

# 2015 Pennsylvania Youth Survey Report (PAYS)

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# PAYS SURVEY

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Sponsored by the PA Commission on Crime and Delinquency

Available at no cost

Given anonymously to a representative sample of 8<sup>th</sup>, 10<sup>th</sup> and 12<sup>th</sup> grade students

All 13 Bucks County School Districts participated in 2015

Questions focus on four domains:

- Community, School, Family, Peer/Individual

# PURPOSE OF SURVEY

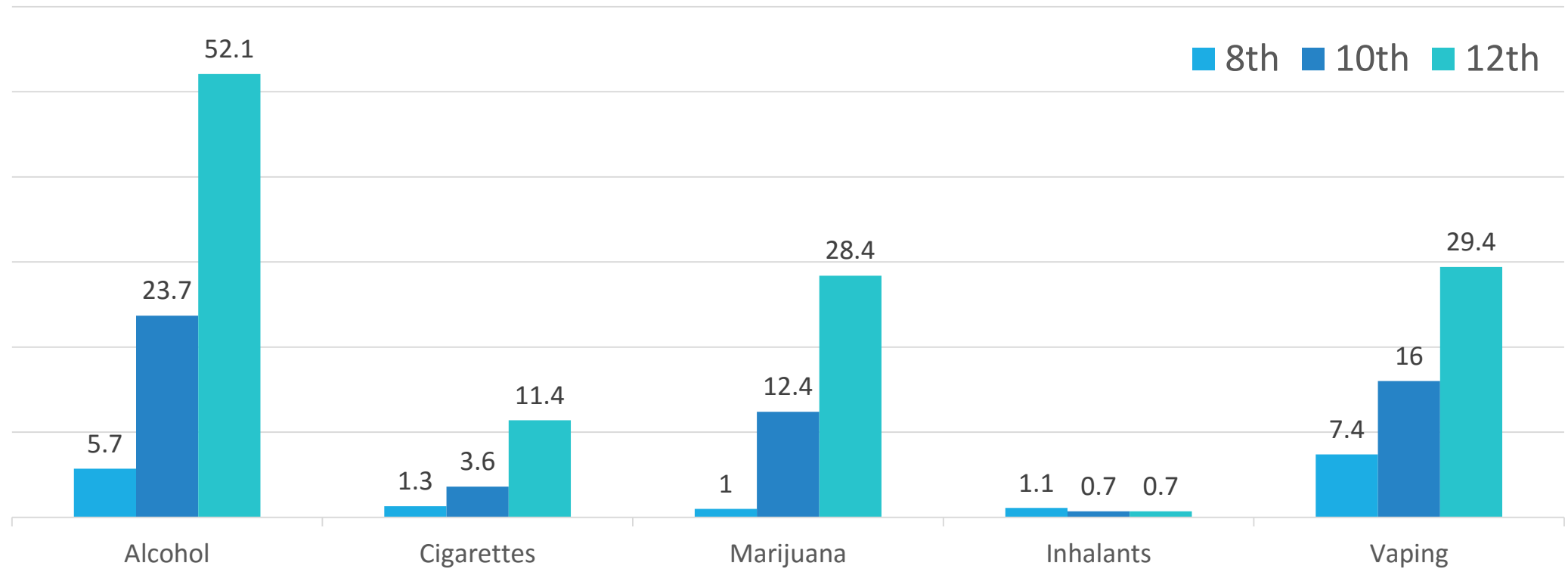
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To determine the prevalence and frequency of at risk behaviors including drug, tobacco, alcohol use, bullying, depression and antisocial behaviors.

