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Risk Factors

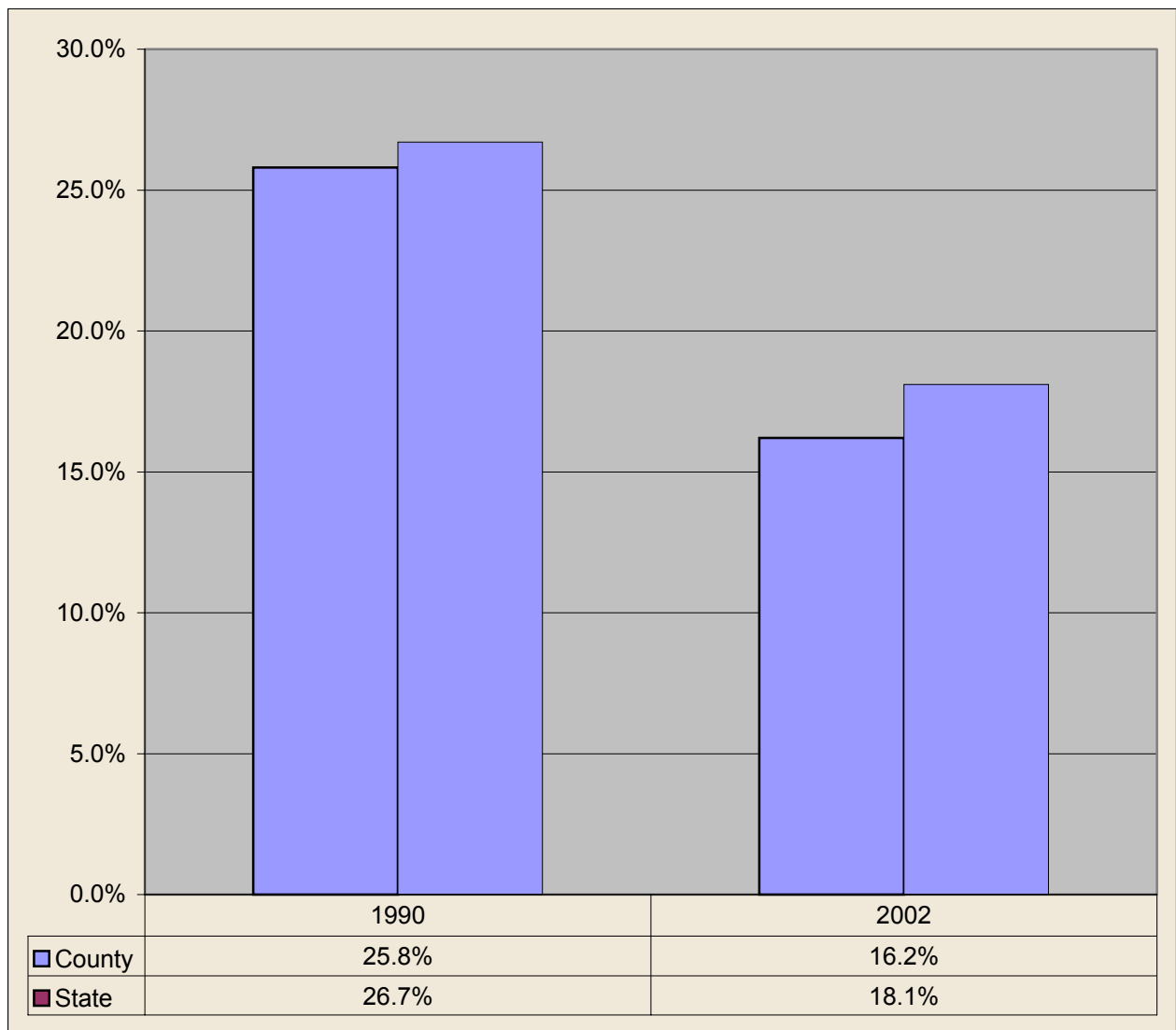
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Indicator: Educational Attainment

Definition: Percentage of population in Blair County and the State of Pennsylvania with less than 12 years of school.

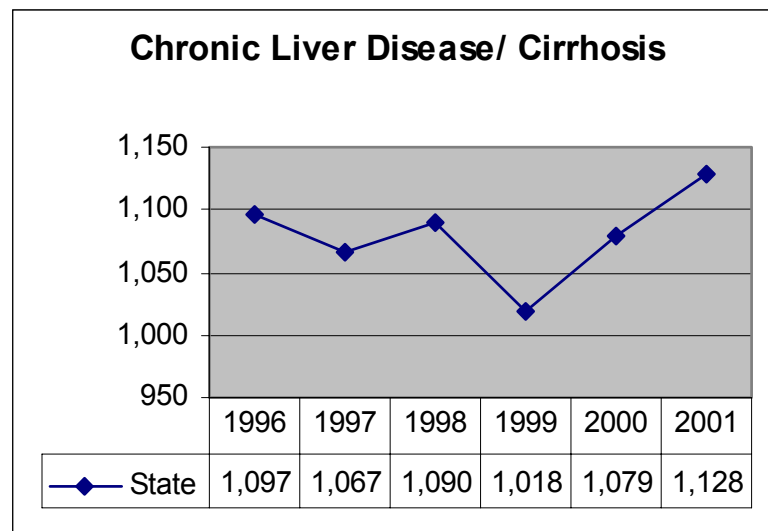
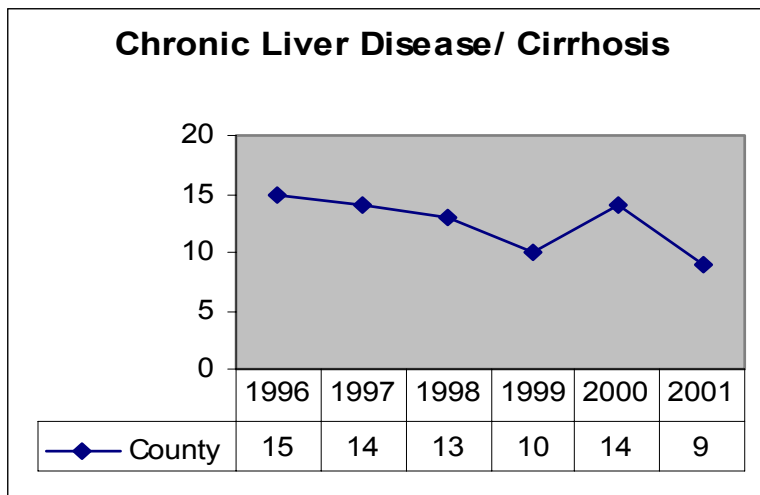


Source: The Center for Rural Pennsylvania
www.ruralpa.org

Risk Factor: Family History of the Problem Behavior

Indicator: Chronic Liver Disease and Cirrhosis

Definition: Total number of deaths in Blair County and the State of Pennsylvania that are a result from Chronic Liver Disease and Cirrhosis of the Liver.

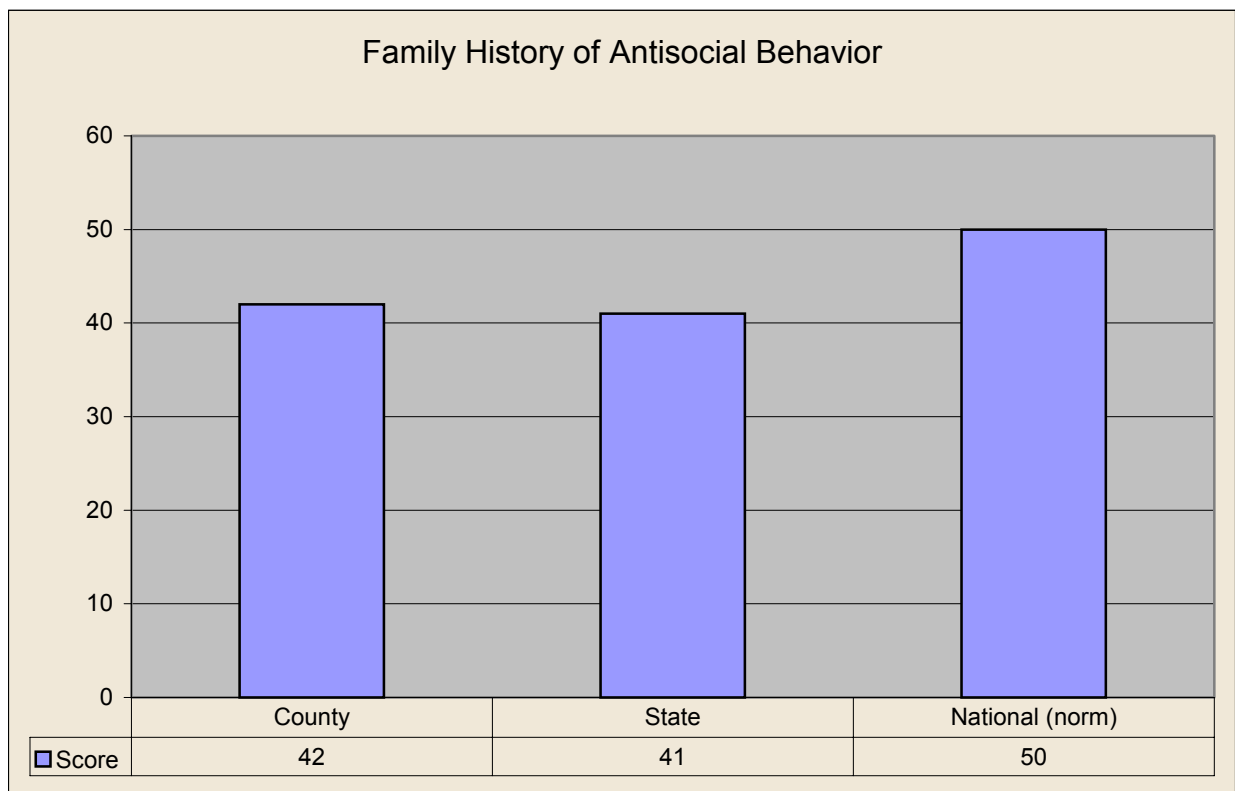


Source: Pennsylvania Department of Health - Vital Statistics - Birth and Death Stats 1990-2002
 - 1997-2001 Summary Death Statistics
www.health.state.pa.us/stats/

Risk Factor: Family History of the Problem Behavior

Indicator: Family History of Antisocial Behavior

Definition: If children are raised in a family where a history of addiction to alcohol or other drugs exists, the risk of their having alcohol or other drug problems themselves increases. If children are born or raised in a family where criminal activity or behavior is normal, their risk for delinquency increases. Similarly, children who are born to teenage mothers are more likely to become teen parents, and children of dropouts are more likely to drop out of school themselves. Children whose parents engage in violent behavior inside or outside the home are at greater risk for exhibiting violent behavior themselves. Students' perceptions of their families' behavior and standards regarding drug use and other antisocial behaviors are measured by the survey. This risk factor is assessed by items such as "Has anyone in your family ever had a severe alcohol or drug problem?"



