



# KING COUNTY COMMERCIAL SEXUAL EXPLOITATION CASES

THE DATA BEHIND THE CHARGES

2021 Update

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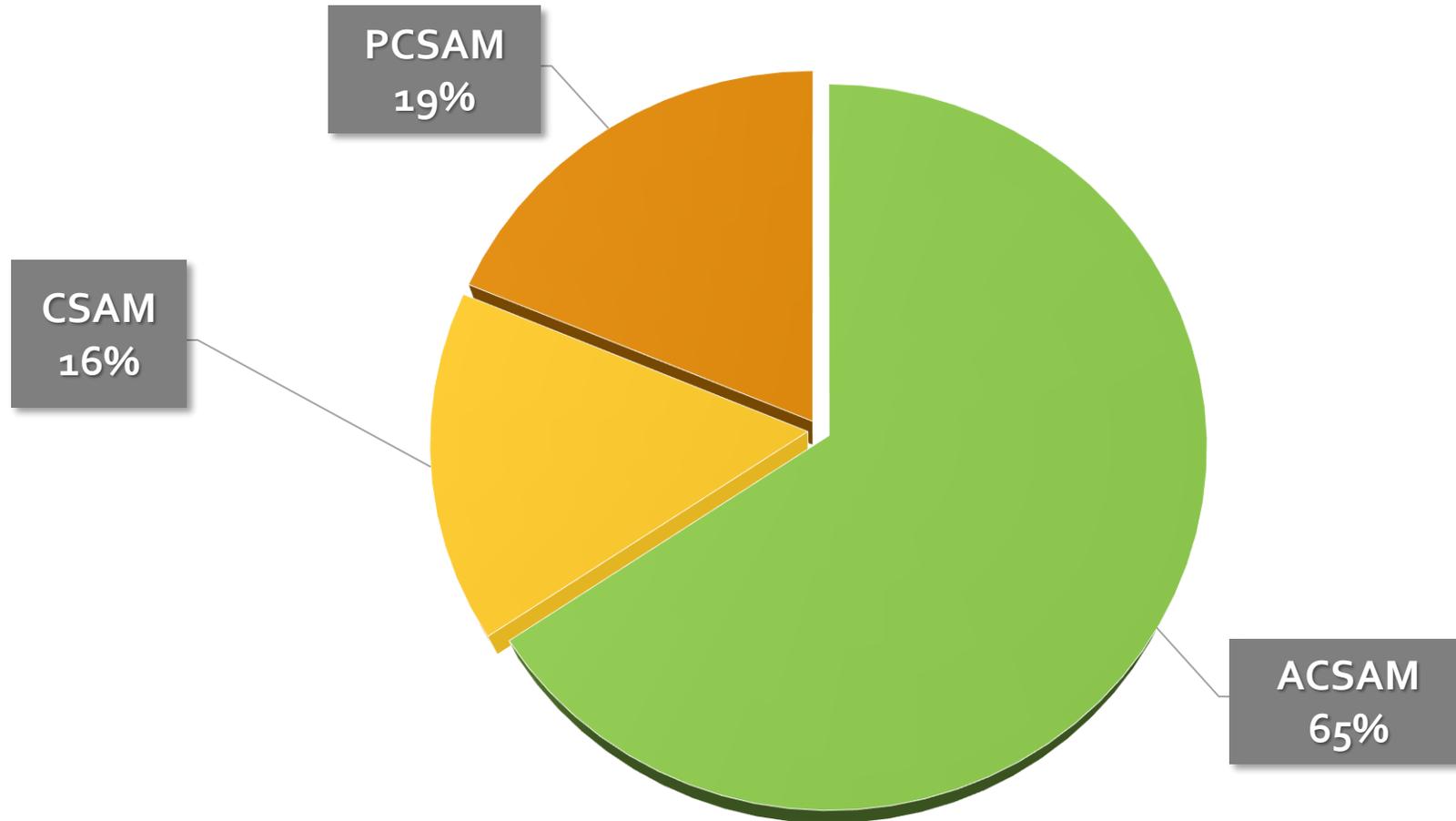
# Commercial Sexual Exploitation of Children (CSEC)

**2021**



# 2021 CSEC CHARGES

(N=32)



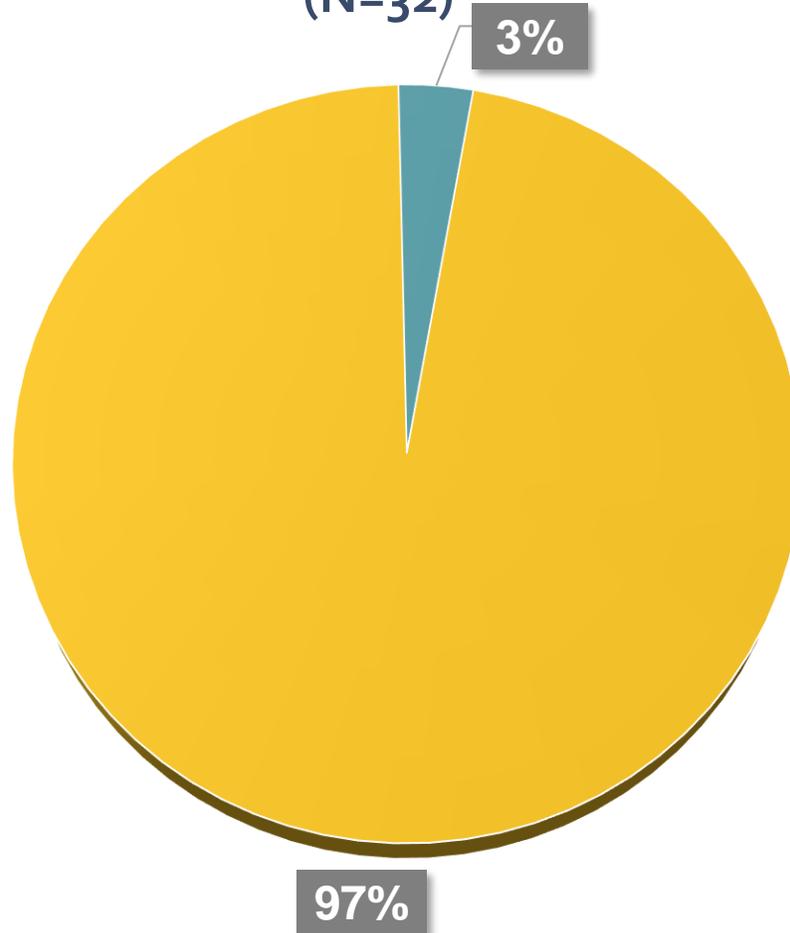
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# 2021 CSEC GENDER BREAKDOWN

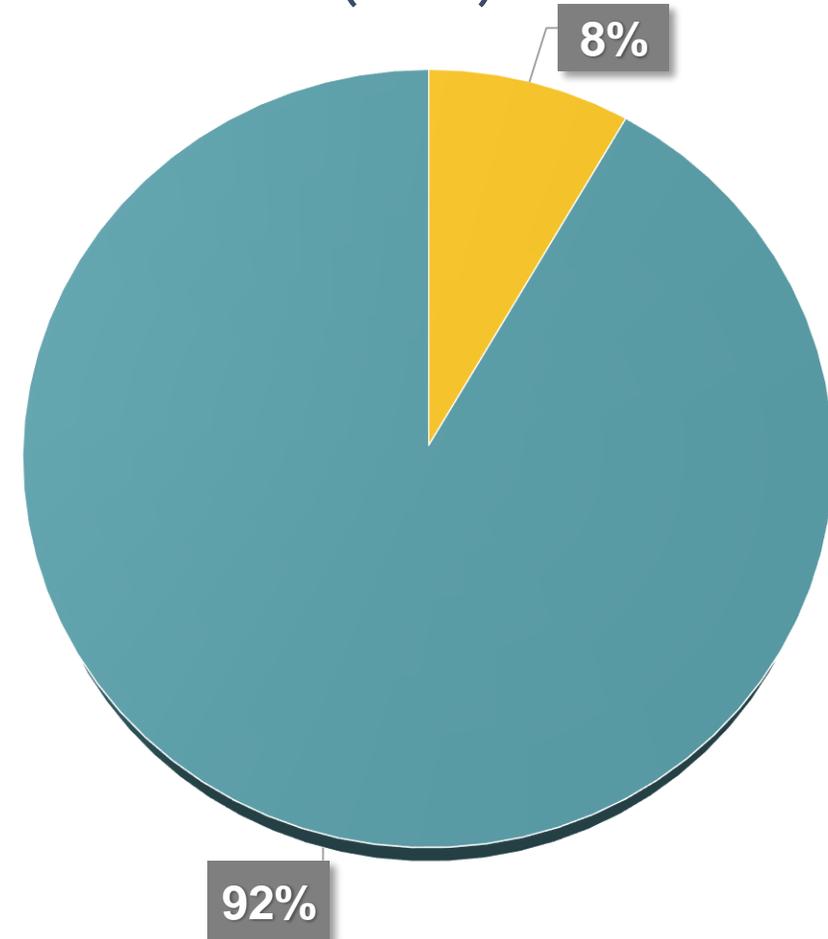
## DEFENDANT GENDER

(N=32)



## VICTIM GENDER

(N=12)

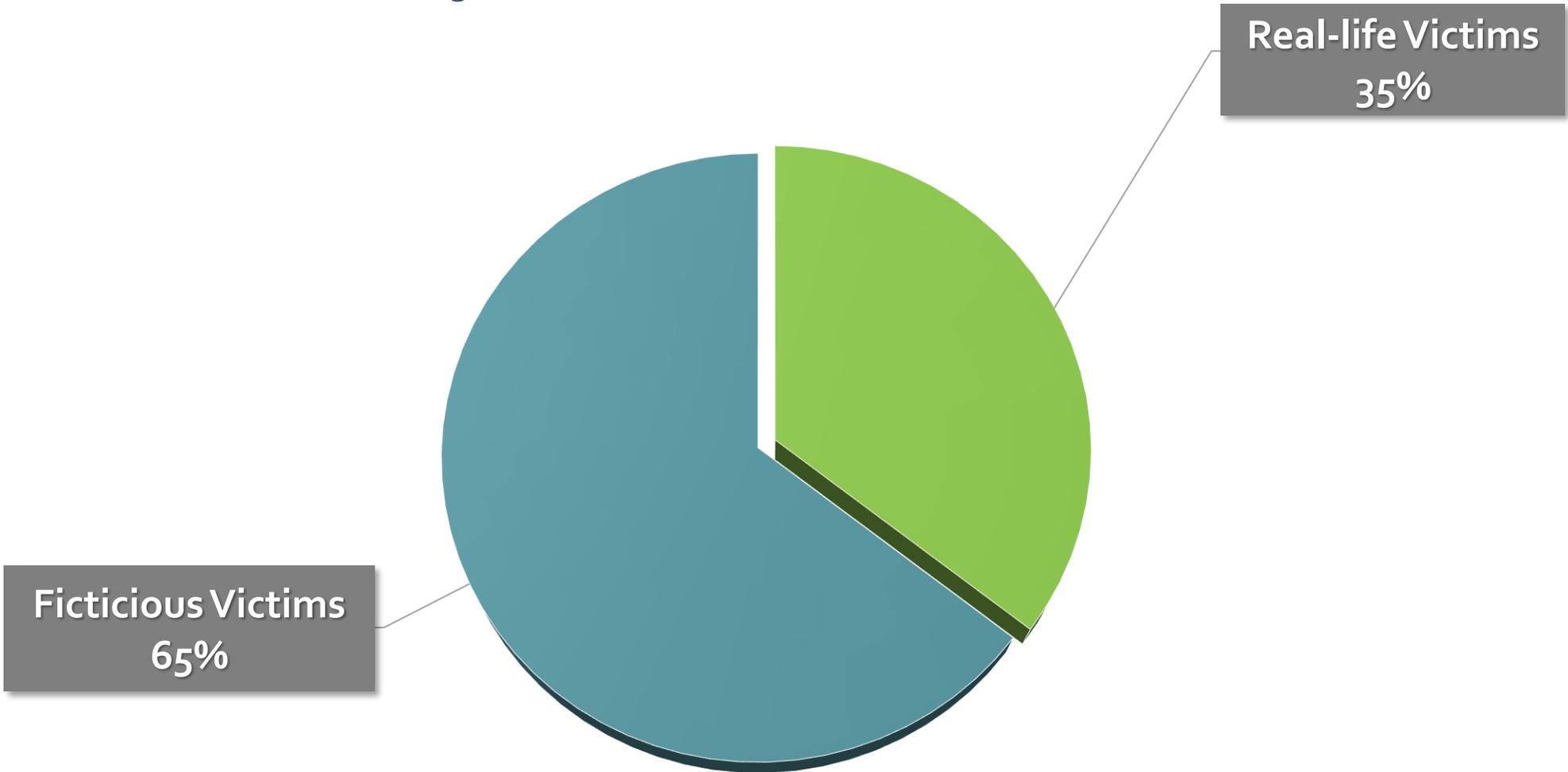


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# 2021 FEMALE VICTIMS IN CSEC CASES

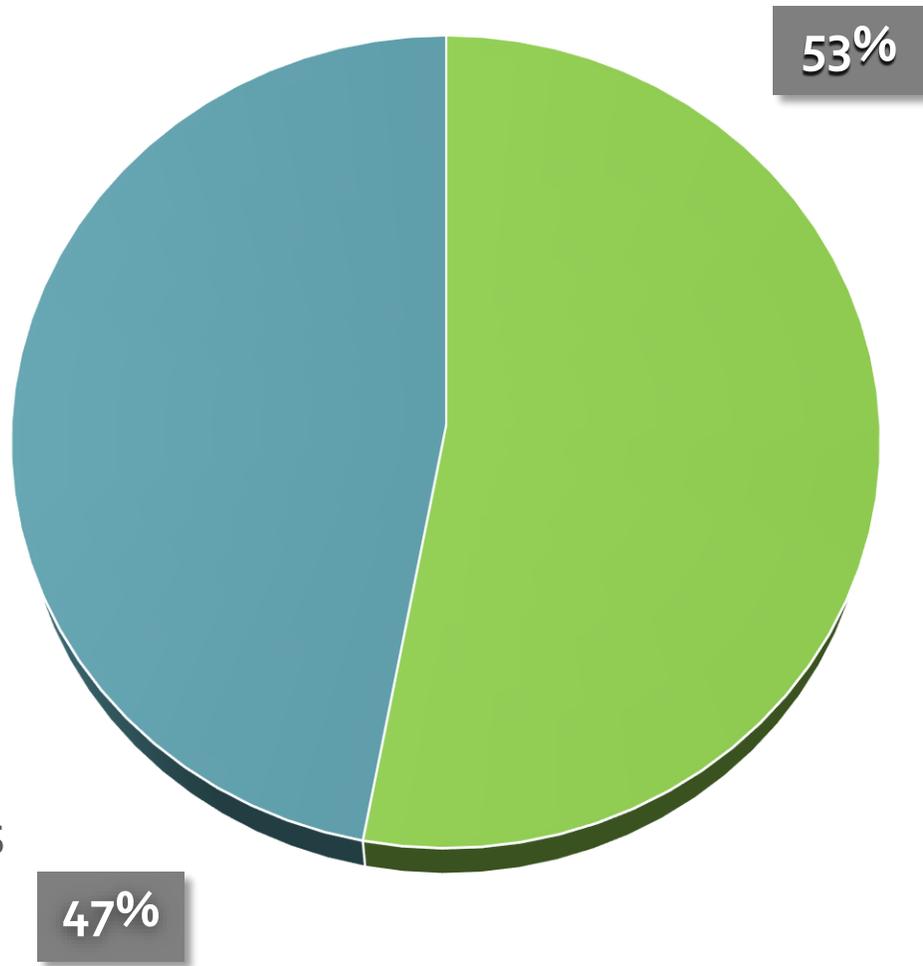
(N=31 REAL LIFE & FICTITIOUS VICTIMS)



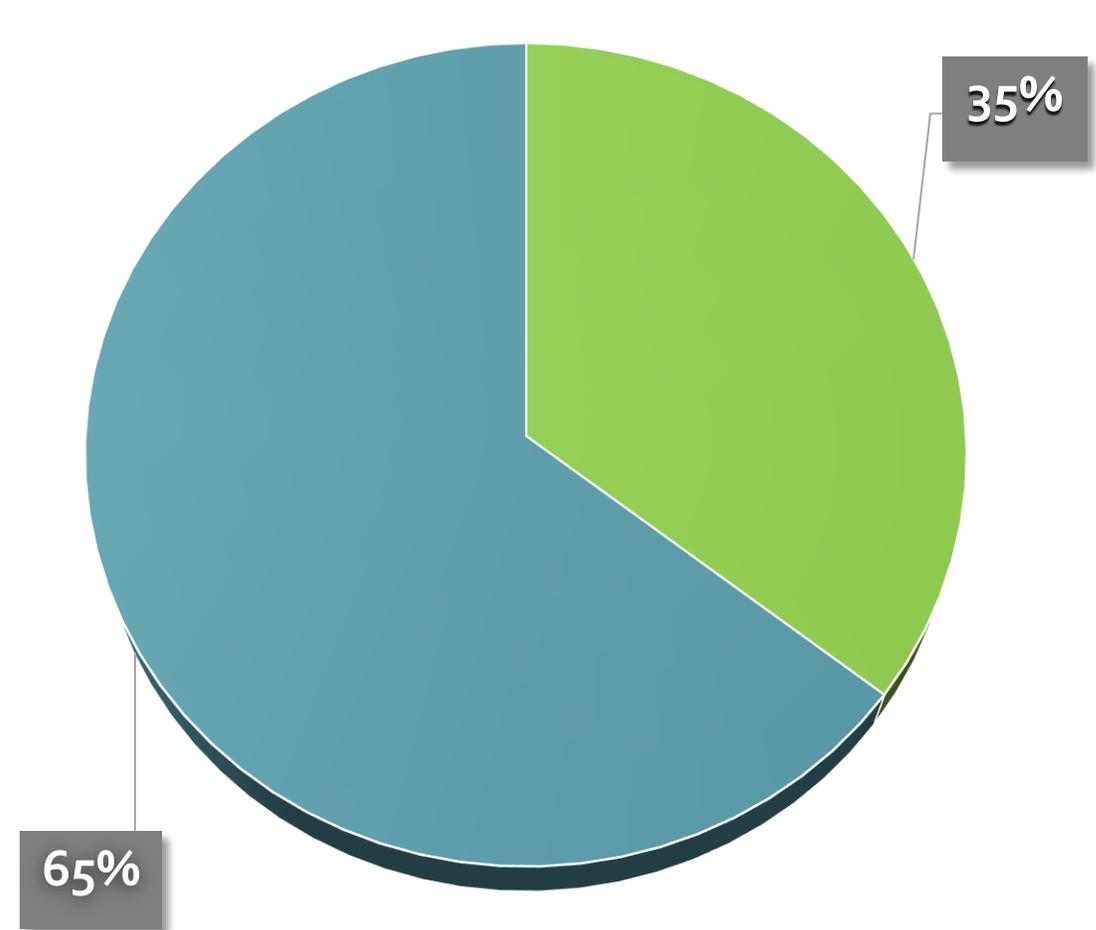


# 2020 vs 2021 FEMALE VICTIMS IN CSEC CASES

2020 (N=34)



