in their lifetime.

*30-Day Substance Use* is a measure of the percentage of youth who tried a particular substance at least once in the past 30 days.

*Binge Drinking* is a measure of the percentage of youth who had 5 or more drinks in a row at least once during the two weeks prior to the survey.

# Substance Use

Table 3. Percentage of Students Who Used Substances on One or More Occasions During Their Lifetime

In your lifetime, have you...		Grade 8			Grade 10			Grade 12			Total		
		2018	2020	2022	2018	2020	2022	2018	2020	2022	2018	2020	2022
Cigarettes	smoked cigarettes (not including electronic cigarettes)?	9.7	4.3	3.4	11.9	7.4	3.0	27.5	2.6	7.7	15.9	4.8	4.3
E-cigarettes	vaped e-liquid or e-juice with nicotine (e.g., e-cigarettes)?	19.4	20.9	8.6	55.4	21.0	20.4	57.1	31.6	26.9	43.4	23.9	18.8
Alcohol	drunk alcoholic beverages - more than just a few sips?	35.0	17.5	19.0	52.5	39.5	26.3	58.7	47.4	50.0	48.3	32.5	30.1
Marijuana	used marijuana?	8.7	13.9	10.3	36.6	25.9	15.7	47.8	24.7	39.6	30.4	20.5	20.2
Marijuana concentrates	used marijuana concentrates (e.g., wax pen/THC oil, shatter, budder, crumble, rosin, hash, diamonds)?	6.8	11.3	12.1	29.7	21.0	15.7	43.5	24.7	34.0	26.0	17.9	19.2
Marijuana edibles	used edible foods or drinks containing marijuana (e.g., brownies, chocolates, cookies, candies, sodas, tinctures)?	n/a	6.1	10.3	n/a	17.3	8.8	n/a	18.2	30.2	n/a	12.8	14.6
Cocaine	used cocaine or crack?	0.0	0.9	0.0	1.0	2.5	0.0	2.2	0.0	3.8	1.0	1.1	1.0
Hallucinogens	used hallucinogens (e.g., LSD, shrooms, peyote, salvia)?	0.0	1.7	1.7	7.9	2.5	3.0	10.9	1.3	5.8	6.1	1.8	3.3
Inhalants	inhaled gases or fumes from glues, liquids, or sprays to get high (e.g., whippets, nitrous, paint, gas)?	5.0	7.8	3.4	2.0	6.2	0.0	3.3	0.0	1.9	3.4	5.1	1.4
Methamphetamines	used methamphetamines (e.g., meth, crystal meth)?	0.0	0.0	0.0	0.0	2.5	0.0	1.1	0.0	0.0	0.3	0.7	0.0
Heroin	used heroin?	0.0	0.9	0.0	0.0	2.5	0.0	1.1	0.0	0.0	0.3	1.1	0.0
Ecstasy	used ecstasy (e.g., Molly, MDMA, X, E)?	1.0	0.0	0.0	2.0	2.5	1.0	2.2	0.0	1.9	1.7	0.7	1.0
Steroids	used steroids or anabolic steroids (e.g., Anadrol, Oxandrin, Durabolin, Equipoise, Depo-Testosterone)?	0.0	0.0	1.7	1.0	1.3	0.0	0.0	0.0	1.9	0.3	0.4	1.0
Prescription pain relievers	used prescription pain relievers without a doctor telling you to take them (e.g., codeine, Oxycontin, Vicodin, Percocet, fentanyl)?	6.9	3.5	3.4	9.9	2.5	1.0	5.4	2.6	3.8	7.5	3.0	2.4
Prescription stimulants	used prescription stimulants without a doctor telling you to take them (e.g., Adderall, Ritalin, Concerta, Vyvanse, Dexedrine)?	0.0	0.9	1.7	9.9	6.3	2.0	6.5	3.9	1.9	5.4	3.3	1.9
Prescription sedatives	used prescription sedatives without a doctor telling you to take them (e.g., bars, Valium, Xanax, Klonopin, Ambien, Lunesta)?	0.0	0.0	0.0	7.9	2.5	1.0	9.8	1.3	3.8	5.7	1.1	1.4
Synthetic drugs	used synthetic drugs (e.g., Bath Salts, K2, Spice, Gold)?	1.0	0.9	0.0	4.0	2.5	0.0	2.2	0.0	0.0	2.4	1.1	0.0
Over-the-counter drugs	used over-the-counter drugs for the purposes of getting high (e.g., cough syrup, cold medicine, diet pills)?	2.9	5.2	1.7	5.9	6.3	4.0	4.3	0.0	1.9	4.4	4.1	2.9
Poly drug use	used multiple drugs at the same time (e.g., alcohol, prescription medications, marijuana, and other illegal drugs)?	3.8	2.6	3.4	15.8	7.5	5.1	17.4	7.9	13.5	12.1	5.5	6.7
Alcohol & pain relievers	drunk alcohol at the same time as using prescription pain relievers (e.g., Vicodin, OxyContin, codeine)?	1.0	0.9	0.0	4.0	3.8	1.0	4.3	1.3	0.0	3.0	1.8	0.5

n/a indicates a question was not administered in that year.

# Substance Use

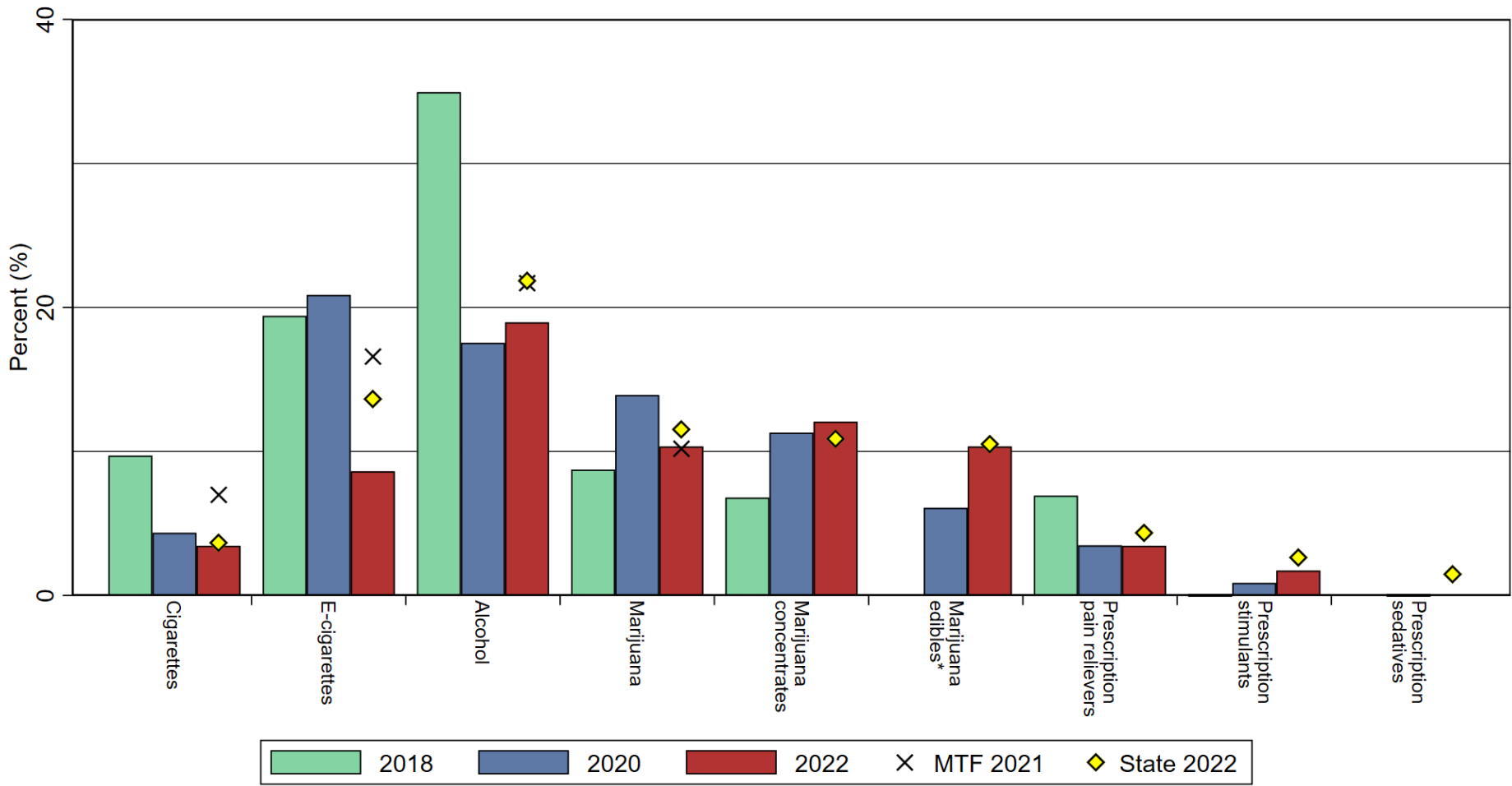
Table 4. Percentage of Students in 2022 Who Used Substances on One or More Occasions During Their Lifetime, by Gender and Race/Ethnicity

In your lifetime, have you...		Gender		Race/Ethnicity					Total			
		Male	Female	American Indian	Asian	Black	Hispanic	Multiracial	White	Grade 8	Grade 10	Grade 12
Cigarettes	smoked cigarettes (not including electronic cigarettes)?	2.8	6.0	.	.	.	3.3	.	5.0	3.4	3.0	7.7
E-cigarettes	vaped e-liquid or e-juice with nicotine (e.g., e-cigarettes)?	16.5	21.2	.	.	.	26.7	.	17.4	8.6	20.4	26.9
Alcohol	drunk alcoholic beverages - more than just a few sips?	23.9	37.0	.	.	.	33.3	.	32.4	19.0	26.3	50.0
Marijuana	used marijuana?	15.0	26.0	.	.	.	33.3	.	17.6	10.3	15.7	39.6
Marijuana concentrates	used marijuana concentrates (e.g., wax pen/THC oil, shatter, budder, crumble, rosin, hash, diamonds)?	16.8	22.0	.	.	.	26.7	.	19.0	12.1	15.7	34.0
Marijuana edibles	used edible foods or drinks containing marijuana (e.g., brownies, chocolates, cookies, candies, sodas, tinctures)?	8.8	21.0	.	.	.	20.0	.	12.0	10.3	8.8	30.2
Cocaine	used cocaine or crack?	0.0	2.0	.	.	.	0.0	.	0.7	0.0	0.0	3.8
Hallucinogens	used hallucinogens (e.g., LSD, shrooms, peyote, salvia)?	2.8	4.0	.	.	.	6.7	.	3.6	1.7	3.0	5.8
Inhalants	inhaled gases or fumes from glues, liquids, or sprays to get high (e.g., whippets, nitrous, paint, gas)?	1.8	1.0	.	.	.	0.0	.	2.2	3.4	0.0	1.9
Methamphetamines	used methamphetamines (e.g., meth, crystal meth)?	0.0	0.0	.	.	.	0.0	.	0.0	0.0	0.0	0.0
Heroin	used heroin?	0.0	0.0	.	.	.	0.0	.	0.0	0.0	0.0	0.0
Ecstasy	used ecstasy (e.g., Molly, MDMA, X, E)?	0.9	1.0	.	.	.	0.0	.	1.4	0.0	1.0	1.9
Steroids	used steroids or anabolic steroids (e.g., Anadrol, Oxandrin, Durabolin, Equipoise, Depo-Testosterone)?	1.8	0.0	.	.	.	3.3	.	0.7	1.7	0.0	1.9
Prescription pain relievers	used prescription pain relievers without a doctor telling you to take them (e.g., codeine, Oxycontin, Vicodin, Percocet, Hydrocodone, fentanyl)?	1.8	3.0	.	.	.	0.0	.	2.9	3.4	1.0	3.8
Prescription stimulants	used prescription stimulants without a doctor telling you to take them (e.g., Adderall, Ritalin, Concerta, Vyvanse, Dexedrine)?	1.8	2.0	.	.	.	3.3	.	1.4	1.7	2.0	1.9
Prescription sedatives	used prescription sedatives without a doctor telling you to take them (e.g., bars, Valium, Xanax, Klonopin, Ambien, Lunesta)?	1.8	1.0	.	.	.	0.0	.	2.2	0.0	1.0	3.8
Synthetic drugs	used synthetic drugs (e.g., Bath Salts, K2, Spice, Gold)?	0.0	0.0	.	.	.	0.0	.	0.0	0.0	0.0	0.0
Over-the-counter drugs	used over-the-counter drugs for the purposes of getting high (e.g., cough syrup, cold medicine, diet pills)?	2.8	3.0	.	.	.	6.7	.	2.2	1.7	4.0	1.9
Poly drug use	used multiple drugs at the same time (e.g., alcohol, prescription medications, marijuana, and other illegal drugs)?	3.7	10.0	.	.	.	6.7	.	7.2	3.4	5.1	13.5
Alcohol & pain relievers	drunk alcohol at the same time as using prescription pain relievers (e.g., Vicodin, OxyContin, codeine)?	0.9	0.0	.	.	.	0.0	.	0.7	0.0	1.0	0.0

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# Substance Use

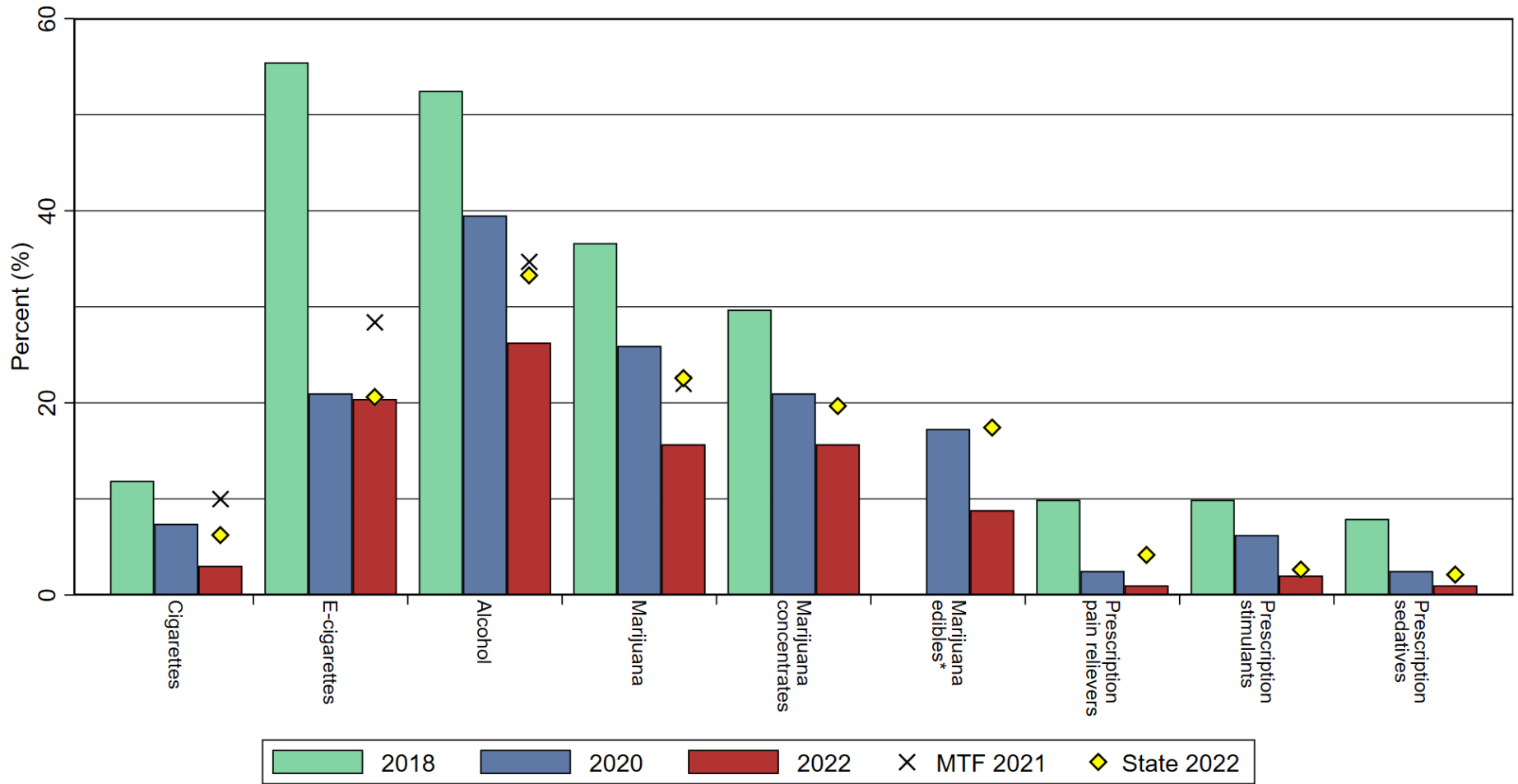
Figure 1. Lifetime Substance Use, Grade 8



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# Substance Use

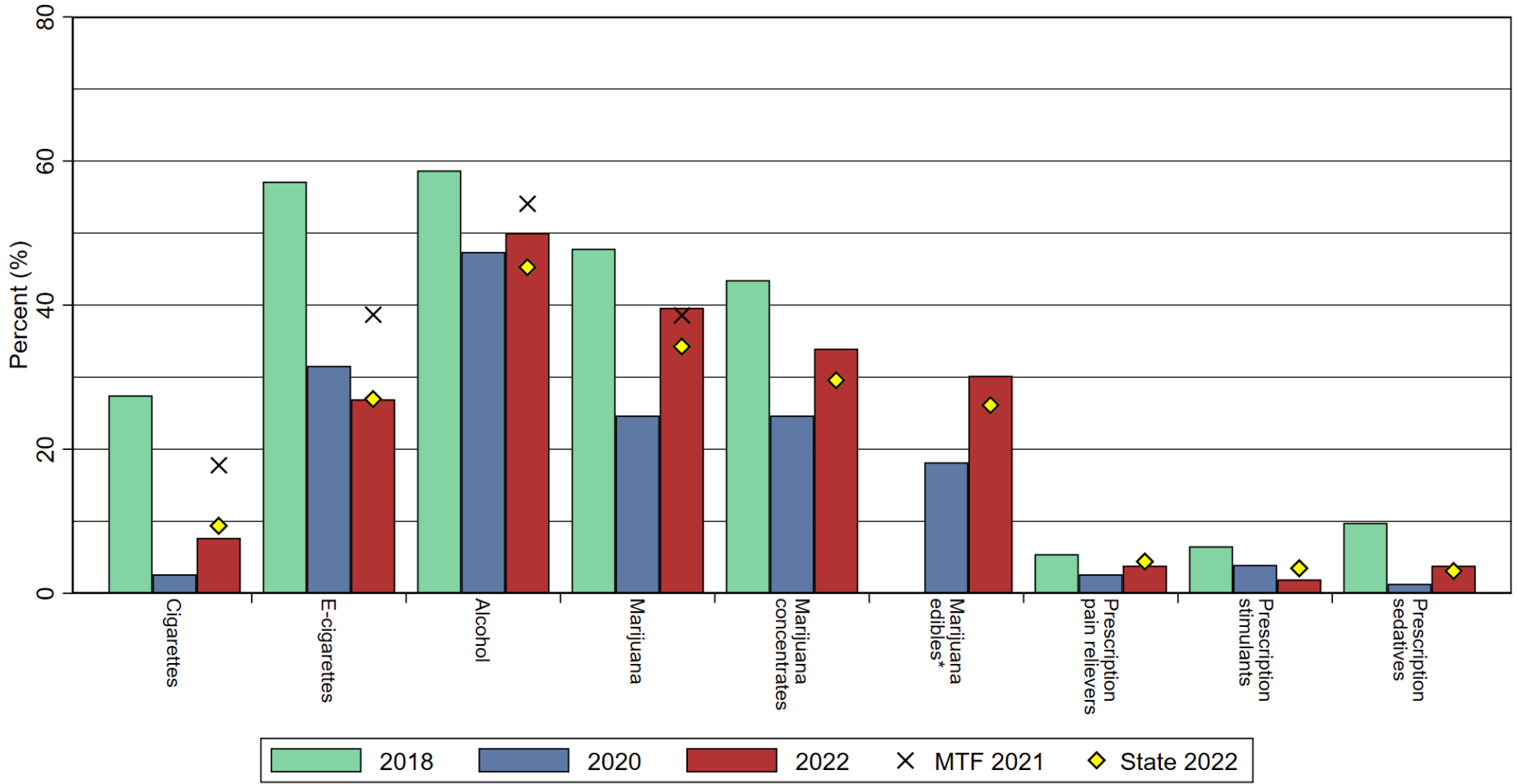
Figure 2. Lifetime Substance Use, Grade 10



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# Substance Use

Figure 3. Lifetime Substance Use, Grade 12



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# Substance Use

Table 5. Percentage of Students Who Used Substances on One or More Occasions During the Past 30 Days