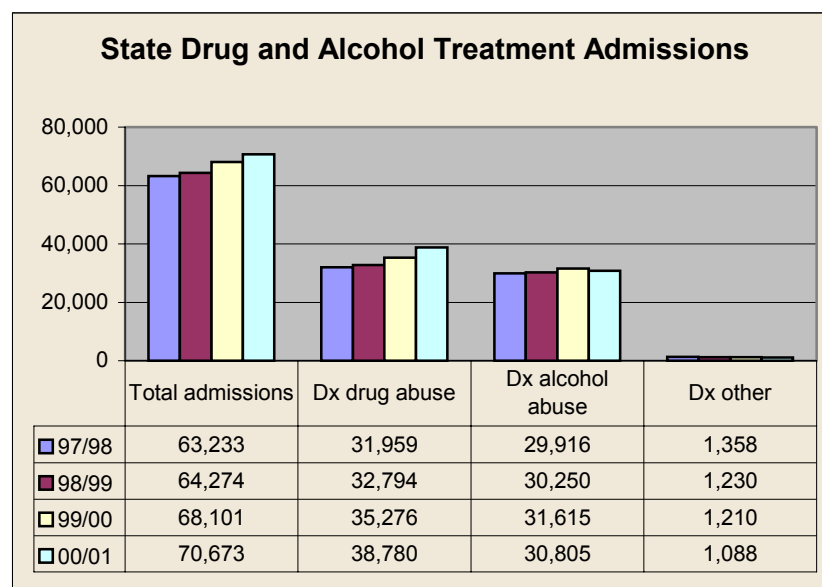
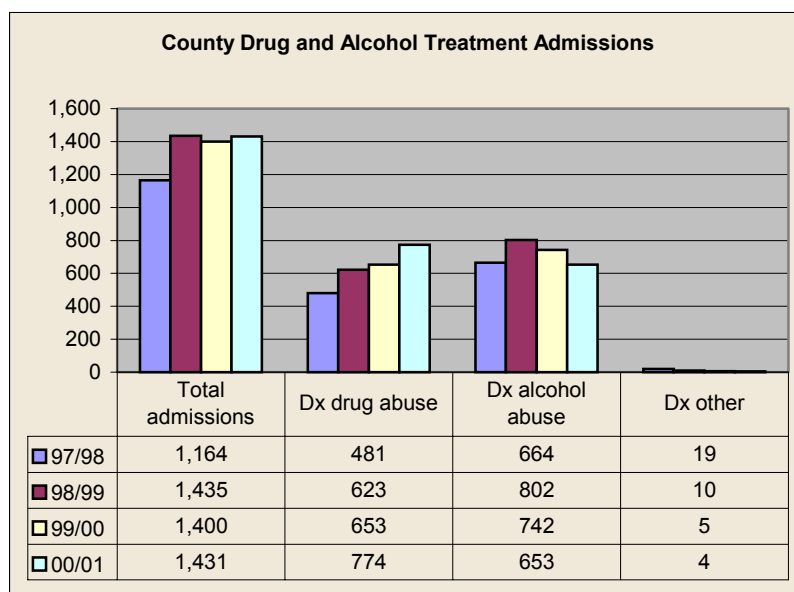
****Survey based on sample of students in grades 6,8,10, and 12 in the Blair County School Districts. ****

Source: Channing Bete Company, Inc. - 2001 Blair County Youth Survey, page 104

Risk Factor: Family History of the Problem Behavior

Indicator: Drug and Alcohol Treatment

Definition: Total number of adults in Blair County and the State of Pennsylvania that have received drug and alcohol treatment services in state-supported facilities. ****Note Dx = Diagnosis****



Source: Pennsylvania Department of Health - Division of Health Statistics
www.health.state.pa.us

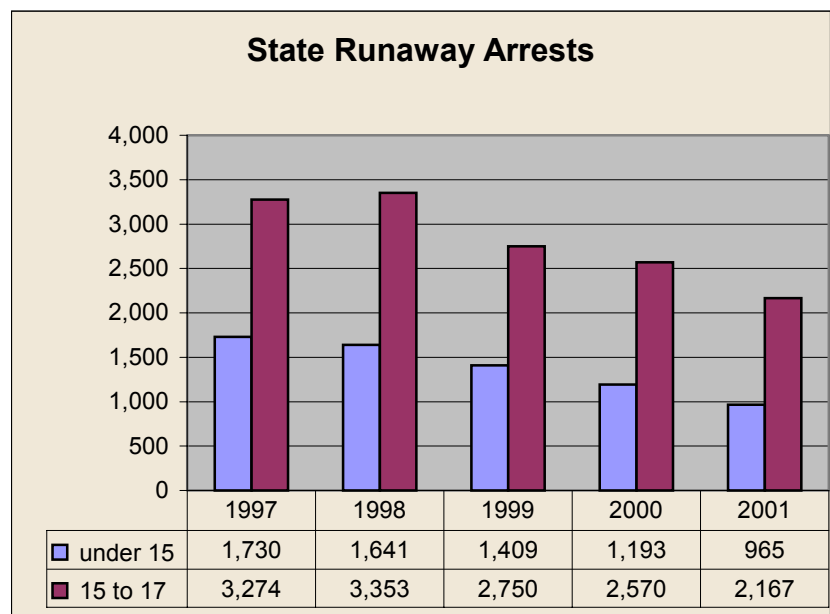
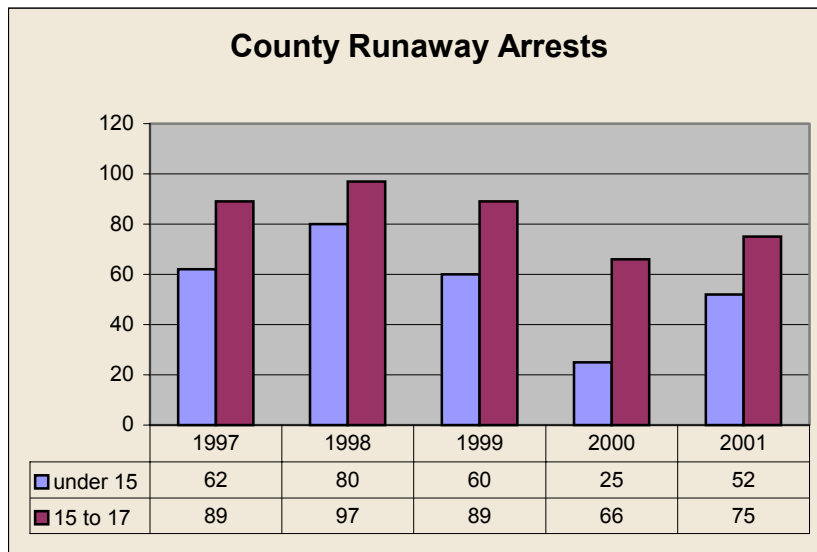
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Indicator: Runaways

Definition: Total arrests for runaways under 15, and 15 to 17 for Blair County and the State of Pennsylvania.

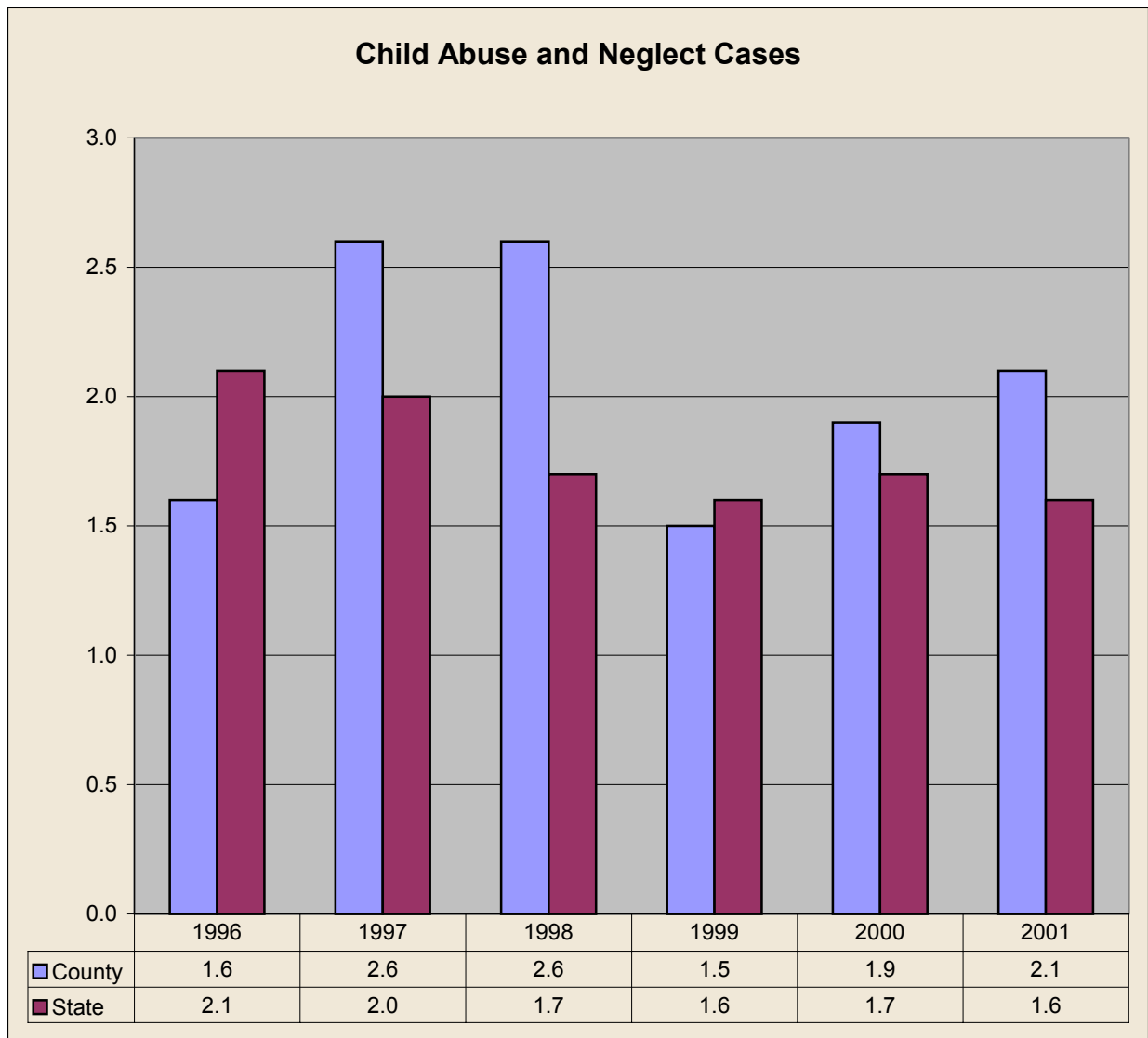


Source: Pennsylvania Electronic Juvenile Justice Databook - arrests
www.pccd.state.pa.us

Risk Factor: Family Management Problems

Indicator: Reported Child Abuse and Neglect

Definition: Rate (per 1,000 children) of substantiated reports of child abuse and neglect in Blair County and the State of Pennsylvania.

