

(Lethal) violence in Croatia

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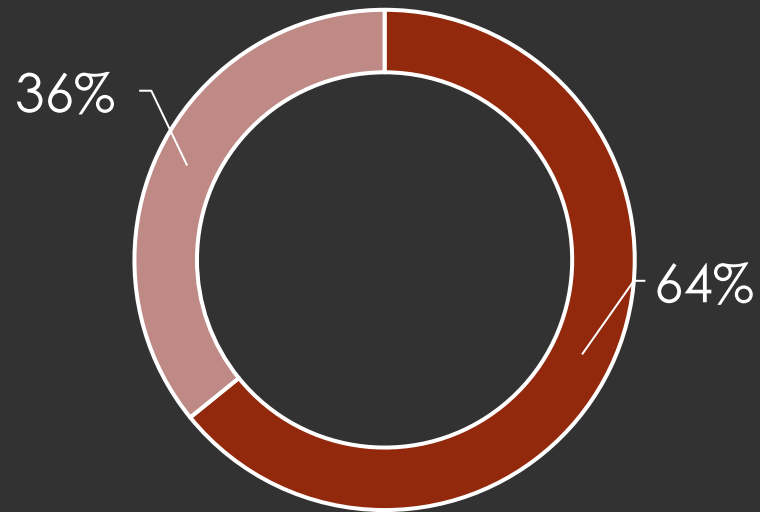
BHS and the BHS typology

- The BHS in Croatia
 - original empirical data from 563 prosecution and court (attempted) homicide case files → 519 acts of true violence
 - BHS pilot study
- BHS typology; 20 types of violence, sexual connotation, cruelty, premeditation, offender's motive and victim-offender relationship



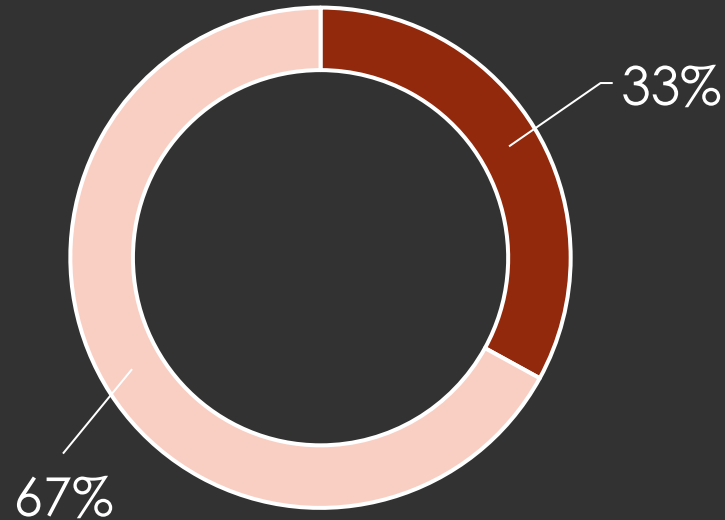
Analysis of Croatian data - incidents

Lethality



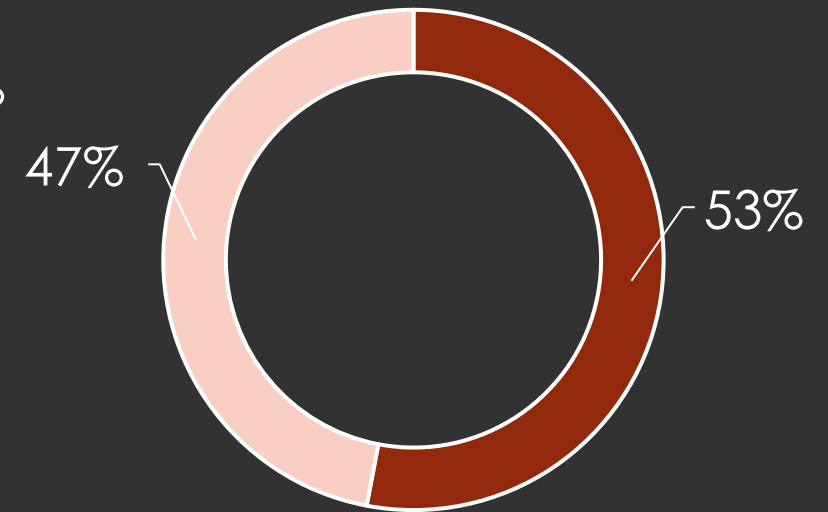
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Attempted



