

Presentation of the ISRD3 study



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ISR D₃ CROATIA 1ST RESULTS FOR VARAŽDIN

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PRESENTATION OVERVIEW

- about the ISRD and the ISRD3 study
- conducting the ISRD3 study in Croatia
 - financing, questionnaire, sampling, organisation, implementation
 - experiences from Varaždin and Zagreb
- 1st results for Varaždin
 - demographic characteristics, family and school
 - victimisation
 - deviant and delinquent behaviour
 - substance usage
- discussion with participants





THE ISRD STUDY

about

- city based – two cities (sample is not national)
 - IRSD1 - 1990-1991 in 13 states
 - IRSD2 - 2005-2007 in 31 states
 - IRSD3 - 2013-2014 in around 50 states
- two main study aims:
 1. to note and compare differences, similarities and tendencies in delinquent behaviour and victimisations among states
 2. to examine and verify theoretical questions related to juvenile delinquency and victimization while maintaining relevance for needs of policy making





THE ISRD3 STUDY

about and financing

- about the ISRD3 study
 - international (around 50 states worldwide)
 - data for Croatia is being collected for the first time
 - enhanced IRSD questionnaire
 - completion of data collection - end of 2014
- financing of ISRD3 study
 - common funding is not provided
 - funds for some countries from the region (Bosnia and Herzegovina , Serbia, Kosovo...)





THE ISRD3 STUDY

Modul Overview

1. Background

2. Family

3. School

4. Victimization

5. Leisure

6. Attitude

7. Offending

8. Substance use

9. Norm

transmission/morality

**10. Attitude towards
police**

11. Gangs





THE ISRD3 STUDY IN CROATIA

financing and support

- Varaždin County, Administrative Department for Education, Culture and Sport, Head of the Department, mr.sc. Miroslav Huđek
- City of Varaždin, Administrative Department for Social Activities, based on the Conclusion of Mayor Mr. Goran Habuš
- Zagreb Law Faculty
 - Dean's Office
 - Colleagues from the Social Work Study Centre: prof. dr. sc. Marina Ajduković, prof. dr. sc. Ivan Rimac and Ms. Jelena Ogresta
- Max Planck Partner Group
- research volunteers (Ms. Vido, Ms. Antolčić, Ms. Bezić and doc.dr.sc. Getoš)
- student volunteers (62 seminar students: 31 VŽ; 31 ZG + 51 ZG)





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questionnaire and consent

- common English questionnaire for all the ISRD3 participants
- Croatian version of the ISRD3 questionnaire
 - translation and back-translation
 - harmonization with translations from the region
 - verification in the target group
- Code of Ethics in Research involving Children
- approval of the Ministry of Science from 26 March 2013
- consent of school principals
- active parental consent





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sampling

- choice of 2 cities → Varaždin (vicinity) and Zagreb
- Varaždin
 - all primary schools and 3 secondary schools
 - consent of school principals, parents and participants
- Zagreb
 - overlapping with the BECAN study (Balkan Epidemiological Study on Child Abuse and Neglect: www.becan.eu)
 - random choice of primary and secondary schools (without BECAN schools)
 - consent of school principals, parents and participants





THE ISRD3 STUDY IN CROATIA

organization of and conducting the study

- organization of the study
 - contact with local governments
 - notice and inquiry to school principals
 - obtaining consent (schools and parents)
 - copying and distribution of the questionnaires
 - time slots for surveying
- conducting the study
 - student volunteers
 - pedagogues and teachers






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experiences from Varaždin and Zagreb

- City of Varaždin
 - central contact point for primary schools
 - coordination and support
- Varaždin County
 - central contact point for secondary schools
 - coordination and support
- City of Zagreb - poor support
- Zagreb primary and secondary schools - low response rate





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total sample and 2nd survey in Zagreb

- 1207 respondents (853 Varaždin; 354 Zagreb)
- end of 2013, 2nd sweep of the Zagreb survey
 - Primary schools:
 - Tina Ujevića
 - Špansko Oranice
 - I. Dugave
 - Jordanovac
 - Horvati
 - Secondary schools:
 - XII. Gimnazija
 - IV. Gimnazija
 - Prirodoslovna škola V. Preloga
- consent of school principals and organization of the 2nd round of the survey in Zagreb

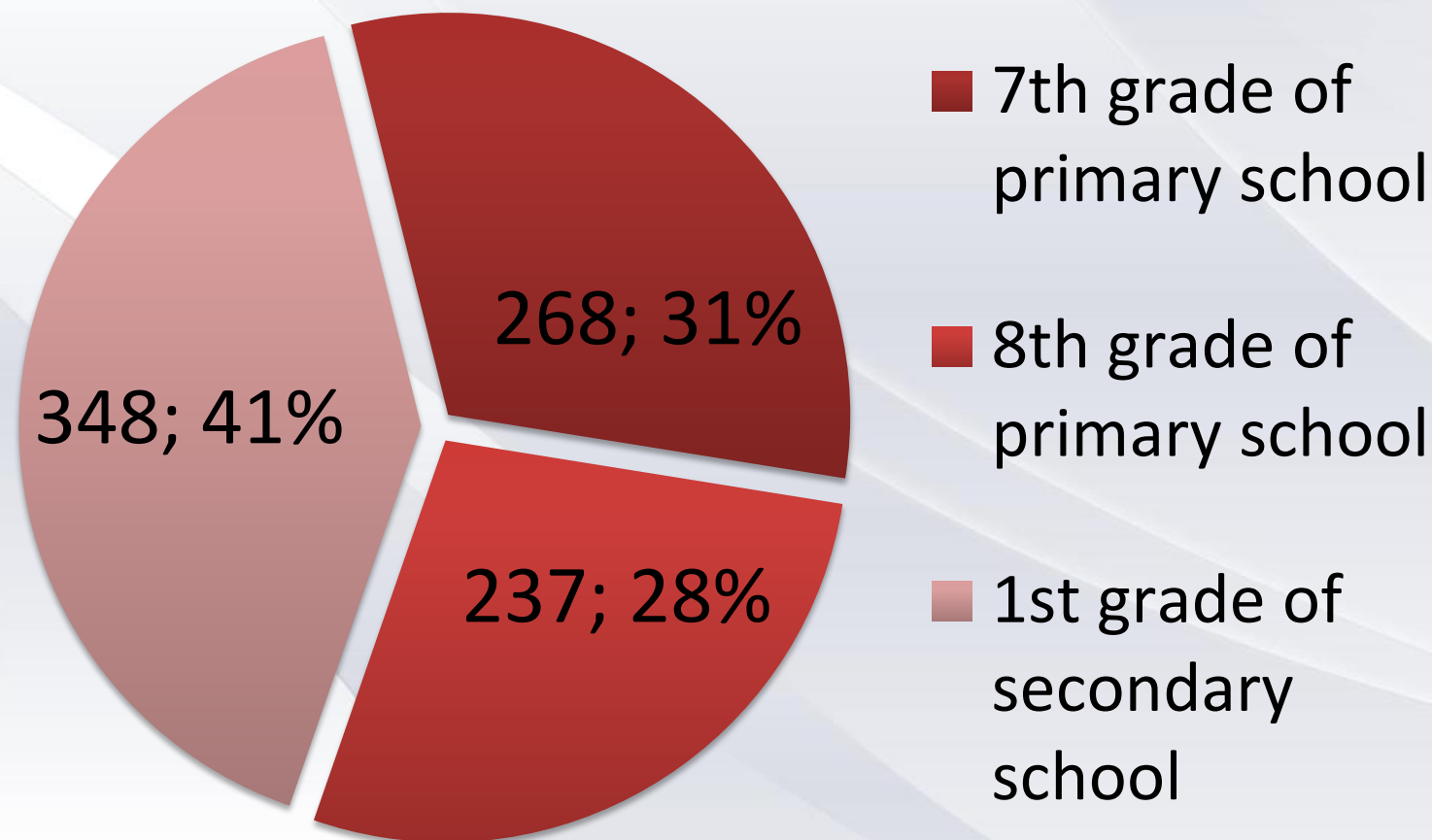




FIRST RESULTS FOR VARAŽDIN

demographic characteristics

- total sample (853) and distribution by grade:

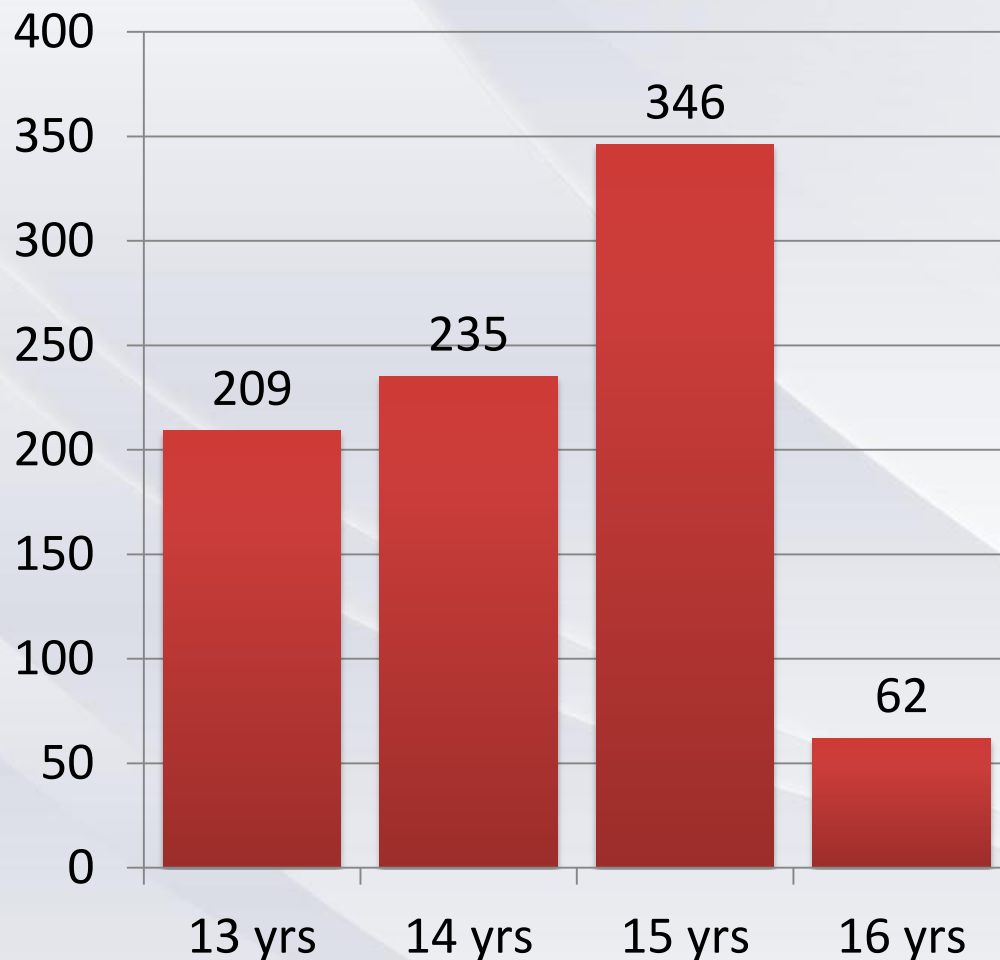
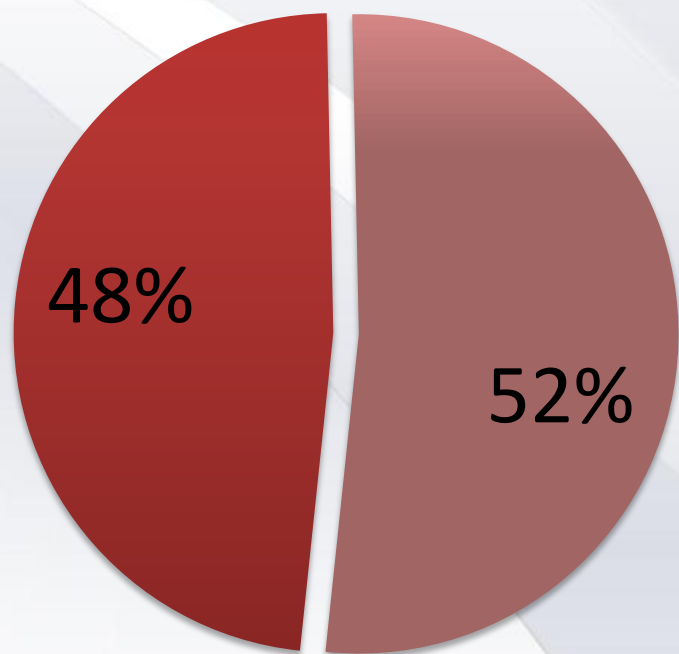


FIRST RESULTS FOR VARAŽDIN

demographic characteristics

■ gender and age:

■ boys ■ girls





FIRST RESULTS FOR VARAŽDIN

demographic characteristics

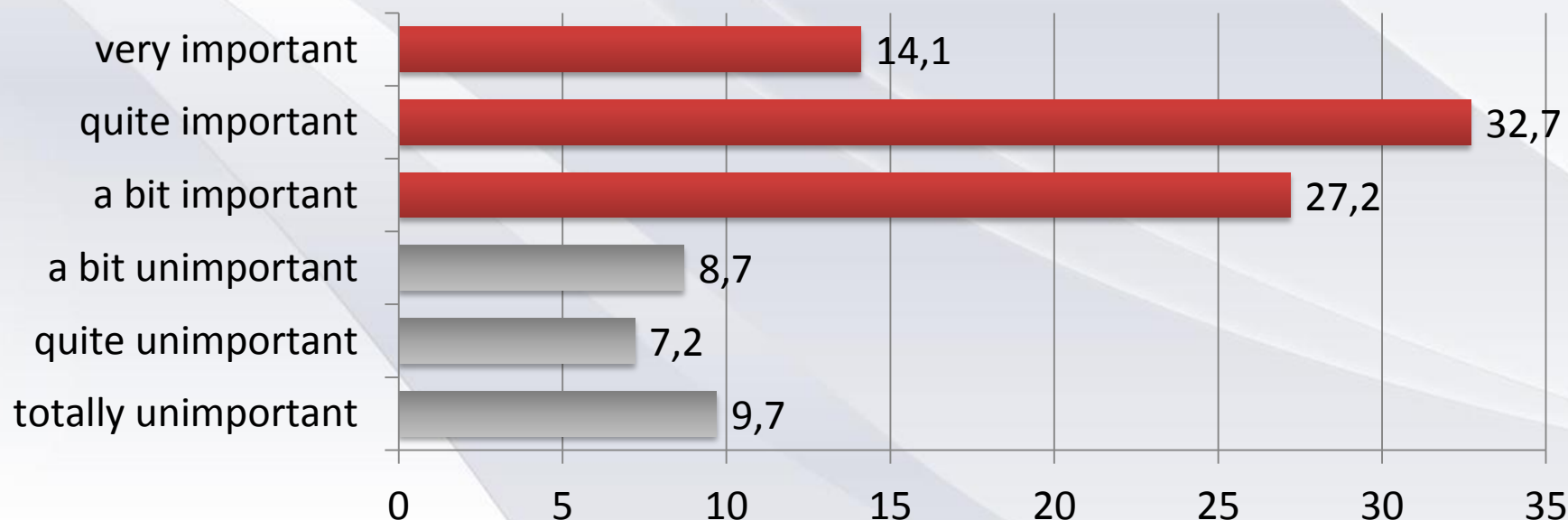
- **origin:** majority of children (98%) and parents born in the Republic of Croatia (mothers 93%; fathers 92,4%)
- **native language:** Croatian (98,9%)
- **nationality:** Croatian (99,2%)
- **family status/participation in upbringing:**
 - father and mother → 92,6%
 - only one parent → 6,3%
- **employment of parents:** mothers 82,6%, fathers 81,5%
- **family source of income:** salary (95,1%)



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demographic characteristics

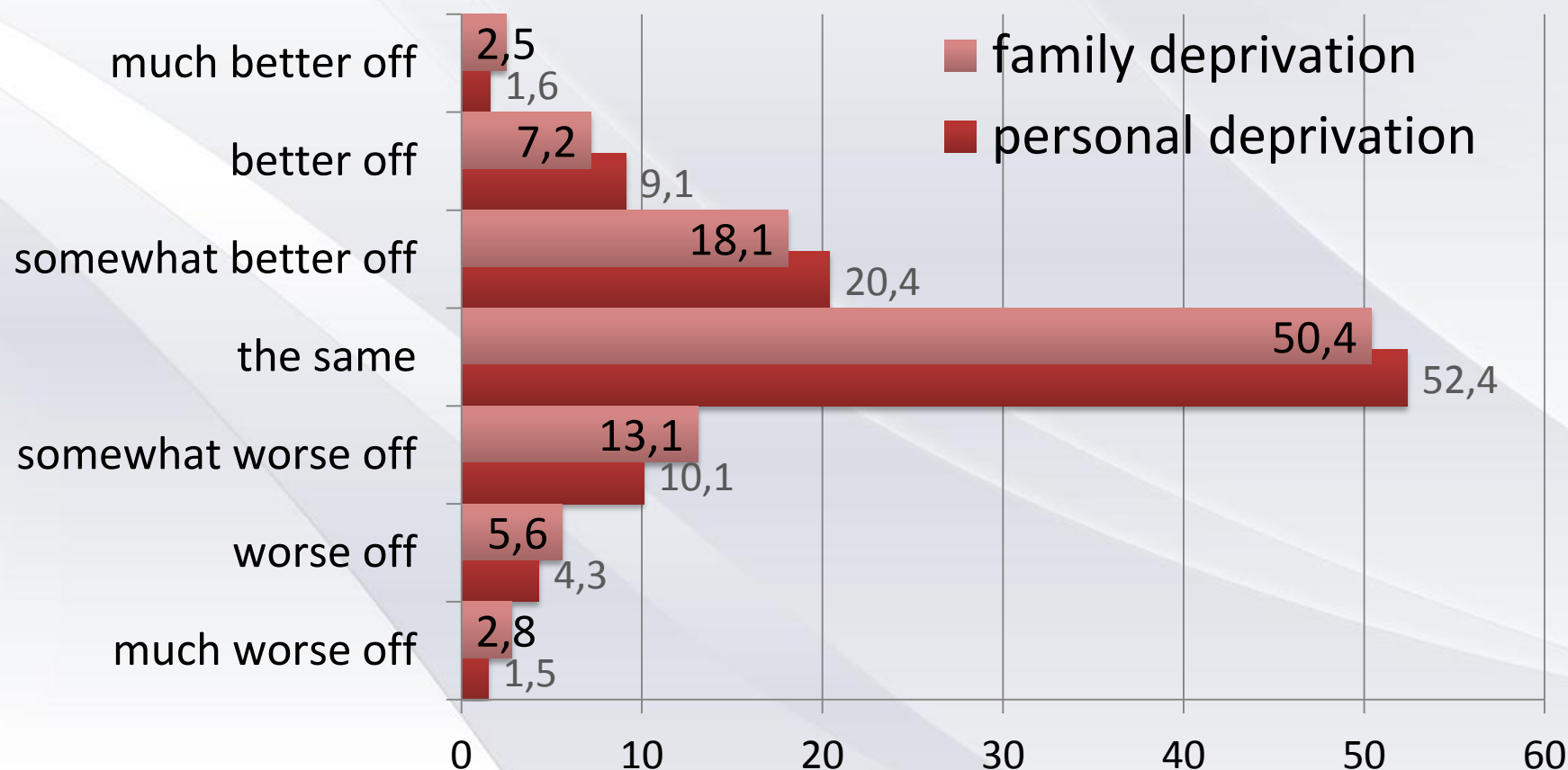
- religious affiliation:
 - Roman Catholics 88,6%
 - Atheists or Agnostics 9%
- the importance of religion in everyday life (%):



