



Taos County

New Mexico Youth Risk and Resiliency Survey
(YRRS)
Middle School
Grades 6-8, 2011

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Risk Behaviors at a Glance
Taos County
Grades 6-8

<u>Indicator</u>	<u>Taos County</u>		<u>New Mexico</u>	
	%	(95% CI)	%	(95% CI)
Unintentional Injury				
Rarely or never wore a bicycle helmet (of those who rode a bicycle)	79.3	(74.3-83.5)	75.9	(69.6-81.2)
Rarely or never wore a seatbelt	7.0	(4.8-10.1)	7.5	(6.4-8.7)
Violence				
Ever been in a physical fight	49.2	(42.2-56.2)	48.5	(45.4-51.6)
Ever bullied on school property	49.4	(43.2-55.7)	43.7	(41.3-46.2)
Ever bullied electronically	15.4	(10.6-21.8)	17.2	(15.5-19.1)
Mental Health				
Ever seriously thought about killing self	18.0	(13.3-24.1)	19.8	(17.9-21.8)
Ever planned to kill self	9.8	(6.9-13.8)	11.3	(9.8-13.0)
Ever tried to kill self	5.8	(3.8-8.8)	7.0	(5.6-8.6)
Tobacco Use				
Ever smoked cigarettes	20.9	(16.3-26.5)	23.1	(20.7-25.8)
Current cigarette smoking	4.3	(2.9-6.4)	6.8	(5.6-8.3)
Current cigar smoking	3.1	(1.6-5.8)	5.8	(4.5-7.5)
Current spit tobacco use (chew, dip, or snuff)	1.6	(0.7-3.5)	3.7	(2.7-5.1)
Alcohol Use				
Ever drank alcohol	28.9	(21.9-37.1)	29.5	(27.3-31.7)
Current drinking	9.2	(5.9-14.1)	12.9	(11.6-14.3)
Binge drinking	5.0	(2.9-8.7)	6.3	(5.4-7.5)
Drank alcohol before age 11	13.4	(9.0-19.5)	14.5	(13.0-16.2)

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Risk Behaviors at a Glance

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Grades 6-8

<u>Indicator</u>	<u>Taos County</u>		<u>New Mexico</u>	
	%	(95% CI)	%	(95% CI)
Drug Use				
Ever used marijuana	15.8	(11.3-21.6)	15.9	(13.3-18.9)
Current marijuana use	8.6	(5.5-13.3)	10.1	(8.2-12.4)
Ever used prescription drug without a doctor's prescription	3.1	(1.8-5.3)	8.0	(7.4-8.7)
Ever used a painkiller to get high	3.1	(1.8-5.3)	4.9	(4.0-5.8)
Ever used cocaine	1.3	(0.5-3.4)	3.6	(2.8-4.6)
Ever used inhalants	10.9	(7.5-15.6)	11.8	(10.3-13.4)
Ever used illegal injection drugs	0.6	(0.2-1.8)	1.2	(0.9-1.7)
Sexual Behaviors				
Ever had sexual intercourse	7.4	(4.7-11.6)	10.5	(9.2-11.9)
Had sexual intercourse before age 11	1.3	(0.5-3.4)	2.9	(2.3-3.7)
Had sexual intercourse with three or more people in lifetime	1.7	(0.8-3.9)	3.1	(2.6-3.8)
Used a condom at last sexual intercourse (among those who ever had sexual intercourse)	74.9	(60.4-85.4)	69.1	(62.2-75.2)
Body Weight				
Ever fasted to lose weight	15.2	(11.5-19.8)	20.3	(19.2-21.5)
Ever vomited or used laxatives to lose weight	4.1	(2.3-7.3)	4.9	(4.1-5.8)
Physical Activity				
Three or more hours of TV viewing daily	30.9	(26.1-36.2)	31.7	(29.5-34.1)
Three or more hours of computer time daily (not for school work)	22.4	(17.0-29.0)	26.0	(23.7-28.6)
Physically active for at least 60 minutes per day every day	38.4	(31.3-46.0)	31.7	(28.9-34.6)
No days with at least 60 minutes of physical activity in the past seven days	12.8	(8.9-18.0)	17.4	(14.1-21.3)
Daily physical education at school	54.5	(45.9-62.8)	30.4	(22.7-39.4)

Participation in Taos County

The response rate for Taos County was 54%.

A high response rate produces survey results that are more representative of the student population. A response rate of at least 60% allows generalization of results to the entire student body. A response rate of 70% is excellent and allows a high degree of confidence in results. Because a high response rate means that more students have been surveyed, a high response rate will also be reflected in the error bars (i.e., with a higher response rate and more students included in the survey, error bars will be smaller and confidence intervals will be narrower). Response rates below 60% are considered low, and caution should be exercised in interpreting results. Low response rates indicate that the data may represent only students who participated in the survey and not necessarily the entire student body.

Profile of students surveyed

	<u>Number of students</u>	<u>Percent (%)</u>
<u>Total</u>	359	(100%)
<u>Gender</u>		
Girls	183	(51.8%)
Boys	170	(48.2%)
<u>Race/Ethnicity</u>		
American Indian or Alaska Native	51	(22.1%)
Asian or Pacific Islander	14	(2.7%)
Black or African-American	15	(6.5%)
Hispanic	295	(83.6%)
White	151	(65.4%)
<u>Grade Level</u>		
6th	91	(25.5%)
7th	156	(43.7%)
8th	110	(30.8%)
Other	0	(0.0%)

Totals may add up to more or less than 100%, because

1. For race/ethnicity, respondents were allowed to choose multiple responses.
2. Data may be missing for some demographic measures if respondents chose not to answer certain questions.

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Highlights from the New Mexico Youth Risk and Resiliency Survey (YRRS)
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Taos County

Results from the 2011 NM Youth Risk and Resiliency Survey mark the second survey year of high quality middle school YRRS data at the state level. This report examines 2011 YRRS results for Taos County, and compares them to 2009 results and to state level 2011 results. Please use these results to help make New Mexico and your own community a safer and healthier place for all of our young people. For comprehensive YRRS results, see this website:

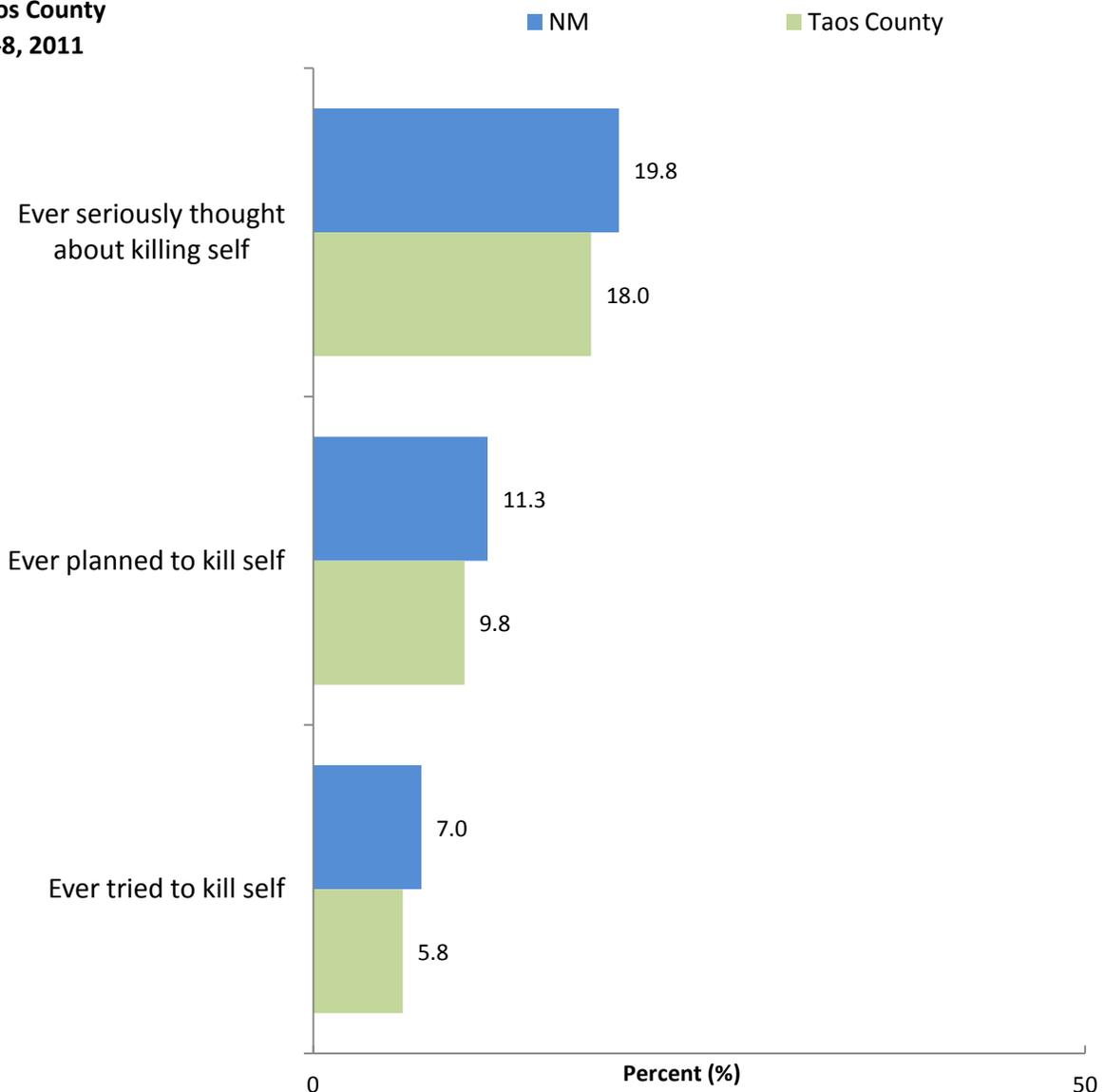
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Mental Health

Suicide is the second leading cause of death among adolescents in New Mexico. Past suicide attempts are highly associated with completed suicides.

Mental Health Indicators

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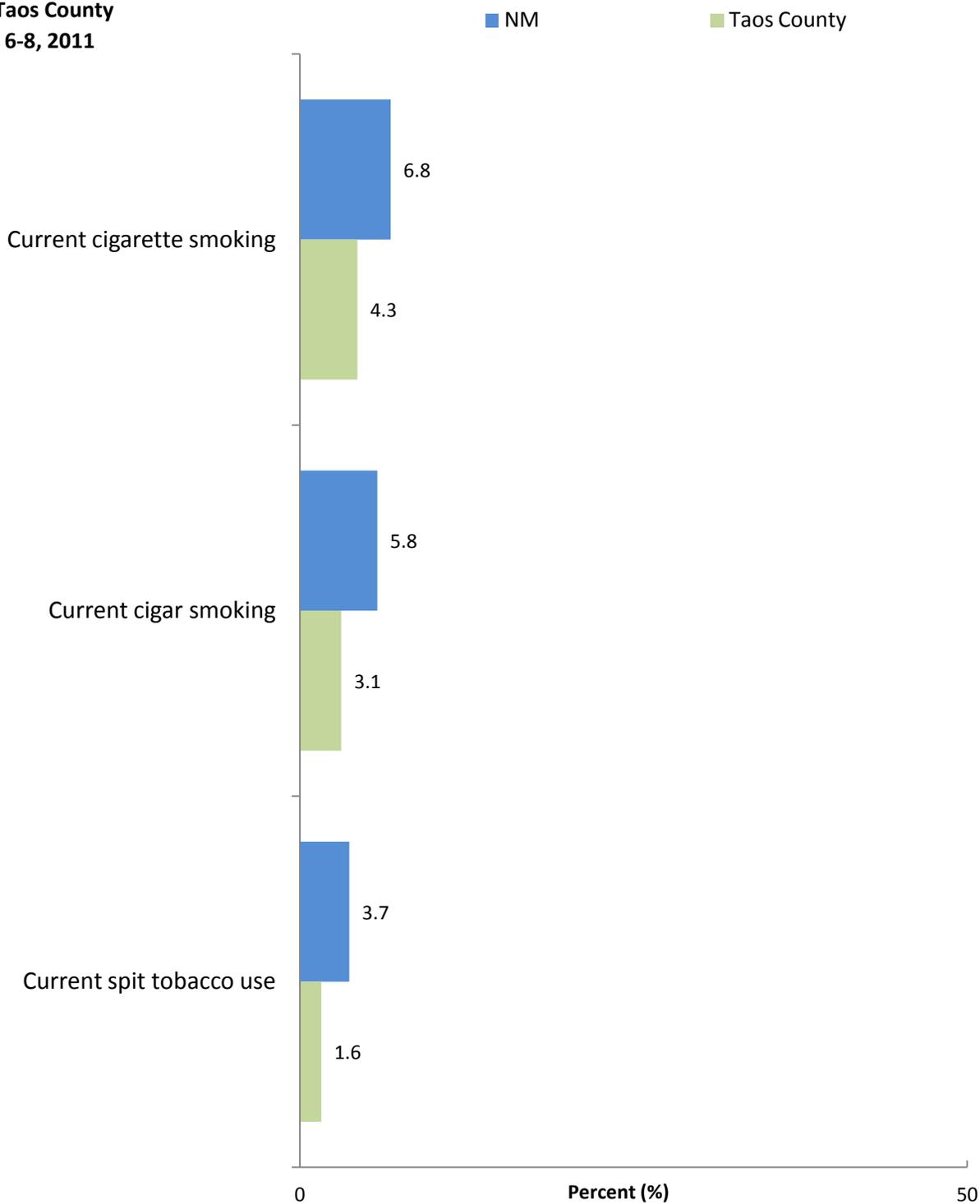


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Tobacco Use

Cigarette smoking and other tobacco use can cause cancer, respiratory illnesses, and other conditions related to the leading causes of death for New Mexicans of all ages. The YRRS does not differentiate between ceremonial and non-ceremonial tobacco use.

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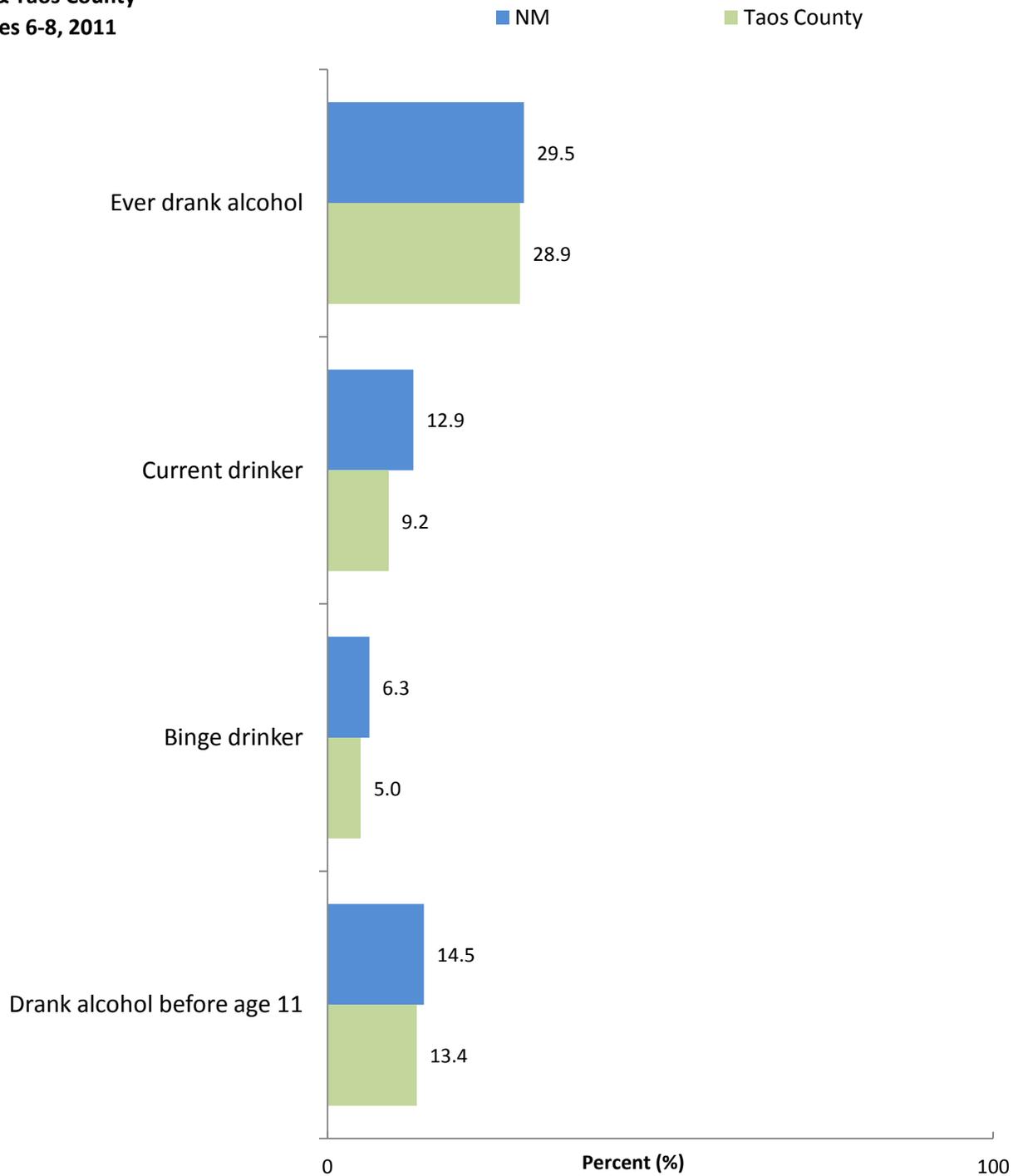
Alcohol Use

Alcohol use by young people is associated with injuries such as motor vehicle crashes, the leading cause of death among adolescents. Alcohol use at an early age is also associated with an increased risk of chronic liver disease and alcohol dependence later in life.

Alcohol Use in the Past 30 Days

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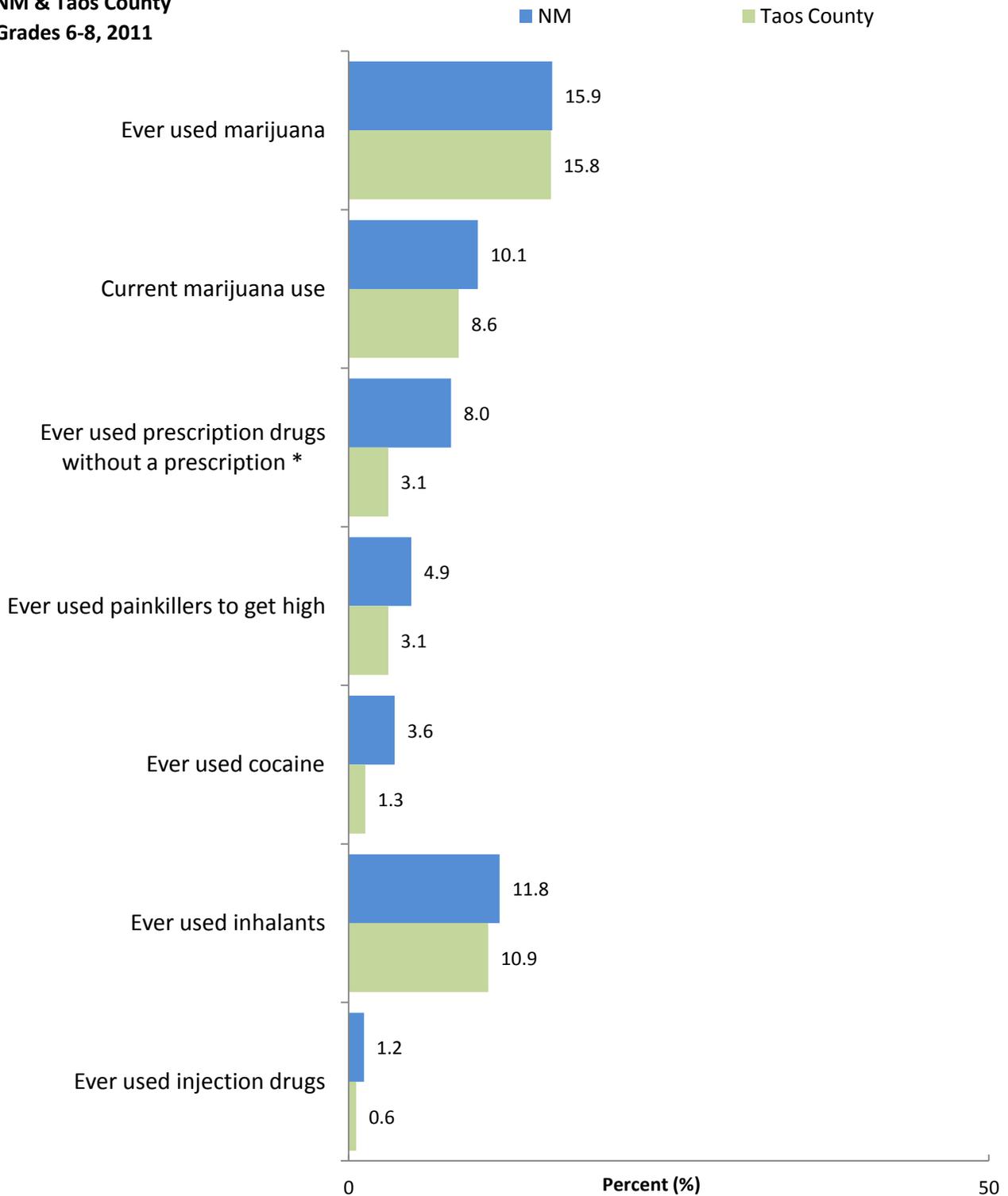
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Drug Use

Drug use by adolescents is associated with accidental injury and death. Injection drug use is associated with infectious diseases such as HIV and Hepatitis B and C.

Drug Use

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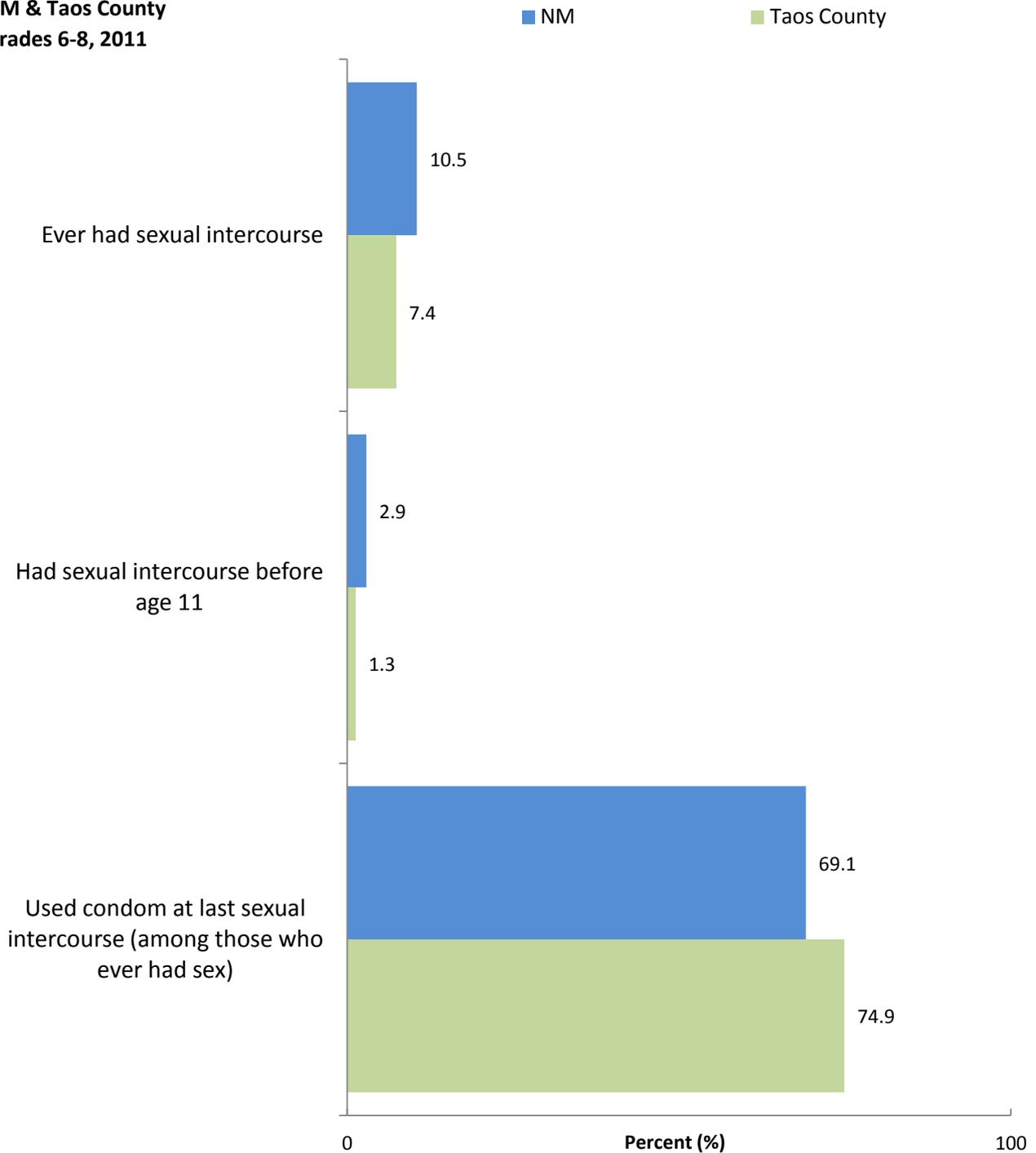


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Sexual Activity

Early and unsafe sexual activity puts teens at risk of unplanned pregnancy and sexually transmitted infections.

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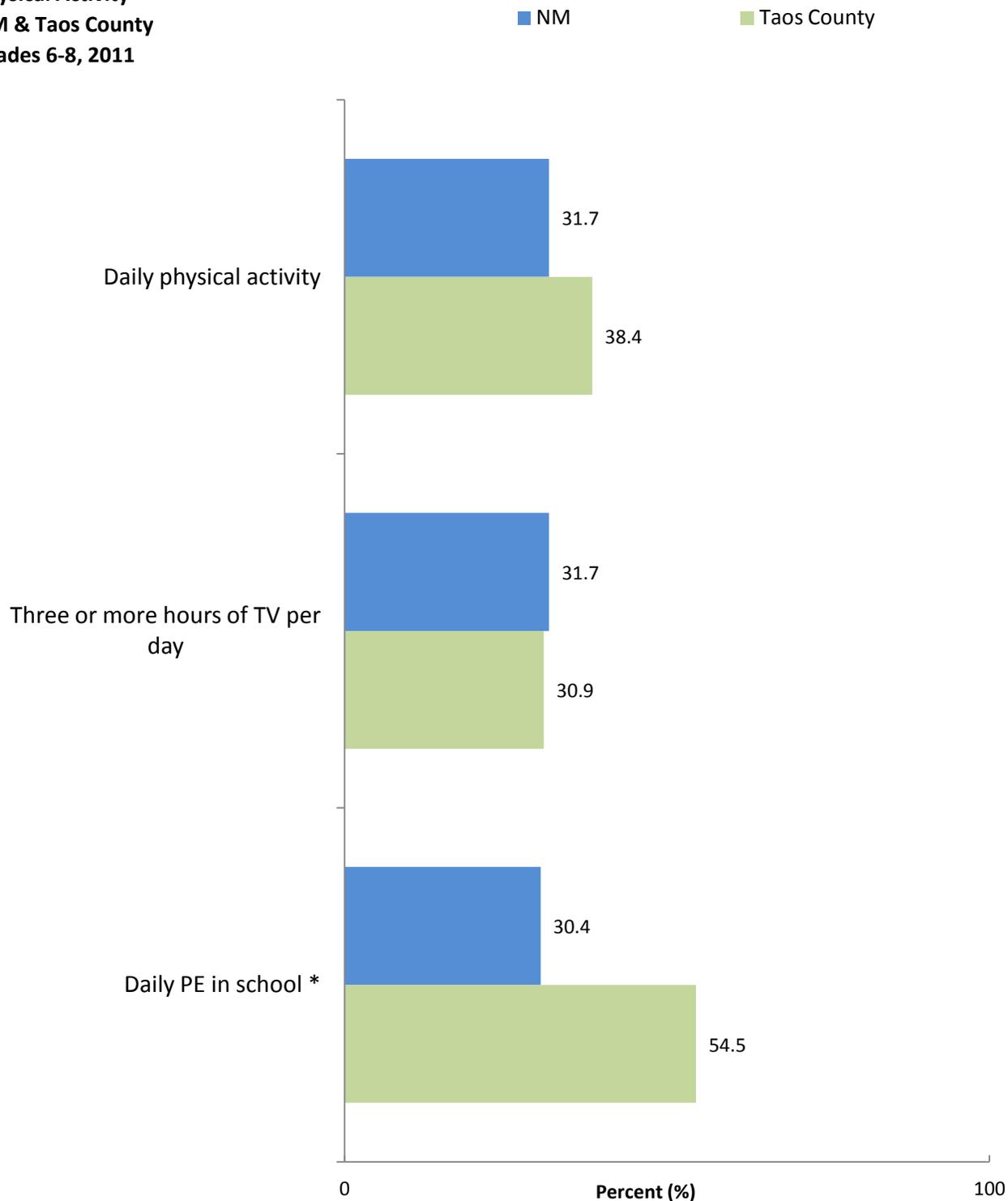


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Physical Activity

Lack of physical activity puts young people at risk of becoming overweight or obese. Obesity and overweight place teens at risk of many chronic diseases that can cause death or disability.

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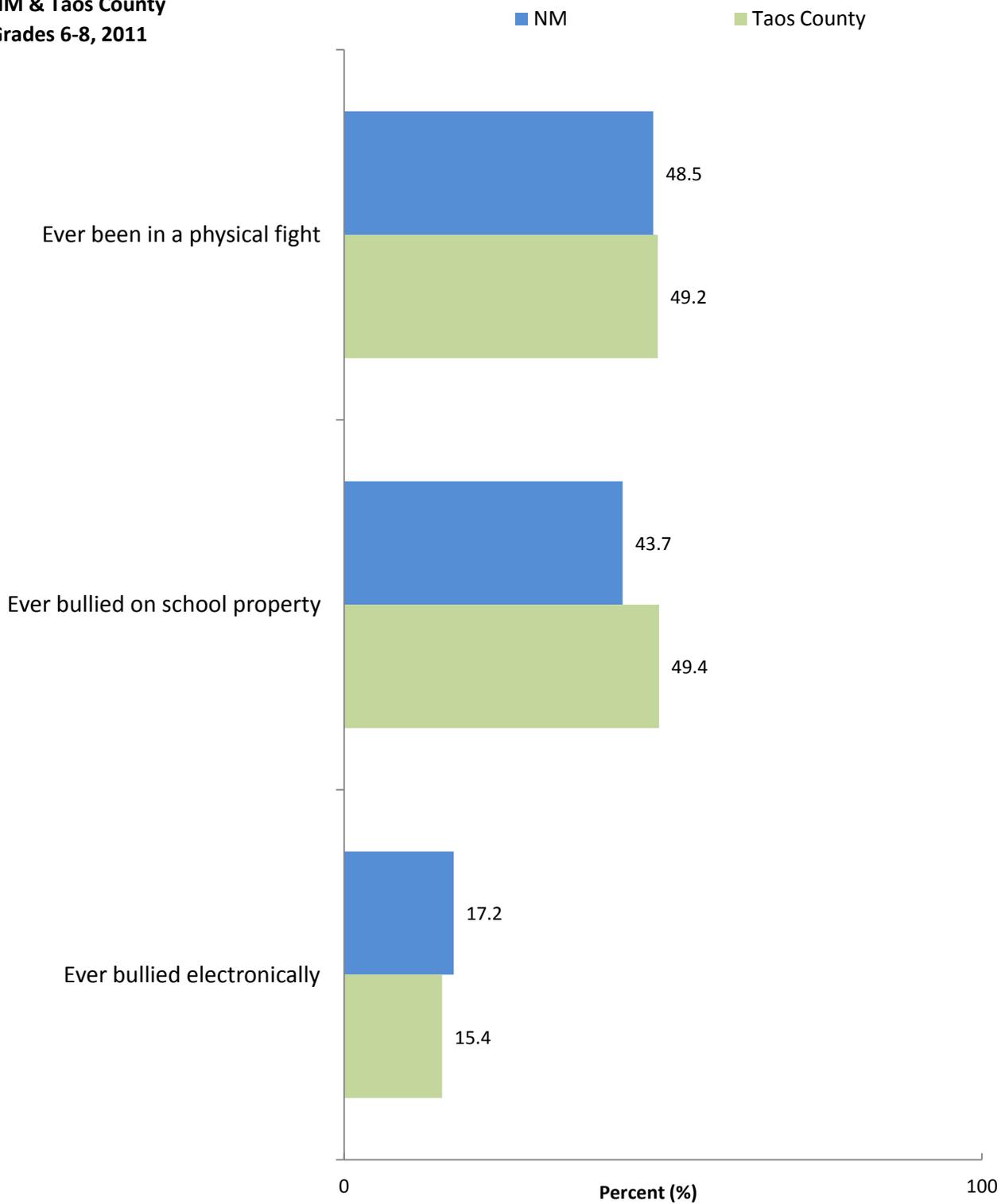


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Behaviors Associated with Violence

A new question about cyber-bullying (electronic bullying) was added to the YRRS in 2011.

