



**DEPARTMENT OF DEFENSE
SEXUAL ASSAULT PREVENTION
AND RESPONSE OFFICE**

Sexual Assault Reporting and Prevalence in the Department of Defense

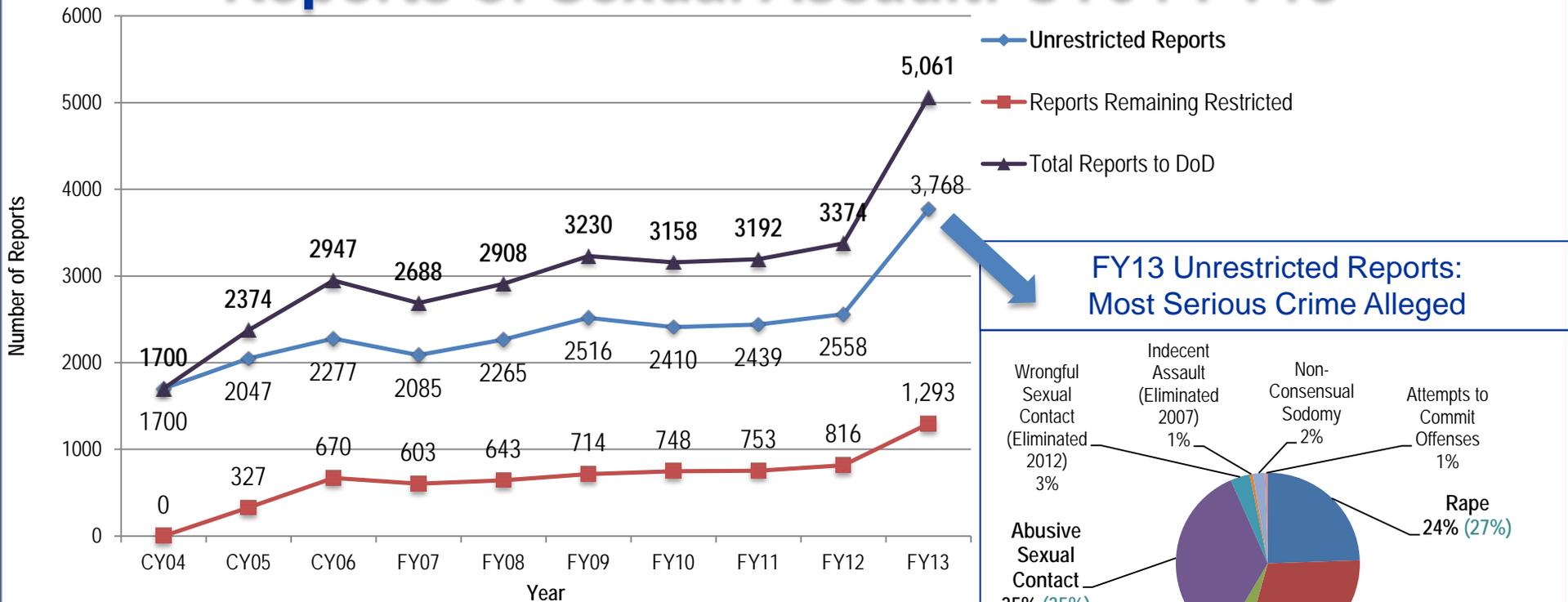
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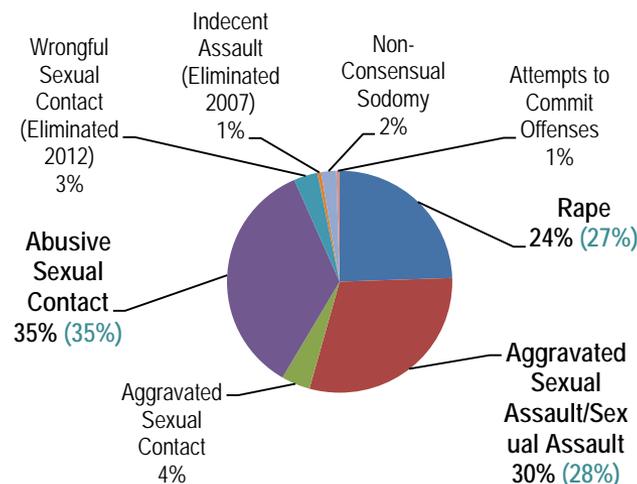
Agenda

