

The Community Drug and Alcohol Task Force Survey

Northport-East Northport
Union Free School District



2007



The Community Drug and Alcohol Task Force Survey is a part of an ongoing process that provides needed information to school officials, parents, and students about the prevalence and patterns of tobacco, alcohol and other drug use by students in our community.



2007 DRUG AND ALCOHOL SURVEY

3,183 students and
2,557 parents of children
were surveyed in Grades 6-12
using a custom questionnaire designed
by *Pride Surveys* to compile data
regarding drug and alcohol use
by our student population.



Survey Results & Analysis:

Student Self-Reporting

VS.

Parent Perception



“Teenagers who smoke are 5 times more likely to drink and 13 times more likely to use marijuana than those who do not smoke.”

Columbia University National Center on Addiction and Substance Abuse, October 2007



2007 DRUG AND ALCOHOL SURVEY SIGNIFICANT FINDINGS

On average students who report the use of alcohol begin in middle school at 13.6 years of age, and students who report the use of marijuana begin at 14.1 years of age.



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926 (29%) of 3,150 students in grades 6-12 reported the use of alcohol in the last year.

356 (11%) of 3,152 students in grades 6-12 reported the use of illicit drugs in the last year.



Prevalence of Use

*Number of Students Who Claim
Within the Past Year to Have Used ...*

Grade Level	Sample Size	Cigarettes	Any Alcohol	Illicit Drugs
6 th	517	1	13	4
7 th	474	0	11	3
8 th	492	11	51	10
9 th	440	19	91	18
10 th	406	54	201	68
11 th	433	75	273	111
12 th	388	106	285	144



Student Perception

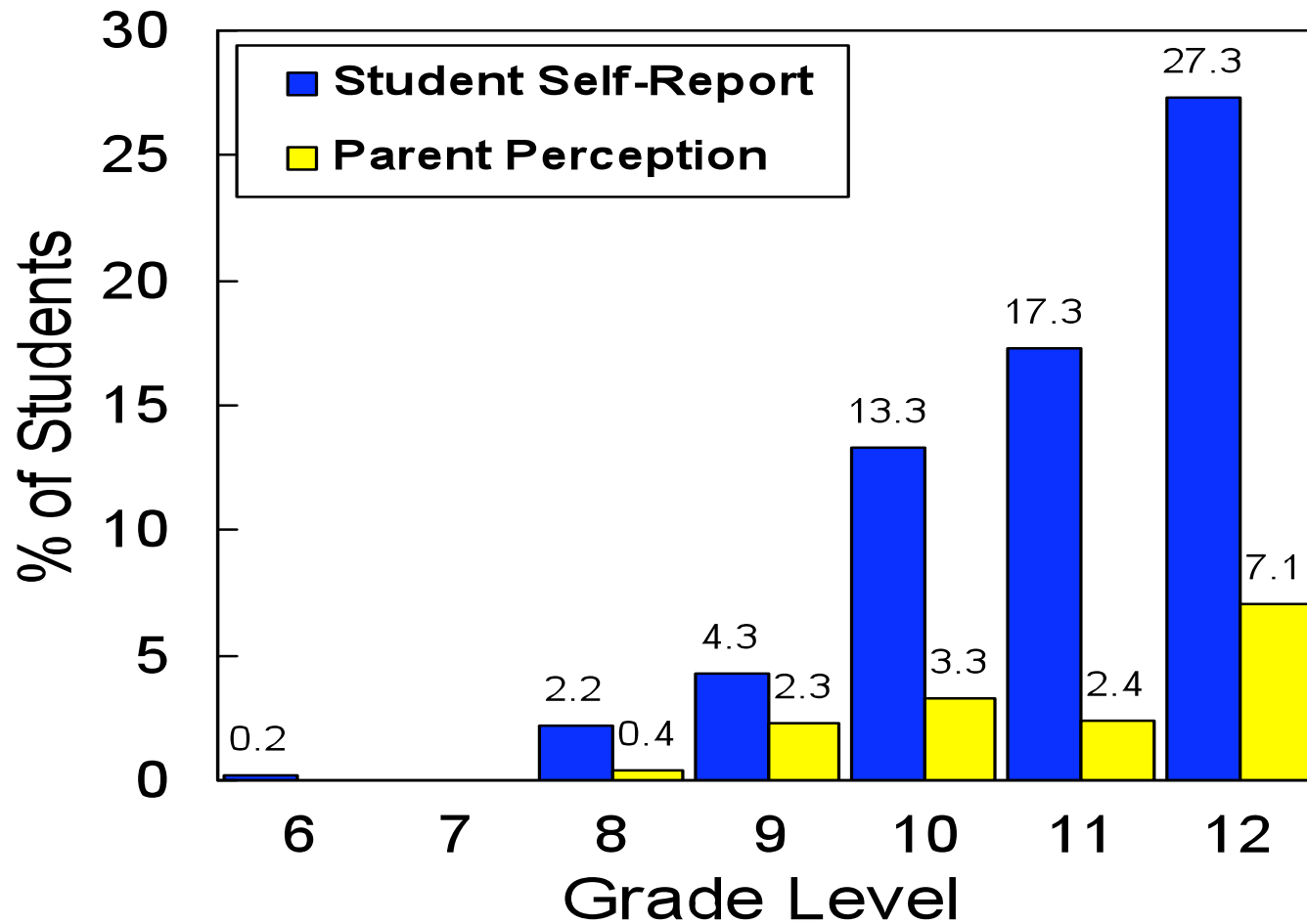
95% of 6-8th grade students perceive that their parents feel that it is wrong or very wrong for them to use alcohol

whereas only

74% of 9-12th grade students perceive that their parents feel that it is wrong or very wrong for them to use alcohol

