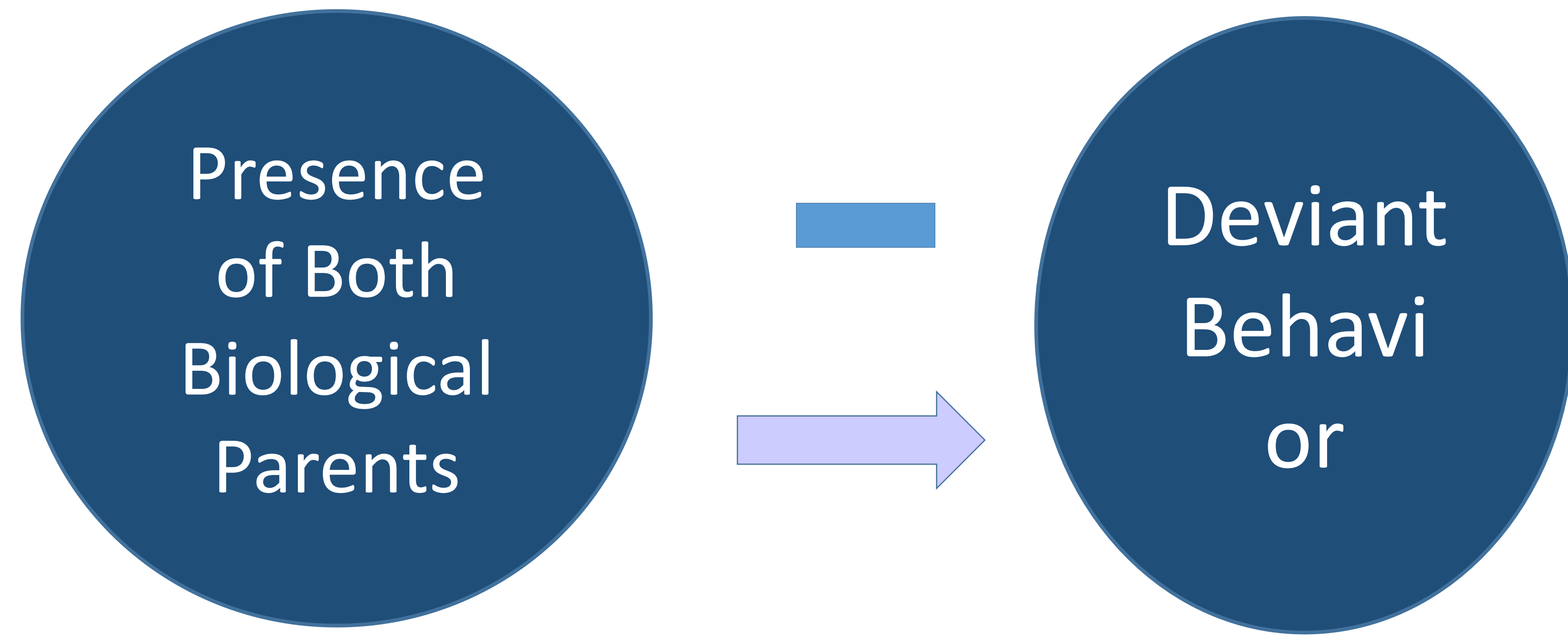


# Hookups, Hangovers, and Hallucinogens: The Effects of Parental Presence on Young Adult Deviant Behavior

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## Hypothesis:

*People who grew up in childhood homes without biological parental presence/guidance will have more deviant patterns of behavior in young adulthood.*

## Sample & Data Collection Methods:

**Population:** Furman University Students

**Sample Methods:** Created a survey and emailed it to randomly selected Furman students before the drop period

**n = 95**

**Data Collection Methods:** Online, self-administered survey sent through email

## Definition of Measures:

### **Independent Variable, Dependent Variable:**

- Main Independent Variable: Biological Parental Presence
  - Measured by: Strictness, Daily Interactions, Negative thoughts on deviant behaviors, and Parenting Style
- Deviant Behavior
  - Participation in the Following: drugs, sex, and alcohol