■ Private ■ Public

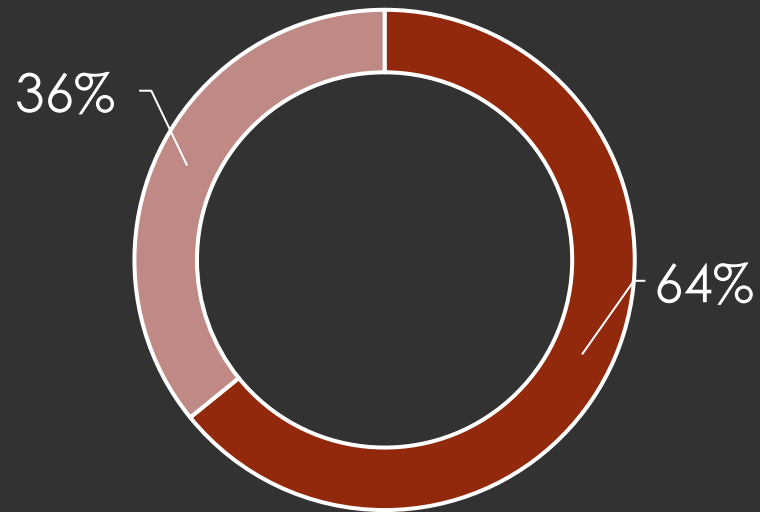
Completed



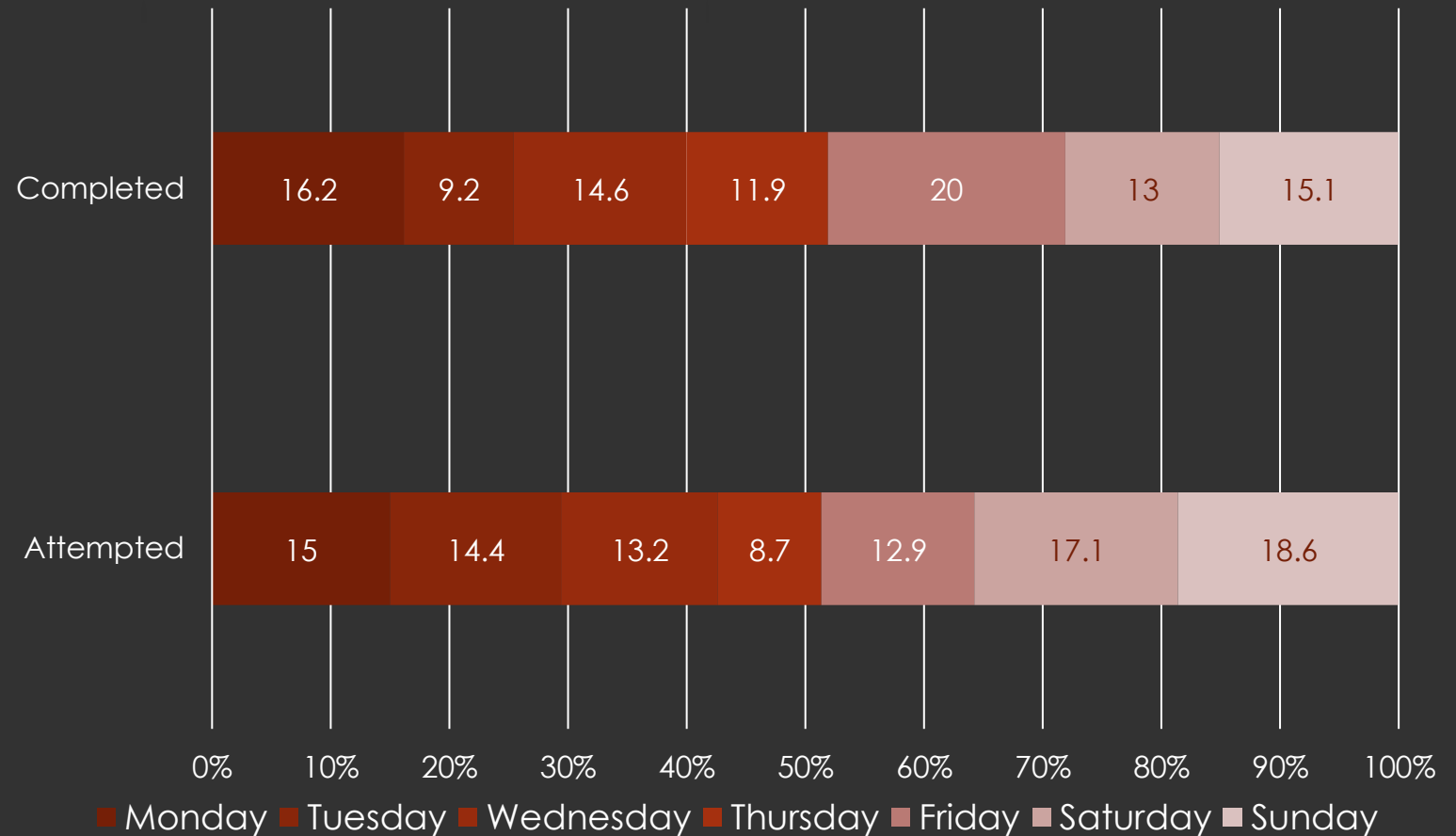
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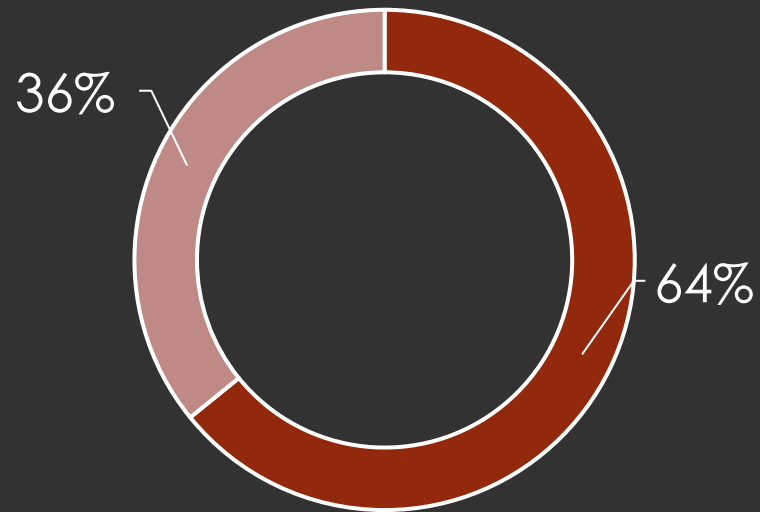


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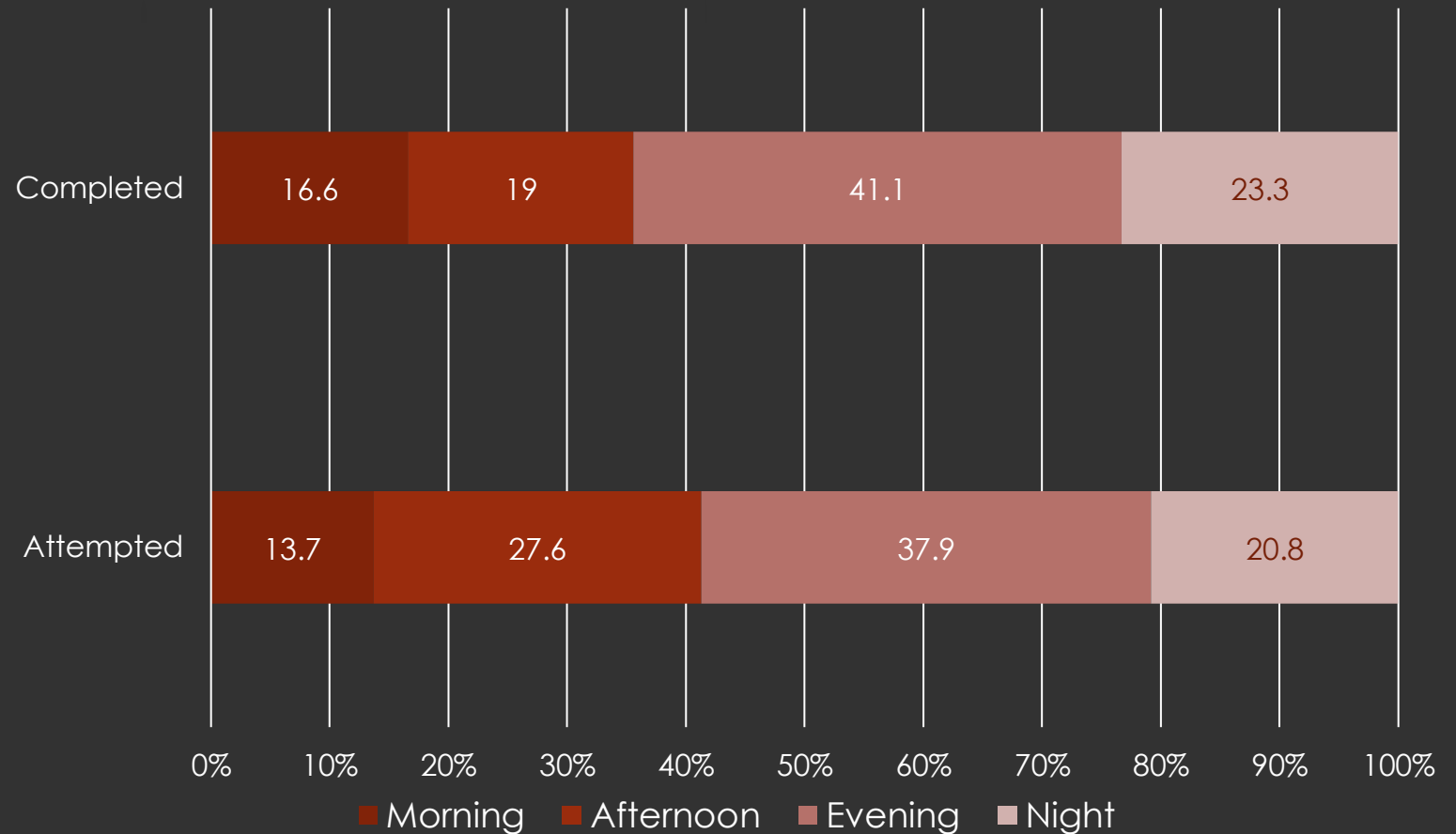


