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A Profile of Our Youth 2021

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DEFINITIONS

- ✘ External Assets – positive developmental experiences that surround youth
- ✘ Internal Assets – a young person's own commitment, values, and competencies
- ✘ Deficits – countervailing influences that can interfere with healthy development

SUPPORT

	Average (2006-2009)	2017	2021
Family Support	71.5	76	72
Positive family communication	34	40	35
Other adult relationships	49.5	53	47
Caring neighborhood	37	37	32
Caring school climate	34	35	30
Parent involvement in schooling	29.5	28	29

EMPOWERMENT

	Average (2006-2009)	2017	2021
Community values youth	29.5	28	20
Youth as resources	34.5	35	25
Service to others	58	53	43
Safety	58	51	48

BOUNDARIES AND EXPECTATIONS

	Average (2006-2009)	2017	2021
Family boundaries	48	58	53
School boundaries	54.5	54	51
Neighborhood boundaries	48.5	46	40
Adult role models	33.5	38	39
Positive peer influence	71.5	83	83
High expectations	52.5	56	51

CONSTRUCTIVE USE OF TIME

	Average (2006-2009)	2017	2021
Creative activities	19.5	19	16
Youth programs	64	61	54
Religious community	68.5	62	49
Time at home	52.5	63	64

COMMITMENT TO LEARNING

	Average (2006-2009)	2017	2021
Achievement motivation	68	71	65
School engagement	66	37	78
Homework	48	40	40
Bonding to school	63	66	57
Reading for pleasure	26.5	22	19

POSITIVE VALUES

	Average (2006-2009)	2017	2021
Caring	54	63	67
Equality and social justice	56	66	69
Integrity	71	79	76
Honesty	69.5	75	74
Responsibility	65.5	75	74
Restraint	52	58	52

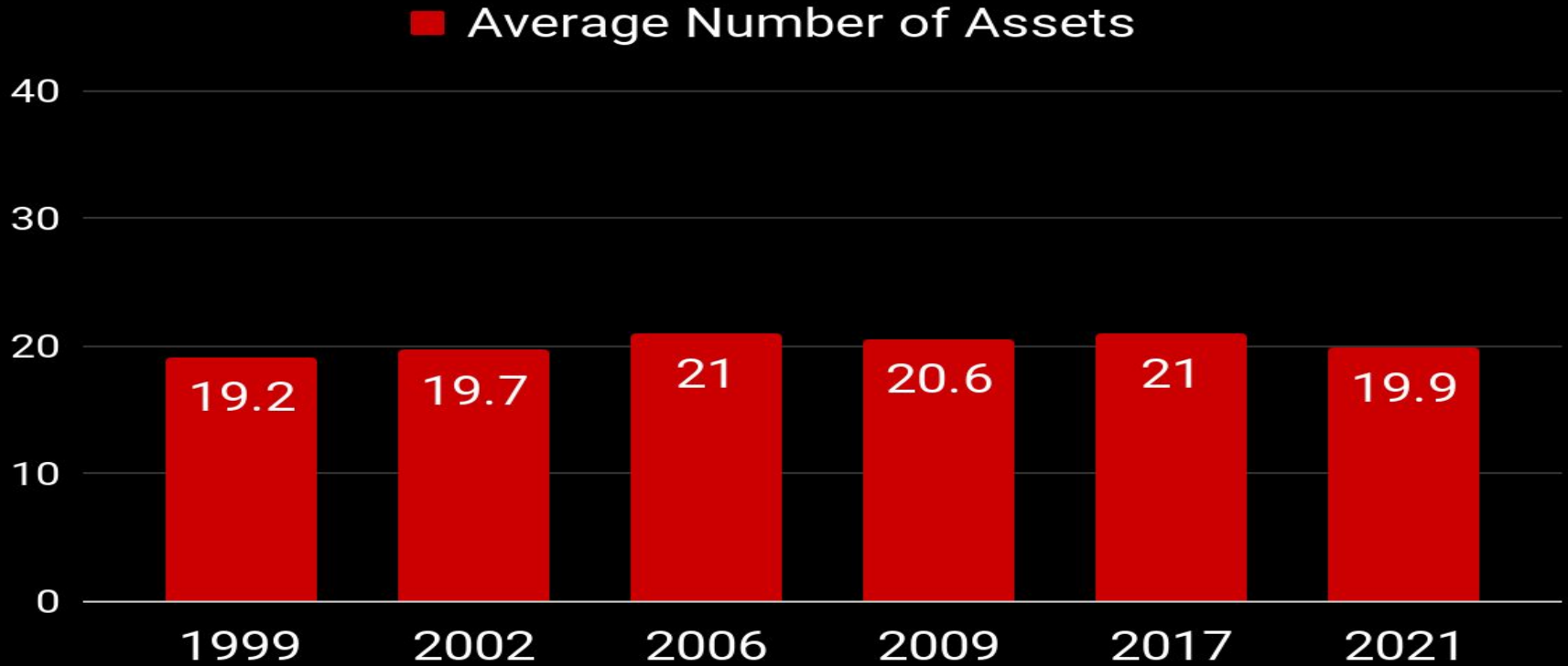
SOCIAL COMPETENCIES

	Average (2006-2009)	2017	2021
Planning and decisions	32.5	34	33
Interpersonal competence	47	48	47
Cultural competence	42	45	51
Resistance skills	44	53	49
Peaceful conflict resolution	57	64	60

POSITIVE IDENTITY

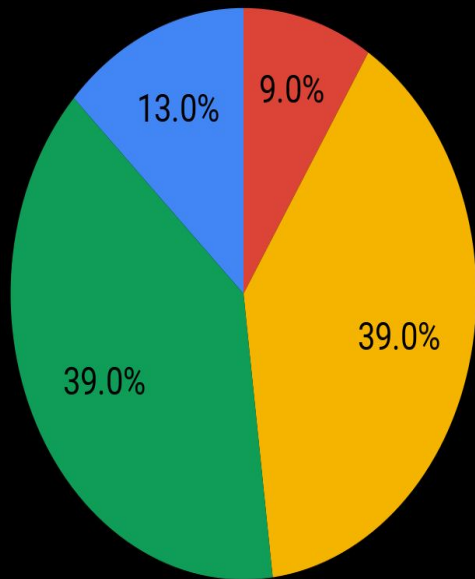
	Average (2006-2009)	2017	2021
Personal power	50	46	38
Self-esteem	52.5	46	35
Sense of purpose	64.5	59	48
Positive view of future	76	72	64

AVERAGE NUMBER OF ASSETS



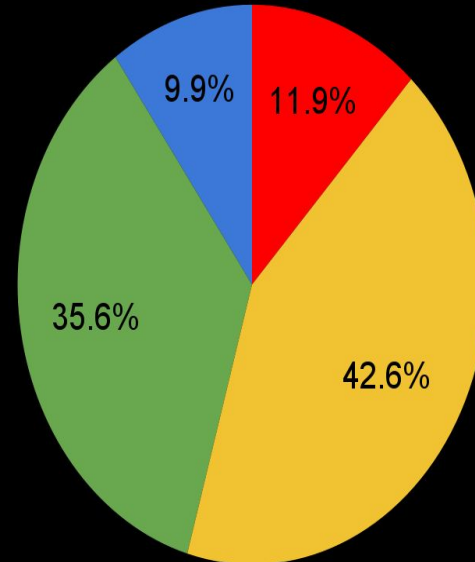
PERCENT OF STUDENTS EXPERIENCING DEVELOPMENTAL ASSETS – 2017 & 2021

● 0-10 Assets ● 11-20 Assets ● 21-30 Assets ● 31-40 Assets



2017

● 0-10 Assets ● 11-20 Assets ● 21-30 Assets ● 31-40 Assets



2021

5 DEFICITS

	Average (2006-2009)	2017	2021
Alone at home <ul style="list-style-type: none">• 2+ hours per school day	44	34	35
TV overexposure <ul style="list-style-type: none">• 3+ hours per school day	41	24	33
Physical Abuse <ul style="list-style-type: none">• Harmed at home in lifetime	27.5	22	21
Victim of violence <ul style="list-style-type: none">• Harmed in last 2 years	30	22	22
Drinking parties <ul style="list-style-type: none">• Attended in last year	39	26	21

10 HIGH-RISK BEHAVIORS

	Average (2006-2009)	2017	2021
Alcohol <ul style="list-style-type: none">• 3+ in last 30 days or got drunk in last two weeks	18.5	11	13
Tobacco <ul style="list-style-type: none">• Smokes or chews daily	8	3	1
Illicit Drugs <ul style="list-style-type: none">• 3+ in last year	8	1	1
Sexual Intercourse <ul style="list-style-type: none">• 3+ in lifetime	18.5	13	11
Depression/Suicide <ul style="list-style-type: none">• Frequently depressed or attempted suicide	19.5	25	33

10 HIGH-RISK BEHAVIORS CONTINUED

	Average (2006-2009)	2017	2021
Anti-social behavior <ul style="list-style-type: none">• 3+ in last year	15	7	7
Violence <ul style="list-style-type: none">• 3+ in last year	24.5	17	17
School problems <ul style="list-style-type: none">• Skips school or poor grades	15.5	14	17
Driving and Alcohol <ul style="list-style-type: none">• 3+ in last year	14	9	9
Gambling <ul style="list-style-type: none">• 3+ in last year	11	5	6