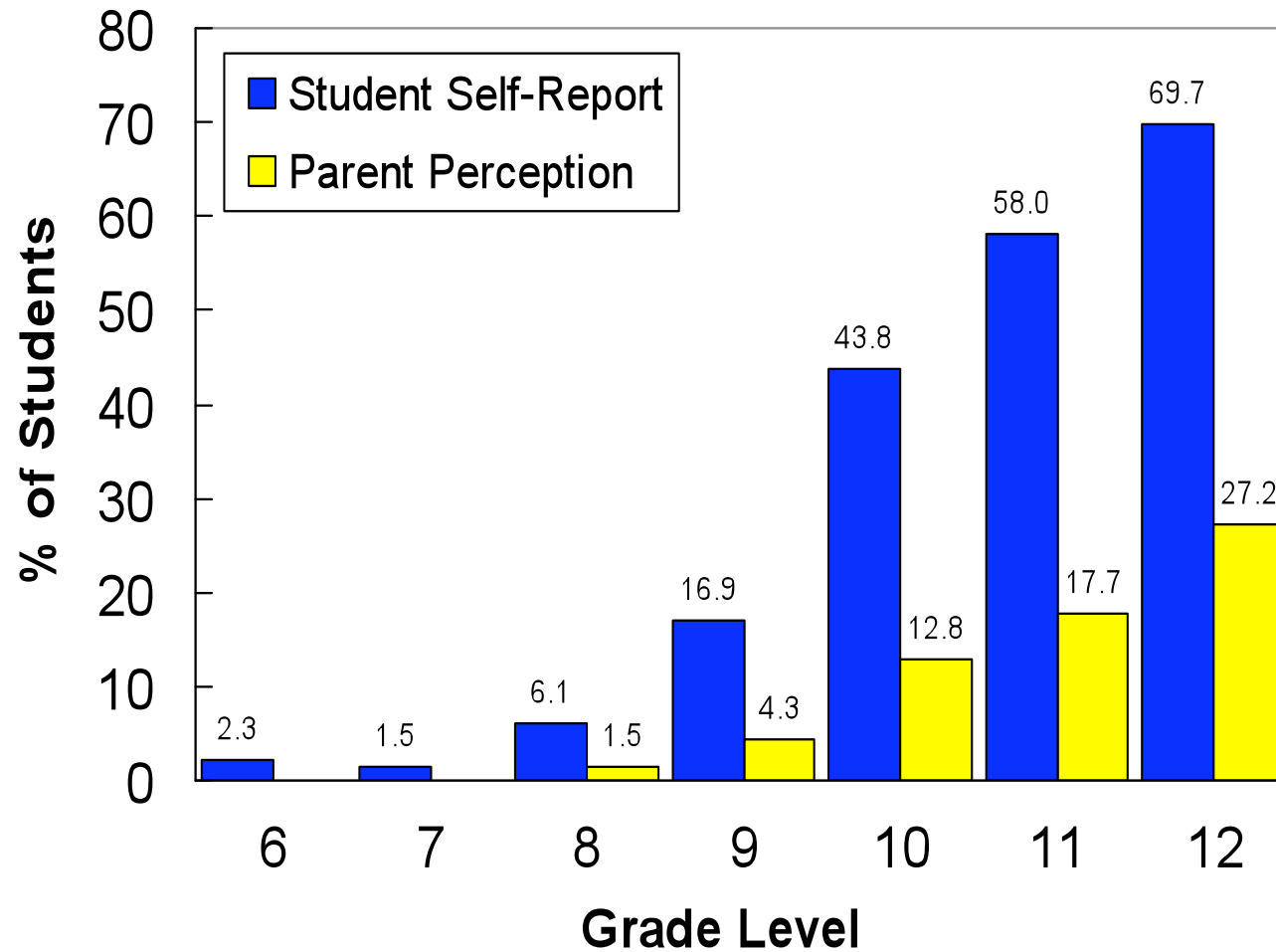


Prevalence of Cigarette Use



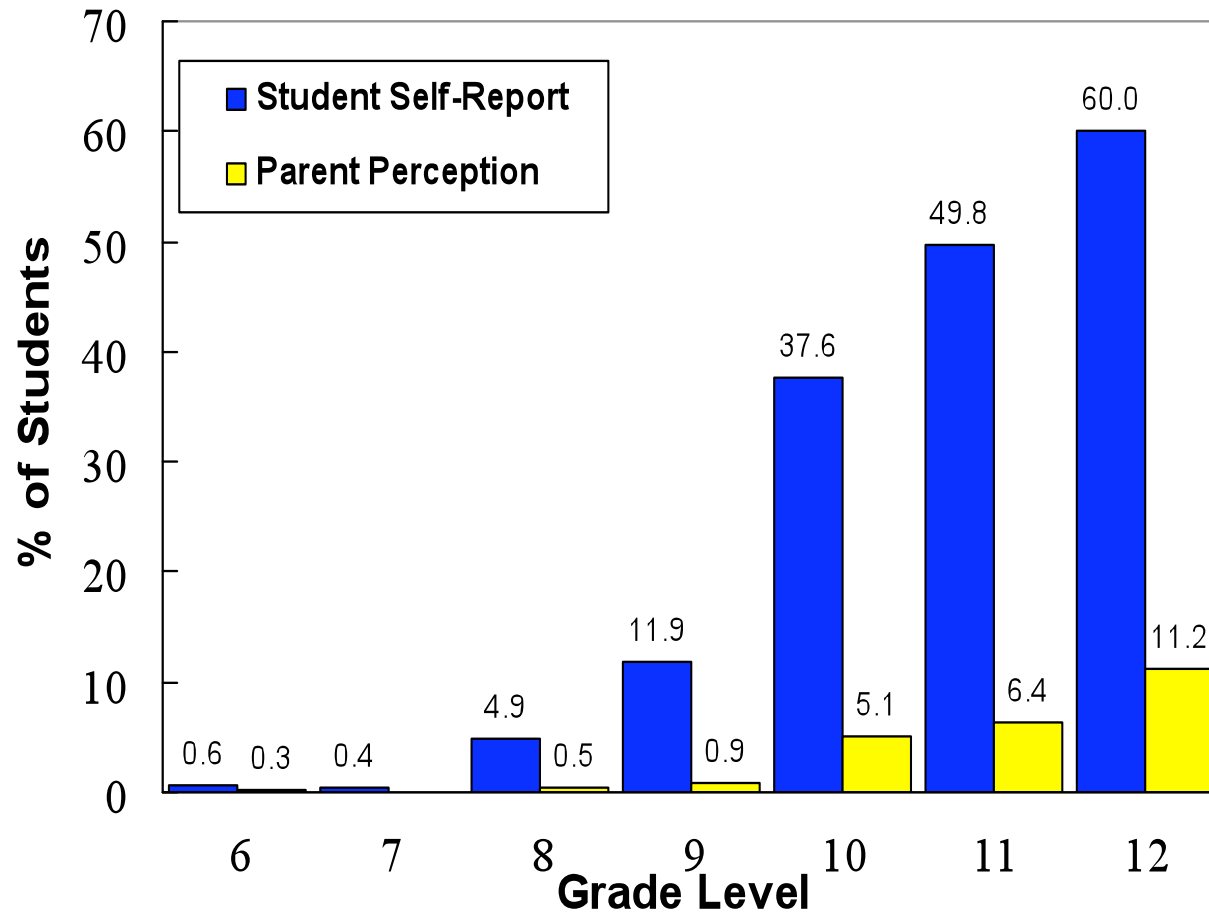


Prevalence of Beer Use



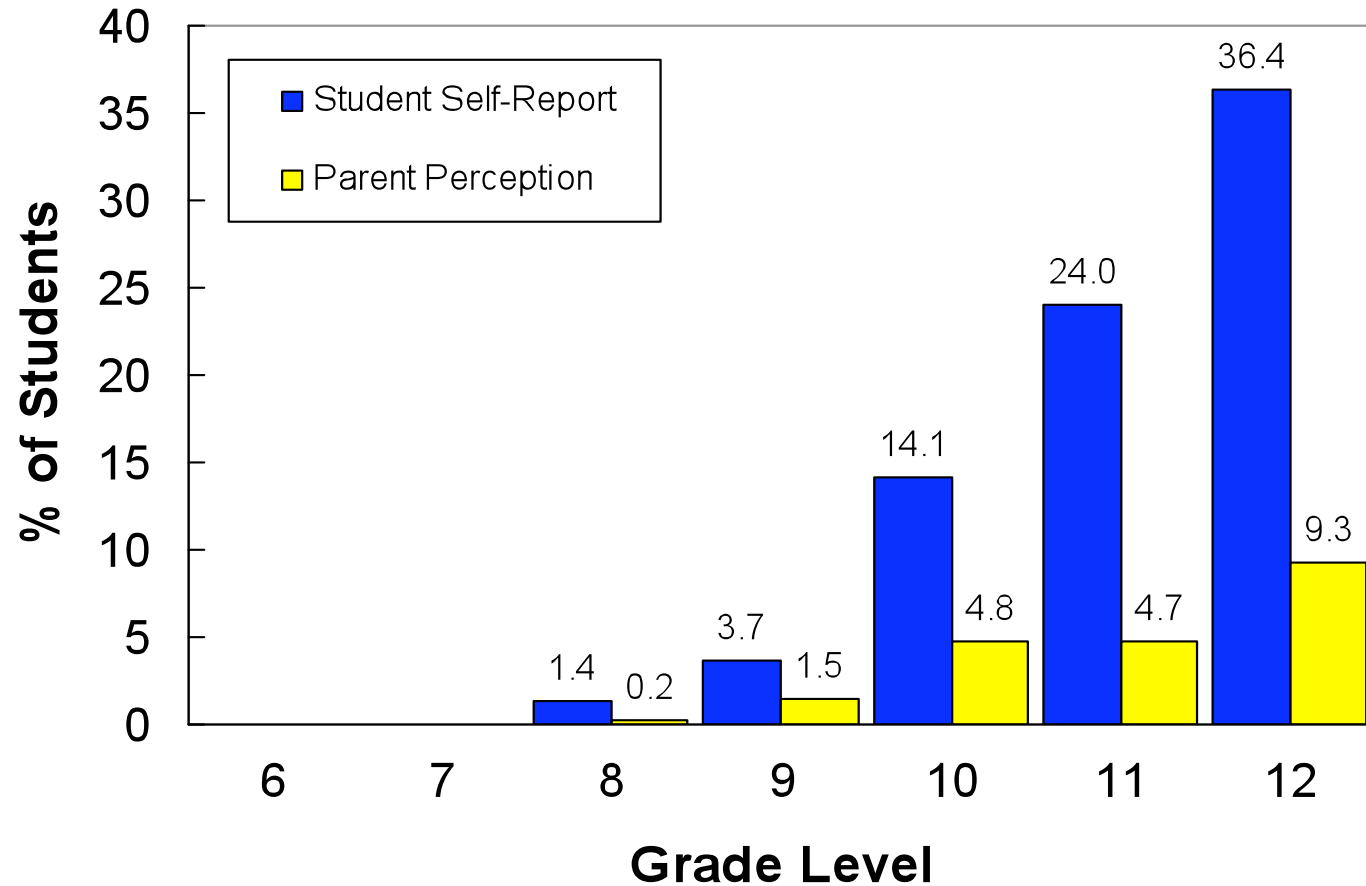


Prevalence of Liquor Use





Prevalence of Marijuana Use



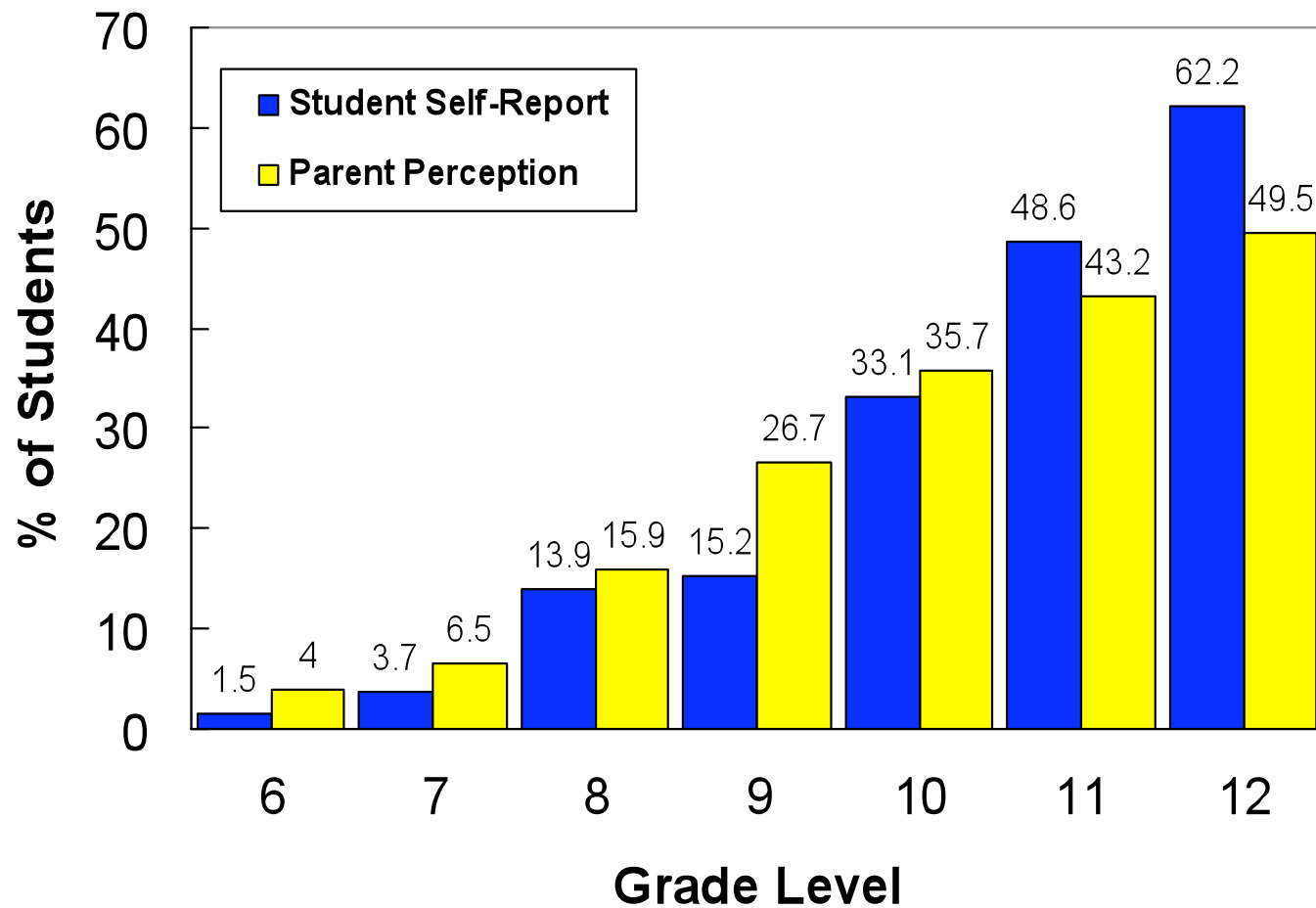
