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SEXUAL ABUSE AND VIOLENCE IN IRELAND

SAVI

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Sexual Surveys: Methods

- Telephone surveys of general population
- Random digit dialing - anonymous
- Adults (18+), home phone numbers only
- SAVI interviews conducted in 2001
 - Extensive training of team - ethics, stresses, debriefing
 - 3,120 members of the public interviewed (71% response)
 - Standard set of questions/'filters' - focus on behaviour - 'what happened' (not vague terms)
 - Supports, including counselling, offered if needed

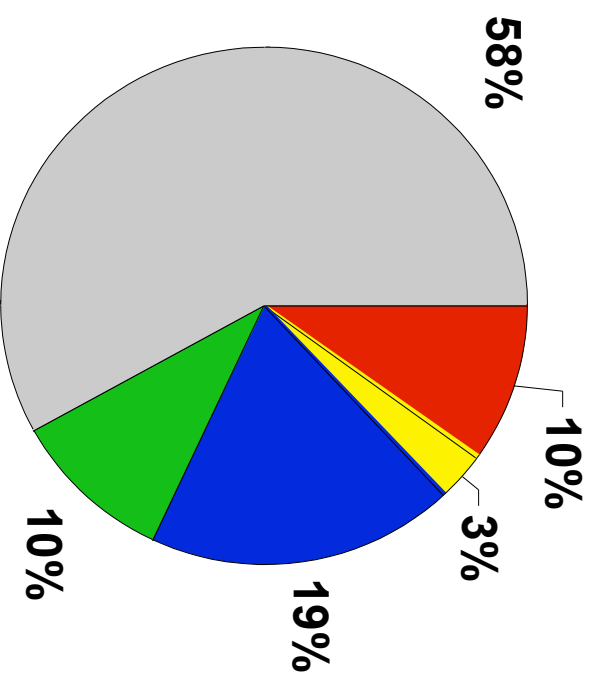
SAVI: Focus

- General views on violence, sexual violence
- Experiences of inappropriate behaviours
- Experience as a child (<18) and adult of list of inappropriate behaviours
 - non-contact (exposure, made to pose) to contact (oral, anal, vaginal penetration)
- Context: who, where, once-of or ongoing
- Disclosure: to anyone, to professionals
- Service needs & use: counselling
- Help-seeking willingness, if needed in future

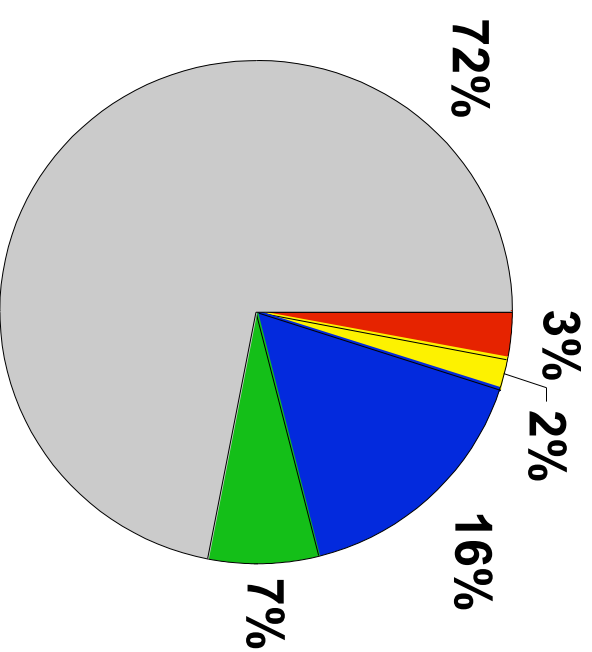
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Lifetime sexual violence

