

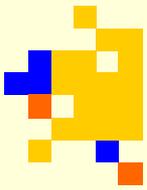
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# 2009 Fairfax County Youth Survey

## Teen Dating Abuse and the Impact of Witnessing Domestic Violence

January 20, 2011





# 2009 Fairfax Youth Survey Participation

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The 2009 Fairfax County Youth Survey was completed...

By 42,582 students in...

21 high schools

4 secondary schools

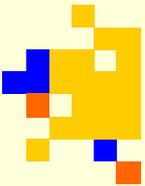
22 middle schools

126 elementary schools

4 alternative schools

Overall, 81% response rate of Fairfax County 6<sup>th</sup>, 8<sup>th</sup>, 10<sup>th</sup>, and 12<sup>th</sup> grade students





# 2009 Fairfax Youth Survey Topics

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**Covers a Variety of Topics Including:**

**Alcohol, Tobacco, Drug Use**

**Depression/Suicidality**

**Violence and Delinquency**

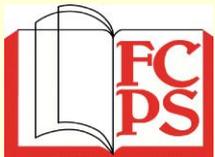
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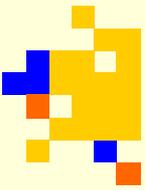
**Gangs**

**Physical Fitness/Nutrition**

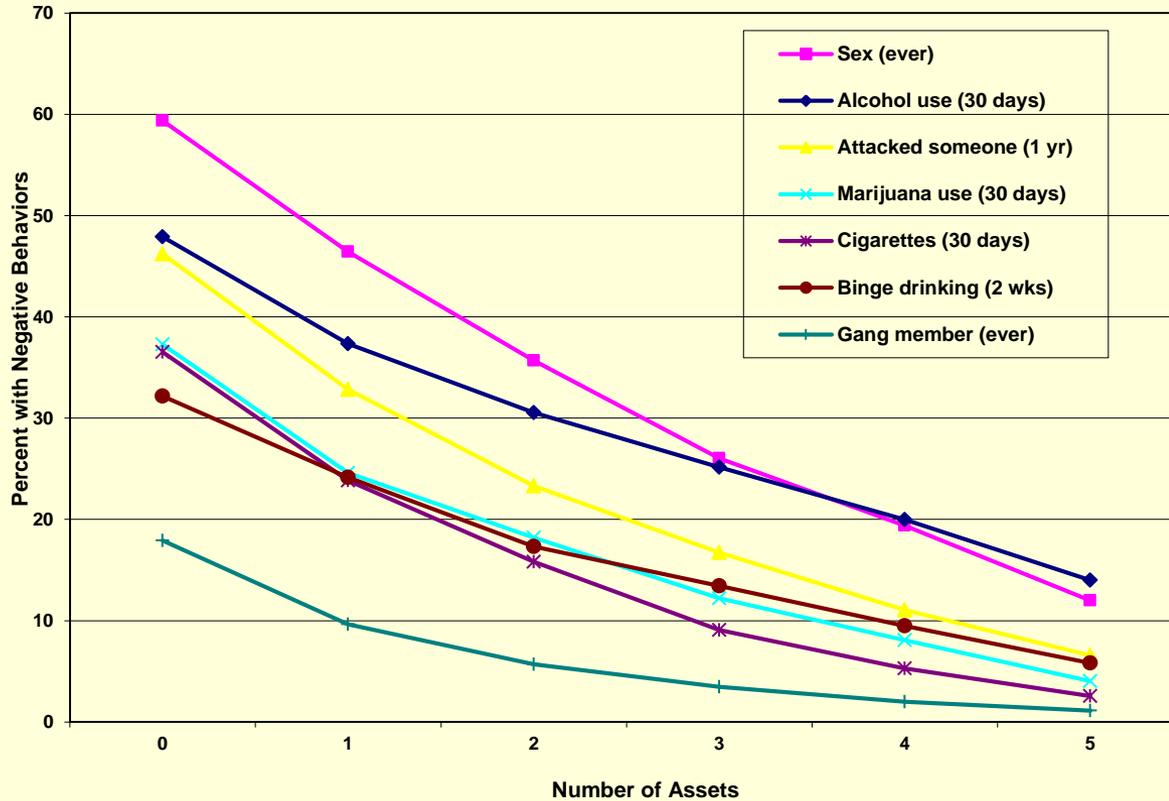
**Sexual Health**

**Risk and Protective Factors, limited in 2009**





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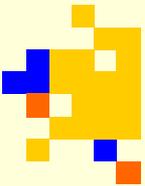


- Involved in Extracurricular Activities
- High Personal Integrity
- Involved in Community Service
- Academic Success
- Control of Outcomes



Fairfax County Youth Survey





# Teen Dating Abuse Questions

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- **Emotional Abuse**

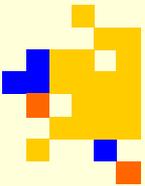
- Controlling Behavior- Have you ever had a partner in a dating or serious relationship who always wanted to know your whereabouts?
- Verbal - Have you ever had a partner in a dating or serious relationship who called you names or put you down verbally?

- **Coerced Sex**

- Have you ever had a partner in a dating or serious relationship who pressured you into having sex (going all the way) when you didn't want to?

- **Physical Abuse**

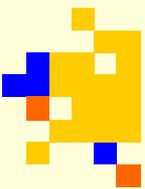
- During the past 12 months, did your boyfriend or girlfriend ever hit, slap, or physically hurt you on purpose?
- This was the only Teen Dating Abuse Question on the 2008 survey



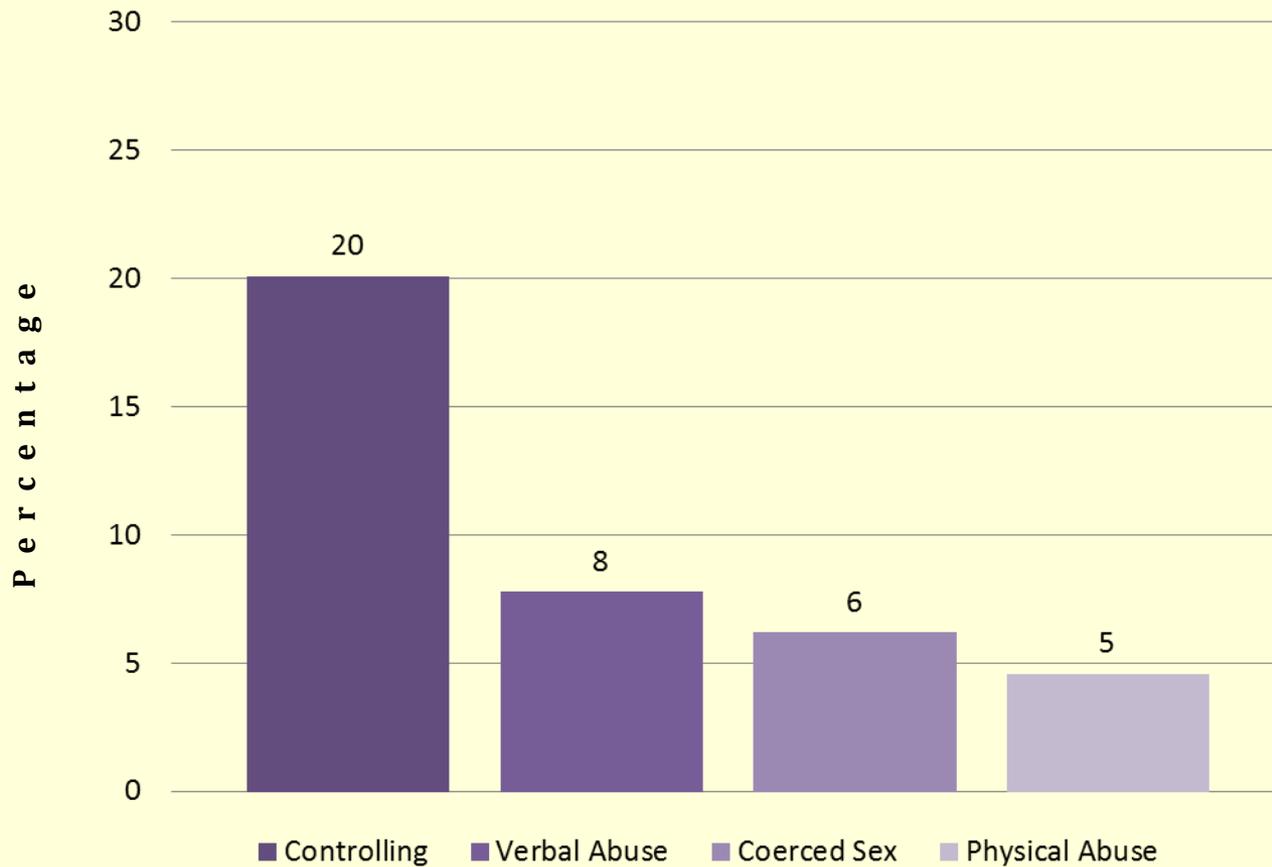
# Other Questions of Interest

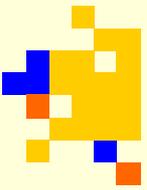
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- **Forced Sex**
  - Have you ever been physically forced to have sex when you did not want to?
  - **Note:** The question is not asked in the context of a dating relationship
- **Sexual Orientation**
  - Which of the following best describes you? Heterosexual (straight), Gay or Lesbian, Bisexual, Not sure
- **Witness Domestic Violence in the Home**
  - My parent has had his/her body hurt from actions (such as punching, kicking, choking, shoving, and pulling of hair) by a spouse/partner.



