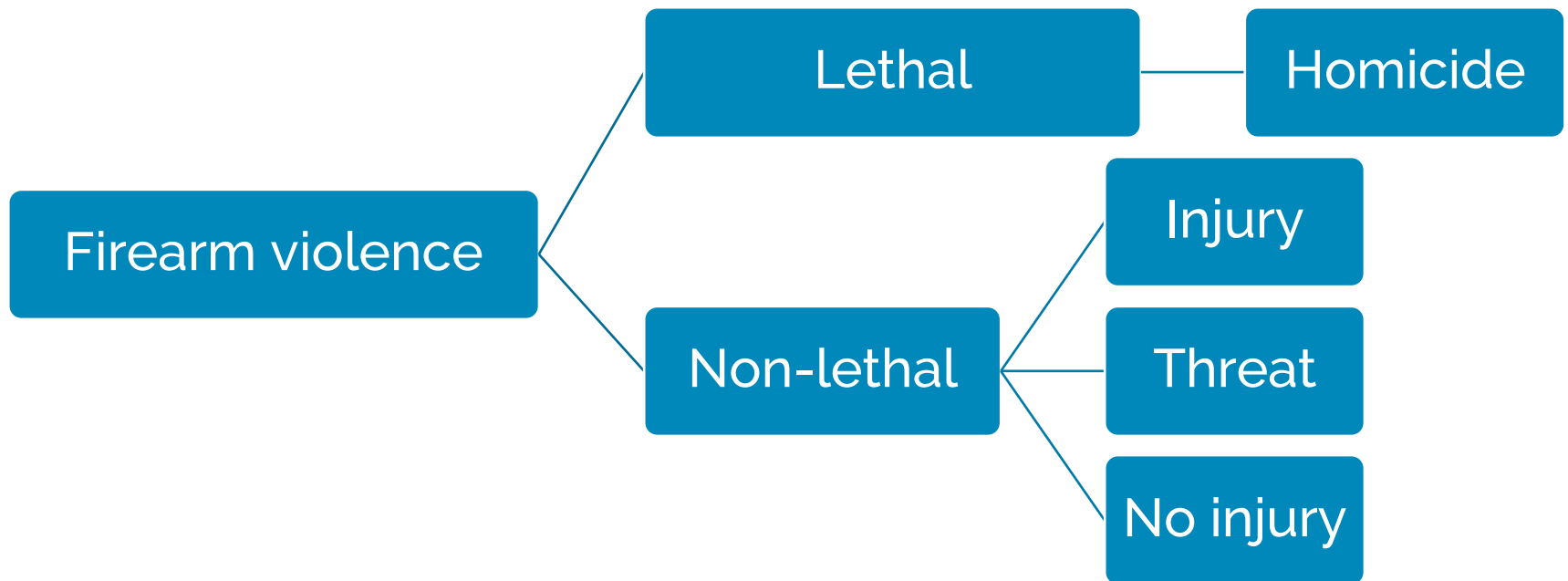
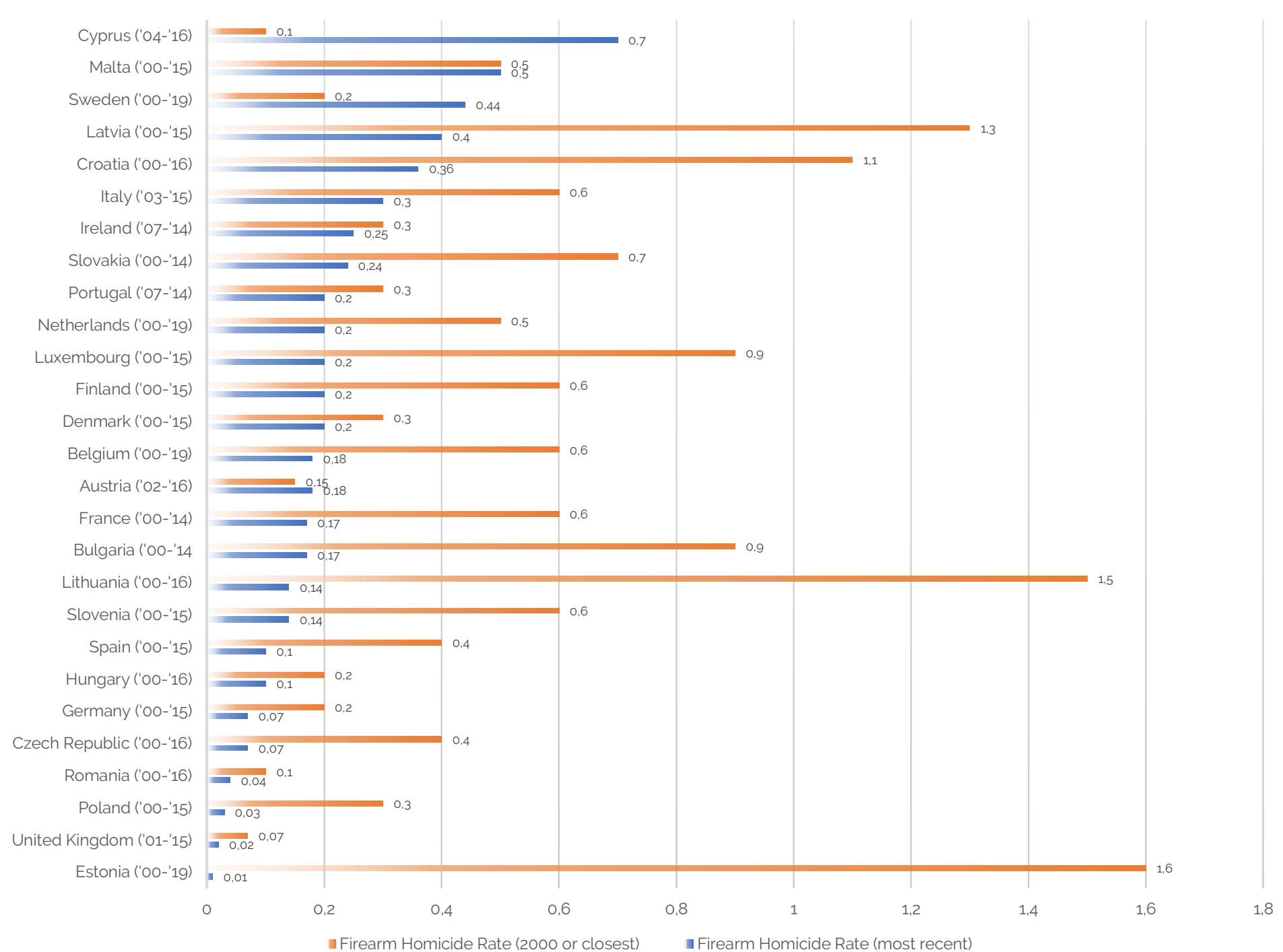


