

MINUTES

BOARD MEMBERS PRESENT: Chairman William Blake, Mr. John Belfonti, Ms. Robyn Berke, Mr. Christopher Browe, Ms. Patricia Cardozo, Ms. Sue Cohen, Mr. Steven DeMaio (departed at 10:10 pm), Ms. Amy Esposito, Mr. Thomas Hurley, Ms. Tracey Russo, Ms. Sheila McCreven, Mr. James Stirling and Ms. Diane Urbano.

BOARD MEMBERS ABSENT: None

Staff members present: Dr. Charles Dumais, Ms. Theresa Lumas, Mr. Scott Cleary, Dr. Richard Dellinger, Mr. Shaun DeRosa, Mr. Ernie Goodwin, Ms. Anna Mahon, Dr. E. Marie McPadden, Ms. Mary Raiola and Mr. Jim Saisa.

Also present: Other members of the public.

A regular meeting of the Amity Regional Board of Education (BOE) was held on Monday, February 13, 2017 at 6:30 pm in the presentation room at the District Offices. It should be noted that due to an electrical outage at Amity Middle School, Orange campus, the Finance Committee meeting and the BOE meeting, both scheduled for tonight at that location, are being relocated to the presentation room at Amity Regional High School, 25 Newton Road, Woodbridge.

1. **Call to Order:** Chairman William Blake called the meeting to order at 6:40 pm.

2. **Pledge of Allegiance** was recited by those present.

3. **Approval of minutes.**

A. **Regular BOE meeting, January 09, 2017 (enclosure)**

Motion by Mr. Hurley, 2nd by Mr. Stirling to accept the minutes of January 09, 2017 as submitted.

Ms. McCreven stated that on page 4 of the minutes, the last portion of the last sentence on the page belongs after the motion by Mr. Browe regarding policy 9132.6. She stated that a second correction was needed to Mr. Browe’s motion on page 5 to add the words “check the validity of the policy and decide on any future change”.

Motion by Ms. McCreven, 2nd by Mr. Browe to amend the minutes of January 09, 2017 as stated above.

Vote 11 in favor, 1 opposed (Ms. Russo), 3 abstentions (Ms. Berke, Ms. Cardozo, Ms. Cohen,) Motion carried

Motion by Ms. Urbano, 2nd by Mr. Belfonti to accept the minutes of January 09, 2017 as amended.

Motion by Ms. Russo, 2nd by Ms. McCreven to table this motion until the Board has the written changes in hand.

**Vote 6 in favor, 3 opposed (Ms. Esposito, Mr. Stirling and Ms. Urbano)
3 abstentions Ms. Berke, Ms. Cardozo, Mr. Hurley) Motion carried**

B. **Special BOE meeting, January 17, 2017 (enclosure)**

Motion by Mr. Hurley, 2nd by Ms. Russo to accept the minutes of January 17, 2017 as submitted.

Vote 9 in favor, 3 abstentions (Mr. Belfonti, Ms. Berke, Ms. Cohen) Motion carried

4. **Public Comment - None**

5. **Student Report**

Ms. Ananya Kachru gave an update on events at Amity High School, Amity Middle School Bethany Campus and Amity

Middle School Orange Campus over the past month, as well as informing the Board of upcoming events.

6. Adult and continuing education report – Mr. Seth Davis (attachment #1)

Mr. Davis presented his report on the adult education offerings and reported to the Board regarding the most popular classes, enrollment numbers and financial details. Questions from the Board were answered by Mr. Davis and Ms. Lumas.

7. Presentation of Alliance Health Survey Results – Ms. Pam Mautte (attachment #2)

Ms. Mautte presented the results of the survey taken by Amity students in grades 7, 9 and 11 in December 2016. Questions from the Board regarding the survey were answered by Ms. Mautte. She stated that Ms. Joanie Nordstrom, who was present at the meeting, with the Bethany Orange Woodbridge Prevention Council is a resource for community members who want to learn more about how to help students; information is on the Orange town website as well as the BOW Prevention Council website.

8. Presentation and discussion of, and possible action on Superintendent's proposed budget 2017-2018 budget (enclosure)

Mr. Blake stated that he requested that Dr. Dumais not give his budget presentation since the Finance Committee tabled their motion to recommend the 2017-2018 budget at their meeting earlier today. It is noted that the budget document is available on the Amity website.

Mr. Blake asked Mr. Stirling, Finance Committee Chairman, to give the Board a report on the Finance Committee's decision to table. Mr. Stirling stated that the Committee desired to wait for more feedback from the member towns; the town of Orange has already met and Bethany and Woodbridge will meet this week. Because no recommendation was made, the Finance Committee may need to schedule a special meeting or wait until the next meeting on March 13th. Mr. Stirling gave the Board a synopsis of the public comment that was heard at the Committee meeting.

Motion by Mr. Hurley, 2nd by Mr. Browe, to table this item until the next Board meeting on March 13, 2017 pending the report from the Finance Committee.

There was lengthy discussion and comment by the Board members regarding the bylaw and the budget.

Mr. Stirling requested that each Board member who wants to speak about the budget in the context of the motion to table that is on the floor for the purpose of informing fellow Board members. Comments and discussion followed from the Board members.

Mr. Blake called the question.

Vote unanimous

Motion carried

9. Correspondence

Dr. Dumais received a phone call from a Cheshire parent who was also a former Cheshire BOE member, commending the behavior of some Amity High School students that were sitting near him in a restaurant.

10. Superintendent's Report

A. Personnel Report – (enclosure)

B. Superintendent's Monthly Report (enclosure)

Dr. Dumais highlighted several items in his report, namely the school re-engagement program,; the entire faculty has been trained in hands-free CPR; Rachel's Challenge; Legislative Breakfast; the final phase of the principal search for Amity Middle School, Orange has been reached and the plan is to have a candidate to present at the March 13th BOE meeting.

Questions regarding the monthly report were answered by Dr. Dumais and Ms. Lumas.

C. Other - None

11. Chairman's Report -

A. Committee Reports

1. ACES – nothing to report.

2. CAFE – Ms. McCreven reported that the Area 7 Legislative Breakfast took place on January 11th. Day on the Hill is on March 8th.

3. Curriculum – Mr. Browe reported that the Curriculum Committee met on January 19th, minutes are enclosed. The Committee discussed the AESOP and VeriTime software (which is on the agenda for this evening) and recommended that the software be purchased.

4. Facilities

A. Facilities Department monthly report, January 2017 (enclosure)

5. Finance

A. Discussion and possible action on new funding requests

1. AESOP and VeriTime(absence and substitute management software)

Motion by Ms. Russo, 2nd by Ms. Cardozo to approve the budget transfer into the Data Processing account to cover the implementation of the AESOP and VeriTime software module to facilitate substitute coverage and record substitute hours worked, all staff absences and hourly staff time worked.

<i>Account number</i>	<i>Account Name</i>	<i>From</i>	<i>To</i>
05-00-0000-5850	Contingency	\$7,500	
05-14-2510-5327	Data Processing		\$7,500

Vote unanimous

Motion carried

B. Discussion of monthly financial statements

C. Director of Finance and Administration approved transfers under \$3,000

D. Other

1. Planned budget presentations to member town Boards of Finance

The planned budget presentations to member town Boards of Finance will take place as follows:

Bethany, February 14, 2017 at 7:30 pm

Orange, February 27, 2017 at 7:30 pm

Woodbridge, February 16, 2017 at 7:30 pm

All meetings will be held at the respective Town Halls.

6. Policy

A. Second read of the following policy recommendations:

1. New: 9000, 9010

Motion by Mr. Hurley, 2nd by Ms. Cohen to approve these new policies

Discussion and questions followed; questions were answered by Dr. Dumais and Mr. Hurley.

Vote unanimous, 1 abstention (Ms. Cardozo absent)

Motion carried

2. As written: 9125, 9126, 9131, 9132.4 and 9270

This is for information only, no action is required.

3. Edited: 9020, 9110, 9120, 9122, 9132, 9222, 9230, 9260

Motion by Mr. Hurley, 2nd by Ms. Urbano to accept policies 9020, 9110, 9120, 9122, 9132, 9222, 9230 and 9260.

Mr. Hurley stated that the changes to these policies are mostly legal references as noted at the bottom of each policy. Lengthy discussion followed regarding the policy change process.

Vote 8 in favor, 0 opposed, 4 abstentions (Ms. Berke, Ms. Cardozo, Ms. Esposito and Ms. Russo) Motion carried

7. Personnel

A. Discussion of administrators' contract – executive session

Motion by Mr. Browe, 2nd by Mr. Hurley for the Board to go into executive session at 9:45 pm and invite Dr. Dumas and Ms. Lumas.

Vote unanimous, 1 abstention (Ms. Cardozo) Motion carried

The Board returned from executive session at 10:10 pm

B. Vote on administrators' contract

Motion by Mr. Stirling, 2nd by Ms. Cohen to approve administrators 2017-2020 bargaining agreement.

