

Sexual Offending & Mental Health

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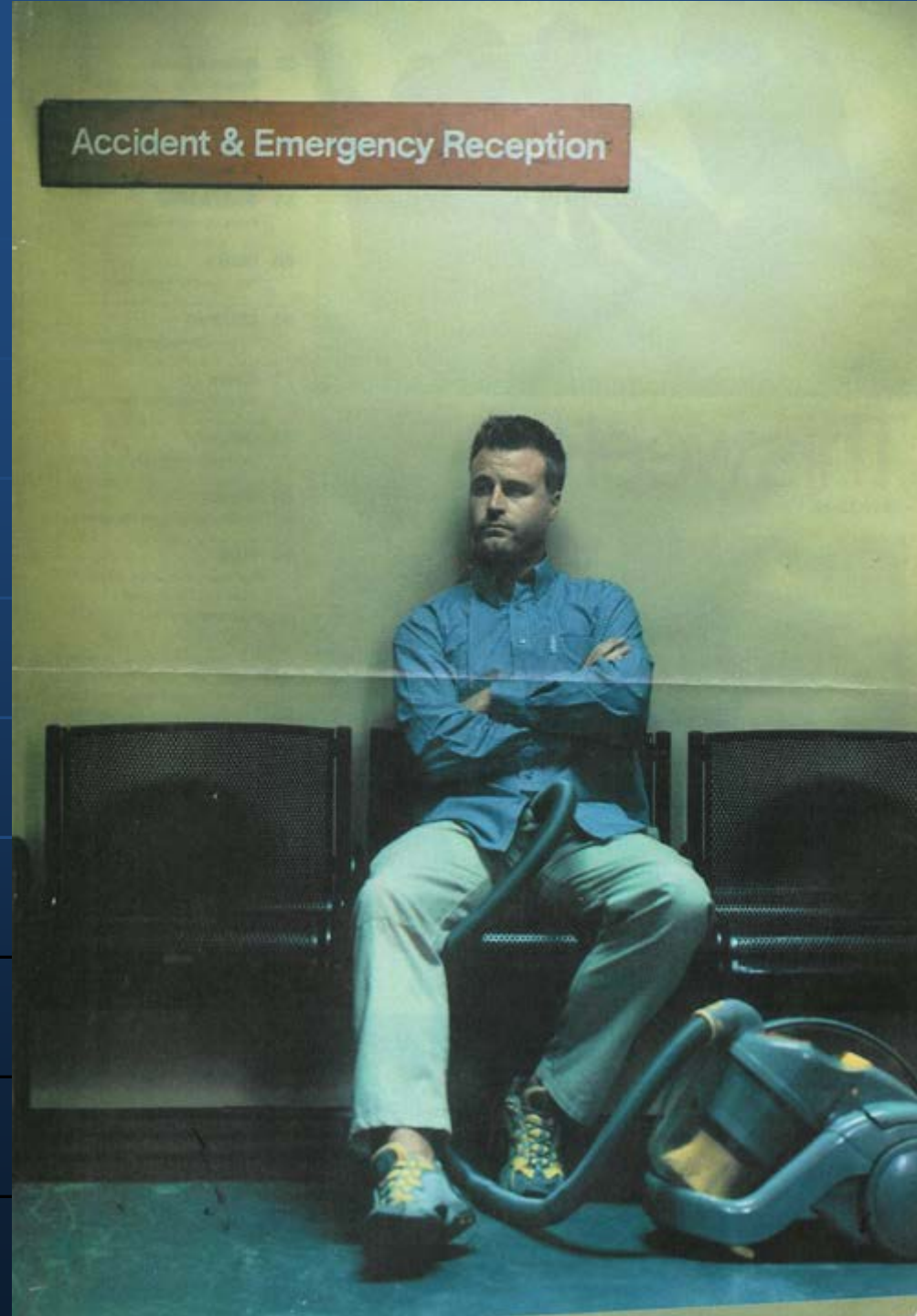
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OVERVIEW

- ▶ Statistics
- ▶ Models of offending
- ▶ Victims
- ▶ The Internet
- ▶ Legal responses
- ▶ Assessment
- ▶ Treatment



ASSOCIATIONS

substance abuse
personality disorder
psychotic illness
affective illness
intellectual disability
organic brain disorder

Sequelae

personality
affective illness
substance abuse
sexual disorders
psychosis

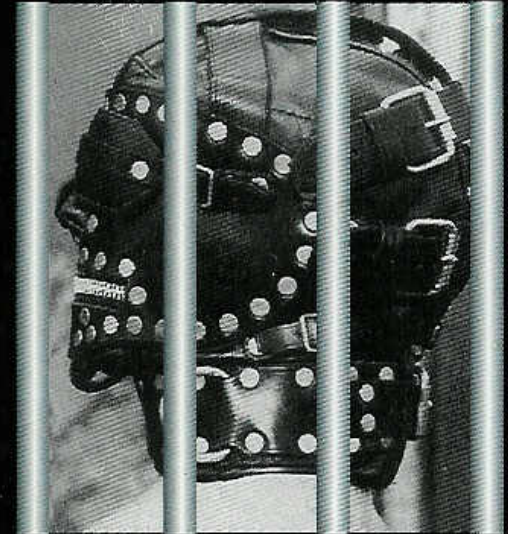
Paraphilias

... a 6-month period of recurrent, intense, sexually arousing fantasies, urges or behaviours involving [*a specific act, depending on the paraphilia*].

... cause clinically significant distress or impairment in social, occupational, or other important areas of functioning



Credit
Cards



**DEPARTMENT OF
CORRECTION**

for Beginners & Connoisseurs
Assured Private Discreet Address

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FULLY EQUIPPED CHAMBERS

- HUMILIATION
- DOMINATION
- CORRECTION
- BONDAGE
- RUBBER
- LEATHER
- HOT WAX
- FOOT FETISHES
- ELECTRO TREATMENT
- TRANSFORMATION
- SLAVE TRAINING
- C.P.

Statistics



Prevalence

PRECISE DETAILS UNKNOWN!

definitions vary; self-report vs other determination

~ Figures on rape:

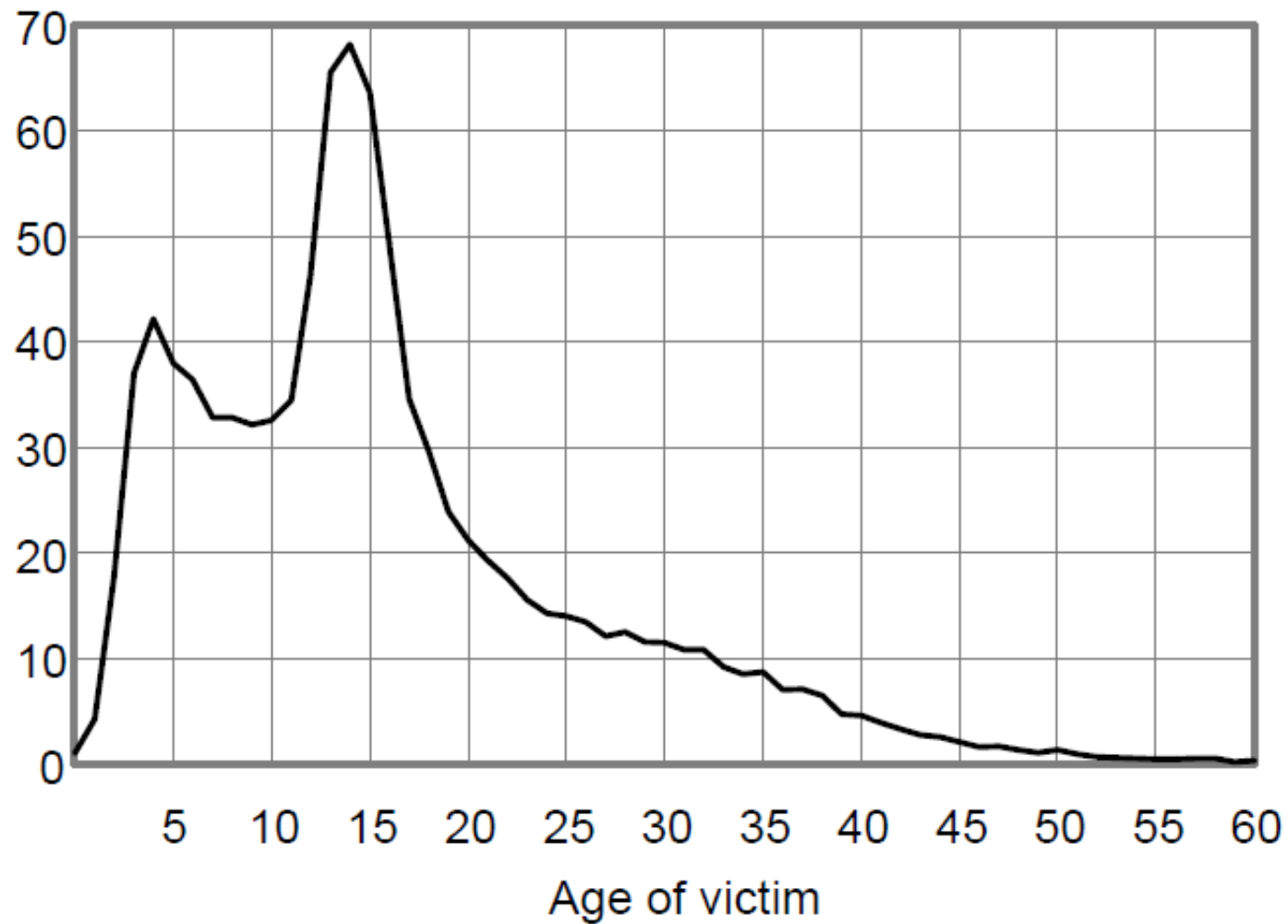
- ~ 15% raped, 12% attempted, 12% coercion**
- ~ 25% sexual aggression** *Koss et al (1987), Gavey (1991)*

~ Child sexual abuse:

- ~ Any: 30 +/- 10 female, 15 +/- 3 male**
- ~ Contact: 15 +/- 3 female, 5 +/- 3 male**
- ~ Penetration; 5 +/- female, 3 +/- 2 male** *Fergusson & Mullen (1999)*

