

2015 Pennsylvania Youth Survey Report (PAYS)

2015 – 2016 SCHOOL YEAR
ADMINISTERED NOVEMBER 2015

PAYS SURVEY

Sponsored by the PA Commission on Crime and Delinquency

Available at no cost

Given anonymously to 8th, 10th and 12th grade students

All 13 Bucks County School Districts participated in 2015

Questions focus on four domains:

- Community, School, Family, Peer/Individual

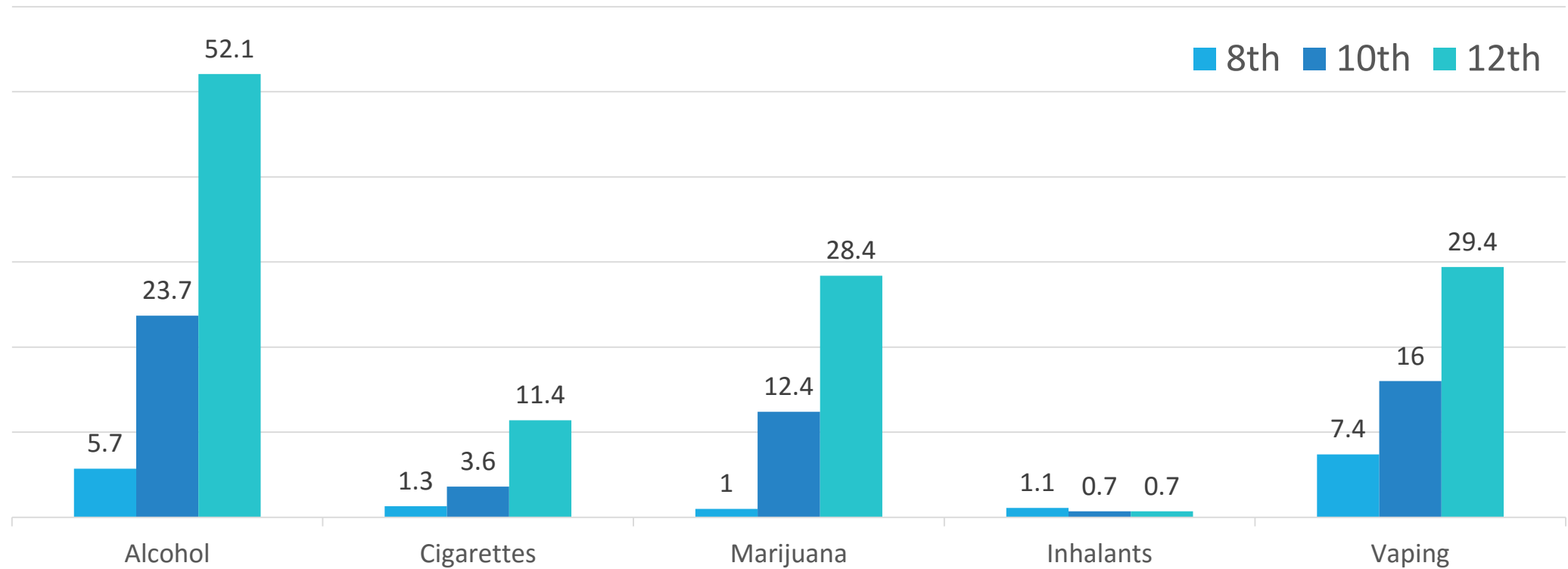
PURPOSE OF SURVEY

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.

