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Supplemental Packet

TO: MAYOR LORD AND CITY COUNCIL
FROM: AMY WOODRUFF, CITY CLERK
DATE: MONDAY, MARCH 9, 2026
SUBJECT: SUPPLEMENTAL PACKET ITEMS

REGULAR MEETING AGENDA

MAYORAL PROCLAMATIONS AND RECOGNITIONS

- a. Mayoral Recognition of Outgoing Chief of Police Mark Robl

Public Comment Received

VISITORS

- a. Hannah Gustafson and Anna Meredith, Planet Youth Homer report of 2025 student data and next steps

Powerpoint Presentation

ANNOUNCEMENTS / PRESENTATIONS / REPORTS (5 Minute limit per report)

- h. Memorandum CC-26-058, AML Legislative Conference Trip report from Councilmember Aderhold.

PUBLIC HEARING(S)

- c. Ordinance 26-16(A), an Ordinance of the City Council of Homer, Alaska Amending Homer City Code Title 4, Elections Sections 4.01.040 Date of Election, 4.01.100 Expense, 4.10.010 Declaration of Candidacy, 4.10.050 Prohibitions, 4.20.020 Voting Procedure at the Polls, 4.30.020 Eligibility, 4.30.060 Issuance of Ballot By Mail or in Person, 4.35.010 Review of Election Documents by Canvass Board, and 4.40.020 Runoff Election – Date and Notice. City Clerk. Introduction February 23, 2026, Public Hearing and Second Reading March 9, 2026.

Public Comment Received.

From: [Melissa Jacobsen](#)
To: [Amy Woodruff](#)
Subject: FW: Congratulations Chief Robl
Date: Monday, March 9, 2026 9:09:20 AM

Hi Amy, Barbara requested this be included in the supplemental packet. She isn't able to be at the meeting tonight.

Thank you!

From: Barbara Howard <bhfish@gci.net>
Sent: Monday, March 9, 2026 7:50 AM
To: Department City Manager <citymanager@ci.homer.ak.us>
Subject: Congratulations Chief Robl

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CHIEF ROBL, what an impressive community service record you have given to Homer. Your unique and effective leadership and communication style is evident in the quality of "community policing" we have today in Homer. Under your leadership the quality of staff you are able to recruit and develop gives the citizens of this town the assurance of safety, fairness, transparency and "easy to do business with" profile. Your watch is coming to an end, and we wish the next chapter of your life to be filled with good health and happy days for you and Teri. Thank you so much for your tireless years of dedicated service.

Sincerely,

Barbara and Bob Howard

Planet Youth Homer



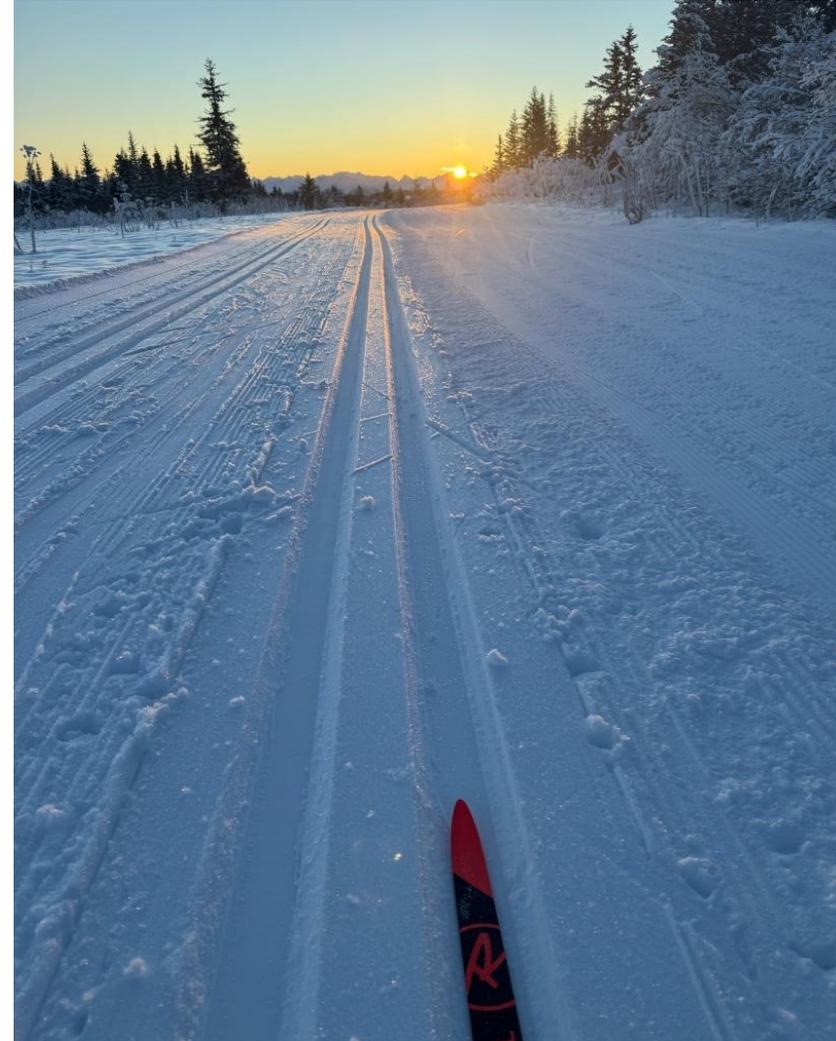
Homer, AK

A
community-wide
approach to youth
wellbeing

Data Dissemination • 2026



Your feedback matters!



A Community Driven Approach

WHO is involved?!





Thinking Upstream

Proactive vs. reactive prevention



Purpose of the Survey



Learn about what life is like
for youth in our community



Learn where we are shining



Learn where we can grow

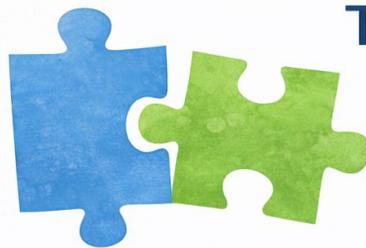
What We Measure (4 Domains)



Youth Participation

- Grades 9–11
- Public, alternative, and homeschool students
- Response rate: 54% (168 out of 312 students)

Anonymous, optional, and guardian consent required



**Think of data results
like a puzzle.**

The data gives us pieces,
but not the whole picture.

