

4th Asia Pro Bono Conference and Legal Ethics Forum Session

Presentation Plan Template

Name of Session: D2 Community Law Centres (CLCs) and pro bono services

Session Description/Aim:

The community law centre movement has been vital in establishing small street front places where lawyers and law students can volunteer to provide legal services to local clients in need. This session aims to look at community law centre development in various countries to promote discussion as to whether the CLC model could develop in countries in the Asian region.

Total Session Minutes: (75 min)

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Session Plan:

Activity Step	Activity Description	Time (Min)	Presenters	Materials Needed
1	Introduce speakers and session	5		
2	Video – CLCs in Australia	10		
3	Presenters to outline how students and pro bono lawyers have provided legal advice and assistance to marginalized clients in their jurisdictions	15		
4	Participants asked if they have provided pro bono services through a community law service (group A). – identify benefits for those doing pro bono and for clients. Divide participants into small groups, ensuring those from group A are in each of the groups.	30		

	Half of the groups will look at the benefits for lawyers doing pro bono. The other half will look at the benefits for clients. Presenters to make two lists - one for pro bono and the other clients. List benefits			
5	Question and answer	15		
Total Time:		75		

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Established in 1976

28 daytime staff

200 volunteer lawyers


13,000 phone informations

9,000 advices

550 cases

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- Elder abuse
 - Family law
 - Consumer law
 - Employment law
 - Criminal law
 - Civil disputes
 - Social work
 - Student clinics

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Community Legal Centres

Independent from Government

Not for profit

Associations governed by voluntary
boards of management

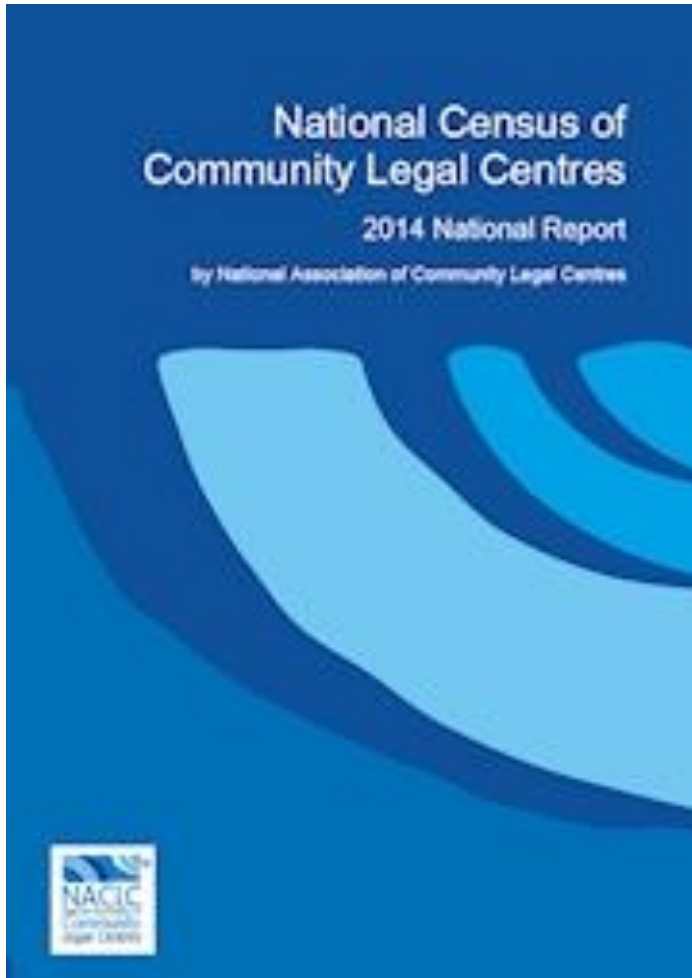
Information, advice, referral and
casework

Respond to needs of their
communities



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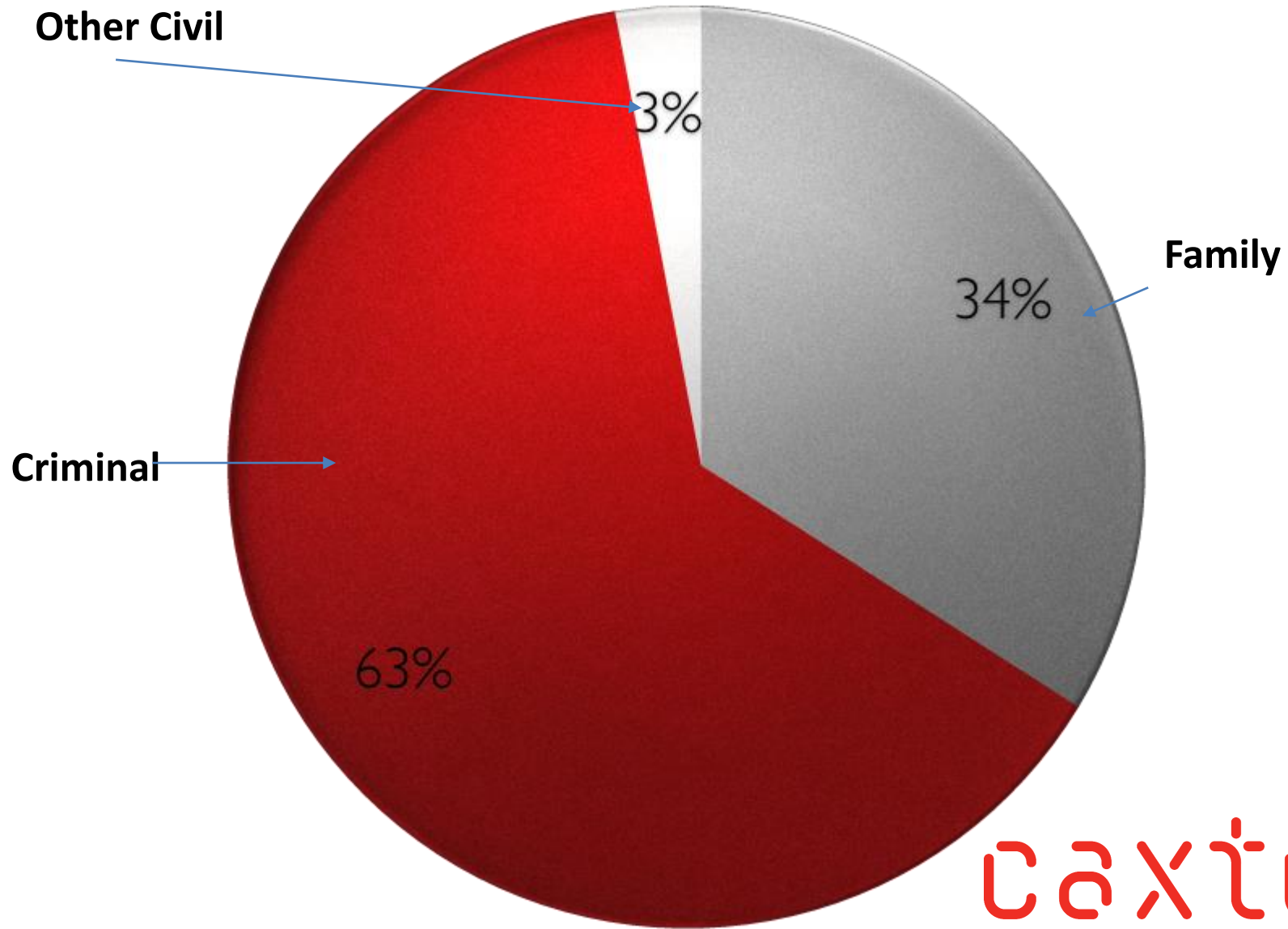
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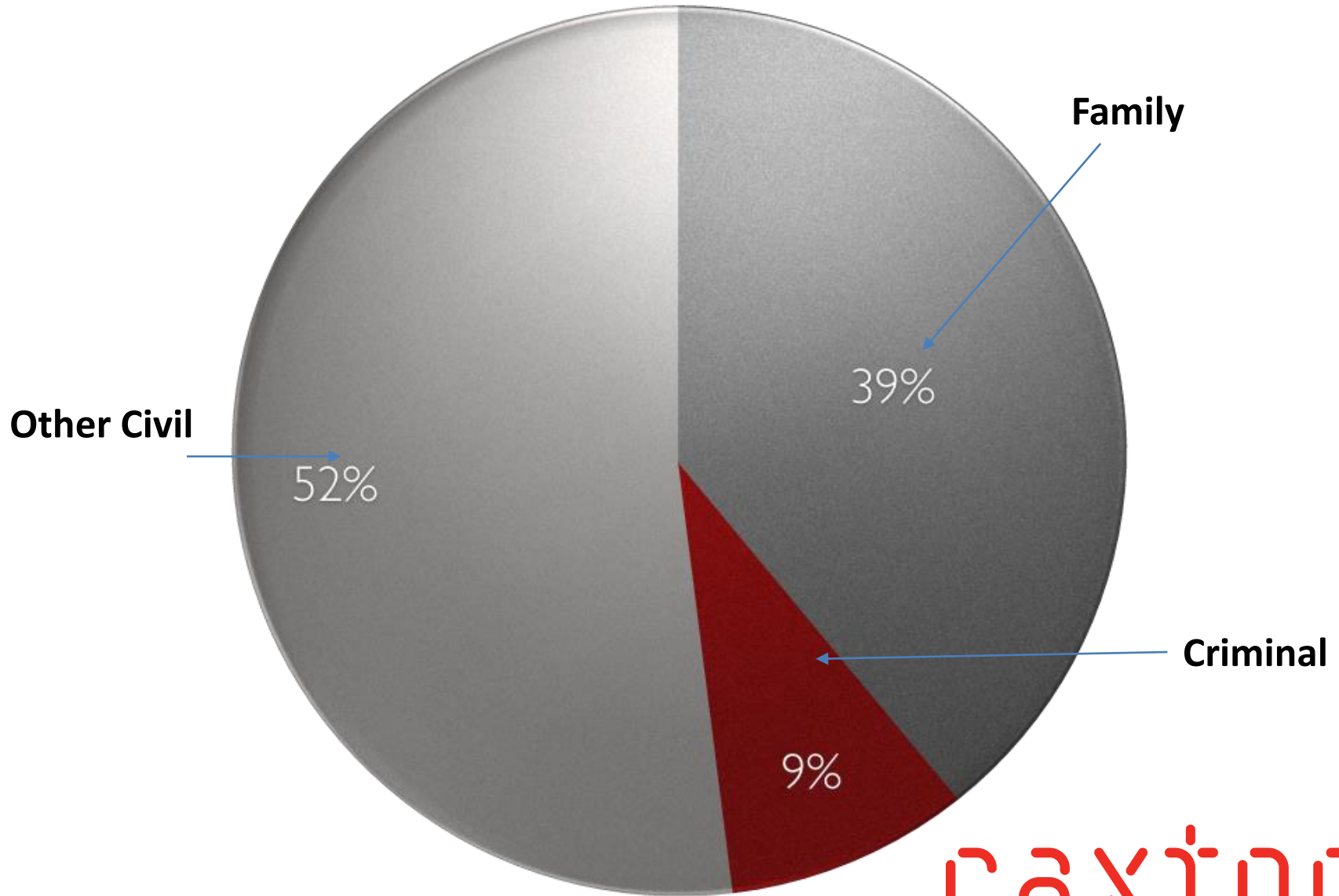
Pro bono hours per
year harnessed by
CLCs

