

Pride Surveys Questionnaire for Grades 6 thru 12 Executive Summary

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1 Introduction

This executive summary report presents a summary of results gathered from the administration of the Pride Surveys Questionnaire to students at your school(s). The report features data displayed as figures and tables for topic areas of most interest for school systems and community coalitions.

Comprehensive results of the survey responses are available in the full report found on your data disk. Both reports are designed to assist you in meeting federal and state requirements for assessment and evaluation of student behaviors and perceptions on topics that affect student achievement and well-being. The results of your survey can also help to inform decisions at all levels – classroom, district and state.

Most of the data are reported in tables that display number of responses and percentage of respondents. The survey allows students to skip over questions that are not applicable to them or that they did not wish to answer. In those cases, the number of responses to any one question may vary from the total number of student respondents. Also, to protect confidentiality, data for items with fewer than 10 responses are not reported.

The topics highlighted in this executive summary include: student behaviors related to drug use; student perceptions about drug use; student mental and physical health; vehicle safety; school climate; family life; and risk and protective factors. Remember that this summary is an overview of your survey results; the full report is on your disk.

Navigating the Report. The PDF version of this report contains several navigation features. The Table of Contents contains active links to each of the sections of the report. In addition, some pages have navigation buttons that will allow the reader to return to Table of Contents or go to a related topic.

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2 Demographics

Total number of students surveyed: **1,811**

- Number of 6th grade students surveyed: **544 (30.0%)**
- Number of 8th grade students surveyed: **501 (27.7%)**
- Number of 10th grade students surveyed: **462 (25.5%)**
- Number of 12th grade students surveyed: **304 (16.8%)**

Breakdown by sex - it is possible for the sum of the numbers by sex to be less than the overall total since not all students will answer the sex question.

- Number of Male students surveyed: **825 (49.7%)**
- Number of Female students surveyed: **834 (50.3%)**

3 Past 30 Day Drug Use

NOTE: For tables, *N of Valid* is the number of students who answered the question and *N of Missing* is the number of students who did not answer the question.

Table 1: Past 30 Day Use – **Cigarettes**

Grade Level	N of Valid	N of Miss	30 Day Use
6th	539	5	0.6
8th	493	8	5.7
10th	455	7	6.6
12th	298	6	14.8
6-8	1032	13	3.0
9-12	753	13	9.8
Total	1785	26	5.9

Table 2: Past 30 Day Use – **Alcohol**

Grade Level	N of Valid	N of Miss	30 Day Use
6th	534	10	1.5
8th	491	10	10.6
10th	453	9	13.9
12th	298	6	34.2
6-8	1025	20	5.9
9-12	751	15	22.0
Total	1776	35	12.7

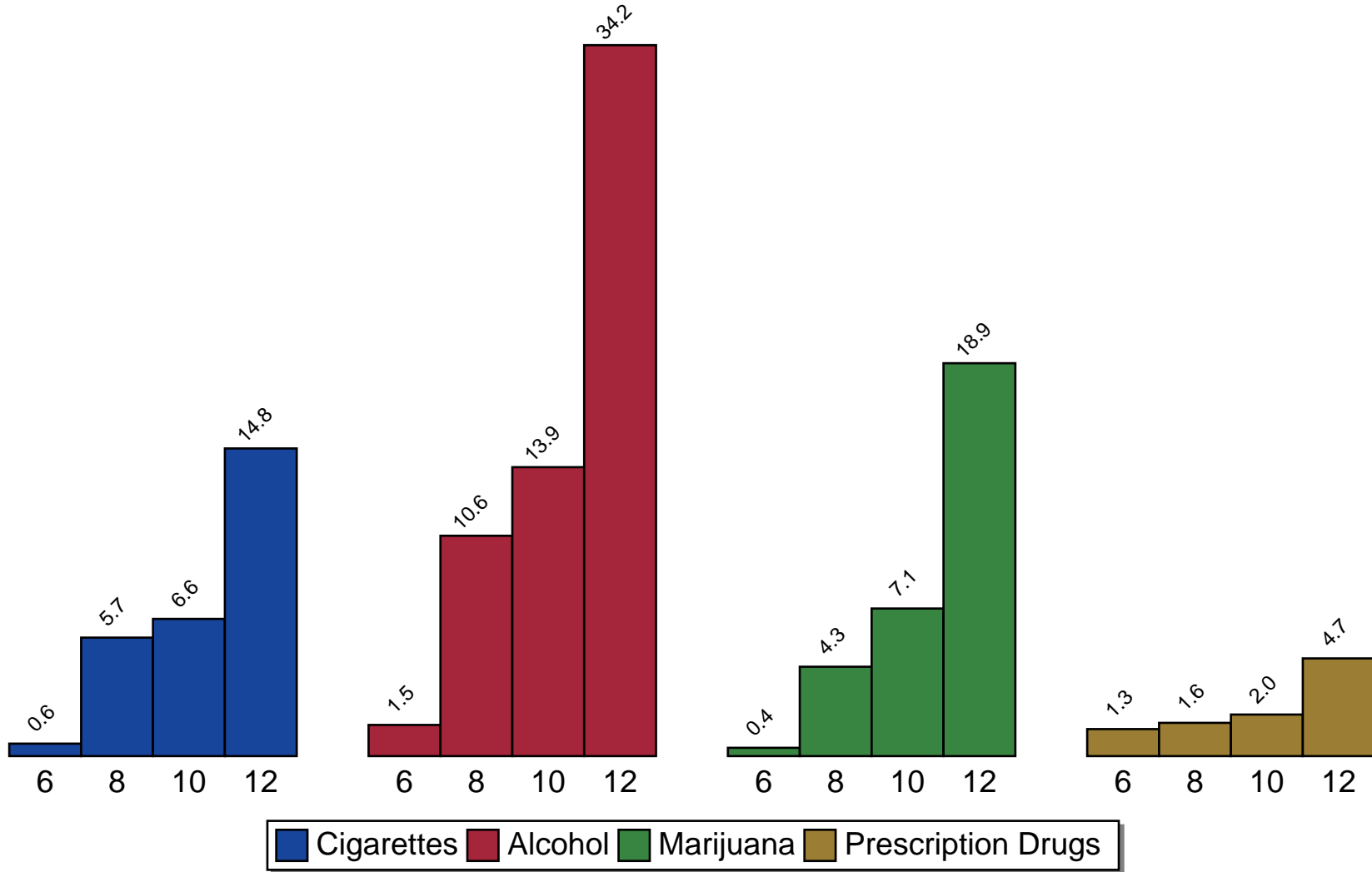
Table 3: Past 30 Day Use – **Marijuana**

Grade Level	N of Valid	N of Miss	30 Day Use
6th	532	12	0.4
8th	488	13	4.3
10th	448	14	7.1
12th	297	7	18.9
6-8	1020	25	2.3
9-12	745	21	11.8
Total	1765	46	6.3

Table 4: Past 30 Day Use – **Prescription Drugs**

Grade Level	N of Valid	N of Miss	30 Day Use
6th	533	11	1.3
8th	490	11	1.6
10th	452	10	2.0
12th	297	7	4.7
6-8	1023	22	1.5
9-12	749	17	3.1
Total	1772	39	2.1

Past 30 Day Use of Cigarettes, Alcohol, Marijuana & Prescription Drugs



Source: Pride Surveys

4 Students' Perception of Risk

Students are asked about their perception of risk of regular use of cigarettes, alcohol and marijuana and any use of prescription drugs not prescribed to them with the possible responses being *No Risk*, *Slight Risk*, *Moderate Risk* or *Great Risk*. Past analysis of national statistics indicates that as students' perception of risk increases, use of substances decreases. It is also typical for the perception of risk (*Moderate Risk* or *Great Risk*) to decrease as a child gets older. Your students' responses are detailed in the following tables.

Table 5: Students' Perception of Risk of **Cigarettes**

Grade Level	N of Valid	N of Miss	Moderate or Great Risk
6th	526	18	79.3
8th	488	13	82.4
10th	450	12	82.9
12th	293	11	85.0
6-8	1014	31	80.8
9-12	743	23	83.7
Total	1757	54	82.0

Table 6: Students' Perception of Risk of **Alcohol**

Grade Level	N of Valid	N of Miss	Moderate or Great Risk
6th	524	20	68.9
8th	486	15	68.9
10th	444	18	68.2
12th	295	9	66.8
6-8	1010	35	68.9
9-12	739	27	67.7
Total	1749	62	68.4

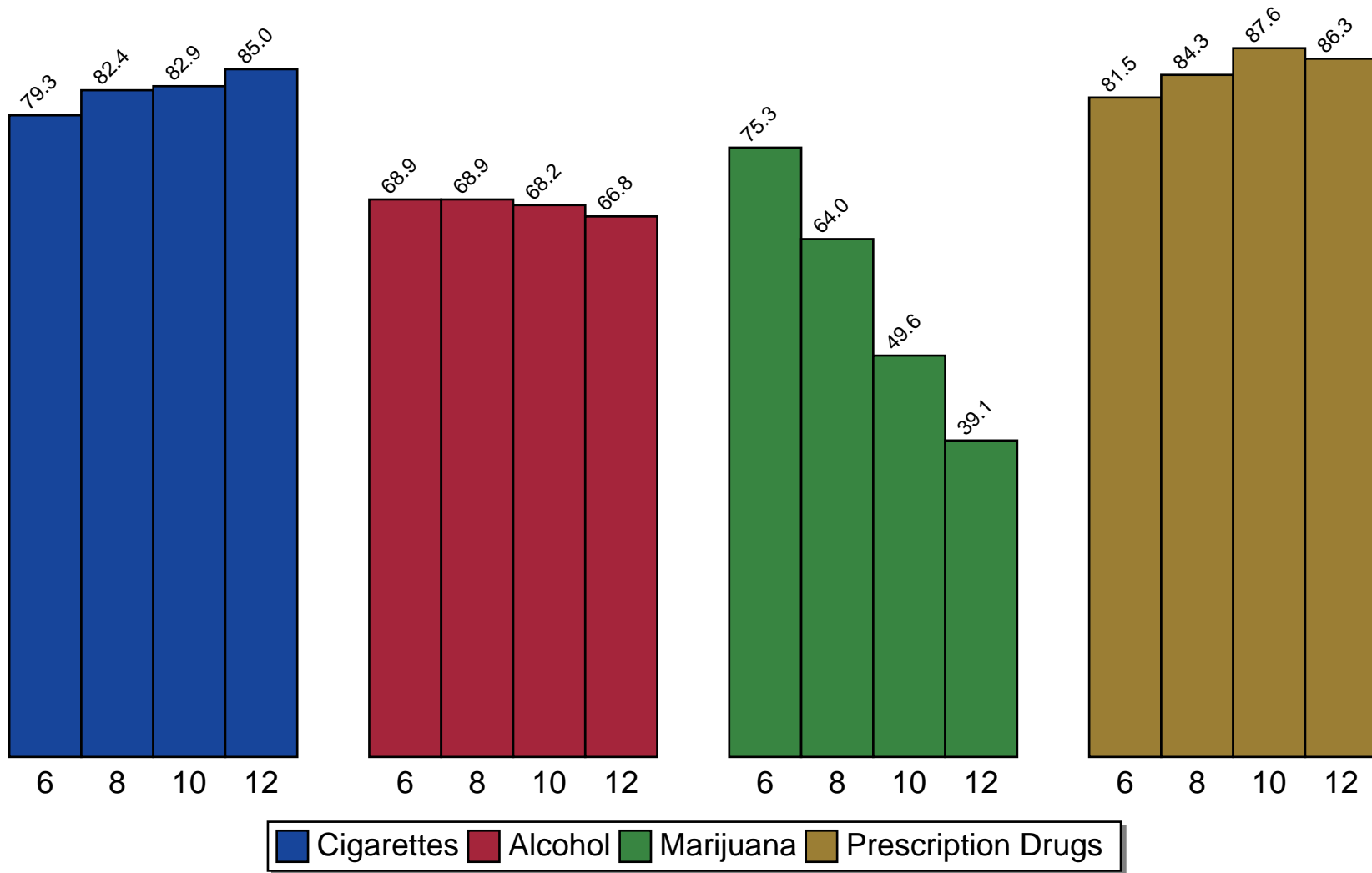
Table 7: Students' Perception of Risk of **Marijuana**