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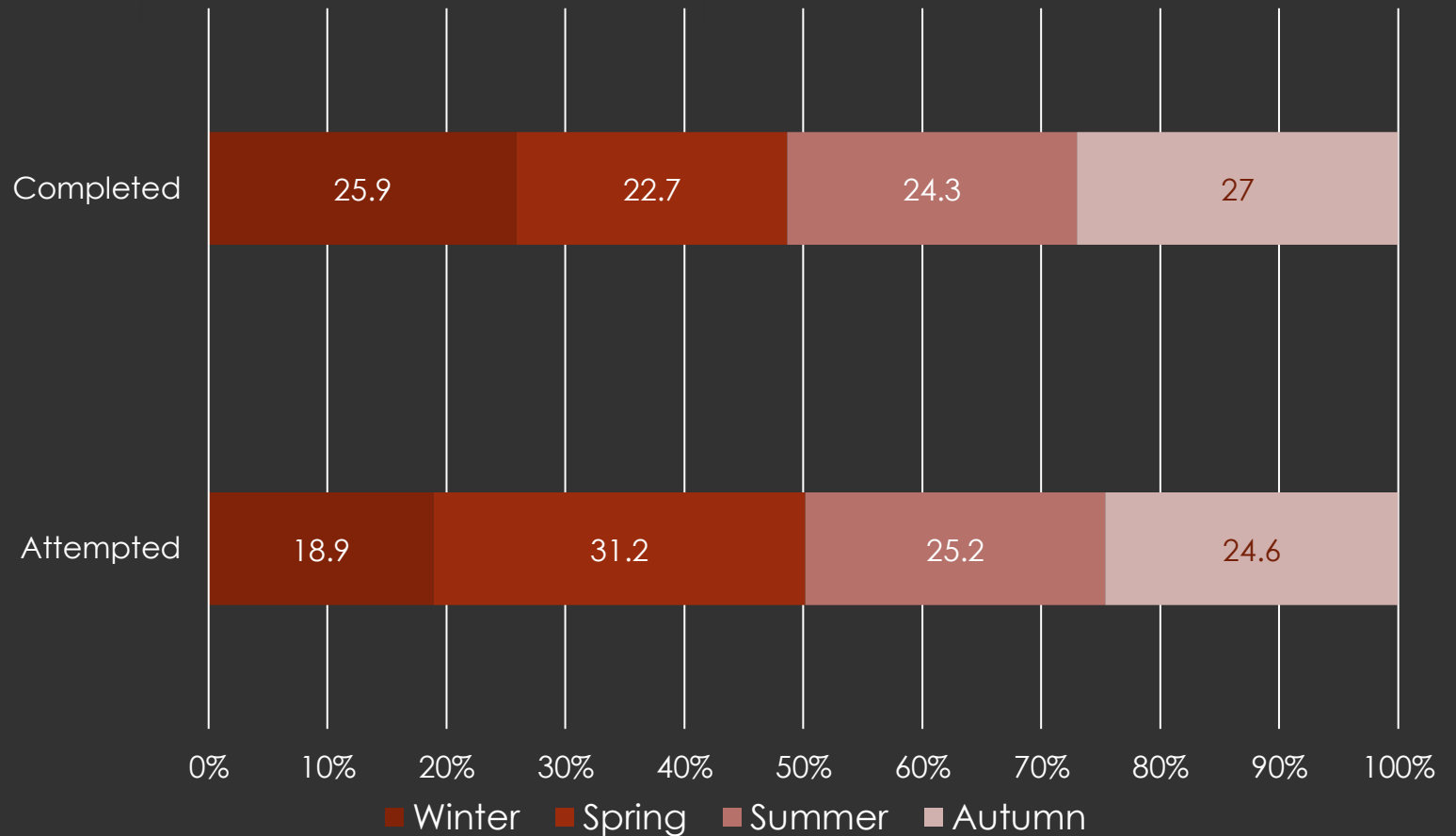
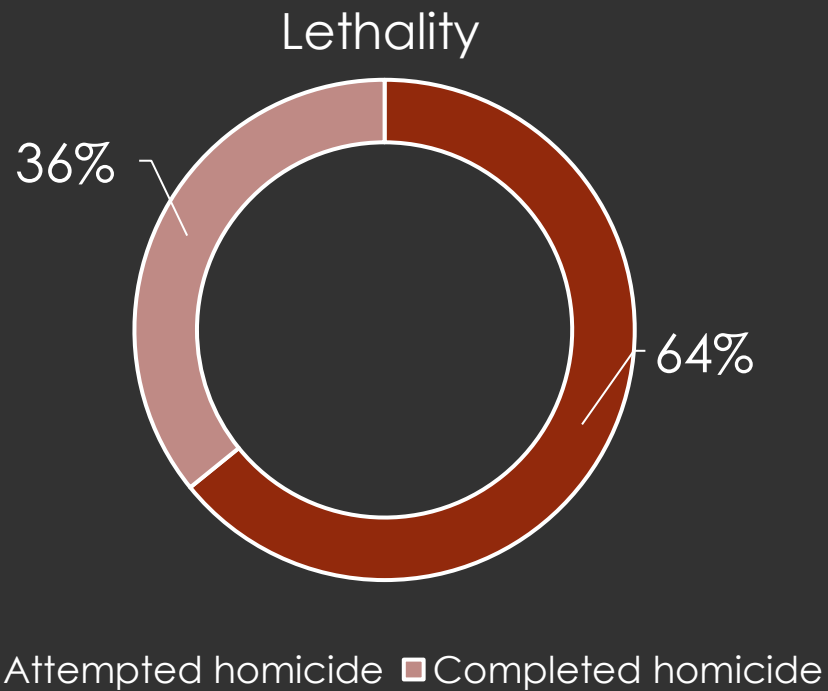
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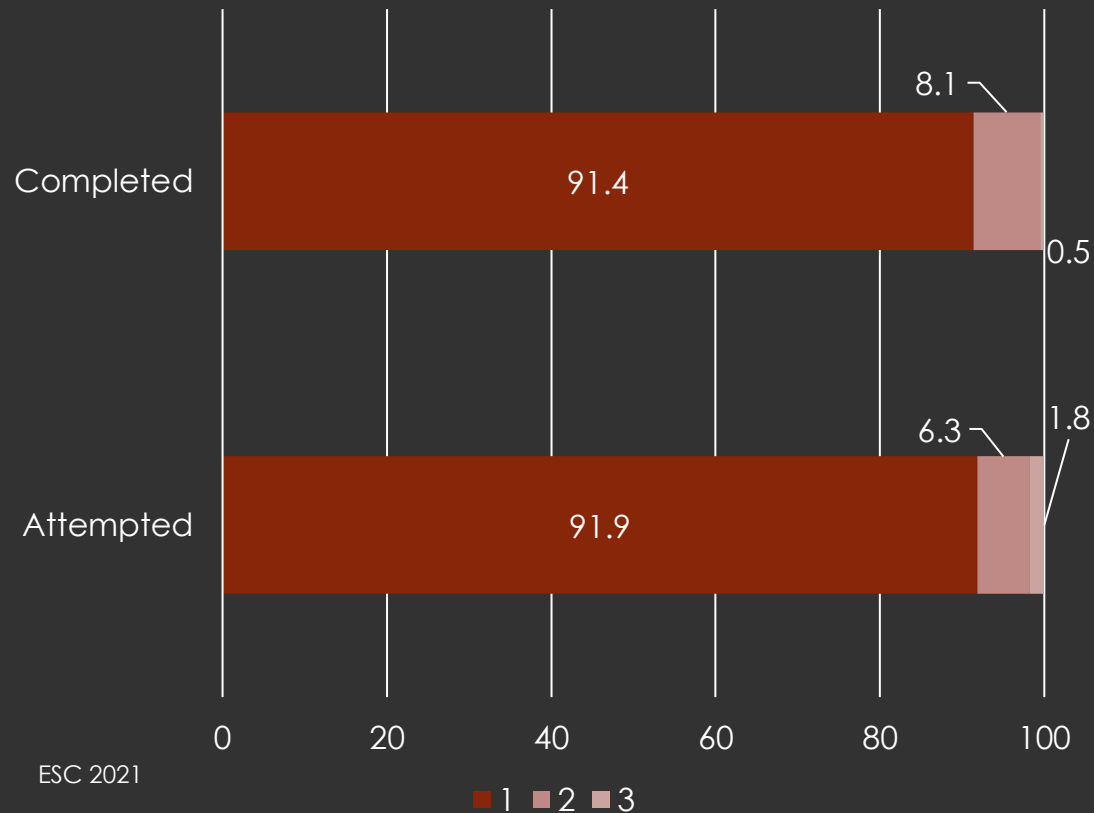
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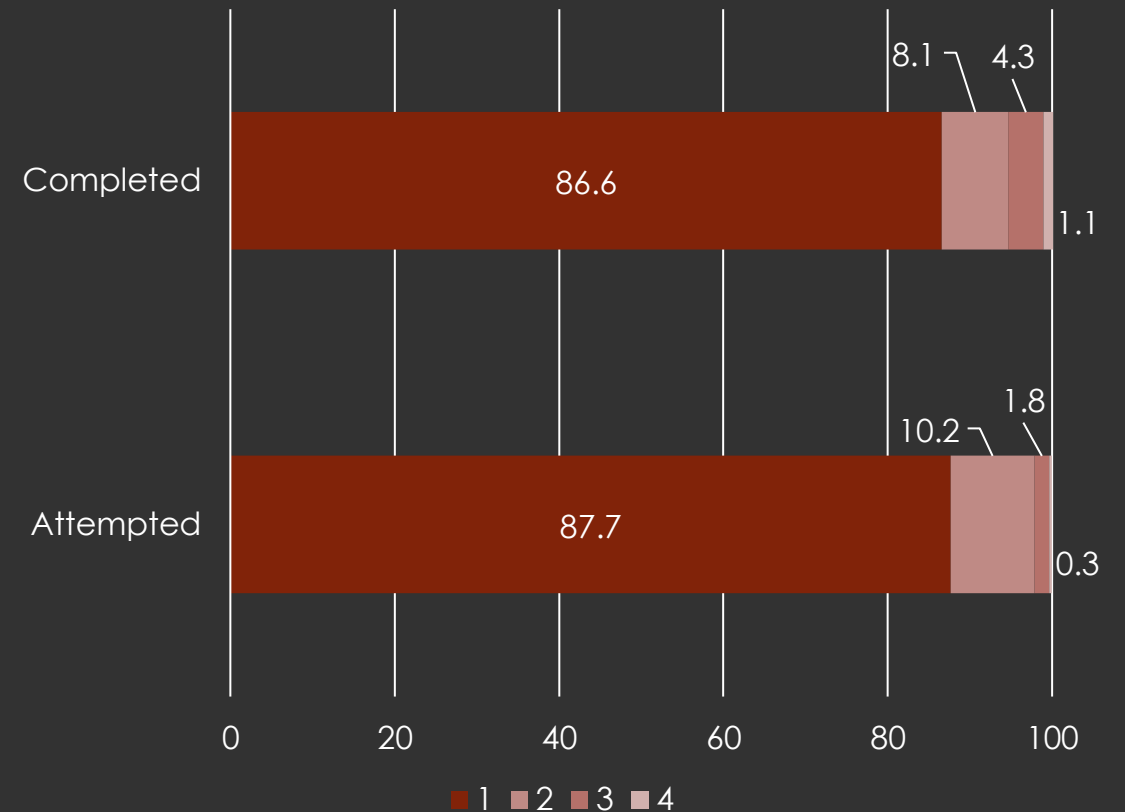
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○ 421 one-on-one offences