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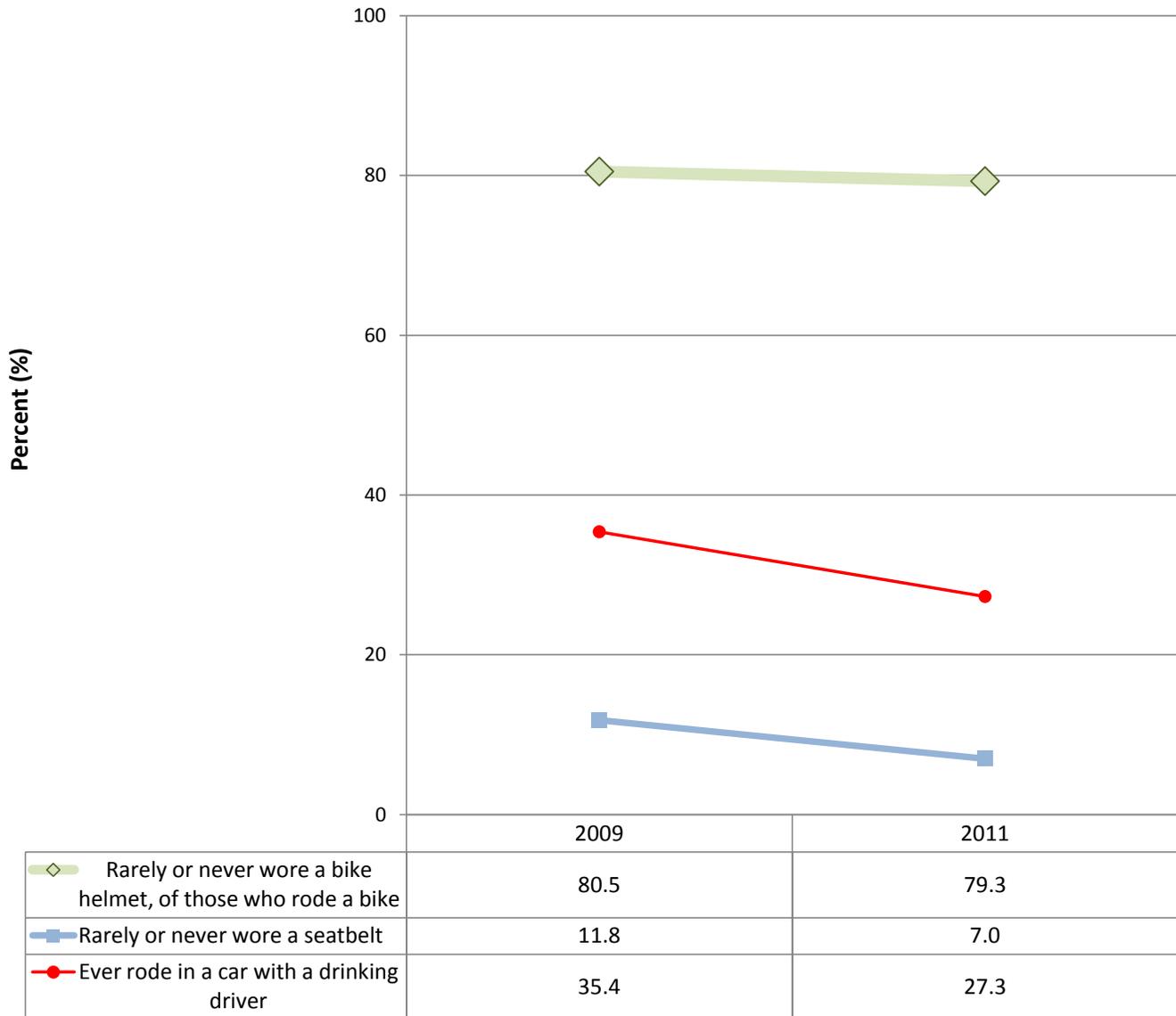


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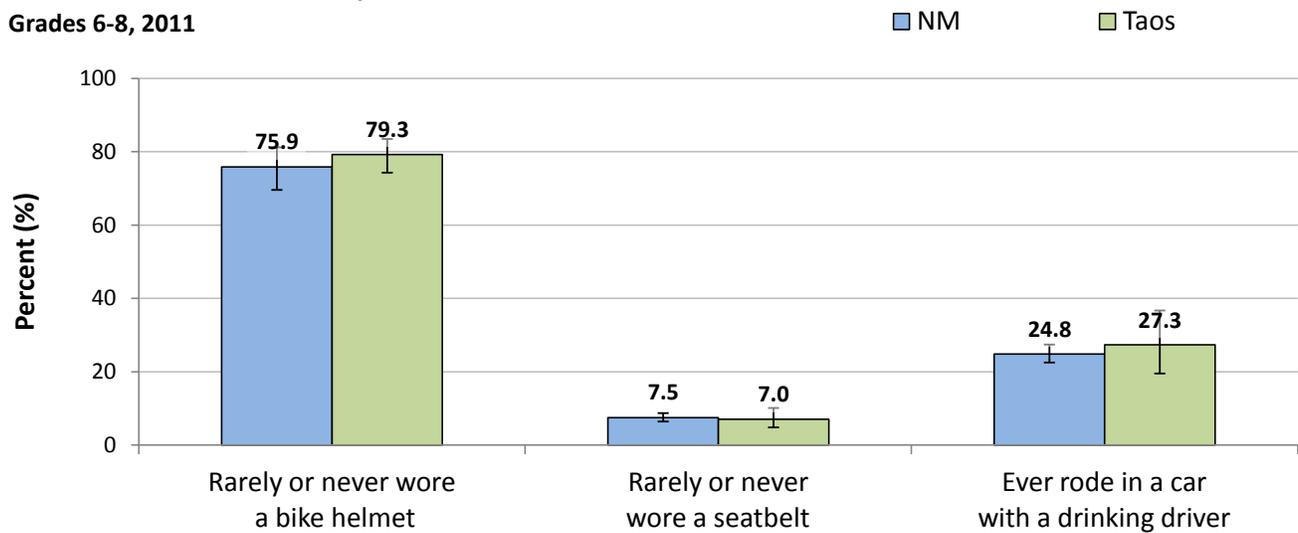
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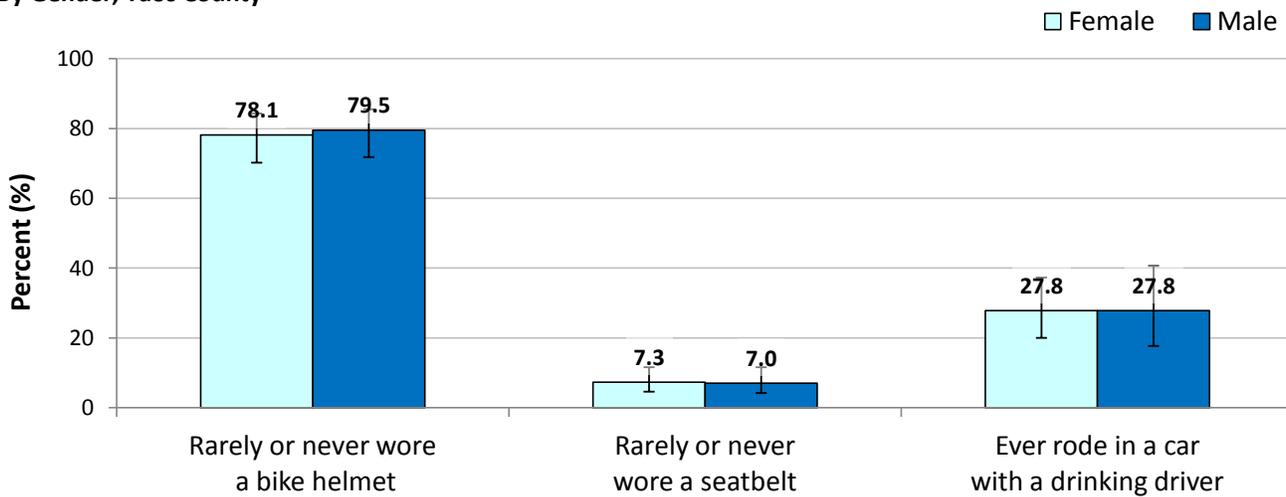
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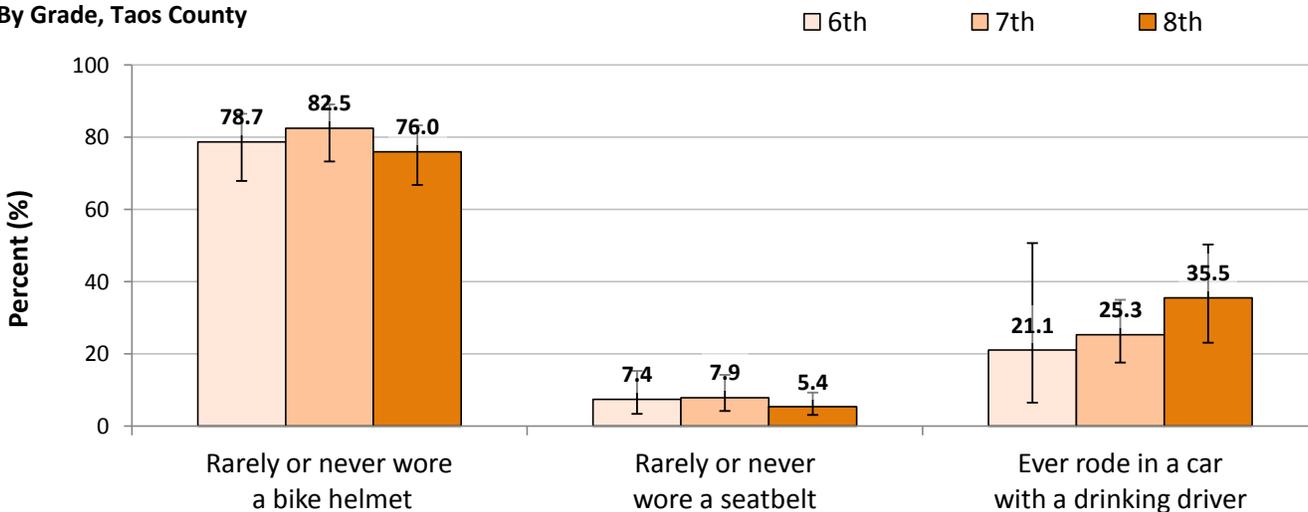
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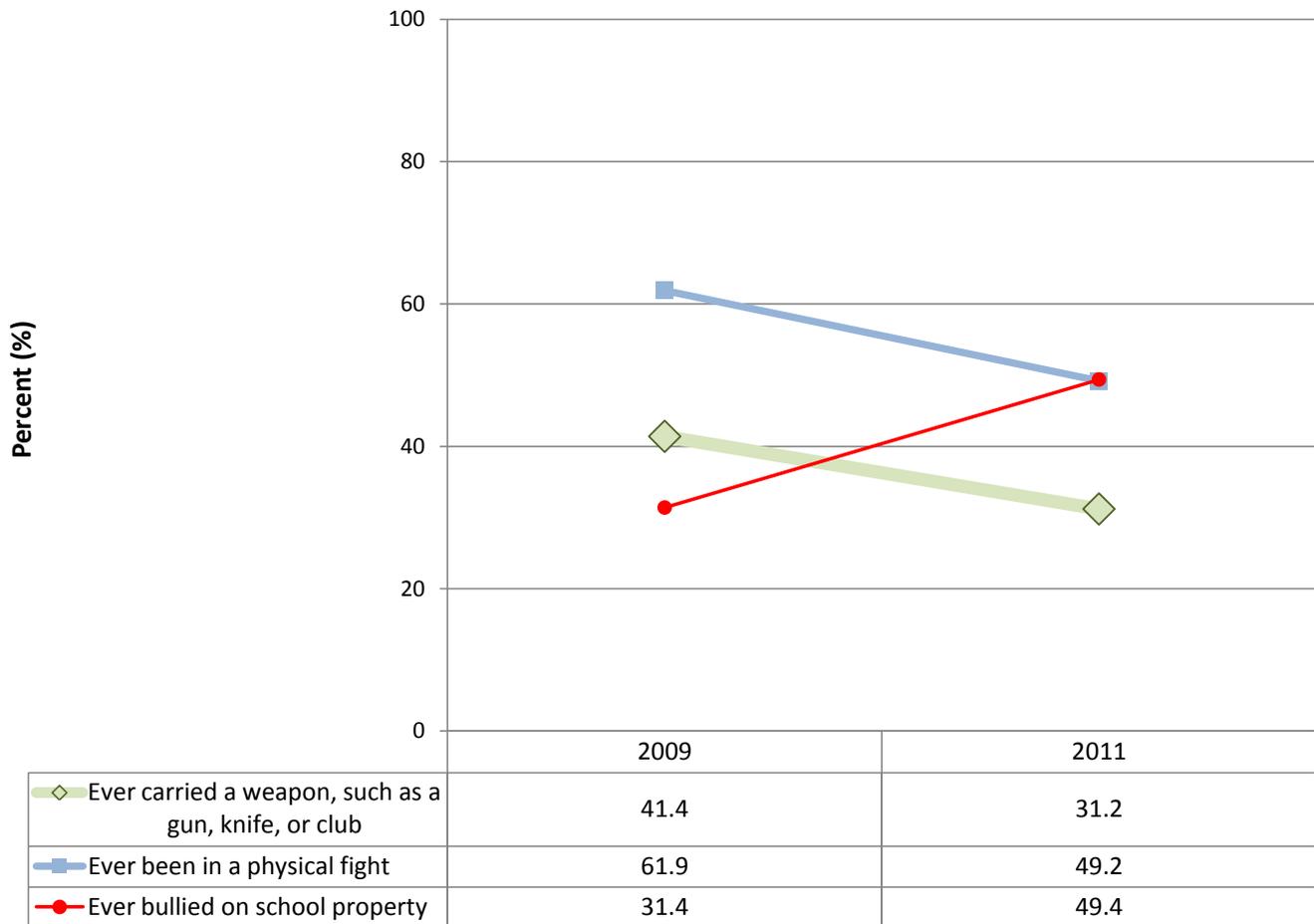


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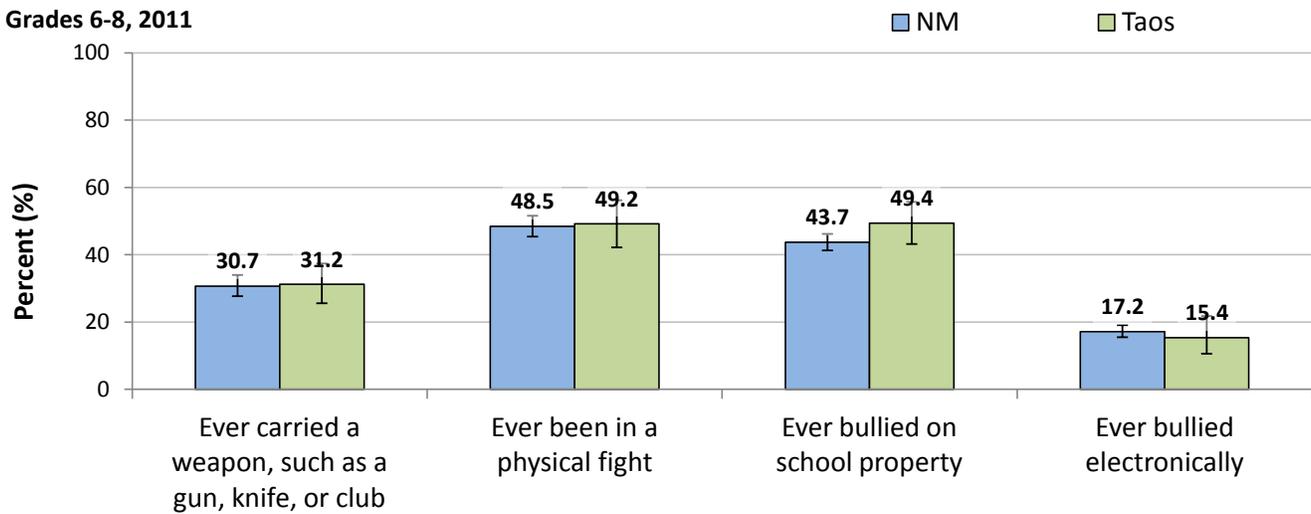


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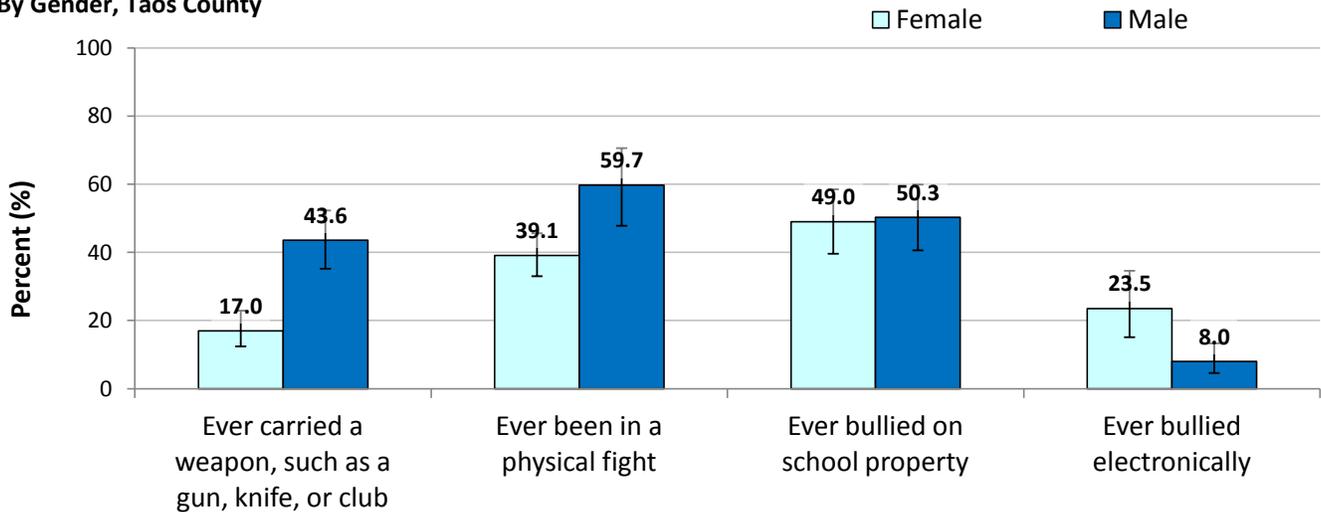
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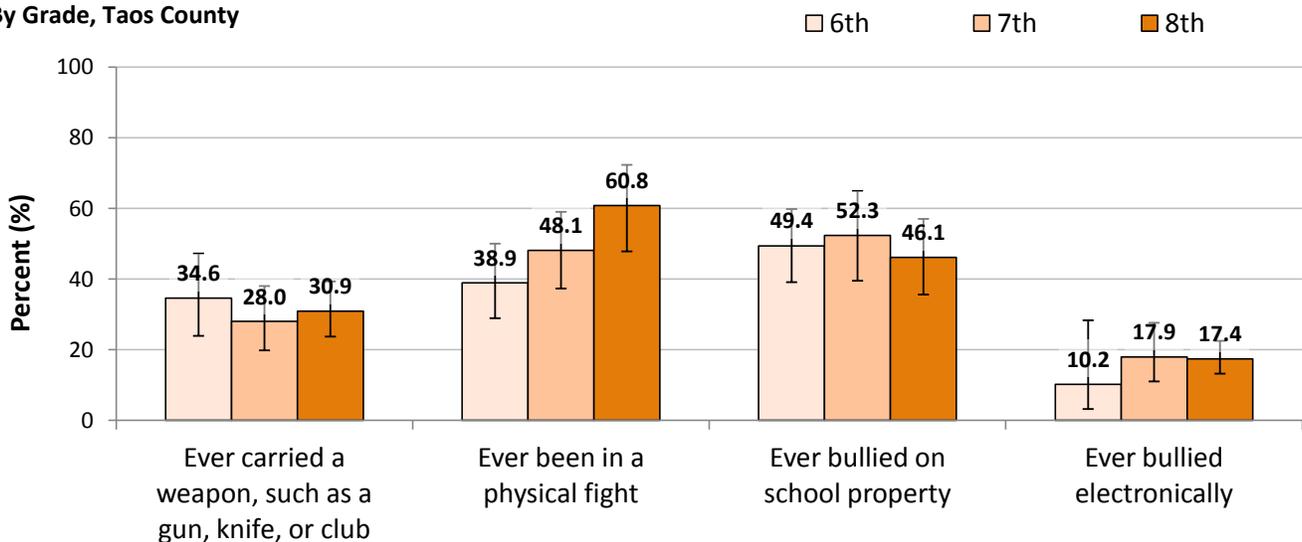
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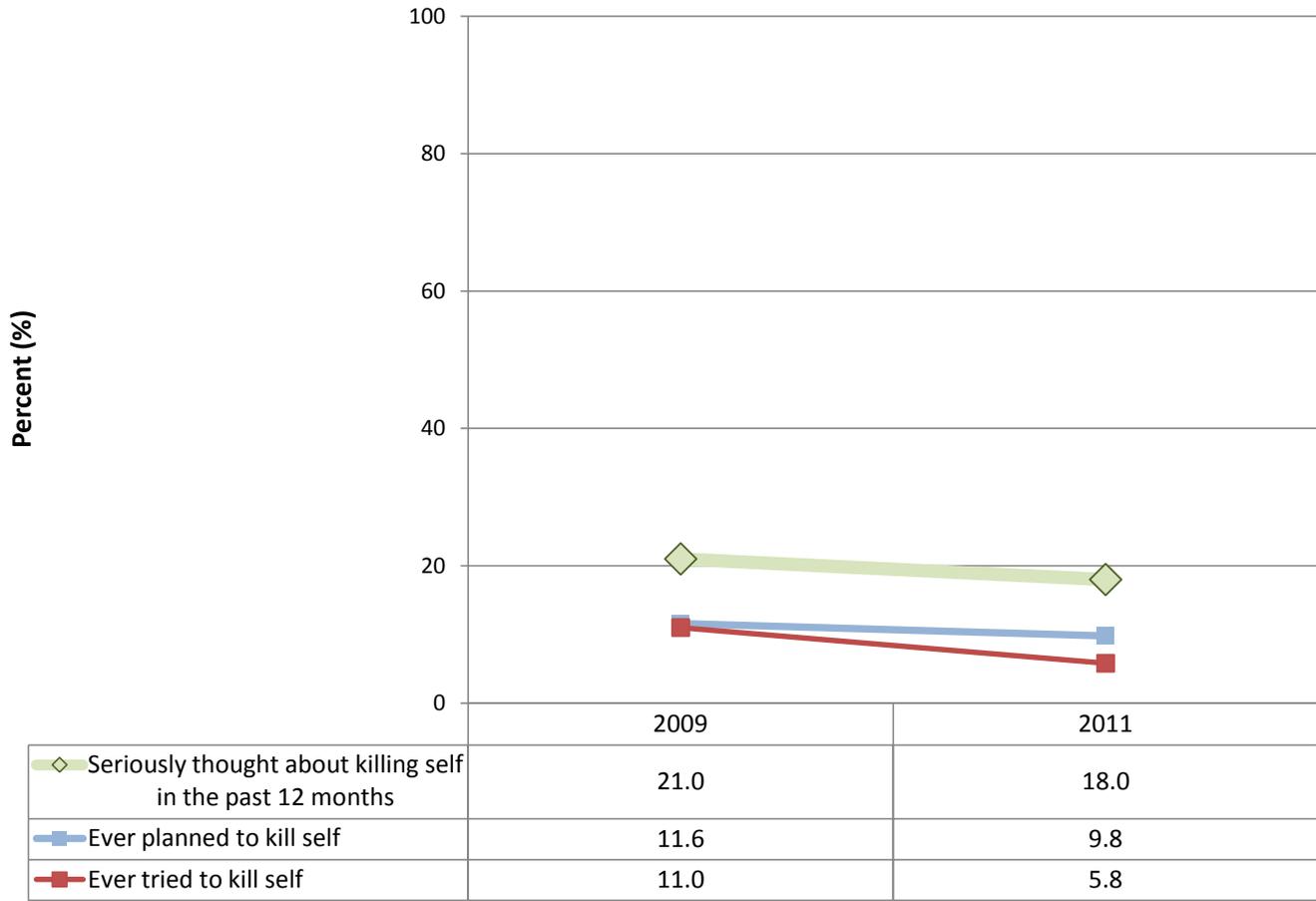


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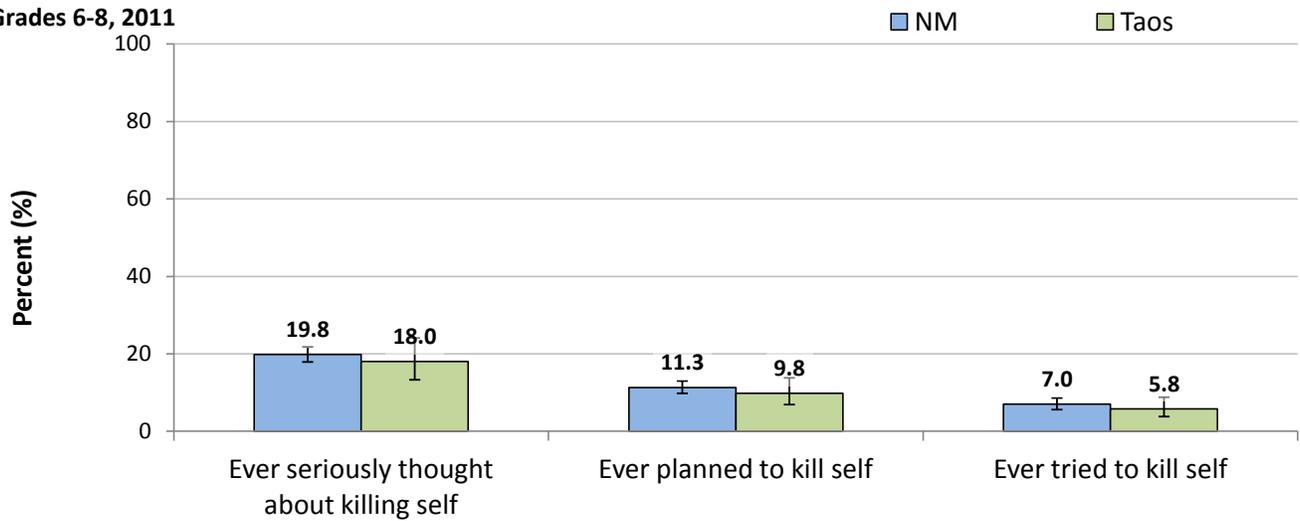


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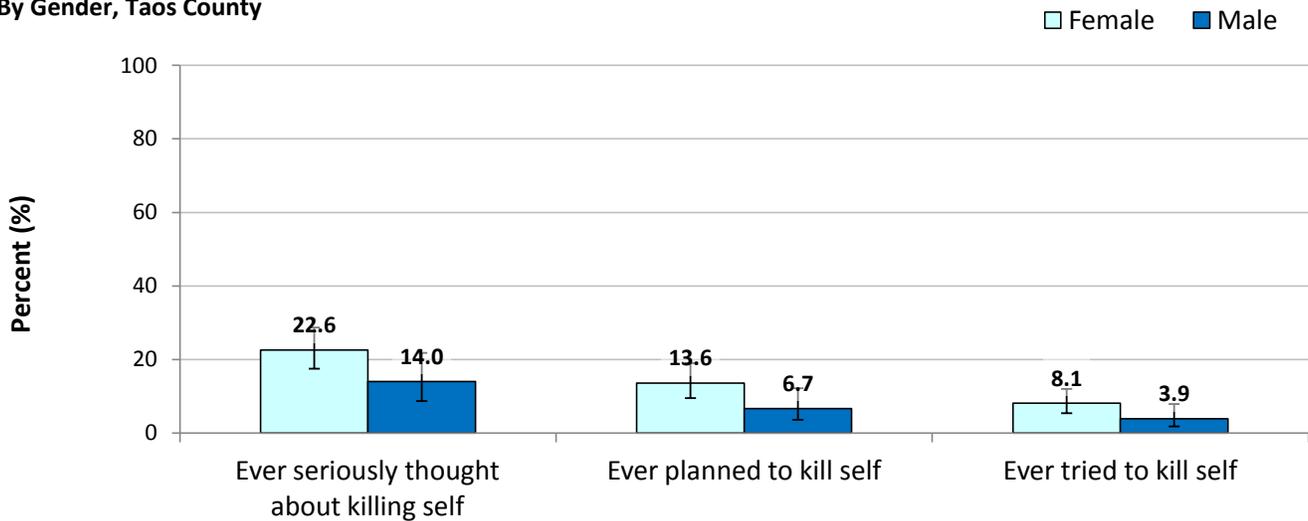
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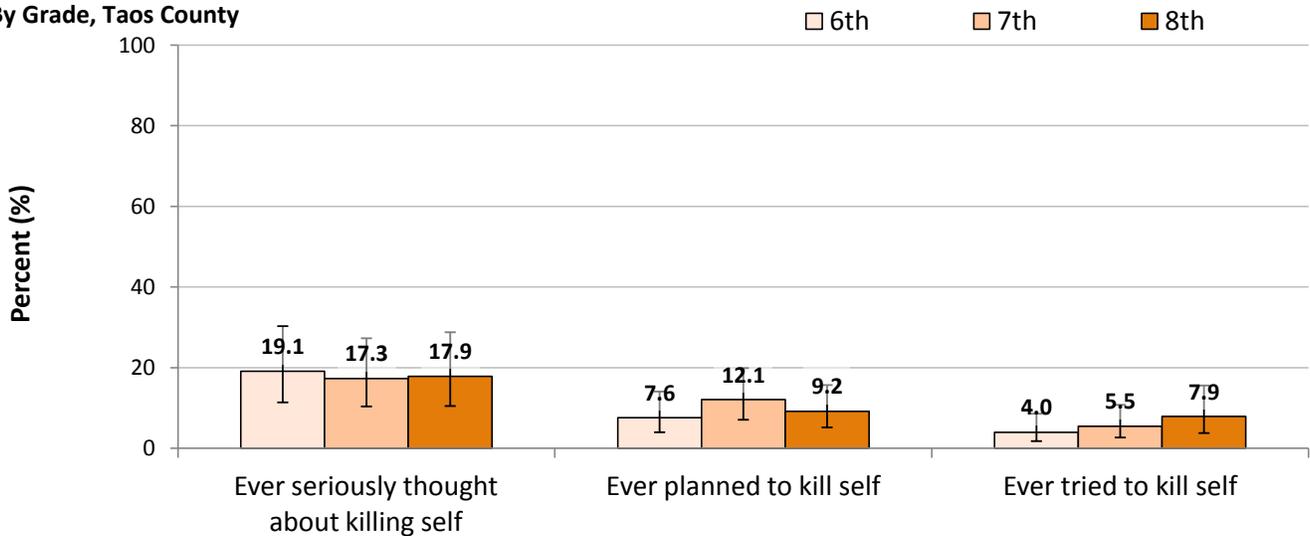
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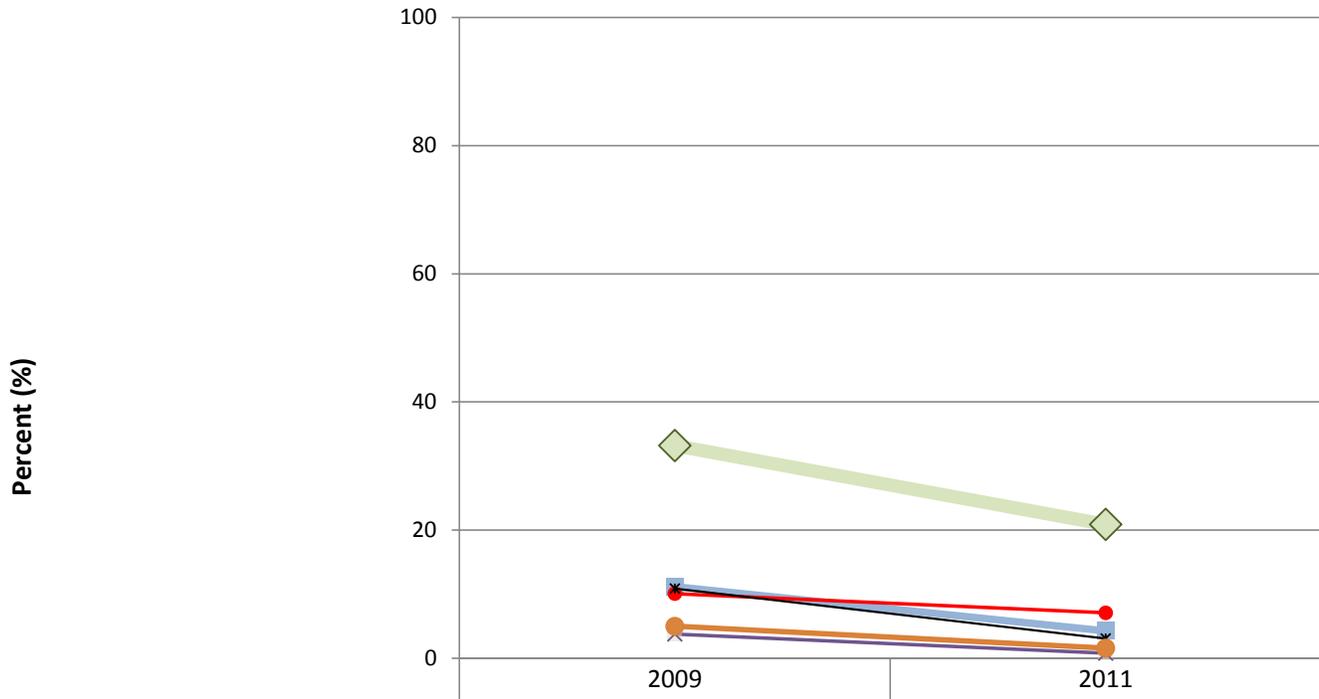


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Tobacco Use

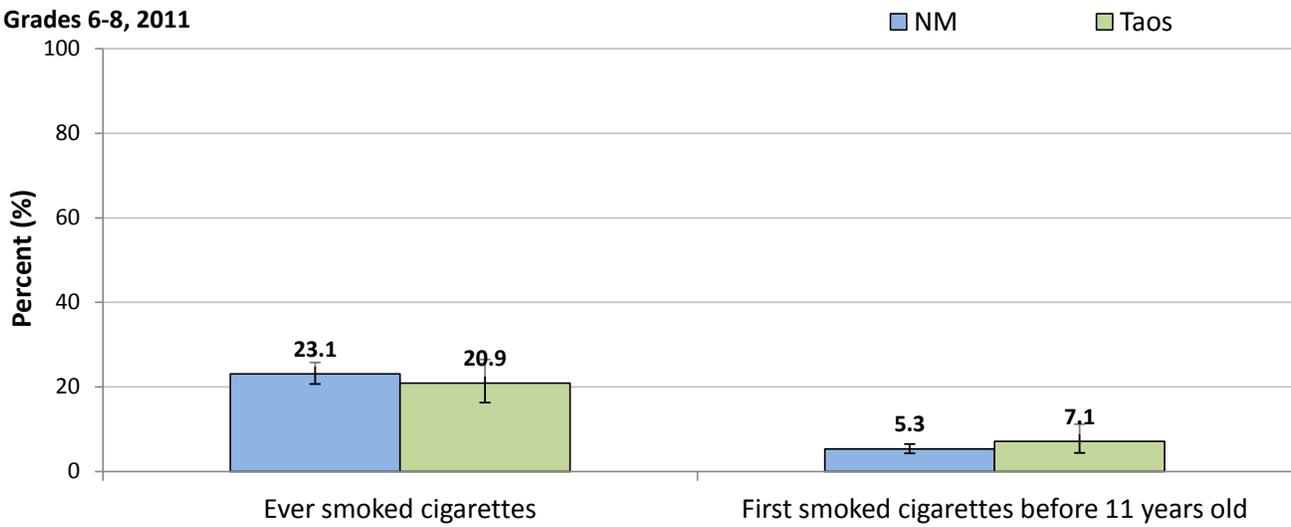
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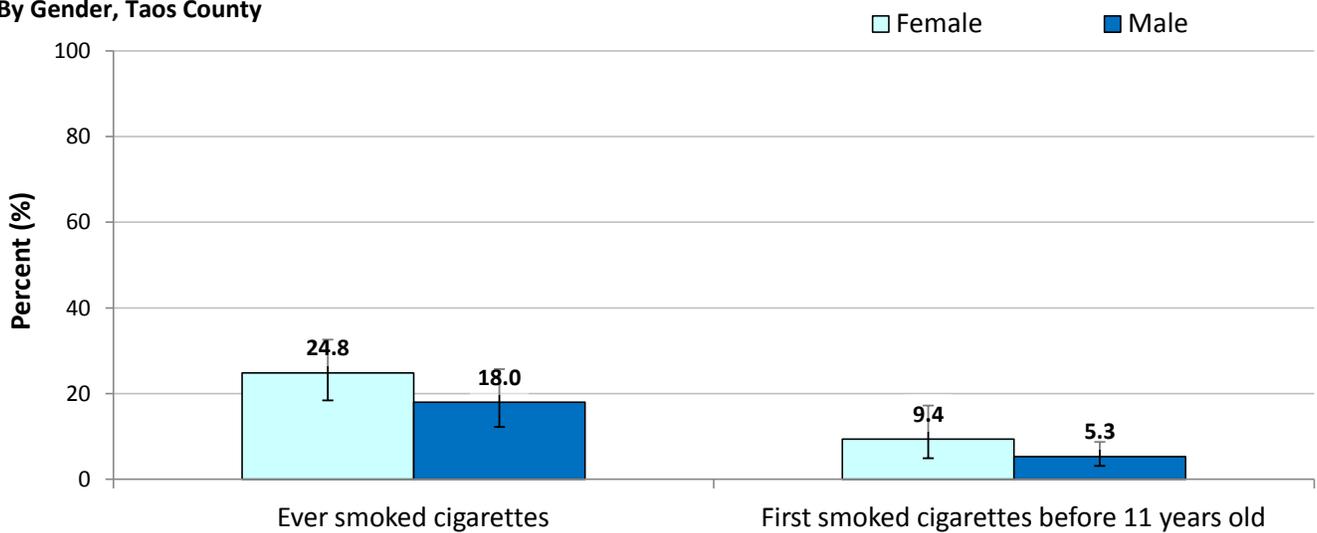
◇ Ever smoked cigarettes	33.2	20.9
■ Current cigarette smoker	11.2	4.3
● First smoked cigarettes before 11 years old	10.1	7.1
× Smoked cigarettes on school property in the past 30 days	3.8	0.8
* Current cigar use	10.9	3.1
● Current spit tobacco use (chew, snuff, or dip)	5.0	1.6

