



# Firearm-Related Injury & Death Reporting

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Island County 2022

# Firearm Engagement among Rural Washington Youth: A Call for Community-based Firearm Prevention and Harm Reduction Efforts

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## Norms

- Similar Peer Norms
- Greater importance of natural environment

## Access

- More access in home
- Gifts and inheritance

## Carrying

- More handgun carrying
- Not often, however

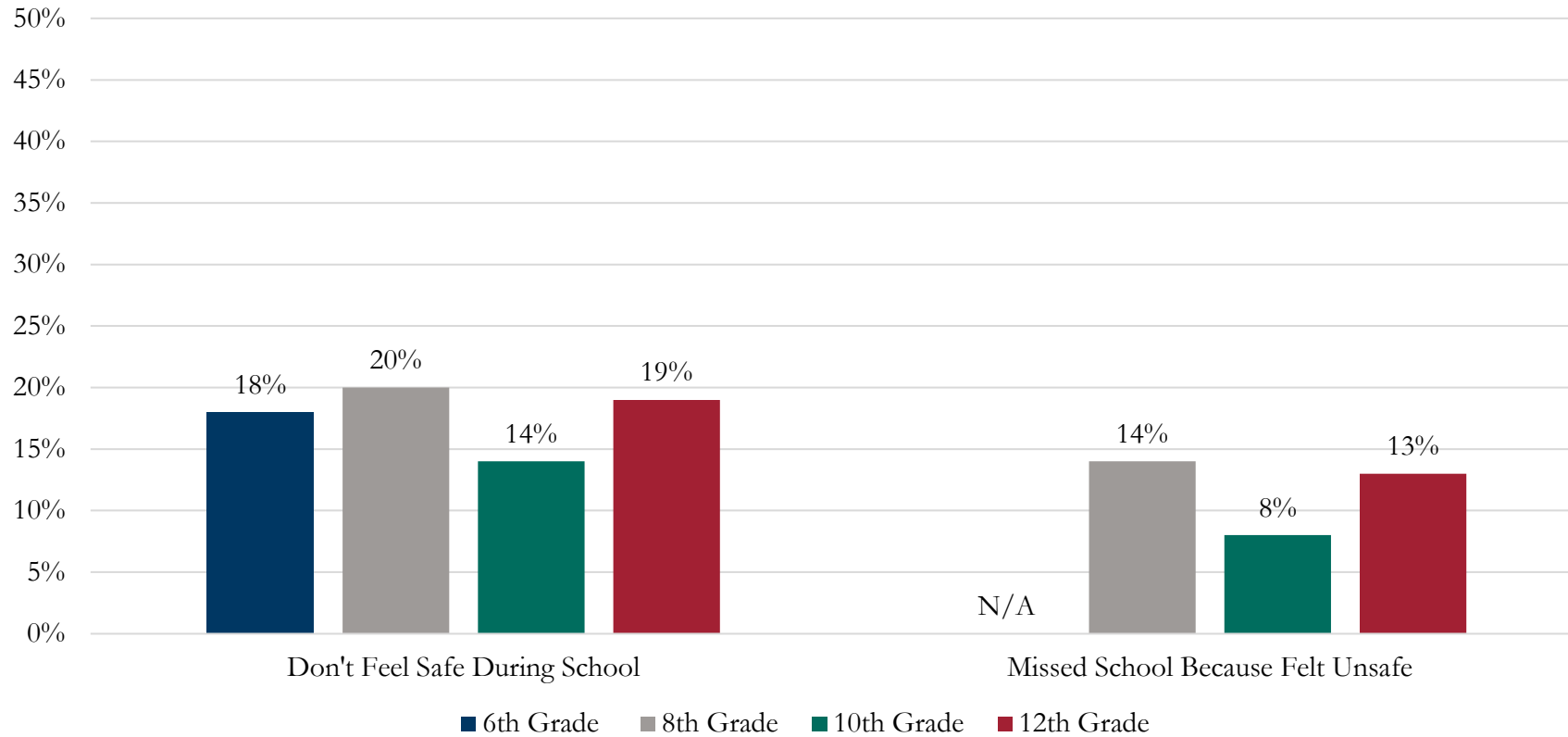
## Firearm-related injury or death

- Similar overall mortality rates
- Lower homicide
- Higher suicide

# School Safety

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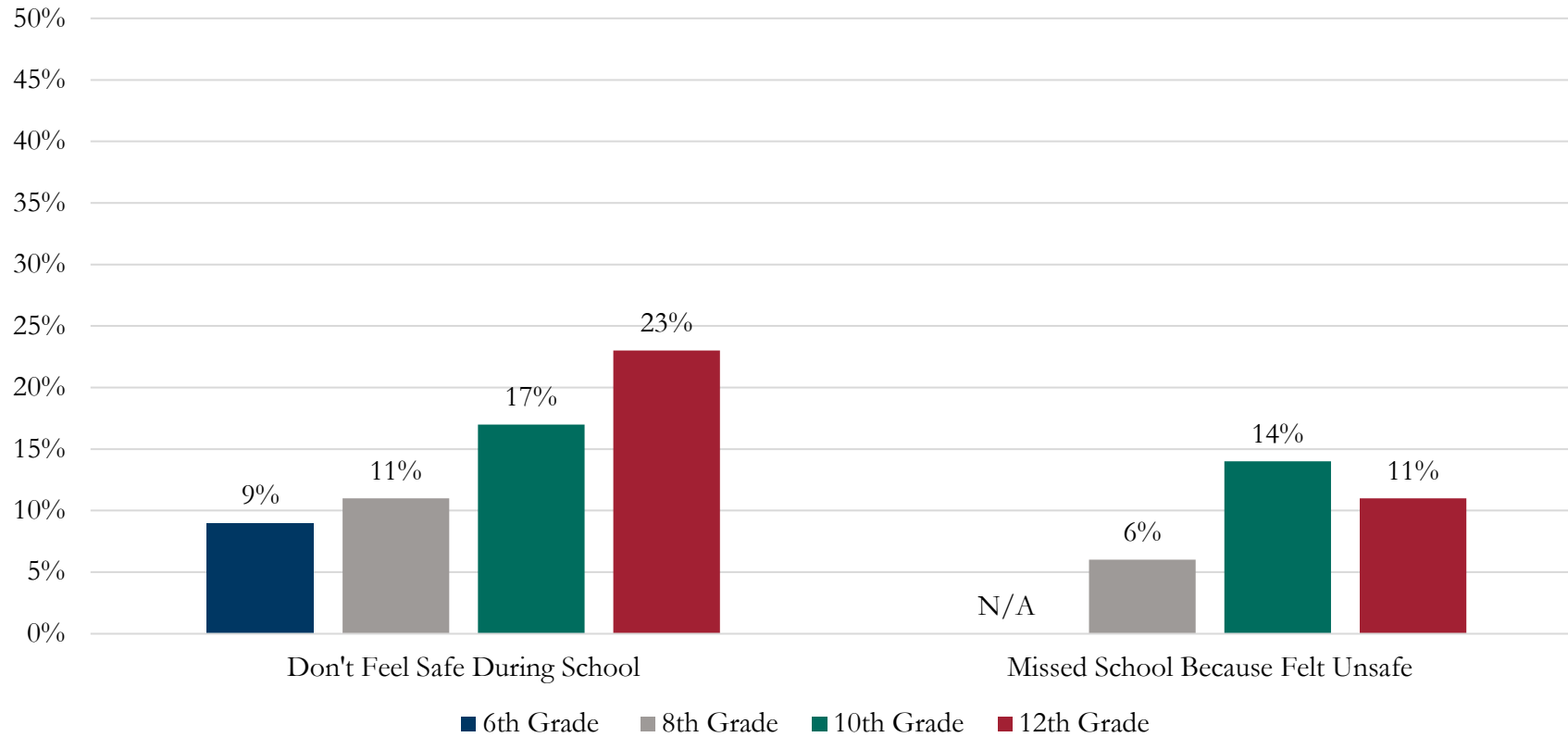
Whidbey Island School Safety, All Grades 2021