- **Reports of Sexual Assault**
- **Prevalence of Sexual Assault**
- **Integrated Response System**
- **DoD SAPR Program Foundation**

Reports of Sexual Assault: CY04-FY13



FY13 Unrestricted Reports: Most Serious Crime Alleged



Denotes FY12 Percentages

- Overall reporting increased 50% from FY13
 - Unrestricted Reporting increased by 47%
 - Reports remaining Restricted increased by 58%
- 492 reports were for an incident occurring prior to military service
 - Accounted for 10% of FY13 reporting
 - Prior years' pre-service reports never exceeded 4%

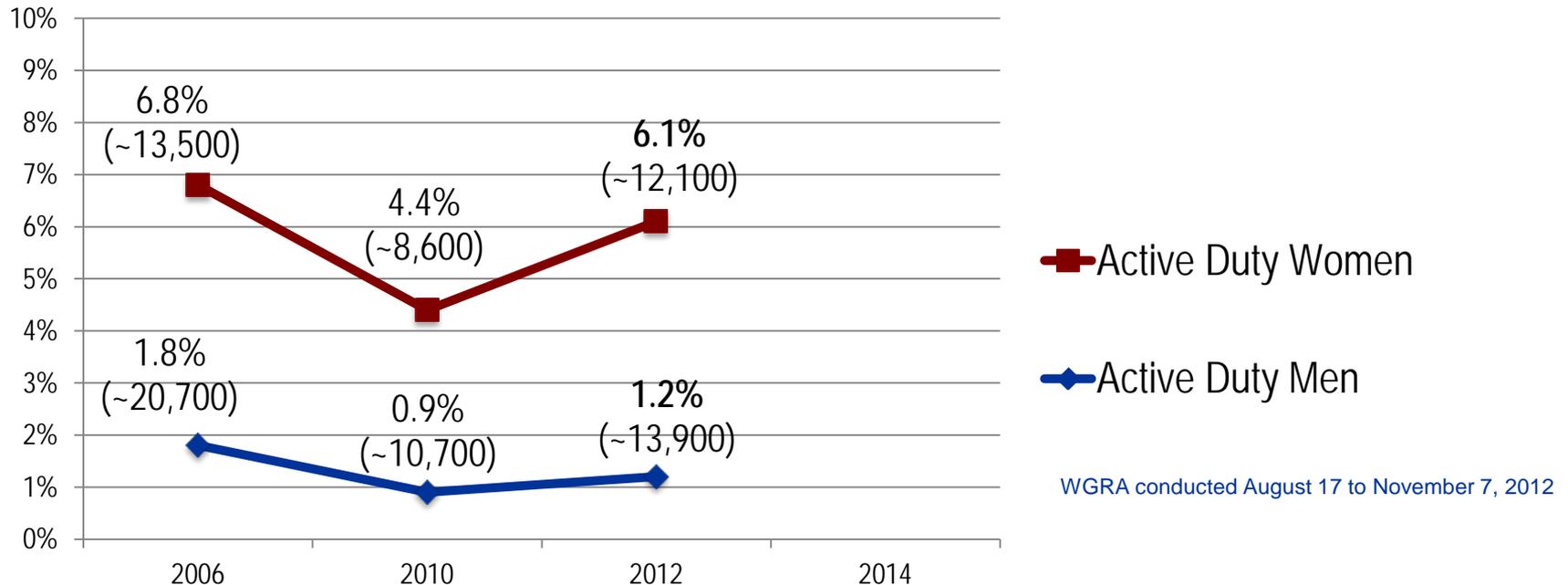
Increased reporting leads to greater opportunities for victim care and accountability.

Demographics in Majority of Unrestricted Reports

- **Victims**
 - Female (88%)
 - 18–24 years old (69%)
 - Junior enlisted (E1 – E4) (73%)
 - Occurring off duty at a military installation
- **Subjects**
 - Male (90%)
 - Females (2%)
 - Unidentified (8%)
 - Enlisted Military (79%)
 - 18 to 34 years old (71%)
 - Trend toward slightly higher rank than victim
 - Not a stranger to victim
 - Alcohol commonly the only “weapon”
- **Relationships**
 - Service member on Service Member (62%)
 - Service member on Non-Service member (22%)
 - Non-Service member on Service member (5%)
 - Unidentified subject on Service member (11%)

