

The Alverno Report: The Status of Girls in Wisconsin

Youth Services Workshop

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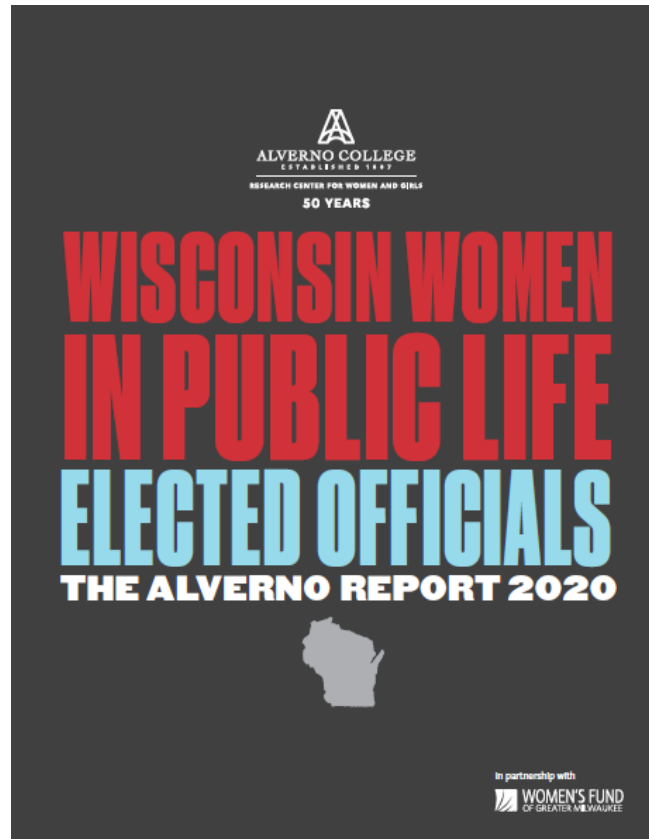
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GIRLS SUMMIT

**Second Annual
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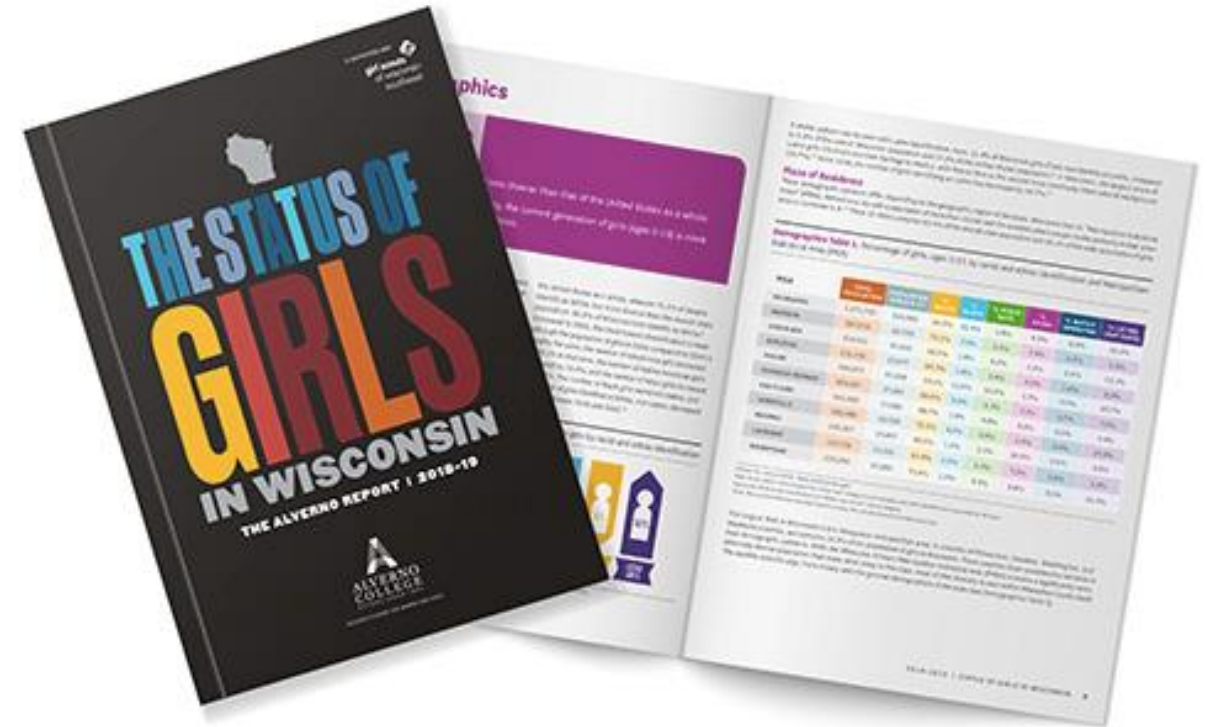
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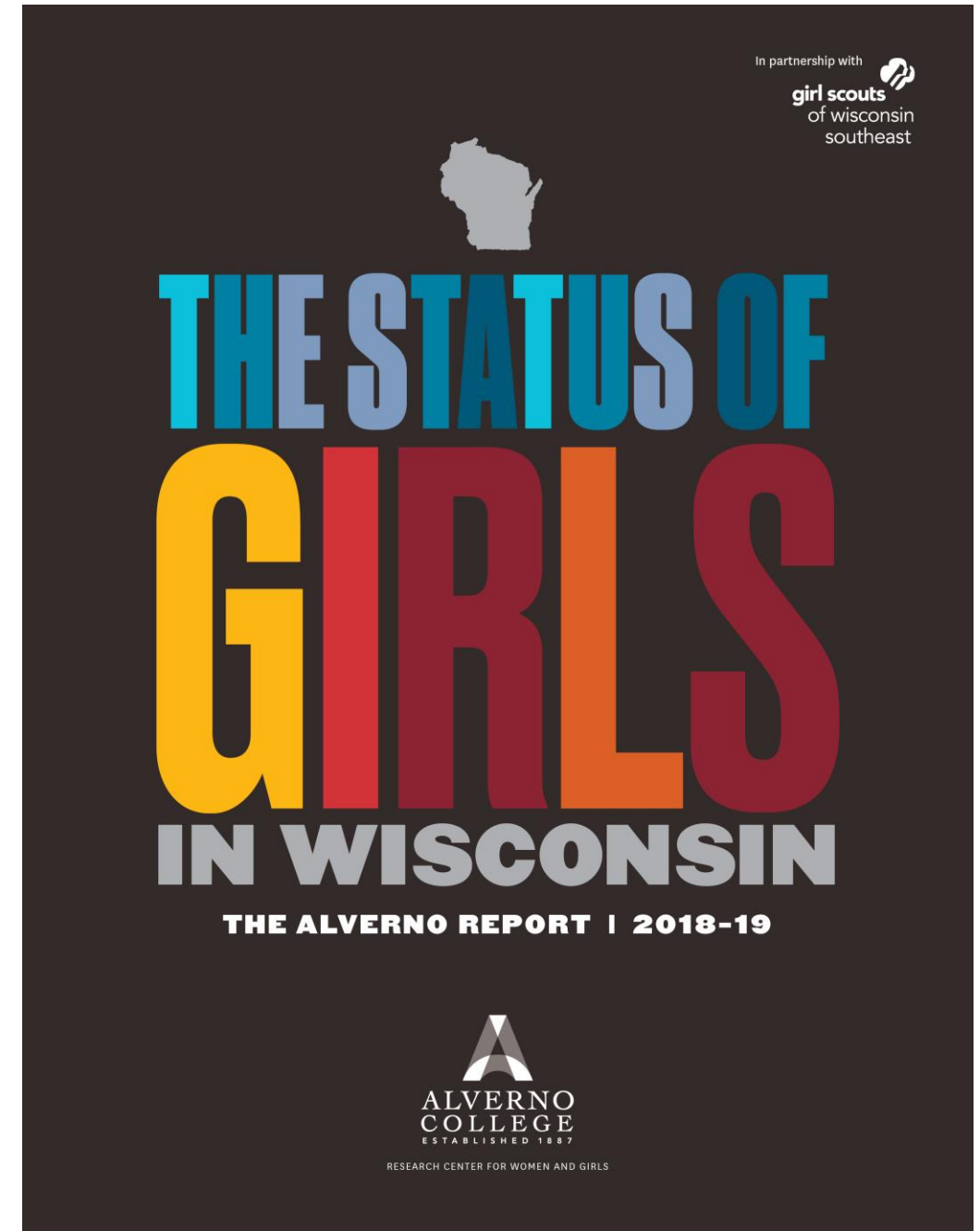
Past Reports: 2007, 2010, 2014