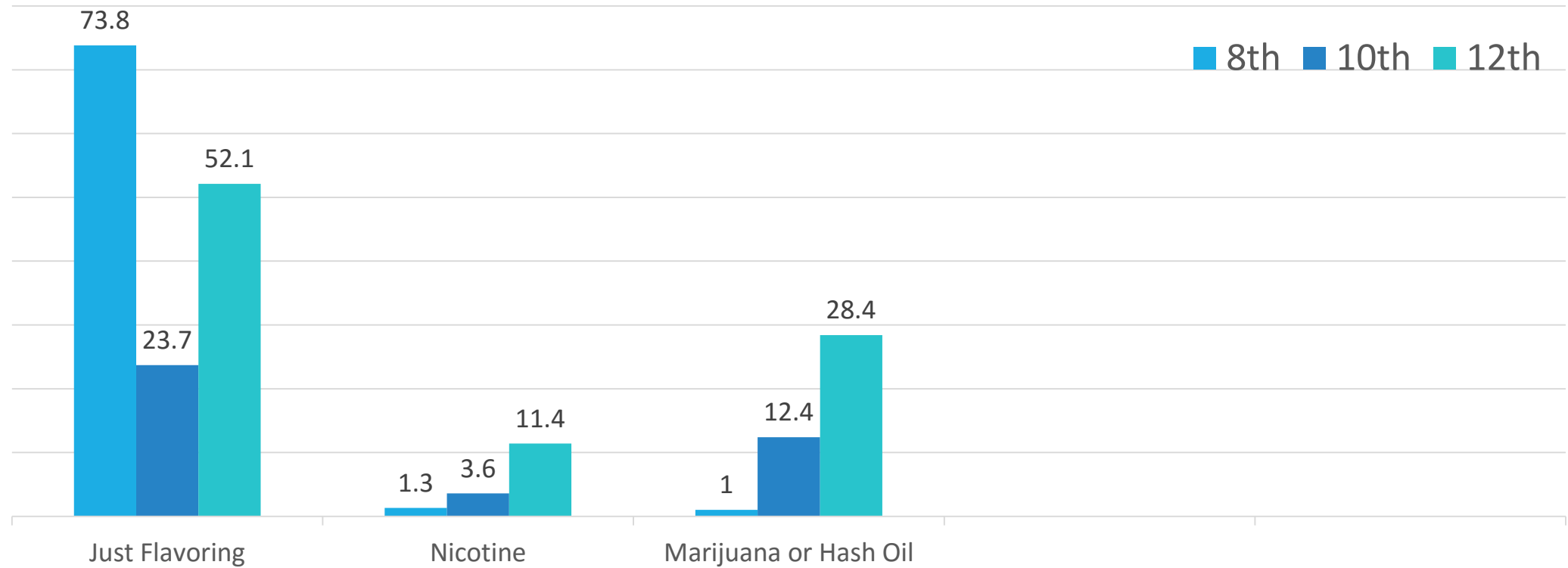
To measure risk factors: The conditions likely to increase drug, tobacco, alcohol use and antisocial behaviors.

To measure protective factors: The assets that guard against drug, tobacco, alcohol use and antisocial behaviors.

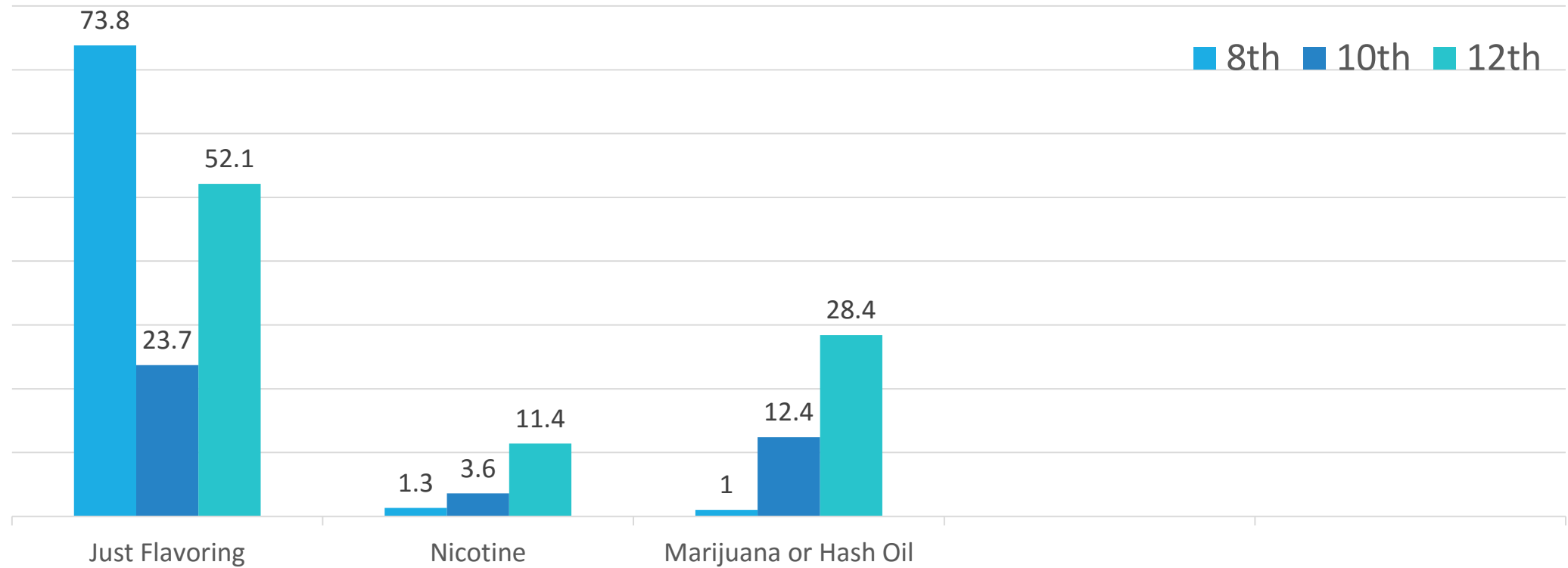
# Past 30 Day Use of ATODs: *Gateway Drugs*