440,000

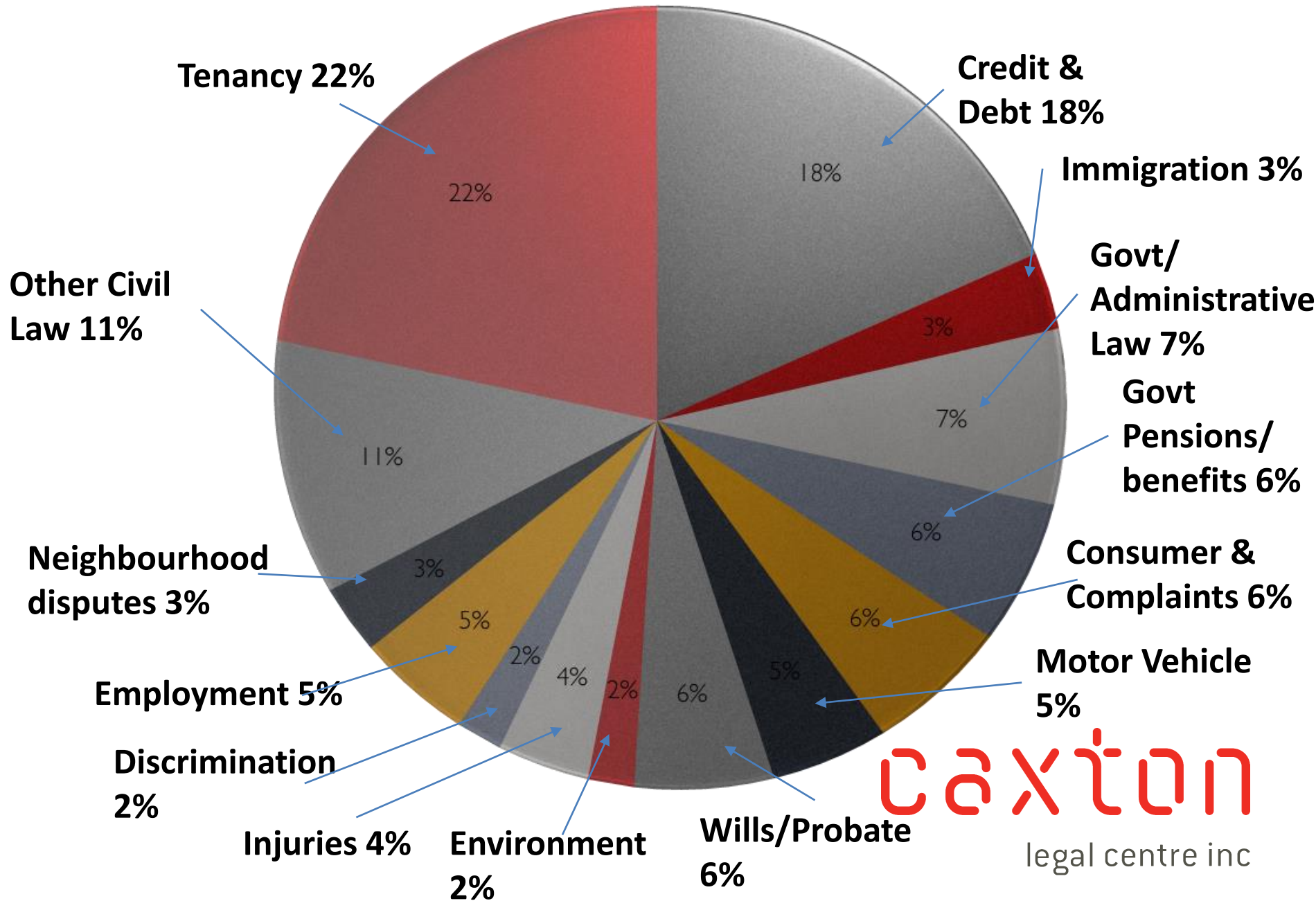
Legal Aid Granted by Law Type (LACs)



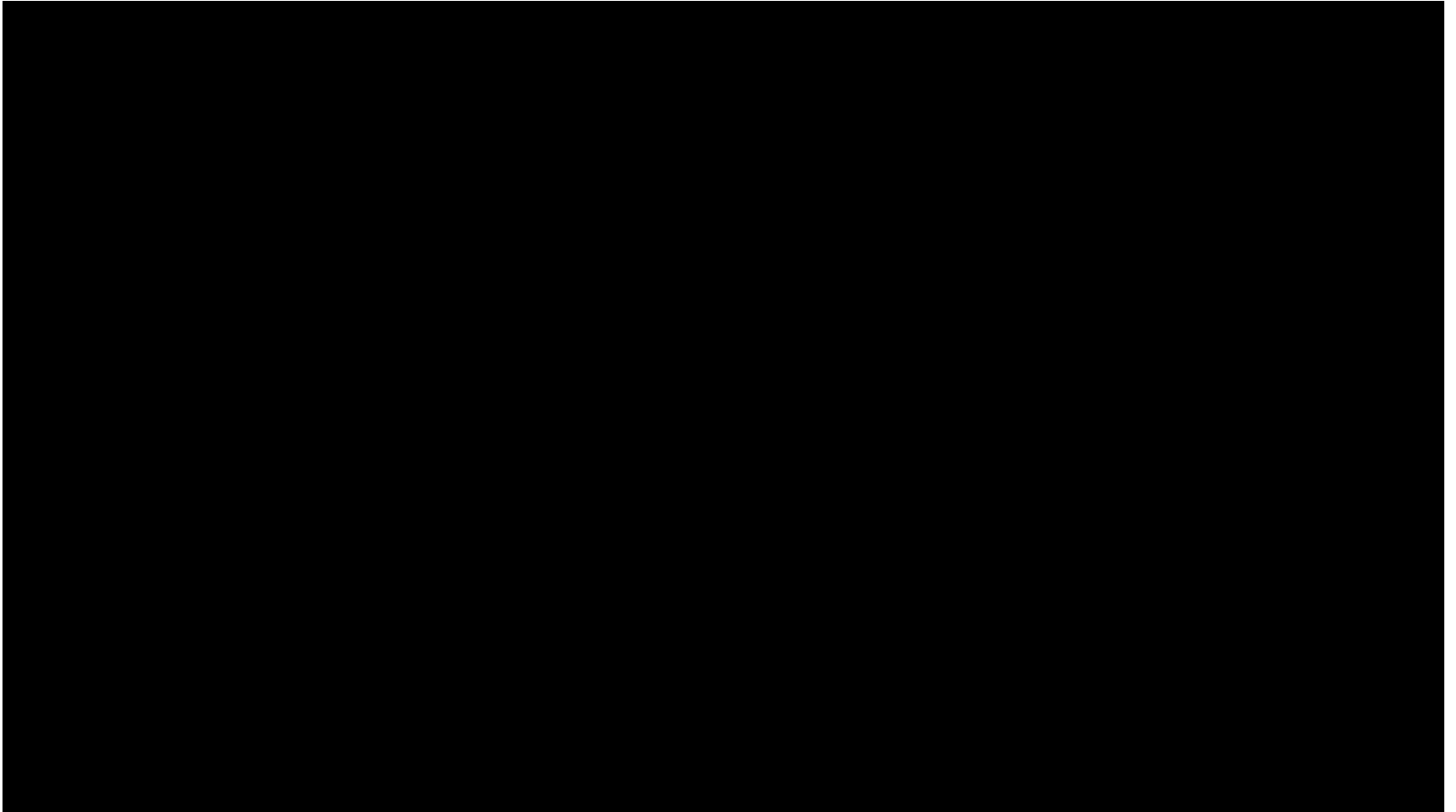
Casework Closed by Law Type (CLCs)



Other Civil Law Activities – Problem Type



Achieving Social Justice – NSW Community Legal Centres



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U KYAW MYINT LAW FIRM

Presented by

U Kyaw Myint (Advocate)

Program Director of YJC

4th September , 2015

Wilson Hotel, Mandalay



Yangon Justice Center

No.93, Seikkanthar Street, Kyauktadar Township, Yangon .

