

# Pennsylvania Youth Survey 2015



# Pennsylvania Youth Survey (PAYS)

- State sponsored survey of student drug and alcohol behaviors and attitudes, as well as risk and protective factors
- Conducted every two years since at least 2005
- All 6<sup>th</sup>, 8<sup>th</sup>, 10<sup>th</sup> and 12<sup>th</sup> graders participate
- Participation is voluntary and confidential
- Provides both a comprehensive snapshot and longitudinal view of student behaviors
- Most recent administration November 2015
- Analyzed by LYFT Data Committee

# Cause for Celebration

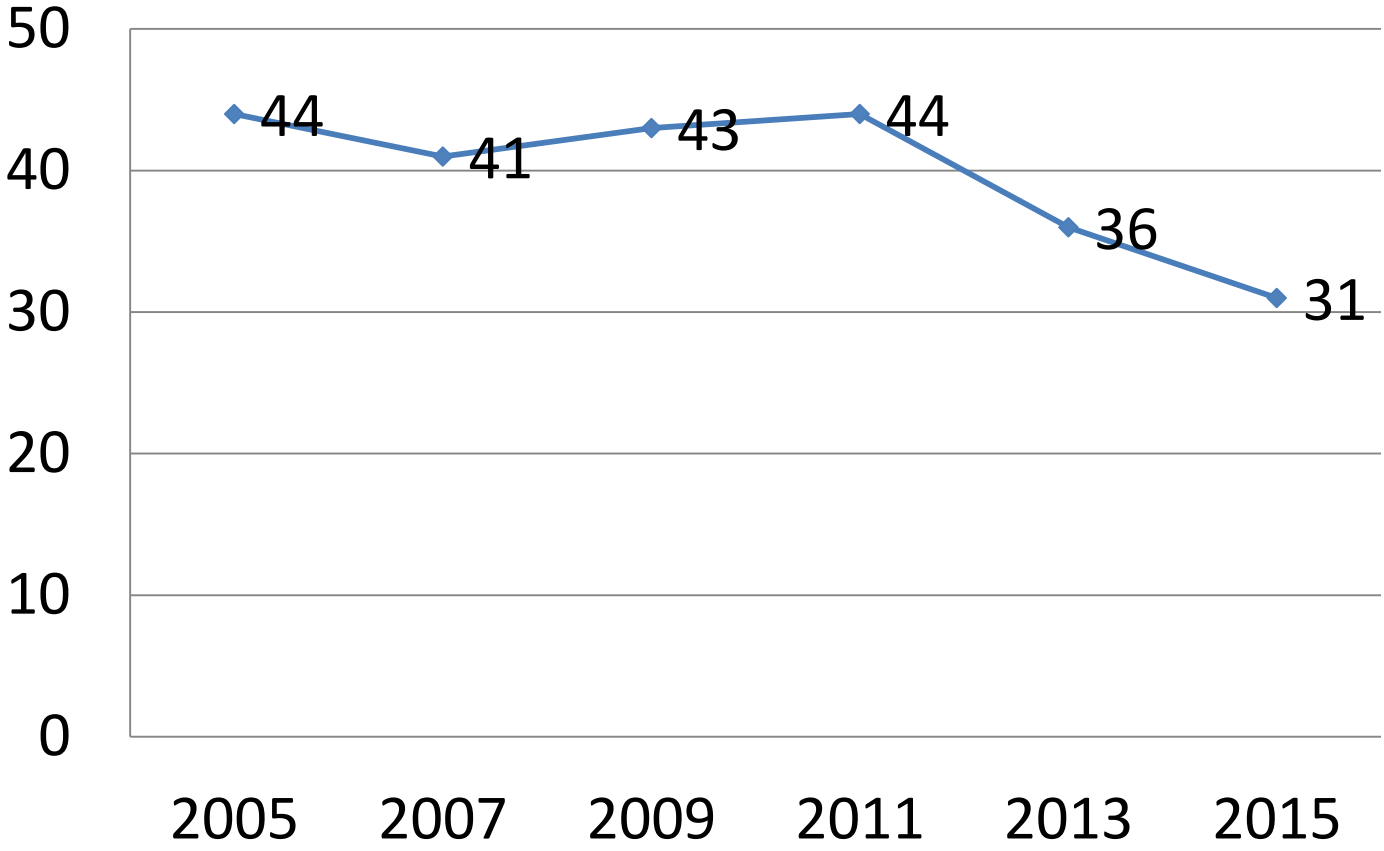
- Risk factors our students face have decreased
- We maintain a high level of protective factors
- Alcohol and Marijuana use have decreased

# Risk Factors Have Decreased

- Risk factors are conditions that increase the likelihood of a young person becoming involved in drug use, delinquency, school dropout, and/or violence.
- Examples of risk factors include perceived availability of drugs, family conflict, rebelliousness and low commitment to school.
- In Pennsbury, the total risk factors that students face has decreased significantly since 2005 and are below state averages.

