



BALKAN CRIMINOLOGY

Homicide circumstances and offender's background in Croatia

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Collected data

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Questionnaire:

- section 1 – general questions about the case and the procedure
- **section 2 - about the offender**
- section 3 - about the victim

Section 2:

sex, date of birth, age, nationality, ethnicity, marital status, children, education, profession, employment, income; prior convictions, (prior) homicide attempted/completed, pleading, psychiatric expertise, aggravating/mittigating circumstances, offences besides; intoxicated – alcohol, influence of drugs, any addiction, motives, weapon, method, RVO (relationship between offender and victim), ...



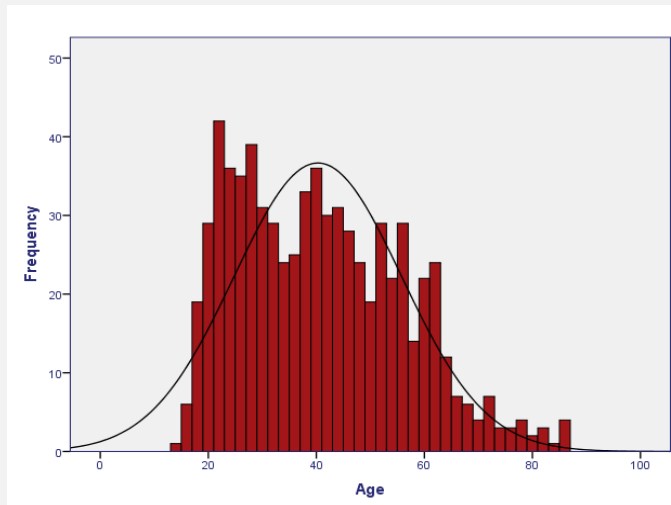
Offenders' demographics

Age:

Min = 14; Max = 86

Mean = 40,28

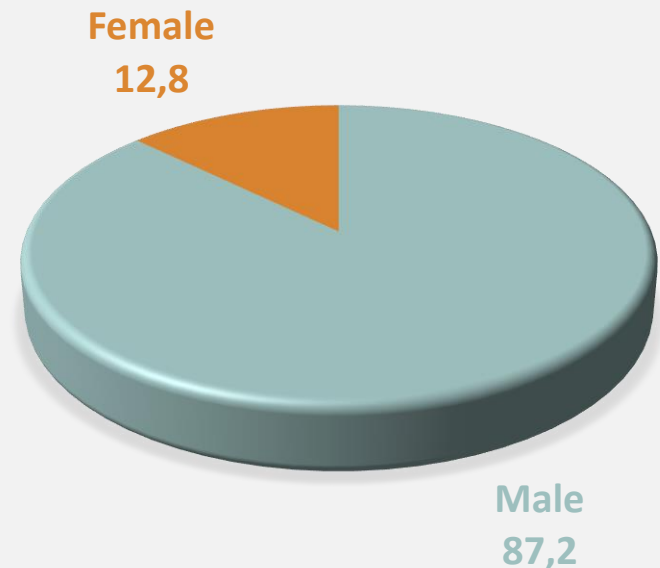
15 minors (2,1 %)



Sex:

Male = 641

Female = 94



Offenders' demographics

Ethnicity:

604 Croats (81,3%)

50 Serbs

20 Roma

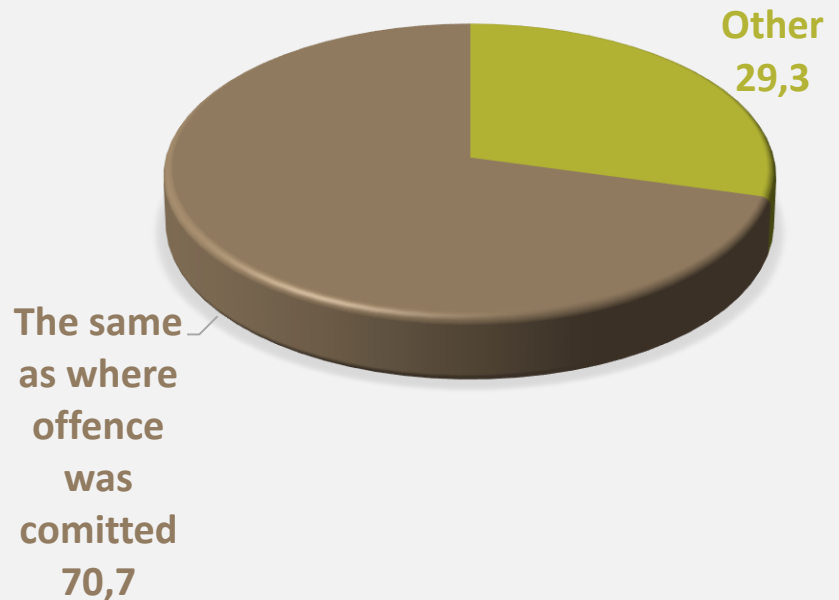
7 Albanians

3: Italians, Montenegrin

2: French, Hungarians,
Slovenians

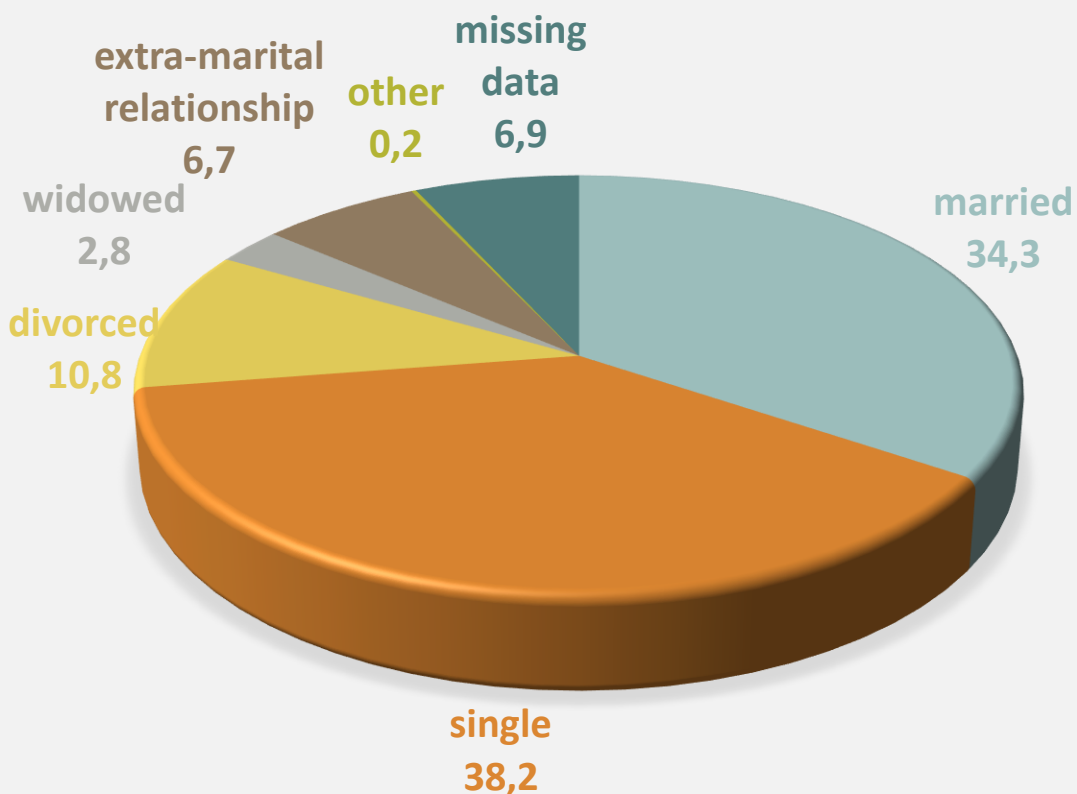
1: Bosnian, Pole, Macedonian,
Romanian, Russian and Turkish

