

# Austin Independent School District

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## RESULTS OF THE 2008 STUDENT SUBSTANCE USE AND SAFETY SURVEY

### GARCIA MIDDLE SCHOOL

#### Description of Survey

The federal Title IV Safe and Drug Free Schools and Communities grant requires annual needs assessment and evaluation of substance use and safety issues. Consequently, each year, a self-report student survey of substance use and school safety is administered to a random, representative sample of AISD students. The survey is used to track student knowledge, attitudes, and self-reported behavior over time. In the Spring of 2008 a sample of 8,436 students in grades 6-12 submitted valid responses to the district's annual survey of substance use and safety issues, yielding a response rate of 73%. Selected item results are attached. These results should be shared with your Positive Behavior Support (PBS) team, the Campus Advisory Council, and others involved in

## RESPONDENT DEMOGRAPHICS AND ITEMS THAT ADDRESS BOTH SUBSTANCE USE AND SAFETY

### Demographics

	Gender		Grade			Total
	Male	Female	6th	7th	8th	
Garcia 2007	0	0	0	0	0	0

Q51: Of the following, which do you consider to be the most serious problem on your campus?

	Garcia 2008	Percentage point change from 2007	All middle schools 2008
Student fighting and physical aggression	33%	0%	31%
Marijuana use	13%	0%	13%
Student weapon possession	10%	0%	7%
Student harassment, threats, and intimidation	6%	0%	13%
Prescription drug use	5%	0%	4%
Violence or threats toward staff	4%	0%	2%
Tobacco use	2%	0%	1%
Student vandalism, criminal mischief	2%	0%	3%
Alcohol use	1%	0%	1%
None of these are serious problems on my campus	24%	0%	24%

Q6. During this school year, have you received information on drugs, alcohol, or violence from any of the following school sources?

	Garcia 2008	Percentage point change from 2007	All middle schools 2008
Another class	57%	0	49%
Science class	49%	0	52%
Special school event about tobacco, drugs, alcohol, or violence	42%	0	15%
Health class	32%	32	35%
Student support group meetings at school	24%	0	15%
Guidance counselor	20%	0	28%
Advisory/seminar class	13%	NA	28%
Other school source not mentioned above	20%	0	22%
None of the above	11%	0	9%

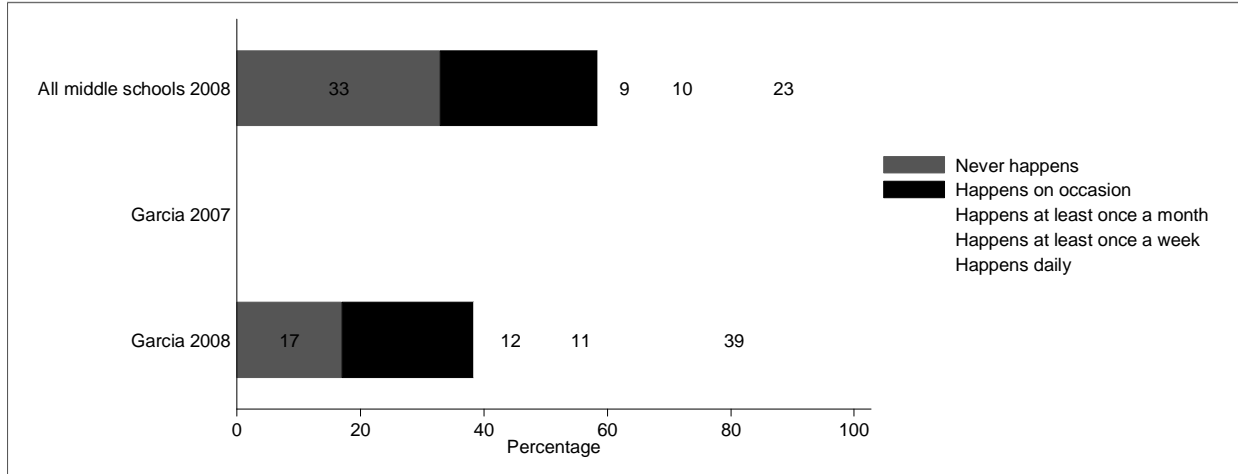
Note. Percentages may sum to more than 100% because respondents were allowed to choose multiple items. Differences between years should be interpreted with caution due to changes in the structure of the question between 2006-2007 and 2007-2008.

Q48: During this school year, have you brought any of the following items to school?

	Garcia 2008	Percentage point change from 2007	All middle schools 2008
Illegal drugs	6%	0	5%
Knives	5%	0	5%
Tobacco	4%	0	3%
Alcohol	2%	0	2%
Prescription drugs	2%	0	3%
Gun	2%	0	2%
Other weapons	3%	0	5%
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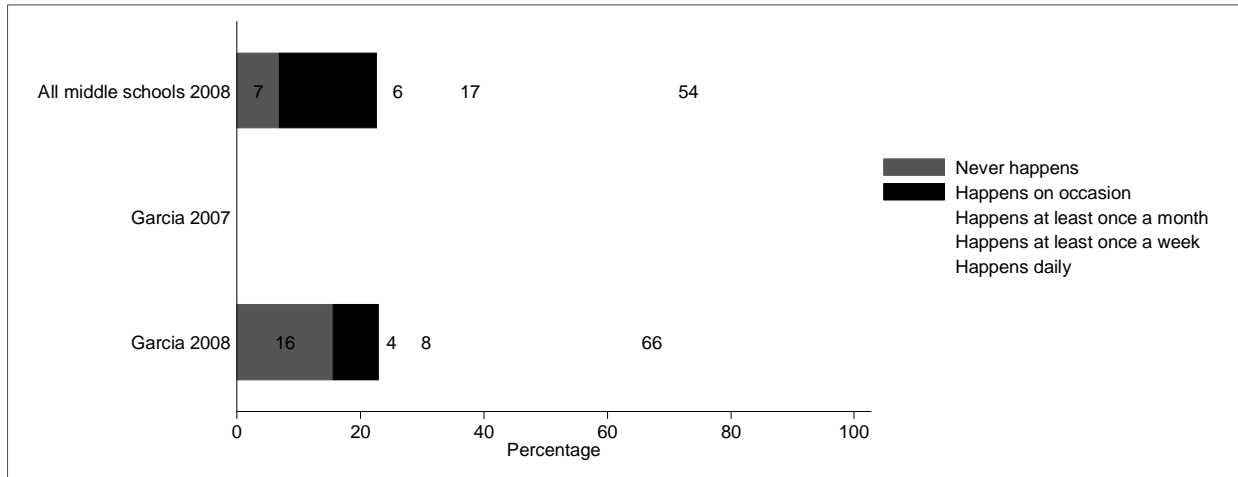
Q17: How often do gang activities occur at your school?



