

Connecticut H. S. Universal Suicide Prevention Project SOS 2007-2009



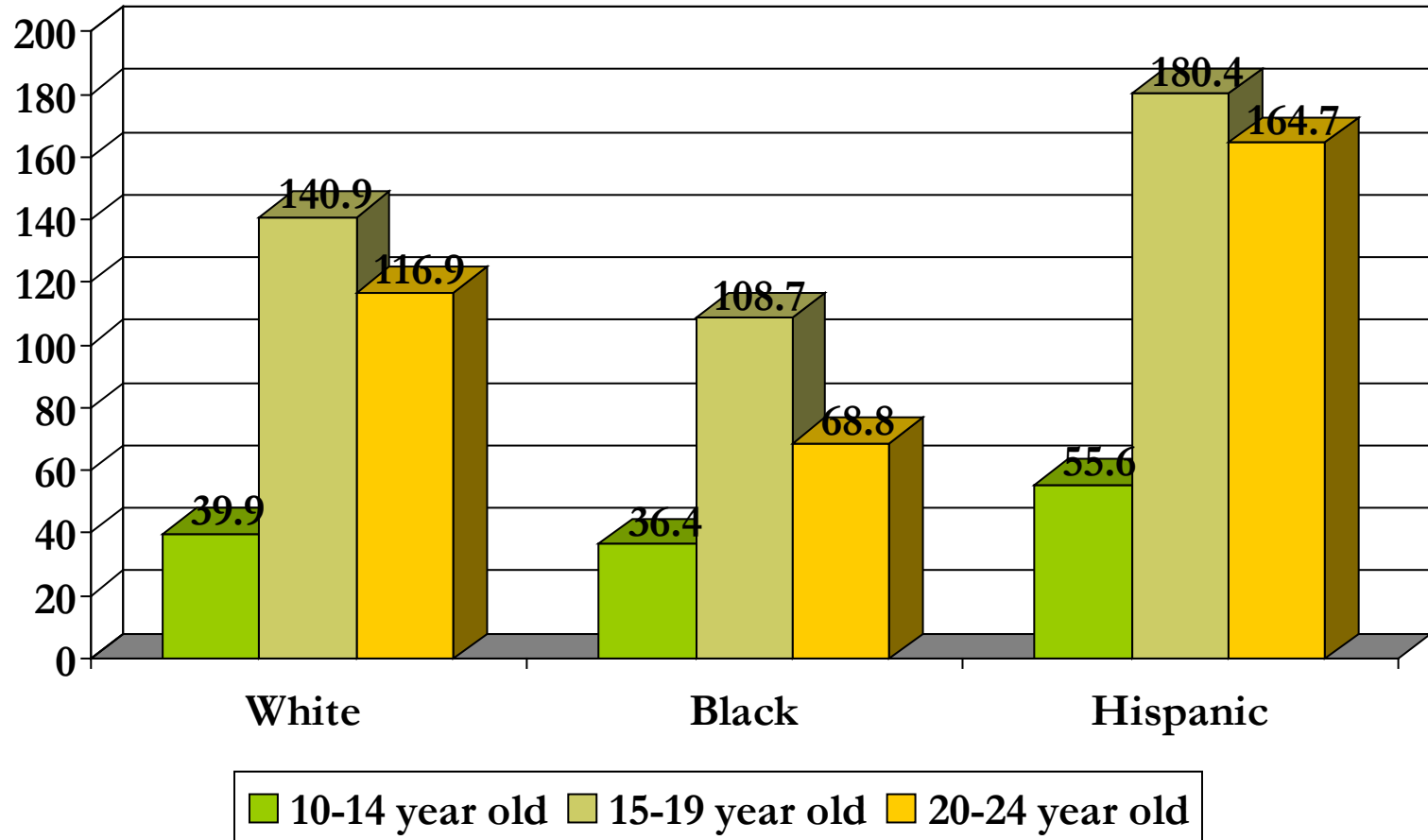
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CT Youth Suicide

- 372 Connecticut children and youth ages 10-24 died by suicide 1999-2009 (CT OCME)
- 23 Ages 10-14 (55% male)
- **154 Ages 15-19** (81% male)
- 195 Ages 18-24 (89% male)

CT Self Inflicted Injury ED Visits (per 100K) by Race CT DPH 2005-2007



SOS Program

1-2 Day in-school presentation program comprised of self screening form, DVD and discussion guide (**ACT**)

ACKNOWLEDGE that their friend has a problem, and that the symptoms are serious.