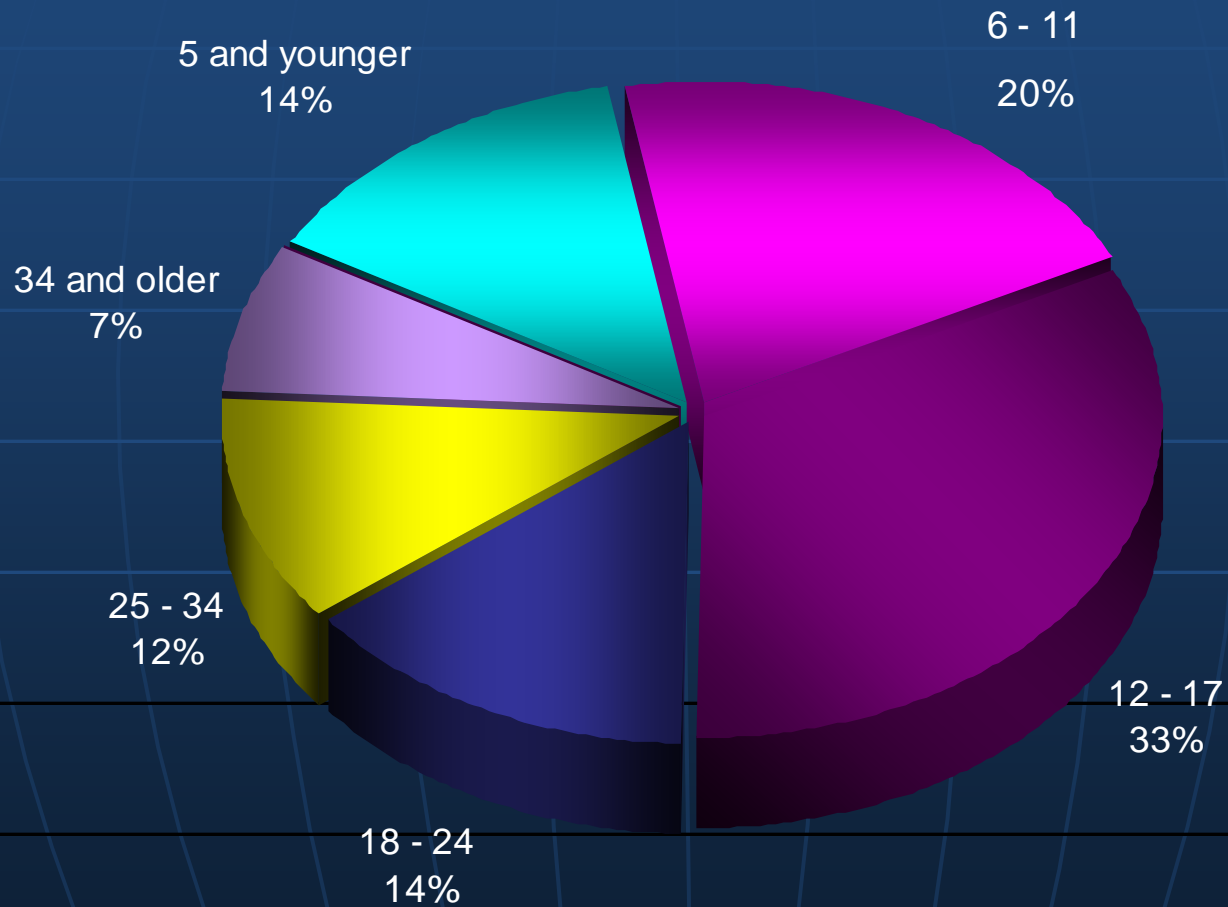
Age distribution of victims of sexual assault

Rate per 1,000 victims



Source: Snyder, 2000

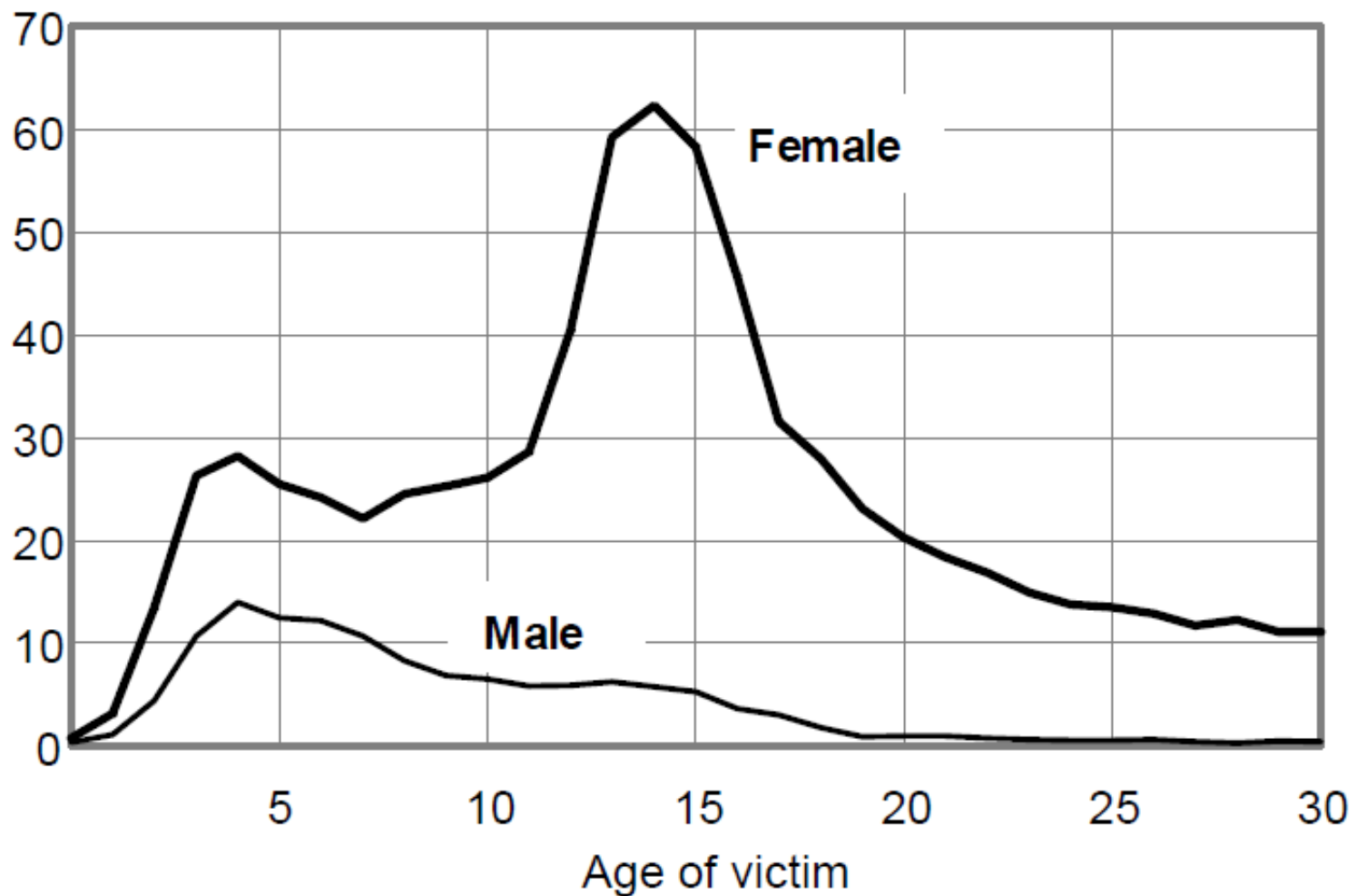
Age of Victims



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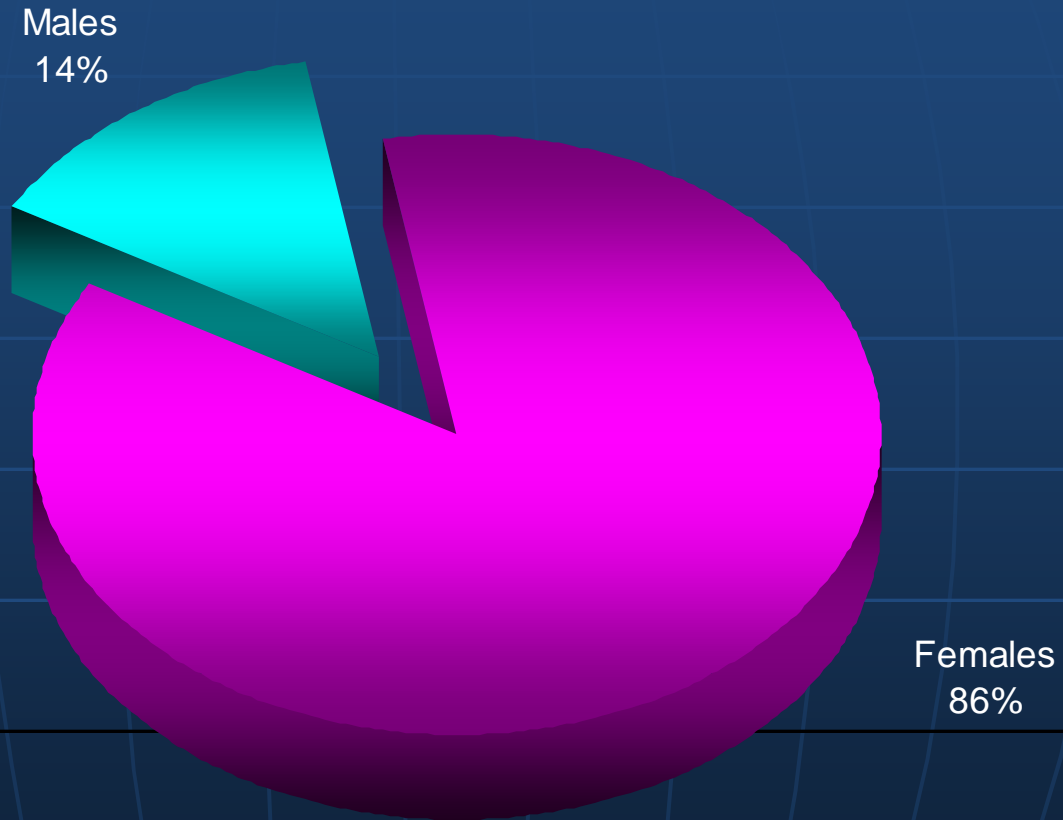
Age distribution of sexual assault victims, by gender