Where We Are Shining

Strengths to protect and build on



1. Community is connected and strong
2. Families are engaged and supportive
3. Schools are relationship centered
4. Youth are active during their free time
5. Substance use is low



Where We Are Shining

Strengths to protect and build on



What Youth Like About Their Community



Community

68%

Think it is good to live in their community



82%

Feel safe in their community



37%

Want to continue to live in their community in the future



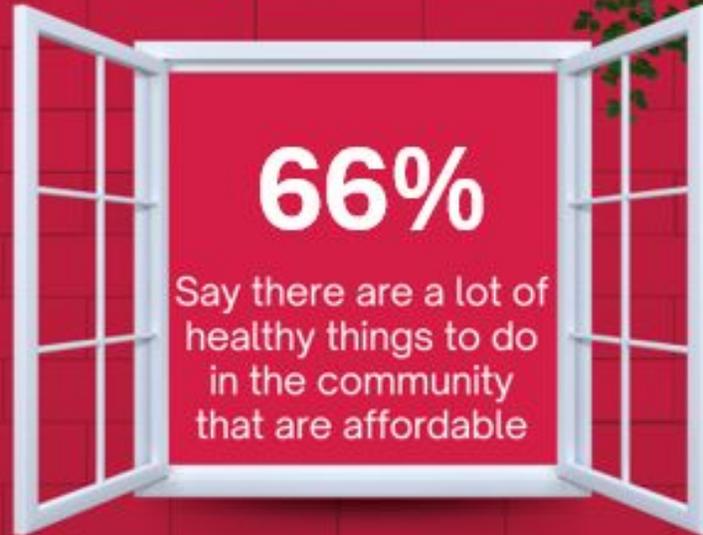
86%

Say their family has friends in the community



66%

Say there are a lot of healthy things to do in the community that are affordable



Where We Are Shining

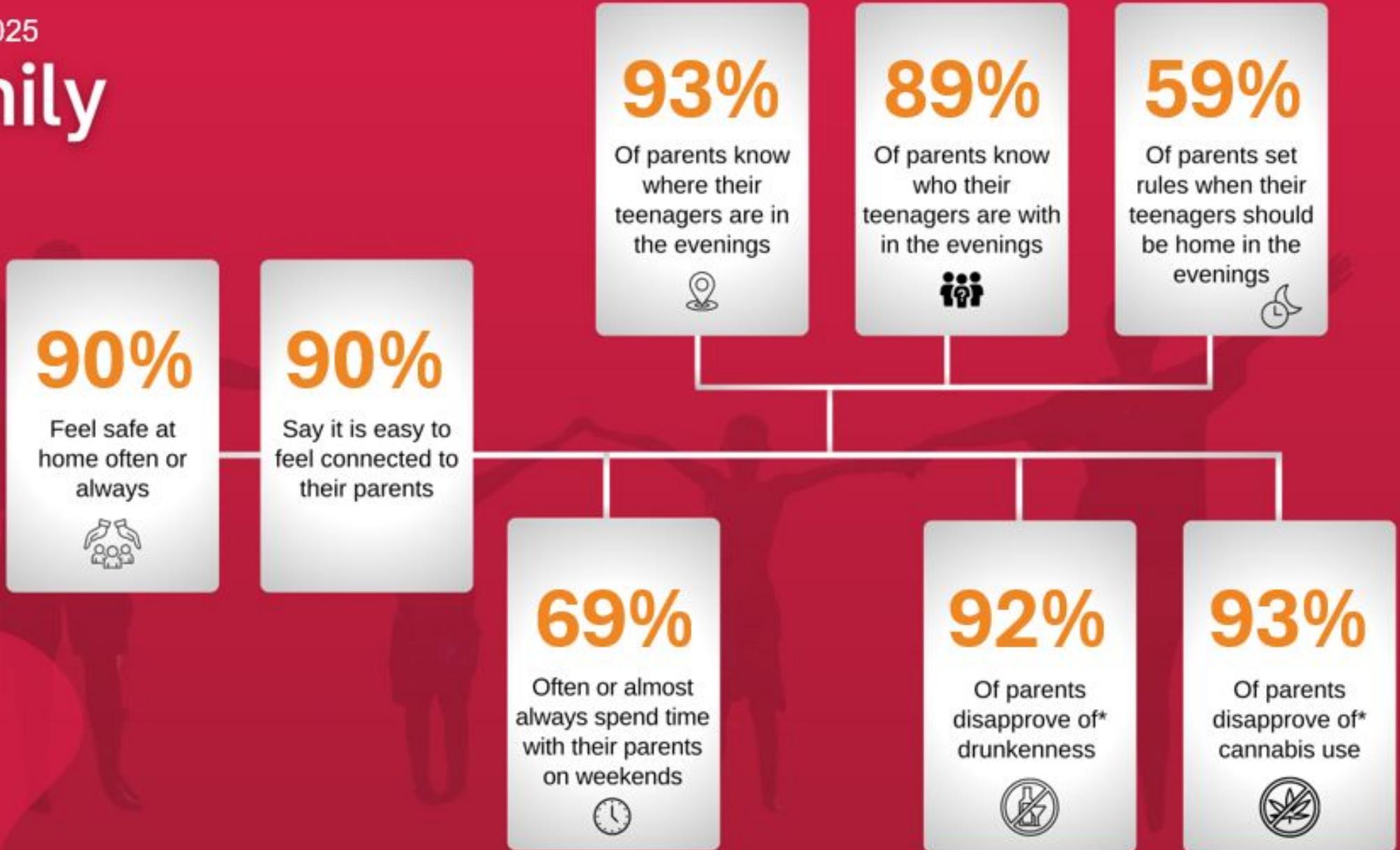
Strengths to protect and build on

2. Families are engaged and supportive

- Parents know where youth are and who they're with
- Clear expectations and rules
- Youth feel safe and connected at home



Family



Where We Are Shining



Strengths to protect and build on

3. Schools are relationship centered

- Safe at school
- Peer and adult connections at school
- Sense of purpose through school



Homer - 2025

School



86%

Have friends at school that care about them



73%

Think the adults at their school care about them



9%

Want to change schools

Where We Are Shining

Strengths to protect and build on

4: Youth are active during their free time

- High participation in organized activities
- Regular physical activity
- Supervised, structured environments with caring adults

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Free Time



60%

Play sports with a club three times a week or more

31%

Participate in art, drama or music classes once a week or more

10%

Do not participate in any organized out-of-school activities supervised by adults

