

Criminal Career Patterns

From Adolescence to Early Adulthood

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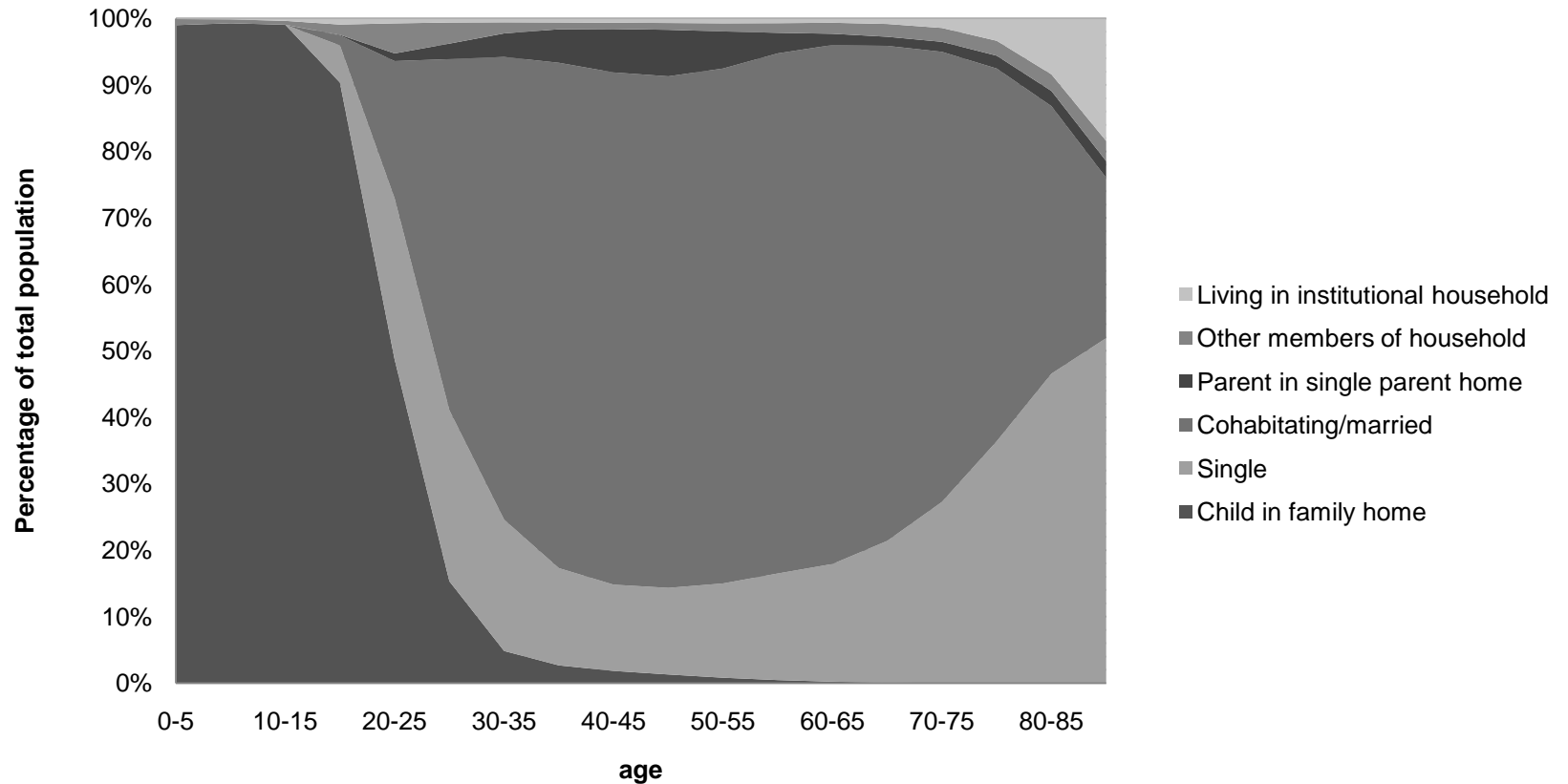