FIRST RESULTS FOR VARAŽDIN

demographic characteristics

- perception of personal and family deprivation (%):





FIRST RESULTS FOR VARAŽDIN

family – Parental Control Scale

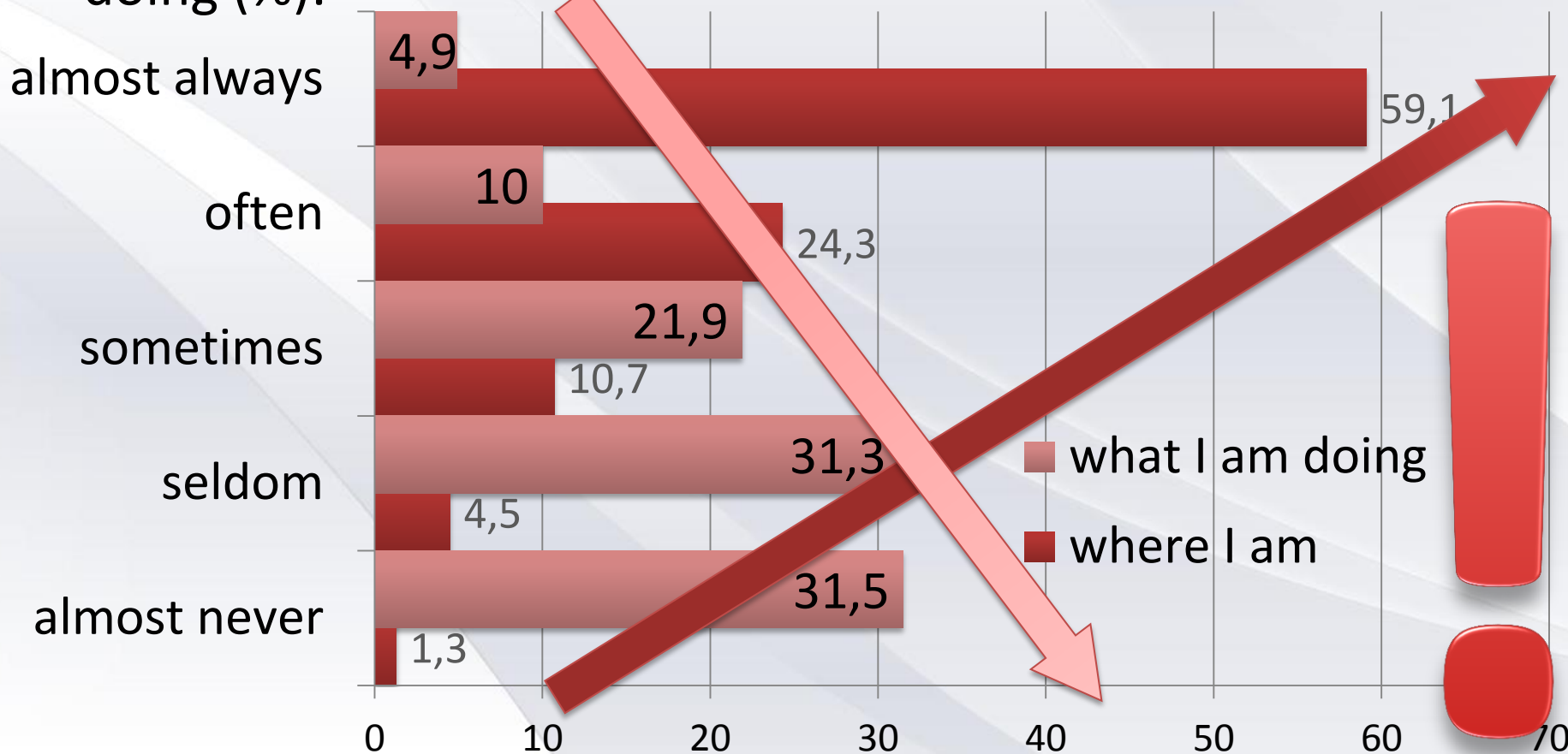
- there are different dimensions of parental supervision
 - objective indicators, but also subjective perception of children
 - we are interested in possible correlations with delinquent behaviour
 - Parental Control Scale consists out of 3 subscales:
 - Parental Knowledge Scale
 - Child Disclosure Scale
 - Parental Supervision Scale - seeks to capture the degree of parental active interest in the children's activities



FIRST RESULTS FOR VARAŽDIN

family – Parental Knowledge Scale

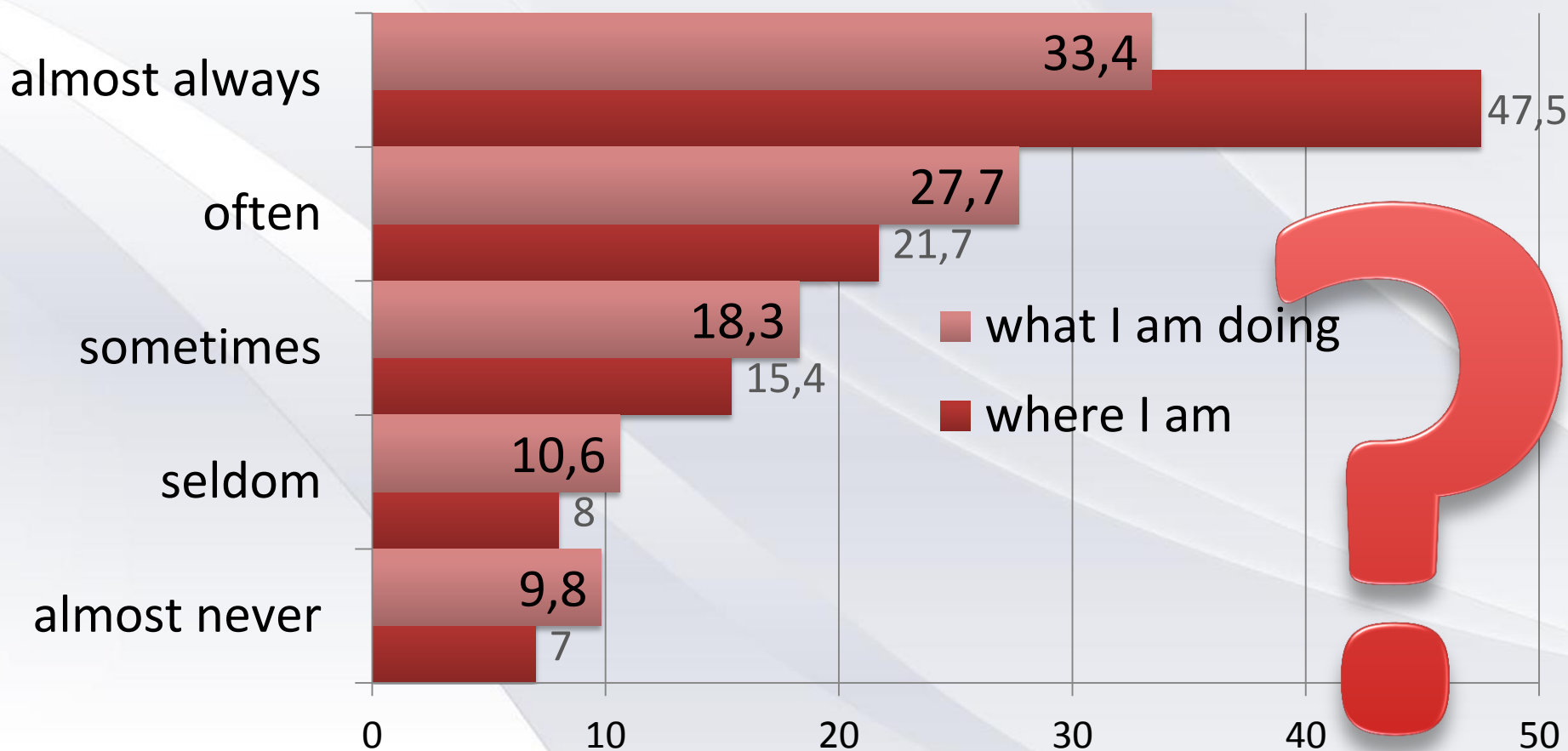
- parents know where their children are and what they are doing (%):