Grade Level	N of Valid	N of Miss	Moderate or Great Risk
6th	518	26	75.3
8th	484	17	64.0
10th	448	14	49.6
12th	294	10	39.1
6-8	1002	43	69.9
9-12	742	24	45.4
Total	1744	67	59.5

Table 8: Students' Perception of Risk of **Prescription Drugs**

Grade Level	N of Valid	N of Miss	Moderate or Great Risk
6th	524	20	81.5
8th	484	17	84.3
10th	444	18	87.6
12th	292	12	86.3
6-8	1008	37	82.8
9-12	736	30	87.1
Total	1744	67	84.6

% Students Who Perceive Cigarettes, Alcohol, Marijuana, & Prescription Drug Use As Moderate Risk Or Great Risk



Source: Pride Surveys

5 Students' Perception of Disapproval

Past analysis of national statistics indicates that the majority of students tend to perceive parents as feeling it is *Wrong* or *Very Wrong* for students to use tobacco, drink alcohol regularly, smoke marijuana and to use prescription drugs not prescribed to them for all grade levels. Your students' responses are detailed in the following tables.

Table 9: Students' Perception Of **Parents'** Disapproval Of Use of **Tobacco**

Grade Level	N of Valid	N of Miss	Wrong or Very Wrong
6th	531	13	94.7
8th	484	17	92.6
10th	444	18	89.2
12th	291	13	81.1
6-8	1015	30	93.7
9-12	735	31	86.0
Total	1750	61	90.5

Table 10: Students' Perception Of **Parents'** Disapproval Of Use of **Alcohol**

Grade Level	N of Valid	N of Miss	Wrong or Very Wrong
6th	527	17	93.7
8th	481	20	88.8
10th	443	19	89.8
12th	291	13	80.8
6-8	1008	37	91.4
9-12	734	32	86.2
Total	1742	69	89.2

Table 11: Students' Perception Of **Parents'** Disapproval Of Use of **Marijuana**

Grade Level	N of Valid	N of Miss	Wrong or Very Wrong
6th	527	17	95.4
8th	482	19	91.3
10th	442	20	86.2
12th	290	14	78.6
6-8	1009	36	93.5
9-12	732	34	83.2
Total	1741	70	89.1

Table 12: Students' Perception Of **Parents'** Disapproval Of Use of **Prescription Drugs**

Grade Level	N of Valid	N of Miss	Wrong or Very Wrong
6th	529	15	94.9
8th	481	20	95.4
10th	443	19	95.9
12th	291	13	96.2
6-8	1010	35	95.1
9-12	734	32	96.0
Total	1744	67	95.5

Typically, students perceive a decreasing amount of disapproval from their friends as they grow older. This is helpful in understanding peer pressure. The following tables detail your students' responses to their friends' disapproval.

Table 13: Students' Perception of **Friends'** Disapproval of Use of **Tobacco**

Grade Level	N of Valid	N of Miss	Wrong or Very Wrong
6th	530	14	90.6
8th	475	26	78.3
10th	440	22	64.5
12th	286	18	53.5
6-8	1005	40	84.8
9-12	726	40	60.2
Total	1731	80	74.5

Table 14: Students' Perception of **Friends'** Disapproval of Use of **Alcohol**

Grade Level	N of Valid	N of Miss	Wrong or Very Wrong
6th	526	18	88.4
8th	476	25	75.2
10th	437	25	63.6
12th	289	15	57.8
6-8	1002	43	82.1
9-12	726	40	61.3
Total	1728	83	73.4

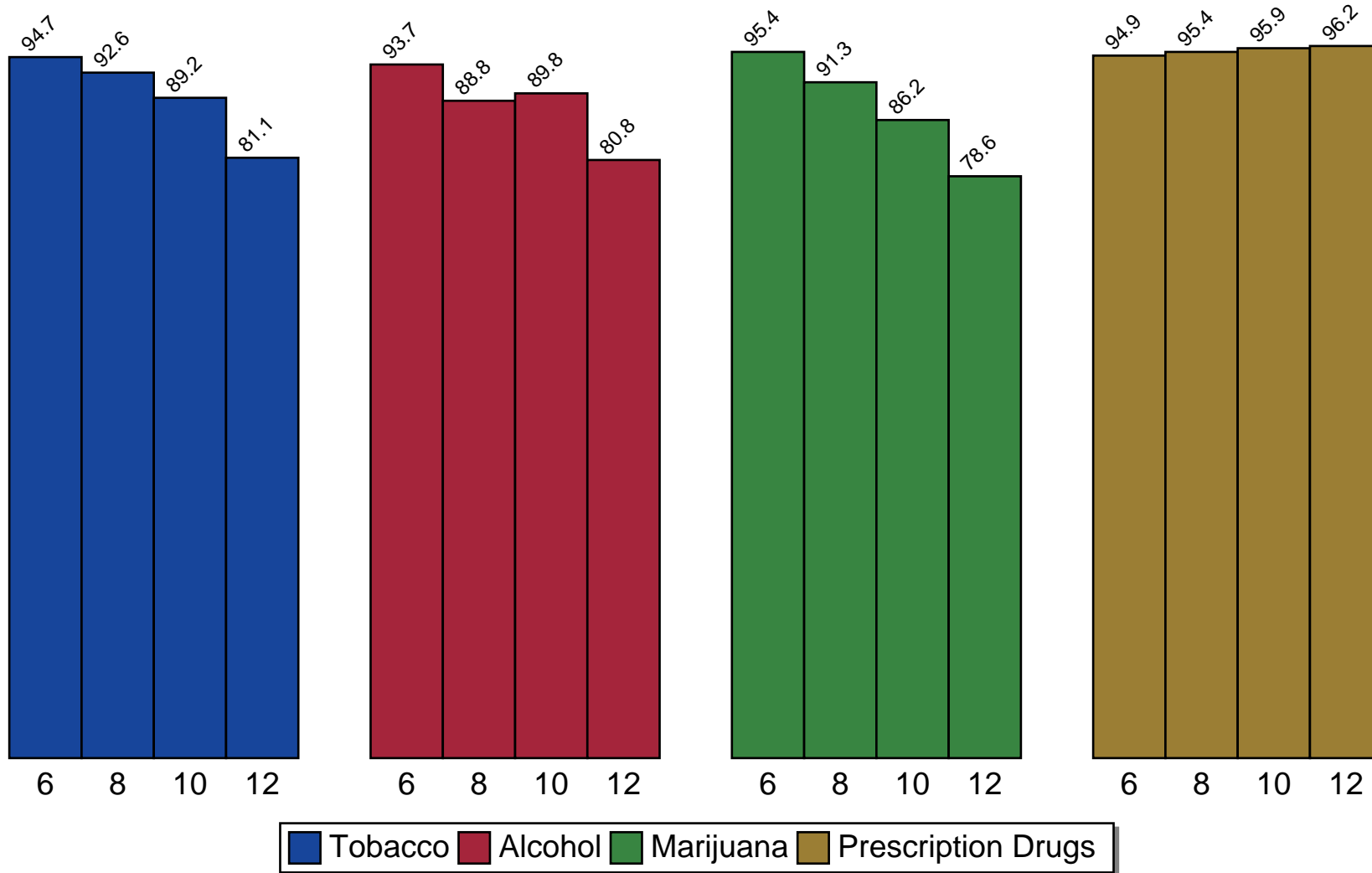
Table 15: Students' Perception of **Friends'** Disapproval of Use of **Marijuana**

Grade Level	N of Valid	N of Miss	Wrong or Very Wrong
6th	523	21	93.9
8th	475	26	76.8
10th	438	24	59.8
12th	288	16	50.7
6-8	998	47	85.8
9-12	726	40	56.2
Total	1724	87	73.3

Table 16: Students' Perception of **Friends'** Disapproval of Use of **Prescription Drugs**

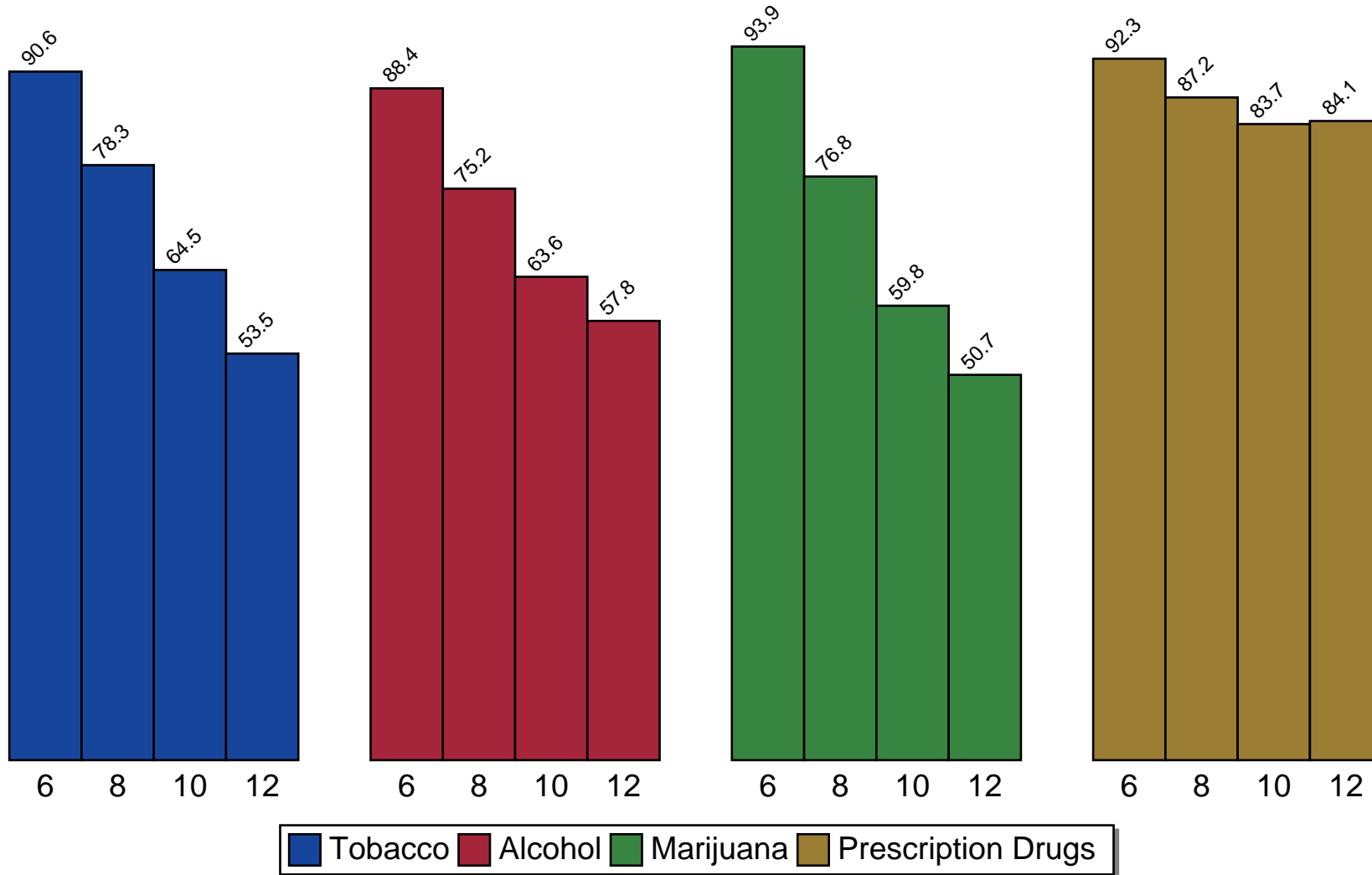
Grade Level	N of Valid	N of Miss	Wrong or Very Wrong
6th	522	22	92.3
8th	469	32	87.2
10th	436	26	83.7
12th	289	15	84.1
6-8	991	54	89.9
9-12	725	41	83.9
Total	1716	95	87.4

