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Executive Summary

Introduction

The following report aggregates data concerning youth in Dubuque County from a variety of sources. The information covers a wide range of topics. The report provides the foundation for further quantitative and qualitative research. The findings in this document provide perspective and insight into Dubuque County and allow for informed interpretations of the primary research study.

Demographic Profile

Situated on the eastern edge of central Iowa, Dubuque County is Iowa's seventh most populous county. The City of Dubuque harbors two-thirds of the county's population within its limits. According to the 2000 Census, there are 89,143 people (up 3.2% since 1990), 33,690 households, and 23,111 families residing in the county. The population density is 147 people per square mile. There are 35,505 housing units at an average density of 58 units per square mile. The racial makeup of the county is 97.1% White, 0.9% Black or African American, 0.1% Native American, 0.6% Asian, 0.1% Pacific Islander, 0.5% from other races, and 0.8% from two or more races. 1.2% of the population is Hispanic or Latino of any race.

There are 33,690 households out of which 33.1% have children under the age of 18 living with them, 56.8% are married couples living together, 8.7% have a single parent female head of household, and 31.4% are classified as non-

families. 26.7% of all households are made up of individuals and 10.8% have someone living alone who was 65 years of age or older. The average household size is 2.51 and the average family size is 3.07.

In the county the population is widely distributed with 25.6% under the age of 18, 10.2% from 18 to 24, 27.2% from 25 to 44, 22.3% from 45 to 64, and 14.7% who are 65 years of age or older. The median age is 36.5 years. The county is 51.4% female and 48.6% male.

The median income for a household in the county is \$39,582, and the median income for a family is \$48,742. Males have a median income of \$31,977 versus \$22,309 for females. The per capita income for the county is \$19,600. About 4.9% of families and 7.8% of the population are below the poverty line.

There are 23 cities and towns in Dubuque County. These include Asbury, Balltown, Bankston, Bernard, Cascade, Centralia, Dubuque, Durango, Dyersville, Epworth, Farley, Graf, Holy Cross, Key West, Luxemburg, New Vienna, Peosta, Rockdale, Rickardsville, Sageville, Sherrill, Worthington and Zwingle.

Healthy and Socially Competent Youth

Most indicators suggest that Dubuque County is outperforming the state average in a number of areas when it comes to public health, particularly of its youth. The rates of infant mortality, low birth weight and smoking during pregnancies are all significantly lower than the state average. Lead testing and childhood immunizations show improvements over time and significantly outpace the state averages. Although very few children in the county are without health insurance, the *hawk-i* program is likely underutilized as only 57% of eligible

children are enrolled. On the other hand, Title XIX assistance is very high with 85% of the eligible population enrolled and receiving benefits.

As reported on the Iowa Youth Survey, Dubuque County youth, age 12 to 17, report being relatively active and tend to eat a fairly healthy amount of fruit and vegetables. This is reflected in self-evaluations of weight as most youth feel they are at about the right weight. Obesity is a growing national concern and in Dubuque County, just over one in five of the total population is obese¹.

Also from the Iowa Youth Survey, the social competency of Dubuque County youth is rather similar to the social competency of youth in other parts of Iowa. Dubuque County exhibited almost no major differences from the state with regard to responses on suicide, teen sexual activity and substance abuse. As reported, very few youth in the community believe in discrimination (racially, culturally, socio-economically, etc.) and even fewer report being a victim of such discrimination. The vast majority of teens feel that it is against their values to have sex or use drugs as a teenager. Furthermore, most teens believe that using drugs, drinking alcohol and using tobacco pose a significant risk to their health, both mentally and physically.

Although Dubuque County's teen pregnancy rate is lower than the state and national rates, it still deserves priority treatment because of the significant economic and social effects for the parents and resulting children. Adolescent pregnancies slow achievement of social and economic independence including an interruption of formal schooling. Over three-fifths of teen mothers across the

¹ [AOA Fact Sheet](http://www.obesity.org/subs/fastfacts/obesity_youth.shtml). American Obesity Association. Accessed 3 October 2003. <http://www.obesity.org/subs/fastfacts/obesity_youth.shtml>.

nation live in poverty at the time of their child's birth and over four-fifths eventually live below the poverty line². Children born to teen mothers often fare badly during infancy, early childhood and into their adolescent and adult lives. Compared with children born to mothers who delay childbearing until the age of 21 or older, children of teen mothers are more likely to grow up in homes that are not emotionally supportive or cognitively stimulating, to suffer from abuse and neglect, to repeat a grade in school and to drop out of high school³.

Youth Prepared for and Successful in School

Dubuque County shows very little deviation from the state norms when it comes to student educational experiences and academic achievement. The State of Iowa has one of the top performing educational establishments in the nation, so it is encouraging news that Dubuque County is keeping pace with the rest of the state. Dubuque County youth do tend to be happier about their school experiences and in general have a more positive attitude about their academic career in a Dubuque County school.

The graduation rate in Dubuque County is slightly below the state average and the dropout rate a few tenths of a percentage point higher. The majority of students intend to enter college upon completion of their secondary education. Most Dubuque County youth feel that discipline in school is administered fairly, that the job and career training provided is useful and effective, and that the teachers care about their students and engage them on a personal level.

² Hotz et al. "The Impacts of Teenage Childbearing on the Mothers and the Consequences of those Impacts for Government," The Urban Institute Press, 1997.

³ Maynard, Rebecca (ed.), *Kids Having Kids: A Robin Hood Foundation Special Report on the Costs of Adolescent Childbearing*. New York: The Robin Hood Foundation, 1996.

Safe and Supportive Communities

In 2002, the State of Iowa ranked second in the country in the number of working parents and first in the country in numbers of working parents of school age children⁴. As a consequence, the number of children in child care as well as the funding for subsidies has been consistently rising. However, there continues to be a large number of youth on waiting lists for child care in Dubuque County. As recently as 2005, there were 300 infants waiting for slots to open up in child care facilities. As of 2005, there are 151 registered child care homes and 31 licensed child care centers in Dubuque County for a total capacity of just under 4,079 children⁵.

Crime rates in Dubuque County are lower than state averages in nearly every category. However, Dubuque County shows significant differences in juvenile crime with a 15% greater incidence of total juvenile arrests and juvenile violent crime than the state average. In spite of this larger percentage of juvenile crime, Dubuque County youth overwhelmingly identify their neighborhoods as safe places to live where adults care about people their age and where there is little violence and illegal activity.

Secure and Nurturing Families

The vast majority of youth feels as if they live in a relatively happy home and are close with their parents. It appears that there is an inverse relationship

⁴ Bruner, Charles, Abby Copeman and Betsy Marmaras. The Iowa Child Care Experience Since 1996: Implications for Federal and State Policy. Child & Family Policy Center. 2002. <<http://www.clasp.org/publications/iowafinal.pdf>>.

⁵ 2005 Annual Report. Dubuque County Empowerment.

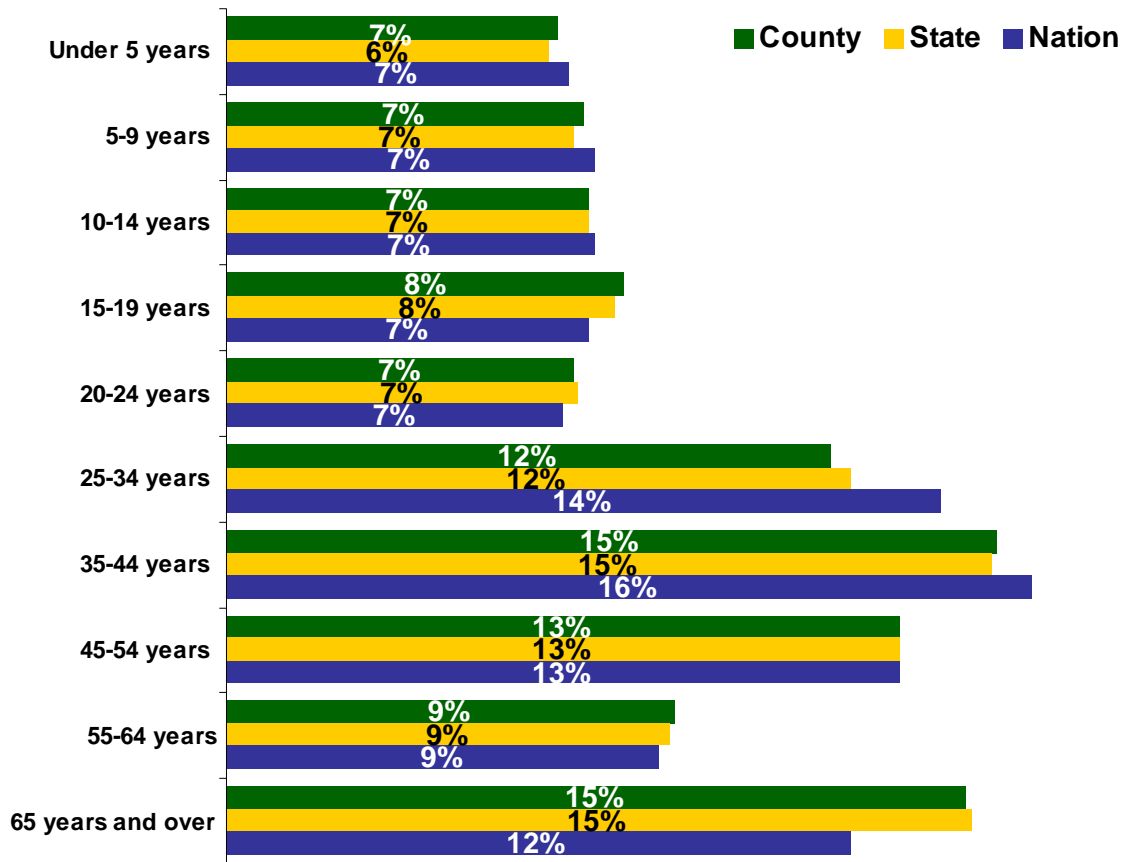
between happiness in the home and usage of drugs by one or more people in the home. Child abuse rates are lower than the state average though they have shown an increase recently. Most Dubuque County youth have at least one parent or guardian whom they are close to and feel they are able to talk about things that bother them or that they do not understand.

Engaged and Contributing Youth

Dubuque County youth do not deviate much from the average Iowa youth when it comes to community involvement and contributing toward society. Dubuque County youth spend as many hours working at an outside job as the average Iowa youth. Furthermore, they spend as much time participating in activities outside of school, reading for fun, attending church or synagogue worship services and volunteering as the average Iowa youth. The typical Dubuque County youth is an engaged, contributing member of the community.

Demographics Profile

Age



Definition

- 2000 Census age results for Dubuque County and the State of Iowa.^{6,7}

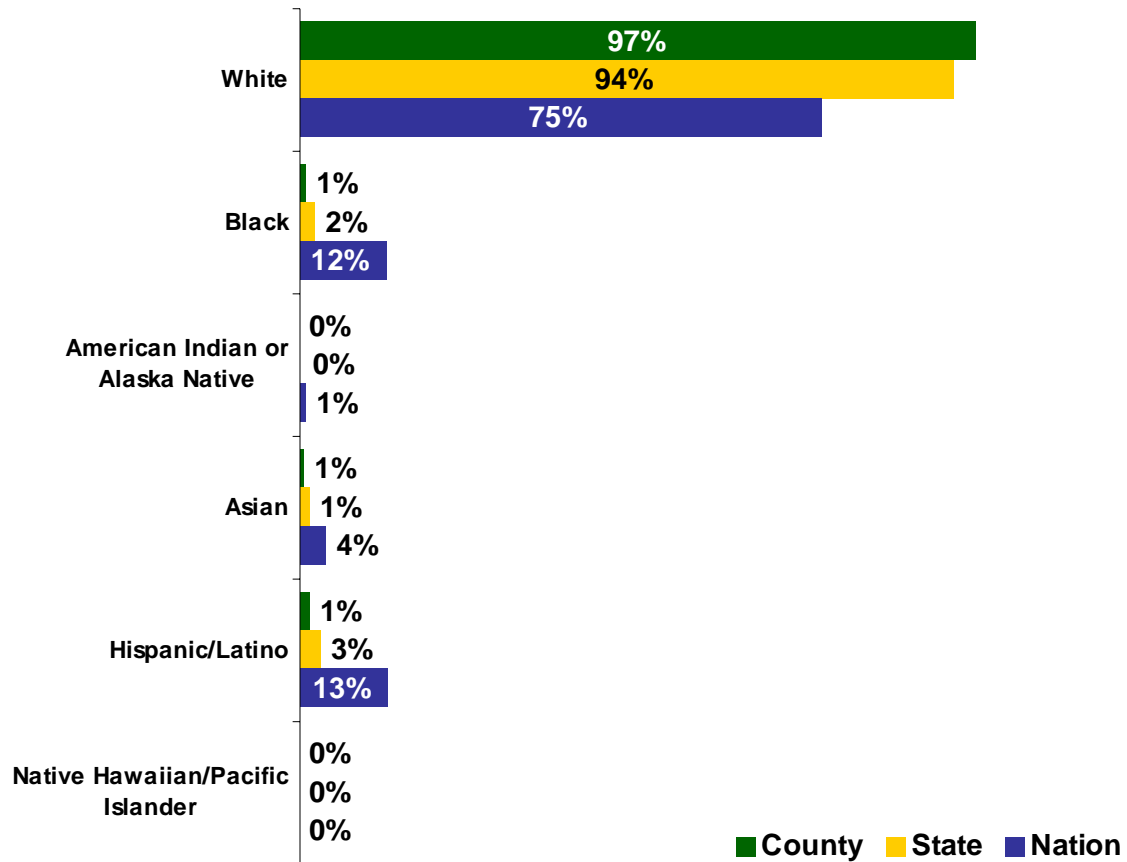
Significance

- The age makeup of Dubuque County closely resembles the rest of the state.

⁶ United States Census Bureau. 2000 Dubuque County, IA Factsheet. 2001. Accessed 24 July 2006 <<http://factfinder.census.gov/>>.

⁷ United States Census Bureau. 2000 Iowa Factsheet. 2001. Accessed 24 July 2006 <<http://factfinder.census.gov/>>.

Ethnicity



Definition

- Ethnic breakdown according to the 2000 Census for Dubuque County and the State of Iowa. ^{8,9}

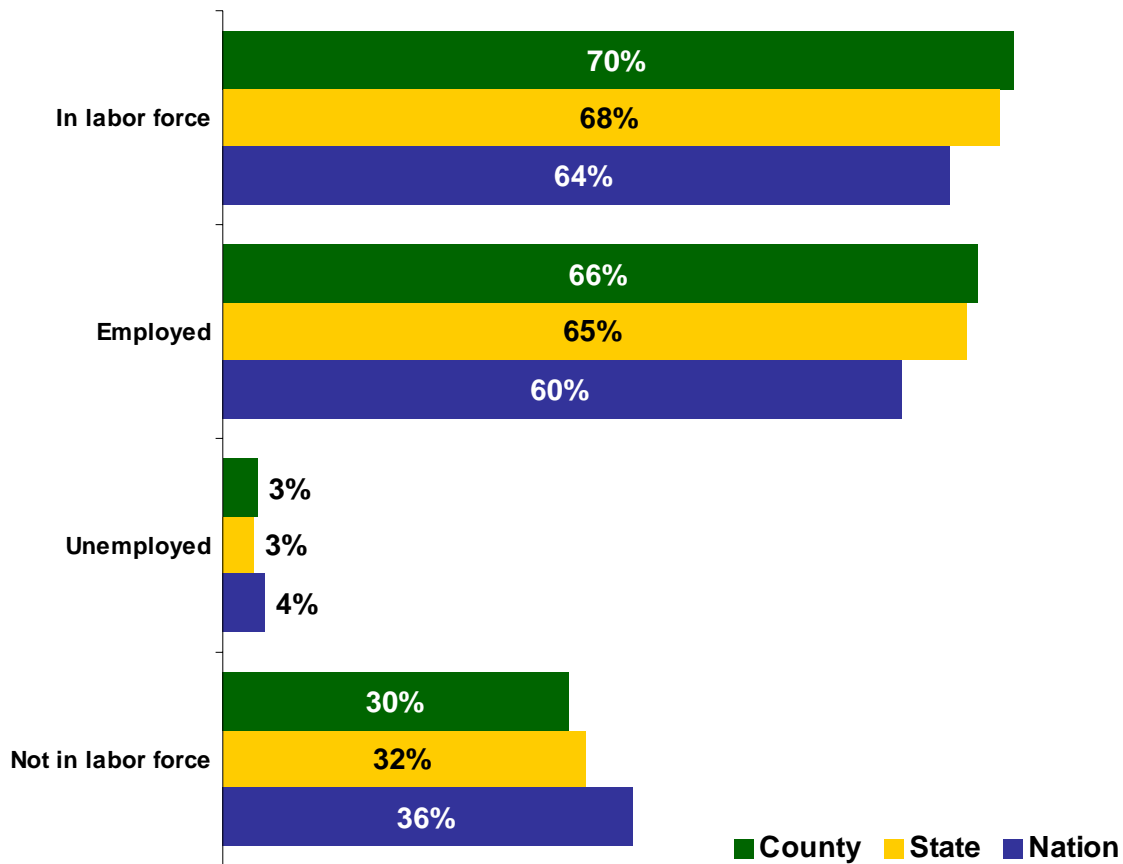
Significance

- Dubuque County has a smaller non-white population than the State of Iowa as a whole.

⁸ United States Census Bureau. 2000 Dubuque County, IA Factsheet. 2001. Accessed 24 July 2006 <<http://factfinder.census.gov/>>.

⁹ United States Census Bureau. 2000 Iowa Factsheet. 2001. Accessed 24 July 2006 <<http://factfinder.census.gov/>>.

Employment Status



Definition

- Employment status for the Dubuque County and Iowa population of age 16 years and older.^{10, 11}

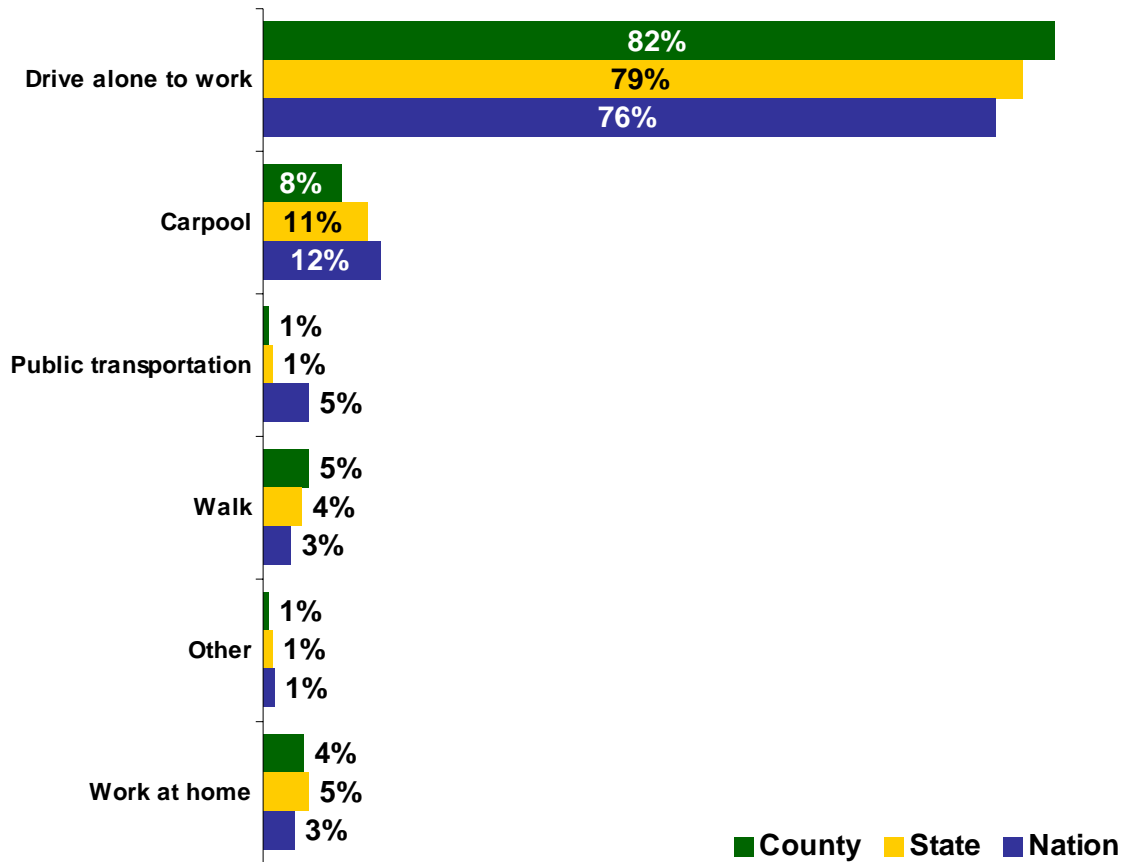
Significance

- The number of people in Dubuque County who are in the labor forces are similar to state averages.

¹⁰ United States Census Bureau. 2000 Dubuque County, IA Factsheet. 2001. Accessed 24 July 2006 <<http://factfinder.census.gov/>>.

¹¹ United States Census Bureau. 2000 Iowa Factsheet. 2001. Accessed 24 July 2006 <<http://factfinder.census.gov/>>.

Transportation



Definition

- Transportation preferences for Dubuque County and the State of Iowa for workers age 16 years and older. ^{12, 13}

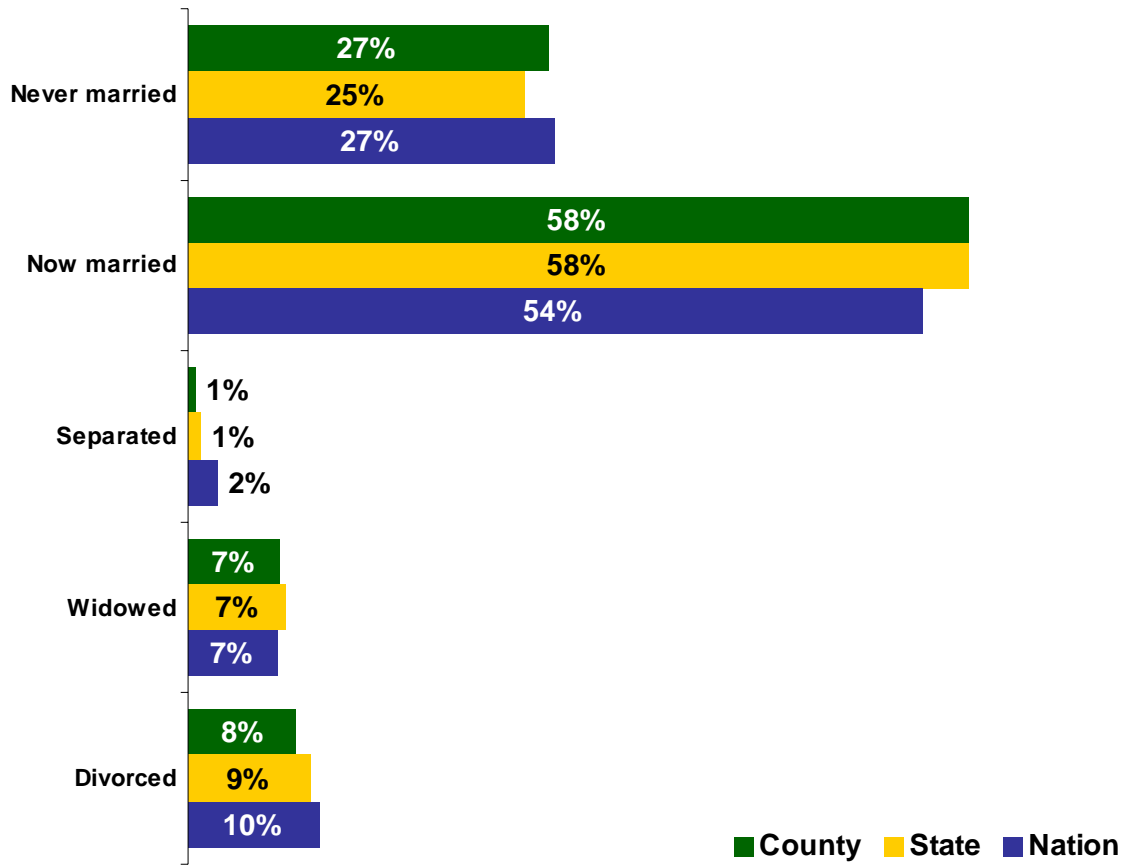
Significance

- A slightly larger portion of the Dubuque County population drives alone to work compared to the state average.

¹² United States Census Bureau. 2000 Dubuque County, IA Factsheet. 2001. Accessed 24 July 2006 <<http://factfinder.census.gov/>>.

¹³ United States Census Bureau. 2000 Iowa Factsheet. 2001. Accessed 24 July 2006 <<http://factfinder.census.gov/>>.

Marital Status



Definition

- Marital status of Dubuque County and the State of Iowa residents.^{14, 15}

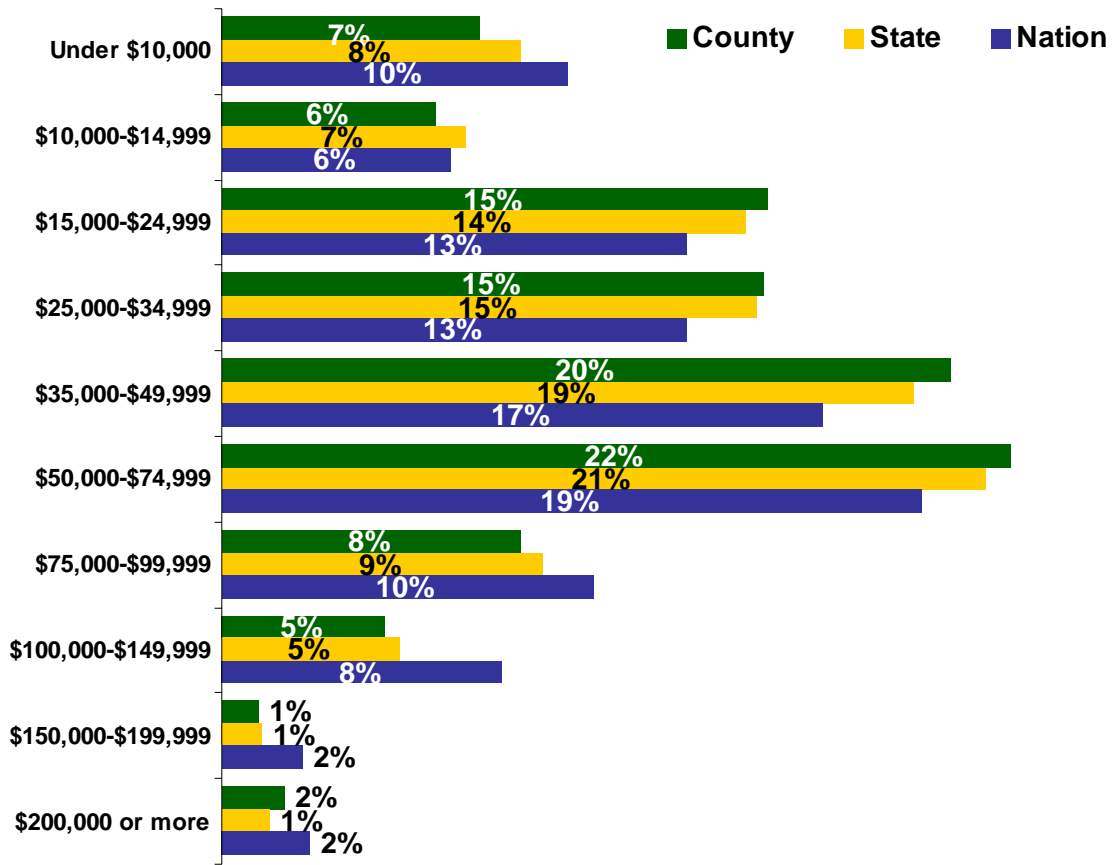
Significance

- The marital status of Dubuque County residents is comparable to the rest of Iowa as a whole.

¹⁴ United States Census Bureau. 2000 Dubuque County, IA Factsheet. 2001. Accessed 24 July 2006 <<http://factfinder.census.gov/>>.

¹⁵ United States Census Bureau. 2000 Iowa Factsheet. 2001. Accessed 24 July 2006 <<http://factfinder.census.gov/>>.

Individual Income



Definition

- Income characteristics of individuals in Dubuque County and the State of Iowa.^{16, 17}

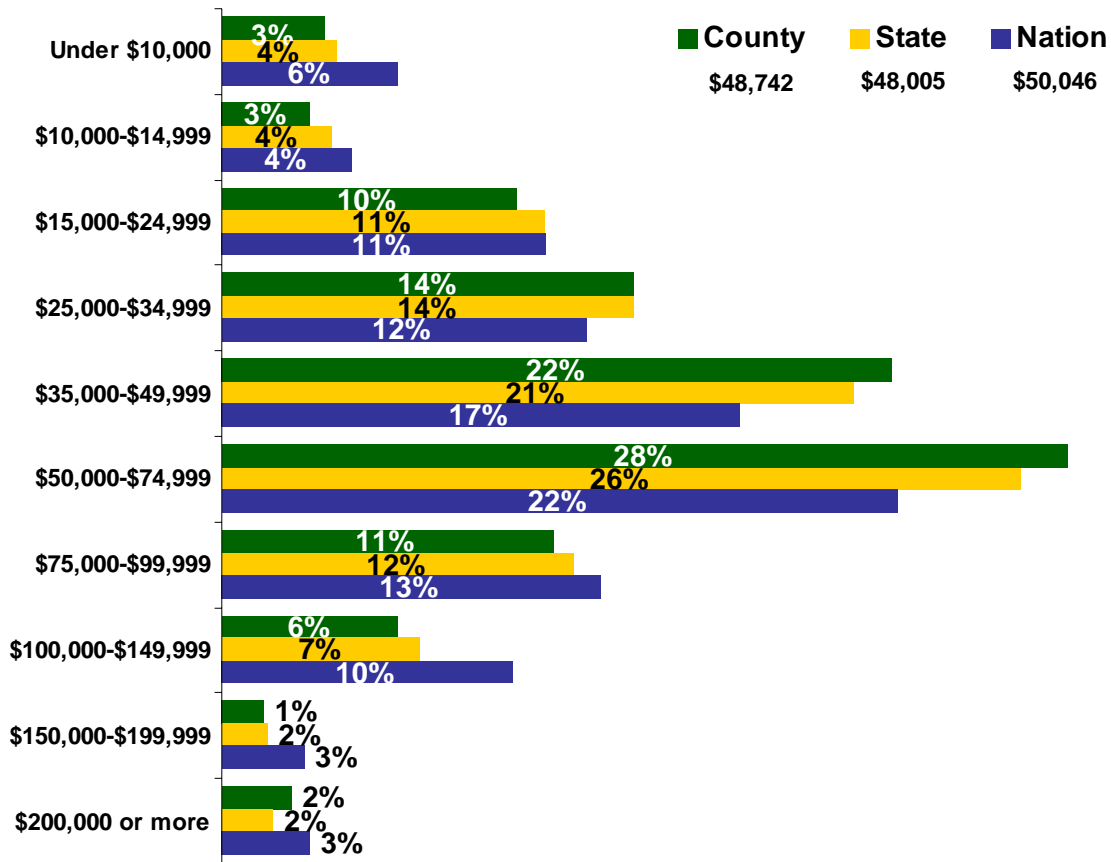
Significance

- Dubuque County's individual income makeup is nearly identical to that of the State of Iowa.

¹⁶ United States Census Bureau. 2000 Dubuque County, IA Factsheet. 2001. Accessed 24 July 2006 <<http://factfinder.census.gov/>>.

¹⁷ United States Census Bureau. 2000 Iowa Factsheet. 2001. Accessed 24 July 2006 <<http://factfinder.census.gov/>>.

Family Income



Definition

- Income characteristics of family households in Dubuque County and the State of Iowa. ^{18, 19}

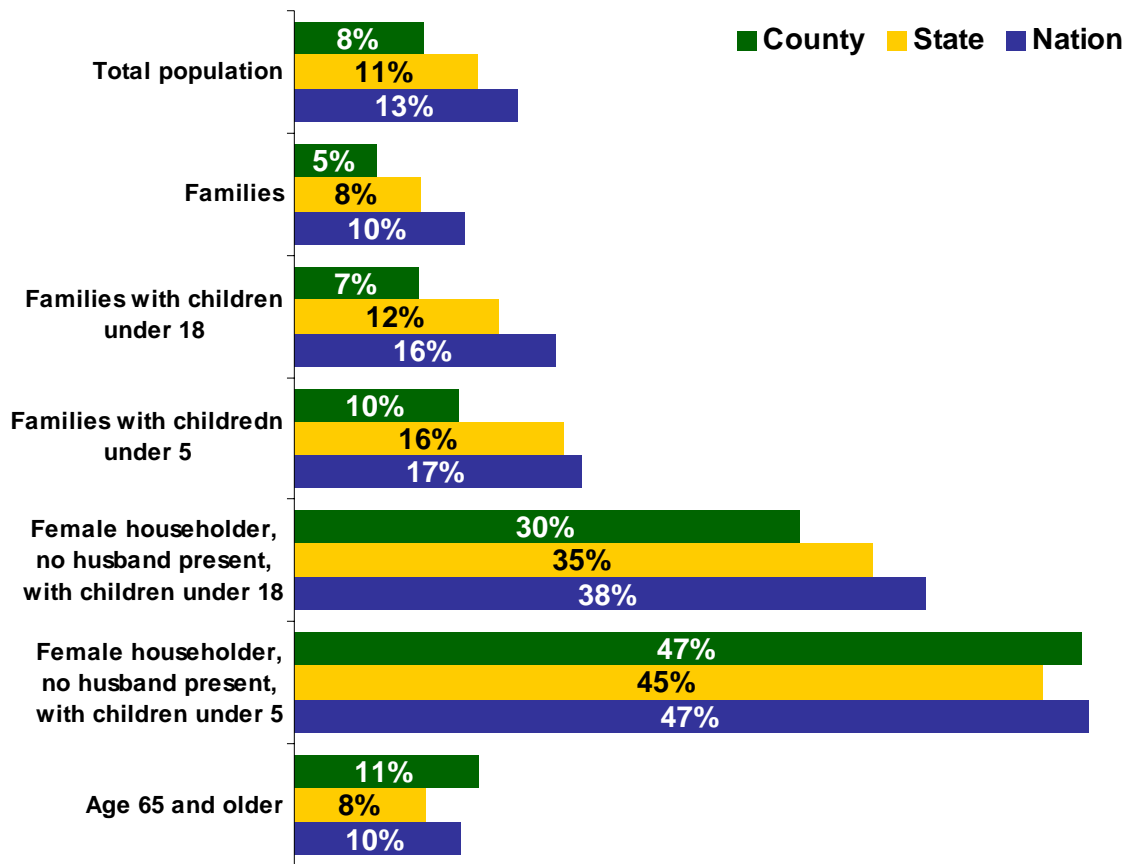
Significance

- The median income of families in Dubuque County is slightly higher compared to the rest of the state. Furthermore, the poverty rate for families with children under is 7.4% and 9.8% for families with children under 5 years, just below the 9.3%/12.7% state averages.

¹⁸ United States Census Bureau. 2000 Dubuque County, IA Factsheet. 2001. Accessed 24 July 2006 <<http://factfinder.census.gov/>>.

¹⁹ United States Census Bureau. 2000 Iowa Factsheet. 2001. Accessed 24 July 2006 <<http://factfinder.census.gov/>>.

Poverty



Definition

- Reported poverty rates for various subgroups in Dubuque County, Iowa and across the nation.^{20, 21}

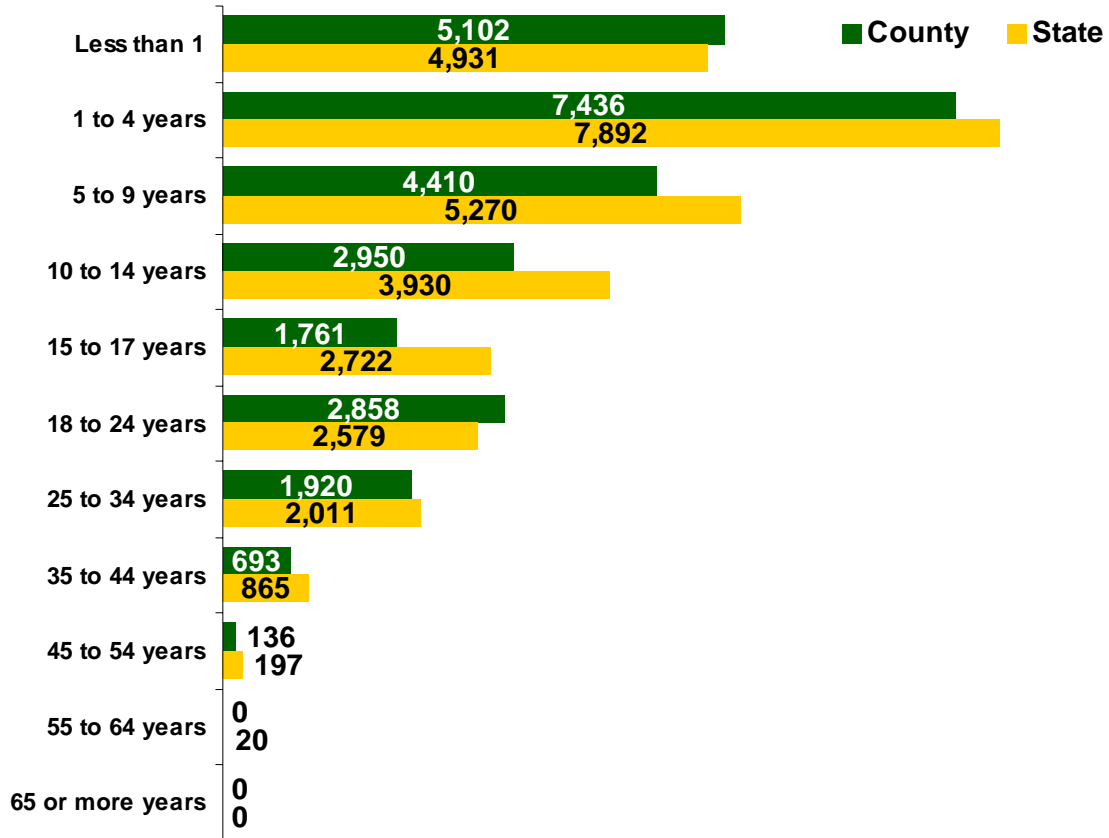
Significance

- Poverty rates in Dubuque County are lower in nearly all areas.
- According to Census data, Dubuque County households receiving public assistance decreased 52.9% from 1990 to 2001.

²⁰ United States Census Bureau. 2000 Dubuque County, IA Factsheet. 2001. Accessed 24 July 2006 <<http://factfinder.census.gov/>>.

²¹ United States Census Bureau. 2000 Iowa Factsheet. 2001. Accessed 24 July 2006 <<http://factfinder.census.gov/>>.

Family Investment Program Participation (per 100,000)



Definition

- Monthly average number of individuals who were eligible and received Family Investment Program (FIP) grants during the calendar year.^{22, 23}
- FIP provides cash assistance to needy families as they become self-supporting.

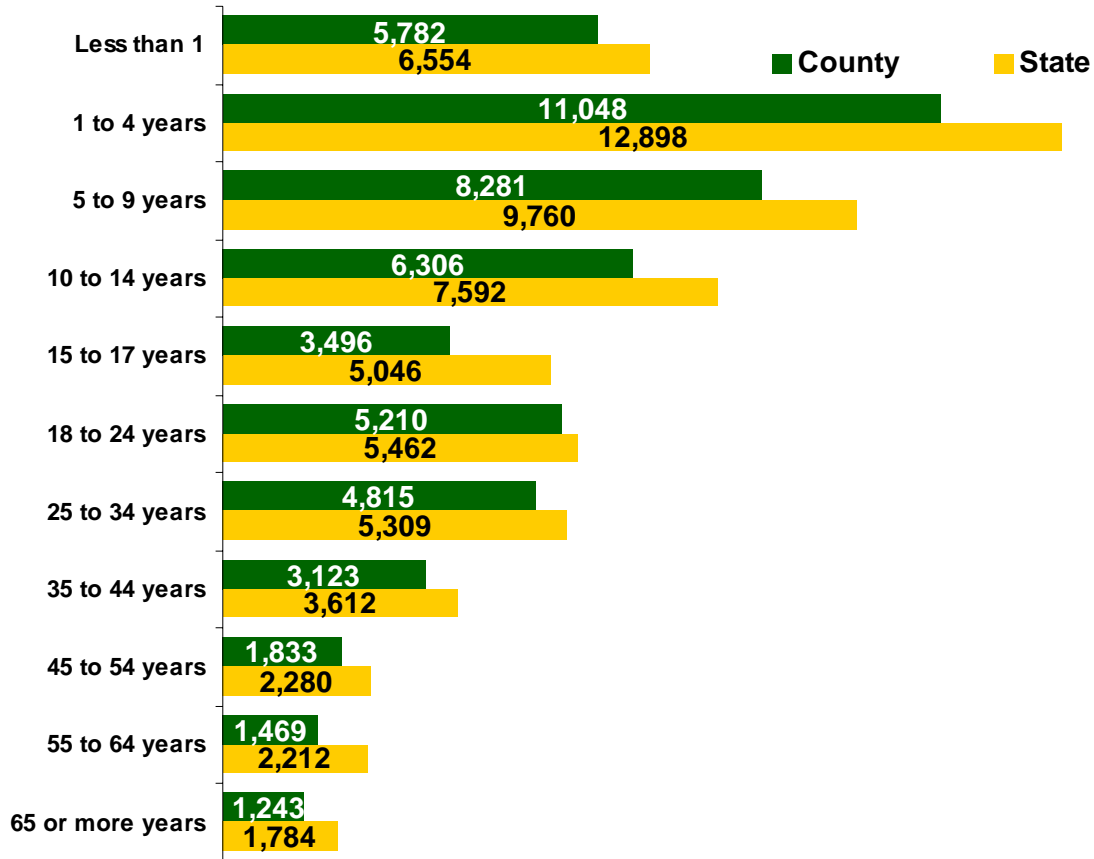
Significance

- FIP participation in Dubuque County is lower than the state average.

²² Family and Community Indicator Tracking System. 2001.

²³ Bureau of Health Statistics. Vital Statistics of Iowa 2004.

Food Stamp Participation (per 100,000)



Definition

- Monthly average number of individuals who received food stamps during the calendar year.^{24, 25}

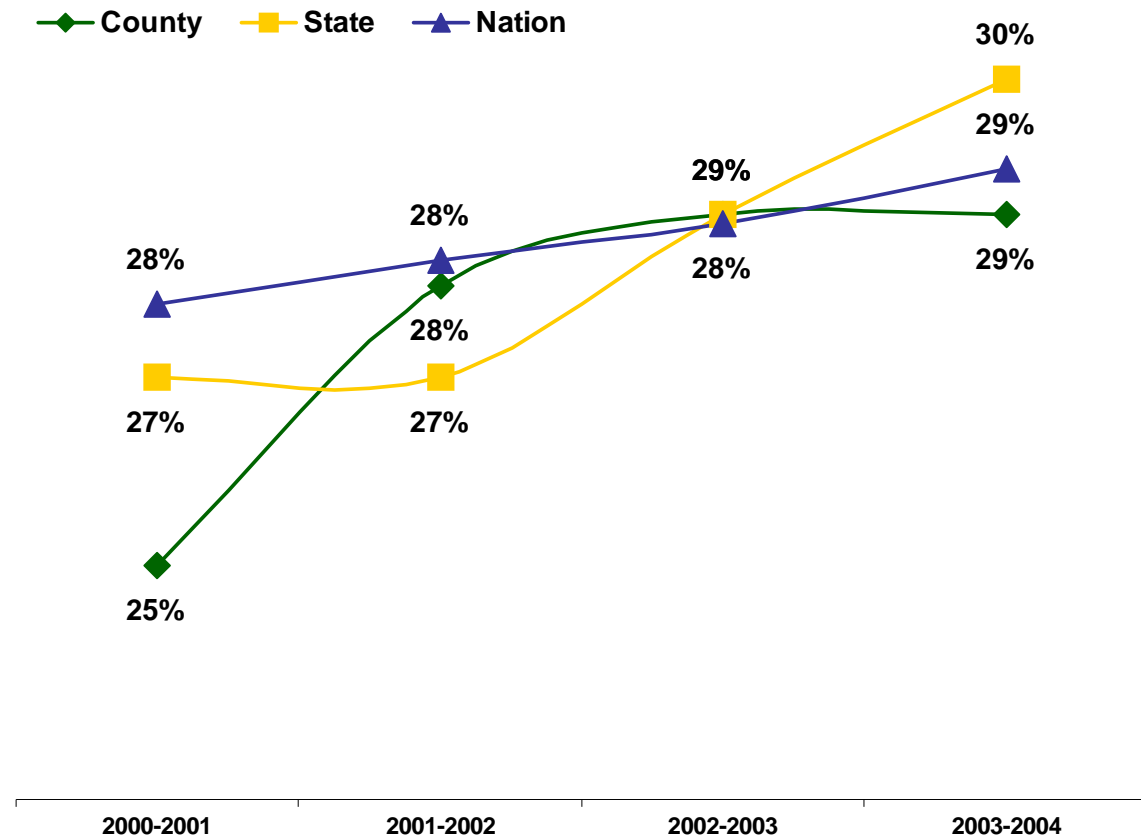
Significance

- Food stamp participation in Dubuque County is below the state average.

²⁴ Family and Community Indicator Tracking System. 2001.

