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— **STEELE COUNTY** —

**MINNESOTA  
STUDENT SURVEY**

— **2025** —



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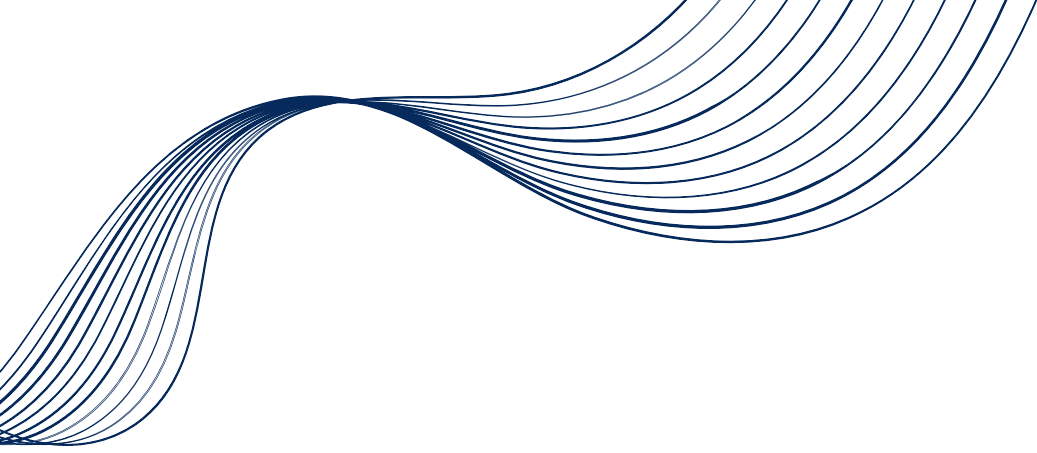
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**QUESTIONS**



# OVERVIEW





# GROUNDING



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**We want policies, programs, and activities in schools and throughout the community that reflect our students' needs.**

**We value opportunities to lift up student voices and want to empower students to voice their needs.**

**We want to protect students from hurt and harm; we can't always prevent bad things from happening, but knowing what's happening in their world can help us support them.**

# BACKGROUND



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## What is the MSS?

The Minnesota Student Survey (MSS) is a voluntary and anonymous school-based survey that began in 1989 and is conducted to gain insights into the world of students and their experiences.

## When is the MSS offered?

The MSS is offered every three years, with the next survey being offered between January and June 2025.

## Who takes the MSS?

Students in the 5th, 8th, 9th, and 11th grades.

## Who are key partners in administering the MSS?

Local schools & school districts  
MN Department of Education  
MN Department of Health  
MN Department of Human Services  
MN Department of Public Safety

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## Who uses MSS data?

- Schools & school districts
- Youth-serving organizations
- Health & human services agencies
- Hospitals & clinics
- Parents & the general public
- State agencies

## How is the MSS data used?

- Educator, school, & student decisions
- Grant applications
- Program evaluations & reporting
- Community health needs assessments
- Accountability & transparency
- State policies, decisions, & funding

## Where can survey results be found?

District-level and county-level MSS data reports developed by the MN Department of Education can be accessed through <http://mss.mn.gov/>.

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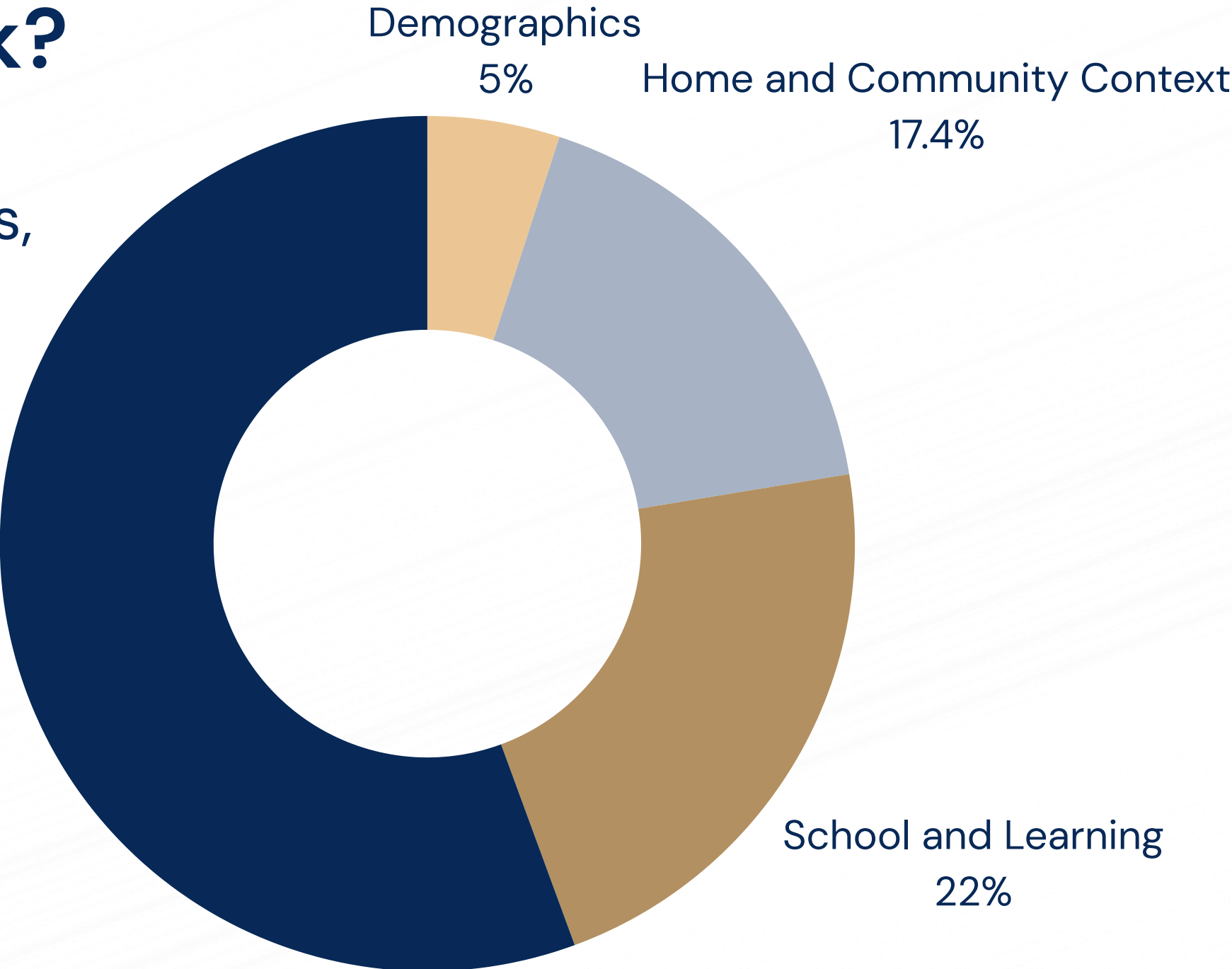


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## What questions does the MSS ask?

