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# **Key Findings: 2021 Regional Needs Assessment**

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# Overview

- Recovery Resource Council
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# Recovery Resource Council

Recovery Resource Council (RRC) is North Texas' largest non-profit organization dedicated to prevention, intervention and treatment of alcohol, substance use disorder and behavioral health issues. With campuses in Fort Worth, Dallas and Denton, RRC programs impact 110,000 children, adolescents and adults in 19 counties annually.

## Mission

To promote wellness and recovery from alcohol and substance use disorders and trauma.

## Agency Guarantee

Unconditional acceptance, respect and positive regard

# Texas Prevention Resource Centers

|           |                                     |
|-----------|-------------------------------------|
| Region 1  | Panhandle and South Plains          |
| Region 2  | Northwest Texas                     |
| Region 3  | Dallas/Fort Worth Metroplex         |
| Region 4  | Upper East Texas                    |
| Region 5  | Southeast Texas                     |
| Region 6  | Gulf Coast                          |
| Region 7  | Central Texas                       |
| Region 8  | Upper South Texas                   |
| Region 9  | West Texas                          |
| Region 10 | Upper Rio Grande                    |
| Region 11 | Rio Grande Valley/Lower South Texas |

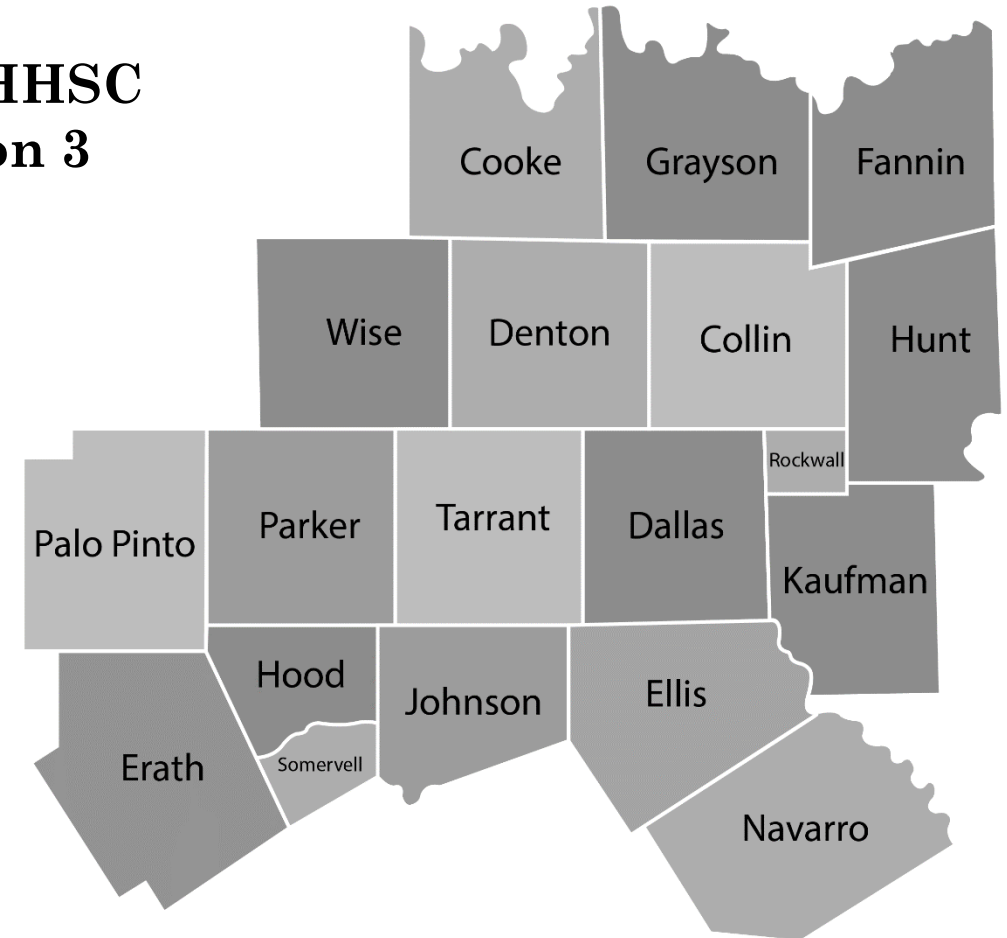




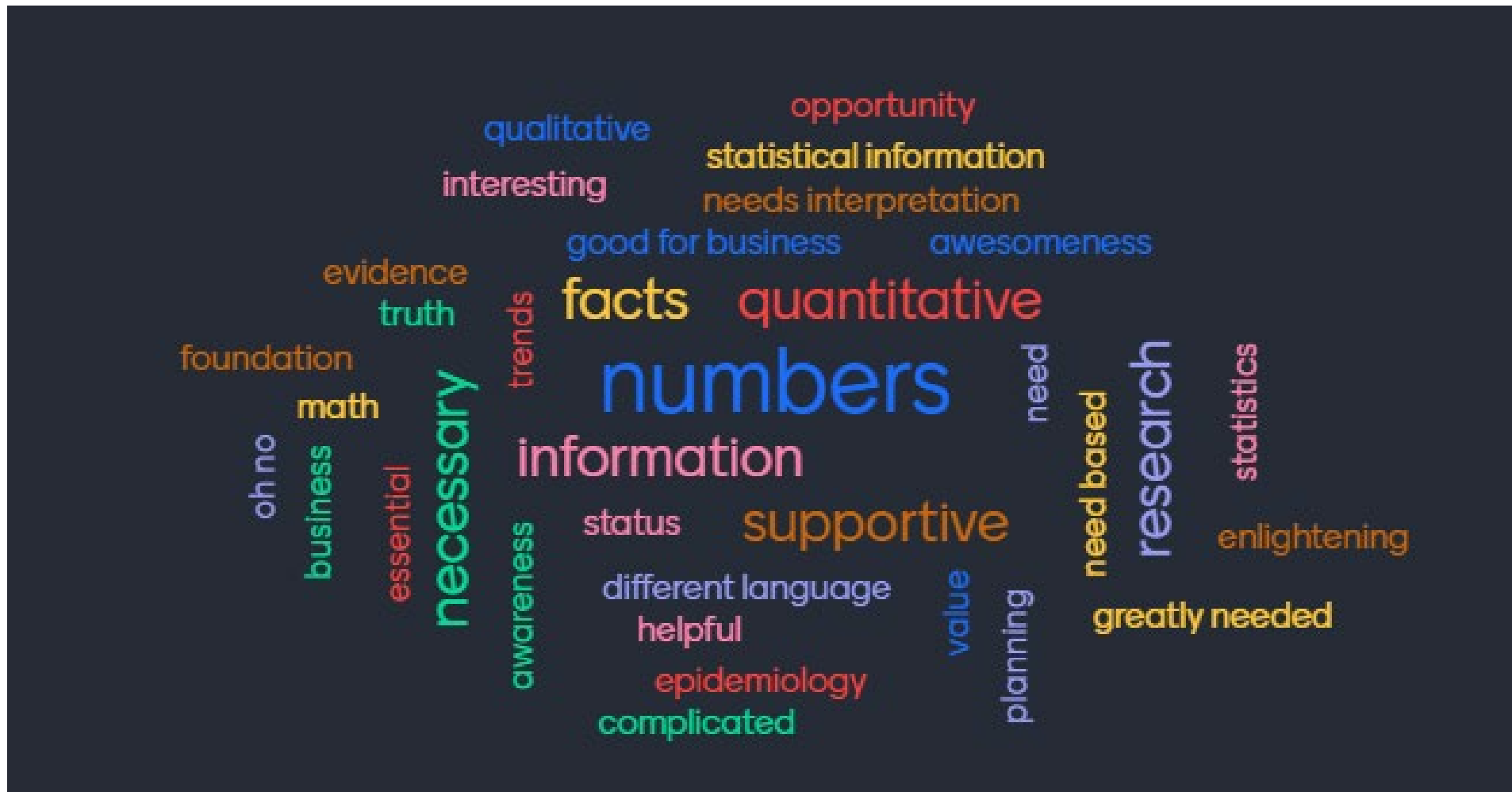
*The Region 3 Prevention Resource Center is one of 11 Centers in Texas that conducts activities aimed at improving substance abuse prevention strategies in our community.*

- Underage alcohol use, tobacco and nicotine products, marijuana and other cannabinoids, and prescription drug misuse.
- Central Data Collection Repository
- Annual Regional Needs Assessment
- Data Dissemination
- Coordinate Regional Prevention Trainings
- Tobacco Compliance Checks
- Promote the Texas School Survey
- Resource Library

## Texas HHSC Region 3



# When I hear the word “data” I think\_\_\_\_\_



# Regional Needs Assessment

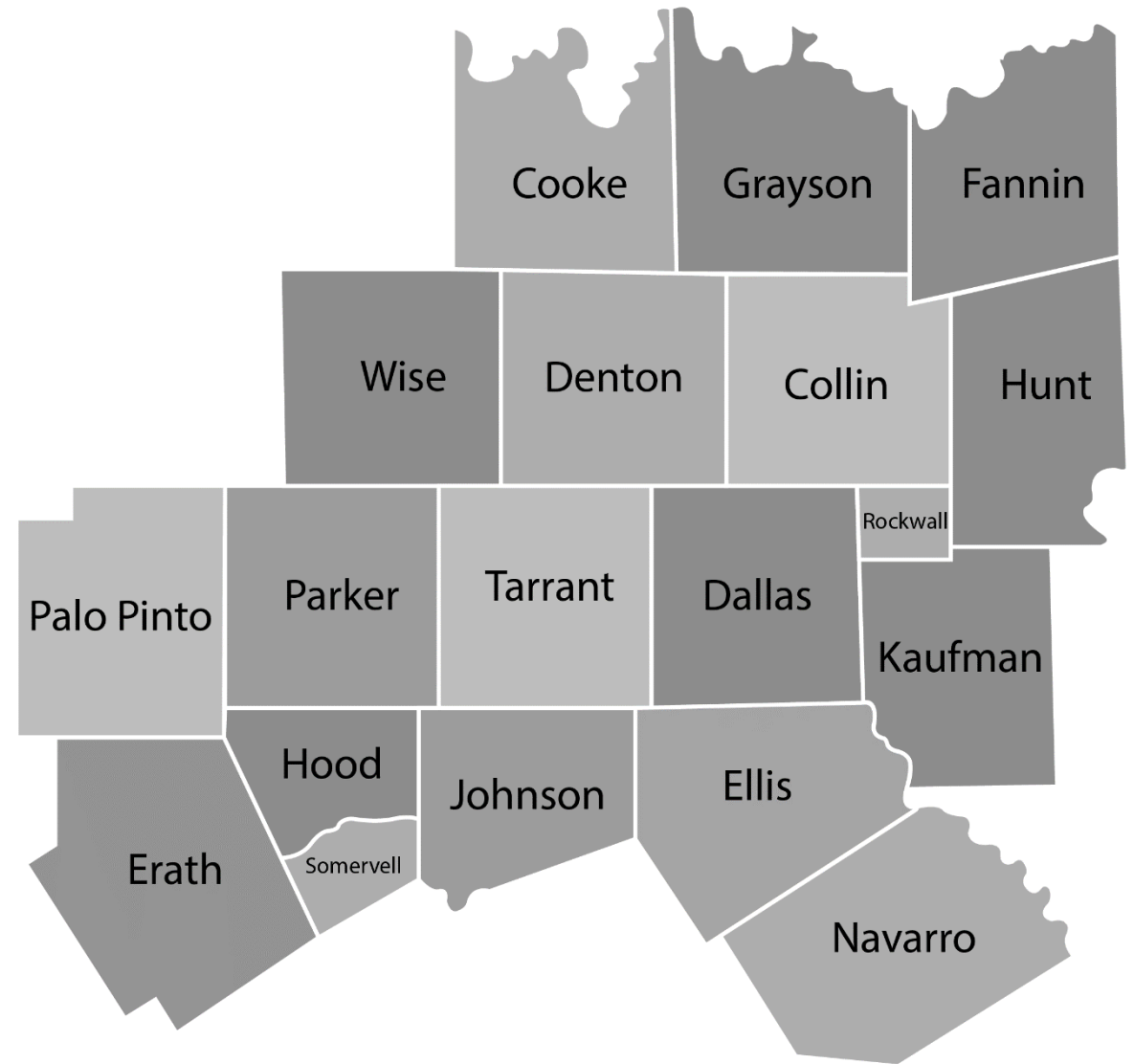
- **Purpose:** This needs assessment reviews substance abuse data and related variables across the state that aid in substance abuse prevention decision making. The RNA explores drug consumption trends and consequences as well as explores related risk and protective factors as identified by the Center for Substance Abuse Prevention (CSAP).
- **Methodology:** The state evaluator and the regional data coordinators collected primary and secondary data at the county, regional, and state levels between September 2020 and May 2021. This RNA cycle, the collection process lasted well into July due to COVID-19 constraints.



# Data Sources

- 58 data sources in 2021 RNA
- Focus Group
- Key Informant Interviews

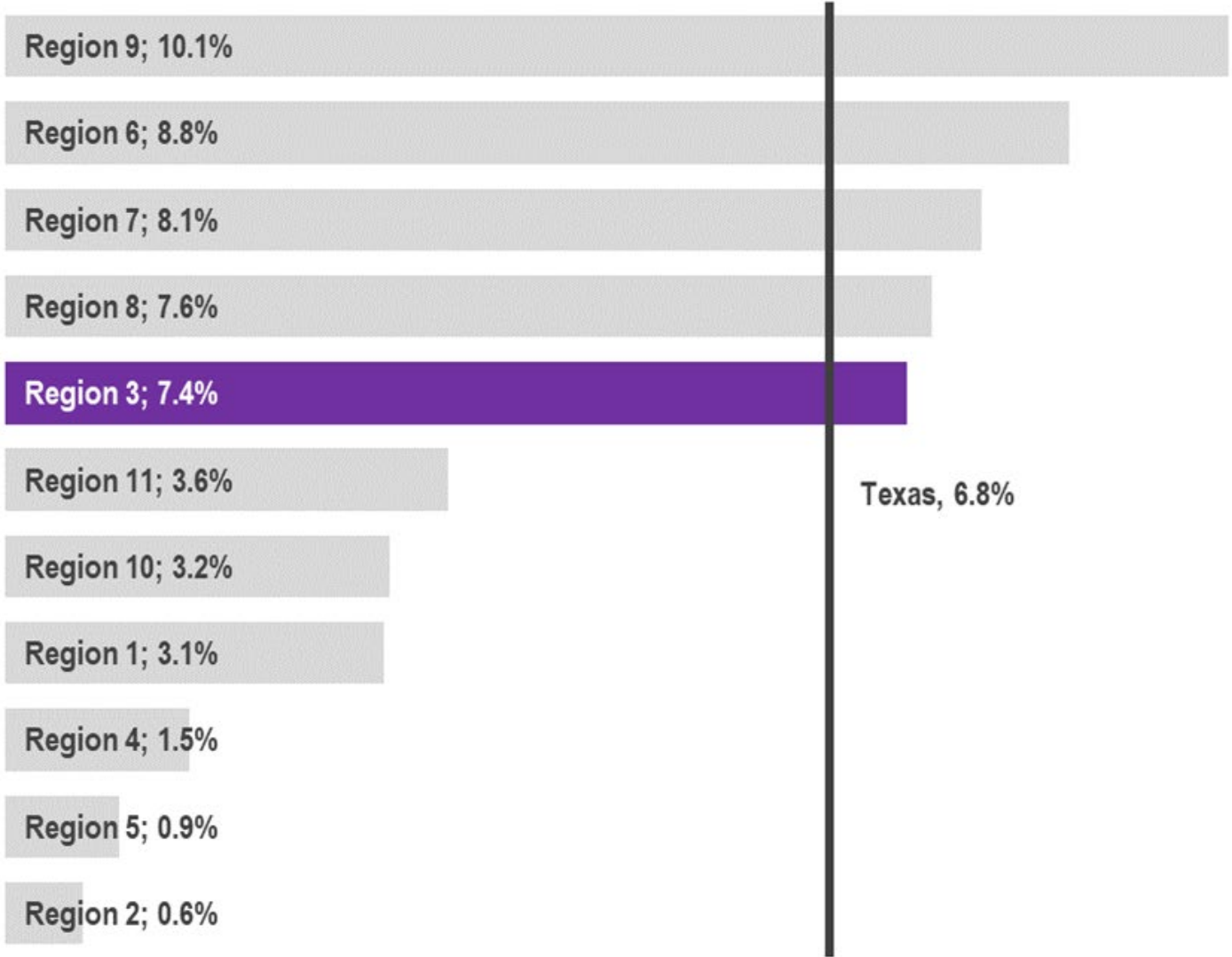
# Region 3



# Regional Demographics

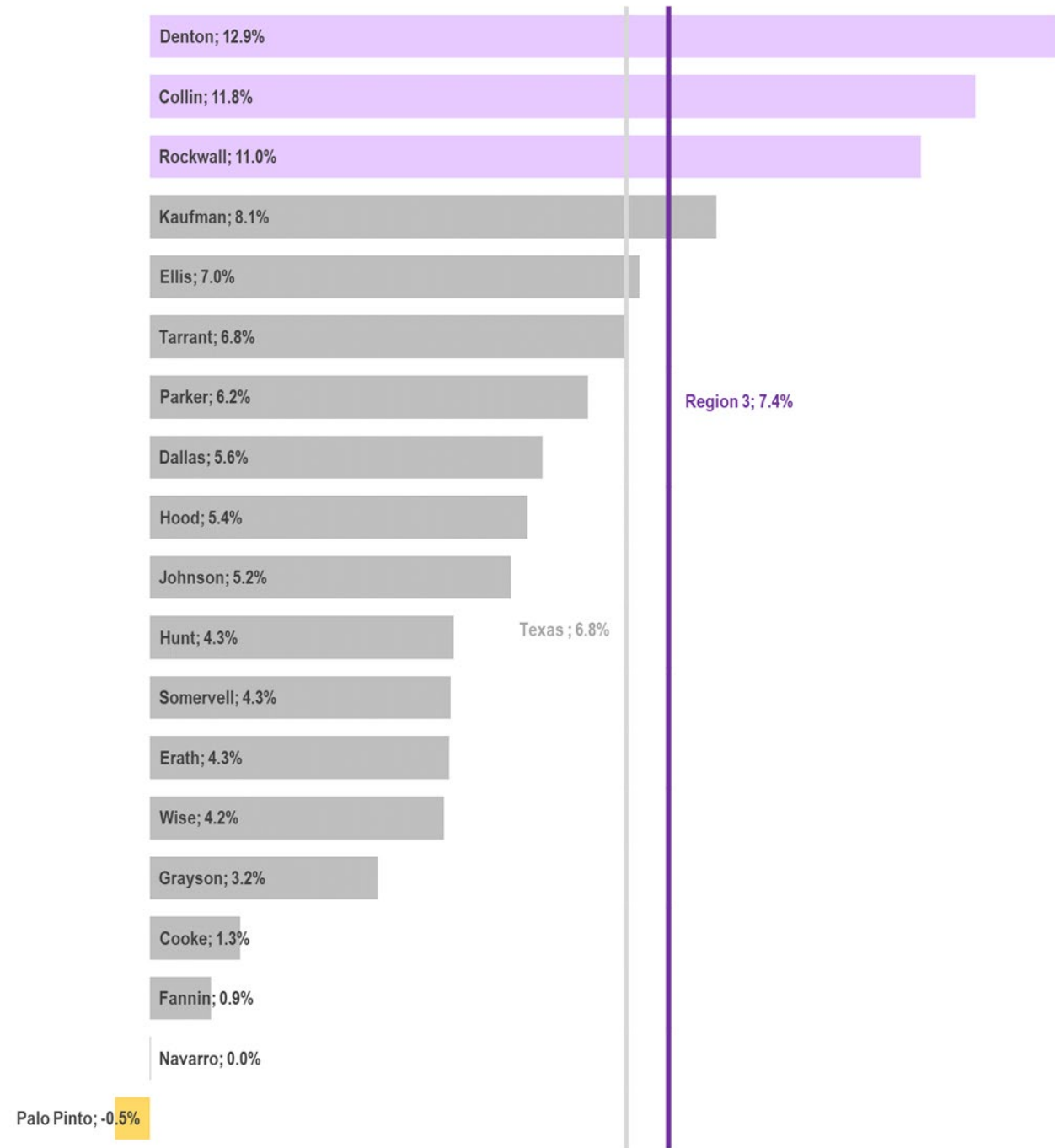


**Region 3** is estimated to have a **7.4% population increase** from 2017 to 2021.  
This rate is slightly higher than Texas (6.8%) but not the highest in the state.



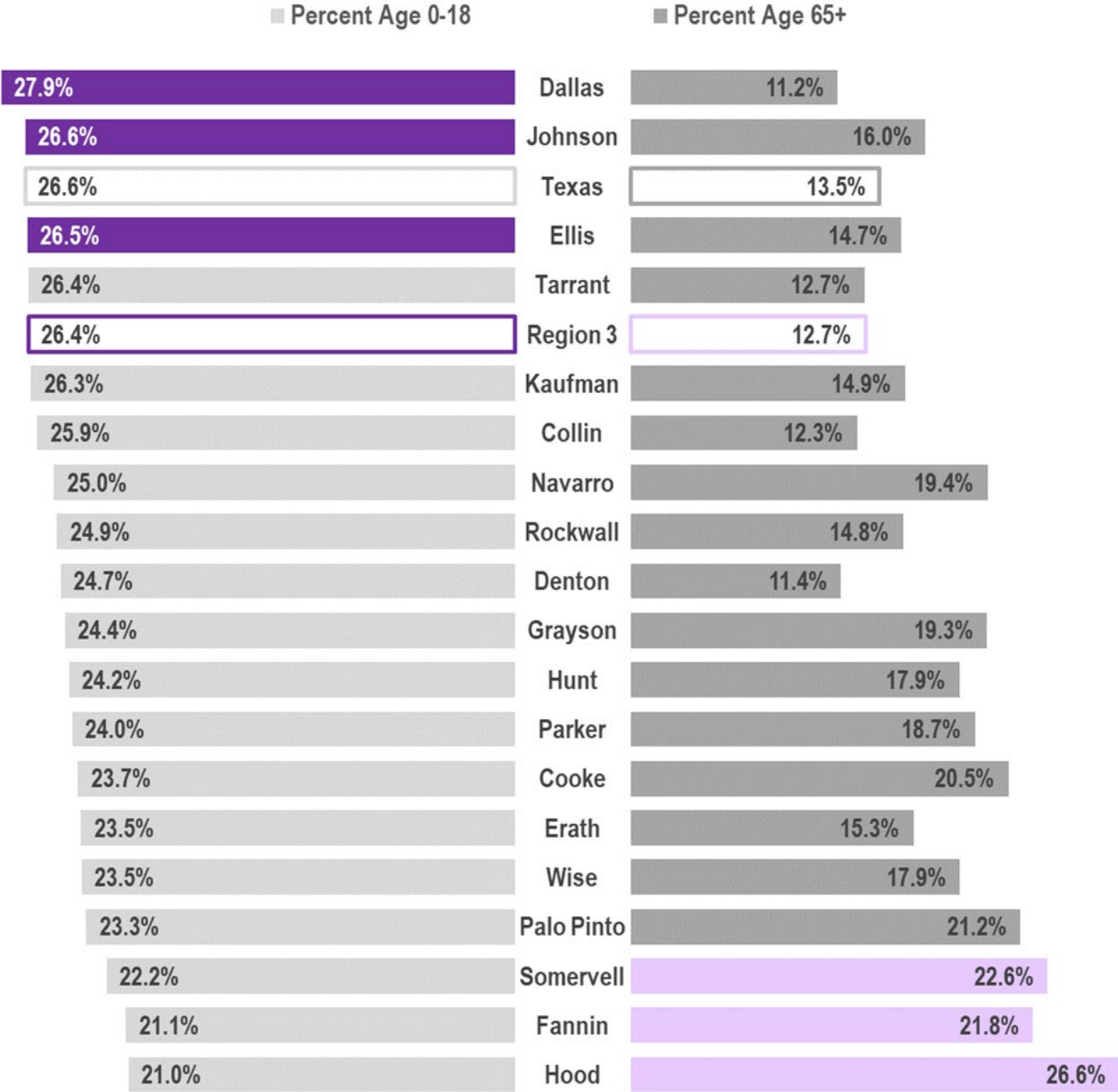


The three counties with the **highest estimated population** growth are Denton, Collin, and Rockwall, respectively. This growth was from 2017 to 2021.





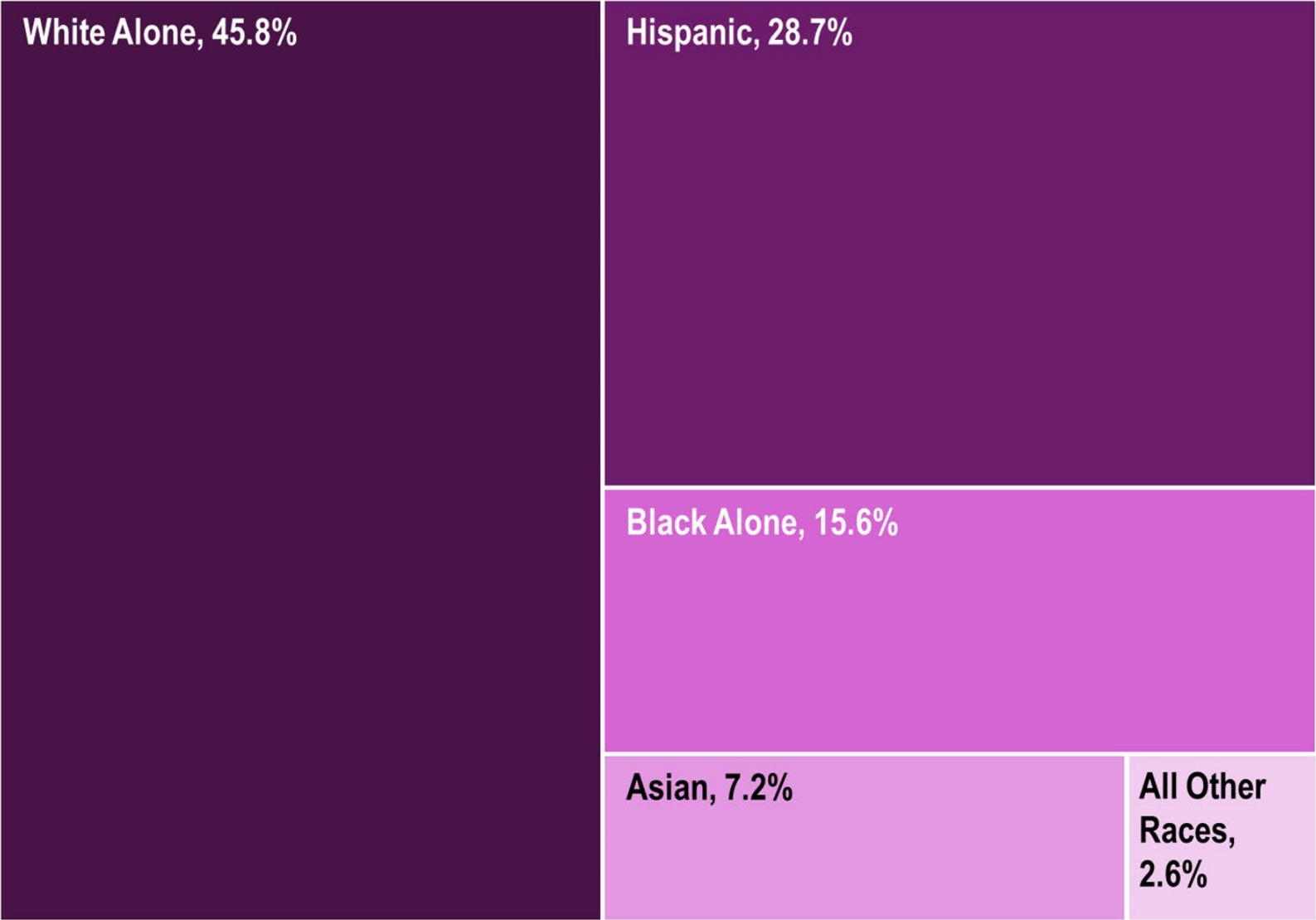
In Region 3, **26.4% of the population is 0-18 years old** and 12.7% are 65 years and older. 2021 data.





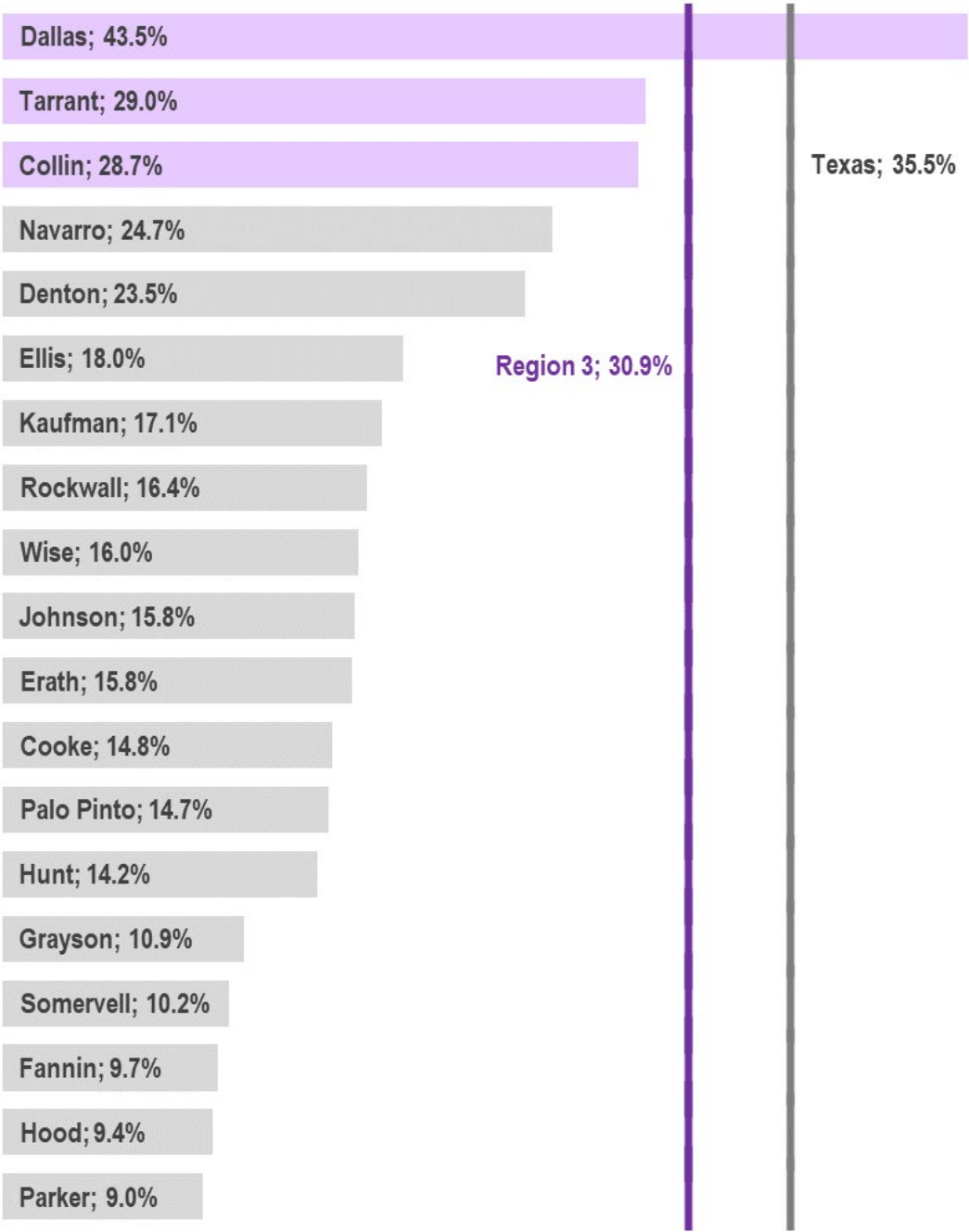
**Region 3 has higher rates than Texas for each race and ethnicity category except Hispanic.**

Texas: White (40.5%), Hispanic (40%), Black Alone(12%), Asian (5.3%), all other races (2.2%).





Dallas is the only county with a higher rate of **multilingual individuals** than Region 3 and Texas.  
2019 data.

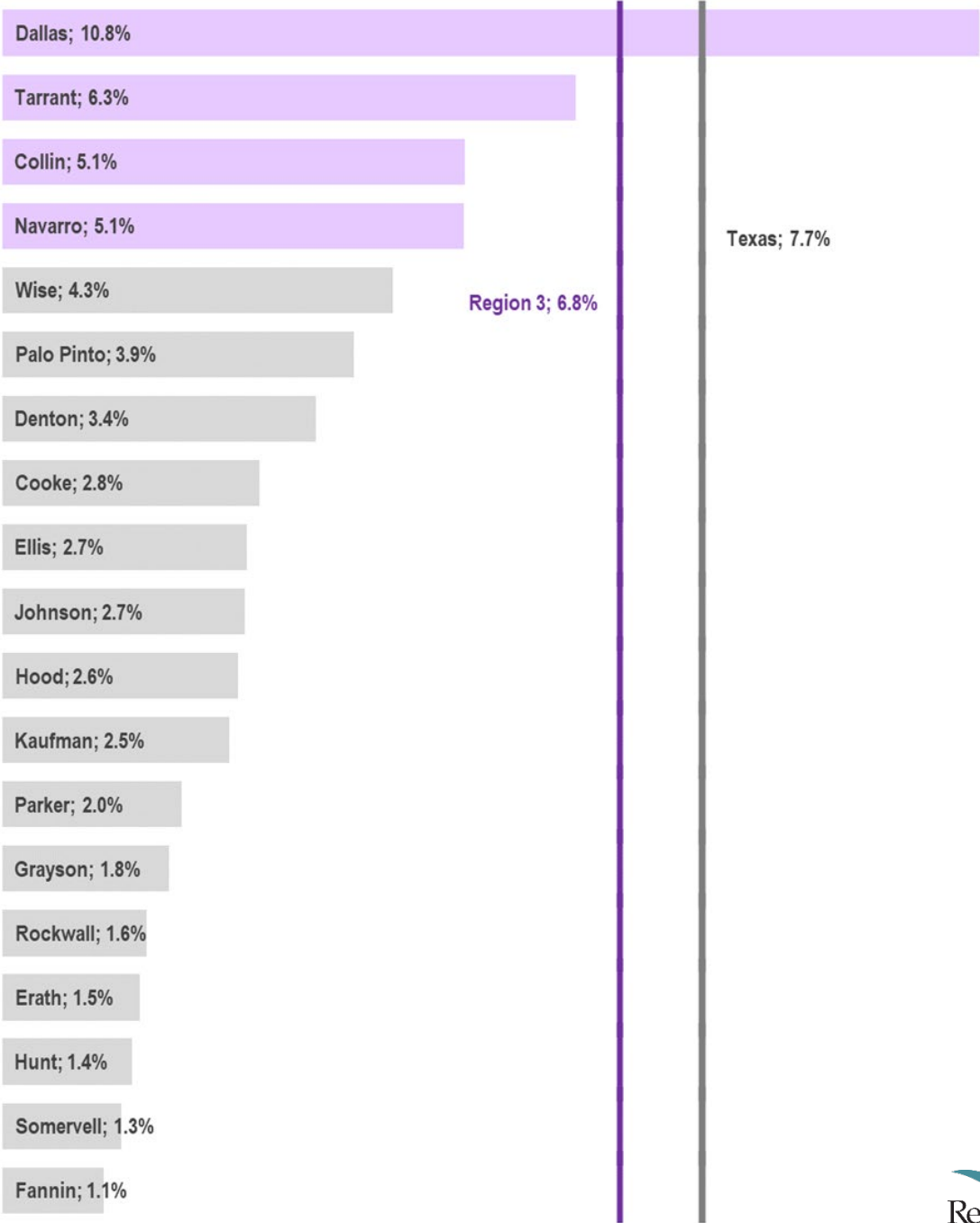






Dallas County has the highest rate of households with **limited English proficiency** at 10.8 % while Fannin County has the lowest rate (1.1%).

2019 data.