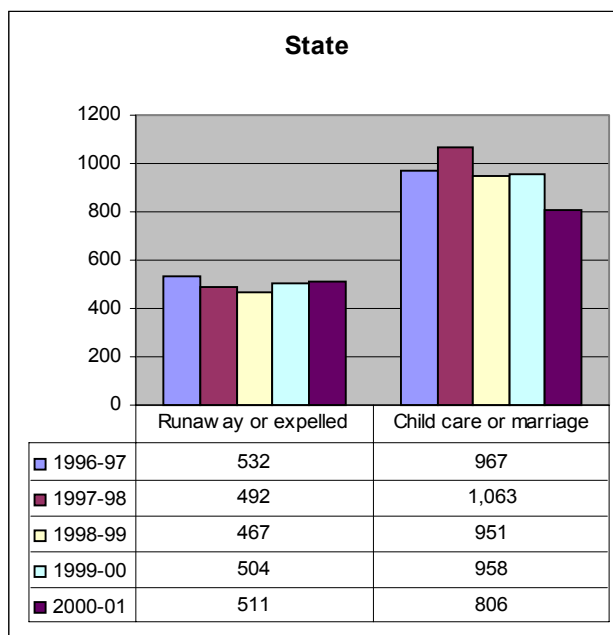
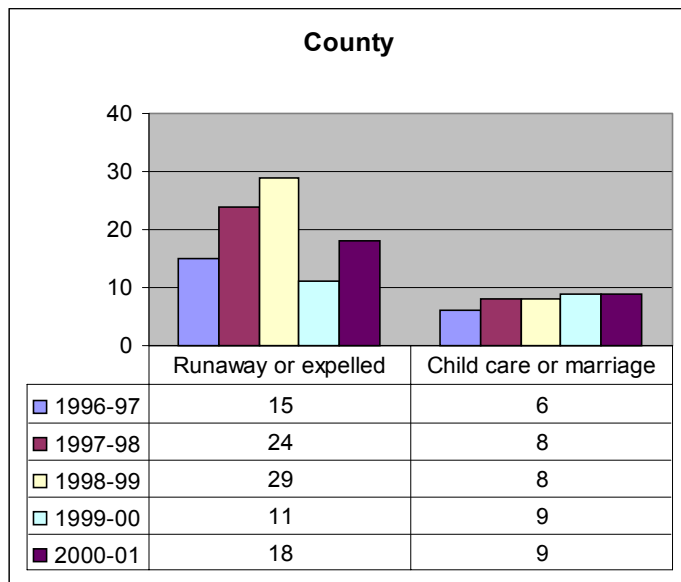


Source: Blair County Children and Youth
Blair County Courthouse

Risk Factor: Family Management Problems

Indicator: Dropouts

Definition: Public secondary school dropouts in Blair County and the State of Pennsylvania by reason: runaway or expelled, child care or marriage

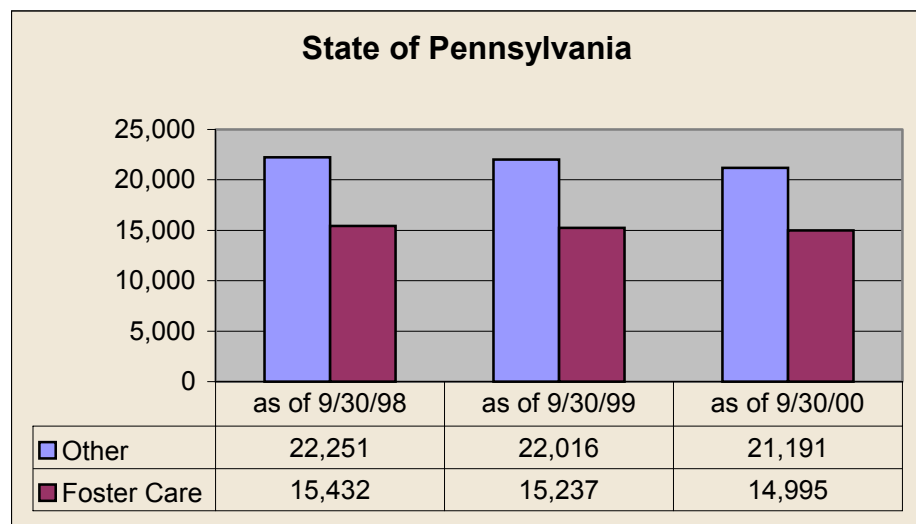
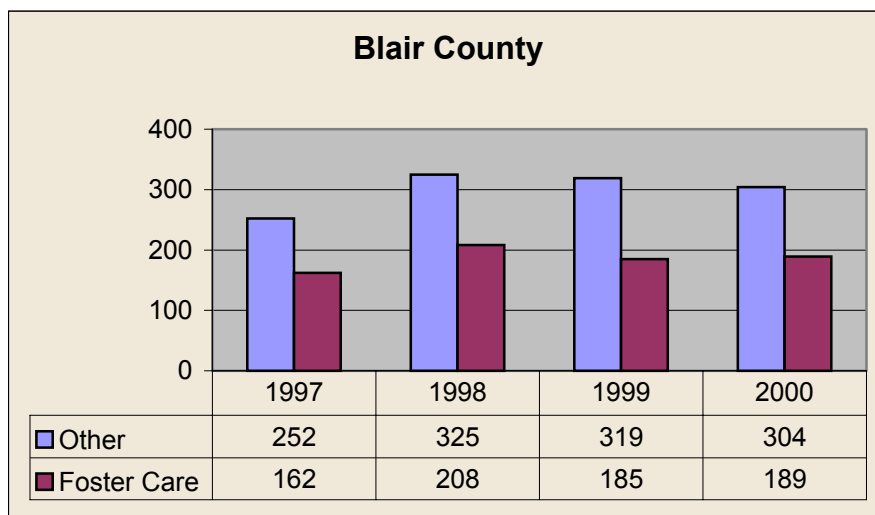


Source: Pennsylvania Electronic Juvenile Justice Databook - education
www.pccd.state.pa.us

Risk Factor: Family Management Problems

Indicator: Children living outside the family (other than Foster Care)
Children in Foster Care

Definition: Number of children living outside the family (other than foster care) and children living in foster care. Totals represent Blair County and the State of Pennsylvania.

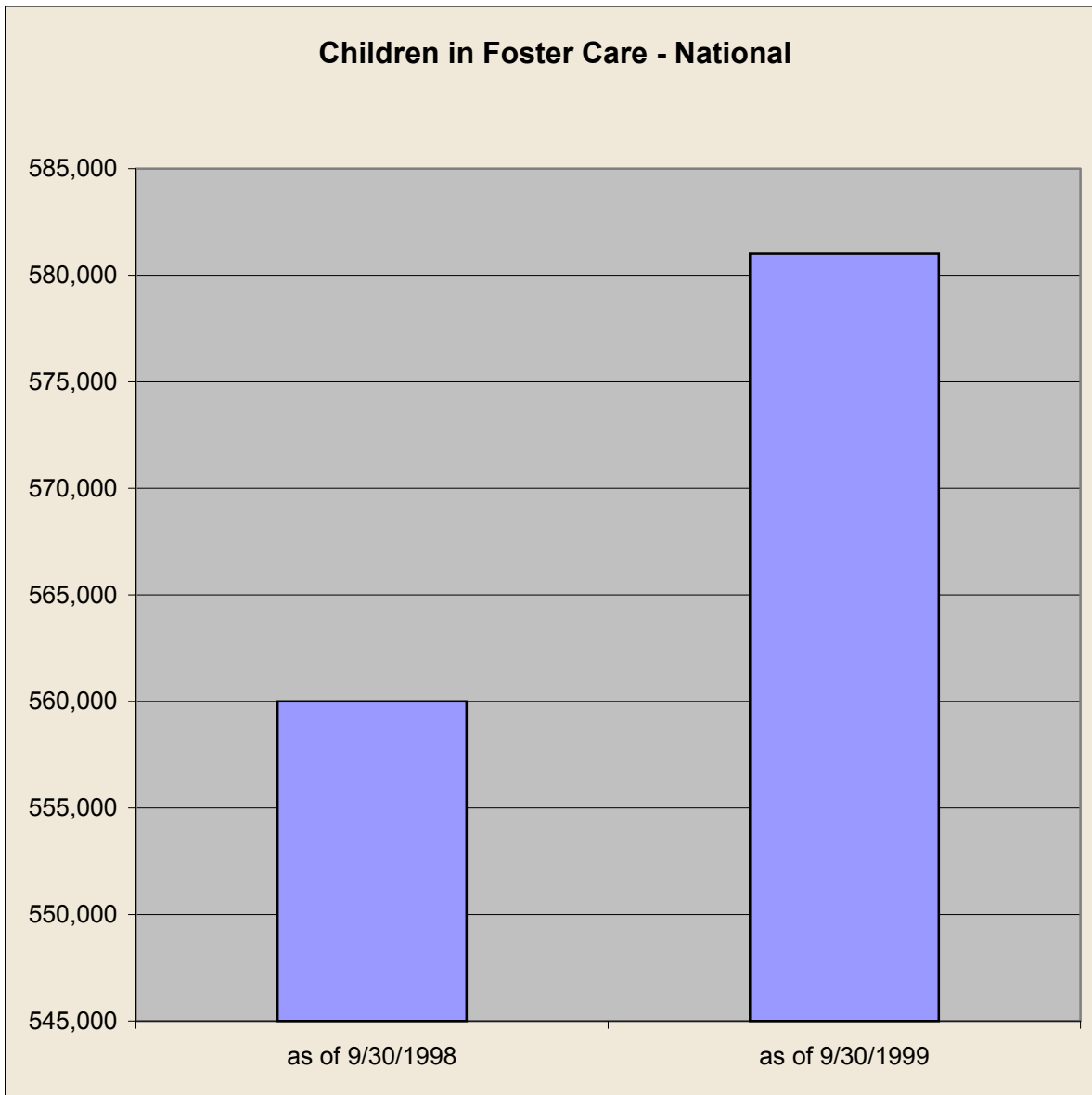


Source: Blair County Children and Youth, Blair County Courthouse
Adoption and Foster Care Analysis and Reporting System (AFCAR)

Risk Factor: Family Management Problems

Indicator: Foster Care

Definition: Total number of children in foster care nationally.

