



**HIGH SCHOOL EXIT SURVEY REPORT FOR CLASS OF 2009,  
REAGAN Hseniors were given the opportunity to complete the survey.**

**This report contains the results for the Reagan High School longitudinal data are presented to compare with the 2009 responses from all AISD high schools are presented alongside results for Reagan High School. 3,365 students in the Class of 2009 completed the survey, including 1,575 students from Reagan High School. Longitudinal tests for statistical significance were conducted with the 2008 data (see Appendix A for the longitudinal report). Table 1 presents longitudinal response rates by campus. The findings are presented, followed by open-ended campus-level responses. Multiple choice items are presented in Appendix B.**

Student responses are organized into seven general topics are presented: Postsecondary Intentions and Family Support; High School Experience; Student Engagement; Instruction and Technology; Postsecondary Preparation; Student Thoughts. Some of the notable trends at this campus include:

**Parent involvement.** Compared to district seniors as a whole, Reagan seniors have reported their parents helped them decide which classes to take and they attended performance events at their school.

**College preparation.** Compared to seniors district-wide, it appears that Reagan seniors took the PSAT exam, AP/IB classes, college visits, and completed ACC courses. Reagan seniors seemed to be less likely than the 2008 class to report having a college visit. This is the second consecutive year that these rates have fallen.



**CONDITIONS AND FAMILY SUPPORT**

**Year After Graduating From High School, What Do You Plan To Do?  
(Item 6)**

	Reagan 2007	Reagan 2008	Reagan 2009	All HS 2007	All HS 2008	All HS 2009
n*	84.5%	89.6%	86.6%	89.0%	92.2%	93.1%
	3.1%	0.0%	4.5%	2.6%	2.8%	3.9%
	4.1%	6.0%	6.3%	2.2%	2.2%	1.7%
	17.5%	16.4%	17.0%	13.2%	13.5%	11.7%
	37.1%	38.8%	31.3%	35.5%	41.1%	32.9%
	7.2%	6.0%	2.7%	5.6%	2.4%	2.3%

select more than one option, so percentages may not total 100%.

longitudinal data. In 2008, this was two items: "Attend a school or college for a business, certificate" and "Attend a college or university for a degree." The percentage represents all both options.

**Not Planning To Pursue Further Education At This Time, What Are Your  
Primary Reasons? (Item 7)**

	Reagan 2007	Reagan 2008	Reagan 2009	All HS 2007	All HS 2008	All HS 2009
Cannot afford to attend school	57.1%	28.6%	63.6%	30.6%	16.9%	33.0%
Childcare or family responsibilities	0.0%	28.6%	36.4%	9.8%	14.9%	11.4%
Don't like attending school		0.0%	0.0%	22.4%	19.4%	17.6%
Grades/test scores aren't high enough	42.9%	28.6%	0.0%	23.0%	16.5%	21.6%
Don't feel academically prepared	28.6%	0.0%	27.3%	15.8%	13.7%	17.0%
Need income to support myself	42.9%	14.3%	27.3%	34.4%	21.8%	28.4%
Need income to support others	14.3%	14.3%	18.2%	10.4%	6.0%	10.8%
Other	35.7%	28.6%	4.3%	16.8%	22.6%	12.9%

Note. Respondents could select more than one option, so percentages may not total 100%.

**Table 4. If You Are Not Planning To Pursue Further Education At This Time, Do You Intend To Pursue It At A Later Time? (Item 8)**

	Reagan 2007	Reagan 2008	Reagan 2009	All HS 2007	All HS 2008	All HS 2009
Probably or definitely yes						

**Table 5. To What Extent Were Your Parents Involved In The Following School-Related Things? (Item 9)**

*Percentagewho responded parents were involved at least Occasionally	Reagan 2007	Reagan 2008	Reagan 2009	All HS 2007	All HS 2008	All HS 2009
Volunteering at your school	36.8%	38.8%	23.6%	38.6%	40.0%	30.3%
Working with you on homework or school projects	52.6%	44.8%	36.1%	54.8%	54.6%	46.8%
Helping you decide what classes to take	54.3%	43.3%	46.3%	60.1%	60.2%	53.4%
Attending school meetings	50.0%	50.7%	28.2%	57.4%	54.9%	45.9%
Communicating with your teachers	54.2%	56.7%	47.7%	59.6%	60.6%	52.1%
Participating in school leadership opportunities	.	33.3%	14.5%	.	29.0%	17.9%
Attending athletic events	.	33.3%	39.1%	.	58.8%	51.5%
Attending academic events and competitions	.	25.0%	26.6%	.	36.9%	25.4%
Attending performance events	.	40.0%	35.5%	.	53.3%	45.0%
Joining and participating in the PTA	.	22.4%	12.6%	.	27.1%	16.5%

*Note.* Missing values, denoted by a period, indicate the item was not included on the respective year's survey.

\* Response options were *Never*, *Rarely*, *Occasionally*, and *Often*. In 2008, *Consistently* was an additional response option; in 2009, it was removed. Thus, results may not be equivalent between years.

