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Child and Juvenile Delinquency in Croatia

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- **Research Focus II:** Feelings and Perceptions of (In)Security and Crime
- *Juvenile Delinquency in the Balkans: A Regional Comparative Analysis of the ISRD3-Study Findings*
- Max Planck Partner Group is working on the project International Self-Report Delinquency 3 Study
- Assist. Prof. Dr. Anna-Maria Getoš Kalac, head of MPPG
- Conducted in Croatia for the first time
- ISRD3 still going on in around 50 countries
- ISRD3 is an international collaborative study on delinquency, victimization, and substance use among 7th, 8th and 9th graders





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- Large research- great number of countries
- **cover:** all the Balkan countries that are participating in the ISRD3
 - Croatia
 - Slovenia
 - Bosnia and Herzegovina
 - Serbia
 - Macedonia
 - Kosovo
 - Turkey





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- Main idea of the comparisons is territory
- Ongoing state building in the Balkan region with a need for more criminological research
- History; culture; similar patterns of perception and behaviour; unstableness; very high degree of dissatisfaction; low level of trust in political institutions; and lack of criminological research






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- Added value??
 - scientific value as so far no one had did it BUT
 - besides phenomenology to figure and etiology
 - through indicators





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- **Indicators:**

- criminal justice system in the field of policy making
- religion
- economy, and stability of the country in economical and political way
- education system
- degree of migration/immigration
- impact of the war and refugees
- EU membership






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- potential subgroups :
 - general income
 - unemployment rate among young people
 - rate of divorce
 - average year to which young people live with their parents, and mobility of young people
 - policy making in the field of substance use
- analyze indicators from Manual from the measurement of juvenile justice indicators from 2006






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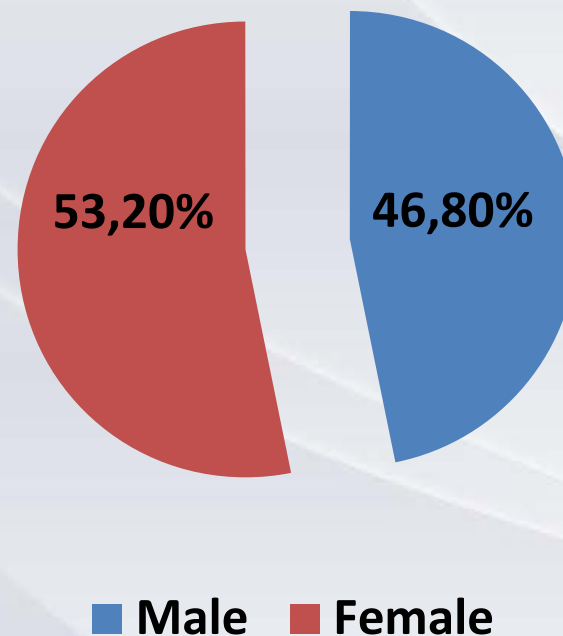
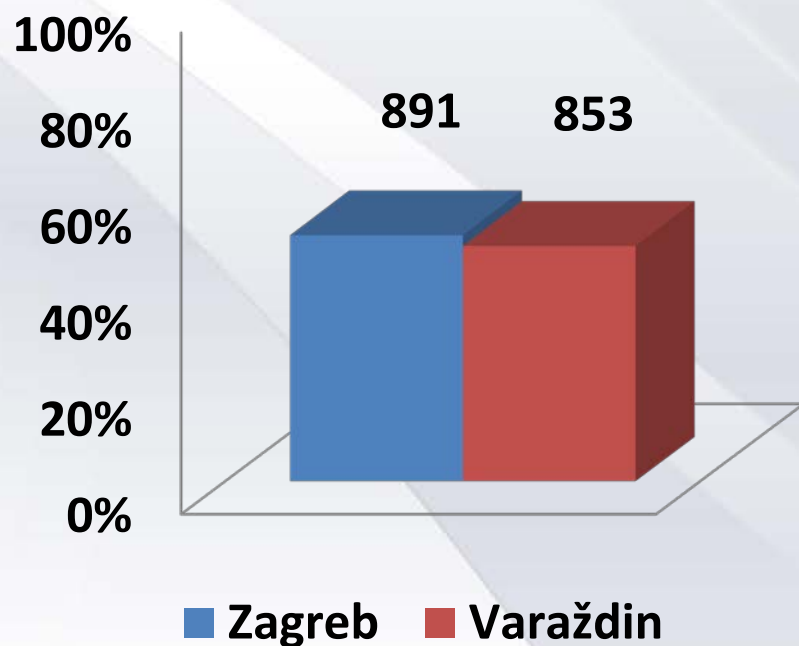
- Croatia is first time participating in the ISRD3 study
- City based sample: Zagreb and Varaždin
- Data collection: first round: between April and May 2013; second round: January 2014
- Data entering: end of May 2014
- Questionnaire: paper-and-pencil
- Code of Ethics in Research involving Children
- Approval of the Ministry of Science from 26 March 2013
- Consent of school principals
- Active parental consent
- Consent of participants






