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Gender equality in security sector reform in South East Europe

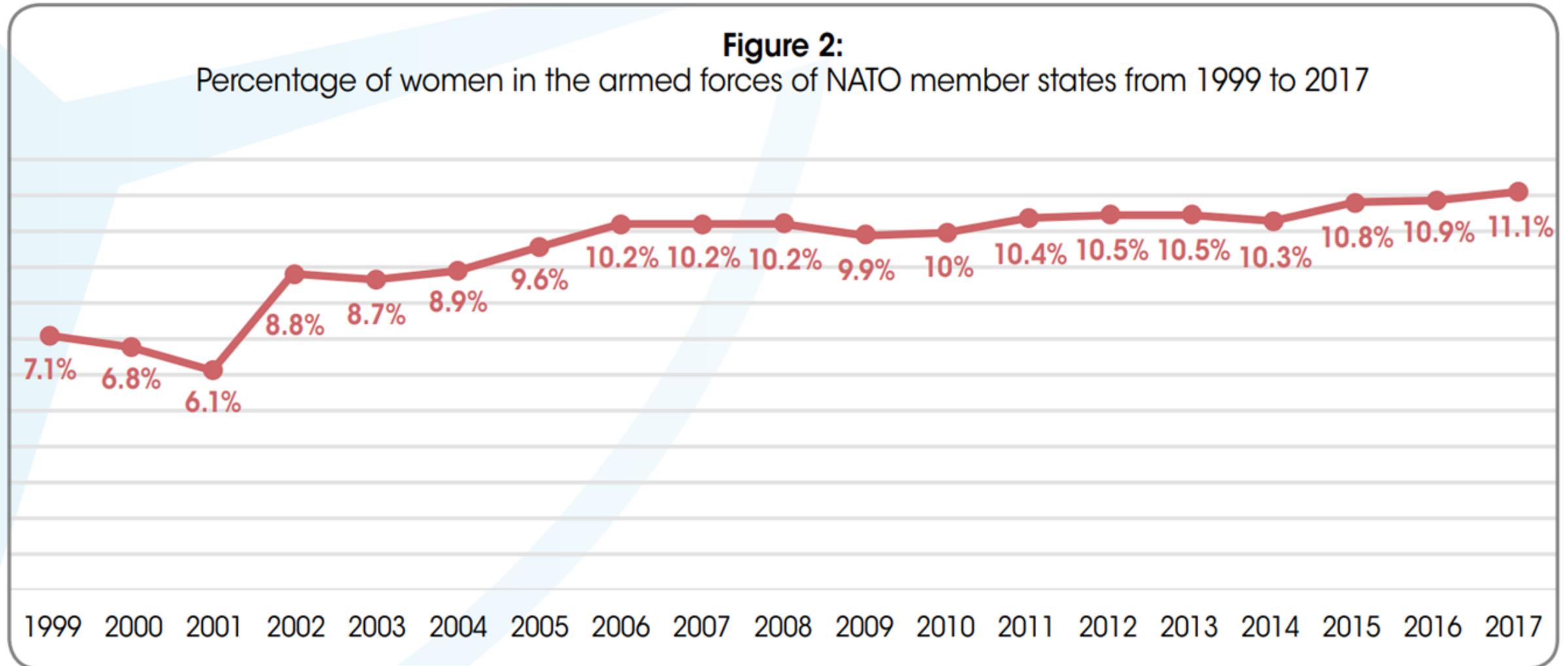
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Percentage of women in the AF in the Western Balkans

(Source: SEESAC)

	officer	NCO	soldier	civilian	total	total %
BiH	83	129	320	154	686	7.1%
North Macedonia	137	184	181	149	651	9.3%
Montenegro	15	25	39	216	295	14.7%
Serbia	6.59%	1.86%	14.61%	51.5%		21.62%

Percentage of women in the AF of NATO members from 1999 to 2017 (Source: [NATO](#))



What are the existing challenges in the military?