Vote 10 in favor, 2 abstentions (Mr. DeMaio and Ms. Cardozo absent) Motion carried

12. Items for next agenda – please forward any items to Dr. Dumais or Mr. Blake.

13. Adjournment

Motion by Mr. Hurley, 2nd by Mr. Browe to adjourn at 10:12 pm.

Vote unanimous Motion carried

Respectfully submitted,

Ruth E. Natzel, Recording Clerk

Thomas Hurley, Secretary

Attachments:

1. Adult education presentation
2. Amity Wellness survey



Adult and Continuing Education

Amity Regional School District No. 5

Board of Education

Presentation – February 13, 2017

Seth Davis





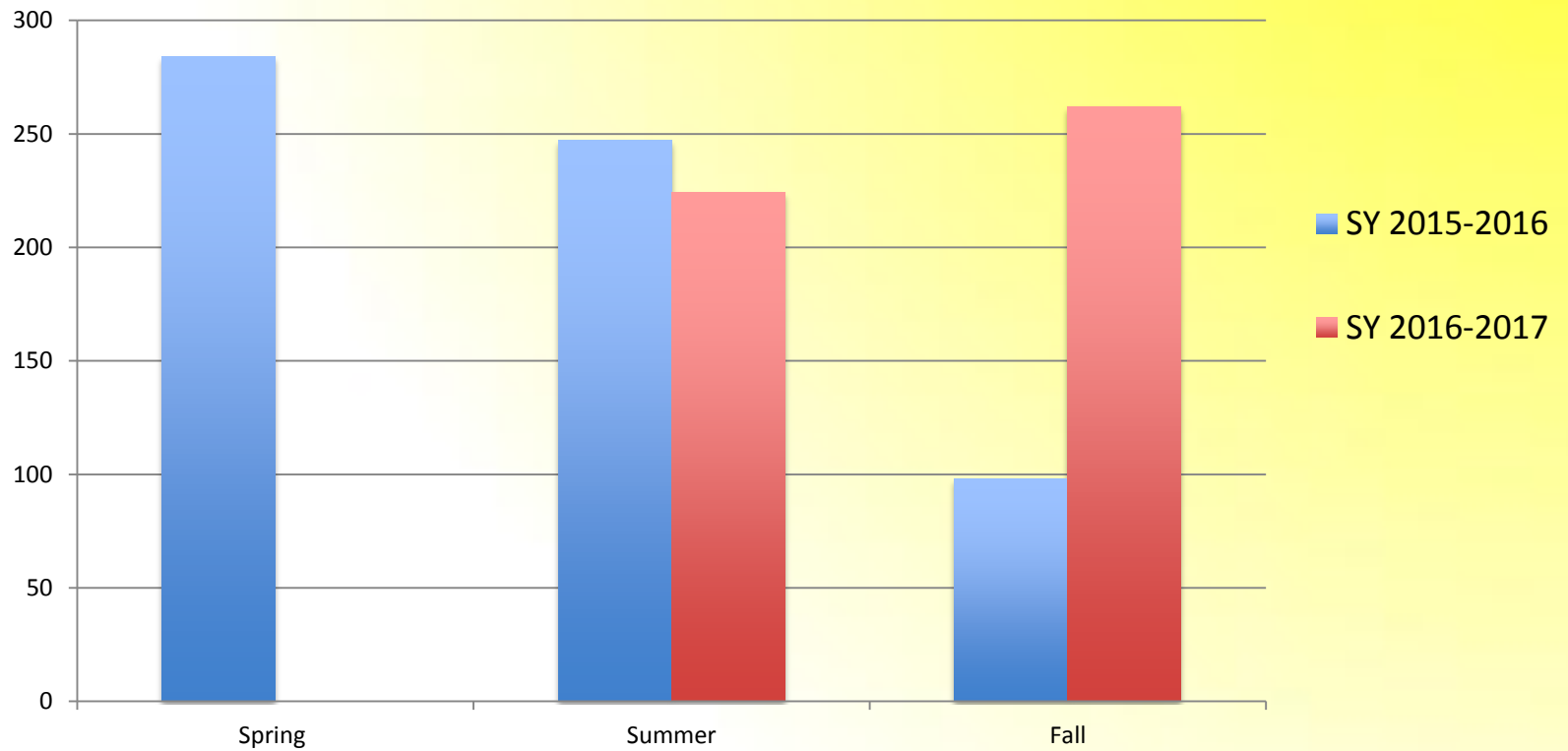
Current offerings



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Enrollment Numbers



Financials

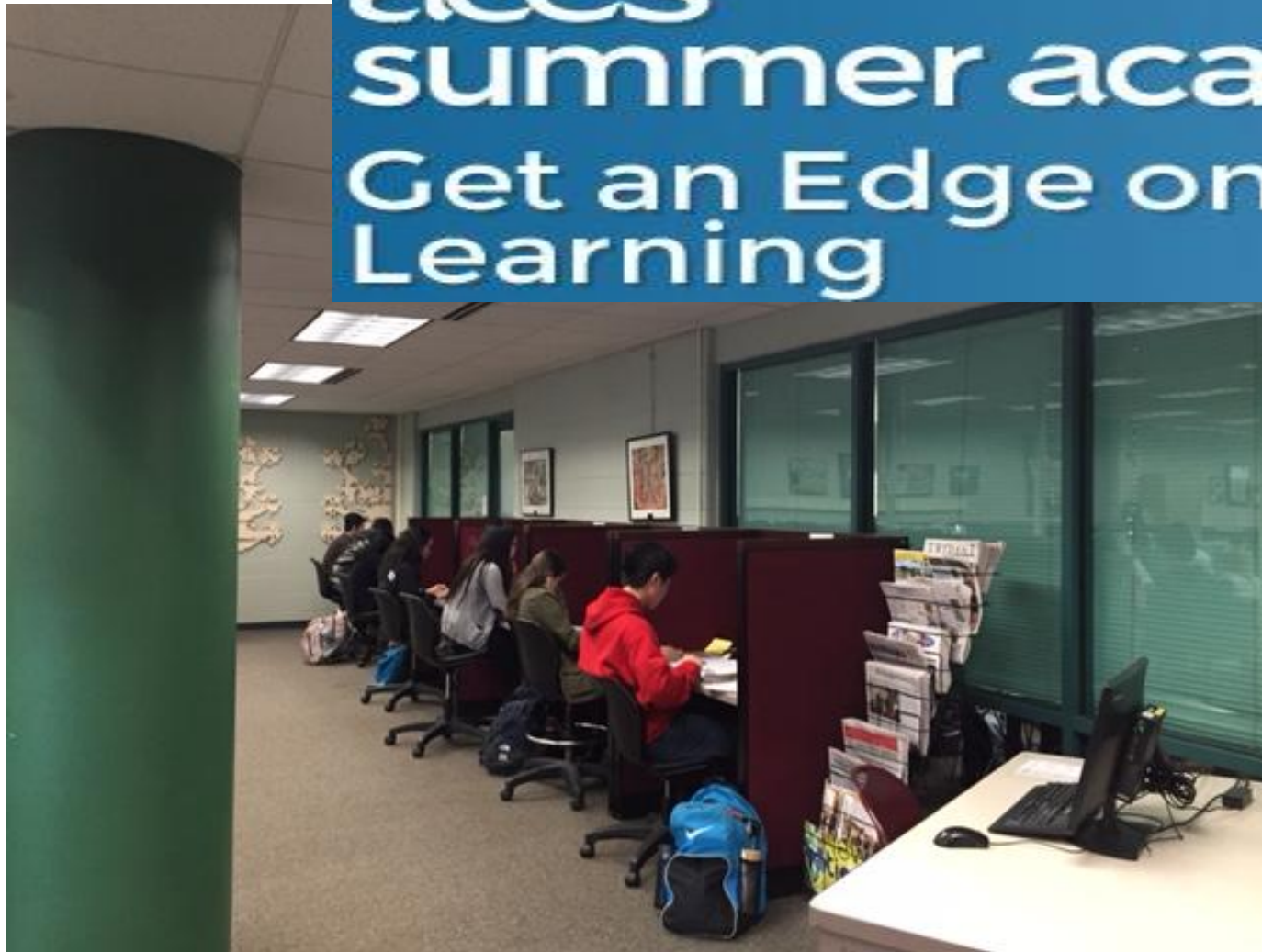
ADULT ED	2014-2015	2015-2016
Revenue	\$36,292.49	\$27,345.52
Expenses	\$38,048.09	\$37,596.78
Revenue-Expense	(\$1,755.6)	(\$10,251.26)

SUMMER SCHOOL	2014-2015	2015-2016
Revenue	\$75,194.08	\$43,656.00
Expenses	\$70,869.06	\$55,818.89
Revenue-Expense	\$4,325.02	(\$12,162.89)



Highlights

aces
summer academy
Get an Edge on
Learning



Highlights





Recommendations

- Eliminate current Eleyo online registration system
- Move all online payments to MyPayments Plus
- Increase summer offerings to include more diverse options