Information without extensive interpretation.

A catalyst to develop understanding, solutions, programming and resources needed to address these issues.



Demographics
Economic Health
Education (K-12 & Post-Secondary)
Media Engagement
Political Activity
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Mental Health
Substance Use
Sexual Health
Violence and Abuse
Crime and Incarceration
Social Support and Activities



Demographics

Wisconsin's population is less diverse than that of the United States as a whole.

As with the rest of the country, the current generation of girls (from birth to 18 years old) is more diverse than previous generations.

Demographics Infographic 1. Changes in the populations of Wisconsin girls by racial and ethnic identification

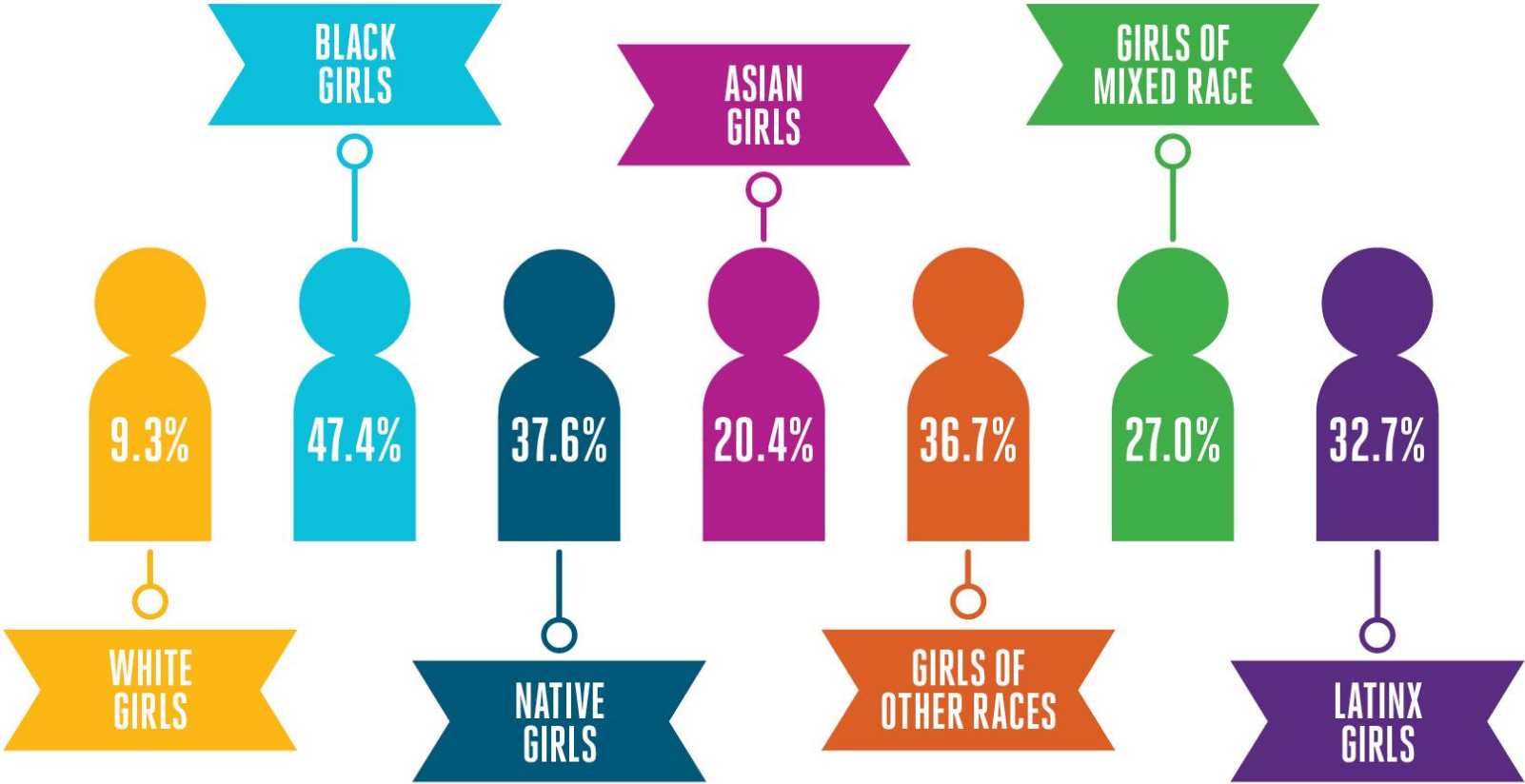


Economic Health

Nearly one in five girls in Wisconsin lives below the poverty level.

Economic distress is correlated with race and ethnicity.