Rate per 1,000 victims



Source: Snyder, 2000

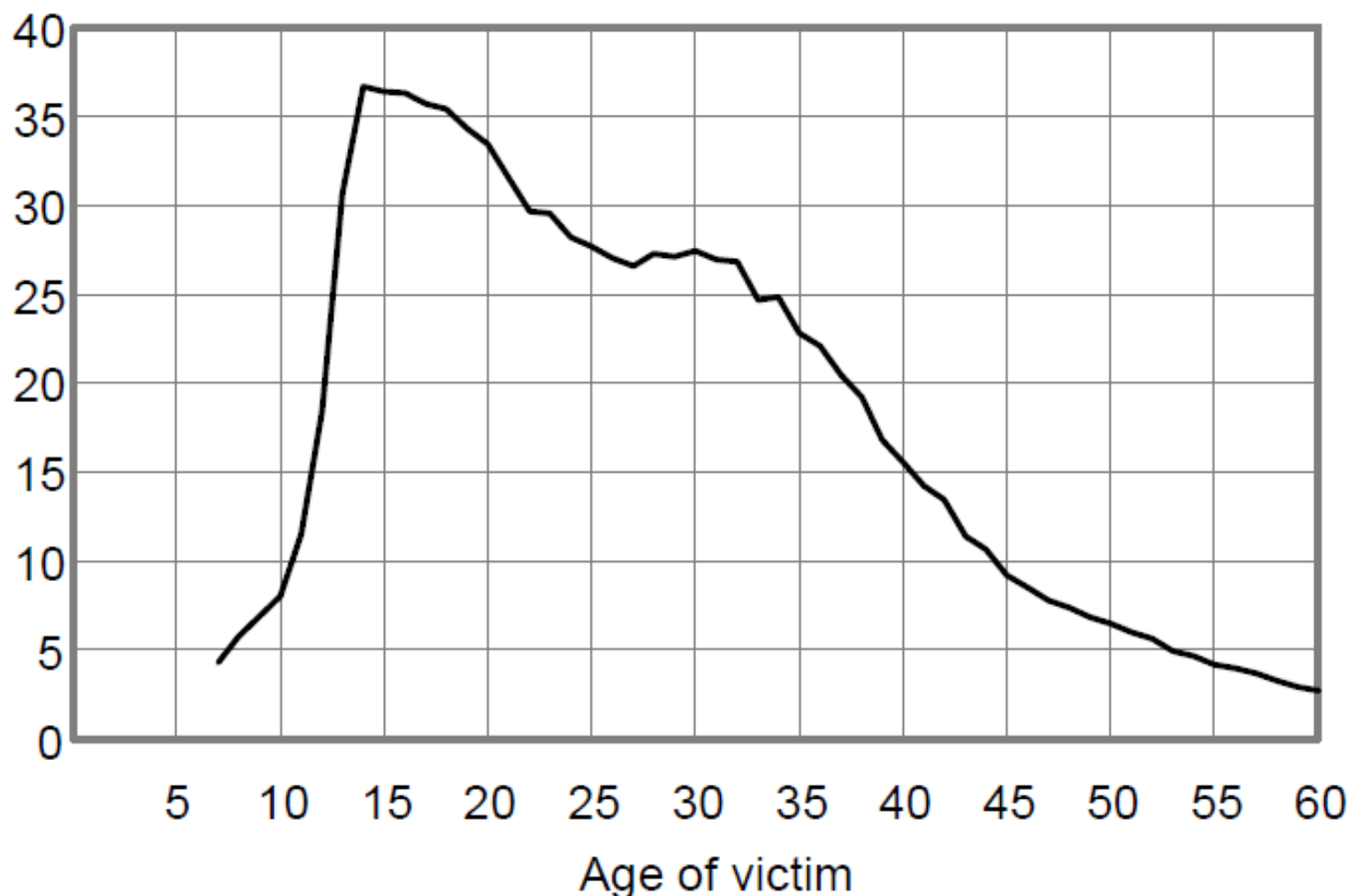
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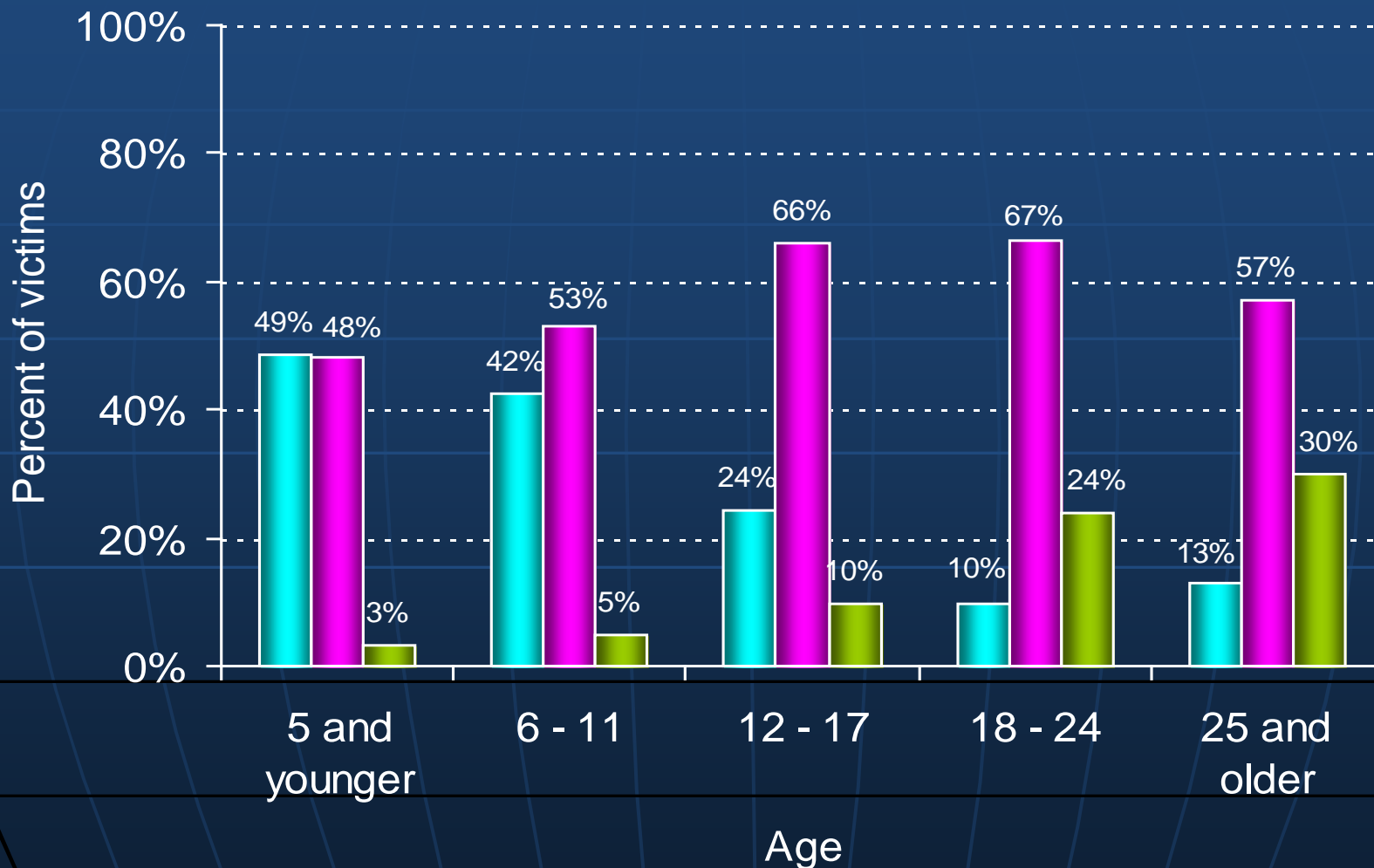
Age profile of sexual assault offenders