During the past 30 days, have you...		Grade 8			Grade 10			Grade 12			Total		
		2018	2020	2022	2018	2020	2022	2018	2020	2022	2018	2020	2022
Cigarettes	smoked cigarettes (not including electronic cigarettes)?	0.0	0.9	1.7	1.0	2.5	0.0	11.1	0.0	1.9	3.7	1.1	1.0
E-cigarettes	vaped e-liquid or e-juice with nicotine (e.g., e-cigarettes)?	10.7	12.2	1.7	41.6	11.1	12.1	41.1	18.7	17.3	30.6	13.7	10.5
Alcohol	drunk alcoholic beverages - more than just a few sips?	2.9	3.5	5.3	32.7	18.8	14.1	42.9	25.3	25.5	25.4	14.1	14.5
Marijuana	used marijuana?	3.9	5.2	3.4	22.8	11.3	8.9	25.3	15.8	22.6	16.9	10.0	10.8
Marijuana concentrates	used marijuana concentrates (e.g., wax pen/THC oil, shatter, budder, crumble, rosin, hash, diamonds)?	0.0	5.2	3.4	19.8	7.5	9.9	20.9	7.9	20.8	13.2	6.6	10.8
Marijuana edibles	used edible foods or drinks containing marijuana (e.g., brownies, chocolates, cookies, candies, sodas, tinctures)?	n/a	1.7	0.0	n/a	3.8	0.0	n/a	3.9	13.2	n/a	3.0	3.3
Cocaine	used cocaine or crack?	0.0	0.9	0.0	0.0	1.3	0.0	0.0	0.0	3.8	0.0	0.7	1.0
Hallucinogens	used hallucinogens (e.g., LSD, shrooms, peyote, salvia)?	0.0	0.0	0.0	1.0	0.0	0.0	4.4	0.0	0.0	1.7	0.0	0.0
Inhalants	inhaled gases or fumes from glues, liquids, or sprays to get high (e.g., whippets, nitrous, paint, gas)?	1.0	5.2	1.7	0.0	1.2	0.0	1.1	0.0	0.0	0.7	2.6	0.5
Methamphetamines	used methamphetamines (e.g., meth, crystal meth)?	0.0	0.0	0.0	0.0	1.3	0.0	0.0	0.0	0.0	0.0	0.4	0.0
Heroin	used heroin?	0.0	0.9	0.0	0.0	1.3	0.0	0.0	0.0	0.0	0.0	0.7	0.0
Ecstasy	used ecstasy (e.g., Molly, MDMA, X, E)?	0.0	0.0	0.0	0.0	1.3	0.0	0.0	0.0	0.0	0.0	0.4	0.0
Steroids	used steroids or anabolic steroids (e.g., Anadrol, Oxandrin, Durabolin, Equipoise, Depo-Testosterone)?	0.0	0.0	0.0	0.0	1.3	0.0	0.0	0.0	0.0	0.0	0.4	0.0
Prescription pain relievers	used prescription pain relievers without a doctor telling you to take them (e.g., codeine, Oxycontin, Vicodin, Percocet, fentanyl)?	1.0	0.0	0.0	1.0	1.3	0.0	1.1	0.0	0.0	1.0	0.4	0.0
Prescription stimulants	used prescription stimulants without a doctor telling you to take them (e.g., Adderall, Ritalin, Concerta, Vyvanse, Dexedrine)?	0.0	0.0	1.7	3.0	2.5	0.0	3.3	0.0	0.0	2.0	0.7	0.5
Prescription sedatives	used prescription sedatives without a doctor telling you to take them (e.g., bars, Valium, Xanax, Klonopin, Ambien, Lunesta)?	0.0	0.0	0.0	1.0	1.3	0.0	0.0	0.0	0.0	0.3	0.4	0.0
Synthetic drugs	used synthetic drugs (e.g., Bath Salts, K2, Spice, Gold)?	0.0	0.0	0.0	0.0	1.3	0.0	0.0	0.0	0.0	0.0	0.4	0.0
Over-the-counter drugs	used over-the-counter drugs for the purposes of getting high (e.g., cough syrup, cold medicine, diet pills)?	0.0	0.0	1.7	0.0	1.3	0.0	1.1	0.0	0.0	0.3	0.4	0.5
Poly drug use	used multiple drugs at the same time (e.g., alcohol, prescription medications, marijuana, and other illegal drugs)?	1.9	0.9	0.0	8.9	2.5	2.0	3.3	4.0	7.7	4.7	2.2	2.9
Alcohol & pain relievers	drunk alcohol at the same time as using prescription pain relievers (e.g., Vicodin, OxyContin, codeine)?	0.0	0.0	0.0	1.0	0.0	0.0	1.1	0.0	0.0	0.7	0.0	0.0
Binge drinking	drunk five or more alcoholic drinks in a row?	1.0	0.9	0.0	14.9	8.8	7.1	18.0	14.7	7.8	10.9	7.0	5.3

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# Substance Use

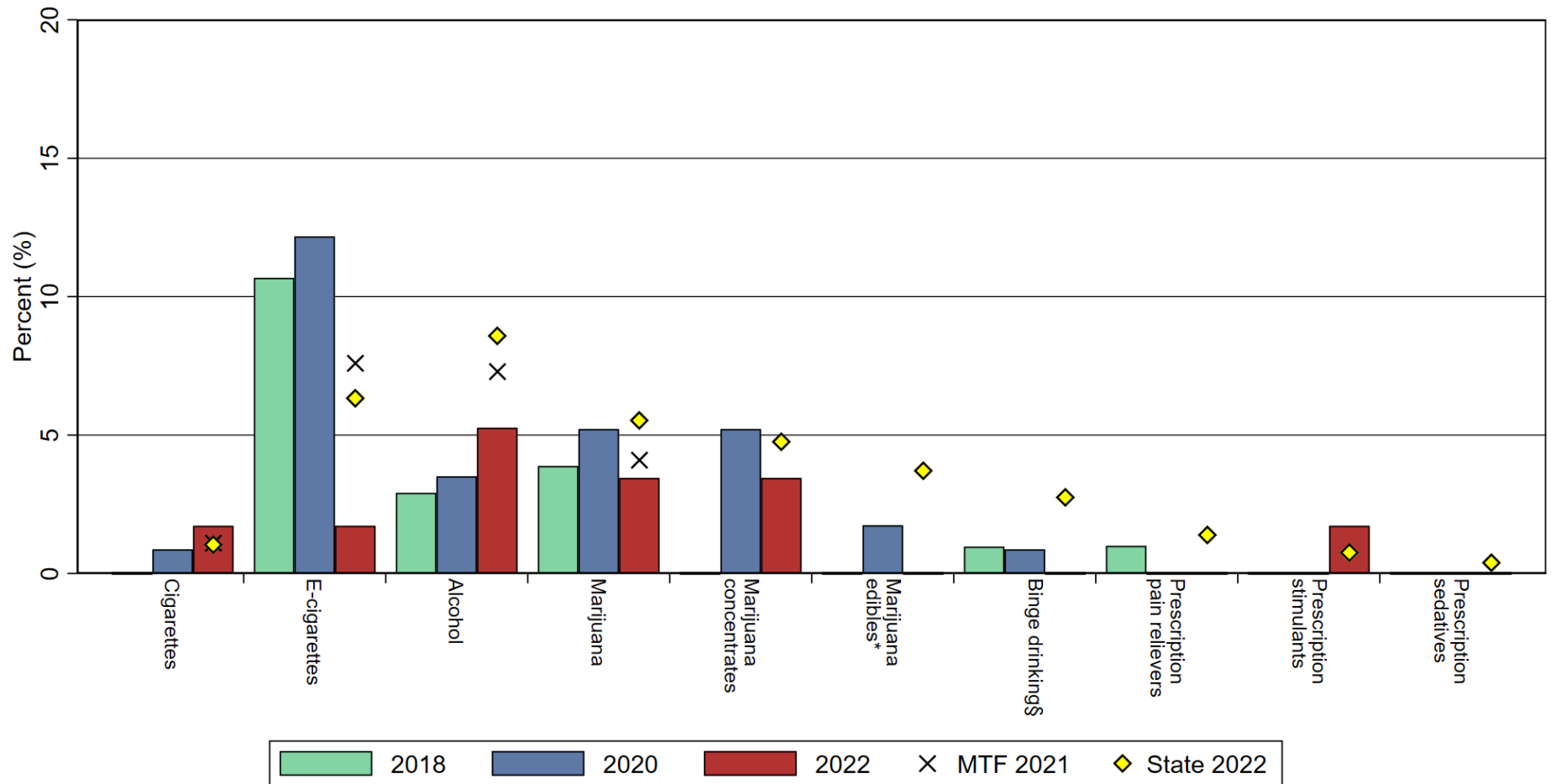
Table 6. Percentage of Students in 2022 Who Used Substances on One or More Occasions During the Past 30 Days, by Gender and Race/Ethnicity

During the past 30 days, have you...		Gender		Race/Ethnicity					Total			
		Male	Female	American Indian	Asian	Black	Hispanic	Multiracial	White	Grade 8	Grade 10	Grade 12
Cigarettes	smoked cigarettes (not including electronic cigarettes)?	0.0	2.0	.	.	.	3.3	.	0.7	1.7	0.0	1.9
E-cigarettes	vaped e-liquid or e-juice with nicotine (e.g., e-cigarettes)?	7.3	14.0	.	.	.	20.0	.	8.6	1.7	12.1	17.3
Alcohol	drunk alcoholic beverages - more than just a few sips?	13.9	15.2	.	.	.	13.3	.	15.3	5.3	14.1	25.5
Marijuana	used marijuana?	9.8	12.0	.	.	.	20.0	.	8.5	3.4	8.9	22.6
Marijuana concentrates	used marijuana concentrates (e.g., wax pen/THC oil, shatter, budder, crumble, rosin, hash, diamonds)?	10.7	11.0	.	.	.	26.7	.	8.5	3.4	9.9	20.8
Marijuana edibles	used edible foods or drinks containing marijuana (e.g., brownies, chocolates, cookies, candies, sodas, tinctures)?	1.8	5.0	.	.	.	3.3	.	3.5	0.0	0.0	13.2
Cocaine	used cocaine or crack?	0.0	2.0	.	.	.	0.0	.	0.7	0.0	0.0	3.8
Hallucinogens	used hallucinogens (e.g., LSD, shrooms, peyote, salvia)?	0.0	0.0	.	.	.	0.0	.	0.0	0.0	0.0	0.0
Inhalants	inhaled gases or fumes from glues, liquids, or sprays to get high (e.g., whippets, nitrous, paint, gas)?	0.0	1.0	.	.	.	0.0	.	0.7	1.7	0.0	0.0
Methamphetamines	used methamphetamines (e.g., meth, crystal meth)?	0.0	0.0	.	.	.	0.0	.	0.0	0.0	0.0	0.0
Heroin	used heroin?	0.0	0.0	.	.	.	0.0	.	0.0	0.0	0.0	0.0
Ecstasy	used ecstasy (e.g., Molly, MDMA, X, E)?	0.0	0.0	.	.	.	0.0	.	0.0	0.0	0.0	0.0
Steroids	used steroids or anabolic steroids (e.g., Anadrol, Oxandrin, Durabolin, Equipoise, Depo-Testosterone)?	0.0	0.0	.	.	.	0.0	.	0.0	0.0	0.0	0.0
Prescription pain relievers	used prescription pain relievers without a doctor telling you to take them (e.g., codeine, Oxycontin, Vicodin, Percocet, Hydrocodone, fentanyl)?	0.0	0.0	.	.	.	0.0	.	0.0	0.0	0.0	0.0
Prescription stimulants	used prescription stimulants without a doctor telling you to take them (e.g., Adderall, Ritalin, Concerta, Vyvanse, Dexedrine)?	0.0	1.0	.	.	.	0.0	.	0.7	1.7	0.0	0.0
Prescription sedatives	used prescription sedatives without a doctor telling you to take them (e.g., bars, Valium, Xanax, Klonopin, Ambien, Lunesta)?	0.0	0.0	.	.	.	0.0	.	0.0	0.0	0.0	0.0
Synthetic drugs	used synthetic drugs (e.g., Bath Salts, K2, Spice, Gold)?	0.0	0.0	.	.	.	0.0	.	0.0	0.0	0.0	0.0
Over-the-counter drugs	used over-the-counter drugs for the purposes of getting high (e.g., cough syrup, cold medicine, diet pills)?	0.0	1.0	.	.	.	3.3	.	0.0	1.7	0.0	0.0
Poly drug use	used multiple drugs at the same time (e.g., alcohol, prescription medications, marijuana, and other illegal drugs)?	2.8	3.0	.	.	.	3.3	.	2.9	0.0	2.0	7.7
Alcohol & pain relievers	drunk alcohol at the same time as using prescription pain relievers (e.g., Vicodin, OxyContin, codeine)?	0.0	0.0	.	.	.	0.0	.	0.0	0.0	0.0	0.0
Binge drinking	drunk five or more alcoholic drinks in a row?	4.6	6.1	.	.	.	6.7	.	5.1	0.0	7.1	7.8

Empty cells indicate that fewer than 25 students in that grade for that year responded to the question or that a grade did not participate in a given year.

# Substance Use

Figure 4. 30-Day Substance Use, Grade 8

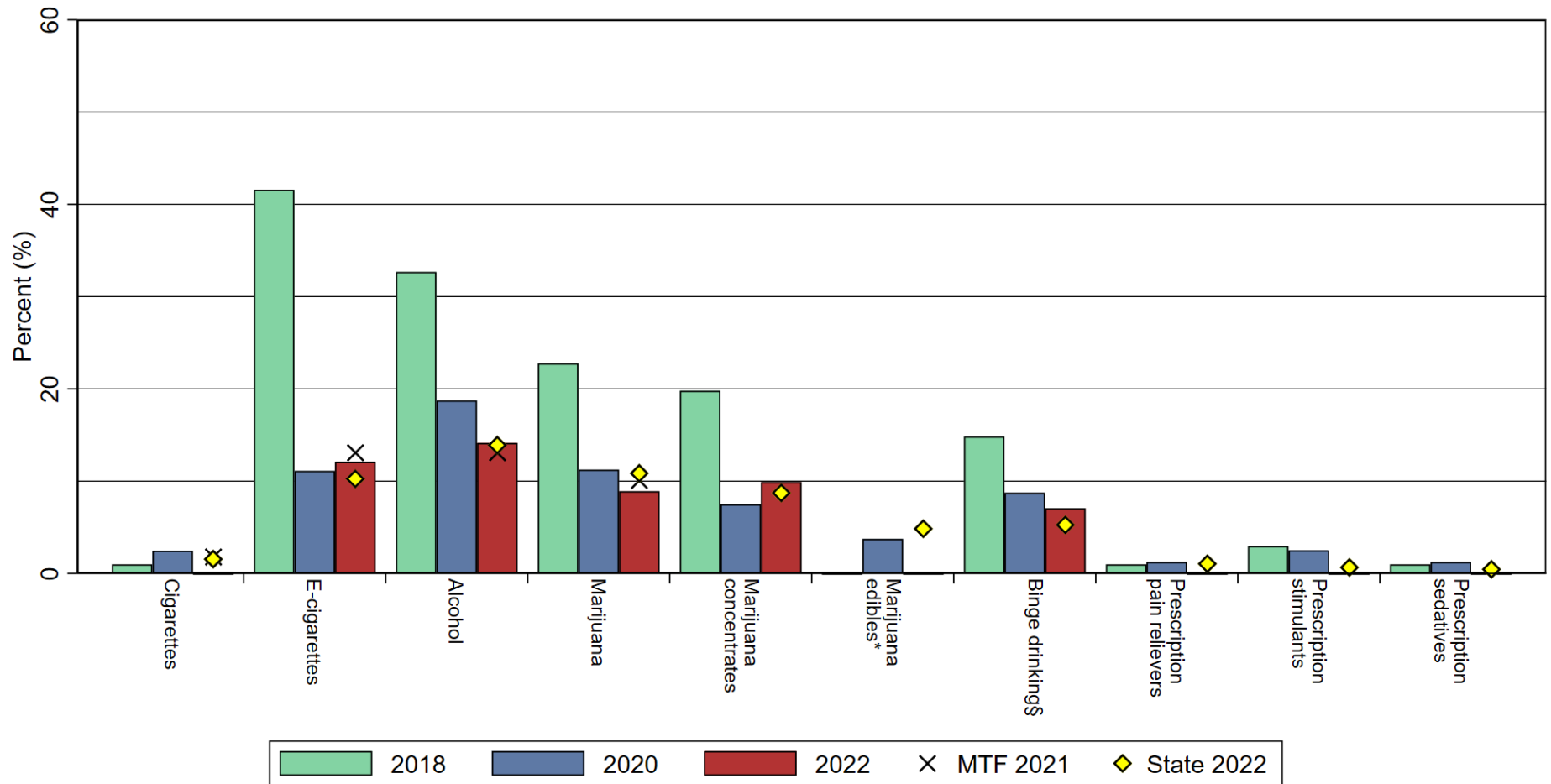


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§This question indicated whether youth had 5 or more drinks in a row during the past 2 weeks.

# Substance Use

Figure 5. 30-Day Substance Use, Grade 10

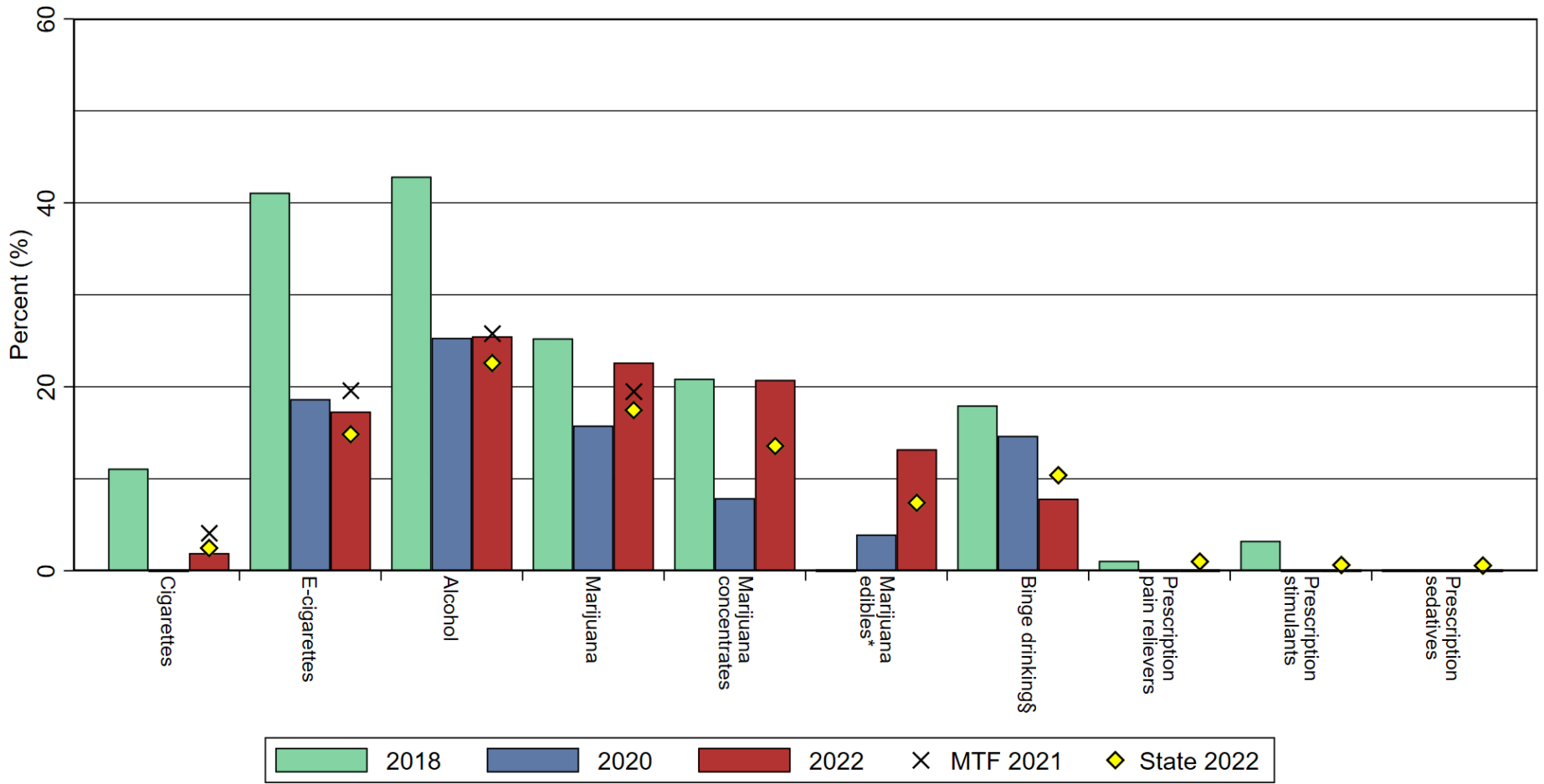


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# Substance Use

Figure 6. 30-Day Substance Use, Grade 12



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 §This question indicated whether youth had 5 or more drinks in a row during the past 2 weeks.

## **Section 2.2 Gang Involvement**

Gang Involvement is measured by a series of questions centered on current and past gang membership for self and friends, as well as the major reason for membership. Association with delinquent peers has been identified as a correlate of individual gang involvement and other anti-social behaviors (Esbensen et al., 2009; Klein and Maxson, 2006).

*Currently in a gang* reports the percentage of youths who report currently belonging to a gang. This includes youths who report belonging to a gang but wanting to get out.

*Ever in a gang* reports the percentage of youths who report that they no longer belong to a gang but used to.

*Friends in a gang* reports the percentage of youth who had at least one of his or her four closest friends in a gang.

# Gang Involvement

Table 7. Gang Involvement

	Grade 8			Grade 10			Grade 12			Total		
	2018	2020	2022	2018	2020	2022	2018	2020	2022	2018	2020	2022
Do you currently belong to a gang?†	2.9	0.9	1.7	2.0	1.2	1.0	2.2	0.0	0.0	2.4	0.7	0.9
Have you ever belonged to a gang?‡	3.9	2.6	1.7	3.0	2.5	2.9	6.6	1.3	0.0	4.4	2.2	1.9
Think of the four friends you feel closest to. In the past 12 months how many of them have been members of a gang?°	2.9	3.4	8.7	7.9	7.5	2.6	7.6	3.9	1.8	6.1	4.8	4.1

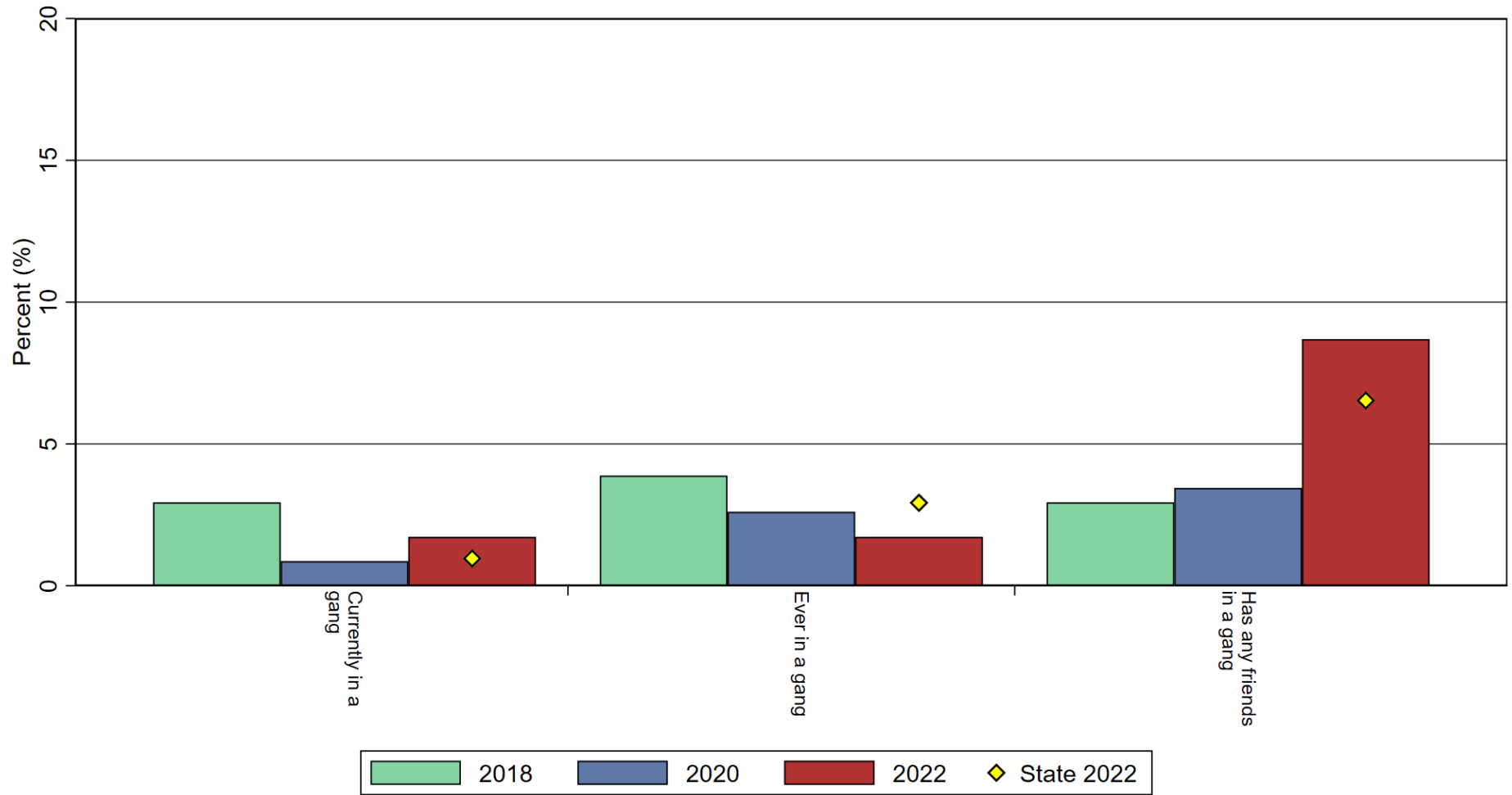
† Percentage of people who marked 'Yes, but want to get out' or 'Yes, belong now'.