% Perceive Parents Feel It Is Wrong or Very Wrong For Students To Use Tobacco, Alcohol, Marijuana and Prescription Drugs



Source: Pride Surveys

% Perceive Friends Feel It Is Wrong or Very Wrong For Students To Use Tobacco, Alcohol, Marijuana and Prescription Drugs



Source: Pride Surveys

6 Age of First Use

The question *At what age did you first use...* is used to measure this statistic. The possible responses to this question range from *10 or Under* to *17 or Older* and *Never Used*. The table shows the average age of first use for those students who answered the question with a response other than *Never Used*.

Table 17: When did you first use any **tobacco**?

Grade Level	N of Valid	N of Miss	Avg Age
6th	17	527	11.3
8th	66	435	11.8
10th	99	363	13.0
12th	104	200	13.9
6-8	83	962	11.7
9-12	203	563	13.4
Total	286	1525	12.9

Table 18: When did you first use any **alcohol**?

Grade Level	N of Valid	N of Miss	Avg Age
6th	43	501	10.8
8th	119	382	11.9
10th	185	277	13.5
12th	175	129	14.6
6-8	162	883	11.6
9-12	360	406	14.0
Total	522	1289	13.3

Table 19: When did you first use any **marijuana**?

Grade Level	N of Valid	N of Miss	Avg Age
6th	4	540	10.8
8th	39	462	12.1
10th	78	384	14.0
12th	97	207	14.8
6-8	43	1002	12.0
9-12	175	591	14.4
Total	218	1593	13.9

Table 20: When did you first use any **prescription drugs**?

Grade Level	N of Valid	N of Miss	Avg Age
6th	10	534	10.6
8th	12	489	12.5
10th	17	445	12.8
12th	17	287	14.6
6-8	22	1023	11.6
9-12	34	732	13.7
Total	56	1755	12.9

7 Students' Perception of Availability

Past analysis of national statistics indicates that as students get older a larger percentage of them tend to perceive tobacco, alcohol, marijuana and prescription drugs as *Fairly Easy* or *Very Easy* to get. Your students' responses are detailed in the following tables.

Table 21: Students' Perception of Availability of **Tobacco**

Grade Level	N of Valid	N of Miss	Fairly Easy or Very Easy to Get
6th	524	20	9.4
8th	479	22	19.2
10th	439	23	37.8
12th	289	15	55.7
6-8	1003	42	14.1
9-12	728	38	44.9
Total	1731	80	27.0

Table 22: Students' Perception of Availability of **Alcohol**

Grade Level	N of Valid	N of Miss	Fairly Easy or Very Easy to Get
6th	521	23	11.5
8th	480	21	23.3
10th	434	28	40.1
12th	289	15	53.3
6-8	1001	44	17.2
9-12	723	43	45.4
Total	1724	87	29.0

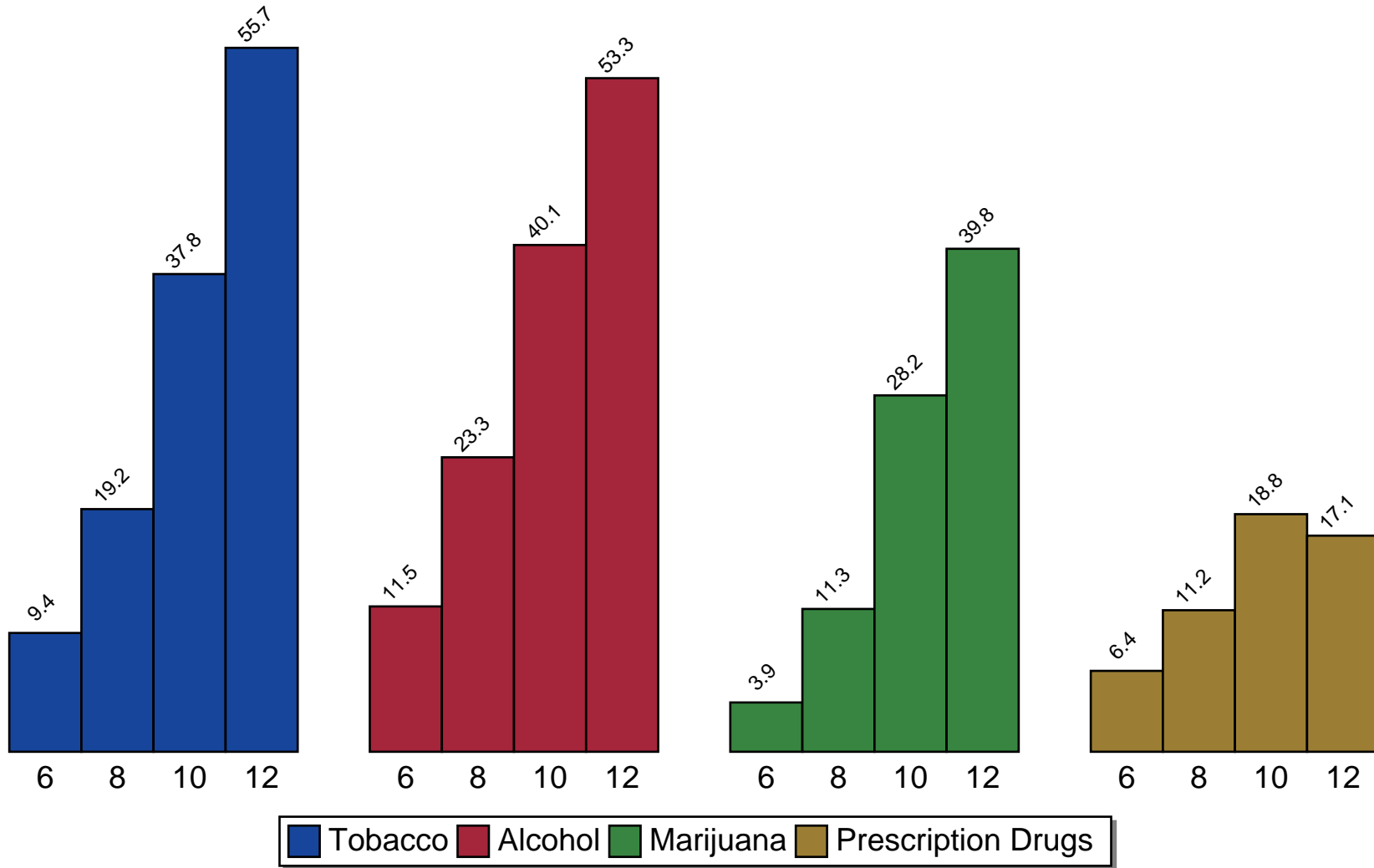
Table 23: Students' Perception of Availability of **Marijuana**

Grade Level	N of Valid	N of Miss	Fairly Easy or Very Easy to Get
6th	516	28	3.9
8th	479	22	11.3
10th	432	30	28.2
12th	289	15	39.8
6-8	995	50	7.4
9-12	721	45	32.9
Total	1716	95	18.1

Table 24: Students' Perception of Availability of **Prescription Drugs**

Grade Level	N of Valid	N of Miss	Fairly Easy or Very Easy to Get
6th	513	31	6.4
8th	473	28	11.2
10th	432	30	18.8
12th	287	17	17.1
6-8	986	59	8.7
9-12	719	47	18.1
Total	1705	106	12.7

% Students Who Perceive Tobacco, Alcohol, Marijuana, and Prescription Drugs As Fairly Easy Or Very Easy To Get



Source: Pride Surveys

8 Violence Indicators

Except where noted by an '**', the following table lists the percentage of students who made any positive response to the following questions.

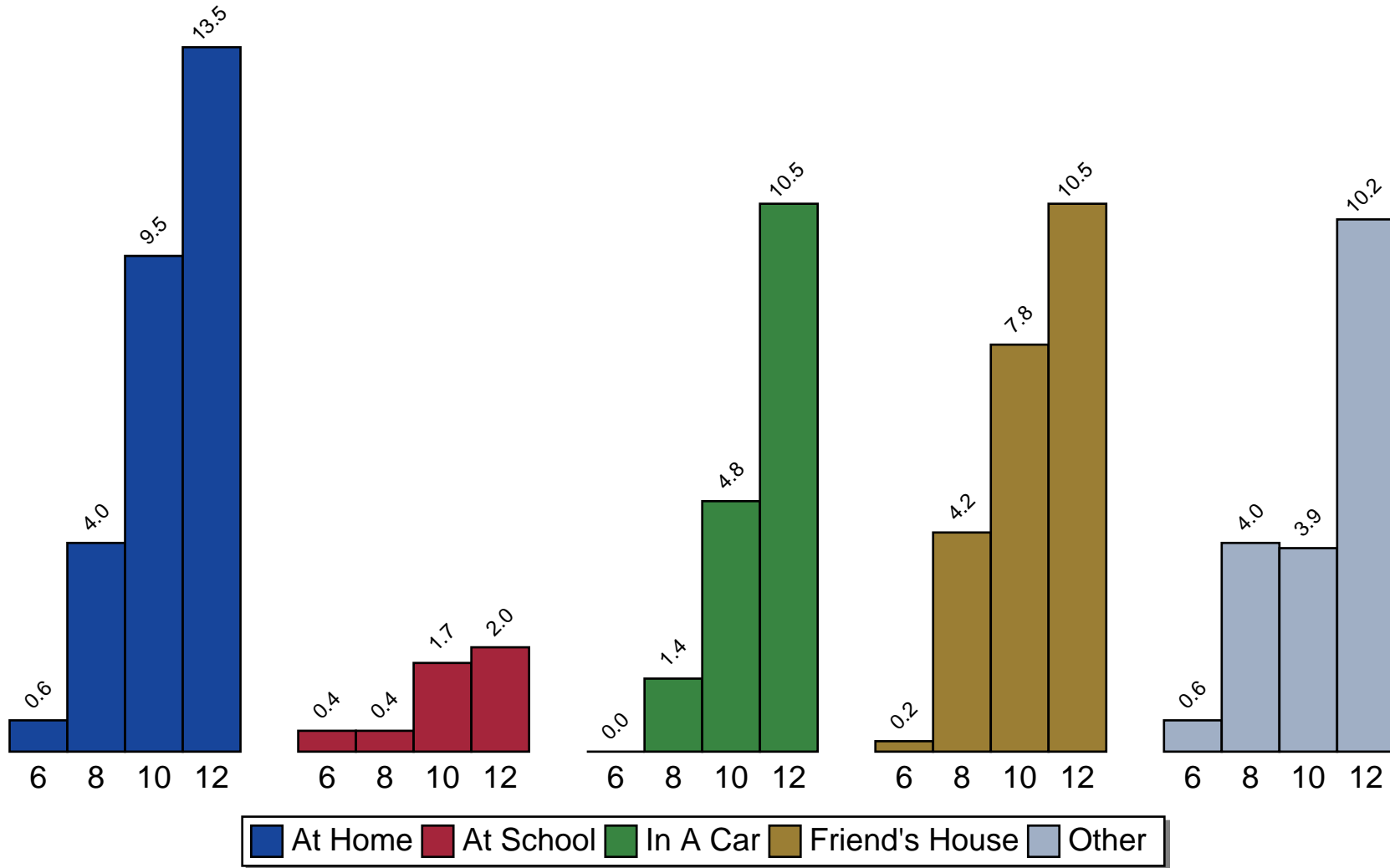
Table 25: Violence Indicators

Violence Indicator	Num	Pct
Being afraid at school	384	22.4%
Being hurt at school	317	18.1%
Threatened a fellow student	294	16.8%
Get into trouble with police	279	15.6%
Thought <i>often</i> or <i>a lot</i> about suicide*	141	8.0%
Participated in gangs	79	4.4%