# Overall Risk Factors Combined

## Risk Factors 2005-2015



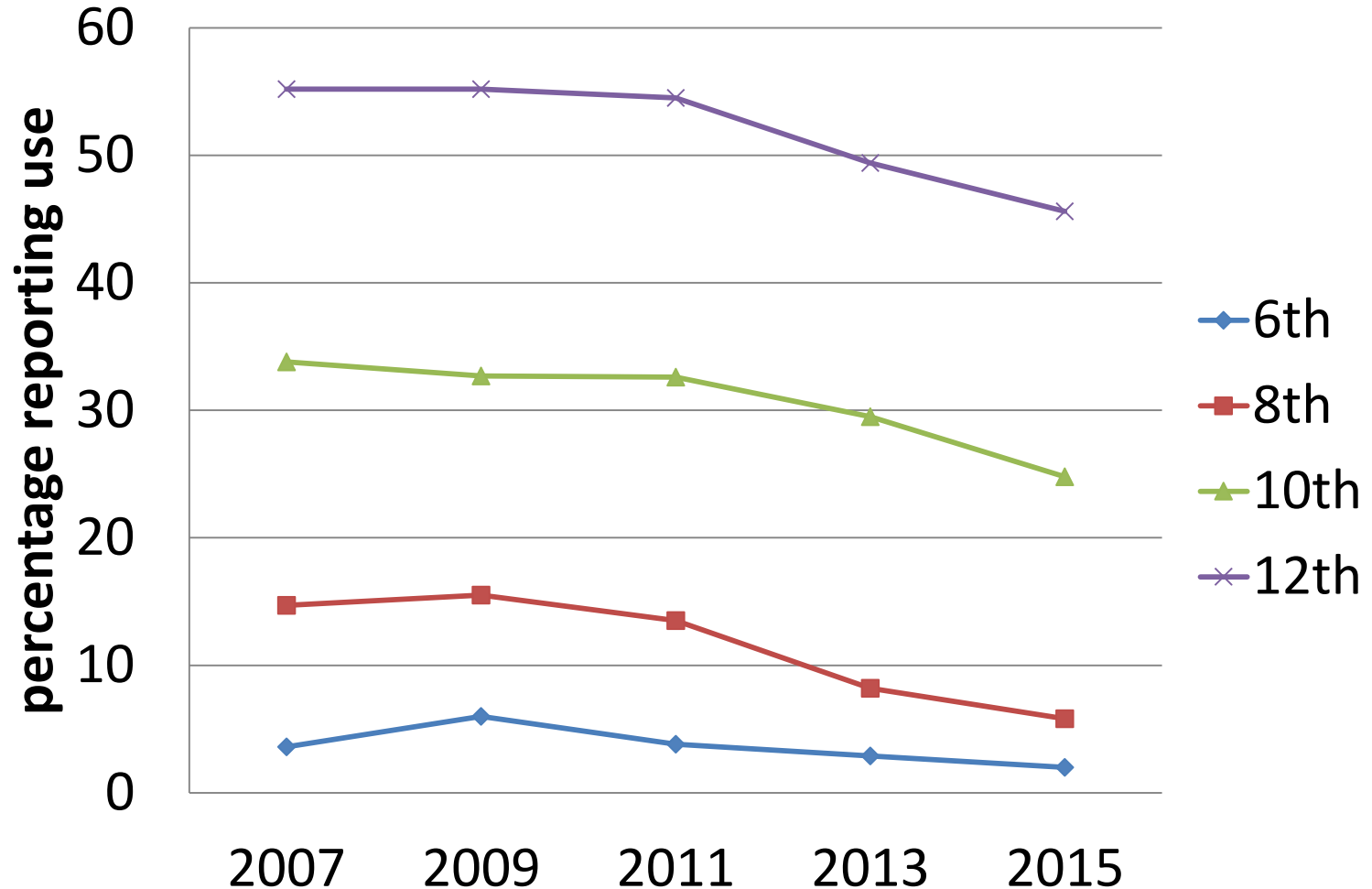
Percentages of students who have three or more risk factors

