

2016 Minnesota Student Survey Safe and Supportive Schools Analysis



School Safety Technical Assistance Center Council Meeting

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Background/Overview of MSS

- **Started in 1989 by DHS and MDE with a federal funding**
- **Conducted every three years among students in grades 5, 8, 9, 11 (prev. 6, 9, 12)**
- **Partnership of 4 state agencies**

Minnesota Department of
Education



- **Public schools, alternative schools/ALCs, juvenile correctional facilities**

Background/Overview of MSS

- **Census design, rather than sample**
- **Questions cover a wide range of topics**
 - School climate**
 - Violence and safety**
 - Healthy eating and physical activity**
 - Out-of-school activities**
 - Emotional and mental health**
 - Positive youth development**
 - Connections to school, community, and family**
 - Substance abuse**
 - Sexual behavior**
- **Survey is voluntary and anonymous**

2016 Participation Rates

Grade-level	Number of students	Percent of enrollment
5 th grade	41,865	66%
8 th grade	44,983	73%
9 th grade	45,309	71%
11 th grade	36,576	61%
Total	168,733	68%

- **86% of districts in Minnesota participated**
- **Alternative Schools/ALCs (n=2,696 students)**
- **Juvenile Correctional Facilities (n=217)**

Survey Questions

Reasons students
were
harassed/bullied

Cyber-bullying

Victims of bullying
behavior

Students
exhibiting bullying
behaviors

Types of Bullying Behaviors (2013)

Once or More in Past Month

Students spread mean rumors or lies about you. **27.4%**

Students excluded you from friends, other students, or activities. **25.8%**

Students made sexual jokes, comments, or gestures towards you. **22.4%**

Students pushed, shoved, slapped, hit or kicked you. **16.5%**

Students threatened to beat you up. **12.1%**

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Students spread mean rumors or lies about you. **26.0%**

Students excluded you from friends, other students, or activities. **27.2%**

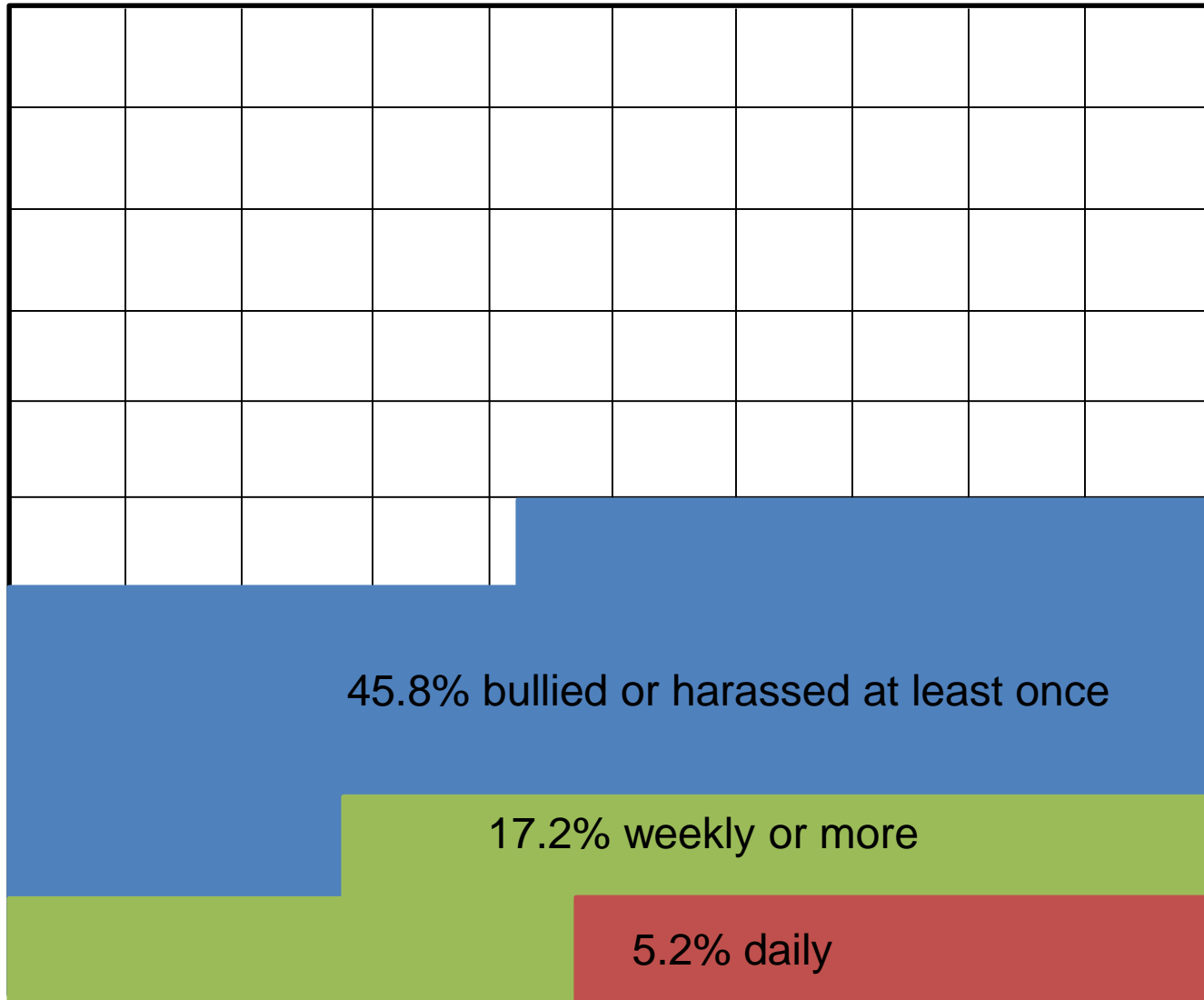
Students made sexual jokes, comments, or gestures towards you. **20.0%**