**Table 6. How Far Did Your Parents Go In School? Indicate Your Mother And Father's Highest Level Of Education. (Item 12)**

	Reagan Mother	Reagan Father	Reagan Sibling	All HS Mother	All HS Father	All HS Siblings
<b>Did not finish high school</b>	46.3%	48.4%	23.5%	18.4%	18.7%	11.2%
		20.5%	26.5%	19.6%	18.0%	22.9%

## HIGH SCHOOL EXPERIENCES, CAMPUS CLIMATE, AND CIVIC ENGAGEMENT

Table 7. How Many Different High Schools Have You Attended? (Item 3)

	Reagan 2007	Reagan 2008	Reagan 2009	All HS 2007	All HS 2008	All HS 2009
1	65.2%	73.1%	52.5%	76.1%	77.6%	70.1%
2	24.7%	20.9%	27.9%	16.8%	16.8%	18.4%
3 or more	10.1%	6.0%	19.7%	7.2%	5.6%	11.5%

Table 8. Please Indicate The Number Of Years Of High School In Which You Participated In Each Of These Extracurricular Activities. (Items 13 &amp; 15)

*Percentage who reported at least 1 year participation	Reagan 2008	Reagan 2009	All HS 2008	All HS 2009
In school				
Music	44.6%	33.3%	35.1%	33.6%
Theater	37.9%	32.4%	20.4%	18.6%
Dance	18.2%	33.0%	23.2%	22.1%
Sports	60.0%	58.1%	58.8%	57.9%
UIL academic competitions	20.0%	16.2%	18.8%	20.0%
Speech/debate	19.0%	26.0%	21.2%	20.9%
Student government	23.1%	20.0%	16.4%	16.3%
Career and technical student organizations	.	6.8%	.	14.5%
Outside school				
Music	26.2%	18.7%	30.3%	30.5%
Theater	16.9%	12.1%	11.7%	7.9%
Dance	15.6%	18.1%	17.0%	15.0%
Sports	43.1%	49.0%	52.0%	50.9%
Community service/volunteering	44.6%	38.7%	57.1%	62.1%
Environmental project/activities	20.0%	14.2%	25.4%	28.0%
Boy/Girl Scouts	4.7%	3.8%	8.9%	8.0%
Family care	26.2%	11.5%	19.8%	22.4%

Note. Missing values, denoted by a period, indicate the item was not included on the respective year's survey.

\*Respondents could select more than one option, so percentages may not total 100%.

**Table 9. For Each Of These Extracurricular Activities, Did You Spend More Than 10 Hours Per Week During Your Senior Year On Them? (Items 14 & 16)**

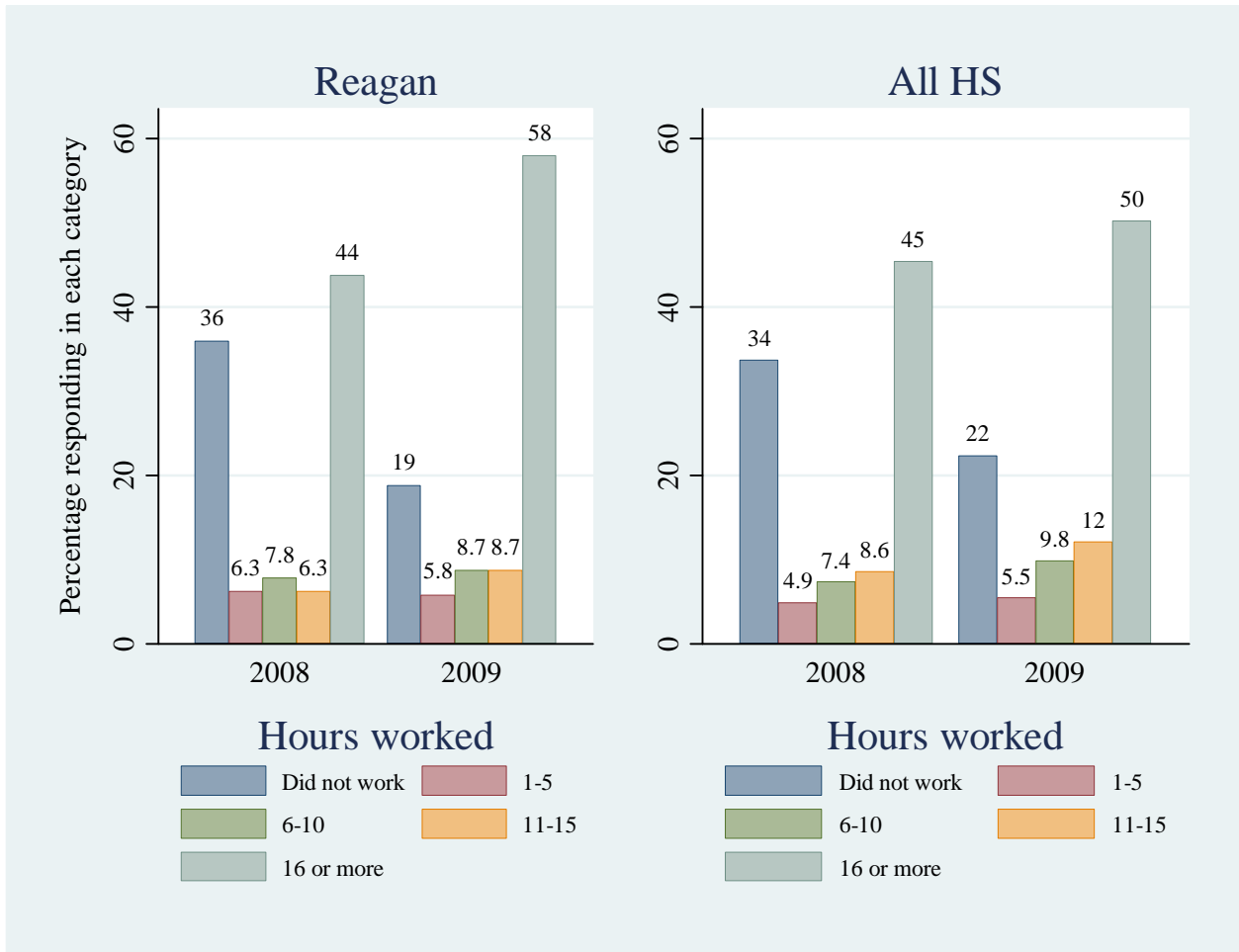
*Percentage of seniors indicating they spent more than 10 hours per week on each activity.	Reagan 2009	All HS 2009
<b>Inside school</b>		
Music	8.1%	8.0%
Theater	4.8%	3.2%
Dance	5.8%	3.8%
Sports	25.5%	23.4%
UIL academic competitions	4.9%	2.3%
Speech/debate	1.9%	1.3%
Student government	2.0%	0.9%
Career and technical student organizations	1.0%	2.3%
<b>Outside school</b>		
Music	3.7%	6.6%
Theater	1.9%	1.5%
Dance	3.8%	2.9%
Sports	15.0%	19.1%
Community service/volunteering	3.8%	6.3%
Environmental project/activities	0.0%	1.8%
Boy/Girl Scouts	0.0%	0.6%
Family care	10.8%	7.2%

