

Year: 2023

Grade: 6

Sex: All

Number of Students Surveyed: 1,394

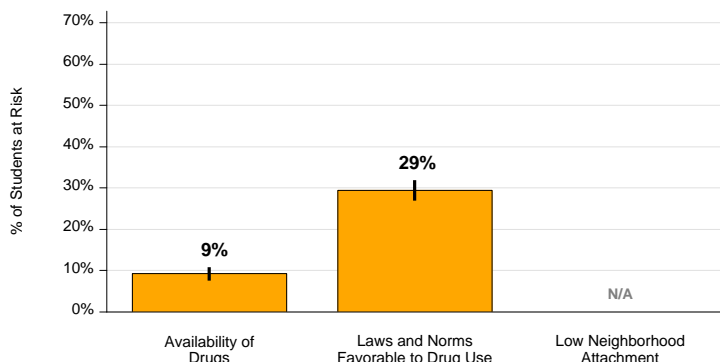
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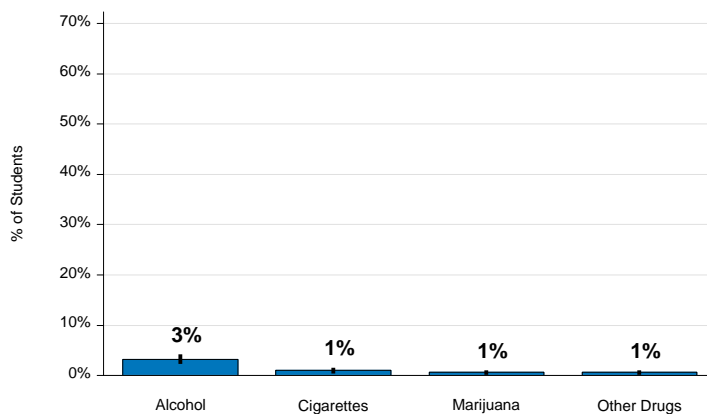
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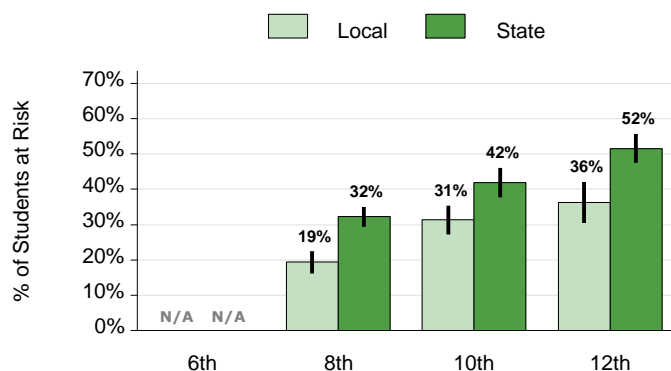
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Grade 6, 2023



**Substances Perceived as "Very Easy" to Get**  
Grade 6, 2023

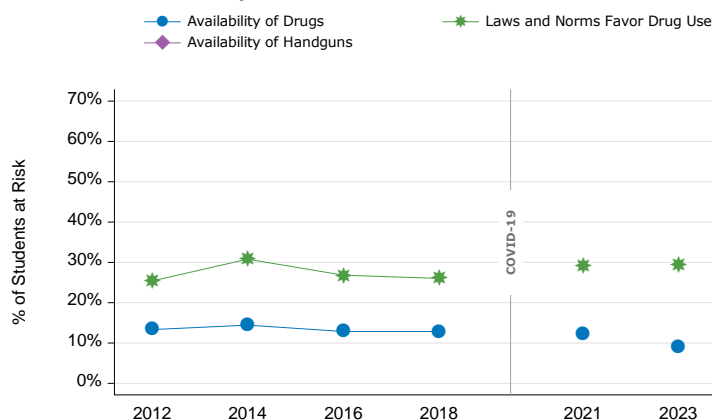


**Risk Factor: Low Neighborhood Attachment**  
All Grades, 2023



Prevalence	6th	8th	10th	12th
Local	N/A	19% ±3	31% ±4	36% ±6
State	N/A	32% ±3	42% ±4	52% ±4

