

SCHOOL CRIME AND SAFETY

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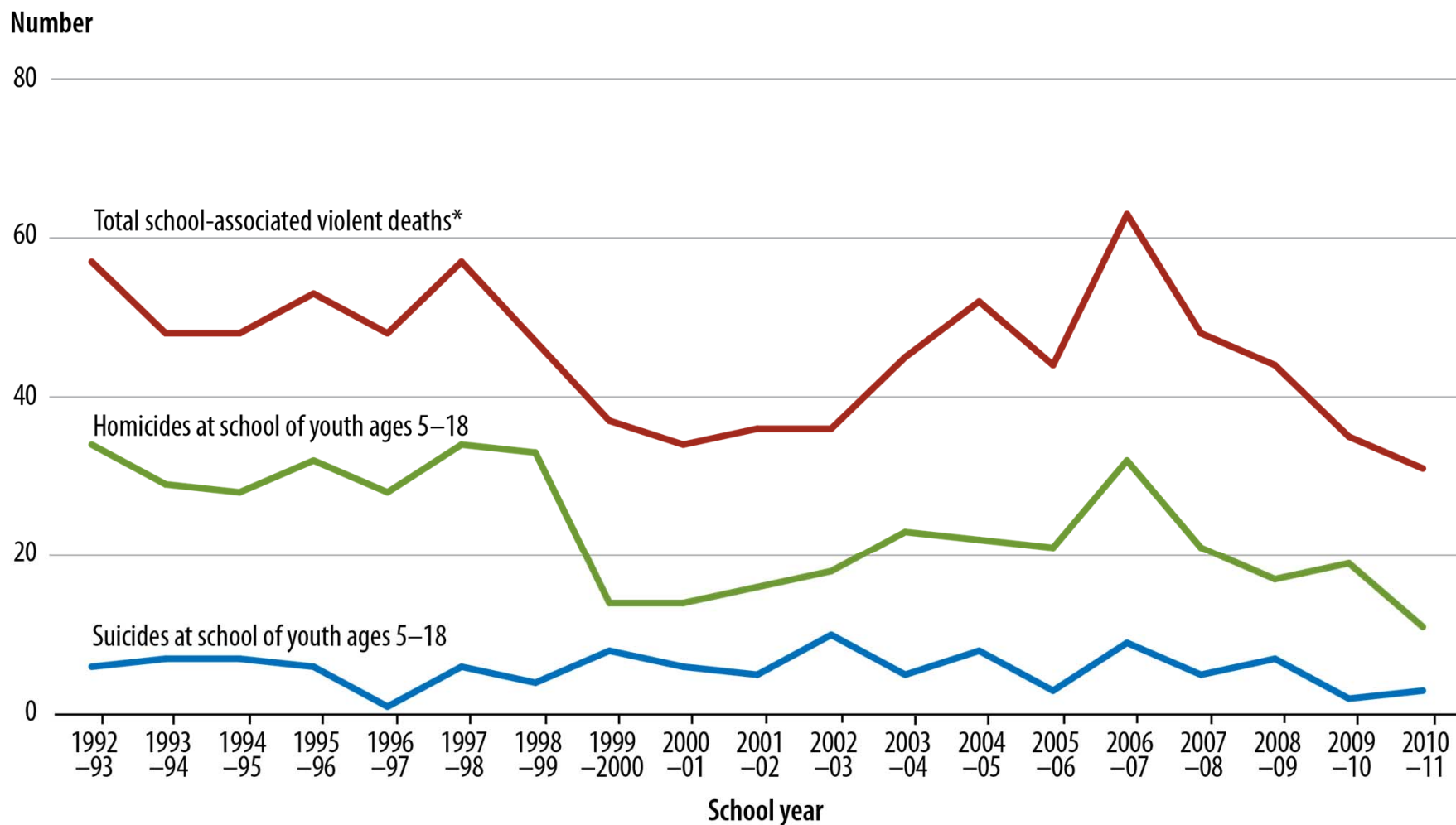
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SCHOOL CRIME AND SAFETY HIGHLIGHTS

- During the 2010–11 school year, 11 homicides of school-age youth occurred at school.
- In 2011, students ages 12 to 18 experienced about 1.2 million nonfatal victimizations at school, including 649,000 thefts and 598,000 violent victimizations. Total violence and theft are down since 1992.
- In 2011, about 28% of 12- to 18-year-old students reported being bullied at school during the school year.
- Between the 2000 and 2010 school years, public schools increased the use of safety and security measures.

Less than 2% of all youth homicides occurred at school



*Victims include students, staff members, and others who were not students.