Residence:

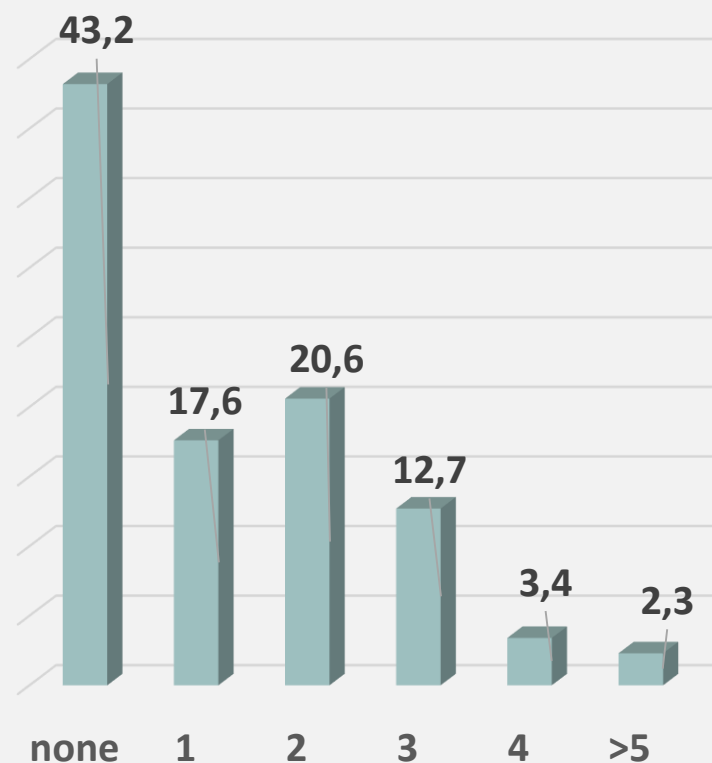


Family status

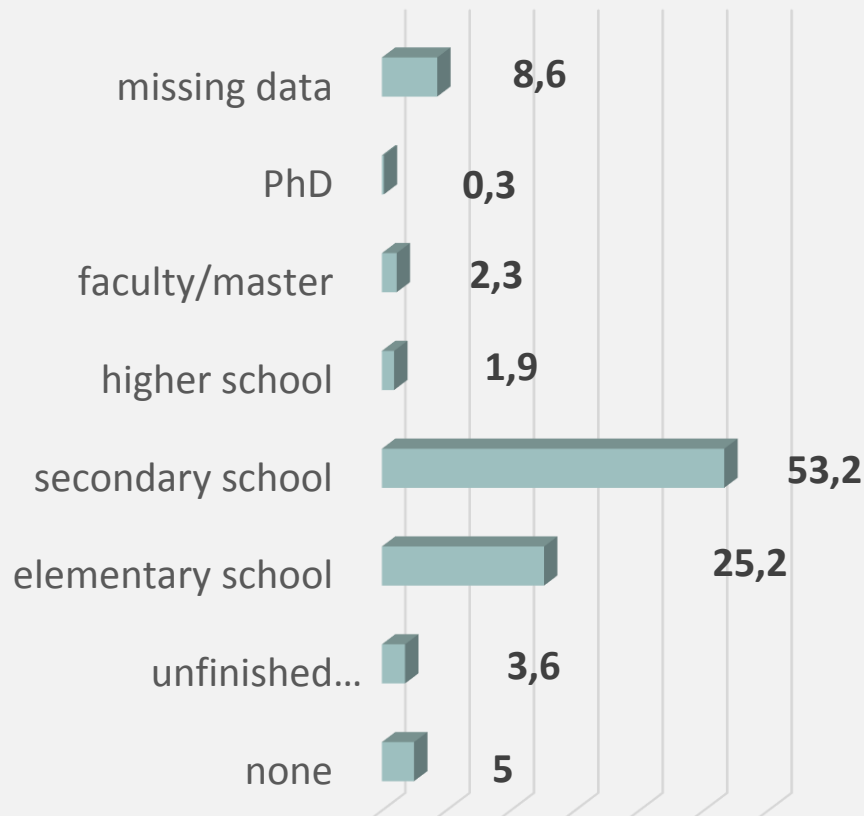
Marital status:



Number of children (%):



Education

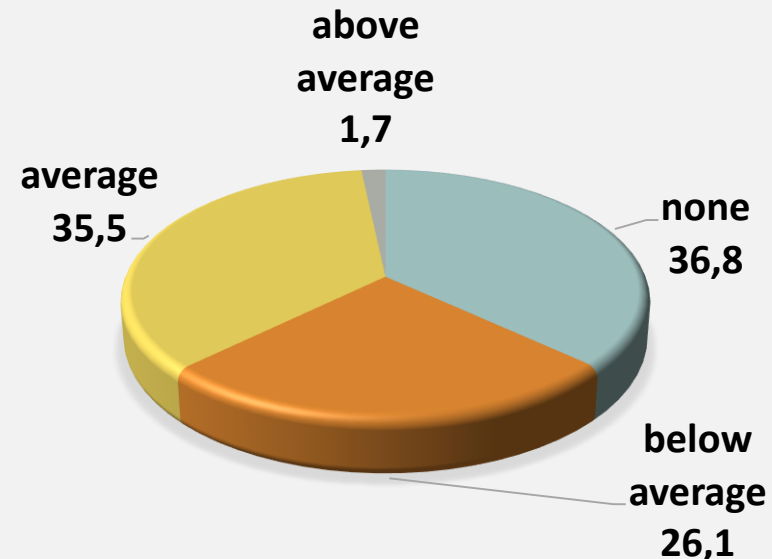


Profession

mostly craft professions with low wages, mechanics, catering industry, technicians etc.;