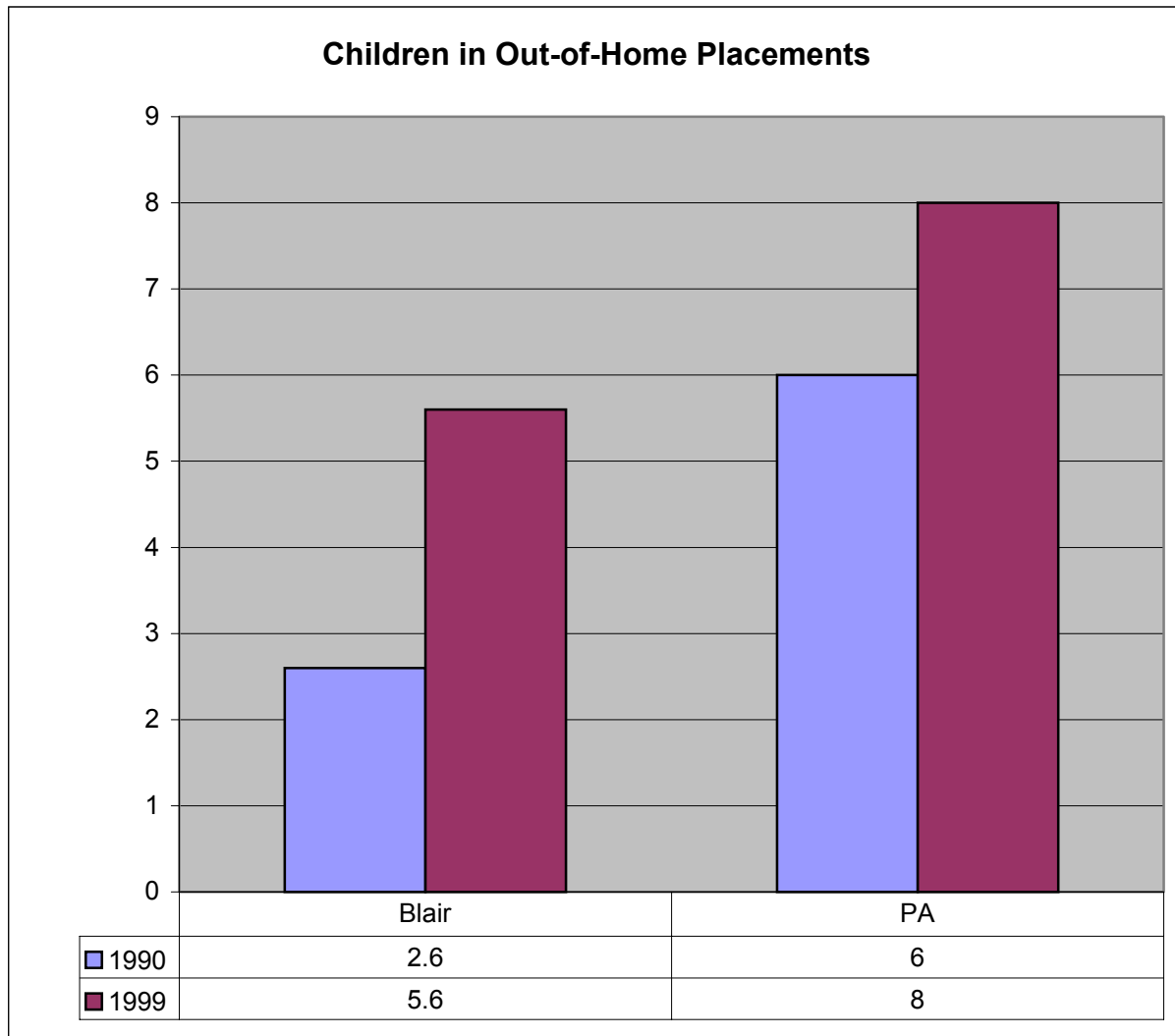


Source: U.S. Department of Health and Human Services
www.acf.dhhs.gov/programs/cb The AFCARS Report

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Indicator: Children in Out-of-Home Placements

Definition: Rate of children in out-of-home placement in Blair County and the State of Pennsylvania.



****per 1,000 children under 18 ****

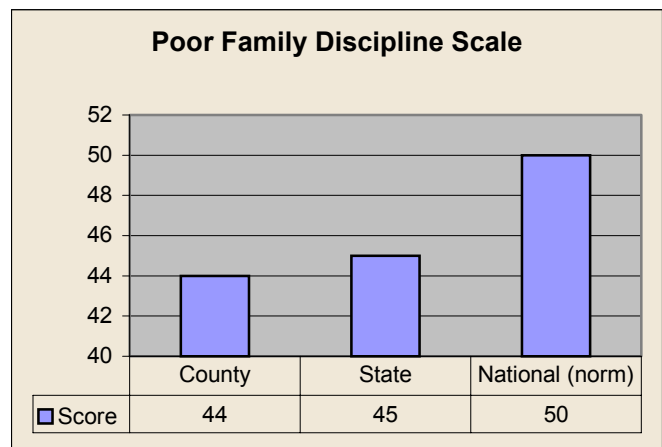
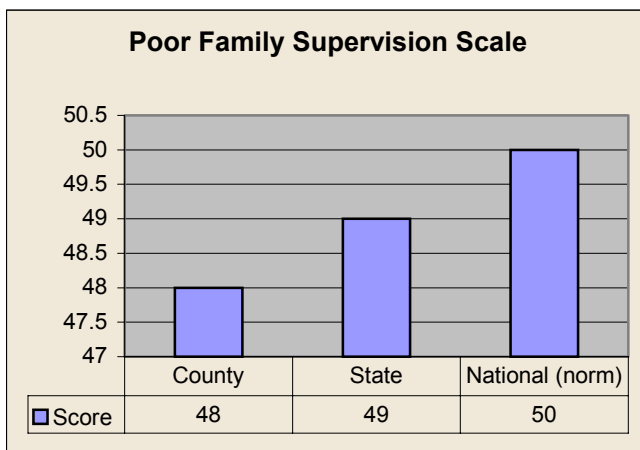
Source: The State of the Child in Pennsylvania 2002
www.papartnerships.org

Risk Factor: Family Management Problems

Indicator: Poor Family Management

Definition: Poor family management practices are defined as parents failing to communicate clear expectations for behavior, parents failing to supervise and monitor their children (knowing where they are and whom they're with) and parents giving excessively severe, harsh or inconsistent punishment. Children exposed to poor family management practices are at higher risk of developing problems with drug use, delinquency, violence and school dropout.

Two scales were developed to summarize students' feelings about their families' management practices: *Poor Family Supervision* and *Poor Family Discipline*. Questions on survey: "Would your parents know if you did not come home on time?" and "My family has clear rules about alcohol and drug use."



Source: Channing Bete Company, Inc.
2001 Blair County Youth Survey, Page 104.

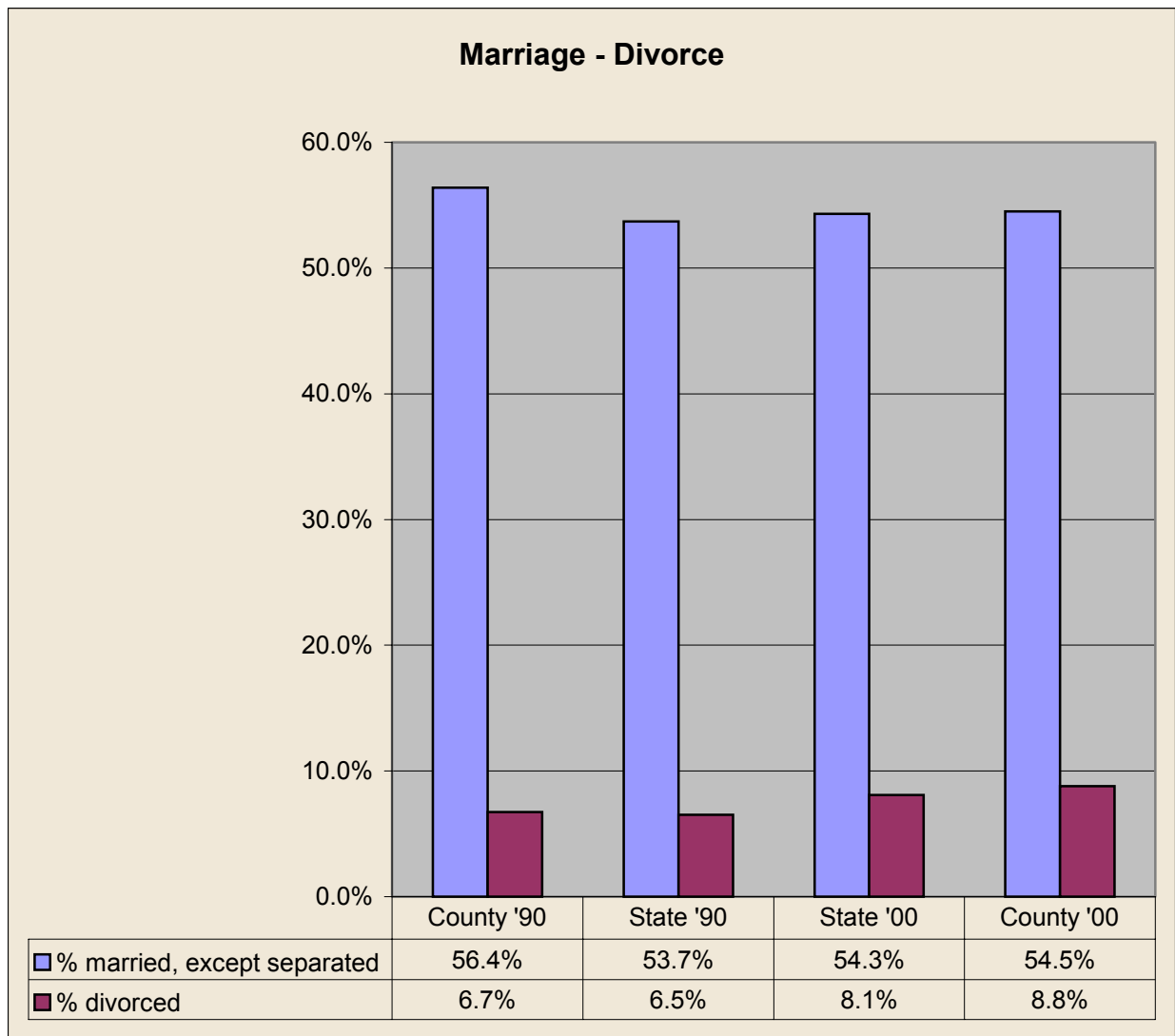
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Definition: Percentage of population married and divorced in Blair County and the State of Pennsylvania for 1990 and 2000.

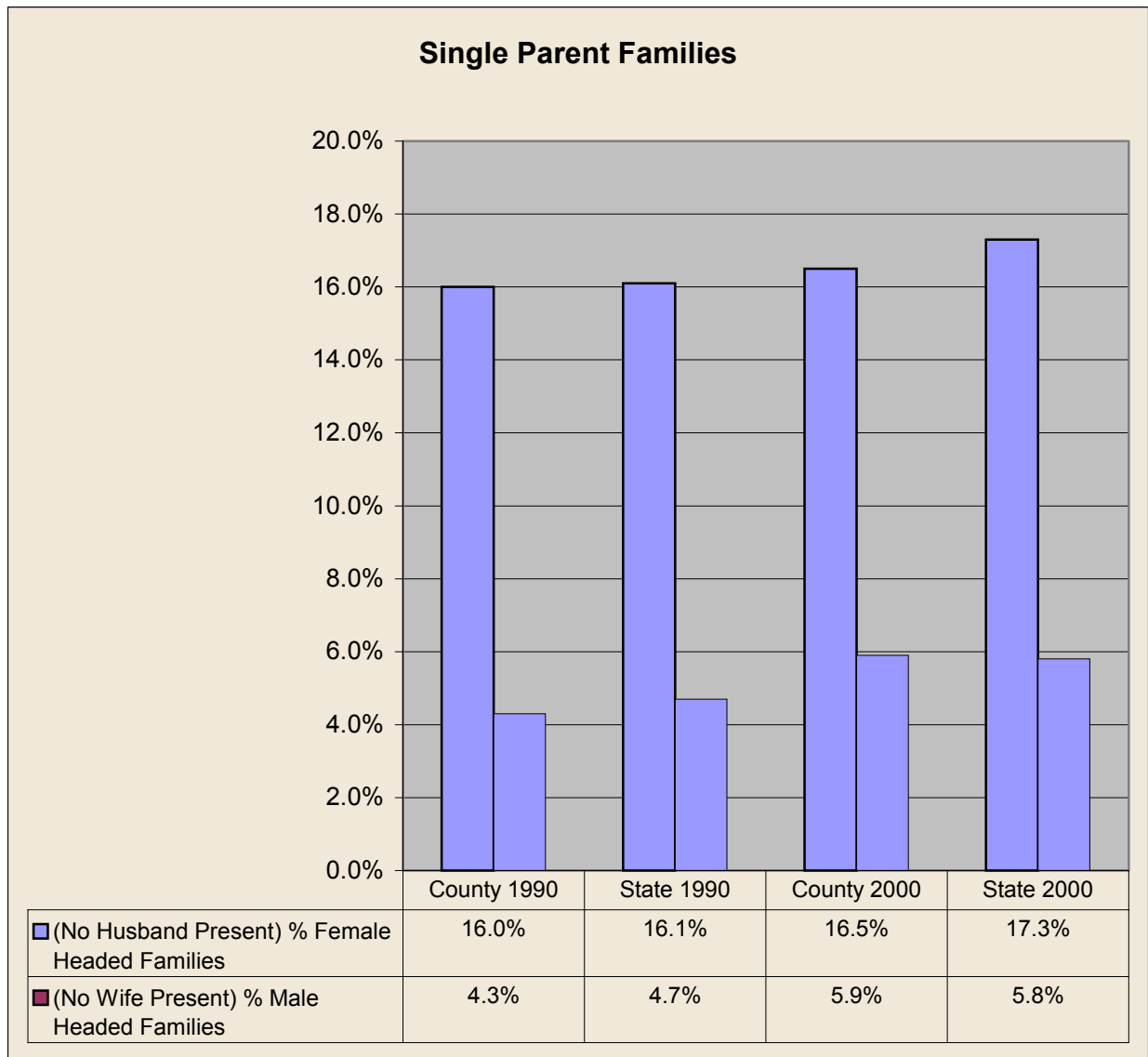


Source: The Center for Rural Pennsylvania, www.ruralpa.org
 U.S. Bureau of the Census, Census 2000 www.census.gov

Risk Factor: Family Conflict

Indicator: Single Parent Families

Definition: Percentage of male and female headed single parent families in Blair County and the State of Pennsylvania.