²⁵ Bureau of Health Statistics. Vital Statistics of Iowa 2004.

Free & Reduced Price Lunch



Definition

- The percentages of public school students receiving free or reduced lunch in Dubuque County and the State of Iowa.^{26 27}

Trends

- There is an upward trend in the number of students who receive free or reduced lunch both county and statewide.

Significance

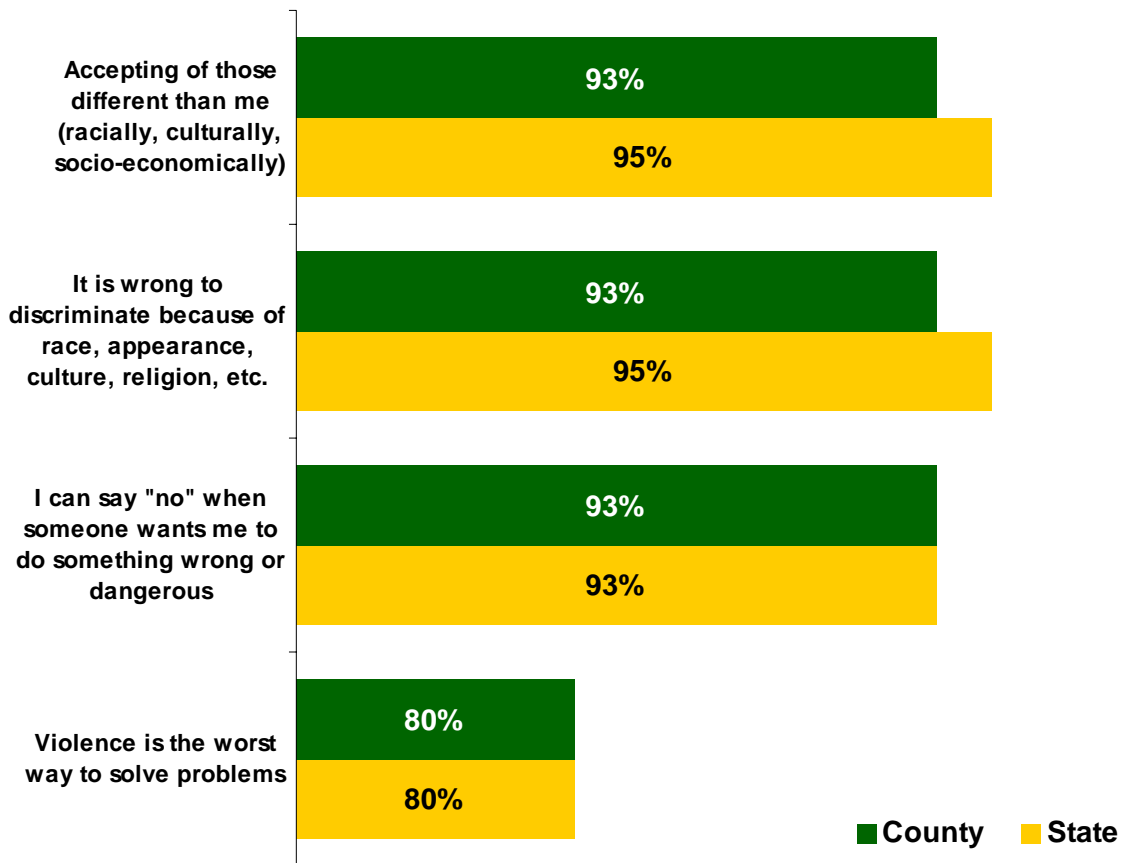
- On average, just less than 30% of the student population receives free or reduced lunch both county and statewide.

²⁶ United States Department of Agriculture, Food and Nutrition Service Statistics. Accessed September 29, 2006 <<http://www.fns.usda.gov/pd/slsummar.htm>>.

²⁷ Iowa Department of Education.

Healthy and Socially Competent Youth

Social Attitudes



Definition

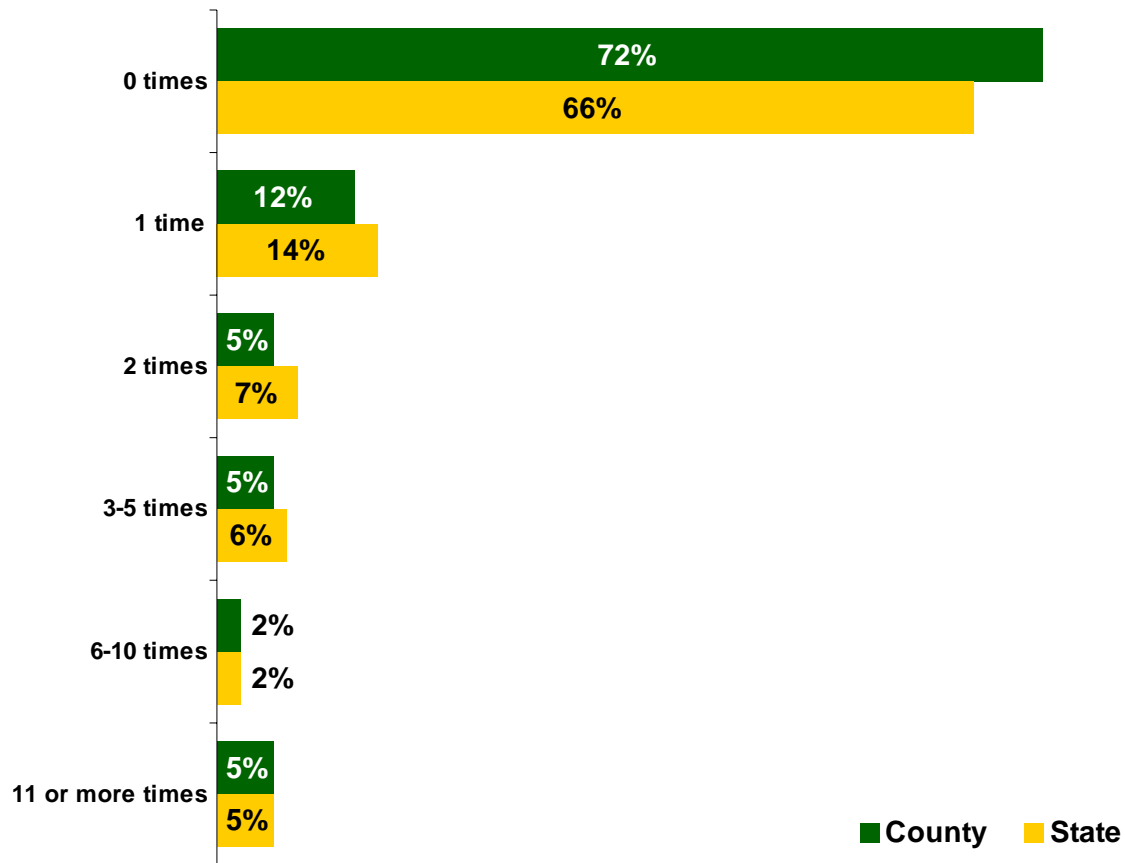
- Youth (grade 6, 8, and 11) responses to various statements regarding personal social attitudes. The percentages represent the number of respondents who agree with the statement.²⁸

Significance

- The vast majority of Dubuque County, and Iowa, youth report being accepting of those who are different and feel that it is wrong to discriminate based on race, appearance, culture, religion, etc.
- Most youth report being able to say “no” when they want to and over 80% of both Dubuque County and Iowa youth agree that violence is the worst way to solve problems.

²⁸ 2005 Iowa Youth Survey Report. Research Institute for Studies in Education, Iowa State University. 2006. <<http://www.iowayouthsurvey.org/>>.

Called Names, Made Fun of or Teased in a Hurtful Way



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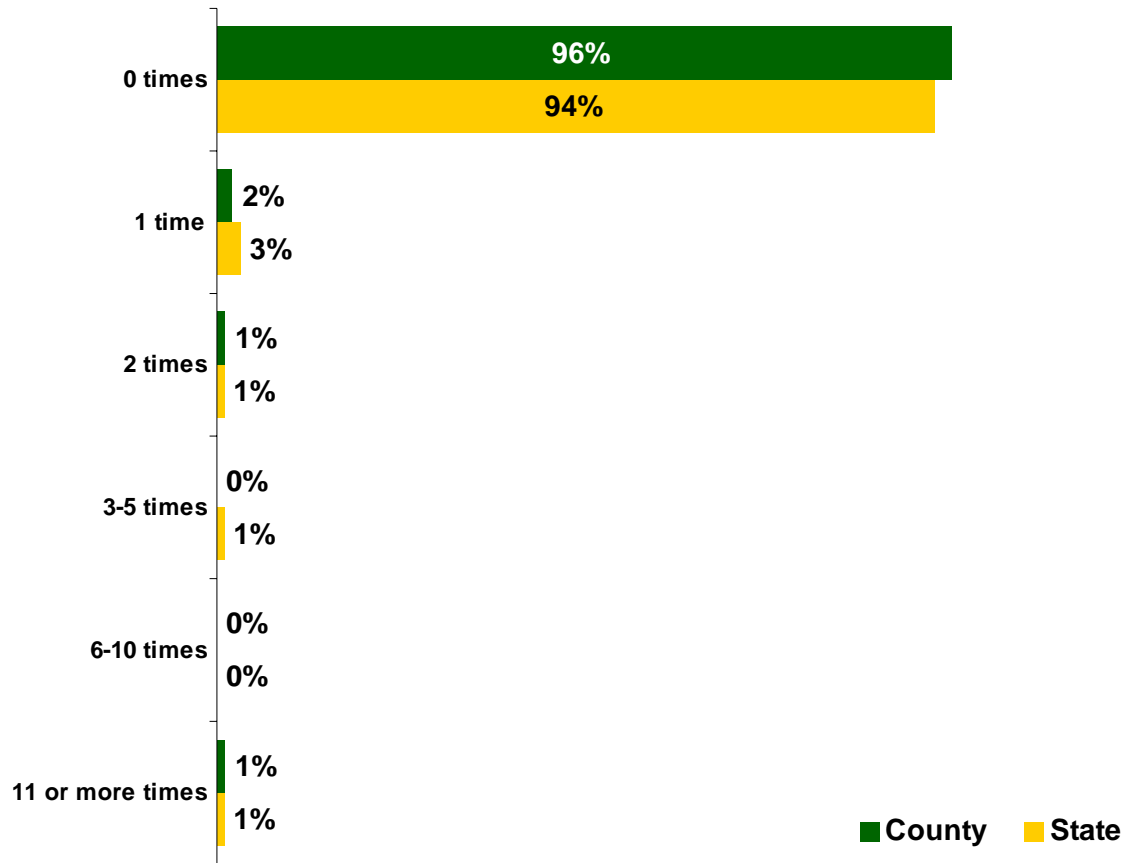
- The number of times Dubuque County and Iowa youth (grade 6, 8 and 11) report being called names, made fun of or teased in a hurtful way in the past 30 days.²⁹

Significance

- Roughly a third of youth say that they have been called names, made fun of or teased in a hurtful way in the past 30 days.

²⁹ 2005 Iowa Youth Survey Report. Research Institute for Studies in Education, Iowa State University. 2006. <<http://www.iowayouthsurvey.org/>>.

Made Fun of Because of Race



Definition

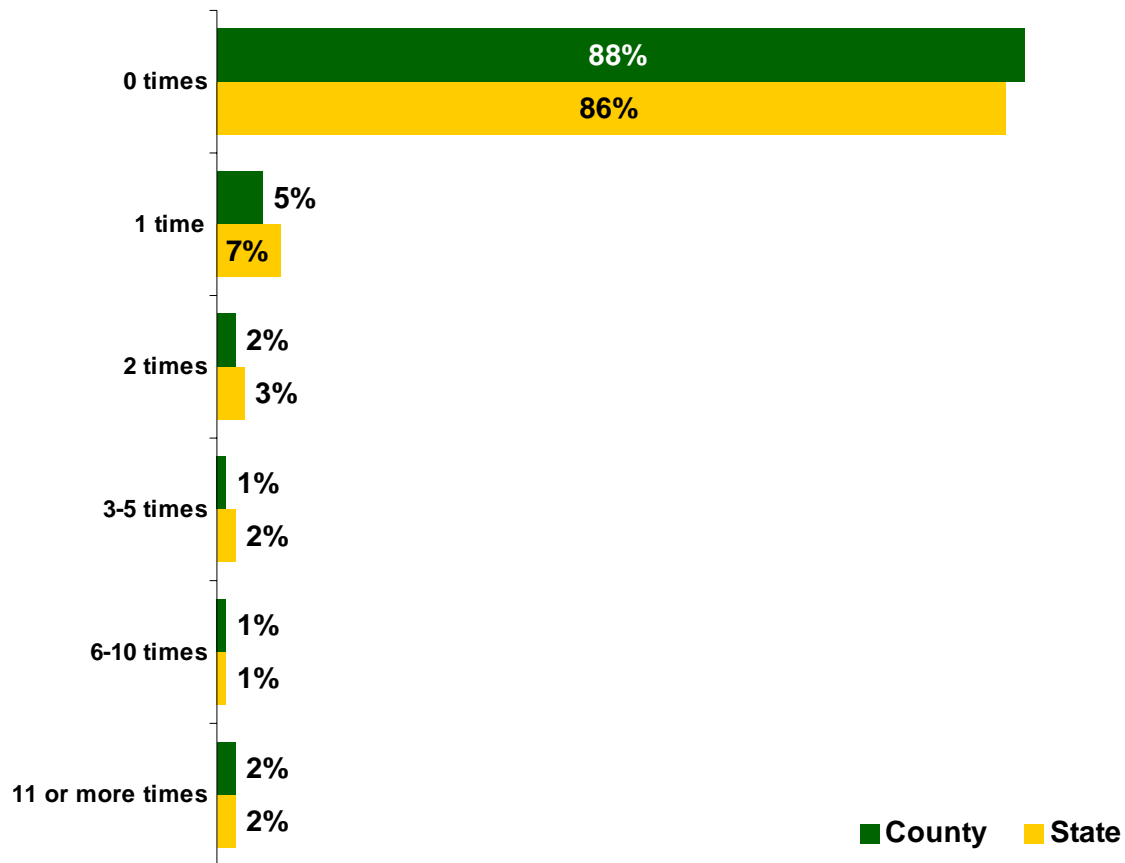
- The number of Dubuque County and Iowa youth (grade 6, 8 and 11) who report they were made fun of because of their race in the past 30 days.³⁰

Significance

- 4% of Dubuque County youth indicate they have been made fun of because of their race, 2% less than the Iowa average.

³⁰ 2005 Iowa Youth Survey Report. Research Institute for Studies in Education, Iowa State University. 2006. <<http://www.iowayouthsurvey.org/>>.

Sexual Jokes, Comments or Gestures



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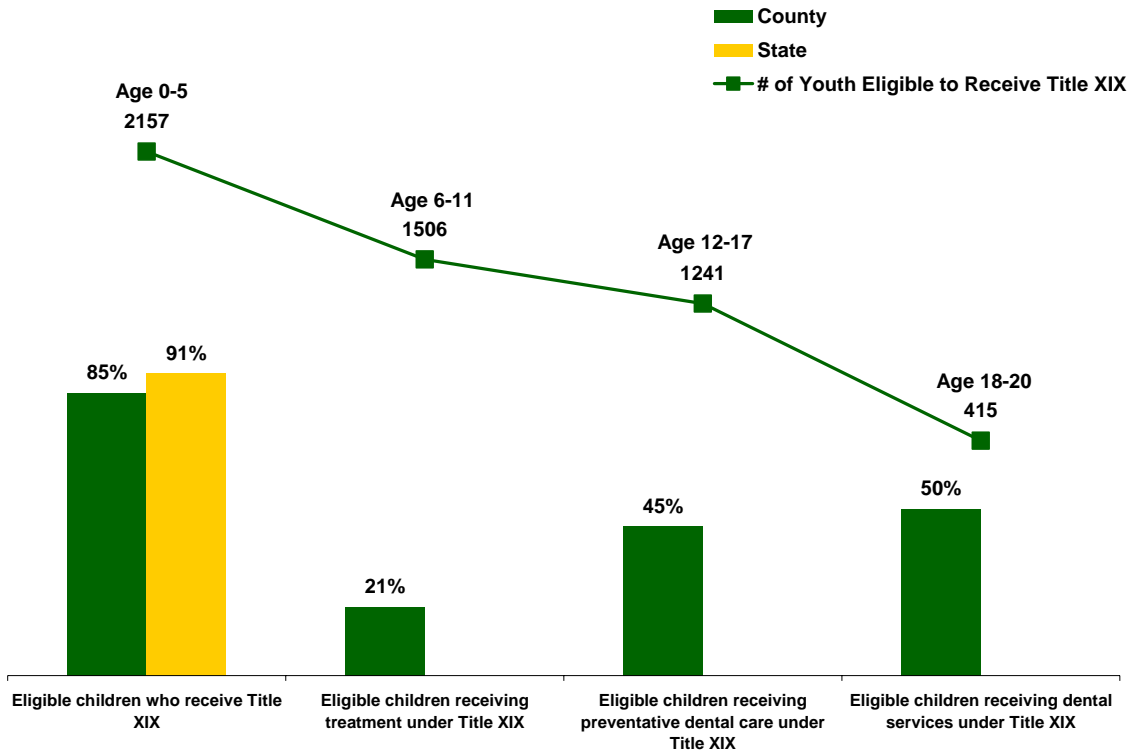
- The numbers of Dubuque County and Iowa youth (grade 6, 8 and 11) reporting that a peer has made a sexual joke, comment or gesture that hurt their feelings.³¹

Significance

- A little over one in ten youth report having their feelings hurt by a peer who made a sexual joke, comment or gesture.

³¹ 2005 Iowa Youth Survey Report. Research Institute for Studies in Education, Iowa State University. 2006. <<http://www.iowayouthsurvey.org/>>.

Title XIX Usage



Definition

- The percentage of eligible children who receive and utilize Title XIX in Dubuque County and the State of Iowa.^{32, 33}

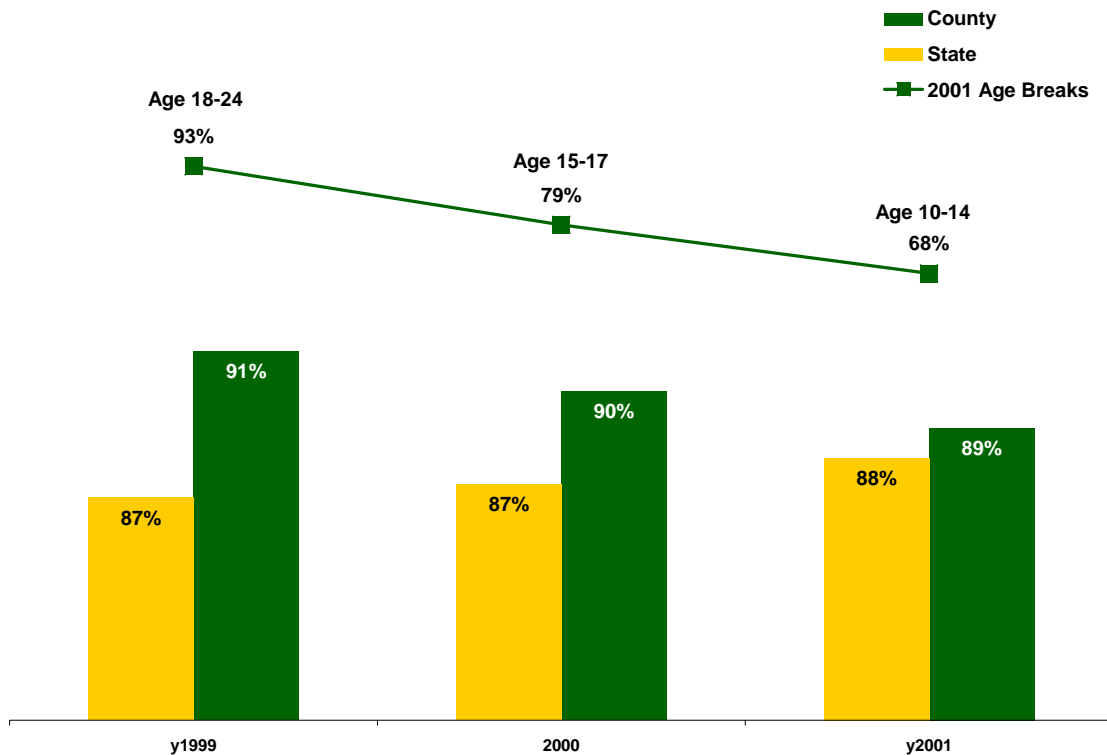
Significance

- In Dubuque County, less eligible children are enrolled in Title XIX than children across Iowa. Furthermore, only half the eligible youth population or less is utilizing Title XIX services for dental care and medical treatment.

³² Health Statistics. Dubuque County Empowerment. 2002. <http://www.empowerdubuque.org/community_databook/healthstats.htm>.

³³ Conrad, Jan. Medicaid Data Warehouse. August 11, 2006.

Mothers with Prenatal Care in First Trimester



Definition

- The percentage of mothers who received prenatal care in the first trimester of their pregnancy in Dubuque County and Iowa.^{34, 35}

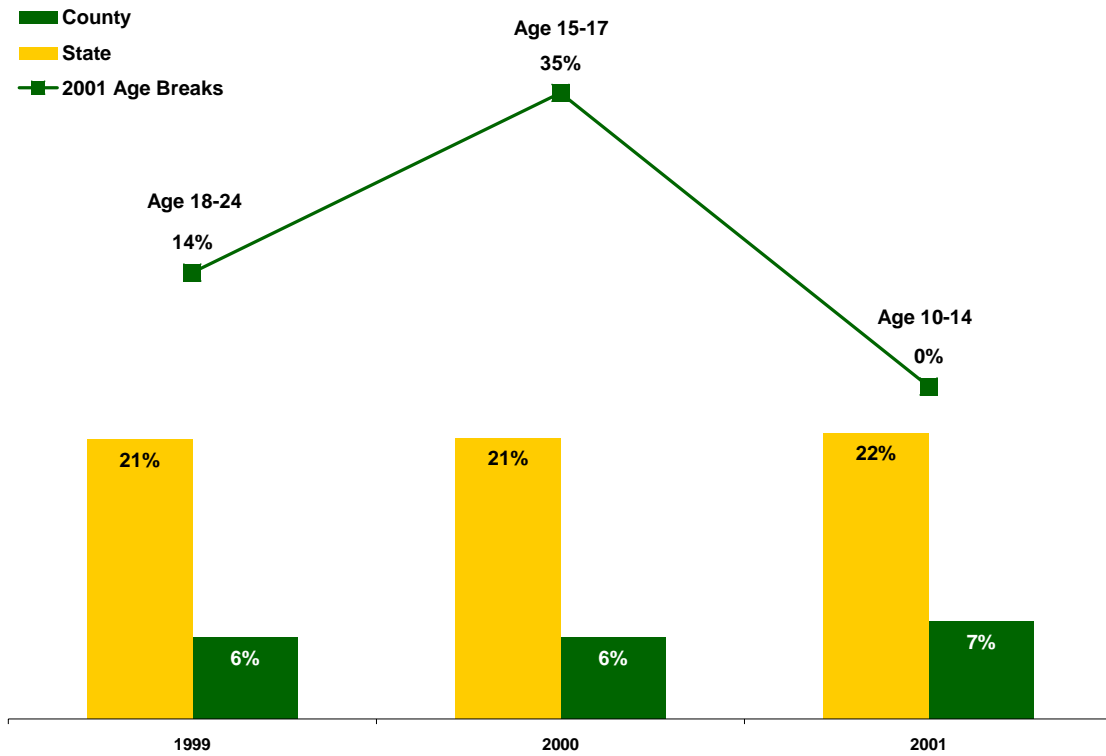
Significance

- Significantly larger portions of women receive prenatal care during their first trimester in Dubuque County than across the state.
- Younger mothers are significantly less likely to receive prenatal care in their first trimester.

³⁴ Family and Community Indicator Tracking System. 2001.

³⁵ Bureau of Health Statistics. Vital Statistics of Iowa 2004.

Medicaid Births



Definition

- The percentage of women on Medicaid who gave birth in Dubuque County and Iowa.^{36, 37}

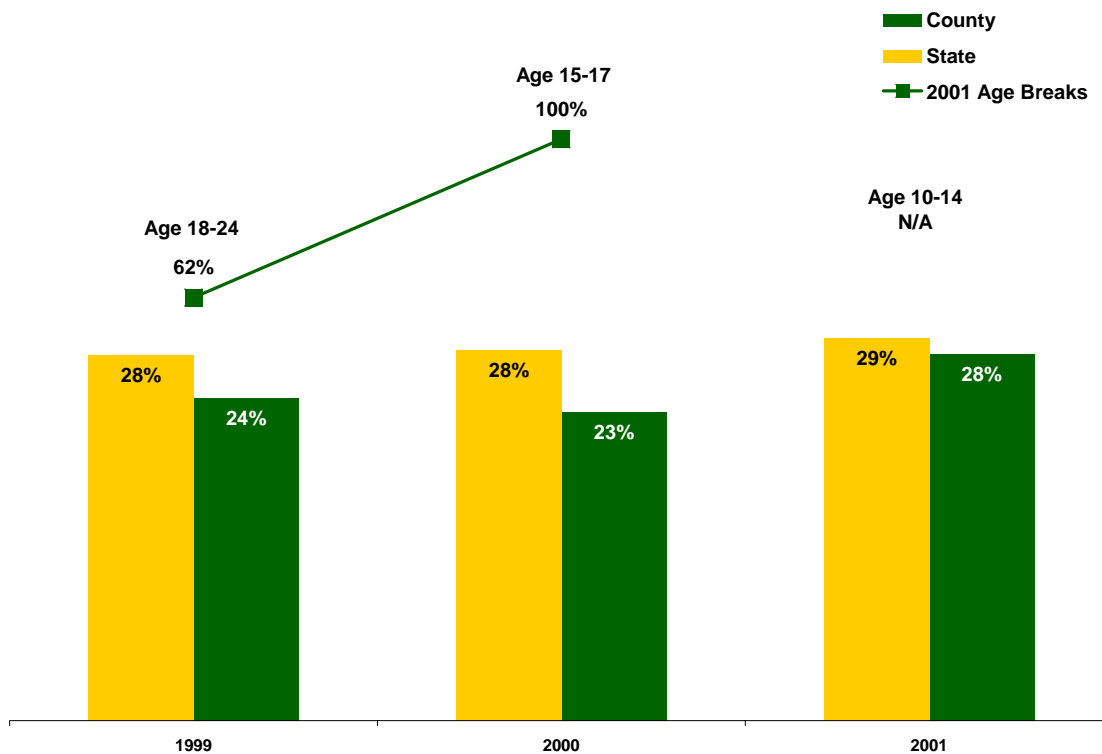
Significance

- There are significantly less Medicaid births in Dubuque County.

³⁶ Family and Community Indicator Tracking System. 2001.

³⁷ Bureau of Health Statistics. Vital Statistics of Iowa 2004.

Out of Wedlock Births



Definition

- The percentage of out of wedlock births in Dubuque County and Iowa.^{38, 39}

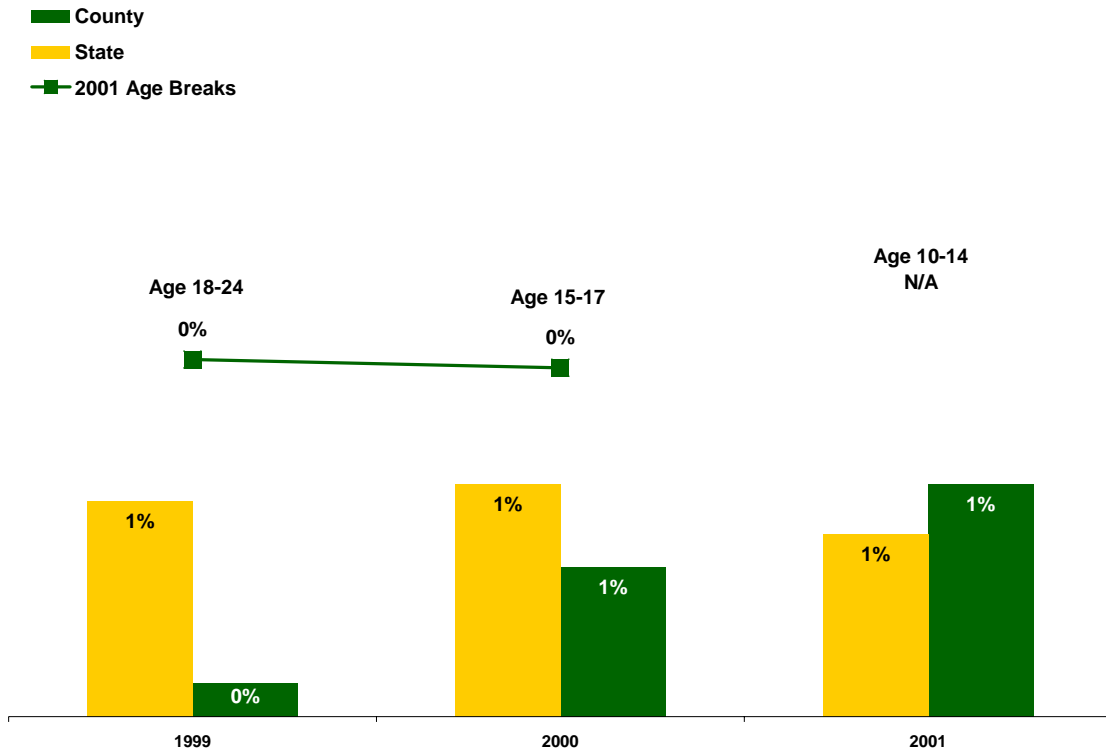
Significance

- There are less out of wedlock births in Dubuque County than across the state.

³⁸ Family and Community Indicator Tracking System. 2001.

³⁹ Bureau of Health Statistics. Vital Statistics of Iowa 2004.

Drank During Pregnancy



Definition

- The percentage of women who drank during their pregnancy in Dubuque County and Iowa.^{40, 41}

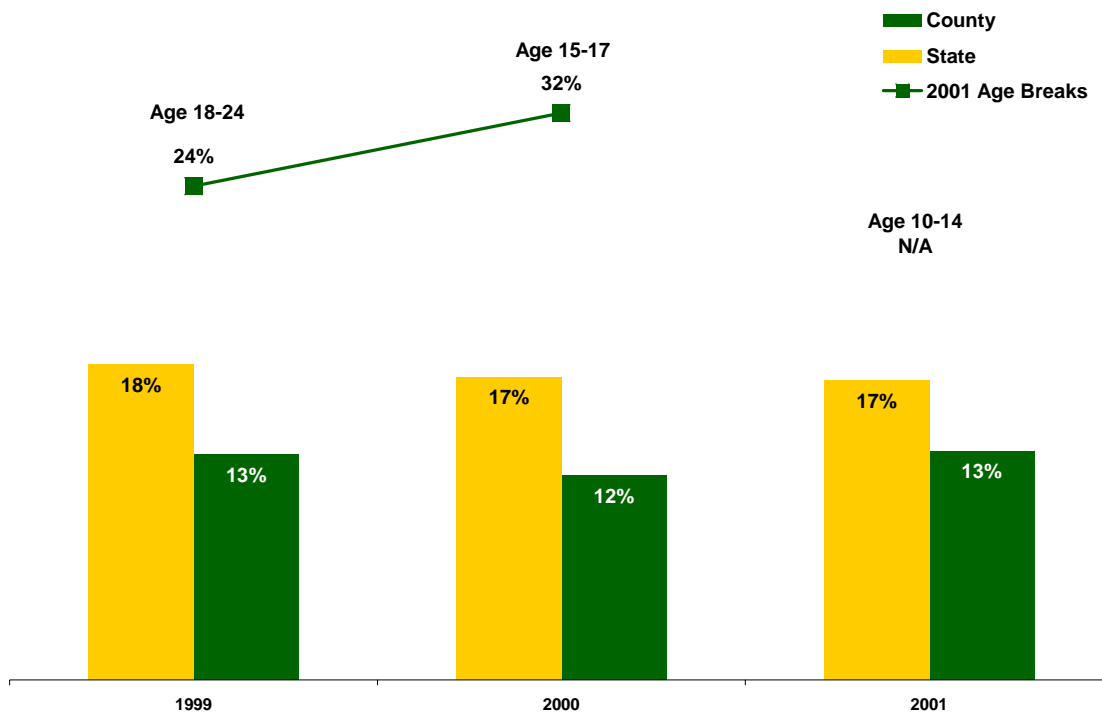
Significance

- Almost all women report that they did not drink during their pregnancy.

⁴⁰ Family and Community Indicator Tracking System. 2001.

⁴¹ Bureau of Health Statistics. Vital Statistics of Iowa 2004.

Smoked During Pregnancy



Definition

- The percentage of women who smoked during their pregnancy in Dubuque County and Iowa.^{42, 43}

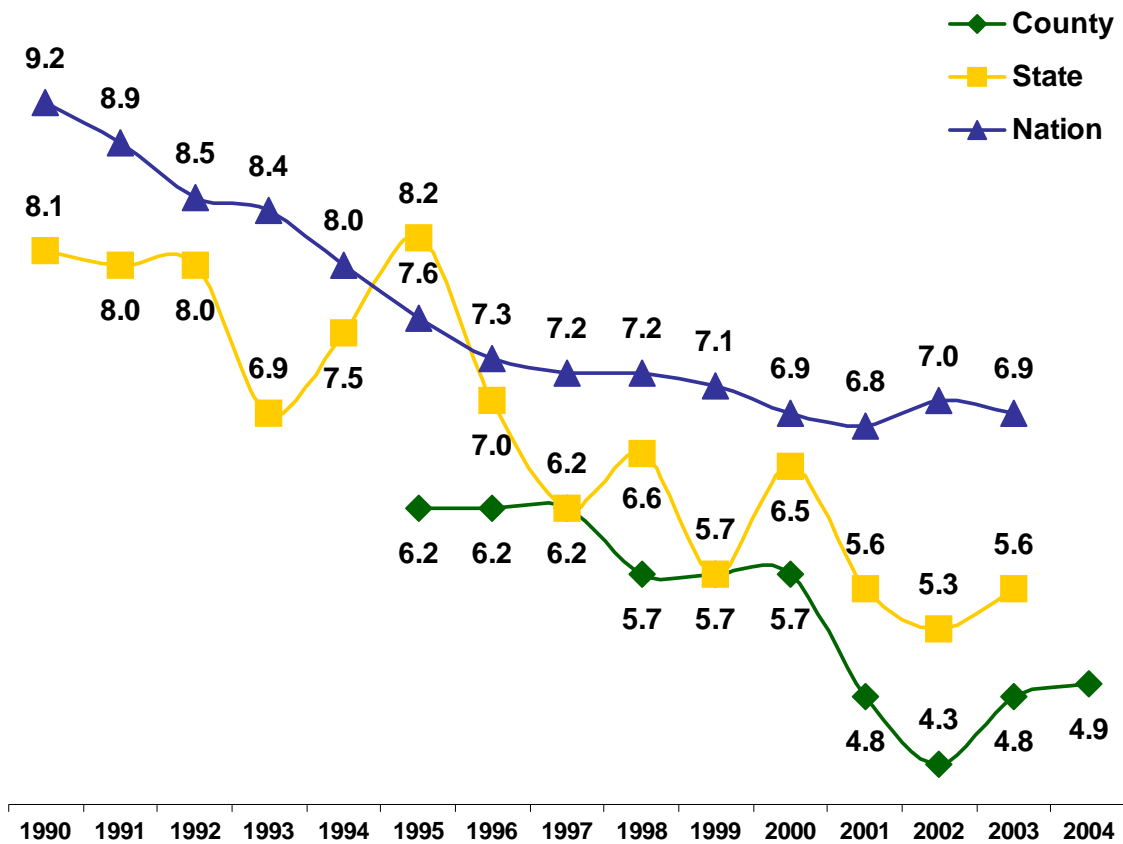
Significance

- Significantly less Dubuque County women report smoking during their pregnancy than across the state.
- Teenage women are more likely to smoke during their pregnancy.

⁴² Family and Community Indicator Tracking System. 2001.

⁴³ Bureau of Health Statistics. Vital Statistics of Iowa 2004.

Infant Mortality



Definition

- Infant mortality rates from 1990 to 2004 for Dubuque County, the state and the nation.^{44, 45, 46}

Trends

- Across the state and in Dubuque County, infant death has been on the decline.

Significance

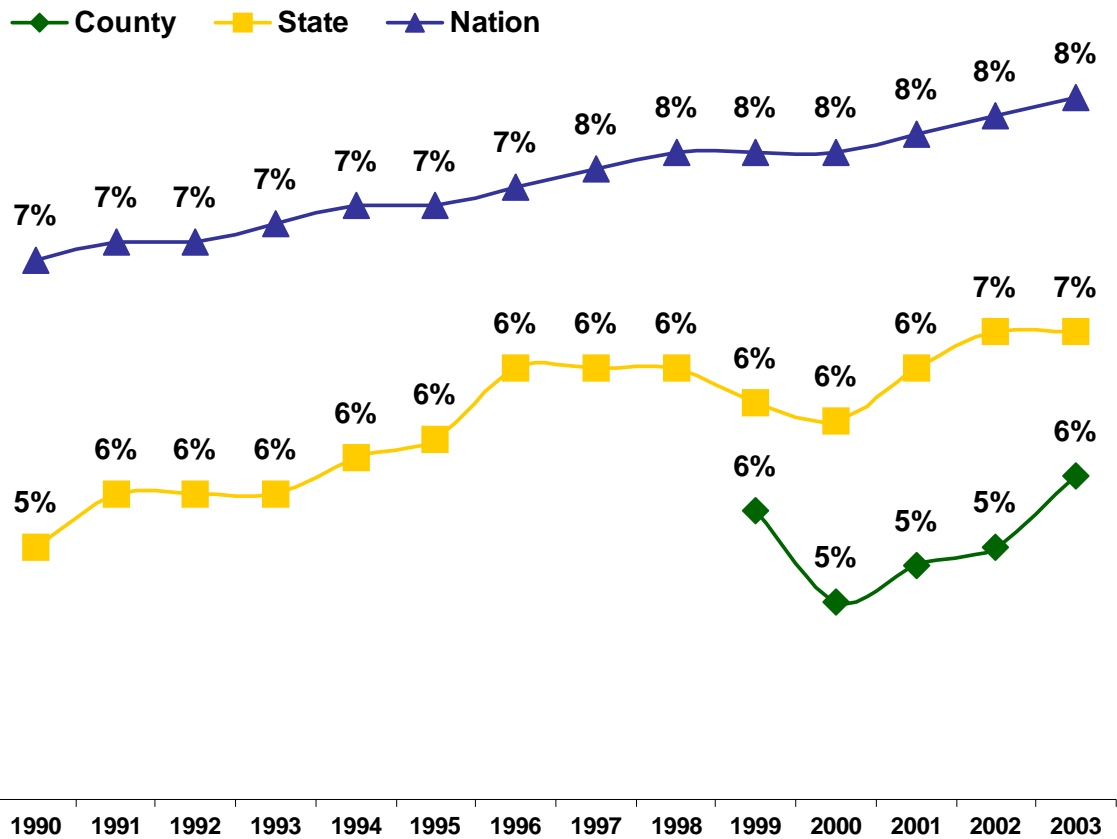
- The Dubuque County infant mortality rate is significantly lower than both state and national averages.

⁴⁴ Connecting the Dots for School Readiness: Trends in the Well-Being of Iowa Children, 2002-2003. Iowa Kids Count. 2003. <<http://www.cfpciowa.org/initiatives/iowa/kids-count/index.htm>>.

⁴⁵ Bureau of Health Statistics. Deaths, Final Data for 1990-2004. National Vital Statistics Reports (*Multiple Reports).

⁴⁶ Iowa Department of Public Health.

Low Birth Weight



Definition

- Low birth weight rates from 1990 to 2003 for Dubuque County, the state and the nation.^{47, 48, 49}

Trends

- Across the state, nation and in Dubuque County, there has been a greater incidence of children born at a low birth weight.

Significance

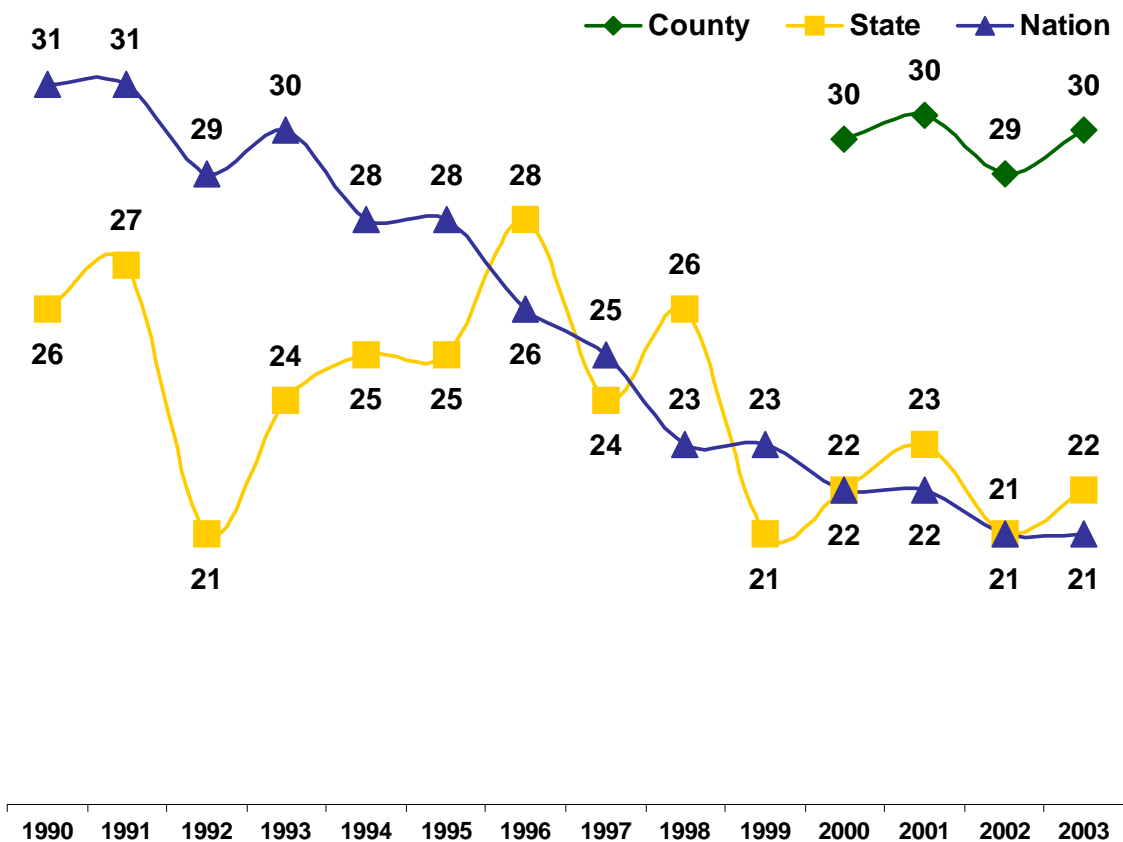
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⁴⁸ National Center for Health Statistics. Child Trends Analysis of 1990-2003. Natality Data Set CD Series 21, Numbers 2-9, 11-12, 14-16 (SETS versions), and 16H (ASCII version).

⁴⁹ Iowa Department of Public Health.

Child Deaths (per 100,000)



Definition

- Number of child deaths (age 2-18) per 100,000 children in Dubuque County, Iowa and across the nation.^{50, 51}

Trends

- Nationwide, child deaths are on the decline though in Dubuque County and across Iowa, there have been sporadic spikes and drops.

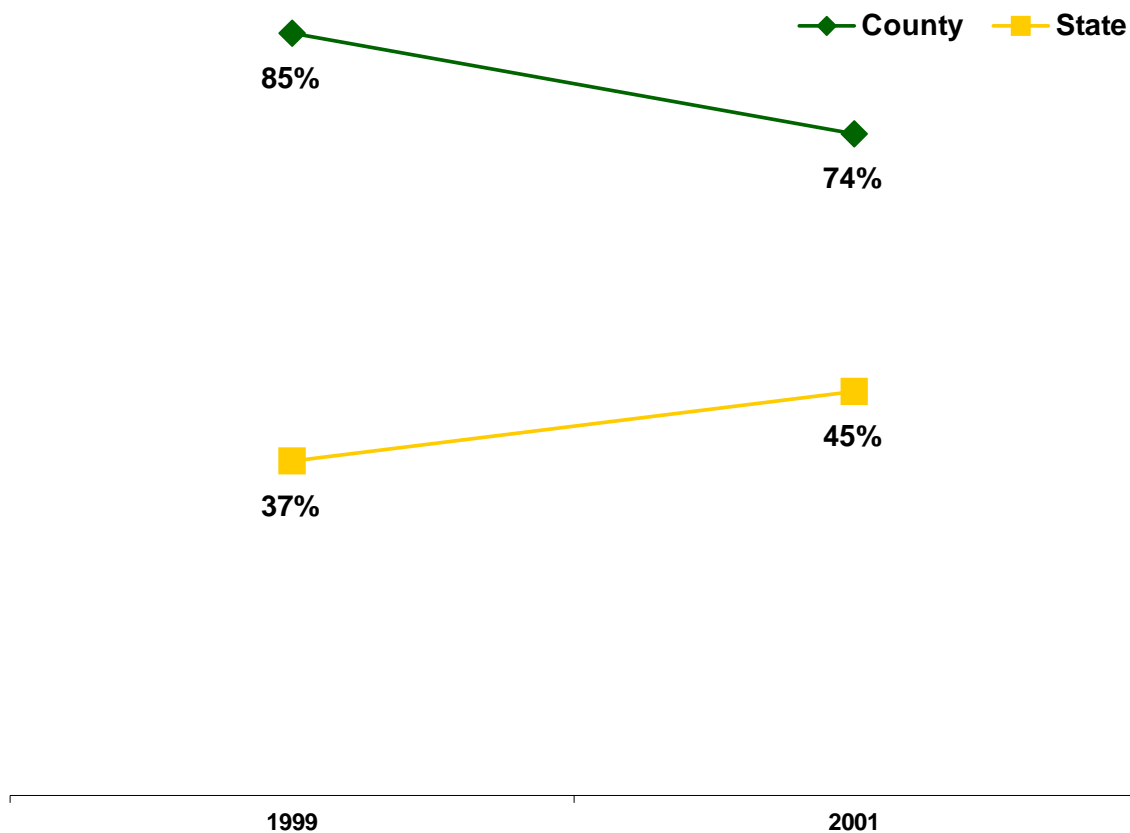
Significance

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⁵⁰ Centers for Disease Control and Prevention & National Center for Health Statistics. Death Statistics.