The MSS includes three age-appropriate questionnaires that cover a wide range of topics, including demographics, substance use, health concerns, mental health, school climate, and risk and protective factors.

- Level 1 = Elementary School (5th)
- Level 2 = Middle School (8th)
- Level 3 = High School (9th & 11th)





# **STEELE COUNTY STUDENT DATA**



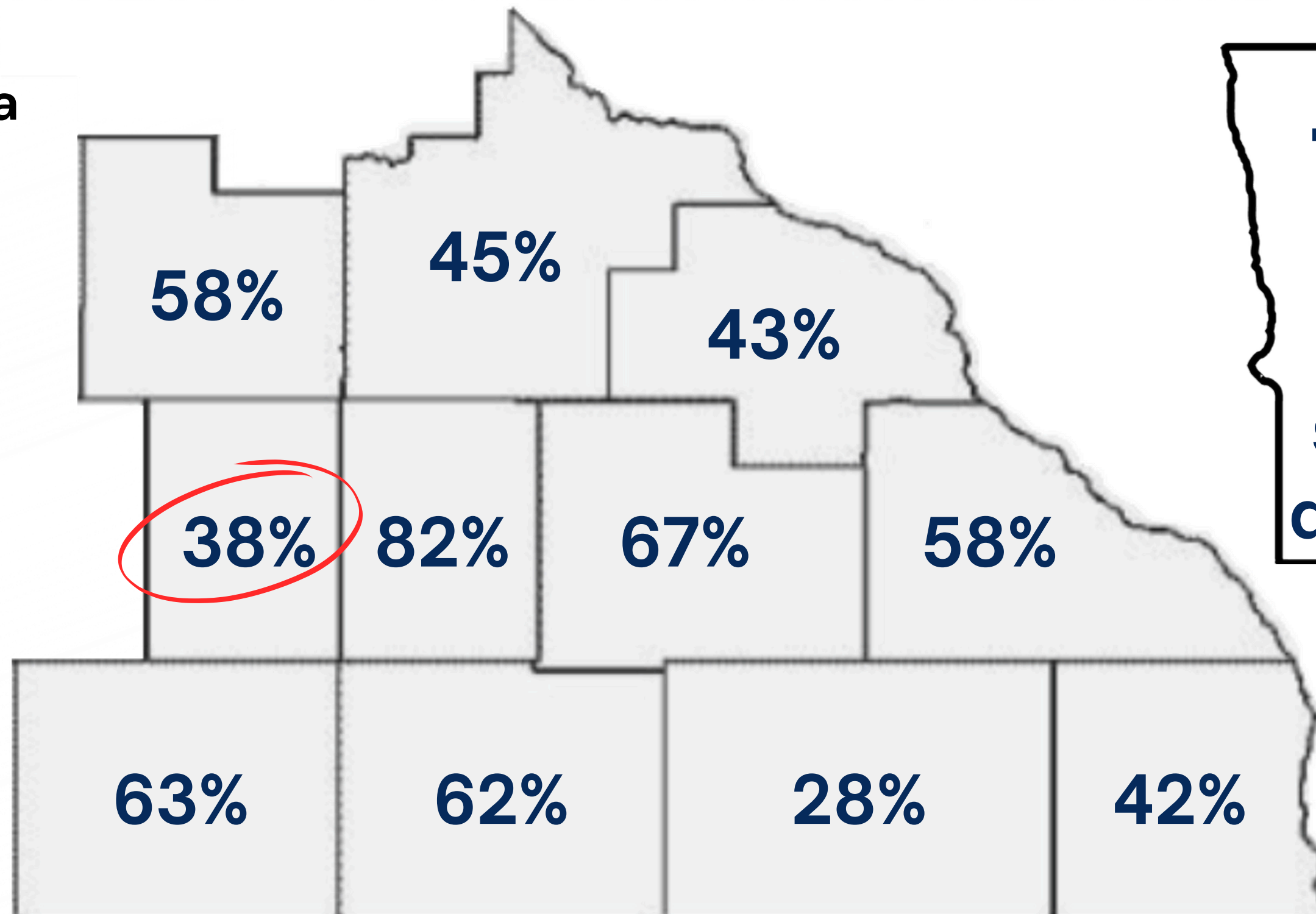
# MSS PARTICIPATION (2022)



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## Response Rates in Southeast Minnesota

- Dodge: 82%
- Fillmore: 28%
- Freeborn: 63%
- Goodhue: 45%
- Houston: 42%
- Mower: 62%
- Olmsted: 67%
- Steele: 38%
- Rice: 58%
- Wabasha: 43%
- Winona: 58%



**70%**  
of  
public  
school  
districts

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## Minnesota Student Survey Dashboard

