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The Economics of Policing

Ottawa, Ontario
Canada

Bob Paulson, RCMP Commissioner
Wednesday, January 16, 2013



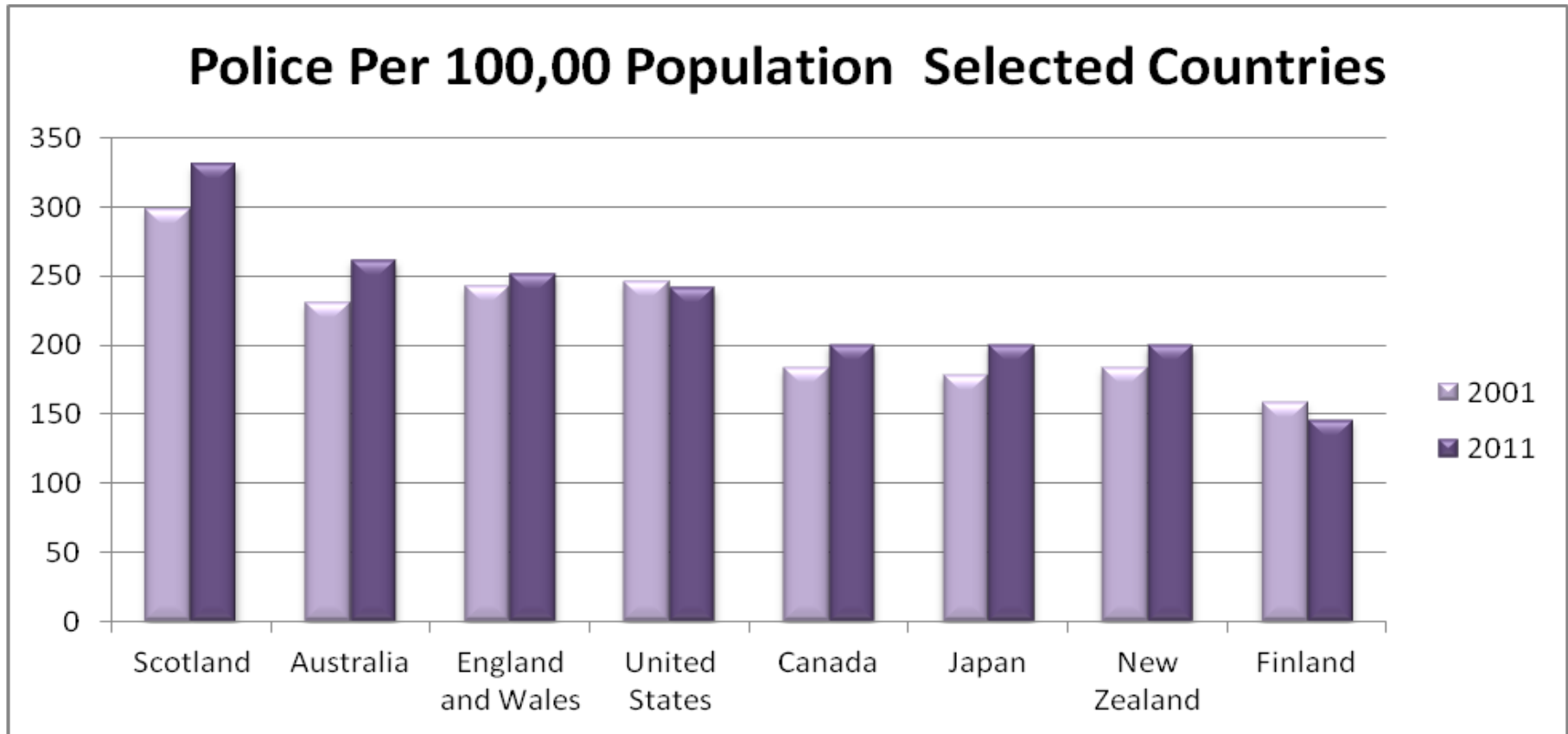


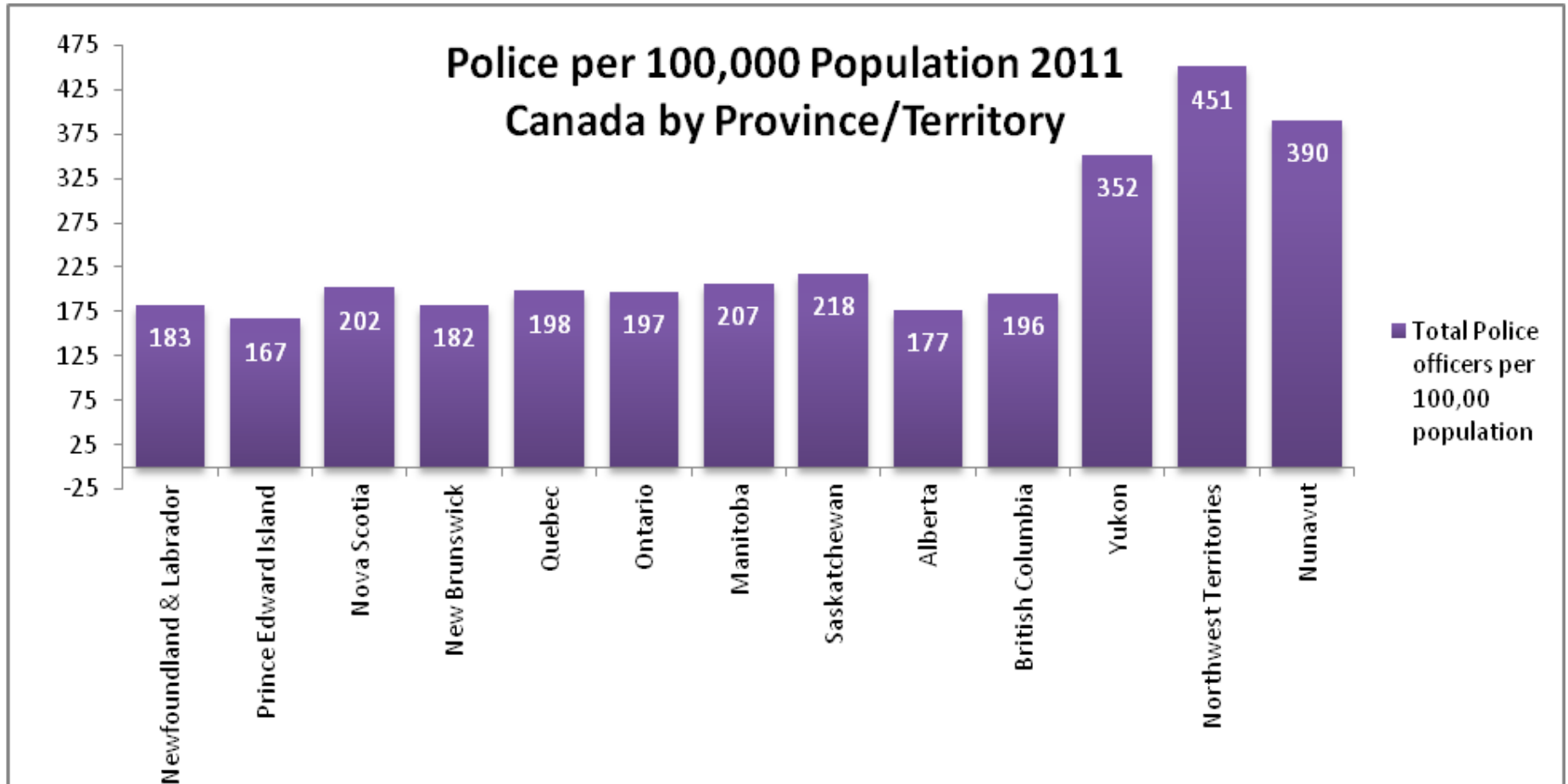
Outline

- Lies, damn lies and some stats
- Some discussion



Where do we fit?