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Homer, AK

Where We Are Shining

Strengths to protect and build on

5. Substance use is low



Substance use

14%

Tried alcohol at the age 13 or younger

3%

Have been drunk in the last 30 days

18%

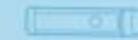
Drink alcohol in their own home*

19%

Get alcohol from a family member*

9%

Have been drunk in their lifetime



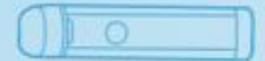
Vaping

11%

Have vaped in their lifetime

2%

Vape daily



Cigarette smoking

6%

Have smoked cigarettes in their lifetime

0.6%

Smoke cigarettes daily



Cannabis use

9%

Have used cannabis in their lifetime

6%

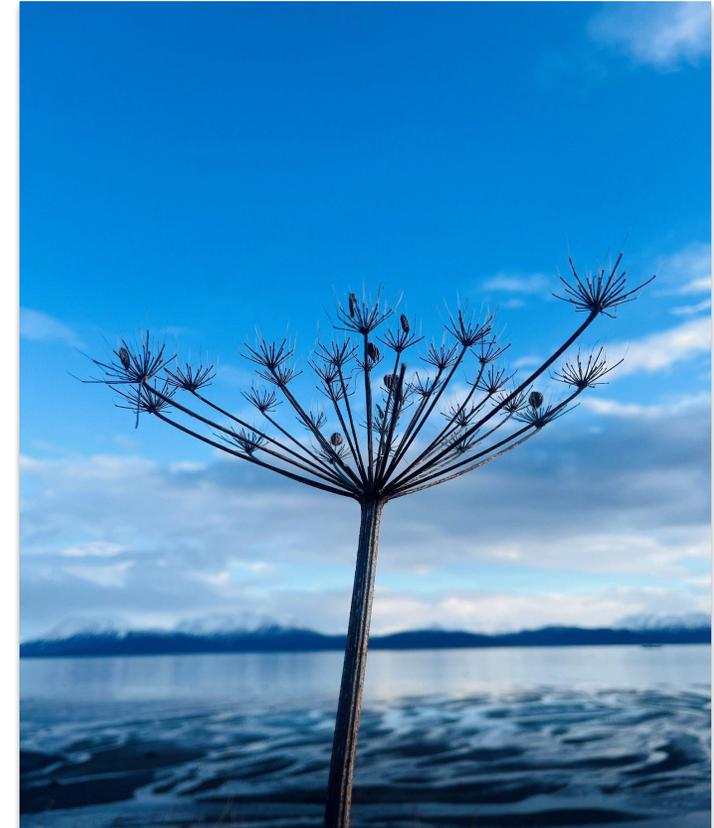
Have used cannabis in the last 30 days



Where We Can Grow

Opportunities to strengthen protective factors

1. Mental health and wellbeing
2. Factors influencing youth substance use
3. Sleep, fatigue, and related routines
4. Screen time



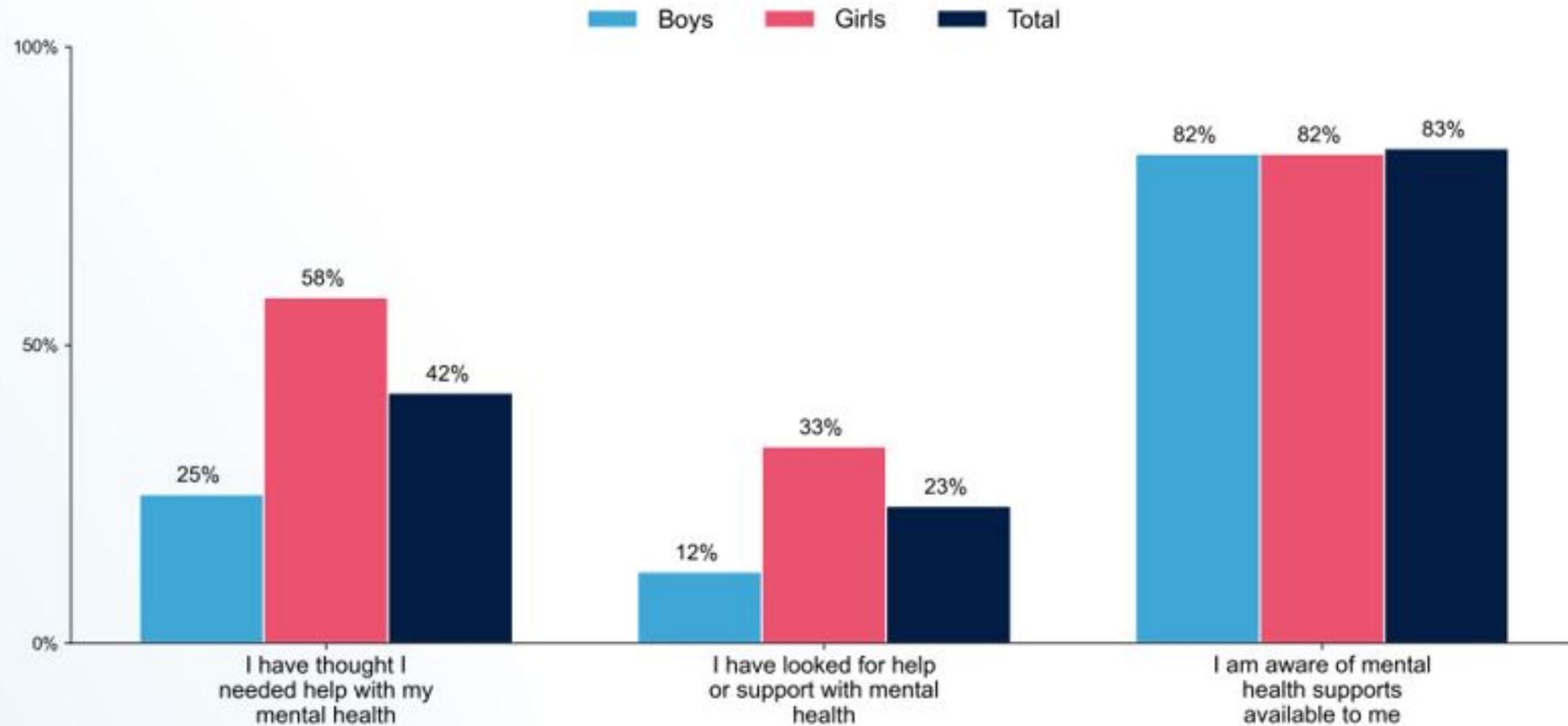
Where We Can Grow

Opportunities to strengthen protective factors

1. Mental health & wellbeing:

- Fewer girls than boys describe their mental health as good or very good
- More girls report stress and difficulty coping
- Many youth have thought they needed help, but fewer have sought it

Mental Health Support: Proportion of adolescents who report the following regarding their mental health

