

# Engaging the police in violence prevention

Lessons learned from over 20 years of prevention work in the Stockholm nightlife setting

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# Overall goal

To reduce violence in the nightlife setting

- **Specific goals**

Reduce service of alcohol to:

- obviously intoxicated guests
- underaged guests

# Prevention strategies

- Community mobilization
- RBS training
- Enforcement

# Community mobilization

- Stakeholder ownership
- Structure for collaboration
- Co-production
- Media advocacy
- Action group

# RBS-training

## Levels of intoxication



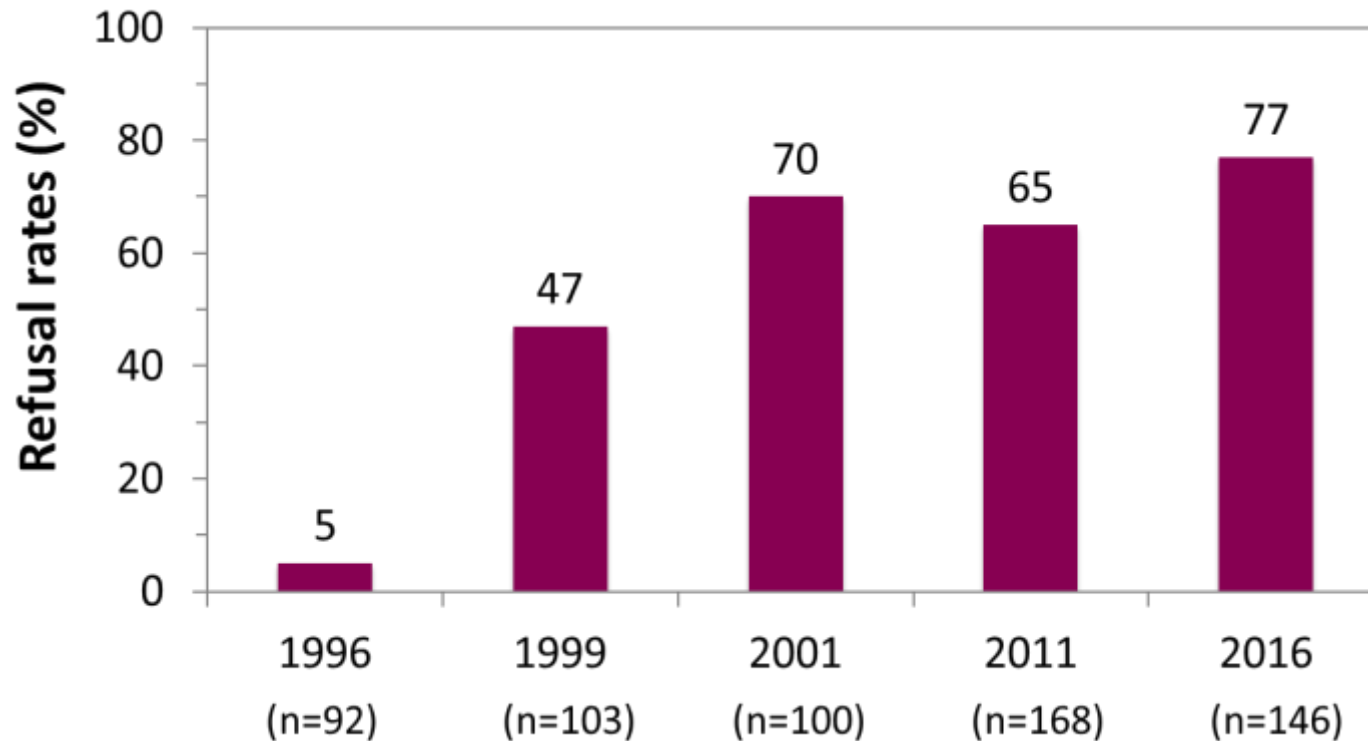
# Enforcement

- Bar inspections
- Shifting focus from penalizing to coaching
- Feedback



# Results ([www.stad.org](http://www.stad.org))

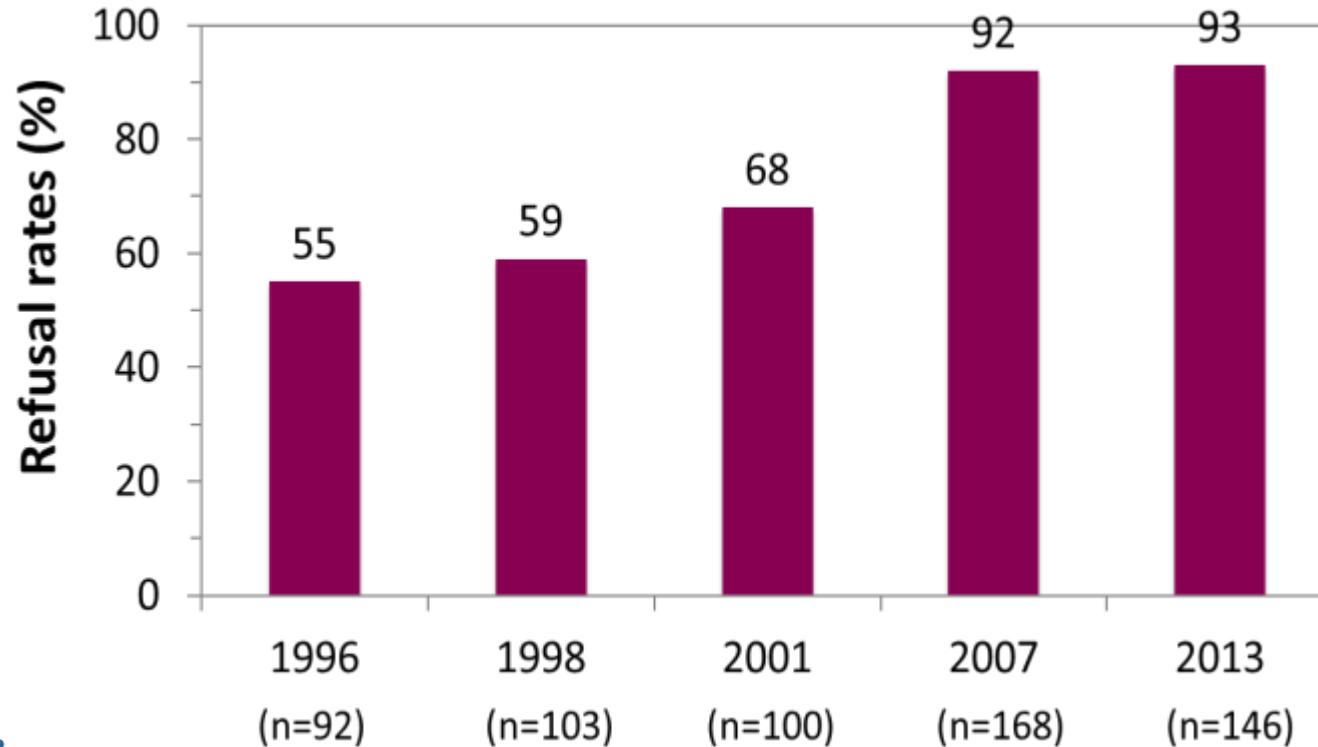