Past-Year Prevalence of Unwanted Sexual Contact

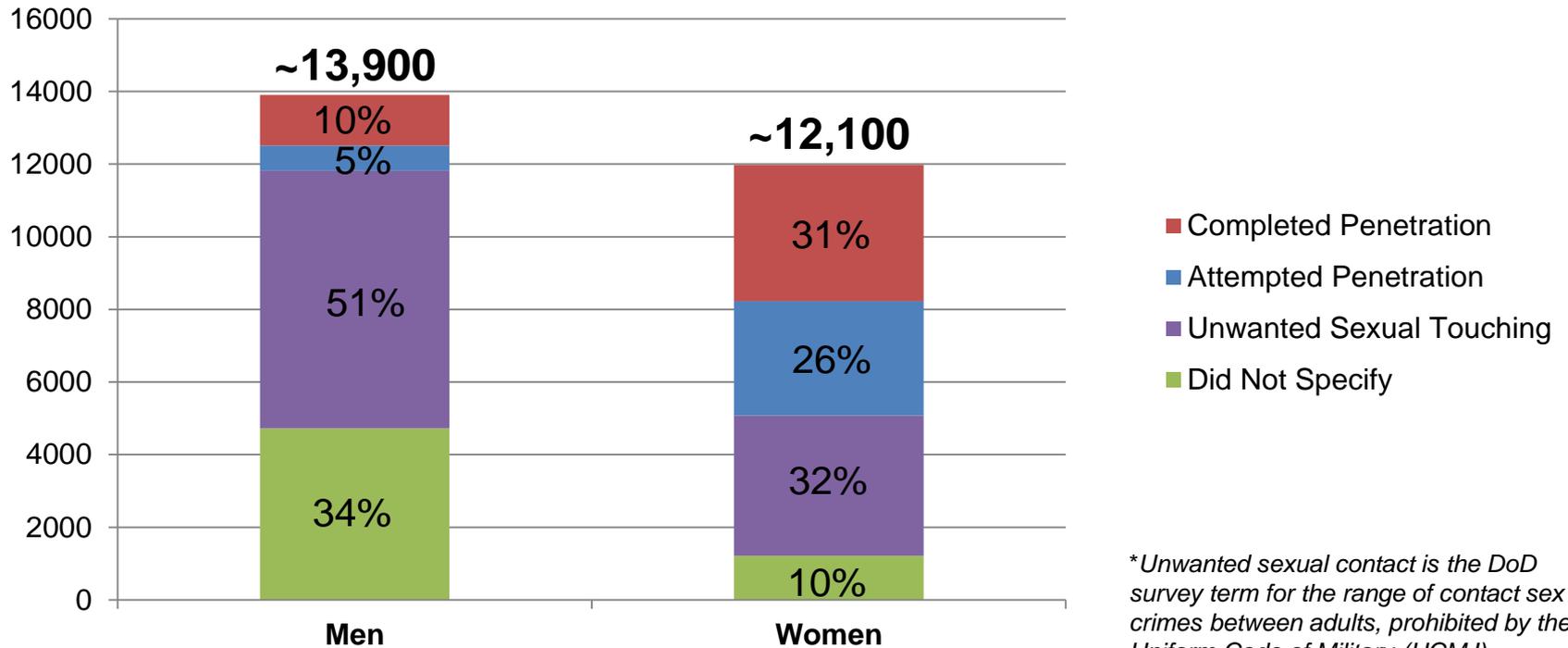
Percent of Active Duty Members, by Gender



Key Findings:

- In 2012, 6.1% of women and 1.2% of men indicated experiencing USC
- For women, the 2012 percentage is statistically significantly higher than 2010; there are no statistically significant differences for men between 2012 and 2010
- Of the women and men who experienced USC in the past 12 months, 45% of these women and 19% of these men also experienced USC prior to entering the military