Potential Summer Additions

- Computer Programming
- Robotics
- Various afternoon sports
- Science based options



Thank You



Amity Student Survey Results Overview
February 13, 2017

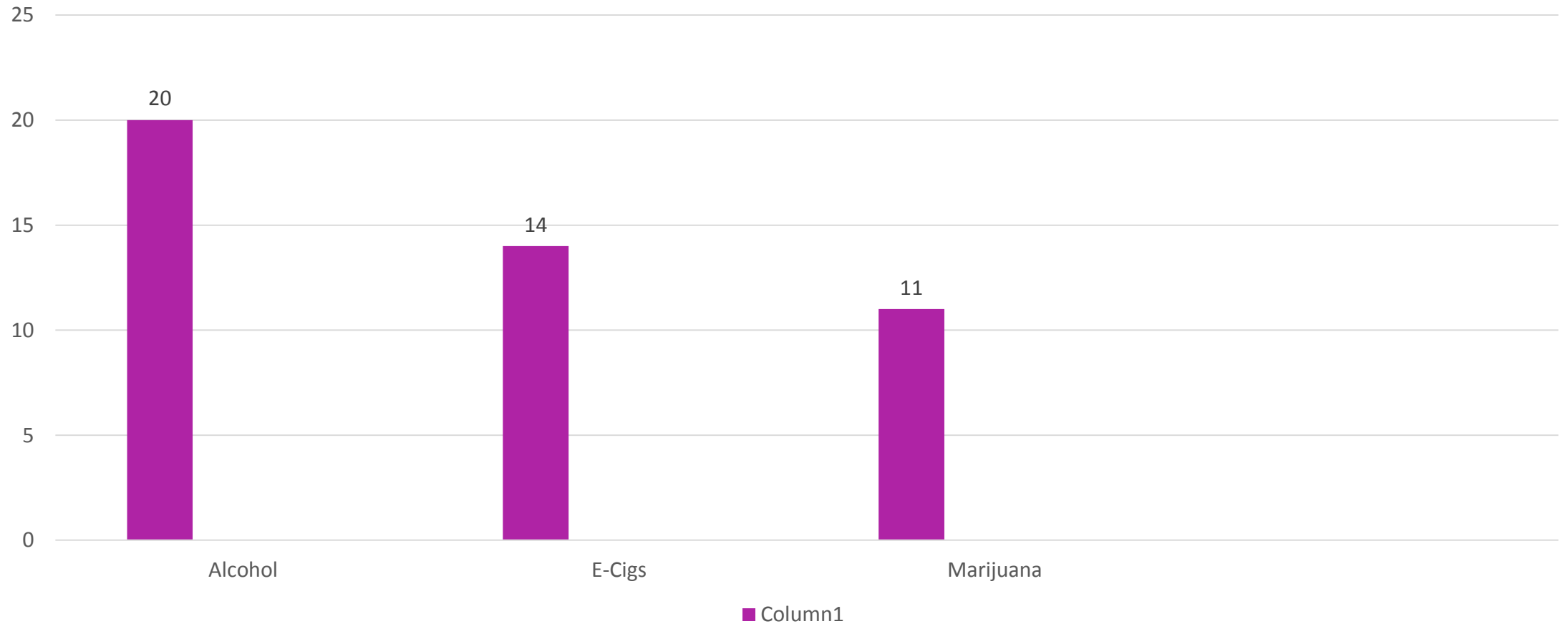
Partners

- Amity Administration
- Amity BOE
- Bethany Orange Woodbridge Local Prevention Council (BOWDAC)
- Woodbridge Youth Services
- Alliance for Prevention & Wellness

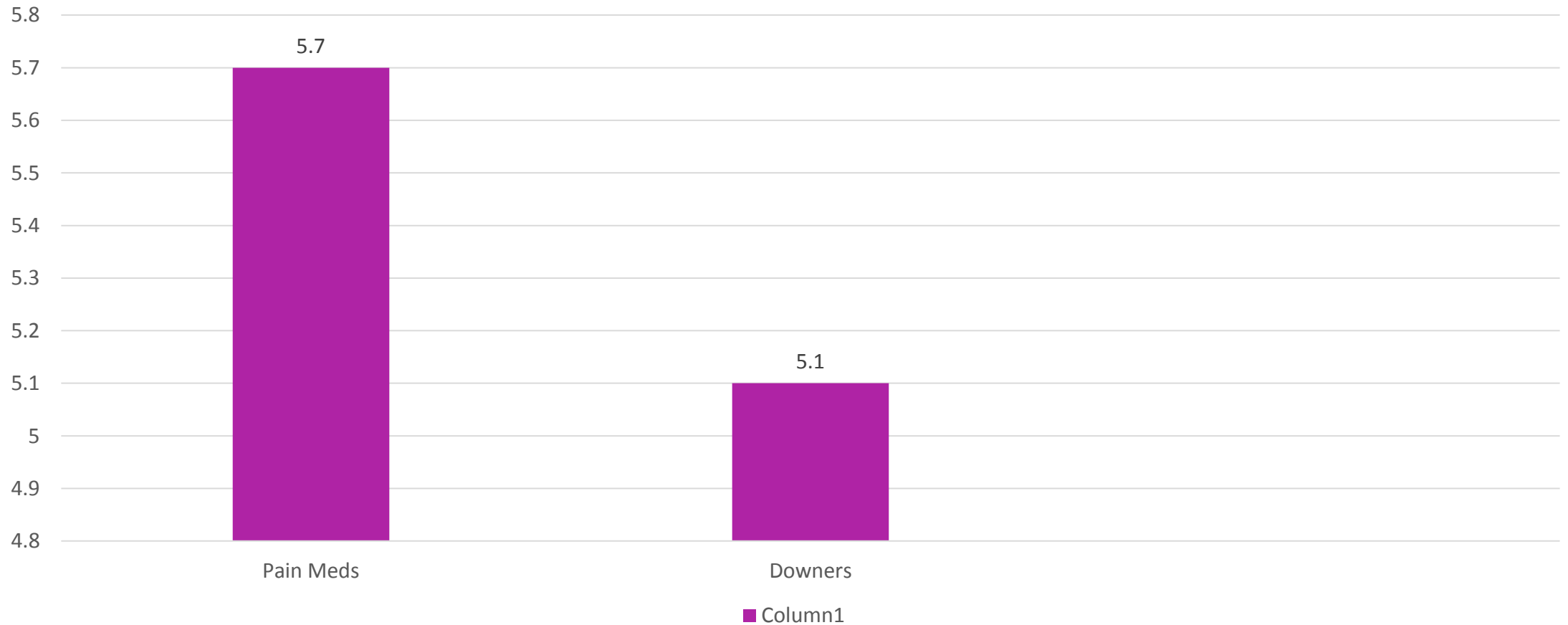
Overview

- 3 schools
- 996 youth participated with 960 valid responses in grades 7 (362), 9 (327), 11 (271)
- Administered on-line via [survey monkey.com](https://www.surveymonkey.com)
- Incomplete, inconsistent and non serious responses were excluded (4%) or 36 students.
- Participation rate was 85% across all grades and schools
- Comparable community data – districts are confidential but have similar enrollment and demographics and maybe combined communities in the analysis so numbers enrolled are similar