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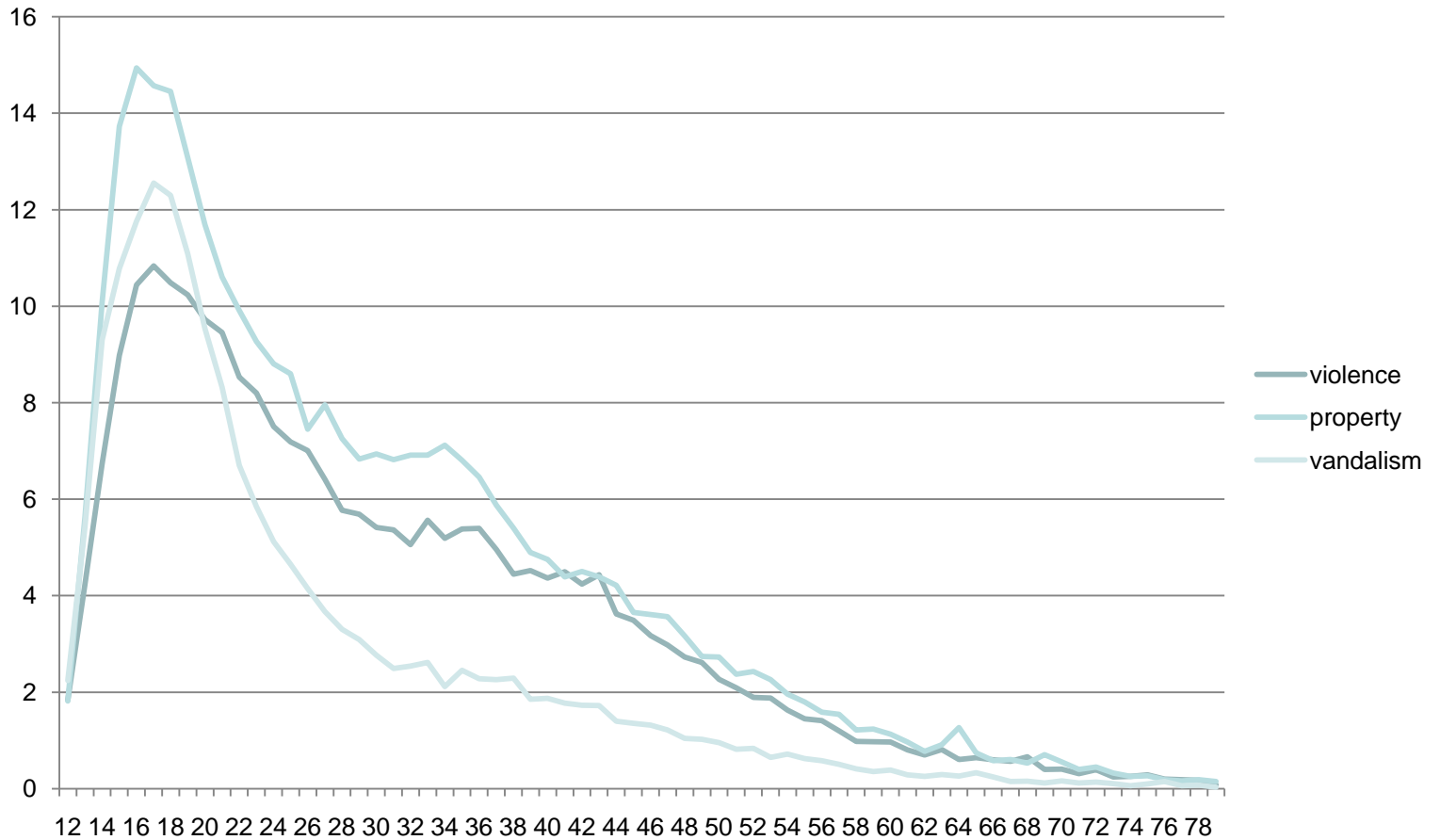
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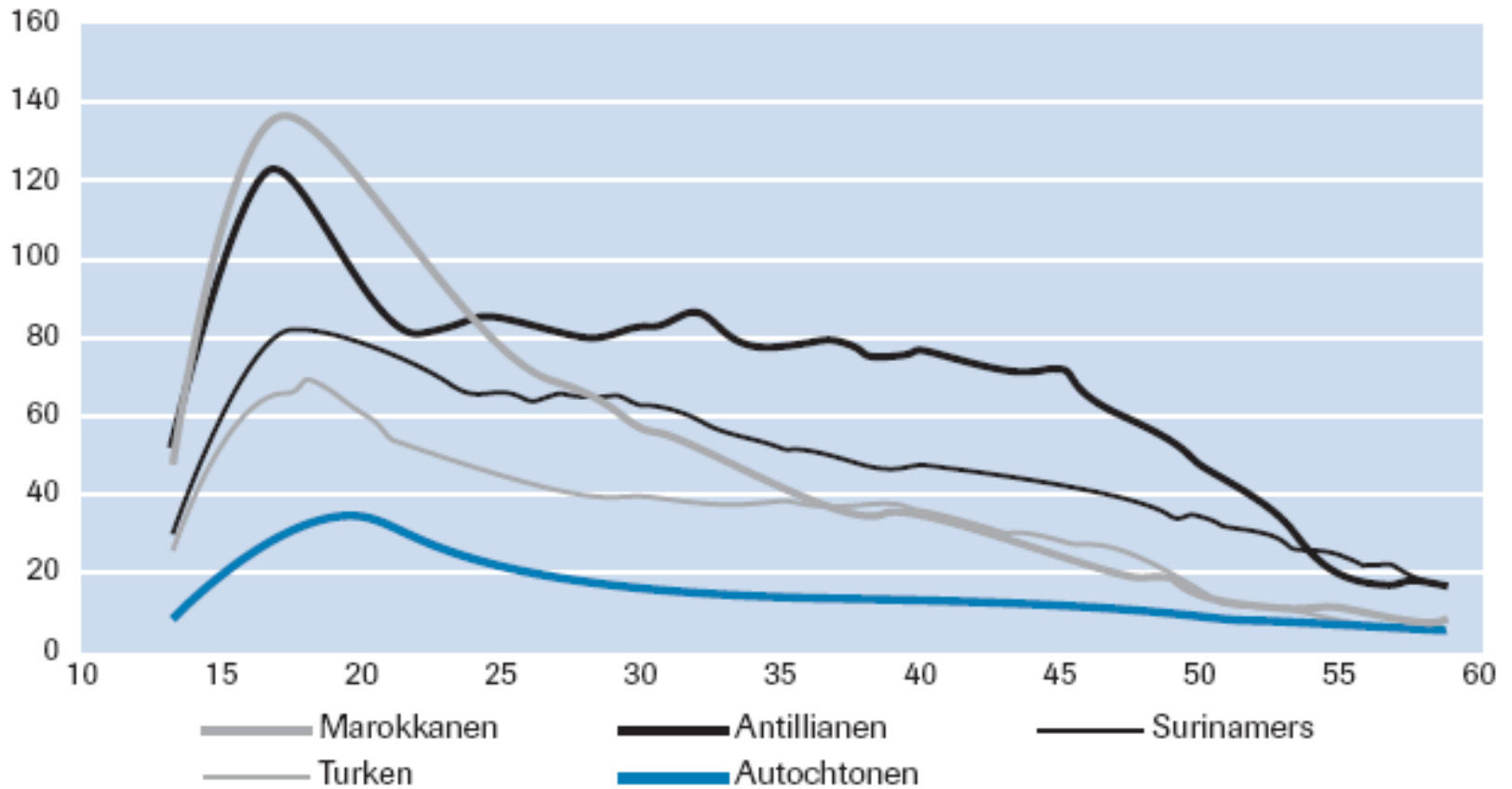
Life Course Transitions