Gun violence in Europe: scope and characteristics

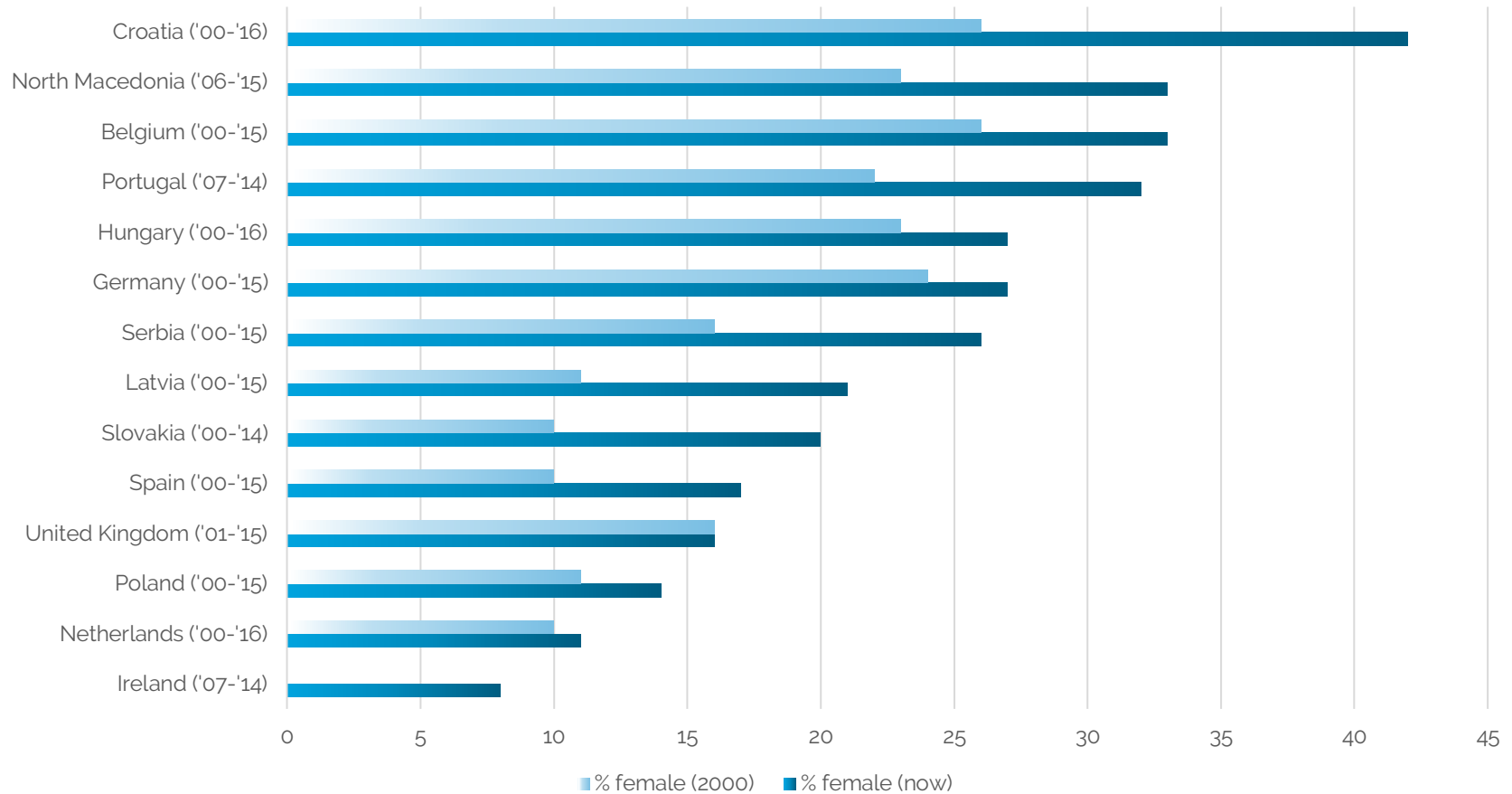
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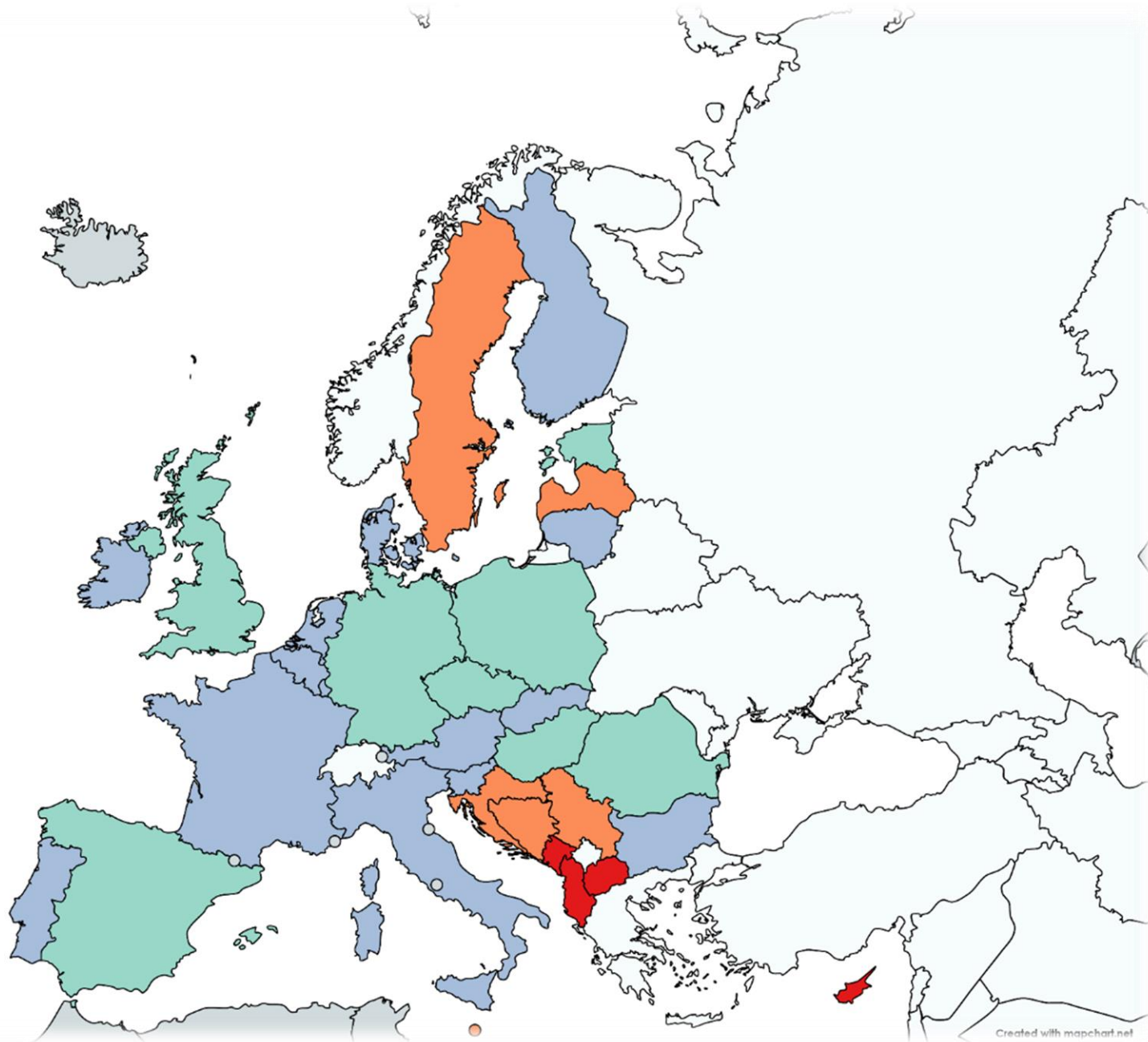


Increase in female victims?