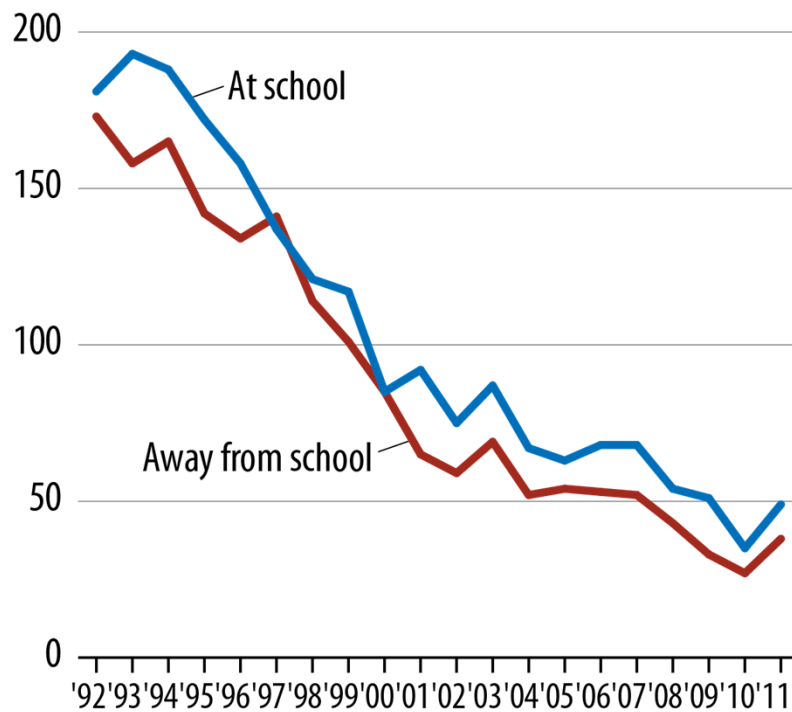
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Total rate of victimizations against students was greater at school than away from school in 2011

Total victimizations: violent crime and theft

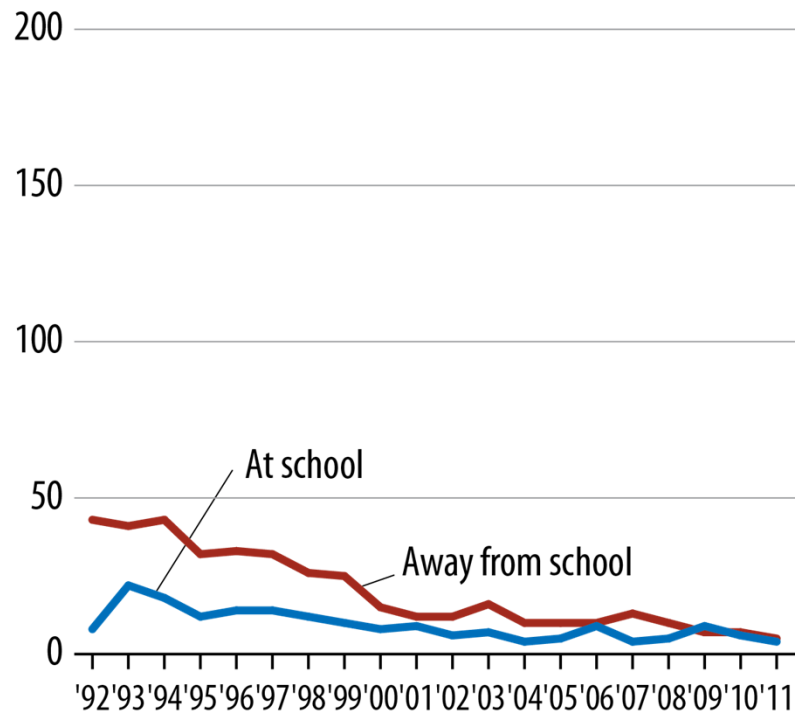
Rate per 1,000*



No differences in rate of serious violence at and away from school in 2011

Serious violent victimizations: rape, sexual assault, robbery, and aggravated assault