## Refusal rates of alcohol service to obviously *intoxicated*





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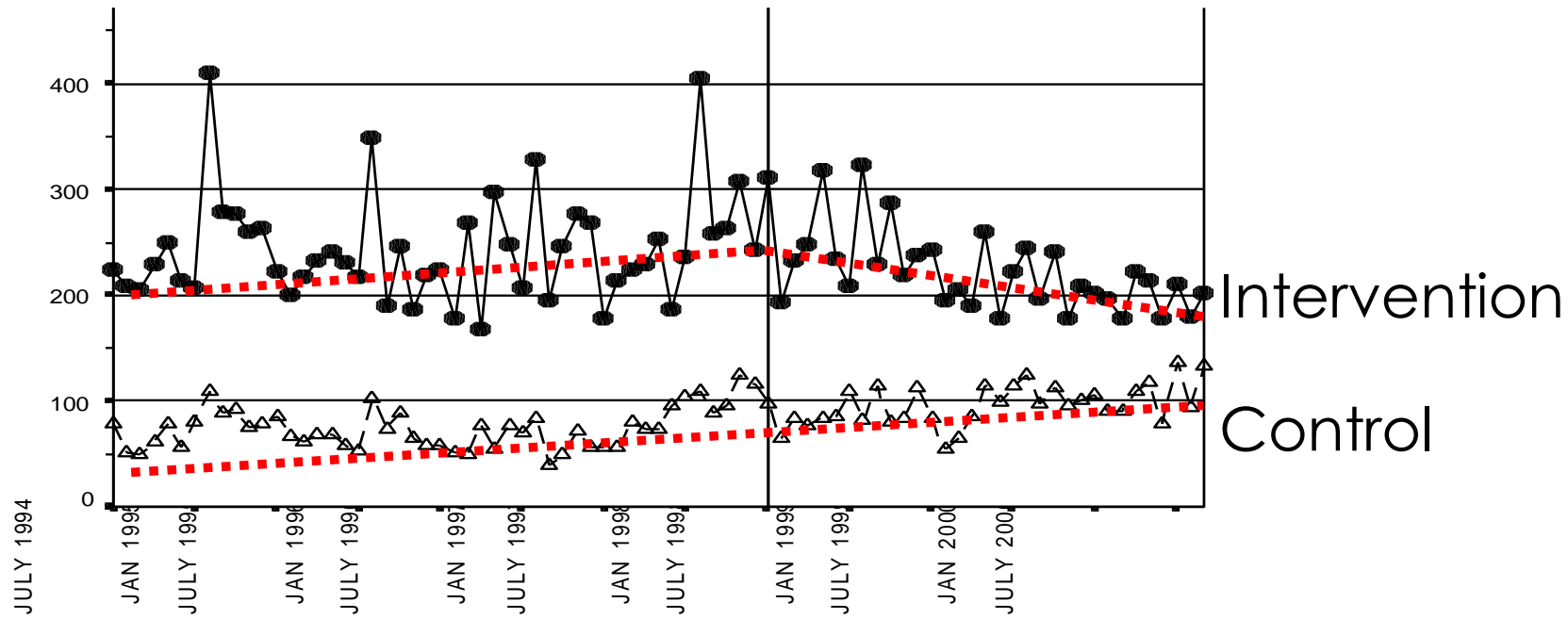
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# Results

## Police reported violence

Reduction of 29% in the intervention area



# Engaging the police – lessons learned

Focus on being reactive

Public health is a different approach

Ambassadors – police vs police

What didn't happen?



Institutionalize

What happened instead?

Research and studies

Written and signed agreement

# Any BIG no-no's to watch out for?

Quick fix  
thinking

Enthusiasts

Lack of  
resources

Lack of  
communication  
and trust



# Thank you for listening!

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