Rate per 1,000 offenders



Source: Snyder, 2000

Victim/Offender Relationship by Age



Family member

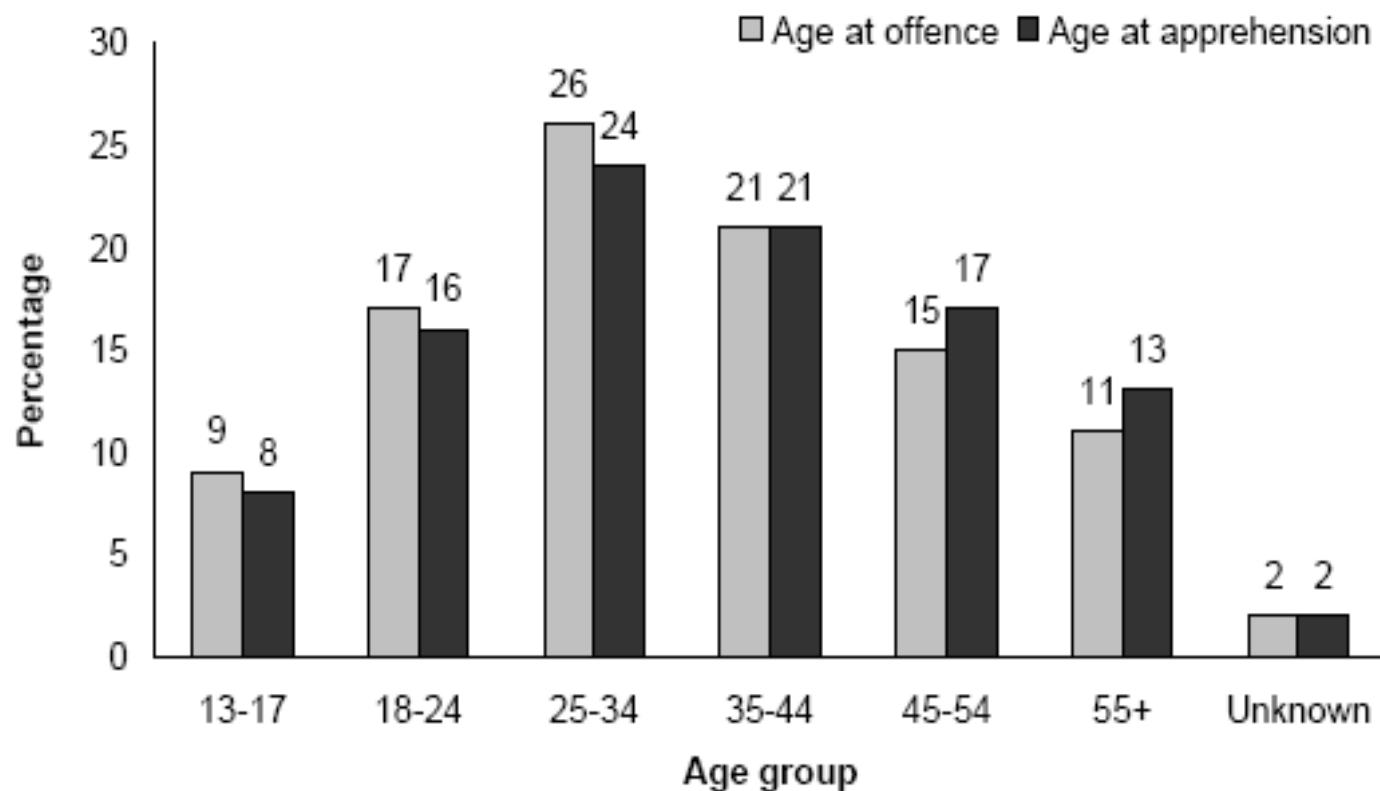
Acquaintance

Stranger

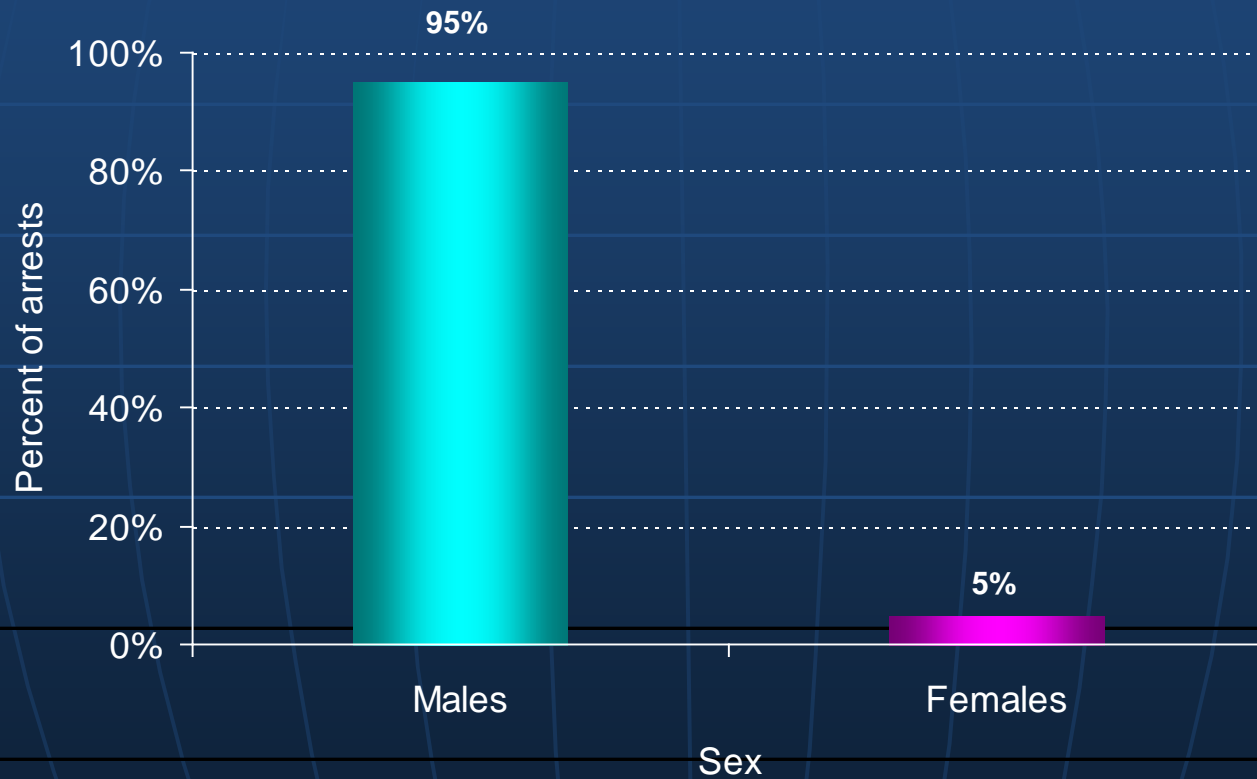
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Age and Sexual Offending in Victoria

(AIC, 2003)

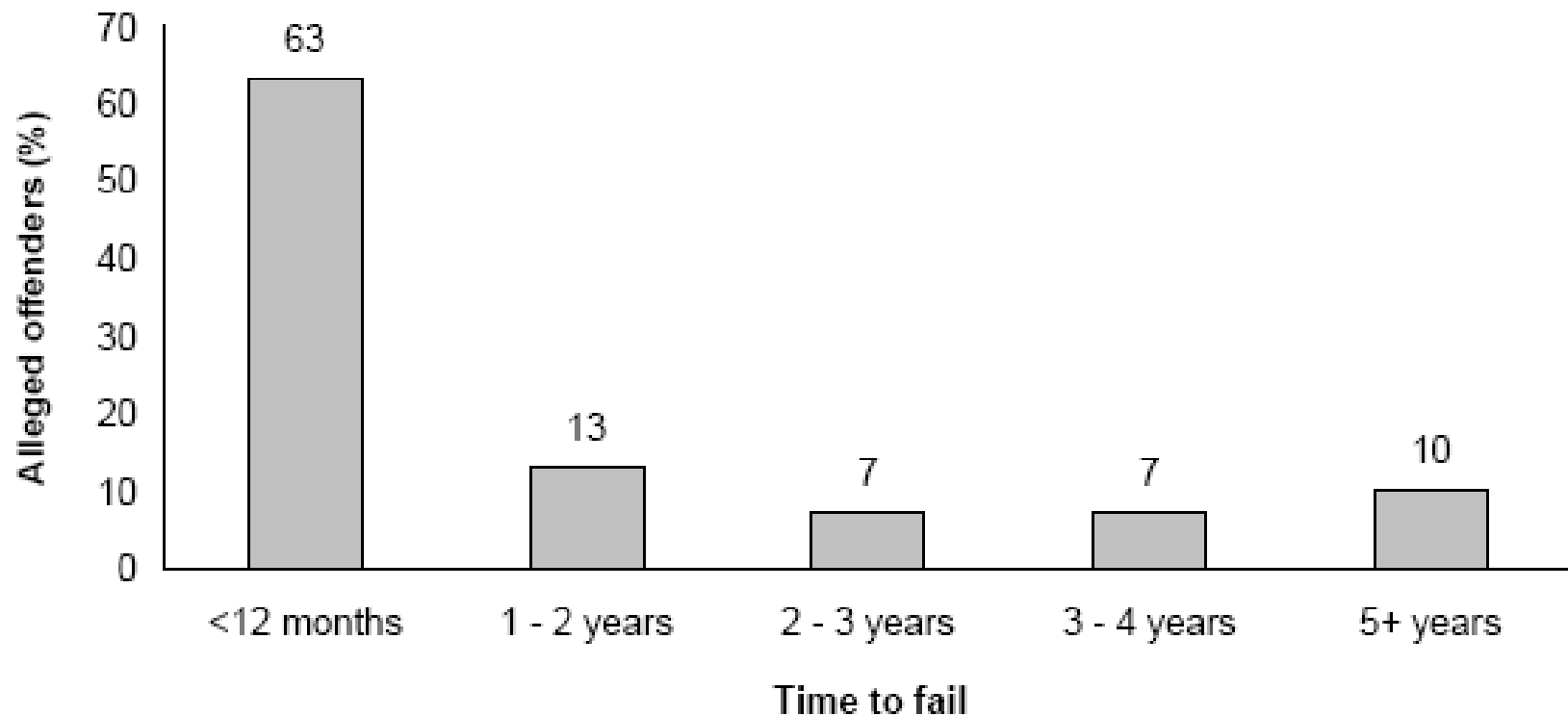


Arrests by Gender



(Federal Bureau of Investigation, 2005)

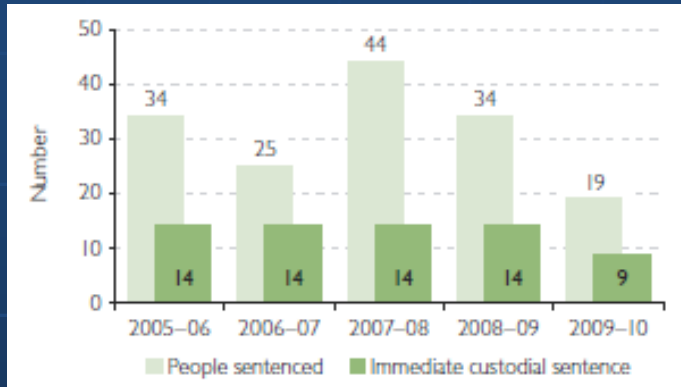
Time Between Index Apprehension and the Most Recent Prior Apprehension