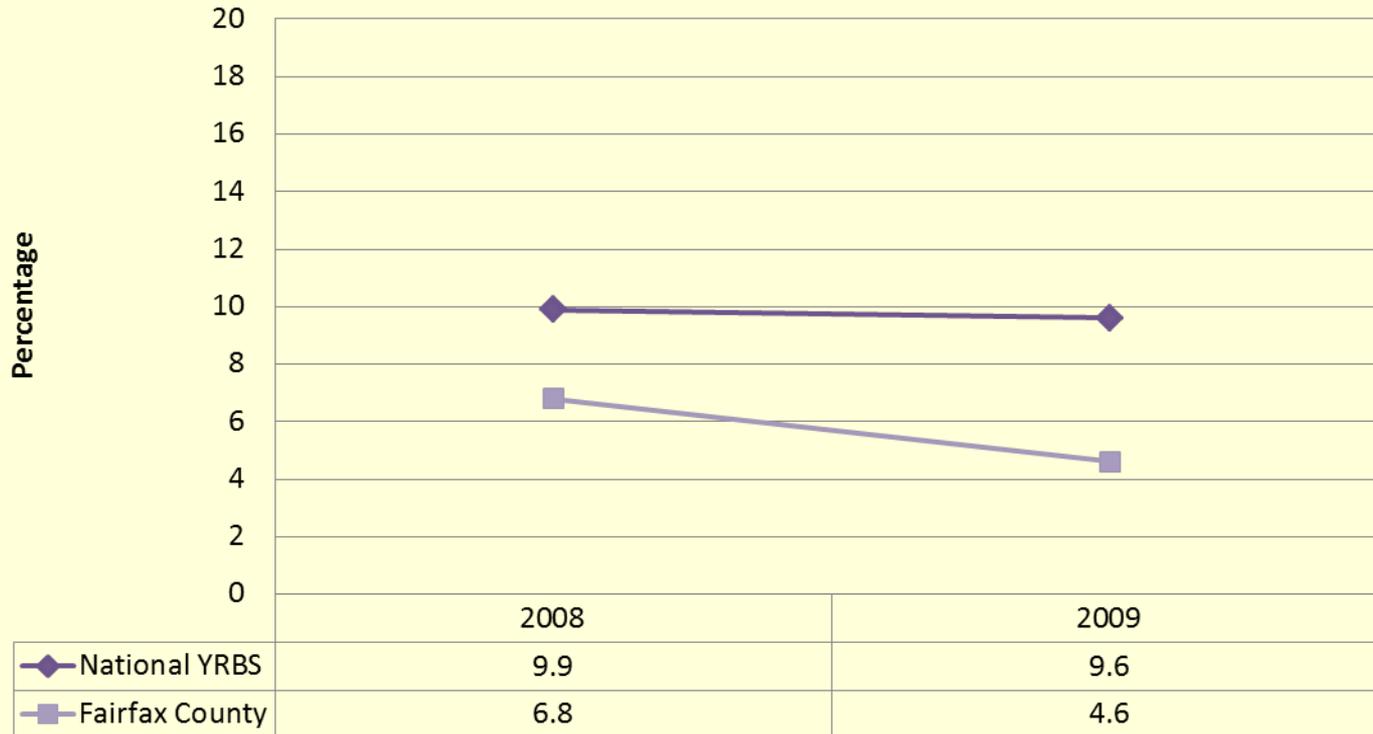
# Teen Dating Abuse Behaviors

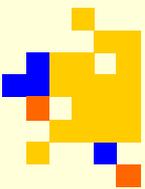




# Physical Abuse

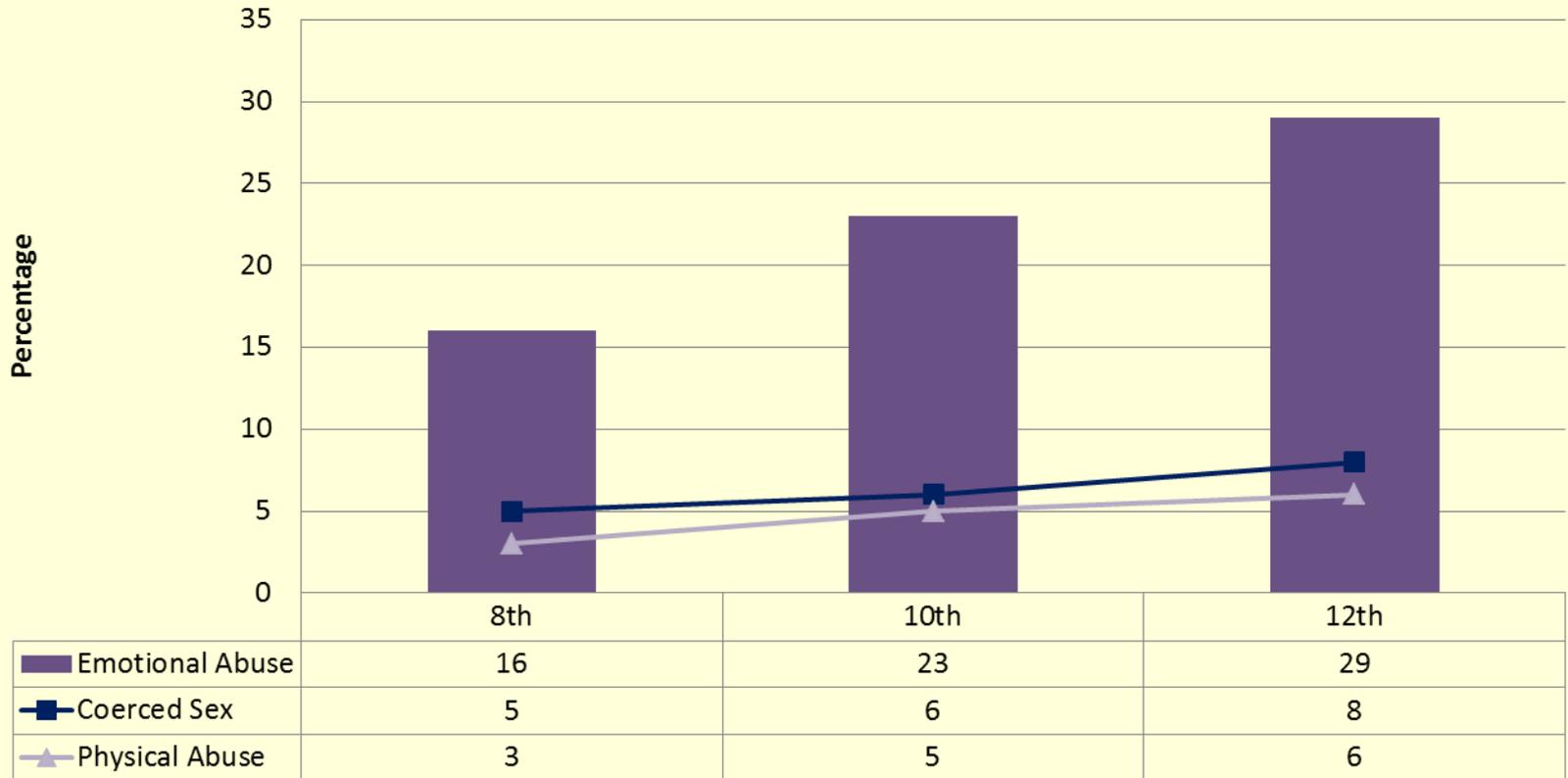
There was a slight decrease in physical abuse since the 2008 survey





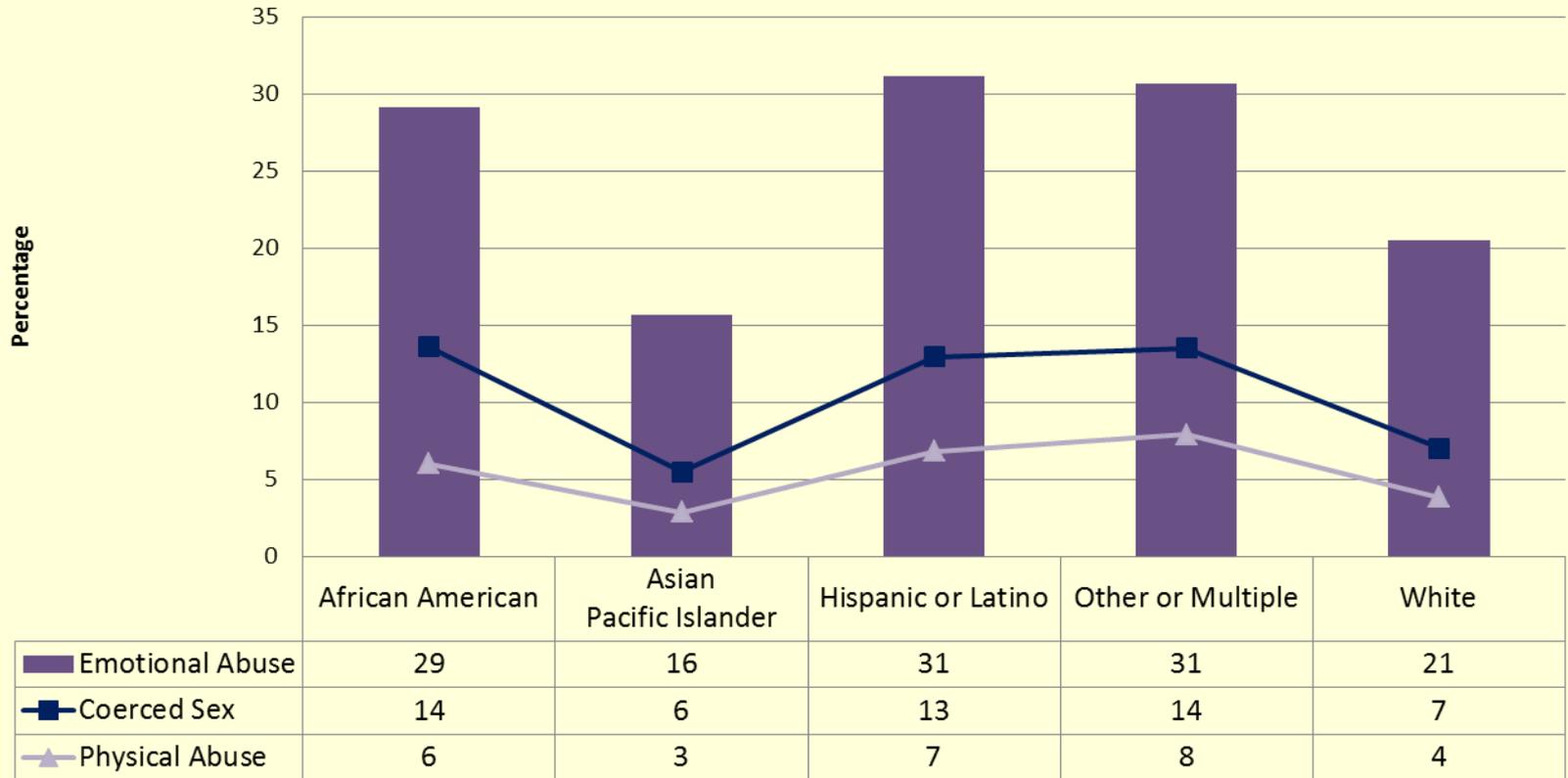
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### Victims of Teen Dating Abuse