# Past 30-Day use of Alcohol

	<b>2007</b>	<b>2009</b>	<b>2011</b>	<b>2013</b>	<b>2015</b>
<b>6th</b>	3.6	6.0	3.8	2.9	2.0
<b>8th</b>	14.7	15.5	13.5	8.2	5.8
<b>10th</b>	33.8	32.7	32.6	29.5	24.8
<b>12th</b>	55.2	55.2	54.5	49.4	45.6

Percentages of students who report using alcohol at least once in the past 30 days

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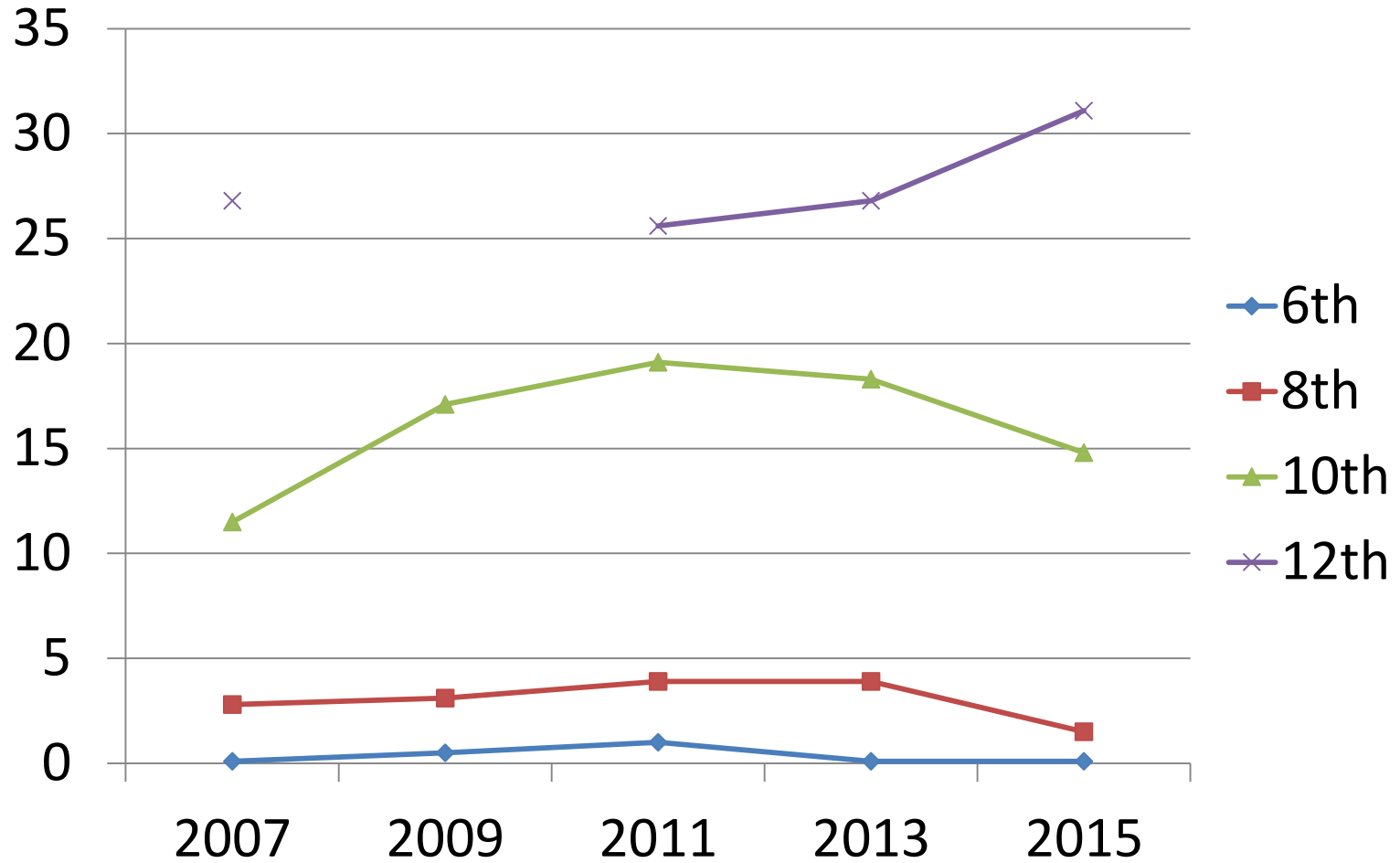
# Past 30-Day use of Marijuana