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**Table 10. Please Indicate The Number Of Years Of High School That You Have Been Employed (Either During The Year Or During The Summer). (Item 17)**

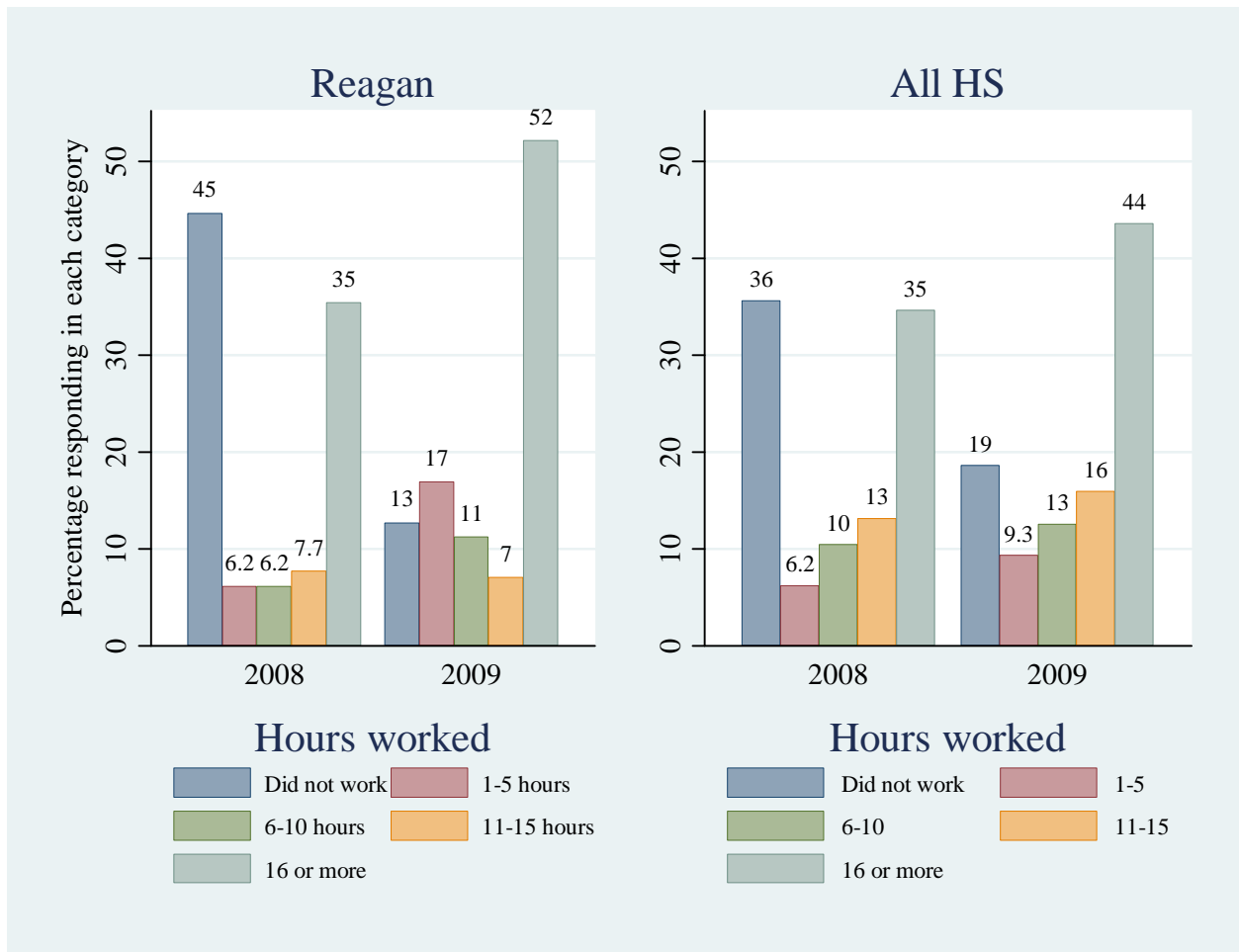
	Reagan 2008	Reagan 2009	All HS 2008	All HS 2009
0	31.8%	34.8%	24.4%	27.9%
1	27.3%	25.0%	28.2%	26.8%
2	30.3%	19.6%	26.2%	24.5%
3	4.5%	12.5%	13.7%	12.9%
4	6.1%	8.0%	7.5%	7.9%