Rate per 1,000*



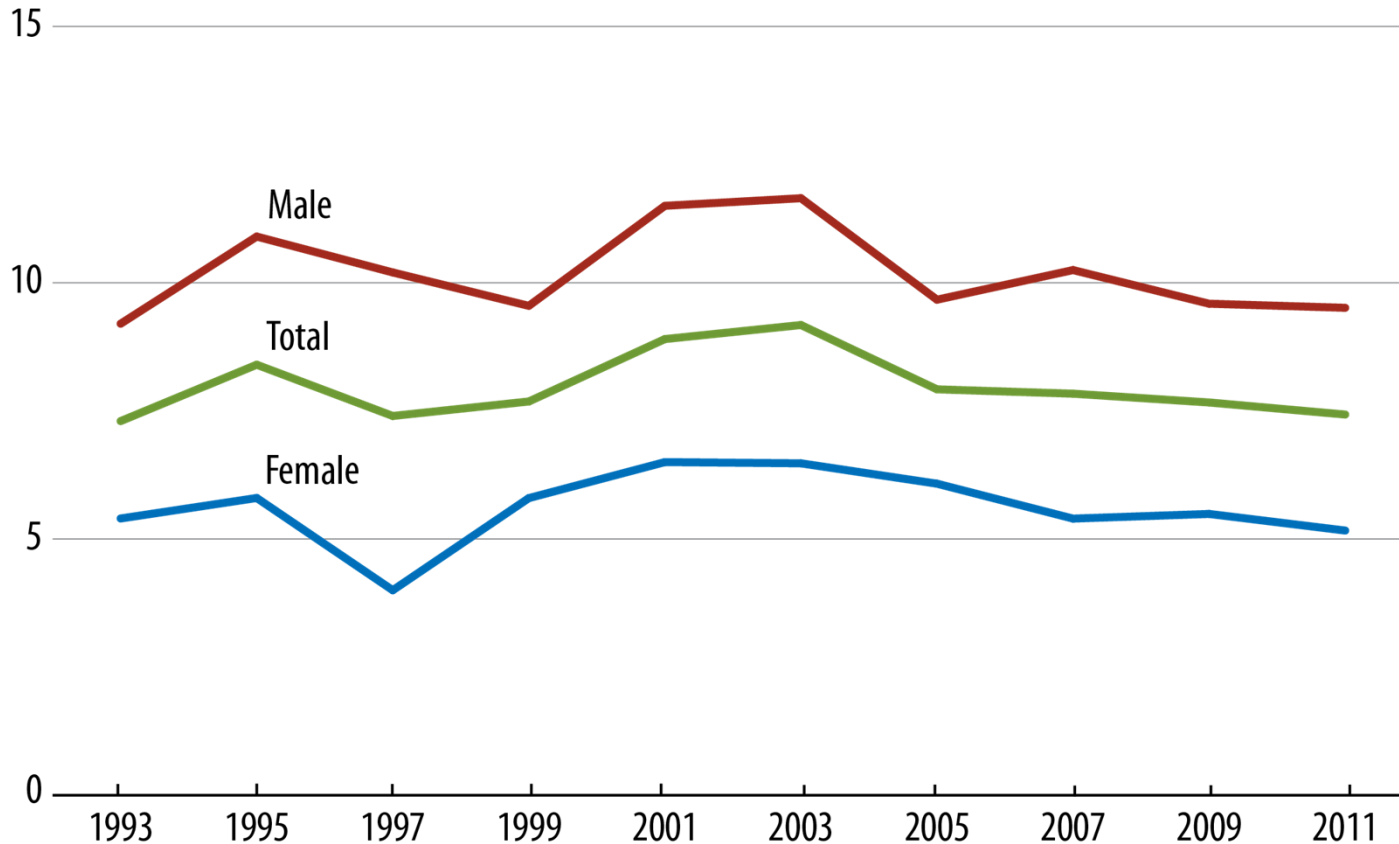
*Rate per 1,000 students ages 12 to 18.

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No change in percentage of 9th to 12th graders who reported being threatened or injured with a weapon on school property