8 THRIVING INDICATORS

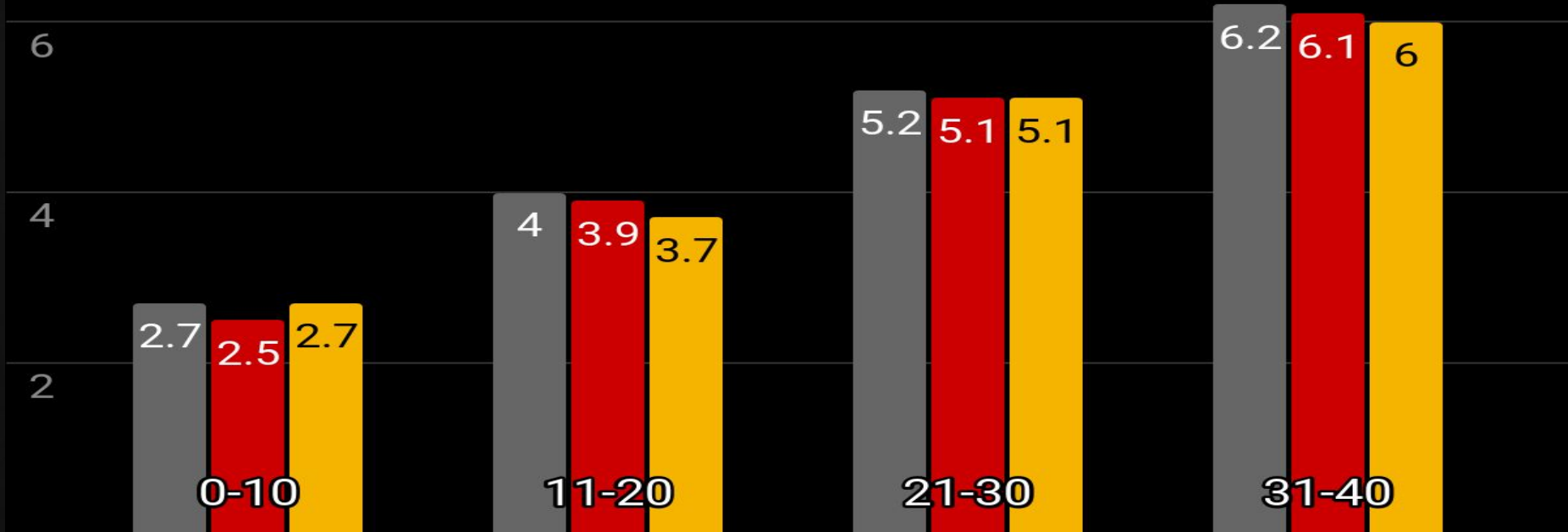
	Average (2006-2009)	2017	2021
Succeeds in school <ul style="list-style-type: none">• Mostly A's	30.5	36	40
Helps others <ul style="list-style-type: none">• 1+ hours per week	83.5	78	75
Values diversity <ul style="list-style-type: none">• Gets to know people of other racial/ethnic groups	61	60	71
Maintains good health <ul style="list-style-type: none">• Healthy nutrition and exercise	58	57	49

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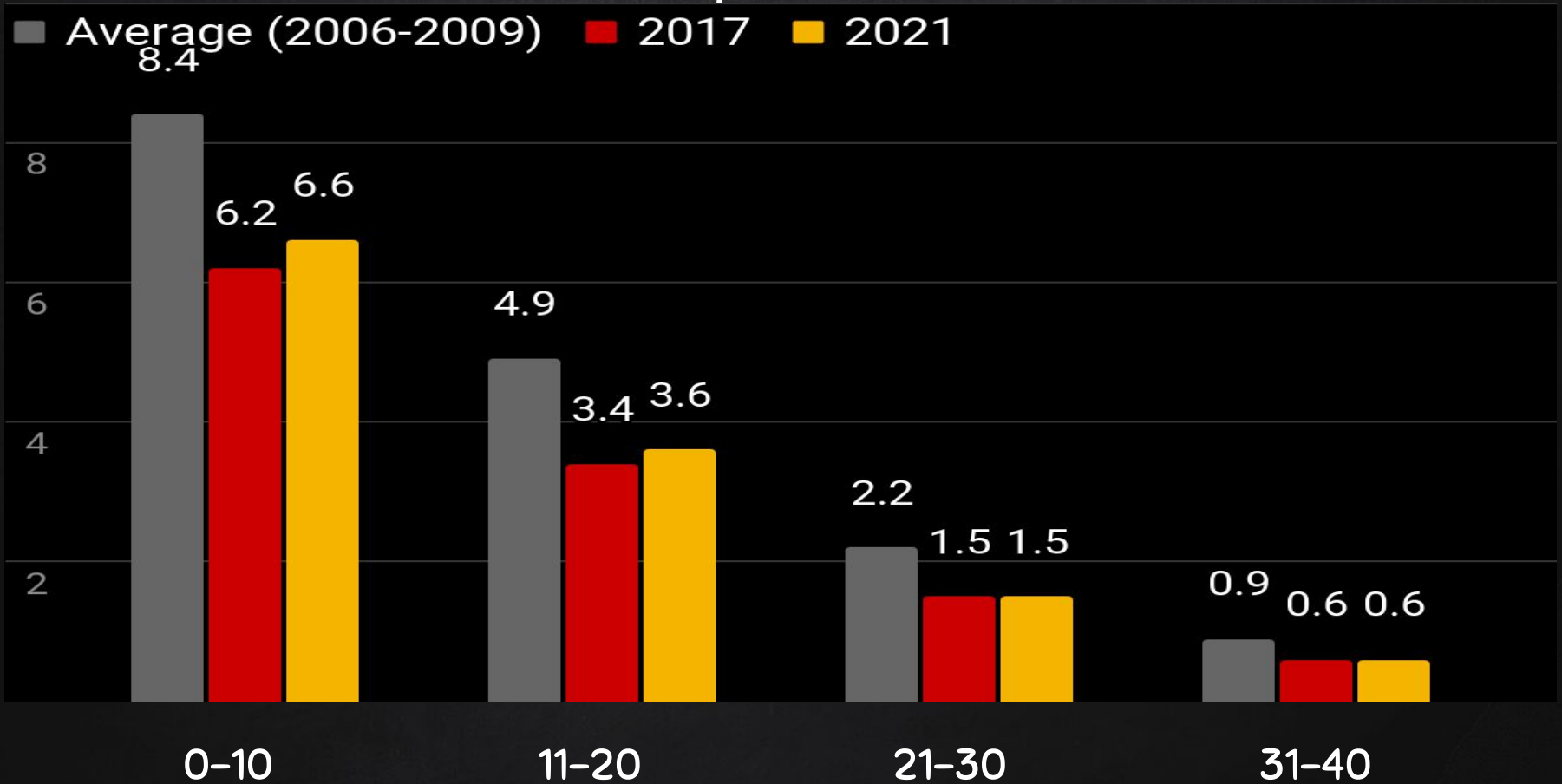
	Average (2006-2009)	2017	2021
Exhibits leadership <ul style="list-style-type: none">• Leader of a group or organization in last year	74.5	71	60
Resists danger <ul style="list-style-type: none">• Avoids dangerous activities	23.5	23	22
Delays gratification <ul style="list-style-type: none">• Saves money for something special	48.5	57	54
Overcomes adversity <ul style="list-style-type: none">• Works through difficulties	72	68	61