**Firearm Homicide Rates /
100.000**

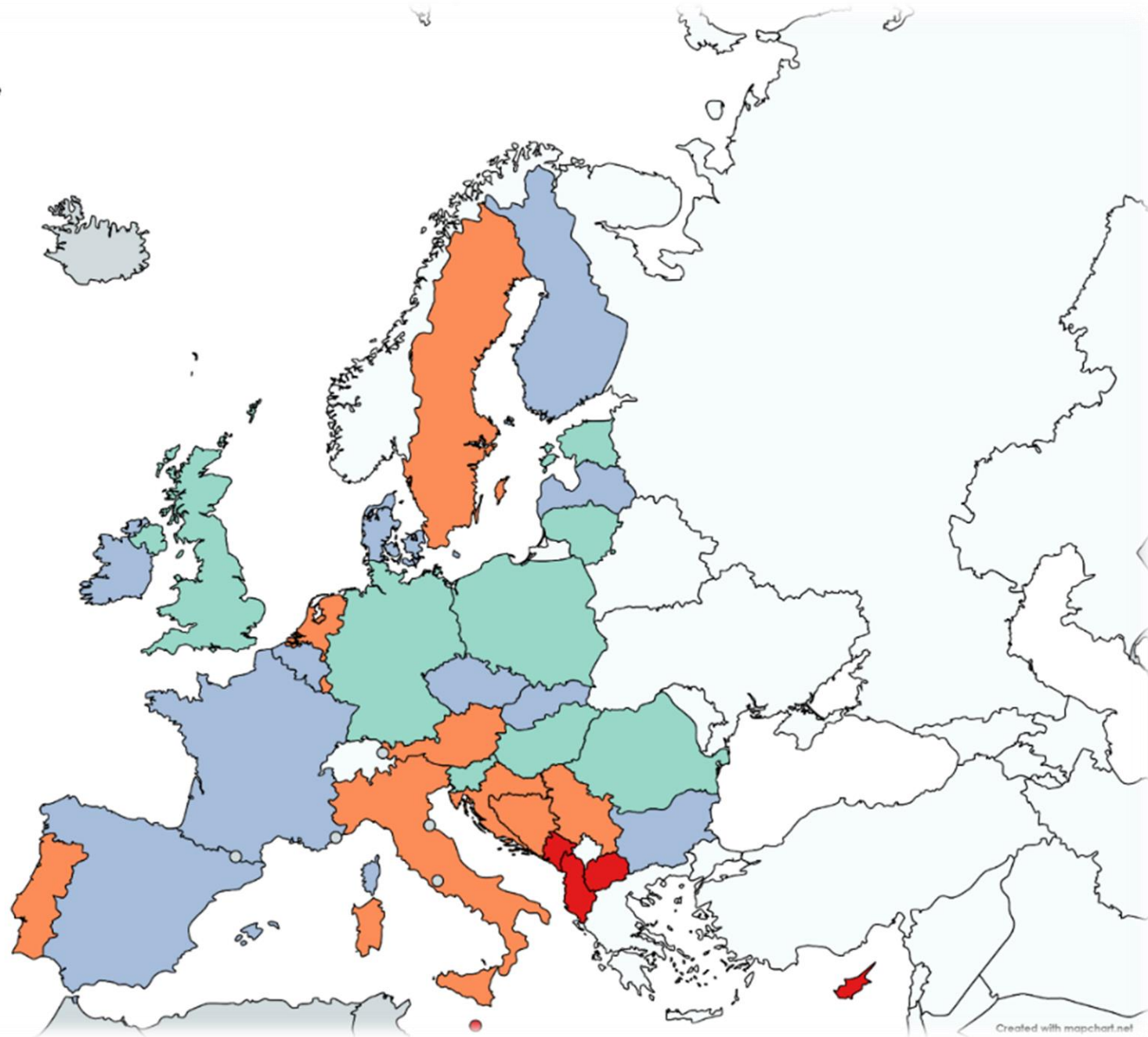
- No information
- Up to 0.1
- Up to 0.3
- Up to 0.5
- Over 0.5



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Firearm usage in homicide

- No information
- Up to 10%
- 10-20%
- 20-40%
- Over 40%



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Scope of lethal firearm violence

- **Relatively low levels (2014)**
 - Average rate: 0.2 / 100.000 and 20% firearm usage in homicide
 - In USA rates fluctuate between 2.5 - 3.5 / 100.000 (66% firearm usage)
- **General downward trend between 2000-2014 in EU, UK and Western Balkans**
 - 2000: between 1,627 and 2,263 firearm homicides
 - 2014: between 791 and 1,356 firearm homicides
- **General stagnation since 2012**
 - In some countries even increase

Non lethal firearm violence (scope)