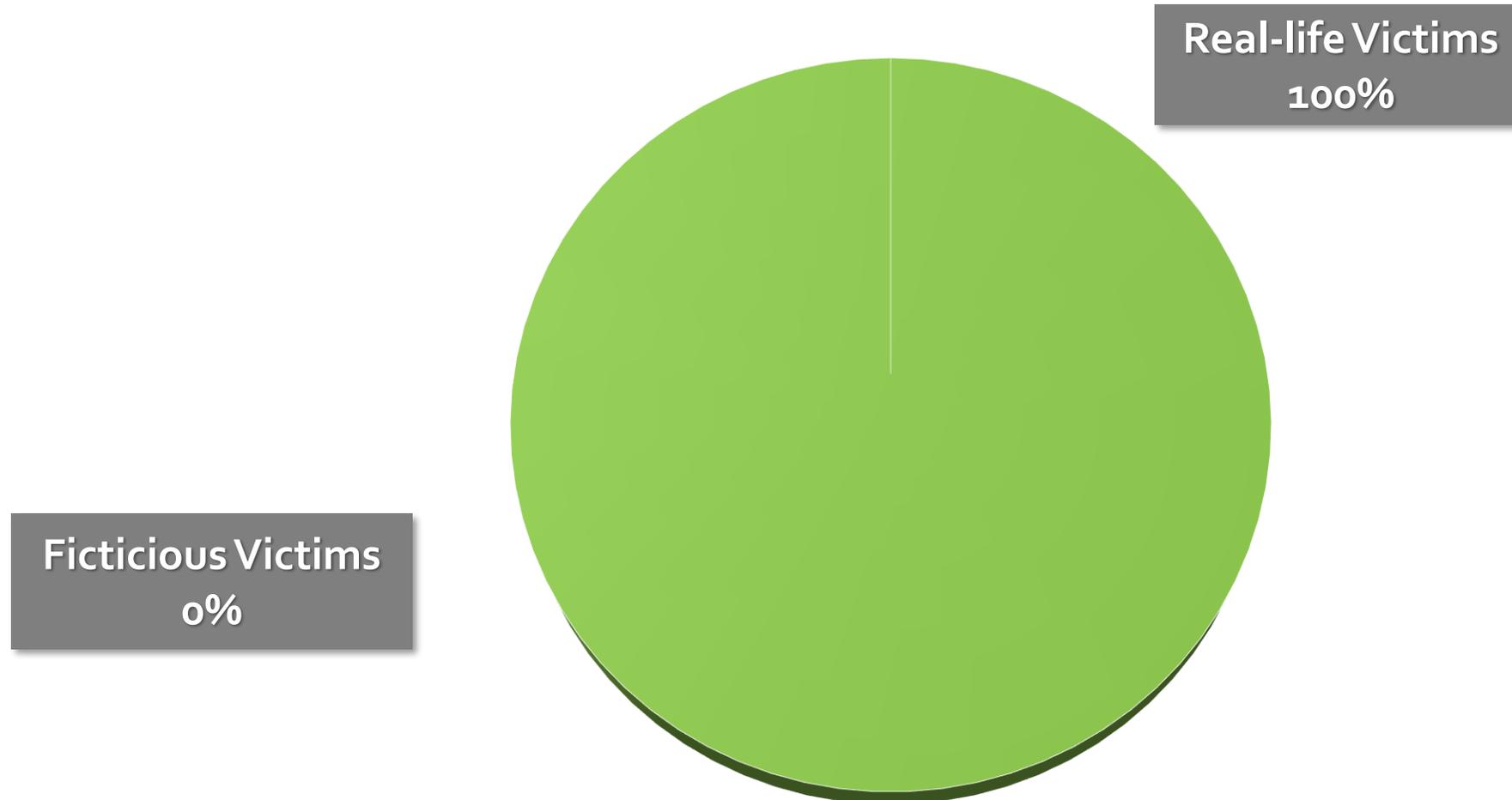
2021 (N=31)





# 2021 MALE VICTIMS IN CSEC CASES

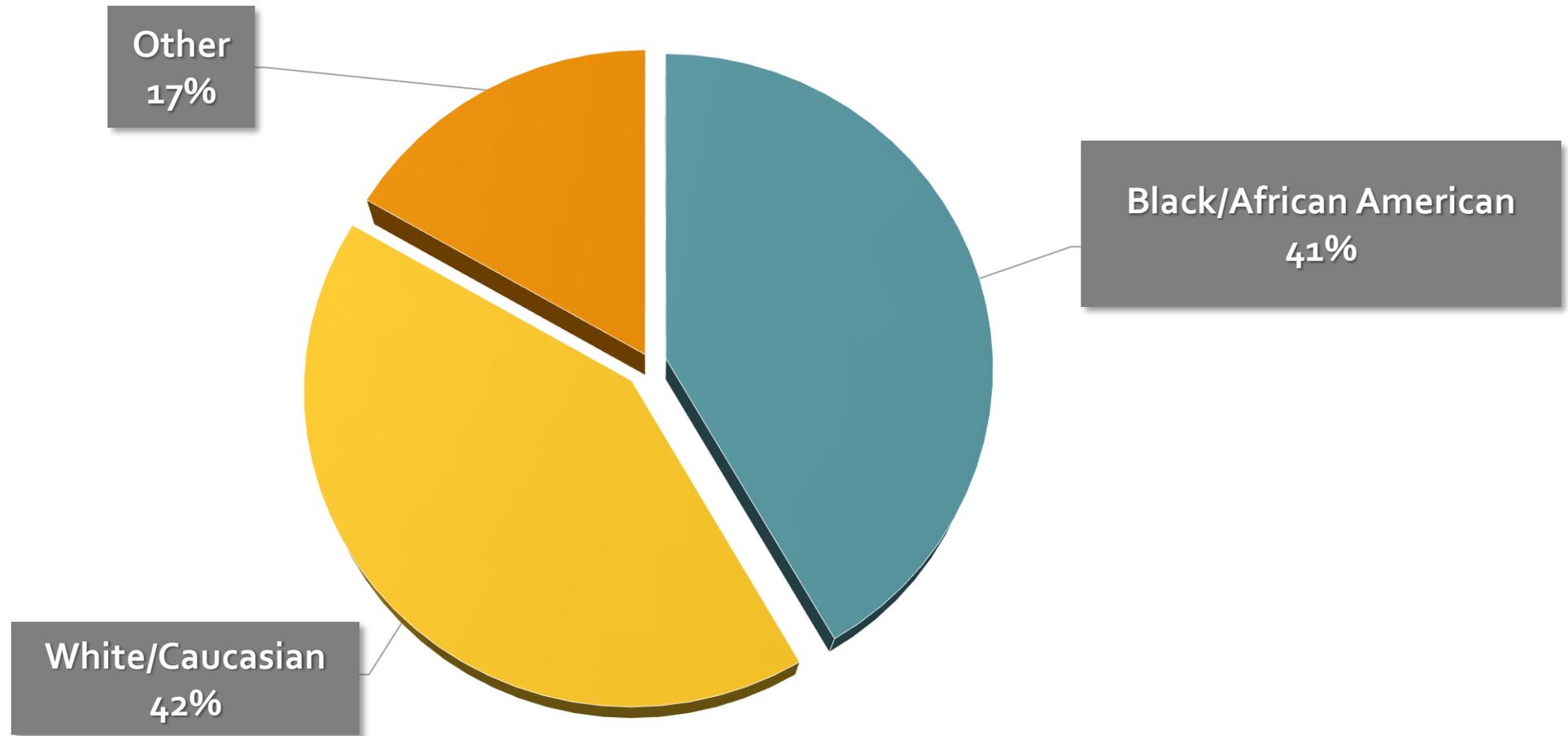
(N=1)





# 2021 CSEC REAL LIFE VICTIM RACE

(N=12)

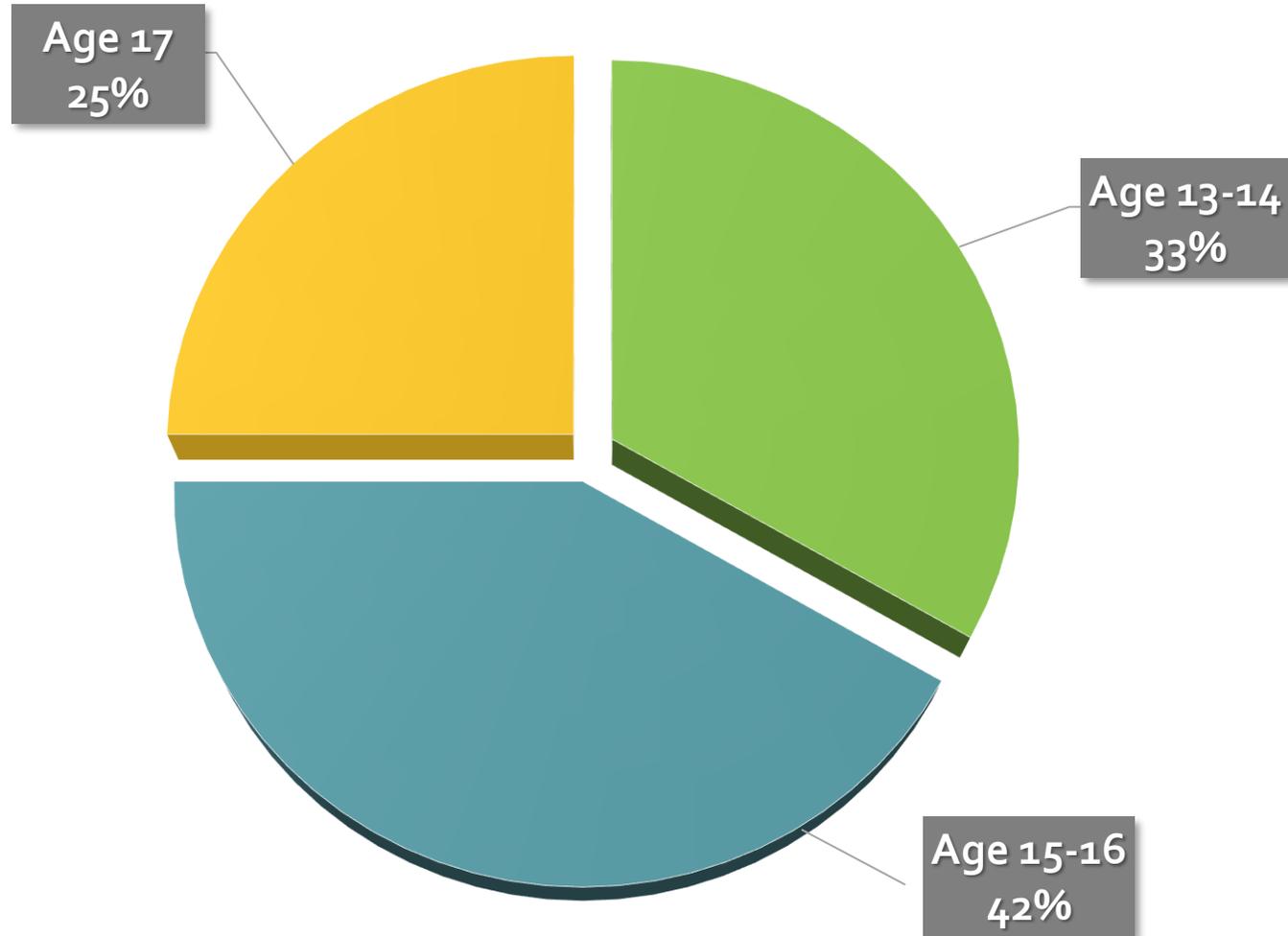


\*For clarifying information on Race/Demographics please visit: <https://kingcounty.gov/depts/prosecutor/criminal-overview/CourtData.aspx>



# 2021 CSEC REAL LIFE VICTIM AGE

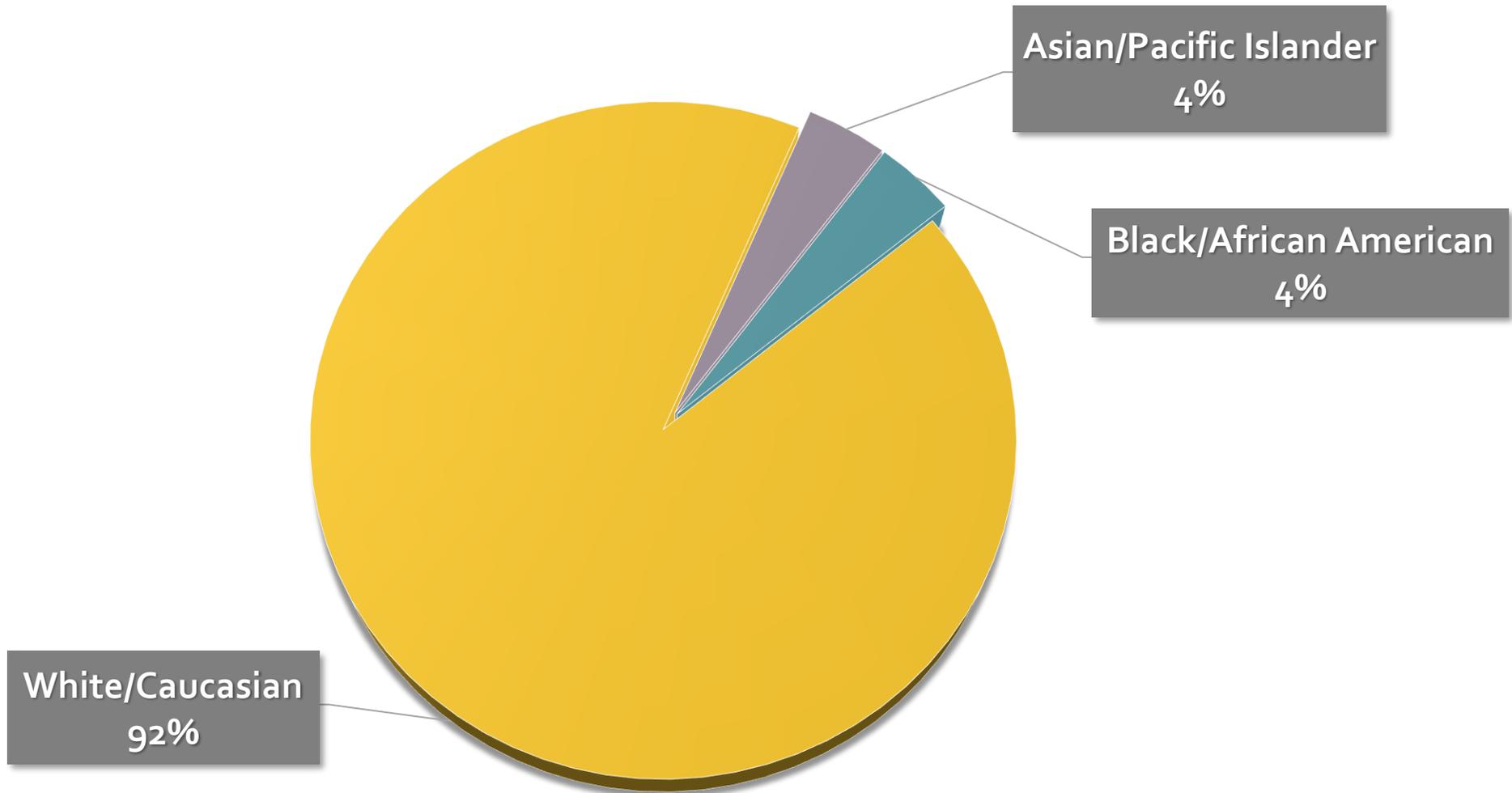
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# 2021 DEFENDANTS CHARGED WITH CSAM

(N=26)



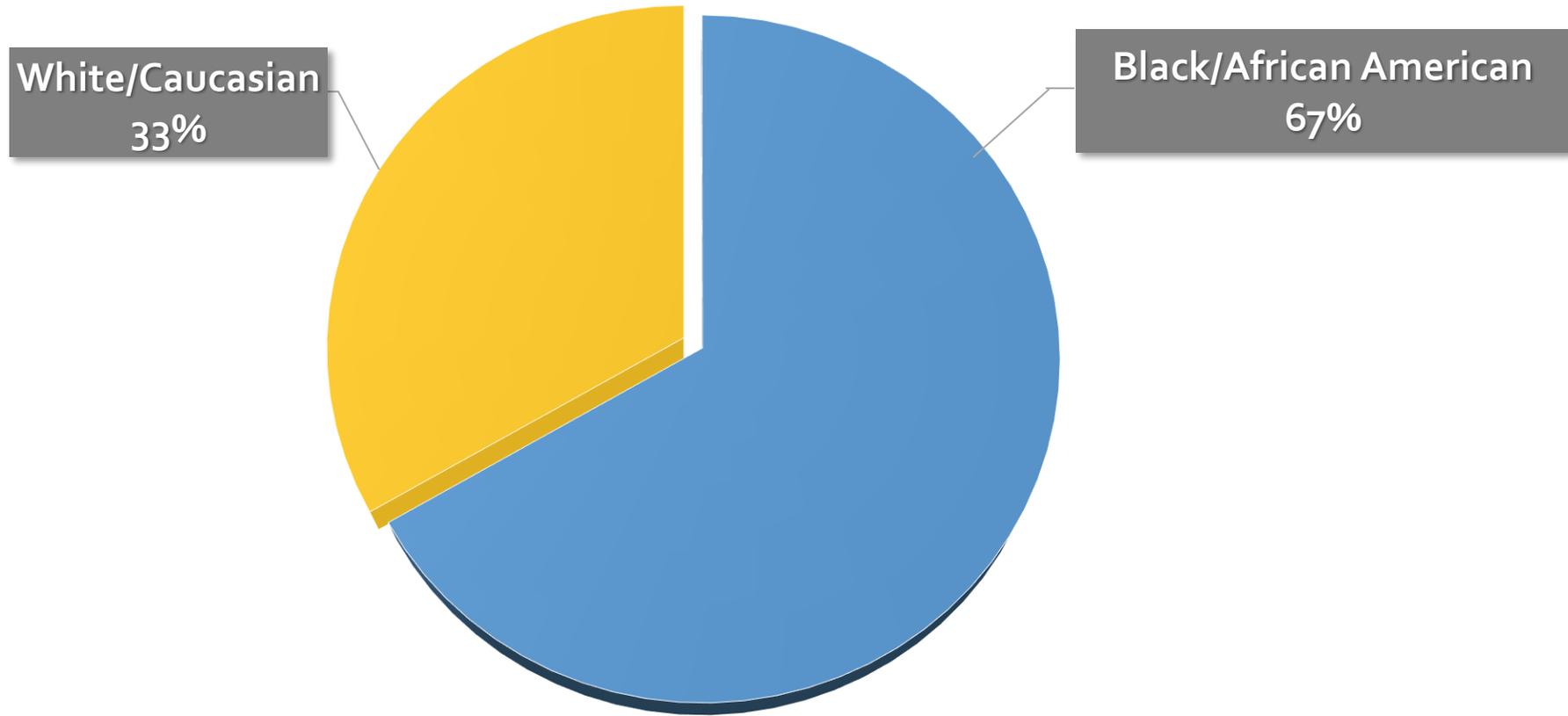
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# 2021 DEFENDANTS CHARGED WITH TRAFFICKING (SELLING) MINORS