AVERAGE NUMBER OF THRIVING INDICATORS BY ASSET LEVEL

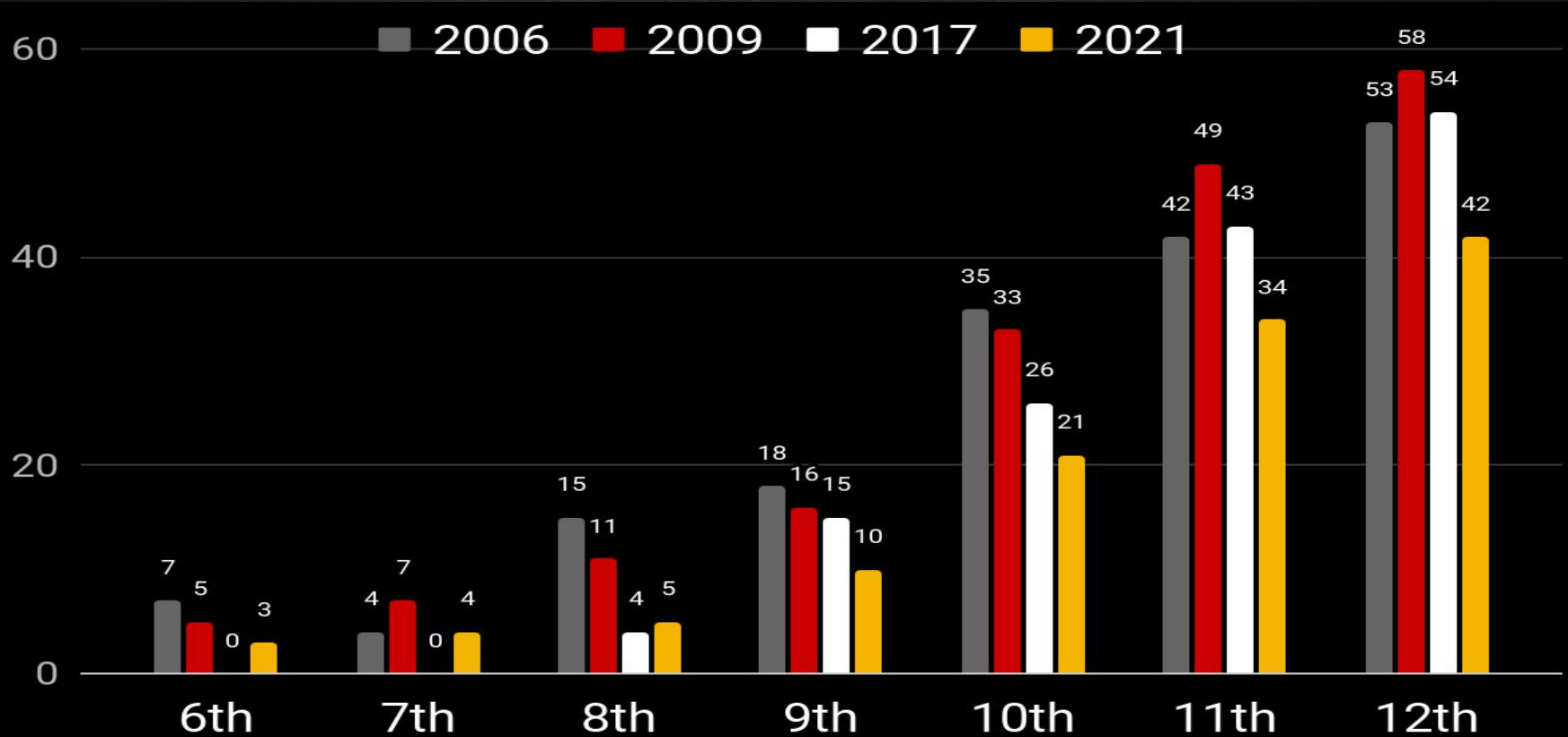
■ Average (2006-2009) ■ 2017 ■ 2021



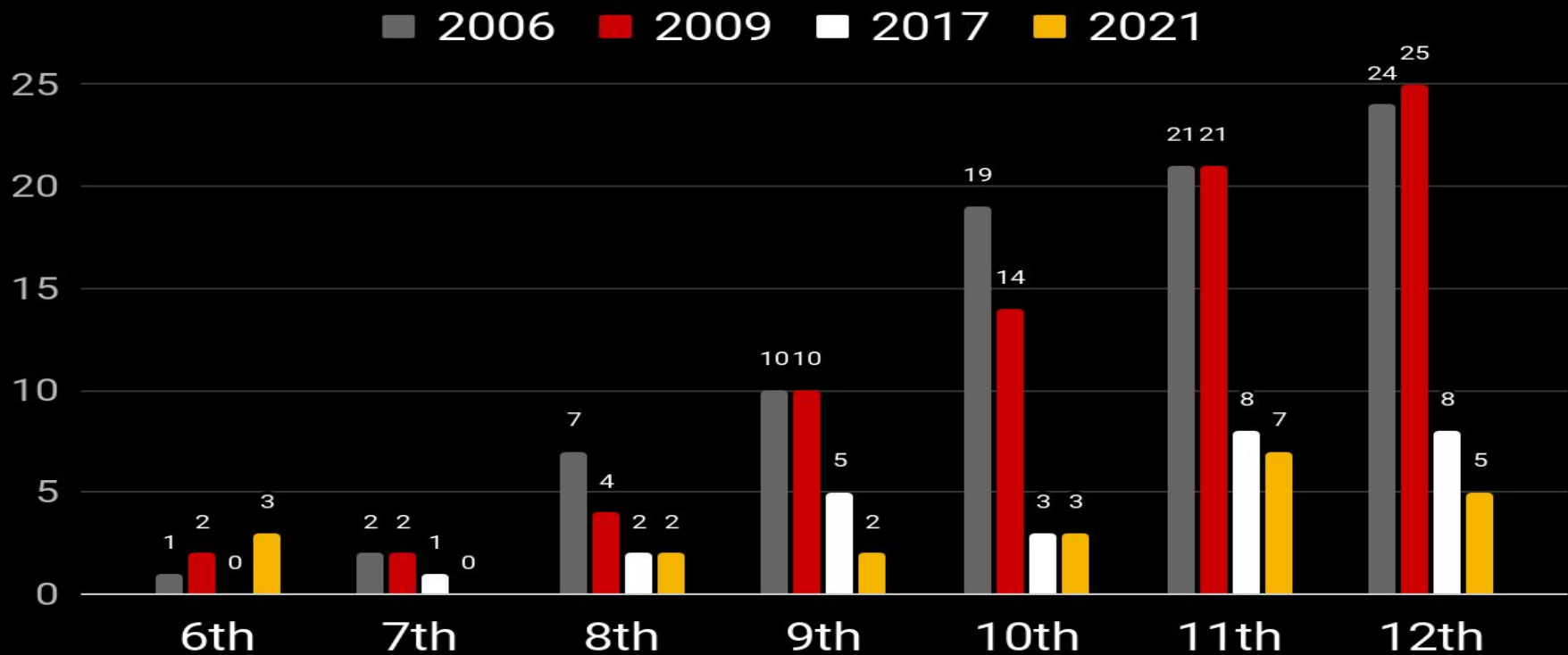
AVERAGE NUMBER OF THE 24 RISK TAKING BEHAVIORS BY ASSET