	<b>2007</b>	<b>2009</b>	<b>2011</b>	<b>2013</b>	<b>2015</b>
<b>6th</b>	0.1	0.5	1	0.1	0.1
<b>8th</b>	2.8	3.1	3.9	3.9	1.5
<b>10th</b>	11.5	17.1	19.1	18.3	14.8
<b>12th</b>	26.8	no data	25.6	26.8	31.1

Percentages of students who reporting using marijuana at least once in the past 30 days



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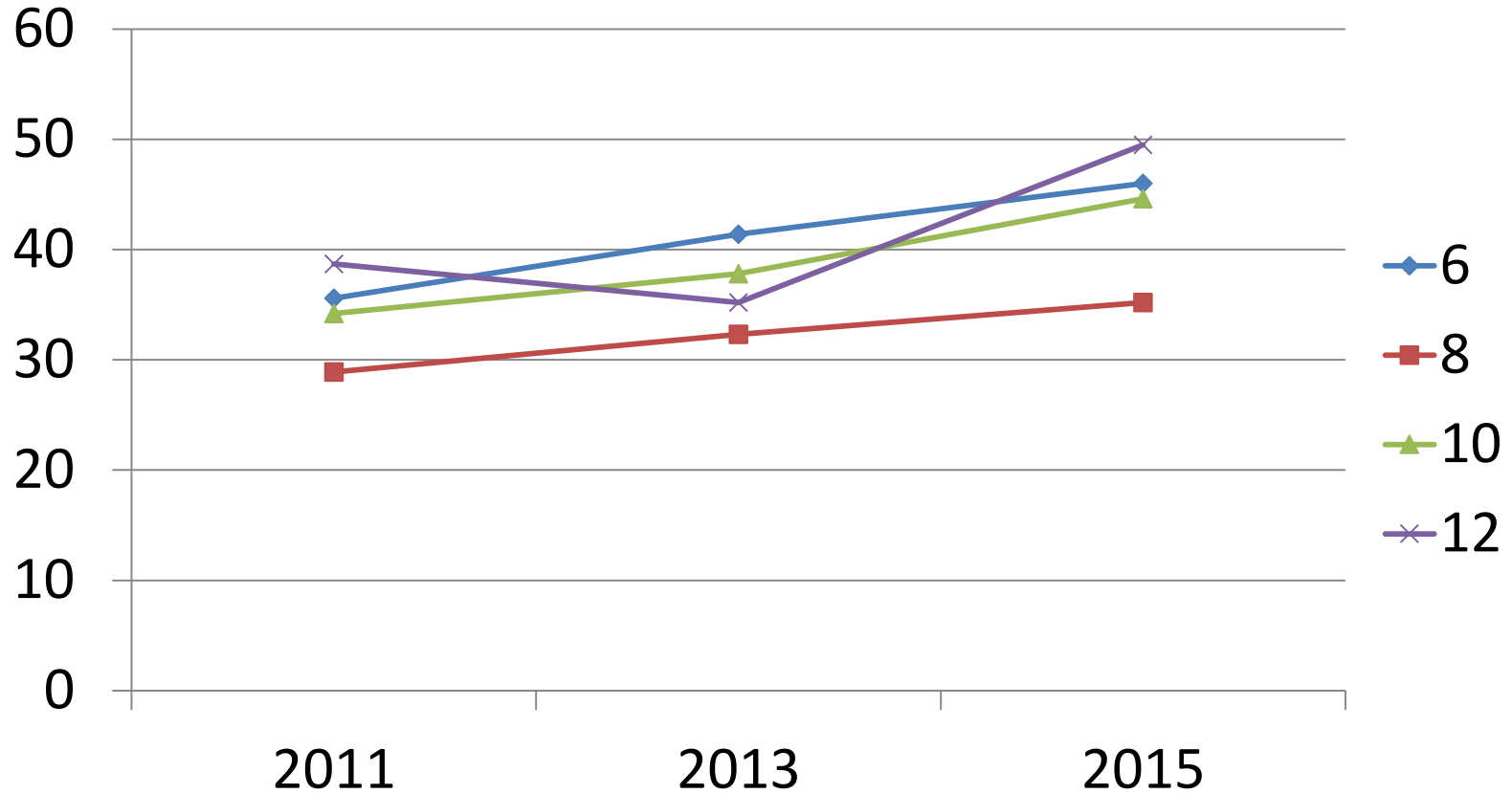
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# Risk Factor: Parental Attitudes Favorable to Anti-Social Behavior

