

SANTA FE COUNTY DWI FY26 ANNUAL EVALUATION REPORT OVERVIEW

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Review Progress in FY26

- 1. Goals (current strategic plan)**
- 2. Key accomplishments**
- 3. Challenges**
- 4. Recommendations**

The Santa Fe County
DWI Program aims to
prevent or reduce the
incidence of DWI,
alcohol misuse and
other substance use in
Santa Fe County to
promote the safety of
the Santa Fe County
community.

Programs work toward two overarching goals:

- 1) Reduce death and injury due to DWI
- 2) Reduce alcohol misuse

There are five specific program goals:

- 1) Increase high visibility law enforcement
- 2) Reduce underage drinking
- 3) Increase community collaboration
- 4) Reduce DWI recidivism
- 5) Increase access to treatment

FY26 Key Accomplishments Across Goals

Santa Fe County DWI Program

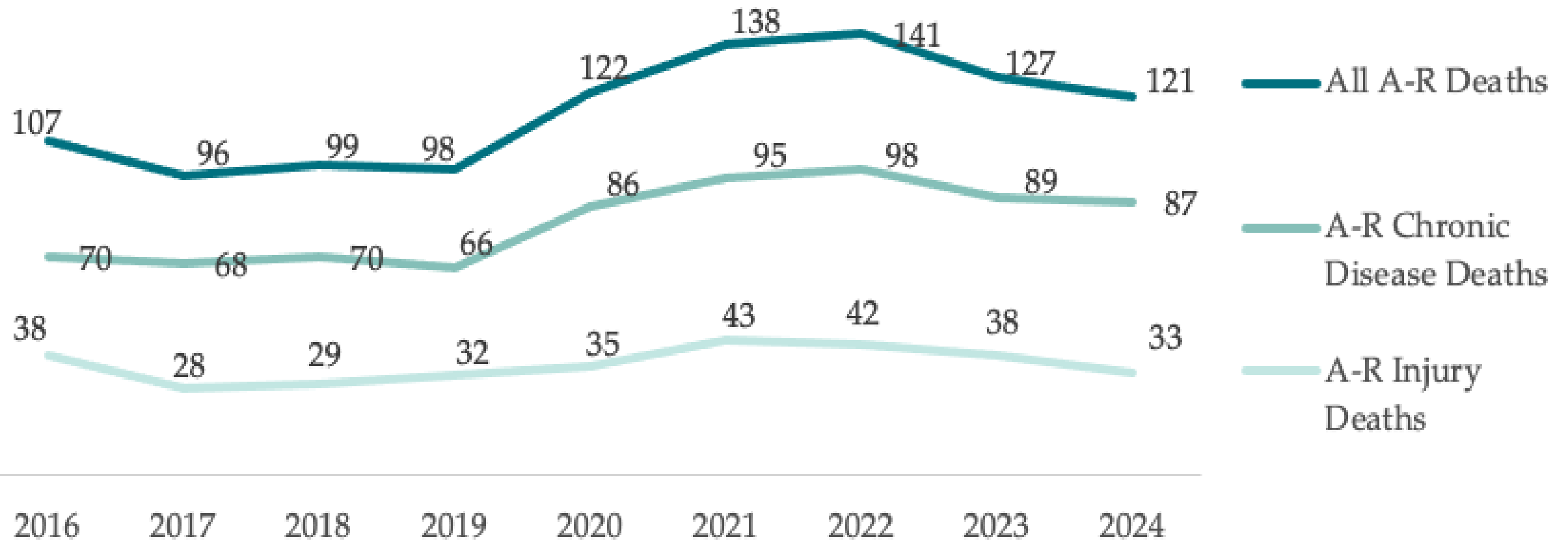
1. Youth alcohol use, binge drinking, and drinking and driving continued to decline.
2. More than 900 alcohol/drug-related arrests were reported by participating law enforcement agencies.
3. Community perceptions of alcohol laws being enforced increased slightly.
4. Hundreds of youth participated in evidence-based prevention, diversion, and restorative programming.
5. DWI offenders received screening, assessment, referral, and monitoring services designed to reduce recidivism.
6. Santa Fe County maintained alcohol-involved traffic fatalities below statewide levels.
7. Strong partnerships continued to support countywide DWI prevention, treatment, enforcement, and recovery efforts.