(N=6)

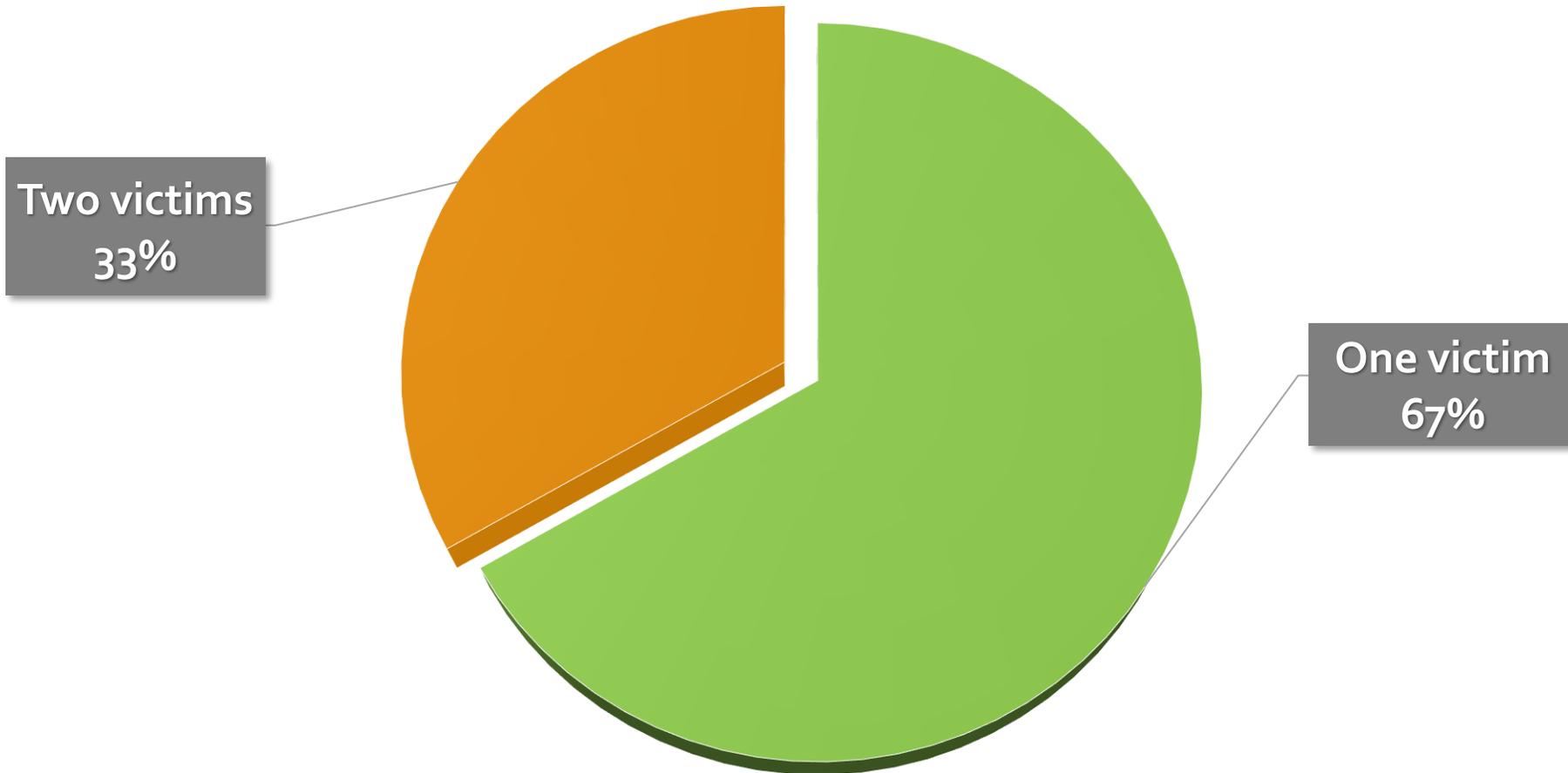


\*Data representative of Promoting Commercial Sexual Abuse of a Minor (PCSAM) charges and Human Trafficking in the 2<sup>nd</sup> Degree (HT2 – minor element) charges.



# 2021 CSEC CASES WITH MORE THAN ONE VICTIM

(N=12)





# CSEC DEFENDANTS WITH OTHER CHARGES IN 2021

N=16

50% of defendants charged with CSAM or PCSAM face additional child sexual exploitation charges. Of those charges:

- 34% were Communication with a Minor for Immoral Purposes
- 31% concerned Rape of a Child
- 27.5% included other charges that suggest force and coercion including Violation of the Uniform Controlled Substances Act (drug dealing), Unlawful Possession of a Firearm, or Felony Harassment (threats to kill)



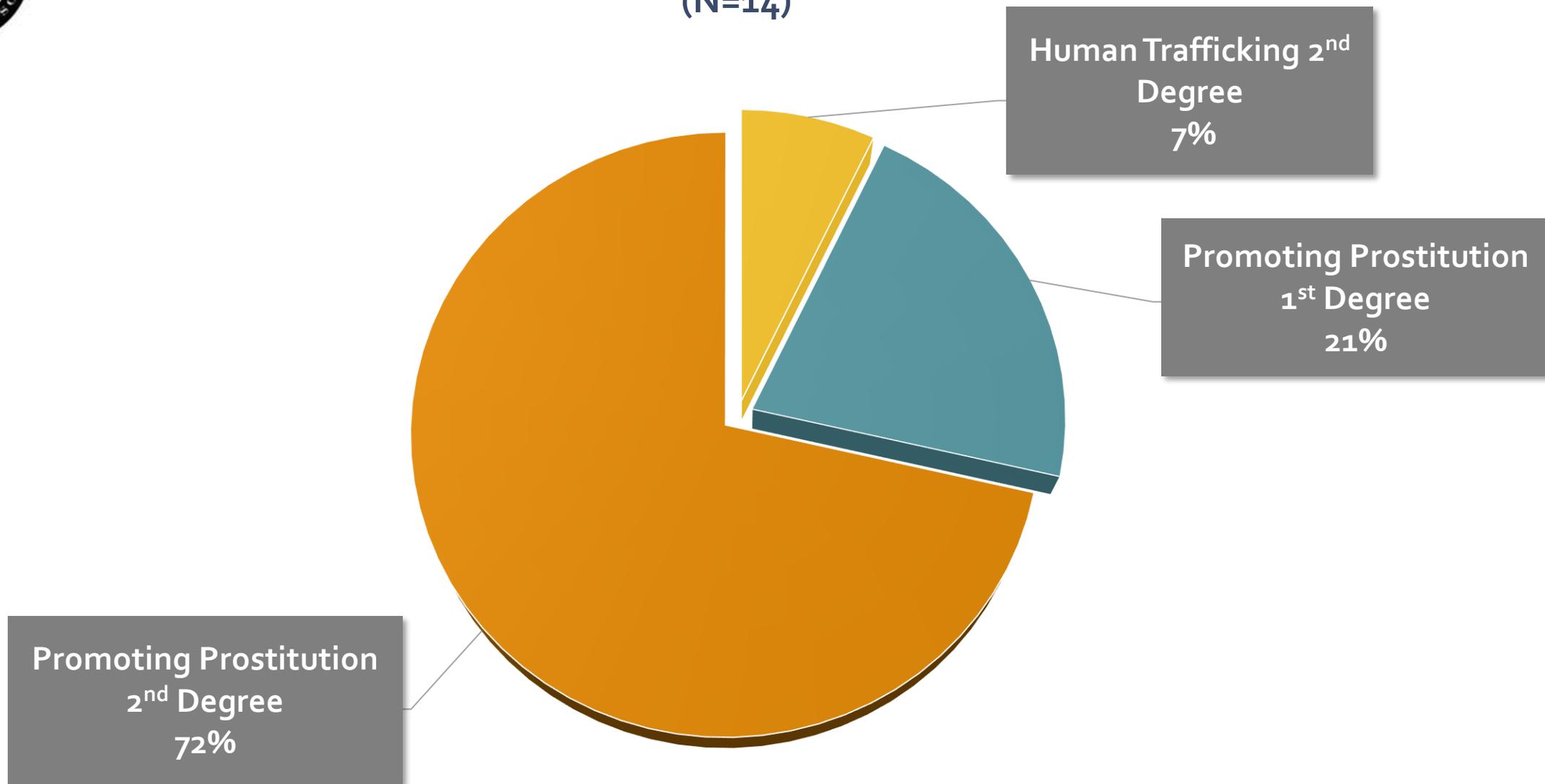
# Commercial Sexual Exploitation of Adults (CSE)

**2021**



# 2021 ADULT CSE CHARGES

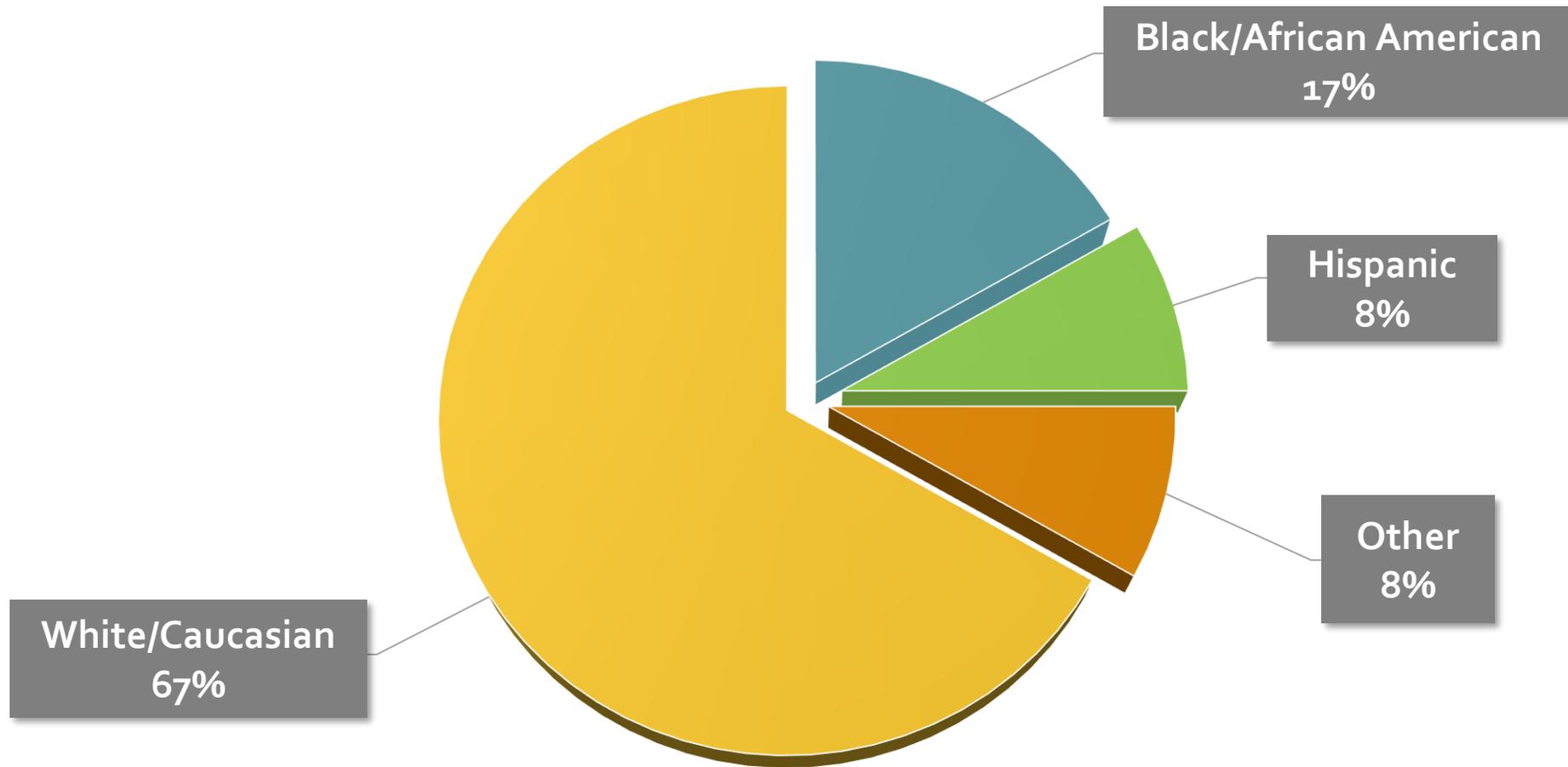
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# 2021 ADULT CSE VICTIM RACE

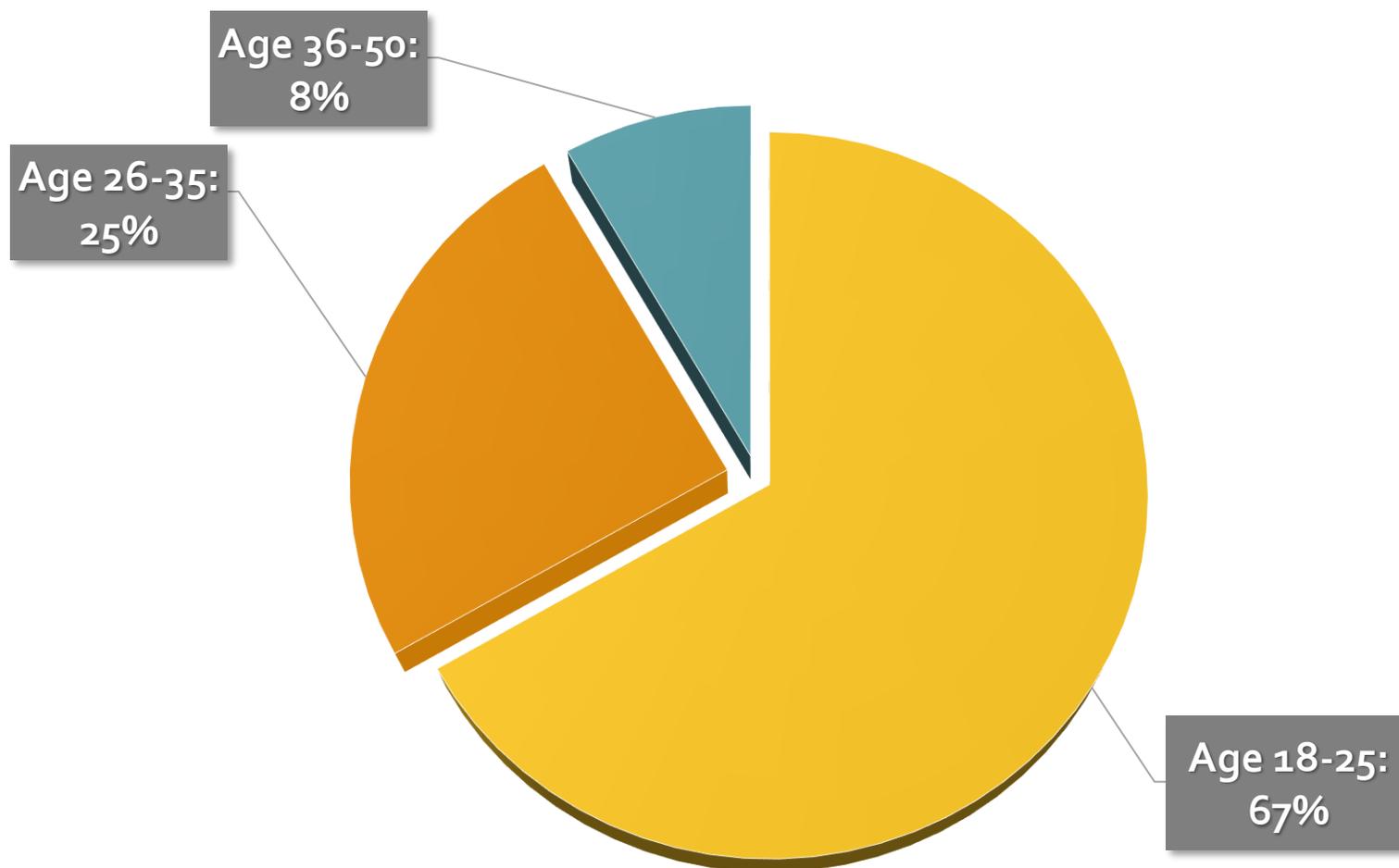
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# 2021 ADULT CSE VICTIM AGE

(N=12)

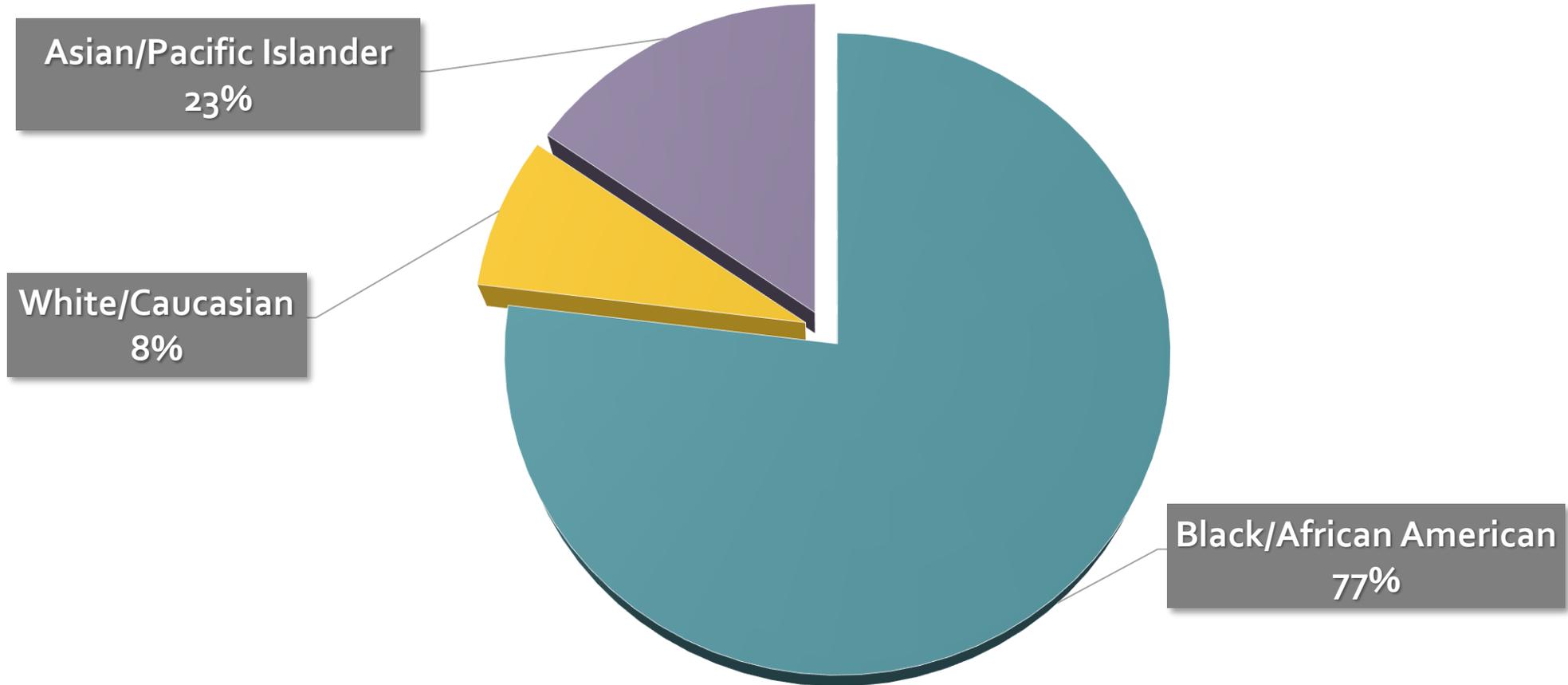


\* Although legally 18 is considered the age of majority, most WA service providers still serve "youth" aged 18-26 years old.