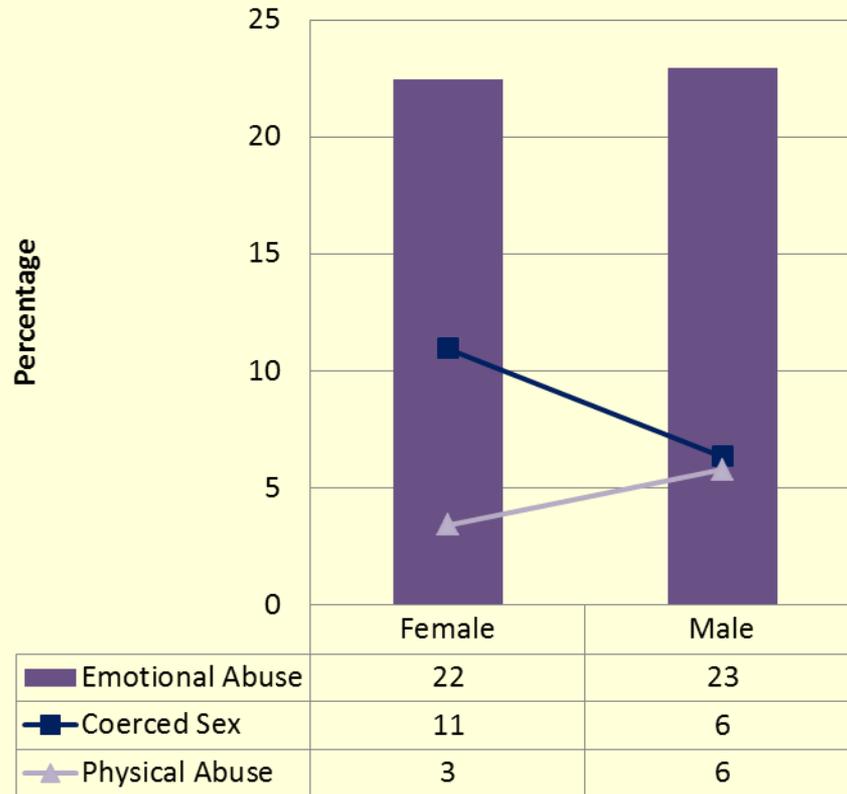
# Teen Dating Abuse by Race/Ethnicity

Victims of Teen Dating Abuse



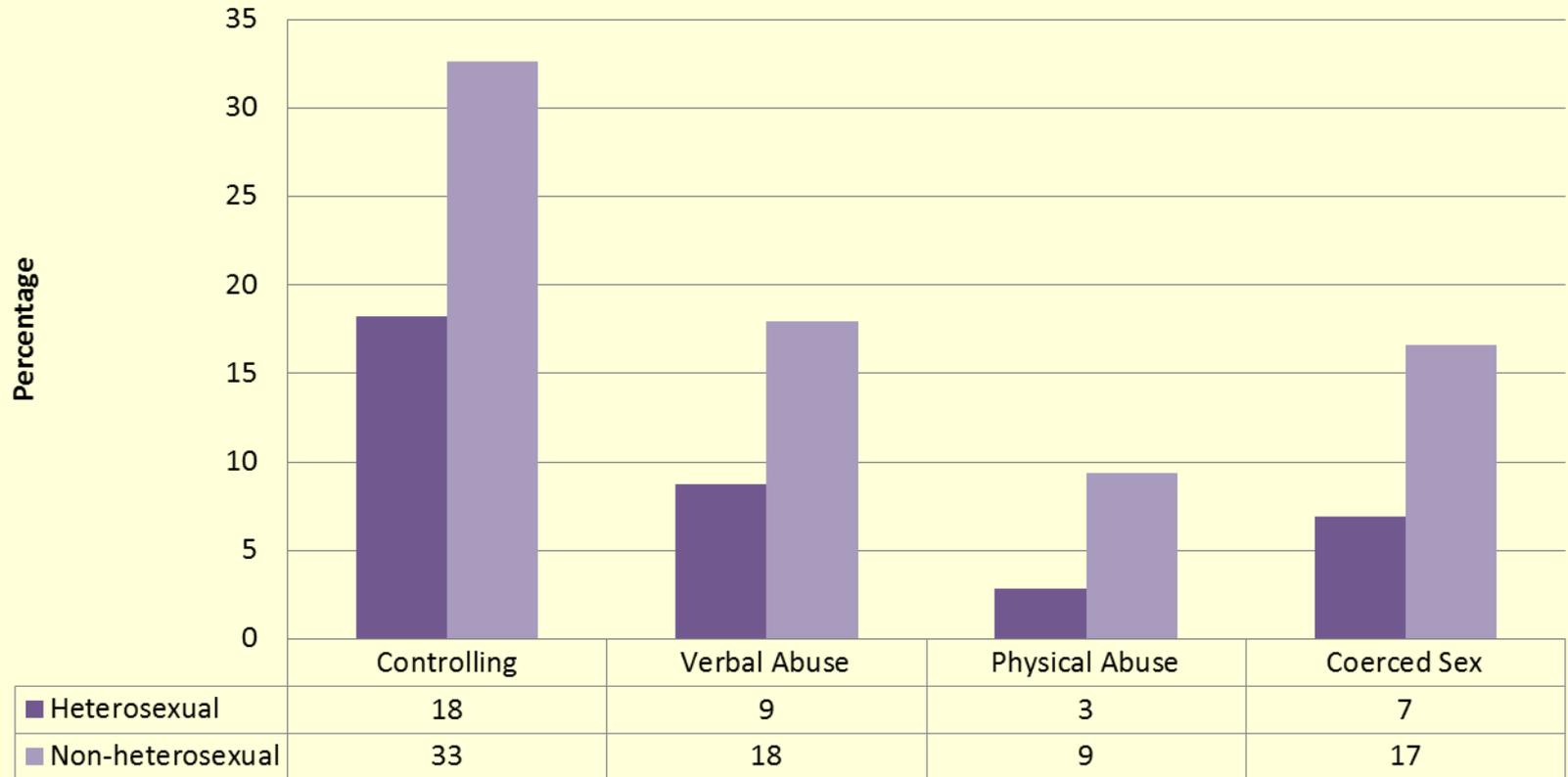
# Teen Dating Abuse by Gender

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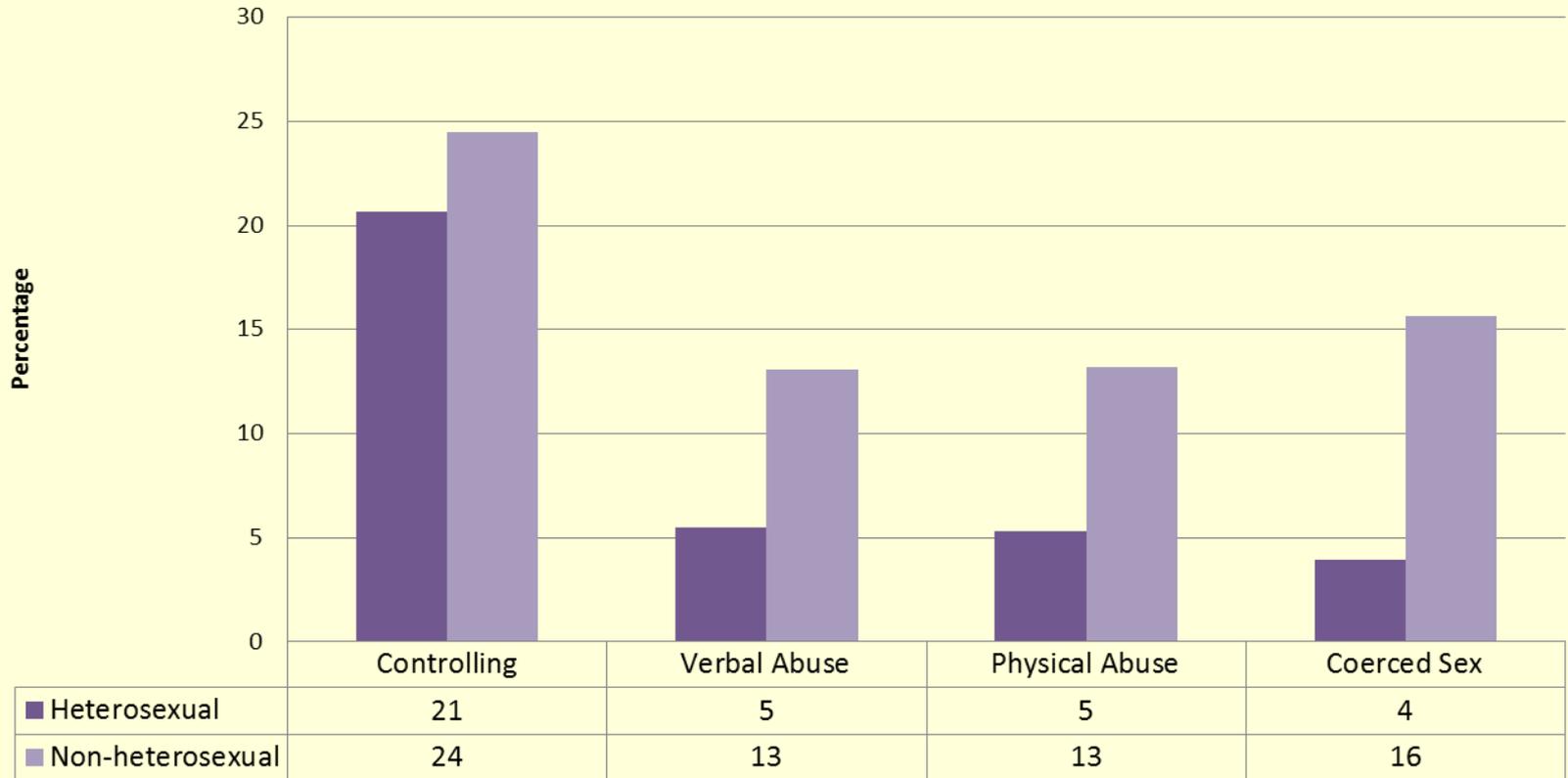
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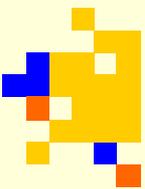
Female Victims Teen Dating Abuse