- Low representation of women in uniform in AFs
- Obstacles in career development
- Low reporting rates on gender based discrimination and sexual harassment



Response

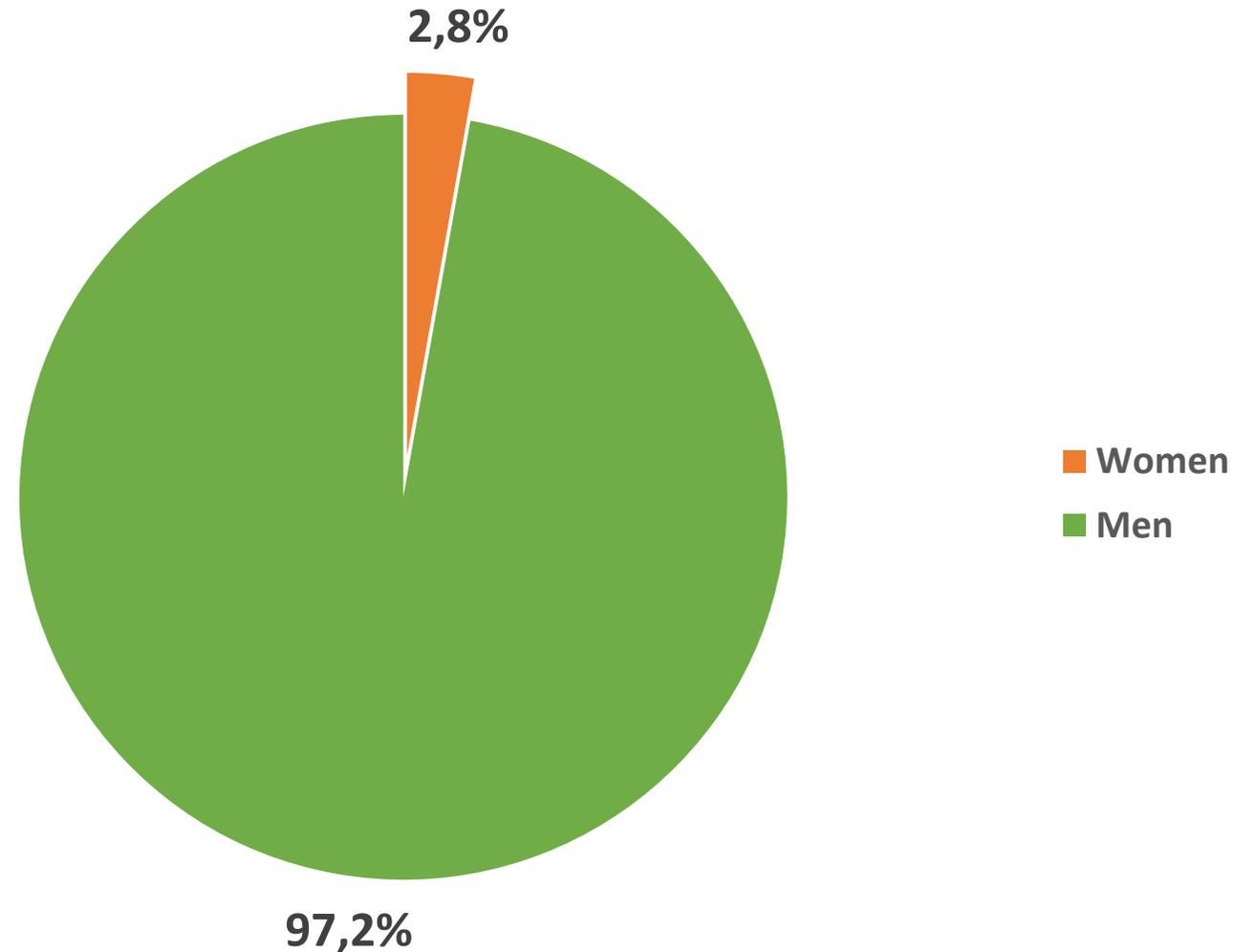
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Reform
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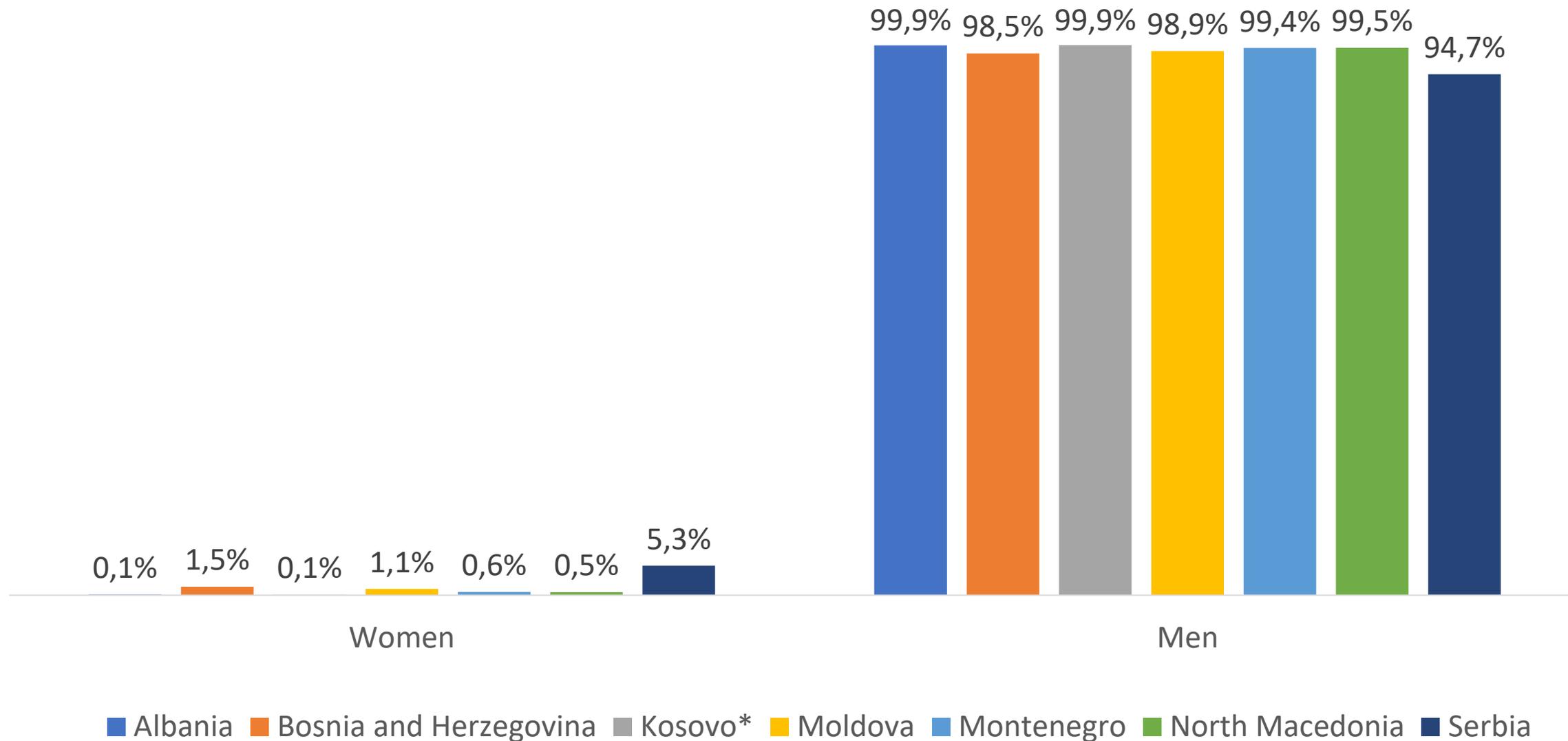
1. FAST FACTS