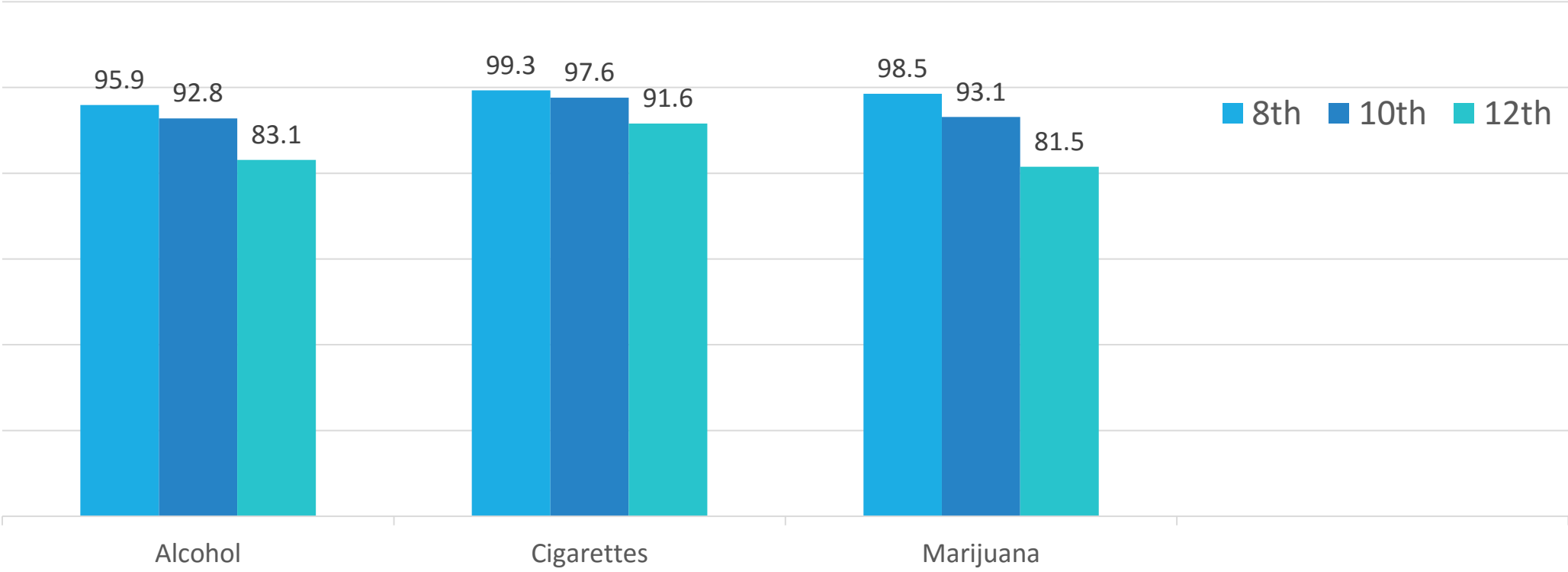
# Past 30 Day Use of Vaping: *Vaping Substance*