2 criminalists, 18 police officers
56% unemployed; 20,6% retired

INCOME



438 attempted homicides

384 x one victim

45 x two victims

4 x three victims

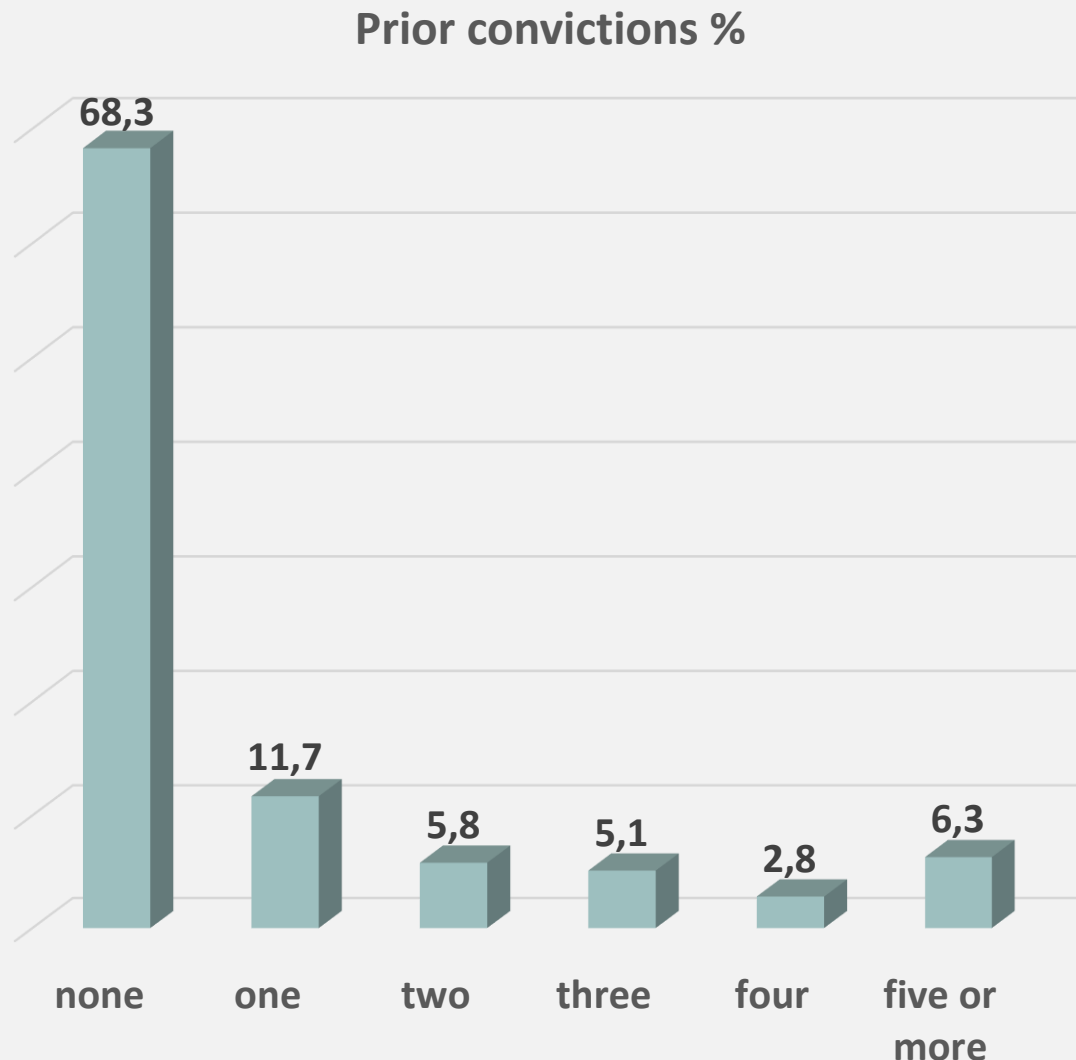
5 x five victims

267 completed homicides

253 x one victim

12 x two victims

2 x four victims

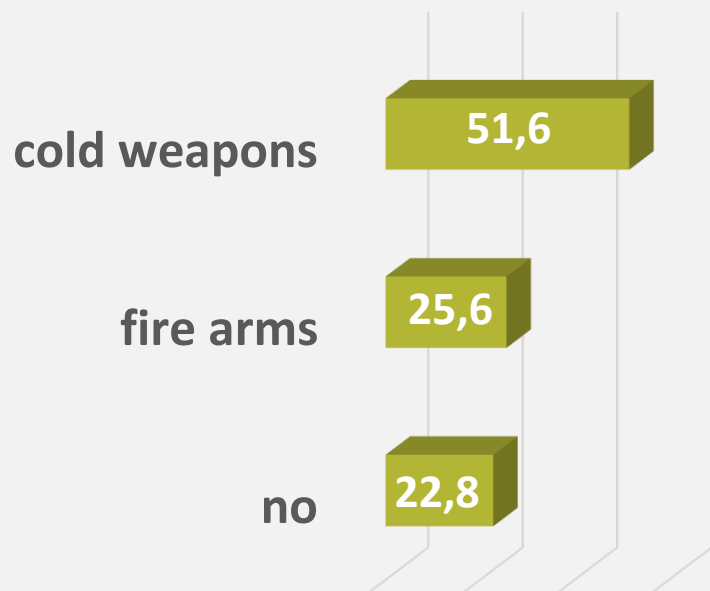




Homicide circumstances

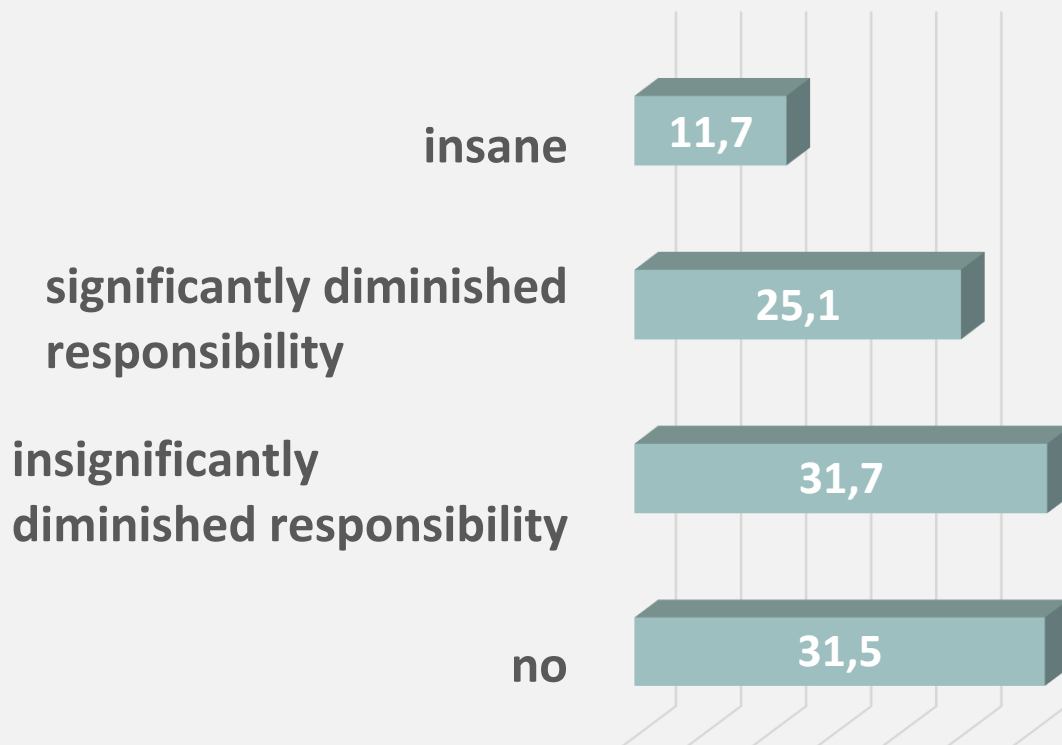