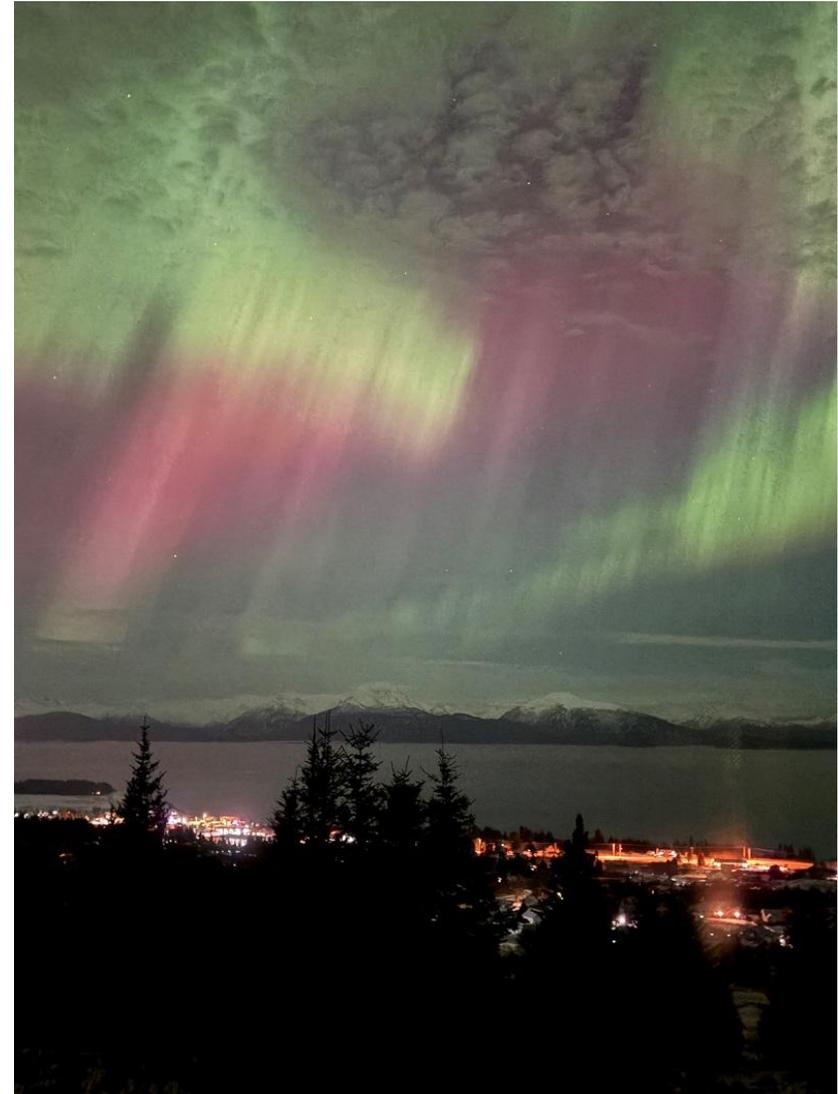


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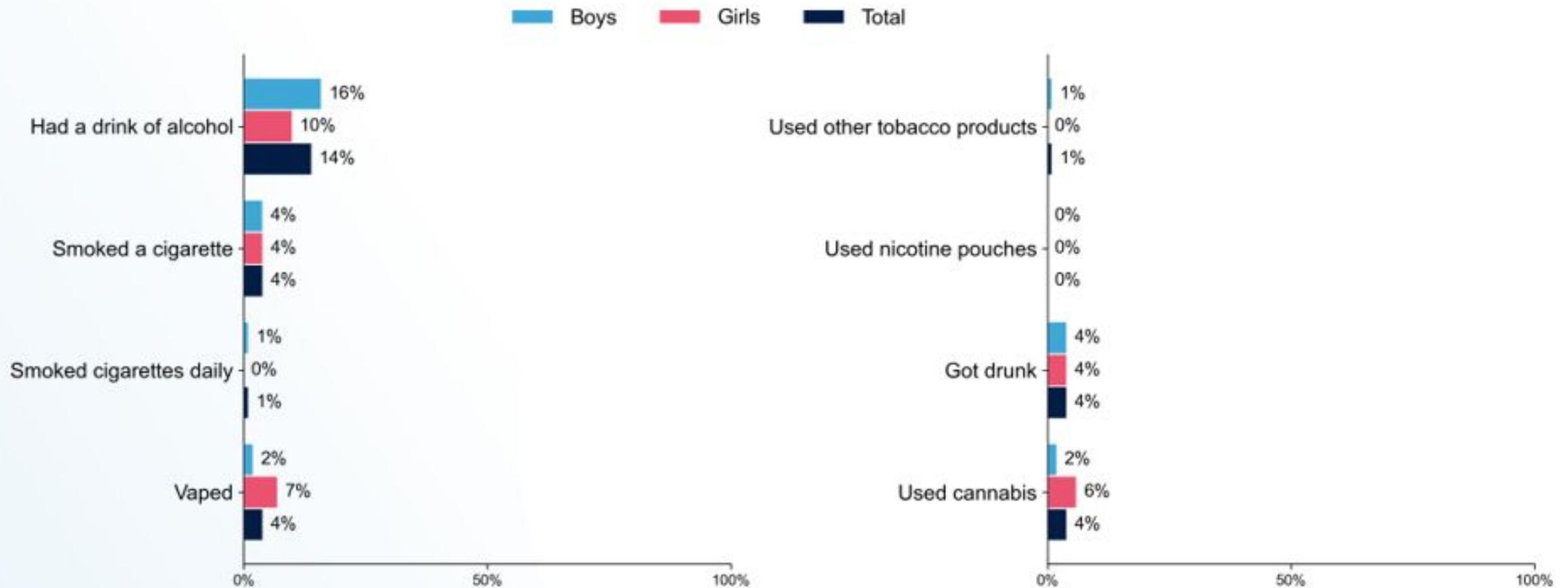
Opportunities to strengthen protective factors

2. Factors influencing youth substance use:

- Early onset of substance use (esp. alcohol)
- Time spent together as a family on the weekends