Women



Men

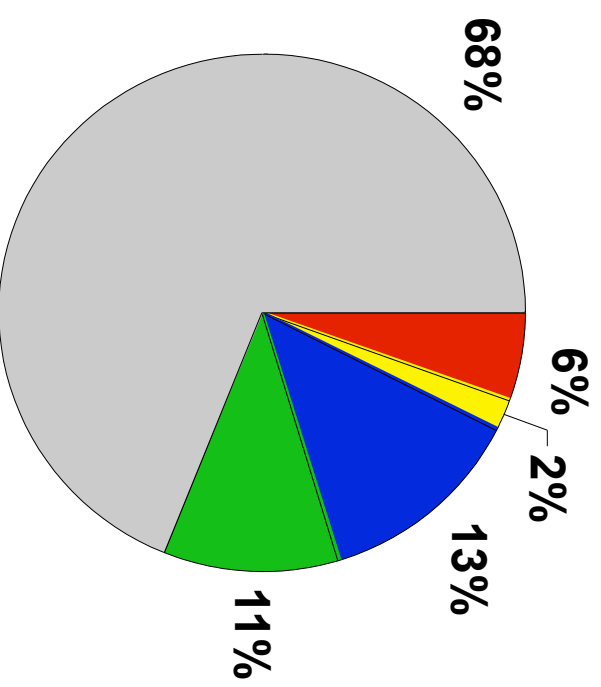


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- Contact abuse
- Non-contact abuse
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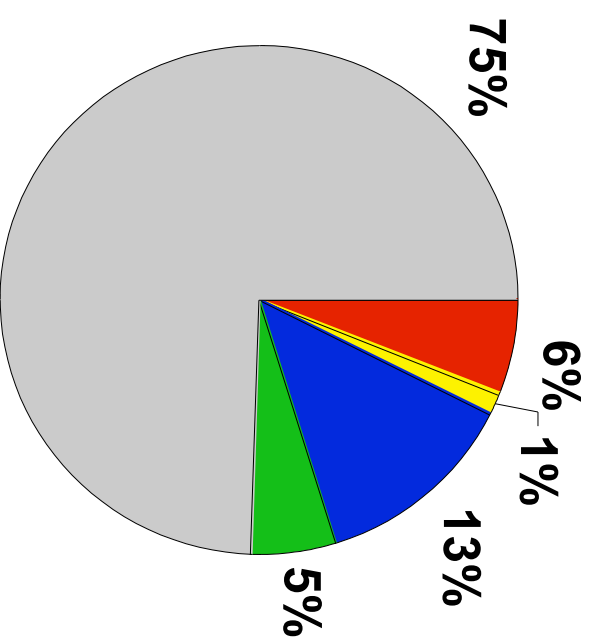
PREVALENCE OF SEXUAL VIOLENCE- II

Women

Child



Adult

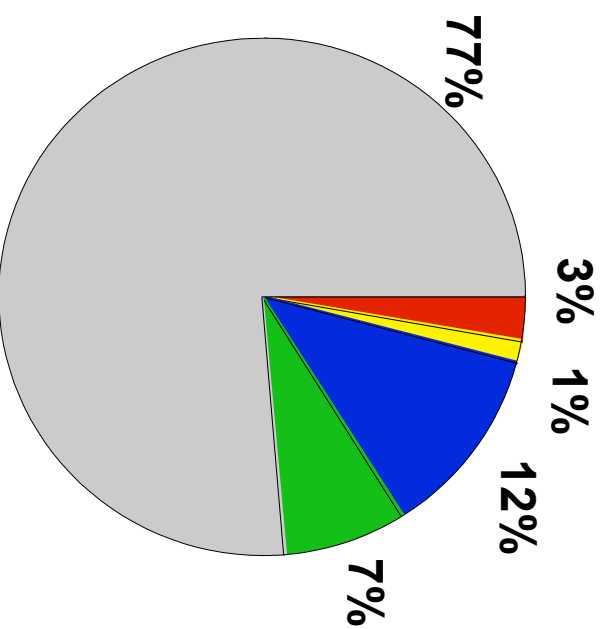


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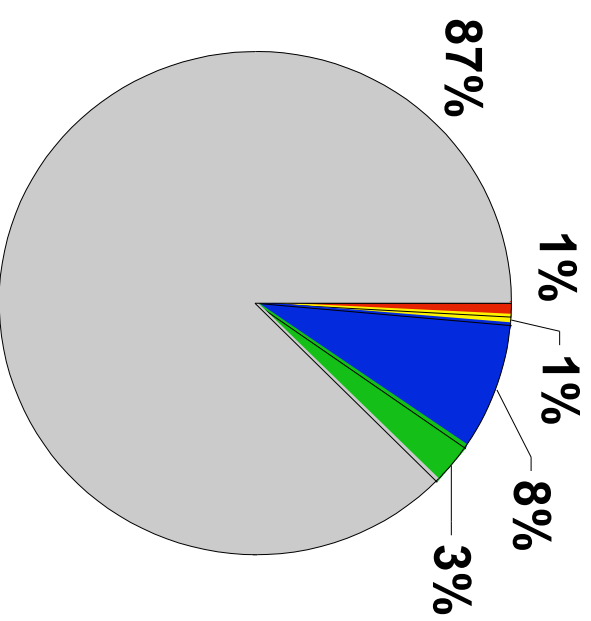
PREVALENCE OF SEXUAL VIOLENCE - III:

Men

Child

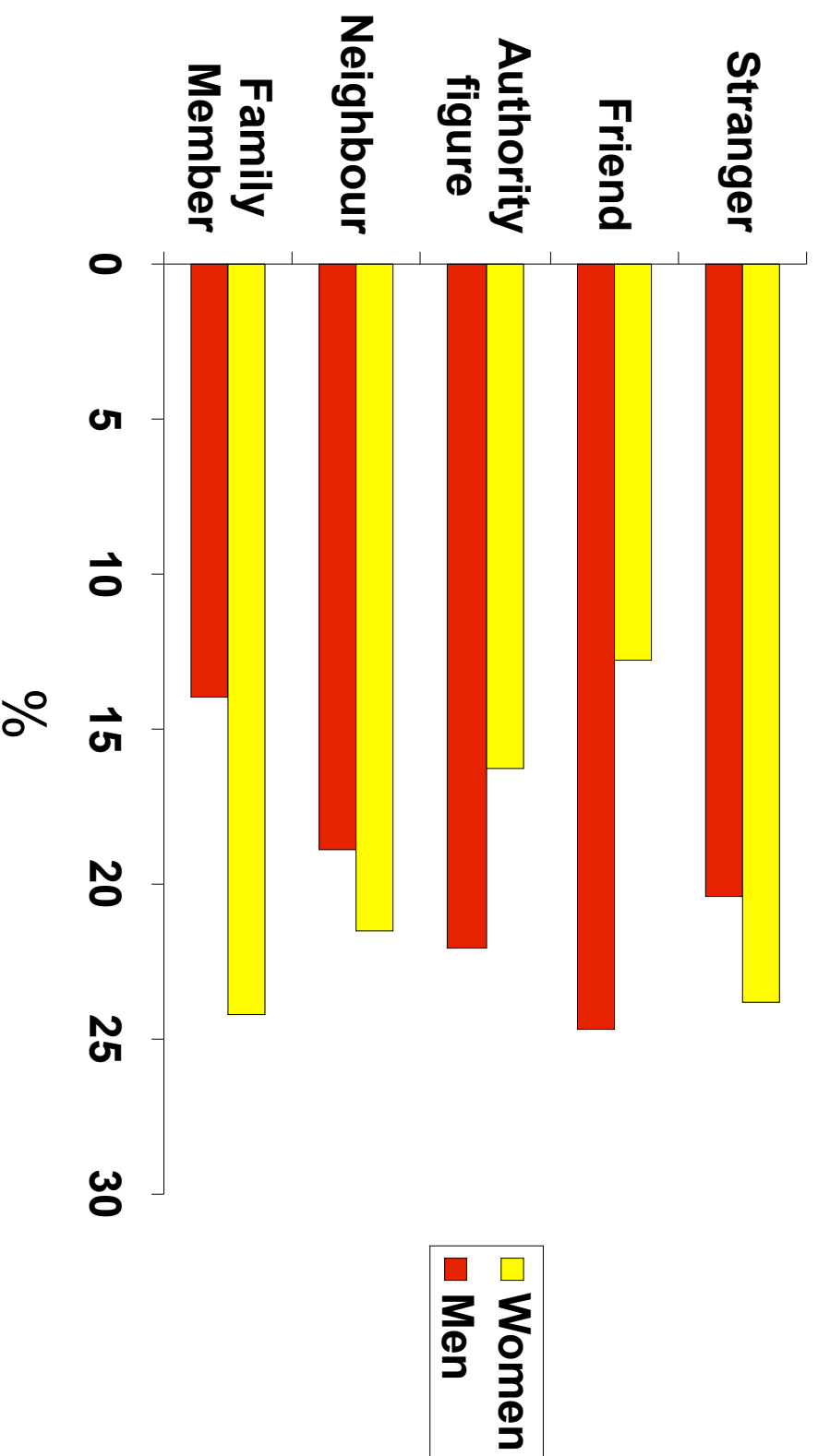