Percent in grades 9 to 12

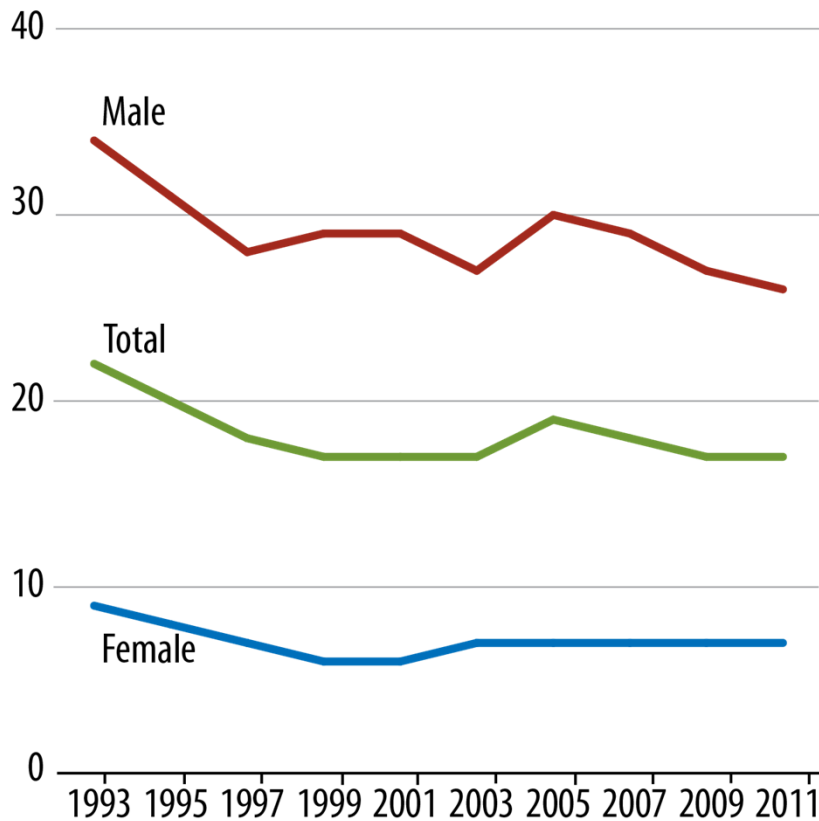


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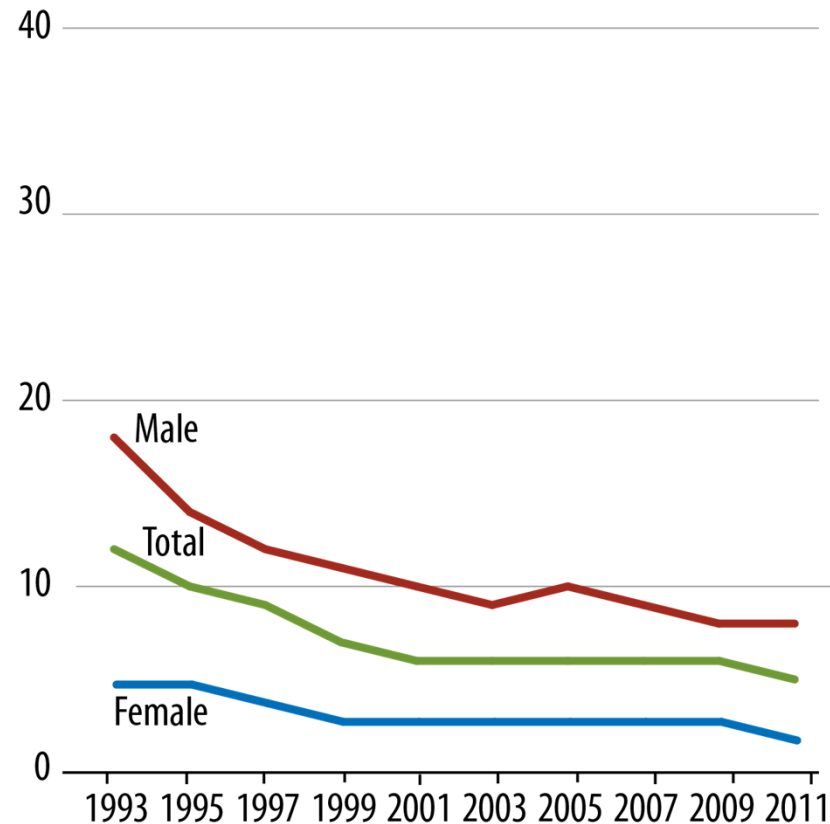
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5% of 9th to 12th graders reported carrying a weapon on school property at least one day during the past 30 days in 2011