**Community Risk Factors 2012-2023, Grade 6**



Prevalence	2012	2014	2016	2018	2021	2023
Availability of Drugs	13% ±2	14% ±2	13% ±2	13% ±2	12% ±2	9% ±2▼
Laws and Norms Favorable to Drug Use	25% ±2	31% ±2▲	27% ±2▼	26% ±2	29% ±2	29% ±2
Availability of Handguns	N/A	N/S	N/S	N/A	N/A	N/A

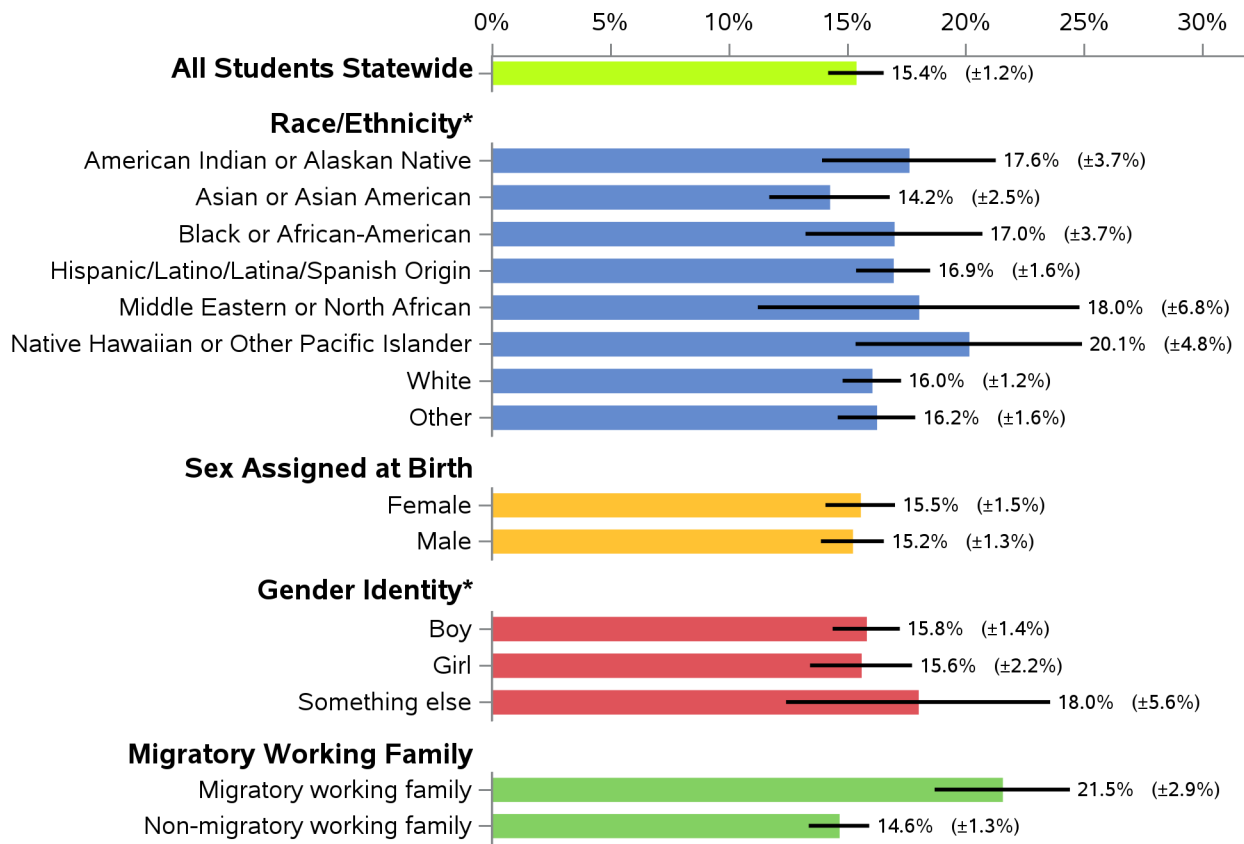
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## Statewide Relationship between Perceived Availability of Drugs and Demographics, Grade 6, 2023