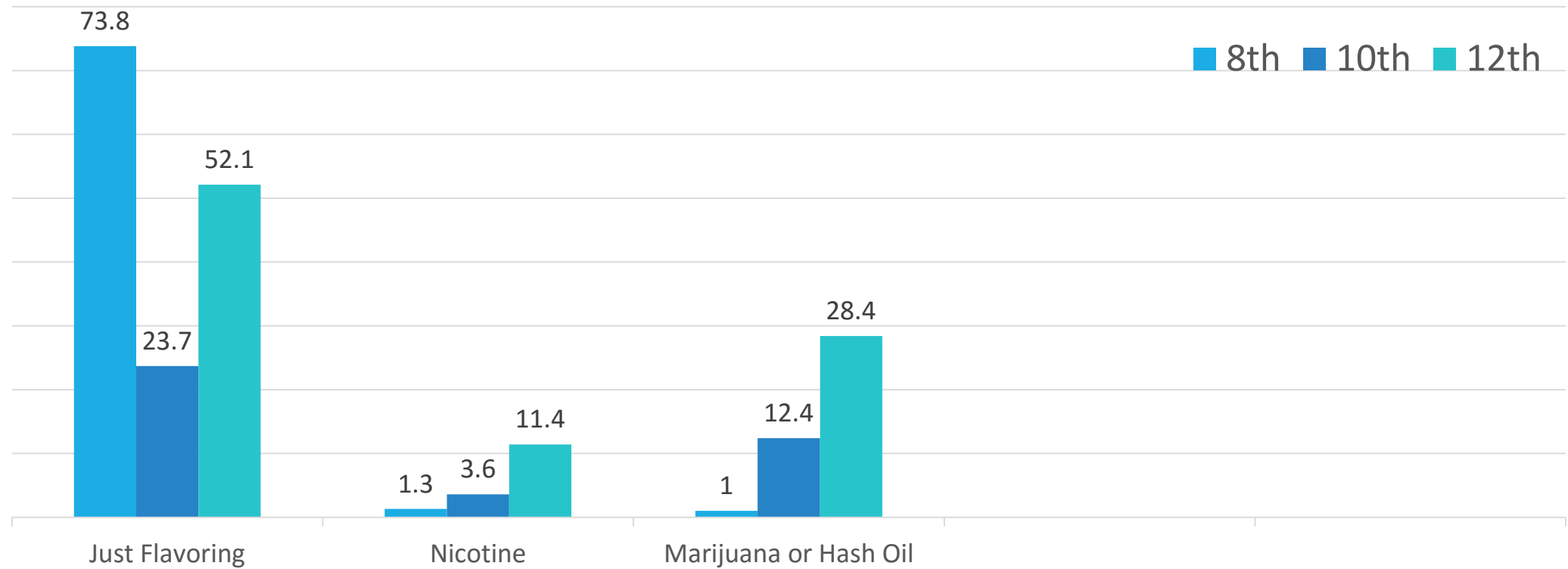
To measure **protective factors**: The assets that guard against drug, tobacco, alcohol use and antisocial behaviors.