Percent anywhere



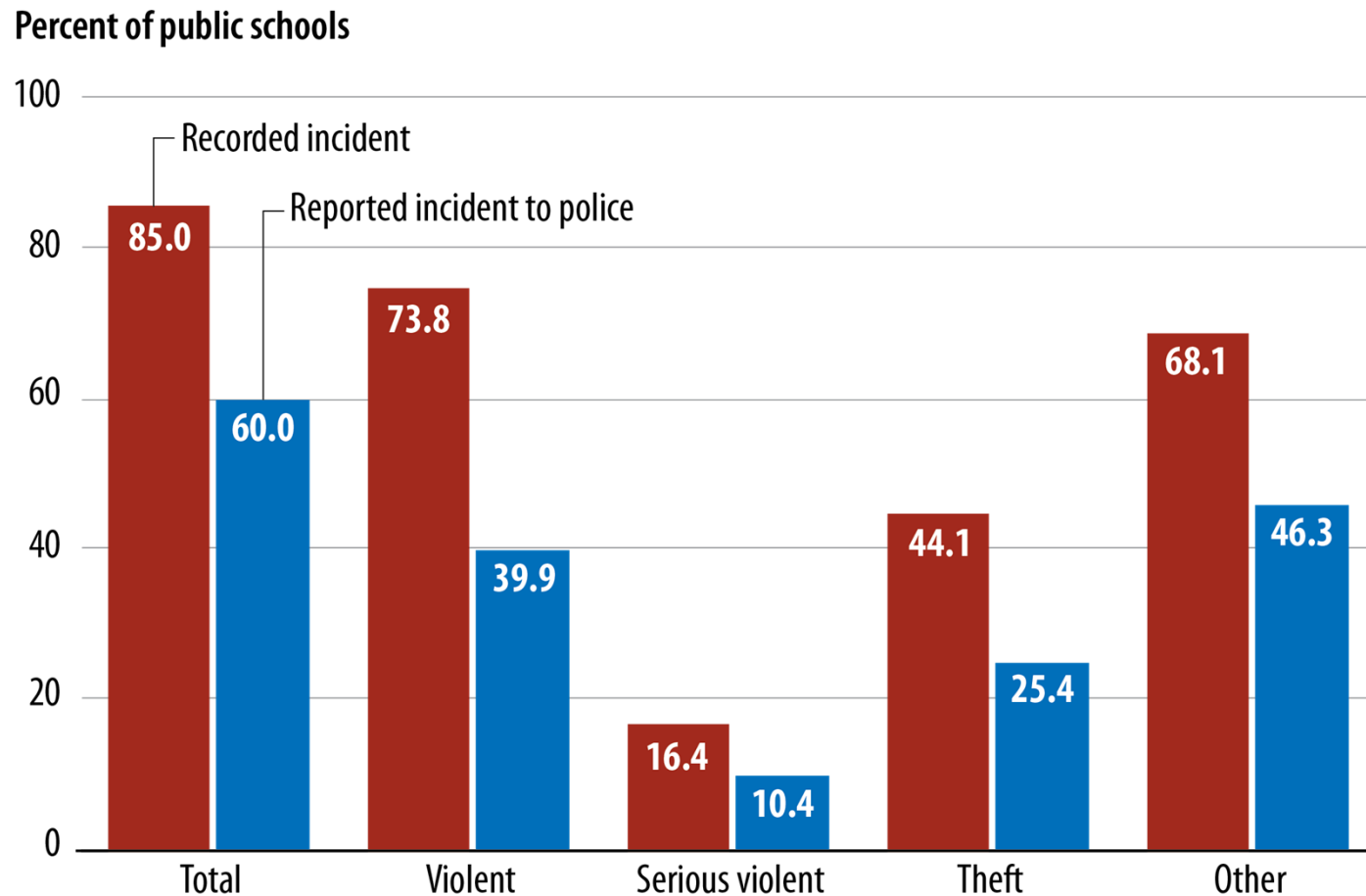
Percent on school property



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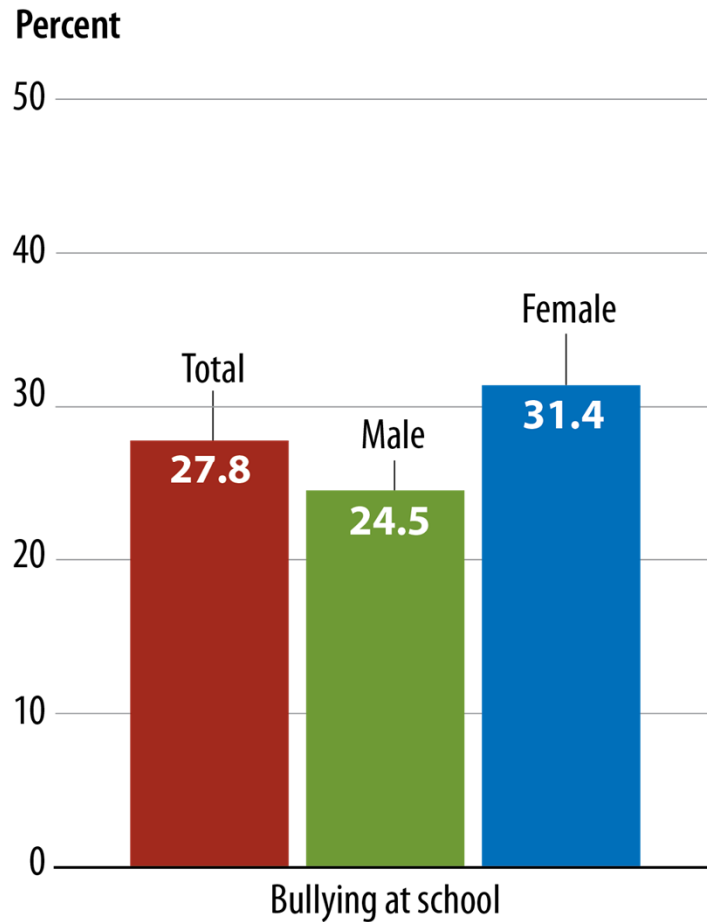
4 in 10 public schools reported at least one violent incident to the police in 2009–10



