

Support Services for LGBTQ Youth

Keeping Our LGBTQ Youth Safe and in School

**Student, Family, & Community Support Department
San Francisco Unified School District**

2011 Youth Risk Behavior Survey Results

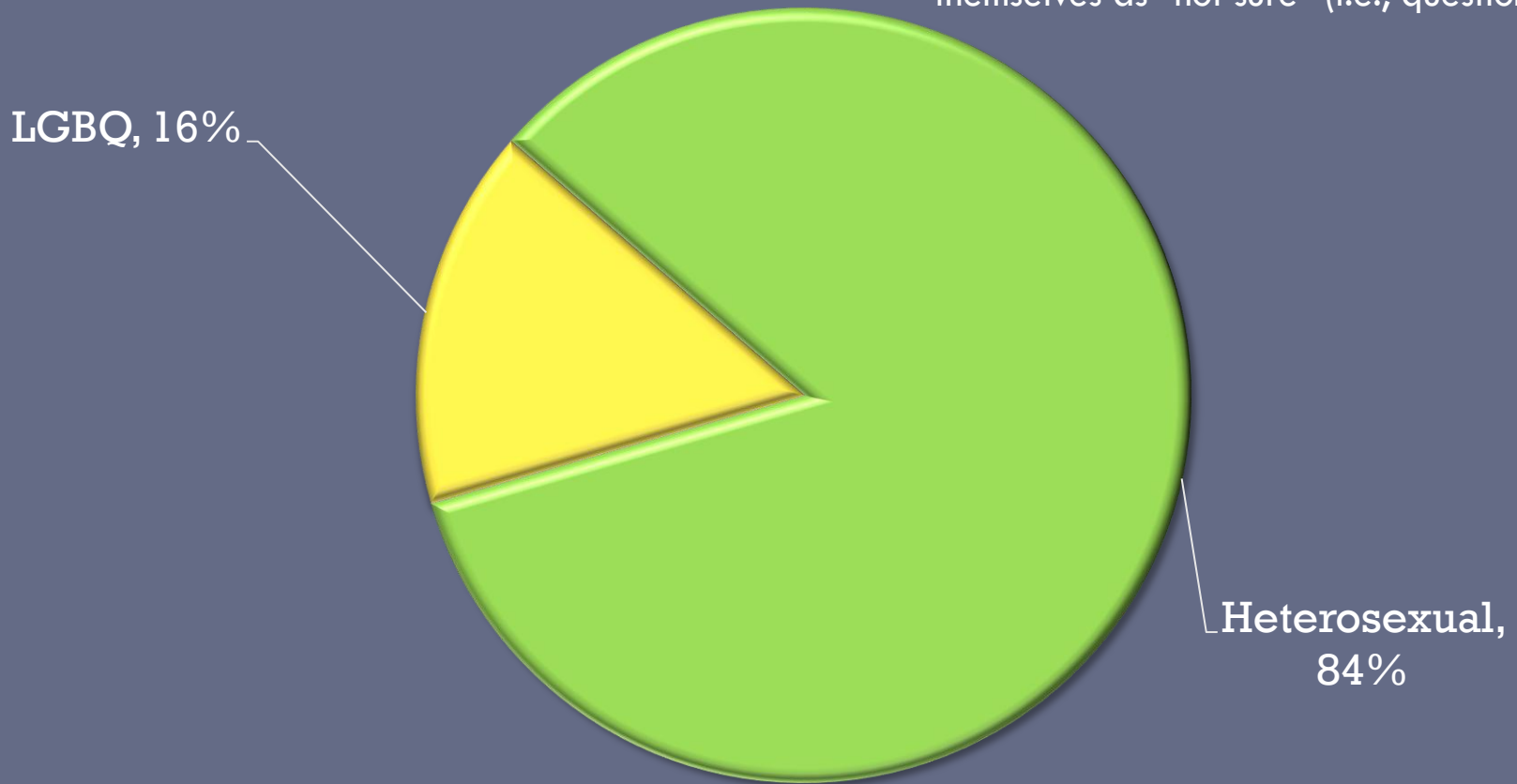
- The YRBS, developed and managed by the Centers for Disease Control & Prevention, is administered by SFUSD and ETR Associates every two years to a random sample of students across all SFUSD middle and high schools.
- In SY1011, the YRBS was completed by 2,730 MS students (a 74% response rate) and 2,220 HS students (also a 74% response rate). The weighted results are representative of *all* SFUSD students in middle schools (6-8) and high schools (9-12).

2011 Youth Risk Behavior Survey Results

- Complex samples analyses were used to generate indicators in this presentation. Note that several of the crosstab results are based on low cell counts, which limit their reliability and generalizability. This is a particular limitation to the indicators within the transgender population.
- When researching the health and wellness of LGBTQ students, cell count limitations are unfortunately common.
- To address cell count limitations, we strongly encourage all YRBS administration sites to include items on sexual orientation (at least) and gender identity (at best). Resulting data could be pooled to support more rigorous analyses of risk behavior among LGBTQ youth.
- Nationally, just 22% (17 of 76) high school administration sites include an item on sexual orientation on their YRBS. At the middle school, 4 of the 15 administration sites include an item on sexual orientation (27%).
- SFUSD is the only school district in the country that includes items on sexual orientation and gender identity on both their middle and high school YRBSs.

SFUSD Middle Schools Student Demographics

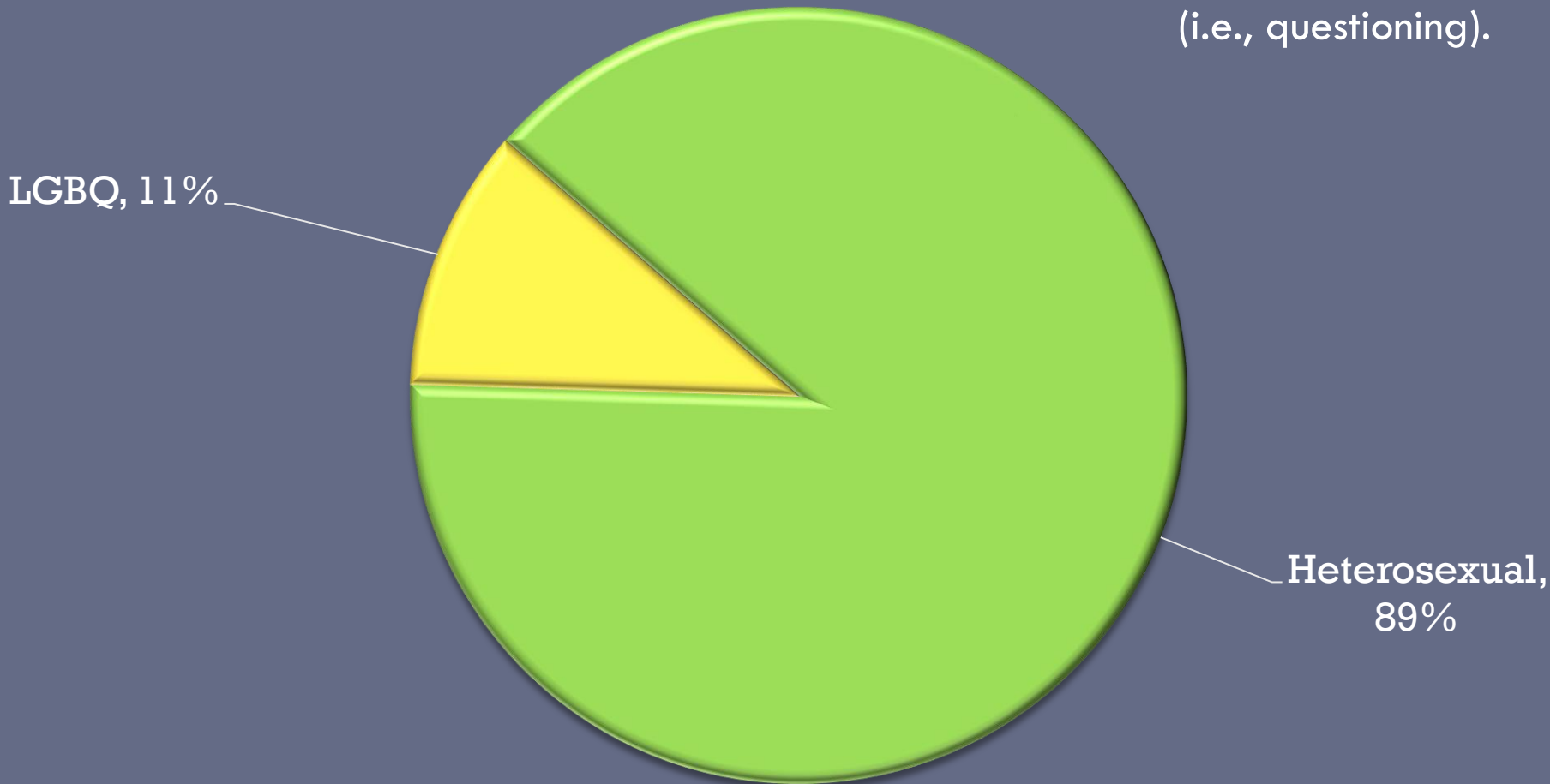
15.9% of students (about 1,639 students) identified themselves as Lesbian, Gay, Bisexual, or Questioning on the 2011 MS YRBS. Most of the MS LGBQ students identify themselves as “not sure” (i.e., questioning).