Availability

*Number of Students Who Perceive
Drugs Are Readily Available ...*

Grade Level	Sample Size	Liquor	Marijuana	Cocaine	Prescription Drugs	From the Home
6-8 th	1324	180	83	49	187	151
9-12 th	1494	697	596	190	342	274

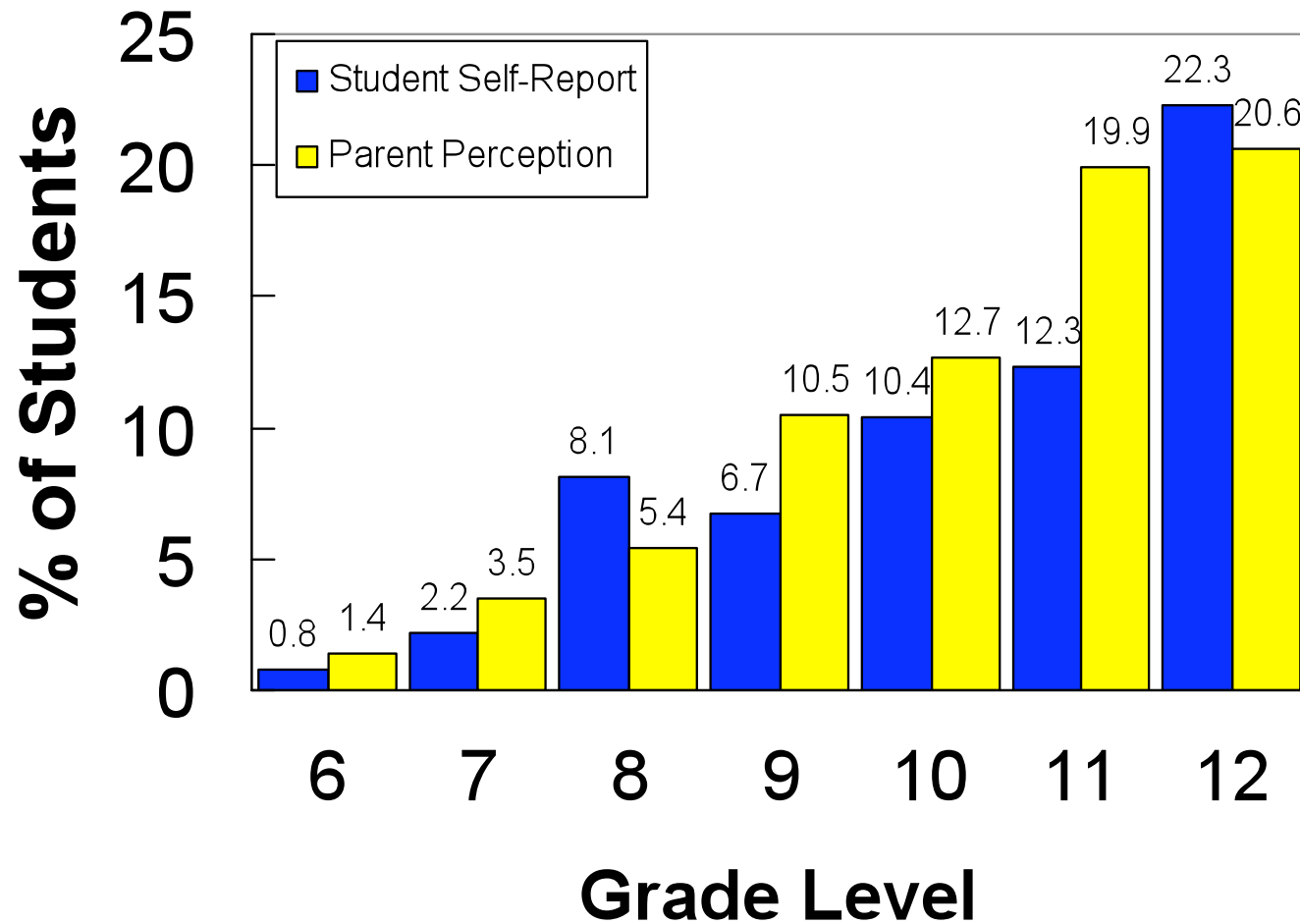


How Easy Is It To Get Marijuana





How Easy Is It To Get Cocaine





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259 (16%) of 1657 high school students say their friends **frequently** use marijuana with 44 (12%) of 381 seniors admitting they **often** smoked marijuana in the past year.