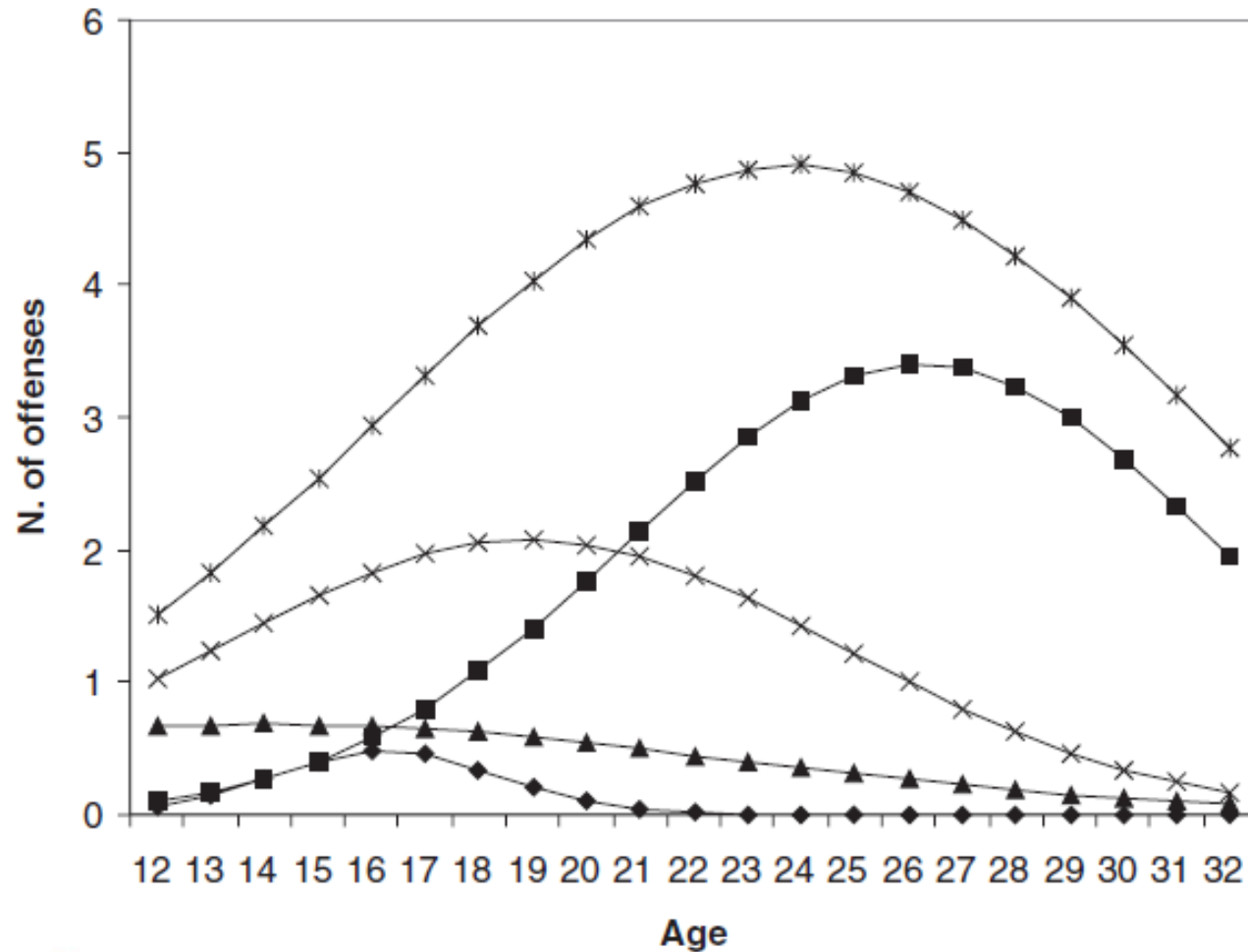
Aggregate Age/Crime Curve



Between group differences



Individual level criminal careers



Birth cohort 1984

All individuals born in the Netherlands in 1984

N = 170,891

85% Dutch parents, 15% Non-Dutch parents