MS YRBS 2011 (n=2,637; weighted N=10,362)

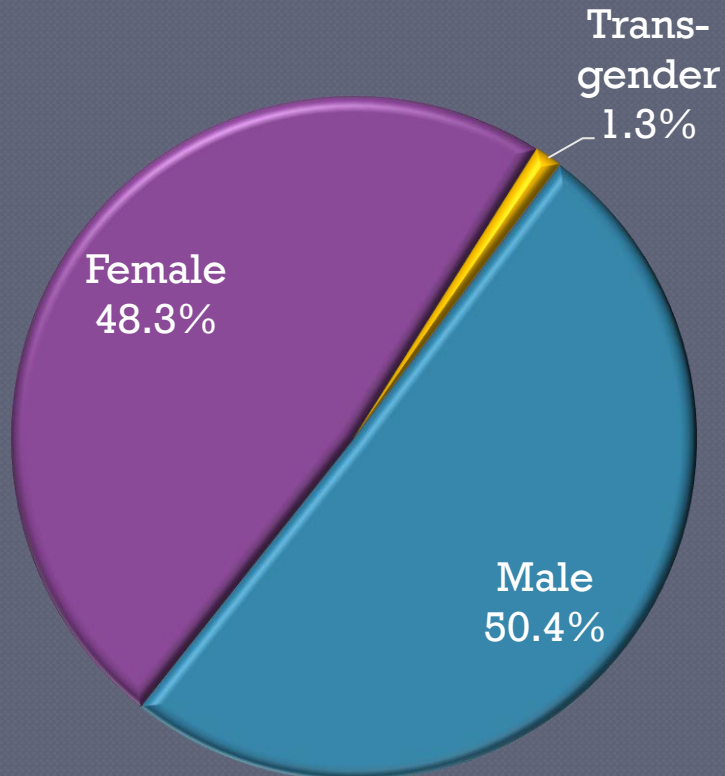
SFUSD High Schools Student Demographics

On the 2011 HS YRBS, over 1,770 students identified themselves as lesbian, gay, bisexual, or “not sure” (i.e., questioning).

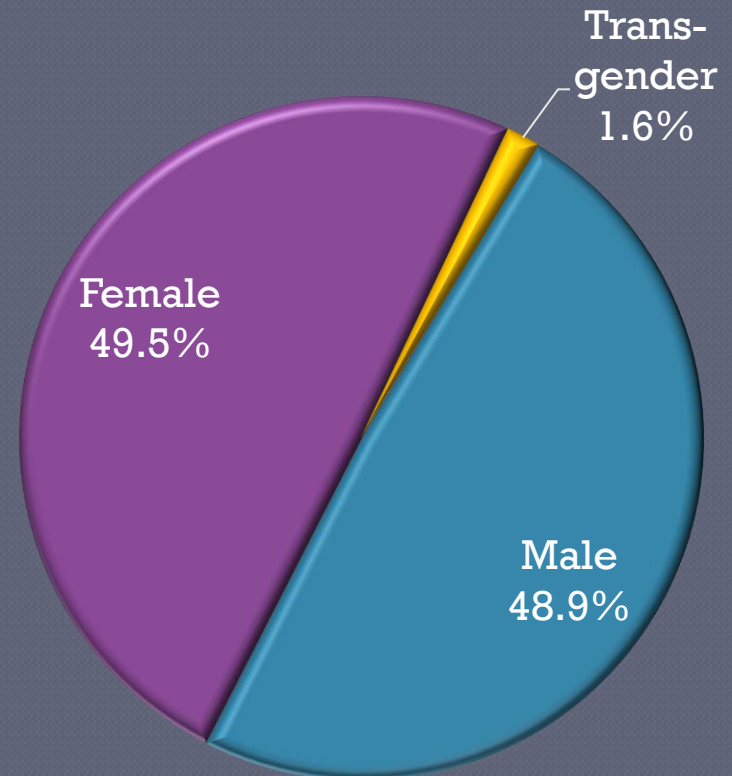


SFUSD High Schools Student Demographics

Middle School YRBS



High School YRBS



What is your gender?

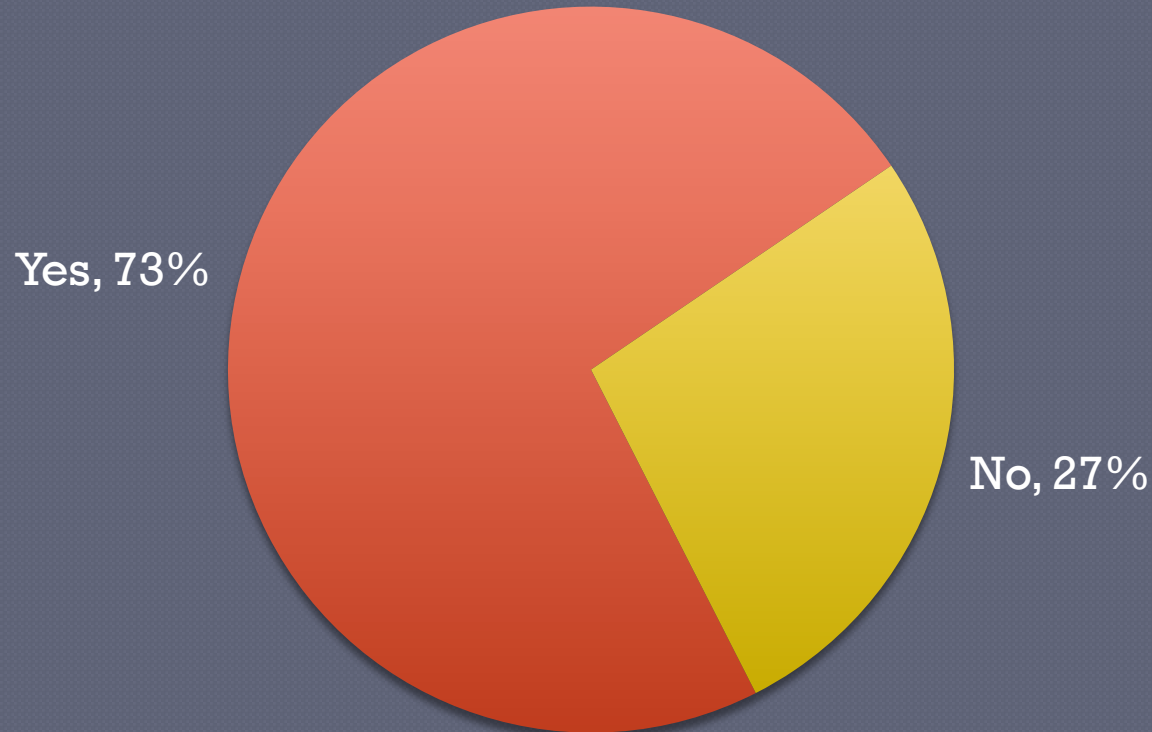
A) Female B) Male C) Transgender

**Population Estimates based on complex samples analyses of weighted data.*

ES CHKS 2011: Anti-LGB Slurs

[n=649 5th graders]