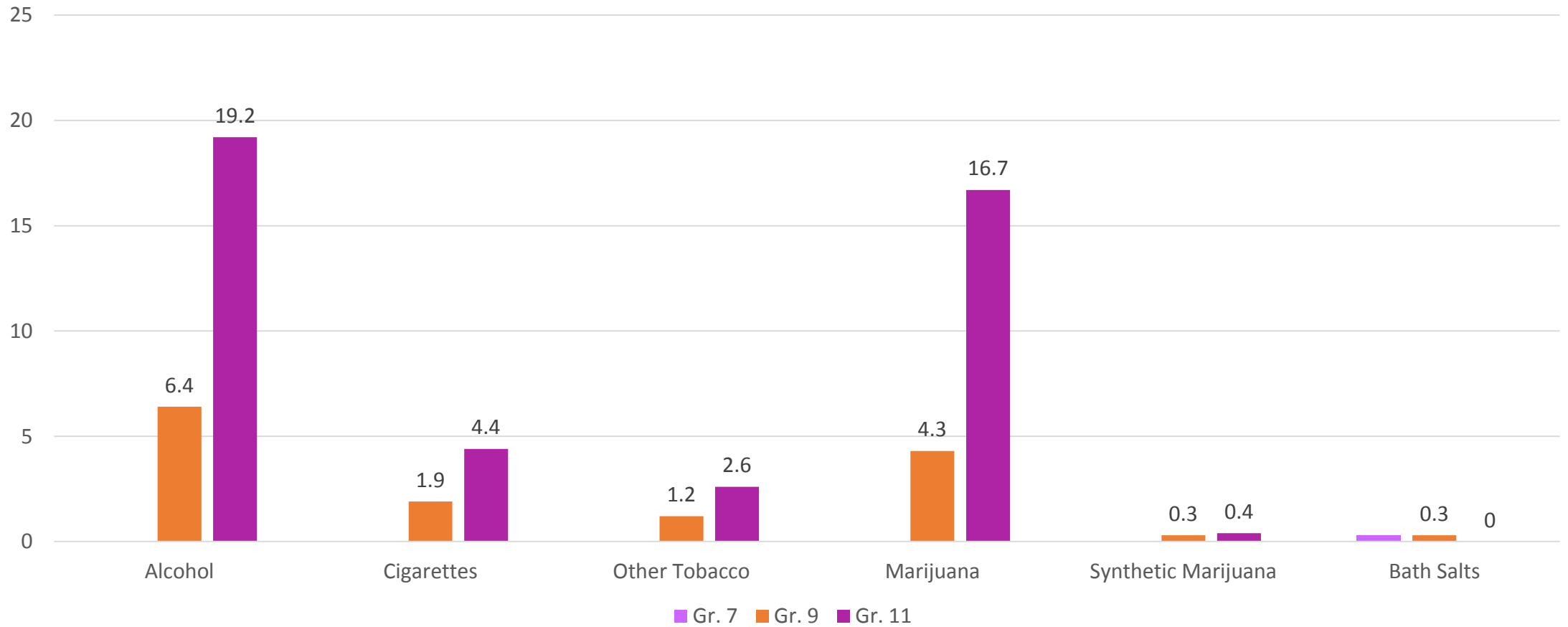
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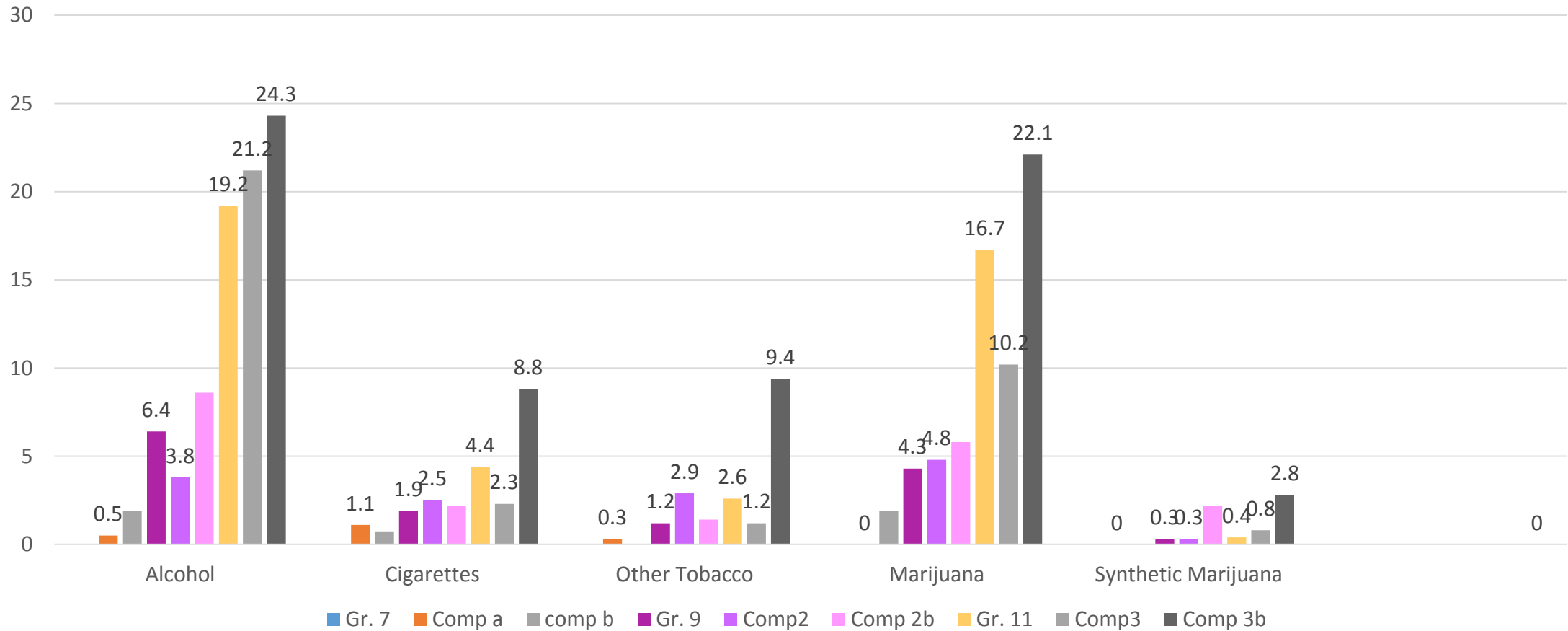
Lifetime Misuse Rates: Prescription Medications



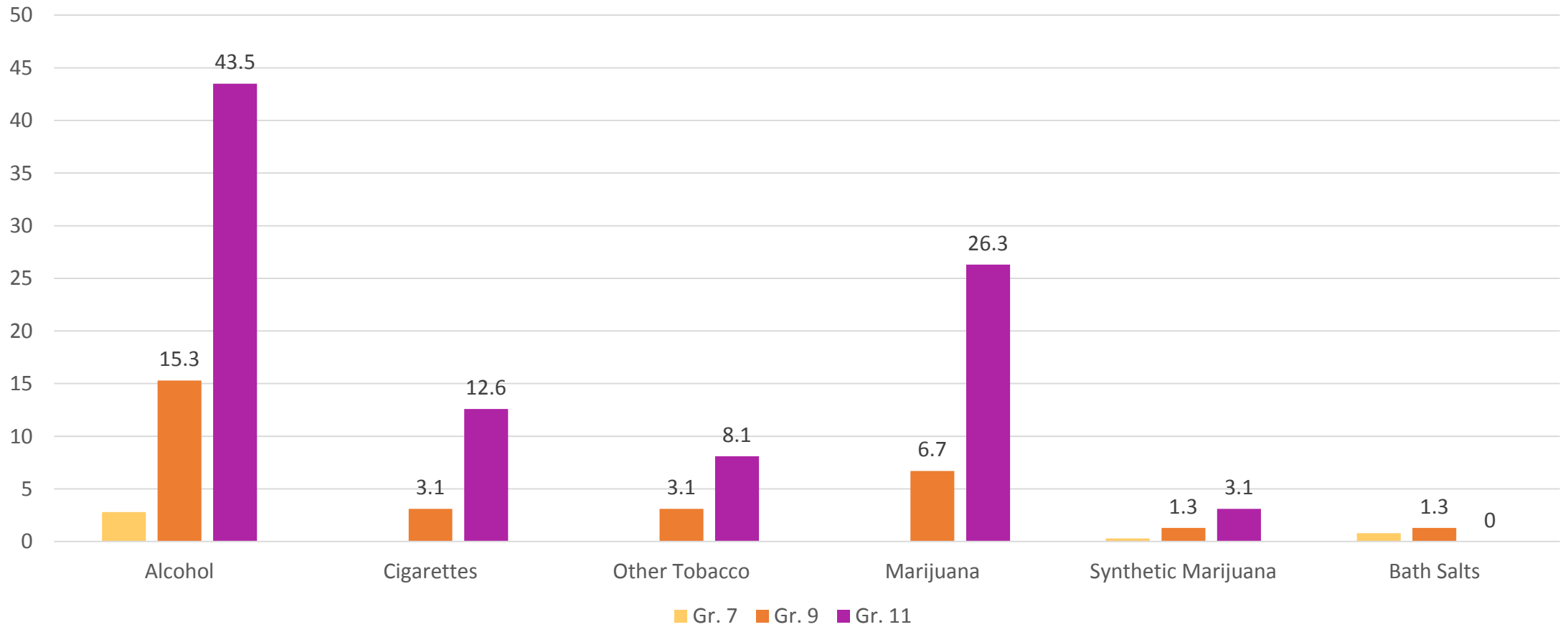
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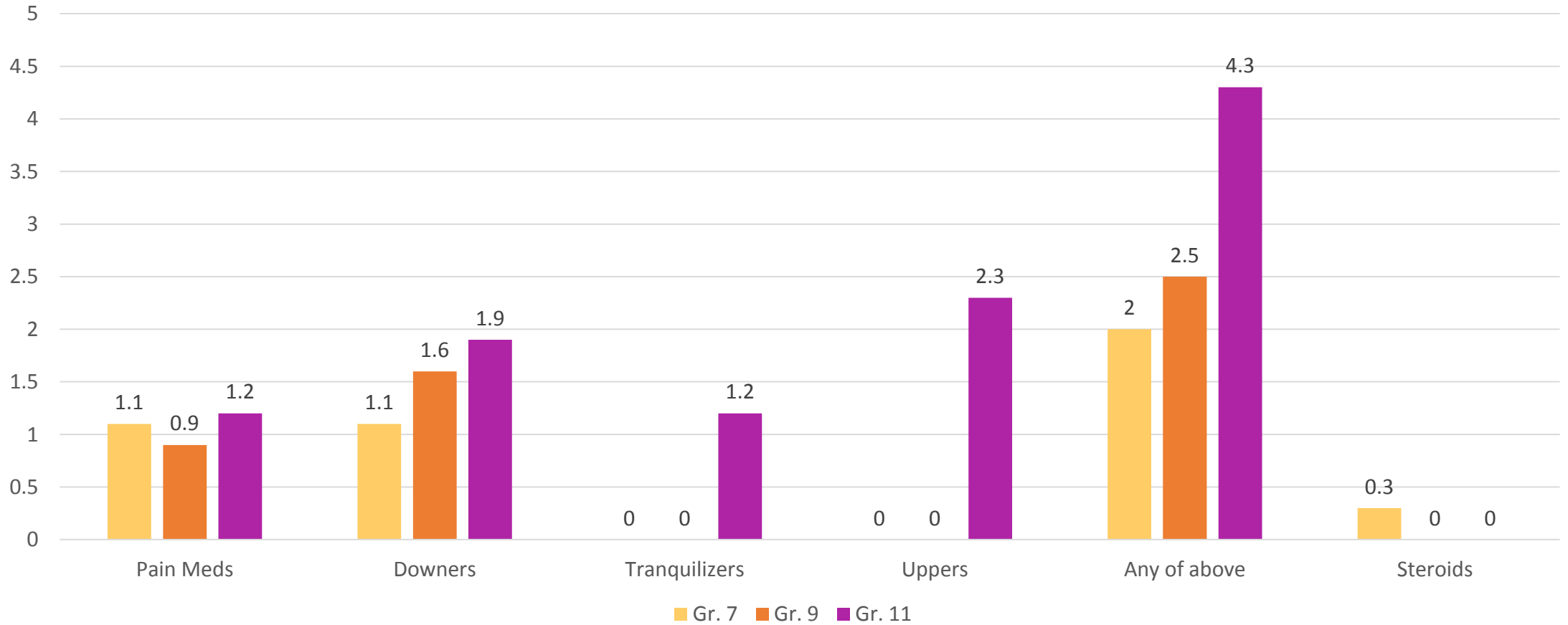
Past 30 Day Use vs. comparison community