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Year: 2023

Grade: 8

Sex: All

Number of Students Surveyed: 1,348

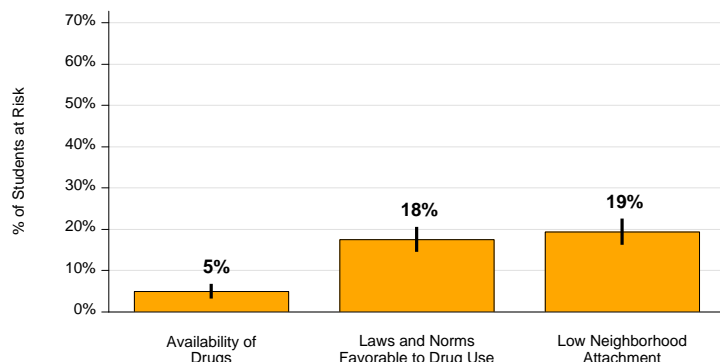
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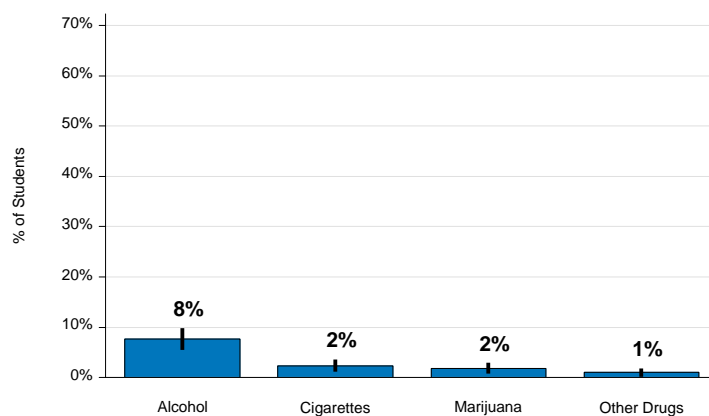
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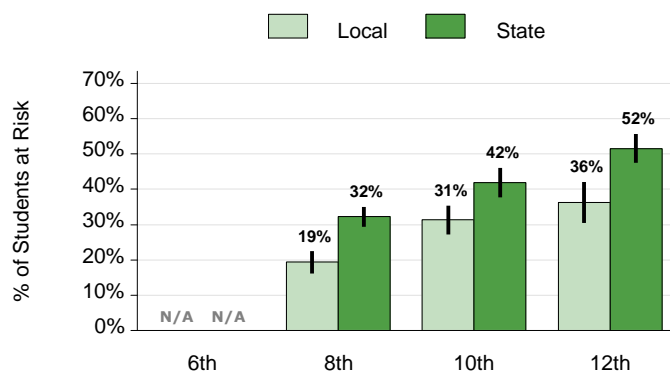
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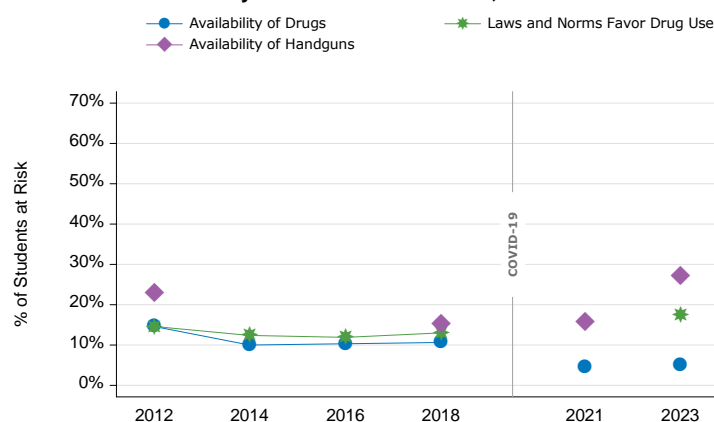


**Risk Factor: Low Neighborhood Attachment**  
All Grades, 2023



Prevalence	6th	8th	10th	12th
Local	N/A	19% ±3	31% ±4	36% ±6
State	N/A	32% ±3	42% ±4	52% ±4