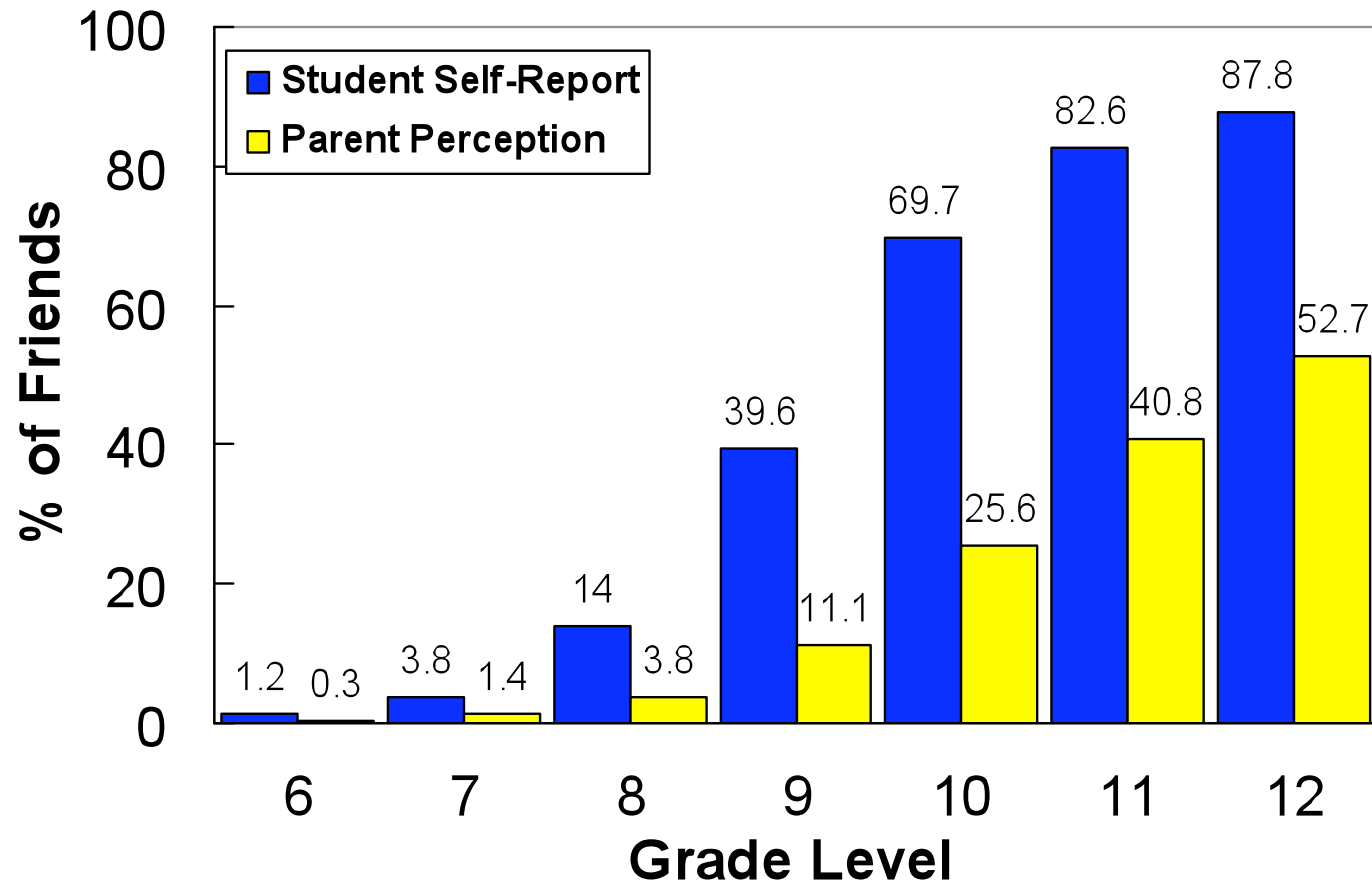
Use By Friends

*Number of Students Who Perceive
Their Friends Frequently Use ...*

Grade Level	Sample Size	Tobacco	Alcohol	Marijuana	Prescription Drugs
6-8 th	1475	16	13	9	4
9-12 th	1655	253	409	259	55