9 Where Students Use

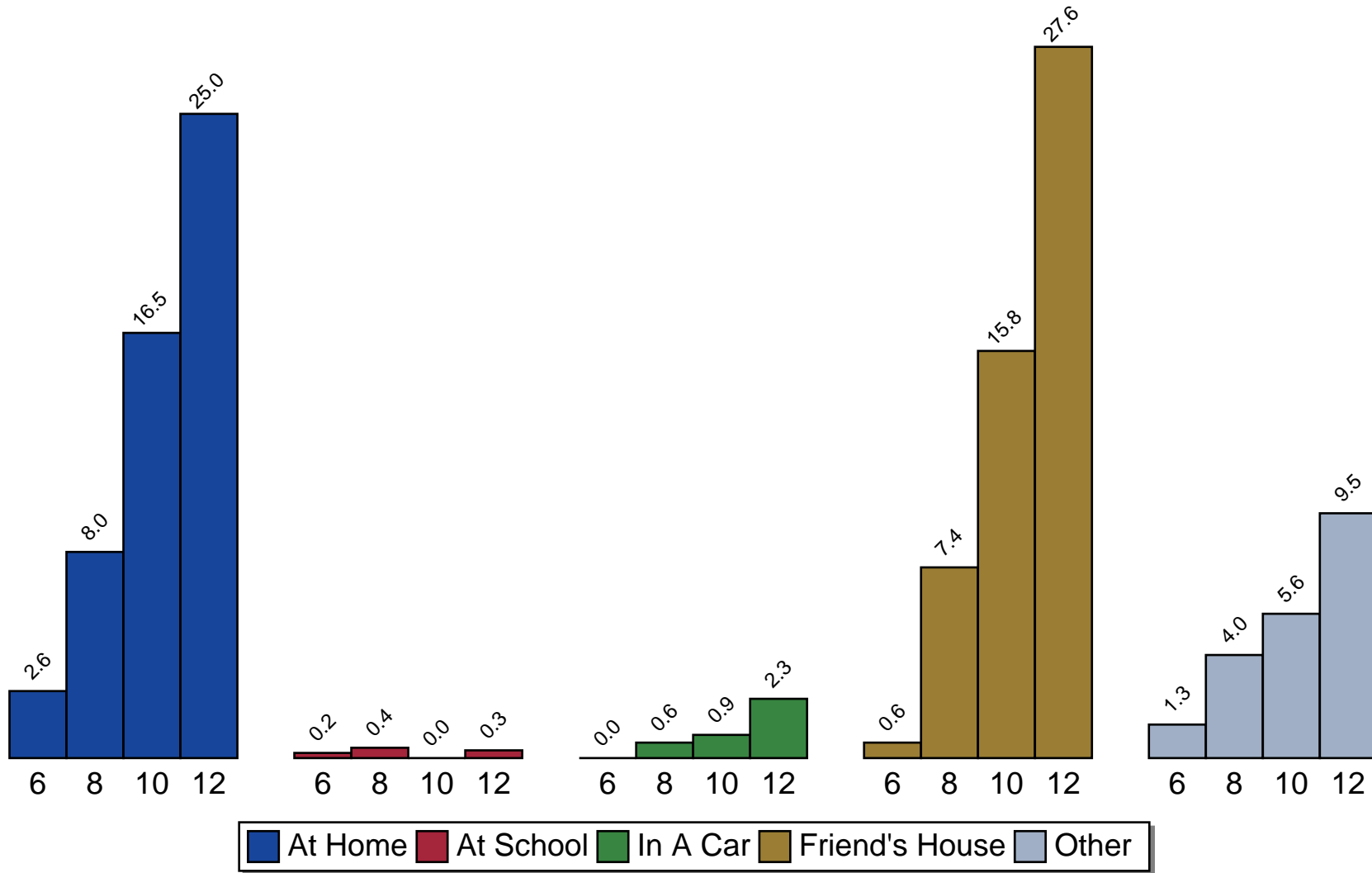
The following graphs show where students report using tobacco, alcohol, marijuana, and prescription drugs. Past analysis of national statistics show that *At School* is typically the *least* popular place of use.