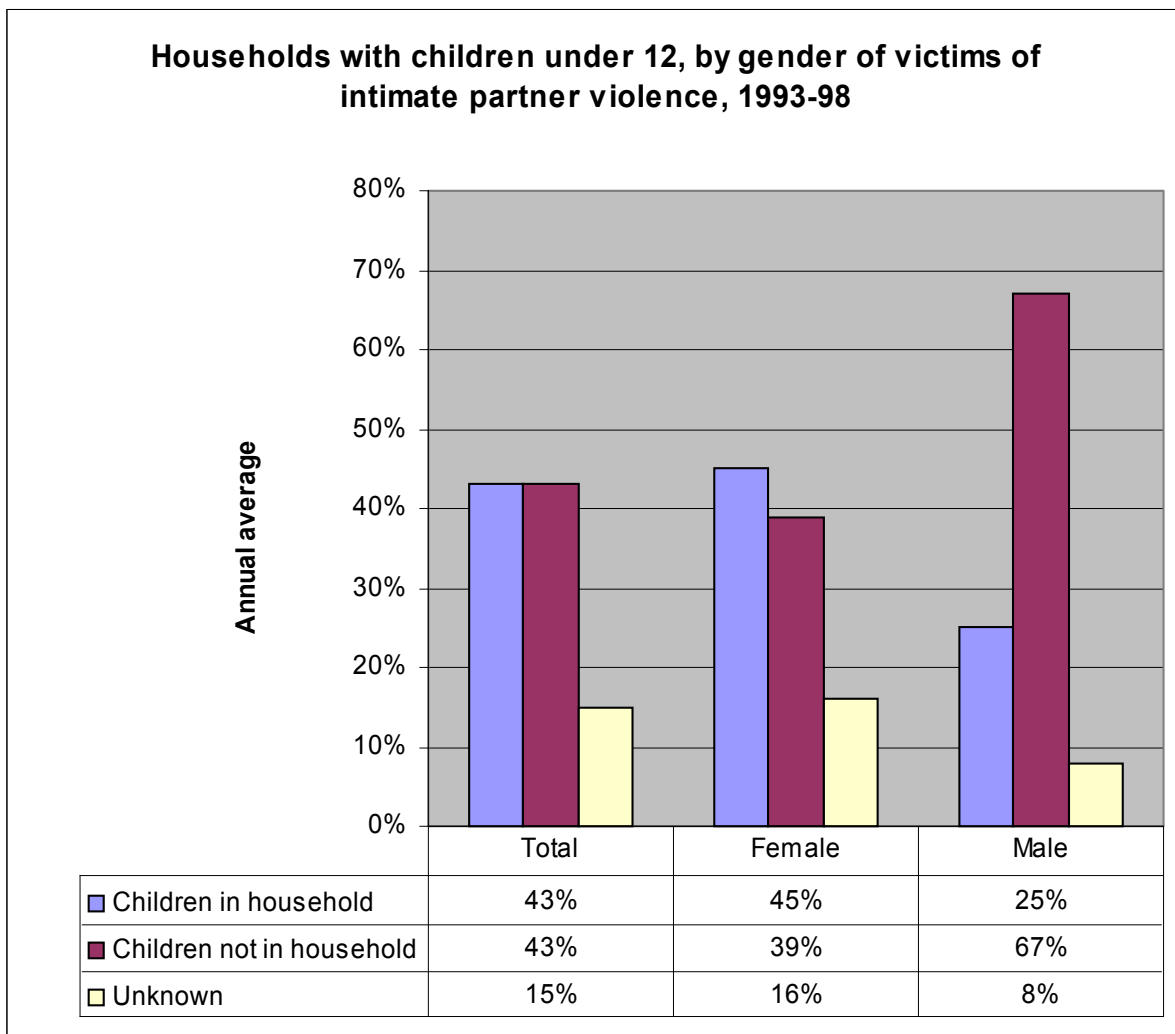


Source: The Center for Rural Pennsylvania
www.ruralpa.org

Risk Factor: Family Conflict

Indicator: Domestic Violence

Definition: Households with children under 12, by gender of victims of intimate partner violence, nationally.

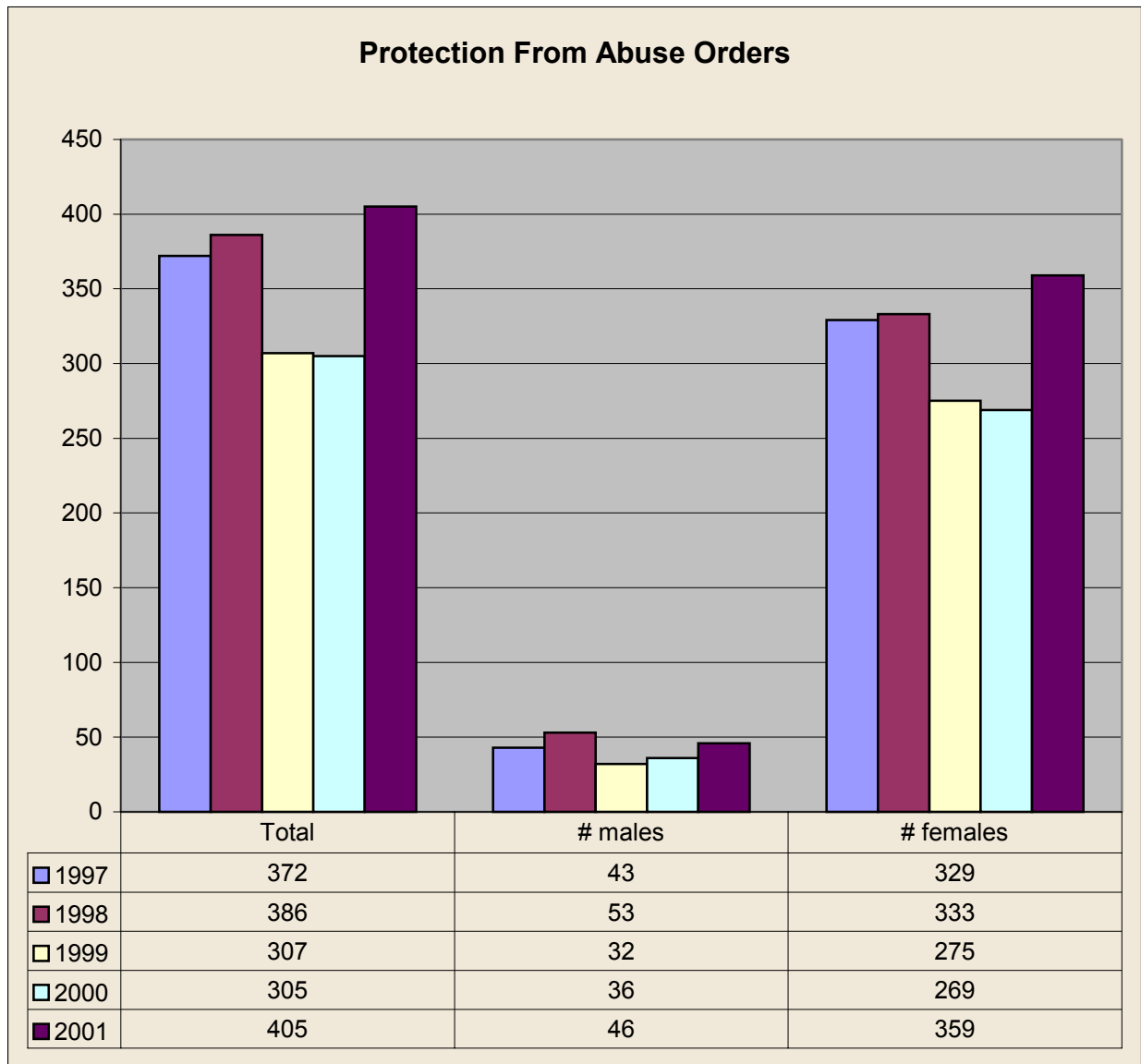


Source: Bureau of Justice Statistics, May 2000 Intimate Partner Violence
www.ojp.usdoj.gov/bjs/abstract/ipv.htm

Risk Factor: Family Conflict

Indicator: Domestic Violence

Definition: Total number of Protection From Abuse Orders filed by males and females in Blair County.

