



KING COUNTY COMMERCIAL SEXUAL EXPLOITATION CASES

THE DATA BEHIND THE CHARGES

2020 Update

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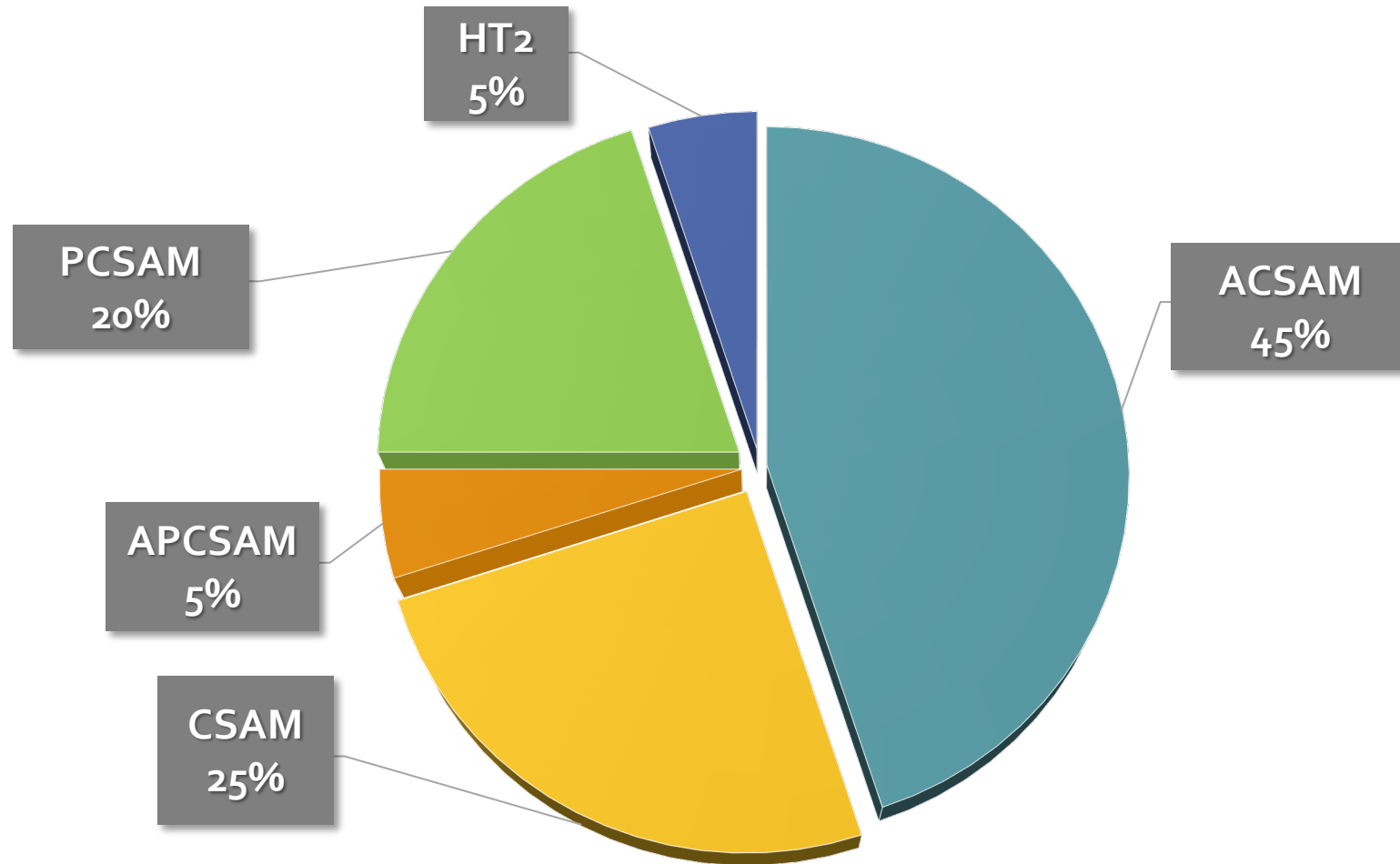
Commercial Sexual Exploitation of Children (CSEC)

2020



2020 CSEC CHARGES

(N=40 CHARGES)



CSAM - Commercial Sexual Abuse of a Minor.

ACSAM – Attempted Commercial Sexual Abuse of a Minor.

PCSAM –Promoting Commercial Sexual Abuse of a Minor.

APCSAM – Attempted Promoting Commercial Sexual Abuse of a Minor.

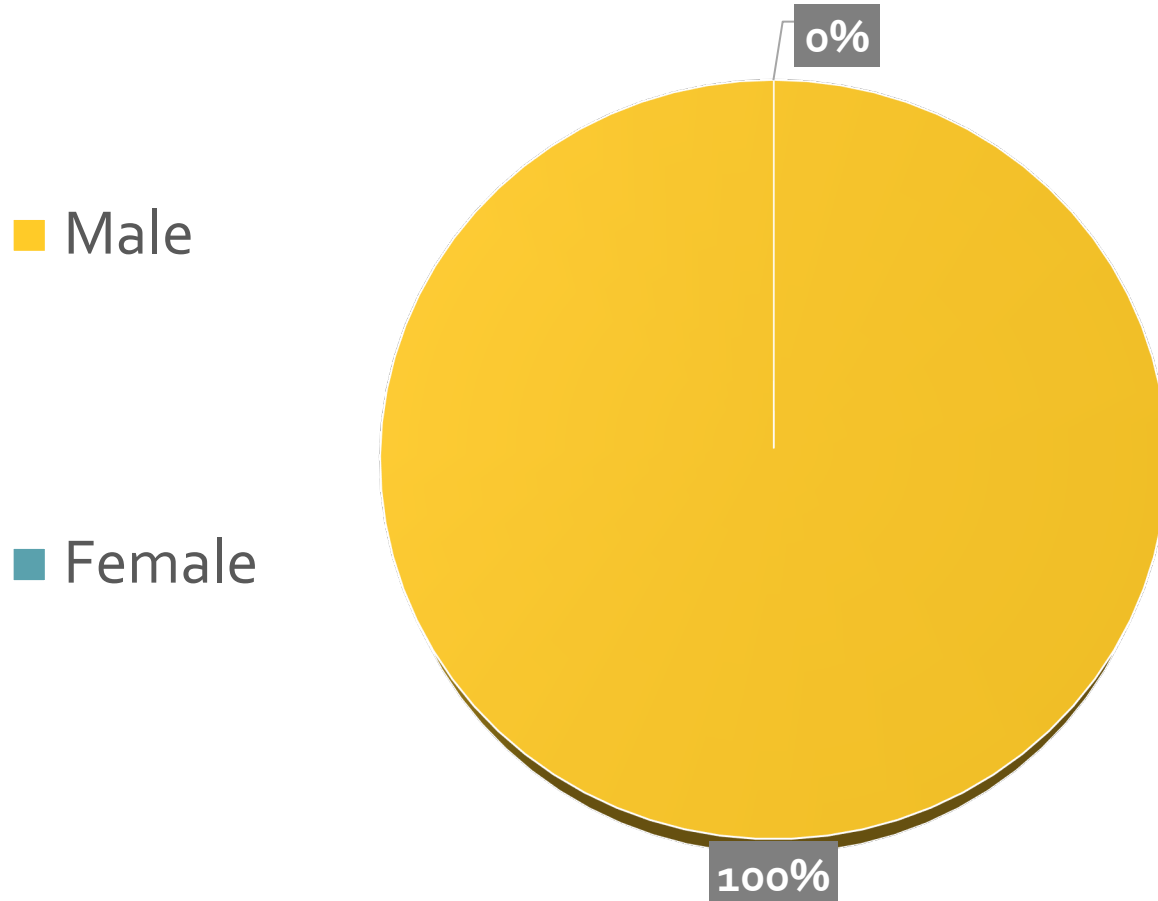
HT2 – Human Trafficking in the 2nd Degree (involving minors).



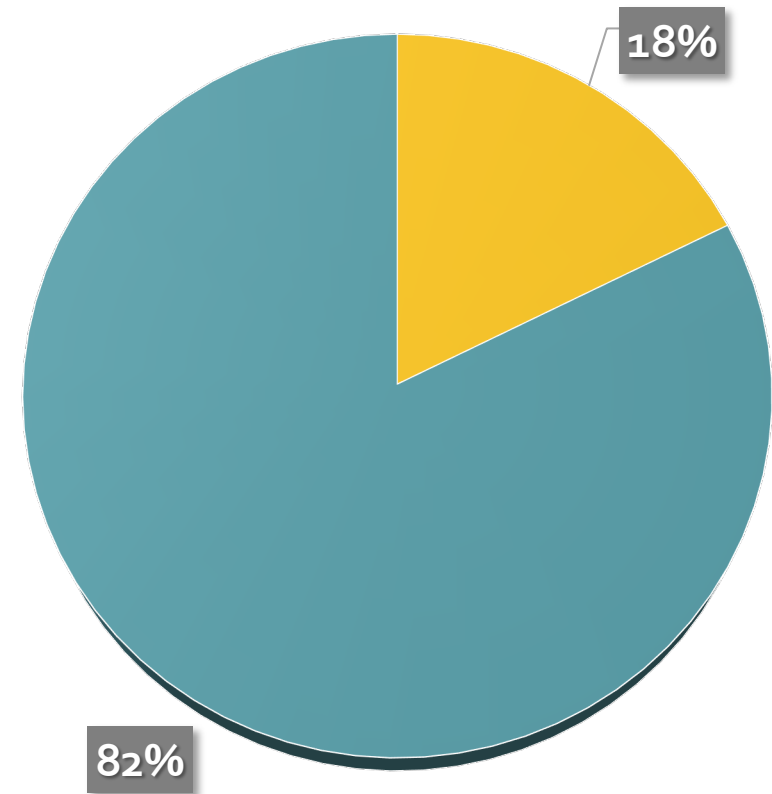
2020 CSEC GENDER BREAKDOWN

(N=40 CHARGES)

DEFENDANT GENDER



VICTIM GENDER

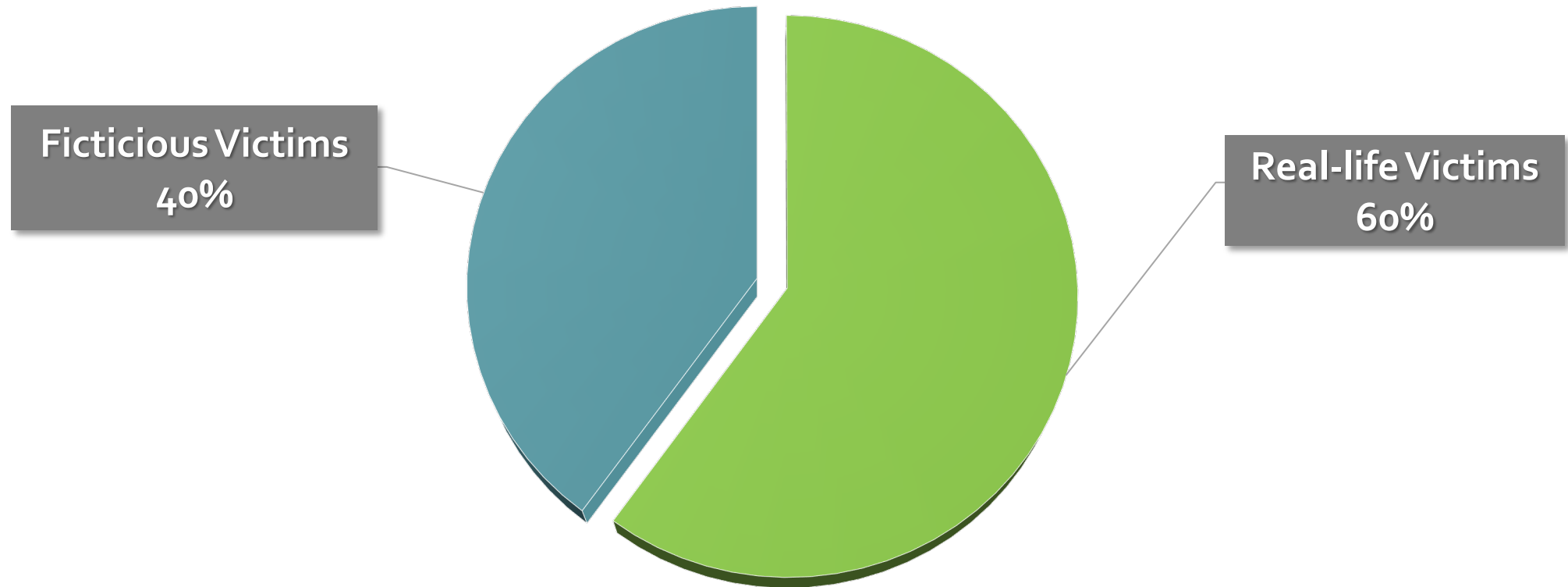


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2020 MALE VICTIMS IN CSEC CASES

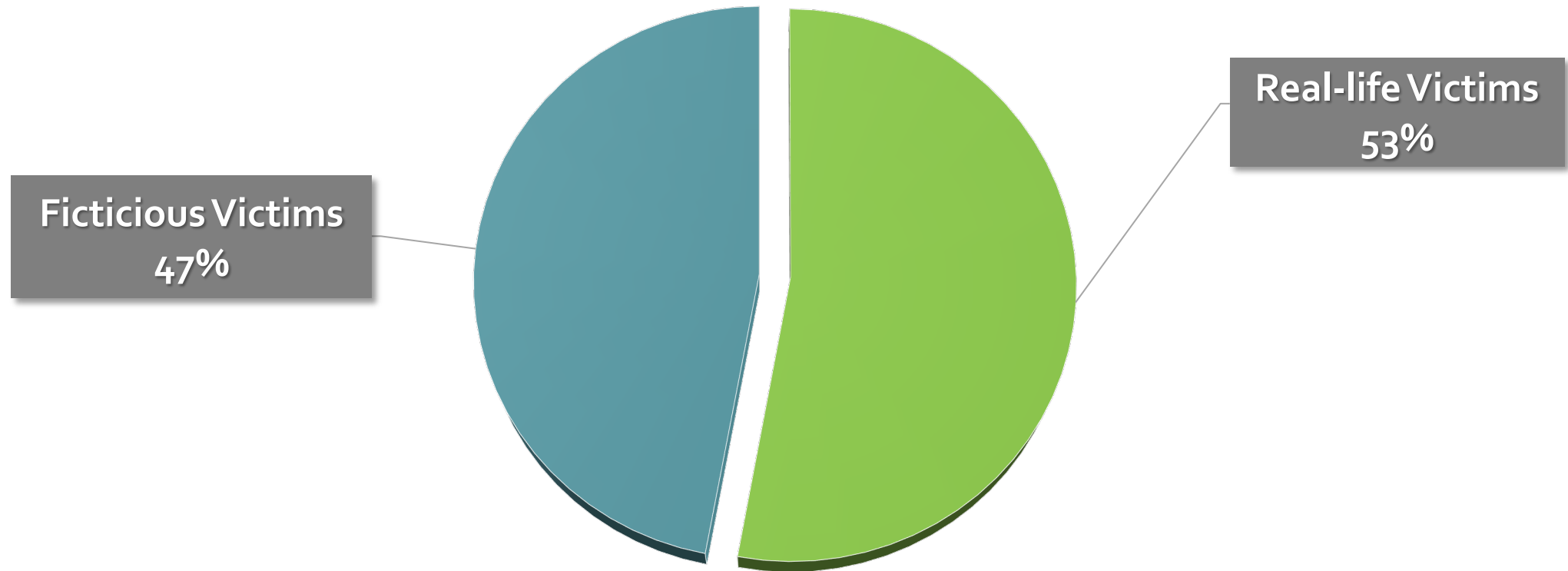
(N=5 VICTIMS)