Students pushed, shoved, slapped, hit or kicked you. **14.3%**

Students threatened to beat you up. **12.2%**

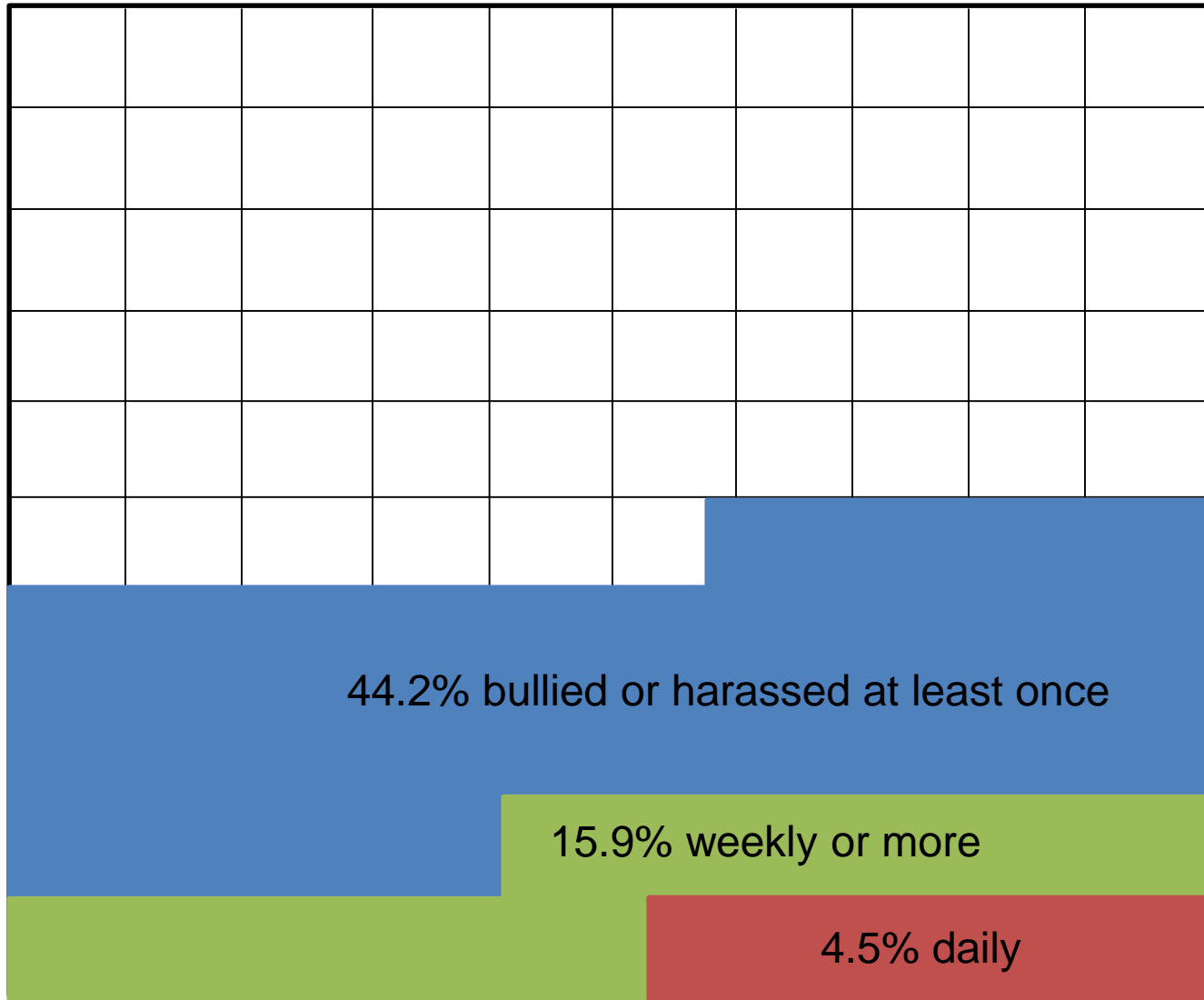
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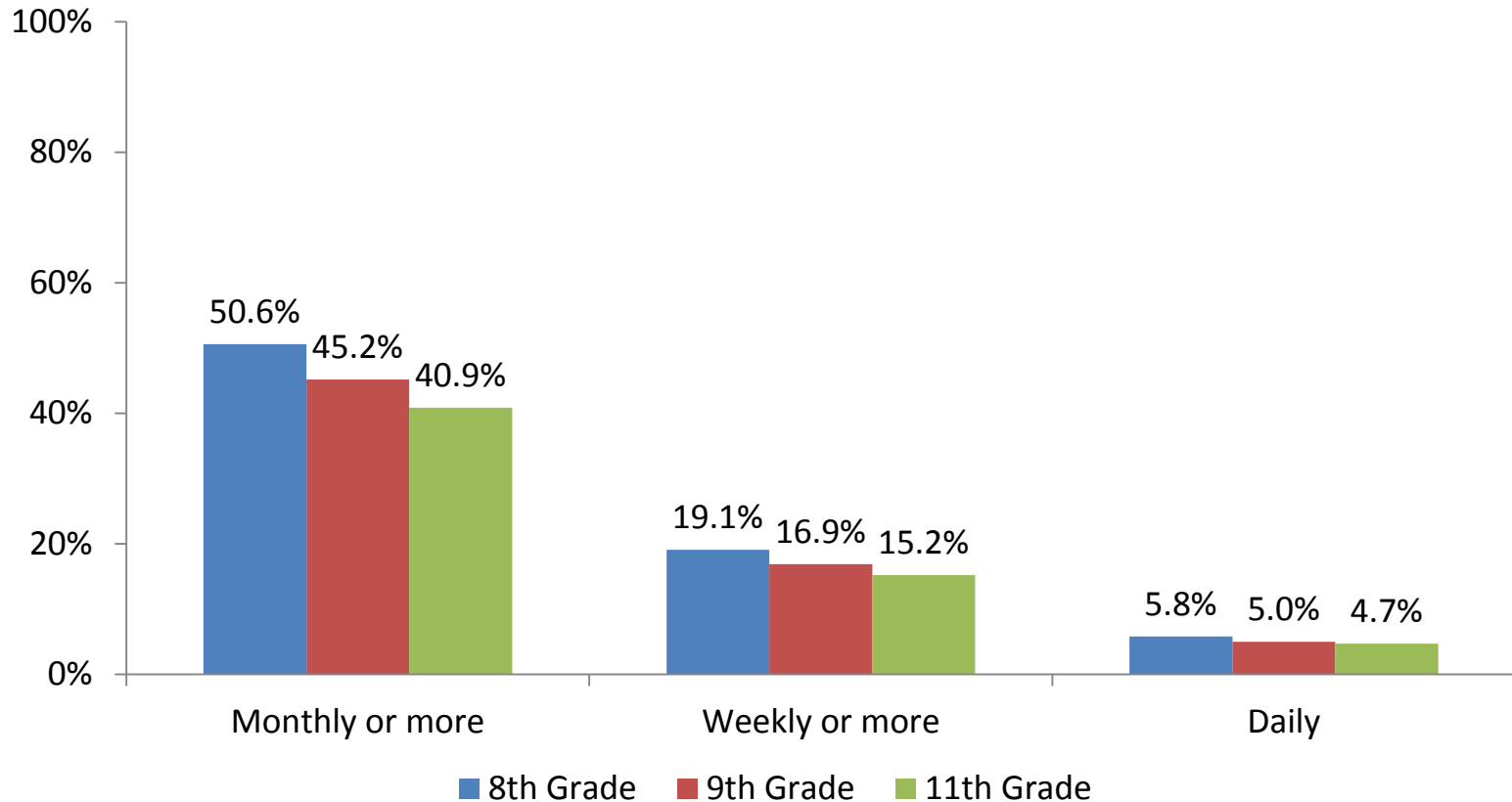
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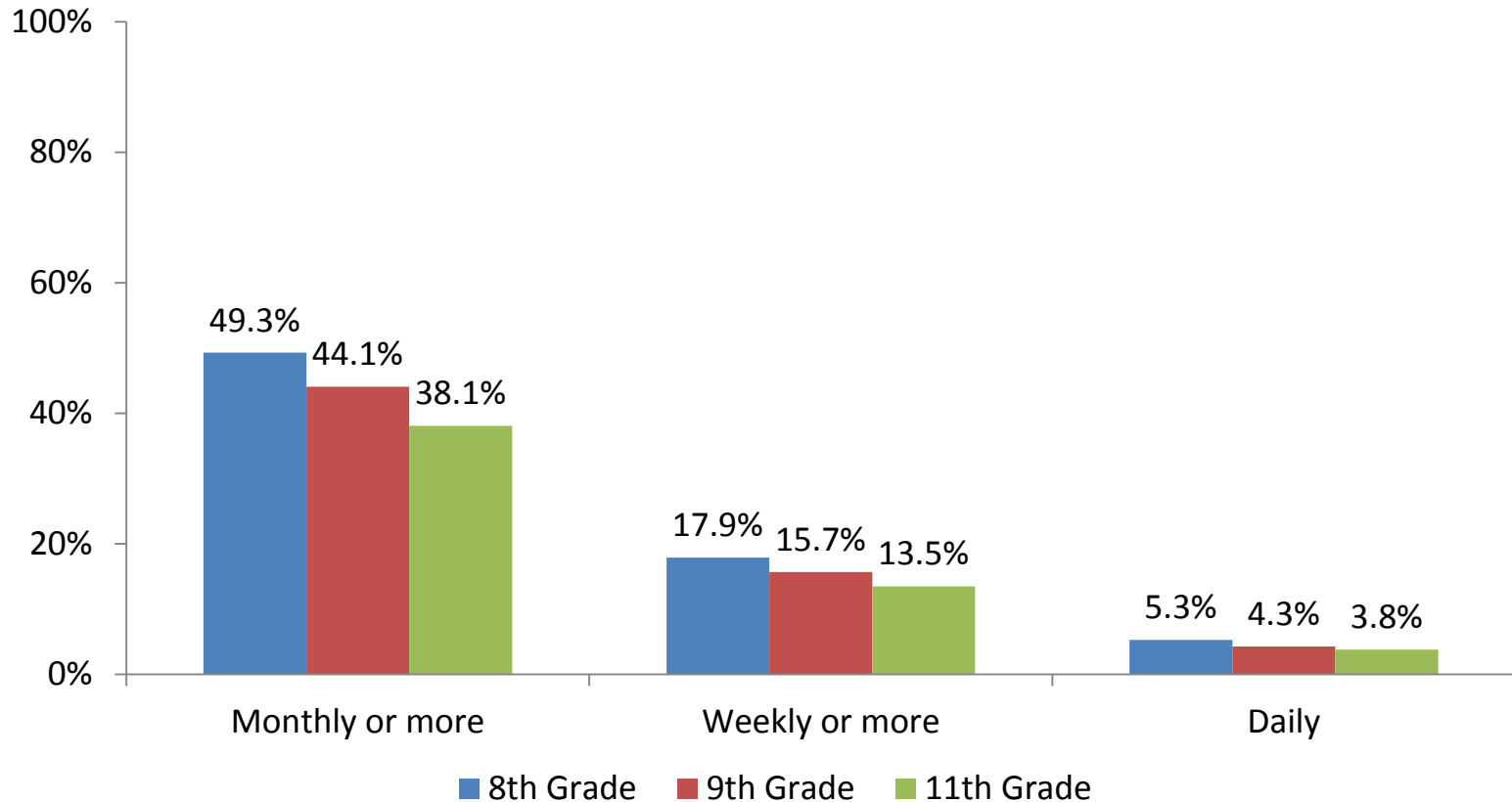
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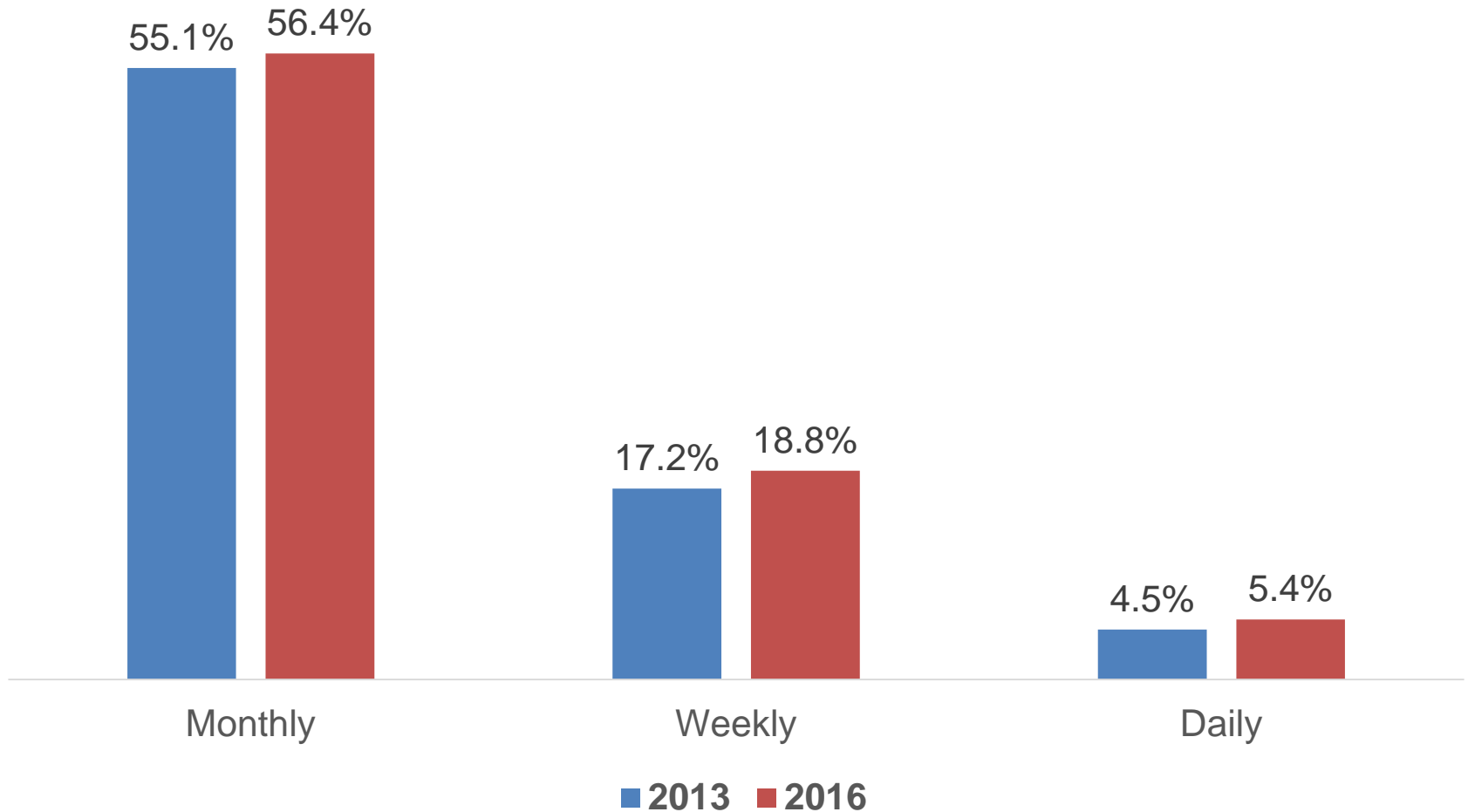
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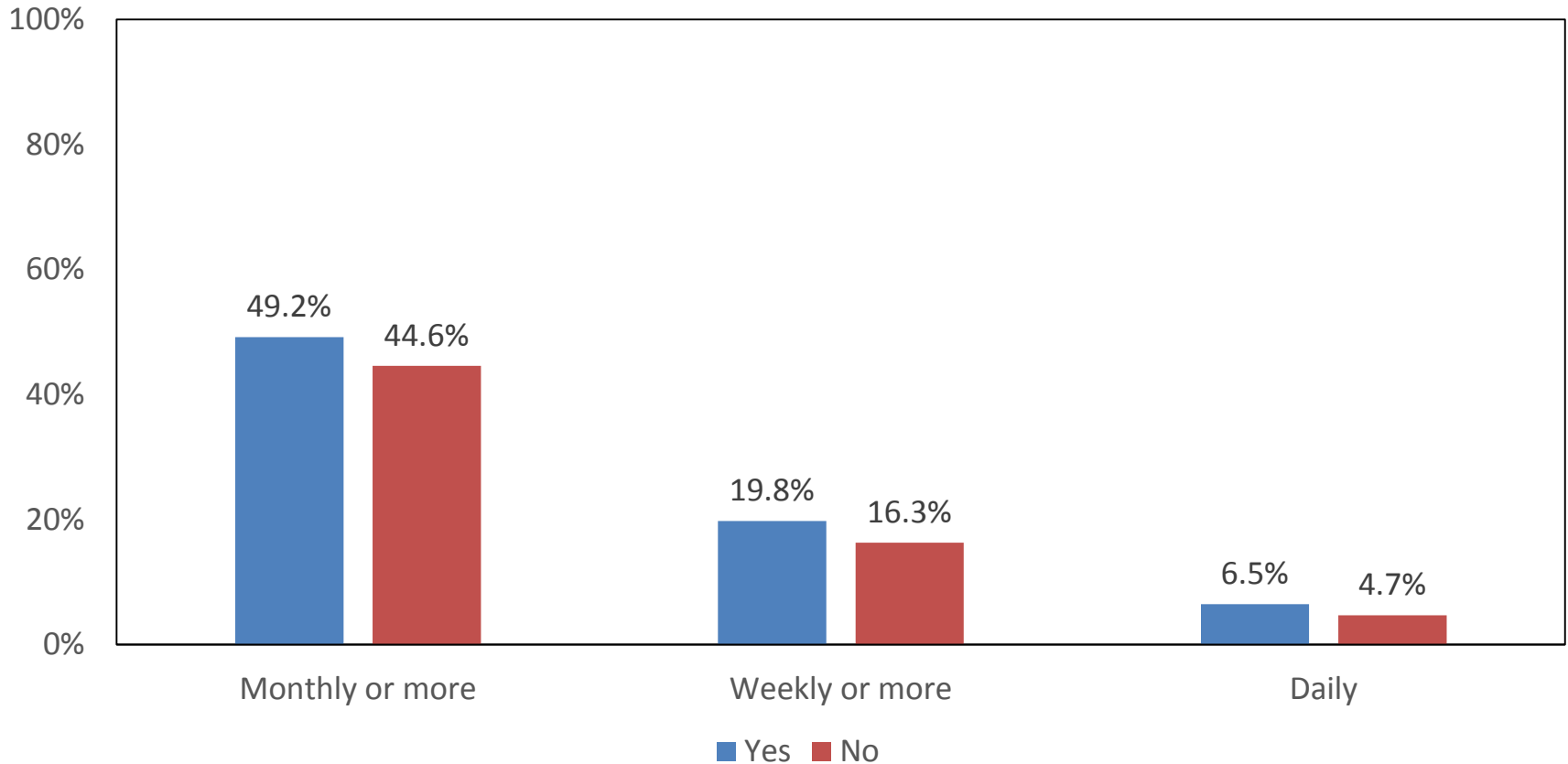
Targets in Grade 5