→ No centralized databases for the EU

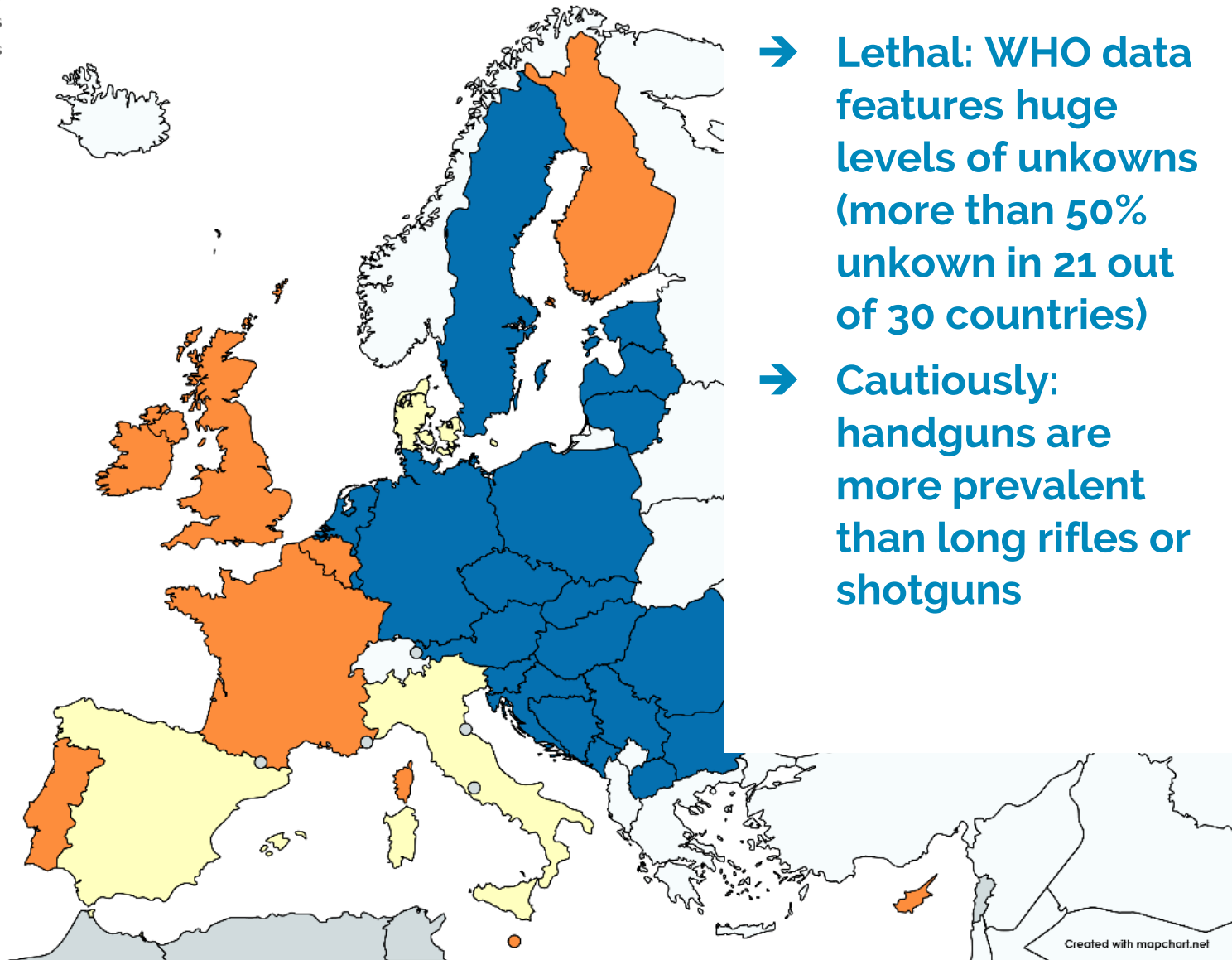
→ Our data suggests:

- Significantly higher in scope than lethal firearm violence
- Significant differences between MS
- Operates differently in different contexts
- Domestic: highly injurious (often lethal)
- Criminal: mostly threats

Firearm types in lethal shootings

Type of firearm in homicide

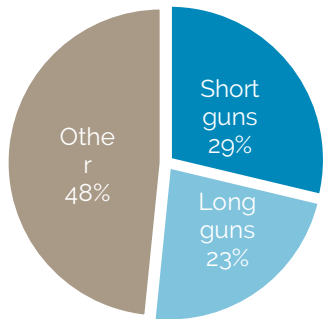
- Long guns > hand guns
- Long guns = hand guns
- Long guns < hand guns
- No information



→ Lethal: WHO data features huge levels of unknowns (more than 50% unknown in 21 out of 30 countries)

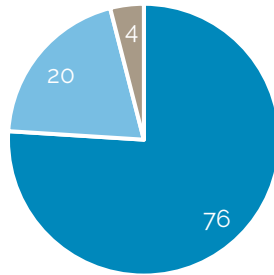
→ Cautiously: handguns are more prevalent than long rifles or shotguns