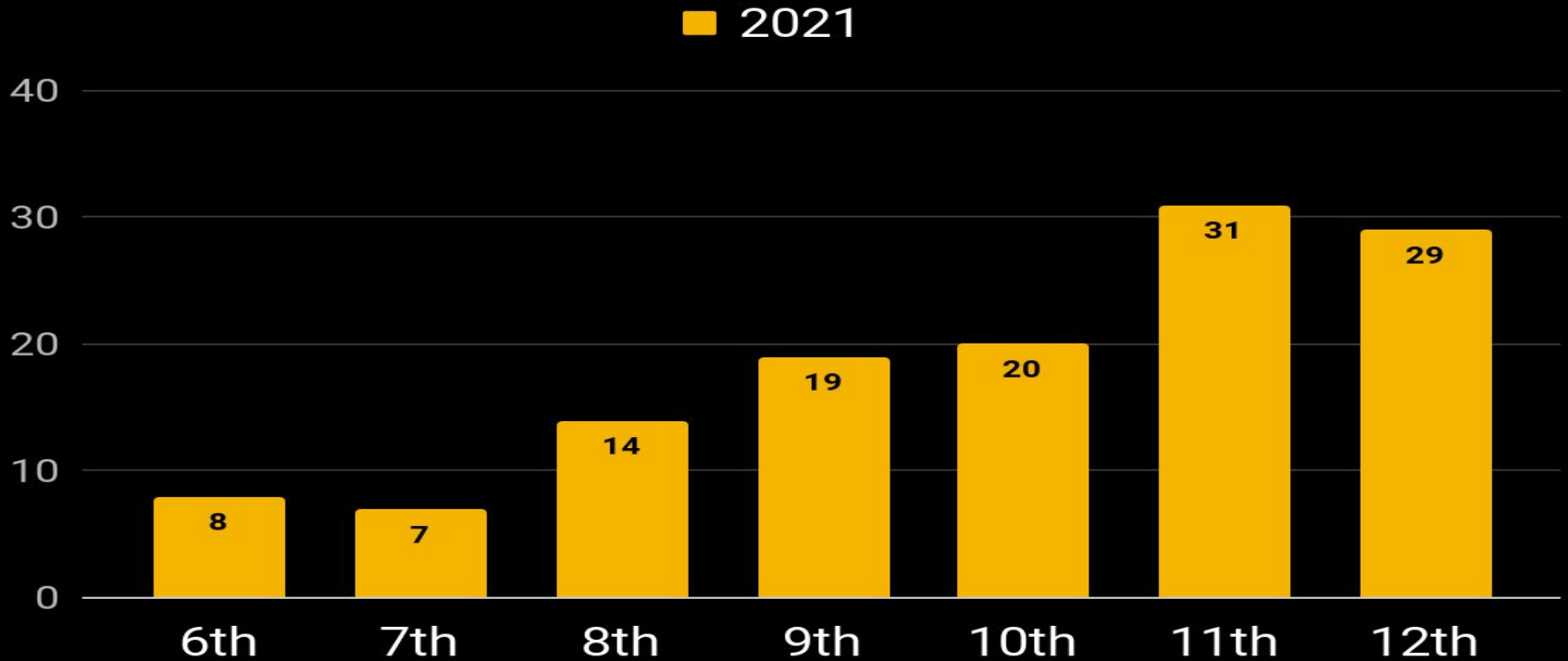
SEXUAL INTERCOURSE



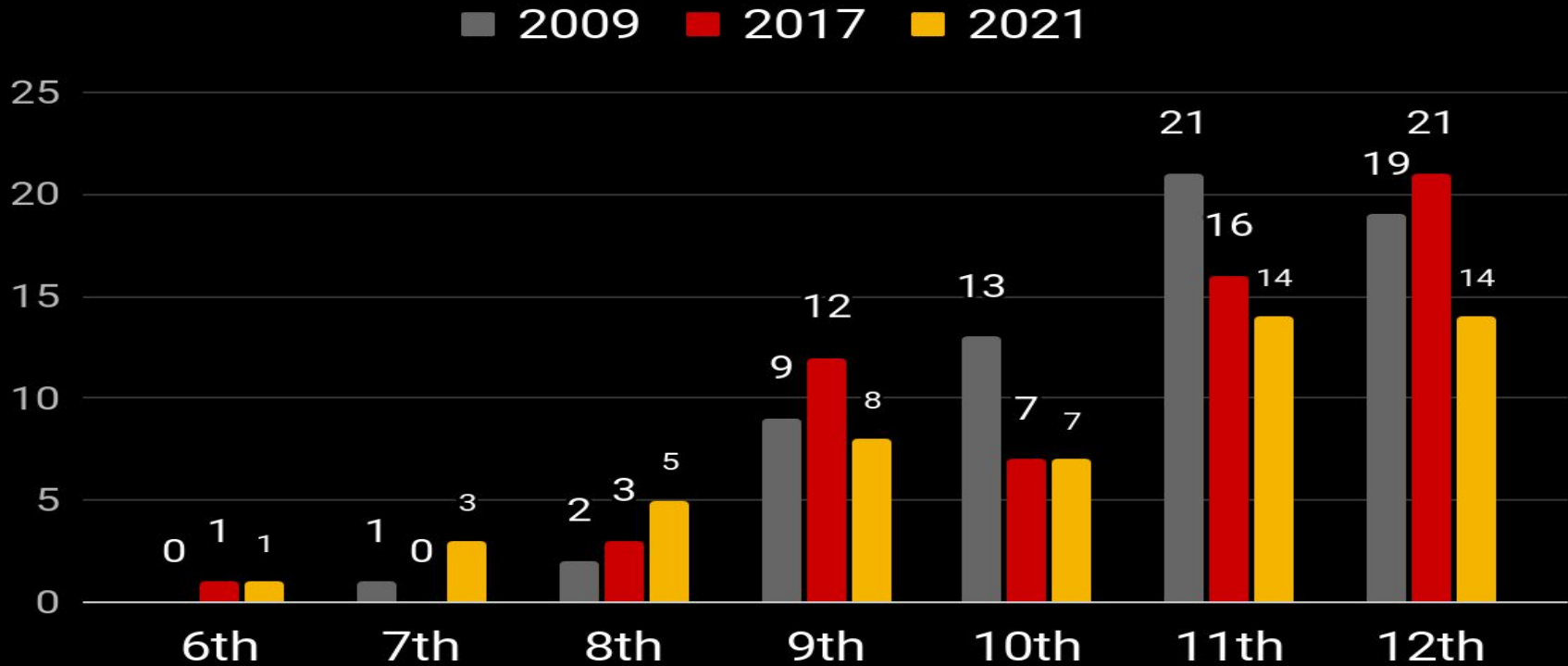
SMOKED CIGARETTES



VAPED TOBACCO, NICOTINE, OR MARIJUANA IN LAST 30 DAYS

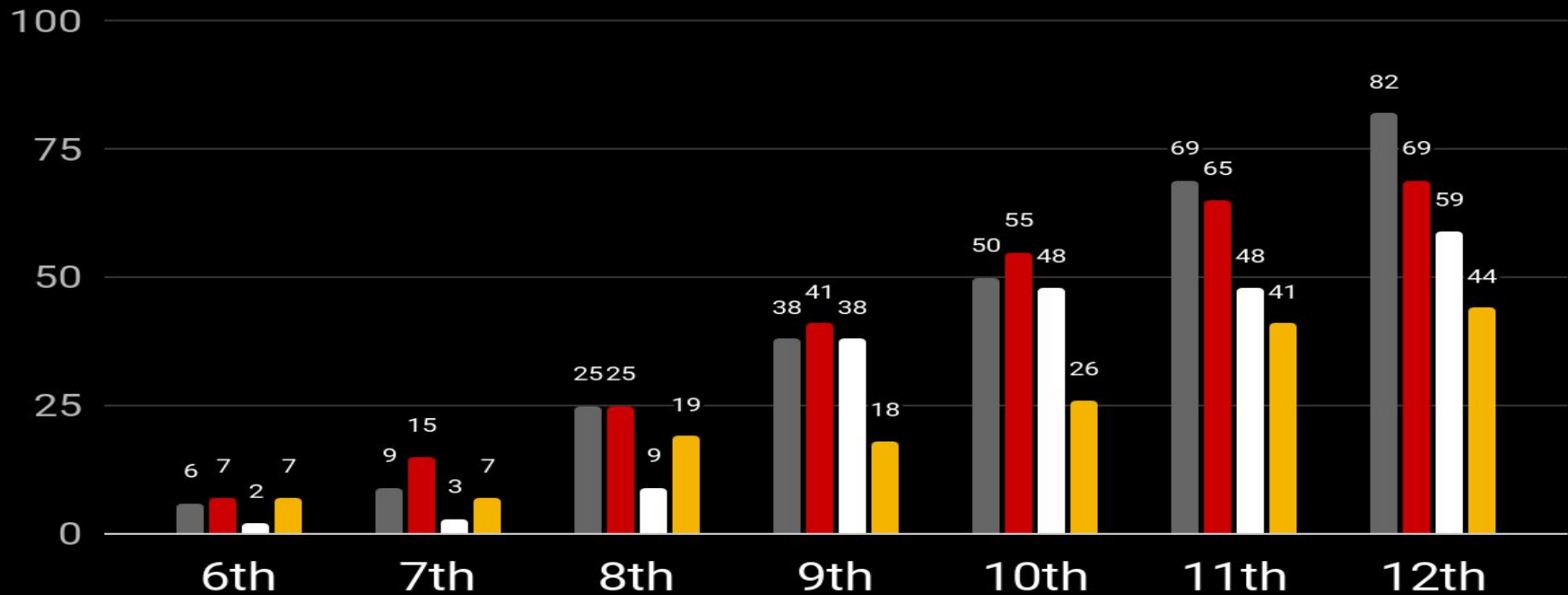


MARIJUANA IN THE LAST 30 DAYS