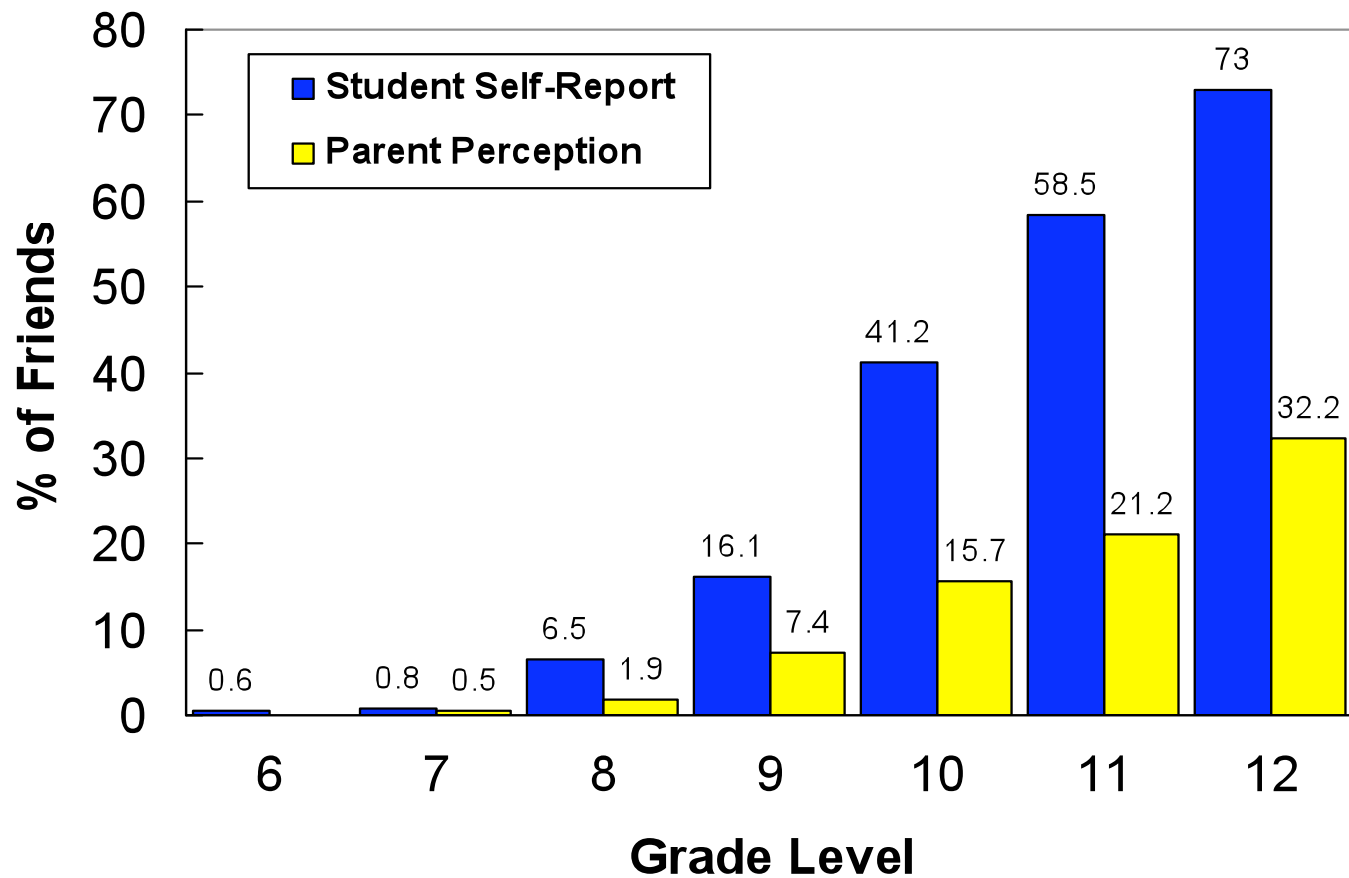


Students' Friends Who Use Alcohol





Students' Friends Who Use Marijuana





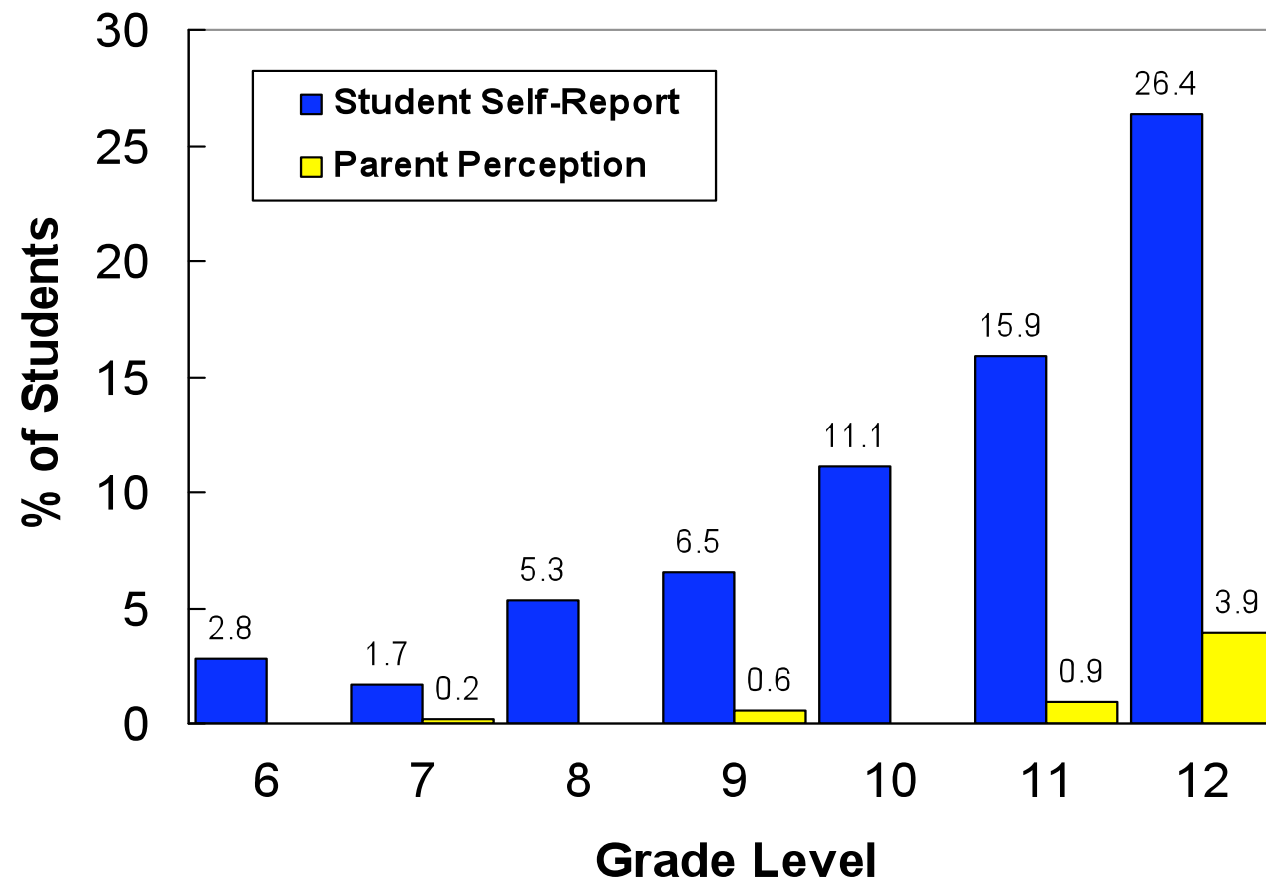
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45 (2.7%) of 1654 high school students have **frequently** been in a car with a teenage driver who had used alcohol or drugs, and an additional 199 (12%) have **sometimes** been in a car with a teenage driver who had used alcohol or drugs

70 (23%) senior parents claim they **don't know** if their child has been in a car with a teenage driver who had used alcohol or drugs.

