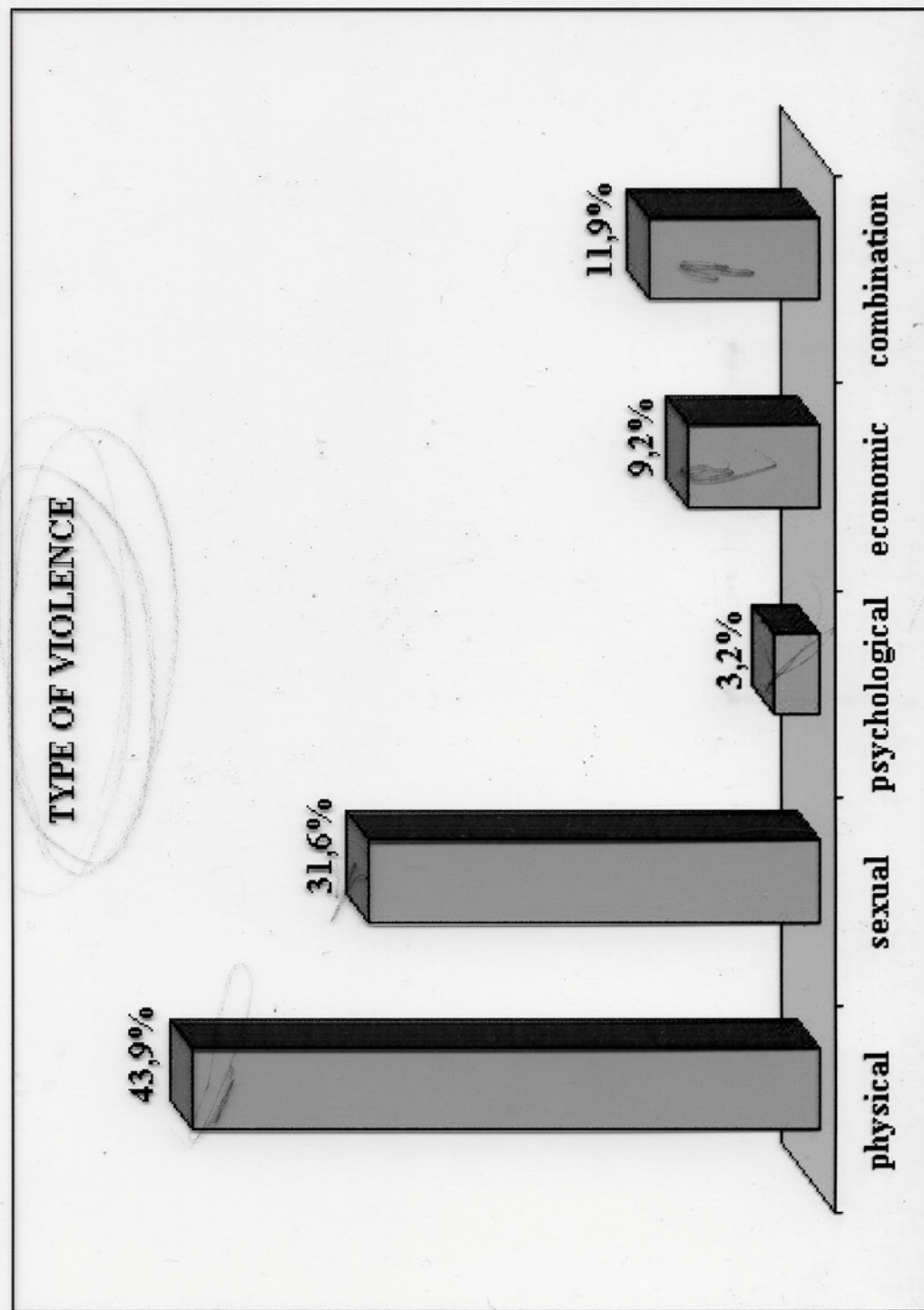


In accordance with the basic theoretical assumptions, this research confirmed that violence is most frequently manifested as physical and sexual. Economic, and especially psychological violence, though present to great extent, is rarely reported, and thus, not present in newspaper articles. The results of the research show that women are most frequently the victims of physical violence (43,9%), followed by the high percentage of sexual violence (31,6%). Psychological violence was recorded in only 3,2% of the cases. In 11,9% of the cases, woman was the victim of combined forms of violence.

GRAPH 7:



NATIONAL COLLECTIVE OF INDEPENDENT WOMEN'S REFUGE STATISTICS^a

Description	Figures	Year
Number of women accessing safehouse services ^b	2,281	2005/06
Number of children accessing safehouse services	3,148	2005/06
Average length of stay in the safehouse	37 nights	2005/06
Number of women accessing advocacy services in the community	9,611	2005/06
Number of children accessing advocacy services in the community	3,565	2005/06
Number of crisis calls received	41,734	2005/06
Number of women accessing education services	2,384	2005/06
Number of children accessing education services	750	2005/06
Percentage of clients who are accessing the refuge service in that area for the first time	84%	2005/06
Ethnicity of women using refuge services	48% Maori 33% Pakeha 4% Pacifica 4% European 2% Asian 1% Other 8% Unknown	2005/06
Ethnicity of children receiving refuge services	60% Maori 24% Pakeha 7% Pacifica 3% European 1% Asian 1% Other 4% Unknown	2005/06
Ages of women using refuge services	27% aged 17-25 34% aged 26-35 26% aged 36-45 11% aged 46-59 2% aged 60 +	2005/06
Ages of children using refuge services	36% aged 0-4 34% aged 5-9 30% aged 10-16	2005/06