

# Risk Reduction Intervention (RRI)



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# Background



- RRI is a proactive measure, geared towards perpetrators
- Avoiding major restrictions into victims life
- Victim protection unit are responsible for the case
- Negotiators perform the intervention and report to victim protection unit
- Collaboration between the victim protection unit and the negotiating team. Both components necessary.
- RRI is based on both teams professional knowledge and specialization
- Project in region South 2019-2021
- National method in Sweden 2021
- National implementation 2022

# The method



- A structured and systematic conversation performed by specialists
- Based on voluntariness and trust.
- To reduce the risk of further crimes. It's not about not prosecuting perpetrators for crimes already committed.
- It is not about teaching the perpetrator to feel empathy for the victim.
- It is about helping the perpetrator break a destructive pattern and find other ways to handle the situation in a non-criminal way.
- Communication based on the person's trigger points which can allow the individual to understand that ending the violence is in their best interest. "What's in it for me?"
- First prevention, then cure!

# Types of cases

- Vulnerable victims
- Domestic violence
- Stalking
- Violations of restraining orders
- Victims exposed because of profession (*government staff, social workers, prosecutors, police officers etc*)

# Benefits

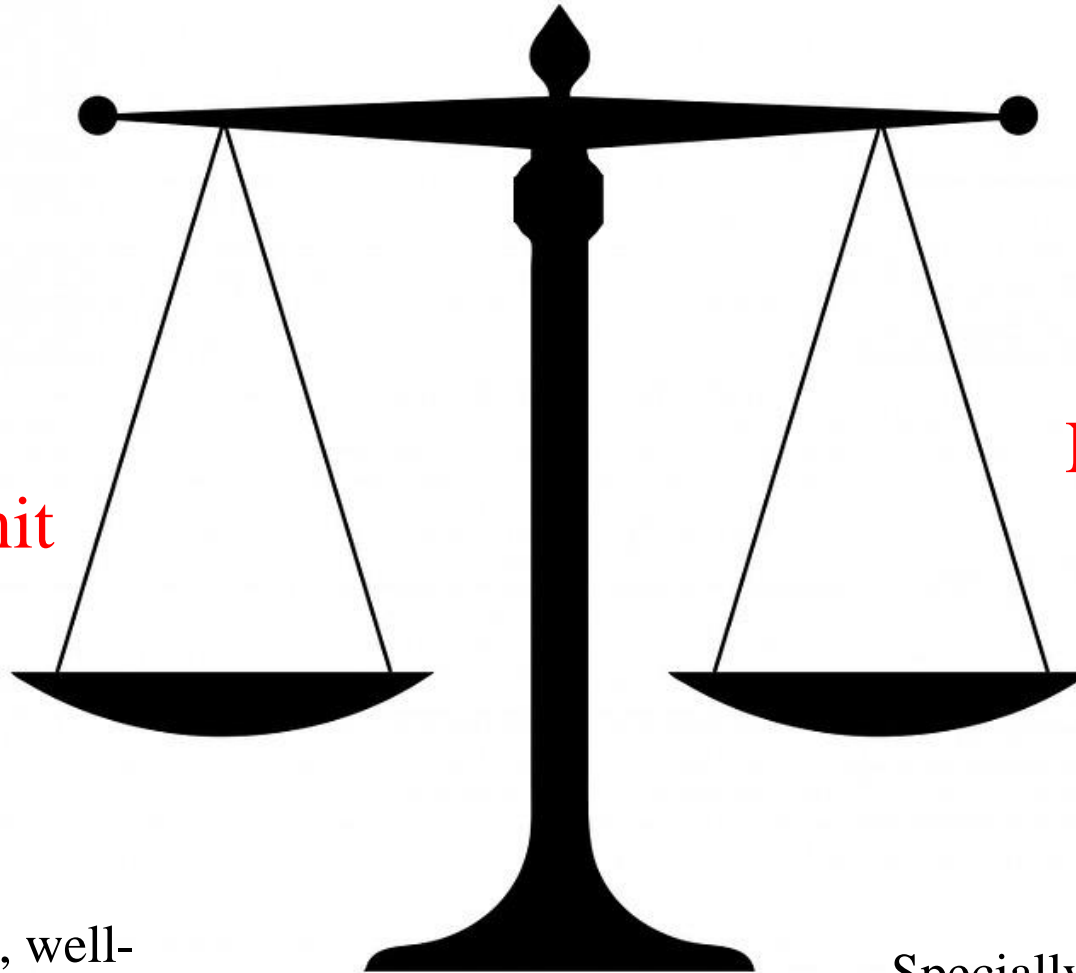
- Positive action for the affected person - avoid long-term suffering
- Crime prevention
- Lesser needs of far-reaching protective measures for the victim
- Prevention of re-victimization
- Confidentiality laws

