

# Canadian Incidence Study of Reported Child Abuse & Neglect - 2008:

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## Major Findings: Outline

- Background
- Methods
- Investigations over time (98, 03, 08)
- Characteristics of substantiated maltreatment

# Objectives

- Core objectives:
  - Determine rates of investigated and substantiated maltreatment
  - Document forms and severity of maltreatment
  - Examine selected health determinants
  - Monitor short-term investigation outcomes
  - Compare rates and characteristics across cycles (98, 03, 08)
- Specific to CIS-08
  - Support oversampling comparisons (BC, AB, SK, ON, QC)
  - Pilot First Nations (FN) CIS
  - Distinguish maltreatment incident investigations and risk assessments

# CIS 2003 Methods

- Used a modified version of the CIS-2003 instrument to document nature of maltreatment, key child and family characteristics and post-investigation services.
- Data collected directly from investigating social workers in most jurisdictions with completion of 3-page Maltreatment Assessment Form
- In Quebec a similar data collection form was incorporated on the information systems used in all provincial settings
- 3 hour training for all workers involved in completing form with follow-up by Study research team

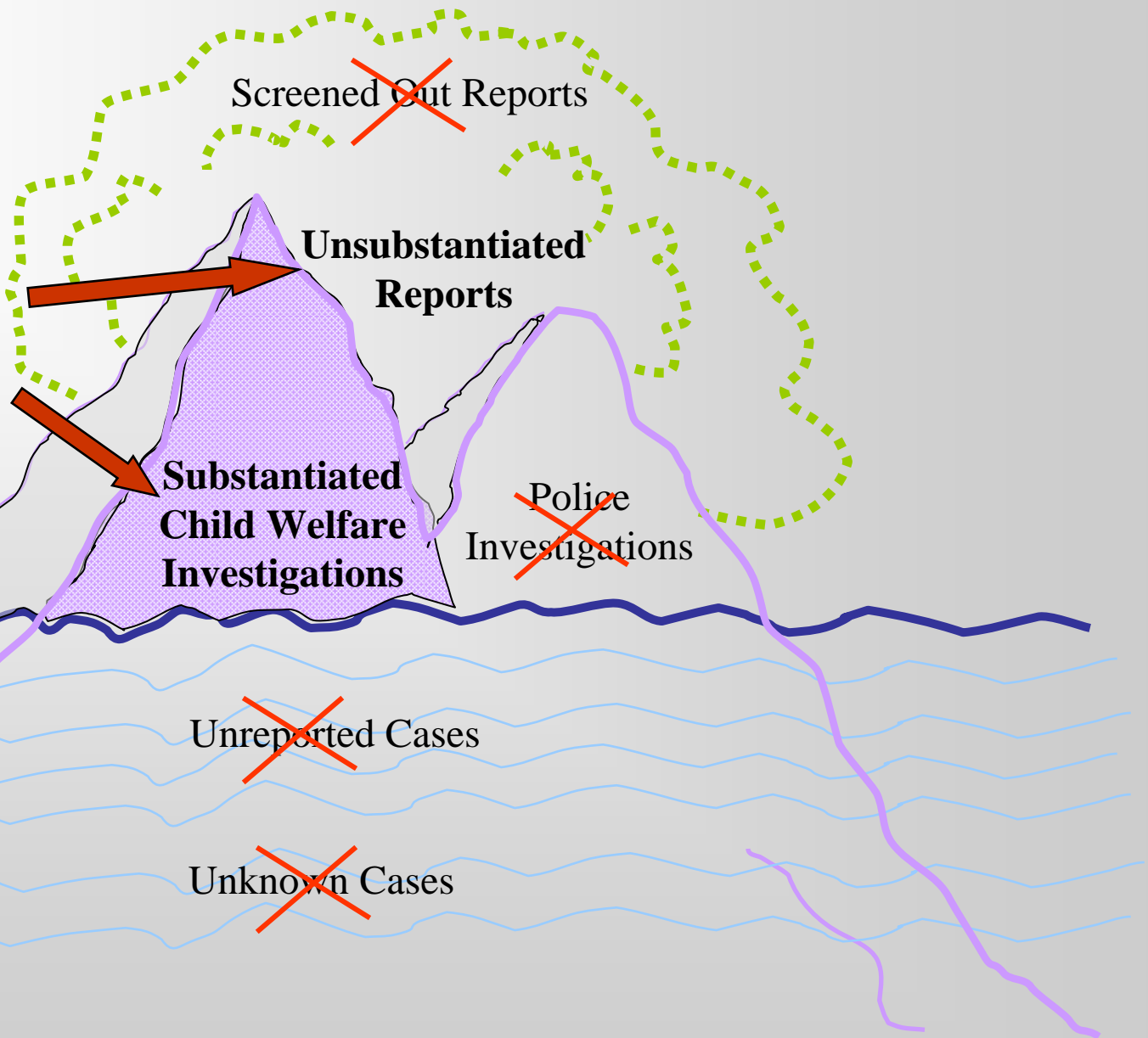


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# Scope of CIS-2008

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Cases



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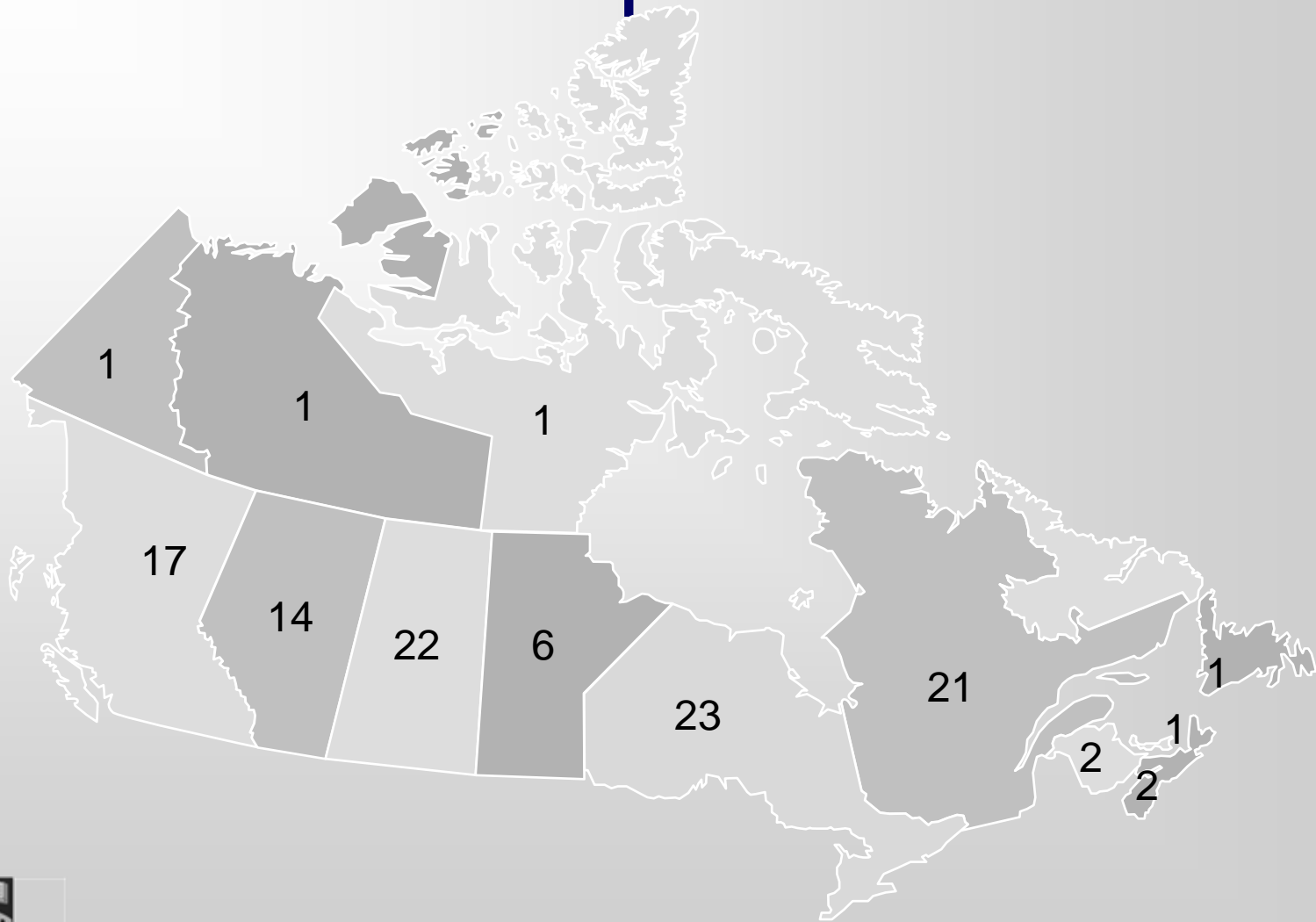
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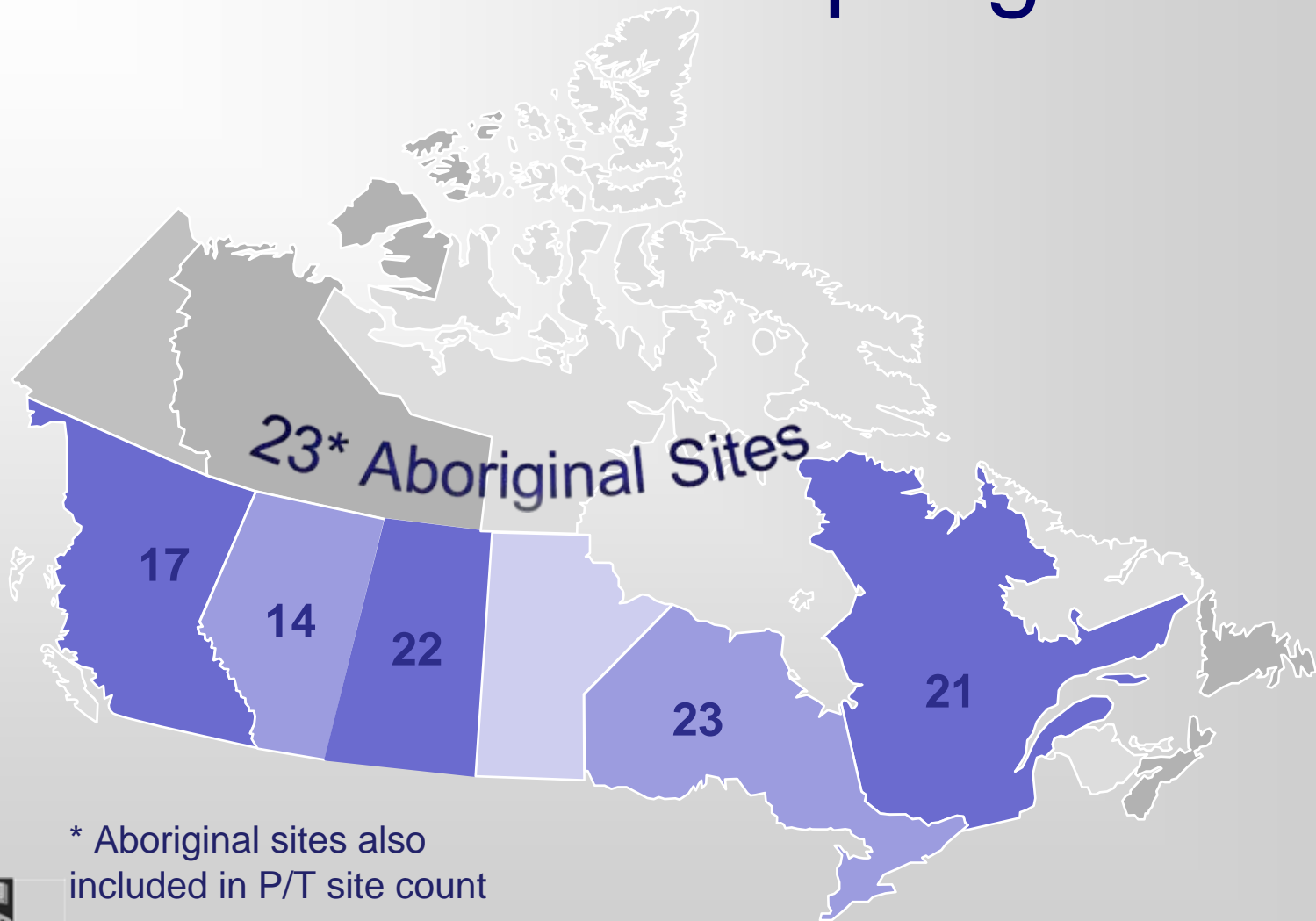
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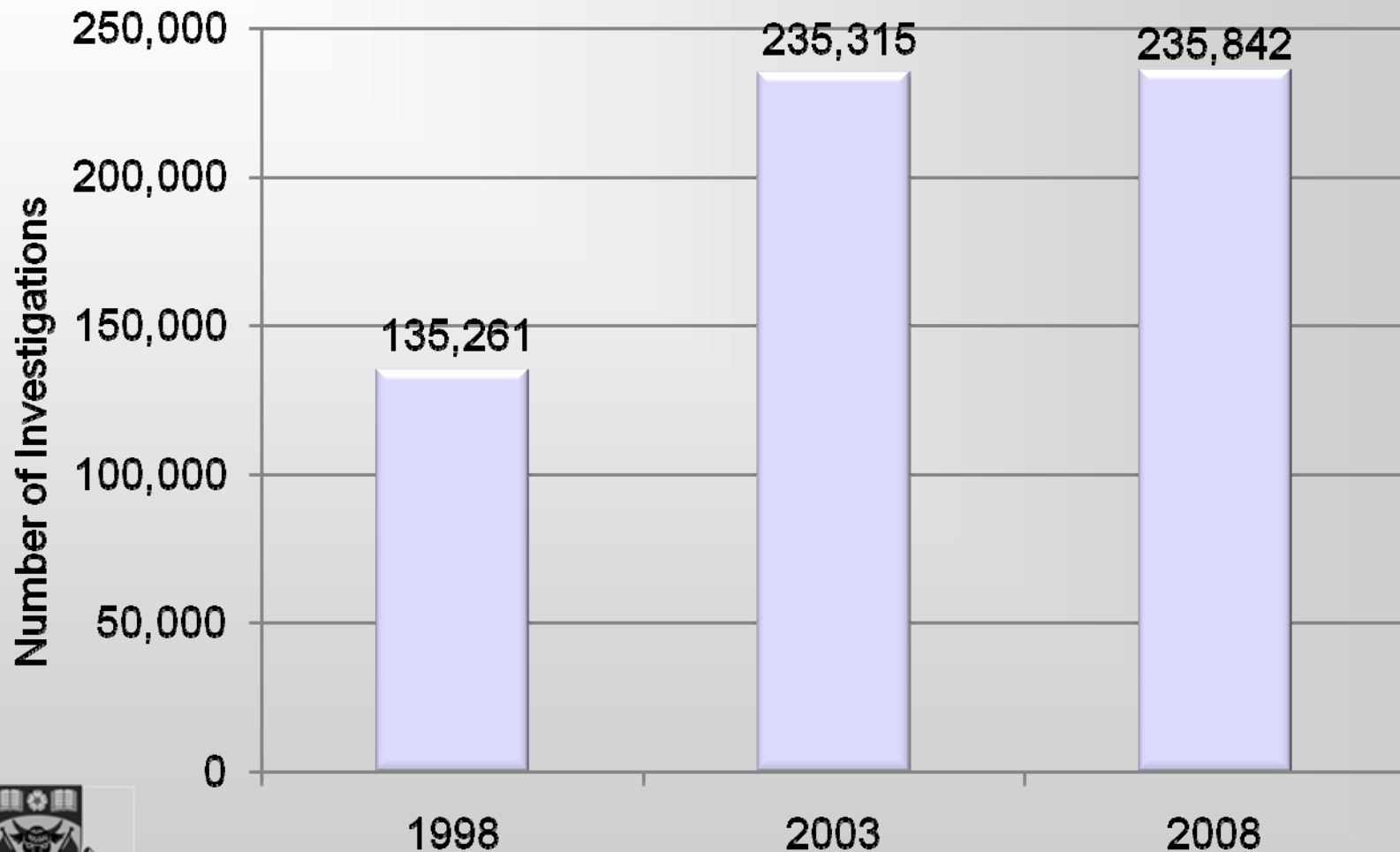