Past 30 Day Use of ATODs: *Gateway Drugs*

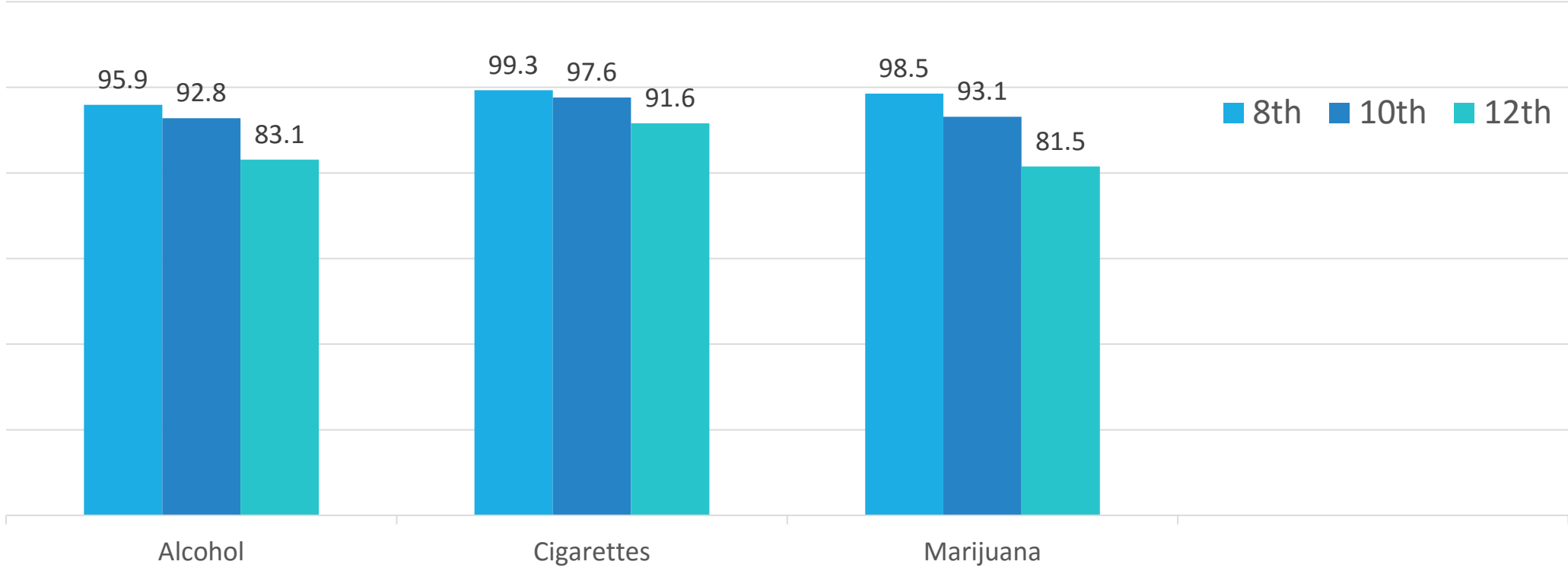


Past 12 months

Vaping Substance

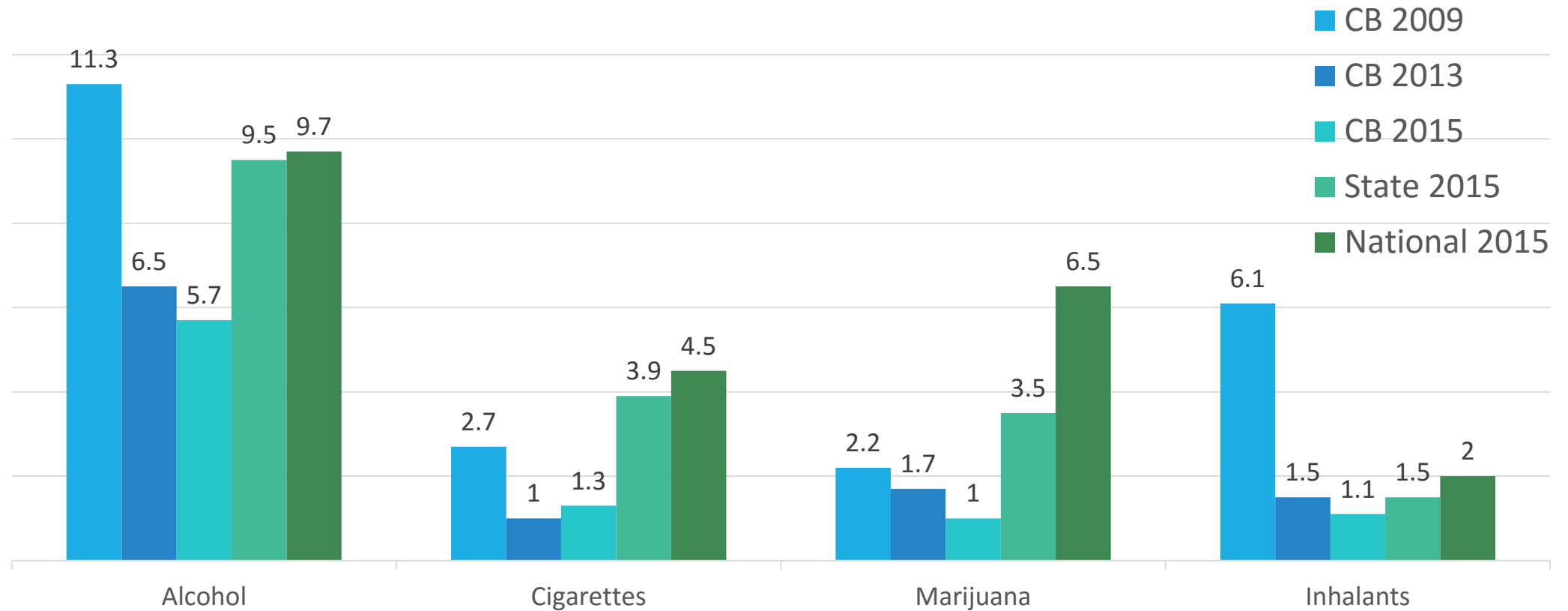