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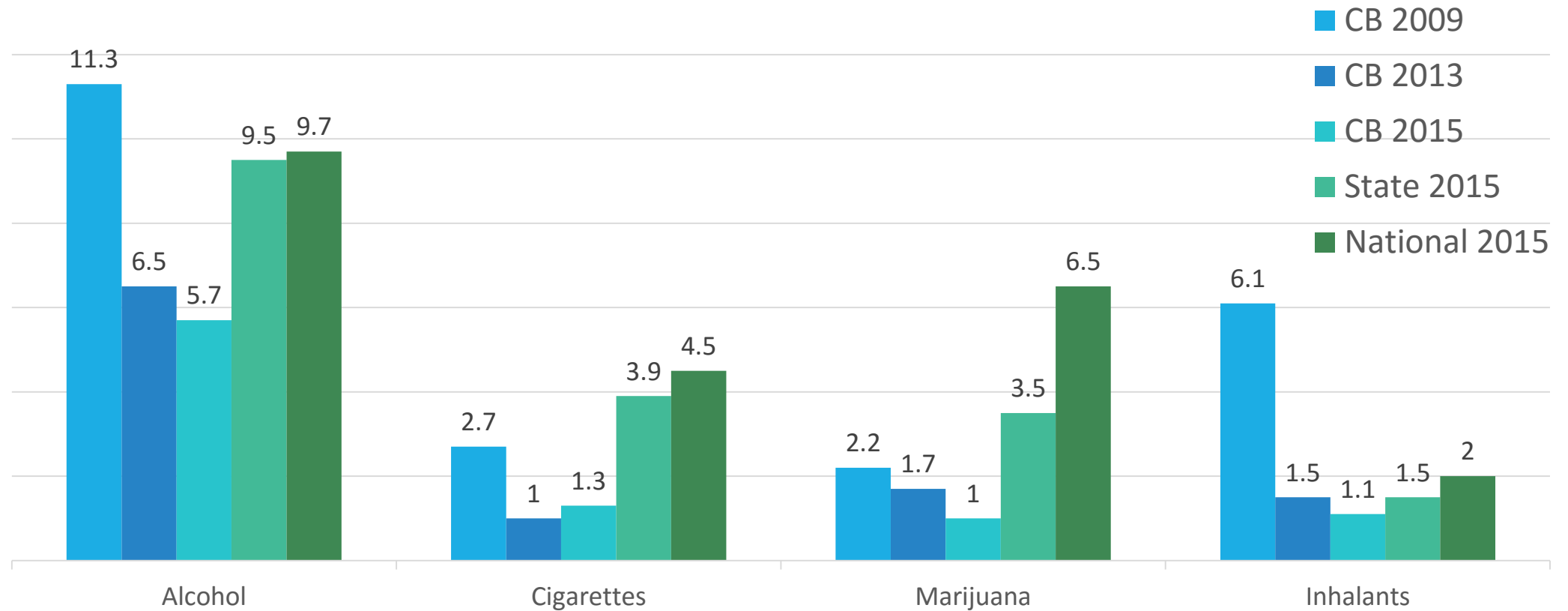