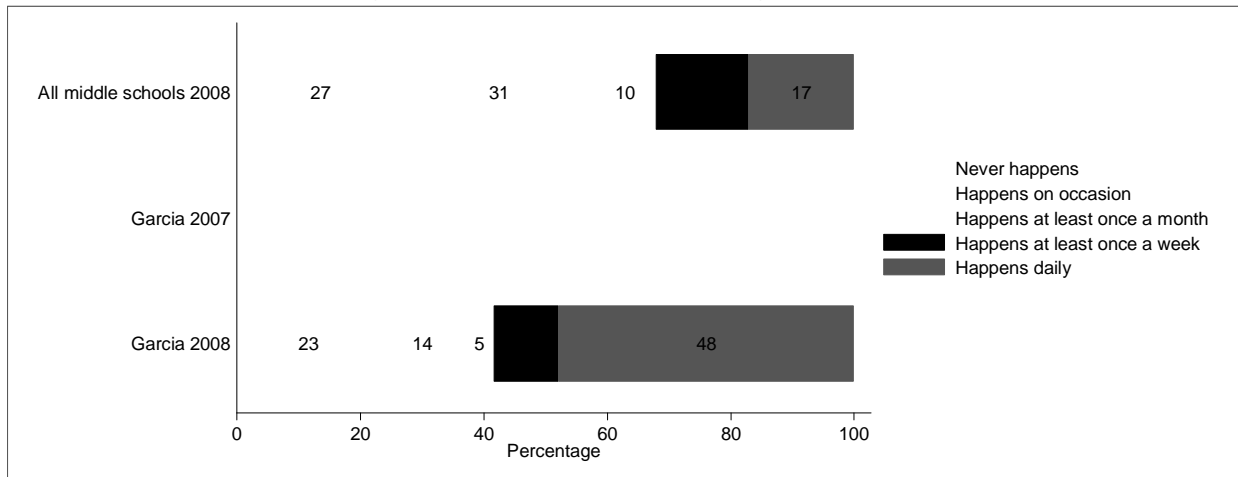
Q18: How often have you experienced any type of bullying at your school?



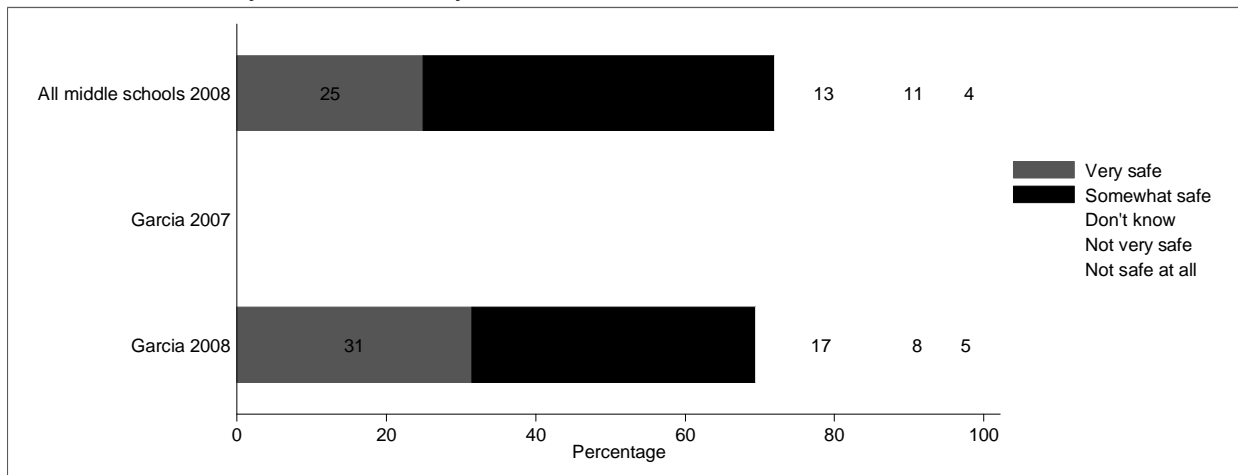
Q20: How often does your teacher have to interrupt class to deal with student misbehavior?



Q21: Do teachers or staff give you praise or rewards for good behavior?



