

Together against violence



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Project background

- November 13th 2014 Reykjavik City council agreed to act against domestic violence
- The project is based on a similar model from the southwest peninsula, Reykjanesbær
- Cooperation between Reykjavik City and Metropolitan police with participation of Womens shelter and the primary health care.
- The project started in Reykjavik City January 12th 2015.
- Name of the project; **Together against domestic violence.**

Aim of the project

- To send a clear message that domestic violence will not be tolerated
- To improve the city's service for both the victim and the perpetrator of domestic violence
- To strengthen cooperation between the police, the social services and the child protection
- To put a special focus on immigrant women and disabled women who have been victims of domestic violence.

Violence

- ✓ 42% of Icelandic women have experienced violence, at some point, from the age of 18 to 66.
- ✓ 22% have experienced violence in close relationships.
- ✓ Violence has both short term and long term affects on individual health – both physically and mentally.
- ✓ Women with disabilities are more likely to be victims of violence than any other group in society.

„Silence and the secrecey is the best friend of domestic violence“

How does it work?

Step 1

- Emergency call from the police. First aid, consultation and support

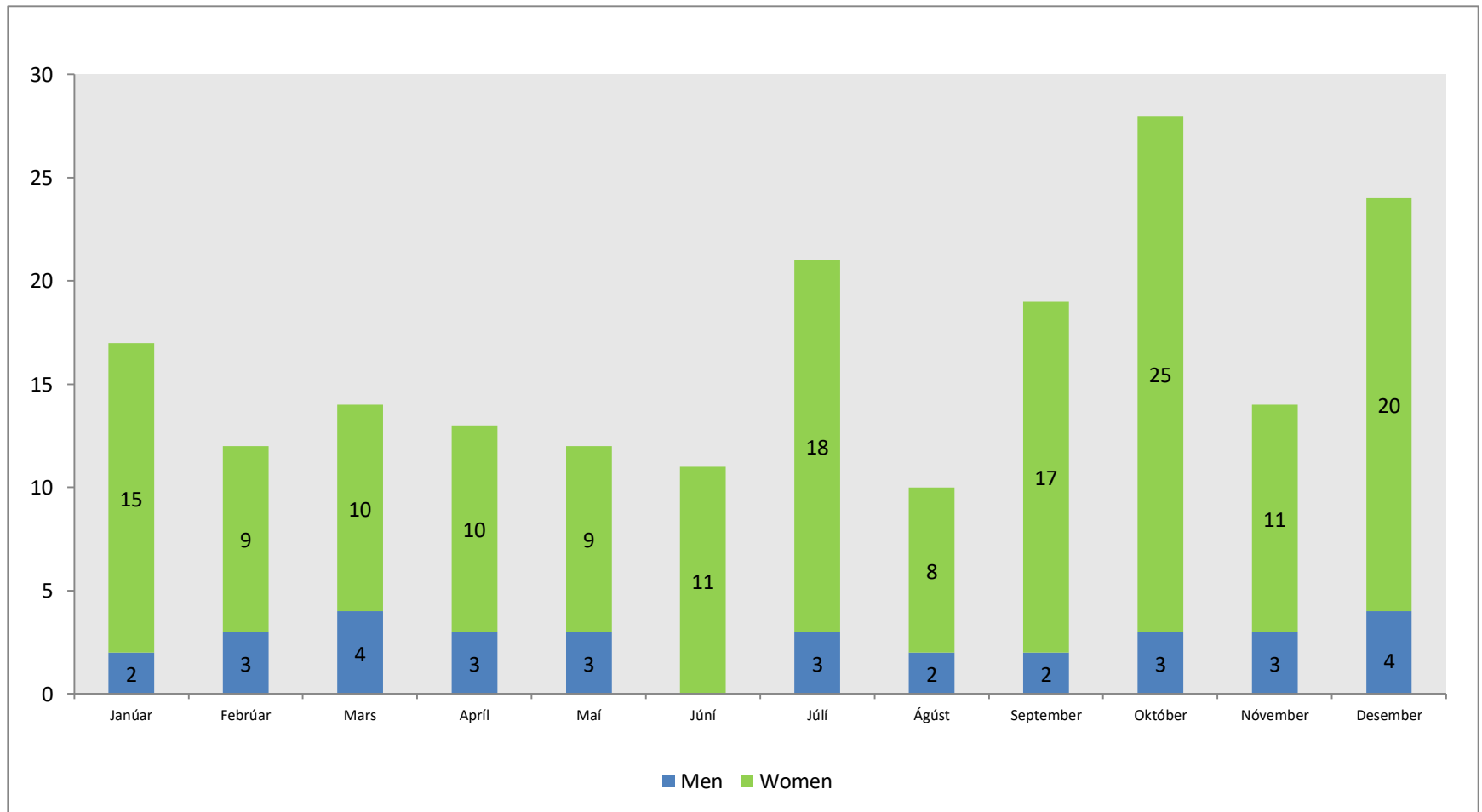
Step 2

- Follow up phonecall. Within a week

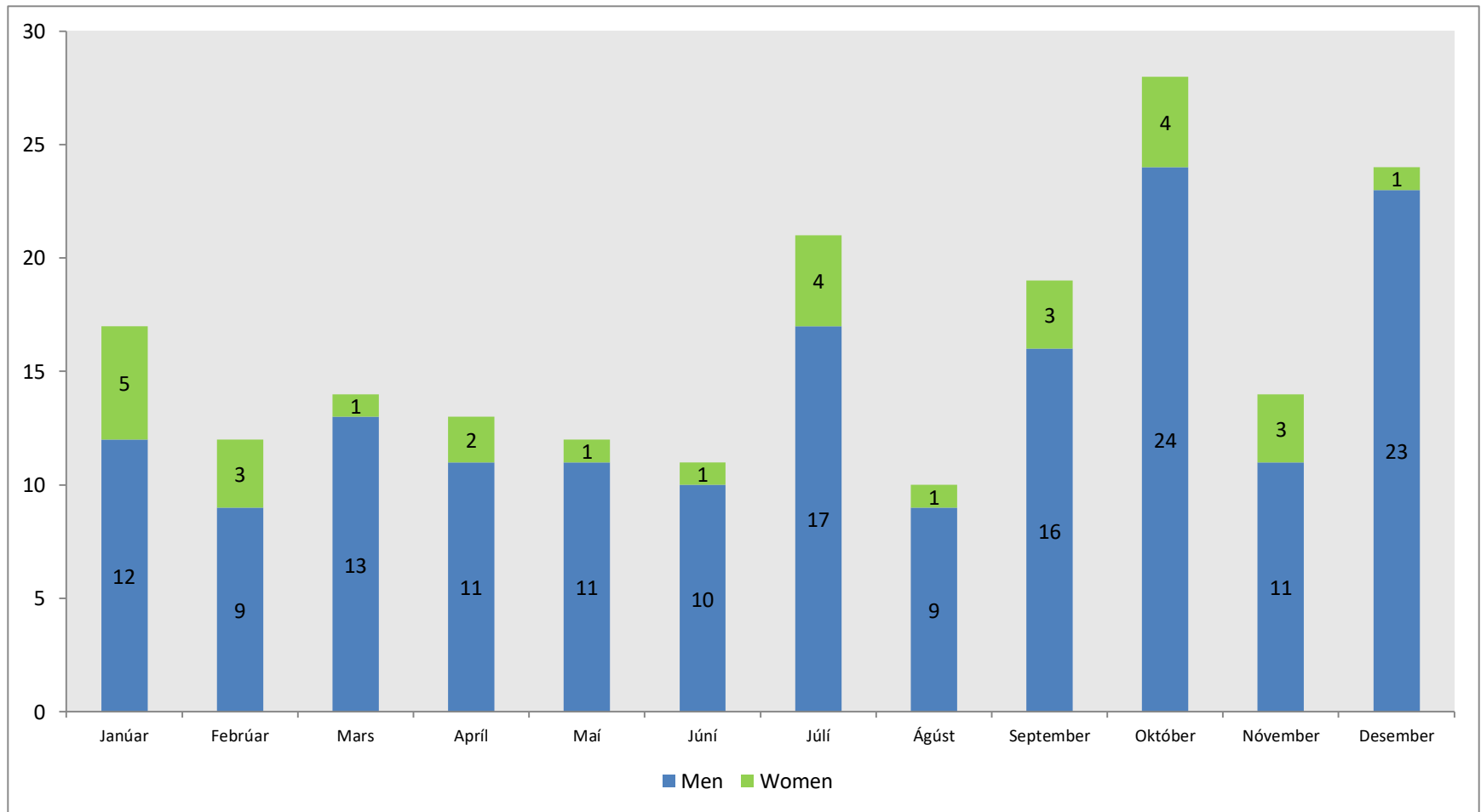
Step 3

- Follow up visit. Socialworker and investigator goes together.