# 2021 DEFENDANTS CHARGED WITH TRAFFICKING/PROMOTING ADULTS

(N=13)



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

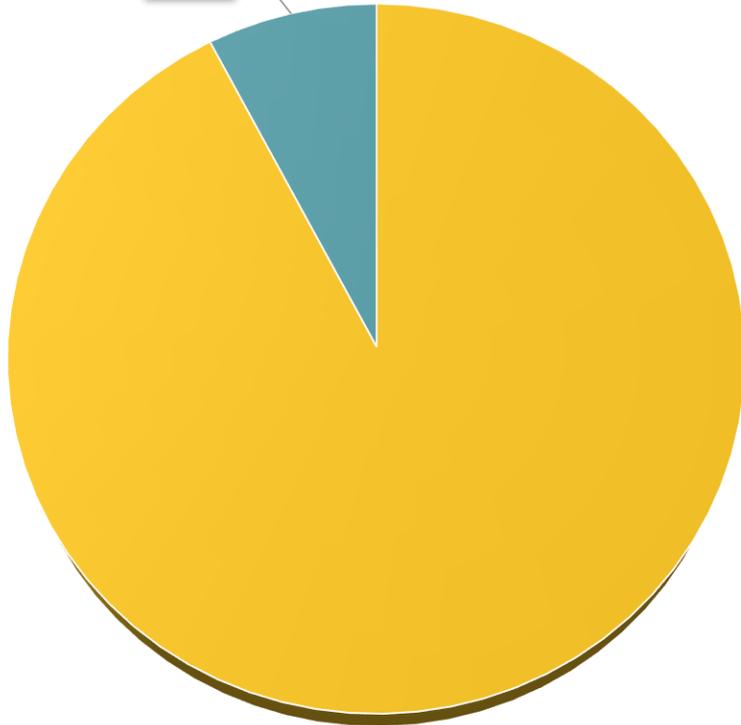


# 2021 ADULT CSE GENDER BREAKDOWN

## DEFENDANT GENDER

(N=13)

8%



■ Male

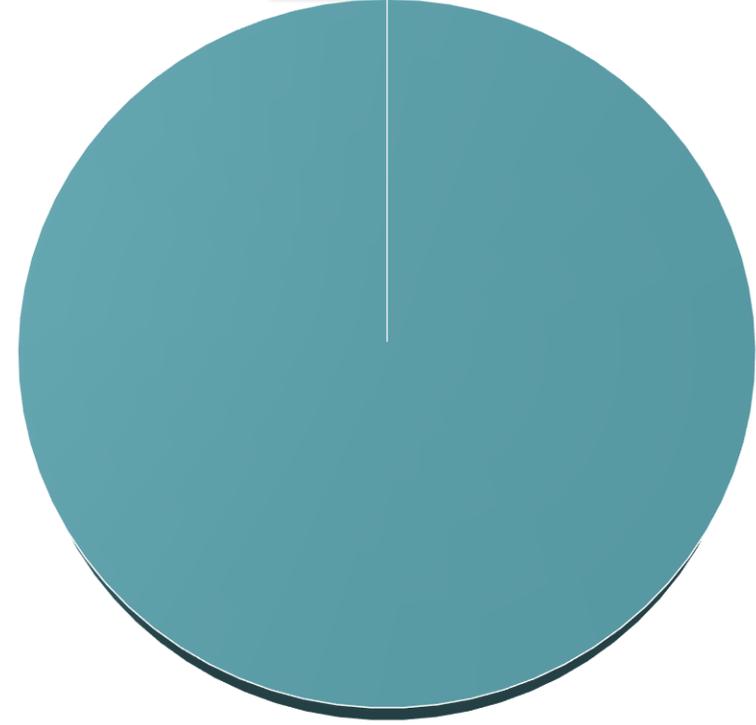
■ Female

92%

## VICTIM GENDER

(N=12)

0%



100%

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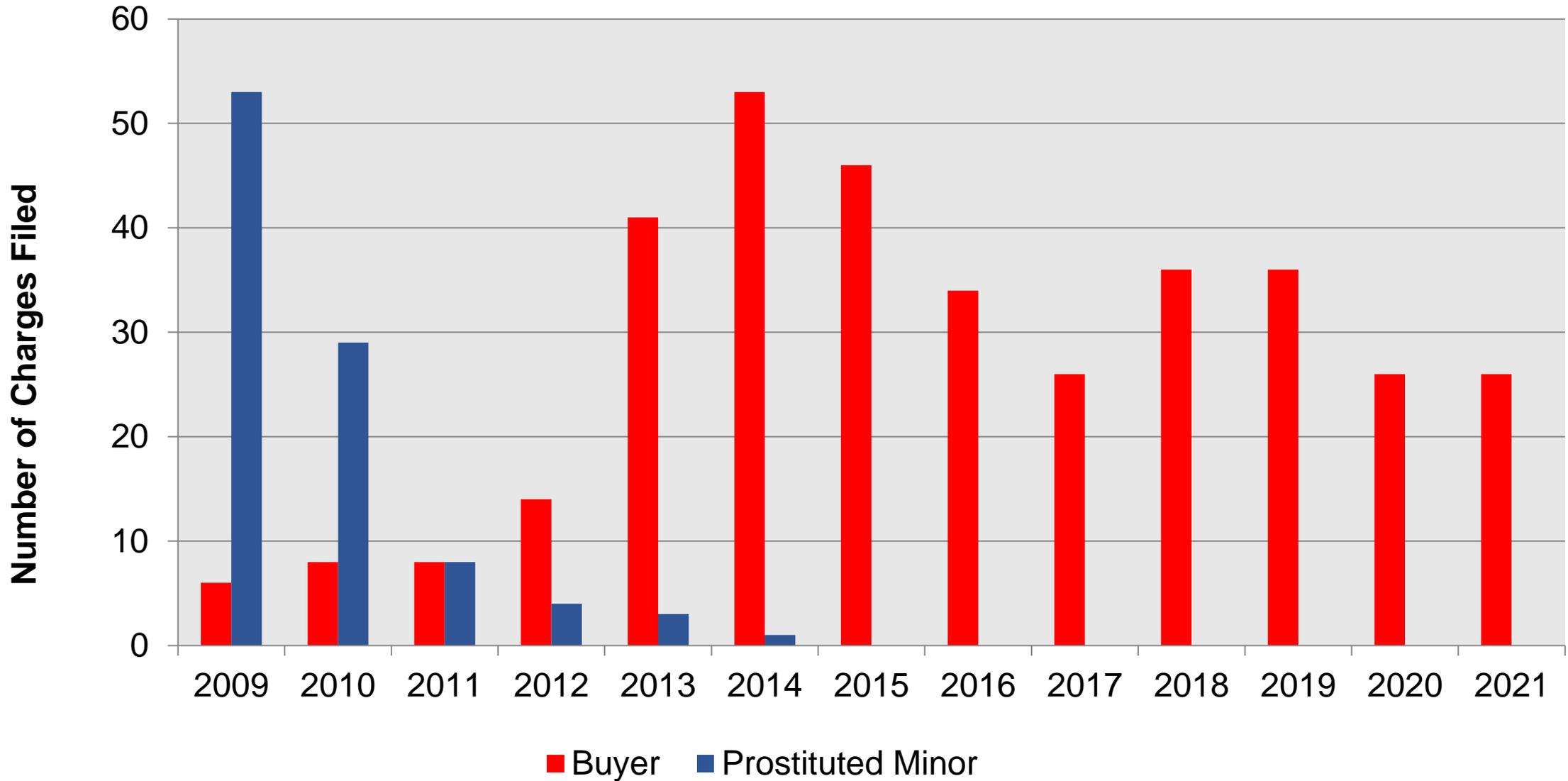


# Commercial Sexual Exploitation of Children (CSEC)

**2013 – 2021**

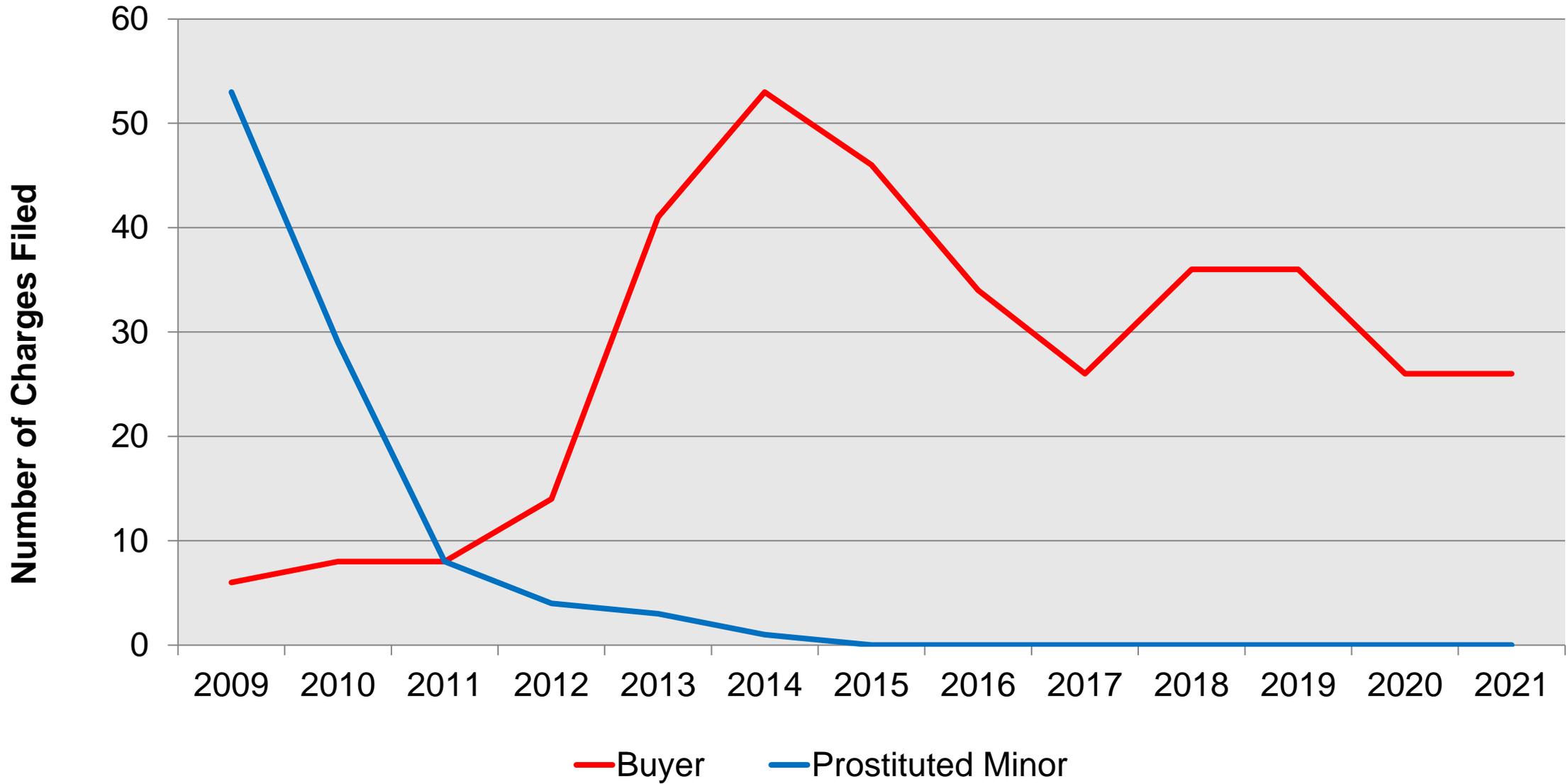


## Minors Charged With Prostitution vs. Men Trying To Buy Sex From Minors



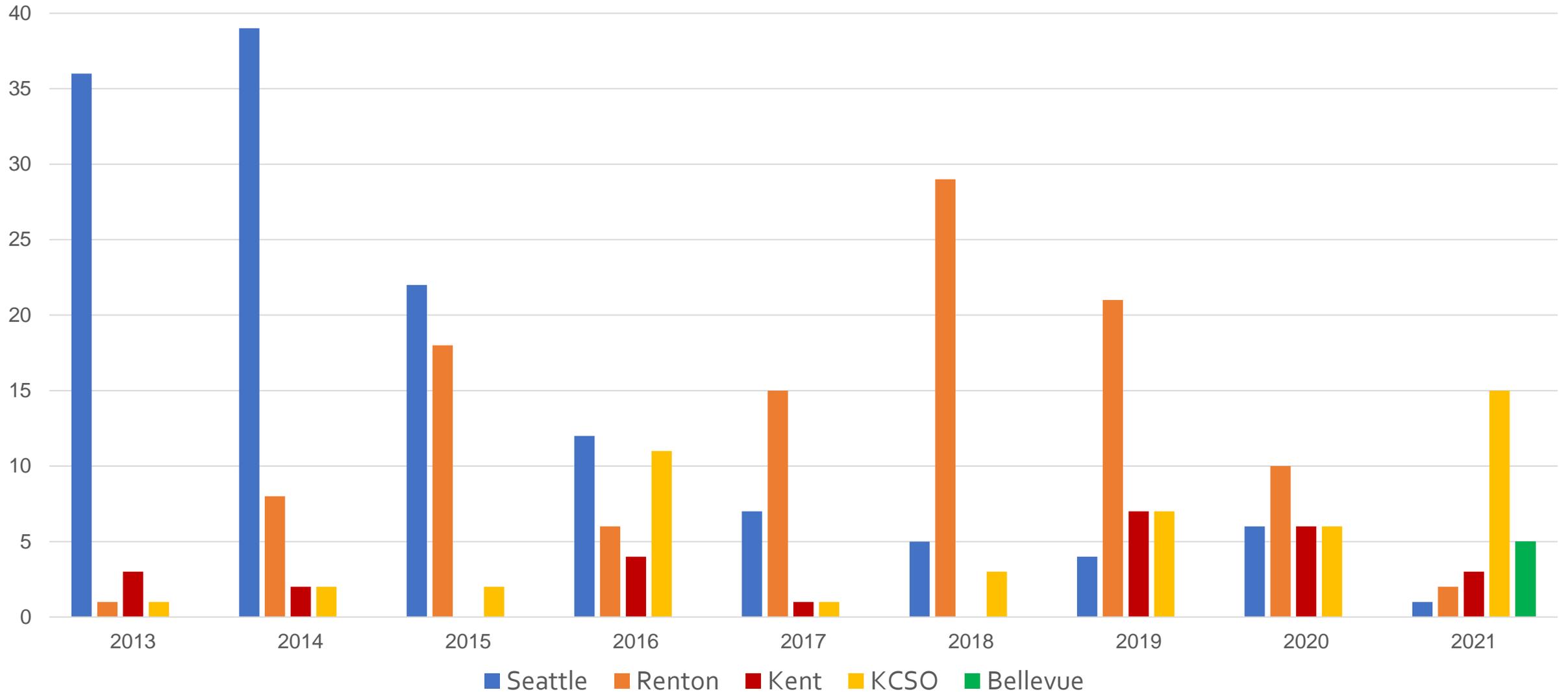


## Minors Charged With Prostitution vs. Men Trying To Buy Sex From Minors





# CSAM Cases by Police Agency 2013-2021

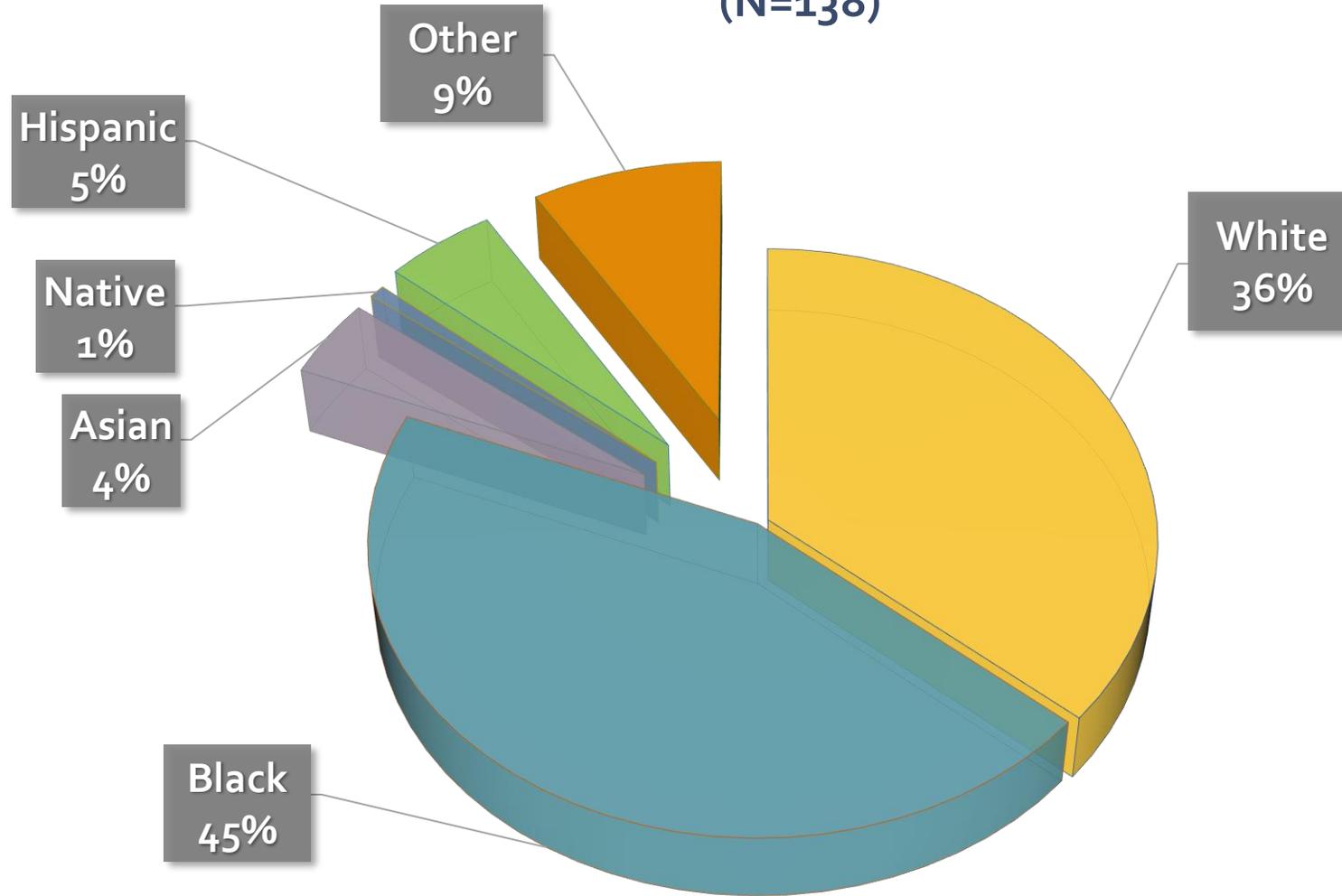


\*Data representative of agencies with the highest total case volume over the 2013 – 2021 period. Other agencies have had CSAM cases during this time.



