



# KING COUNTY COMMERCIAL SEXUAL EXPLOITATION CASES

THE DATA BEHIND THE CHARGES

2022 Update

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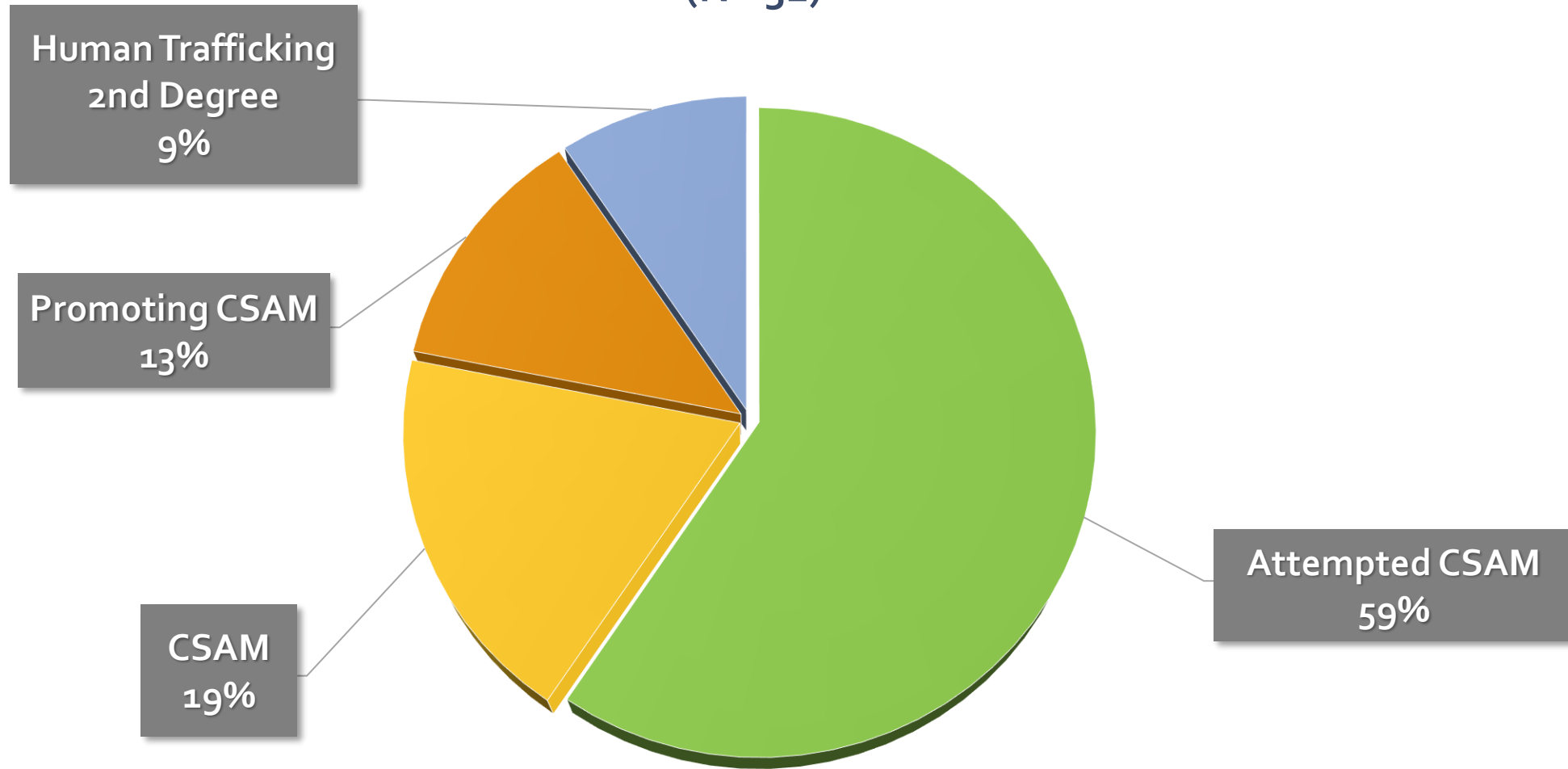
# Commercial Sexual Exploitation of Children (CSEC)

**2022**



# 2022 CSEC CHARGES

(N= 32)



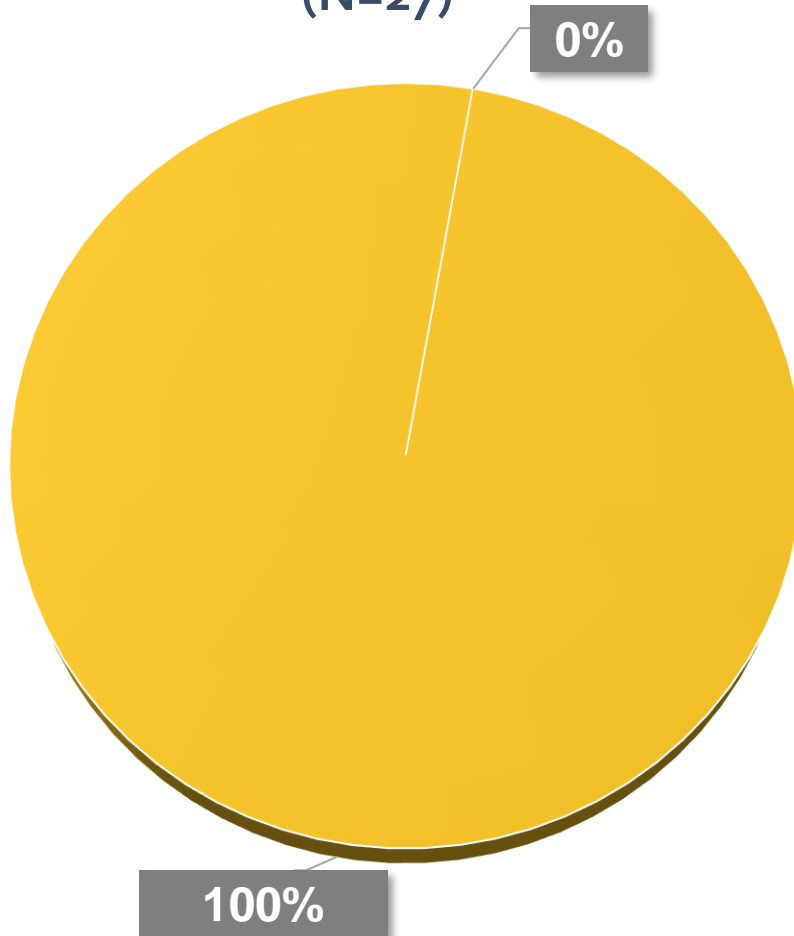
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# 2022 CSEC GENDER BREAKDOWN

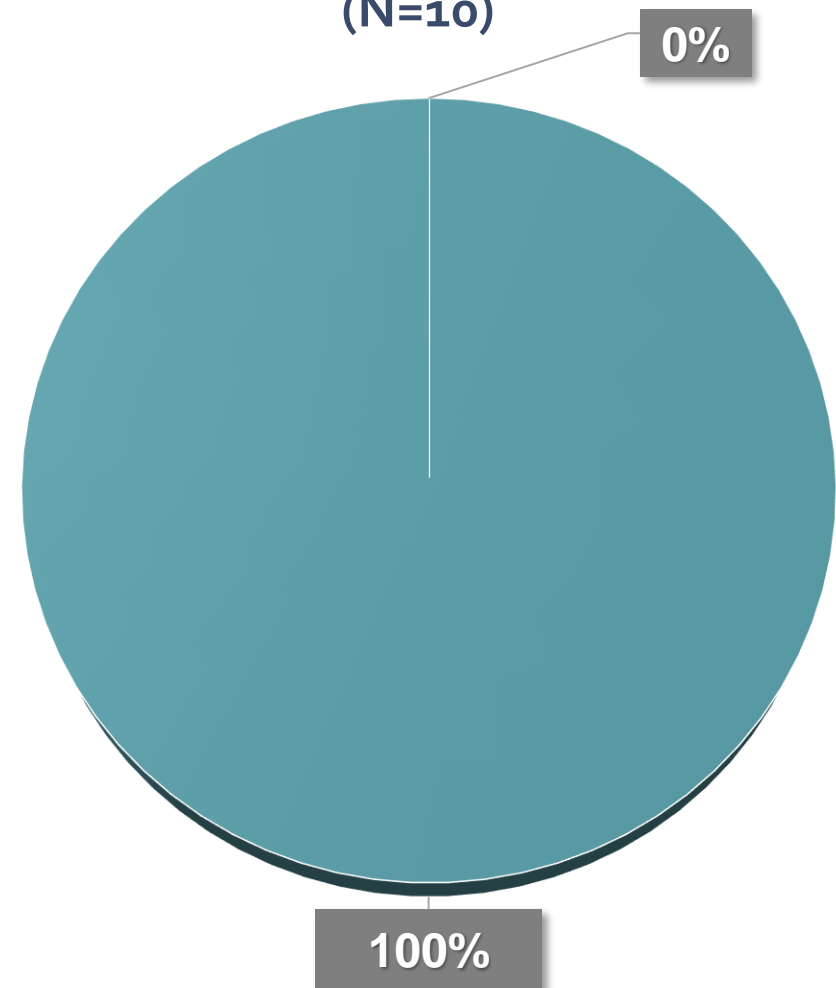
## DEFENDANT GENDER

(N=27)



## VICTIM GENDER

(N=10)

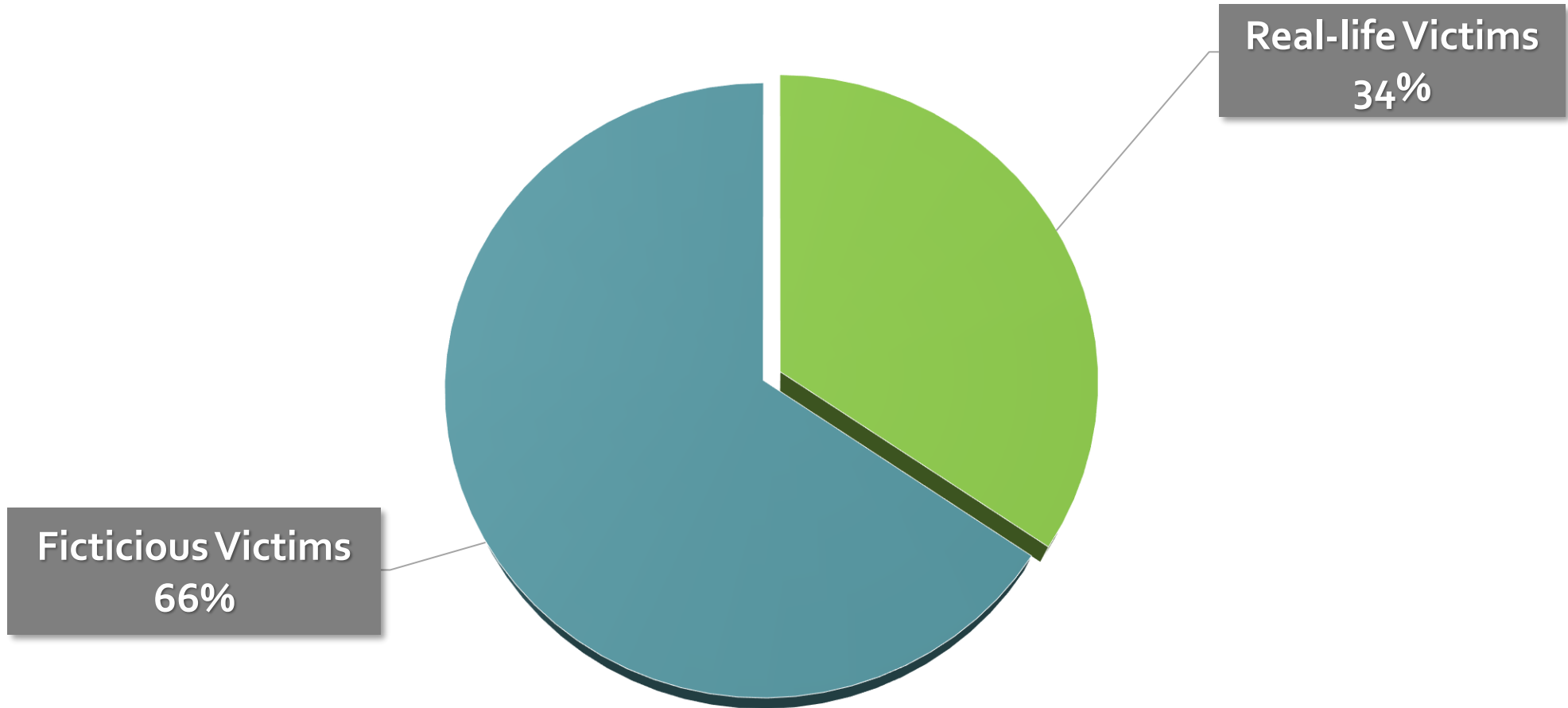


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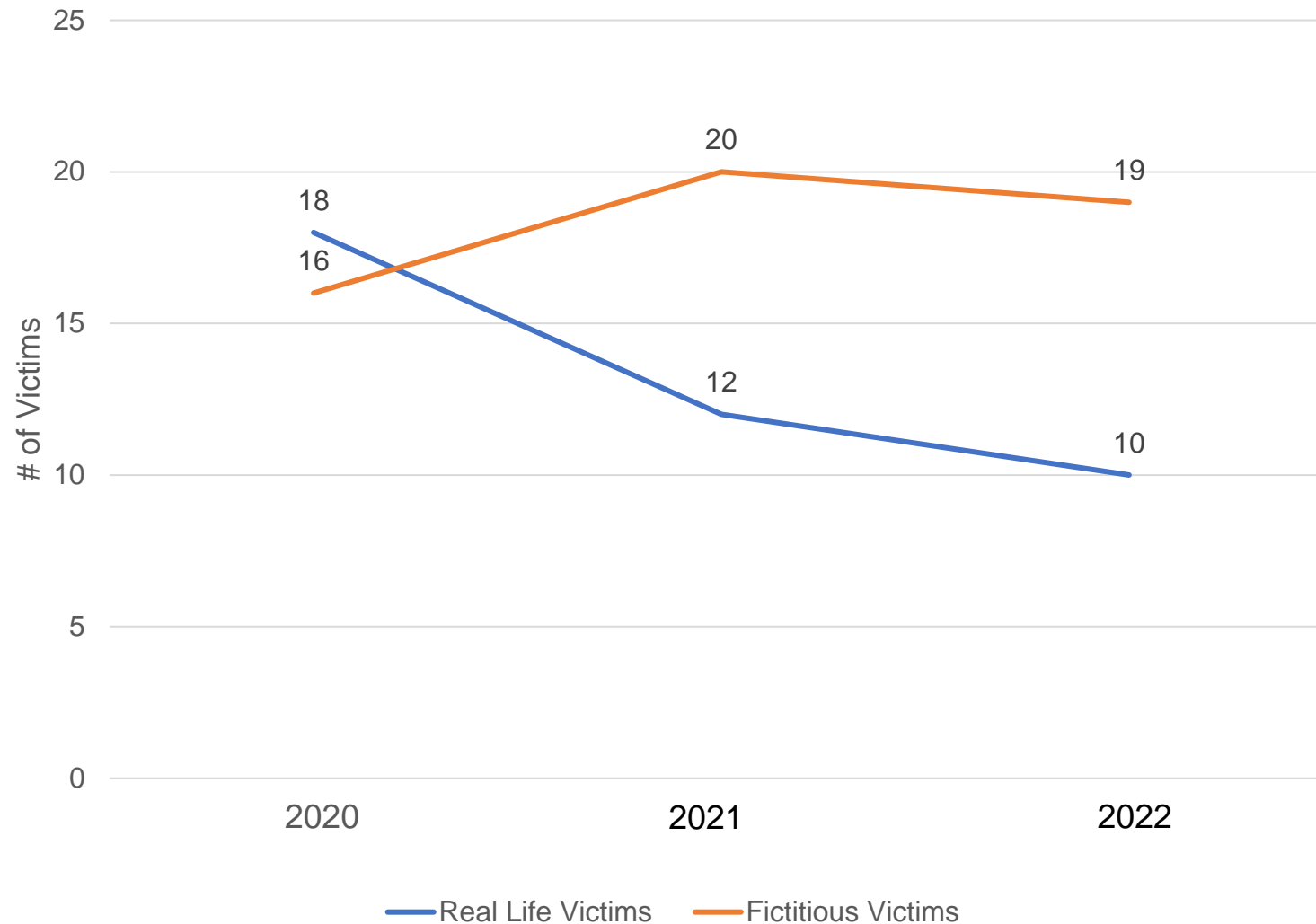
# 2022 FEMALE VICTIMS IN CSEC CASES

(N=29 REAL LIFE & FICTITIOUS VICTIMS)





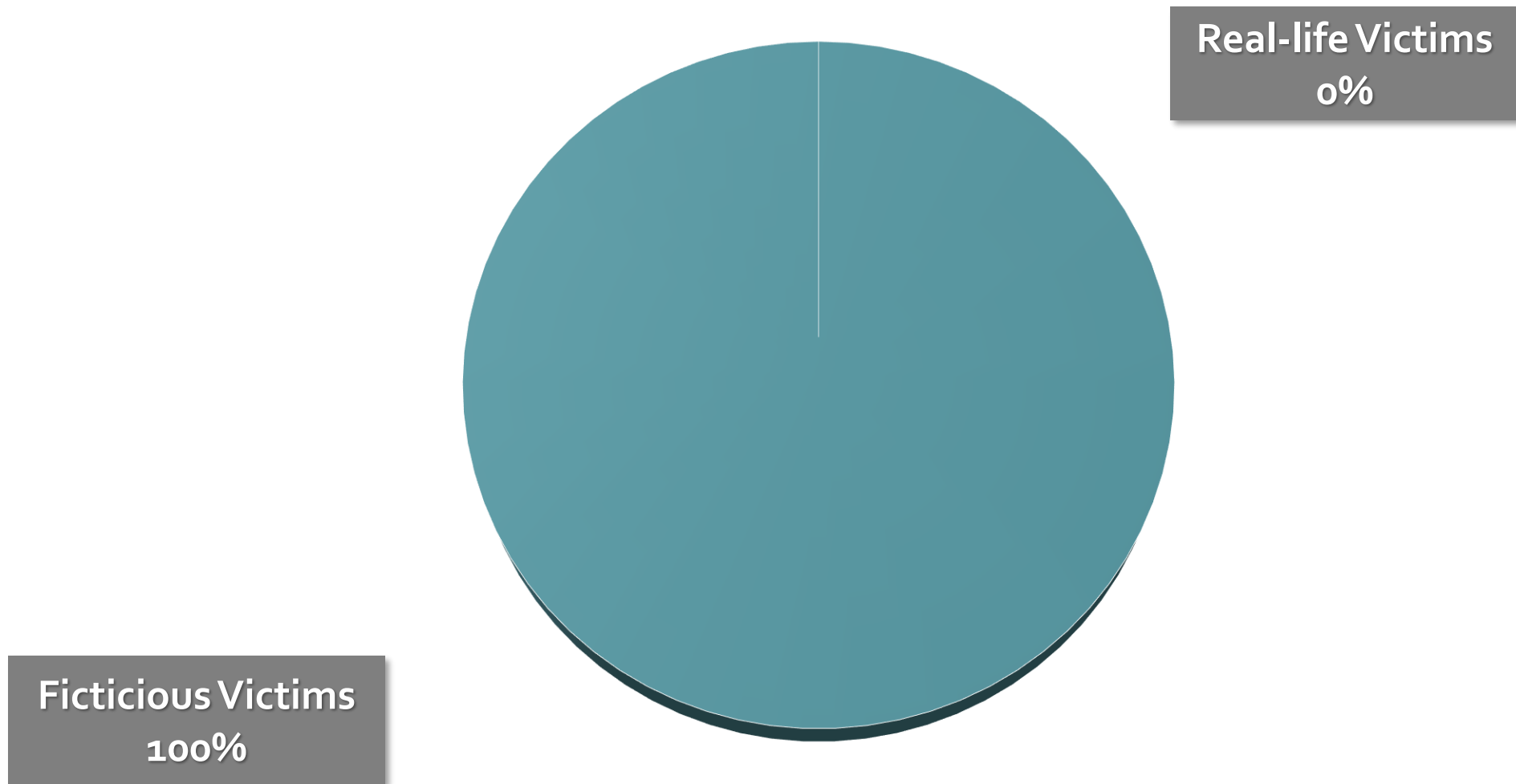
# 2020 – 2022 FEMALE VICTIMS IN CSEC CASES