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family – Child Disclosure Scale

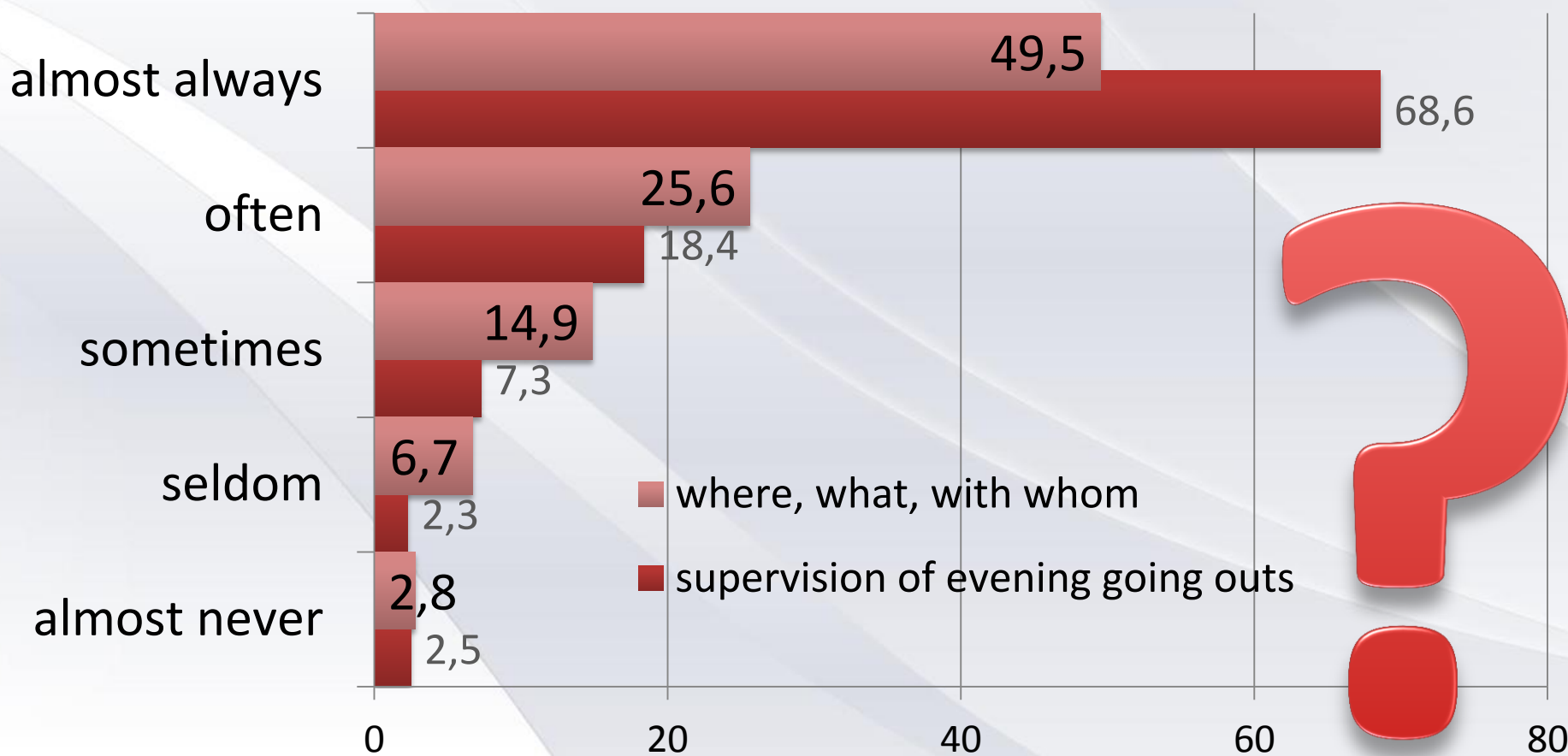
- children tell parents where they are and what they are doing (%):



FIRST RESULTS FOR VARAŽDIN

family – Parental Supervision Scale

- parents ask what I did, where I went, who I spent time with (%):





FIRST RESULTS FOR VARAŽDIN

Family – Parental Control Scale

- Parents know where children are and what they do
Parental Knowledge Scale - opposite trend
- Children tell parents where they are and what they do
Child Disclosure Scale - overlapping trend
- Parents ask what/where/with whom and supervise going outs
Parental Supervision Scale - overlapping trend



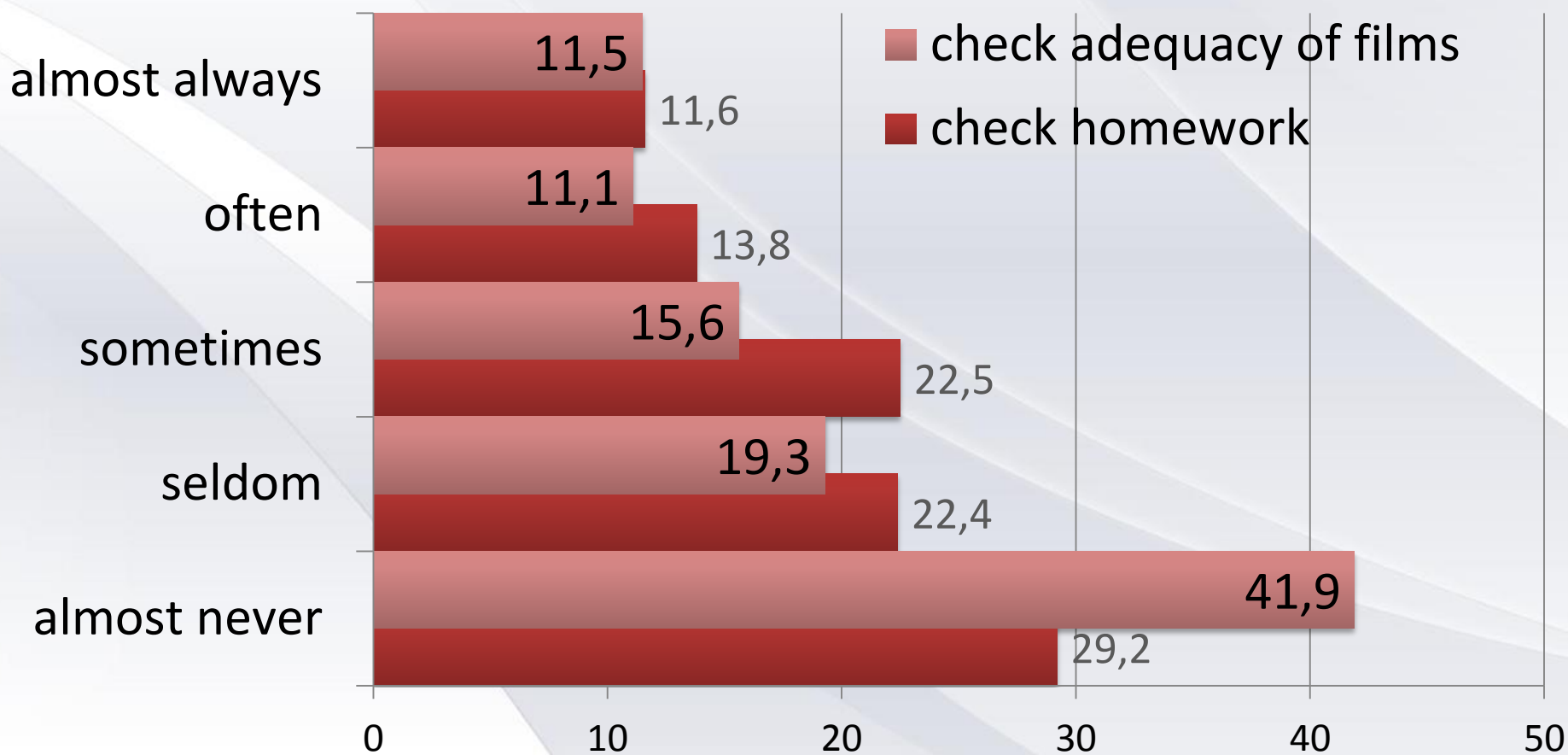
Possible
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family – Parental Control Scale

- parents check I only watch films/DVDs allowed for my age-group and whether I have done my homework (%):