‡ Percentage of people who marked 'Yes'.

° Percentage of people who marked at least one friend.

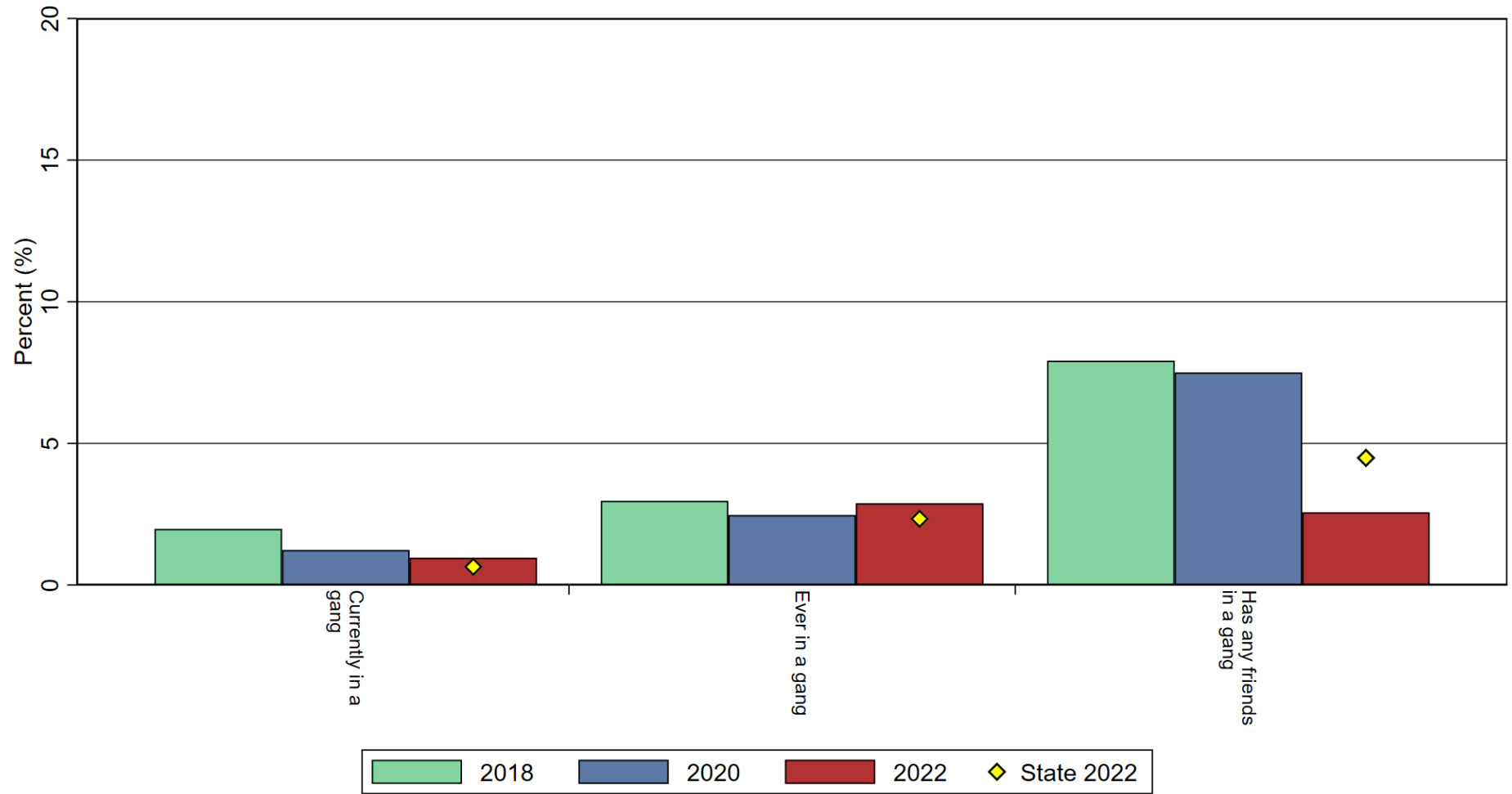
# Gang Involvement

Figure 7. Gang Involvement, Grade 8



# Gang Involvement

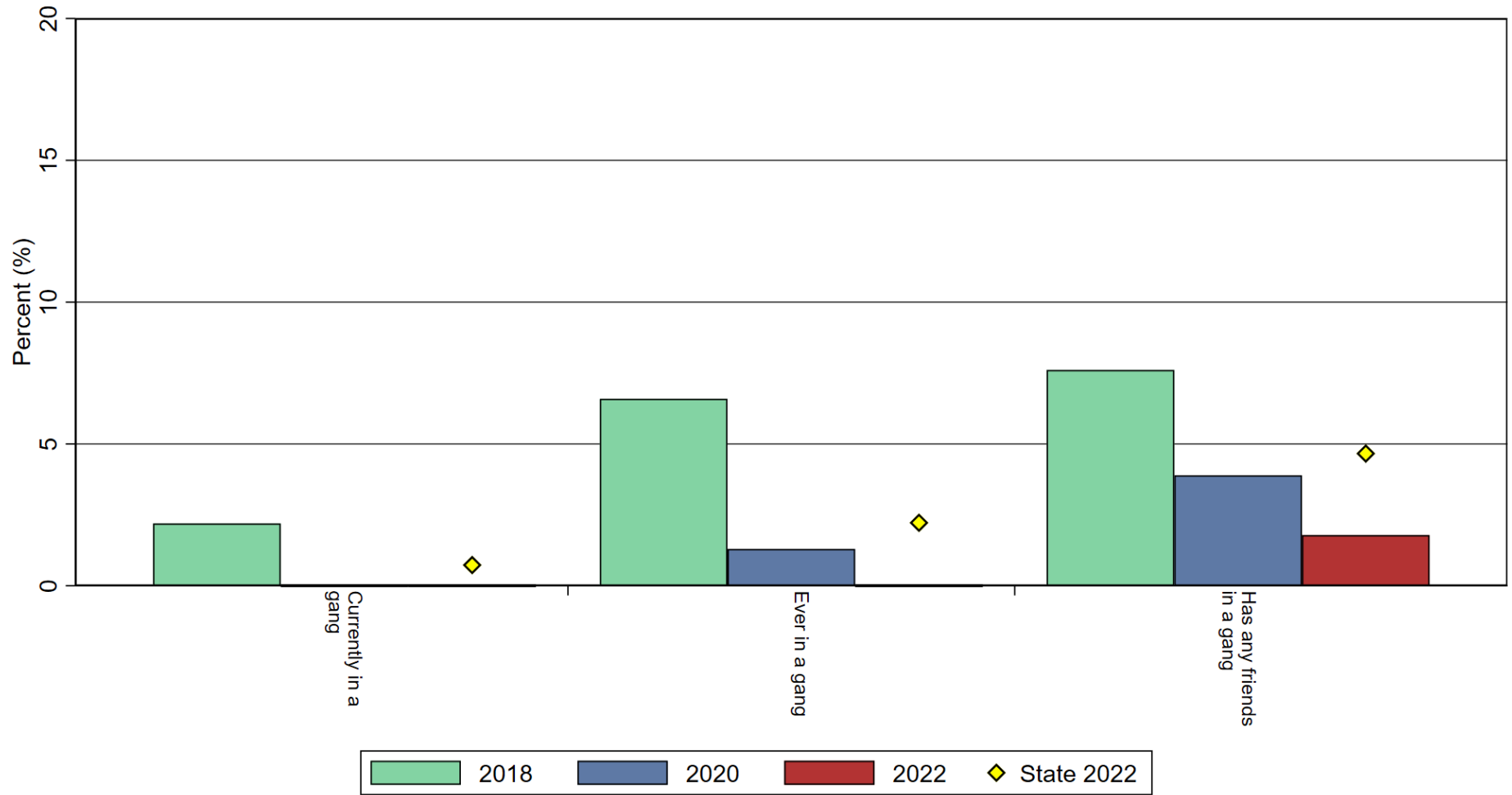
Figure 8. Gang Involvement, Grade 10





# Gang Involvement

Figure 9. Gang Involvement, Grade 12



## Section 2.3 Delinquency and Problem Behaviors

### *Delinquency*

Delinquency is measured by a series of questions encompassing a variety of types of behaviors. Trends over three survey administrations (2018, 2020 and 2022) are presented. 12-month delinquency prevalence is a measure of the percentage of youth who engaged in the following behaviors at least once during the year prior to the survey.

- stolen something worth more than \$5
- stolen or tried to steal a motor vehicle
- gambled
- cyberbullied
- sold illegal drugs
- were in a physical fight
- physically assaulted their boyfriend or girlfriend
- attacked someone to seriously hurt them

We also report the percentage of youth who were arrested in the 12 months prior to survey administration as an indicator of police response to youth delinquency.

### *School problem behavior*

Problem behaviors at school are measured in a variety of ways, including feeling unsafe at school, delinquency and drug use at school, bullying, and being bullied. Trends are presented for survey years 2018, 2020, and 2022.

*Felt unsafe at school* reports the percentage of youth who mostly or definitely do not feel safe at school. The original question has four response categories in response to the prompt “I feel safe at school”. Those who responded NO! or no are categorized as feeling unsafe. The other response options were yes and YES!. These response options were validated in the Communities that Care survey which the Arizona Youth Survey is modeled after.

Next, we report the percentage of students who skipped school at least once in the 12 months prior to the survey because they felt unsafe.

Bullying is a form of aggression, often expressed through physical or psychological harassment, which can lead to feelings of being unsafe and to increased absences (Batsche and Knoff, 1994; Gastic, 2008; Kearney, 2008). We report the percentage of youths who were bullied and the percentage of youths who report bullying someone else on school property in the 12 months prior to the survey. We also report the percentage of youth who witnessed someone being bullied on school property in the past 12 months.

*Been drunk or high* reports the percentage of youths who were drunk or high at school at least once in the prior 12 months.

*Got into a physical fight* reports the percentage of youths who were in a physical fight at least once at school in the prior 12 months.

*Threatened/injured with a weapon* reports the percentage of youth who were threatened or injured with a weapon (e.g. gun, knife, or club) at school at least once in the prior 12 months.

Finally, we report the percentage of students who were suspended at least once in the prior 12 months.

# Delinquency

Table 8. Delinquency Prevalence During the Past Year

How many times in the past 12 months have you...†	Grade 8			Grade 10			Grade 12			Total		
	2018	2020	2022	2018	2020	2022	2018	2020	2022	2018	2020	2022
stolen something worth more than \$5?	12.6	13.9	13.8	19.8	19.8	21.2	18.7	10.4	23.1	16.9	14.7	19.6
stolen or tried to steal a motor vehicle such as a car or motorcycle?	0.0	0.0	0.0	3.0	3.7	1.0	2.2	1.3	0.0	1.7	1.5	0.5
placed a bet or gambled on anything for money or something of value (e.g., lottery, cards, dice, sports, pool, video games)?°	23.3	68.9	76.9	25.7	48.6	43.8	26.4	46.2	40.0	25.1	56.8	51.7
harassed or made fun of another person online or through text?	22.3	21.7	29.3	14.9	11.1	18.3	22.0	9.1	7.7	19.7	15.0	18.7
sold illegal drugs?	0.0	0.0	1.7	5.0	3.7	1.9	4.4	1.3	1.9	3.1	1.5	1.9
been in a physical fight?	22.3	19.1	24.1	11.9	12.3	5.8	18.7	3.9	3.8	17.6	12.8	10.3
physically assaulted (hit, slapped, pushed, kicked) your boyfriend/girlfriend?	5.8	0.9	3.4	1.0	3.7	0.0	3.3	1.3	3.8	3.4	1.8	1.9
attacked someone with the idea of seriously hurting them?	2.9	9.6	6.9	5.0	3.7	3.8	12.1	3.9	0.0	6.4	6.2	3.7
been arrested?	0.0	0.9	0.0	4.0	2.5	1.0	2.2	2.6	0.0	2.0	1.8	0.5
played the lottery or scratch off tickets?	n/a	41.5	35.9	n/a	16.7	25.0	n/a	20.0	25.0	n/a	28.4	28.0
bet on a game of personal skill (e.g., pool, video games)?	n/a	41.9	61.5	n/a	35.2	31.3	n/a	29.2	17.5	n/a	36.5	35.7
bet on a card game?	n/a	30.2	25.6	n/a	22.2	18.8	n/a	18.5	10.0	n/a	24.7	18.2
bet on a dice game?	n/a	19.8	5.1	n/a	8.3	12.5	n/a	4.6	7.5	n/a	12.3	9.1
paid to play bingo?	n/a	12.3	7.7	n/a	6.9	3.1	n/a	3.1	5.0	n/a	8.2	4.9
bet on sports?	n/a	40.6	25.6	n/a	29.2	20.3	n/a	20.0	12.5	n/a	31.7	19.6
spent money to access extra features on video games or game apps (e.g., virtual items, character upgrades, loot boxes, extended play)?	n/a	63.2	76.9	n/a	48.6	50.0	n/a	41.5	35.0	n/a	53.1	53.1

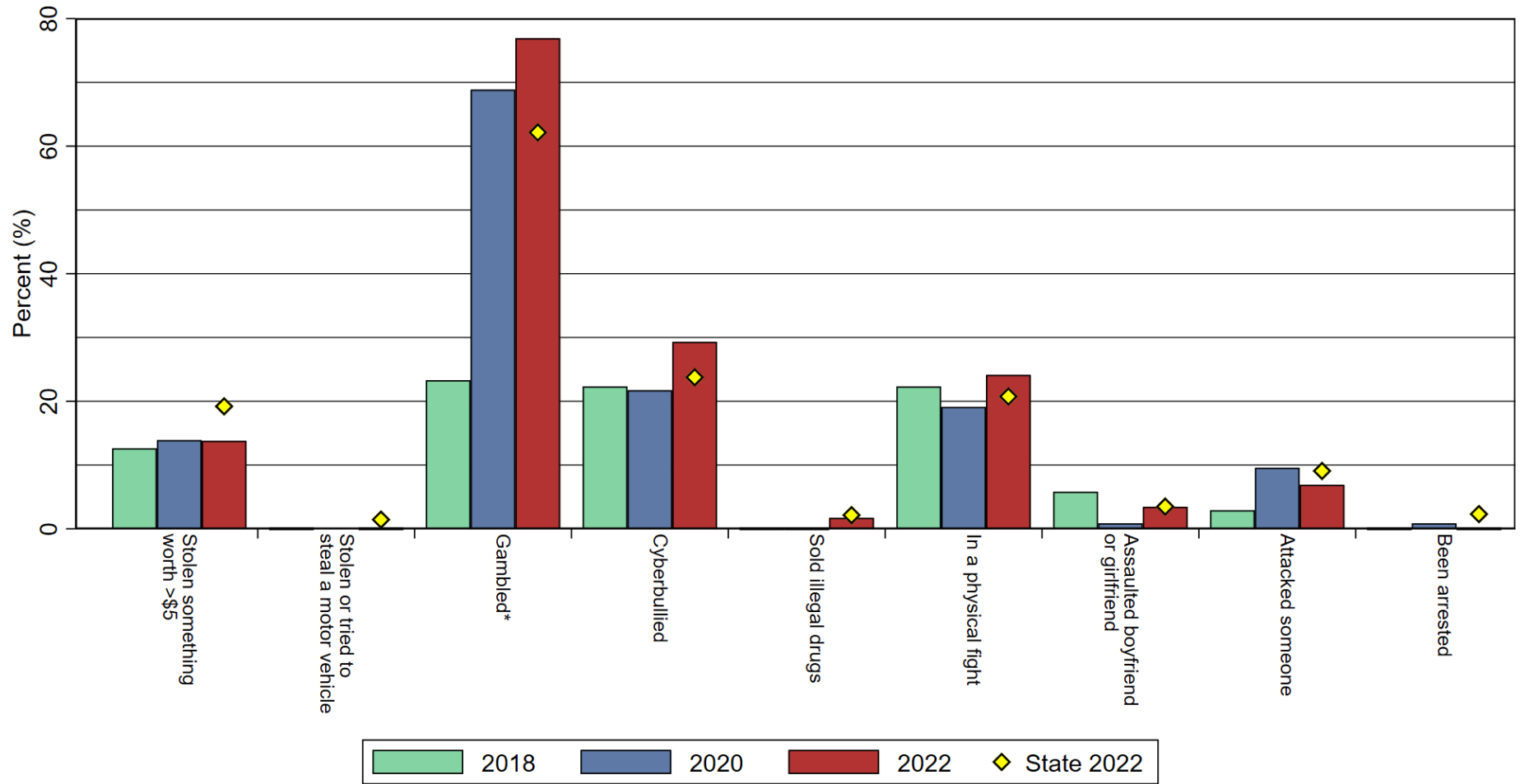
† Percentage of students who marked at least one time.

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# Delinquency

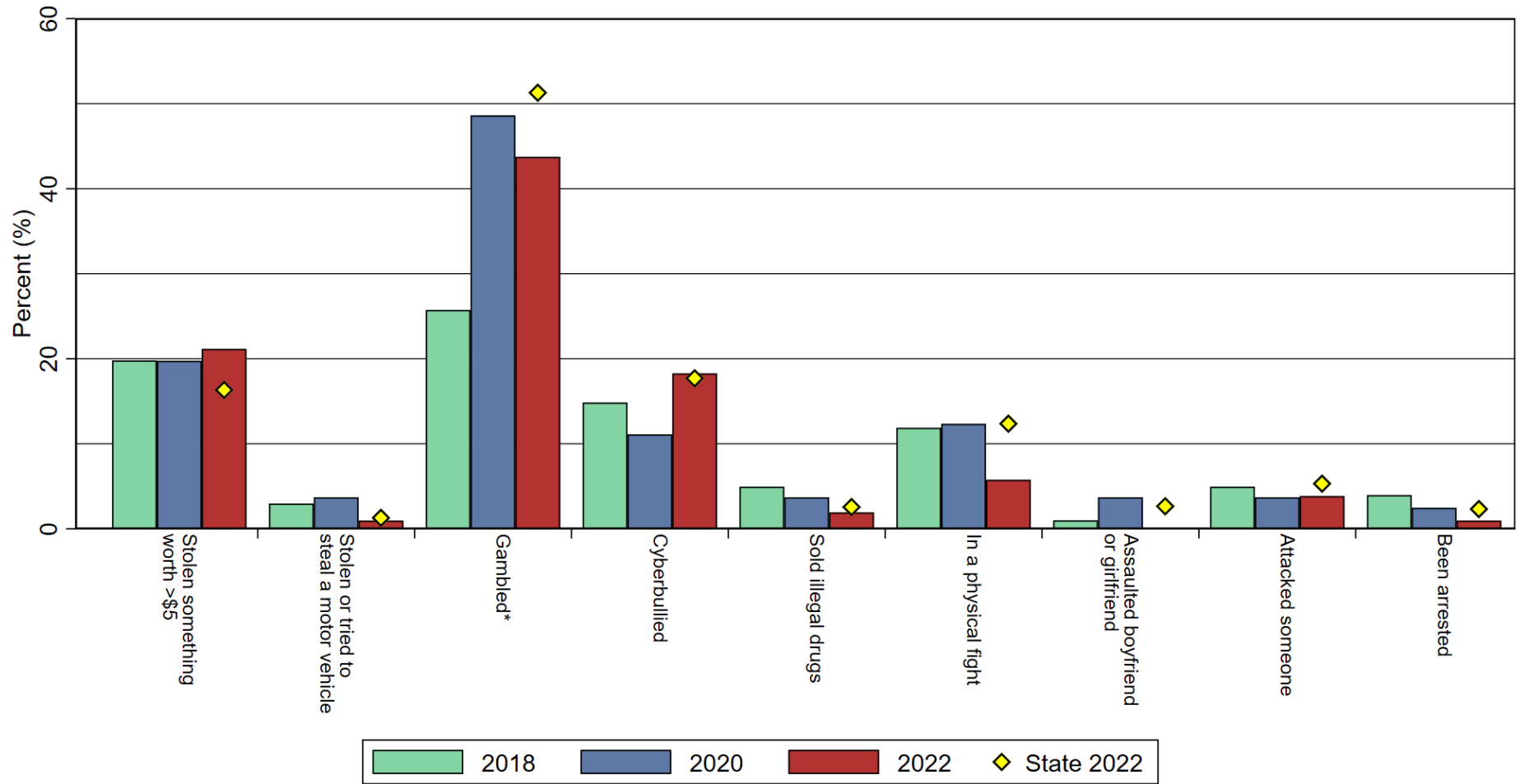
Figure 10. Delinquency, Grade 8



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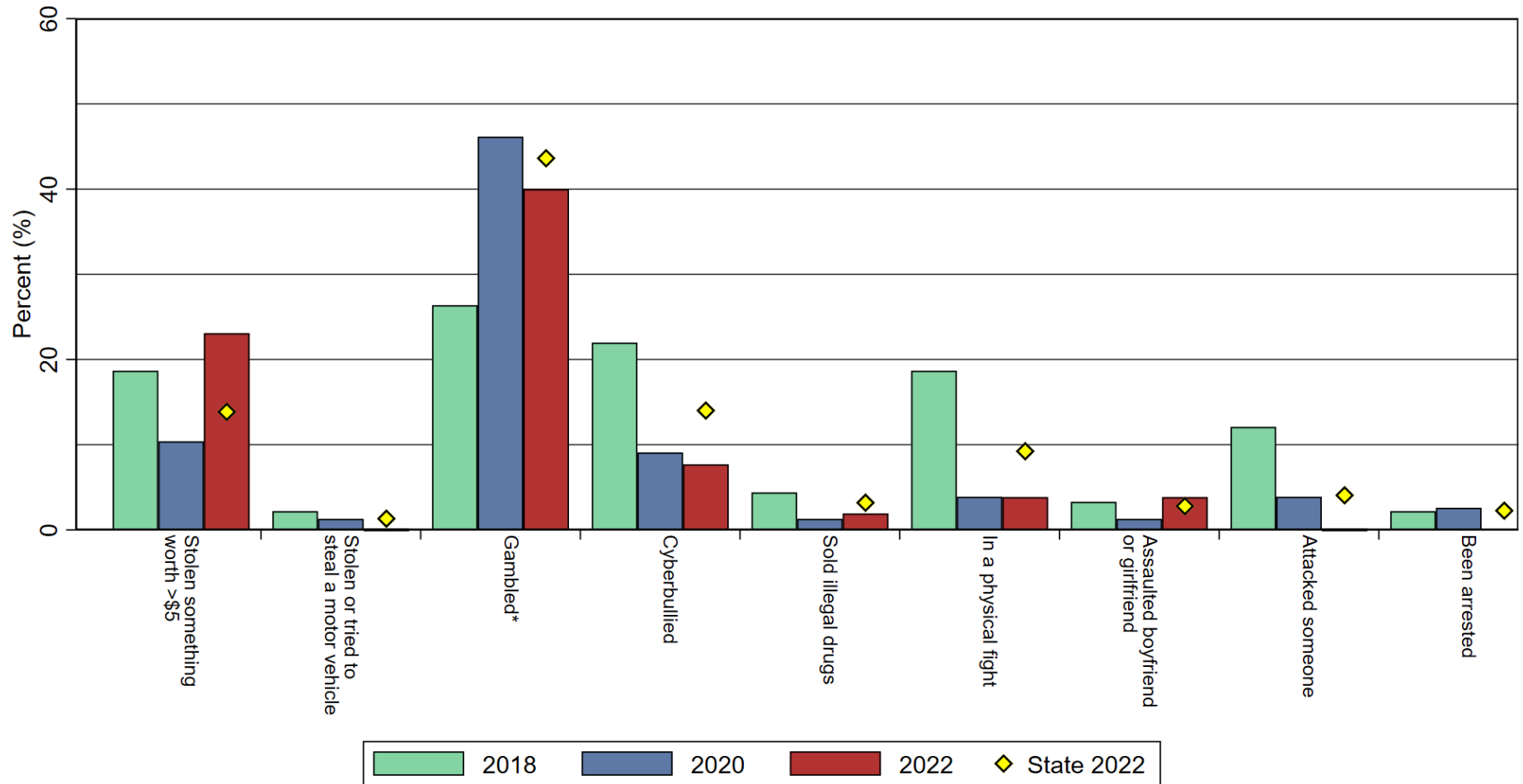
Figure 11. Delinquency, Grade 10