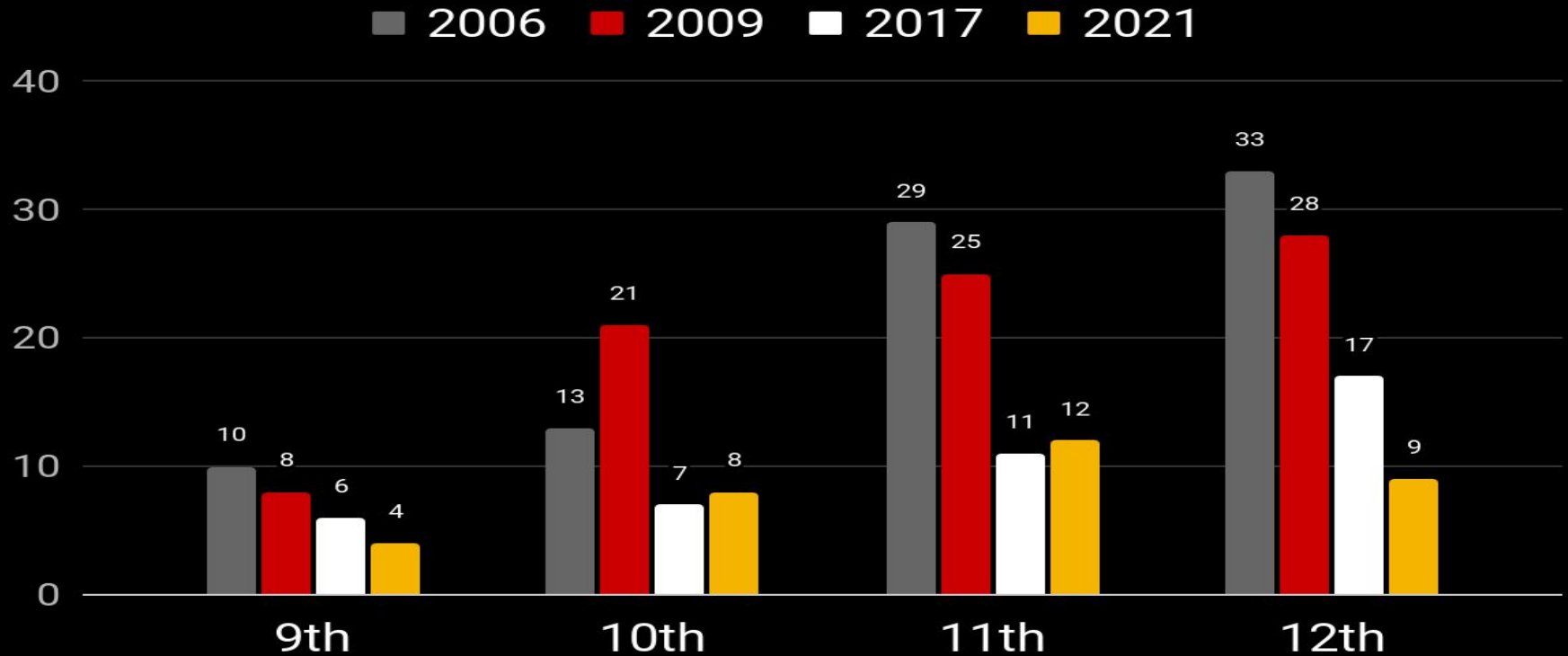


DRINKING PARTIES

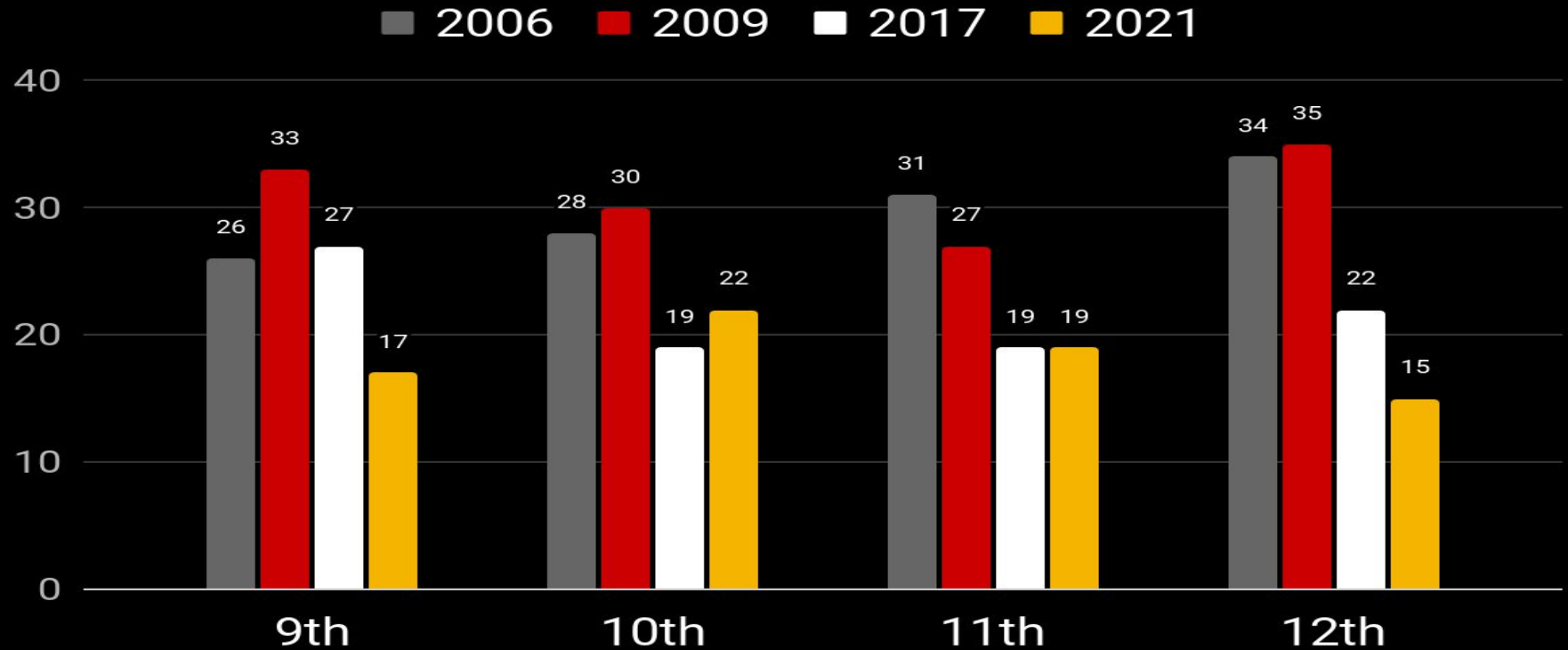
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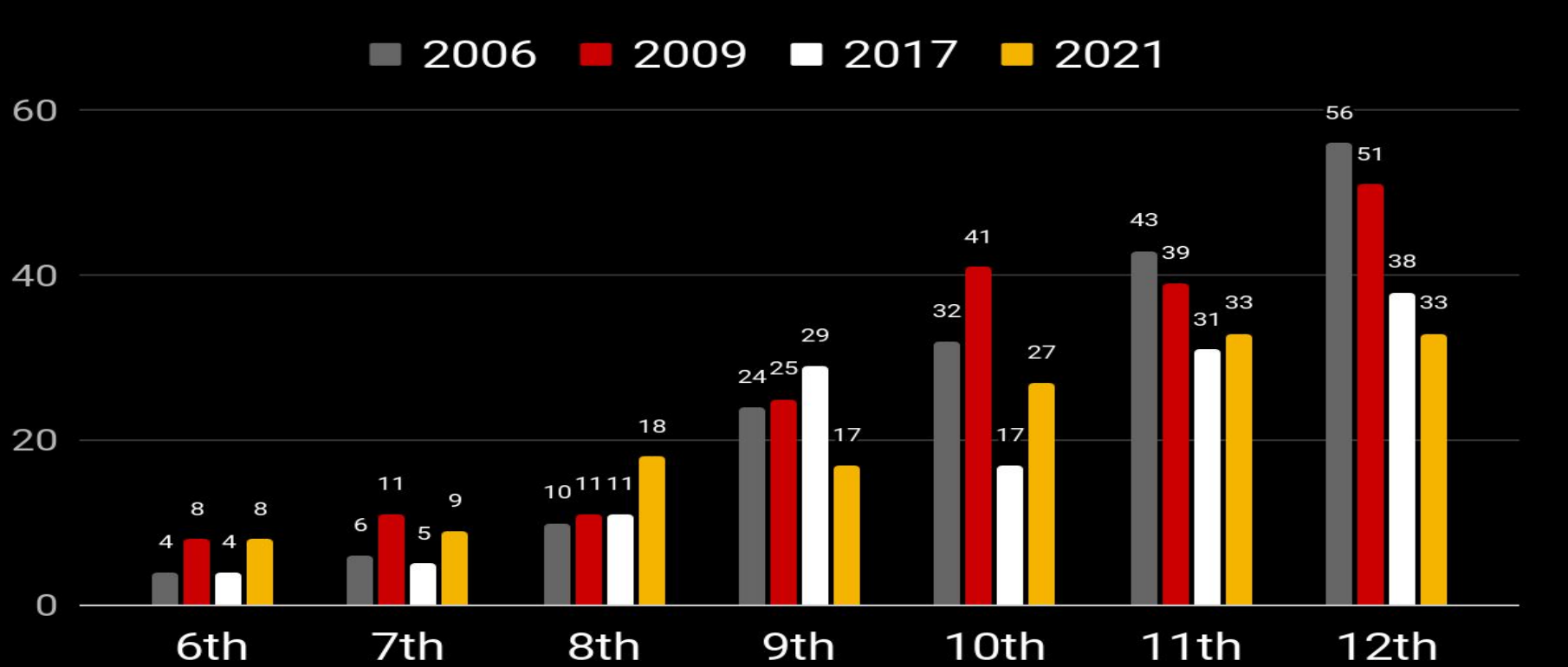
DRIVEN A CAR AFTER YOU HAD BEEN DRINKING