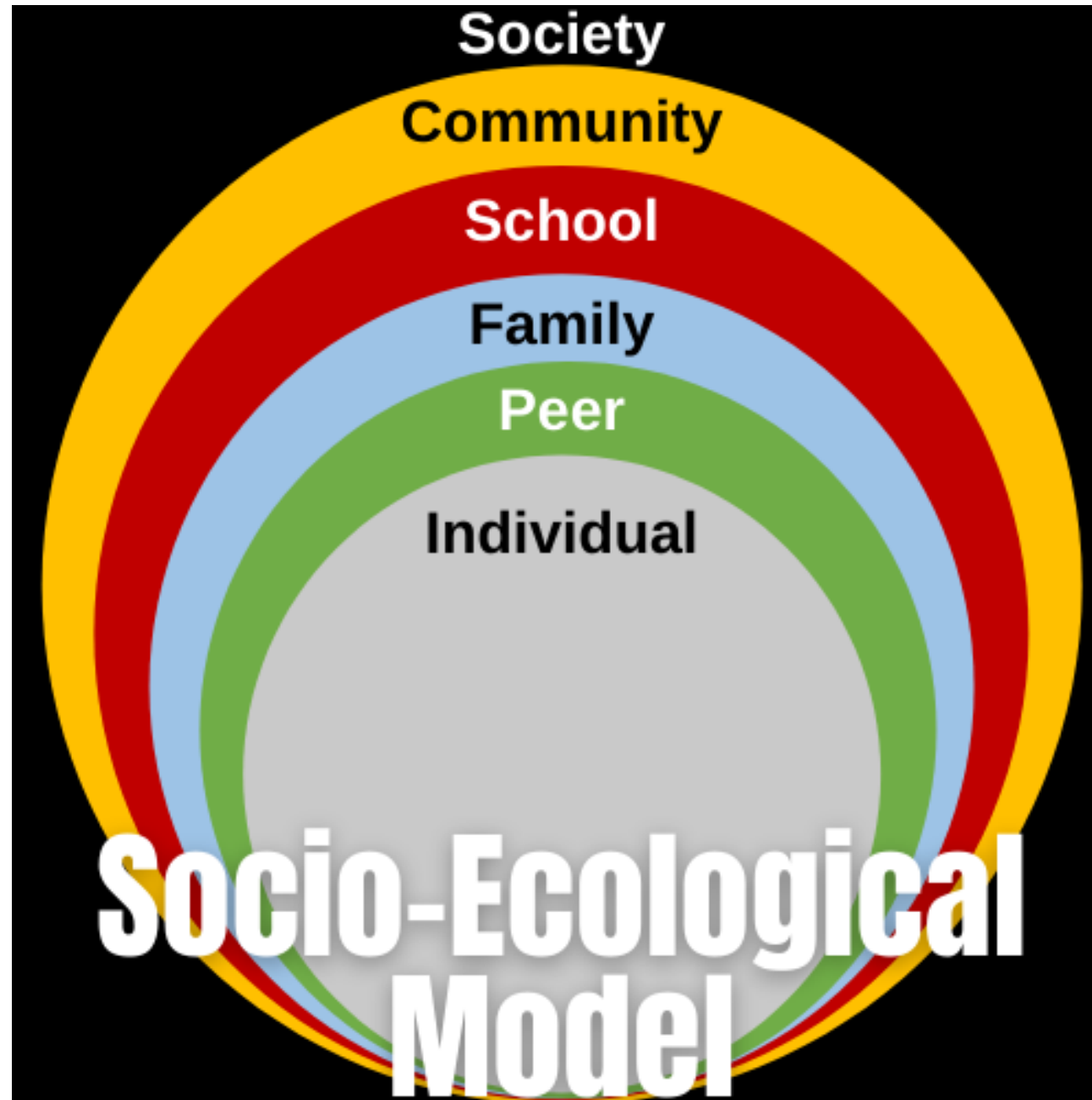


# Risk & Protective Factors



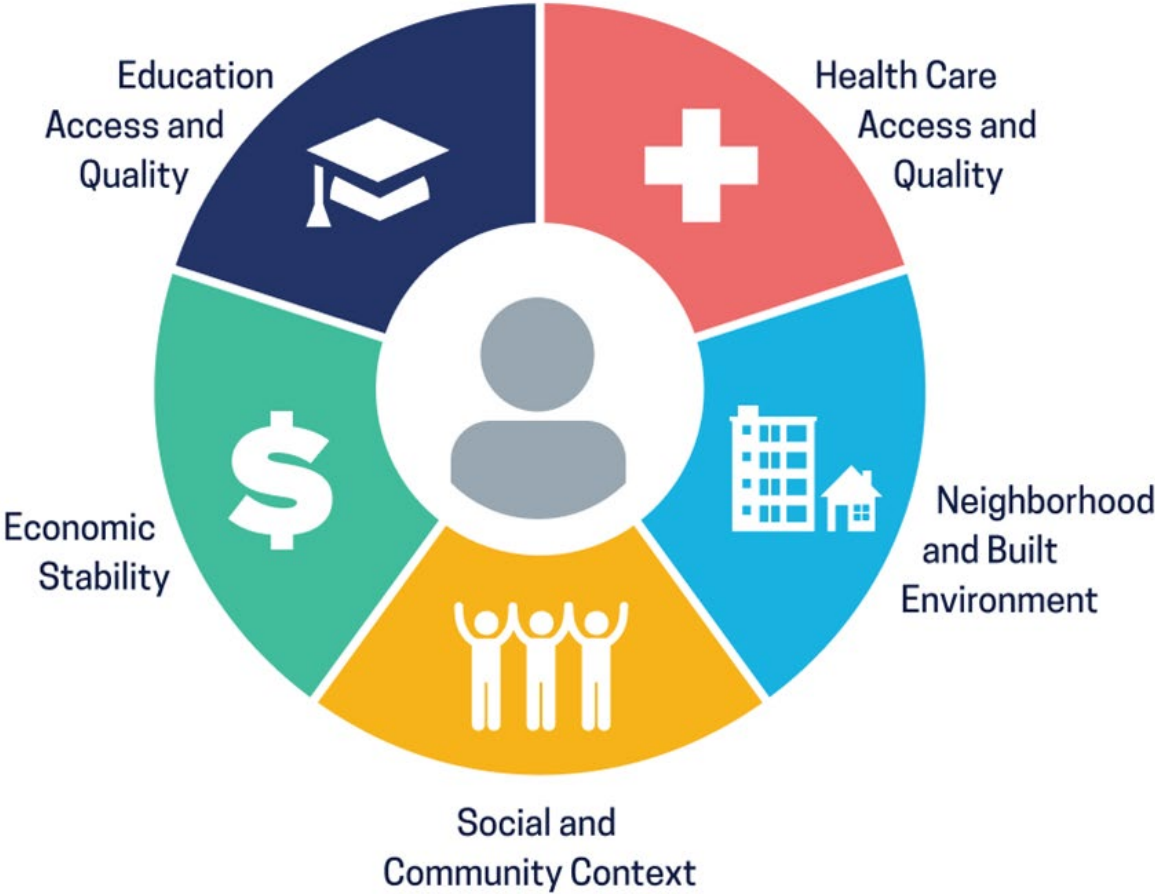
**Macro Level**

**Micro Level**





# Social Determinants of Health



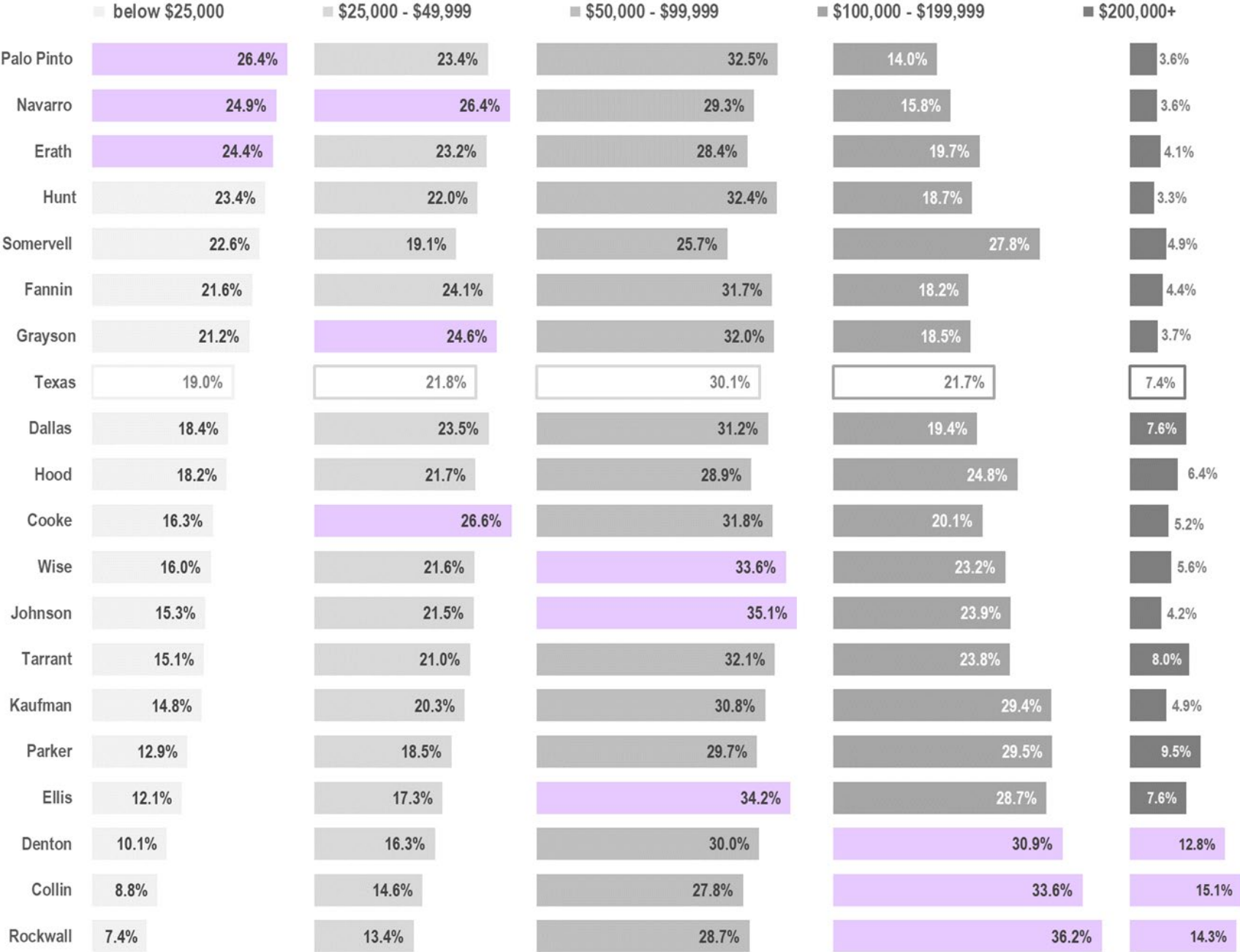


# Societal Domain

Societal domain focuses on social and cultural norms and socio-demographics such as the economic status of the community.



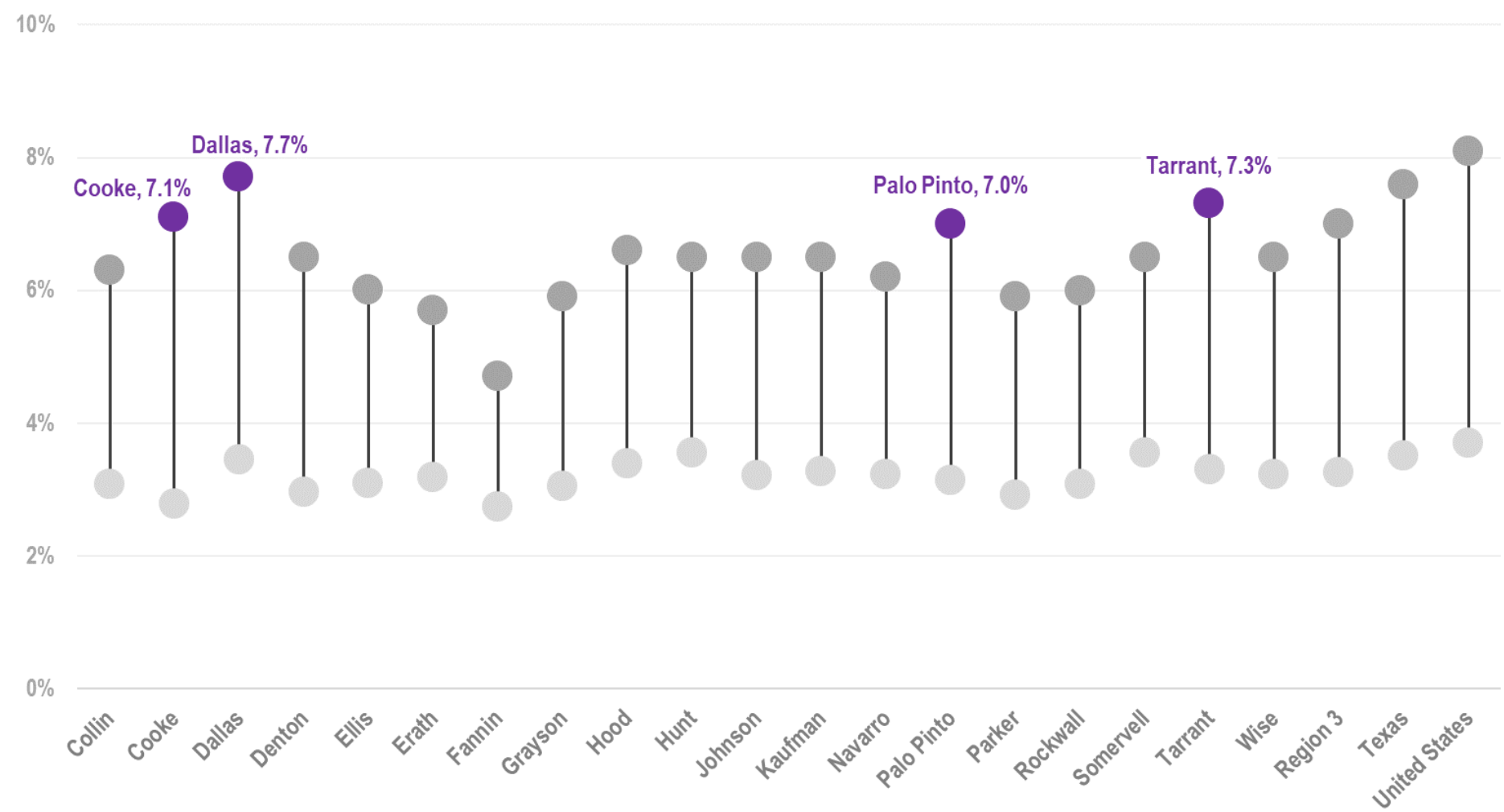
In 2019,  
approximately one  
in four households  
in **Erath, Navarro  
and Palo Pinto**  
Counties had a  
median household  
[income below  
\\$25,000.](#)





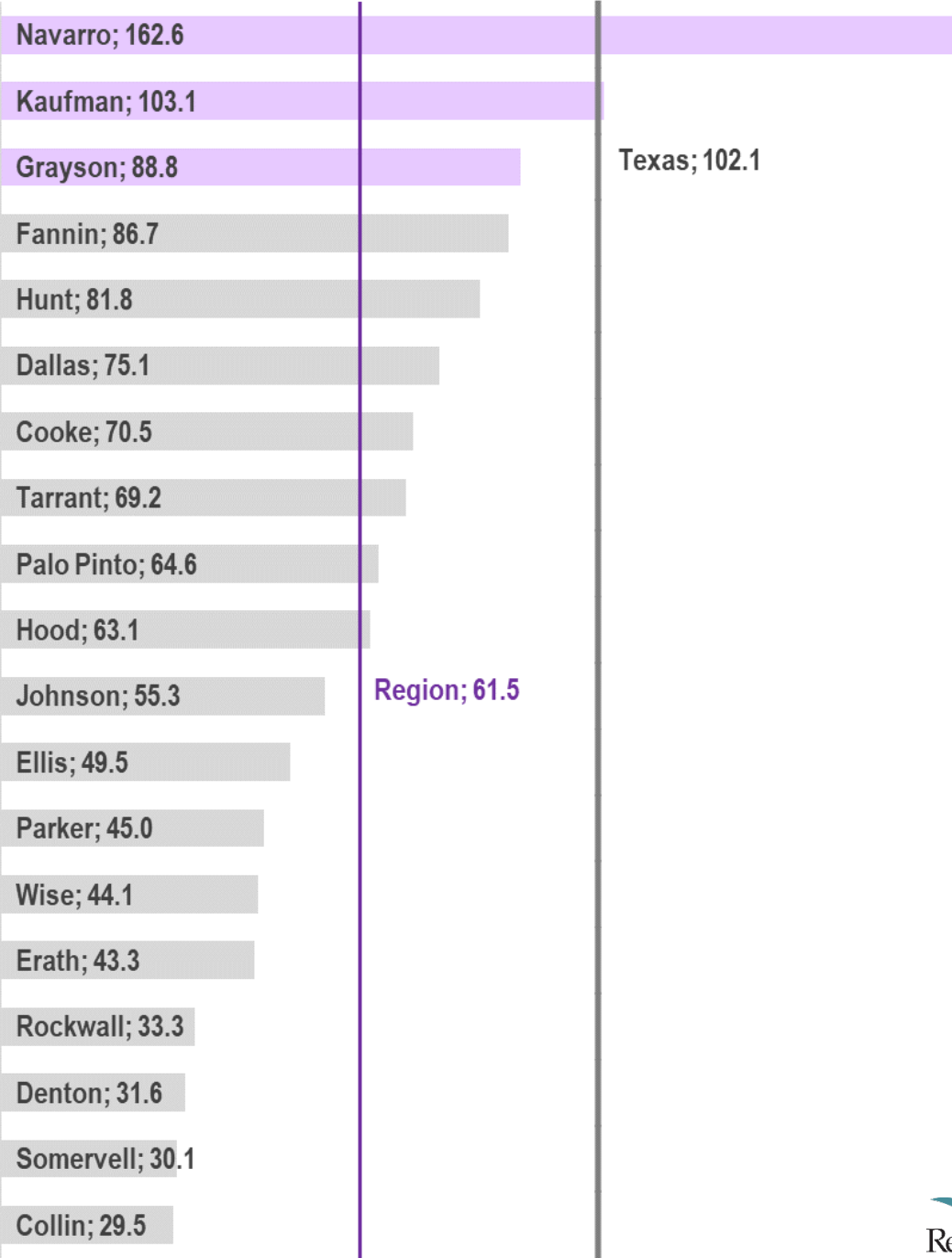
**Cooke County** experienced the **highest rate of increase** of unemployment rates from 2019 to 2020.

From 2.8% to 7.1%





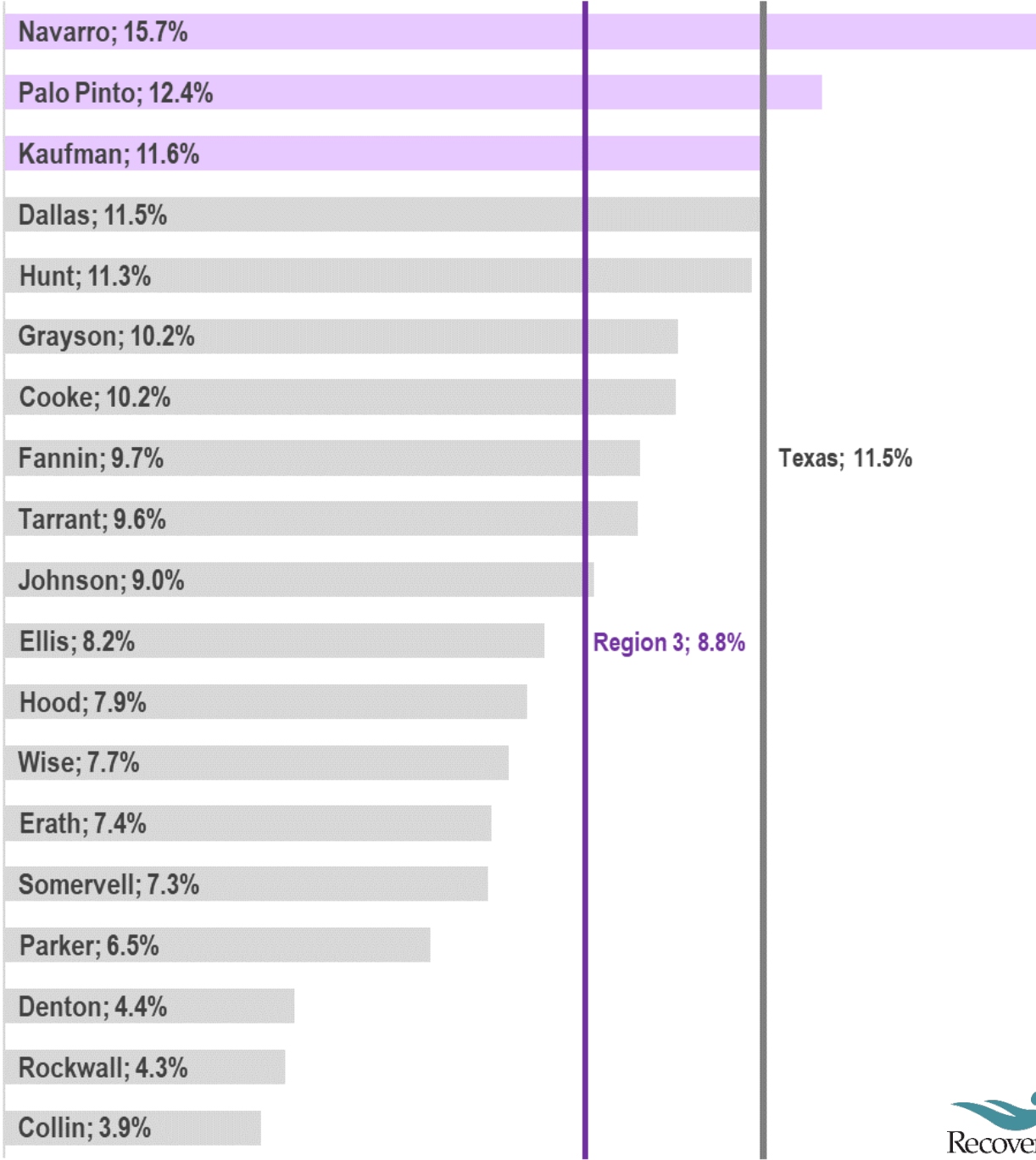
**Navarro County** has a significantly higher rate of recipients for the Texas [Temporary Assistance for Needy Families \(TANF\)](#) program than Region 3 and Texas rates.  
2020 data.





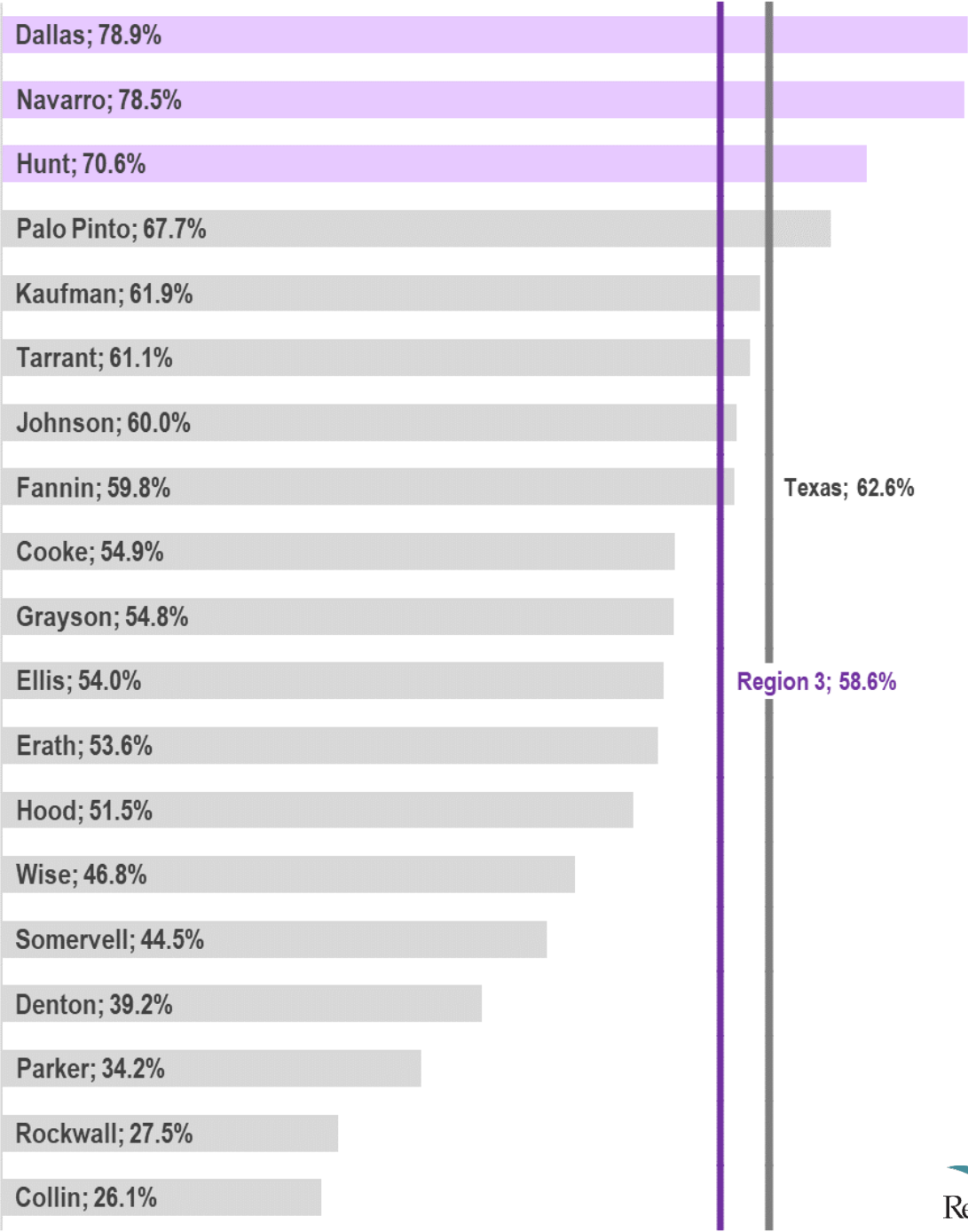


**Navarro County** has the highest rate of participation in the [Supplemental Nutritional Assistance Program \(SNAP\)](#) at 15.7%.  
2020





For the 2019-2020 school year, **Dallas County** has the highest rate of students qualifying for free or reduced-price lunch.



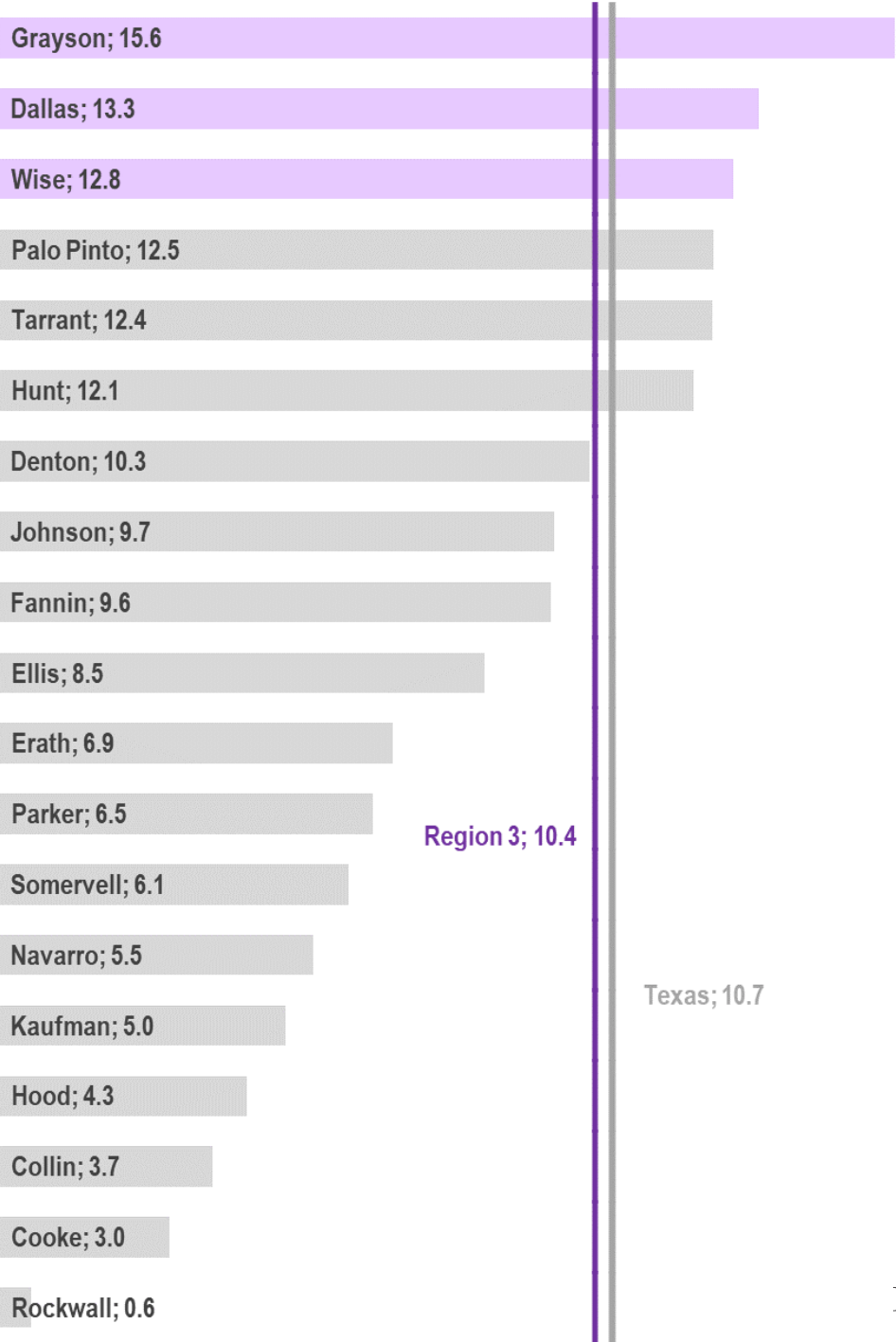
## Children Experiencing Homelessness

Homeless is **defined by the Texas Education Agency (TEA)** according to the McKinney-Vento Homeless Education Assistance Improvements Act of 2001, a federal law. This is defined as students **without a “fixed, regular, and adequate nighttime residence”** and includes children and youths who:

- “are sharing the housing of other persons due to loss of housing, economic hardship, or a similar reason; are living in motels, hotels, trailer parks, or camping grounds due to the lack of alternative adequate accommodations; are living in emergency or transitional shelters; are abandoned in hospitals; or are **awaiting foster care placement**;
- have a primary nighttime residence that is a **public or private place not designed** for or ordinarily used as a regular sleeping accommodation for human beings.
- are **living in cars, parks, public spaces, abandoned buildings**, substandard housing, bus or train stations, or similar settings; and
- are **migratory children** (as such term is defined in section 1309 of the Elementary and Secondary Education Act of 1965) who qualify as homeless for the purposes of this subtitle because the children are living in circumstances described in the above.”



Grayson, Wise and Dallas Counties had the highest rates of students experiencing homelessness during the 2020-2021 school year. This rate is per 1,000 students.



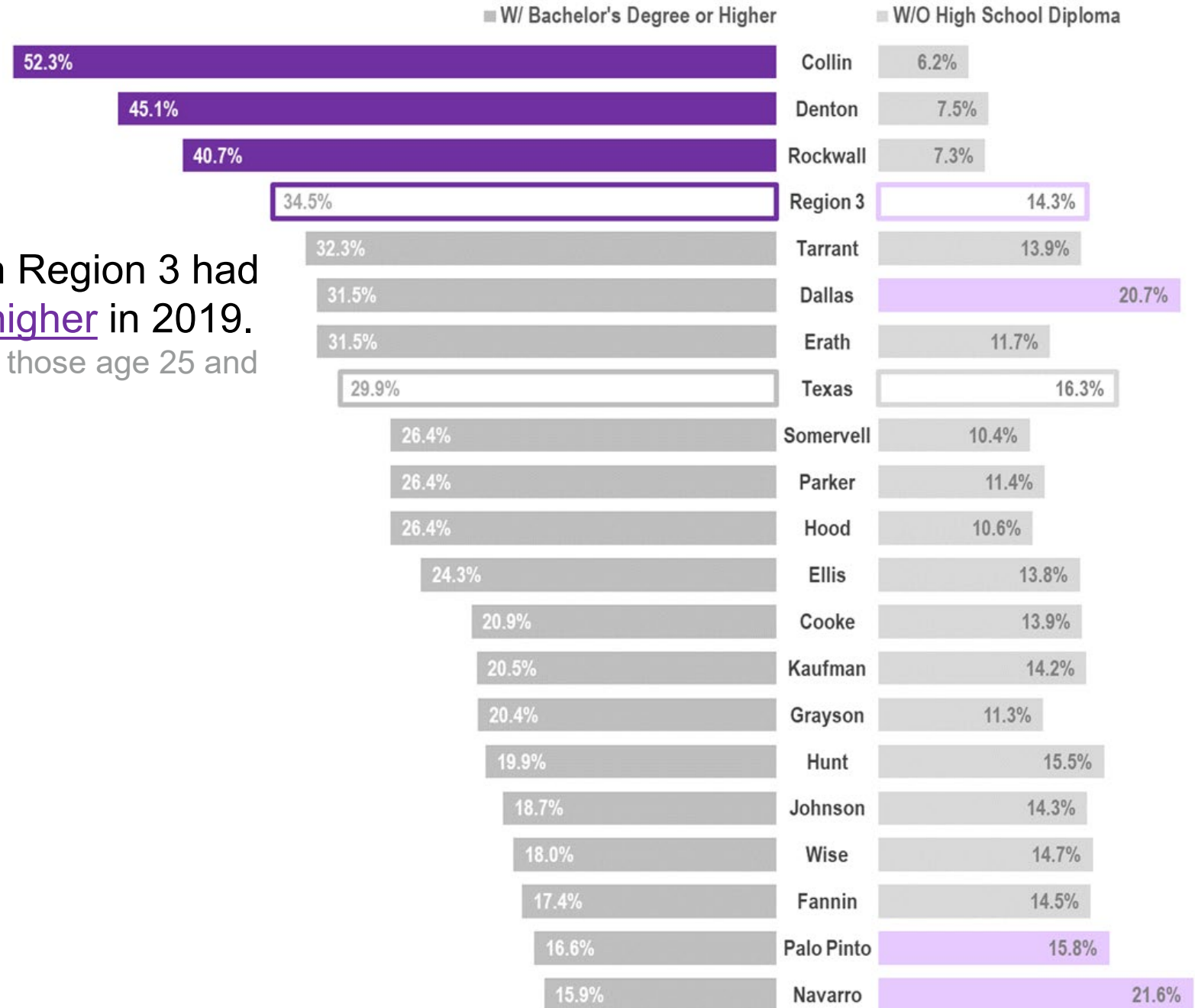


# Community Domain

The community domain focuses on social and physical factors that indirectly influence youth including educational attainment of the community, community conditions, the health care/service system, and retail access to substances.

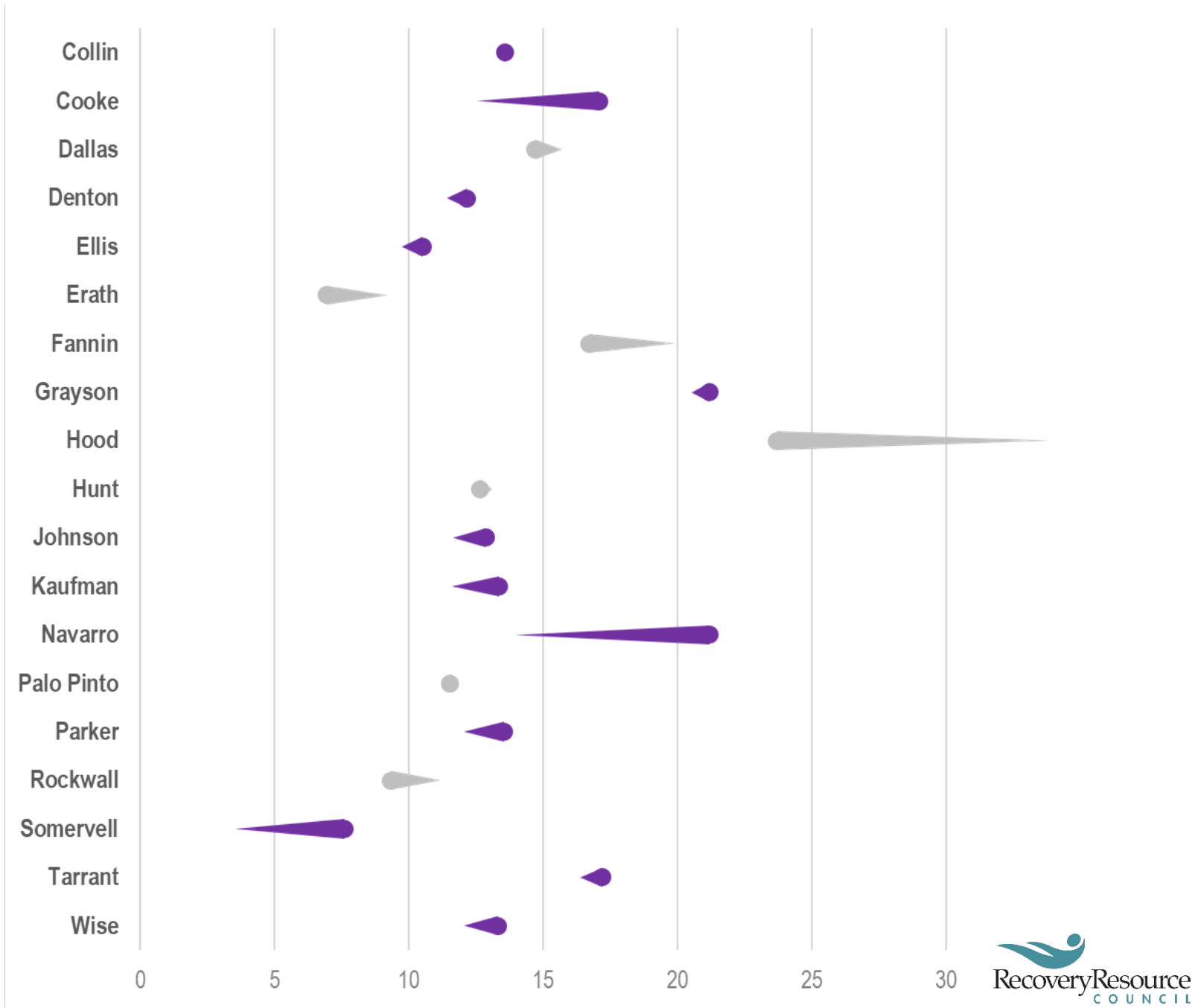


Almost 35% of people in Region 3 had a bachelor's degree or higher in 2019. This rate is calculated only for those age 25 and older.



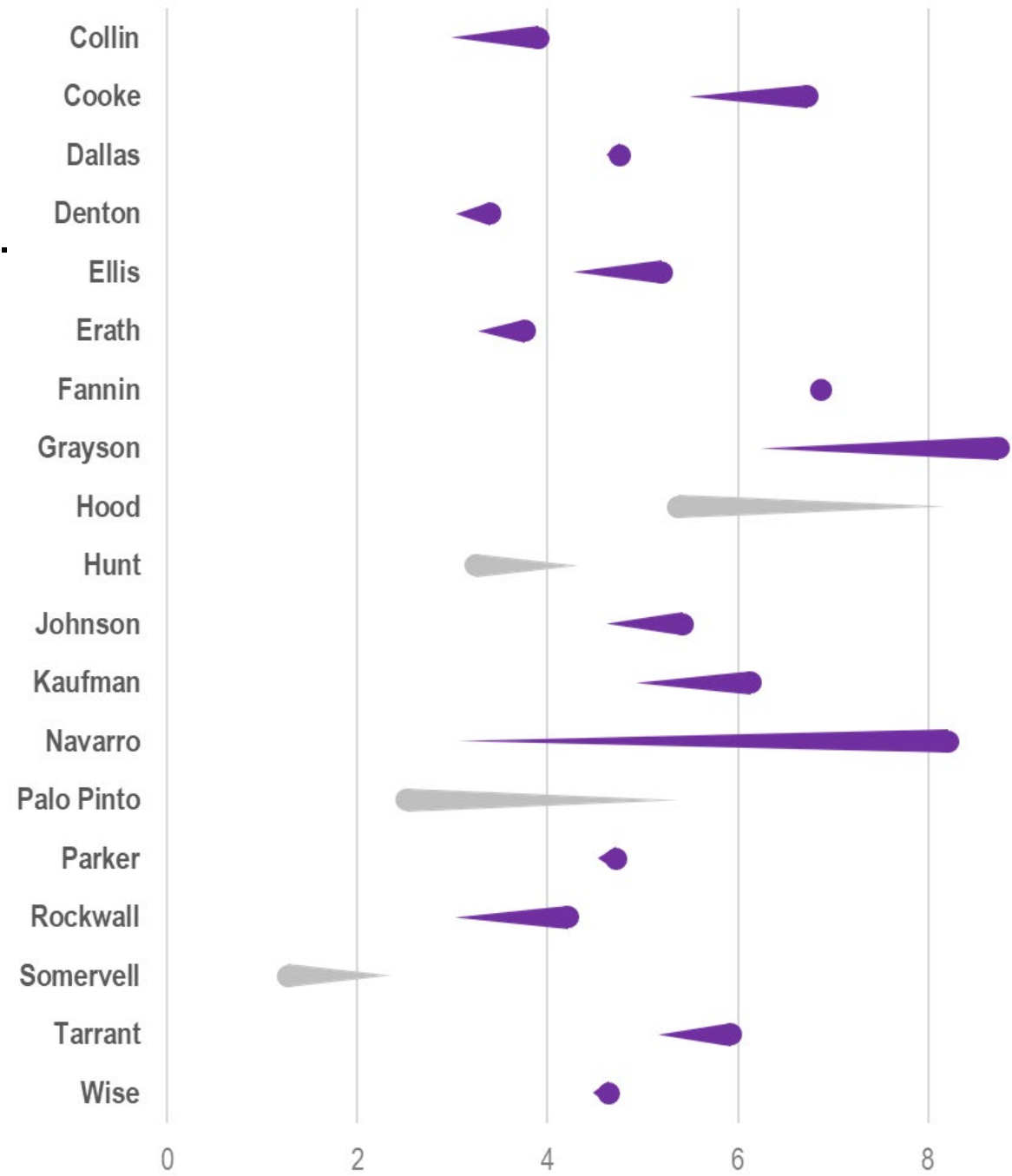


**Navarro County** saw the **highest rate of increase** for total referrals to Juvenile Justice. This increase is from 2017 to 2019.





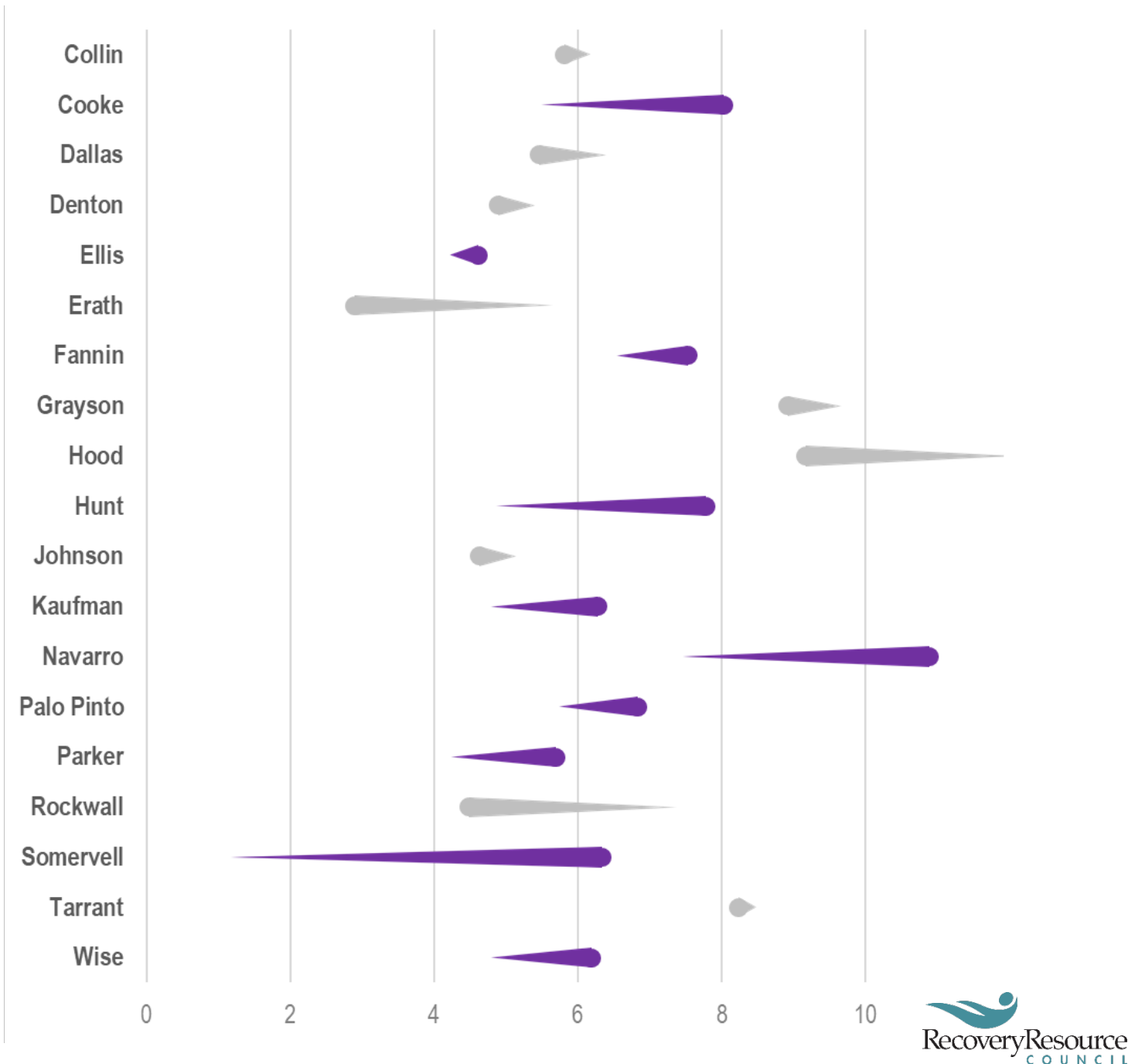
Navarro County saw the **highest rate of increase** for felony offenses in the Juvenile Justice system. This increase is from 2017 to 2019.