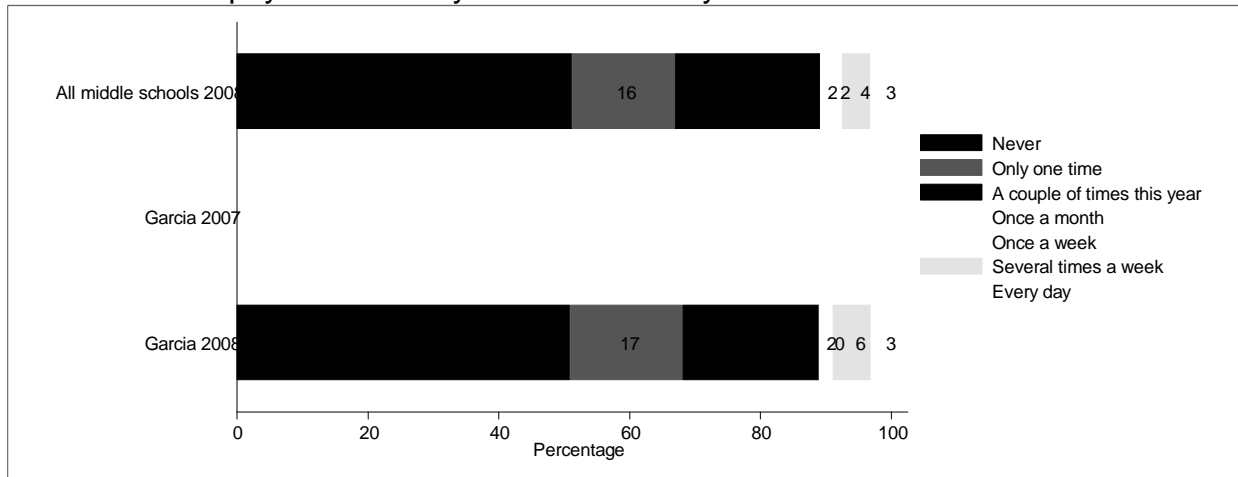
Q7: How safe do you feel when you are at school?



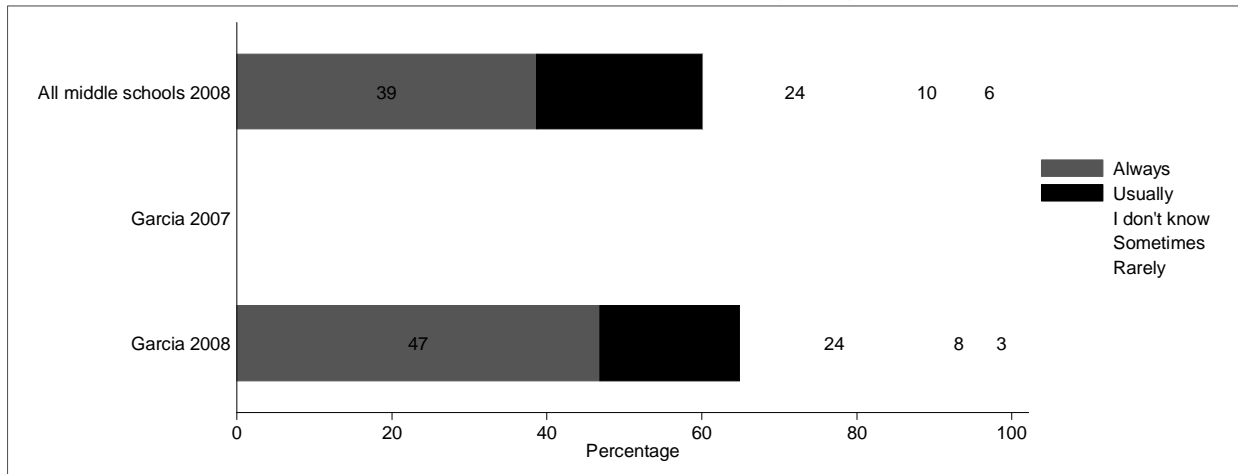




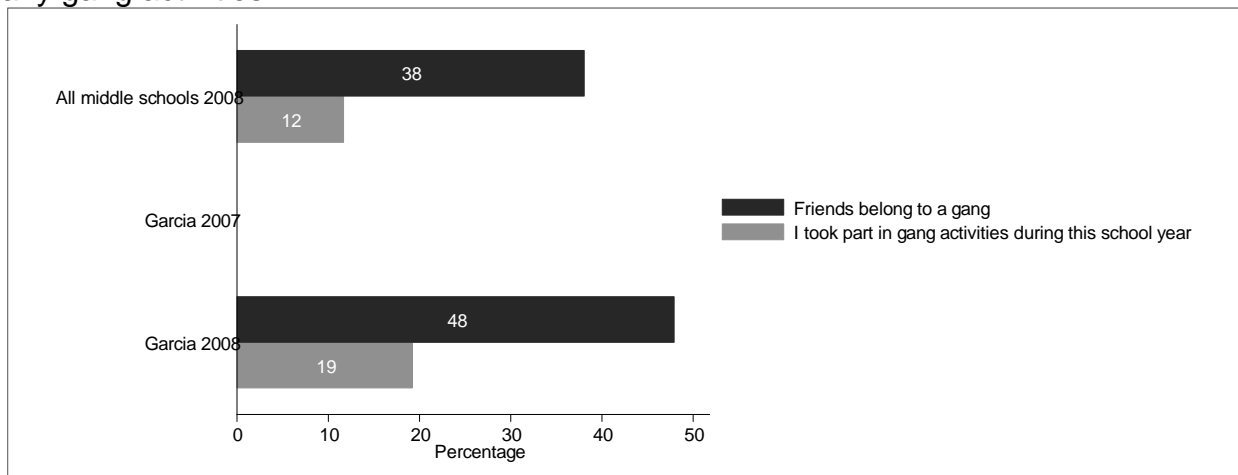
Q9: During this school year, how often have you or your close friends been physically harmed or threatened with physical harm by another student at your school?



Q13: Are school rules about verbal or physical assaults or fighting enforced by school staff?