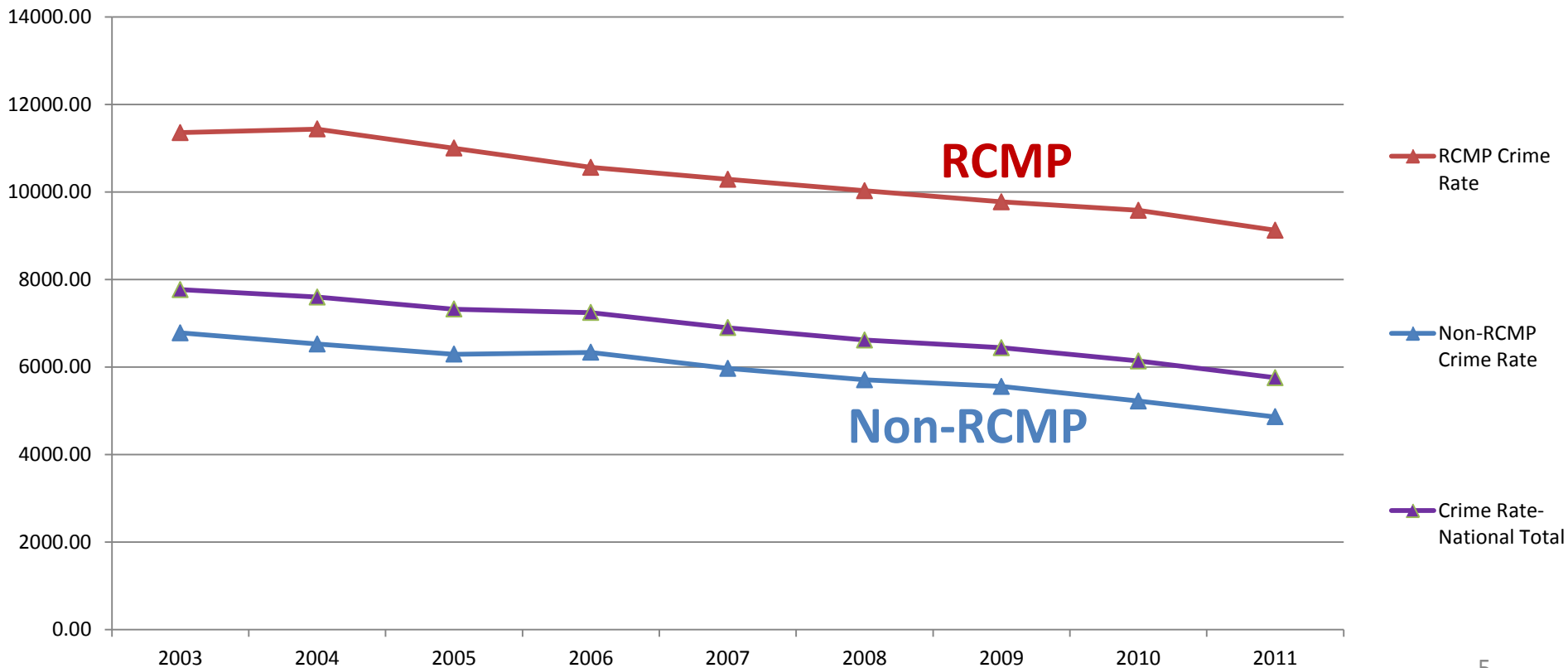






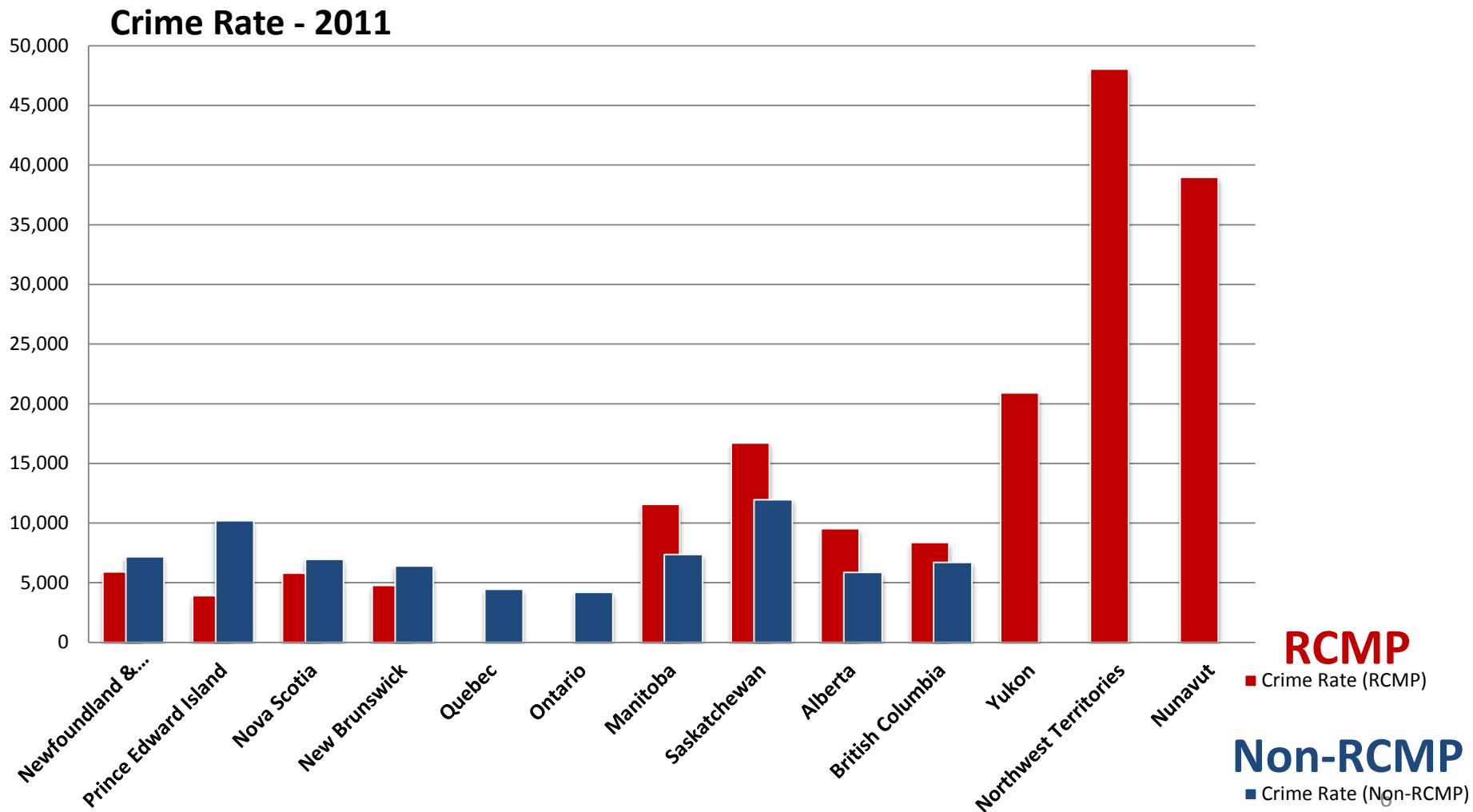
Crime Rate Trend

National Crime Rate