# 2022 MALE VICTIMS IN CSEC CASES

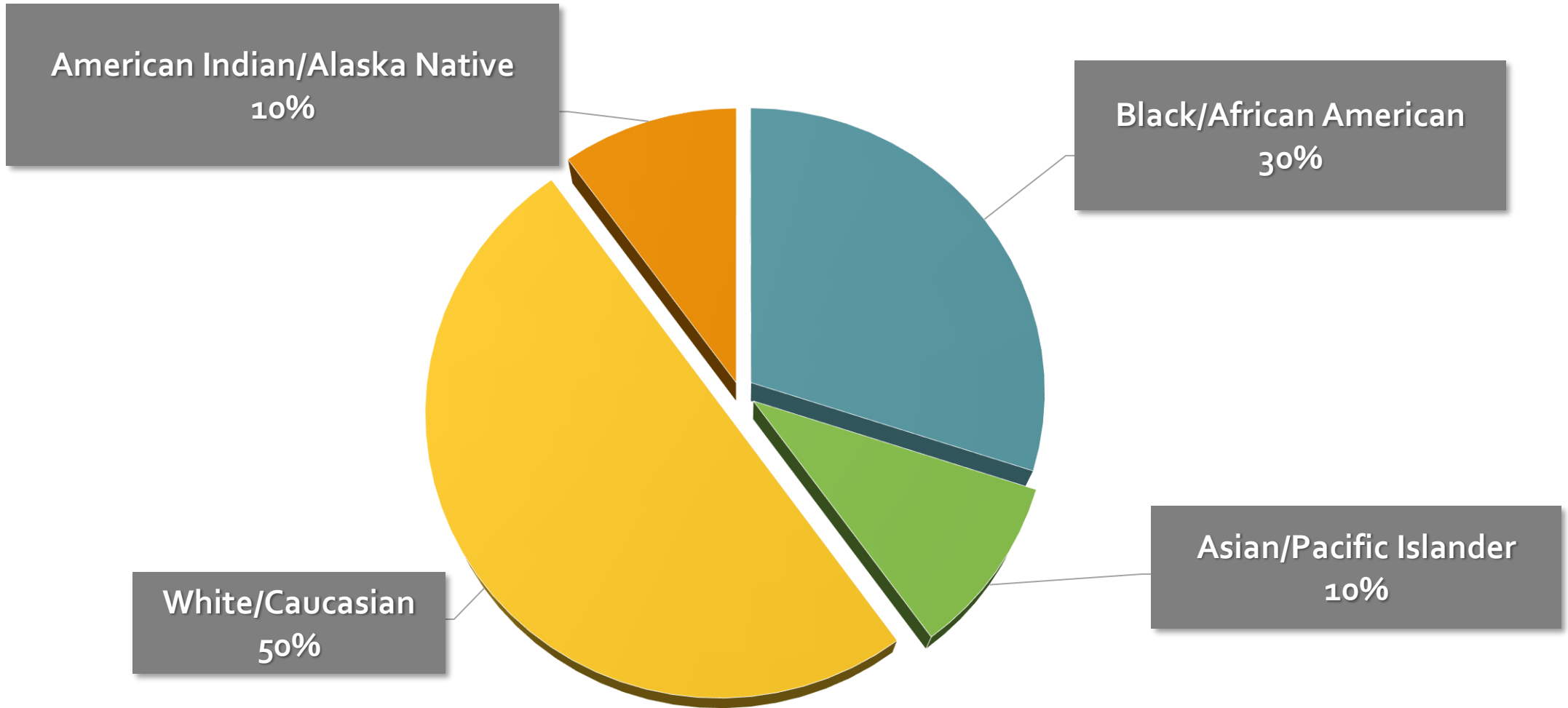
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# 2022 CSEC REAL LIFE VICTIM RACE

(N=10)



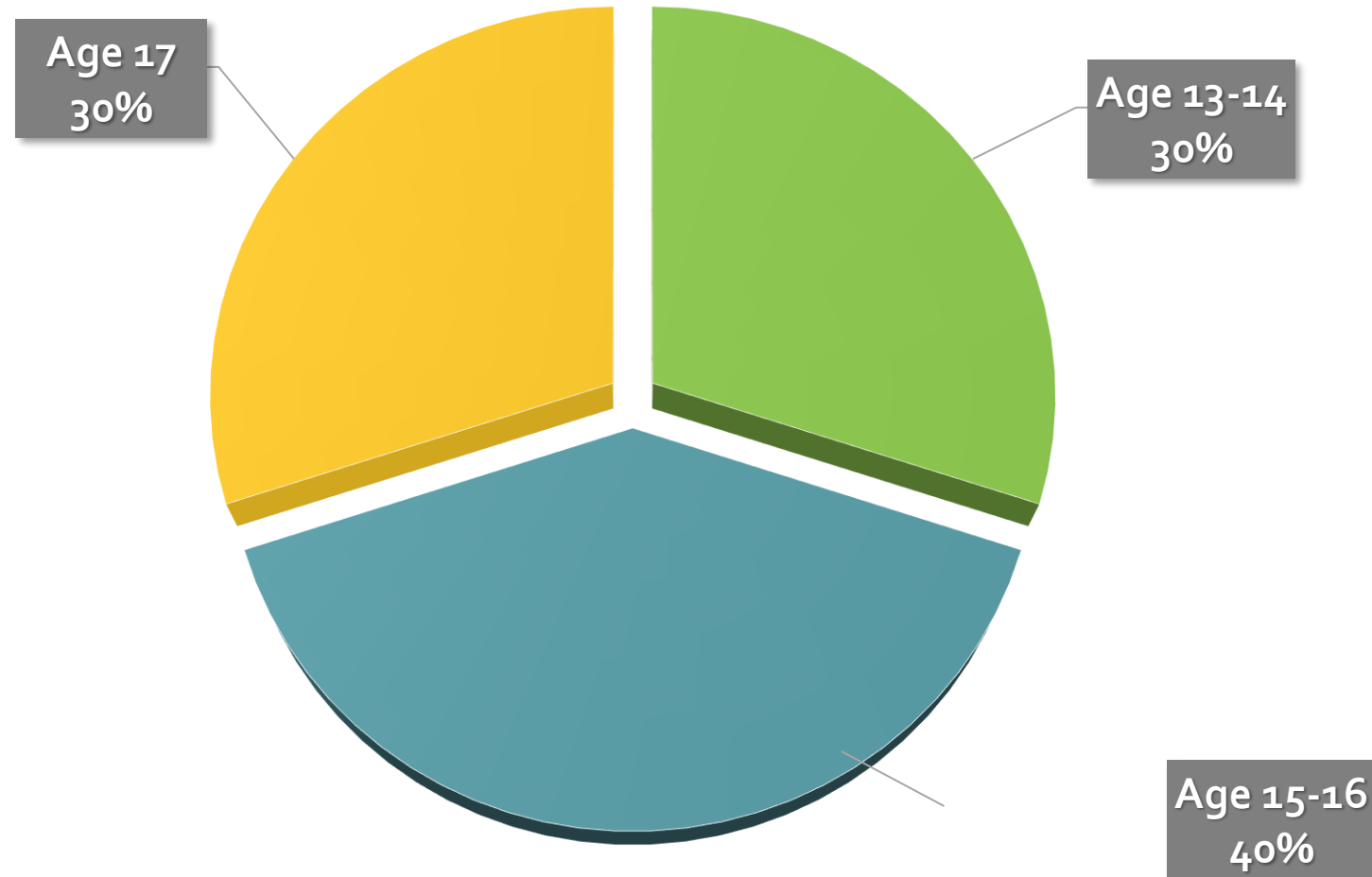
\*For clarifying information on Race/Demographics please visit: <https://kingcounty.gov/depts/prosecutor/criminal-overview/CourtData.aspx>





# 2022 CSEC REAL LIFE VICTIM AGE

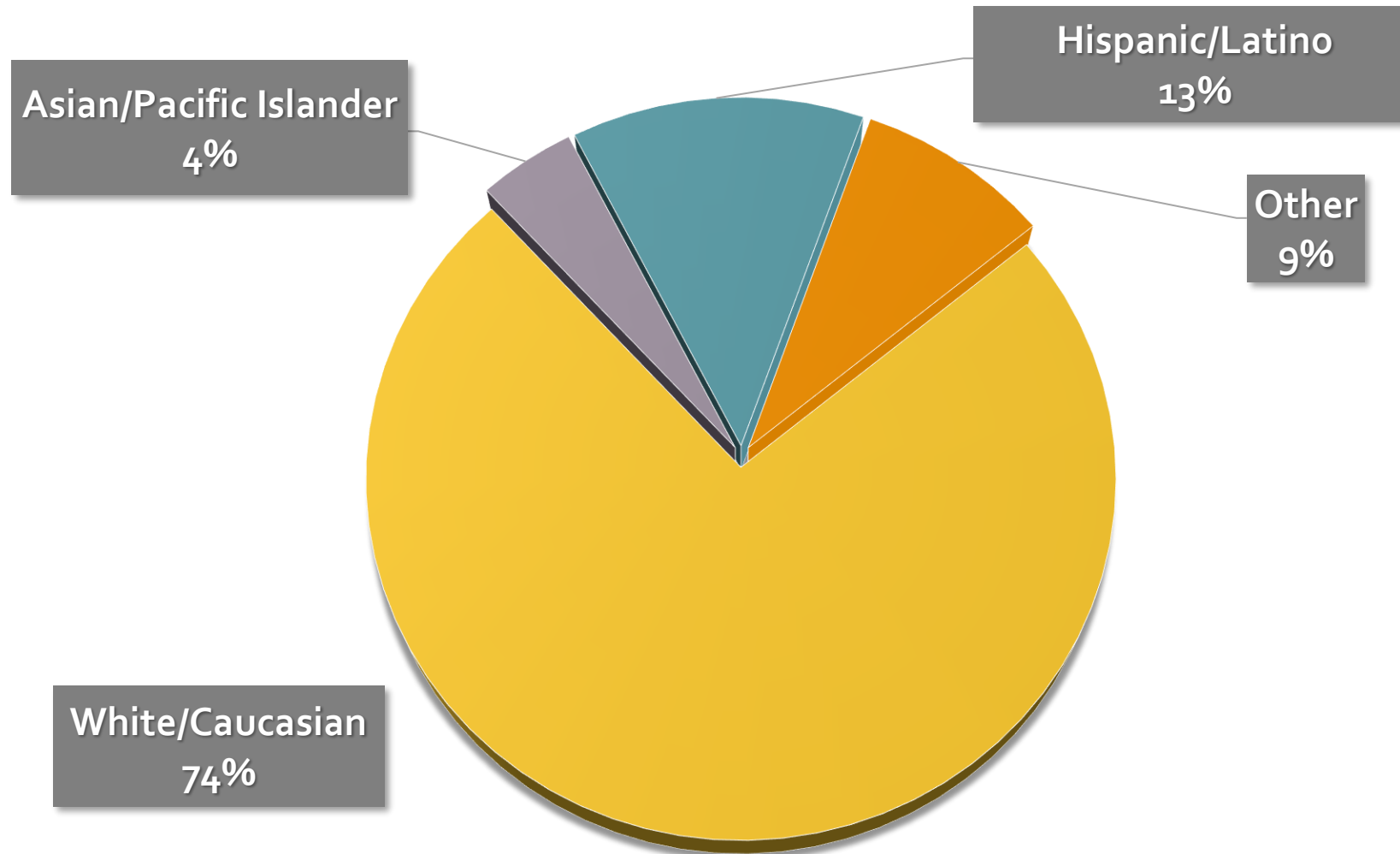
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# 2022 DEFENDANTS CHARGED WITH CSAM

(N=23)



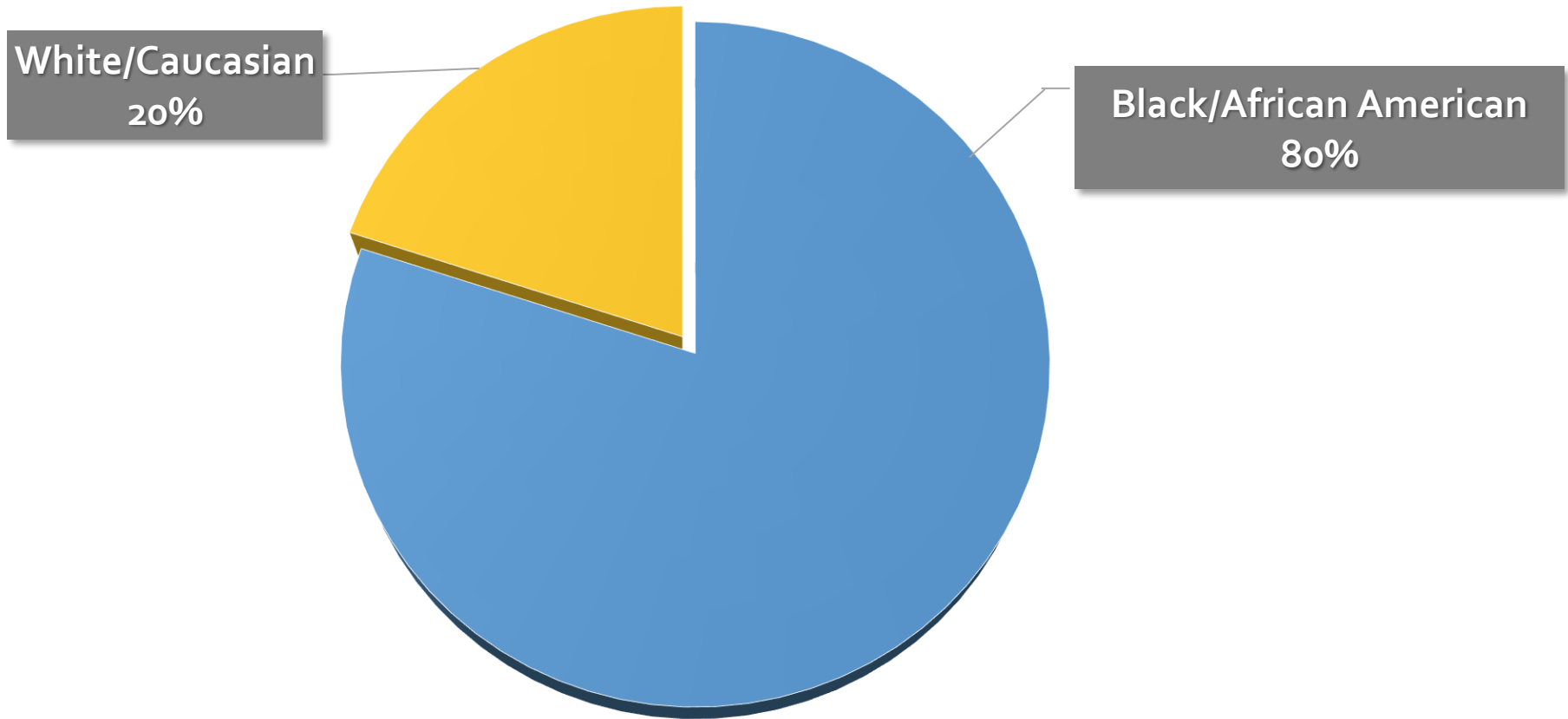
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# 2022 DEFENDANTS CHARGED WITH TRAFFICKING (SELLING) MINORS

(N=5)

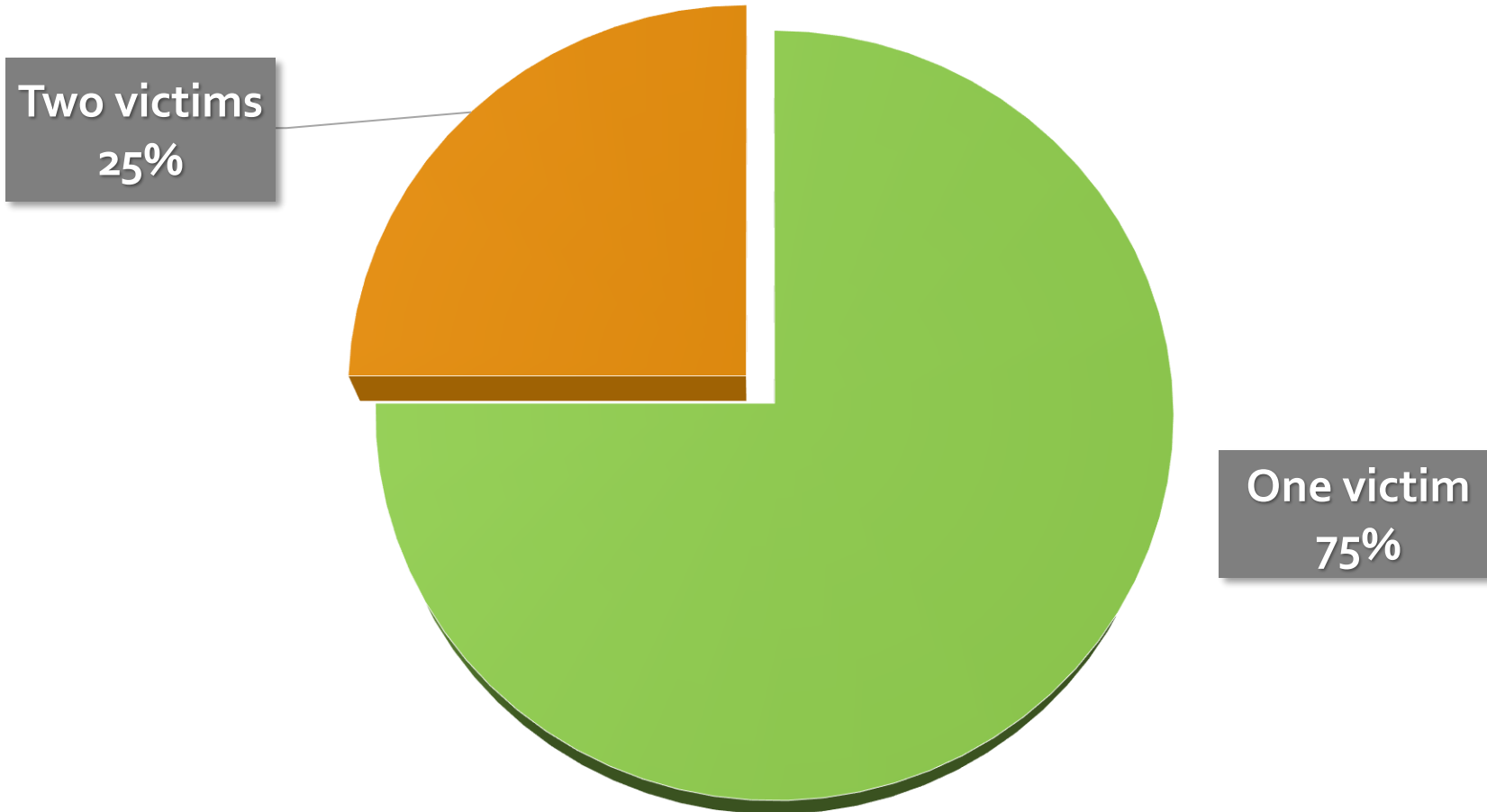


\*Data representative of Promoting Commercial Sexual Abuse of a Minor (PCSAM) charges and Human Trafficking in the 2<sup>nd</sup> Degree (HT2 – minor element) charges.