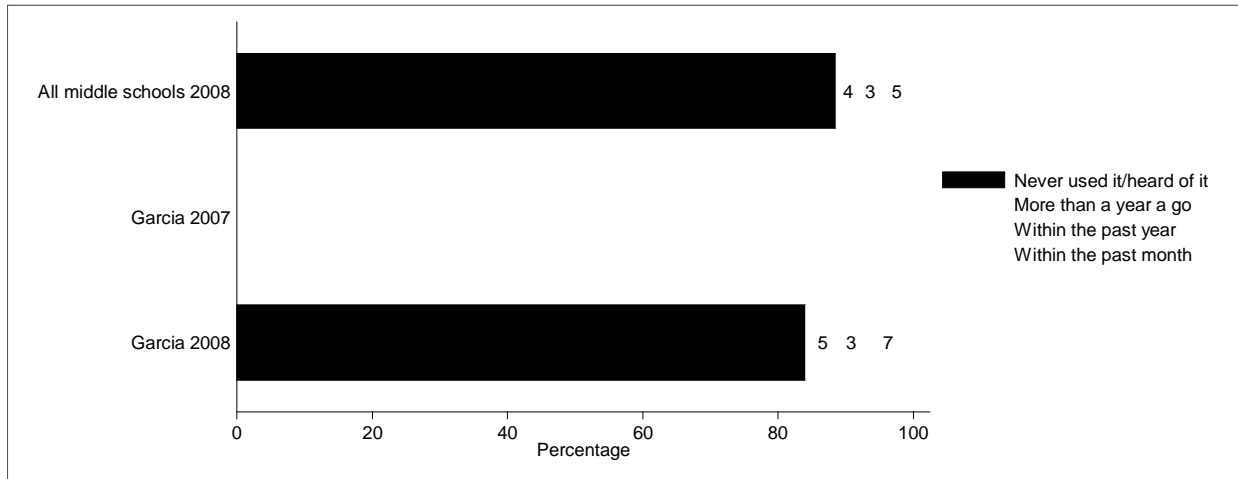
Q22: Do any of your friends belong to a gang?  
 Q23: During this school year, did you take part in any gang activities?



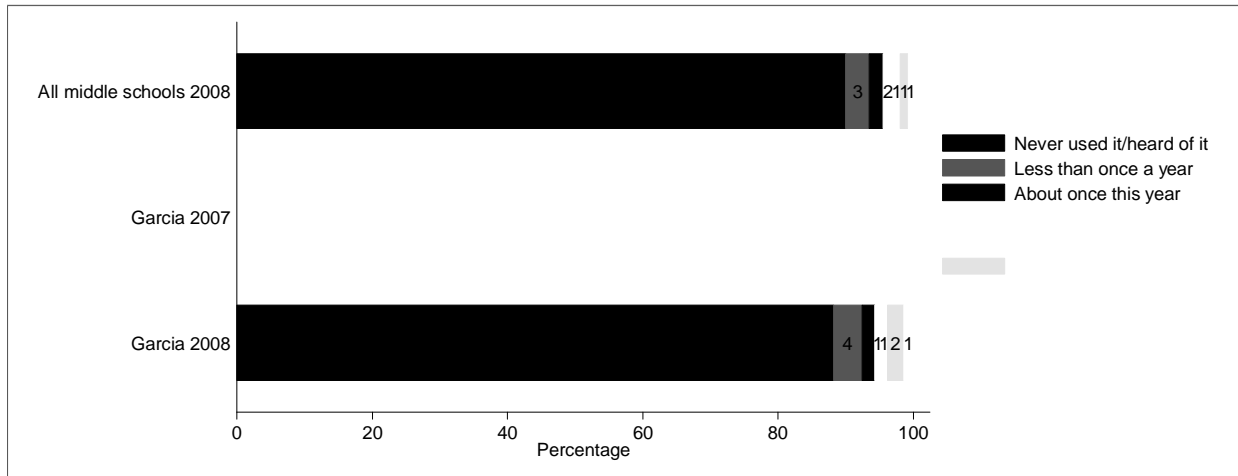
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### SUBSTANCE USE ITEMS

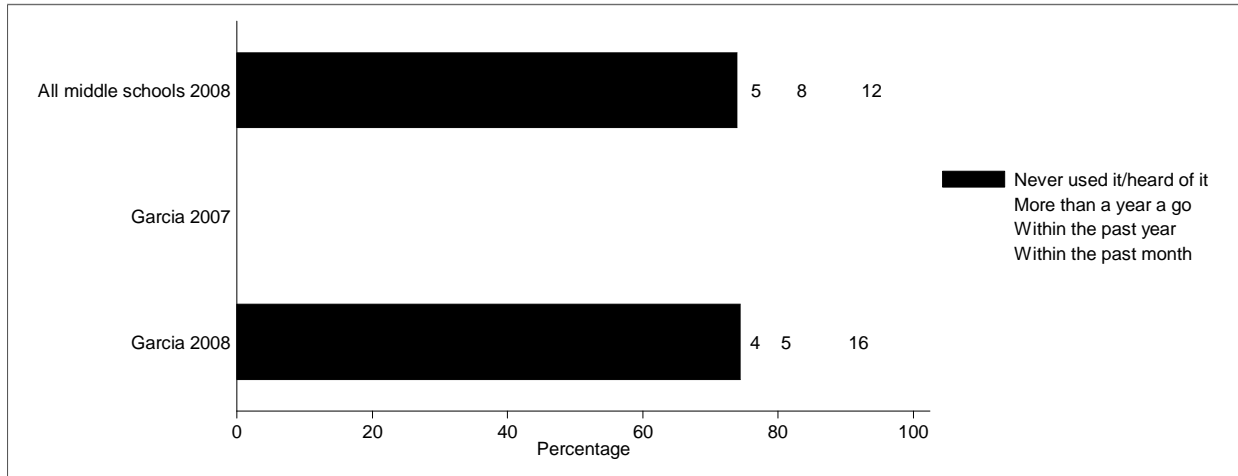
Q24: What is the most recent you have used tobacco (e.g., cigarettes, cigars, chew, etc)?