Economics Infographic 1. Wisconsin girls' poverty rates by race and ethnicity



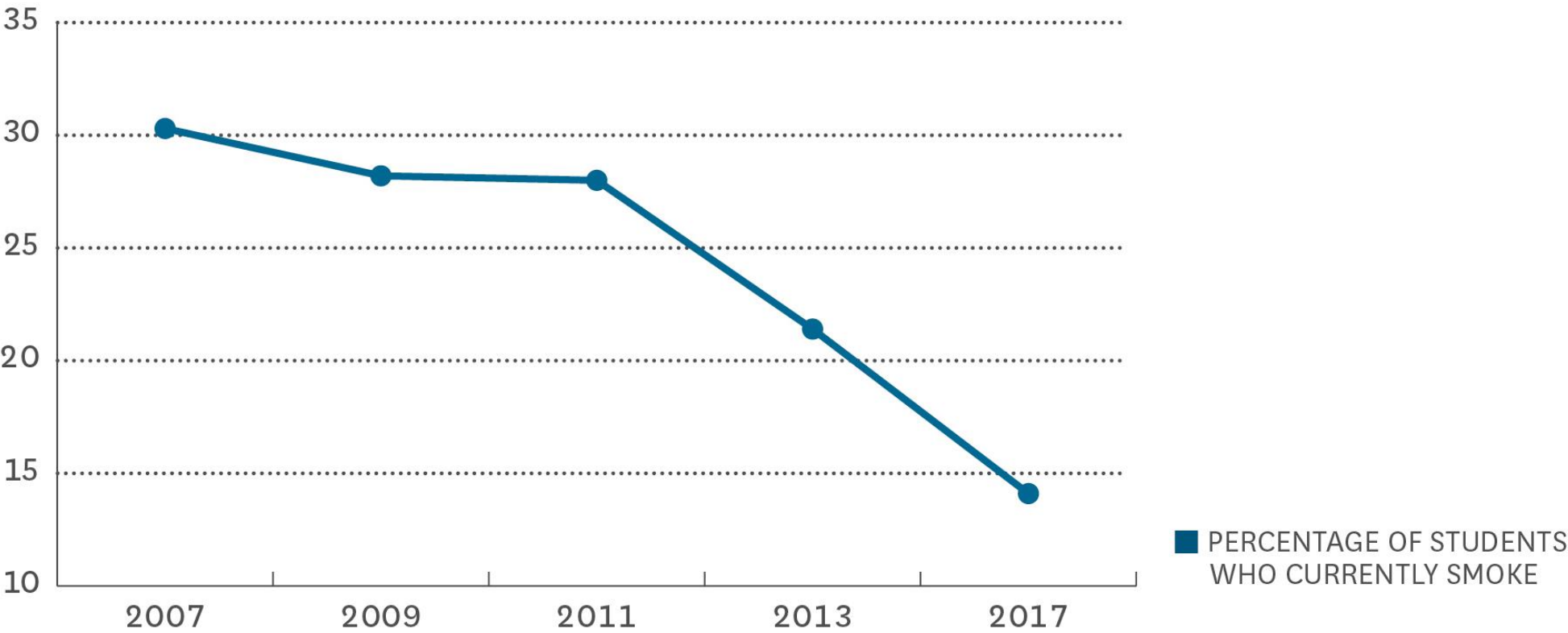
Source: U.S. Census Bureau (2016). Poverty Status in the Last 12 Months by Sex and Age, Tables B17001B through B17001I. American Community Survey 5-year estimates.

Substance Use

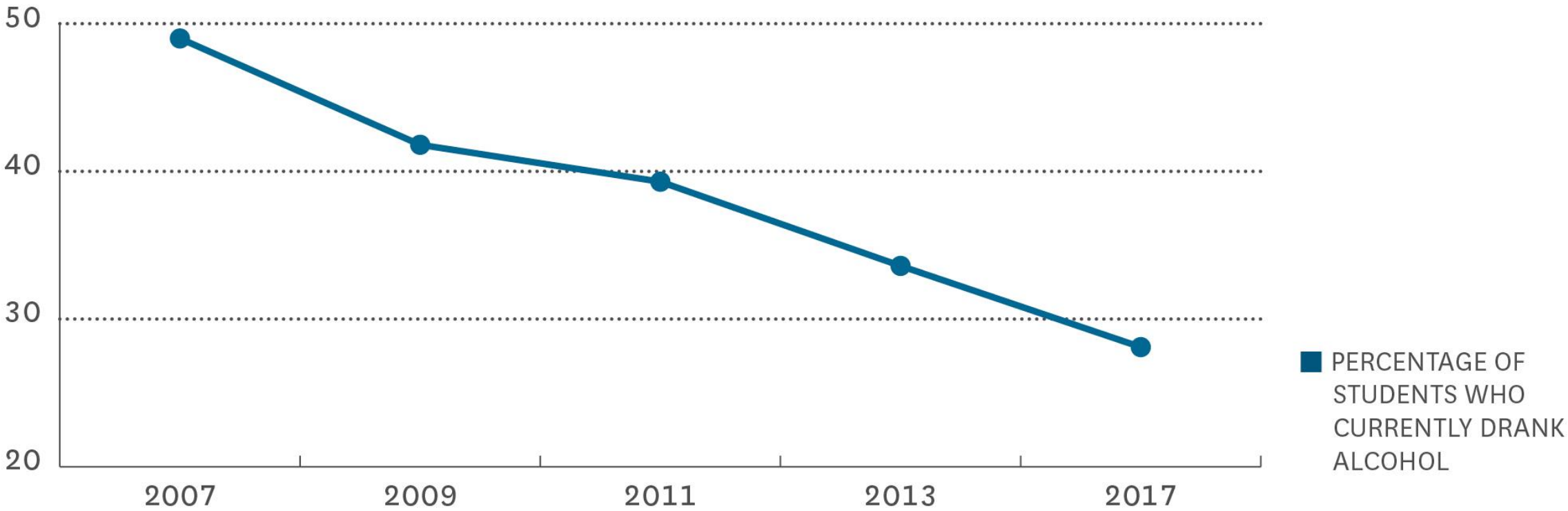
Rates of youth smoking continue to decline in Wisconsin and nationally.

Girls in Wisconsin report higher rates of alcohol use than boys.