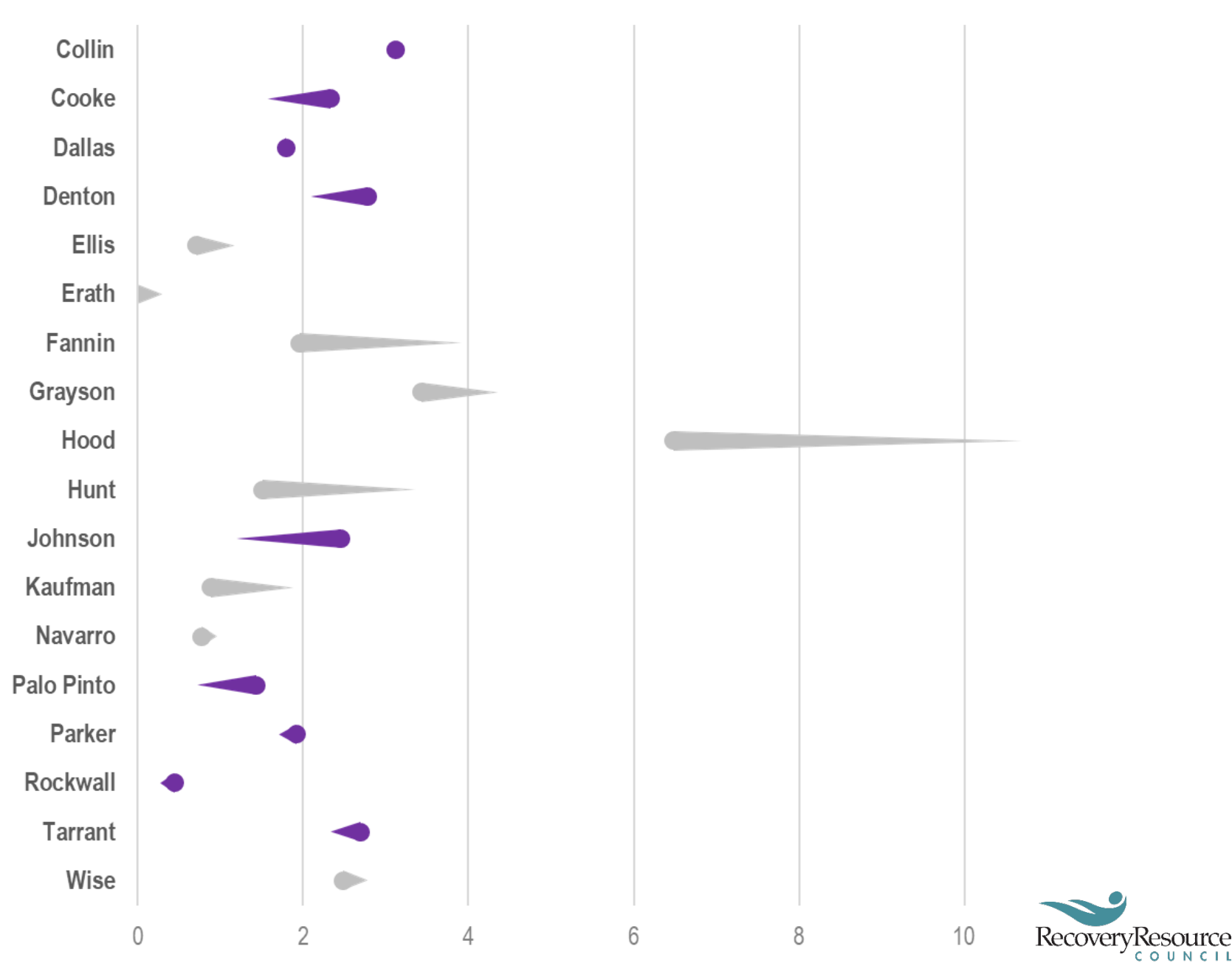
**Somervell County** saw the **highest rate of increase** for misdemeanor A&B offenses in the Juvenile Justice system.  
This increase is from 2017 to 2019.





# Hood County saw the highest rate of decrease for violations of probation (VOP) in the Juvenile Justice system.

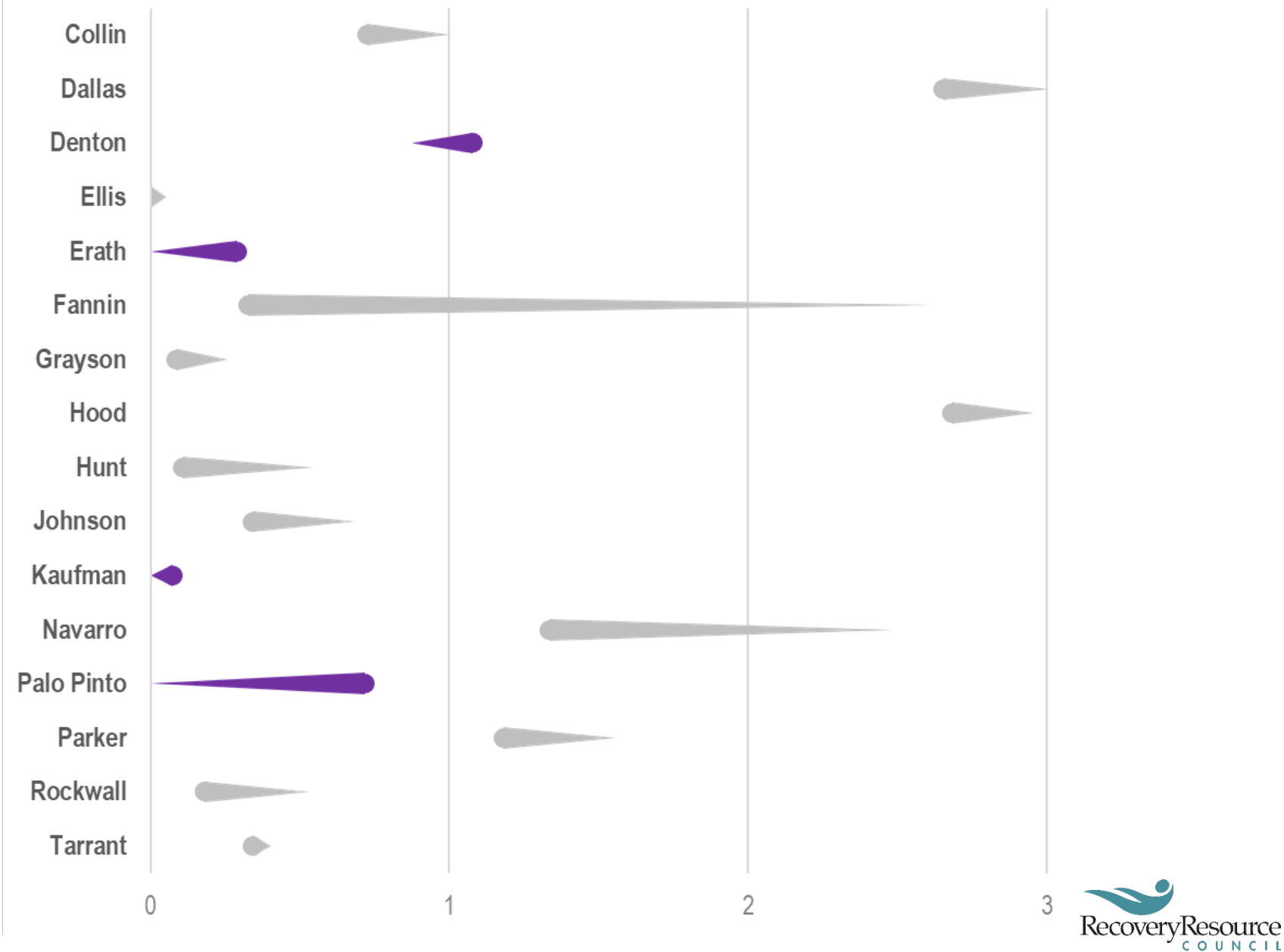
This increase is from 2017 to 2019.





**Fannin County** saw the **highest rate of decrease** for conduct in need of supervision (CINS) in the Juvenile Justice system.

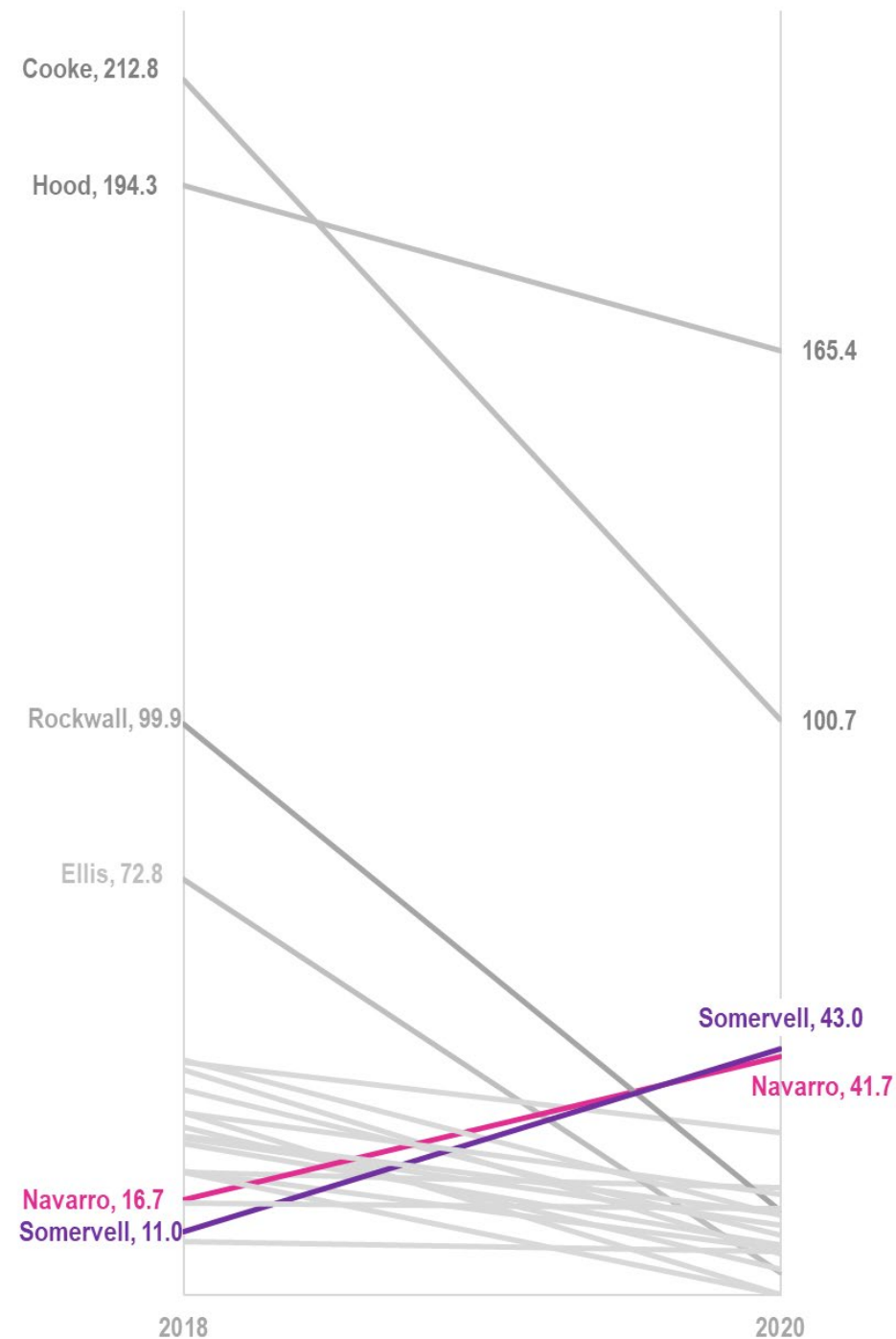
This increase is from 2017 to 2019.





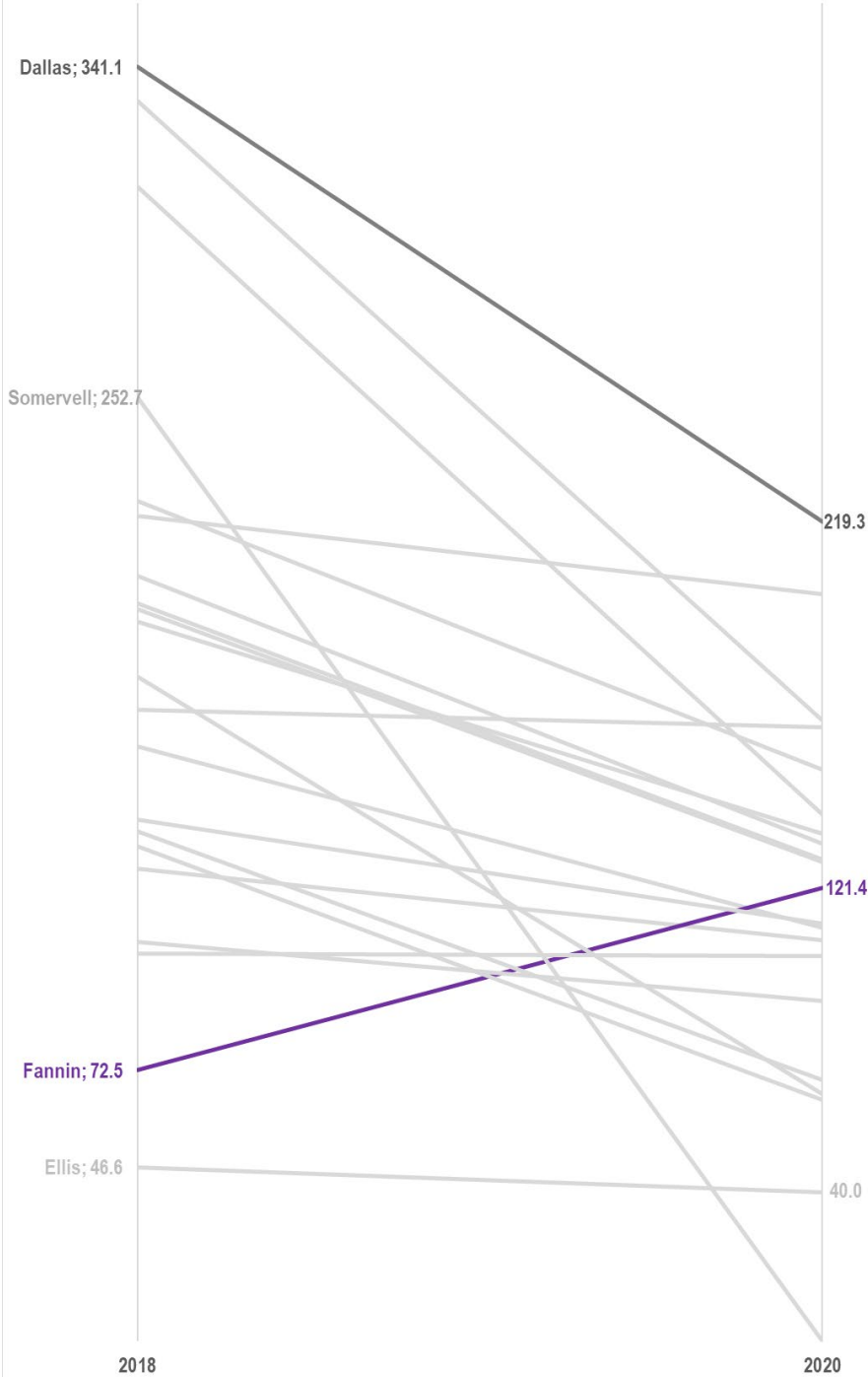
**Navarro** and **Somervell** Counties saw the **highest rates of increase** for liquor law violation arrests.

This is between 2018 to 2020



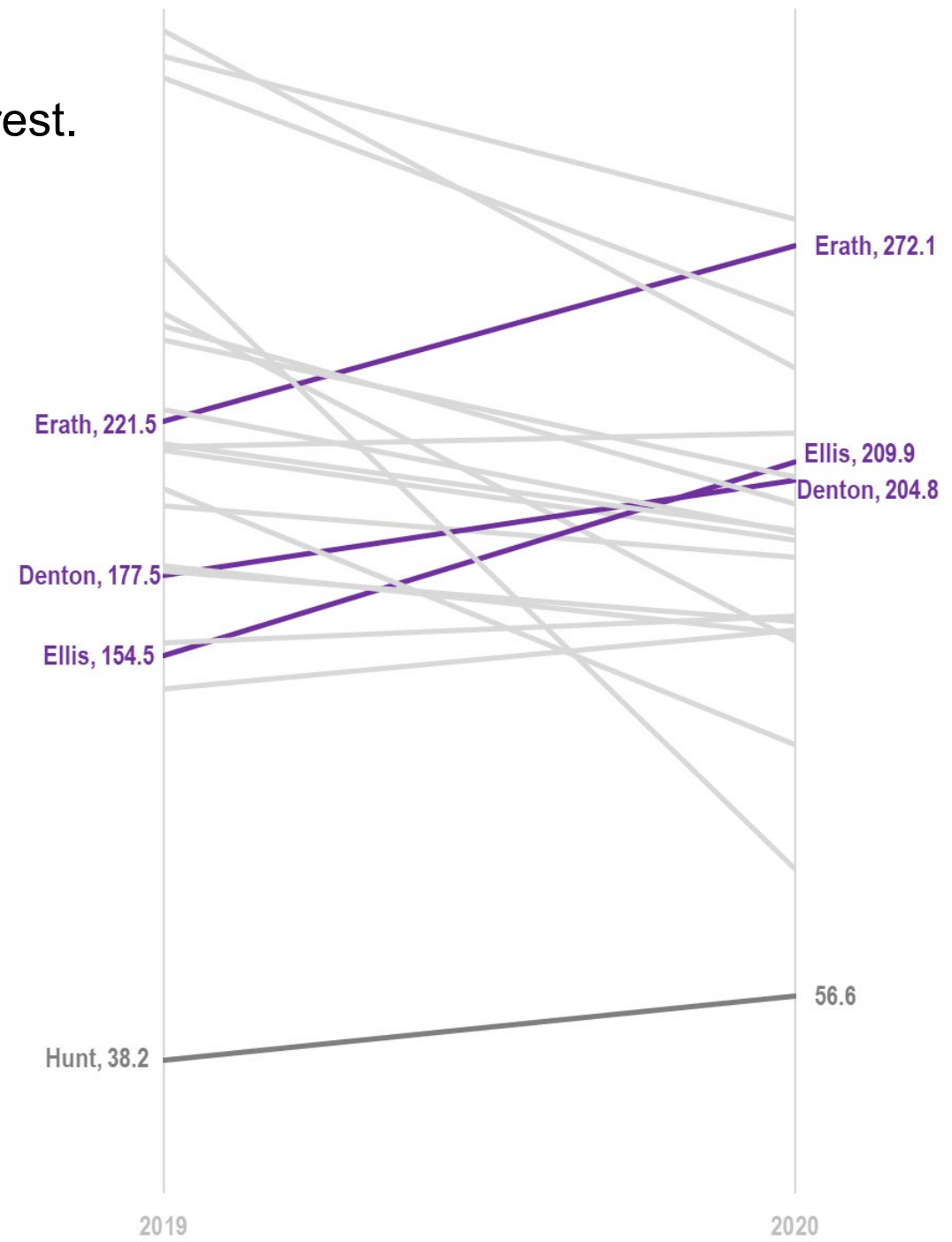


**Fannin** is the only county that saw an **increase** in arrest rates for drunkenness from 2018 to 2020. Somervell saw the greatest decrease over the three-year period.





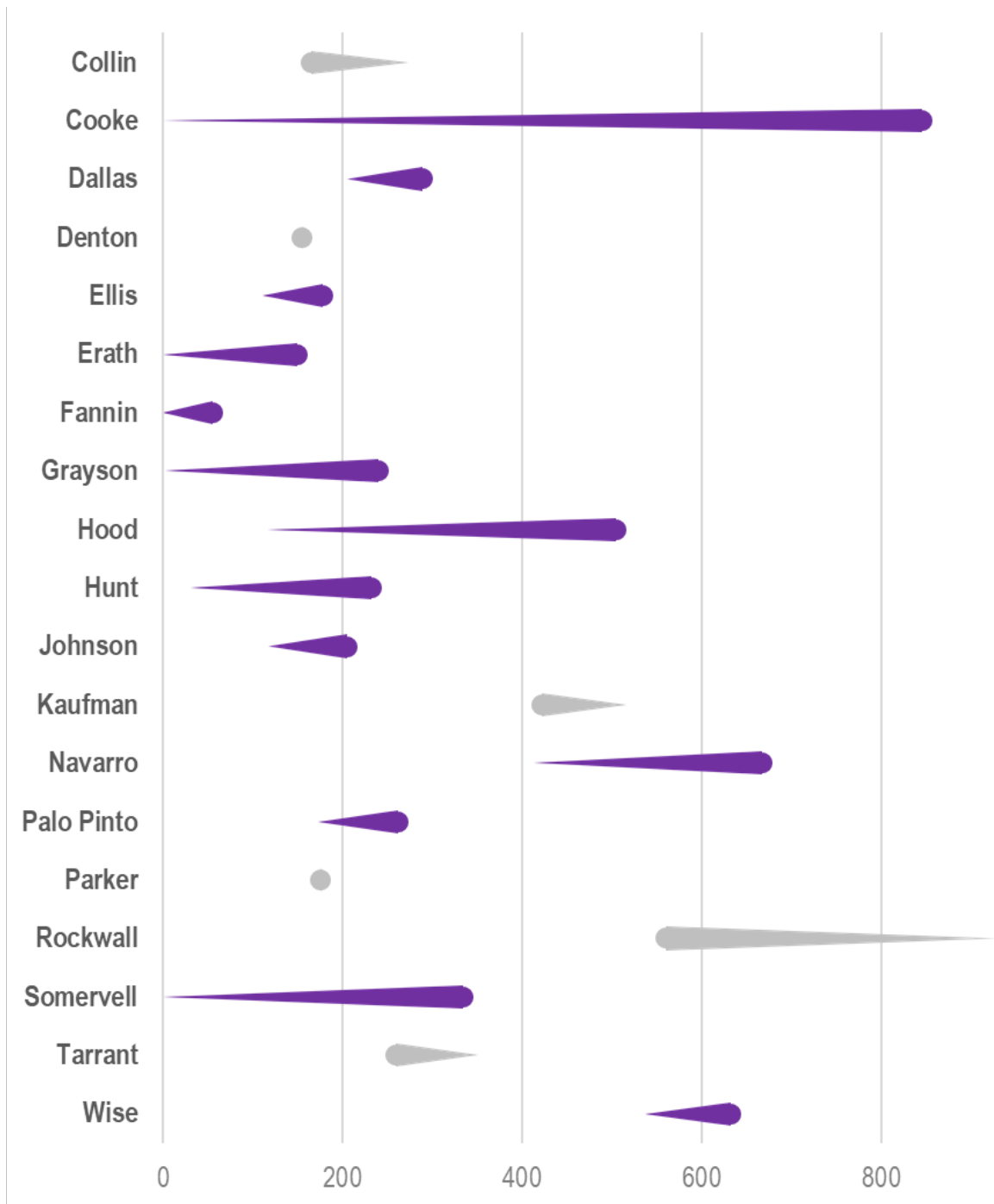
**Erath, Ellis, and Denton** Counties saw the highest rates of increase for DUI (alcohol) arrest. This is from 2019 to 2020.





**Cooke County** saw the **highest rate of increase** for drug/narcotic violation arrests.

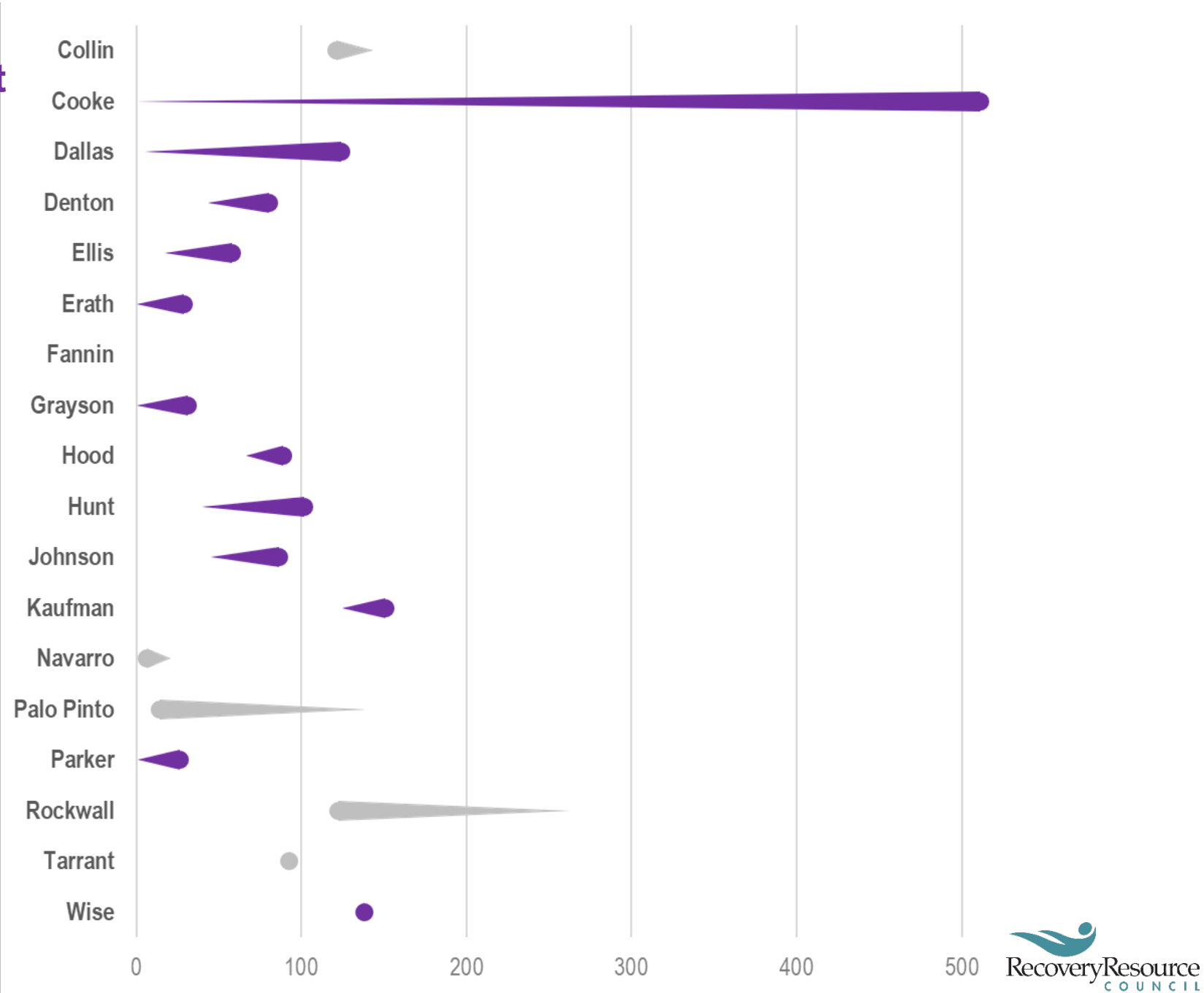
This shows 2018 to 2020





**Cooke County** saw the **highest rate of increase** for drug equipment violation arrests.

This shows 2018 to 2020

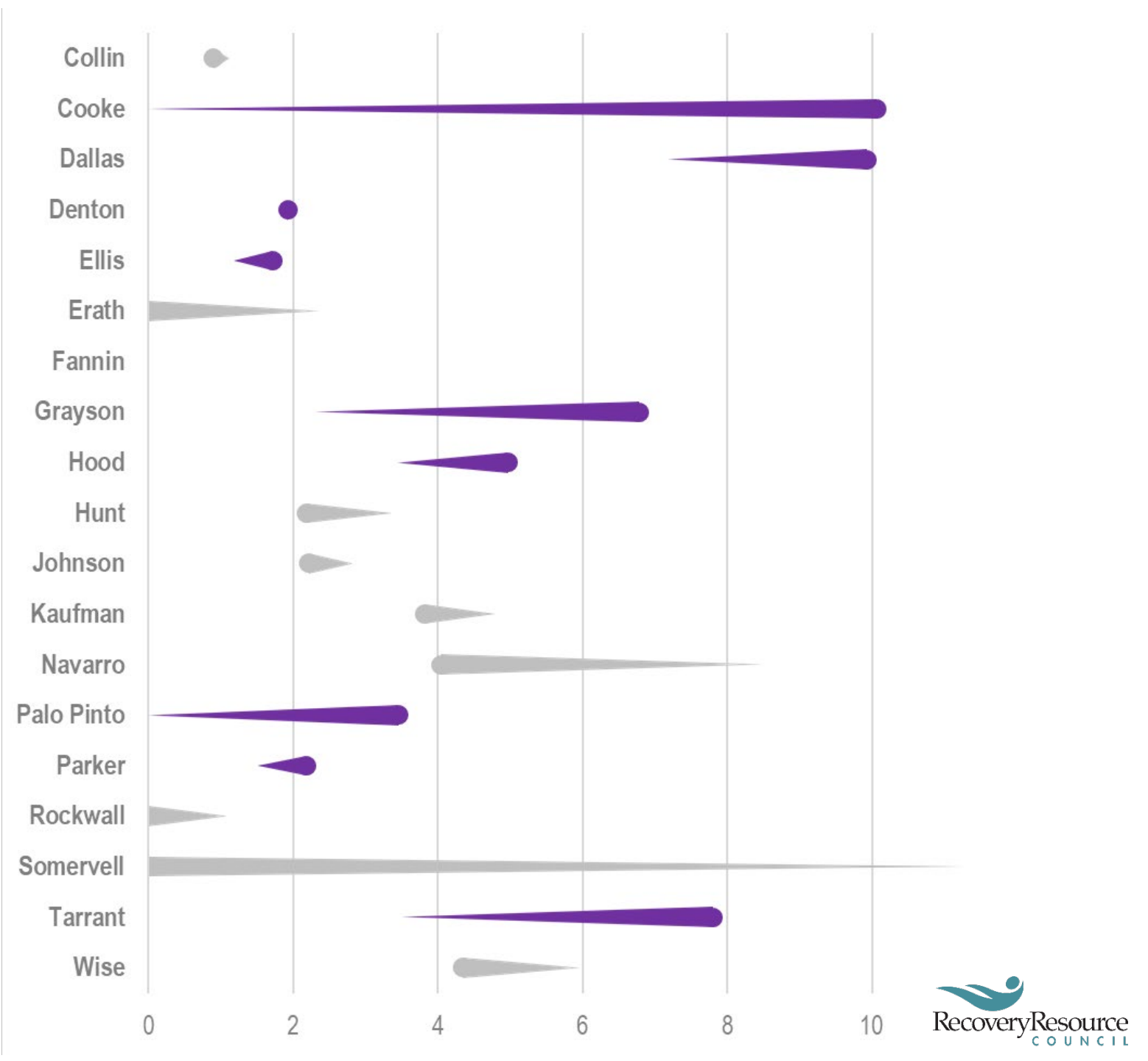






**Cooke County** saw the **highest rate of increase** for murder cases.

This shows 2018 to 2020





**Somervell County** saw the **highest rate of increase** for rape cases.

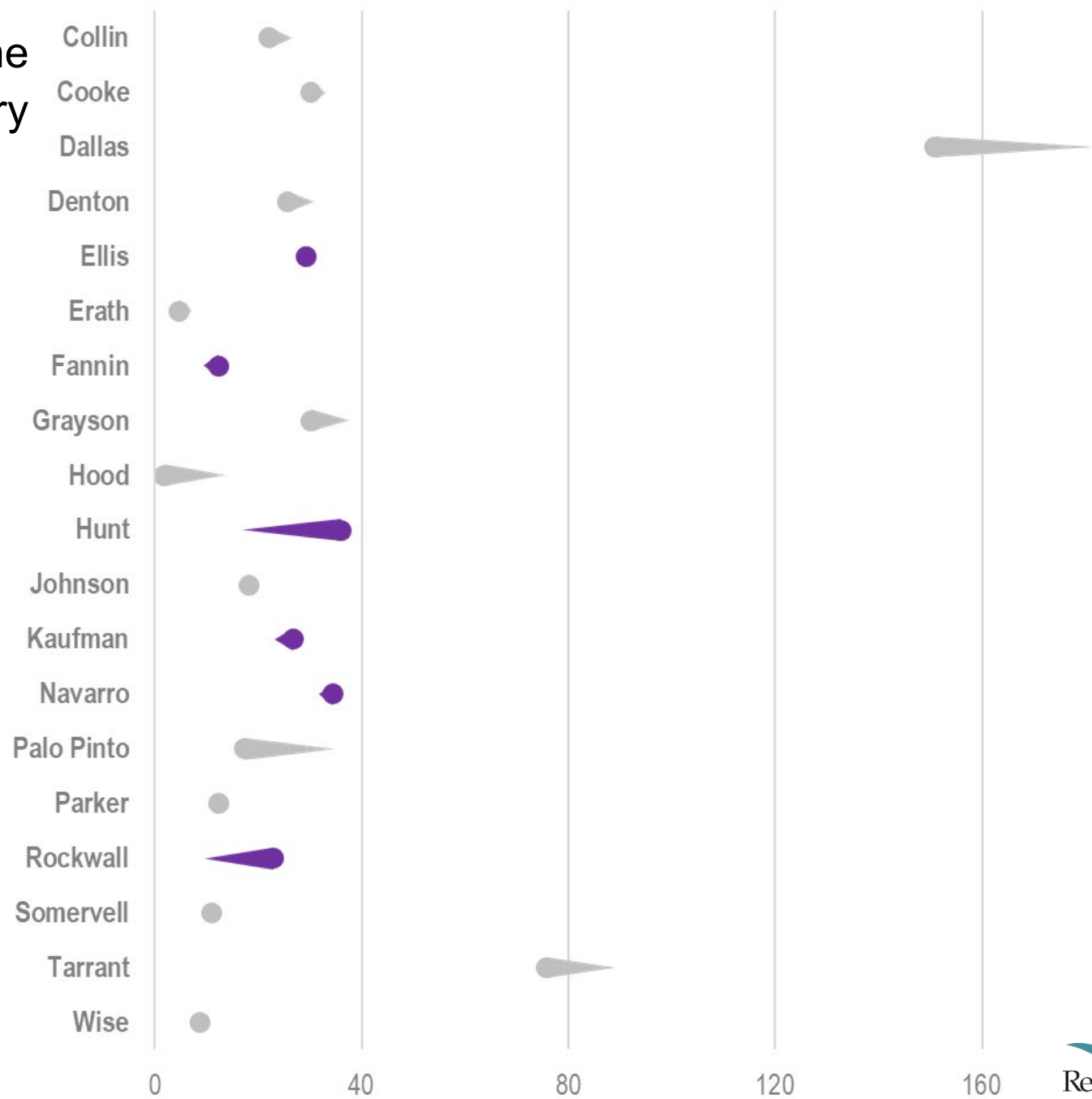
This shows 2018 to 2020





# Hunt and Rockwall Counties saw the highest rates of increase for robbery cases.

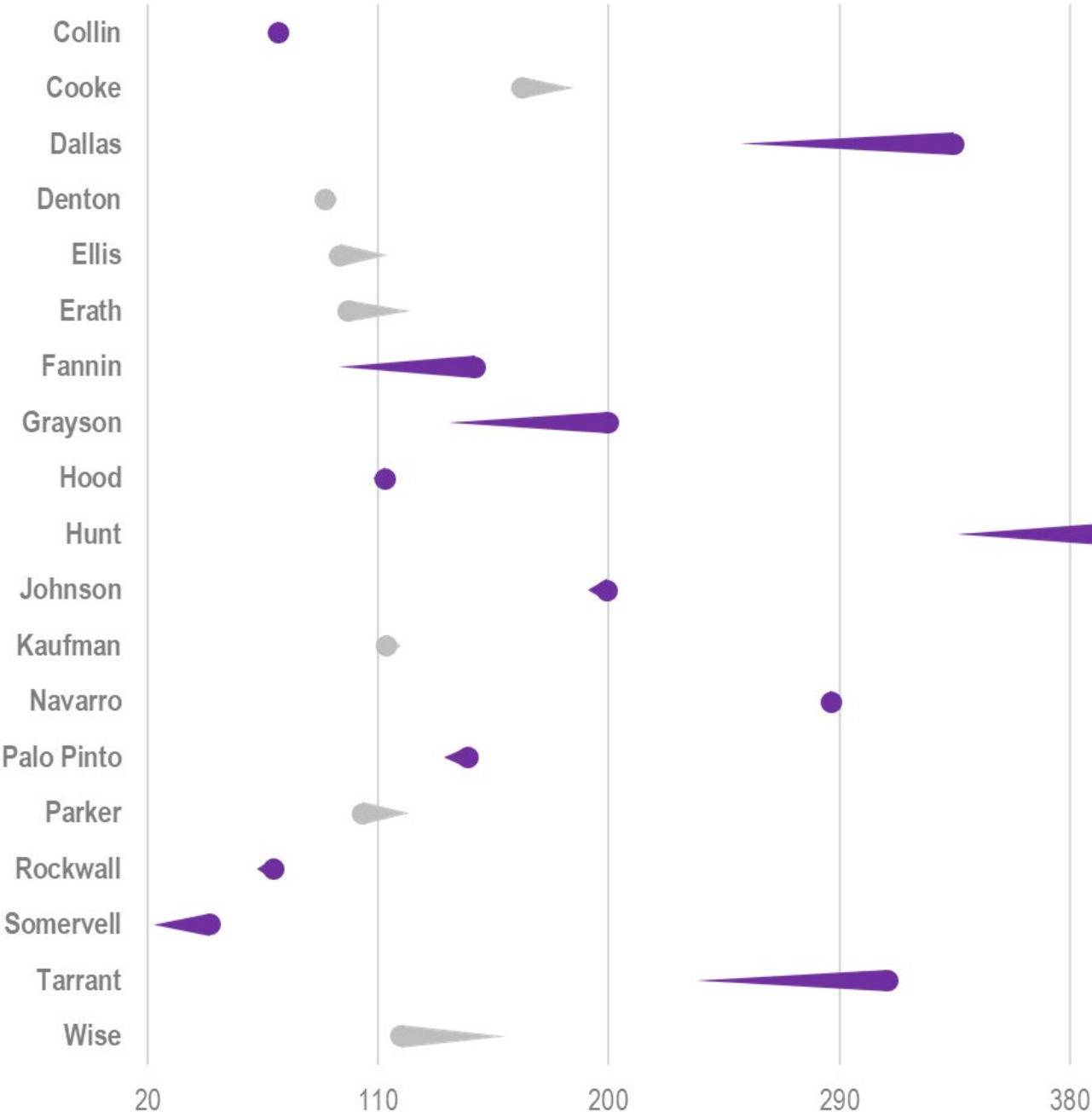
This shows 2018 to 2020.





**Dallas and Tarrant Counties saw the **highest rates of increase** for aggravated assault cases.**

This shows 2018 to 2020.