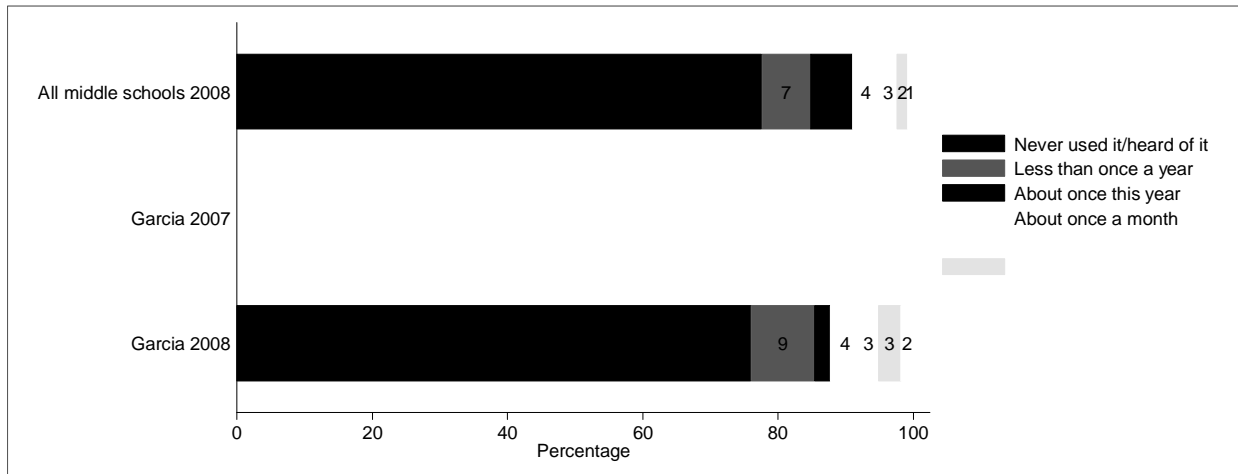
Q39: During this year, how often did you use tobacco (e.g., cigarettes, cigars, chew, etc)?



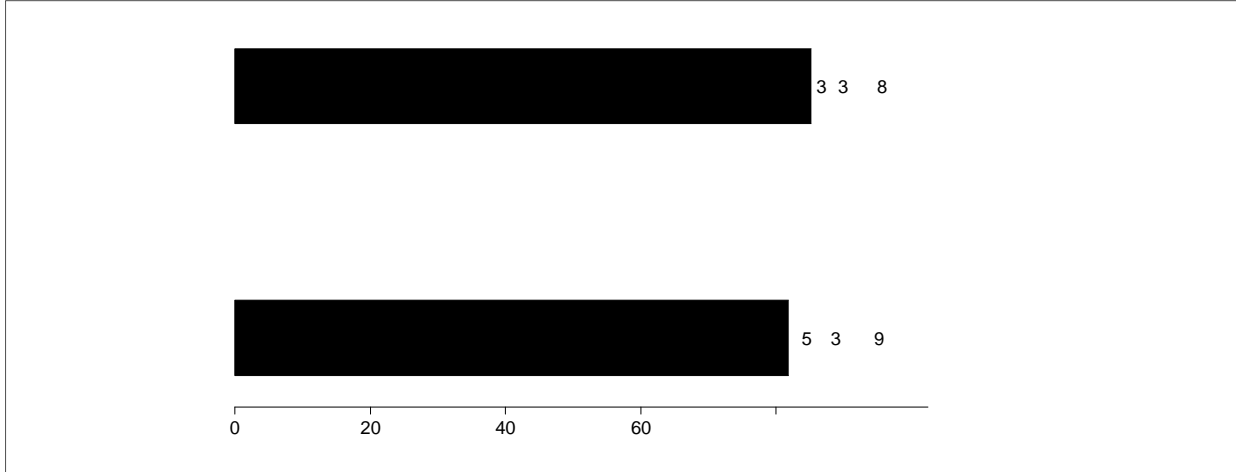
Q25: What is the most recent you have used alcohol (e.g., beer, wine, liquor, etc.)?



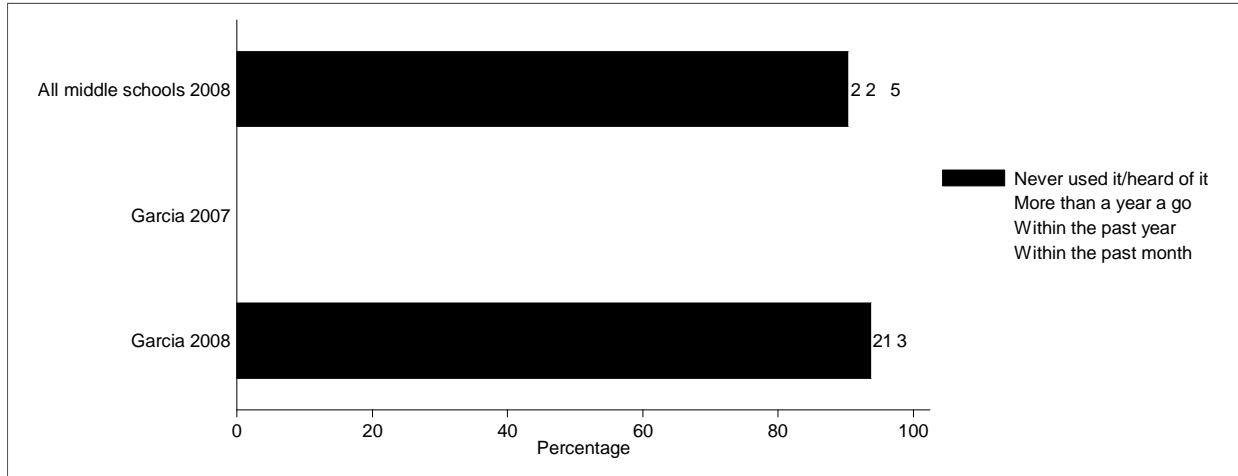
Q40: During this year, how often did you use alcohol (e.g., beer, wine, liquor, etc.)?