Of those born to Non-Dutch parents:

17% Surinamese

16% Turkish

14% Moroccan

4% Dutch Antilles

Police Data

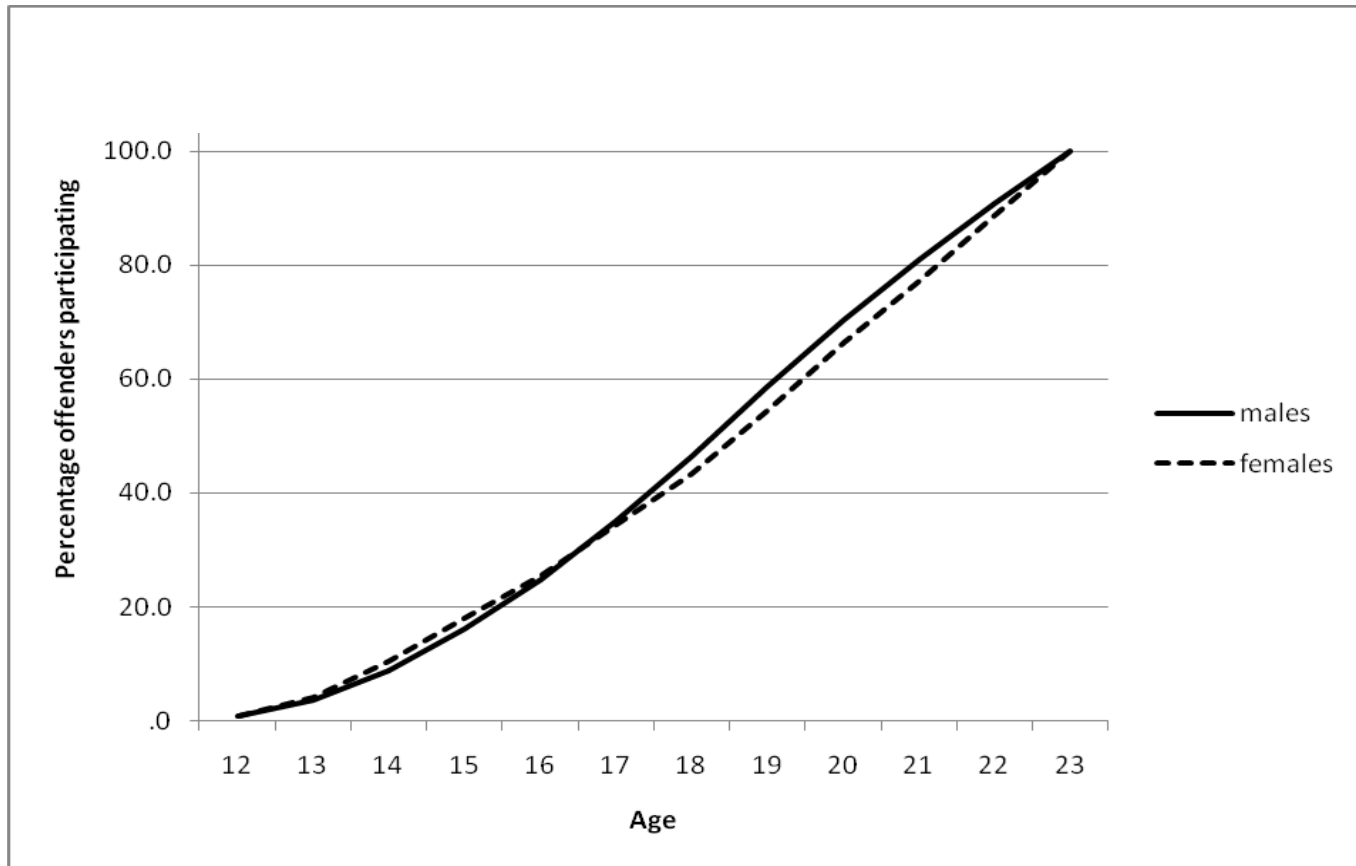
All individuals registered in Police Record System (HKS)
and indictable offence involved