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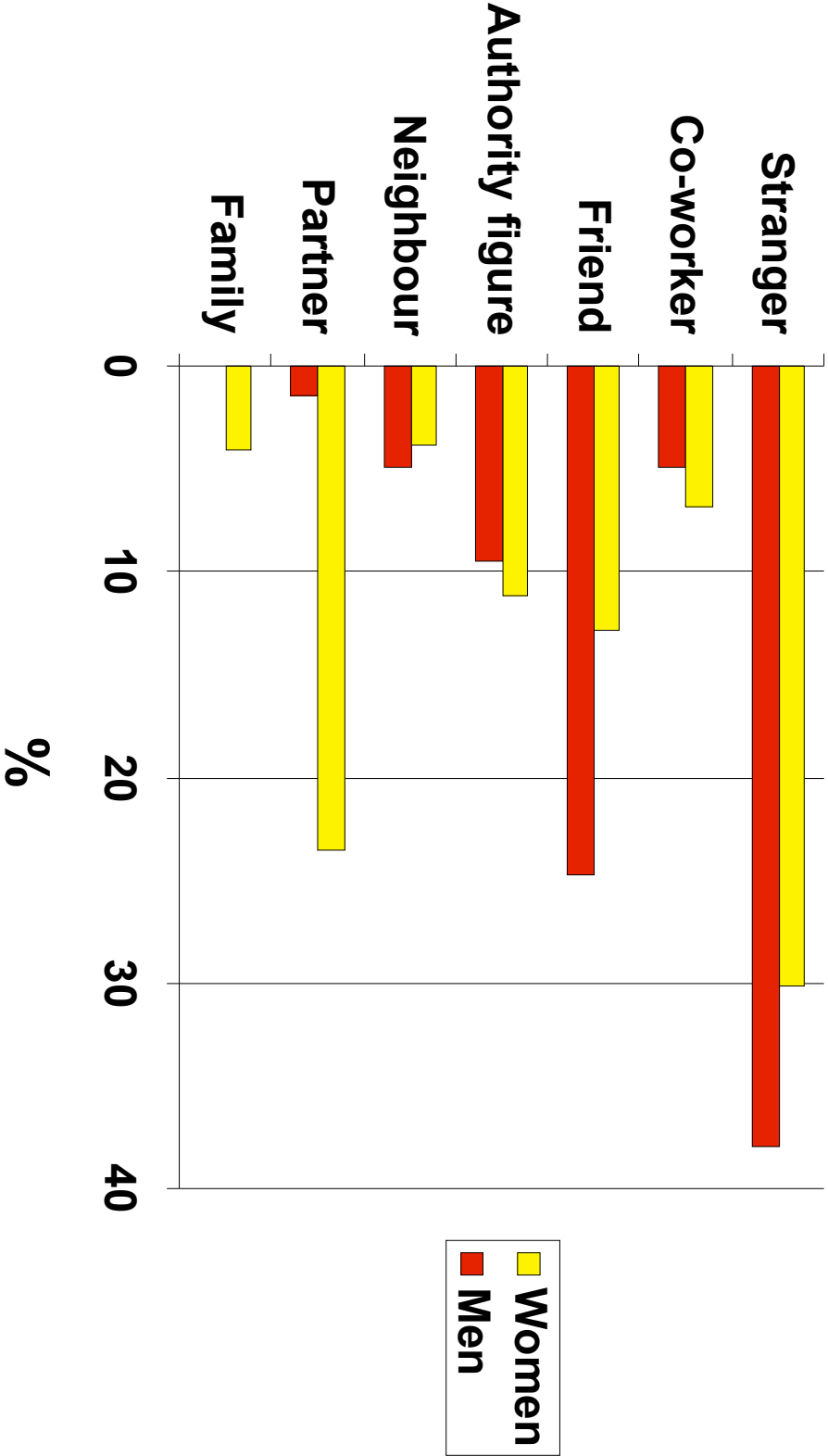