Substance Use Graph 1. Trends in smoking by Wisconsin youth



Substance Use Graph 2. Trends in alcohol use among Wisconsin youth

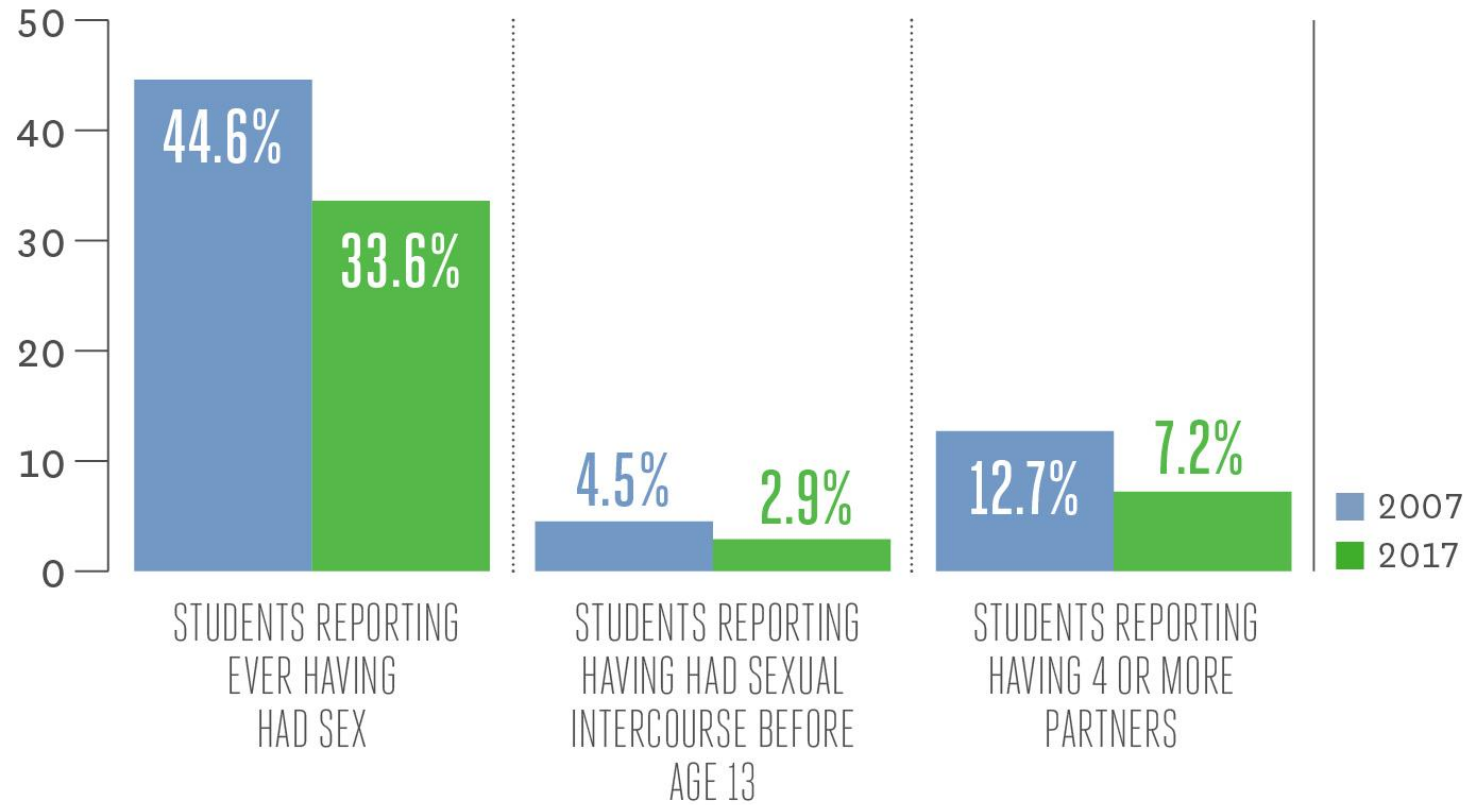


Sexual Health

Students continue to report declining rates of sexual activity and teen pregnancy.

Rates of sexually transmitted infections (STIs) are higher in Milwaukee County than in other parts of the state.

Sexual Health Graph 1. Changes in sexual activity by Wisconsin youth



Mental Health

38% of girls and 16% of boys responded “**yes**” to the question:

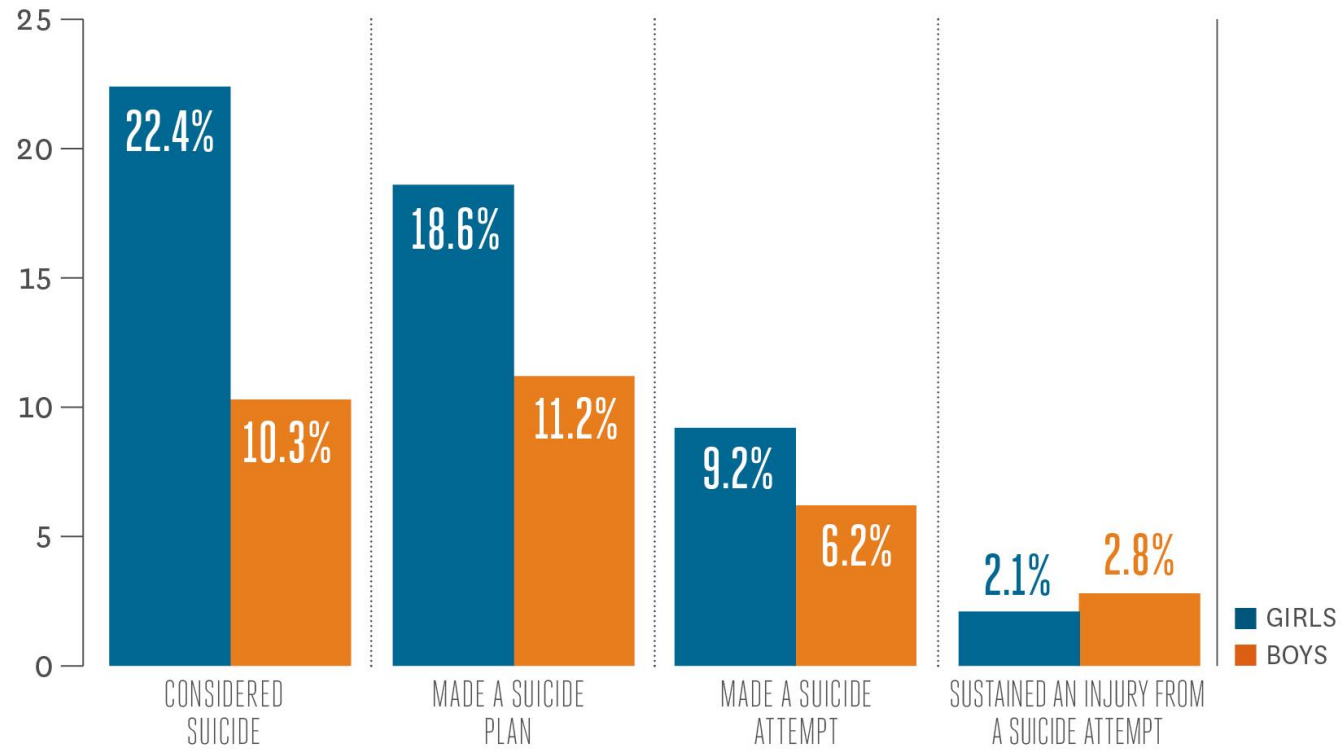
During the past 12 months, did you ever feel so sad or hopeless almost every day for two weeks or more in a row that you stopped doing some usual activities?

50.3% of girls and 29.2% of boys reported having significant problems with anxiety over the past 12 months.

More Wisconsin girls than boys report suicidal planning and behaviors as well as self-harm behaviors.

Suicidal youth report lower rates of being able to access help when needed.

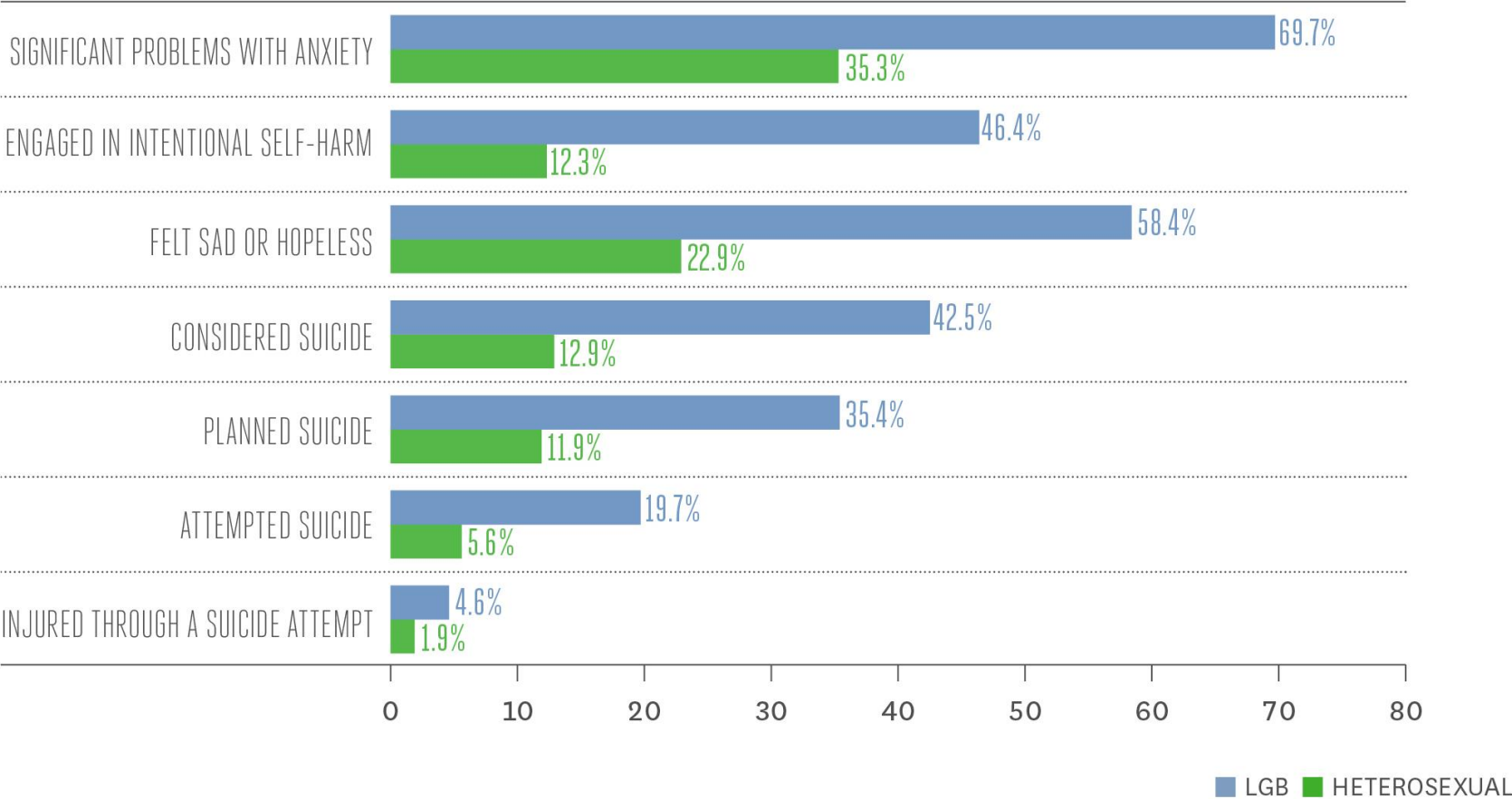
Mental Health Graph 1. Percentage of girls and boys on variables related to suicide