# Risks

- That we are triggering something we had not thought of
- That the victim becomes even more threatened or that someone else is affected. The risk of violence instead increases (especially in domestic violence)
- That the ongoing/upcoming legal process is affected
- Other legal aspects

# Roles and functions

Victim  
protection unit



Negotiation  
team

Background check, well-performed risk assessments, information and mapping of the perpetrator

Specially trained in conversation methods and also have great experience in crisis situations <sup>7</sup>

# Experiences from the Region Syd

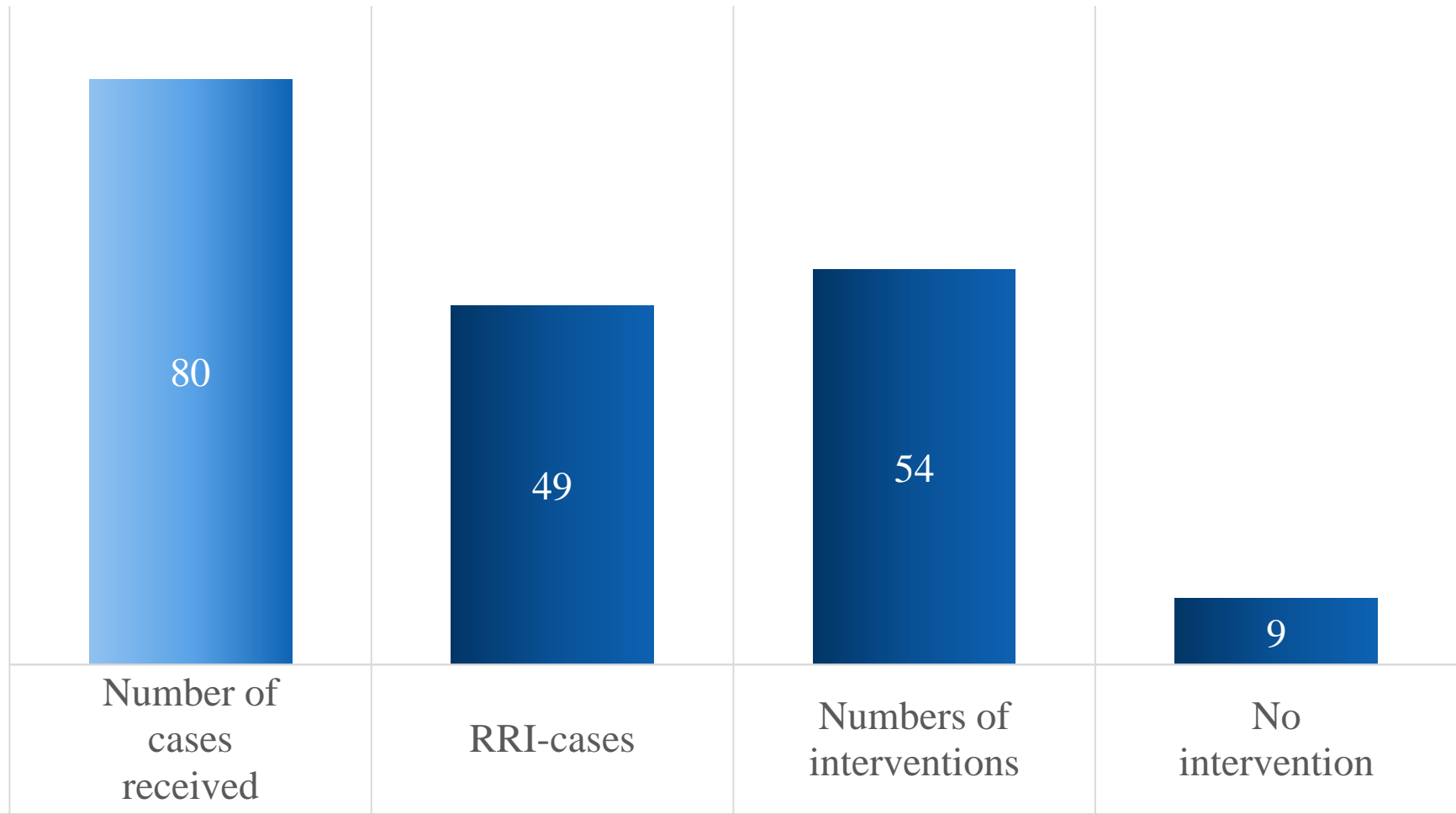
(Region South) 2019





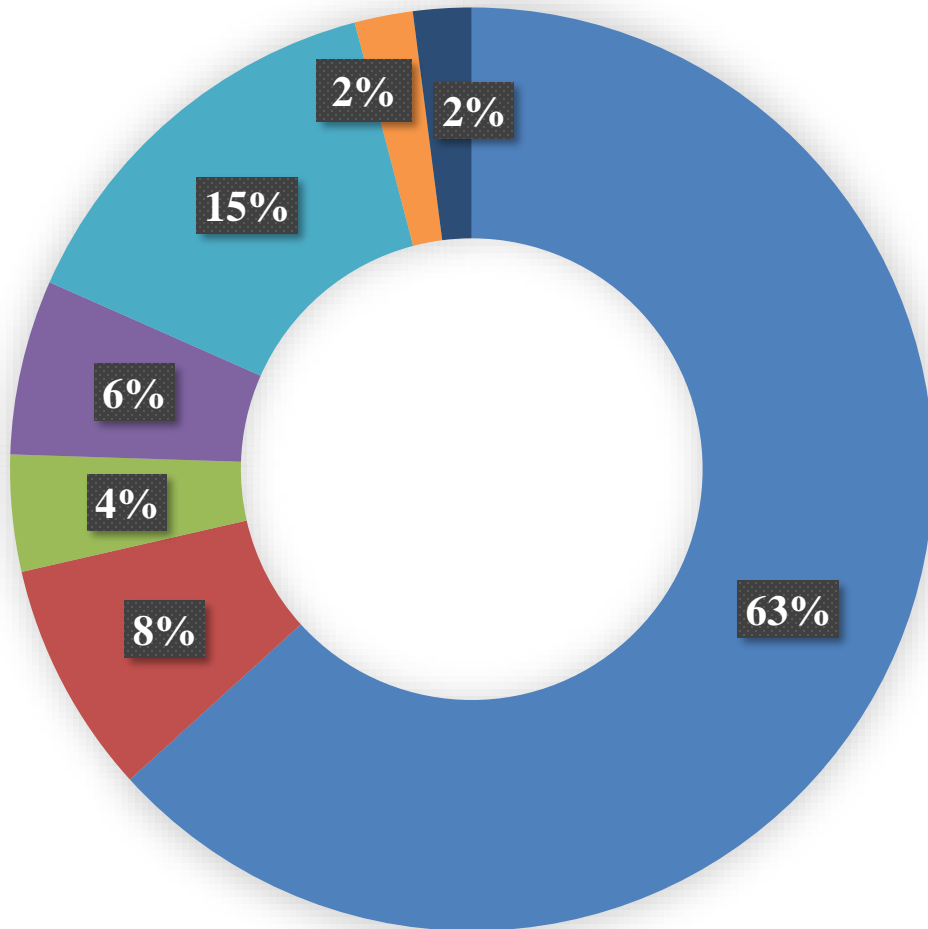
# Number of cases and interventions

*(Region South 2019)*



# Result of the interventions

(Region South 2019)