**Figure 1. Now Indicate The Number Of Hours Per Week That You Have Worked During Last Summer. (Q18a)**





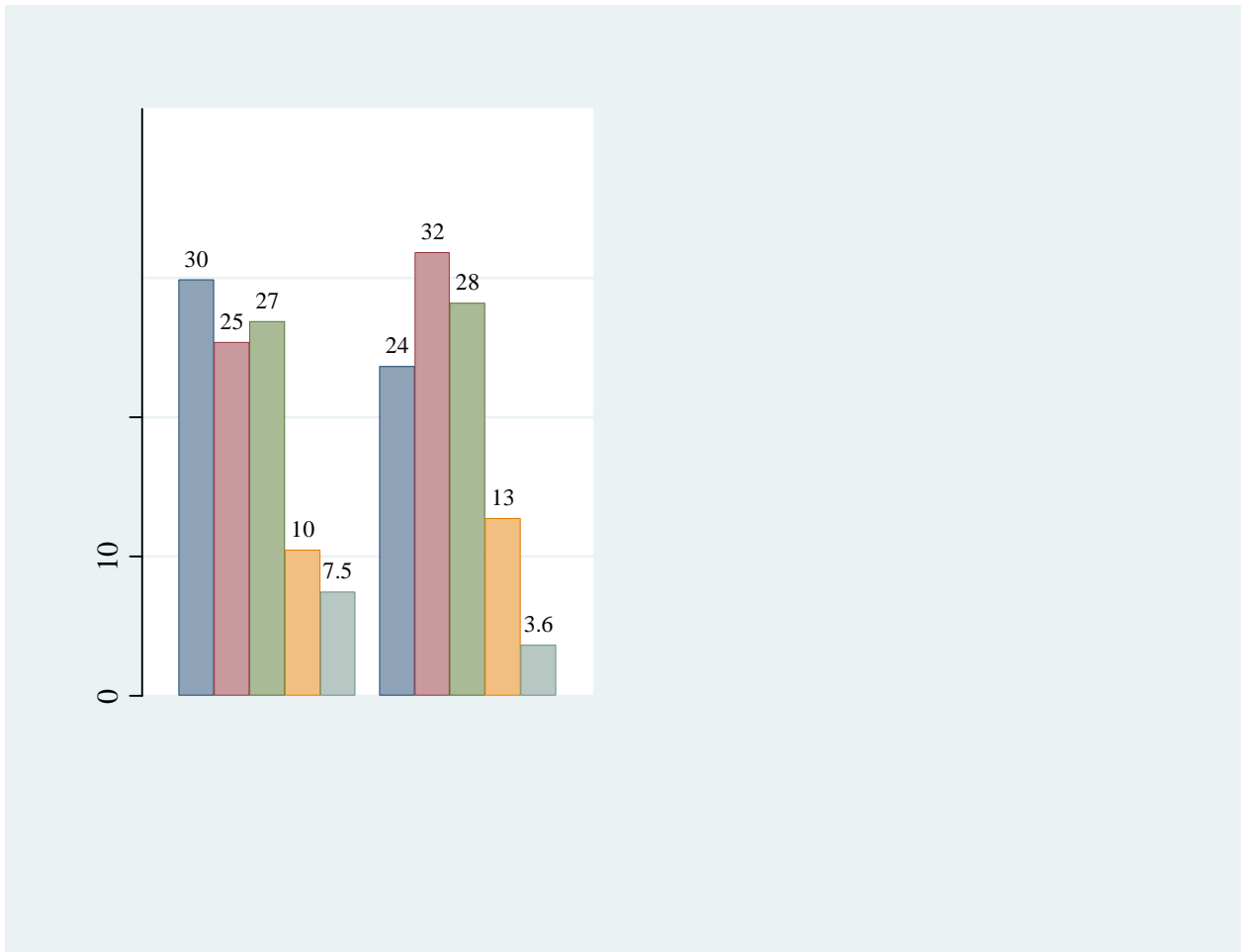
**Figure 2. Now Indicate The Number Of Hours Per Week That You Have Worked During Your Senior Year. (Q18b)**



**Figure 3. Thinking Back On Your Years In High School, How Many Hours Per Week Did You Typically Spend Studying, Doing Research, Or Completing Homework Assignments Outside Of Class? (Item 19)**



**Figure 4. On Average, What Percentage Of Your Study, Research And Homework Was Done Without Distractions (E.G., Television, Music, IM, Texting, Phone Calls)? (Item 20)**