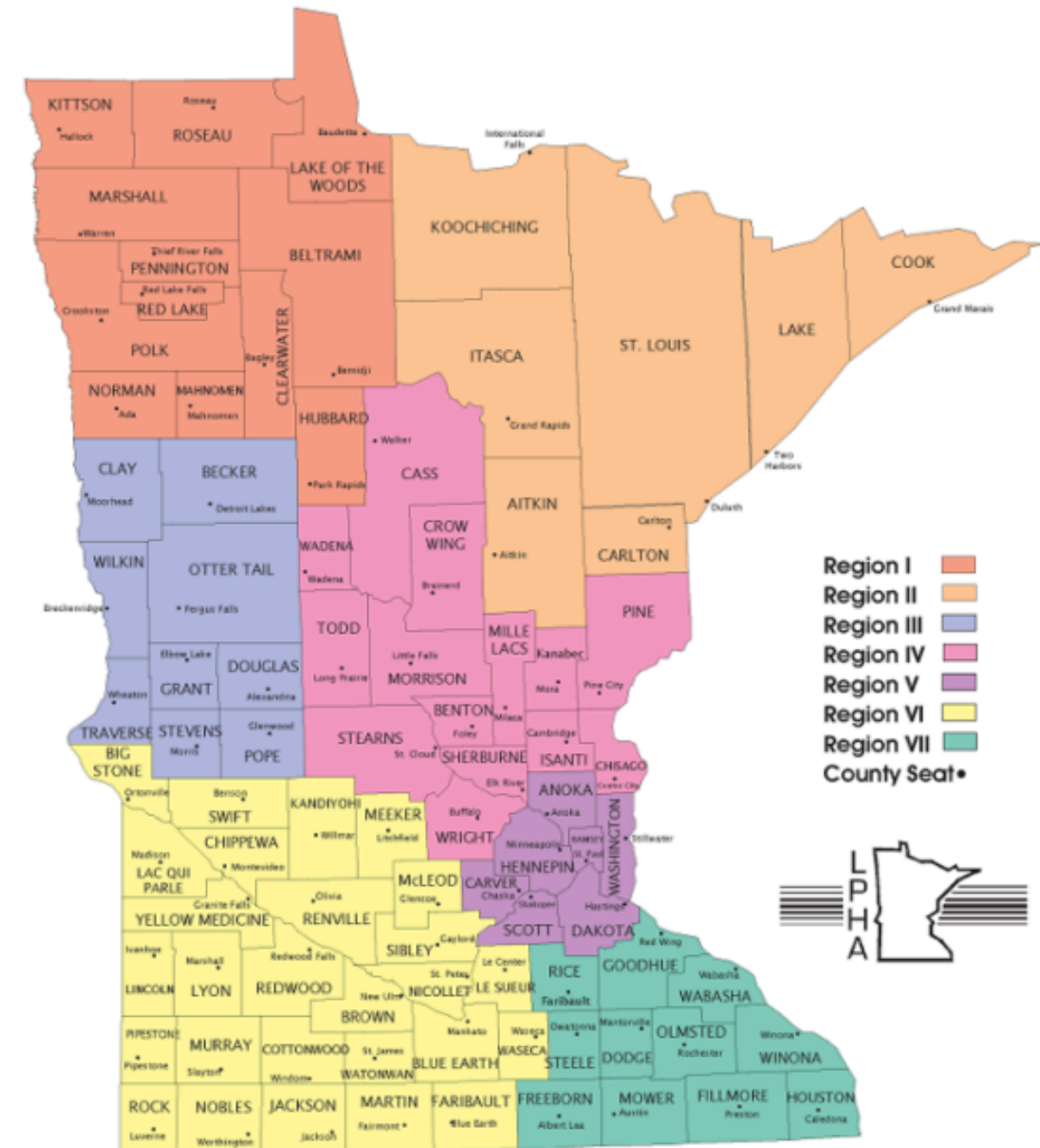
This dashboard features pages with different categories of Minnesota Student Survey (MSS) questions. Each page is set up to show data for SE MN as a whole, but gives the option to click on a specific county to see that county's data. The SE MN region is considered the green counties in the map to the right. This data can be used by counties for planning and decision making around programs and community partnerships.

To protect student confidentiality, data in this dashboard is suppressed if numbers are less than 5.

### About MSS:

- The survey is conducted every 3 years. This dashboard contains data from the 2016, 2019, and 2022 surveys.
- Students in grades 5, 8, 9, and 11 are surveyed, although not all grades are asked the same questions.
- Not all school districts participate in the survey.
- When a school participates, all students in the grades listed above are offered the survey. Students may opt out of the survey.

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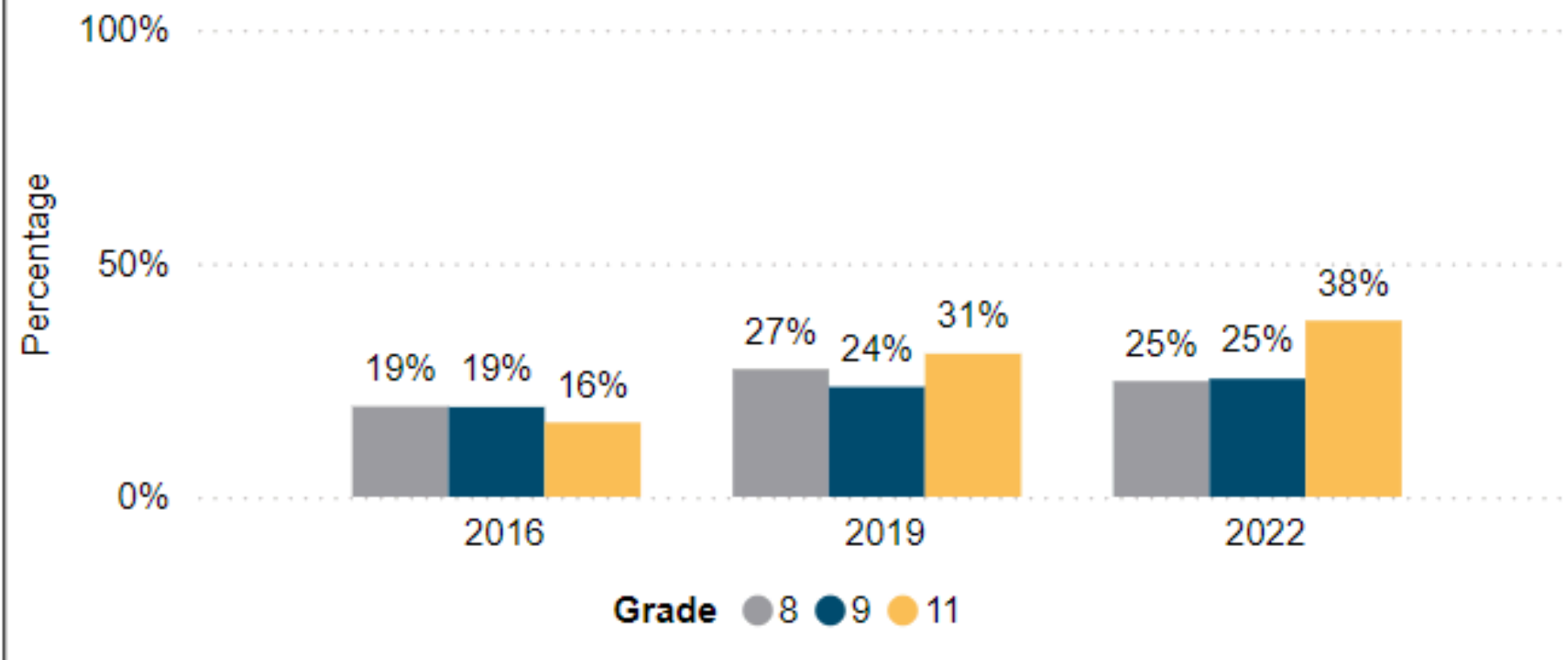