⁵¹ Connecting the Dots for School Readiness: Trends in the Well-Being of Iowa Children, 2002-2003. Iowa Kids Count. 2003. <<http://www.cfpciowa.org/initiatives/iowa/kids-count/index.htm>>.

Lead Testing in Children Under 6



Definition

- The percentage of Dubuque County and Iowa children under age 6 who have been tested for lead poisoning.⁵²

Trends

- There has been a countywide decrease in lead testing.

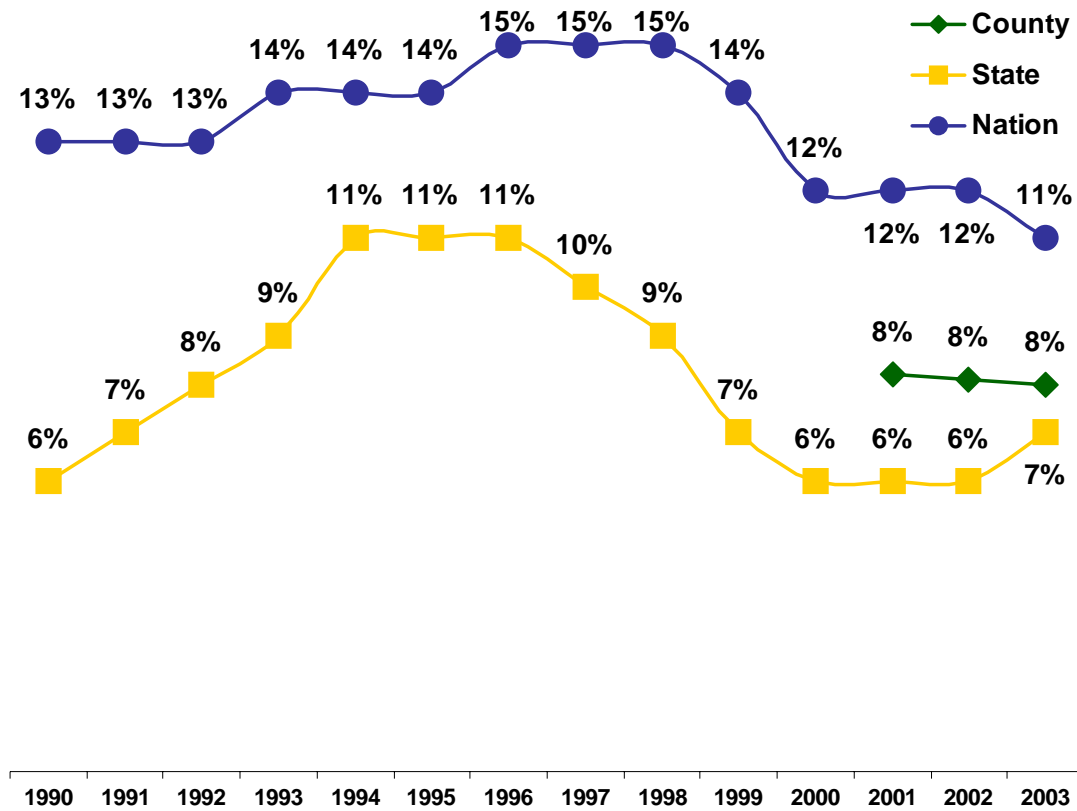
Significance

- Though testing is down in Dubuque County, the percentage of children under 6 tested is still significantly greater than the state average.
- There is a 12% lead poisoning rate in Dubuque County.⁵³

⁵² Bureau of Health Statistics. Vital Statistics of Iowa 2004.

⁵³ Ibid.

No Health Insurance Coverage



Definition

- The percentage of Dubuque County and Iowa under age 18 who were not covered by some form of health insurance at any point during the year.⁵⁴

Trends

- In Dubuque County, the percentage of youth covered by health insurance has remained stable.

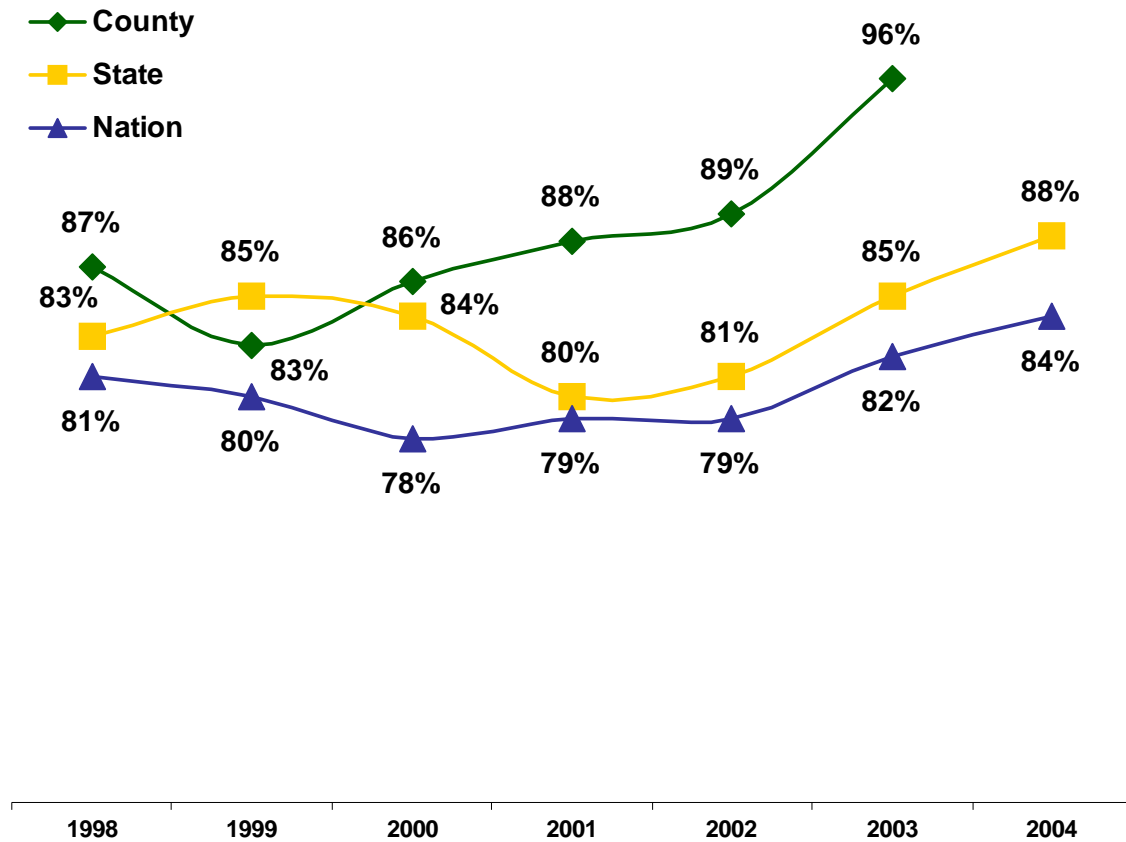
Significance

- Health insurance coverage in Dubuque County is much better than the Iowa average. Among eligible children, 57% are enrolled in *hawk-i*.⁵⁵

⁵⁴ Analysis of Data from the U.S. Census Bureau, Current Population Survey (March supplement). Population Reference Bureau and The Urban Studies Institute at the University of Louisville. 1990-2005.

⁵⁵ Annual Report for State Fiscal Year 2005. Iowa Community Empowerment. 2005.

Childhood Immunization



Definition

- Childhood immunization rate for Dubuque County, Iowa and nationwide youth under 24 months of age.^{56, 57}

Trends

- There is a significant upward trend in childhood immunizations.

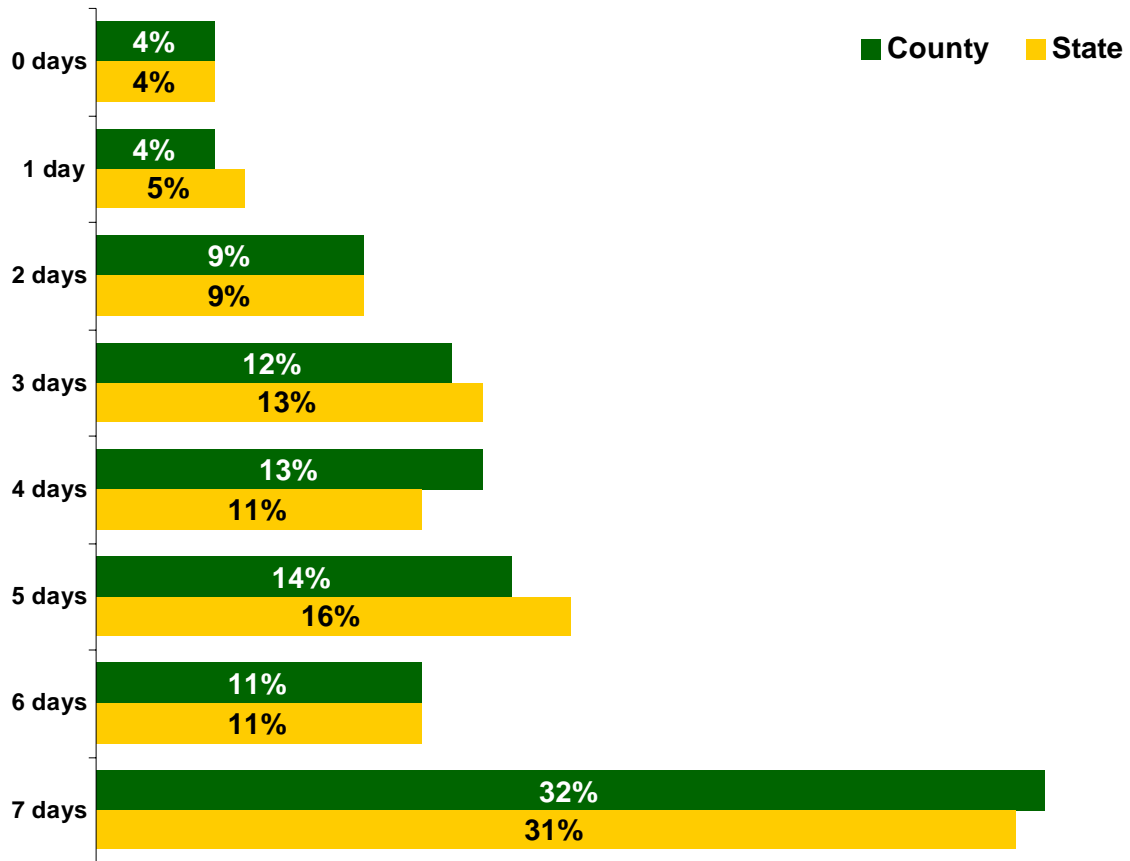
Significance

- The childhood immunization rate is nearly 100% in Dubuque County with close to 90% of children receiving immunizations before 24 months of age.

⁵⁶ Centers for Disease Control and Prevention. National, State, and Urban Area Vaccination Levels Among Children Aged 19-35 Months. 1998-2002. <<http://www.cdc.gov/nip/coverage>>.

⁵⁷ Iowa Department of Public Health. Immunization Rate Report.

Exercise



Definition

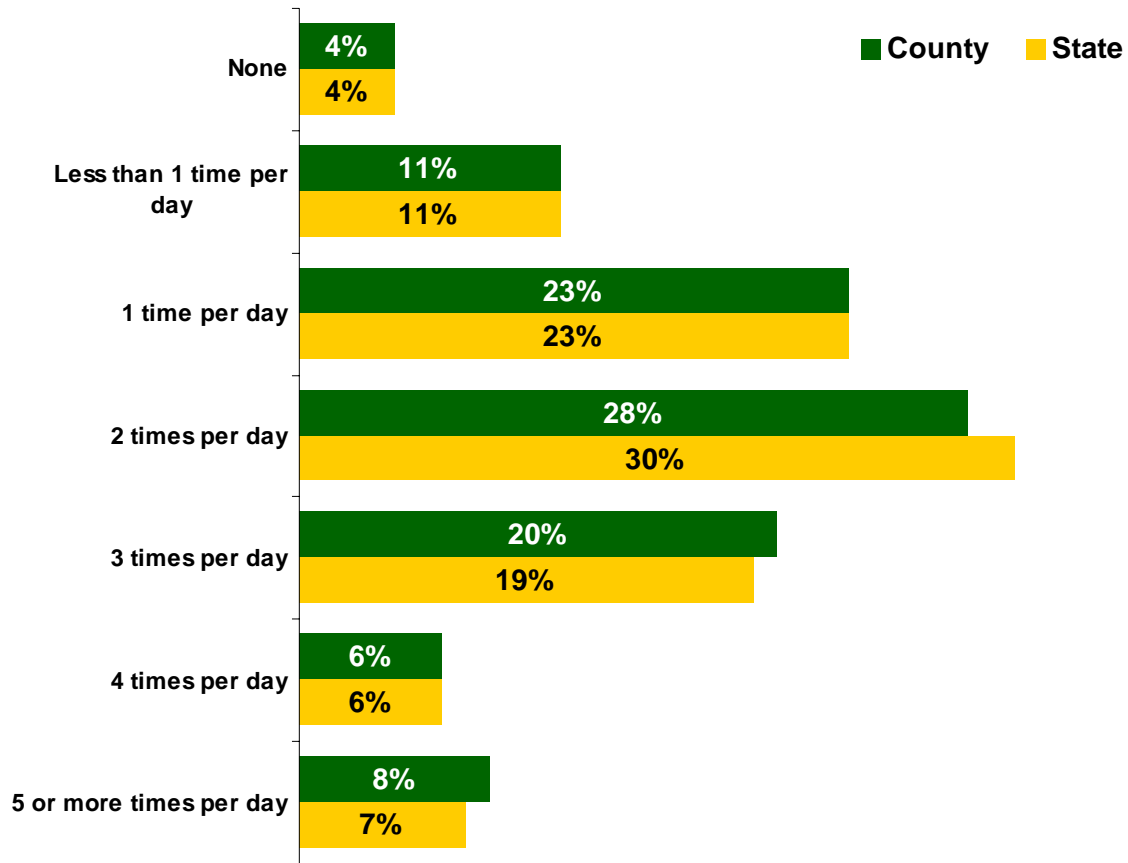
- The number of days Dubuque County and Iowa youth (grade 6, 8, and 11) report spending at least 20 minutes exercising or doing other physical activity.⁵⁸

Significance

- Nearly a third of Iowa and Dubuque County youth say that they are physically active seven days a week.

⁵⁸ 2005 Iowa Youth Survey Report. Research Institute for Studies in Education, Iowa State University. 2006. <<http://www.iowayouthsurvey.org/>>.

Eat Vegetables & Fruit



Definition

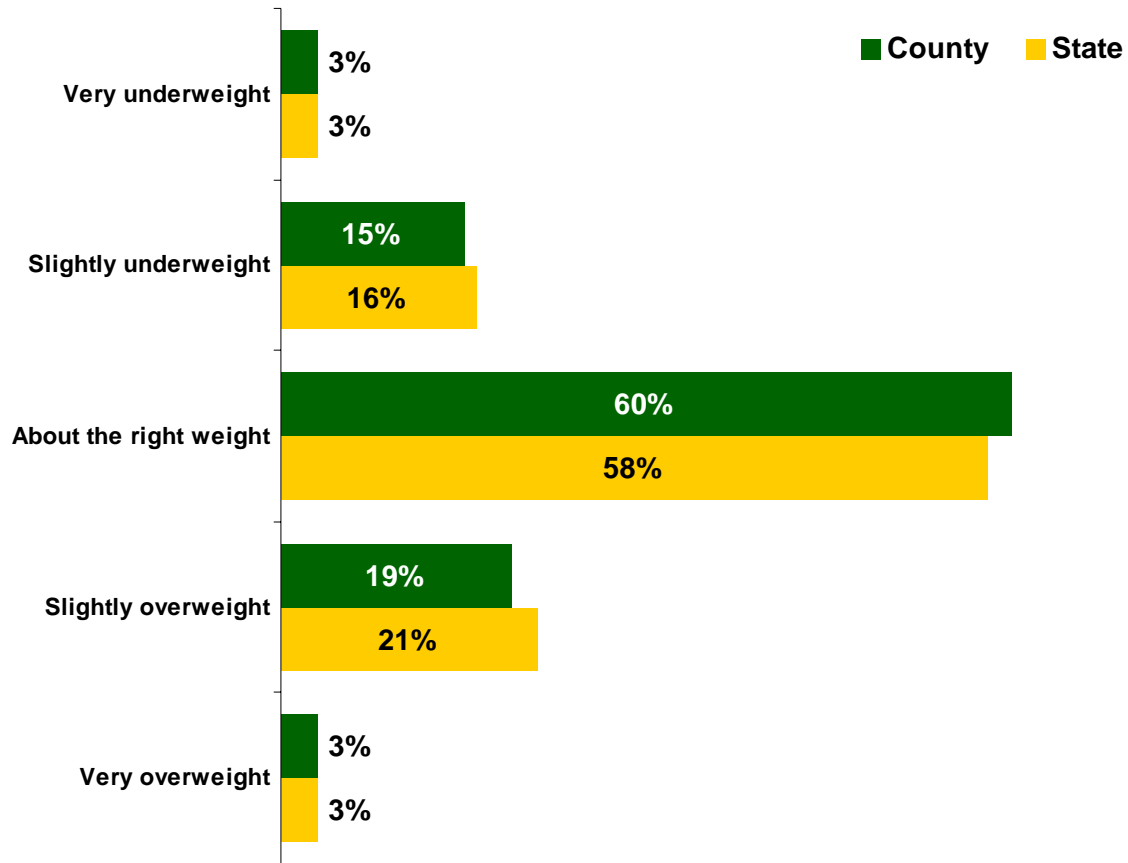
- The number of times Dubuque County and Iowa youth (grade 6, 8 and 11) report eating fruit and vegetables in a typical day.⁵⁹

Significance

- Over 70% of Dubuque County and Iowa youth report eating fruit and vegetables between one and three times per day.

⁵⁹ 2005 Iowa Youth Survey Report. Research Institute for Studies in Education, Iowa State University. 2006. <<http://www.iowayouthsurvey.org/>>.

Perception of Weight



Definition

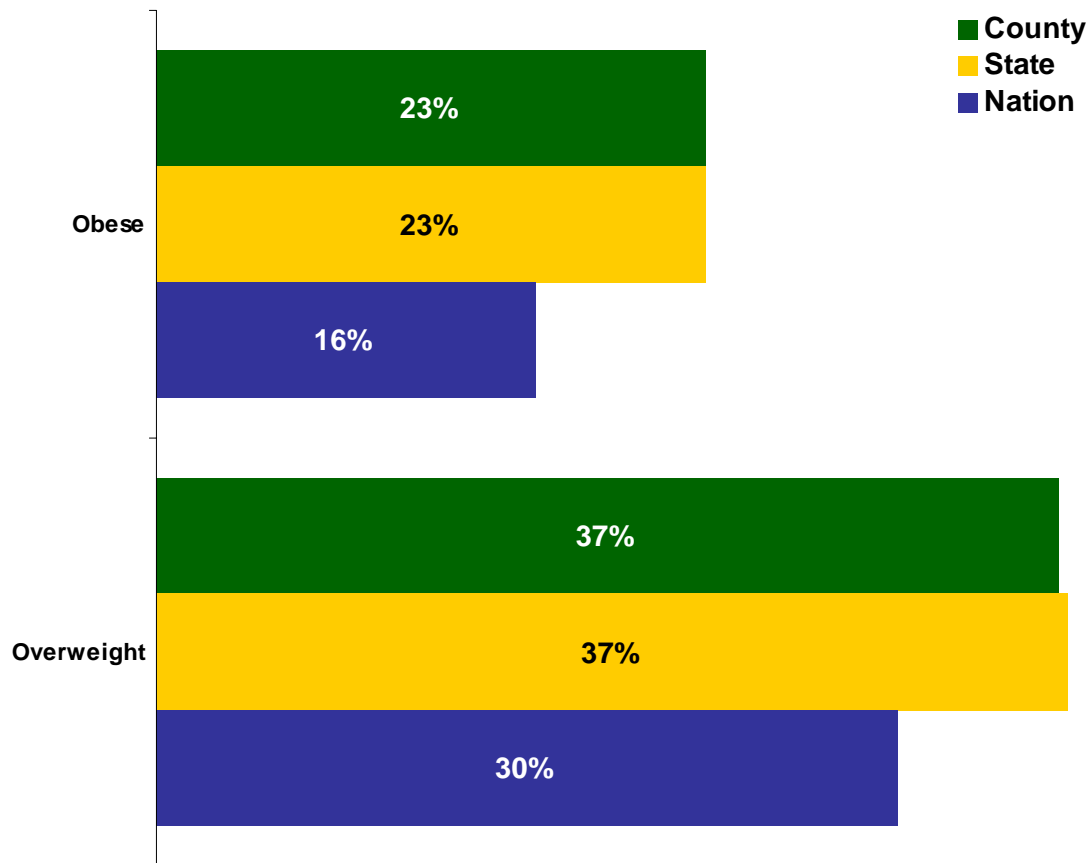
- Dubuque County and Iowa youth (grade 6, 8 and 11) perceptions of their weight.⁶⁰

Significance

- The majority of youth feel that they are about the right weight.

⁶⁰ 2005 Iowa Youth Survey Report. Research Institute for Studies in Education, Iowa State University. 2006. <<http://www.iowayouthsurvey.org/>>.

Obesity & Overweight Population



Definition

- The percentages of obese and overweight youth (age 13 and older) in Dubuque County, Iowa and across the nation.^{61, 62}

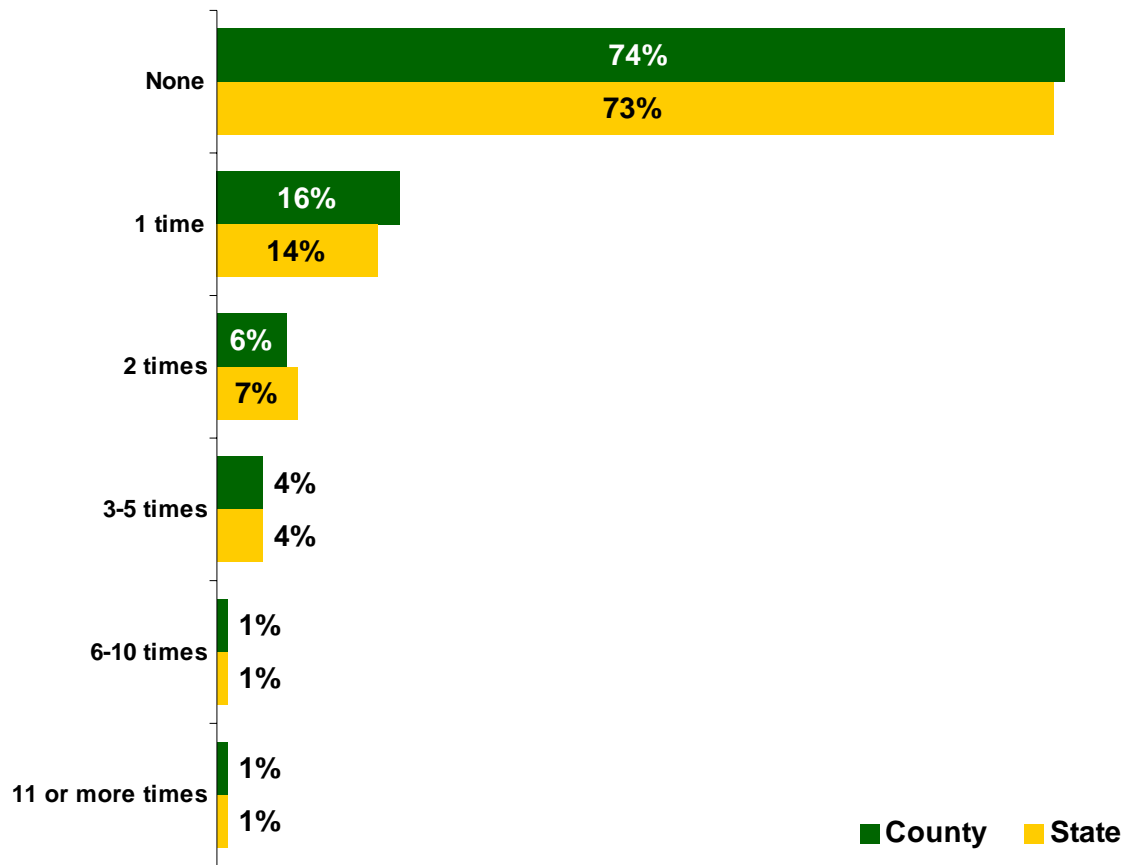
Significance

- Nearly a quarter of the Dubuque County and Iowa youth population is obese and fully one-third are overweight.

⁶¹ Dubuque County Community Health Assessment and Health Improvement Plans. Dubuque County Board of Health. 2005.

⁶² AOA Fact Sheet. American Obesity Association. Accessed 3 October 2003. <http://www.obesity.org/subs/fastfacts/obesity_youth.shtml>.

Illness



Definition

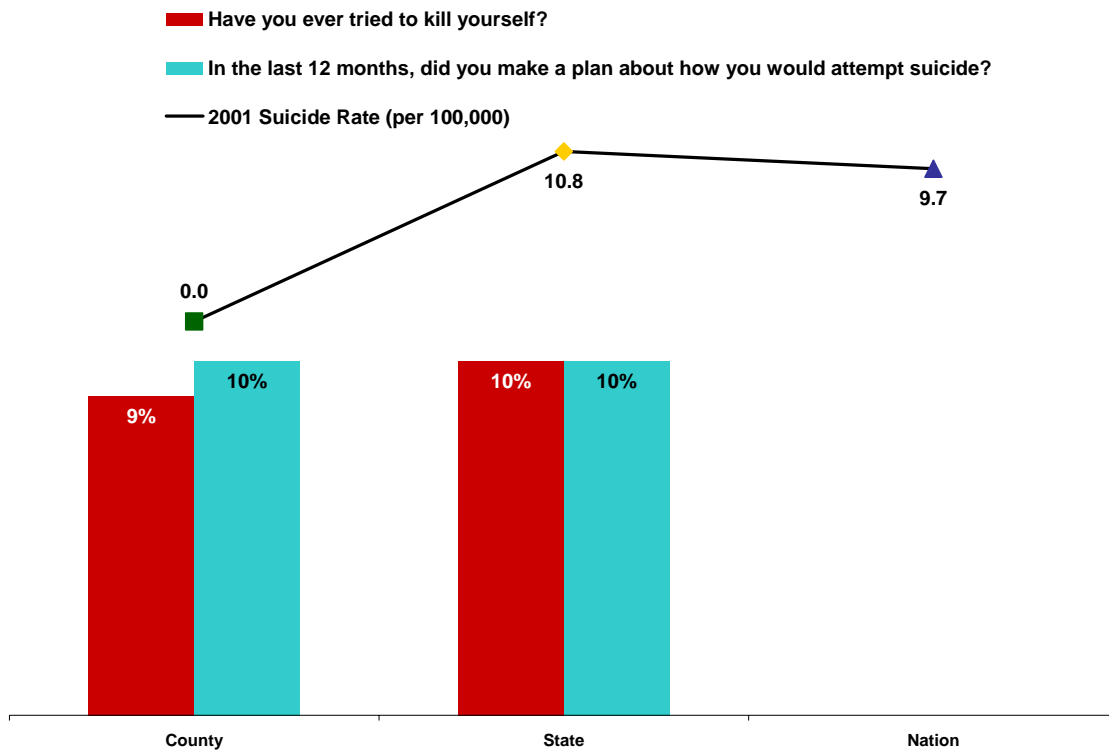
- The number of times Dubuque County and Iowa youth (grade 6, 8 and 11) report missing school due to illness.⁶³

Significance

- Just over a quarter of youth report missing some time from school due to illness in the last 30 days.

⁶³ 2005 Iowa Youth Survey Report. Research Institute for Studies in Education, Iowa State University. 2006. <<http://www.iowayouthsurvey.org/>>.

Teen Suicide



Definition

- The number of youth (grade 6, 8 and 11) in Dubuque County and across Iowa who report ever attempting suicide or planning suicide.^{64, 65,}
- The rate, per 100,000, that youth age 17 and younger commit suicide in Dubuque County, Iowa and across the nation.⁶⁶

Significance

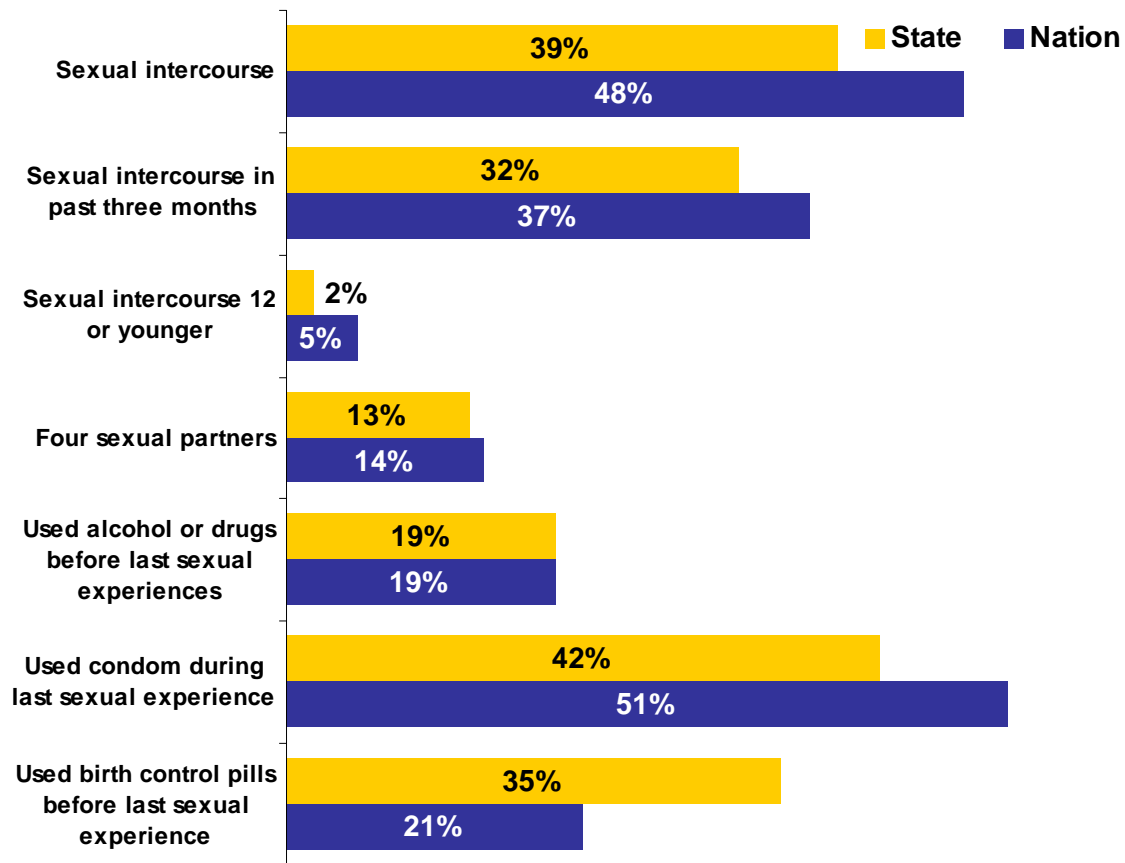
- Slightly less Dubuque County youth say they have ever tried to commit suicide or make plans about how they would attempt suicide. All totaled, less than 10% of youth had these thoughts.
- There were no reported cases of suicide among youth 17 or younger in 2001.

⁶⁴ 2005 Iowa Youth Survey Report. Research Institute for Studies in Education, Iowa State University. 2006. <<http://www.iowayouthsurvey.org/>>.

⁶⁵ Bureau of Health Statistics. *Vital Statistics of Iowa 2004*.

⁶⁶ Centers for Disease Control and Prevention. *Fatal Injury Reports*.

Youth Sexual Activity



Definition

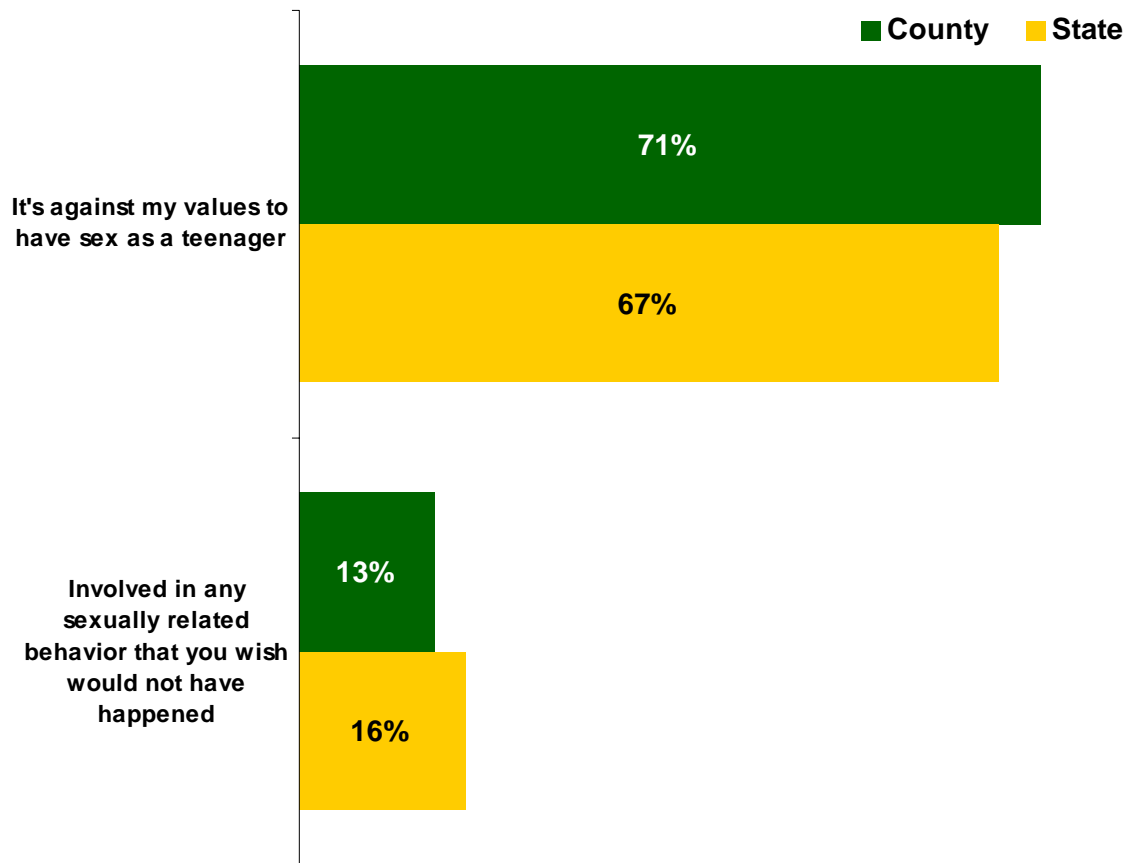
- State and nationwide data pertaining to male and female teens (age 13 to 18) sexual activity.⁶⁷

Significance

- Teens in Iowa report being far less sexually active than the national average.
- Iowa teens use condoms significantly less but use birth control pills significantly more than the average national teen.

⁶⁷ Centers for Disease Control and Prevention. Youth Risk Behavior Surveillance Summary. 1998.

Sexual Values



Definition

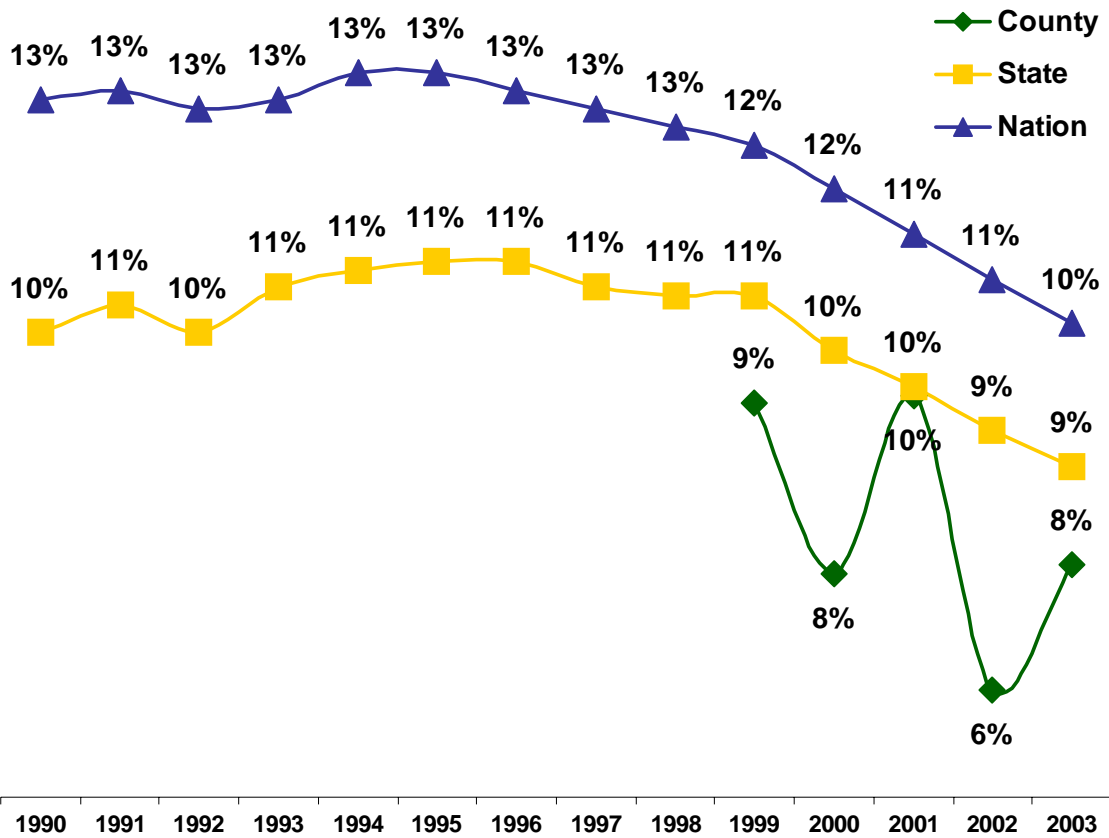
- Sexual values as reported by Dubuque County and Iowa youth (grade 6, 8 and 11). Percentages represent the number of respondents who agree with the statement.⁶⁸

Significance

- A majority of youth both county and statewide agree that it is against their values to have sex as a teenager.

⁶⁸ 2005 Iowa Youth Survey Report. Research Institute for Studies in Education, Iowa State University. 2006. <<http://www.iowayouthsurvey.org/>>.

Teen Births



Definition

- Dubuque County and Iowa teen (age 13 to 18) birth rates from 1999 to 2003. Numbers represent percentage of total births.^{69, 70}

Trends

- Statewide, teen births are down since 1999.

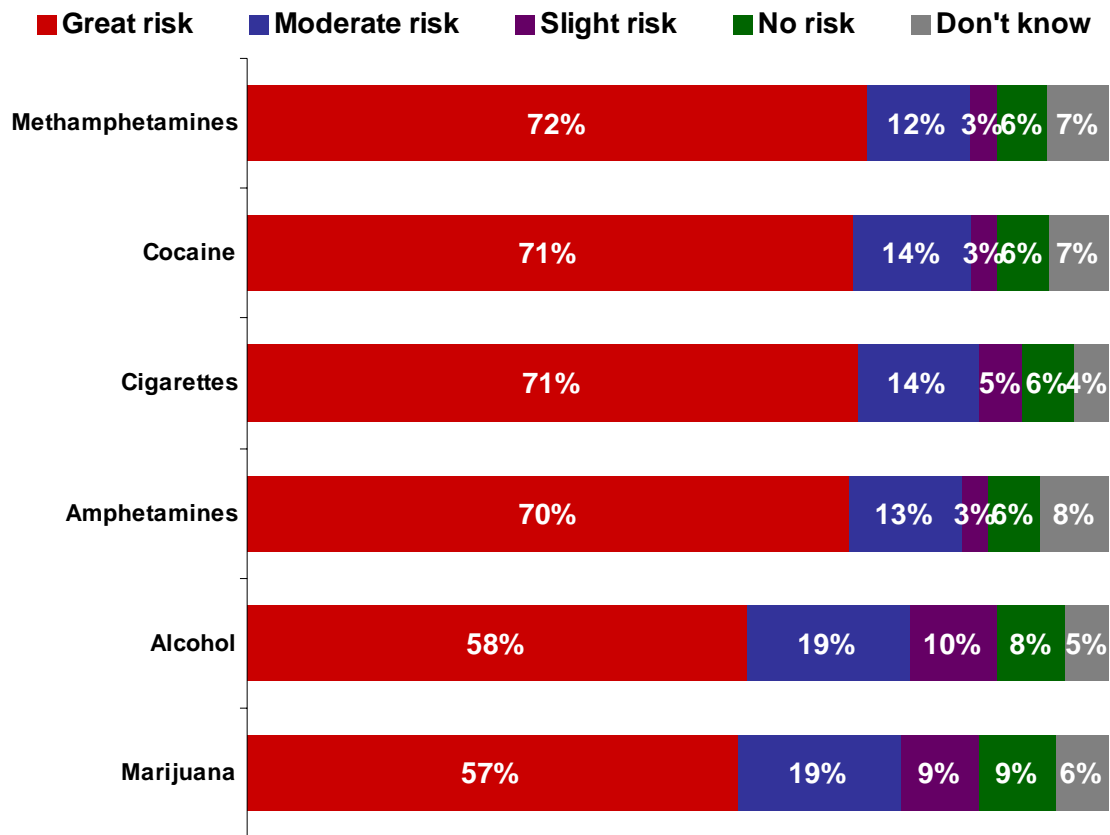
Significance

- On average, the teen birth rate in Iowa has exhibited a constant downward trend since 1999. However, Dubuque County has been subject to fluctuations during that period of time including an increase from 2002 to 2003. Despite those spikes, Dubuque County has consistently maintained teen pregnancy rate at or below the state average.

⁶⁹ National Center for Health Statistics. *Child Trends Analysis of 1990-2003*. Natality Data Set CD Series 21, Numbers 2-9, 11-12, 14-16 (SETS versions), and 16H (ASCII version).

⁷⁰ Iowa Department of Public Health.

Risk of Alcohol, Tobacco and Drugs



Definition

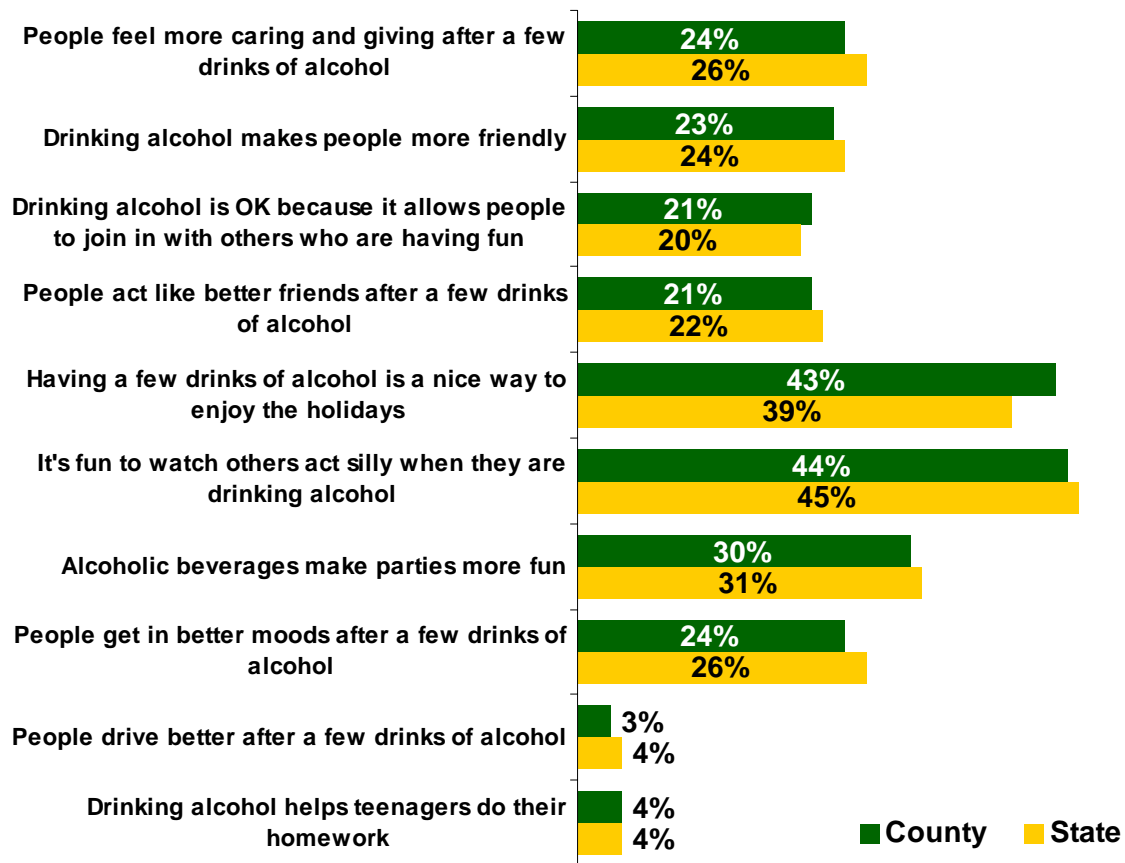
- Perceived risk of alcohol, tobacco and other illegal drugs as reported by Dubuque County youth (grade 6, 8 and 11).⁷¹

Significance

- Well over 80% of youth in Dubuque County assign moderate or great risk to methamphetamines, cocaine, amphetamines and cigarettes. Dubuque County youth are more inclined to label alcohol and marijuana as having a slight or no risk.