RIDDEN IN A CAR WHOSE DRIVER HAD BEEN DRINKING

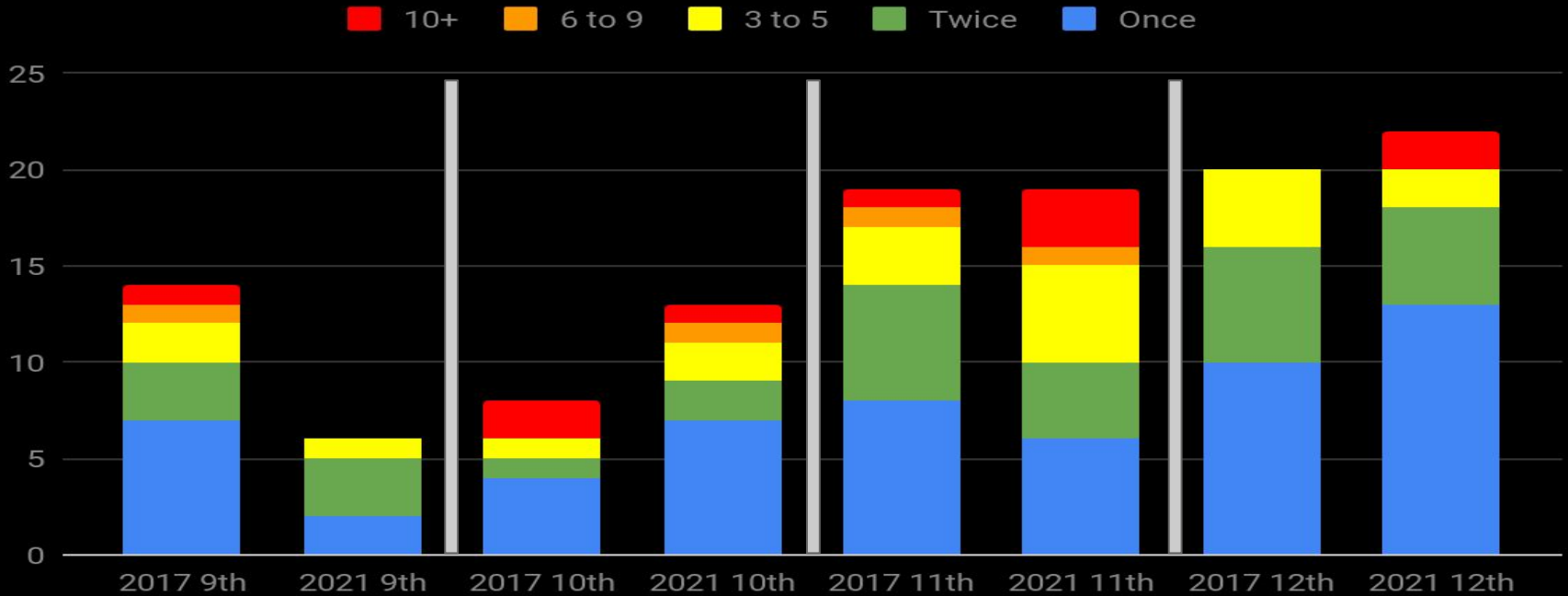


MORE THAN A FEW SIPS OF ALCOHOLIC BEVERAGES IN THE PAST 30 DAYS



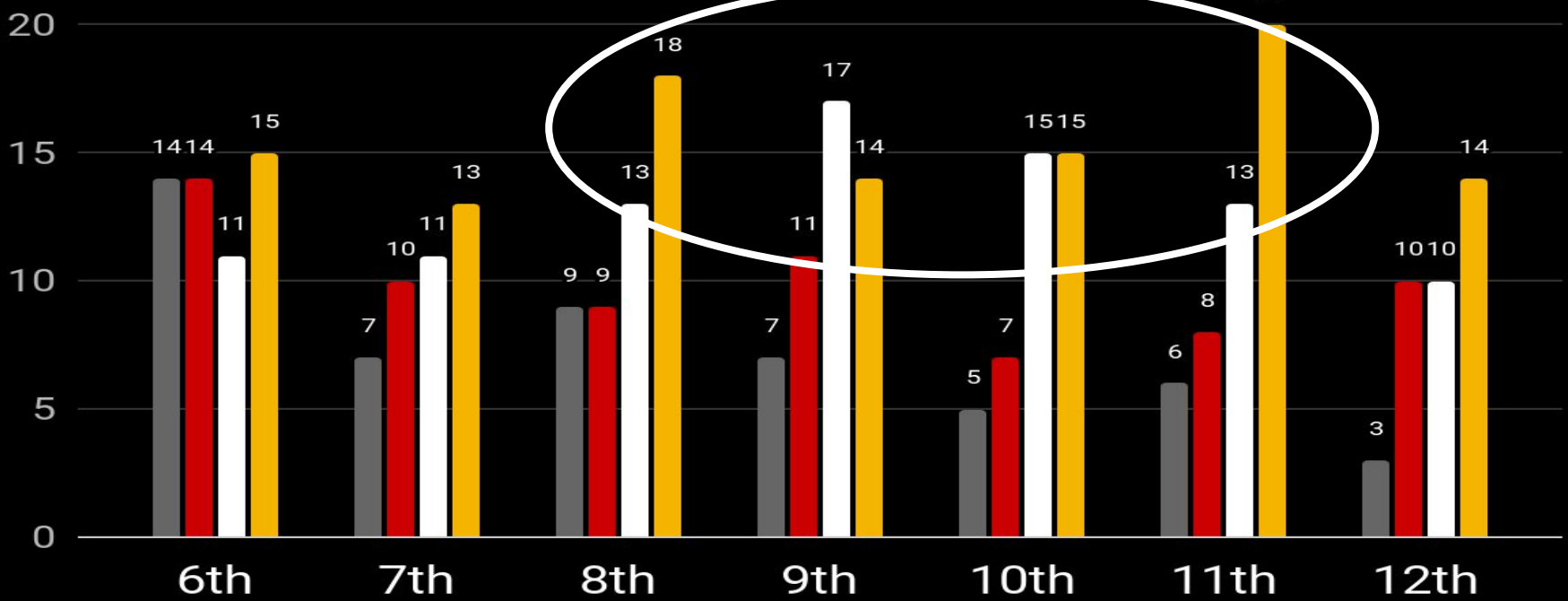
% WHO HAVE BINGE DRANK DURING THE LAST TWO WEEKS