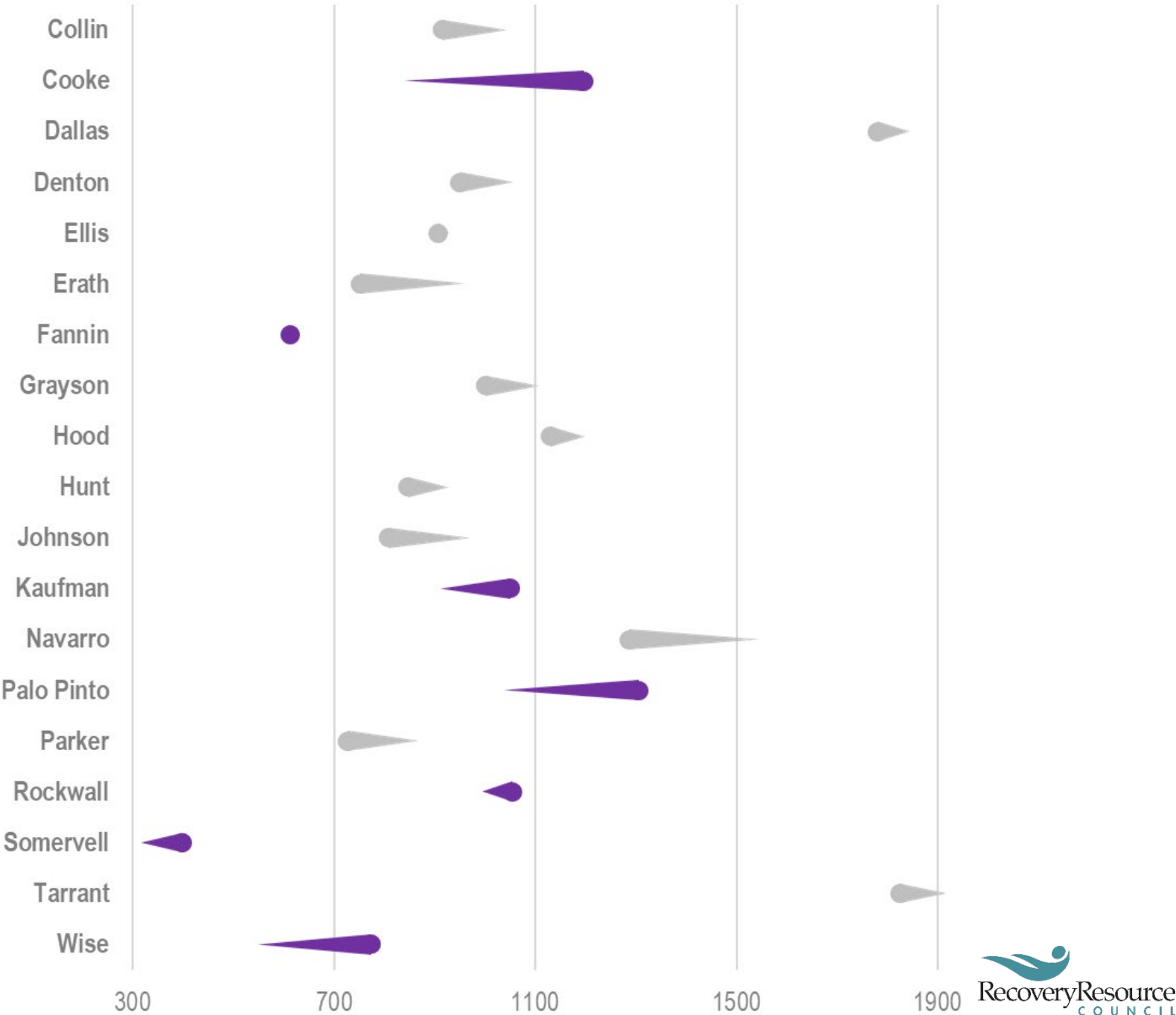


**Somervell County** saw the **highest rate of increase** for burglary cases. This shows 2018 to 2020.



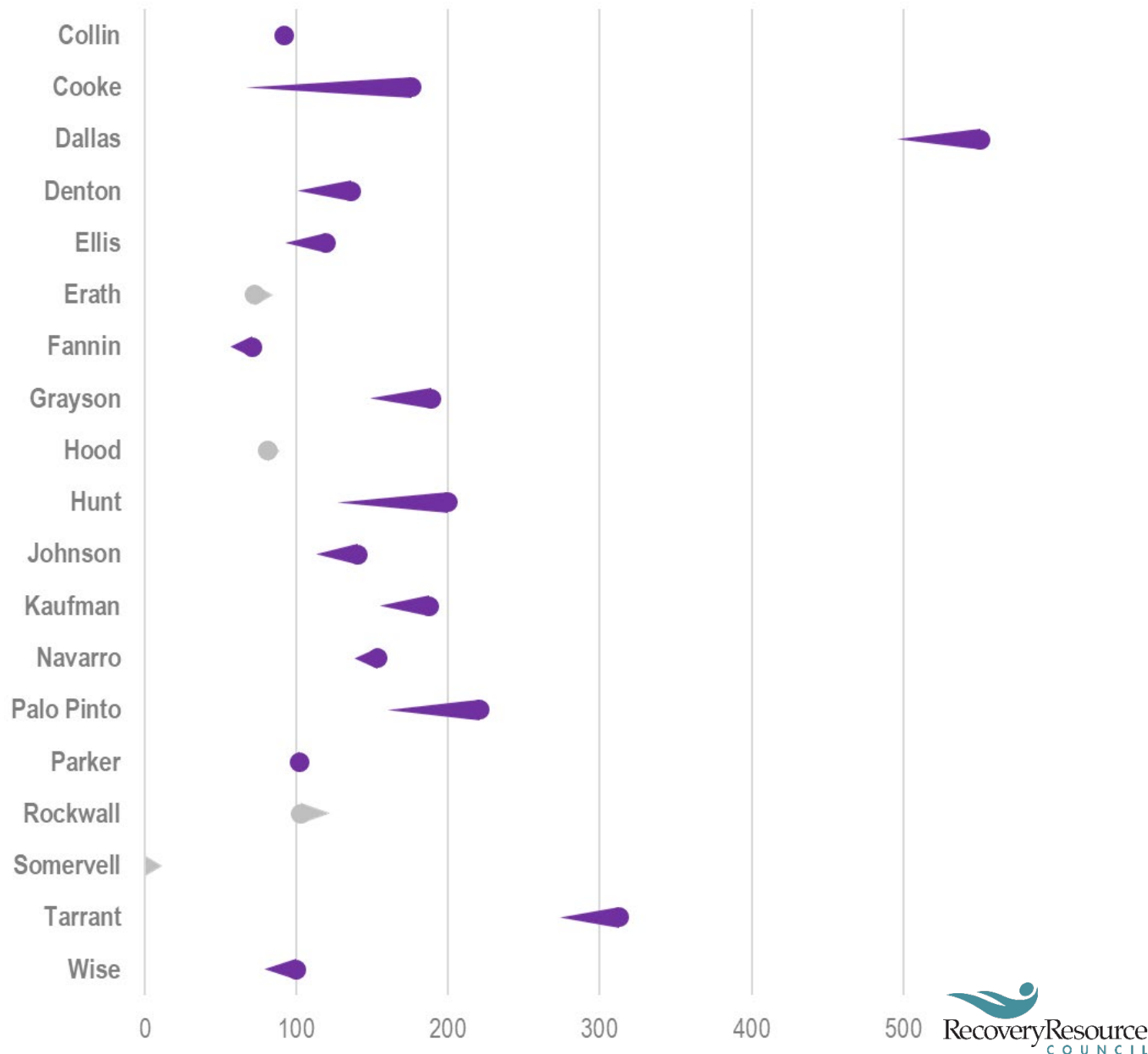


**Cooke County** saw the **highest rate of increase** for larceny cases. This shows 2018 to 2020.



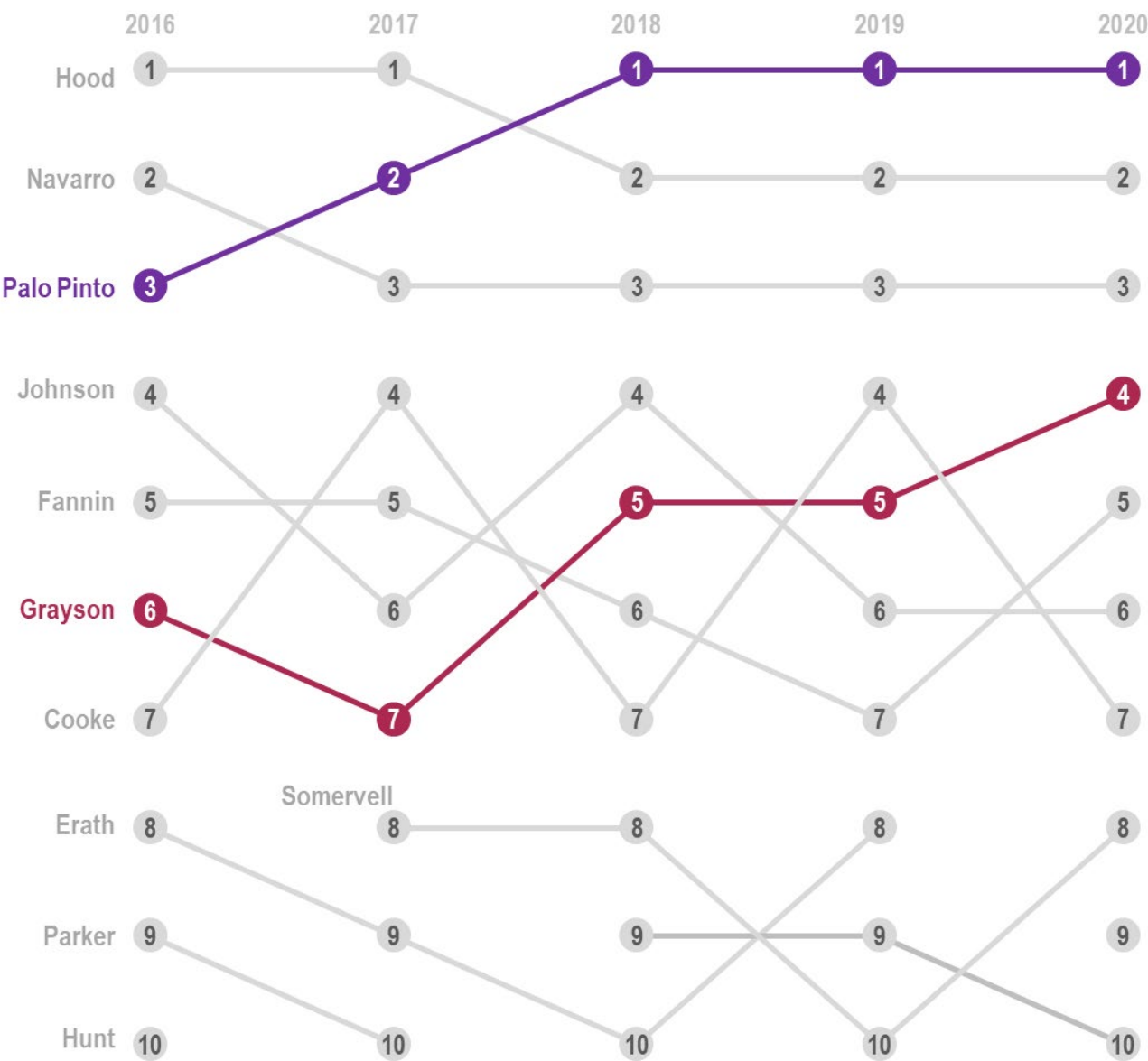


**Cooke County** saw the **highest rate of increase** for motor vehicle theft cases. This shows 2018 to 2020.





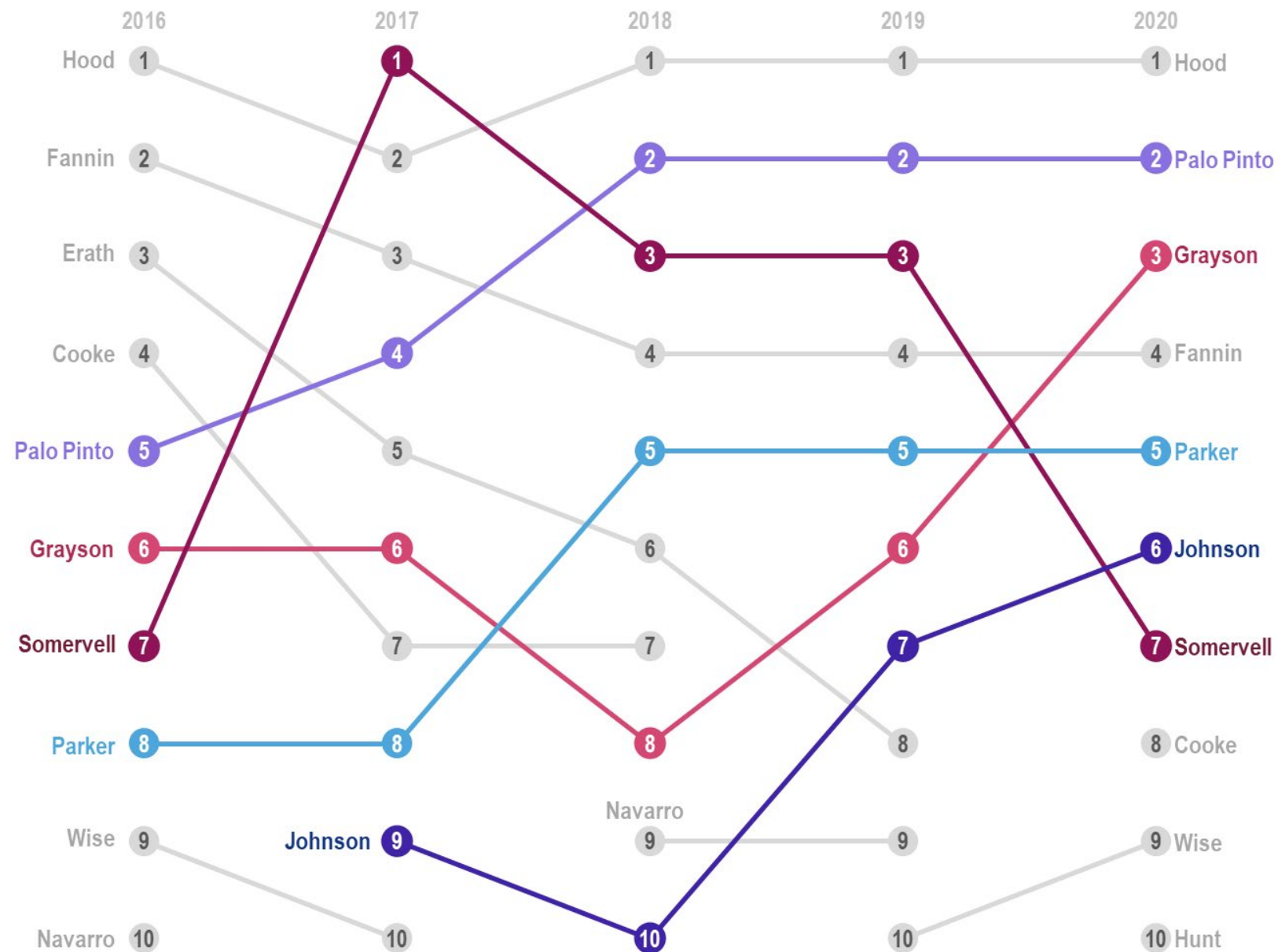
**Palo Pinto County** went from having the third highest rate in 2016 to the highest rate in 2020. This measure is of incarceration rates for drug charges per 100K population.





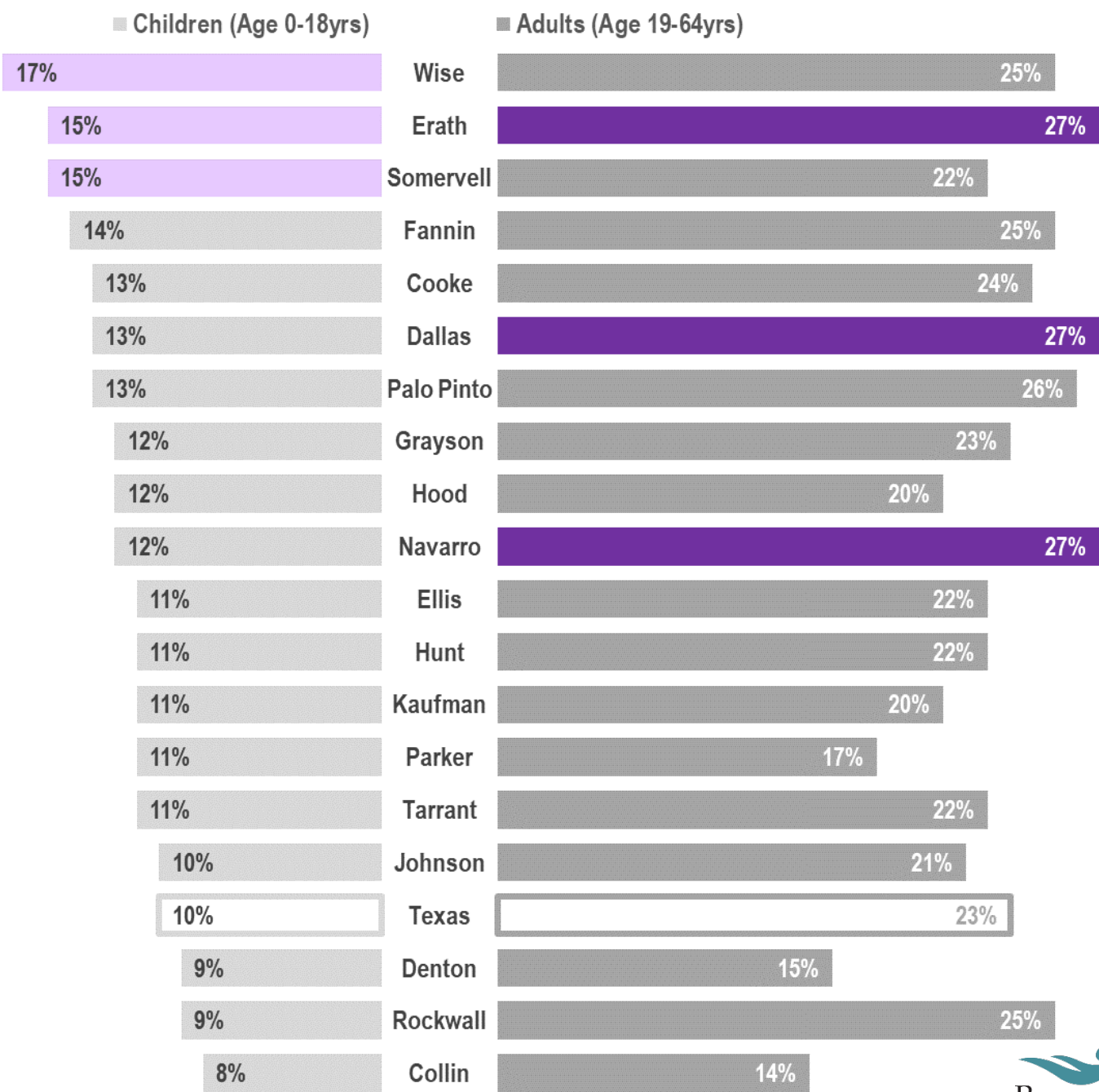


**Somervell County** went from having the 7th highest rate in 2016 to the highest rate in 2017. This measure is of incarceration rates for DWI charges per 100K population.



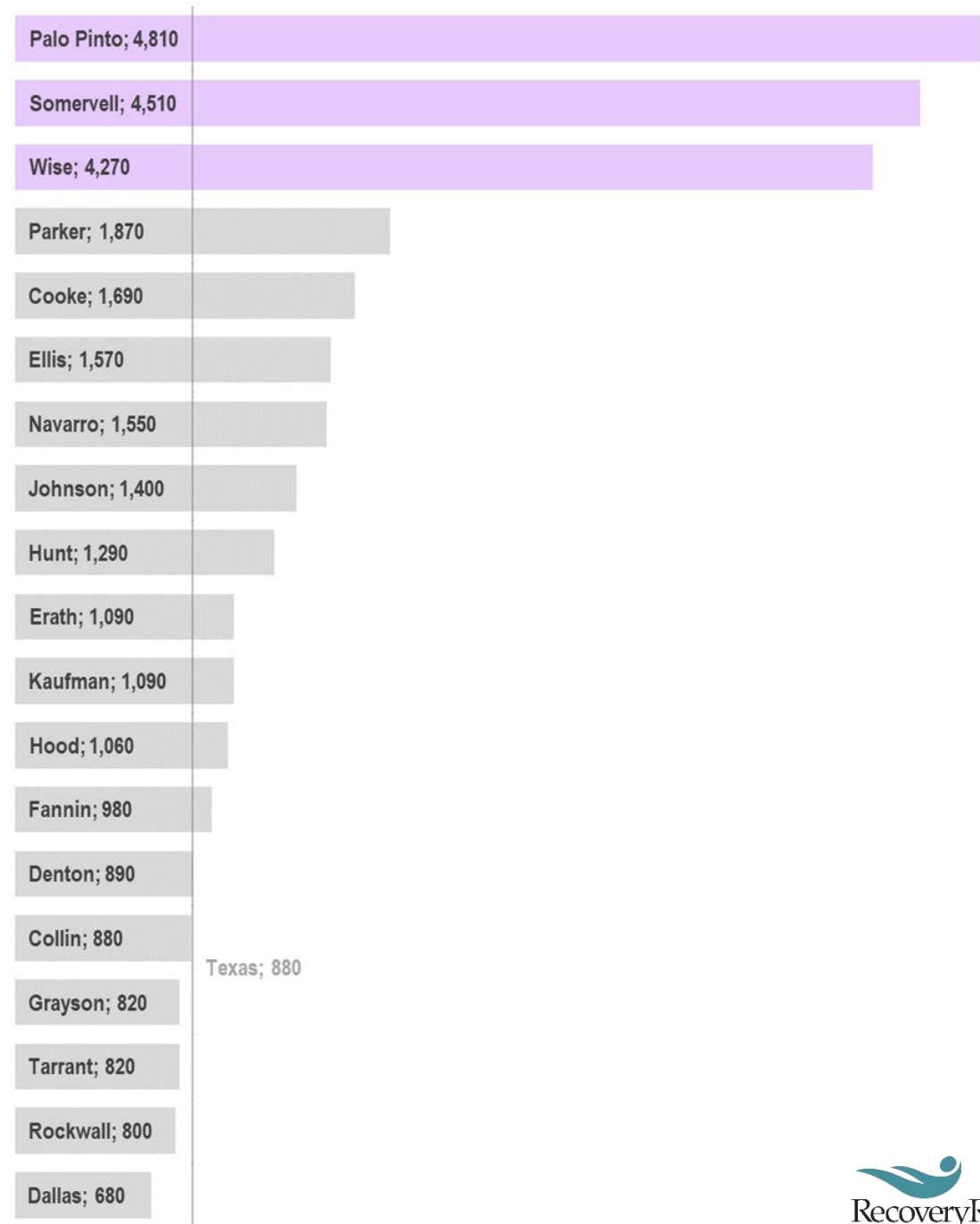


In 2020, **Erath County** was among the highest rate for both adults and children without health insurance.



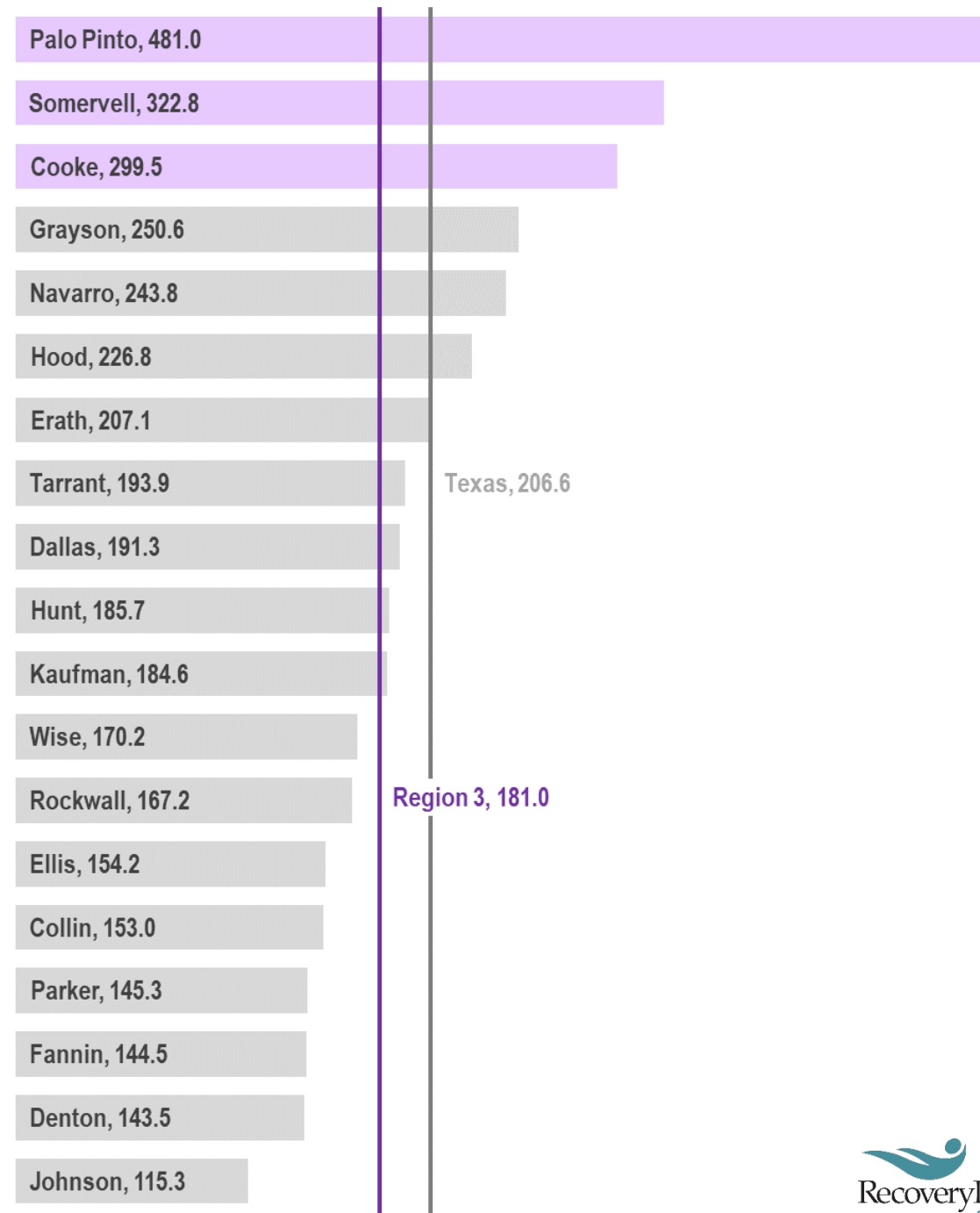


In 2019, **fourteen counties** in Region 3 had a higher ratio than Texas of their population to mental health providers within their county.



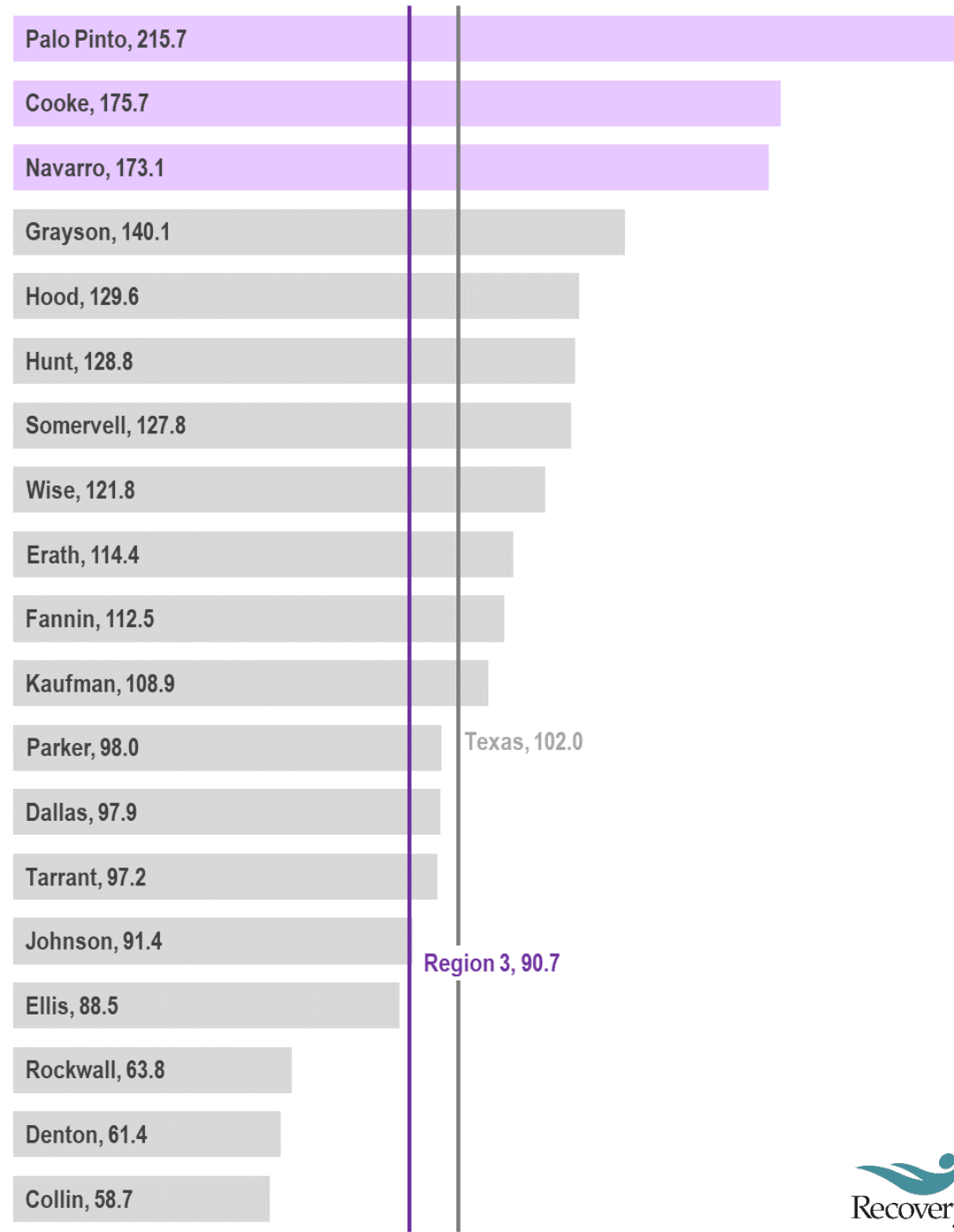


In 2020, **eleven counties** had a higher rate of alcohol permits than Region 3 overall.  
This rate is per 100K population.





In 2020, **fifteen counties** had a higher rate of tobacco permits than Region 3 overall.  
This rate is per 100K population.





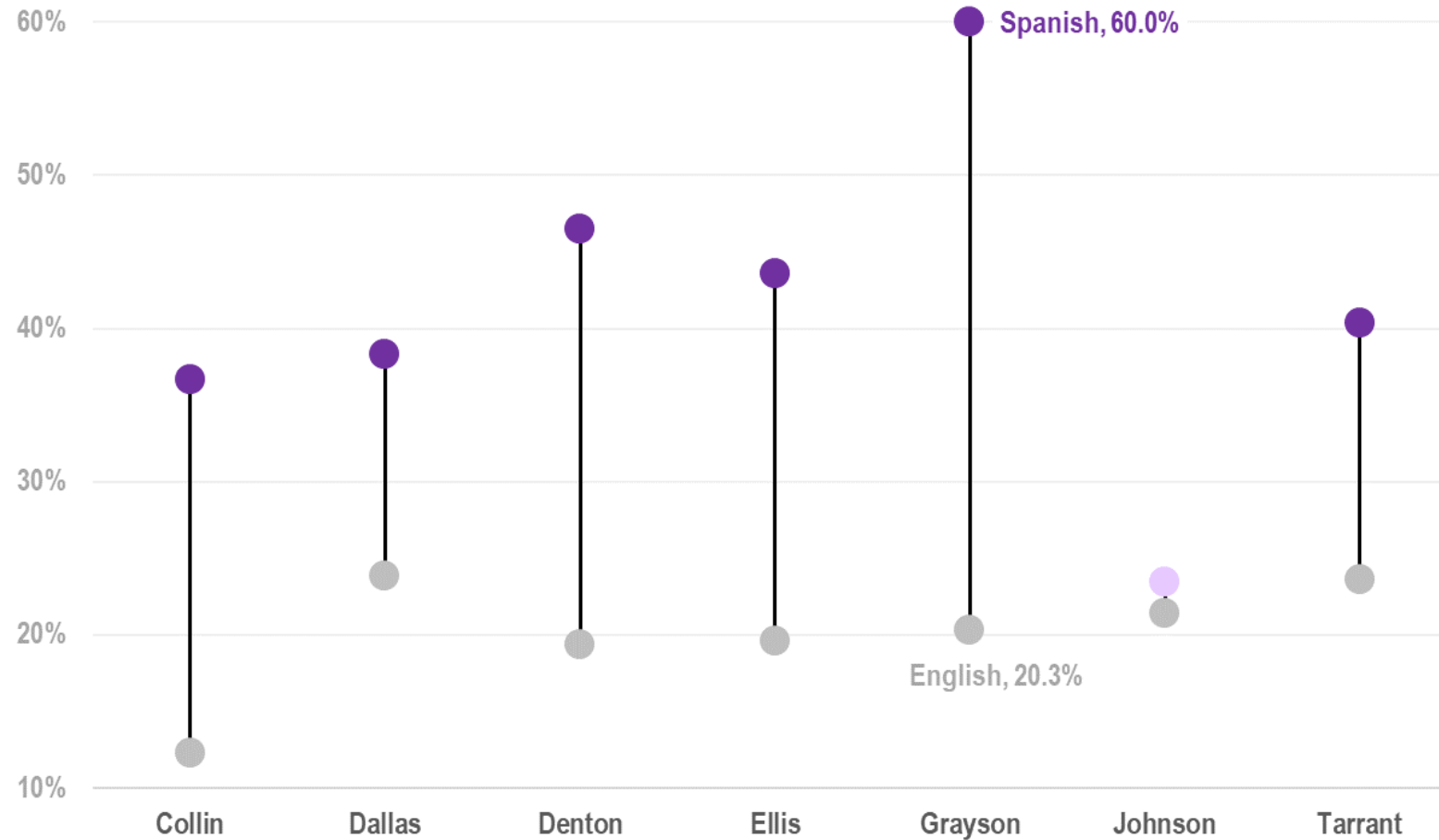
# School Domain

School domain focuses on social and physical factors that indirectly impact youth, including academic achievement and the school environment.



**Grayson County** had the largest gap between third grade students who took the math STAAR in **Spanish** compared to **English**.

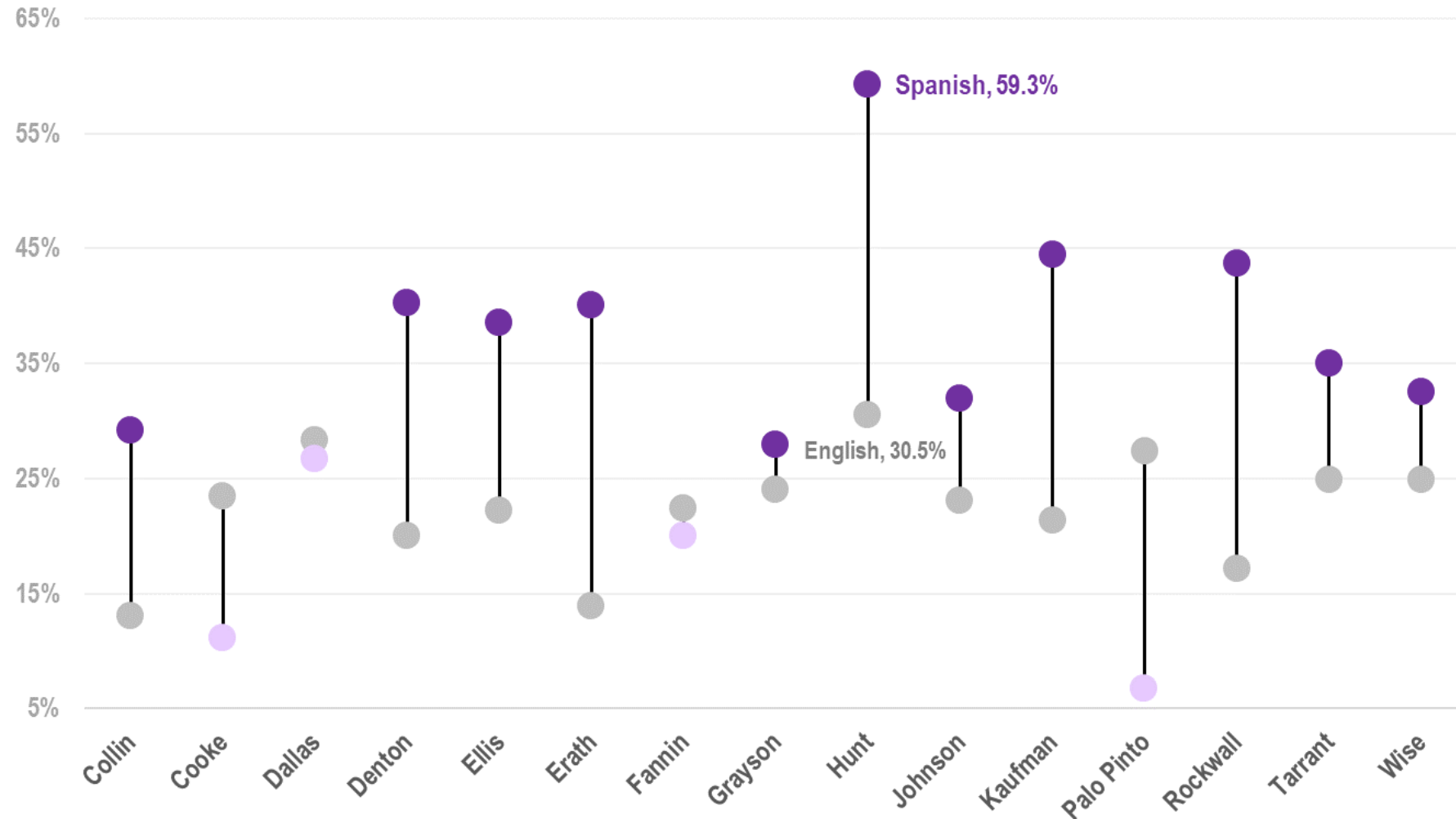
This measure is for students scoring below their grade level.





## Hunt County had the largest gap between third grade students who took the reading STAAR in **Spanish** compared to **English**.

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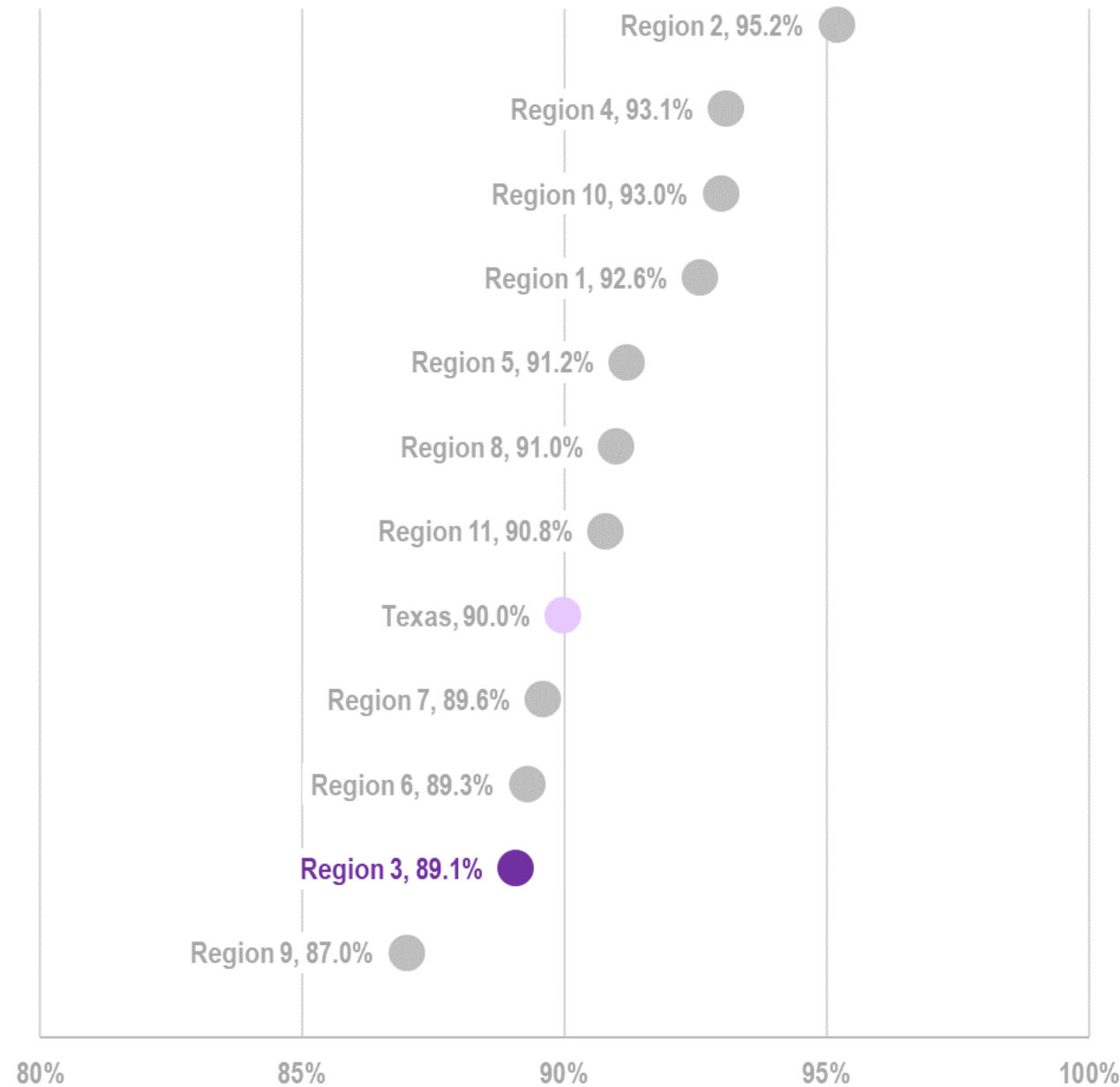






**Region 3** had a high school graduation rate of 89.1% in 2019.

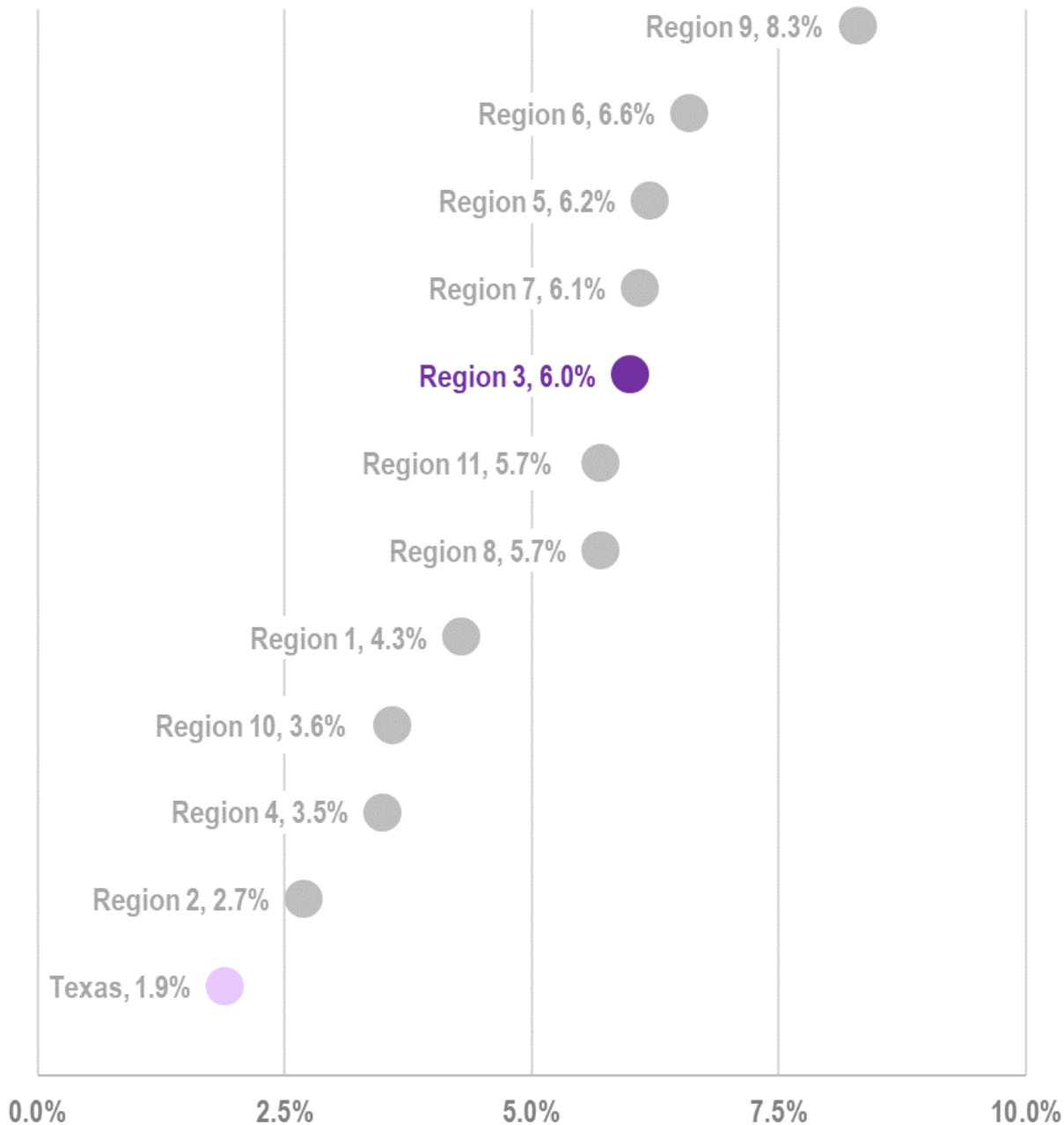
This is the second lowest rate in the state.