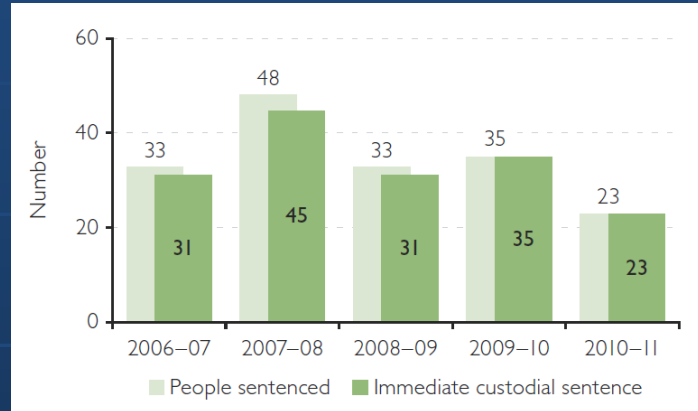
Custodial Sentences of Sex Offenders

Source: Sentencing Advisory Council 2012

Indecent Assault
Average sentence 1.7 years



Incest
Average sentence 4.2 years



Penetration of Child Under Care
Average sentence 3.5 years



Penetration of Child U10
Average sentence 3.75 years

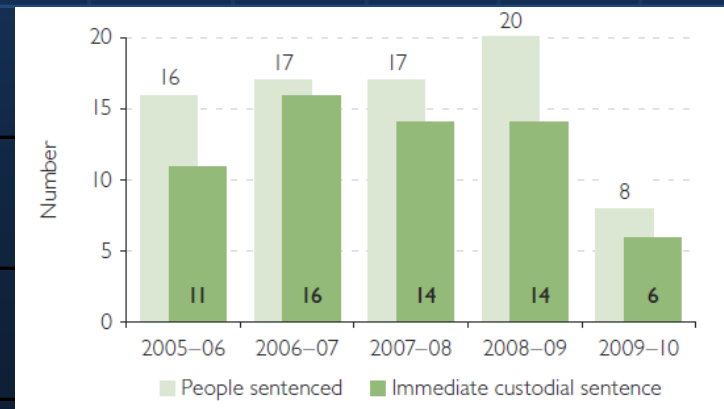
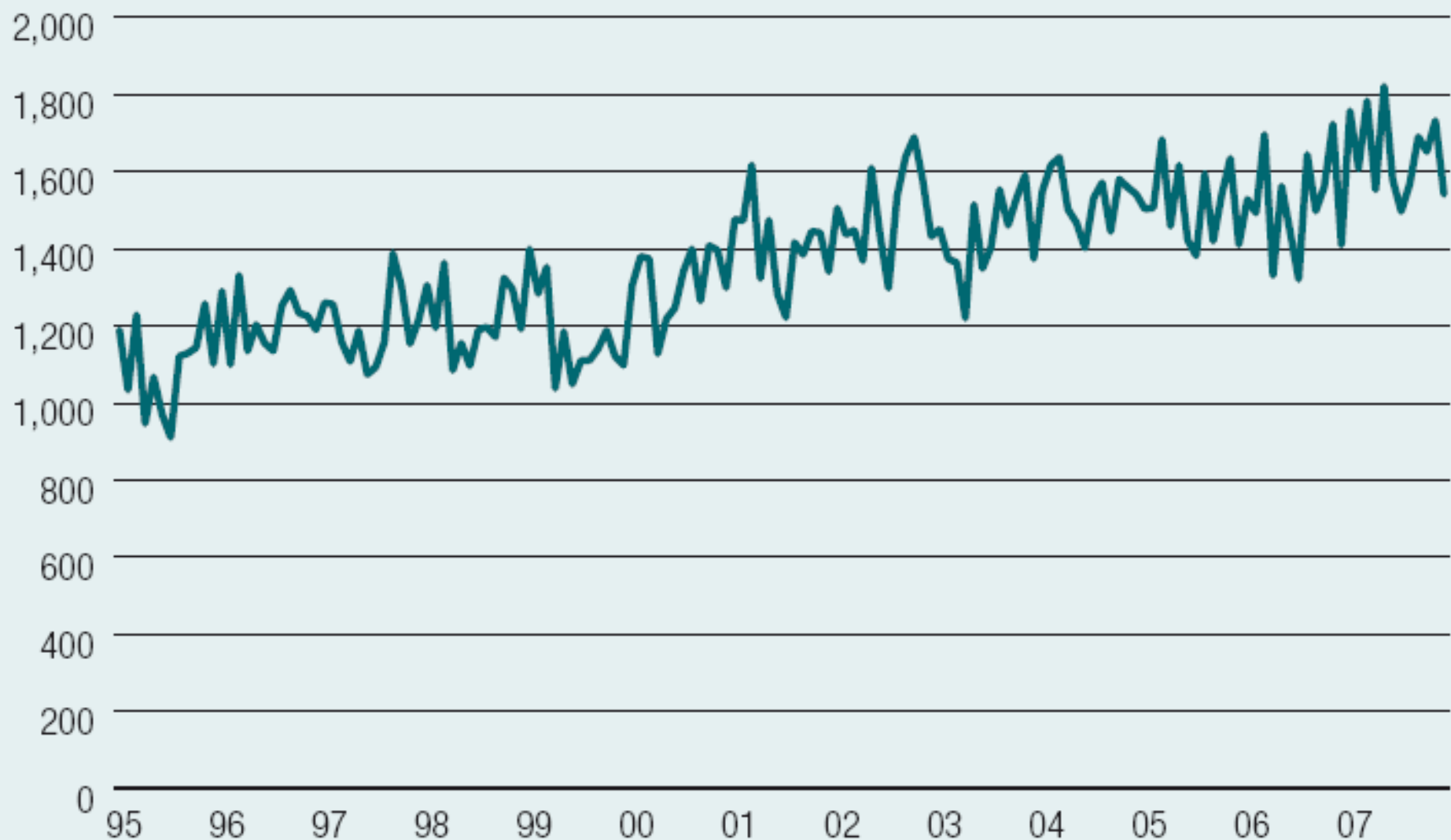


Figure 18 Sexual assault victims from 1995 to 2007 (number per month)



Sexual assaults increased by over 50% since 1995

Greatest number occur Jan-Mar, Aug-Nov, least from Apr-Jul

Summary

- Most victims are children
- Most perpetrators are men
- Offence, victim, & offender details vary
- Most offenders – related or know victim
- Most offenders when caught go to prison
- Recidivism rates vary by offence type – generally lower than most other offences

Other elements

- ▶ Developmental issues relevant to juvenile offending
- ▶ General risk factors for delinquency
- ▶ Parenting and attachment
- ▶ Exposure to violence /sex abuse /pornography



Models of Offending

Commonly Identified Characteristics

- ▶ Poor self-management skills
- ▶ Disinhibition or poor impulse control
 - ▶ Substance abuse
 - ▶ Intellectual disability / acquired brain injury
 - ▶ Mental illness
 - ▶ Personality disorder
- ▶ Antisocial attitudes
- ▶ Peers, morality, social norms



Biology

Non-specific brain abnormalities in child sex offenders
Increased prevalence in those with mild intellectual disability
(not more severe intellectual disability)

Males >>> females

Offender age distribution proportional to median testosterone levels



Child Molestation Typologies

- Early typologies quite neatly divided child molesters into ***Situational*** and ***Preferential*** Child Molesters
(e.g., Dietz, 1983; Lanning, 1987)
- Current Typologies (Lanning, 2001, 2010)
 - Offenders are on a motivational continuum
 - **Situational**
 - Regressed; Morally indiscriminate; Inadequate
 - **Preferential**
 - Seduction; Introverted; Sadistic; Diverse

Situational Child Molesters

(Lanning, 2001, 2010)

■ Regressed

- Low self-esteem & poor coping skills; turns to children as a sexual substitute for the preferred peer sex partner
- Precipitating stress may play a bigger role
- Main victim criterion seems to be availability

■ Morally Indiscriminate

- Child molestation is simply part of a general pattern of abuse
- Antisocial and impulsive, possibly psychopathic
- User and abuser of people; lies, cheats, steals
- Has the urge, child is available, so acts – especially pubescent children

■ Inadequate

- Withdrawn, shy, or unusual person
- Shy teenager with no friends or an eccentric loner
- Becomes sexually involved with children out of insecurity or curiosity
- Finds children to be non-threatening

Preferential Paedophiles

(Lanning, 2001, 2010)

■ Seduction

- Engages children in sexual activity by 'seducing' them
 - Grooming with attention, affection, and gifts
- Over time gradually lowers the child's sexual inhibitions

■ Introverted

- Similar to the inadequate situational child molester, but:
 - more definite deviant sexual preferences;
 - victim selection is more predictable
- Prefers children, but lacks interpersonal skills necessary to seduce them
- Typically minimal verbal communication w. victims
- Usually molests strangers or especially young victims

Preferential Paedophiles

(Lanning, 2001, 2010)

■ Sadistic

- Fortunately not a very large group
- Sexual preferences predominantly include the need to inflict psychological or physical pain or suffering to child victims in order to be sexually aroused or gratified
 - Sexually aroused by his victims response to the pain or suffering
- Typically uses lures or force to gain access to victims
- To escape detection, may try to abduct stranger victims

■ Diverse

- Also known as “sexually indiscriminate”
- May have clearly defined sexual preferences for bondage, voyeurism, or fetishism, but no particularly strong sexual preference for children
 - Called “preferential” because driven by paraphilic interest in varied sexual behaviours – “try-sexual”

Summary

- *Causes* of sexual offending are generally retrospectively postulated
- Sexual offenders are diverse
- Generally offenders have one or more of:
 - Sexual deviance
 - Antisocial (rule violation) OR
 - Opportunistic/indiscriminate
 - Emotional regulation / social deficits

Victims



► Database linkage study, prospective

► Results: **childhood sexual abuse predicted:**

► Contact with police	1.43
► Sexual offending	7.6
► Violent offending	8.2
► Victim of offending	2.6 – 5.3
► Mental health contact	3.6
► Psychosis	2.1
► Suicide	18.1
► Accidental fatal OD	49.2

Internet Offenders



Child Pornography Offenders

- A child pornography collection is a very strong indication of paedophilia
 - but not necessarily that one is a child molester
- Recidivism rates are very low
 - Wakeling et al. (2011) (conviction or caution)
 - Internet specialists: 1.6% after two years
 - Internet & other: 6.6% after two years
 - Across both: 74% of recidivists internet only
 - 19% non-internet
 - 6% both types of offending



***Bill Henson exhibition
raided by police –***

Sydney, May 2008

"absolutely revolting..."

Australian PM Kevin Rudd

***"He has a tendency to depict
children naked and that is porn,"***

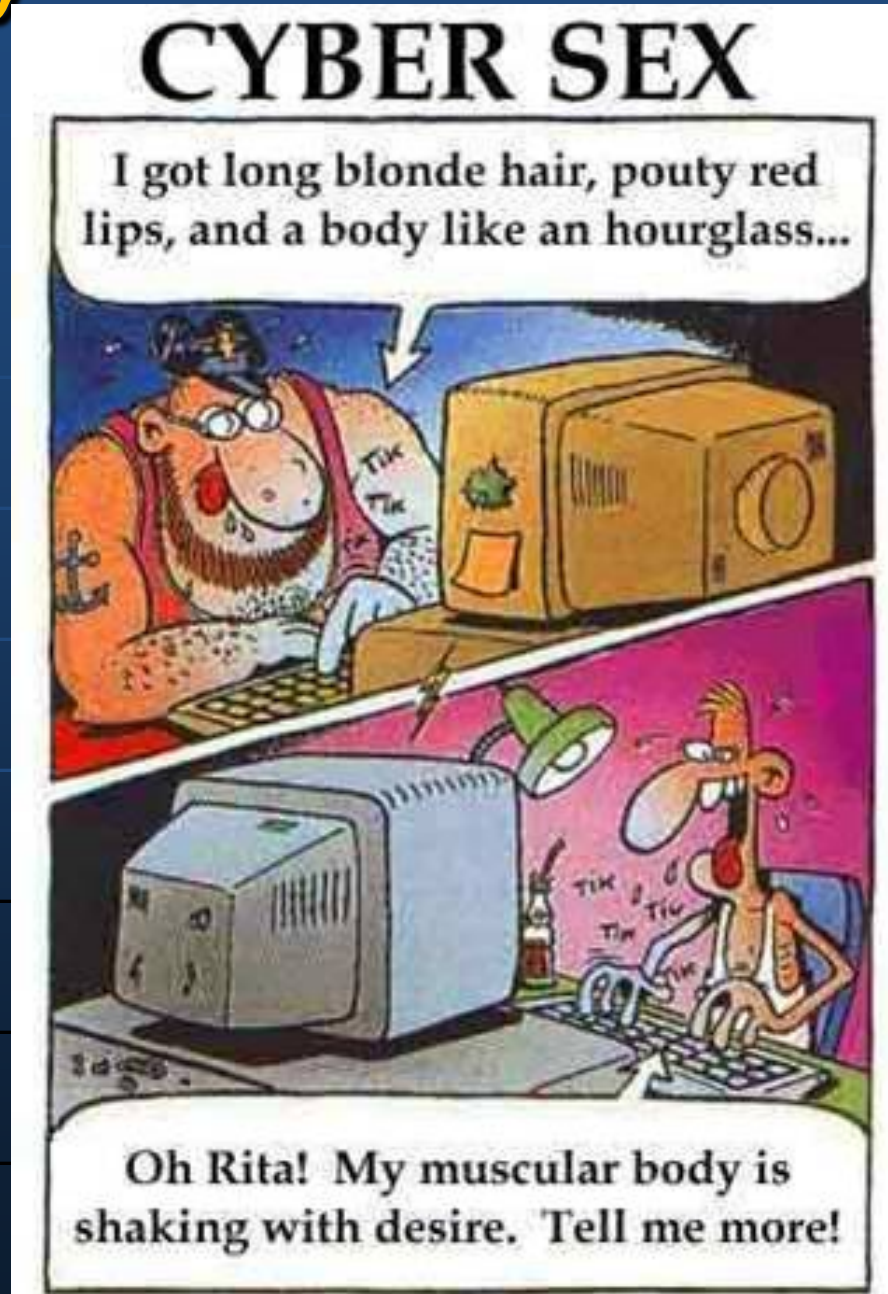
- child protection campaigner
Hetty Johnston of Bravehearts.