2020 FEMALE VICTIMS IN CSEC CASES

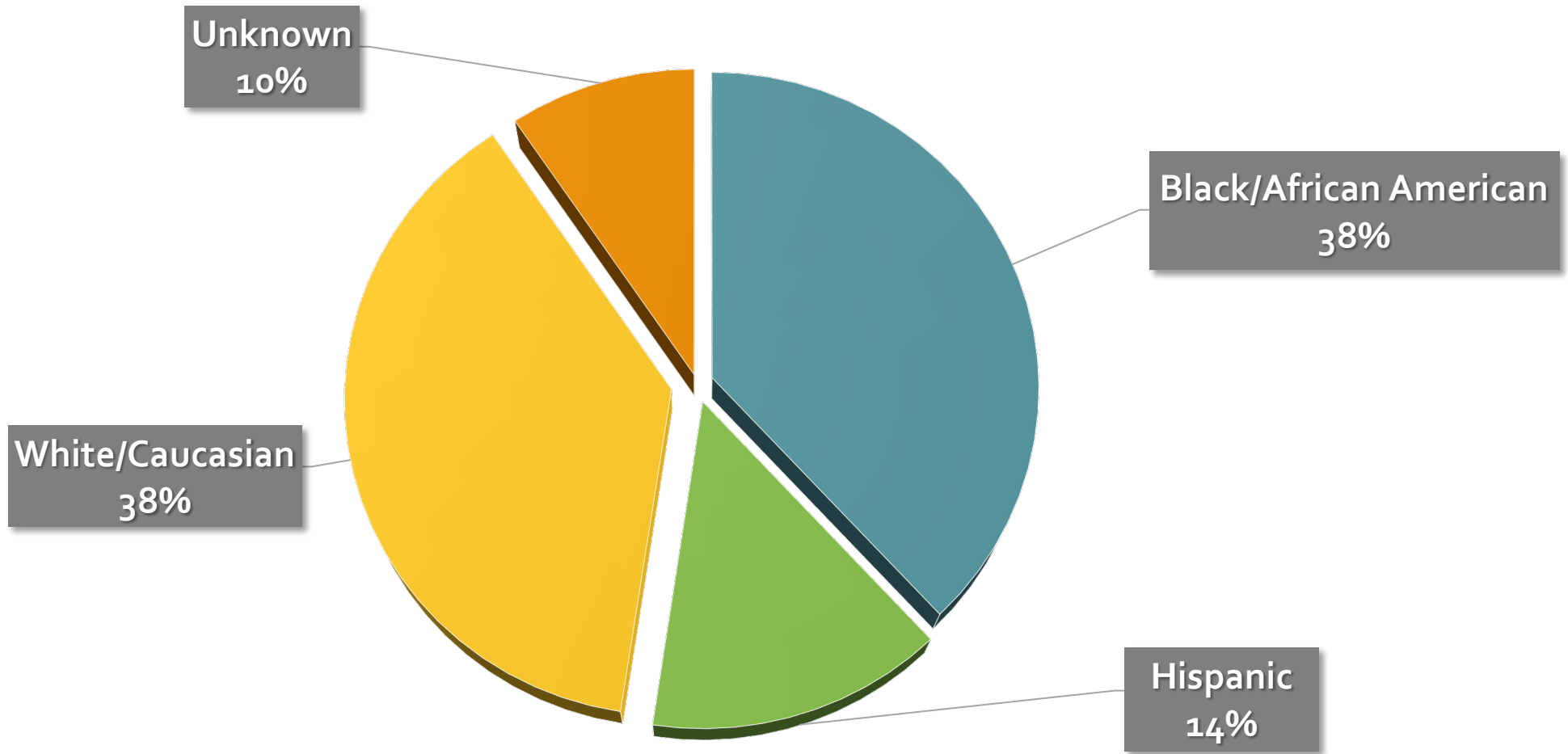
(N=34 VICTIMS)





2020 CSEC VICTIM RACE

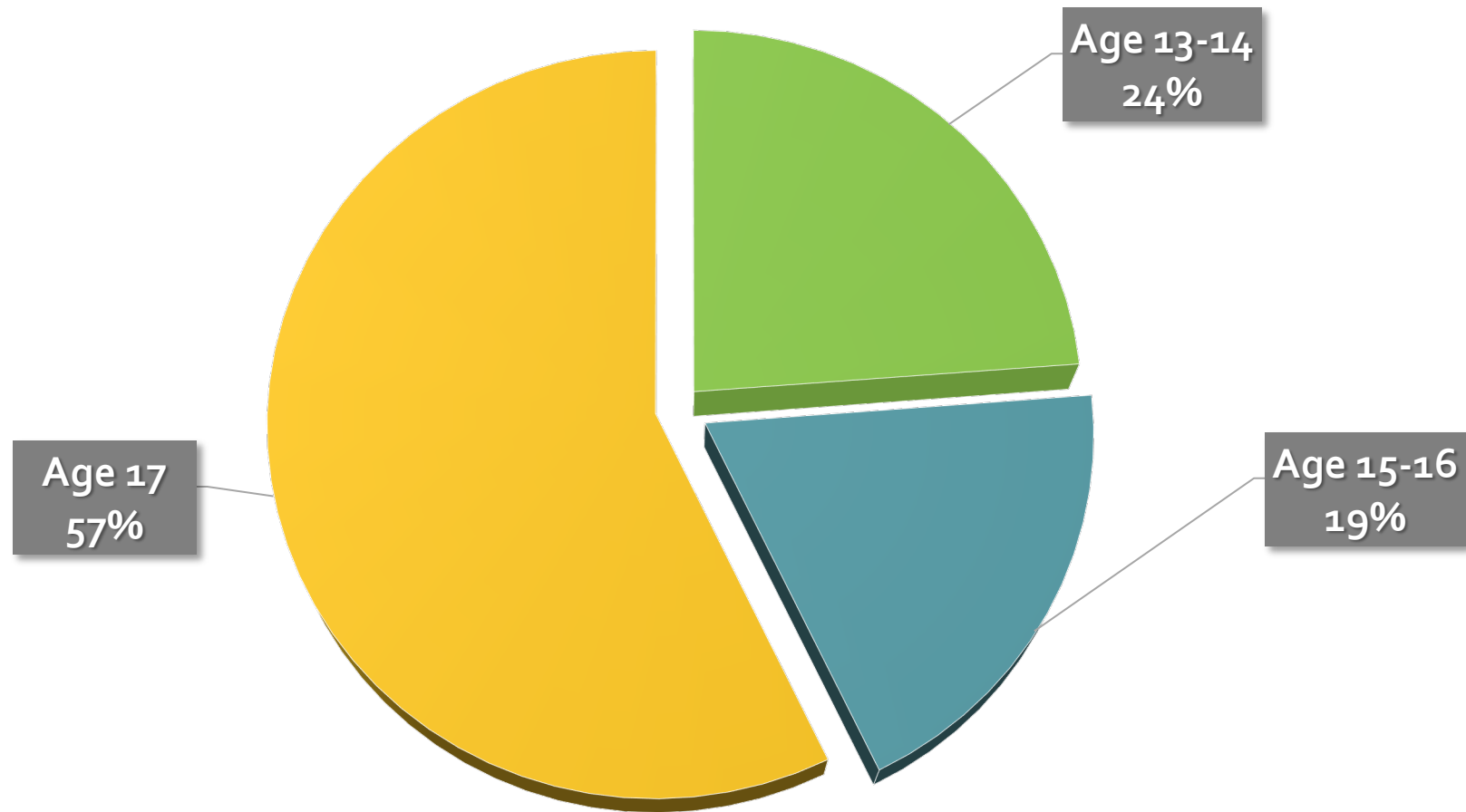
(N=21 REAL-LIFE VICTIMS)





2020 CSEC VICTIM AGE

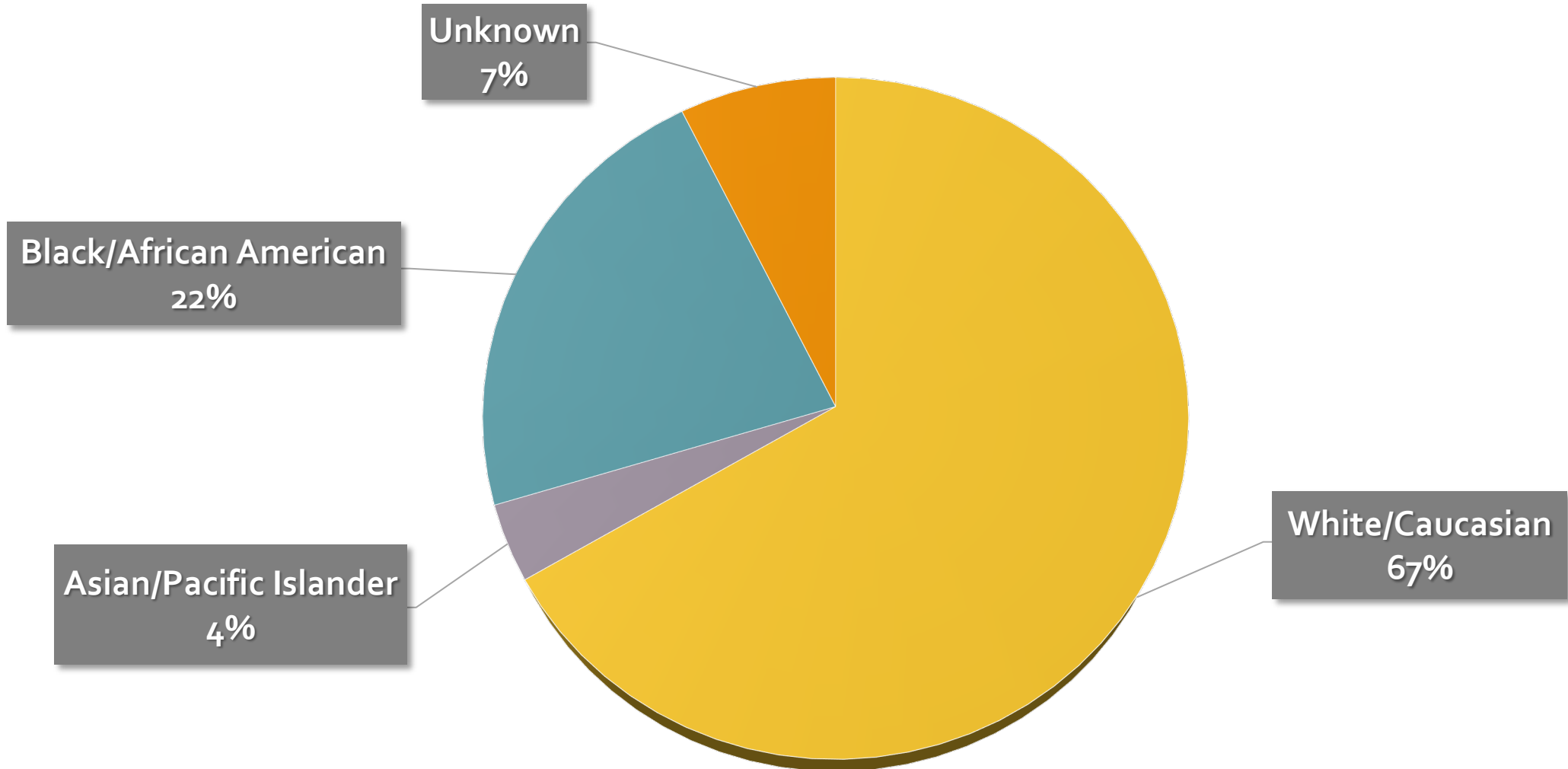
(N=21 REAL-LIFE VICTIMS)





2020 DEFENDANTS CHARGED WITH CSAM

(N=27)

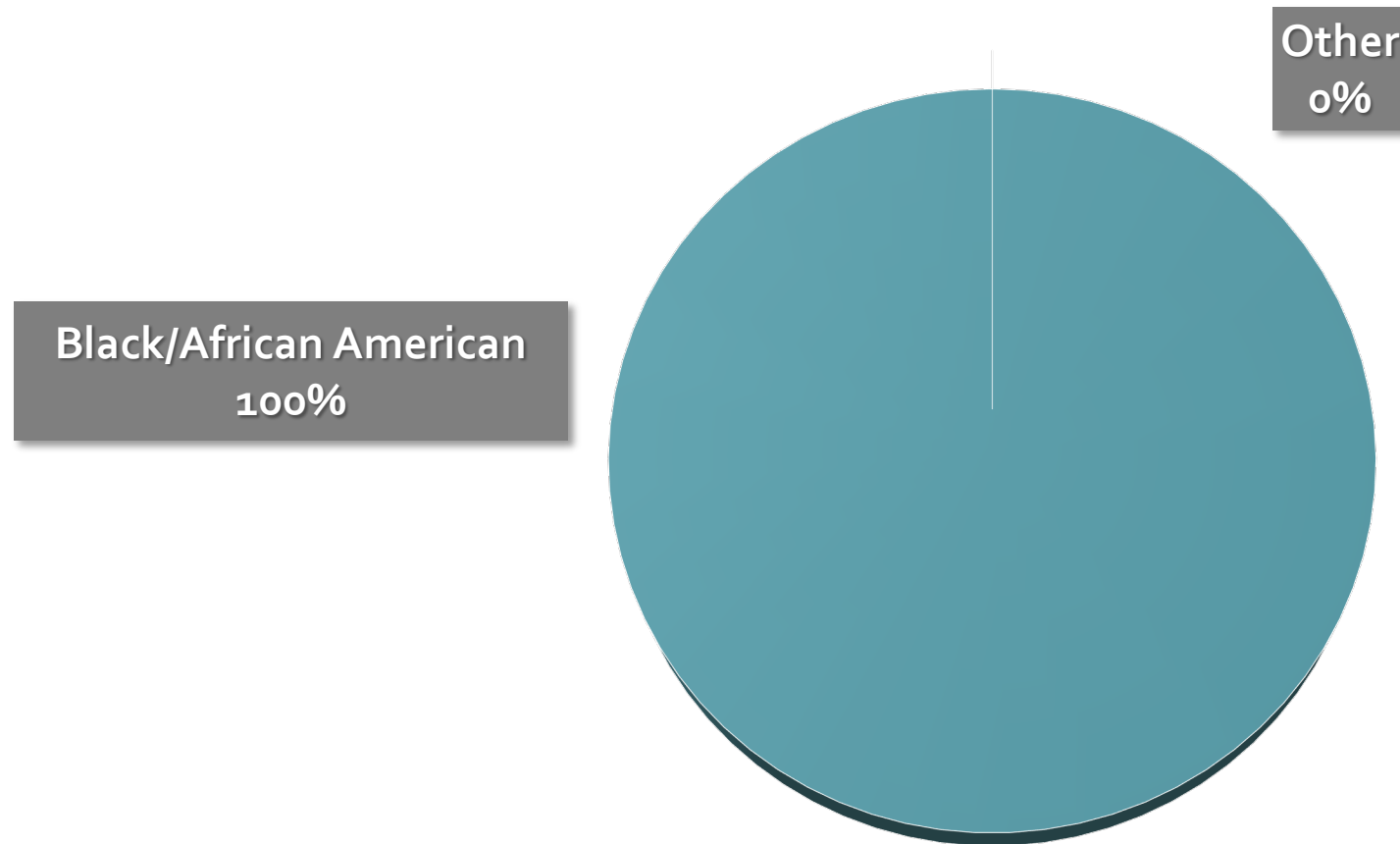


*Data representative of Commercial Sexual Abuse of a Minor (CSAM) and Attempted Commercial Sexual Abuse of a Minor (ACSAM) charges.



2020 DEFENDANTS CHARGED WITH TRAFFICKING (SELLING) MINORS

(N=7)

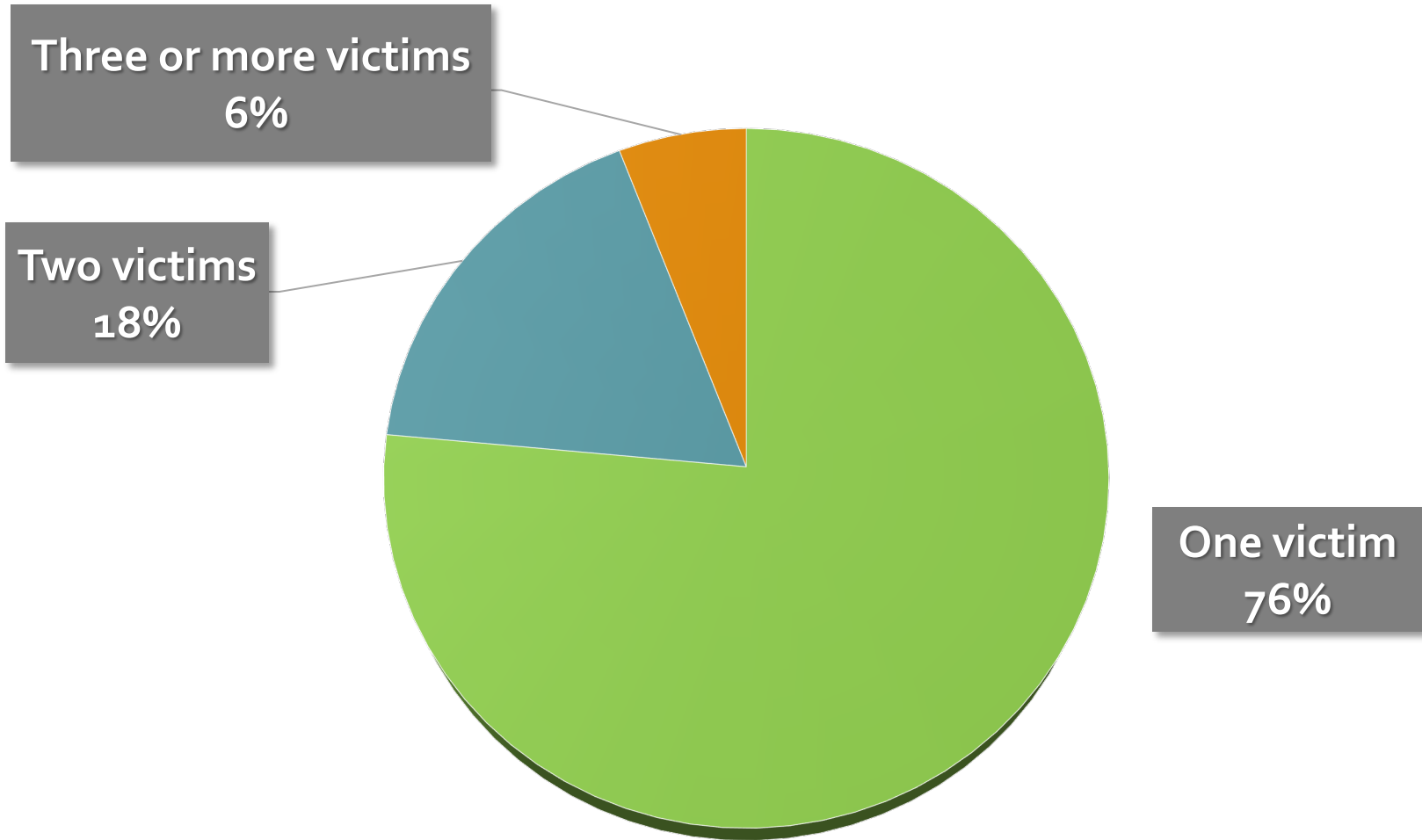


*Data representative of Promoting Commercial Sexual Abuse of a Minor (PCSAM) charges and Human Trafficking in the 2nd Degree (HT2) charges.