\* Aboriginal sites also  
included in P/T site count

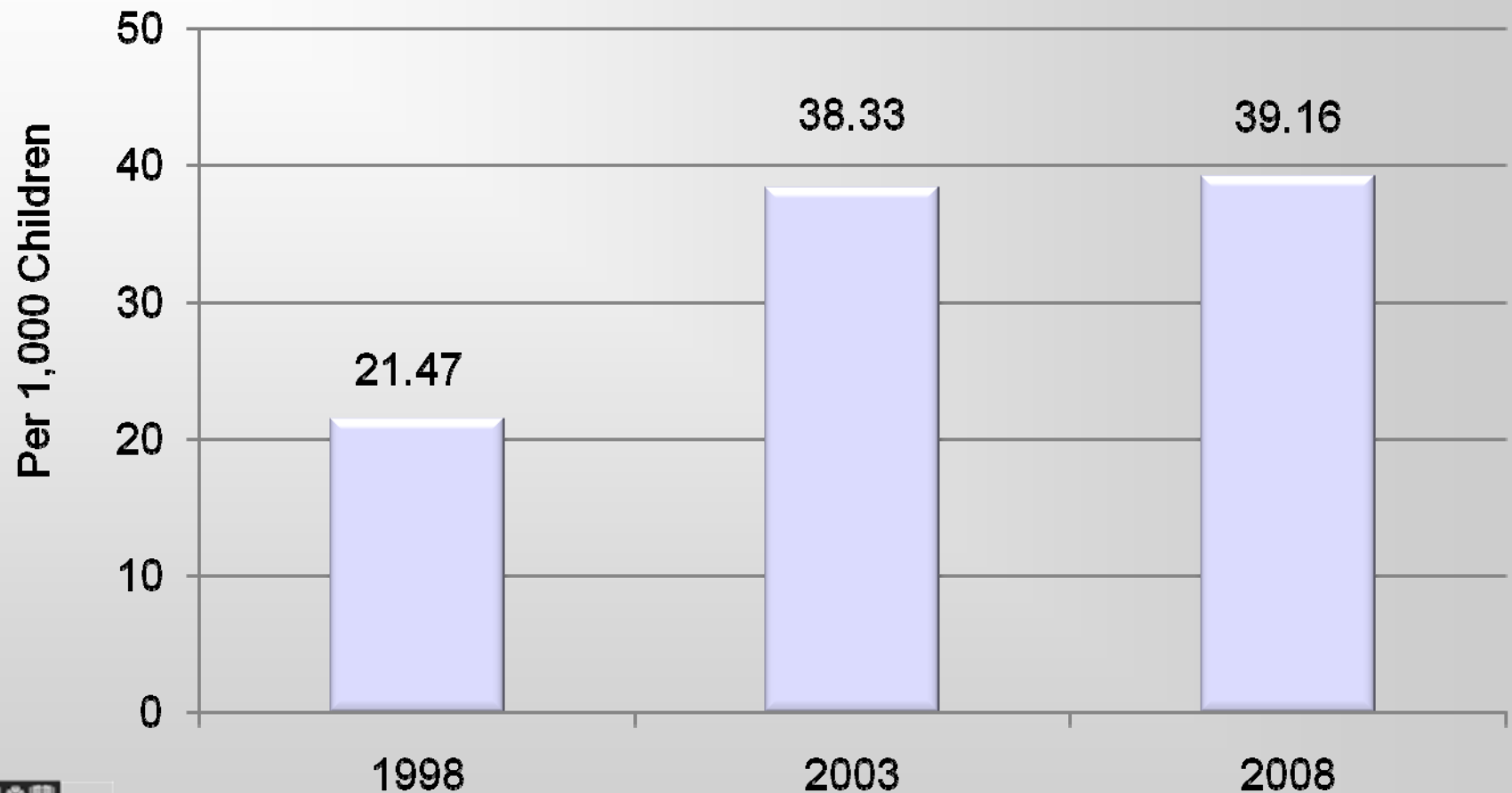
# Methodological Considerations

- Limited to reports investigated by child welfare
- Information collected directly from investigating child welfare workers
- No post-investigation follow-up
- Not designed to evaluate services
- Methodological changes across cycles
- Weighted national annual estimates