IN THE PAST YEAR

Source: Wisconsin Department of Public Instruction (2017). Youth Behavior Risk Survey Results, Questions 26-29. Retrieved from <https://dpi.wi.gov/sites/default/files/imce/sspw/pdf/yrbssuicidehelpseeking.pdf>

Mental Health Graph 2. Percentage of LGB and heterosexual students reporting mental health concerns

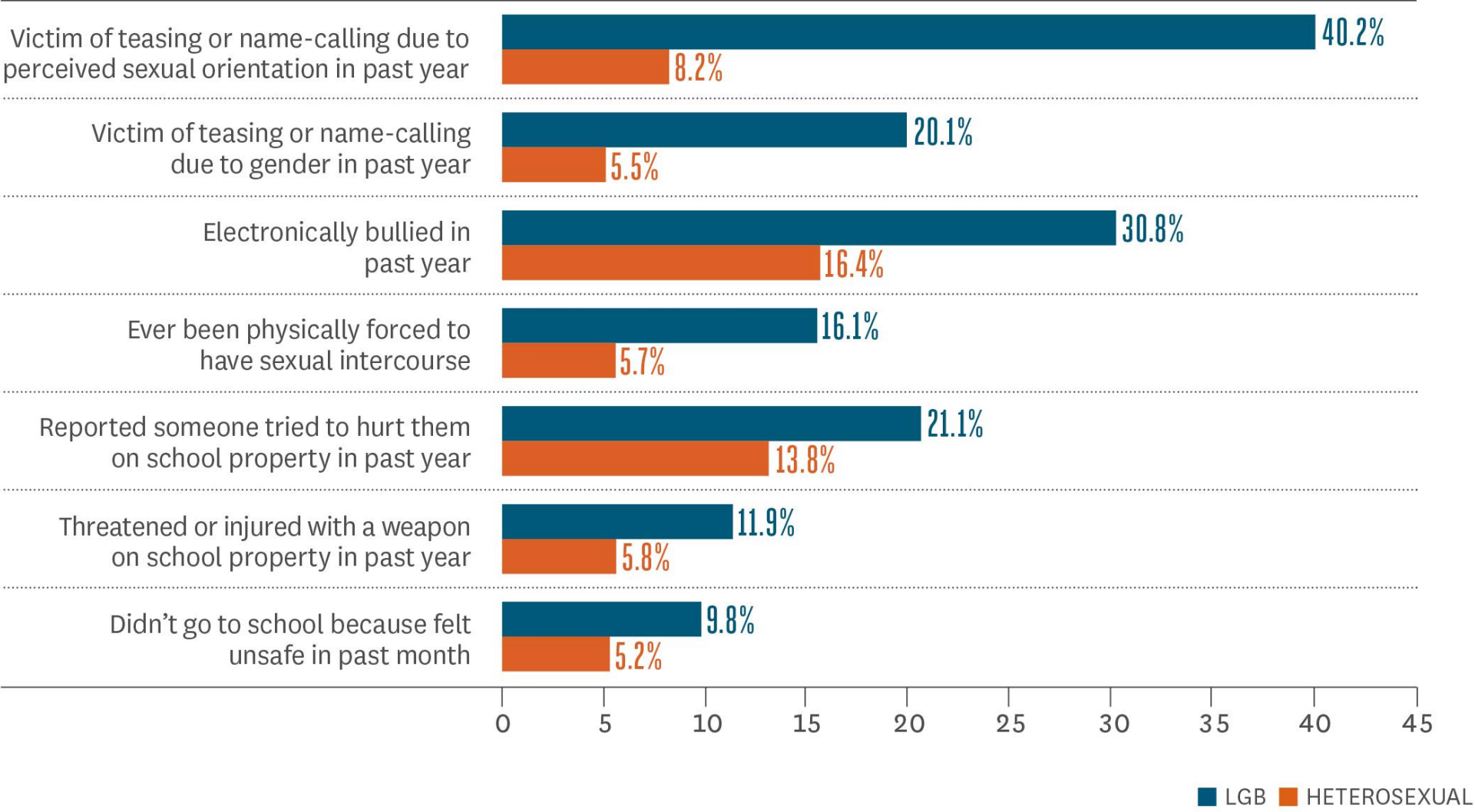


Mental Health Table 1. Percentage of girls and boys on variables related to suicide

	YOUTH WHO CONSIDERED SUICIDE	YOUTH WHO HAD NOT CONSIDERED SUICIDE
Reported feeling like they belong at school	45.4%	75.8%
Reported that they felt like they had a teacher to talk to when they needed it	61.7%	73.7%
Reported that they were not sure who they would talk to if they needed to talk to someone	26.8%	10.6%
Reported that they rarely or never get the help they need	62.1%	29.7%