Where Do You Use Tobacco



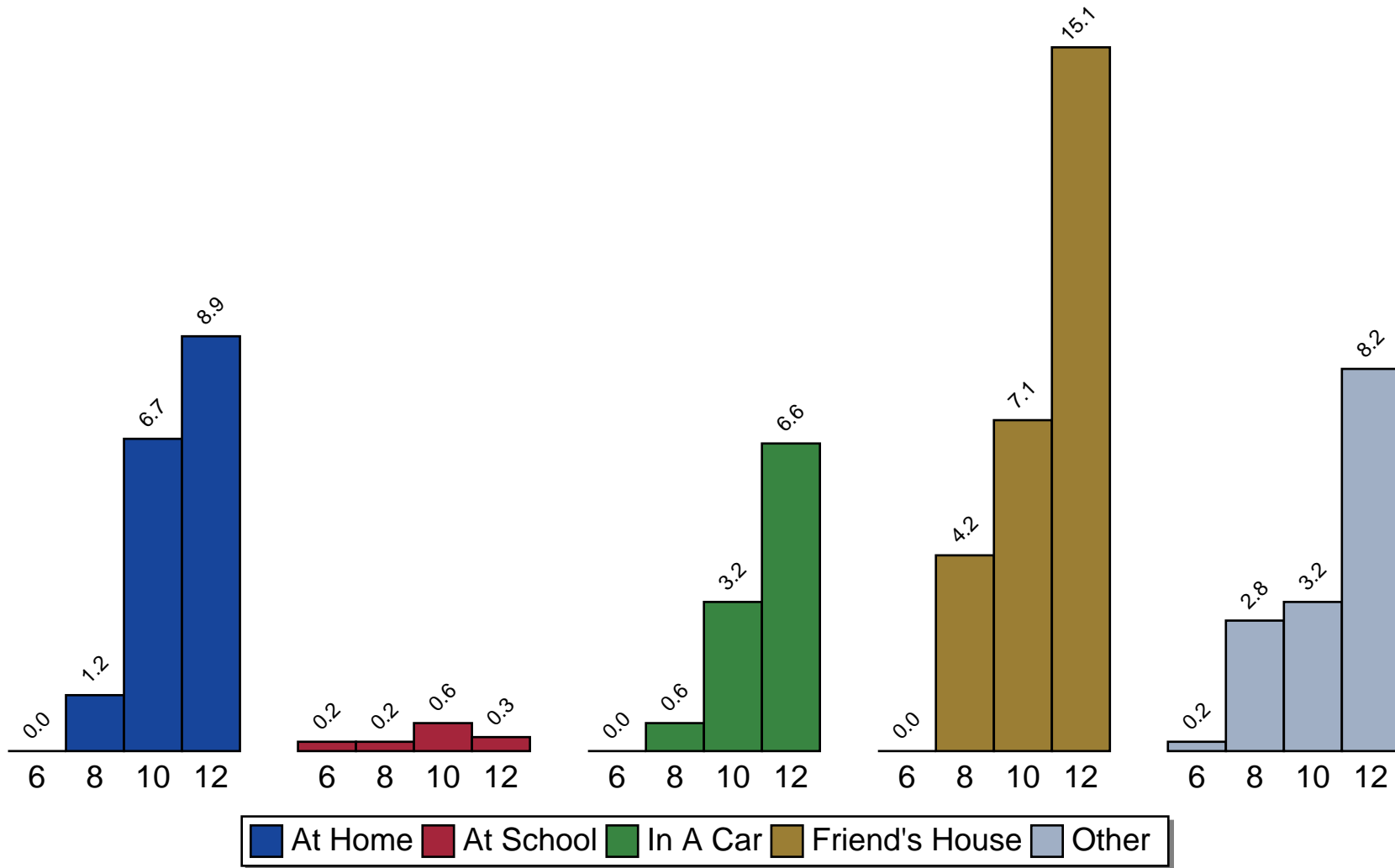
Source: Pride Surveys

Where Do You Use Alcohol



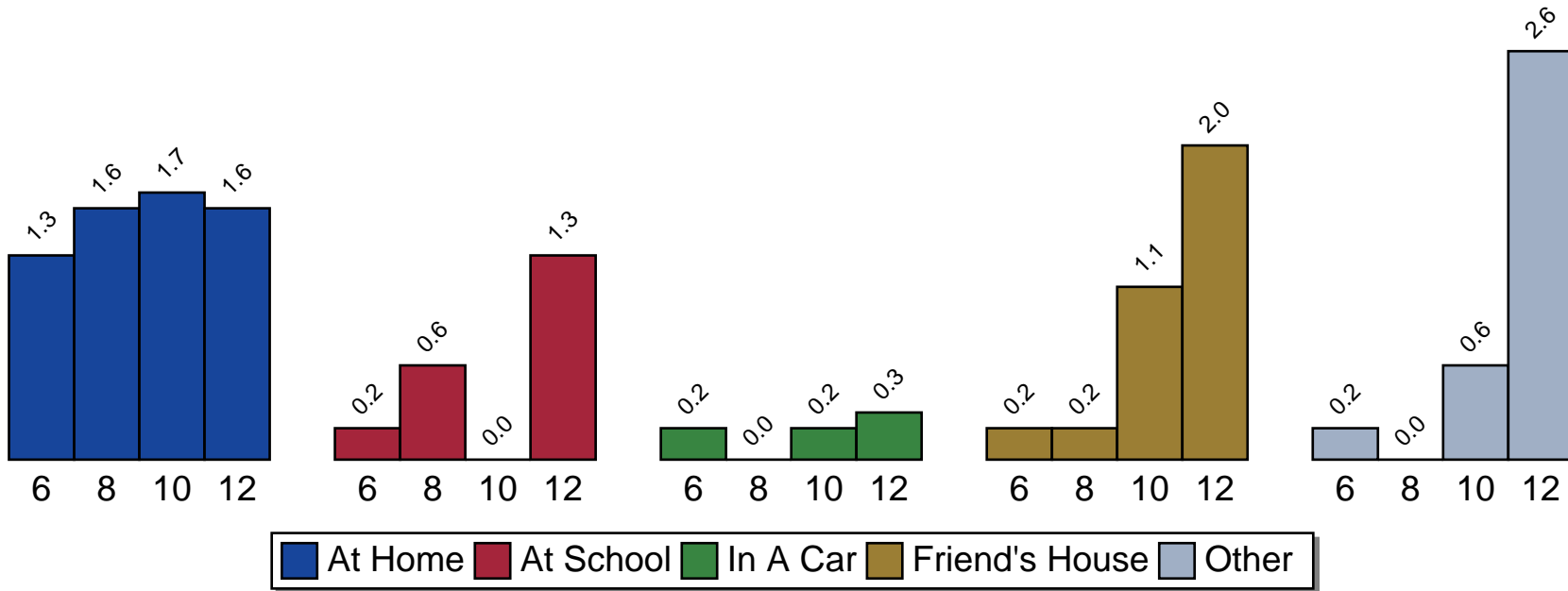
Source: Pride Surveys

Where Do You Use Marijuana



Source: Pride Surveys

Where Do You Use Prescription Drugs

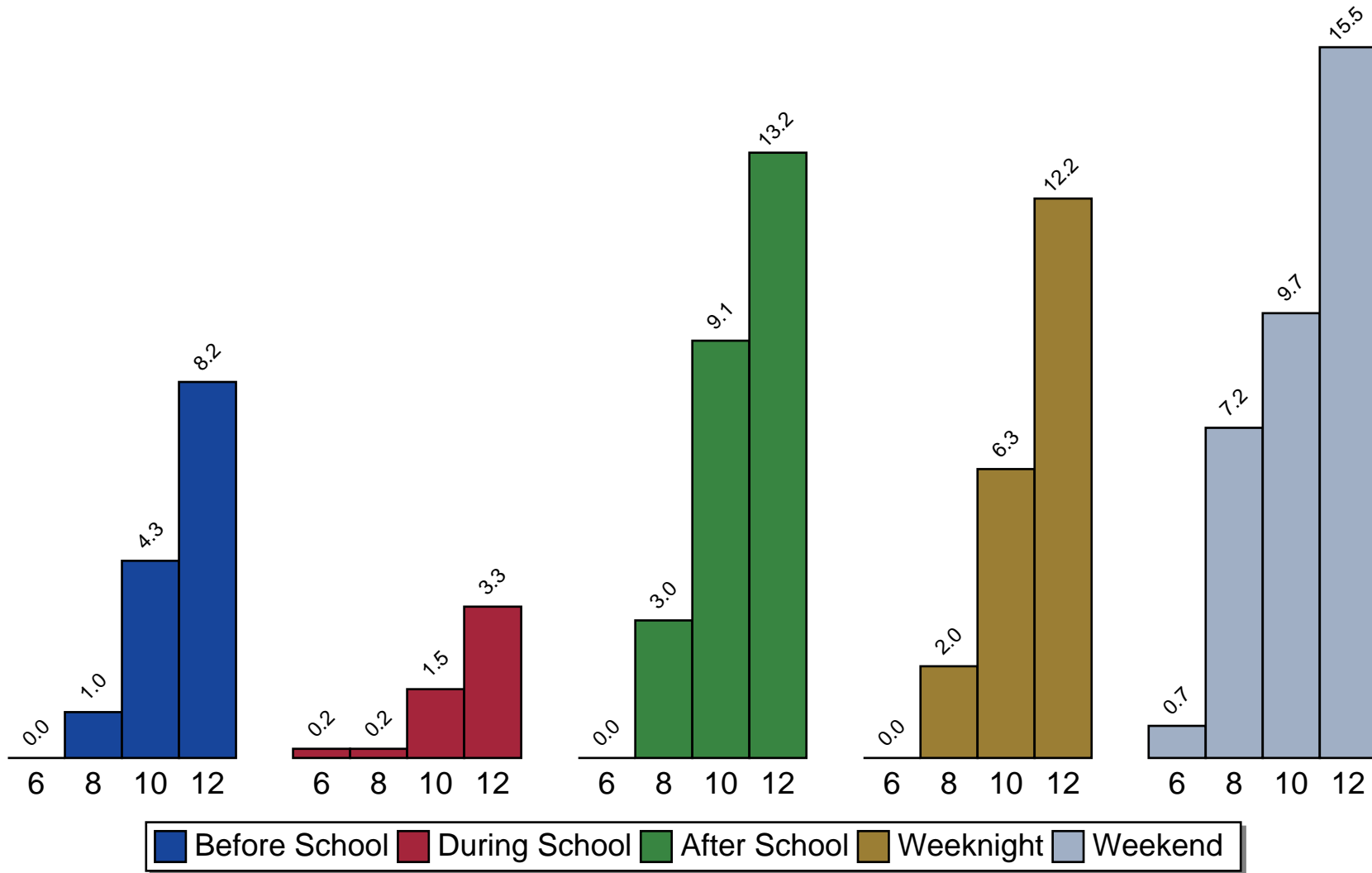


Source: Pride Surveys

10 When Students Use

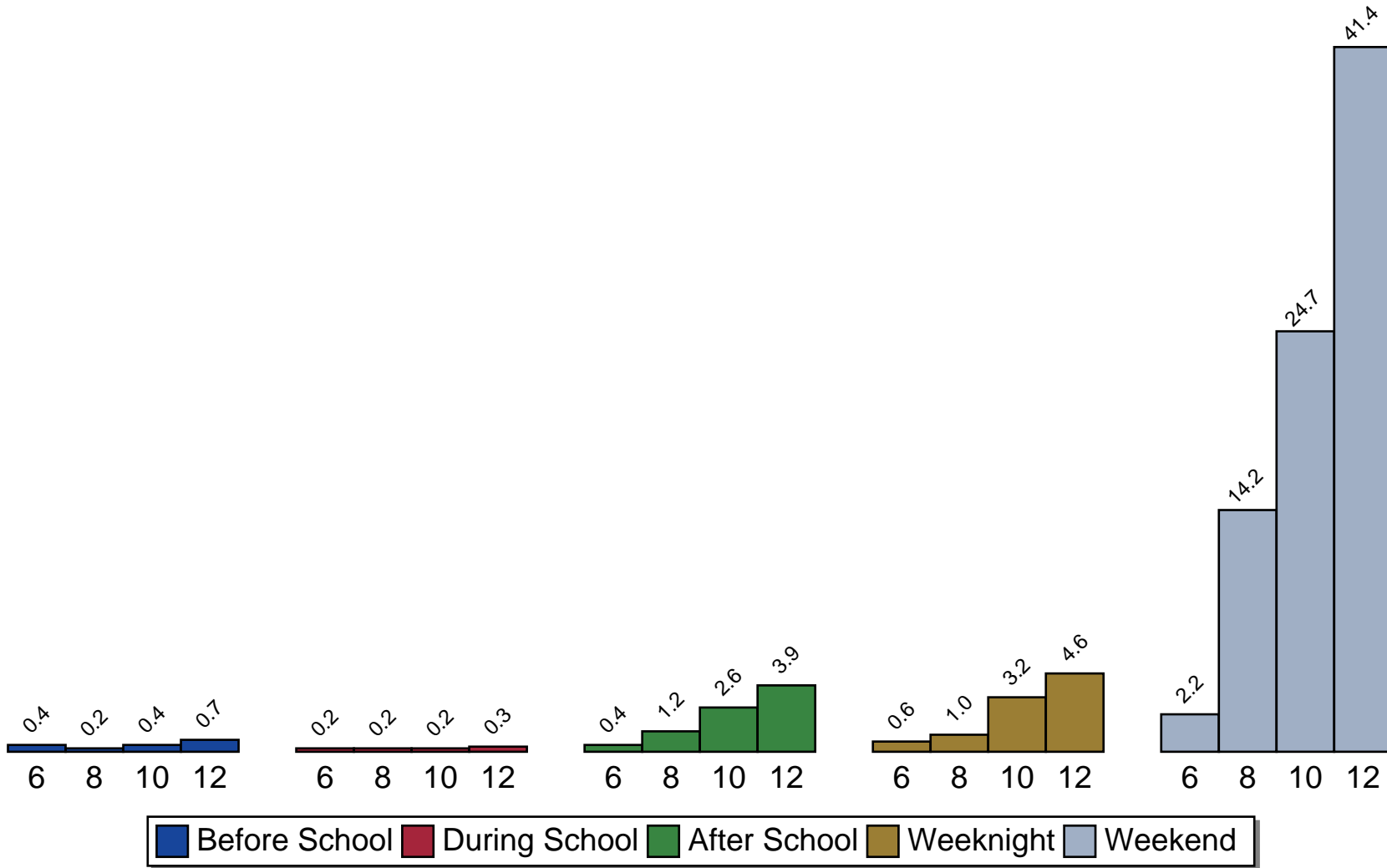
The following graphs show when students report using tobacco, alcohol and marijuana. Past analysis of national statistics show that *During School* is typically the *least* popular time of use.

When Do You Use Tobacco



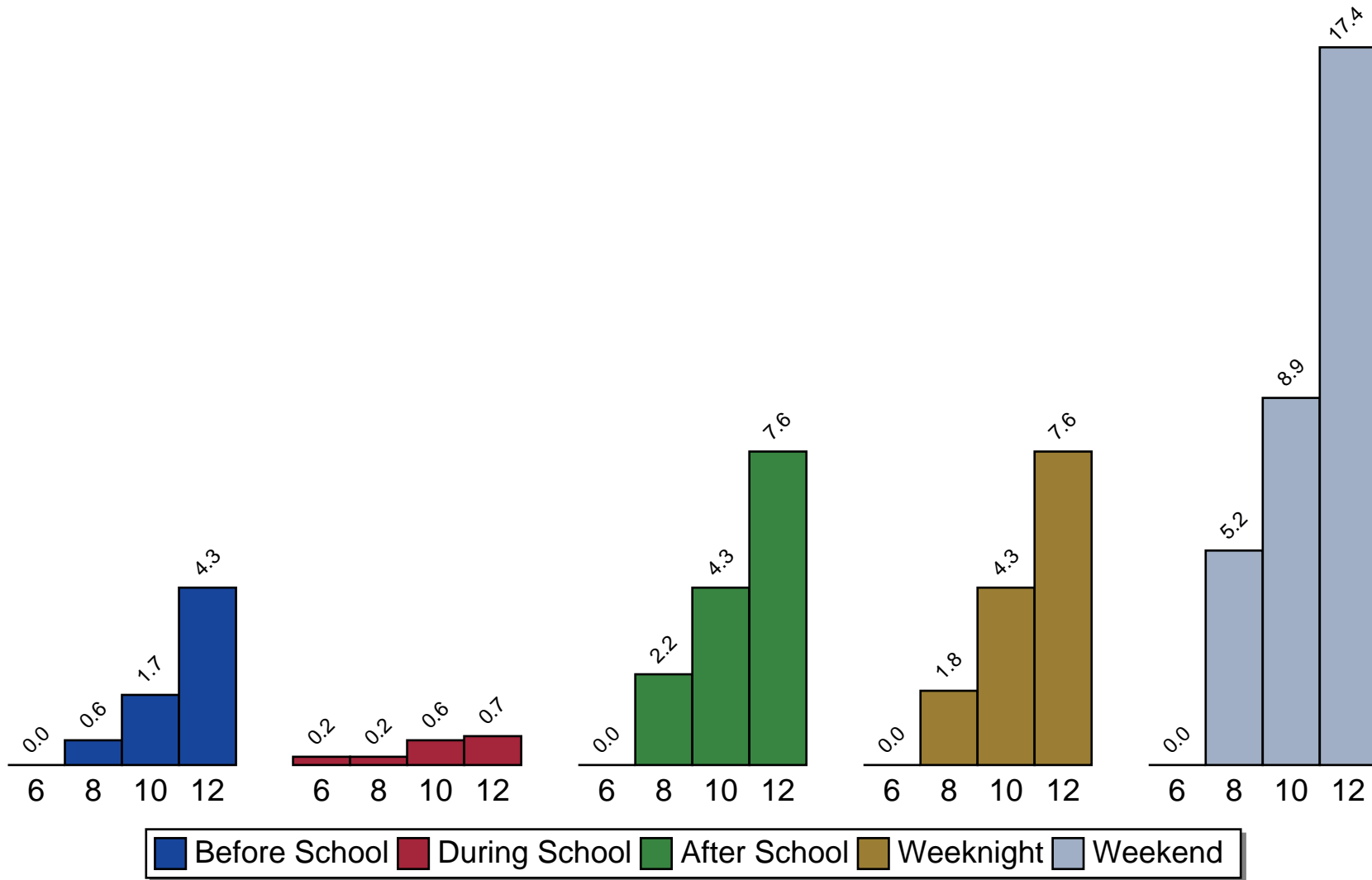
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When Do You Use Alcohol