CARE let that friend know that they are there for them, and want to help.

TELL a trusted adult about their concerns

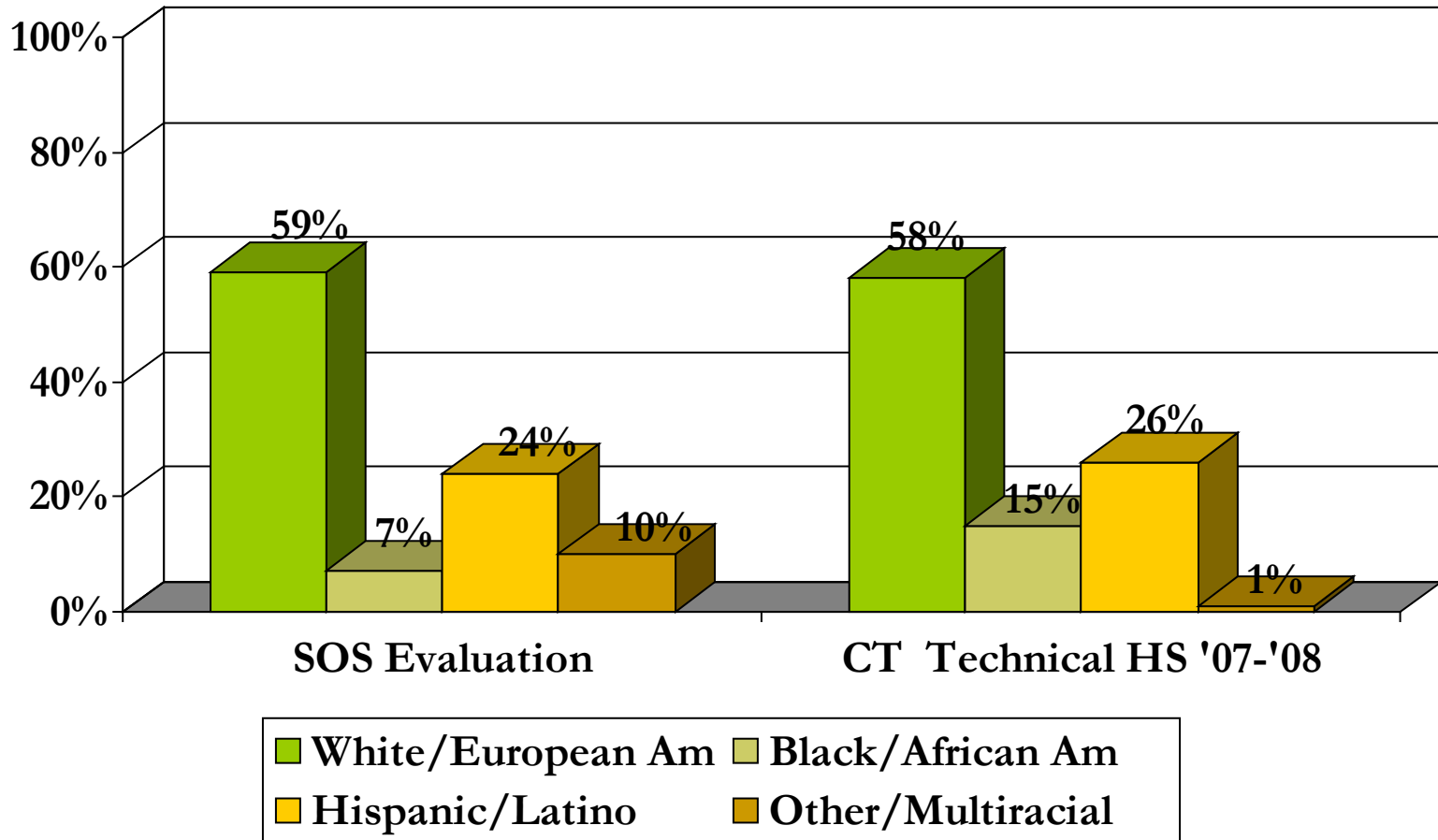
Hypotheses and Study Design

- Hypotheses: Grade 9 students exposed to the SOS suicide prevention program will have greater gains in Knowledge, Adaptive Attitudes about suicide and report less suicidal behavior