Firearm ownership in SEE

- Men make up overwhelming majority of firearm owners: more than 97% in SEE



Firearm ownership (Source: SEESAC, 2019 – unpublished)

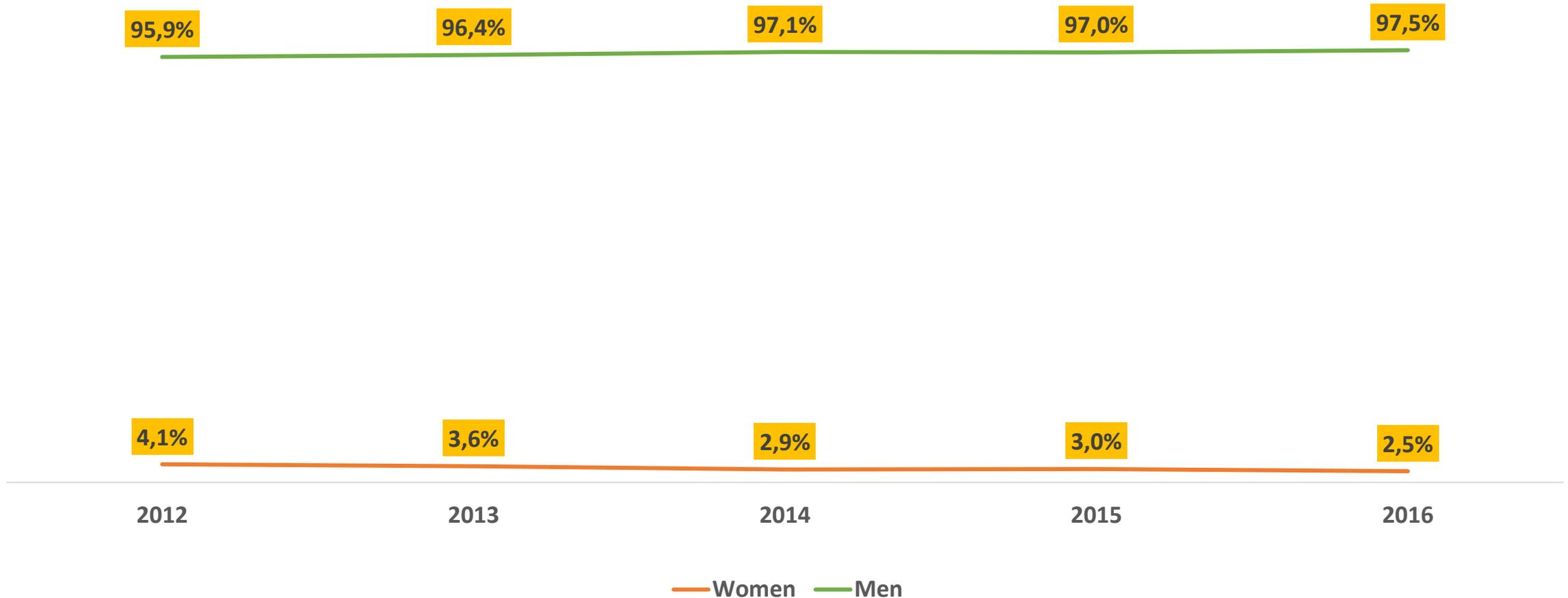


*References to Kosovo shall be understood to be in the context of Security Council Resolution 1244 (1999).