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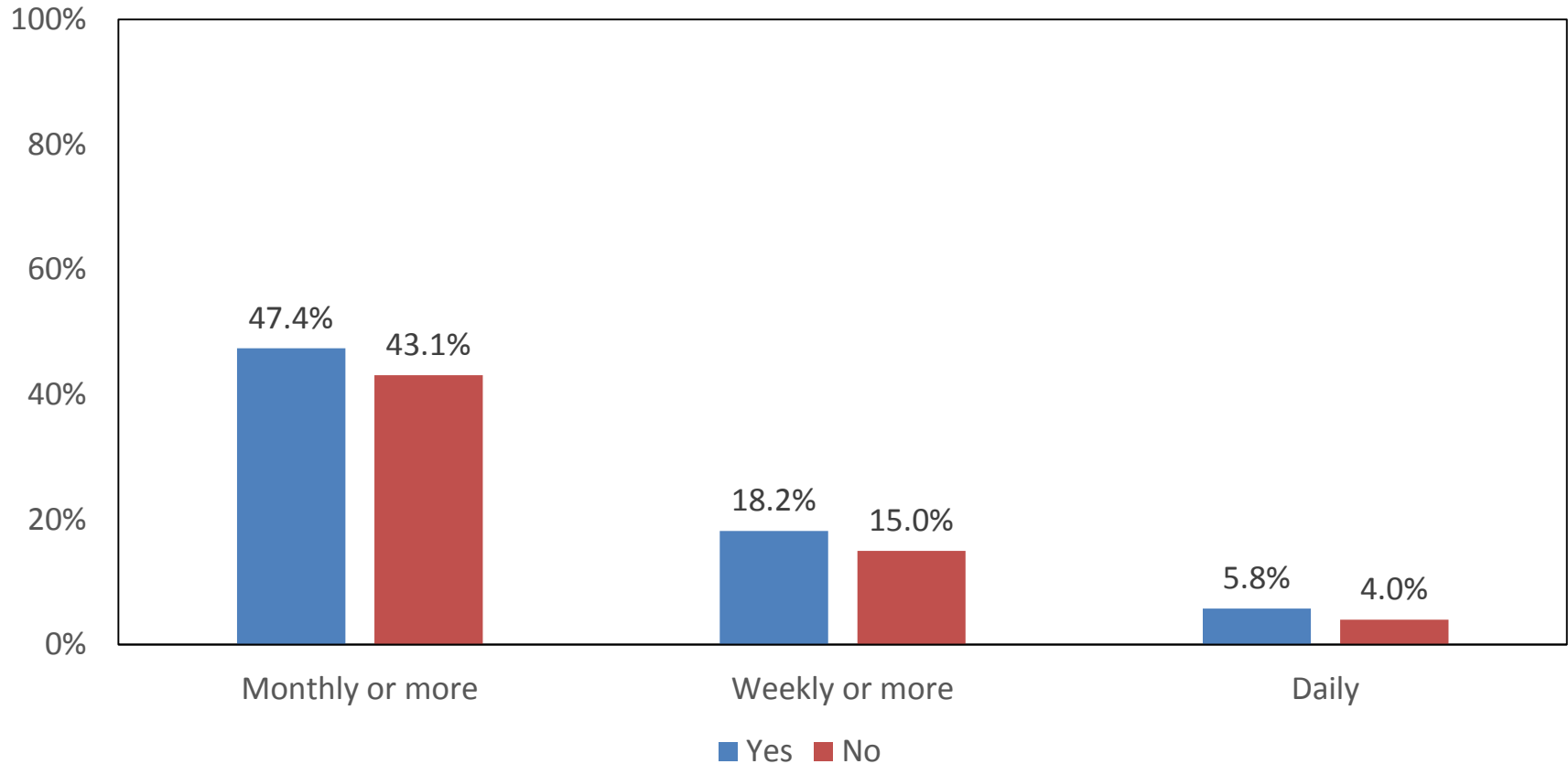
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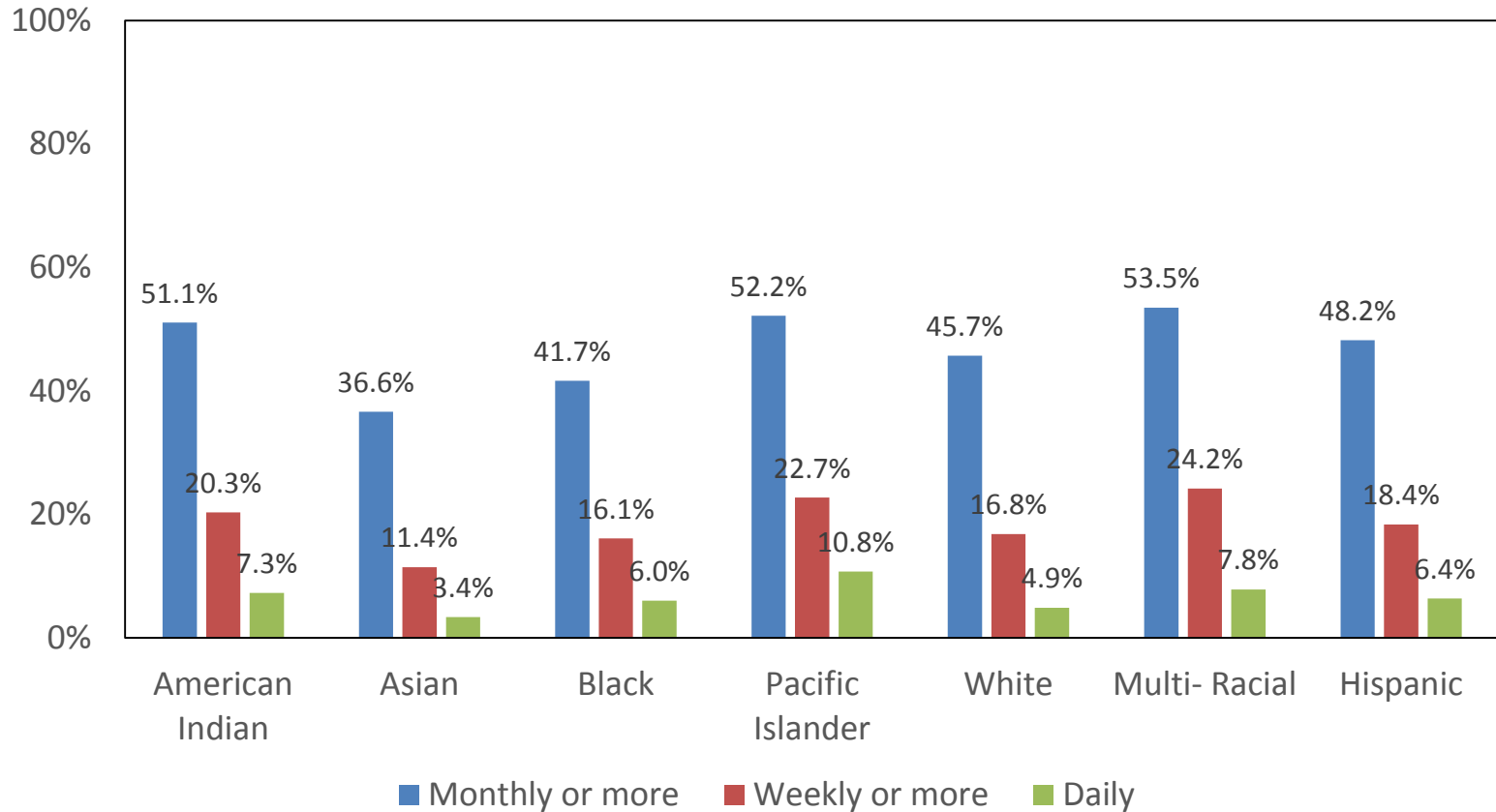
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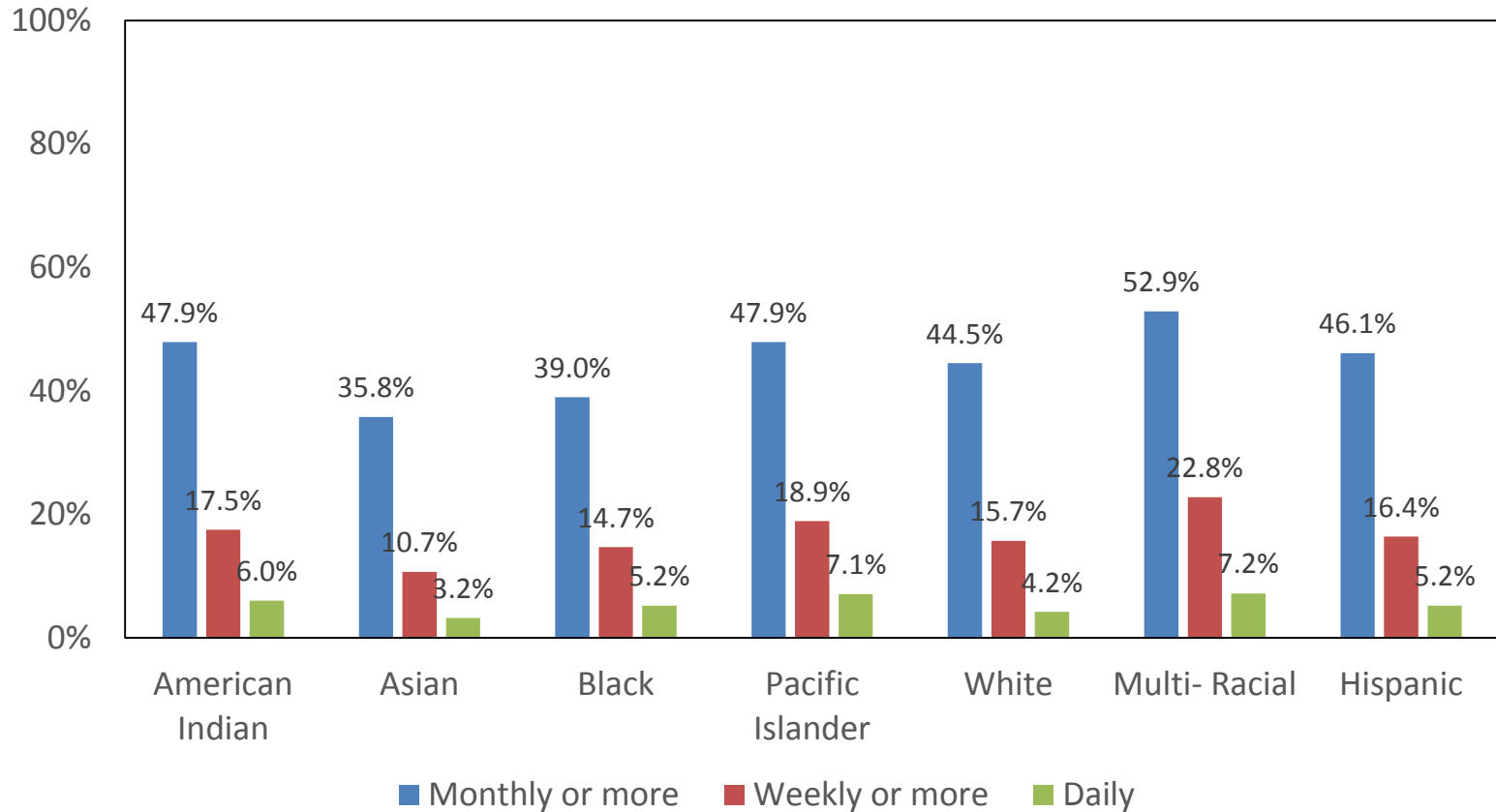