# 2022 CSEC CASES WITH MORE THAN ONE VICTIM

(N=8)





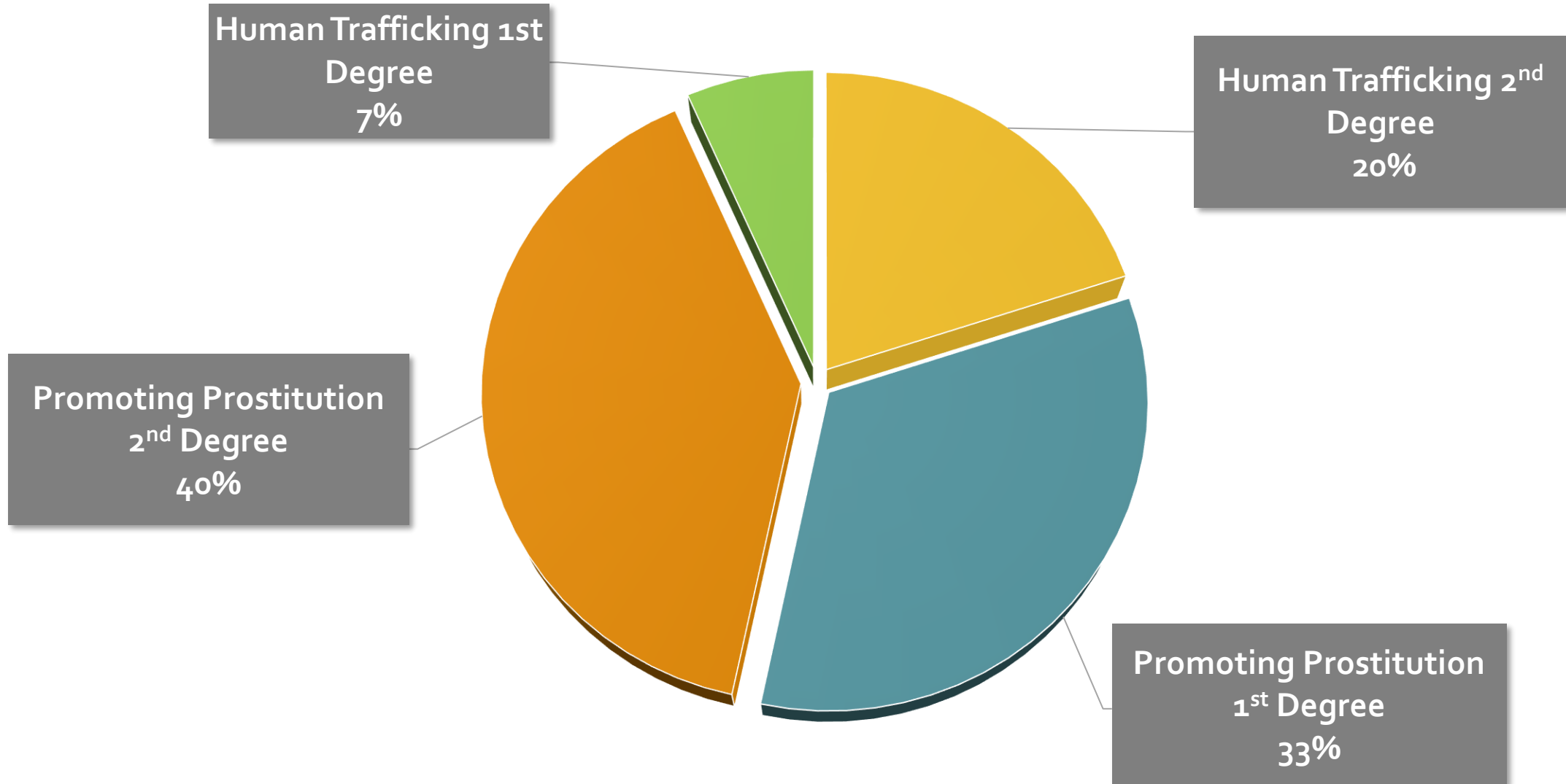
# Commercial Sexual Exploitation of Adults (CSE)

2022



# 2022 ADULT CSE CHARGES

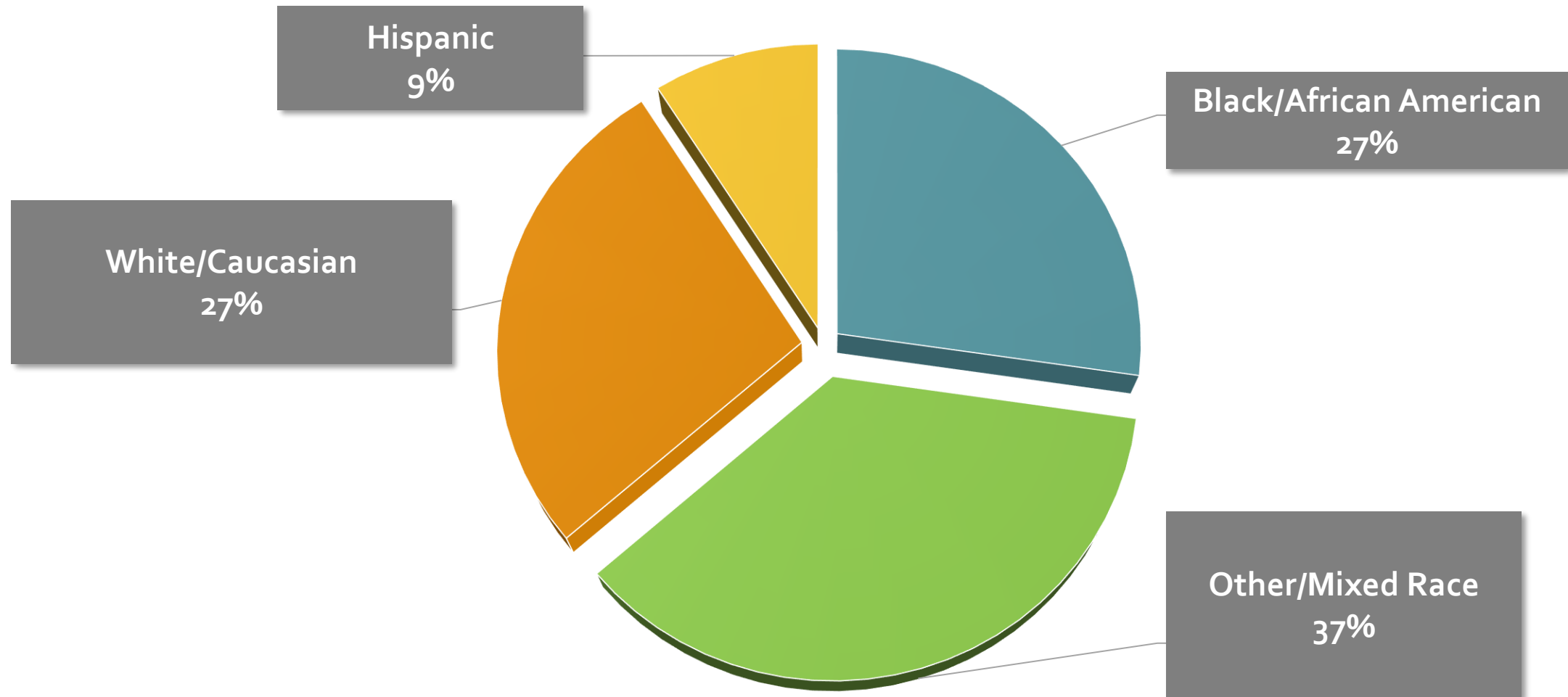
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# 2022 ADULT CSE VICTIM RACE

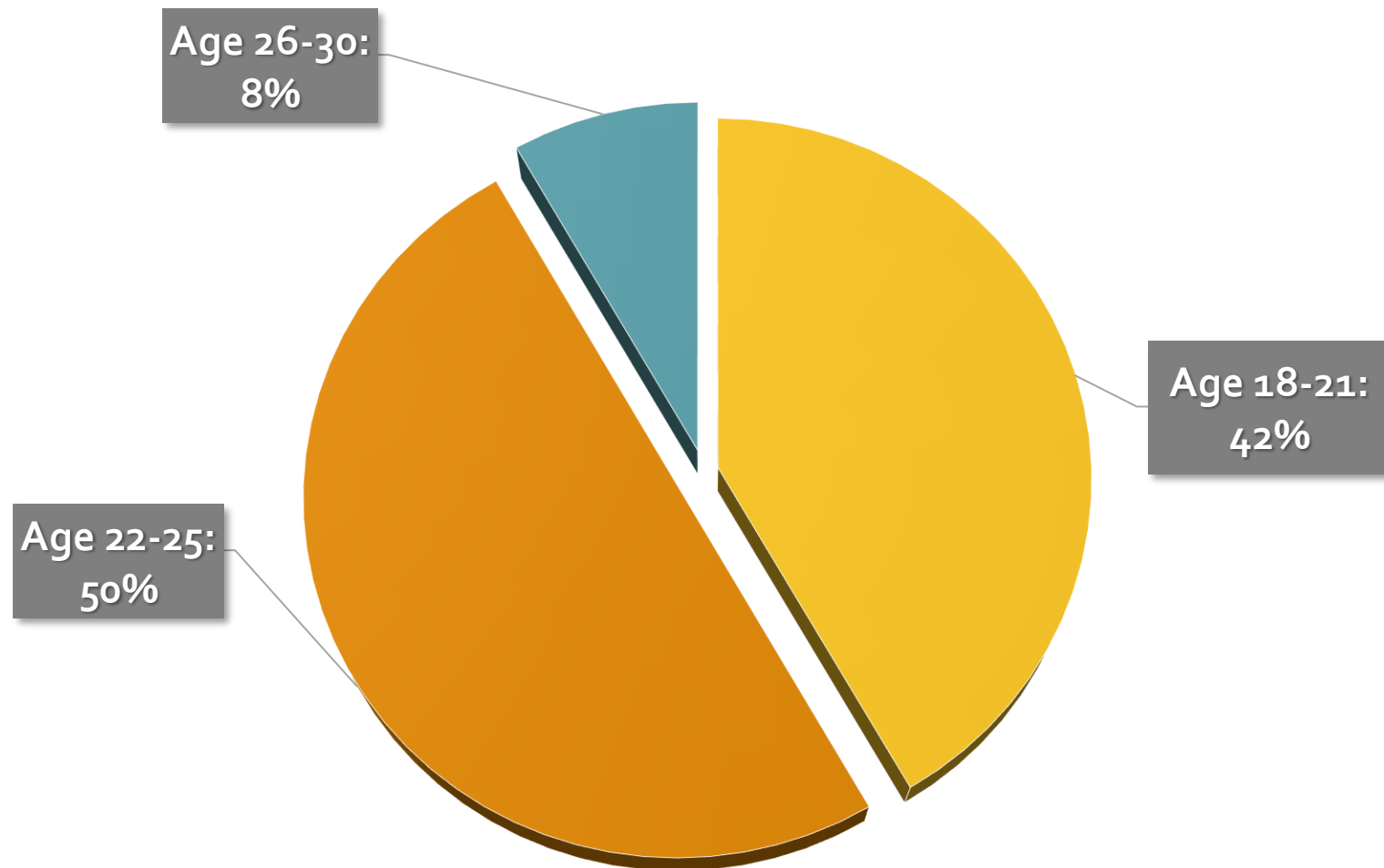
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# 2022 ADULT CSE VICTIM AGE

(N=11)



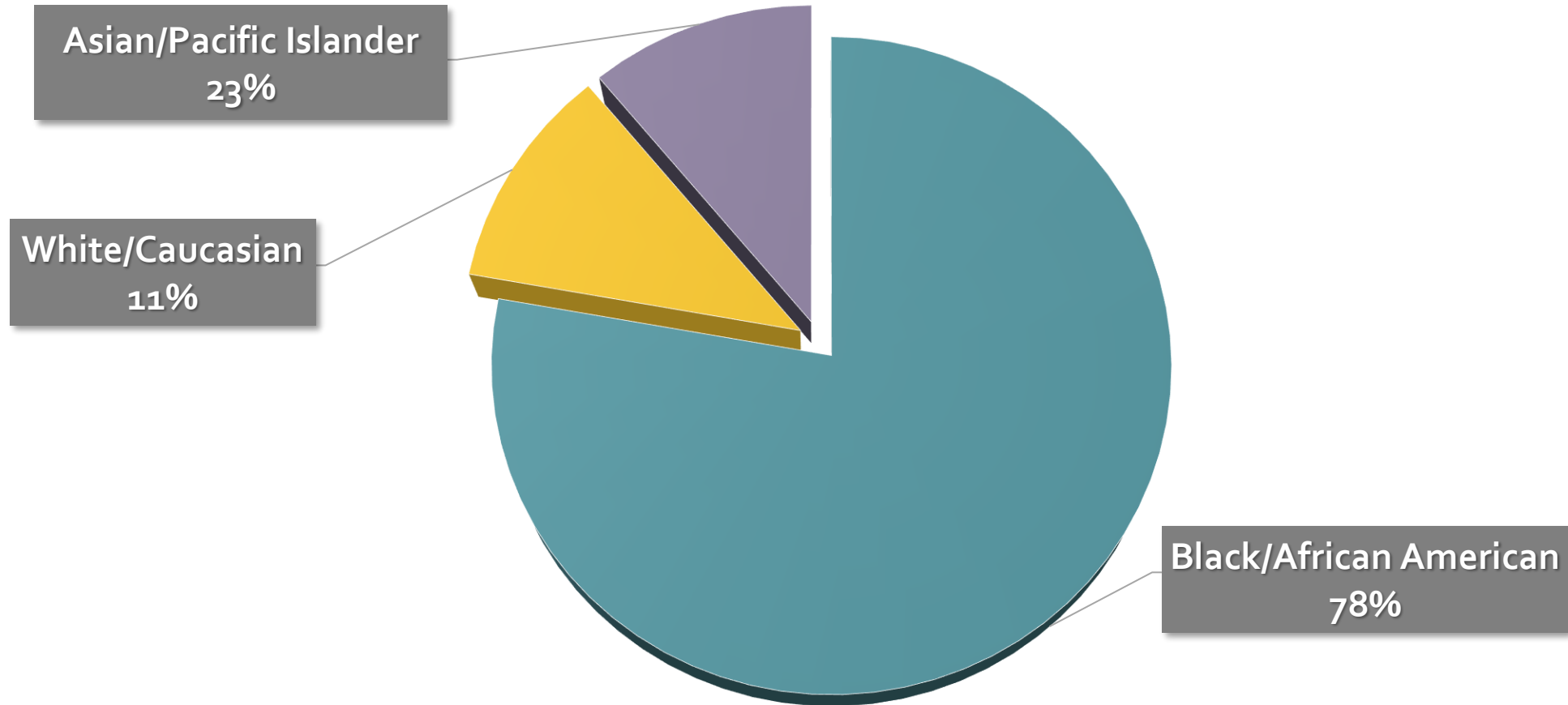
\* Although legally 18 is considered the age of majority, most WA service providers still serve "youth" aged 18-26 years old. Data reflects age at start of victimization. Average age = 22.36 years.