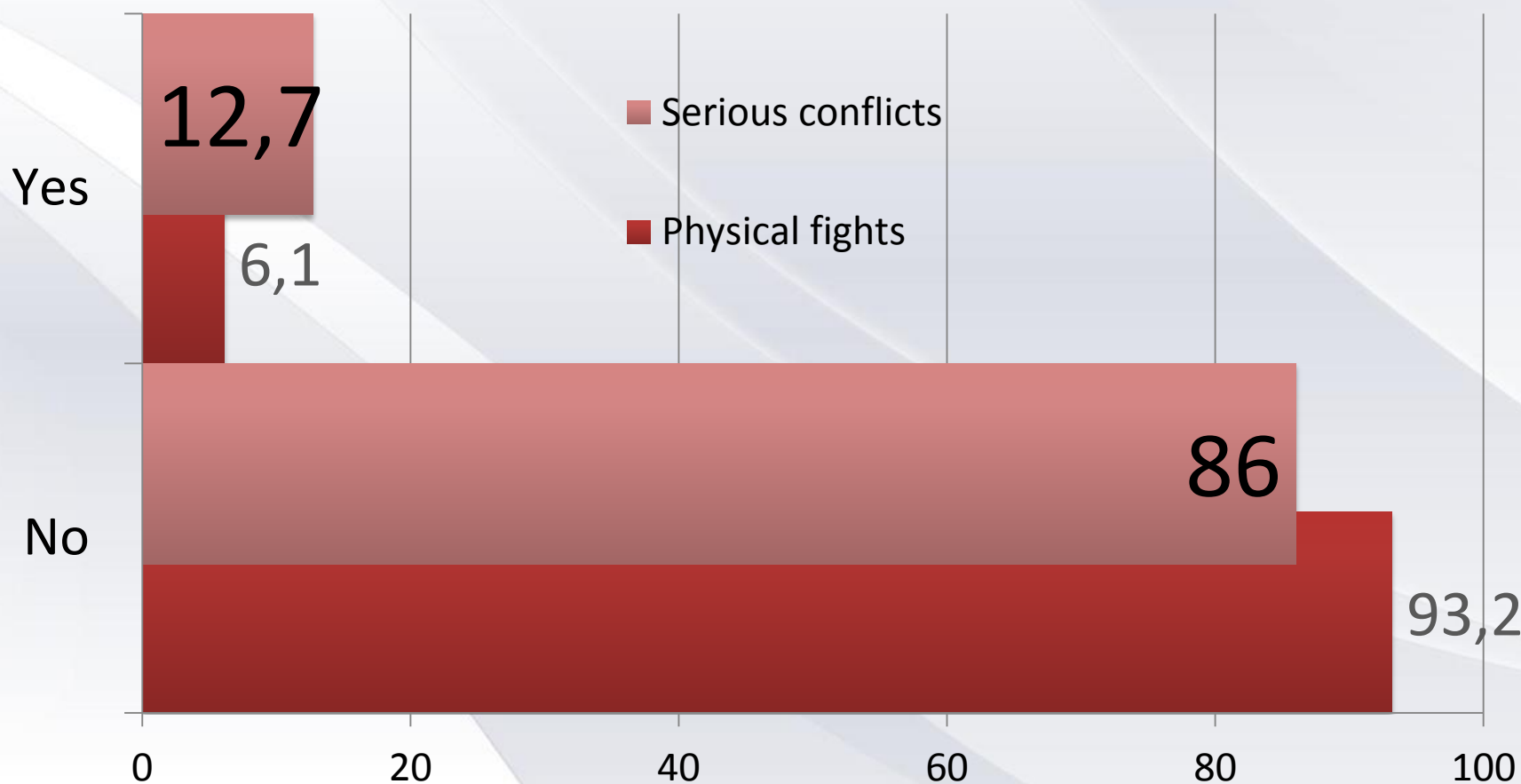




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family – Family Conflicts Scale

- physical fights and repeated serious conflicts between parents (%):

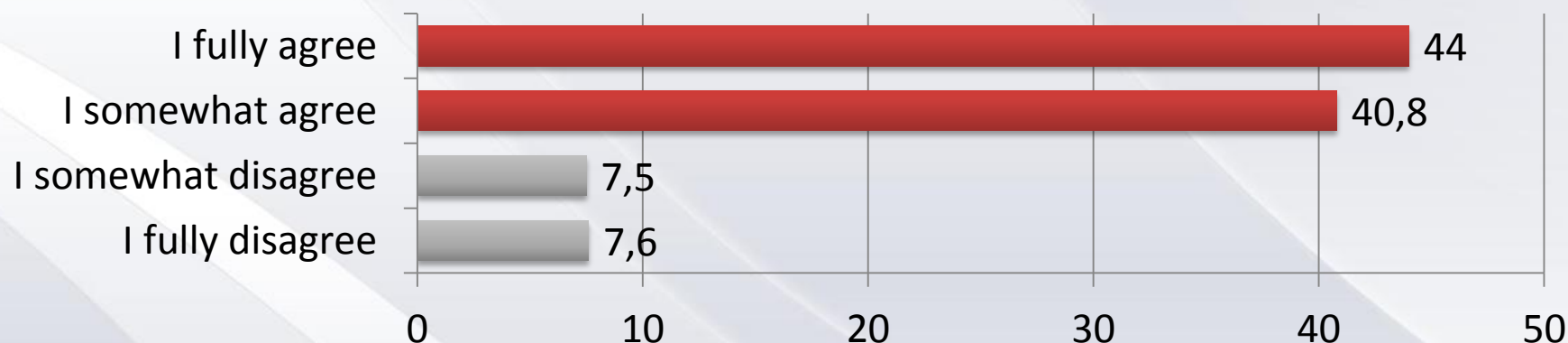




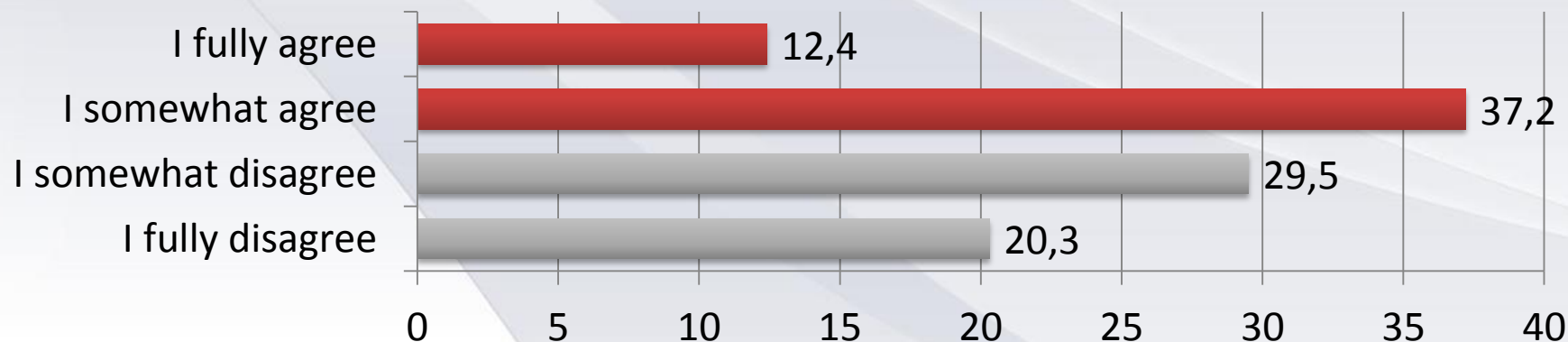
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school – attachment to school

- if I had to move I would miss my school (%):



- most mornings I like going to school (%):