	<b>2011</b>	<b>2013</b>	<b>2015</b>
<b>6th</b>	35.6	41.4	46
<b>8th</b>	28.9	32.3	35.2
<b>10th</b>	34.2	37.8	44.6
<b>12th</b>	38.7	35.2	49.5

Percentage of students deemed to be at risk due to this risk factor

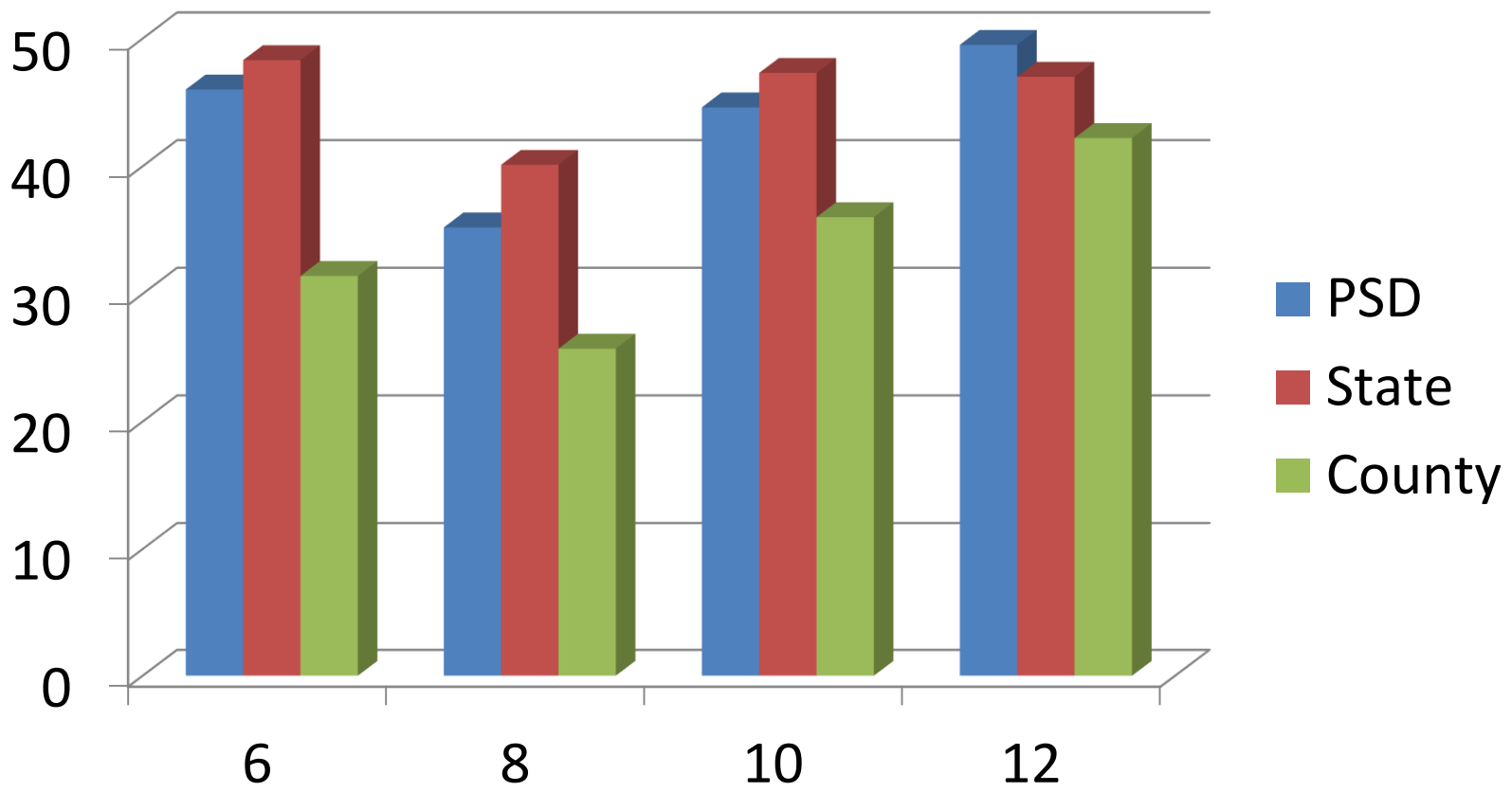
# Favorable Attitudes Toward ASB (cont'd)