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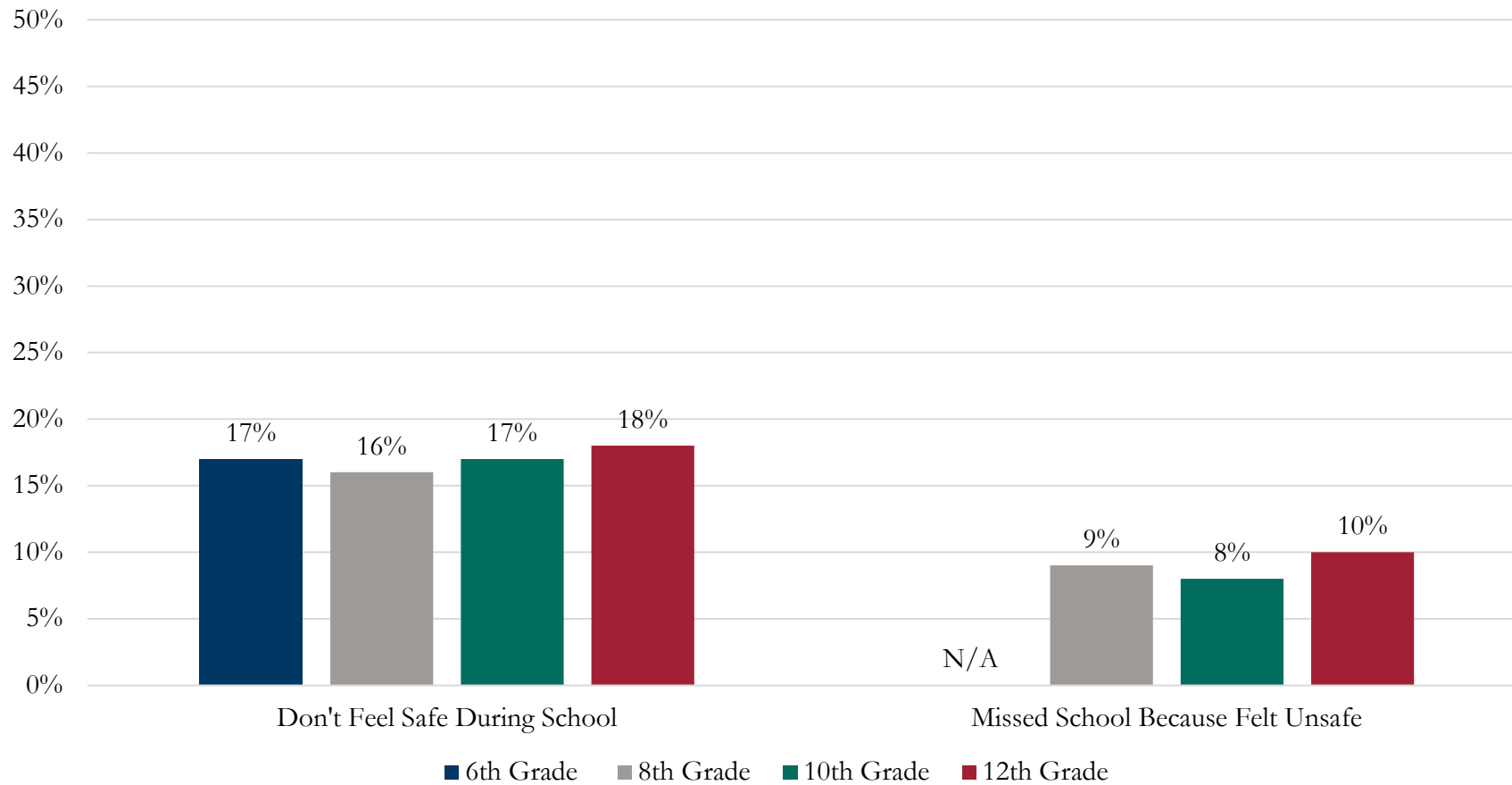
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