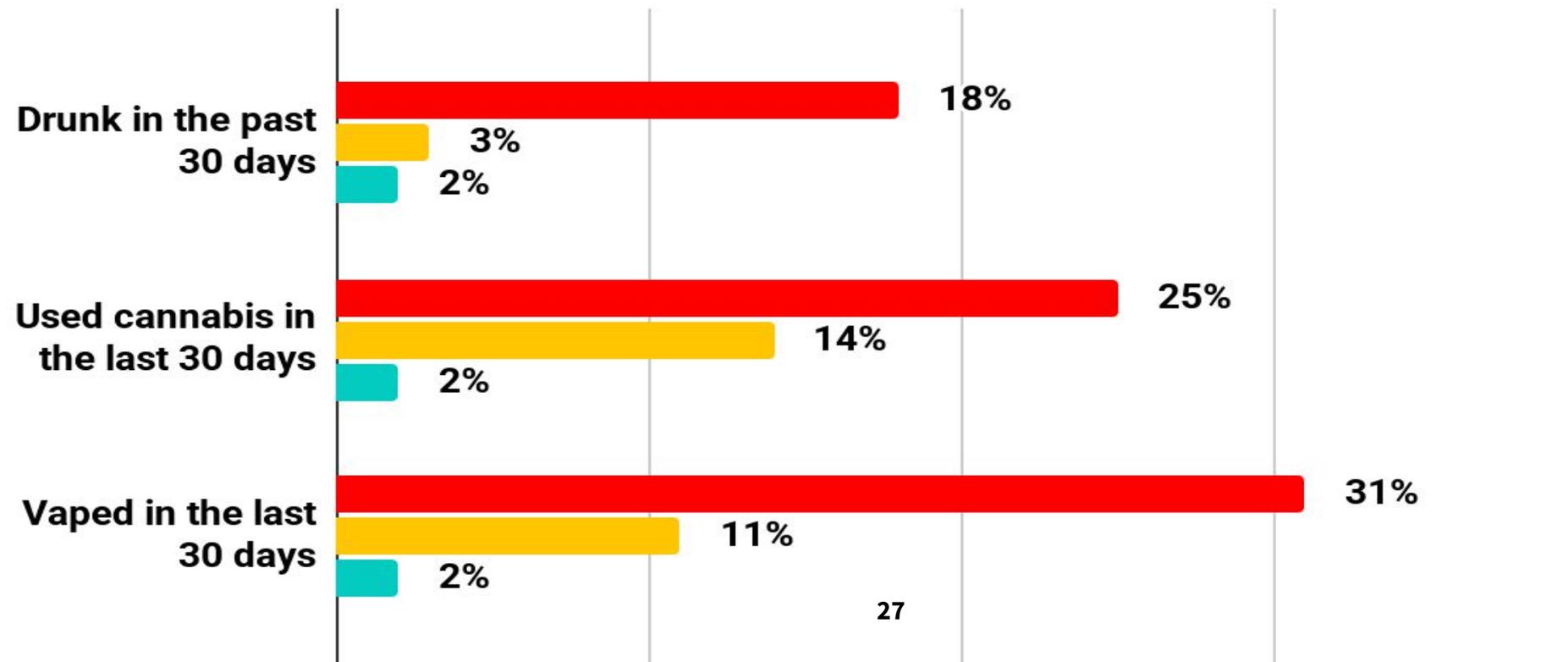
Substance-use Onset: Proportion of adolescents who did the following for the first time when they were 13 years old or younger



Factor Influencing Substance Use - Family Time on Weekends

Family Time and Recent Substance Use - I spend time with my parents/caregivers during the weekends

■ "Rarely" or "almost never" (n=21) ■ "Sometimes" (n=30) ■ "Often" or "almost always" (n=115)



Where We Can Grow

Opportunities to strengthen protective factors

3. Sleep, fatigue, and related routines:

- Nearly half of youth do not meet recommended sleep guidelines
- Many report feeling tired during the school day
- Daily energy drink use is common
- Phones are often present in bedrooms