**Community Risk Factors 2012-2023, Grade 8**



Prevalence	2012	2014	2016	2018	2021	2023
Availability of Drugs	15% ±3	10% ±2	10% ±2	11% ±2	4% ±2	5% ±2
Laws and Norms Favorable to Drug Use	15% ±3	12% ±3	12% ±2	13% ±3	N/A	18% ±3
Availability of Handguns	23% ±3	N/S	N/S	15% ±3	16% ±3	27% ±3

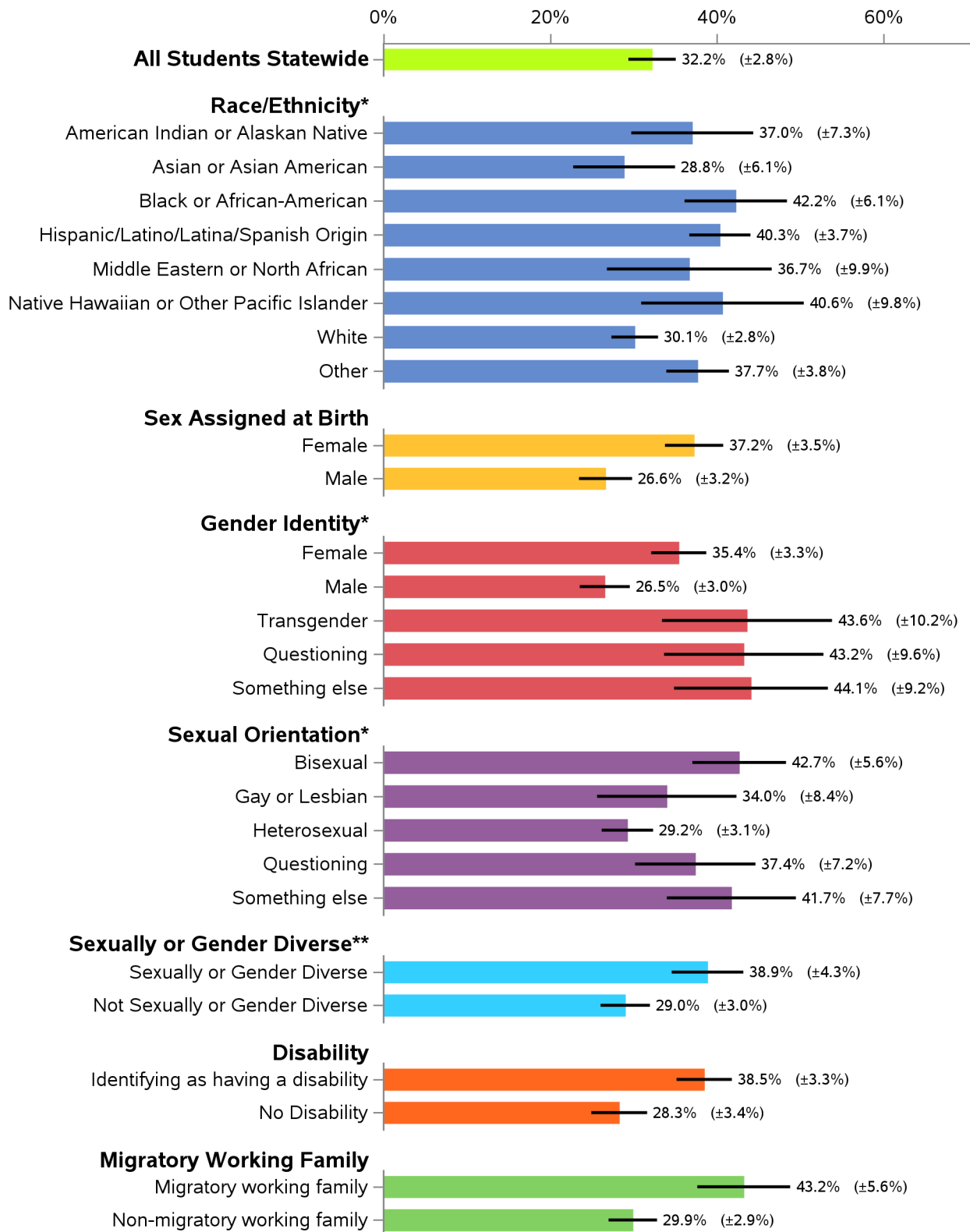
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Year: 2023