Weapon

*missing value = 9,6%

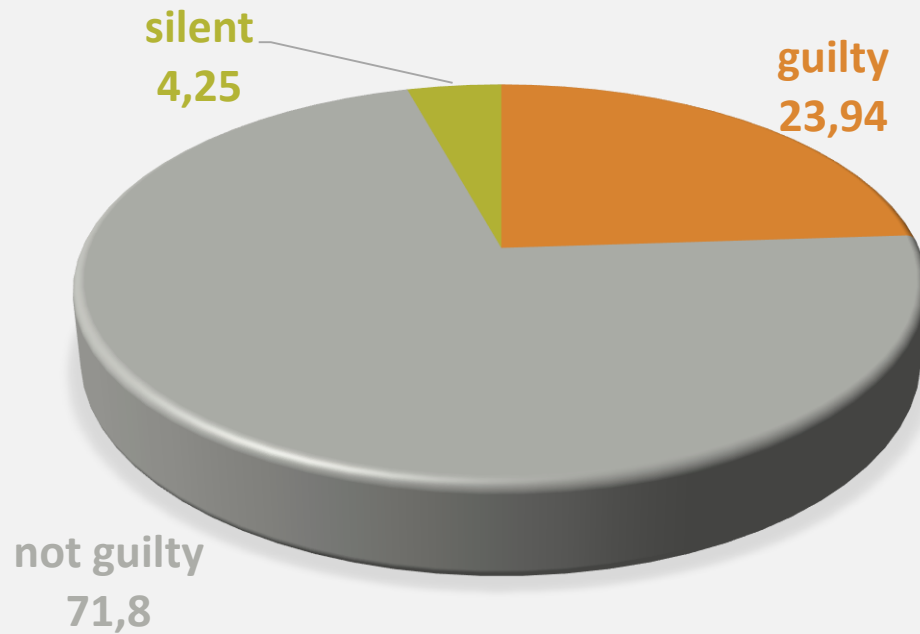


Judged insane

*missing value = 22,7%

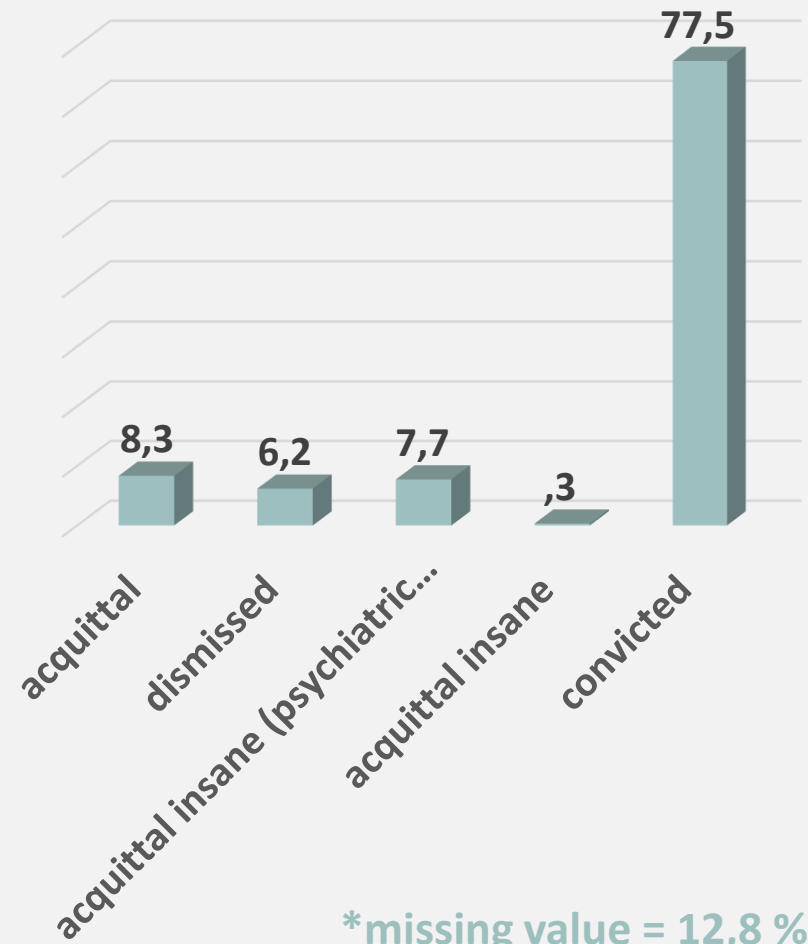


Offender pleas



*missing value = 14,5%

Adjudication



*missing value = 12,8 %





Prison sentence length

- N sentenced = 493
- min: 0 months (N = 8)
- max: 40 years (N = 5)
- average 73,5 months (aprox. 6 yrs)