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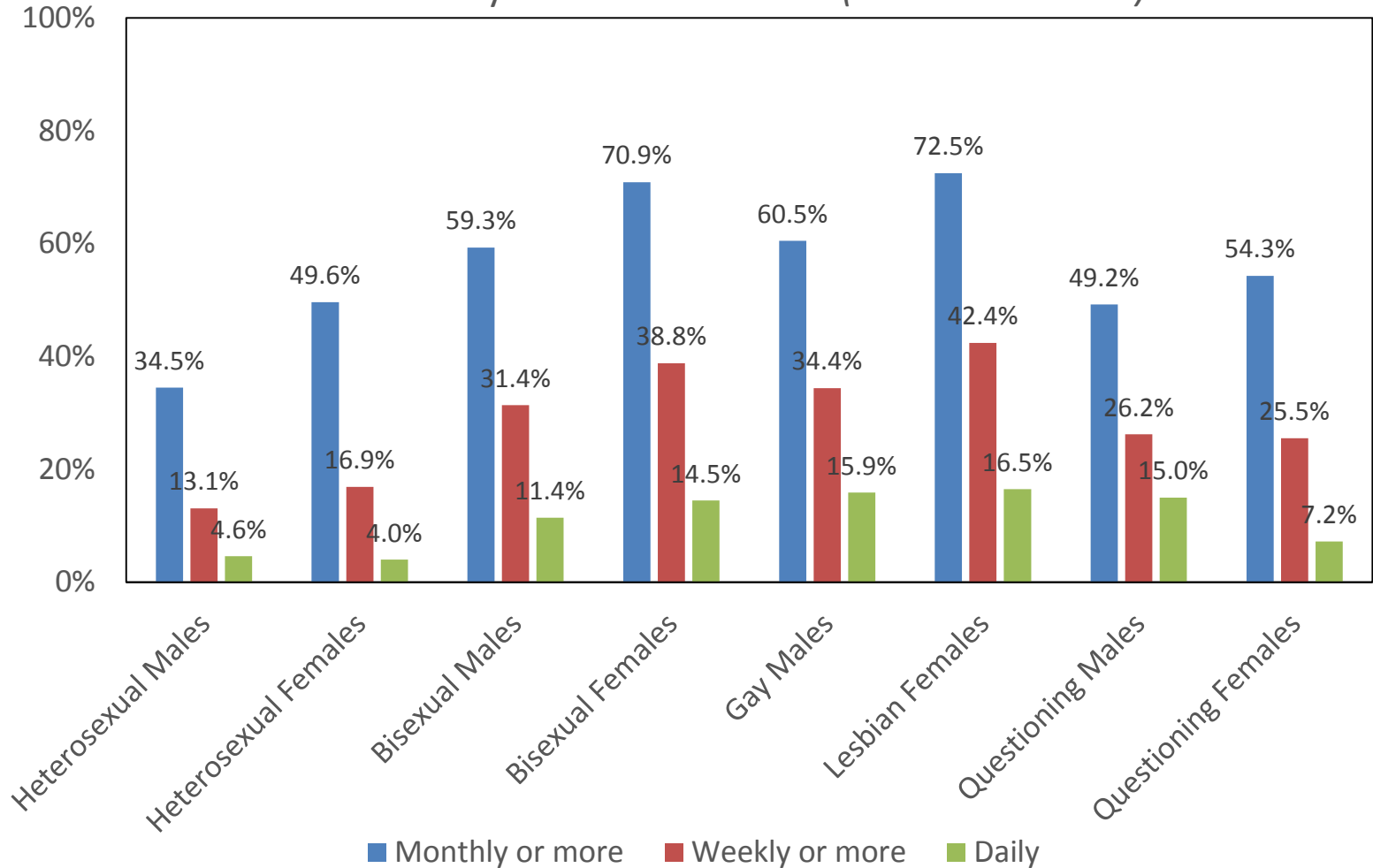
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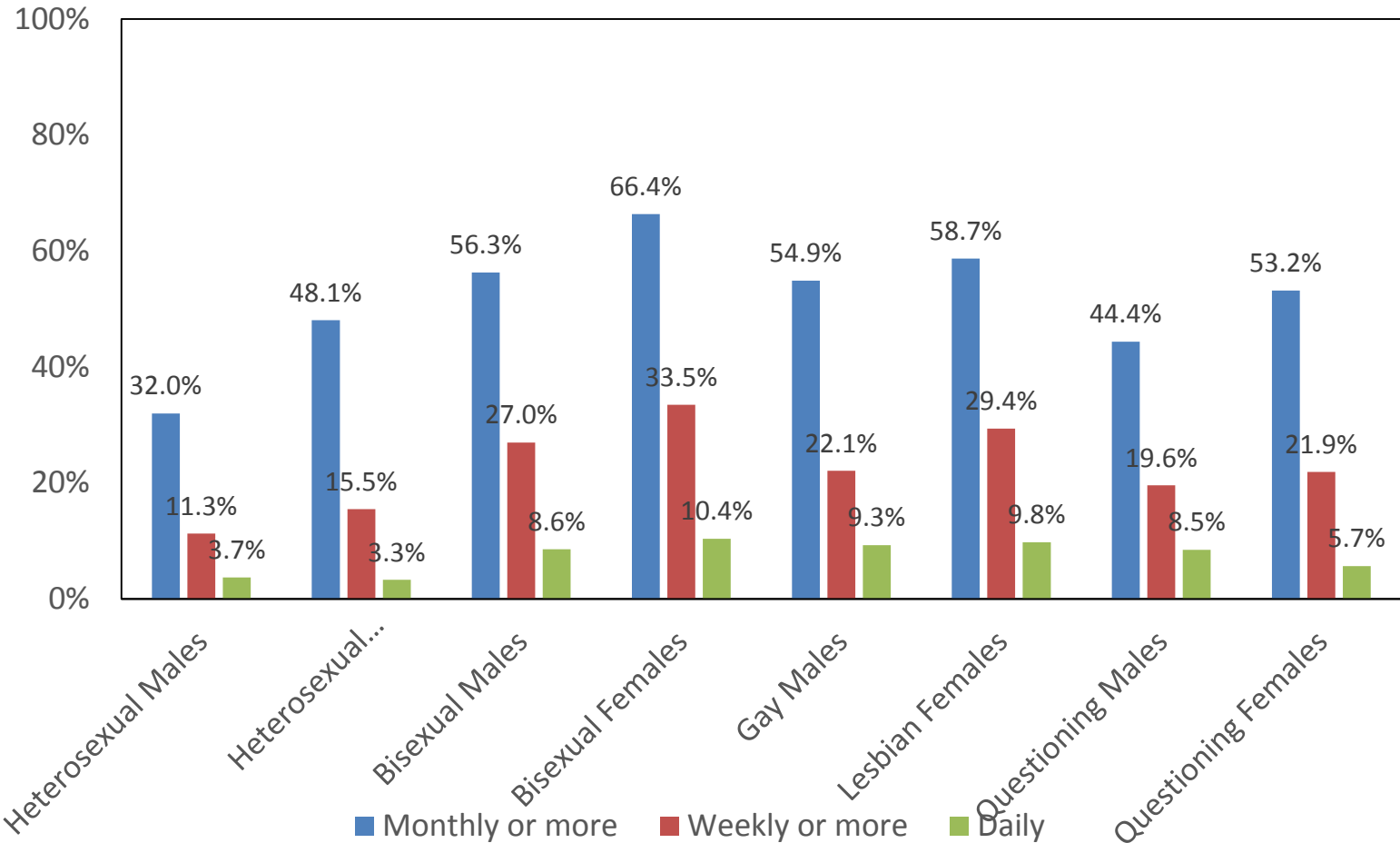
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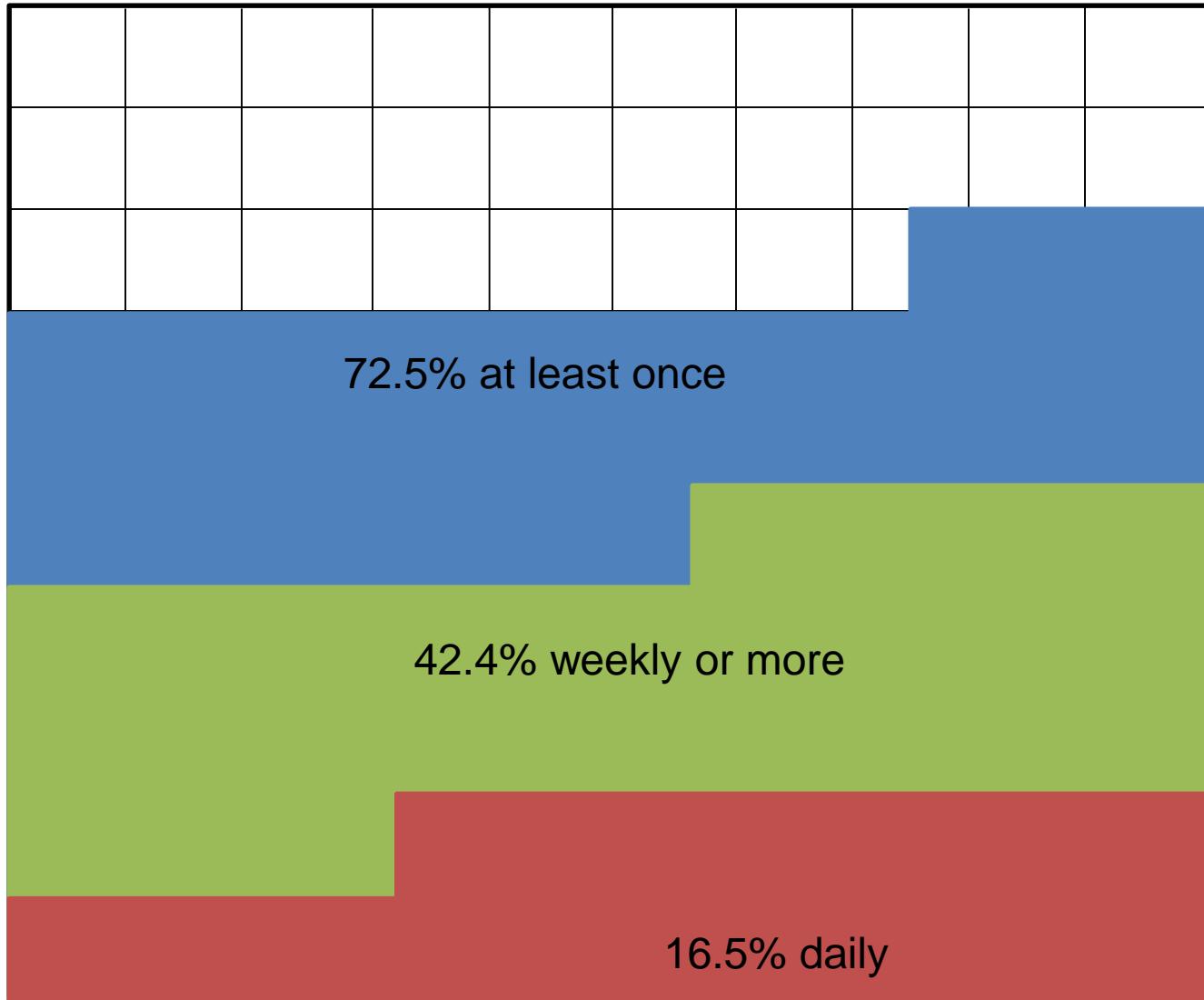
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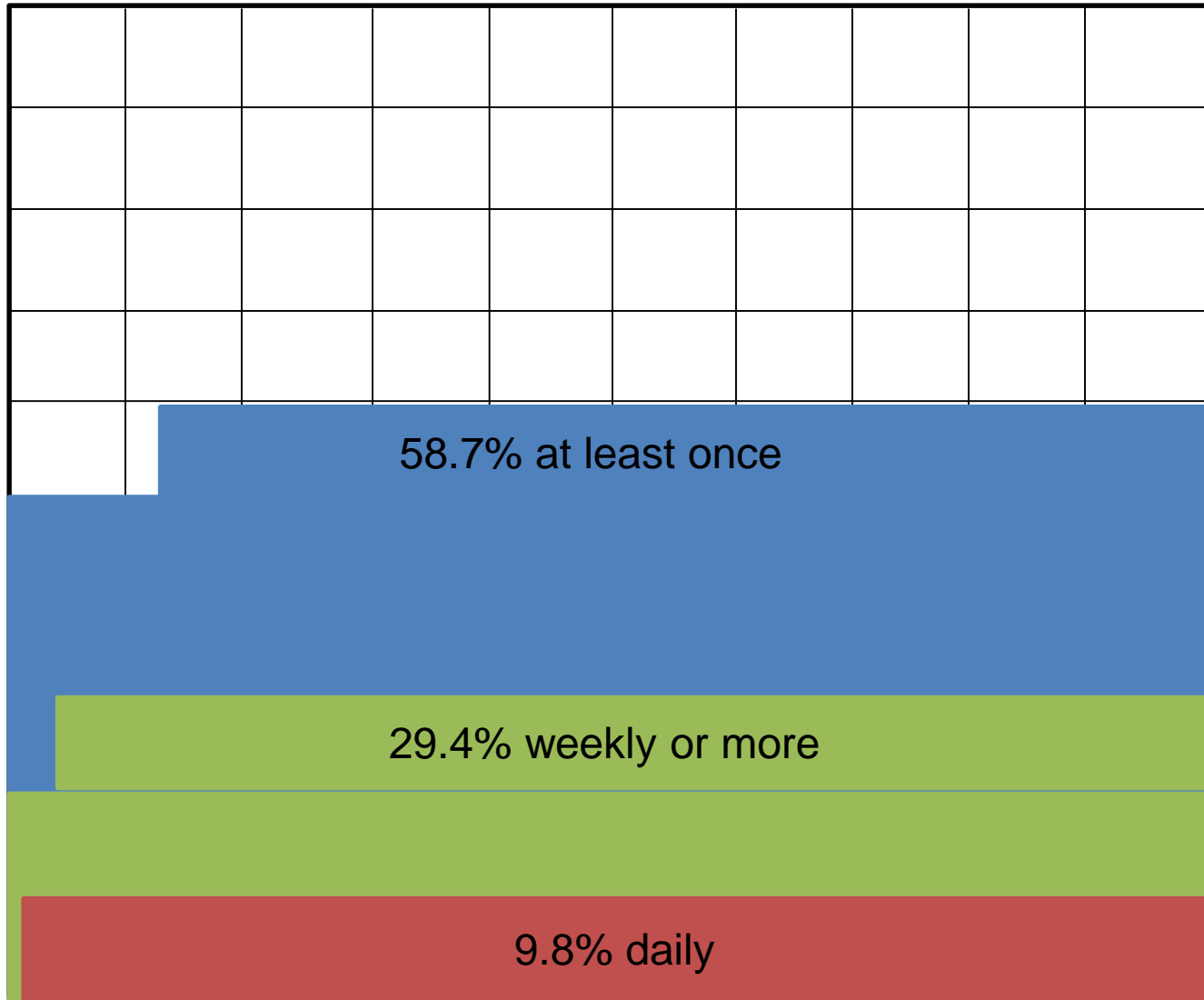