**Table 11. Please Mark The Item That Best Indicates How You Feel: (Items 21a-21k)**

*Percentage who responded Strongly agree or Agree	Reagan 2009	All HS 2009
I feel safe at my school	67.6%	78.7%
My classmates show respect to each other	39.8%	50.9%
The consequences for breaking school rules are the same for everyone	38.3%	41.1%
Adults at this school listen to student ideas and opinions	42.1%	53.1%
My homework helps me learn things I need to know	61.7%	58.6%
I know how I am doing in school	78.2%	82.9%
My teachers expected me to do my best work	78.7%	83.0%
My classes were rigorous and challenging	53.2%	59.6%
My high school coursework has been relevant to my life	53.3%	47.4%
There is at least one adult at my school who I can go to if I have a problem	81.7%	78.0%
My teachers are fair to everyone	35.1%	45.3%

\*Response options include *Strongly agree*, *Agree*, *Neither agree nor Disagree*, *Disagree*, *Strongly disagree*, and *Don't know*. Response options changed from 2008. Therefore, longitudinal data were not available.

**Table 12. Please Answer The Following Questions About Your Civic Engagement. (Items 4 & 5)**

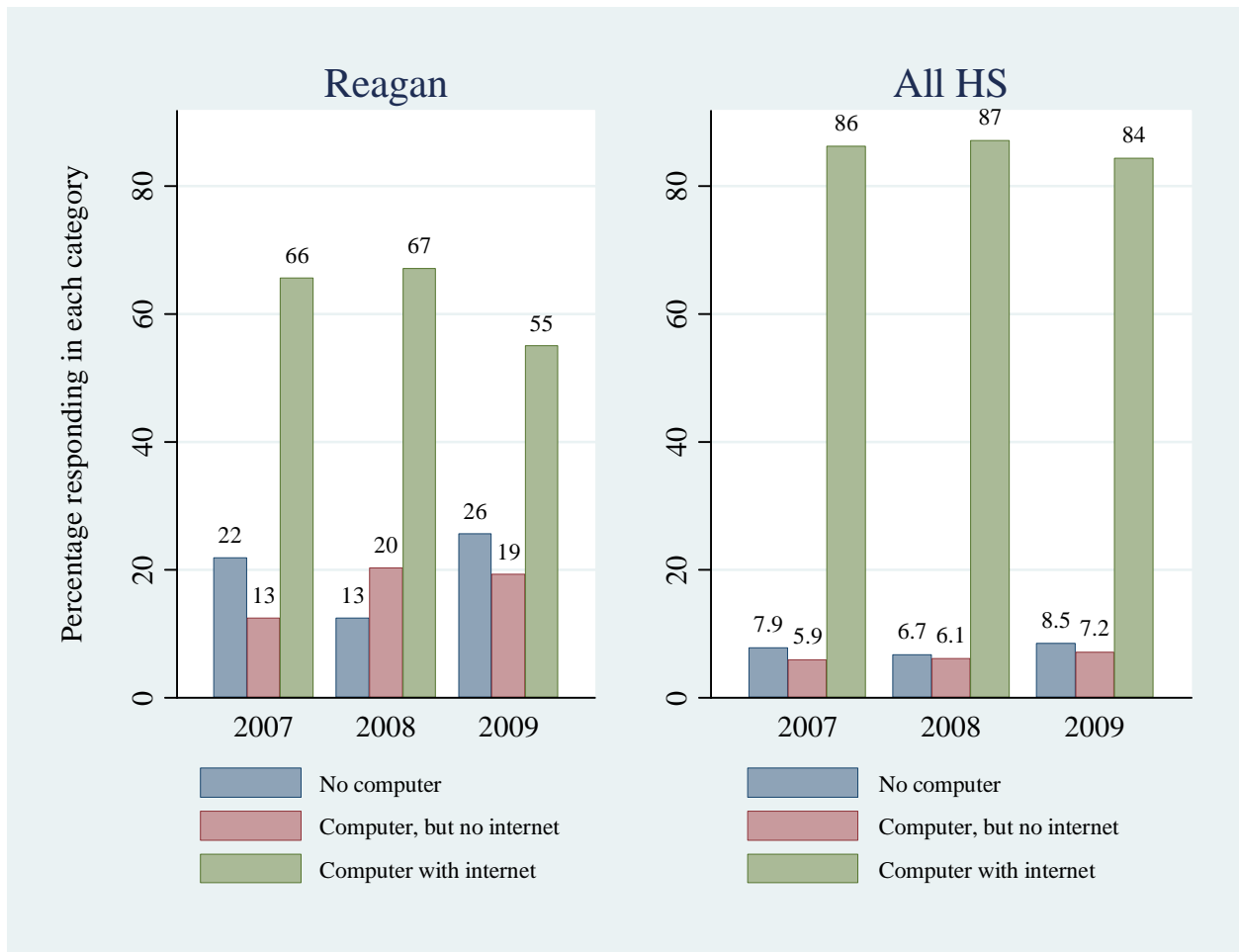
	Reagan 2009	All HS 2009
Are you registered to vote?*	18.0%	41.4%
Have you voted in any school board, city, county, state, or national election?*	7.6%	22.9%
Will you register to vote after your 18th birthday?***	51.0%	77.3%

\* Only asked to students who were 18 years old or older

\*\* Only asked to students who were not 18 years or older at the time they completed the survey



**Figure 5. Which Of The Following Describes Your Computer And Internet Access At Home?  
(Item 24)**



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**Figure 6. Do Your Parents Use Parentconnect/Gradesped To Monitor Your Grades?  
(Item 27)**



*Note.* This item was new for 2009.