Unwanted Sexual Contacts* Experienced Estimates from 2012 WGRA

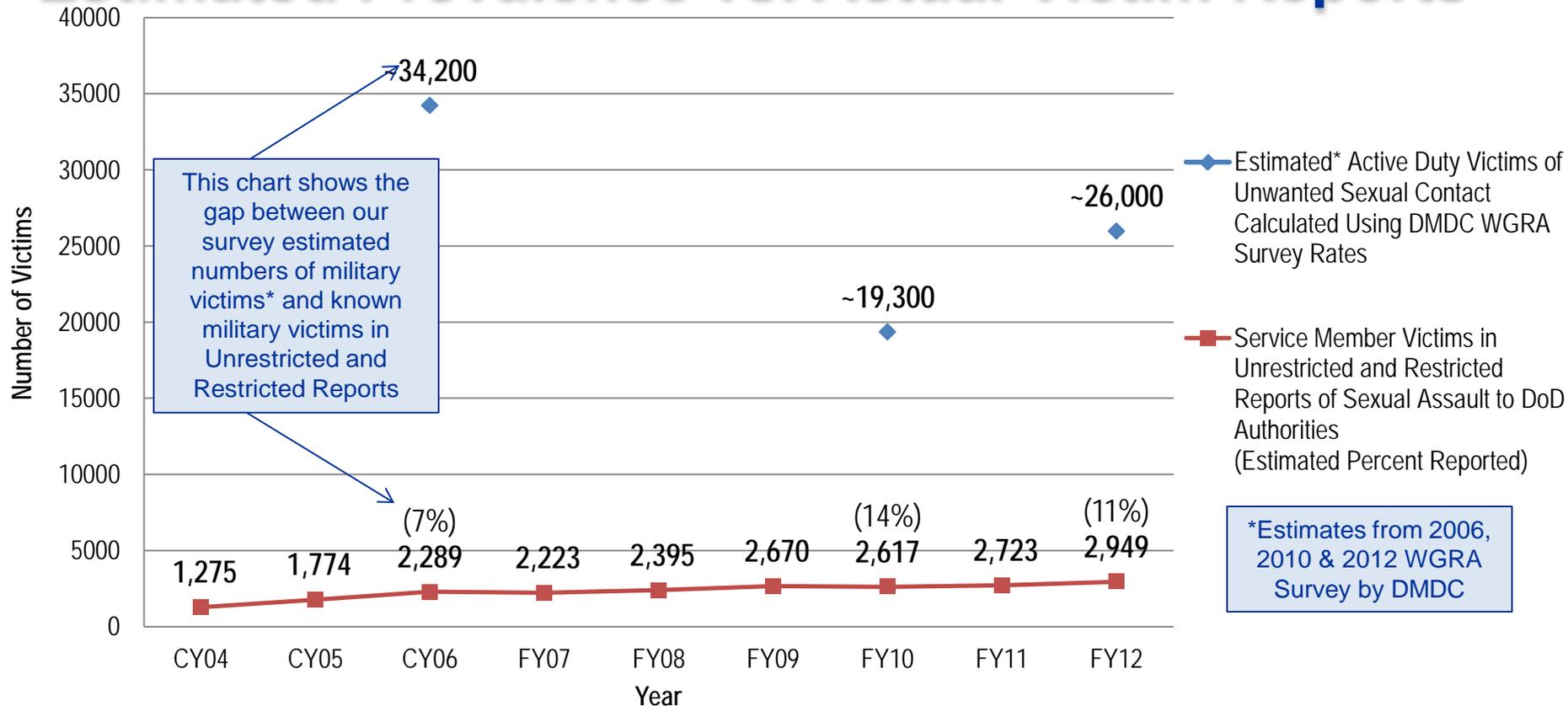


*Unwanted sexual contact is the DoD survey term for the range of contact sex crimes between adults, prohibited by the Uniform Code of Military (UCMJ).

Key Findings:

- Of active duty members who indicated USC via the WGRA, about 31% of women and 10% of men experienced a completed oral, anal, or vaginal penetration
- The proportions of behavior shown are statistically unchanged from 2010