Firearm ownership in SEE

- Stable and persistent patterns

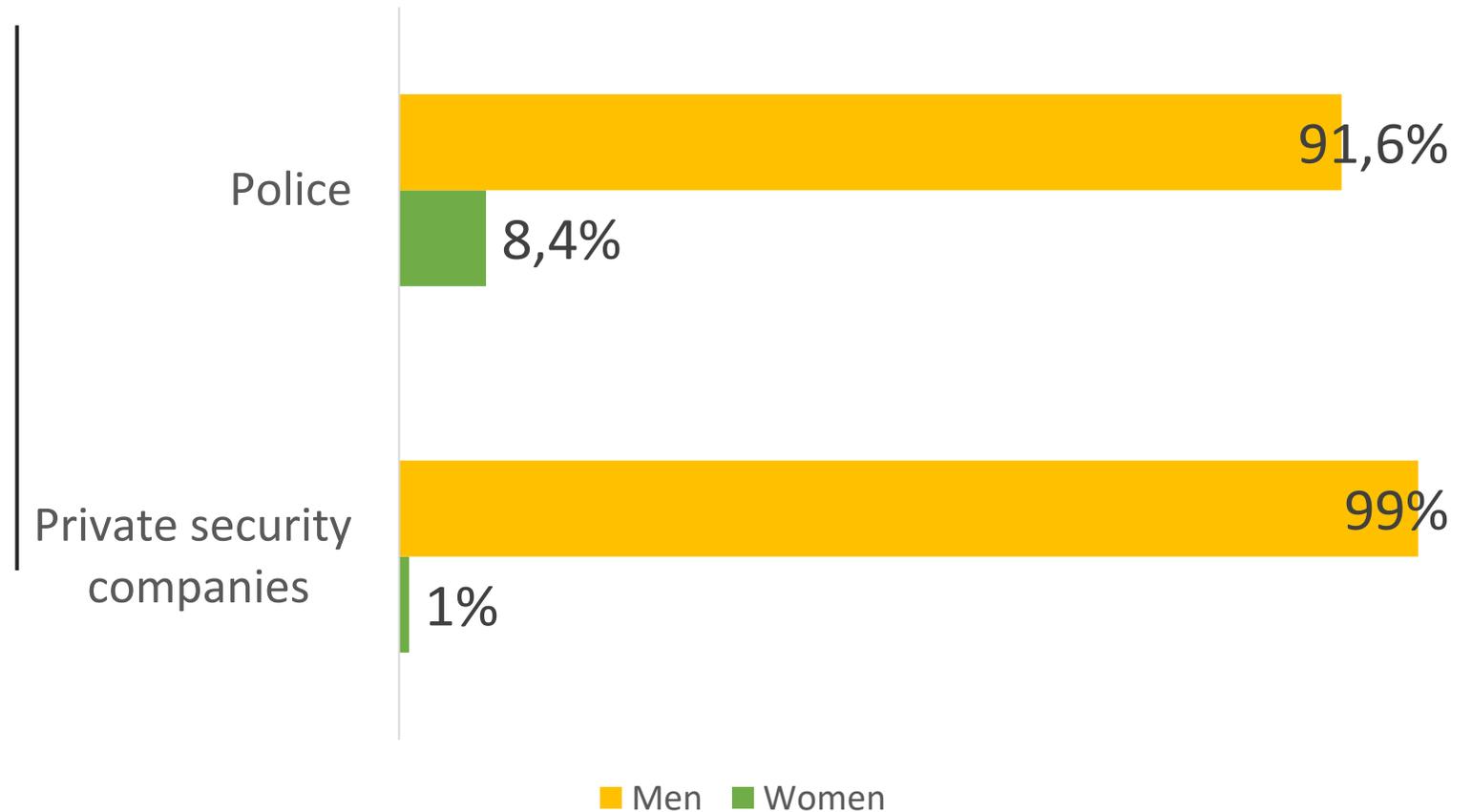
Share of applicants for new licenses, by sex and year



Access

- Men dominate professions in with easy access to firearms
- Men dominate in activities such as hunting and sport shooting