Grade: 10

Sex: All

Number of Students Surveyed: 1,175

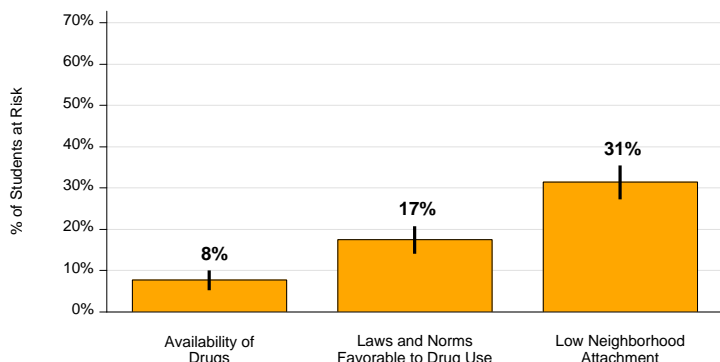
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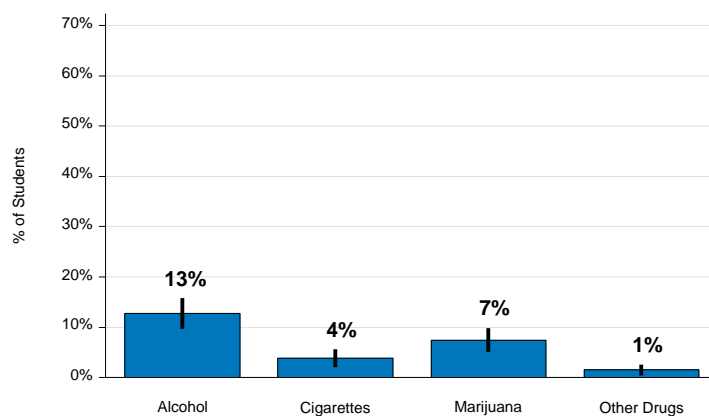
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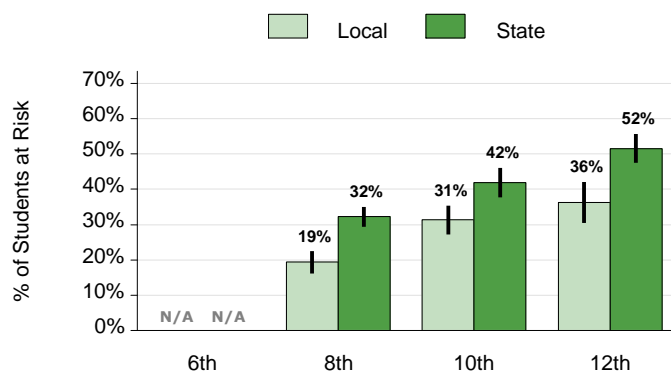
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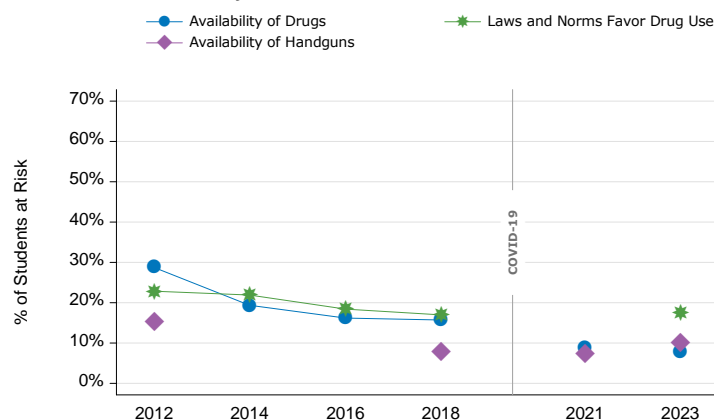


**Risk Factor: Low Neighborhood Attachment**  
All Grades, 2023



Prevalence	6th	8th	10th	12th
Local	N/A	19% ±3	31% ±4	36% ±6
State	N/A	32% ±3	42% ±4	52% ±4