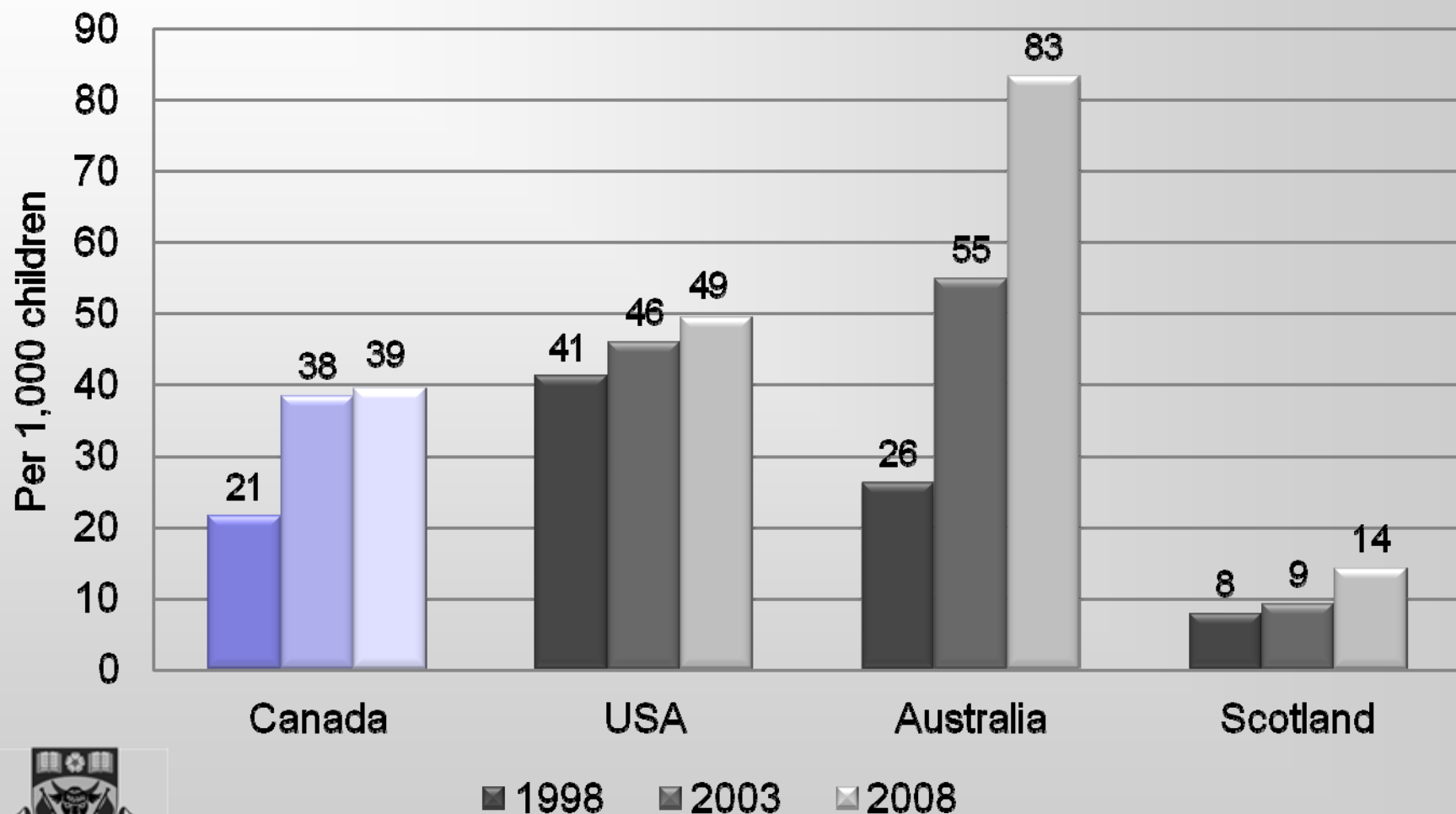
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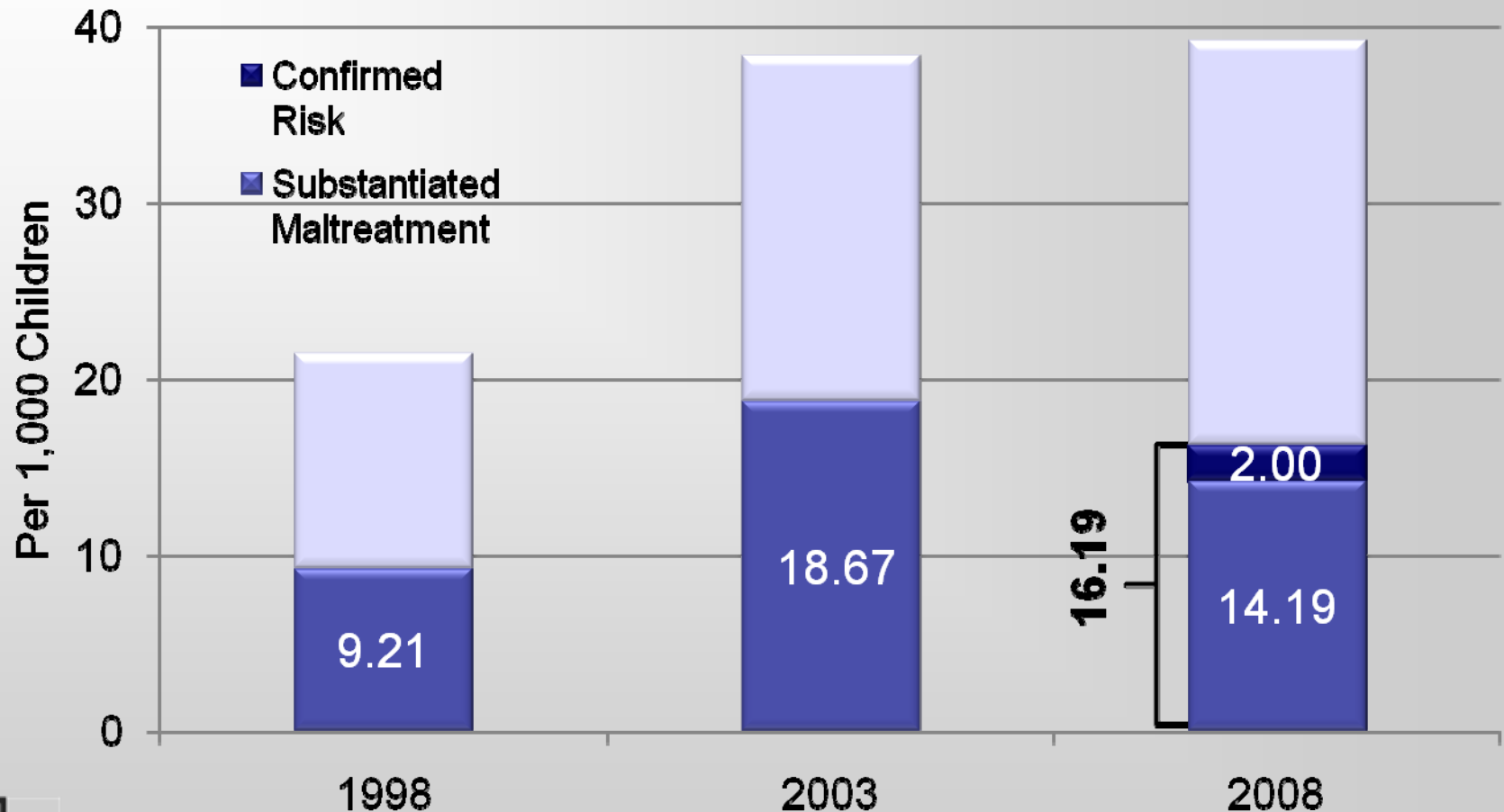