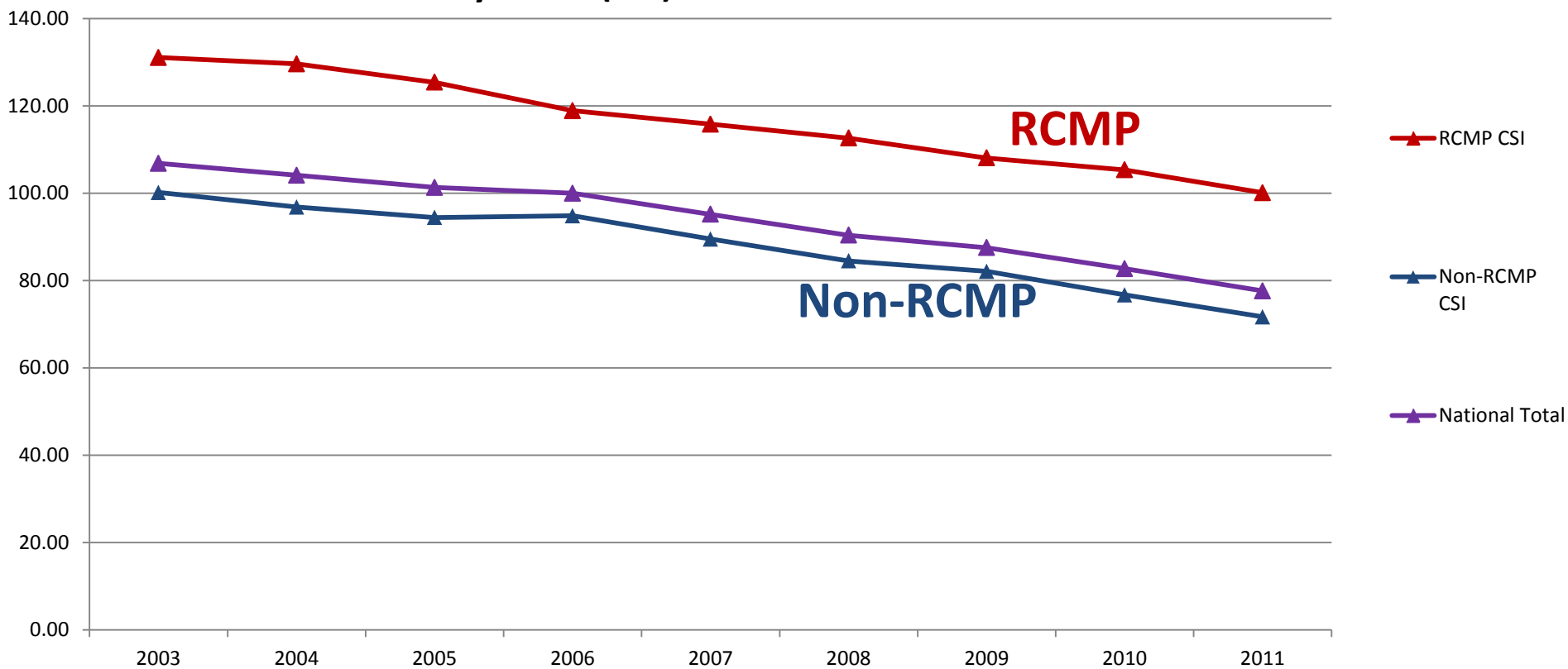
Crime Rate 2011





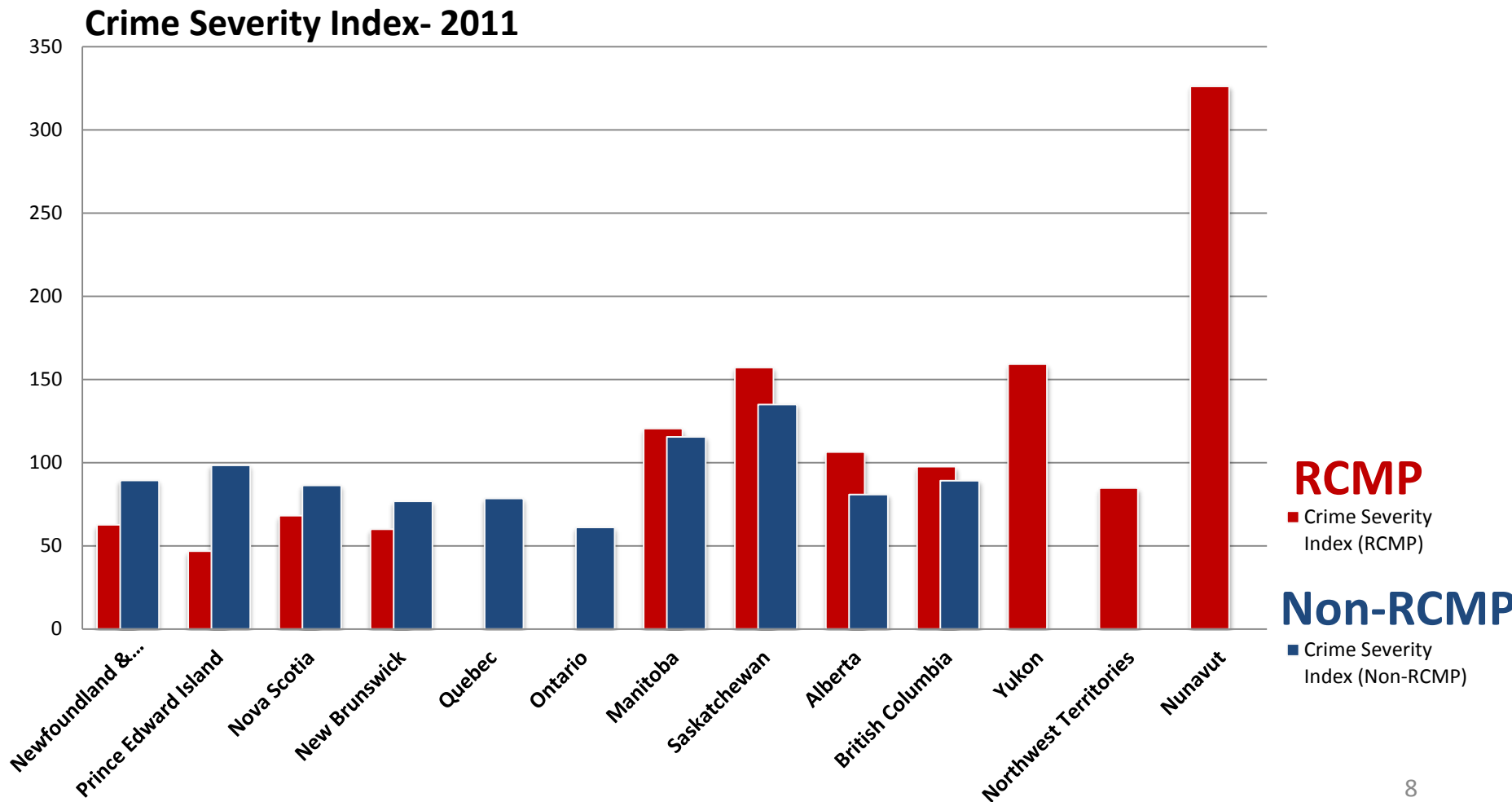
Crime Severity Index Trend

National Crime Severity Index (CSI)