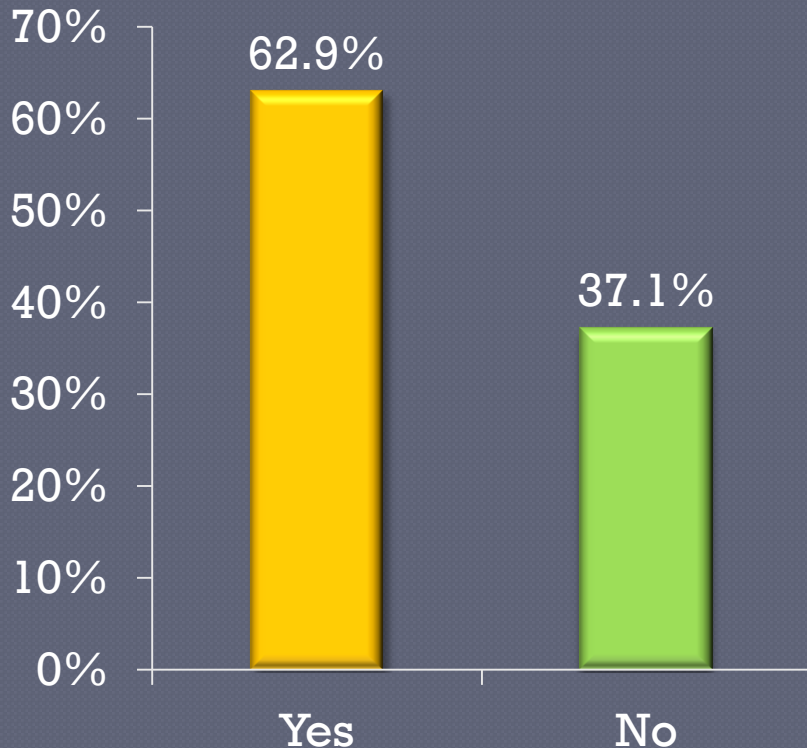
Have you ever heard students using put downs or name-calling such as “fag” or “that’s so gay”?



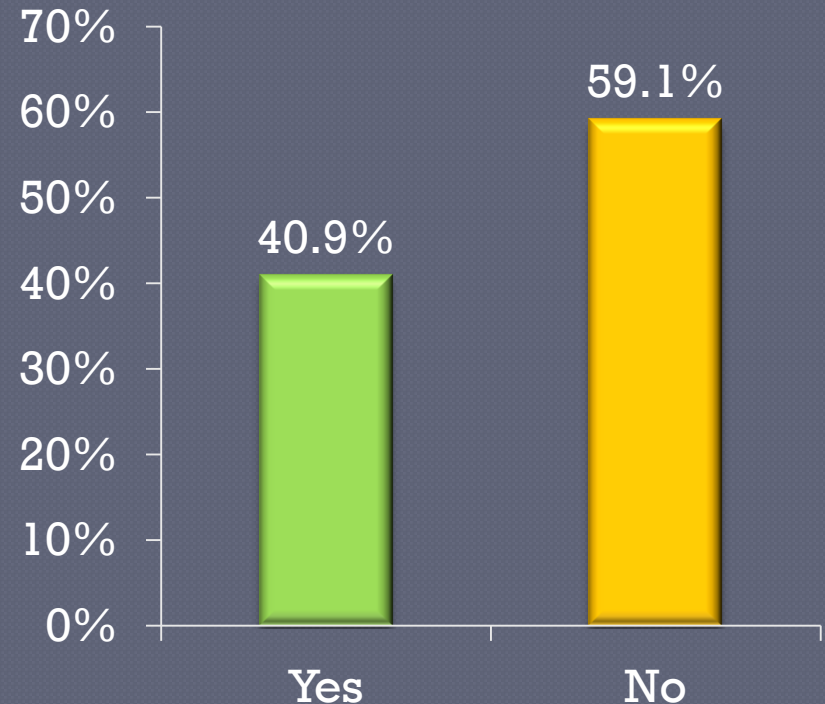
MS CHKS: Anti-LGB Slurs

Among All Students (n=1,148 7th graders)

During the past 12 months, have you ever heard other students make harassing statements based on sexual orientation, such as faggot, dyke, and “that’s so gay”?



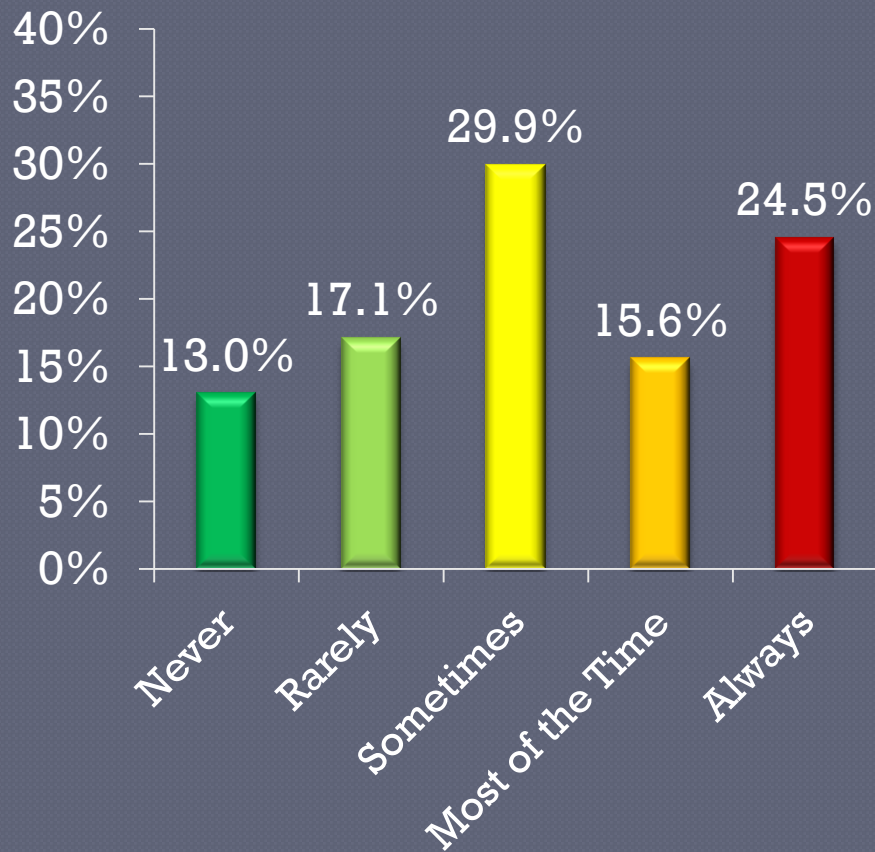
During the past 12 months, have you ever heard teachers or other staff stop others from making harassing comments based on sexual orientation, such as faggot, dyke, and “that’s so gay”?



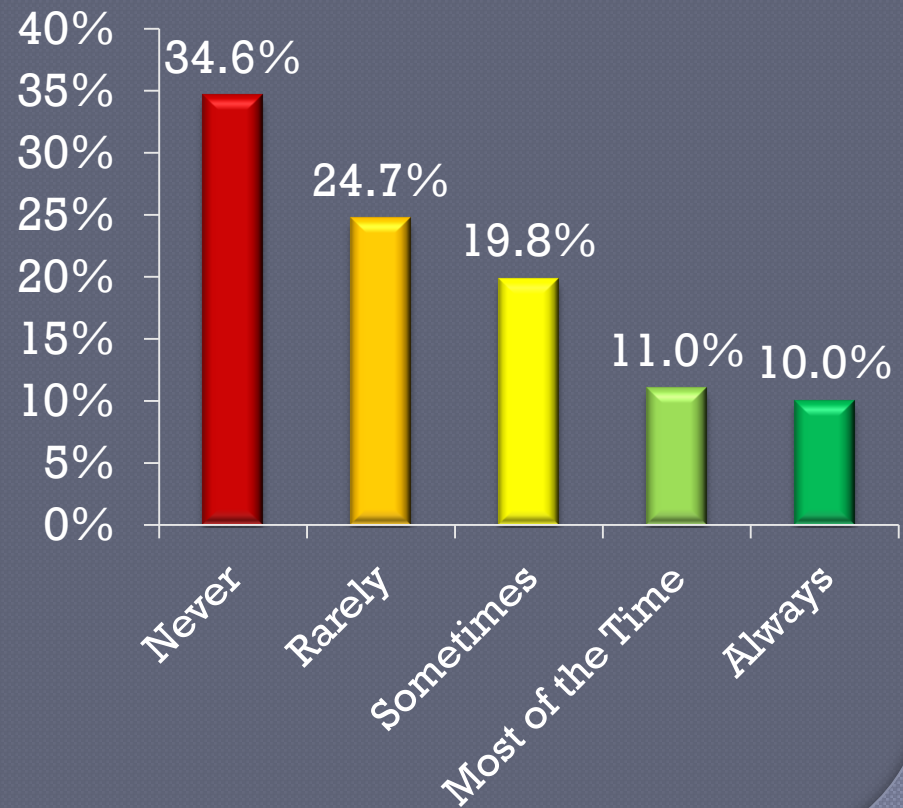
HS CHKS: Anti-LGB Slurs

Among All Students (n=2,603 9th & 2,538 11th graders)

How often do you hear other students at school make harassing statements based on sexual orientation, such as “no homo, faggot, dyke, and “that’s so gay”?



