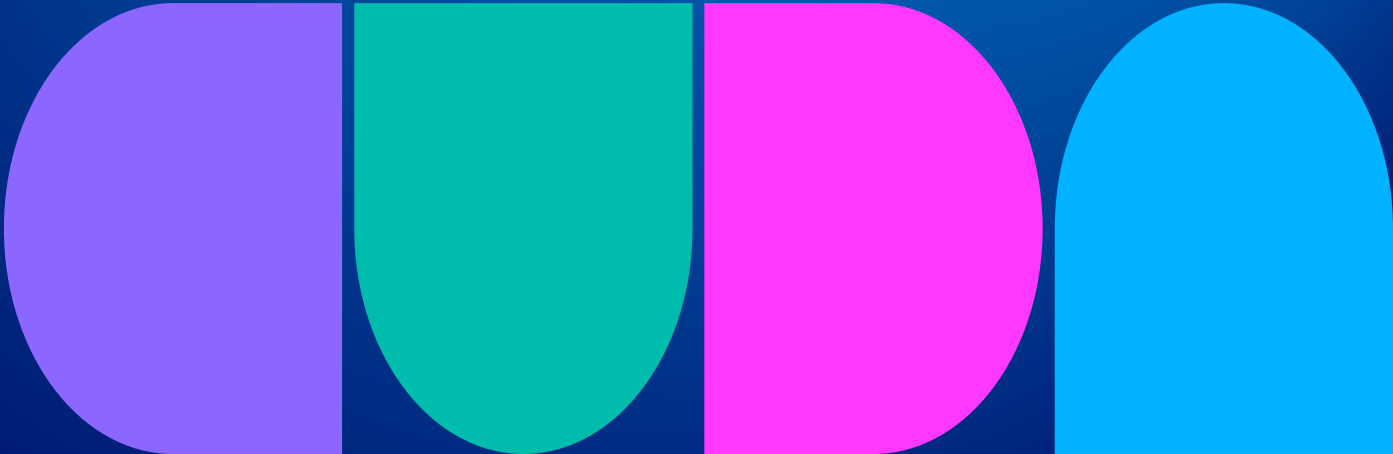


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A Study of Drug-Related Violence in Croatia

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Project info

BALKAN HOMICIDE STUDY (BHS) - a prosecution and court casefile-based study conducted between 2016 and 2019 in Croatia, Hungary, Kosovo, North Macedonia, Romania, and Slovenia, on a total sample of 2,073 cases involving 2,416 offenders and 2,379 victims. <https://www.balkan-criminology.eu/>

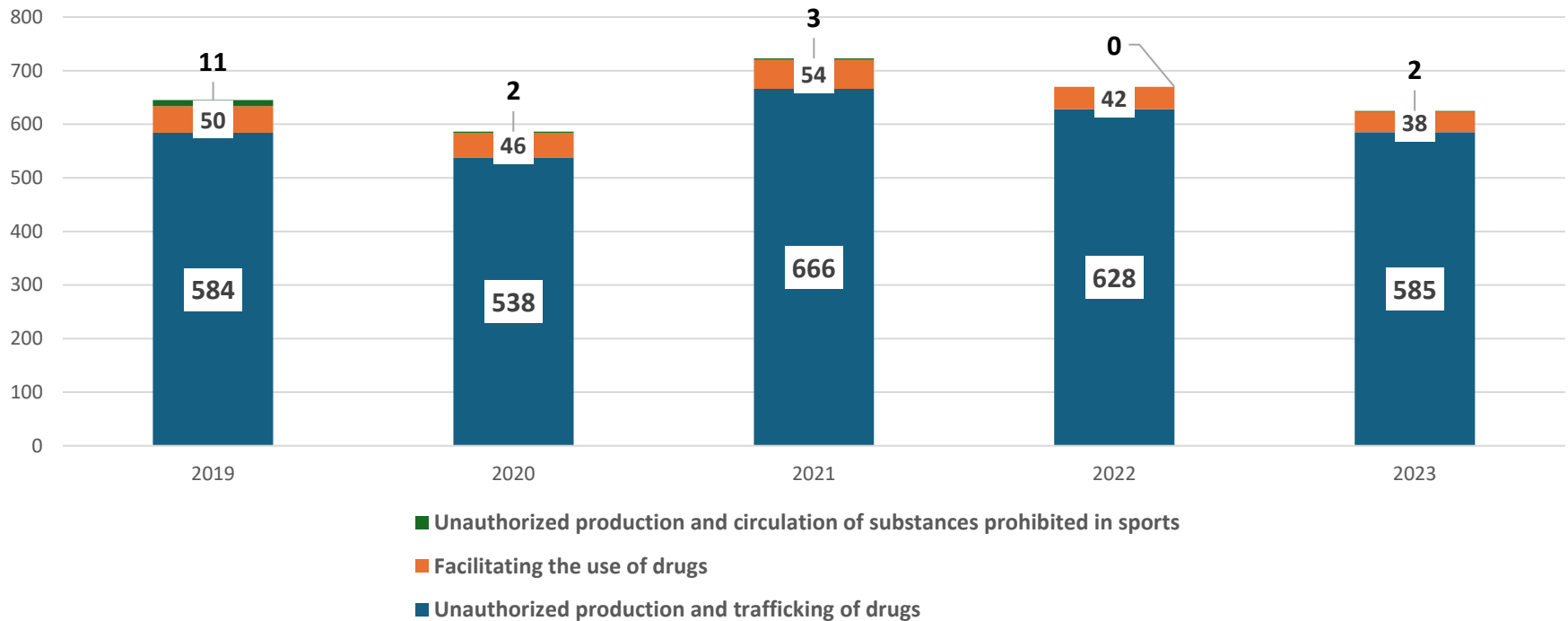
CROATIAN VIOLENCE MONITOR - A Study of the Phenomenology, Etiology, and Prosecution of Delinquent Violence with Focus on Protecting Particularly Vulnerable Groups of Victims (Violence Research Lab). A court casefile-based study conducted between 2021 and 2023 in 4 major Croatian cities (Zagreb, Split, Rijeka and Osijek). <https://www.violence-lab.eu/>