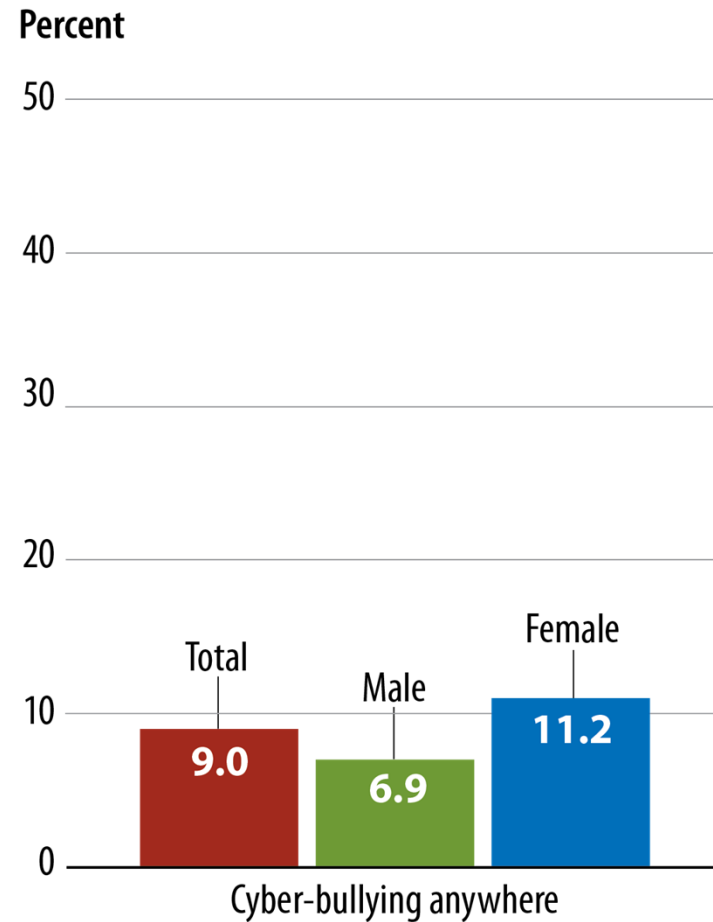
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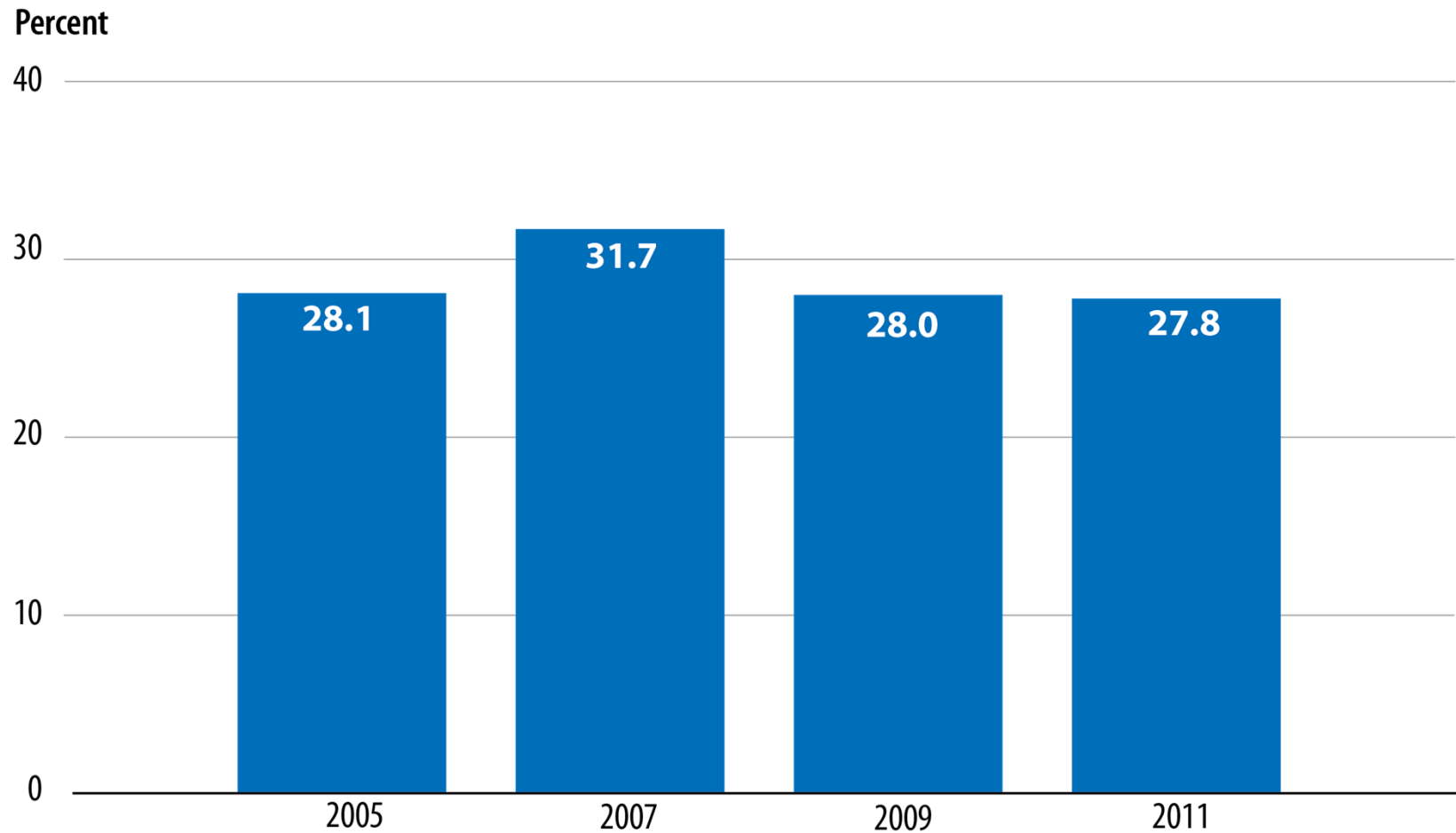
About 9% reported being cyber-bullied anywhere during the school year