Child Pornography

Recidivism rates very low

Meta-analysis (Seto et al., 2011)

- 4,697 offenders
- 17.3% contact offending
 - 12.2% in official records
 - 55.1% self-report
- 1.5-to-6 yr followup of 2,630
 - 4.6% recidivism (2/9 no)
 - 2.0% contact recidivism
 - 3.4% child porn recidivism



INTERNET FACTORS

How does the Internet medium influence ICP use?

- Compulsive searching *(Stein et al, 2001)*
- Online dissociation *(Chaney & Chang, 2005)*
- Online disinhibition effect *(Suler, 2004)*
- The “traumatic scenario” *(Wood, 2007)*
- Reinforcement and normalisation
- Contact with deviant peers

ATTEMPTS AT CONTACT SEX OFFENDING

Grooming - stages

CONTACT

FRIENDSHIP

RELATIONSHIP

'RISK ASSESSMENT'

EXCLUSIVITY

SEXUALISE

IMAGES, FANTASY, CONTACT



MEETING LIKE-MINDED FETISHISTS

Internet chat groups

Isolation



Camaraderie



Normalisation



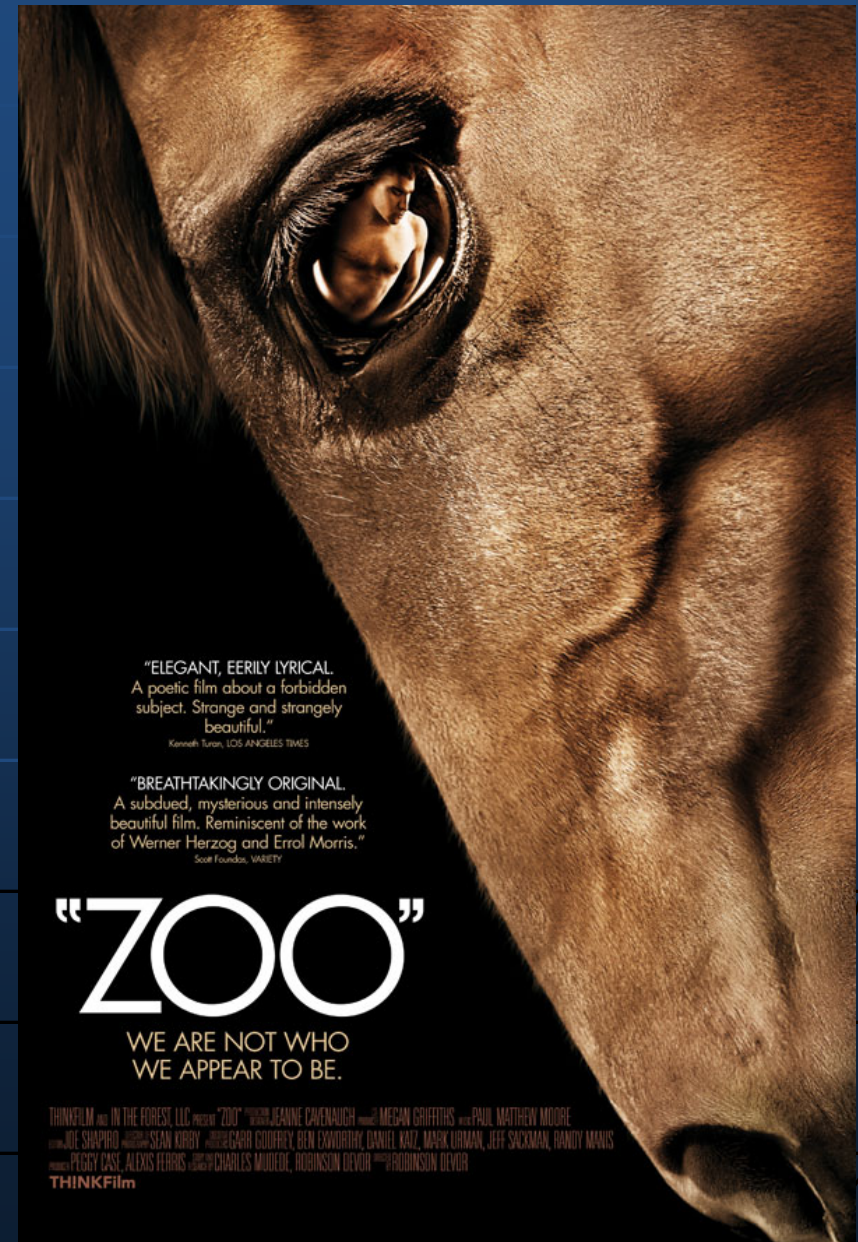
Reinforcement



Opportunity



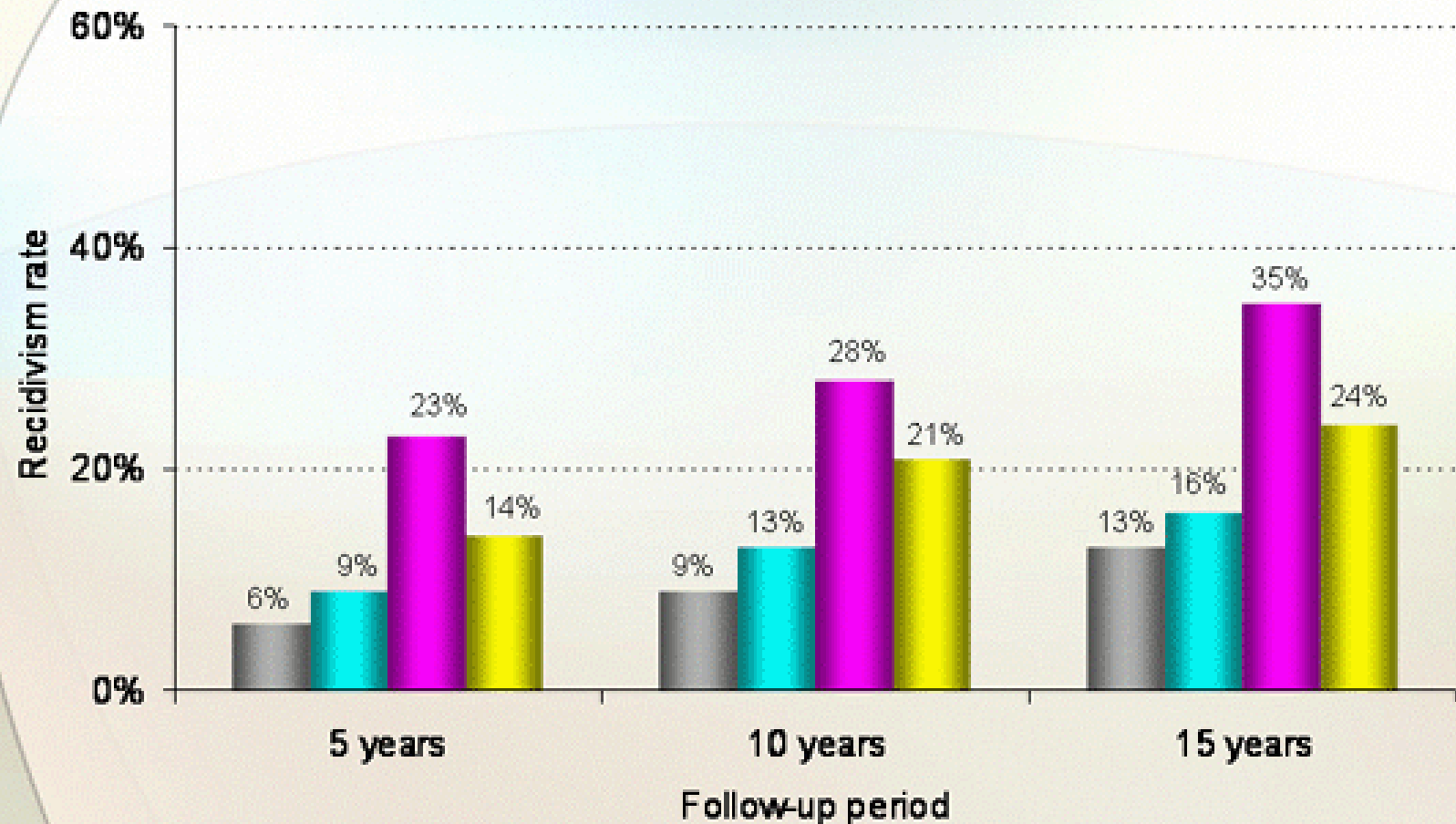
Inducement





**Risk
assessment**

Recidivism Rates by Type of Sex Offender



■ Incest offenders

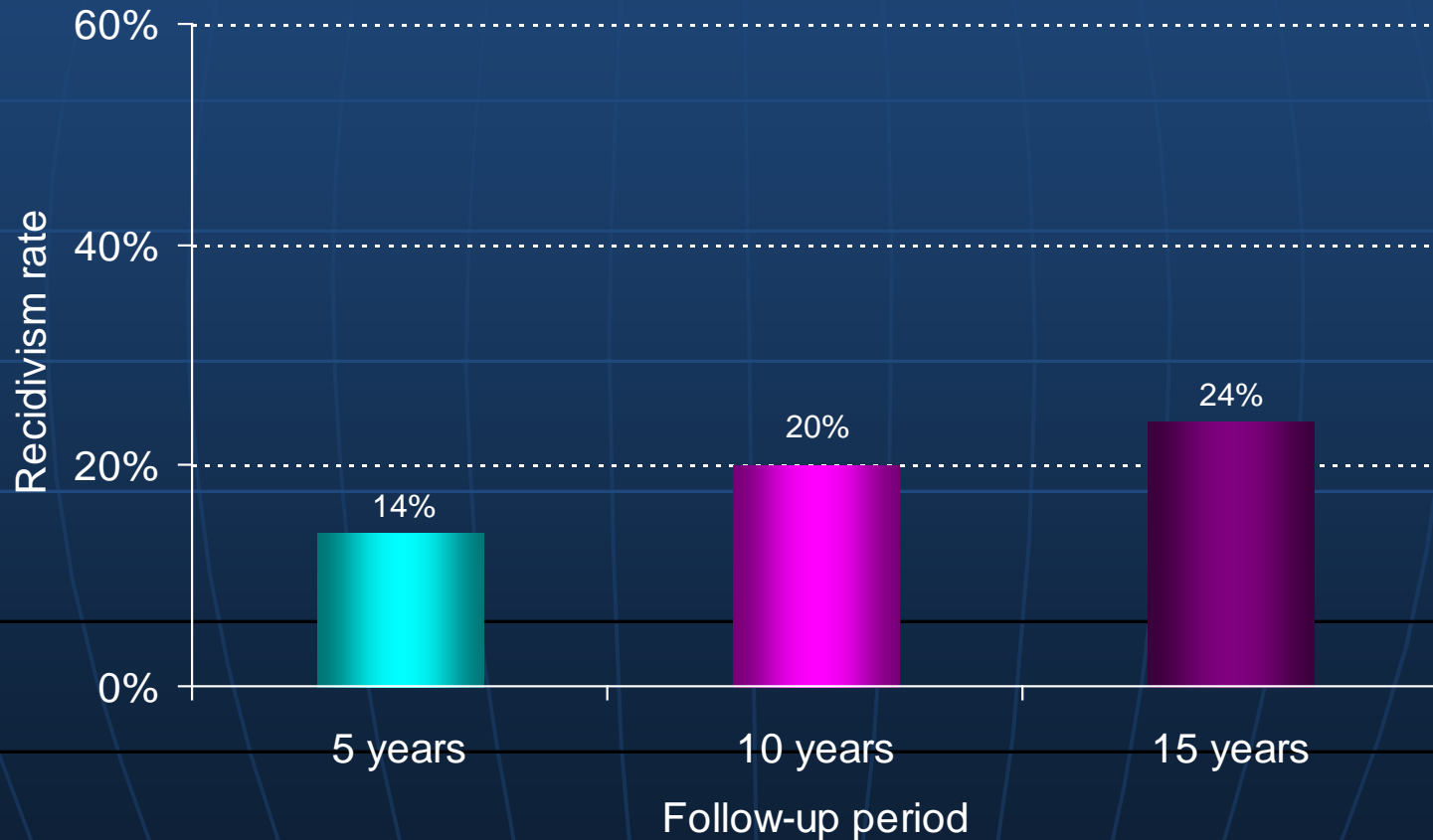
■ Extrafamilial molesters of girls

■ Extrafamilial molesters of boys

■ Rapists of adults

(Harris & Hanson, 2004)

(Proven) Recidivism Rates Over Time



(Harris & Hanson, 2004)

Predictors of Sexual Recidivism: An Updated Meta-Analysis

(Hanson & Morton-Bourgon, 2005)

Category	Type of Recidivism	