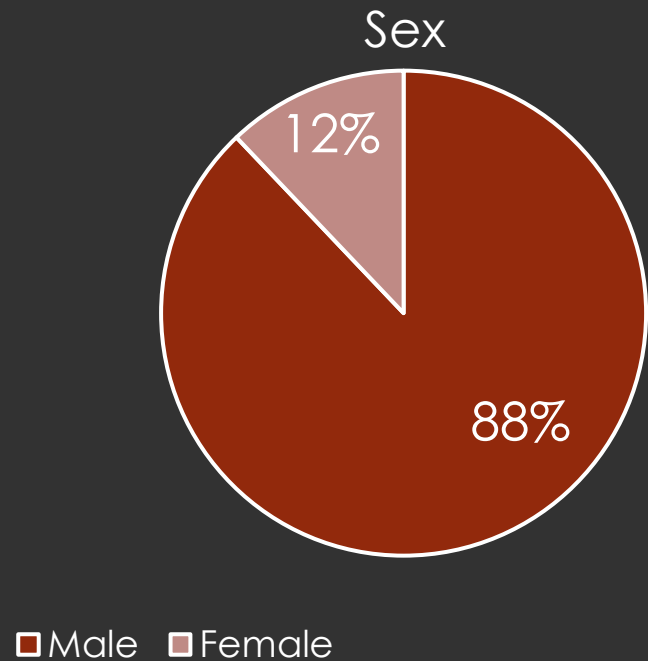
Offenders (N=564)



