



BALKAN CRIMINOLOGY

HOMICIDE VICTIMS IN CROATIA -

Who are the survivors?

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- **Name of the Project:** Homicide study in the Balkans
- **Leading country:** Croatia
- **Partners:** Bosnia and Herzegovina, Serbia, Macedonia, Romania, Albania, Turkey
- **Main goal-** insight into phenomenology of homicide in Balkan
- **Beginning of project:** 1.6.2016
- **Initial meeting (Croatia):** 22.07.2016.





- **Homicide study questionnaire prepared:** BIH, Serbia, Macedonia, Albania, Turkey, Germany
- Three sections of questionnaire
- **Field work ended:** June 1 2017
- **Entry data ended:** September 1 2017
- **Expected findings:** End of 2017
- **Number of cases:** 686 final judgements from 2010-2014 – some are rejections





- Juvenile and adult offenders
- **5 types of homicide:** murder, aggravated murder, negligent homicide, manslaughter and infanticide.
- **Approval** of State Attorney's office and Supreme court
- **Collection of data-** students from University of Zagreb





Fieldwork

1. Croatian Bureau of Statistics



2. National courts



3. State Attorney's Department





- Cooperation?
- Three Criminal Codes (1993, 1997 and 2011)
- Victim data?





- Entry of data: Access file
- Questionnaire, section 3- about Victim:

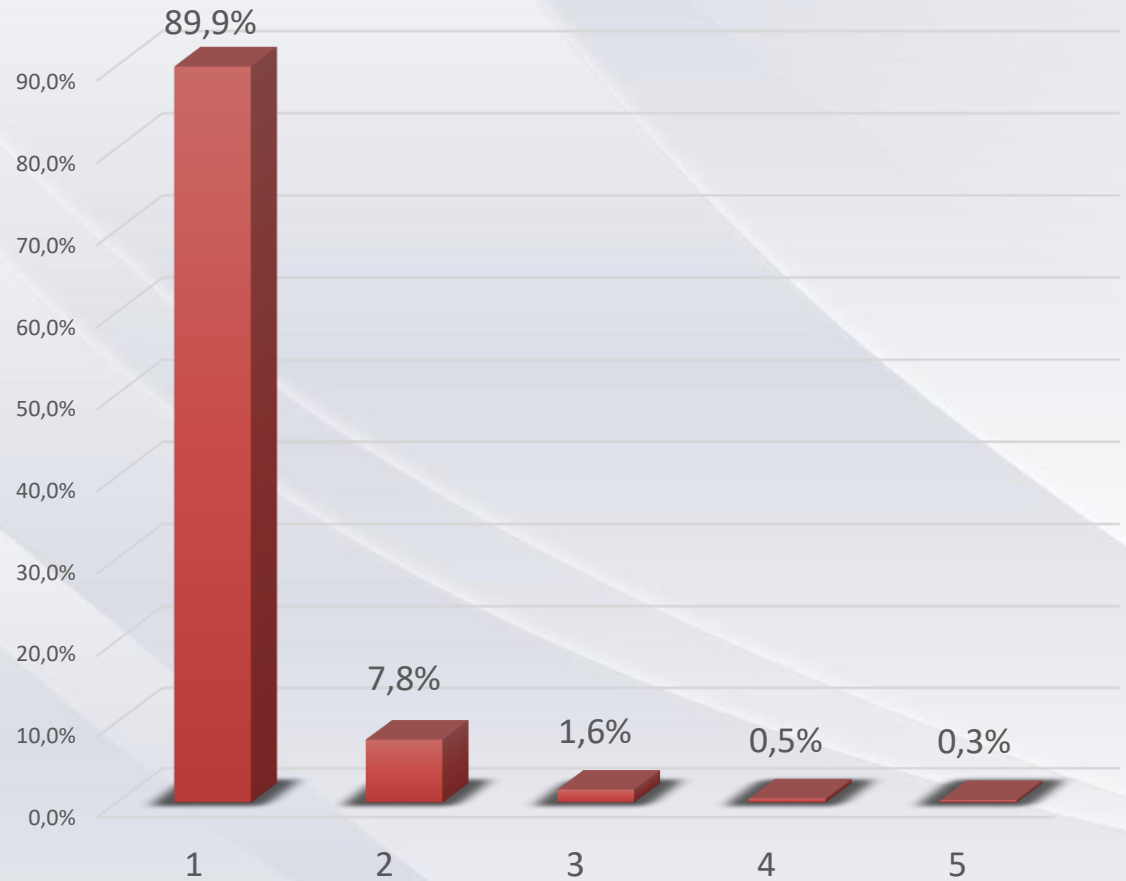
sex, date of birth, age, nationality, ethnicity, marital status, children, education, profession, employment, income; injury, time of death (survived, immediate death, later death), public official and/or relation to duty; intoxicated – alcohol, influence of drugs, any addiction, RVO (relationship between offender and victim), RVV (relationship between victims).