# Changes in rates of investigations in Canada, USA, Australia & Scotland: 98, 03 & 08



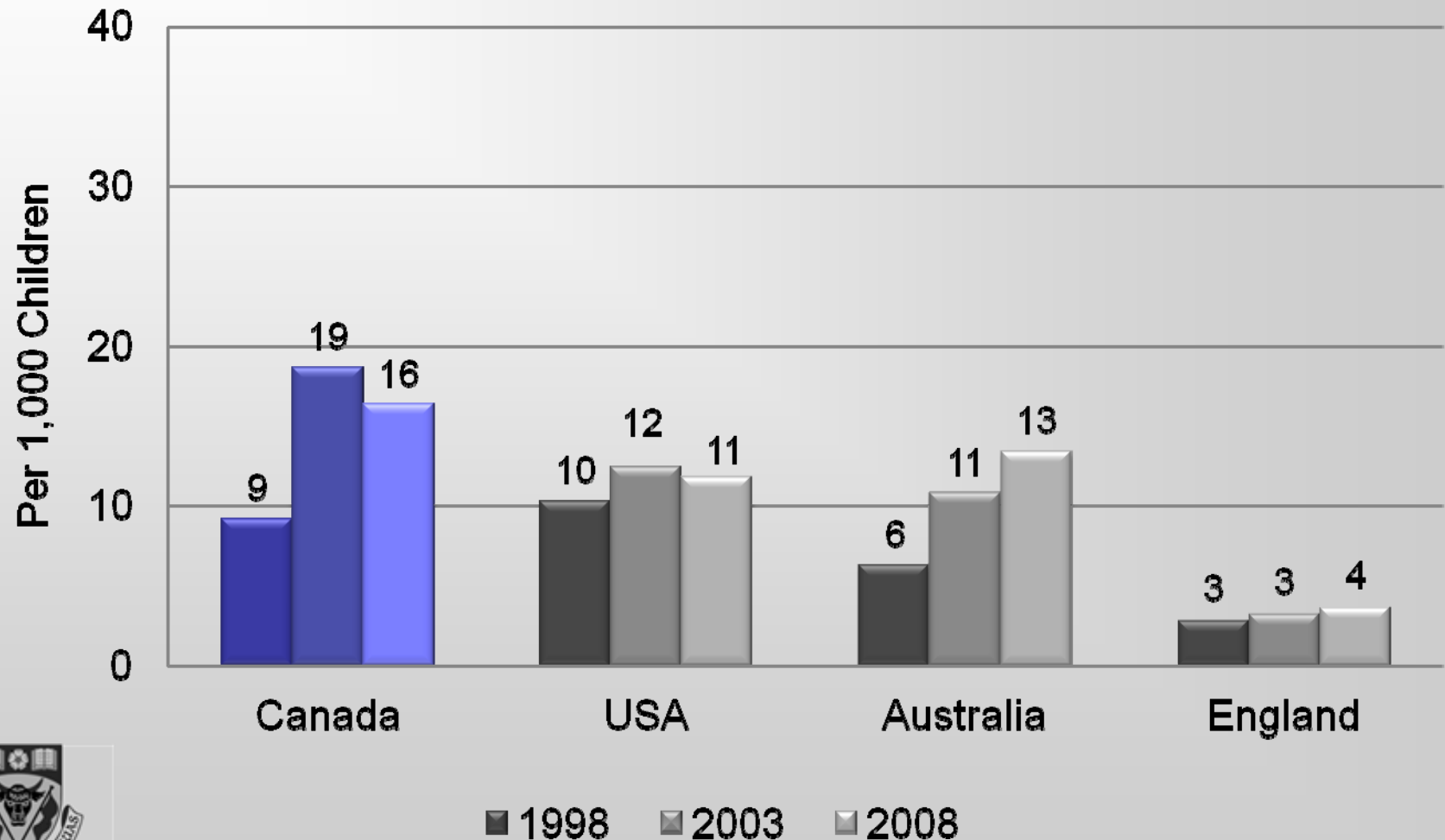


# Incidence of Substantiated Maltreatment and Confirmed Risk: CIS-98, 03 & 08

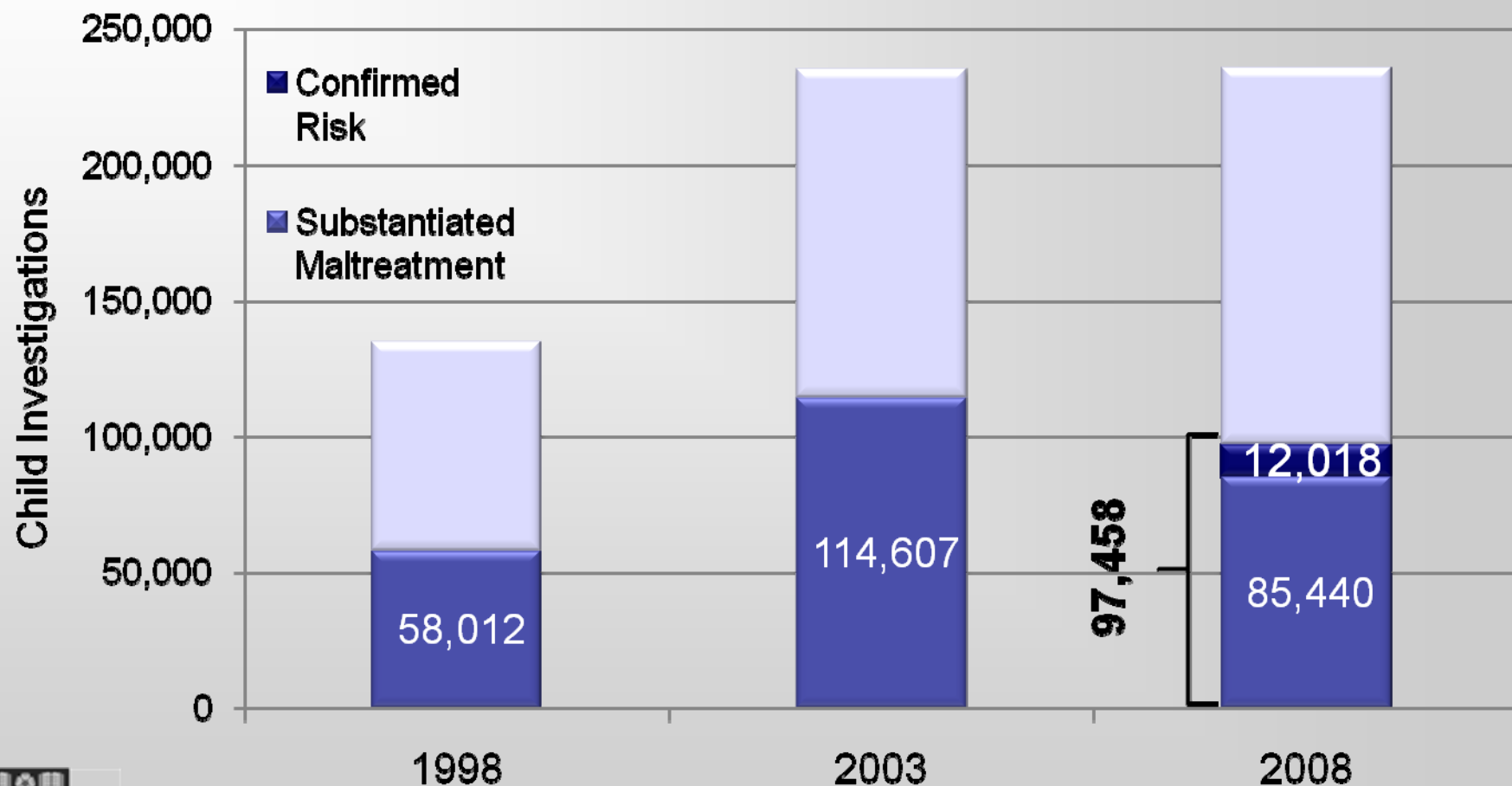


# Rates of Substantiated Maltreatment\* in Canada, USA, Australia & England: 98, 03 & 08

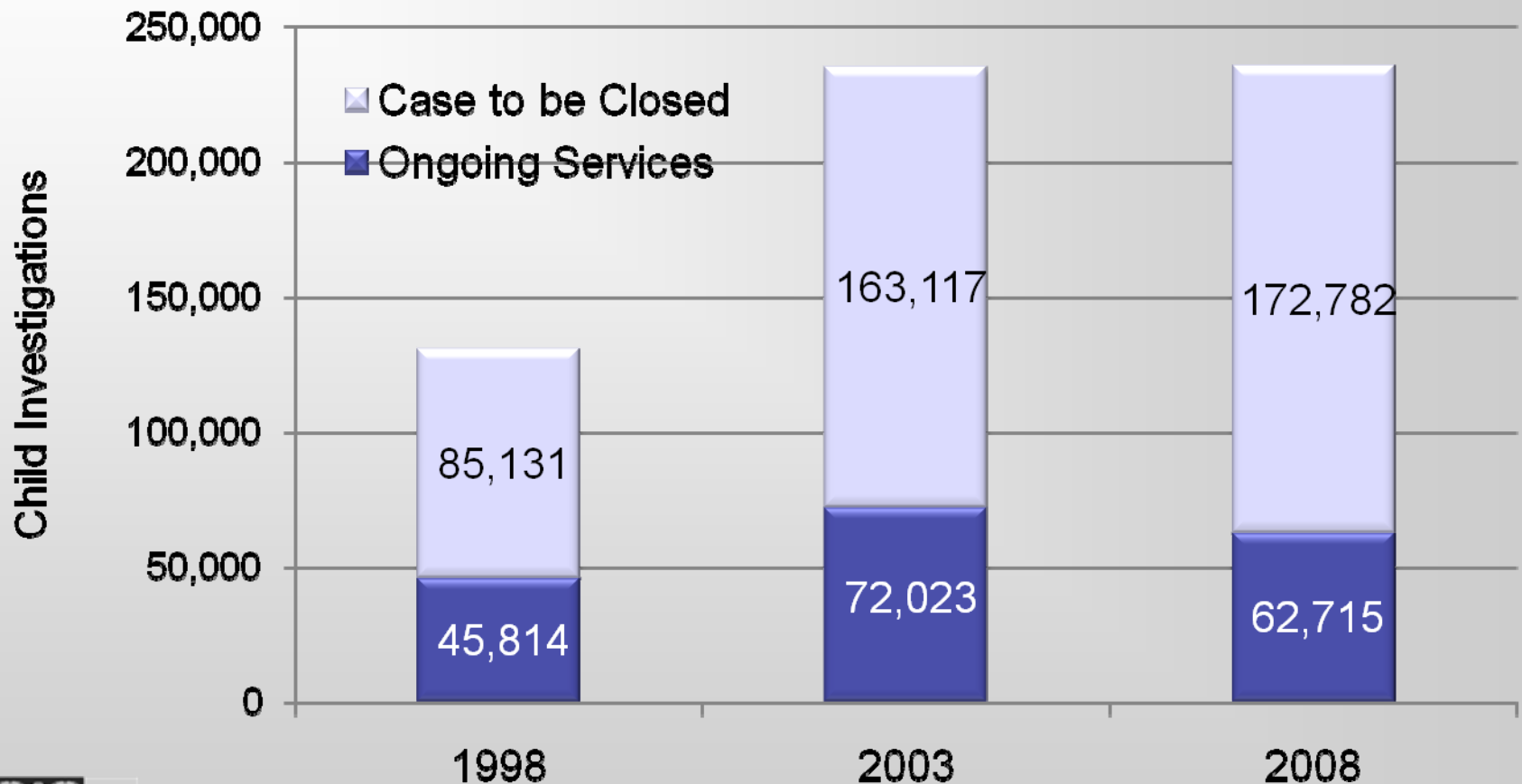
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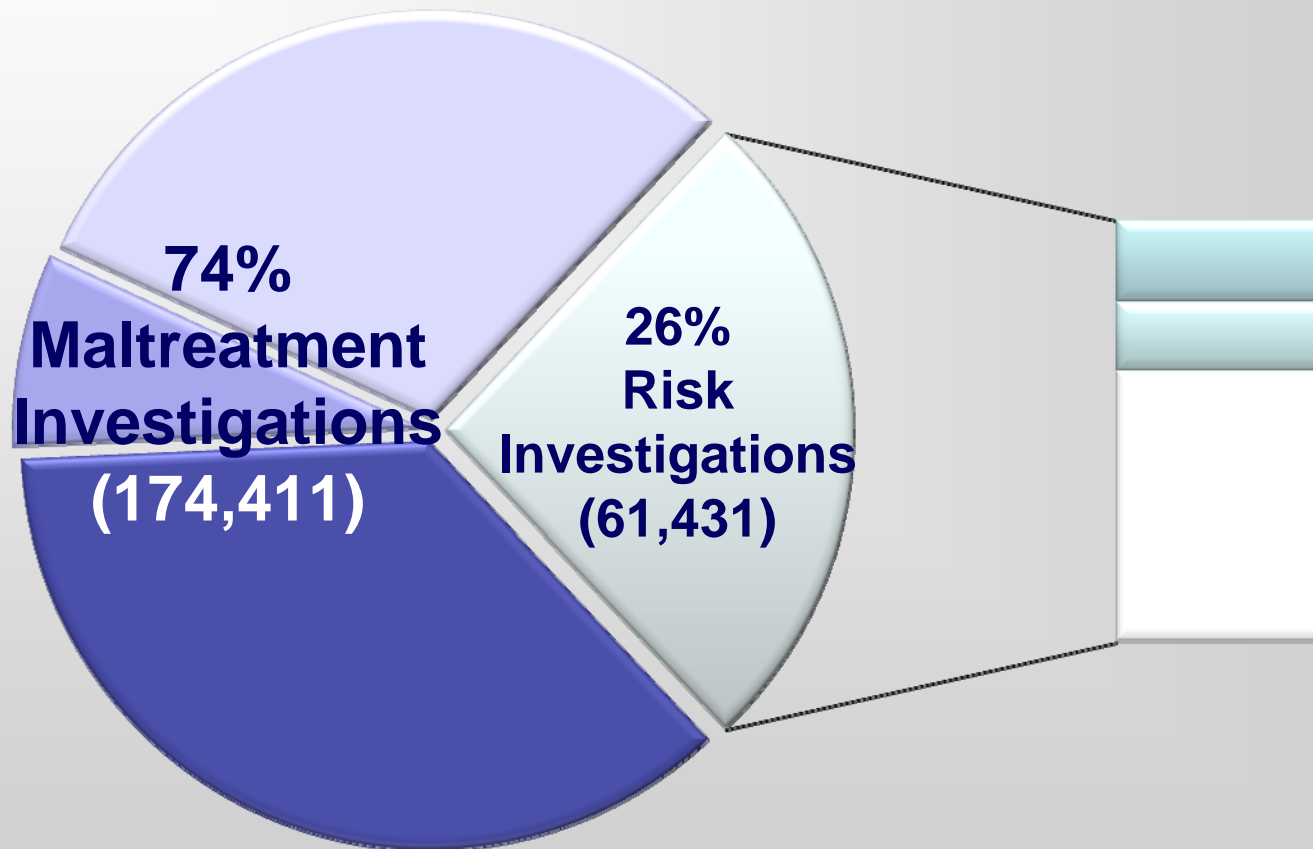
# Substantiated Maltreatment/Confirmed Risk Investigations: CIS-98, 03 & 08