9th, 10th, 11th and 12th

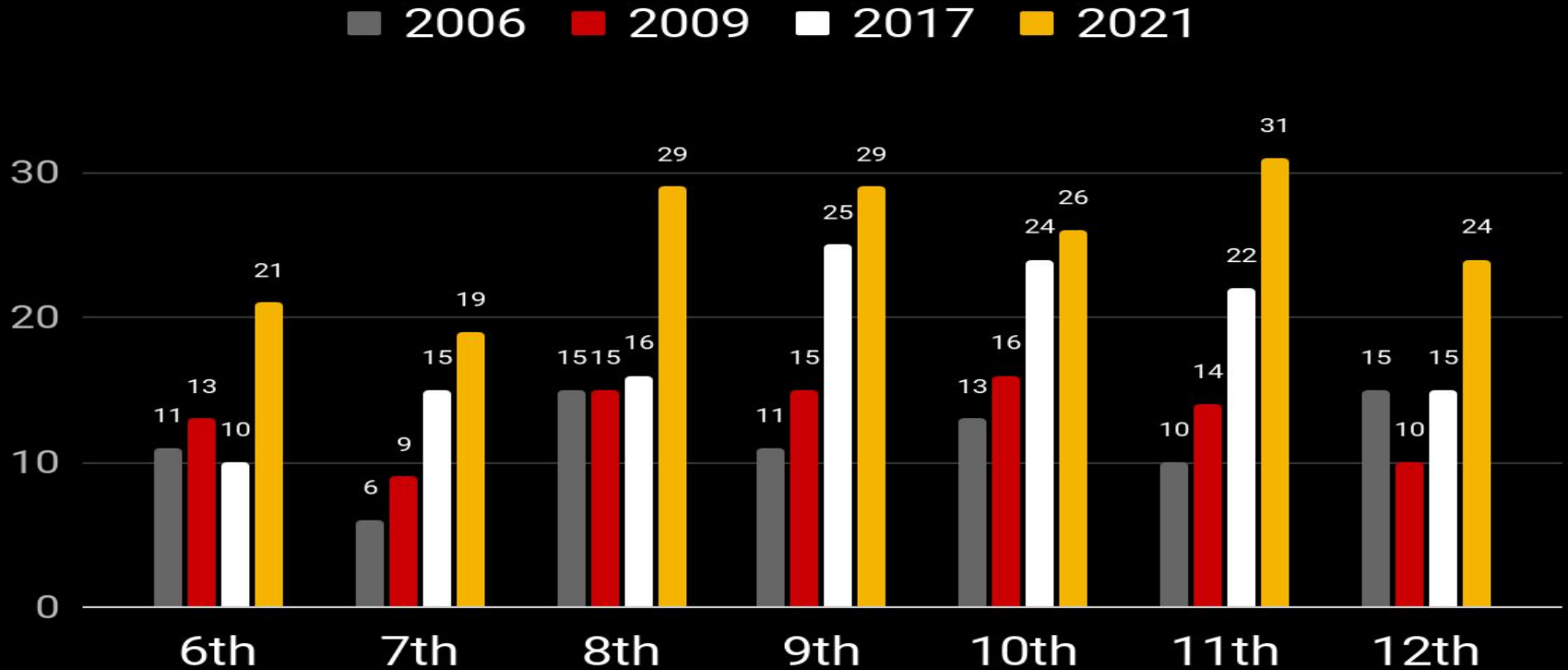


CARRIED KNIFE OR GUN TO PROTECT YOURSELF WITHIN THE LAST 12 MONTHS

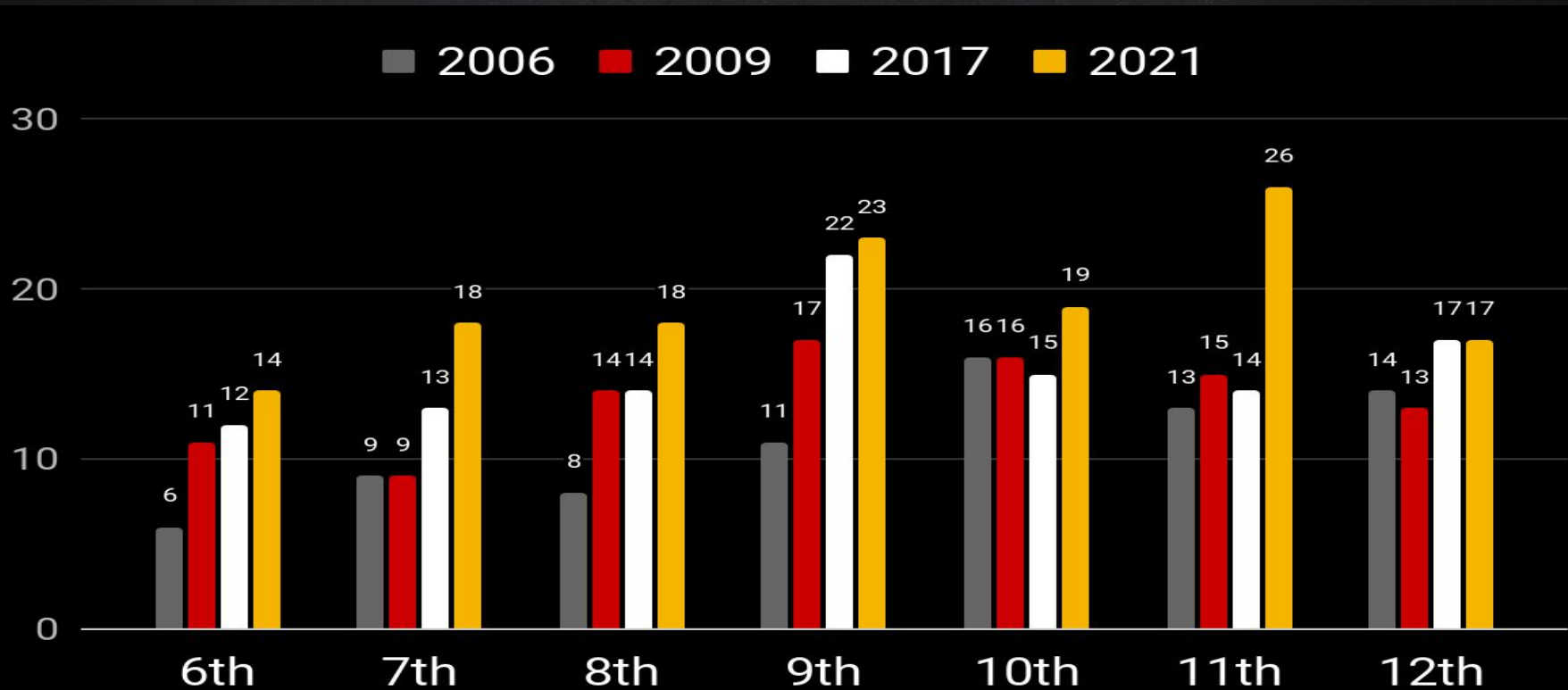
2006 2009 2017 2021



FELT SAD OR DEPRESSED MOST OR ALL OF THE TIME IN THE LAST MONTH



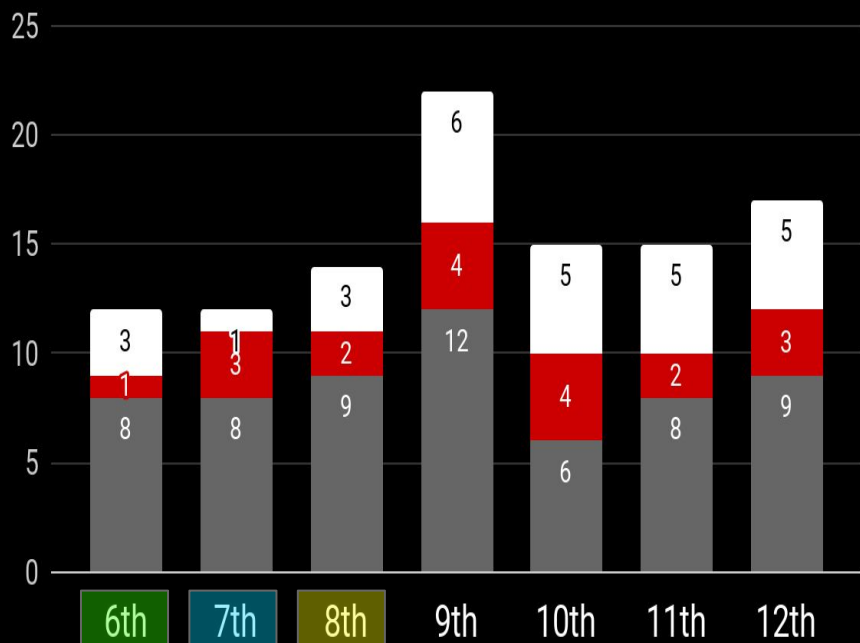
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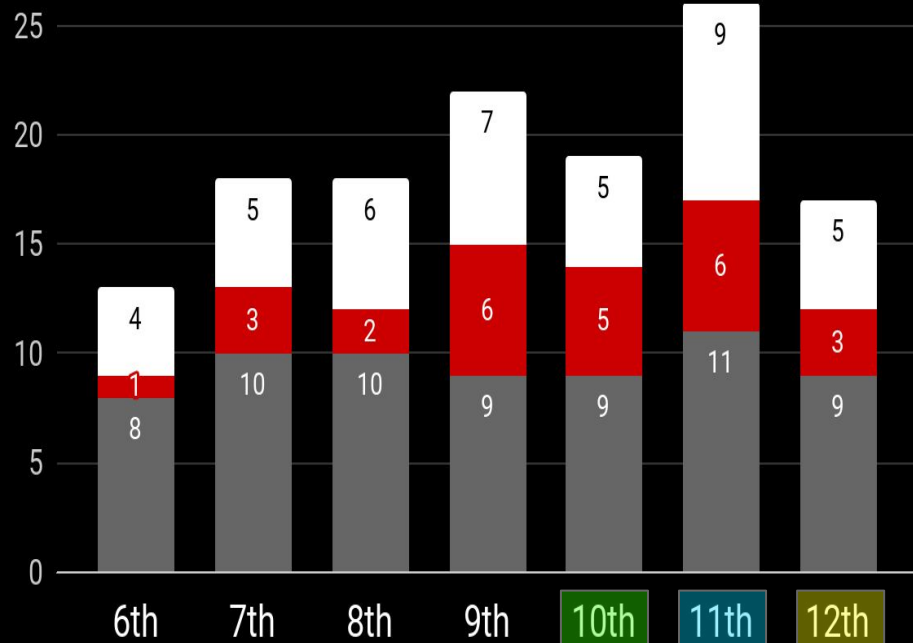
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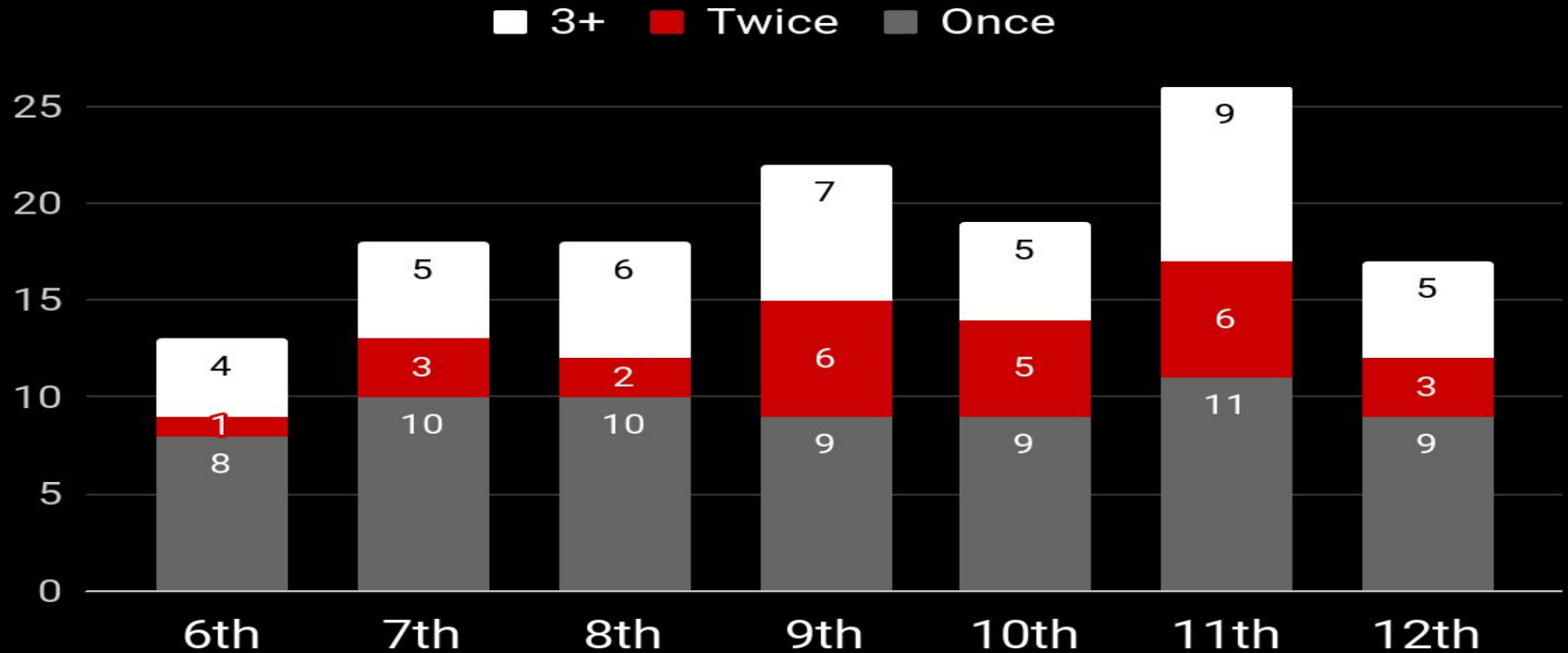