Personnel authorized to carry firearms disaggregated in SEE, by sex, 2016

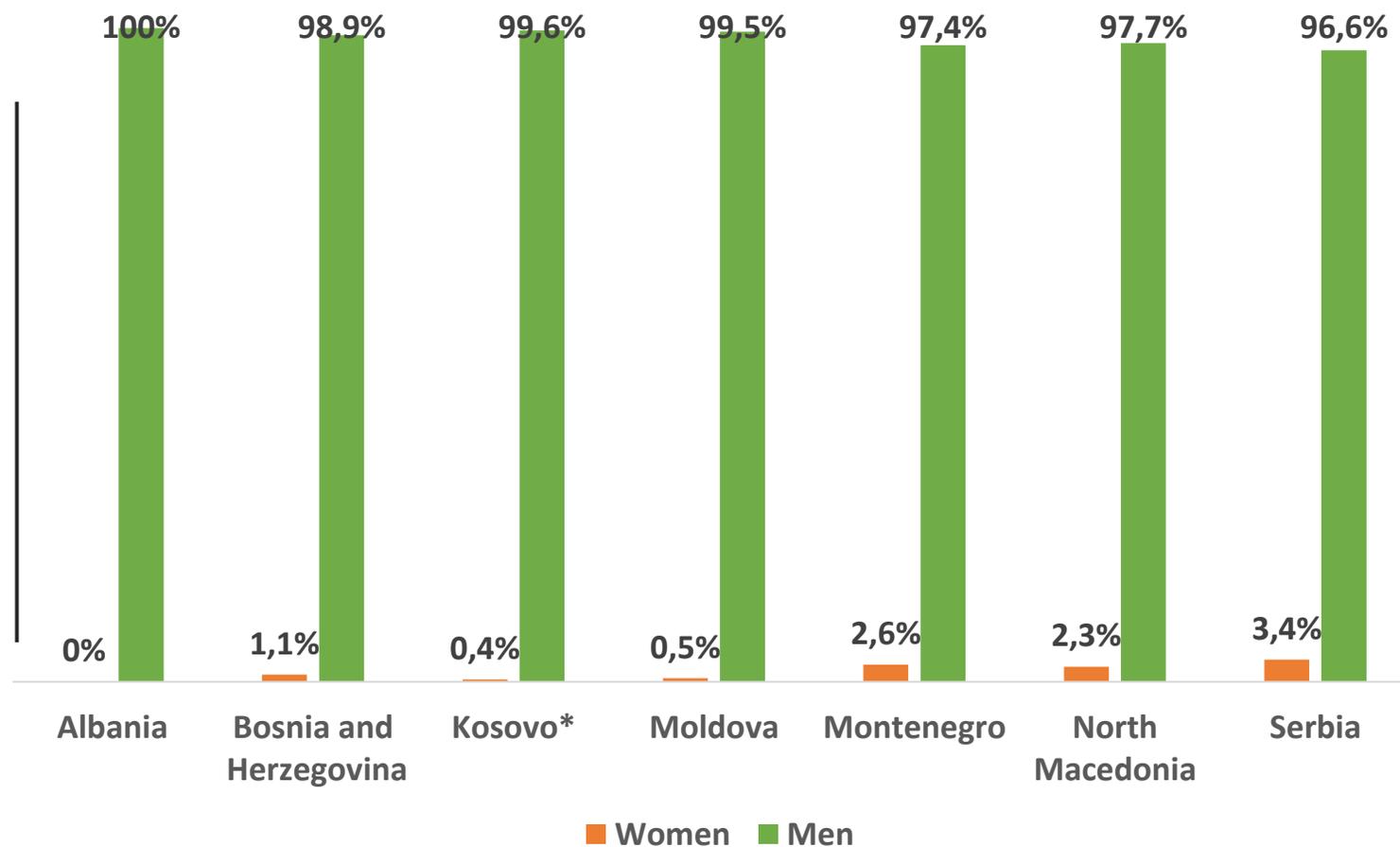


Source: SEESAC, SALW Survey, 2019 (unpublished)