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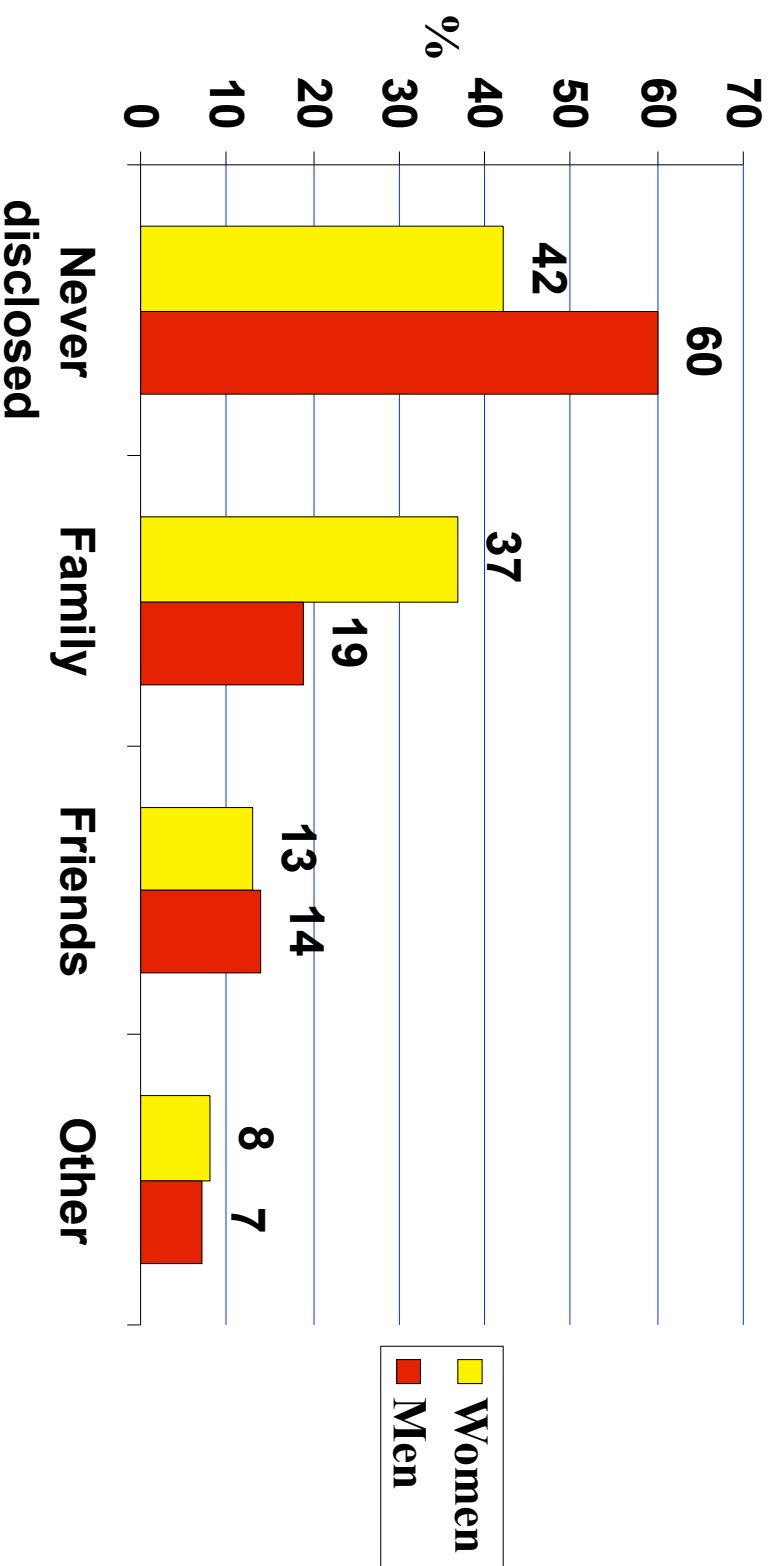
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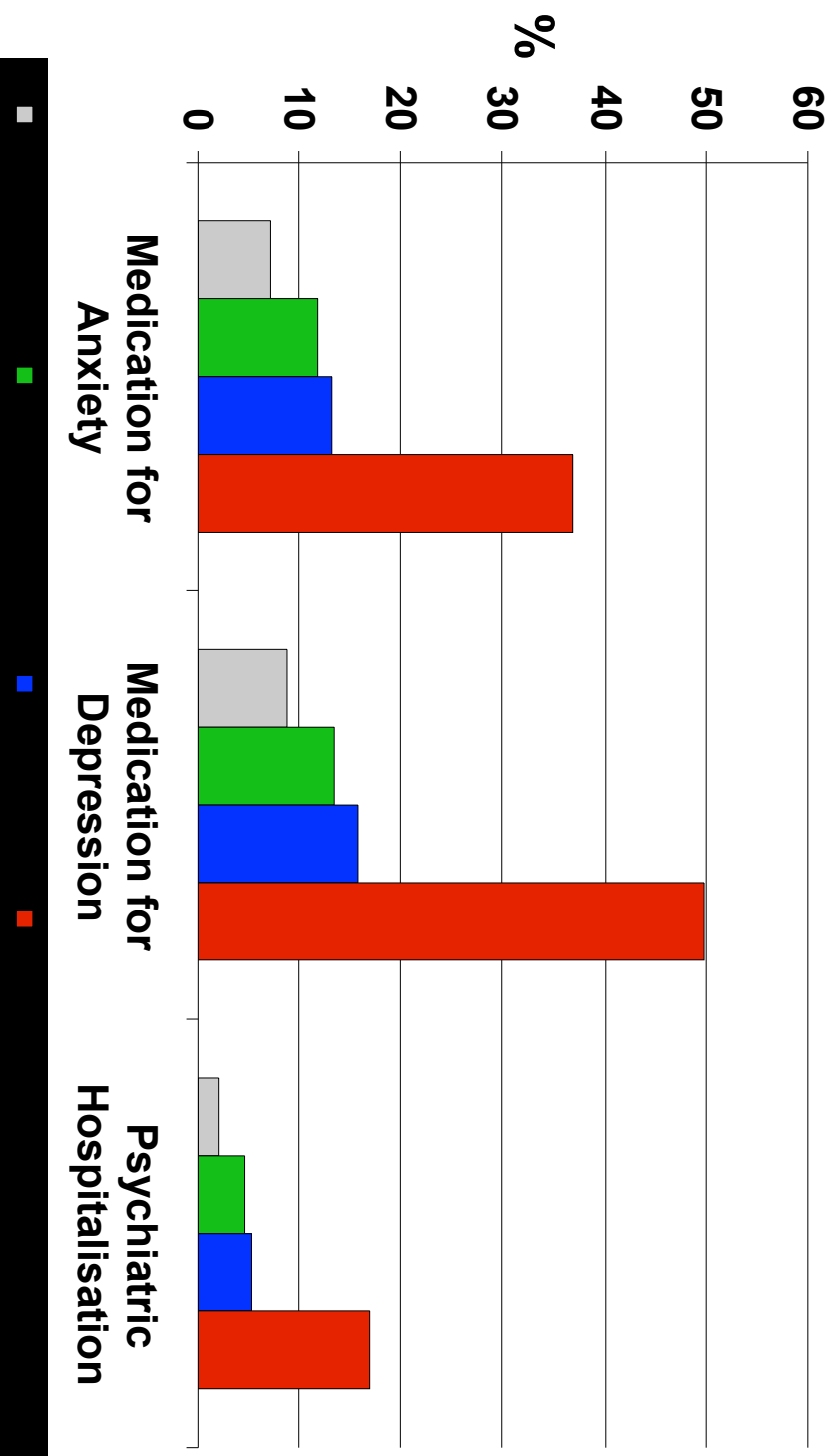