**Table 15. How Frequently Do You Use A Computer?: (Item 25)**

*Percentage who responded At least once a week or more	Reagan 2007	Reagan 2008	Reagan 2009	All HS 2007	All HS 2008	All HS 2009
At home?	66.0%	70.8%	60.4%	86.4%	86.7%	83.9%
At school?	78.9%	75.4%	78.6%	70.8%	74.0%	73.1%
To present material in class, for example, using PowerPoint	29.2%	15.4%				



**Table 16. Indicate How Much You Agree With Each Of The Following Statements About Technology Use At School: (Item 26)**

*Percentage who responded Agree or Strongly agree	Reagan 2008	Reagan 2009	All HS 2008	All HS 2009
My teachers effectively use the technology resources that are available.	88.9%	88.4%	85.7%	89.8%
I would like to use more electronic communication with my classmates as part of my schoolwork.	85.2%	84.8%	79.8%	82.3%
I would like to use more electronic communication with my teachers.	85.7%	80.2%	73.2%	76.0%
I would like to use more online resources.	86.2%	87.4%	82.1%	84.0%

\* Responses were *Strongly disagree*, *Disagree*, *Agree*, *Strongly disagree*, and *Don't know/Unsure*.

#### POSTSECONDARY PREPARATION AND ADVISING



**Table 20. In Which Of The Following College Preparation Programs Did You Participate While In High School? (Item 33)**

	Reagan 2008	Reagan 2009	All HS 2008	All HS 2009
Project ADVANCE	43.3%	29.5%	26.1%	17.9%
AVID	22.4%	18.8%	8.9%	8.8%
ACC College Connections	14.9%	11.6%	17.1%	18.0%
College Forward	1.5%	0.0%	3.0%	3.5%
Con mi MADRE	6.0%	5.4%	3.0%	1.9%
Talent Search/Trio	1.5%	3.6%	2.6%	2.6%
Upward Bound	6.0%	1.8%	1.8%	1.3%
Breakthrough	0.0%	1.8%	1.5%	1.3%
Immigrant College Access	.	4.5%	.	2.3%
I did not participate in any programs like this	17.9%	37.5%	41.6%	41.3%
Other	4.5%	3.6%	4.9%	3.0%

*Note.* Missing values, denoted by a period, indicate the item was not included on the respective year's survey.

**Table 21. If You Participated In One Or More College Preparation Programs, What Did You Get Out Of It? (Item 34)**

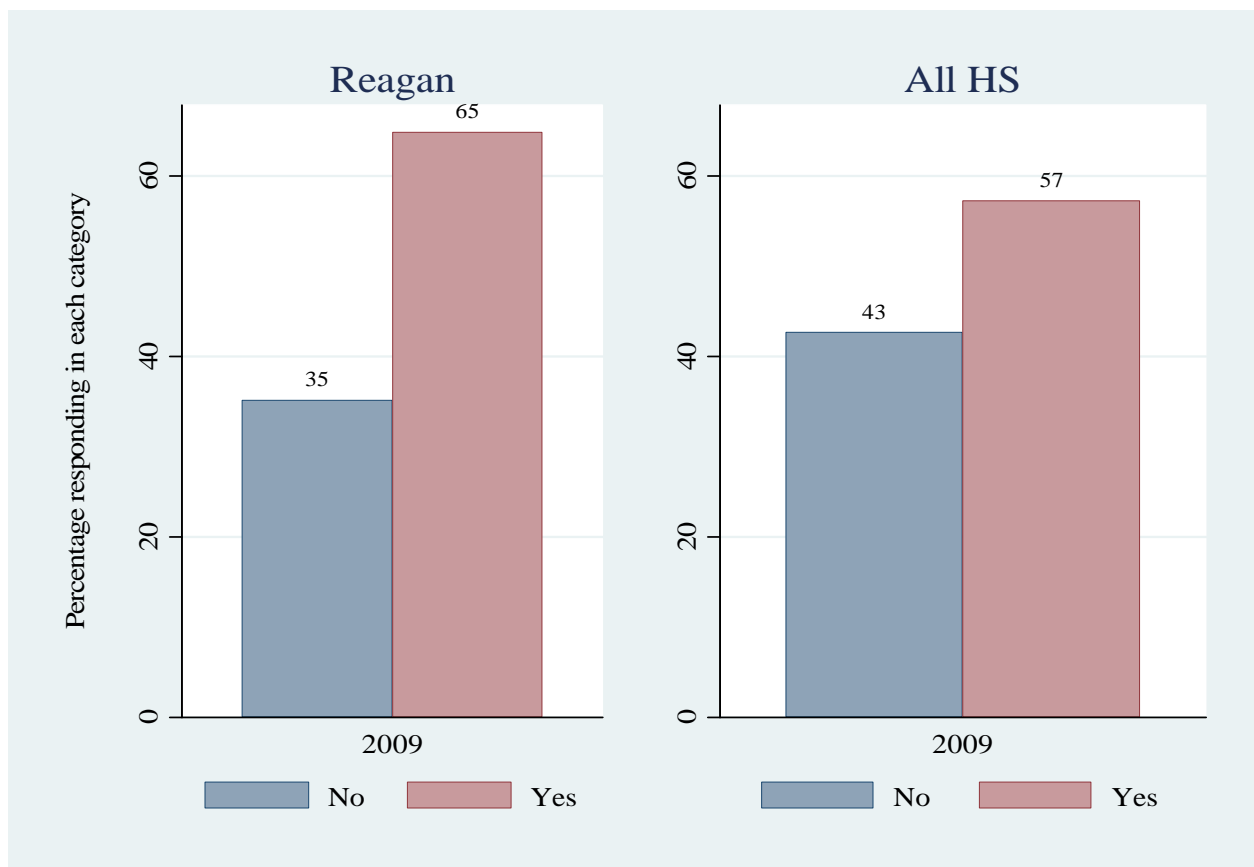
	Reagan 2008	Reagan 2009	All HS 2008	All HS 2009
They encouraged me to attend school				