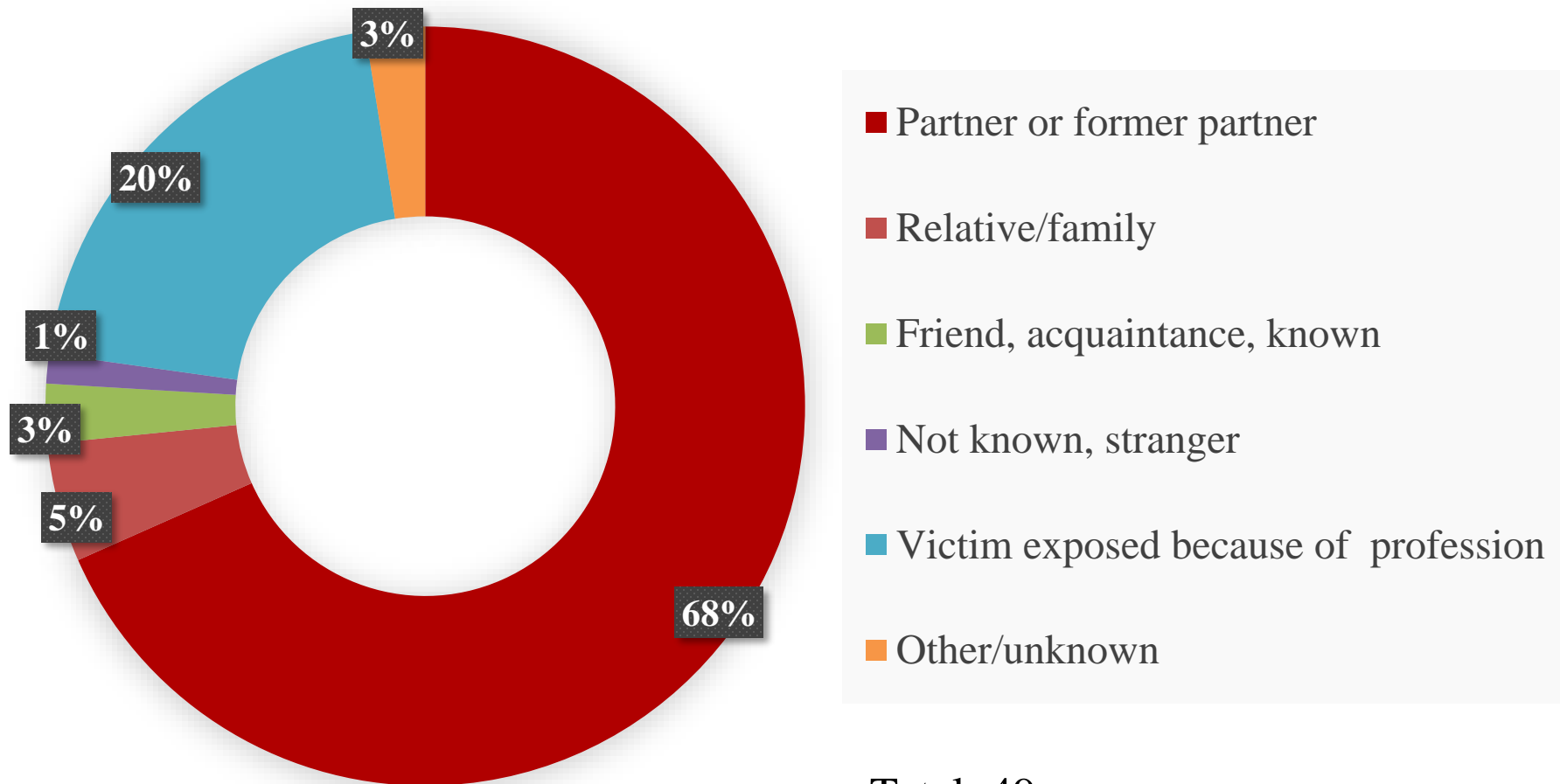


■ Crime has stopped	(31)
■ The crime has decreased	(4)
■ The situation is unchanged	(2)
■ Continued interest	(3)
■ Crime ceased initially, but then continued	(7)
■ The perpetrator has been arrested in the current case	(1)