- Methods: CT students recruited from 16 Technical and one comprehensive HS.
- Pretest-post test design
- Schools were randomly assigned to treatment and control conditions

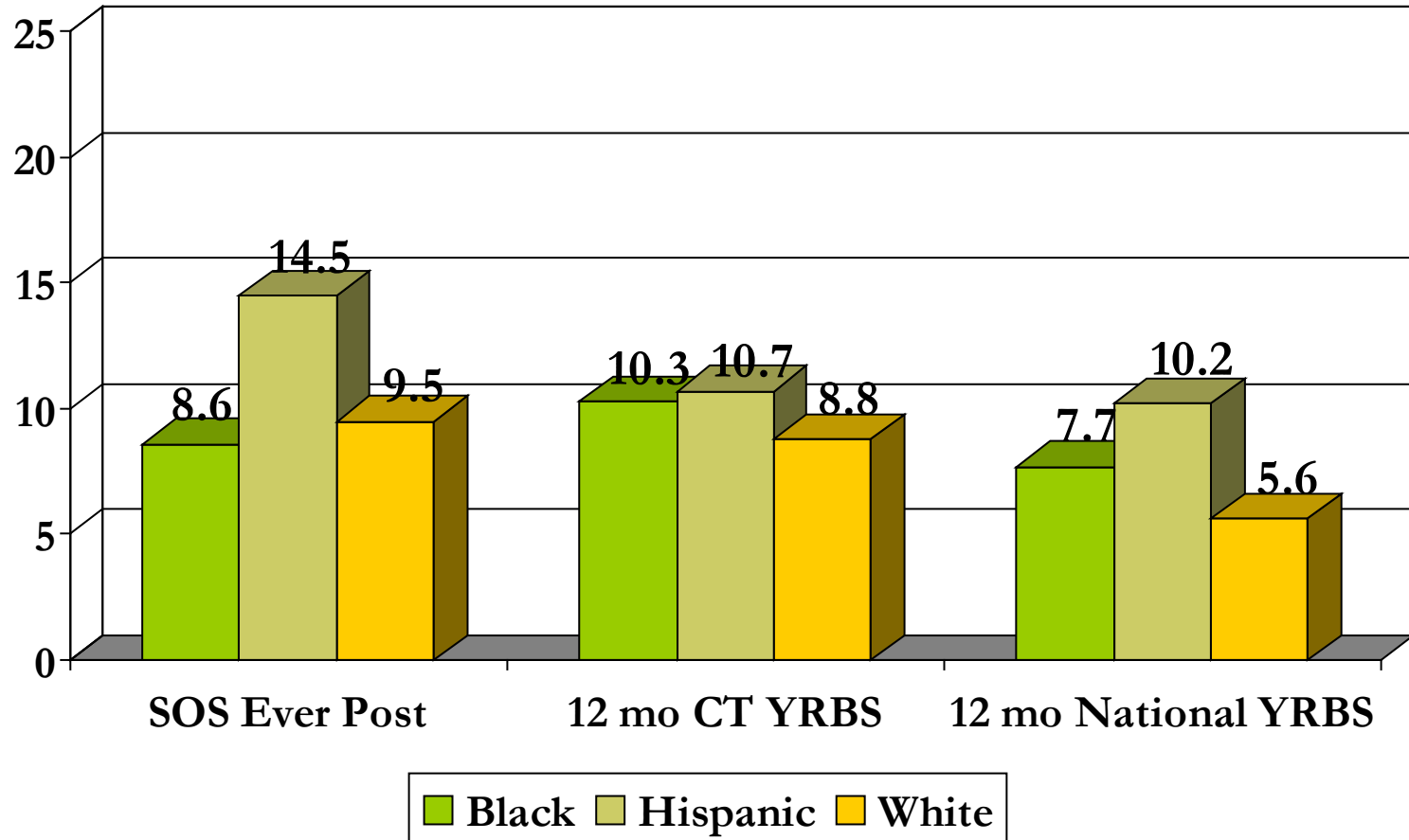
Students Surveyed

- A total of 1586 students were surveyed at least 1 time.
- 1286 @ pretest
- 1261 @ posttest