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# Delinquency

Figure 12. Delinquency, Grade 12



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# Problem Behaviors at School

Table 9. Problem Behaviors at School in the Past Year

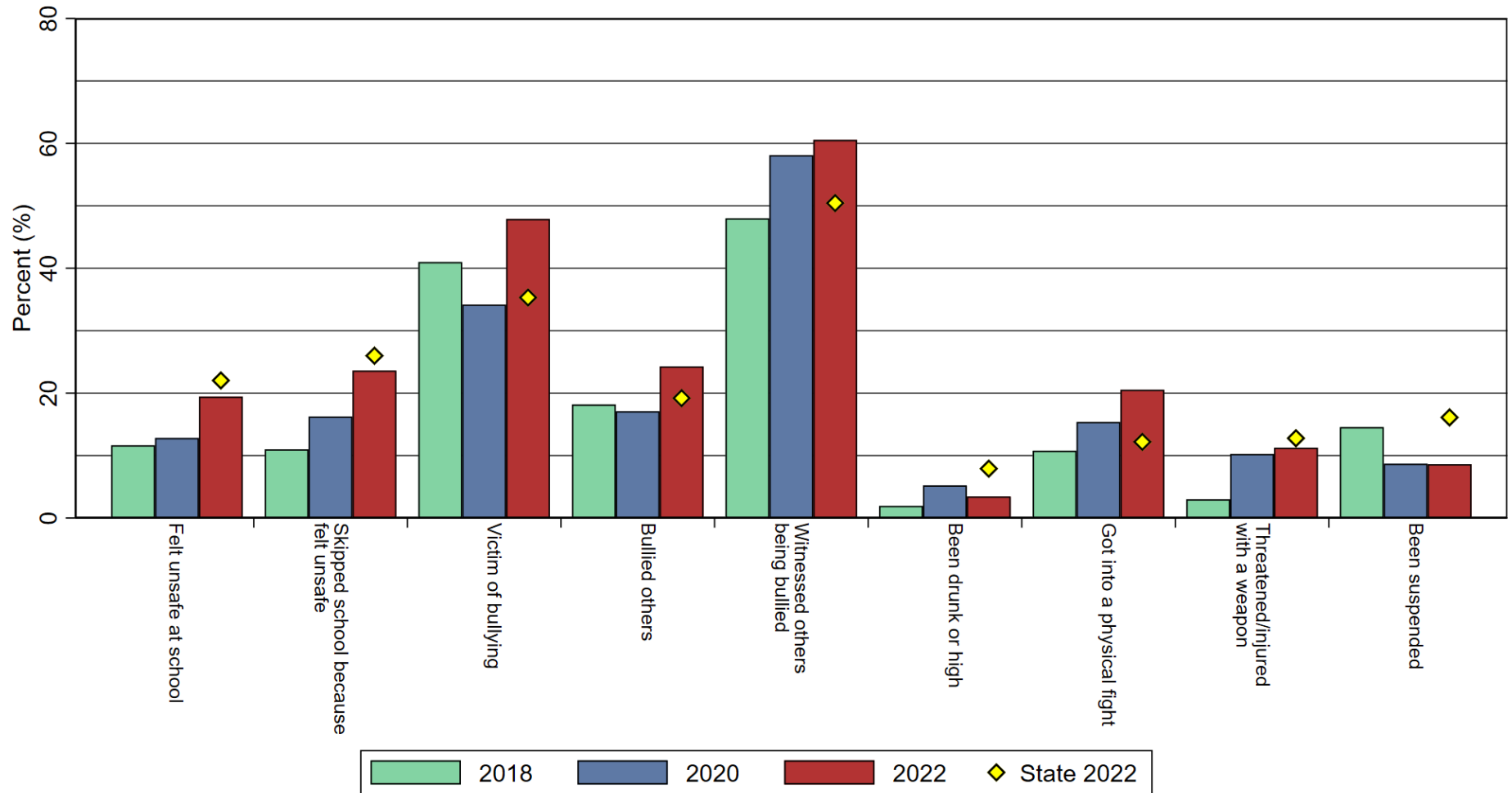
	Grade 8			Grade 10			Grade 12			Total		
	2018	2020	2022	2018	2020	2022	2018	2020	2022	2018	2020	2022
I feel safe at my school.†	11.7	12.8	19.4	12.7	7.3	9.5	14.9	3.8	23.2	13.0	8.6	15.4
<b>During the past 12 months, how many times...‡</b>												
did you not go to school because you felt you would be unsafe?	11.0	16.2	23.6	10.4	14.6	9.5	9.8	11.3	10.7	10.4	14.3	13.8
were you picked on or bullied on school property?	41.0	34.2	47.9	20.8	18.3	28.6	20.5	20.0	8.9	28.0	25.4	29.6
did you pick on or bully someone else on school property?	18.2	17.1	24.3	7.3	3.7	11.9	10.8	6.3	3.6	12.2	10.0	13.5
did you see someone being bullied on school property?	48.0	58.1	60.6	41.7	25.6	34.1	39.8	25.0	16.1	43.4	39.1	37.5
have you been drunk or high at school?	1.9	5.2	3.4	18.8	14.8	9.6	18.7	9.1	21.2	12.9	9.2	10.7
were you in a physical fight on school property?	10.8	15.4	20.5	5.1	4.9	1.6	7.1	2.5	3.6	7.7	8.6	7.5
has someone threatened or injured you with a weapon (e.g., gun, knife, club) on school property?	3.0	10.3	11.3	3.1	12.2	5.6	3.6	7.5	1.8	3.2	10.0	6.3
have you been suspended from school?	14.6	8.7	8.6	7.9	4.9	8.7	9.9	3.9	3.8	10.8	6.2	7.5

† Percentage of people who marked 'NO!' and 'no'.

‡ Percentage of people who marked at least one time.

# Problem Behaviors at School

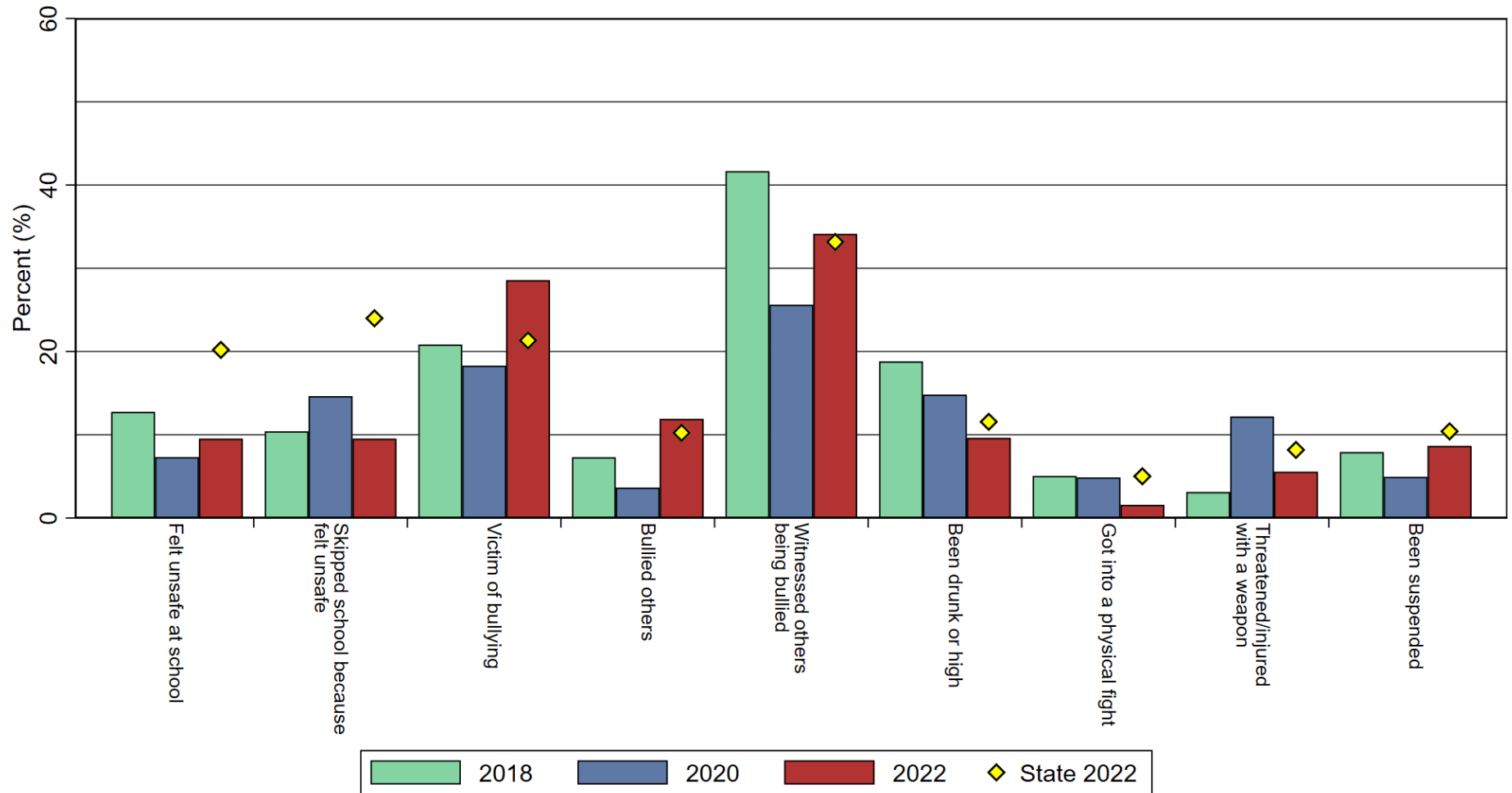
Figure 13. Problem Behaviors at School, Grade 8





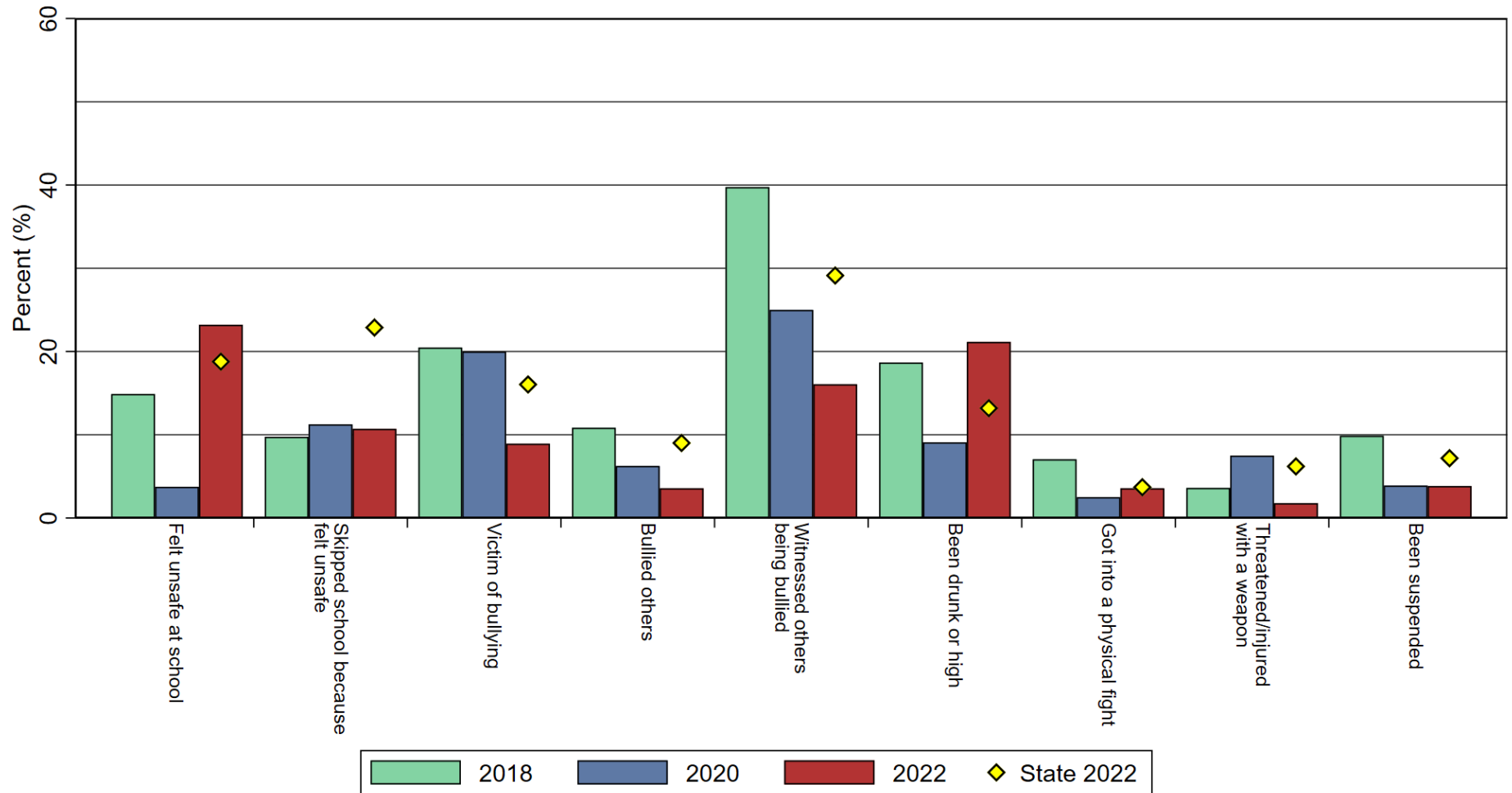
# Problem Behaviors at School

Figure 14. Problem Behaviors at School, Grade 10



# Problem Behaviors at School

Figure 15. Problem Behaviors at School, Grade 12



## Section 2.4 Adverse Childhood Experiences (ACEs)

The original Kaiser Permanente Adverse Childhood Experiences Study, conducted from 1995 to 1997, established the link between early childhood experiences of abuse or neglect and the presence of health issues in adulthood (Felitti et al., 1998). Through this study, the prevention community was able to determine that as the number of ACEs a child is exposed to increases so does the risk level for negative outcomes later in life. To assess youth exposure to these situations, six questions related to adverse childhood experiences were asked in the 2020 and 2022 AYS. ACEs questions pertaining to a history of physical, sexual and emotional abuse were not included because state law mandates that evidence of these acts must be reported to the Arizona Department of Child Safety.

*Ever lived with an alcoholic* reports the percentage of youth who ever lived with a problem drinker or alcoholic.

*Ever lived with a drug user* reports the percentage of youth who ever lived with someone who used illegal street drugs or who abused prescription medications.

*Ever lived with someone who has been incarcerated* reports the percentage of youth who ever lived with someone who served time or was sentenced to serve time in a prison, jail or other correctional facility.

*Parents ever separated or divorced* reports the percentage of youth whose parents had ever been separated or divorced.

*Ever lived with adults who fought each other* reports the percentage of youth who ever lived with adults who slapped, hit, kicked, punched or beat each other up.

*Ever lived with adults who insulted or put you down* reports the percentage of youth who ever lived with an adult who swore at, insulted, or put down the youth.

# ACEs

Table 10. Adverse Childhood Experiences (ACEs)

	Grade 8			Grade 10			Grade 12			Total		
	2018	2020	2022	2018	2020	2022	2018	2020	2022	2018	2020	2022
Ever lived with an alcoholic?	n/a	32.4	37.8	n/a	35.1	30.4	n/a	18.6	45.5	n/a	29.5	36.3
Ever lived with a drug user?	n/a	20.7	20.0	n/a	15.6	11.4	n/a	8.6	29.5	n/a	15.9	18.5
Ever lived with someone who has been incarcerated?	n/a	18.9	35.6	n/a	24.7	11.4	n/a	12.9	15.9	n/a	19.0	19.0
Parents ever seperated or divorced?	n/a	46.4	46.7	n/a	37.7	35.4	n/a	31.4	52.3	n/a	39.8	42.9
Ever lived with adults who fought each other?	n/a	14.4	22.2	n/a	11.7	10.1	n/a	7.1	18.2	n/a	11.6	15.5
Ever lived with adults who insulted or put you down?	n/a	32.4	40.0	n/a	29.9	25.3	n/a	25.7	43.2	n/a	29.8	33.9
Percentage of students with at least one adverse childhood experience												
Students with at least one adverse childhood experience	n/a	59.8	68.9	n/a	63.6	51.9	n/a	48.6	75.0	n/a	57.9	62.5

n/a indicates a question was not administered in that year.

## Section 2.5 Risk and Protective Factors

Risk and Protective Factors (RPF) are personal and environmental factors that influence a person’s likelihood of engaging in problem behaviors (Hawkins et al., 1992). Risk Factors increase the chances of participation in problem behaviors, while Protective Factors decrease this likelihood. The RPF scales included in the AYS are grouped into four domains: peer/individual, family, school, and community. The RPF tables in this section summarize the proportion of students exhibiting these risk or protective factors. Ideally, the proportion with risk factors should be on the lower end of the scale (indicating a lower risk level), whereas protective factors should be higher (indicating a higher level of protection). Detailed descriptions of RPFs are included in Appendix A.

Table 11. Risk and Protective Factor Domains and Variables	
Risk Factors	Protective Factors
<b>Community</b>	
Low neighborhood attachment	Rewards for prosocial involvement
Laws and norms favorable to drugs	
Perceived availability of drugs	
Perceived availability of handguns	
<b>Family</b>	
Poor family management	Family attachment
Family conflict	Opportunities for prosocial involvement
Family history of antisocial behavior	Rewards for prosocial involvement
Parental attitudes to drug use	
Parental attitudes to antisocial behavior	
<b>School</b>	
Academic failure	Opportunities for prosocial involvement
Low commitment to school	Rewards for prosocial involvement
<b>Peer and Individual</b>	
Rebelliousness	Belief in the moral order
Early initiation of drug use	Interaction with prosocial peers
Attitudes to antisocial behavior	Prosocial involvement
Attitudes to drug use	Rewards for prosocial involvement
Perceived risk of drug use	
Interaction with antisocial peers	
Friends’ use of drugs	
Rewards for antisocial behavior	
Gang involvement	

# Risk Factors

Table 12. Percentage of Students at Risk

	Grade 8			Grade 10			Grade 12			Total		
	2018	2020	2022	2018	2020	2022	2018	2020	2022	2018	2020	2022
<b>Community</b>												
Low neighborhood attachment	31.0	38.5	50.0	41.7	46.7	41.3	57.1	55.1	53.5	42.5	45.5	46.9
Laws & norms favorable to drug use	29.3	31.2	24.4	32.3	27.4	36.5	28.9	24.6	39.5	30.2	28.3	34.2
Perceived availability of drugs	29.1	21.1	17.3	40.8	23.8	25.6	49.4	21.3	36.2	39.2	21.9	25.9
Perceived availability of handguns	26.2	27.2	28.8	14.3	18.8	12.2	33.3	17.3	14.9	24.3	21.9	17.5
<b>Family</b>												
Poor family management	28.4	27.7	37.0	29.9	29.9	24.1	39.5	20.0	31.8	32.3	26.3	29.6
Family conflict	46.1	52.7	59.6	34.0	40.5	31.6	30.2	34.3	40.9	37.2	44.1	41.8
Family history of antisocial behavior	29.9	25.7	23.3	37.5	18.7	13.5	22.9	10.3	25.6	30.4	19.4	19.4
Parental attitudes favorable to drug use	17.6	12.5	19.6	35.1	26.3	26.6	33.7	18.6	22.7	28.4	18.2	23.7
Parental attitudes favorable to antisocial behavior	43.1	53.6	45.7	52.6	39.5	43.0	41.9	42.9	34.1	46.0	46.5	41.4
<b>School</b>												
Academic failure	26.3	25.6	40.3	45.1	50.0	44.4	41.5	37.5	42.9	37.6	36.1	42.9
Low commitment to school	37.3	31.6	76.4	67.6	52.4	73.6	68.1	61.3	78.6	57.4	46.2	75.5
<b>Peer and Individual</b>												
Rebelliousness	23.5	14.2	23.6	24.5	22.5	28.6	32.2	11.0	22.2	26.5	15.8	25.7
Early initiation of drug use	23.7	9.6	12.3	17.0	11.3	6.1	21.3	6.6	15.4	20.6	9.3	10.1
Attitudes favorable to antisocial behavior	27.2	40.4	32.7	31.6	42.5	37.8	34.5	33.3	44.7	30.9	39.0	38.1
Attitudes favorable to drug use	14.6	21.9	23.1	31.6	31.3	38.9	37.9	28.0	34.0	27.4	26.4	33.3
Perceived risk of drug use	41.7	46.5	57.7	54.1	45.0	61.1	63.2	53.3	74.5	52.4	48.0	63.5
Interaction with antisocial peers	40.2	41.4	60.3	41.0	37.5	30.8	45.7	16.9	26.8	42.2	33.3	38.2
Friends' use of drugs	17.6	20.7	19.1	27.7	21.3	13.7	35.5	14.3	21.4	26.7	19.0	17.0
Rewards for antisocial behavior	33.7	54.4	28.8	68.4	56.3	30.0	65.5	76.0	44.7	55.0	61.0	33.3
Gang involvement	5.8	5.2	5.2	7.9	7.4	4.8	8.8	5.2	1.9	7.5	5.9	4.2
<b>Total</b>												
Students with High Risk*	29.8	31.6	20.3	31.4	29.3	16.7	36.2	17.5	32.1	32.3	26.9	21.1

\*High Risk youth are defined as the percentage of students who have more than a specified number of risk factors operating in their lives. (8th grade: 8 or more risk factors, 10th & 12th grades: 9 or more risk factors.)