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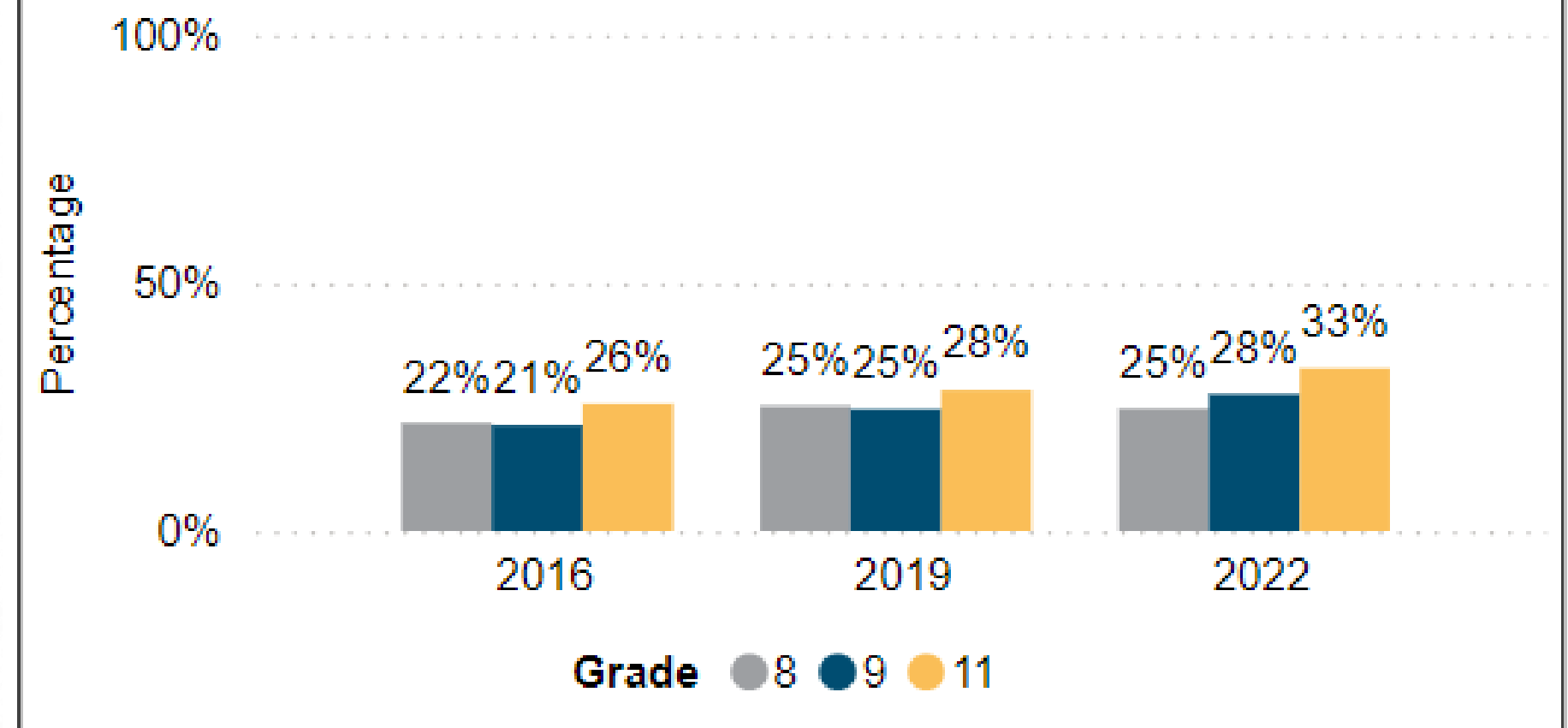


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Percent of County Students Reported Mental Health Problem by Year & Selected Demographic



Percent of County Students Reported Ever Considered Suicide by Year & Selected Demographic