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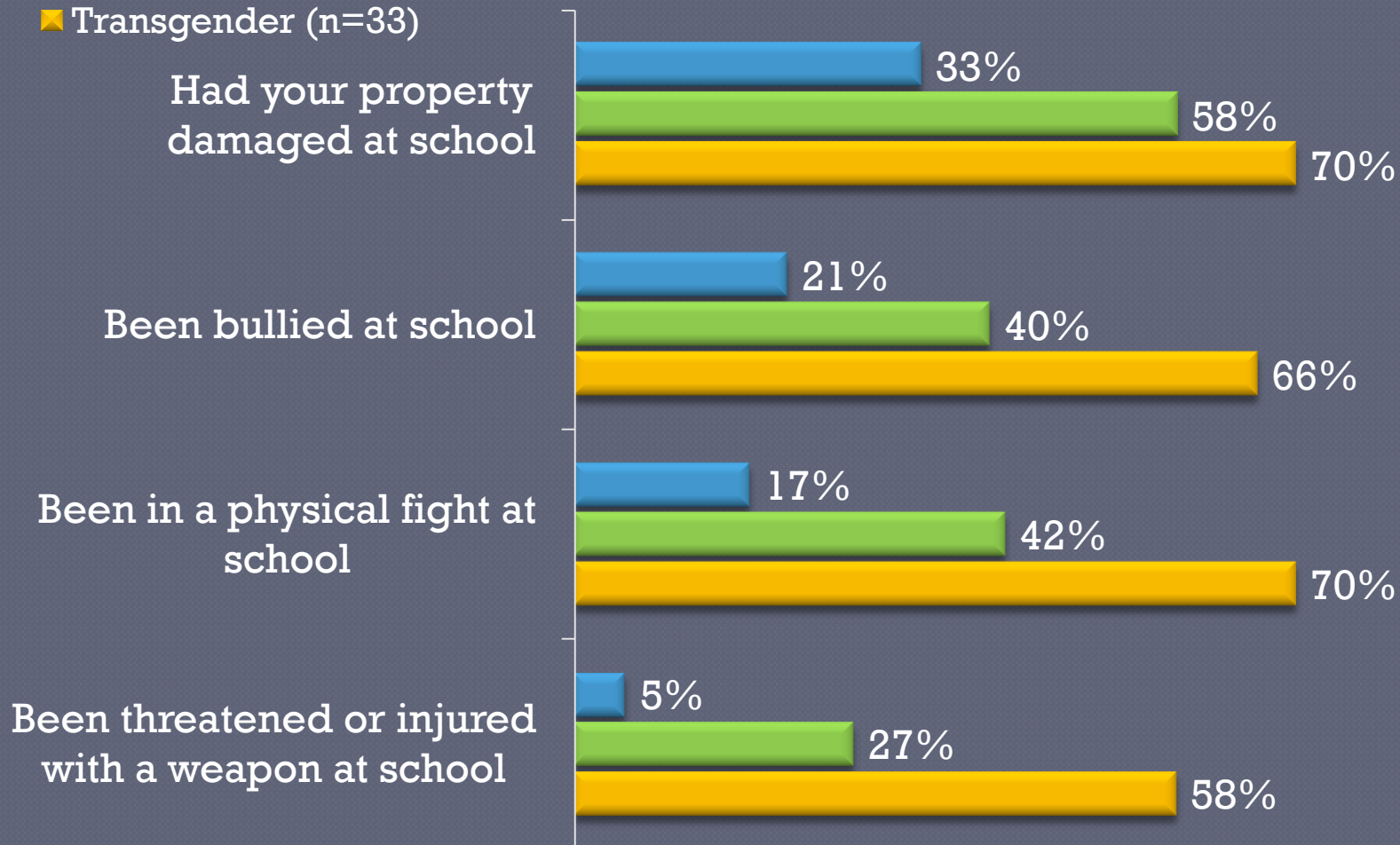
MS YRBS: Violence at School

In the past year, have you...

■ Non-LGB (n=2494 - 2500)

■ LGB (n=104-106)

■ Transgender (n=33)