Yangon Justice Center

- Opened on 1st April 2013, Started accepting cases on 1st July 2013.
- To provide legal representation on Criminal Cases (Original Cases, Appeal & Revision Cases)
- To give legal advice (Civil & Criminal)
- To conduct legal awareness programs.
- Networking

Focus Areas

➤ **YJC mainly focus on Western District such as –**

1. Western District Court
2. Hlaing Township Court
3. Kamaryut Township Court
4. Mayangone Township Court
5. Ahlone Township Court
6. Kyitmyintaing Township Court
7. Sanchaung Township Court
8. Bahan Township Court
9. Lanmataw Township Court
10. Dagon Township Court
11. Latha Township Court
12. Seikkan Township Court
13. Kyauktada Township Court
14. Pabaedan Township Court

➤ **Khayan Satellite Office Focus Areas**

1. Khayan Township Court
2. Thonegwa Township Court
3. Thinlyin Township Court
4. Southern District Court

➤ **Hlaing Tharyar Satellite Office Focus Areas**

1. Hlaing Tharyar Township Court

➤ **Appeal & Revision**

1. High Court
2. Supreme Court

Criteria

- ✓ Person who is unemployed and has no income or assets
- ✓ Detainee who doesn't have any contact with family
- ✓ Accused who does not have lawyer at the first hearing
- ✓ A single person who is employed but his/ her monthly income is less than **100,000 kyat (100 usd)**
- ✓ Married person who is employed but whose total household income is less than **300,000 kyat** or more if they have school age children, or a disabled or sick person in their family
- ✓ Children, Woman, disable are eligible for legal aid without a means test

YJC Members (Head Office)

- ❖ Program Director (1)
- ❖ Director (1)
- ❖ Office Manager (1)
- ❖ Senior Lawyers (2)
- ❖ Junior Lawyers (4)
- ❖ Chamber (4)
- ❖ Paralegals (3)
- ❖ Admin & Finance Officer (1)
- ❖ Research Coordinator (1)
- ❖ Office Assistant (2)
- ❖ Volunteer Lawyers & Chamber students (10)

YJC (Khayan Satellite Office)

Opened on 1st October 2013

➤ **Members –**

1. Senior Lawyer (1)
2. Paralegals (3)
3. Office Assistant (1)

➤ **Mainly focus on –**

1. Southern District Court
2. Khayan Township Court
3. Thonegwa Township Court
4. Thanlyin Township Court

YJC (Hlaing Tharyar Satellite Office)

Opened on 1st December 2014

➤ **Members –**

1. Senior Lawyer (1)
2. Junior Lawyer (3)
3. Paralegals (3)
4. Admin & Finance Officer (1)
5. Office Assistant (1)

➤ **Mainly focus on –**

1. Hlaing Tharyar Township Court



U KYAW MYINT LAW FIRM



**UNIVERSITY
LEGAL CLINIC**



Yangon Justice Center

No. (99), First Floor, (7) Ward, Seikkanthar Street (Lower), Kyauktada Township, Yangon, Myanmar.

- Set up on 15th June, 2015

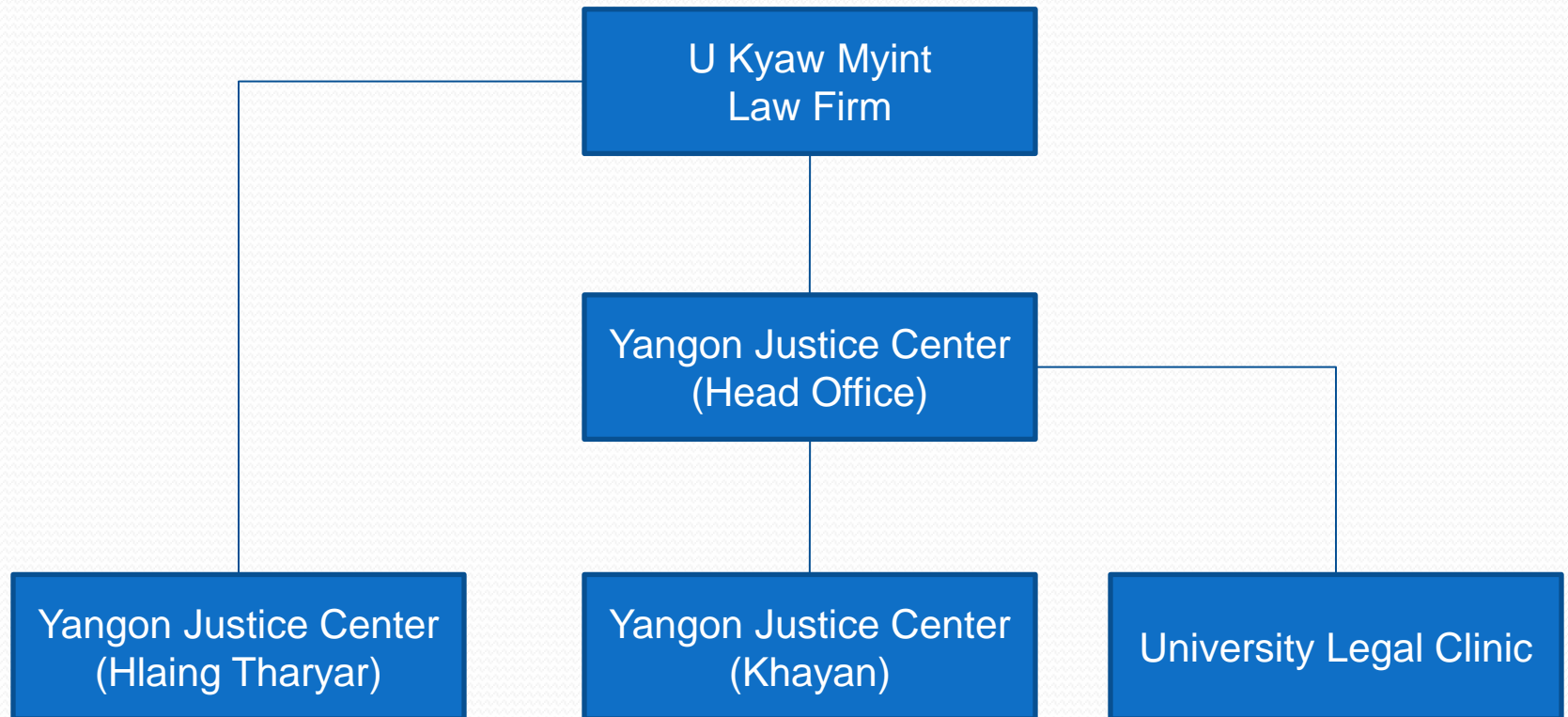
Objectives

- ❖ To have knowledge of the court's trial by visiting to the Court.
- ❖ To have knowledge of the legal experiences through Special Talks given by experienced lawyers.
- ❖ To have knowledge of the existing laws by discussing with the lawyers.
- ❖ To have legal practice by meeting with real clients at the ULC.
- ❖ To represent Civil cases at the Court

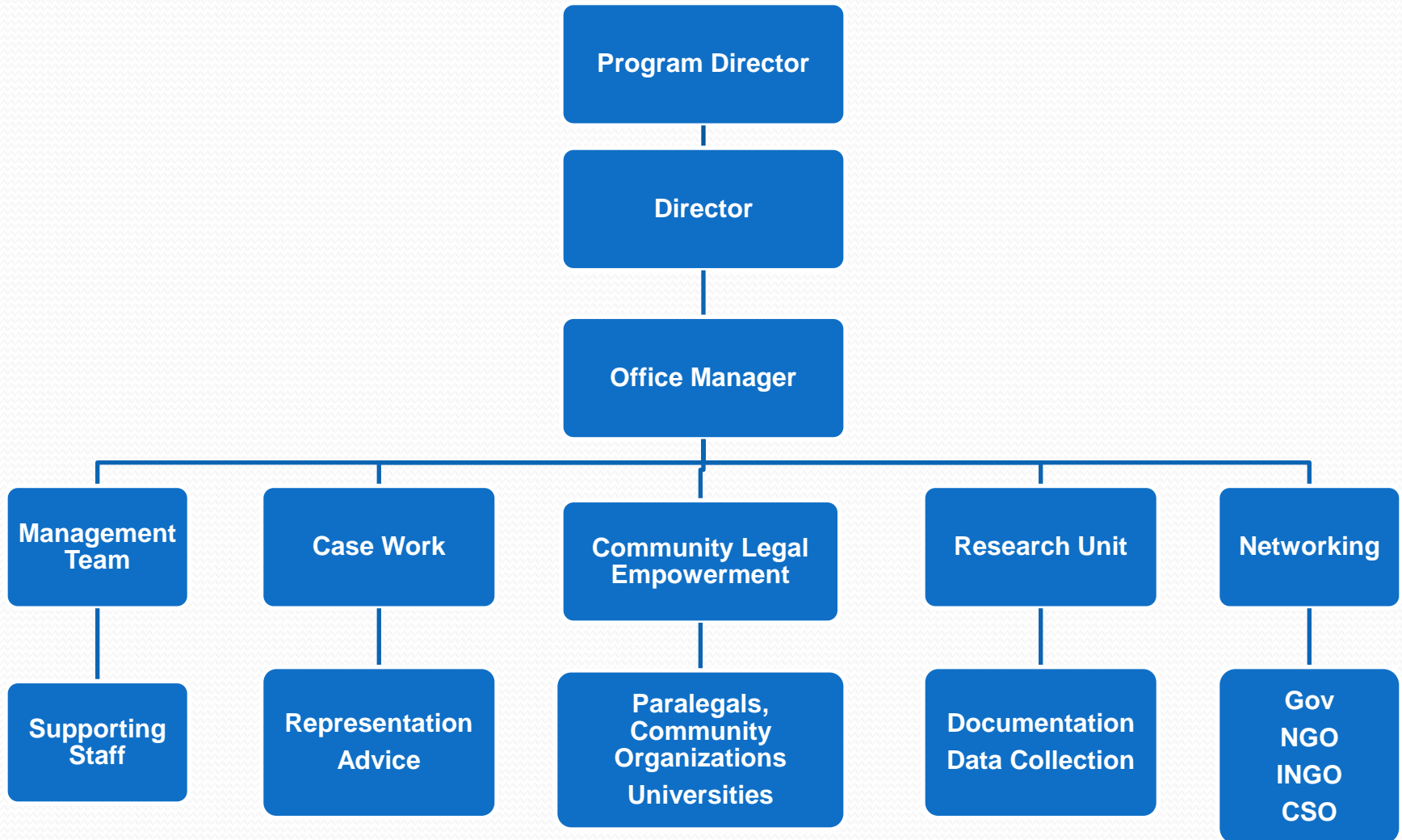
University Legal Clinic (ULC)