# Ongoing Services Following an Investigation: CIS-98, 03 & 08



# Type of Investigation and Level of Substantiation: CIS-08



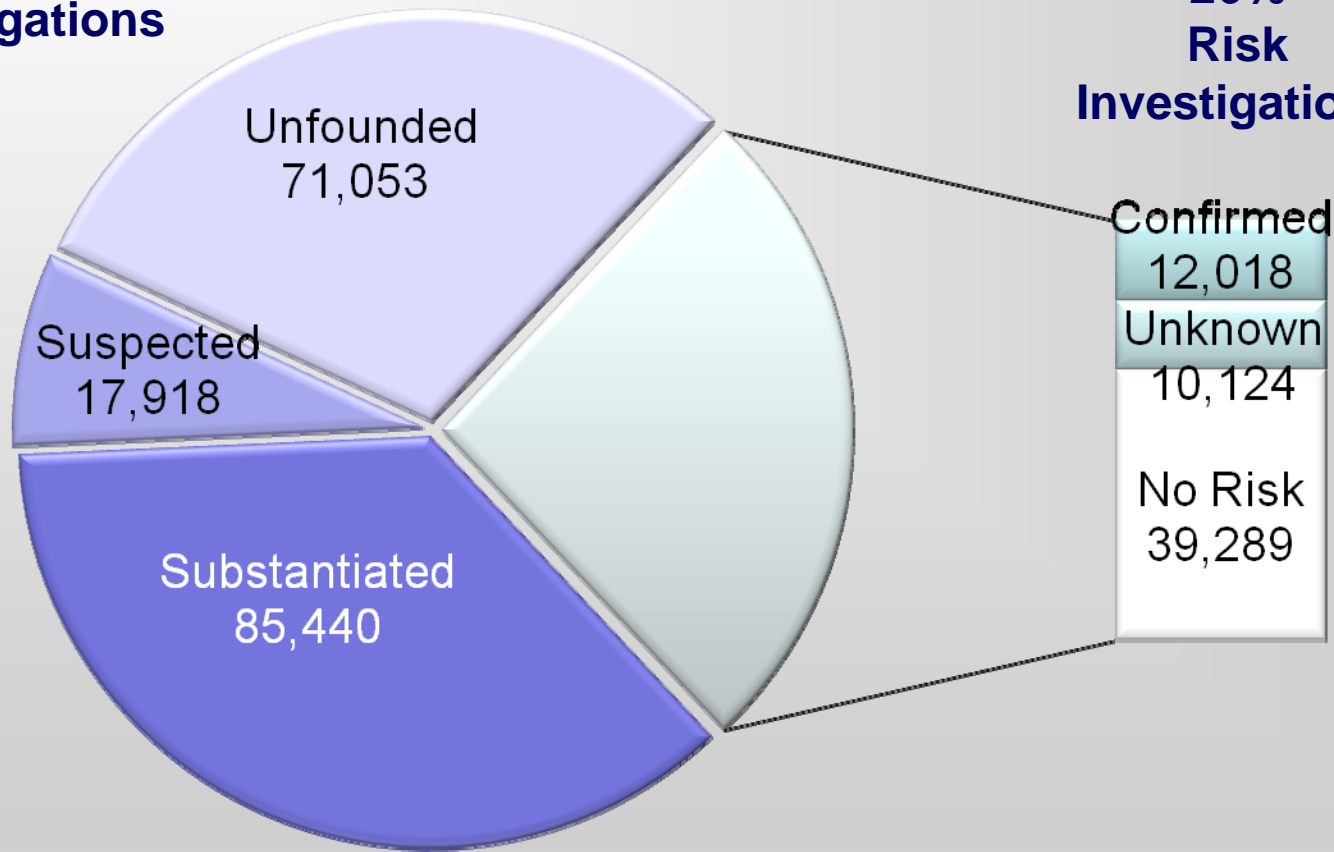
# Disentangling Maltreatment Investigations from Risk Assessments

- Maltreatment investigations seek to determine if an incident of abuse or neglect has already occurred.
  - Note: includes incidents where child has not been harmed but could have been harmed
- CIS-08 separately tracks “risk only” investigations: no specific concern about past incidents, concern is likelihood of future maltreatment
  - Note: most maltreatment investigations also include assessment of future risk

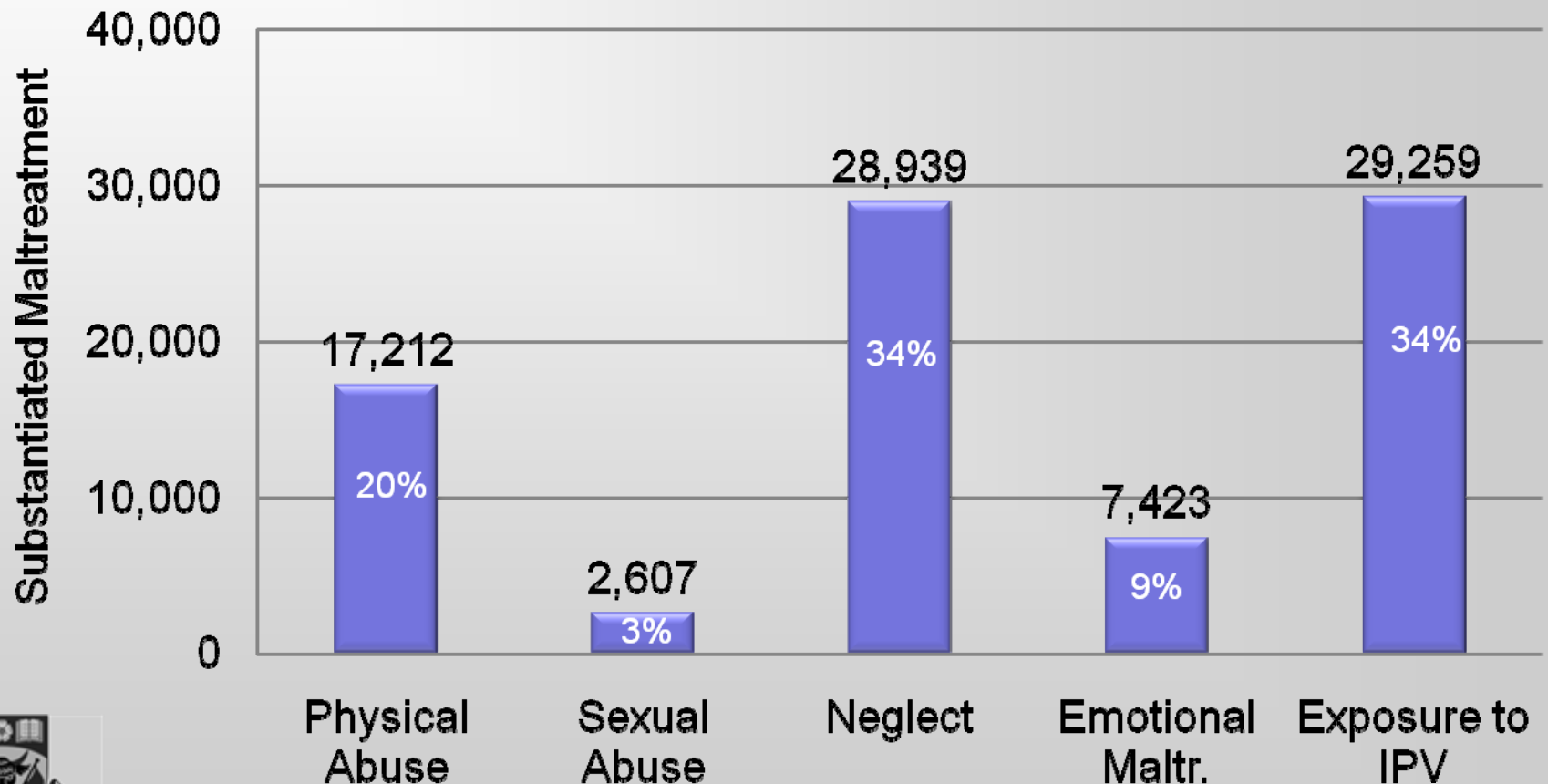
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**74%**  
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Investigations**