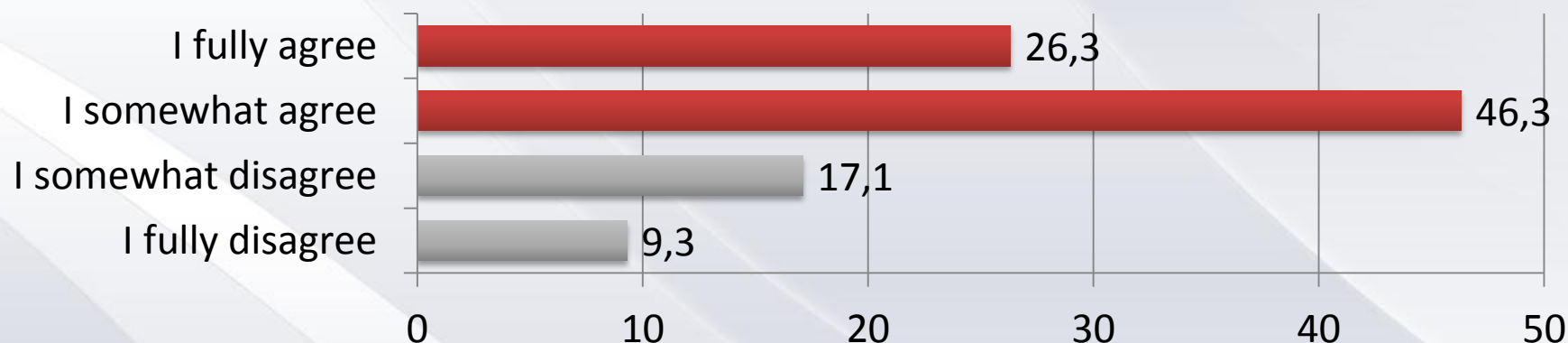




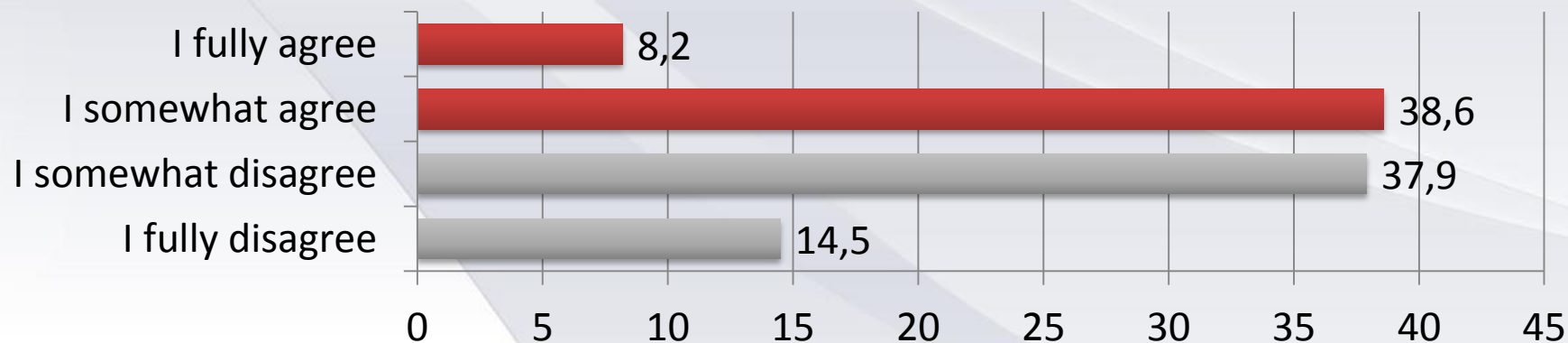
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school – attachment to school

- I like my school (%):



- our classes are interesting (%):

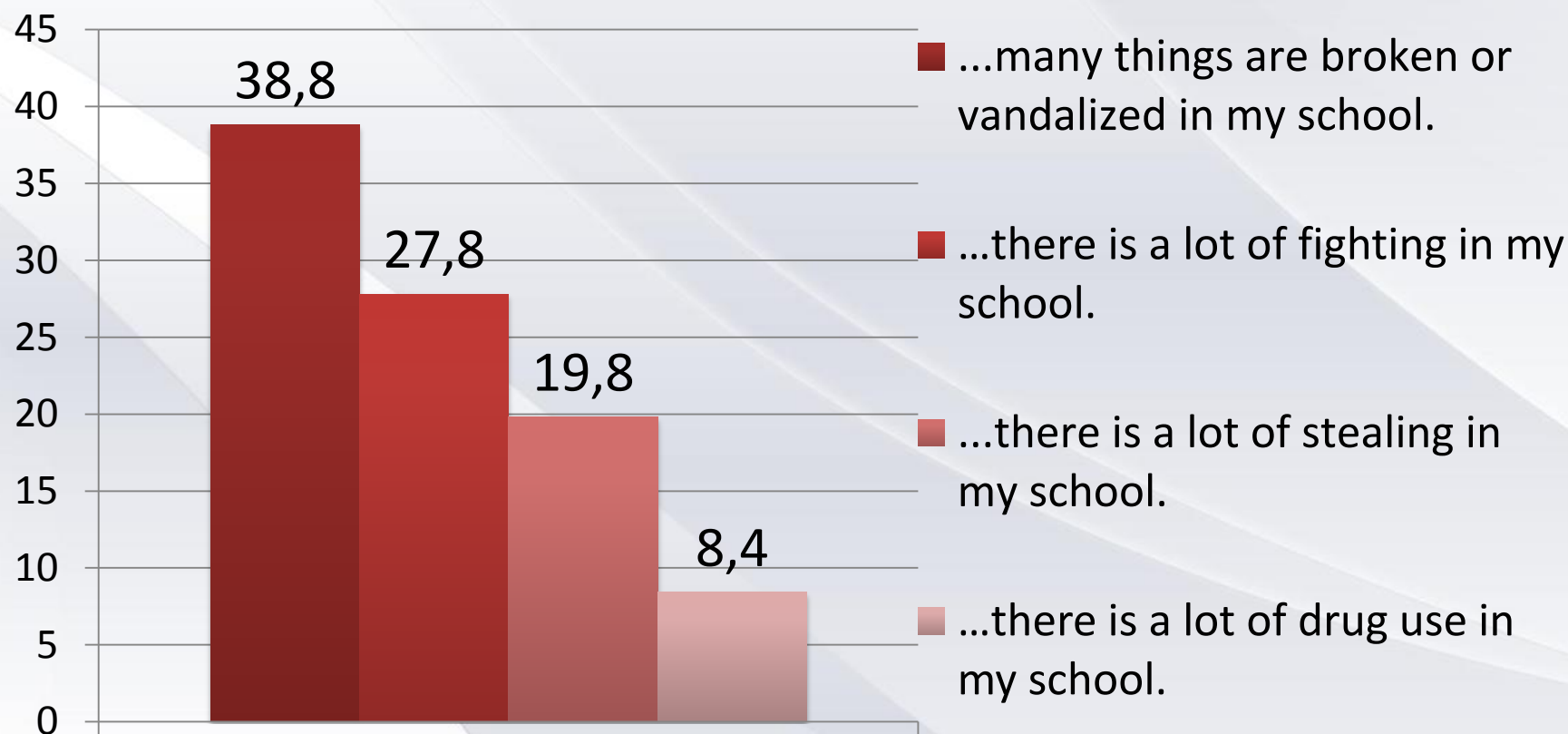




FIRST RESULTS FOR VARAŽDIN

school – disorganization in school

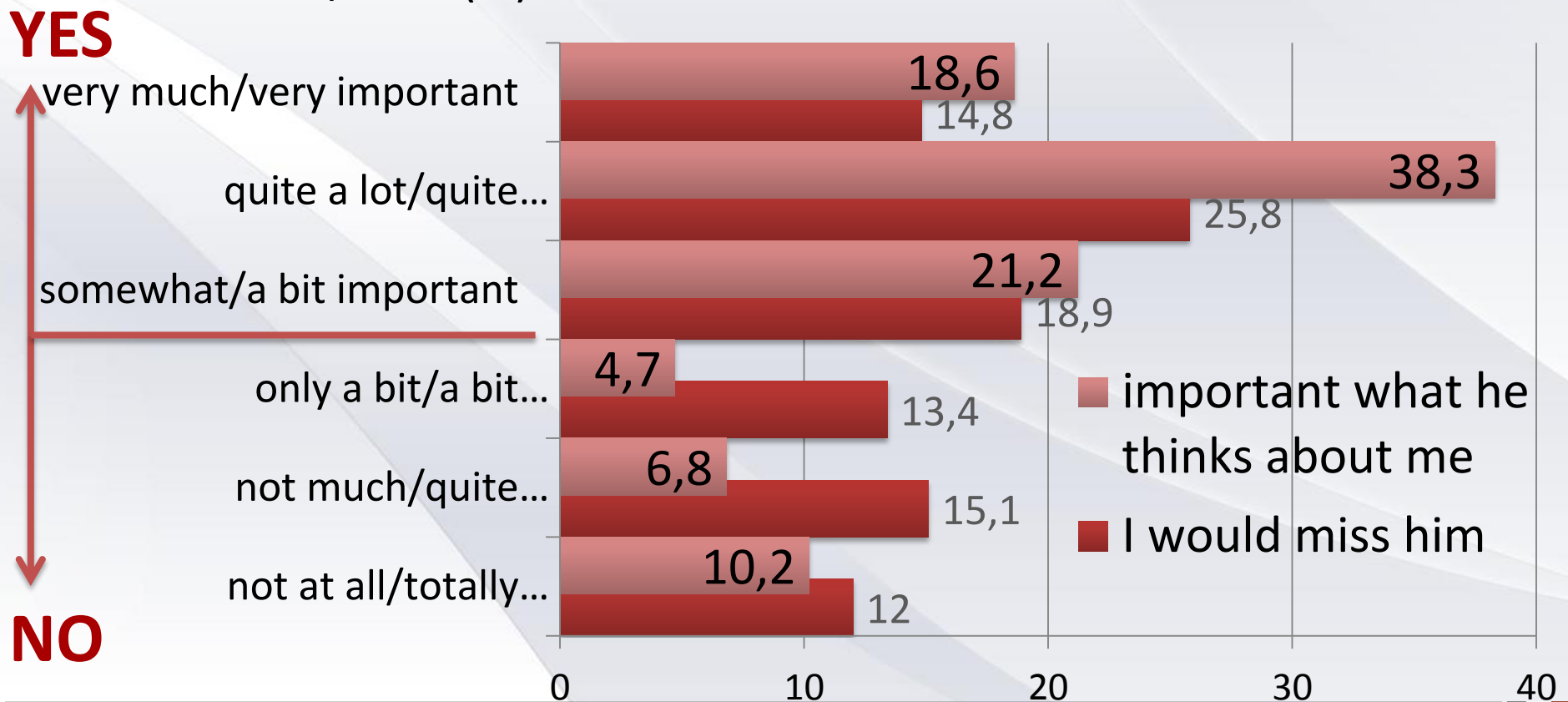
■ I fully or somewhat agree... (%):