⁷¹ 2005 Iowa Youth Survey Report. Research Institute for Studies in Education, Iowa State University. 2006. <<http://www.iowayouthsurvey.org/>>.

Attitudes about Substance Abuse



Definition

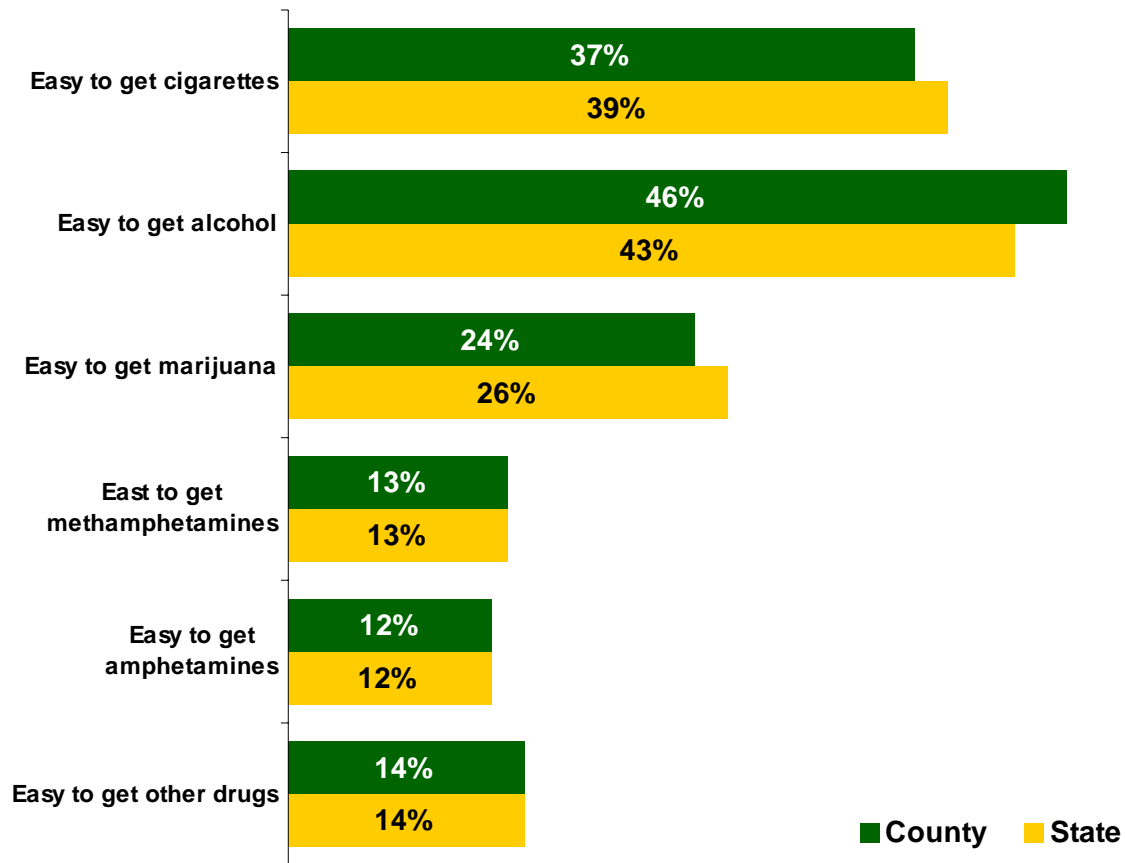
- Attitudes and opinions about substance abuse related issues from Dubuque County and Iowa youth (grade 6, 8 and 11). Percentages represent the number of respondents who agreed with the respective statement.⁷²

Significance

- In general, the majority of Dubuque County and Iowa youth do not feel that drugs and alcohol are essential to social acceptance or having fun.
- However, there was mild acceptance of two statements more than 40% each agreed with that having a few drinks is a nice way to enjoy holidays and it's fun to watch others act silly when they are drinking alcohol.

⁷² 2005 Iowa Youth Survey Report. Research Institute for Studies in Education, Iowa State University. 2006. <<http://www.iowayouthsurvey.org/>>.

Ease of Getting Tobacco, Alcohol & Drugs



Definition

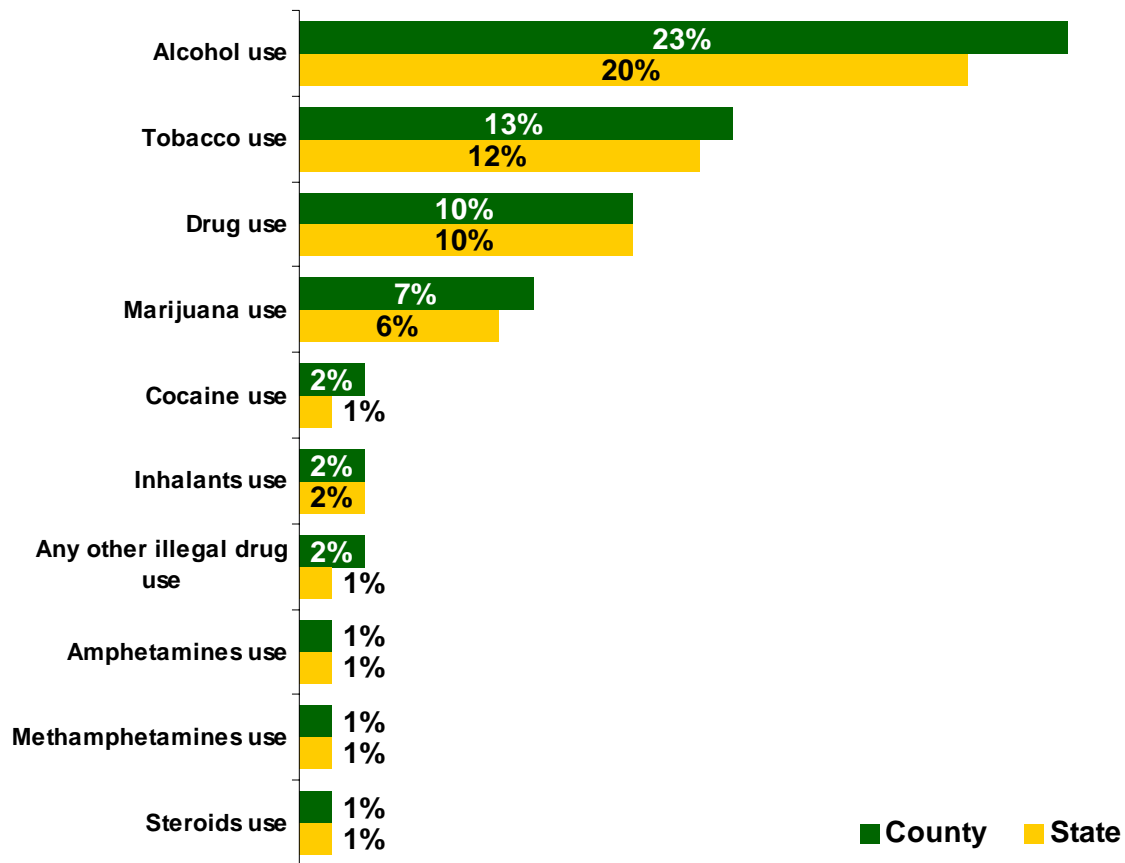
- Reported ease of attaining tobacco, alcohol and drugs according to Dubuque County and Iowa youth (grade 6, 8 and 11).⁷³

Significance

- Over a third of Iowa and Dubuque County youth describe cigarettes and alcohol as easy to get. Roughly a quarter identify marijuana as easy to get. In general, Dubuque County teens are less likely to say that cigarettes, alcohol and illegal drugs are easier to get than the state average.

⁷³ 2005 Iowa Youth Survey Report. Research Institute for Studies in Education, Iowa State University. 2006. <<http://www.iowayouthsurvey.org/>>.

Substance Abuse: Current



Definition

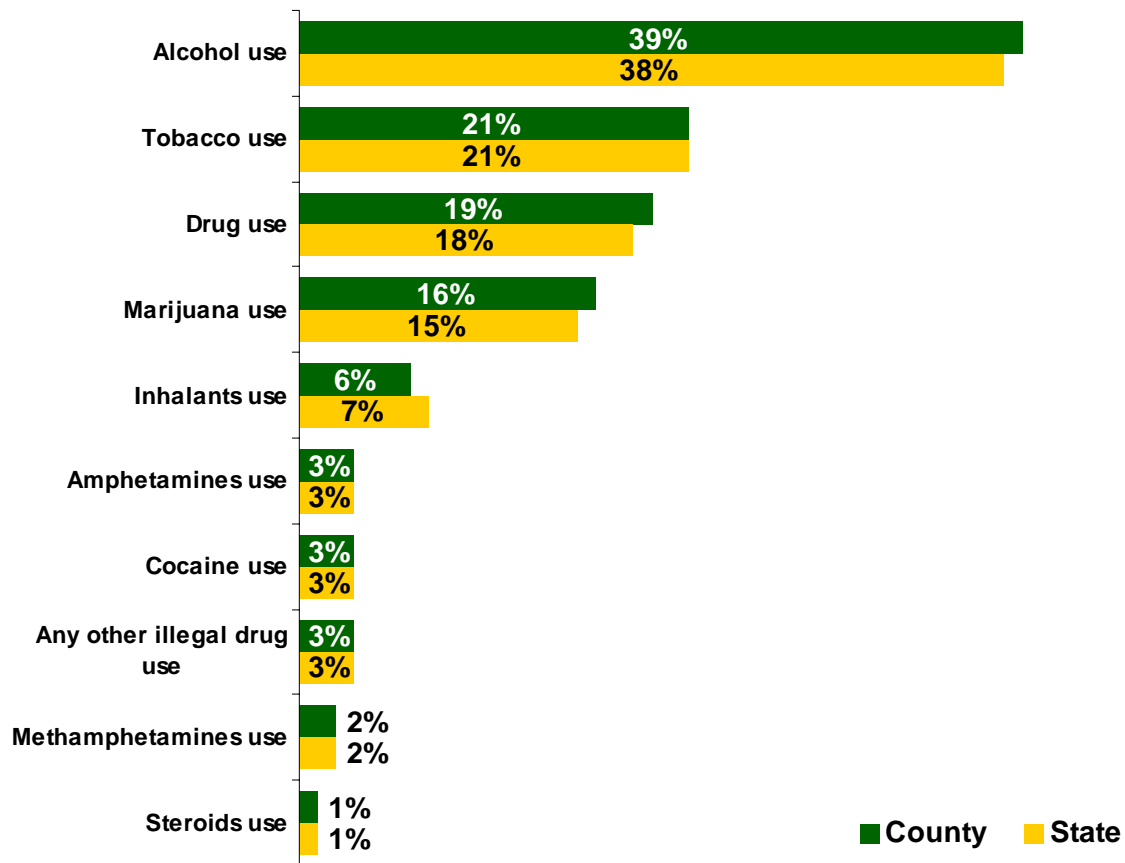
- Current substance abuse as reported by Dubuque County and Iowa youth (grade 6, 8 and 11).⁷⁴

Significance

- Tobacco and alcohol are currently the most widely abused substances with nearly a quarter of youth reporting that they drink and 14% that they use tobacco. One in ten youth use illegal drugs of some sort.

⁷⁴ 2005 Iowa Youth Survey Report. Research Institute for Studies in Education, Iowa State University. 2006. <<http://www.iowayouthsurvey.org/>>.

Substance Abuse: Ever



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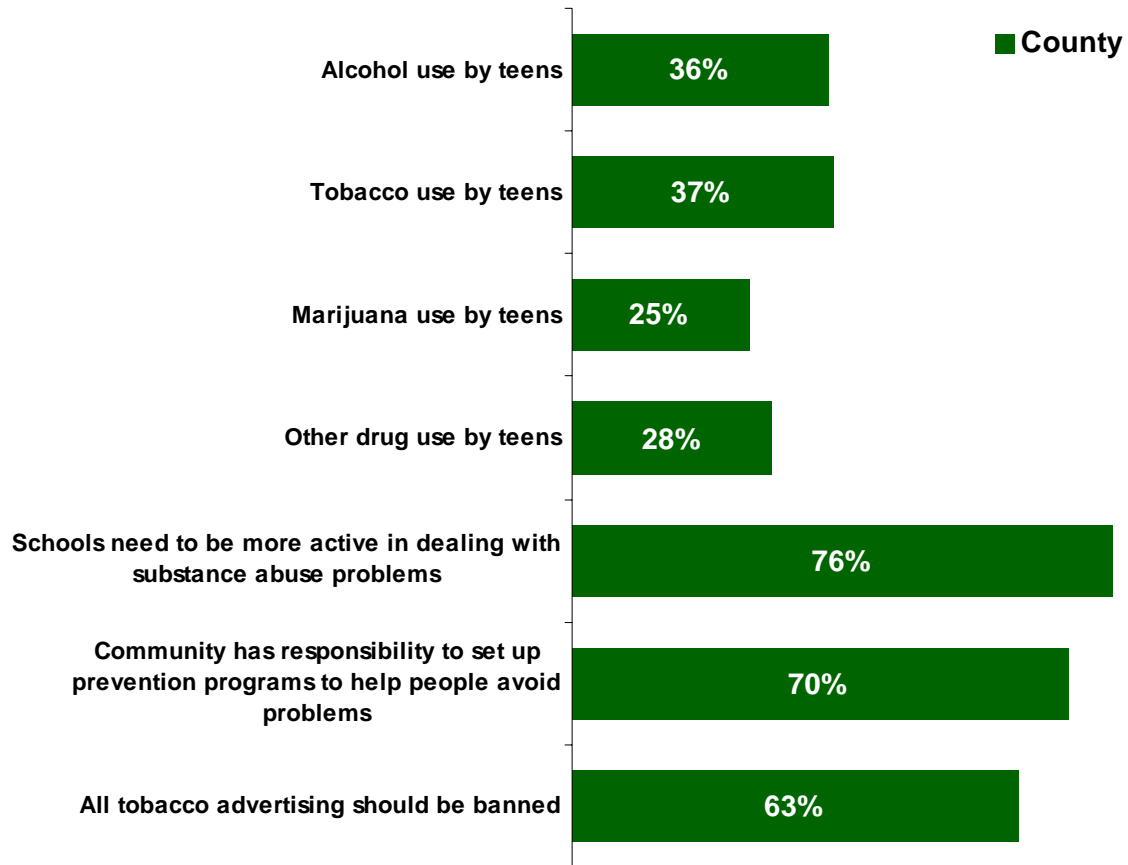
- Reported usage of tobacco, alcohol and illegal drugs by Dubuque County and Iowa youth (grade 6, 8 and 11). This differs from the previous data in that it is any usage, not just current usage.⁷⁵

Significance

- Tobacco, alcohol and marijuana are the most widely abused substances. One in five youth have used illegal drugs at some point in their life. Nearly three-quarters of youth say that it is against their values to use alcohol or drugs as a teenager.

⁷⁵ 2005 Iowa Youth Survey Report. Research Institute for Studies in Education, Iowa State University. 2006. <<http://www.iowayouthsurvey.org/>>.

Community Perceptions of Substance Abuse Problems



Definition

- Perceptions of youth substance abuse problems as reported by Dubuque County residents.⁷⁶

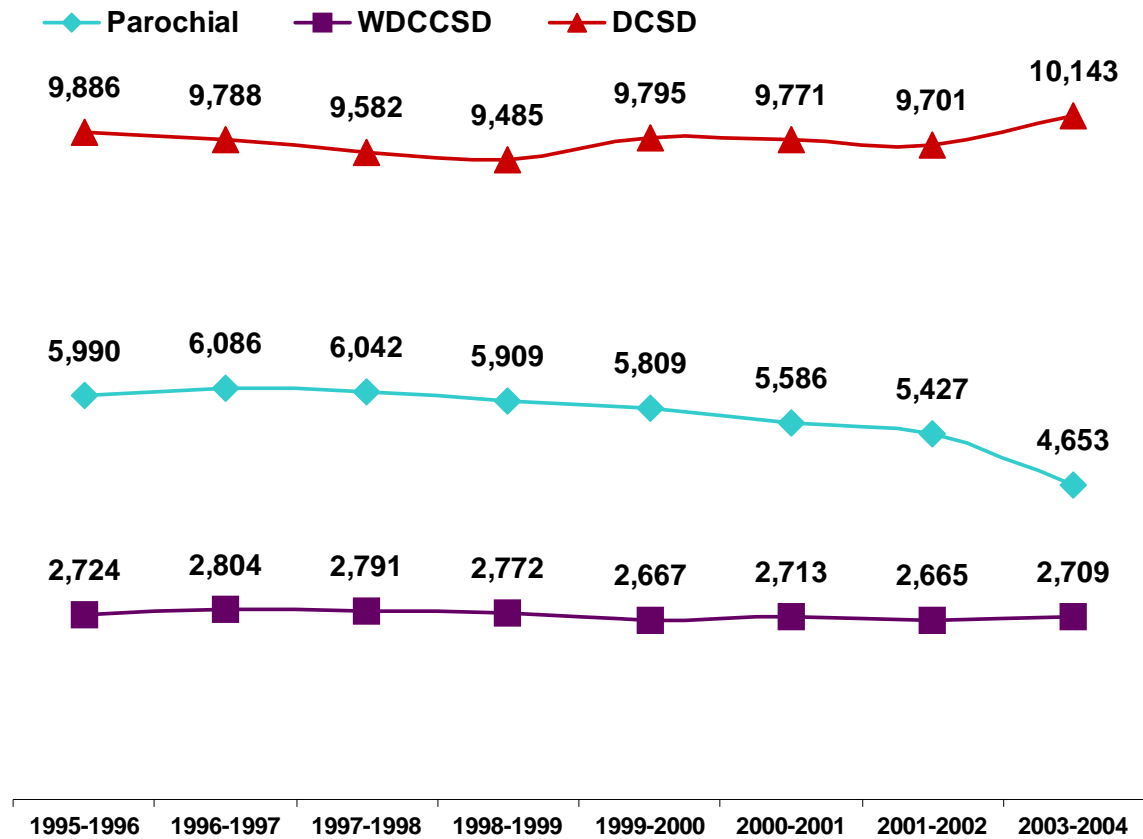
Significance

- Approximately a third of Dubuque County residents feel that alcohol and tobacco usage is a problem in the community.

⁷⁶ Community Readiness Survey: One Size Does Not Fit All. Results from Dubuque County, Iowa. Minnesota Institute of Public Health. Dubuque County, 2003.

Youth Prepared for and Successful in School

K-12 Enrollment



Definition

- K-12 Enrollment at the two Dubuque County school districts plus parochial schools throughout the county.⁷⁷

Trends

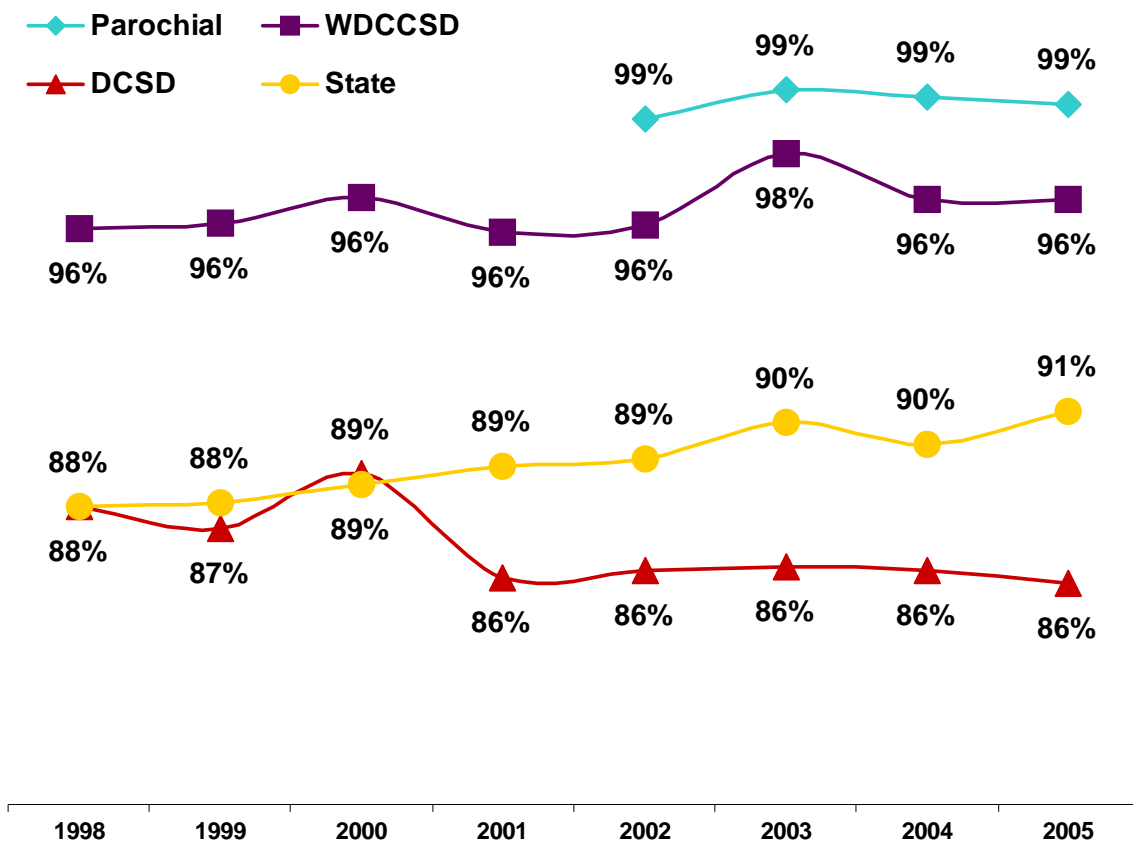
- Western Dubuque County Community School District (WDCCS) has experienced a steady decline in enrollment.

Significance

- Dubuque Community School District (DCSD) has the highest enrollment.

⁷⁷ Iowa Department of Education.

High School Graduation Rate



Definition

- High school graduation rate across the state and in the three school districts found in Dubuque County.^{78, 79, 80}

Significance

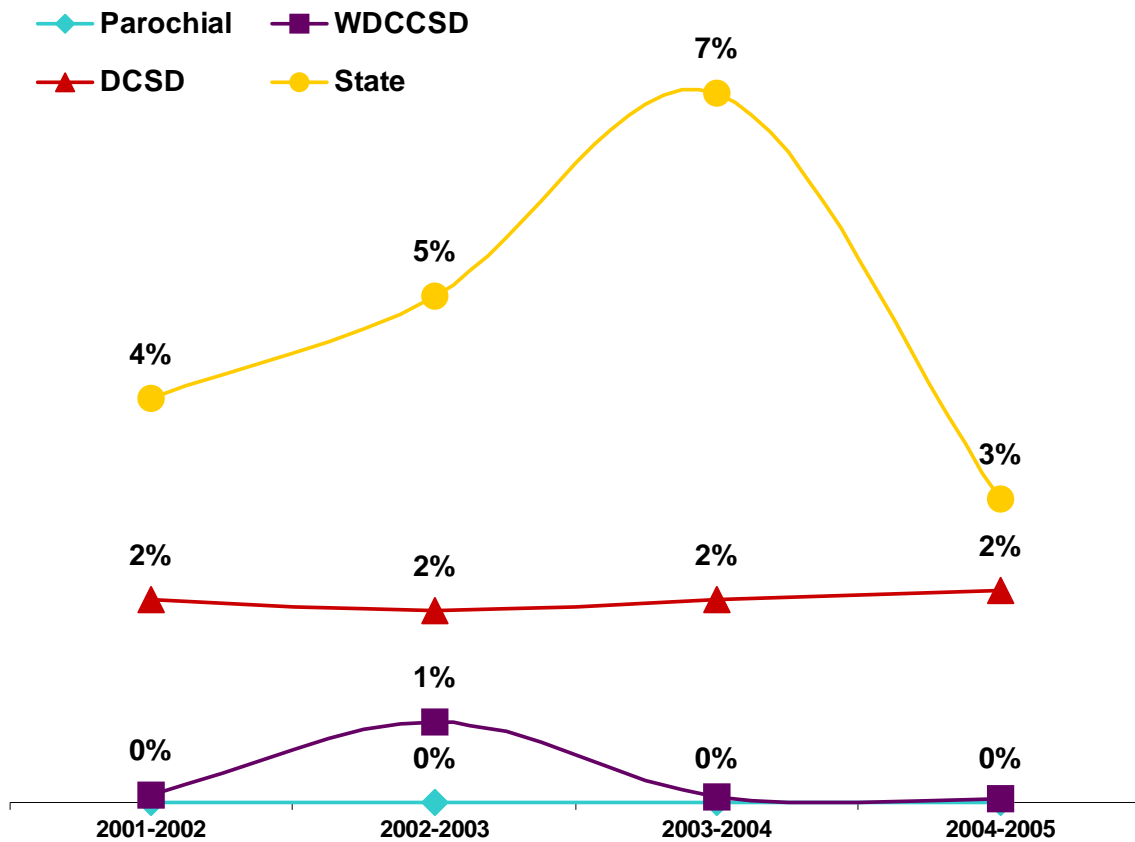
- Dubuque Community School District (DCSD) has a graduation rate consistently below the state average.
- The graduation rate of Western Dubuque County Community School District (WDCS) and parochial schools is significantly higher than the state average.

⁷⁸ 2004-2005 Annual Progress Report. Dubuque Community Schools. 2006.
<http://www.dubuque.k12.ia.us/annualreport/index.htm>.

⁷⁹ Annual Report to the Public. Western Dubuque County Community School District. 2005.
<http://www.w-dubuque.k12.ia.us/Downloads/AnnualReport.htm>.

⁸⁰ Annual Progress Report. Archdiocesan of Dubuque. 2005.
http://www.arch.pvt.k12.ia.us/CathSchools/PDFs/APR_Arch_0405.pdf.

High School Drop Out Rate



Definition

- High school drop out rate across the state and in the three school districts found in Dubuque County.^{81, 82, 83}

Significance

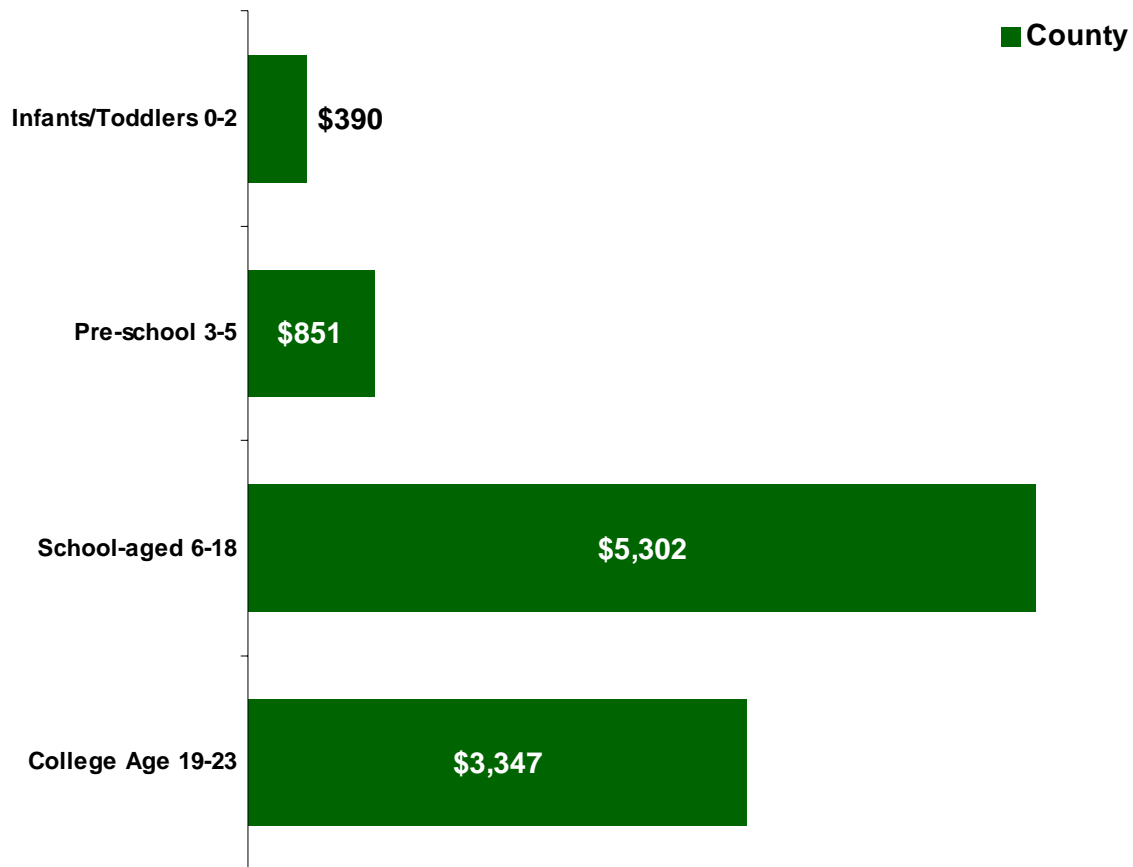
- All three districts maintain a drop out rate below the state average.

⁸¹ 2004-2005 Annual Progress Report. Dubuque Community Schools. 2006.
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⁸² Annual Report to the Public. Western Dubuque County Community School District. 2005.
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⁸³ Annual Progress Report. Archdiocesan of Dubuque. 2005.
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State Investment per Child



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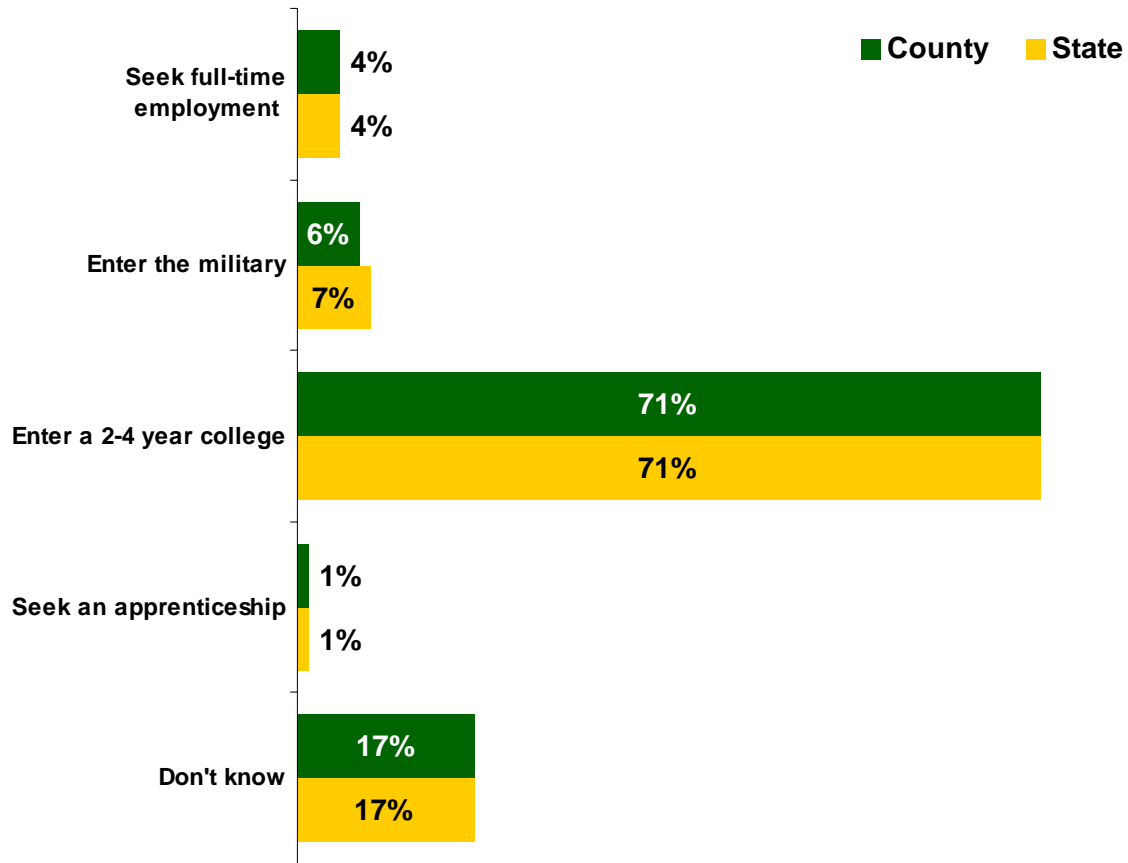
- Public investment per child in the State of Iowa during the 2002 school year. Public investment is the total amount of tax monies spent divided by the number of youth in each subgroup.⁸⁴

Significance

- Over \$5,000 per child is invested in school-aged children.

⁸⁴ Connecting the Dots for School Readiness: Trends in the Well-Being of Iowa Children, 2002-2003. Iowa Kids Count. 2003. <<http://www.cfpciowa.org/initiatives/iowa/kids-count/index.htm>>.

Post-Secondary Options



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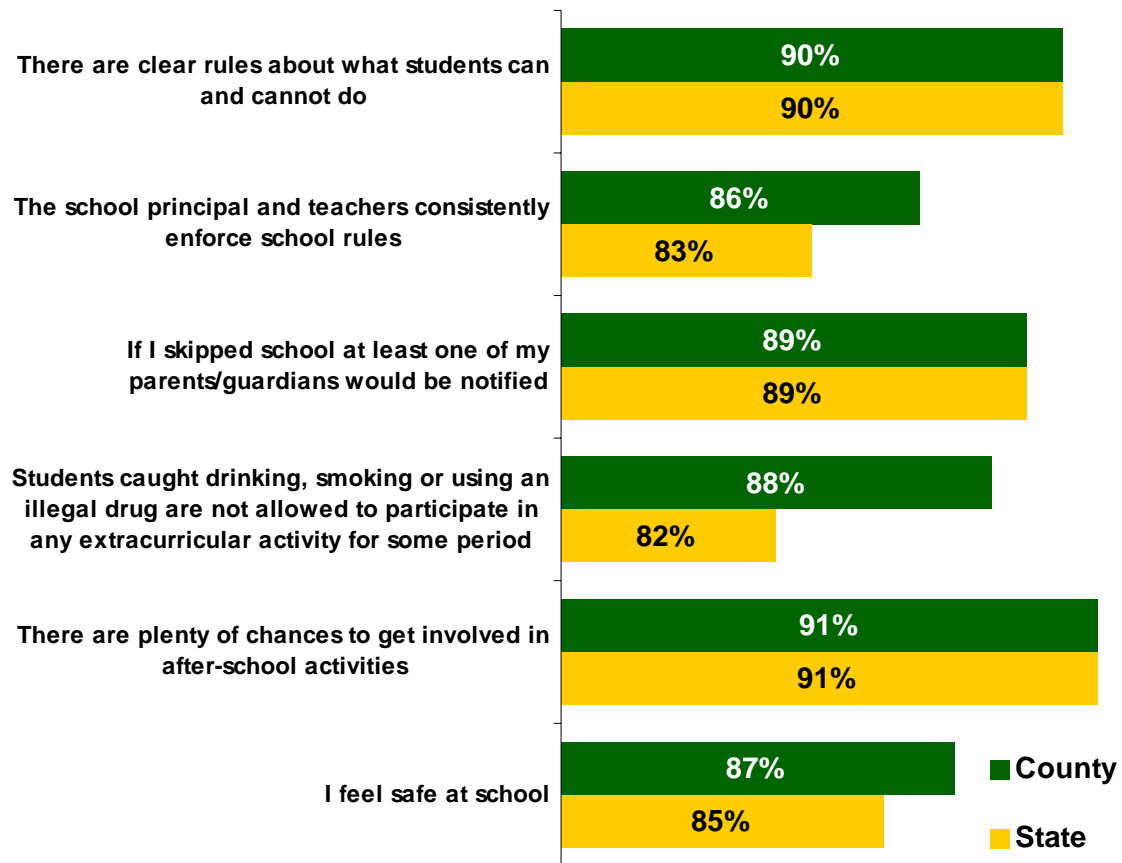
- Post-secondary considerations as reported by Iowa and Dubuque County youth (grade 6, 8 and 11).⁸⁵

Significance

- The majority of youth intend to enter a 2-4 year college upon completion of high school.

⁸⁵ 2005 Iowa Youth Survey Report. Research Institute for Studies in Education, Iowa State University. 2006. <<http://www.iowayouthsurvey.org/>>.

Attitudes about Discipline



Definition

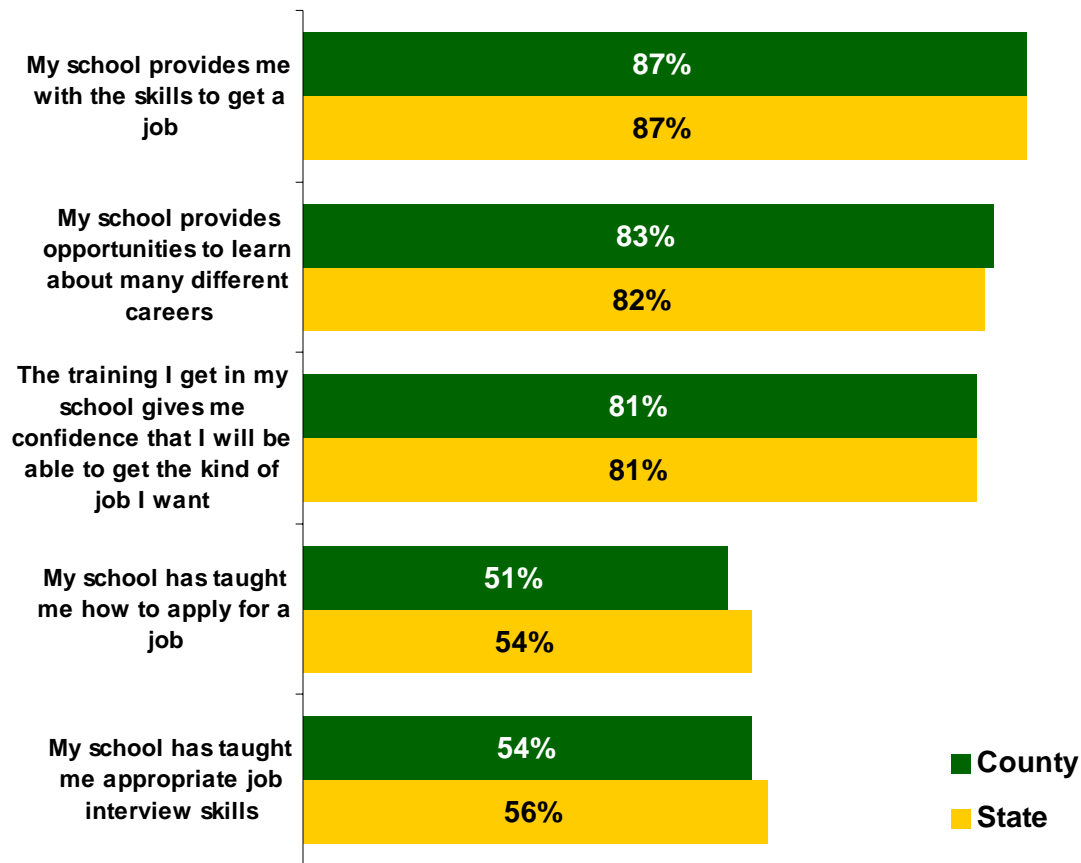
- Dubuque County and Iowa youth (grade 6, 8 and 11) perceptions about their school.⁸⁶

Significance

- In general, Dubuque County and Iowa youth have very favorable impressions of their school.

⁸⁶ 2005 Iowa Youth Survey Report. Research Institute for Studies in Education, Iowa State University. 2006. <<http://www.iowayouthsurvey.org/>>.

Attitudes about Job Training



Definition

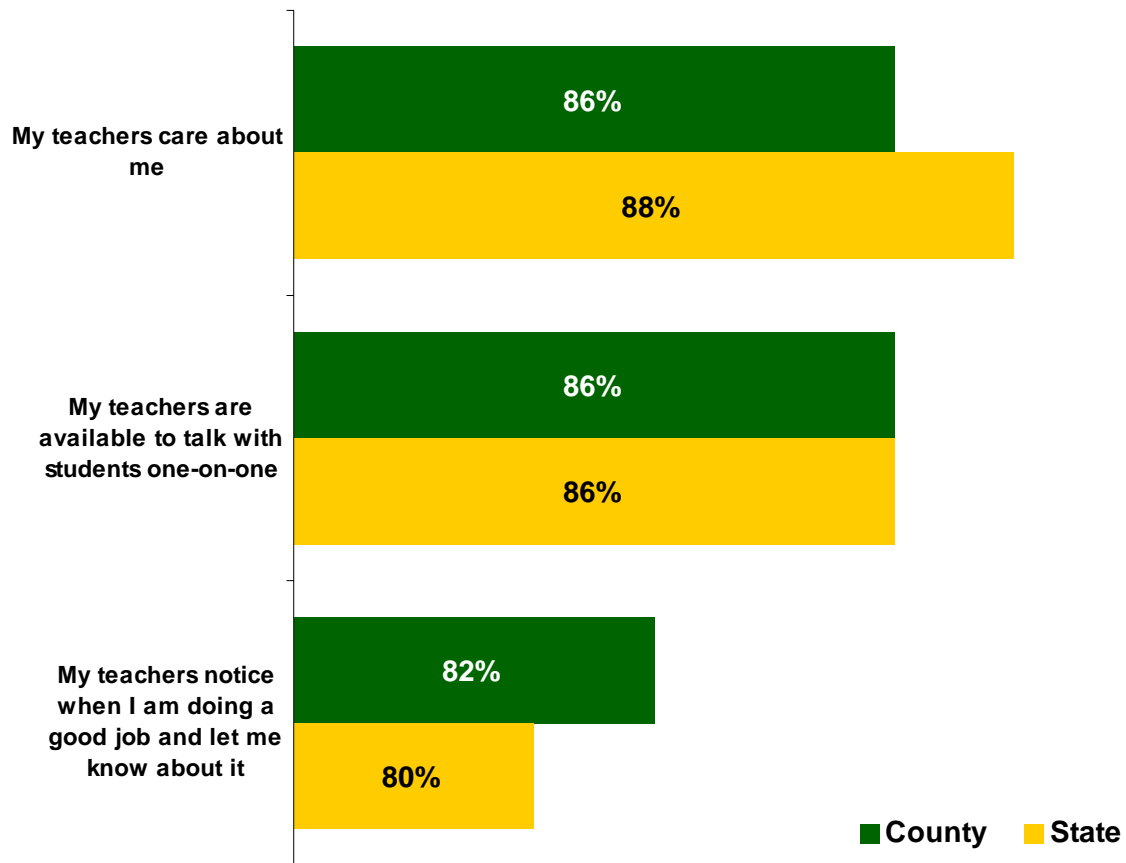
- Dubuque County and Iowa youth (grade 6, 8 and 11) perceptions about their school's job training and career preparation.⁸⁷

Significance

- In general, Dubuque County and Iowa youth have very favorable opinions of the job training and career preparation they receive in school.

⁸⁷ 2005 Iowa Youth Survey Report. Research Institute for Studies in Education, Iowa State University. 2006. <<http://www.iowayouthsurvey.org/>>.