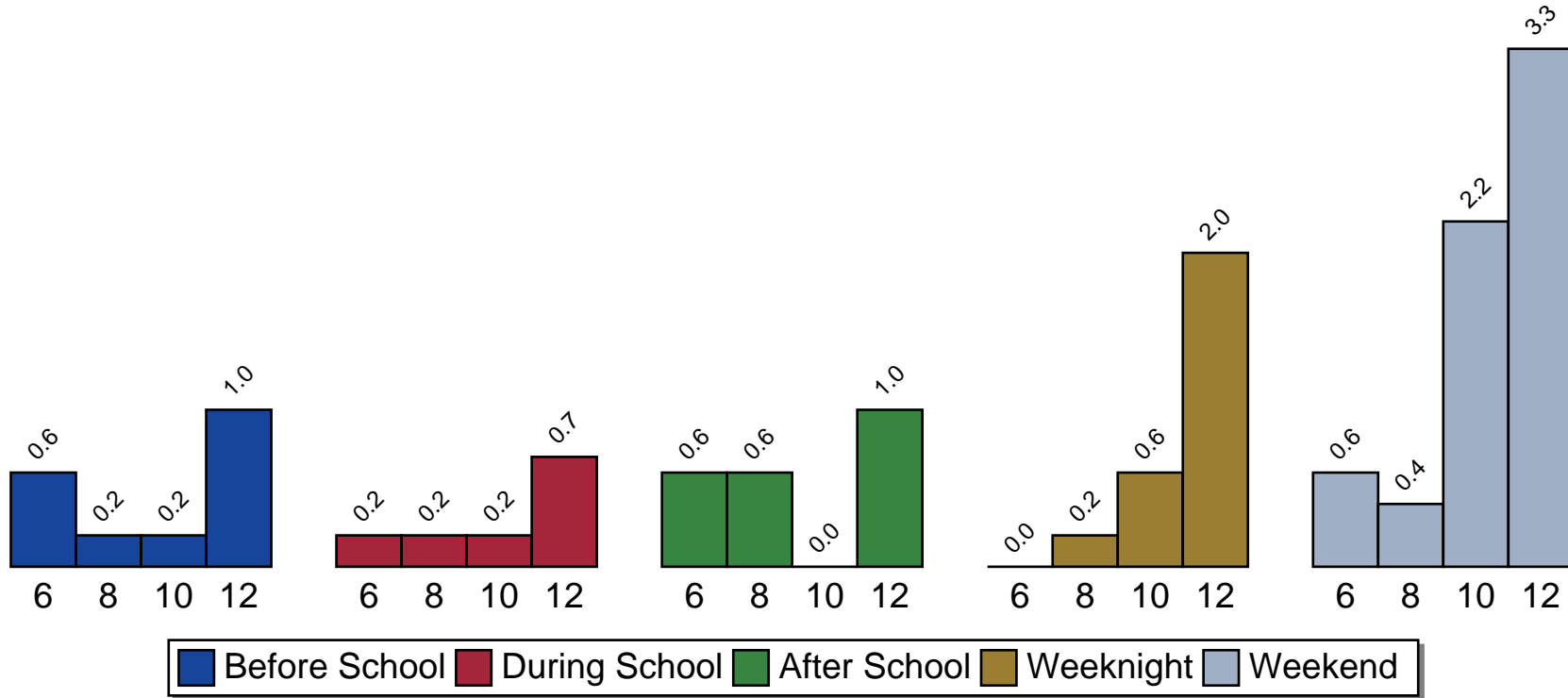
Source: Pride Surveys

When Do You Use Marijuana



Source: Pride Surveys

When Do You Use Prescription Drugs



Source: Pride Surveys

11 School Safety

The following table lists the percentage of students who responded as *Never* or *Seldom* feeling safe in the following school locations.

Table 26: School Safety

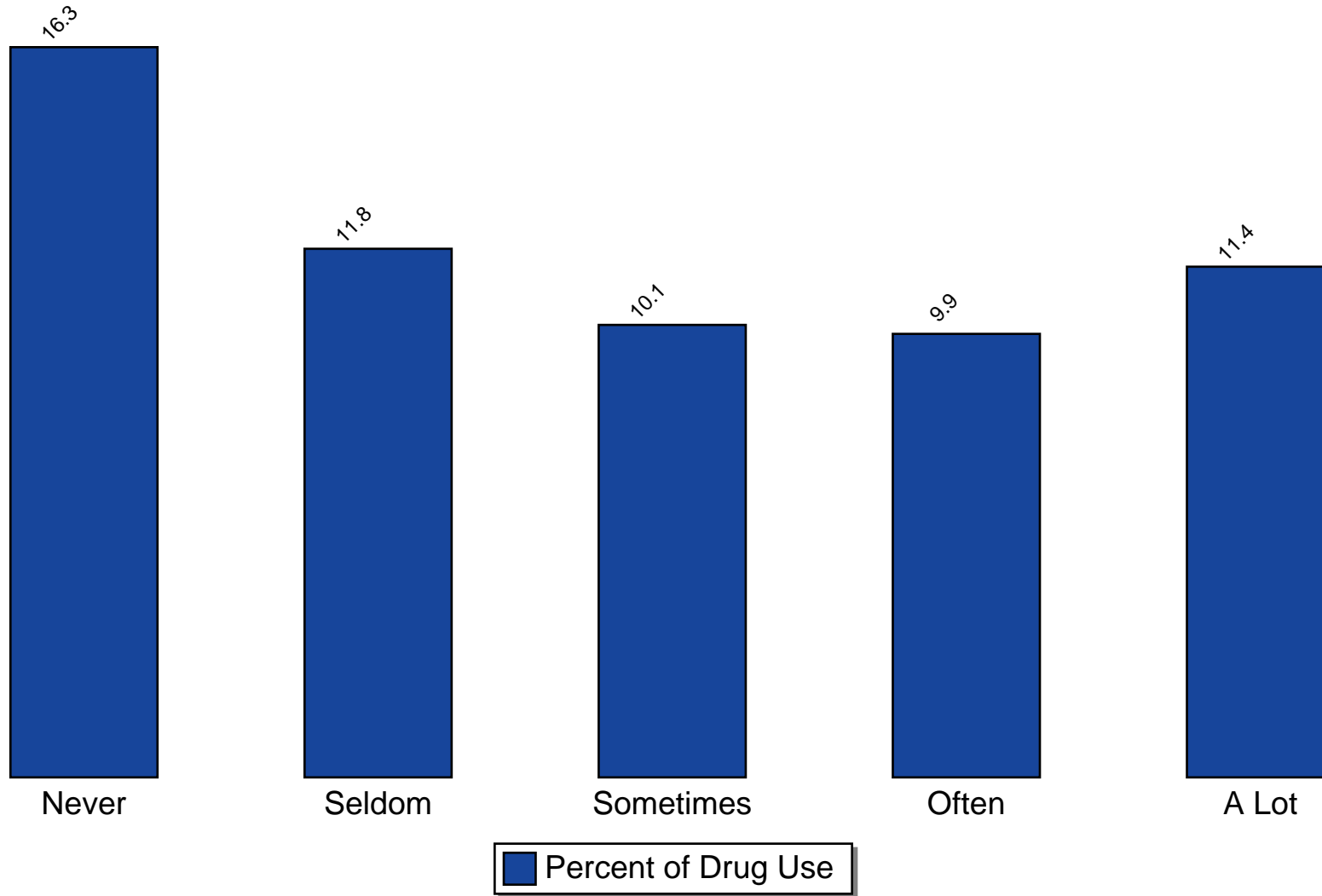
Location	Num	Pct
In the parking lot	382	22.2%
On the school bus	299	17.7%
In the bathroom	282	16.4%
In the halls	263	15.3%
At school events (ballgames, etc.)	240	14.0%
In the cafeteria (lunchroom)	233	13.5%
On the way to or from school	218	12.8%
In the gym	200	11.7%
In the classroom	141	8.1%