Student Perception of Parental Disapproval *Gateway Drugs*



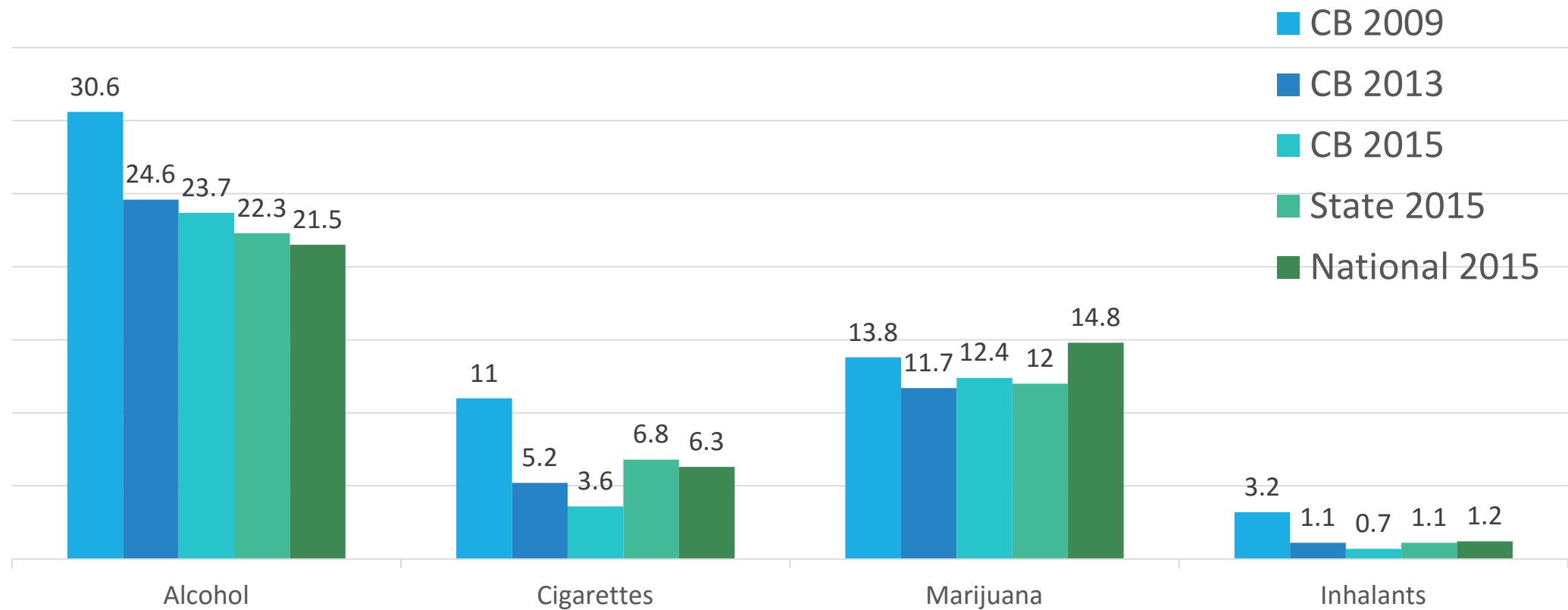
30 Day Use of Alcohol, Tobacco and Other Drugs