Alcohol-Related Death & Injury



of Alcohol Related Deaths Santa Fe County

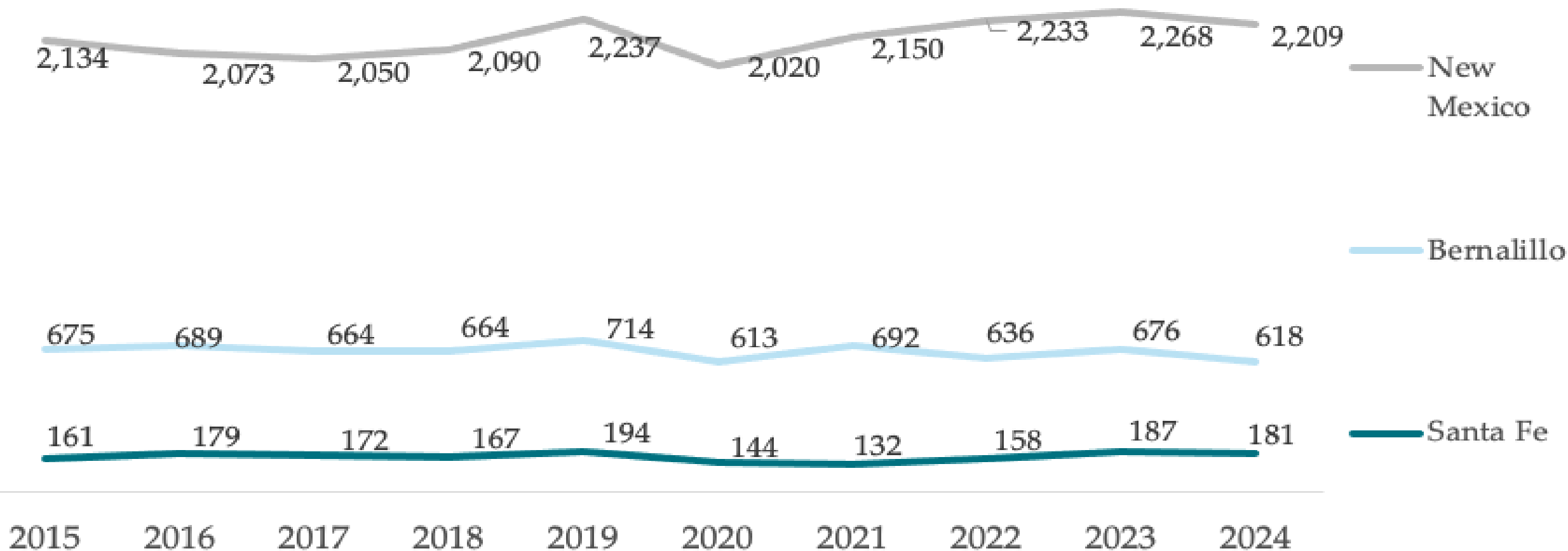
NMDOH Substance Use Dashboard



<https://www.nmhealth.org/about/erd/ibeb/sap/sumhepd/>

of Alcohol-Involved Crashes

NMDOT: New Mexico DWI Report 2024

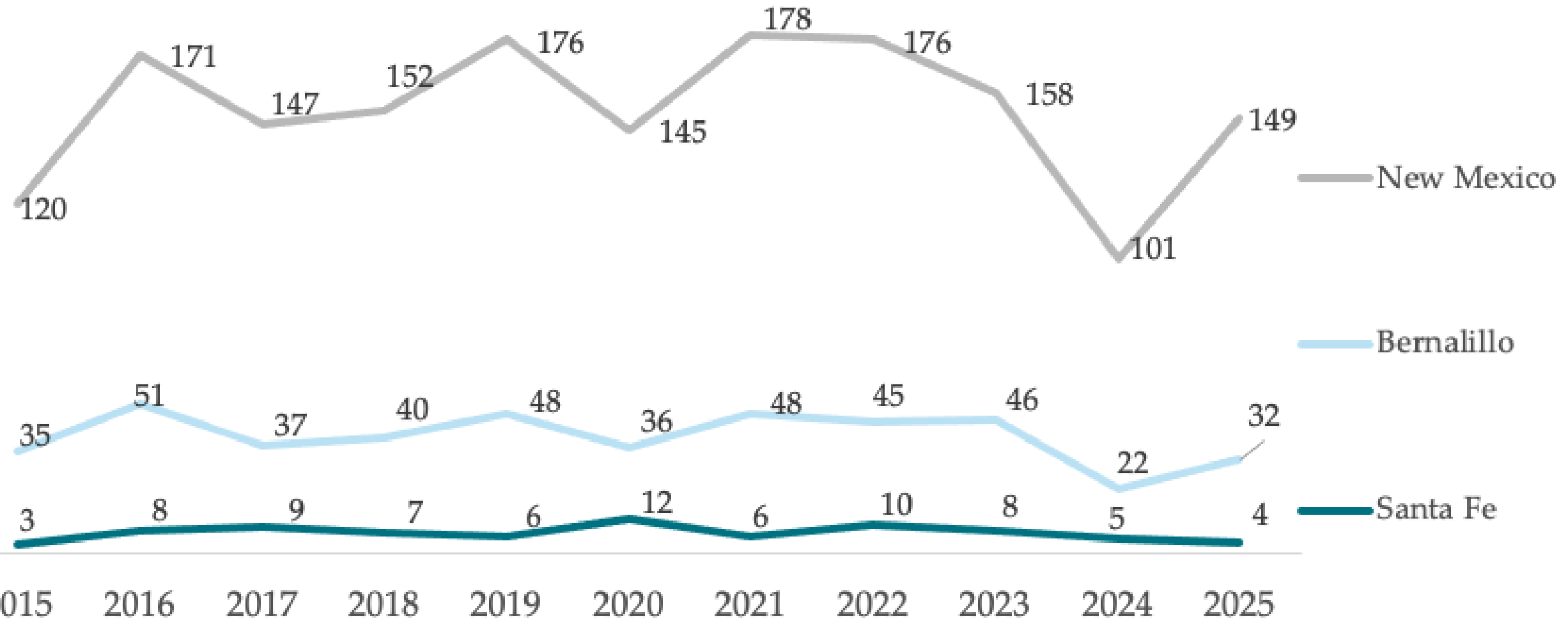


<https://gps.unm.edu/tru/reports/dwi-reports/dwir-2024.pdf>

of Alcohol-Involved Crash Fatalities

NM and Bernalillo and Santa Fe Counties

NMDOT Traffic Fatality Reports (updated 4/07/26)



Alcohol Misuse



Alcohol Misuse

<i>Santa Fe County Adult Alcohol Use</i> <i>New Mexico Community Survey (NMCS)</i>					
<i>Past 30 Days</i>	<i>2020</i>	<i>2021</i>	<i>2022</i>	<i>2023</i>	<i>2024</i>
Current Drinking	55.2%	59.5%	58.5%	53.9%	49.5%
Binge Drinking (all respondents)	15.8%	13.2%	13.2%	14.8%	10.2%
Binge Drinking (among current drinkers)	29%	22.3%	22.6%	27.5%	20.9%
Drinking and Driving (all respondents)	2.5%	1.6%	1.8%	2.5%	3.7%
Drinking and Driving (among current drinkers)	4.6%	2.7%	3.2%	4.6%	7.7%