**Community Risk Factors 2012-2023, Grade 10**



Prevalence	2012	2014	2016	2018	2021	2023
Availability of Drugs	29% ±4	19% ±3	16% ±3	16% ±3	9% ±2	8% ±2
Laws and Norms Favorable to Drug Use	23% ±4	22% ±4	18% ±3	17% ±3	N/A	17% ±3
Availability of Handguns	15% ±3	N/S	N/S	8% ±2	7% ±2	10% ±2

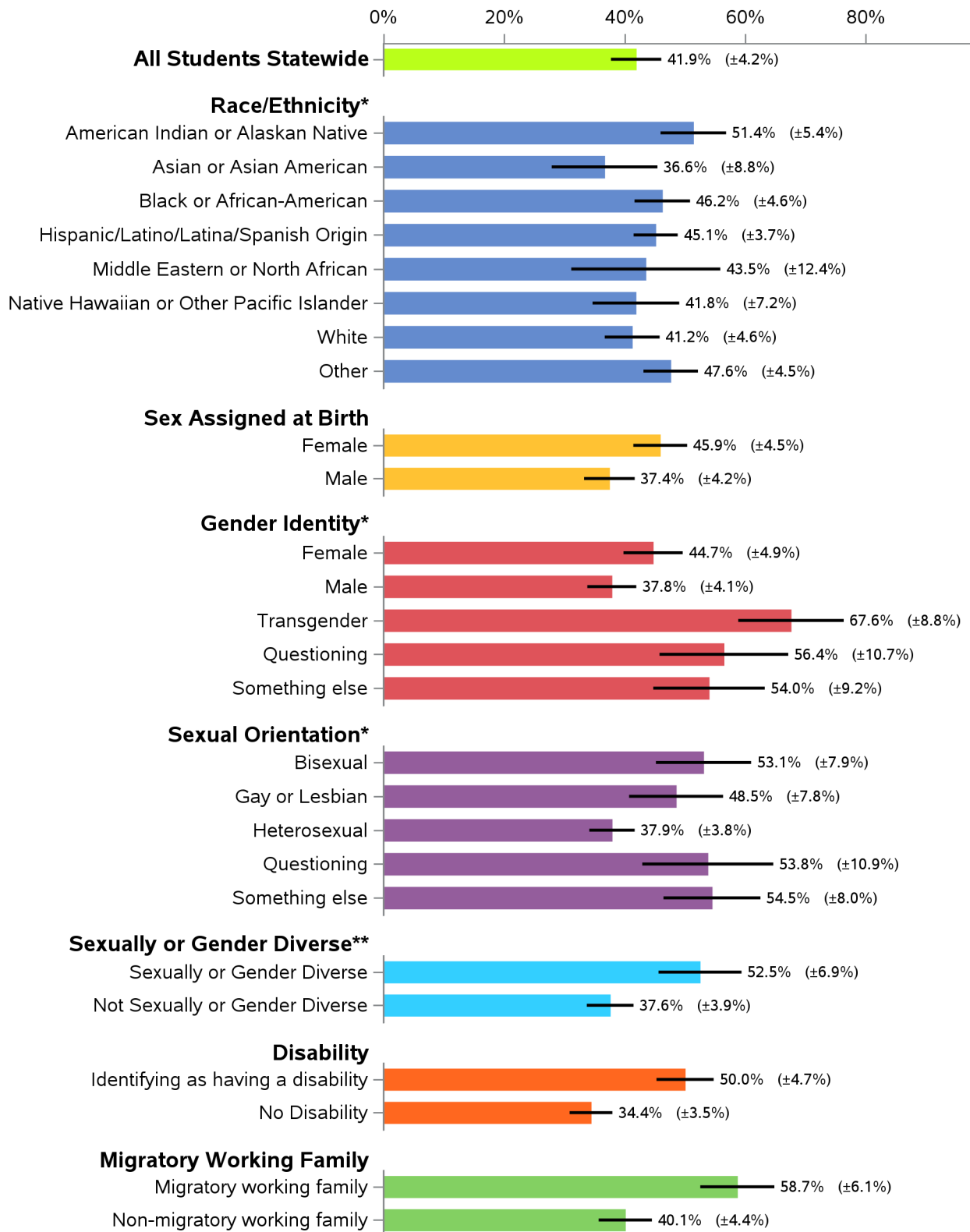
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Year: 2023