2020 CSEC CASES WITH MORE THAN ONE VICTIM

(N=17)





CSEC DEFENDANTS WITH OTHER CHARGES IN 2020

N=18

42% of defendants charged with CSAM or PCSAM face additional child sexual exploitation charges. Of those charges:

- 27% were Communication with a Minor for Immoral Purposes
- 18% concerned Rape of a Child
- 15% were Possession or Dealing of Depictions of a Minor Engaged in Sexually Explicit Conduct
- 12% concerned Child Molestation
- 6% were Sexual Exploitation of a Minor charges



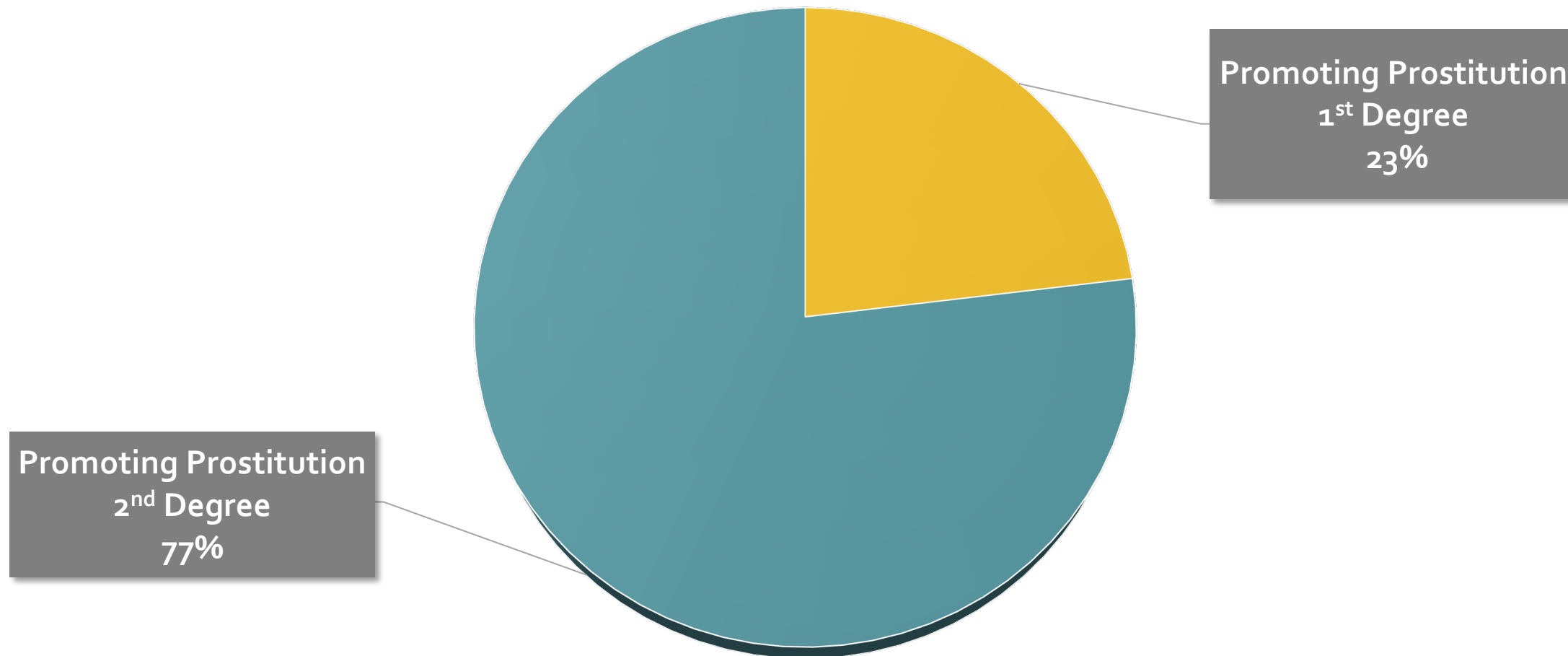
Commercial Sexual Exploitation of Adults (CSE)

2020



2020 ADULT CSE CHARGES

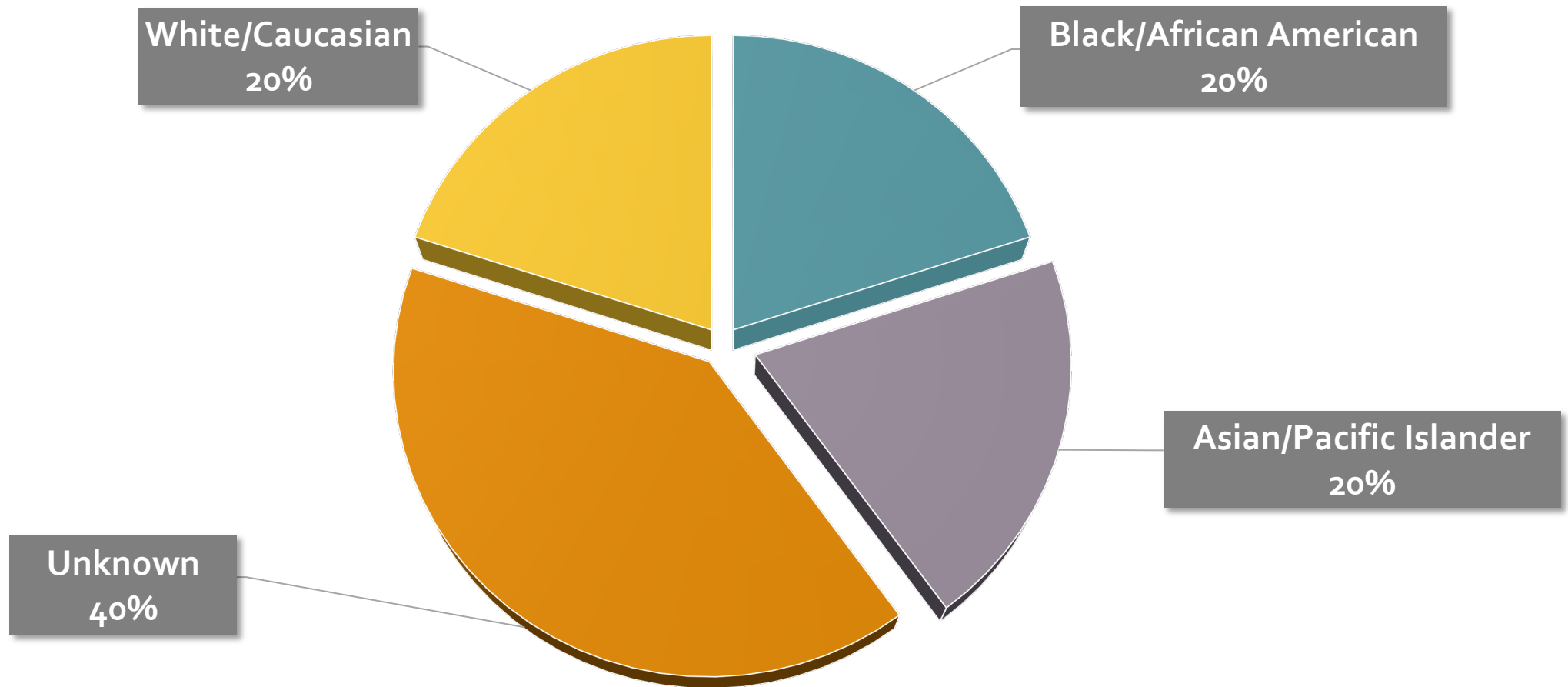
(N=13)





2020 ADULT CSE VICTIM RACE

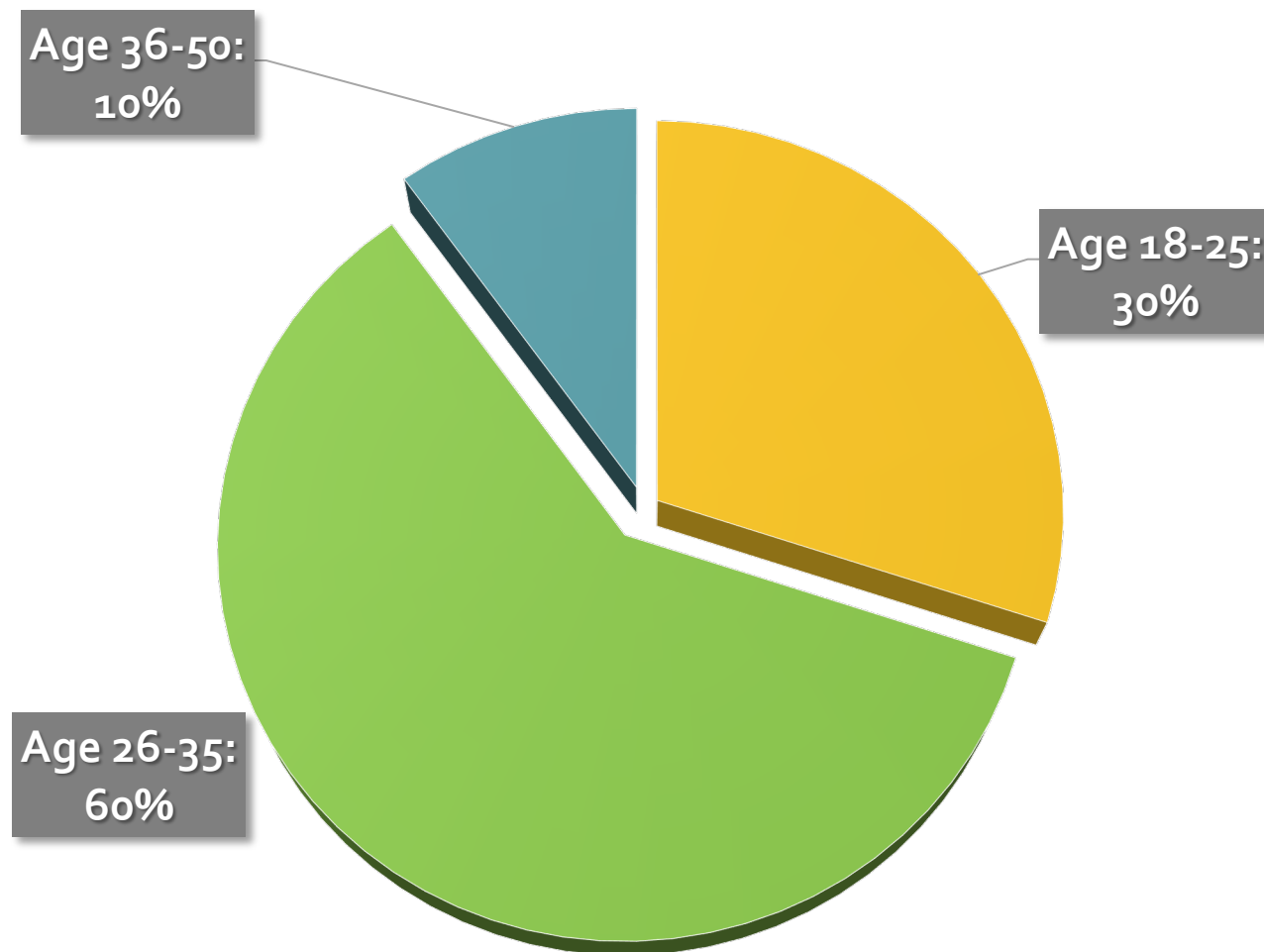
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2020 ADULT CSE VICTIM AGE

(N=10 REAL-LIFE VICTIMS)

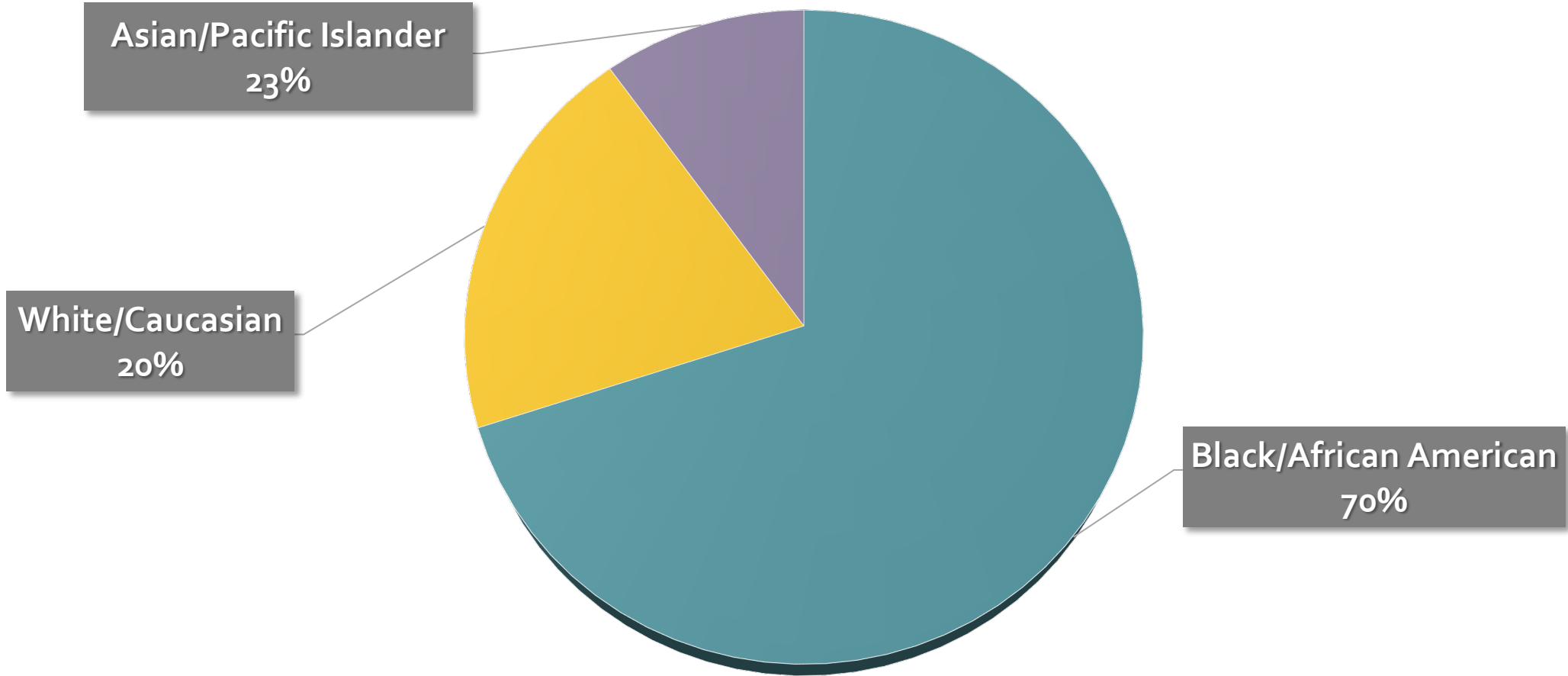


* Although legally 18 is considered the age of majority, King County service providers still serve "youth" aged 18-2 years old.