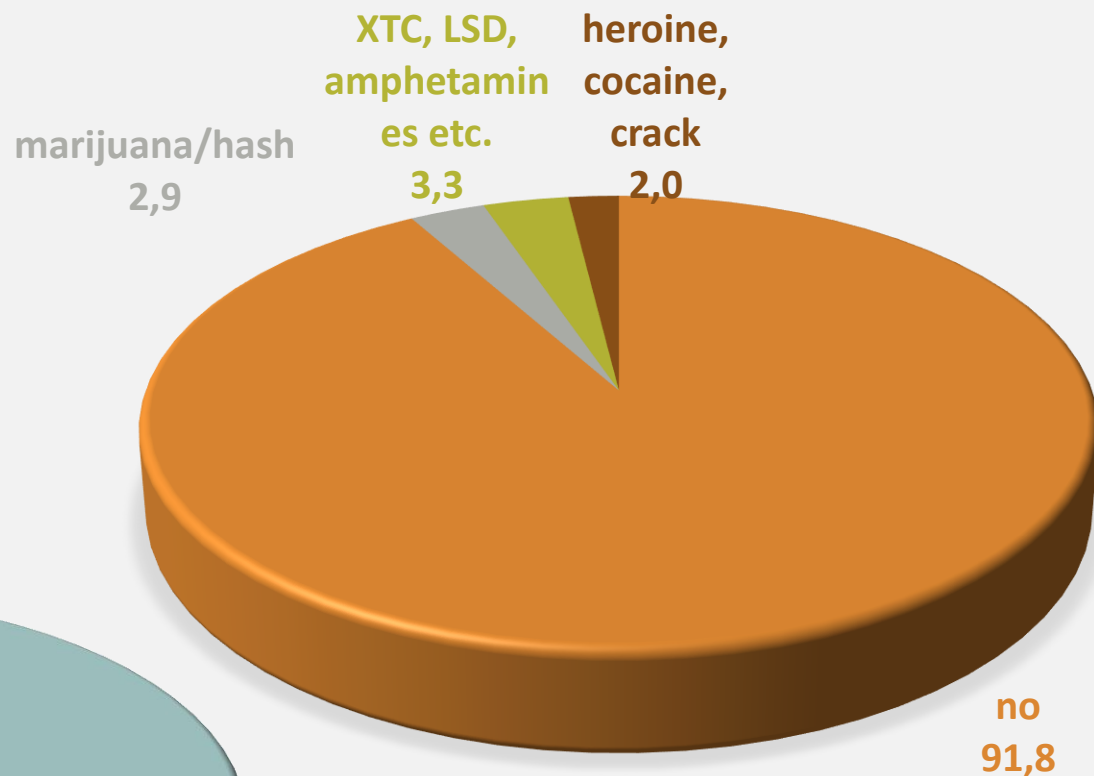
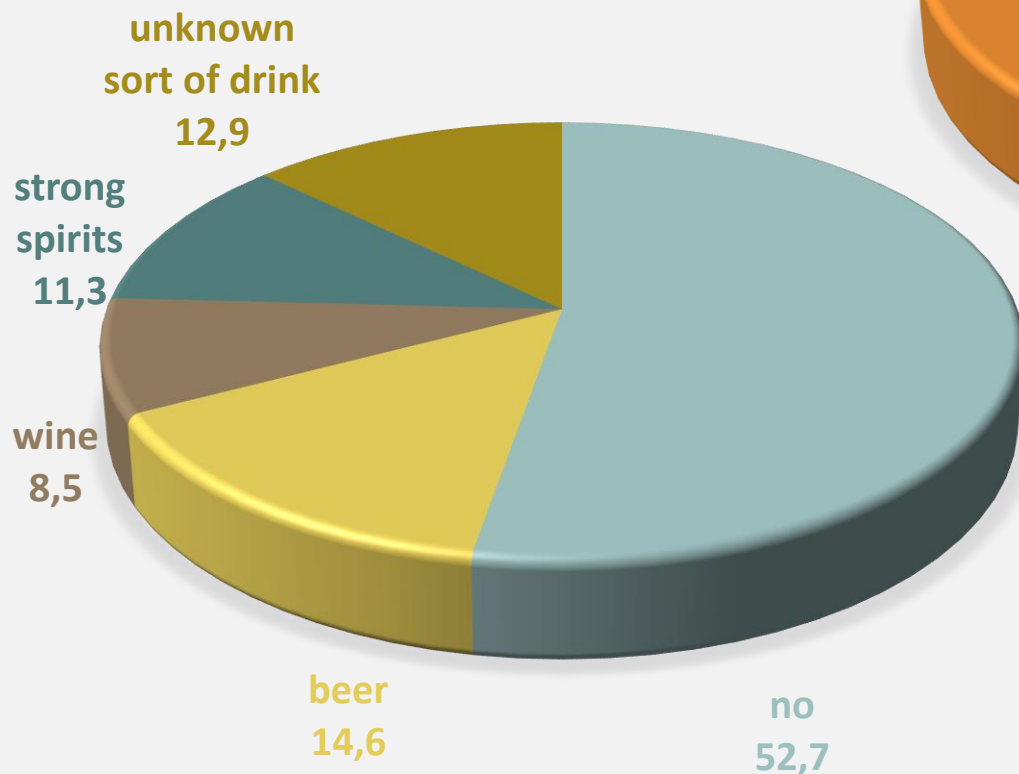
- **Most frequent sentence: half or a full year (1 year, 18 months, 2 years, 30 months...)**

- * No life imprisonment in Croatia (max sentence: 40 yrs)

- Fine: N = 19 (500,00 – 50.619,00 kn)