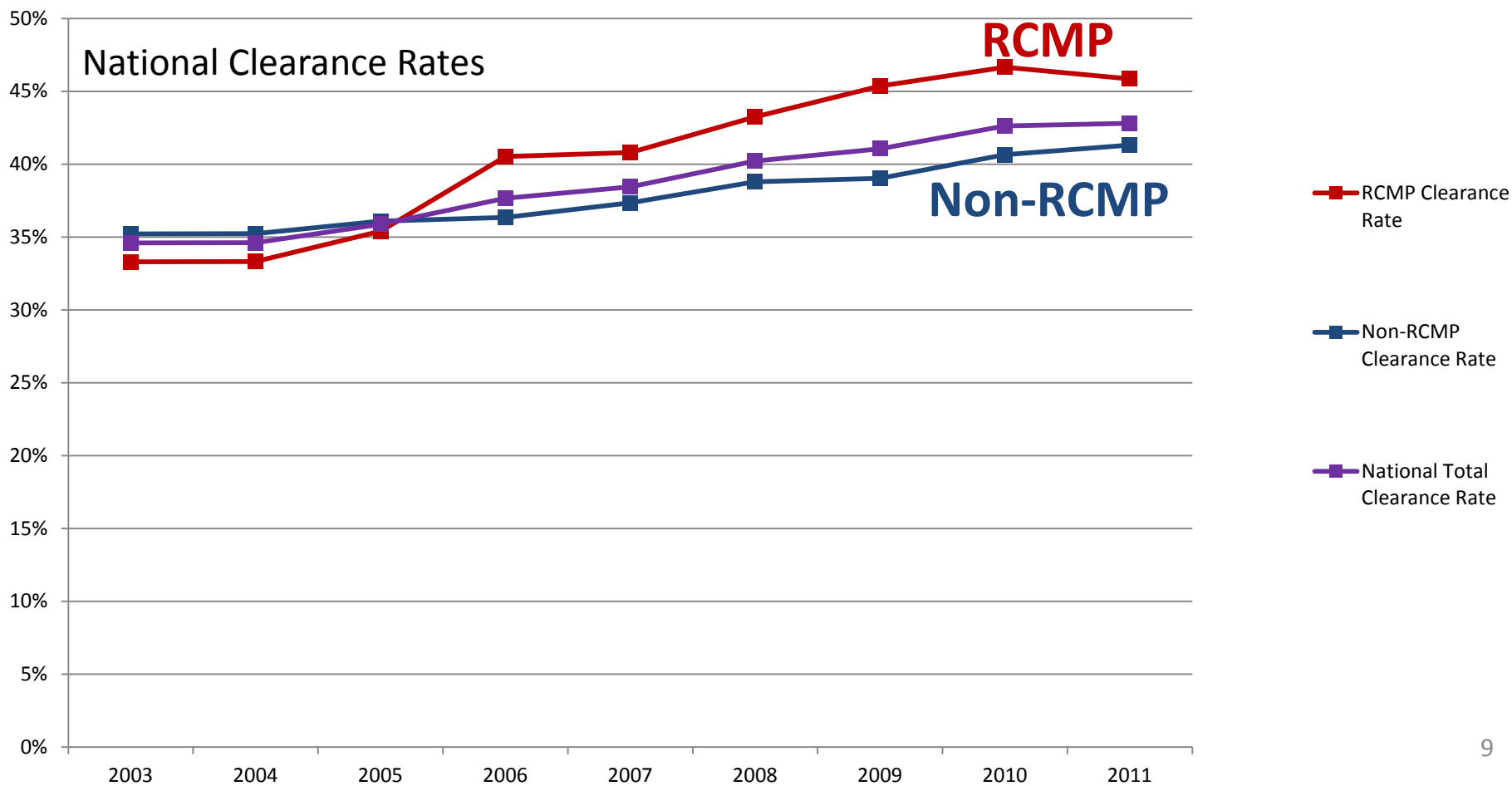


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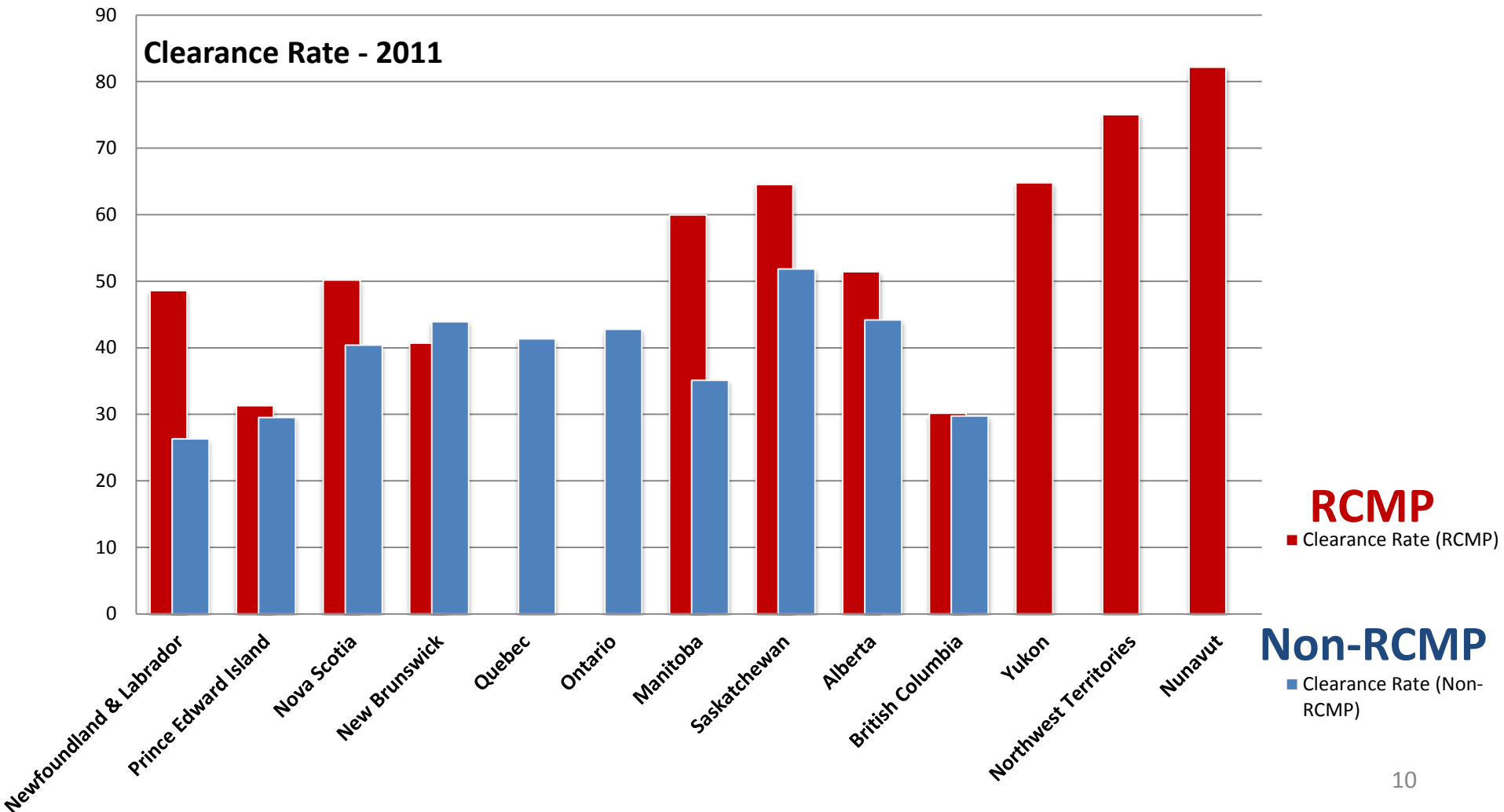