FIRST RESULTS FOR VARAŽDIN

school – attachment to teacher

- If child had to move would he/she miss their favourite teacher and how important is it to him/her how favourite teacher thinks about him/her? (%):

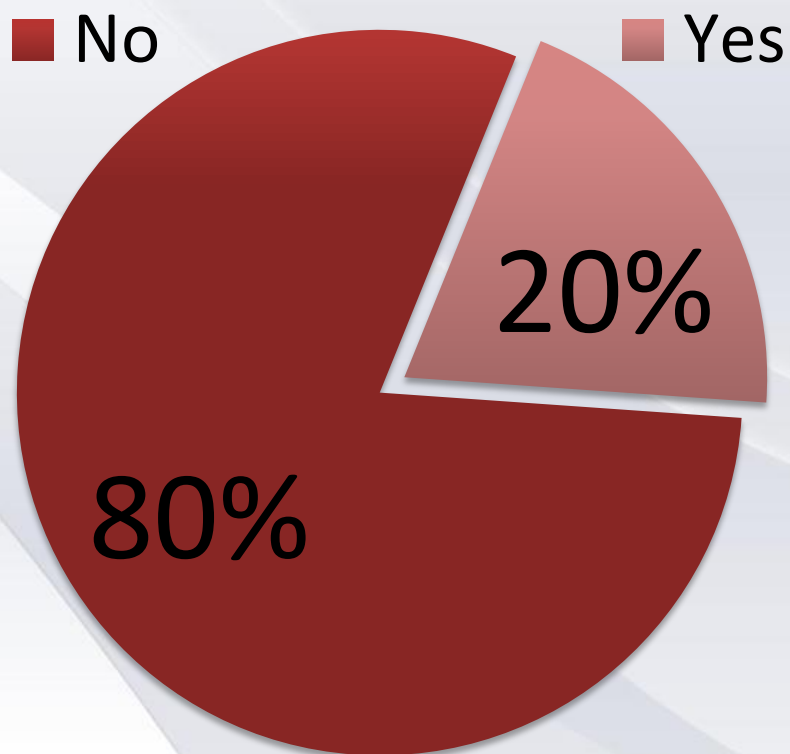




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school – unexcused absences

- absence from school for at least a whole day without a proper reason in the last 12 months? (%):





FIRST RESULTS FOR VARAŽDIN

school – educational aspirations

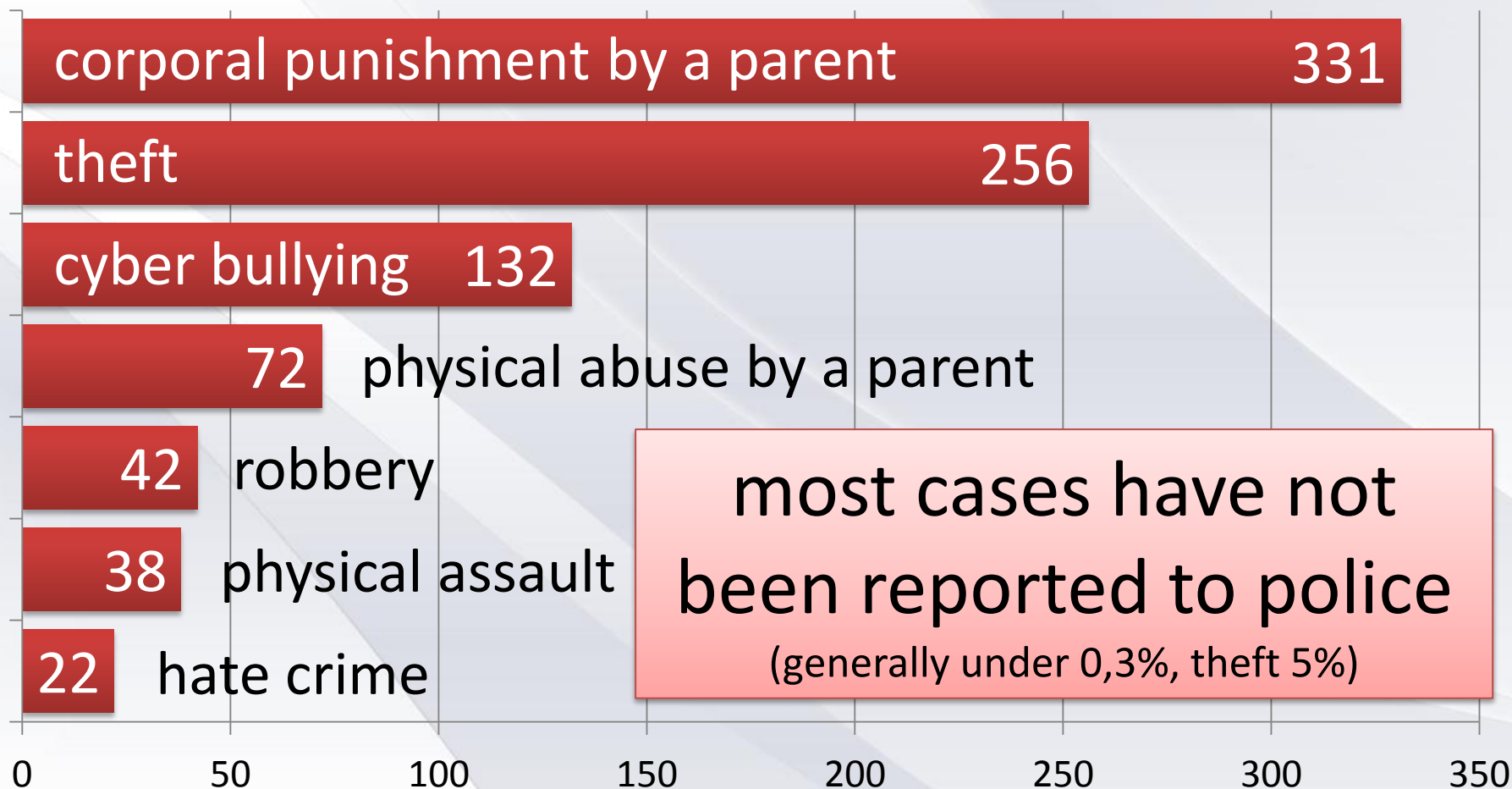
- plans after finishing compulsory school (%):





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victimisation (lifetime prevalence)

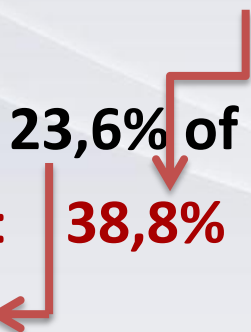




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victimisation – comparison with BECAN

Findings of the BECAN study (data for 2010):