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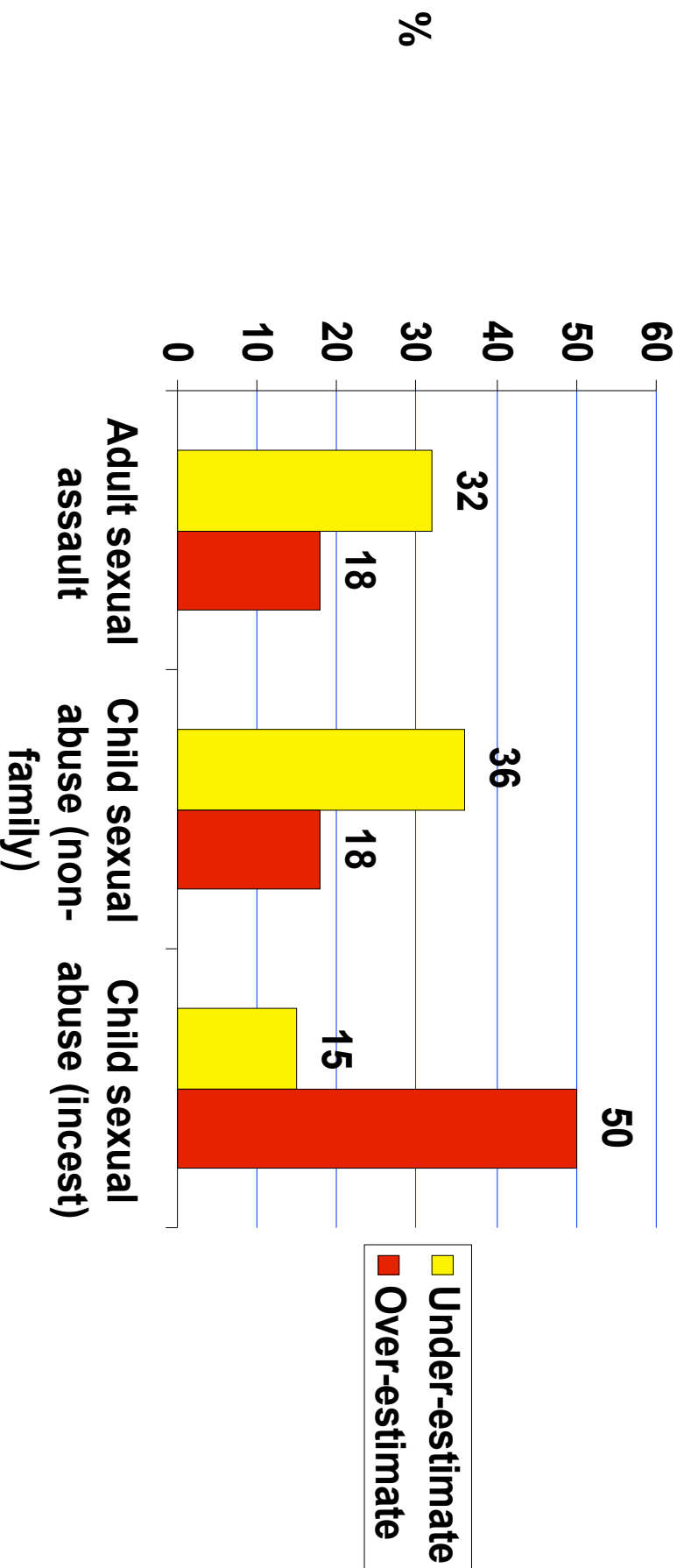
SAVI: FIRST DISCLOSURE OF CHILD SEXUAL ABUSE BY GENDER AND PERSON TOLD