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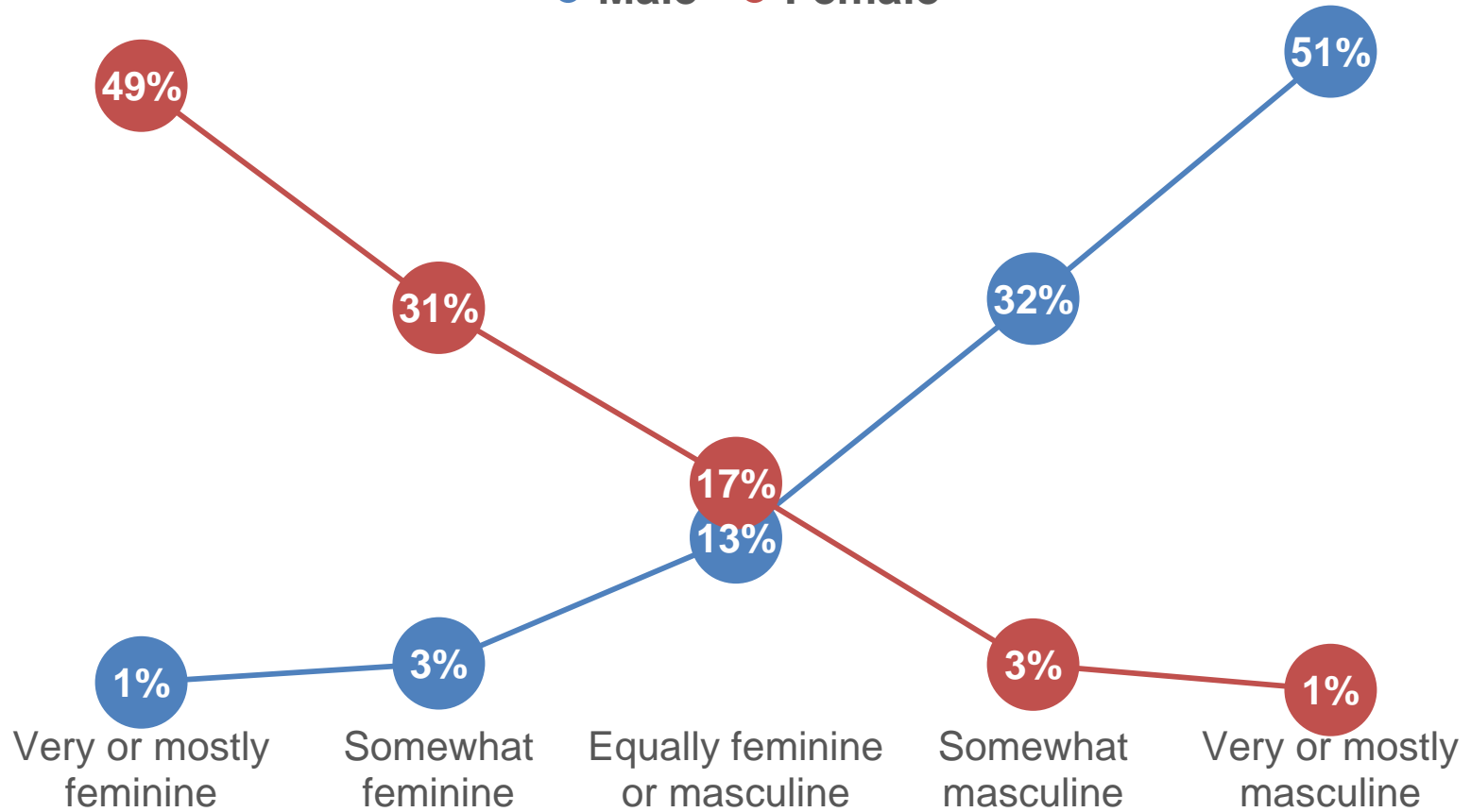
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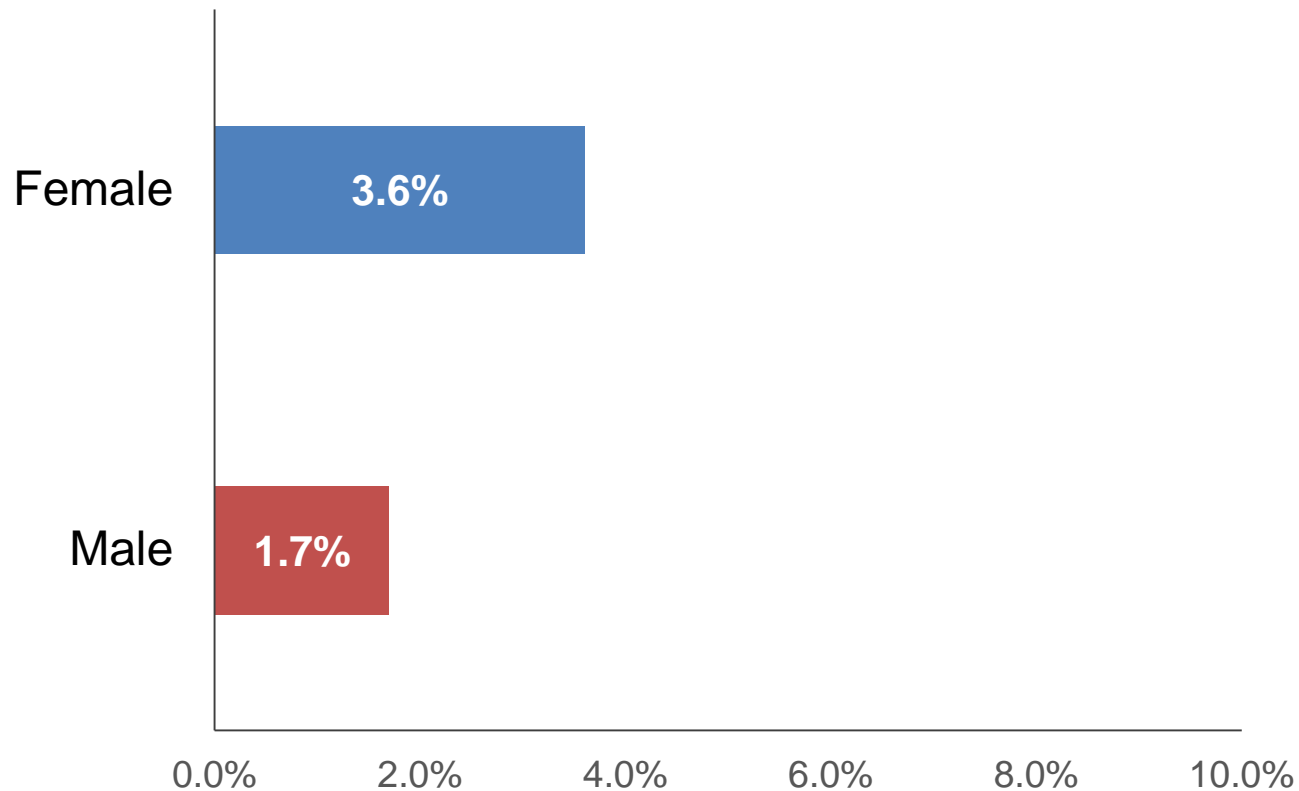
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—●— Male —●— Female