# Sexual Orientation- Males TDA

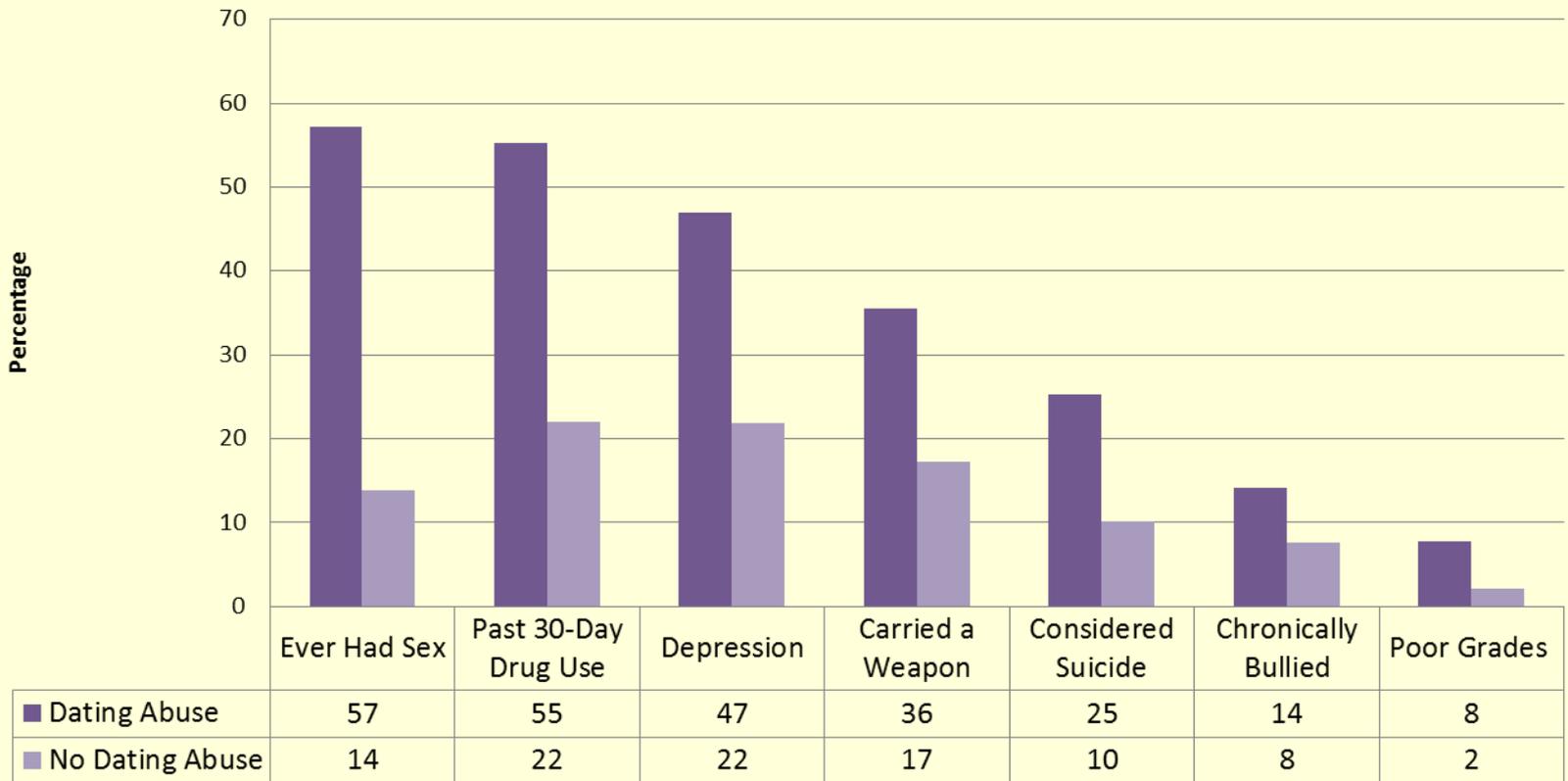
Male Victims Teen Dating Abuse

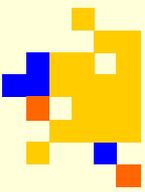




# Teen Dating Abuse

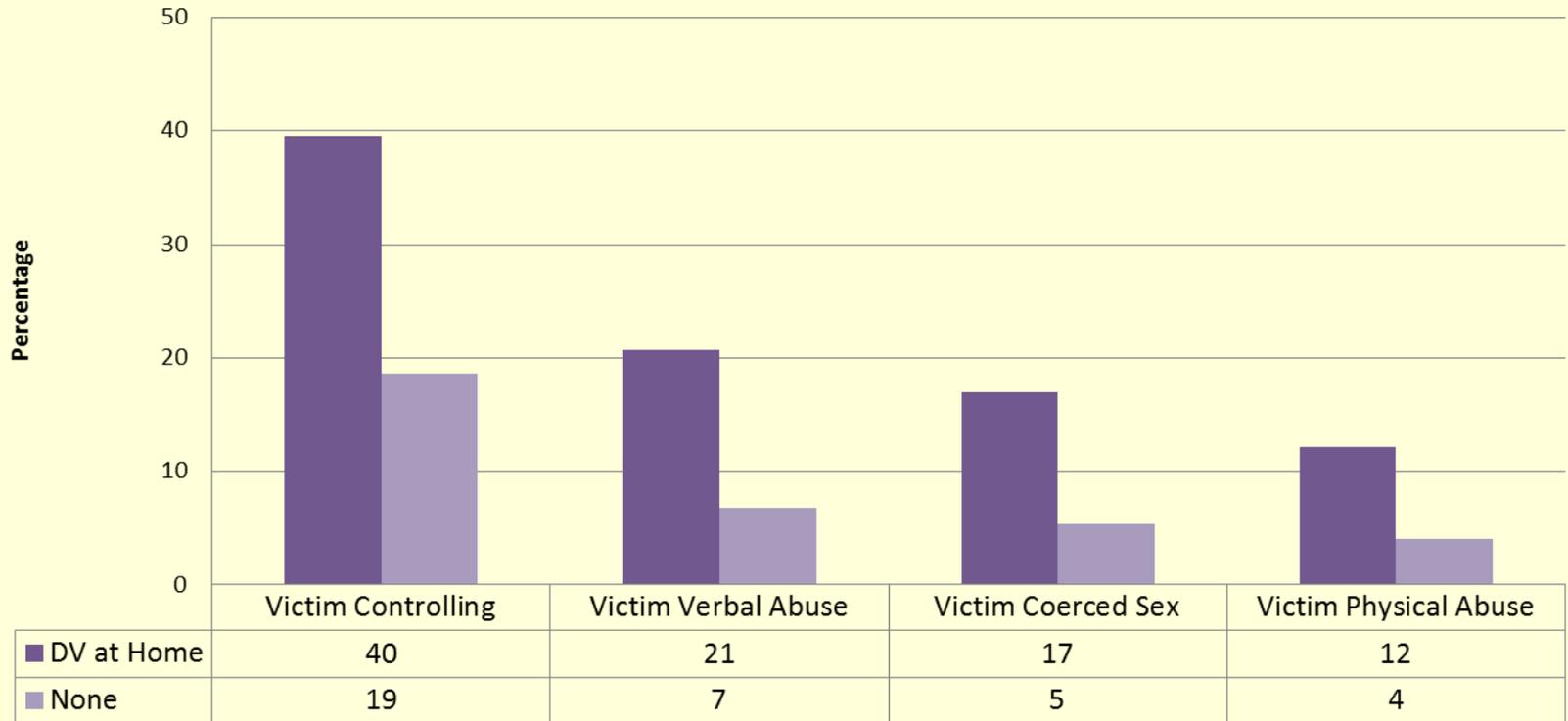
### Related Factors

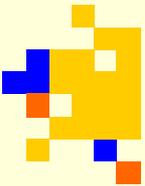




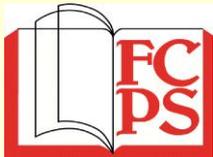
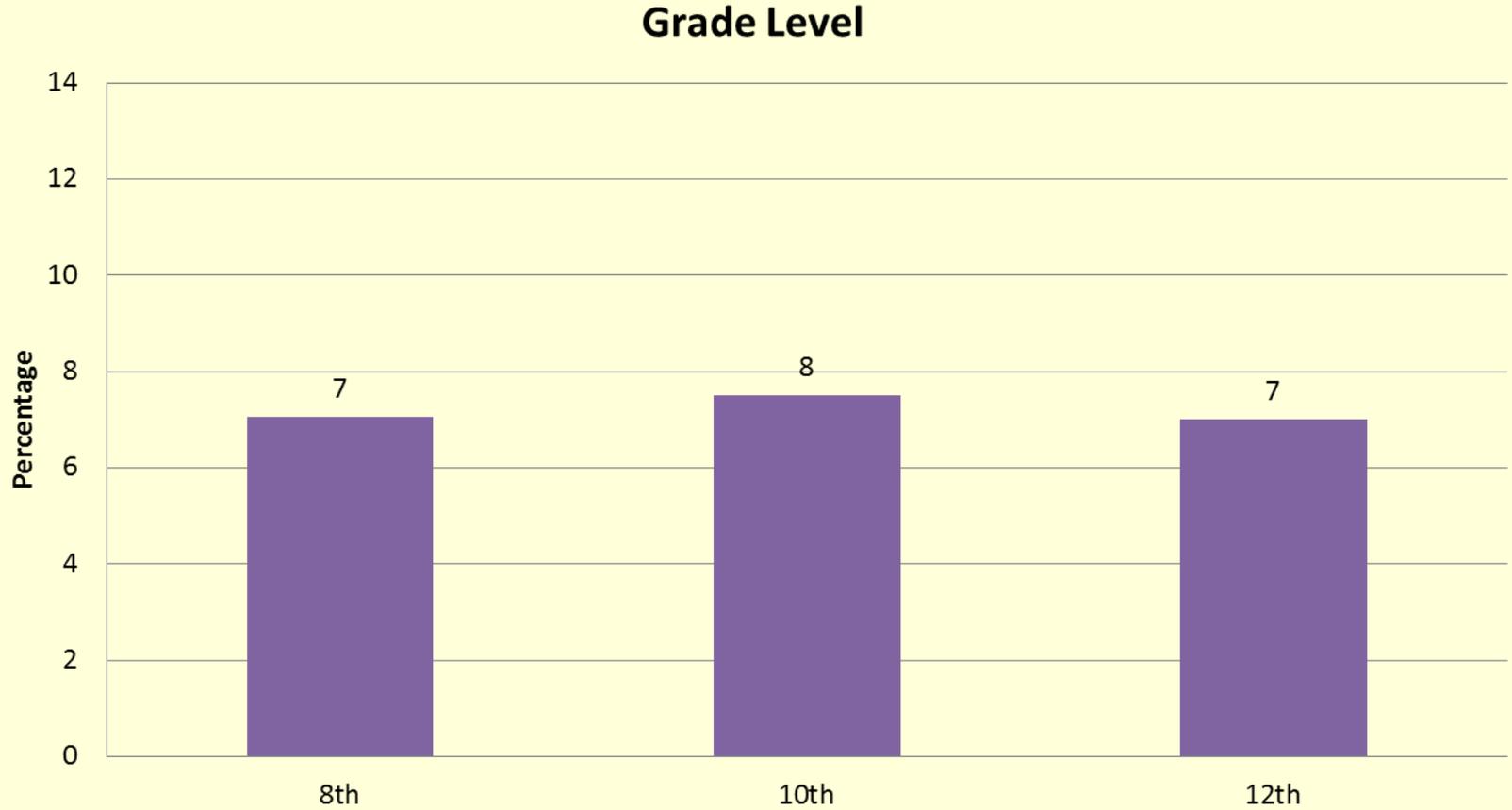
# DV in the Home - Teen Dating Abuse