Tobacco Use: Cigarettes
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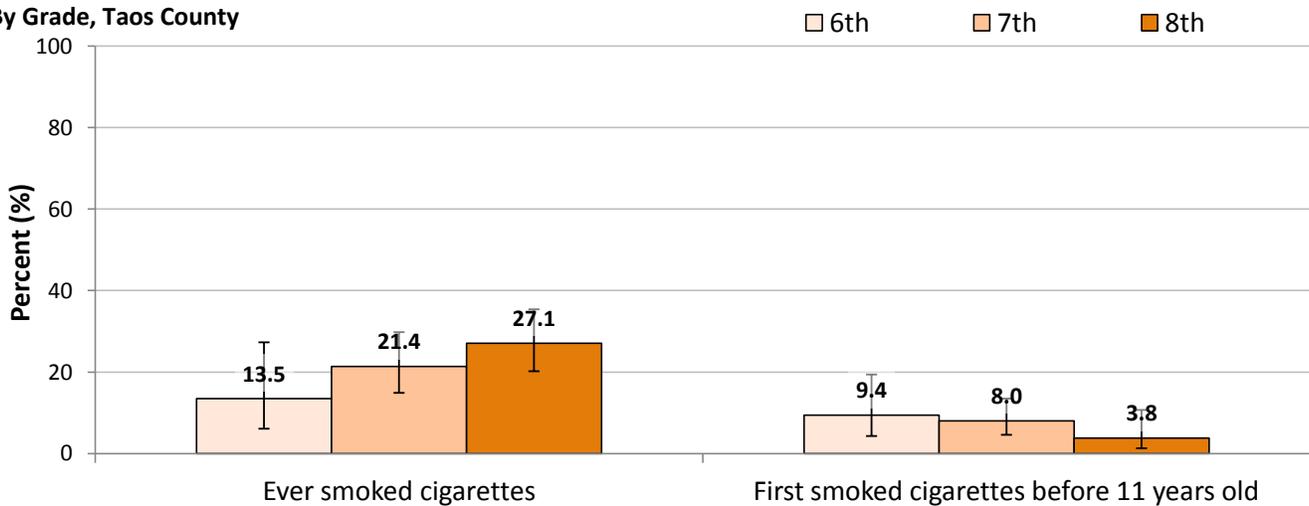
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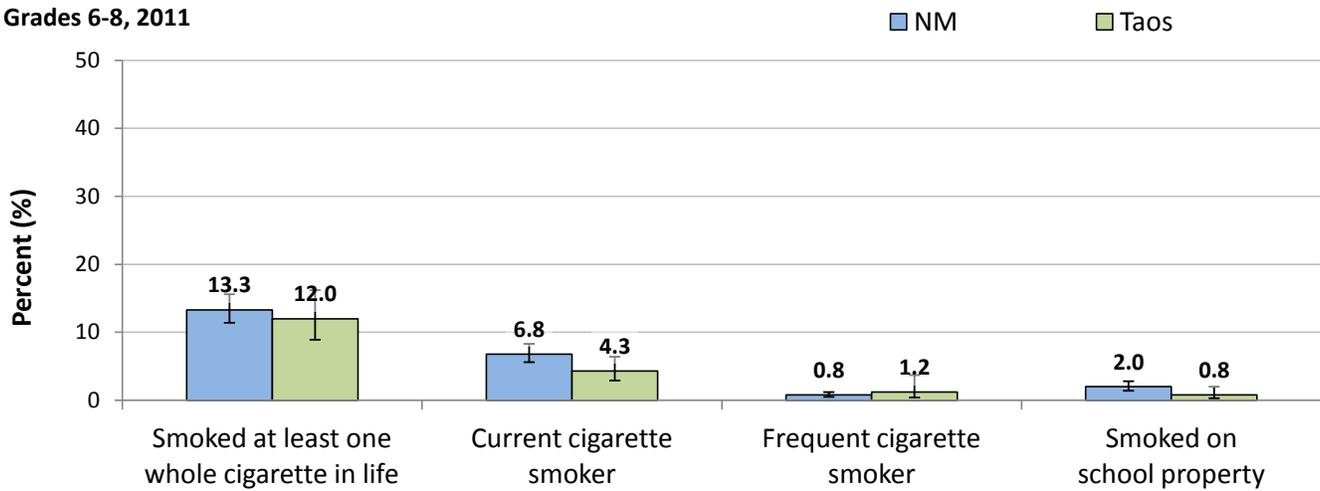
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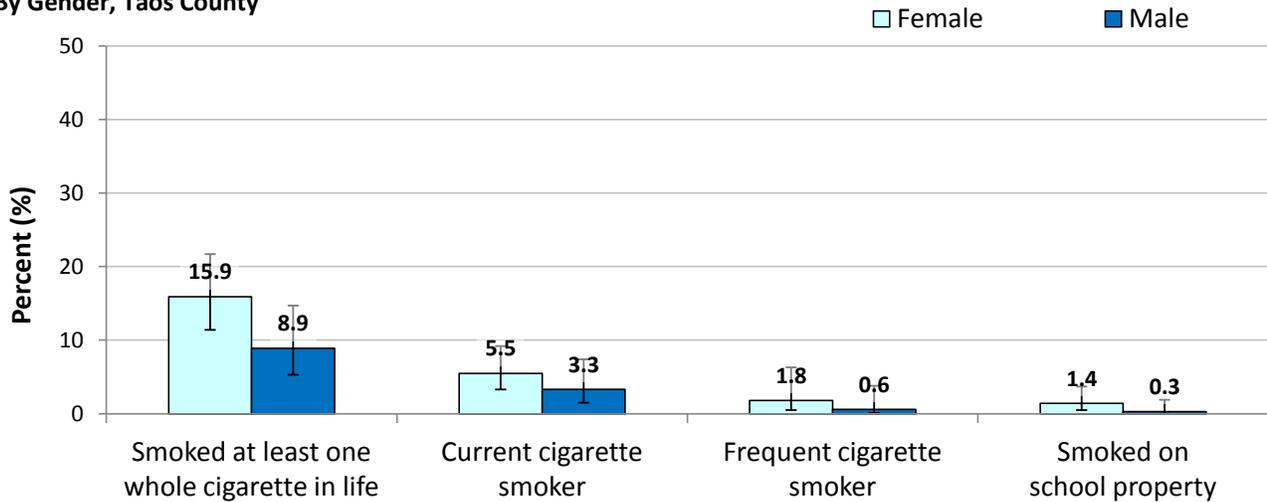
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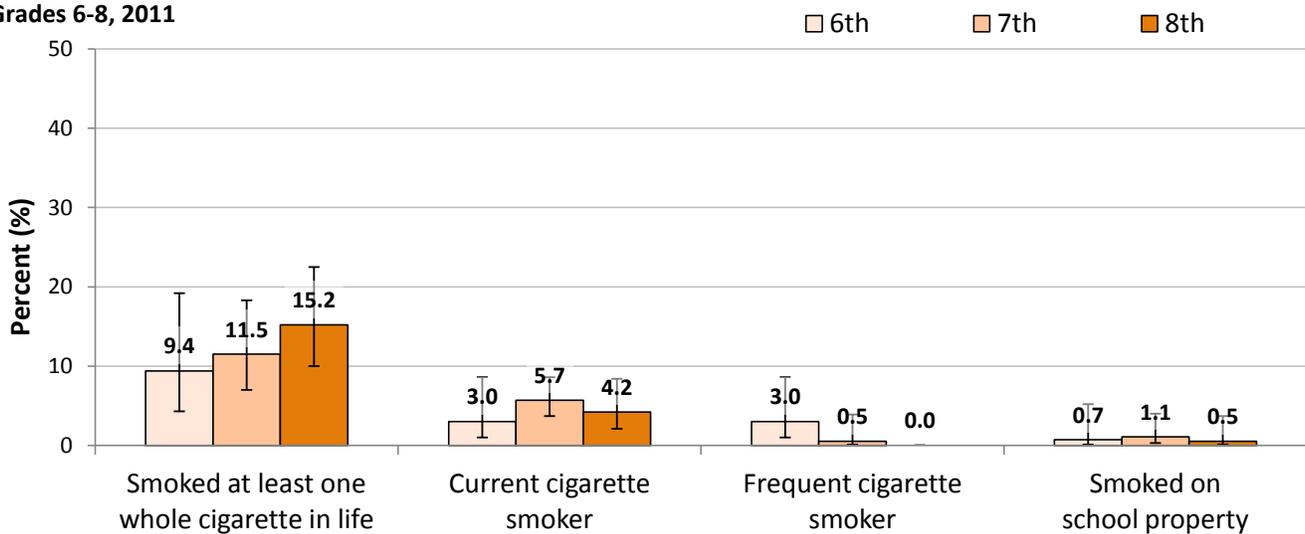
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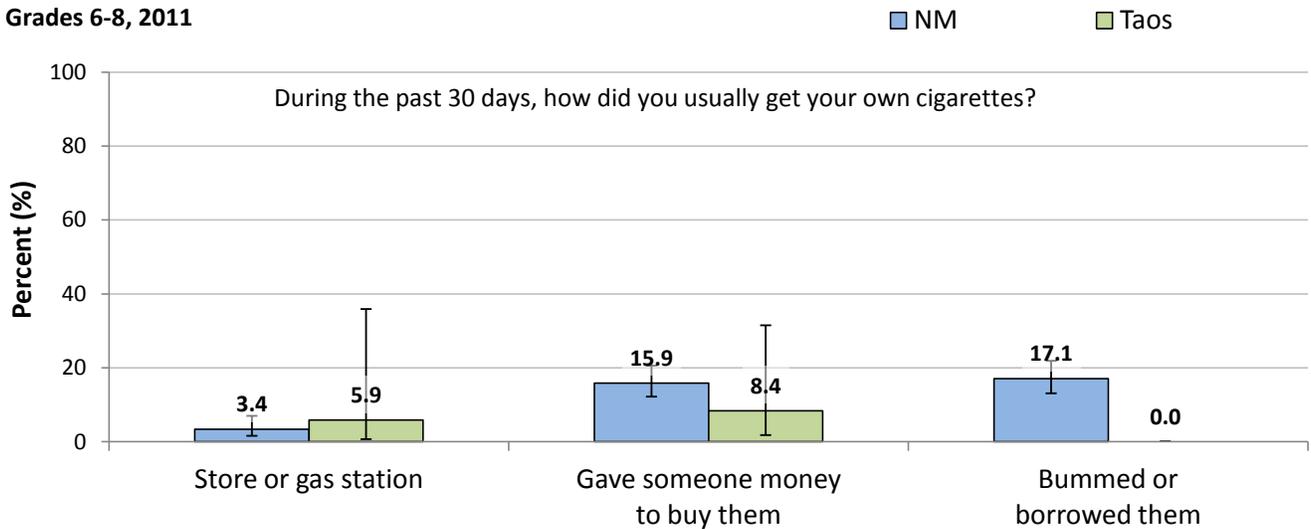
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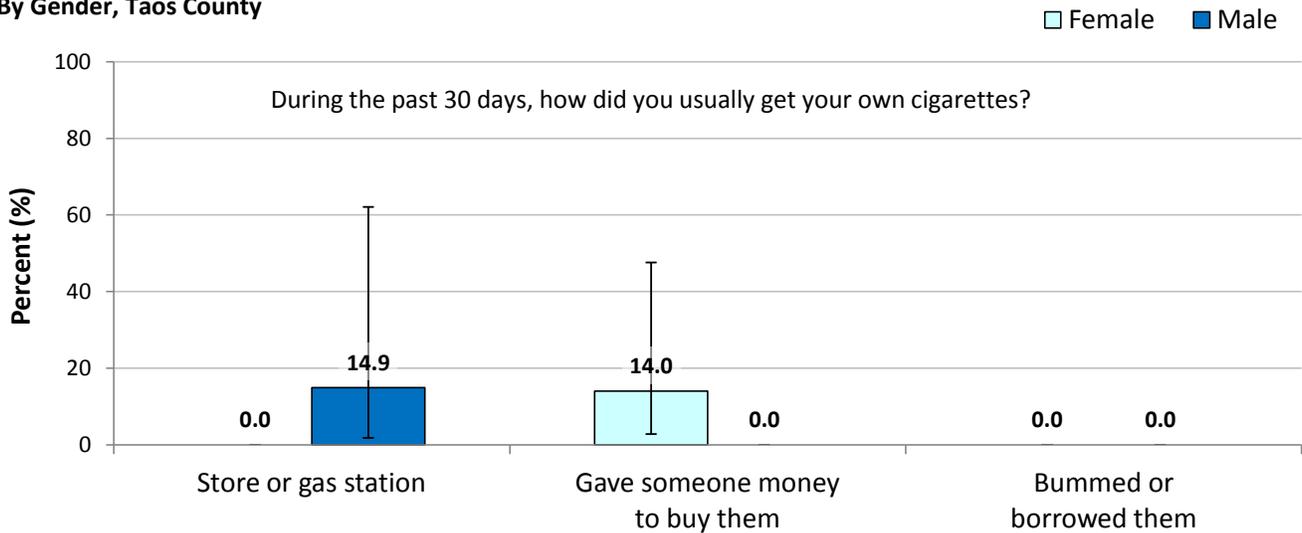
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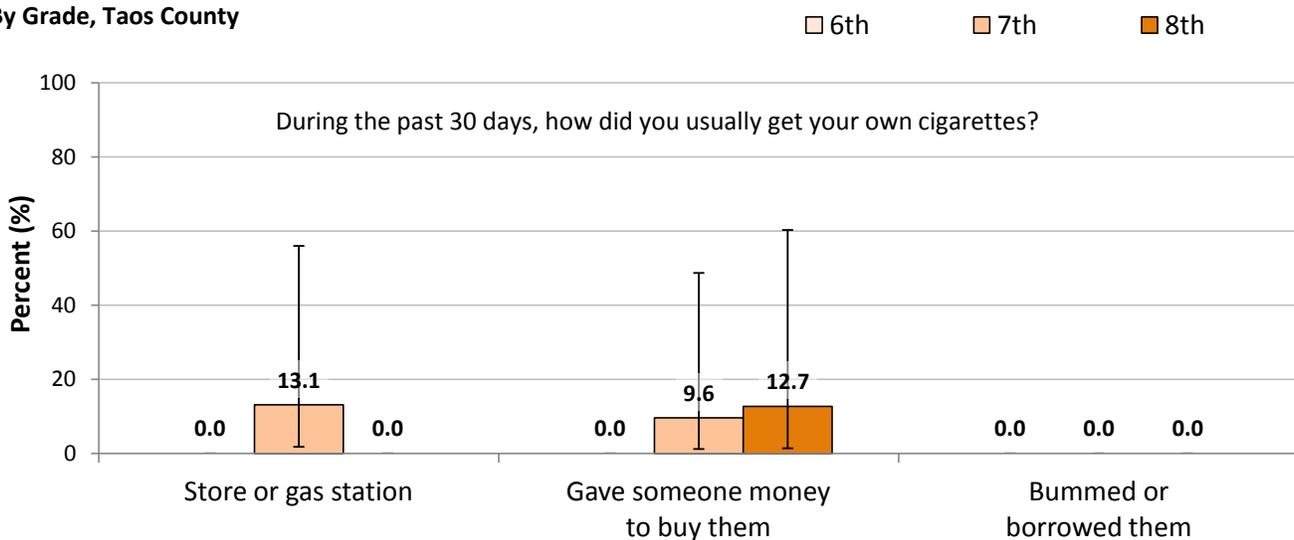
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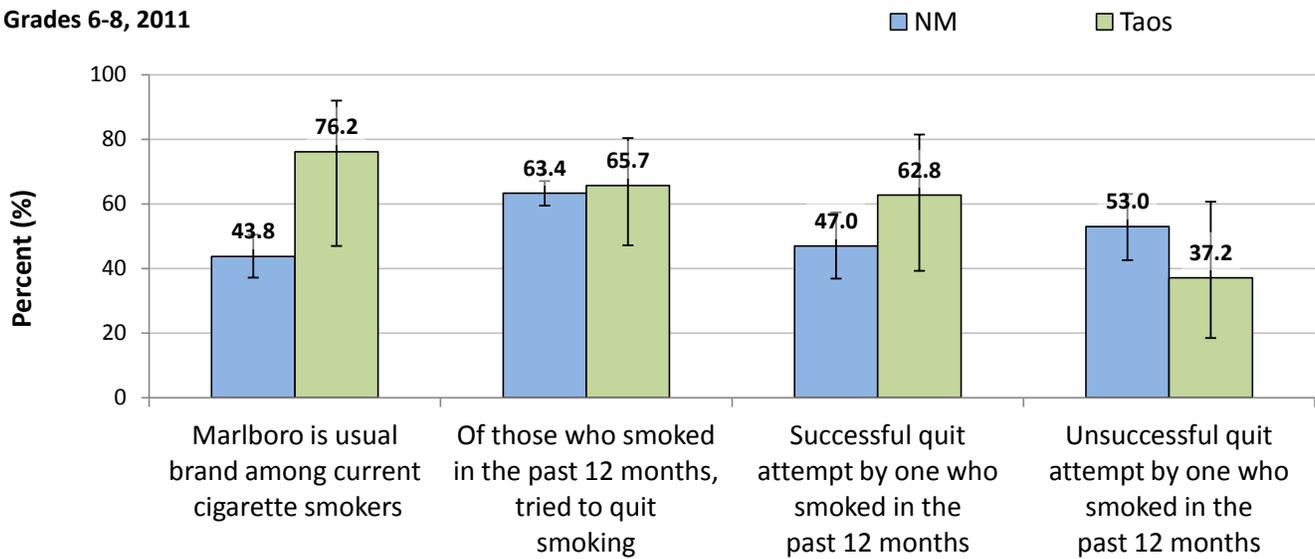
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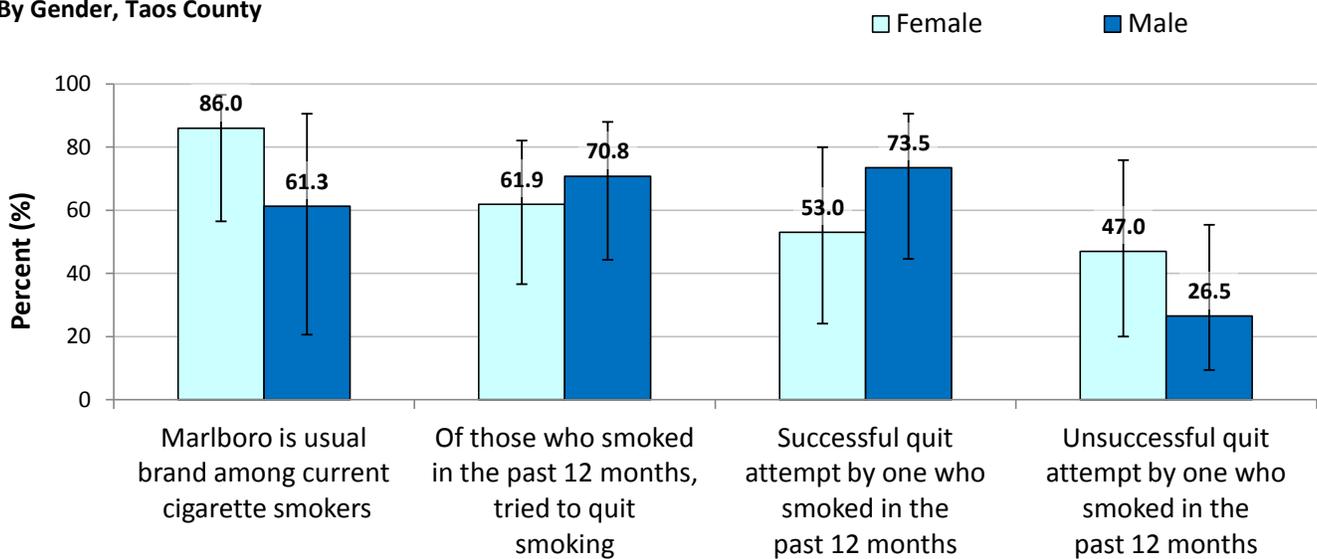
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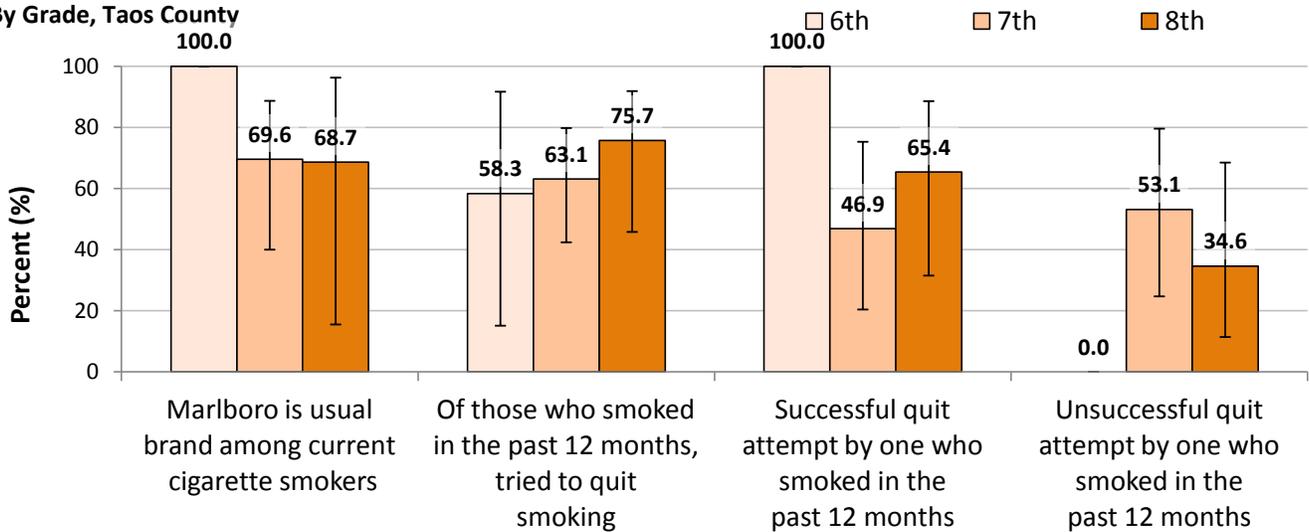
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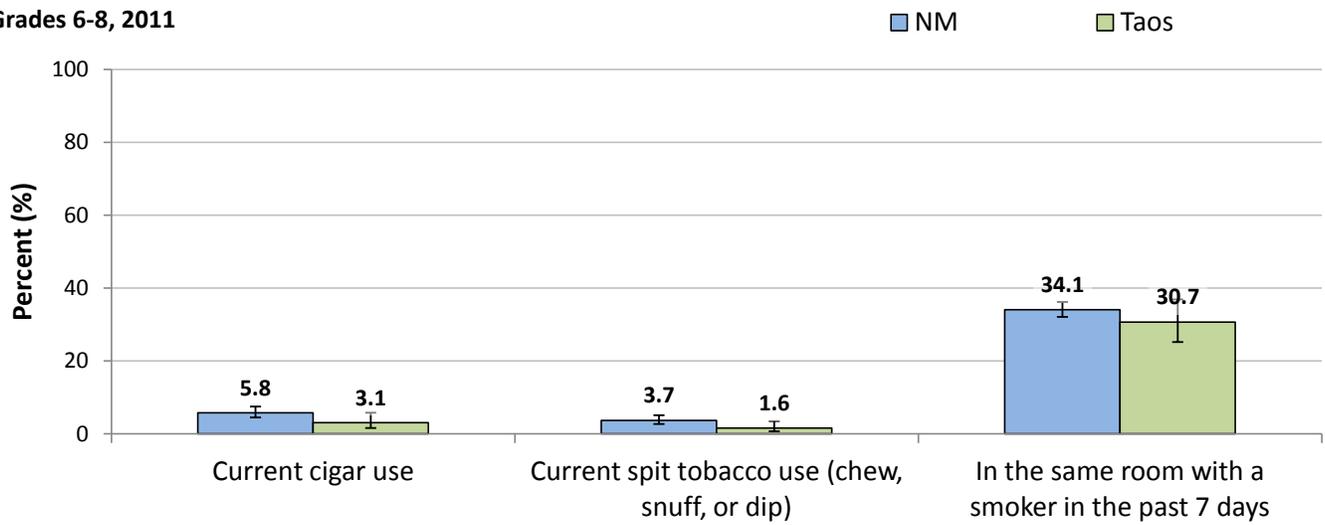
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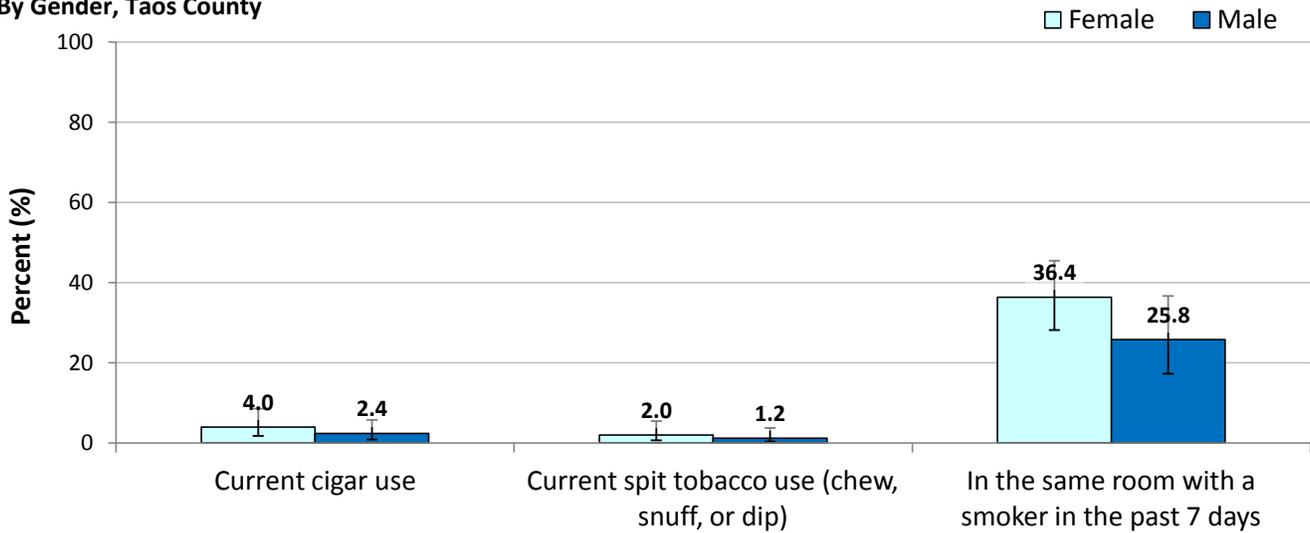
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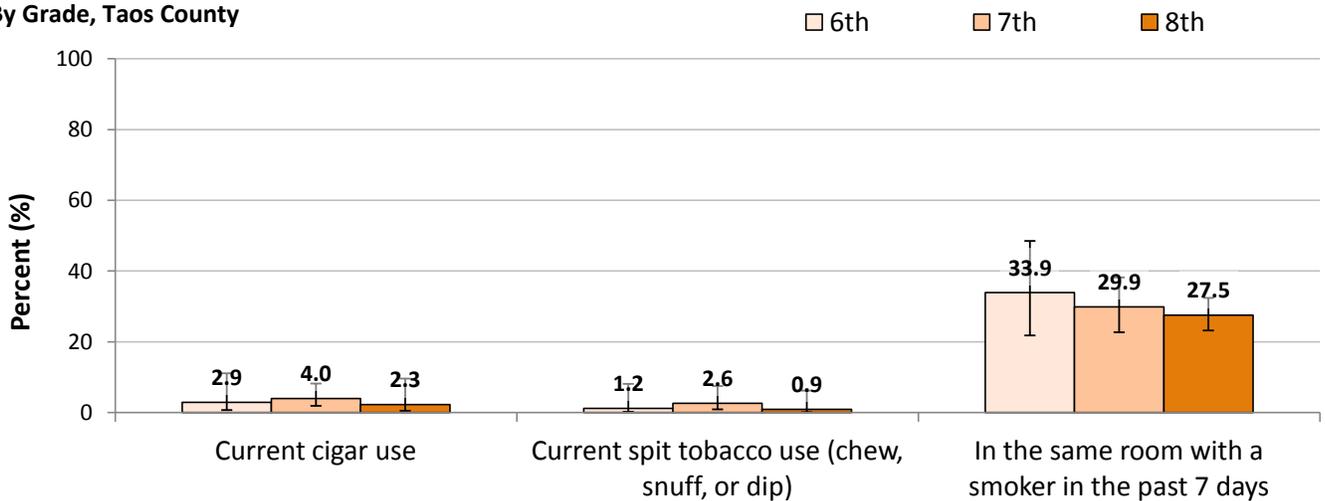
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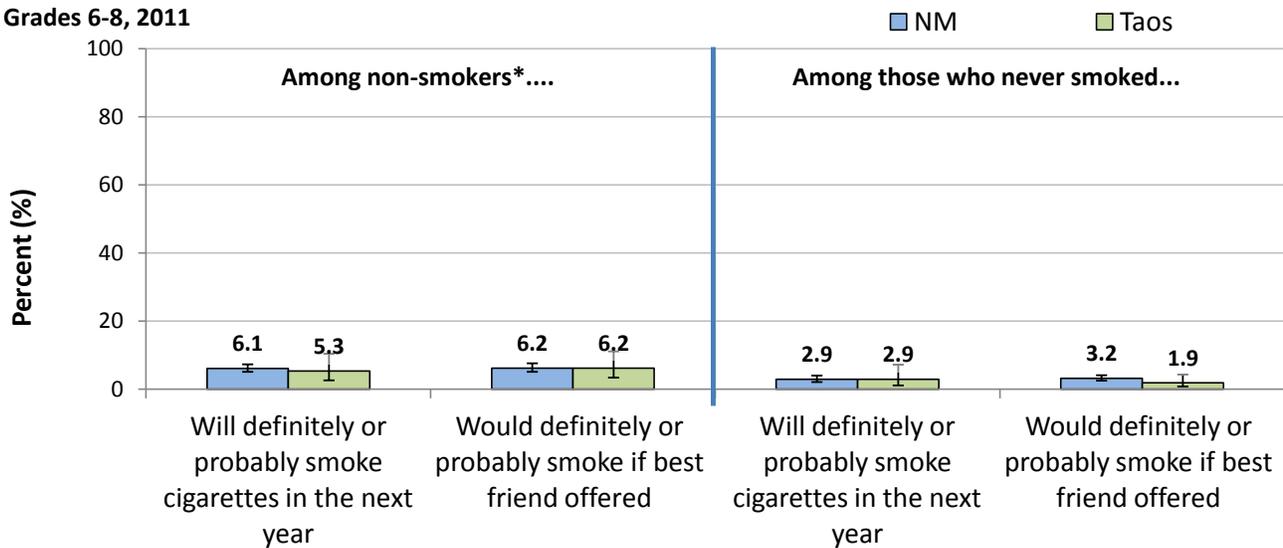
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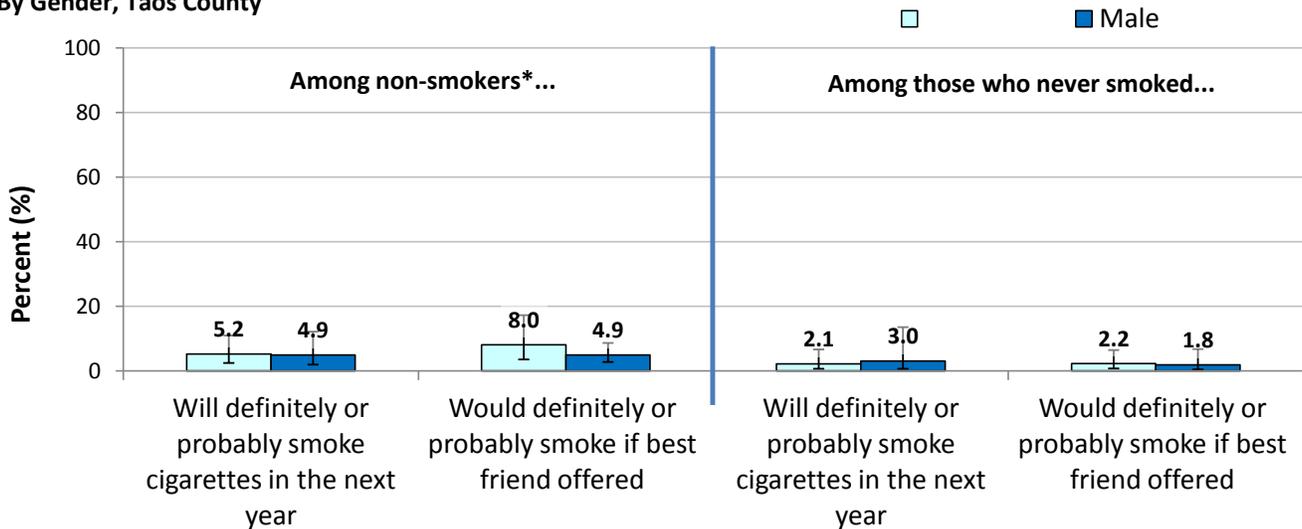
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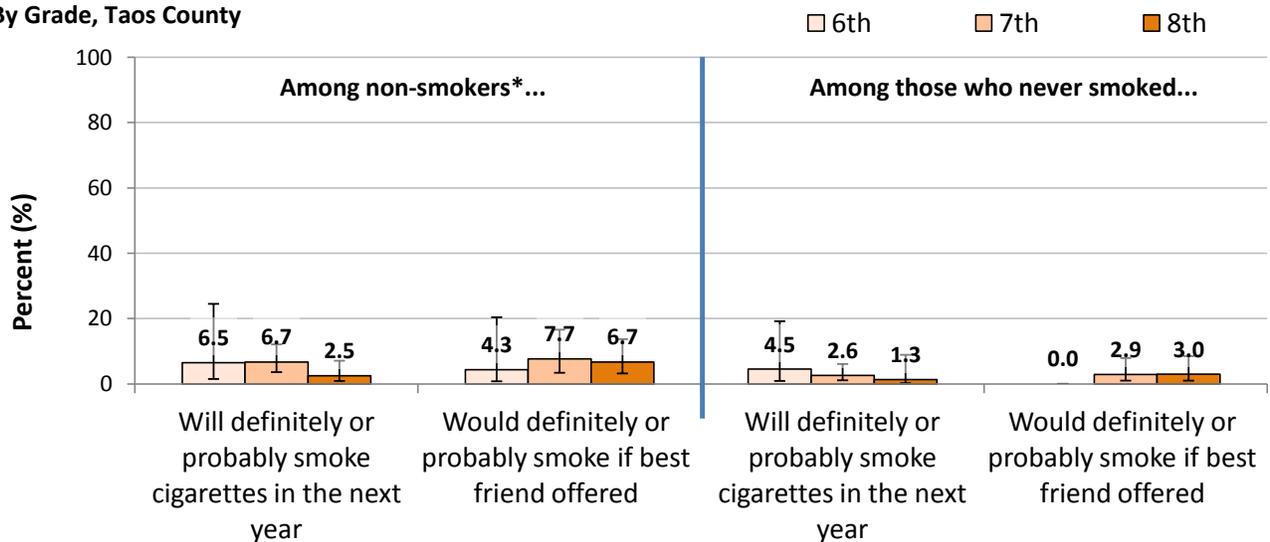
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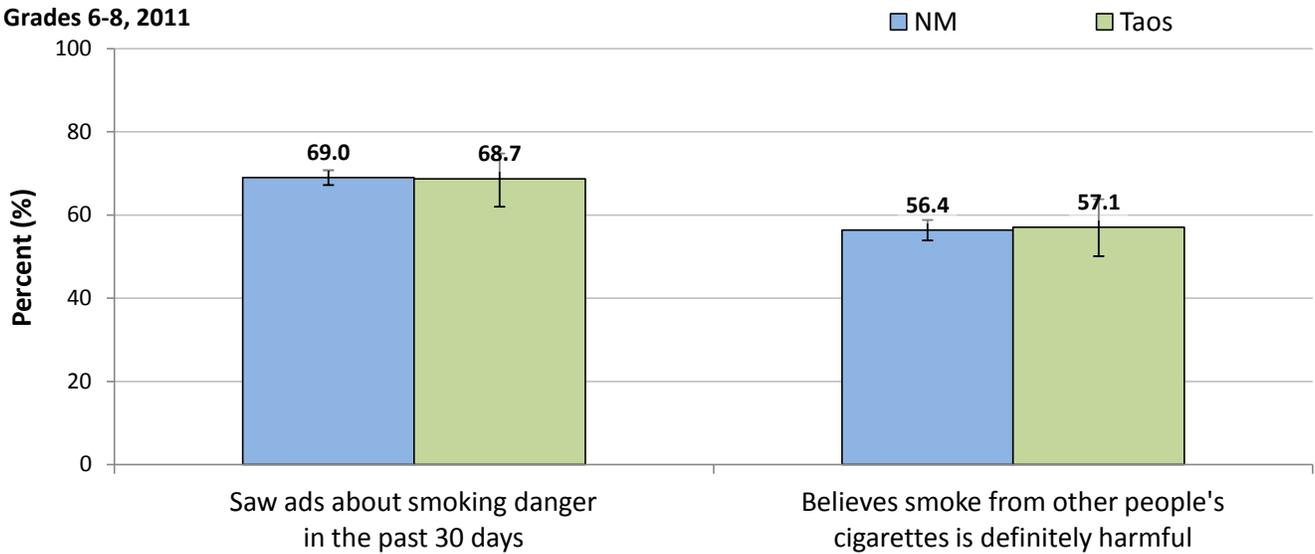