# 2022 DEFENDANTS CHARGED WITH TRAFFICKING/PROMOTING ADULTS - RACE

(N=10)



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

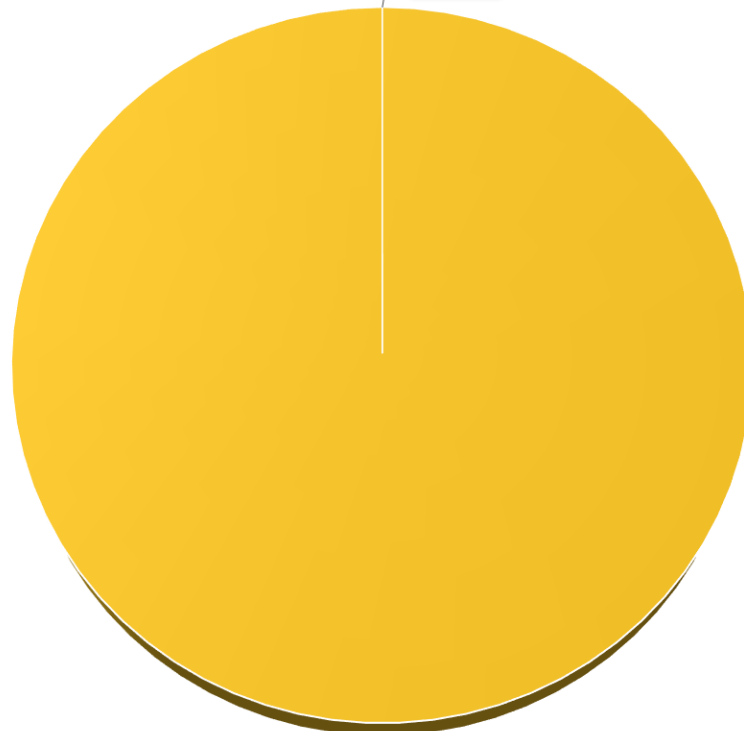


# 2022 ADULT CSE GENDER BREAKDOWN

## DEFENDANT GENDER

(N=10)

0%

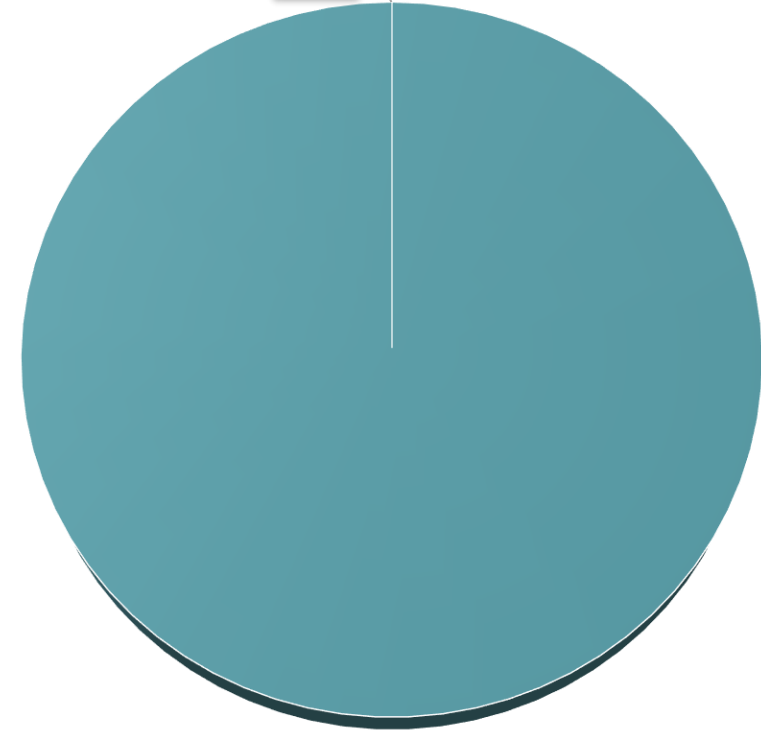


100%

## VICTIM GENDER

(N=11)

0%



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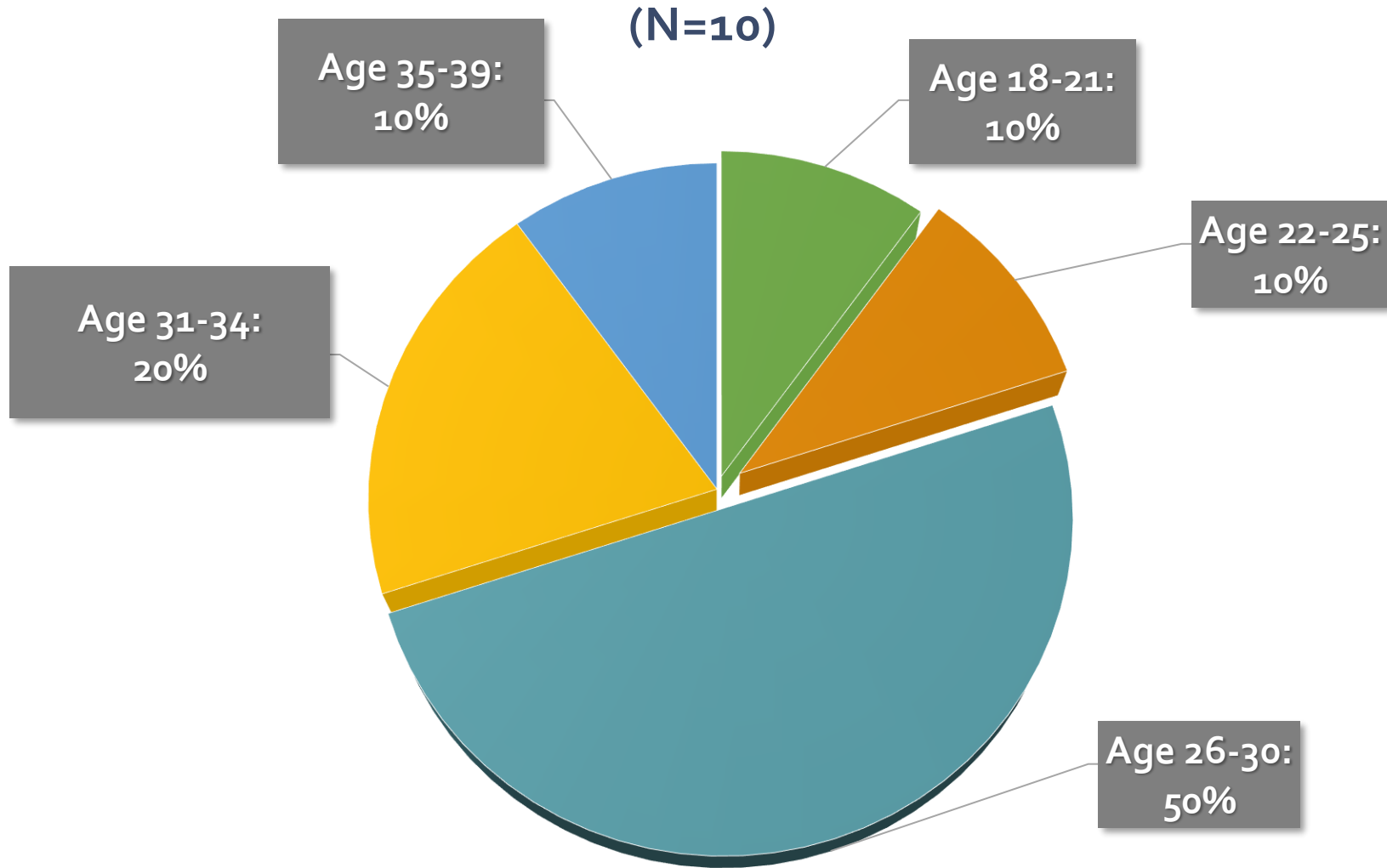
■ Male

■ Female

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# 2022 DEFENDANTS CHARGED WITH TRAFFICKING/PROMOTING ADULTS - AGE



\* Average age = 28.7 years.

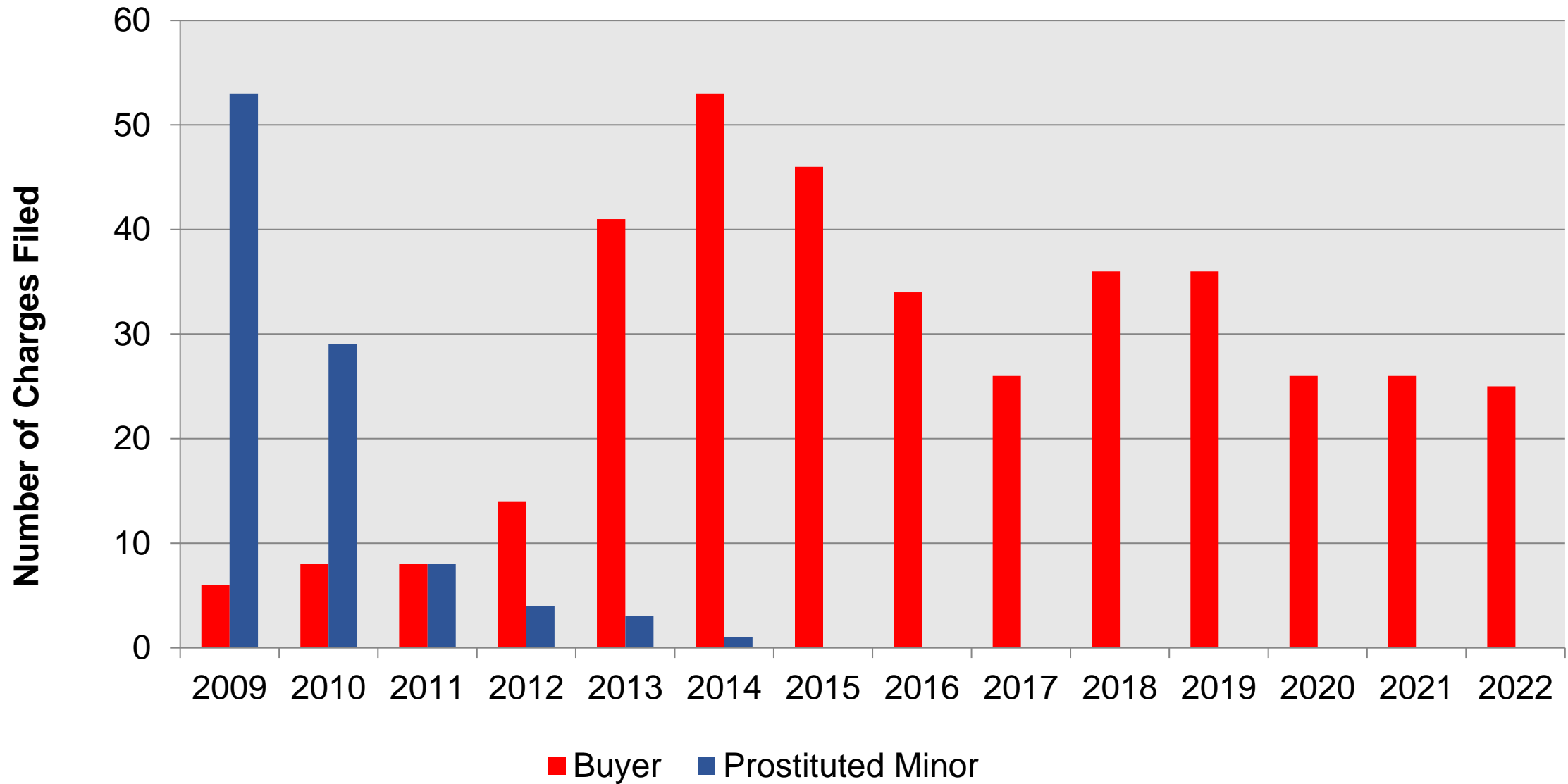


# Commercial Sexual Exploitation of Children (CSEC)

**2013 – 2022**

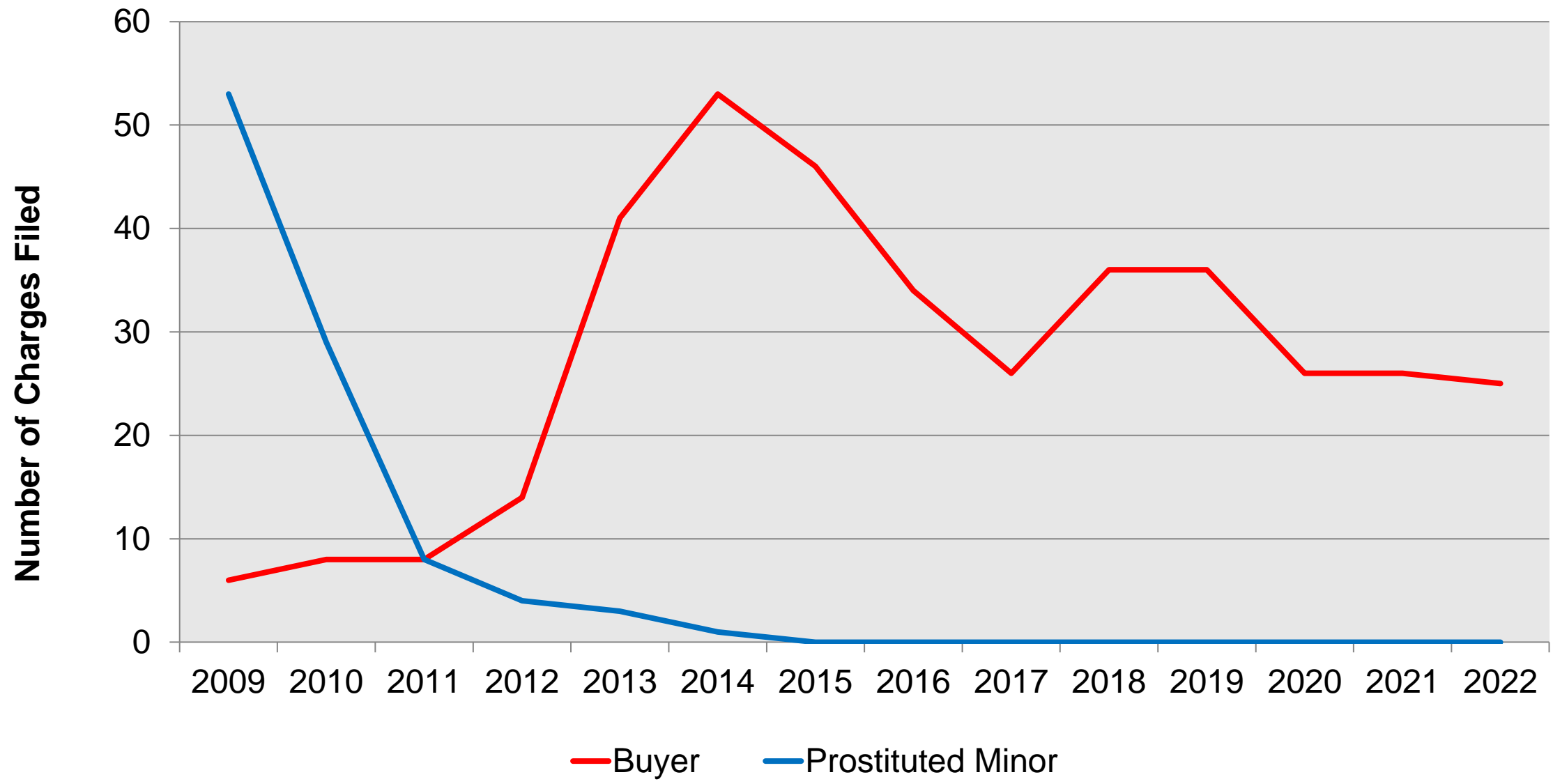


## Minors Charged With Prostitution vs. Men Trying To Buy Sex From Minors



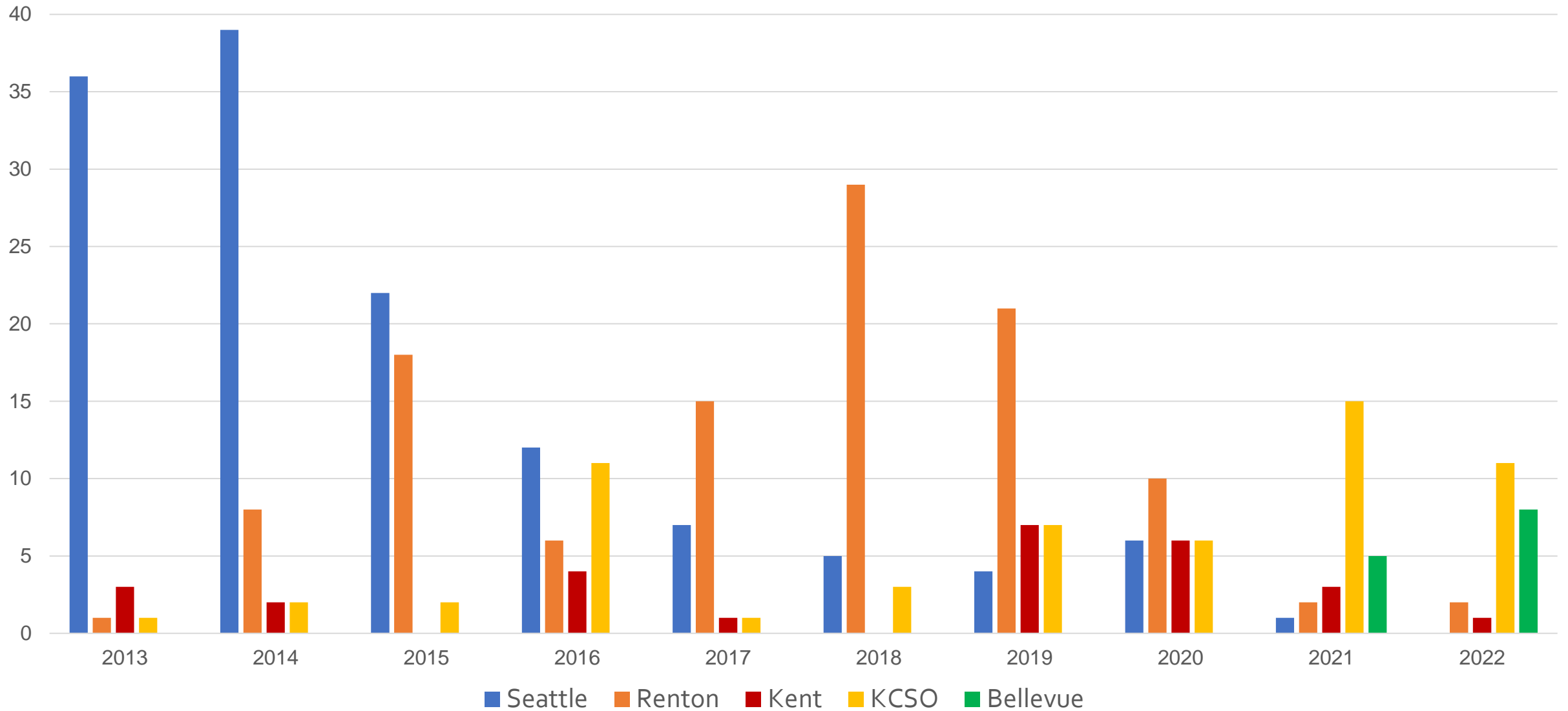


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# CSAM Cases by Police Agency 2013-2022

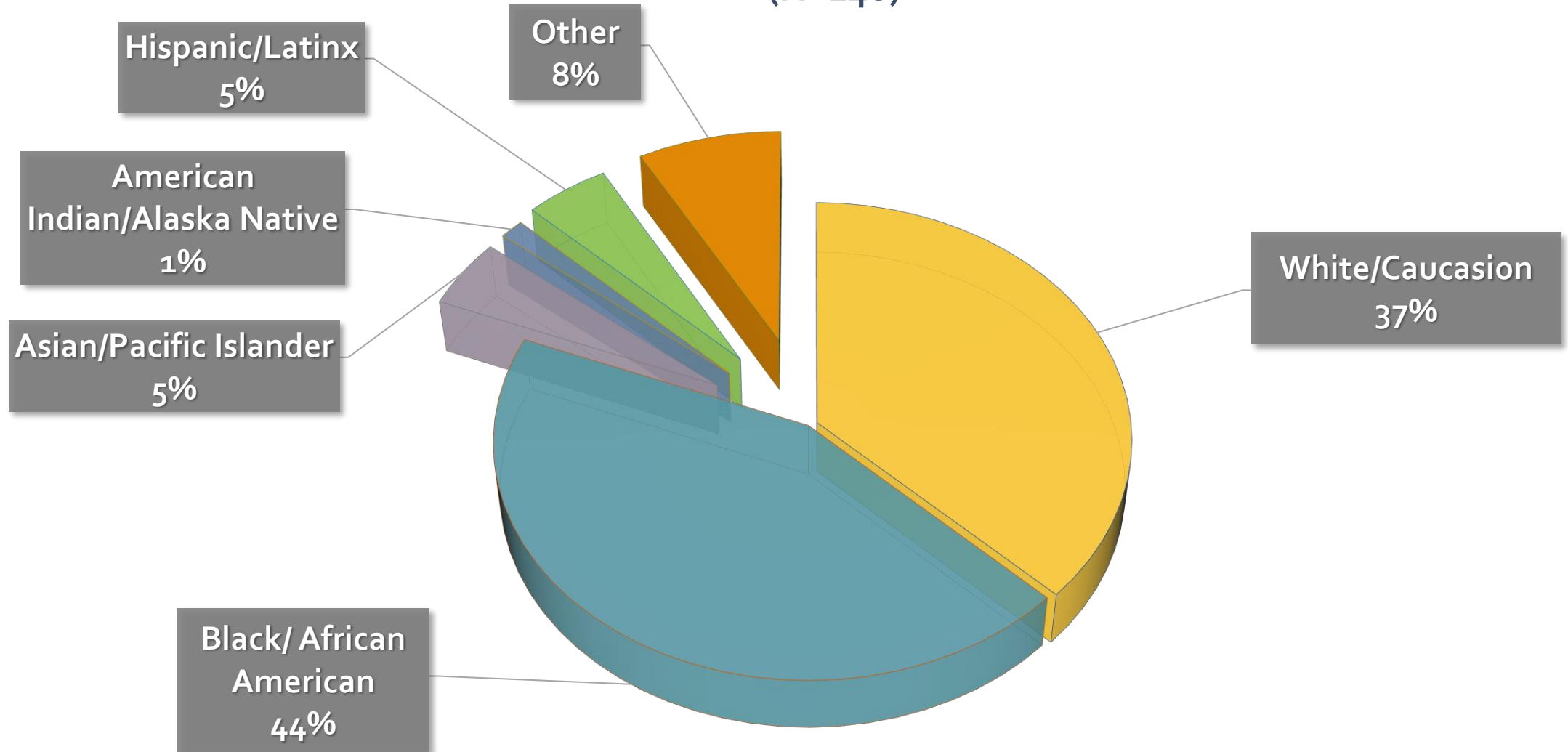


\*Data representative of agencies with the highest total case volume over the 2013 – 2022 period. Other agencies have had CSAM cases during this time.