- ❖ Clinic Principal Advocate (1)
- ❖ Junior Lawyer (1)
- ❖ Office Manager (1)
- ❖ Admin & Finance Officer (1)

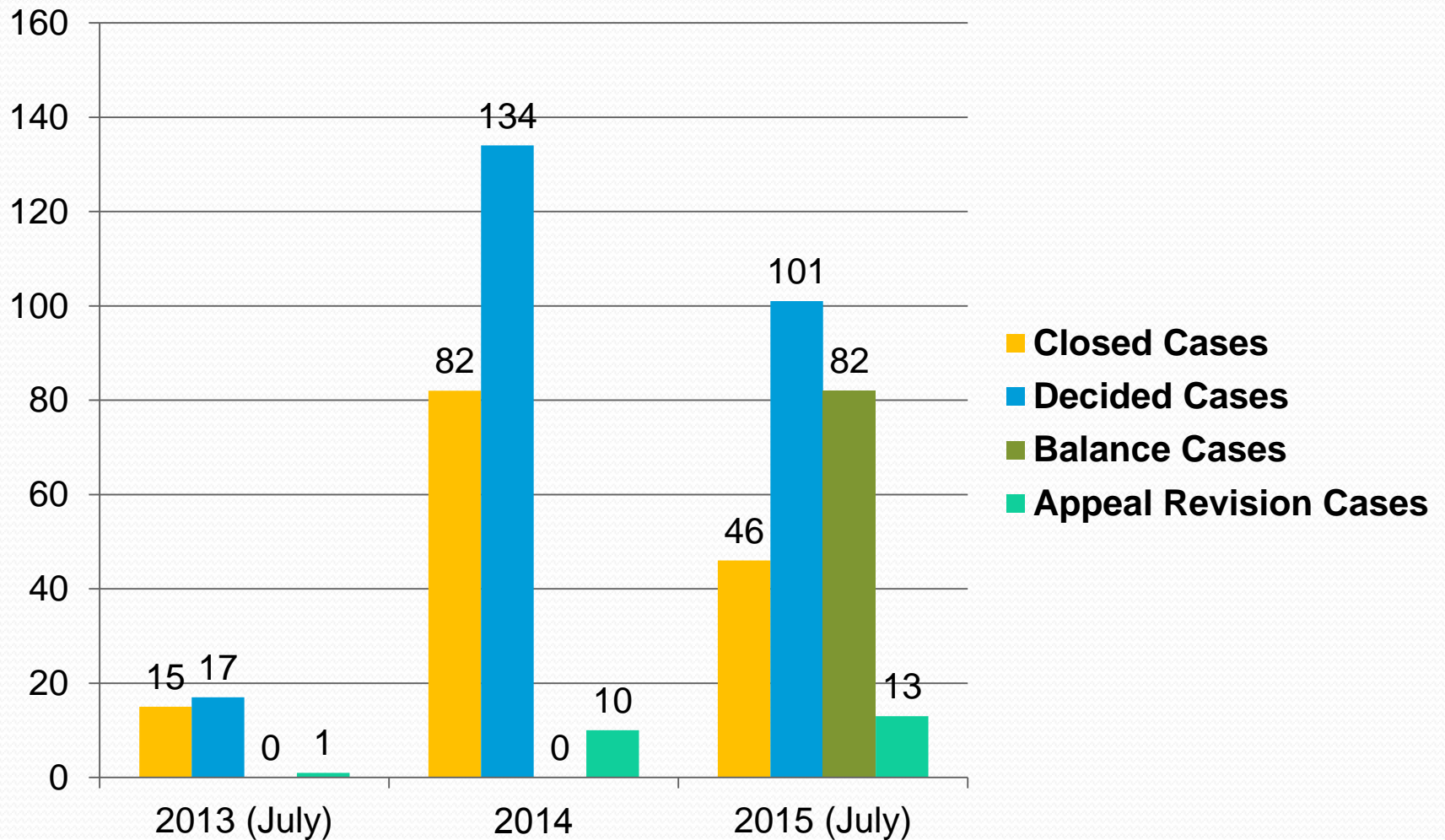
Organization Chart



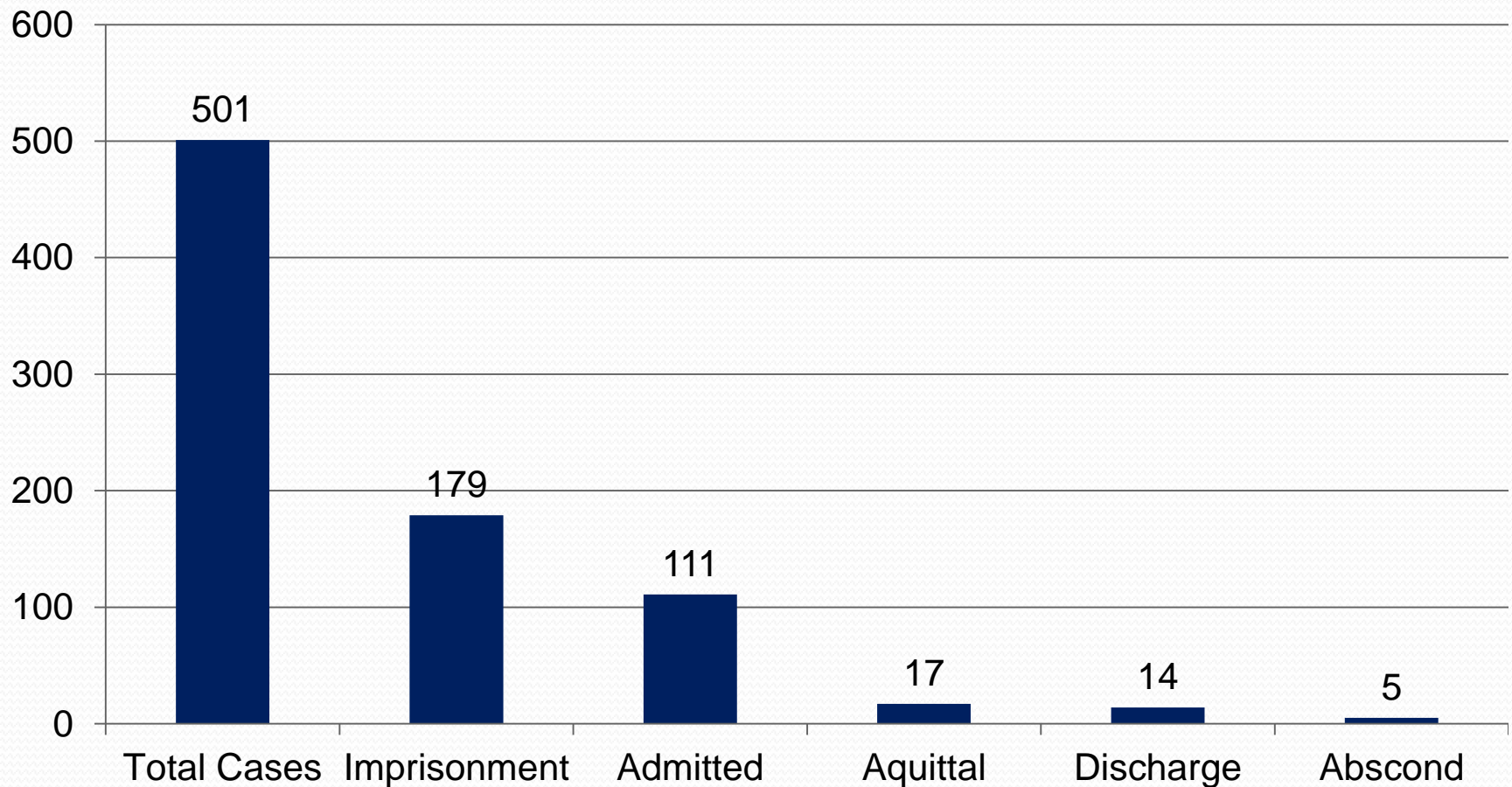