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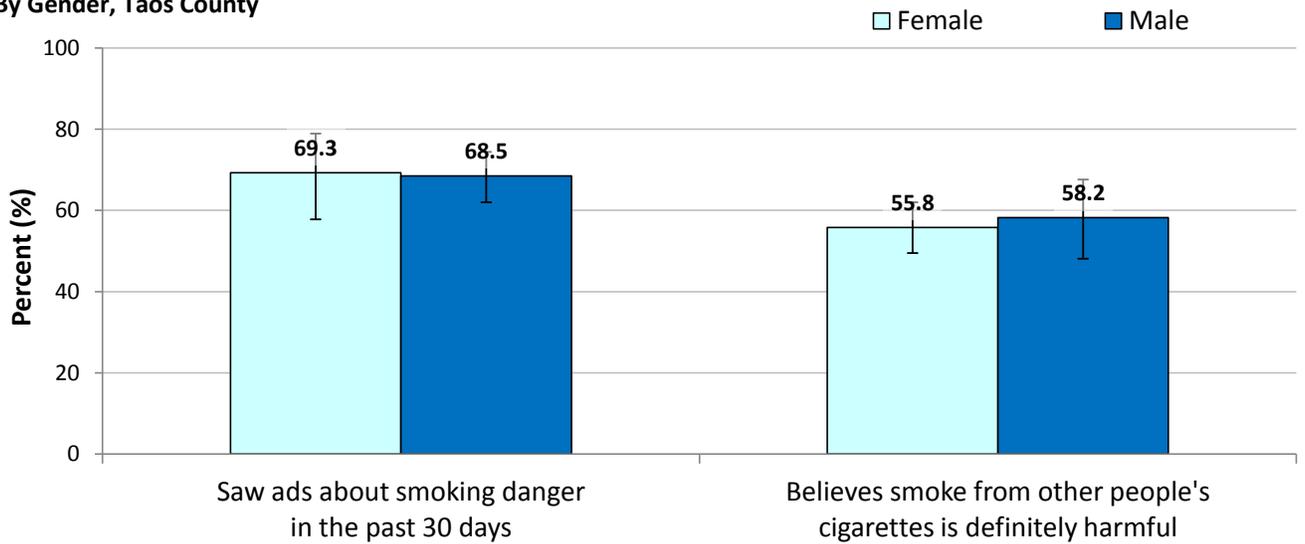


* **Non-smoker:** did not smoke cigarettes within the past 30 days

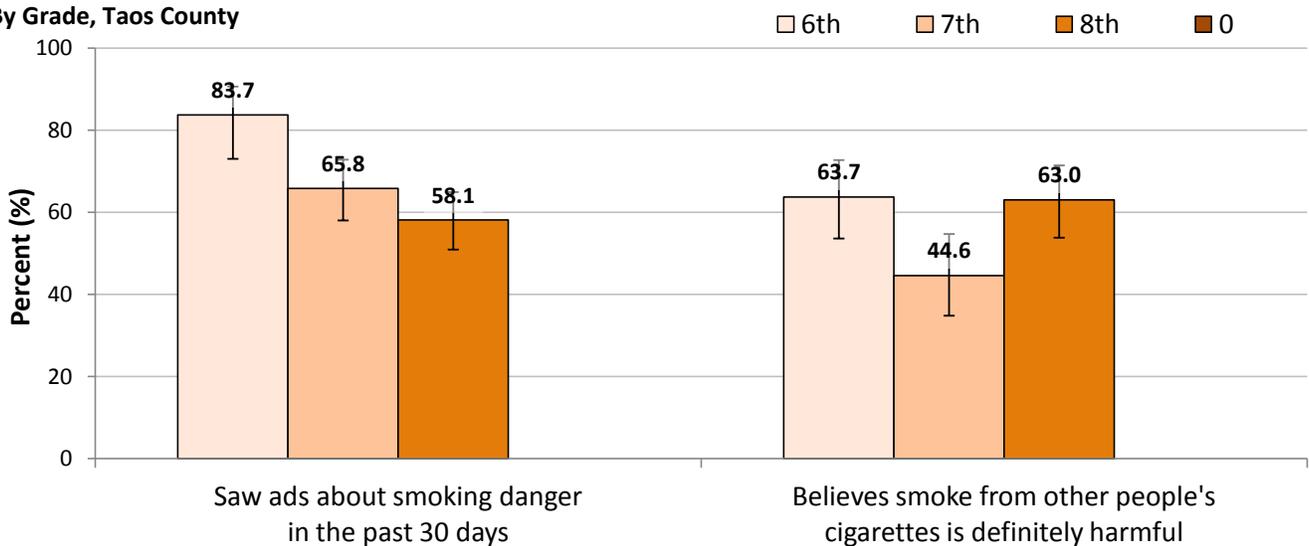
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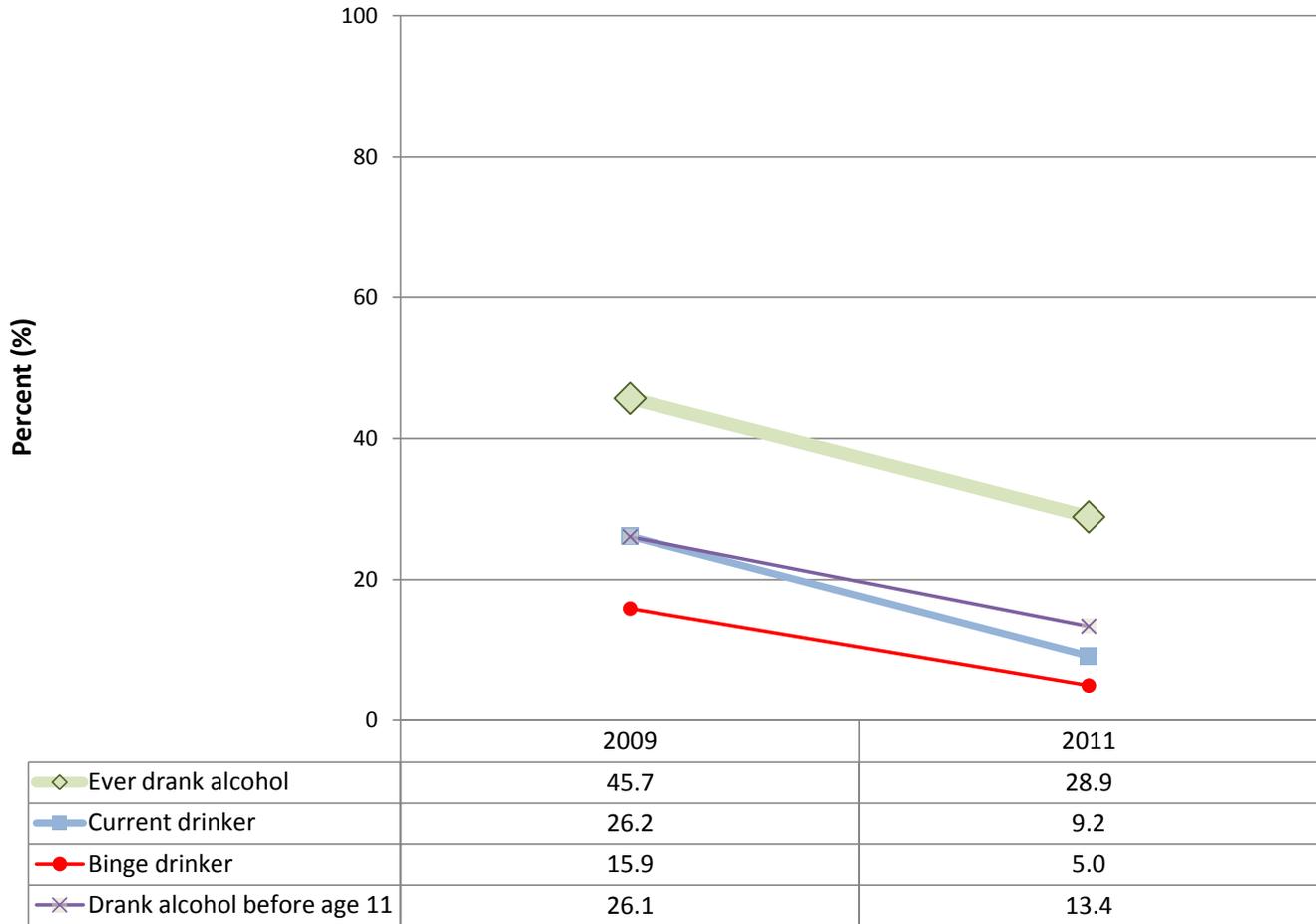


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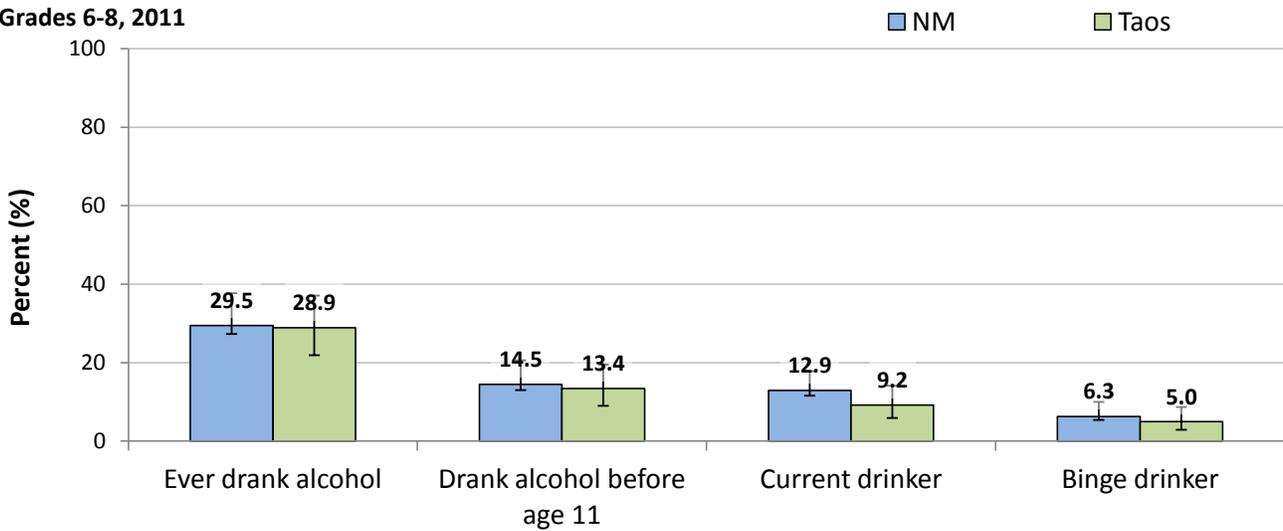


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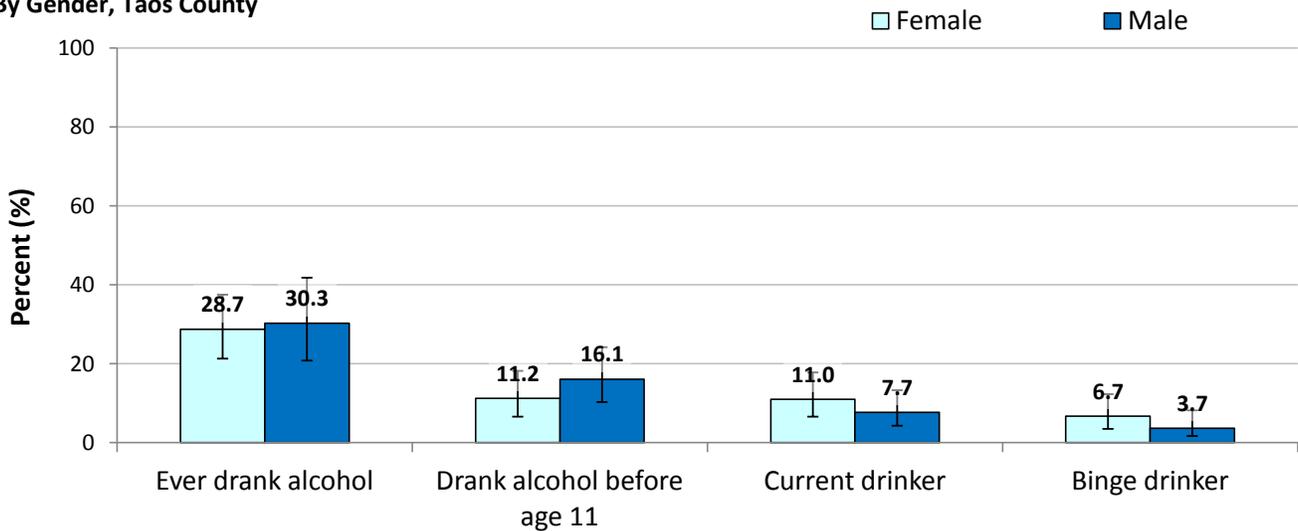
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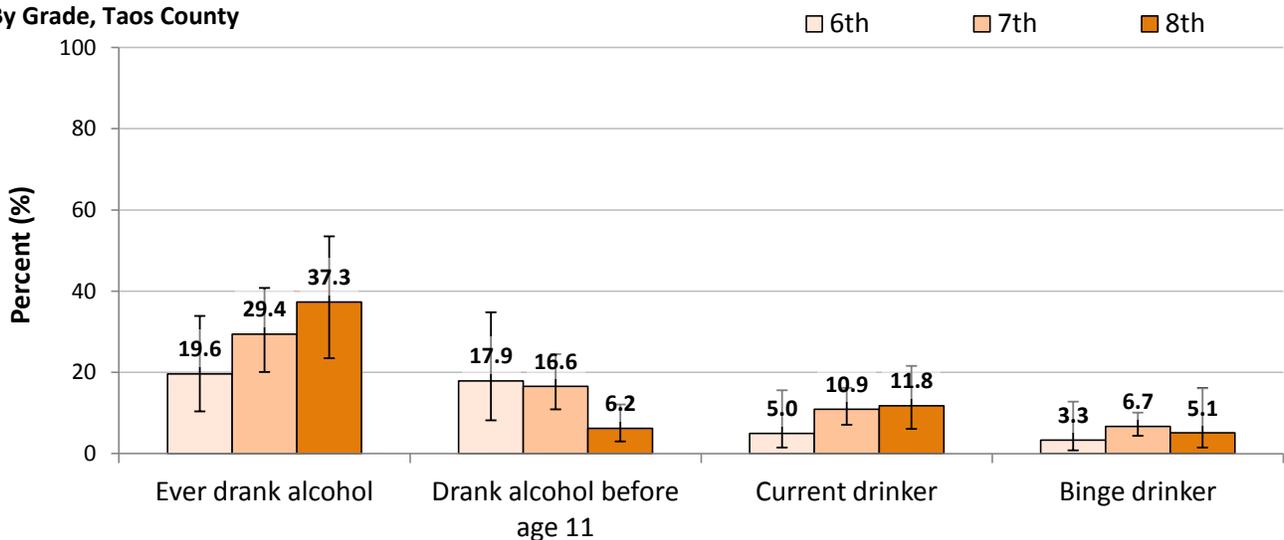
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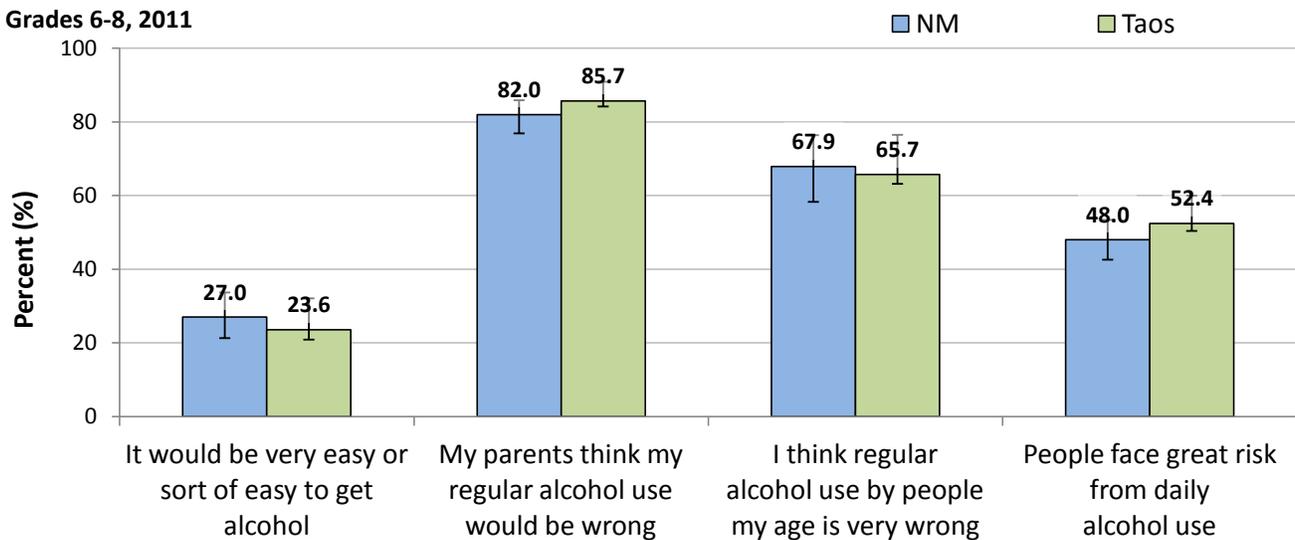
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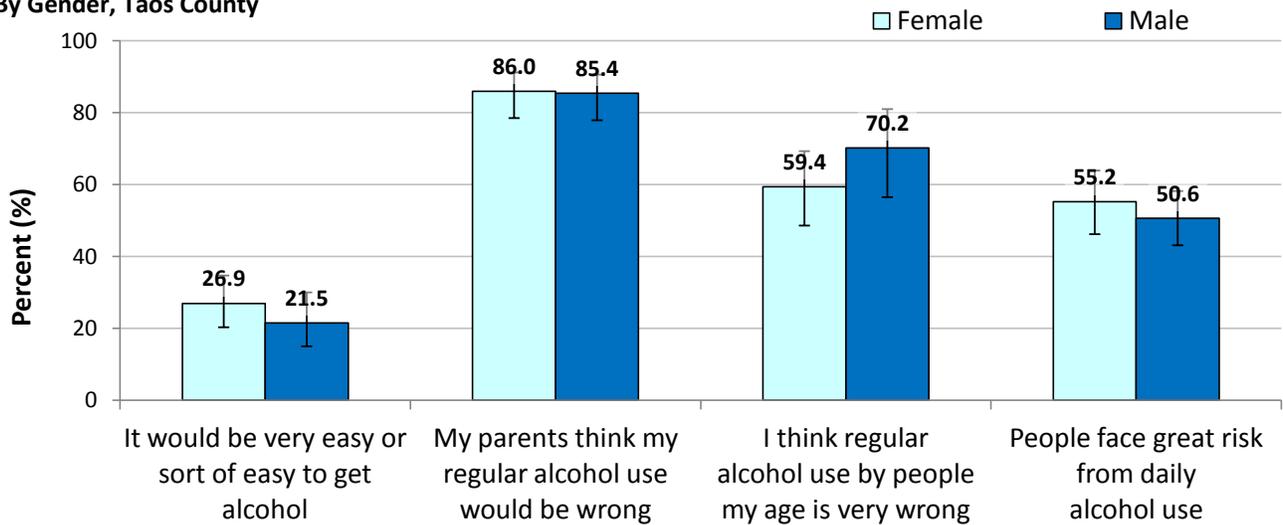
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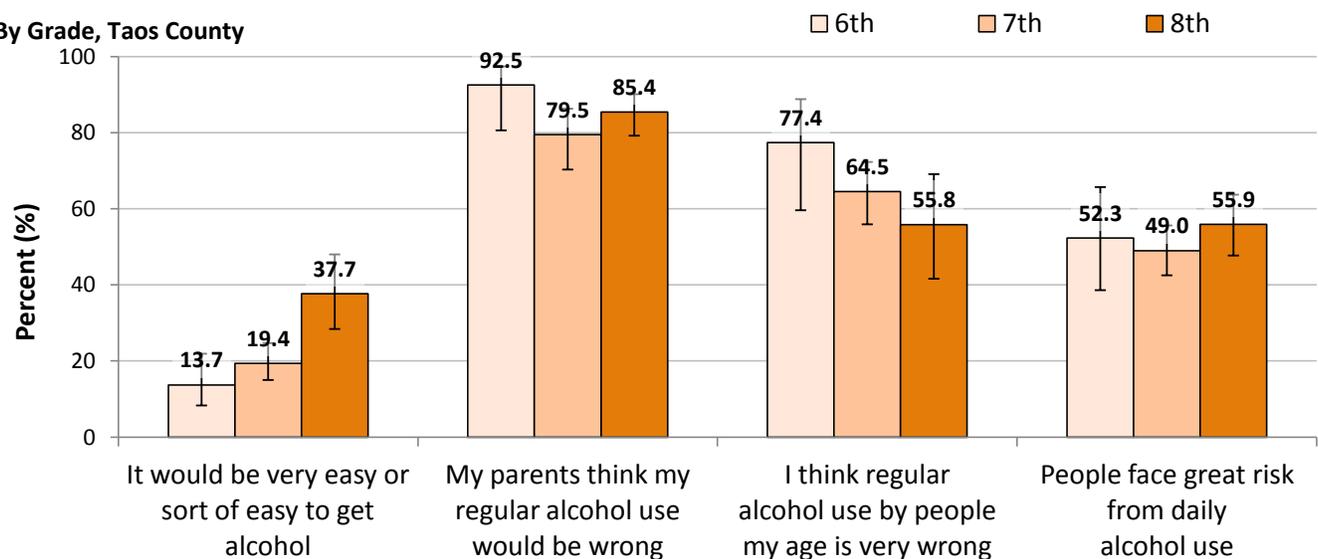
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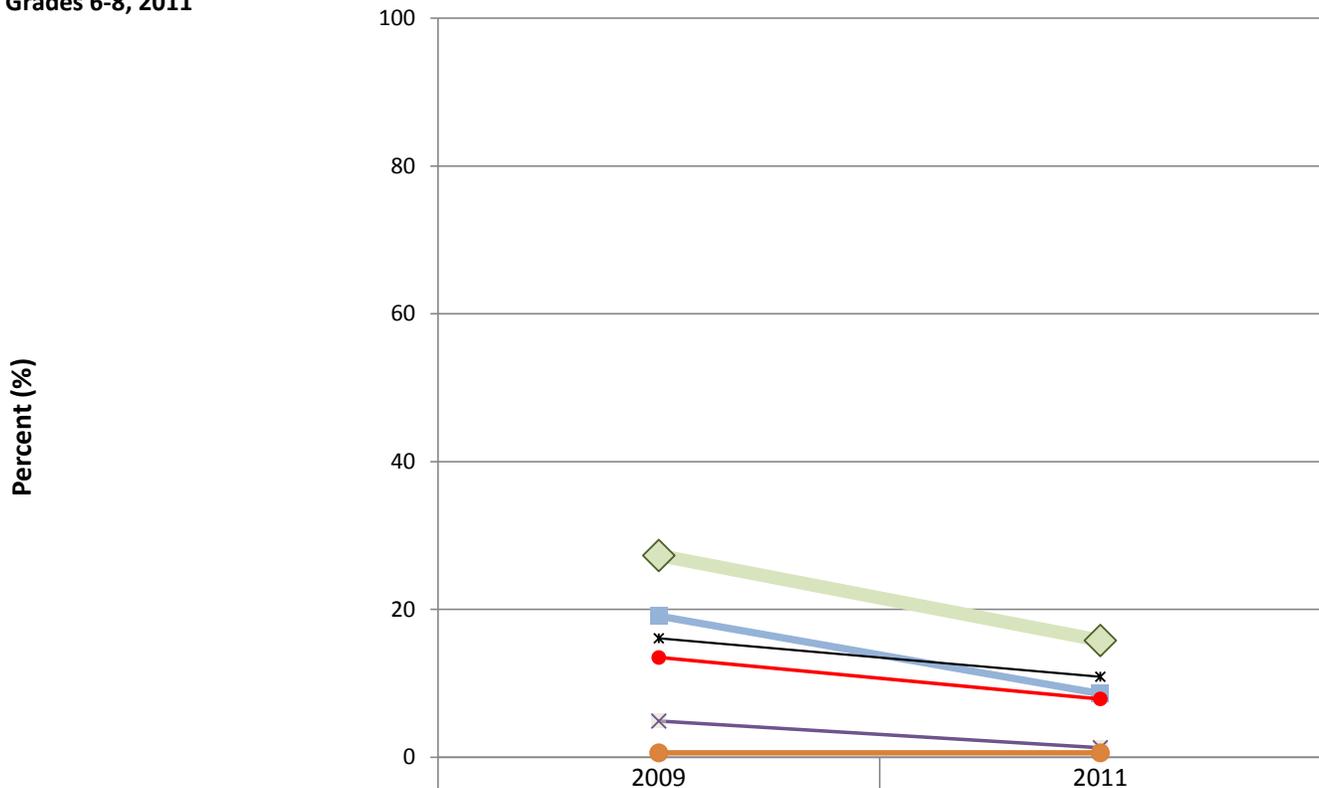


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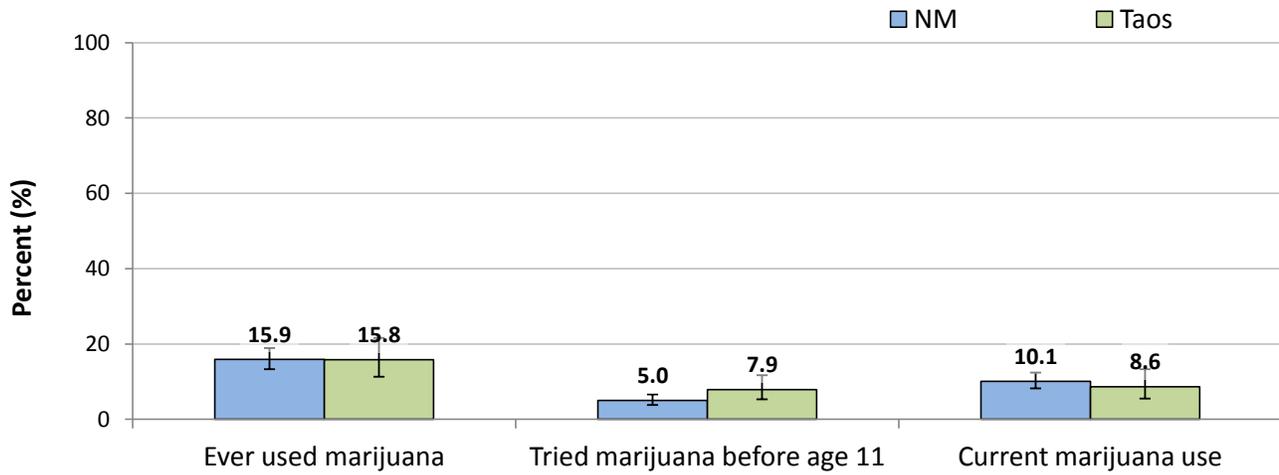
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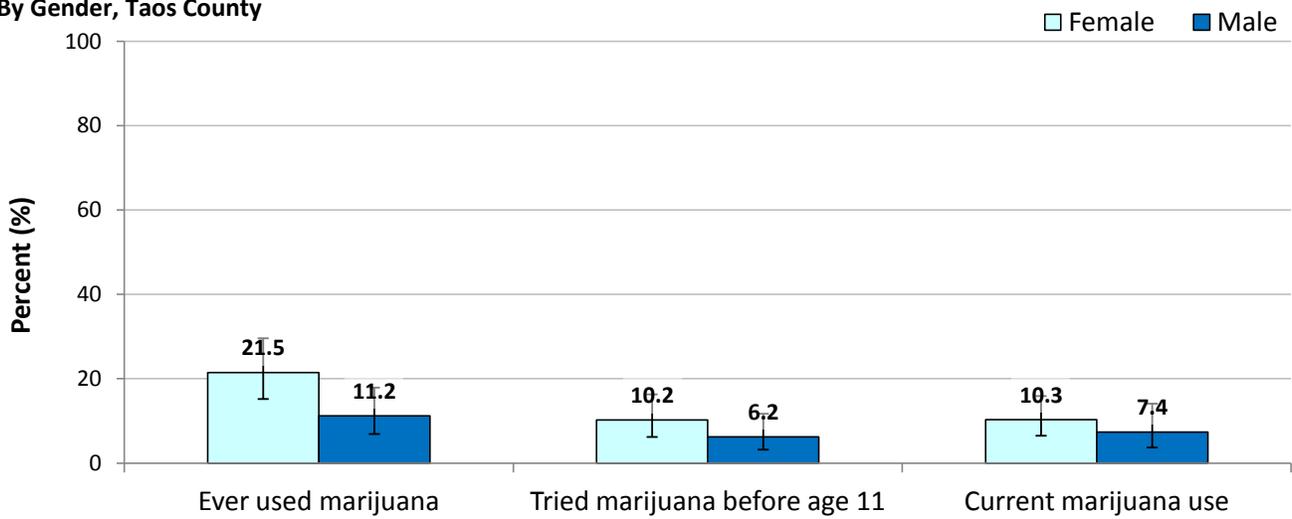


◇ Ever used marijuana	27.3	15.8
■ Current marijuana use	19.1	8.6
● Tried marijuana before age 11	13.5	7.9
× Lifetime cocaine use	4.9	1.3
* Lifetime inhalant use	16.1	10.9
● Ever used illegal injection drugs	0.6	0.6

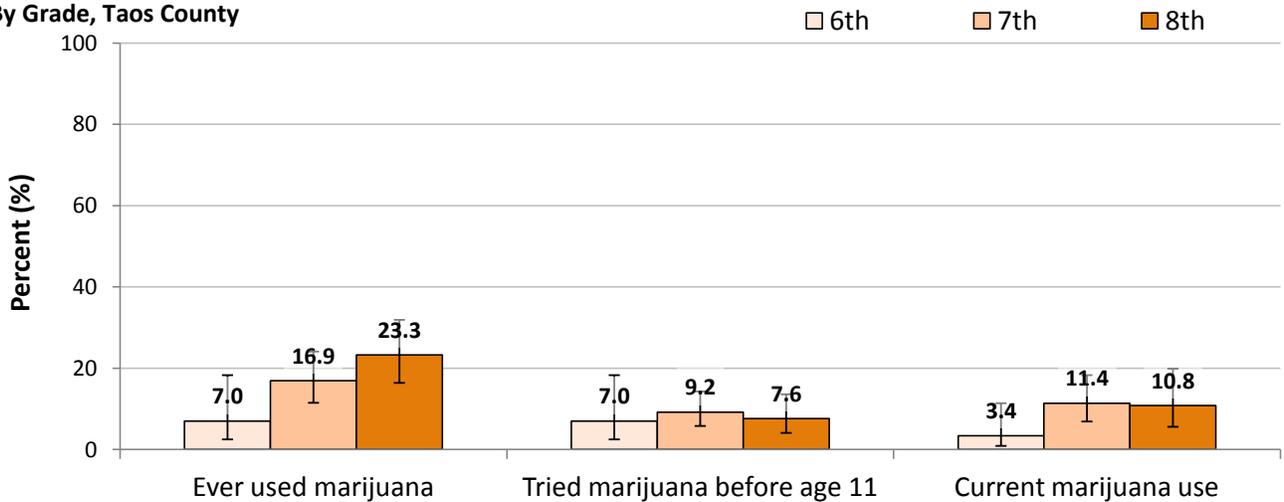
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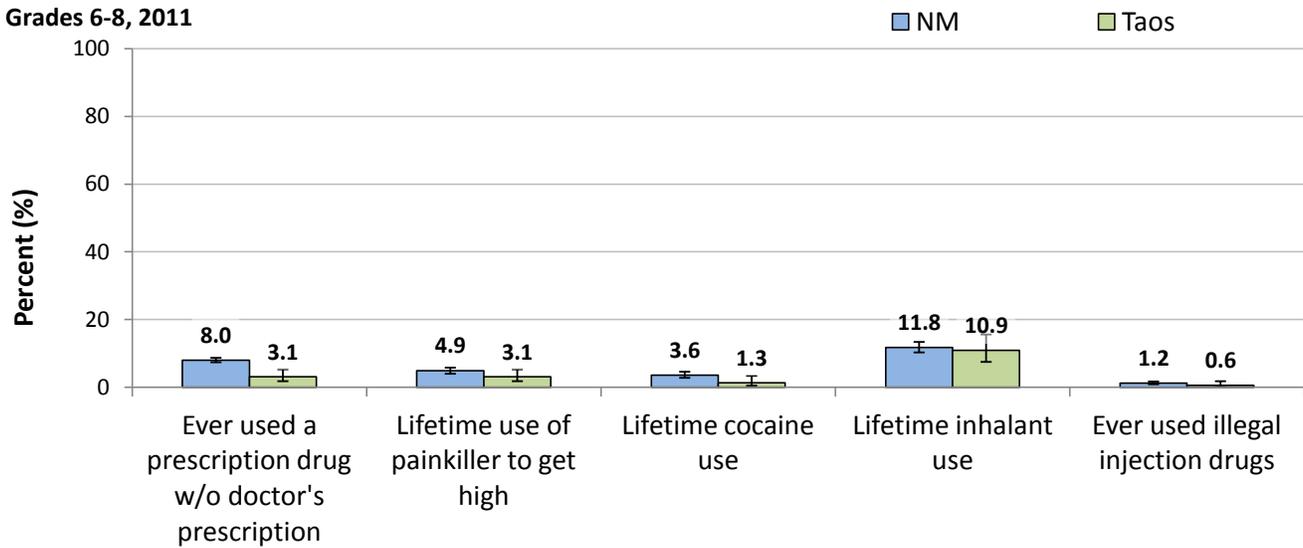
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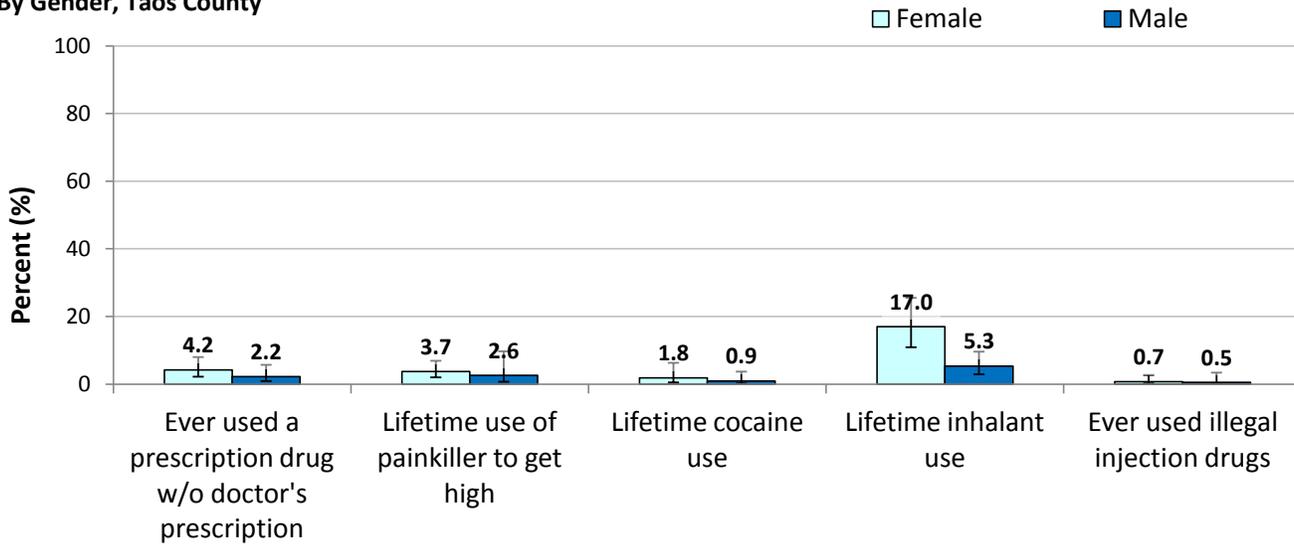
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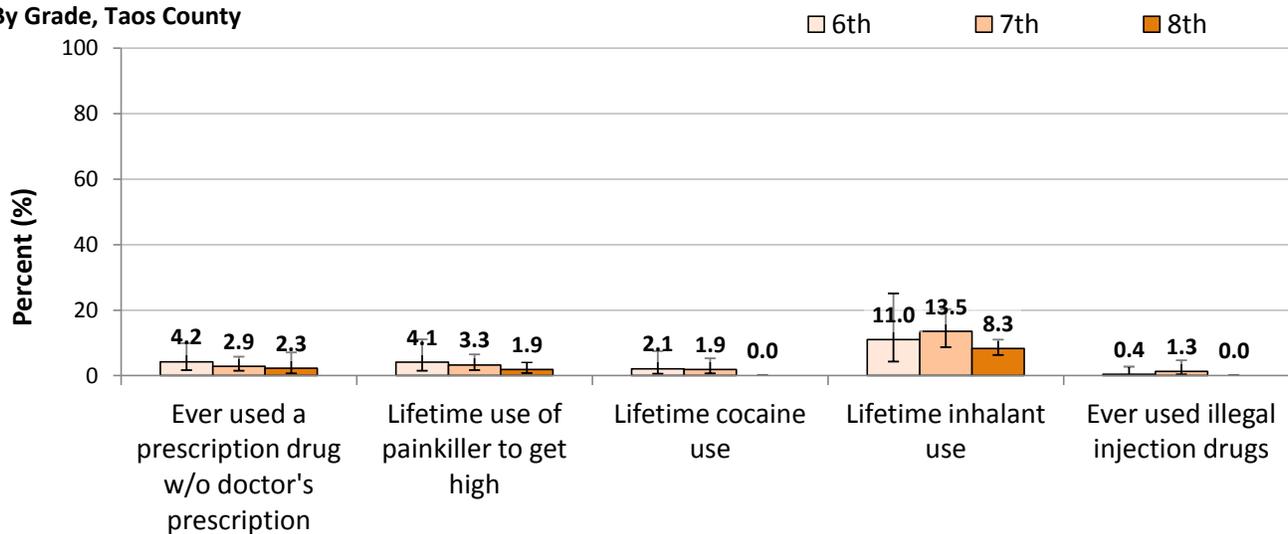
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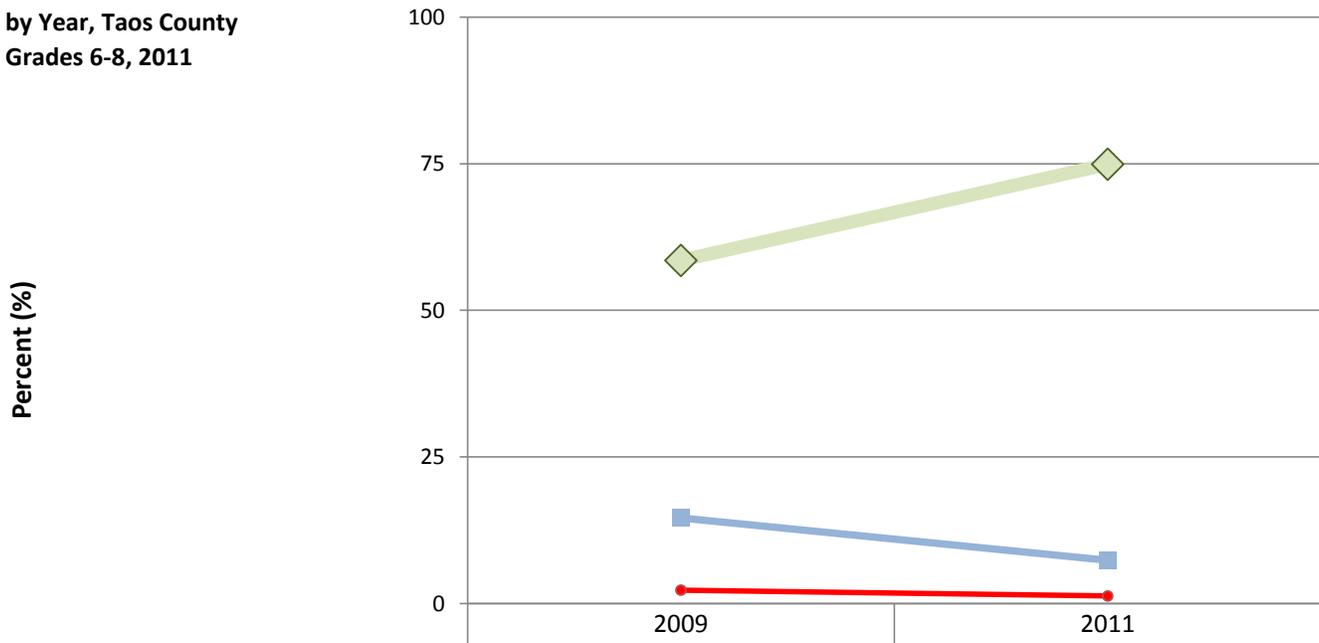