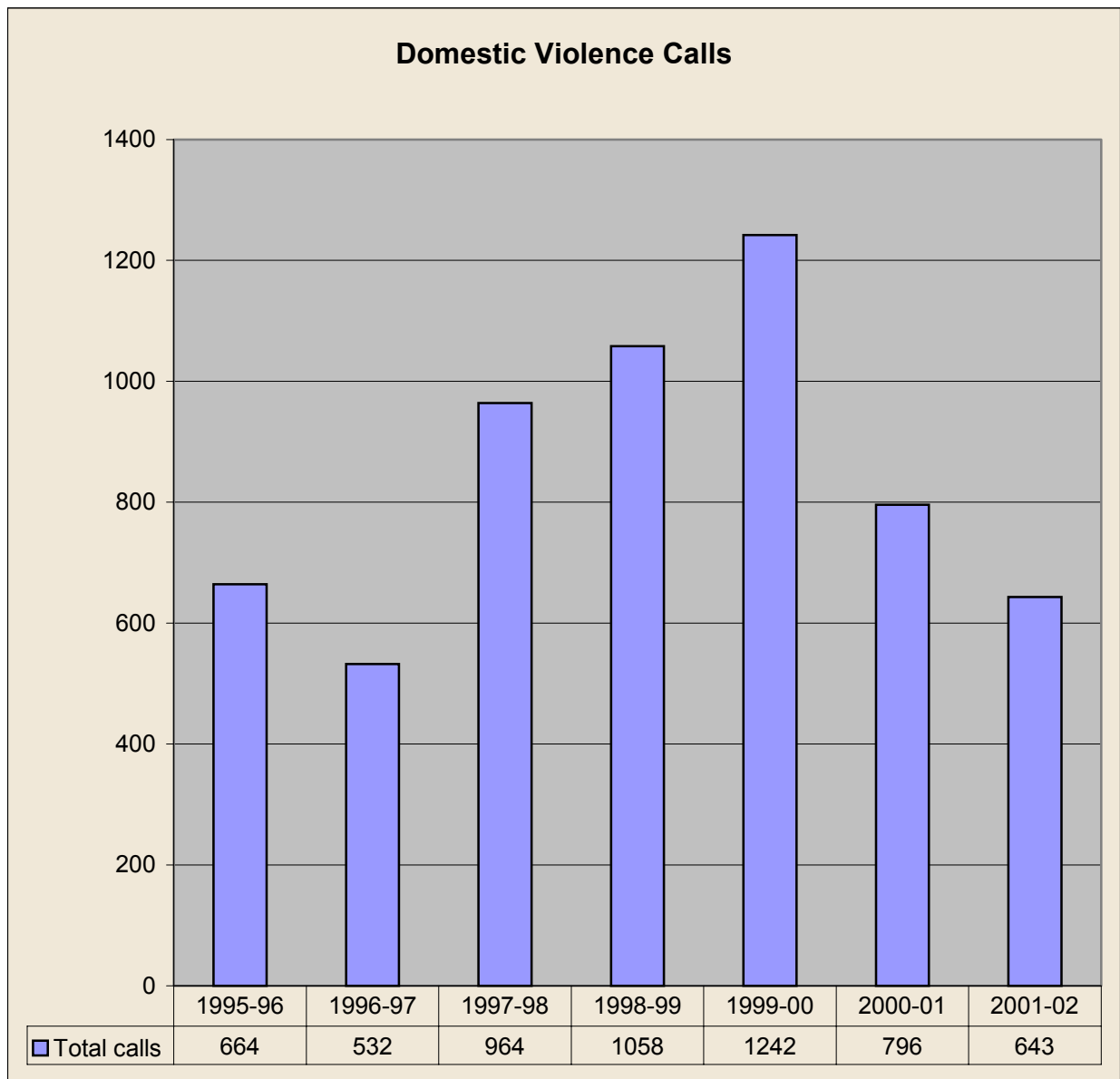


Source: Family Services of Blair County
PFA Office Statistics 1997-2001

Risk Factor: Family Conflict

Indicator: Domestic Violence

Definition: Total number of domestic violence related calls received on the Hotline in Blair County.

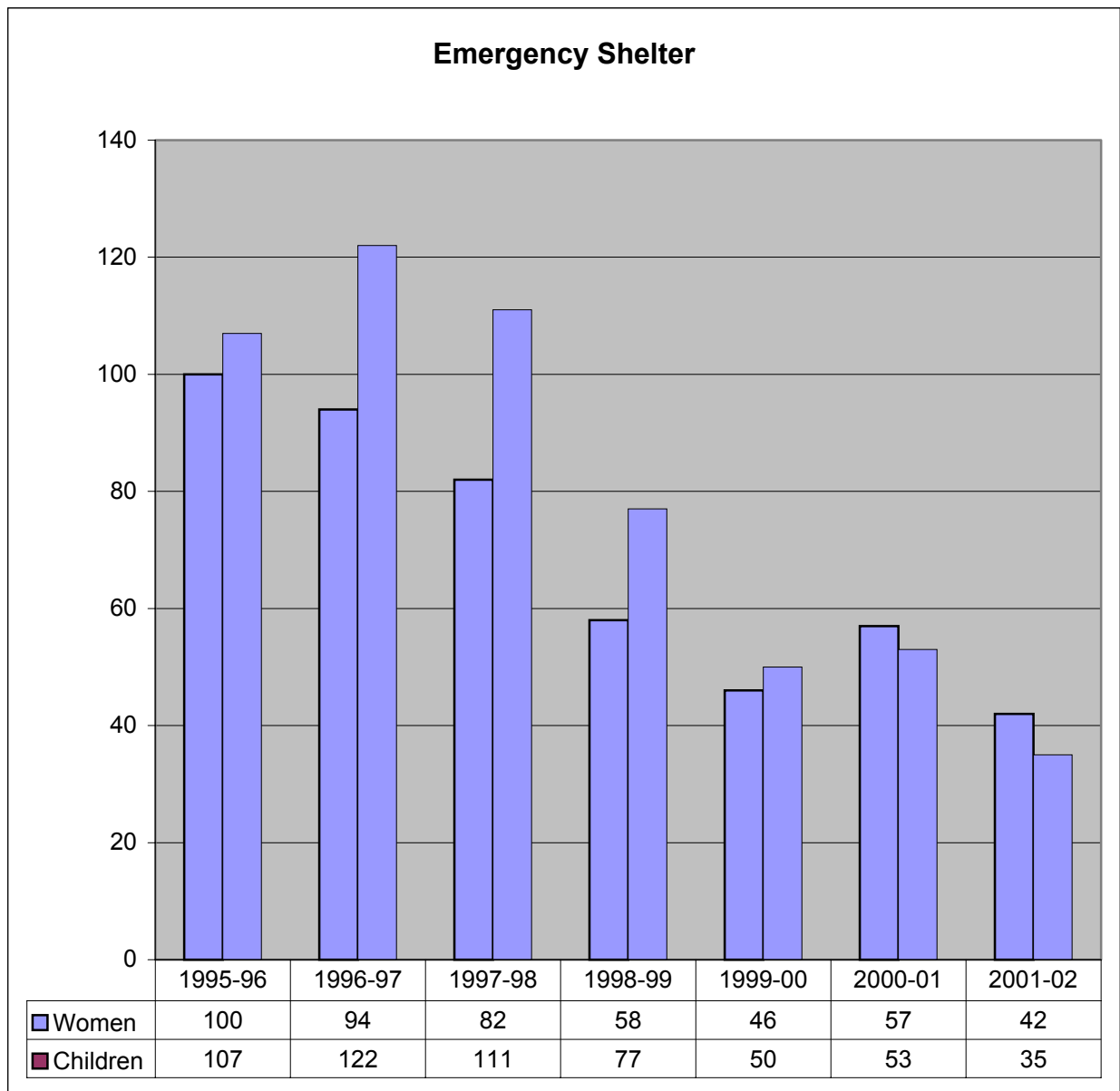


Source: Family Services of Blair County
Service Statistics

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Indicator: Domestic Abuse

Definition: The Domestic Abuse Project (DAP) provides services for victims of domestic violence and their family members. Emergency shelter is provided for women and children in Blair County.



Source: Family Services of Blair County
Services Statistics

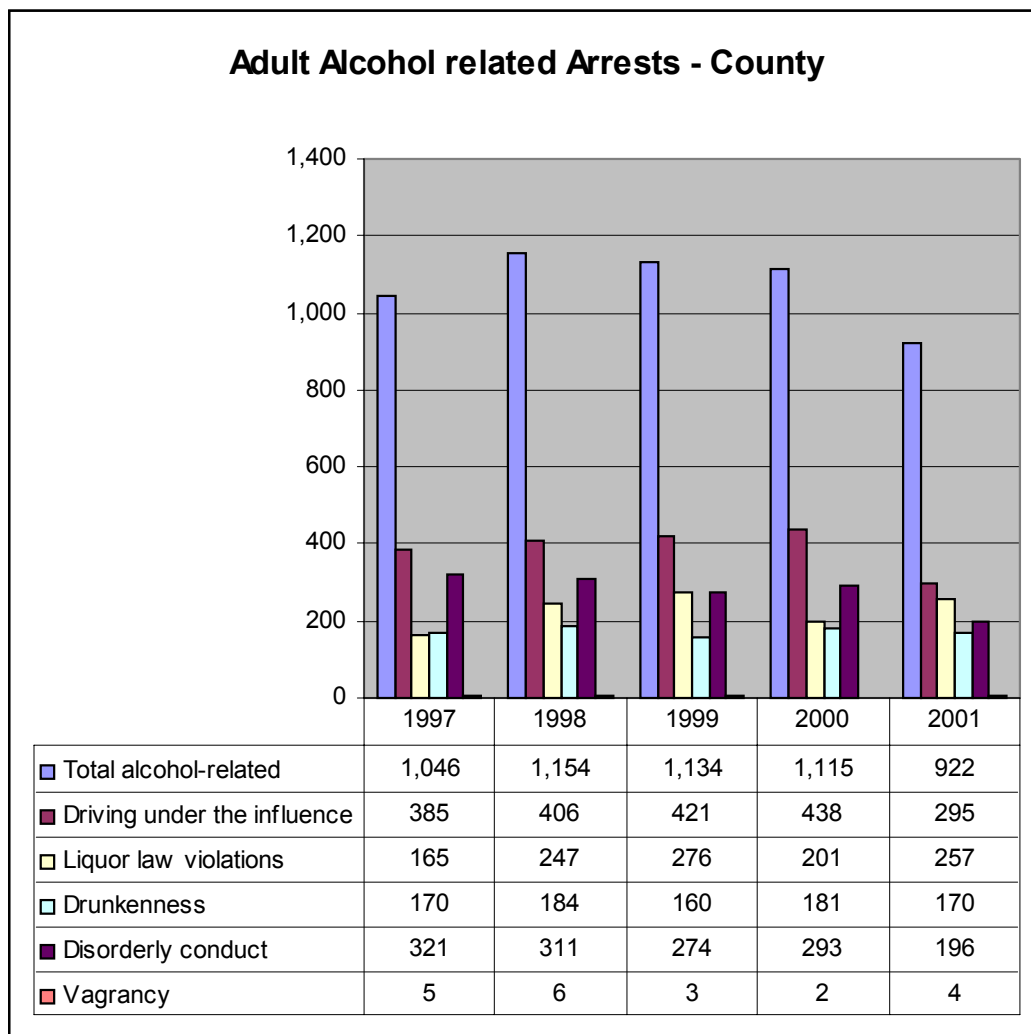
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Risk Factor: Favorable Parental Attitudes and Involvement in the Problem Behavior

Indicator: Adult Alcohol Related Arrests

Definition: Adult (18 and over) alcohol related arrests in Blair County. Adult alcohol related arrests include: driving under the influence, liquor law violations, drunkenness, disorderly conduct, and vagrancy.