# Region 3 had a high school drop-out rate of 6% in 2019.

This is the fifth highest rate in the state.





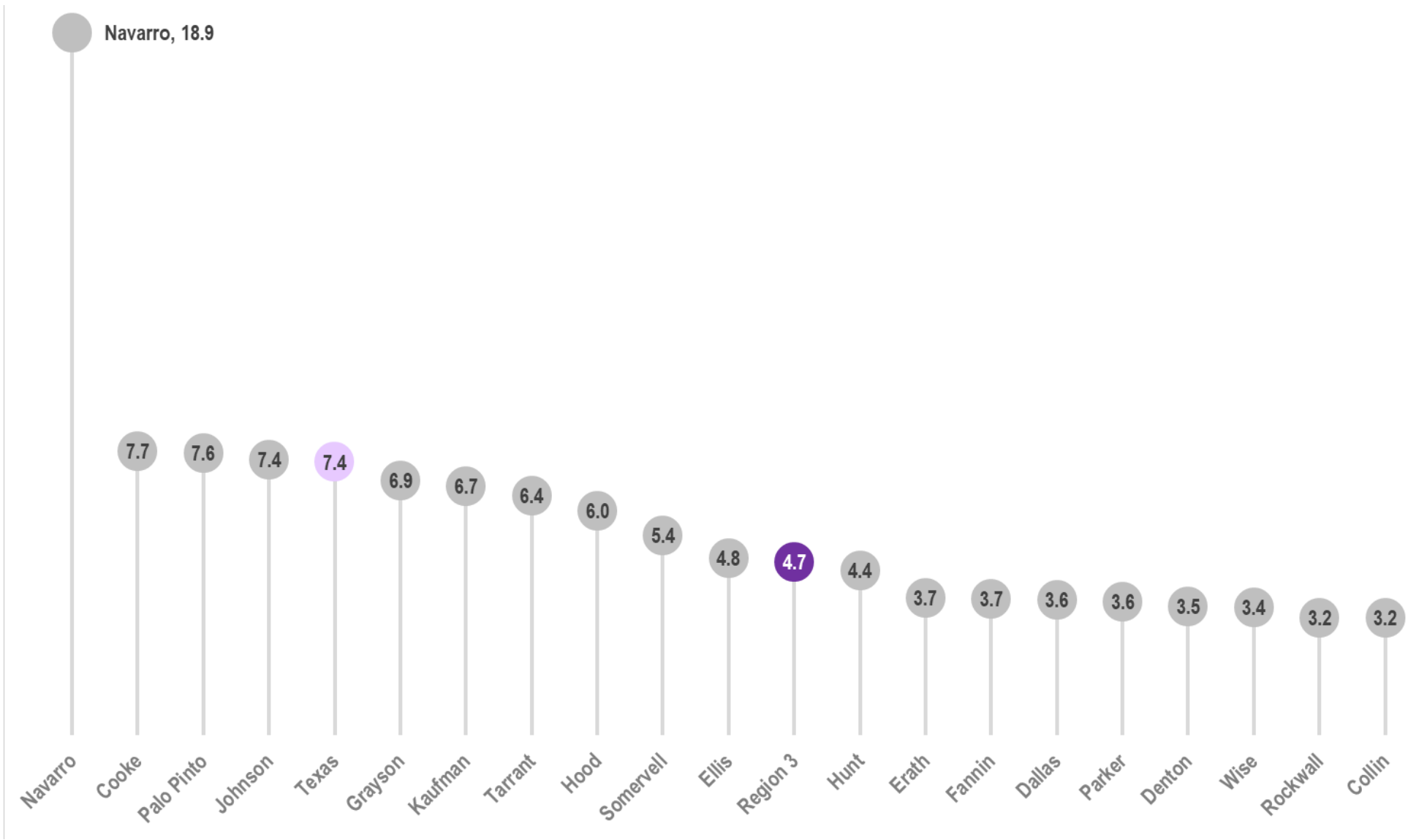
# Family Domain

Family domain focuses on social and physical factors that indirectly influence youth, including family conditions and perceptions of parental attitudes.



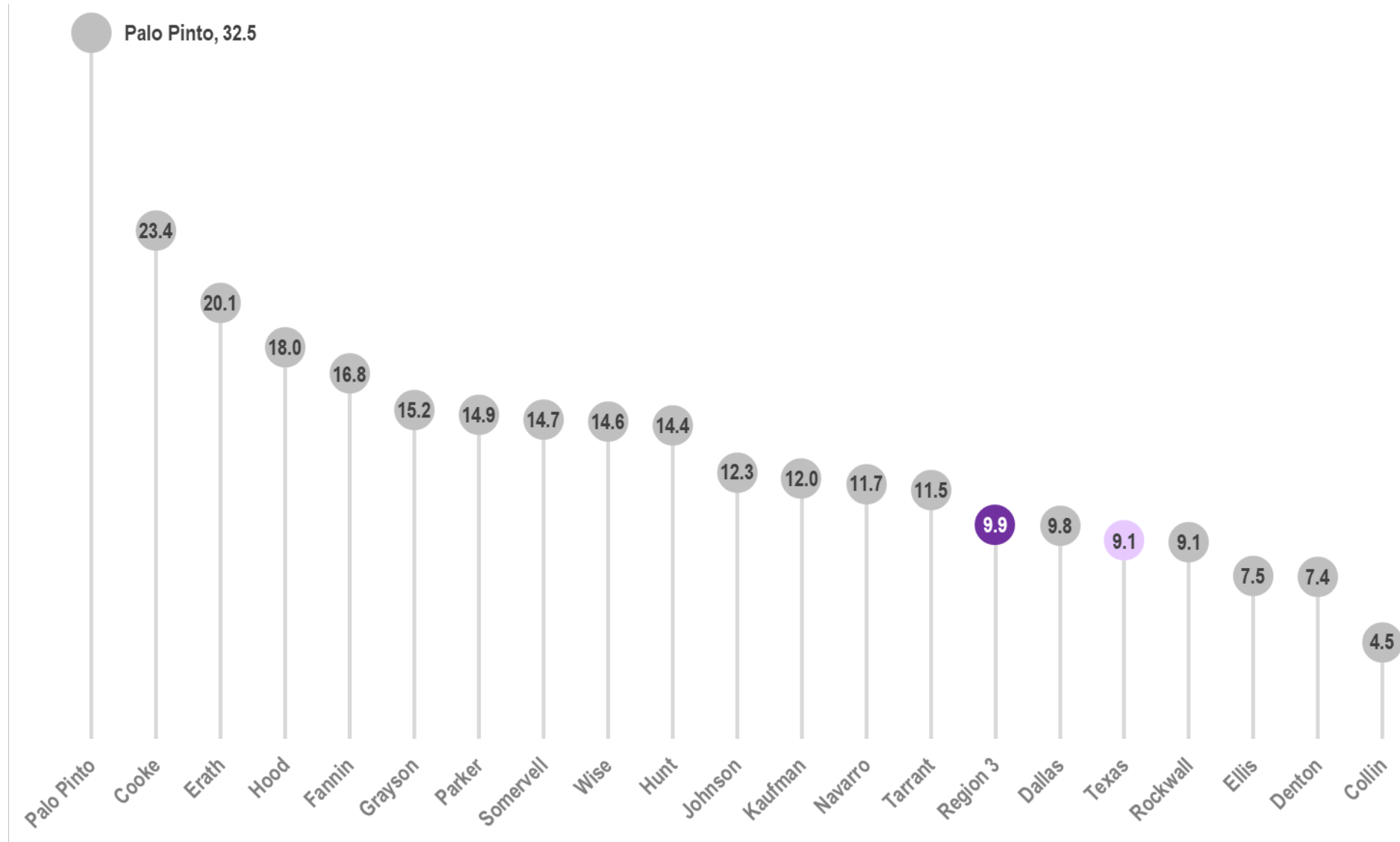
# Navarro County had the highest rate of family violence incidents in 2020.

Ten counties have a higher rate than **Region 3** overall.



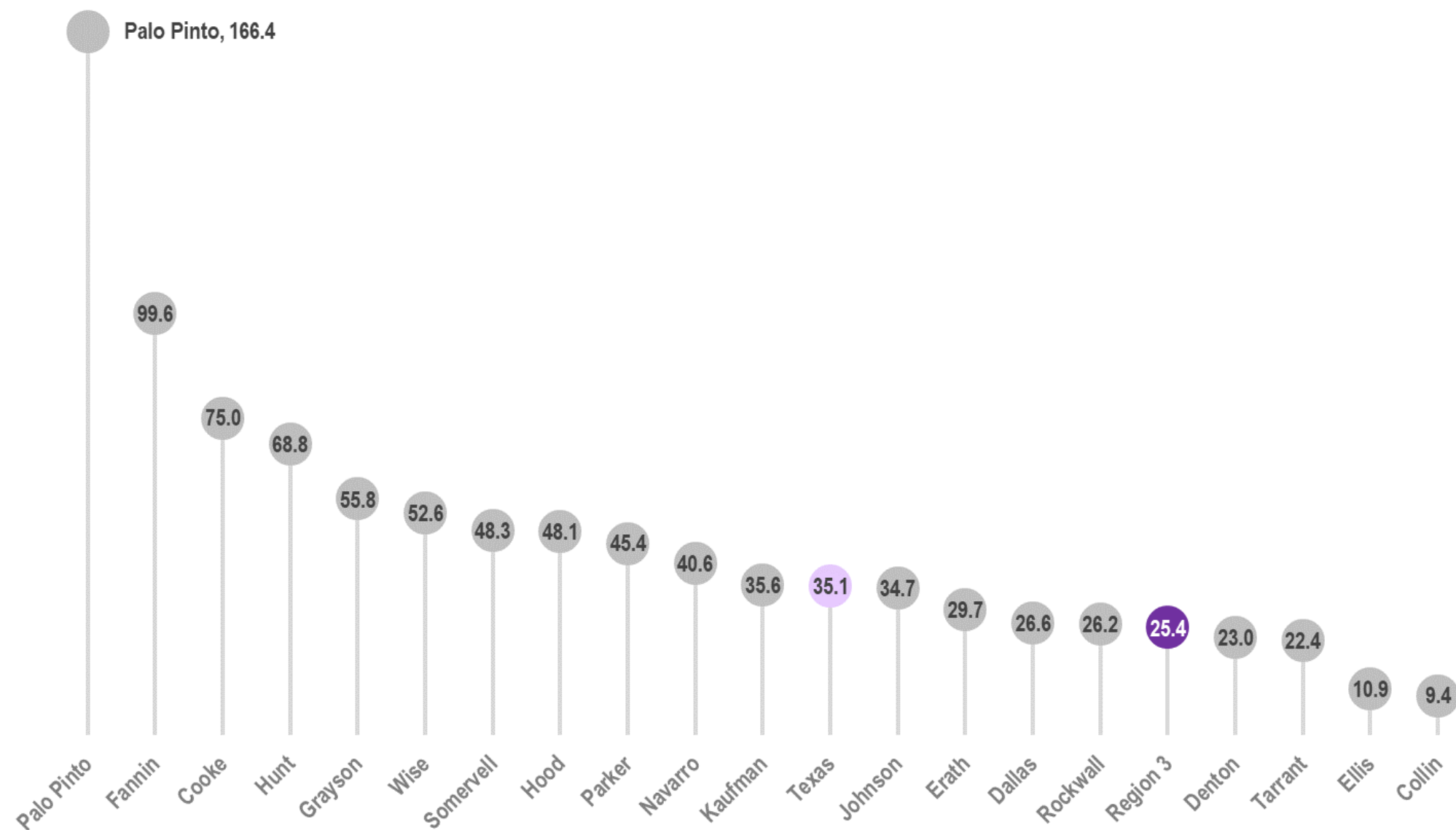


**Palo Pinto County** had the highest rate of confirmed child victims of maltreatment in 2020.  
Fourteen counties have a higher rate than **Region 3** overall.





**Palo Pinto County** had the highest rate of children under 18 in the foster care system in 2020.  
Fifteen counties have a higher rate than **Region 3** overall.





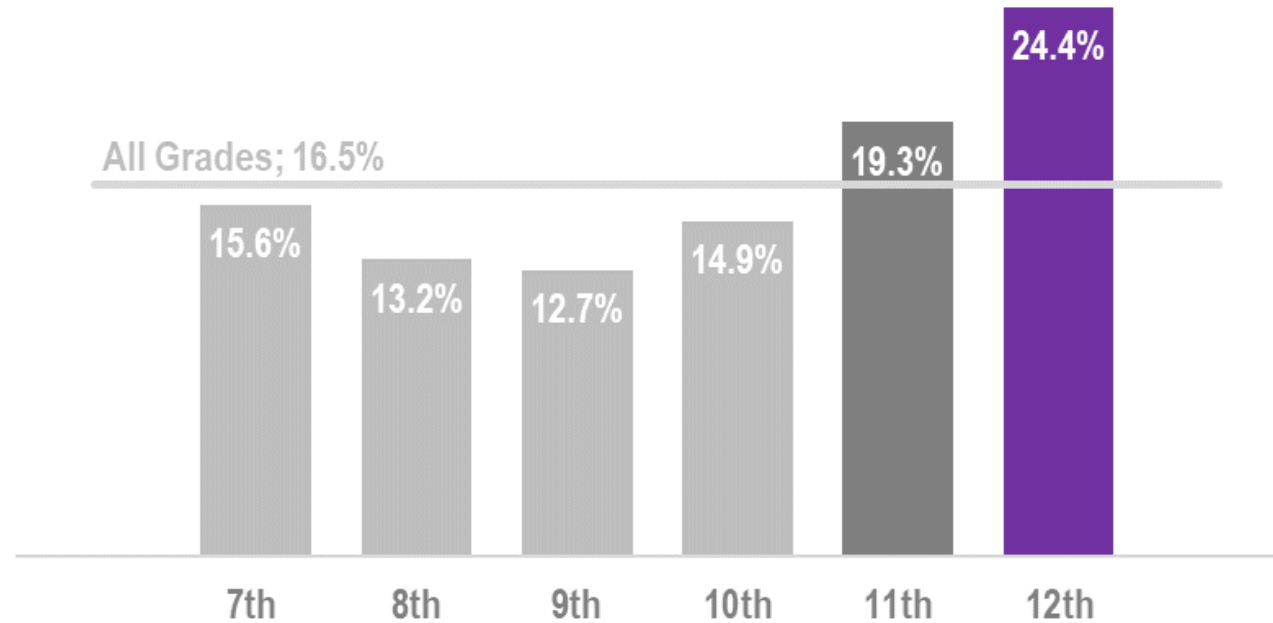
For each of the five years shown, **females** had a higher rate of depression than males.  
The rate also increased over the five-year period.





**Nearly one in four 12th grade** students answered "neither" or "do not know" when asked how their parents feel about kids their age using alcohol (2020).

This is for students in Region 3 & 4.

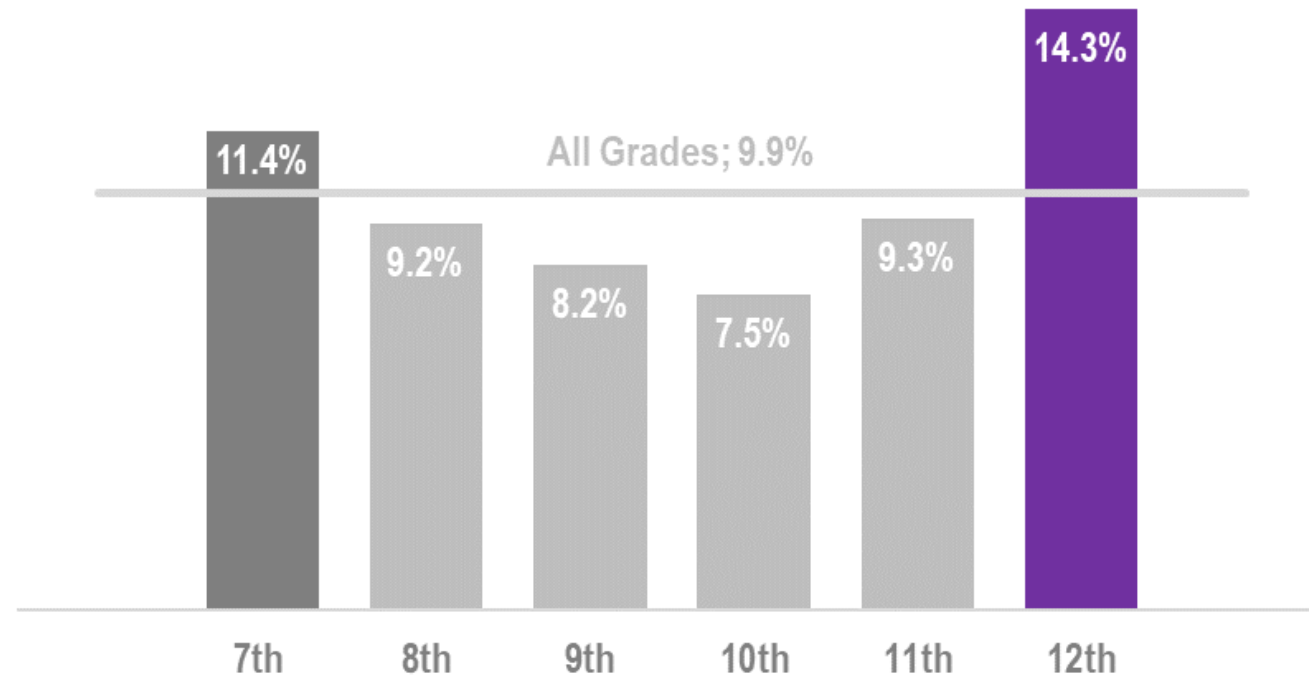






**11% of seventh grade** students answered "neither" or "do not know" when asked how their parents feel about kids their age using tobacco (2020).

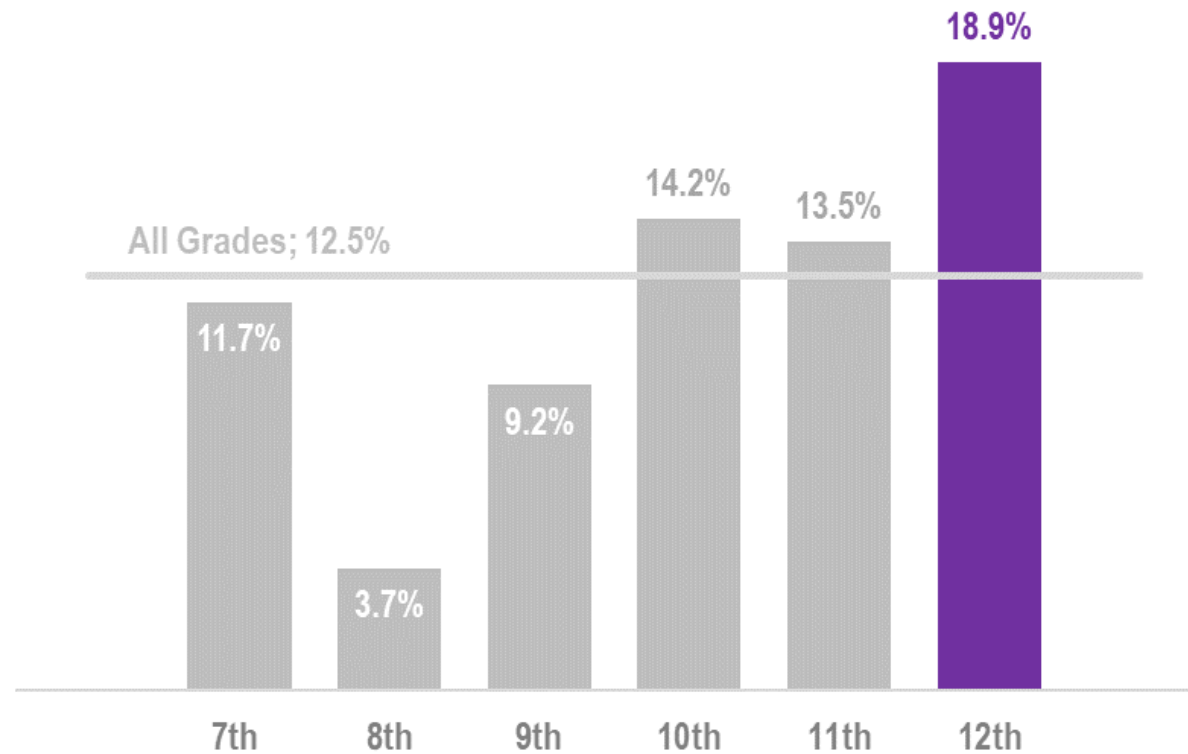
This is for students in Region 3 & 4.





**14% of tenth grade** students answered "neither" or "do not know" when asked how their parents feel about kids their age using marijuana (2020).

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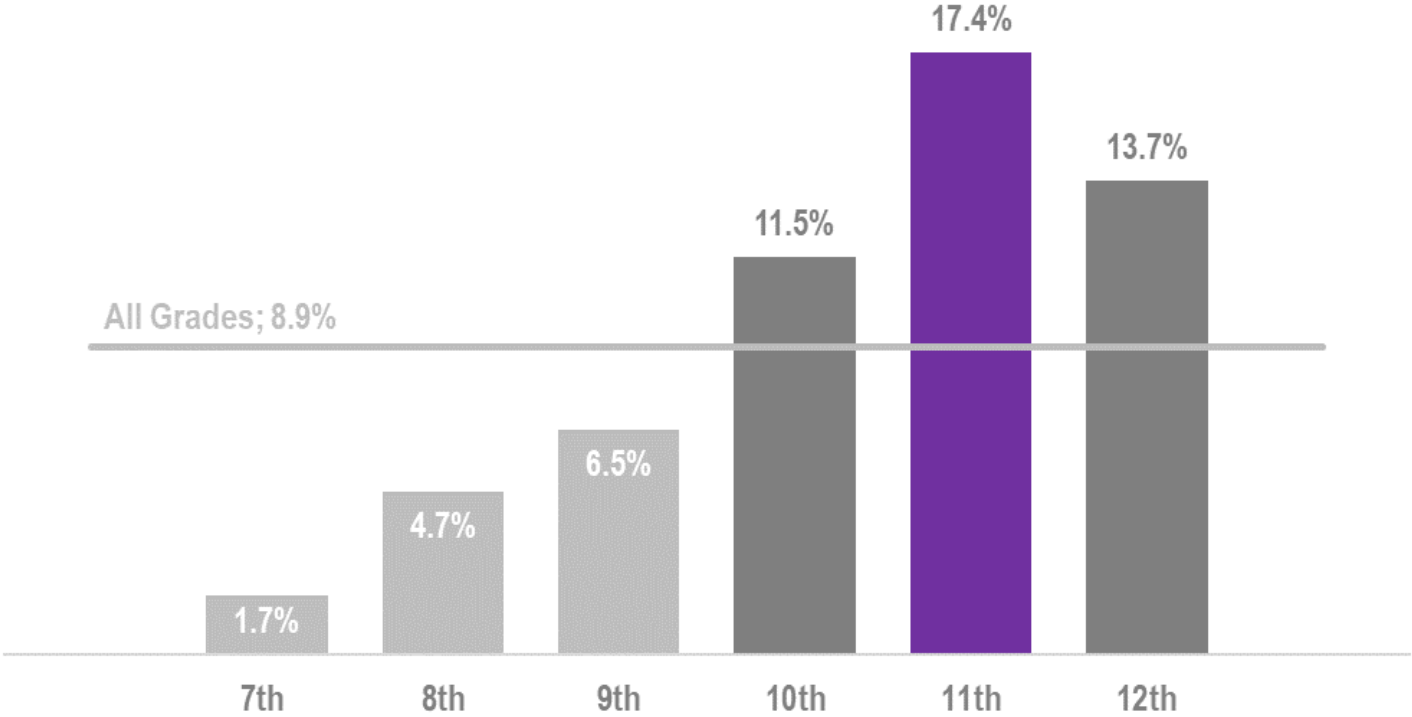


# Peer Domain

Peer domain focuses on interpersonal factors including social norms, youth perceptions of peer consumption, and social access.

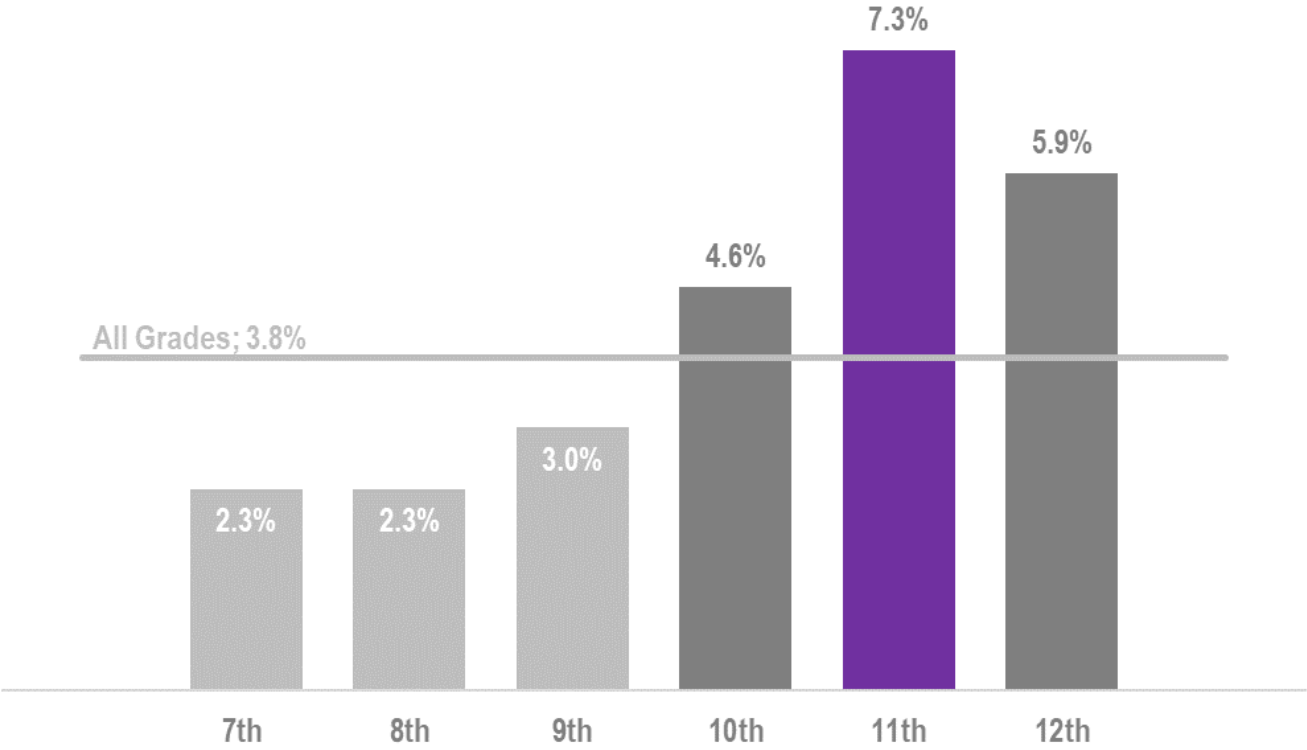


**17% of eleventh grade** students reported that the majority of their friends consume alcohol (2020). This is for students in Region 3 & 4. Majority is defined as "most" or "all".



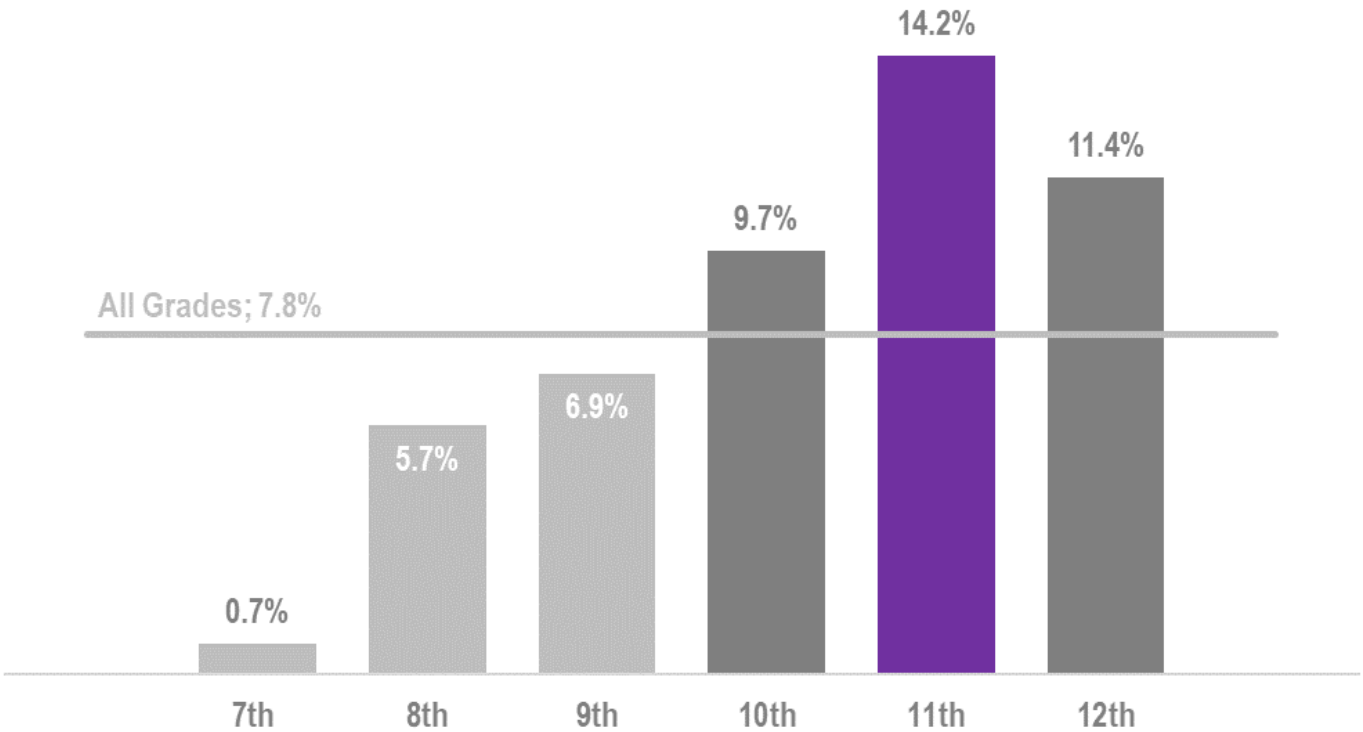


**7% of eleventh grade** students reported that the majority of their friends use tobacco (2020).  
This is for students in Region 3 & 4. Majority is defined as "most" or "all".



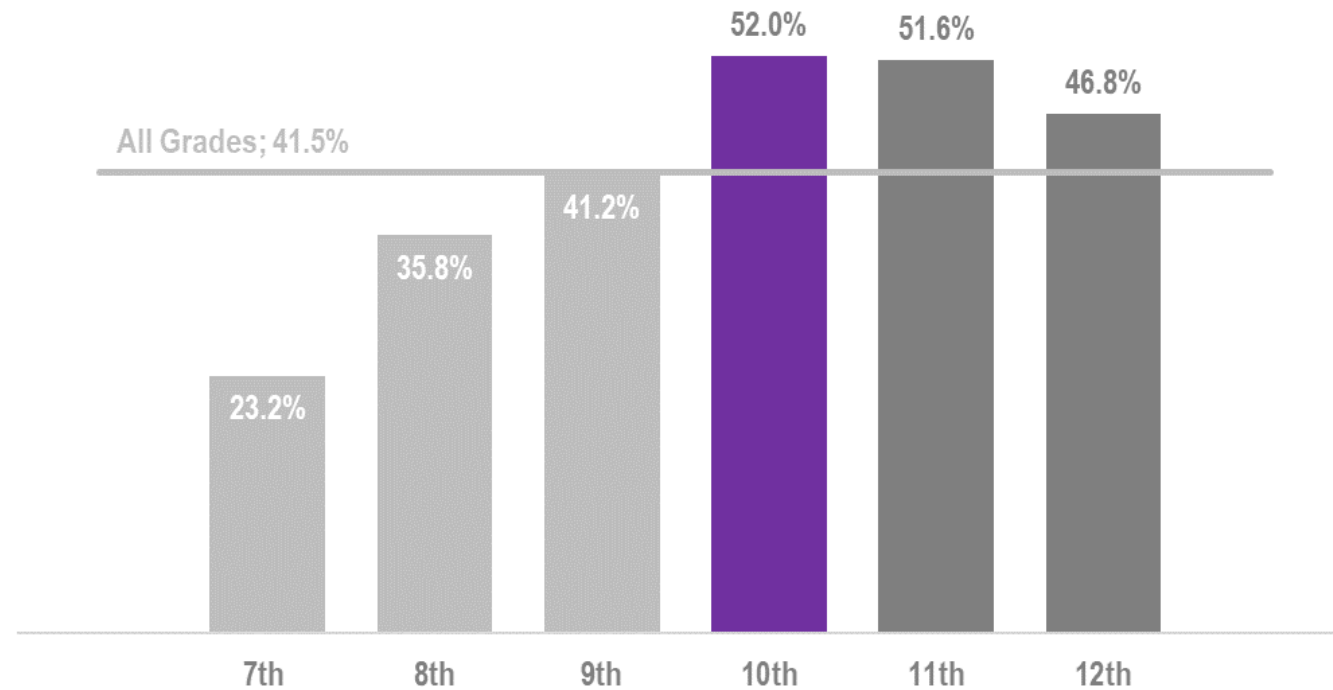


**14% of eleventh grade** students reported that the majority of their friends use marijuana (2020). This is for students in Region 3 & 4. Majority is defined as "most" or "all".



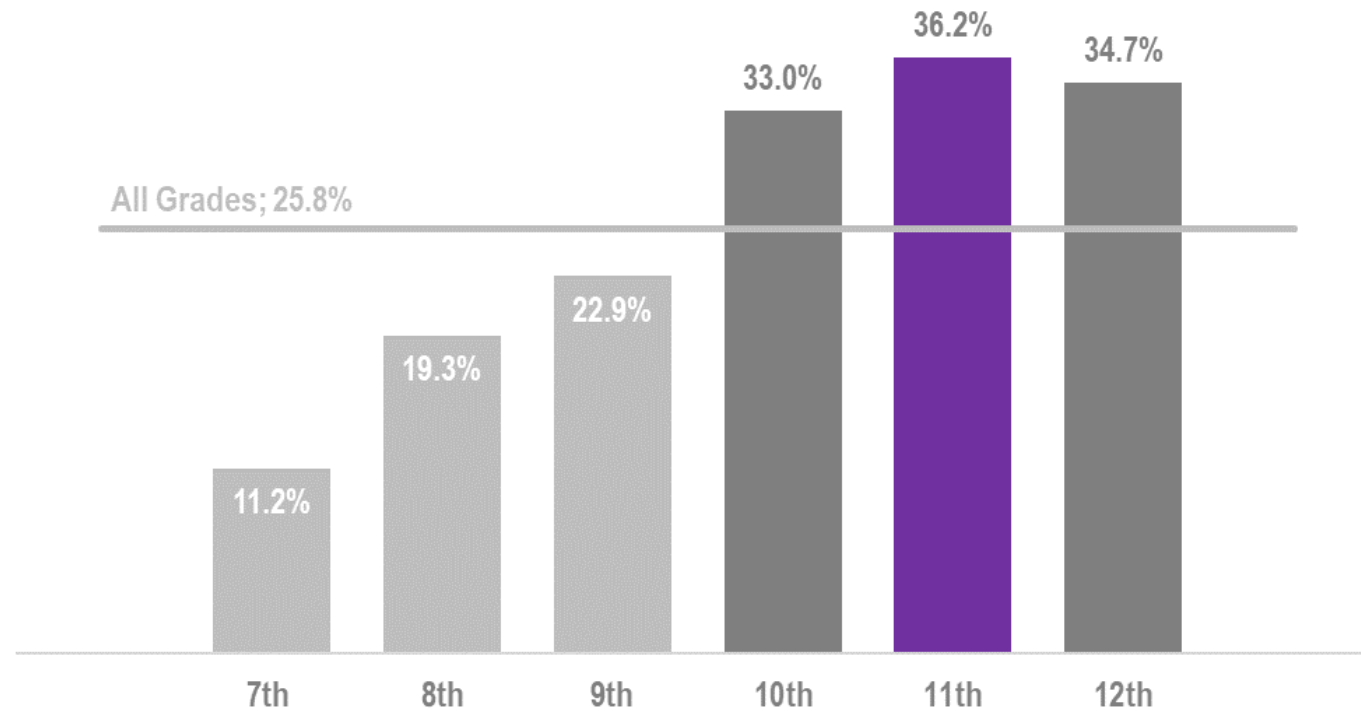


**52% of tenth grade** students reported that it was “easy” to access alcohol (2020).  
This is for students in Region 3 & 4. Easy is defined as “somewhat” or “very”.