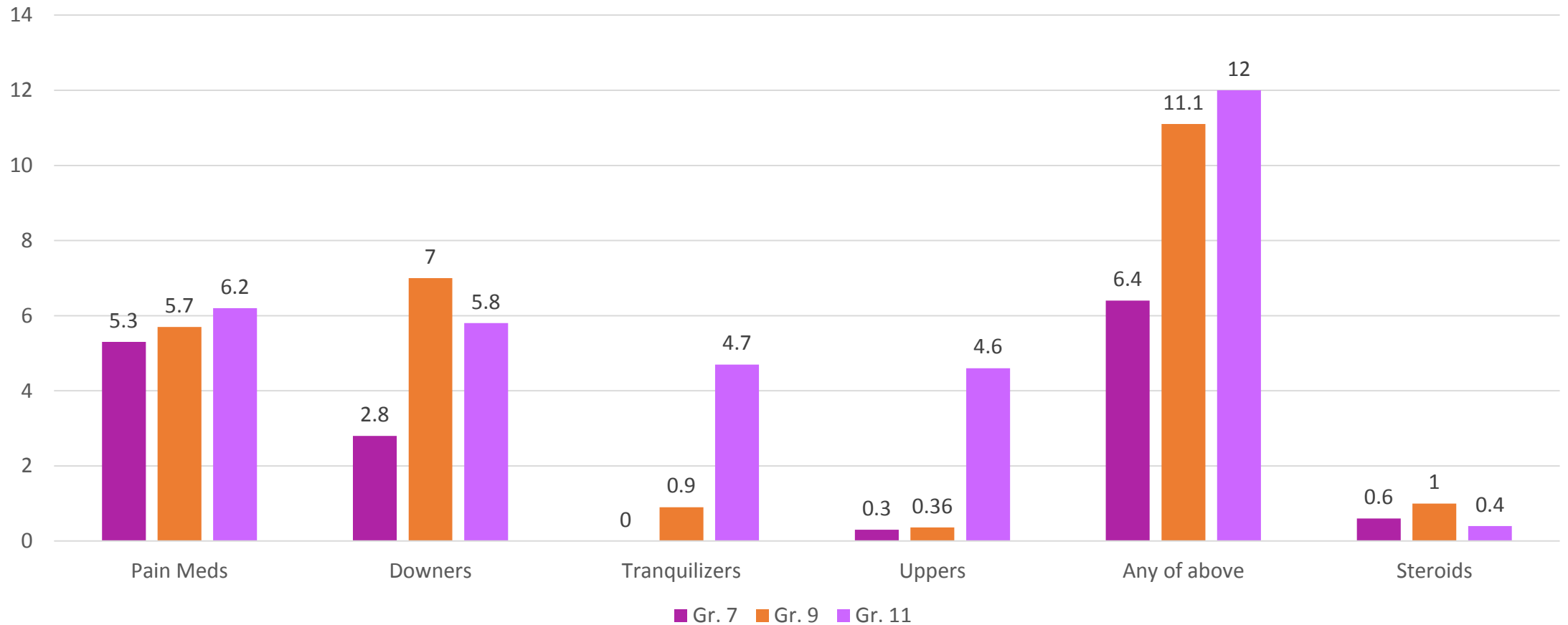
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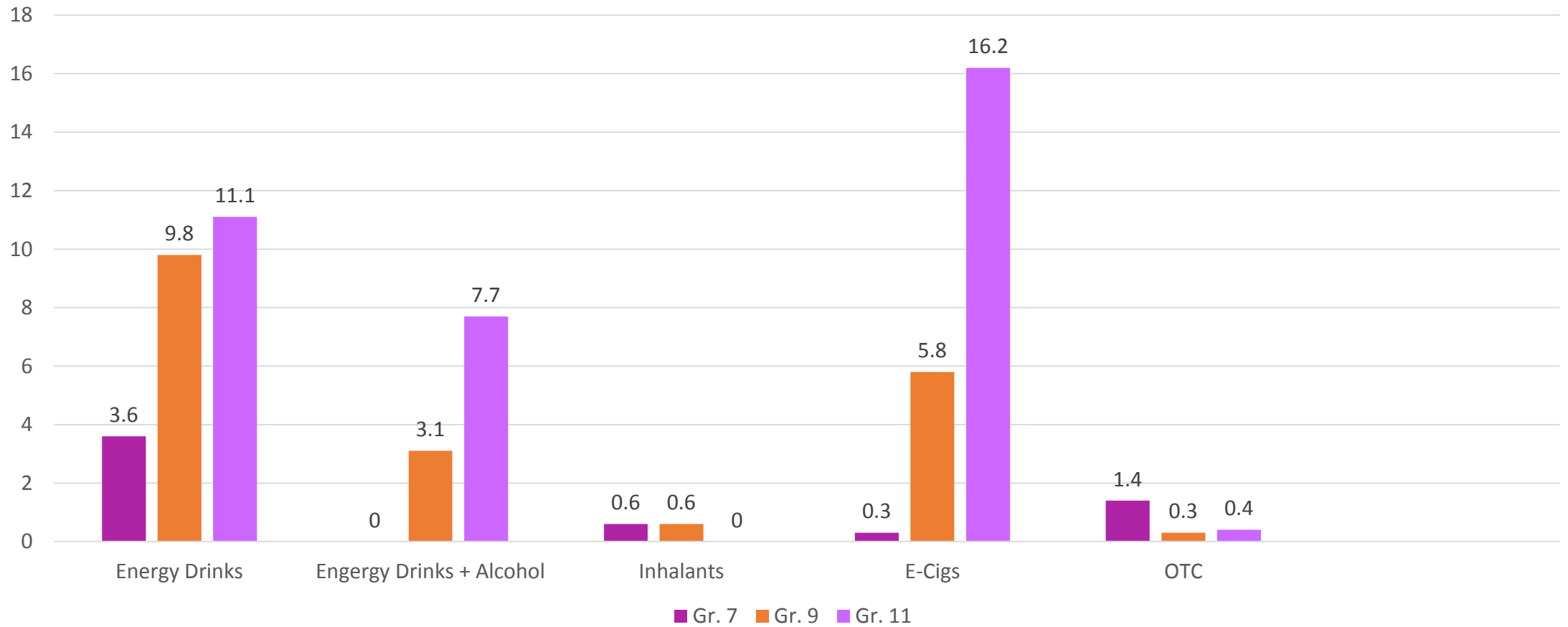
Past 30 day: Prescription Medication