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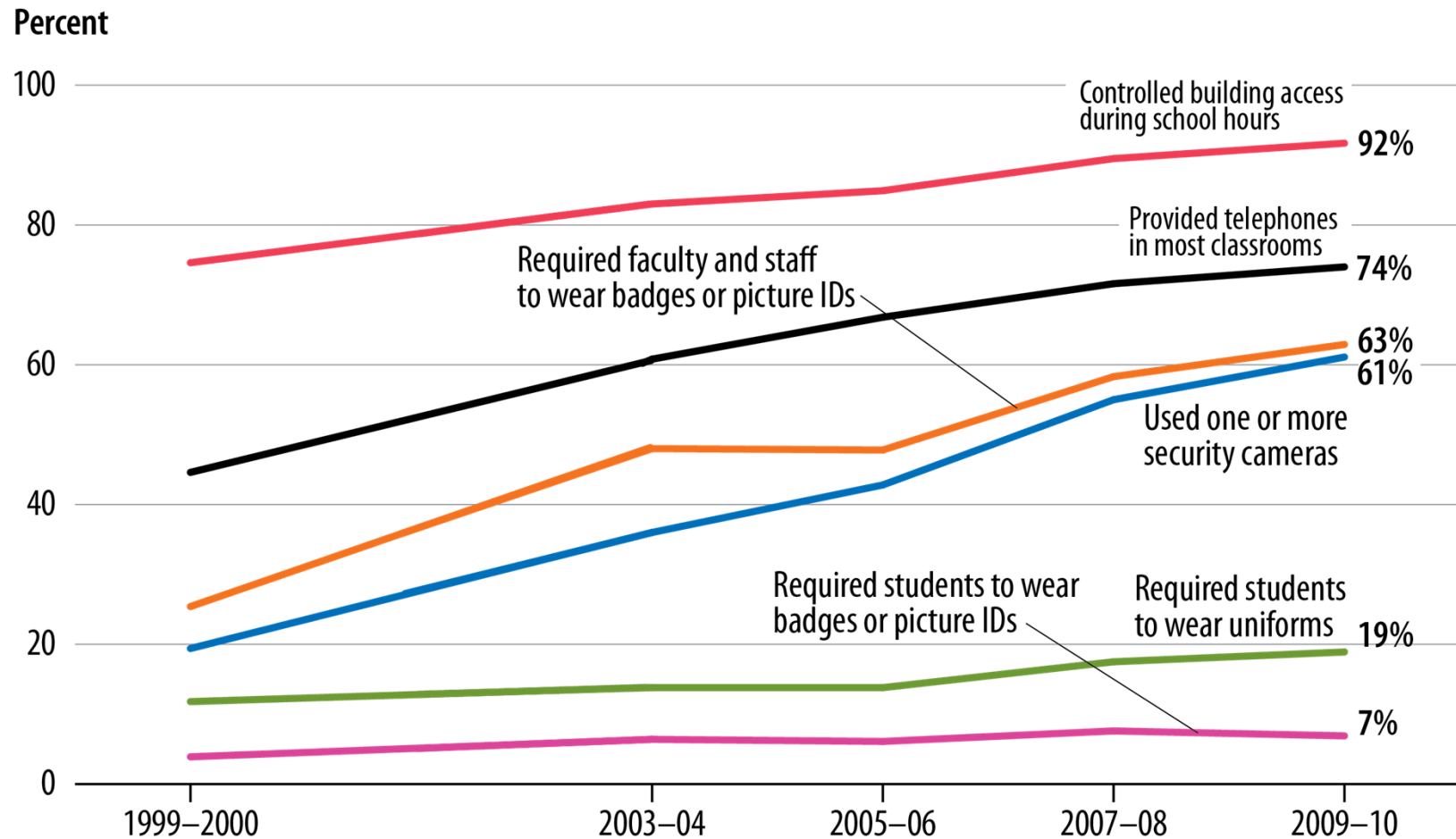
Little change in the percentage of students ages 12 to 18 who reported being bullied at school