Period 1996-2007

Participation and frequency

	Ages 12-17	Ages 18-23
# registered	9399	22481
% registered	5,5	13,2
# of crimes	22367	57277
lambda	2,4	2,6
% violent offenders	38,0	33,2

Onset age

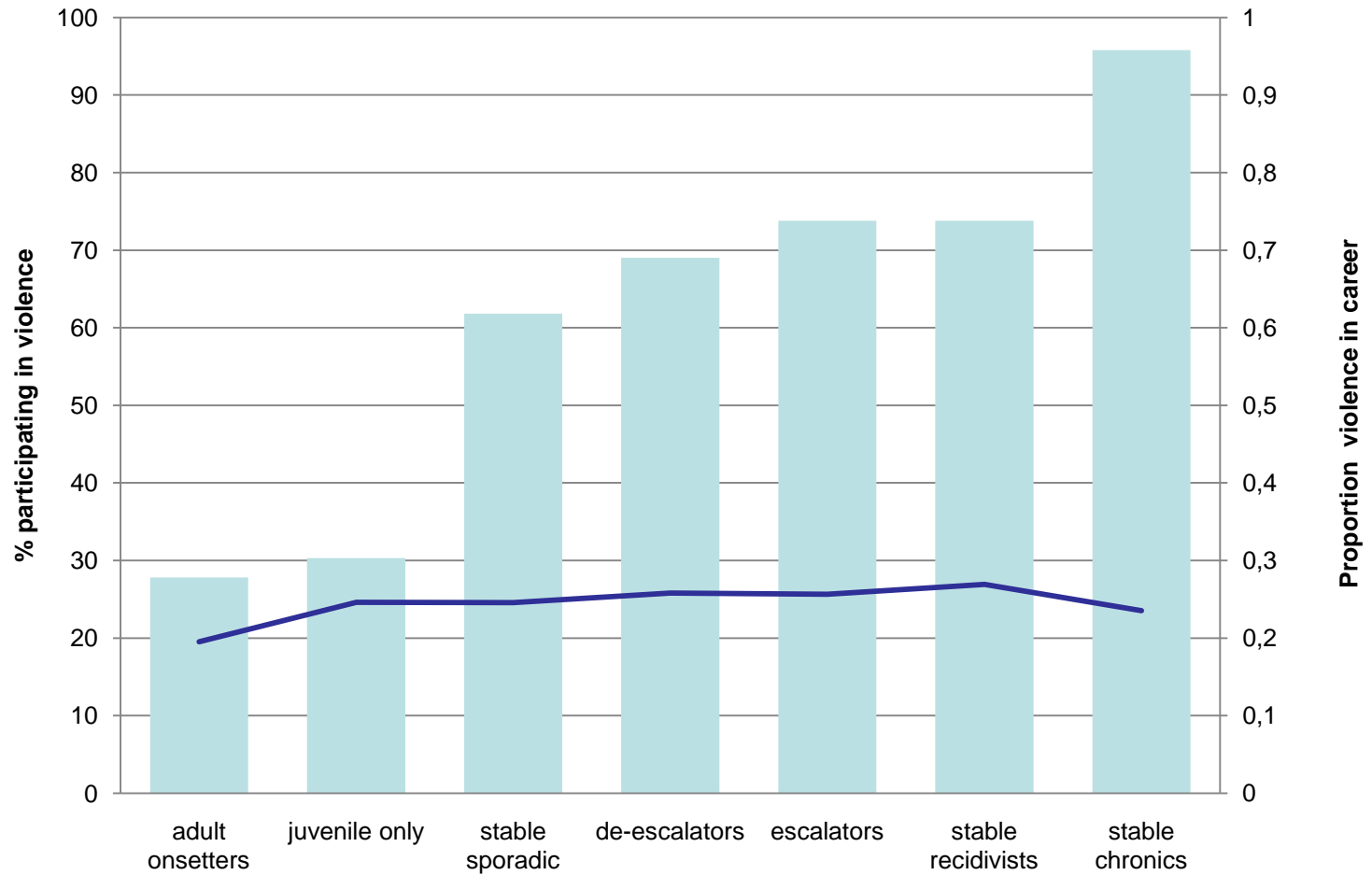


Continuity and change in offending

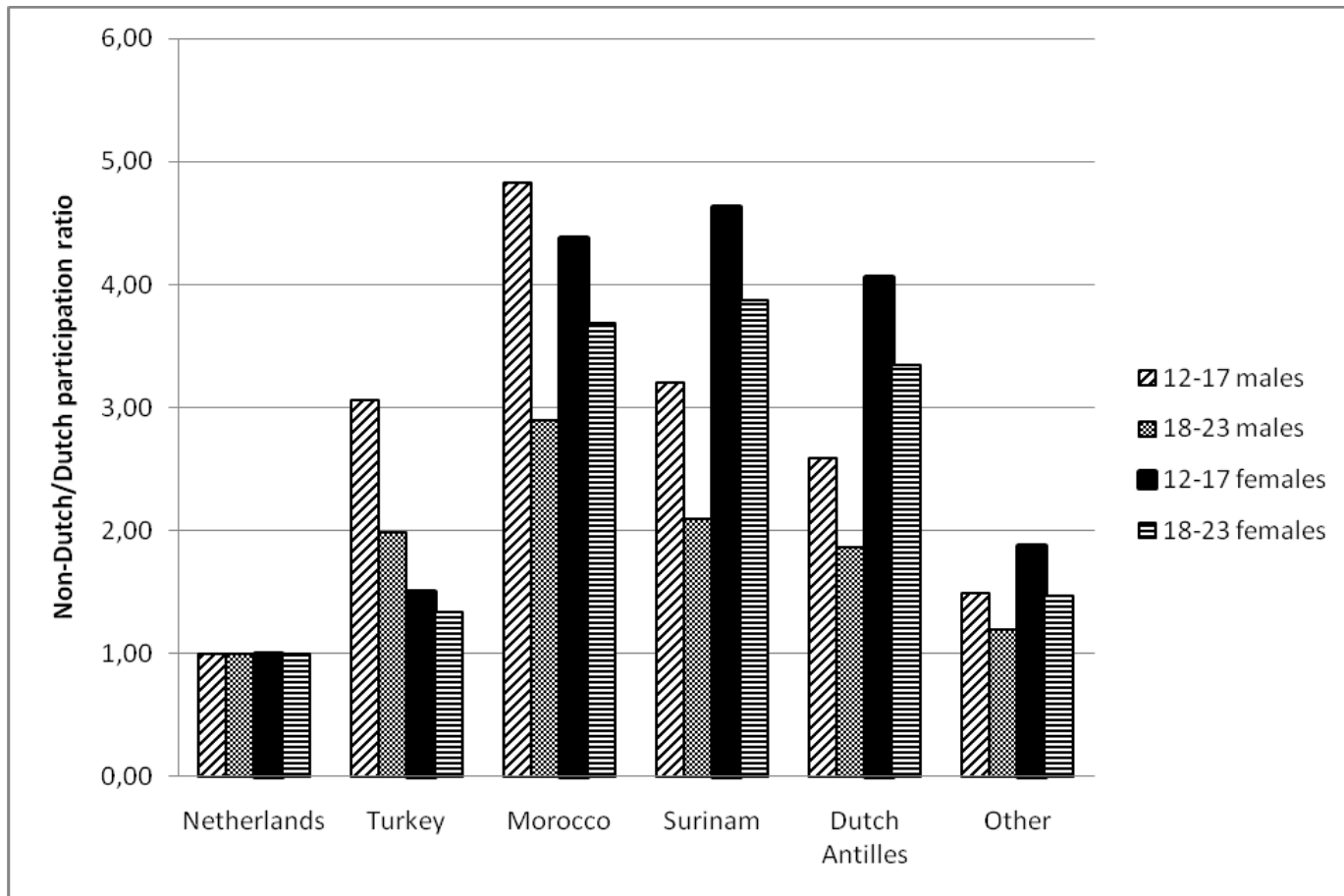
Early Adult (18-23)

		non-offender	one-time offender	recidivist (2-5)	chronic (6+)
Juvenile (12-17)	non-offender	stable non-offender (84.3%)	adult onset (65.0%)*		
	one-time offender	juvenile only (16.3%)*	stable sporadic (3.0%)*	escalators (7.2%)*	
	recidivist (2-5)			stable recidivists (3.8%)*	
	chronic (6+)		de-escalators (3.3%)*		stable chronics (1.4%)*