# CSEC VICTIMS BY RACE: 2011-2021

(N=138)

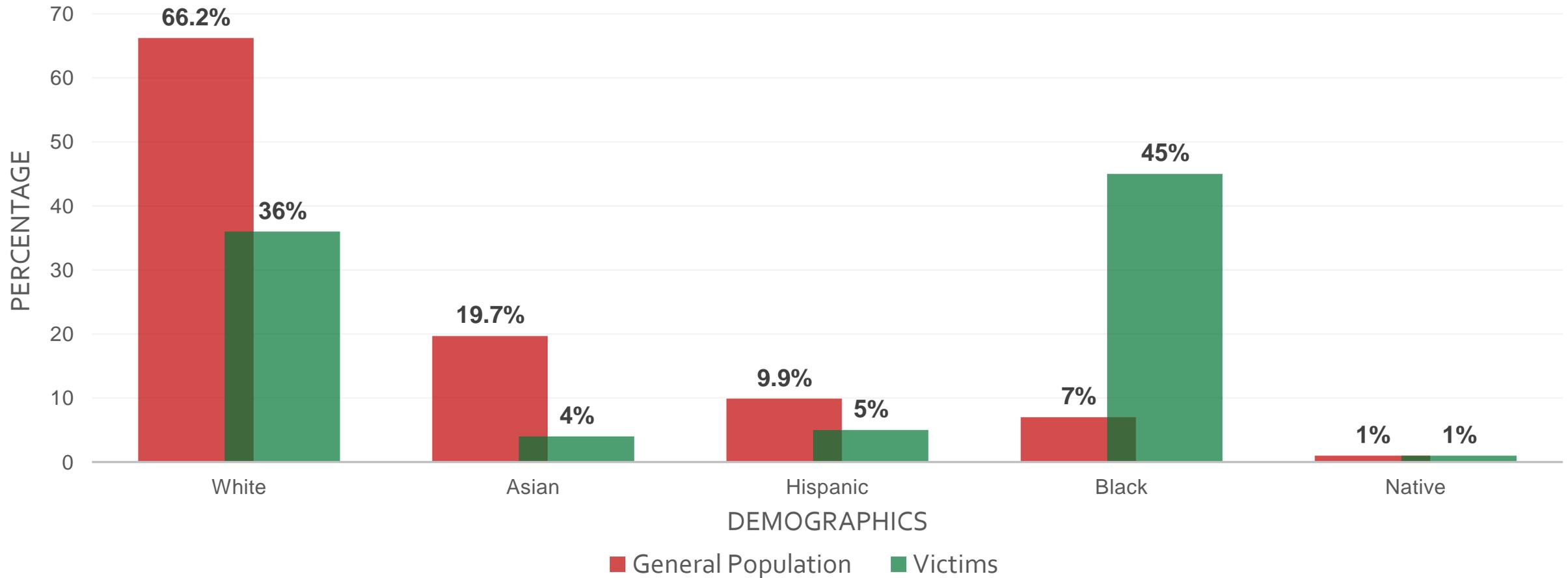


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# Comparing Race of Minor-CSEC Victims to General Population of King County 2011-2021

(N=138)



\*KCPAO data from 2011-2021 compared to 2020 census data for King County.

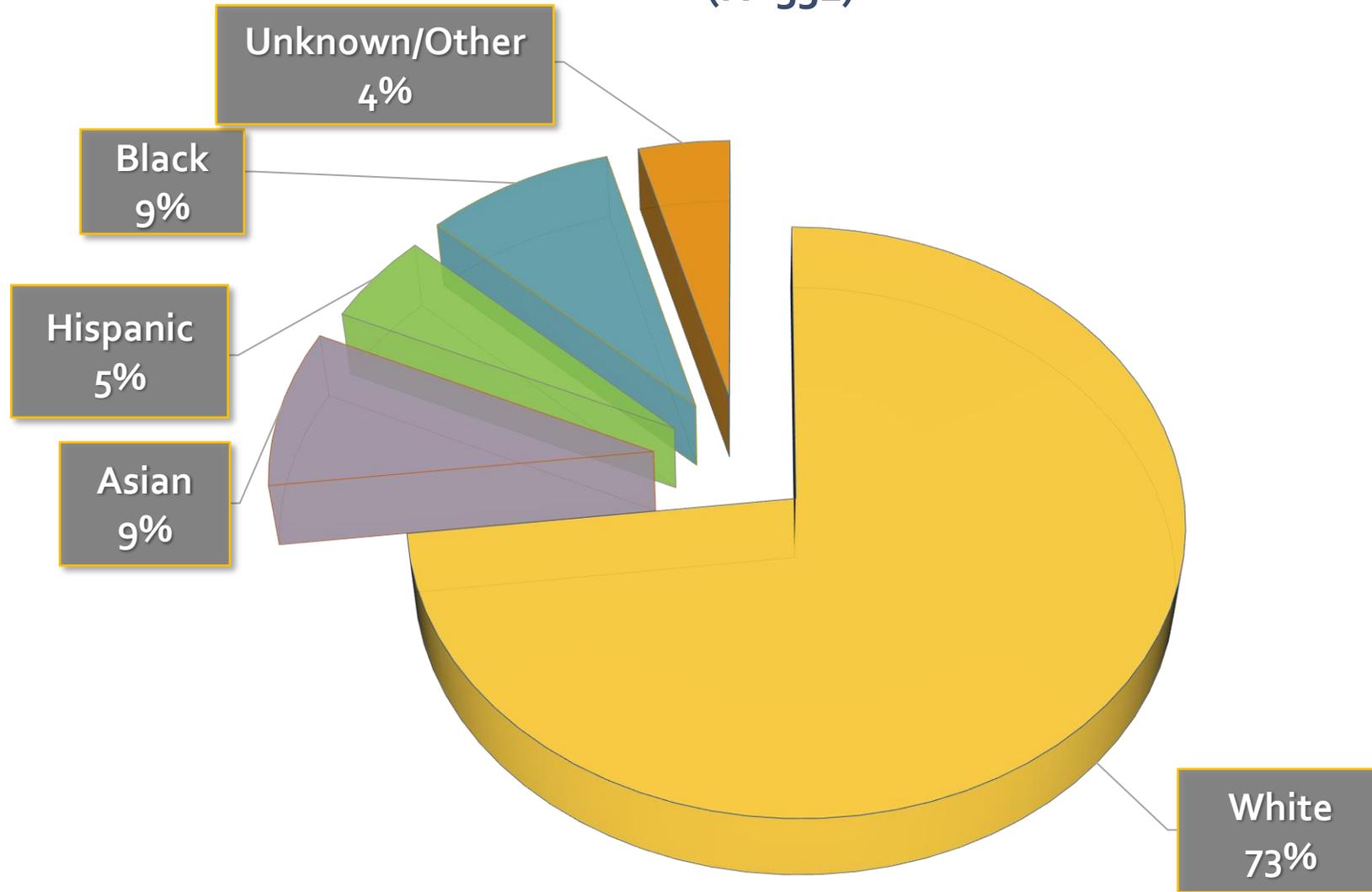
\*\* Census data is gender neutral and does not reflect the disproportionate representation of female identified victims of color.

\*\*\* Charges are representative of CSAM, ACSAM, PCSAM, and HT2nd (minor element) cases with minor victims.



# SEX BUYERS OF MINORS 2013-2021

(N=331)

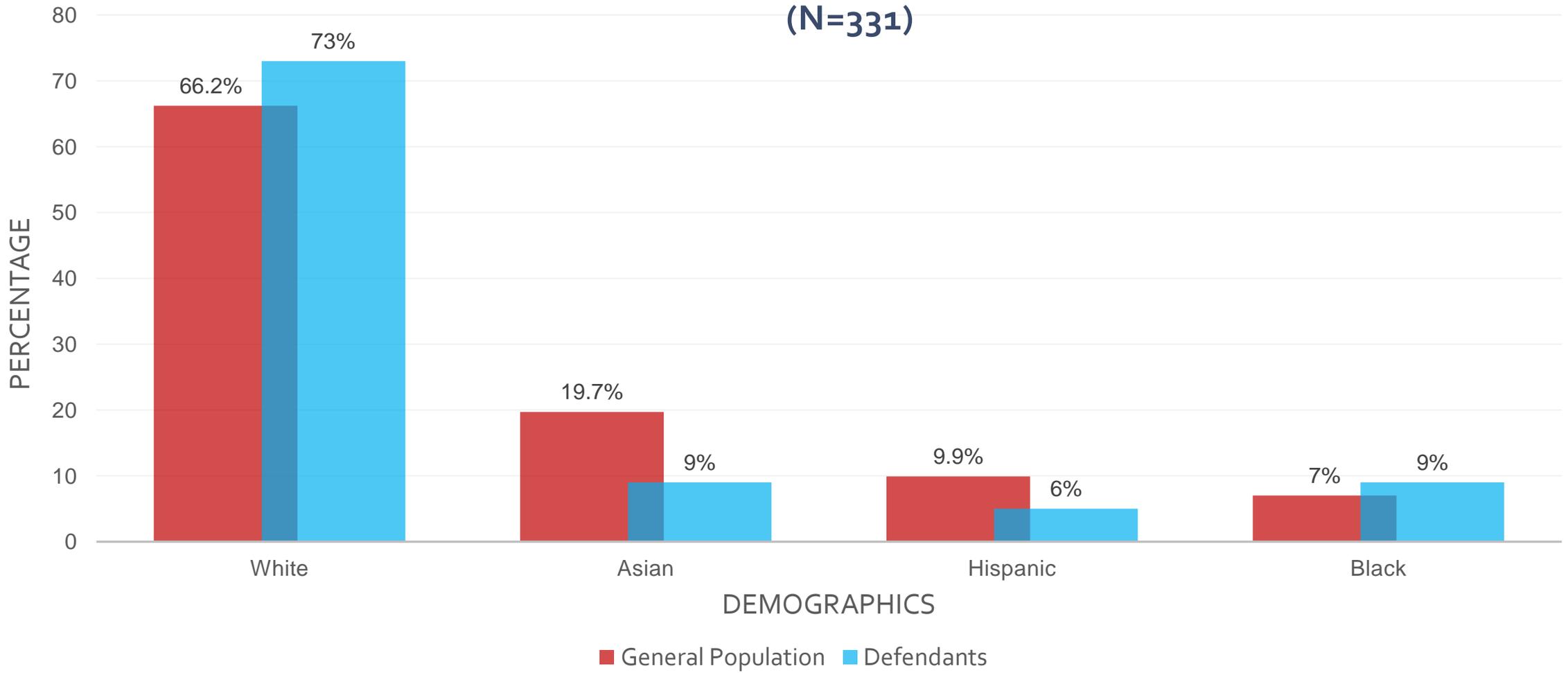


\*Sex buyers of minors includes defendants charged with CSAM and ACSAM.



# Comparing Race of Sex Buyers of Minors to General Population of King County 2011-2021

(N=331)



\*KCPAO data from 2011-2021 compared to 2020 census data for King County.

\*\* Census data is gender neutral and does not reflect the disproportionate representation of male identifying defendants

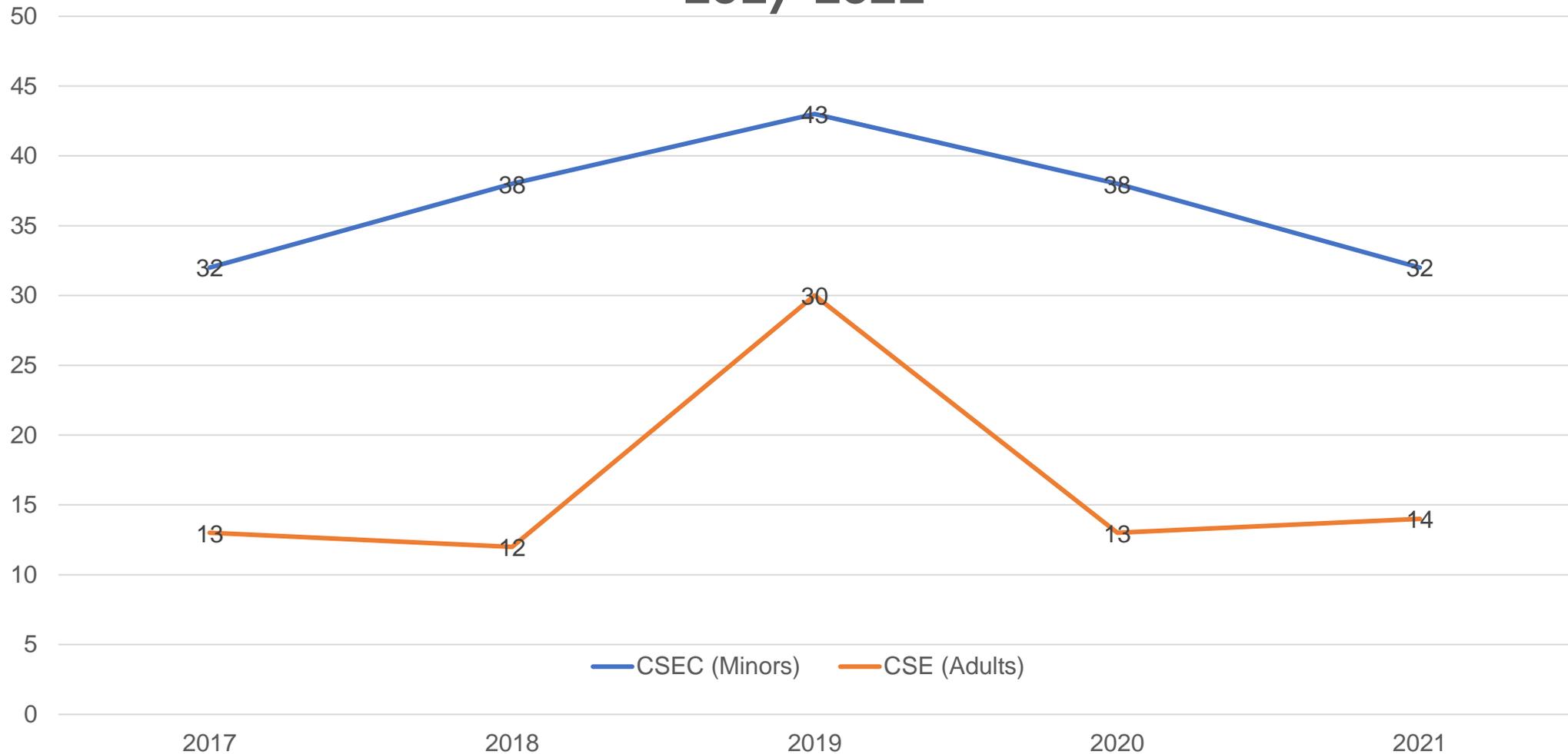


# King County Model, Policies, & Trends



# CSEC (Minors) vs. CSE (Adults) Charges by Year

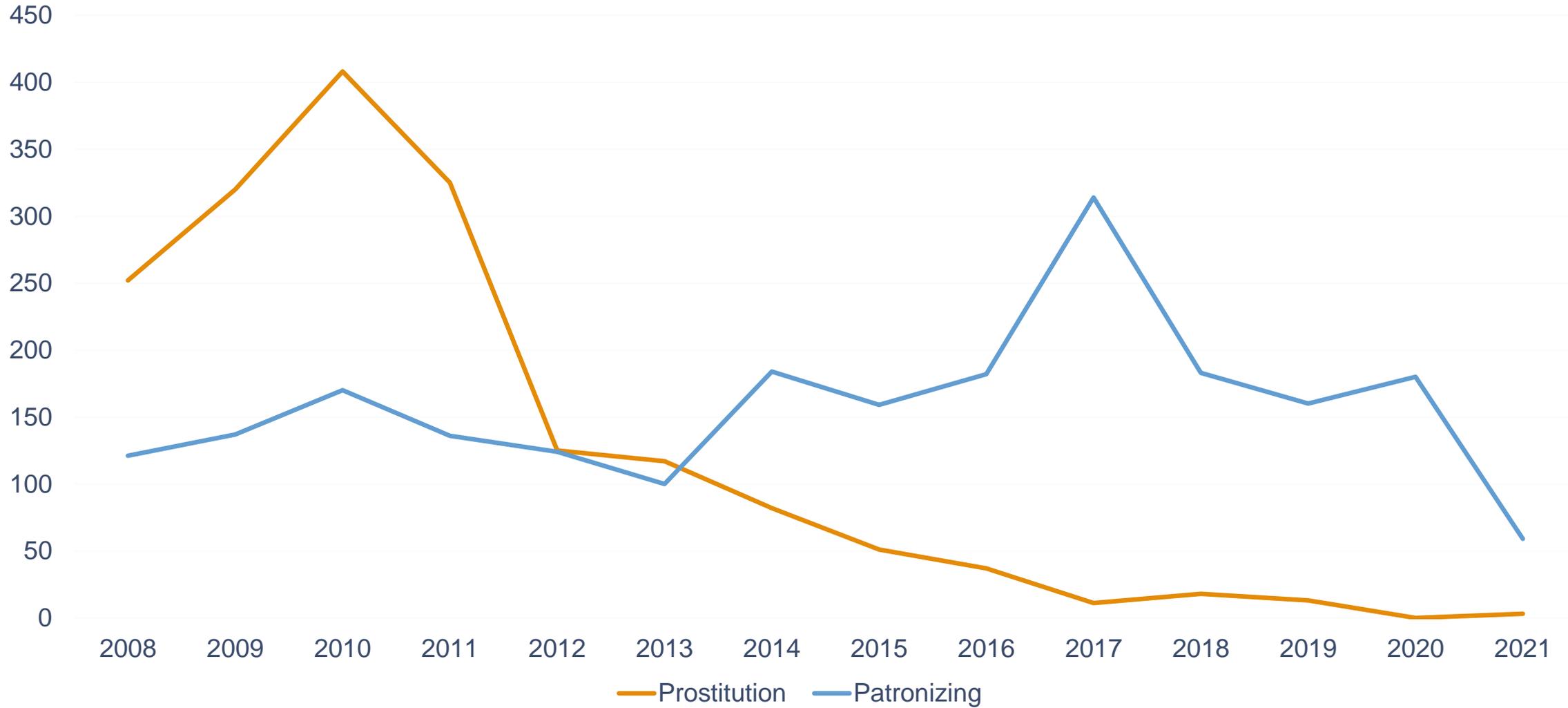
## 2017-2021



CSEC Charges = CSAM, PCSAM, and HT (minor element); CSE Charges = PP1, PP2, and HT