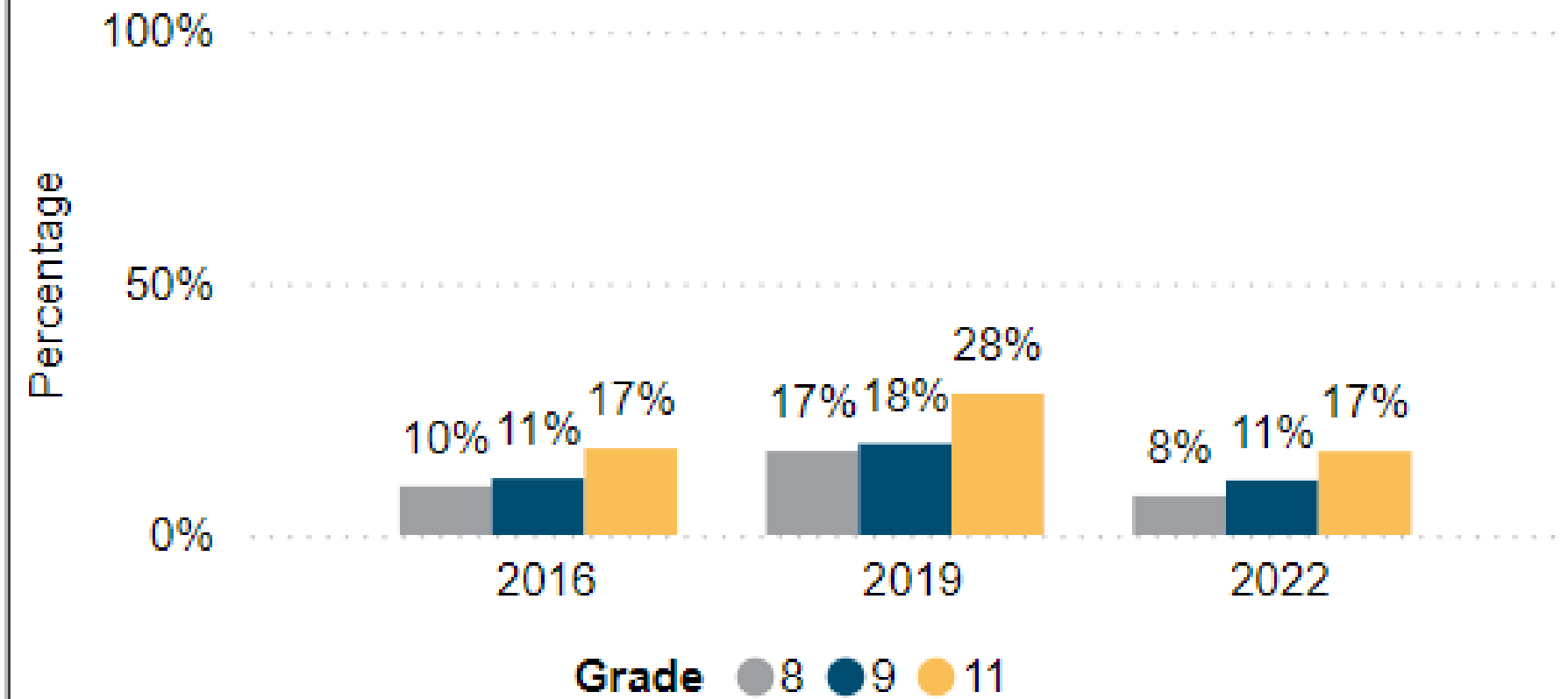


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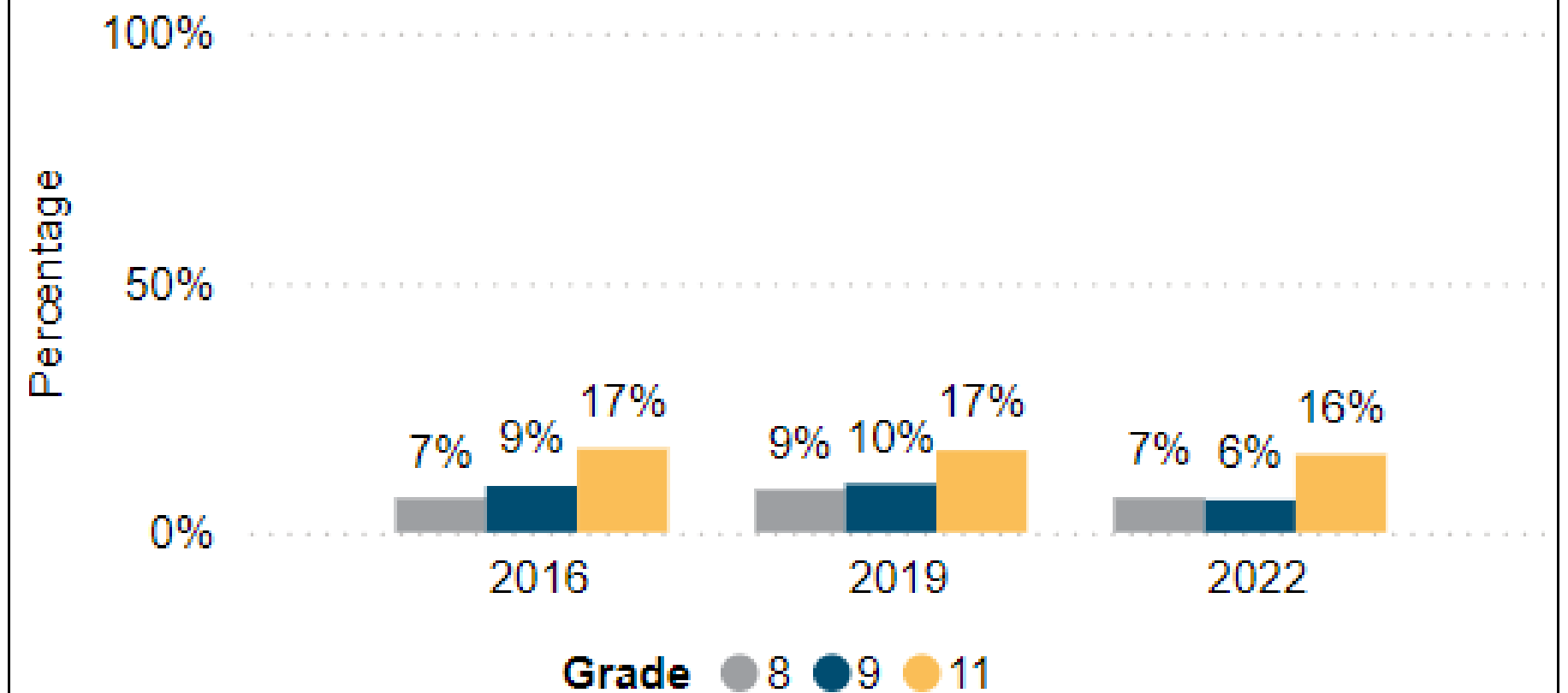


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Percent of County Students Reported Using E-Cigarettes in Past 30 Days by Year & Selected Demographic



Percent of County Students Reported Using Marijuana in Past 12 Months by Year & Selected Demographic