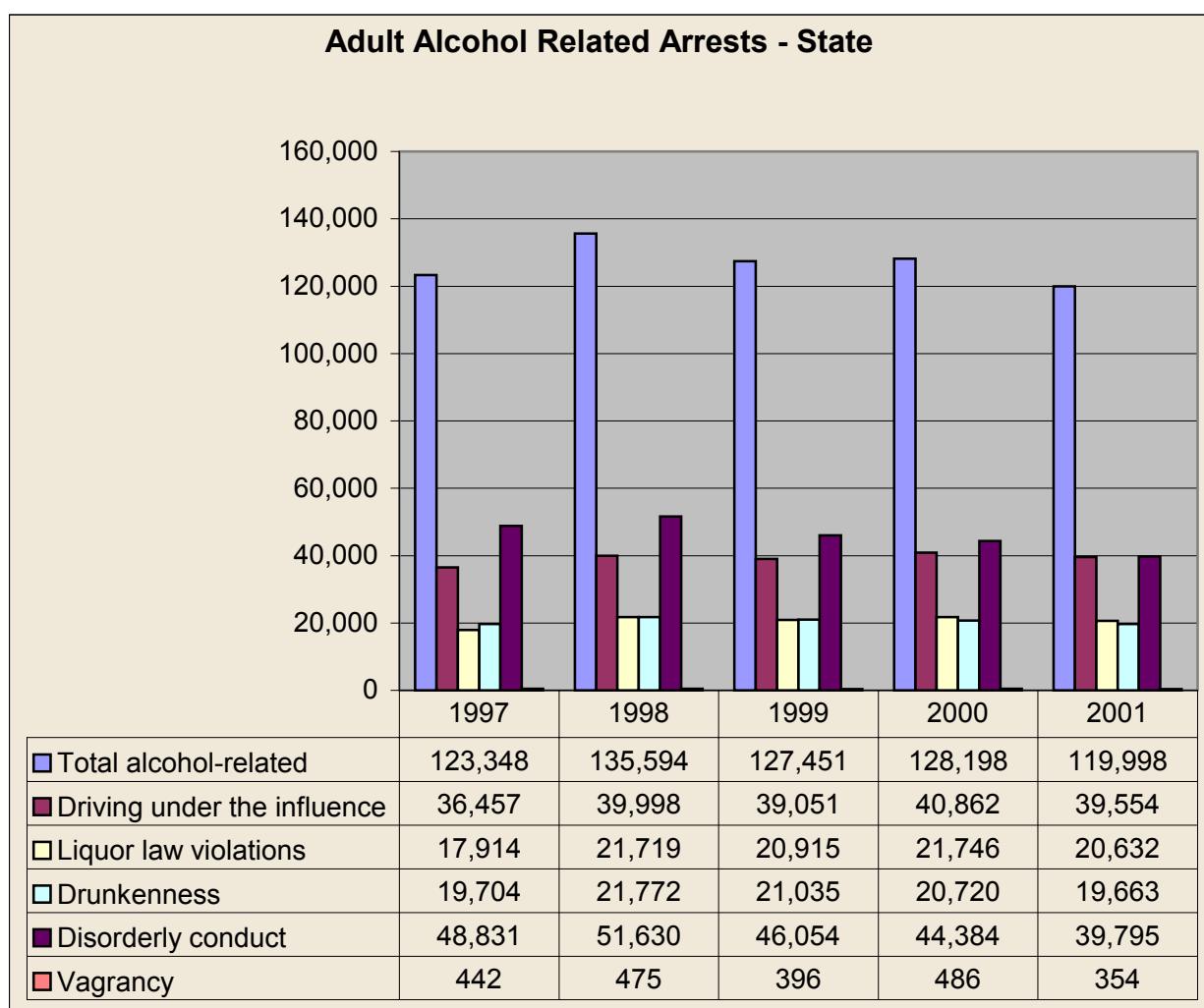


Source: Pennsylvania Electronic Juvenile Justice Databook - arrests
www.pccd.state.pa.us

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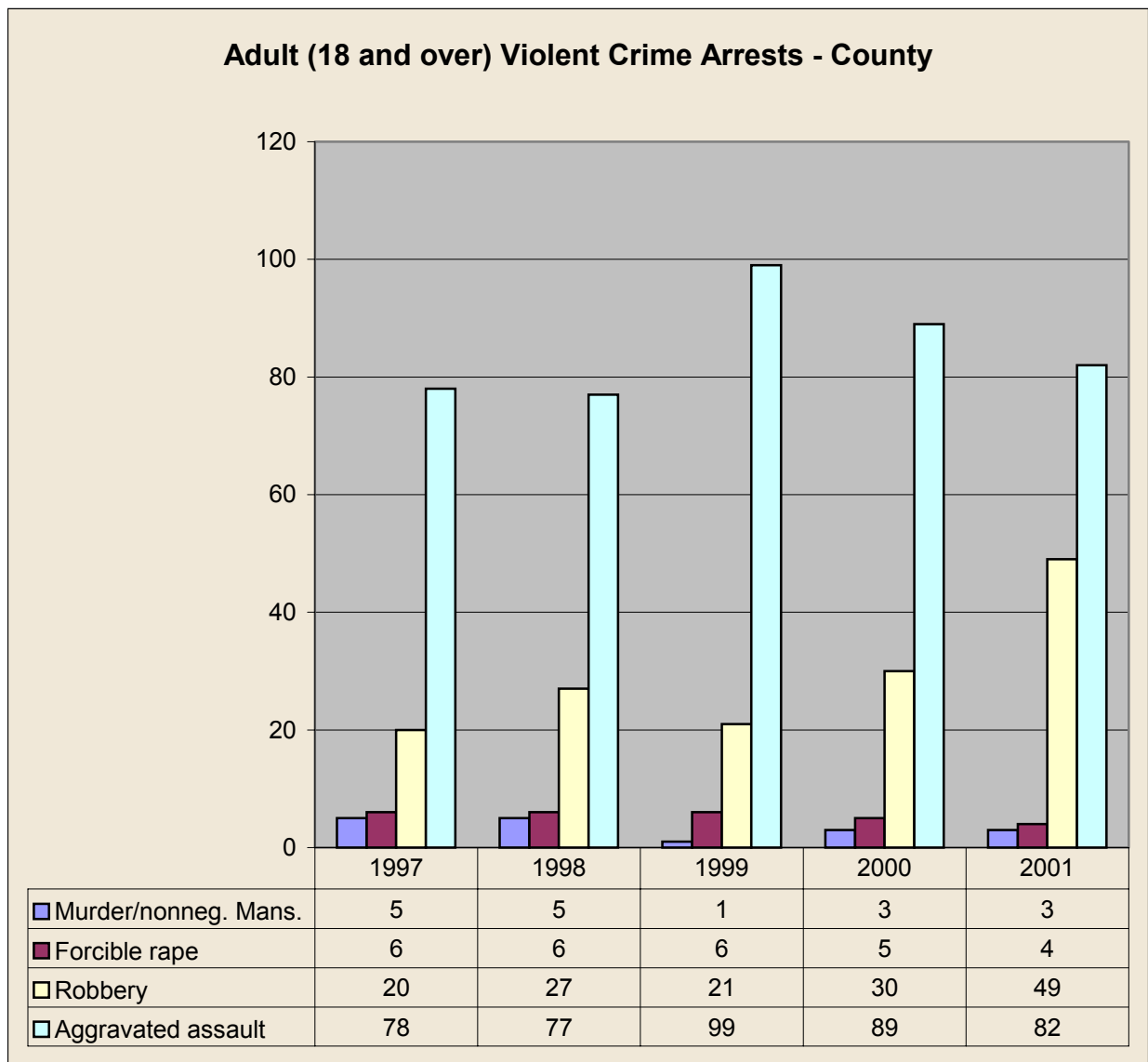


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Definition: Adult (18 and over) violent crime arrests in Blair County. Violent crime arrests include: murder/non-negligent manslaughter, forcible rape, robbery, aggravated assault.

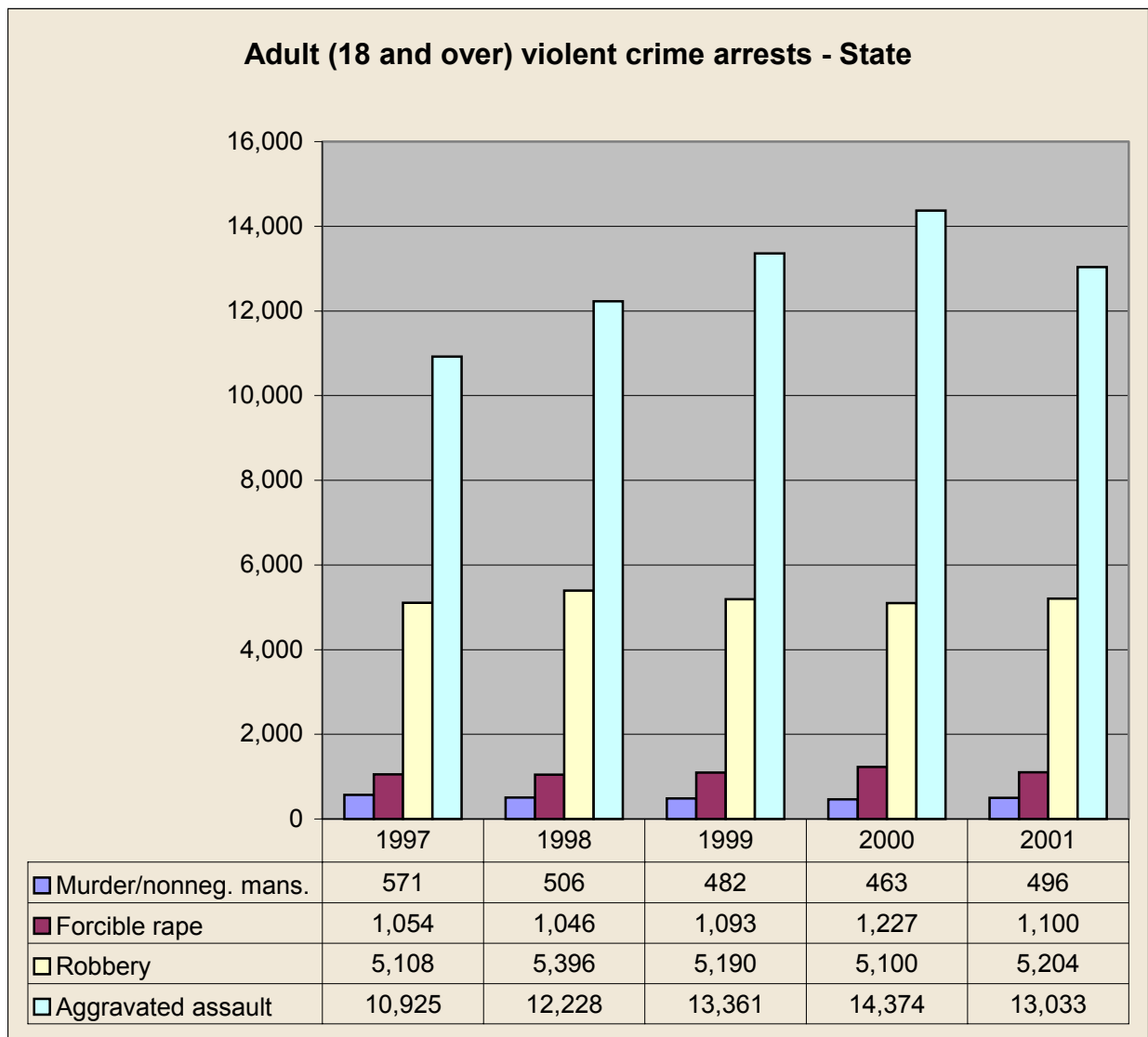


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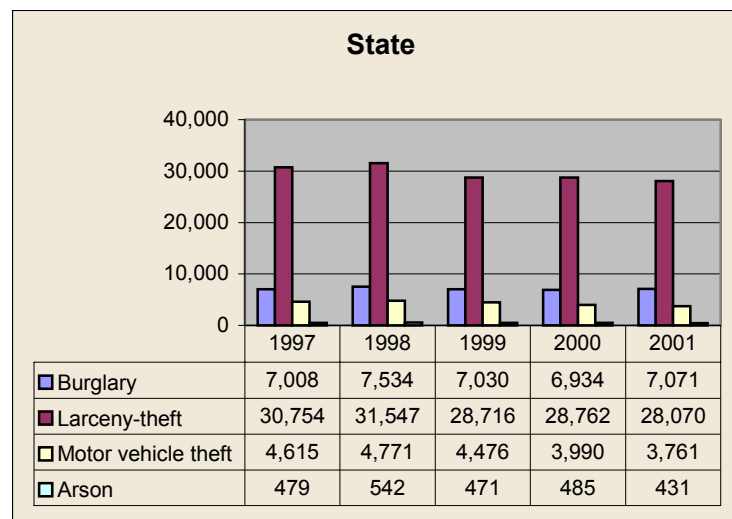
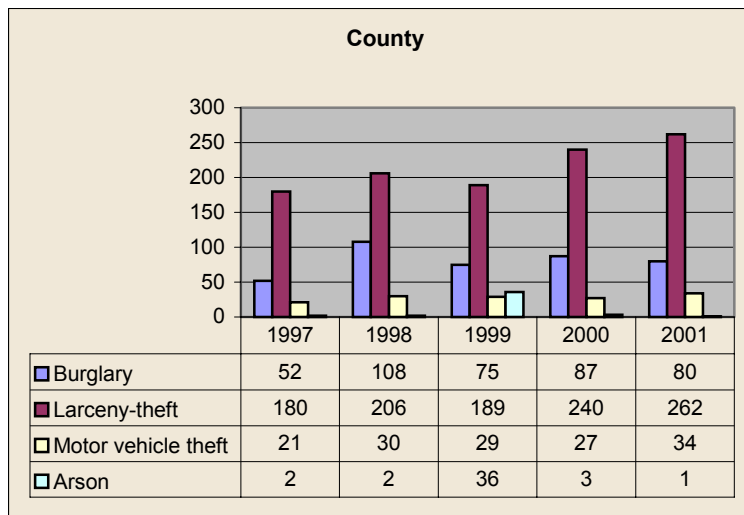


Source: Pennsylvania Electronic Juvenile Justice Databook - arrests
www.pccd.state.pa.us

Risk Factor: Favorable Parental Attitudes and Involvement in the Problem Behavior

Indicator: Adult Property Crime Arrests

Definition: Adult (age 18 & over) property crime arrests in Blair County and the State of Pennsylvania. Property crime arrests include: burglary, larceny-theft, motor vehicle theft, and arson.