- Total of 760 victims
- 63,2 % survived



Results

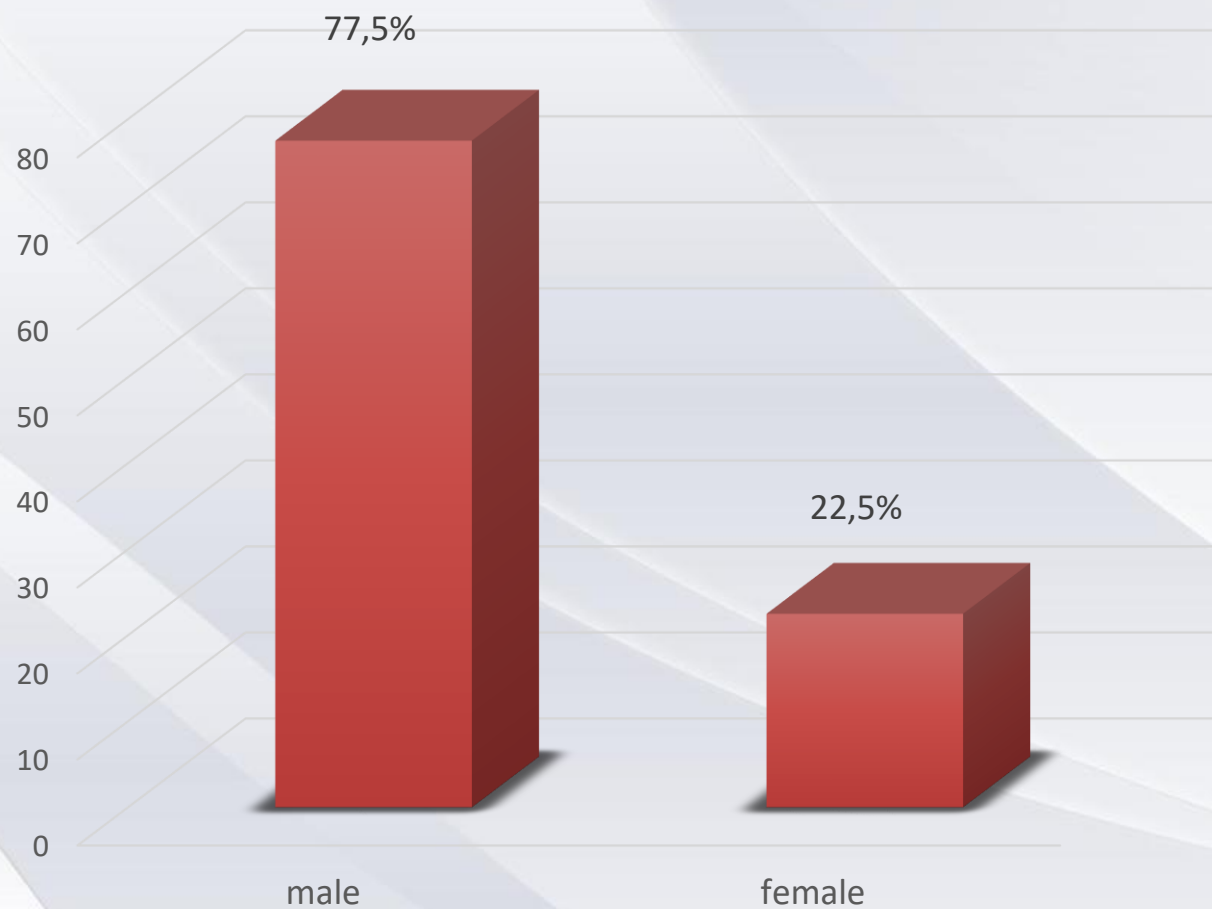
- N cases = 686
- N offenders = 743
- N victims = 760
- Number of victims