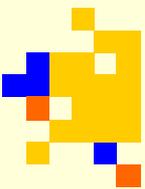
Teens witnessing DV in the home are at higher risk of being victims of TDA



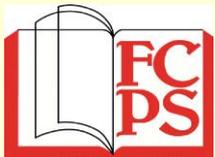
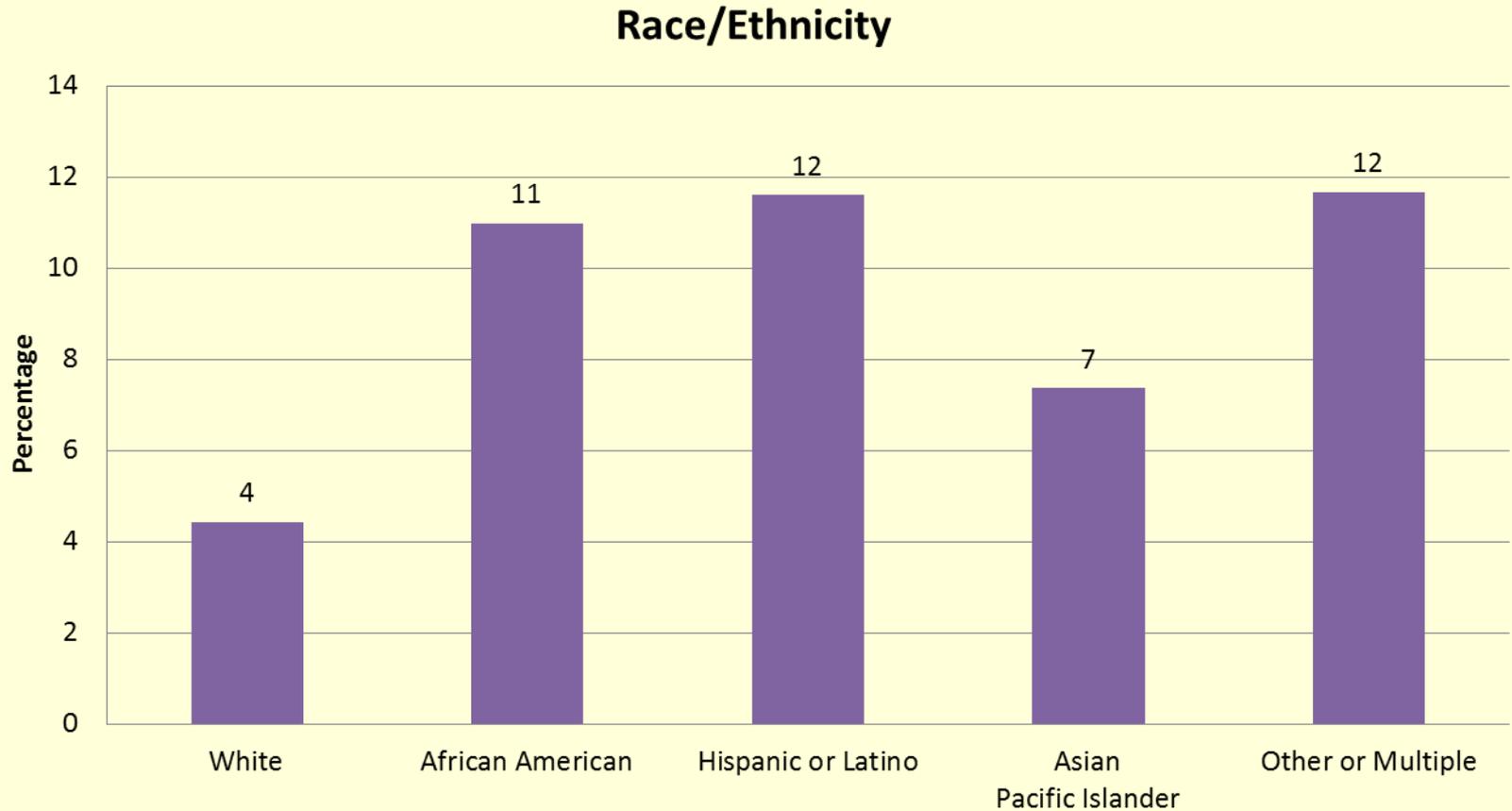


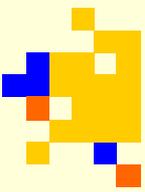
# Witness DV at Home by Grade



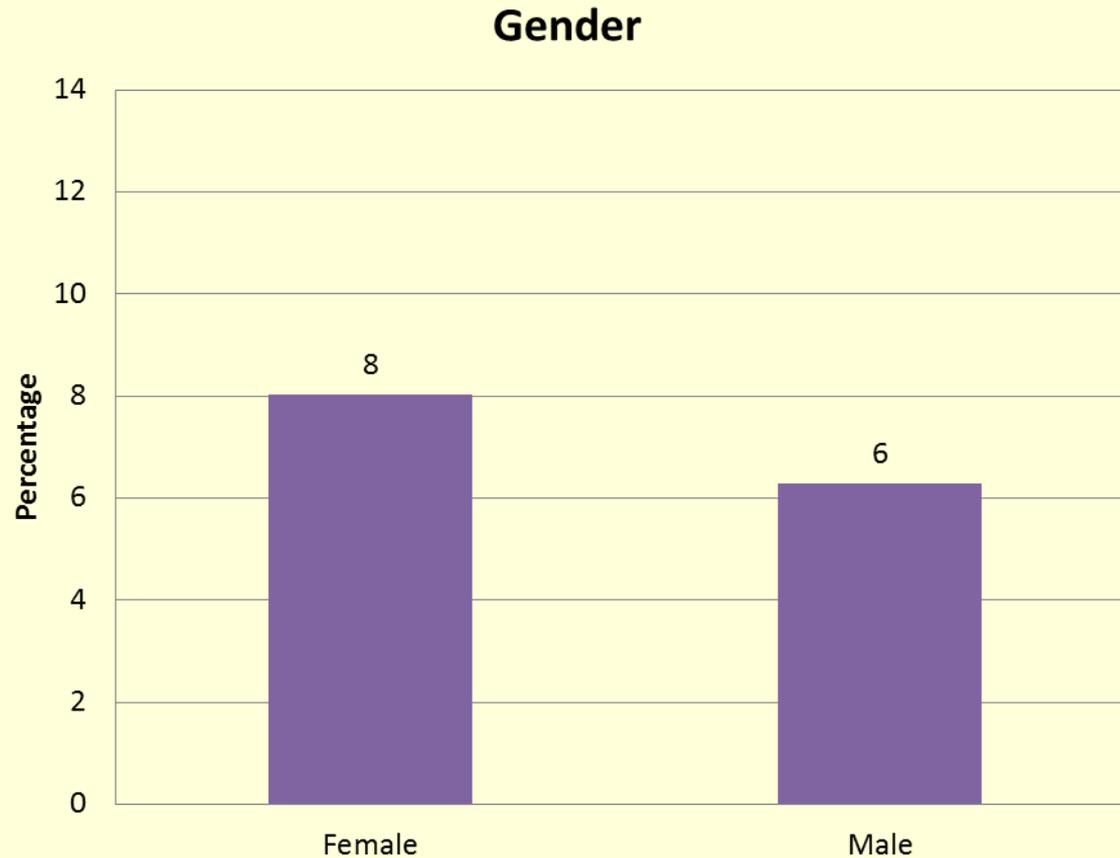


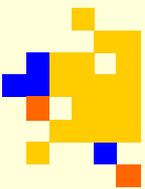
# Witness DV at Home by Race/Ethnicity





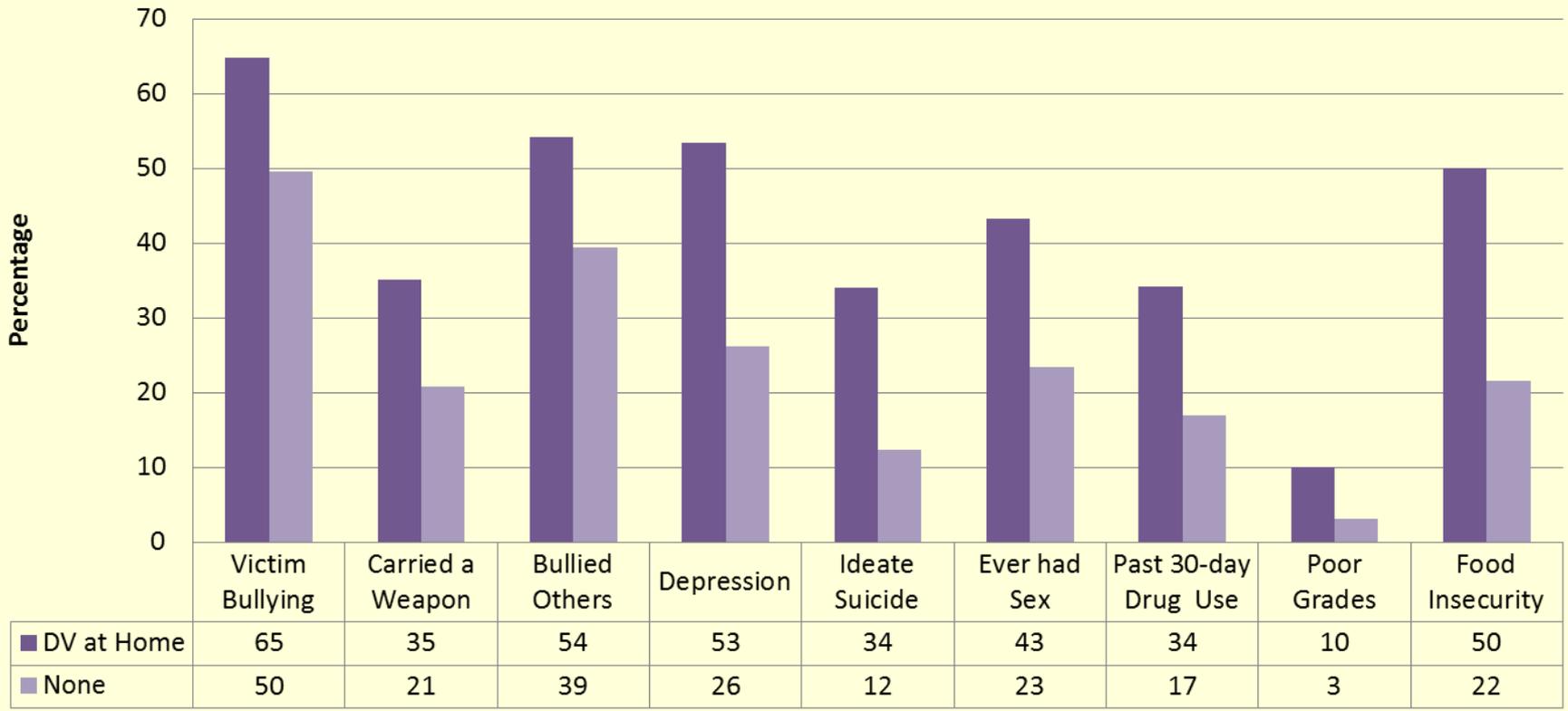
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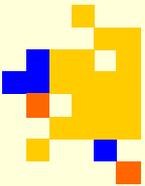




