

The commercial sexual exploitation of boys in North-West Russia

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The situation of sexual violence against boys - police statistics

In 2006 in St. Petersburg – approx. 700 court cases on sexual violence against children.
In 5% of those cases boys were victims (approx. 35 cases).

2 types of crimes against boys:

- crimes committed only once;
- series of crimes which become more and more violent with every new case.

Crimes against boys often are committed by Uzbek, Tajik, and Kyrgyz nationals.

Usually victims are boys of 9-12 years old.

Boys of 7-8 years old may be among them too.



Boys' prostitution according to data from shelter Transit

In 2006 the shelter Transit received 450 children, out of which 315 were boys. Approx. 10-15% (30-50 boys) experienced being involved in prostitution.

Boys are usually of 15-17 years old, but some of them could be 6-7 years old.

They could be paid by money (around 15 Euro for oral sex, around 100 Euro for anal sex) or they could also be provided with food and place to live.

Usually those boys are from North-West Russia and Leningradskaya region from specialized institutions.

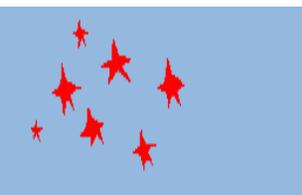


Commercial sexual exploitation of boys according to research data

The research was conducted in 2004 by “Stellit” in North-West Russia at the request and with financial support from World Childhood Foundation.

Cities:

- St.-Petersburg
- Kaliningrad
- Murmansk
- Petrozavodsk

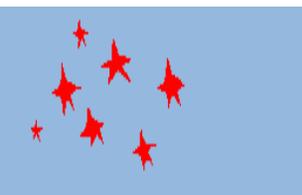


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1515 teenagers of 14-21 years old were questioned, from them boys – 52%, girls – 48%.

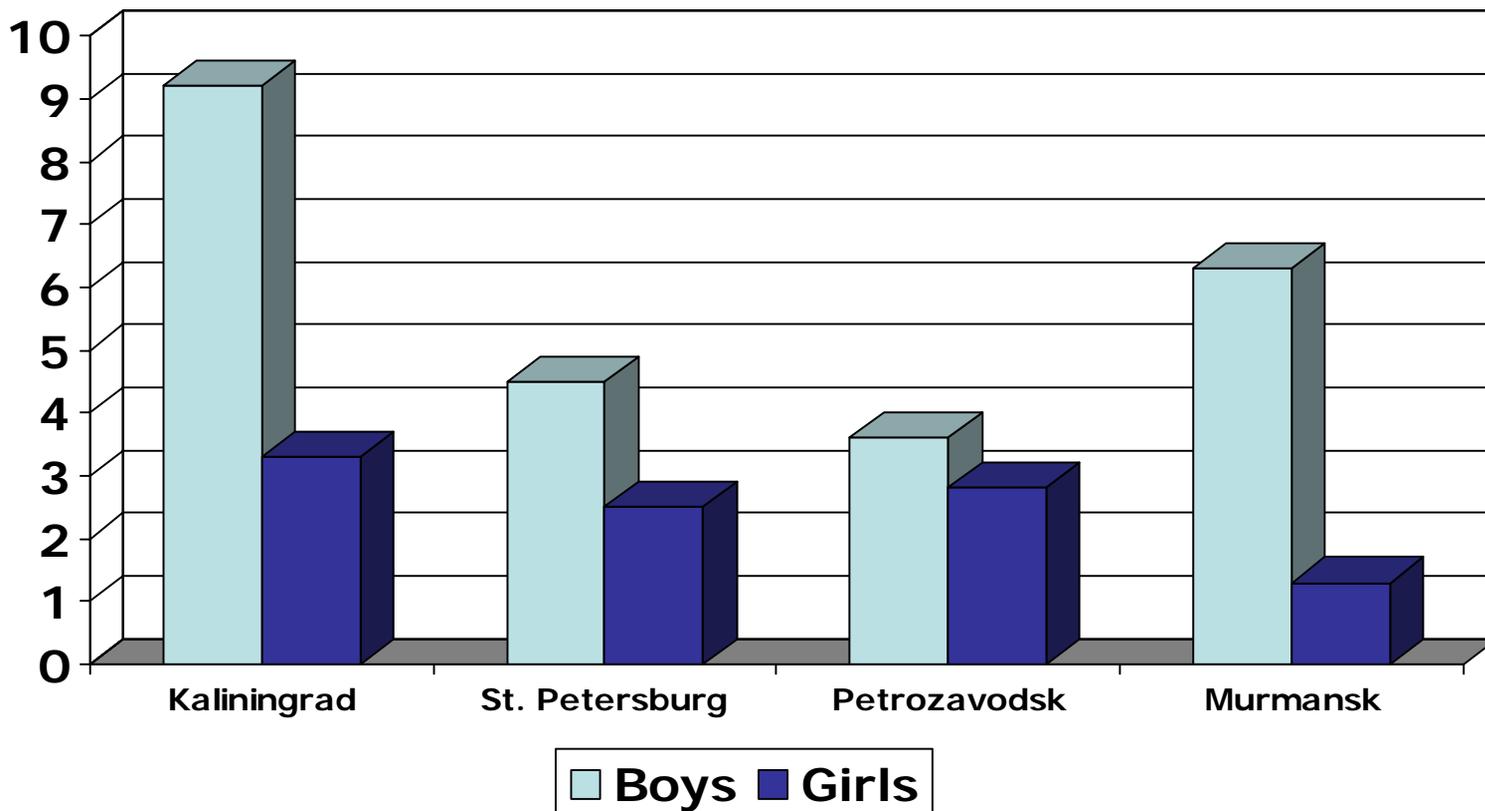
The age sample included:

- 38% of teenagers under 16 years old
- 25% - 17 years old
- 35% - 18 and upwards.



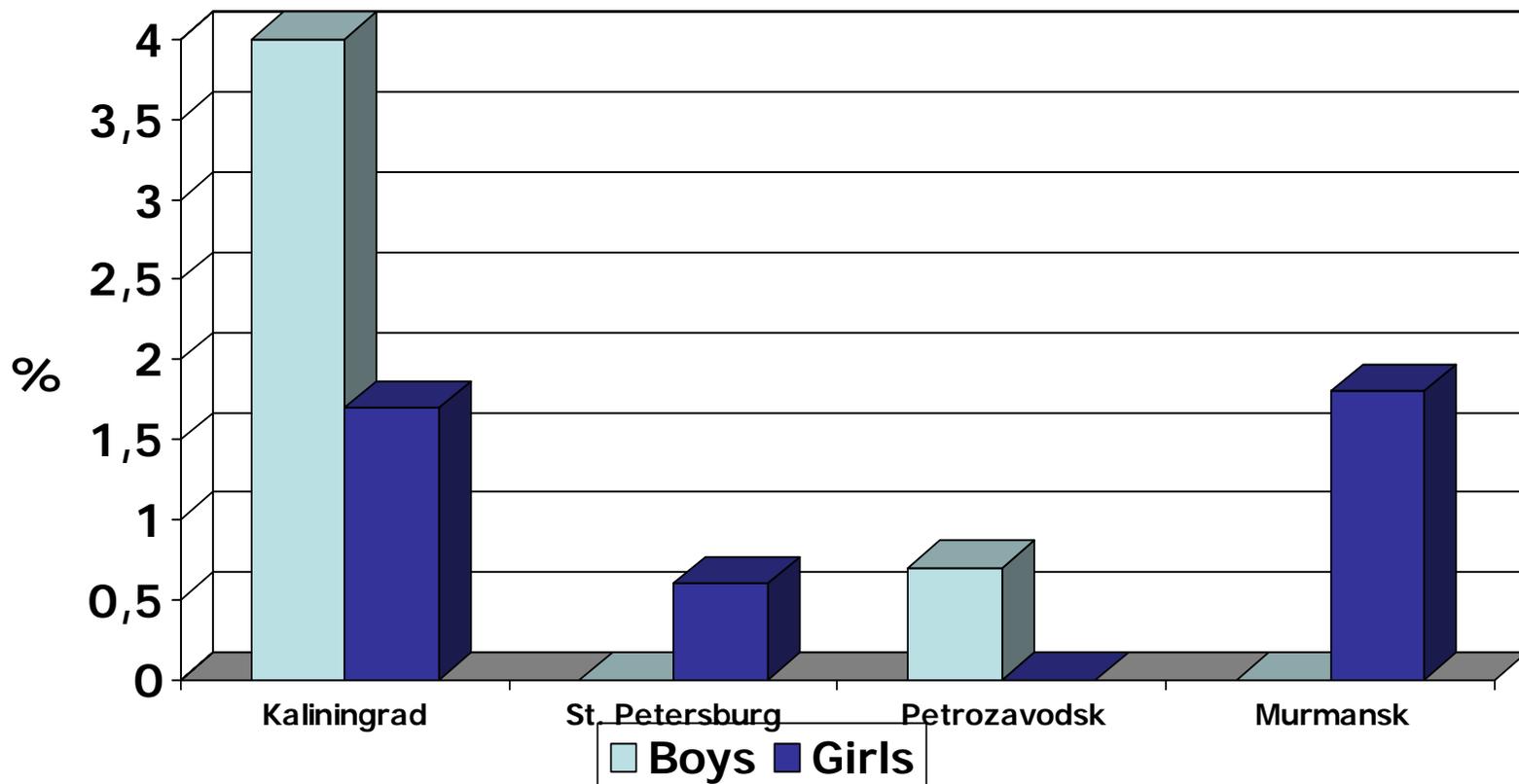
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Providing sexual services:



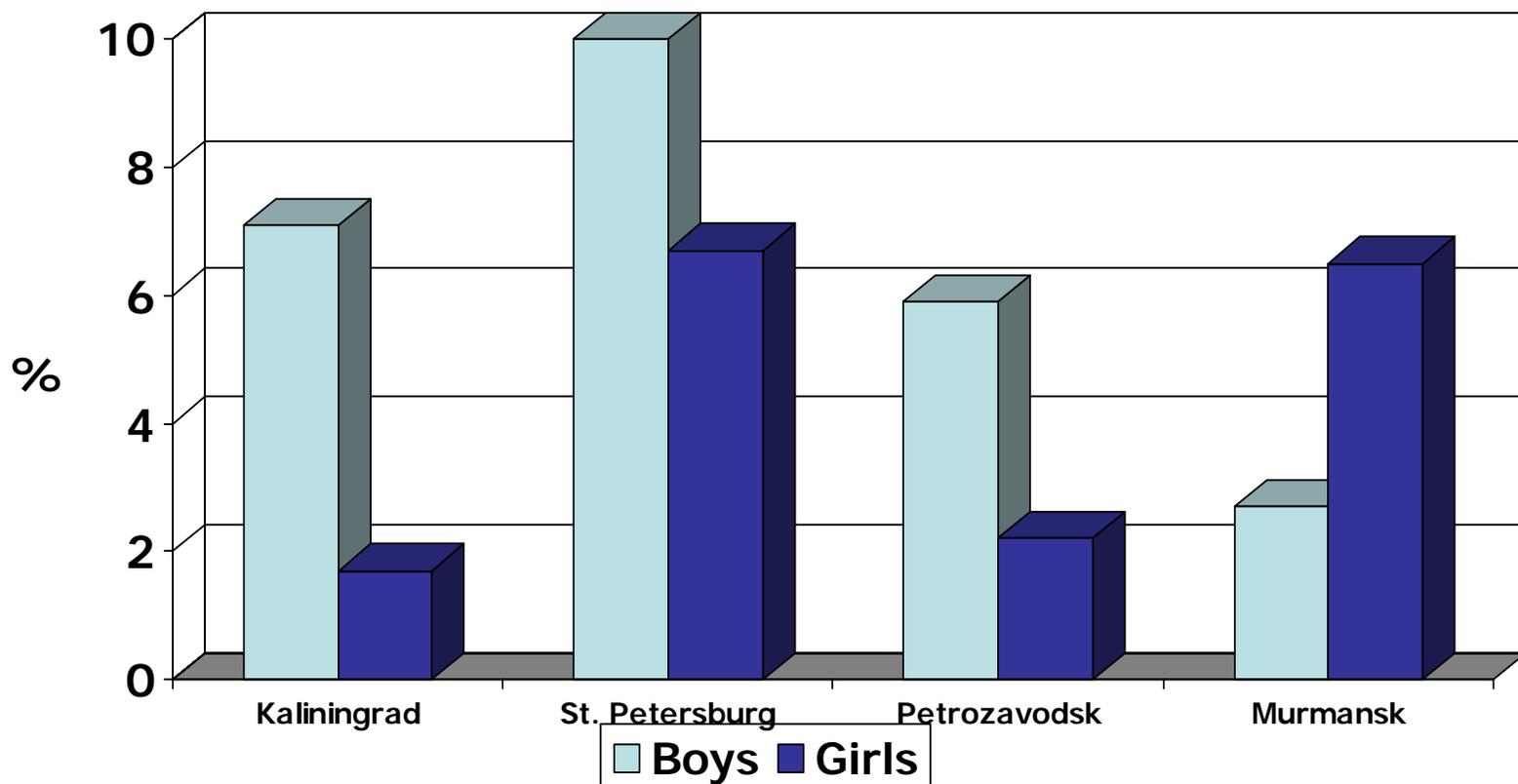
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Showing genitals for money:



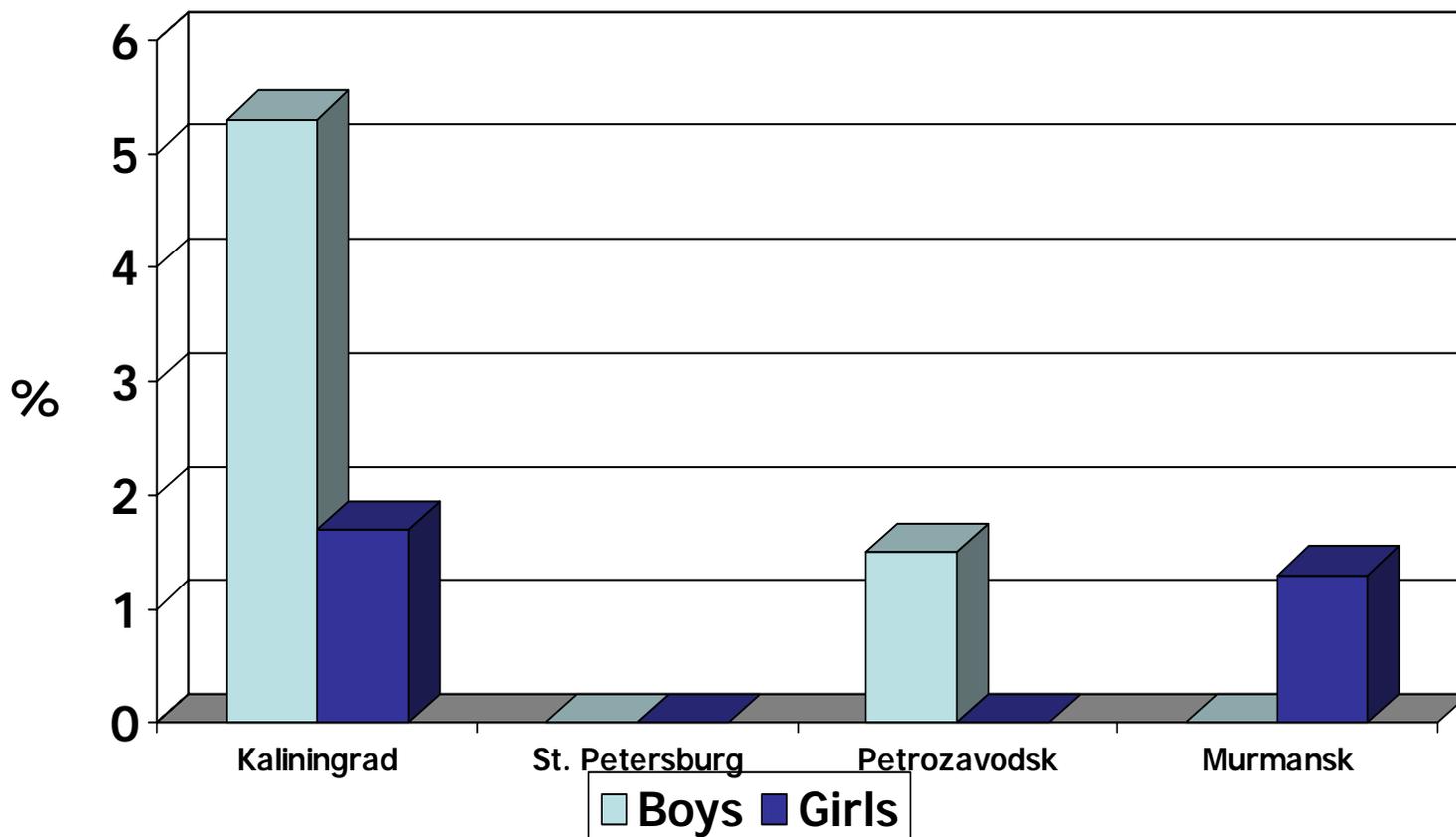
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Photos or video without clothes for money:



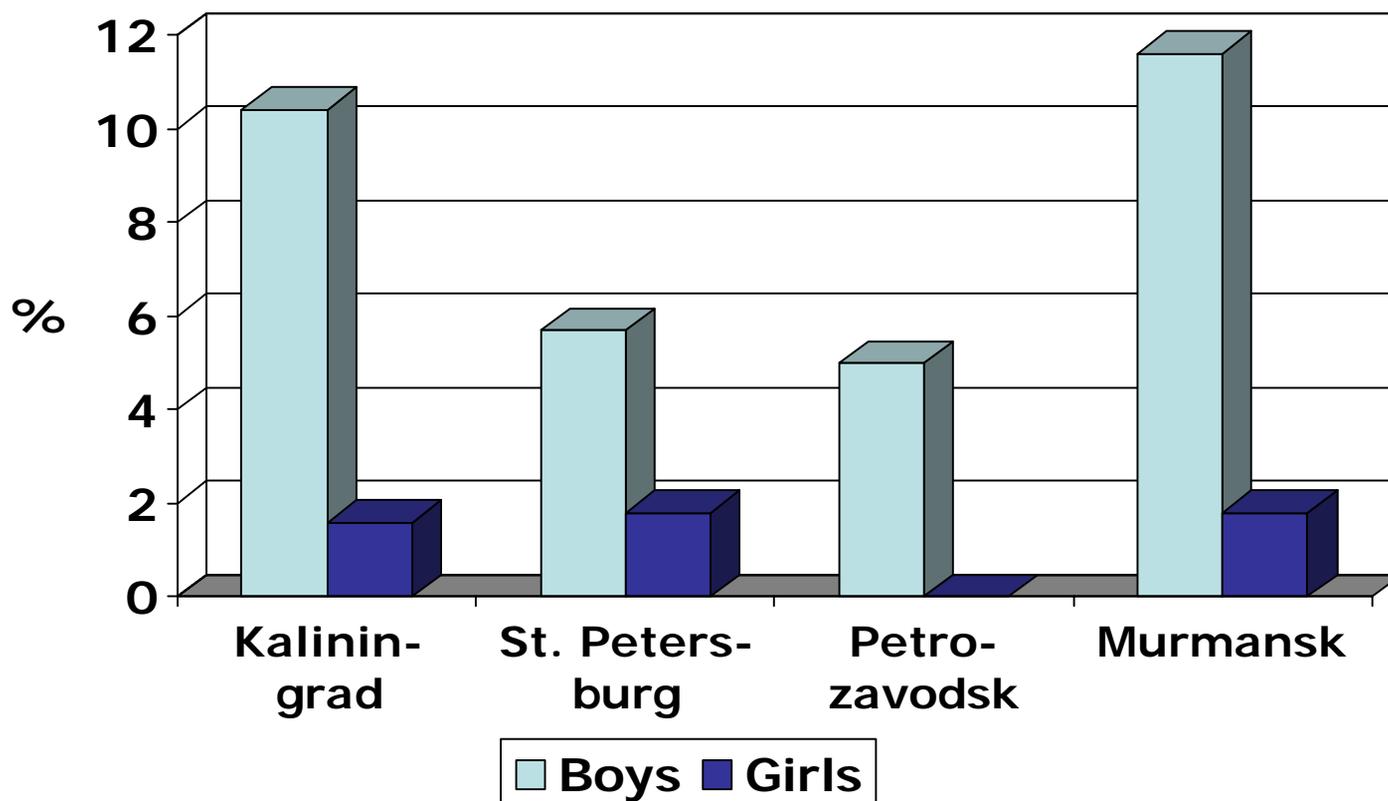
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Photos or video of paid sexual actions:



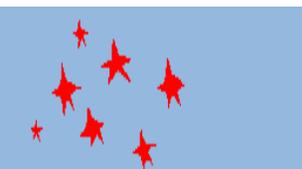
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Those who have bought sexual services:



Challenges in work against commercial sexual exploitation of boys

- All prevention work is mostly for girls
- Almost no prevention work is conducted against buying sexual services
- Boys are afraid of telling about their experience so those cases are very latent
- Almost no cases in court (comparing with girls)
- Sexual contacts with boys are more expensive than with girls so it is difficult to rehabilitate them and provide them alternatives to earn money
- Boys usually are in prostitution only till 18-20 years old, after that there is no demand for them and they usually start to use heroin



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