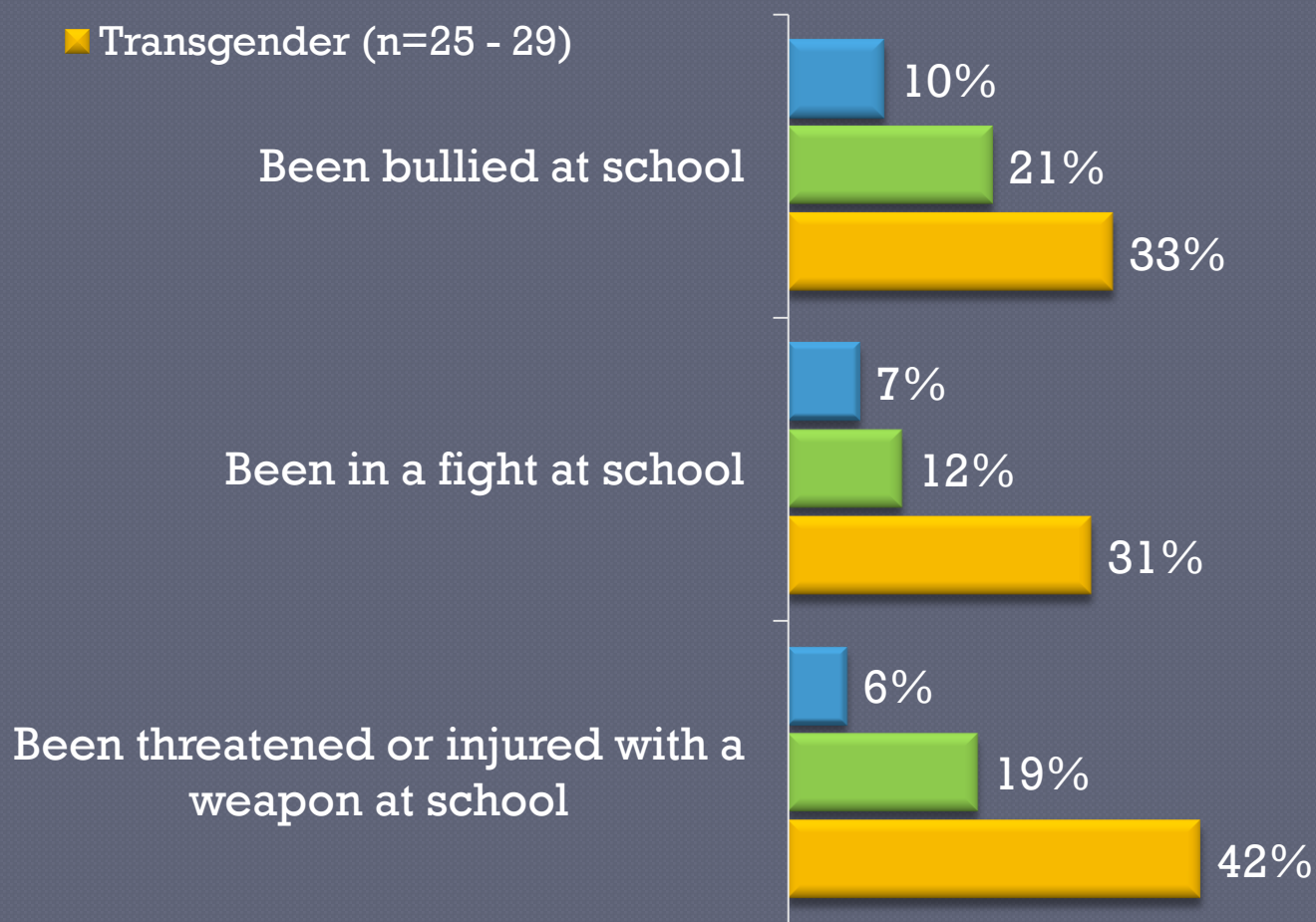
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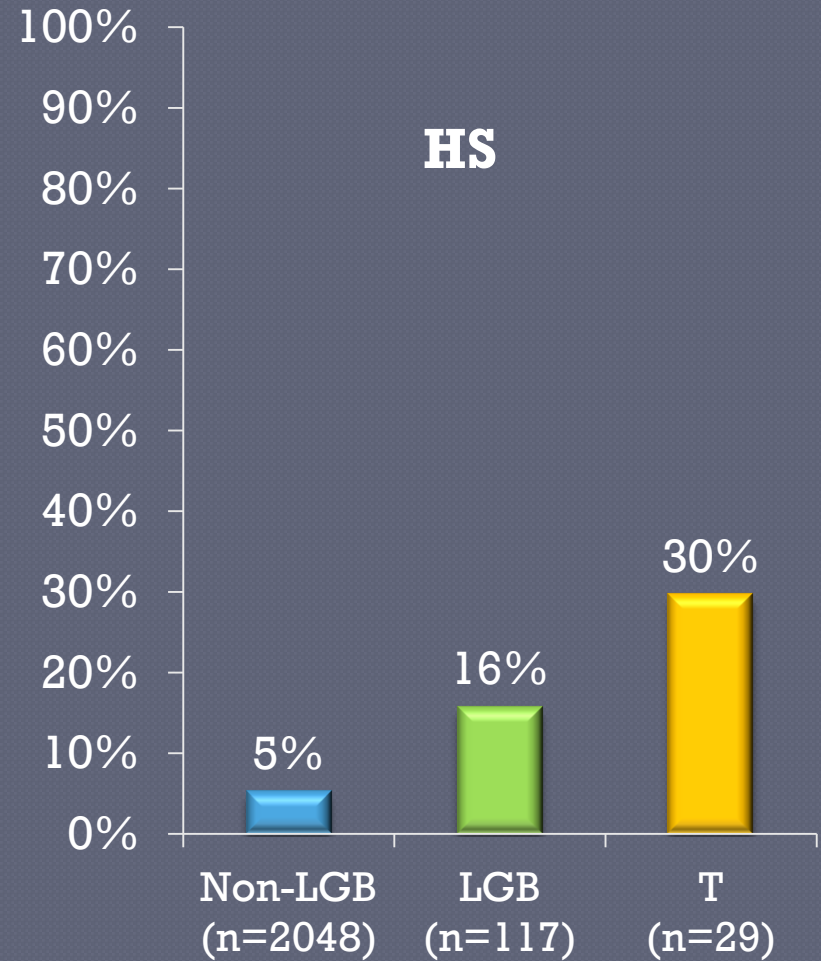
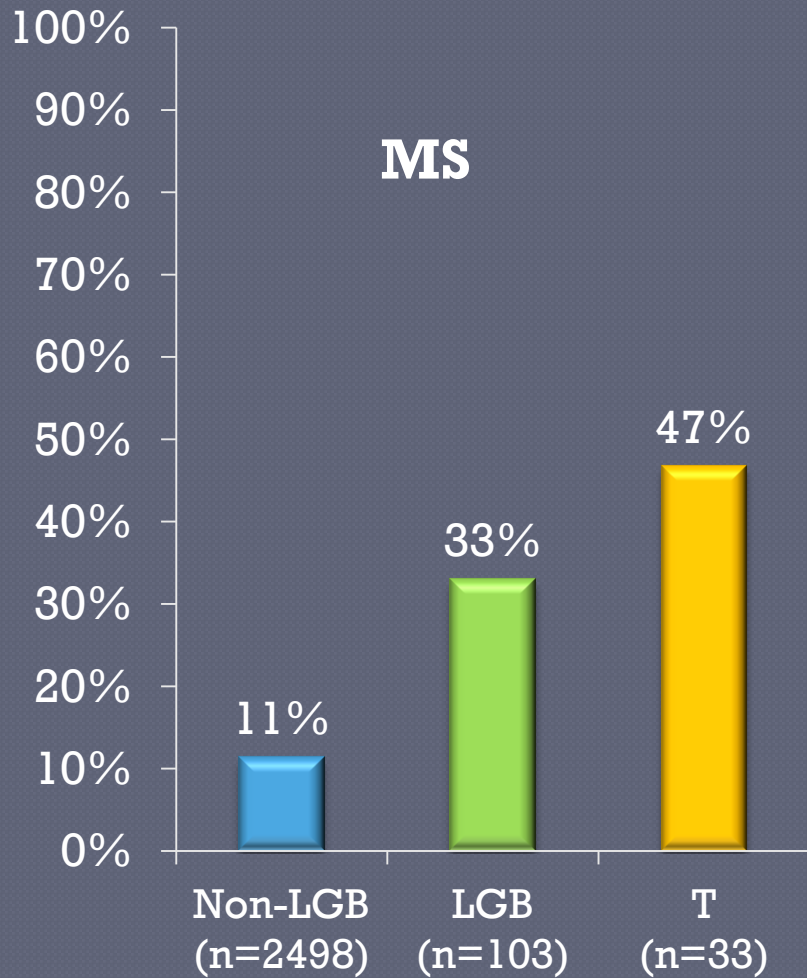
■ Non-LGB (n=2003 - 2044)

■ LGB (n=108 - 115)

■ Transgender (n=25 - 29)

