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Drugs and Law Enforcement: Actions and Options

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Two Stories of Crime Prevention

- How to reduce the supply of motivated offenders
- How to make crime harder to commit



Four Groups

- Possession and use of drugs
- Selling/ producing/ trafficking drugs
- Use drugs and commit crime
- Commit crime and use drugs (unrelated)



Three Main Areas of Drug Law Enforcement

- Deterrence
- Drug market disruption
 - Supply side
 - Demand side
- Coerced treatment

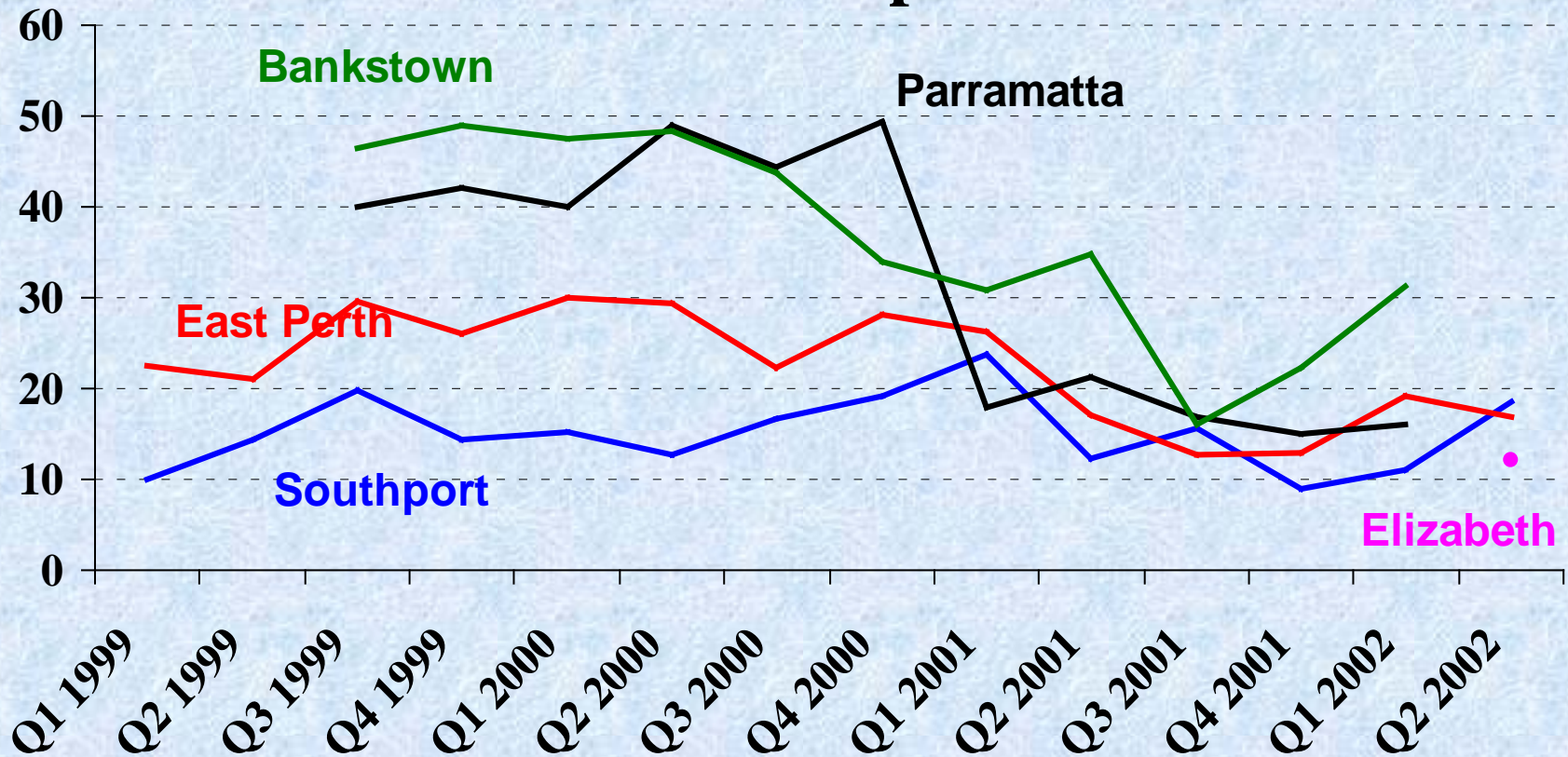


Gaps in Knowledge

- How much crime is drug related?
- Poor knowledge of the street price of drugs
- Lack of knowledge of why people don't take drugs or break the law