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Increased percentage of public schools using safety and security measures

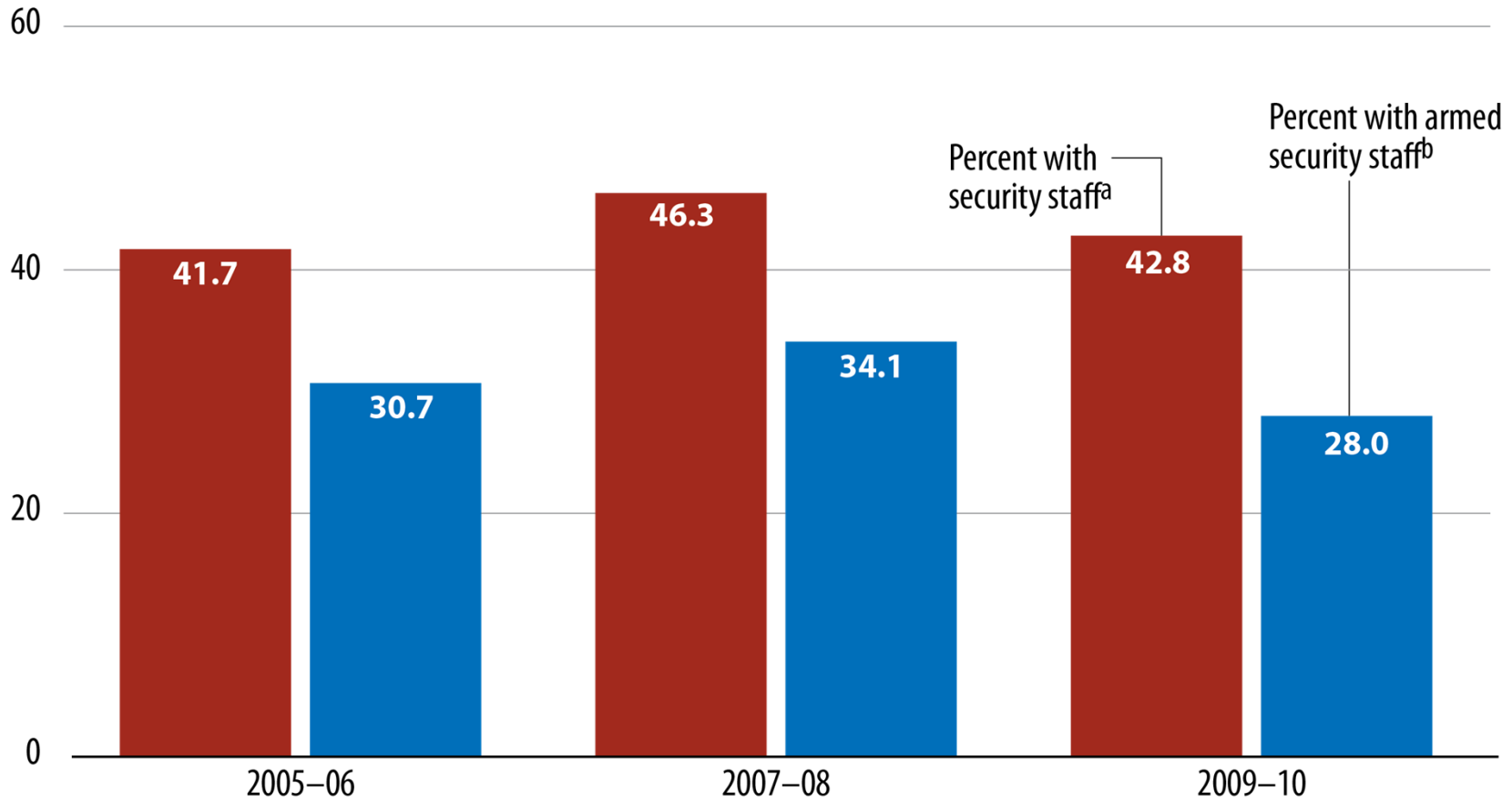


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In 2010, 28% of schools had security staff who carried a firearm

Percent



^aOne or more security guards, security personnel, School Resource Officers (SRO), or sworn law enforcement officers.

^bSecurity guards, security personnel, or sworn law enforcement officers routinely carrying a firearm.

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