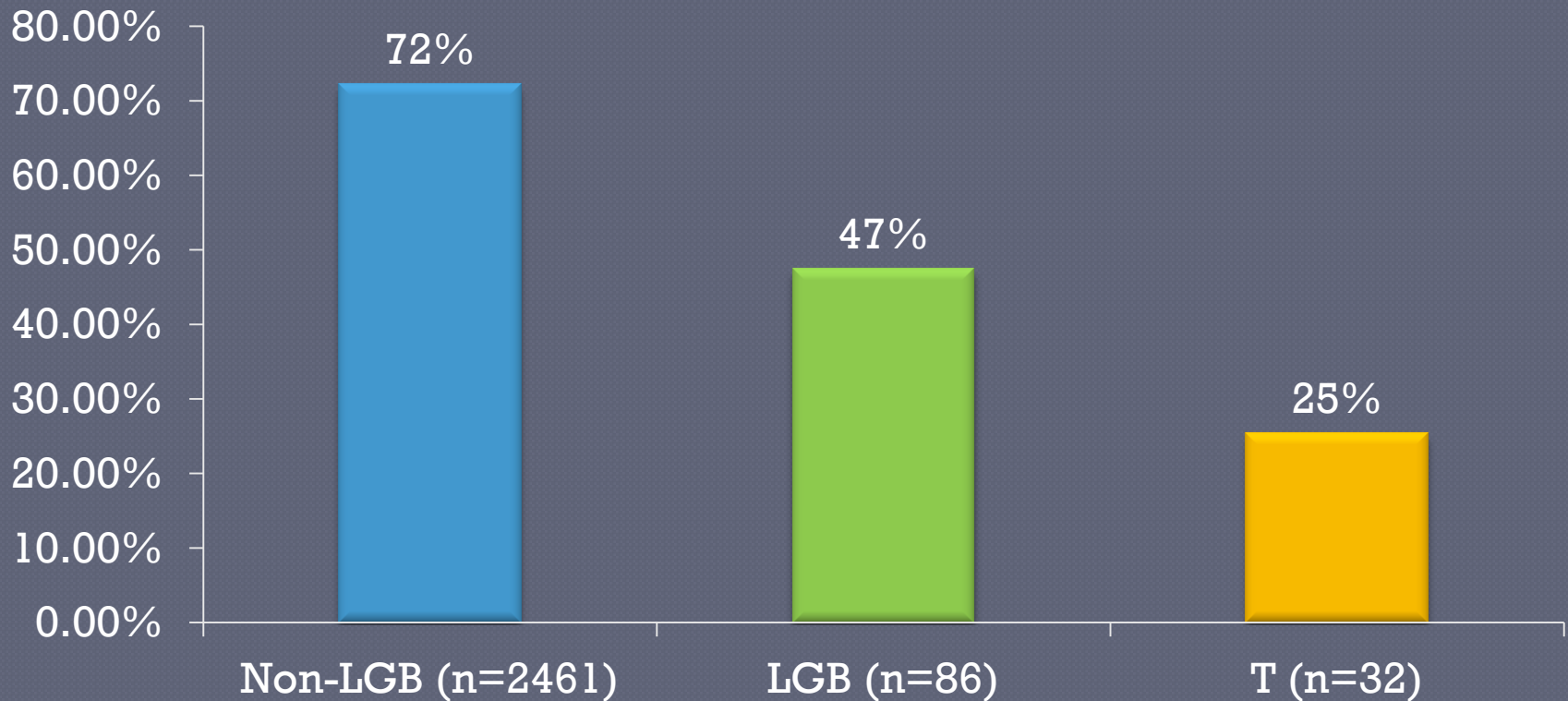


YRBS: Missing school due to feeling unsafe at school



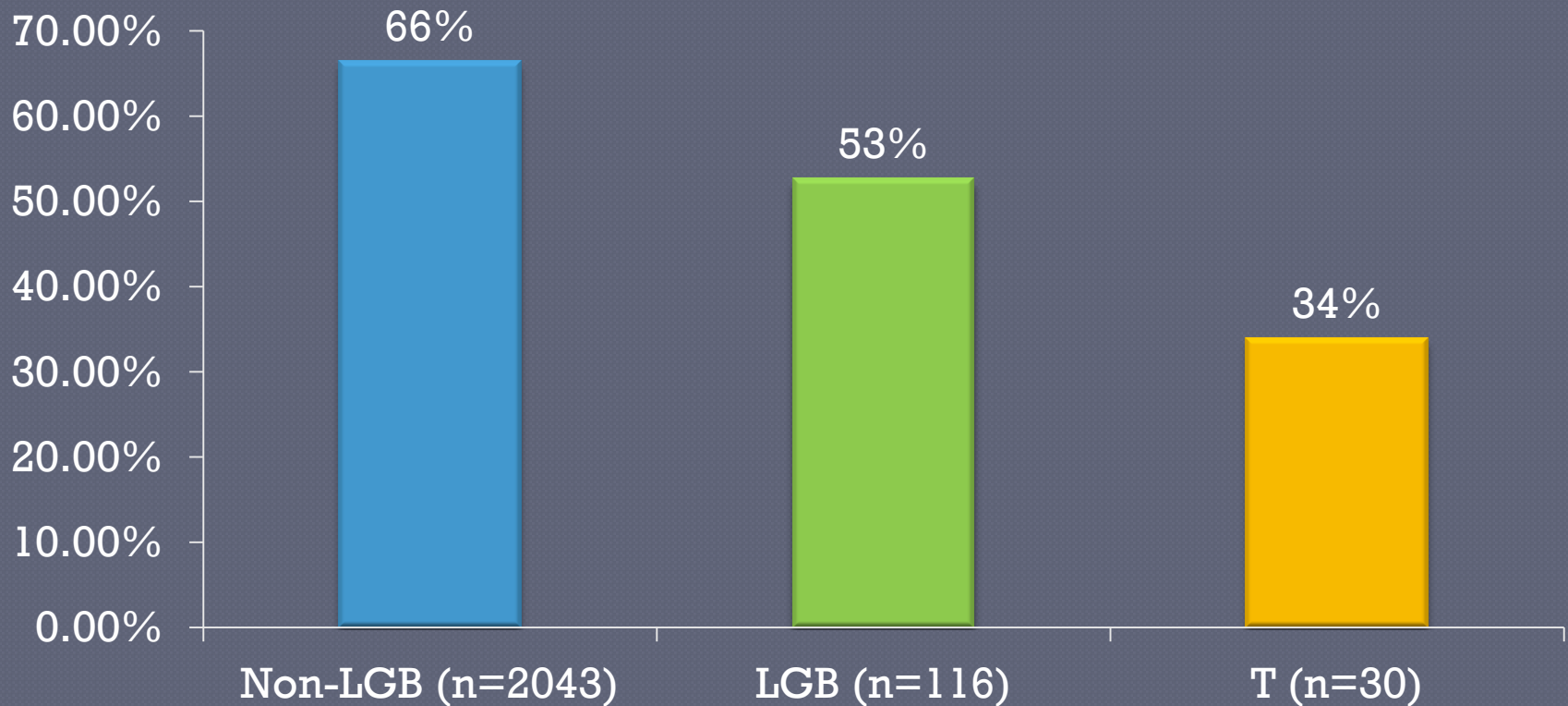
MS YRBS: How Were Your grades in the Past 12 Months?

% of “mostly As & Bs” by sexual orientation, gender identity.