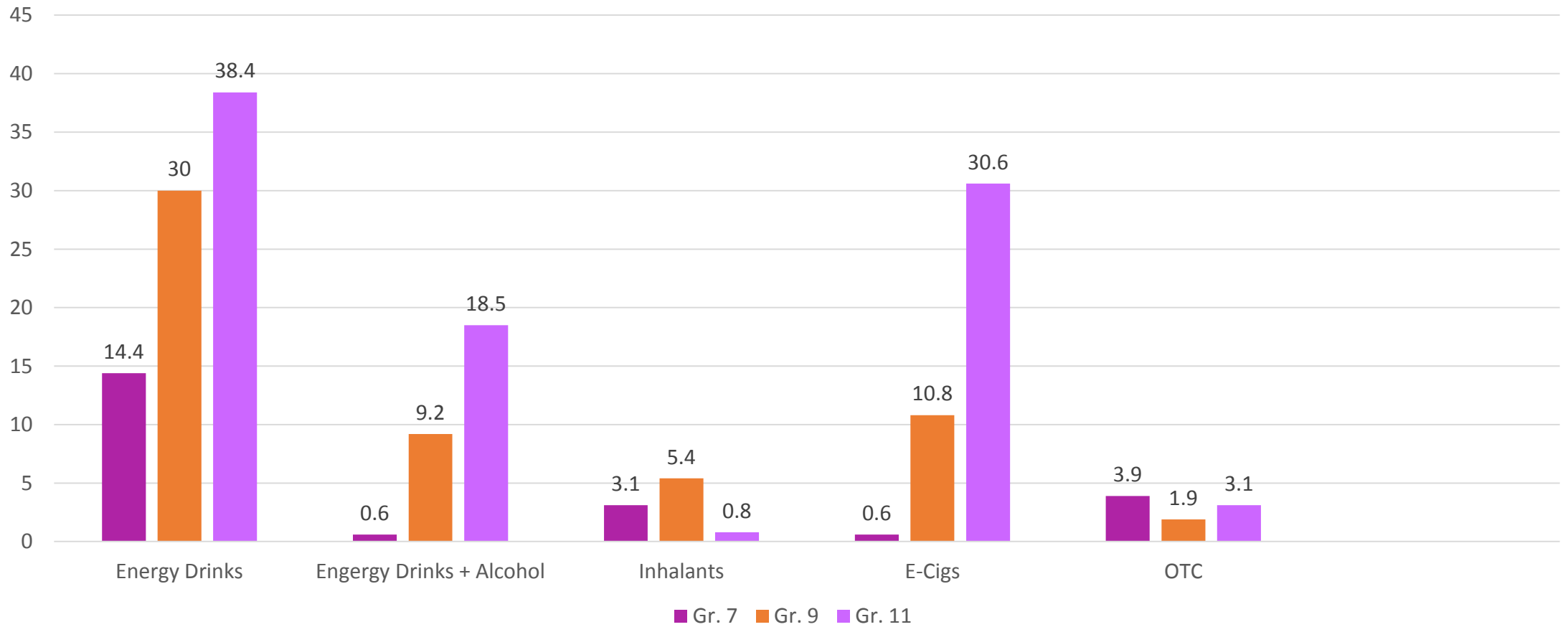
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Past 30 Day: Legal Products