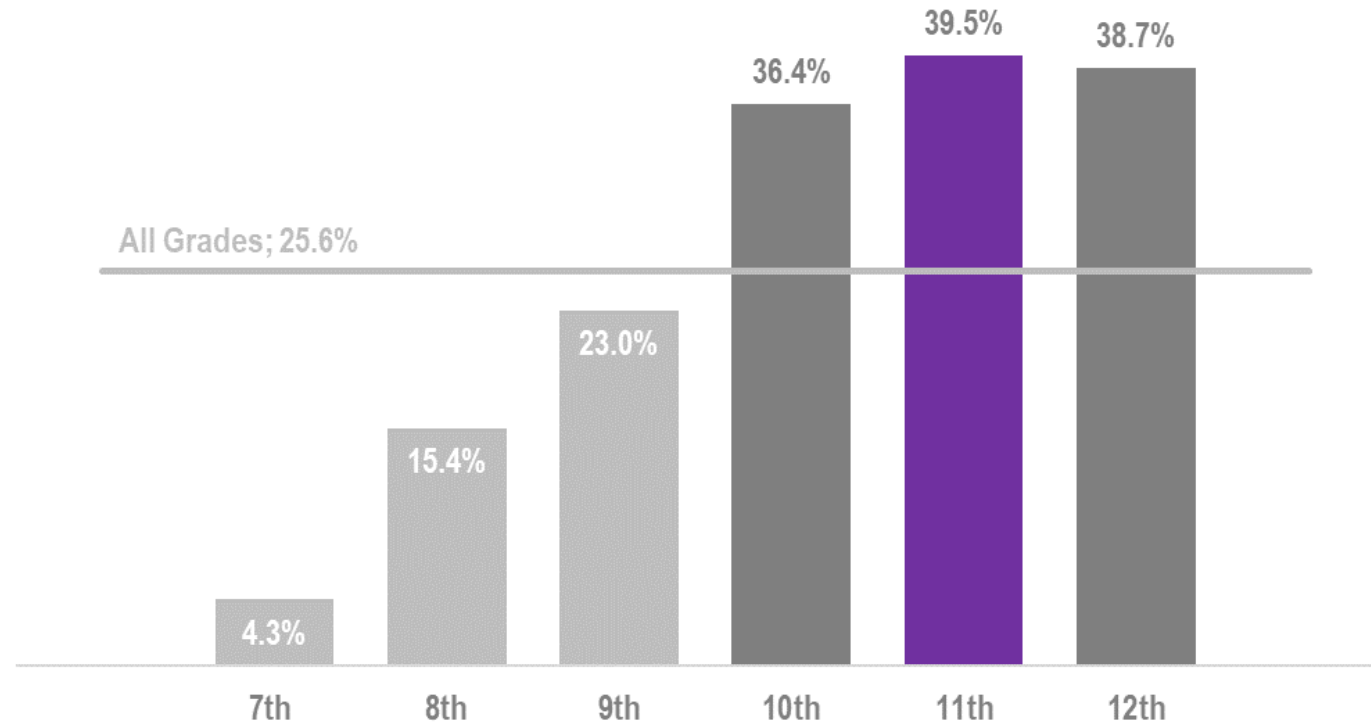
**36% of eleventh grade** students reported that it was “easy” to access tobacco (2020).  
This is for students in Region 3 & 4. Easy is defined as “somewhat” or “very”.







**Nearly 40% of eleventh grade** students reported that it was “easy” to access marijuana (2020). This is for students in Region 3 & 4. Easy is defined as “somewhat” or “very”.





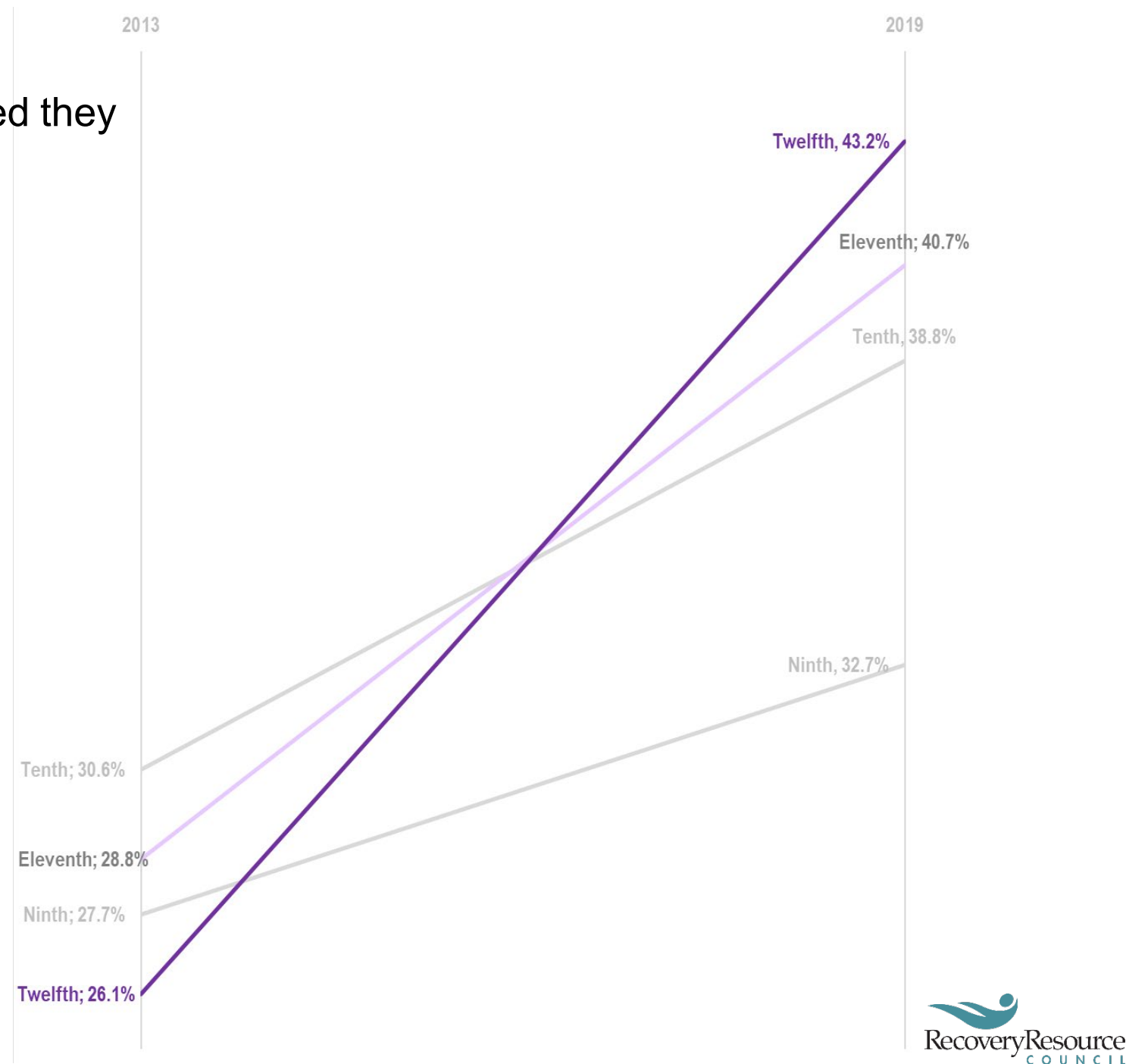
# Individual Domain

Individual domain focuses on intrapersonal characteristics of youth, such as knowledge, skills, attitudes, beliefs, and behaviors.



**43% of twelfth grade** students reported they felt sad or hopeless.

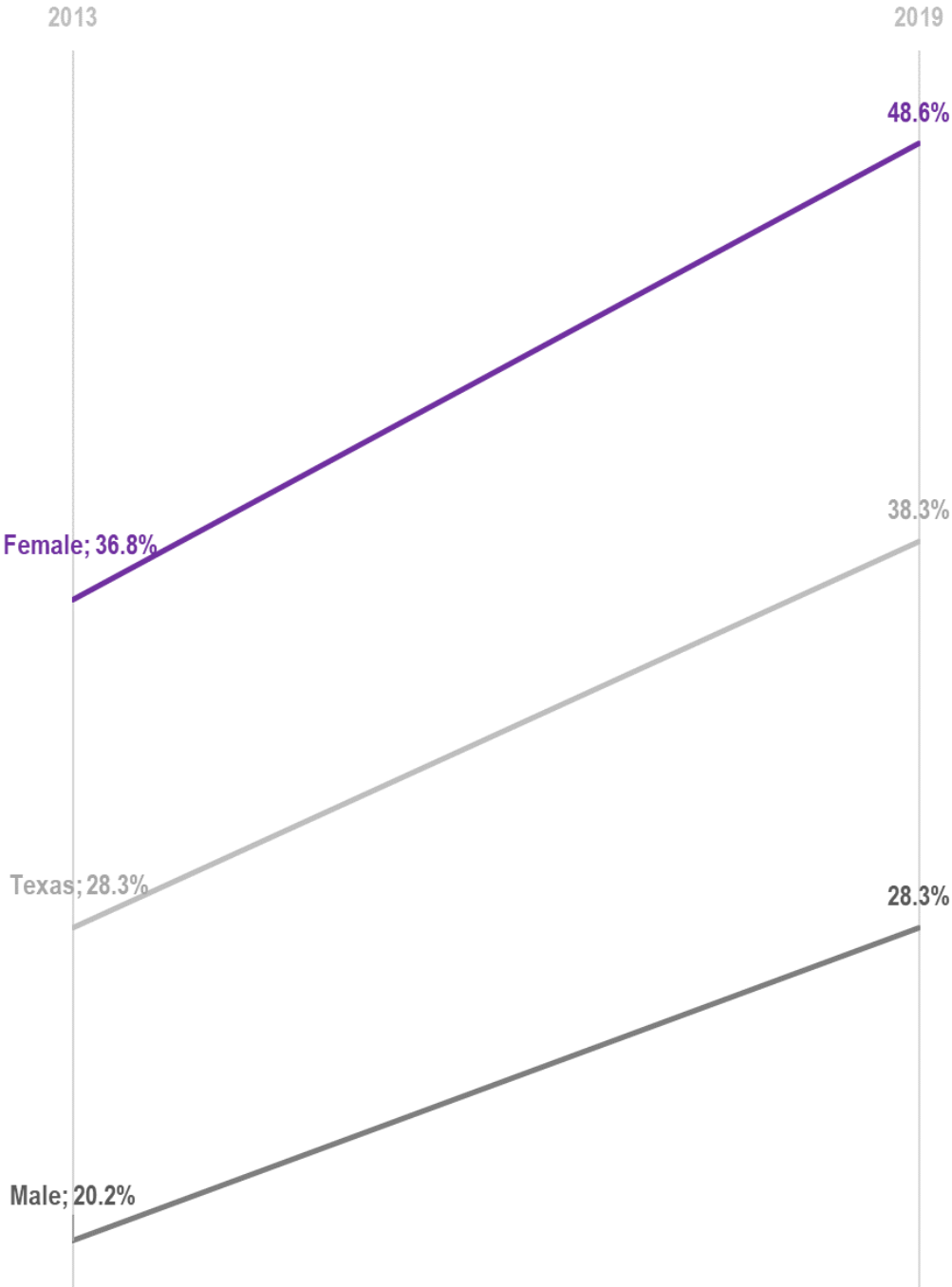
This was the highest of all grades.





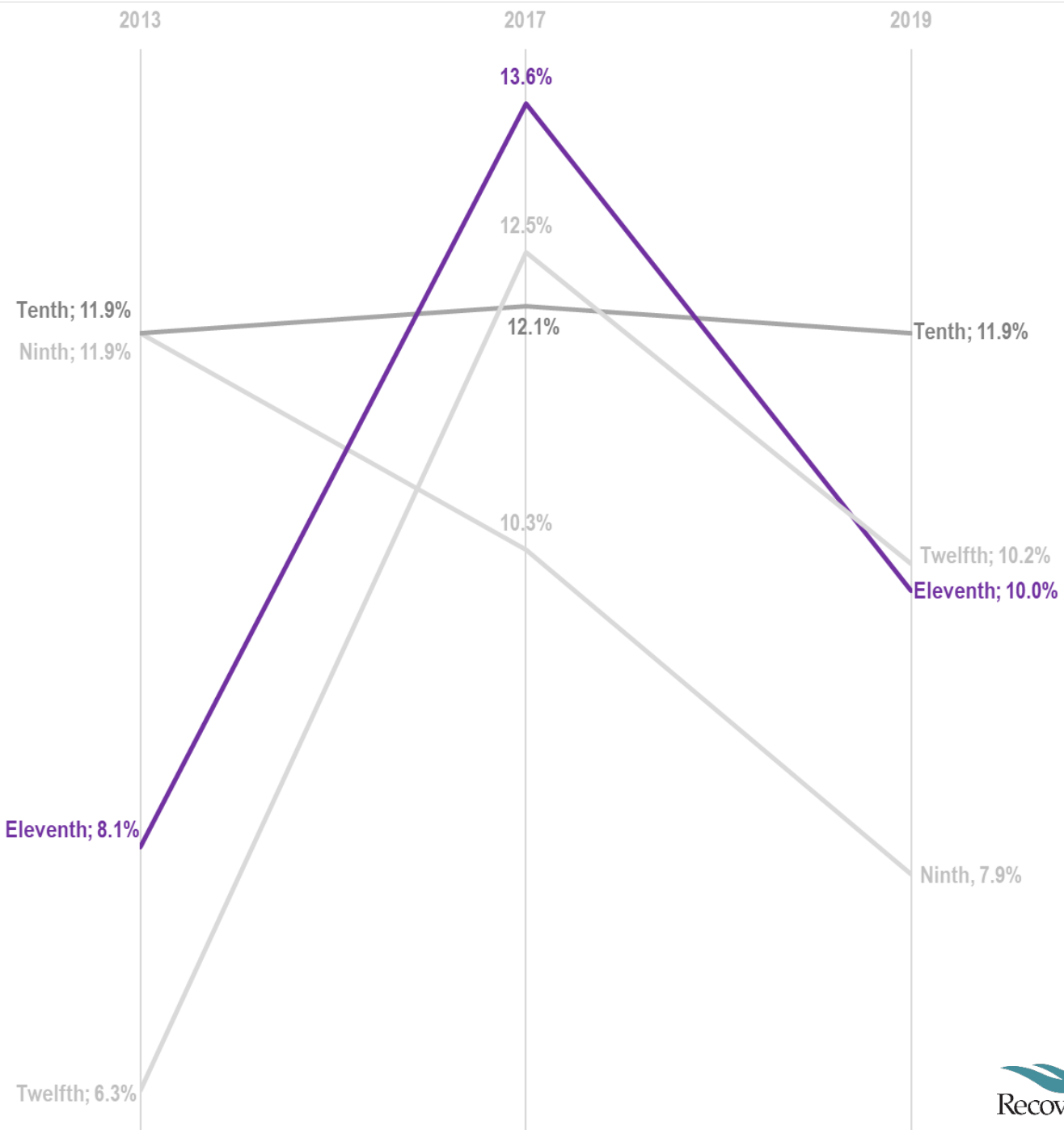
**Nearly 49% of female** students reported they felt sad or hopeless.

This was higher than the Texas rate overall.



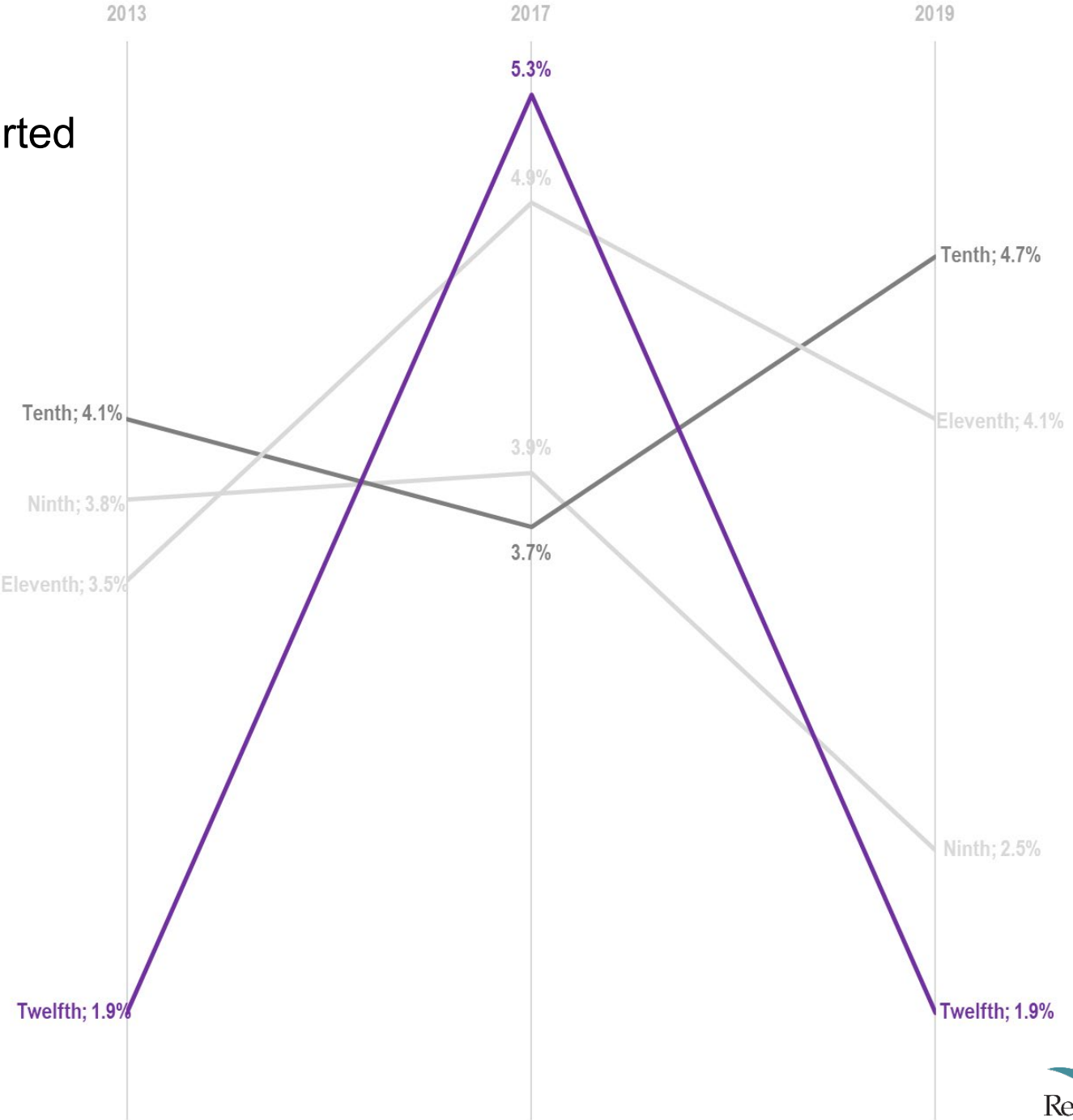


**Nearly 12% of tenth grade students reported they attempted suicide.**  
This was the highest of all grades in 2019.



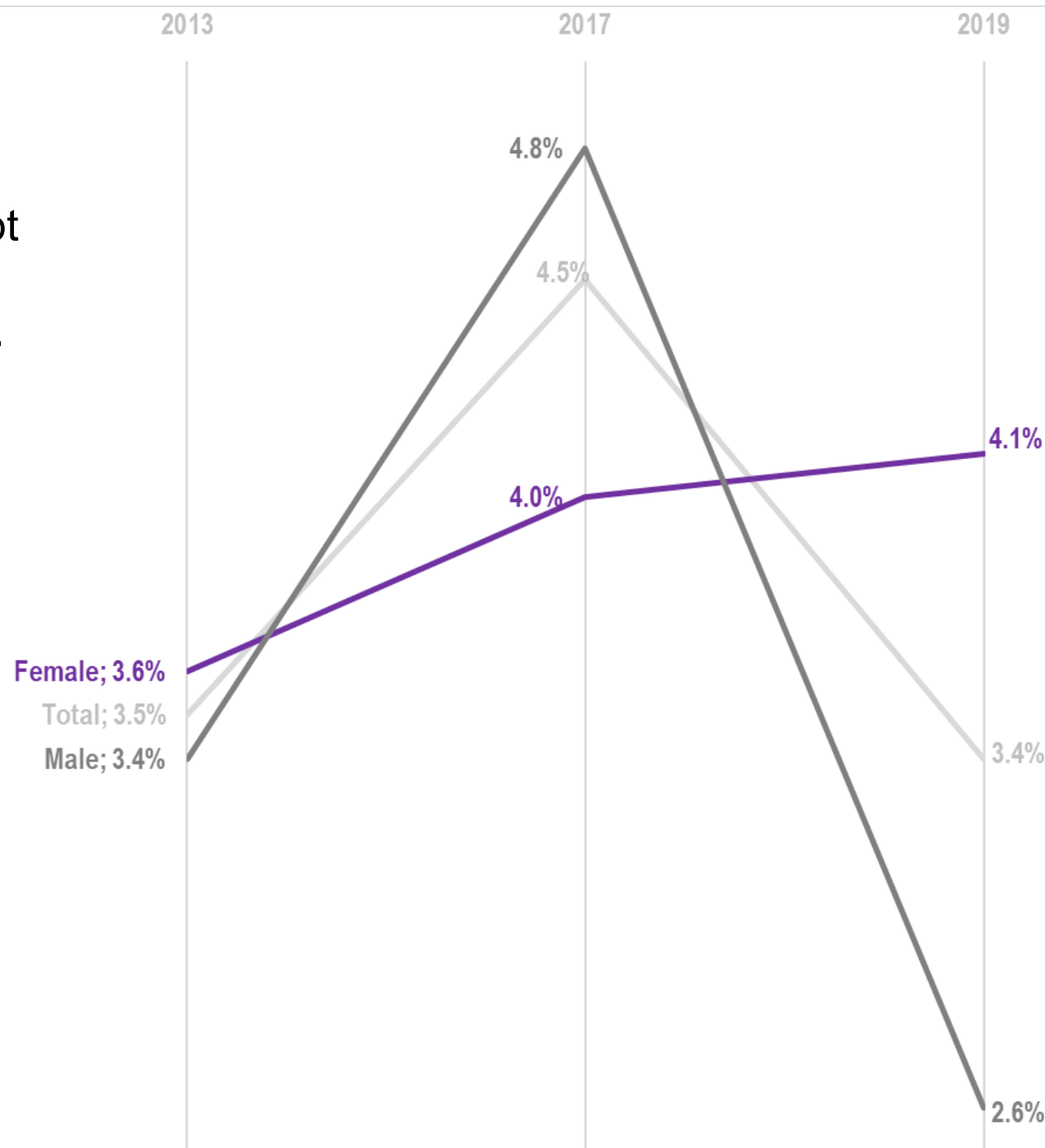


**5% of twelfth grade** students reported they had a suicide attempt which required medical attention (2017). This was the highest of all grades in 2017.



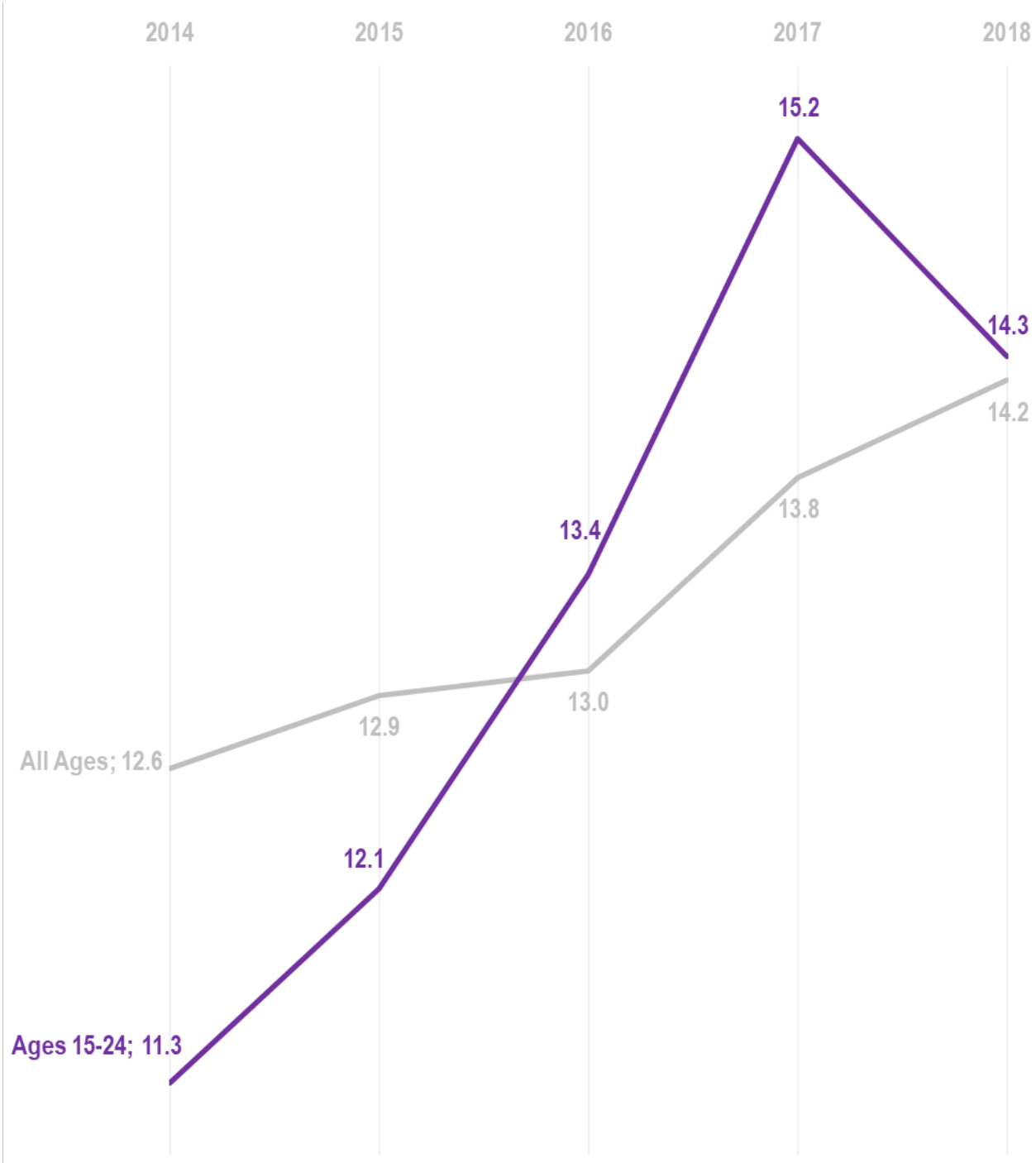


The rate of **female** students who reported they had a suicide attempt which required medical attention increased over the six-year period.





By 2016, suicide rates for those **ages 15-24** was higher than “All Ages”.  
This rate is per 100K population.

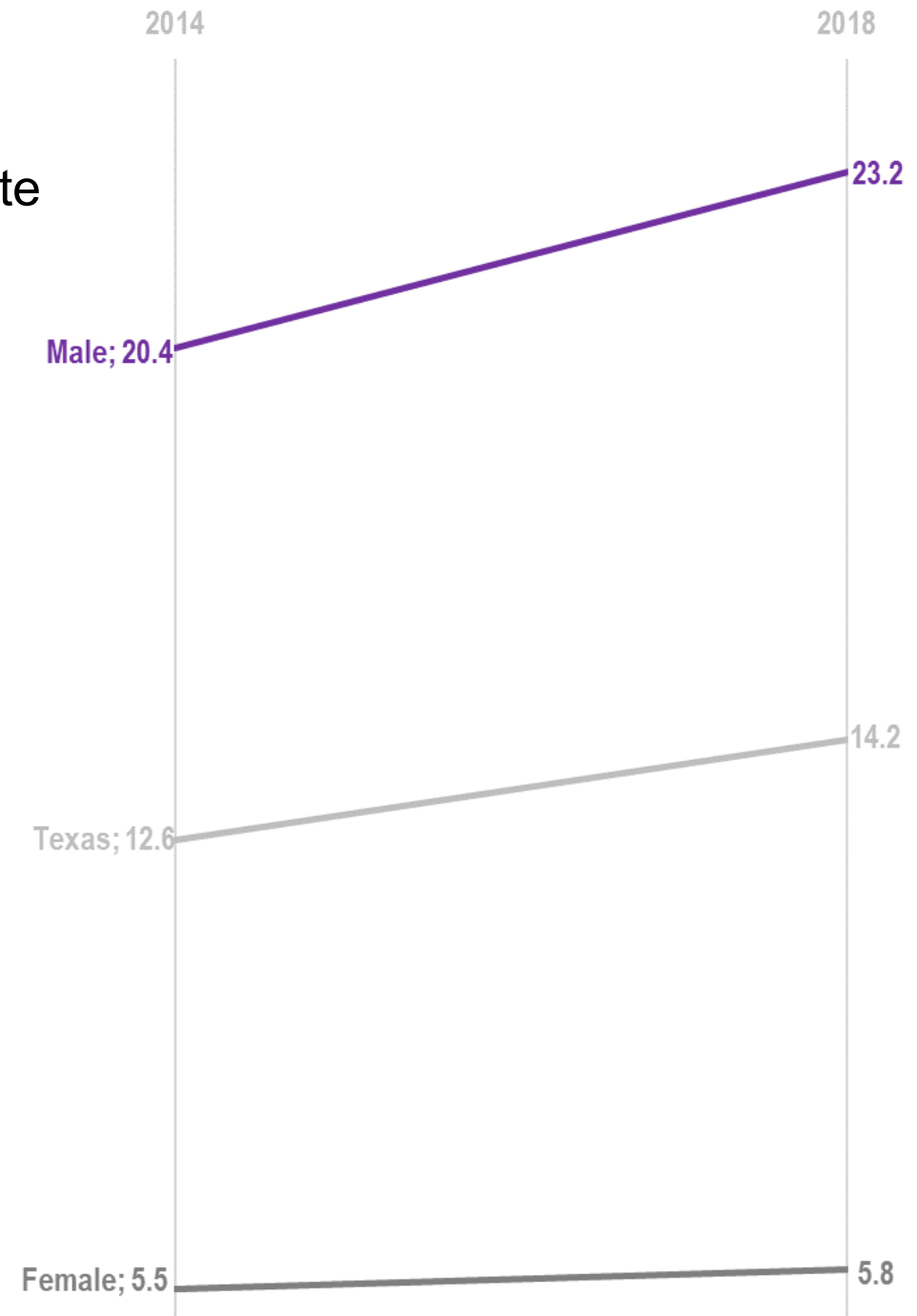






The rate of suicides in adolescent **males** was significantly higher than **females** and the **Texas** rate overall in 2018.

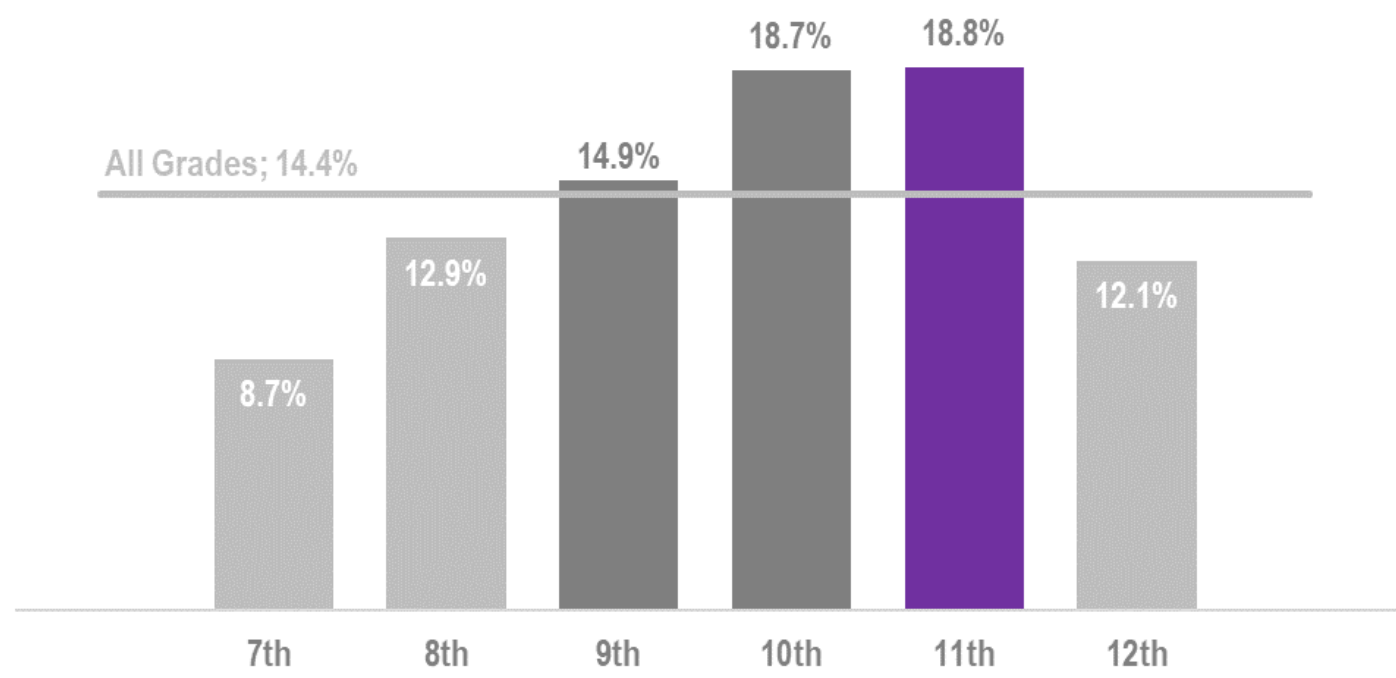
This is also true for all years shown.





**Almost 19% of both tenth & eleventh grade students answered “not very” or “not at all” when asked how dangerous it is for kids their age to use alcohol (2020).**

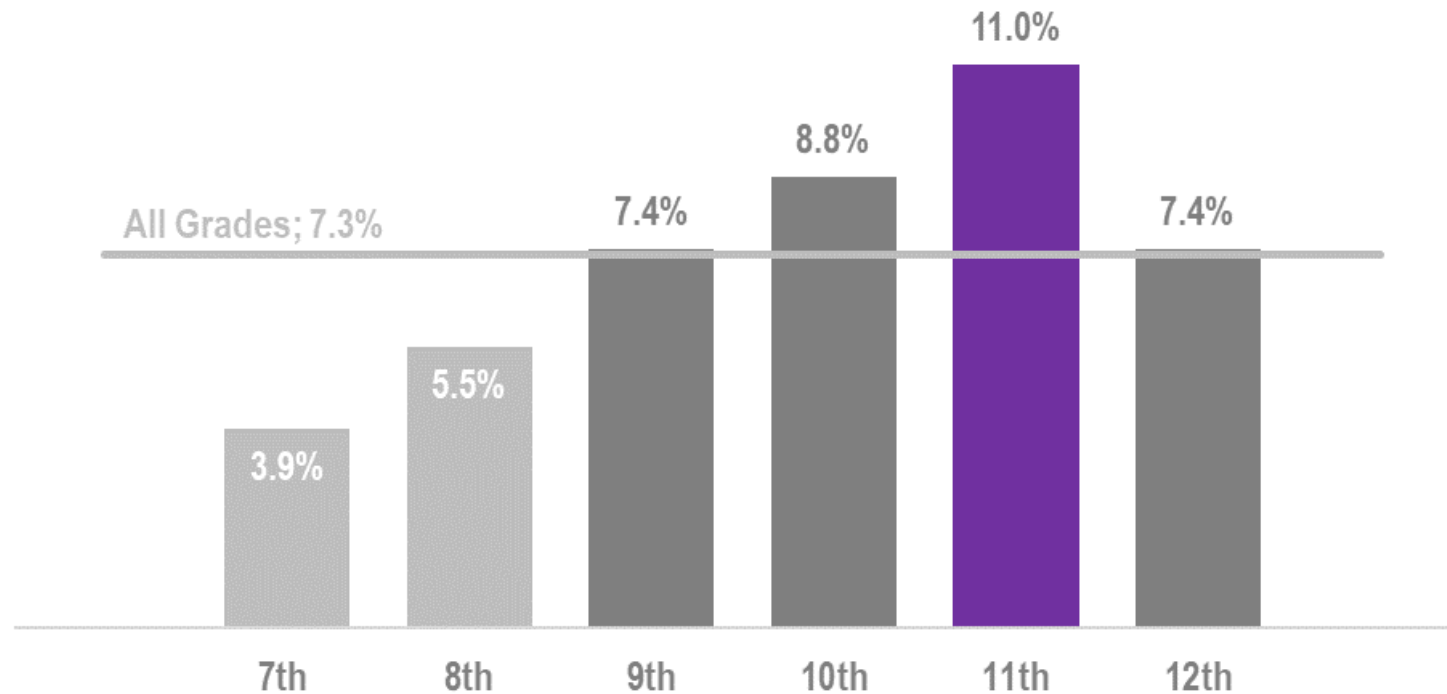
This is for students in Region 3 & 4.





**11% of eleventh grade** students answered “not very” or “not at all” when asked how dangerous it is for kids their age to use tobacco (2020).

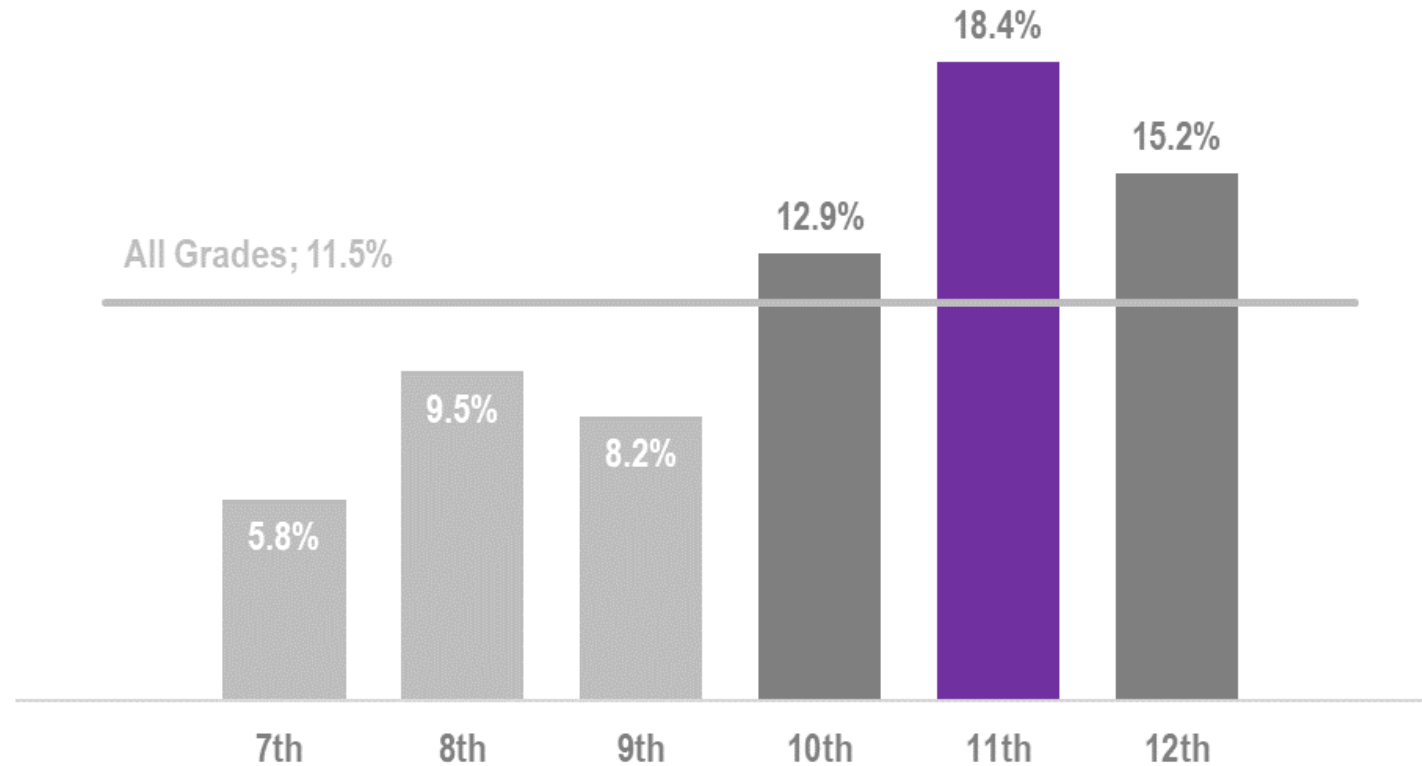
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**18% of eleventh grade** students answered “not very” or “not at all” when asked how dangerous it is for kids their age to use vaping products (2020).

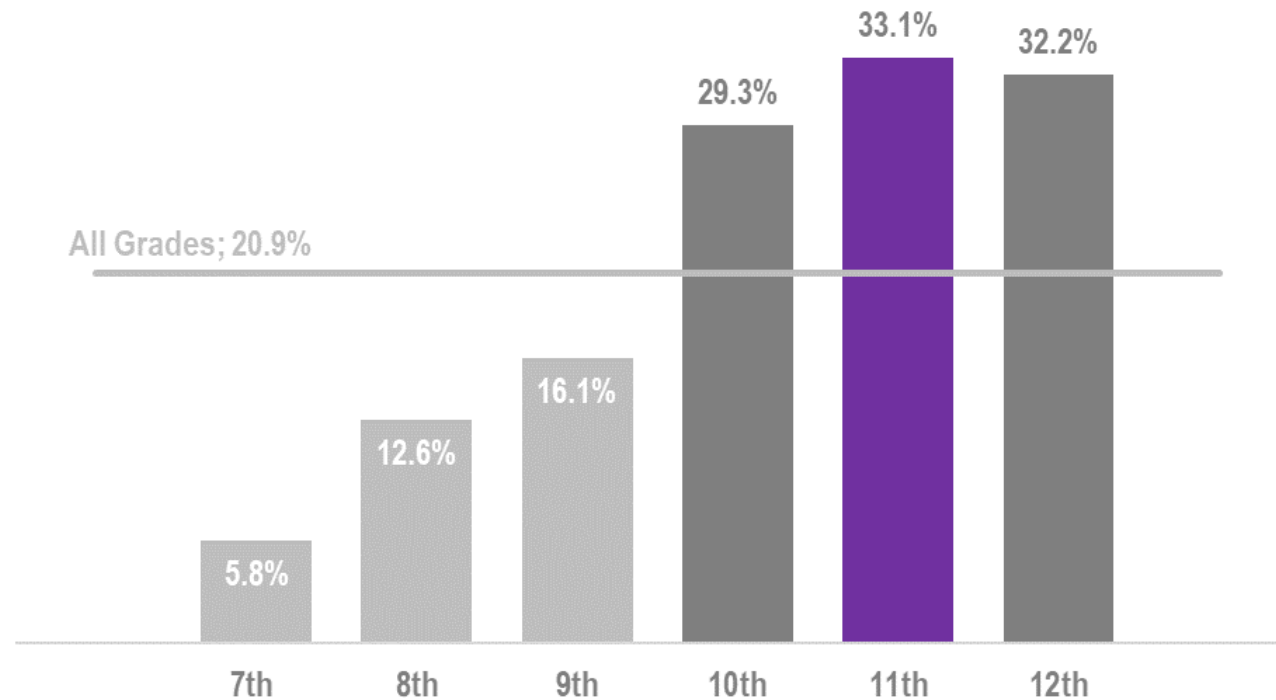
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**Nearly 30% of tenth grade** students answered “not very” or “not at all” when asked how dangerous it is for kids their age to use marijuana (2020).