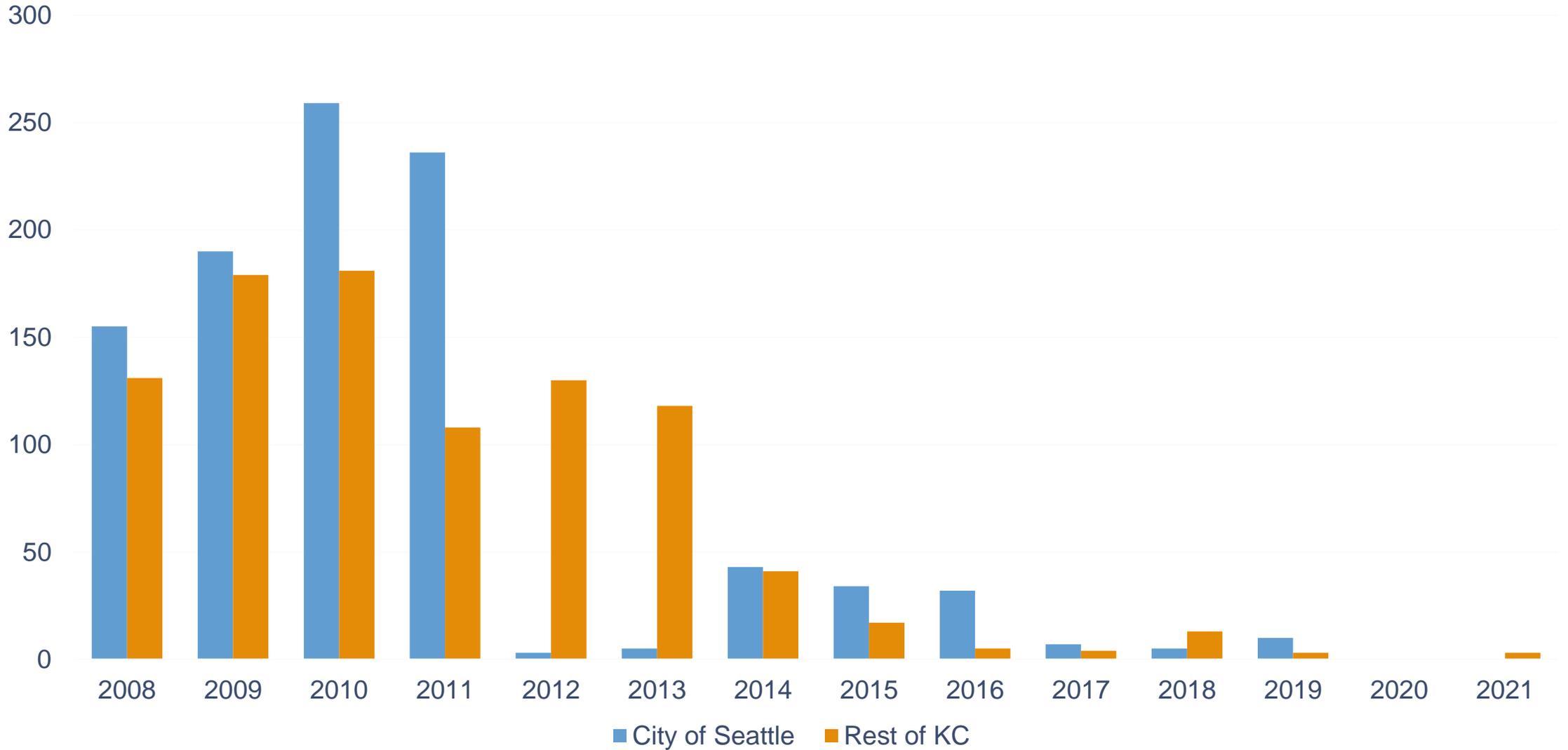
# Patronizing vs. Prostitution Charges by Year 2008-2021



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

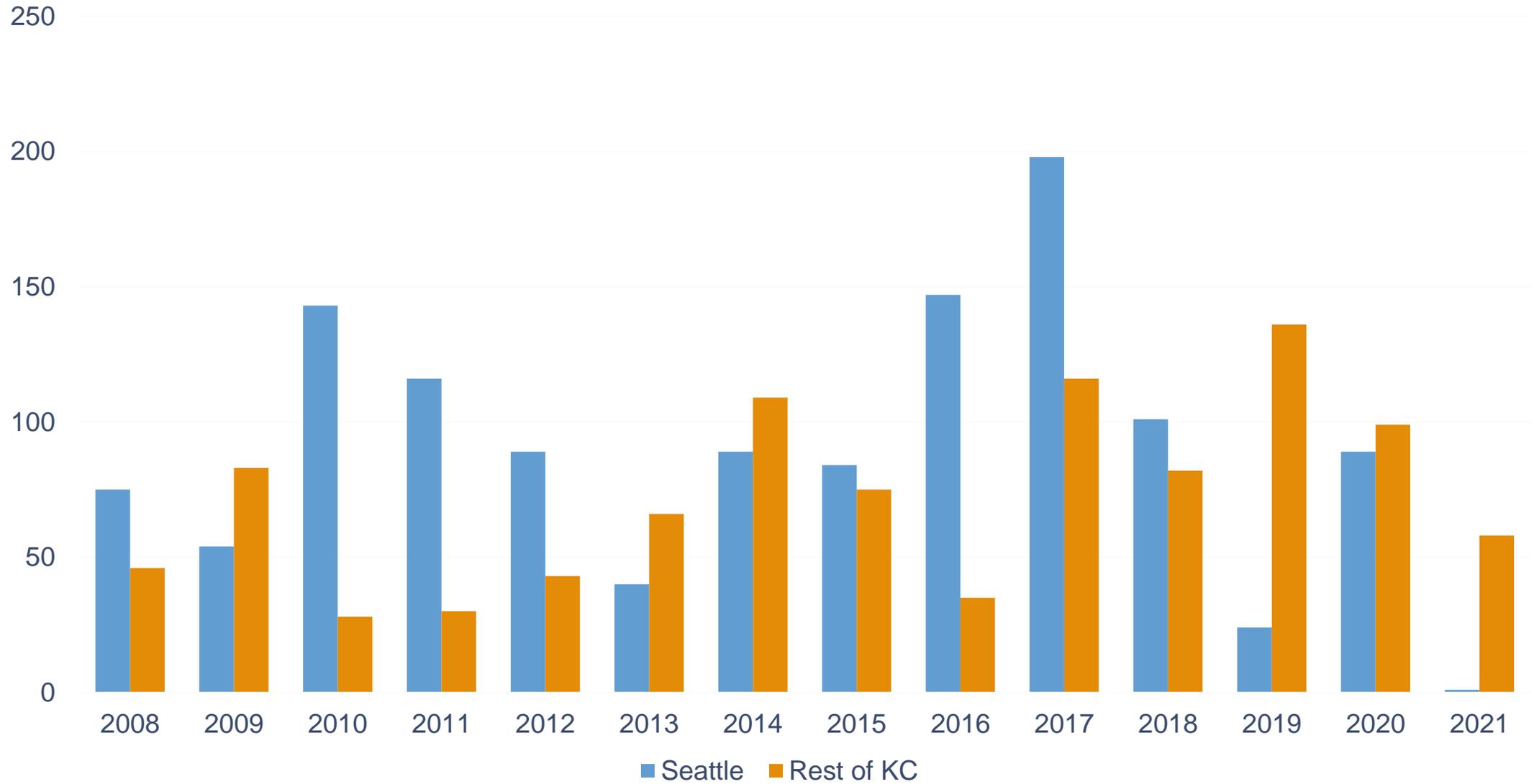


# Prostitution Charges 2008-2021





# Patronizing Charges 2008-2021





# Prostitution Charges 2010-2021

Agency	Total	2021	2020	2019	2018	2017	2016	2015	2014	2013	2012	2011	2010
Auburn	10	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	1	1	8	0	0
Bellevue	40	0	0	0	0	0	0	9	4	14	10	0	3
Bothell	4	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	4	0	0	0
Burien	5	0	0	0	1	1	0	0	0	0	2	1	0
Des Moines	130	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	7	19	18	23
Federal Way	43	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	1	6	0	13
Issaquah	1	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	1	0	0	0
KCSO	212	0	0	0	3	0	1	1	9	56	32	25	43
Kenmore	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0
Kent	94	0	0	0	5	0	2	1	10	4	17	8	13
Kirkland	9	0	0	0	0	0	2	0	3	4	0	0	0
Redmond	5	0	0	0	3	0	0	1	0	0	0	0	0
Renton	38	0	0	1	1	3	0	1	0	0	1	8	2
SeaTac	188	2	0	2	0	0	0	4	12	20	27	29	52
Seattle	969	0	0	10	5	7	32	34	43	5	3	236	259
Shoreline	23	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	1	0	6
Snoqualmie	1	1	0	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-
Tukwila	127	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	2	6	7	19	26
<b>Totals</b>	<b>1910</b>	<b>3</b>	<b>0</b>	<b>13</b>	<b>18</b>	<b>11</b>	<b>37</b>	<b>51</b>	<b>84</b>	<b>123</b>	<b>133</b>	<b>344</b>	<b>440</b>

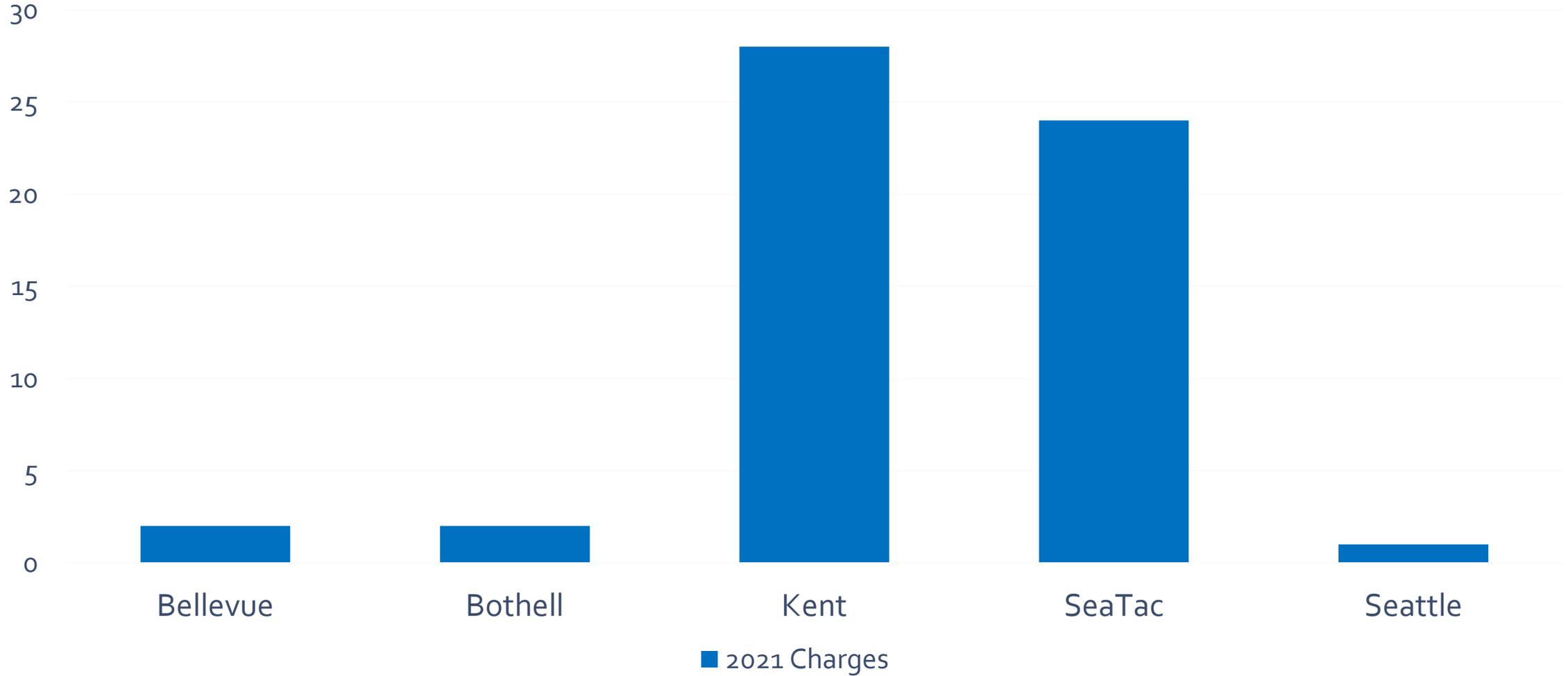


# Patronizing Charges 2008-2021

Agency	Total	2021	2020	2019	2018	2017	2016	2015	2014	2013	2012	2011	2010
Auburn	65	0	8	7	11	0	0	0	14	6	8	10	1
Bellevue	120	2	0	13	0	101	0	0	3	0	0	0	1
Bothell	4	2	1	1	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0
Burien	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0
Des Moines	55	0	16	27	0	0	0	0	9	1	0	0	1
Federal Way	84	0	0	0	0	11	0	28	18	1	8	0	0
Issaquah	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0
KCSO	49	-	0	0	6	1	4	2	2	2	4	2	9
Kenmore	1	-	-	-	0	0	0	1	0	0	0	0	0
Kent	460	28	74	67	57	0	19	30	54	35	16	13	10
Kirkland	10	0	0	0	0	0	0	1	0	9	0	0	0
Redmond	3	0	0	0	3	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0
Renton	11	0	0	1	0	0	1	0	4	0	0	0	0
SeaTac	62	24	0	8	5	0	0	3	3	10	0	2	1
Seattle	1250	1	89	24	101	198	147	84	89	40	89	116	143
Shoreline	19	-	0	-	0	0	0	0	1	0	5	1	0
Snoqualmie	1	1	0	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-
Tukwila	50	1	0	-	0	3	11	10	1	2	2	2	5
<b>Totals</b>	<b>2220</b>	<b>59</b>	<b>188</b>	<b>148</b>	<b>183</b>	<b>314</b>	<b>182</b>	<b>159</b>	<b>198</b>	<b>106</b>	<b>132</b>	<b>146</b>	<b>171</b>



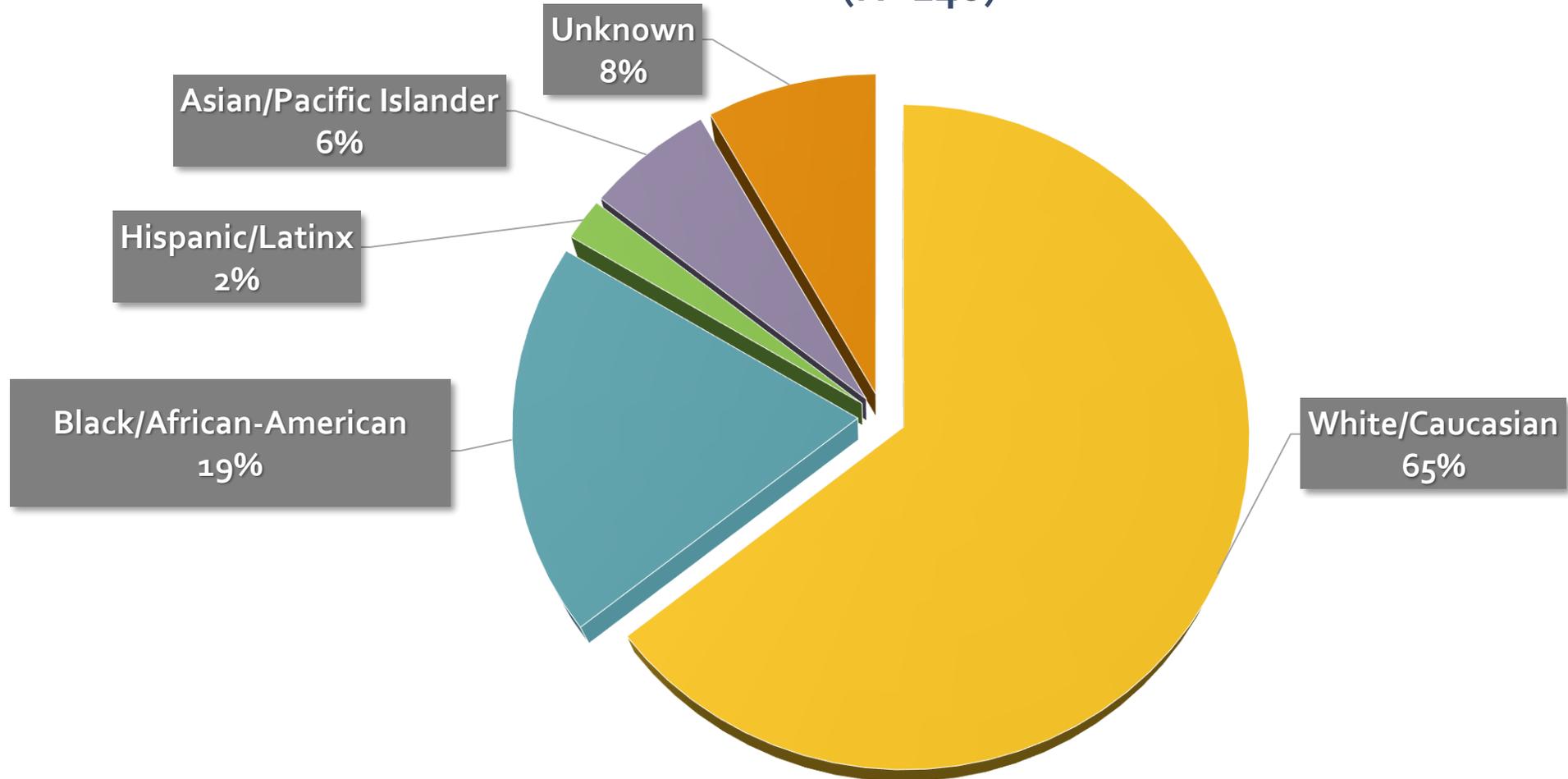
# 2021 Patronizing Charges by Agency



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



## DEFENDANTS CHARGED WITH TRAFFICKING MINORS (BUYING AND SELLING) 2018 – 2021 (N=146)



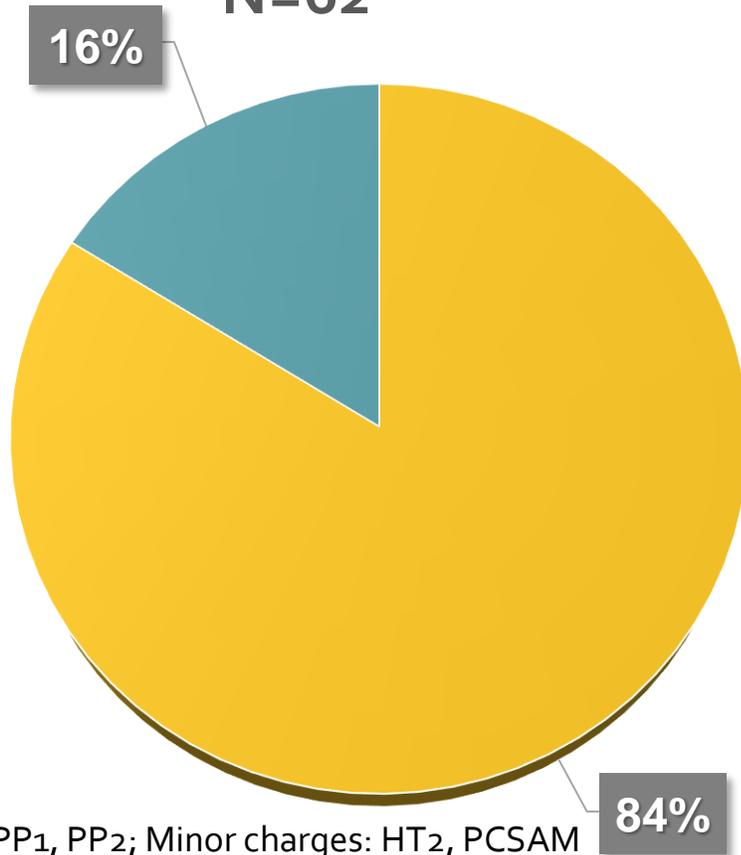
\*Data representative of defendants charged with ACSAM, CSAM, APCSAM, PCSAM, and HT2 (minor element) from 2018 – 2021.