# CSEC VICTIMS BY RACE: 2011-2022

(N=148)



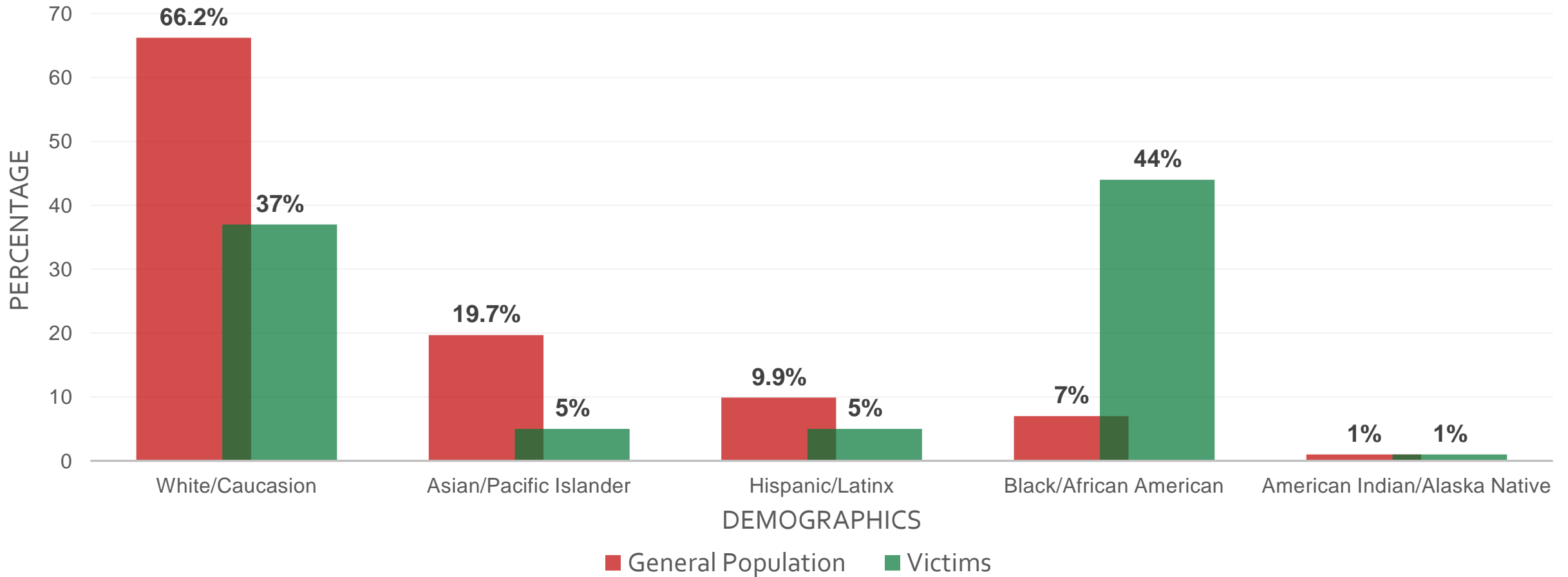
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# Comparing Race of Minor-CSEC Victims to General Population of King County 2011-2022

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\*KCPAO data from 2011-2022 compared to 2020 census data for King County.

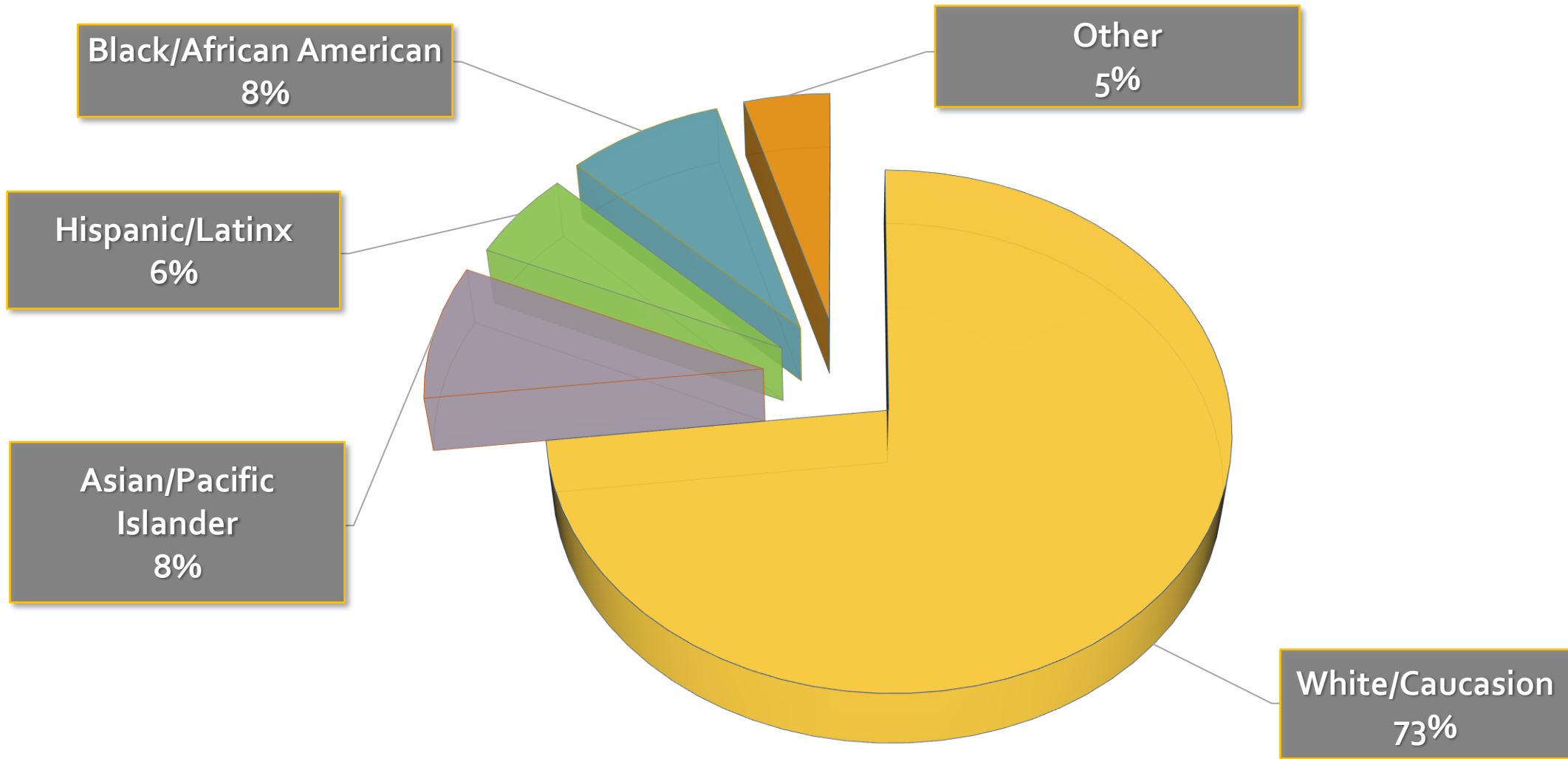
\*\* Census data is gender neutral and does not reflect the disproportionate representation of female identified victims of color.

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



# SEX BUYERS OF MINORS 2013-2022

(N=354)

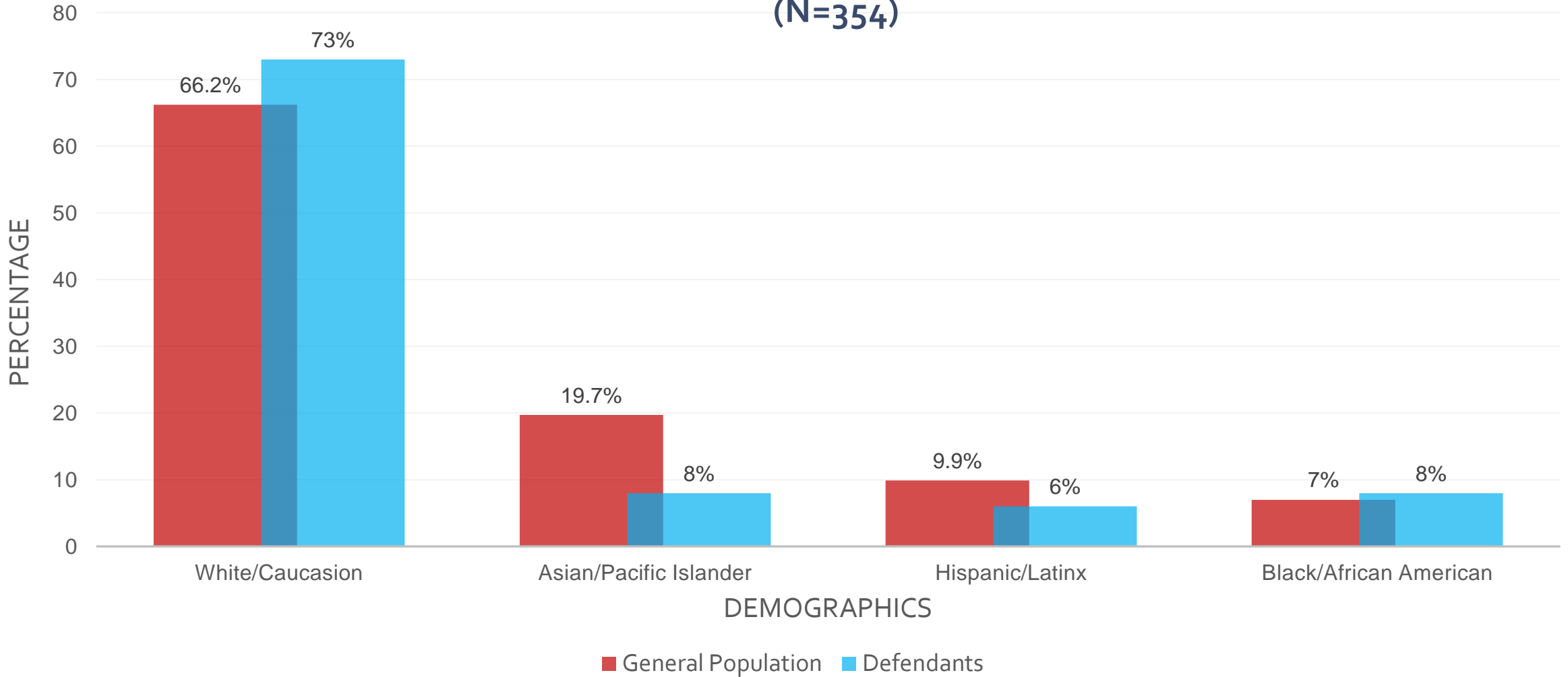


\*Sex buyers of minors includes defendants charged with CSAM and ACSAM.



# Comparing Race of Sex Buyers of Minors to General Population of King County 2011-2022

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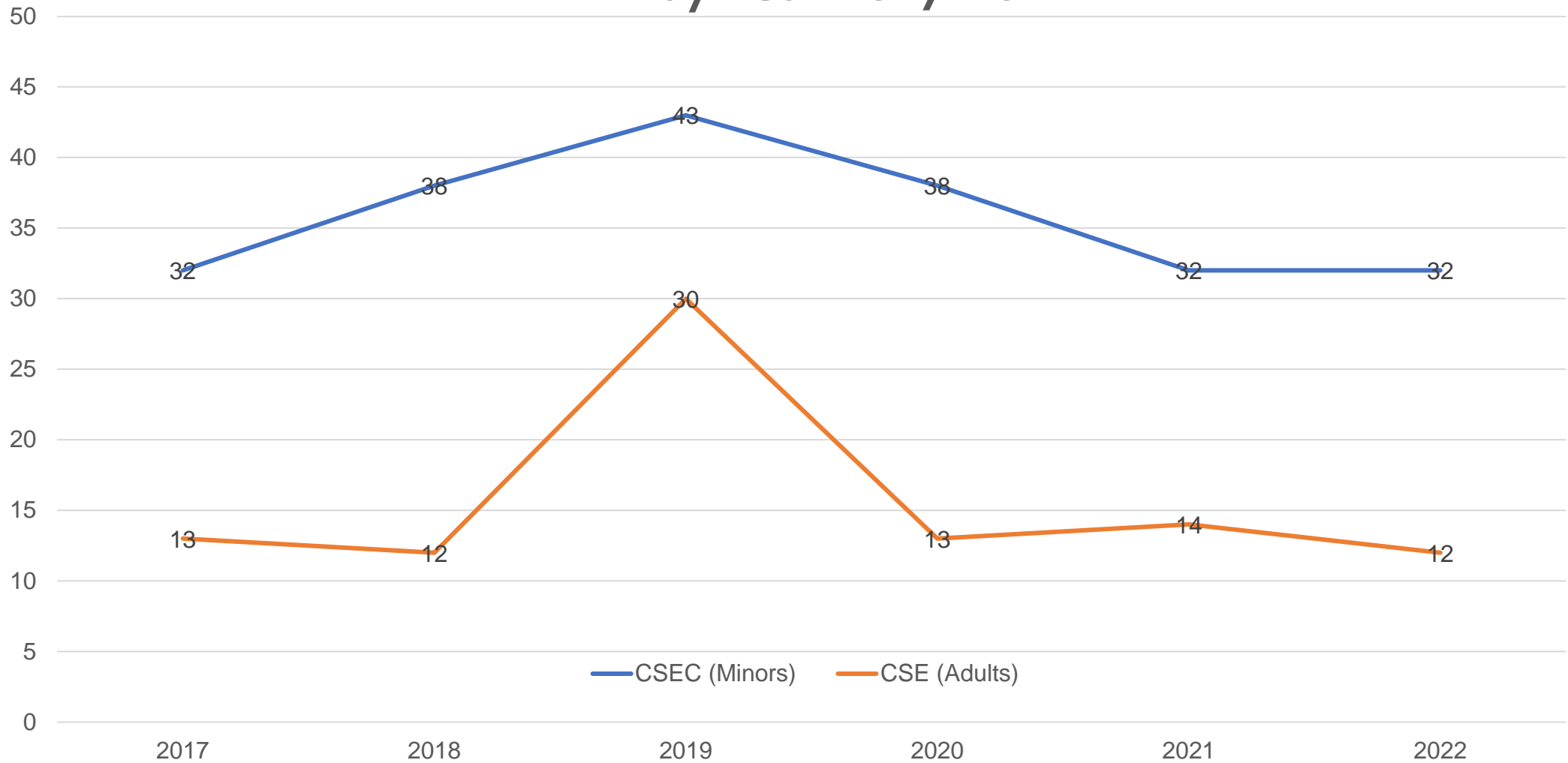
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# King County Model, Policies, & Trends



# CSEC (Minor Victims) vs. CSE (Adult Victims) Charges by Year 2017-2022

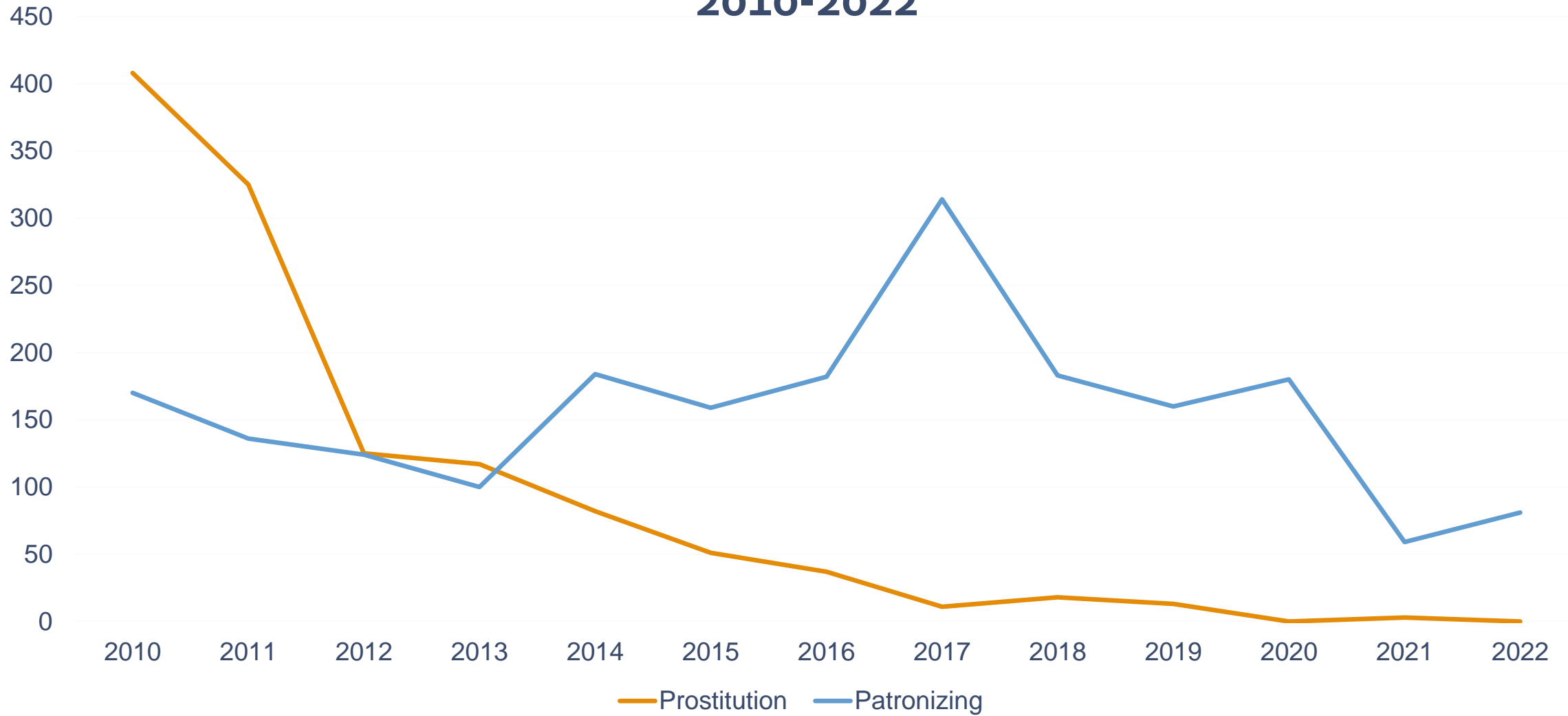


CSEC Charges = CSAM, PCSAM, and HT (minor element); CSE Charges = PP1, PP2, and HT (force/coercion element)