Lethal



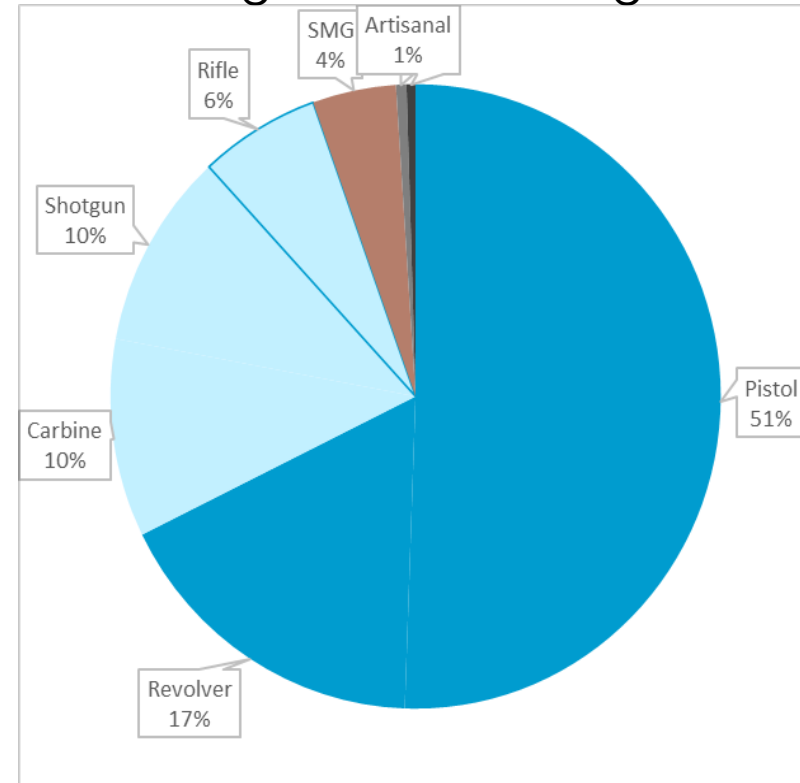
- Short guns
- Long guns
- Other

Non-lethal

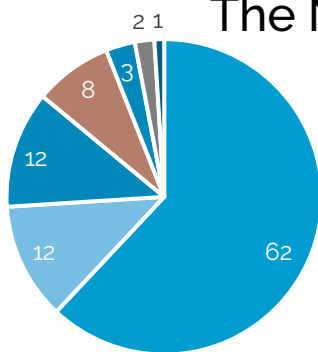


- Short Guns
- Long Guns
- Sawn Off

Belgium (all shootings)

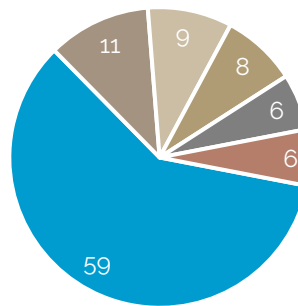


Lethal



- Pistol
- Revolver
- Converted alarm/gas pistol
- Shotgun
- Rifle
- SMG
- Alarm/gas gun

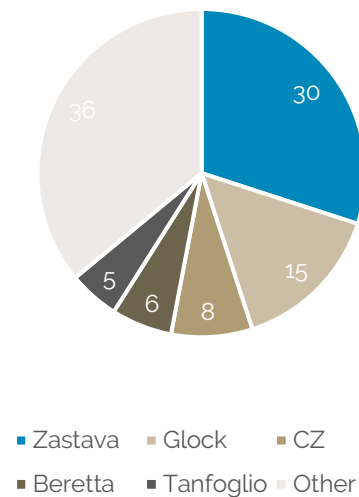
Non-lethal



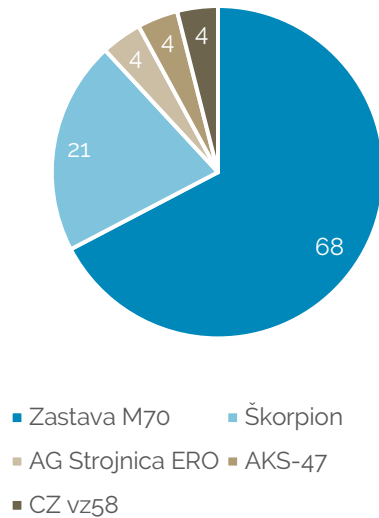
- Pistol
- Rifle
- Airgun
- (S)MG
- Converted pistol
- Shotgun
- Revolver
- Acoustic/gas pistol

Shootings in Stockholm (2015-2019)