Grade: 12

Sex: All

Number of Students Surveyed: 683

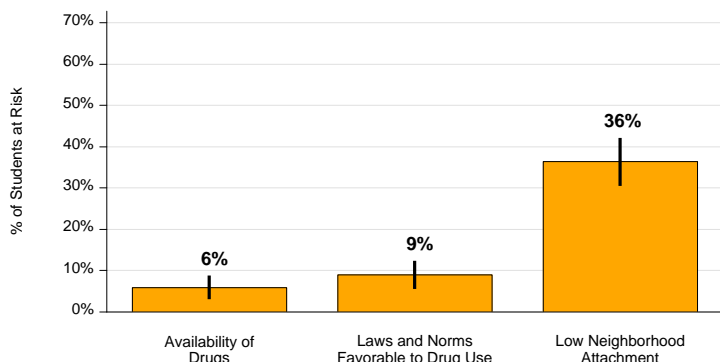
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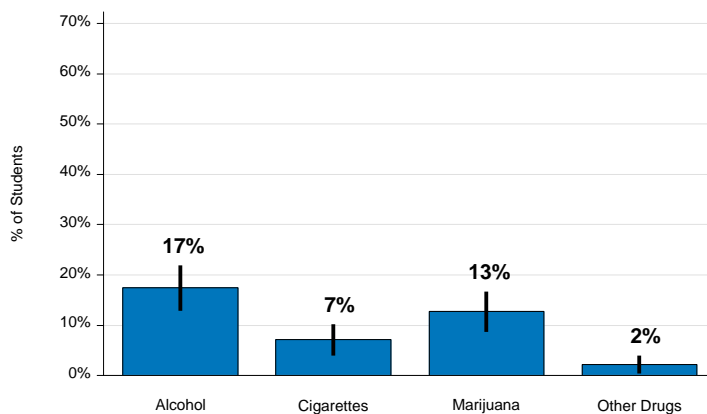
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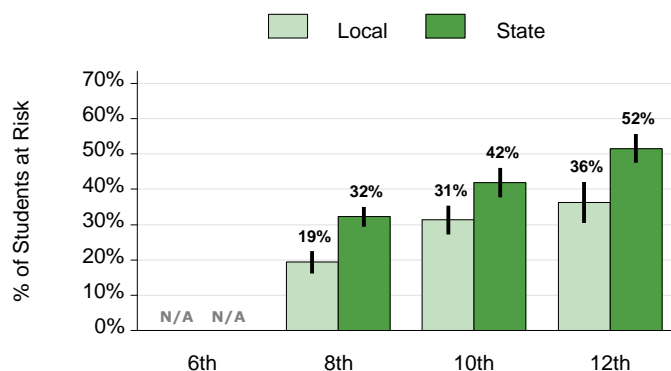
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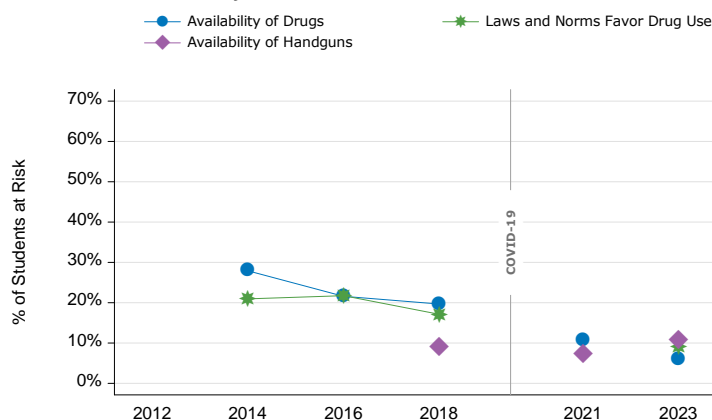


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All Grades, 2023



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State	N/A	32% ±3	42% ±4	52% ±4