2017



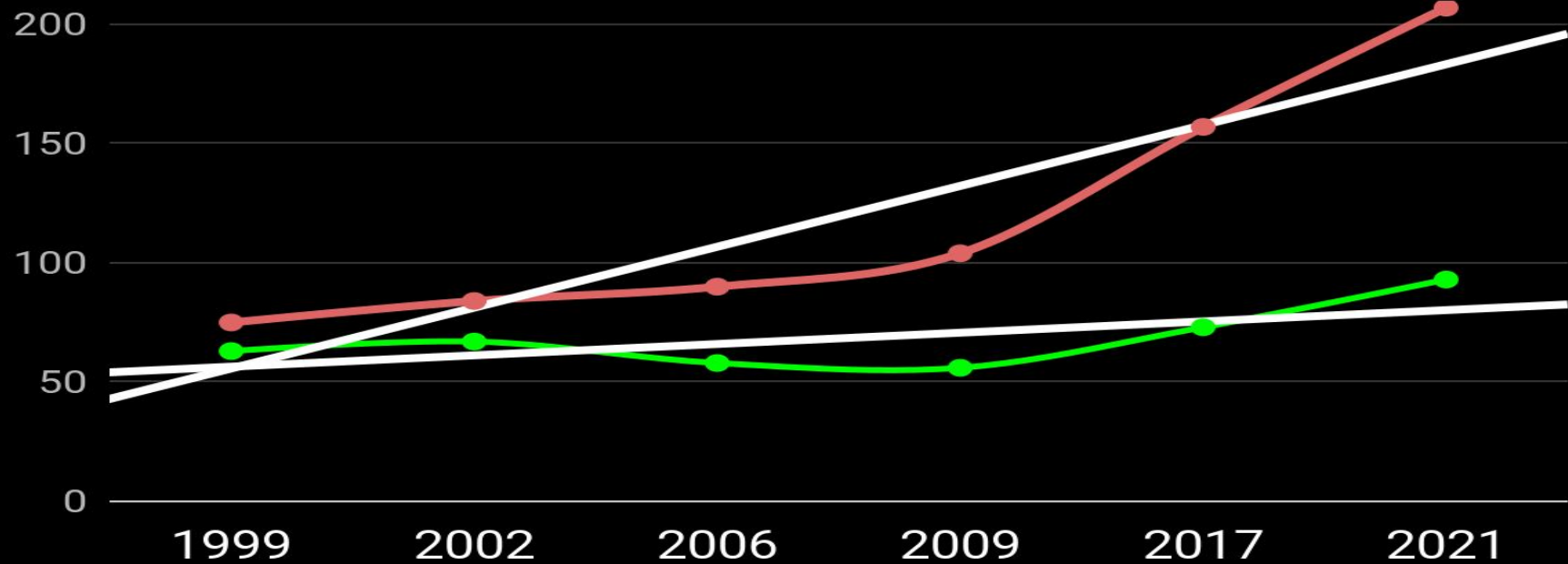
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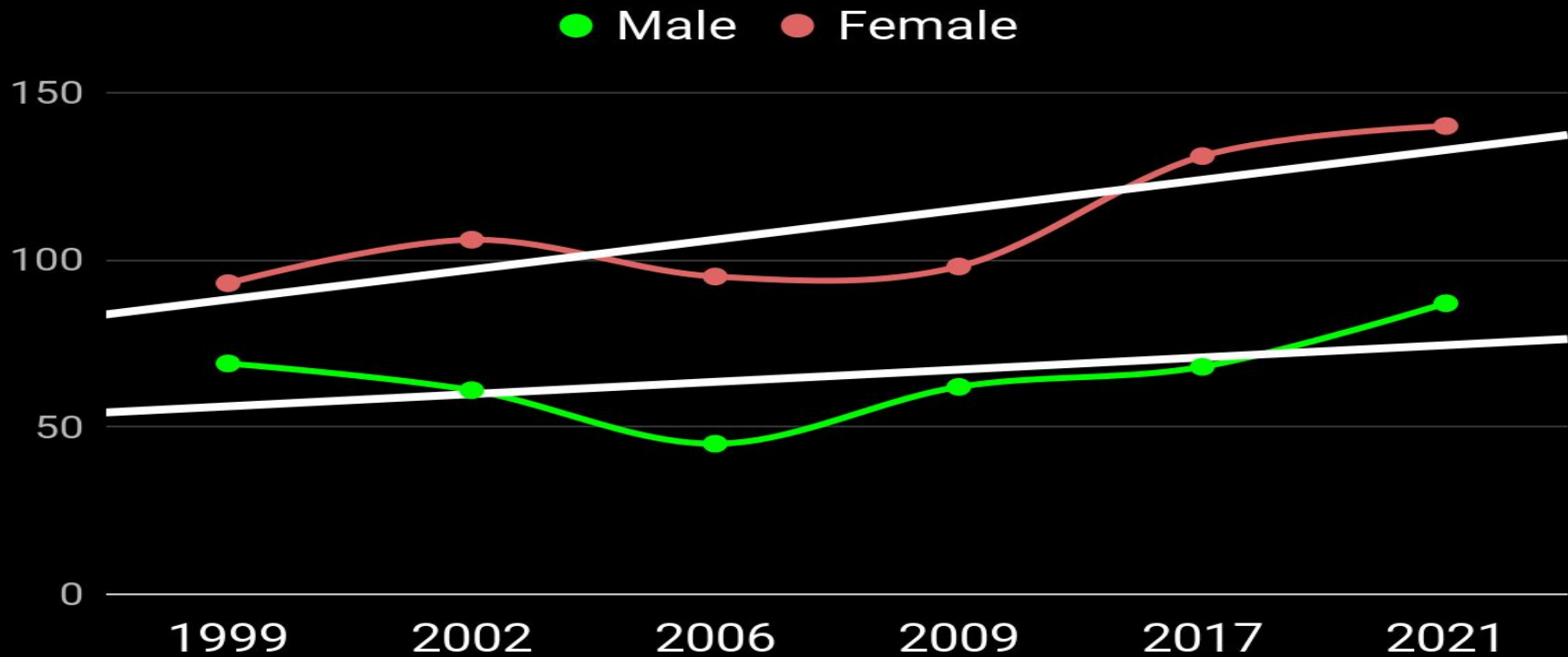


DEPRESSION – NUMBER OF MALES VS. FEMALES

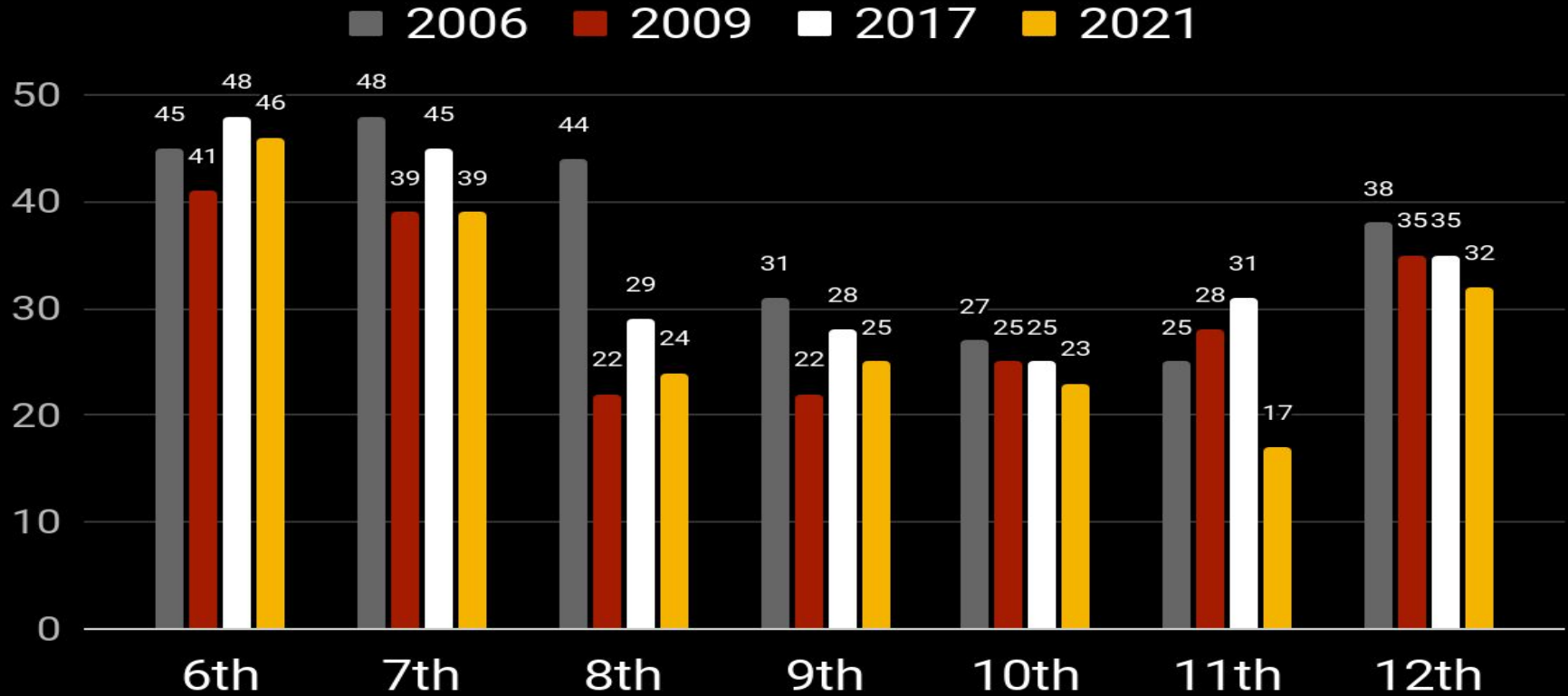
● Male ● Female



HAVE YOU EVER TRIED TO KILL YOURSELF? NUMBER OF MALES VS. FEMALES



CARING SCHOOL CLIMATE



MALE VS. FEMALE COMPARISON OF POSITIVE IDENTITY ASSETS

	Males		Females	
	2017	2021	2017	2021
Personal Power - feeling of control over things that happen to them	50	43	43	35
Self-Esteem	54	45	38	29
Sense of Purpose	65	57	53	41
Positive View of Personal Future	74	66	70	66

SELF-ESTEEM

● Male ● Female



SENSE OF PURPOSE

● Male ● Female



POSITIVE VIEW OF PERSONAL FUTURE



FAMILY ASSETS

		Average (2006-2009)	2017	2021
Family boundaries	MS	52	60	55
	HS	48	57	52
Family support	MS	80	79	78
	HS	66	73	66
Positive family communication	MS	45	47	41
	HS	26	33	28

NEXT STEPS...