Clearance Rates Trend





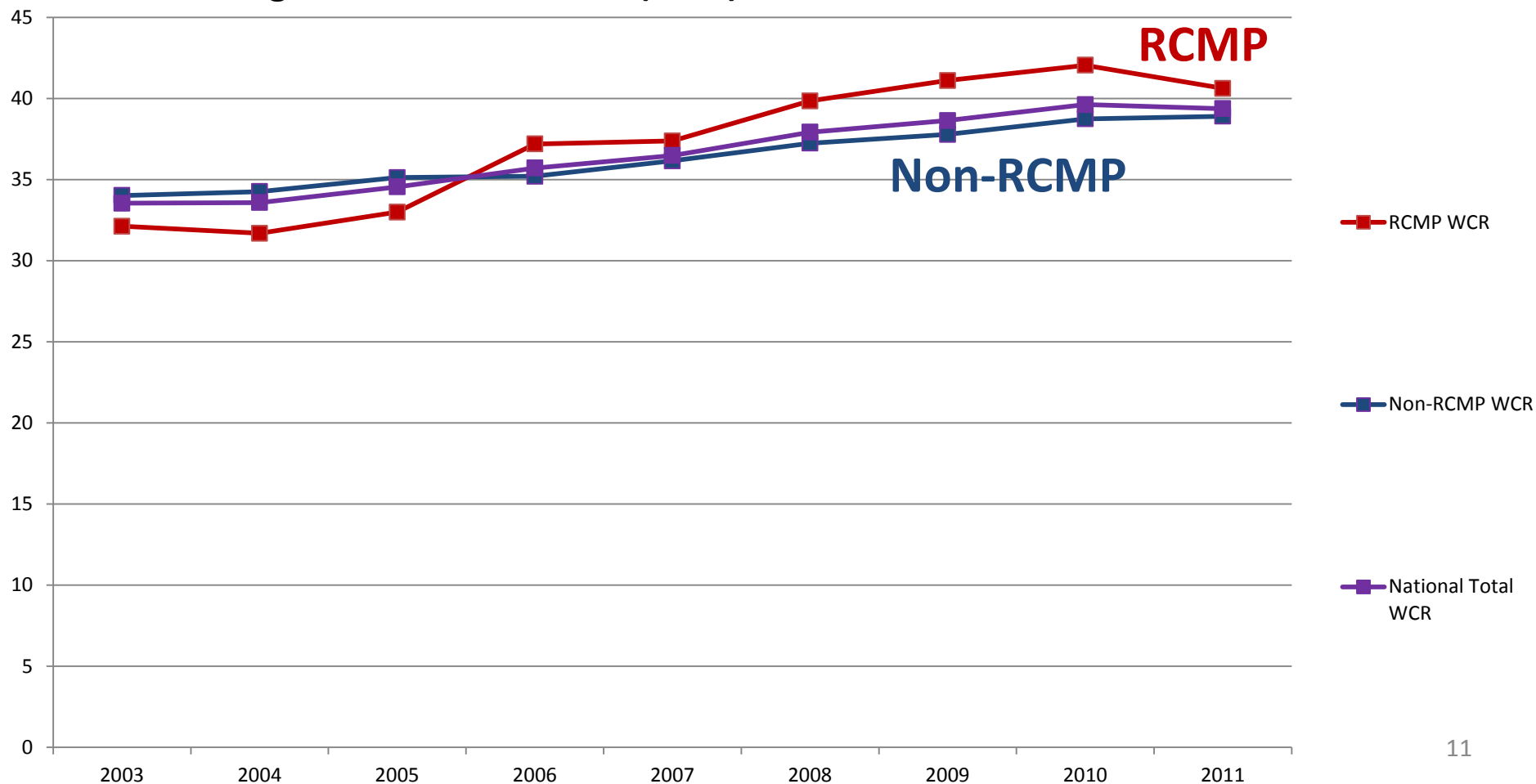
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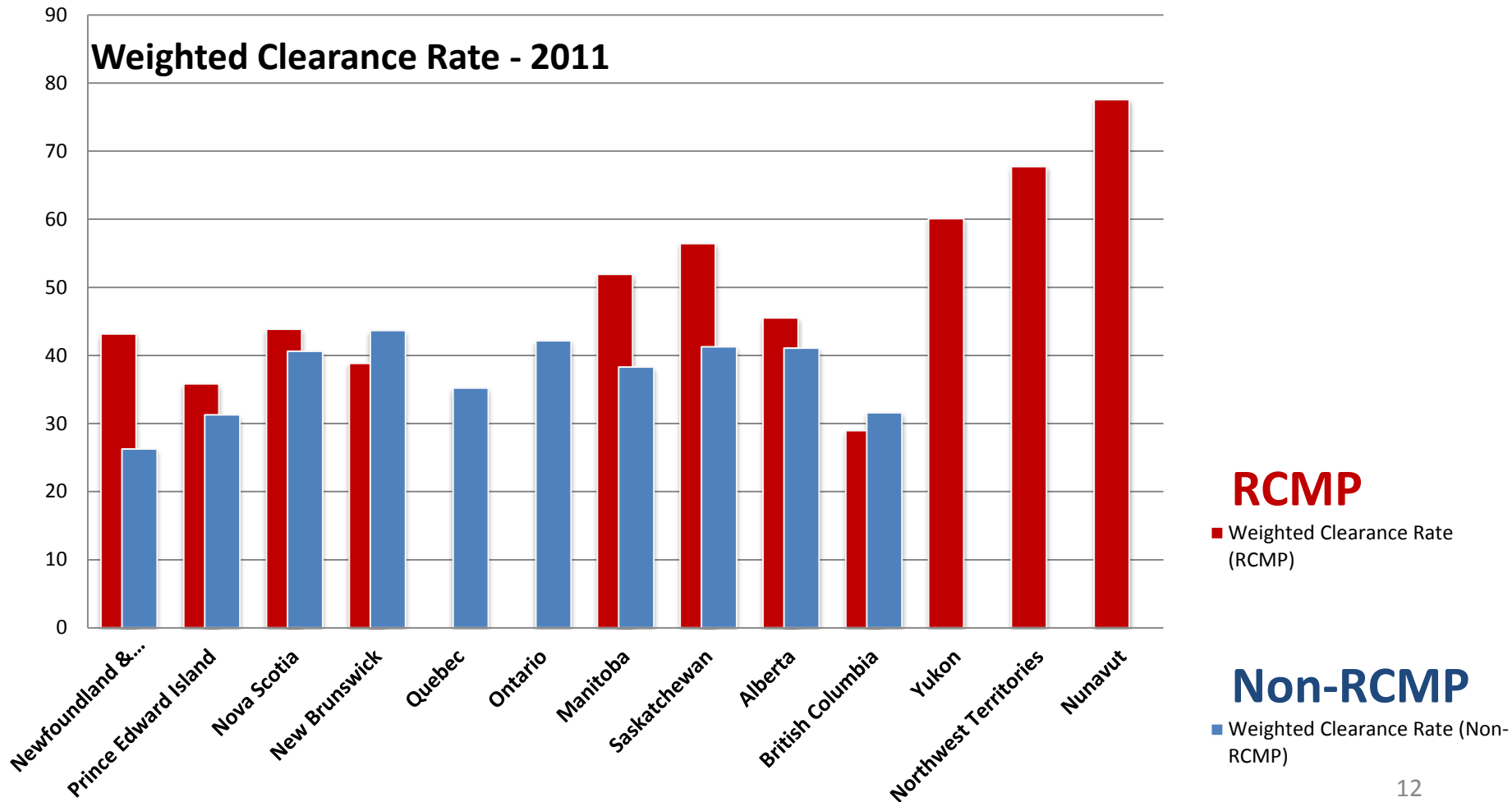
Weighted Clearance Rate Trend