**Table 22. Have You Applied To The Following Types Of Postsecondary Institutions? (Items 35, 36, And 37)**

	Reagan 2007	Reagan 2008	Reagan 2009	All HS 2007	All HS 2008	All HS 2009
Have you applied to a 2-year college	66.0%	59.7%	46.4%	49.8%	41.4%	41.3%
Have you applied to a 4-year college?	77.3%	56.7%	46.4%	69.1%	63.9%	62.7%
Have you applied to a business/technical/vocational school?	21.6%	10.4%	6.3%	13.7%	6.5%	8.5%

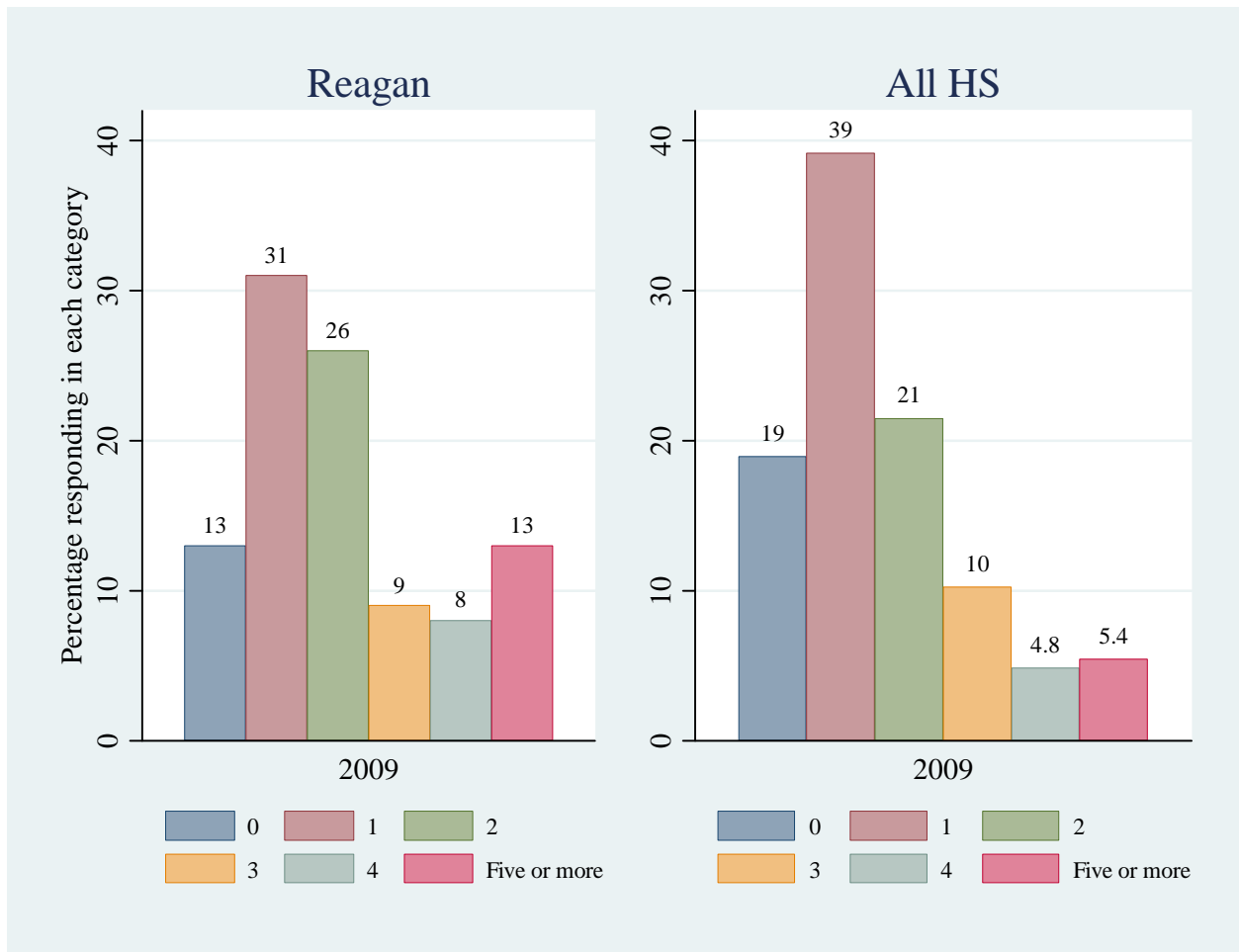
*Note.* On the 2009 survey, students were asked to indicate the number of schools to which they had applied, whereas in 2008, students were only prompted to indicate whether they had applied.