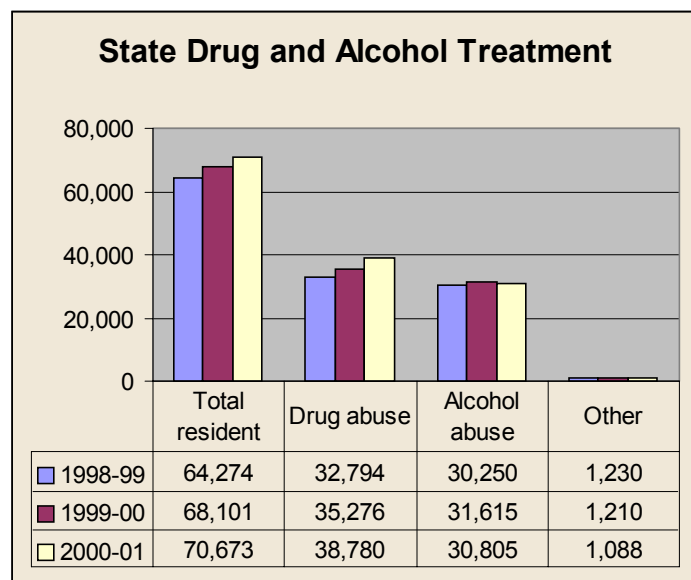
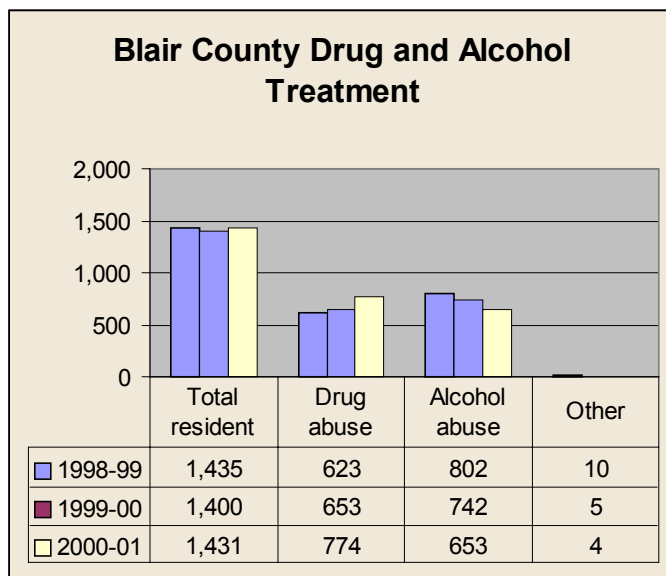


Source: Pennsylvania Electronic Juvenile Justice Databook - arrests
www.pccd.state.pa.us

Risk Factor: Favorable Parental Attitudes and Involvement in the Problem Behavior

Indicator: Drug and alcohol treatment admissions

Definition: Total admissions for drug and alcohol treatment into state-supported facilities in Blair County and the State of Pennsylvania.

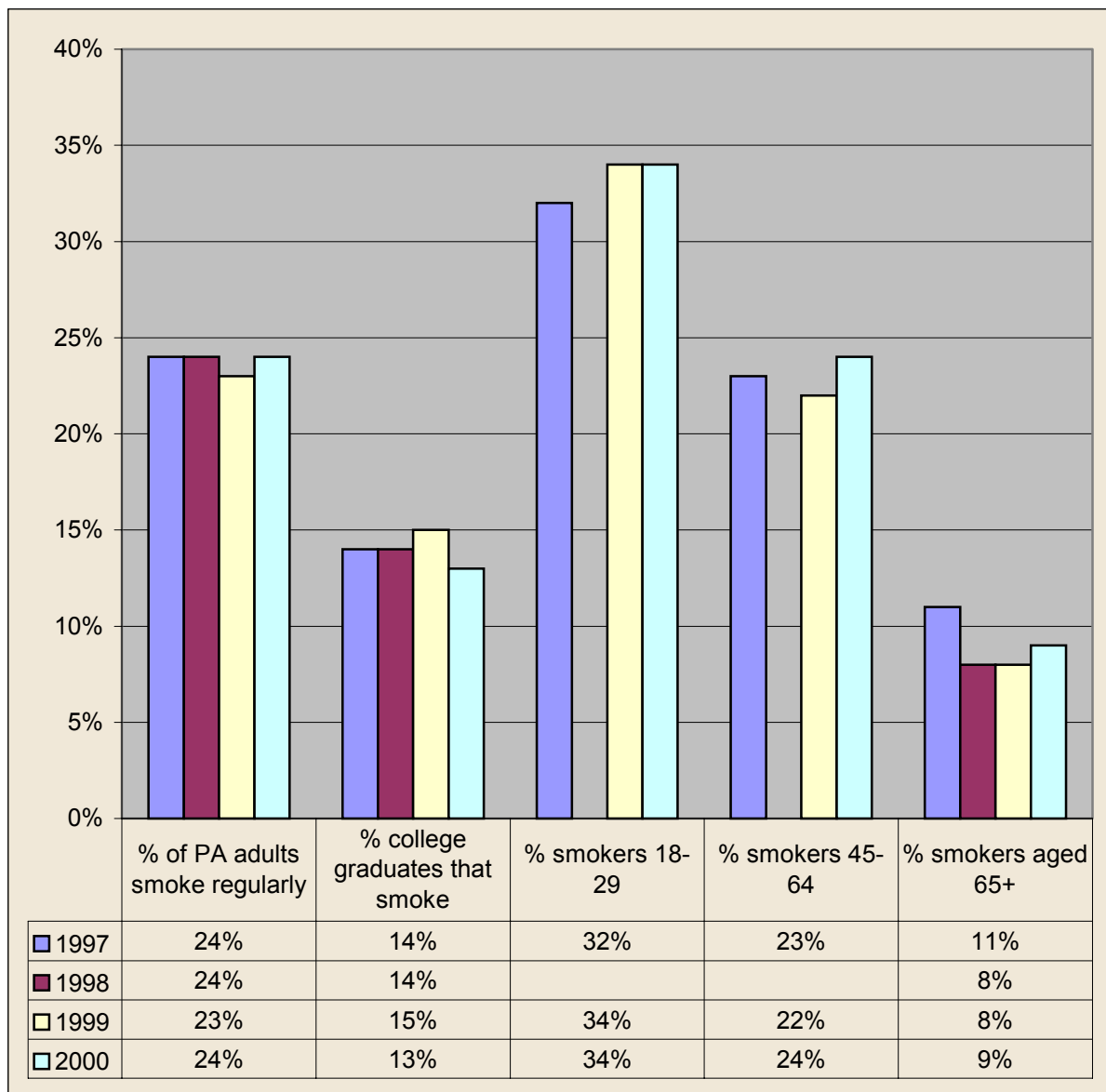


Source: Pennsylvania Department of Health
Bureau of Health Statistics and Research - www.health.state.pa.us/stats/

Risk Factor: Favorable Parental Attitudes and Involvement in the Problem Behavior

Indicator: Smoking

Definition: Cigarette smoking statistics for the State of Pennsylvania.



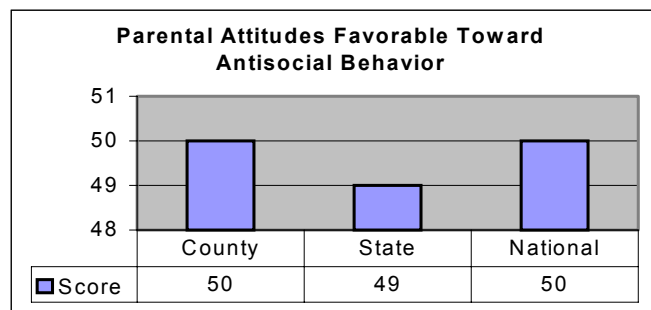
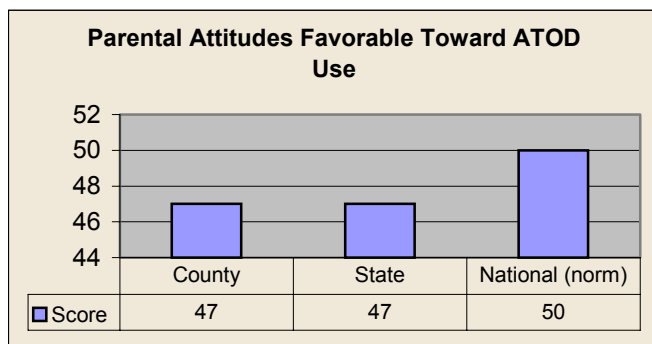
Source: Pennsylvania Department of Health - Behavioral Risk of PA Adults - page 16
www.health.state.pa.us/pdf/stats/risks

Risk Factor: Favorable Parental Attitudes and Involvement in the Problem Behavior

Indicator: Parental Attitudes Favorable toward ATOD use and Antisocial Behavior. (*ATOD= alcohol, tobacco, and other drugs)

Definition: Students' perceptions of their parents' opinions about problem behaviors (alcohol, tobacco, ATOD, antisocial behavior) are an important risk factor. In families where parents use illegal drugs, are heavy users of alcohol or are tolerant of use by their children, children are more likely to become drug users in adolescence. Likewise, parental attitudes and behavior regarding crime and violence influence the attitudes and behavior of children. If parents approve of, or excuse, their children for breaking the law, then the children are more likely to develop problems with juvenile delinquency.

Two scales were developed to summarize students' feelings about their parents' attitudes toward ATOD use and antisocial behavior: *Parental Attitudes Favorable toward ATOD Use* and *Parental Attitudes Favorable toward Antisocial Behavior*. Sample questions: "How wrong do your parents feel it would be for you to smoke marijuana?" and "How wrong do your parents feel it would be for you to pick a fight with someone?"



****Survey based on sample of students in grades 6,8,10 and 12 in the Blair County School Districts****

Source: Channing Bete Company, Inc.
2001 Blair County Youth Survey Report; Pg. 105