Organization Structure



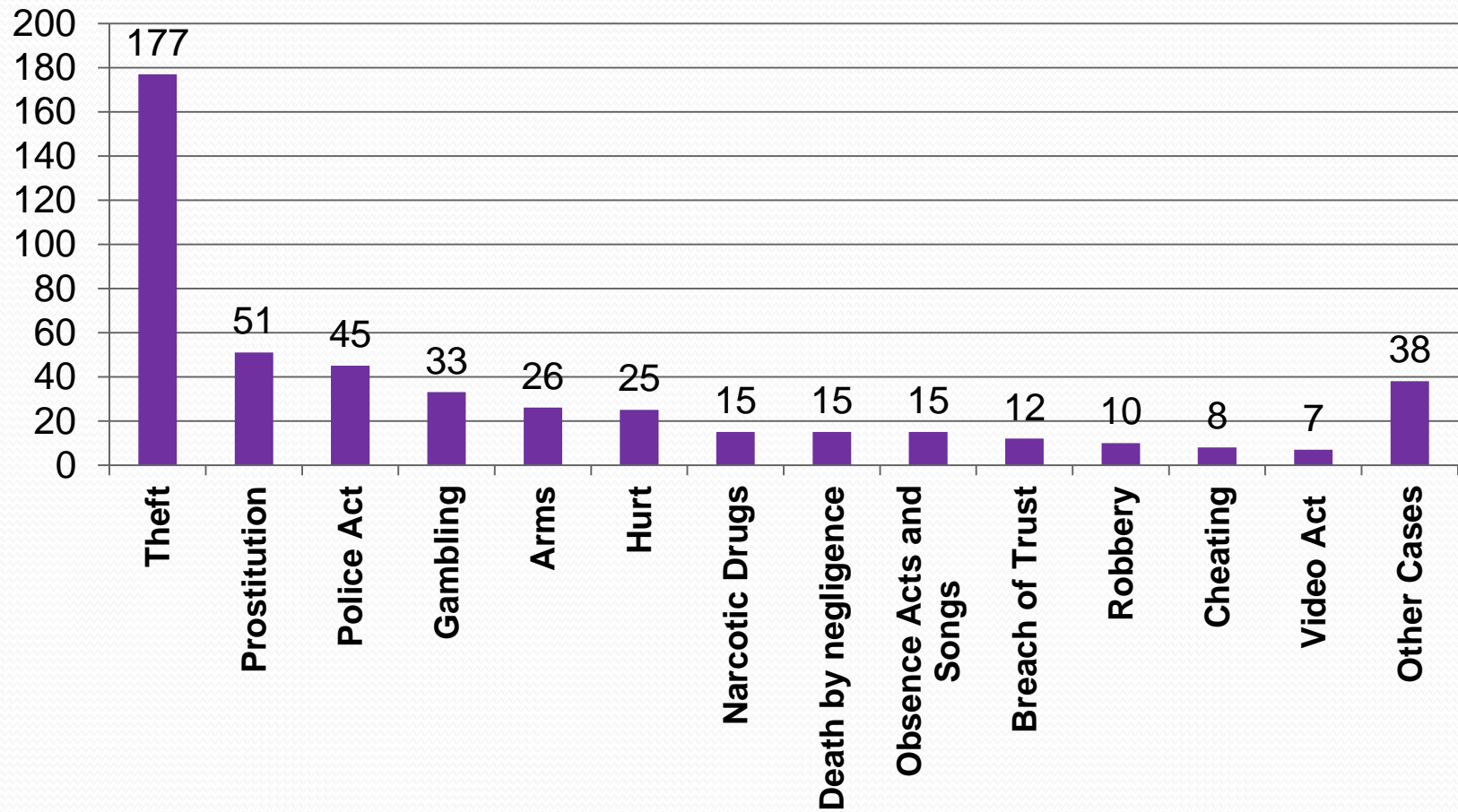
YJC (Head Office)



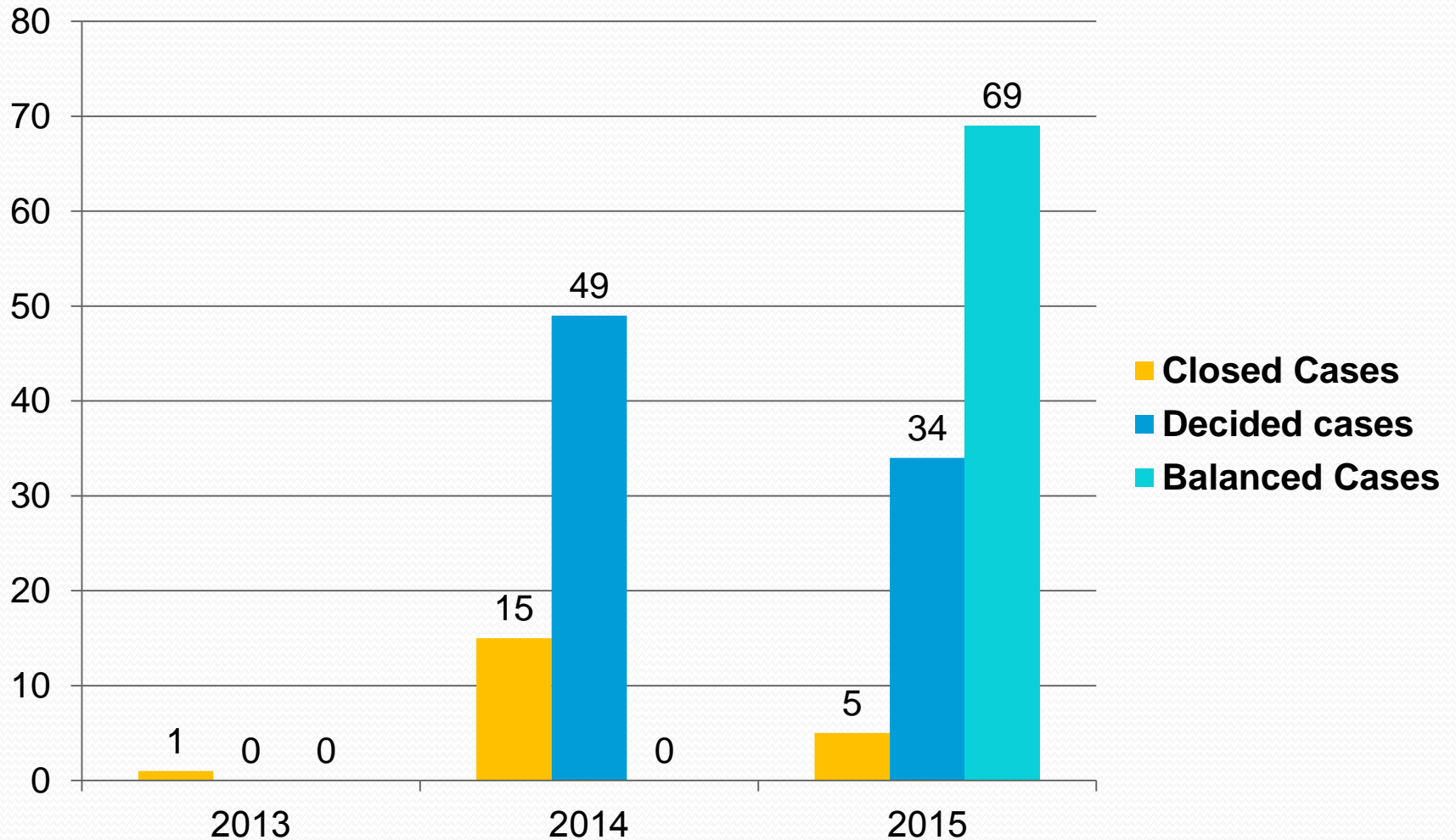
Result of the Cases



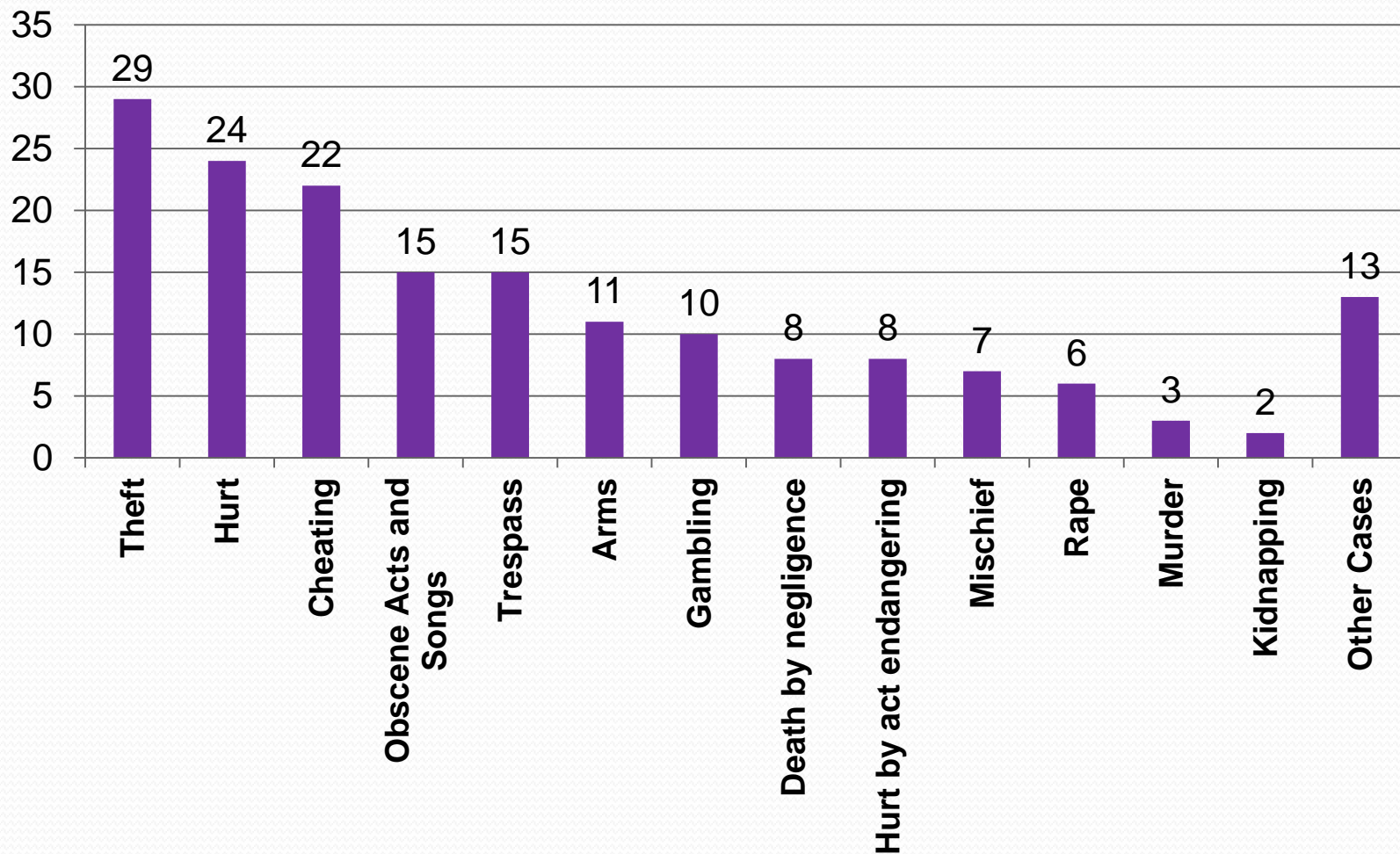
Type of Cases (Head Office)