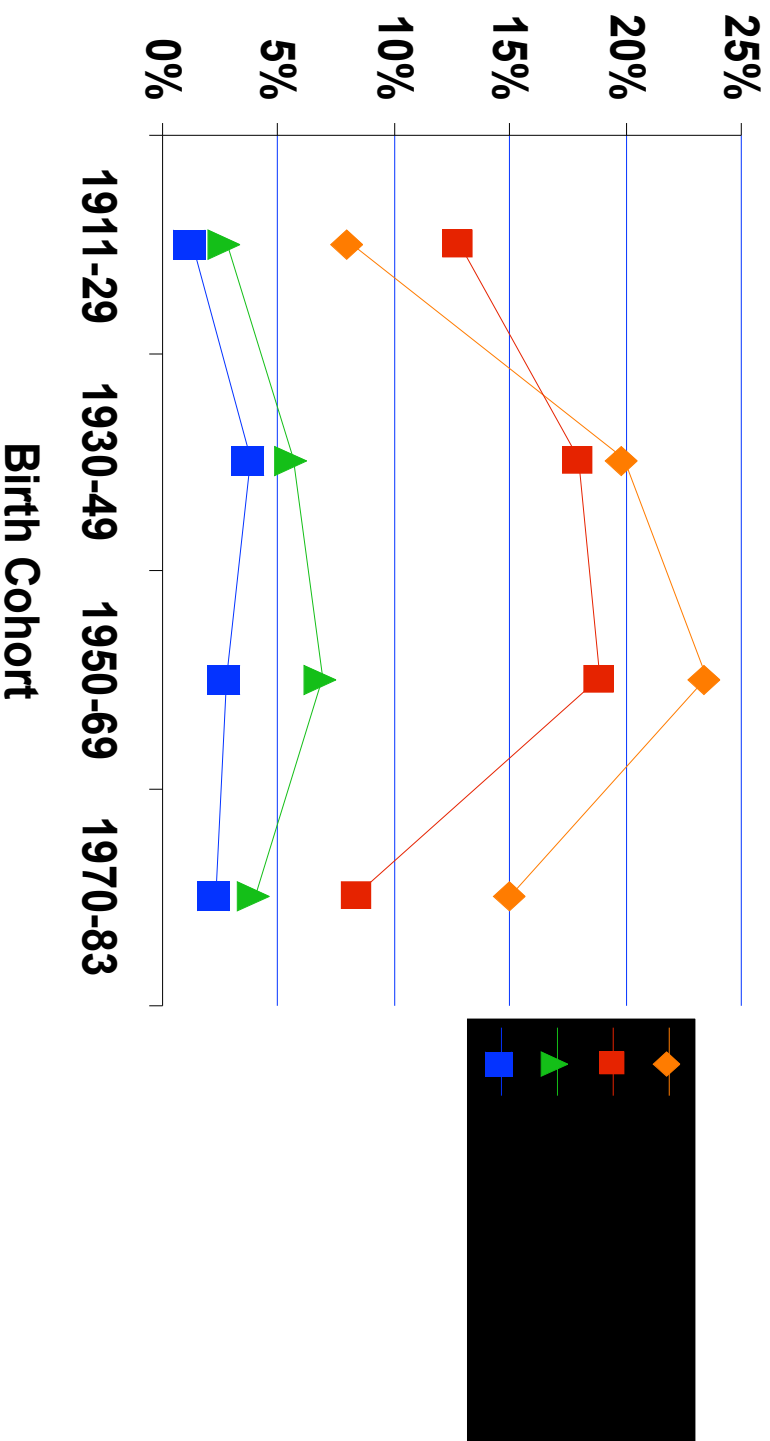
SAVI: CONSEQUENCES - PSYCHIATRIC TREATMENT BY EXPERIENCE AND LEVEL OF ABUSE



SAVI: PREVALENCE OF SEXUAL VIOLENCE AS ESTIMATED BY THE GENERAL PUBLIC

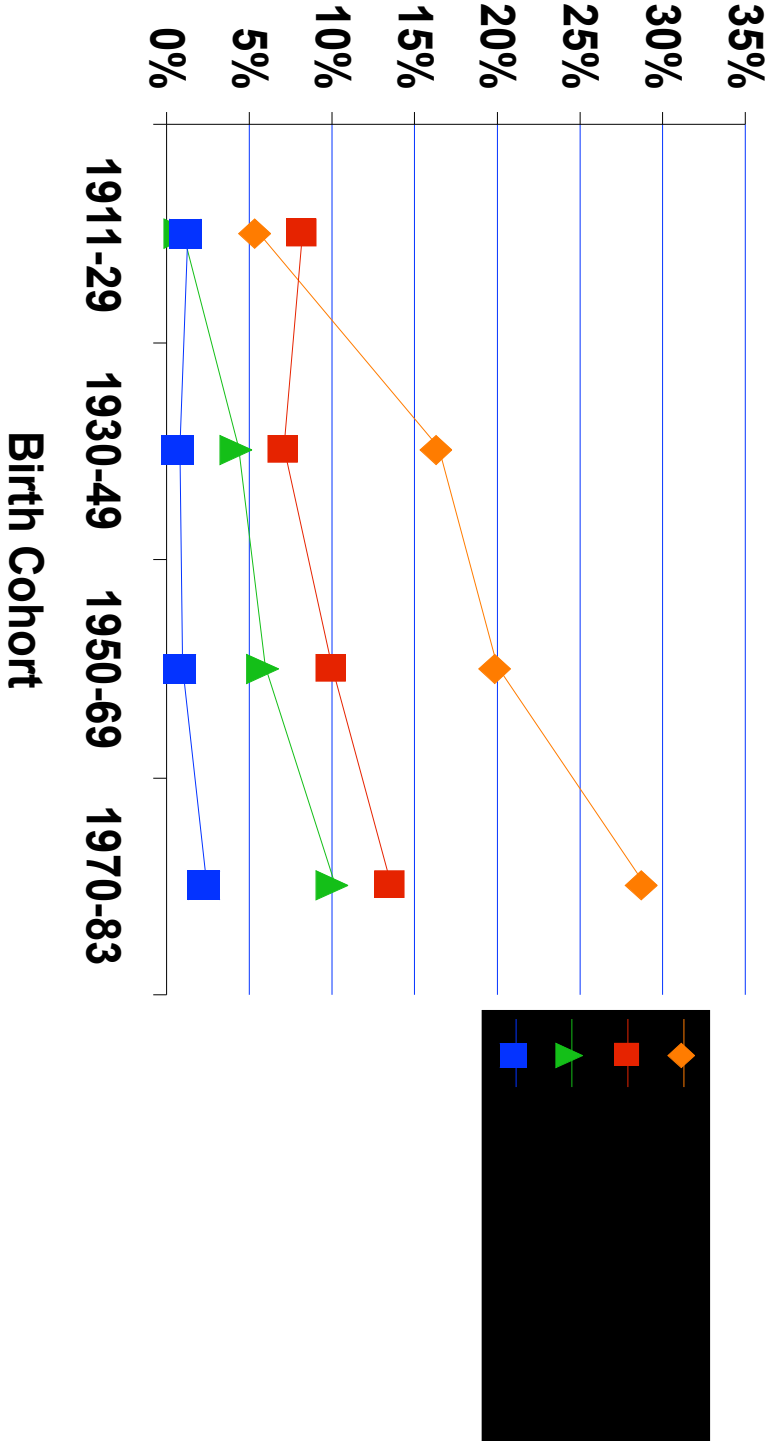


RISK OF PENETRATIVE AND CONTACT ABUSE OF CHILDREN [by gender and birth cohort]



RISK OF ADULT SEXUAL ASSAULT

[to age 30 by gender and birth cohort]



SAVI-2 and SAVI in Northern Ireland?

- **SAVI-2: Trends over time (a decade later)**
 - Public focus on issue more intense
 - (but - is true prevalence increasing or decreasing?)
 - Differences in child & adult patterns?
 - New patterns of abuse emerging - internet etc?
 - Attitudinal changes - 'rape myths'?
 - Service use and implications for service development

SAVI-2 and SAVI in Northern Ireland?

- **Northern Ireland: 'local is essential'**
 - Statistics from elsewhere can always be discredited
 - Is prevalence & pattern similar? Does political context matter?
 - Levels of disclosure, service use?
- Local data essential for planning local services

FURTHER INFORMATION

- **Reports - summaries of:**
 - **Sexual Abuse and Violence in Ireland (SAVI))(2002)**
 - **SAVI Revisited (2005)**
 - *Irish Contraception & Crisis Pregnancy (ICCP) study (2004)(2010 ongoing)*
 - *Irish Survey of Sexual Health & Relationships (ISSHR)(2006)*
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