# Student Perception of Parental Disapproval *Gateway Drugs*



# 30 Day Use of Alcohol, Tobacco and Other Drugs

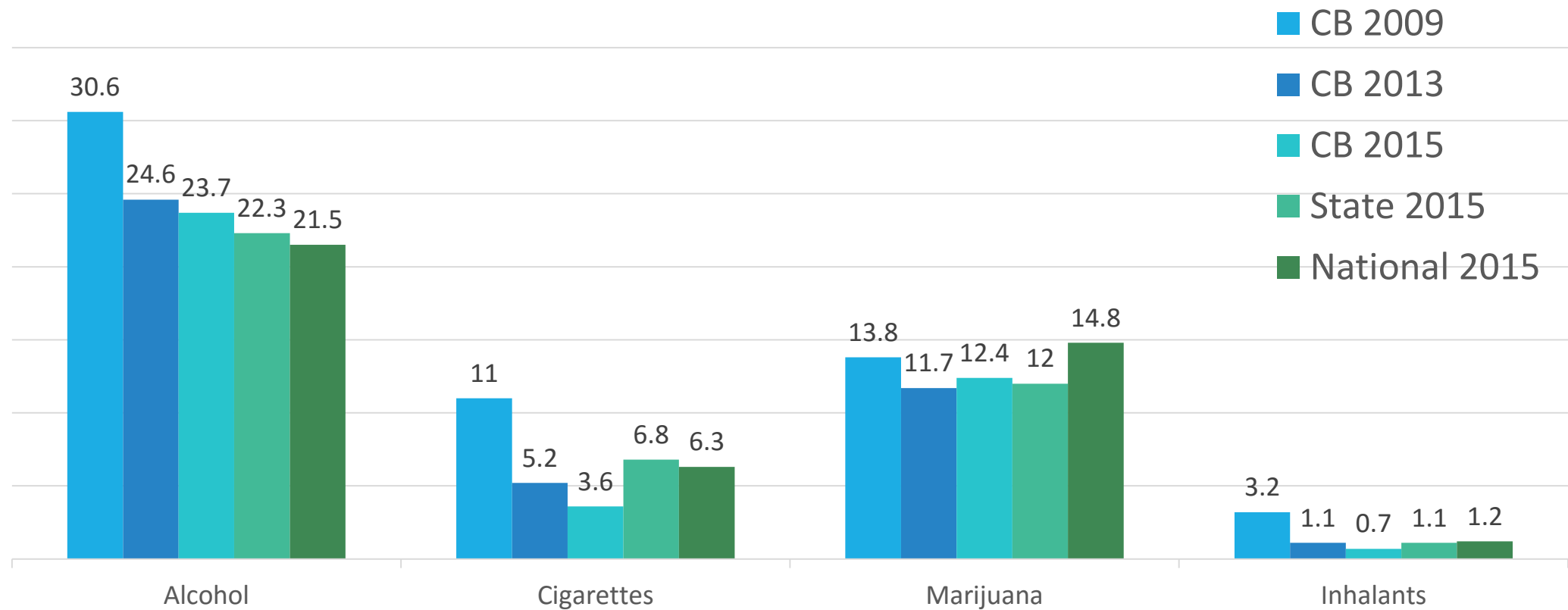
## *8th Grade Comparisons*





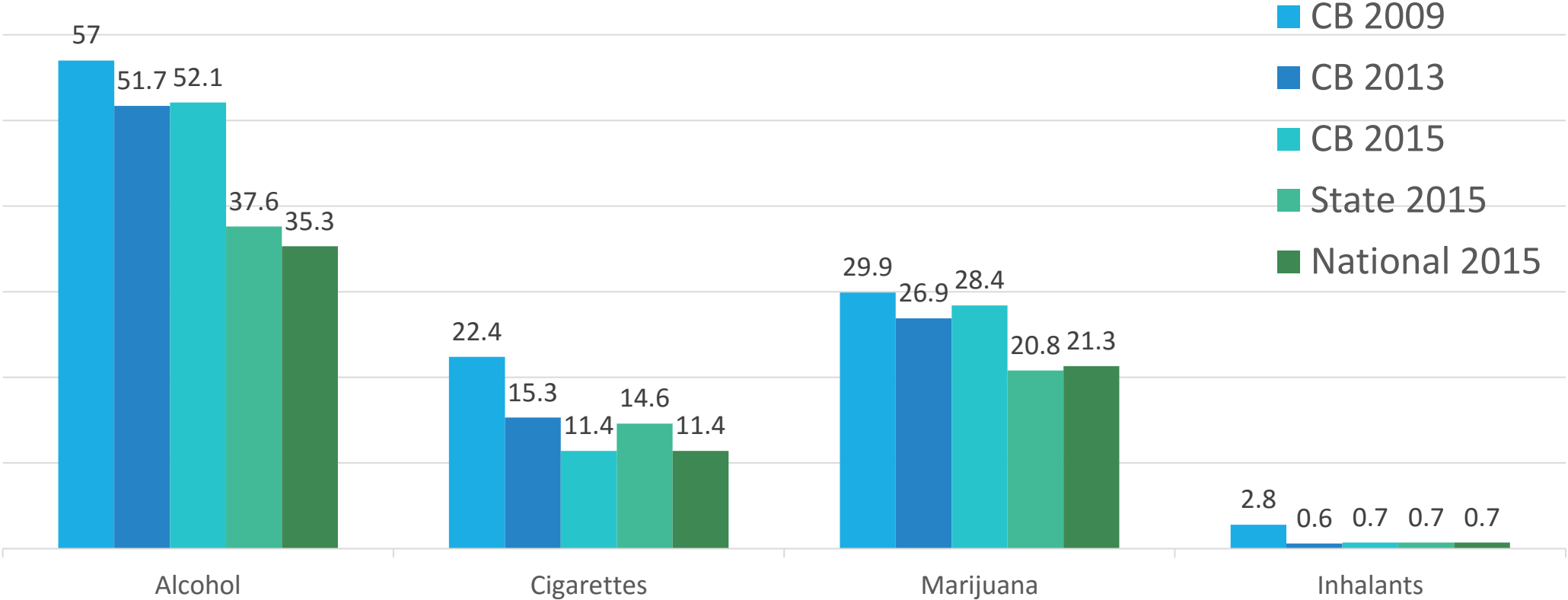
# 30 Day Use of Alcohol, Tobacco and Other Drugs