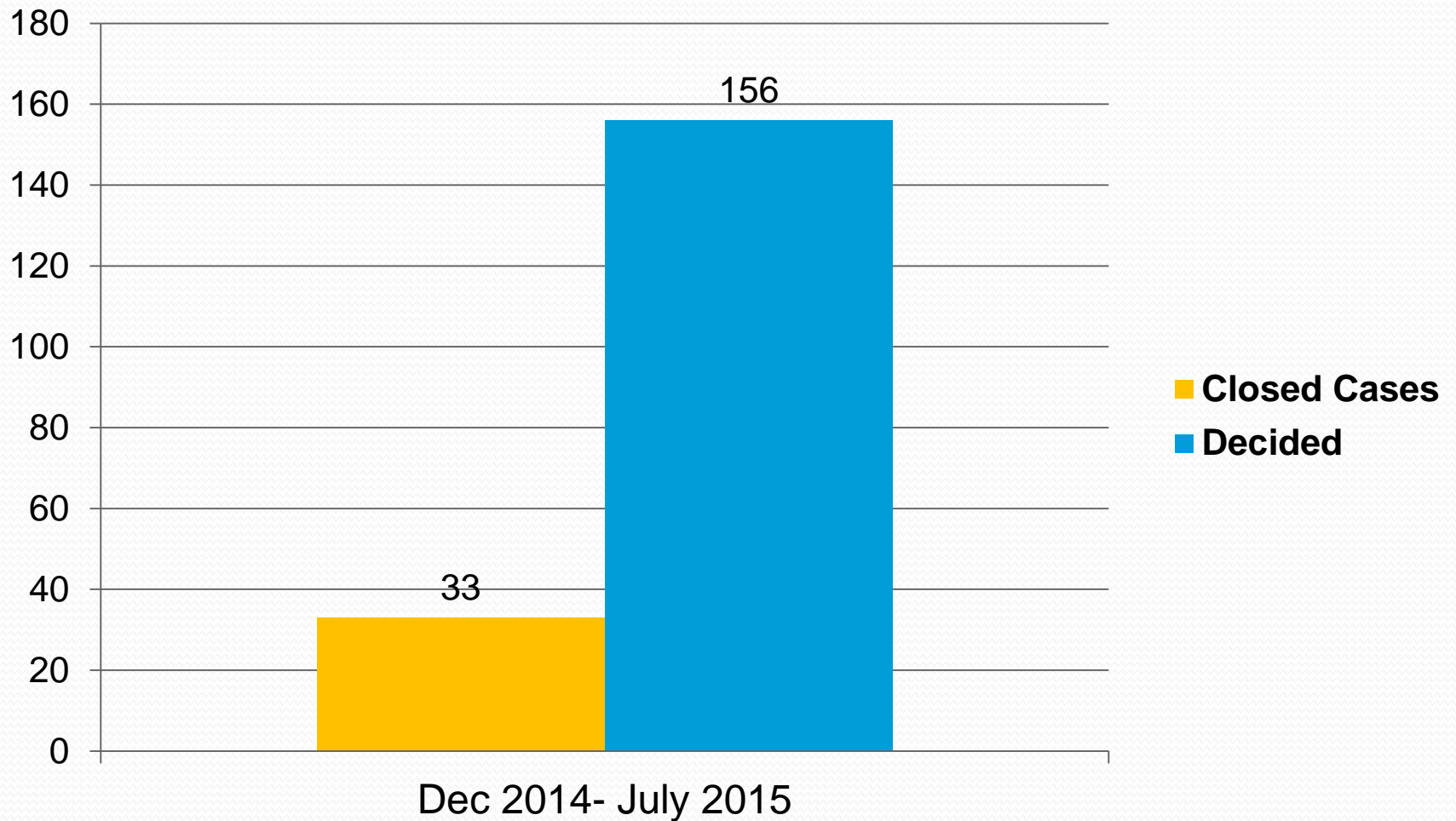
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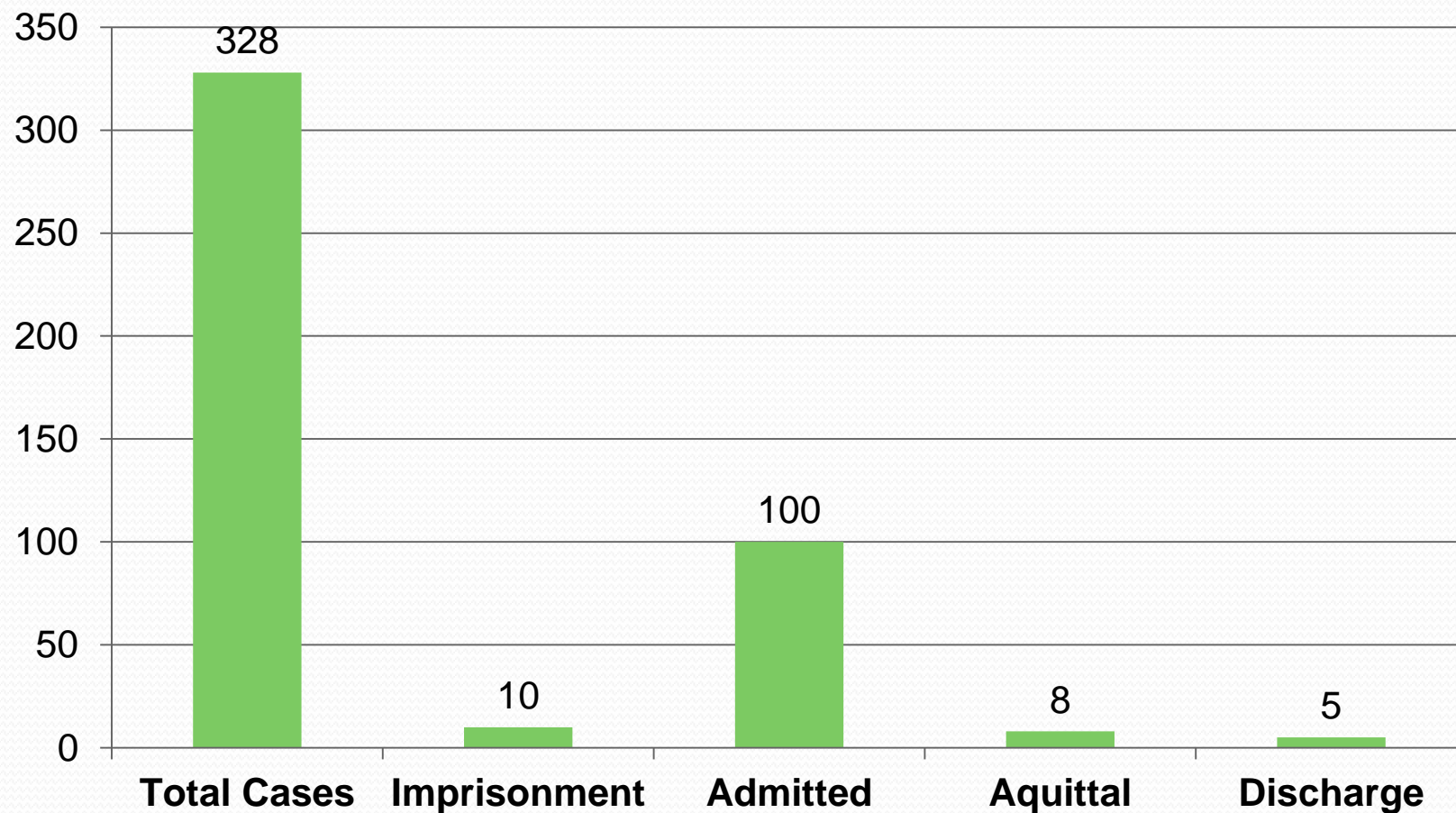
Type of Cases (Khayan)