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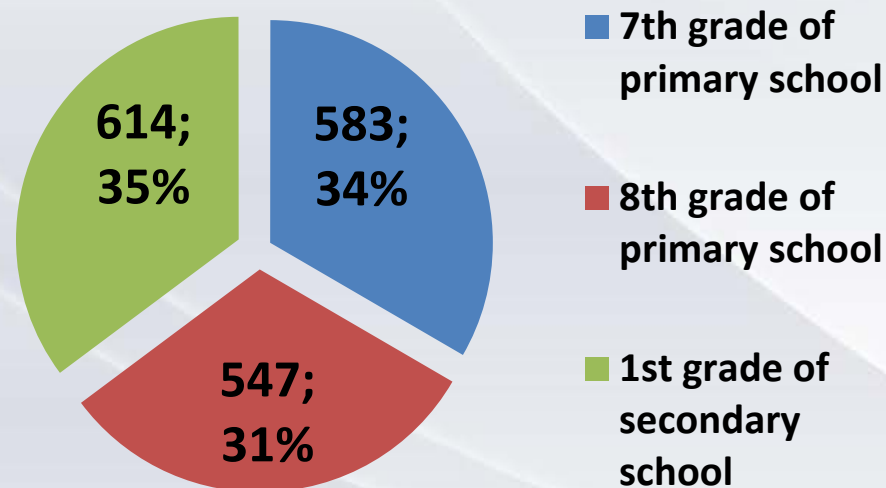
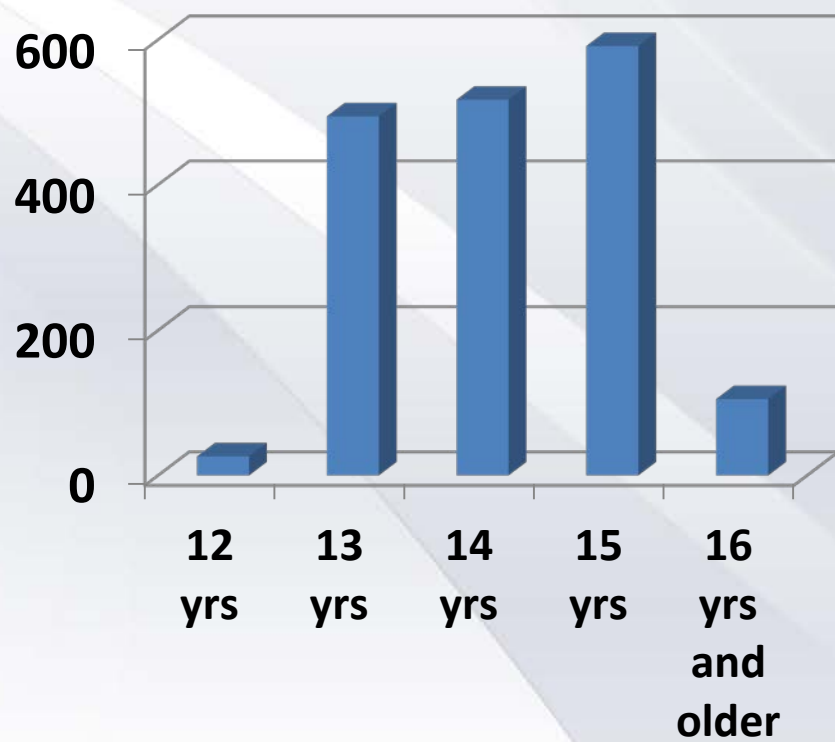
- total sample (1744) and distribution by city and gender:






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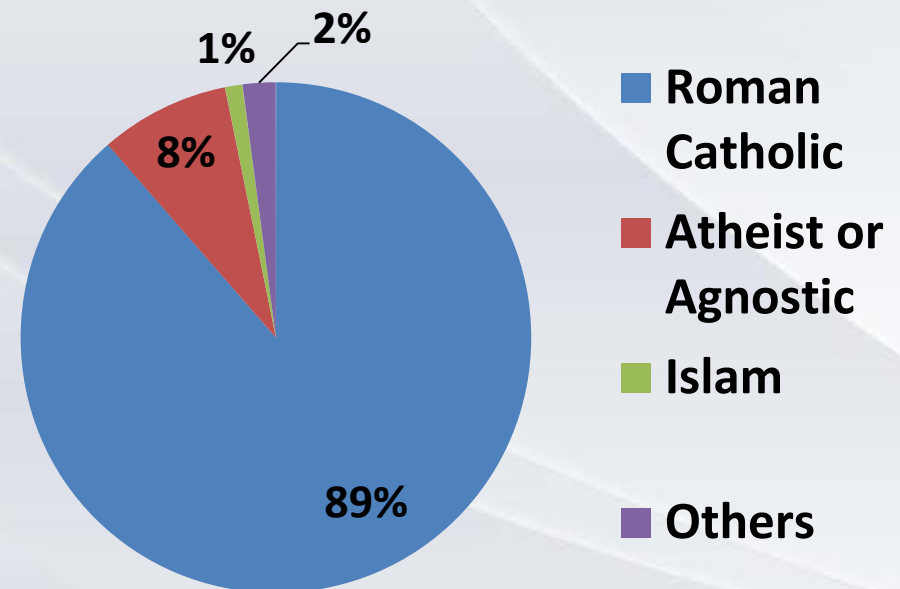
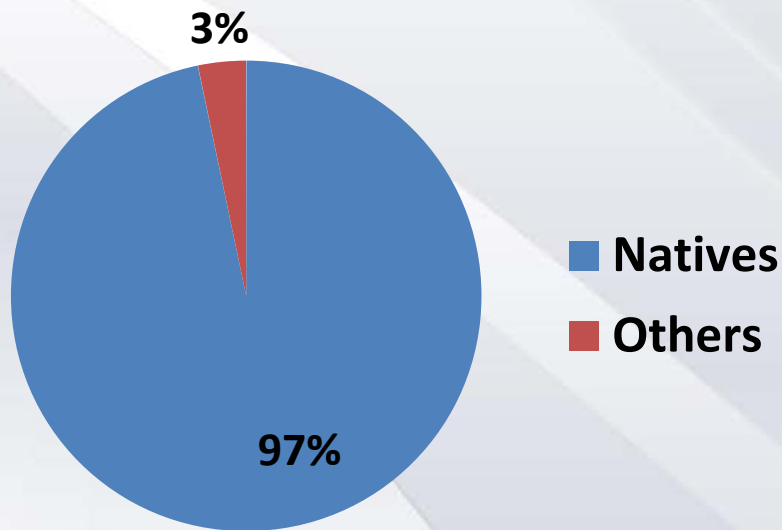
- age and grade:






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- ethnic background and religion:






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- Life-time and last year prevalence of self-reported delinquency:

	Life time		Last year	
	%	% Missing	%	% Missing
Illegal downloading	59.5	0.7	50.6	7.9
Graffiti	16.6	0.7	12.6	1.4
Shoplifting	10.8	0.7	6.3	1.3
Vandalism	7.8	0.7	6.5	1.2
Group fight	6.0	0.9	5.1	1.4
Theft	5.7	0.9	4.0	1.2
Carrying a weapon	4.1	1.0	3.5	1.5
Drug dealing	3.4	1.5	3.0	1.8
Car break	1.7	0.9	1.3	1.1
Bicycle theft	1.7	0.9	1.1	1.1
Assault	1.5	0.9	0.9	1.1
Car/motor theft	0.8	0.9	0.6	1.0
Extortion	0.7	0.9	0.5	1.0
Burglary	0.6	0.9	0.3	1.0





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- Analysis of study results
- Publication of results
- Propose measures for decrease the juvenile delinquency
- Hope that it will play a role in developing of criminal policy



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