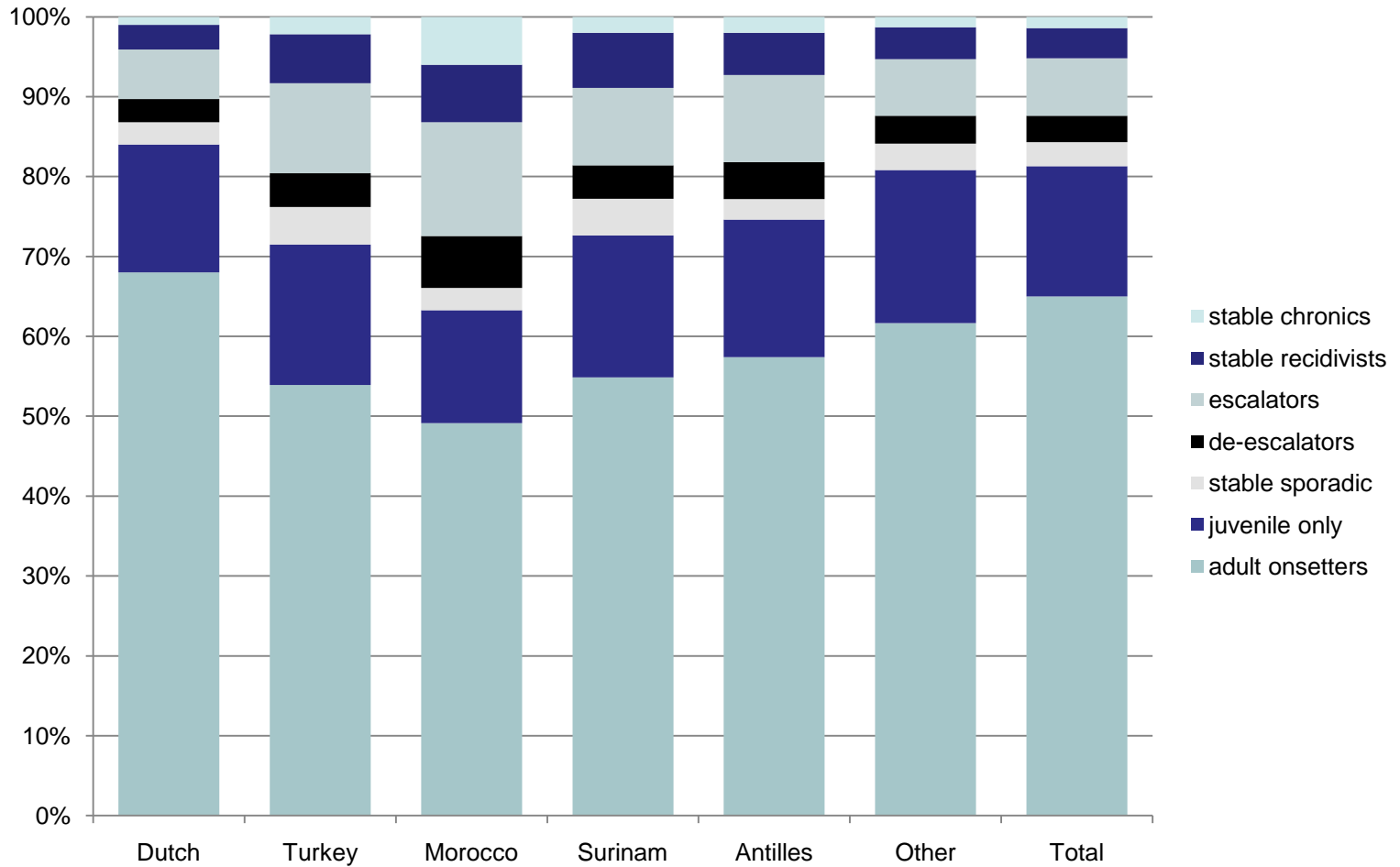
Violence



Participation ratio



Continuity by ethnicity



Criminal Career and Life-course Study

4% individuals convicted in the Netherlands in 1977

N = 4,612

87% Dutch parents, 13% Non-Dutch parents

Conviction Data

All individuals registered in General Documentation Registry (JDS) and indictable offence involved