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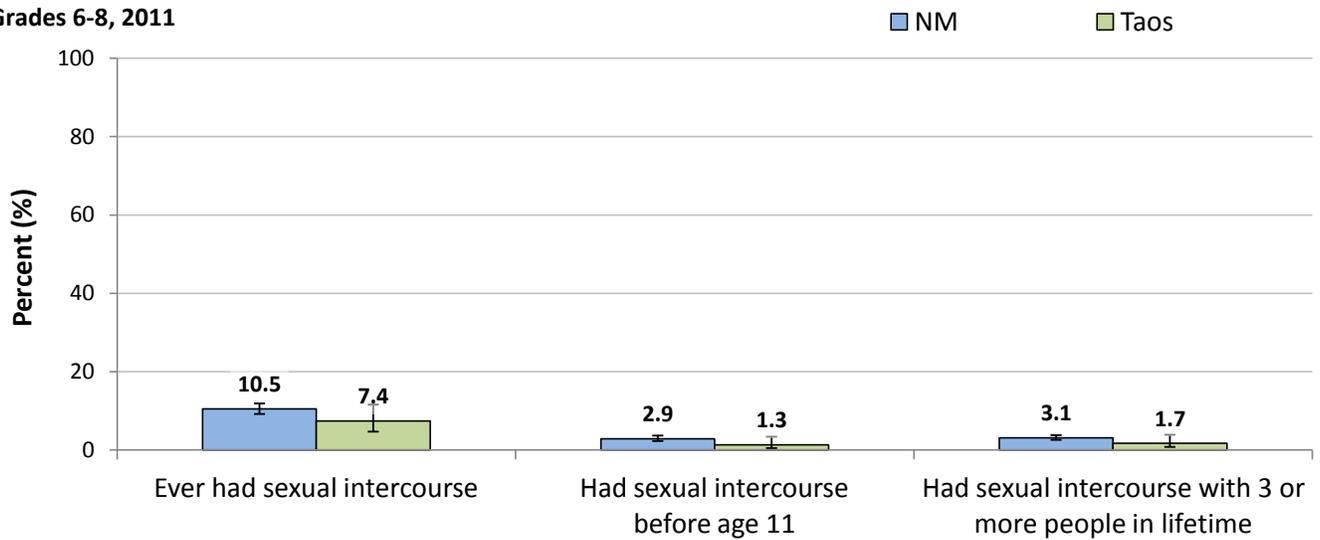
Sexual Behaviors

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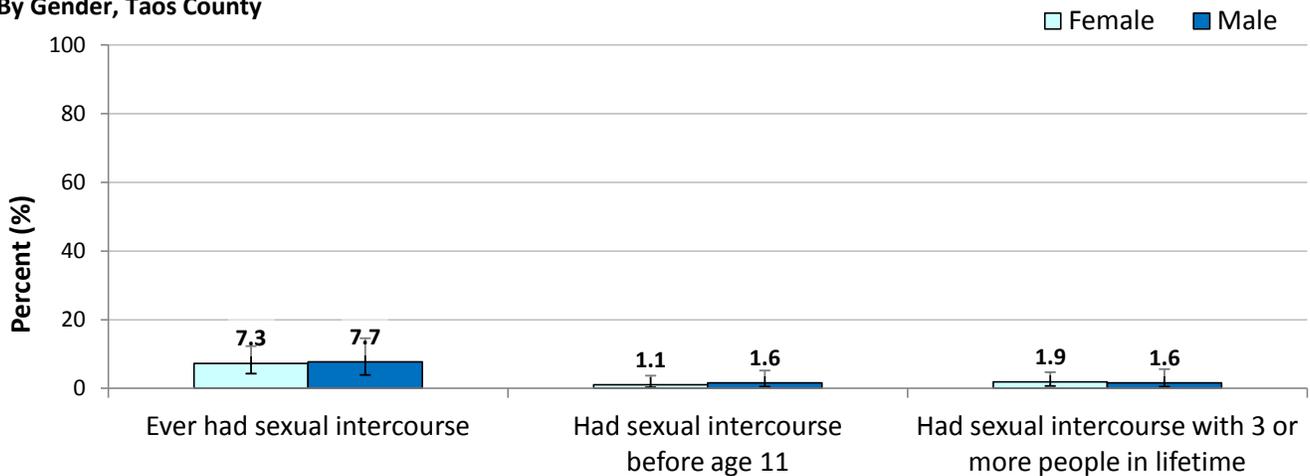


	2009	2011
◆ Used condom at last sex, of those who ever had sex	58.5	74.9
■ Ever had sexual intercourse	14.6	7.4
● Had sexual intercourse before age 11	2.3	1.3

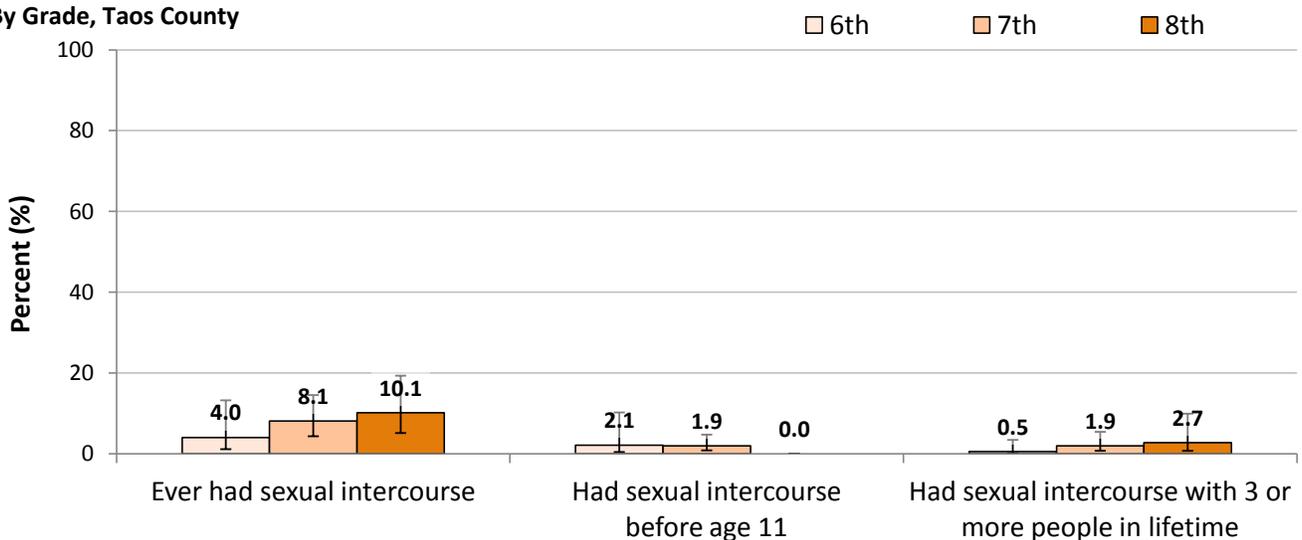
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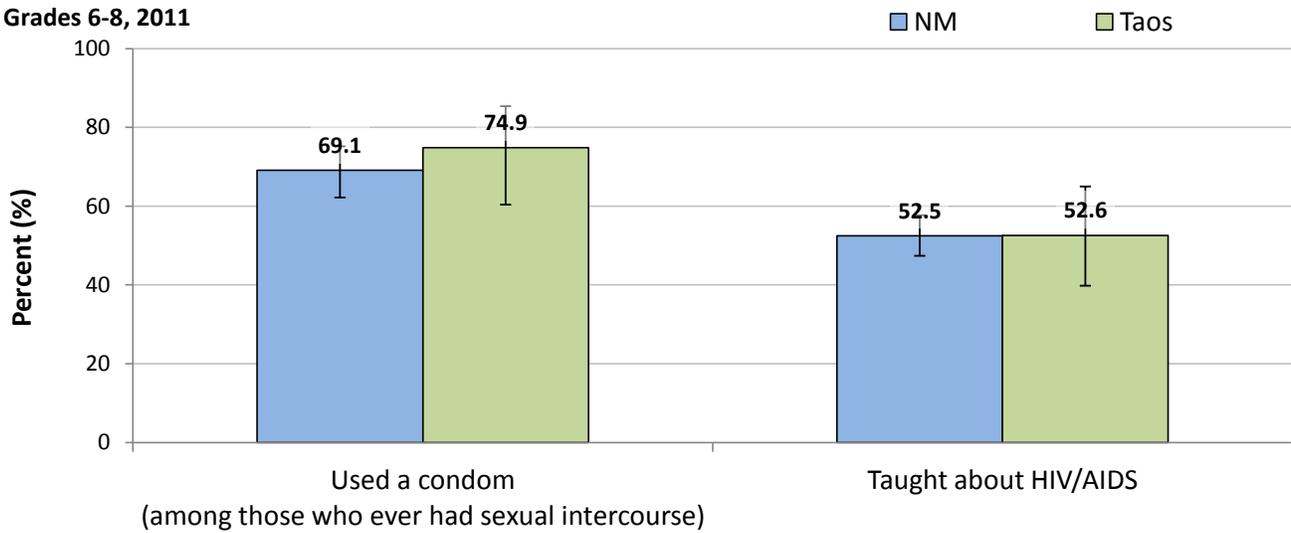
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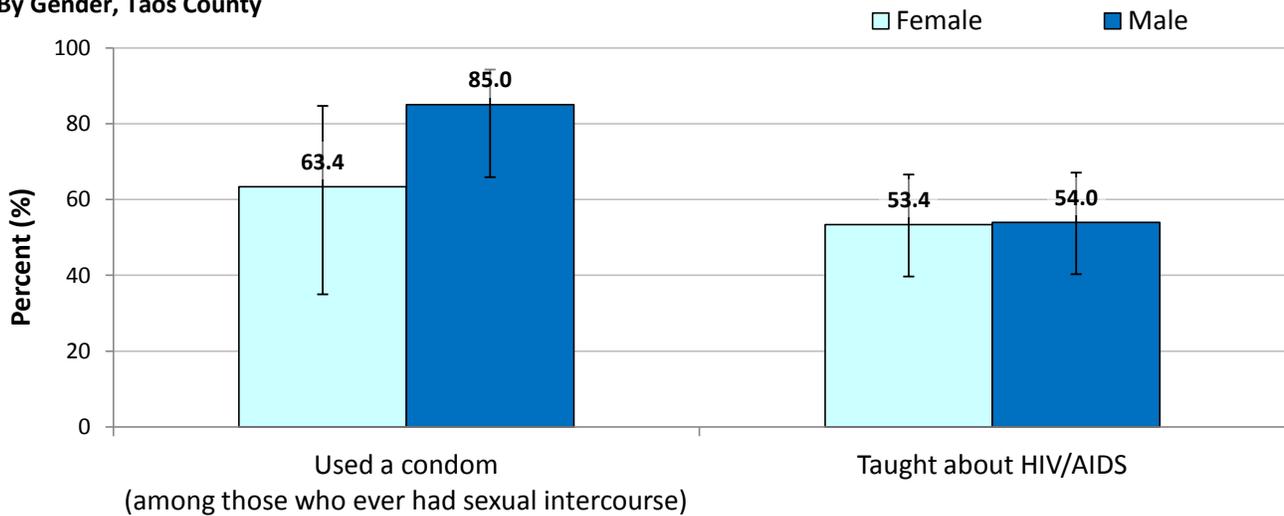
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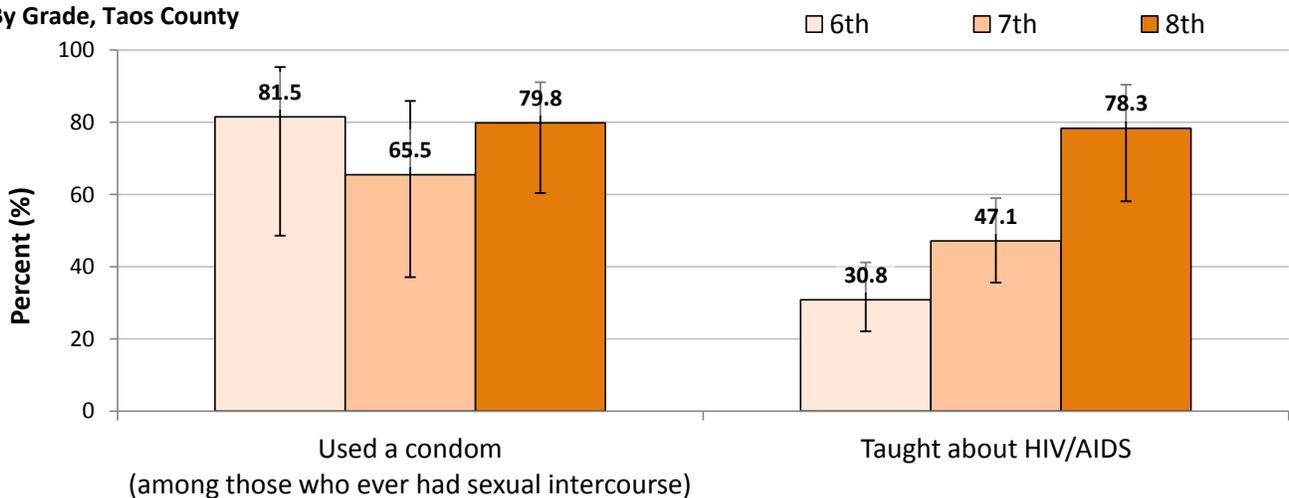
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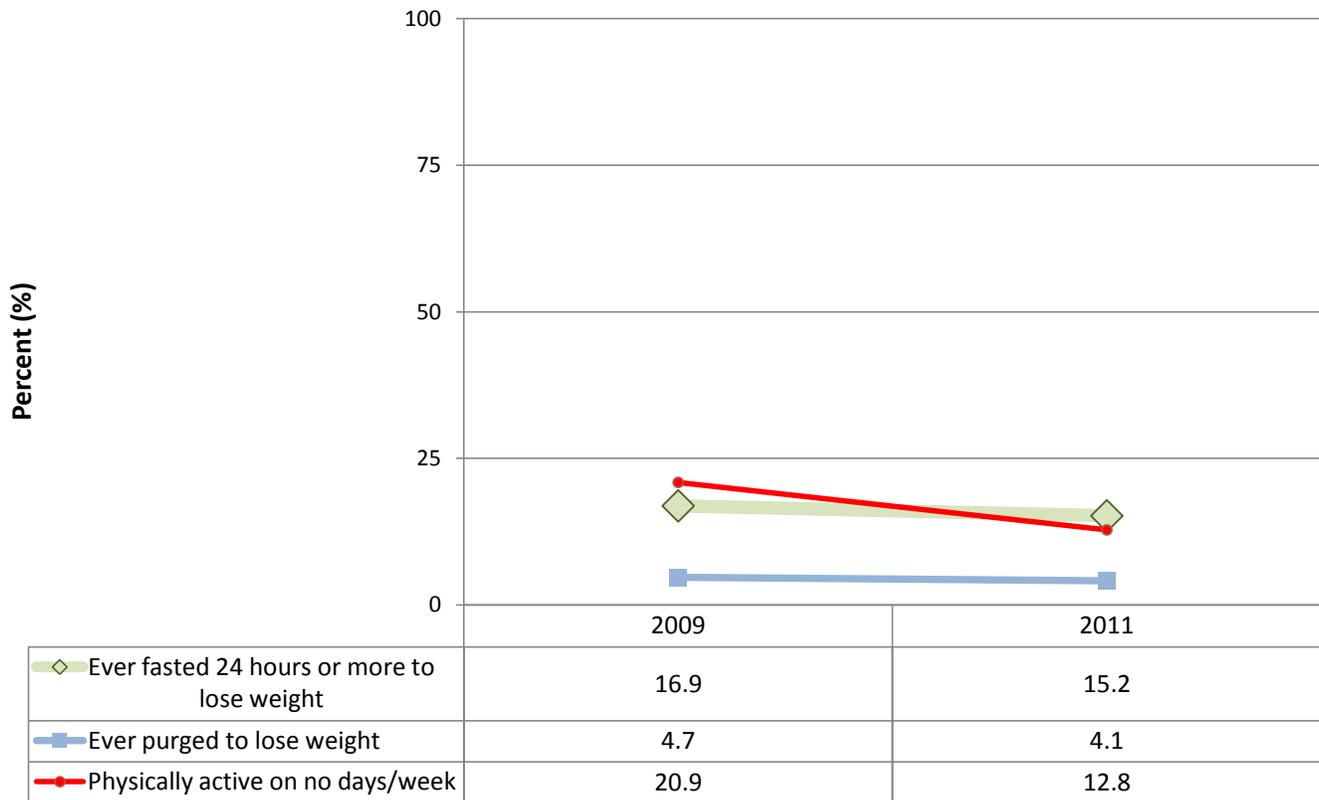


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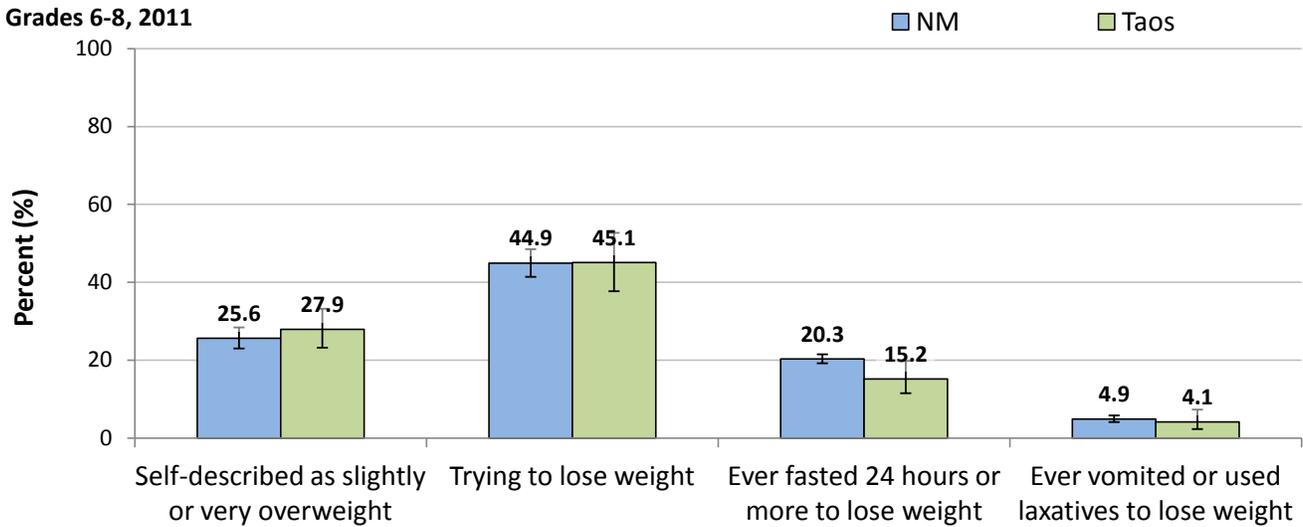


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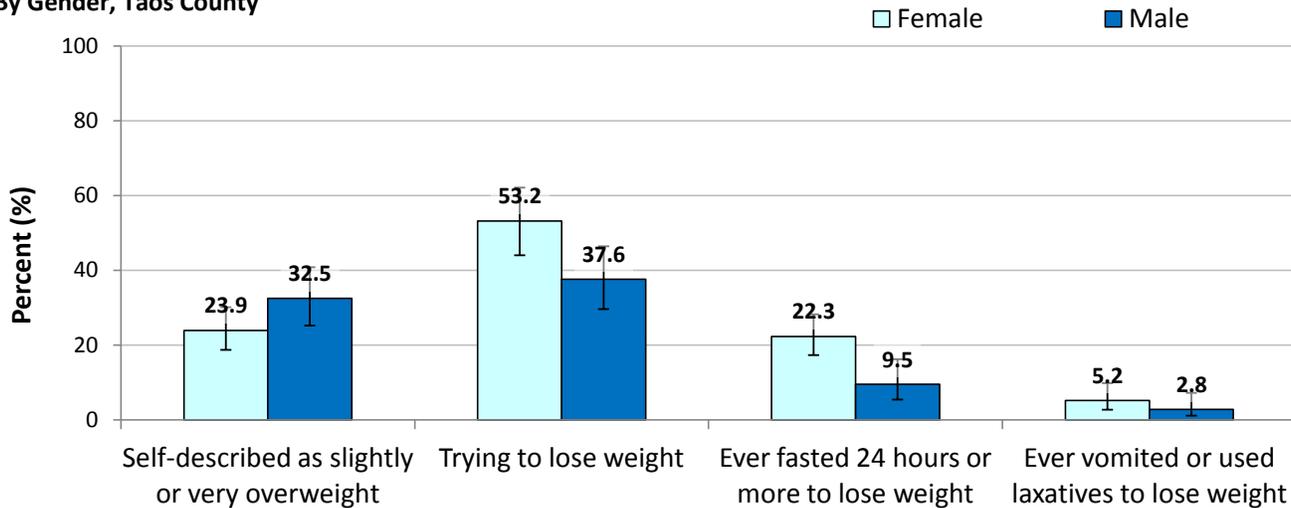
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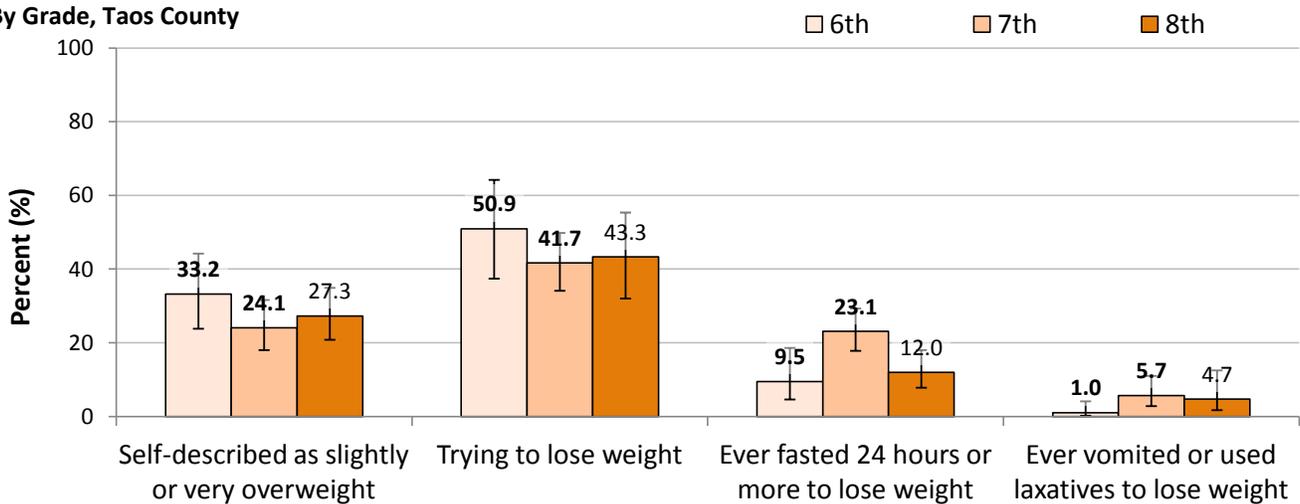
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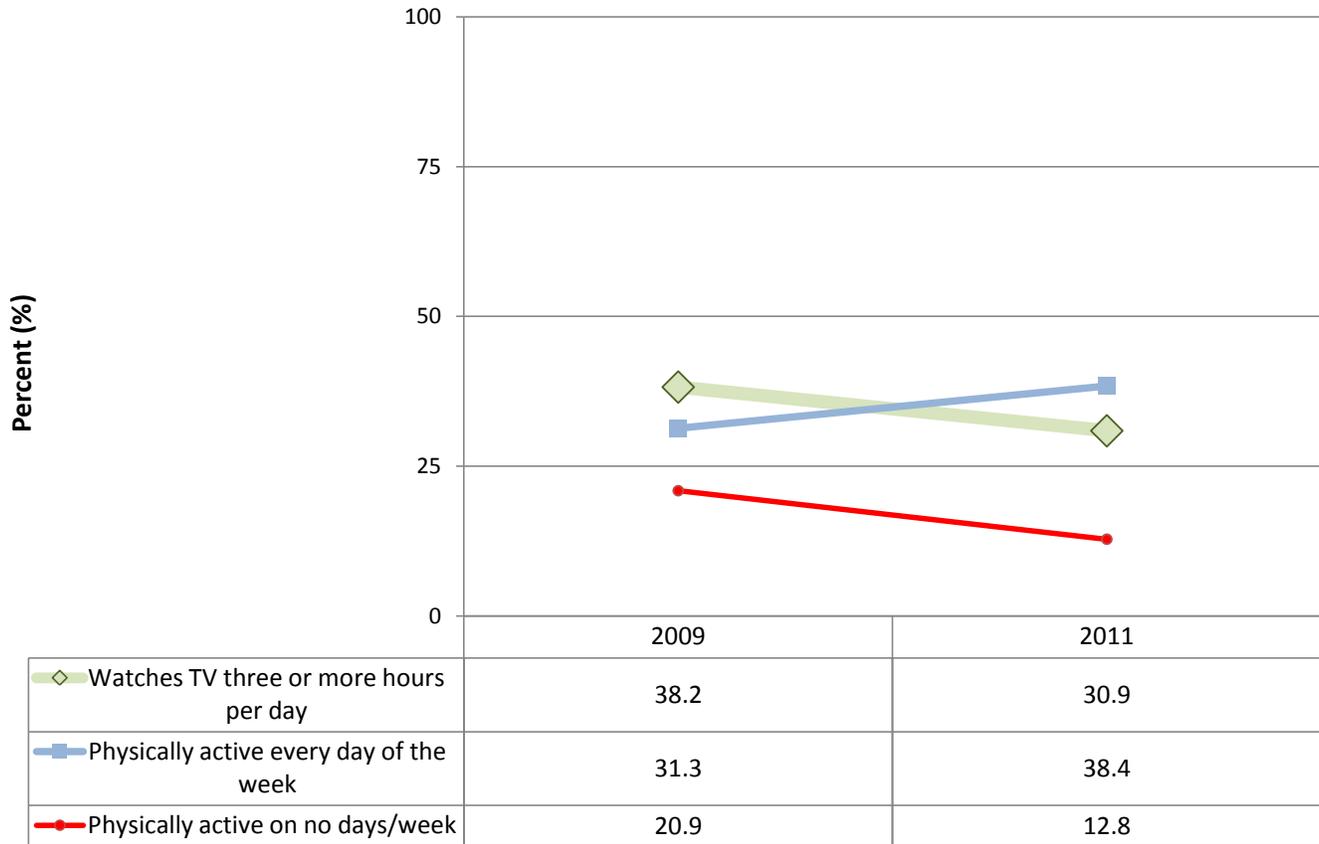


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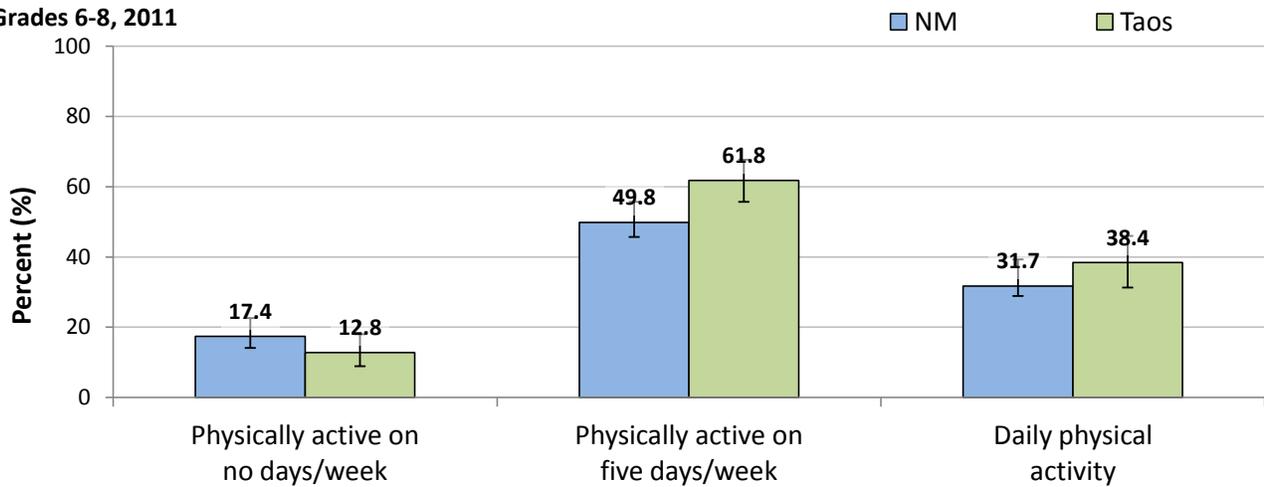