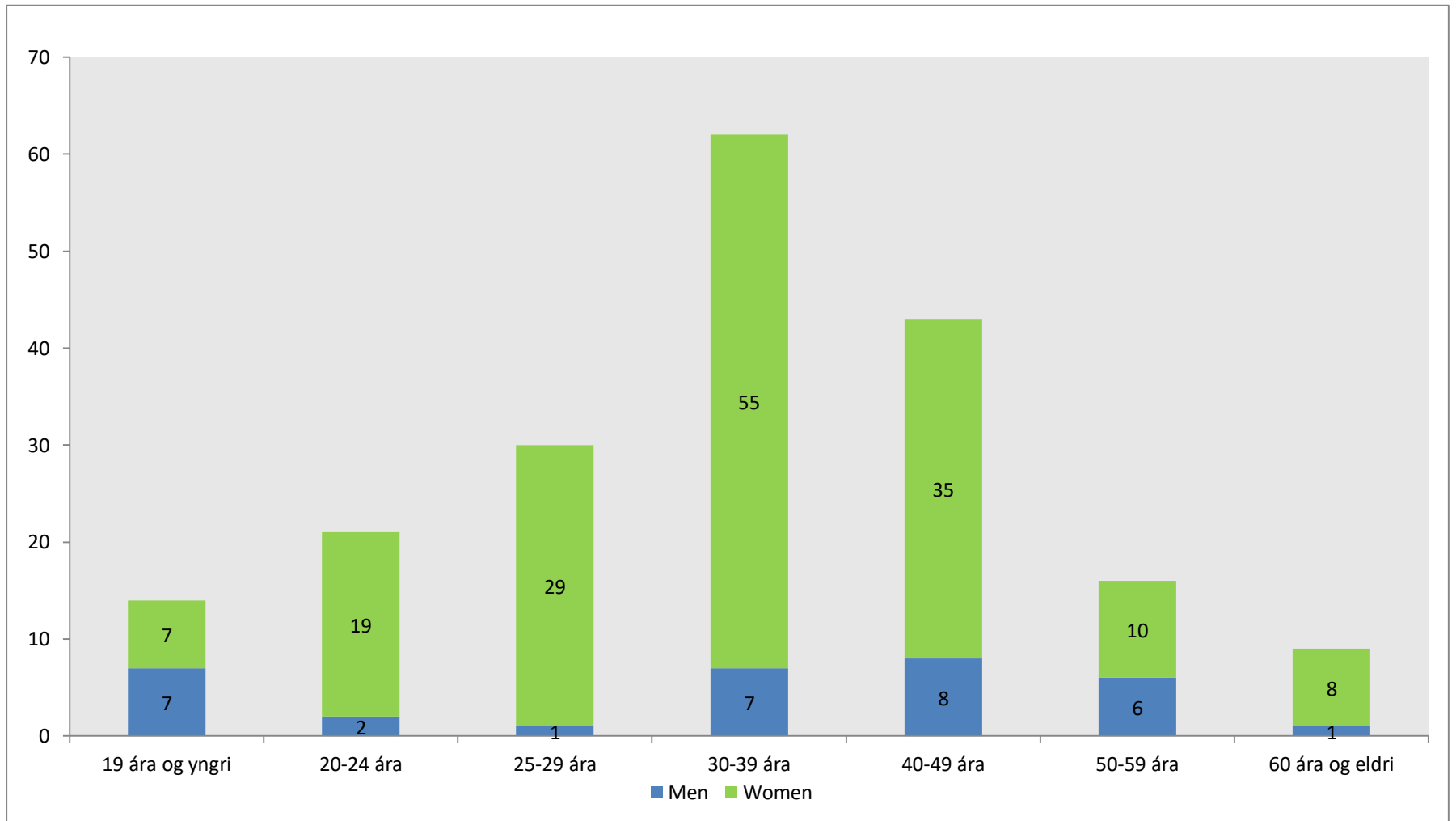
Number of cases pr. month by gender of the victim