Period 1977-2003

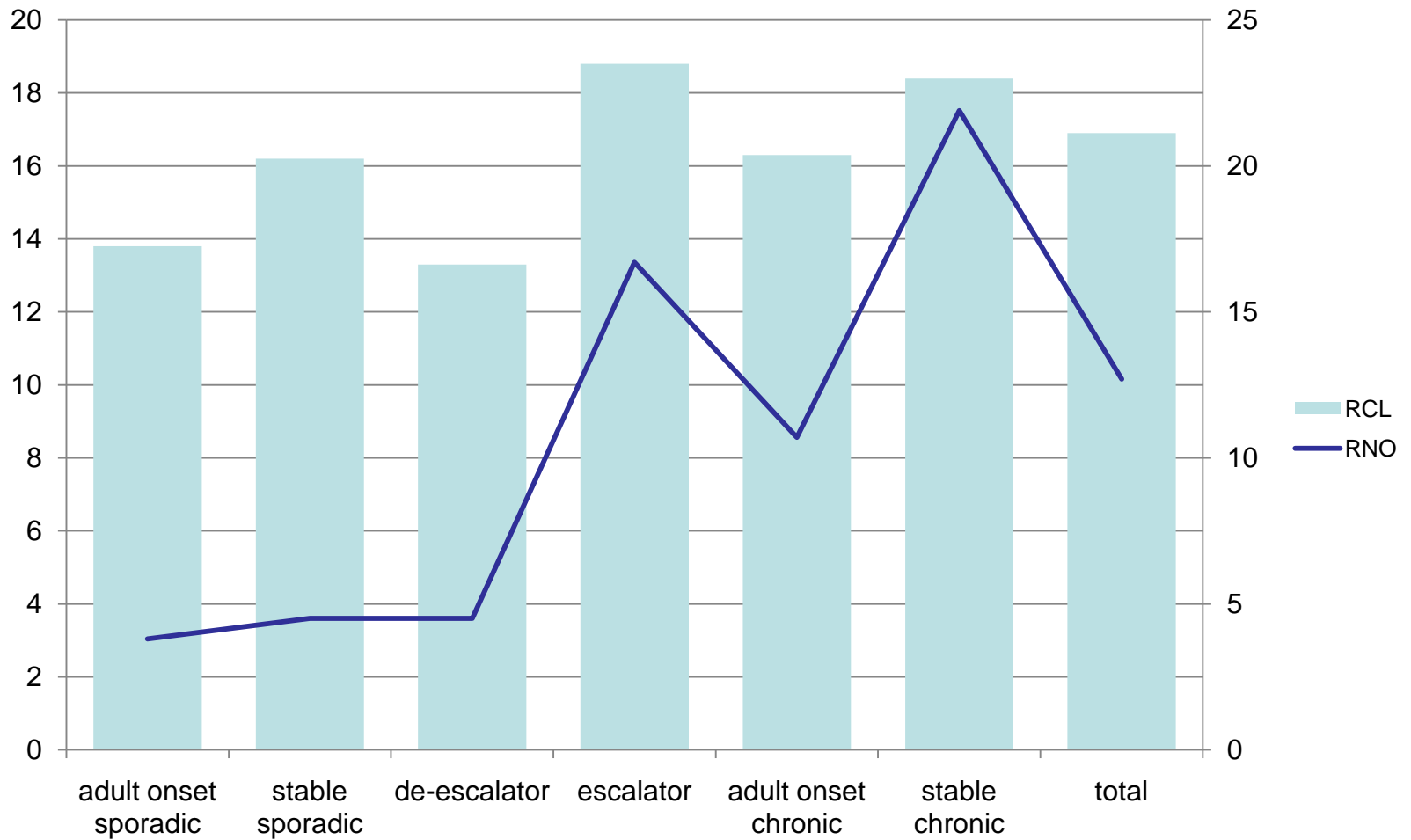
Continuity and change in offending

		Young adult (18-23)		
		non-offender	sporadic offender	chronic
Juvenile (12-17)	non-offender	stable non-offender (-)	adult onset (71%)	
	sporadic offender (1-2)	juvenile only (-)	stable sporadic (7%)	escalator (14%)
	Chronic (3+)		de-escalators (1%)	stable chronic (7%)

Continuity and change in offending

		Adult (24-29)		
		non-offender	sporadic offender	chronic
Young adult (12-23)	adult onset sporadic	desister (51%)	stable sporadic (12%)	escalator (5%)
	stable sporadic		persistent sporadic (2%)	
	de-escalator		de-escalator (12%)	
	escalator			escalating chronic (8%)
	adult onset chronic			stable chronic (6%)
	stable chronic		persistent chronic (5%)	

Residual Criminal Career



Conclusions

Desistance is prevalent during emerging adulthood

Significant minority at risk of developing a prolonged criminal career

Adult onset also prevalent

Minorities over-represented in police registers (but only compared to their share in the population)

Conclusions

Desistance: social roles

Persistence: early problem behavior

Adult onset / escalation:

- Decreased social support
- Labeling
- New opportunities and motivations

Thank you for your attention

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