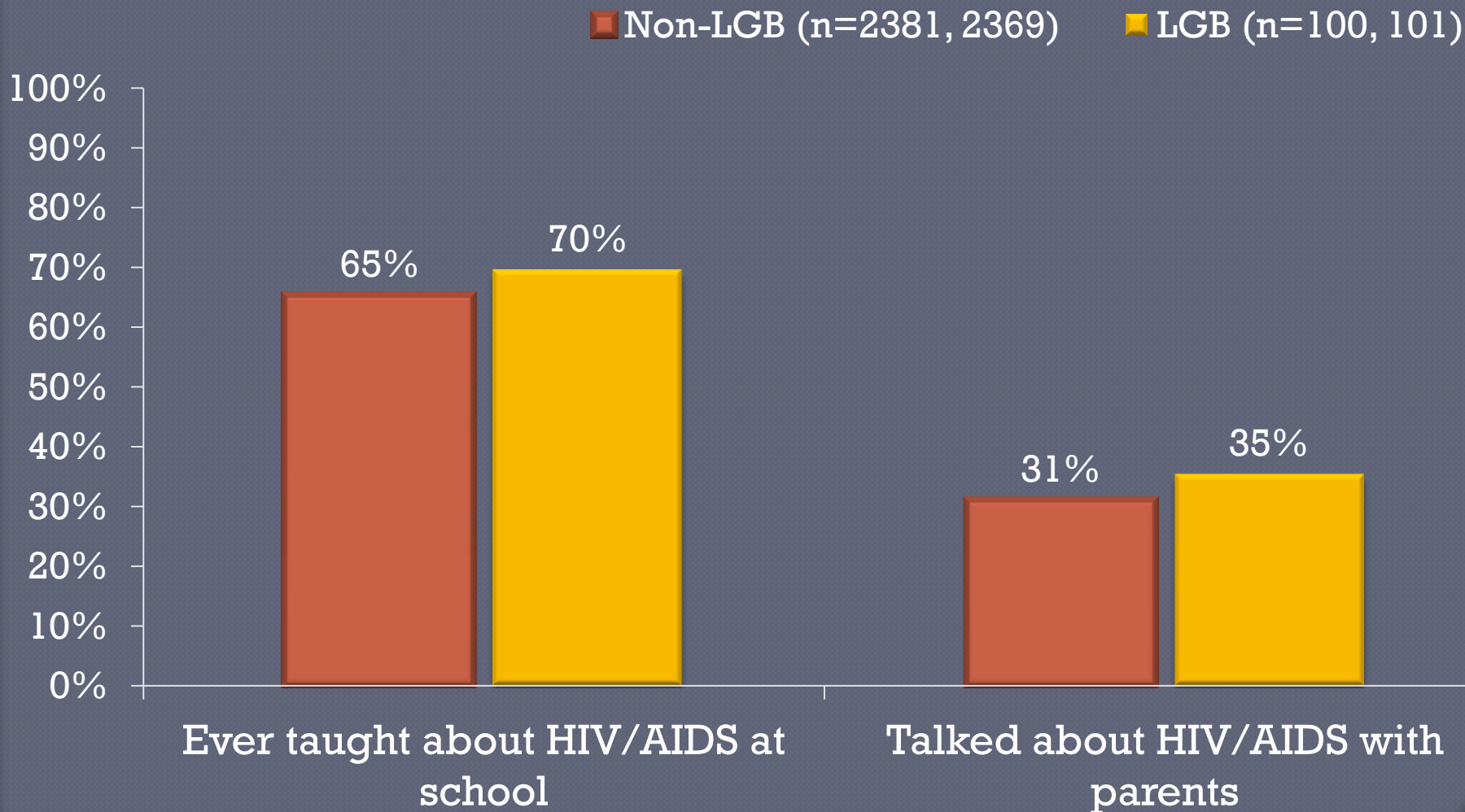


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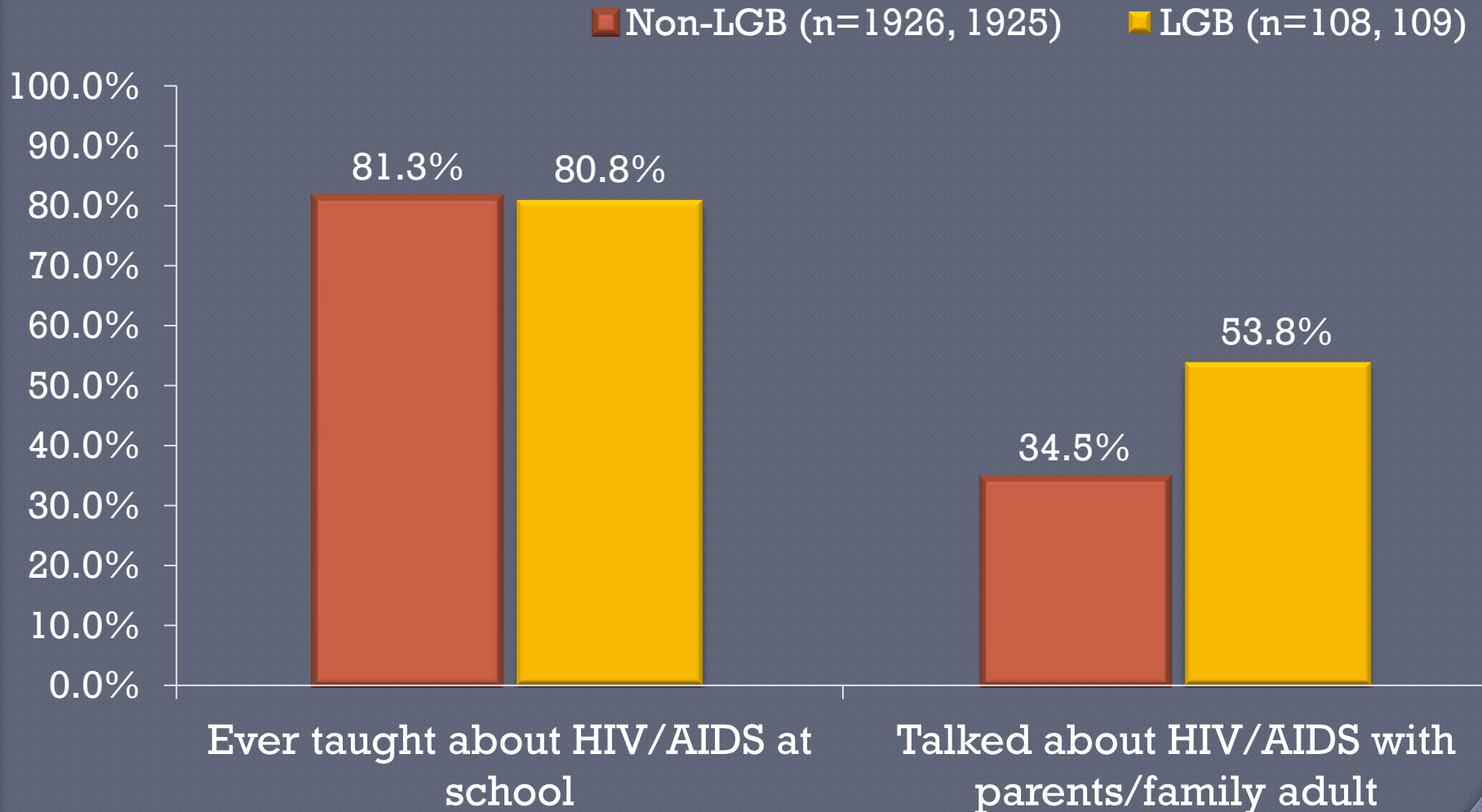
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HIV/AIDS Indicators (MS YRBS)



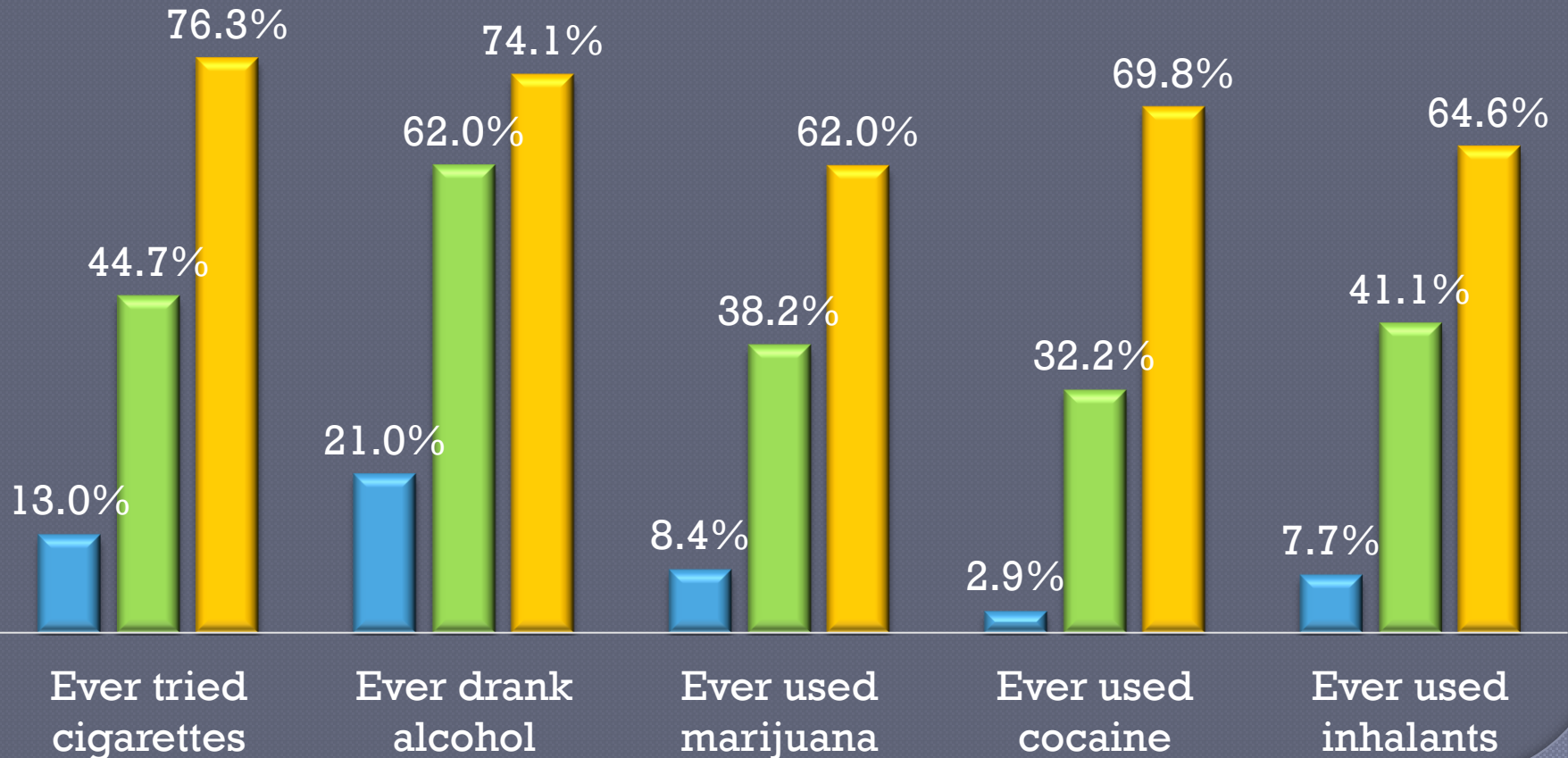
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MS YRBS: Substance Use