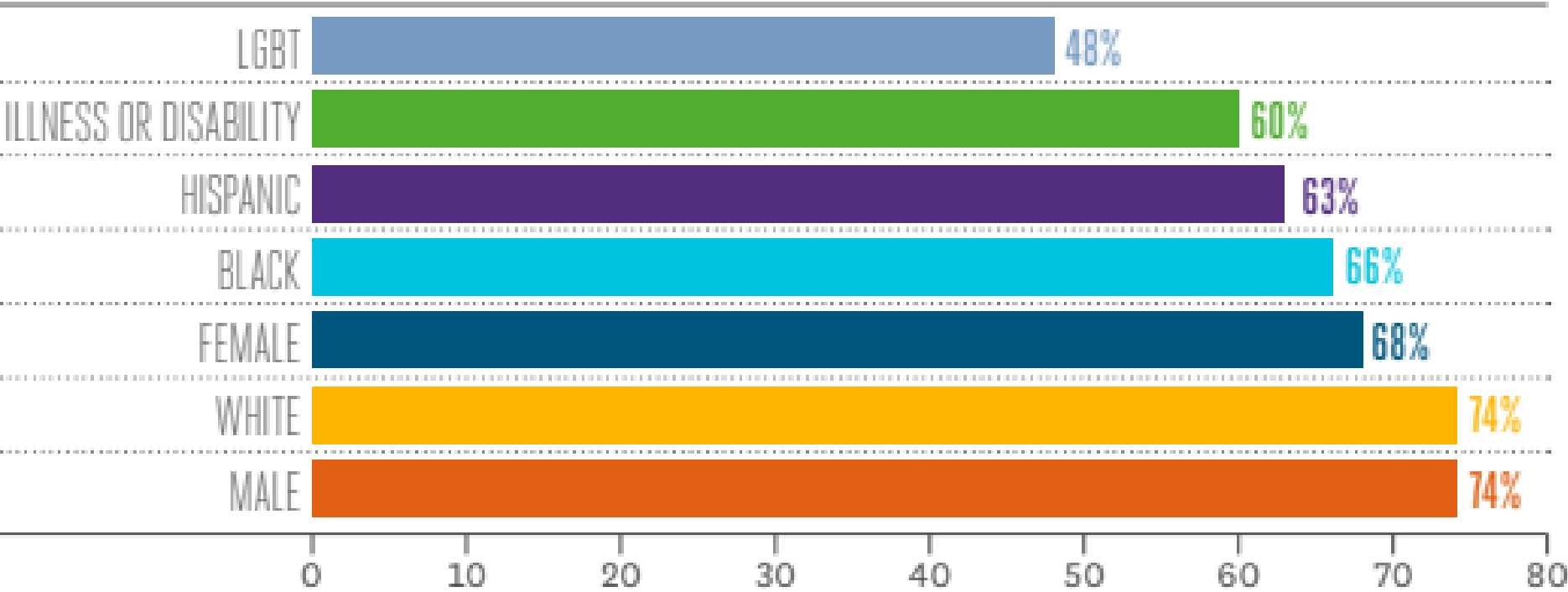
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Violence and Abuse Graph 1. Percentage of LGB and heterosexual students reporting violence and bullying



Source: Wisconsin Department of Instruction (2017). Youth Behavior Risk Survey Results, Risk Behaviors and Sexual Identity Report.
Retrieved from <https://dpi.wi.gov/sites/default/files/imce/sspw/pdf/yrbs17sexualidentity.pdf>

Social Support and Activities Graph 1. Sense of belonging at school



Violence and Abuse

Higher rates of child abuse are found in girls compared to boys in Wisconsin.

28.3% of Wisconsin girls and 20.1% of Wisconsin boys reported being bullied on school property at least once.

7.6% of Wisconsin girls reported that they did not go to school at least once in the past month because they felt unsafe.

Of the 5,294 total sex offenses in 2017, 4501 were female.

Known (Not Family) 2,528	Family 1,001	Current/Formal Partner		
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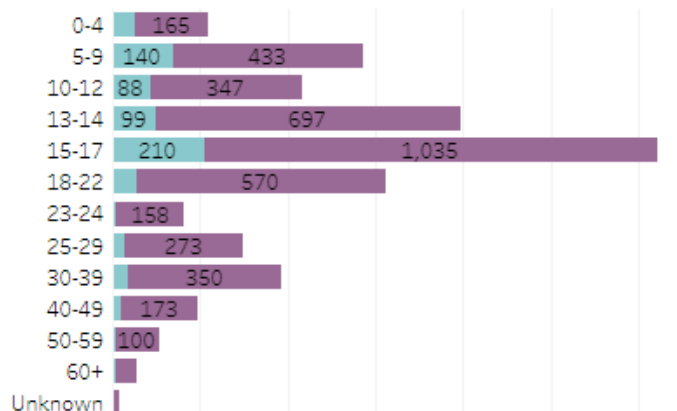
Victim Sex

Female	4,362
Male	751
Unknown	
Grand Total	5,113

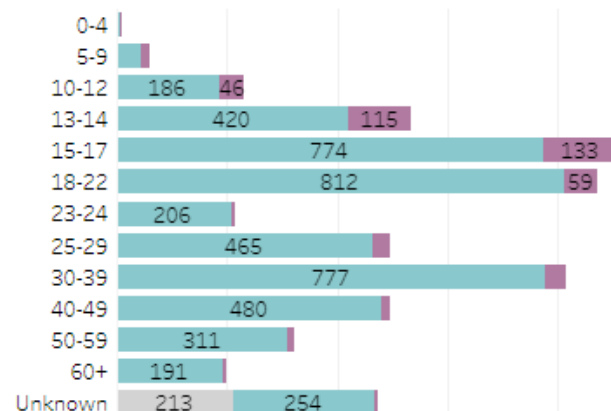
Offender Sex

Female	486
Male	4,923
Unknown	220
Grand Total	5,629

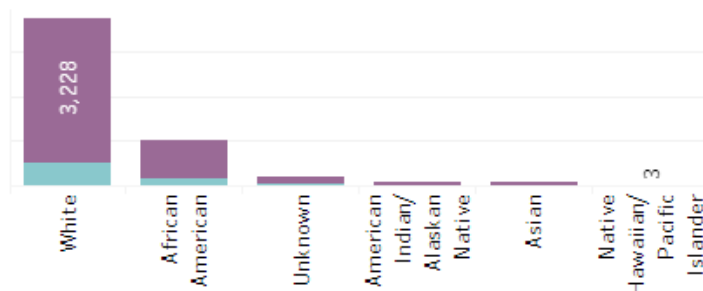
Victim Age



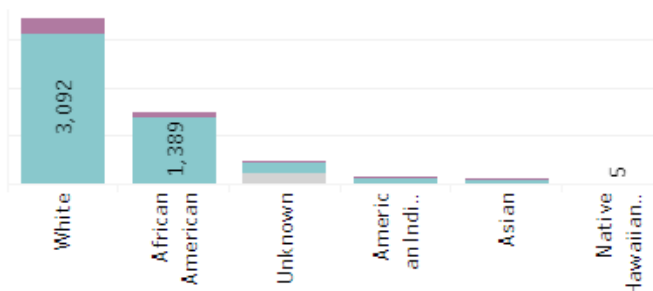
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Victim Race