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Drug related

PRIMARY crime – convicted adults (source: CBS)

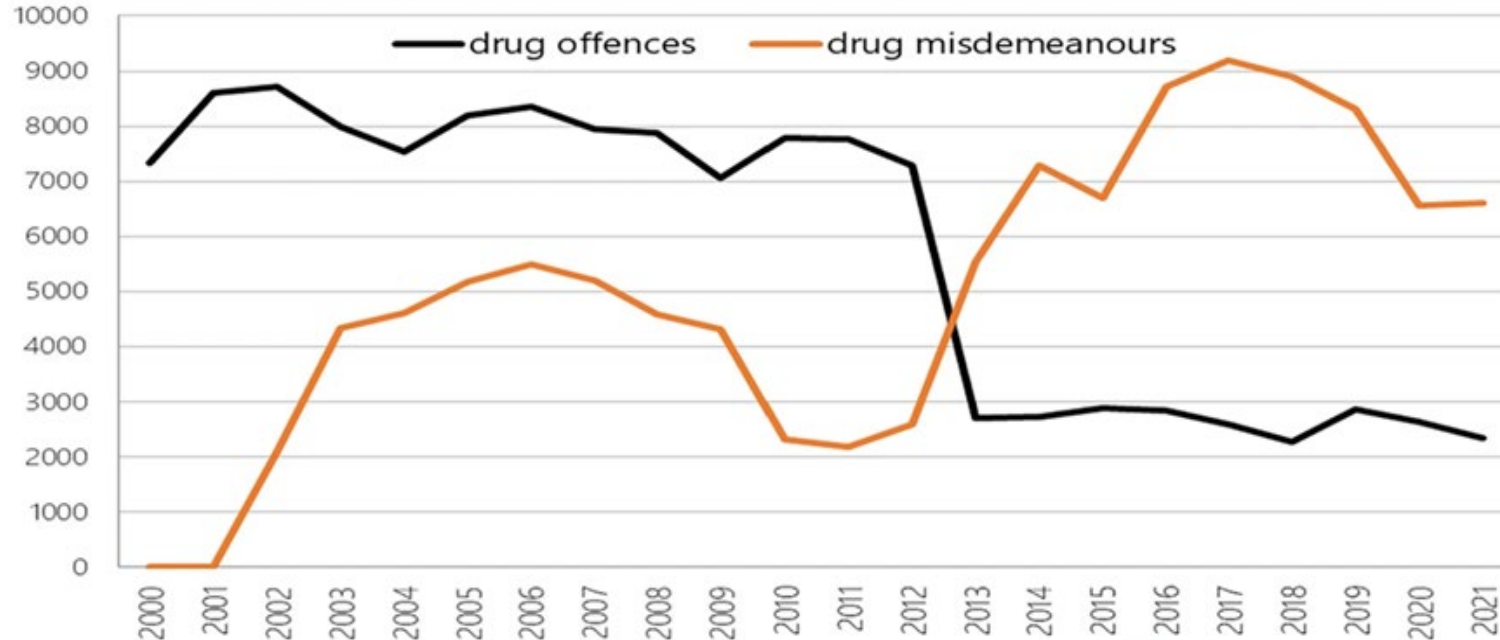




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PRIMARY crime – reported adults (source: police)