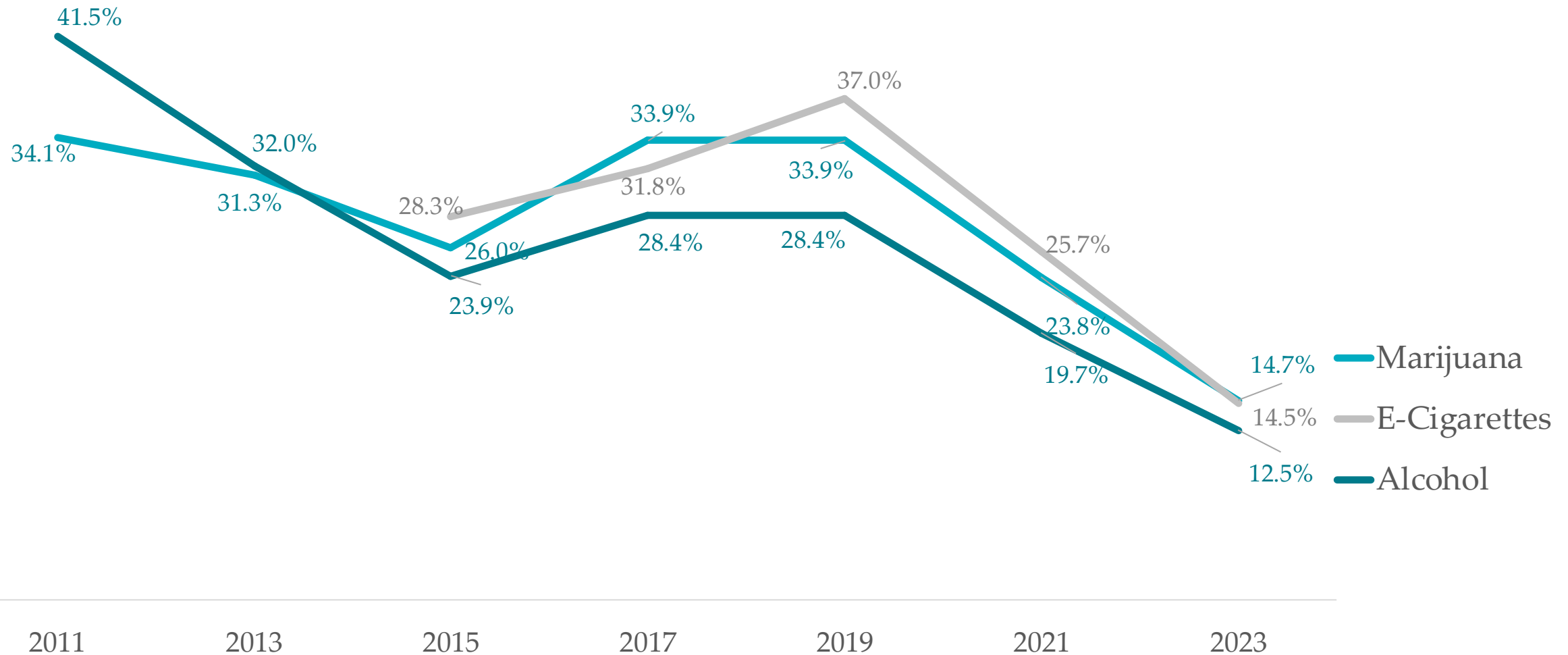
Alcohol consumption has reduced but drinking and driving has not.