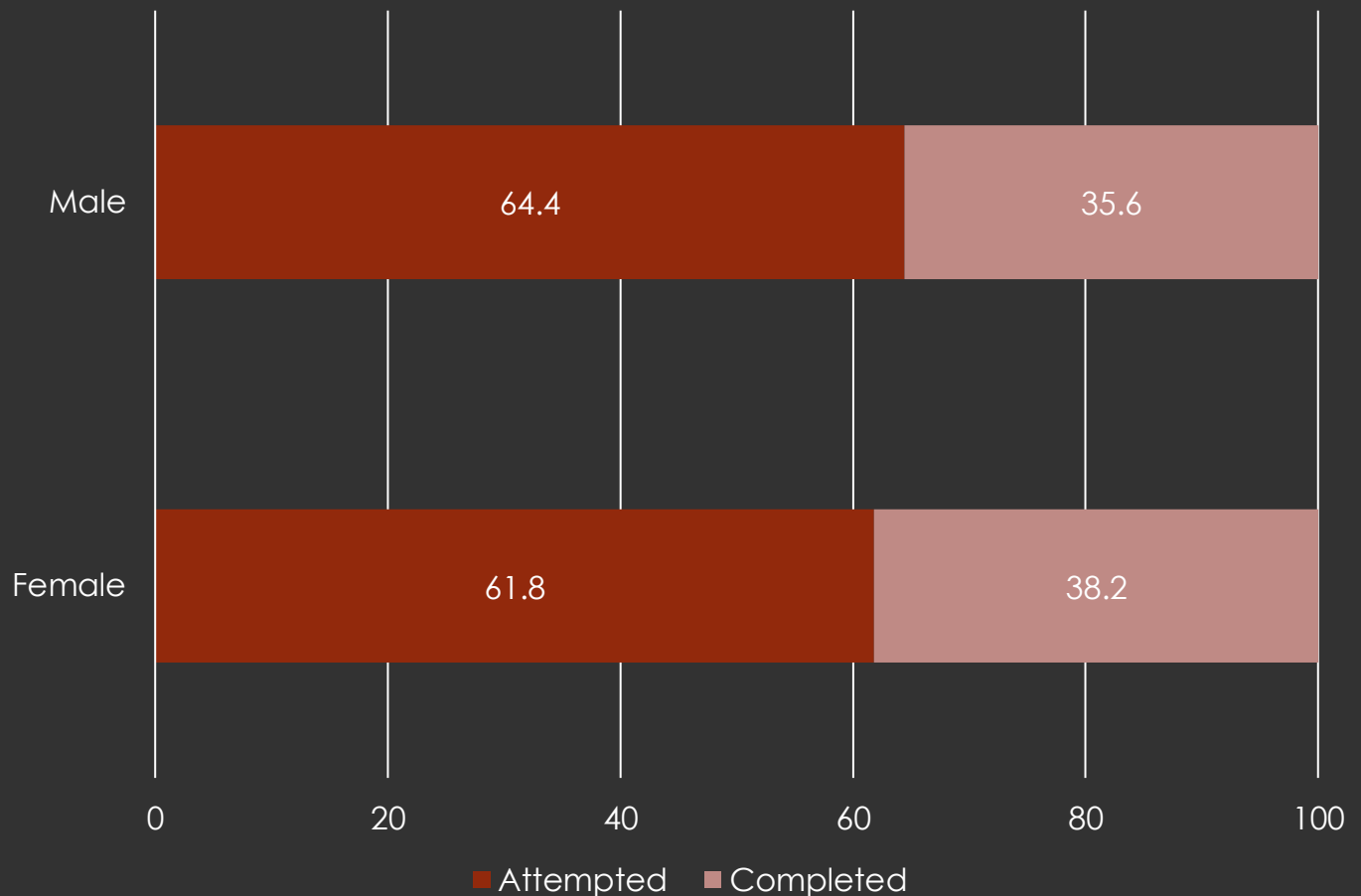
Victims (N=604)



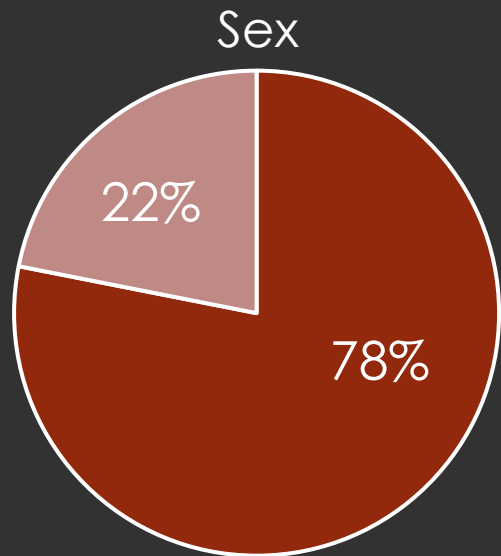
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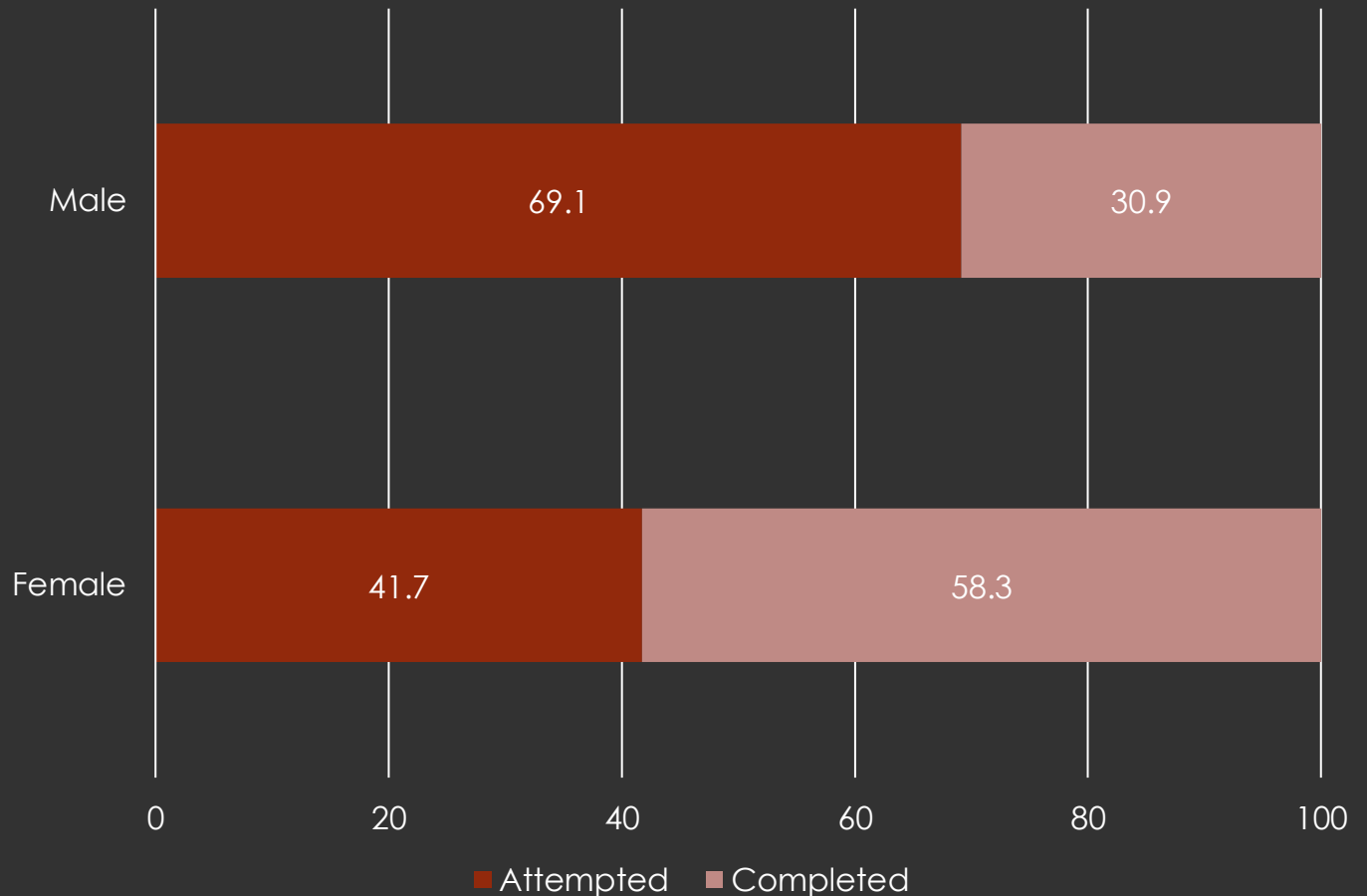