■ Other effect	(1)

Total: 49 cases

# Relationship between perpetrator and victim

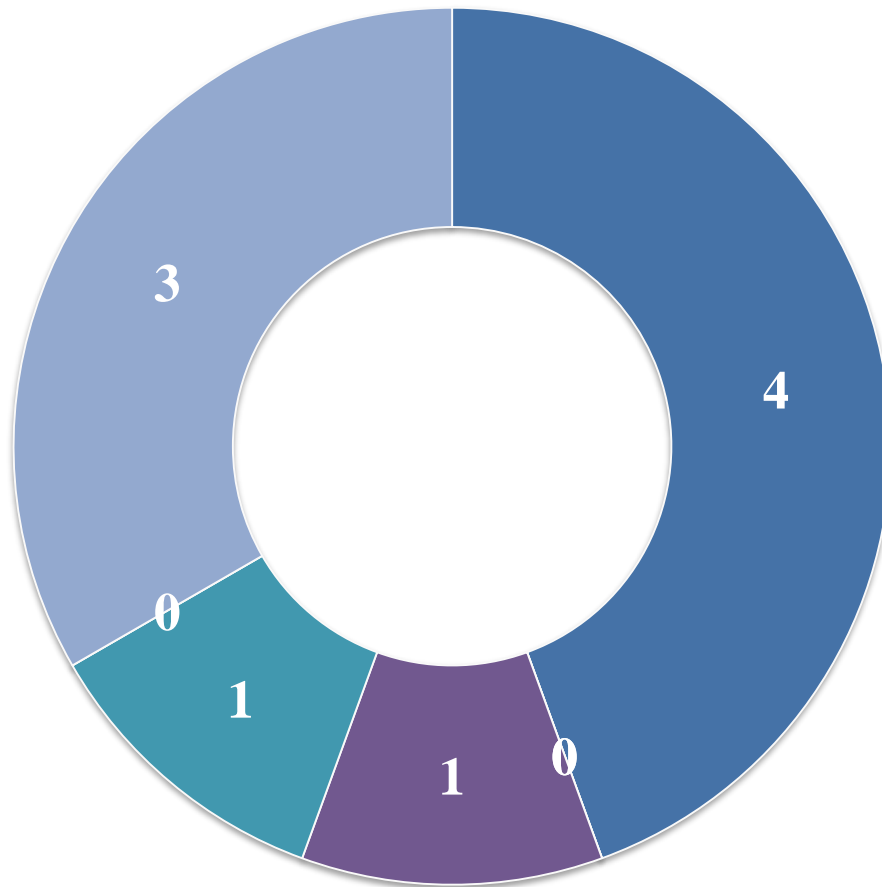
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# Reason for cancelling a intervention