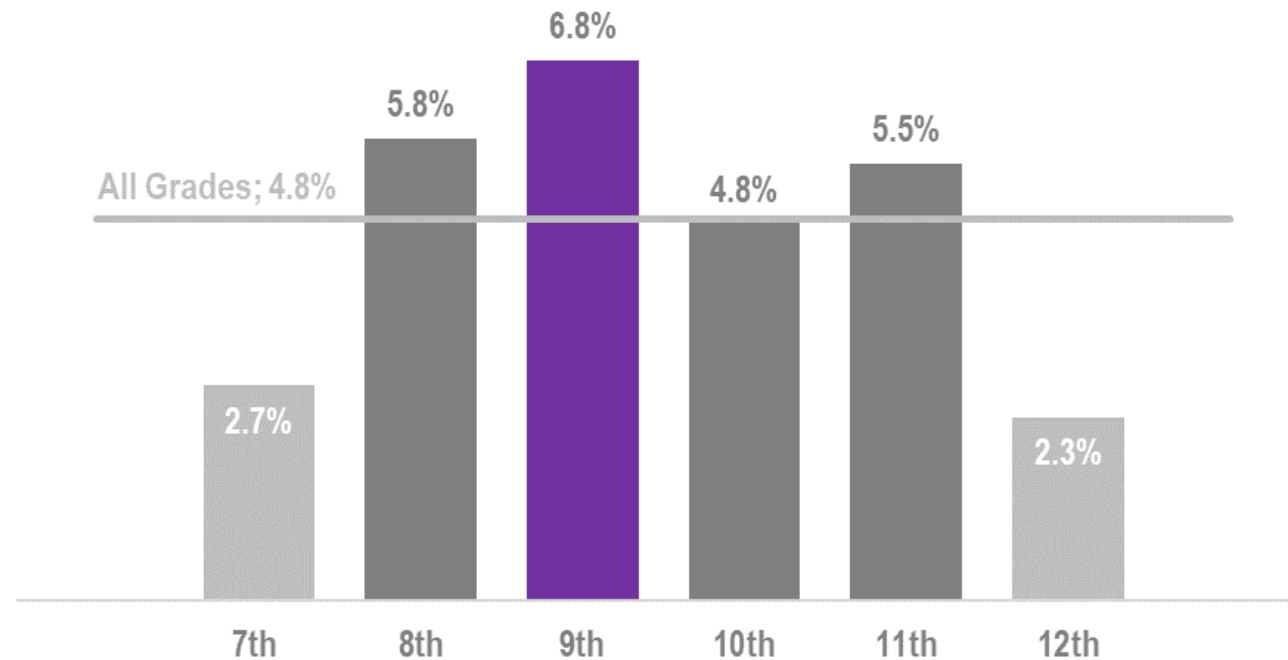
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**Nearly 7% of ninth grade** students answered “not very” or “not at all” when asked how dangerous it is for kids their age to use prescription drugs not prescribed to them (2020).

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# Consumption Patterns & Public Health/Safety Consequences

# Consumption Patterns

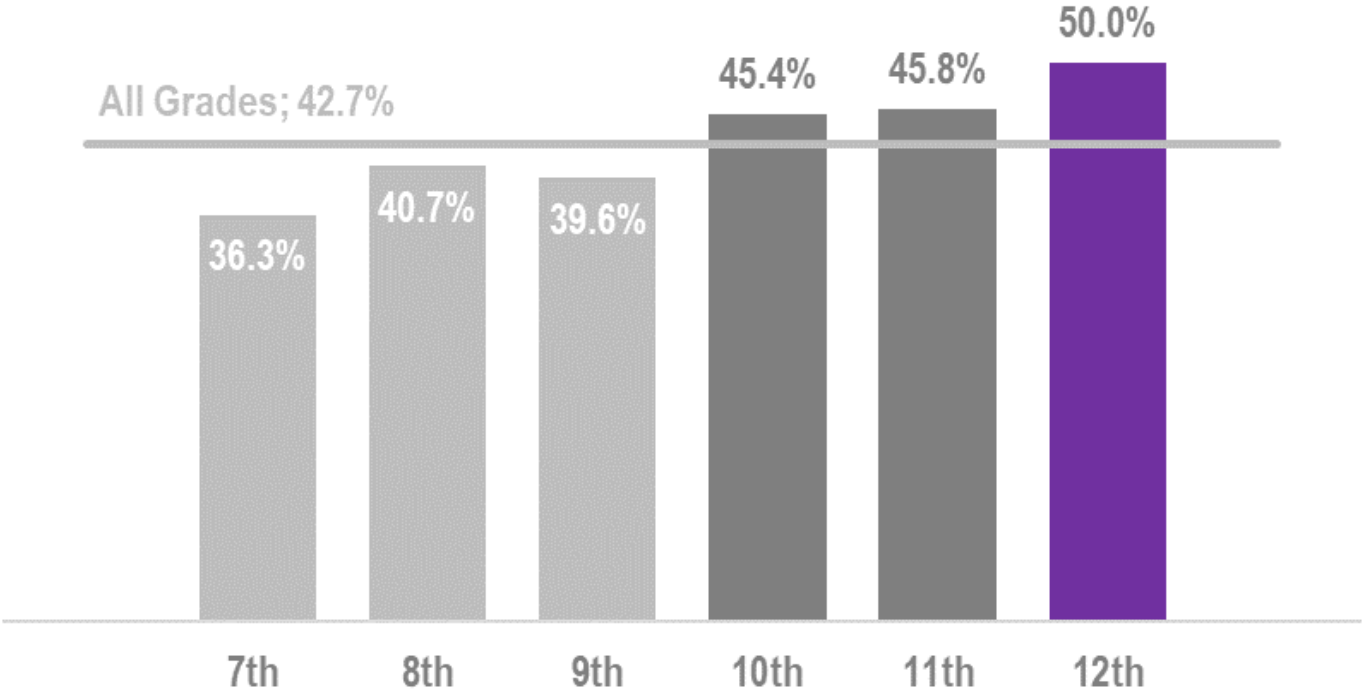




**Nearly 41% of eighth grade students reported using alcohol at least once (2020).**

Lifetime Use is defined as using a substance at least once in their life prior to taking this survey.

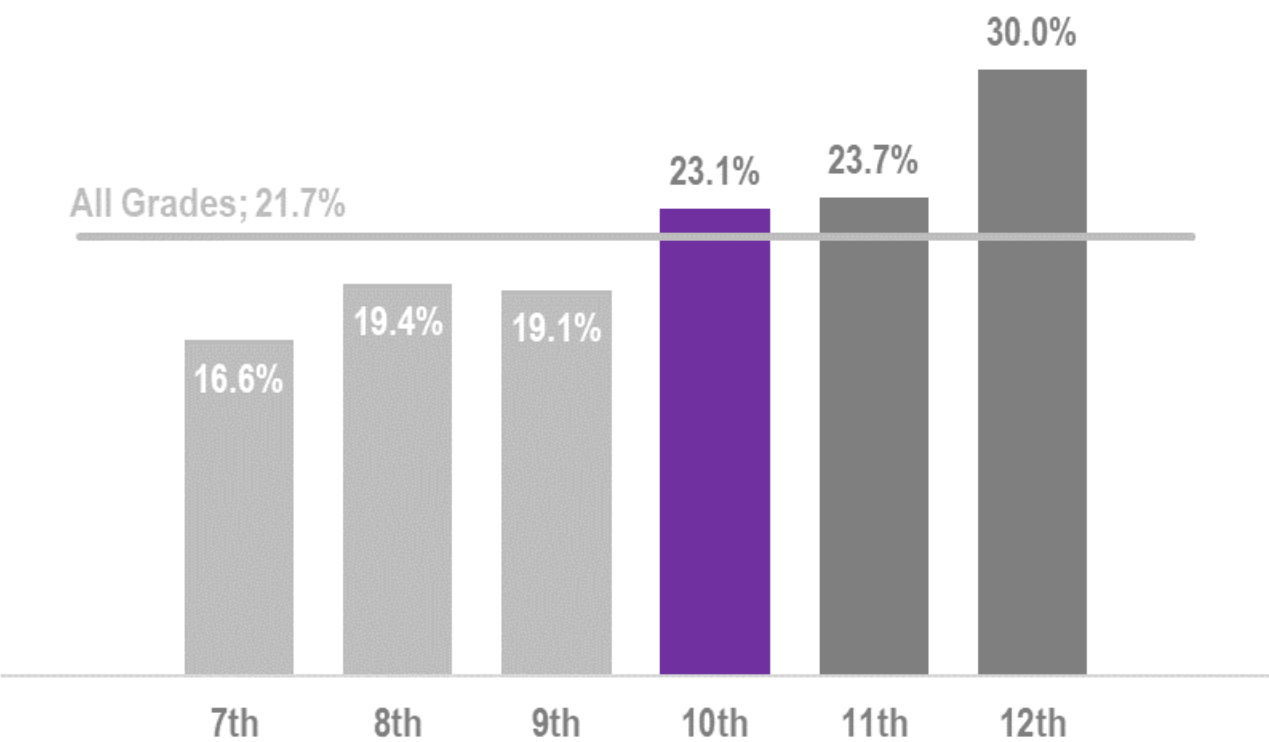
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**23% of tenth grade** students reported currently using alcohol (2020).

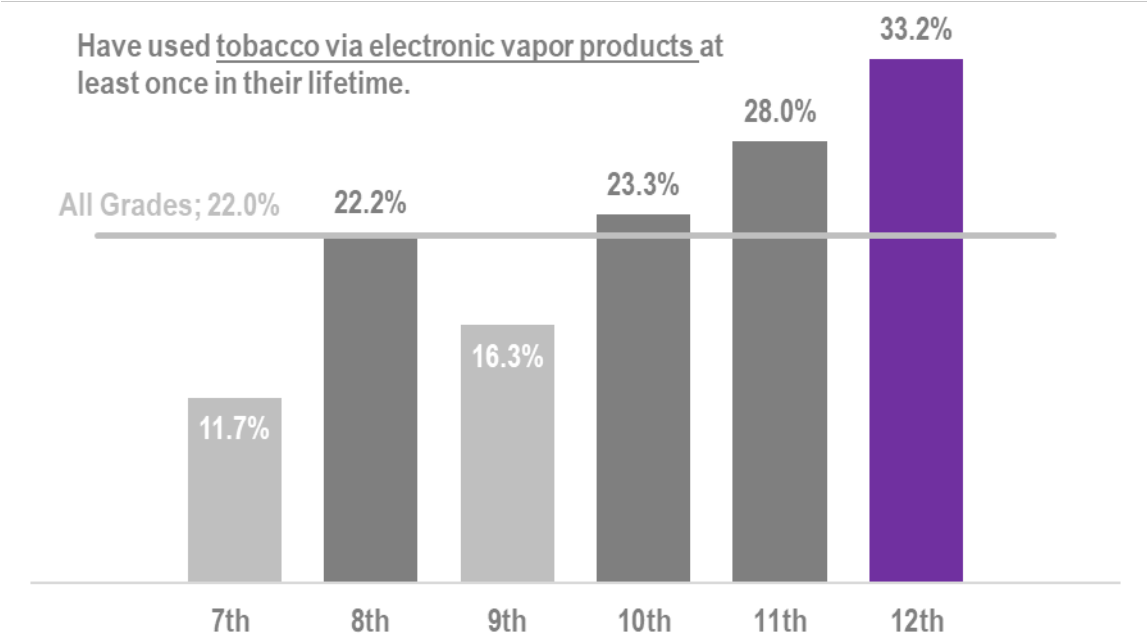
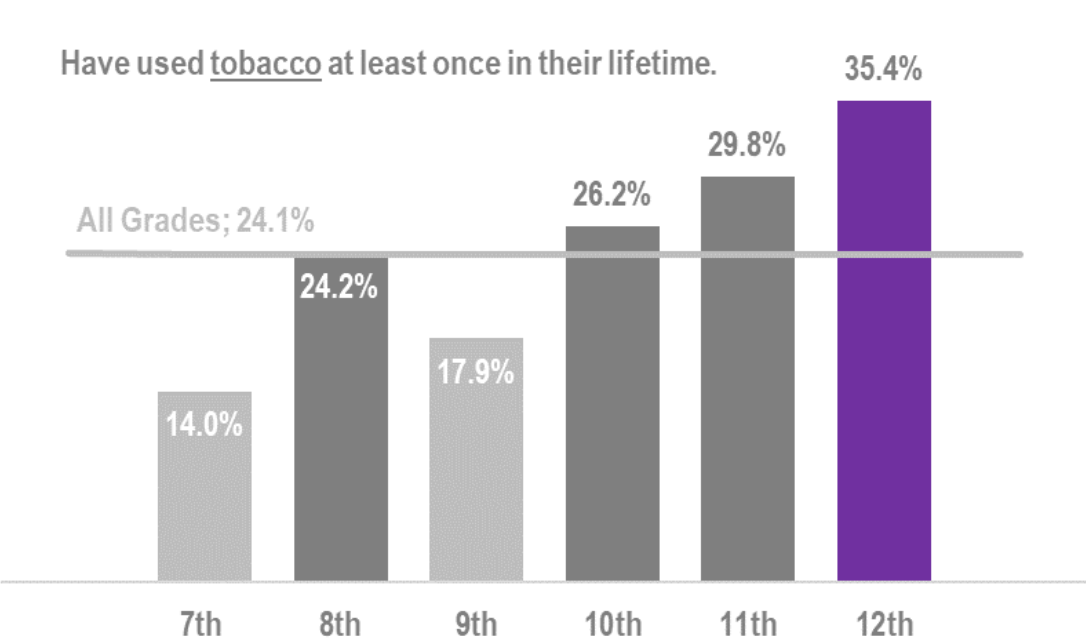
Current Use is defined as using a substance within the last 30 days prior to the survey.  
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**Electronic vapor products** were the most reported type of lifetime tobacco use (2020).

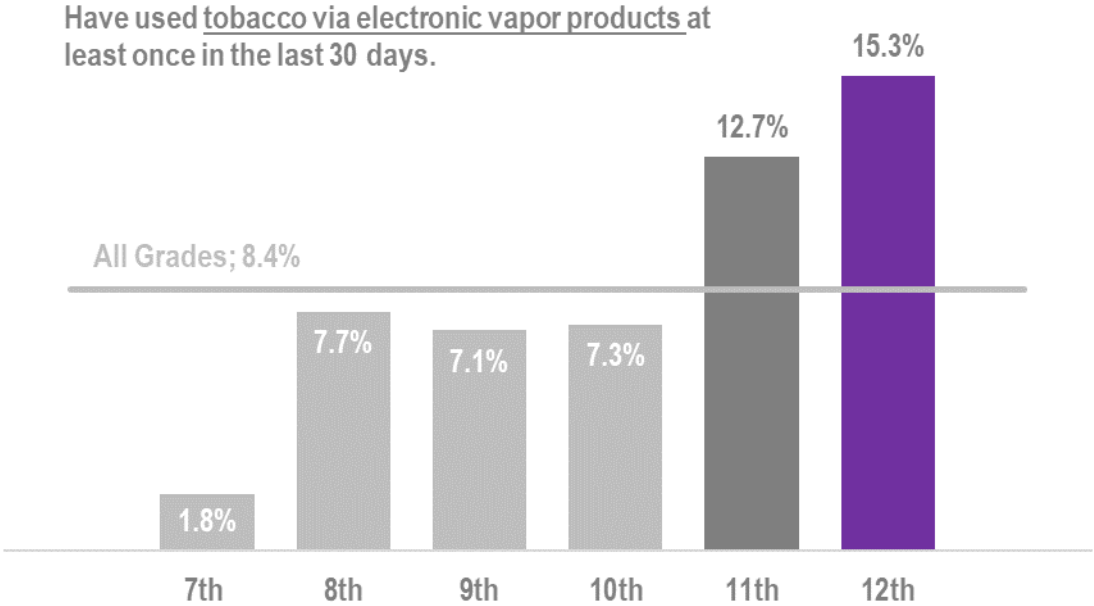
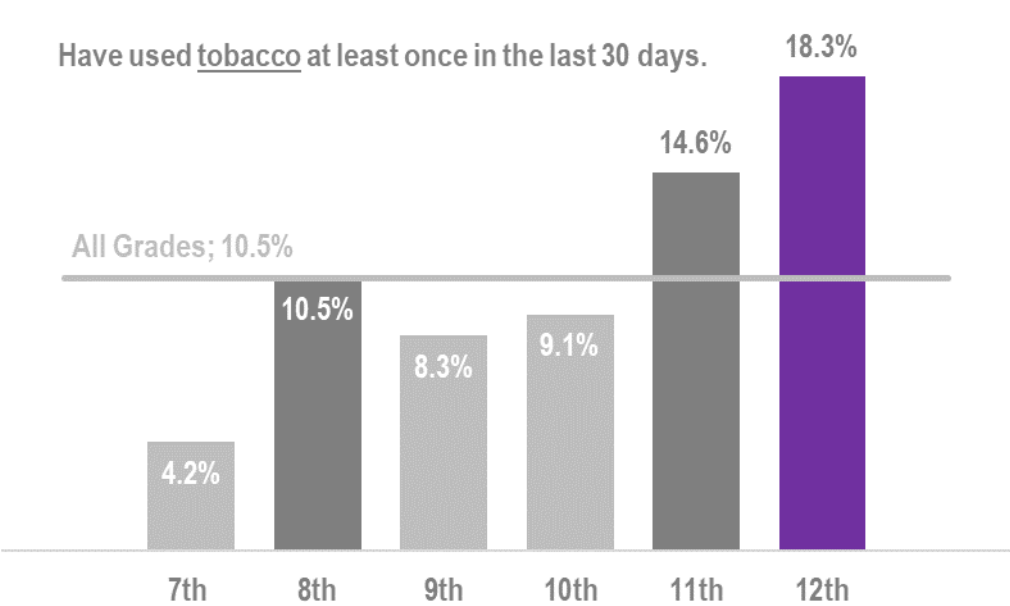
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This is for students in Region 3 & 4.





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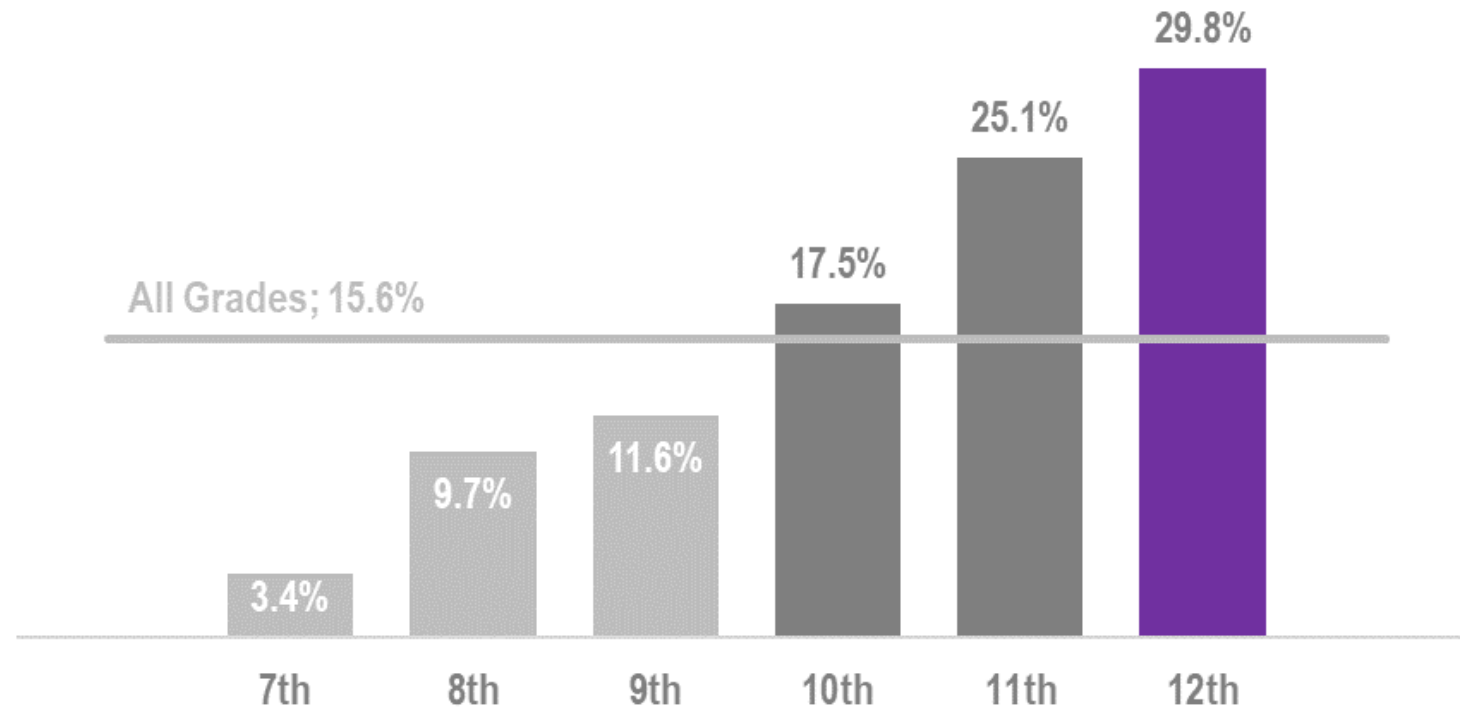




## One in four 11th grade students reported using marijuana at least once (2020).

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This is for students in Region 3 & 4.

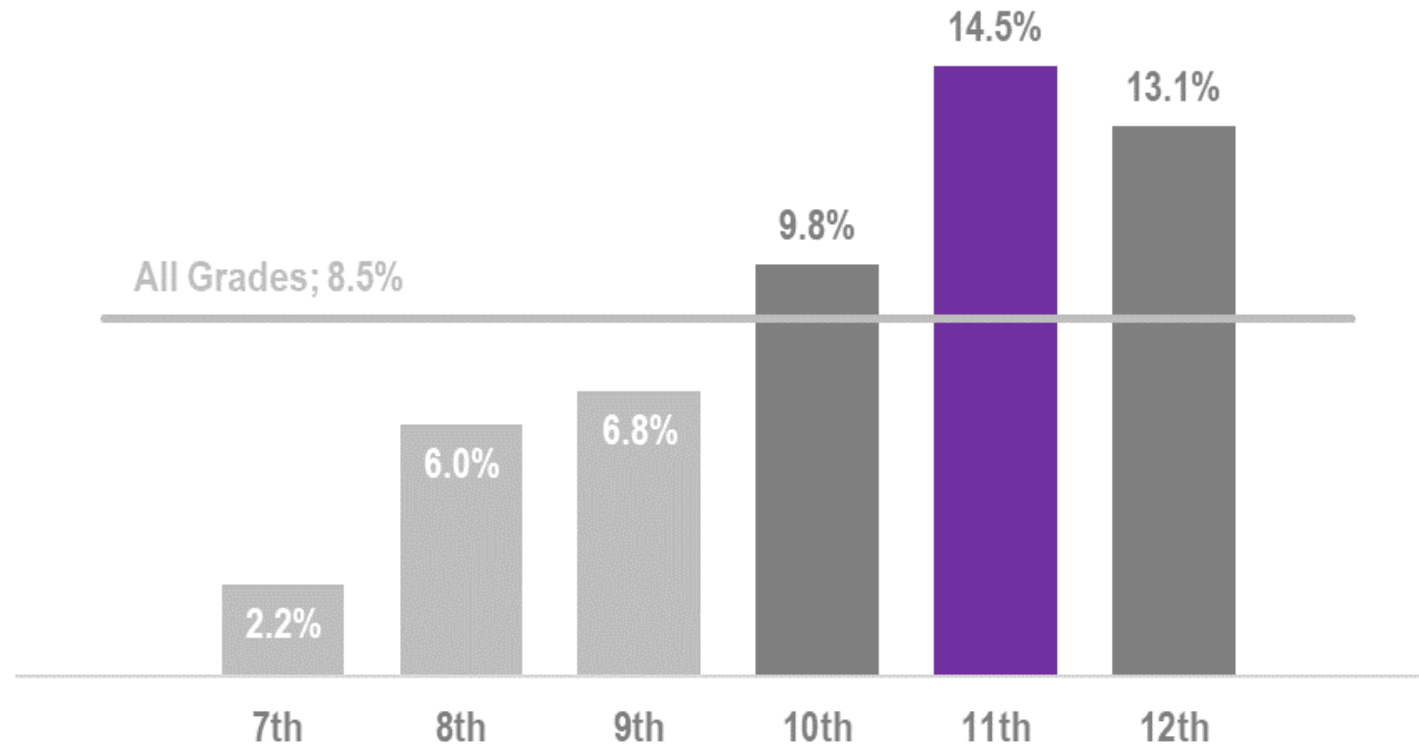




## Nearly 15% of eleventh grade students reported currently using marijuana (2020).

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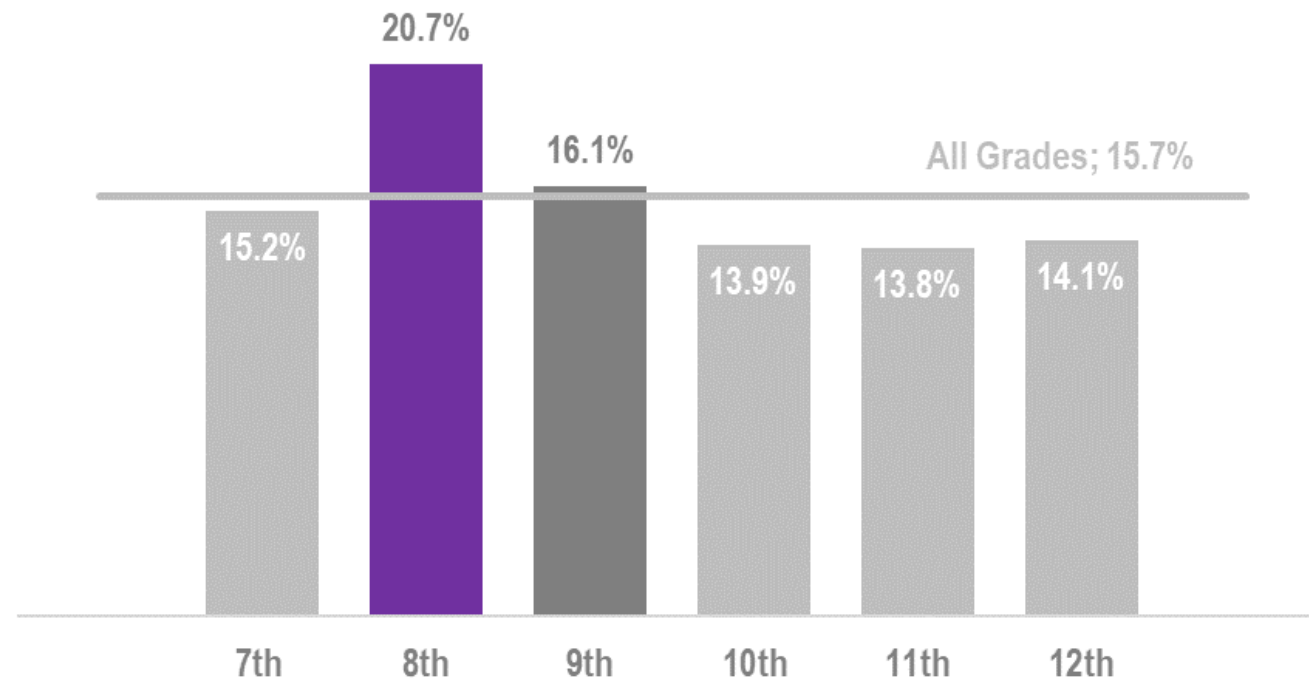




**About one in five 8th grade** students reported using prescription drugs not prescribed to them or only for the experience or feeling it caused at least once (2020).

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This is for students in Region 3 & 4.

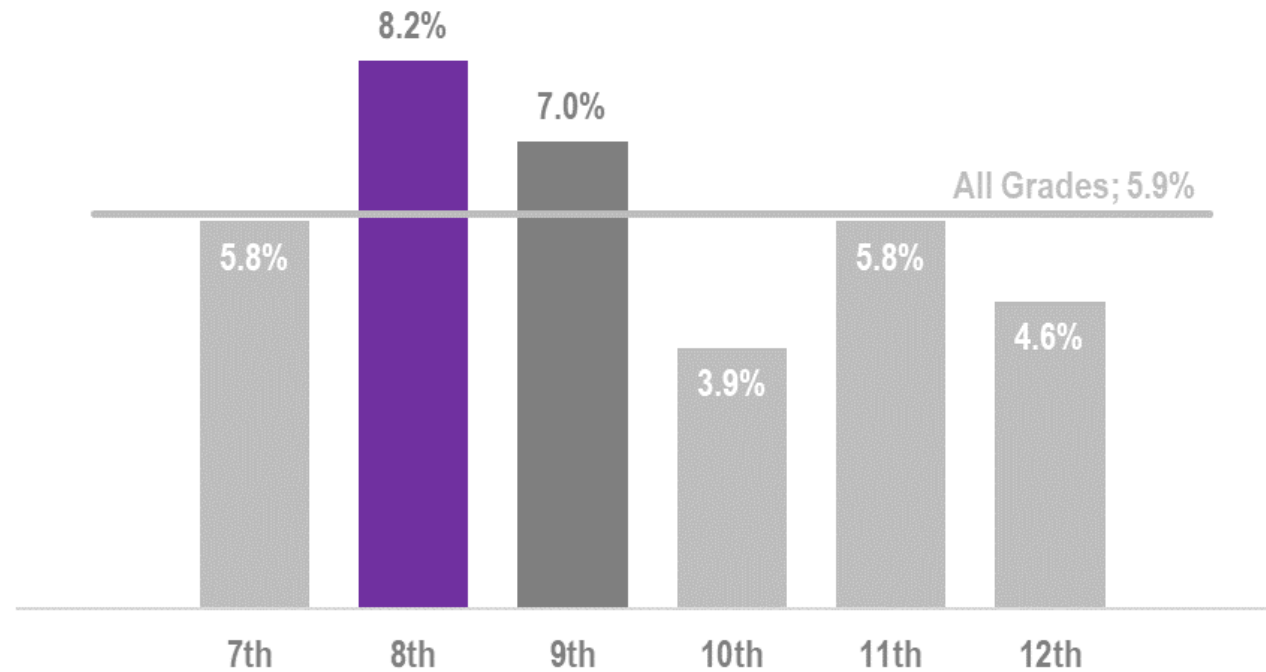




**Over 8% of eighth** grade students reported currently using prescription drugs not prescribed to them or only for the experience or feeling it caused (2020).

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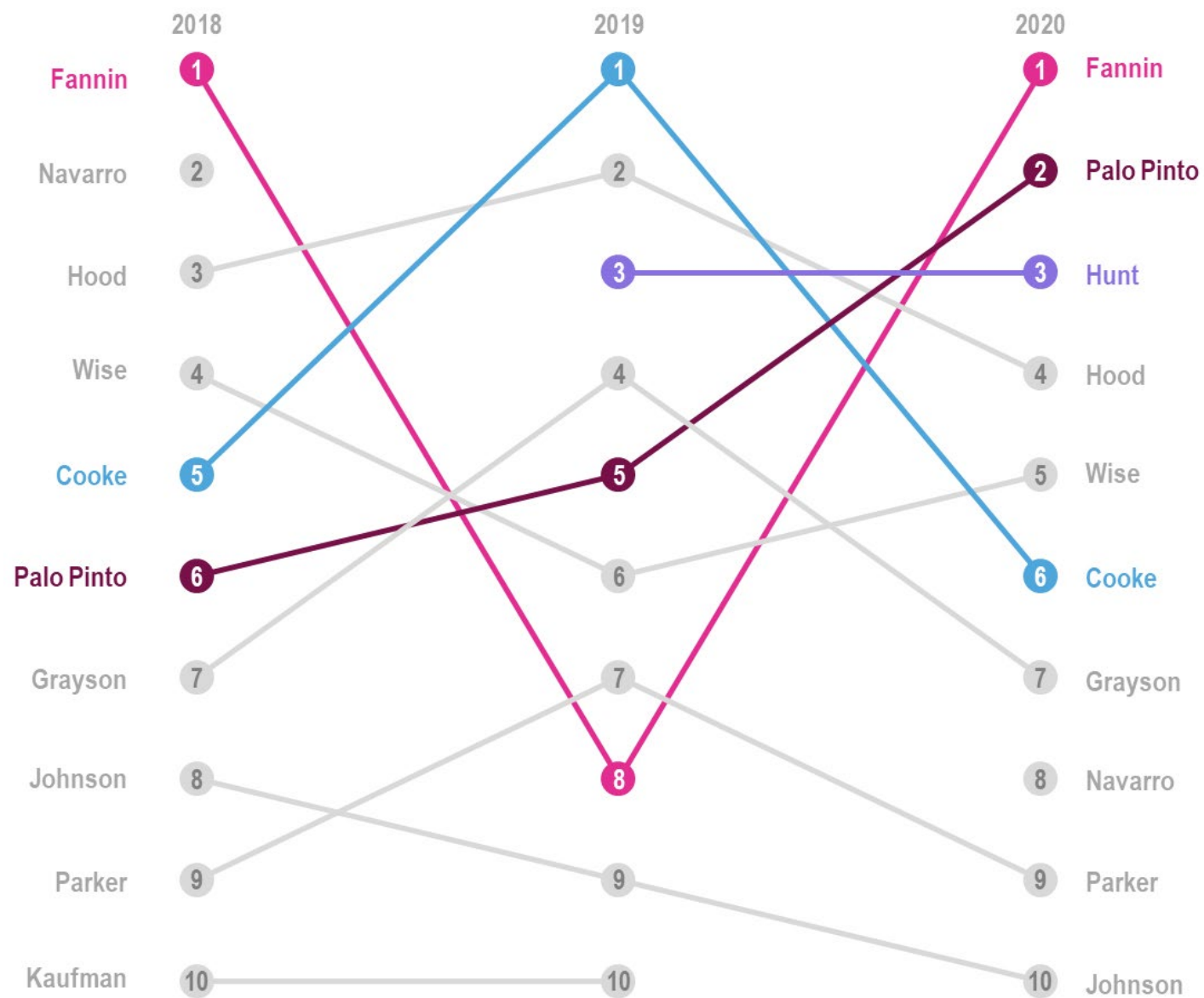




# Public Health/Safety Consequences

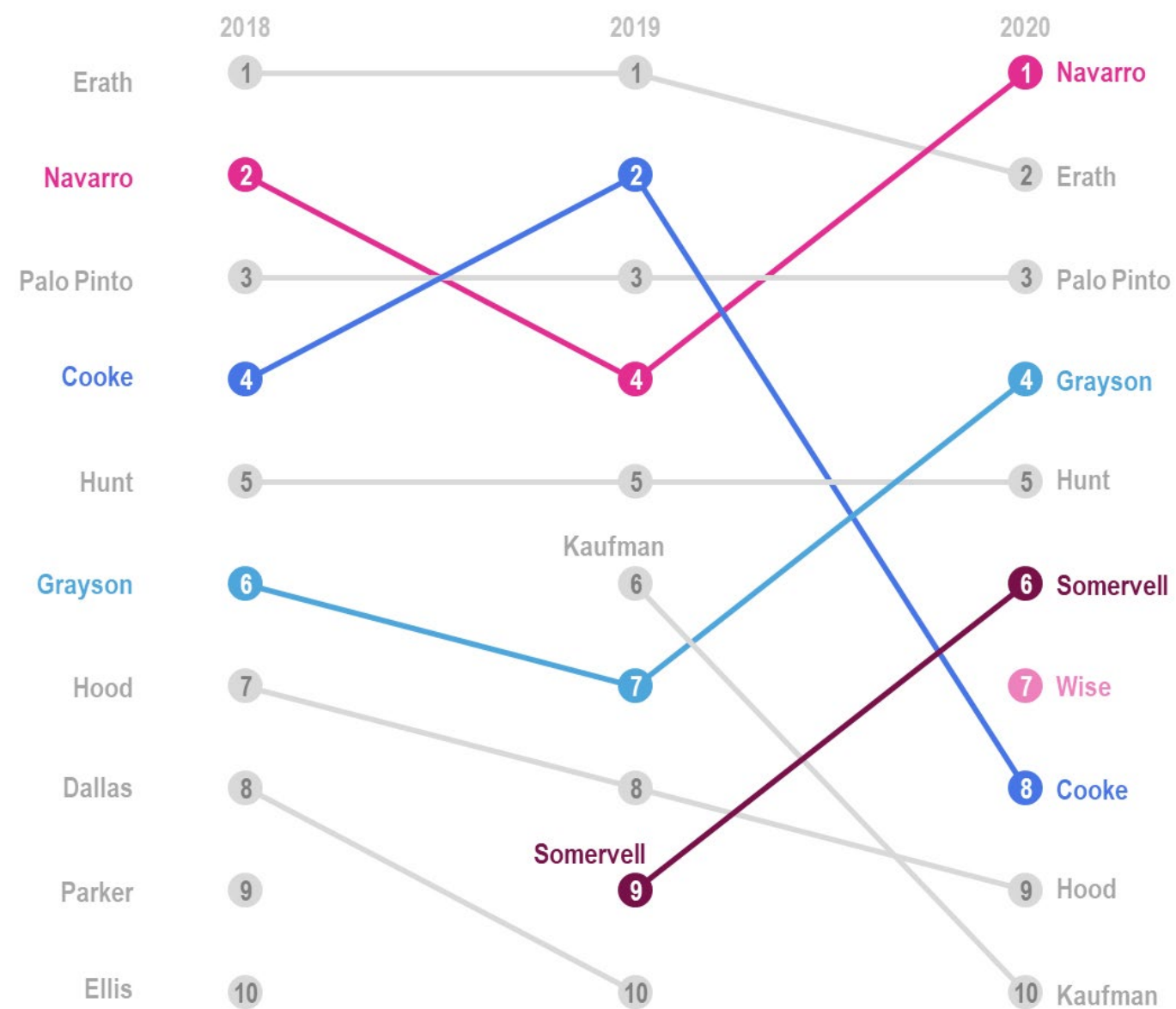


**Palo Pinto County** went from having the 6<sup>th</sup> highest rate of lung cancer deaths to the 2<sup>nd</sup> highest during the three-year period.