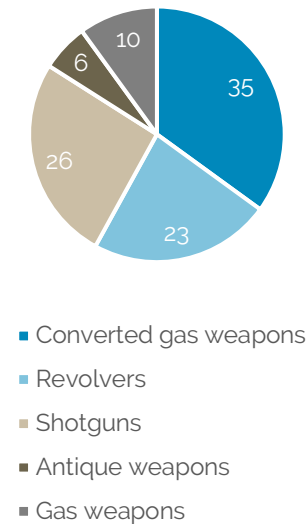
Pistols



Automatic guns



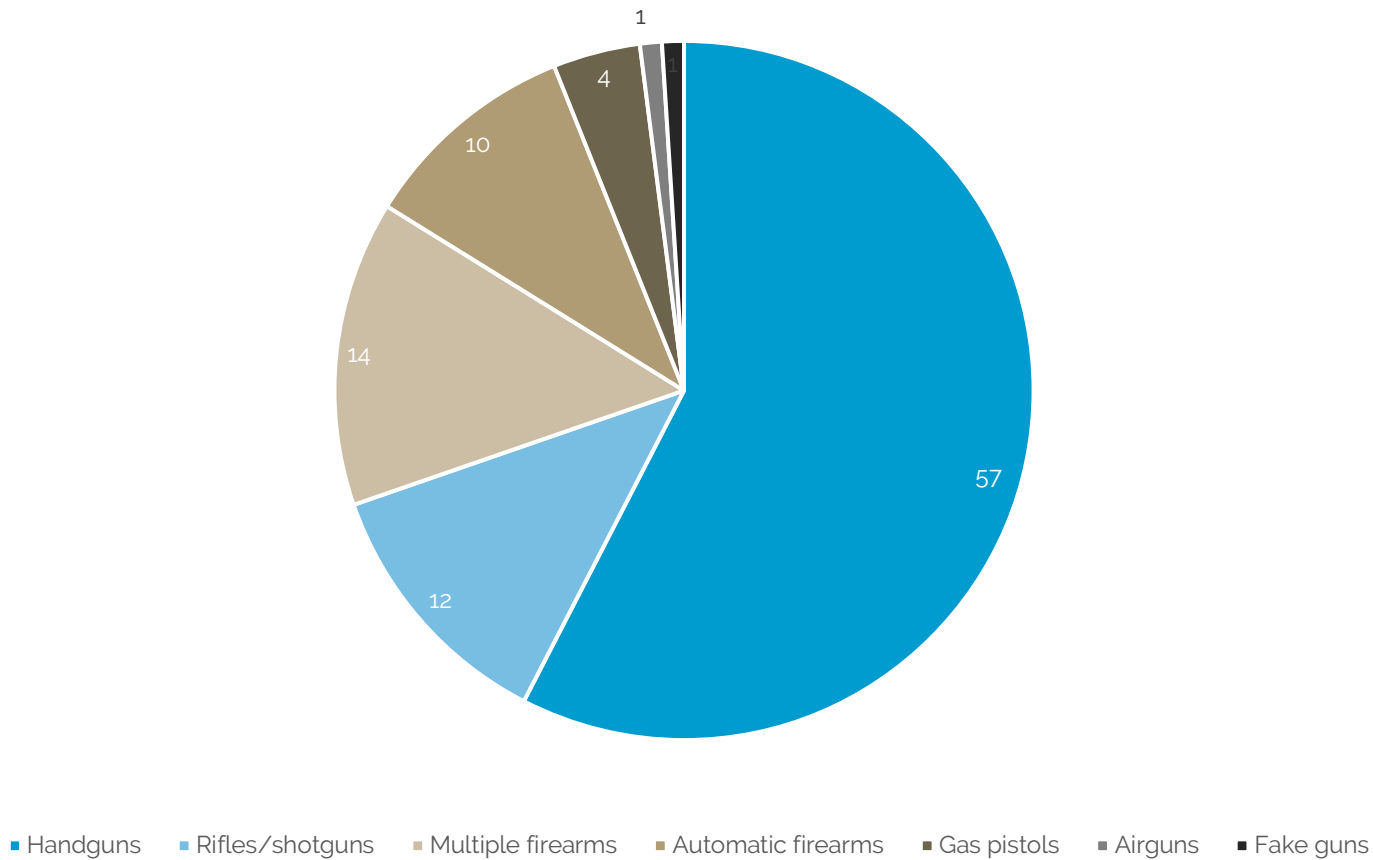
Other



40% of firearms used more than once

Cf. the Netherlands (2015-2019): Glock (20%); Zastava (10%)

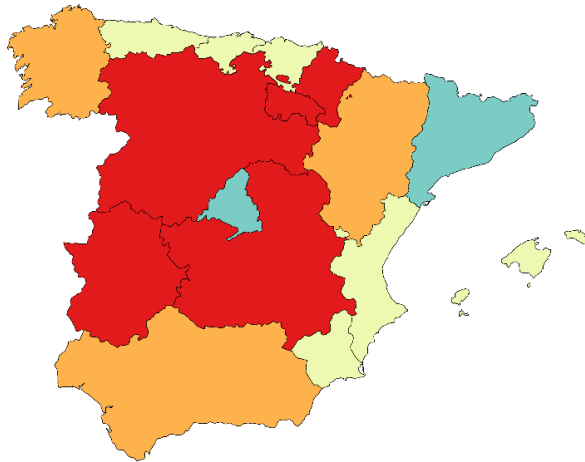