Attitudes about Teachers



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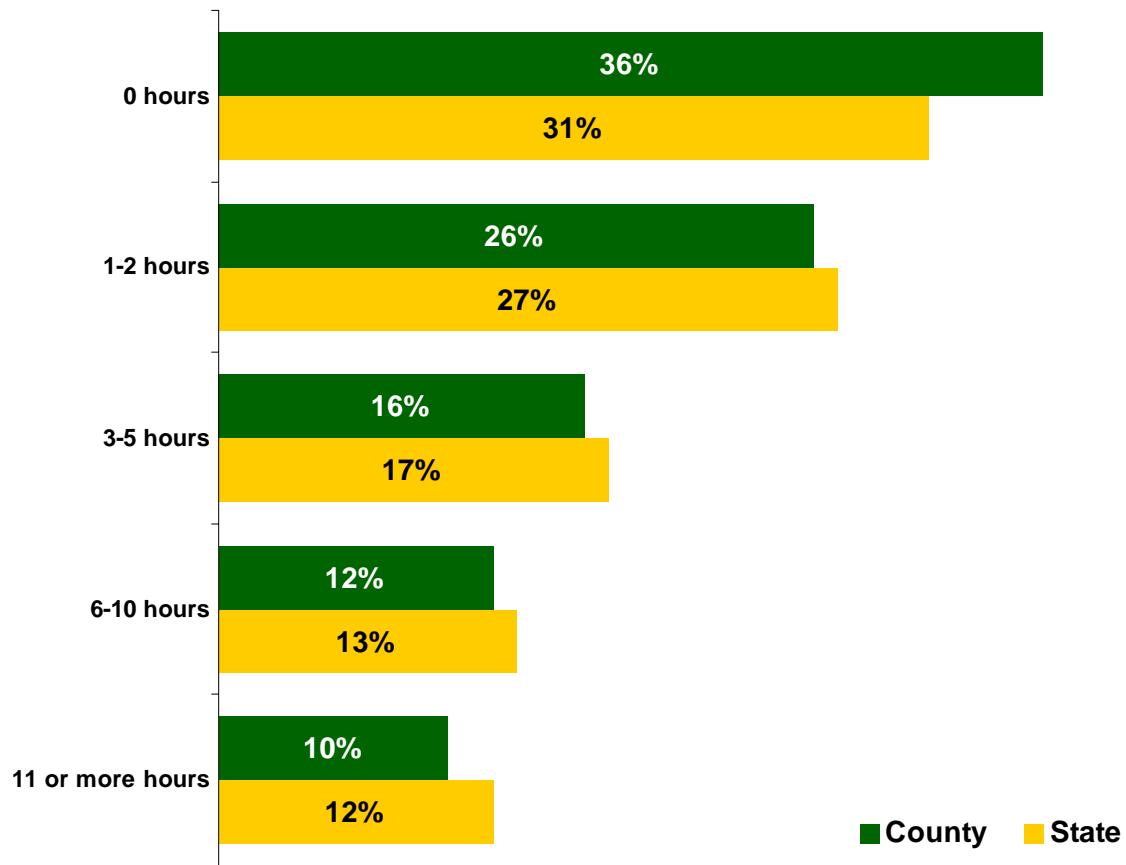
- Dubuque County and Iowa youth (grade 6, 8 and 11) perceptions about their teachers.⁸⁸

Significance

- In general, Dubuque County and Iowa youth have very favorable impressions of their teachers.

⁸⁸ 2005 Iowa Youth Survey Report. Research Institute for Studies in Education, Iowa State University. 2006. <<http://www.iowayouthsurvey.org/>>.

Extra-Curricular Activities



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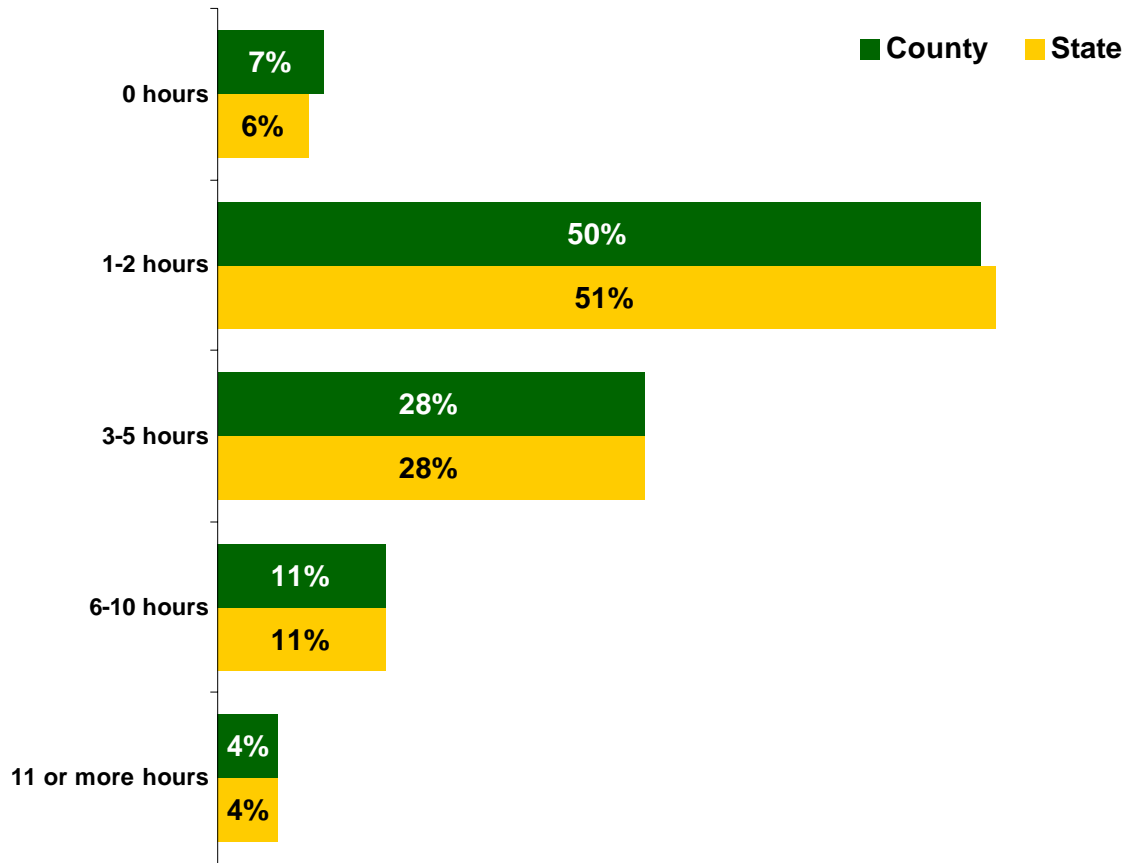
- The number of hours per week Dubuque County and Iowa youth (grade 6, 8 and 11) report spending time doing extra-curricular activities.⁸⁹

Significance

- Over two-thirds of youth spend at least one hour each week doing extra-curricular activities.

⁸⁹ 2005 Iowa Youth Survey Report. Research Institute for Studies in Education, Iowa State University. 2006. <<http://www.iowayouthsurvey.org/>>.

Homework



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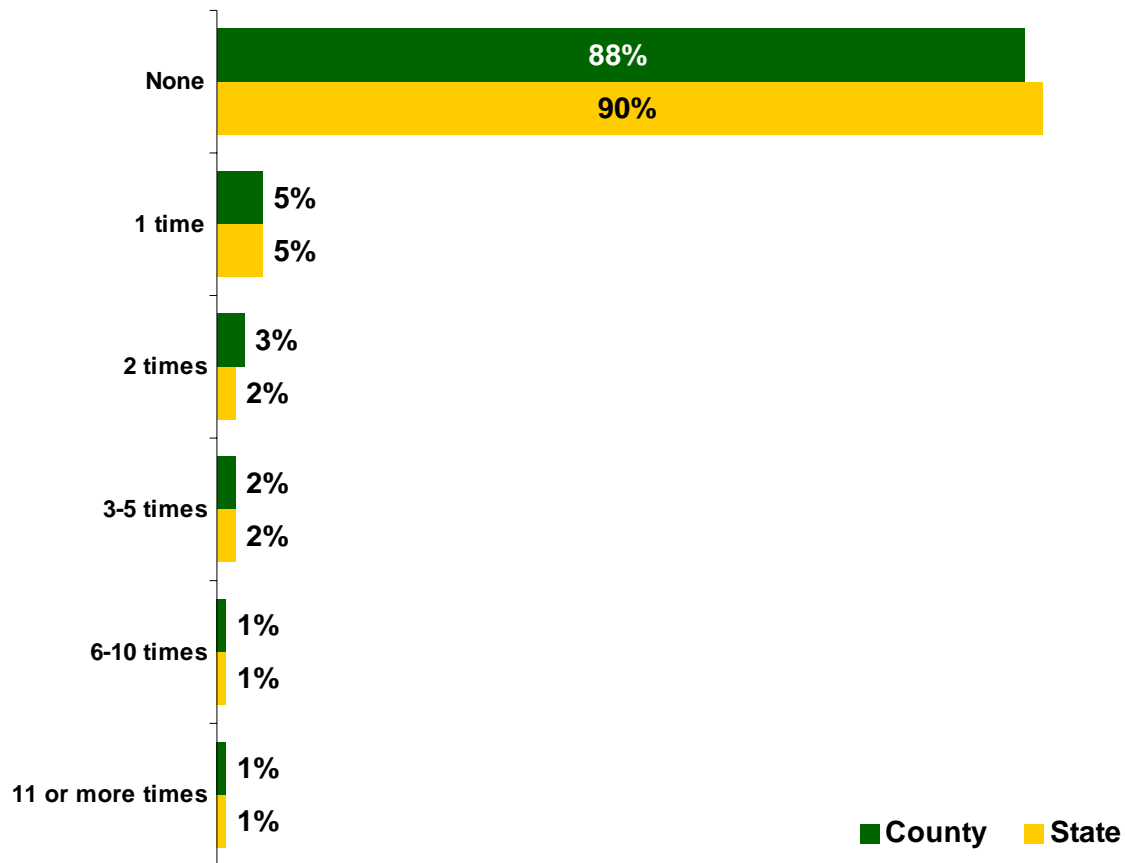
- The number of hours each week Dubuque County and Iowa youth (grade 6, 8 and 11) report spending time doing homework.⁹⁰

Significance

- Nearly all youth spend at least one hour each week doing homework.

⁹⁰ 2005 Iowa Youth Survey Report. Research Institute for Studies in Education, Iowa State University. 2006. <<http://www.iowayouthsurvey.org/>>.

Skipped Class or Days



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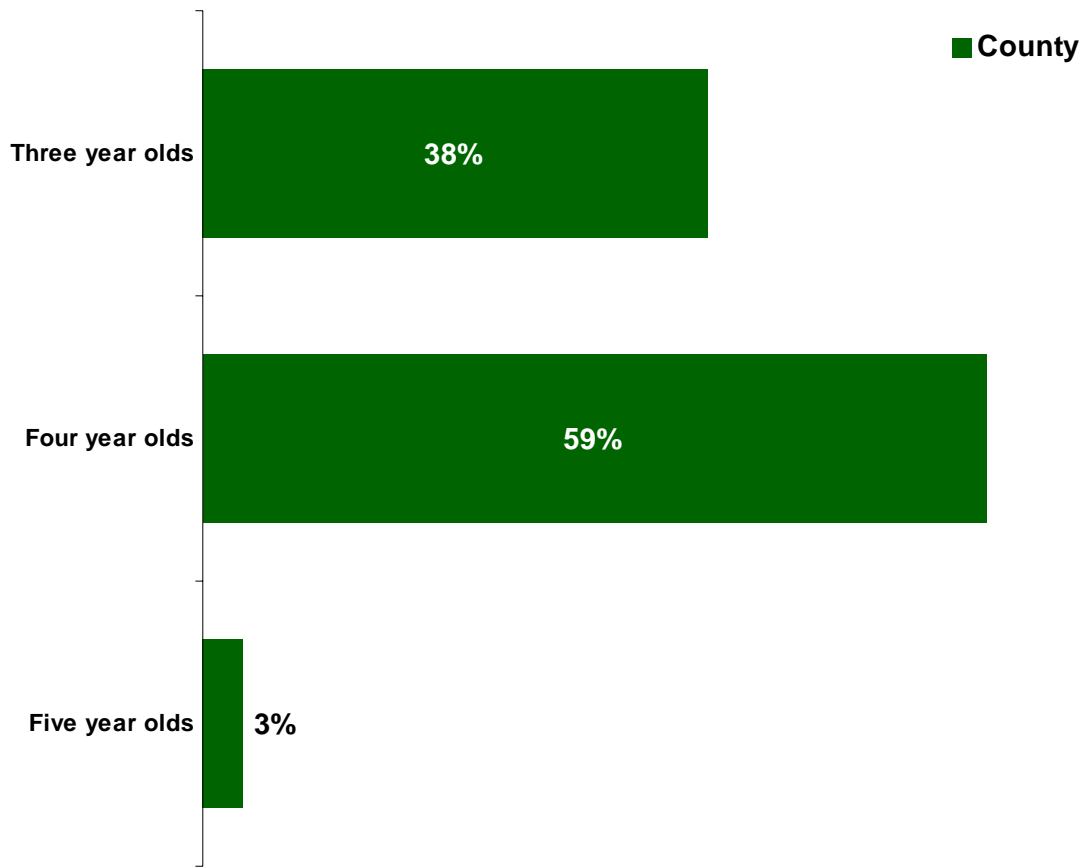
- The number of times in the past 30 days that Dubuque County and Iowa youth (grade 6, 8 and 11) report skipping a class or an entire day.⁹¹

Significance

- The vast majority report that they haven't skipped a single class or day.

⁹¹ 2005 Iowa Youth Survey Report. Research Institute for Studies in Education, Iowa State University. 2006. <<http://www.iowayouthsurvey.org/>>.

Head Start Enrollment by Age



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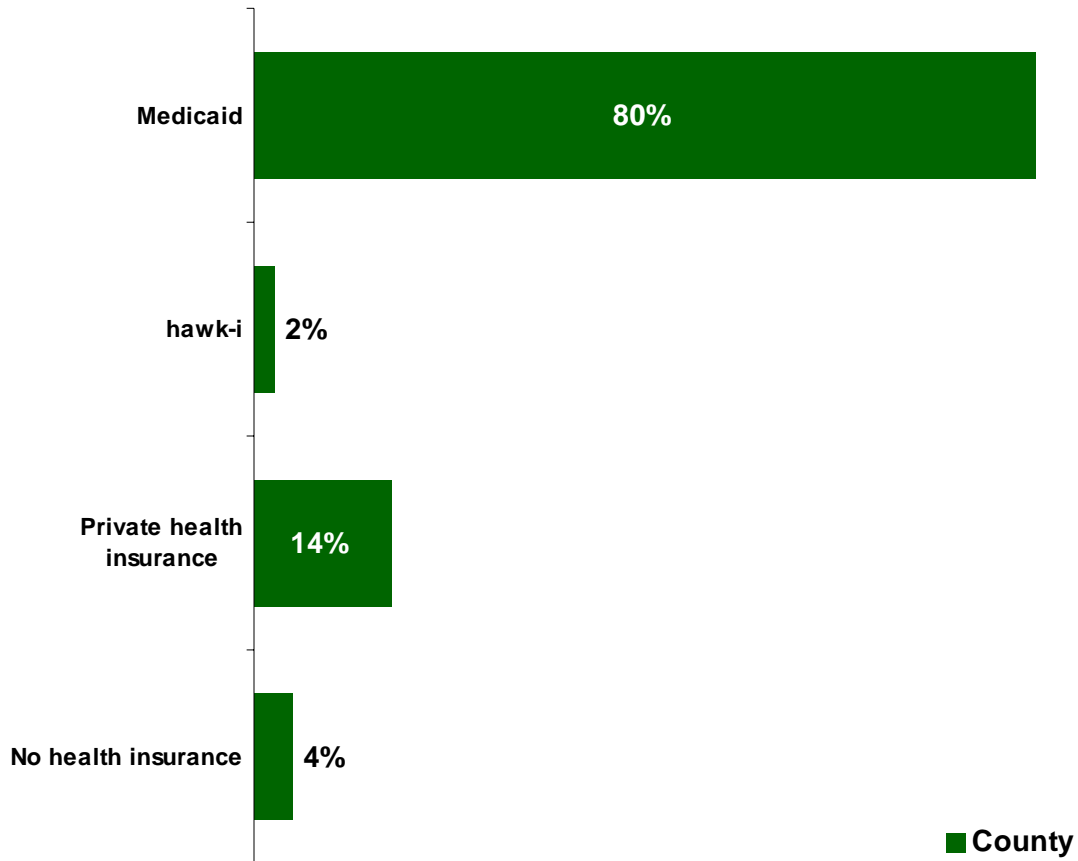
- Head Start enrollment by age.⁹²

Significance

- The majority of youth in Head Start are four years old.

⁹² Head Start Annual Report 2003-2004. Operation: New View Community Action Agency.

Health Insurance Coverage of Head Start Students



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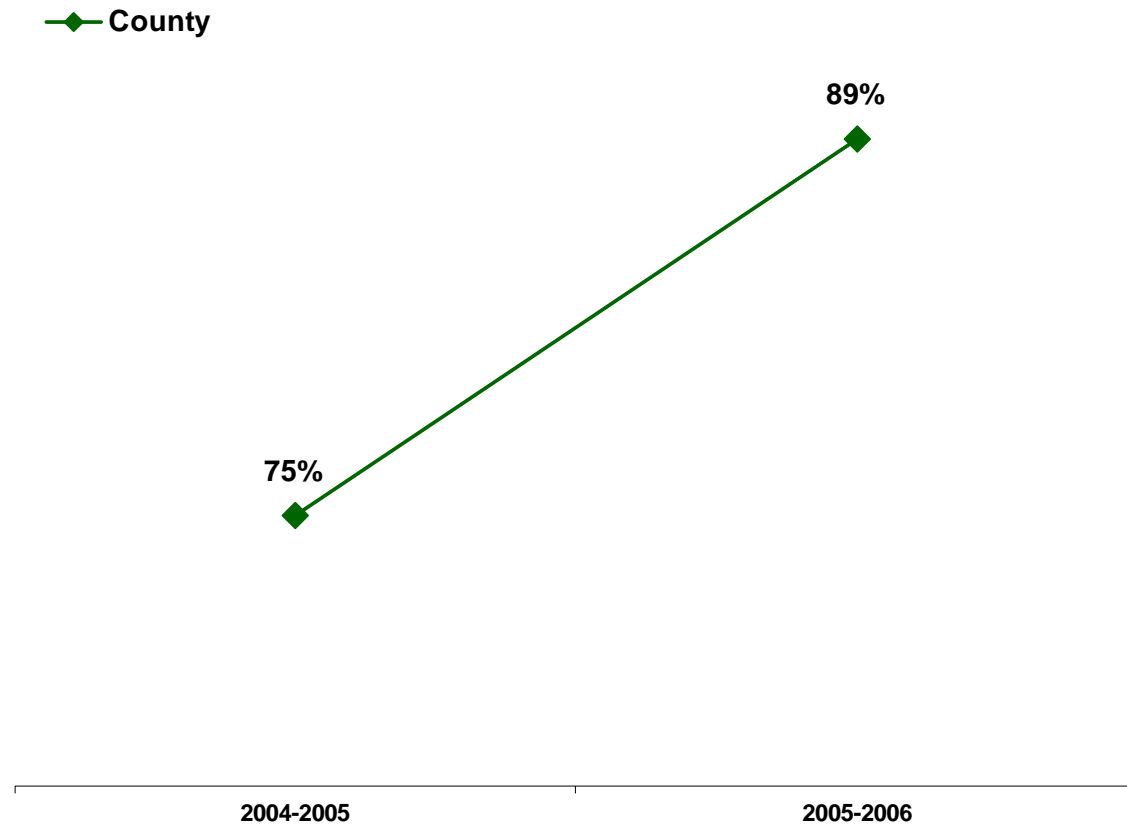
- Reported health insurance coverage of Head Start students.⁹³

Significance

- Almost all Head Start students are covered by some form of health insurance.

⁹³ Head Start Annual Report 2003-2004. Operation: New View Community Action Agency.

Kindergarten Students with Preschool Experience



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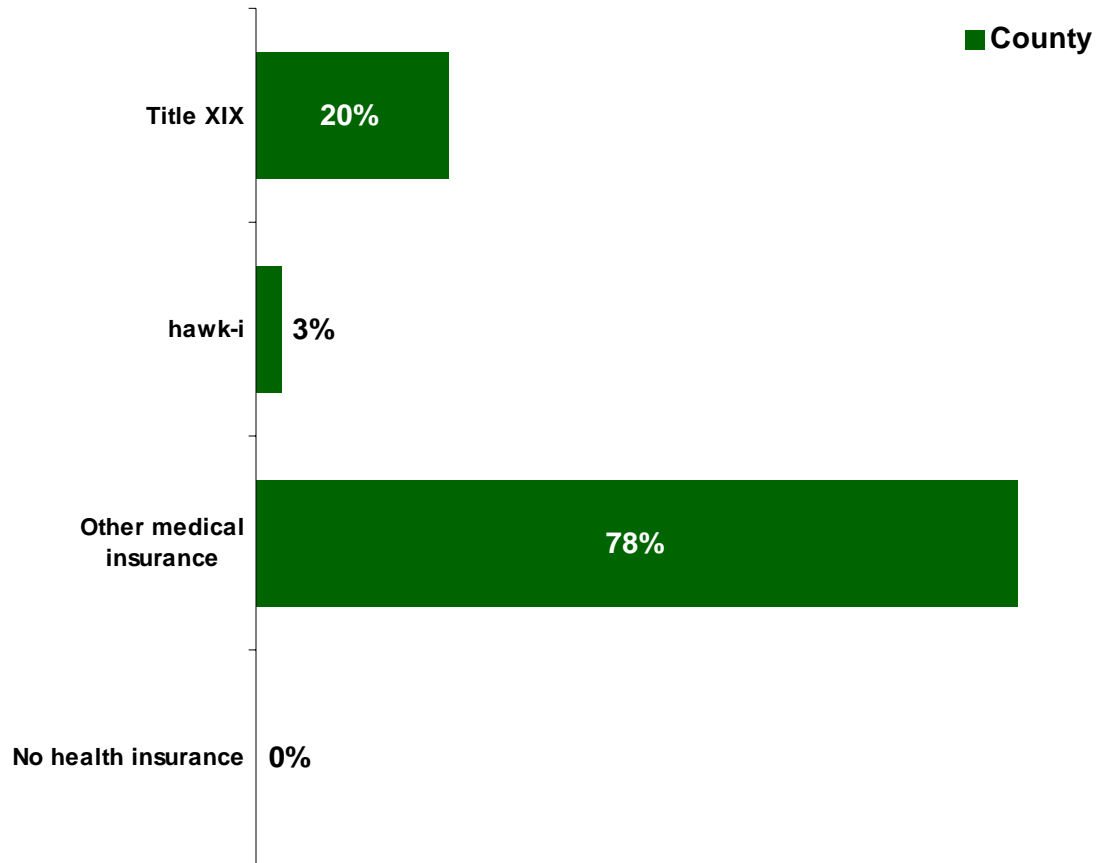
- Reported percentage of students entering kindergarten with preschool experience.⁹⁴

Significance

- 89% of students enter kindergarten with preschool experience (traditional or Head Start), up 14% from 2004-2005.

⁹⁴ Dubuque County Kindergarten Survey. Dubuque County Empowerment. 2006.

Health Insurance Coverage of Kindergarten Students



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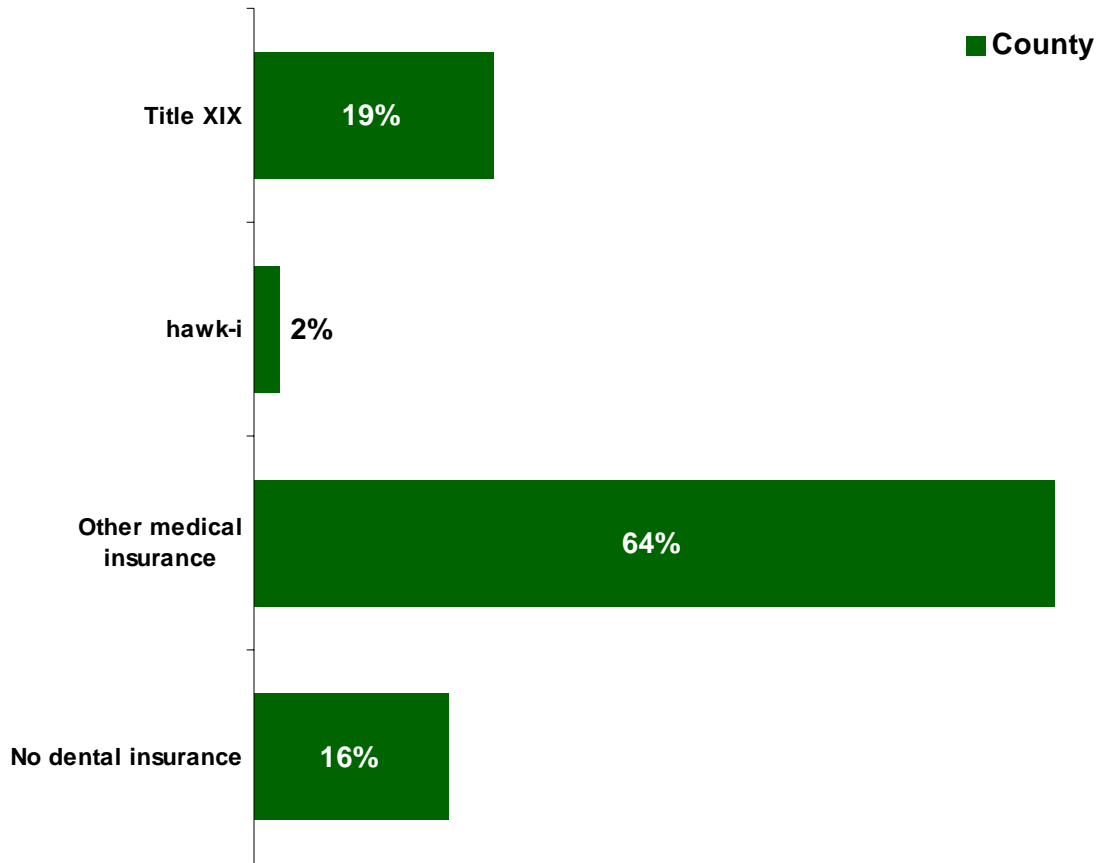
- Reported health insurance coverage of kindergarten students.⁹⁵

Significance

- Among those surveyed, all kindergarten students are covered by some form of health insurance.

⁹⁵ Dubuque County Kindergarten Survey. Dubuque County Empowerment. 2006.

Dental Insurance Coverage of Kindergarten Students



Definition

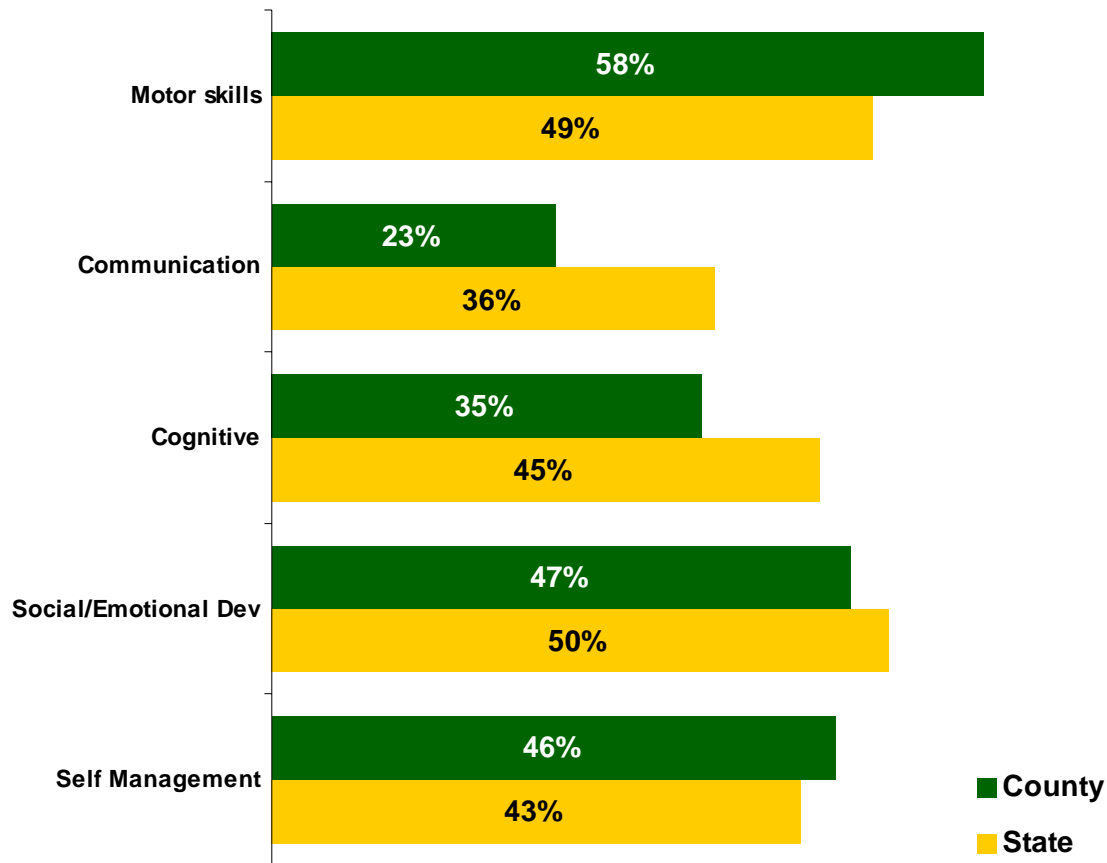
- Reported dental coverage of kindergarten students.⁹⁶

Significance

- Among those surveyed, 16% of kindergartens are without dental insurance.

⁹⁶ Dubuque County Kindergarten Survey. Dubuque County Empowerment. 2006.

School Ready Skills of Kindergarten Students



Definition

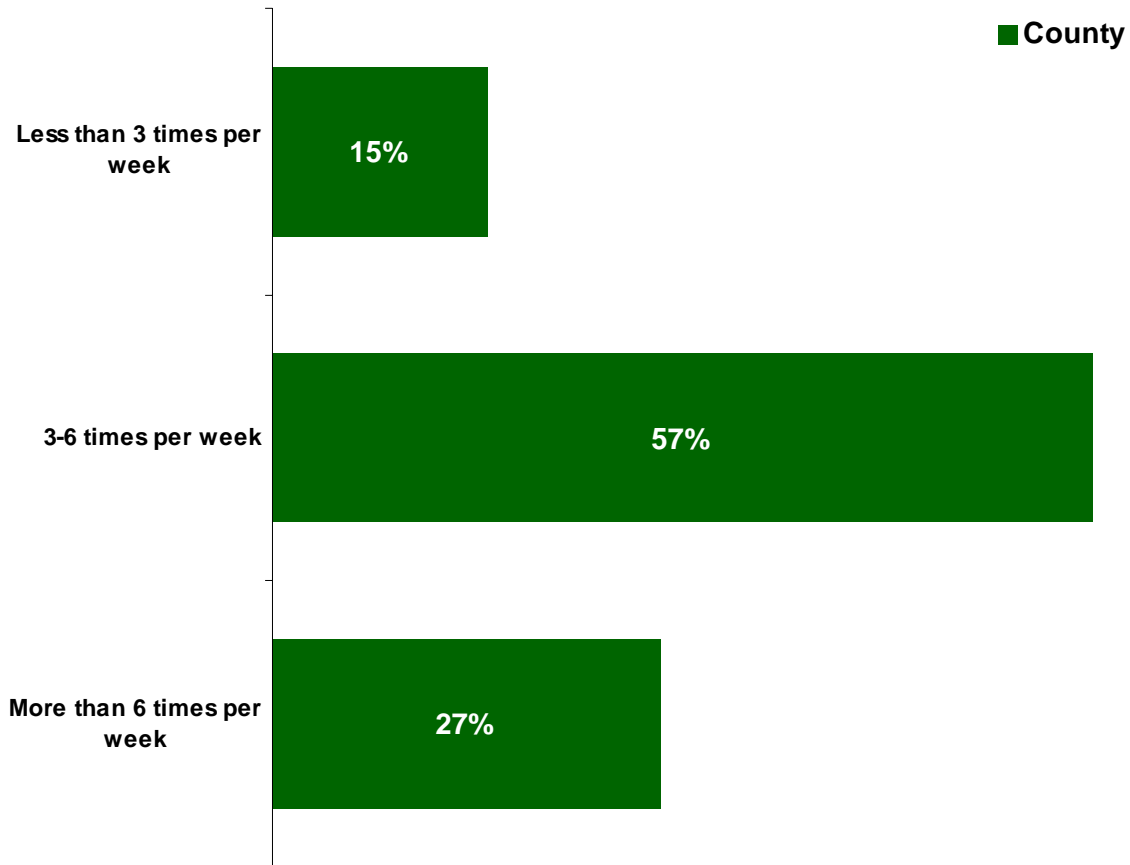
- The percentage of youth entering kindergarten with school ready skills as reported by parents.⁹⁷
- School readiness is the result of kindergarten teachers being asked to assess their students in five areas. Teachers report the degree to which behaviors within these five areas are observable ranging from “rarely” to “consistently.”

Significance

- The majority of youth entering kindergarten both statewide and countywide do not have sufficient communication, cognitive, social/emotional and self-management skills.

⁹⁷ Iowa Department of Education.

Frequency of Adult Reading to Kindergarten Student



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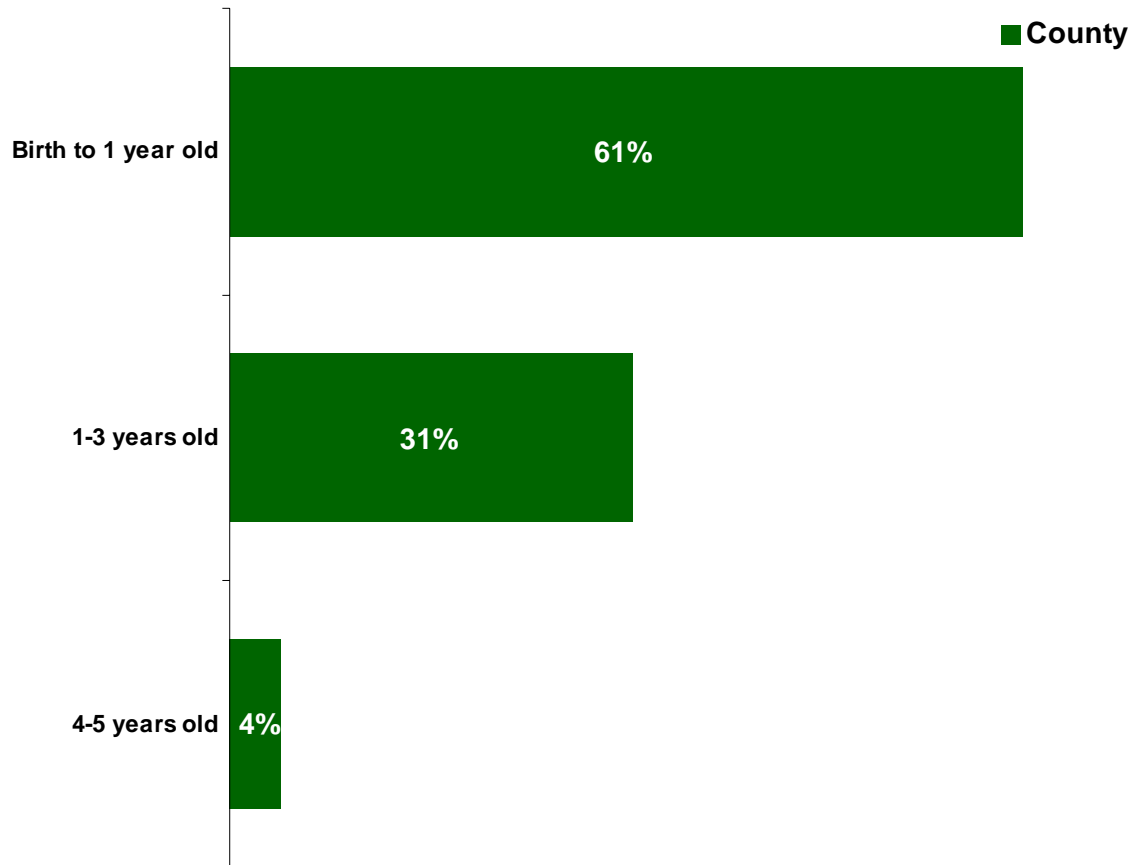
- The number of times per week parents report reading to their kindergarten child.⁹⁸

Significance

- Nearly 60% of parents in the county report reading to their kindergarten child three to six times per week.

⁹⁸ Dubuque County Kindergarten Survey. Dubuque County Empowerment. 2006.

Age Adult Started Reading to Kindergarten Child



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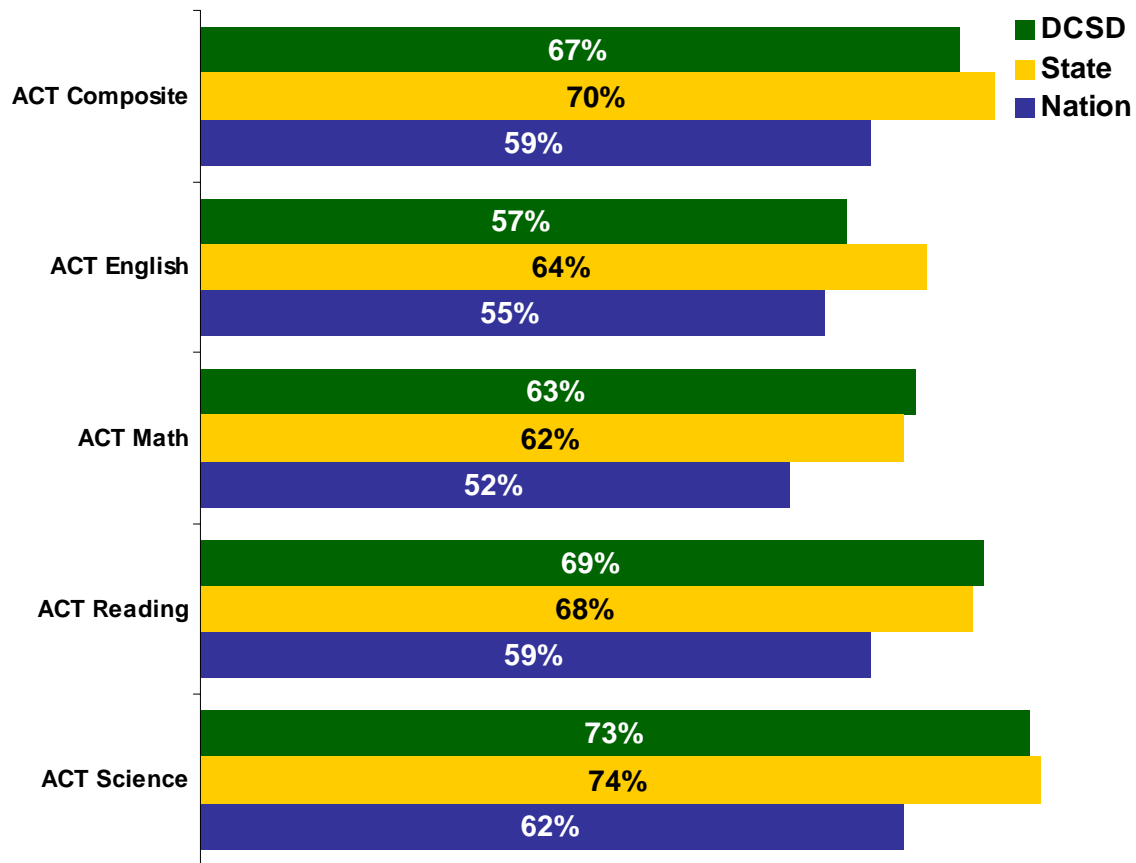
- For all school districts, public and parochial in Dubuque County, the age at which parents reported they began reading to their kindergarten child.⁹⁹

Significance

- Over 60% of parents in the county report having read to their kindergarten child before the child was one year of age.

⁹⁹ Dubuque County Kindergarten Survey. Dubuque County Empowerment. 2006.

DCSD: ACT Scores



Definition

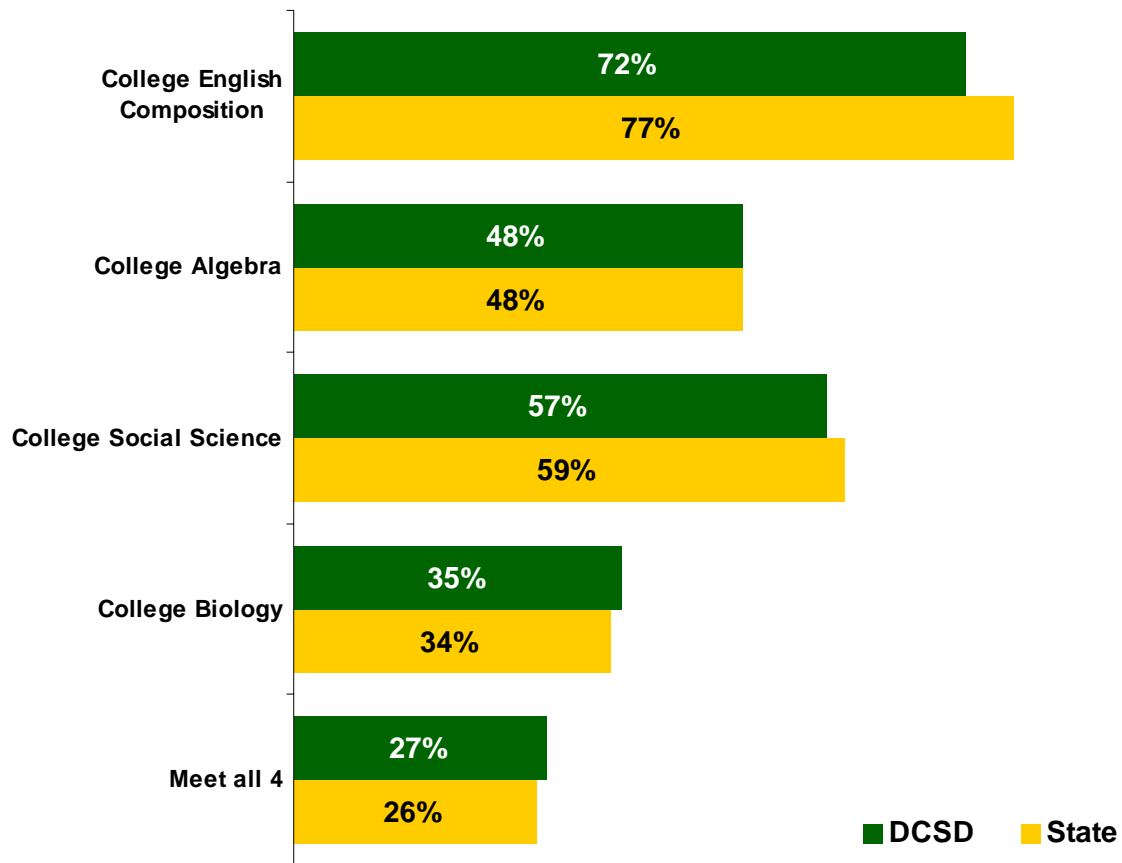
- Dubuque Community School District (DCSD) ACT scores for graduating seniors compared to state and national averages.¹⁰⁰
- ACT scores are reported by DCSD as the average percentile rank.

Significance

- DCSD students vastly outperform the national average and fall in line with the state average.

¹⁰⁰ 2004-2005 Annual Progress Report. Dubuque Community Schools. 2006. <<http://www.dubuque.k12.ia.us/annualreport/index.htm>>.

DCSD: College Ready



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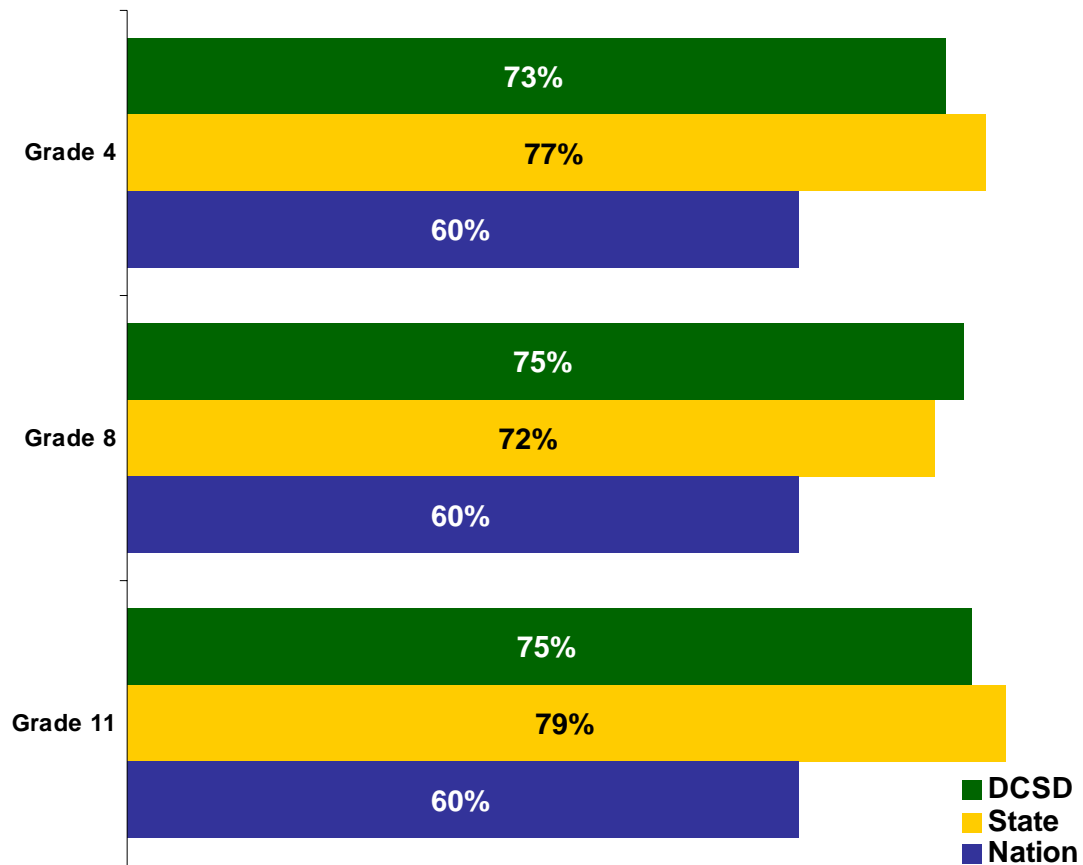
- Percentages of Dubuque Community School District (DCSD) students who are college ready in English composition, algebra, social sciences and biology.¹⁰¹

Significance

- DCSD performs on par with state averages.