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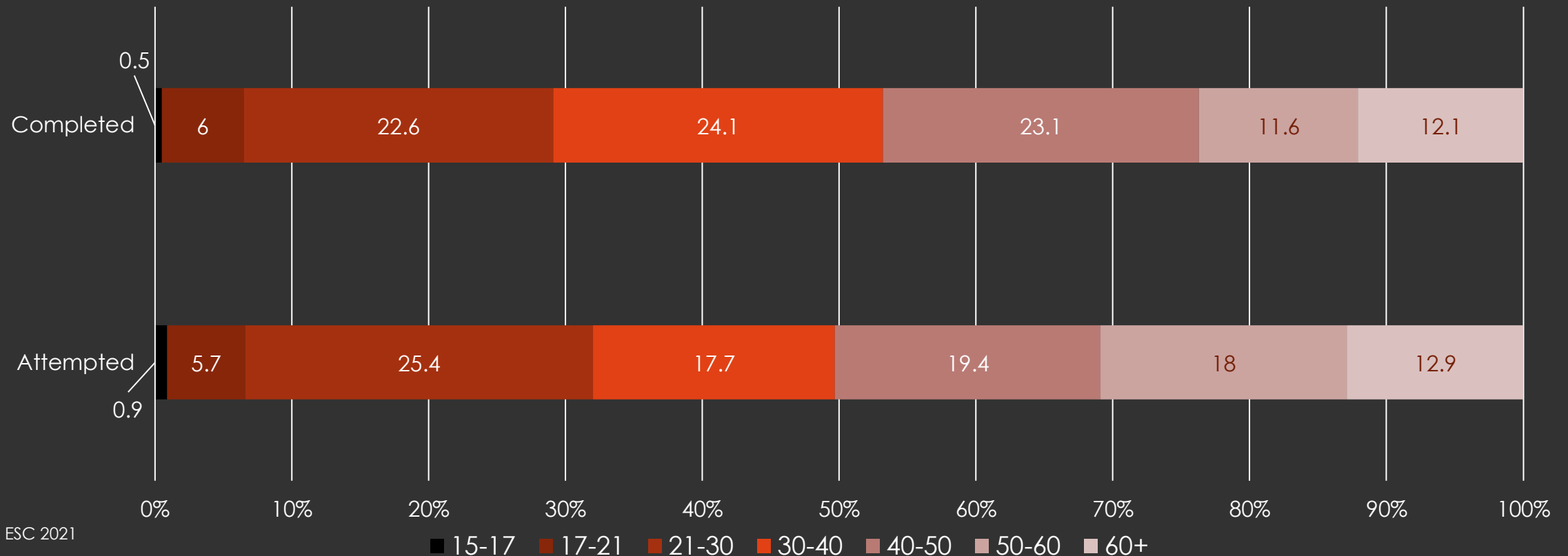
Male Female

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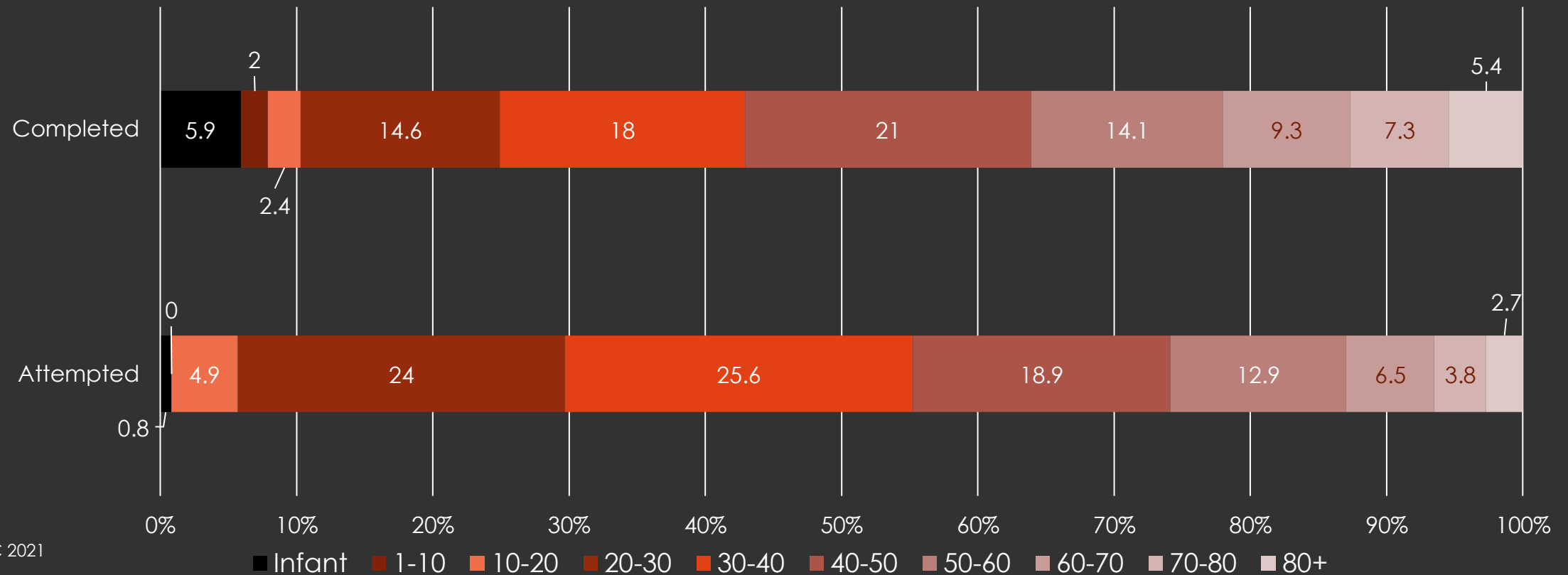
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Age of the offenders



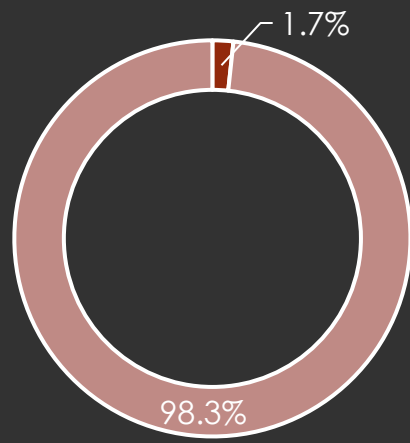
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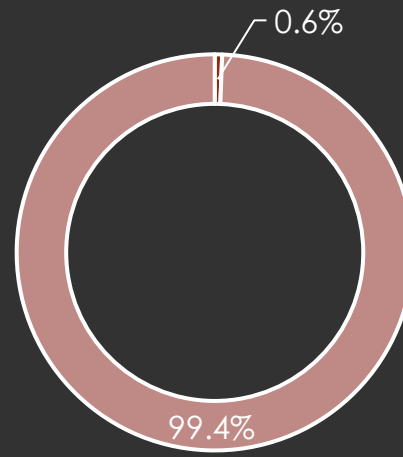
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Sexual connotation