2020 DEFENDANTS CHARGED WITH TRAFFICKING/PROMOTING ADULTS

(N=8)



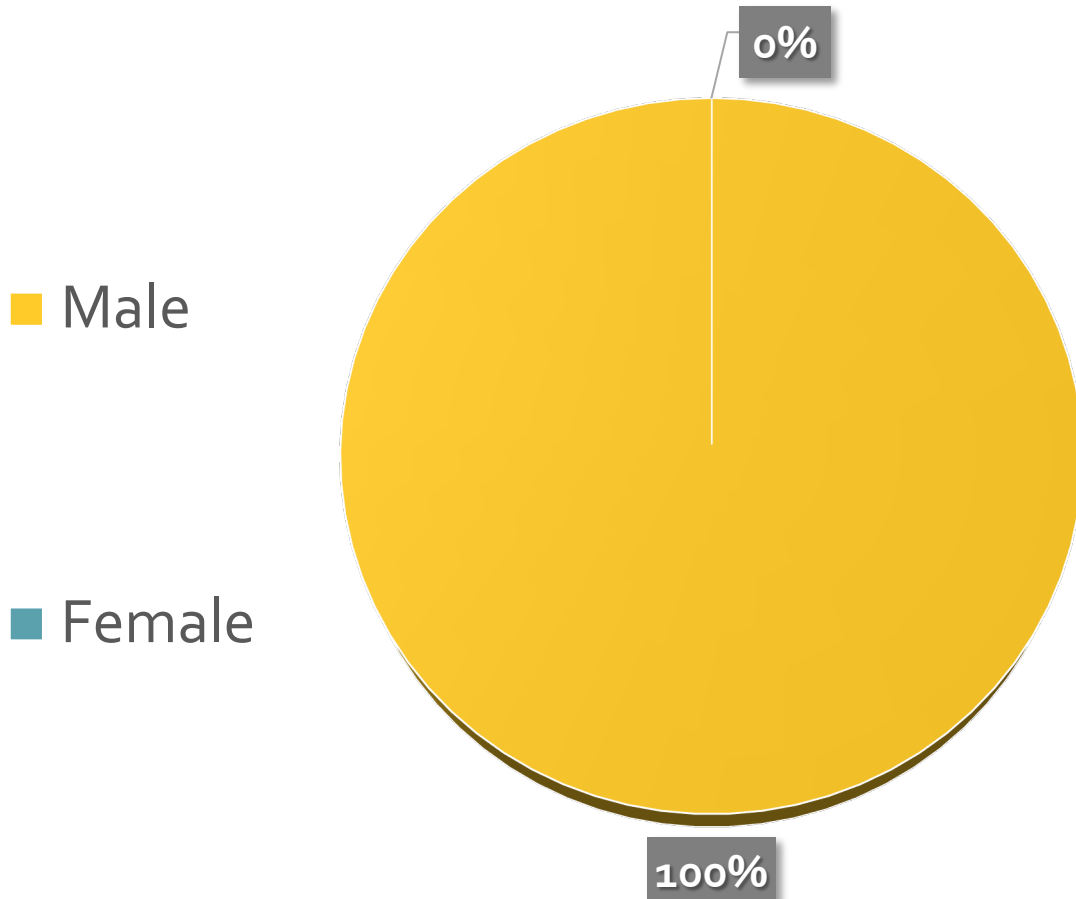
*Data representative of Promoting Prostitution in the First Degree and Second Degree (PP1 and PP2) and Human Trafficking in the Second Degree (HT2) charges.

** Two defendants also charged with CSAM crimes in addition to CSE crimes are included in this sample.

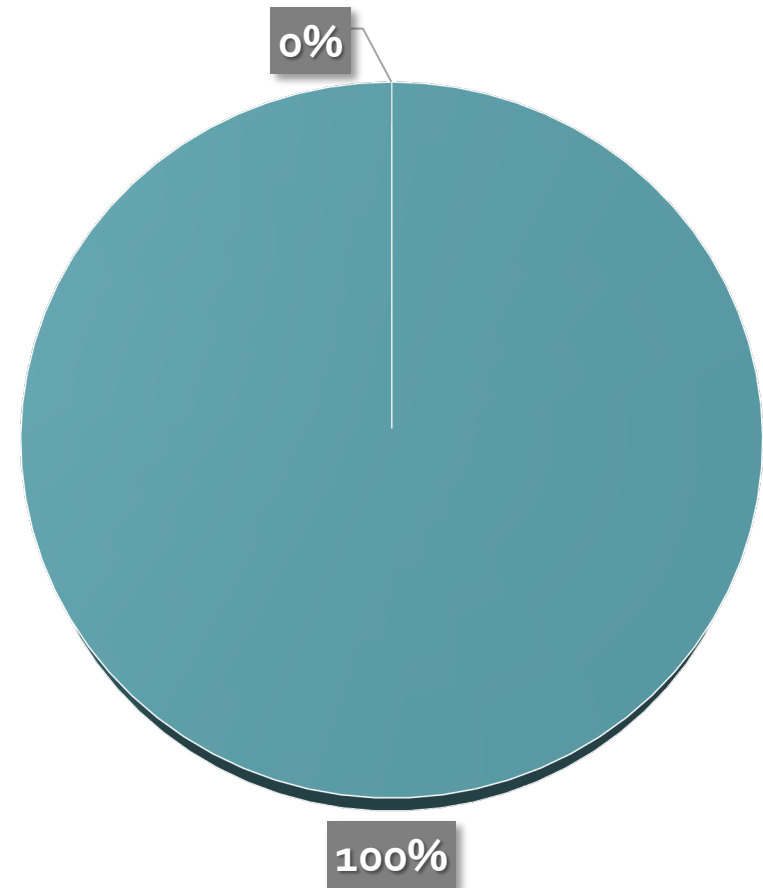


2020 ADULT CSE GENDER BREAKDOWN

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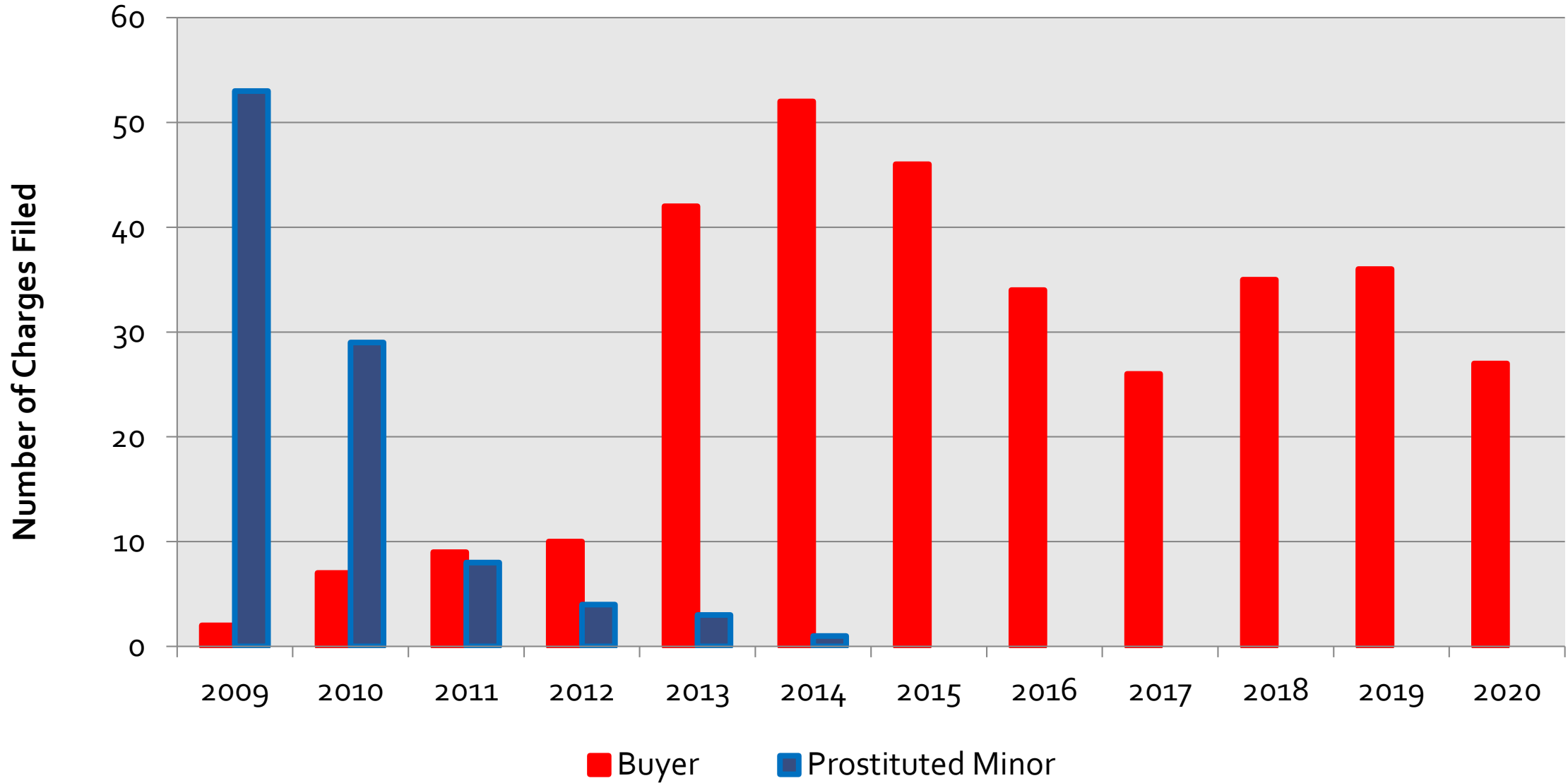


Commercial Sexual Exploitation of Children (CSEC)