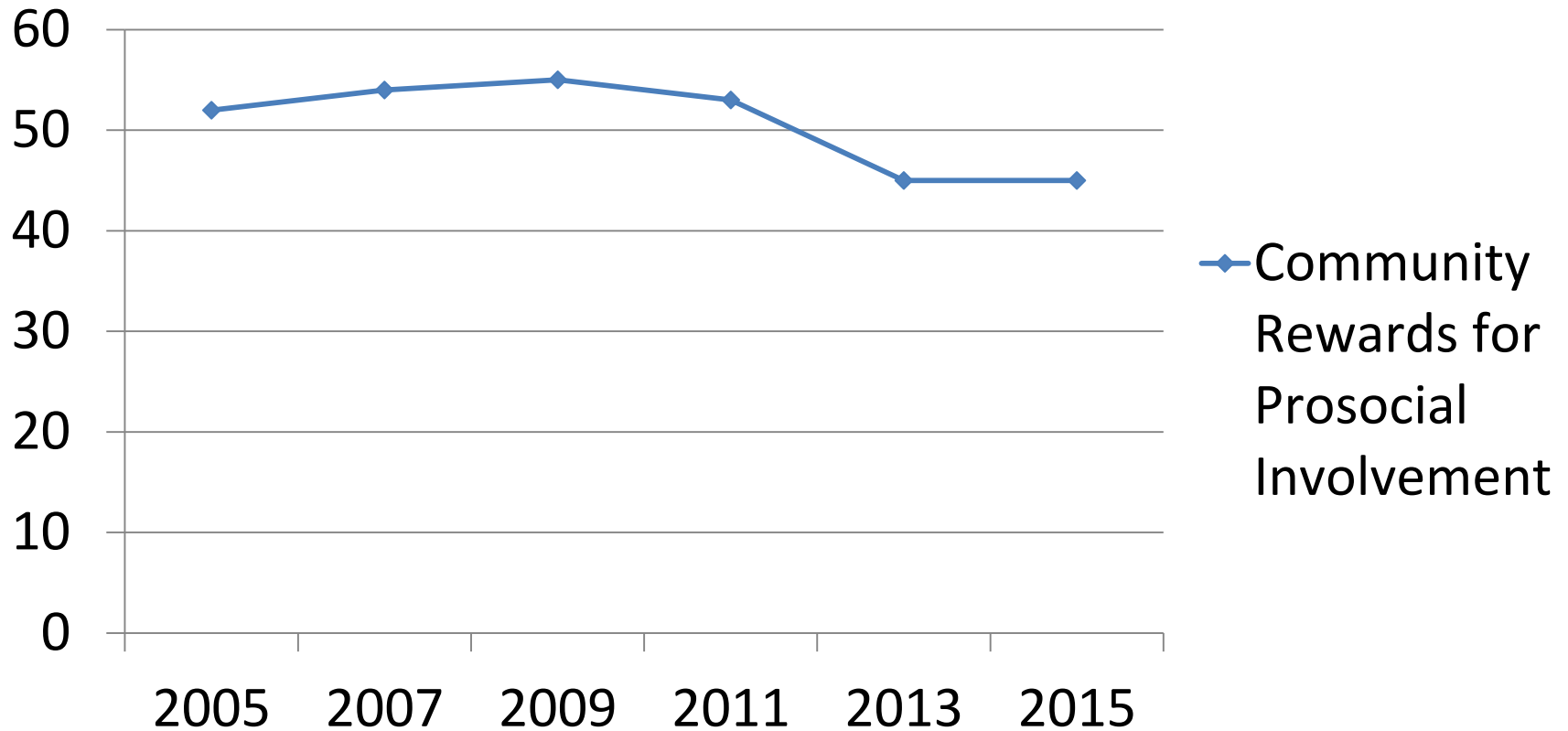
Percent of students deemed to be at risk because parents' attitudes favor anti-social behavior

# Favorable Attitudes Toward ASB (cont'd)

## PSD compared to State and County



# Community Rewards for Pro-Social Involvement



Percent of students protected by being recognized by the community for positive choices

# Recommendations

- Maintain a focus on parents and parenting to reduce favorable attitudes toward ASB
- Increase prevention education around real dangers of marijuana at the high school level and to their parents
- Continue with/expand PCA, as it bolsters rewards for pro-social behavior