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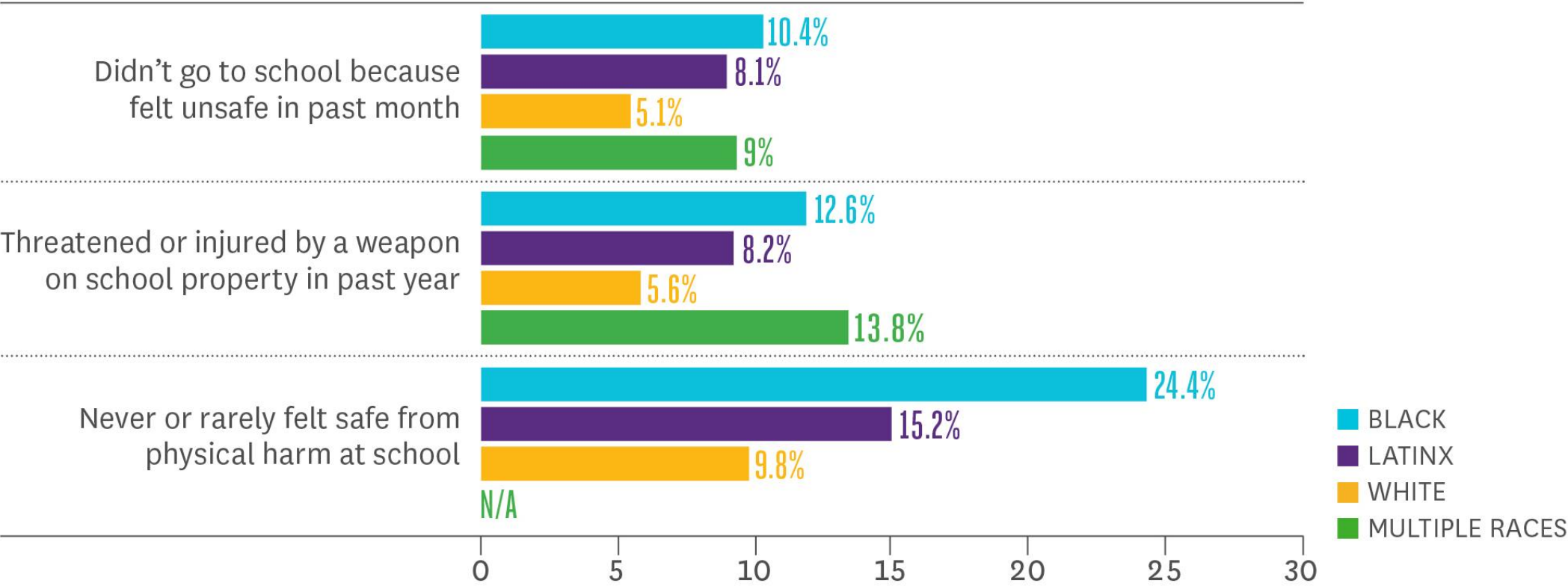


Wisconsin Uniform Crime Reporting (UCR) Data Dashboard

Violence and Abuse Table 2. Incidences of sex offenses against Wisconsin girls

AGE GROUP	NUMBER OF REPORTED SEX OFFENSES
0-4	180
5-9	505
10-12	410
13-14	688
15-17	1,155
18-22	523

Violence and Abuse Graph 2. Safety indicators at school, by race/ethnicity



Media Engagement

Social media and smartphone use is almost ubiquitous in teens' lives.

Girls, more than boys, are heavy online consumers. Of those teens surveyed nationally, half of girls reported being “near-constant” users compared to 39% of boys.

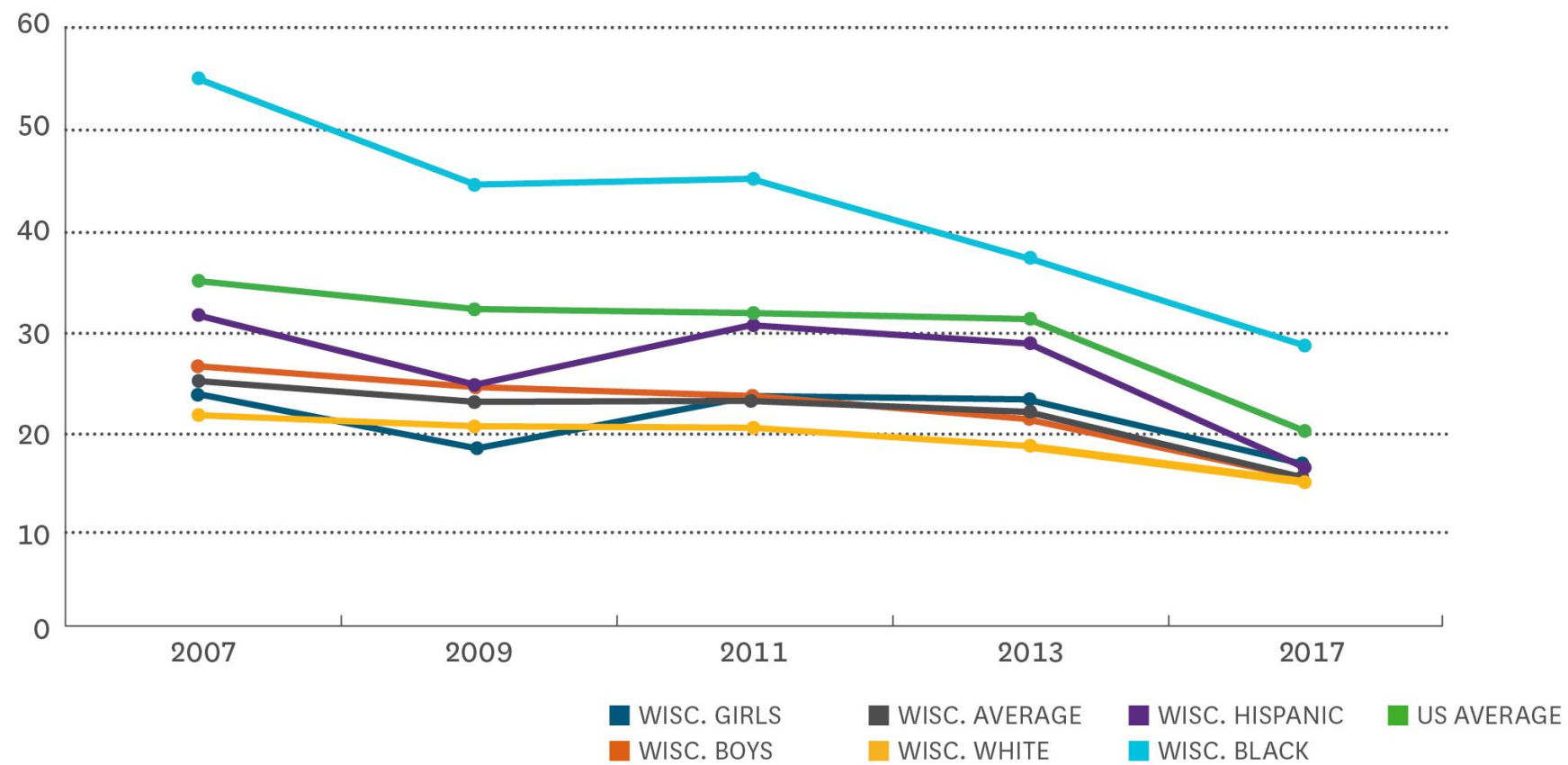
There has been a dramatic increase in the numbers of hours Wisconsin girls report being on computers or video or computer games.

They now surpass boys in this measure.

33.6% of Wisconsin 9th grade girls survey reported being cyberbullied.