¹⁰¹ 2004-2005 Annual Progress Report. Dubuque Community Schools. 2006. <<http://www.dubuque.k12.ia.us/annualreport/index.htm>>.

DCSD: Math Proficiency



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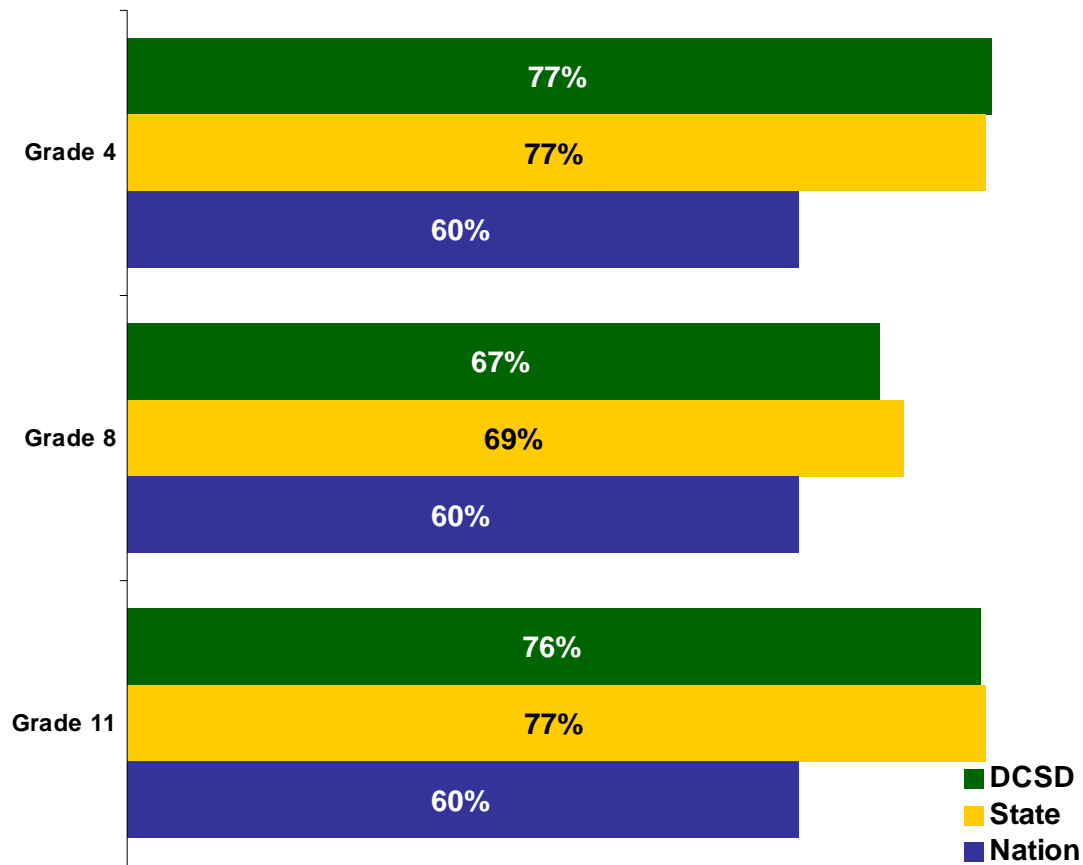
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Significance

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DCSD: Reading Proficiency



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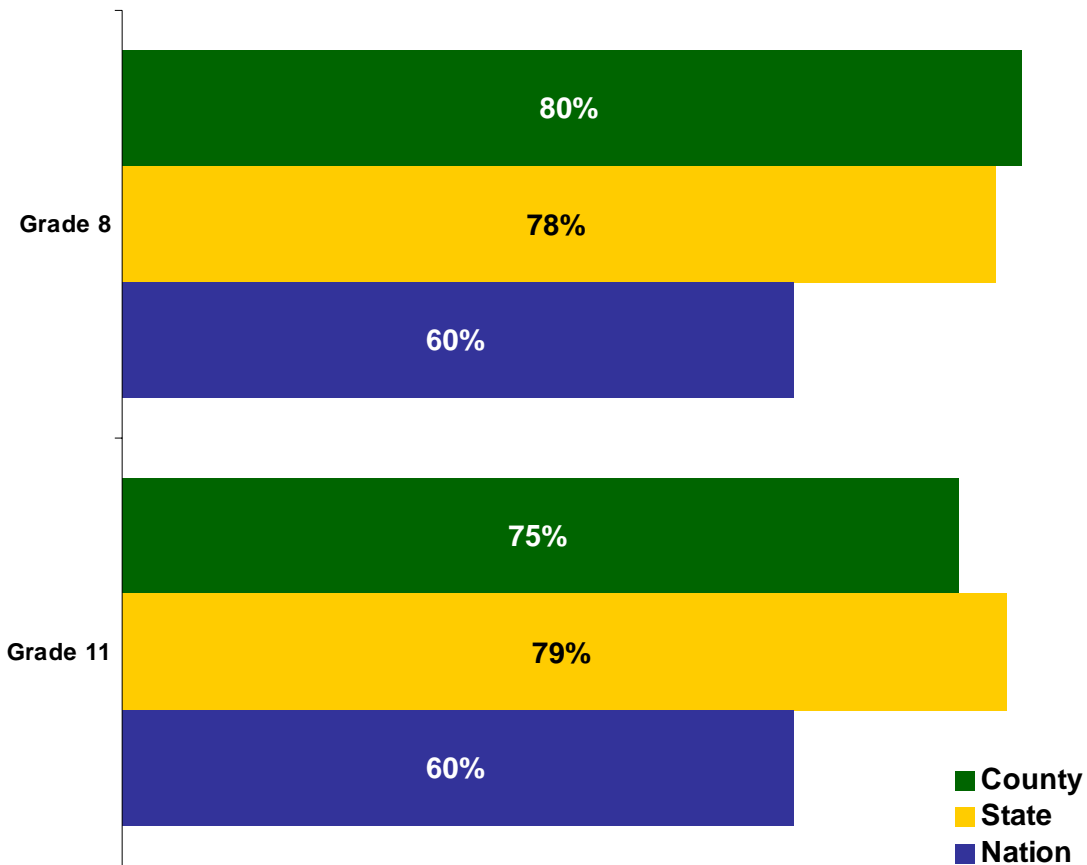
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DCSD: Science Proficiency



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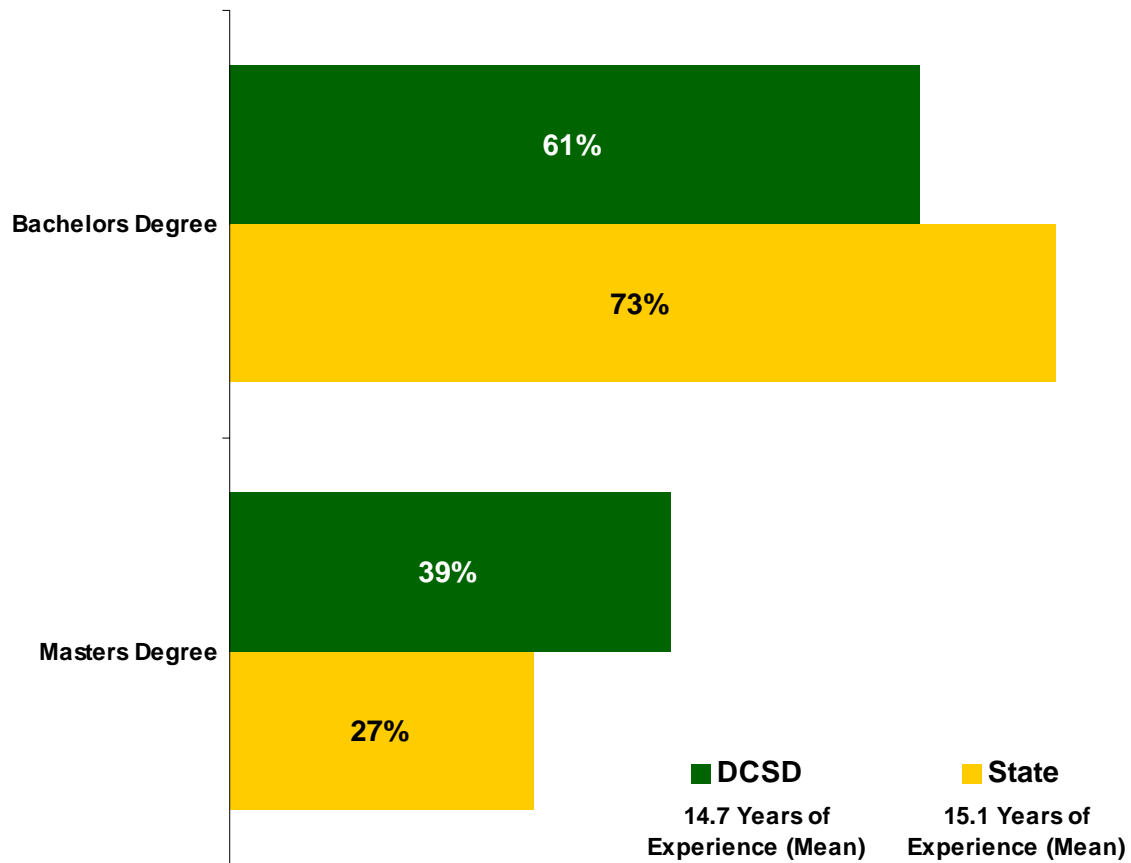
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DCSD: Teaching Experience



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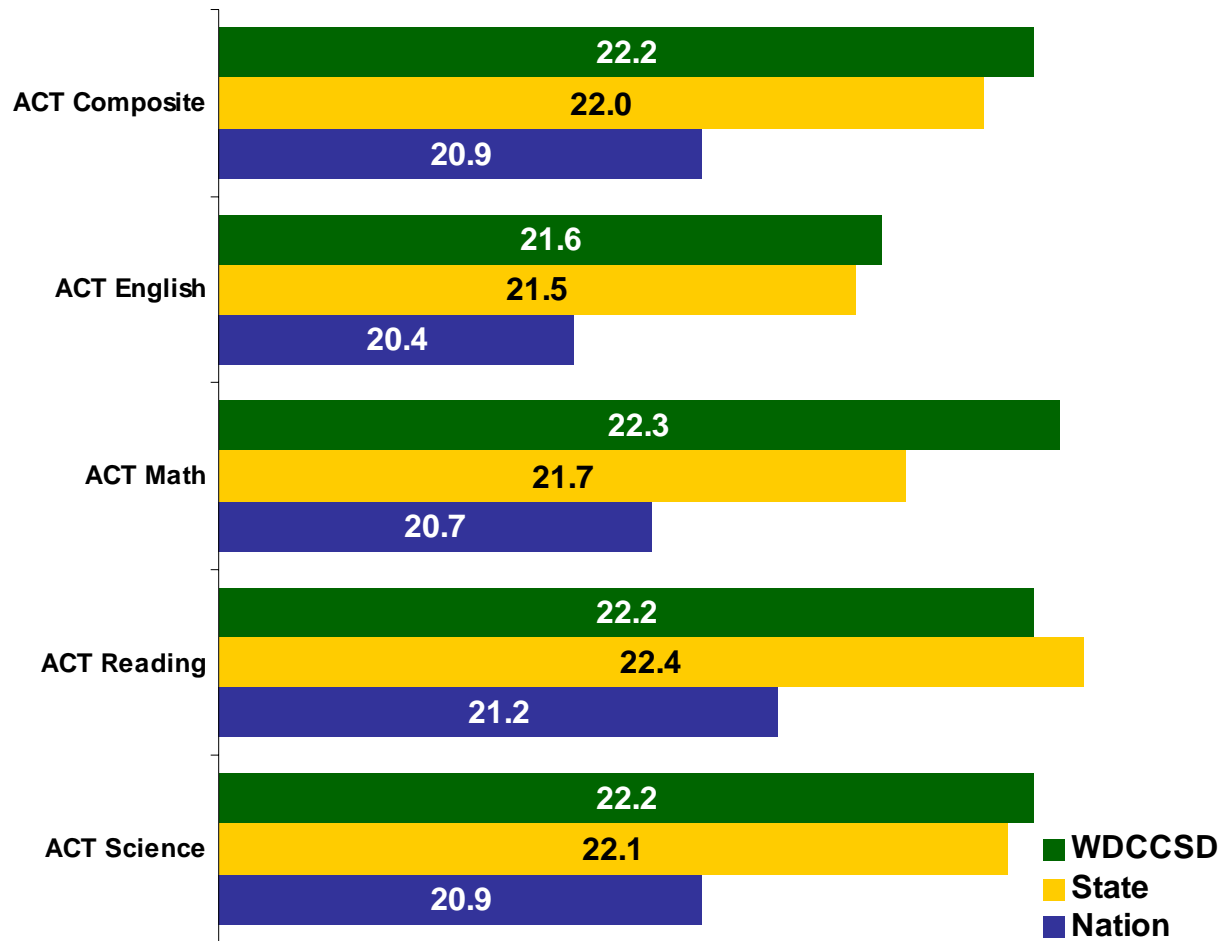
- Qualifications and experience of teachers in the Dubuque Community School District (DCSD).¹⁰⁵

Significance

- A significantly greater percentage of teachers with masters degrees are employed by DCSD.

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WDCCS: ACT Scores



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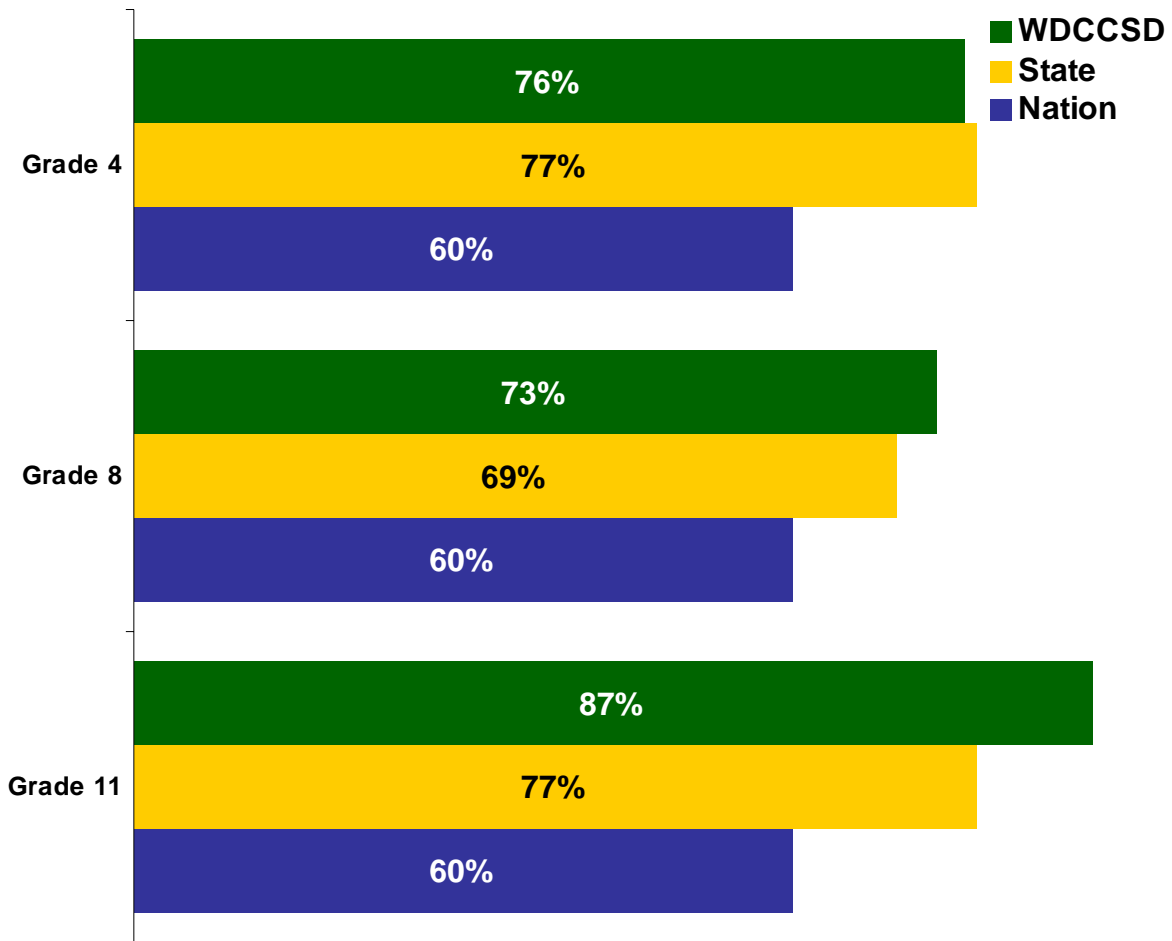
- Western Dubuque County Community School District (WDCCS) ACT scores for graduating seniors compared to state and national averages.¹⁰⁶
- ACT scores are reported by WDCCS as an average score.

Significance

- WDCCS students vastly outperform the national average and fall in line with the state average.

¹⁰⁶ Annual Report to the Public. Western Dubuque County Community School District. 2005. <<http://www.w-dubuque.k12.ia.us/Downloads/AnnualReport.htm>>.

WDCCS: Math Proficiency



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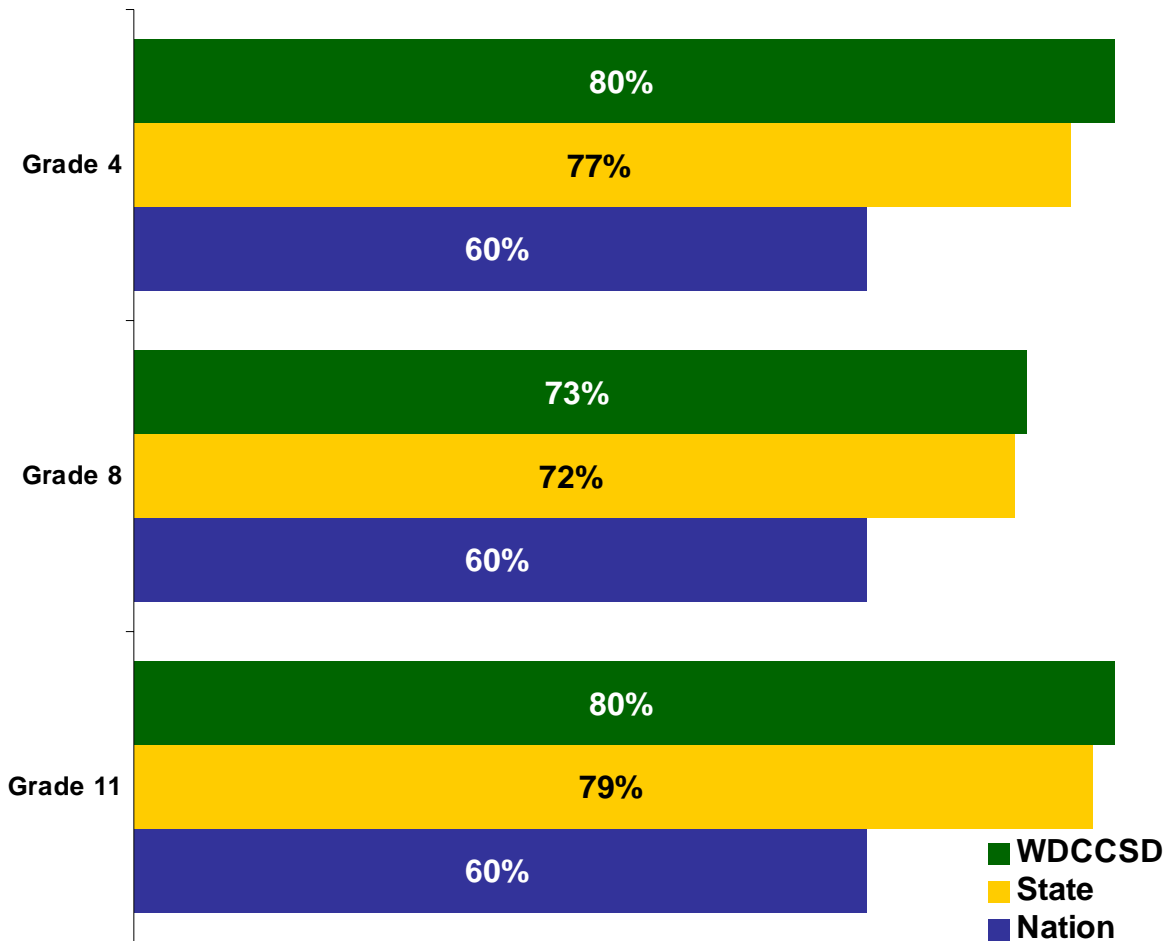
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Significance

- WDCCS students exceed national averages and are similar to state averages.

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WDCCS: Reading Proficiency



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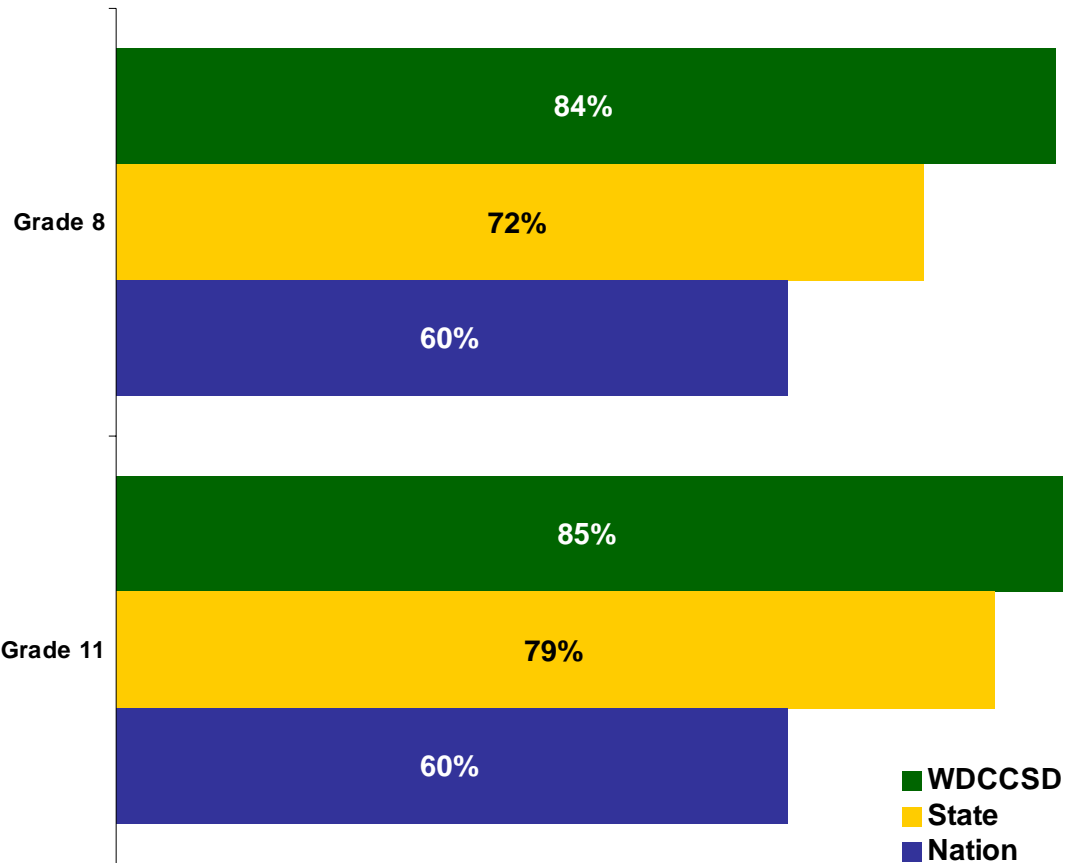
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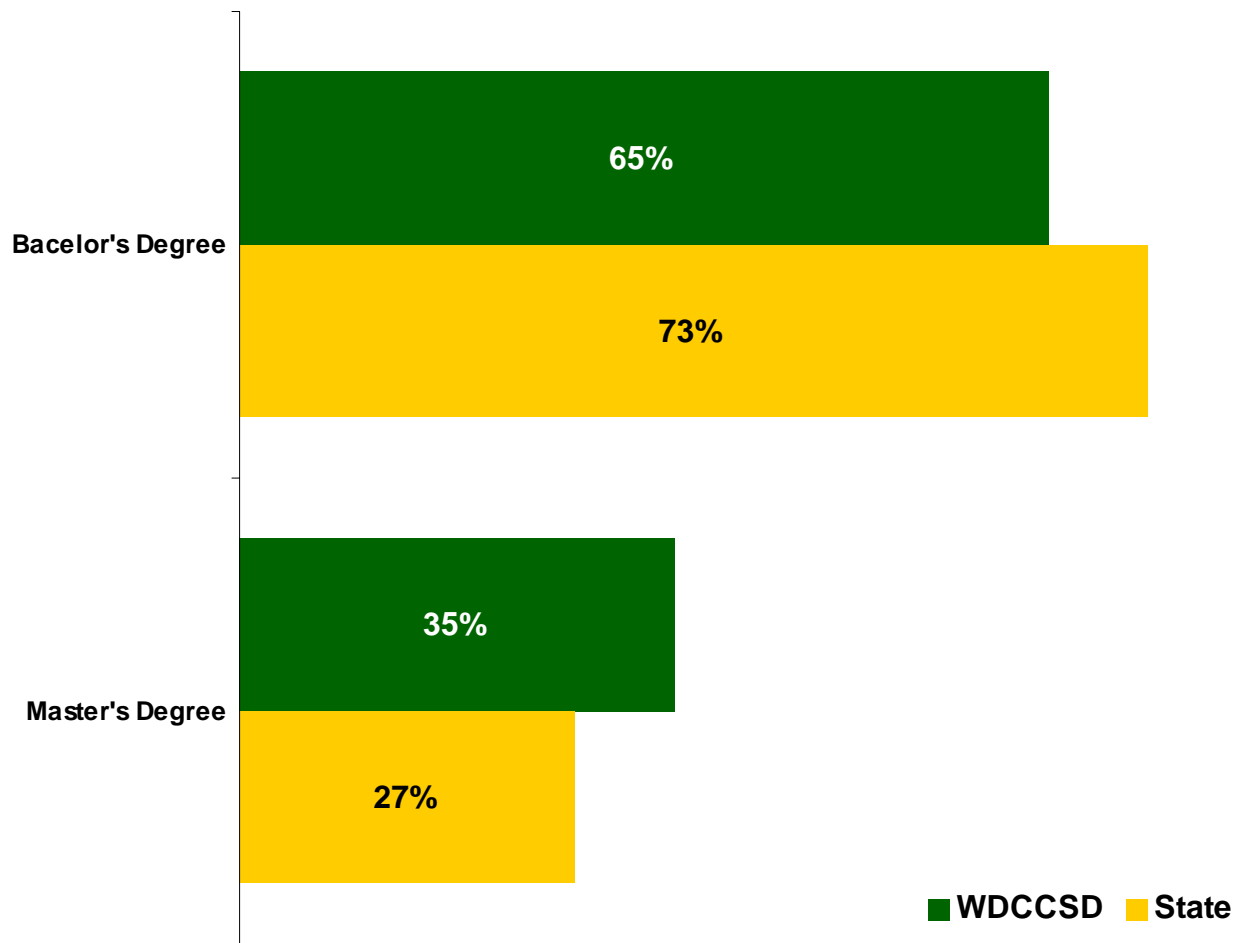
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WDCCS: Teaching Experience



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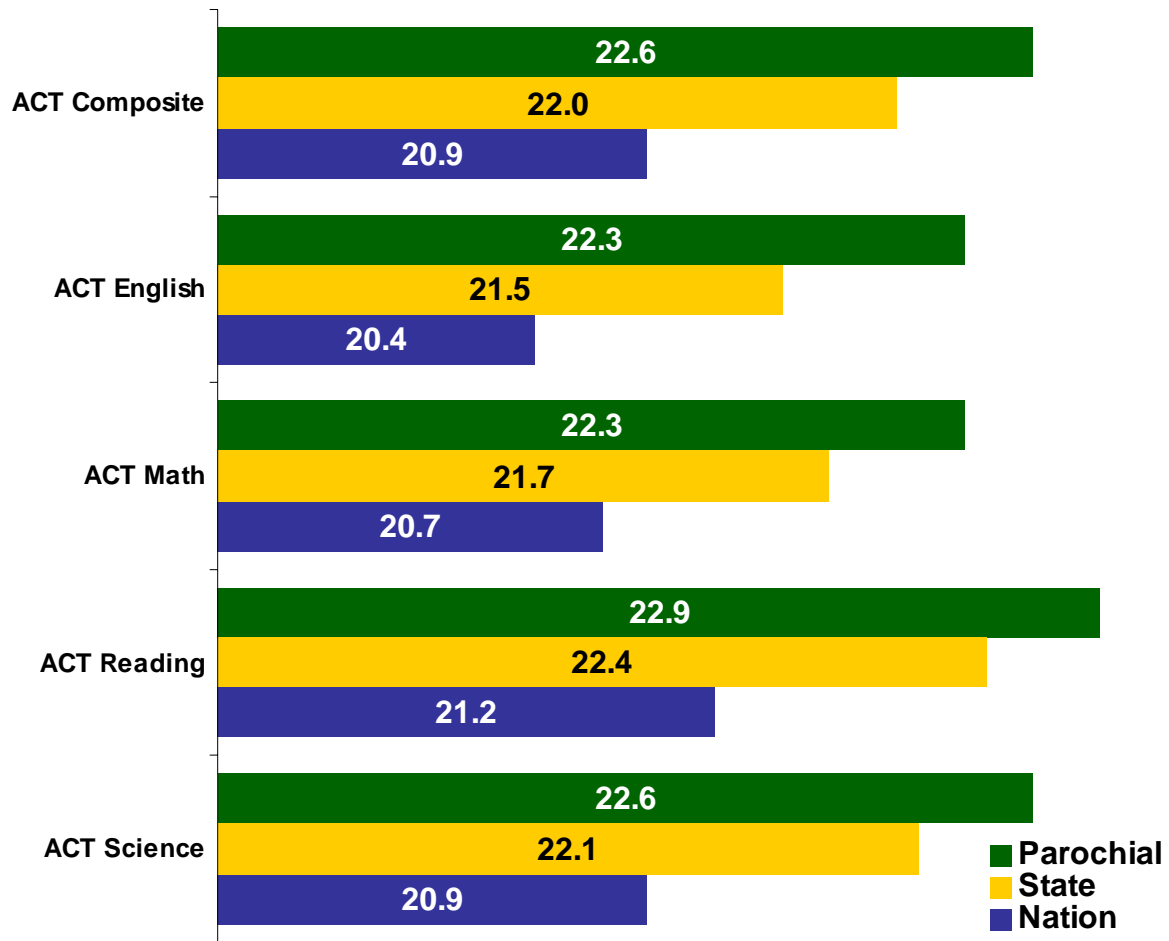
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Parochial: ACT Scores



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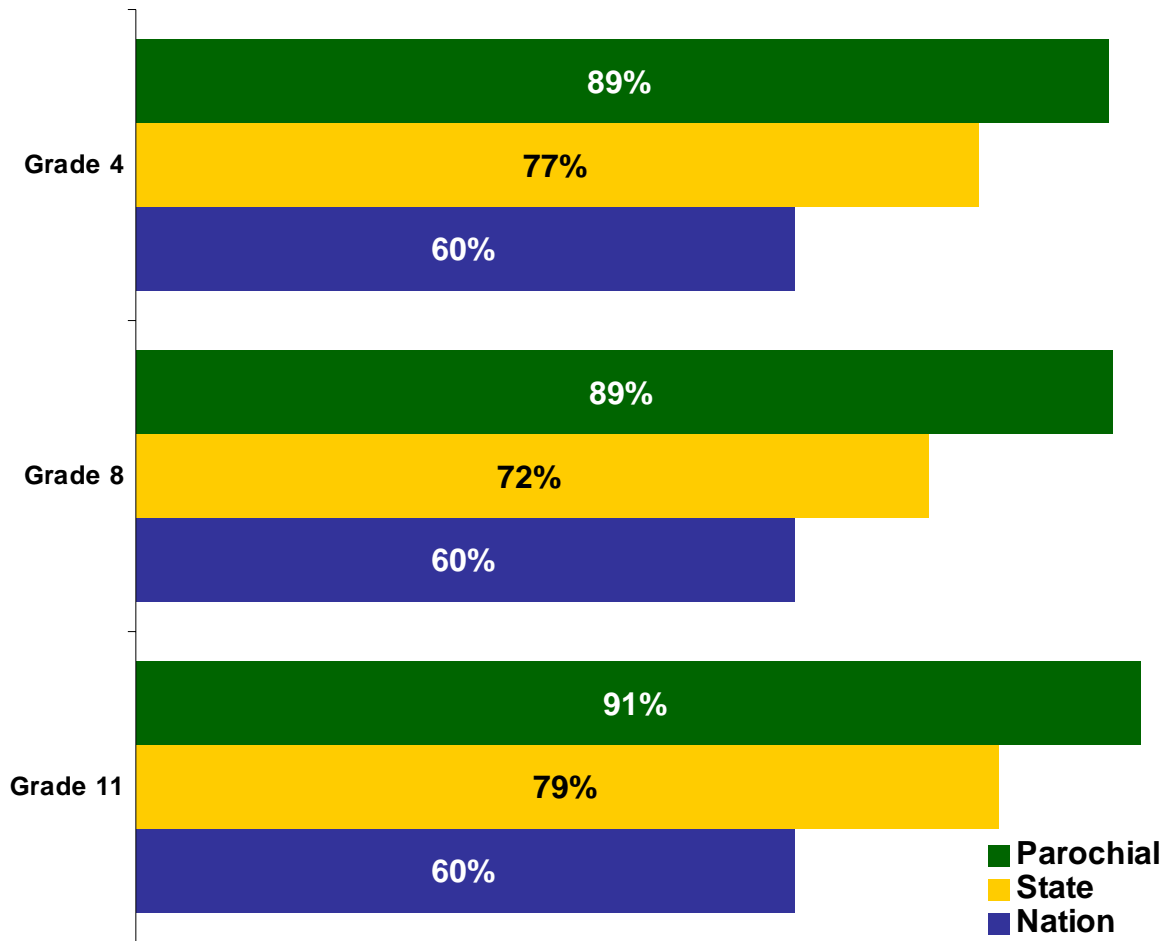
- Archdiocesan of Dubuque Catholic Schools ACT scores for graduating seniors compared to state and national averages.¹¹¹
- ACT scores are reported by the Archdiocesan of Dubuque as an average score.
- The Annual Progress report summarizes performance across all 56 schools in the Archdiocesan of Dubuque Catholic School system. The Holy Family System in Dubuque accounts for 17.3% of the total (PK-12). The Catholic schools in the remainder of the county account for 14% of the total (PK-12).

Significance

- Parochial students vastly outperform the state and national averages.

¹¹¹ [Annual Progress Report](http://www.arch.pvt.k12.ia.us/CathSchools/PDFs/APR_Arch_0405.pdf). Archdiocesan of Dubuque. 2005.
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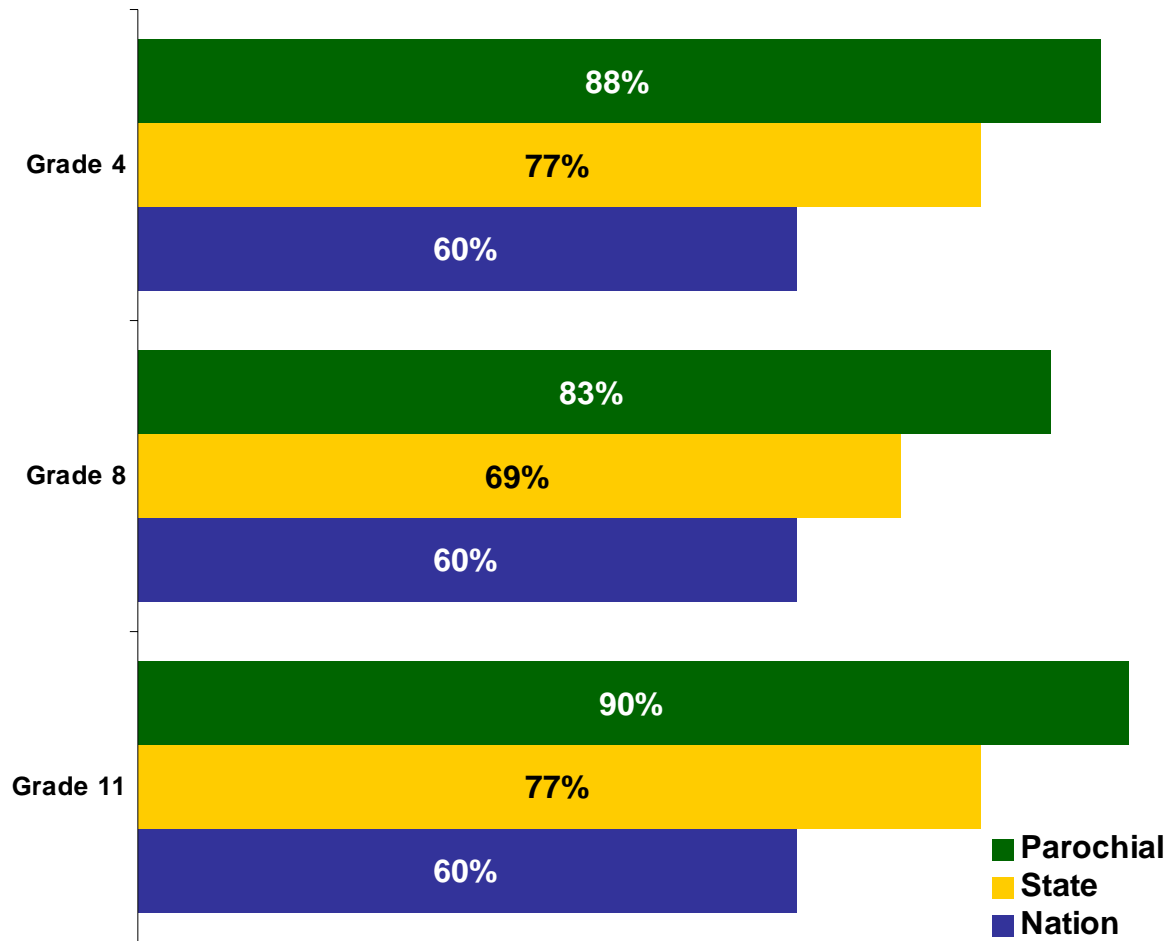
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Significance

- Parochial students exceed state and national averages.

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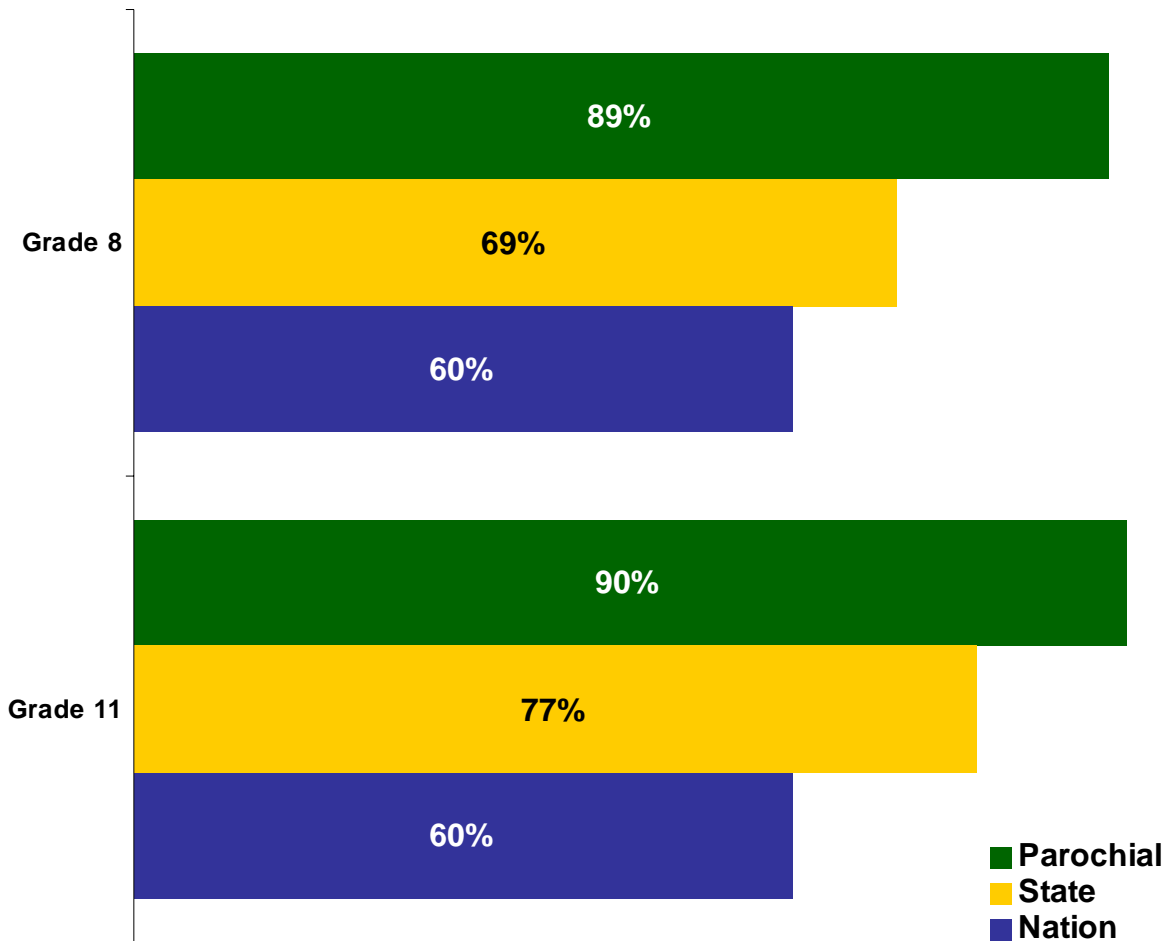
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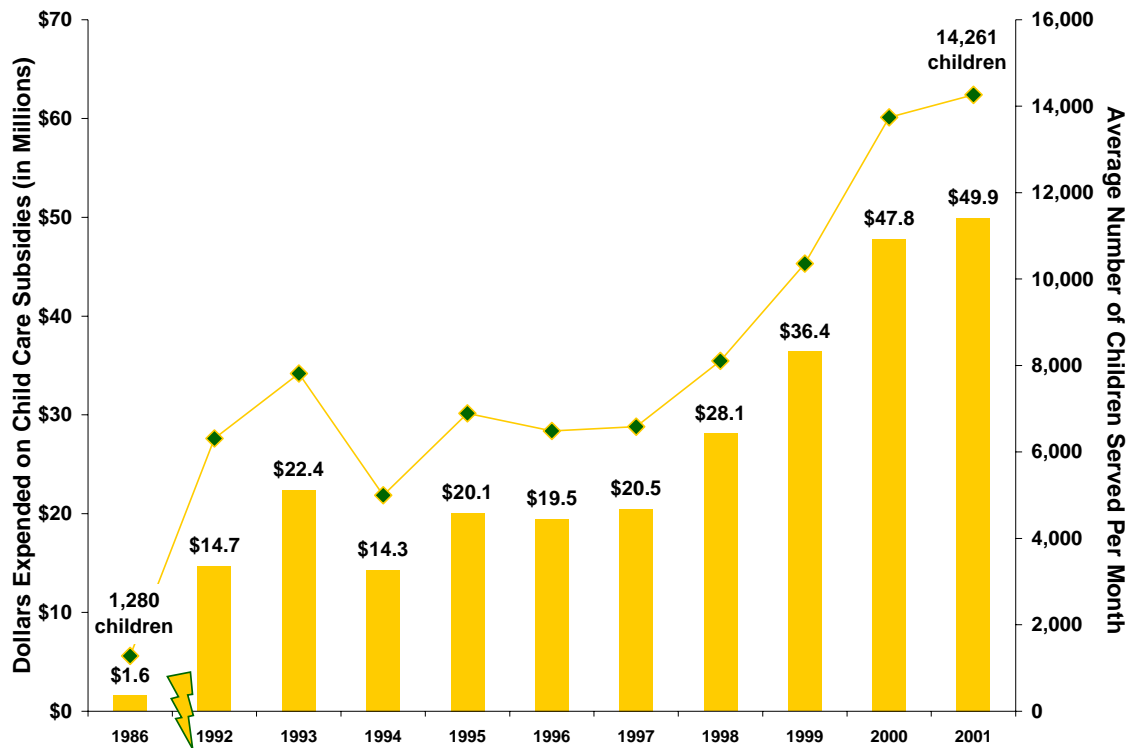
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Safe and Supportive Communities

Child Care Subsidies



Definition

- Number of children served per month by child care facilities statewide and the dollars expended by Iowa on the Child Care Subsidy Program.¹¹⁵

Significance

- In Dubuque County, an estimated 54% of children are in either unregulated child care (care by a relative or self-care).
- The State of Iowa ranks second in the country in number of working parents (79%) and first in the country in numbers of working parents of school age children (83%).¹¹⁶
- Clearly, child care needs of Iowans are growing and as such, dollars spent on subsidies are greater.
- Currently, non-registered child care providers are eligible for subsidies.

¹¹⁵ Iowa Department of Human Services. The Monthly Day Care Report.

¹¹⁶ Ibid.