SLEEP



52%

Sleep 8 hours or more a night

74%

Go to bed at 11 PM or earlier

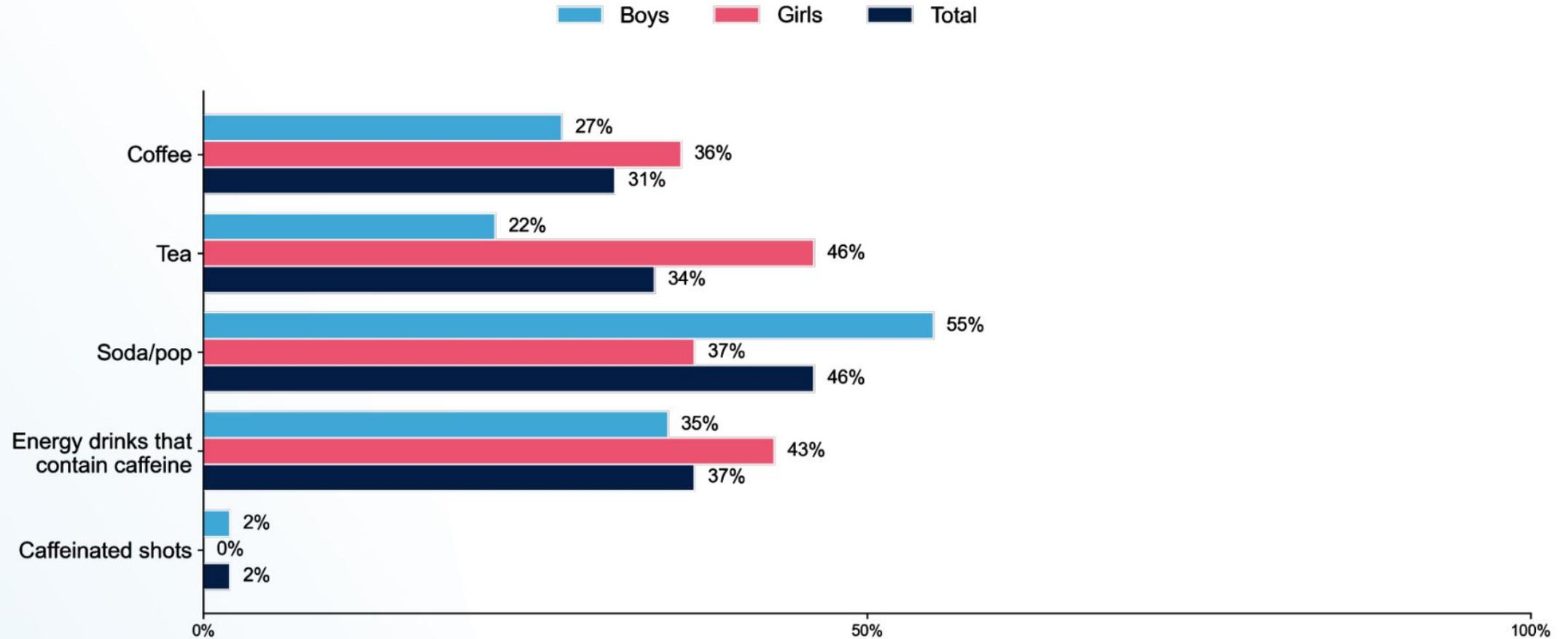
75%

Wake up at 7 AM or earlier

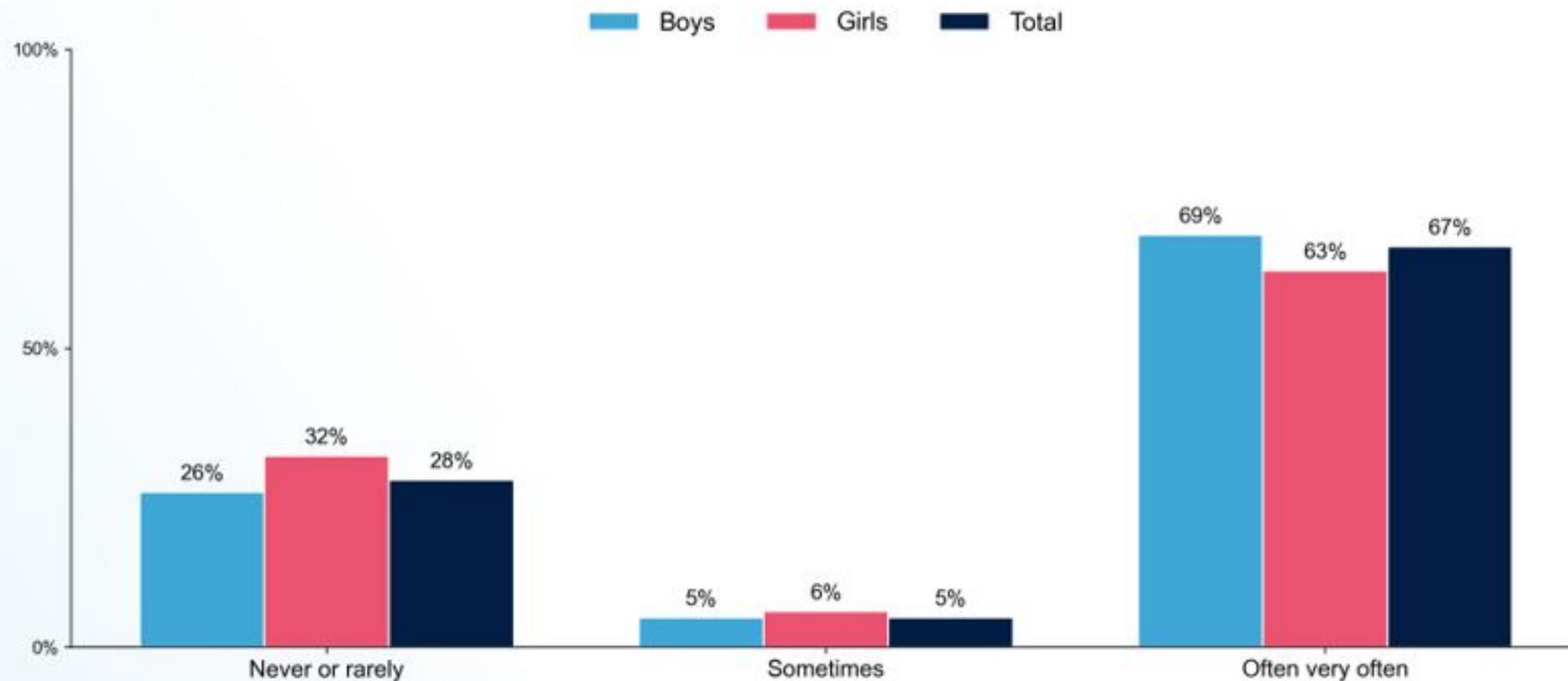
67%

Often or almost always
sleep with their phone in
their bedroom

Caffeine: Proportion of adolescents who drink at least one drink of the following every day



Phone Access During Sleep Hours: The frequency that adolescents report sleeping with their phone in their bedroom



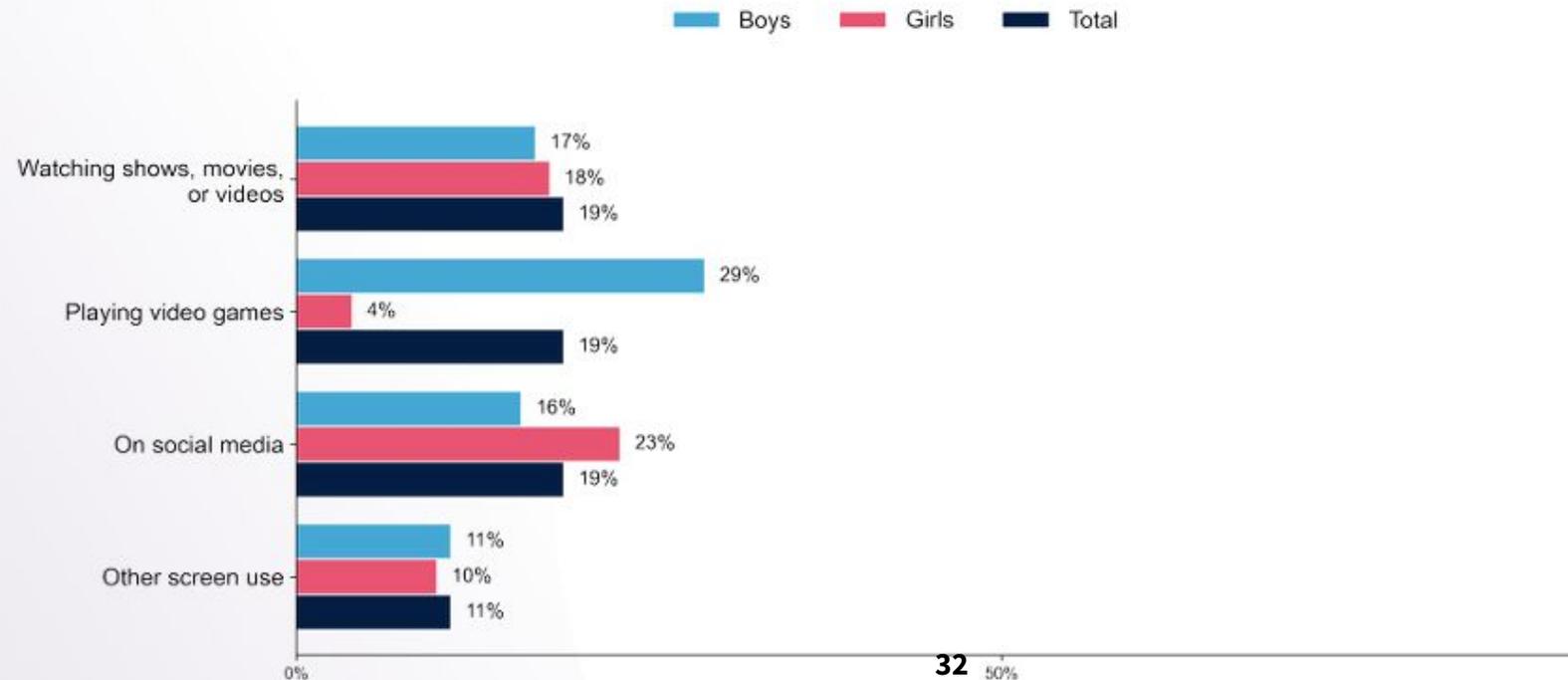
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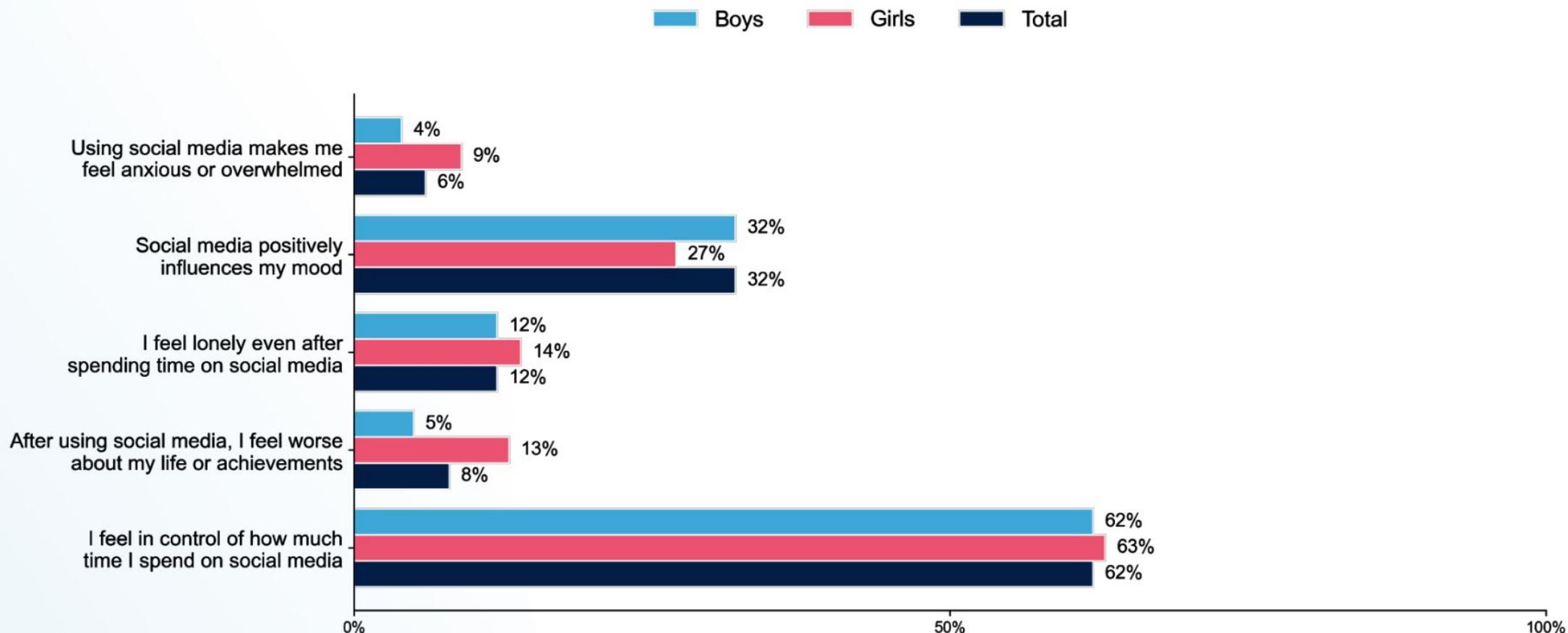