# Protective Factors

Table 13. Percentage of Students Reporting Protection

	Grade 8			Grade 10			Grade 12			Total		
	2018	2020	2022	2018	2020	2022	2018	2020	2022	2018	2020	2022
<b>Community</b>												
Rewards for Prosocial Involvement	22.0	21.1	19.0	26.0	18.7	18.7	32.1	23.2	16.3	26.4	20.9	18.1
<b>Family</b>												
Family Attachment	57.0	61.3	50.0	51.5	49.4	53.2	58.1	51.4	36.4	55.5	55.0	47.9
Opportunities for Prosocial Involvement	68.3	69.4	58.7	61.9	58.4	58.2	52.9	55.7	47.7	61.5	62.4	55.6
Rewards for Prosocial Involvement	67.0	69.4	58.7	58.8	54.5	54.4	54.1	51.4	43.2	60.3	60.1	52.7
<b>School</b>												
Opportunities for Prosocial Involvement	69.2	67.5	54.2	69.6	70.4	59.5	55.3	72.5	44.6	65.0	69.8	54.7
Rewards for Prosocial Involvement	51.9	53.0	47.2	53.9	63.0	62.7	39.4	46.3	25.0	48.7	54.0	50.0
<b>Peer and Individual</b>												
Belief in the Moral Order	62.7	59.3	53.6	67.3	71.3	57.1	50.6	52.1	42.6	60.6	60.9	52.6
Interaction with Prosocial Peers	74.5	66.1	55.1	57.8	56.8	57.6	59.1	67.5	30.4	64.0	63.7	50.6
Prosocial Involvement	42.7	53.8	33.3	57.8	43.9	47.6	57.4	48.8	26.8	52.5	49.5	39.0
Rewards for Prosocial Involvement	69.2	71.9	43.1	65.3	57.5	40.0	75.9	60.0	53.2	69.9	64.3	44.1
<b>Total</b>												
Students with High Protection*	76.0	76.9	47.3	77.5	74.4	55.6	70.2	68.8	42.9	74.7	73.8	50.4

\*High Protection youth are defined as the percentage of students who have four or more protective factors operating in their lives.

## Section 2.6 Handgun Use, Victimization, and Attitudes

Gun carrying in adolescence is correlated with violent crime, property crime and drug use (Emmert, Hall & Lizotte, 2018). The Arizona Youth Survey includes several questions about handgun carrying, gun use, and attitudes about guns.

*Brought a gun to school* reports the percentage of youths who took a handgun to school at least once in the prior 12 months.

*Carried a handgun* reports the percentage of youths who carried a handgun at least once during the prior 12 months.

*Threatened, shot at, or shot someone* reports the percentage of youth who used a gun to threaten, shoot at, or shoot someone at least once in the prior 12 months.

*Saw someone shot, shot at, or threatened* reports the percentage of youth who witnessed someone using a gun to threaten, shoot at, or shoot someone at least once in the prior 12 months.

*Been shot, shot at, or threatened* reports the percentage of youth who themselves were shot, shot at, or threatened with a gun at least once in the prior 12 months.

*Has close friends who carry a handgun* reports the percentage of youth who had at least one of his or her four closest friends carry a handgun.

*Would be seen as cool for carrying a gun* reports the percentage of youth who felt there was some chance, a pretty good chance or a very good chance that they would be seen as cool if they carried a handgun. The other responses were no or very little chance and little chance of being seen as cool.

*Not wrong to take a handgun to school* reports the percentage of youth who felt it was not wrong or only a little bit wrong to take a handgun to school. The other response options were wrong or very wrong.

*It would be easy to get a handgun* reports the percentage of youth who felt it would be very easy or sort of easy to obtain a handgun. The other response options were sort of hard and very hard.



# Handgun Use, Victimization, and Attitudes

Table 14. Handgun Use, Victimization, and Attitudes

	Grade 8			Grade 10			Grade 12			Total		
	2018	2020	2022	2018	2020	2022	2018	2020	2022	2018	2020	2022
How many times in the past 12 months have you taken a handgun to school?†	0.0	0.0	0.0	0.0	1.2	0.0	2.2	1.3	0.0	0.7	0.7	0.0
How many times in the past 12 months have you carried a handgun?†	5.8	1.7	8.6	6.9	2.5	2.9	8.8	1.3	1.9	7.1	1.8	4.2
How many times in the past 12 months have you threatened, shot at, or shot someone with a gun?†	1.0	1.7	0.0	3.0	1.2	0.0	2.2	1.3	0.0	2.0	1.5	0.0
How many times in the past 12 months have you seen someone shot, shot at, or threatened with a gun?†	3.0	8.3	4.8	4.2	6.7	1.3	7.1	2.9	2.3	4.6	6.3	2.5
How many times in the past 12 months have you been shot, shot at, or threatened with a gun?†	0.0	3.7	2.4	2.1	1.3	1.4	4.8	2.9	2.3	2.1	2.8	1.9
Think of the four friends you feel closest to. In the past 12 months how many of them have carried a handgun?†	4.9	0.9	7.2	5.9	7.5	6.0	14.1	1.3	5.4	8.1	2.9	6.2
What are the chances that you would be seen as cool if you carried a handgun?‡	12.6	14.9	3.9	17.3	18.8	3.3	14.9	13.3	4.3	14.9	15.6	3.7
How wrong do you think it is for someone your age to take a handgun to school?°	2.9	2.6	0.0	0.0	3.8	1.1	3.4	1.3	2.1	2.1	2.6	1.1
How easy would it be for you to get the following things if you wanted them: a handgun?§	10.7	9.6	15.4	14.3	18.8	12.2	33.3	17.3	14.9	18.8	14.5	13.8

† Percentage of people who marked at least one time/friend.

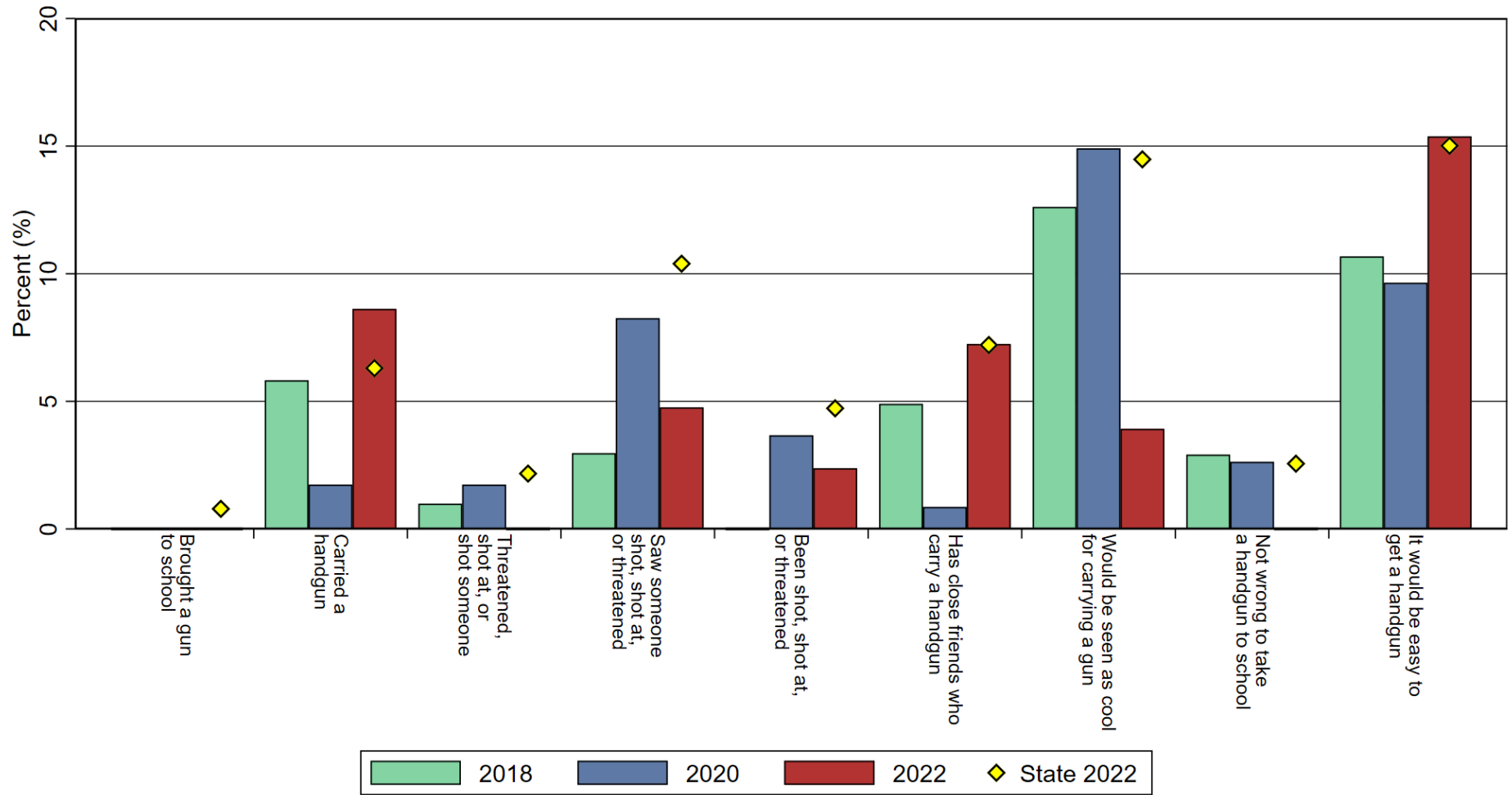
‡ Percentage of people who marked 'Some chance', 'Pretty good chance' and 'Very good chance'.

° Percentage of people who marked 'A little bit wrong' and 'Not wrong at all'.

§ Percentage of people who marked 'Sort of easy' and 'Very easy'.

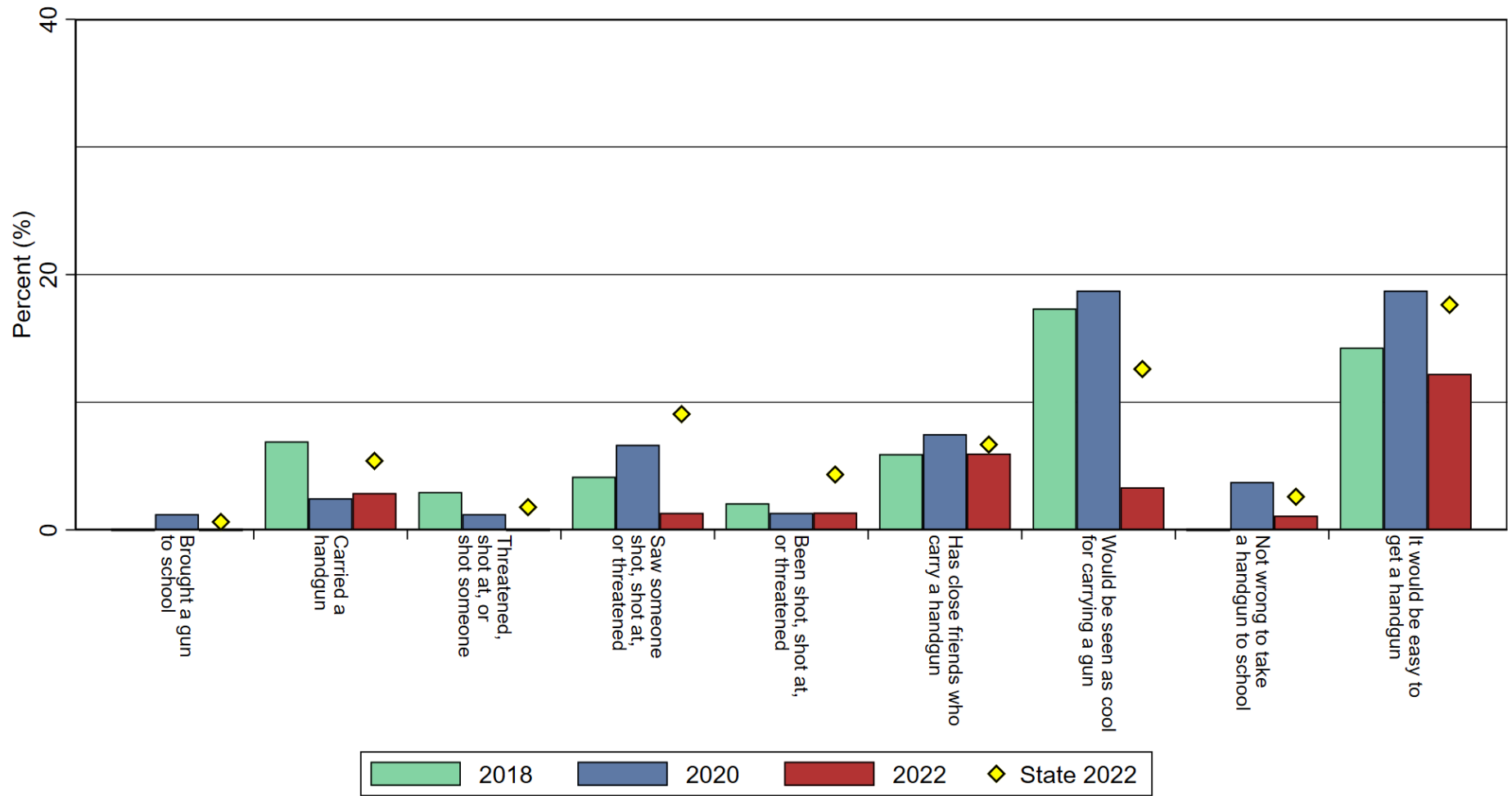
# Handgun Use, Victimization, and Attitudes

Figure 16. Handgun Use, Victimization, and Attitudes, Grade 8



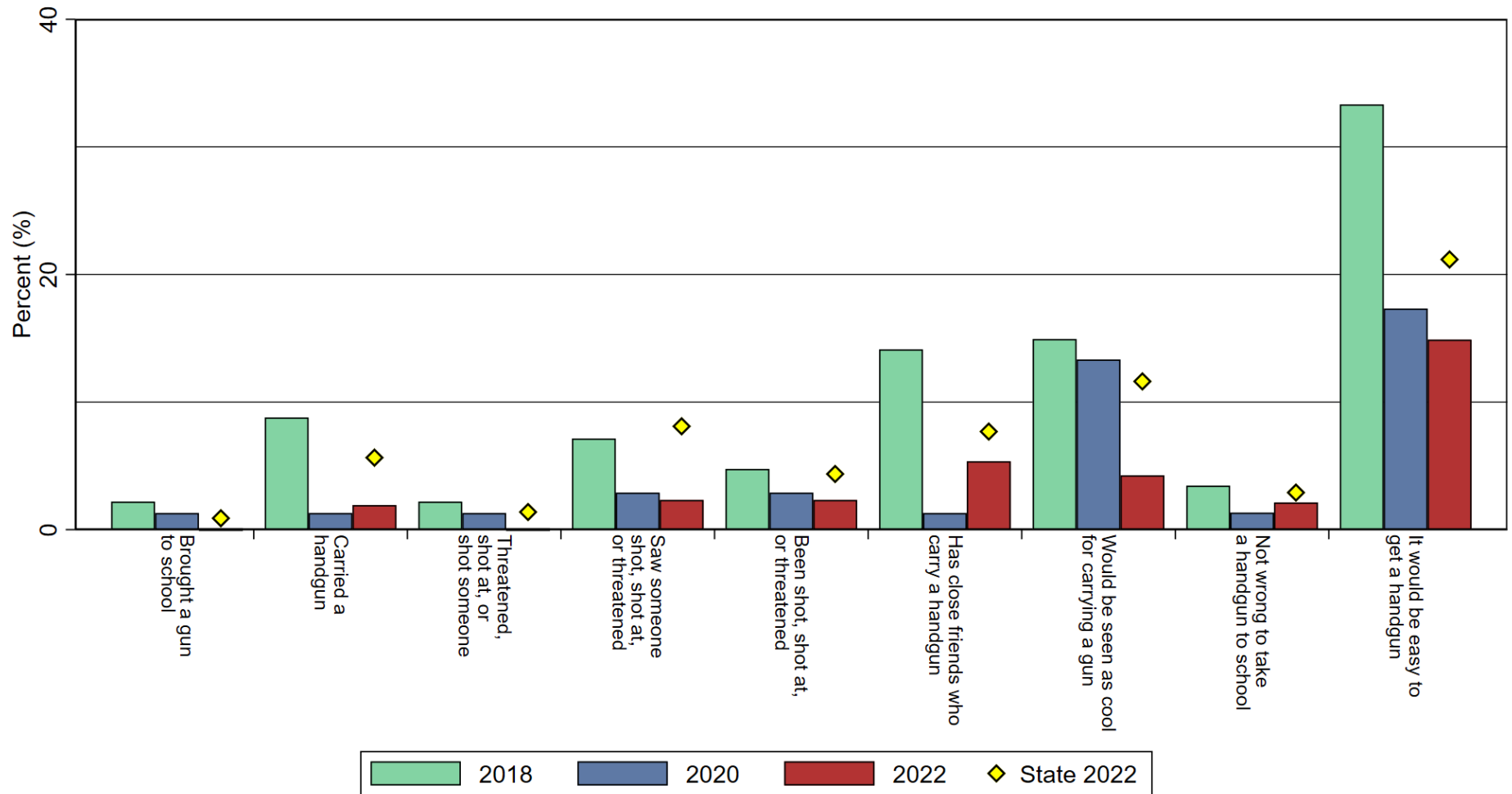
# Handgun Use, Victimization, and Attitudes

Figure 17. Handgun Use, Victimization, and Attitudes, Grade 10



# Handgun Use, Victimization, and Attitudes

Figure 18. Handgun Use, Victimization, and Attitudes, Grade 12



## **Section 2.7 Violence Exposure**

This section collects reports of either witnessing or experiencing violence.

*Saw someone beaten up* reports the percentage of youths who witnessed someone being punched, kicked, choked or beaten up at least once in the prior 12 months.

*Saw someone attacked with a weapon* reports the percentage of youths who witnessed someone attacked with a weapon other than a gun (e.g. knife, bat, bottle) at least once in the prior 12 months.

*Beaten up* reports the percentage of youths who were punched, kicked, choked, or beaten up at least once in the past 12 months.

*Assaulted by boyfriend/girlfriend* reports the percentage of youths who were physically assaulted (e.g. hit, slapped, pushed) by a boyfriend or girlfriend at least once in the prior 12 months.

*Attacked with a weapon other than a gun* reports the percentage of youths who were attacked with a weapon other than a gun (e.g. knife, bat, bottle) at least once in the prior 12 months.

*Cyber bullied* reports the percentage of youth who were cyber-bullied at least once in the prior 12 months. Cyber bullying is defined as being harassed or made fun of by another person online or through text.

# Violence Exposure

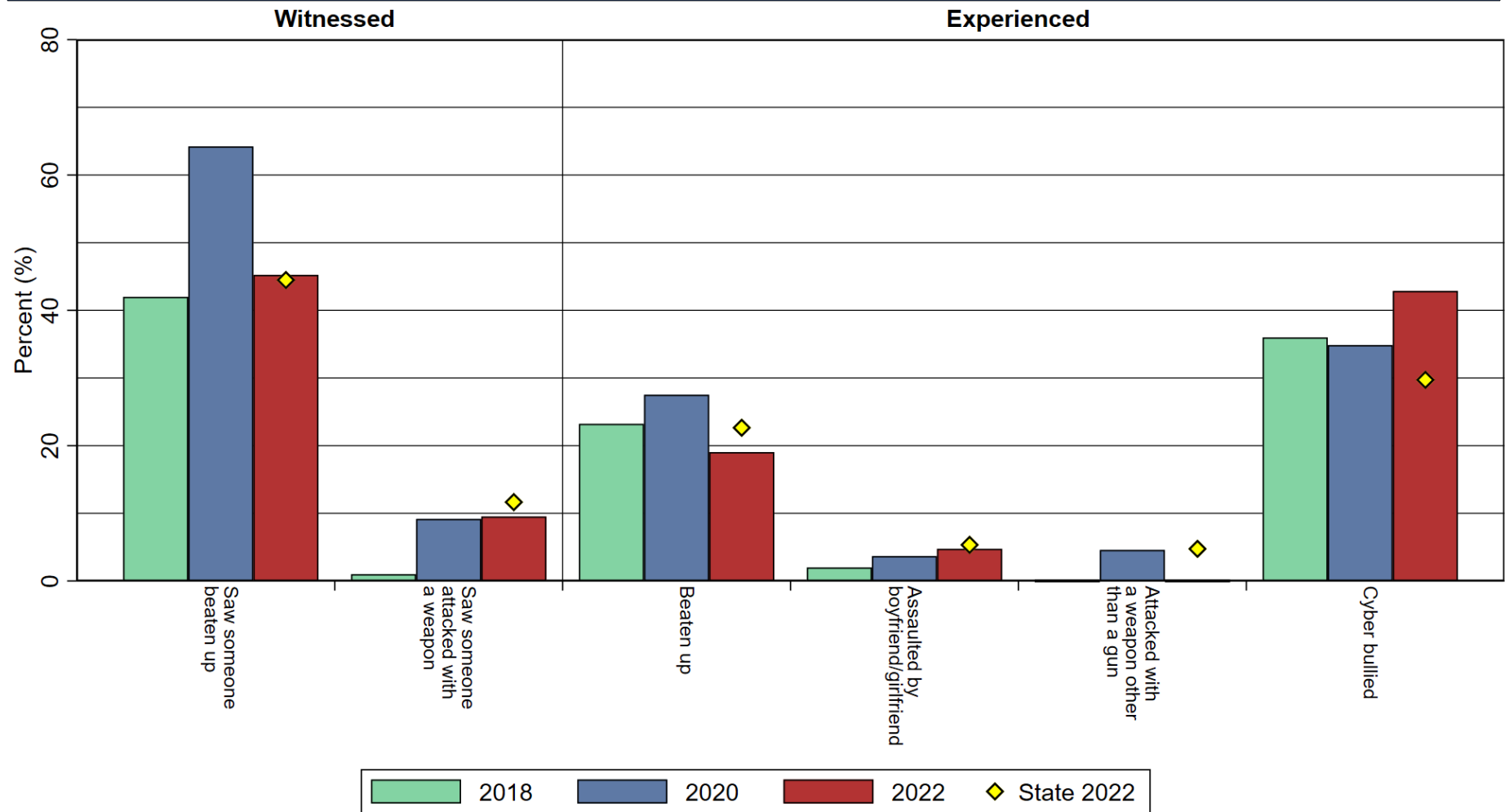
Table 15. Witnessed or Experienced Violence

How many times in the past 12 months have you...†	Grade 8			Grade 10			Grade 12			Total		
	2018	2020	2022	2018	2020	2022	2018	2020	2022	2018	2020	2022
seen someone punched, kicked, choked, or beaten up?	42.0	64.2	45.2	34.4	26.7	25.3	53.6	14.5	20.9	42.9	39.5	29.4
seen someone attacked with a weapon other than a gun (e.g., knife, bat, bottle)?	1.0	9.2	9.5	6.3	6.7	2.7	4.8	2.9	2.3	3.9	6.7	4.4
been punched, kicked, choked, or beaten up?	23.2	27.5	19.0	11.5	17.3	2.7	10.7	8.7	9.3	15.4	19.4	8.8
been physically assaulted (e.g., hit, slapped, pushed) by your boyfriend/girlfriend?	2.0	3.7	4.8	4.2	6.7	0.0	9.5	2.9	2.3	5.0	4.3	1.9
been attacked with a weapon other than a gun (e.g., knife, bat, bottle)?	0.0	4.6	0.0	6.3	4.0	0.0	2.4	2.9	2.3	2.9	4.0	0.6
been harassed or made fun of by another person online or through text?	36.0	34.9	42.9	31.3	22.7	24.3	19.0	20.3	16.3	29.3	27.3	27.0

† Percentage of people who marked at least one time.