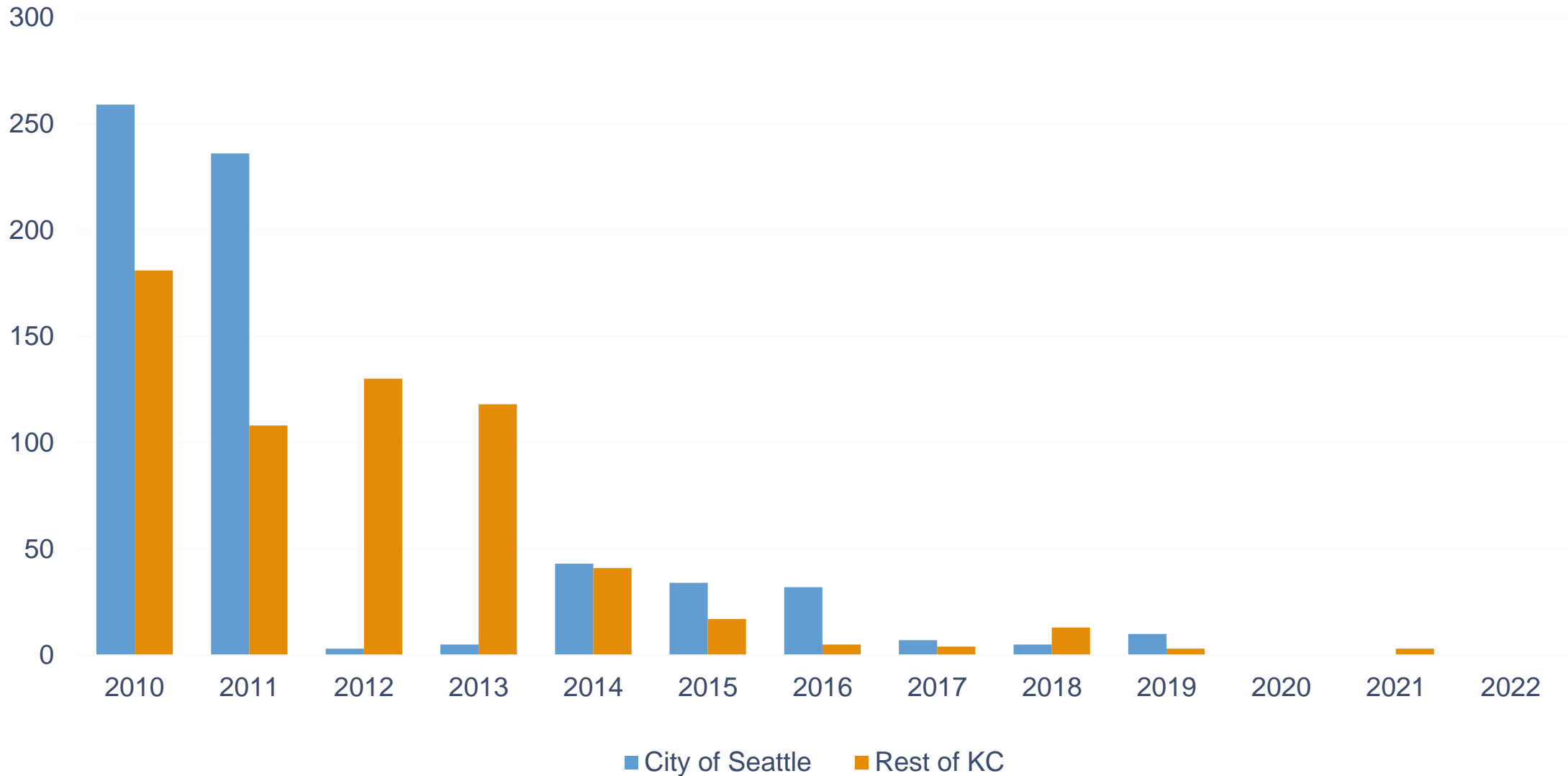
# Patronizing vs. Prostitution Charges by Year

## 2010-2022



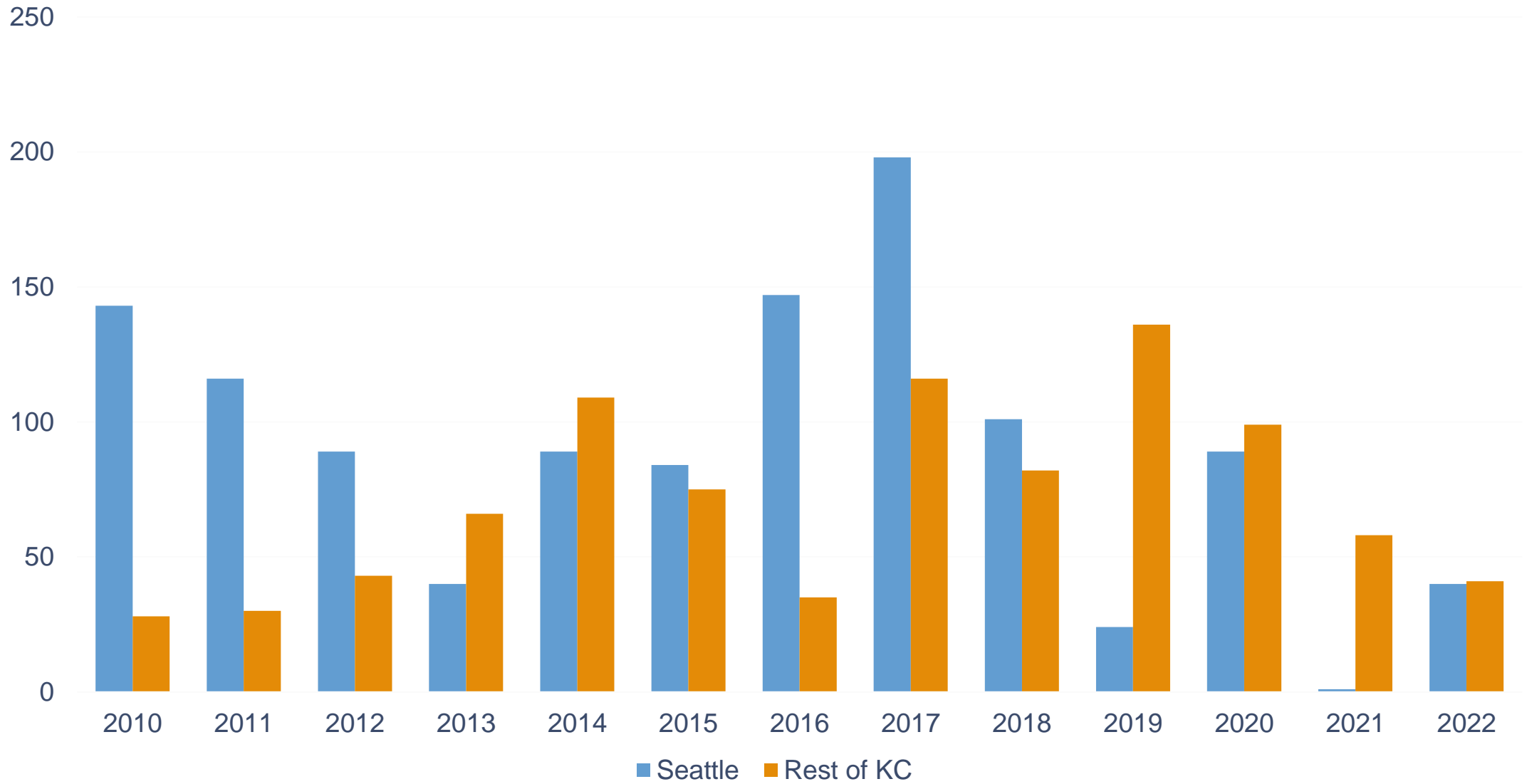


# Prostitution Charges 2010 - 2022





# Patronizing Charges 2010 - 2022







# Prostitution Charges 2010 – 2022

Agency	Total	2022	2021	2020	2019	2018	2017	2016	2015	2014	2013	2012	2011	2010
Auburn	10	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	1	1	8	0	0
Bellevue	40	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	9	4	14	10	0	3
Bothell	40	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	4	0	0	0
Burien	4	0	0	0	0	1	1	0	0	0	0	2	1	0
Des Moines	5	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	7	19	18	23
Federal Way	130	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	1	6	0	13
Issaquah	43	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	1	0	0	0
KCSO	1	0	0	0	0	3	0	1	1	9	56	32	25	43
Kenmore	212	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0
Kent	0	0	0	0	0	5	0	2	1	10	4	17	8	13
Kirkland	94	0	0	0	0	0	0	2	0	3	4	0	0	0
Redmond	9	0	0	0	0	3	0	0	1	0	0	0	0	0
Renton	5	0	0	0	1	1	3	0	1	0	0	1	8	2
SeaTac	0	0	2	0	2	0	0	0	4	12	20	27	29	52
Seattle	190	0	0	0	10	5	7	32	34	43	5	3	236	259
Shoreline	979	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	1	0	6
Snoqualmie/North Bend	1	0	1	0	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-
Tukwila	1	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	2	6	7	19	26
<b>TOTALS</b>	<b>1785</b>	<b>0</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>

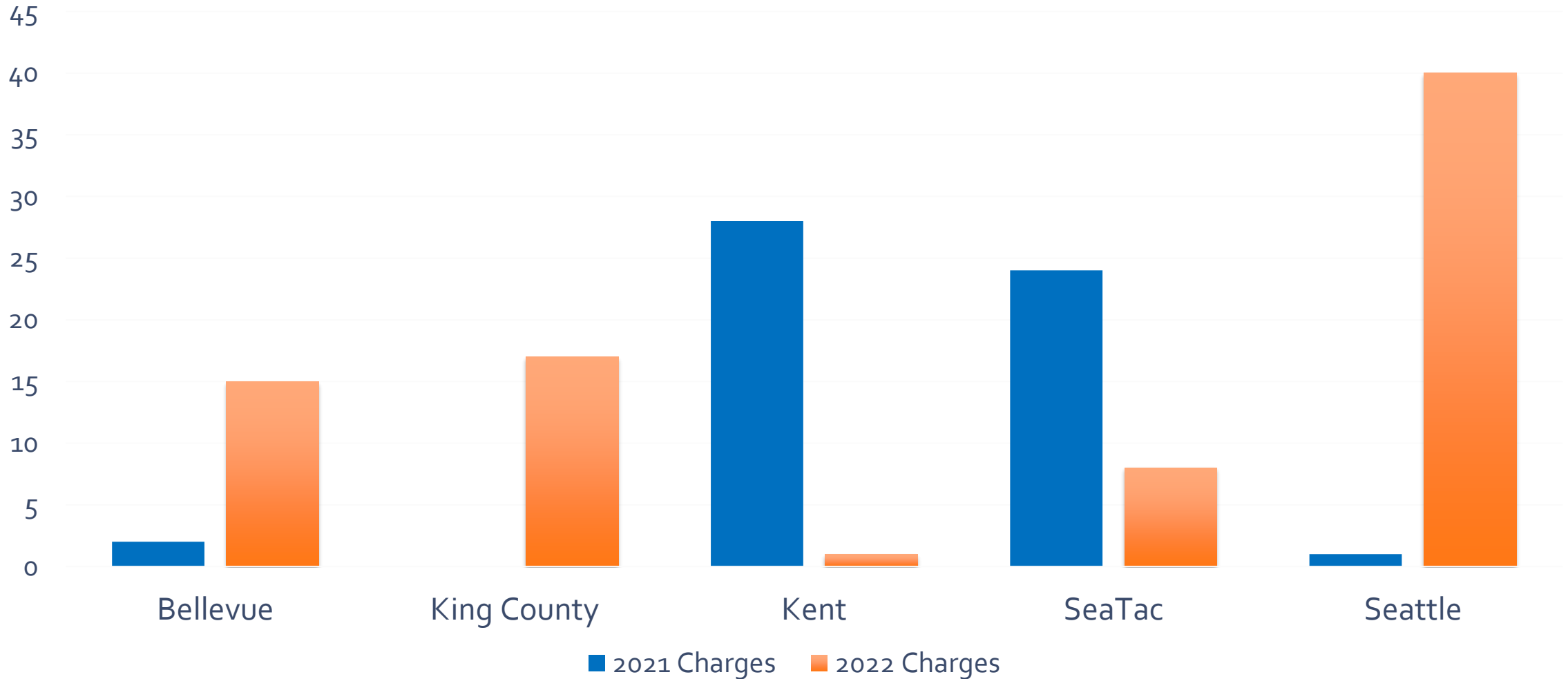


# Patronizing Charges 2010 – 2022

Agency	Total	2022	2021	2020	2019	2018	2017	2016	2015	2014	2013	2012	2011	2010
Auburn	65	0	0	8	7	11	0	0	0	14	6	8	10	1
Bellevue	135	15	2	0	13	0	101	0	0	3	0	0	0	1
Bothell	4	0	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	0
Des Moines	55	0	0	16	27	0	0	0	0	9	1	0	0	1
Federal Way	84	0	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	0
KCSO	66	17	0	0	0	6	1	4	2	2	2	4	2	9
Kenmore	1	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	1	0	0	0	0	0
Kent	460	1	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	0	3	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0
Renton	11	0	0	0	1	0	0	1	0	4	0	0	0	0
SeaTac	70	8	24	0	8	5	0	0	3	3	10	0	2	1
Seattle	1290	40	1	89	24	101	198	147	84	89	40	89	116	143
Shoreline	19	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	1	0	5	1	0
Snoqualmie/North Bend	1	0	1	0	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-
Tukwila	50	0	1	0	0	0	3	11	10	1	2	2	2	5
<b>TOTALS</b>	<b>2324</b>	<b>81</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>



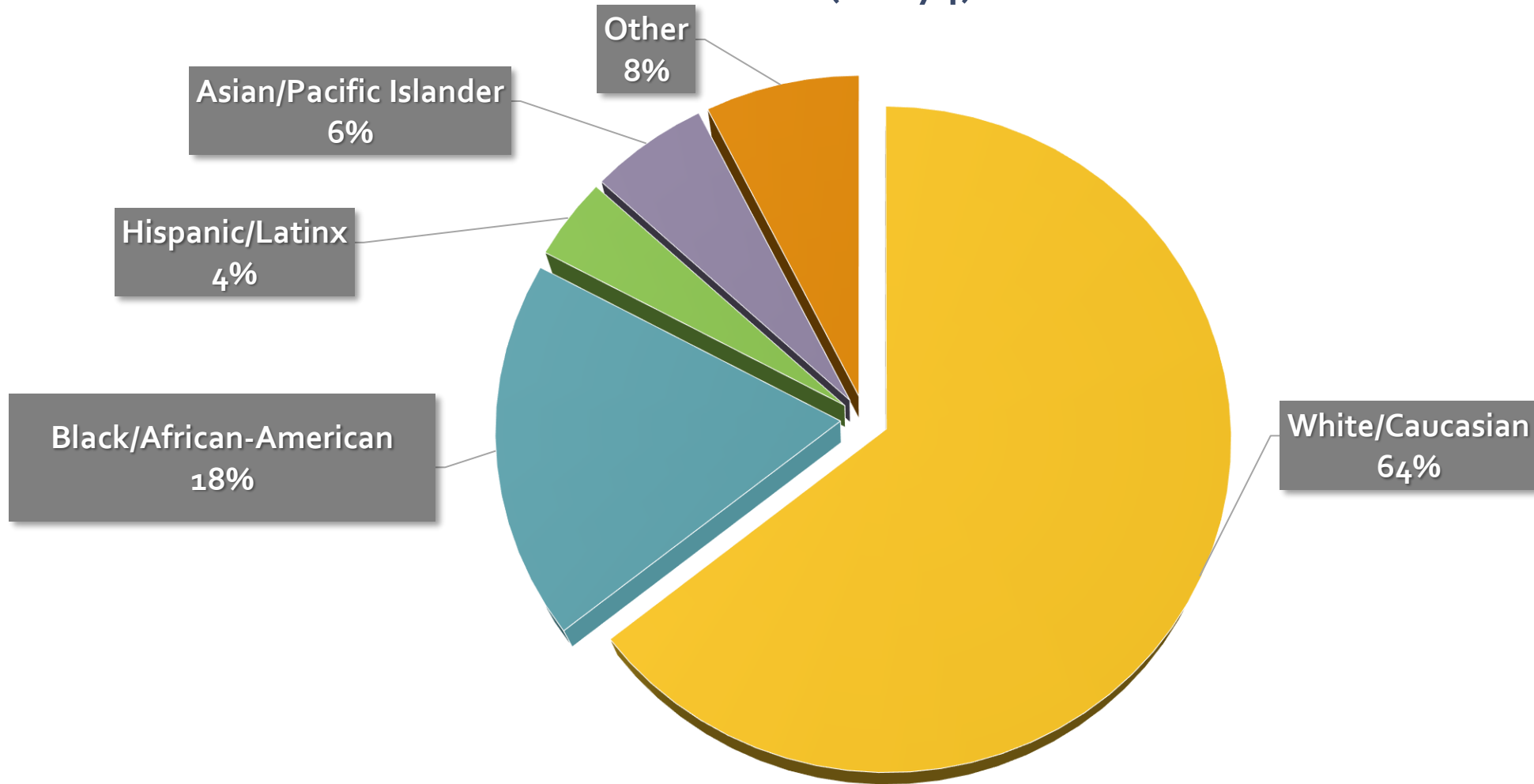
# 2021 - 2022 Patronizing Charges by Agency



\*Data representative of the four agencies with the highest 2022 charge amount, not all agencies.