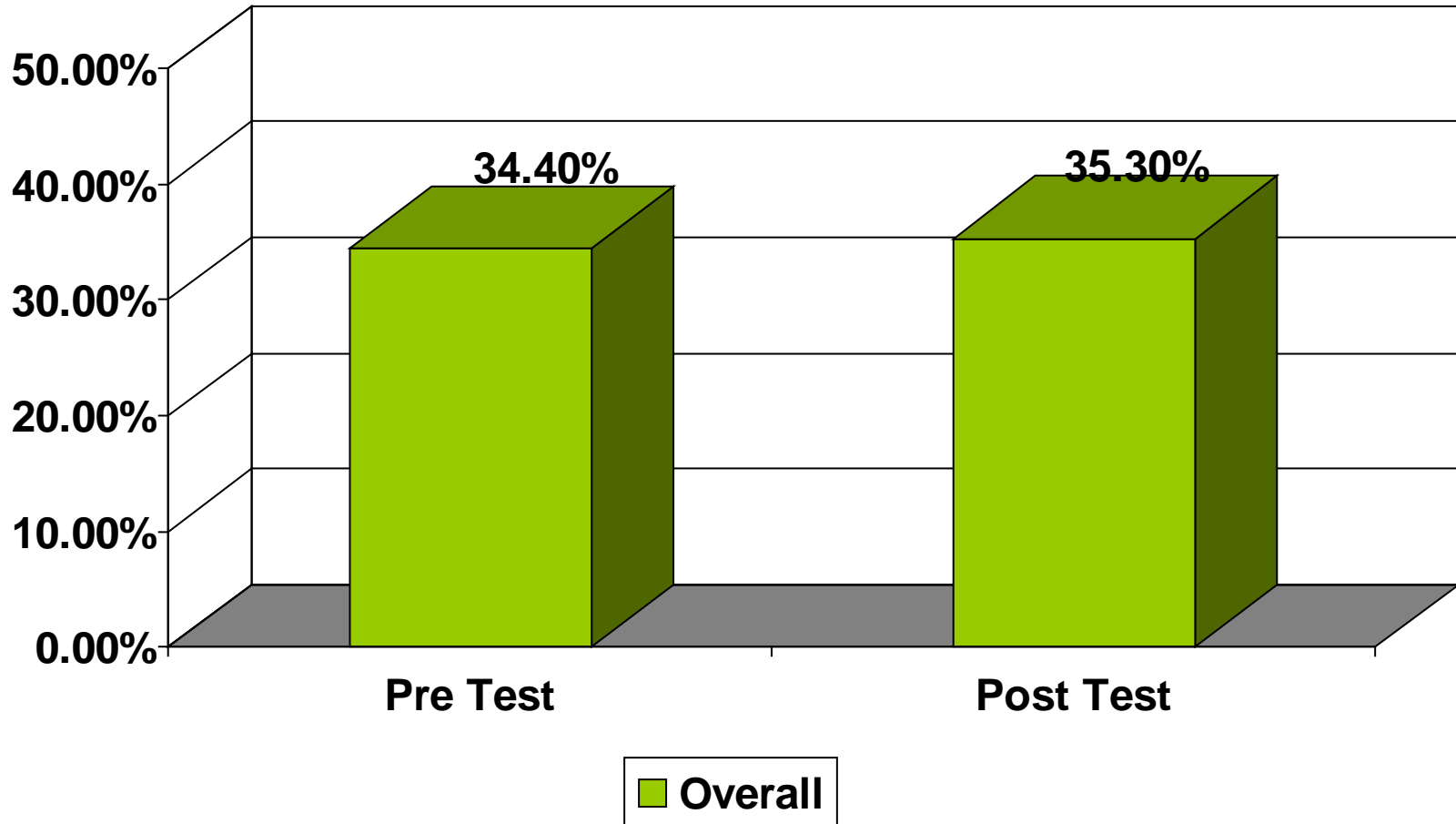
Demographic Profile of Participants



Percent Self Report Suicide Attempt SOS vs CT and National 2007 YRBS