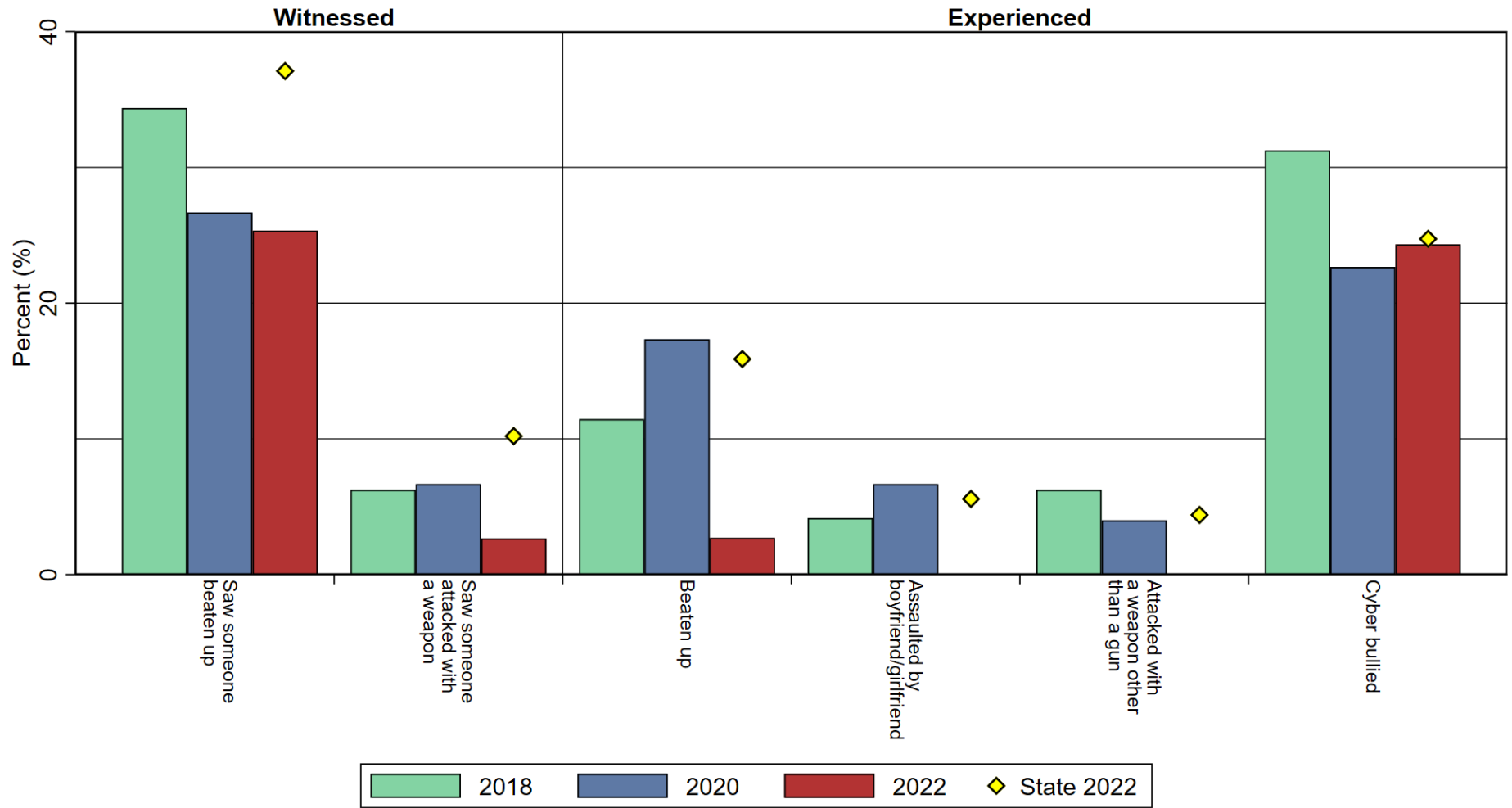
# Violence Exposure

Figure 19. Witnessed Or Experienced Violence, Grade 8



# Violence Exposure

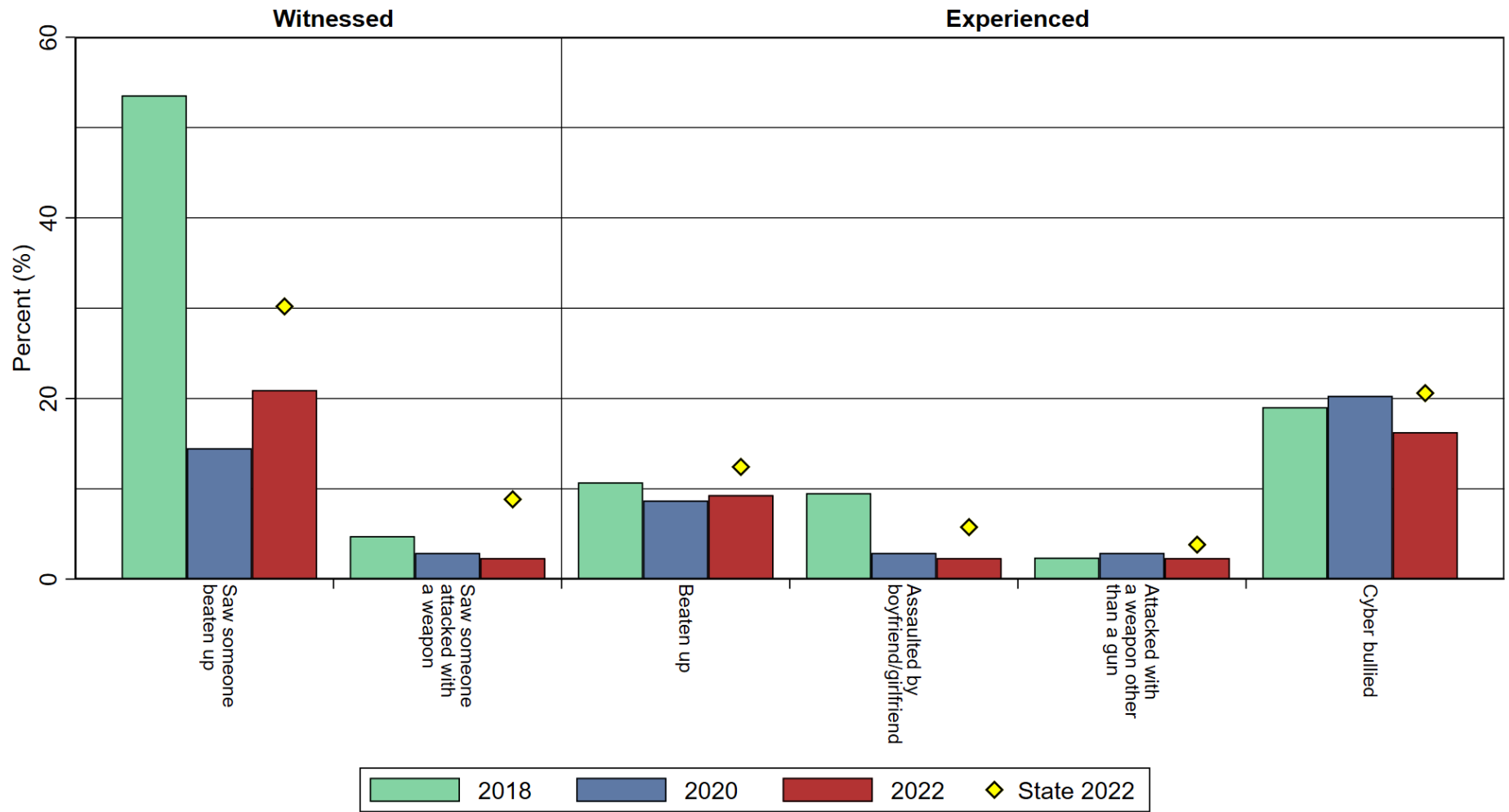
Figure 20. Witnessed Or Experienced Violence, Grade 10





# Violence Exposure

Figure 21. Witnessed Or Experienced Violence, Grade 12



## **Section 2.8 Dangerous Driving**

Impaired driving has often focused on alcohol use, but researchers have begun to explore the use of other drugs such as marijuana (Maxwell, 2012) and to study distracted driving due to cell phone use (Olsen, Shults, and Eaton, 2013). In addition to dangerous driving practices, we report dangerous situations where the youth was a passenger.

*Rode in a car driven by someone drinking alcohol* reports the percentage of youth who rode in a car or other vehicle at least once in the prior 30 days that was being driven by someone who had been drinking alcohol

*Rode in a car driven by someone using marijuana* reports the percentage of youth who rode in a car or other vehicle at least once in the prior 30 days that was being driven by someone who had been using marijuana.

*Drove a car after drinking alcohol* reports the percentage of youth who drove a car or other vehicle at least once in the prior 30 days after drinking alcohol.

*Drove a car after using marijuana* reports the percentage of youth who drove a car or other vehicle at least once in the prior 30 days after using marijuana.

*Drove a car while texting or talking on the phone* reports the percentage of youth who drove a car or other vehicle at least once in the prior 30 days while texting or talking on the phone.

# Dangerous Driving

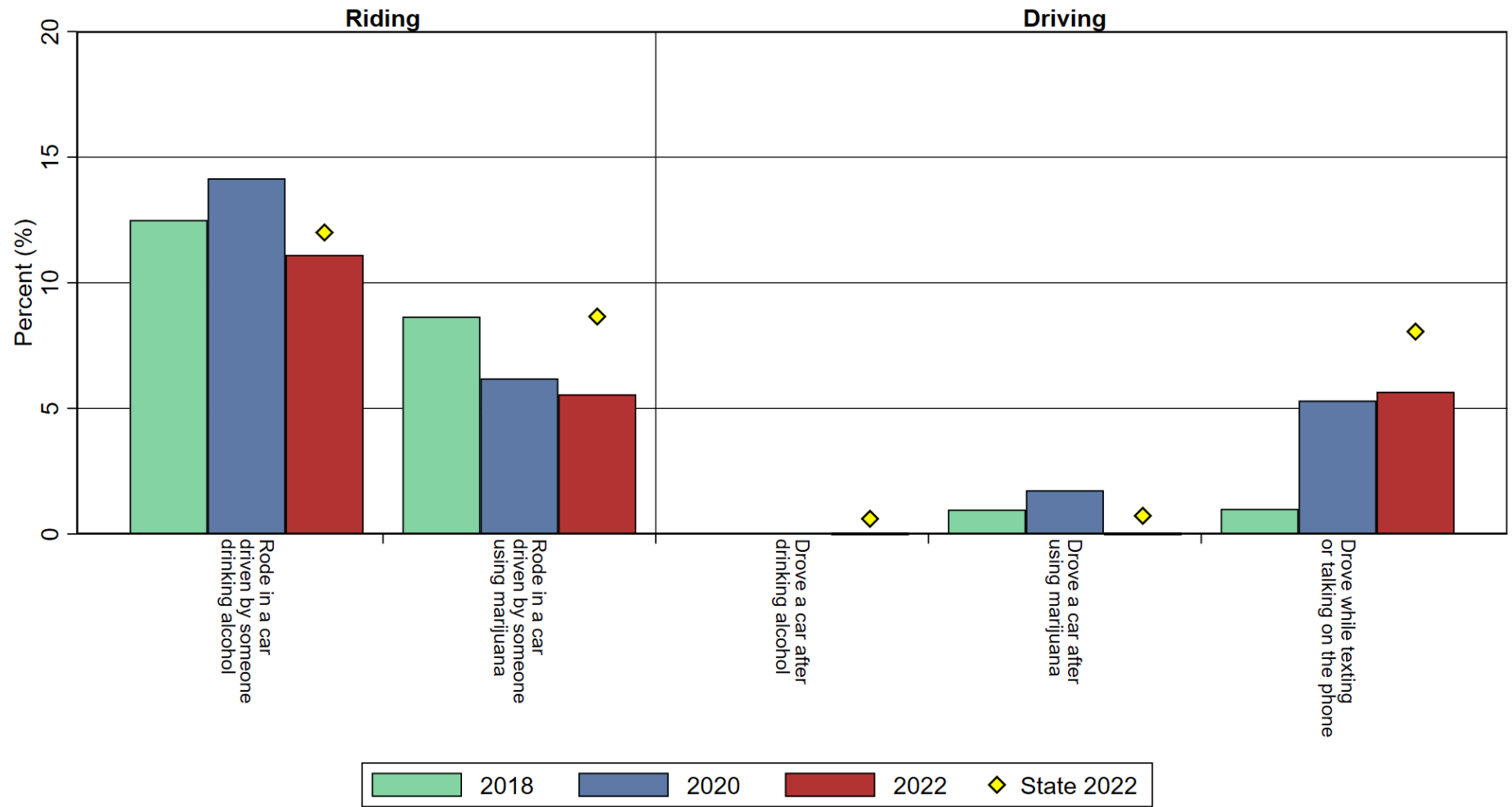
Table 16. Dangerous Driving

During the past 30 days, how many times did you...†	Grade 8			Grade 10			Grade 12			Total		
	2018	2020	2022	2018	2020	2022	2018	2020	2022	2018	2020	2022
ride in a car or other vehicle driven by someone who had been drinking alcohol?	12.5	14.2	11.1	9.2	5.0	10.2	9.1	5.4	8.3	10.3	9.0	10.0
ride in a car or other vehicle driven by someone who had been using marijuana?	8.7	6.2	5.6	22.4	11.3	6.8	17.0	9.5	8.3	15.9	8.6	6.8
drive a car or other vehicle when you had been drinking alcohol?	0.0	0.0	0.0	1.0	2.5	1.0	4.4	0.0	6.0	1.7	0.7	2.0
drive a car or other vehicle when you had been using marijuana?	1.0	1.7	0.0	8.0	1.3	1.0	10.0	1.3	11.8	6.1	1.5	3.4
drive a vehicle while texting or talking on your phone?	1.0	5.3	5.7	24.5	7.5	23.9	63.6	60.8	56.3	28.3	21.3	27.0

† Percentage of people who marked at least one time.

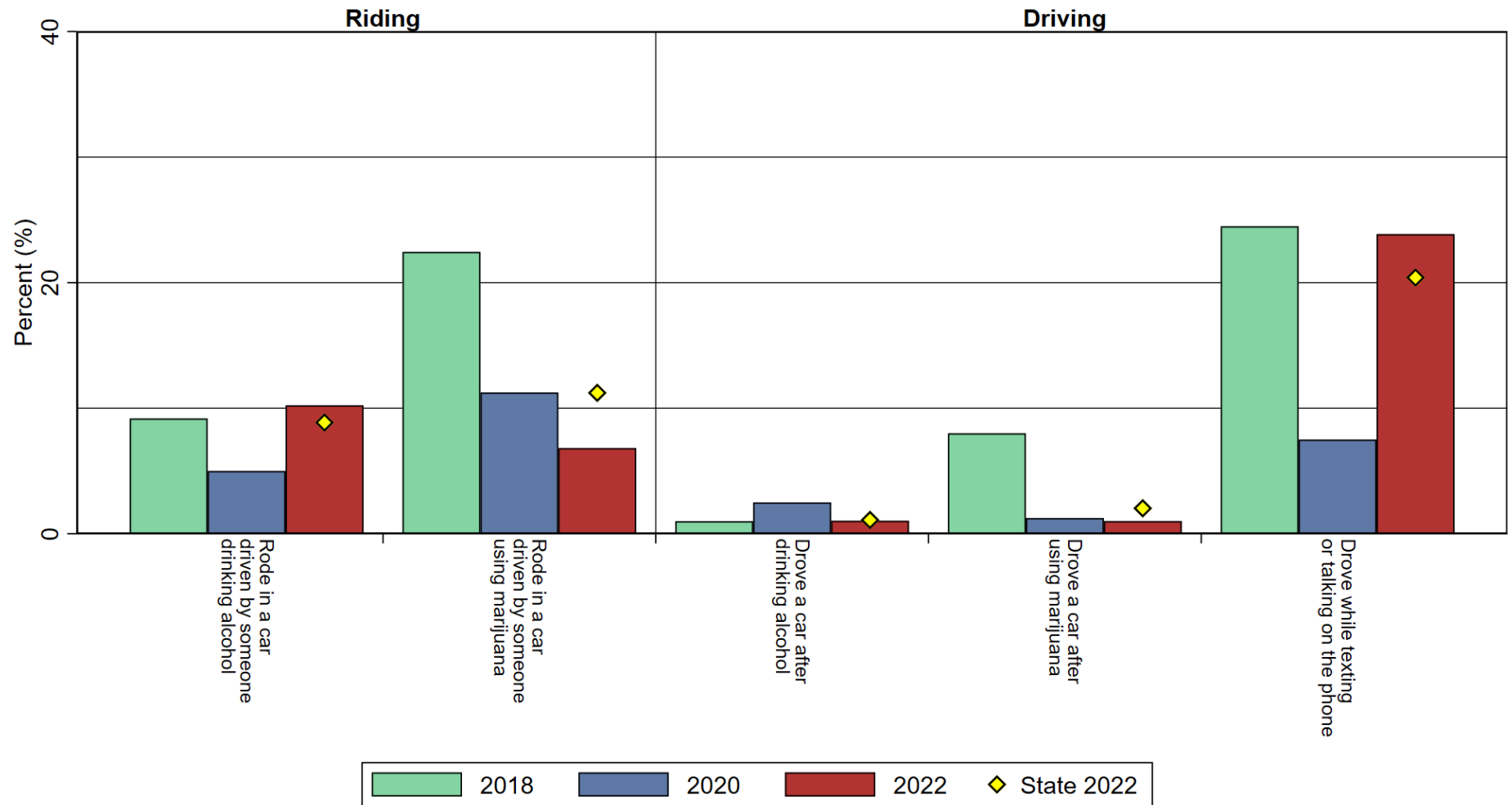
# Dangerous Driving

Figure 22. Dangerous Driving, Grade 8



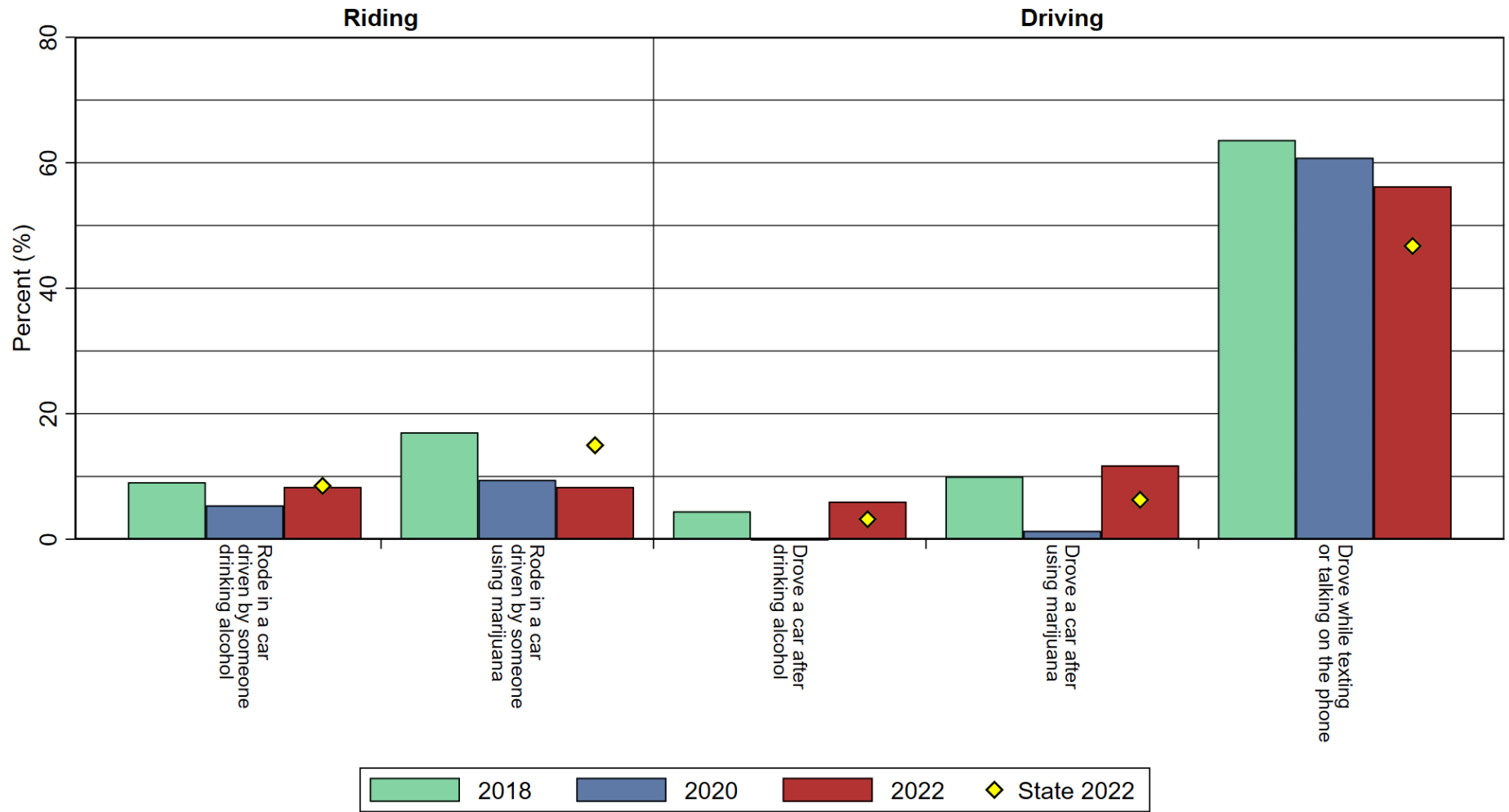
# Dangerous Driving

Figure 23. Dangerous Driving, Grade 10



# Dangerous Driving

Figure 24. Dangerous Driving, Grade 12



# Supplementary Tables

Table 17. Where Obtained Alcohol

If during the past 30 days you drank alcohol, how did you get it?	Grade 8			Grade 10			Grade 12			Total		
	2018	2020	2022	2018	2020	2022	2018	2020	2022	2018	2020	2022
Bought it at a restaurant, bar, or club	.	.	.	3.4	.	.	5.7	.	.	4.5	0.0	.
Bought it at a store	.	.	.	3.4	.	.	8.6	.	.	6.1	6.1	.
Bought it at a public event (e.g., concert)	.	.	.	0.0	.	.	8.6	.	.	4.5	0.0	.
Bought it when outside of the U.S.	.	.	.	3.4	.	.	5.7	.	.	4.5	3.0	.
Stole it from a store or someone else's home	.	.	.	20.7	.	.	14.3	.	.	16.7	6.1	.
Stole it from my own home	.	.	.	31.0	.	.	20.0	.	.	25.8	15.2	.
From my parent or guardian	.	.	.	13.8	.	.	25.7	.	.	22.7	15.2	.
Gave someone money to buy it	.	.	.	20.7	.	.	31.4	.	.	27.3	24.2	.
From a relative over 21	.	.	.	20.7	.	.	20.0	.	.	21.2	18.2	.
From a non-related adult over 21	.	.	.	13.8	.	.	31.4	.	.	24.2	15.2	.
From someone under 21	.	.	.	20.7	.	.	22.9	.	.	21.2	27.3	.
At a party	.	.	.	55.2	.	.	51.4	.	.	53.0	51.5	.
Over the internet*	.	.	.	0.0	.	.	5.7	.	.	3.0	3.0	.
Other	.	.	.	24.1	.	.	20.0	.	.	21.2	21.2	.