by sexual orientation, gender identity

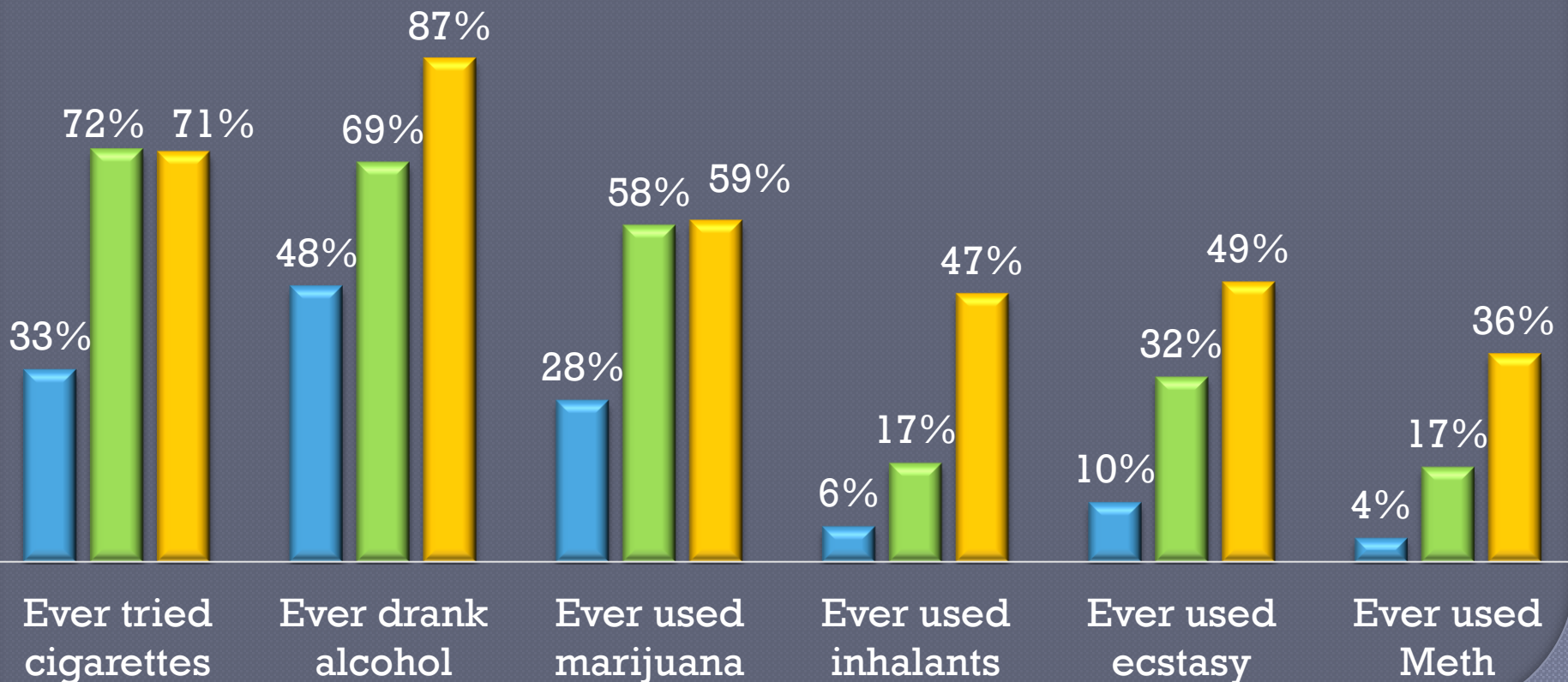
■ Non-LGB (n=2230 - 2427) ■ LGB (n=91 - 99) ■ Transgender (n=26 - 33)



HS Substance Use

by sexual orientation, gender identity

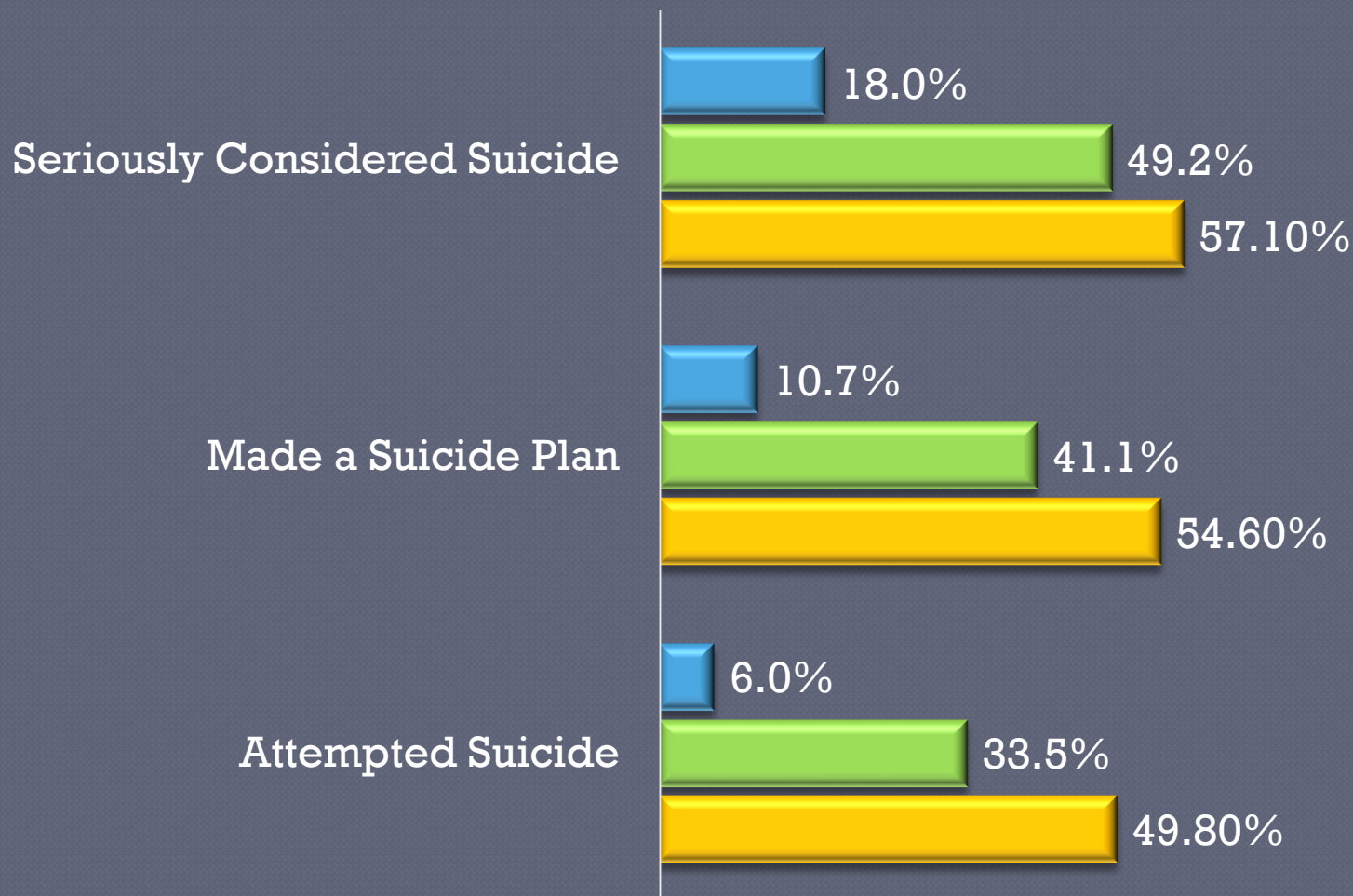
■ Non-LGB (n=1872 -1992) ■ LGB (n=96 - 115) ■ Transgender 2011 (n=19 - 29)



MS YRBS: Suicide Indicators

by sexual orientation, gender identity

■ Non-LGB (n=2423 - 2483) ■ LGB (n=105) ■ Transgender (n=33)



HS YRBS: Suicide Indicators

by sexual orientation, gender identity

- Non-LGB (n=2015)
- LGB (n=93 to 110)
- Transgender (n=20 to 27)