*Pct represents percent who responded *Never* or *Seldom*

12 Risk and Protective Factors

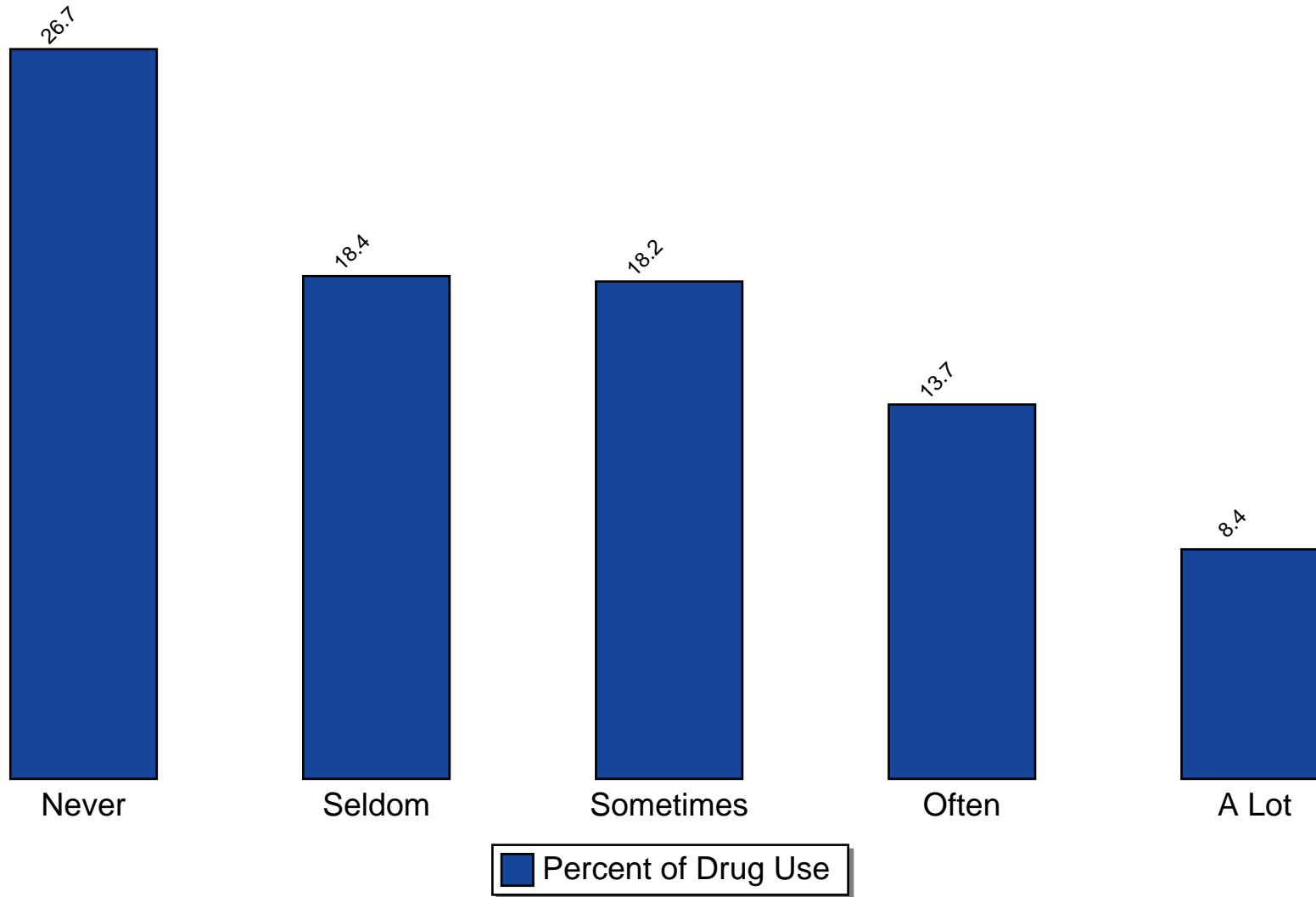
The following graphs on illicit drug use by risk & protective factors show for each category (Never, Seldom, Sometimes, Often, A Lot) of a risk or protective factor question the percentage of students who report using illicit drugs. For example, on the question of taking part in school activities, if the bar labeled NEVER was 40%, this means that OF those students who responded NEVER to taking part in school activities, 40% reported using an illicit drug.

% Students Who Use Illicit Drugs by Take Part in School Activities (School Protective Factor)



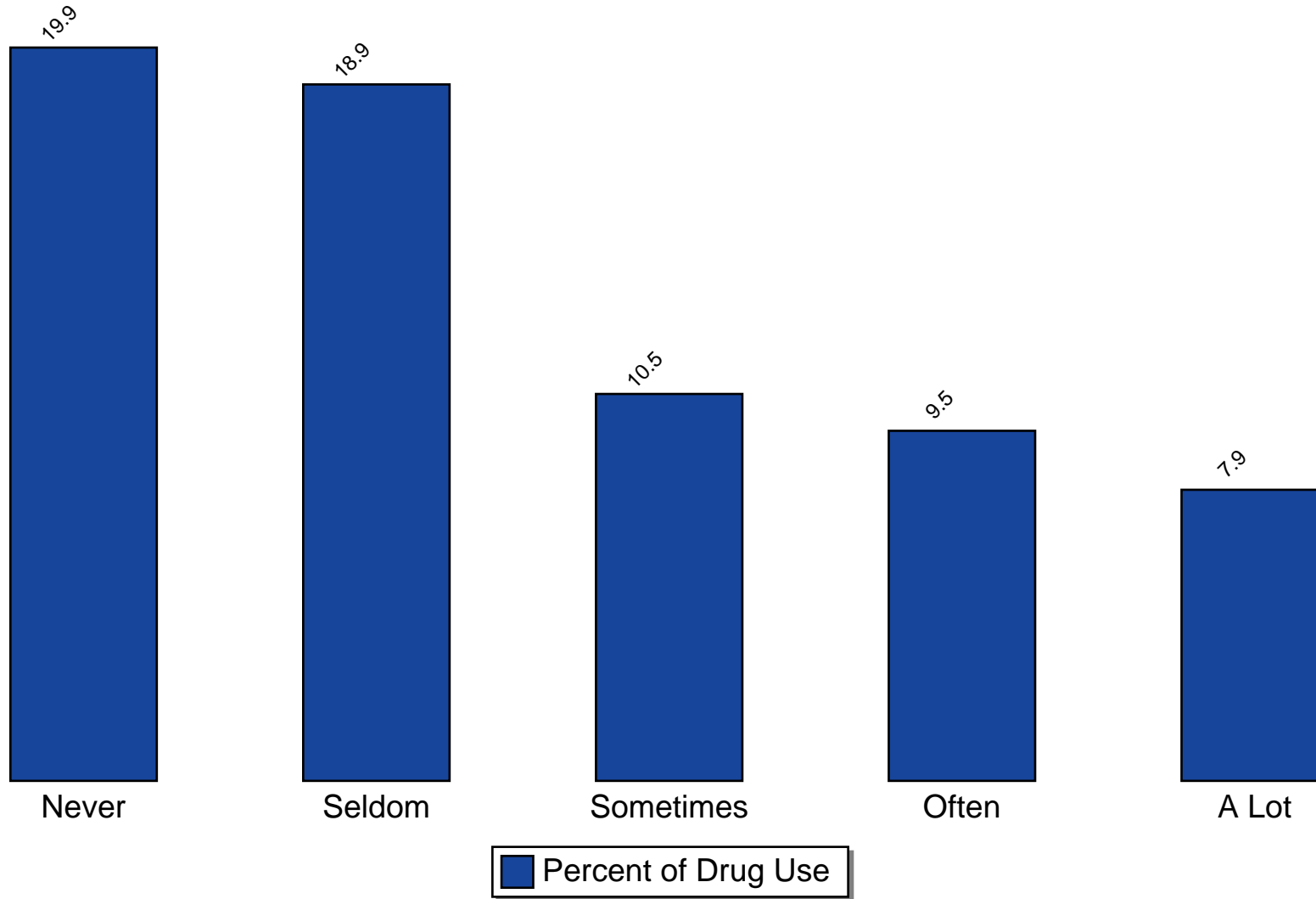
Source: Pride Surveys -- For the group of students who responded NEVER to this question, 16.3% reported using illicit drugs, for A LOT, 11.4% reported using illicit drugs

% Students Who Use Illicit Drugs by Make Good Grades (School Protective Factor)



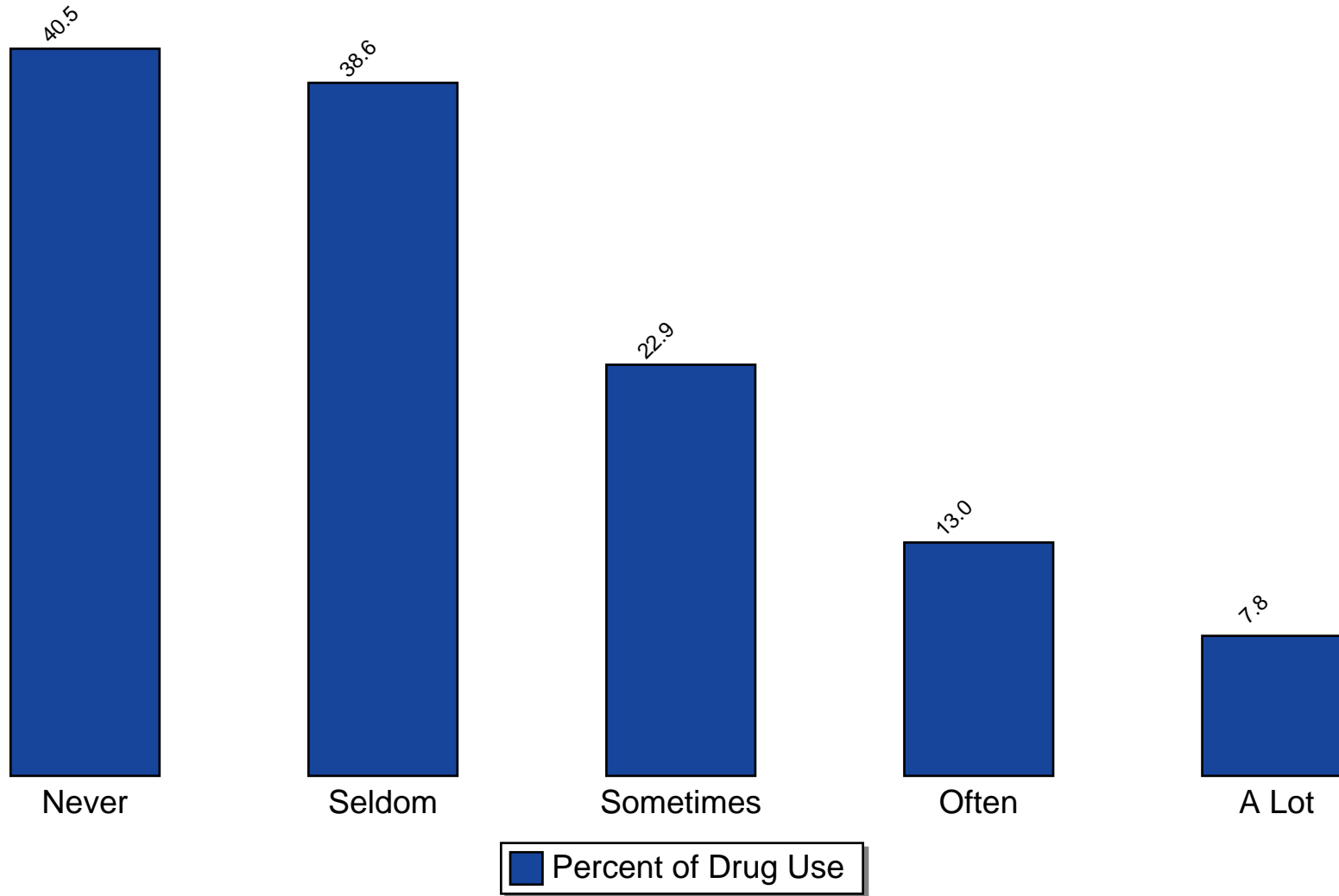
Source: Pride Surveys -- For the group of students who responded NEVER to this question, 26.7% reported using illicit drugs, for A LOT, 8.4% reported using illicit drugs

% Students Who Use Illicit Drugs by Parents Talk About Dangers of Drugs (Parent Protective Factor)