8th Grade Comparisons



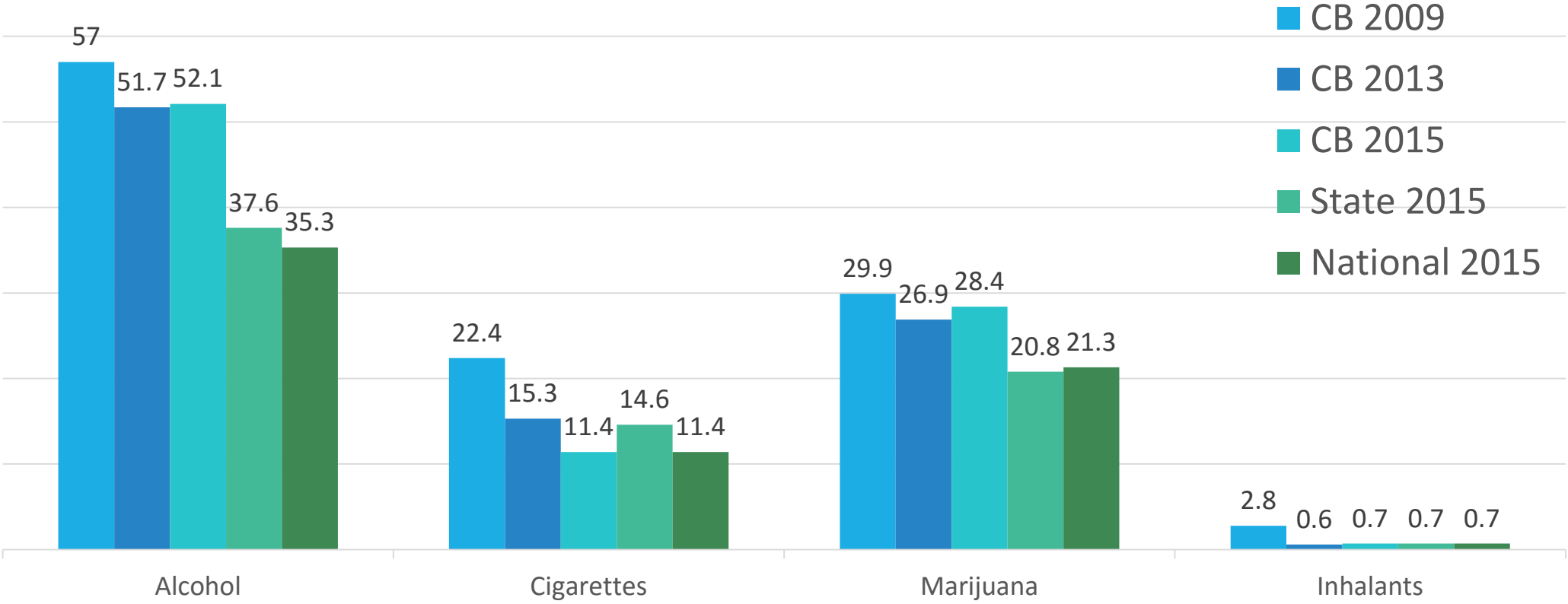
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10th Grade Comparisons