2013 – 2020

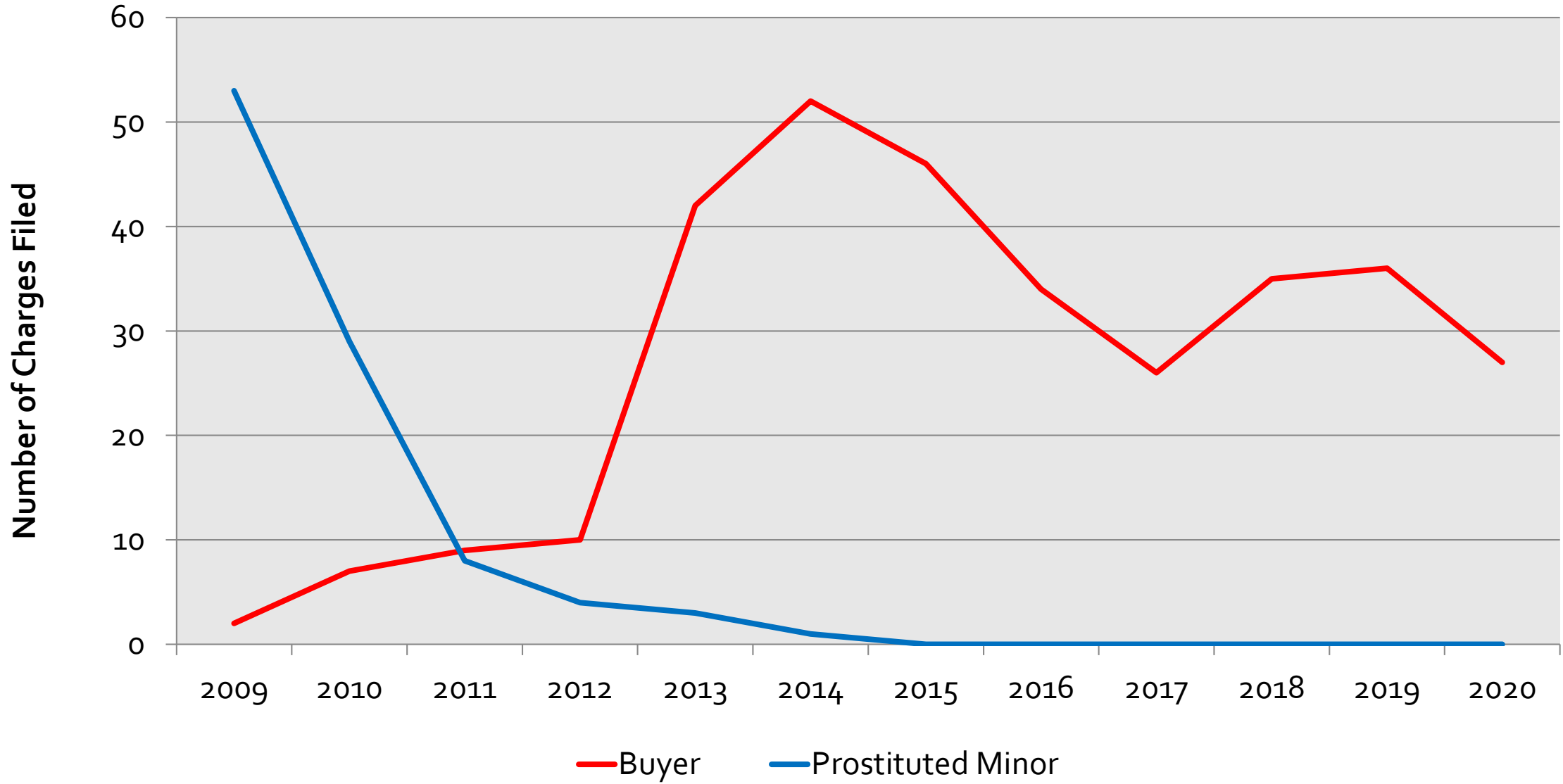


Minors Charged With Prostitution vs. Men Trying To Buy Sex From Minors



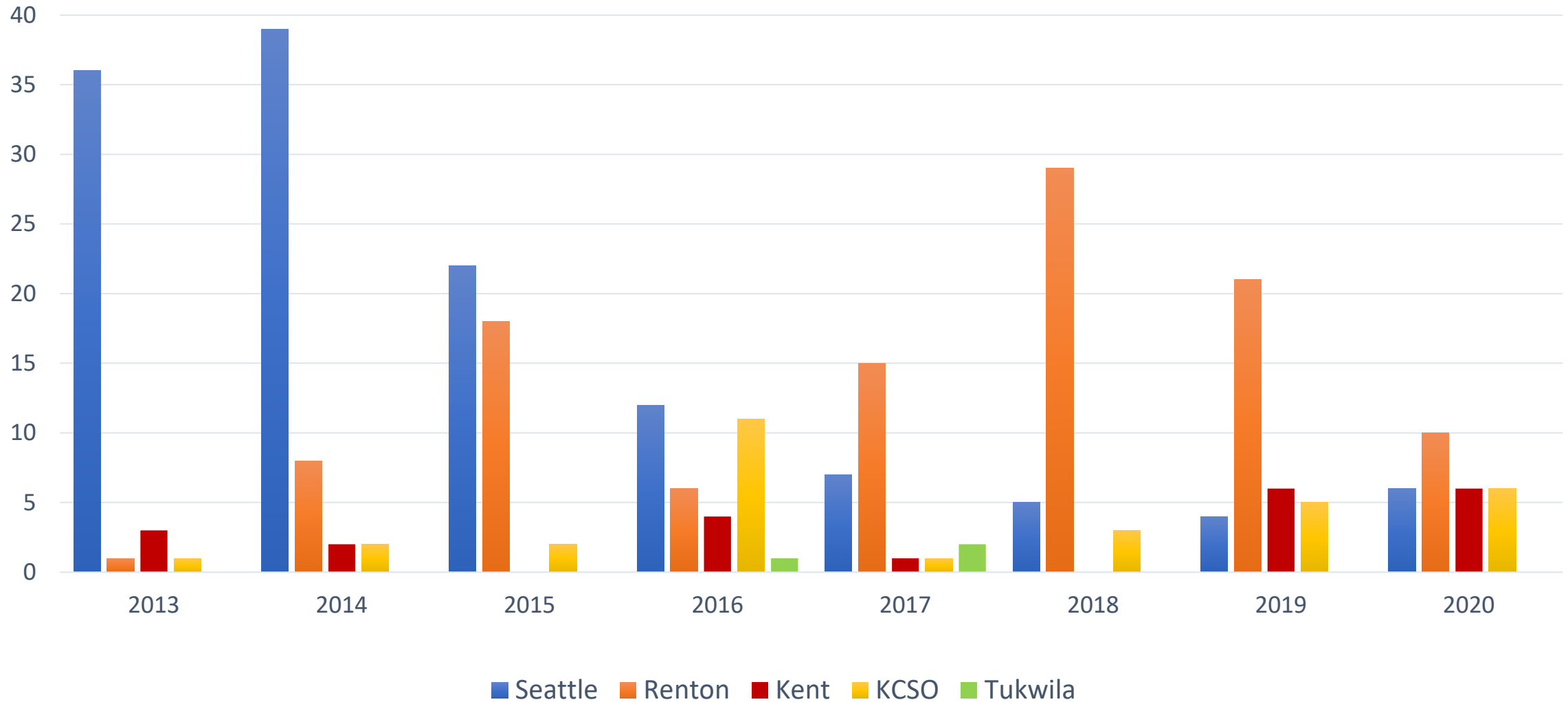


Minors Charged With Prostitution vs. Men Trying To Buy Sex From Minors





CSAM Cases by Police Agency 2013-2020

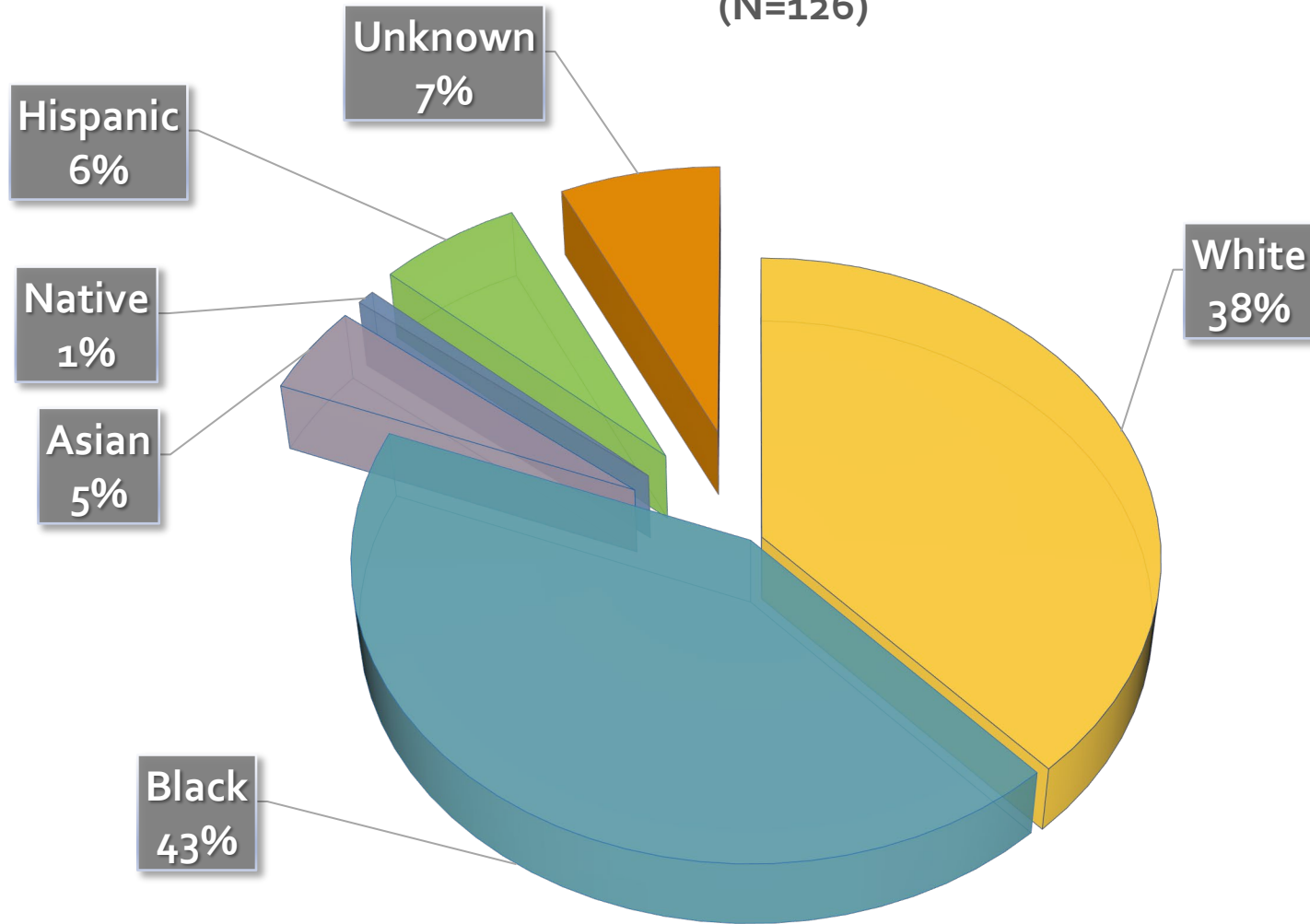


*Data representative of agencies with the highest total case volume over the 2013 – 2020 period. Other agencies have had CSAM cases during this time frame.



CSEC VICTIMS BY RACE: 2011-2020

(N=126)

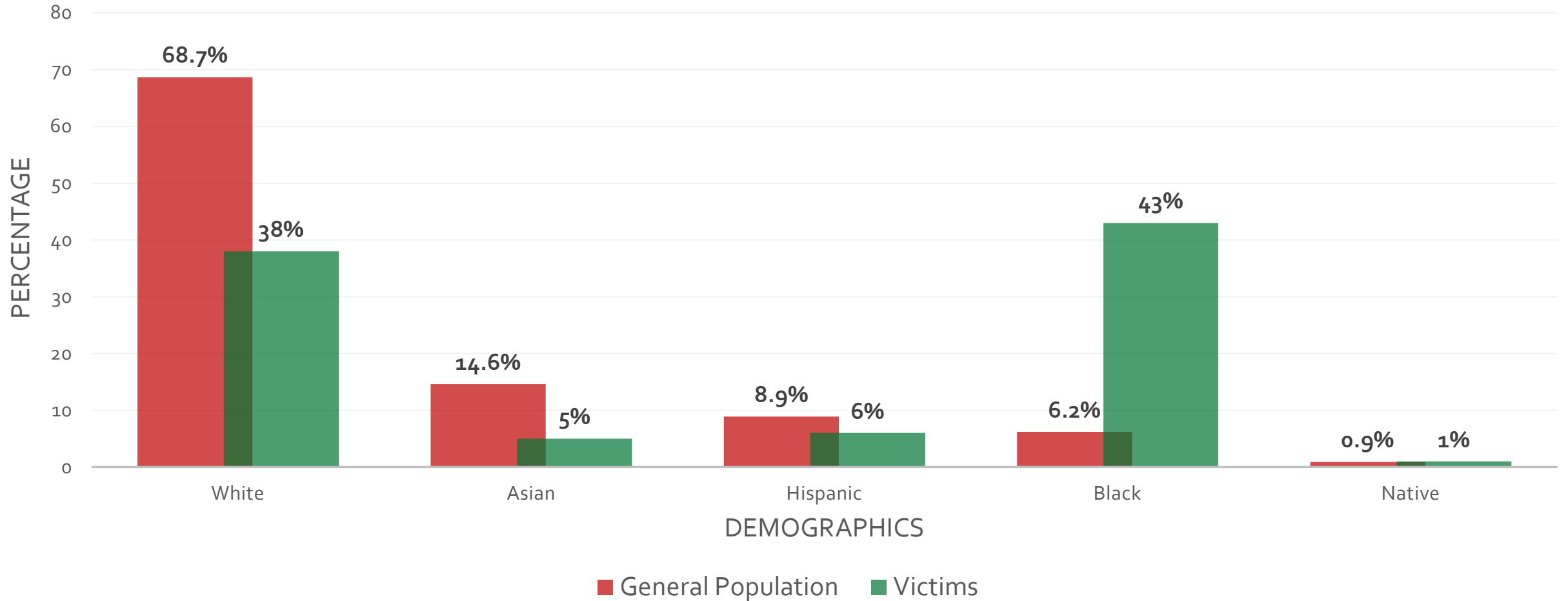


*CSEC = Charges include Commercial Sexual Abuse of a Minor (CSAM), Attempted Commercial Sexual Abuse of a Minor (ACSAM), Promoting the Commercial Sexual Abuse of a Minor (PCSAM), and Human Trafficking in the 2nd Degree (HT₂).



Comparing Race of Minor-CSEC Victims to General Population of King County 2011-2020

(N=126)



*KCPAO data from 2011-2020 compared to 2010 census data for King County.

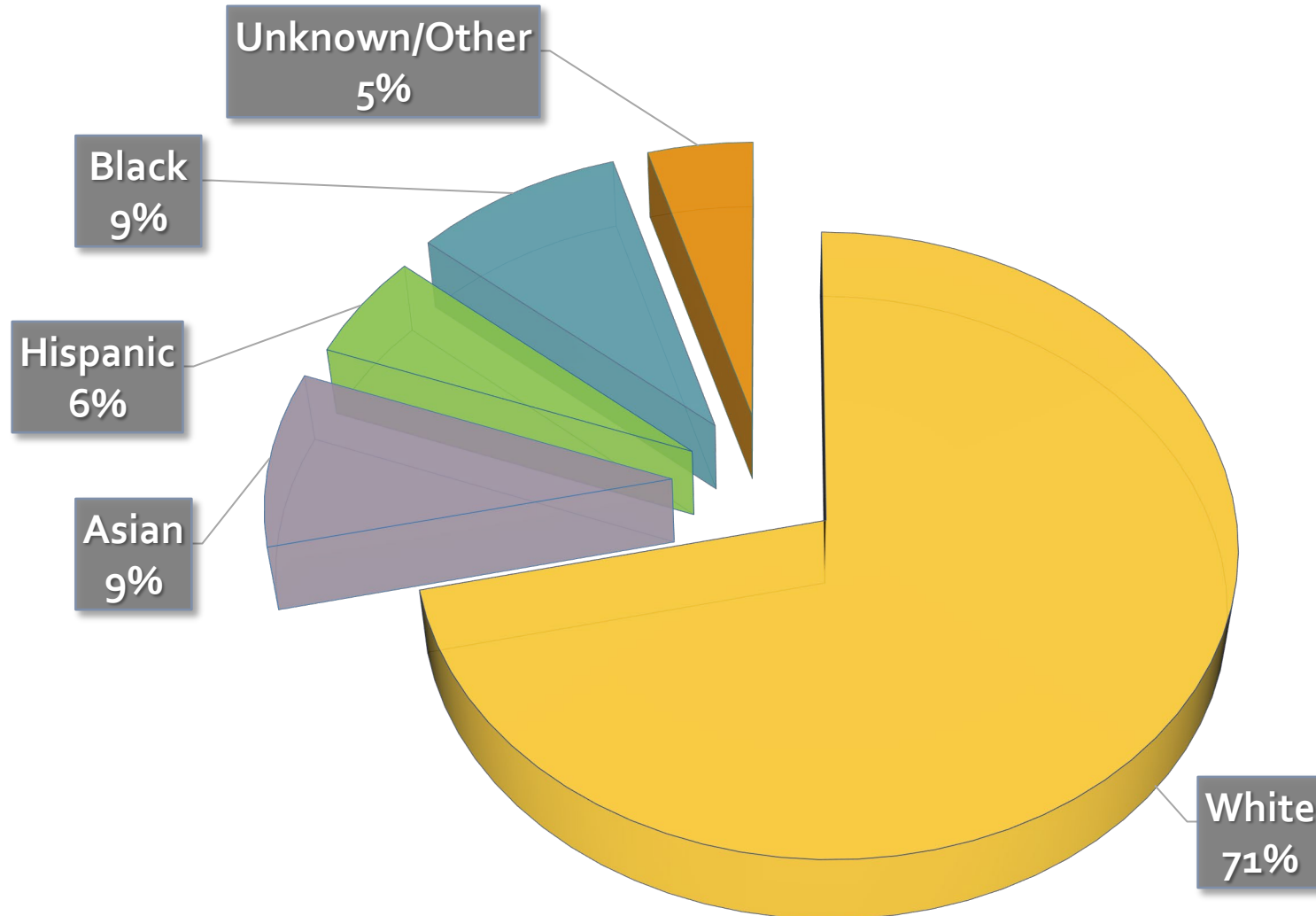
** Census data is gender neutral and does not reflect the disproportionate representation of females of color in victim demographics.

*** Charges are representative of CSAM, ACSAM and PCSAM cases with victims.



SEX BUYERS OF MINORS 2013-2020

(N=305)

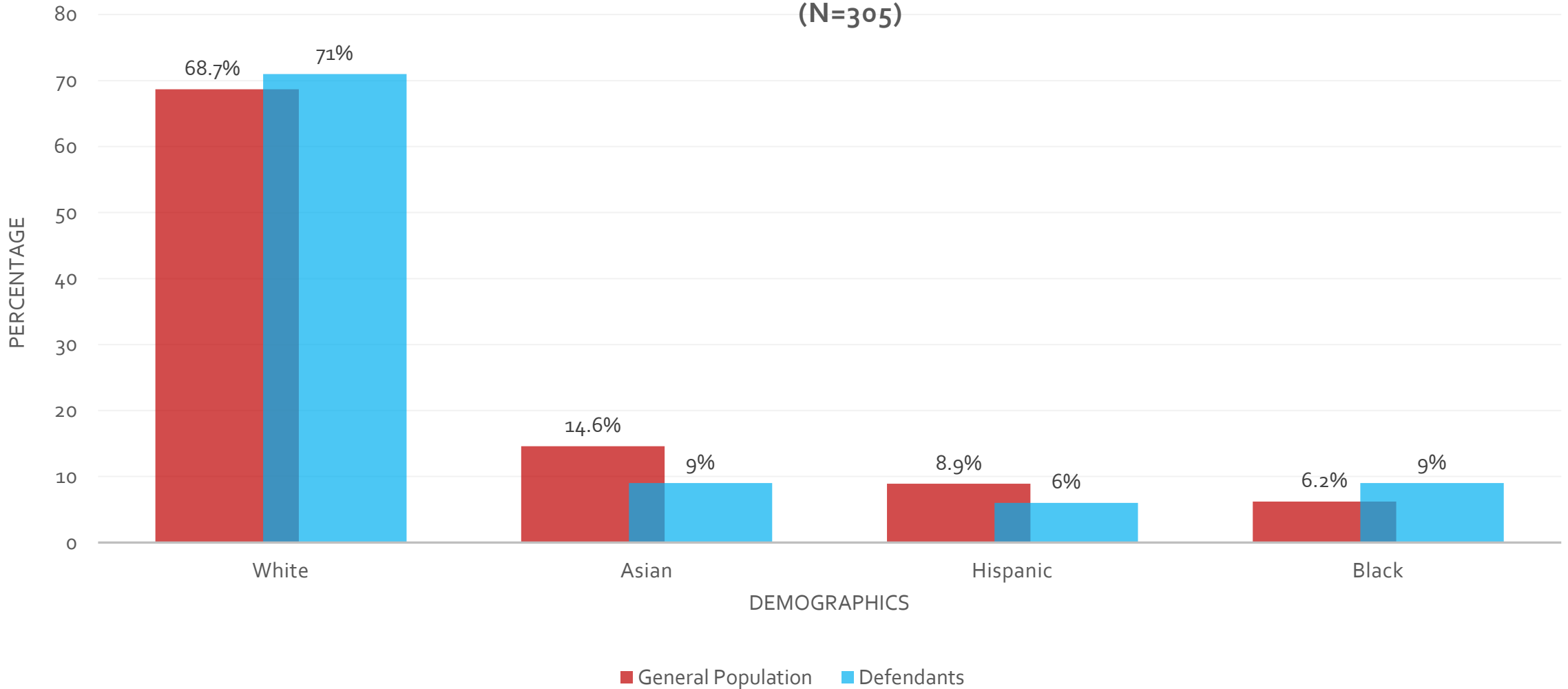


*Sex buyers of minors includes defendants charged with CSAM and ACSAM.



Comparing Race of Sex Buyers of Minors to General Population of King County 2011-2020

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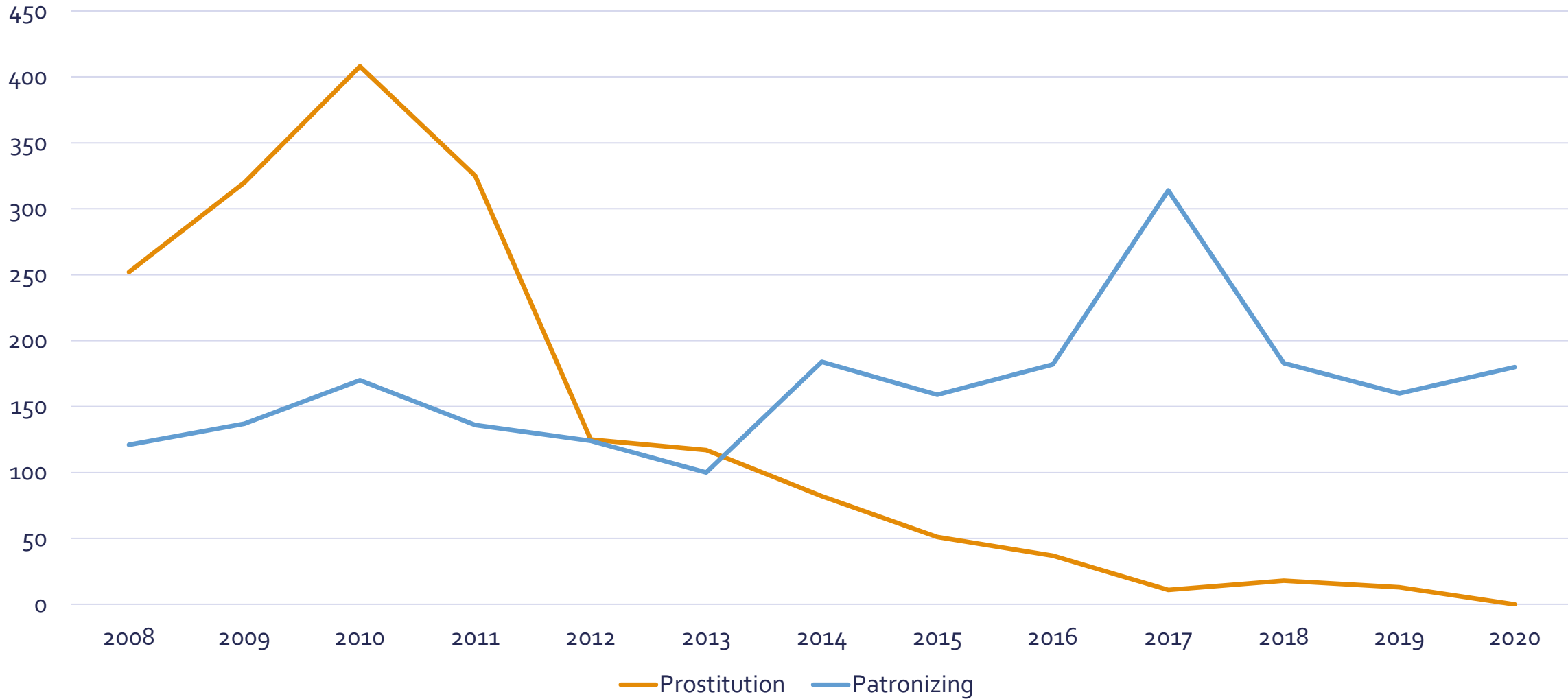
** Census data is gender neutral and does not reflect the disproportionate representation of males who are defendants.