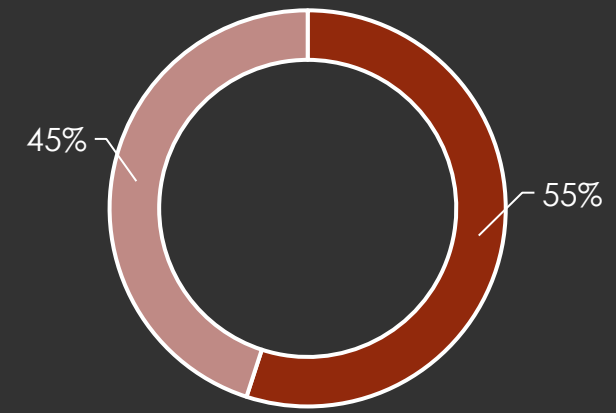
■ Yes ■ No

Cruelty



■ Cruel ■ Not cruel

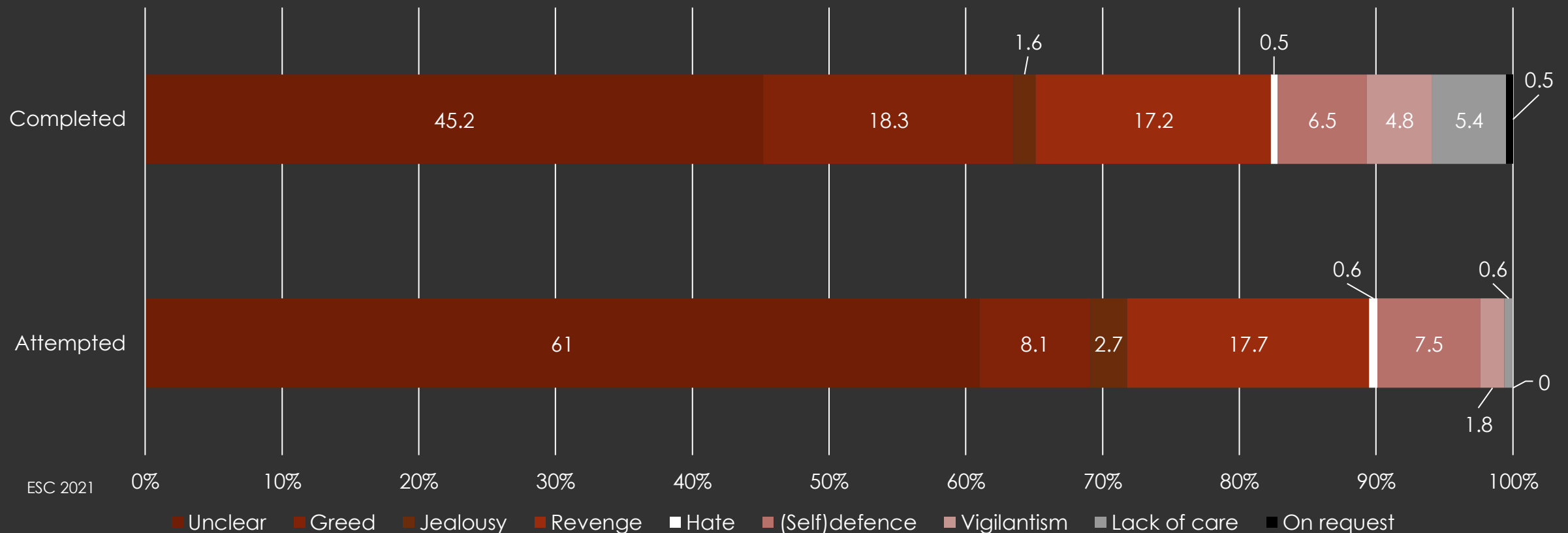
Premeditation



■ Affective ■ Not affective

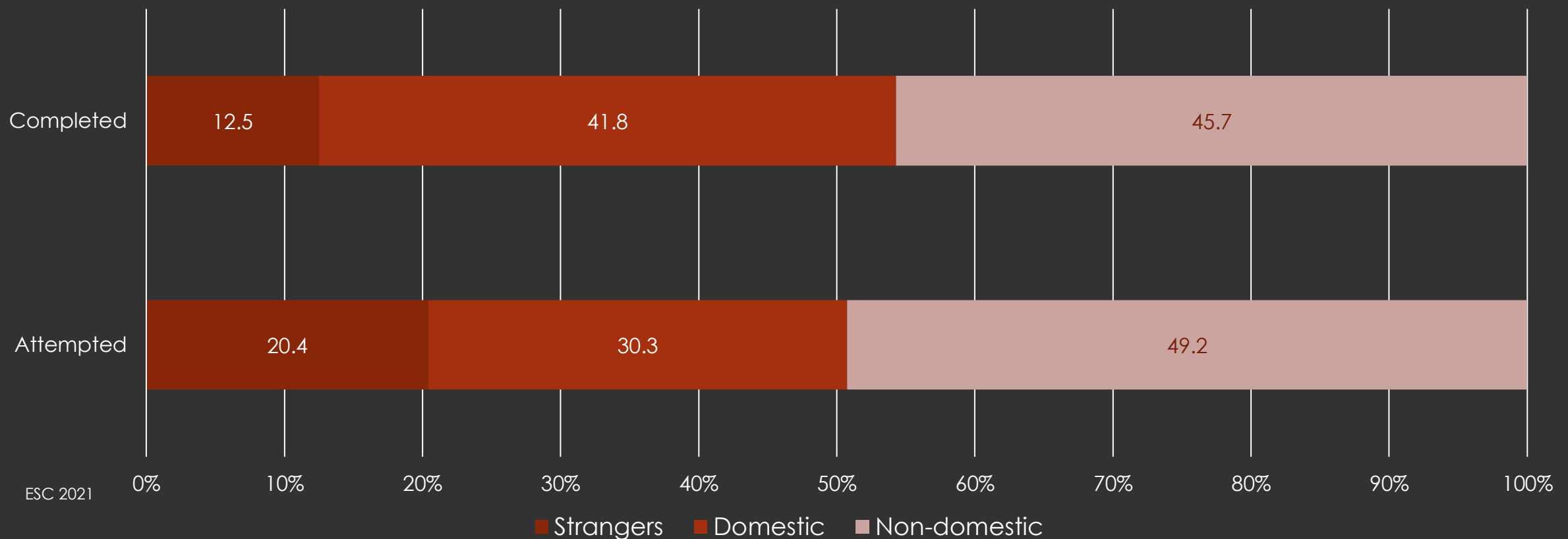
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Motive of the offender