**Figure 7. Will You Be The First Of Your Siblings (Brothers Or Sisters) To Attend College? (Item 10)**



*Note.* This item was reworded for the 2009 survey. In past years, we asked students if they were the first person in their family to attend college. For 2009, we asked students separately about their siblings and parents. Therefore, no longitudinal data were available for this question.

**Figure 8. How Many Siblings (Brothers Or Sisters) Do You Have Who Are Either Enrolled In College Or Live With You (Item 11)**



*Note.* This item was new to the 2009 survey. This item is designed to gauge the number of dependent children either living at home or away at college.

**Table 23. How Easy Has It Been For You And Your Parents To Understand The Process Of Applying For Financial Aid? (Item 45)**

	Reagan 2008	Reagan 2009	All HS 2008	All HS 2009
Difficult	12.1%	17.1%	11.8%	12.8%
Some parts easy, some parts difficult	48.5%	37.8%	36.3%	43.7%
Easy	27.3%	16.2%	38.0%	22.2%
Did not apply for financial aid	12.1%	28.8%	13.8%	21.4%

**Table 24. How Do You Plan To Pay For Your Education After High School? (Item 46)**

	Reagan 2008	Reagan 2009	All HS 2008	All HS 2009
Scholarships and/or grants		47.3%	54.8%	56.3%
Loans	67.2%	28.6%	63.7%	38.0%
Family or personal savings	35.8%	19.6%	56.8%	49.5%
Working during the school year	43.3%	33.9%	47.0%	46.4%
Working during the summer	43.3%	35.7%	45.3%	48.2%
I don't know	20.9%	30.4%	14.9%	14.6%

*Note.* Respondents could select more than one option, so percentages may not total 100%.

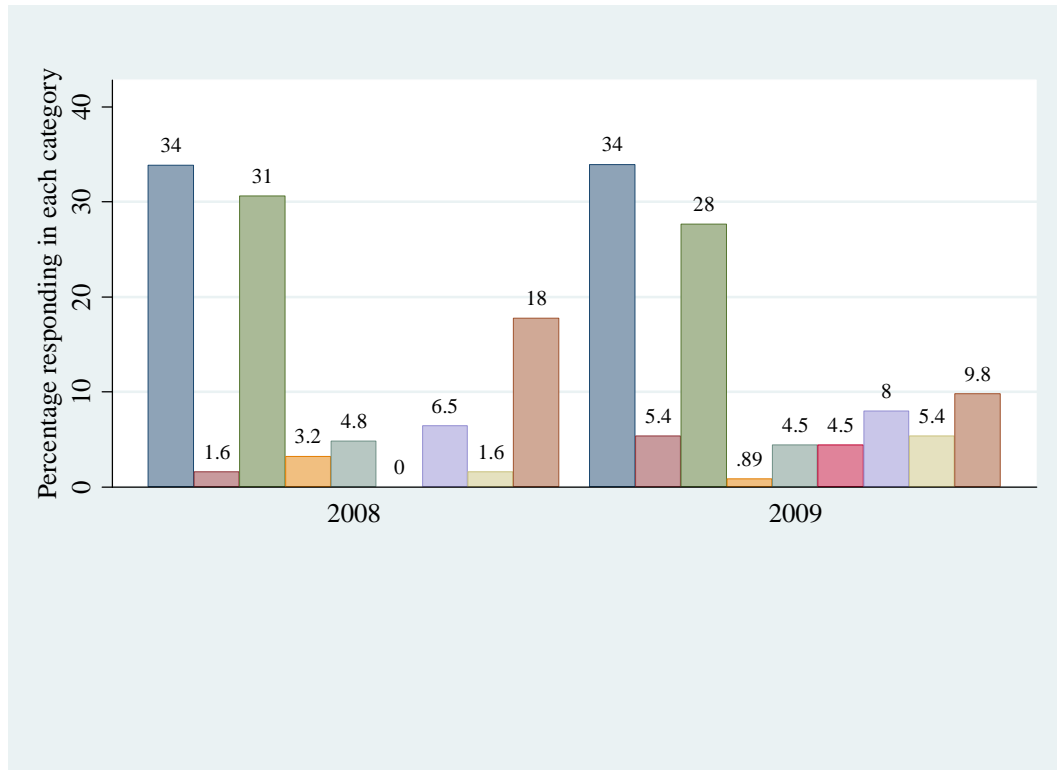
**Table 25. Which Of The Following Did A Family Member Do To Help You Prepare For Life After High School Graduation? (Item 43)**

	Reagan 2009	All HS 2009
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**ADDITIONAL RESULTS**

**Figure 9a. What Is The One Thing That Was Most Important To Keeping You Going Through School All The Way To Graduation? (Item 48, Reagan)**





**Figure 9b. What Is The One Thing That Was Most Important To Keeping You Going Through School All The Way To Graduation? (Item 48, All High Schools)**