## DEFENDANTS CHARGED WITH TRAFFICKING MINORS (BUYING AND SELLING) 2018 – 2022 (N=174)

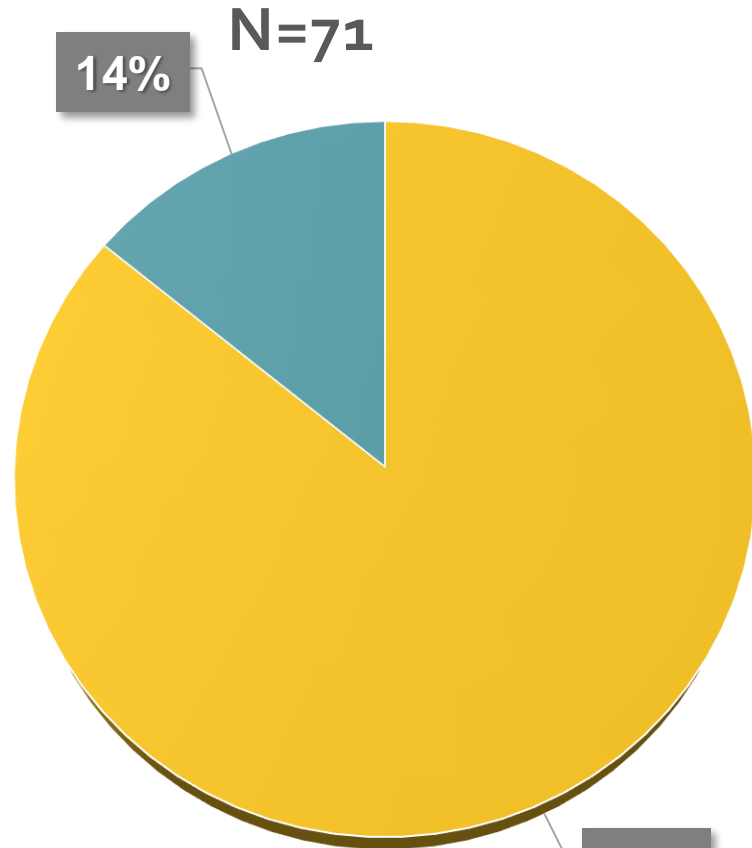


\*Data representative of defendants charged with ACSAM, CSAM, APCSAM, PCSAM, and HT2 (minor element) from 2018 – 2021.

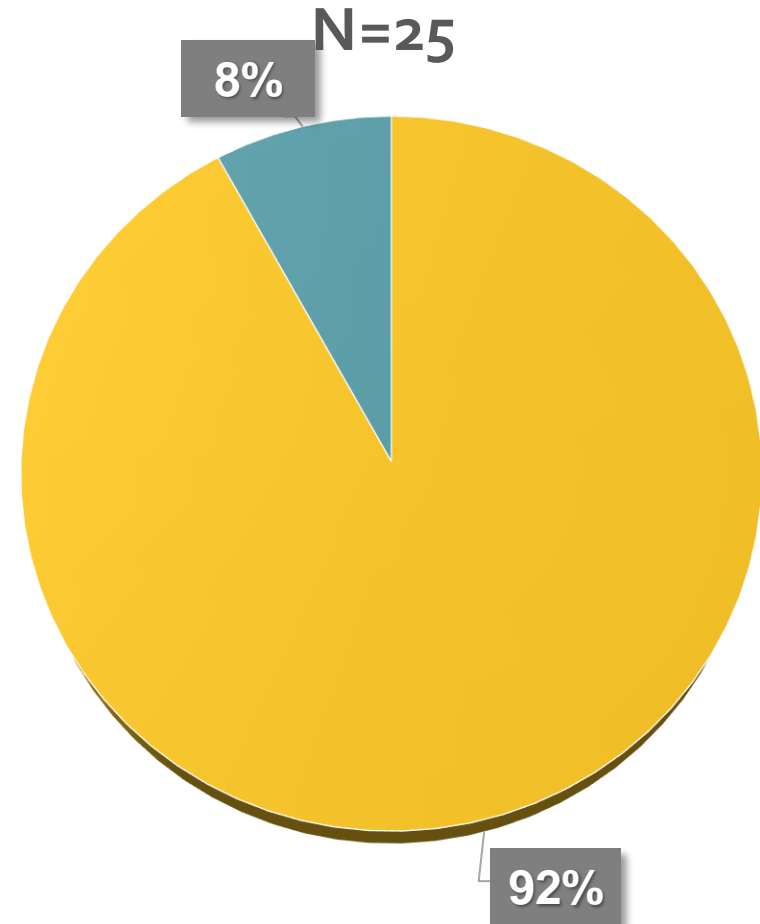


# TRAFFICKING (SELLING) DEFENDANT GENDER BREAKDOWN 2018 - 2022

## TRAFFICKING ADULTS



## TRAFFICKING MINORS



■ Male  
■ Female

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

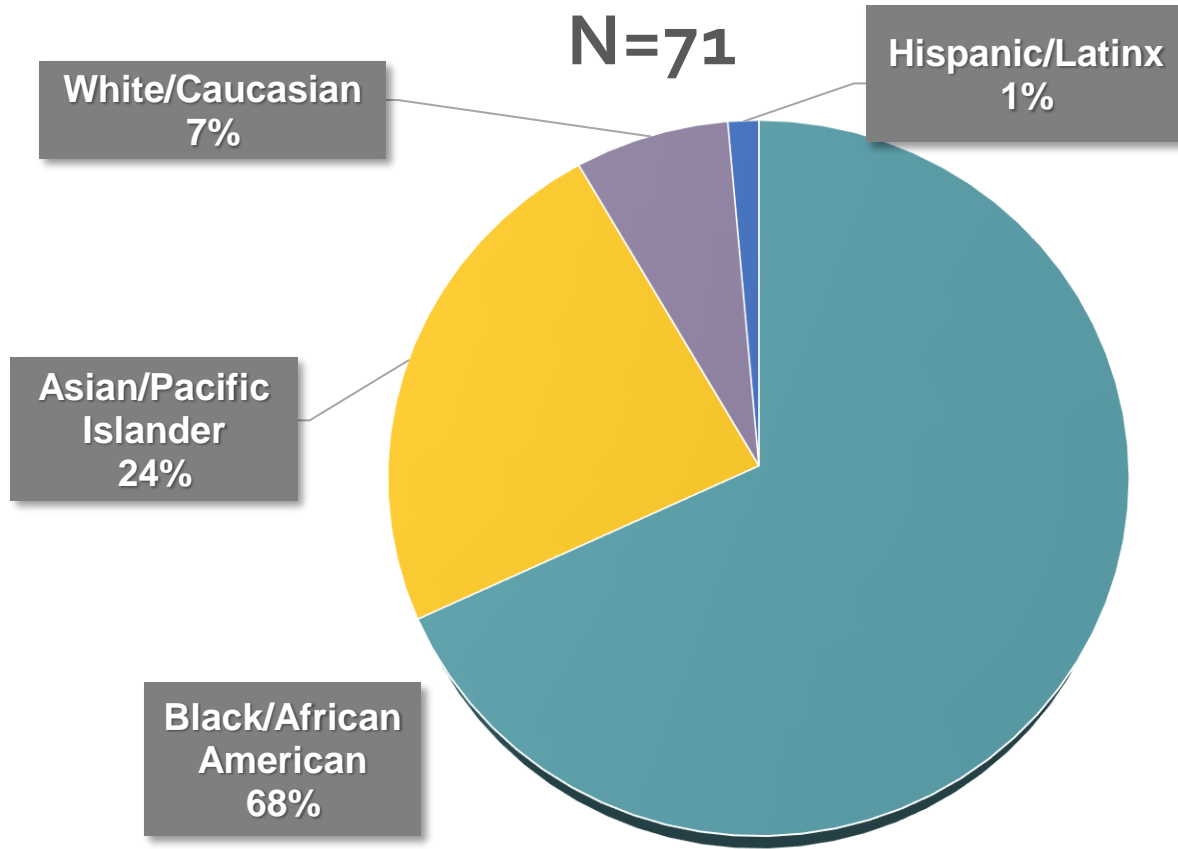
\*\*No trans or non-binary individuals represented in this data set.

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

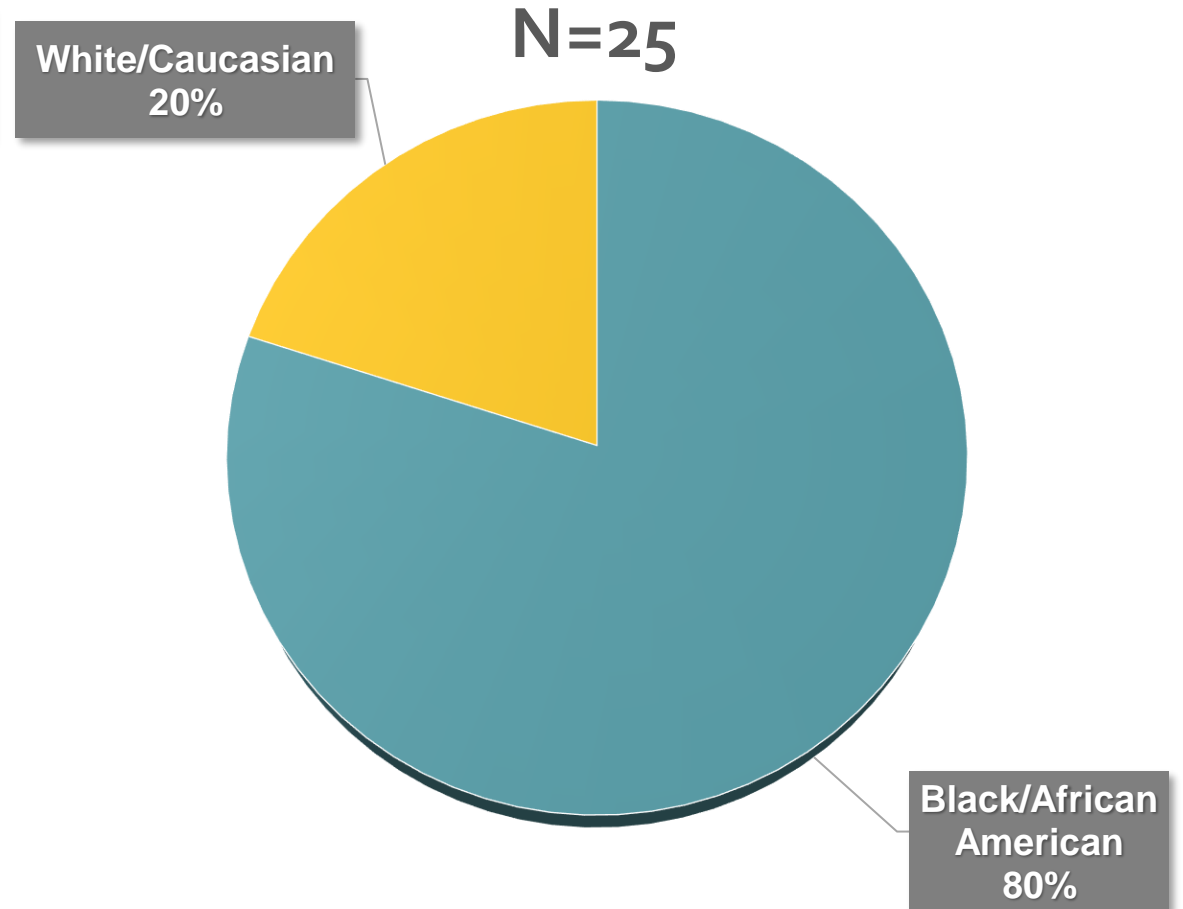


# TRAFFICKING (SELLING) DEFENDANT RACE BREAKDOWN 2018 - 2022

## TRAFFICKING ADULTS



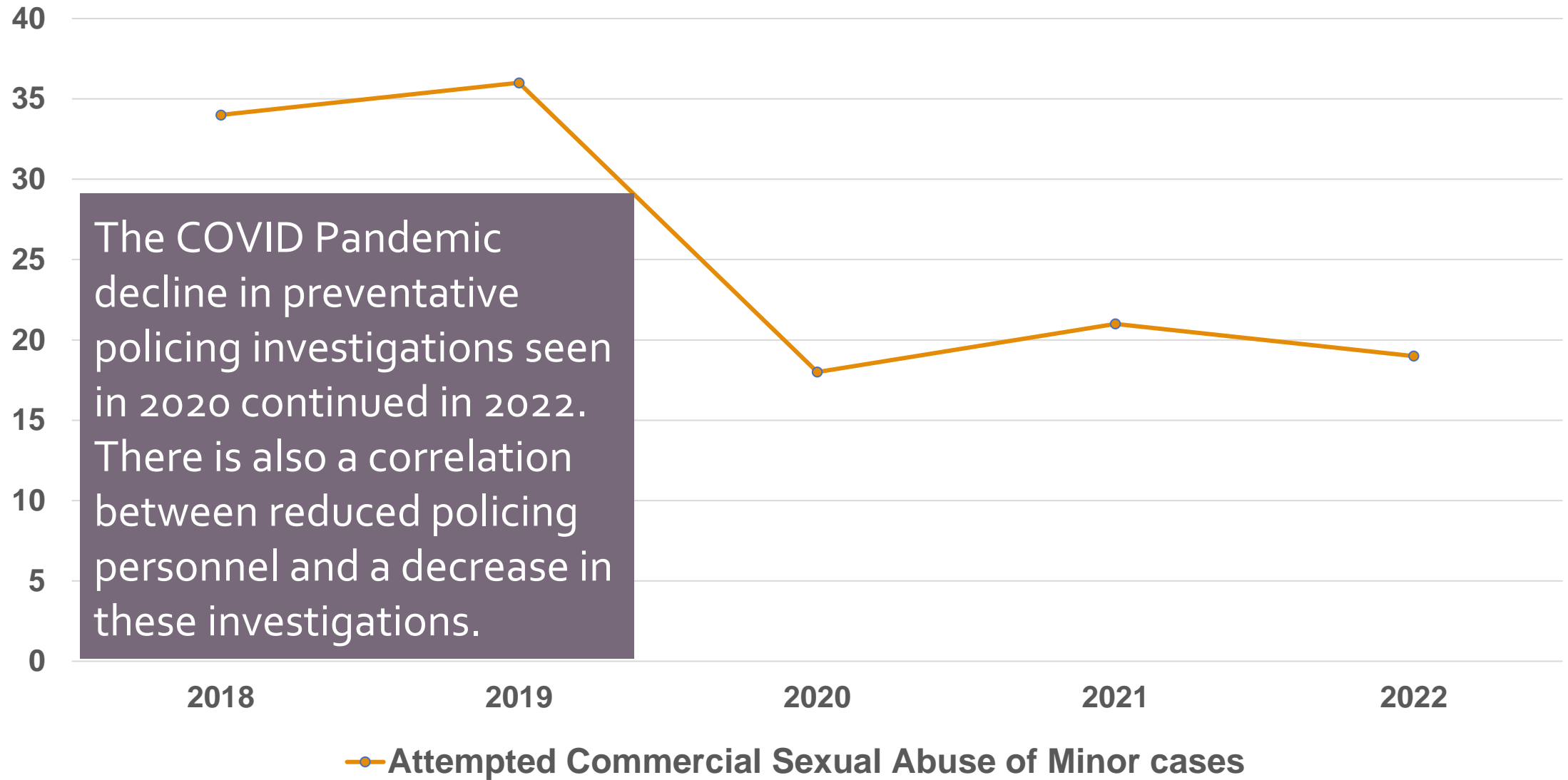
## TRAFFICKING MINORS



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



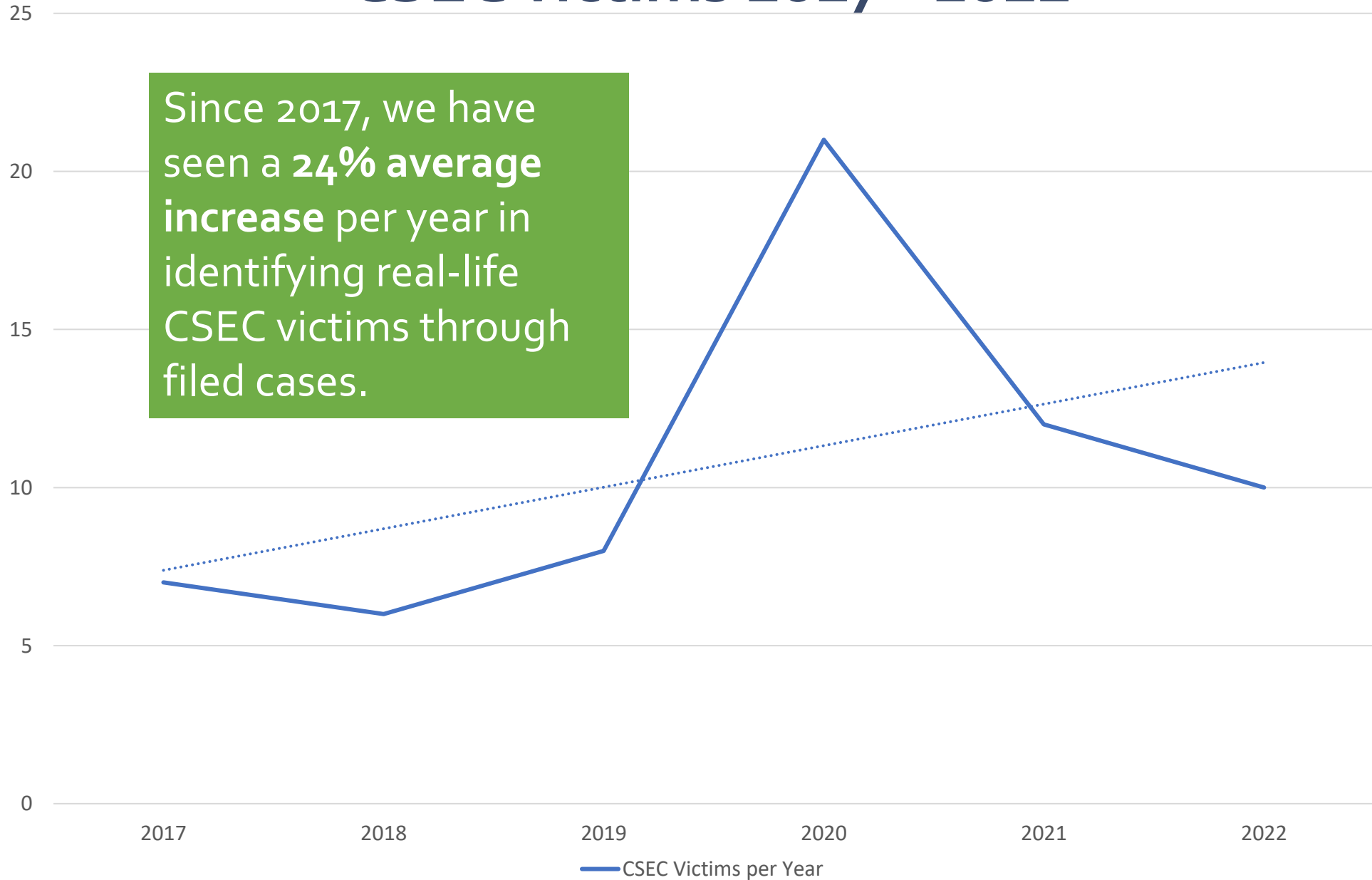
## CHANGE IN ACSAM CASES FROM 2018 - 2022