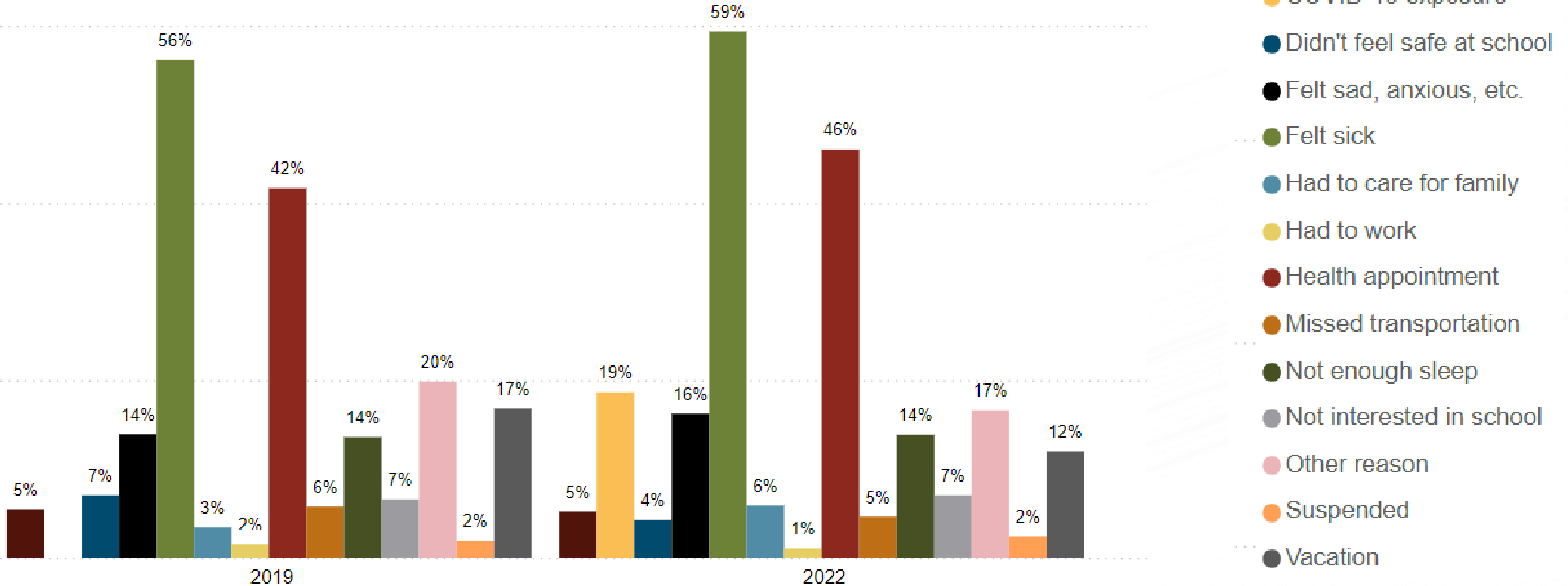


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Of Students Who Missed Any School In Last 30 Days, Percentage of Minnesota Students Reasons For Missing Any School by Year