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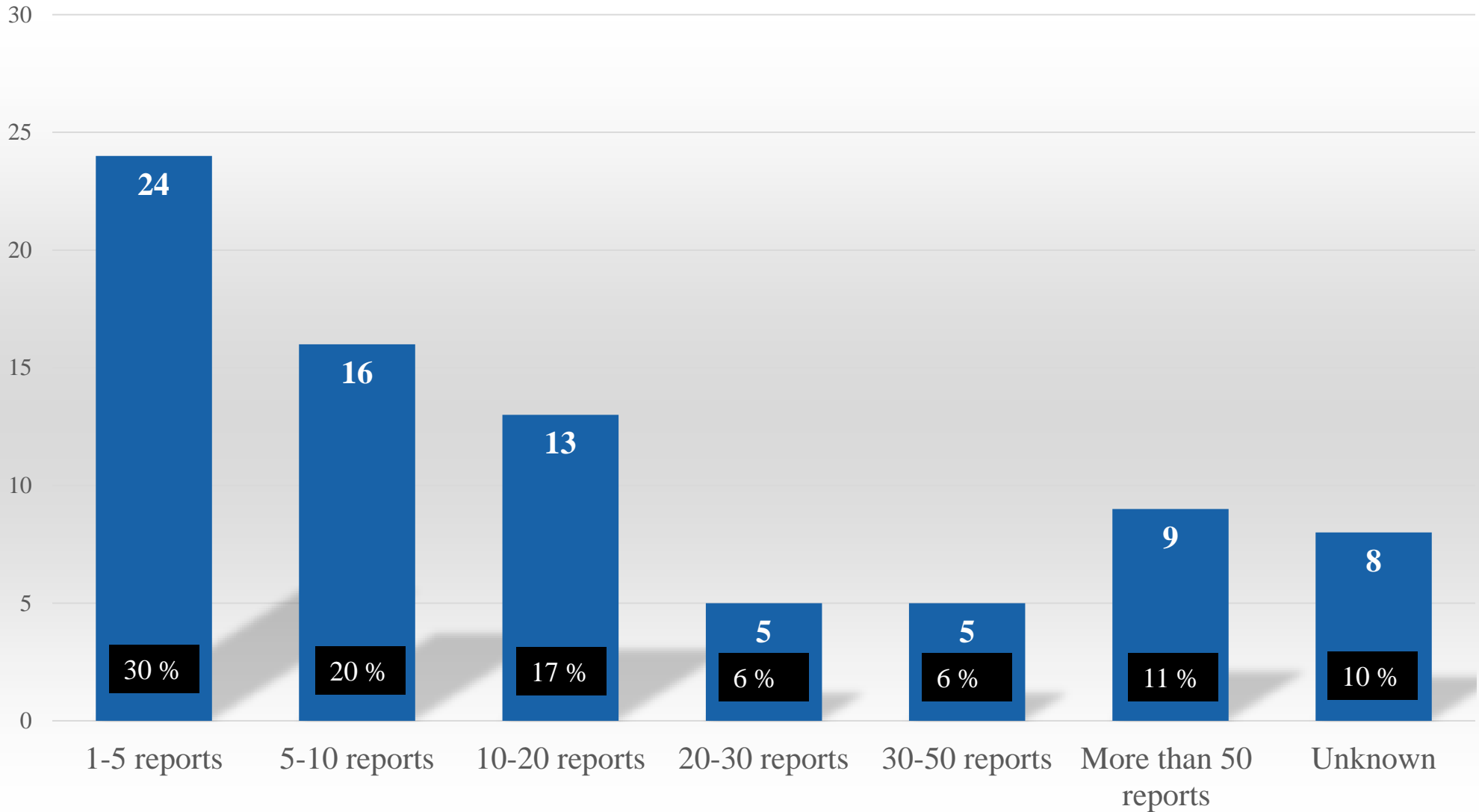


- Mental instability
- Risk that the threat increases
- The threat has ceased
- The perpetrator does not want to participate
- Insufficient information about the perpetrator
- The perpetrator has been arrested in the current case
- Another reason; ongoing legal process, language difficulties, too complicated case