Underage Drinking



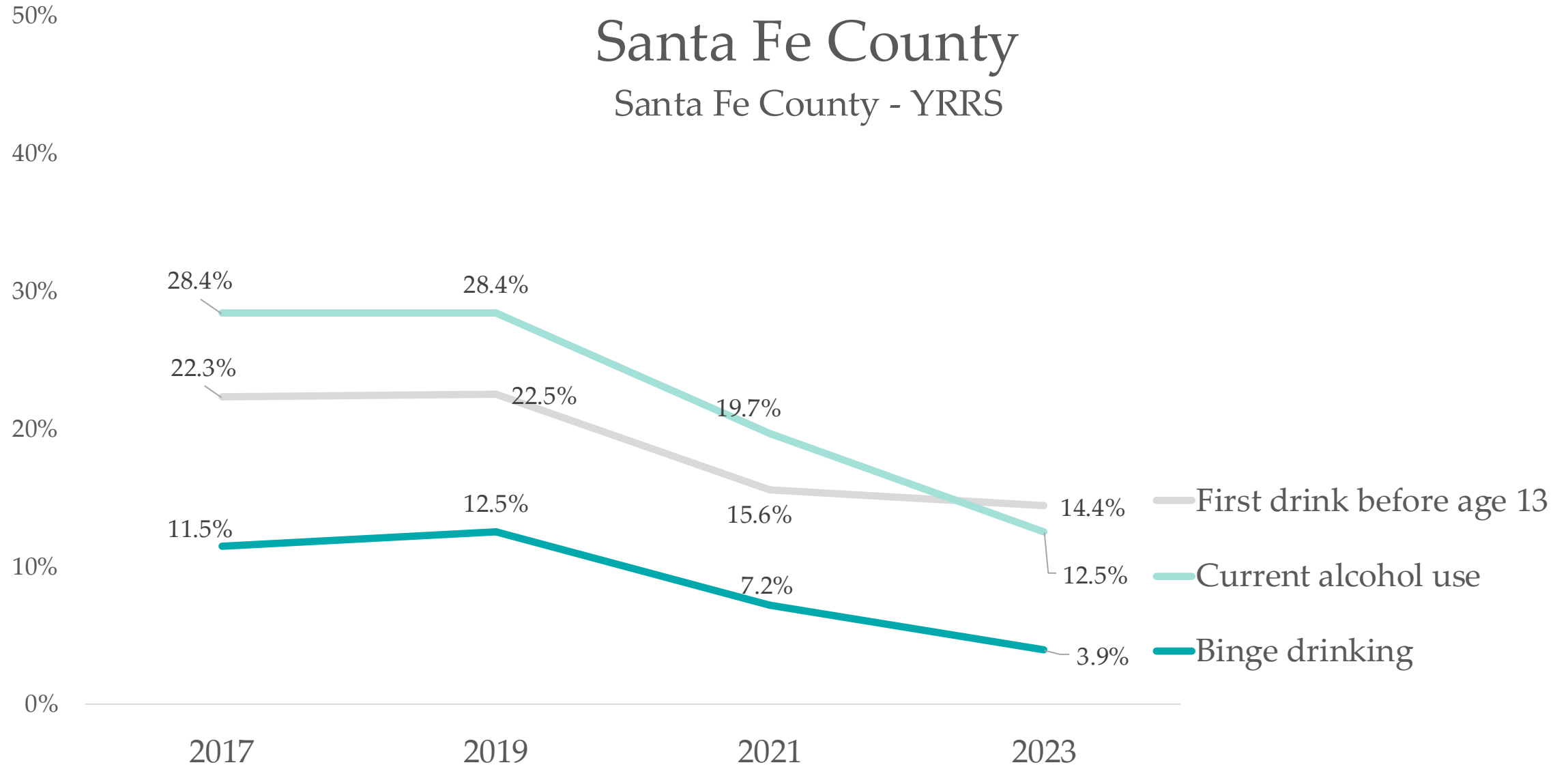
Downward Trends in Current Substance Use for E-Cigarettes, Marijuana and Alcohol