King County Model, Policies, & Trends



Patronizing vs. Prostitution Charges by Year 2008-2020

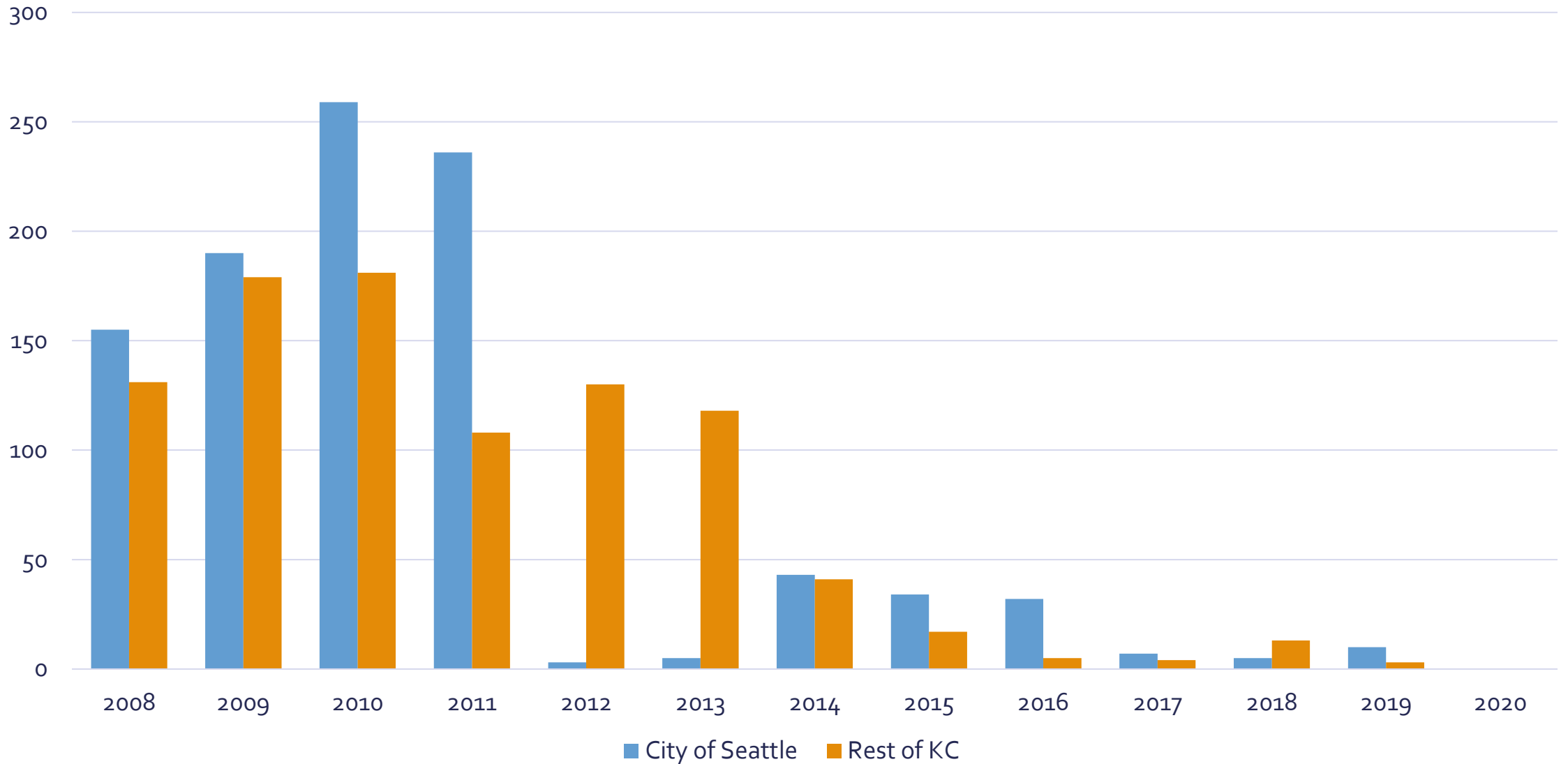


*This 2020 update includes data from patronizing charges that were not previously included in the 2019 update.

**In the City of Seattle, the crime of Patronizing (buying sex) is termed Sexual Exploitation.

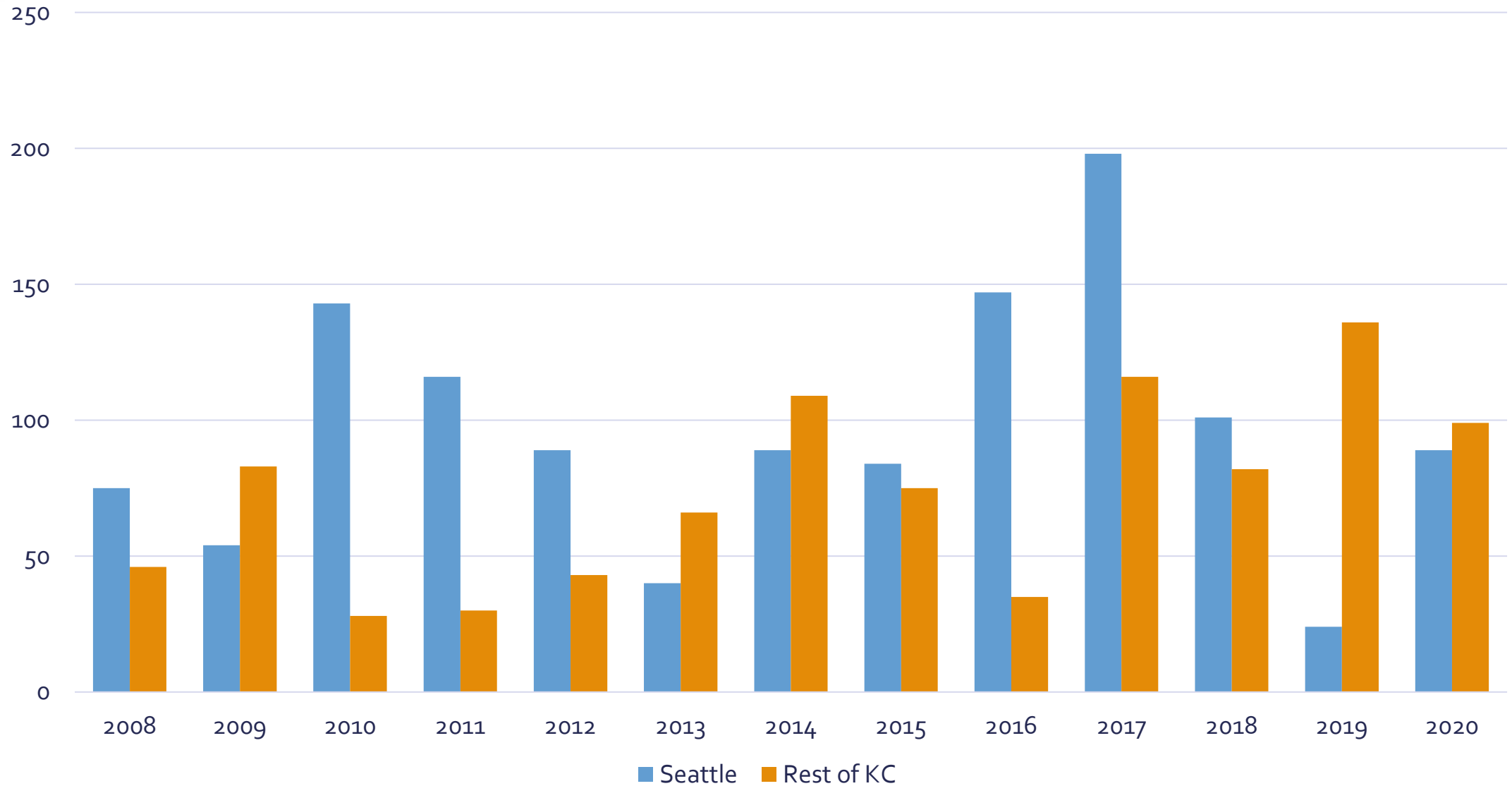


Prostitution Charges 2008-2020





Patronizing Charges 2008-2020



*Cases represented from the City of Seattle include 2019 arrests that resulted in 2020 case filings; no cases were filed in Seattle after March 2020.



Prostitution Charges 2010-2020

Agency	Total	2020	2019	2018	2017	2016	2015	2014	2013	2012	2011	2010
Auburn	10	0	0	0	0	0	0	1	1	8	0	0
Bellevue	40	0	0	0	0	0	9	4	14	10	0	3
Bothell	4	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	4	0	0	0
Burien	5	0	0	1	1	0	0	0	0	2	1	0
Des Moines	130	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	7	19	18	23
Federal Way	43	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	1	6	0	13
Issaquah	1	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	1	0	0	0
KCSO	212	0	0	3	0	1	1	9	56	32	25	43
Kenmore	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0
Kent	94	0	0	5	0	2	1	10	4	17	8	13
Kirkland	9	0	0	0	0	2	0	3	4	0	0	0
Redmond	5	0	0	3	0	0	1	0	0	0	0	0
Renton	38	1	1	1	3	0	1	0	0	1	8	2
SeaTac	186	2	2	0	0	0	4	12	20	27	29	52
Seattle	969	10	10	5	7	32	34	43	5	3	236	259
Shoreline	23	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	1	0	6
Tukwila	127	0	0	0	0	0	0	2	6	7	19	26
Totals	1909	0	13	18	11	37	51	84	123	133	344	440

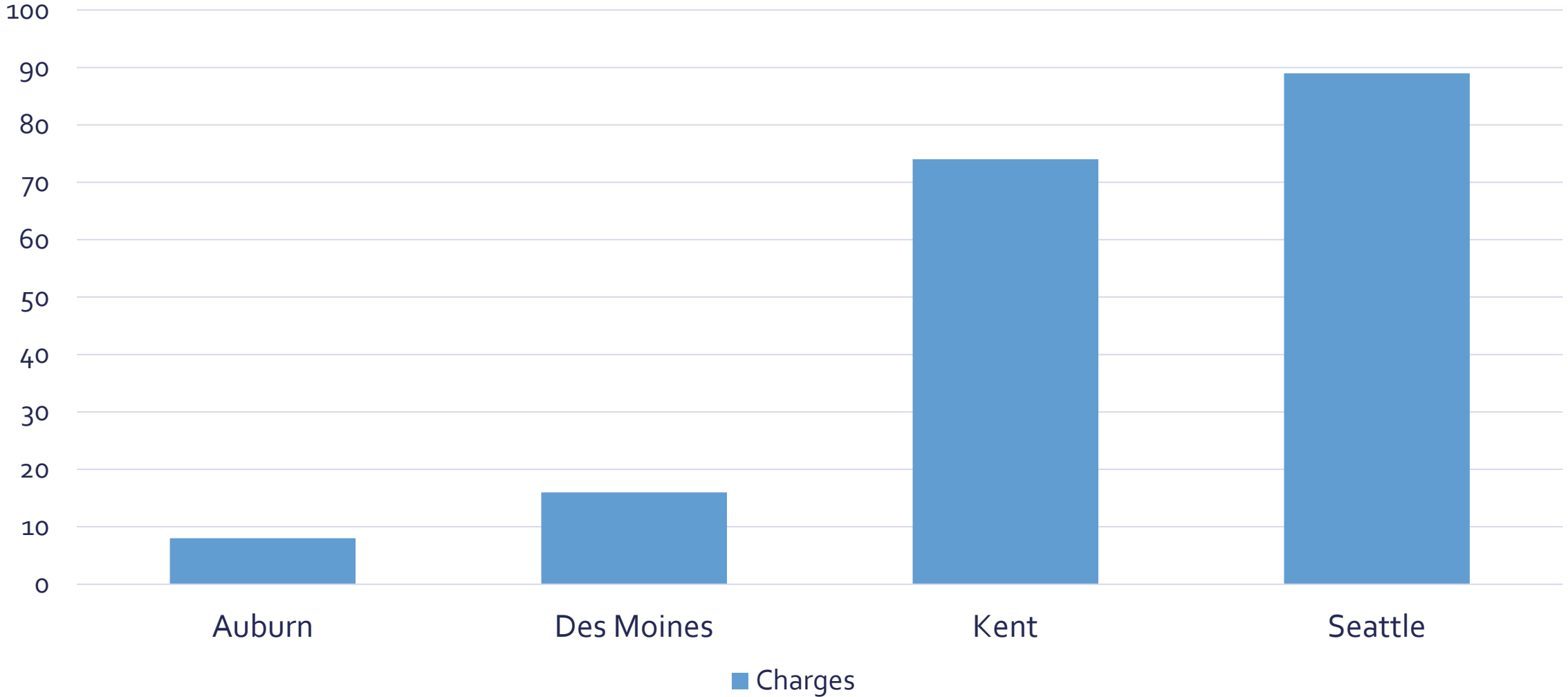


Patronizing Charges 2008-2020

Agency	Total	2020	2019	2018	2017	2016	2015	2014	2013	2012	2011	2010
Auburn	65	8	7	11	0	0	0	14	6	8	10	1
Bellevue	118	0	13	0	101	0	0	3	0	0	0	1
Bothell	2	1	1	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0
Burien	0	0	-	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0
Des Moines	55	16	27	0	0	0	0	9	1	0	0	1
Federal Way	84	0	0	0	11	0	28	18	1	8	0	0
Issaquah	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0
KCSO	49	12	12	6	1	4	2	2	2	4	2	9
Kenmore	1	-	-	0	0	0	1	0	0	0	0	0
Kent	432	74	67	57	0	19	30	54	35	16	13	10
Kirkland	10	0	0	0	0	0	1	0	9	0	0	0
Redmond	3	0	0	3	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0
Renton	11	0	1	0	0	1	0	4	0	0	0	0
SeaTac	38	0	8	5	0	0	3	3	10	0	2	1
Seattle	1249	89	24	101	198	147	84	89	40	89	116	143
Shoreline	19	0	-	0	0	0	0	1	0	5	1	0
Tukwila	49	0	-	0	3	11	10	1	2	2	2	5
Totals	2185	160	160	183	314	182	159	198	106	132	146	171



2020 Patronizing Charges by Agency

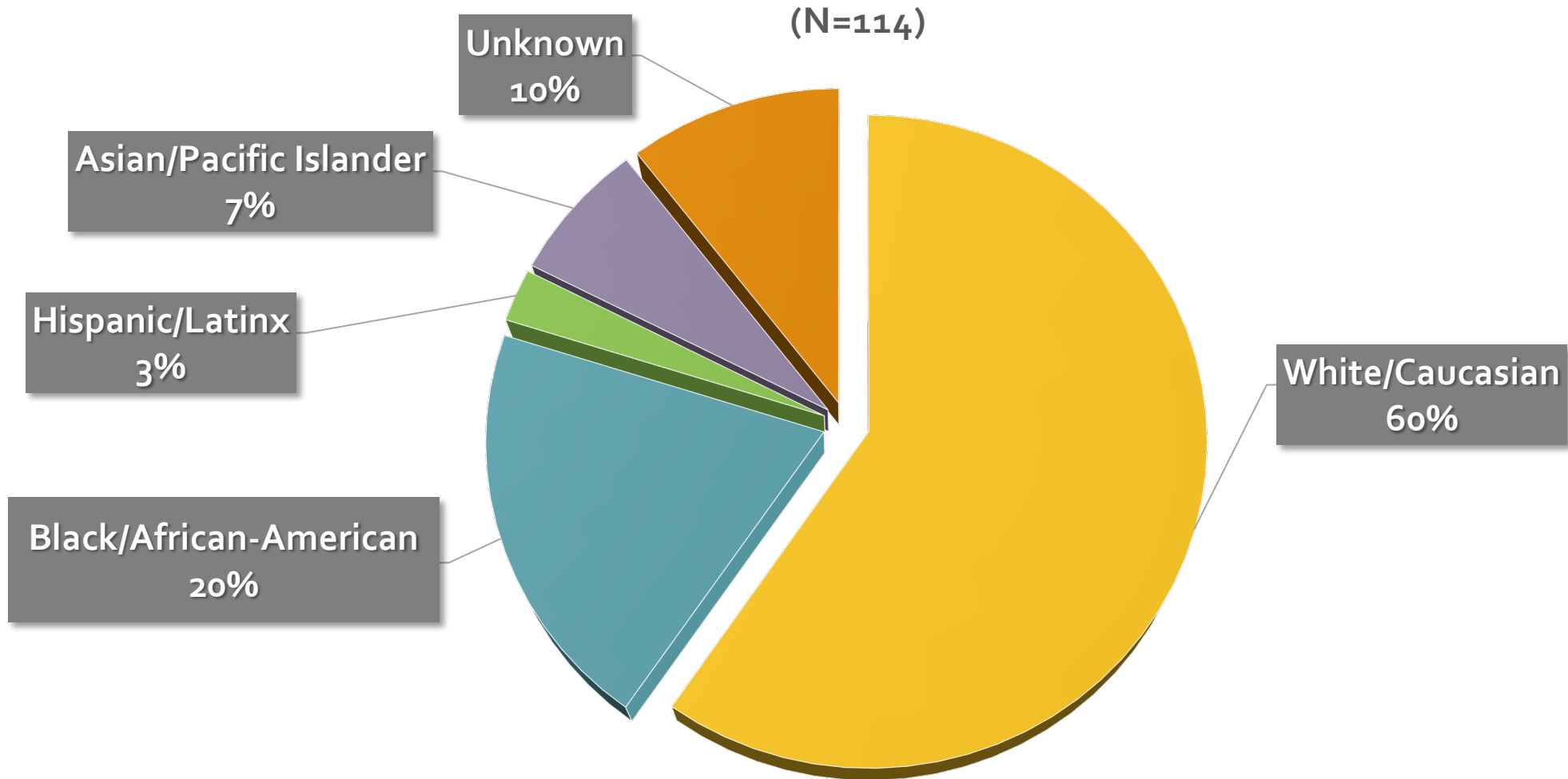


*Data representative of the four agencies with the highest 2020 charge amount, not all agencies.