## *10th Grade Comparisons*



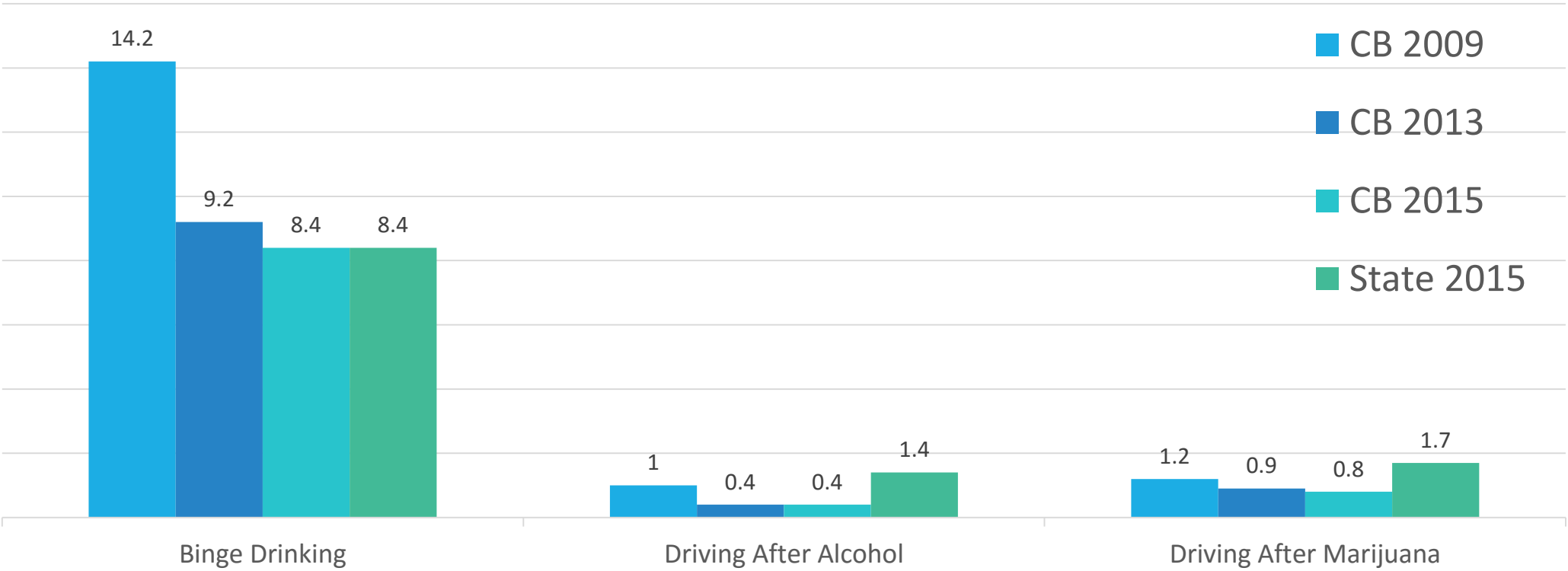
# 30 Day Use of Alcohol, Tobacco and Other Drugs