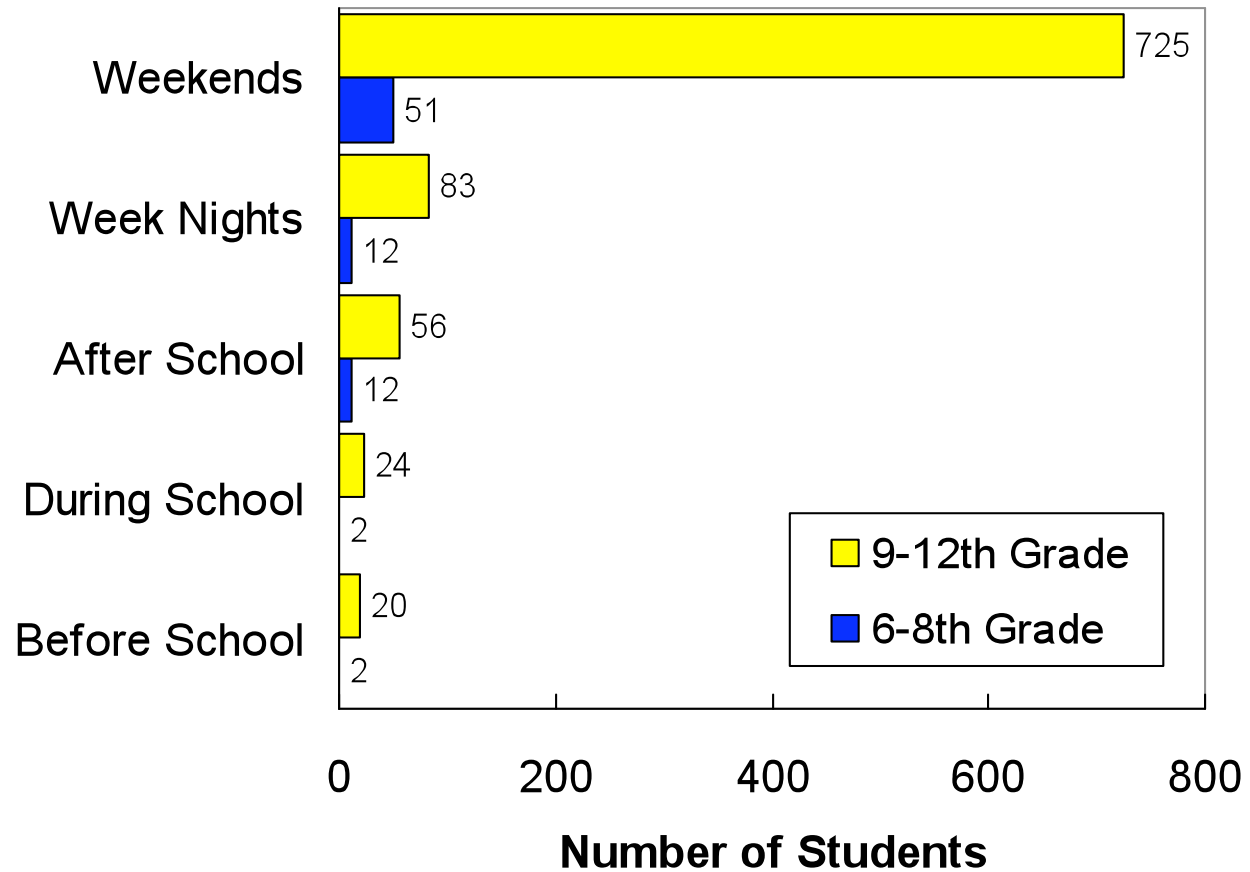


Students in a Car with a Teenage Driver Who Had Used Alcohol or Drugs



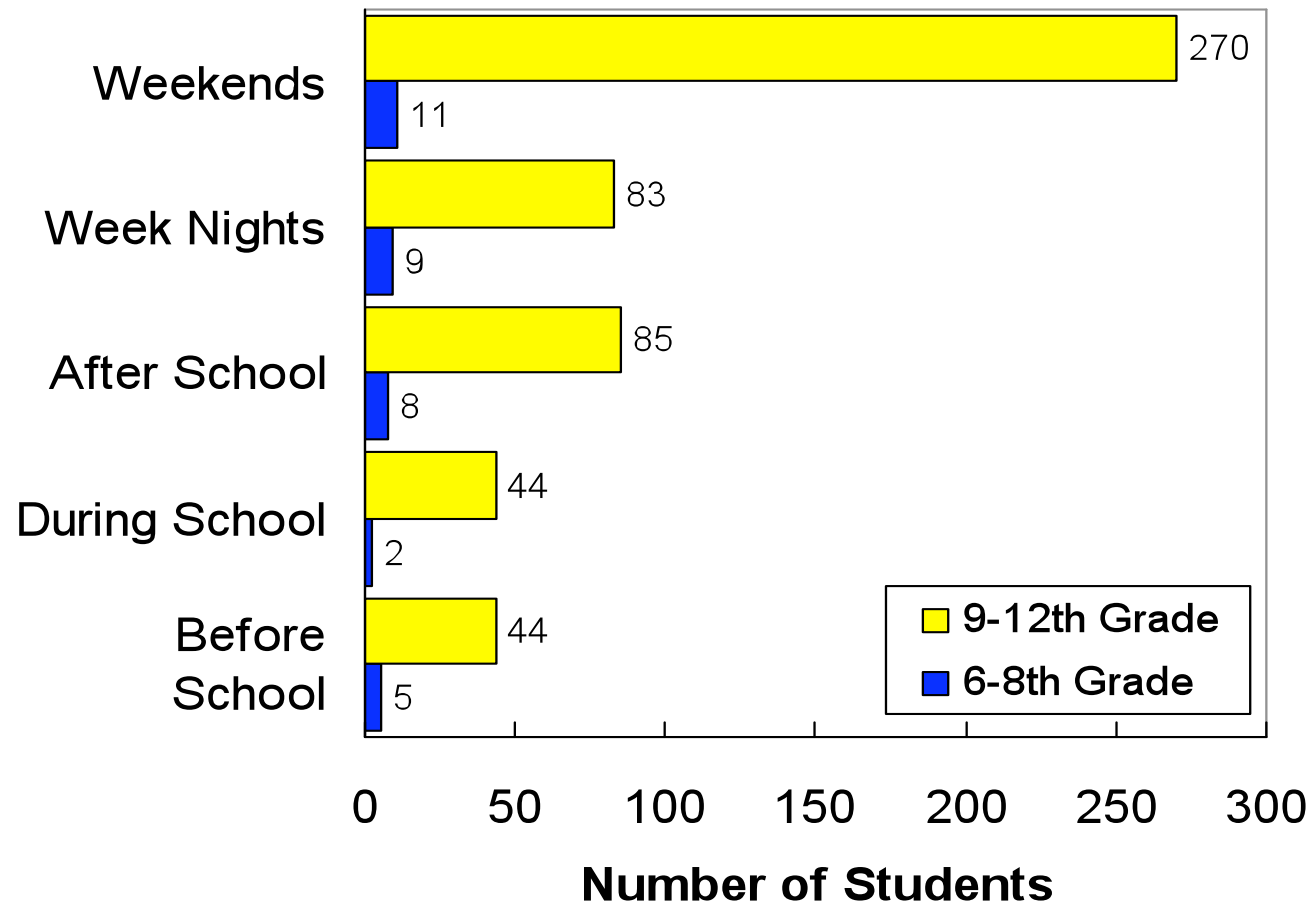


When Students Use Any Alcohol





When Students Use Any Illicit Drugs





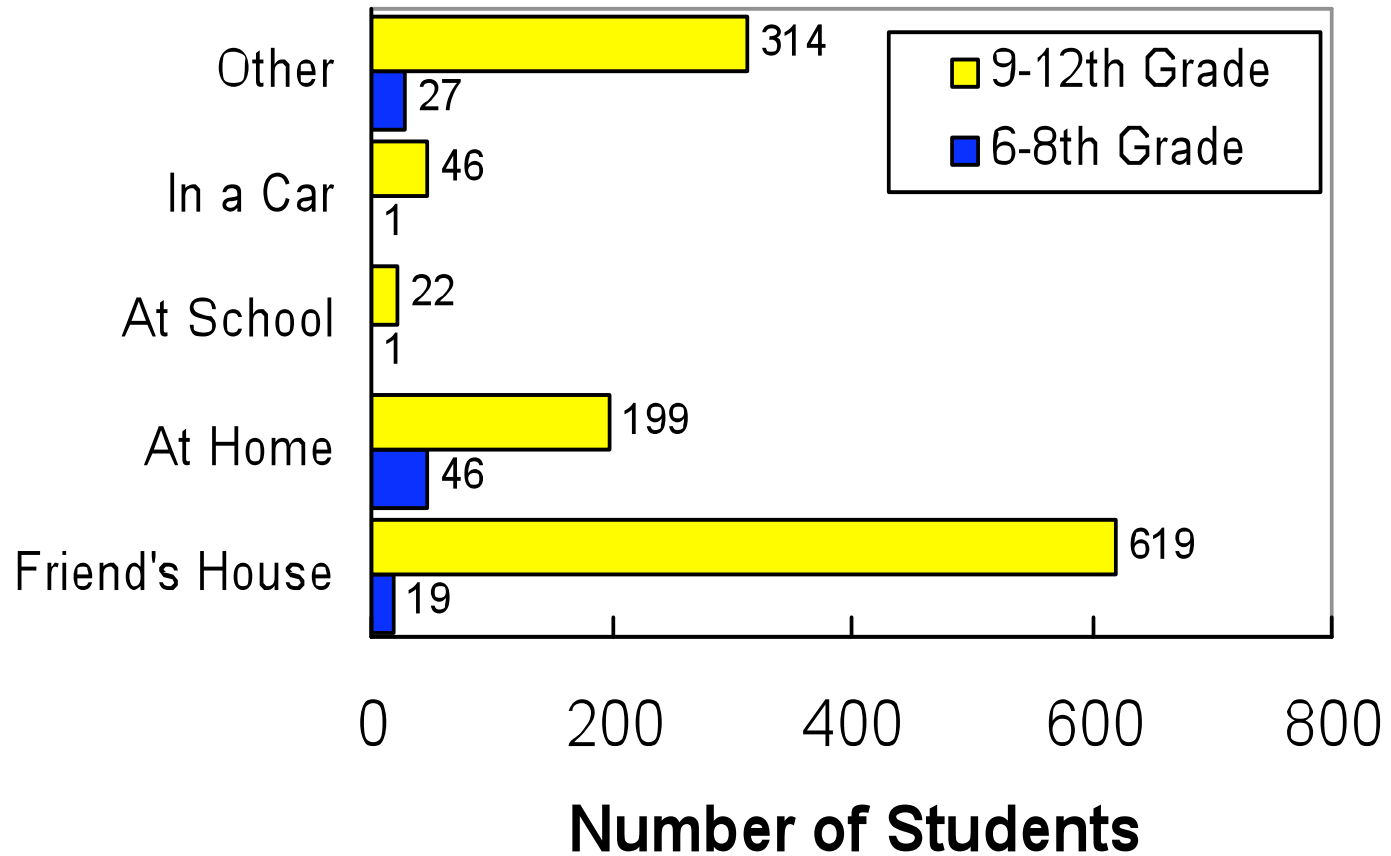
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618 (37%) of 1690 high school students usually use alcohol at a **friend's