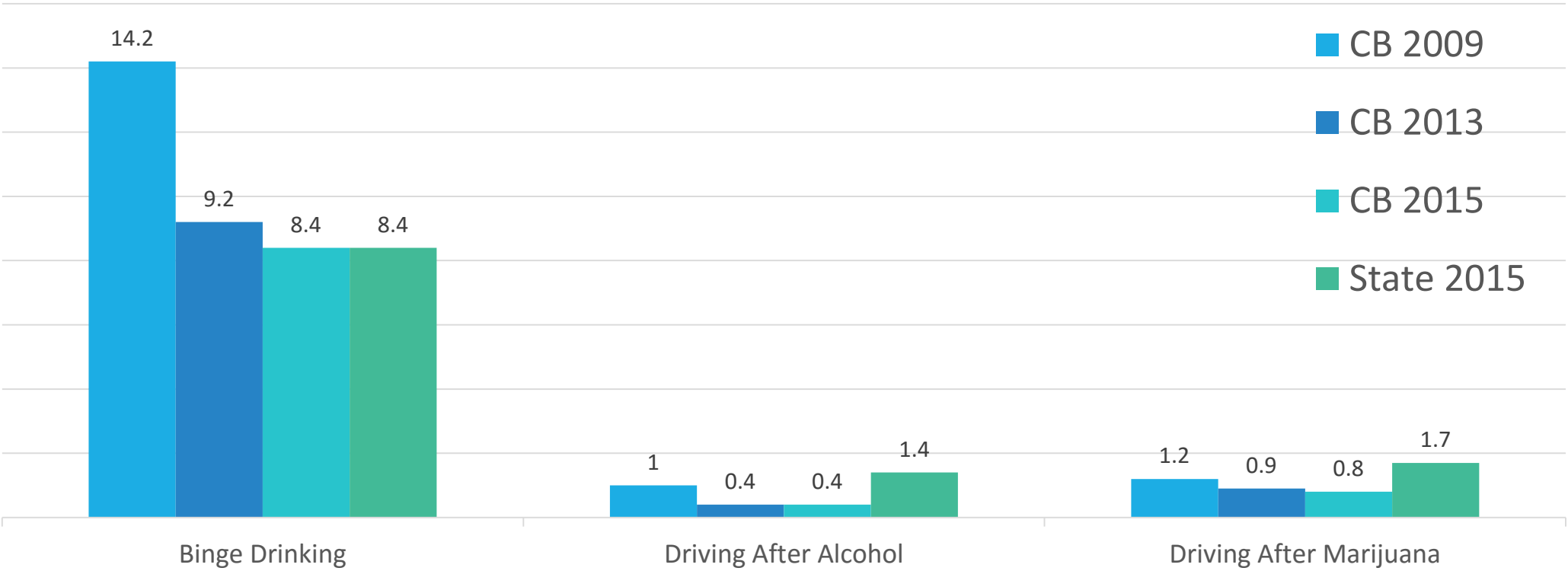
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12th Grade Comparisons