**Community Risk Factors 2012-2023, Grade 12**



Prevalence	2012	2014	2016	2018	2021	2023
Availability of Drugs	S	28% ±5	22% ±5	20% ±5	11% ±3	6% ±3
Laws and Norms Favorable to Drug Use	S	21% ±4	22% ±5	17% ±4	N/A	9% ±3
Availability of Handguns	S	N/S	N/S	9% ±3	7% ±3	11% ±4

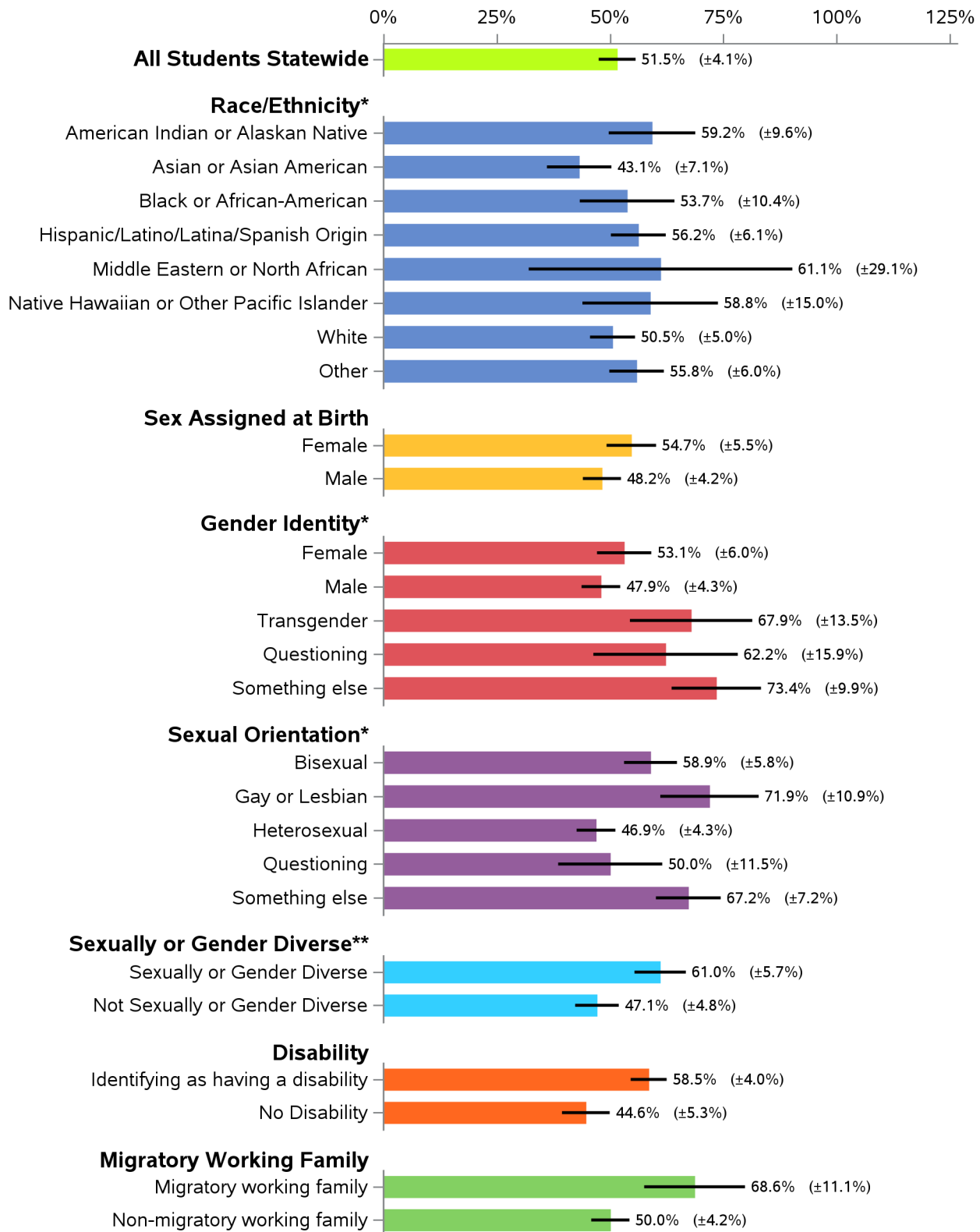
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