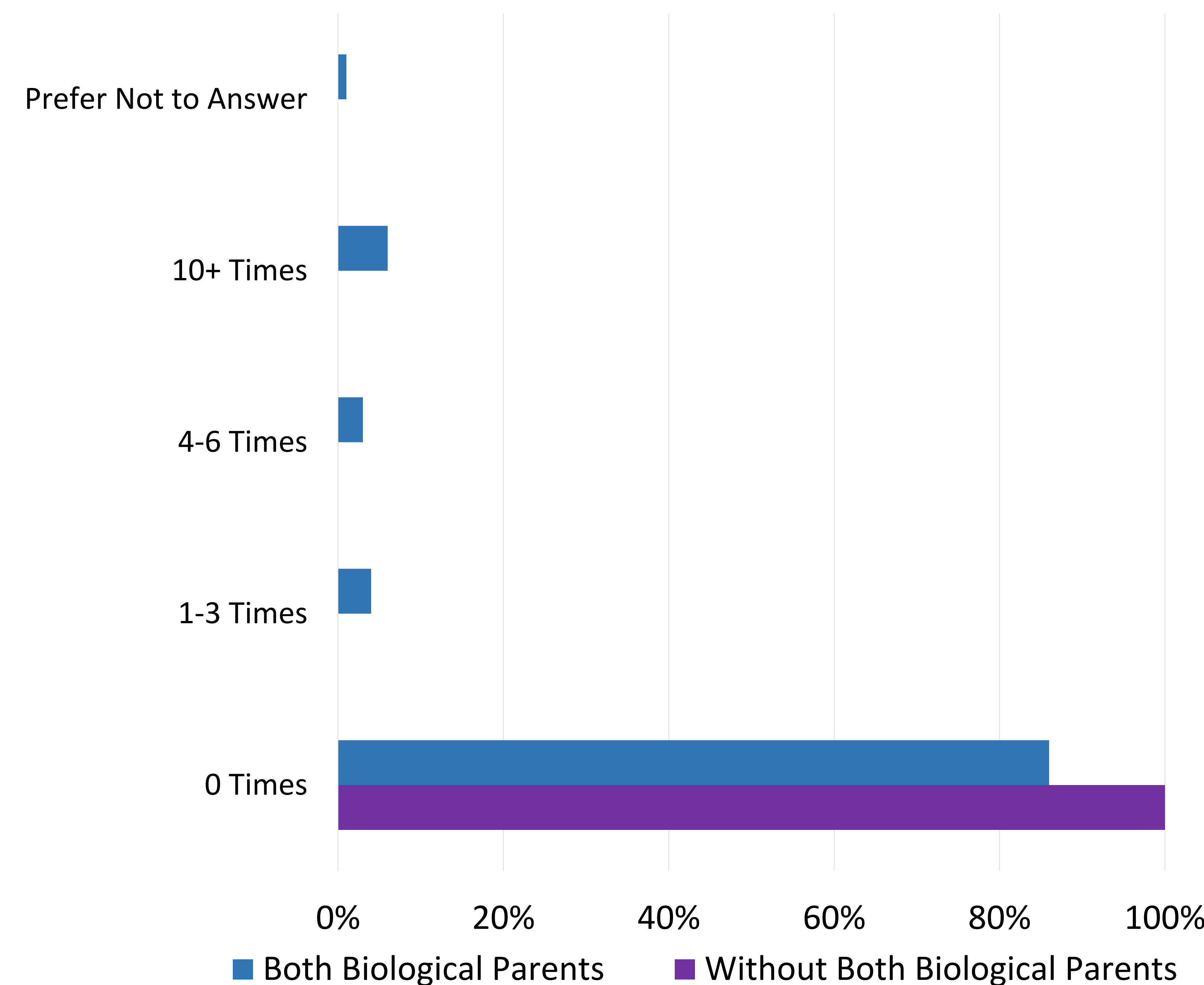
### **Controls:**

- Age, College, Race, Gender

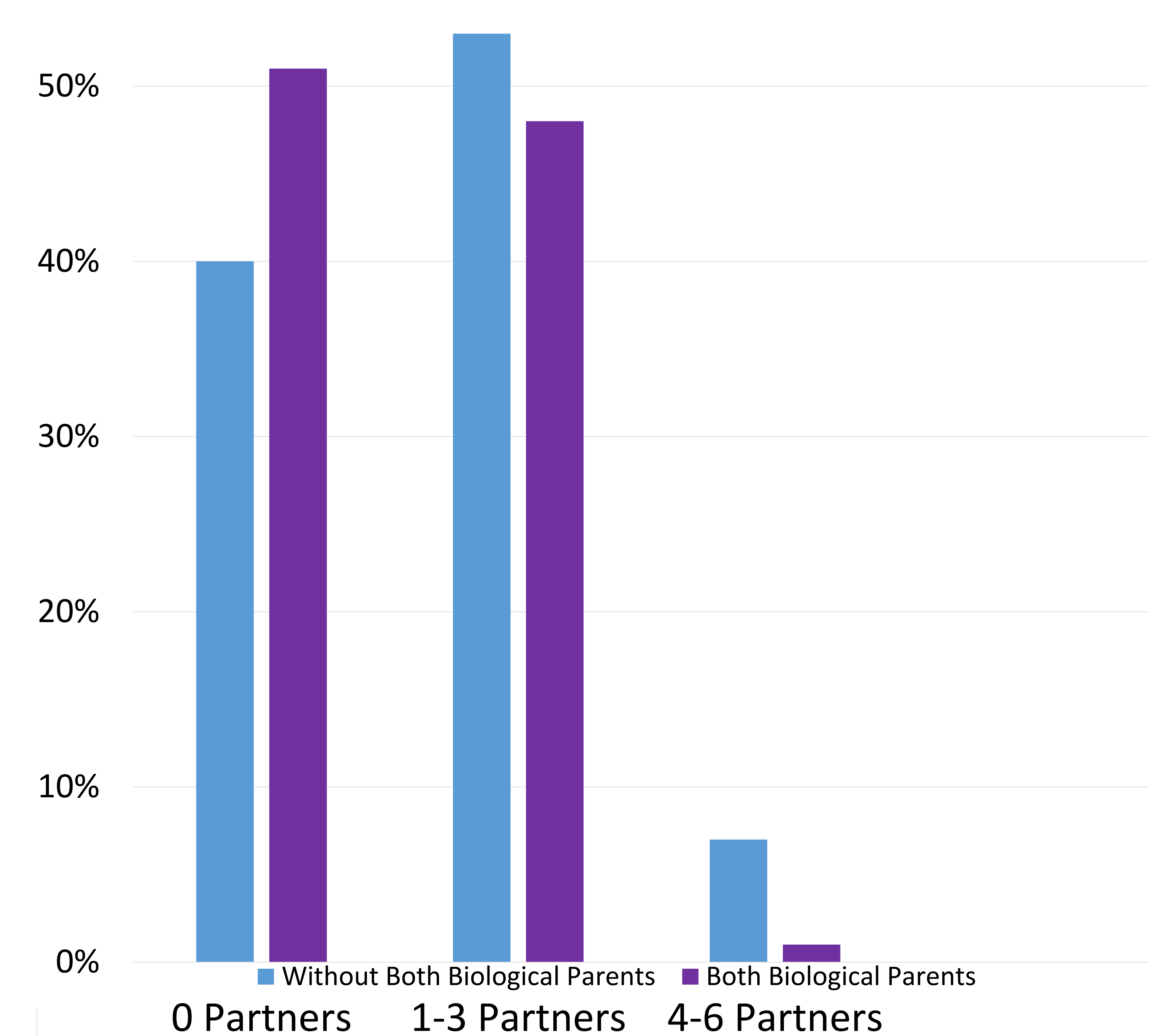
## Conclusions:

- 75% of students grew up in a household with both biological parents while the other 25% did not
- 86% of Furman Students said that they interacted with their parent/ guardian on a daily basis
- There is a higher correlation of students without both biological parental presence participating in drug use, number of sexual partners and alcohol consumption (see more on available graphs)

**The Effect of Biological Parental Presence on Frequency of Participation in Drugs**



**The Effect of Biological Parental Presence on Number of Sexual Partners**



**The Effect of Biological Parental Presence on Frequency of Consumption of Alcohol**