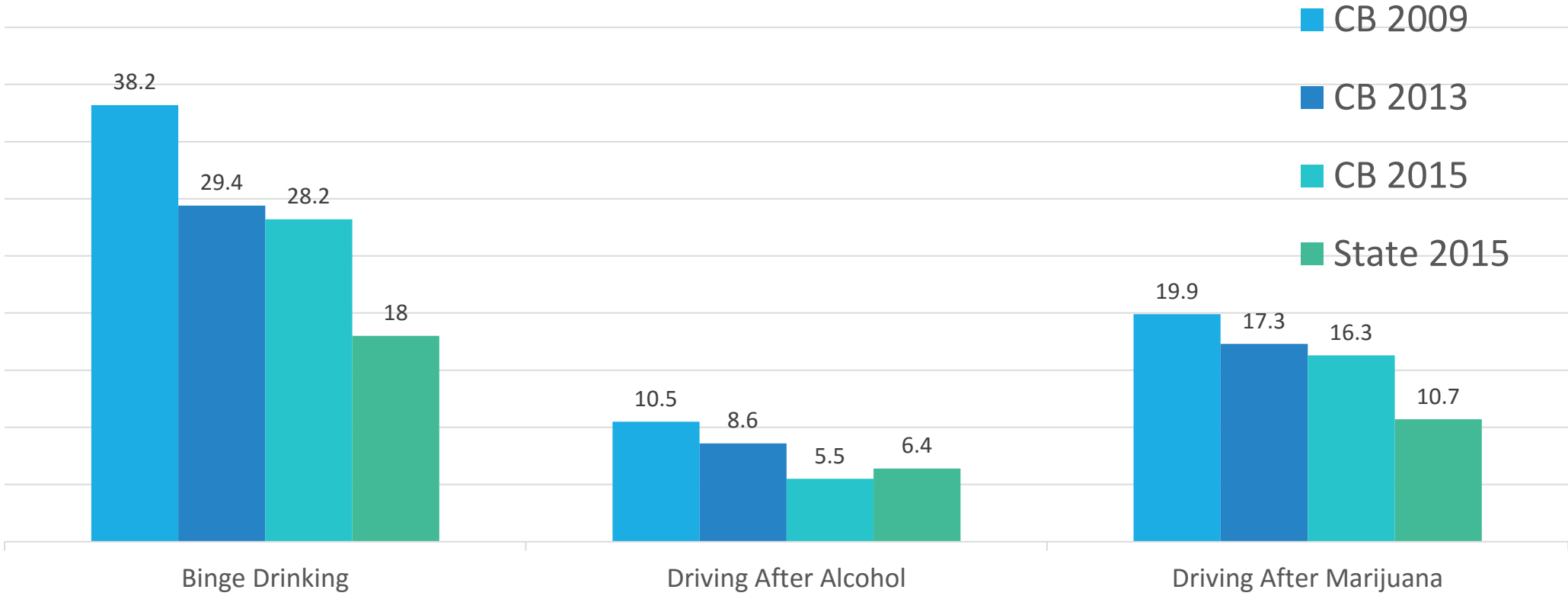
Risky Substance Abuse Behaviors

10th Grade Comparisons



Risky Substance Abuse Behaviors

12th Grade Comparisons



30 Day Use of Prescription Drugs

Central Bucks vs State

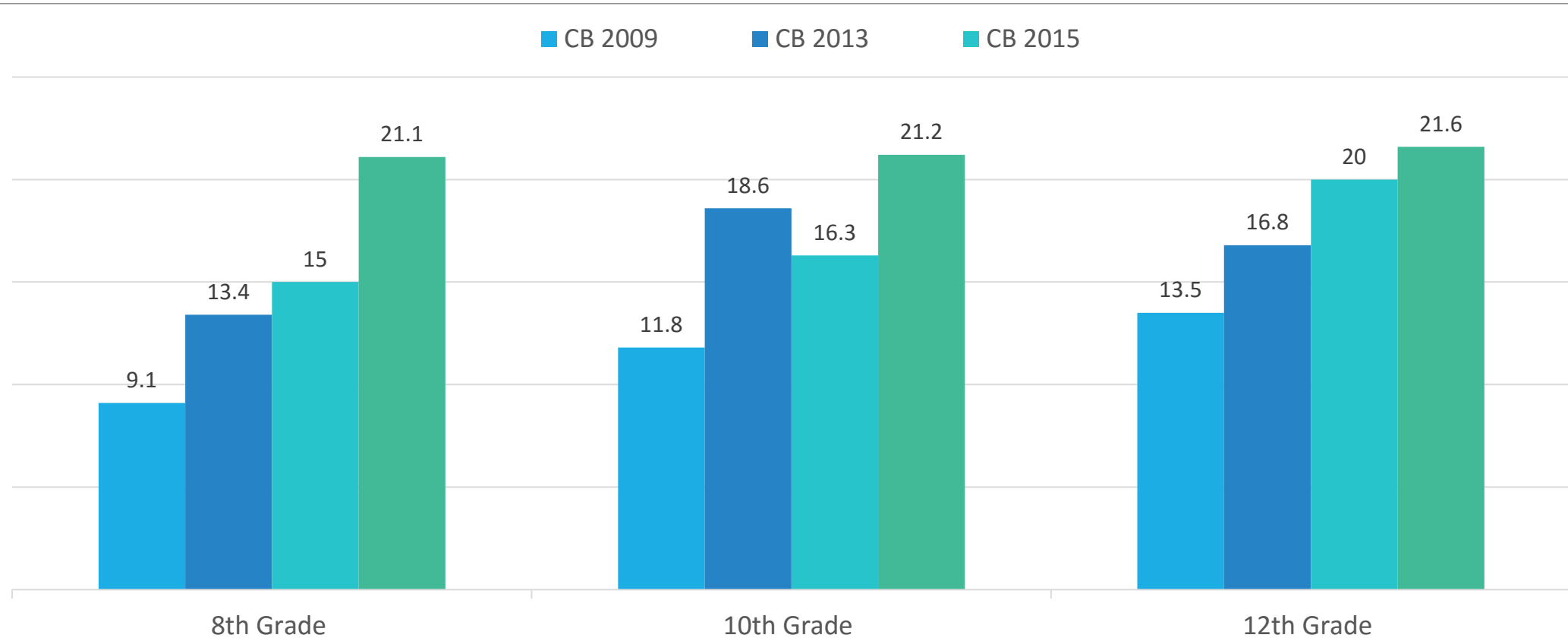
	8th	10th	12th
Narcotics District	1.0	1.2	1.5
<i>Narcotics State</i>	<i>1.6</i>	<i>2.0</i>	<i>3.0</i>
Tranquilizers District	0.2	1.1	1.1
<i>Tranquilizers State</i>	<i>0.3</i>	<i>0.8</i>	<i>1.4</i>
Stimulants District	0.4	1.3	4.4
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30 Day Use of Other Drugs