Total: 9 cases

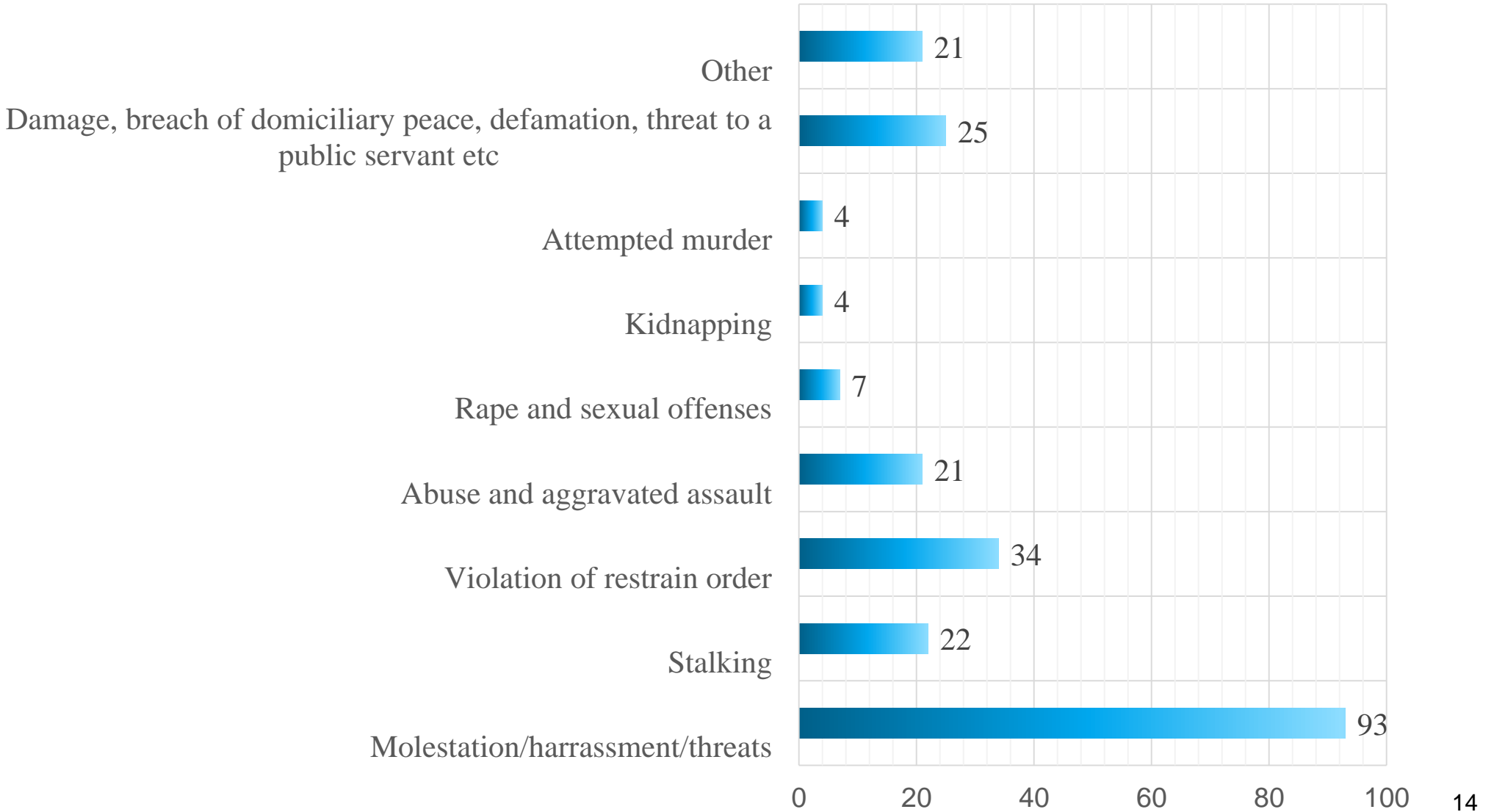
# Numbers of reported crimes in the RRI-case

(Region South 2019)



# Type of crimes

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# Thank you for your attention!



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