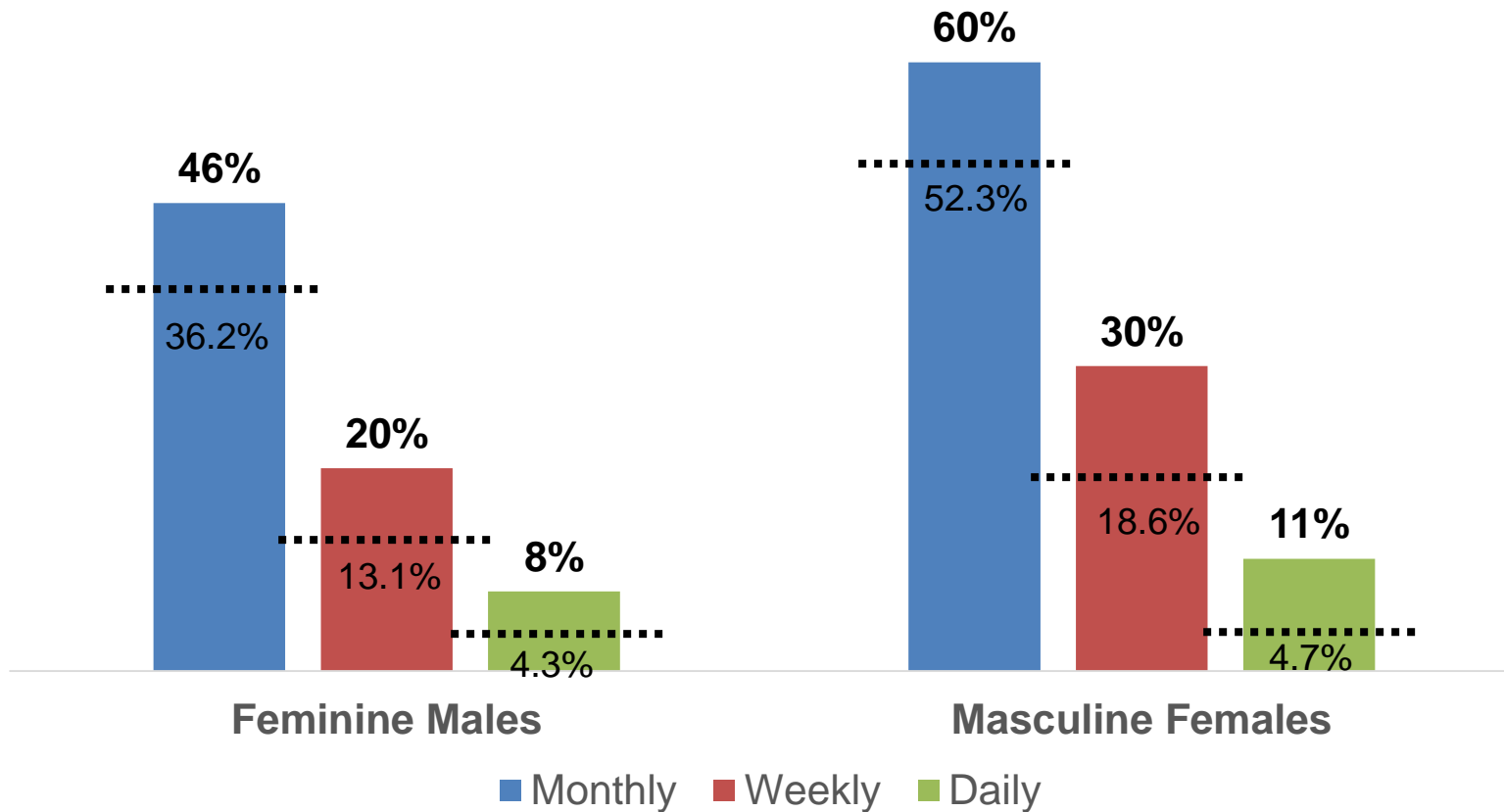
Transgender, Genderqueer, Genderfluid, or unsure about Gender Identity(2016)