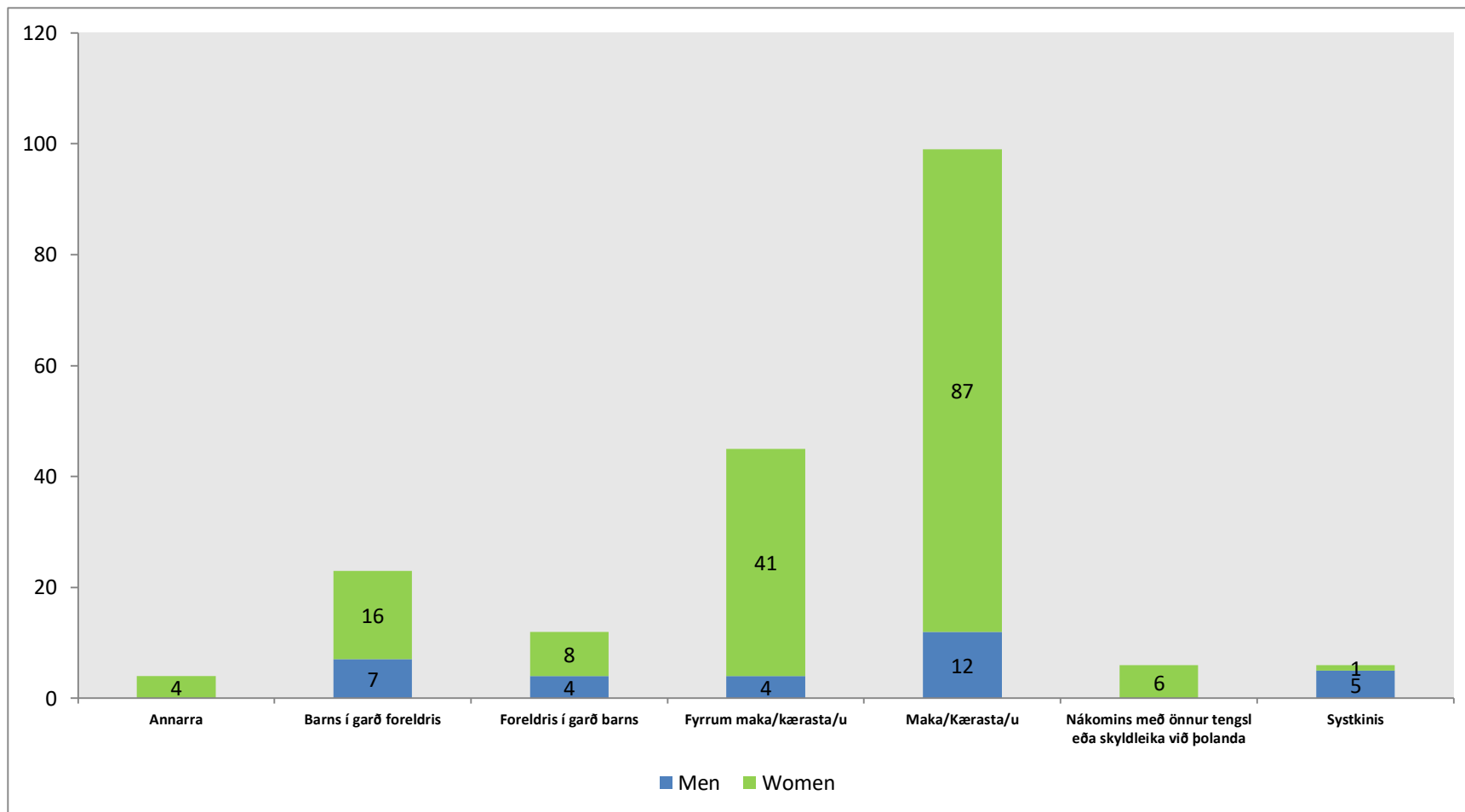
Number of cases pr. month by gender of the perpetrator