	Sexual	
Sexual Deviancy	.30	±.08
Antisocial Orientation	.23	±.04
Sexual Attitudes	.16	±.12
Intimacy Deficits	.15	±.11
Adverse Childhood Environment	.09	±.08
General Psychological Problems	.02	±.10
Clinical Presentation	-.02	±.09

General types of risk factors:

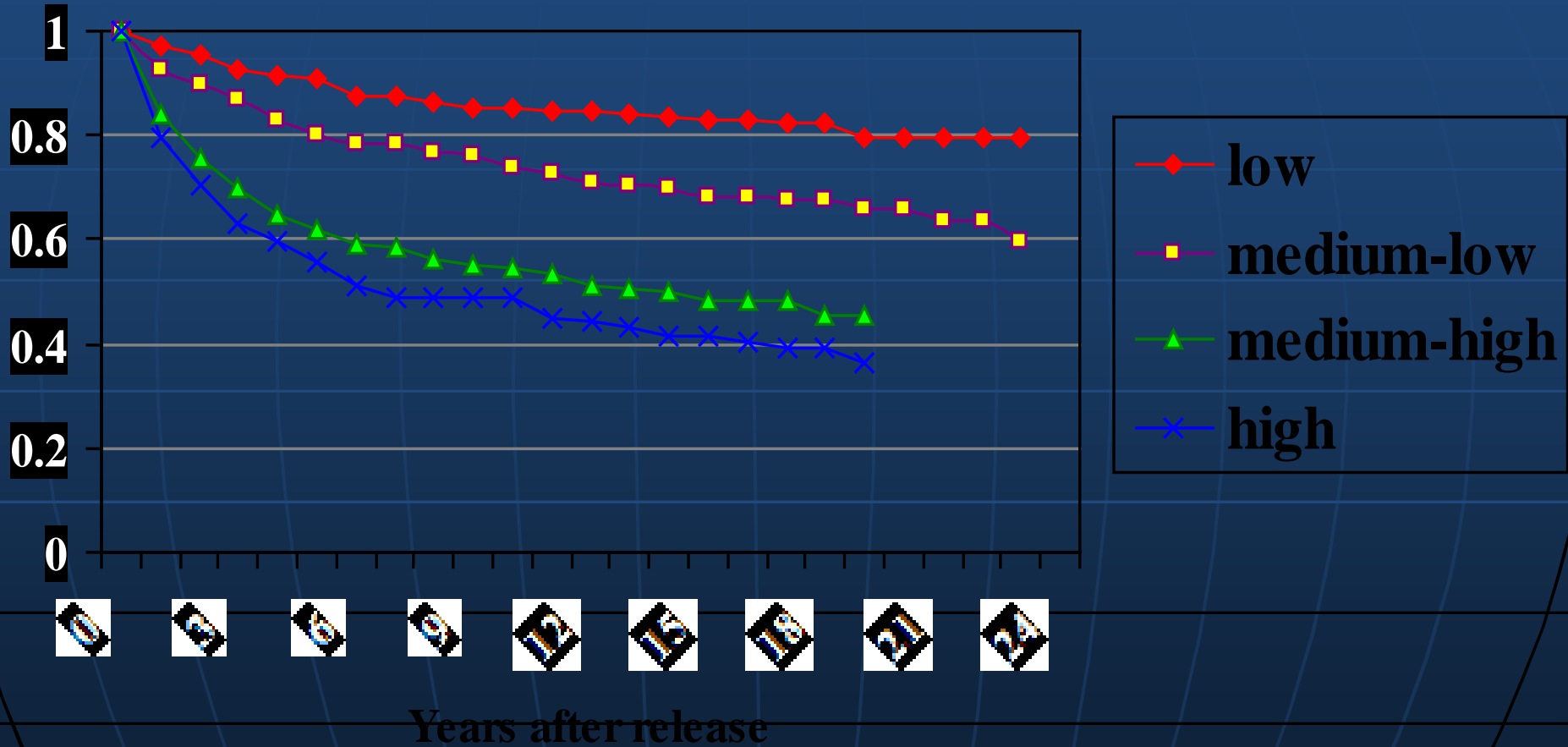
- Static or historical variables
 - Not subject to change
 - Generally do not improve but can be worse
- Dynamic variables
 - Subject to change (natural and therapeutic)
 - Targets for intervention (or management)

Static-99 (Hanson & Thornton, 2000)

■ 10 Items:

- Young Age
- Never lived with a lover > 2 yrs
- Index non-sexual violence convictions
- Prior non-sexual violence convictions
- Prior sex offences
- Prior sentencing dates
- Non-contact sex offence convictions
- Victims: Unrelated? Stranger? Male?

The relationship of Static-99 scores to sexual recidivism



The perils of risk assessment

**TRUE
POSITIVE**

**FALSE
POSITIVE**

**FALSE
NEGATIVE**

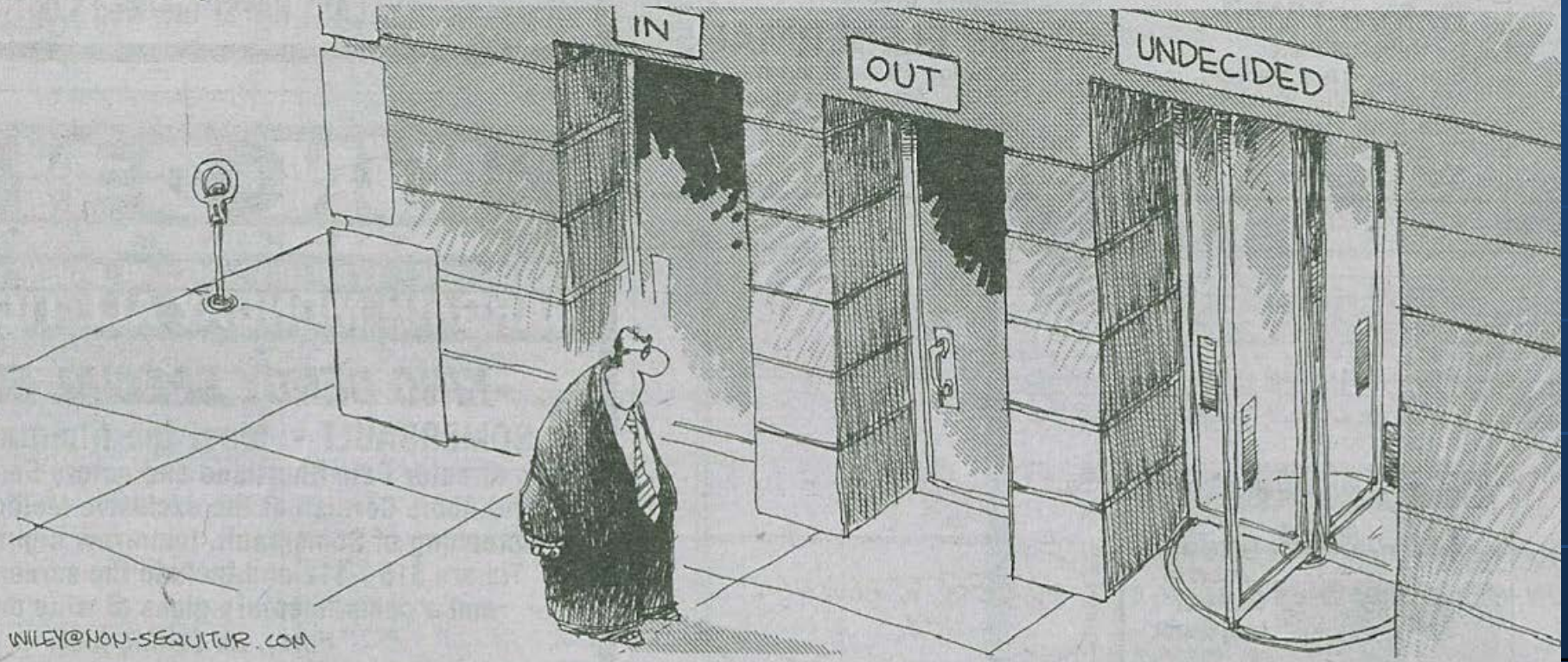
**TRUE
NEGATIVE**

Perils of risk assessment

- Circumstances (family law involvement)
- Substantiation ... conviction ... fact
- Limited or biased information
- Consideration of consequences
(strategy)

Summary

NON SEQUITUR





Legal responses

WELCOME TO

Arkansas
THE NATURAL STATE

HOME OF
PRESIDENT BILL CLINTON

IN COMPLIANCE WITH MEGAN'S
LAW, THE ABOVE IS A KNOWN
SEX OFFENDER.