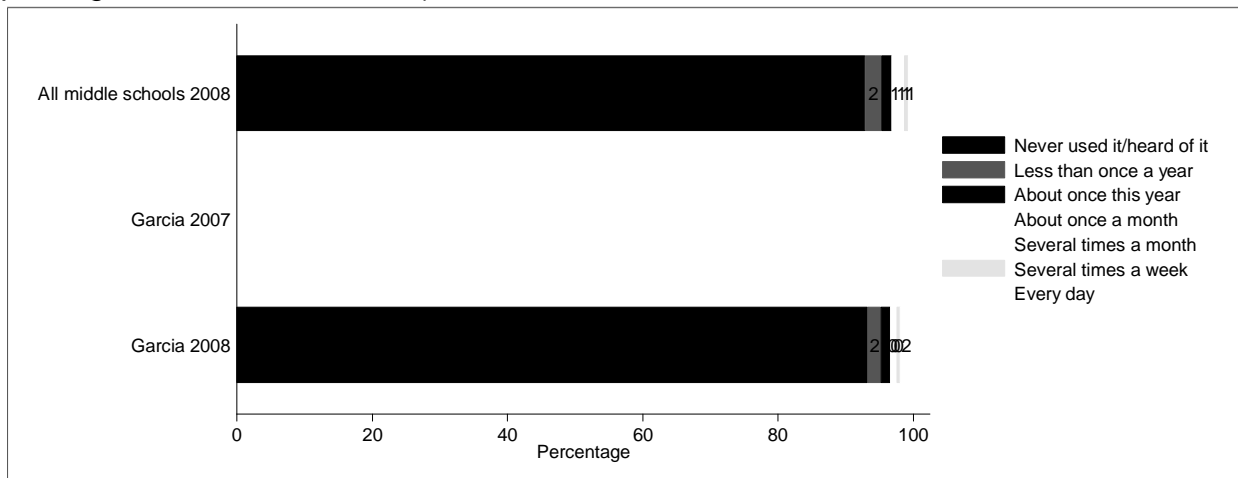
Q26: What is the most recent you have used Marijuana (e.g., pot, weed, joint, blunt, etc.)?



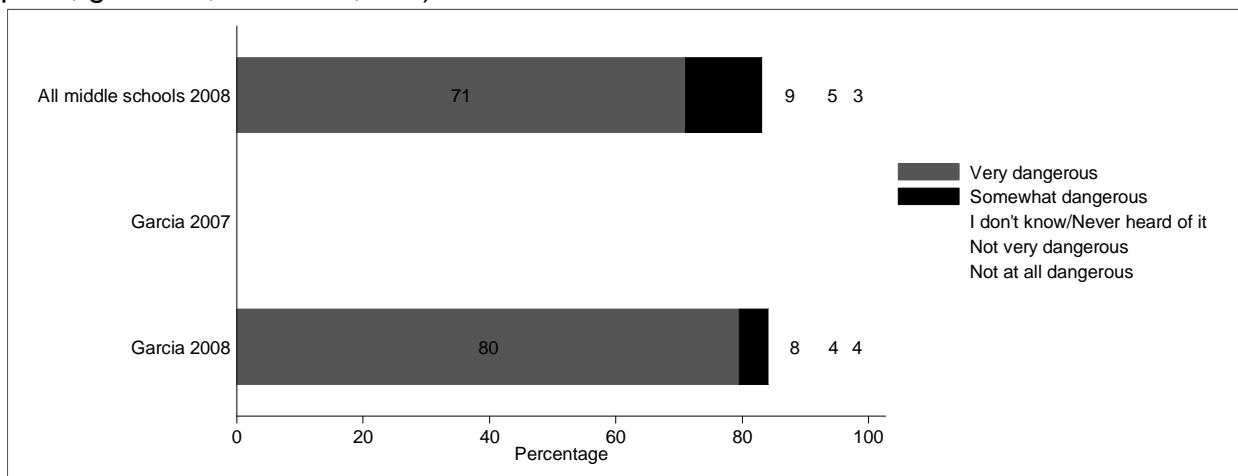
Q27: What is the most recent you have used inhalants (things you might sniff, such as glue, paint, gasoline, white out, etc.)?



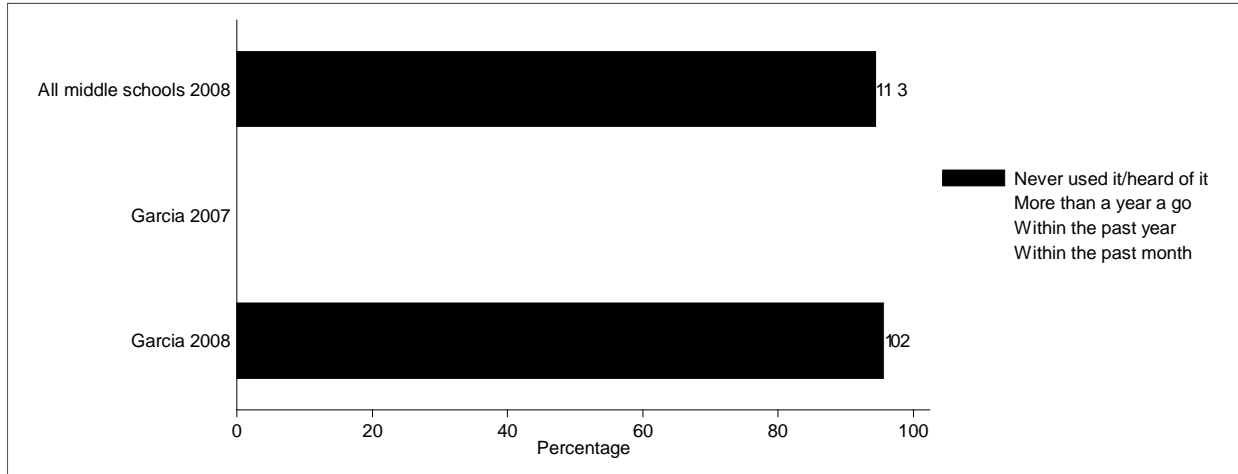
Q42: During this year, how often did you use inhalants (things you might sniff, such as glue, paint, gasoline, white out, etc.)?