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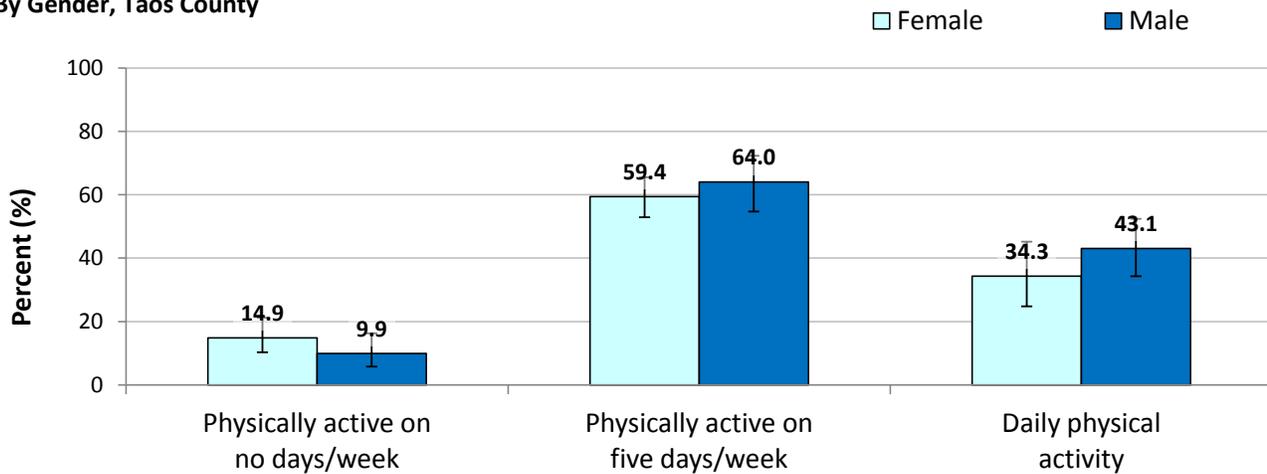
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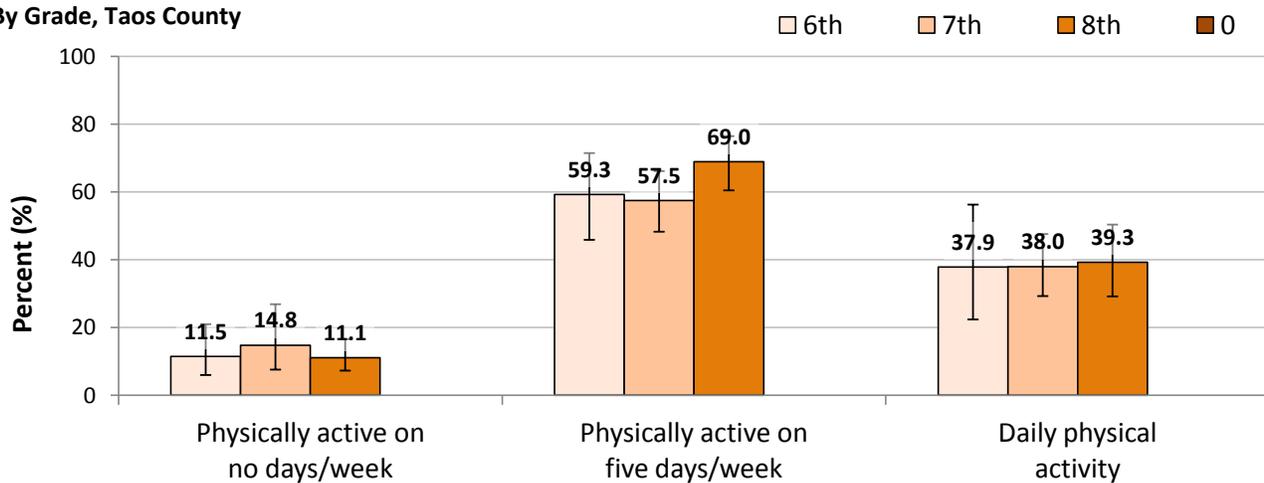
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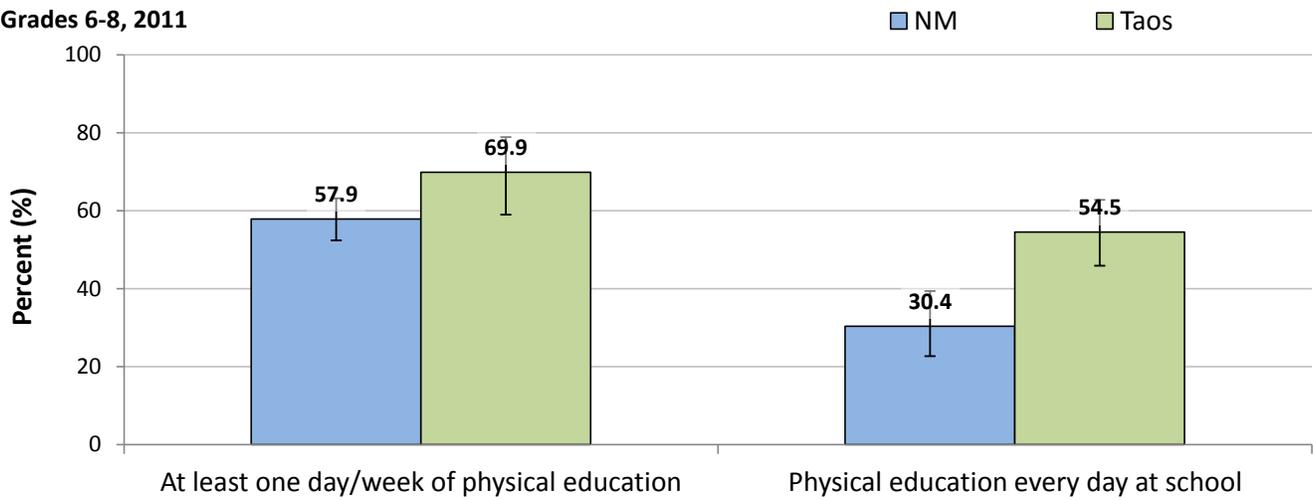
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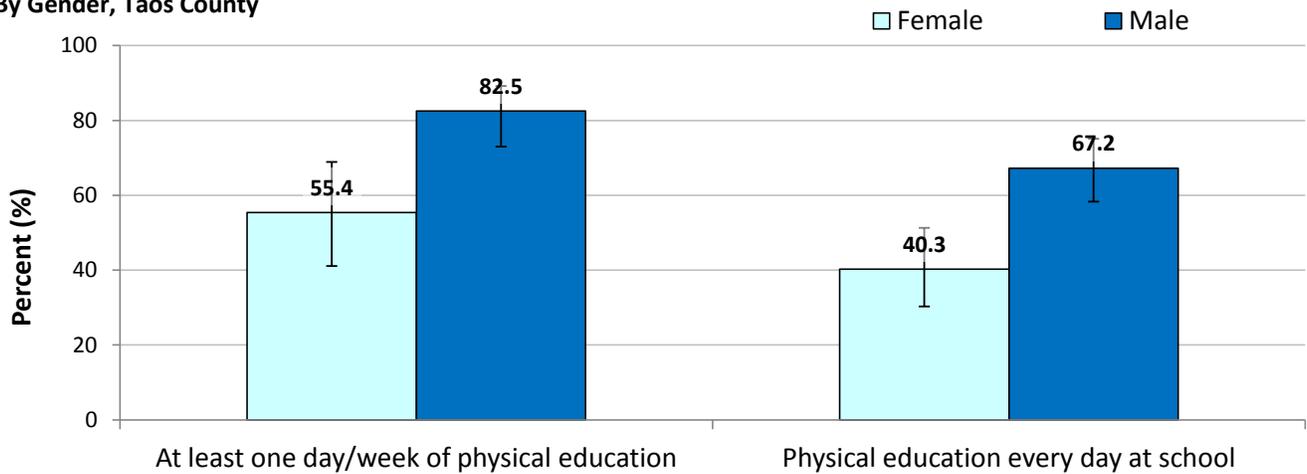
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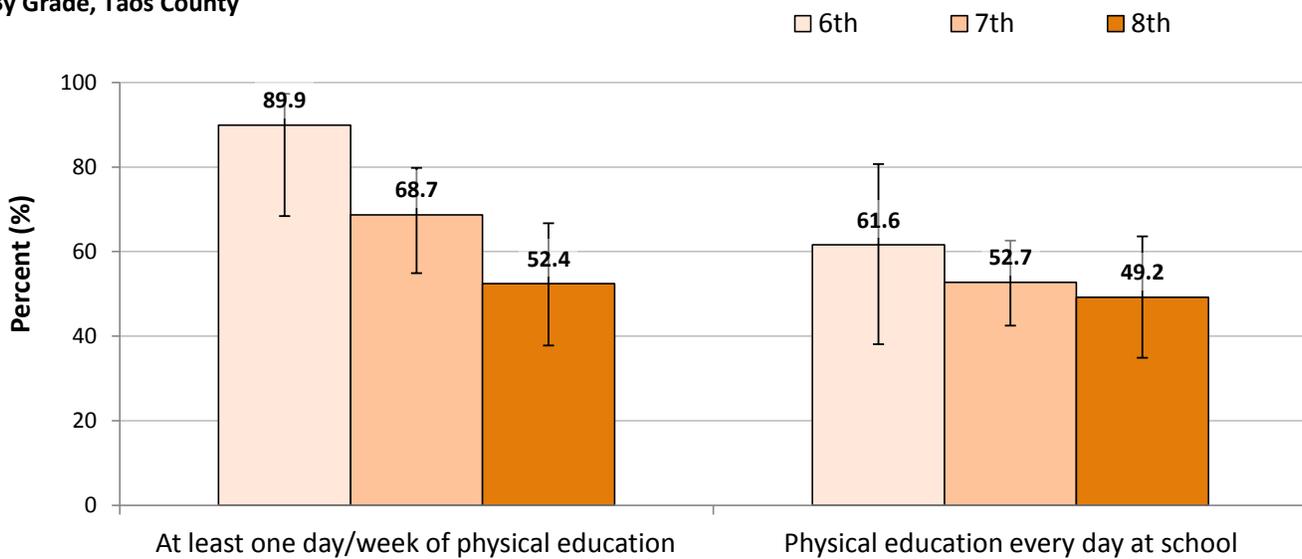
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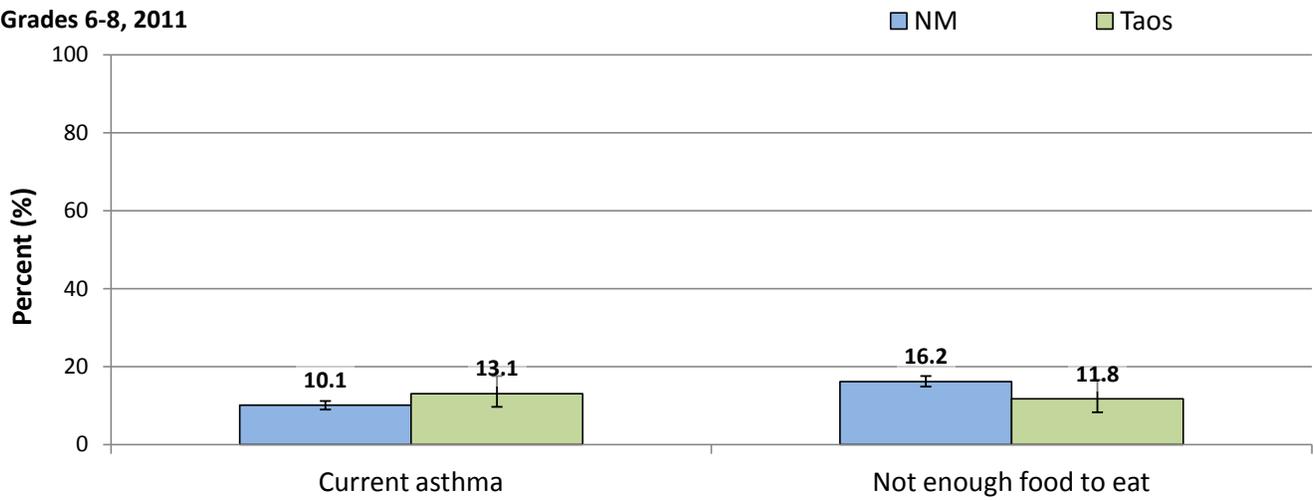
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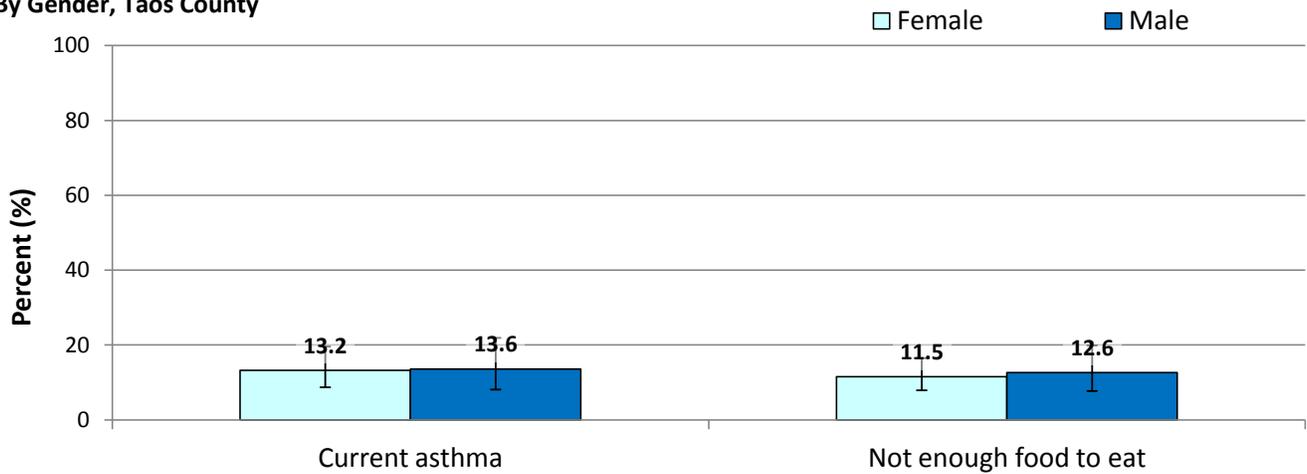
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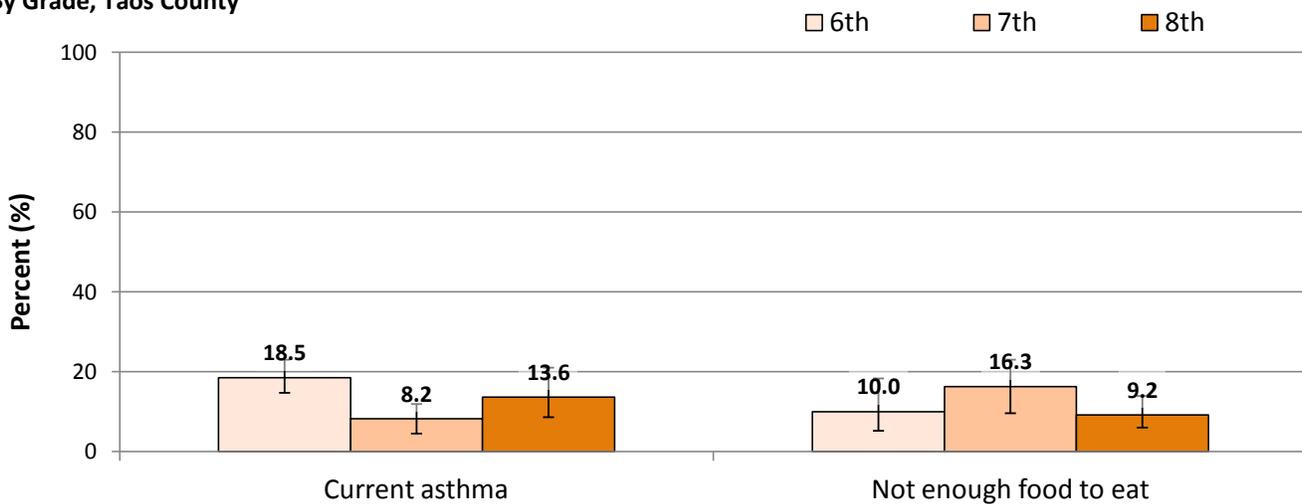
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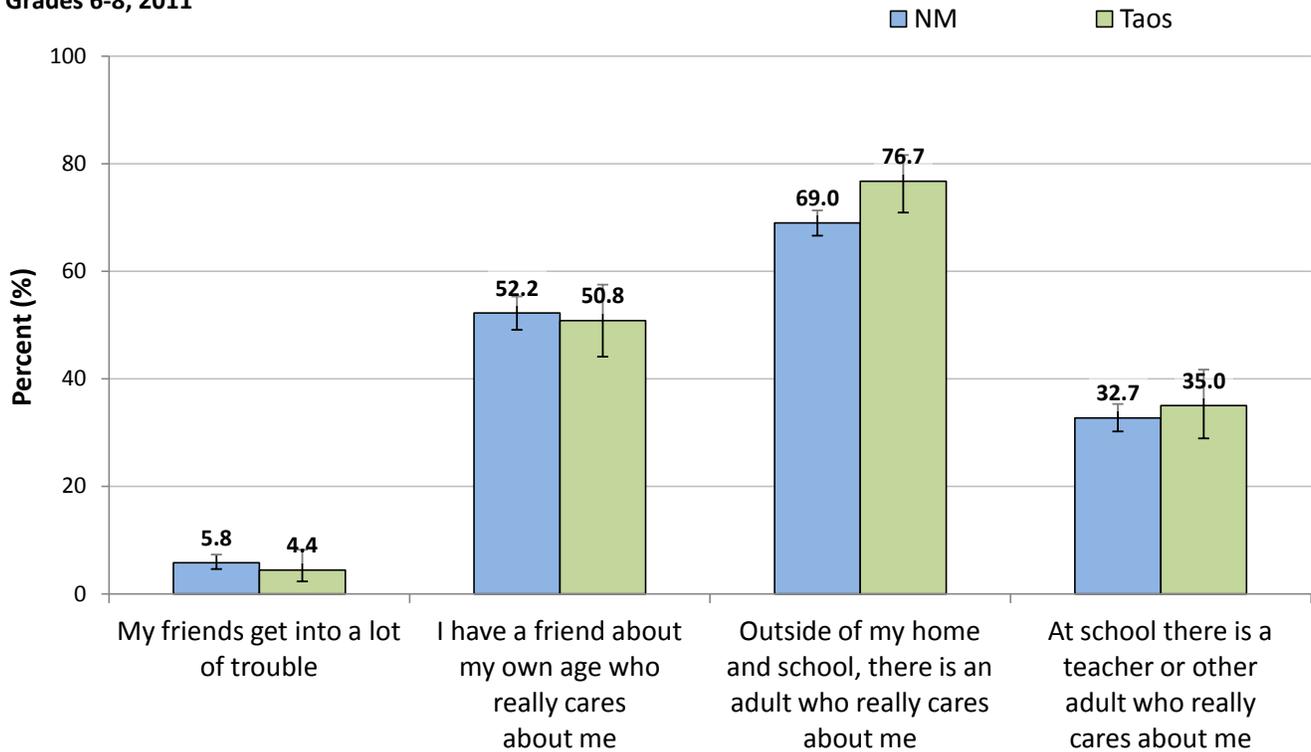


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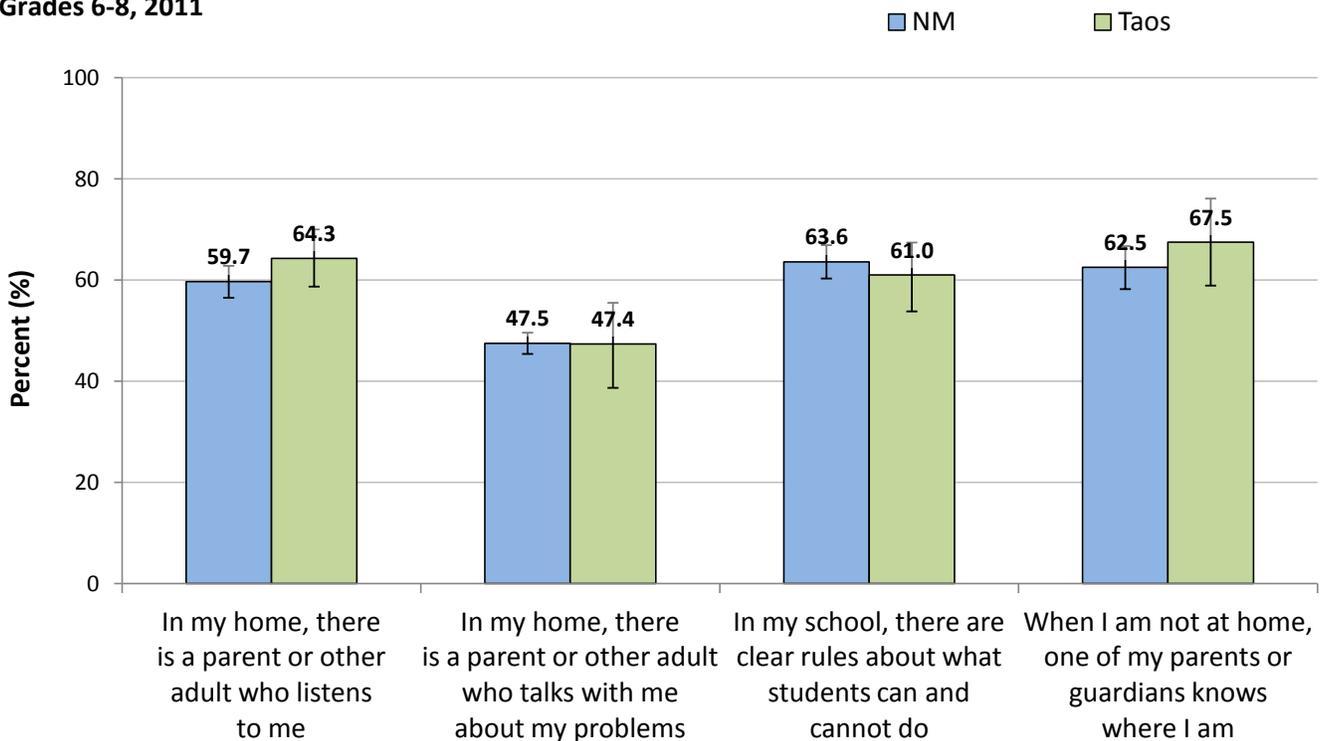


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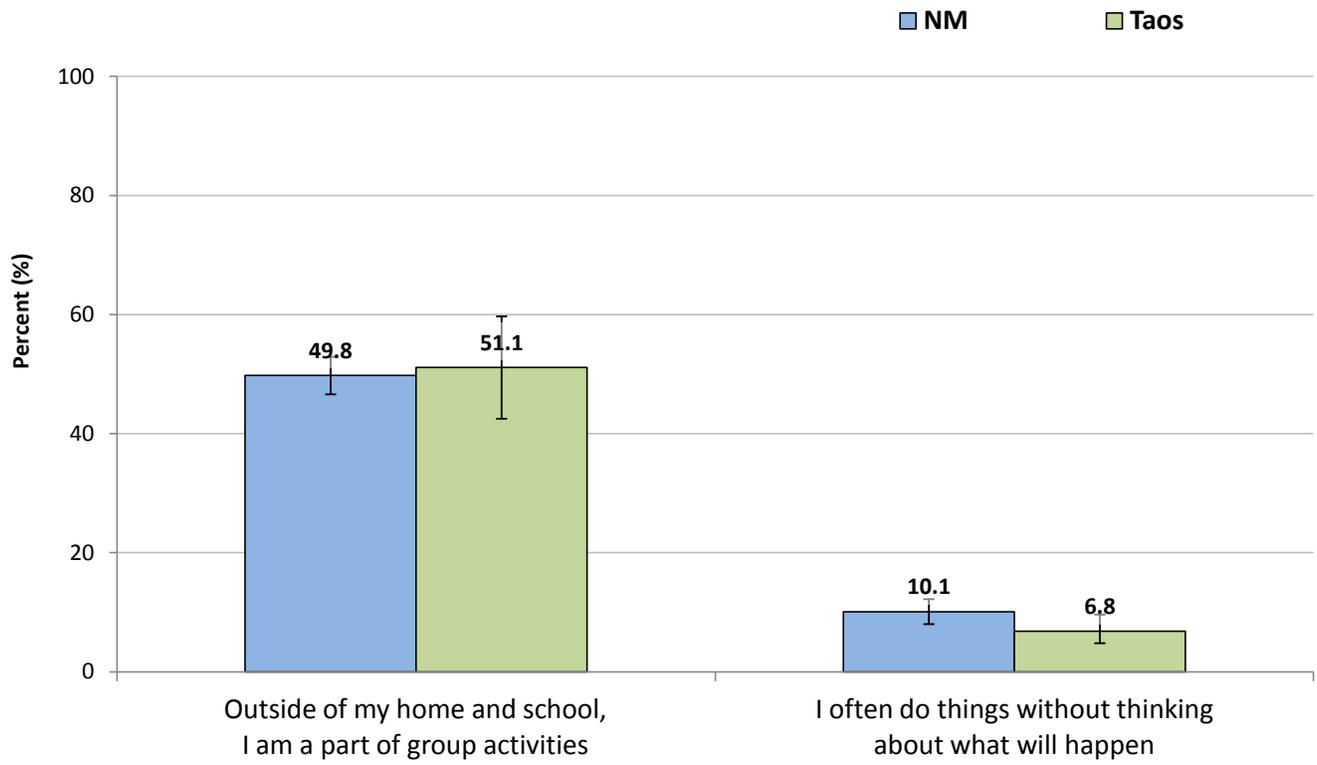
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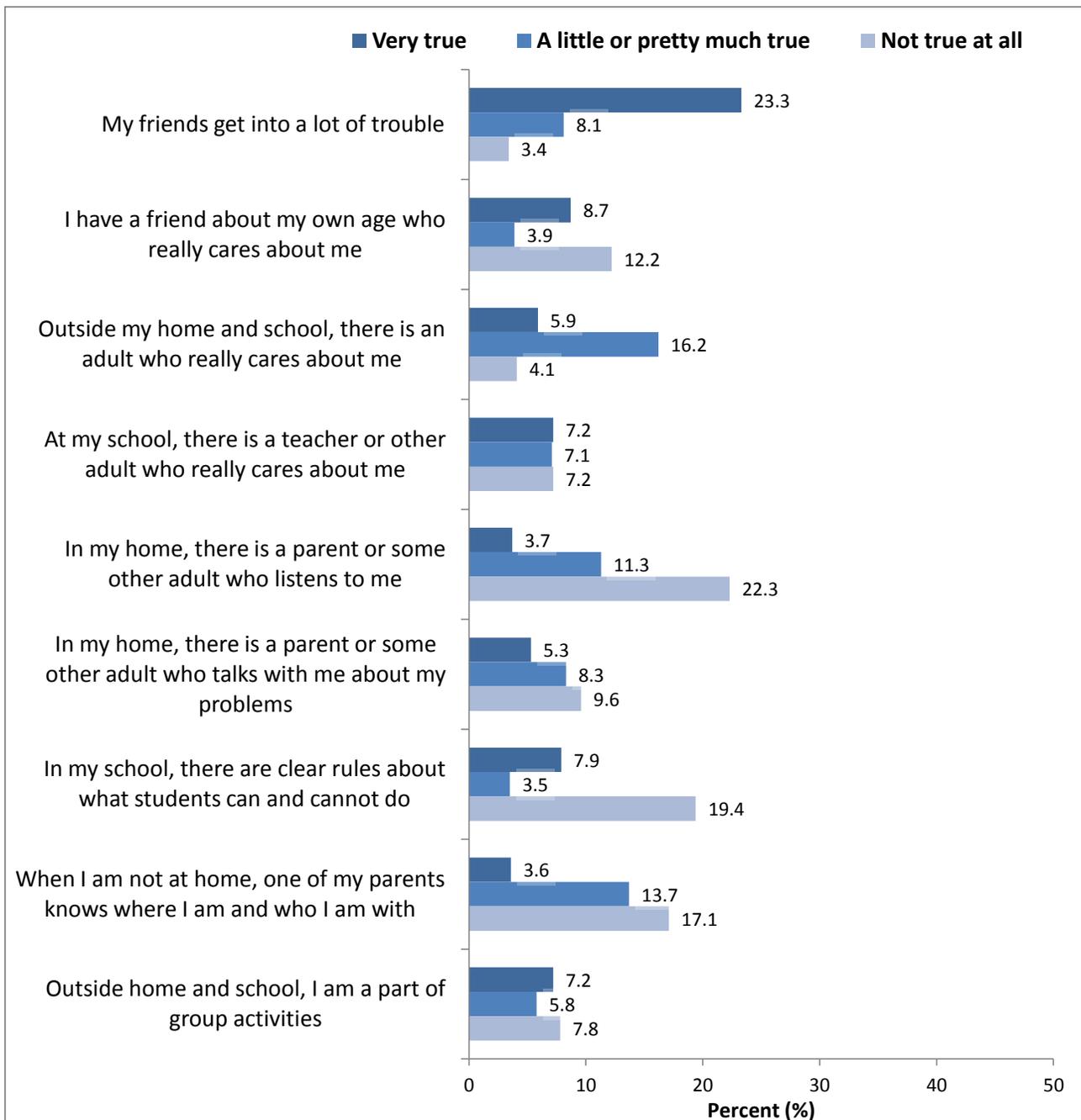


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Relationship Between Selected Risk Behaviors and Resiliency/Protective Factors

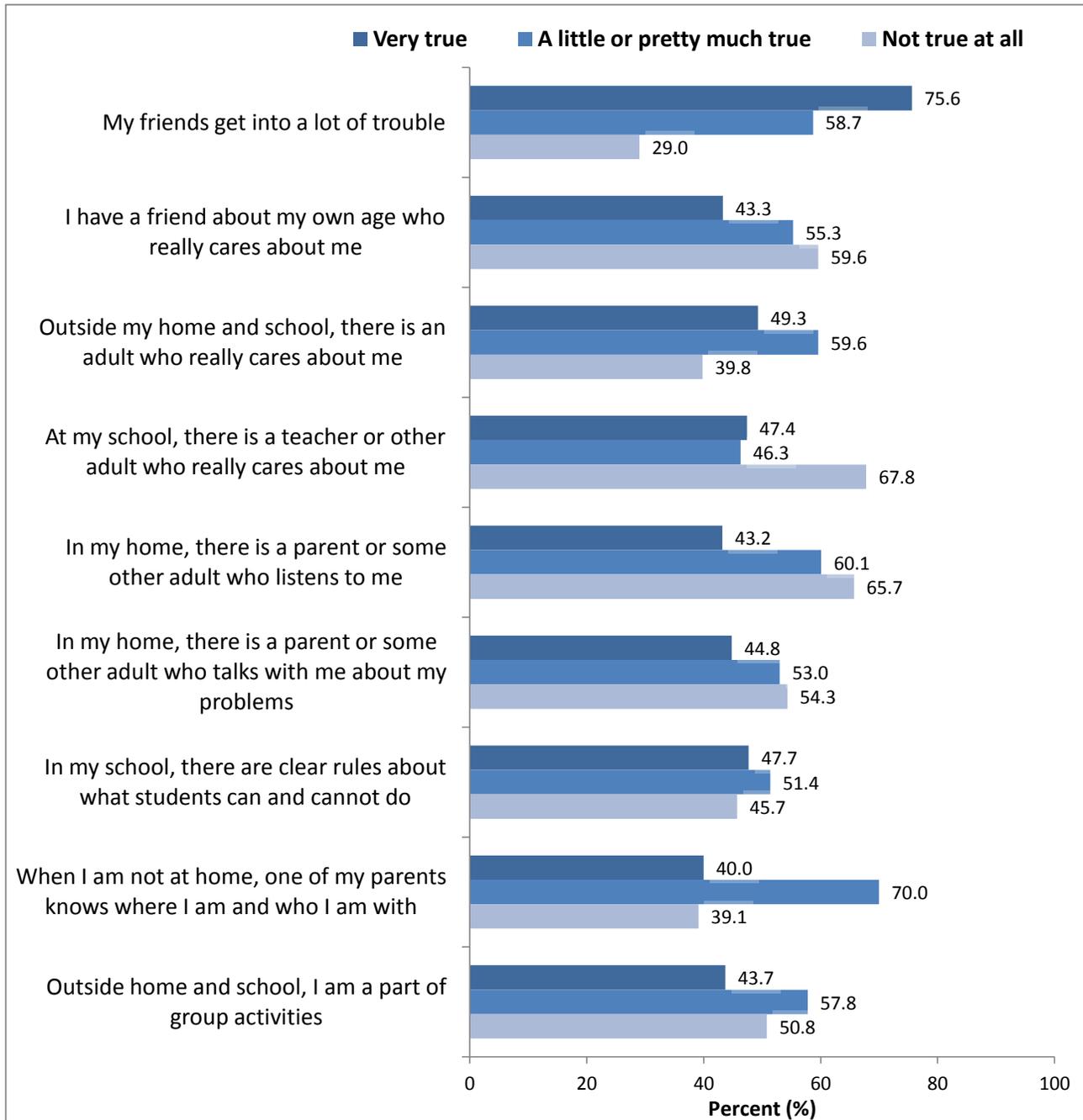
**Rarely or never wore a seatbelt
by Selected Resiliency Factors
Taos County
Grades 6-8, 2011**



How to read this chart:

- Of those who said it was 'Very much true' that their friends got into a lot of trouble, 23.3% rarely or never wore a seatbelt.
- Of those who said it was 'A little or pretty much true' that their friends got into a lot of trouble, 8.1% rarely or never wore a seatbelt.
- Of those who said it was 'Not true at all' that their friends got into a lot of trouble, 3.4% rarely or never wore a seatbelt.

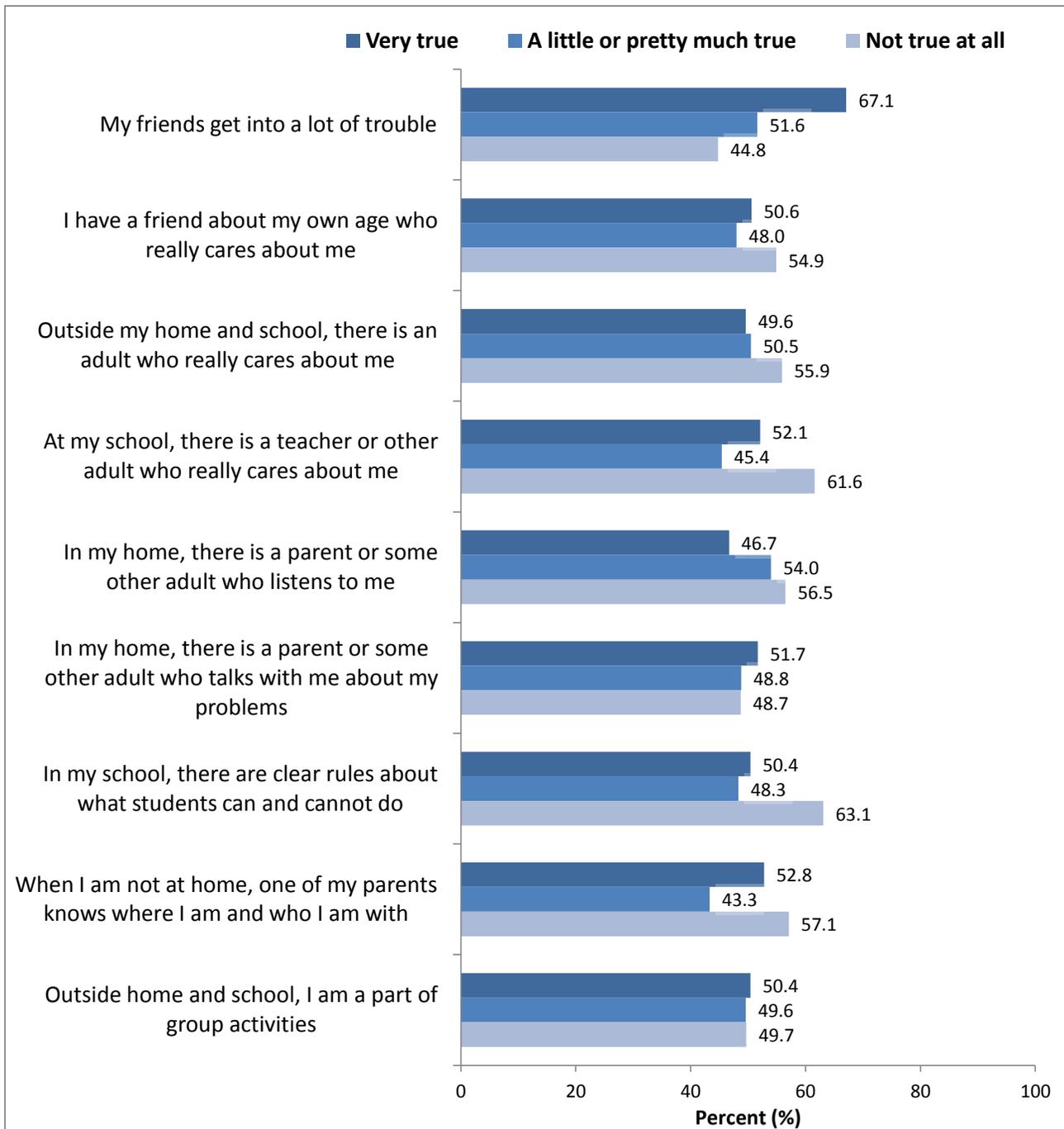
**Ever been in a physical fight
by Selected Resiliency Factors
Taos County
Grades 6-8, 2011**



How to read this chart:

- Of those who said it was 'Very much true' that their friends got into a lot of trouble, 75.6% were ever in a physical fight.
- Of those who said it was 'A little or pretty much true' that their friends got into a lot of trouble, 58.7% were ever in a physical fight.
- Of those who said it was 'Not true at all' that their friends got into a lot of trouble, 29% were ever in a physical fight.

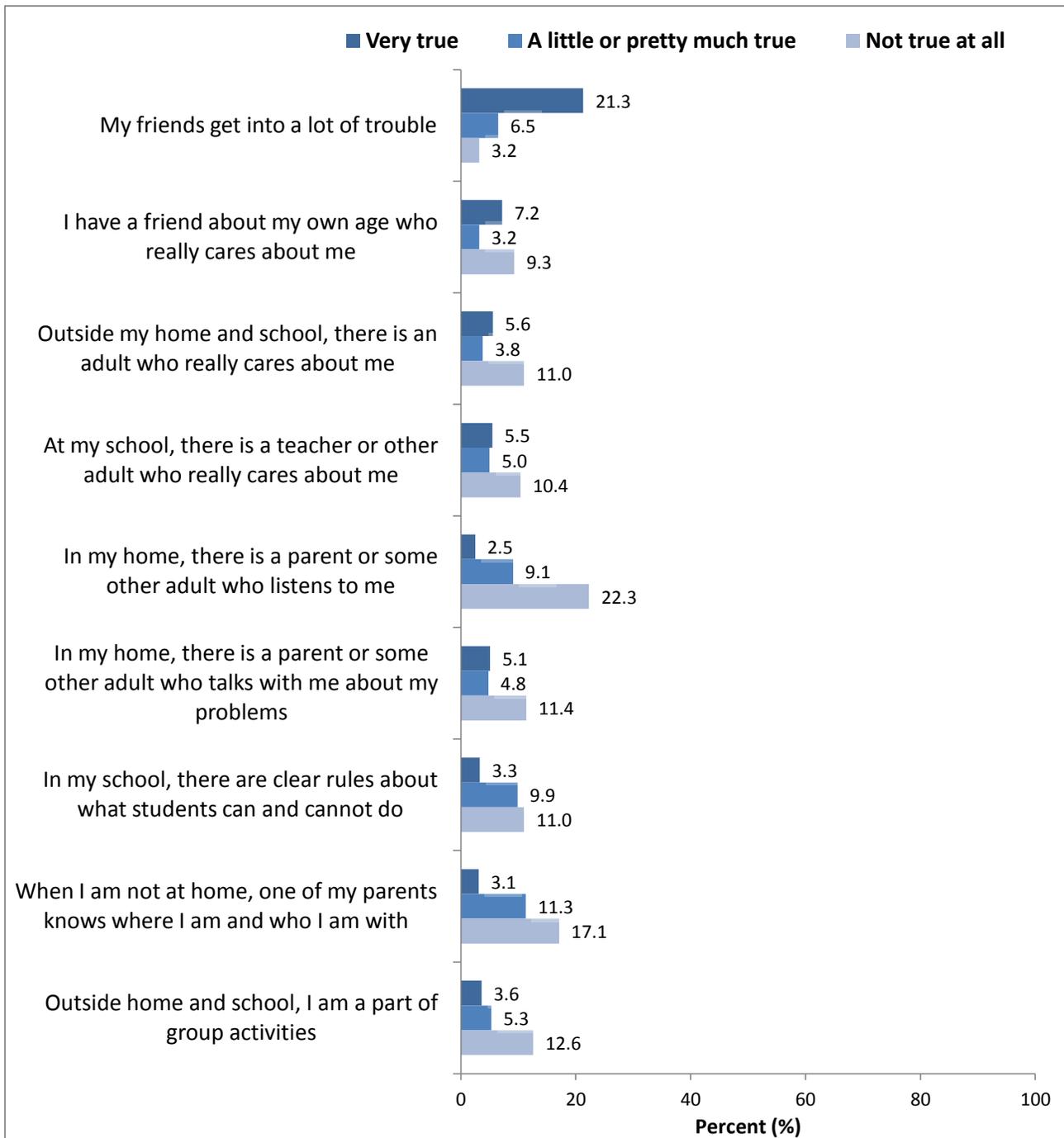
**Ever bullied on school property
by Selected Resiliency Factors
Taos County
Grades 6-8, 2011**



How to read this chart:

- Of those who said it was 'Very much true' that their friends got into a lot of trouble, 67.1% were bullied on school property.
- Of those who said it was 'A little or pretty much true' that their friends got into a lot of trouble, 51.6% were bullied on school property.
- Of those who said it was 'Not true at all' that their friends got into a lot of trouble, 44.8% were bullied on school property.