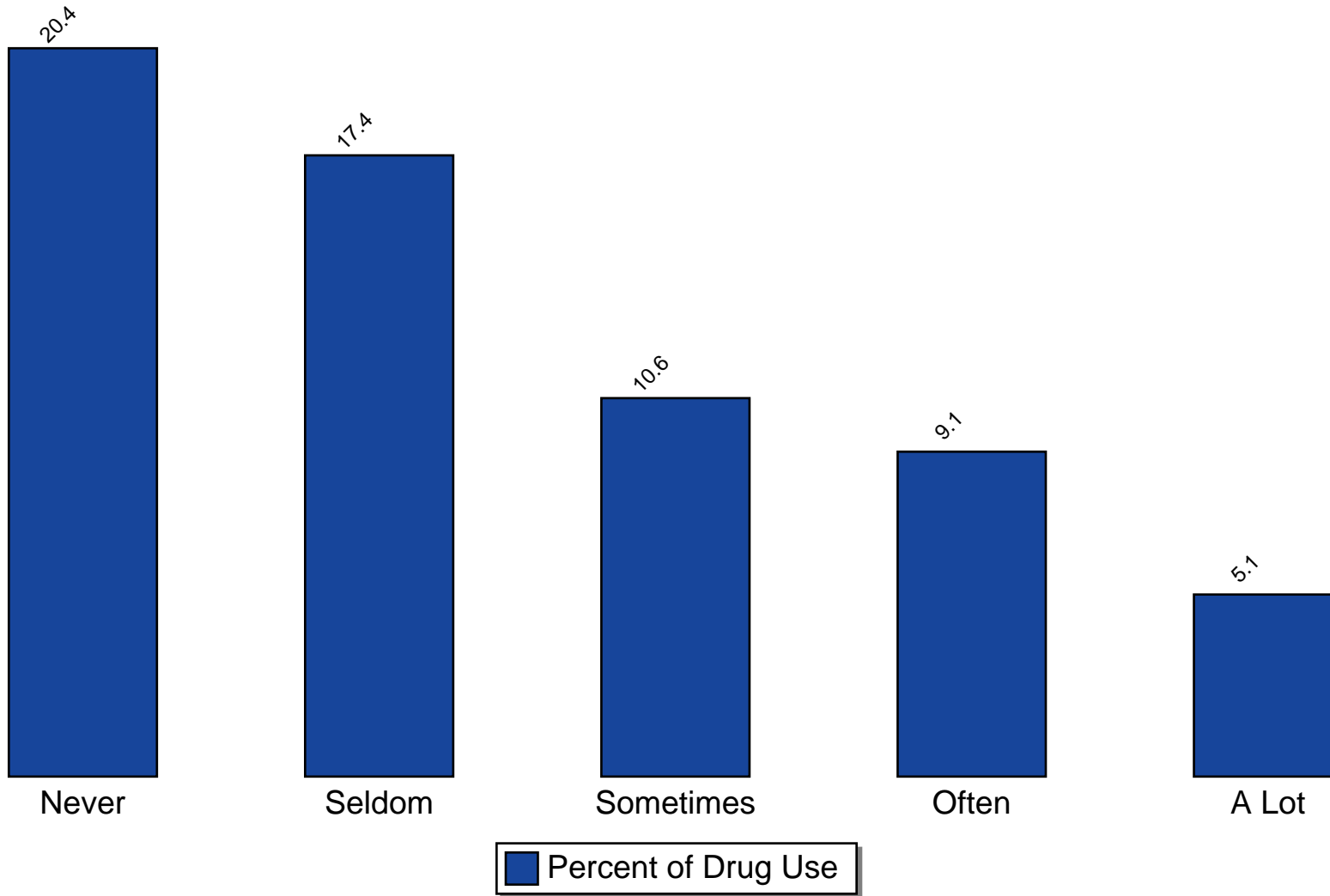
Source: Pride Surveys -- For the group of students who responded NEVER to this question, 19.9% reported using illicit drugs, for A LOT, 7.9% reported using illicit drugs

% Students Who Use Illicit Drugs by Parents Set Clear Rules (Parent Protective Factor)



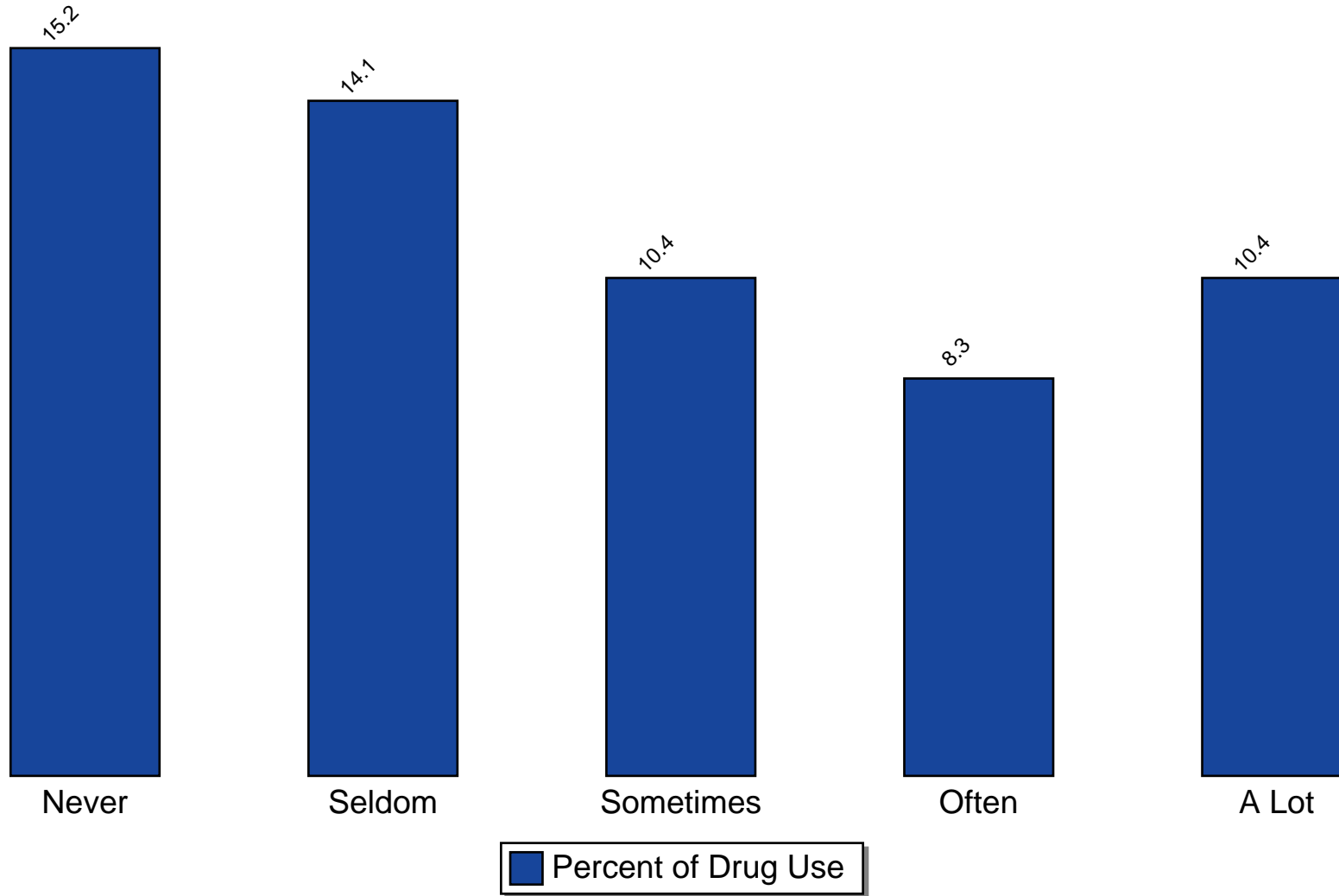
Source: Pride Surveys -- For the group of students who responded NEVER to this question, 40.5% reported using illicit drugs, for A LOT, 7.8% reported using illicit drugs

% Students Who Use Illicit Drugs by Attend Church, Synagogue, etc. (Community Protective Factor)



Source: Pride Surveys -- For the group of students who responded NEVER to this question, 20.4% reported using illicit drugs, for A LOT, 5.1% reported using illicit drugs

% Students Who Use Illicit Drugs by Take Part in Community Activities (Community Protective Factor)



Source: Pride Surveys -- For the group of students who responded NEVER to this question, 15.2% reported using illicit drugs, for A LOT, 10.4% reported using illicit drugs

13 The Pride Surveys Questionnaire

Since 1982, the Pride Surveys Questionnaire has been used by schools in all 50 states and several foreign countries to gather data on student tobacco, alcohol and illicit drug use and related behaviors. During the 1990's we added questions on violence to explore the relationship between students who used various drugs and their violence. We now archive more than 8 million completed questionnaires, making the Pride Surveys database on student drug use and violence the largest in the world.

Other Pride Surveys that we hope you will consider for your assessment and evaluation needs are: Faculty and Staff, Parents, Grade 4-6, Risk and Protective Factors, Teaching Environment, Learning Environment and the Parent Engagement. Copies of these questionnaires are available on the Pride Surveys web site

www.pridesurveys.com and can be downloaded or you can call 1-800-279-6361 and we will send you copies for review.

14 Why Schools Use Pride Surveys

The following are some of the reasons school systems use Pride Surveys:

Used by more than 8,000 school systems. For more than three decades, schools across the nation have used the Pride Survey to identify student levels of drug use, violence, and related behaviors.

Designated by Federal Law as a measure of illicit drug use by youth. This law can be reviewed in Congressional Record, October 19, 1998, Page H11228. (see www.pridesurveys.com)

40-50 minutes to administer. School time is an important consideration. The survey can be administered during a portion of only one class period.

Evaluates most prevention goals and objectives. Changes in student behavior can be measured over time, allowing an individual school, system, or state to measure most of their goals and objectives.

Helps write winning grants. Schools can match their data against the Pride Surveys national database to indicate need for grant monies, or to indicate success in their drug education programs.

Meets the needs of evaluation required by the U.S. Department of Education as expressed in NCLB legislation – Principles of Effectiveness. The requirement for information on: past 30 day use, perception of health risk, perception of disapproval of drug use, perception of peer disapproval of drug use and violence by youth in schools and communities. Drug use and these related behaviors are available through the use of the Pride Survey.

Also, the legislation, under the Uniform Management Information and Reporting System (UMIRS) part (C) COMPILATION OF STATISTICS: states the collected data shall include incident reports by school officials, anonymous student surveys, and anonymous teacher surveys.

Allows multi-year comparisons of your data. The data is archived for 10 or more years and through our computer software the data can be compared over multiple years of administrations. The multi-year analysis allows a school, system, or state, to track the changes in data over extended periods of time by sex, race, age, grade, and many other variables.

Data belong to the customer. Local data will not be released without written permission from the customer (school official). Pride Surveys will use data to build a national sample of data for an annual release to the public. The individual school or state data is not identified in the release.

Report includes 120+ pages of tables, charts, and reports. With software developed by Pride Surveys, we create tables, charts and special reports on variables of special concern to schools and administrators. (Ex. One graph shows drug use to occur most often on the weekend when schools are not in session.)

Anonymous, voluntary, protects pupil confidentiality. By following the instruction sheet for administering the questionnaire, the students confidentiality will be protected.

Recognized by National News Media. On our website you will find print media from the Pride Survey and a press release following the Jonesboro, Arkansas shooting at a local Jr. High school.

Independent evaluators used for instrument and methodology evaluation. Independent evaluators were utilized to test for reliability and validity of the Pride Questionnaire. A copy of this evaluation can be obtained from www.pridesurveys.com under the validity hyperlink.

National database for White, African American, and Hispanic students. The only national database that is available on African American and Hispanic students. Comparison of behaviors between races may be compared to the Pride national database.

Lie detection system built into survey. When answers to questions are indicating that the student is not being honest the software will eliminate the questionnaire. Ex. If the student marks getting high when–, and then denies use of drugs, computer programs will eliminate the questionnaire from the data set.

Protection from negative or blaming reports of school administrators and teachers for student drug use. Often we hear, "*what are we going to do about the schools' drug problem*", this statement needs to be followed with Pride Survey data which indicates drug use is more likely to occur "*at home*" than "*at school*" and drug use occurs most often on "*weekends*" and "*at night*" when school is not in session. Teachers are more likely to teach students about the harmful effects of drugs/alcohol than are parents. All students do not use drugs. This information will be available to schools that choose Pride Surveys for data collection.

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