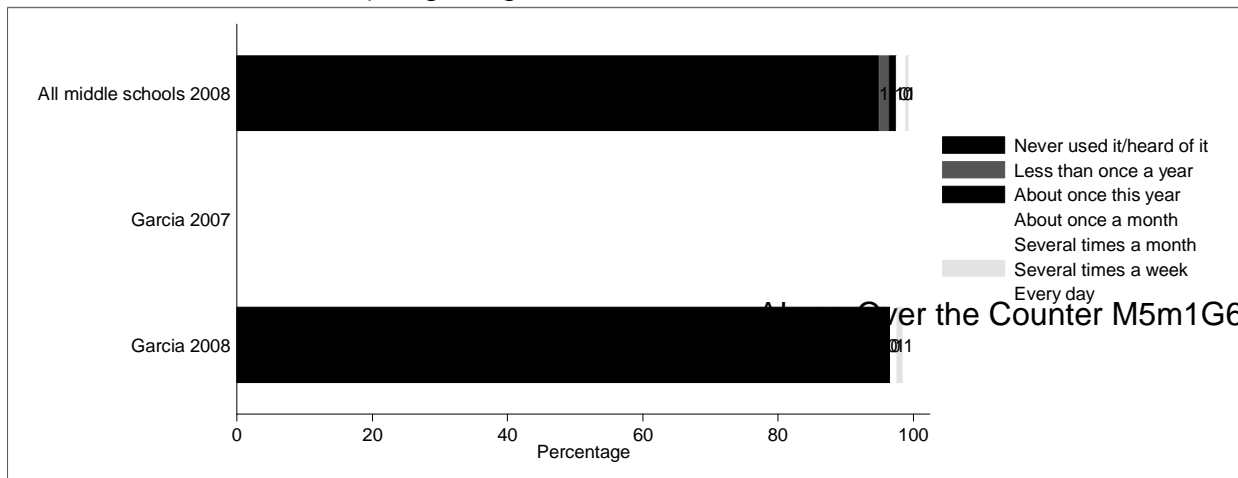
Q55: How dangerous is it for kids your age to use inhalants (things you might sniff, such as glue, paint, gasoline, white out, etc.)?



Q28: What is the most recent you have used Over the Counter Medication (e.g., triple Cs, DXM, skittles, or Coricidin) to get high?

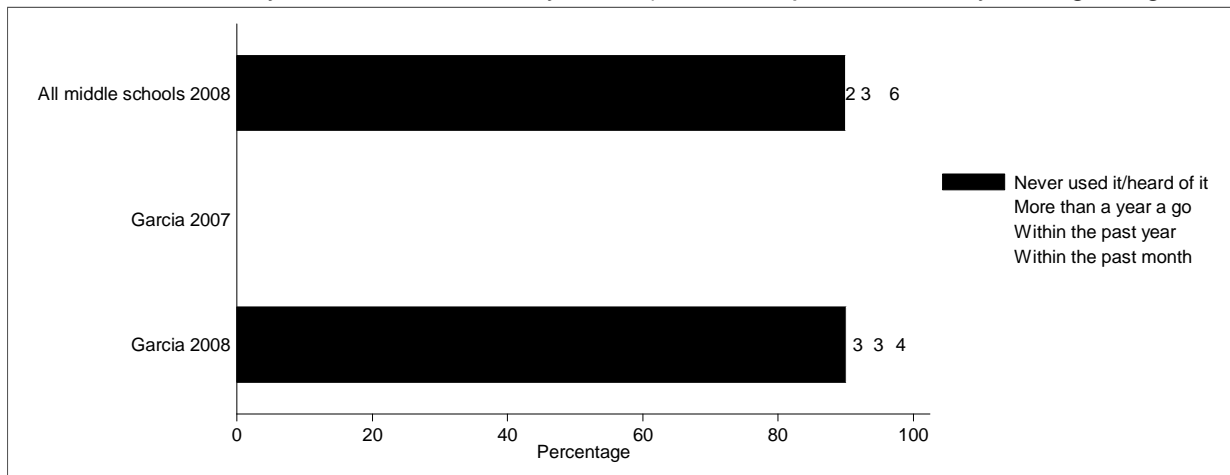


Q43: During this year, how often did you use Over the Counter Medication (e.g., triple Cs, DXM, skittles, or Coricidin) to get high?