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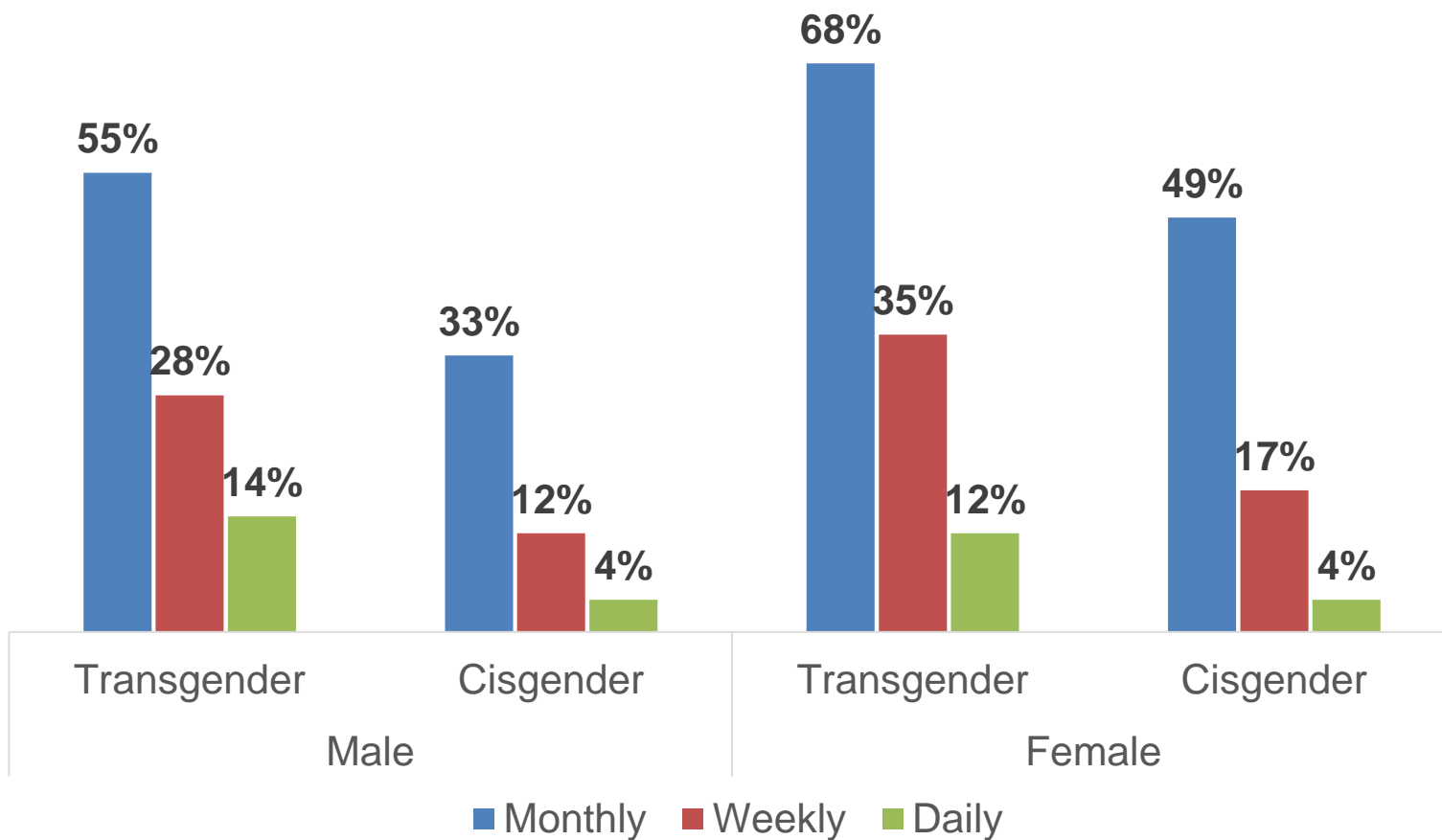
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Cyber-Bullying (2013)