# Witnessed DV at Home

Related Factors

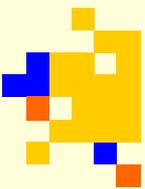




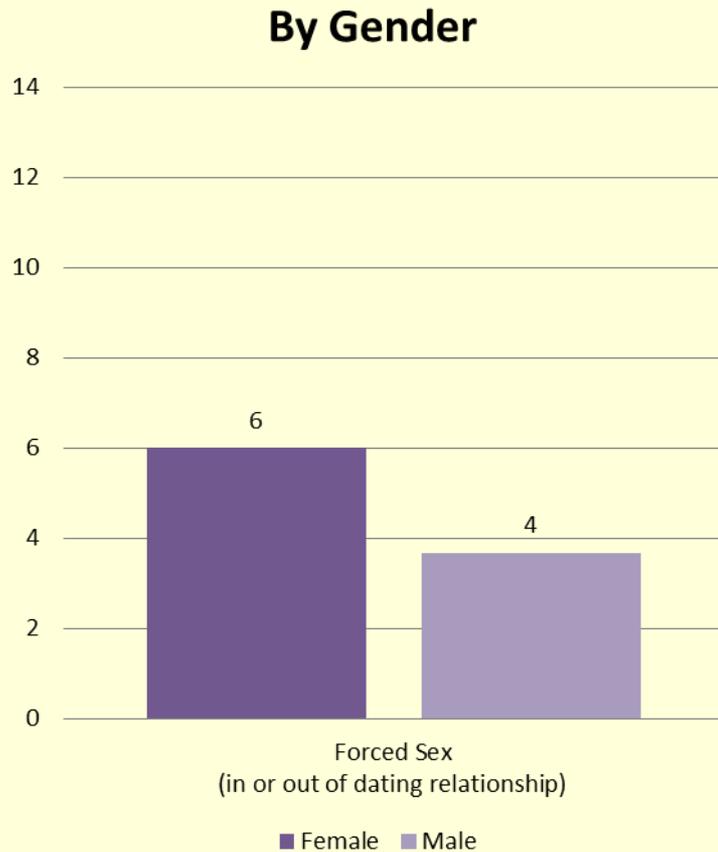
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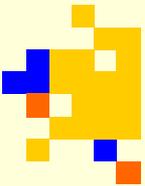
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- The question of being physically forced to have sex is not asked in context of a dating relationship or exposure to DV in the home



# Forced Sex by Gender

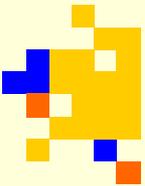




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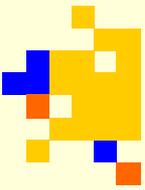
- New baseline data available
  - Emotional and sexual teen dating abuse
  - Sexual orientation demographics
  - Related factors for witnessing DV in the home
- Physical abuse in Fairfax County is reported at half the rate of the National Youth Risk Behavior Survey and 1.4 percentage points lower than 2008



# In Summary

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- 25% of teens in Fairfax County report being the victim of some form of dating abuse
- The LGBTQ population reports disproportionately higher for TDA than their heterosexual peers
- Teens witnessing DV at home are disproportionately at risk for problems related to: violence and bullying, TDA, mental and physical health, sex, drugs, and poor school performance



# How Do I Learn More?

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FAQs, Results, PSAs, Fact Sheets

[www.fairfaxcounty.gov/youthsurvey](http://www.fairfaxcounty.gov/youthsurvey)

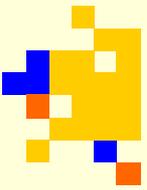
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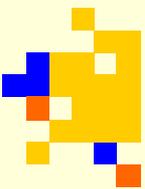




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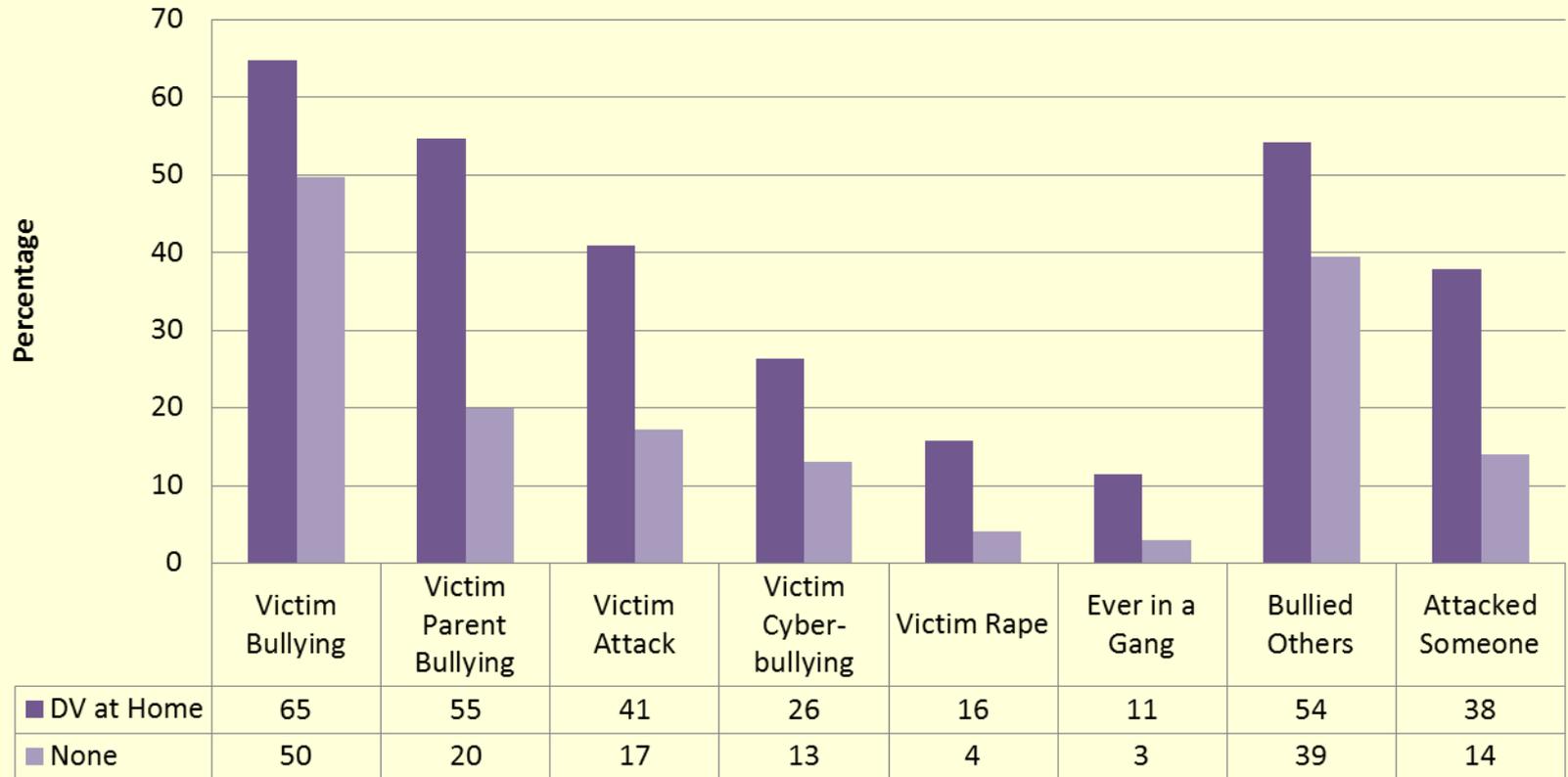
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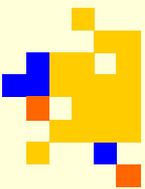




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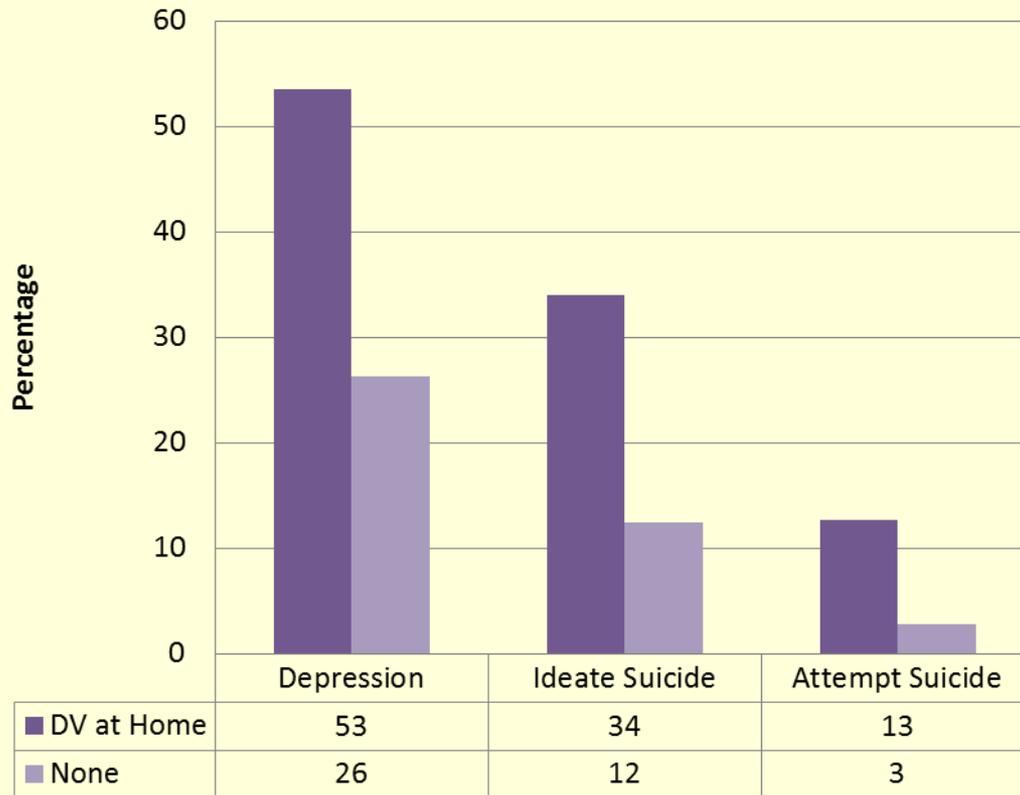
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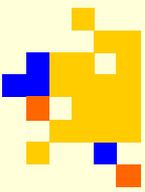