**26%**  
**Risk  
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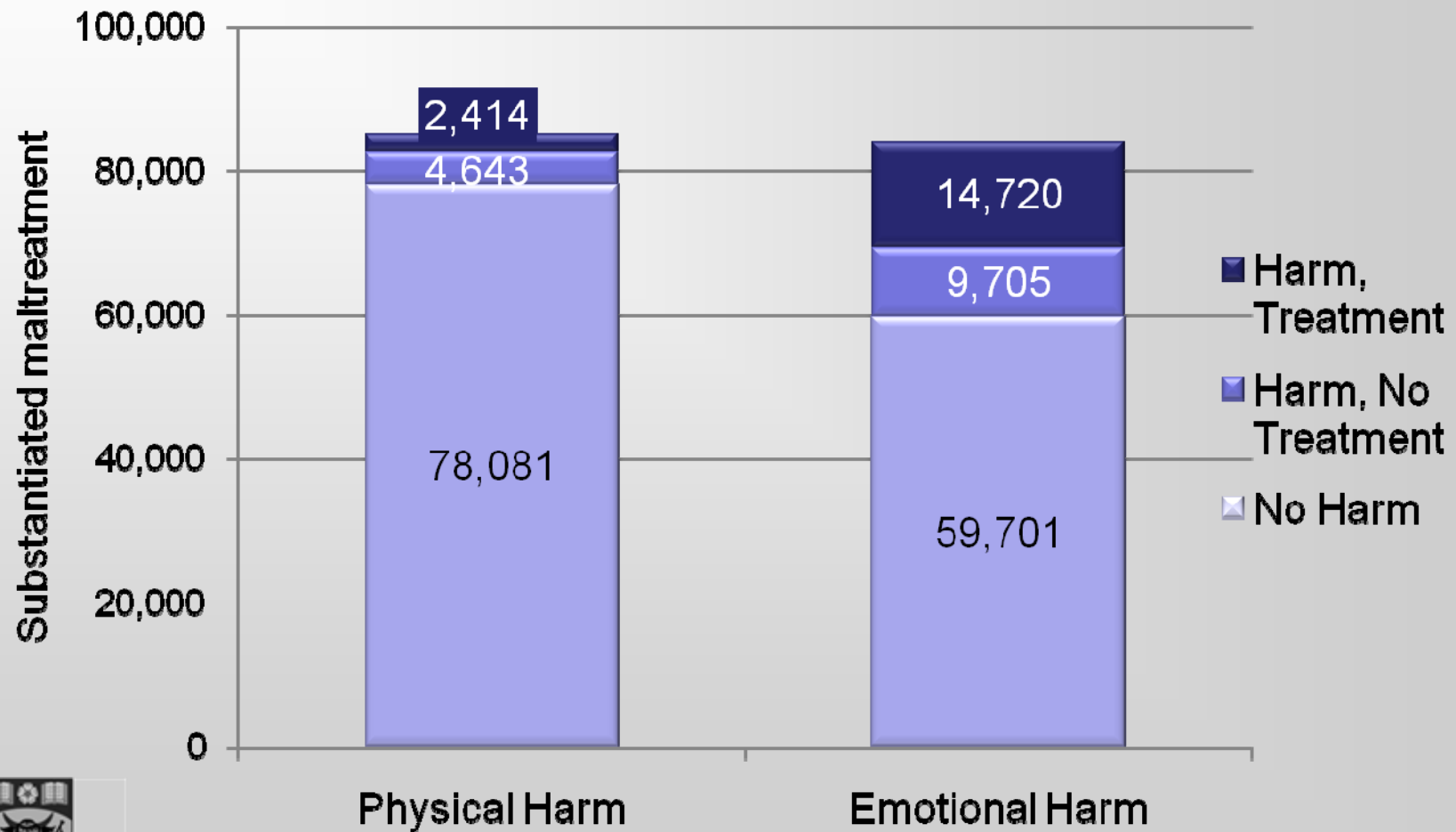


# Primary Category of Substantiated Maltreatment: CIS-08

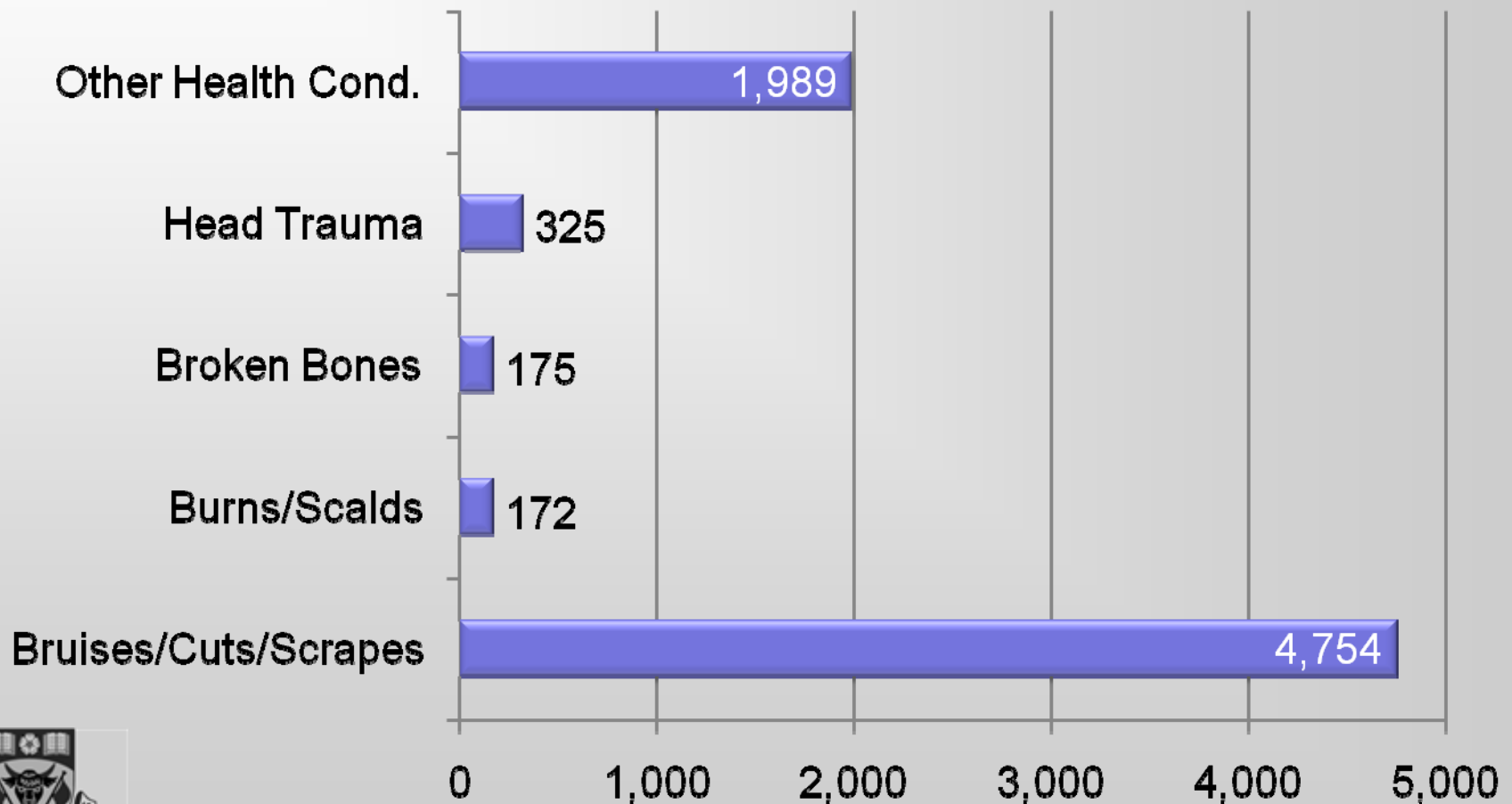




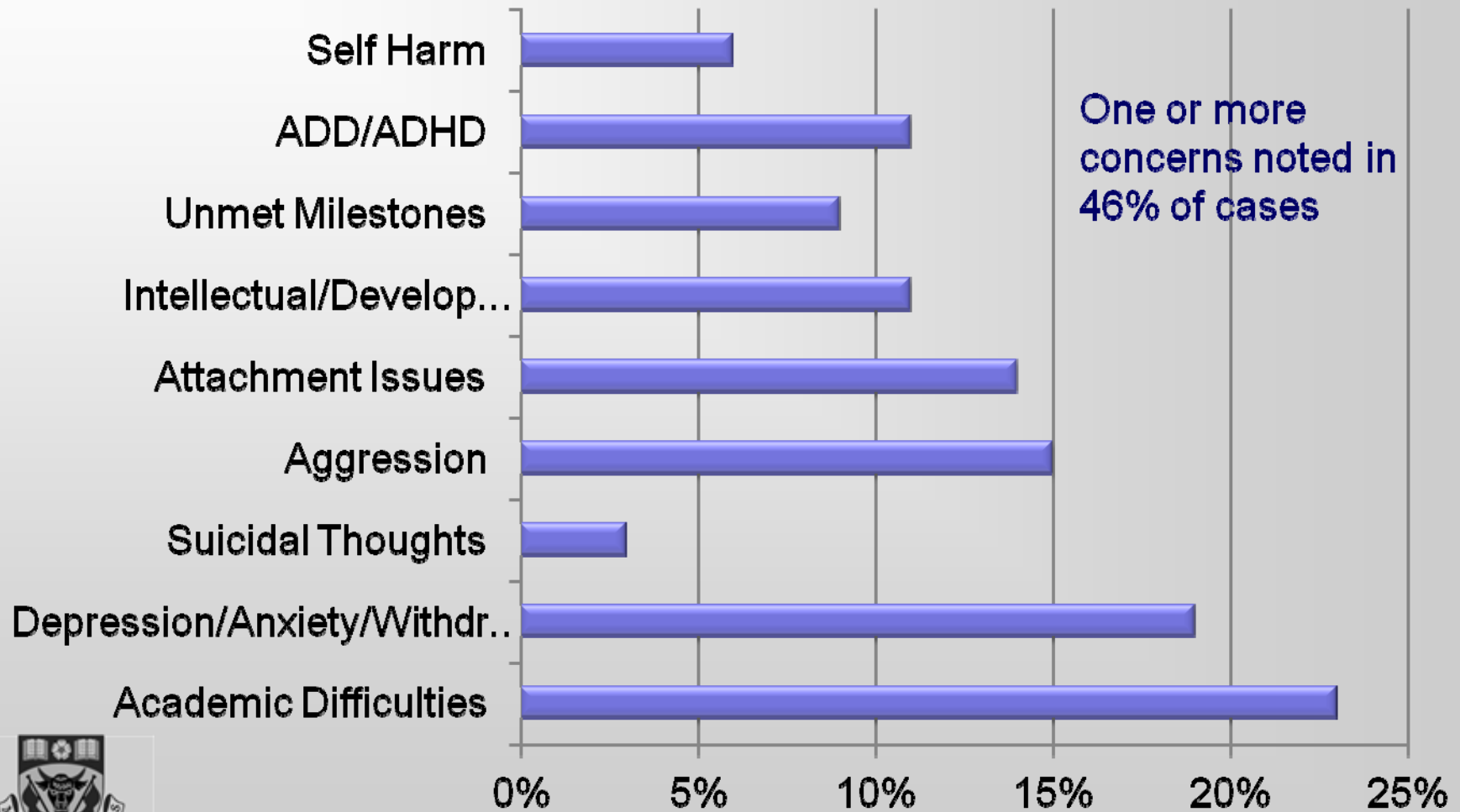
# Physical & Emotional Harm in Substantiated Maltreatment: CIS-08