National Weighted Clearance Rates (WCR)





Weighted Clearance Rate 2011





Self-Reported Perception of Safety

Canadians' Perception of Safety

■ Feel Safe/Satisfied ■ Feel Unsafe/Unsatisfied

Satisfaction with personal safety

93%

6%

% who feel safe home alone at night

83%

17%

% who feel safe using public transportation alone after dark

58%

41%

% who feel safe walking alone after dark

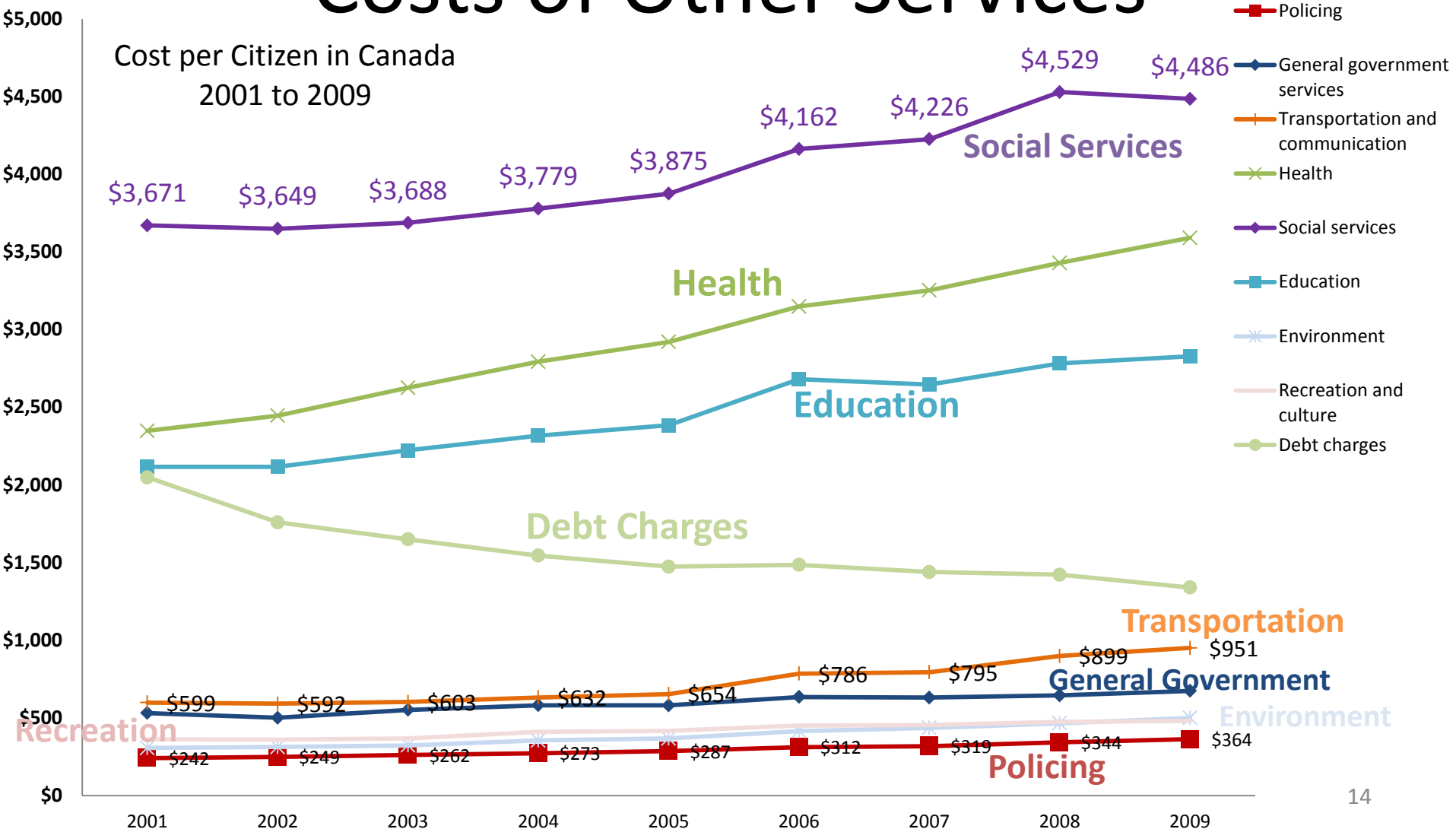
90%

10%



Costs of Other Services

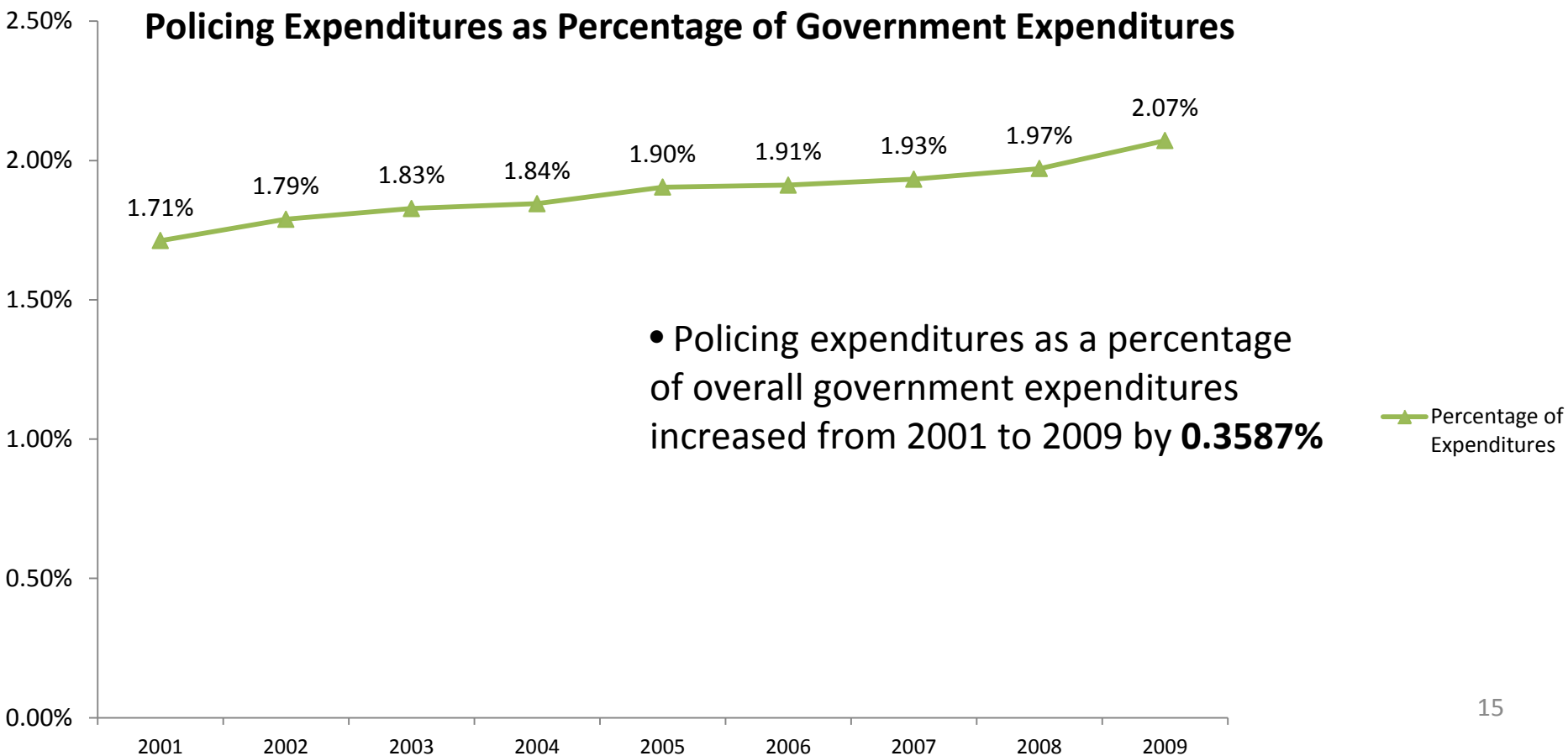
Cost per Citizen in Canada
2001 to 2009





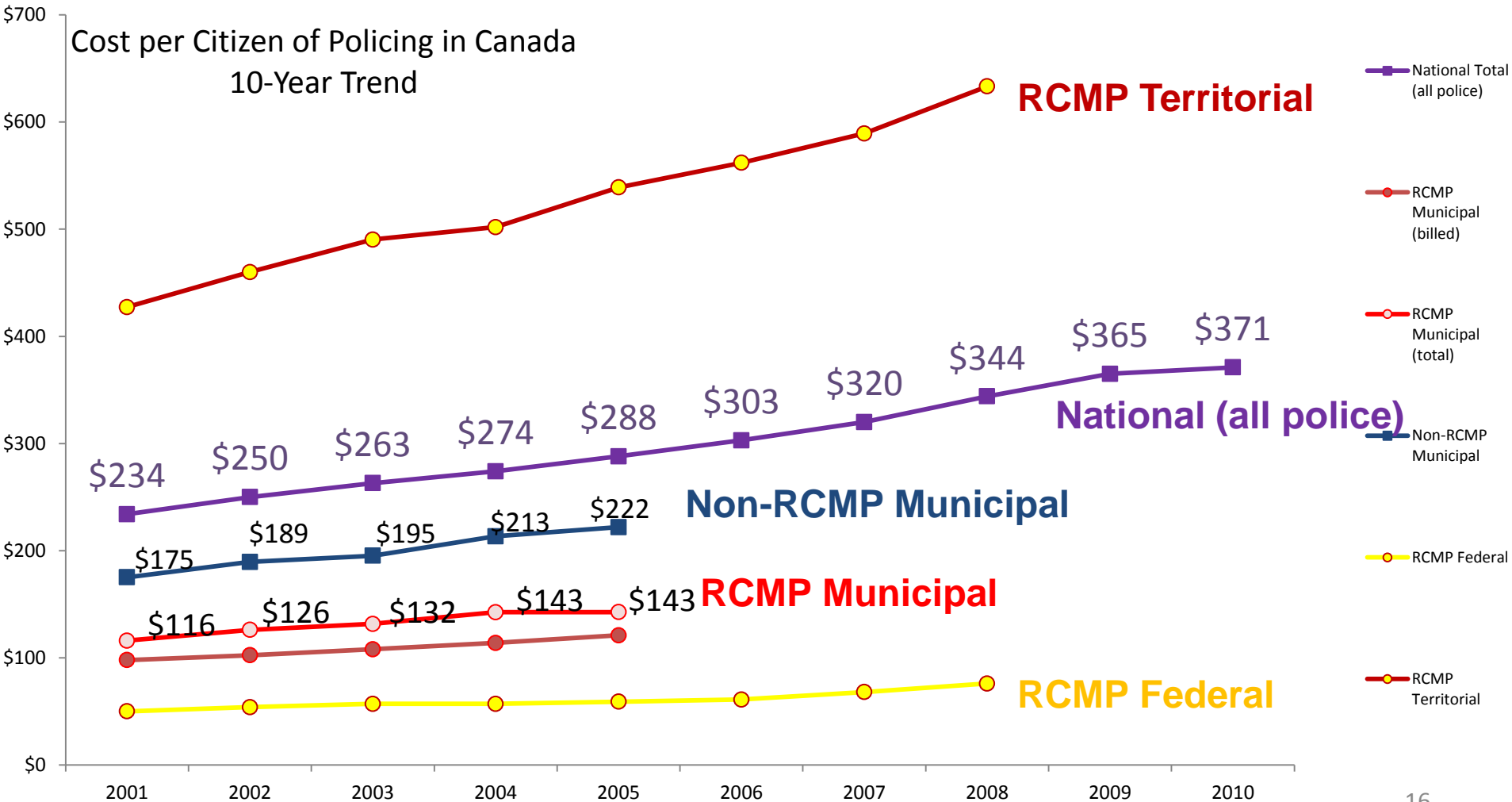
Percentage of Government Expenditures (Canada)

