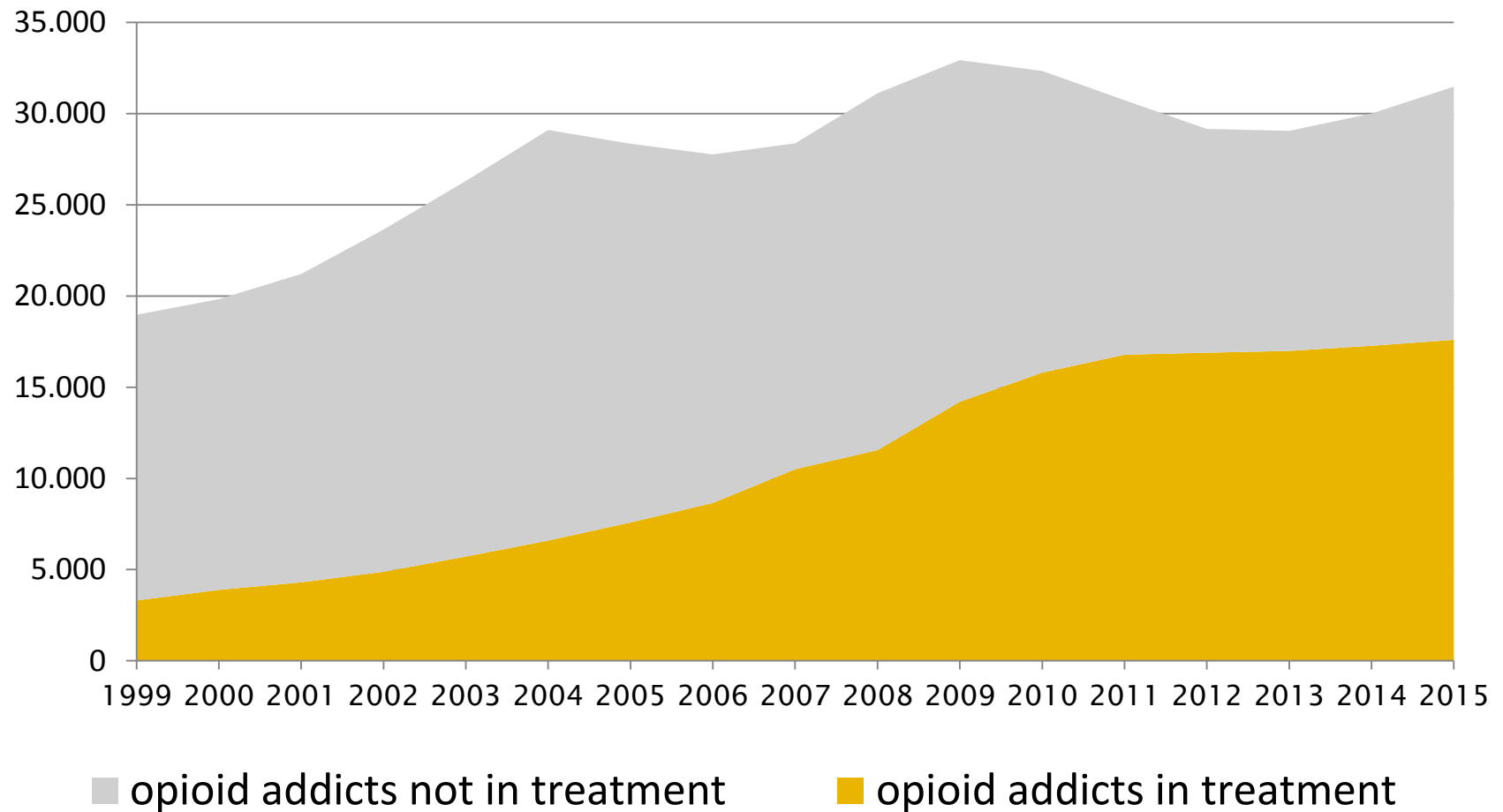


# 30 years of opioid substitution treatment in Austria

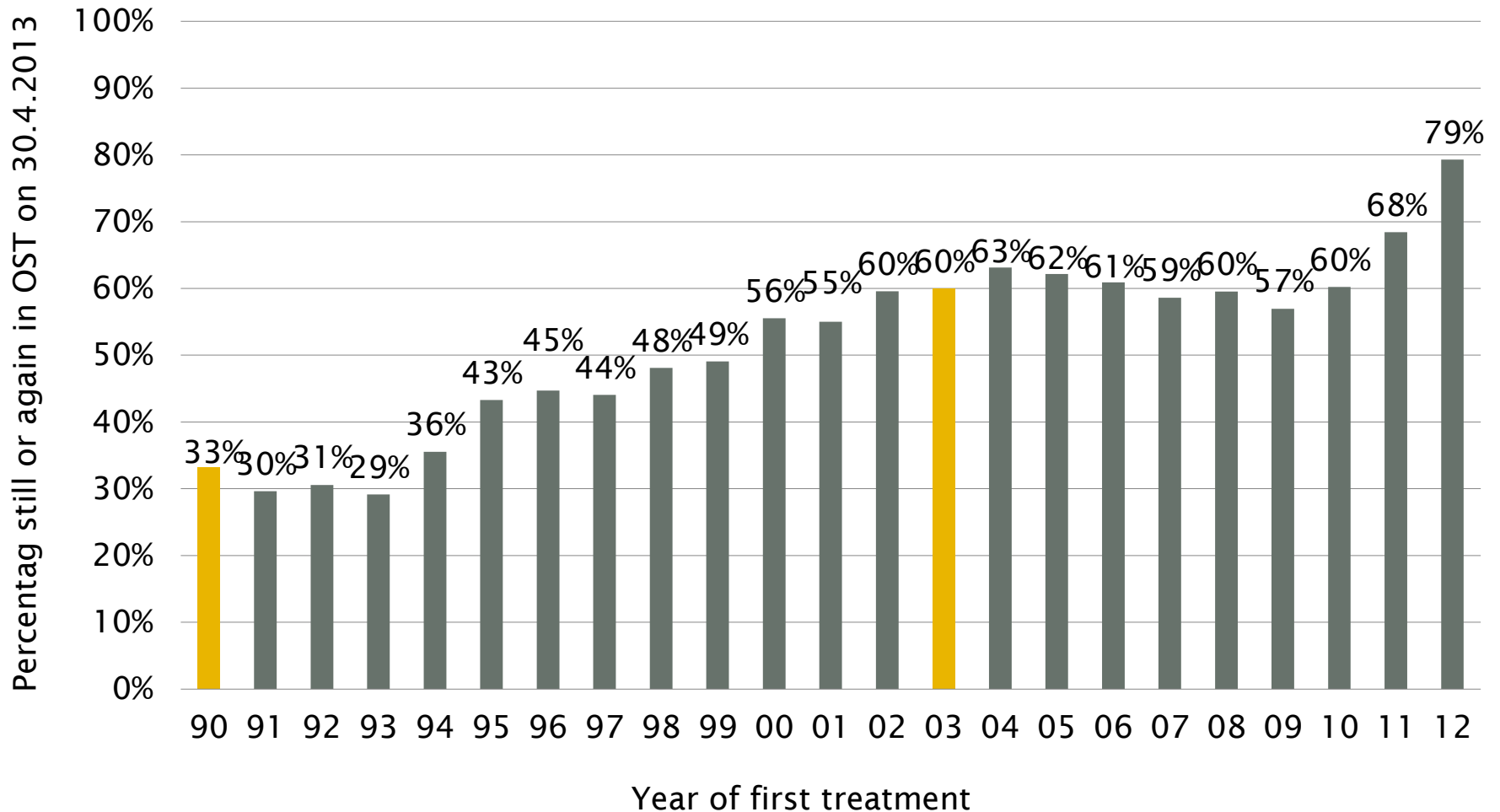
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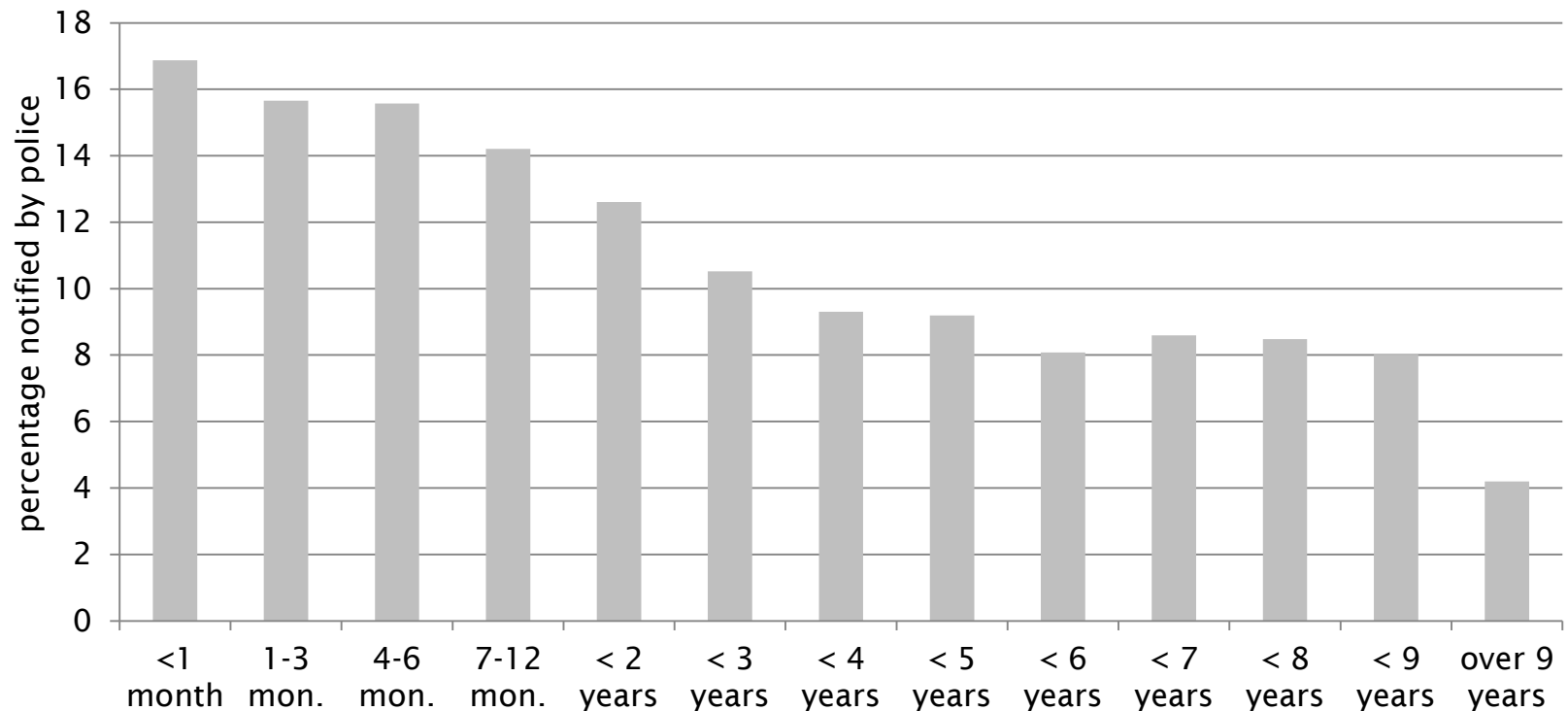
## Problem Opioid User (in Opiod Substitution Treatment)



# On 30.4.2013 still or again in OST



# OST duration on 1.1.2013 and the probability to be caught by police in 2013



10 % of all OST patients were notified by the police in 2013. The probability of a notification decreases with OST duration!

## Conclusions

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- » Opioid addiction is a long term chronic disease including phases of relapse to criminal activity.
- » Stability increases with OST duration but even a small part of OST patients with treatment duration of more than 9 years relapse to criminal activity.
- » There is need for more research concerning long term OST patients (e. g. causes for relapse)