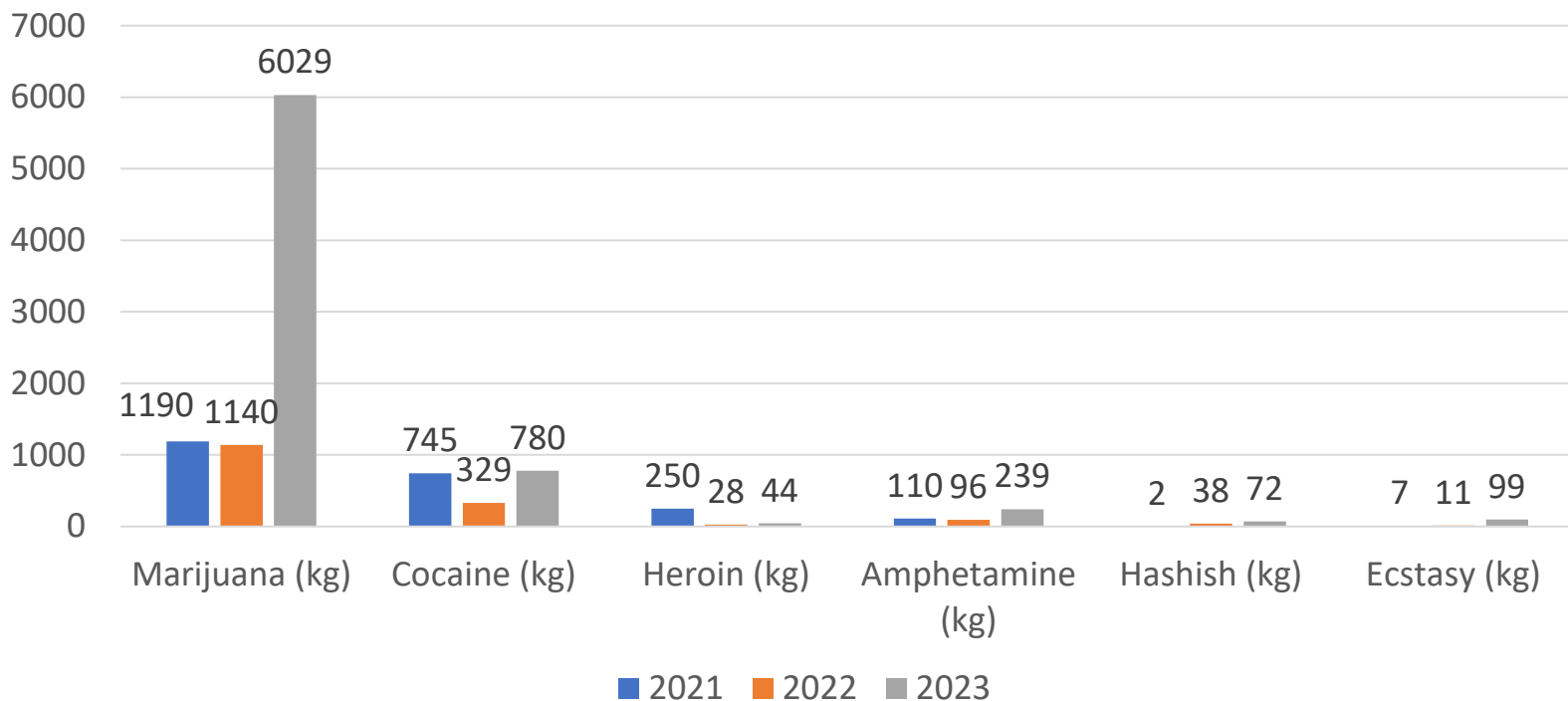
Number of reported drug offences and drug misdemeanours. (Source of data: Ministry of Internal Affairs (2022) Statistical Overview of Fundamental Safety Indicators and Work Results from 2000 to 2021)



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PRIMARY crime- Seizure of the most common drugs by types of drugs in Croatia (2021,2022, 2023; measured in kilograms) (source: police)