(Grades 5, 8, 9 and 11)

- **13.7%** cyber-bullied **at least once in past month**
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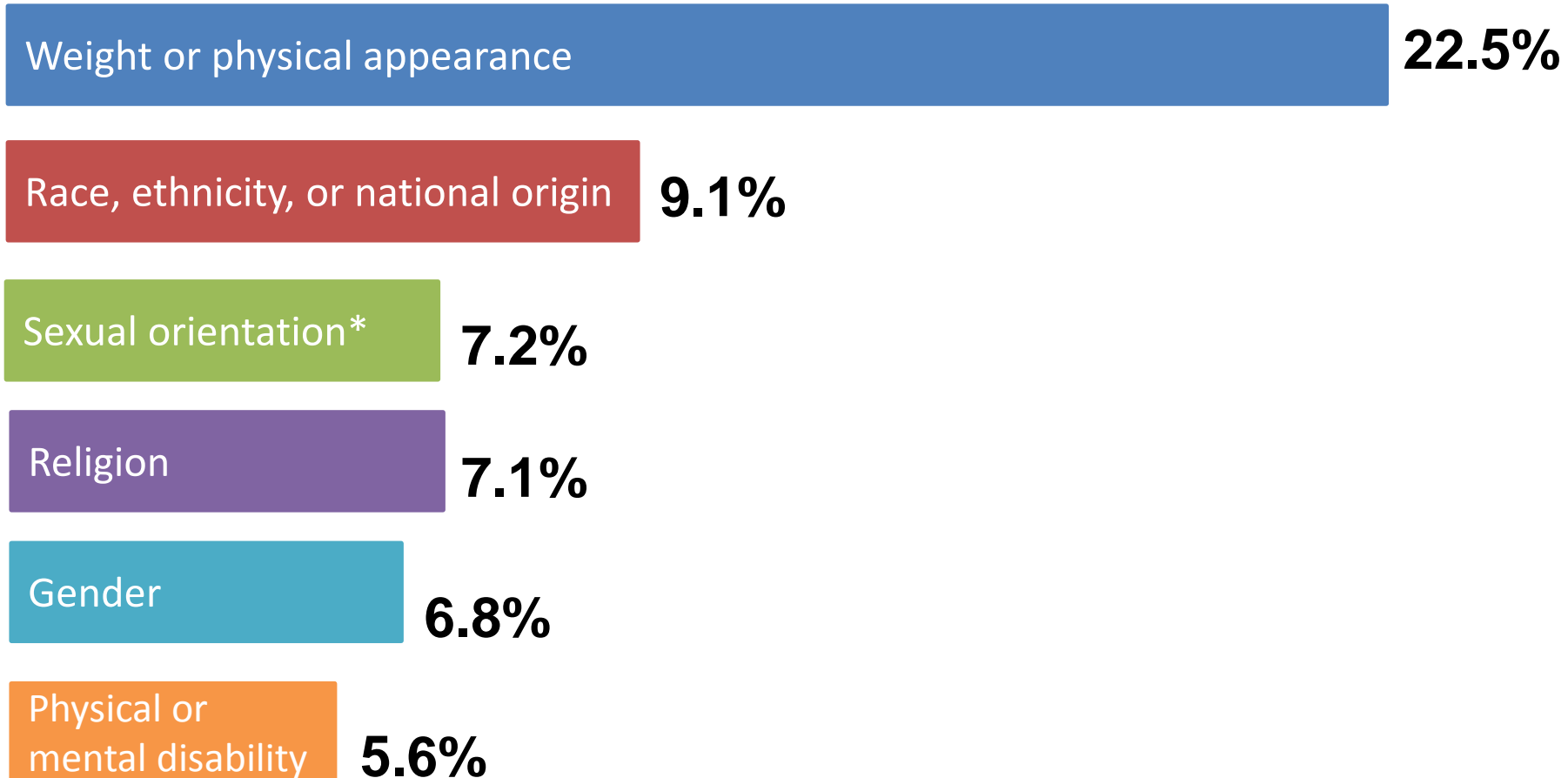
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- **13.8%** cyber-bullied **at least once in past month**
- **3.4%** cyber-bullied **weekly or more in past month**
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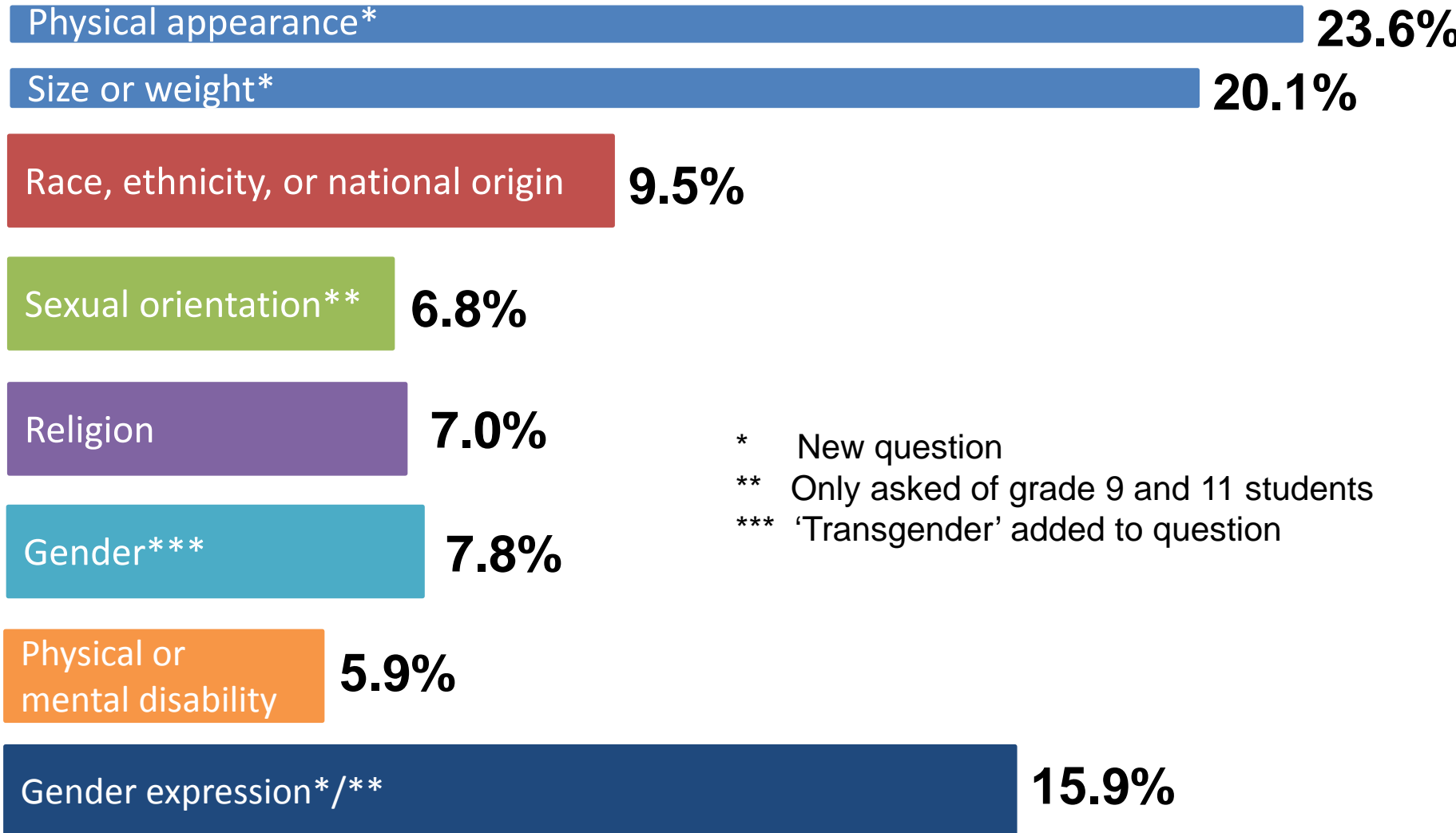
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* New question

** Only asked of grade 9 and 11 students

*** 'Transgender' added to question