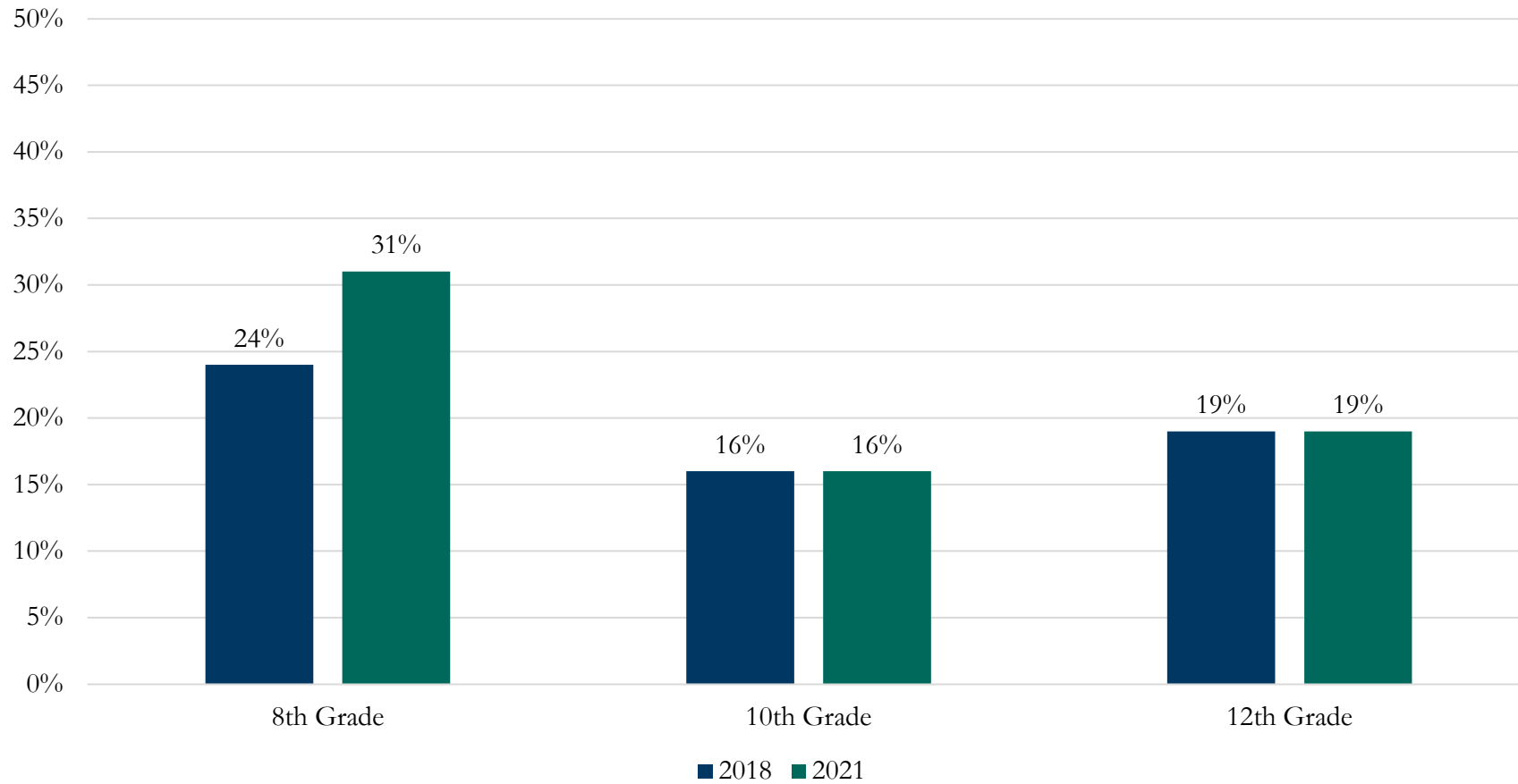
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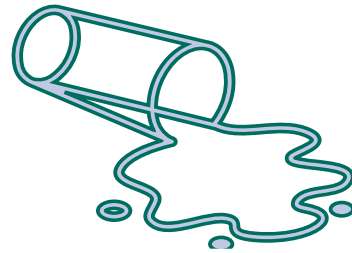
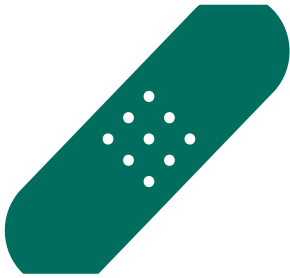