** Data only represents charges, not referrals to city prosecutors' offices – for example, the City of Bellevue conducted an operation in 2020 but charges have not been filed due to the case backlog caused by pandemic.



DEFENDANTS CHARGED WITH TRAFFICKING MINORS (BUYING AND SELLING) 2018 – 2020



*Data representative of defendants charged with ACSAM, CSAM, APCSAM, PCSAM, and HT2 from 2018 – 2020.



TRAFFICKING (SELLING) DEFENDANT BREAKDOWN

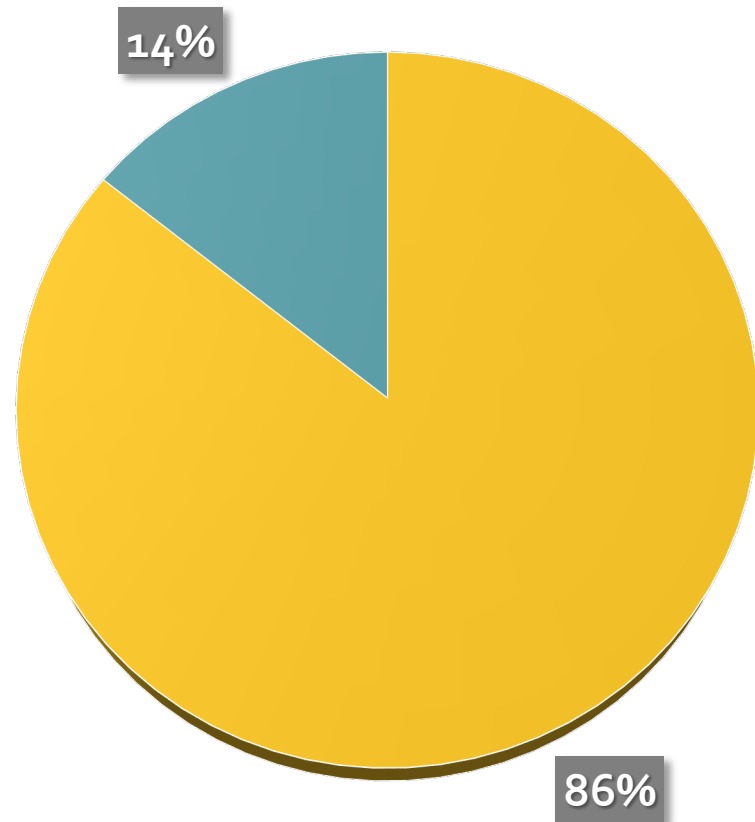
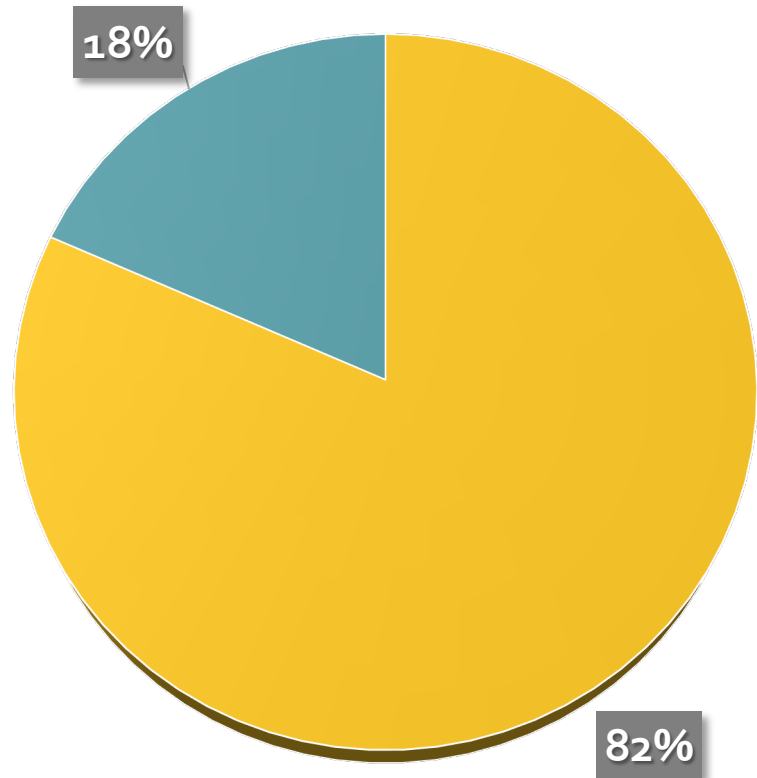
2018 - 2020

TRAFFICKING ADULTS

TRAFFICKING MINORS

Male

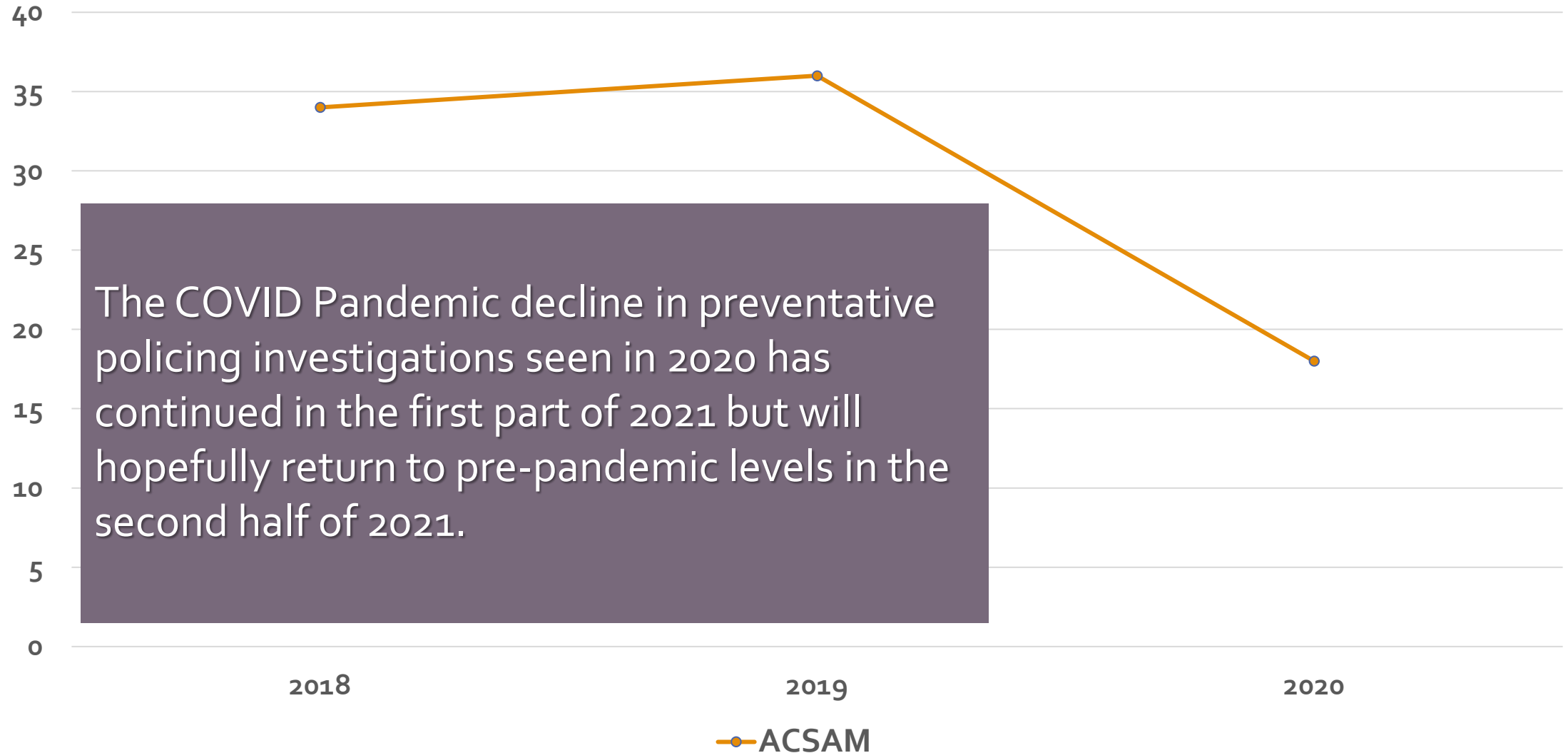
Female



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**Female defendants represented were charged with exclusively non-buying related offenses.