# TRAFFICKING (SELLING) DEFENDANT GENDER BREAKDOWN 2018 - 2021

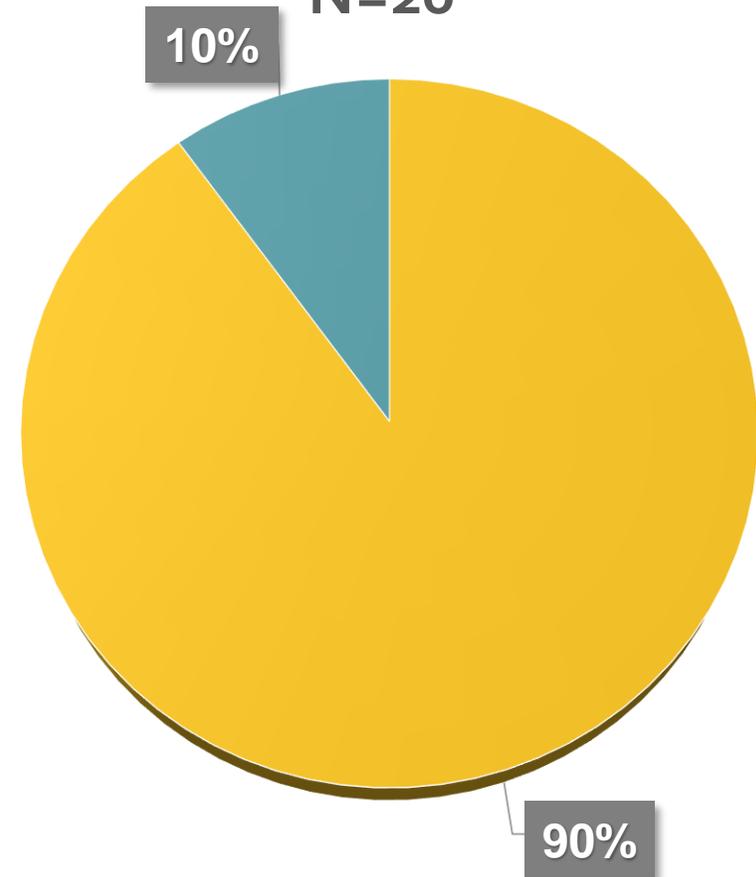
## TRAFFICKING ADULTS

N=62



## TRAFFICKING MINORS

N=20



Male

Female

\*Adult charges: HT2, PP1, PP2; Minor charges: HT2, PCSAM

\*\*No trans or non-binary individuals represented in this data set.

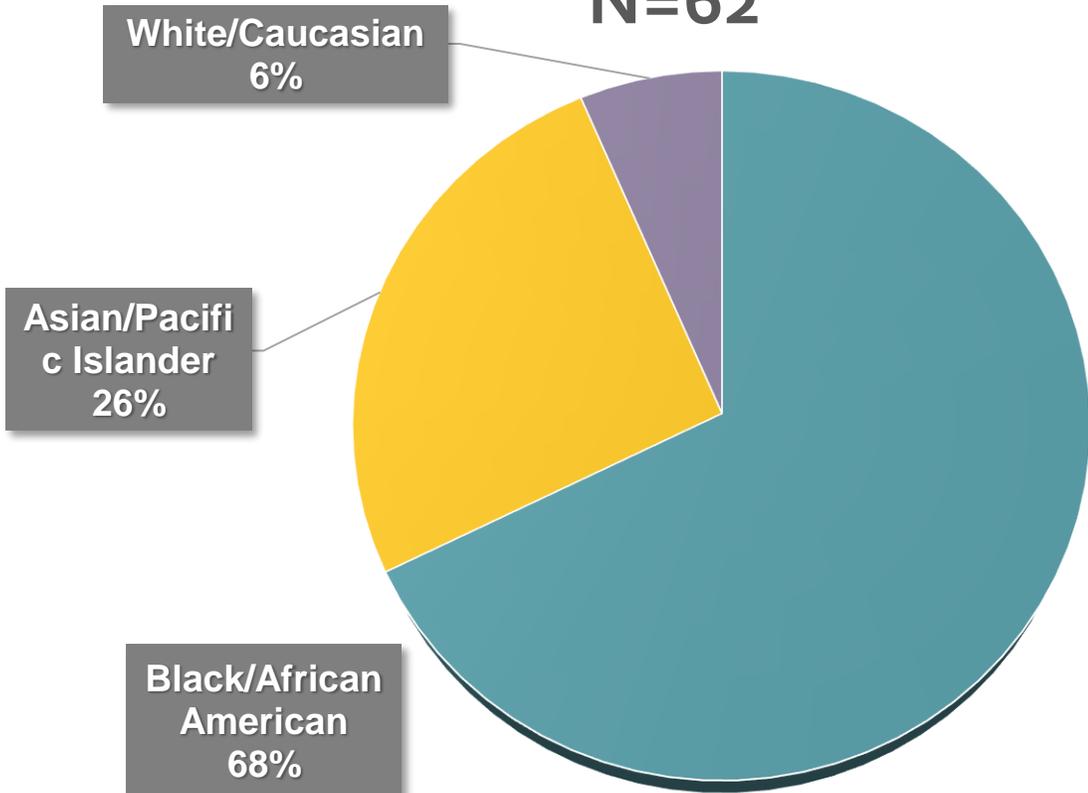
\*\*\*Female defendants represented were charged with exclusively non-buying related offenses except for 1 defendant.



# TRAFFICKING (SELLING) DEFENDANT RACE BREAKDOWN 2018 - 2021

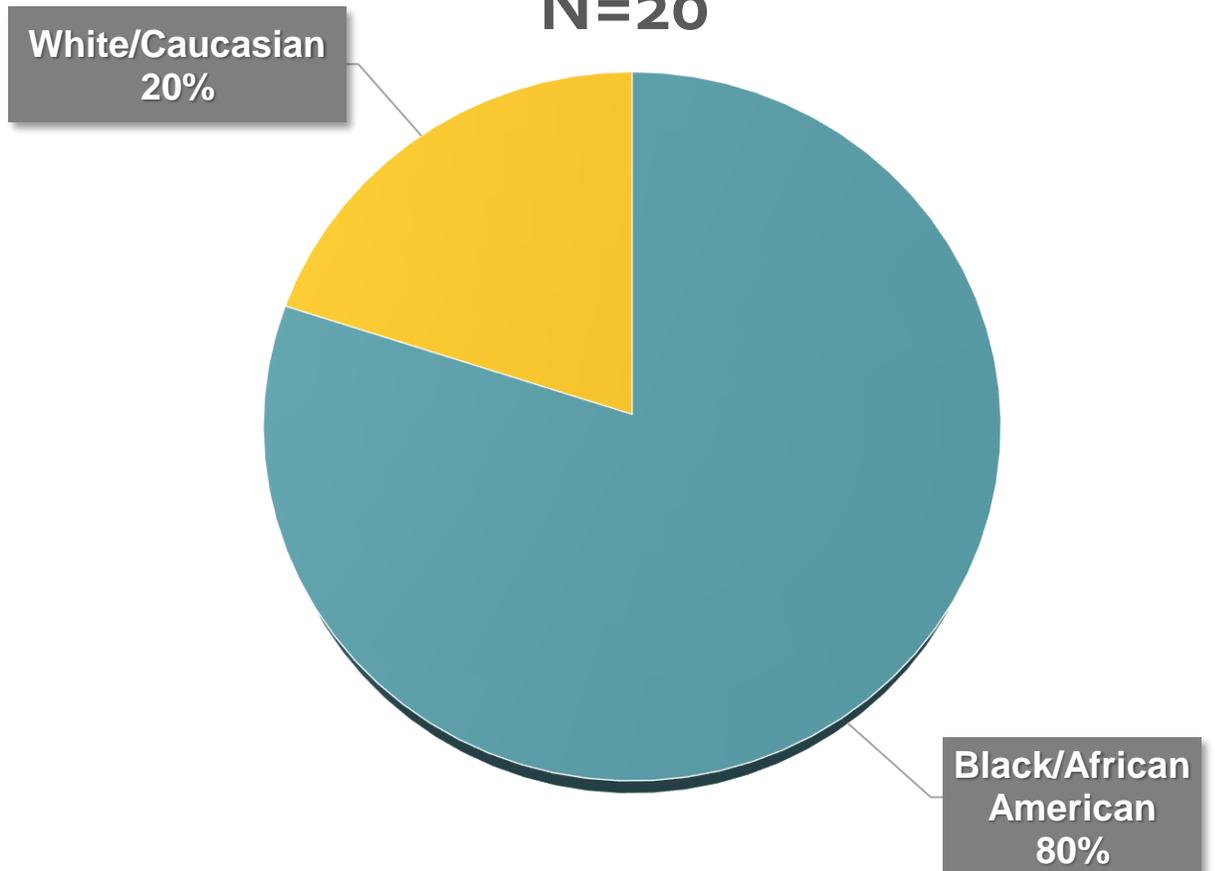
## TRAFFICKING ADULTS

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## TRAFFICKING MINORS

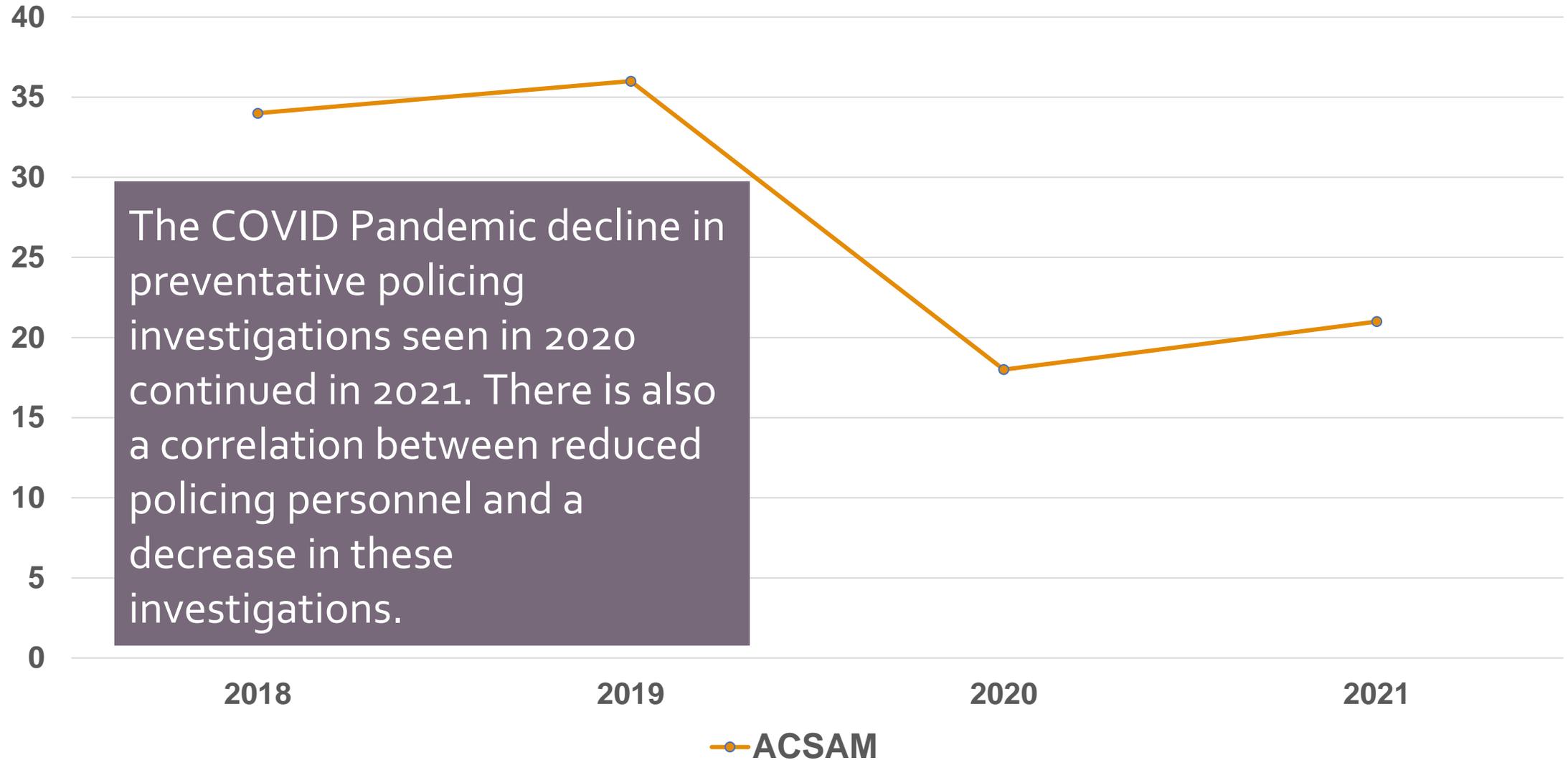
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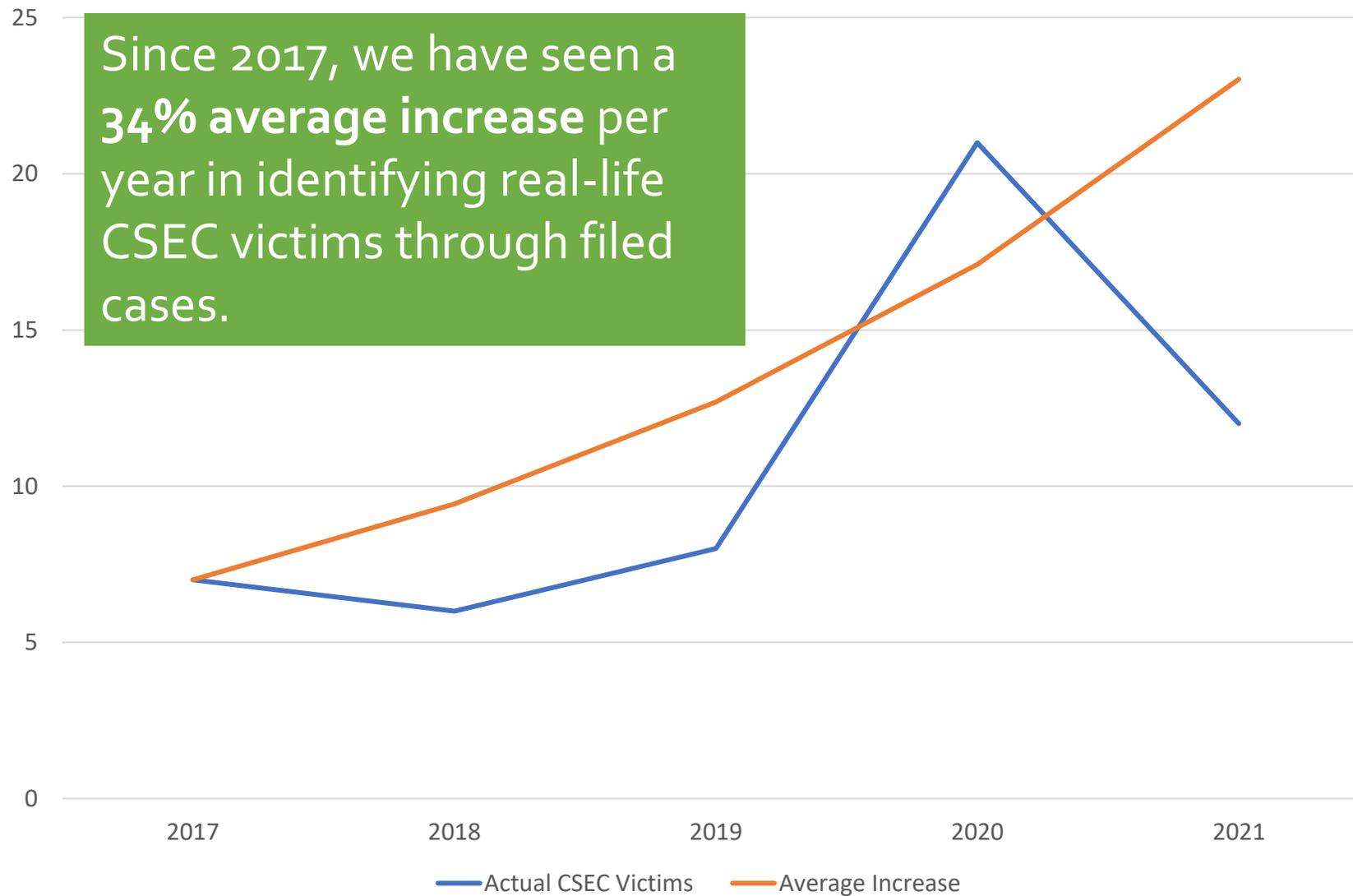