## *12th Grade Comparisons*



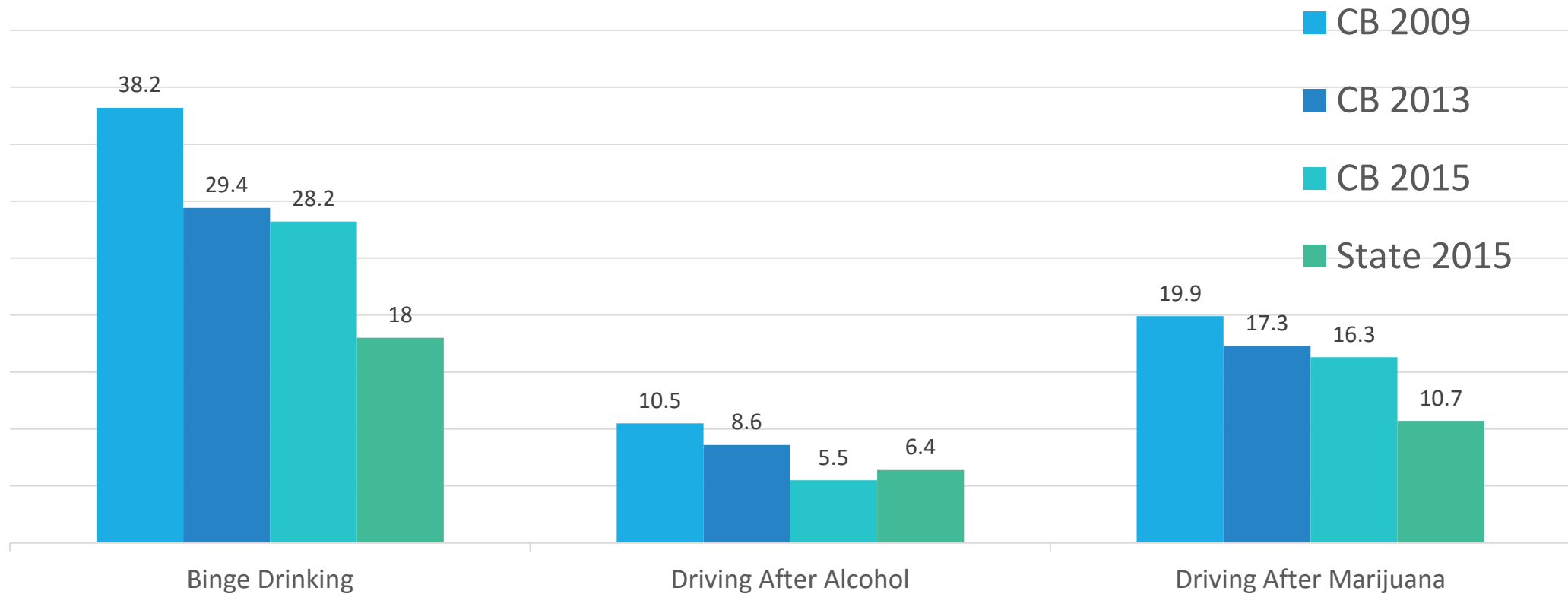
# Risky Substance Abuse Behaviors

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## *12th Grade Comparisons*



# 30 Day Use of Prescription Drugs

## *Central Bucks vs State*

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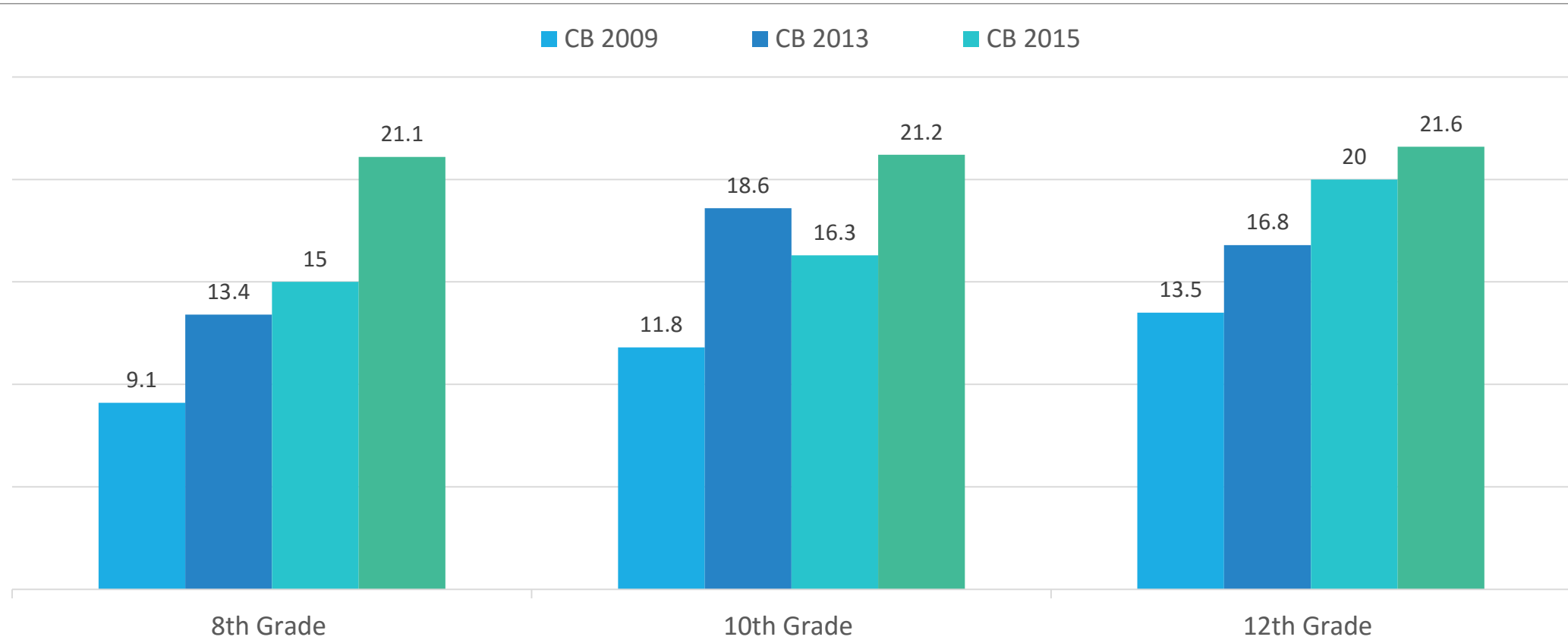
	8th	10th	12th
<b>Narcotics District</b>	<b>1.0</b>	<b>1.2</b>	<b>1.5</b>
<i>Narcotics State</i>	<i>1.6</i>	<i>2.0</i>	<i>3.0</i>
<b>Tranquilizers District</b>	<b>0.2</b>	<b>1.1</b>	<b>1.1</b>
<i>Tranquilizers State</i>	<i>0.3</i>	<i>0.8</i>	<i>1.4</i>
<b>Stimulants District</b>	<b>0.4</b>	<b>1.3</b>	<b>4.4</b>
<i>Stimulants State</i>	<i>0.4</i>	<i>1.4</i>	<i>3.2</i>