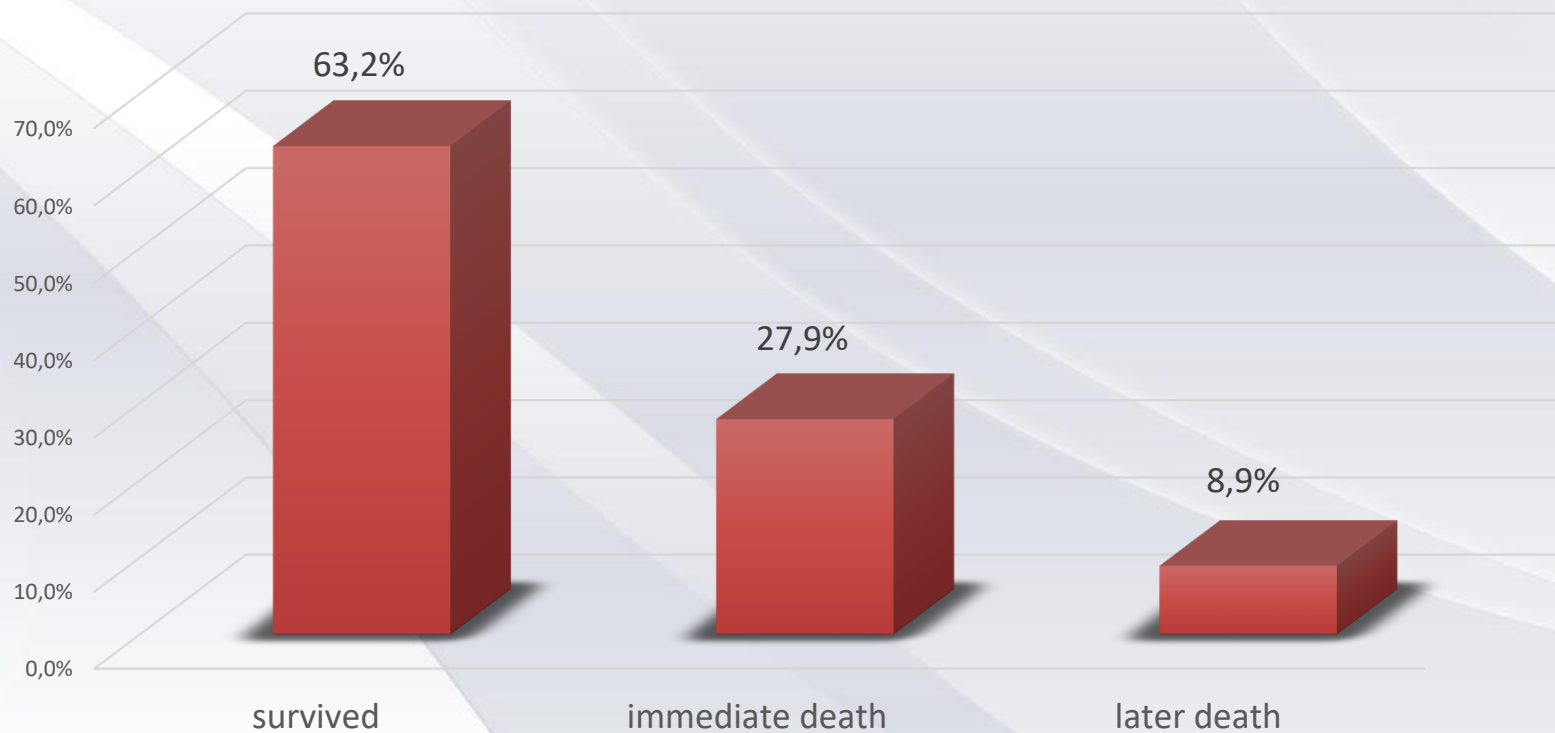
■ Sex of the victims

- Male = 579
- Female = 168



■ Time of death

- survived = 461
- immediate death = 204
- later death = 65





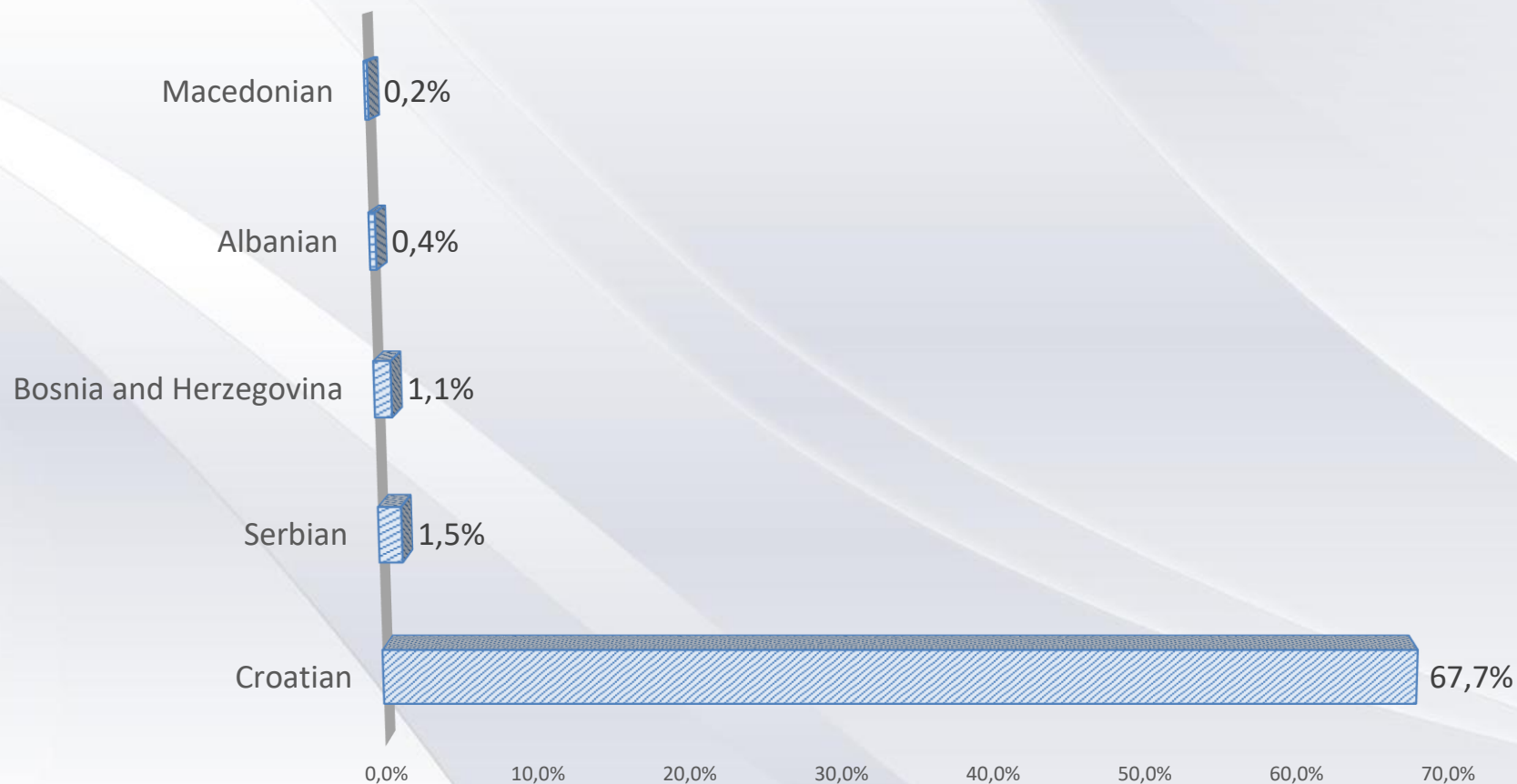
SURVIVED VICTIMS

- N = 461
- Sex: Male = 387 (85,1%)
Female = 68 (14.9%)
- Age: Mean = 39.29 years
- Residence of 72.5% survived victims is the same as where offence was committed (N = 334)





