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# Drugs and Law Enforcement

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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

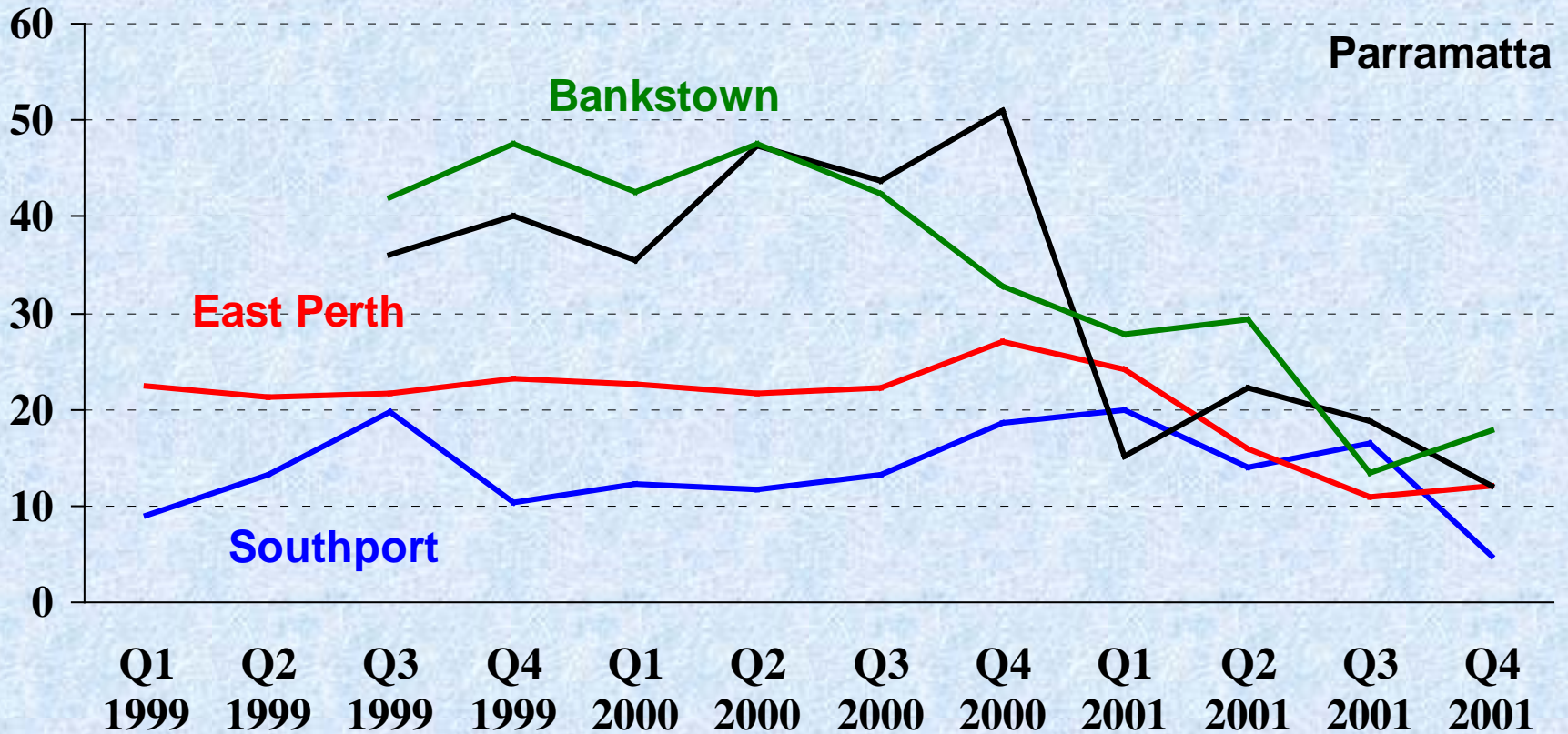
- How much crime is drug related?
- Poor knowledge of the street price of drugs
- Lack of knowledge of why people don't take drugs or break the law





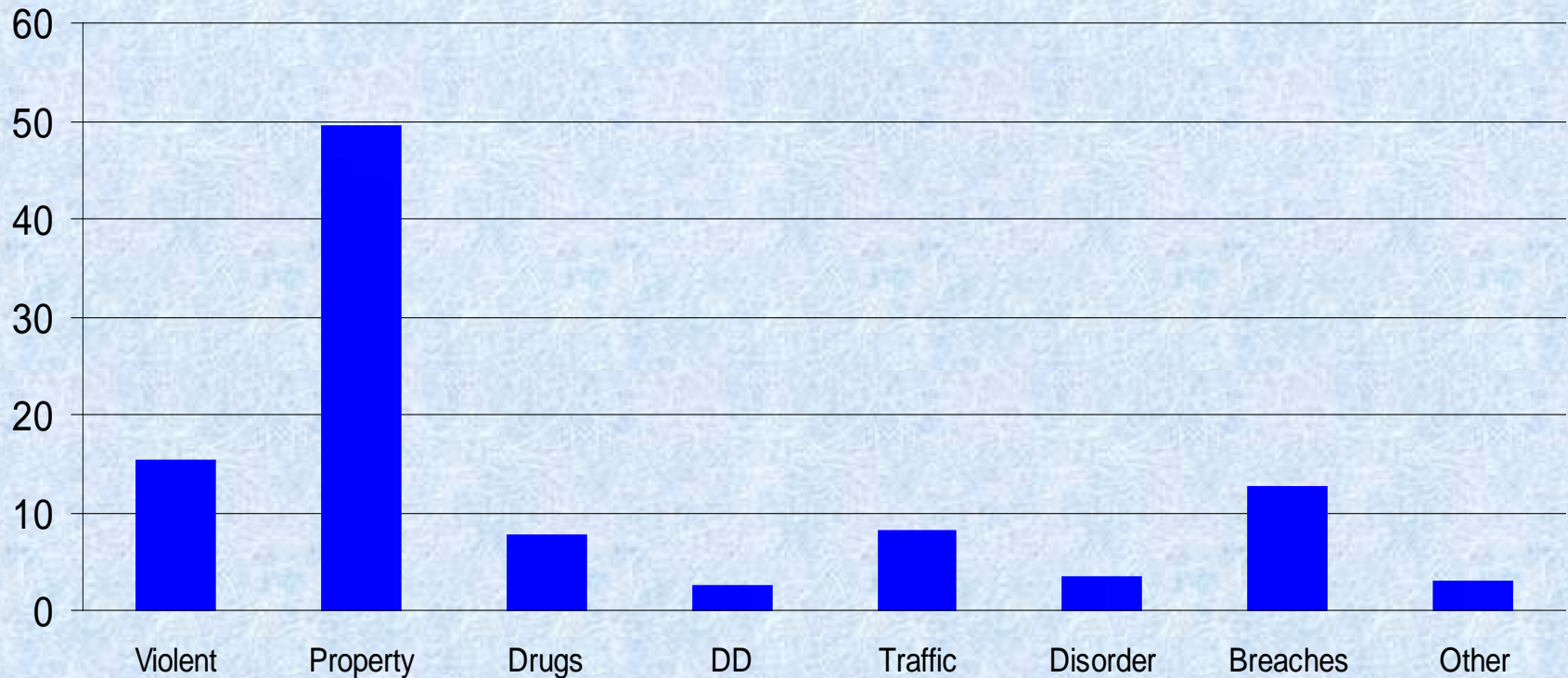
# DUMA Results

## Figure 1: Percent Testing Positive for Opiates, Adult Males



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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