# Whidbey Island Youth: Availability of Handguns

Community Risk Factor 2018 & 2021



# Firearm-Related Hospitalizations Island County, 2017 - 2022

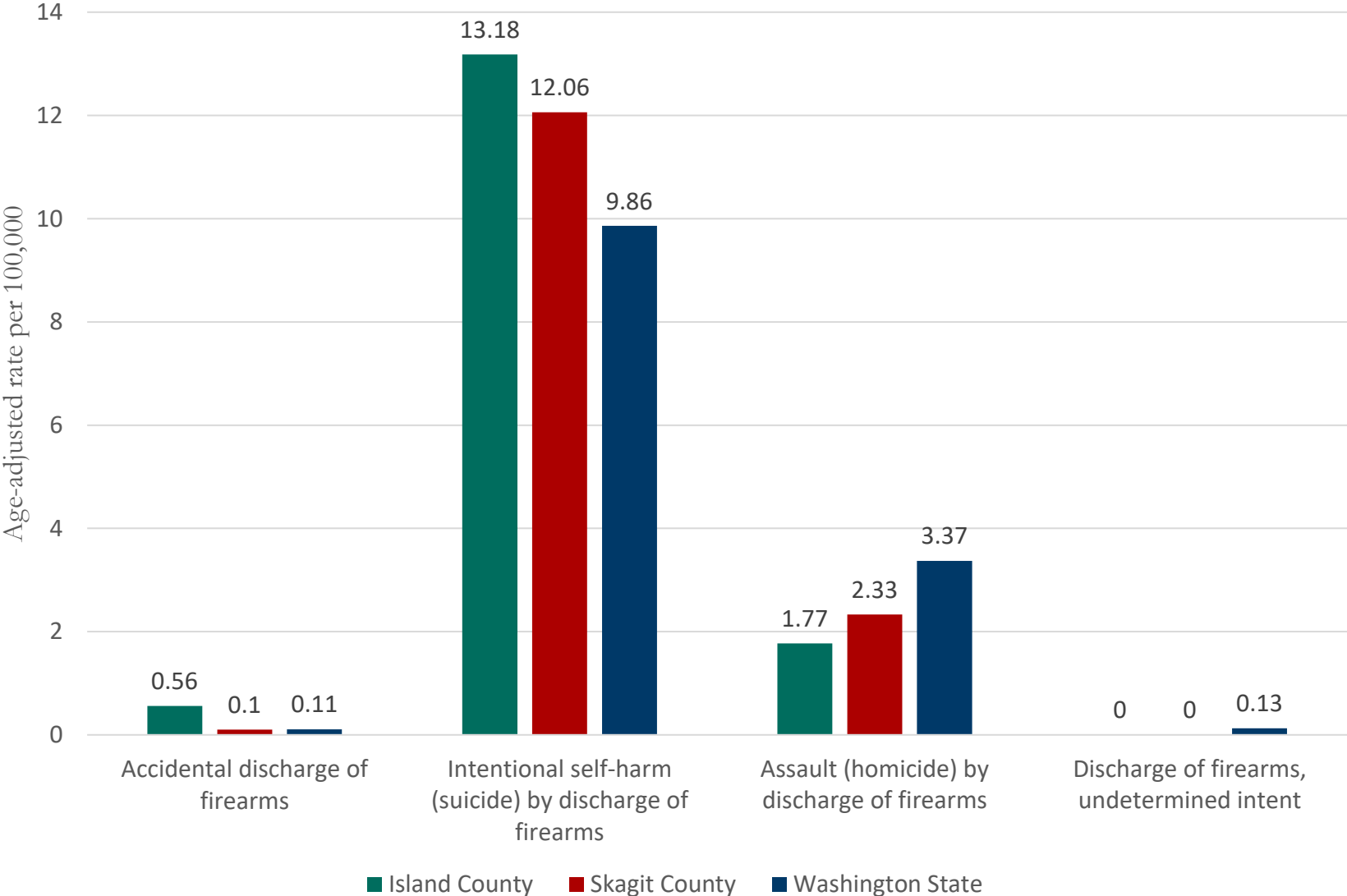


Total of 54  
firearm-related  
hospitalizations  
from 2017-2022

72% (39) of those  
hospitalizations  
were for an  
unintentional  
injury

Three  
hospitalizations  
were  
intentional/assault