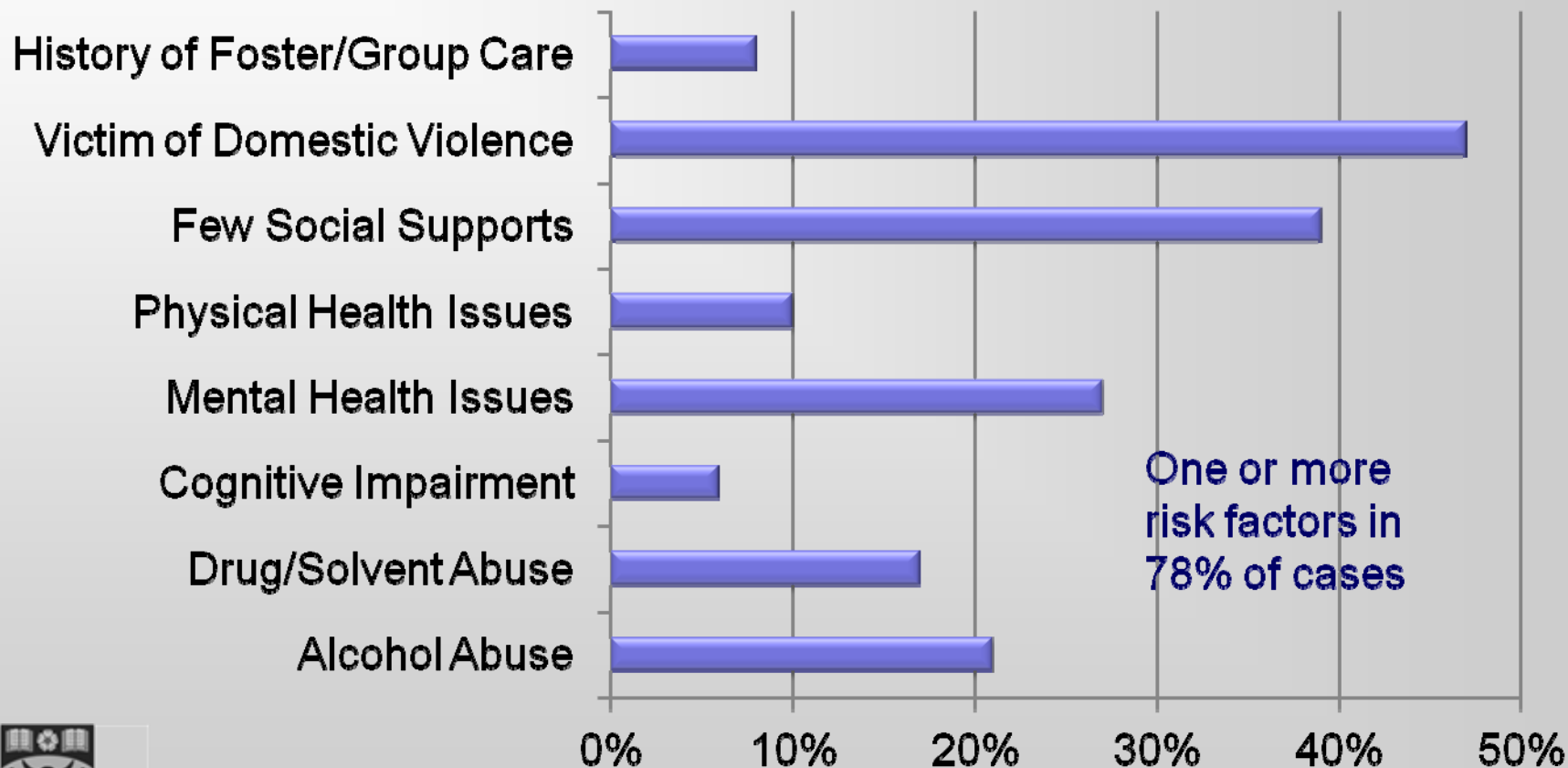
# Nature of Physical Harm: CIS-08



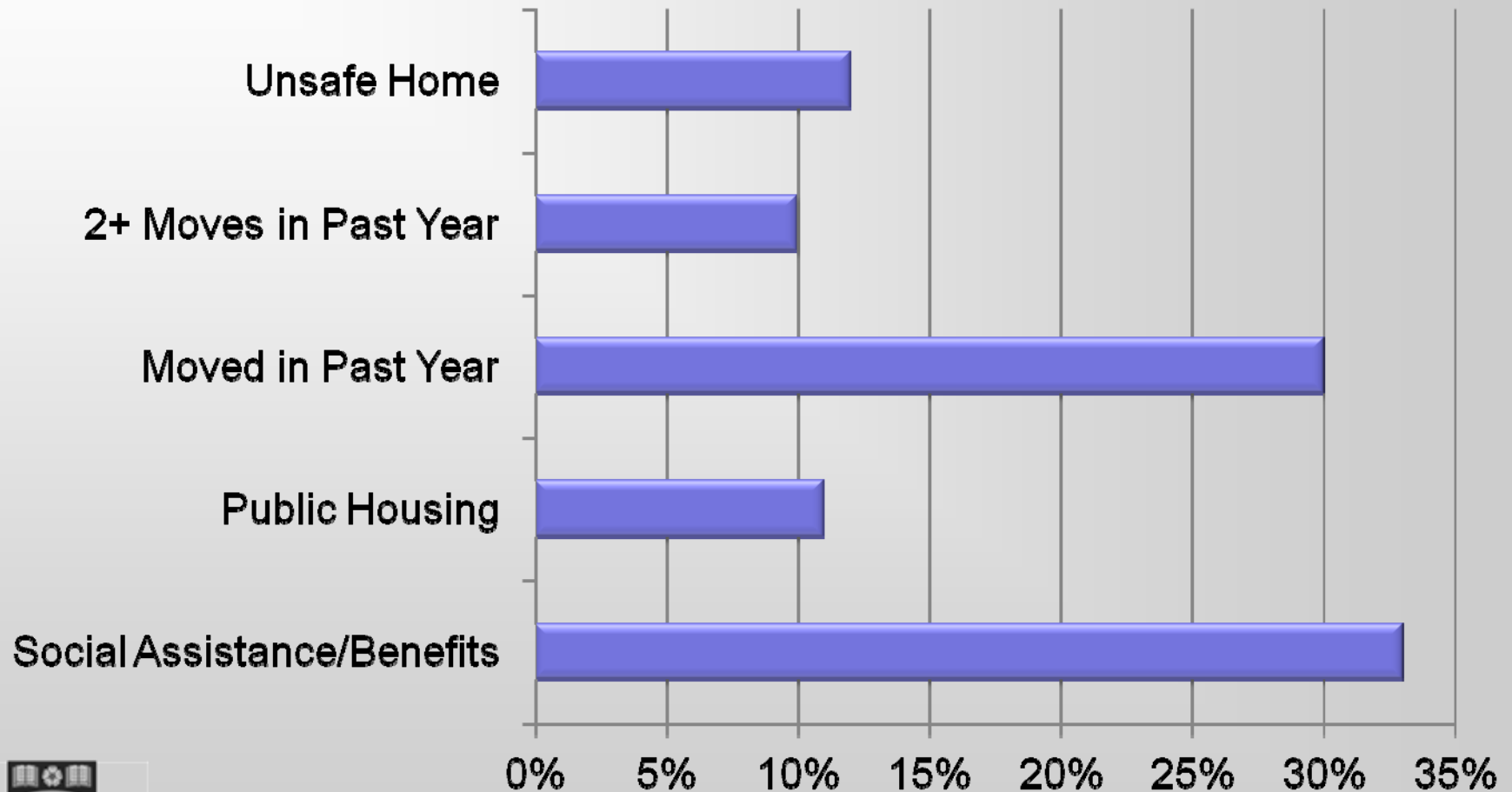
# Child Functioning, Substantiated Maltreatment Investigations: CIS-08



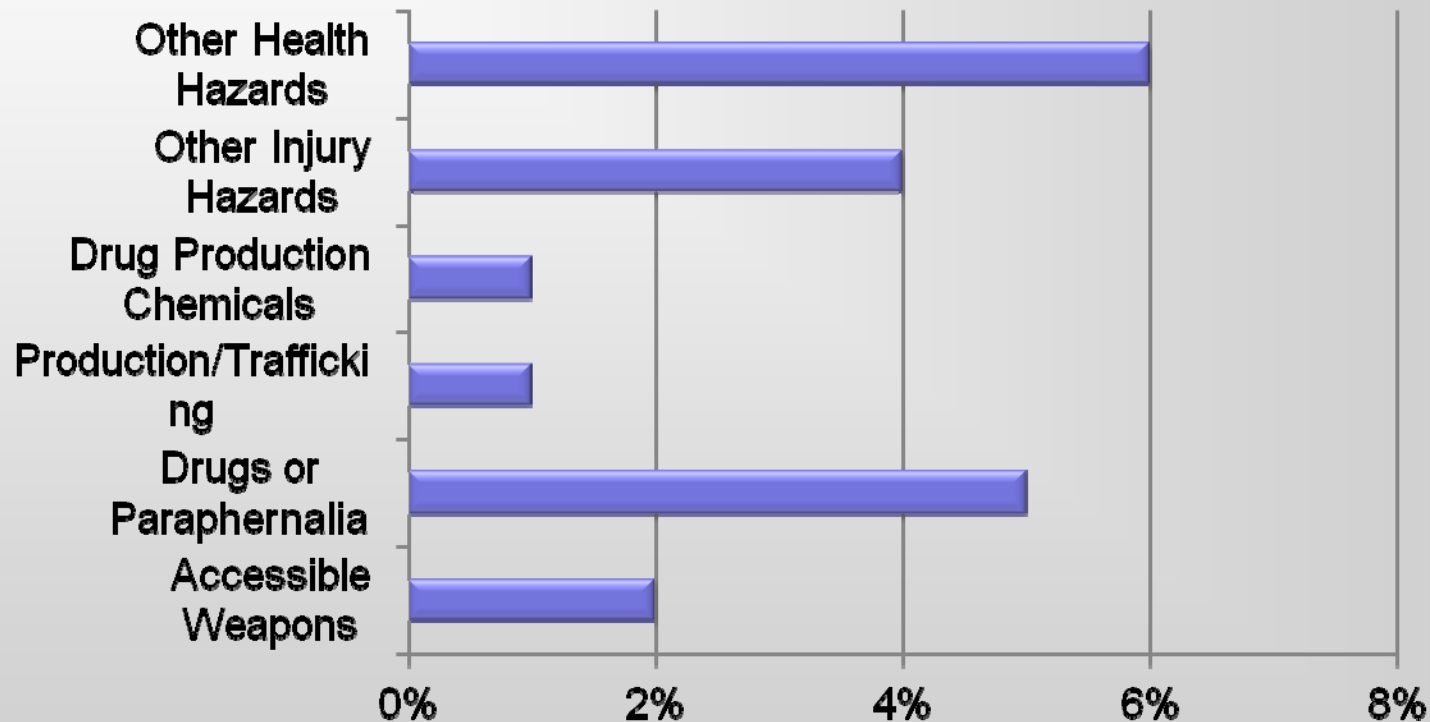
# Primary Caregiver Risk Factors, Substantiated Maltreatment Investigations: CIS-08