Alcohol intoxication

*missing value = 23,7%



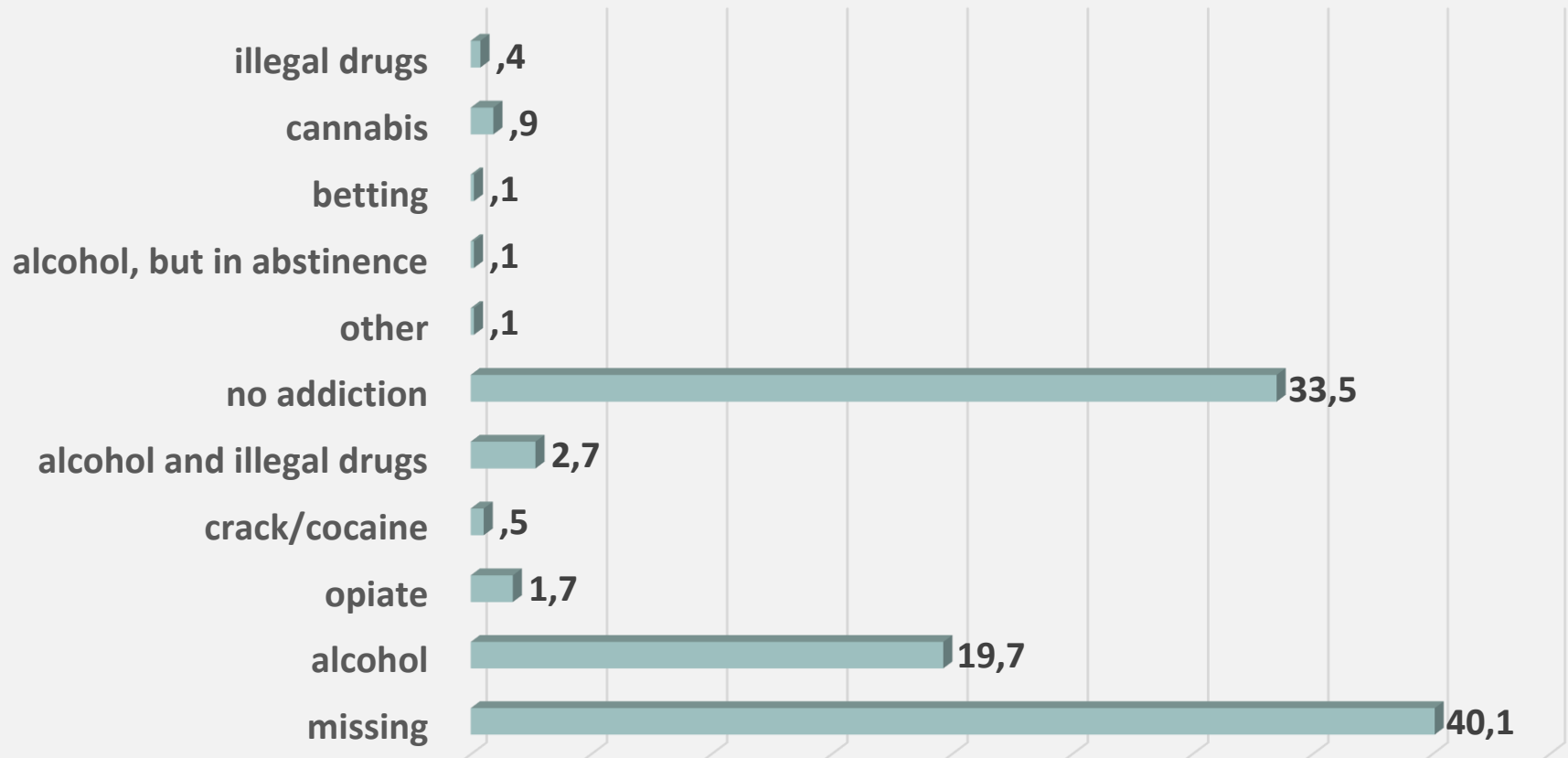
Drugs intoxication

*missing value = 31,2%



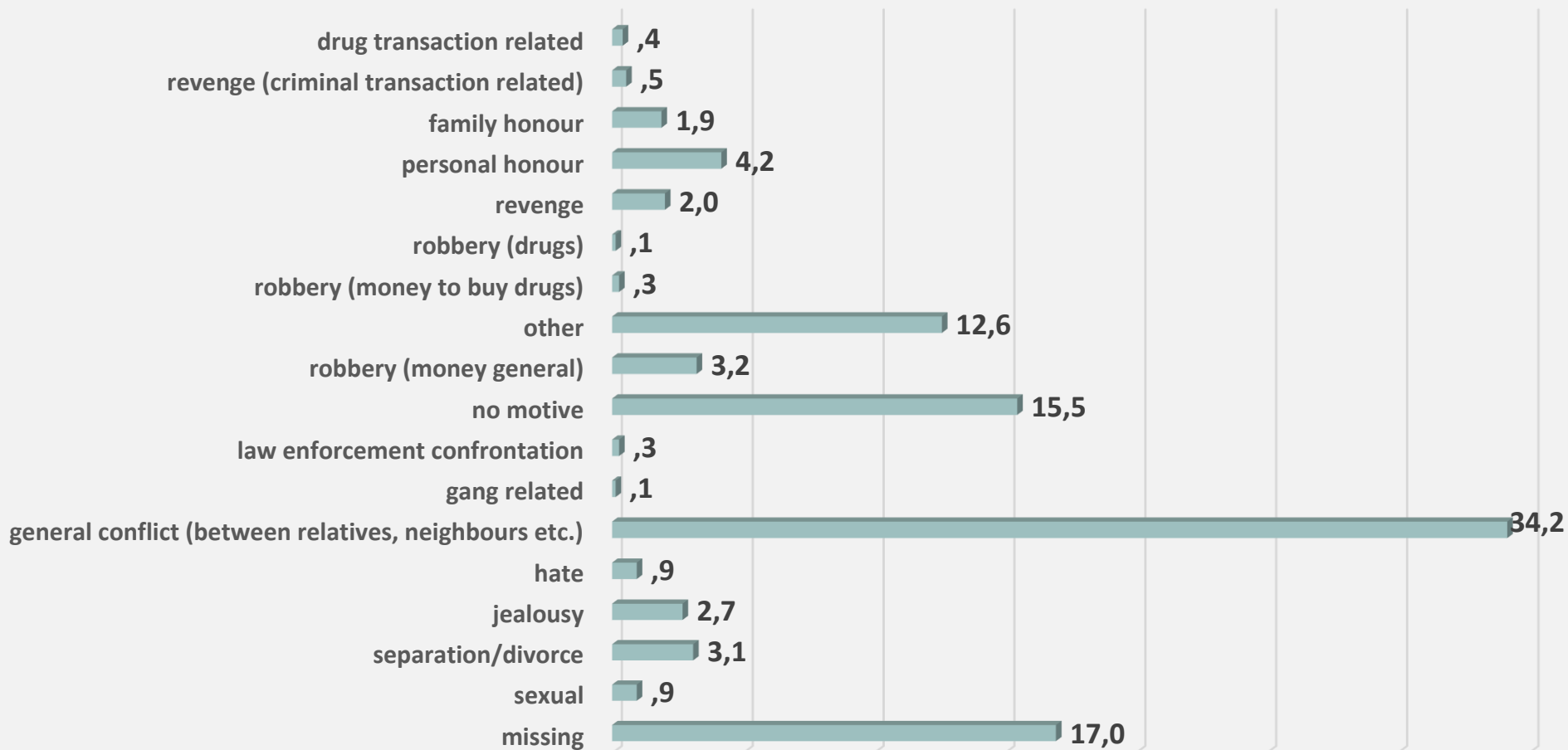


Addiction

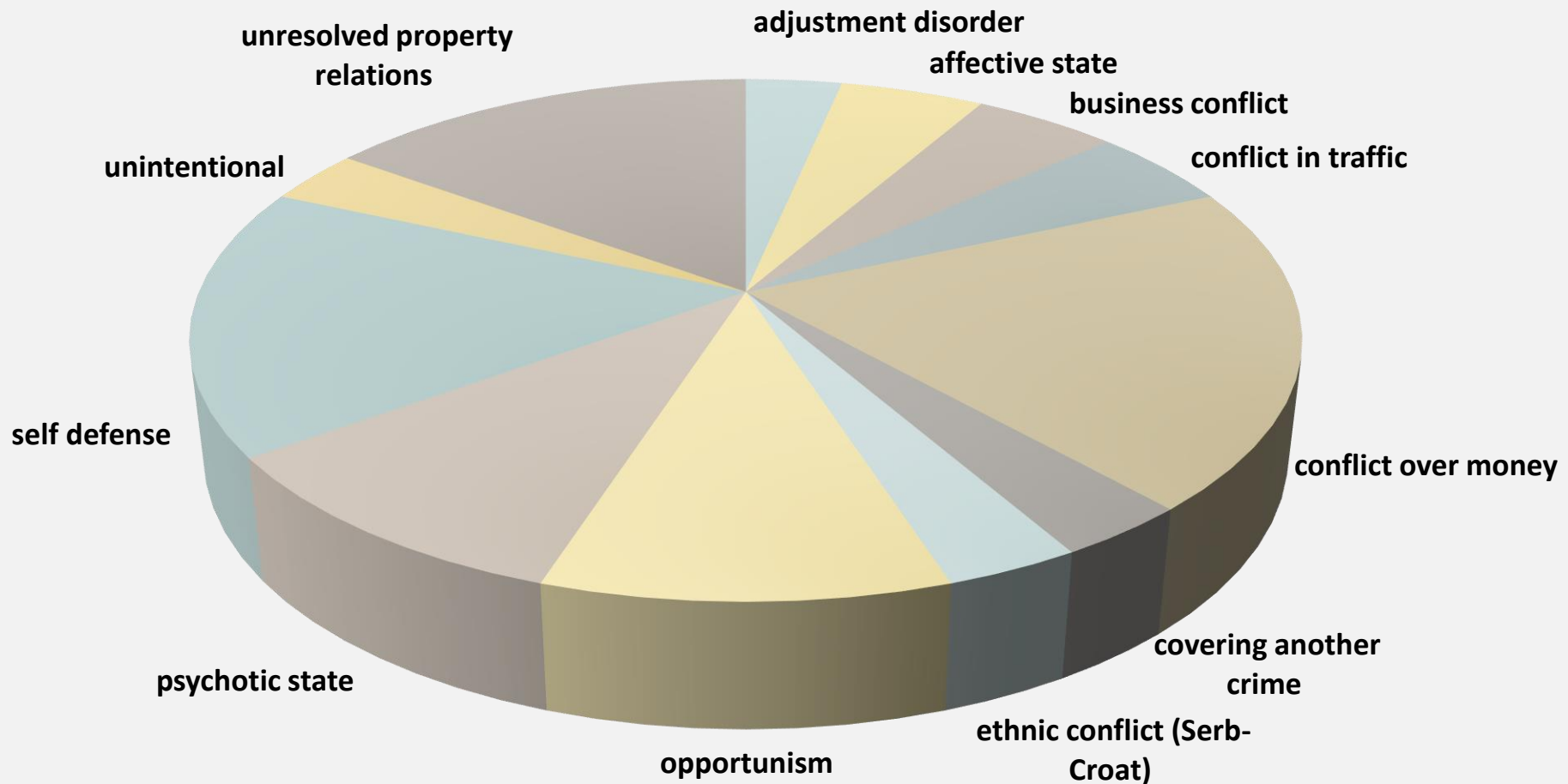




Homicide motive

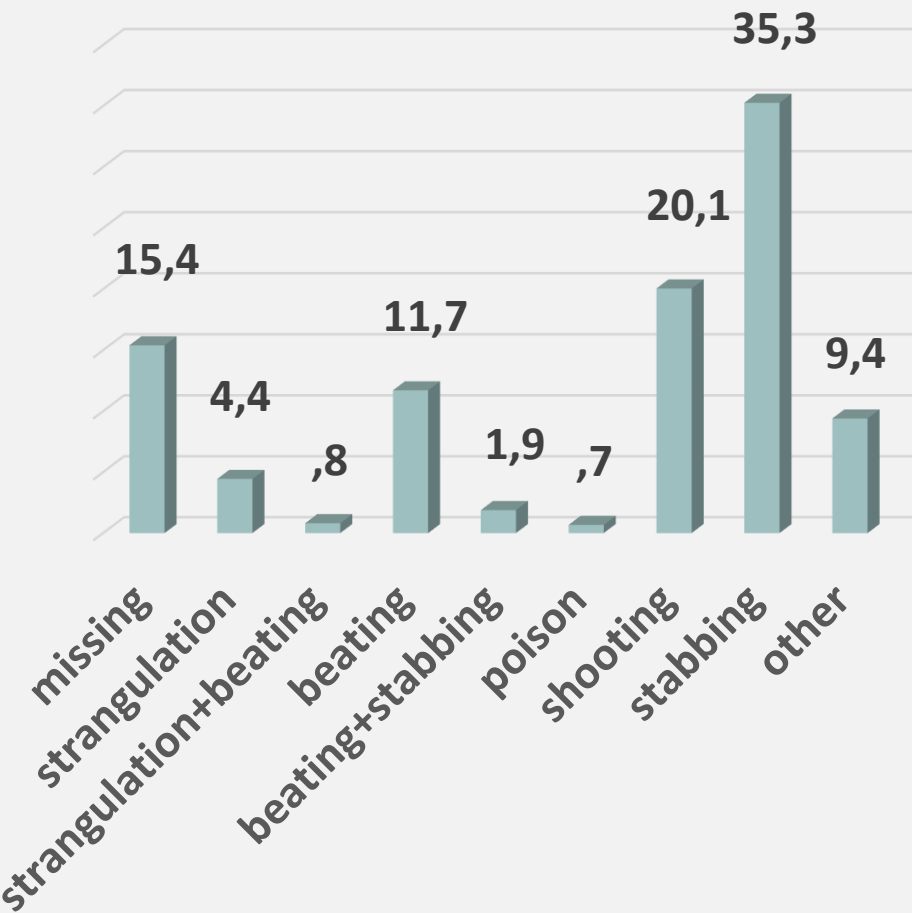