Key Program Metrics: Estimated Prevalence vs. Actual Victim Reports

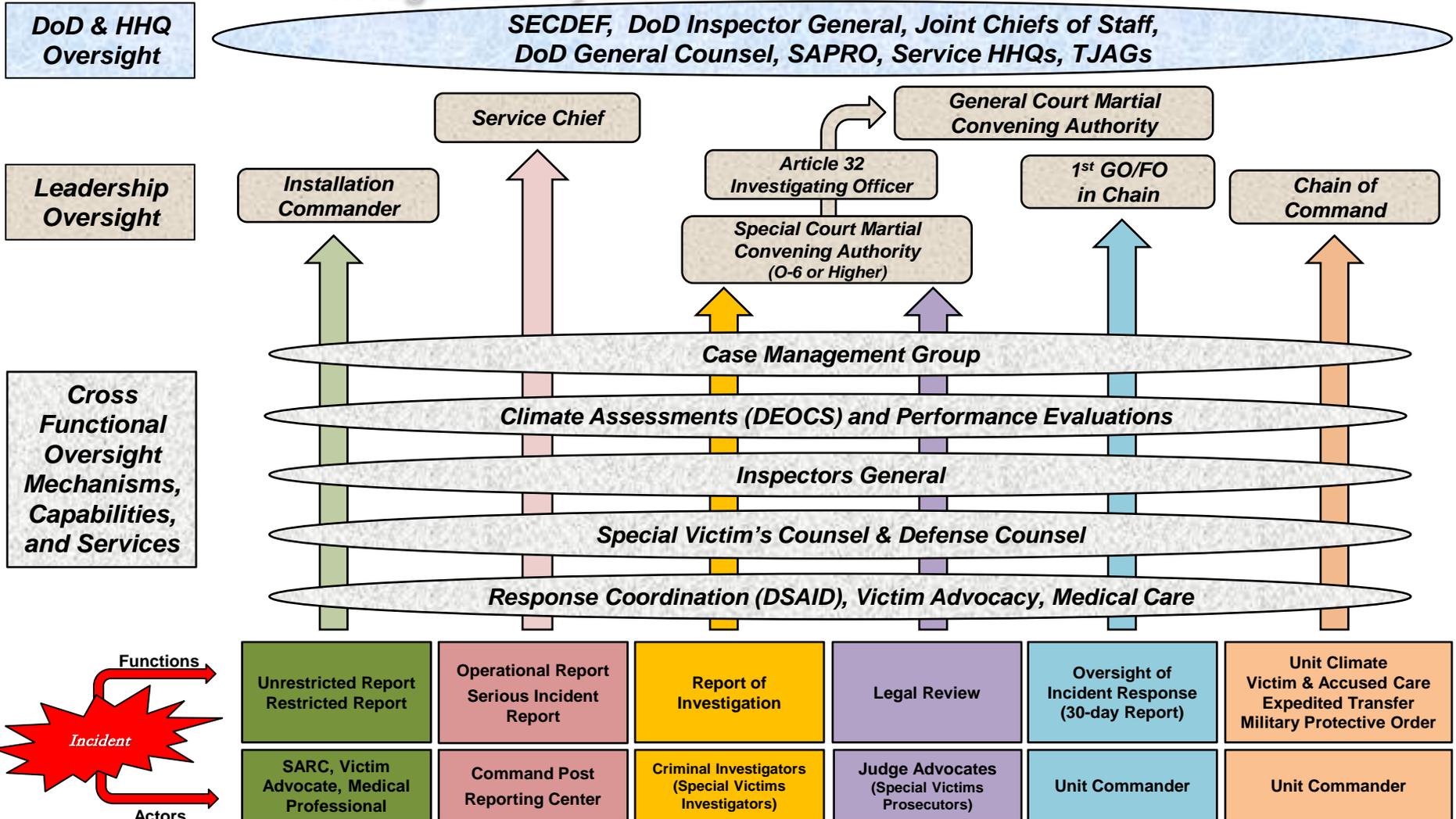


Sexual Assault is an Underreported Crime

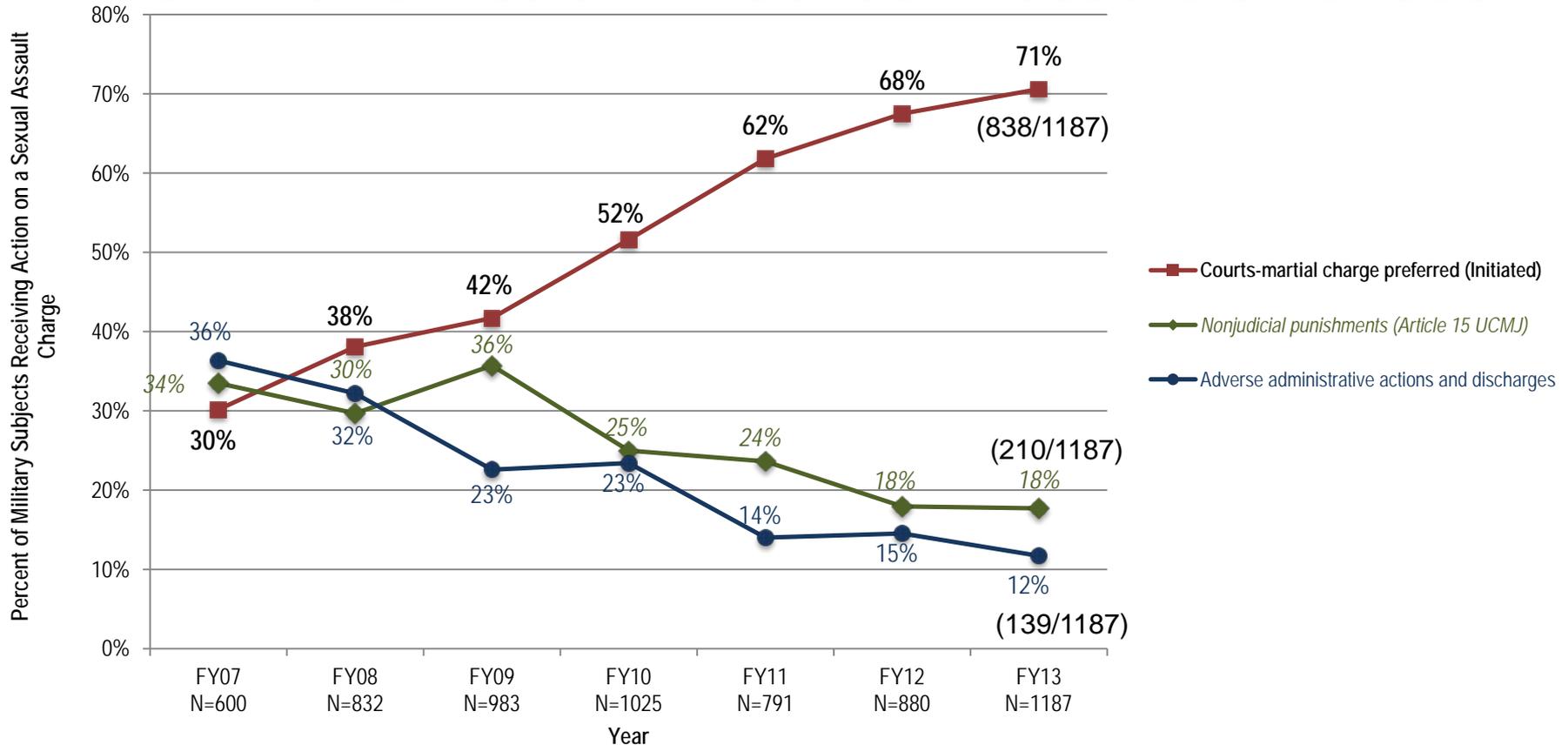
Increased reporting provides primary means for improving victim care and accountability of offenders

Sexual Assault Response & Oversight

Integrated System of Checks & Balances



Command Action in Sexual Assault Offenses



- Since FY07, commanders are increasingly addressing allegations of sexual assault by preferring court-martial charges, when the subject is under the legal authority of the Department and there is sufficient evidence to do so.
- In FY13, 209 of the 210 nonjudicial punishments (NJP) administered was for a non-penetrating crime; one exception involved a victim who declined to participate at court.

DoD SAPR Program Foundation

- **Sustain multi-pronged approach – no single “silver bullet” solution**
 - Requires sustained progress, persistence, innovation, and multi-disciplinary approach in prevention, investigation, accountability, victim assistance & assessment
- **Expand prevention efforts to reinforce cultural imperatives of mutual respect and trust, team commitment, and professional values**
 - Recognize that sexual harassment is strongly correlated with sexual assault
- **Continue to educate frontline commanders and leaders at all levels and hold them accountable in establishing and sustaining a culture of dignity and respect**
 - Must include programs on healthy relationships, bystander intervention, and peer leadership/social courage
- **Ensure victim focus and control to help overcome vast underreporting**
 - Treat every case with utmost seriousness, protect privacy, allow victims to choose the manner in which they heal, and provide professional advocacy
 - Reporting is an essential bridge to victim care and accountability
- **Sustain commitment to holding offenders appropriately accountable – we are improving investigative and accountability efforts through Special Victims Capability, UCMJ Panels, and comprehensive oversight actions**

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