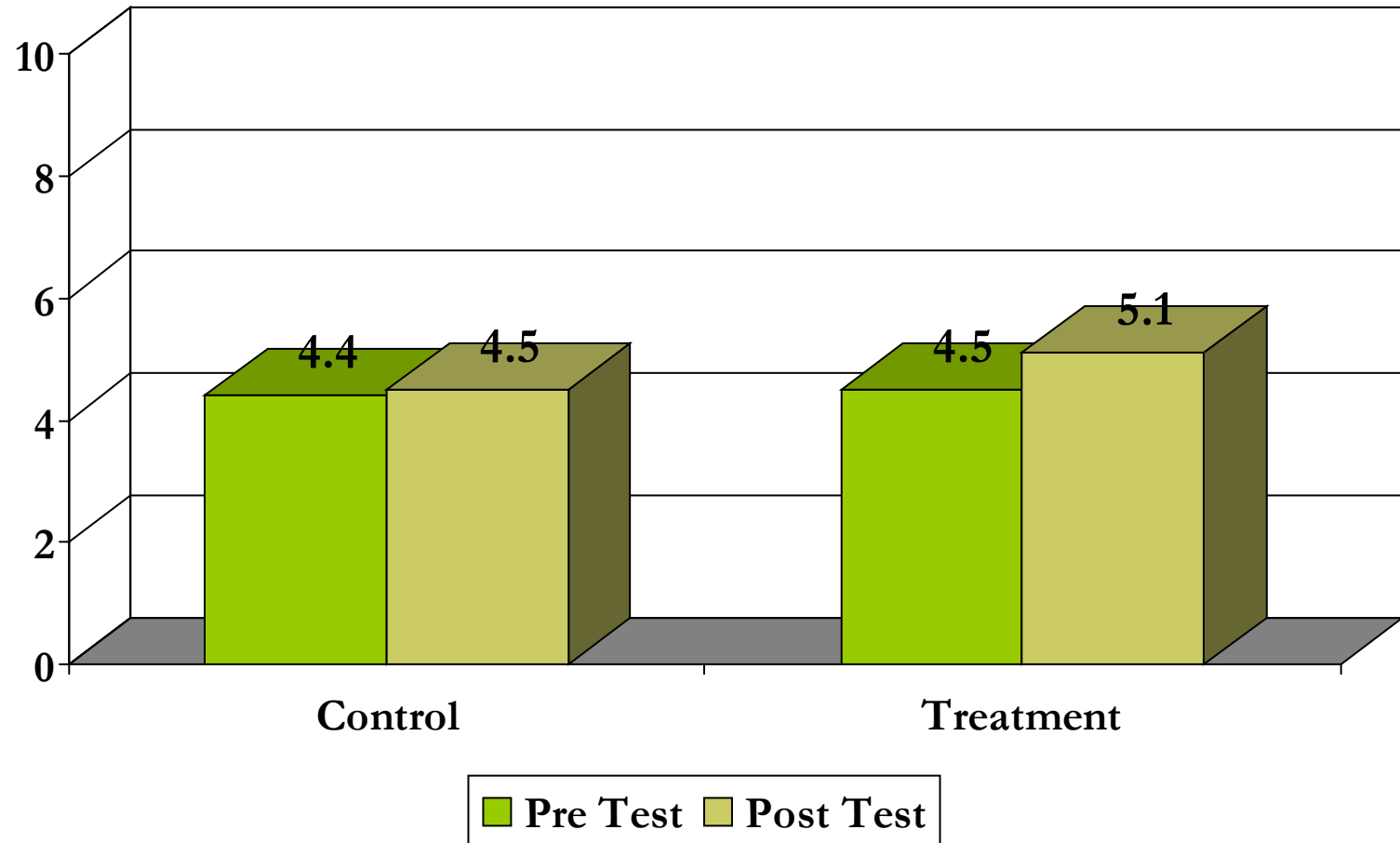


Students Reporting Close Person Committed or Attempted Suicide



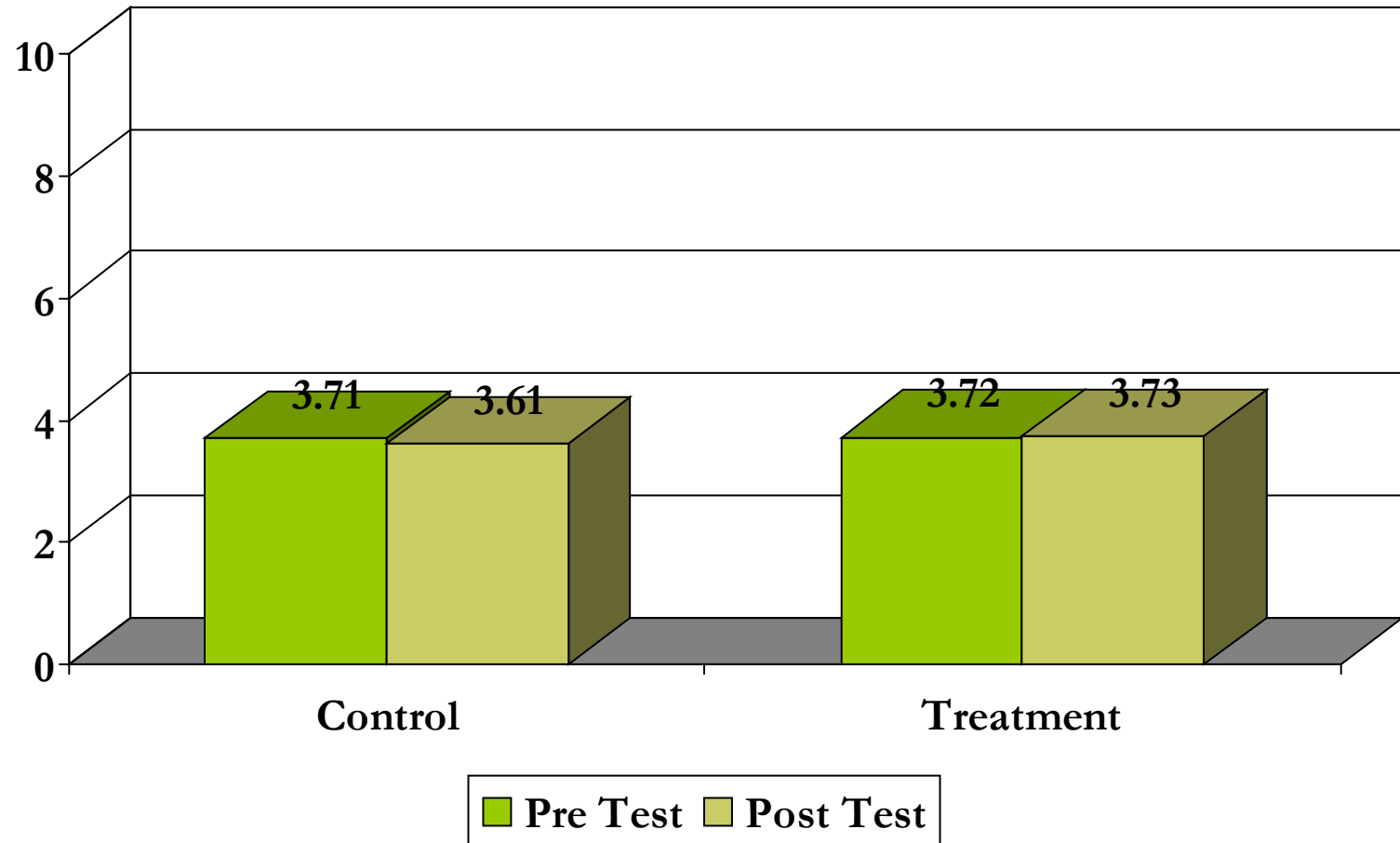