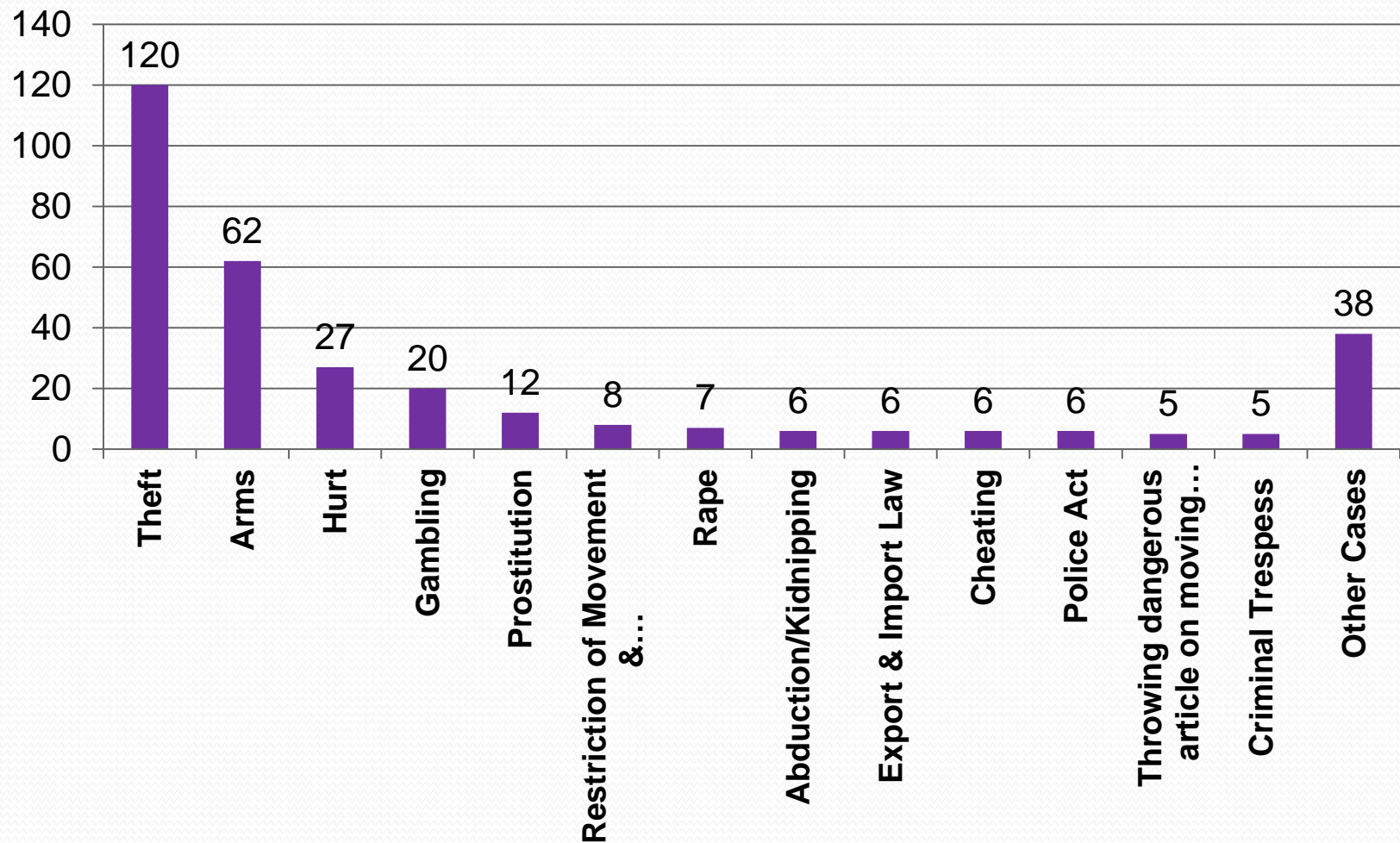
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Result of the Cases for HTY

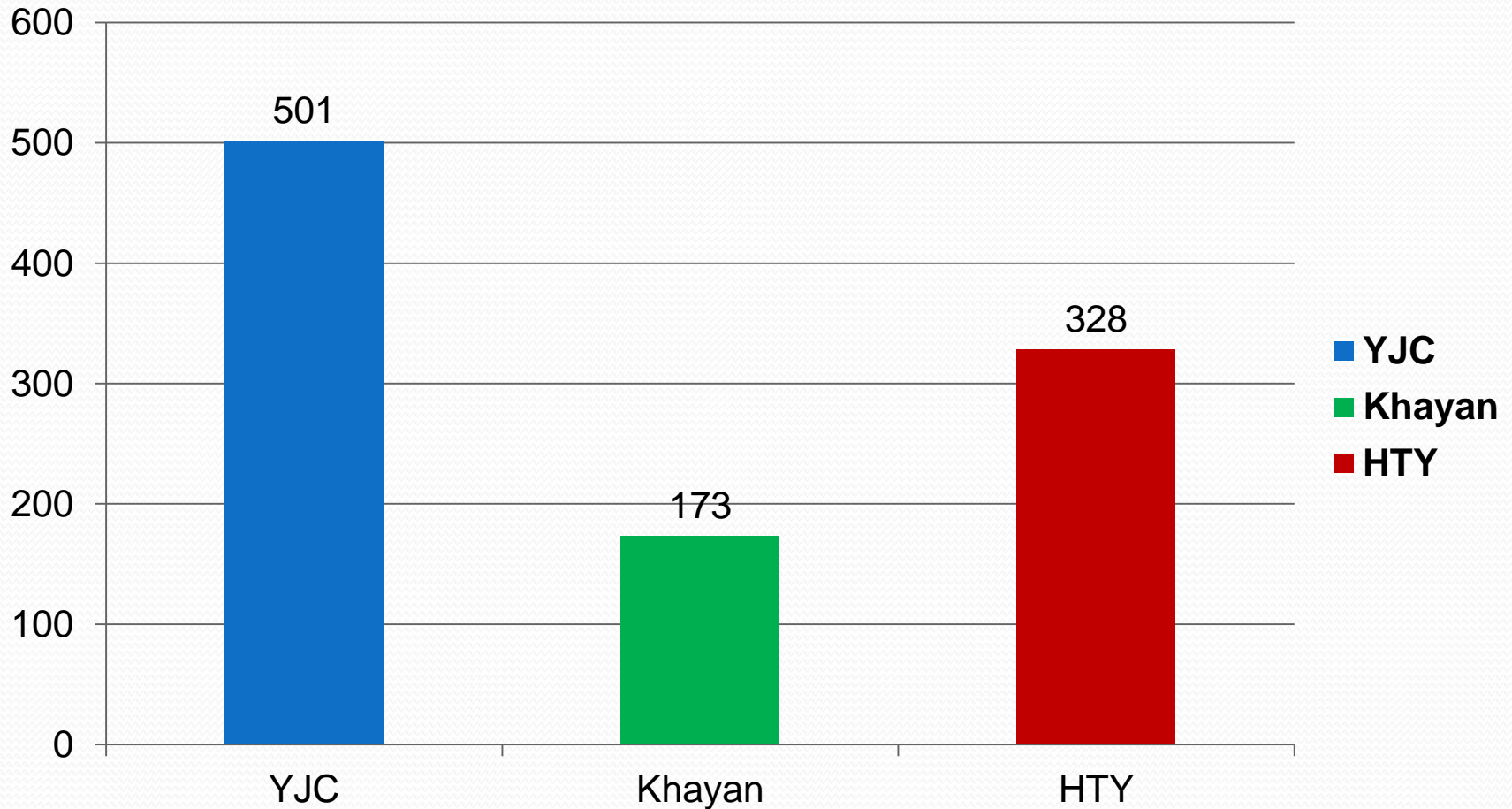


Type of Cases (HTY)