# Rate of Firearm-Related Deaths: 2017 - 2021

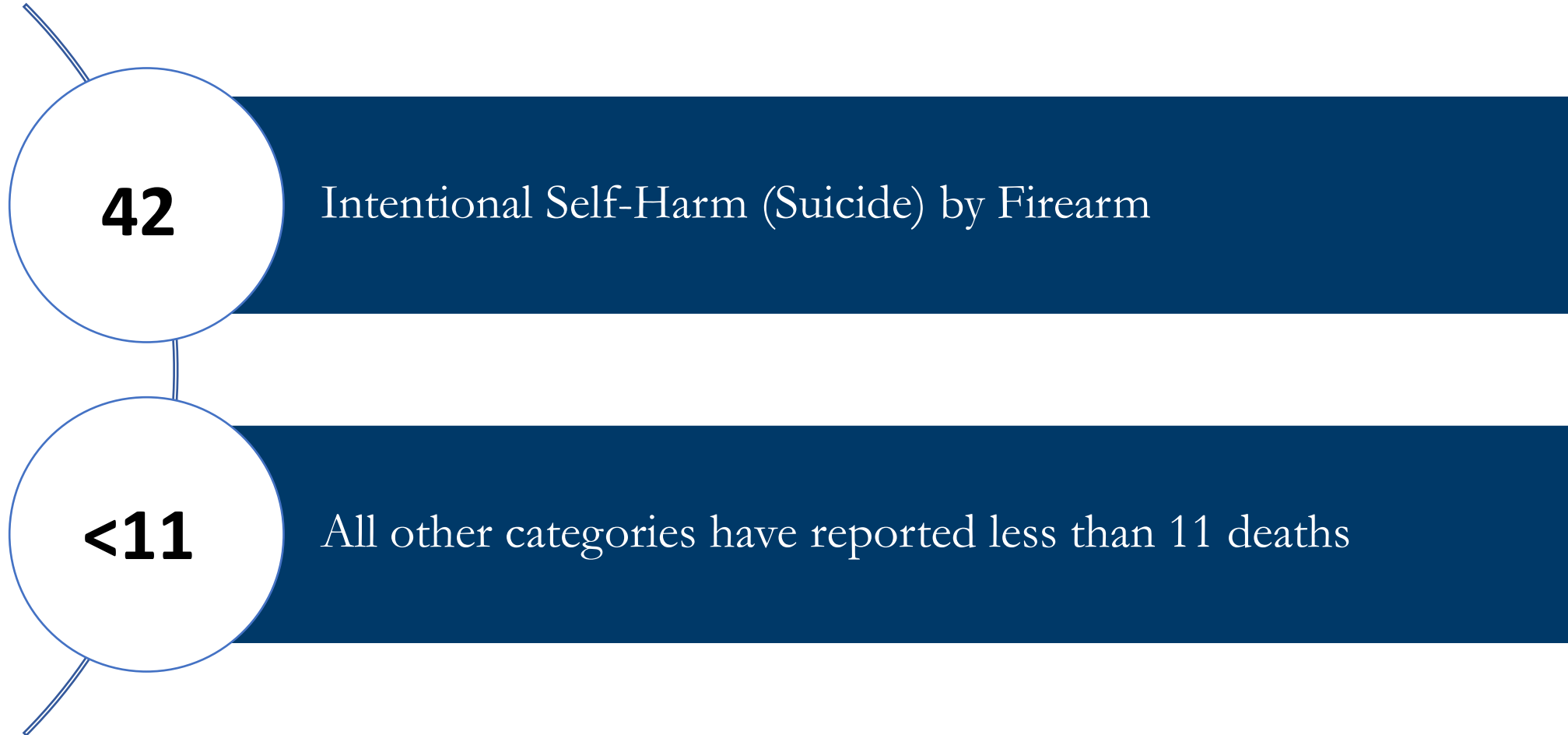


Source: CHAT

Note: No statistically significant differences present



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# Key Take-Aways & Next Steps

**Education & Gun Safety**

**Investing in Mental Health & Well-Being**

**Voice & Experiences of All Ages**

**Others?**

**Thank you!**

**Questions & Comments**