Policing Expenditures as Percentage of Government Expenditures





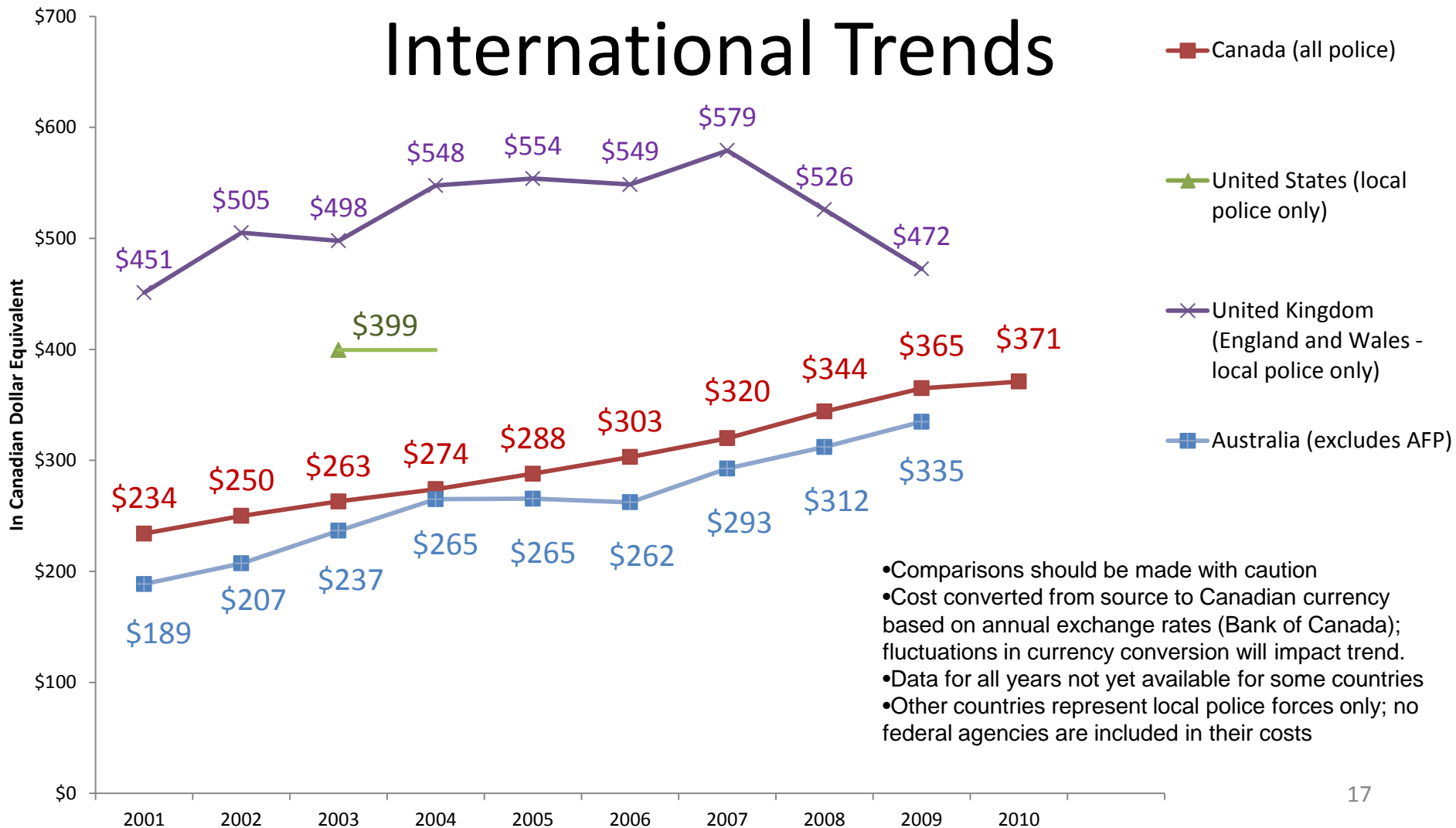
Policing Costs per Citizen National Trends



•Comparisons should be made with caution



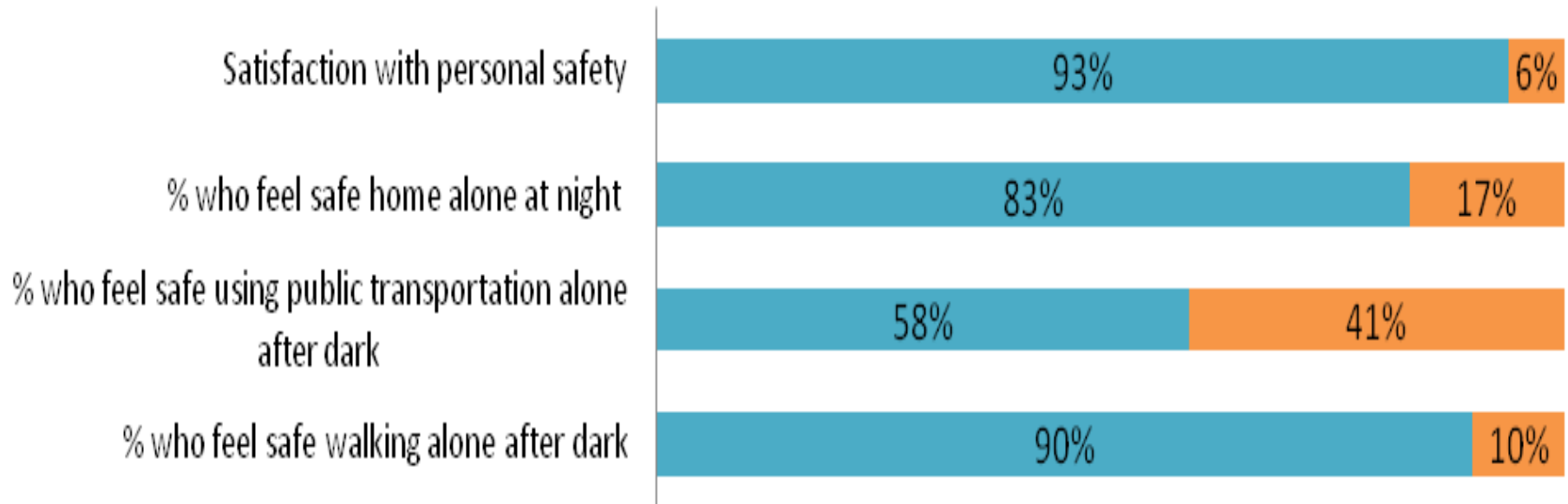
Policing Costs per Citizen International Trends





Canadians' Perception of Safety

■ Feel Safe/Satisfied ■ Feel Unsafe/Unsatisfied



Speech Portion





The way forward

- We need to develop consistent and reliable measures and measuring systems for productivity, efficiency and effectiveness
- We must build specific structures and programs to advance innovation in policing
- We must develop and secure professionalism within policing