4. Screen time

Screen Time: Proportion of adolescents spending 4 or more hours daily engaged in the following screen-based activities



Social Media: Proportion of adolescents who report that the following statements apply to them often or very often - Part 2



Where We Can Grow

Youth feel our community is missing:

Activities to do

(affordable, guys volleyball, accessibility, arcade, water park)



Events for all



Teen hangout spaces



Fast food restaurants



Connection to peers

(especially for new youth)

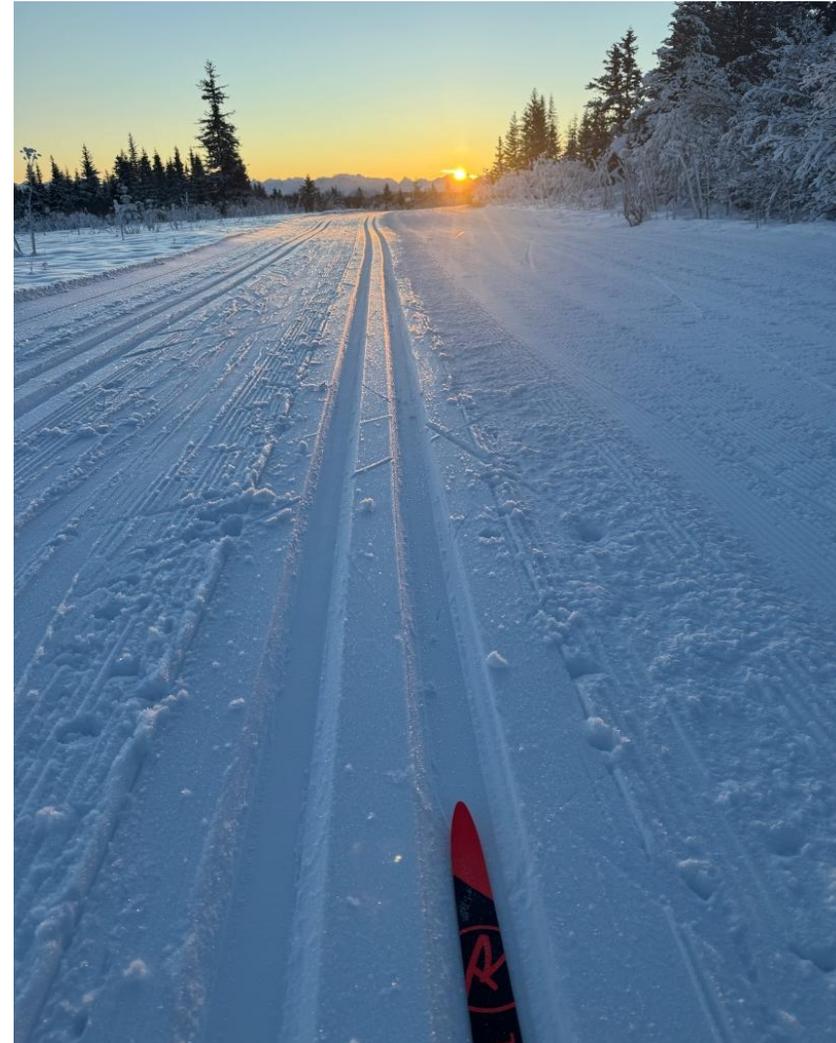


More communication

about what's going on
in community



Your feedback matters!