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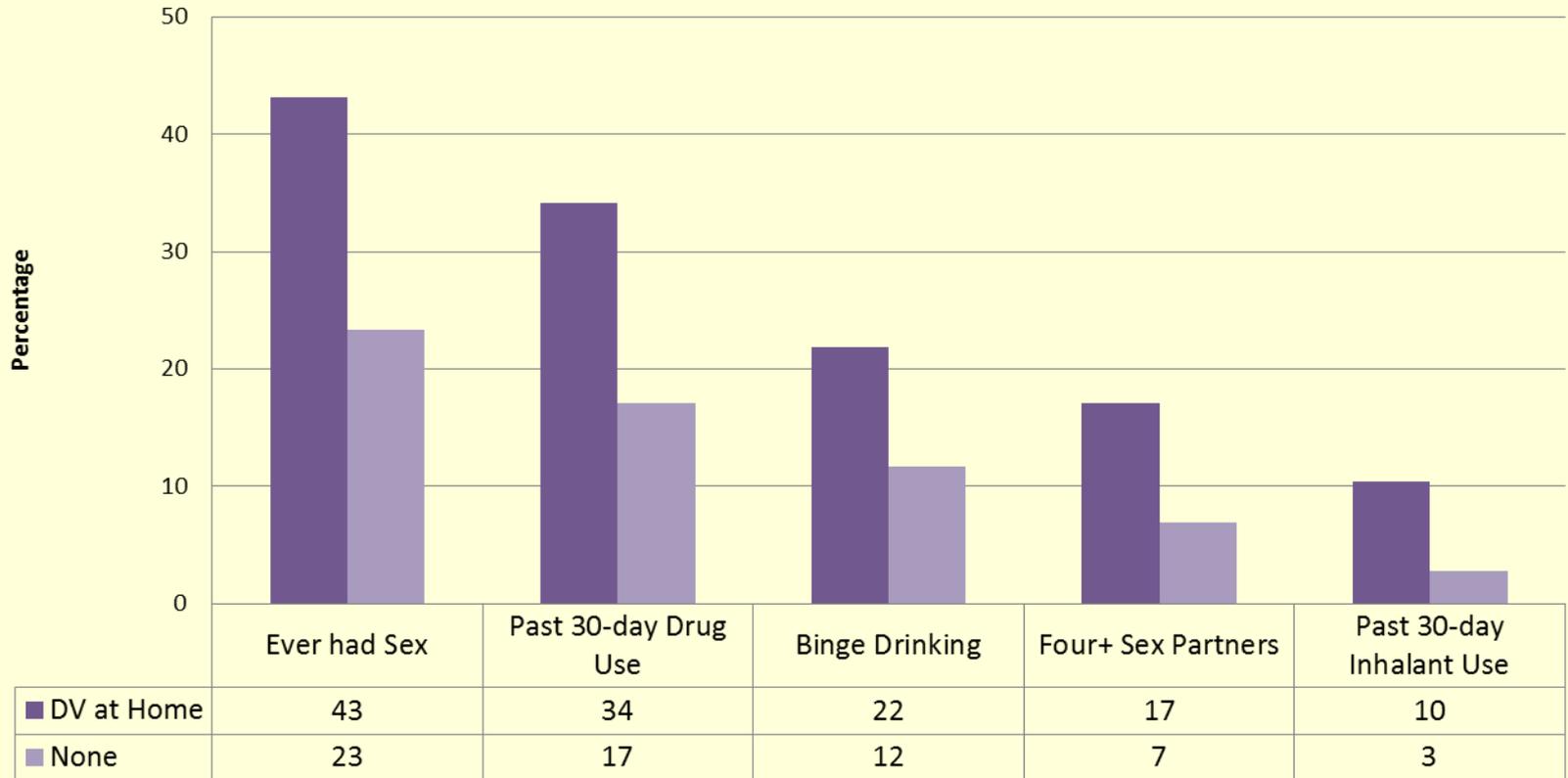
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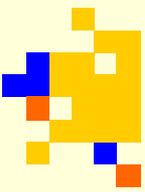




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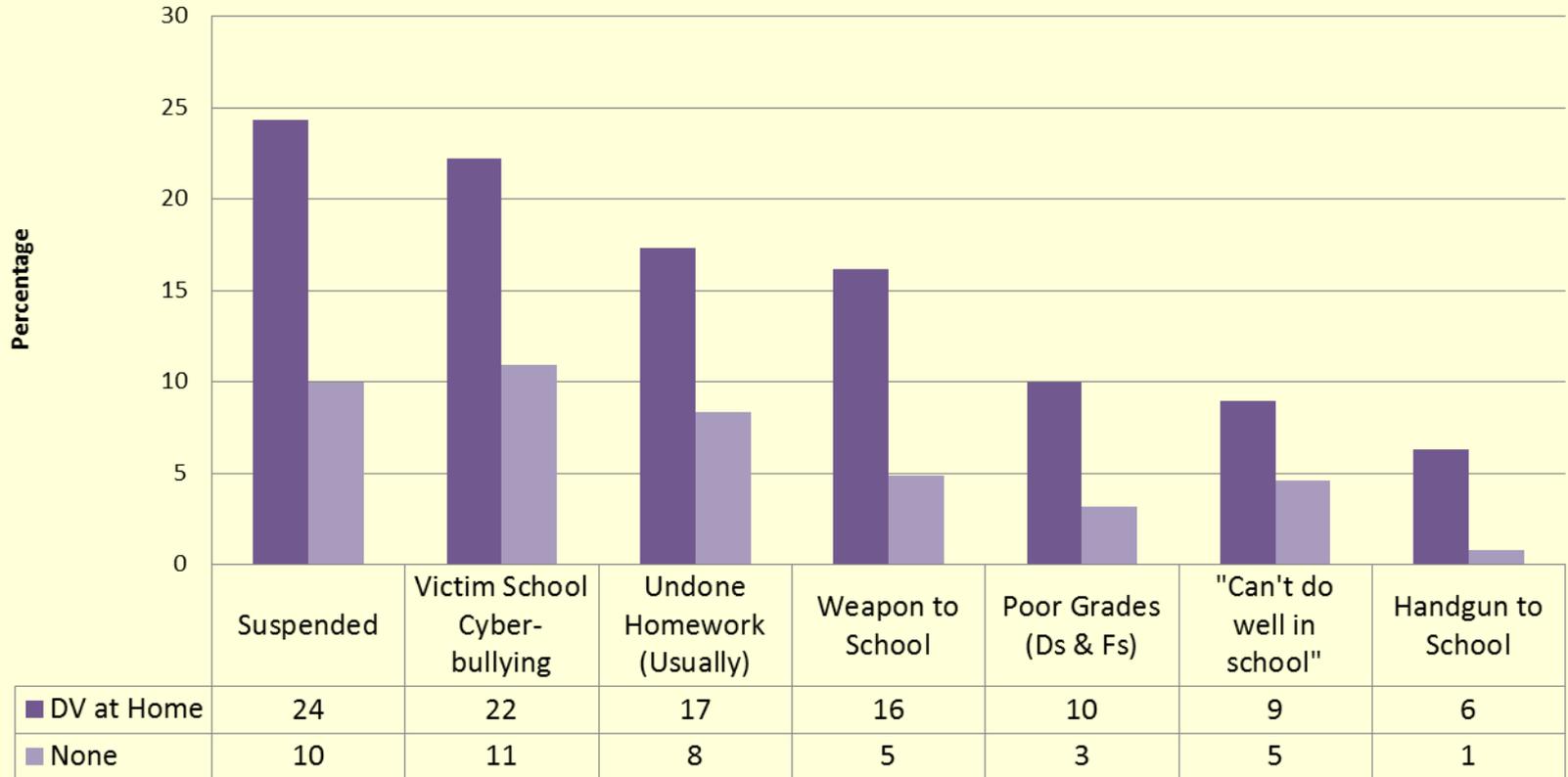
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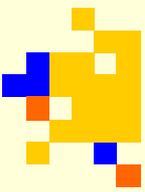