Other motives

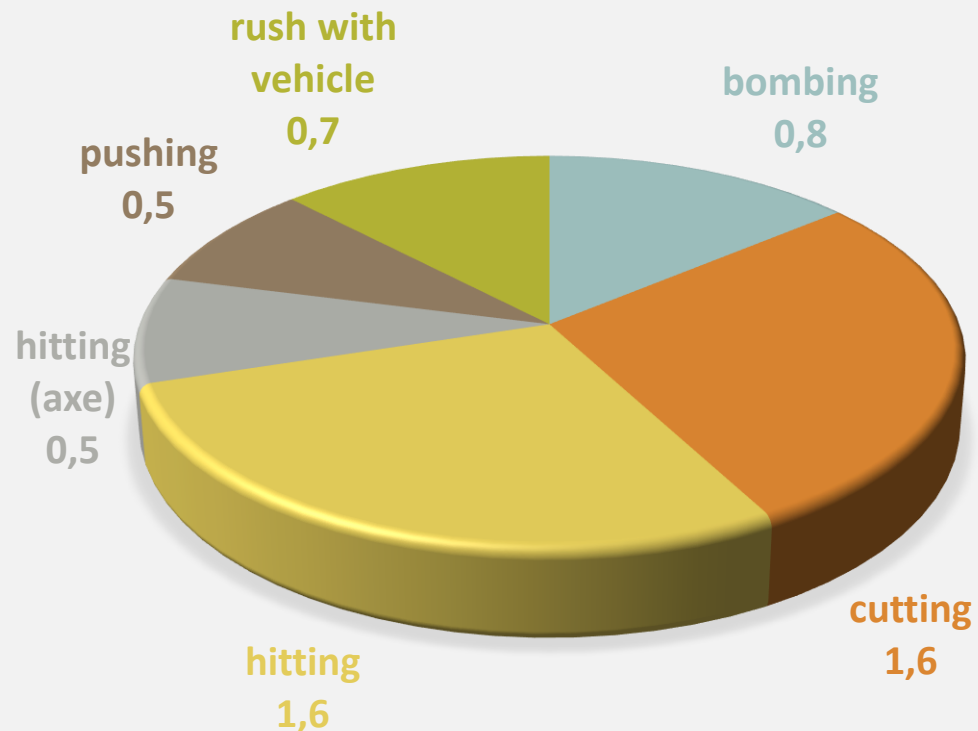




Methods applied

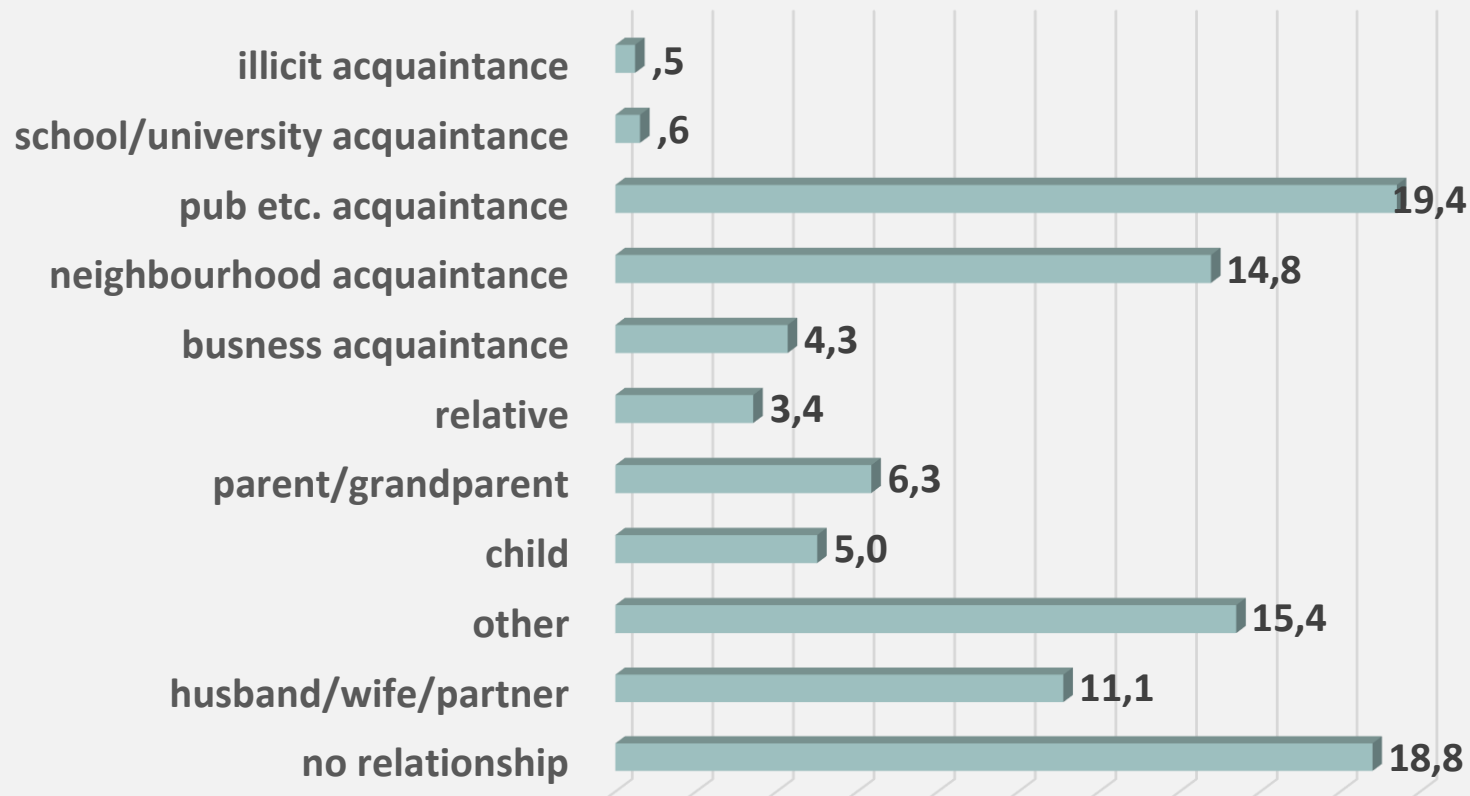


Other methods

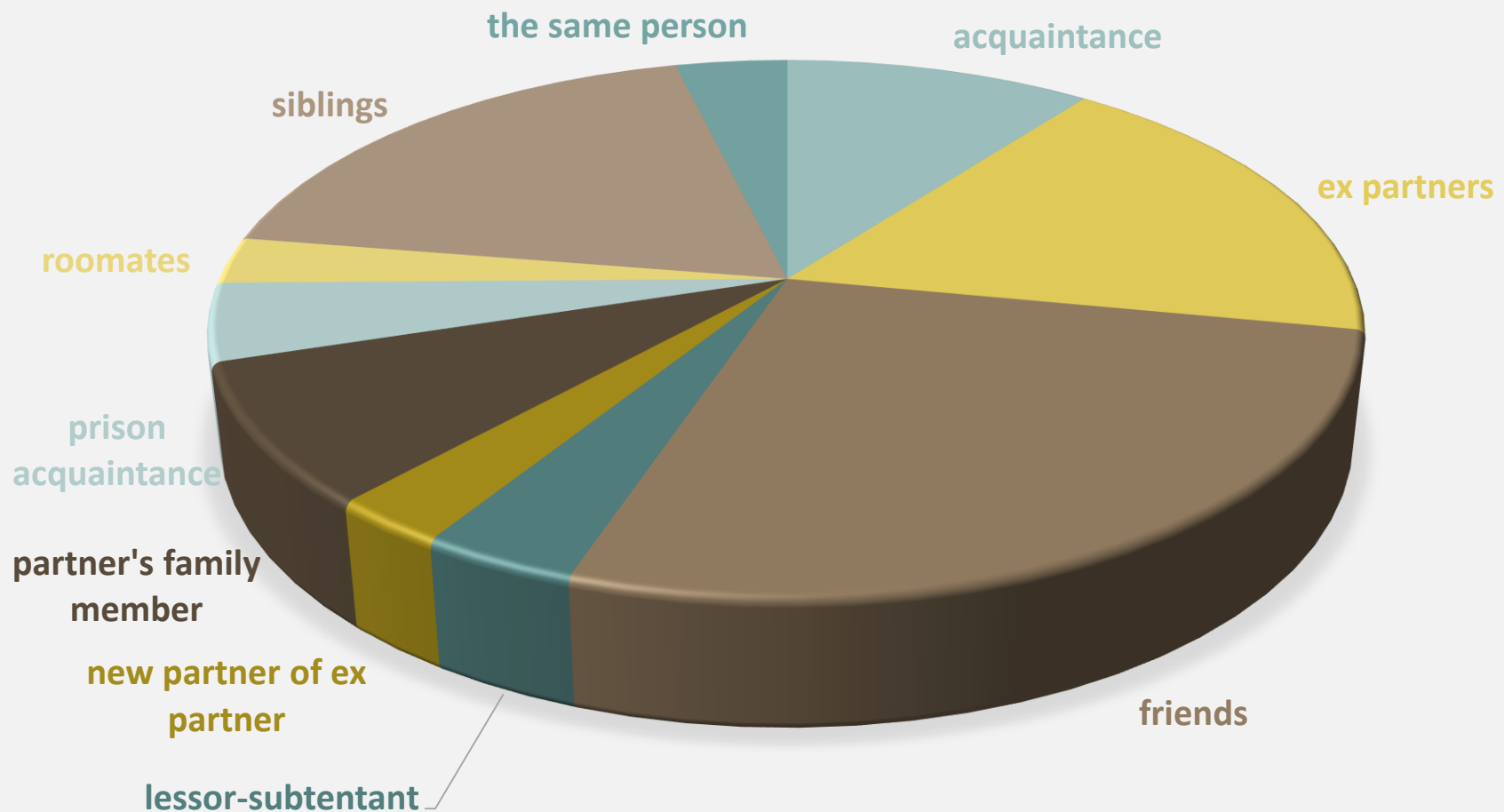




Offender - victim relations



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Conclusion

- **Problems:**
 - high percent of missing data
 - undefined categories in some questions (RVO, motives, drugs...)
- **Protective factors:** sex, family, income, education
- **Future research:** more psychological variables 😊

Thank you for your
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