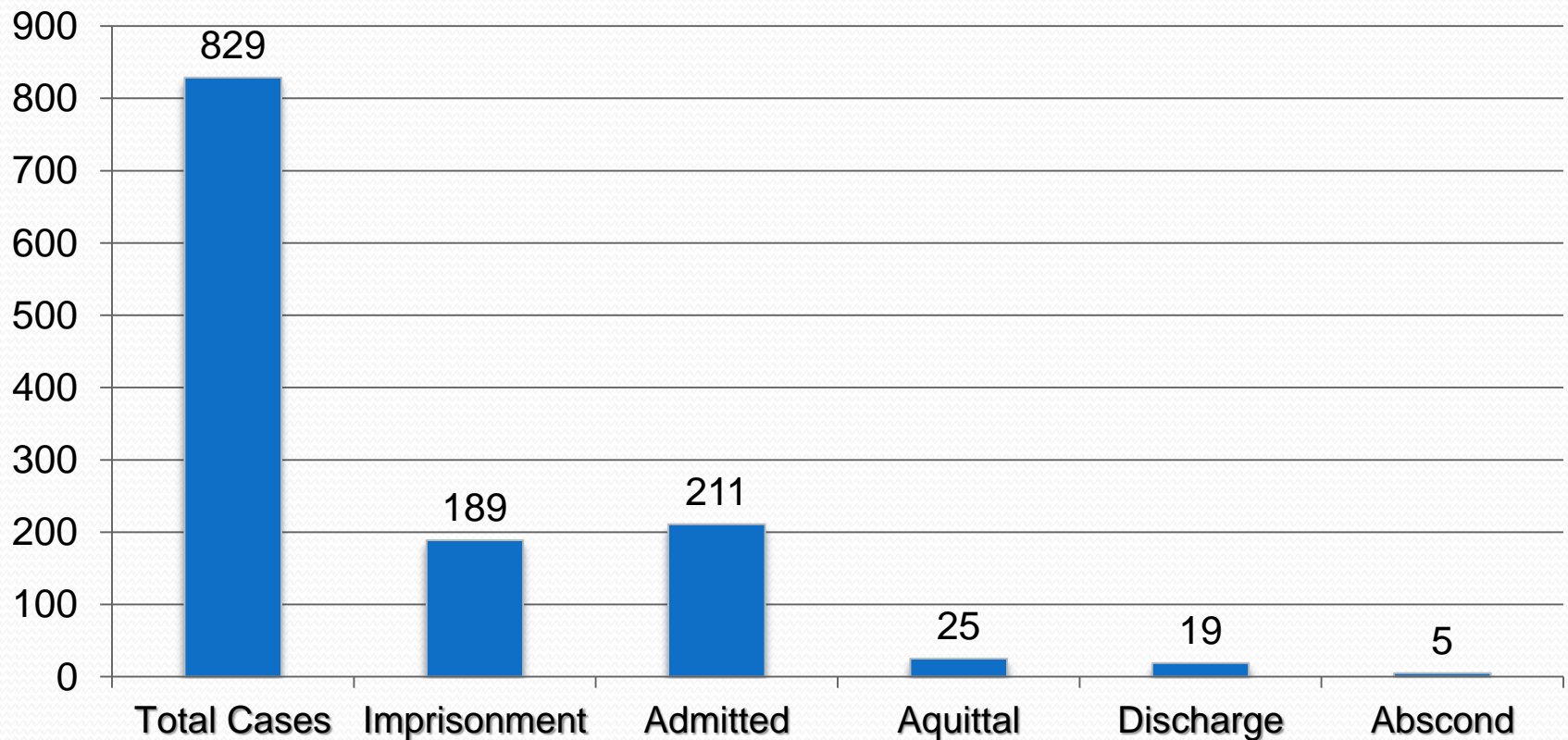
Total Cases

Total Cases - 1002 Cases



Total Result of the Cases

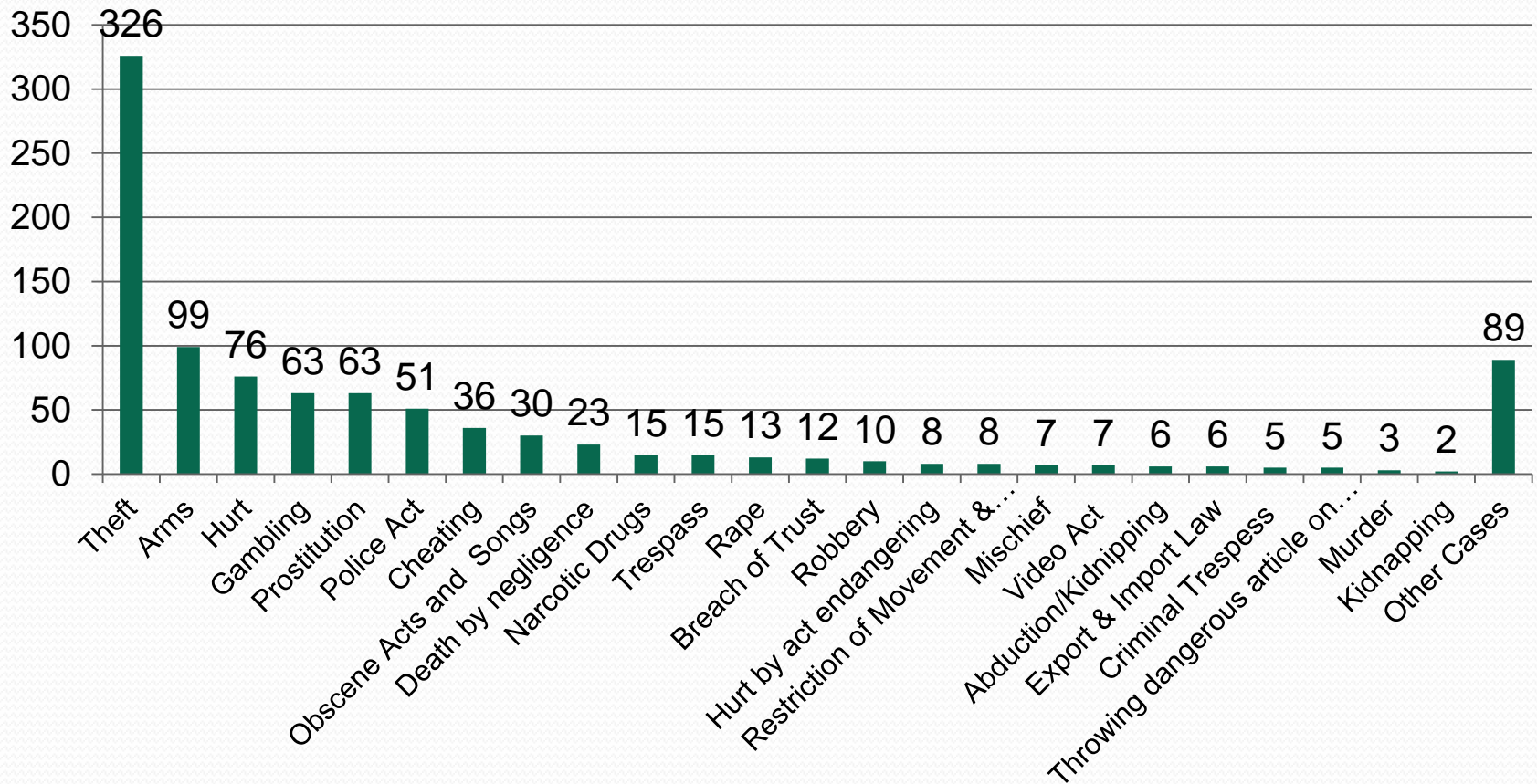
YJC + HTY



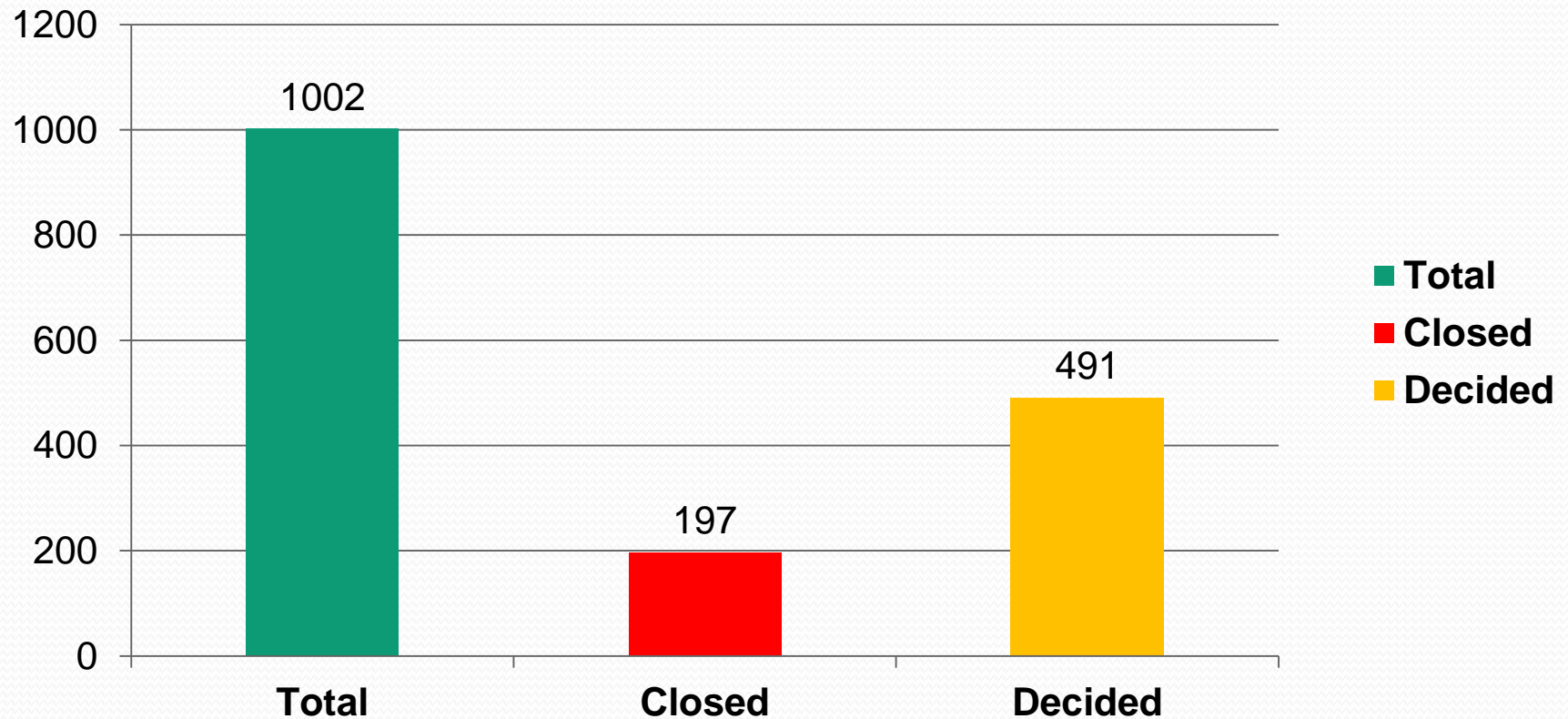
Total Type of Case

Total Type of case – 978 Cases

■ Case Qty



Total Closed and Decided Cases





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