# 30 Day Use of Other Drugs

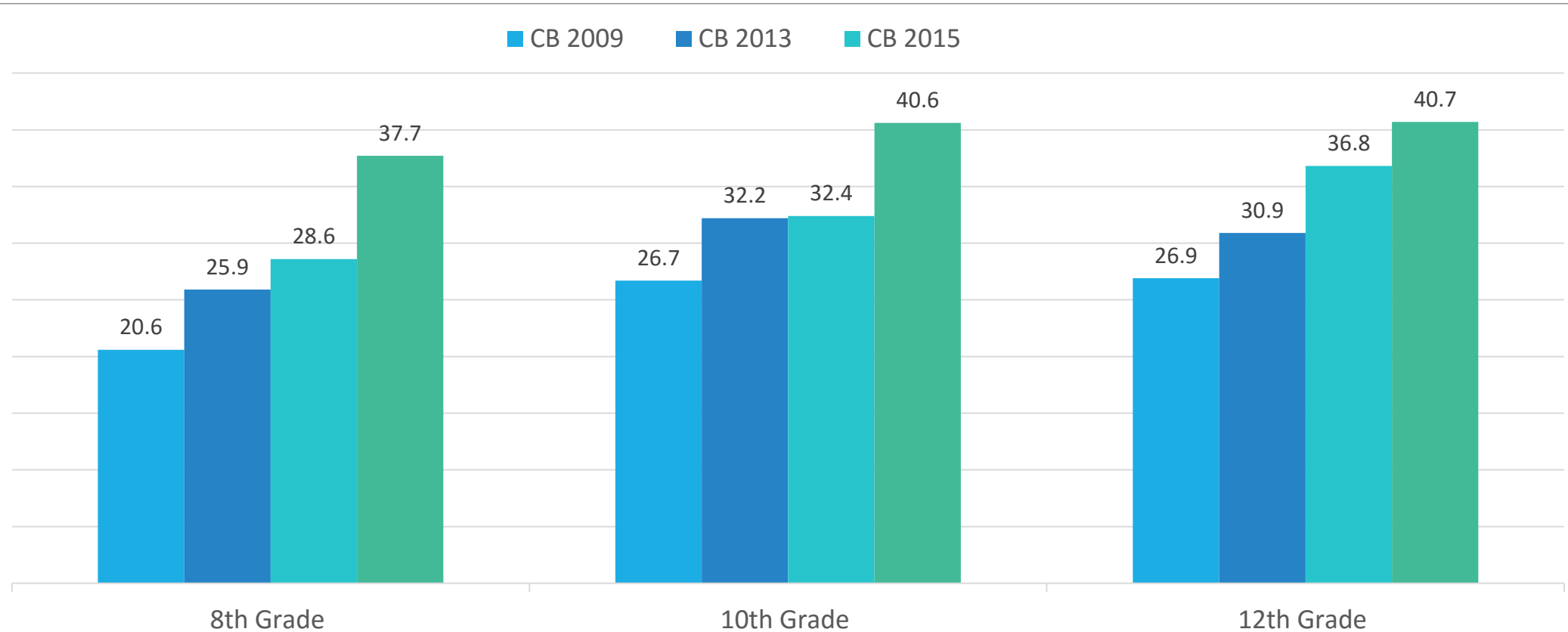
## *Central Bucks vs State*

	8th	10th	12th
<b>Synthetic District</b>	<b>1.1</b>	<b>0.8</b>	<b>0.5</b>
<i>Synthetic State</i>	<i>0.5</i>	<i>0.7</i>	<i>0.5</i>
<b>Heroin District</b>	<b>0.1</b>	<b>0.0</b>	<b>0.5</b>
<b>Heroin State</b>	<i>0.1</i>	<i>0.2</i>	<i>0.3</i>
<b>Hallucinogens District</b>	<b>0.2</b>	<b>1.2</b>	<b>2.4</b>
<b>Hallucinogens State</b>	<i>0.2</i>	<i>0.8</i>	<i>1.5</i>

# Mental Health Issues: I am inclined to think I am a failure



# Mental Health Issues: Felt depressed or sad MOST days





# Risk and Protective Factors

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## **RISK FACTORS**

Perceived Availability of Drugs

Parental Attitudes Favorable Toward Antisocial Behavior

Low Commitment to School

Perceived Risk of Drug Use

Rewards for Antisocial Behavior

*37% of students would be considered at-risk based on survey results*

## **PROTECTIVE FACTORS**

Family Attachment

Opportunities for Prosocial Involvement

Rewards for Prosocial Involvement

*68% of CB students have “assets” in their lives that suggest they are less likely to engage in at-risk behavior.*