Western Balkans (AVMP: 2014-July 2021)



Firearm violence: locations

→ Criminal: focus in metropolitan areas and/or regions (esp. Sweden/Netherlands)

Gun possession



Violent gun crime
(mostly robberies)

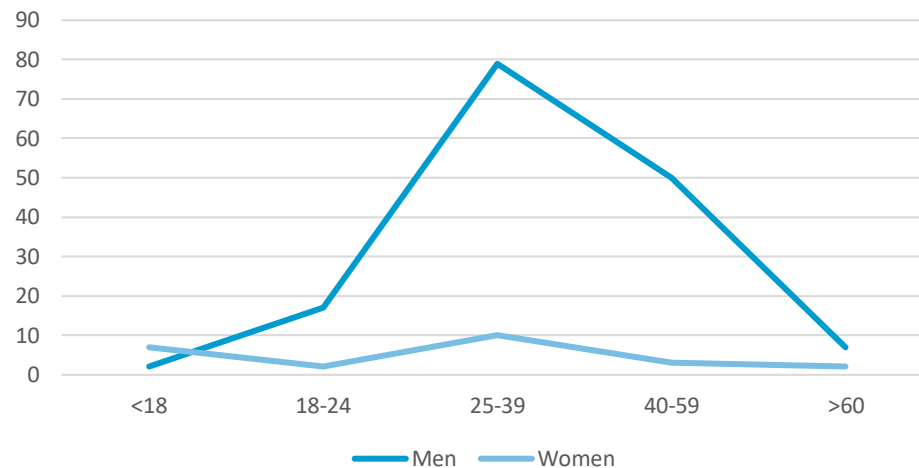
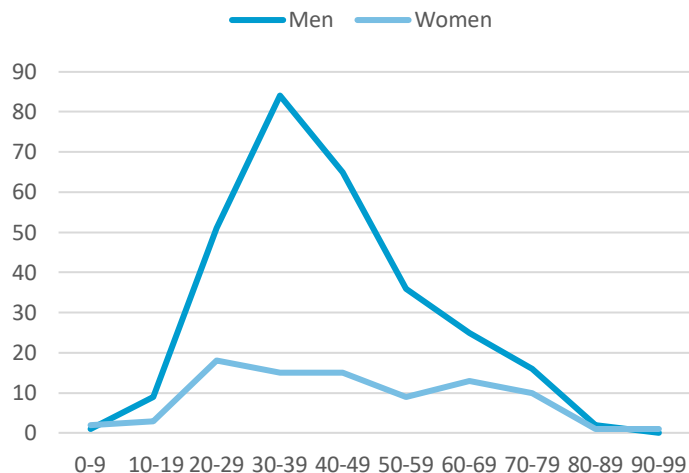