Average Child Care Costs

<i>Child Care Homes</i>	Hourly	Weekly
Infant	\$2.31	\$100.98
Toddler	\$2.23	\$99.14
Preschool	\$2.22	\$94.77
Before and after school	\$2.20	\$49.73

<i>Child Care Centers</i>	Hourly	Weekly
Infant	\$2.83	\$128.73
Toddler	\$2.54	\$110.99
Preschool	\$2.46	\$102.93
Before and after school	\$2.43	\$59.00

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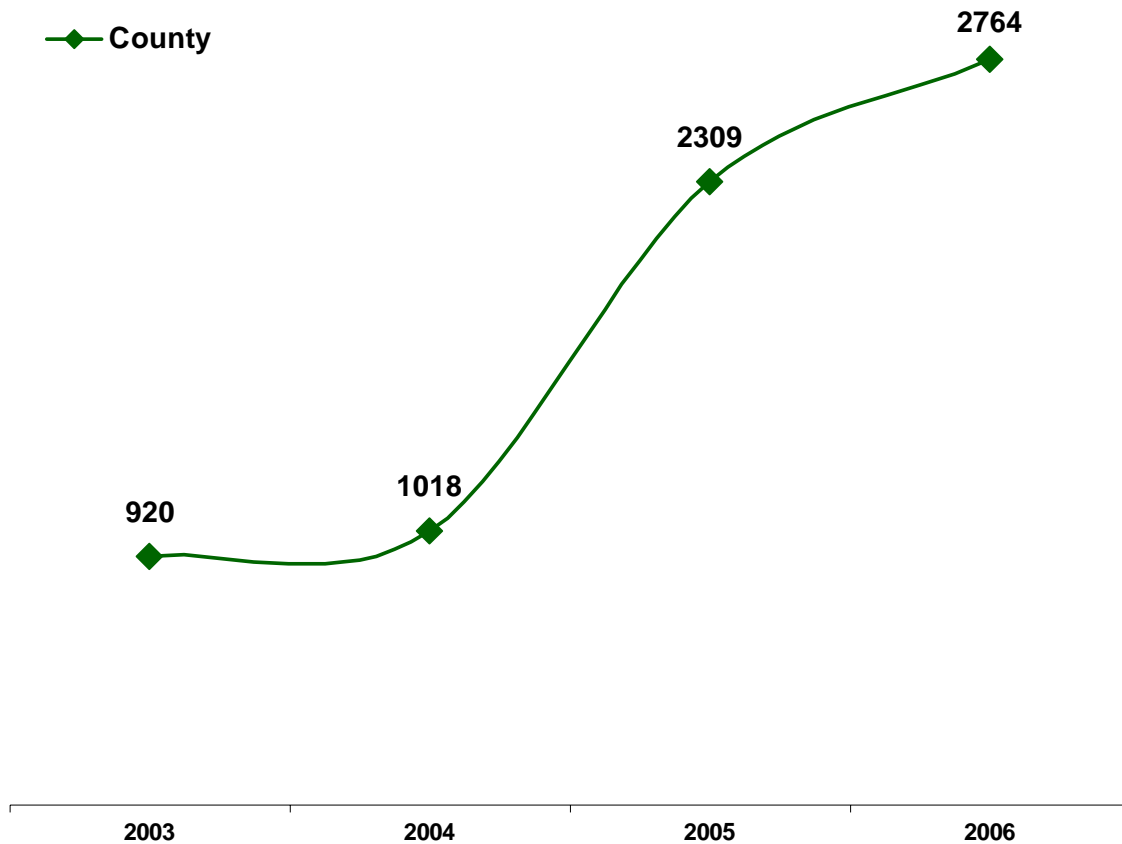
- The average cost of child care in the 20 counties served by Child Care Resource and Referral of Northeast Iowa.¹¹⁷

Significance

- Child care costs at centers are significantly higher than at homes.

¹¹⁷.Average Early Care & Education Cost. Child Care Resource and Referral of NE Iowa. June 2006.

Total Number of Child Care Provider Training Attendees



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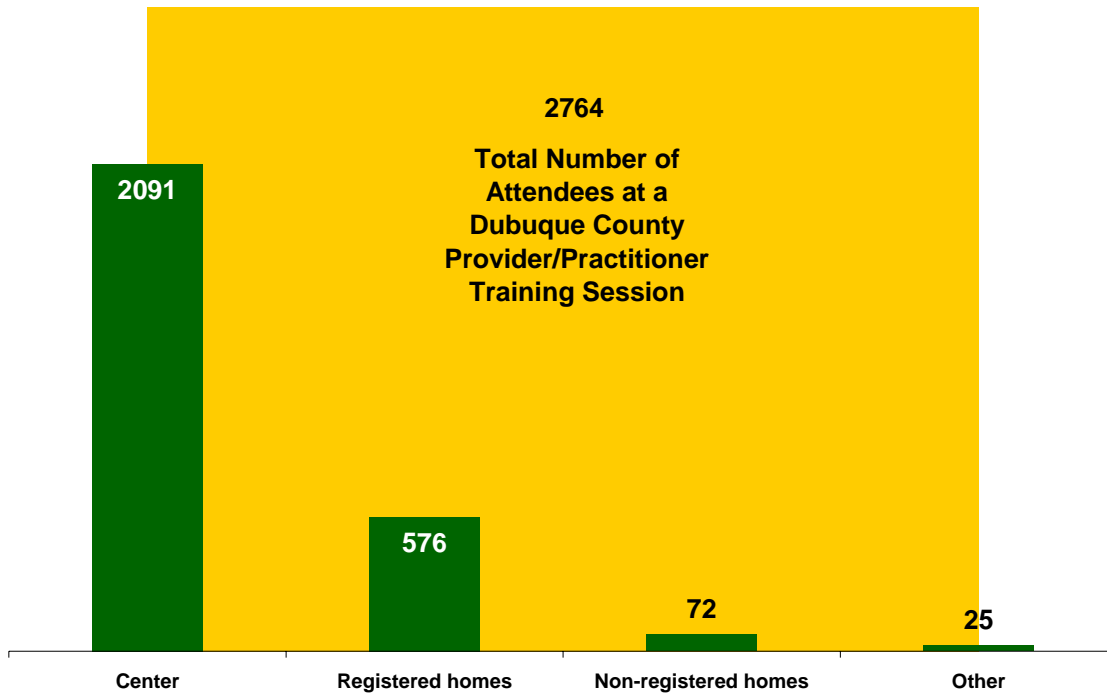
- The number of child care providers and practitioners who attended training sessions in Dubuque County.¹¹⁸

Significance

- An increasing number of child care providers and practitioners are participating in training sessions.

¹¹⁸ Child Care Resource and Referral of NE Iowa, June 2006.

Child Care Provider Training Attendee Types



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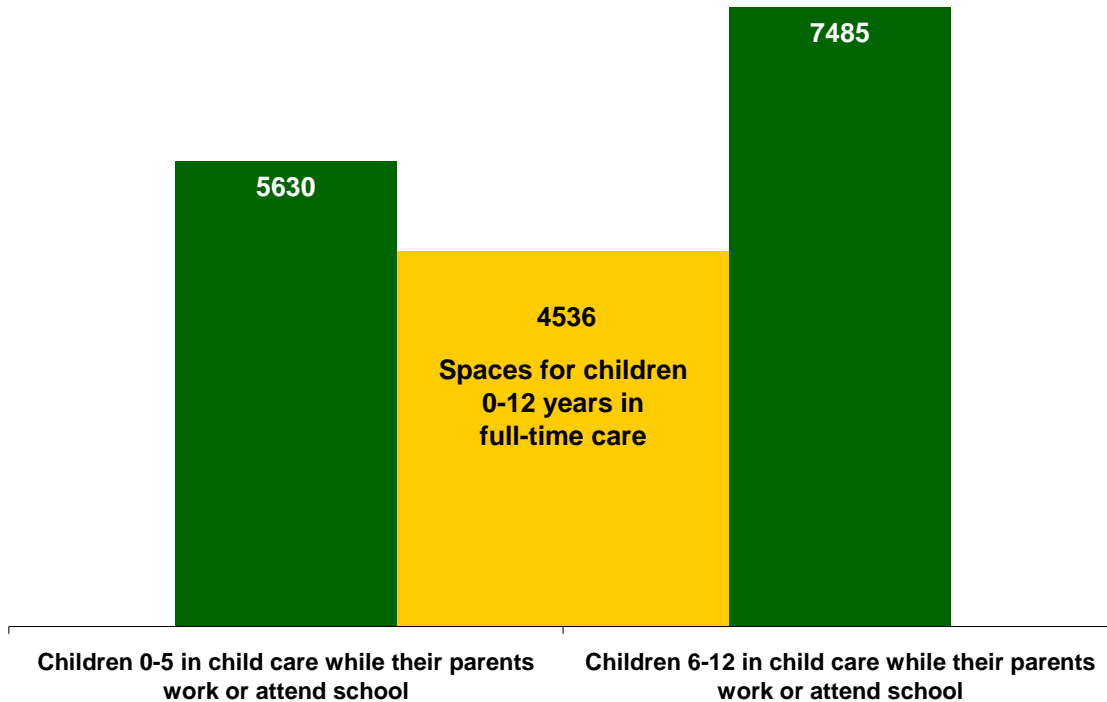
- The different types of child care training attendees.¹¹⁹

Significance

- The vast majority of attendees are from child care centers.

¹¹⁹ Child Care Resource and Referral of NE Iowa, June 2006.

Supply and Demand of Child Care



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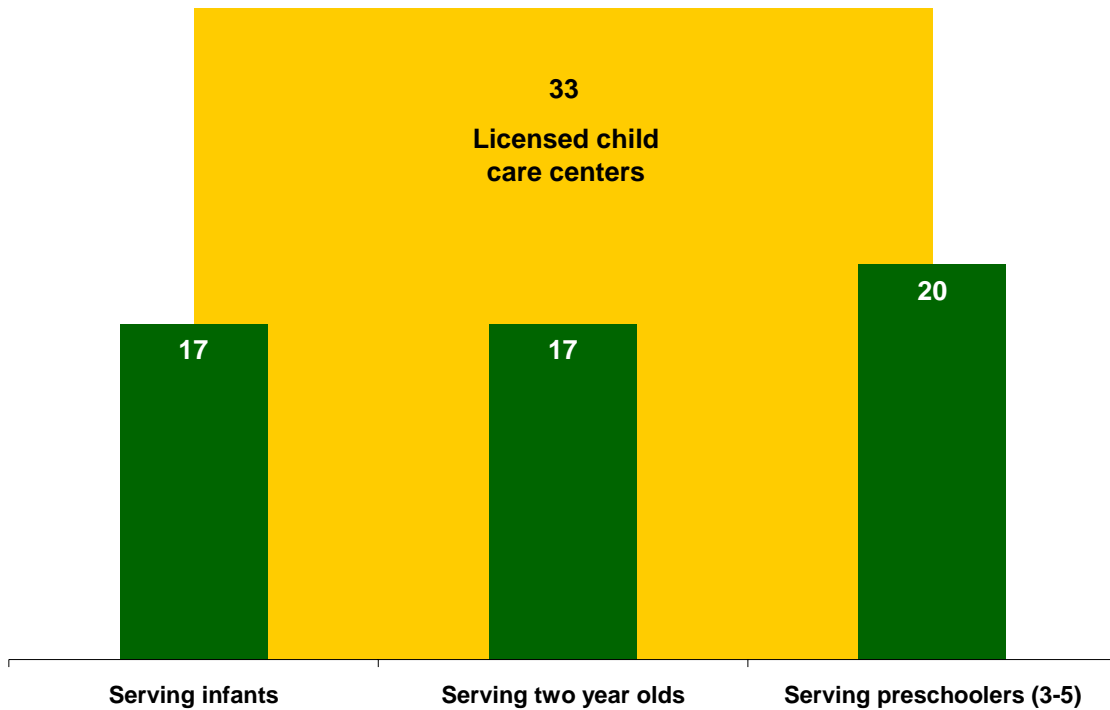
- The number of reported child care spaces compared to the number of children in child care.¹²⁰

Significance

- There is a vast gap between reported open spaces and reported child care usage.

¹²⁰ Child Care Resource and Referral of NE Iowa, June 2006.

Total Number of Licensed Child Care Centers



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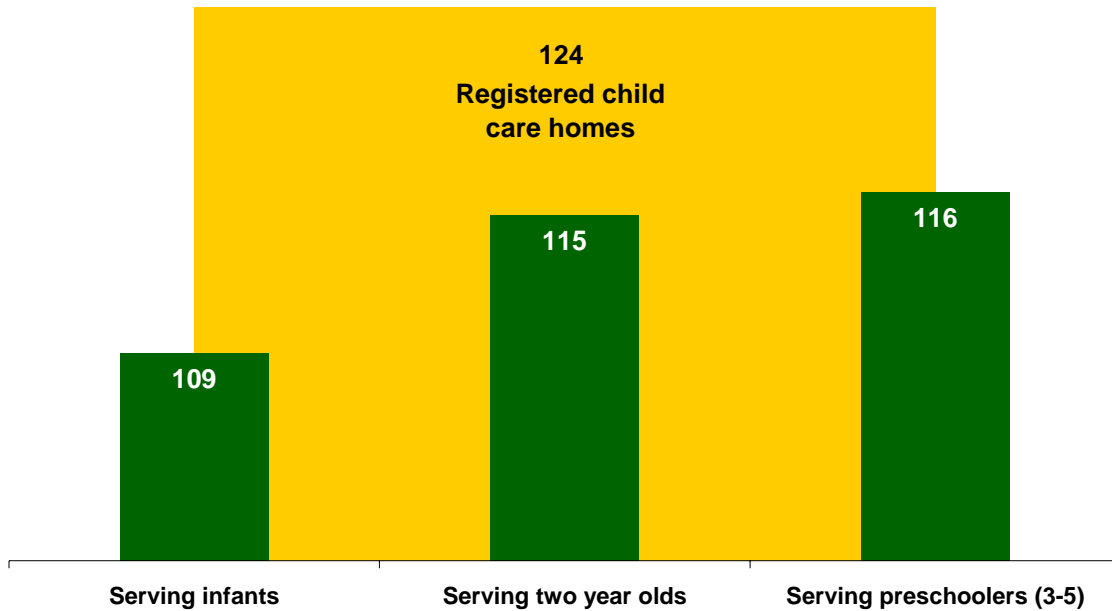
- The total number of licensed child care centers in Dubuque County.¹²¹

Significance

- There are 33 child care centers in Dubuque County.

¹²¹ Child Care Resource and Referral of NE Iowa, June 2006.

Total Number of Registered Child Care Homes



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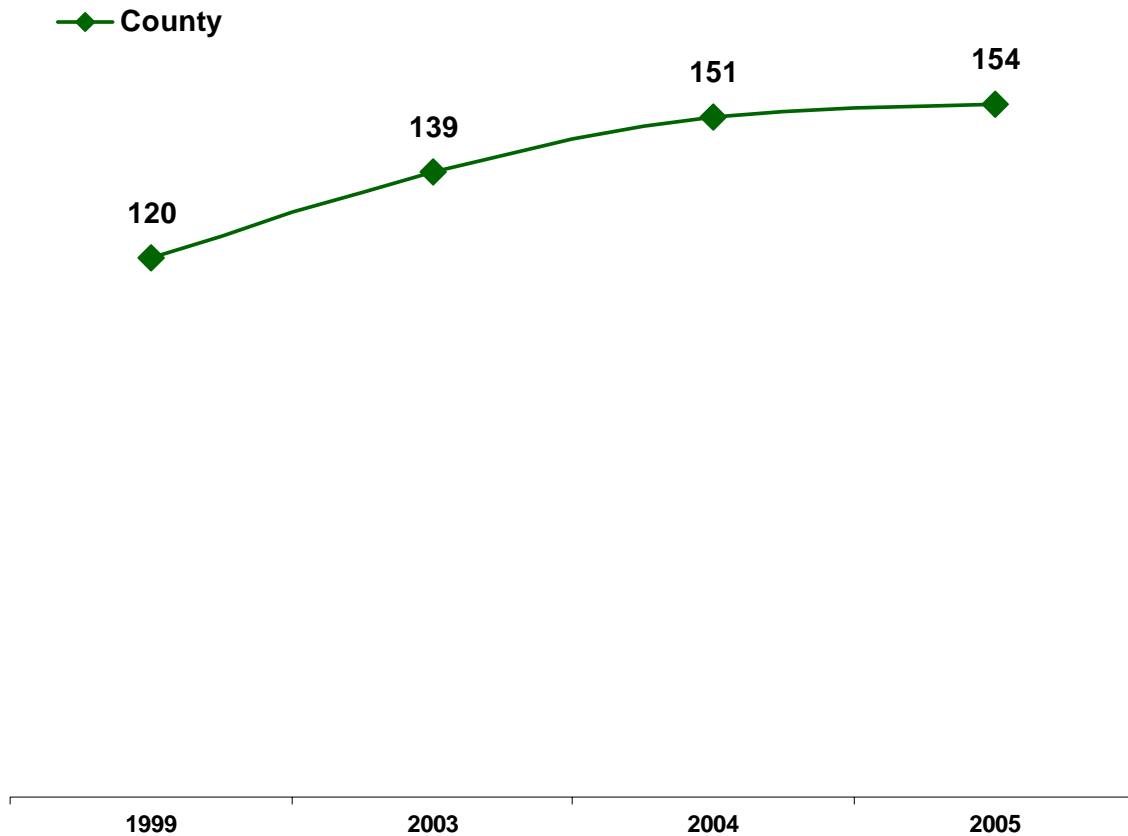
- The total number of registered child care homes in Dubuque County.¹²²

Significance

- There are 124 registered child care homes in Dubuque County.

¹²² Child Care Resource and Referral of NE Iowa, June 2006.

Total Number of Registered Child Development Homes



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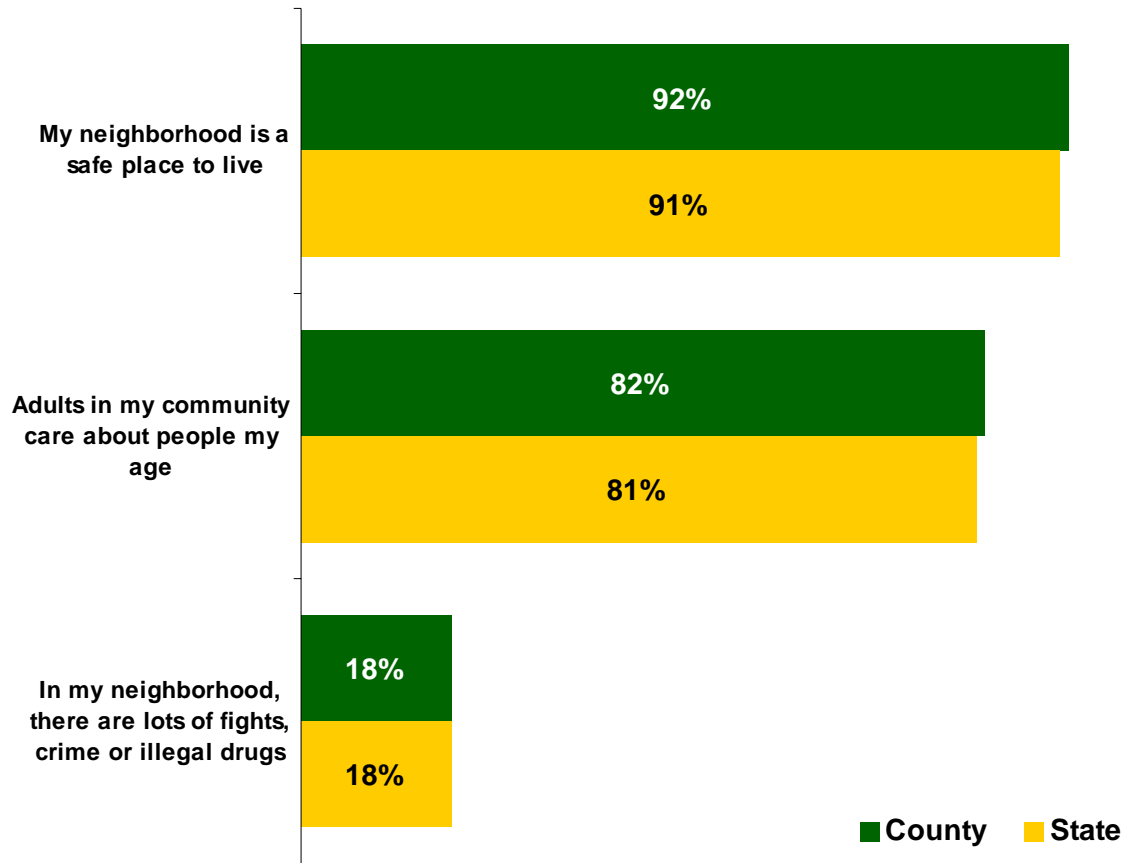
- The total number of registered child development homes in Dubuque County.¹²³

Significance

- There are presently 154 registered child development homes in Dubuque County.

¹²³ Child Care Resource and Referral of NE Iowa, June 2006.

Perception of Neighborhood



Definition

- Dubuque County and Iowa youth (grade 6, 8 and 11) perceptions of their neighborhood. Percentages represent the number of respondents who agreed with the respective statement.¹²⁴

Significance

- The vast majority of both Iowa and Dubuque County youth feel that they live in a safe place and that adults in the community care about youth.

¹²⁴ 2005 Iowa Youth Survey Report. Research Institute for Studies in Education, Iowa State University. 2006. <<http://www.iowayouthsurvey.org/>>.

Crime

Crime (per 100,000)	County	State
Domestic Abuse	107.7	240.5
Driving under influence	222.1	413
Drunkenness arrest	231.1	273.4
Narcotics arrest	167.1	324.8
Juvenile vandalism	105.9	188.8
Juvenile violent crime	123.6	94.1
Total juvenile arrests	3116.4	2794.1
Violent Crime	127.5	167.9

Definition

- Rates at which various crimes are committed in Dubuque County and Iowa.^{125, 126}

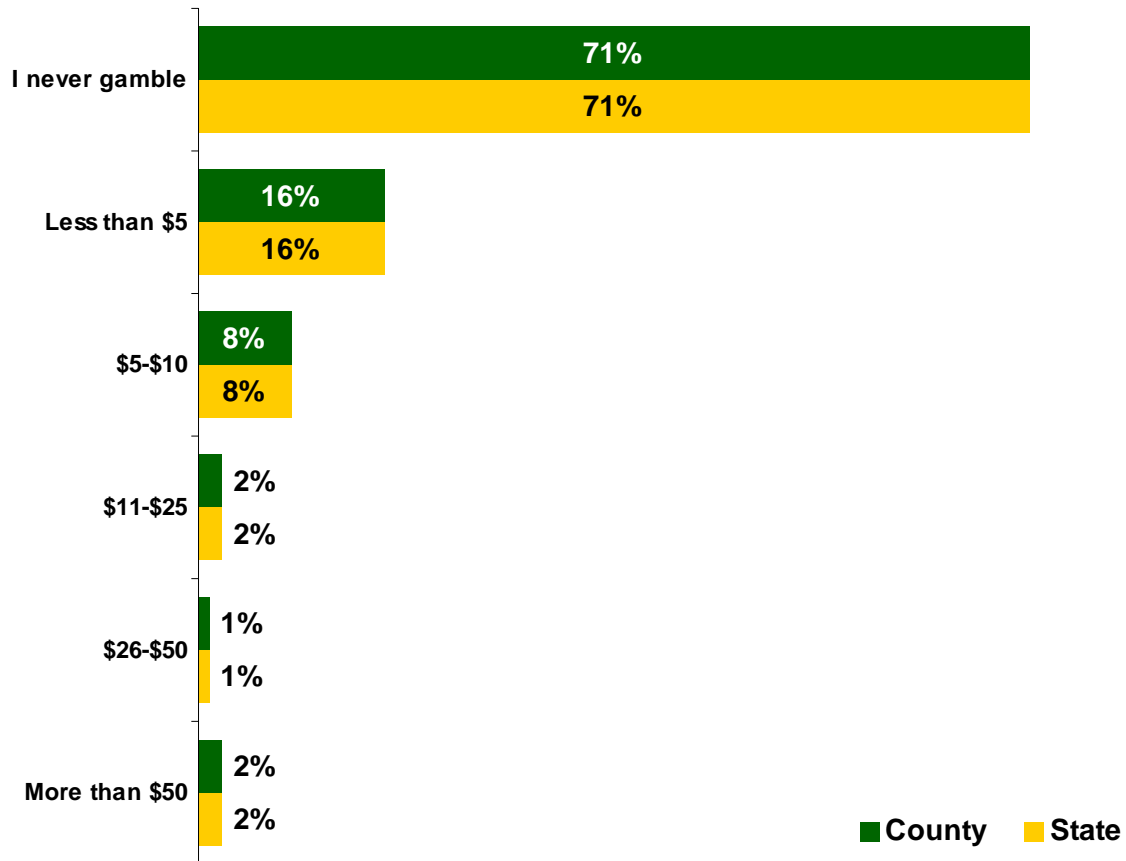
Significance

- Dubuque County tends to have a significantly lower rate of crime. The exception is juvenile crime, with nearly 400 more cases per year than the state average.

¹²⁵ Family and Community Indicator Tracking System. 2001.

¹²⁶ Iowa Department of Public Safety.

Gambling



Definition

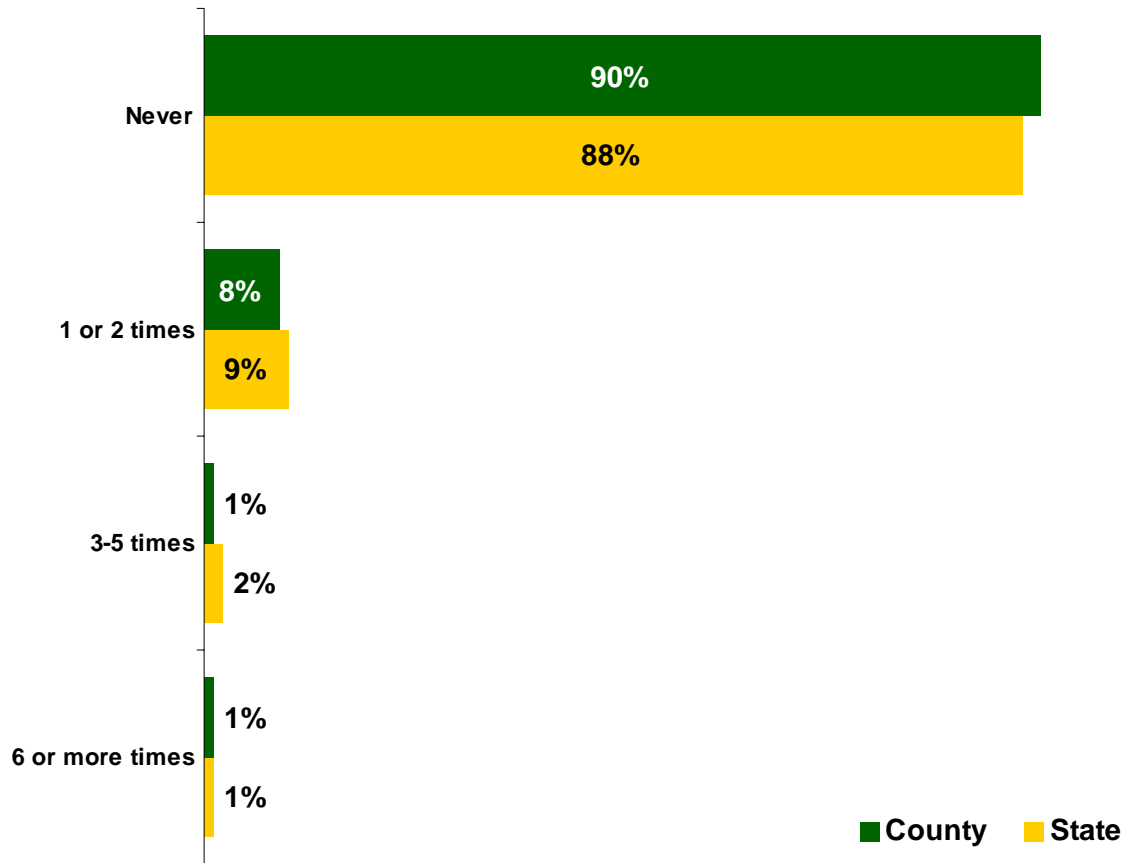
- The amount of money Dubuque County and Iowa youth (grade 6, 8 and 11) report they gamble in a 30 day period.¹²⁷

Significance

- Over 70% of youth report that they never gamble. Among those who do, the majority gamble less than \$10 a month.

¹²⁷ 2005 Iowa Youth Survey Report. Research Institute for Studies in Education, Iowa State University. 2006. <<http://www.iowayouthsurvey.org/>>.

Physical Fight at School



Definition

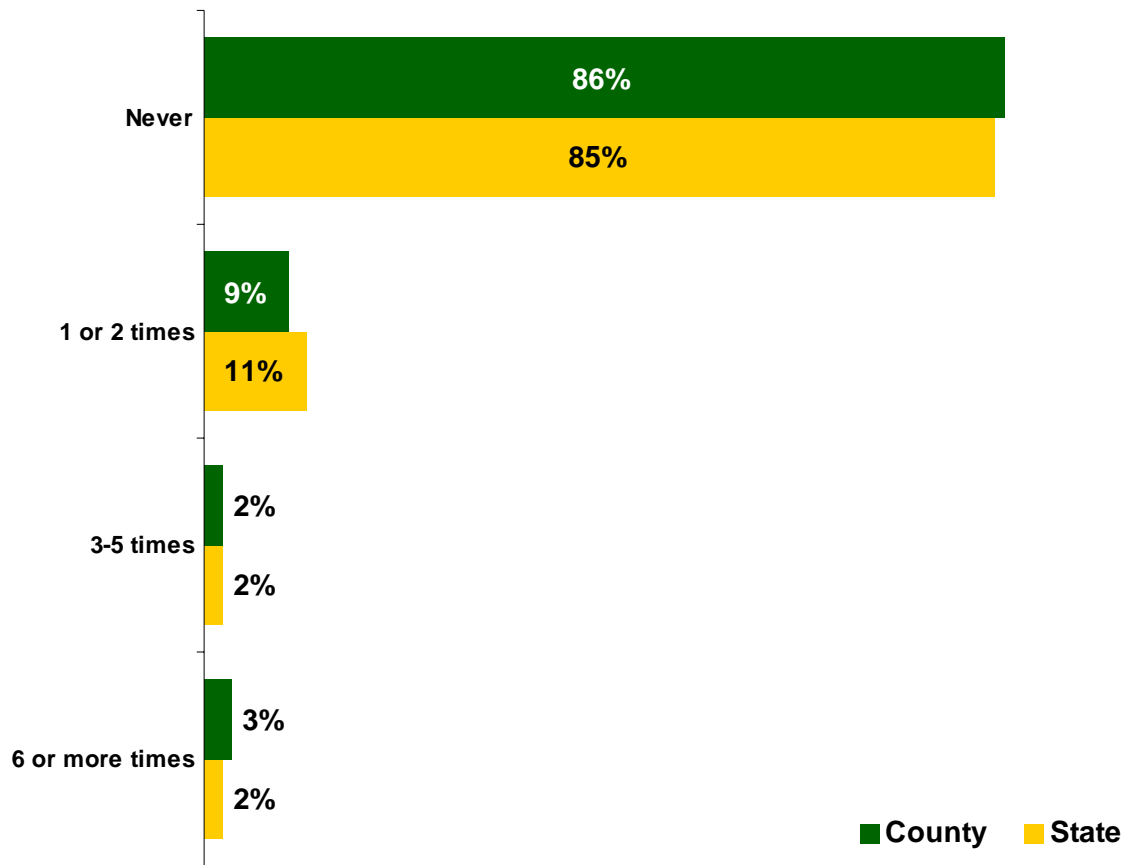
- The number of times in a 30 day period Dubuque County and Iowa youth (grade 6, 8 and 11) report getting into a fight at school. ¹²⁸

Significance

- One in ten youth say they have been in a fight at least once in the last 30 days.

¹²⁸ 2005 Iowa Youth Survey Report. Research Institute for Studies in Education, Iowa State University. 2006. <<http://www.iowayouthsurvey.org/>>.

Physical Fight Outside of School



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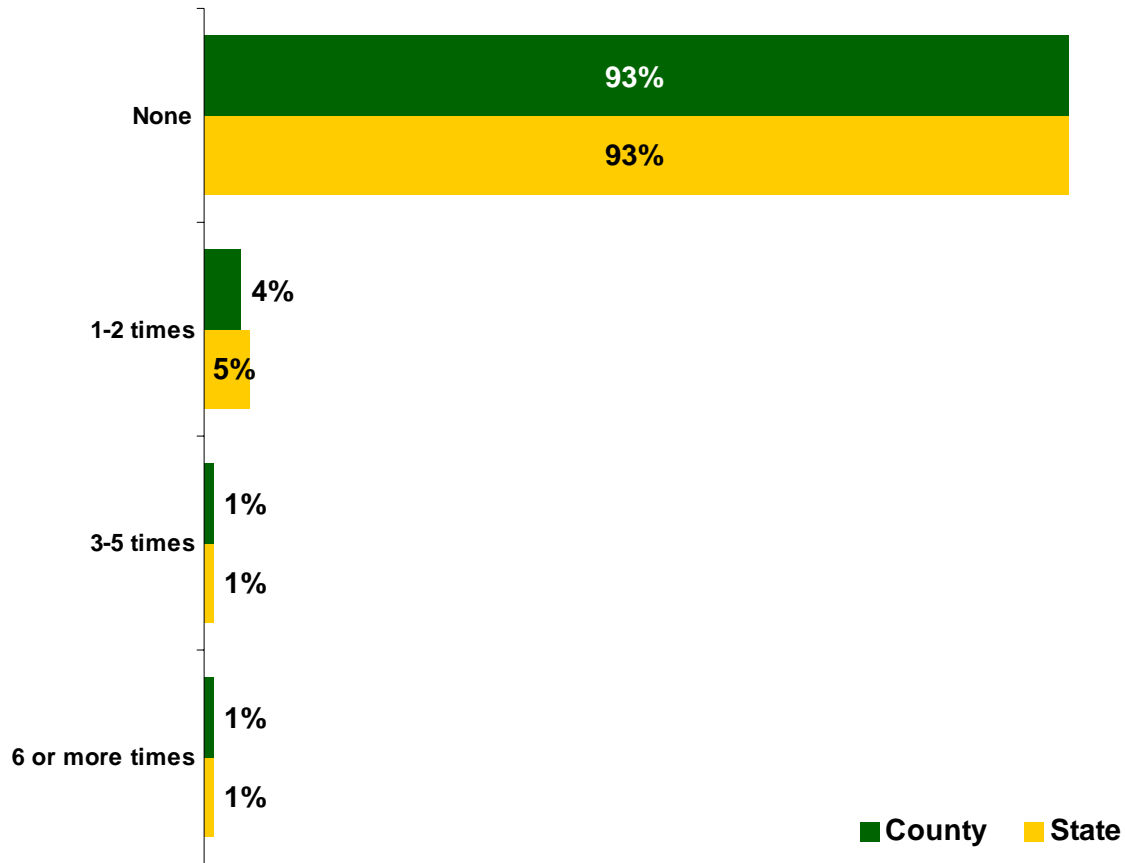
- The number of times Dubuque County and Iowa youth (grade 6, 8 and 11) report getting into a fight outside of school. ¹²⁹

Significance

- Roughly 15% of youth report getting into at least one fight out of school within the last 30 days.

¹²⁹ 2005 Iowa Youth Survey Report. Research Institute for Studies in Education, Iowa State University. 2006. <<http://www.iowayouthsurvey.org/>>.

Damaged Property Just for Fun



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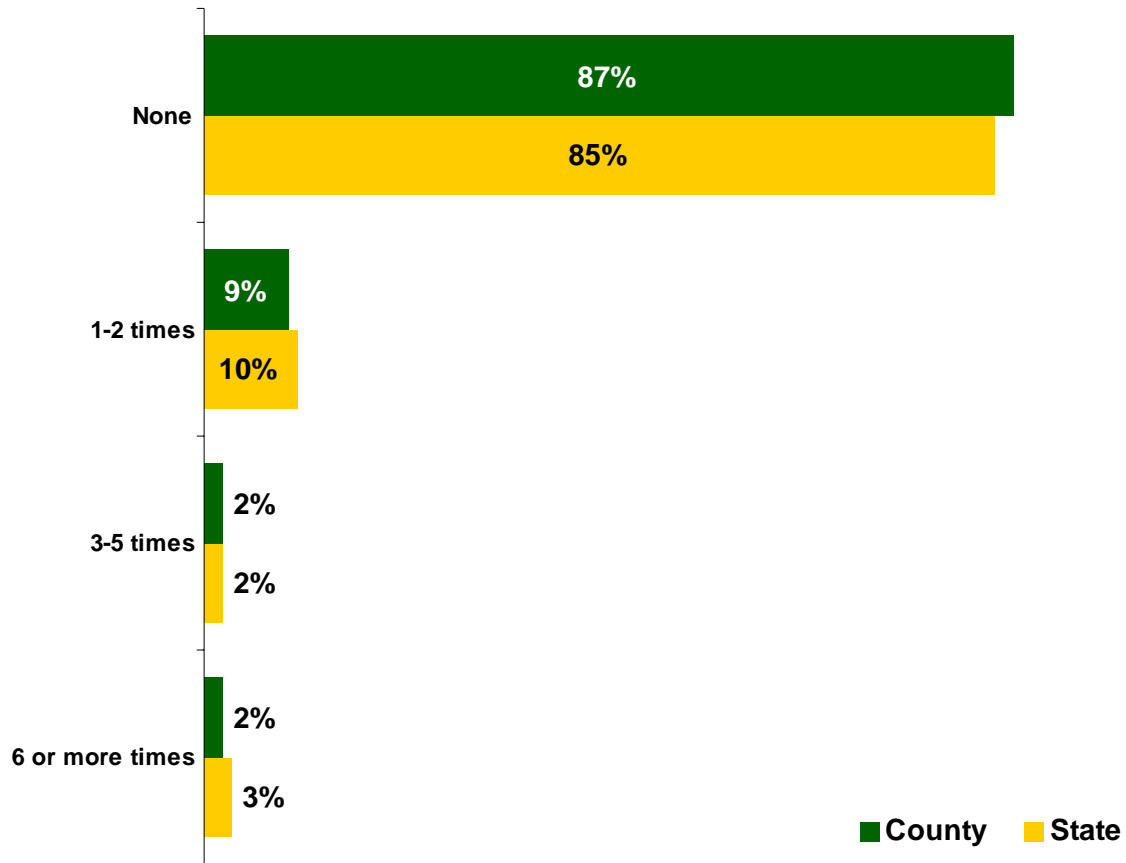
- The frequency in which Dubuque County and Iowa youth (grade 6, 8 and 11) report damaging property just for the fun of it. ¹³⁰

Significance

- The vast majority of Dubuque County and Iowa youth report that they do not damage property just for the fun of it.

¹³⁰ 2005 Iowa Youth Survey Report. Research Institute for Studies in Education, Iowa State University. 2006. <<http://www.iowayouthsurvey.org/>>.

Theft



Definition

- The frequency in which Dubuque County and Iowa youth (grade 6, 8 and 11) report committing theft.¹³¹

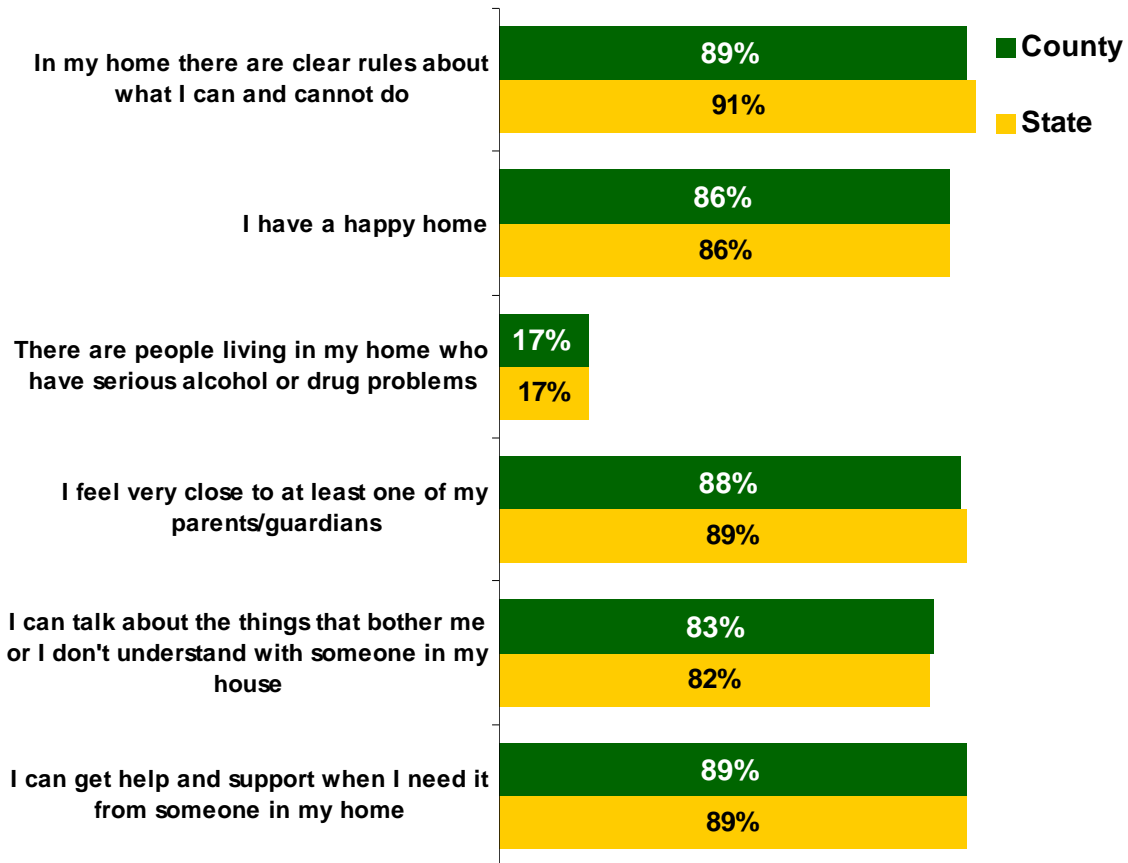
Significance

- Roughly one in ten Dubuque County and Iowa youth report that they have stolen things one or two times.

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Secure and Nurturing Families

Life at Home



Definition

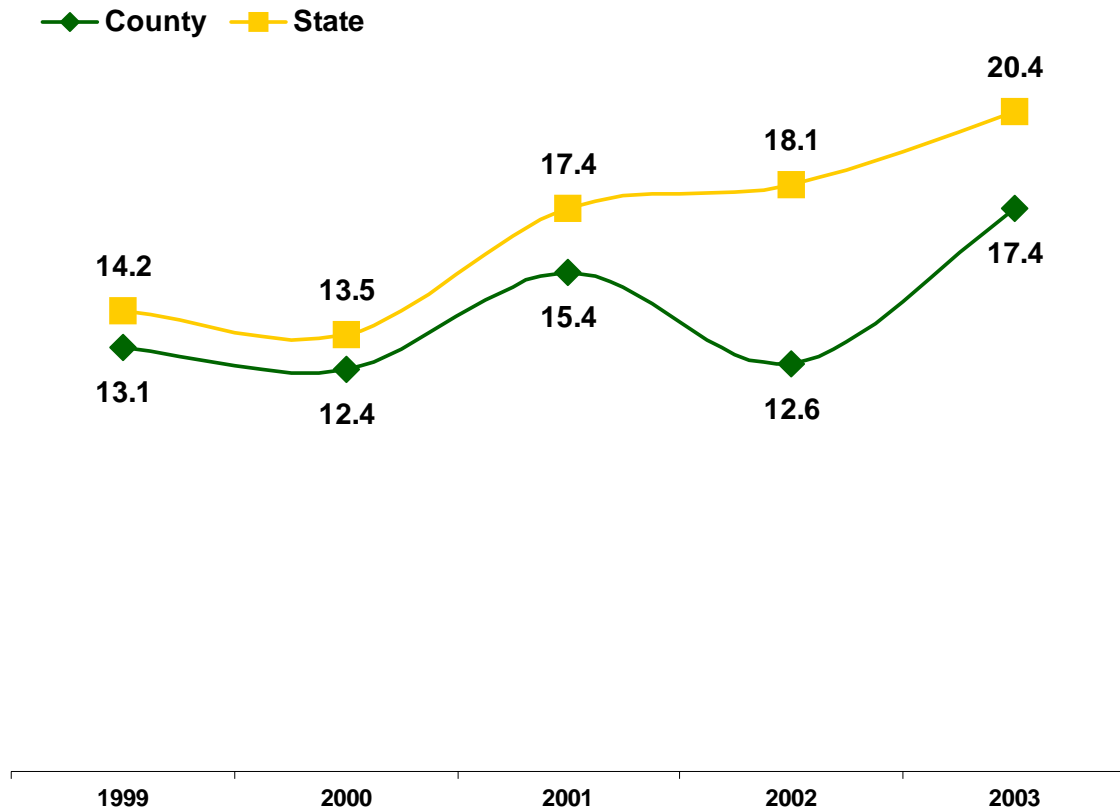
- Youth (grade 6, 8 and 11) responses to various statements regarding life at home. The percentages represent the number of respondents who agree with the statement.¹³²

Significance

- The vast majority of Dubuque County and Iowa youth feel they have clear rules, are happy at home, feel close to at least one parent, can talk about issues that are bothering them and can get help and support when they need it.
- Interestingly, the numbers of youth who indicate that there are people living in their home who have serious alcohol or drug problems are roughly equal to the number of youth who did not agree with any of the above statements.

¹³² 2005 Iowa Youth Survey Report. Research Institute for Studies in Education, Iowa State University. 2006. <<http://www.iowayouthsurvey.org/>>.