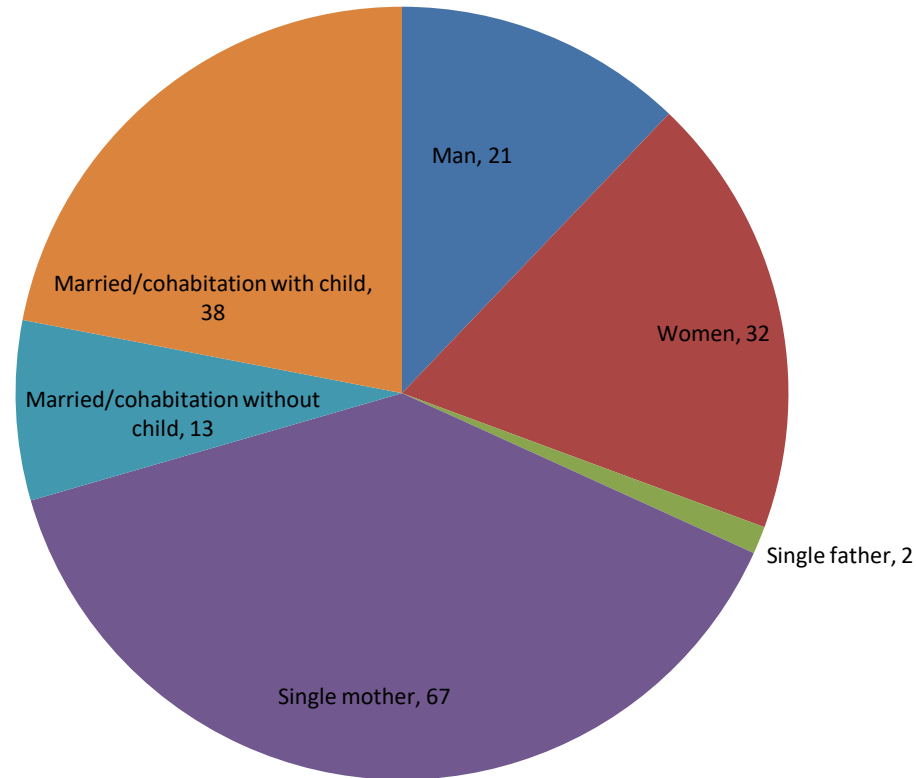
Number of cases by gender and age of the victims



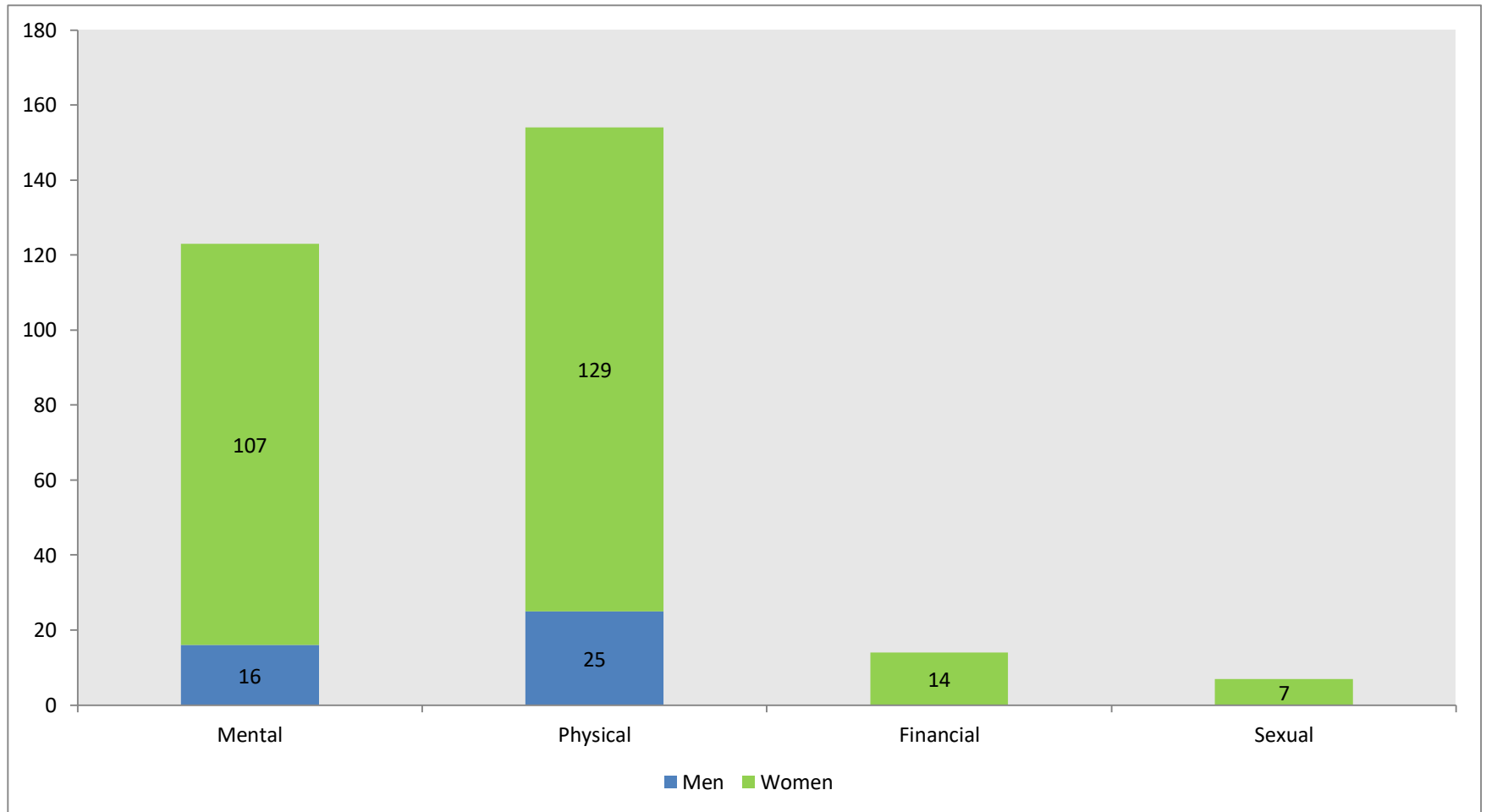
Relation between victims and perpetrator