Santa Fe County High School YRRS



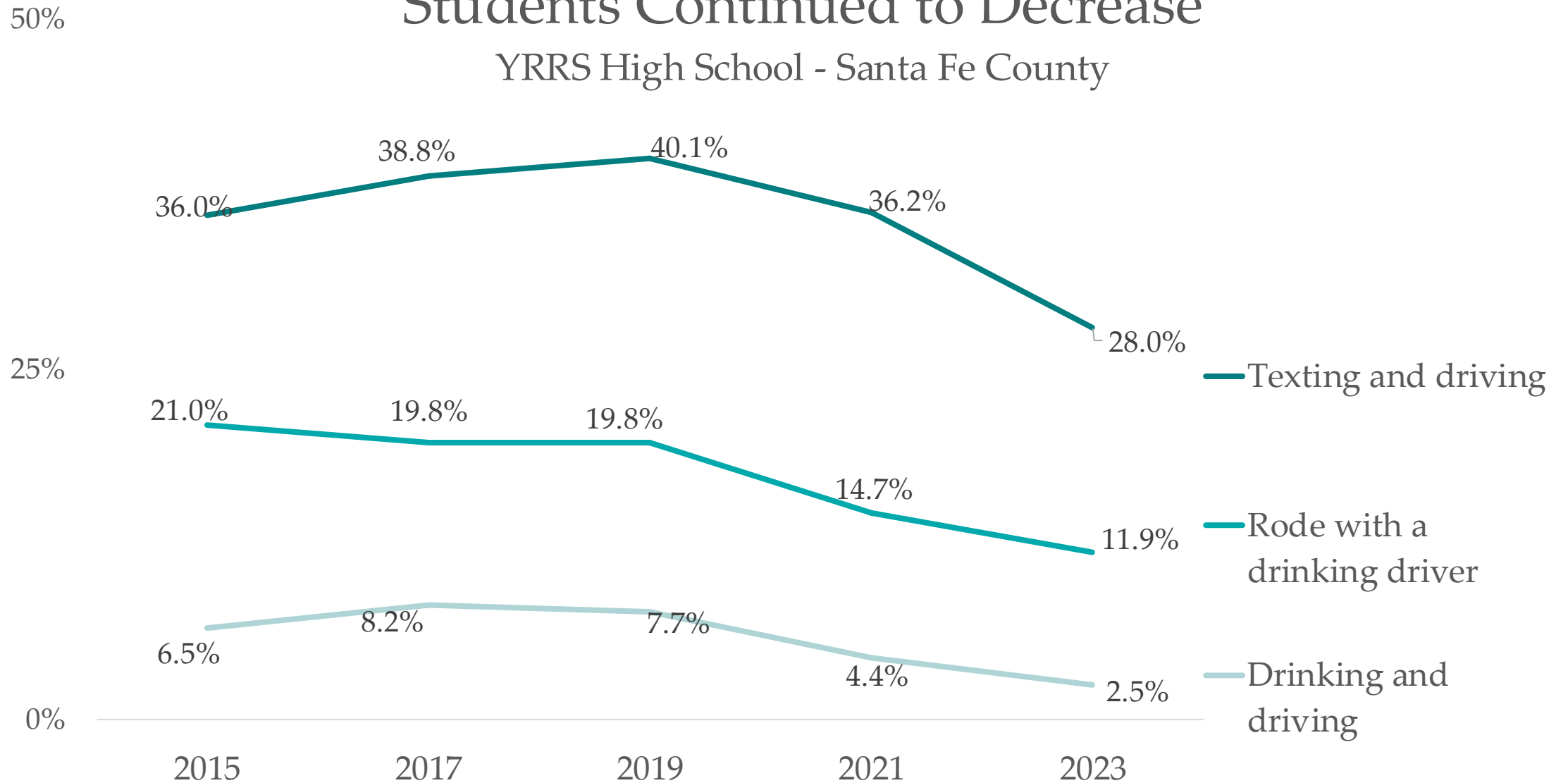
High School Alcohol Use Continues to Decrease in Santa Fe County

Santa Fe County - YRRS



Risky Driving Behaviors Among High School Students Continued to Decrease

YRRS High School - Santa Fe County





SANTA FE COUNTY
UPLIFT YOUTH
PROGRAM

PROGRAM GOALS

- 1. Youth Empowerment:** Equip young individuals with the skills and resources they need to take charge of their lives, make positive choices, and plan for their future.
- 2. Family Engagement:** Foster strong, healthy connections between youth and their families, emphasizing support networks and involvement in the restorative process.
- 3. Restorative Justice Implementation:** Promote accountability and reconciliation through a restorative justice framework that encourages learning from mistakes rather than punitive measures.
- 4. Comprehensive Support Services:** Provide tailored support that addresses the social and emotional challenges faced by young people, ensuring they receive holistic care.
- 5. Community Healing:** Build a sense of belonging and resilience within the community by encouraging collaborative efforts and healing initiatives that involve all stakeholders.
- 6. Inclusivity and Diversity:** Ensure that services are accessible and welcoming to all youth and families, respecting and celebrating differences while addressing systemic barriers.