Empty cells indicate that fewer than 25 students in that grade for that year responded to the question or that a grade did not participate in a given year.

# Supplementary Tables

Table 18. Where Obtained Marijuana

This table could not be populated because out of the grades that participated in each year, fewer than 25 students responded to all of the included questions.



# Supplementary Tables

Table 19. Where Obtained Prescription Drugs

This table could not be populated because out of the grades that participated in each year, fewer than 25 students responded to all of the included questions.

# Supplementary Tables

Table 20. Electronic Vaping Devices

If during the past 30 days you used an electronic device to vape any substance, how did you get it?	Grade 8			Grade 10			Grade 12			Total		
	2018	2020	2022	2018	2020	2022	2018	2020	2022	2018	2020	2022
Bought it from a smoke shop	n/a	.	.	n/a	.	.	n/a	.	.	n/a	.	.
Bought it from a store other than a smoke shop	n/a	.	.	n/a	.	.	n/a	.	.	n/a	.	.
Bought it from a drug dealer	n/a	.	.	n/a	.	.	n/a	.	.	n/a	.	.
From family or relatives	n/a	.	.	n/a	.	.	n/a	.	.	n/a	.	.
From friends	n/a	.	.	n/a	.	.	n/a	.	.	n/a	.	.
Gave someone money to buy it	n/a	.	.	n/a	.	.	n/a	.	.	n/a	.	.
Over the internet	n/a	.	.	n/a	.	.	n/a	.	.	n/a	.	.
<b>Have you ever vaped the following on school grounds?</b>												
e-juice or e-liquid with nicotine (e.g., e-cigs)?	n/a	7.8	3.4	n/a	12.3	12.2	n/a	13.2	17.3	n/a	10.7	11.1
marijuana wax or THC oil?	n/a	5.2	1.7	n/a	7.4	7.8	n/a	6.5	18.9	n/a	6.2	8.9
<b>In the past 12 months, has at least one of your closest friends:</b>												
vaped e-juice or e-liquid with nicotine (e.g., e-cigs)?	n/a	35.3	24.6	n/a	45.7	38.1	n/a	44.2	50.0	n/a	40.9	37.0
<b>Perception of Self Disapproval (I feel it would be Wrong or Very Wrong to...):</b>												
vape e-juice or e-liquid with nicotine	n/a	82.5	94.2	n/a	77.5	67.8	n/a	61.3	59.6	n/a	75.1	73.0

Empty cells indicate that fewer than 25 students in that grade for that year responded to the question or that a grade did not participate in a given year.

n/a indicates a question was not administered in that year.

# Supplementary Tables

Table 21. Drug Free Communities Report - National Outcome Measures (NOMs)

	Grade 8			Grade 10			Grade 12			Total		
	2018	2020	2022	2018	2020	2022	2018	2020	2022	2018	2020	2022
<b>Perception of Risk (People are at Moderate or Great Risk of harming themselves if they...):</b>												
smoke one or more packs of cigarettes per day?	86.3	88.6	78.8	93.9	85.0	76.7	95.4	90.7	89.4	91.6	88.1	80.4
vape e-juice or e-liquid with nicotine daily?	n/a	85.1	78.8	n/a	81.3	67.8	n/a	81.3	85.1	n/a	82.9	75.1
take one or two drinks of an alcoholic beverage nearly every day?	71.8	75.4	65.4	77.6	70.0	60.0	81.6	77.3	72.3	76.7	74.3	64.6
have five or more drinks of an alcoholic beverage, in a row, once or twice a week?	90.3	85.1	80.8	81.6	81.3	67.8	82.8	82.7	80.4	85.1	83.3	74.5
use prescription drugs without a doctor telling them to take them?	84.5	93.0	76.9	89.8	88.8	81.1	89.7	94.7	91.5	87.8	92.2	82.5
try marijuana once or twice?	57.3	50.9	43.1	26.5	35.0	24.4	17.2	34.7	21.3	34.7	41.6	28.7
smoke marijuana regularly (once or twice a week)?	75.7	71.9	71.2	49.0	62.5	46.7	39.1	52.0	31.9	55.6	63.6	49.7
use illegal drugs besides marijuana?	92.2	93.0	82.7	94.9	92.5	83.3	88.5	94.7	89.4	92.0	93.3	84.7
<b>Perception of Parental Disapproval (Parents feel it would be Wrong or Very Wrong to...):</b>												
smoke cigarettes?	99.0	98.2	100.0	97.9	98.7	98.7	96.5	98.6	95.5	97.9	98.4	98.2
have one or two alcoholic drinks nearly every day?	97.1	98.2	97.8	99.0	97.4	97.5	93.0	97.1	95.5	96.5	97.7	97.0
drink alcoholic beverages regularly (at least once or twice a month)?	93.1	93.8	100.0	88.7	88.2	91.1	73.3	81.4	75.0	85.6	88.8	89.3
use prescription drugs without a doctor telling you to take them?	97.0	98.2	97.8	97.9	97.4	98.7	95.3	98.6	95.5	96.8	98.1	97.6
smoke marijuana?	94.1	95.5	95.7	83.5	92.1	88.6	76.7	85.7	81.8	85.3	91.9	88.8
use illegal drugs besides marijuana?	100.0	98.2	100.0	99.0	100.0	100.0	97.7	100.0	93.2	98.9	99.2	98.2
<b>Perception of Peer Disapproval (Friends feel it would be Wrong or Very Wrong to...):</b>												
smoke tobacco?	93.1	87.9	94.1	75.2	85.0	87.8	59.8	90.9	78.7	76.6	87.9	87.2
vape e-juice or e-liquid with nicotine (e.g., e-cigs)?	n/a	77.6	92.2	n/a	75.0	74.4	n/a	62.3	53.2	n/a	72.5	73.9
have one or two alcoholic drinks nearly every day?	94.1	93.1	96.1	77.2	80.0	87.8	65.2	81.8	74.5	79.3	86.1	86.7
use prescription drugs not prescribed to you?	95.1	95.7	96.1	88.1	90.0	93.3	83.7	90.9	89.4	89.2	92.7	93.1
smoke marijuana?	93.1	83.6	92.2	55.4	66.3	72.2	41.3	67.5	44.7	64.1	74.0	70.7
use illegal drugs besides marijuana?	98.0	94.8	98.0	88.1	87.5	95.6	76.1	92.2	83.0	87.8	91.9	93.1

n/a indicates a question was not administered in that year.

# Supplementary Tables

Table 22. Additional Data for Prevention Planning: Offered Substances

During the past 30 days, were you offered...†	Grade 8			Grade 10			Grade 12			Total		
	2018	2020	2022	2018	2020	2022	2018	2020	2022	2018	2020	2022
cigarettes?	7.0	4.7	10.5	9.4	4.2	4.4	14.5	10.6	9.8	10.0	6.1	7.5
an e-cig with nicotine?	n/a	26.2	18.4	n/a	27.8	27.9	n/a	48.5	39.0	n/a	32.7	28.6
alcohol?	6.1	23.4	26.3	46.9	34.7	25.0	39.8	54.5	48.8	30.2	35.1	32.0
prescription drugs?	2.0	2.8	5.3	10.4	2.8	2.9	14.5	6.1	4.9	8.6	3.7	4.1
marijuana?	13.0	16.8	15.8	37.5	26.4	30.9	36.1	33.3	41.5	28.3	24.1	29.9
illegal drugs besides marijuana?	4.0	3.7	7.9	8.3	2.8	2.9	13.3	6.1	7.3	8.2	4.1	5.4

† Percentage of people who marked at least one time.

n/a indicates a question was not administered in that year.

# Supplementary Tables

Table 23. Additional Data for Prevention Planning: Turned Down Substances

During the past 30 days, have you responded in the following ways when offered tobacco, alcohol, prescription drugs, marijuana, or other illegal drugs?†	Grade 8			Grade 10			Grade 12			Total		
	2018	2020	2022	2018	2020	2022	2018	2020	2022	2018	2020	2022
Say 'No' without giving a reason why.	.	55.2	.	35.7	.	.	.	.	.	51.9	55.1	54.5
Give an explanation or excuse to turn down the offer.	.	52.0	.	55.2	.	.	.	55.6	.	49.2	50.7	62.1
Decide to leave the situation without accepting the offer.	.	.	.	.	.	.	.	.	.	35.0	54.8	.
Use some other way to not accept the alcohol or drugs.	.	.	.	.	.	.	.	.	.	36.1	47.4	.

Empty cells indicate that fewer than 25 students in that grade for that year responded to the question or that a grade did not participate in a given year.

† Percentage of people who marked at least one time.

# Supplementary Tables

Table 24. Additional Data for Prevention Planning: Reasons for Not Using Alcohol and Drugs in the Past 30 Days

During the past 30 days, if you did not use tobacco, alcohol, prescription drugs, marijuana, or other illegal drugs, please tell us some of the reasons for not using (Mark all that apply):†	Grade 8			Grade 10			Grade 12			Total		
	2018	2020	2022	2018	2020	2022	2018	2020	2022	2018	2020	2022
Not interested in drugs	77.3	87.2	97.1	97.9	74.1	88.1	90.0	88.2	88.0	85.8	83.7	90.8
Tried them and don't like them	2.3	3.2	0.0	2.1	5.2	5.1	7.5	11.8	12.0	3.4	5.9	5.0
Couldn't get it or wasn't offered	17.0	14.9	11.4	8.3	19.0	20.3	12.5	9.8	12.0	13.6	14.8	16.0
Parents would be disappointed	65.9	76.6	82.9	83.3	75.9	71.2	65.0	66.7	60.0	70.5	73.9	72.3
Other adults would be disappointed	52.3	64.9	62.9	64.6	43.1	47.5	55.0	54.9	36.0	56.3	56.2	49.6
Parents would take away privileges	53.4	69.1	54.3	66.7	70.7	54.2	50.0	60.8	44.0	56.3	67.5	52.1
Might get kicked out of school, sports, cheerleading, etc.	51.1	55.3	34.3	50.0	58.6	49.2	45.0	49.0	36.0	49.4	54.7	42.0
I would get a bad reputation	62.5	57.4	51.4	56.3	44.8	42.4	37.5	35.3	24.0	55.1	48.3	41.2
Friends would stop talking to me or hanging out with me	45.5	40.4	57.1	25.0	13.8	25.4	22.5	21.6	12.0	34.7	28.1	31.9
Illegal and I could get arrested	65.9	73.4	68.6	75.0	56.9	54.2	60.0	66.7	56.0	67.0	67.0	58.8
It can harm my body	71.6	75.5	85.7	85.4	79.3	66.1	65.0	72.5	72.0	73.9	75.9	73.1
Other	27.3	48.9	28.6	18.8	22.4	32.2	27.5	21.6	24.0	25.0	34.5	29.4

† Percentage of people who marked the option.

# Supplementary Tables

**Table 25. Additional Data for Prevention Planning: Reasons for Using Alcohol and Drugs in the Past 30 Days**

During the past 30 days, if you did use tobacco, alcohol, prescription drugs, marijuana, or other illegal drugs, please tell us some of the the reasons for using (Mark all that apply):†	Grade 8			Grade 10			Grade 12			Total		
	2018	2020	2022	2018	2020	2022	2018	2020	2022	2018	2020	2022
To try something new and exciting	.	.	.	31.9	.	.	38.1	.	.	33.7	27.5	20.6
To have fun	.	.	.	63.8	.	.	76.2	.	.	64.4	54.9	64.7
I was bored and needed something to do	.	.	.	36.2	.	.	23.8	.	.	28.7	17.6	38.2
To deal with the stress from my parents and family	.	.	.	31.9	.	.	28.6	.	.	29.7	21.6	29.4
To deal with the stress from my peers and friends	.	.	.	17.0	.	.	38.1	.	.	27.7	17.6	23.5
To deal with the stress from my school	.	.	.	42.6	.	.	42.9	.	.	39.6	29.4	32.4
To deal with the stress from my community	.	.	.	8.5	.	.	14.3	.	.	9.9	15.7	11.8
Needed it, craved it, or am addicted	.	.	.	10.6	.	.	16.7	.	.	13.9	7.8	5.9
To stay focused or think better	.	.	.	23.4	.	.	28.6	.	.	22.8	19.6	14.7
To get high or feel good	.	.	.	57.4	.	.	47.6	.	.	48.5	35.3	38.2
To feel normal	.	.	.	12.8	.	.	16.7	.	.	14.9	9.8	5.9
I was feeling sad or down	.	.	.	27.7	.	.	38.1	.	.	32.7	25.5	20.6
To lose weight	.	.	.	10.6	.	.	9.5	.	.	8.9	2.0	2.9
To get back at my parents or get their attention	.	.	.	0.0	.	.	4.8	.	.	2.0	2.0	0.0
To feel grown up or prove that I am grown up	.	.	.	2.1	.	.	7.1	.	.	4.0	2.0	2.9
To be like someone famous	.	.	.	2.1	.	.	7.1	.	.	5.0	2.0	2.9
To fit in with friends	.	.	.	21.3	.	.	14.3	.	.	15.8	7.8	8.8
Other	.	.	.	29.8	.	.	23.8	.	.	25.7	39.2	29.4

Empty cells indicate that fewer than 25 students in that grade for that year responded to the question or that a grade did not participate in a given year.

† Percentage of people who marked the option.

# Supplementary Tables

Table 26. Additional Data for Prevention Planning: Perception of Harm

How much do you think people risk harming themselves (physically or in other ways) if they...		Grade 8			Grade 10			Grade 12			Total		
		2018	2020	2022	2018	2020	2022	2018	2020	2022	2018	2020	2022
smoke one or more packs of cigarettes per day?	No risk	7.8	4.4	11.5	4.1	7.5	15.6	4.6	4.0	8.5	5.6	5.2	12.7
	Slight risk	5.9	7.0	9.6	2.0	7.5	7.8	0.0	5.3	2.1	2.8	6.7	6.9
	Moderate risk	9.8	15.8	15.4	16.3	15.0	23.3	12.6	9.3	29.8	12.9	13.8	22.8
	Great risk	76.5	72.8	63.5	77.6	70.0	53.3	82.8	81.3	59.6	78.7	74.3	57.7
take 1 or 2 drinks of an alcoholic beverage nearly every day?	No risk	8.7	7.0	15.4	8.2	7.5	22.2	5.7	4.0	4.3	7.6	6.3	15.9
	Slight risk	19.4	17.5	19.2	14.3	22.5	17.8	12.6	18.7	23.4	15.6	19.3	19.6
	Moderate risk	32.0	40.4	36.5	33.7	33.8	26.7	41.4	36.0	40.4	35.4	37.2	32.8
	Great risk	39.8	35.1	28.8	43.9	36.3	33.3	40.2	41.3	31.9	41.3	37.2	31.7
have 5 or more drinks of an alcoholic beverage in a row once or twice a week?	No risk	7.8	2.6	11.5	5.1	6.3	21.1	6.9	5.3	6.5	6.6	4.5	14.9
	Slight risk	1.9	12.3	7.7	13.3	12.5	11.1	10.3	12.0	13.0	8.3	12.3	10.6
	Moderate risk	30.1	32.5	21.2	26.5	27.5	26.7	27.6	34.7	30.4	28.1	31.6	26.1
	Great risk	60.2	52.6	59.6	55.1	53.8	41.1	55.2	48.0	50.0	56.9	51.7	48.4
use prescription drugs without a doctor telling them to take them?	No risk	8.7	3.5	13.5	5.1	8.8	16.7	2.3	2.7	4.3	5.6	4.8	12.7
	Slight risk	6.8	3.5	9.6	5.1	2.5	2.2	8.0	2.7	4.3	6.6	3.0	4.8
	Moderate risk	17.5	17.5	34.6	26.5	22.5	20.0	24.1	22.7	23.4	22.6	20.4	24.9
	Great risk	67.0	75.4	42.3	63.3	66.3	61.1	65.5	72.0	68.1	65.3	71.7	57.7
try marijuana once or twice?	No risk	21.4	22.8	25.5	51.0	28.8	48.9	55.2	44.0	55.3	41.7	30.5	44.1
	Slight risk	21.4	26.3	31.4	22.4	36.3	26.7	27.6	21.3	23.4	23.6	27.9	27.1
	Moderate risk	19.4	21.9	21.6	18.4	16.3	8.9	5.7	16.0	12.8	14.9	18.6	13.3
	Great risk	37.9	28.9	21.6	8.2	18.8	15.6	11.5	18.7	8.5	19.8	23.0	15.4
smoke marijuana regularly (once or twice a week)?	No risk	16.5	14.0	13.5	29.6	15.0	32.2	29.9	21.3	34.0	25.0	16.4	27.5
	Slight risk	7.8	14.0	15.4	21.4	22.5	21.1	31.0	26.7	34.0	19.4	20.1	22.8
	Moderate risk	22.3	26.3	26.9	24.5	27.5	22.2	18.4	22.7	17.0	21.9	25.7	22.2
	Great risk	53.4	45.6	44.2	24.5	35.0	24.4	20.7	29.3	14.9	33.7	37.9	27.5
use illegal drugs besides marijuana?	No risk	5.9	2.6	11.5	3.1	6.3	14.4	2.3	2.7	4.3	3.8	3.7	11.1
	Slight risk	2.0	4.4	5.8	2.0	1.3	2.2	9.2	2.7	6.4	4.2	3.0	4.2
	Moderate risk	12.7	18.4	19.2	21.4	15.0	26.7	20.7	16.0	29.8	18.1	16.7	25.4
	Great risk	79.4	74.6	63.5	73.5	77.5	56.7	67.8	78.7	59.6	73.9	76.6	59.3



# Supplementary Tables

Table 27. Additional Data for Prevention Planning: Drug Related Behaviors

		Grade 8			Grade 10			Grade 12			Total		
		2018	2020	2022	2018	2020	2022	2018	2020	2022	2018	2020	2022
During the past 30 days, how often have you avoided people or places because you might be offered tobacco, alcohol, prescription drugs, marijuana, or other illegal drugs?	0 times	71.7	54.2	63.9	67.7	62.5	58.8	78.0	51.5	78.0	72.2	55.9	65.5
	1 time	17.2	12.1	22.2	7.3	13.9	13.2	3.7	15.2	9.8	9.7	13.5	14.5
	2-3 times	7.1	19.6	11.1	14.6	16.7	14.7	7.3	18.2	4.9	9.7	18.4	11.0
	4-6 times	2.0	7.5	0.0	6.3	1.4	8.8	4.9	12.1	4.9	4.3	6.9	5.5
	7-10 times	1.0	0.9	0.0	2.1	2.8	0.0	0.0	0.0	0.0	1.1	1.2	0.0
	11 or more times	1.0	5.6	2.8	2.1	2.8	4.4	6.1	3.0	2.4	2.9	4.1	3.4
During the past 12 months, how many times have you talked with your parents about strategies to avoid or resist people or places where you might be offered tobacco, alcohol, prescription drugs, marijuana or other illegal drugs?	0 times	50.0	30.8	52.8	43.2	48.6	63.2	65.4	45.5	75.6	52.2	40.0	64.1
	1 time	7.1	21.5	19.4	16.8	13.9	11.8	7.4	15.2	9.8	10.6	17.6	13.1
	2-3 times	24.5	20.6	13.9	20.0	18.1	11.8	16.0	25.8	9.8	20.4	21.2	11.7
	4-6 times	11.2	11.2	5.6	13.7	8.3	5.9	3.7	7.6	4.9	9.9	9.4	5.5
	7-10 times	1.0	7.5	5.6	1.1	4.2	2.9	3.7	1.5	0.0	1.8	4.9	2.8
	11 or more times	6.1	8.4	2.8	5.3	6.9	4.4	3.7	4.5	0.0	5.1	6.9	2.8
During the past 12 months, have you talked with a parent or guardian about the dangers of the following substances (Mark all that apply):*	Tobacco	49.0	56.6	27.0	34.7	40.3	32.4	45.1	29.2	12.2	42.9	44.4	25.3
	Alcohol	53.1	50.9	40.5	55.8	47.2	50.0	47.6	52.3	19.5	52.4	50.2	39.0
	Prescription drugs	32.7	36.8	13.5	29.5	34.7	22.1	34.1	21.5	14.6	32.0	32.1	17.8
	Other illegal drugs	49.0	51.9	40.5	41.1	38.9	29.4	37.8	30.8	12.2	42.9	42.4	27.4
	Marijuana	48.0	47.2	24.3	35.8	43.1	29.4	41.5	36.9	17.1	41.8	43.2	24.7
During the past 12 months, do you recall hearing, reading or watching an advertisement about the prevention of substance use?*		80.6	73.8	80.6	79.2	81.9	63.2	73.8	86.4	68.3	78.1	79.6	69.0

\*The 2020 and 2022 AYS included a response option for students who had not talked with anyone about the dangers of substances. This option was not available in the 2018 AYS.

\*\*Percentage of students who answered 'Yes'.

## Appendix A: The Risk and Protective Factor Model of Prevention

Risk and Protective Factors (RPF) are personal and environmental factors that influence a person's likelihood of engaging in problem behaviors (Hawkins et al., 1992). Risk Factors increase the chances of participation in problem behaviors, while Protective Factors decrease this likelihood. The RPF scales included in the AYS are grouped into four domains: peer/individual, family, school, and community. The RPF figures in this section depict the proportion of students exhibiting these risk or protective factors. Ideally, the proportion with risk factors should be on the lower end of the scale (indicating a lower risk level among the sample), whereas protective factors should be higher (indicating a higher level of protection among the sample).