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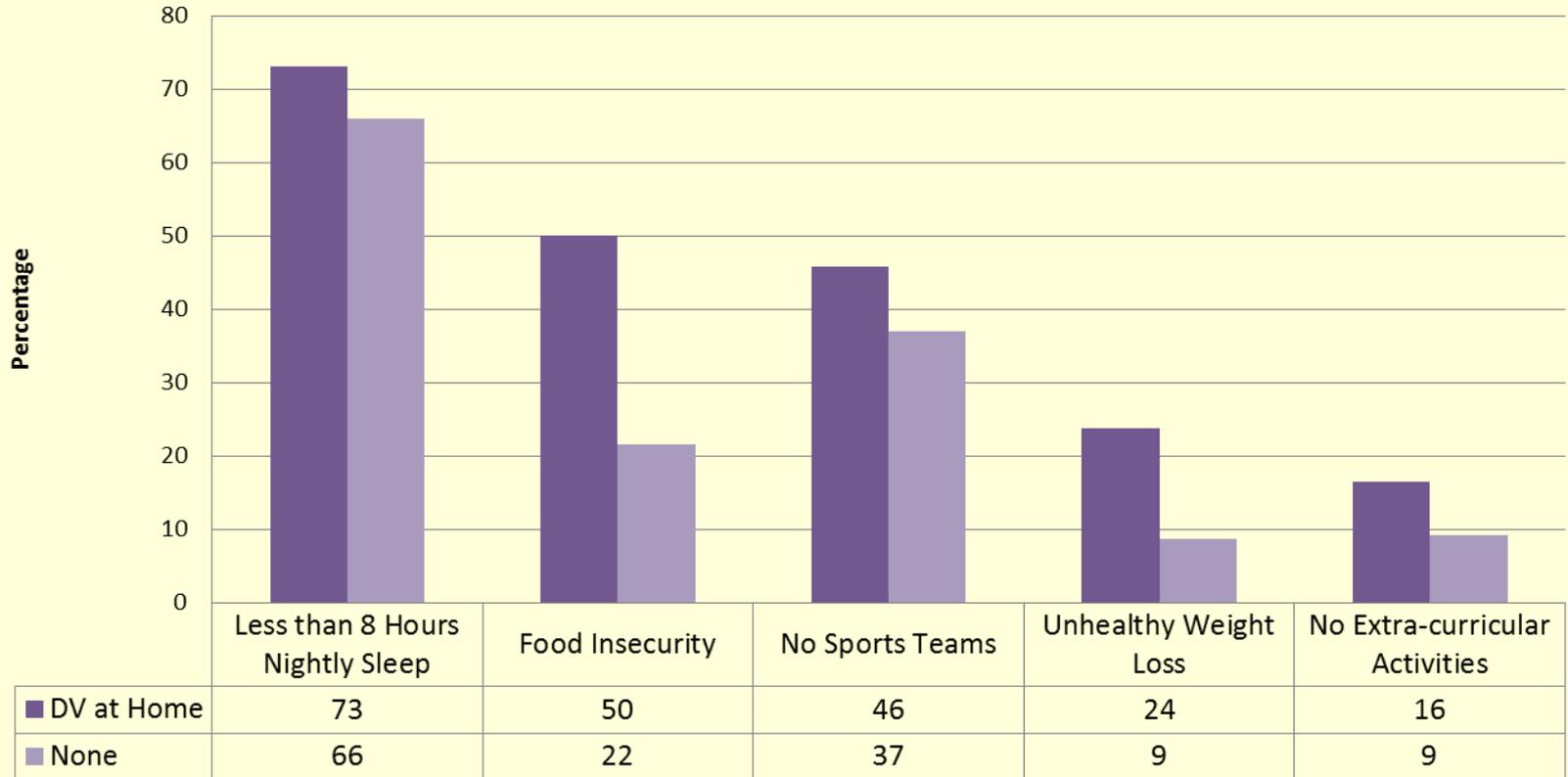
## School

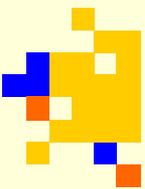




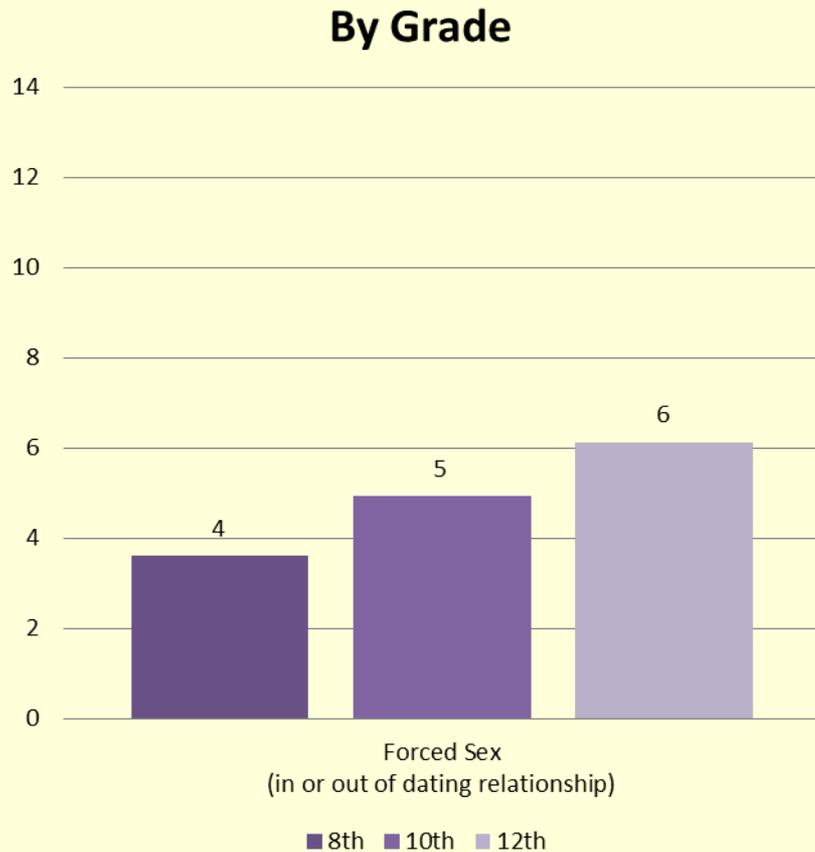
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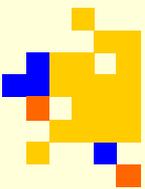
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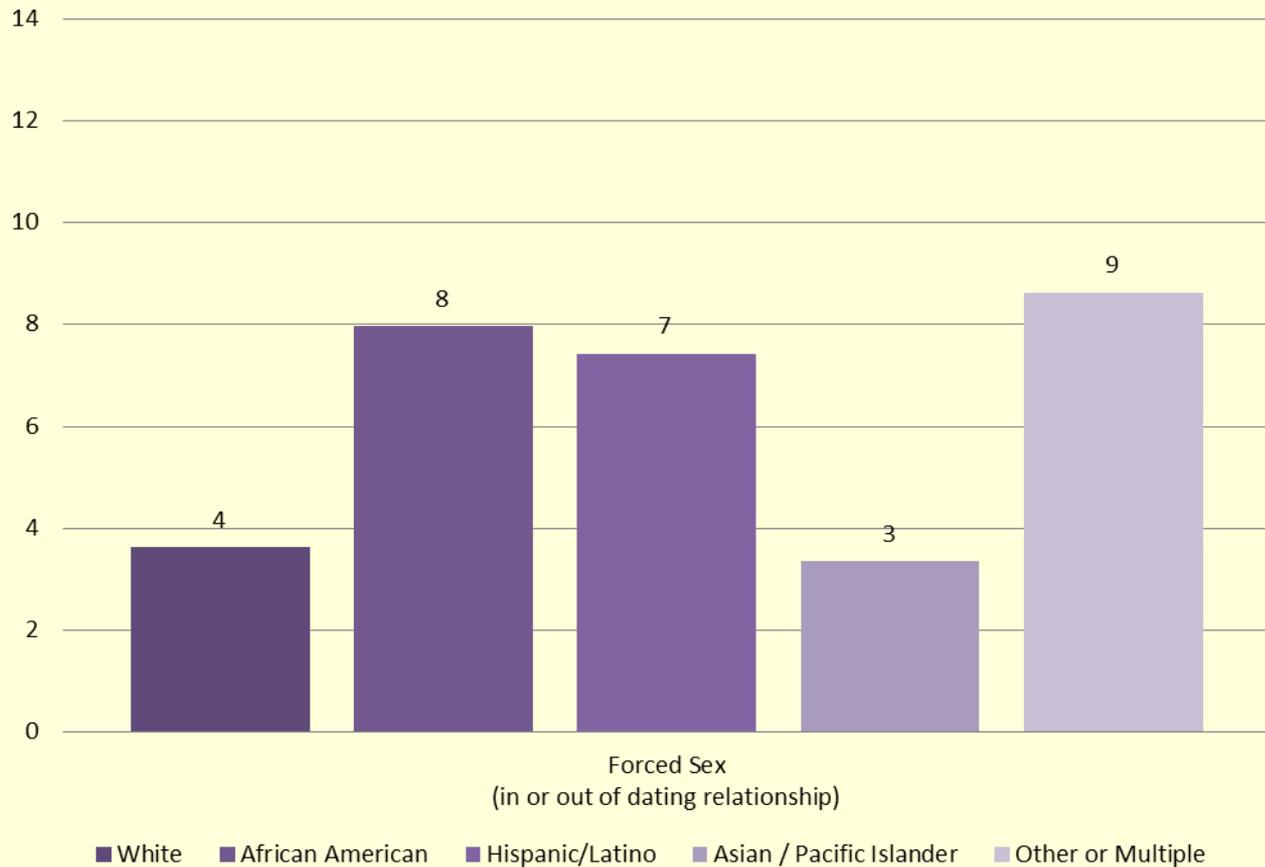


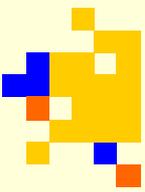
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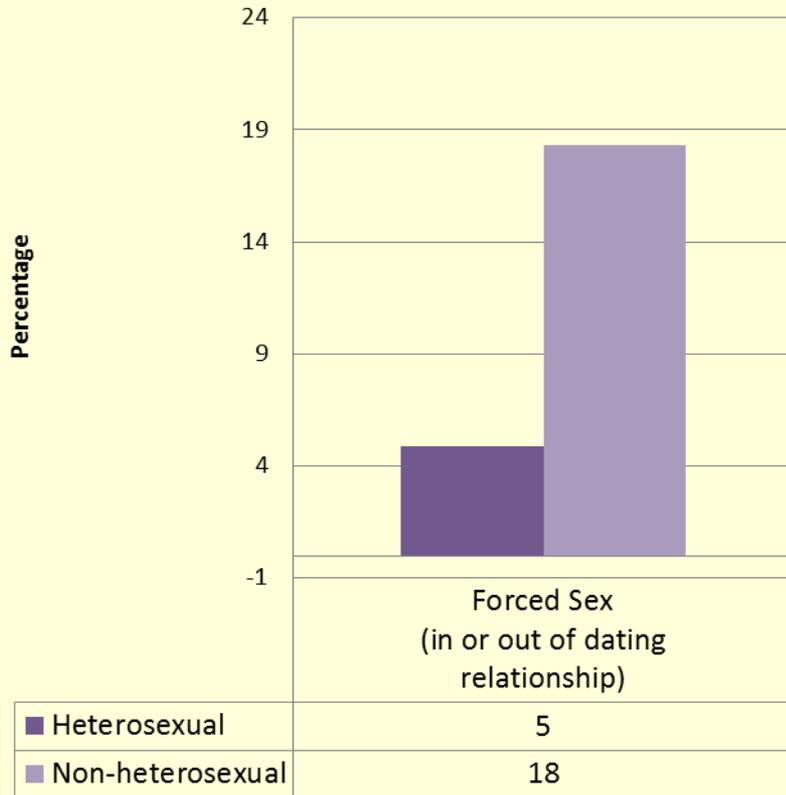
# Forced Sex by Race/Ethnicity





# Forced Sex - Sexual Orientation

### Female Victims



### Male Victims