# CSEC victims 2017 - 2022

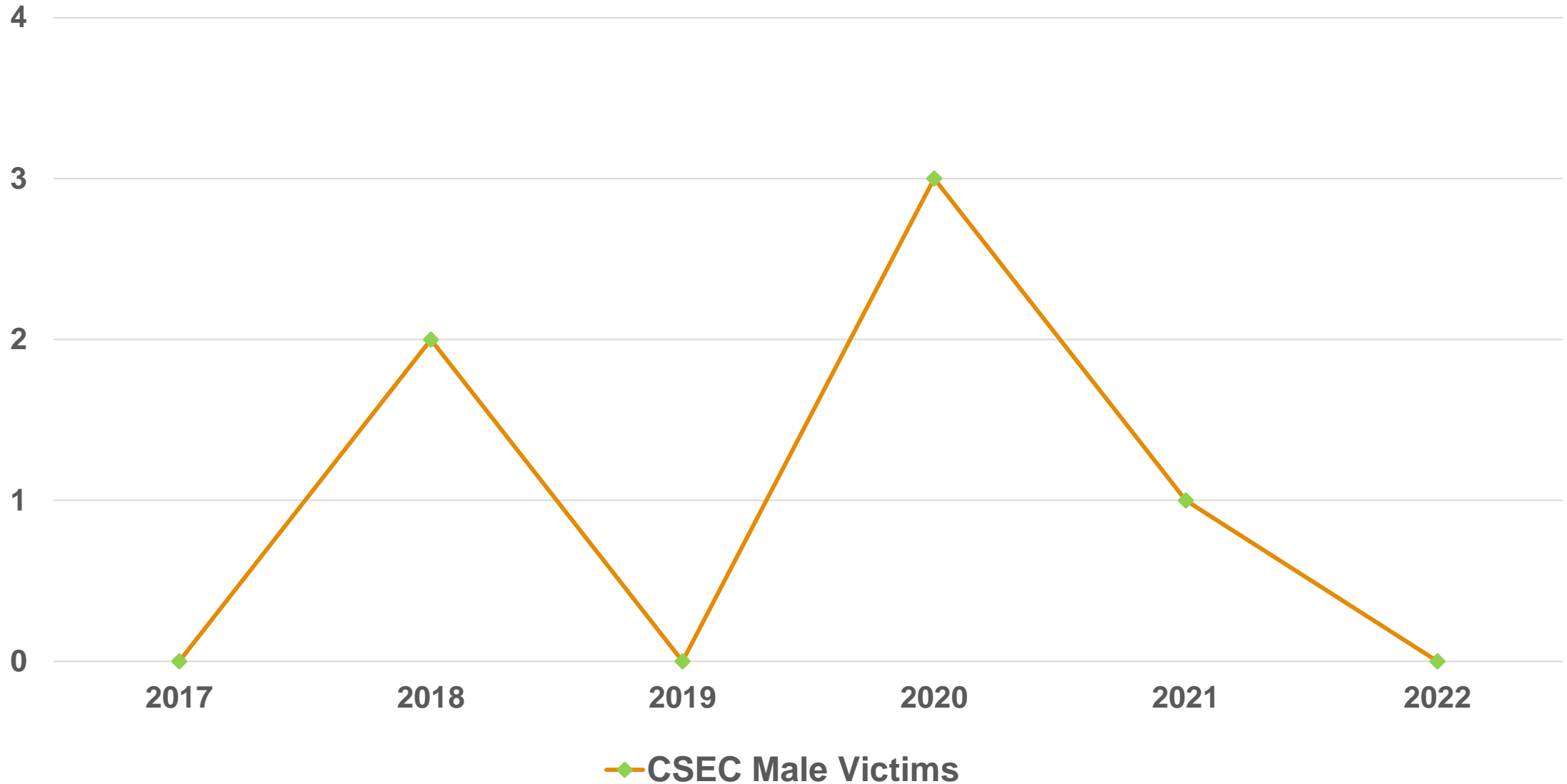
Since 2017, we have seen a **24% average increase** per year in identifying real-life CSEC victims through filed cases.





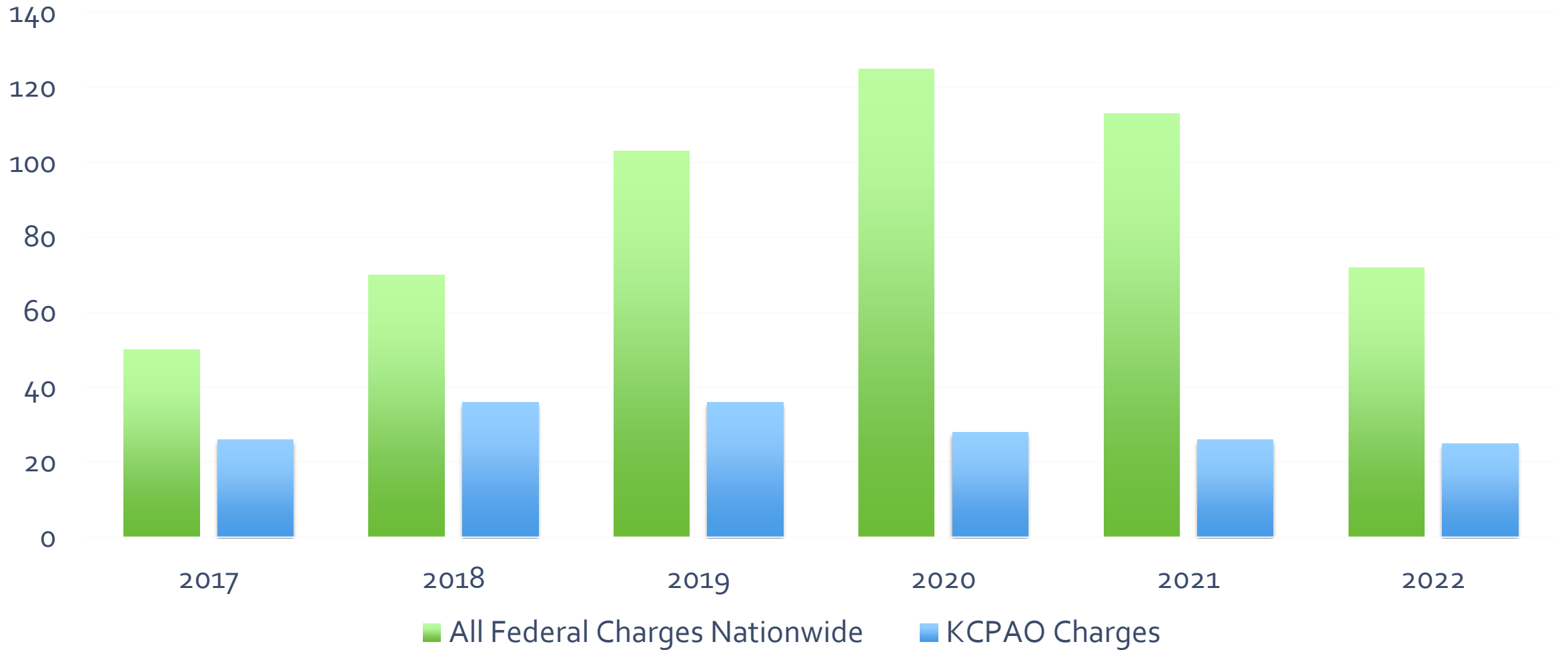


# CSEC MALE VICTIMS IDENTIFIED 2017 – 2022





# New Trafficking Cases with Buyer Defendants 2017 - 2022

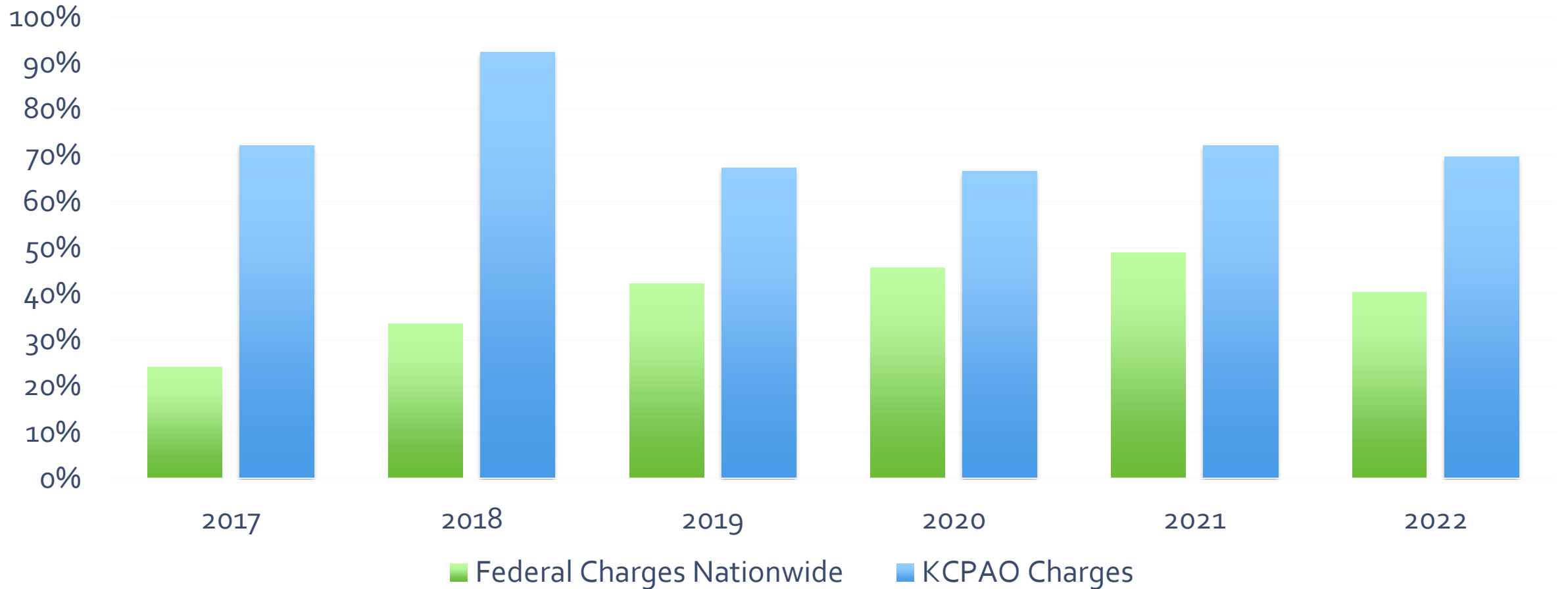


\*Federal data acquired from 2022 Federal Human Trafficking Report, [traffickinginstitute.org](https://traffickinginstitute.org), Appendix p. 177.

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



# Percentage of New Trafficking Cases with Buyer Defendants 2017-2022



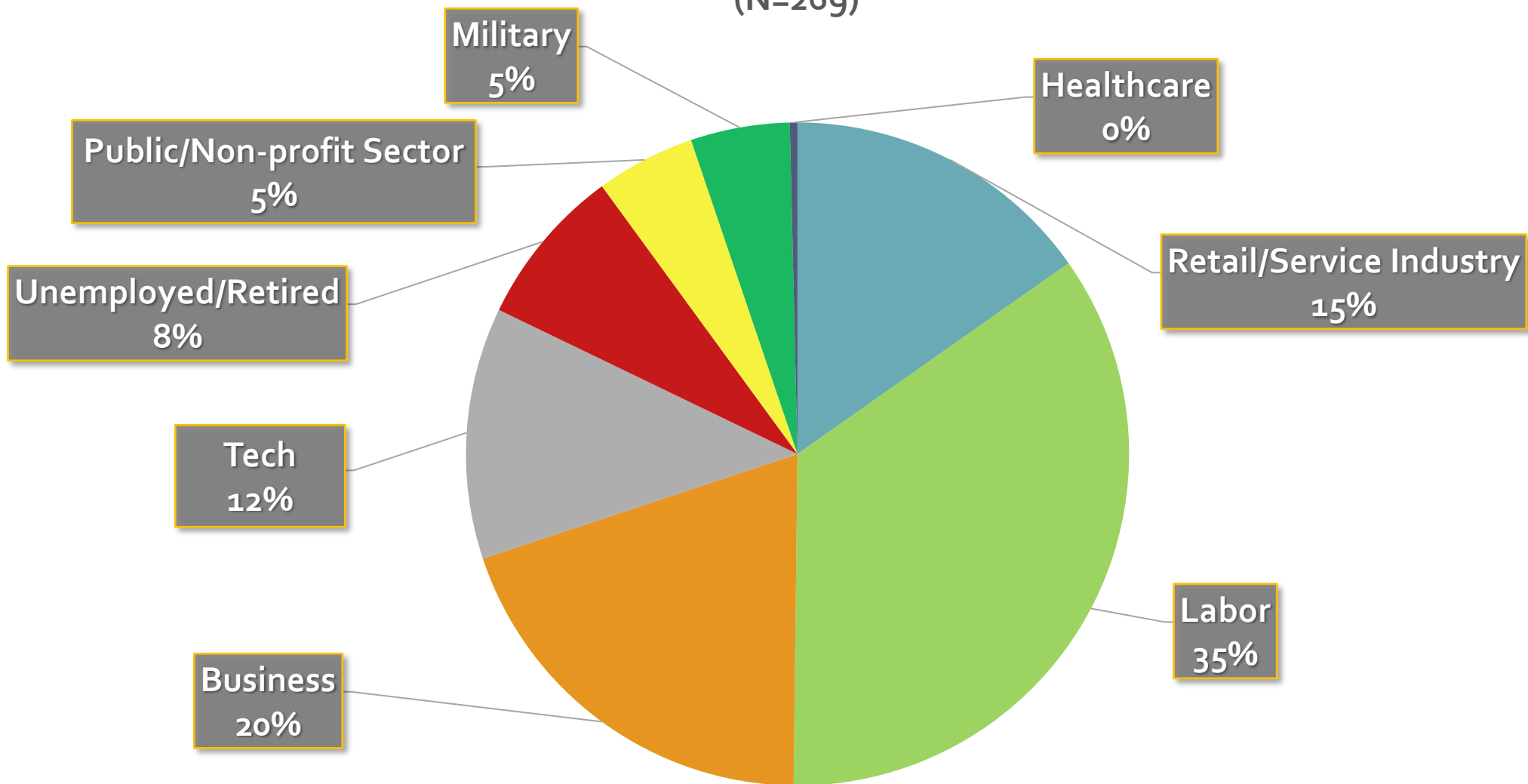
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\*\* Represented KCPAO cases comprise PCSAM, CSAM, PP1, and HT charges. "Buyer defendants" only includes CSAM cases. PP2 is not included since there is not a comparable federal statute.



# CSAM BUYERS' OCCUPATION 2013-2021

(N=269)

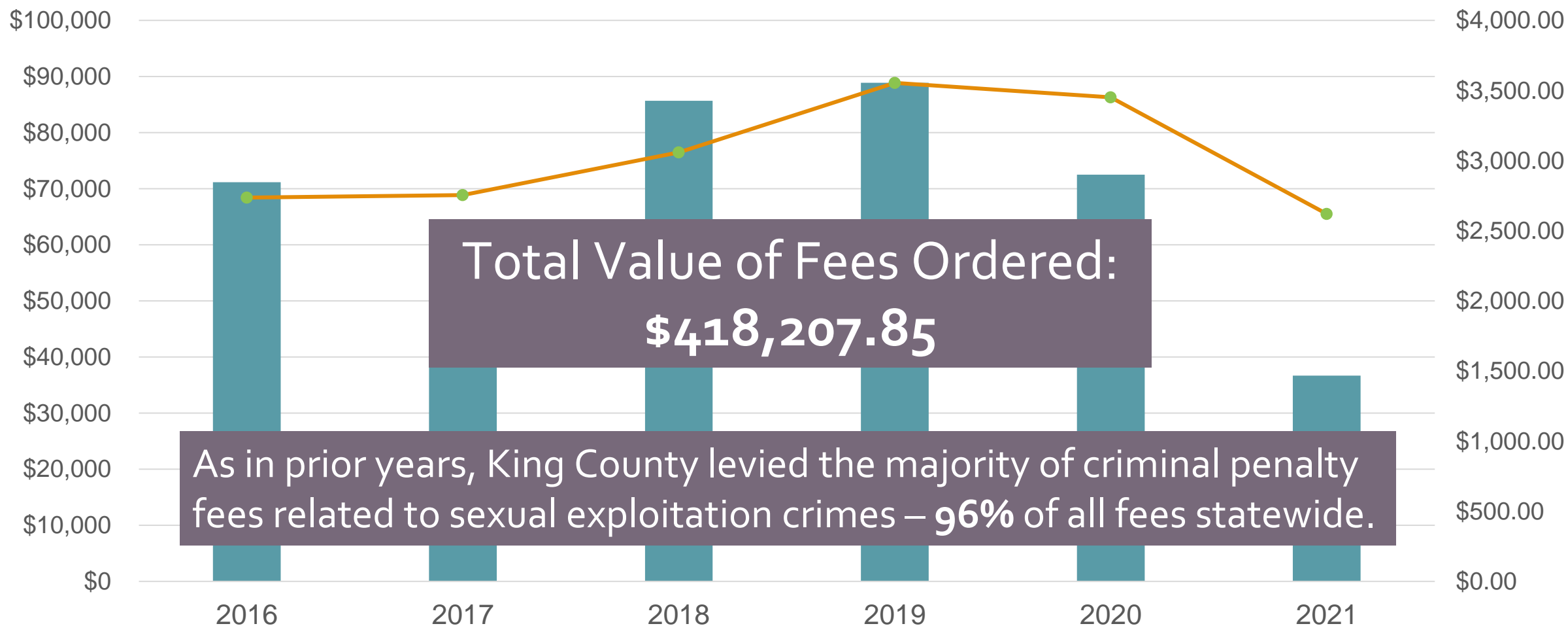


\*Of the 329 defendants charged during this period, 81.7% had known employment at the commission of the offense. The remaining 75 defendants either were unemployed, their employment could not be identified, or their employment has yet to be identified.



# FEES ORDERED 2016 - 2021

■ Total Fees per Year    ● Average Fees per Case



\* 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.

\*\* 37% of cases from 2021 have not yet resolved as of 10/20/2023— therefore the total fees and average fee for 2021 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 minors, who are disproportionately Black and female. These minors are being trafficked by disproportionately Black adult men.

Although there has been a 24% average increase in identifying CSEC victims through cases since 2017, we have seen a decline in identifying victims through cases since 2020.

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



King County has remained consistent with its 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, only 3 charges in 2021, and 0 (zero) charges again in 2022.

The vast majority of CSAM sex buyers were gainfully employed at the time they committed their offense. From 2016-2020, the average fee imposed on a sex buyer was \$3,111. 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. These fees can also be used to increase enforcement of commercial sex laws.

KCPAO understands that demand drives trafficking. In our efforts to move upstream and address the root cause of trafficking, we have focused on prosecuting sex buyers of children. Over the last 5 years on average, 73% of our trafficking cases focus on buyers whereas the national average for federal cases has been 39%.