Age and gender

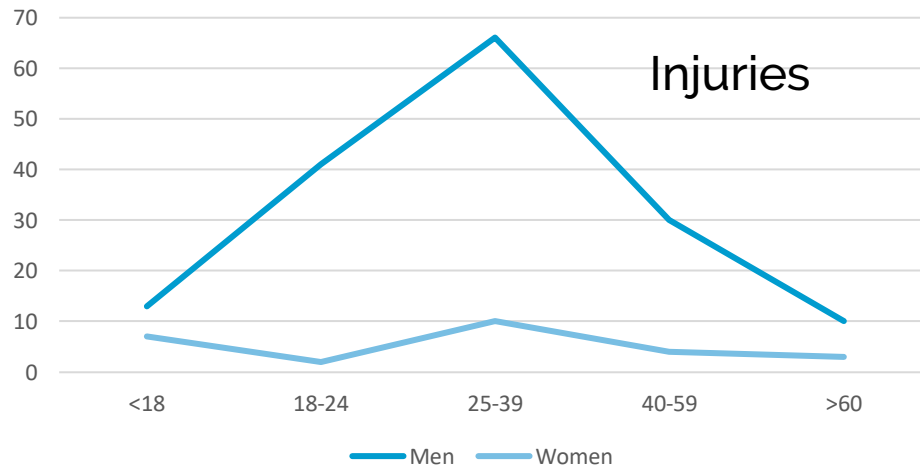
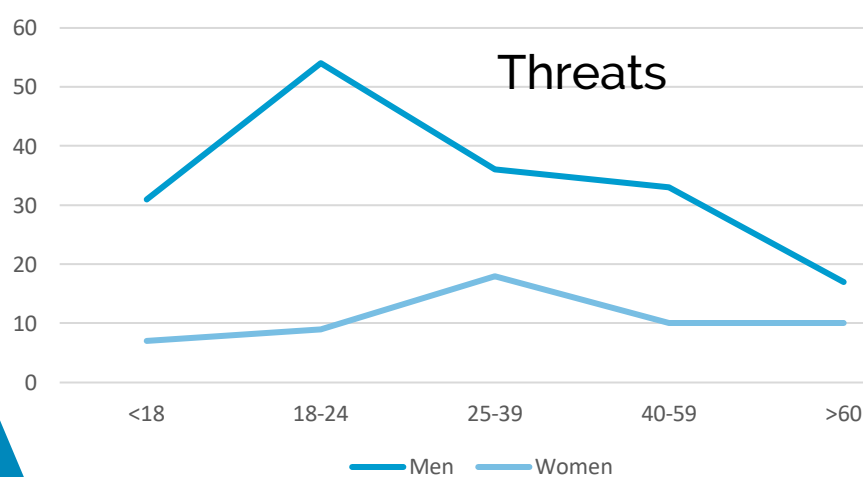
Spain

Firearm homicide

The Netherlands



Age and gender in The Netherlands:



Contexts of firearm violence

Criminal



Level of criminal organization

Armed robberies vs drug context

Terrorism



Preference vs availability

Firearm terrorism is small, but very lethal

Domestic



Firearm availability (legal or illegal)

More injurious and lethal than criminal

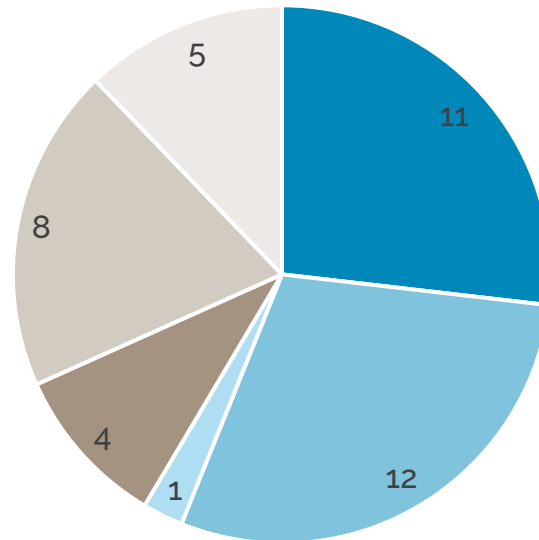
Other



- Nightlife violence
- Violence by/against police
- Vigilantes
- School shootings
- Mental illness

Context is a determining factor for firearm use

Public mass shootings



- Domestic
- Terrorism
- Crime
- School shootings
- Mental illness/substance abuse
- Other