CLINTON, WILLIAM DCLINTON, WILLIAM ENERRE

Last Known Address:	222 RENDON AVE STOCKTON, 95205		
County:	SAN JOAQUIN		
Zip Code	95205		
Date of Birth:	11-12-1946		
Sex:	MALE		
Height:	6'1"		
Weight:	240		
Eye Color:	BROWN		
Hair Color:	BLACK		
Ethnicity:	BLACK		
Offense Code	Description		
288	CRIMES AGAINST CHILDREN/LEWD OR LASCIVIOUS		
311.3(b)(5)	SEX EXPLOIT MINOR/EXHIBIT GENITALS		



California Sex Offender Locator Map

Search By:

Name

Address

City

ZIP Code

County

Parks

Schools



Online
Help

Drag Zoom Click to Center Offender Information



Offender Name Search

Use search options on the right to complete a search

Enter Last Name

Enter First Name

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Click the blue squares
on the map to see



Version No. 001

Serious Sex Offenders (Detention and Supervision) Act 2009

No. 91 of 2009

Version as at 1 January 2010

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ASSESSMENT

- **Comprehensive clinical assessment**
esp addictions, gambling, compulsive behaviours
- **Psychosexual history**
specific cognitive distortions
- **Personality assessment**
- **?physiological measures**
- **Risk factors / level**

Treatment



TREATMENT

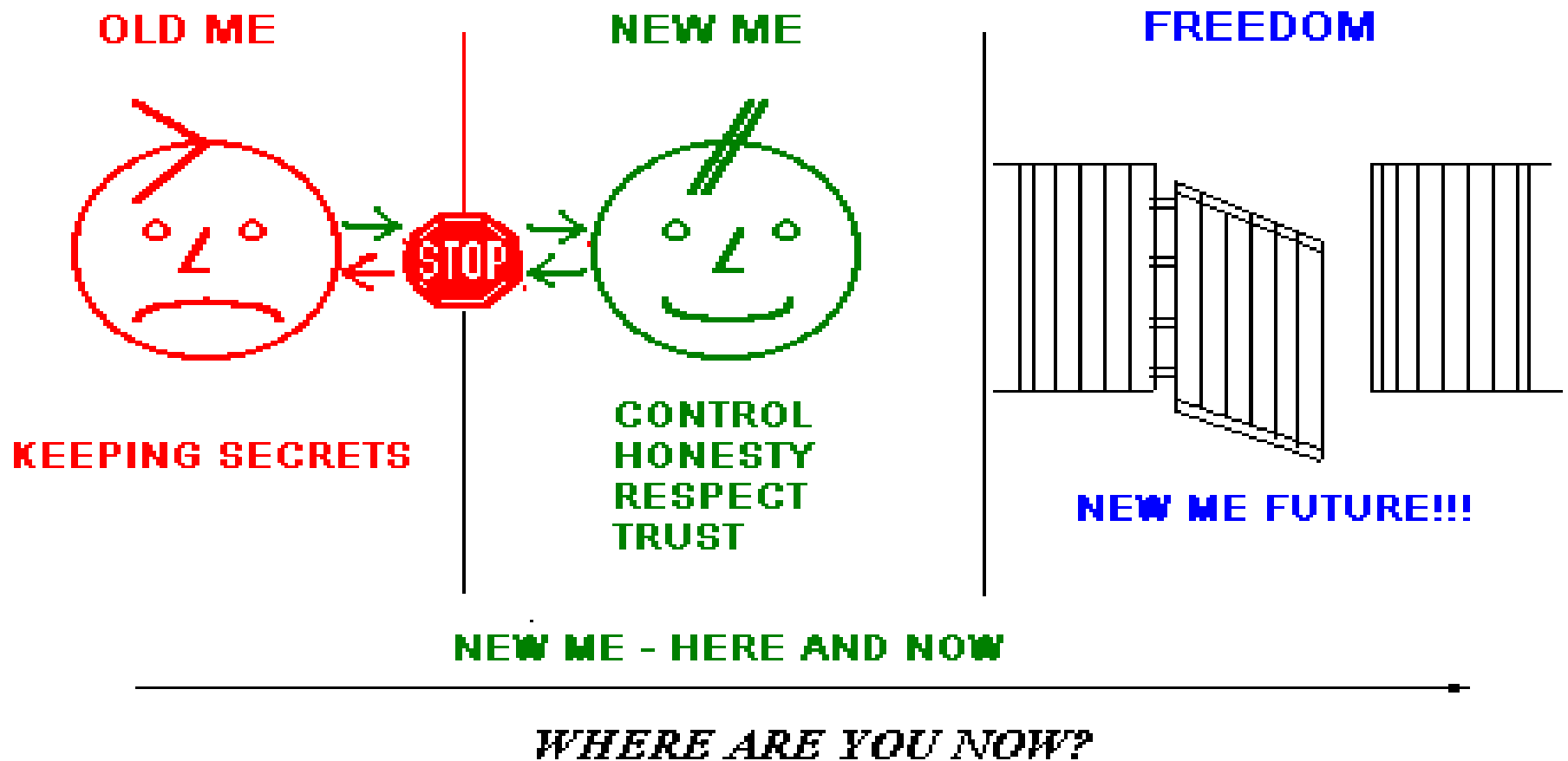
- **CBT framework**
fantasy control, affect regulation, interpersonal problems, cognitive distortions, victim empathy
- **Responsivity factors**
- **Comorbid disorders**
- **Role of medication**
 - SSRI
 - Antipsychotics
 - Anti-libidinal medications
- **Environment, social interventions**

Treatment in Victoria

- **SABTS** (*Sexual Abusive Behaviour Treatment Services*)
- **MAPPS** (*Male Adolescent Program for Positive Sexuality*)
- **SOP** (*Sex Offender Program*)
 - Modular Management and Intervention Program
 - Skills Based Intervention Program
- **DFATS** (*Disability Forensic Assessment & Treatment Services*)
- **CFMHS** (*Community Forensic Mental Health Service, Forensicare*)
- **Private providers**

Intellectually Disabled S.O.s

Old me – new me model



Biological treatments

Castration

(antipsychotic drugs)

SSRIs

Medroxyprogesterone

Cyproterone

LHRH agonists

Issues:

compliance

consent

adverse effects



Controversies

Does it work?

Group vs individual

Custody vs community settings

Dosing of treatment

Anti-libidinal medications

Specific populations

Connections between services

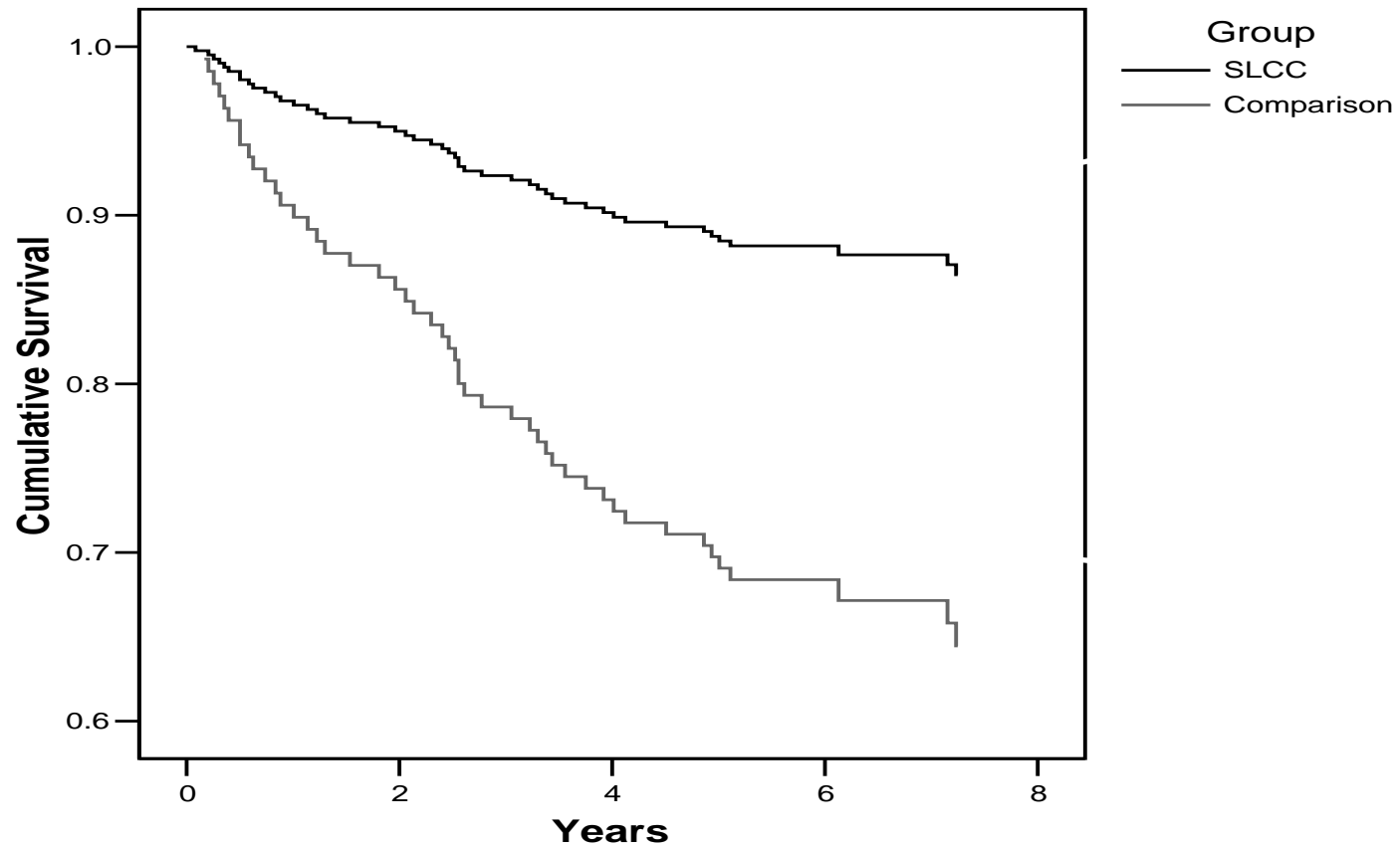
Treating deniers

'Low risk populations'

Preventive treatment

Example Survival Curves

Sexual



Reoffence Rates of Treated Sexual Offenders

	Treated Offenders	Untreated Offenders
Kingston SBC		
- child molesters	8.0	18.0
- exhibitionists	12.0	24.0
Kingston Penitentiary		
- mixed group	11.0	35.0
Minnesota		
- child molesters	8.6	20.8
- rapists	14.5	27.3
Saskatchewan		
- child molesters	9.5	14.6 (both)
- rapists	5	
New Zealand		
- child molesters	3.2	20
Forensicare	9.0	?

Overall findings

- Validated, evidence based programs, obtain treatment effects that reduce re-offending by up to 30%

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