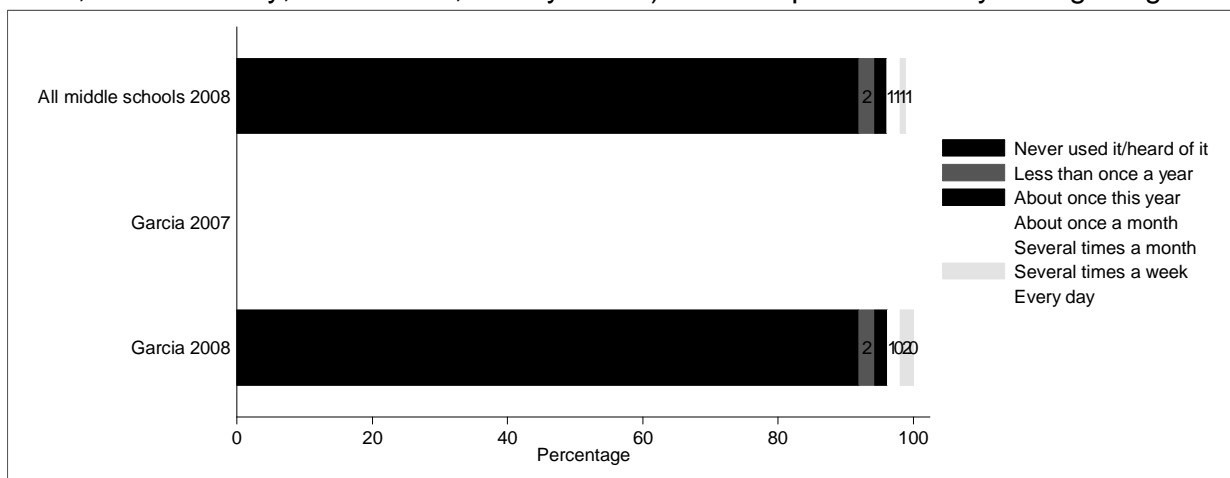


Q56: How dangerous is it for kids your age to use Over the Counter Me

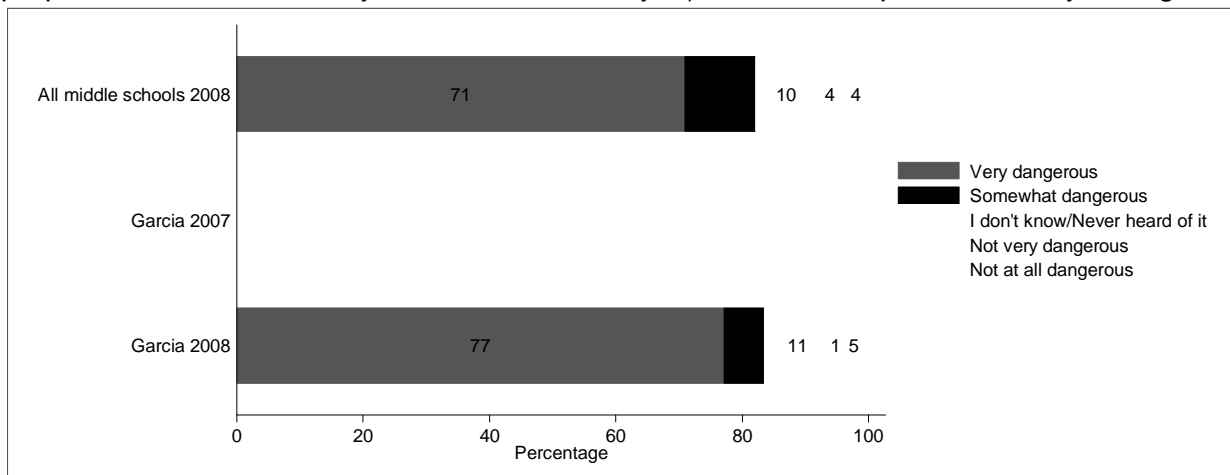
Q29: What is the most recent you have used Prescription Drugs (e.g., Codeine cough syrup, purple drank, Adderall/addy, Xanax/bars, or OxyContin) if it was not prescribed to you to get high?



Q44: During this year, how often did you use Prescription Drugs (e.g., Codeine cough syrup, purple drank, Adderall/addy, Xanax/bars, or OxyContin) if it was not prescribed to you to get high?



Q57: How dangerous is it for kids your age to use Prescription Drugs (e.g., Codeine cough syrup, purple drank, Adderall/addy, Xanax/bars, or OxyContin) if it was not prescribed to you to get high?

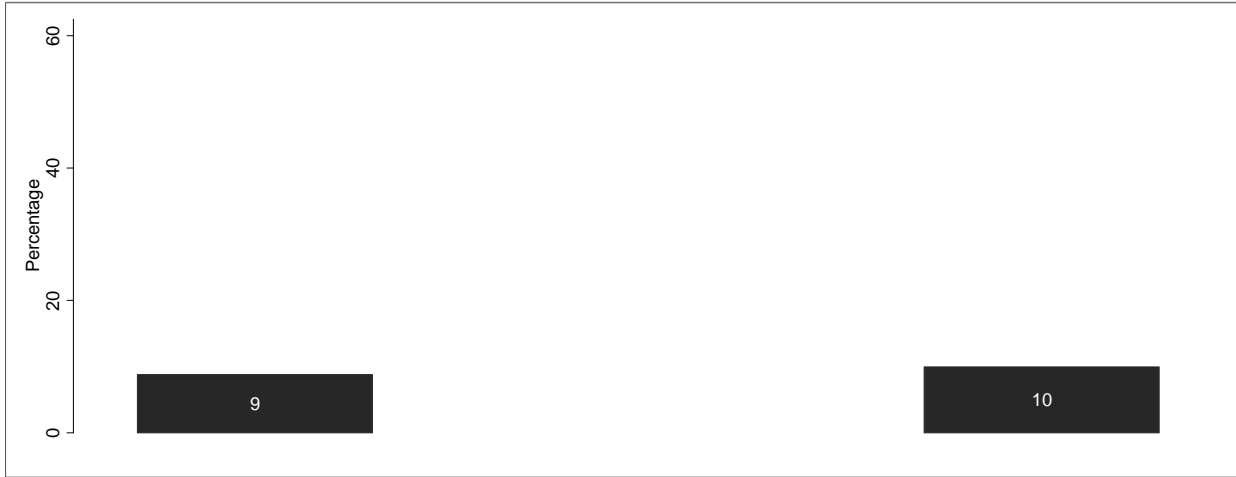


Q12: Are school rules about drug, alcohol, and tobacco use enforced by school staff?





Q38: During this school year, have you attended any class while high, stoned, or drunk on any substance?



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