Child Abuse and Neglect (per 1,000)



Definition

- Confirmed child abuse and neglect rates for Dubuque County and Iowa youth.¹³³

Trends

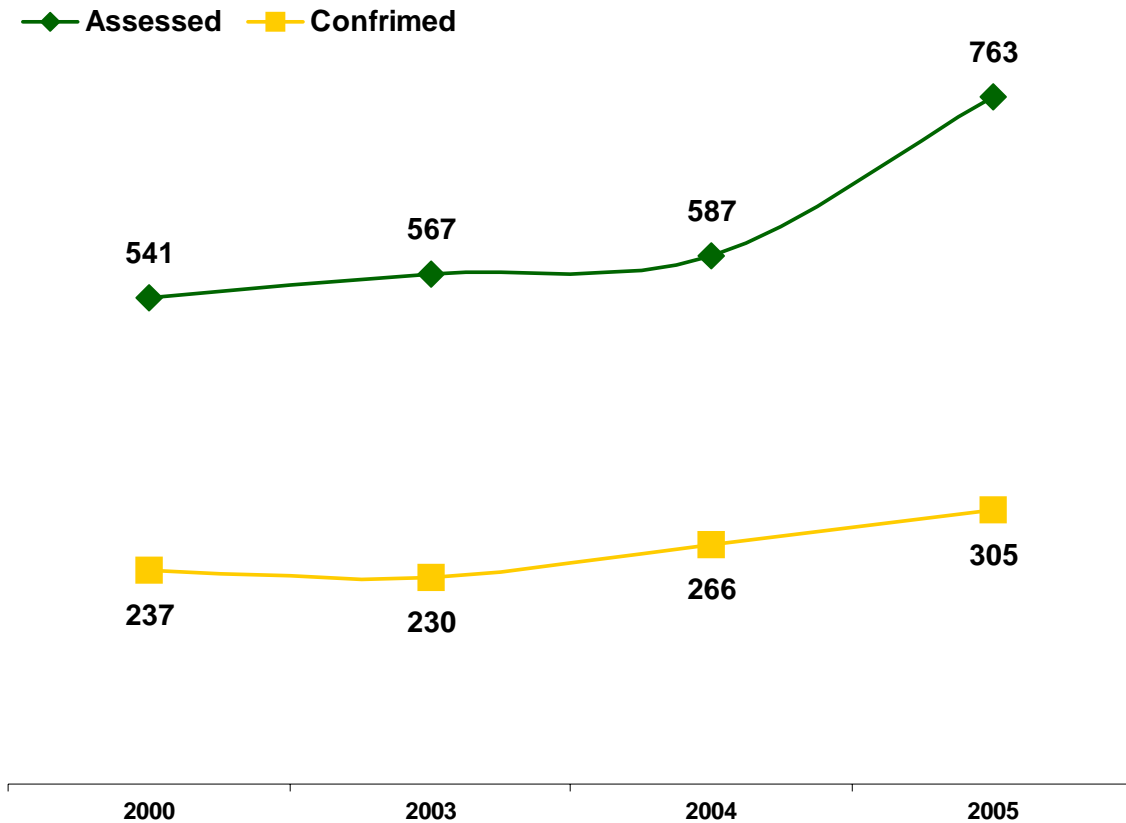
- In general, child abuse and neglect rates are up both countywide and statewide though Dubuque County has fluctuated in both directions since 1999.

Significance

- Dubuque County exhibits a significantly lower child abuse and neglect rate than the state average.

¹³³ Iowa Department of Human Services.

Assessed and Confirmed Child Abuse Cases



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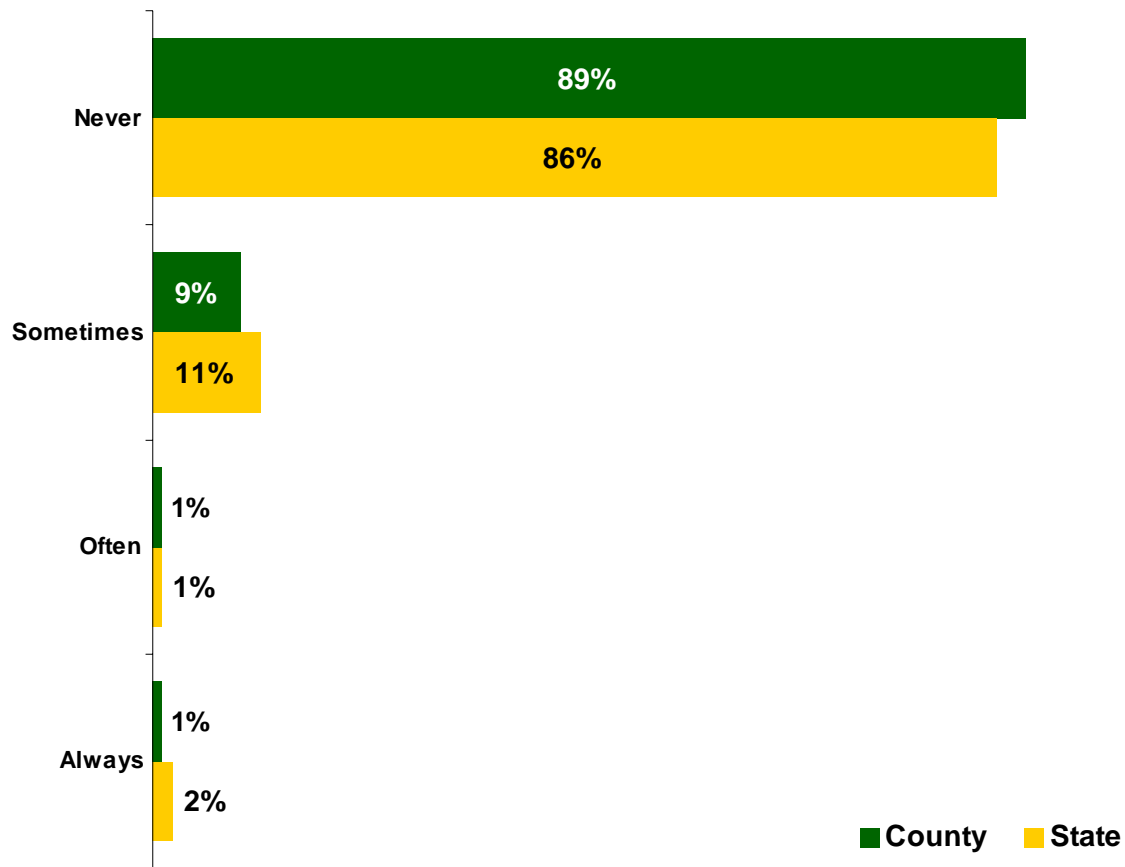
- The number of assessed and confirmed child abuse cases in Dubuque County.¹³⁴

Significance

- In 2005, there were 763 assessed case if child abuse in Dubuque County.
- Approximately half of all assessed child abuse cases in Dubuque County are confirmed.

¹³⁴ Iowa Department of Human Services.

Hit with Objects at Home



Definition

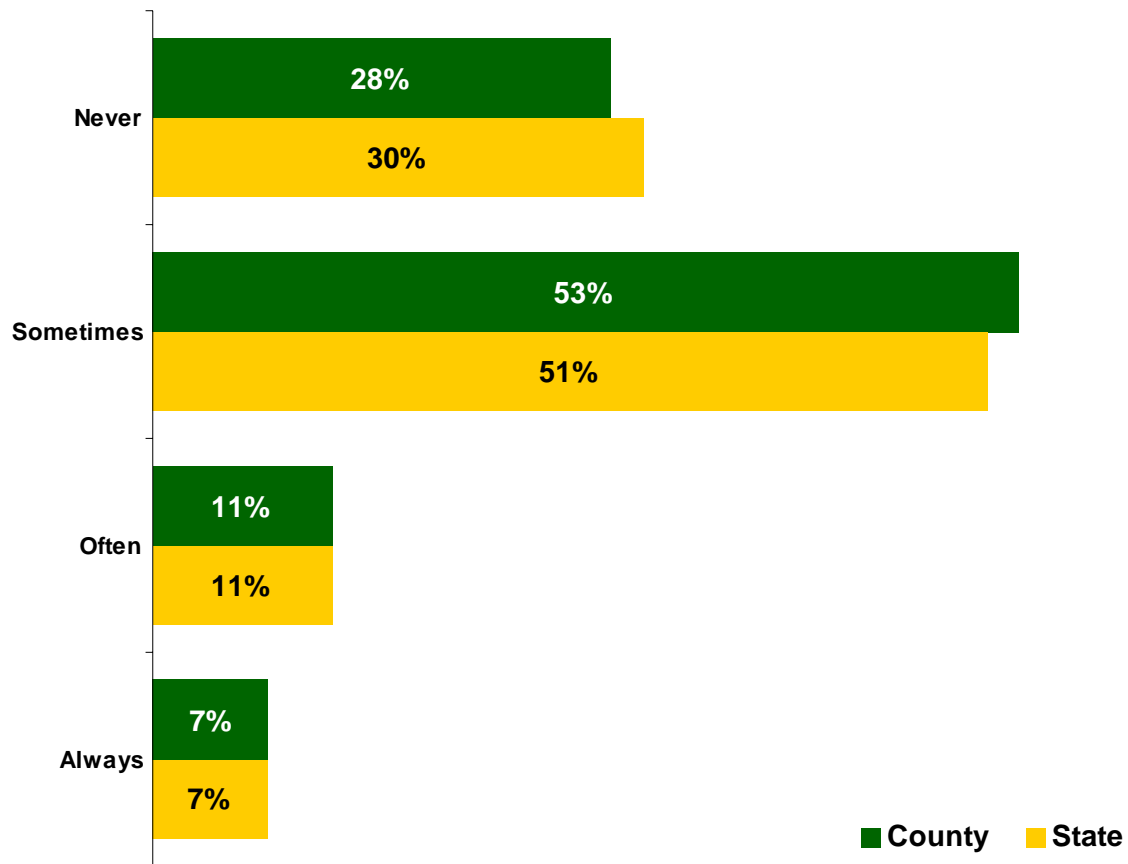
- The frequency in which youth (grade 6, 8 and 11) in Dubuque County and Iowa report being hit with a belt, stick or other hard object by someone in their home.¹³⁵

Significance

- Youth in Dubuque County and statewide primarily report never being hit by someone in his or her home by a hard object.

¹³⁵ 2005 Iowa Youth Survey Report. Research Institute for Studies in Education, Iowa State University. 2006. <<http://www.iowayouthsurvey.org/>>.

Shouting at Home



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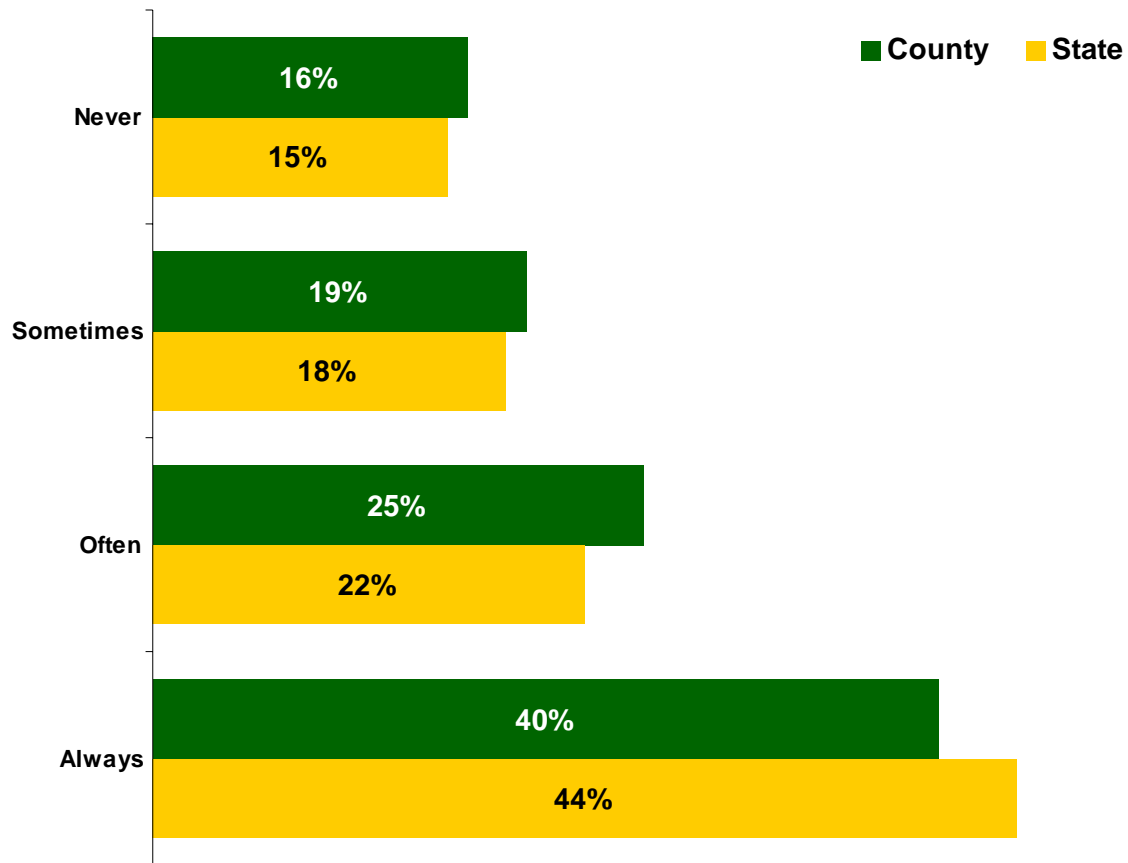
- The frequency in which youth (grade 6, 8 and 11) in Dubuque County and Iowa report that people in their home shout at each other. ¹³⁶

Significance

- In Dubuque County and across Iowa, most youth report that there is shouting in their home only sometimes or less.

¹³⁶ 2005 Iowa Youth Survey Report. Research Institute for Studies in Education, Iowa State University. 2006. <<http://www.iowayouthsurvey.org/>>.

Parent Attendance of School Activities



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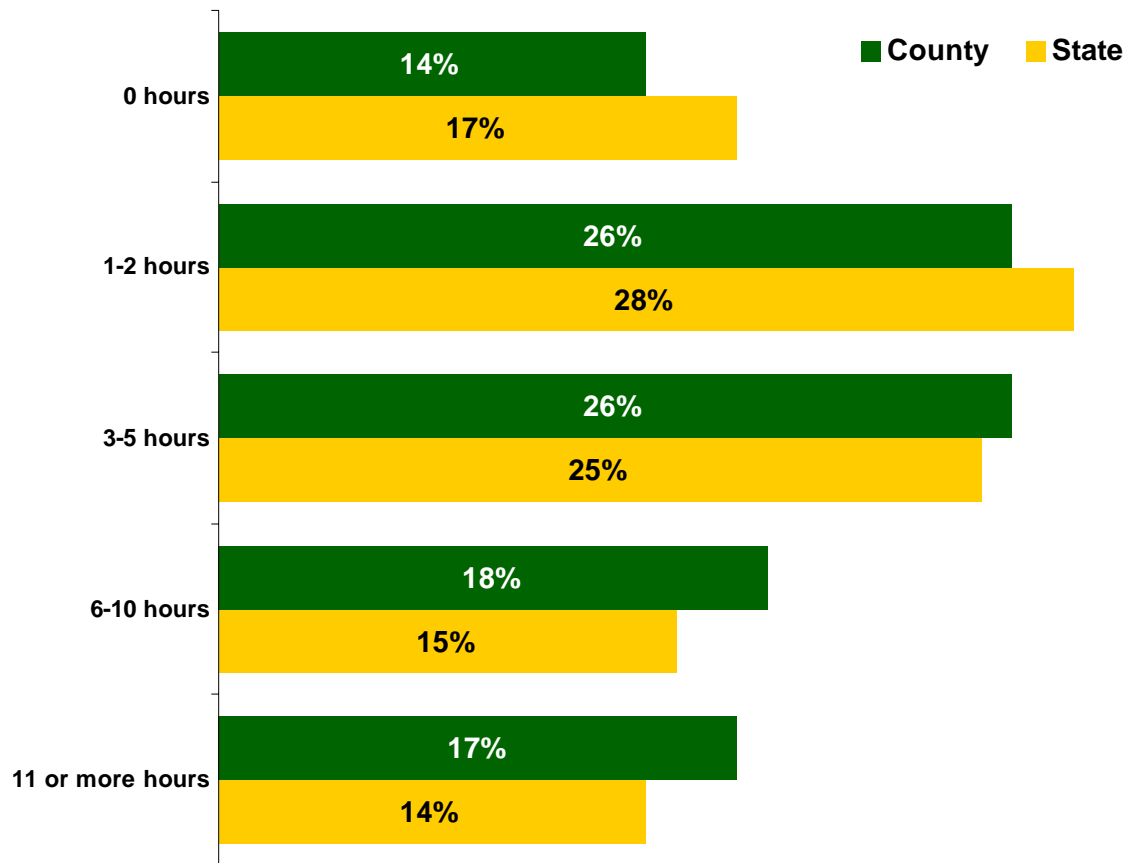
- The frequency in which students (grade 6, 8 and 11) report their parents attending school activities of which youth are a part.¹³⁷

Significance

- The majority of youth indicate that their parents often attend school activities in which youth are participating.

¹³⁷ 2005 Iowa Youth Survey Report. Research Institute for Studies in Education, Iowa State University. 2006. <<http://www.iowayouthsurvey.org/>>.

Adult Supervision



Definition

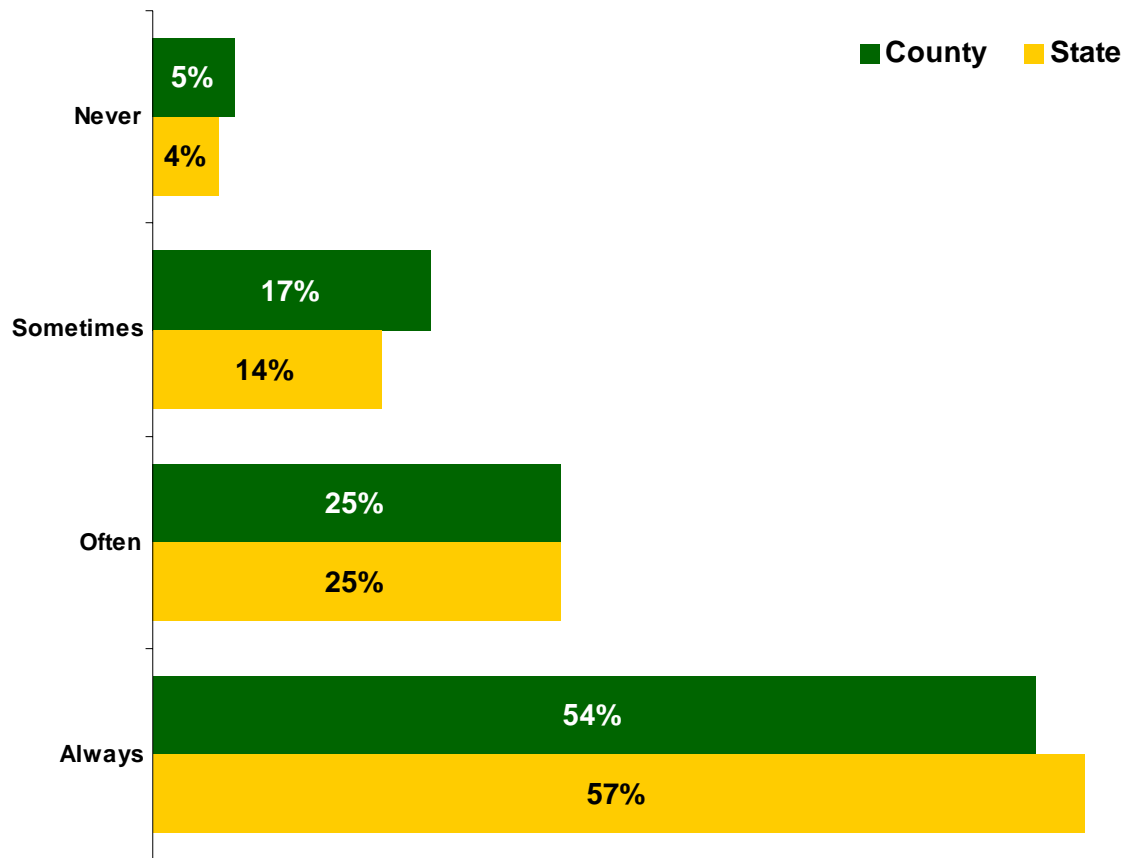
- The number of hours Dubuque County and Iowa youth (grade 6, 8 and 11) report being under adult supervision when not at school.¹³⁸

Significance

- Over half of Dubuque County and Iowa youth spend between one and five hours outside of school unsupervised.

¹³⁸ 2005 Iowa Youth Survey Report. Research Institute for Studies in Education, Iowa State University. 2006. <<http://www.iowayouthsurvey.org/>>.

Parents Knowledge of Evenings Out



Definition

- The frequency in which youth (grade 6, 8 and 11) in Dubuque County and Iowa report that their parents know where they are and who they are with in the evenings and on weekends.¹³⁹

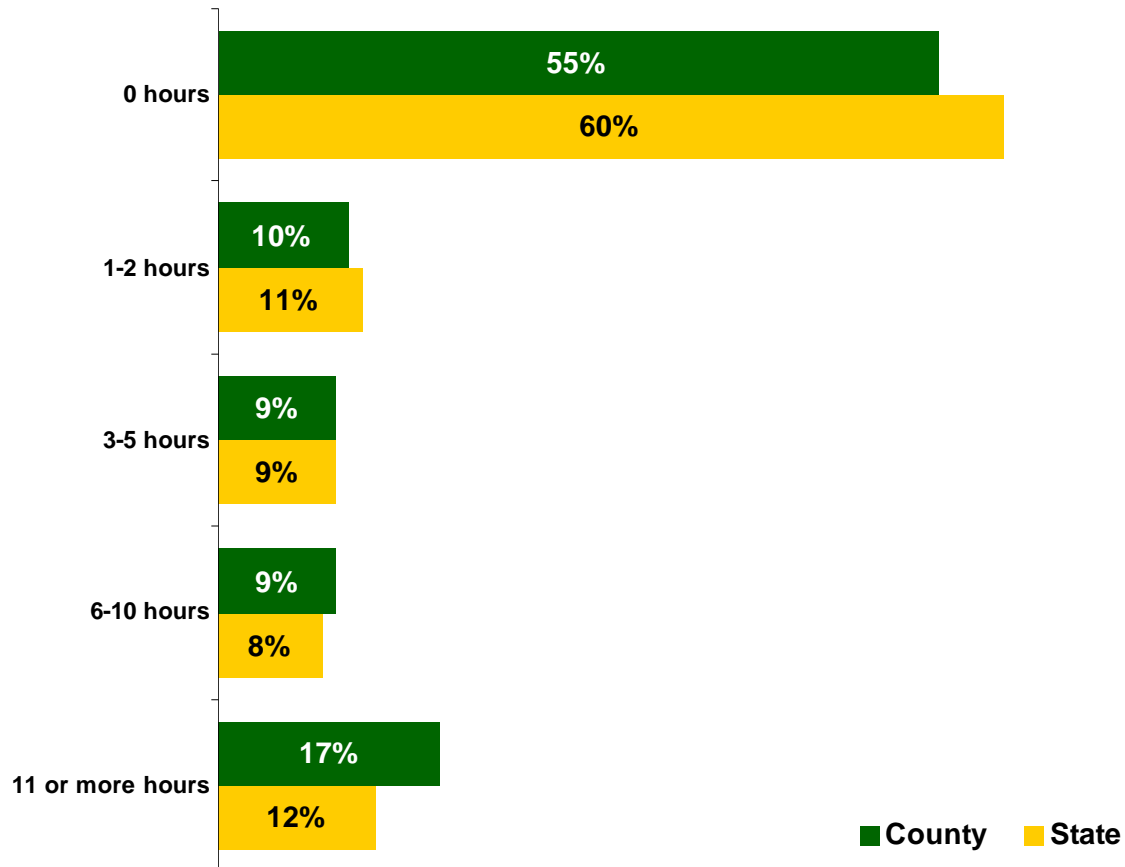
Significance

- Just about half of youth say that their parents always know where they are and whom they are with.

¹³⁹ 2005 Iowa Youth Survey Report. Research Institute for Studies in Education, Iowa State University. 2006. <<http://www.iowayouthsurvey.org/>>.

Engaged and Contributing Youth

Average Hours Worked



Definition

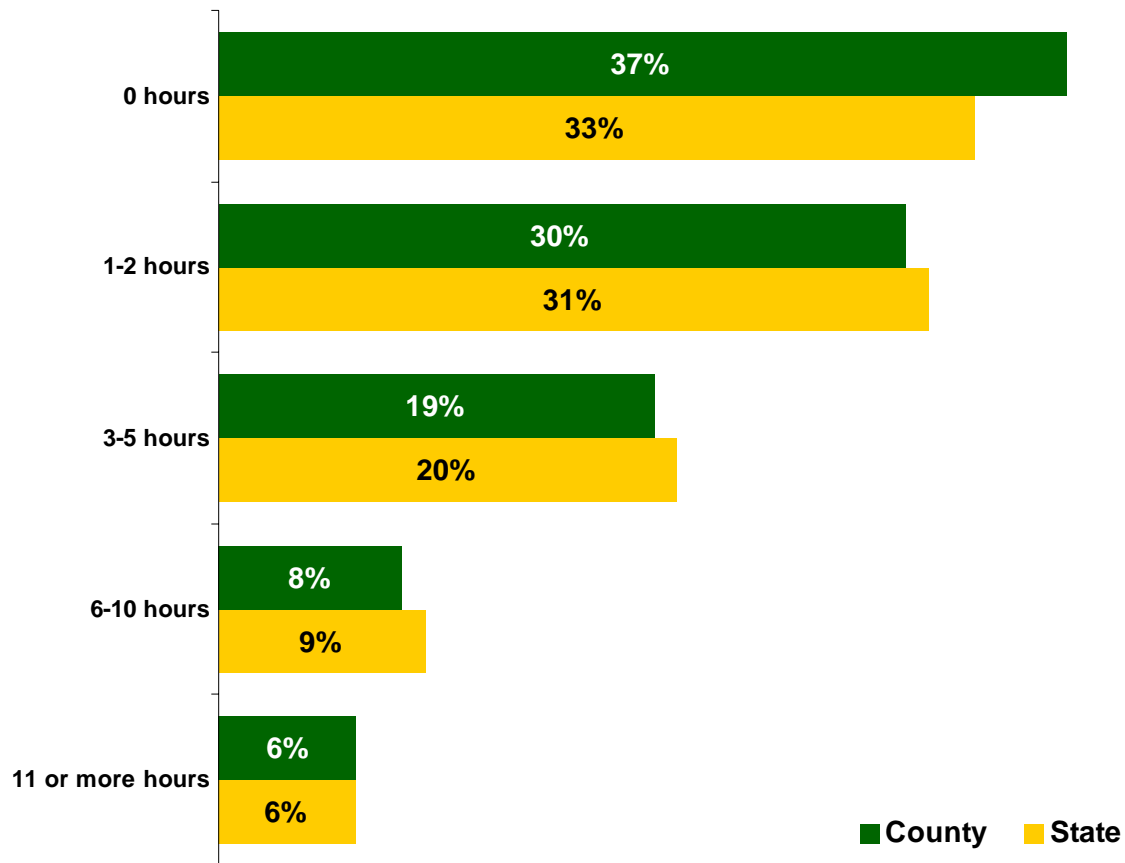
- The number of hours students (grade 6, 8 and 11) report working at a job during the school year for both Dubuque County and the State of Iowa.¹⁴⁰

Significance

- Just around half of the student population does not work a job during the school year. Among those who do, three-fifths work less than 10 hours.

¹⁴⁰ 2005 Iowa Youth Survey Report. Research Institute for Studies in Education, Iowa State University. 2006. <<http://www.iowayouthsurvey.org/>>.

Activities Outside of School



Definition

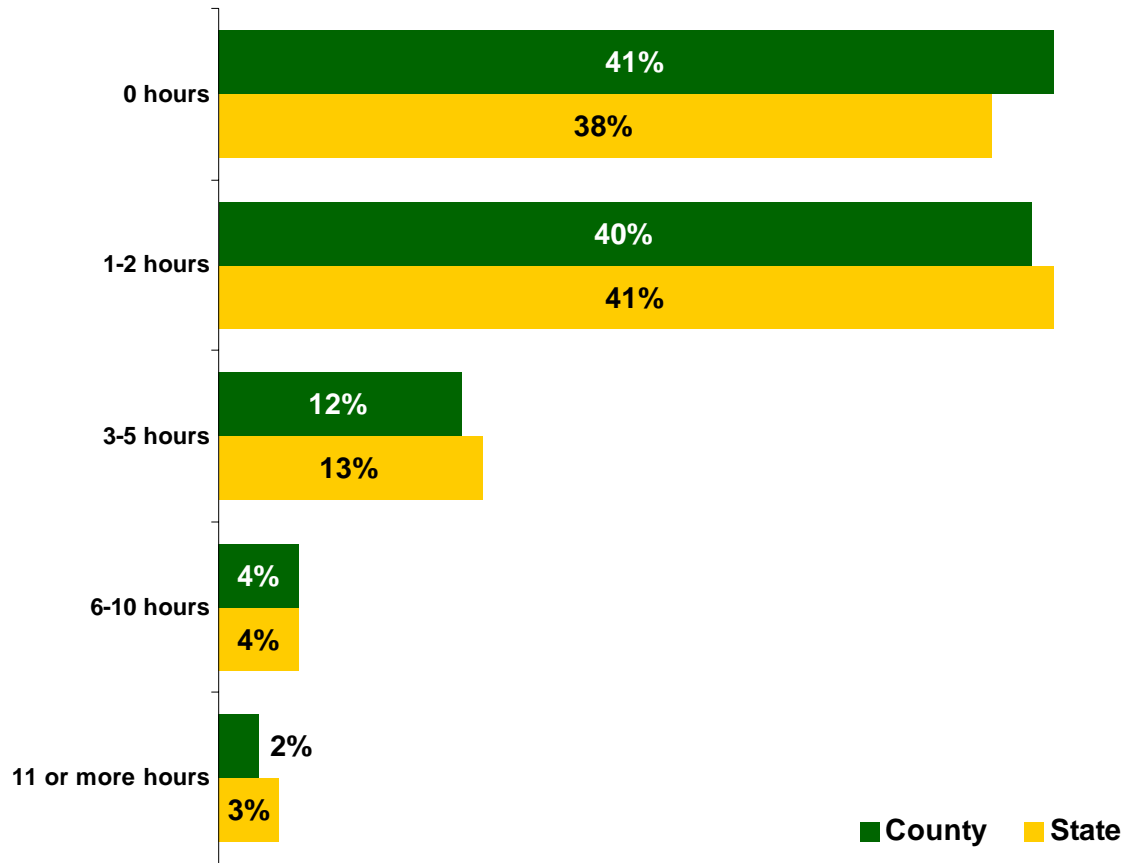
- The number of hours that Dubuque County and Iowa youth (grade 6, 8 and 11) report doing activities outside of school.¹⁴¹

Significance

- A third of respondents indicate that they spend no time outside of school doing other activities while an additional third report only spending one or two hours doing other activities.

¹⁴¹ 2005 Iowa Youth Survey Report. Research Institute for Studies in Education, Iowa State University. 2006. <<http://www.iowayouthsurvey.org/>>.

Reading Just for Fun



Definition

- The number of hours that Dubuque County and Iowa youth (grade 6, 8 and 11) report reading just for fun.¹⁴²

Significance

- More than a third of youth indicate that they spend no time reading just for fun while an additional third report spending only one or two hours reading just for fun per week.

¹⁴² 2005 Iowa Youth Survey Report. Research Institute for Studies in Education, Iowa State University. 2006. <<http://www.iowayouthsurvey.org/>>.

Youth Library Usage at James Kennedy Public Library

James Kennedy Public Library	2003	2004	2005
Circulation of children's books	48925	50844	48723
Children's circulation	61444	61504	59589
% of total circulation in children's books	44.29%	44.36%	41.58%
# of library programs for children	0	21	290
# of library programs for young adults	0	4	15
Children's program attendance	2490	4070	4642
Young Adult program attendance	0	184	215
# of children participating in the summery library program	346	340	356
Children's program attendance per capita	0.62	1.01	1.15

Definition

- Reported usage of James Kennedy Public Library by children (age 0-12) and young adults (age 13-18) in Dubuque County.¹⁴³

Trends

- An increasing number of youth participate in library programs at James Kennedy Public Library.

Significance

- James Kennedy has the highest per capita participation in youth programs of any library in the county.

¹⁴³ James Kennedy Public Library.

Youth Library Usage at Dubuque County Library

Dubuque County Library	2003	2004	2005
Circulation of children's books	48144	53067	52720
Children's circulation	49691	54796	52720
% of total circulation in children's books	63.18%	62.64%	61.62%
# of library programs for children	0	197	332
# of library programs for young adults	0	4	4
Children's program attendance	2210	1648	2363
Young Adult program attendance	0	37	11
# of children participating in the summery library program	340	420	806
Children's program attendance per capita	0.11	0.09	0.12

Definition

- Reported usage of Dubuque County Library by children (age 0-12) and young adults (age 13-18) in Dubuque County.¹⁴⁴

Trends

- 2005 saw an increase in the number of youth participating in library programs at Dubuque County Library.

Significance

- Per capita participation in youth programs at libraries across the county is the lowest at Dubuque County Library.

¹⁴⁴ Dubuque County Library.

Library Usage at Cascade Public Library

Cascade Public Library	2003	2004	2005
Circulation of children's books	10842	9171	9025
Children's circulation	12000	11710	11178
% of total circulation in children's books	35.36%	32.19%	31.19%
# of library programs for children	0	58	63
# of library programs for young adults	0	2	2
Children's program attendance	2592	1400	1410
Young Adult program attendance	0	15	26
# of children participating in the summery library program	100	98	80
Children's program attendance per capita	1.32	0.72	0.72

Definition

- Reported usage of Cascade Public Library by children (age 0-12) and young adults (age 13-18) in Dubuque County.¹⁴⁵

Trends

- Cascade Public Library has seen a decline in circulation and youth program participation since 2003.

Significance

- Cascade Public Library is the smallest library serving Dubuque County.

¹⁴⁵ Cascade Public Library.

Library Usage at Carnegie-Stout Public Library

Carnegie-Stout Public Library	2003	2004	2005
Circulation of children's books	176181	171953	174699
Children's circulation	233876	231068	243206
% of total circulation in children's books	34.54%	33.35%	31.74%
# of library programs for children	0	612	665
# of library programs for young adults	0	5	10
Children's program attendance	16908	17012	18497
Young Adult program attendance	0	68	169
# of children participating in the summery library program	1028	2103	2049
Children's program attendance per capita	0.29	0.29	0.32

Definition

- Reported usage of Carnegie-Stout Public Library by children (age 0-12) and young adults (age 13-18) in Dubuque County.¹⁴⁶

Trends

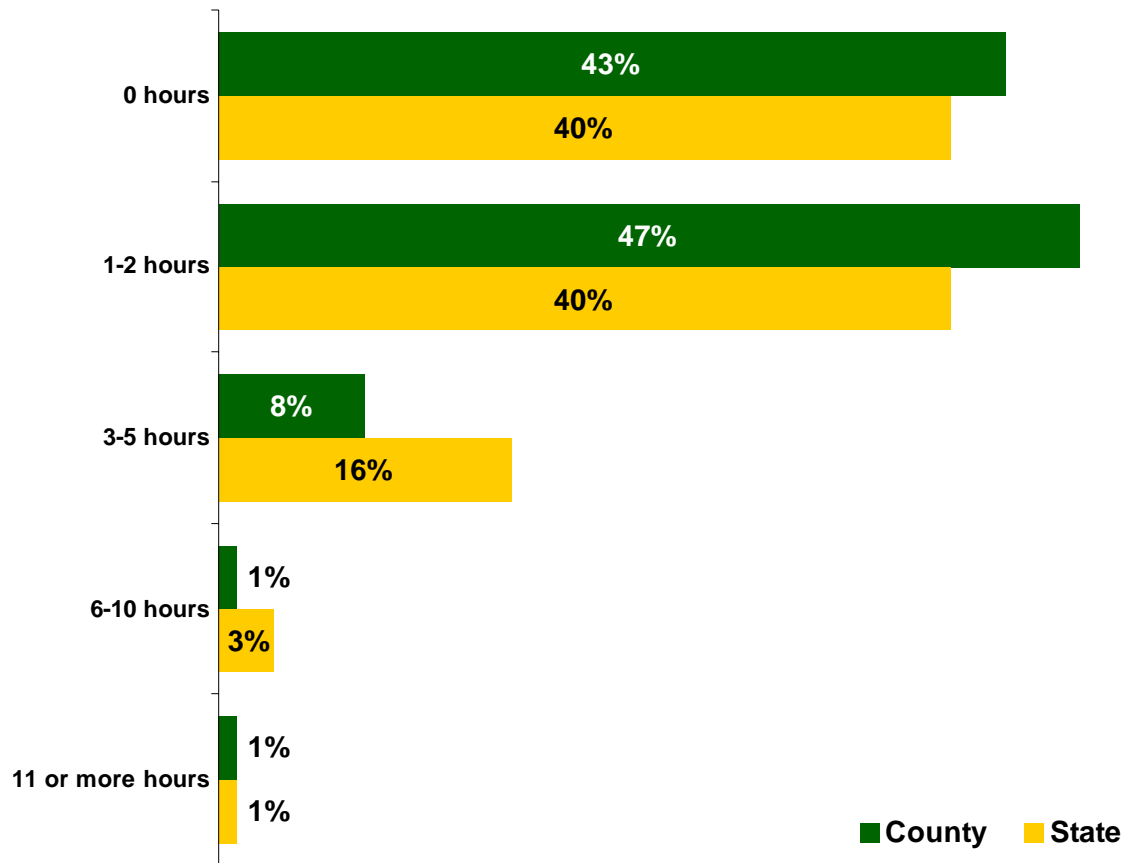
- An increasing number of youth participate in library programs at Carnegie-Stout Public Library.

Significance

- Carnegie-Stout Public Library has the largest circulation of children's books in Dubuque County.

¹⁴⁶ Carnegie-Stout Public Library.

Church or Synagogue Worship Services



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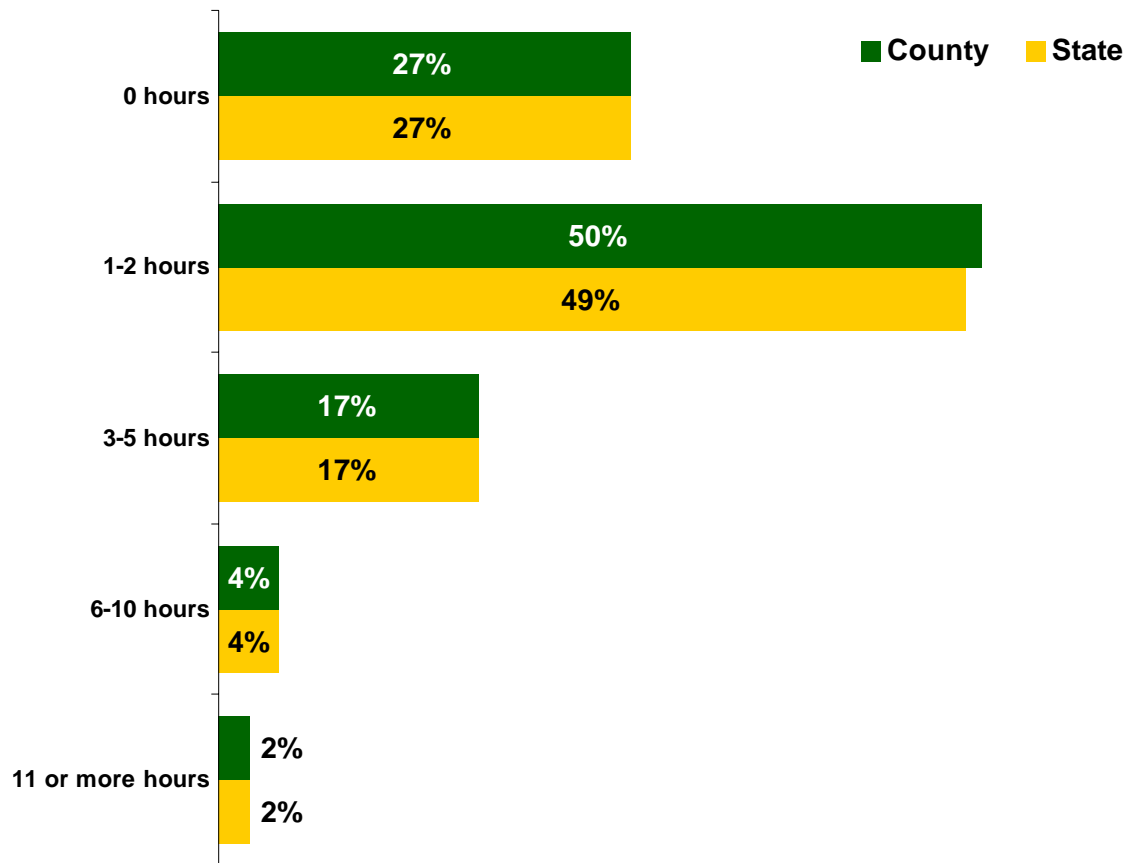
- The number of hours each week Dubuque County and Iowa youth (grade 6, 8 and 11) report spending at church or in a synagogue for worship services.¹⁴⁷

Significance

- Roughly 60% of Dubuque County and Iowa youth spend at least one hour each week at church or in a synagogue for worship services.

¹⁴⁷ 2005 Iowa Youth Survey Report. Research Institute for Studies in Education, Iowa State University. 2006. <<http://www.iowayouthsurvey.org/>>.

Volunteer Activities



Definition

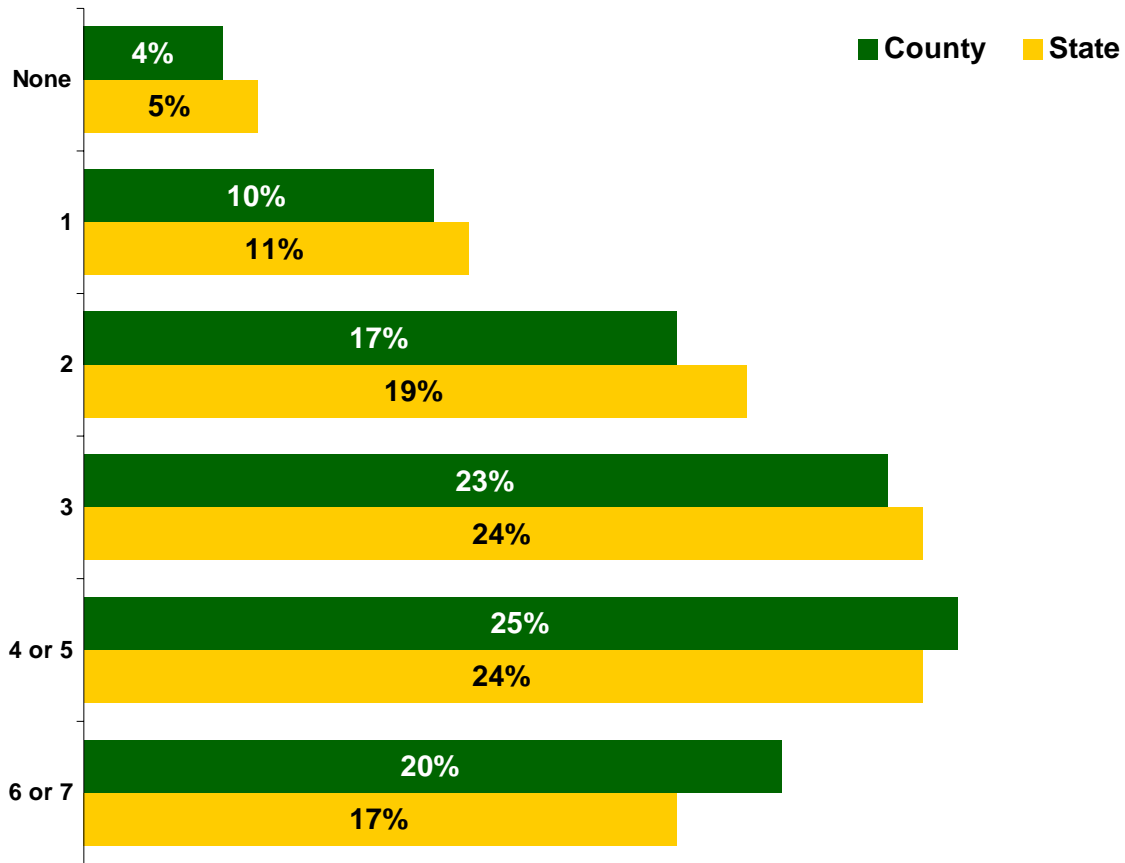
- The number of hours Dubuque County and Iowa youth (grade 6, 8 and 11) report volunteering in the community.¹⁴⁸

Significance

- Over three-quarters of Dubuque County and Iowa youth volunteer at least one hour of their time each week.

¹⁴⁸ 2005 Iowa Youth Survey Report. Research Institute for Studies in Education, Iowa State University. 2006. <<http://www.iowayouthsurvey.org/>>.

Evenings Out



Definition

- The number of evenings Dubuque County and Iowa youth (grade 6, 8 and 11) report spending outside of the home.¹⁴⁹

Significance

- The majority of youth spend three or more evenings out.

¹⁴⁹ 2005 Iowa Youth Survey Report. Research Institute for Studies in Education, Iowa State University. 2006. <<http://www.iowayouthsurvey.org/>>.

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