house** with 200 (12%) responding that they use alcohol **at home**.

206 (12%) of 1690 high school students use illicit drugs at a **friend's house** with 90 (5%) responding that they use illicit drugs **at home**.

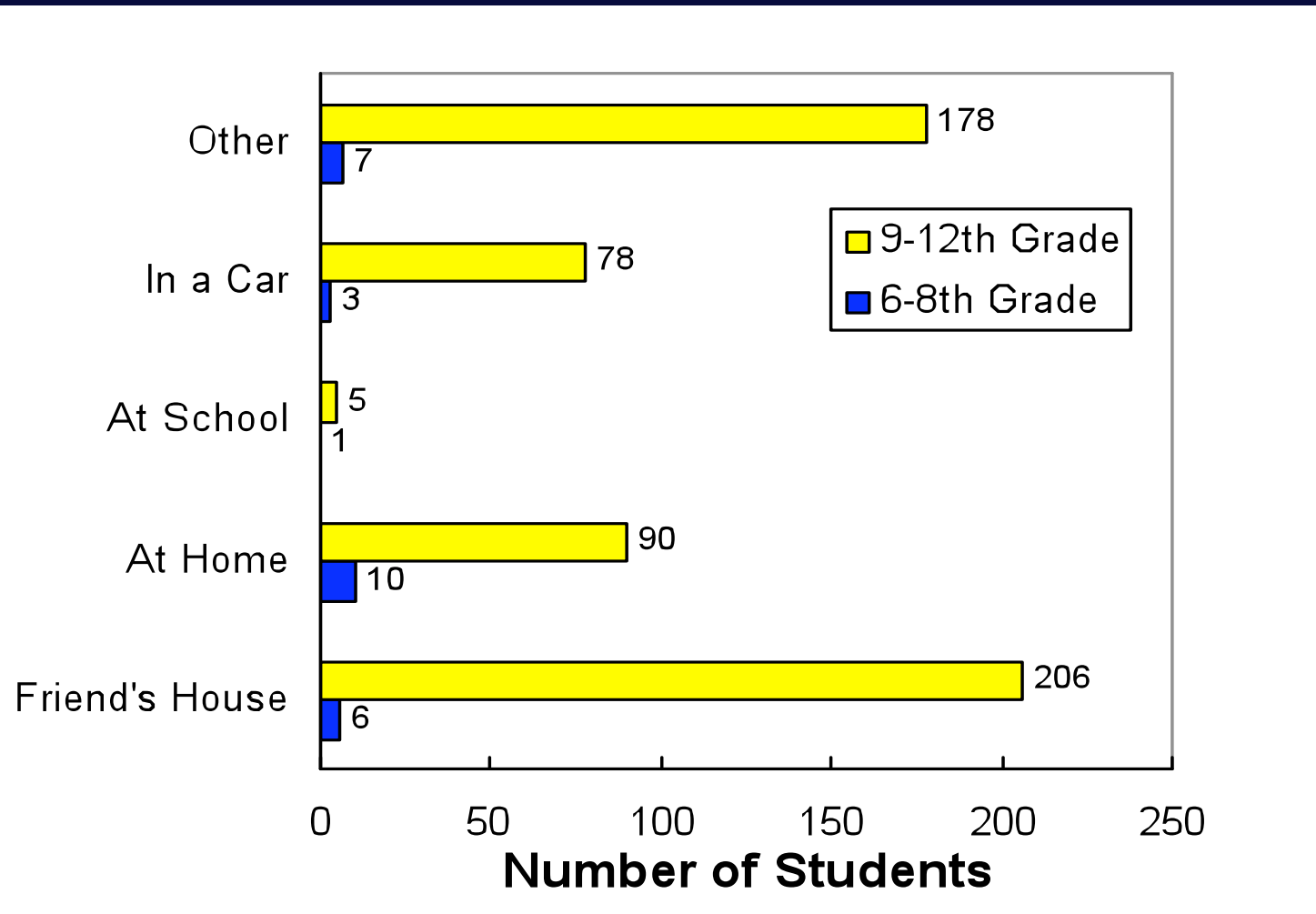


Where Students Use Any Alcohol





Where Students Use Marijuana





Our children are at risk.

**As a community,
what will we do now?**