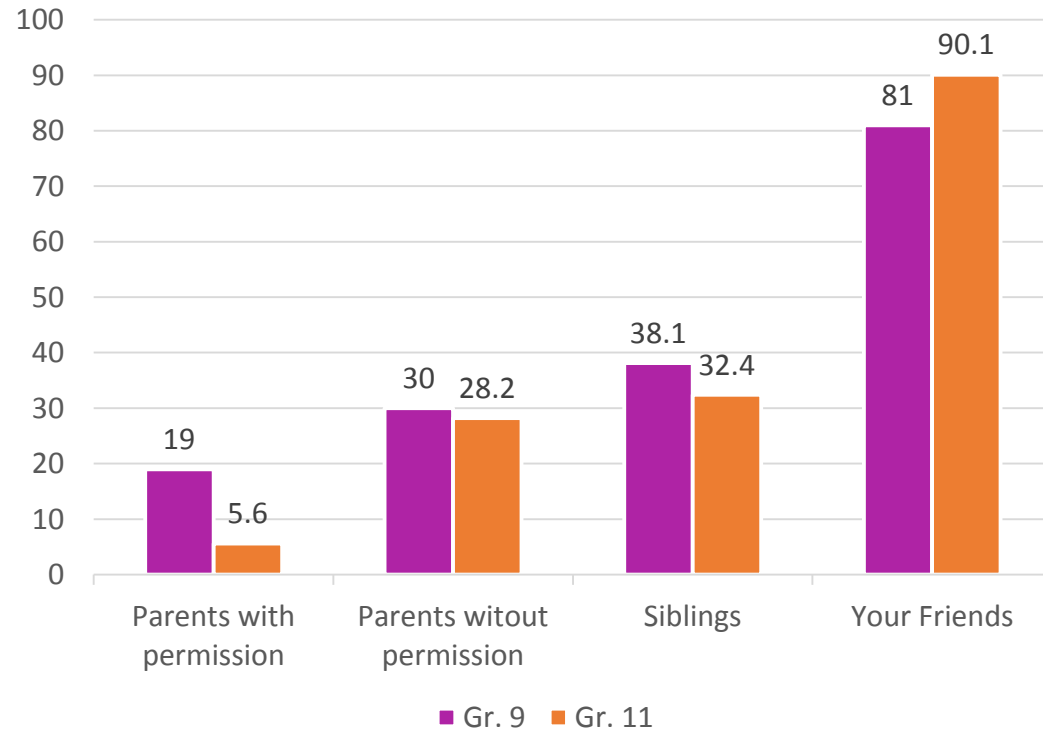


Lifetime: Legal Products

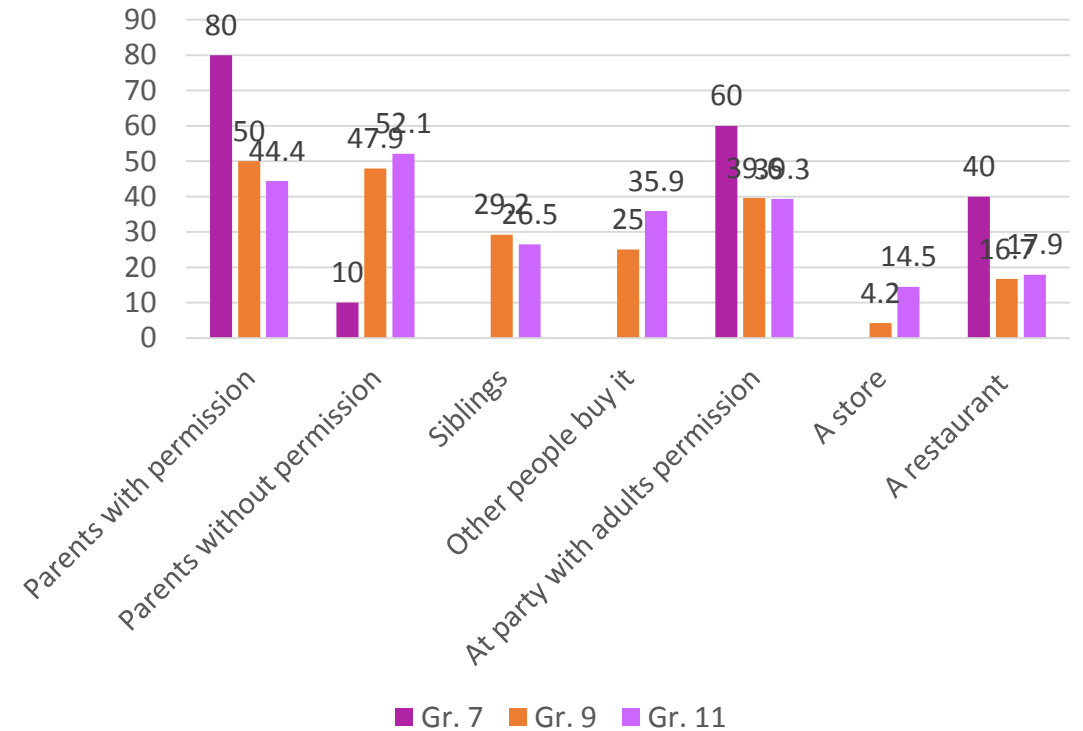


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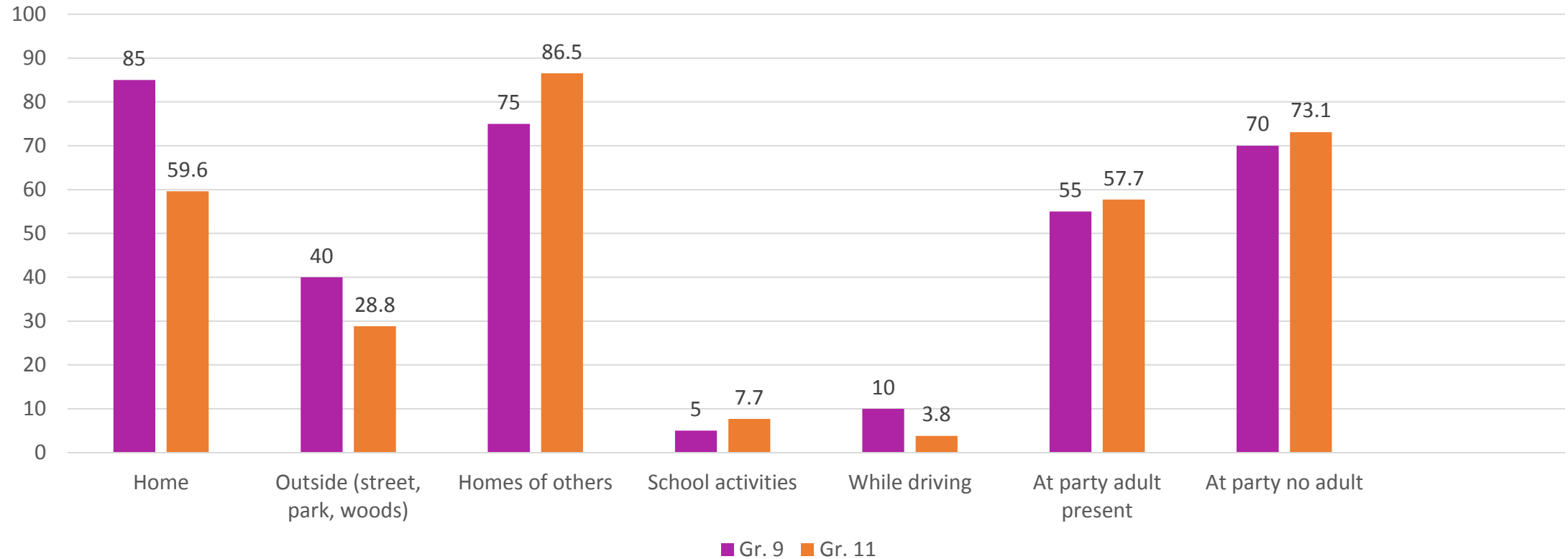
Marijuana



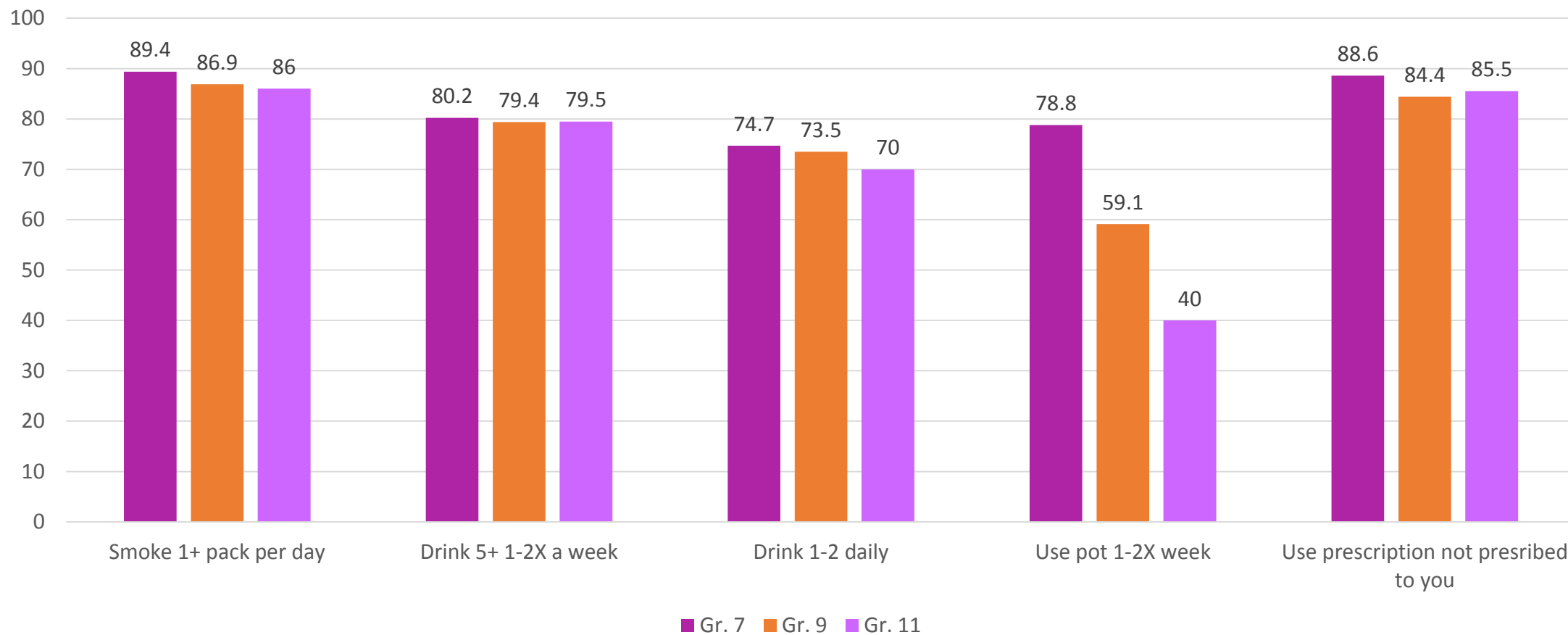
Alcohol



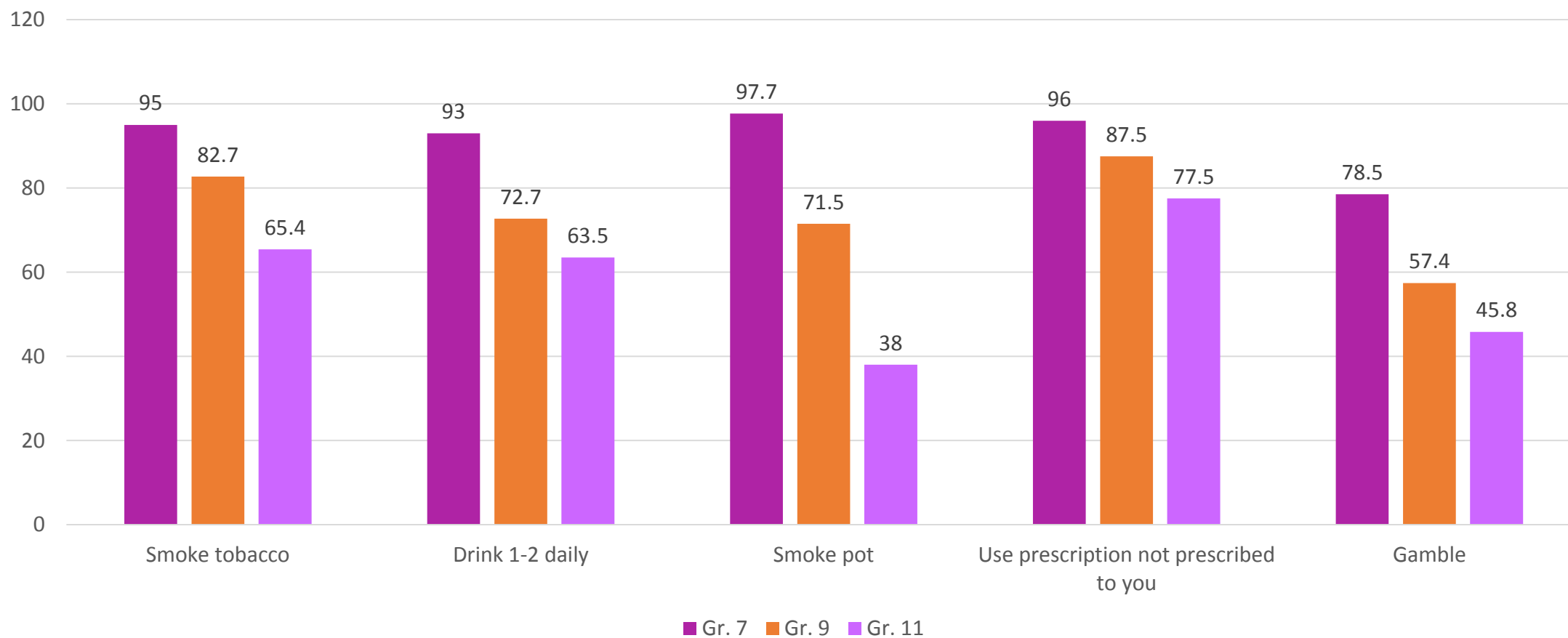
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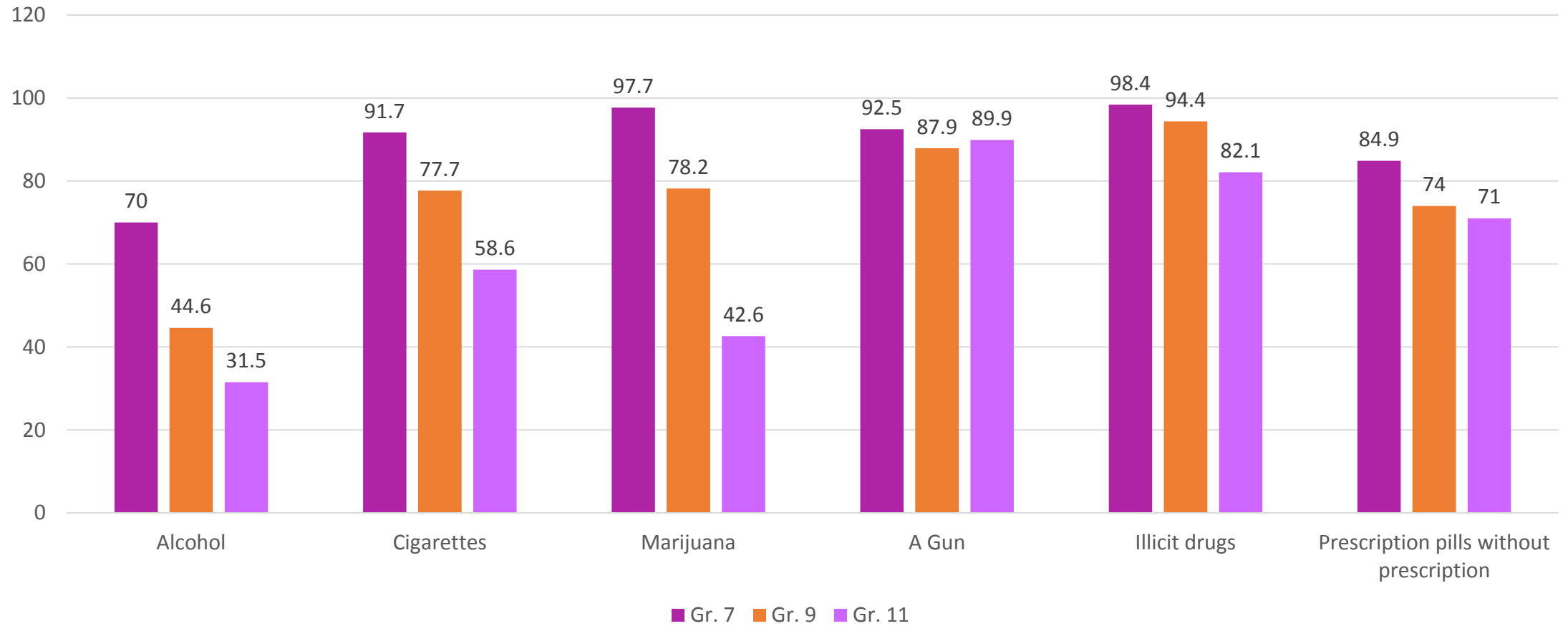
Perception of Harm: Moderate / Great Risk