The construction of the scales involved taking means (average scores) of each of their components, which were mostly in the form of Likert scales (e.g. "strongly disagree" to "strongly agree"), with some requiring reverse coding for consistency. Other types of components included simple dichotomous Yes or No responses; or count variables (e.g. "How many of your best friends..."). Individuals with missing responses on more than one of the scales' component questions were excluded from the construction of the scales in order to minimize response bias. Determination of the presence of risk and protective factors is based on established thresholds on subsets of AYS questions (Arthur et al., 2007). The maximum for each scale is 100%, which would indicate that all sample youths have the risk or protective factor. The minimum is 0%, indicating that no sample youths have the risk or protective factor.

### Peer-Individual Risk Factors

**Rewards for Antisocial Behavior:** Youth who receive rewards for their antisocial behavior are at higher risk for future engagement in problem behaviors. Four questions are used to measure rewards for antisocial behavior. They ask the youth to report the likelihood of being seen as cool by peers for smoking cigarettes, regularly drinking alcohol, smoking marijuana, and carrying a handgun (Fleming et al., 2008; Meghdadpour et al., 2012). Youths with this risk factor believe there is a very good chance they will be seen as cool by their peers for engaging in antisocial behavior.

**Rebelliousness:** Youth who participate in behaviors considered against conventional laws and norms have a high tolerance for deviant behavior, low perceived risk of deviance, or a strong need for independence and sensation seeking. These behaviors and beliefs place youth at substantial risk for drug use (Cleveland et al., 2008). This risk factor is constructed from three questions including ignoring rules, doing the opposite of what people tell them, and seeing how much they can get away with.

**Perceived Risk of Harm:** Youth who do not perceive drug use to be risky (i.e. believing people cannot be harmed physically, mentally, or legally when using substances) are far more likely to engage in drug use themselves (Danseco et al., 1999; Perron and Howard, 2008). This risk factor is constructed from four questions on youths' perceived risks of using alcohol, cigarettes, marijuana, or prescription drugs without a doctor's permission. Presence of the risk factor indicates low perceived risk of harm.

**Interaction with Antisocial Peers:** Youth who associate with peers who engage in problem behaviors are at higher risk for engaging in antisocial behavior themselves (Jonkman et al., 2011; Stockwell et al., 2004). Participants were asked about how many of their friends have been suspended from school, dropped out of school, carried a handgun, sold drugs, stolen a car, or been arrested in the last 12 months. Presence of the risk factor indicates interactions with many antisocial peers.

**Friends' Use of Drugs:** Youth who spend time with friends who engage in substance use are more likely to engage in the same behavior. Peer drug use has consistently been found to be among the strongest predictors of substance use among youth (Beyers et al., 2004; Iannotti et al., 1996; Yamaguchi and Kandel, 1984). Participants were asked if any of their friends use alcohol, cigarettes, marijuana, other illicit drugs or prescription drugs without a doctor telling the youth to take them. Presence of the risk factor indicates many friends used drugs.

**Attitudes Favorable toward Drug Use:** As youth grow older, they have a higher likelihood of being exposed to others who engage in drug use or have a greater acceptance of these behaviors. This exposure may influence a youth's attitude toward drug use and increase the likelihood of them engaging in a variety of problem behaviors (Arthur et al., 2002; Bahr

et al., 2005; Bauman and Ennett, 1996; Beyers et al., 2004). This risk factor assesses how wrong youth perceive it is to use four different substance groups: alcohol, cigarettes, marijuana, and LSD/cocaine/amphetamines/other illegal drugs. Presence of the risk factor indicates youths do not believe drug use is very wrong.

***Attitudes Favorable toward Antisocial Behavior:*** As previously stated, youths' attitudes may change as they are exposed to different social circles (Gassman et al., 2012; Maguire, 2013). This risk factor aims to understand youth perceptions of how wrong it would be to stay away from school, take a handgun to school, pick a fight, seriously attack someone, and steal anything worth more than \$5. Presence of the risk factor indicates youths do not believe these antisocial behaviors are very wrong.

***Gang Involvement:*** Youth who belong to gangs and associate with gang-involved peers are more at risk for antisocial behavior and drug use (Curry and Spergel, 1992; Herrenkohl et al., 2000). This risk factor is based on three questions: number of best friends in a gang, age of first involvement in a gang (if any), and whether the youth had ever belonged to a gang. Presence of the risk factor indicates youths have had involvement with a gang.

***Early Initiation of Drug Use:*** Early onset of drug use has been linked to increased drug use and abuse through adolescence and beyond, with later age of onset more likely to lead to reduced drug involvement and a greater likelihood of discontinuation of use (Kandel, 1975; Miller et al., 2006). To assess the scope of onset among the sample, this factor looks at the age at which youth first tried cigarettes, marijuana, or alcohol, and when youth first began drinking regularly. Presence of the risk factor indicates earlier ages of drug use initiation.

#### Family Risk Factors

***Poor Family Management:*** Parents' use of inconsistent and/or unusually harsh punishment with their children places their children at a higher risk for participation in substance use and other problem behaviors. This higher risk is also seen in youth whose parents do not provide clear explanations for expected behaviors and do not monitor their children's activities (Arthur et al., 2002; Dishion et al., 2004). Youth were asked eight questions related to parental knowledge of their activities, if there are clear rules in their household, and conflict in the home. Presence of the risk factor indicates less parental oversight, less clear rules, and more conflict in the home.

***Parental Attitudes Favorable toward Drug Use:*** In families where parents use illegal drugs, are heavy users of alcohol, or are tolerant of children's use, youth are more likely to become drug abusers during adolescence (Beyers et al., 2004; Herrenkohl et al., 2000). To capture data on this concept, participants were asked if their parents think it is wrong for them to use cigarettes, alcohol, or marijuana. Presence of the risk factor indicates youths perceive no or very little parental disapproval of drug use.

***Parental Attitudes Favorable toward Antisocial Behavior:*** Parental attitudes that are positive to antisocial or rebellious behaviors can be seen as an approval of the youth's participation in those behaviors. Participants were asked if their parents thought it would be wrong for them to steal items, pick a fight, or damage someone else's property (Gassman et al., 2012; Maguire, 2013). Presence of the risk factor indicates youths perceive no or very little parental disapproval of these antisocial behaviors.

***Family History of Antisocial Behavior:*** When youth are raised in a family with a history of problem behaviors (e.g., violence, alcohol abuse, or other drug use), they are more likely to engage in these behaviors themselves (Corrigan et al., 2007). Participants were asked about the presence of alcohol or drug problems in their family, and the general use of alcohol and other drugs by family members. For youths who have siblings, this scale is based on up to nine questions. For those without siblings, this scale is based on five questions. Presence of the risk factor indicates a high level of family antisocial behavior.

***Family Conflict:*** Youth raised in families with high levels of conflict, whether or not the youth is directly involved in these conflicts, are more likely to engage in delinquent behaviors and drug use (Szapocznik and Williams, 2000). Youth were asked three questions regarding the presence of conflict in their home: insulting or yelling at each other, having

serious arguments, and arguing about the same things repeatedly within the family. Presence of the risk factor indicates that these behaviors are common within the family.

### School Risk Factors

***Low Commitment to School:*** Youth who do not feel connected to or have low commitment to school are more likely to use drugs and participate in other problem behaviors. Low school commitment is measured using seven items such as disliking school, spending little time on homework, perceiving course work as irrelevant to one's future, and truancy (Brown et al., 2005; Catalano et al., 2002). Presence of the risk factor indicates youths have little commitment to school.

***Academic Failure:*** Youth who experience academic failure are at a higher risk of participating in drug abuse and other problem behaviors throughout adolescence (Bryant et al., 2003; Catalano et al., 2002; Hawkins et al., 1999). Two questions are used to create this scale: self-reported grades, and the youth's perception of grades relative to peers. Presence of the risk factor indicates low self-reported grades and low grades relative to peers.

### Community Risk Factors

***Perceived Availability of Handguns:*** The perception that handguns are easily obtainable in the community may influence the presence of violent behaviors in youth (Beyers et al., 2004; Herrenkohl et al., 2007). Participants were asked if they believe it would be easy for them to obtain a handgun. Presence of the risk factor indicates youths believe it would be very or sort of easy to obtain a handgun.

***Perceived Availability of Drugs:*** If youth believe it is easy to obtain drugs they are more likely to use these substances (Beyers et al., 2004; Johnston et al., 2009). Youth were asked if they believe it would be easy for them to acquire cigarettes, alcohol, marijuana, or other illicit drugs. Presence of the risk factor indicates youths believe it would be very or sort of easy to obtain drugs.

***Low Neighborhood Attachment:*** Youth who do not feel connected to the neighborhoods in which they live are more likely to become involved in problem behaviors (Beyers et al., 2004; Herrenkohl et al., 2000). Participants were asked if they would miss their neighborhood if they moved, if they liked living in the neighborhood and if they desired to move out of their neighborhood. Presence of the risk factor indicates low attachment to the neighborhood.

***Laws and Norms Favorable toward Drug Use:*** Legal restrictions on substance use and other antisocial behaviors may influence the degree to which youth engage in such behaviors. Moreover, youth who live in communities that view substance use as a "normal activity" have a higher chance of using substances themselves (Arthur et al., 2002; Cleveland et al., 2008; Hawkins et al., 2002). Participants were asked if adults in their neighborhood would think it is wrong for them to smoke cigarettes, drink alcohol, and use marijuana, and if they would likely be caught by law enforcement when using these substances or carrying a handgun. Presence of the risk factor indicates little perceived community disapproval of these behaviors and little perceived likelihood of punishment.

### Total Risk

Youths with numerous risk factors have particularly elevated chances of participating in antisocial behaviors. For grade 8, presence of 8 or more risk factors indicates high total risk. For grades 10 and 12, 9 or more risk factors indicates high total risk. These are thresholds validated by the Communities That Care model, upon which the Arizona Youth Survey is based (Arthur et al., 2007).

### Peer-Individual Protective Factors

***Rewards for Prosocial Involvement:*** Youth who are rewarded for working hard in school and the community are less likely to engage in problem behaviors. Peer-individual rewards for prosocial involvement include being seen as cool for trying your best at school, defending someone who is being bullied, or regularly volunteering in the community (Catalano

et al., 1996; Cleveland et al., 2008). Presence of the protective factor indicates high perceived chances of being seen as cool for these prosocial behaviors.

***Prosocial Involvement:*** Youth who participate in positive school and community activities are less likely to participate in problem behaviors (Arthur et al., 2002; Beyers et al., 2004; Catalano et al., 1996). Three questions are used to assess frequency of participation in prosocial activities: extracurricular school activities, volunteer work, and extra work for school. Presence of the protective factor indicates high levels of involvement in these activities.

***Interaction with Prosocial Peers:*** Youth who associate with peers who engage in prosocial behavior are more likely to participate in prosocial behavior as well. Youths report on the number of their four closest friends who have participated in extracurricular activities at school, committed to staying drug-free, try hard in school, and like school. Presence of the protective factor indicates high levels of interaction with prosocial peers.

***Belief in the Moral Order:*** Youth who have a belief in what is “right” or “wrong” are less likely to use drugs (Beyers et al., 2004; Catalano et al., 1996). Participants were asked about how wrong they believe it would be for someone their age to steal something, cheat in school, or start a fight. In addition, they were asked how important it is to be honest with parents even if it may lead to being punished. Presence of this protective factor indicates high belief in the moral order.

#### Family Protective Factors

***Rewards for Prosocial Involvement:*** When parents, siblings, and other family members praise or encourage activities done well by a child, youth are less likely to engage in substance use and other problem behaviors (Catalano et al., 1996; Cleveland et al., 2008). Participants were asked if their parents often communicate feeling proud of them or notice them doing a good job. Youth were also asked whether they enjoy spending time with their mother and father. Presence of this protective factor indicates high rewards for prosocial involvement.

***Opportunities for Prosocial Involvement:*** Youth who are exposed to more opportunities to participate meaningfully in the responsibilities and activities of the family are less likely to engage in drug use and other problem behaviors.

Opportunities for prosocial involvement, at the family domain level, include doing fun activities with family, participating in family decision-making, and being able to rely on parents for help when needed (Arthur et al., 2002; Beyers et al., 2004; Catalano et al., 1992). Presence of this protective factor indicates many opportunities for prosocial involvement within the family.

***Family Attachment:*** Youth who feel that they are close to or are a valued part of their family are less likely to engage in substance use and other problem behaviors (Arthur et al., 2002; Catalano et al., 1992). Youth were asked whether they feel close to their mother and father and if they share thoughts and feelings with their mother and father. Presence of this protective factor indicates a high level of attachment to parents.

#### School Protective Factors

***Rewards for Prosocial Involvement:*** When youth are recognized and rewarded for their contributions at school, they are less likely to be involved in substance use and other problem behaviors (Catalano et al., 1996; Cleveland et al., 2008). Participants were asked if their teachers notice when they are doing a good job, praise them for hard work, and tell their parents about how well they are doing in school. Feeling safe at school is also part of this scale, as established in the Communities that Care study (Arthur et al., 2007). Presence of this protective factor indicate high rewards for prosocial involvement at school.

***Opportunities for Prosocial Involvement:*** When youth are given opportunities to participate meaningfully in important activities at school, they are less likely to engage in drug use and other problem behaviors (Arthur et al., 2002; Beyers et al., 2004; Catalano et al., 1992). Youth were asked about having the chance to participate in and decided upon school activities, being asked to work on special projects in the classroom, opportunities for extracurricular activities, and being able to speak with their teacher one-on-one. Presence of this protective factor indicates high opportunities for prosocial involvement in the school.

### Community Protective Factors

***Rewards for Prosocial Involvement:*** Rewards for positive participation in activities helps youth bond to their communities, and lowers their risk of participating in problem behaviors. Youth were asked if their neighbors encourage them to try their best in various activities, talk with them regarding something important, and if community members ever inform the youth that they are proud of them for doing something well (Catalano et al., 1996; Cleveland et al., 2008). Presence of this protective factor indicates high rewards for prosocial involvement in the community.

### **Total Protection**

Youths with numerous protective factors have particularly lower chances of participating in antisocial behaviors. The total protection indicator represents youths with four or more protective factors. These are thresholds validated by the Communities That Care model, upon which the Arizona Youth Survey is based (Arthur et al., 2007).

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**Appendix C: Wording Changes across 2018, 2020 and 2022 Questionnaires**

<b>Issue</b>	<b>Prior Administration (2018)</b>	<b>Prior Administration (2020)</b>	<b>Current Administration (2022)</b>	<b>Notes Regarding Changes</b>
Assault boyfriend/girlfriend	"How many times in the past 12 months have you: physically assaulted (e.g., hit, slapped, pushed, kicked) your boyfriend/girlfriend?"	"How many times in the past 12 months have you: physically assaulted your boyfriend/girlfriend (e.g., hit, slapped, pushed, kicked)?"	Same as 2020	Moved options
School-marijuana	n/a	Have you ever: vaped marijuana wax/THC oil on school grounds?	Same as 2020	Added to 2020
Gang involvement	"Have you ever belonged to a gang?" Answers: <i>No, Yes</i> ; this was administered on the online survey, but not the paper-and-pencil survey	"Have you ever belonged to a gang?" Answers: <i>No, Yes</i> was asked in both paper-and-pencil and online surveys	Same as 2020	Added to 2020 paper version as well
Marijuana instruction	n/a	"Use the picture sheet to answer the following questions about your use of different types of marijuana"	Same as 2020	New marijuana section instructions
Tobacco - general	asked "cigarettes"	specified "tobacco cigarettes"	Same as 2020	Reworded to specify tobacco cigarettes
Cigarette use-instruction & response options	"Have you ever smoked cigarettes (not including electronic cigarettes)?" Answers: <i>Never, Once or twice, Once in a while but not regularly, Regularly in the past, Regularly now</i>	"On how many DAYS (if any) have you: smoked tobacco cigarettes (not including e-cigarettes) a....in your lifetime?" Answers: <i>0, 1-2, 3-5, 6-9, 10-19, 20+</i>	Same as 2020	Changed to specify number of days
	During the past 30 days, on how many days did you smoke cigarettes (not including electronic cigarettes)? Answers: <i>0 days, 1-2 day, 3-5 days, 6-9 days, 10-19 days, 20-29 days, All 30 days</i>	"On how many DAYS (if any) have you: smoked tobacco cigarettes (not including e-cigarettes)? b....during the past 30 days?" Answers: <i>0, 1-2, 3-5, 6-9, 10-19, 20+</i>	Same as 2020	Changed to specify number of days
E-cigarette - general	used "used electronic cigarettes (e-cigs, vapes)"	used "vaped e-liquid/e-juice with nicotine"	Same as 2020	Reworded

Vaped - how often	"Have you ever used electronic cigarettes (e-cigarettes)?" Answers: <i>Never, Once or twice, Once in a while but not regularly, Regularly in the past, Regularly now</i>	"On how many DAYS (if any) have you: vaped e-liquid/e-juice with nicotine (e.g., e-cigarettes) a...in your lifetime? Answers: <i>0, 1-2, 3-5, 6-9, 10-19, 20+</i>	Same as 2020	Combined questions, reworded answers
	"During the past 30 days, on how many days did you use electronic cigarettes (e-cigarettes)?" Answers: <i>0 days, 1-2 day, 3-5 days, 6-9 days, 10-19 days, 20-29 days, All 30 days</i>	"On how many DAYS (if any) have you: vaped e-liquid/e-juice with nicotine (e.g., e-cigarettes) b...during the past 30 days?" Answers: <i>0, 1-2, 3-5, 6-9, 10-19, 20+</i>	Same as 2020	Combined questions, reworded answers
Marijuana - buds/flowers	n/a	"used marijuana buds/flowers"	Same as 2020	Added as separate entity
Substance use – “On how many occasions (if any) have you:...”	n/a	"...used edible foods or drinks containing marijuana (e.g., brownies, cookies, chocolates, candies, sodas, tinctures)..."	Same as 2020	Added question in 2020
	"...smoked or vaped marijuana concentrates (e.g., hash oil, wax, crumble, shatter)..."	"...used marijuana concentrates (e.g., wax pen oil, THC oil, shatter, budder, crumble, rosin, hash/bubble hash, diamonds)..."	Same as 2020	Reworded and added examples
	n/a	"In your LIFETIME, on how many occasions (if any) have you used the specific marijuana concentrates listed below? a. Wax pen oil, THC oil b. Shatter, budder, crumble c. Rosin d. Hash/bubble hash e. Diamonds"	Same as 2020	Added question in 2020
Substance use – “On how many occasions (if any) have you:...”	"...used LSD or other hallucinogens (e.g., shrooms, peyote, salvia)..."	"...used hallucinogens (e.g., LSD, shrooms, DMT, peyote, salvia)"	Same as 2020	Reworded and added examples

"How much do you think people risk harming themselves..."	"smoke one or more packs of cigarettes per day?"	"...smoke 1 or 2 packs of tobacco cigarettes per day?"	Same as 2020	Reworded in 2020
How easy to get	"some cigarettes"	"tobacco cigarettes"	Same as 2020	Removed 'some'
	"some alcohol"	"alcohol"	Same as 2020	Removed 'some'
	"some marijuana"	"marijuana"	Same as 2020	Removed 'some'
Adverse Childhood Experiences	n/a	"Since the time you were born until now, did you ever live with:	Same as 2020	Added question in 2020
	n/a	anyone who was a problem drinker or alcoholic? Answers: No, Yes	Same as 2020	Added question in 2020
	n/a	anyone who used illegal drugs or abused prescription medications? Answers: No, Yes	Same as 2020	Added question in 2020
	n/a	anyone who served time or was sentenced to serve time in a correctional facility (e.g., jail/prison)? Answers: No, Yes	Same as 2020	Added question in 2020
	n/a	parents who got separated or divorced? Answers: No, Yes	Same as 2020	Added question in 2020
	n/a	parents or adults who slapped, hit, kicked, punched, or beat each other up? Answers: No, Yes	Same as 2020	Added question in 2020
	n/a	parents or adults who swore at you, insulted you, or put you down?" Answers: No, Yes	Same as 2020	Added question in 2020
Been assaulted by boyfriend/girlfriend	"How many times in the past 12 months have you been physically assaulted (e.g., hit, slapped, pushed) by your boyfriend/girlfriend?"	"How many times in the past 12 months have you: BEEN physically assaulted by your boyfriend/girlfriend (e.g. hit, slapped, pushed)?"	Same as 2020	Moved examples in 2020
School property – General	"During the past 12 months, how many times have the following things occurred on school property?"	"During the past 12 months, how many times have the following things occurred on school grounds?"	Same as 2020	Reworded "property" to "grounds"

School property - e-cigs	n/a	Have you ever vaped e-juice/e-liquid with nicotine (e.g., e-cigs) on school grounds?	Same as 2020	Added to 2020
Get vaping device	n/a	<p>If during the past 30 days you owned an electronic vaping device (e.g., e-cig, wax pen, vape mod), how did you get it? (Mark all that apply)</p> <p>a. Not applicable, I have not owned a vape in the past 30 days  b. Bought it from a smoke/vape shop  c. Bought it from a store other than a smoke/vape shop  d. Bought it from a drug dealer  e. From family or relatives  f. From friends  g. Gave someone money to buy it  i. I bought it over the internet  *Online has one more response option "Some other ways"</p>	Same as 2020	Added to 2020
Get marijuana	n/a	"From a drug dealer"	Same as 2020	Added to 2020
Reasons for using - general	"During the past 30 days, if you DID USE tobacco, alcohol, prescription drugs, marijuana, or other illegal drugs, please tell us about some of your reasons for using (Mark all that apply):"	"...if you USED tobacco..."	Same as 2020	Reworded
Reasons for not using - general	"During the past 30 days, if you DID NOT USE tobacco, alcohol, prescription drugs, marijuana, or other illegal drugs, please tell us about some of the reasons for not using (Mark all that apply):"	"...for not using them. (Mark all that apply):"	Same as 2020	Added word 'them' to end
	"Would get bad reputation"	"Would get a bad reputation"	Same as 2020	Added an article

Gambling - instruction	n/a	"This final section asks about playing various games and betting money or things of value."	Same as 2020	Added to 2020
Gambling	"How many times in the past 12 months have you placed a bet or gambled on anything for money or something of value (lottery, cards, dice, sports, pool, video games)?"	In the past 12 months, how many times have you done the following:  a. played the lottery or scratch off tickets? b. bet on a game of personal skill (e.g., pool, video game)? c. bet on a card game? d. bet on a dice game? e. paid to play bingo? f. bet on sports? g. spent money to access extra features on video games or game apps (e.g., virtual items/coins, character upgrades, loot boxes, extended play)?  <i>Answers: 0 times, 1-2 times, 3-5 times, 6-9 times, 10-19 times, 20+ times</i>	Same as 2020	Reworded with new response options
Talk danger of drugs	n/a	"No, have not talked"	Same as 2020	Response option added
Comfortable talking to	Response options: -I have no one I can talk to or go to for help -parents/stepparents -foster parents -other guardians -other relatives -other adults -faith-based leaders -coaches/instructors -neighbors -teachers -mentors -siblings -grandparents -friends -tutors -counselors	Response options: -I have no one I can talk to or go to for help -parents/guardians -other relatives -teachers/tutors/coaches -neighbors -friends -counselors -other adults	Same as 2020	Response options changed between years

## Appendix D: Contacts for Prevention

For updated contact information, please visit <https://saclaz.org/>

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