Thank you & Next Steps





MEMORANDUM

CC-26-058

Alaska Municipal League Trip Report

Item Type: Informational Memorandum
Prepared For: Mayor Lord and Homer City Council
Date: March 9, 2026
From: Councilmember Aderhold

I traveled to Juneau for the legislative fly-in meeting on February 15 and departed Juneau on February 20. On Monday I attended the Alaska Municipal League (AML) board meeting as treasurer. Board discussion items that may be of interest include:

- AML has long maintained contracts with state lobbyists to track legislation and support AML staff and membership in providing testimony on bills. The AML board is now considering bringing on a federal lobbyist to provide a similar purpose. AML will send out a poll to members gauging interest in municipalities financially supporting a federal lobbyist at this level. The intent would not be to compete with or replace municipal federal lobbying efforts, but to supplement AML's ability to support all members in understanding federal legislation and how it may impact Alaska municipalities. The board discussion was interesting. Some board members supported the effort and others did not, so it will be interesting to see the results of polling.
- AML's membership dues and the method for applying dues requirements for different sized municipalities have not changed in a long time. The methodology no longer appears appropriate or representative. The board will be reviewing dues during meetings this year.
- The summer conference this year will be held in Fairbanks and the summer conference next year will be held in Soldotna. Homer hosted the summer conference several years ago. Is there any interest in putting in a new bid?
- We briefly discussed the Conference of Young Alaskans that was held last December. Homer was unable to find an individual to sponsor for this event. The board discussed possible improvements that may increase participation, including possibly holding the conference when students are better able to participate.

The remainder of the week was filled with legislative, agency, and AML winter conference meetings.

Legislative meetings

Recognizing the position of the state budget, the City presented a variety of capital request priorities at different price points, as presented in Resolution 26-016. The best opportunity we have for

funding would be participating in a general obligation bond if the legislature sends one to the voters this year. With support of our lobbyists, we realized that our \$300K request for harbor security cameras may fit within the parameters of the cruise ship passenger tax because the project would support the safety and security of cruise ship passengers.

While we may not be successful in capital funding this year, I believe it is important that legislators know about our needs so when the financial resources of the state improve, we will be well-positioned to receive state support. The legislators we talked to appeared interested in our projects and seemed to understand the need for harbor expansion, spit road erosion fixes, and other priorities.

The Homer group consisted of city staff, council members, and our lobbyists Chris, Reggie, and Miles. Sometimes we met with legislators as part of a large group and other times we divided up. I participated in meetings with Representatives Vance, Eischeid, Stutes, Carrick (staff), Josephson, and Bynam and Senators Tobin, Hoffman (staff), and Stevens.

We also had dinners with Senator Stevens (Tuesday evening) and Representative Vance (Wednesday evening).

DOT&PF

Over recent years the city has developed a positive working relationship with the current Department of Transportation and Public Facilities (DOT&PF) Commissioner, Ryan Anderson and Deputy Commissioner Katherine Keith. I attended the DOT&PF meeting with Jenny Carroll and Bryan Hawkins, during which we discussed Homer spit erosion, the HAPP Loop, the Diamond Creek undercrossing, the need for DOT&PF to complete the Homer airport master plan, and the Spit Road x Kachemak Drive intersection and the potential congestion when Doyon builds out the hotel at Lighthouse Village. The meeting was positive, we'll see if we get traction on any of the issues we discussed.

AML meeting

With all our legislative meetings, there was not much time to attend the AML meeting. I did hear Senator Sullivan's address to AML the day before he spoke to the state legislature and presentations about the state pension program and forever chemicals (PFAS class action).

Senator Sullivan spoke on the One Big Beautiful Bill Act that was signed into law in summer 2025, and that the senator has renamed the Working Families Tax Cuts Act. He touted how good the bill will be for Alaska from the perspective of oil and gas development, jobs, tax relief, the US Coast Guard (Homer was one of the only harbors not mentioned), the military, aviation safety, health care, and other issues.

The Chair of the Alaska Retirement Management (ARM) Board provided a presentation about the status of Alaska's pension program and net pension liability. It was a 400-level talk and I'm at the 100 level of understanding, so I don't have much to report.

An attorney from New York, David Grossman, presented on a class action related to PFAS contamination of municipal water systems. PFAS chemicals, which are highly toxic, are/have been used in everything from non-stick pans to firefighting foam and have contaminated many municipal water supplies. There is a limited amount of time for municipalities to join the class by collecting water for PFAS testing. While the location of the Bridge Creek reservoir makes it unlikely Homer's water source would be contaminated with detectible levels of PFAS, it may be worth the time to collect the sample and join the class, even for future contamination (e.g., from firefighting).

Alaska Marine Exchange tour

Our entire group toured the Alaska Marine Exchange near downtown Juneau. Wow! This is an important nonprofit that does so much to improve marine safety around the state and in California. Impressive! It's good to know this group is there, watching Alaskan waters 24/7.

From: [Jones](#)
To: [Department Clerk](#)
Subject: Written Testimony Submittal
Date: Monday, February 23, 2026 3:51:17 PM

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Written Testimony for City Council Name: Michael Jones Email: mljhea9@gmail.com Phone: 9072993674 Residency: City Resident City Council Meeting to Participate In: Regular Meeting Mon, 02/23 Public Comments Upon Matters Already on the Agenda - Citizen may comment on regular agenda items not scheduled for public hearing such as Consent Agenda items, Memorandums, Pending Business, New Business, Resolutions, and Ordinances to be introduced. Written Testimony:

City Council Members,

I will not be able to attend this evening's meeting, so I am submitting written testimony. Regarding the proposal to change the election tabulation method, I oppose any change. Mary Griswold provided written testimony on this matter and did a very good job articulating concerns. We should not be in the business of modifying the mathematical calculation so someone can feel good because it looks optically

better. Consistent with Mary Griswold's testimony:
I urge you to keep Option 1.

“Option 1: Retain existing percentage thresholds specified in code where the percentages are calculated based on all votes cast in the race. For a race with only one seat available and fewer than 5 candidates, the threshold is 40%. For a race with two seats available and fewer than five candidates, the threshold is 20%.” (from CC memo 26-048)

This is straight forward and accurate. The sum of percentages for each candidate adds up to 100% of the total number of votes. It is the normal practice across the Kenai Peninsula Borough and beyond to calculate the percentage of votes for each candidate based on its number of votes received divided by the total number of votes cast in that contest."

The option 2 method is simply a solution in search of a problem and only creates uncertainty as people are striving to understand the results.

Electronic Signature: Michael Jones Submitted on Monday, February 23, 2026 - 3:51pm The results of this submission may be viewed at:

<https://www.cityofhomer-ak.gov/node/60081/submission/54249>