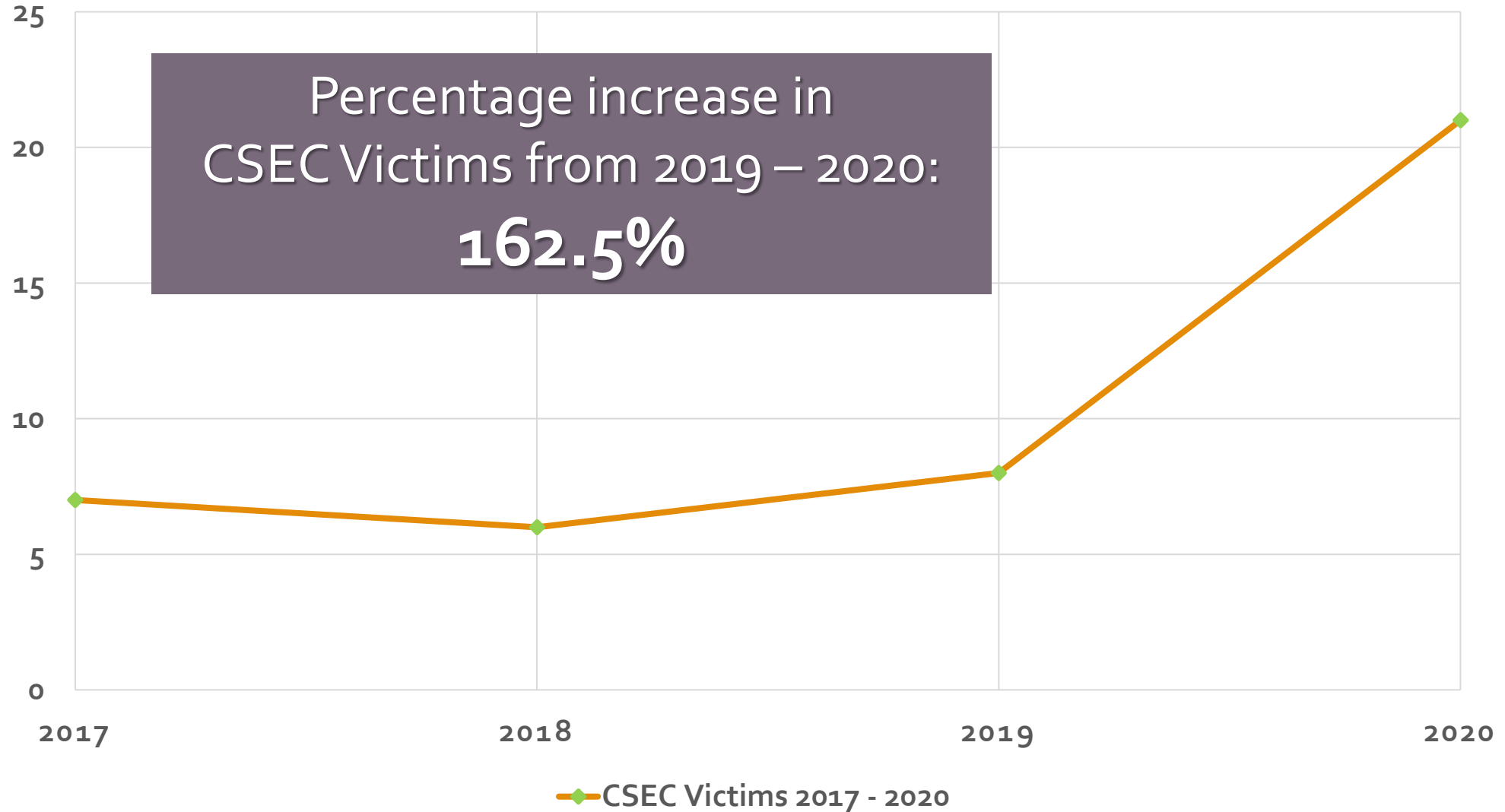


CHANGE IN ACSAM CASES FROM 2018 - 2020



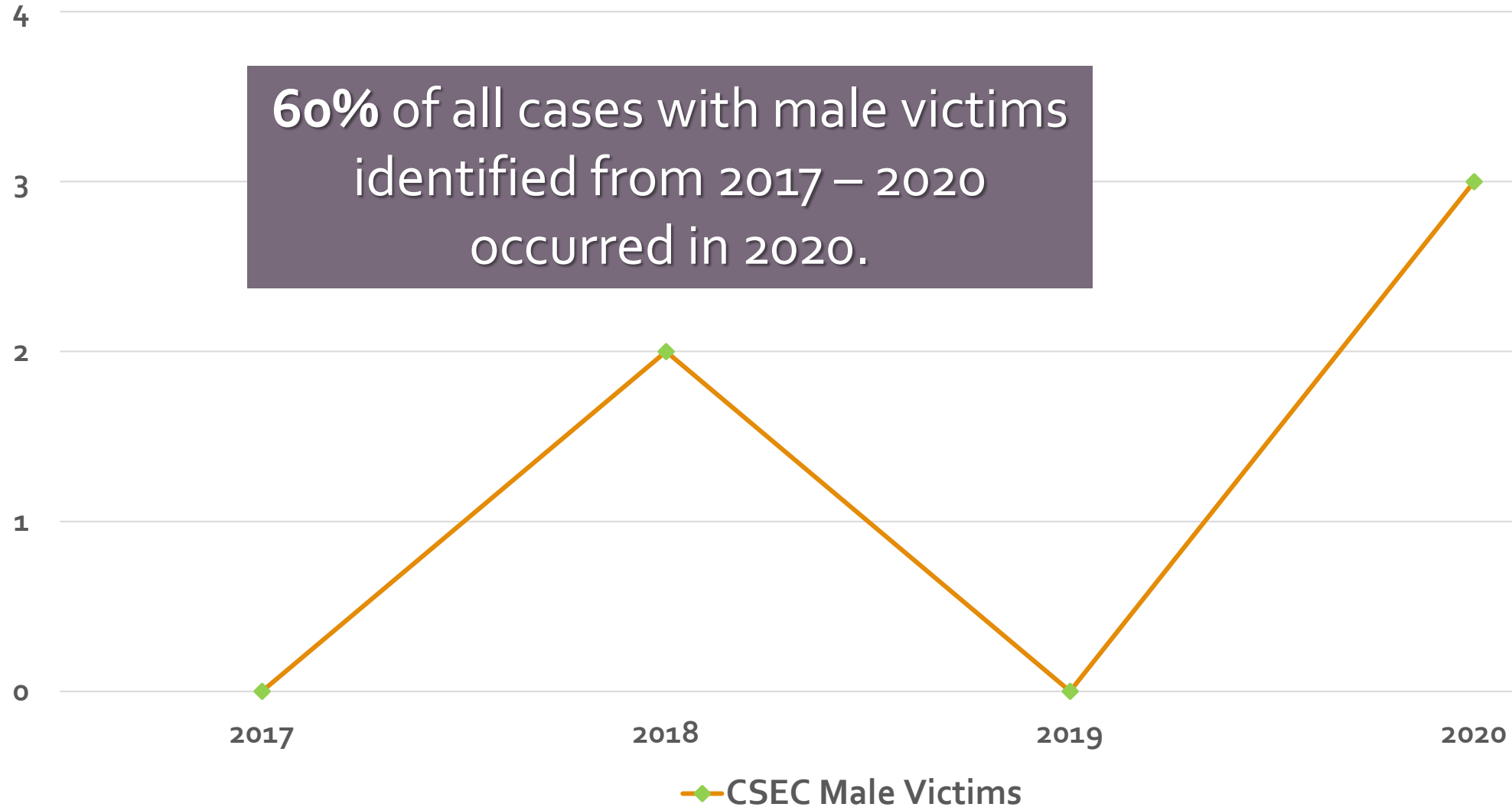


CSEC VICTIMS 2017 - 2020



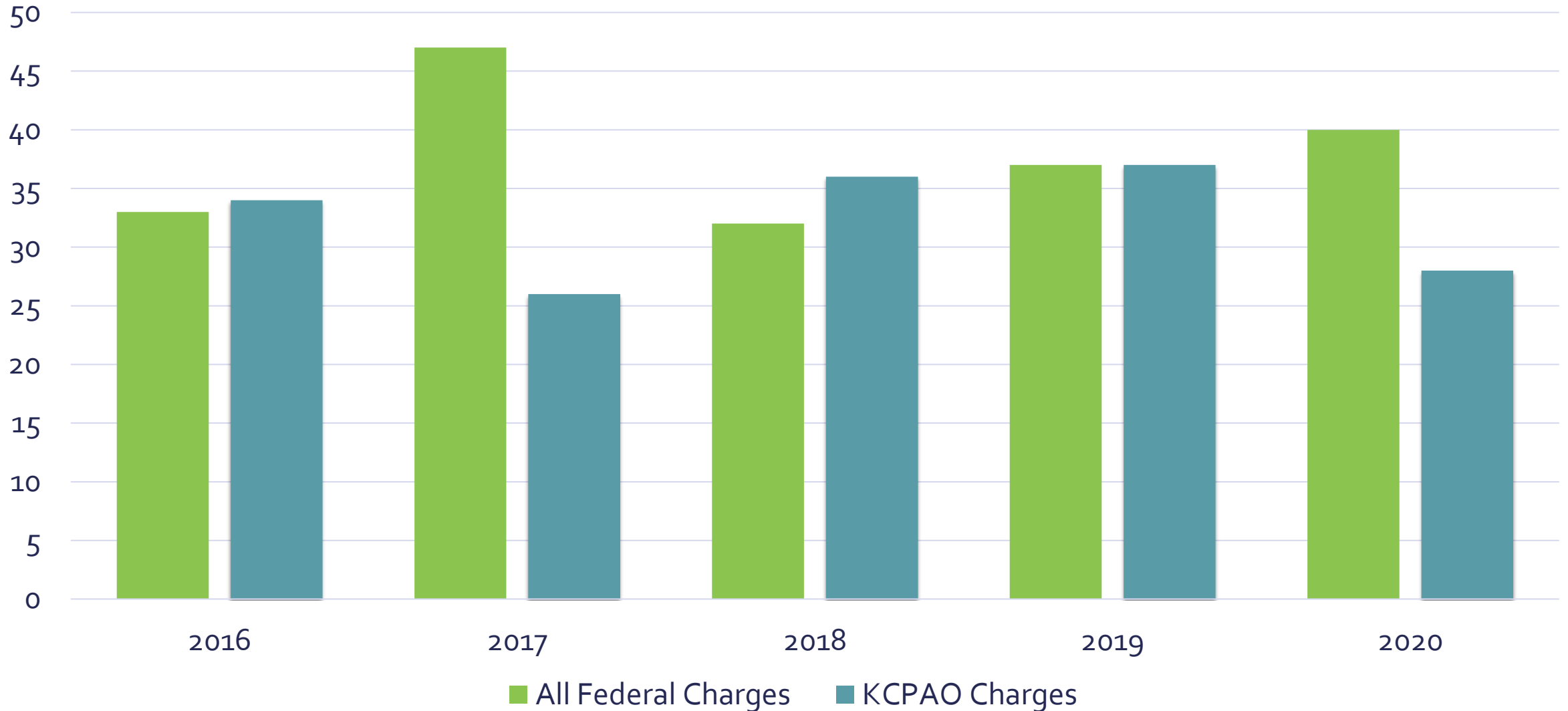


CSEC MALE VICTIMS IDENTIFIED 2017 – 2020





CSAM (BUYER) DEFENDANT CASES 2016 - 2020

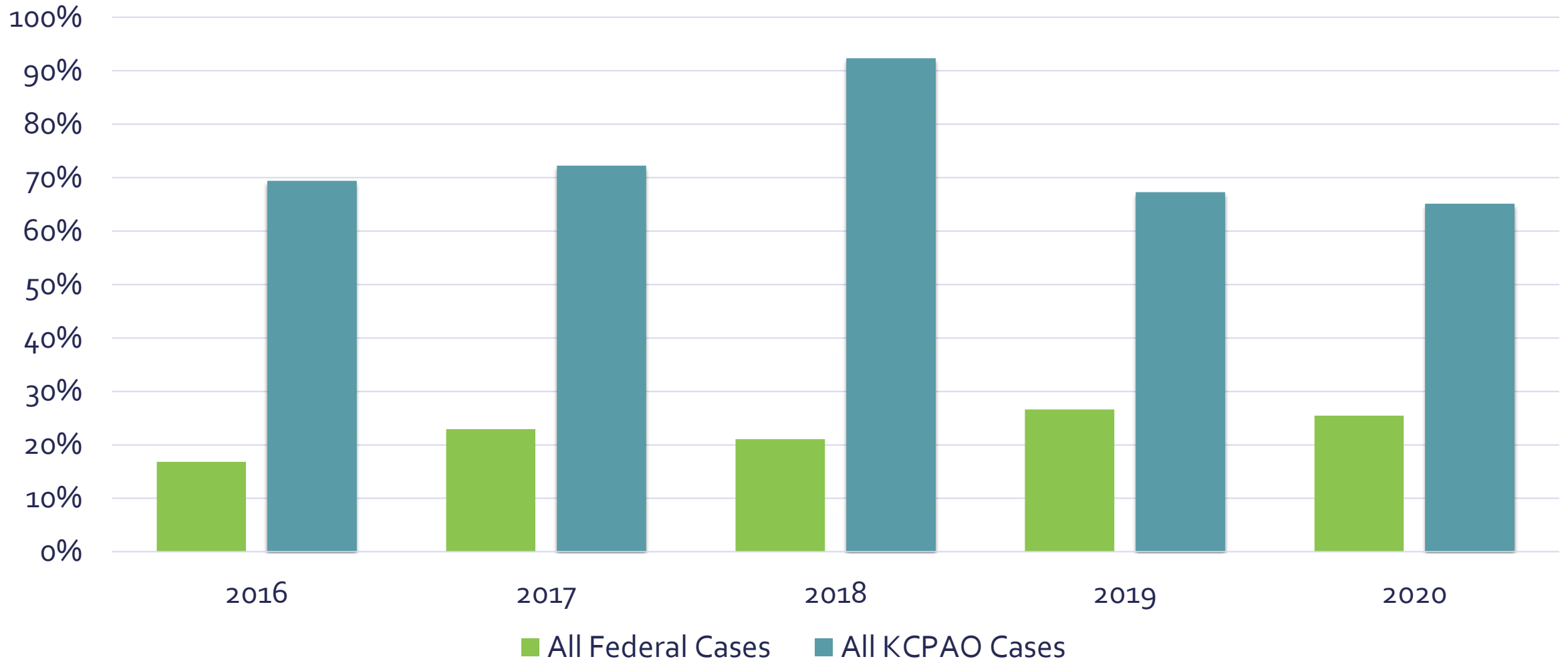


*Federal data acquired from 2020 Federal Human Trafficking Report, traffickinginstitute.org, p. 132.

** Represented KCPAO cases comprise CSAM and ACSAM charges.



PERCENTAGE OF ALL TRAFFICKING CASES WITH BUYER DEFENDANTS



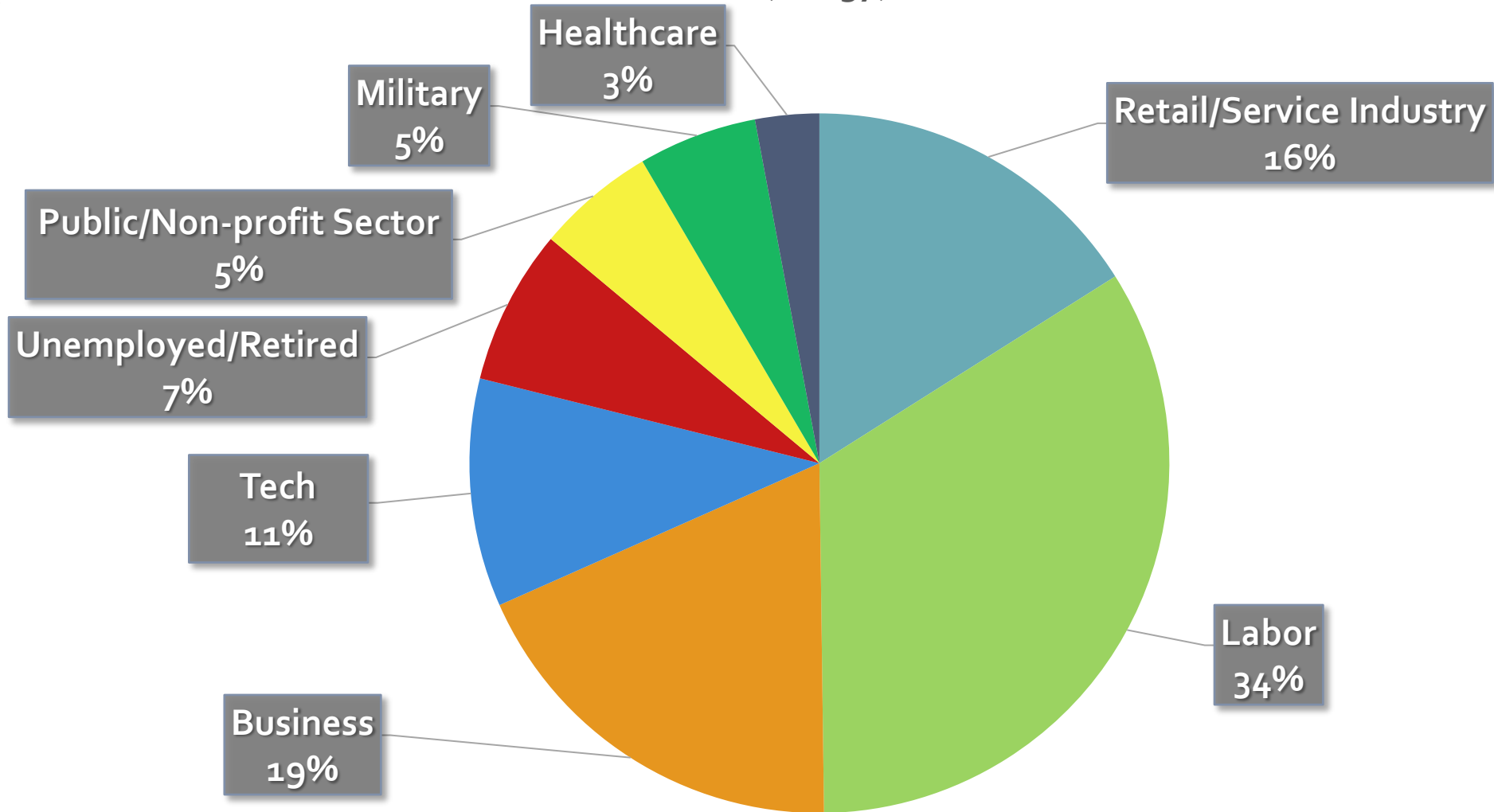
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CSAM BUYERS' OCCUPATION 2013 -2020

(N=237)



*Of the 305 defendants charged during this period, 77.7% had known employment at the commission of the offense. The remaining 68 defendants either were unemployed or their employment could not be identified.



CSAM Buyer Occupation Categories

Labor: General Labor (work that is manual labor which requires no specific education), Manufacturing, Agriculture/fishing, Mechanic, and Construction

Retail/Service: Entertainment, Food service, Retail, Tourism, and Transportation (i.e. cab or truck drivers)

Business: Business owner/self employed, Professional Services, Corporate Employees. This includes accountants, architects, people managers, product managers, etc.

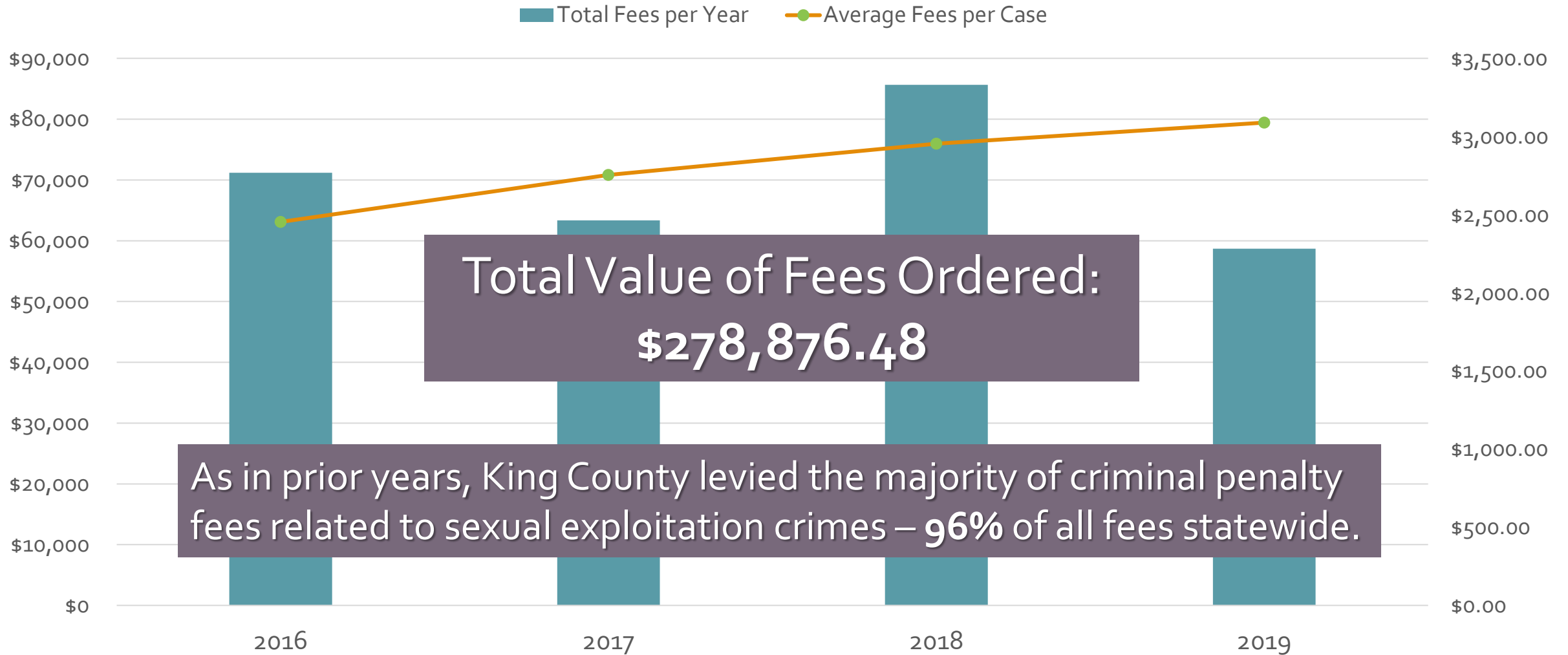
Public Employee: Government organization, Education, or other Public Entity

Tech: Technology-focused role, Software Engineer, Help-Desk manager, software engineer, IT administrator, etc.

Healthcare: Employees working directly in a care-giving capacity, Nursing, Doctors, and other Healthcare Professionals.



FEES ORDERED 2016 - 2019



* Bars are representative of the total fees ordered in cases against buyers per year; the line is representative of the annualized average value of the fees ordered in cases from that year.
** 34% of 2019 cases have yet to be resolved – therefore the total fees for 2019 is expected to increase in future updates.
*** Statewide criminal penalty data sourced from "Criminal Penalty Fees Related to Sexual Exploitation Crimes," Washington State Department of Commerce, p. 2.



Takeaways

Disproportionately White adult men are trafficking (buying) disproportionately Black female minors who are being trafficked (sold) by disproportionately Black adult men.

2020 saw a dramatic increase in the number of real victims identified in investigations, increasing over 162% from 2019.

60% of all cases with male victims identified from 2018 – 2020 occurred in 2020.



Takeaways

King County has undergone a policy shift over the past 10 years to reduce the number of prostitution charges county-wide. Beginning with 408 cases in 2010, there were 0 (zero) prostitution charges in 2020.

CSAM cases occur within complex environments and situations of exploitation – 41.7% of 2020 CSAM defendants also had additional charges related to sexual exploitation of children (rape of child, molestation, etc.).

The KCPAO consistently focuses on prosecuting sex buyers of children. Over the last 5 years, 73.2% of our trafficking cases focus on buyers whereas the national average for federal cases is 22.6%.