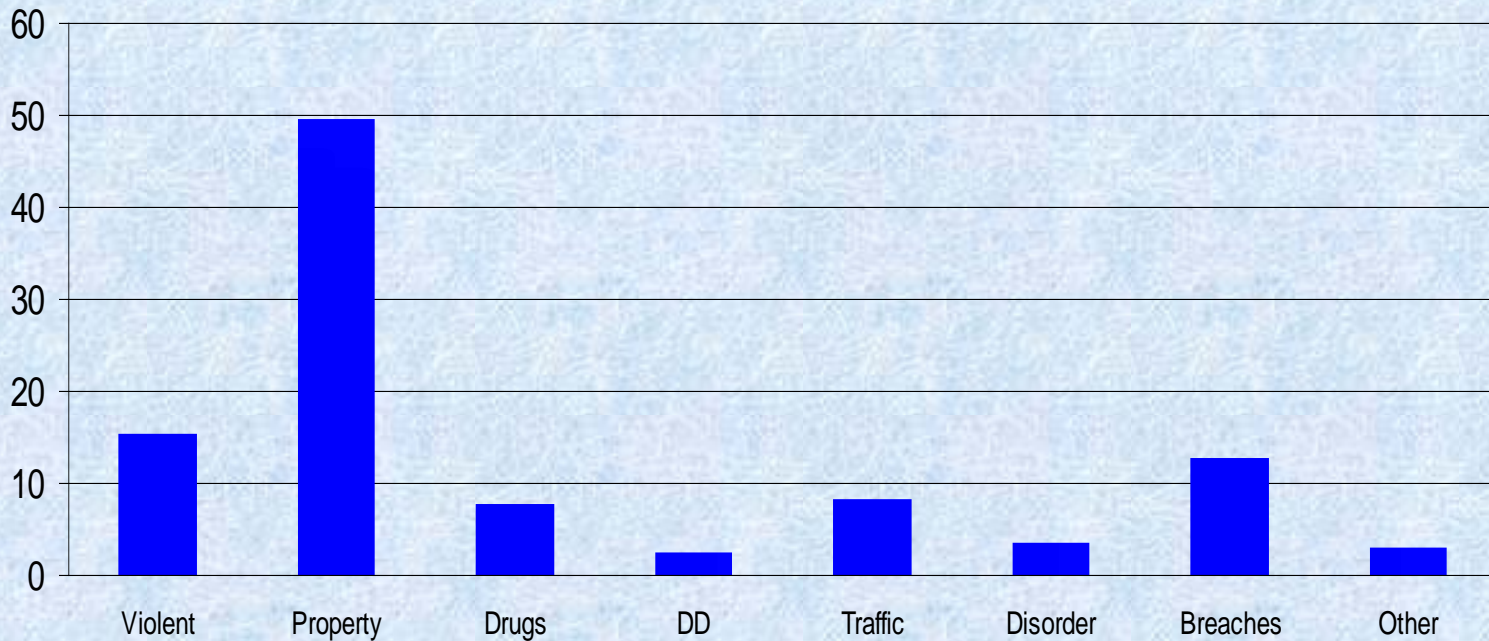
DUMA Results

Figure 1: Percent Testing Positive for Opiates, Adult Sample



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Figure 2: Percent Testing Positive to Opiates by Most Serious Offence, Adult Males





Law Enforcement Prevention Strategies

- Primary prevention
- Treatment programs
- Diversion schemes/ coerced treatment
- Deterrence of illicit drug use
- Police crackdowns



Police Approaches to Drug Law Enforcement

- Integrated street level enforcement
- Strategic intelligence systems
- Diversion schemes



Five Strategies

- Co-coordinated agency outcome focus
- Better data access
- Inclusive staff work
- Trust building initiatives
- Monitor and evaluate