Uplift Youth Program

Participants reported:

- Improvements in family communication, emotional healing, accountability, and relationship building (Restorative Practices).
- Increased understanding of healthy relationships, personal boundaries, communication skills, and emotional wellness (Voices for Girls).
- Positive attitudes related to healthy masculinity, emotional expression, non-violence, and acceptance of others (Boys Council).
- Growth in empathy, perspective-taking, listening skills, and understanding of diverse experiences (Narrative 4).

Across these programs, youth reported learning skills they could apply in school, at home, and in their relationships with peers.



442
YOUTH SERVED

Youth participated in restorative justice, prevention, diversion, and youth development programs across Santa Fe County.



400
REFERRALS RECEIVED

Referrals came from schools, juvenile justice/probation, families, and community organizations.



20+
SCHOOLS REPRESENTED

Youth came from more than 20 schools across Santa Fe County.



**YOUTH & FAMILIES
ENGAGED**

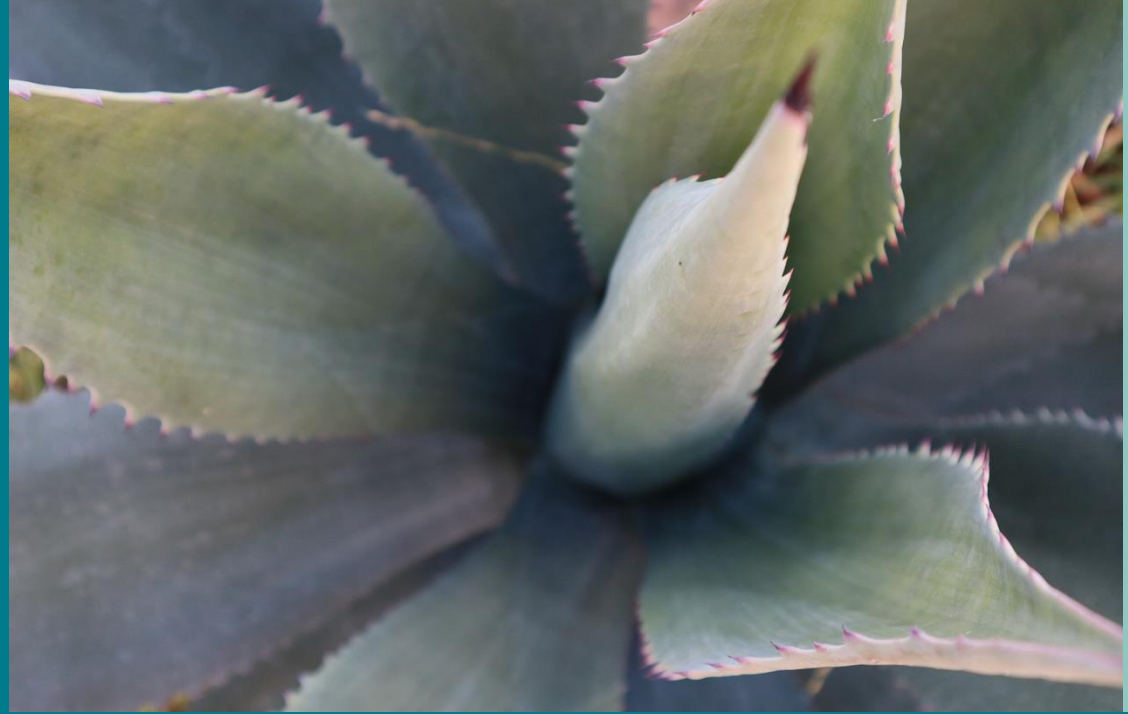
Parents and caregivers participated in programs and restorative processes that strengthen families and relationships.

Recommended Next Steps

1. Goal 1: Continue supporting evidence-based prevention, enforcement, and public awareness initiatives.
 - Coordinate enforcement activities with public awareness.
2. Goal 2: Expand prevention efforts focused on parents, reducing social access of alcohol, and public education on early initiation.
 - Improve data collection related to treatment completion, referral pathways, and barriers to services.
 - Explore strategies to reduce delays between arrest, sentencing, and treatment initiation.

Questions?

Thank you!



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