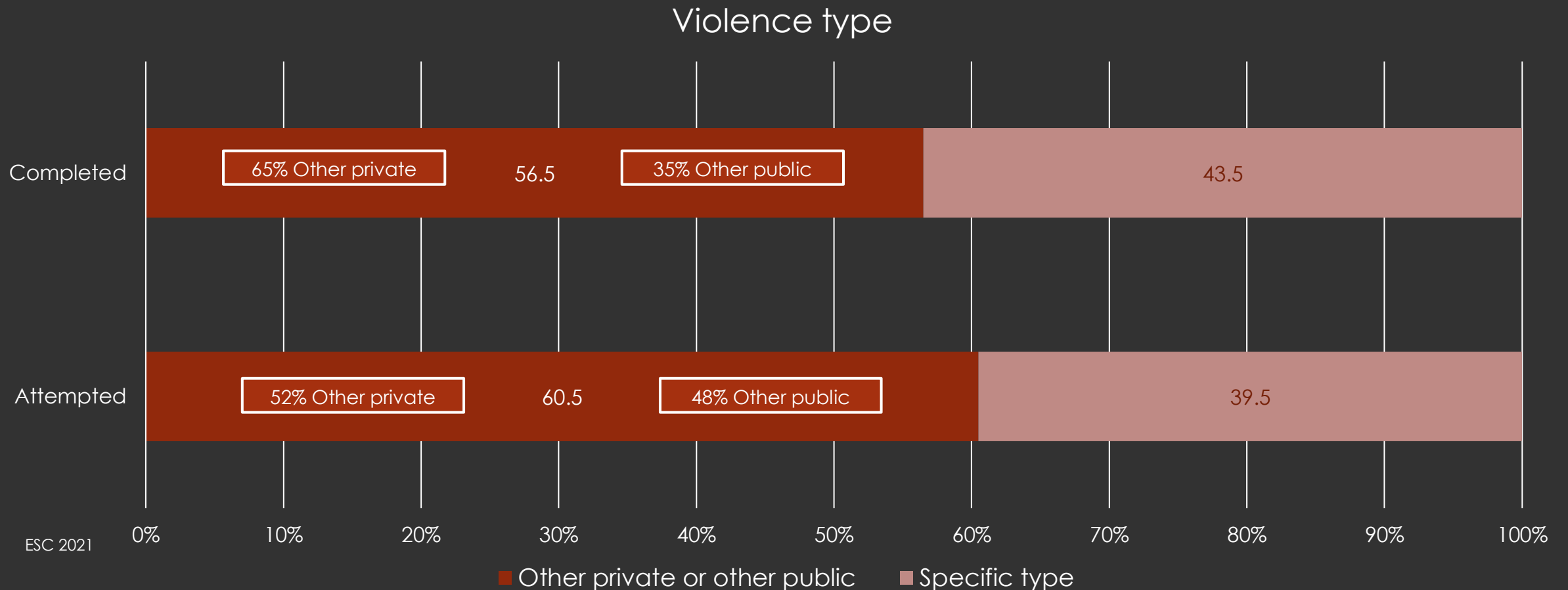


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Victim-offender relationship

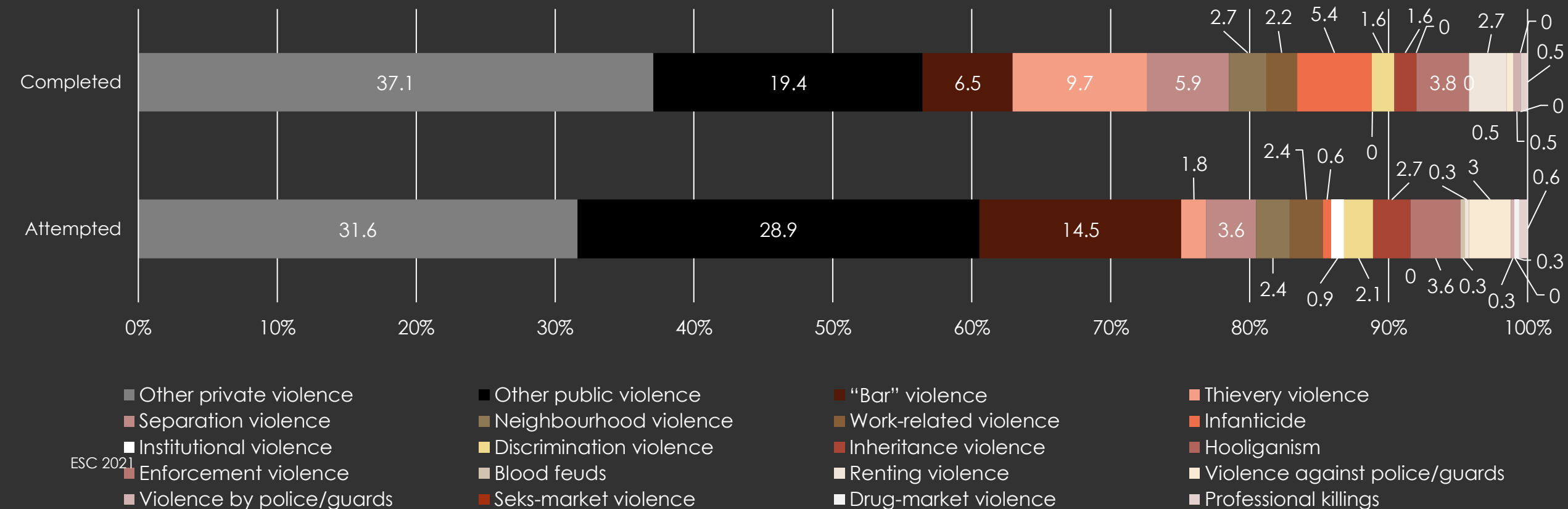


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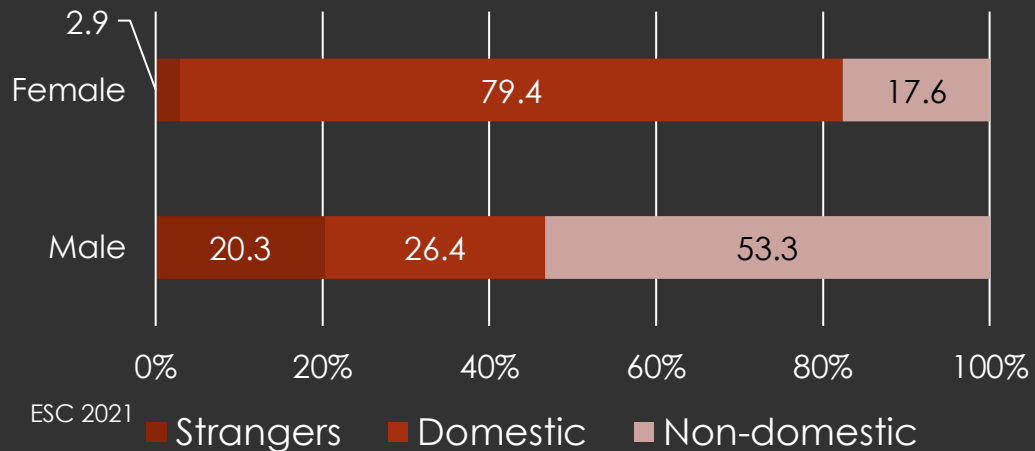
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Violence types



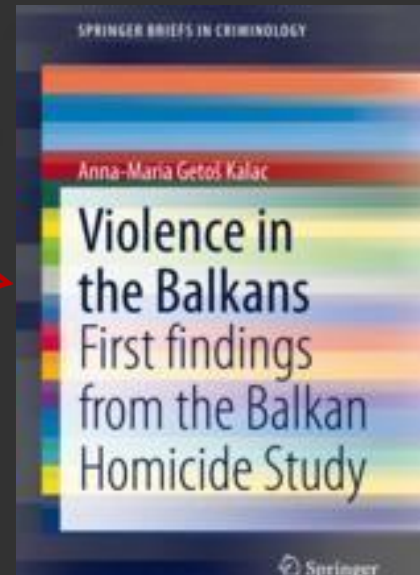
Key Findings

- Victim-offender relationship → friends, strangers, intimate partners, family
- Male-on-male violence
- Female-on-male violence



- Average of 9 years long legal procedure
- Minimum of 2 months, maximum of 23 years
- 80% appeal (67% once)
- 73% convicted (60% not guilty, 34% guilty)
- Prison sentence → 60% female, 79% male

- [Violence in the Balkans Open Access](#)
- [BHS Codebook](#)
- [BHS Typology](#)



Thank you for your attention!

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