- **65,8%** children experienced some sort of psychological aggression by a parent (shouting, yelling, ignoring, insulting)
 - **psychological abuse by a parent** has been experienced by **21% of children** (child has been told he/she would like him dead/ was never born)
 - **corporal punishment by a parent** experienced by **41% of children** (slap, hair pulling, etc.)
 - **physical abuse by a parent** experienced by **23,6% of children**
 - **ISRD3 → corporal punishment by a parent : 38,8%**
 - **ISRD3 → physical abuse by a parent : 8,4%**
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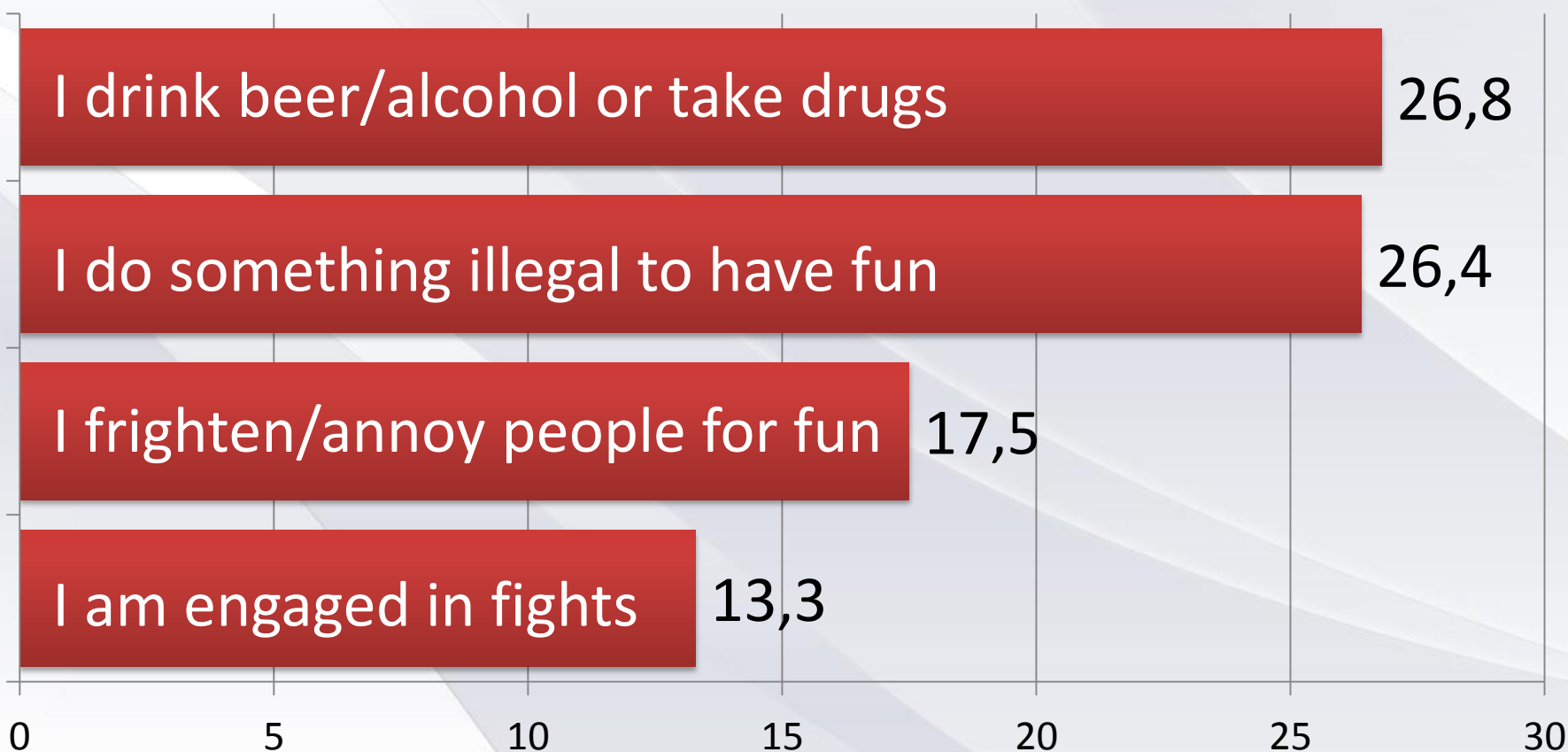
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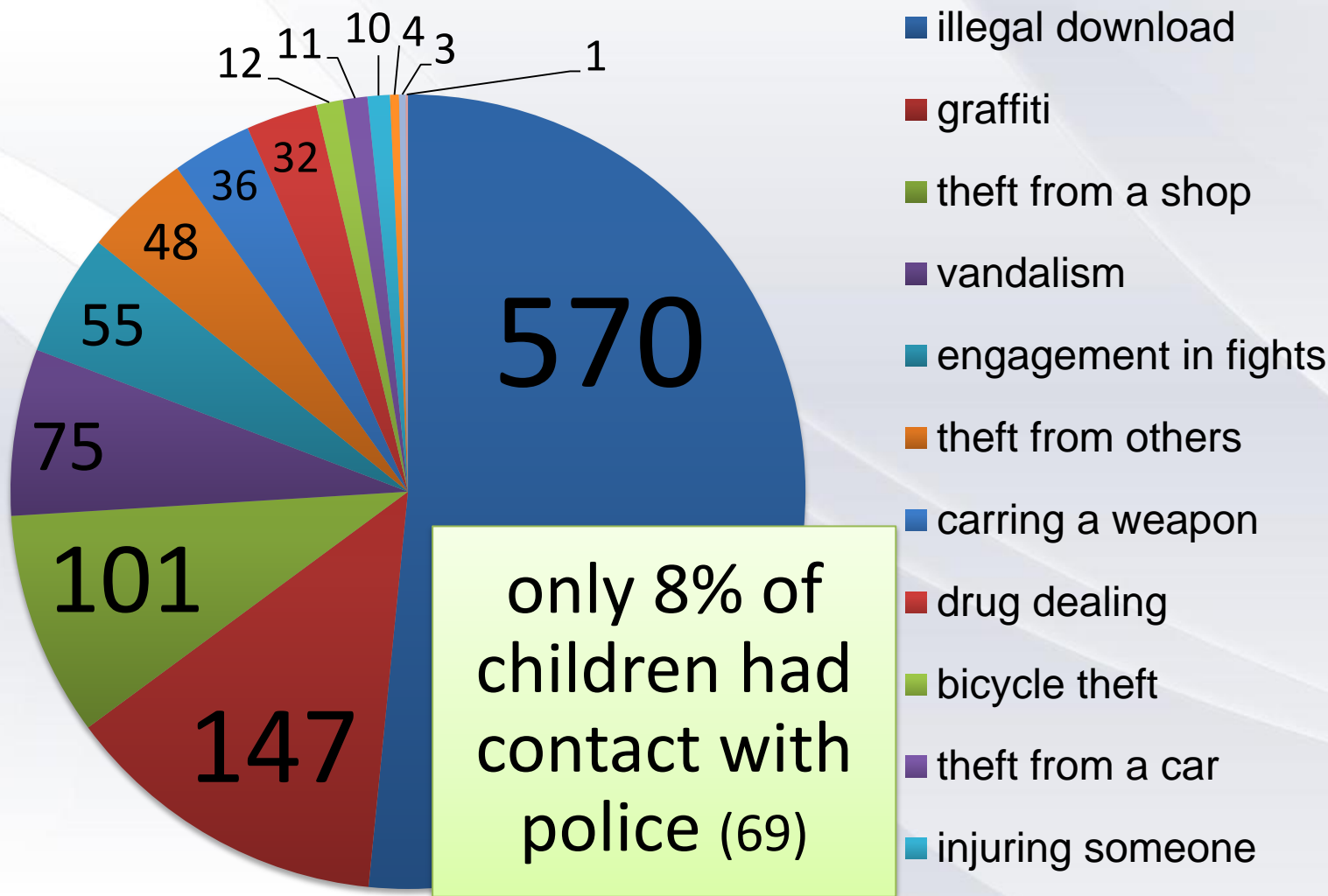
deviant and delinquent behavior

- ...in leisure time (%):



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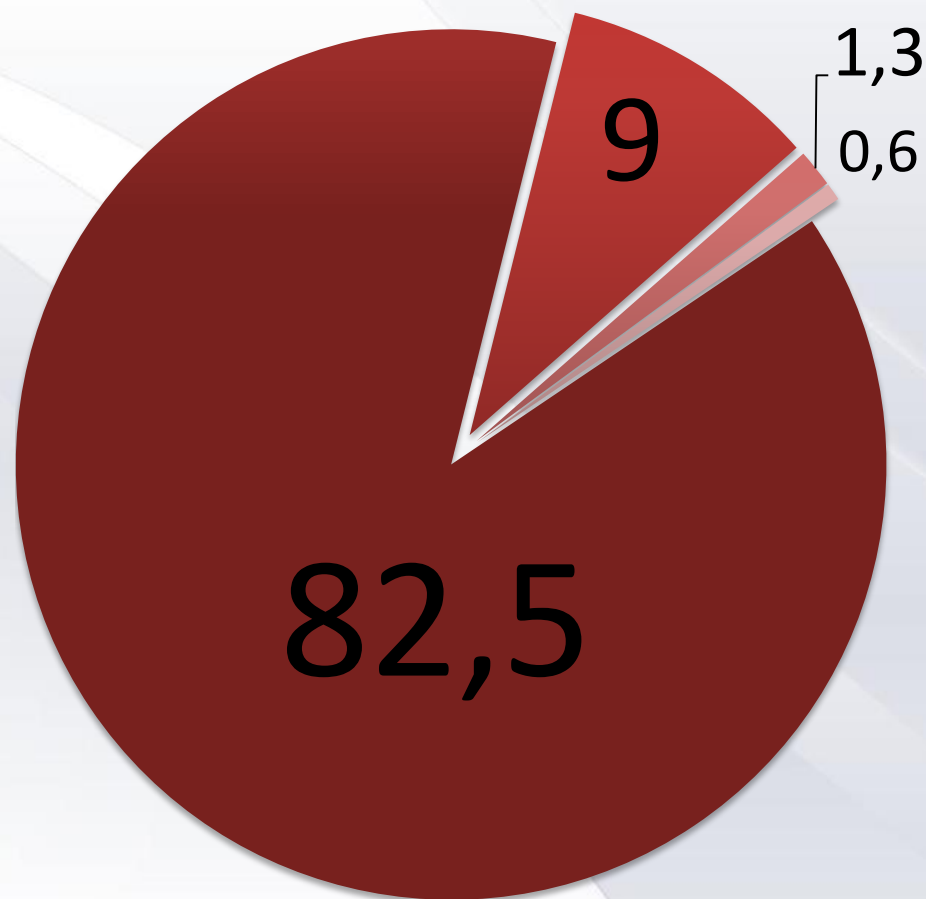
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FIRST RESULTS FOR VARAŽDIN

substance use (%)



majority of children admitted or would admit use of cannabis in the questionnaire (85%)

- alcohol
- cannabis
- soft drugs (LSD, speed)
- hard drugs (heroin, cocaine)





IRSD3 CROATIA

current situation and plans for 2014

- currently:
 - descriptive analysis of Varaždin results
 - 2nd sweep of Zagreb study (December 2013)
- plans for 2014:
 - analysis of study results
 - Varaždin - Zagreb comparison
 - theoretical questions
 - focused on needs of stakeholders
 - comparison with other states
 - publication of results



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DISCUSSION WITH PARTICIPANTS

- questions and comments?
- school experiences in conducting ISRD3 study?
- focus of further data analysis?
- interest in conducting ISRD3 study in Zagreb?