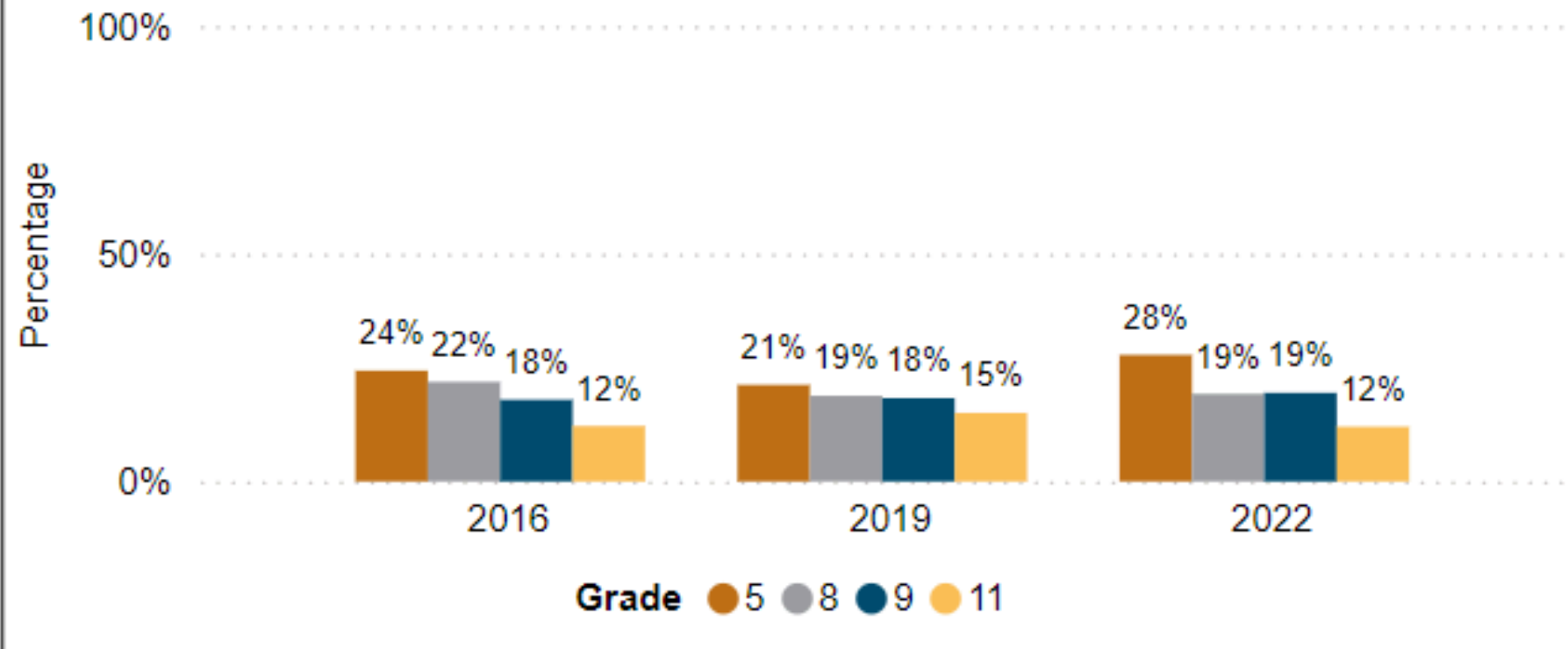


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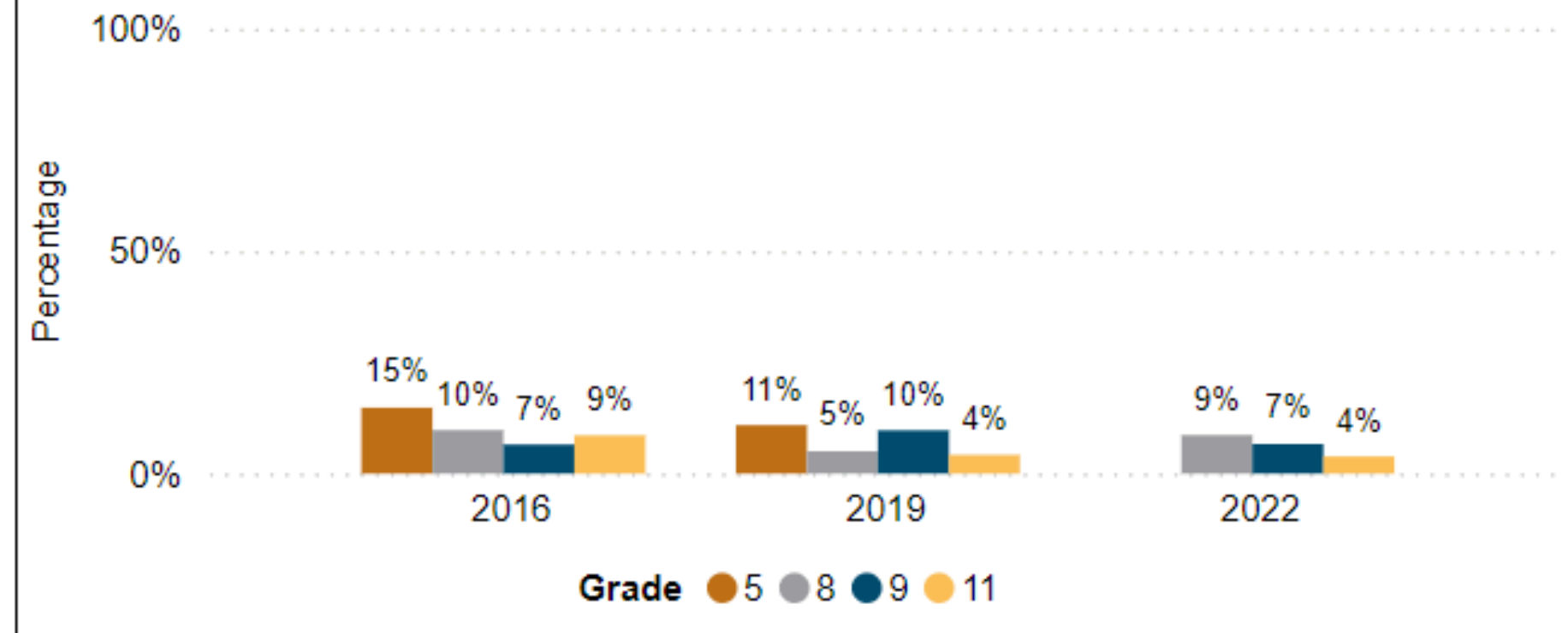
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Percentage of County Students Reported They Were Physically Active At Least 60 Minutes Per Day In Past 7 Days by Year & Selected Demographic



## Five Fruits & Vegetables

Percent of County Students Reported The Selected Recommended Dietary Intake by Year & Selected Demographic