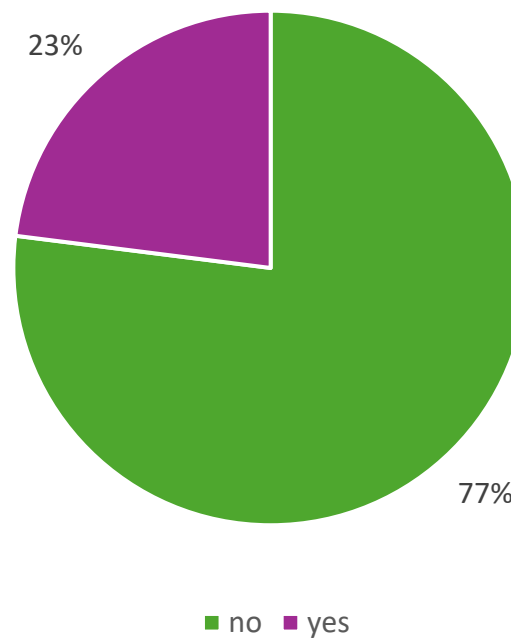
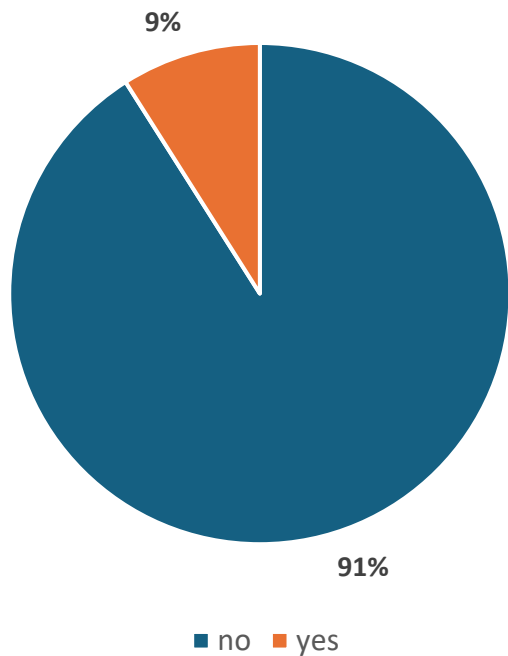




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SECONDARY crime- offender under the influence of drugs tempore criminis & addiction of the offender (source CroViMO)

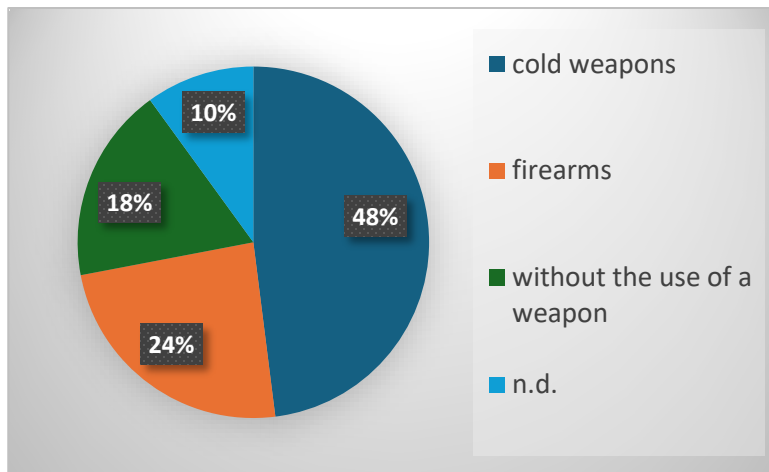




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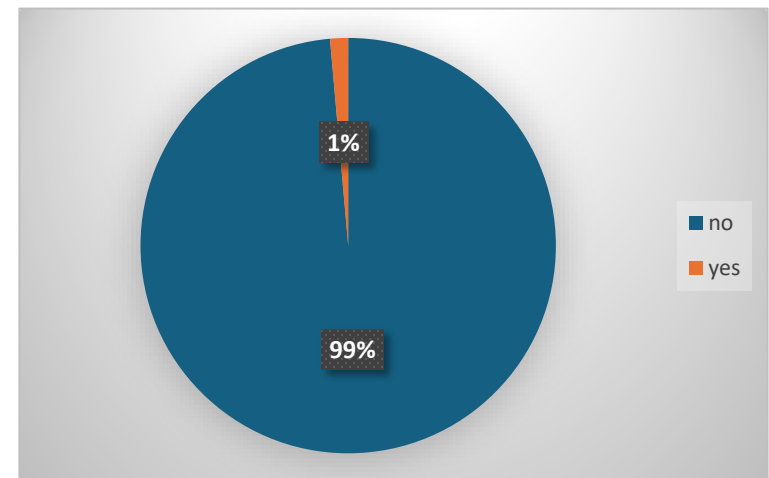
Guns- BHS

BHS dataset focusing only on Croatia in the total sample of 624 cases



In cases where a firearm was used, **64.1%** of offenders did not have a license for firearm usage

CroViMo dataset – violent acts committed using a firearms



In cases where a firearm was used, **73,3%** of offenders did not have a license for firearm usage



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Concluding remarks

- Lack of integrated statistics indicators
- Infrequent use of expert opinions in court (dark figure)
- Only 24% of drug users in the prison system received court-mandated treatment for addiction
- Due to historical contexts of Balkan region (war time), data shows huge amount of illegal position of firearms
- We need to combine different sources of statistical data in order to get a full picture of drug related crime in the country (evidence based crime policy)



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<https://crimecipher.web.app/dashboard>

- MVP
- Next steps:
 - Include data from other sources
 - Expand to other countries- real time data
 - Search for financial opportunities – self sustainability



Thank you for your time!

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