Nationality

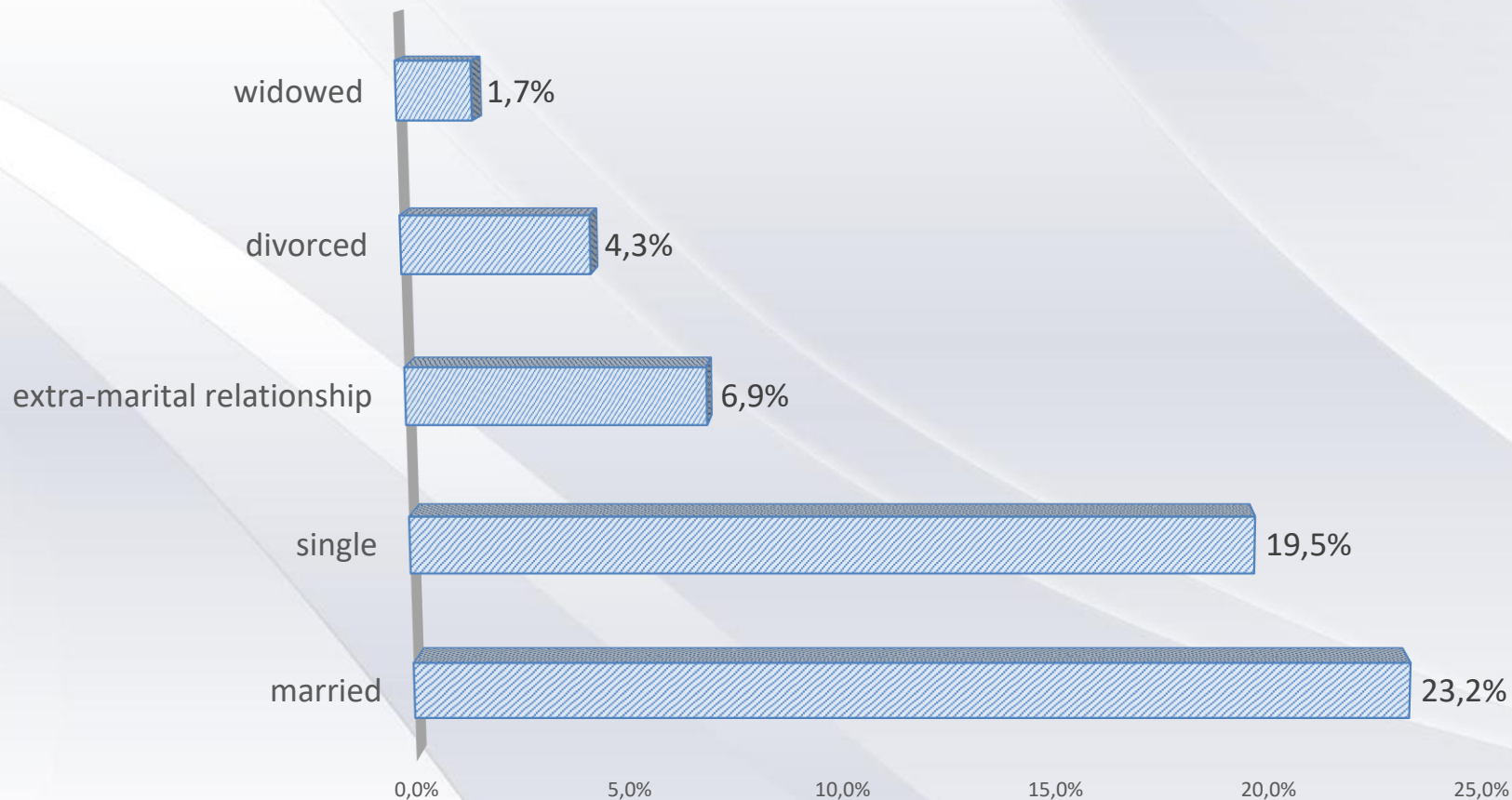


missing data = 27%



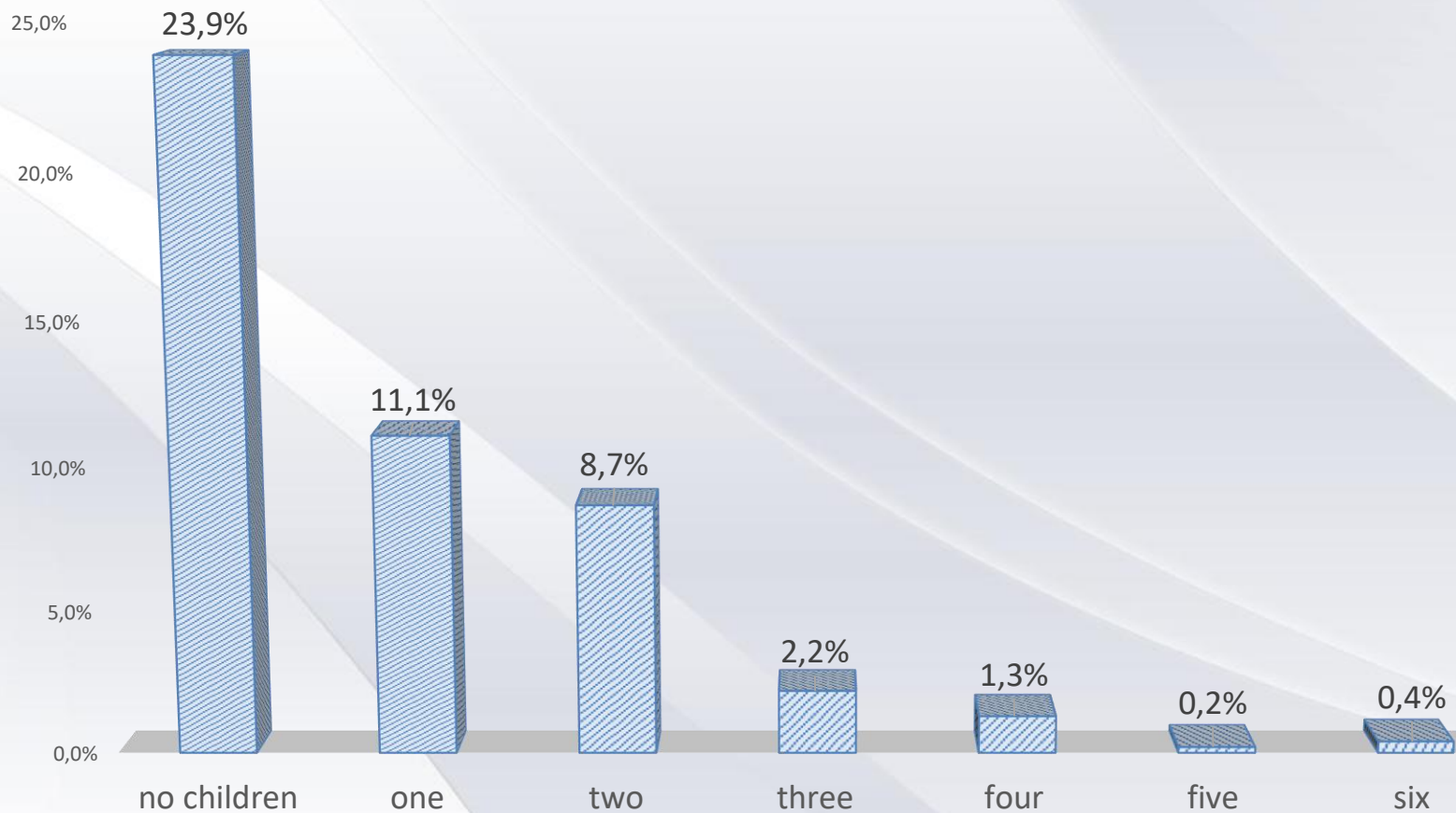


Marital status



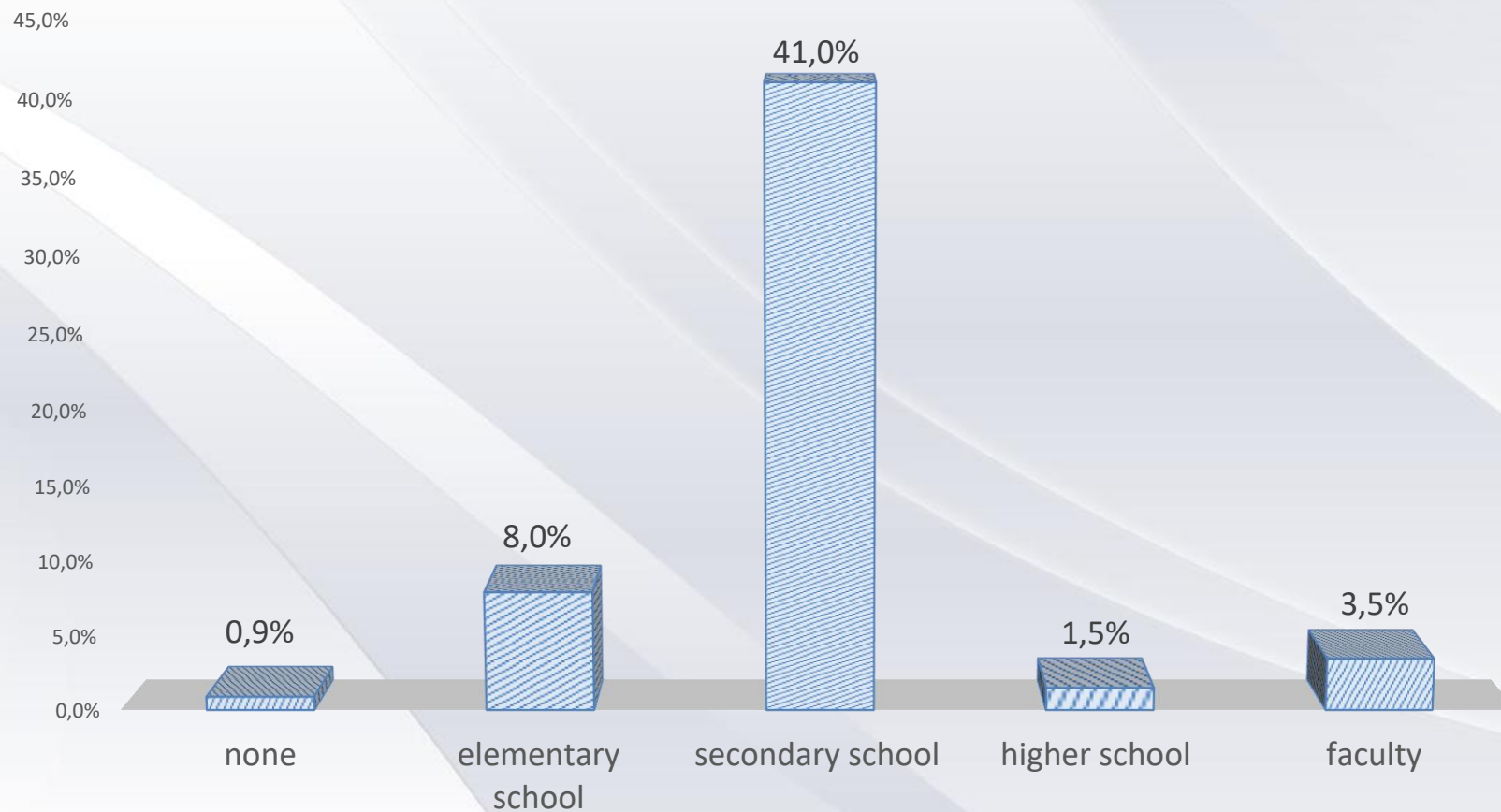
missing data = 44%

Number of children



missing data =52%

Level of education



missing data = 45%



- **Employment:**

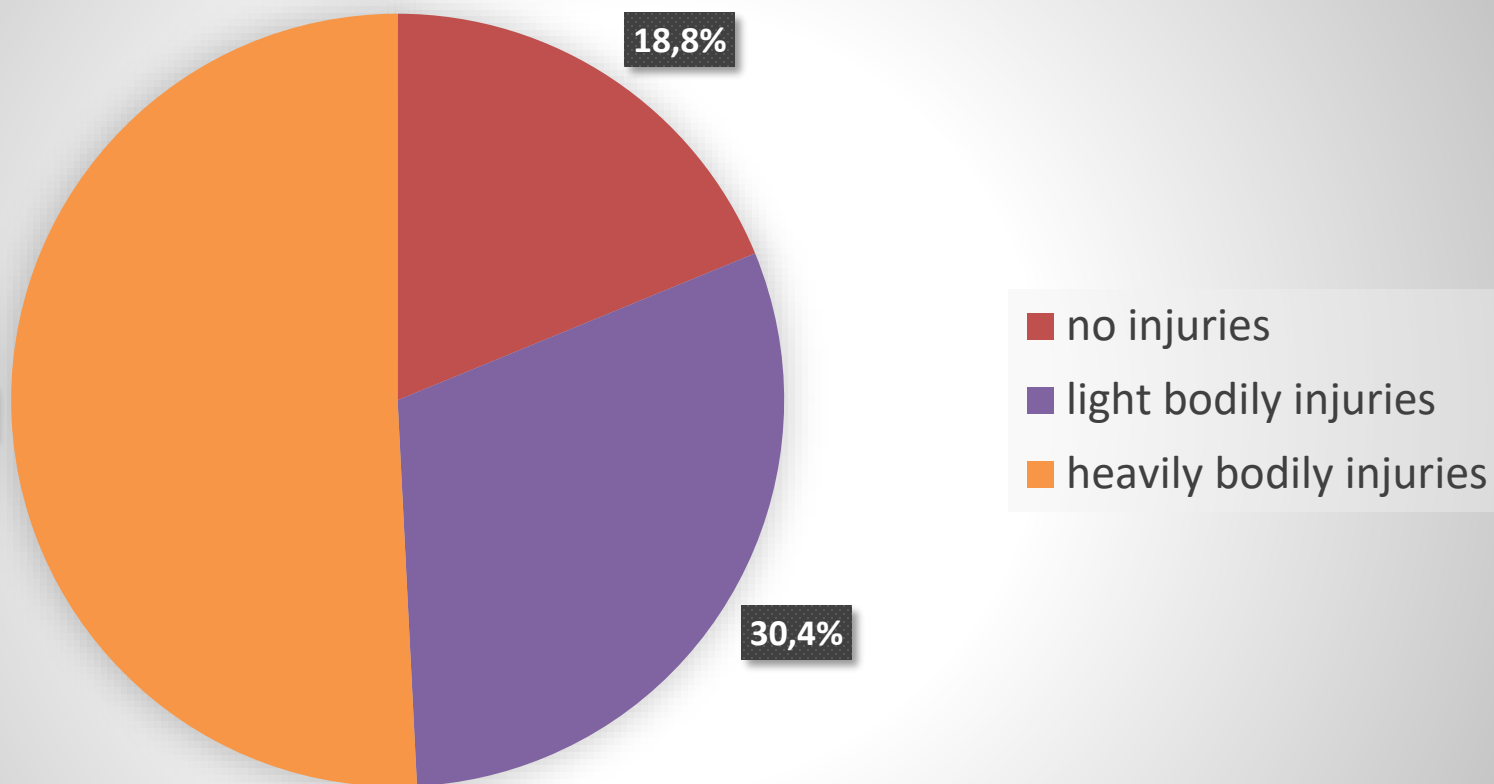
- Yes = 32.5%
- No = 17.8%
- Retired = 12.8%

- **Income:**

- None = 9,5%
- Below average = 17.6%
- Average = 26,5%
- Above average = 0,4%