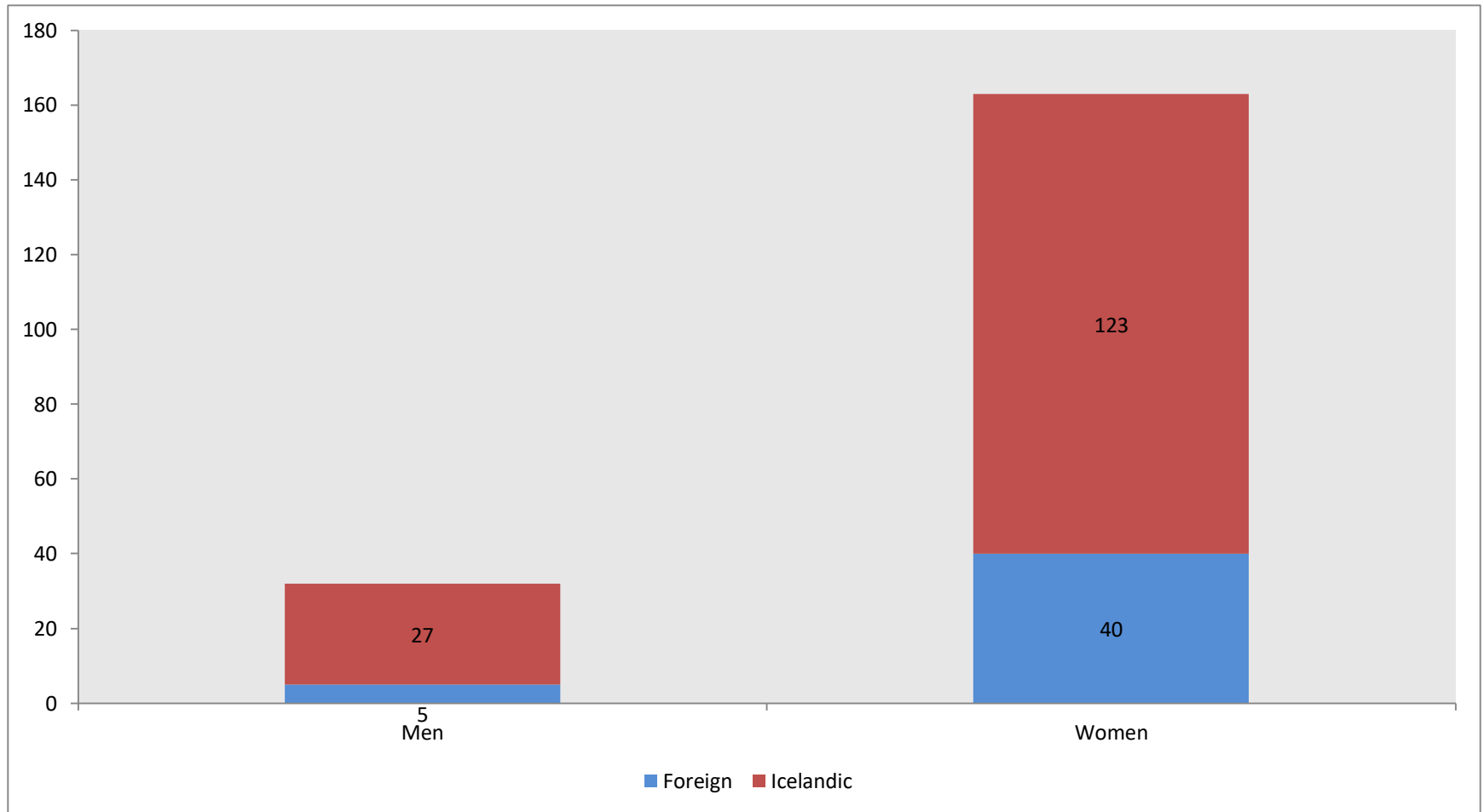
Number of victims by type of family



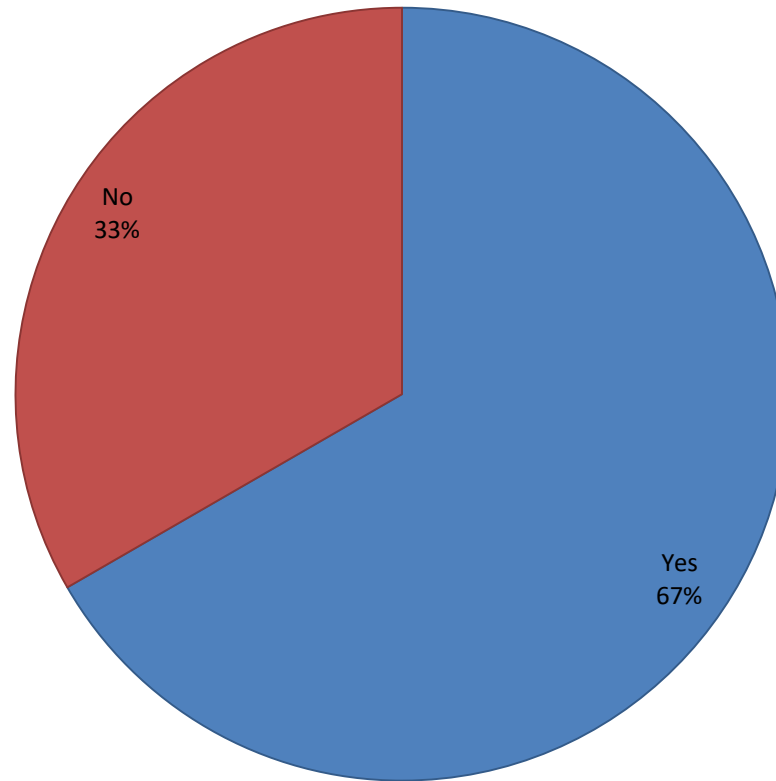
Type of violence by gender of the victim



Victims nationality and gender



Percentage of the chases when children was/was not in the scene



Evaluation

RIKK – Institute for Gender, Equality and Difference, University of Iceland evaluated the project:

- ✓ On the whole the results were positive
- ✓ The „victims“ of violence were in general content with the services provided.
- ✓ Those who could compare the services of the police before and after the project started were much more content.
- ✓ The victims found it a good addition to have a social worker on the scene.

„This was all very normal... and then she arrived from the social services...she talked to you as you were just a person, she understood this all and everything was very simple“

Evaluation

- ✓ A lot has been done in a short time.
- ✓ The cooperation of the police, the service centers and that children's protection agency has been very good.
- ✓ The work procedures have gotten better as the project has got a long and the people working in the project has got used to them.
- ✓ Children on the scene are especially well treated.

Future challenge

- ✓ Provide better service for children who experience domestic violence
- ✓ Reach immigrants with information of violence and what kind of service are available
- ✓ Violence against disabled people is more hidden than domestic violence in general
- ✓ Reach better the perpetrators and provide some social consultation