Knowledge About Suicide

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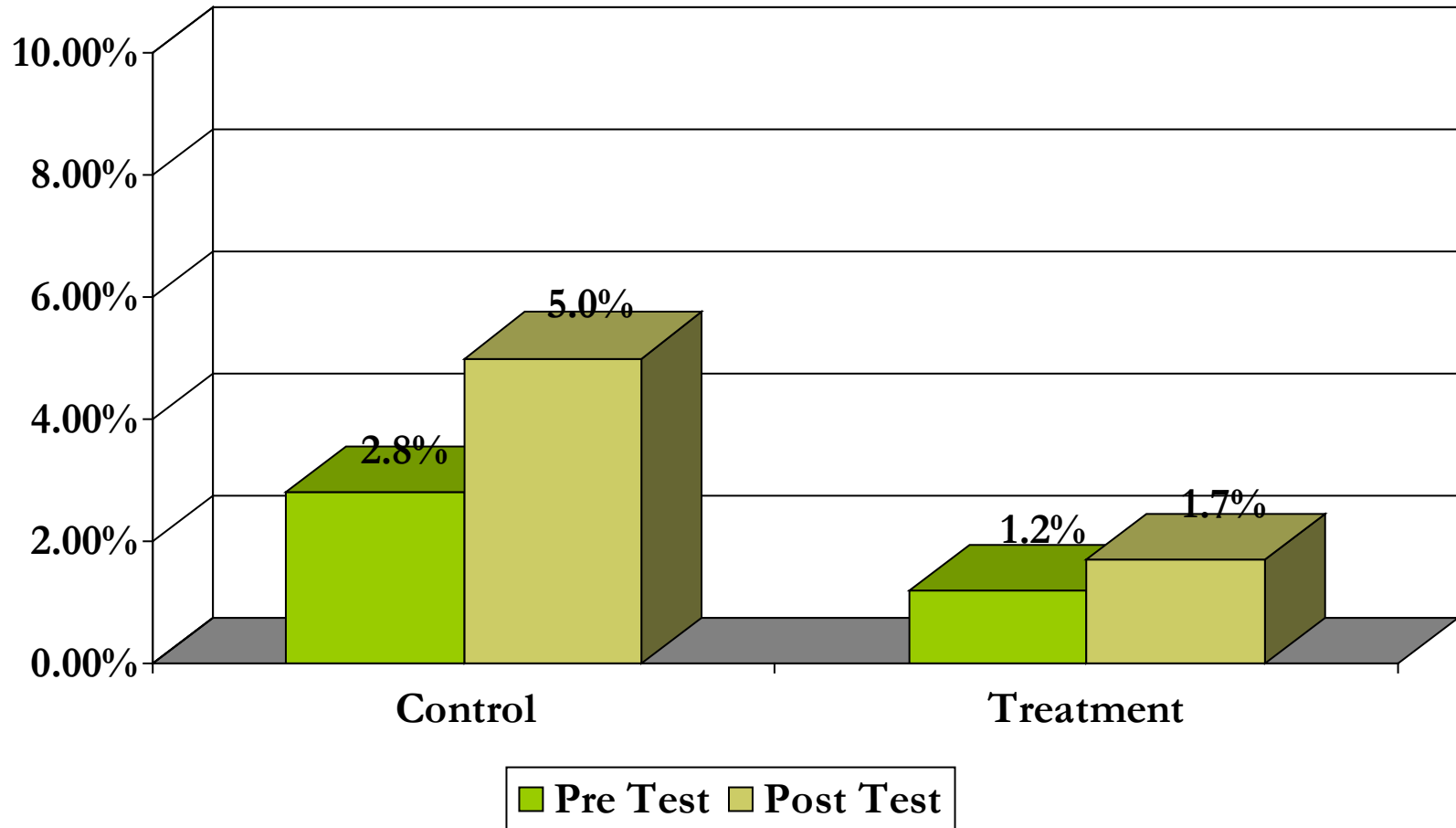


Attitudes Toward Suicide

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Self Reported Suicide Attempt



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