Injury





Alcohol use

Survived victims (N=461)

Alcohol use	frequency	percent
no	219	47,5%
beer	73	15,8%
wine	19	4,1%
strong spirits (rakija, pelinkovac, vodka)	20	4,3%

Victims who did not survive (N=269)

Alcohol use	frequency	percent
no	132	49,10%
beer	40	14,90%
wine	10	3,70%
strong spirits (rakija, pelinkovac, vodka)	14	5,20%





Drug use

Survived victims (N=461)

Drug use	frequency	percent
no	292	63,3%
cannabis, marijuana, hash	4	0,9%
XTC, LSD, speed, amphetamines or similar drugs	2	0,4%
heroin, cocaine or crack	4	0,9%

Victims who did not survive (N=269)

Drug use	frequency	percent
no	177	65,8%
cannabis, marijuana, hash	4	1,5%
XTC, LSD, speed, amphetamines or similar drugs	1	0,4%
heroine, cocaine or crack	4	1,5%



Addiction of victims

Survived victims (N=461)

Addiction of the victim	frequency	percent
alcohol	22	4,8%
opiate	0	0%
crack/cocaine	1	0,2%
alcohol and illegal drugs	1	0,2%
no addiction	217	47,1%

Victims who did not survive (N=269)

Addiction of the victim	frequency	percent
alcohol	16	5,9%
opiate	0	0%
crack/cocaine	0	0%
alcohol and illegal drugs	3	1,1%
no addiction	141	52,4%
other	2	0,7%



Conclusion

- Higher percent of missing data in certain questions – some data about victims do not exist (number of children, marital status, education level...)
- A lot more possibilities for future analysis
- Rest of the data analysis will be done by the end of year 2017



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