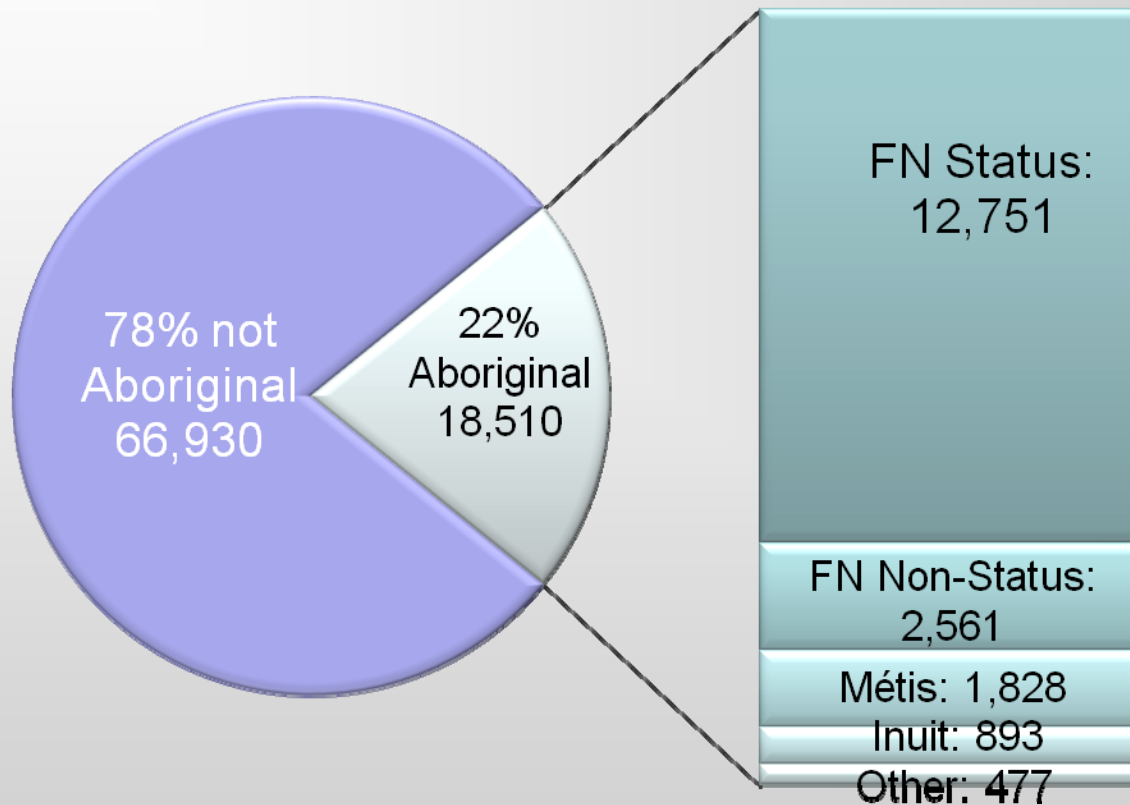
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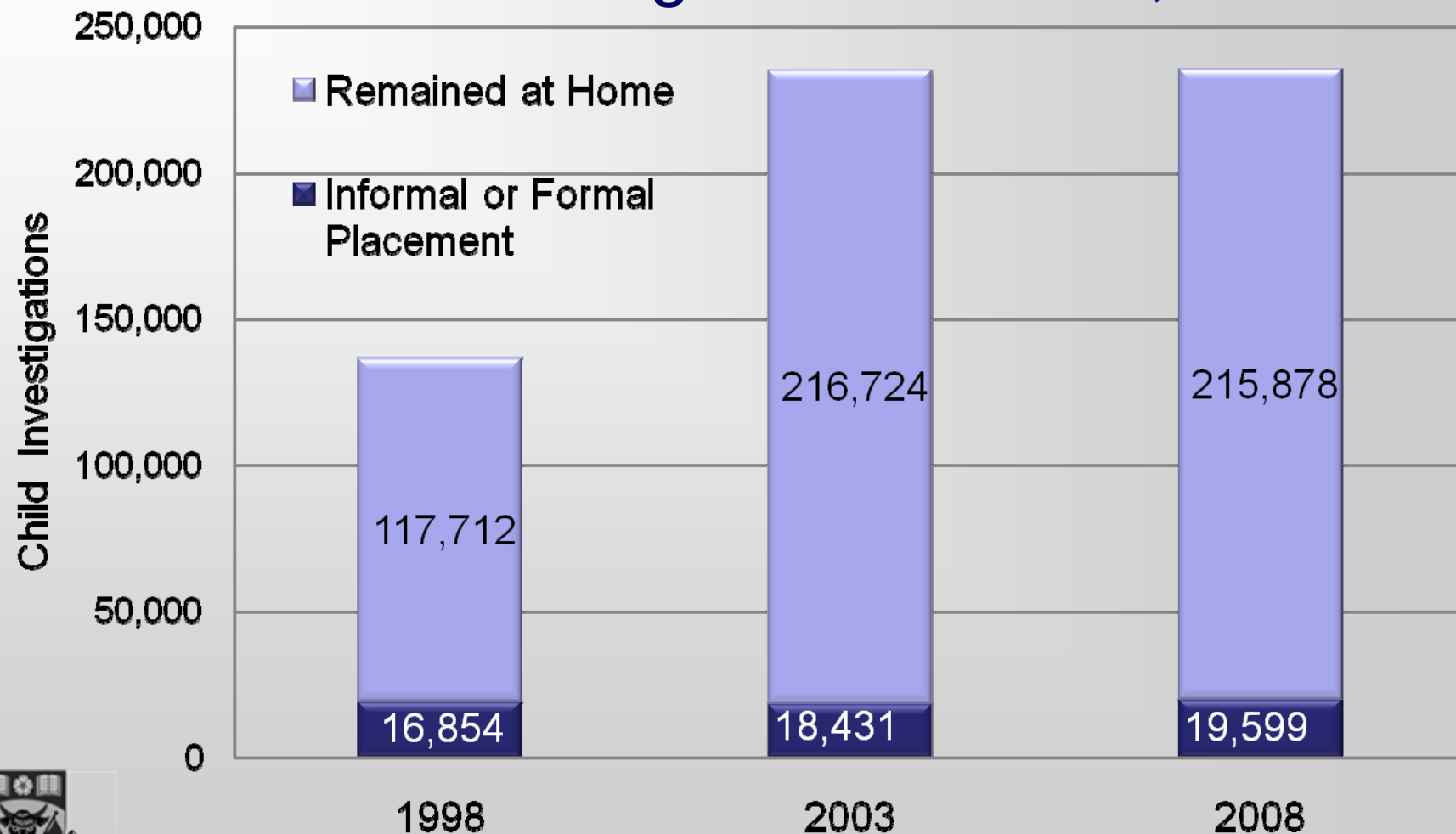
# Housing Safety Factors, Substantiated Maltreatment Investigations: CIS-2008



# Aboriginal Heritage of Children, Substantiated Maltreatment Investigations: CIS-08

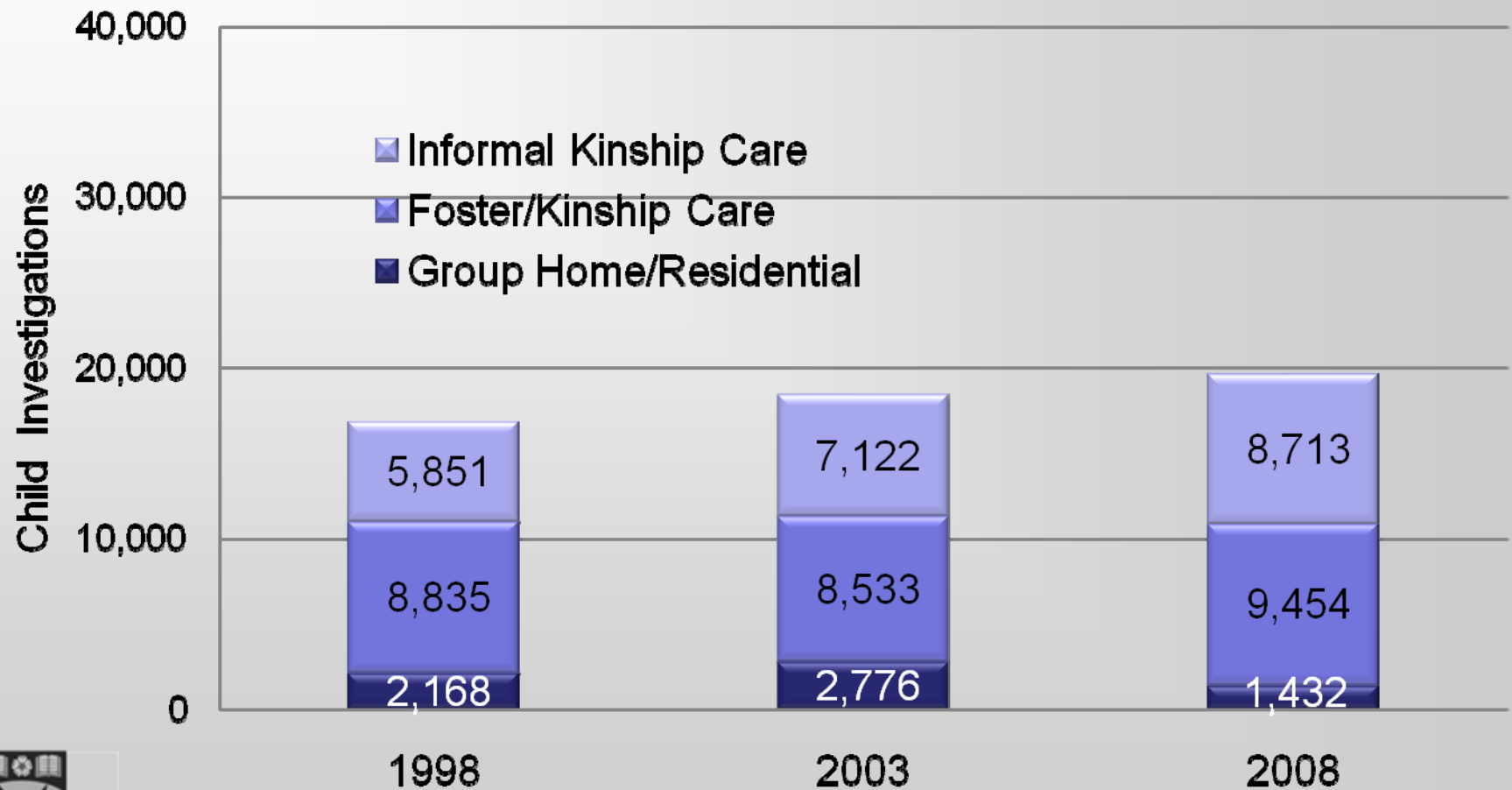


# Formal & Informal Out-of-Home Placements in Maltreatment Investigations: CIS-98, 03 & 08





# Primary Form of Formal & Informal Out-of-Home Placements: CIS-98, 03 & 08



# Next Steps

- Analyses:
  - Oversampling reports (FN, BC, AB, SK, ON & QC)
  - Analyses of risk only cases
  - Unpack the 1998, 2003 & 2008 trends
  - Analyses by form and severity of maltreatment
  - Examination of changes in worker profile
  - Exploration of the increase in the overrepresentation of Aboriginal children
  - Analyses of substantiation, service, placement and court decisions
  - Support for jurisdictional and inter-jurisdictional analyses
- Dissemination
- Evaluation
- Planning for the next cycle

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