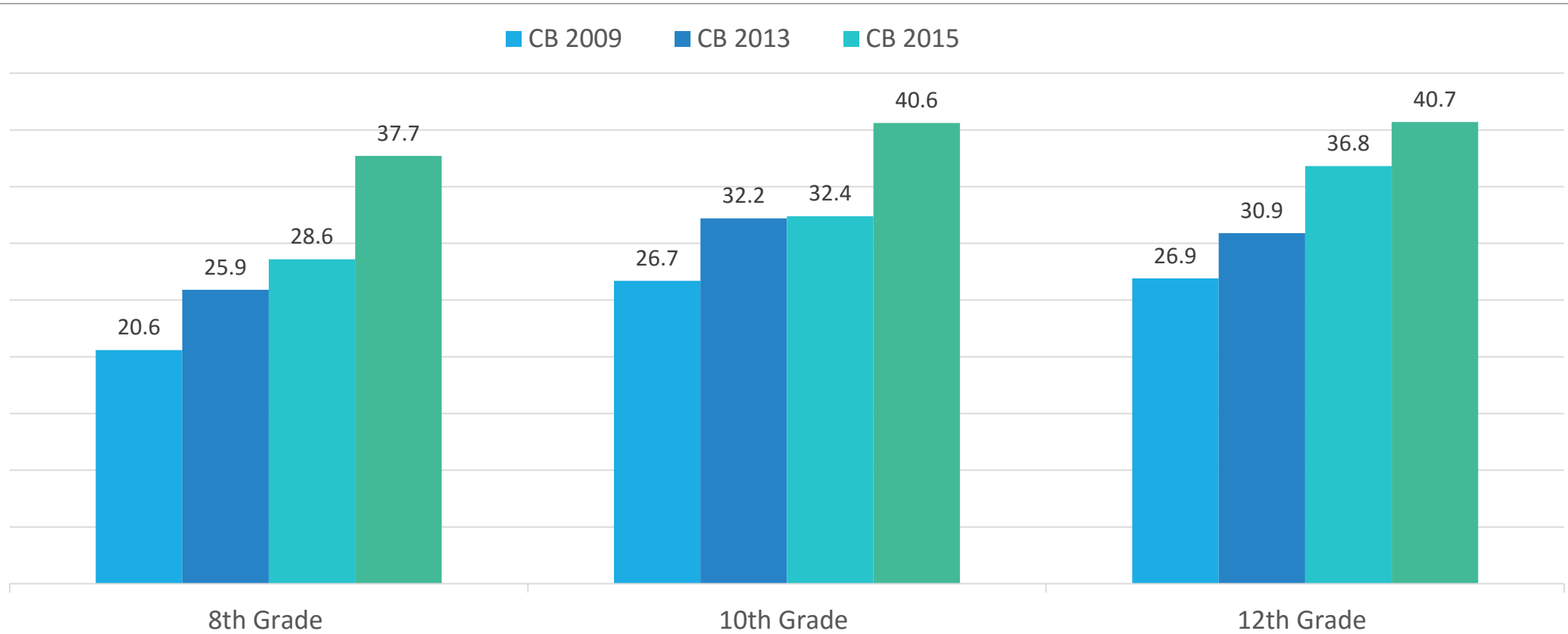
Central Bucks vs State

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

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.



- Awareness of Student Assistance Program
- Community Outreach
- Parent Positive
- Educating our Educators

- Awareness of National Mental Health Concerns as 21st Century Issue
- Mental Wellness Committee
- Working with our School Mental Health Professionals
- Parent Positive
- Educating our Educators

CONSIDERATIONS

- Integrated Mental Health Curriculum
- Social Workers