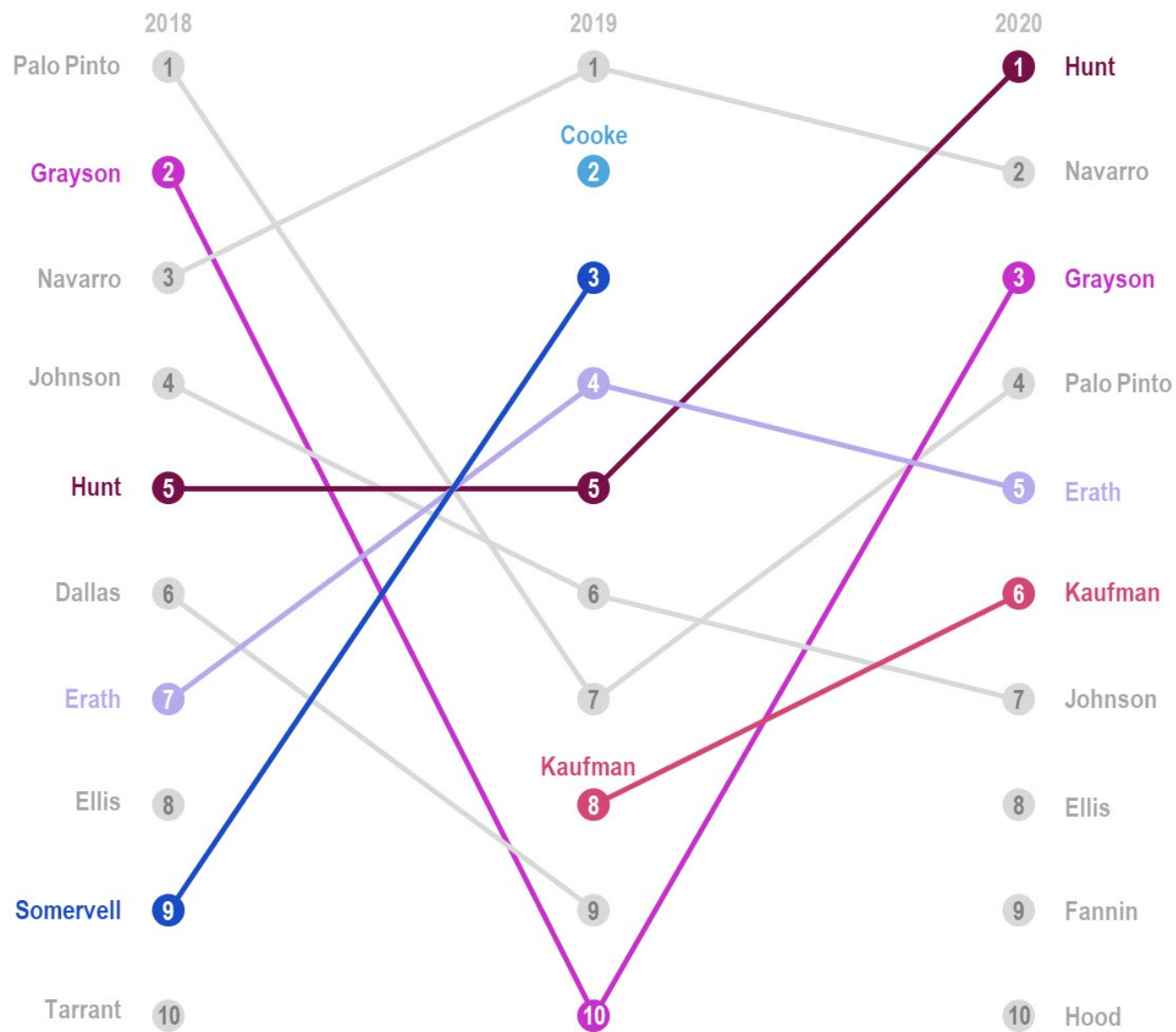


**Somervell County** had the 6<sup>th</sup> highest rate of DUI (alcohol) crashes in 2020; in 2018 it was 15<sup>th</sup>.  
**Cooke County** dropped from 4<sup>th</sup> highest to 8<sup>th</sup> highest from 2018 to 2020.



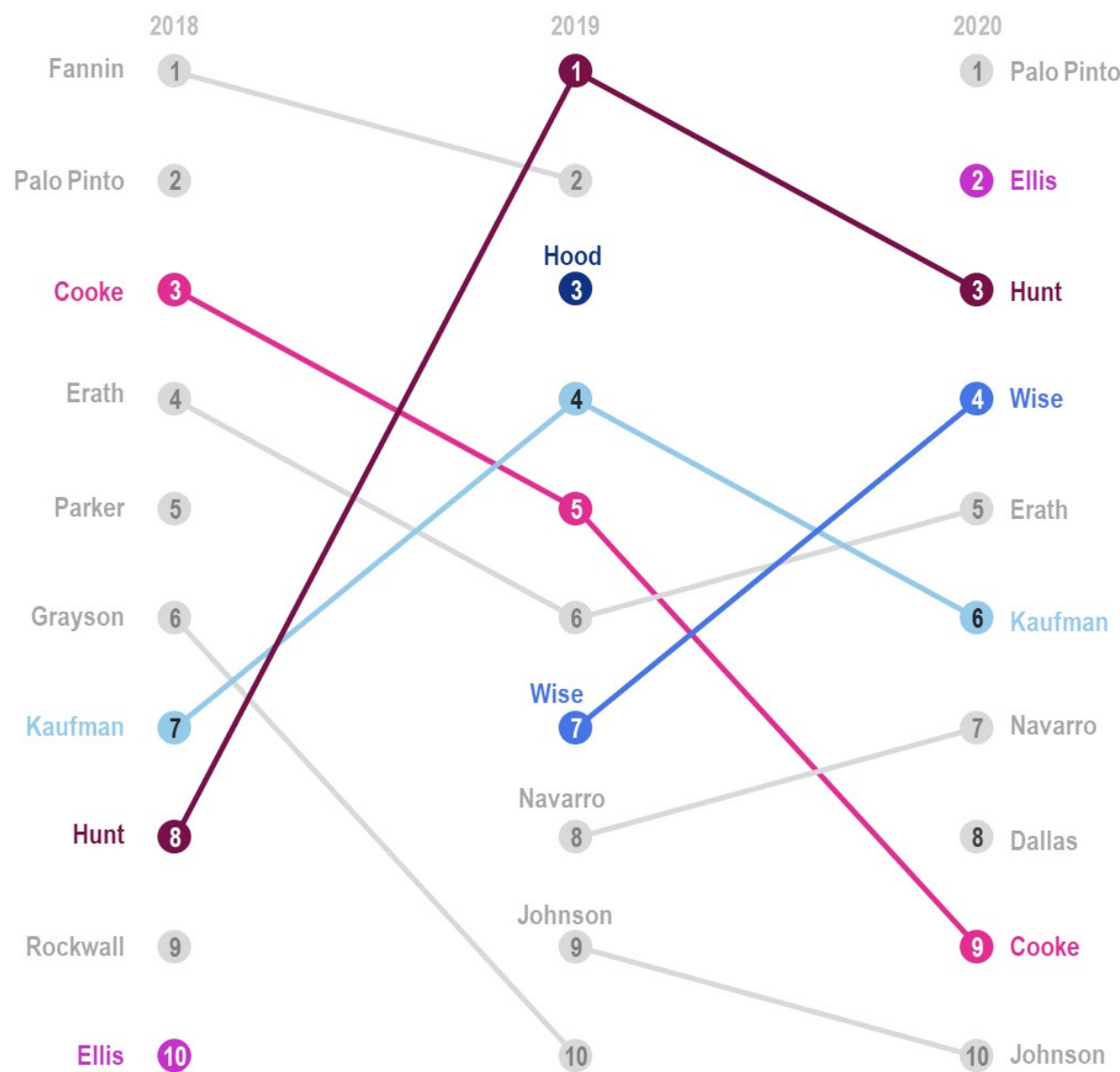


**Hunt County** went from having the 5<sup>th</sup> highest rate of DUI crash injuries to the highest during the three-year period.



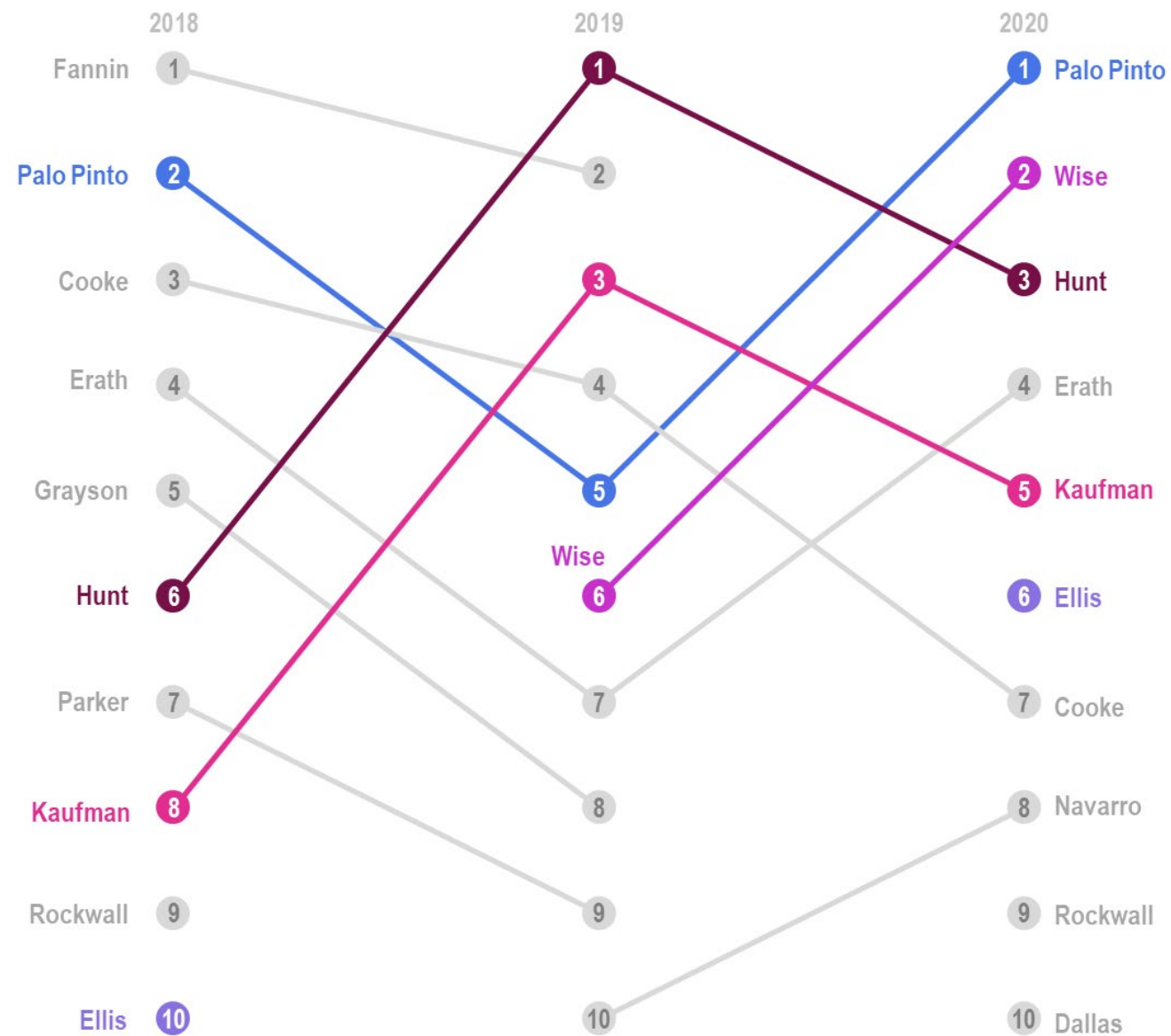


**Ellis County** went from having the 10<sup>th</sup> highest rate of DUI crash related fatalities to the 2<sup>nd</sup> highest during the three-year period.  
It was 14<sup>th</sup> in 2019.





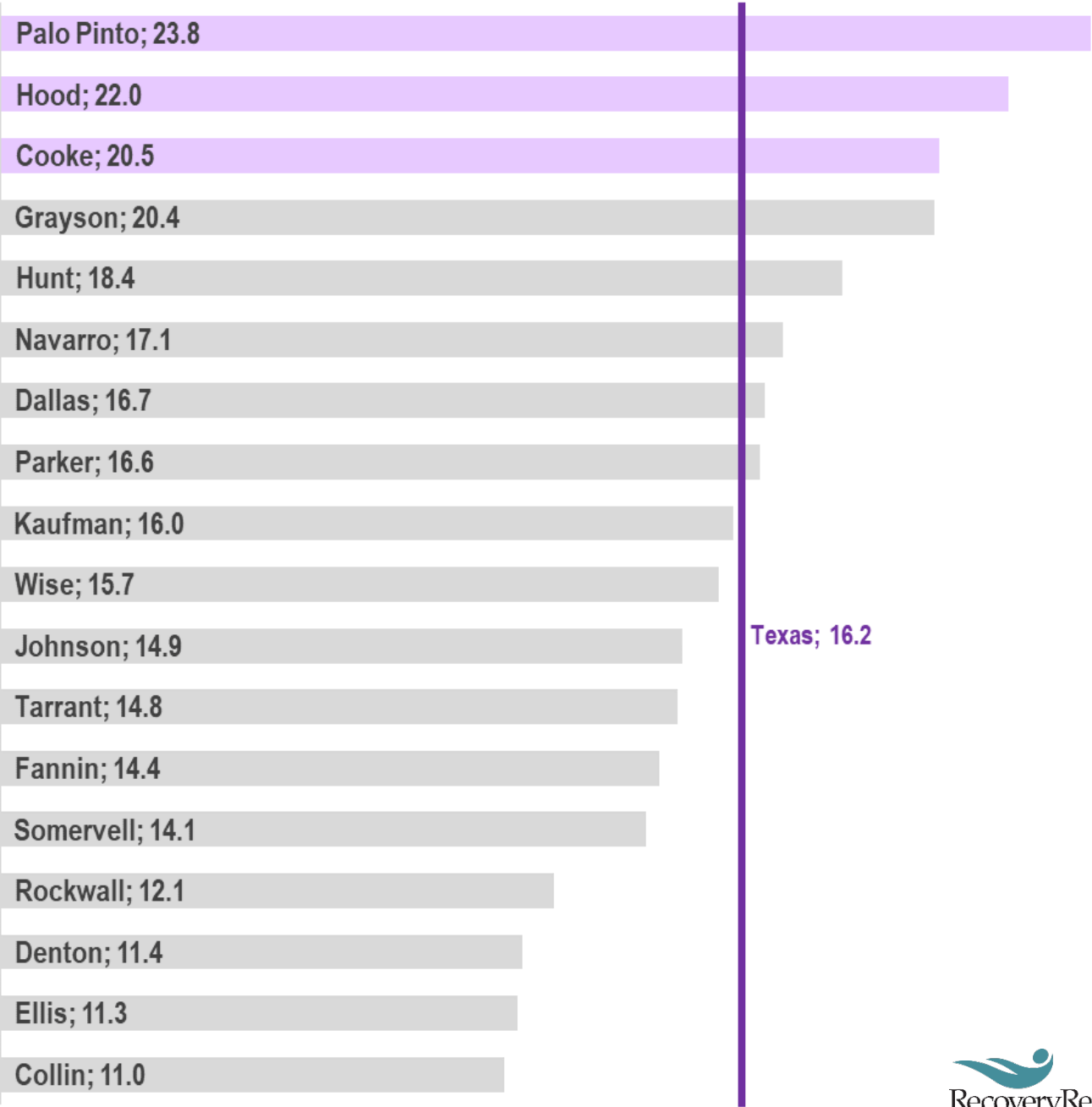
**Wise County** had the 2<sup>nd</sup> highest rate of DUI driver fatalities in 2020; in 2018 it was 13<sup>th</sup>.  
**Fannin County** dropped from the highest rate in 2018 to a rate of 0 in 2020.





**Eight counties** had higher rates of overdose deaths than **Texas**.

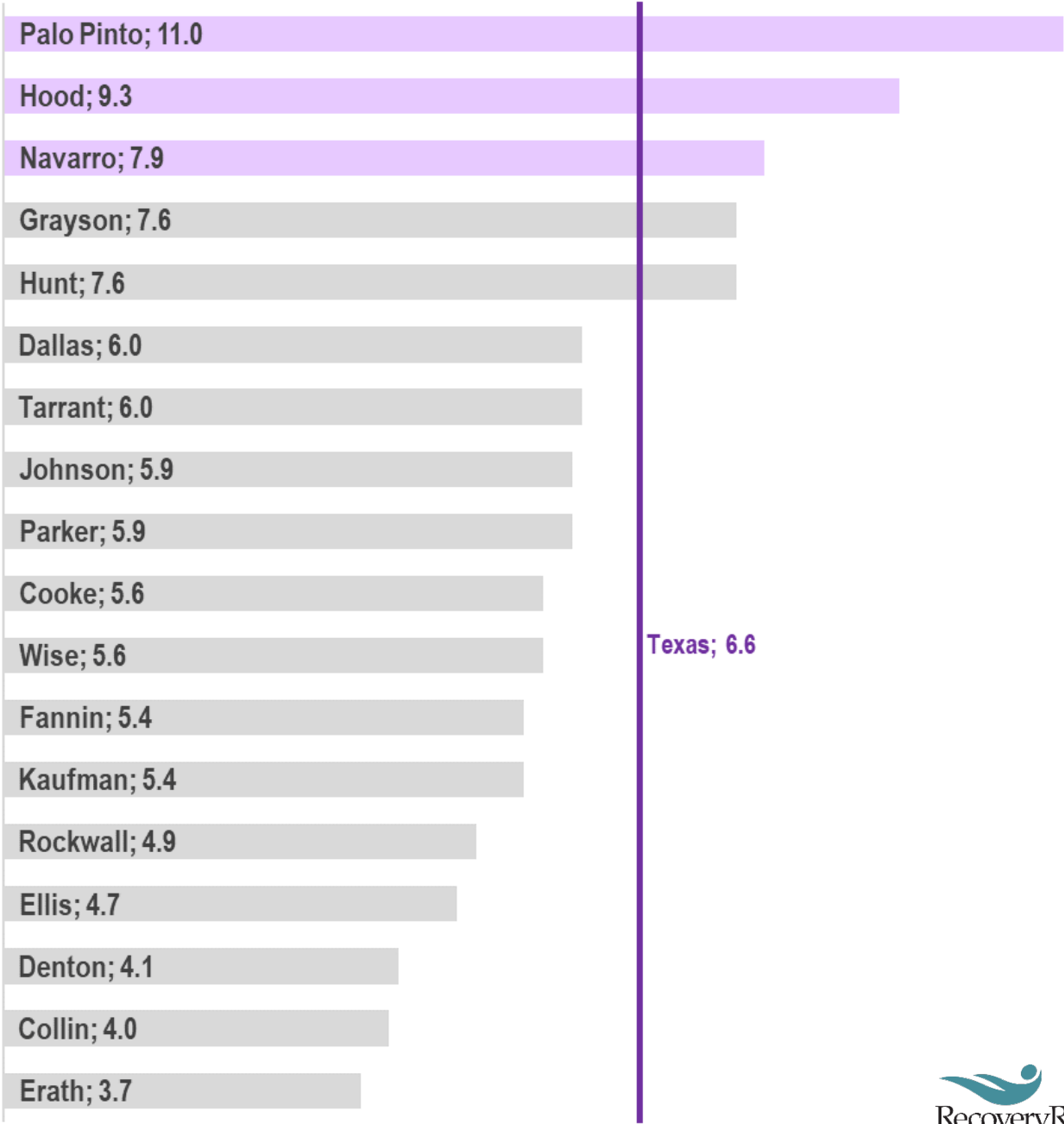
This is for alcohol and drugs combined.  
1999-2019 data.





**Five counties** had higher rates of alcohol related overdose deaths than **Texas**.

1999-2019 data

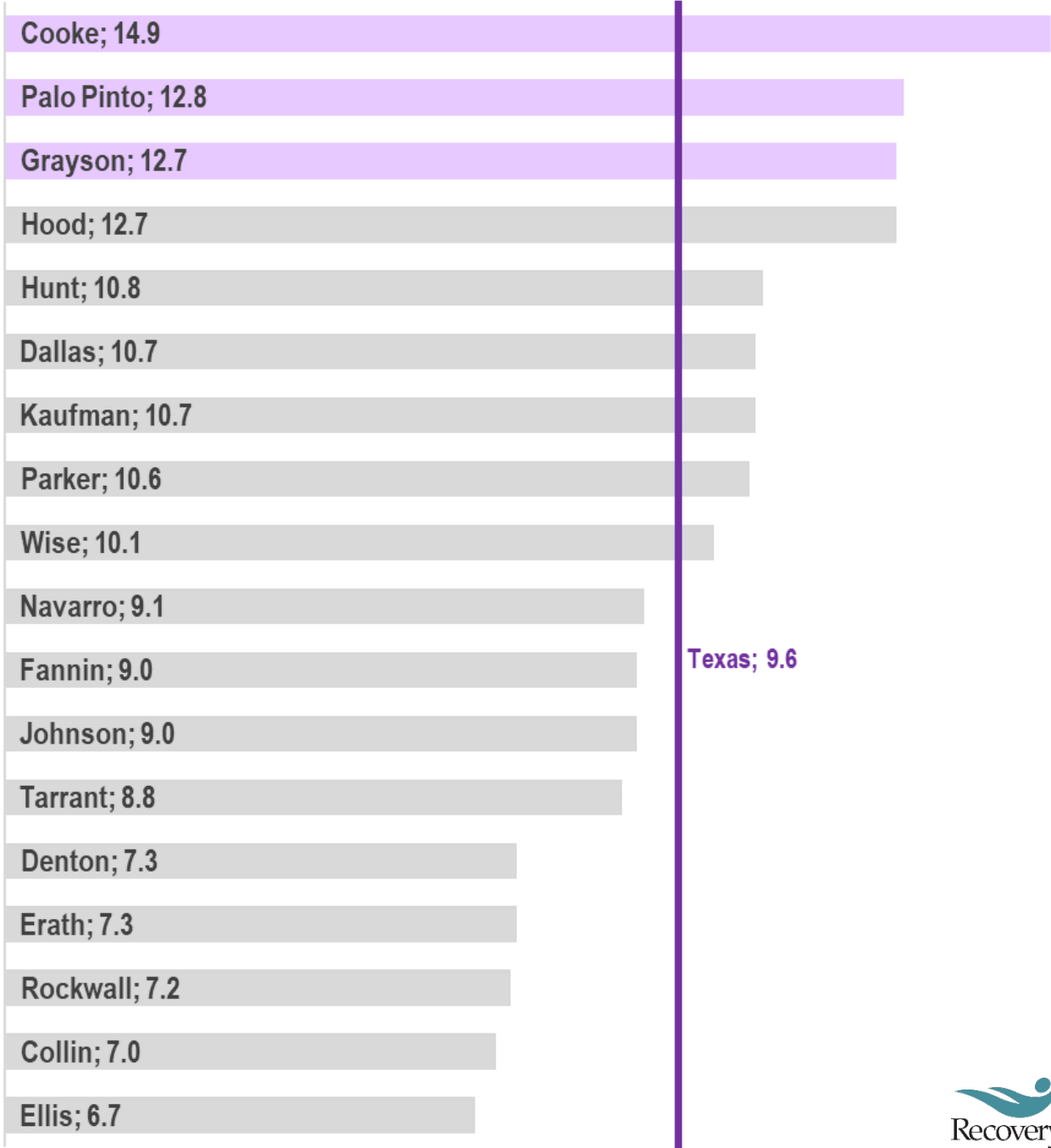






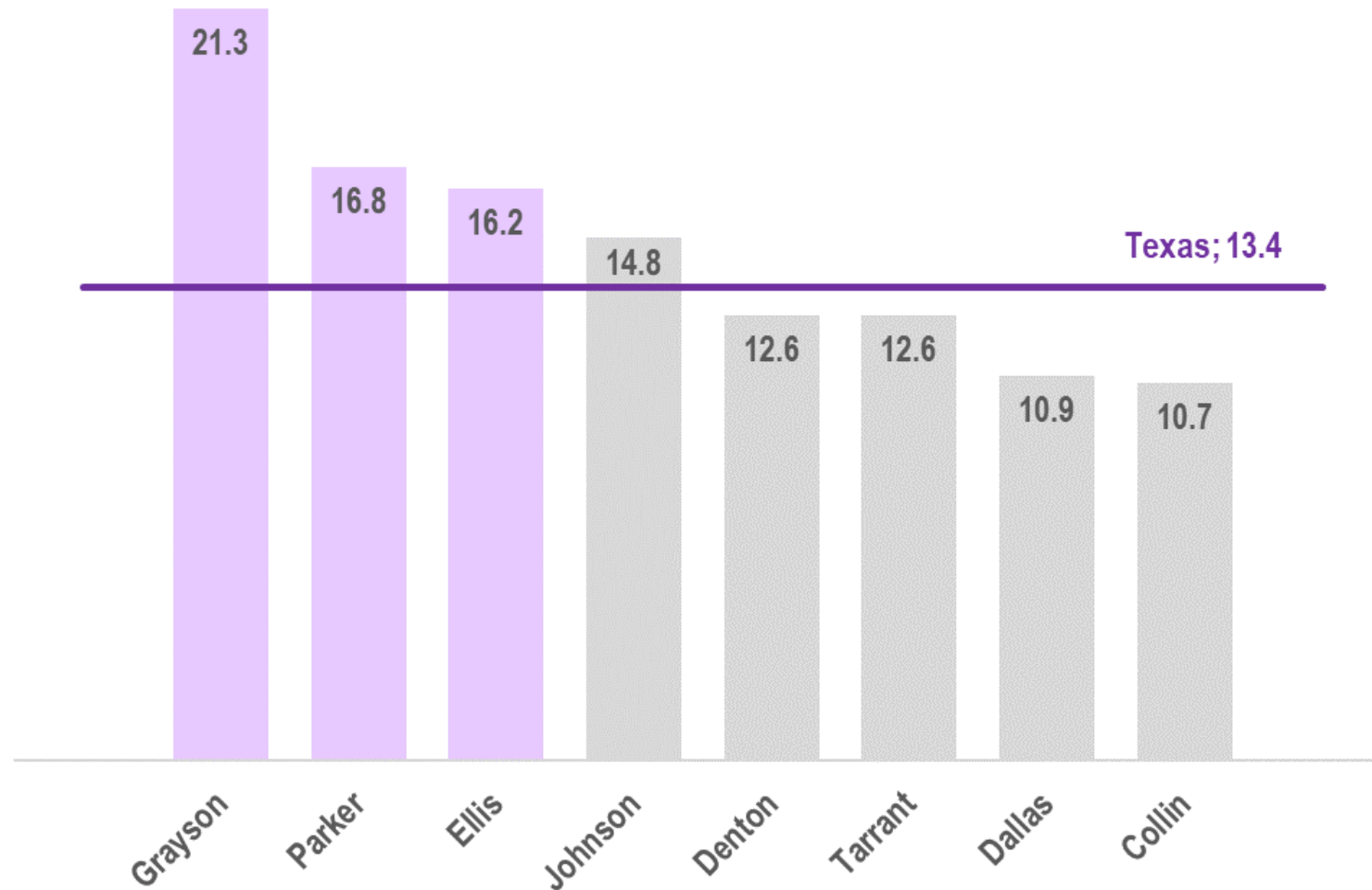
**Nine counties** had higher rates of drug related overdose deaths than **Texas**.

1999-2019 data





**Four counties** had higher rates of suicide than Texas.  
2019 data.

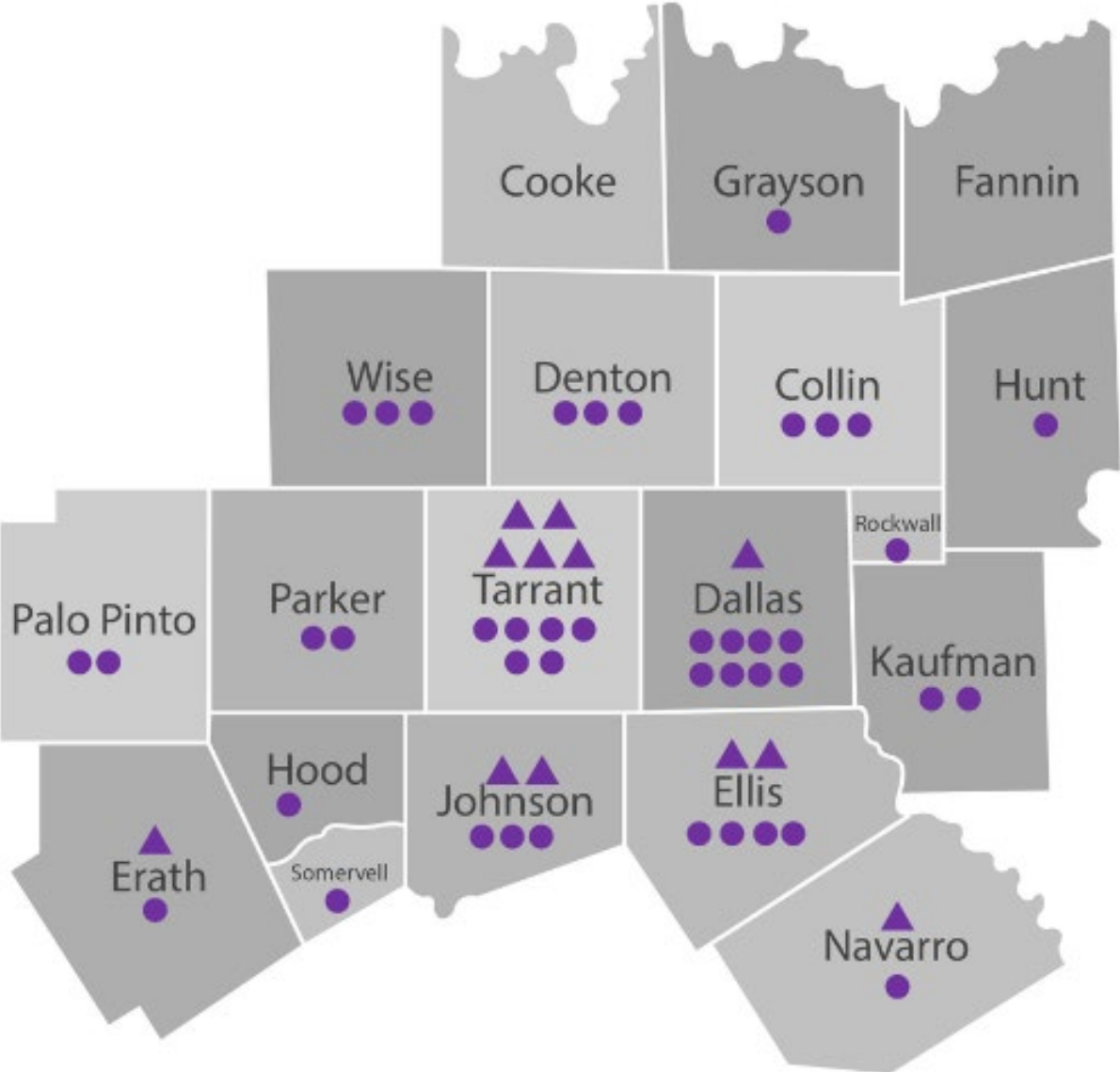


# Region in Focus



In 2021, Region 3 had 17 Youth Prevention Programs ●  
and 11 Community Coalition Partnerships▲that were HHSC-Funded.

The icons represent the number of agencies or coalitions providing a program in the county.  
Many of these programs served multiple counties.





# The Center for Children's Health

led by Cook Children's

## Key community initiatives

### Asthma

- Asthma 411
- Healthy Homes asthma program

### Child safety

- Adverse Childhood Experiences (ACEs) task force
- Safe Baby Sleep Council
- Safe Kids North Texas-Fort Worth

### Oral health

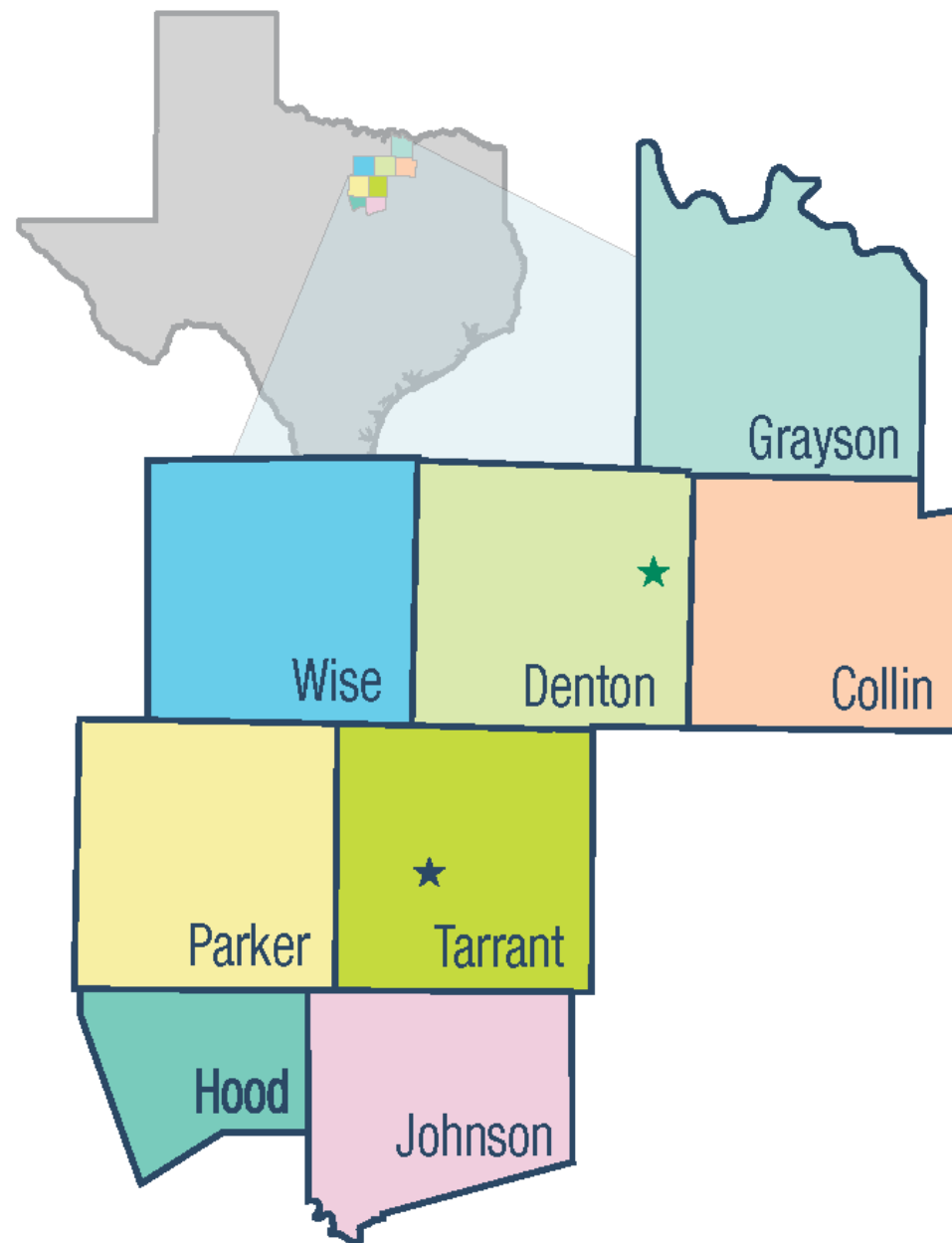
- Children's Oral Health Coalition
- Save a Smile

### Wellness

- Healthy Children Coalition for Parker County
- Hood County for Healthy Children
- Johnson County Alliance for Healthy Kids
- Wellness Alliance for Total Children's Health of Denton County
- Wise Coalition for Healthy Children

### Co-founded

- Immunization Collaboration of Tarrant County
- Mental Health Connection



Cook Children's Medical Center - Fort Worth



Cook Children's Medical Center - Prosper



Region 3 has **7 Local Mental Health Authorities** servicing at least one of the 19 counties.

| County     | Mental Health Authority  | Contact      |
|------------|--|--------------|
| Collin     | Life Path Systems  | 972-562-0190 |
| Cooke      | Texoma Community Center  | 940-665-3962 |
| Dallas     | North Texas Behavioral Health Authority                          | 214-366-9407 |
| Denton     | Denton County MHMR   | 940-381-5000 |
| Ellis      | North Texas Behavioral Health Authority                          | 214-366-9407 |
| Erath      | Pecan Valley Centers for Behavioral and Developmental Healthcare | 254-522-2001 |
| Fannin     | Texoma Community Center  | 903-583-8583 |
| Grayson    | Texoma Community Center  | 903-957-4701 |
| Hood       | Pecan Valley Centers for Behavioral and Developmental Healthcare | 817-573-2662 |
| Hunt       | North Texas Behavioral Health Authority                          | 214-366-9407 |
| Johnson    | Pecan Valley Centers for Behavioral and Developmental Healthcare | 817-558-1121 |
| Kaufman    | North Texas Behavioral Health Authority                          | 214-366-9407 |
| Navarro    | North Texas Behavioral Health Authority                          | 214-366-9407 |
| Palo Pinto | Pecan Valley Centers for Behavioral and Developmental Healthcare | 940-325-9541 |
| Parker     | Pecan Valley Centers for Behavioral and Developmental Healthcare | 817-599-7634 |
| Rockwall   | North Texas Behavioral Health Authority                          | 214-366-9407 |
| Somervell  | Pecan Valley Centers for Behavioral and Developmental Healthcare | 254-552-2090 |
| Tarrant    | MHMR of Tarrant County   | 817-569-4300 |
| Wise       | Helen Farabee Centers  | 940-627-1251 |



# There are **4 recovery high schools** in Region 3.

These schools are in Collin and Dallas counties.





There are **5 universities** in Region 3 that have an accredited collegiate recovery program.

There are two in Dallas, one in Denton, and two in Tarrant County.

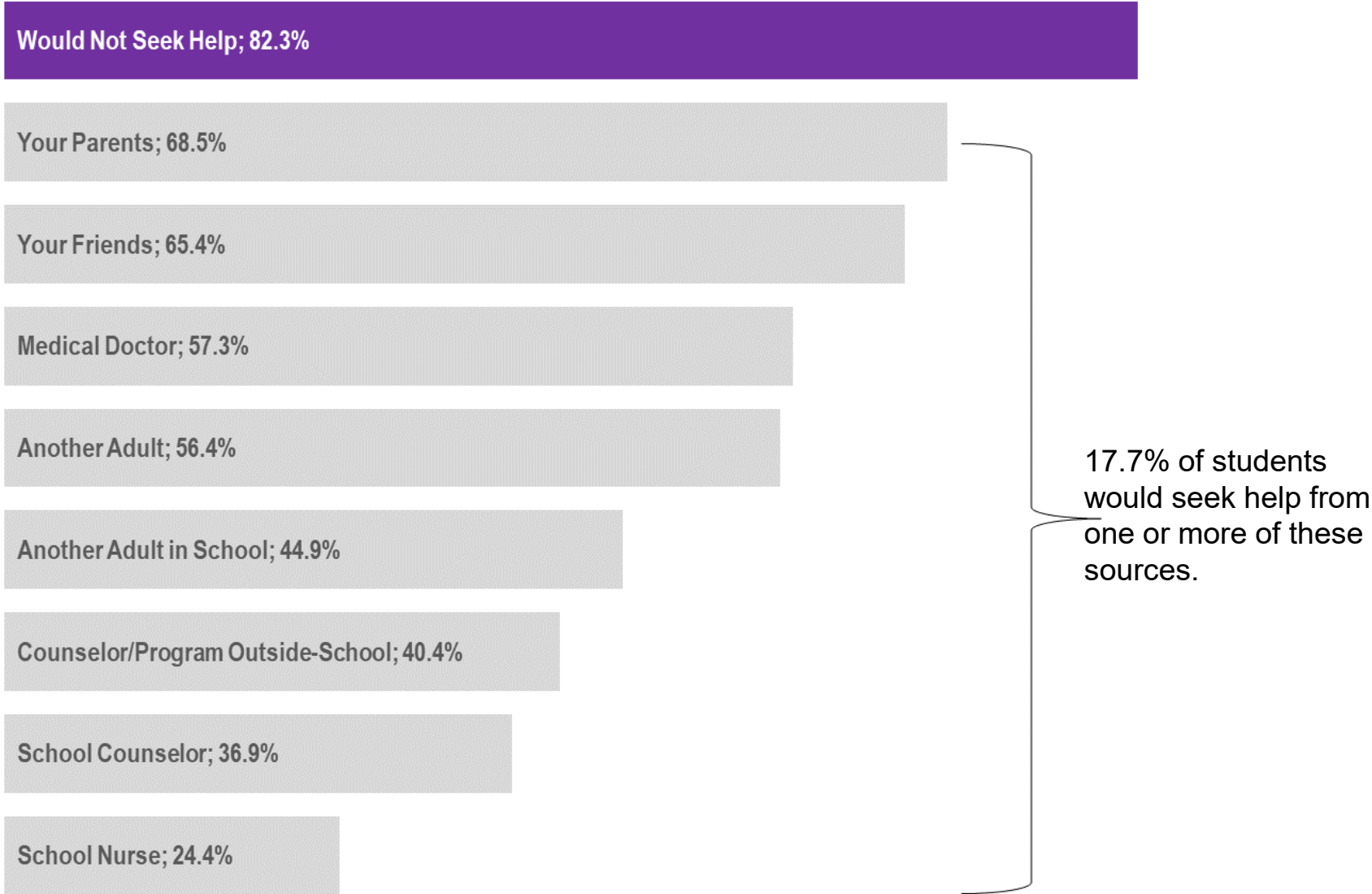






When asked who they would go to if they had a drug or alcohol problem and needed help, **more than 80% of students indicated they would not seek help** (2020).

Of the almost 18% of students who indicated they would seek help, they were asked to select all the sources they would seek help from. This is for students in Regions 3 & 4.





# Information Overload!



# Possible Applications

- Society
- Community
- School
- Family
- Peer
- Individual





# What are some ways you plan to use the RNA?

For teen program development that is happening right now!

story telling

Grant writing

understanding

capacity building

Identifying needs

For teen program planning

better target populations

to think of more questions



# What are some ways you plan to use the RNA?

helping the students in the area that lack the resources

Keeping us from 'assumptions' because we have data

This data could be used to identify additional staff training needs (trauma-informed language/materials/etc.)

to help others see why the yp programs are needed and that they do work

Share with community leaders

Also to highlight success where applicable

assessment of resources & needs

Share with community and partners

Education



# What are some ways you plan to use the RNA?

My organization does a county health needs assessment every three years. I will share this RNA with that team.

Address needs with Concert services



# Data Gaps

- Why and the context of the data
- Quantitative data vs. Qualitative data
- Access to school data (via school districts)





# Contributions to Region 3 Data

- Collaborate with school districts to build relationships
- Strategic plan within organizations that include data collection
  - It is beneficial for programs and the community at large because it provides evidence-based approach to program delivery.



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# Thank You!

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