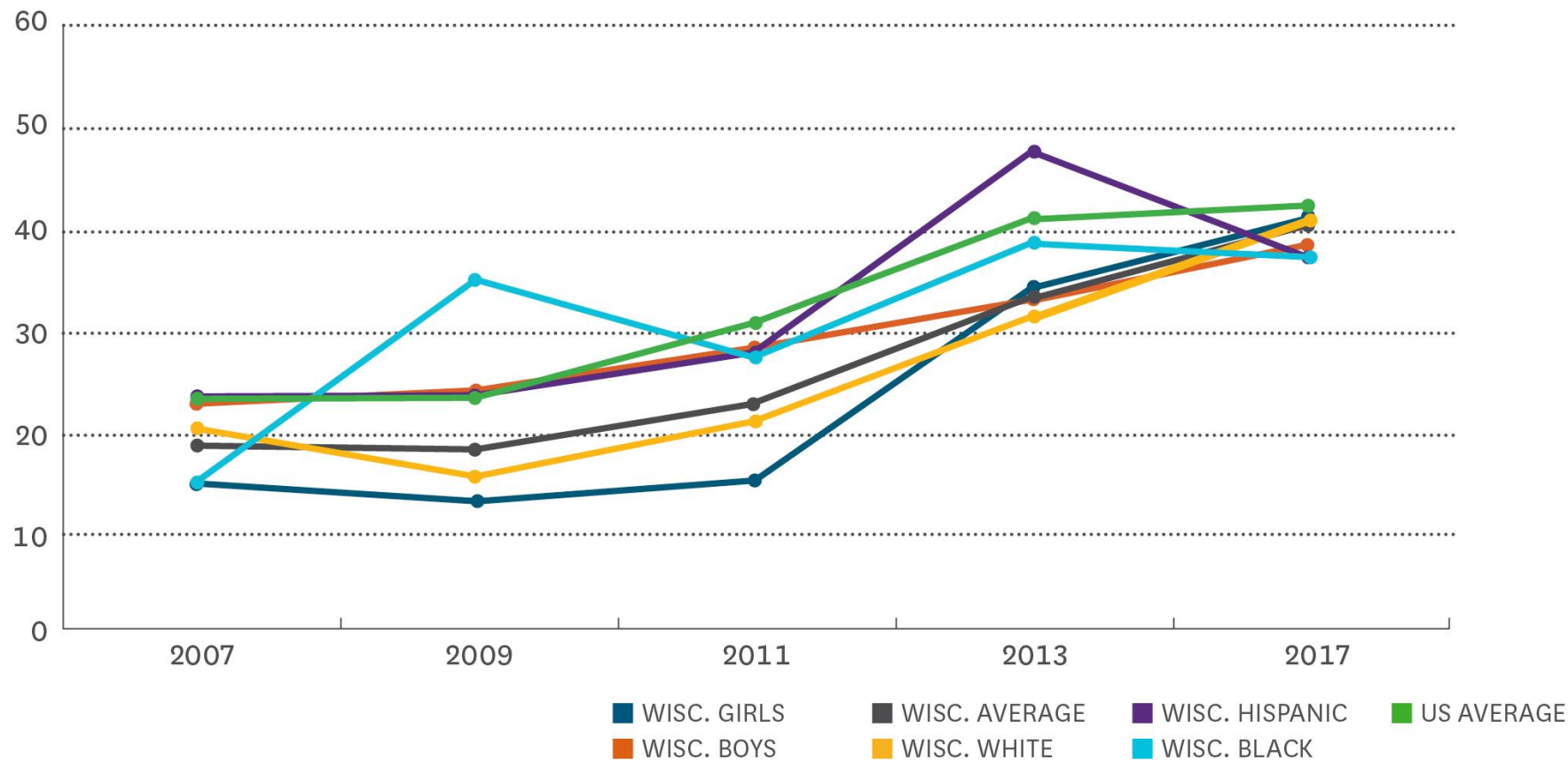
Overall the rate is 24.9% of high school girls compared with 11.9% of boys.

Media Engagement Graph 1. Percentage of Wisconsin students who watched television three or more hours per day (on an average school day)



Source: Wisconsin Department of Public Instruction (2017). Youth Risk Behavior Survey, 10-Year Trend Analysis Report.

Media Engagement Graph 2. Percentage of Wisconsin students who played video or computer games or used a computer three or more hours per day (on an average school day)



Source: Wisconsin Department of Public Instruction (2017). Youth Risk Behavior Survey, 10-Year Trend Analysis Report.

Civic Engagement

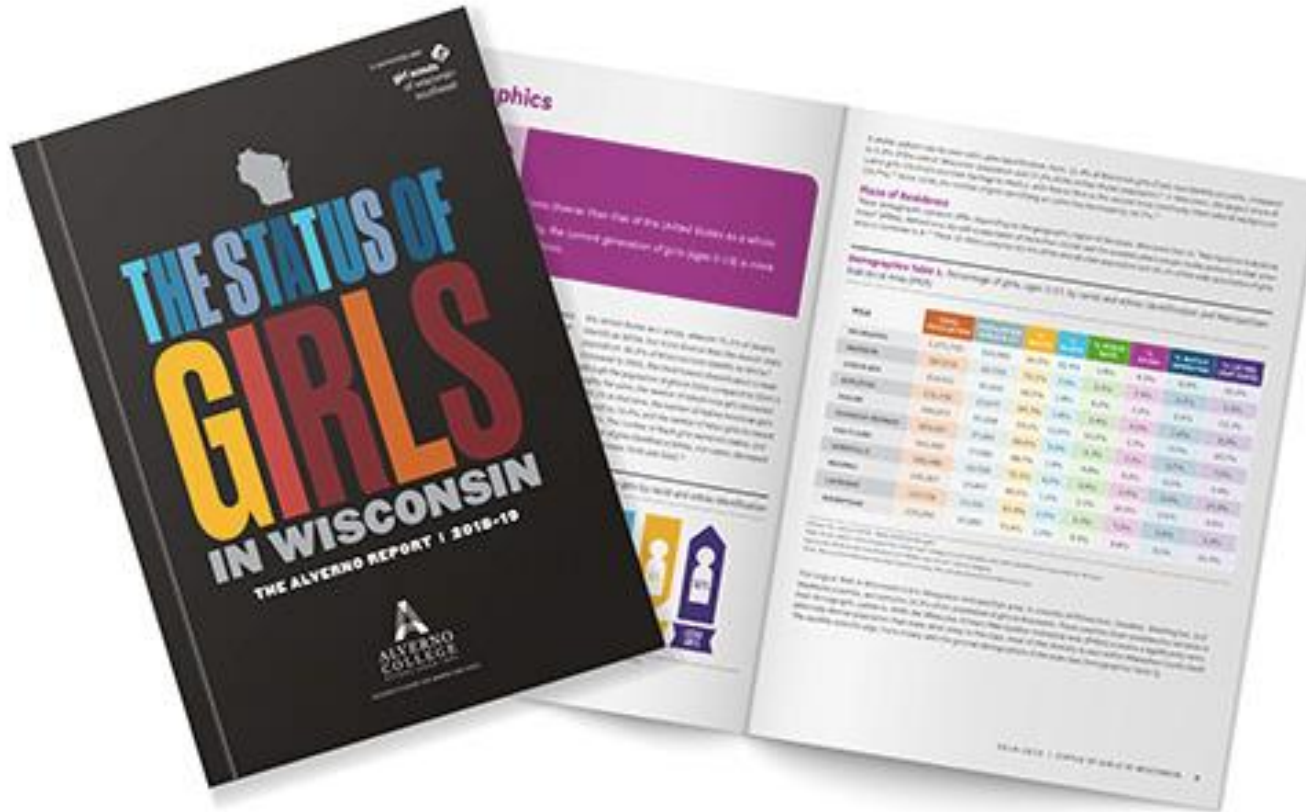
30,000 girls turn 18 each year in Wisconsin and become eligible to vote.

Young women are more likely to vote than young men and young Black women have the highest rate of voter turnout of ethnic groups studied.



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