Peer Disapproval: wrong / very wrong



Availability (sort of hard & very hard)



Self Concepts

reporting agree or strongly agree

Grade	7	9	11
I believe that my life is going in a positive direction	93.3	87.5	90.9
I have a number of good qualities	91.8	89.8	88.2
I stand up for what I believe in	88.8	91.8	88.9
I am good at making decisions	86.9	85.1	76.5

If you have a problem bothering you, how often do you do the following? (Always / Almost Always)

Grade	7	9	11
Talk with parents / guardians	30.6	19.6	15.7
Talk with teacher	3.1	2.6	1.2
Talk to friend	29.1	36.3	31.
Keep it to myself	20.6	20.9	17.3

Anti-social Behavior Indicators

Grade	7	9	11
Steal something worth less than \$100	7.8	15.9	11.8
Cheat on a test at school	10.1	28.9	37.9
Sell illegal drugs	.6	1.9	4.0
Bring knife, gun or weapon to school	.6	1.6	.8
Bully someone with the idea of hurting their feelings	2.8	6.5	7.1
Gamble (scratch tickets, online, sports, casino)	8.7	16.	16.9
Ride as a passenger with driver under influence of alcohol or drugs	3.6	6.8	14.6
Drive while under the influence			4.3

On-line Safety

(yes answer)

Grade Level	7	9	11
Online conversation with someone you did not know	34.6	58.2	59.3
Sent pictures to someone you had only met on line	3.1	15.6	22.5
Sent a picture showing a body part to another person	0	5.5	20
Received a picture showing a body part from another person	4.5	18.6	36.3
Received inappropriate pictures from someone you had only met on line / over technology	3.9	10.8	18.7
Considered meeting someone you had only met online	4.2	10.8	17.9
Actually met someone you had only met online	4.3	6	9.8
Invited someone you had only met online to come to your house	.3	2	5.2

Parental Disapproval

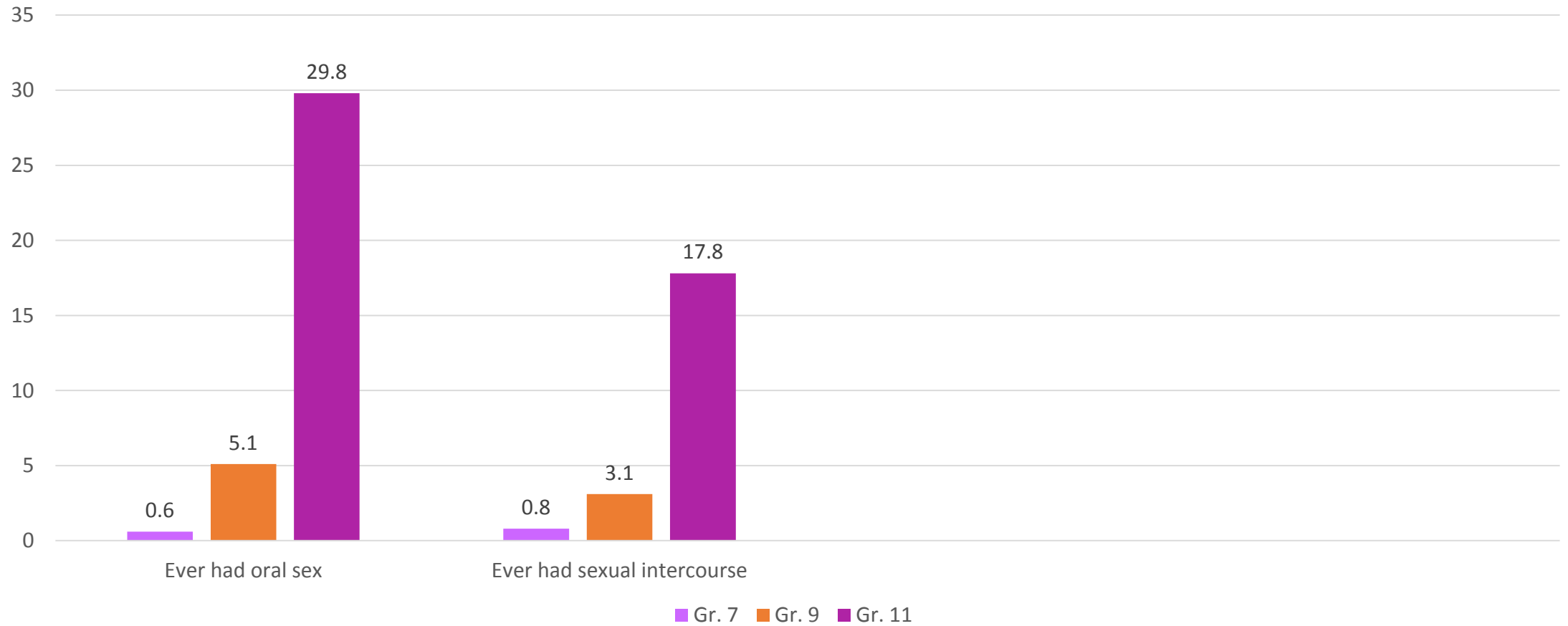
Wrong / Very Wrong Answer

Grade Level	7	9	11
Smoke Tobacco	99.8	97.5	93.2
Drink alcoholic beverages 1-2 daily	96.1	91.5	88.3
Smoke marijuana	98.7	92.4	80.4
Use prescription drugs not prescribed to you	99.7	95.3	94.4
Gamble	85.5	73.2	61.9

Perception of Community (true answers)

Grade	7	9	11
My community is safe	96.1	91.3	93.7
In my community kids are teased / taunted that their feelings are hurt	30.7	31.2	24
A lot of drugs are sold in my community	7.2	30.7	52.4
There are a lot of things for young people to do in my community	81.2	75.5	63.7
A lot of kids in my community are into using marijuana and other drugs	7.7	40.2	71.1
Adults in my town see teenagers as valuable and important members of the community	72.7	66.6	65.4

Sexual Activity



Sexual Activity

(of those reporting yes, subset)

- Age of first time of intercourse: 14 & 15 years old
- Majority had one partner
- Majority with someone their own age
- More than 60% responded they used a condom
- 10% of 9th and 13.6% of 11th graders who responded yes also used alcohol or drugs before engaging in sex
- 20% of 9th graders who responded yes, also said they were physically forced to have sexual intercourse when they did not want to.

Questions / Discussion