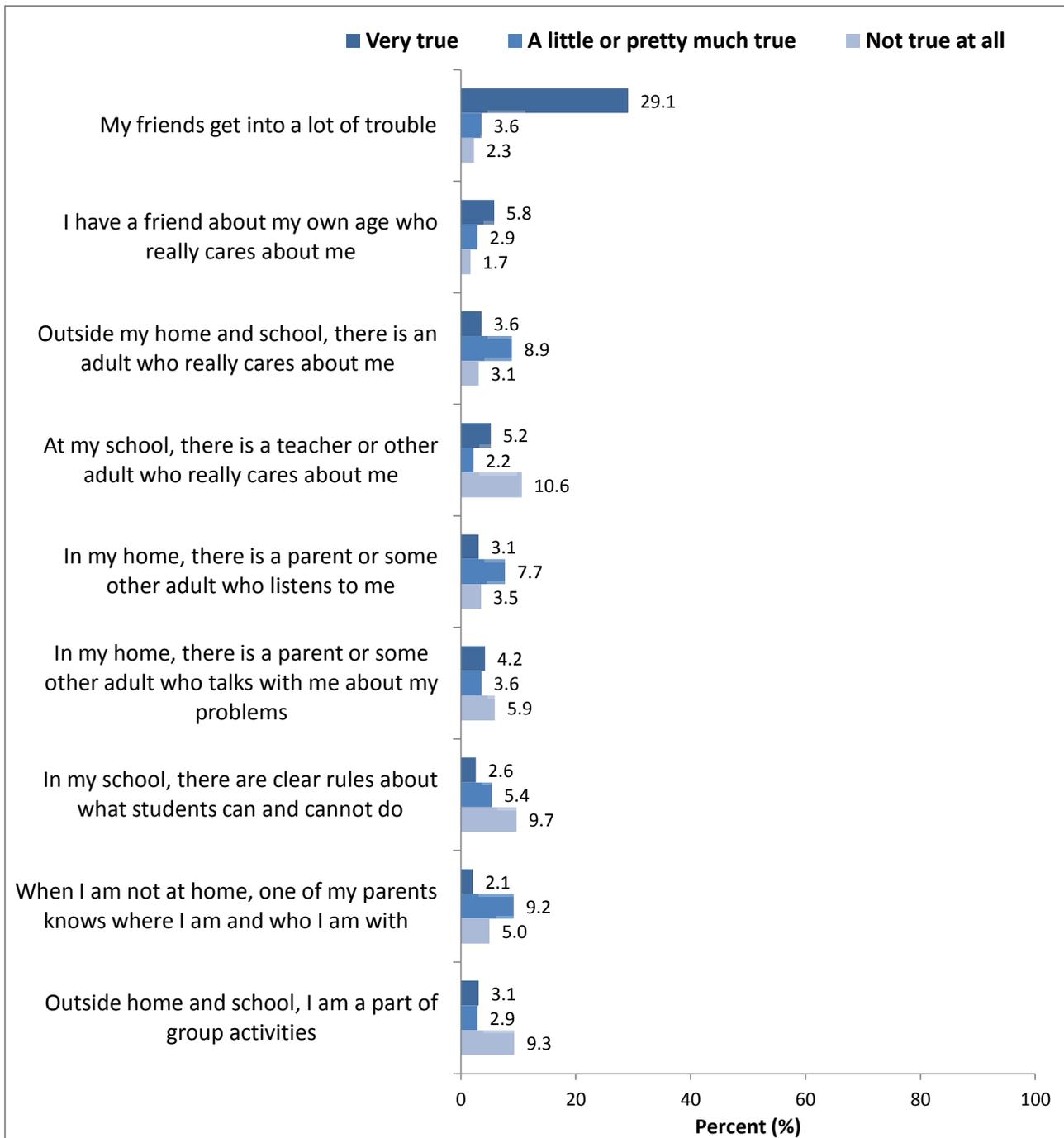
**Ever tried to kill self
by Selected Resiliency Factors
Taos County
Grades 6-8, 2011**



How to read this chart:

- Of those who said it was 'Very much true' that their friends got into a lot of trouble, 21.3% ever tried to kill themselves.
- Of those who said it was 'A little or pretty much true' that their friends got into a lot of trouble, 6.5% ever tried to kill themselves.
- Of those who said it was 'Not true at all' that their friends got into a lot of trouble, 3.2% ever tried to kill themselves.

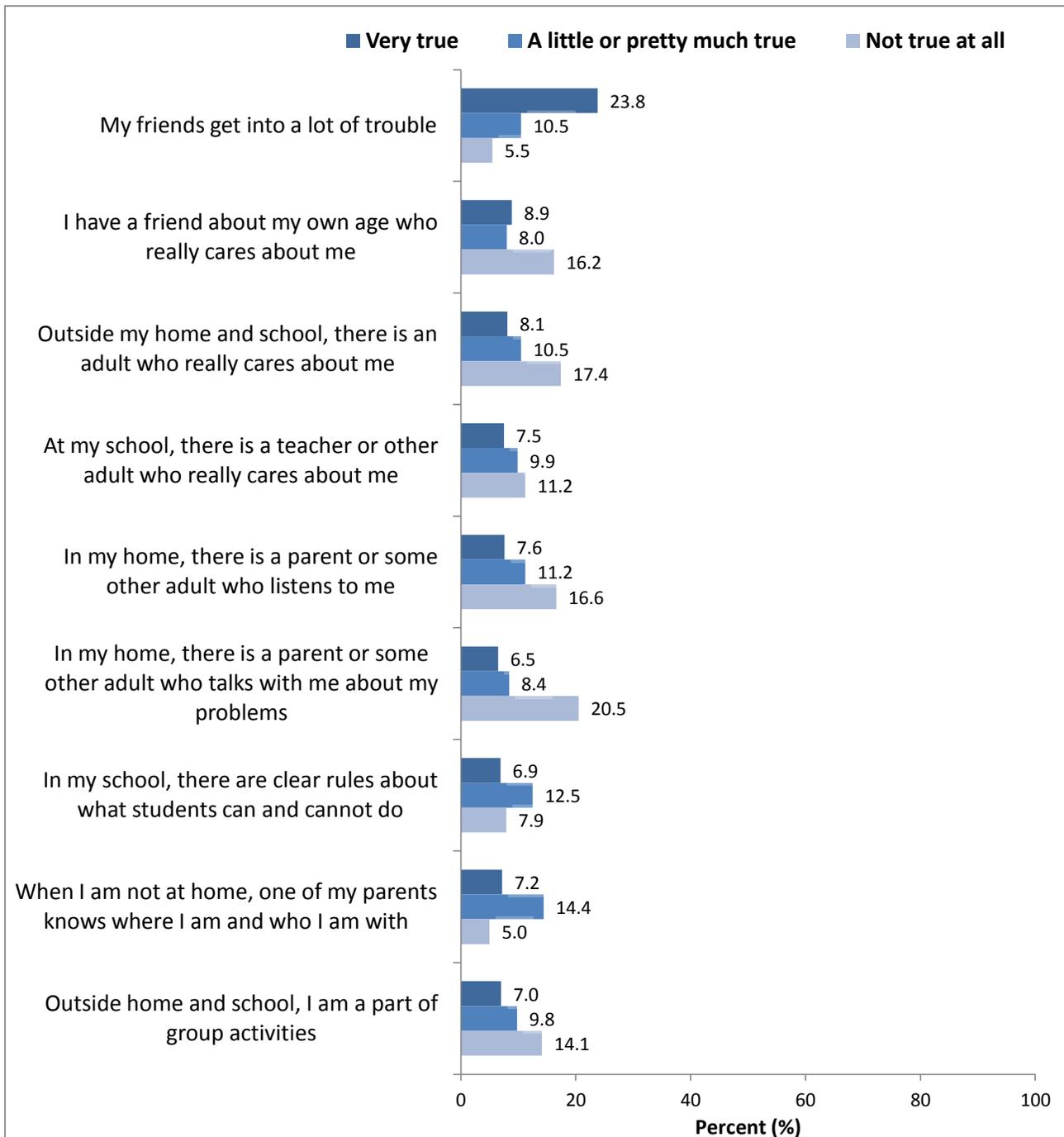
**Current cigarette smoker
by Selected Resiliency Factors
Taos County
Grades 6-8, 2011**



How to read this chart:

- Of those who said it was 'Very much true' that their friends got into a lot of trouble, 29.1% were current smokers.
- Of those who said it was 'A little or pretty much true' that their friends got into a lot of trouble, 3.6% were current smokers.
- Of those who said it was 'Not true at all' that their friends got into a lot of trouble, 2.3% were current smokers.

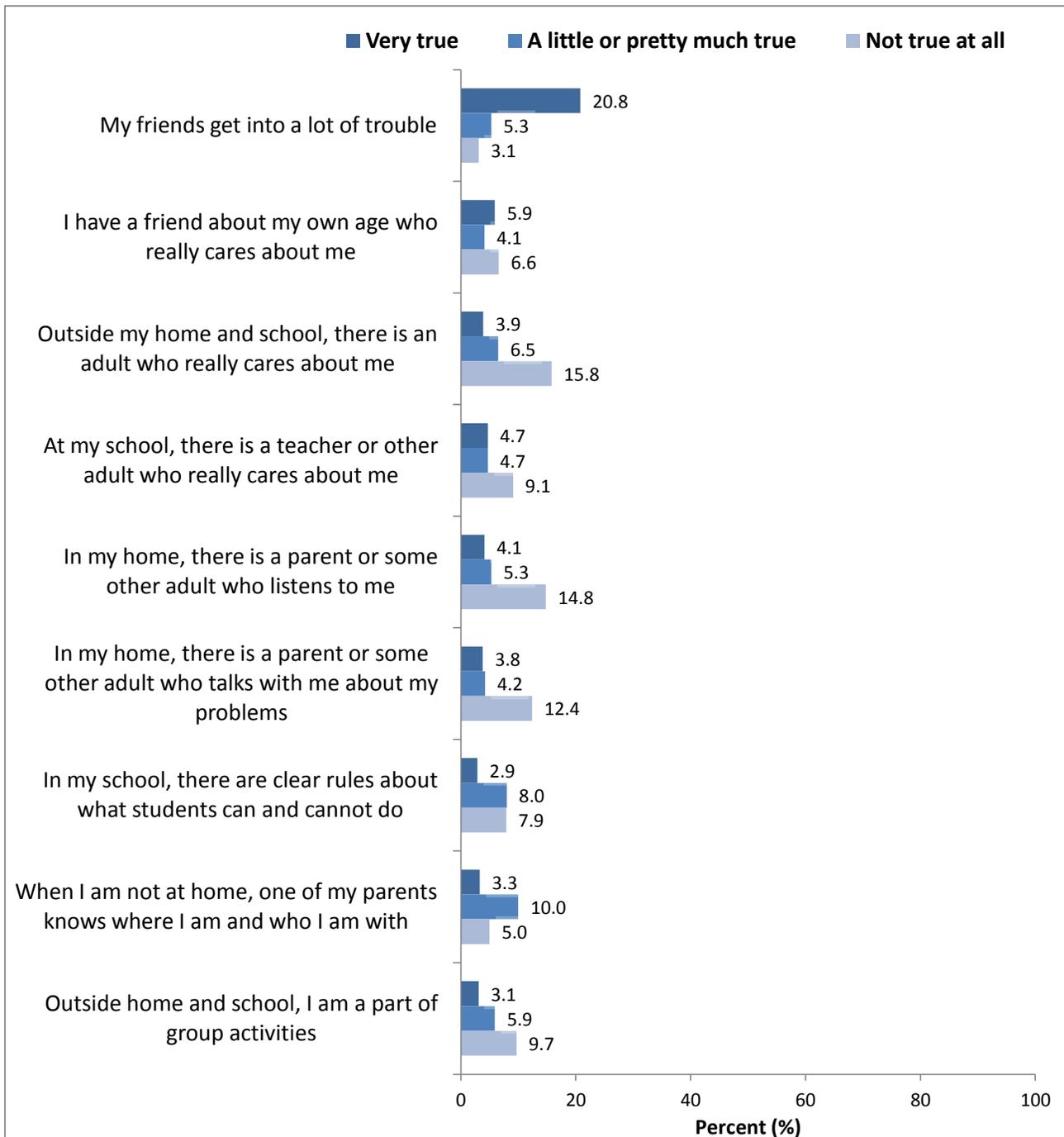
**Current drinking
 by Selected Resiliency Factors
 Taos County
 Grades 6-8, 2011**



How to read this chart:

- Of those who said it was 'Very much true' that their friends got into a lot of trouble, 23.8% were current drinkers.
- Of those who said it was 'A little or pretty much true' that their friends got into a lot of trouble, 10.5% were current drinkers.
- Of those who said it was 'Not true at all' that their friends got into a lot of trouble, 5.5% were current drinkers.

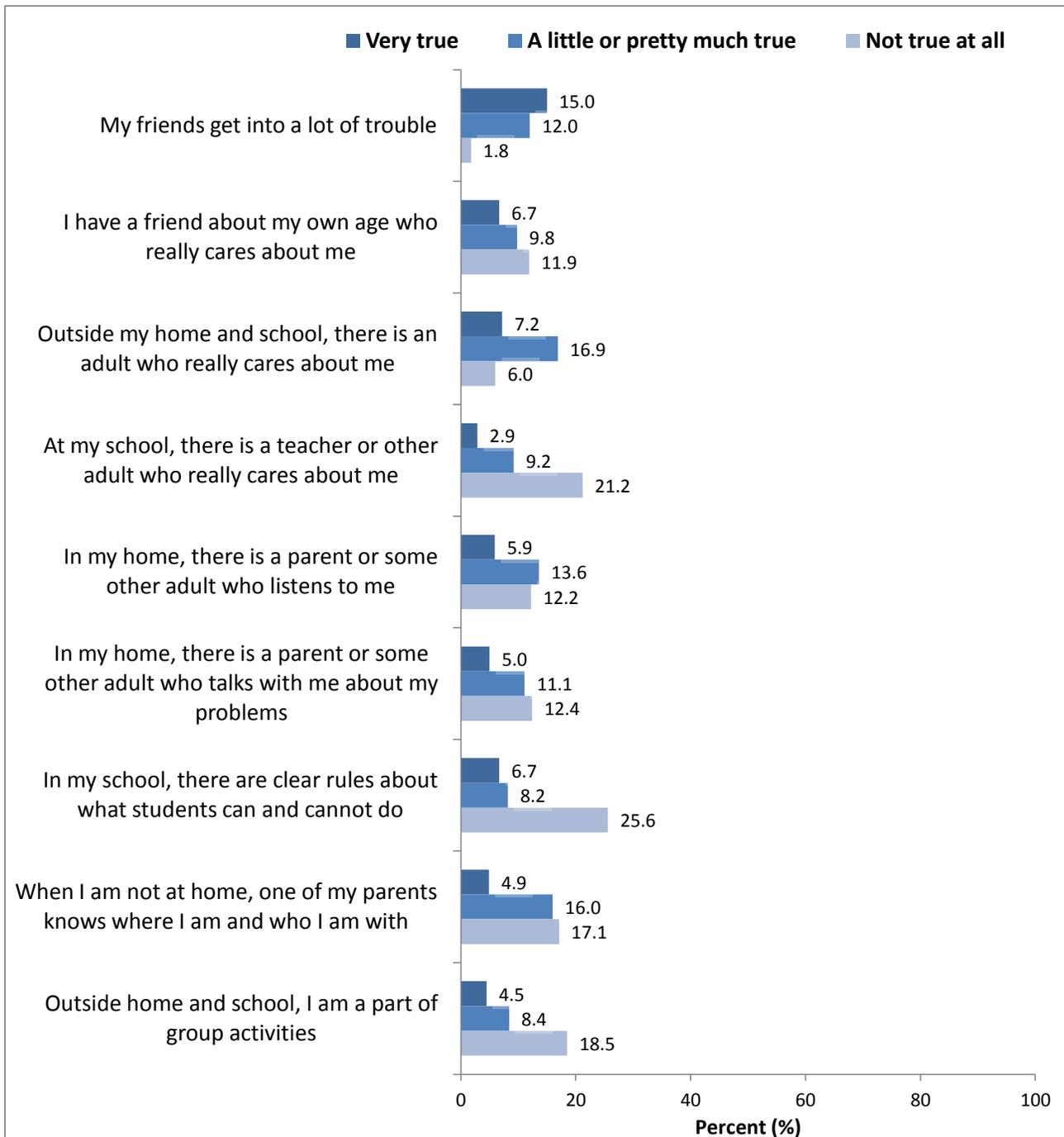
**Binge drinking
by Selected Resiliency Factors
Taos County
Grades 6-8, 2011**



How to read this chart:

- Of those who said it was 'Very much true' that their friends got into a lot of trouble, 20.8% were binge drinkers.
- Of those who said it was 'A little or pretty much true' that their friends got into a lot of trouble, 5.3% were binge drinkers.
- Of those who said it was 'Not true at all' that their friends got into a lot of trouble, 3.1% were binge drinkers.

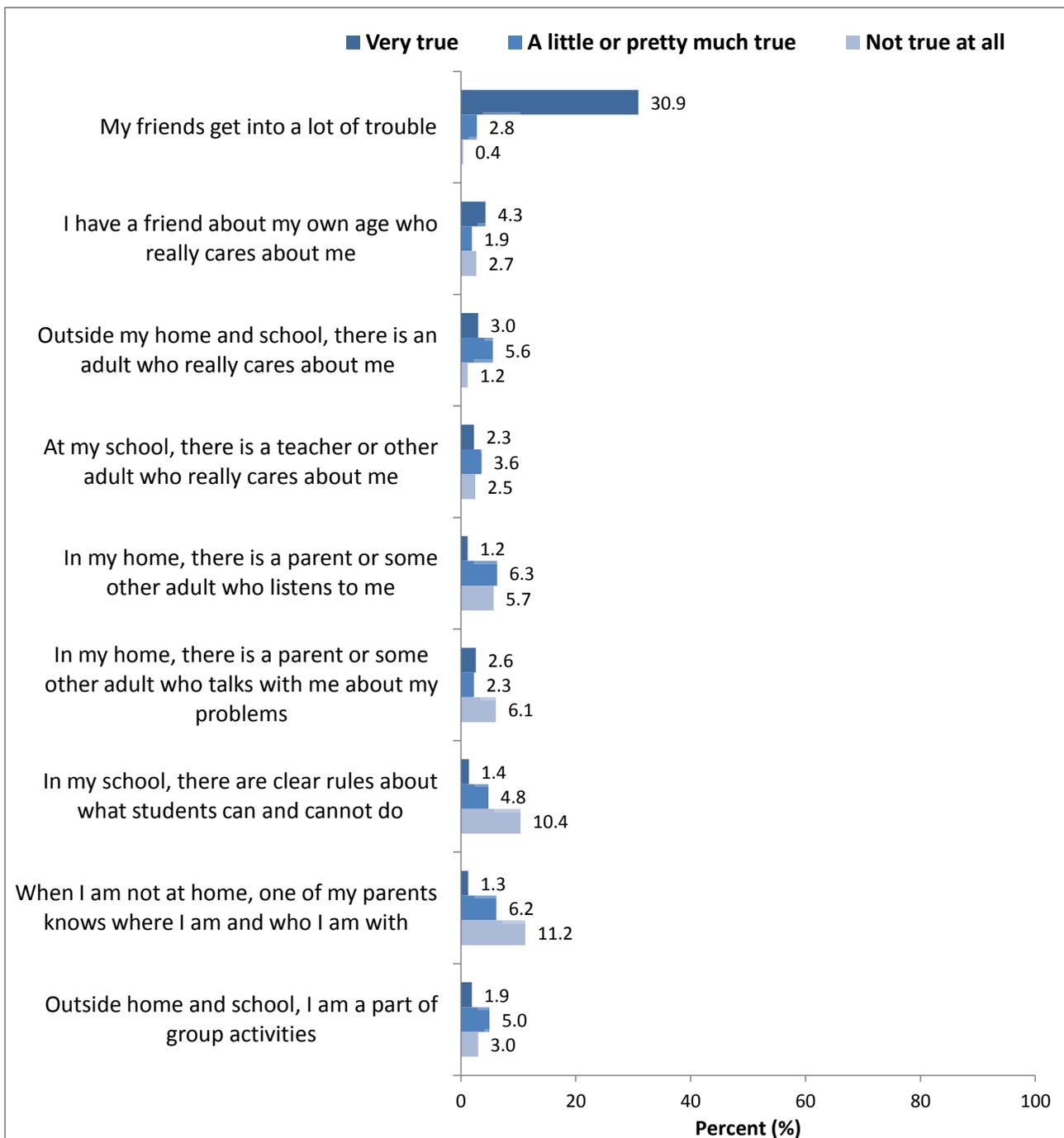
**Current marijuana use
 by Selected Resiliency Factors
 Taos County
 Grades 6-8, 2011**



How to read this chart:

- Of those who said it was 'Very much true' that their friends got into a lot of trouble, 15% were current marijuana users.
- Of those who said it was 'A little or pretty much true' that their friends got into a lot of trouble, 12% were current marijuana users.
- Of those who said it was 'Not true at all' that their friends got into a lot of trouble, 1.8% were current marijuana users.

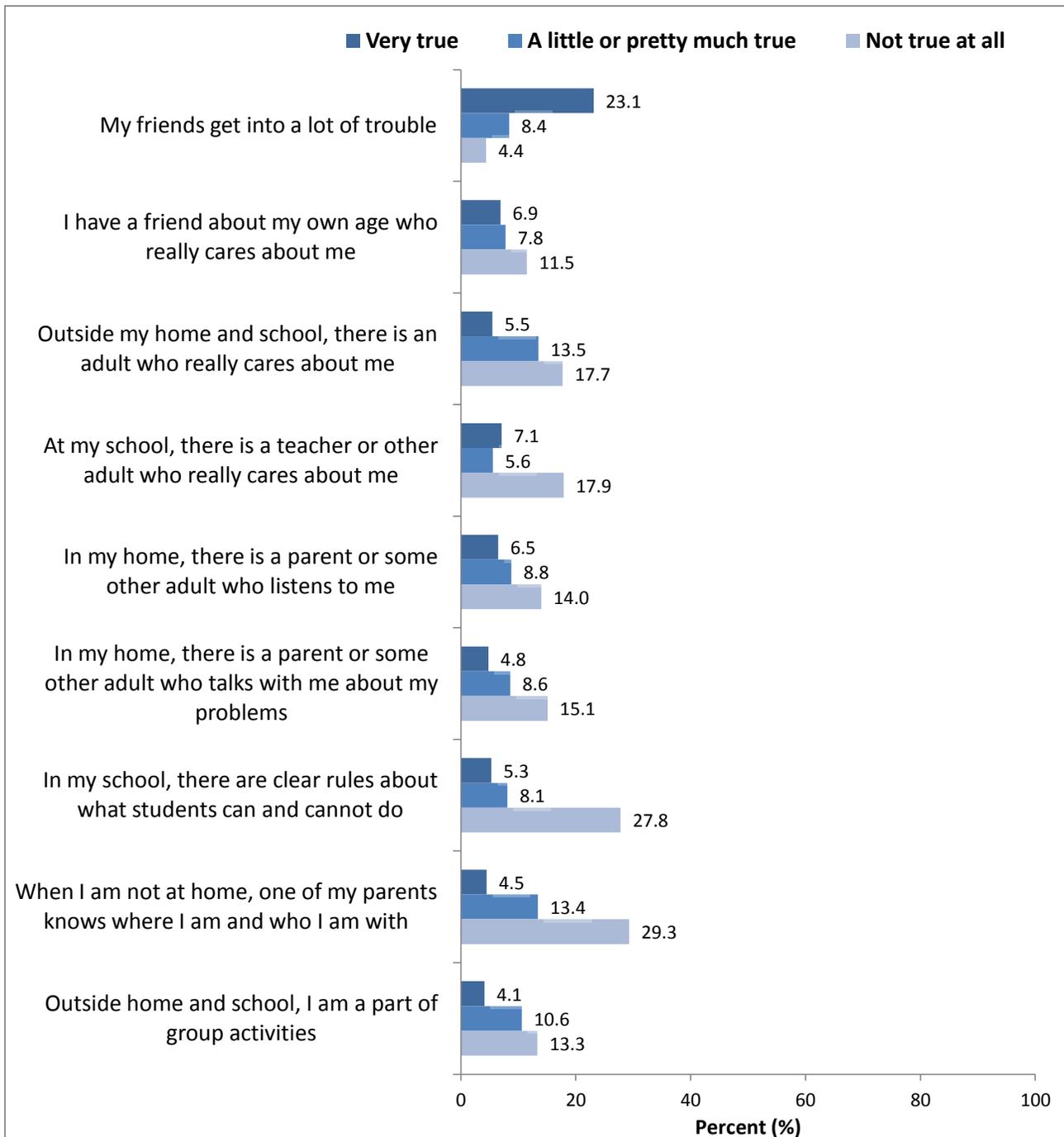
**Ever used a prescription drug without a doctor's prescription
by Selected Resiliency Factors
Taos County
Grades 6-8, 2011**



How to read this chart:

- Of those who said it was 'Very much true' that their friends got into a lot of trouble, 30.9% used prescription drugs without a doctor's prescription.
- Of those who said it was 'A little or pretty much true' that their friends got into a lot of trouble, 2.8% used prescription drugs without a doctor's prescription.
- Of those who said it was 'Not true at all' that their friends got into a lot of trouble, 0.4% used prescription drugs without a doctor's prescription.

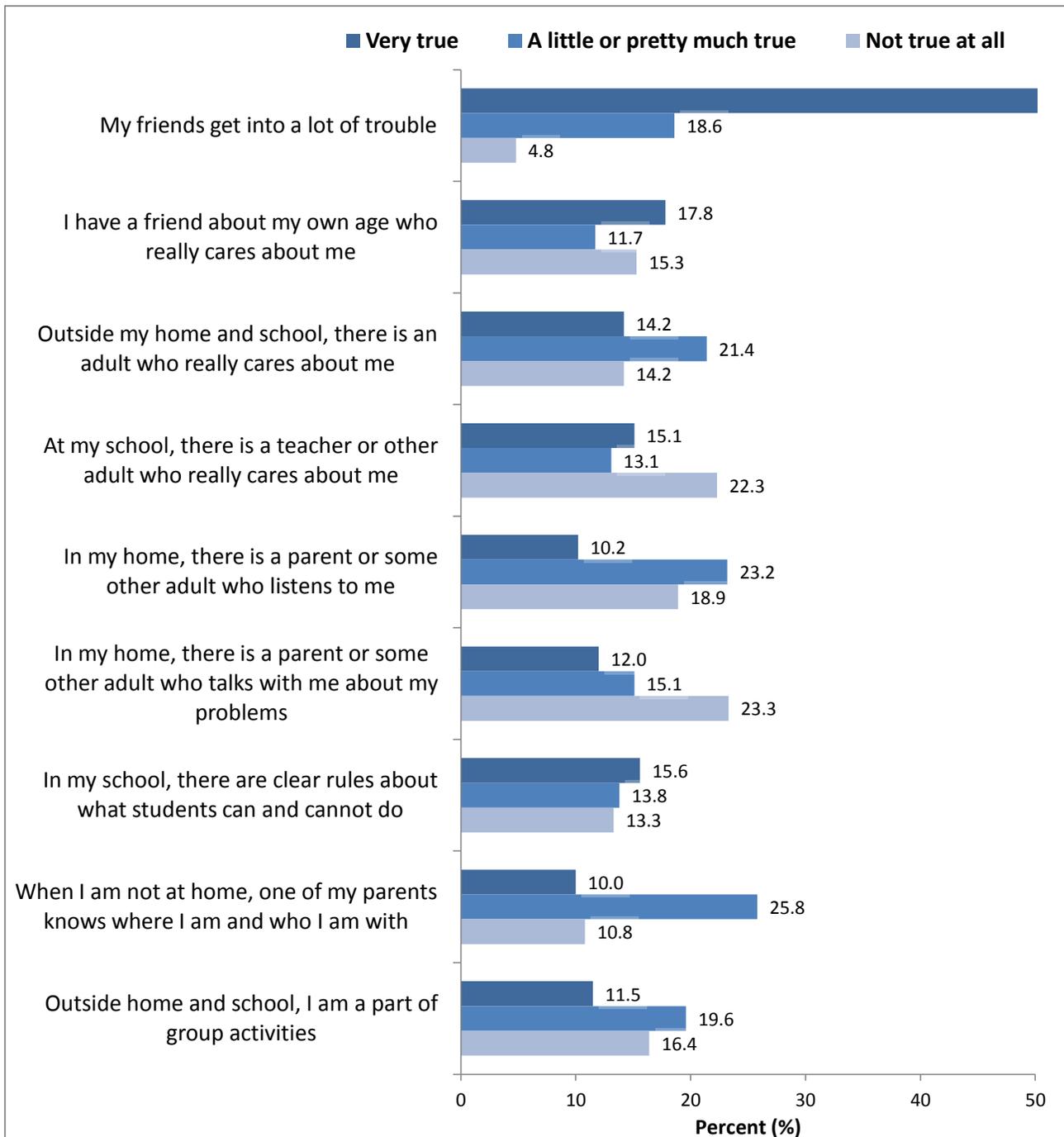
**Ever had sexual intercourse
by Selected Resiliency Factors
Taos County
Grades 6-8, 2011**



How to read this chart:

- Of those who said it was 'Very much true' that their friends got into a lot of trouble, 23.1% ever had sexual intercourse.
- Of those who said it was 'A little or pretty much true' that their friends got into a lot of trouble, 8.4% ever had sexual intercourse.
- Of those who said it was 'Not true at all' that their friends got into a lot of trouble, 4.4% ever had sexual intercourse.

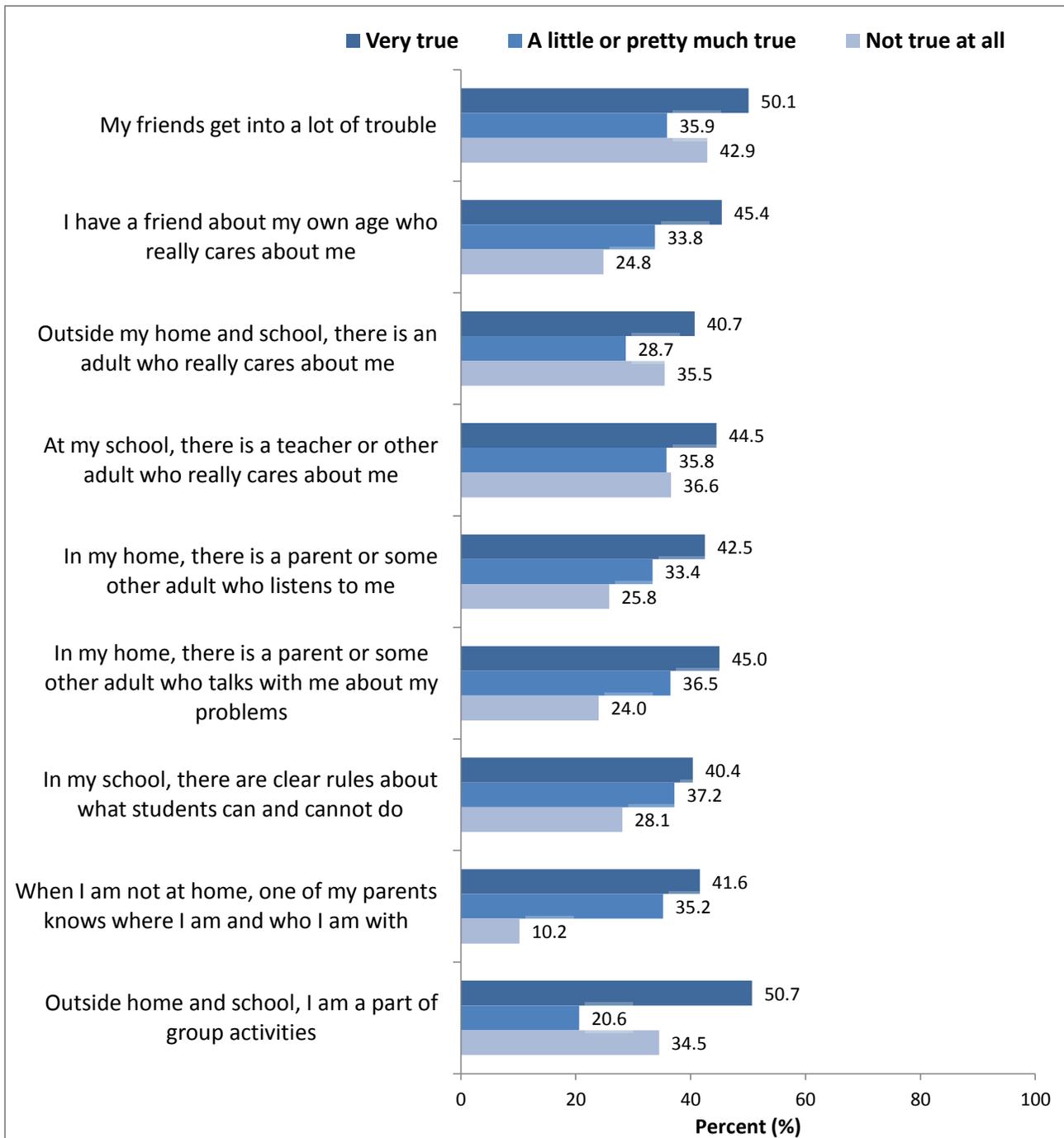
**Ever fasted 24 hours or more to lose weight
by Selected Resiliency Factors
Taos County
Grades 6-8, 2011**



How to read this chart:

- Of those who said it was 'Very much true' that their friends got into a lot of trouble, 51.1% ever fasted to lose weight.
- Of those who said it was 'A little or pretty much true' that their friends got into a lot of trouble, 18.6% ever fasted to lose weight.
- Of those who said it was 'Not true at all' that their friends got into a lot of trouble, 4.8% ever fasted to lose weight.

**Daily physical activity
 by Selected Resiliency Factors
 Taos County
 Grades 6-8, 2011**



How to read this chart:

- Of those who said it was 'Very much true' that their friends got into a lot of trouble, 50.1% engaged in daily physical activity.
- Of those who said it was 'A little or pretty much true' that their friends got into a lot of trouble, 35.9% engaged in daily physical activity.
- Of those who said it was 'Not true at all' that their friends got into a lot of trouble, 42.9% engaged in daily physical activity.

Appendix A

Questionnaire with Results

2011 Middle School Questionnaire

NM YRRS

Taos County

(359 respondents; Response rate = 54%)

<u>Personal Information</u>	<u>Number of responses</u>	<u>%</u>
1. How old are you?		
A. 10 years old or younger	2	0.6%
B. 11 years old	71	19.8%
C. 12 years old	136	38.0%
D. 13 years old	116	32.4%
E. 14 years old	31	8.7%
F. 15 years old	2	0.6%
G. 16 years old or older	0	0.0%
2. What is your sex?		
A. Female	183	51.8%
B. Male	170	48.2%
3. In what grade are you?		
A. 6th grade	91	25.5%
B. 7th grade	156	43.7%
C. 8th grade	110	30.8%
D. Ungraded or other grade	0	0.0%
4. Are you Hispanic or Latino?		
A. Yes	295	83.6%
B. No	58	16.4%
5. What is your race? (Select one or more responses.)		
A. American Indian or Alaska Native	51	22.1%
B. Asian	7	3.0%
C. Black or African American	15	6.5%
D. Native Hawaiian or Other Pacific Islander	7	3.0%
E. White	151	65.4%

95%

	<u>Weighted</u>	<u>Confidence</u>
	<u>%</u>	<u>Interval</u>
6. During the past 12 months, how would you describe your grades in school?		
A. Mostly A's	43.2	(33.5-53.5)
B. Mostly B's	27.5	(21.8-34.1)
C. Mostly C's	11.5	(7.8-16.6)
D. Mostly D's	2.4	(1.2-5.0)
E. Mostly F's	2.6	(1.0-6.2)
F. None of these grades	0.5	(0.1-2.4)
G. Not sure	12.2	(8.4-17.4)

Personal Safety

The next 3 questions ask about personal safety.