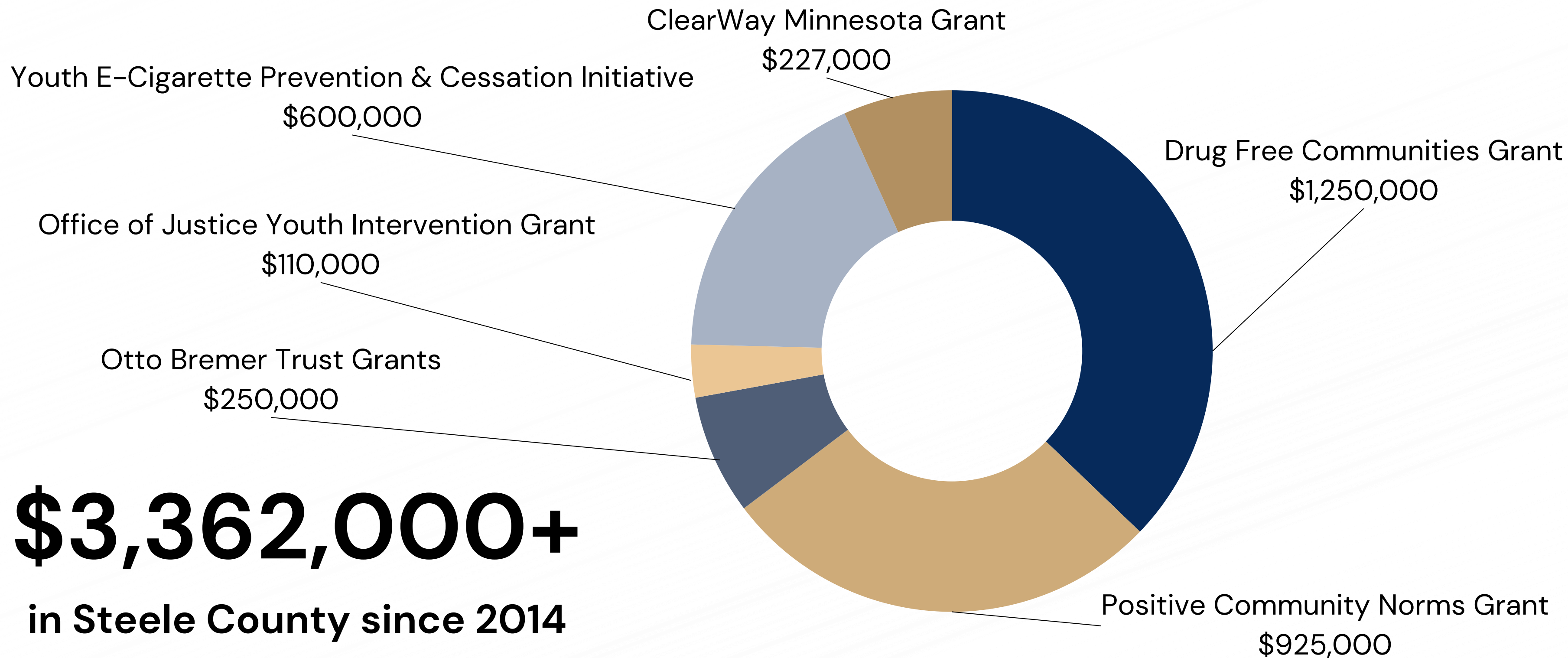


# **IMPACT ON STEELE COUNTY STUDENTS**

# FUNDING FOR YOUTH PROGRAMS



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**\$3,362,000+**  
in Steele County since 2014



# SHIP SCHOOL PROJECTS



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# OPPORTUNITIES



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 **DEPARTMENT  
OF HEALTH**

 **DEPARTMENT  
OF EDUCATION**



Safe Routes to Schools

Toward Zero Deaths

Transportation Alternatives Program

Statewide Health Improvement Partnership

Cannabis & Substance Use Prevention

Opioid Response Initiative...and more!

## Who benefits?

Physical Education & Health Teachers

School Food Authorities

School Wellness Committees

School Counselors & Social Workers

School/District Administrators

Community-Based Programs

Health & Human Services Agencies

Healthcare Providers

Community Members

## STUDENTS!

# NEXT STEPS



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Schedule survey administration between January – June 2025.

Notify parents at least two weeks prior to survey administration.

Administer the survey – most students complete it in 30 minutes.

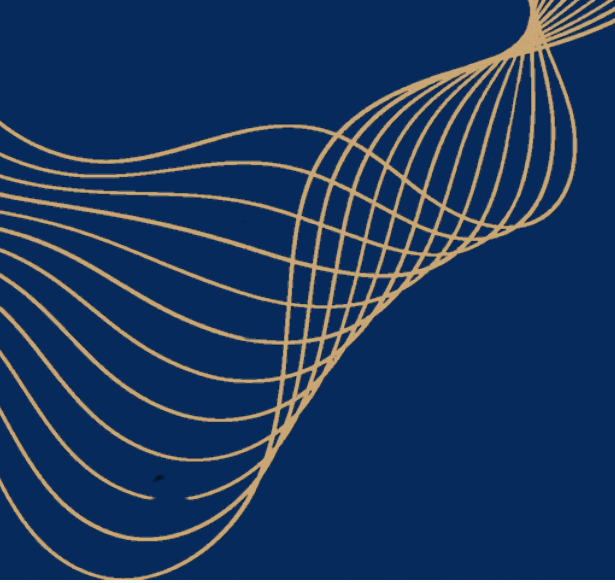
**MSS 2025 ADMINISTRATION**



Schools who complete the survey by early March receive an executive summary of findings in May.

As MSS reports are published and data is visualized, SCPH staff will provide support to school districts in accessing and utilizing the data.

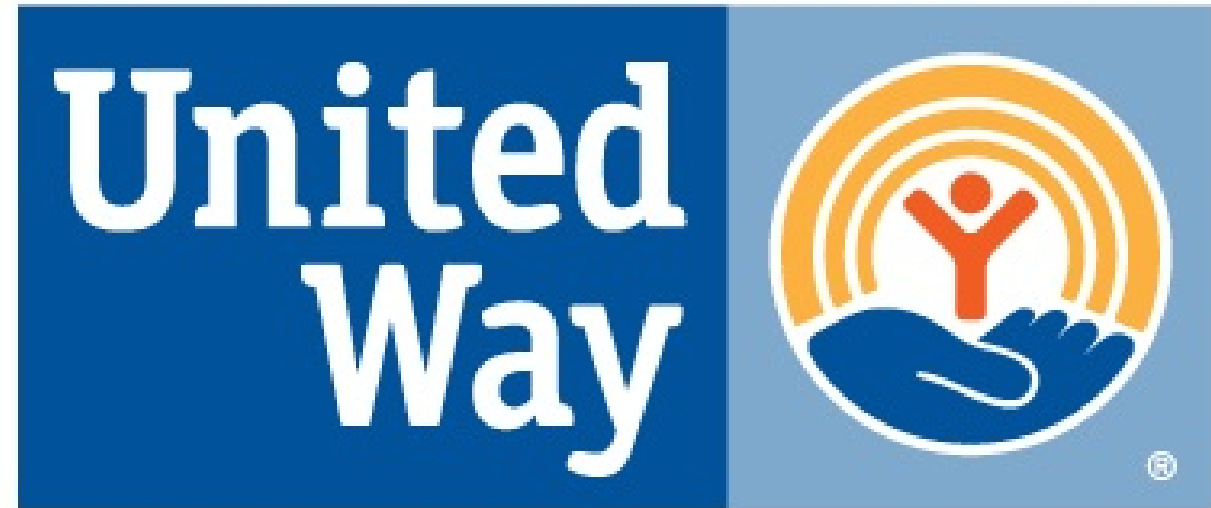
**MSS 2025 REPORTING**



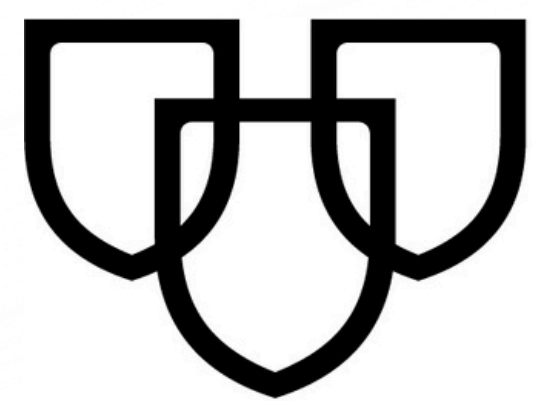
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