# CHANGE IN ACSAM CASES FROM 2018 - 2021



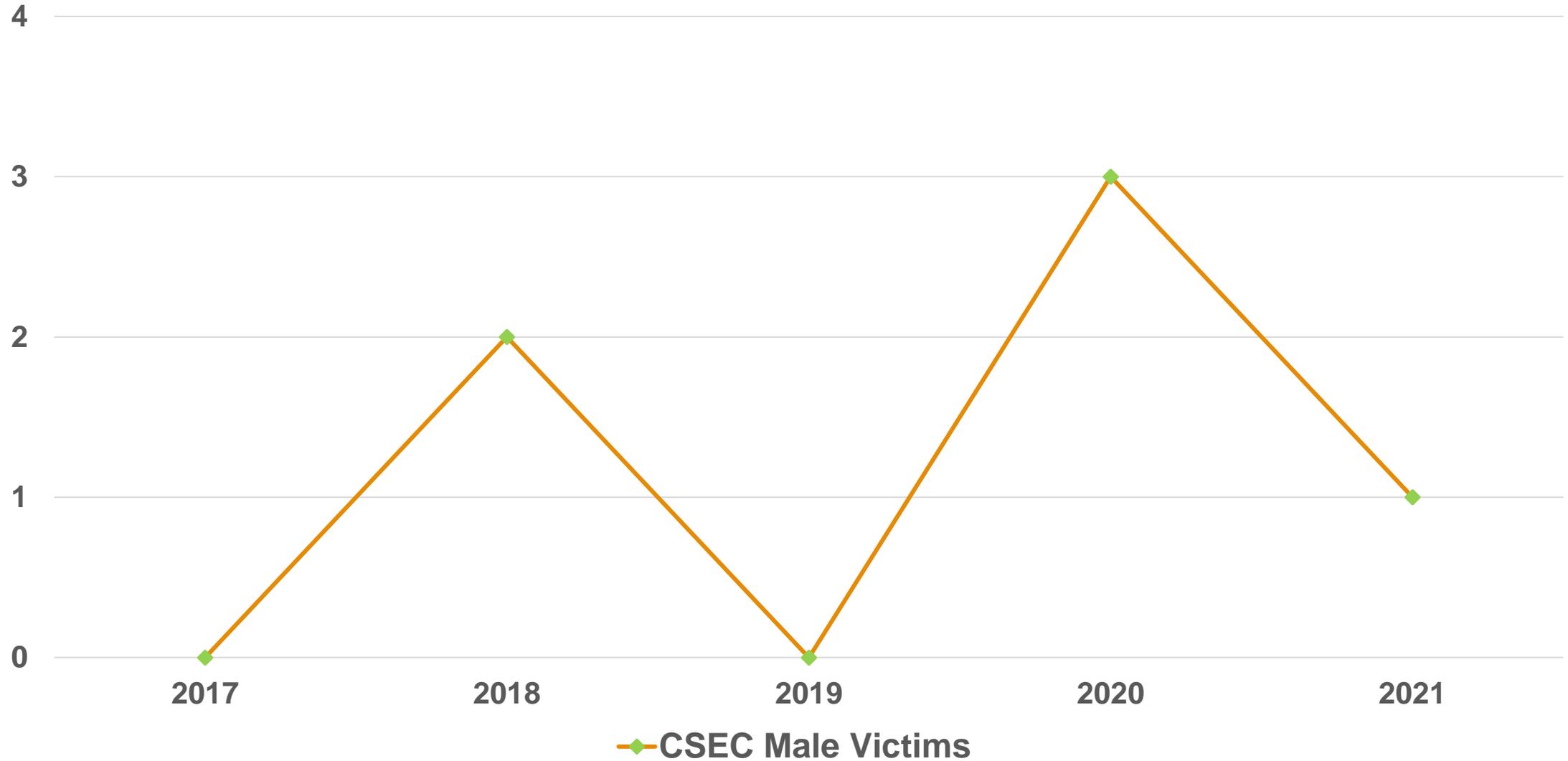


# CSEC victims 2017 - 2021



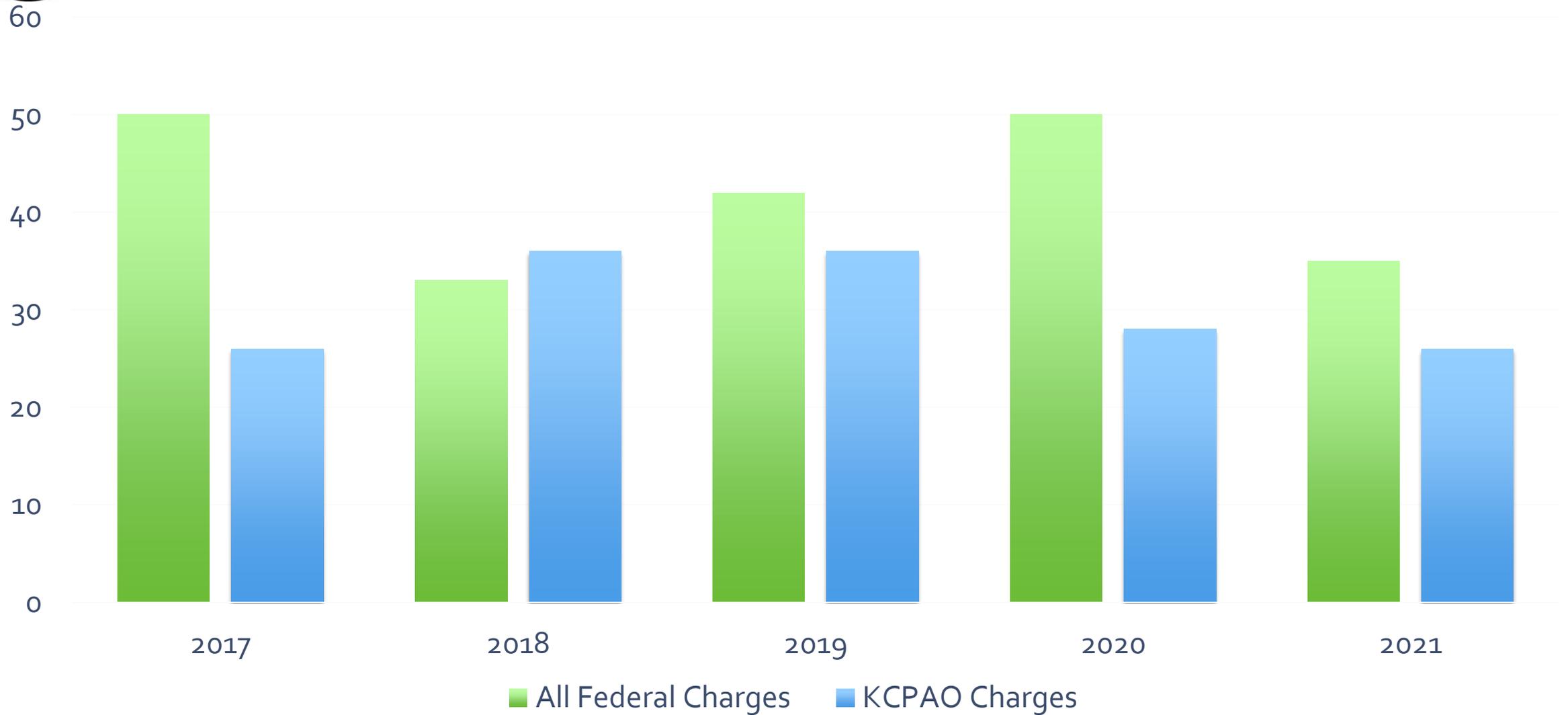


# CSEC MALE VICTIMS IDENTIFIED 2017 – 2021





# CSAM (BUYER) DEFENDANT CASES 2016 - 2021

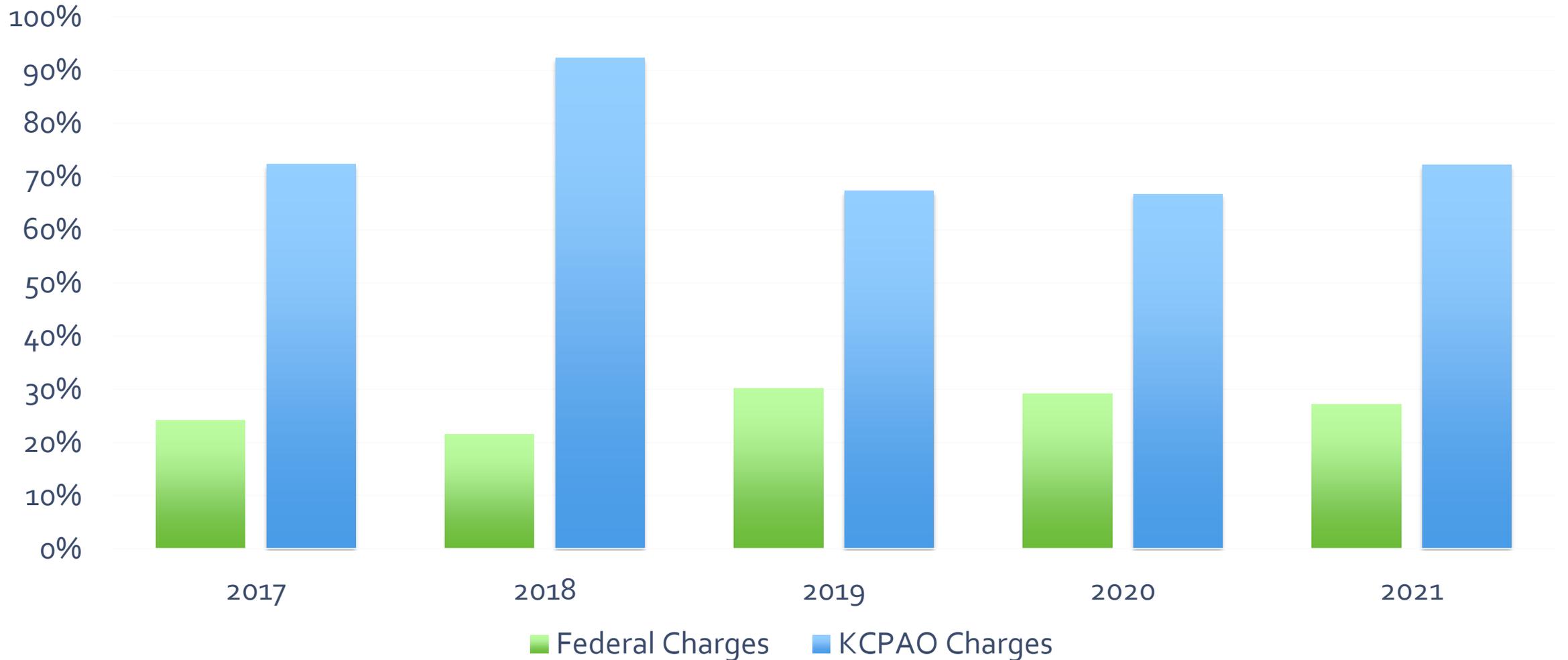


\*Federal data acquired from 2021 Federal Human Trafficking Report, [traffickinginstitute.org](https://traffickinginstitute.org), p. 132.

\*\* Represented KCPAO cases comprise ACSAM and CSAM charges.



# PERCENTAGE OF ALL TRAFFICKING CASES WITH BUYER DEFENDANTS



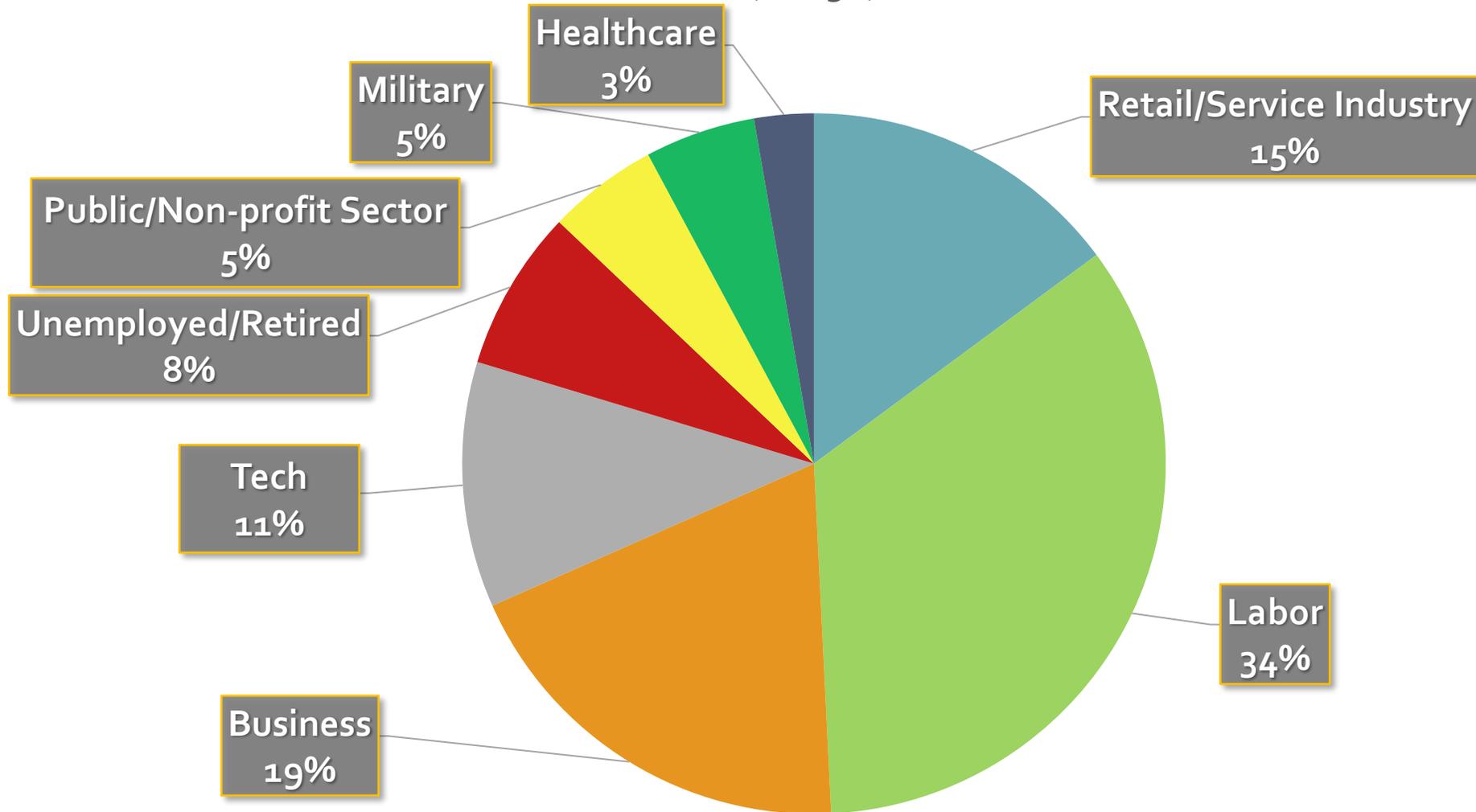
\*Federal data obtained from [2021 Federal Human Trafficking Report](https://www.traffickinginstitute.org/reports/2021-federal-human-trafficking-report), traffickinginstitute.org, pgs 136-37.

\*\* Represented KCPAO cases comprise PCSAM, CSAM, PP1, and HT charges. PP2 is NOT included since there is not a comparable federal statute.



# CSAM BUYERS' OCCUPATION 2013-2021

(N=256)



\*Of the 331 defendants charged during this period, 77.3% had known employment at the commission of the offense. The remaining 75 defendants either were unemployed, their employment could not be identified, or their employment has yet to 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

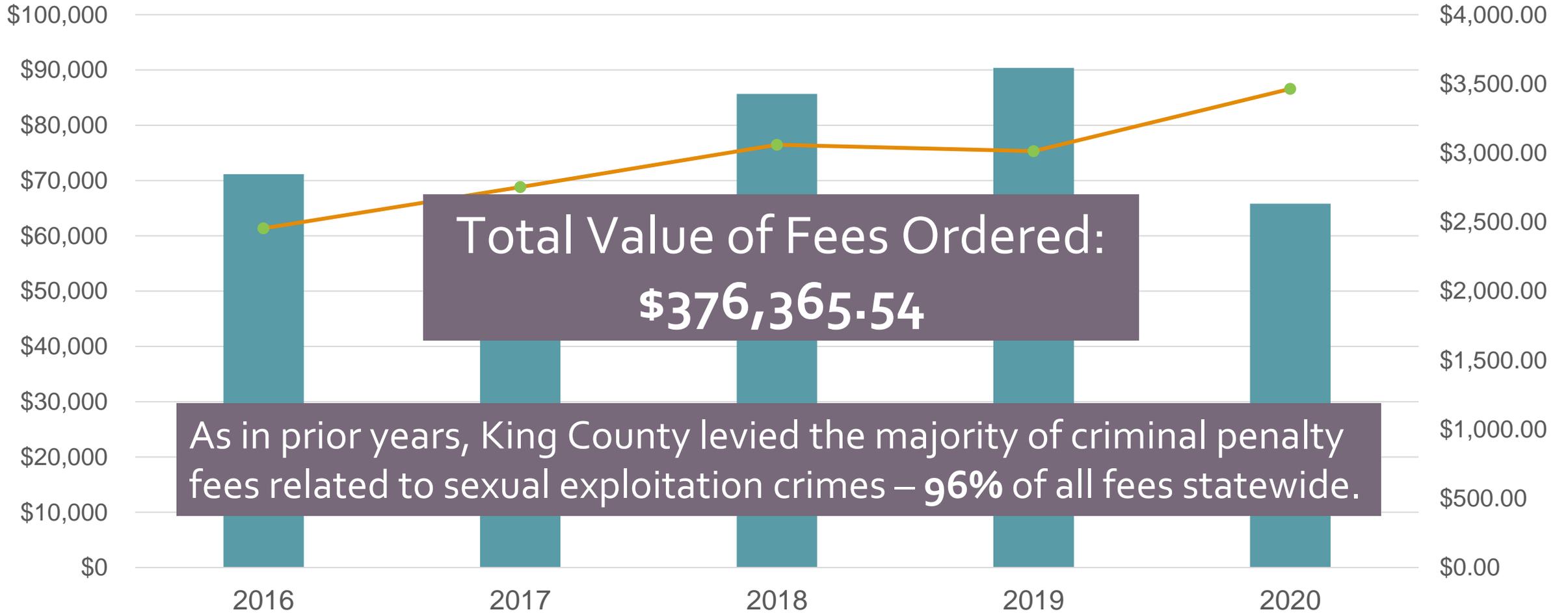
**Tech:** Technology-focused role, Software Engineer, Help-Desk manager, software engineer, IT administrator, etc.

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



# FEES ORDERED 2016 - 2020

■ Total Fees per Year    ● Average Fees per Case



Total Value of Fees Ordered:  
**\$376,365.54**

As in prior years, King County levied the majority of criminal penalty fees related to sexual exploitation crimes – 96% of all fees statewide.

\* Bars are representative of the total fees ordered in cases against CSAM sex buyers per year; the line is representative of the annualized average value of the fees ordered in cases from that year.

\*\* 14.5% of cases from 2020 have not yet resolved as of 6/2/22– therefore the total fees for 2020 may 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 buying sexual access to disproportionately Black female minors who are being trafficked by disproportionately Black adult men.

Identified CSEC victims through our cases has steadily been on the rise since 2017. In fact, we have seen a 34% average yearly increase.

Since 2020, we see a correlation between police agencies not staffing or prioritizing anti-trafficking investigations with a decrease in the number of CSE and CSEC investigations police are conducting. This decrease in investigations has caused a decrease in anti-trafficking charges being filed and victims being identified through charged cases within King County.



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 and only 3 charges in 2021.

The vast majority of CSAM sex buyers were gainfully employed at the time they committed their offense. 2020 saw an average fee of \$3,464 imposed on each sex buyer, which is the highest average fee over the past 5 years. The KCPAO continues to lead the state in imposing these mandatory fees, which represent a form of restorative justice per the legislature's goal of increasing access to services for victims and survivors.

The KCPAO consistently focuses on prosecuting sex buyers of children. Over the last 5 years on average, 74.1% of our trafficking cases focus on buyers whereas the national average for federal cases has been 26.4%.