7. When you ride a bicycle, how often do you wear a helmet?		
A. I do not ride a bicycle	15.4	(12.3-19.2)
B. Never wear a helmet	54.6	(47.7-61.2)
C. Rarely wear a helmet	12.5	(9.5-16.2)
D. Sometimes wear a helmet	7.0	(4.5-10.7)
E. Most of the time wear a helmet	7.0	(4.7-10.2)
F. Always wear a helmet	3.6	(1.8-7.1)
8. How often do you wear a seat belt when riding in a car?		
A. Never	2.2	(1.1-4.2)
B. Rarely	4.9	(2.8-8.3)
C. Sometimes	12.9	(10.4-16.1)
D. Most of the time	29.4	(23.9-35.6)
E. Always	50.6	(44.7-56.5)
9. Have you ever ridden in a car driven by someone who had been drinking alcohol?		
A. Yes	27.3	(19.5-36.7)
B. No	51.9	(44.5-59.2)
C. Not sure	20.8	(16.2-26.3)

95%

Weighted **Confidence**
% **Interval**

Violence-Related Behaviors

The next 2 questions ask about violence-related behaviors.

10. Have you ever carried a weapon, such as a gun, knife, or club?

A. Yes	31.2	(25.6-37.4)
B. No	68.8	(62.6-74.4)

11. Have you ever been in a physical fight?

A. Yes	49.2	(42.2-56.2)
B. No	50.8	(43.8-57.8)

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

12. Have you ever been bullied on school property?

A. Yes	49.4	(43.2-55.7)
B. No	50.6	(44.3-56.8)

13. Have you ever been electronically bullied? (Include being bullied through e-mail, chat rooms, instant messaging, Web sites, or texting.)

A. Yes	15.4	(10.6-21.8)
B. No	84.6	(78.2-89.4)

Sadness and Attempted Suicide

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

14 Have you ever seriously thought about killing yourself?

A. Yes	18.0	(13.3-24.1)
B. No	82.0	(75.9-86.7)

15 Have you ever made a plan about how you would kill yourself?

A. Yes	9.8	(6.9-13.8)
B. No	90.2	(86.2-93.1)

16. Have you ever tried to kill yourself?

A. Yes	5.8	(3.8-8.8)
B. No	94.2	(91.2-96.2)

<u>Tobacco Use</u>	<u>Weighted</u> <u>%</u>	<u>95%</u> <u>Confidence</u> <u>Interval</u>
The next 16 questions ask about tobacco use.		
17. Have you ever tried cigarette smoking, even one or two puffs?		
A. Yes	20.9	(16.3-26.5)
B. No	79.1	(73.5-83.7)
18. How old were you when you smoked a whole cigarette for the first time?		
A. I have never smoked a whole cigarette	86.2	(81.9-89.7)
B. 8 years old or younger	2.4	(1.3-4.5)
C. 9 years old	1.8	(0.9-3.5)
D. 10 years old	2.9	(1.2-6.9)
E. 11 years old	0.8	(0.3-2.2)
F. 12 years old	3.7	(2.0-6.9)
G. 13 years old or older	2.2	(0.7-6.5)
19. About how many cigarettes have you smoked in your entire life?		
A. 0 cigarettes	80.8	(75.5-85.2)
B. 1 or more puffs but never a whole cigarette	7.2	(5.2-9.7)
C. 1 cigarette	1.6	(0.8-3.1)
D. 2 to 5 cigarettes	4.7	(3.1-6.9)
E. 6 to 15 cigarettes (about ½ a pack total)	3.0	(1.2-7.2)
F. 16 to 25 cigarettes (about 1 pack total)	0.1	(0.0-0.9)
G. 26 to 99 cigarettes (more than 1 pack, but less than 5 packs)	1.8	(0.8-3.9)
H. 100 or more cigarettes (5 or more packs)	0.9	(0.3-2.7)
20. During the past 30 days, on how many days did you smoke cigarettes?		
A. 0 days	95.7	(93.6-97.1)
B. 1 or 2 days	1.7	(0.8-3.7)
C. 3 to 5 days	0.9	(0.3-2.9)
D. 6 to 9 days	0.2	(0.0-1.5)
E. 10 to 19 days	0.3	(0.1-1.1)
F. 20 to 29 days	0.2	(0.0-1.4)
G. All 30 days	1.0	(0.2-3.7)

95%

	<u>Weighted</u>	<u>Confidence</u>
	<u>%</u>	<u>Interval</u>
21. During the past 30 days, on how many days did you smoke cigarettes on school property?		
A. 0 days	99.2	(98.0-99.7)
B. 1 or 2 days	0.6	(0.2-1.7)
C. 3 to 5 days	0.2	(0.0-1.7)
D. 6 to 9 days	0.0	(-.)
E. 10 to 19 days	0.0	(-.)
F. 20 to 29 days	0.0	(-.)
G. All 30 days	0.0	(-.)
22. During the past 30 days, how did you usually get your own cigarettes? (Select only one response.)		
A. I did not smoke cigarettes during the past 30 days	95.6	(93.5-97.1)
B. I bought them in a store such as a convenience store, supermarket, discount store, or gas station	0.3	(0.0-1.8)
C. I bought them from a vending machine	0.4	(0.1-1.7)
D. I gave someone else money to buy them for me	0.4	(0.1-1.5)
E. I borrowed (or bummed) them from someone else	0.0	(-.)
F. A person 18 years old or older gave them to me	0.0	(-.)
G. I took them from a store or family member	2.0	(0.9-4.2)
H. I got them some other way	1.4	(0.7-2.8)
23. During the past 30 days, what brand of cigarettes did you usually smoke? (Select only one response.)		
A. I did not smoke cigarettes during the past 30 days	93.1	(90.6-95.0)
B. I do not have a usual brand	1.2	(0.4-4.0)
C. Camel	0.9	(0.3-3.0)
D. Marlboro	4.3	(2.9-6.1)
E. Newport	0.1	(0.0-1.0)
F. Virginia Slims	0.0	(-.)
G. GPS, Basic, or Doral	0.0	(-.)
H. Some other brand	0.3	(0.0-2.1)
24. During the past 30 days, how many times have you seen or heard commercials on TV, the Internet, or on the radio about the dangers of cigarette smoking?		
A. 0 times	31.3	(25.2-38.0)
B. 1 to 3 times during the past 30 days	32.7	(28.1-37.6)
C. 1 to 3 times during the past week	12.6	(9.3-16.9)
D. Daily or almost daily	11.0	(7.2-16.3)
E. More than once a day	12.5	(8.8-17.3)

95%Weighted Confidence
% Interval

25. During the past 12 months, did you ever try to quit smoking cigarettes?

A. I did not smoke during the past 12 months

90.1 (86.3-92.9)

B. Yes

6.5 (4.1-10.2)

C. No

3.4 (2.0-5.8)

26. During the past 30 days, on how many days did you smoke cigars, cigarillos, or little cigars?

A. 0 days

96.9 (94.2-98.4)

B. 1 or 2 days

1.4 (0.5-3.6)

C. 3 to 5 days

0.6 (0.2-1.9)

D. 6 to 9 days

0.4 (0.1-2.7)

E. 10 to 19 days

0.5 (0.1-1.9)

F. 20 to 29 days

0.1 (0.0-1.0)

G. All 30 days

0.0 (-.)

27. During the past 30 days, on how many days did you use chewing tobacco, snuff, or dip, such as Redman, Levi Garrett, Beechnut, Skoal, Skoal Bandits, or Copenhagen?

A. 0 days

98.4 (96.5-99.3)

B. 1 or 2 days

0.9 (0.4-2.1)

C. 3 to 5 days

0.3 (0.0-2.0)

D. 6 to 9 days

0.3 (0.1-1.3)

E. 10 to 19 days

0.0 (-.)

F. 20 to 29 days

0.0 (-.)

G. All 30 days

0.1 (0.0-0.9)

28. During the past 7 days, on how many days were you in the same room with someone who was smoking cigarettes?

A. 0 days

69.3 (63.1-74.8)

B. 1 or 2 days

17.4 (13.3-22.4)

C. 3 or 4 days

4.8 (3.1-7.2)

D. 5 or 6 days

2.0 (0.9-4.3)

E. 7 days

6.6 (4.1-10.5)

29. Do you think smoke from other people's cigarettes is harmful to you?

A. Definitely yes

57.1 (50.1-63.8)

B. Probably yes

30.7 (26.2-35.7)

C. Probably not

6.7 (4.0-11.1)

D. Definitely not

5.5 (3.1-9.5)

95%**Weighted** **Confidence**
% **Interval**

30. Do you think that you will try smoking a cigarette soon?		
A. I have already tried smoking cigarettes	10.1	(7.0-14.2)
B. Yes	5.1	(2.7-9.3)
C. No	84.8	(79.3-89.1)
31. Do you think you will smoke a cigarette at anytime during the next year?		
A. Definitely yes	3.9	(1.9-7.7)
B. Probably yes	5.3	(3.1-9.0)
C. Probably not	15.8	(12.3-20.1)
D. Definitely not	75.0	(69.6-79.7)
32. If one of your best friends offered you a cigarette, would you smoke it?		
A. Definitely yes	2.2	(1.2-4.0)
B. Probably yes	8.3	(4.8-13.8)
C. Probably not	19.7	(15.1-25.1)
D. Definitely not	69.9	(62.5-76.4)

Alcohol

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

33. Have you ever had a drink of alcohol, other than a few sips?		
A. Yes	28.9	(21.9-37.1)
B. No	71.1	(62.9-78.1)
34. How old were you when you had your first drink of alcohol other than a few sips?		
A. I have never had a drink of alcohol other than a few sips	70.2	(61.8-77.4)
B. 8 years old or younger	5.7	(3.5-9.3)
C. 9 years old	2.8	(1.4-5.6)
D. 10 years old	4.9	(2.7-8.5)
E. 11 years old	5.1	(3.3-7.8)
F. 12 years old	6.2	(4.0-9.5)
G. 13 years old or older	5.1	(2.6-9.7)

95%

	<u>Weighted</u>	<u>Confidence</u>
	<u>%</u>	<u>Interval</u>
35. During the past 30 days, on how many days did you have at least one drink of alcohol?		
A. 0 days	90.8	(85.9-94.1)
B. 1 or 2 days	5.1	(2.9-8.7)
C. 3 to 5 days	1.4	(0.6-3.3)
D. 6 to 9 days	0.9	(0.4-2.4)
E. 10 to 19 days	1.0	(0.4-2.4)
F. 20 to 29 days	0.3	(0.0-2.0)
G. All 30 days	0.6	(0.2-2.2)
36. During the past 30 days, on how many days did you have 5 or more drinks of alcohol in a row, that is, within a couple of hours?		
A. 0 days	95.0	(91.3-97.1)
B. 1 day	2.0	(1.0-4.1)
C. 2 days	0.8	(0.3-2.2)
D. 3 to 5 days	1.1	(0.4-3.2)
E. 6 to 9 days	0.2	(0.0-1.5)
F. 10 to 19 days	0.3	(0.0-1.8)
G. 20 or more days	0.6	(0.2-2.2)
37. If you wanted to get some beer, wine, or hard liquor (for example, vodka, whiskey, or gin), how easy would it be for you to get?		
A. Very hard	58.6	(51.4-65.5)
B. Sort of hard	17.8	(15.2-20.8)
C. Sort of easy	15.8	(11.7-20.9)
D. Very easy	7.8	(5.2-11.5)
38. How wrong do your parents feel it would be for you to drink alcohol (beer, wine, or hard liquor) regularly?		
A. Very wrong	85.7	(80.6-89.6)
B. Wrong	9.9	(6.9-14.0)
C. A little bit wrong	3.3	(1.7-6.3)
D. Not wrong at all	1.1	(0.5-2.7)
39. How wrong do you think it is for someone your age to drink alcohol (beer, wine, or hard liquor) regularly?		
A. Very wrong	65.7	(56.1-74.2)
B. Wrong	22.3	(16.2-29.9)
C. A little bit wrong	6.9	(4.3-11.0)
D. Not wrong at all	5.0	(2.6-9.6)

	<u>Weighted</u>	<u>95% Confidence</u>
	<u>%</u>	<u>Interval</u>
40. How much do you think people risk harming themselves (physically or in other ways) if they have one or two drinks of beer, wine, or hard liquor nearly every day?		
A. No risk	8.3	(5.7-11.7)
B. Slight risk	12.8	(9.9-16.3)
C. Moderate risk	26.5	(22.1-31.4)
D. Great risk	52.4	(47.0-57.8)

Marijuana and other Drug Use

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

41. Have you ever used marijuana?		
A. Yes	15.8	(11.3-21.6)
B. No	84.2	(78.4-88.7)
42. How old were you when you tried marijuana for the first time?		
A. I have never tried marijuana	84.2	(78.4-88.7)
B. 8 years old or younger	2.6	(1.2-5.7)
C. 9 years old	2.2	(0.7-6.5)
D. 10 years old	3.2	(2.0-5.1)
E. 11 years old	1.3	(0.5-3.6)
F. 12 years old	4.4	(2.8-6.9)
G. 13 years old or older	2.1	(1.0-4.6)
43. During the past 30 days, how many times did you use marijuana?		
A. 0 times	91.4	(86.7-94.5)
B. 1 or 2 times	3.5	(2.2-5.5)
C. 3 to 9 times	2.9	(1.4-5.8)
D. 10 to 19 times	1.2	(0.5-2.9)
E. 20 to 39 times	0.0	(-.-)
F. 40 or more times	1.0	(0.4-2.8)
44. Have you ever taken a prescription drug (such as OxyContin, Percocet, Vicodin, codeine, Adderall, Ritalin, or Xanax) without a doctor's prescription?		
A. Yes	3.1	(1.8-5.3)
B. No	96.9	(94.7-98.2)
45. Have you ever used a pain killer to get high, like Vicodin, OxyContin (also called Oxy or OC), or Percocet (also called Percs)?		
A. Yes	3.1	(1.8-5.3)
B. No	96.9	(94.7-98.2)

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% **Interval**

46. Have you ever used any form of cocaine, including powder, crack, or freebase?

A. Yes

1.3

(0.5-3.4)

B. No

98.7

(96.6-99.5)

47. Have you ever sniffed glue, or breathed the contents of spray cans, or inhaled any paints or sprays to get high?

A. Yes

10.9

(7.5-15.6)

B. No

89.1

(84.4-92.5)

48. Have you ever used a needle to inject any illegal drug into your body?

A. Yes

0.6

(0.2-1.8)

B. No

99.4

(98.2-99.8)

Sexual Behavior

The next 4 questions ask about sexual intercourse.

49. Have you ever had sexual intercourse?

A. Yes

7.4

(4.7-11.6)

B. No

92.6

(88.4-95.3)

50. How old were you when you had sexual intercourse for the first time?

A. I have never had sexual intercourse

92.7

(88.4-95.4)

B. 8 years old or younger

0.2

(0.1-0.8)

C. 9 years old

0.1

(0.0-1.0)

D. 10 years old

0.9

(0.4-2.5)

E. 11 years old

1.7

(0.7-4.2)

F. 12 years old

1.5

(0.6-3.8)

G. 13 years old or older

2.8

(1.4-5.6)

51. With how many people have you ever had sexual intercourse?

A. I have never had sexual intercourse

92.6

(88.3-95.4)

B. 1 person

4.7

(2.6-8.5)

C. 2 people

0.9

(0.4-2.0)

D. 3 people

1.1

(0.4-3.3)

E. 4 people

0.3

(0.0-1.9)

F. 5 people

0.0

(-.-)

G. 6 or more people

0.4

(0.1-1.5)

95%

	<u>Weighted</u>	<u>Confidence</u>
	<u>%</u>	<u>Interval</u>
52. The last time you had sexual intercourse, did you or your partner use a condom?		
A. I have never had sexual intercourse	93.0	(89.3-95.5)
B. Yes	5.2	(3.3-8.3)
C. No	1.8	(0.9-3.3)

Body Weight

The next 4 questions ask about body weight.

53. How do you describe your weight?

A. Very underweight	2.7	(1.4-5.1)
B. Slightly underweight	12.1	(8.6-16.7)
C. About the right weight	57.3	(51.7-62.7)
D. Slightly overweight	25.0	(20.7-29.9)
E. Very overweight	2.9	(1.4-6.2)

54. Which of the following are you trying to do about your weight?

A. Lose weight	45.1	(37.7-52.7)
B. Gain weight	8.2	(5.4-12.3)
C. Stay the same weight	25.1	(20.8-30.0)
D. I am not trying to do anything about my weight	21.6	(15.2-29.7)

55. Have you ever gone without eating for 24 hours or more (also called fasting) to lose weight or to keep from gaining weight?

A. Yes	15.2	(11.5-19.8)
B. No	84.8	(80.2-88.5)

56. Have you ever vomited or taken laxatives to lose weight or to keep from gaining weight?

A. Yes	4.1	(2.3-7.3)
B. No	95.9	(92.7-97.7)

Physical Activity

The next 4 questions ask about physical activity.

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

A. 0 days	12.8	(8.9-18.0)
B. 1 day	4.3	(2.4-7.8)
C. 2 days	4.5	(2.6-7.8)
D. 3 days	7.1	(4.7-10.4)
E. 4 days	9.4	(6.4-13.6)
F. 5 days	14.4	(10.4-19.7)
G. 6 days	9.0	(6.2-13.0)
H. 7 days	38.4	(31.3-46.0)

58. On an average school day, how many hours do you watch TV?

A. I do not watch TV on an average school day	12.3	(10.1-15.0)
B. Less than 1 hour per day	21.5	(15.7-28.7)
C. 1 hour per day	14.0	(10.2-19.0)
D. 2 hours per day	21.2	(16.7-26.6)
E. 3 hours per day	16.8	(12.8-21.7)
F. 4 hours per day	5.9	(3.5-9.8)
G. 5 or more hours per day	8.3	(5.2-12.9)

59. On an average school day, how many hours do you play video or computer games or use a computer for something that is not school work? (Include activities such as Xbox, PlayStation, Nintendo DS, iPod touch, Facebook, and the Internet.)

A. I do not play video or computer games or use a computer for something that is not school work	17.6	(12.7-23.9)
B. Less than 1 hour per day	27.3	(22.7-32.4)
C. 1 hour per day	15.2	(11.0-20.6)
D. 2 hours per day	17.5	(13.9-21.9)
E. 3 hours per day	10.0	(7.2-13.7)
F. 4 hours per day	4.0	(2.4-6.6)
G. 5 or more hours per day	8.4	(5.4-13.0)

95%

	<u>Weighted</u>	<u>Confidence</u>
	<u>%</u>	<u>Interval</u>
60. In an average week when you are in school, on how many days do you go to physical education (PE) classes?		
A. 0 days	30.1	(21.1-41.0)
B. 1 day	2.9	(1.1-7.3)
C. 2 days	3.1	(1.0-9.2)
D. 3 days	3.7	(0.7-17.0)
E. 4 days	5.7	(2.4-12.9)
F. 5 days	54.5	(45.9-62.8)

Health-Related Topics

The next 4 questions ask about other health-related topics.

61. Have you ever been taught about AIDS or HIV infection in school?		
A. Yes	52.6	(39.8-65.0)
B. No	27.5	(19.5-37.3)
C. Not sure	19.9	(14.0-27.6)
62. Has a doctor or nurse ever told you that you have asthma?		
A. Yes	21.2	(17.6-25.4)
B. No	71.2	(67.7-74.5)
C. Not sure	7.5	(4.9-11.5)
63. Do you still have asthma?		
A. I have never had asthma	65.1	(60.2-69.7)
B. Yes	14.9	(11.3-19.4)
C. No	10.1	(6.9-14.5)
D. Not sure	9.9	(6.8-14.2)
64. Do you have enough food to eat, sometimes not enough to eat, or often not enough to eat?		
A. Enough food to eat	88.2	(83.4-91.7)
B. Sometimes not enough to eat	9.6	(6.9-13.2)
C. Often not enough to eat	2.3	(1.1-4.6)

Resiliency Factors

How true do you feel the following 10 statements are for you?

65. My friends get into a lot of trouble.		
A. Not true at all	34.1	(27.5-41.4)
B. A little true	52.1	(45.4-58.7)
C. Pretty much true	9.4	(5.5-15.7)
D. Very much true	4.4	(2.3-8.2)

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66. I often do things without thinking about what will happen.

A. Not true at all	30.0	(25.6-34.7)
B. A little true	46.3	(41.1-51.7)
C. Pretty much true	16.8	(12.7-22.0)
D. Very much true	6.8	(4.8-9.6)

67. I have a friend about my own age who really cares about me.

A. Not true at all	9.6	(5.9-15.1)
B. A little true	19.1	(14.1-25.2)
C. Pretty much true	20.5	(16.0-25.9)
D. Very much true	50.8	(44.1-57.5)

68. Outside of my home and school, there is an adult who really cares about me.

A. Not true at all	9.0	(6.2-12.8)
B. A little true	6.4	(4.5-9.0)
C. Pretty much true	8.0	(5.3-11.8)
D. Very much true	76.7	(70.9-81.6)

69. At my school there is a teacher or some other adult who really cares about me.

A. Not true at all	12.6	(8.2-18.9)
B. A little true	28.8	(24.9-32.9)
C. Pretty much true	23.6	(18.9-29.1)
D. Very much true	35.0	(28.9-41.7)

70. In my home, there is a parent or some other adult who listens to me when I have something to say.

A. Not true at all	7.9	(5.2-12.0)
B. A little true	8.9	(5.7-13.7)
C. Pretty much true	18.9	(15.9-22.4)
D. Very much true	64.3	(59.1-69.1)

71. In my home, there is a parent or some other adult who talks with me about my problems.

A. Not true at all	14.4	(10.4-19.6)
B. A little true	13.1	(9.7-17.3)
C. Pretty much true	25.2	(21.1-29.8)
D. Very much true	47.4	(41.8-53.1)

95%**Weighted** **Confidence**
% **Interval**

72. In my school, there are clear rules about what students can and cannot do.

A. Not true at all

4.8

(2.7-8.3)

B. A little true

9.4

(6.9-12.7)

C. Pretty much true

24.8

(18.4-32.5)

D. Very much true

61.0

(52.3-69.1)

73. When I am not at home, one of my parents/guardians knows where I am and who I am with.

A. Not true at all

2.2

(1.0-4.8)

B. A little true

9.3

(5.5-15.5)

C. Pretty much true

21.0

(14.9-28.7)

D. Very much true

67.5

(60.3-73.9)

74. Outside of my home and school, I am a part of clubs, sports teams, church/temple, or other group activities.

A. Not true at all

20.9

(16.2-26.4)

B. A little true

11.0

(8.0-14.8)

C. Pretty much true

17.0

(12.1-23.5)

D. Very much true

51.1

(42.5-59.7)

Appendix B About this Report

Appendix B: About this Report

This report contains county level results from the 2011 New Mexico Middle School Youth Risk and Resiliency Survey (YRRS). The YRRS is a statewide survey of public school students in middle schools and high schools throughout New Mexico. Statewide and county level results are available at

www.YouthRisk.org, and

www.health.state.nm.us/ERD/HealthData/yrrs.shtml.

Together, these documents comprise a useful tool for those working on youth-related issues at the state and local level.

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

Using the Report

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

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

In some cases with very few students in a particular age or gender group, data have been suppressed to protect the anonymity of the individual respondents. Suppressed data are marked with "--". In cases where there are fewer than 25 respondents per grade level or gender, grade level or gender charts have been omitted.

NOTE: County level YRRS reports are freely available. School district reports have been distributed to school district offices. School districts are encouraged to reproduce and share these reports with community groups concerned with prevention and health promotion. However, school district level results will not be released without express permission of the school district superintendent. Forms for requesting school district data are available at www.YouthRisk.org.

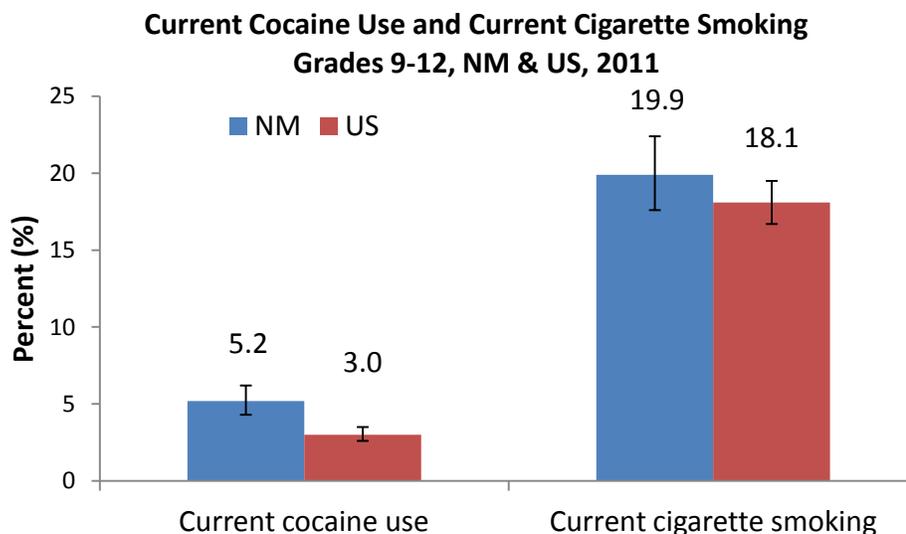
Understanding the Charts - and A Word about Error Bars

The bar charts in this report present the percentage of students who reported engaging in any given risk behavior or who reported having any given protective factor. The height of the bars conveys the percentage of students reporting each trait, and provides a quick visual comparison between different groups of students reporting that trait. A label for each bar presents the actual percentage of students who reported each trait. For instance, the chart on page 24, Unintentional Injury, shows that 7.5% of students in New Mexico rarely or never wore seatbelts, while 7.0% of students in Taos County rarely or never wore seatbelts.

Because of the high cost and logistical complications involved in conducting a statewide survey, the YRRS was administered to a sample of students, rather than to every single student in each school district. Because YRRS data are from a **sample** of students, and not the entire student body, the results in this report are **estimates**. As with all estimates, there is some uncertainty associated with each of these results. On the charts in this report, this degree of uncertainty is represented by an error bar (or confidence interval). The error bar is the thin 'I' shaped line that extends above and below the end of each bar in a chart.

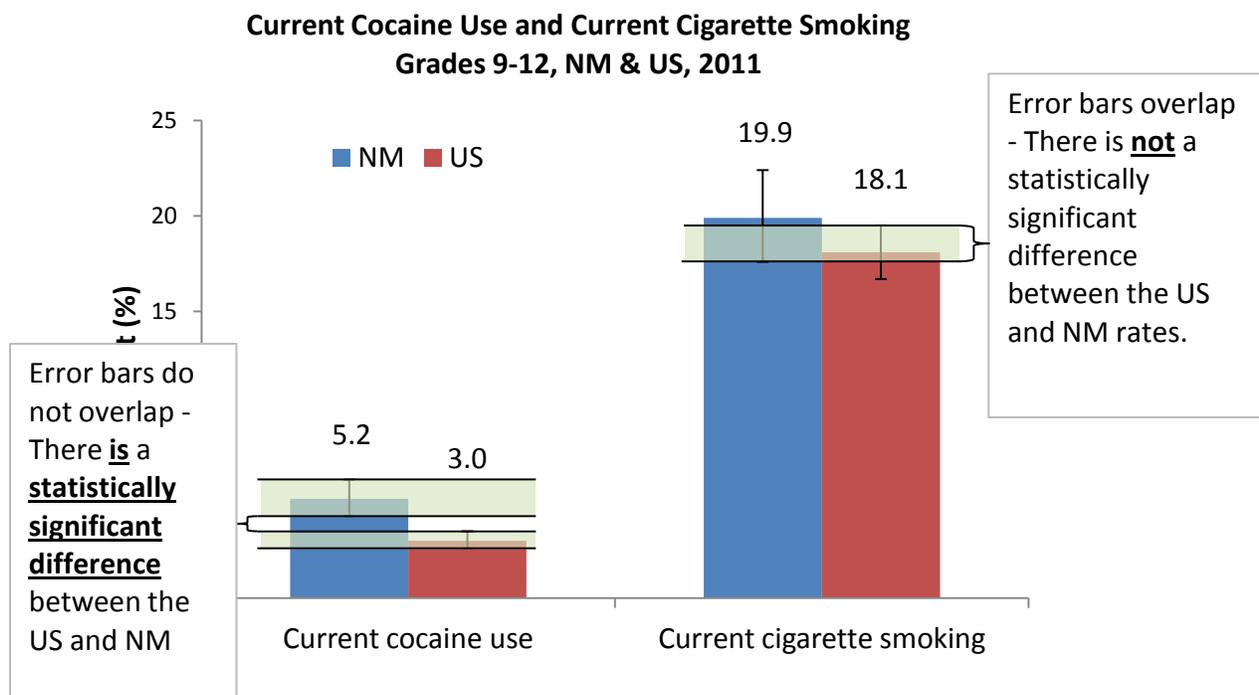
One of the major influences on the size of the confidence interval or error bar is the number of participants in the survey. In general, this means that with more students participating in the survey, there will be a higher degree of confidence in the results (i.e., error bars will be smaller).

The proper interpretation of an error bar can be illustrated by looking at the chart below. This chart compares the high school prevalence of smoking and cocaine use for New Mexico to the United States prevalence for 2011. The chart shows that the prevalence of current smoking was 19.9% in New Mexico and 18.1% in the United States. The error bar for the estimate of current smoking among New Mexico students extends approximately 2 percentage points in either direction, from 17.6% to 22.4%. This means that we are confident that the actual percentage of smokers in this group of students was between 17.6% and 22.4%. The error bar for the estimate of current smoking in the US extends approximately 1.5 percentage points in either direction, from 16.7% to 19.5%. We are confident that the actual percentage of smokers among this group was between 16.7% and 19.5%.



How does knowing the upper and lower limits of our error bars help us? While it appears at first glance that New Mexico has a higher prevalence of smoking than the United States (19.9% vs. 18.1%), a closer look at the error bars shows a more complicated picture. The error bars for the New Mexico estimate (17.6%–22.4%) and the US estimate (16.7%–19.5%) overlap. Because of this overlap, we do not have a high degree of confidence that the prevalence of smoking in New Mexico is actually different from the prevalence in the United States. In other words, the difference between the prevalence of smoking in New Mexico and the United States is not statistically significant.

For cocaine use it also appears that New Mexico had a higher prevalence than the United States (5.2% vs. 3.0%). The error bar for New Mexico extends from 4.3% to 6.2%, and the error bar for the United States extends from 2.6% to 3.5%. Because the higher bound of the US error bar (3.5%) is lower than the lower bound of the NM error bar (4.3%), these error bars do not overlap. For cocaine use, we are confident in saying that the New Mexico prevalence was higher than the US prevalence. In other words, the difference between the prevalence of cocaine use in New Mexico and the United States was a statistically significant difference.



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

Risk Behavior and Resiliency/Protective Factor DefinitionsUnintentional Injury

Rarely or never wore a bike helmet

Of those who rode a bicycle, answered 'Never' or 'Rarely' to the question, *When you ride*

Rarely or never wore a seatbelt

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

Ever rode in a car with a drinking driver

Answered 'Yes' to the question, *Have you ever ridden in a car driven by someone who*

Violence-Related Behaviors

Ever carried a weapon, such as a gun, knife, or club

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

Ever been in a physical fight

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

Ever bullied on school property

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

Ever bullied electronically

Answered 'Yes' to the question, *Have you ever been electronically bullied? (Include being*

Mental Health

Ever seriously thought about killing self

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

Ever planned to kill self

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

Ever tried to kill self

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

Tobacco Use

Ever smoked cigarettes

Answered 'Yes' to the question, *Have you ever tried cigarette smoking, even*

First smoked a cigarette before age 11

Answered '10 years old' or younger to the question, *How old were you when*

Smoked at least one whole cigarette in life

Answered '1 cigarette' or more to the question, *About how many cigarettes*

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

Answered '1 or 2 days' or more to the question, *During the past 30 days,*

Non-smoker

Answered '0 days' to the question, *During the past 30 days, on how many*

Frequent cigarette smoking

Answered '20 to 29 days' or more to the question, *During the past 30 days,*

Smoked on school property

Answered '1 or 2 days' or more to the question, *During the past 30 days,*

Marlboro is usual brand among current cigarette smokers

Of current cigarette smokers, answered 'Marlboro' to the question, *During the past 30*

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

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

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

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

- and -

Answered '0 days' to the question, *During the past 30 days, on how many days*

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

Answered 'Yes' to the question, *During the past 12 months, did you ever try*
- and -

Answered '1 or 2 days' or more to the question, *During the past 30 days,*

Current cigar smoking

Answered '1 or 2 days' or more to the question, *During the past 30 days,*

Current spit tobacco use

Answered '1 or 2 days' or more to the question, *During the past 30 days,*

In the same room with a smoker in the past 7 days

Answered '1 or 2 days' or more to the question, *During the past 7 days, on how*

Will definitely or probably smoke cigarettes in the next year

Answered 'Probably yes' or 'Definitely yes' to the question, *Do you think you will*

Would definitely or probably smoke if best friend offered

Answered 'Probably yes' or 'Definitely yes' to the question, *If one of your best*

Saw ads about smoking danger in the past 30 days

Answered '1 to 3 times during the past 30 days' or more to the question,

Believes smoke from other people's cigarettes is definitely harmful

Answered 'Definitely yes' to the question, *Do you think smoke from other people's*

Alcohol Use

Ever drank alcohol

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

Drank alcohol before age 11

Answered '10 years old' or younger to the question, *How old were you when*

Current drinking

Answered '1 or 2 days' or more to the question, *During the past 30 days,*

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

Answered '1 day' or more to the question, *During the past 30 days, on how*

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

Answered 'Very easy' or 'Sort of easy' to the question, *If you wanted to get*

My parents think my regular alcohol use would be wrong

Answered 'Very wrong' or 'Wrong' to the question, *How wrong do your parents*

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

Answered 'Very wrong' or 'Wrong' to the question, *How wrong do you think it*

People face great risk from daily alcohol use

Answered *great risk* to the question, *How much do you think people risk*

Drug use

Ever used marijuana

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

First used marijuana before age 11

Answered '10 years old' or younger to the question, *How old were you when*

Current marijuana use

Answered '1 or 2 times' or more to the question, *During the past 30 days,*

Ever used a prescription drug without a doctor's prescription

Answered 'Yes' to the question, *Have you ever taken a prescription drug*

Ever used a painkiller to get high

Answered 'Yes' to the question, *Have you ever used a pain killer to get high, like*

Ever used cocaine

Answered 'Yes' to the question, *Have you ever used any form of cocaine,*

Ever used inhalants

Answered 'Yes' to the question, *Have you ever sniffed glue, or breathed the*

Ever used illegal injection drugs

Answered 'Yes' to the question, *Have you ever used a needle to inject any*

Sexual Activity

Ever had sexual intercourse

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

Had sexual intercourse before age 11

Answered '10 years old' or younger to the question, *How old were you when*

Had sexual intercourse with three or more people in lifetime

Answered '3 people' or more to the question, *With how many people have*

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

Answered 'Yes' to the question, *The last time you had sexual intercourse,*

- among those who -

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

Taught about HIV/AIDS

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

Body Weight and Weight Control

Self-described as slightly or very overweight

Answered 'Very overweight' or 'Slightly overweight' to the question, *How do*

Trying to lose weight

Answered 'Lose weight' to the question, *Which of the following are you trying*

Ever fasted to lose weight

Answered 'Yes' to the question, *Have you ever gone without eating for 24 hours*

Ever vomited or used laxatives to lose weight

Answered 'Yes' to the question, *Have you ever vomited or taken laxatives to*

Physical Activity

No days of physical activity per week

Answered '0 days' to the question, *During the past 7 days, on how many days*

Five days of physical activity per week

Answered '5 days' or more to the question, *During the past 7 days, on how many*

Daily physical activity

Answered '7 days' to the question, *During the past 7 days, on how many*

At least one day/week of physical education

Answered '1 day' or more to the question, *In an average week when you are*

Daily physical education at school

Answered '5 days' to the question, *In an average week when you are in school,*

Resiliency/Protective Factors

Unless otherwise noted, responses in the resiliency/protective factor sections of this report refer to

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