Perpetrators

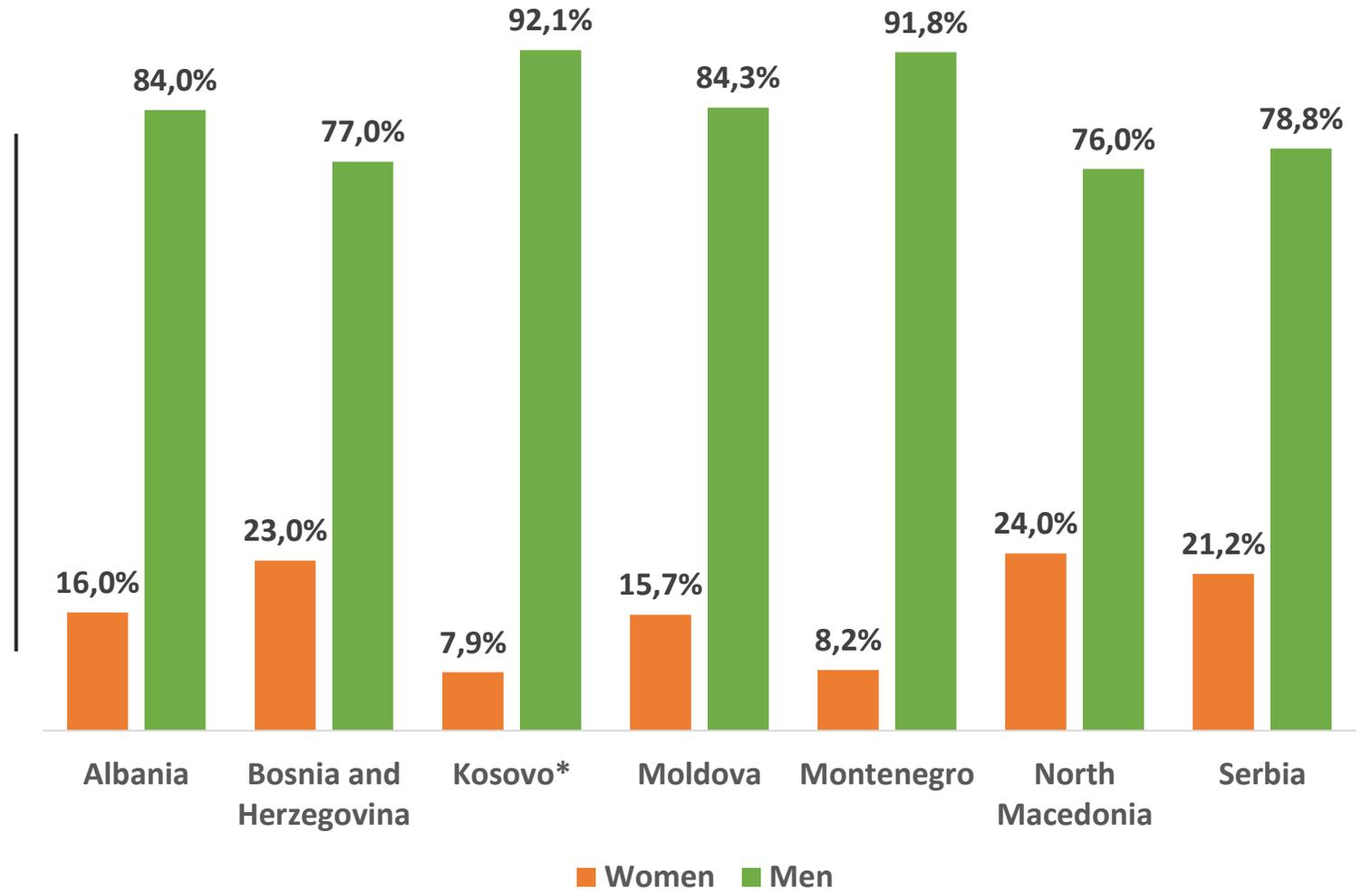
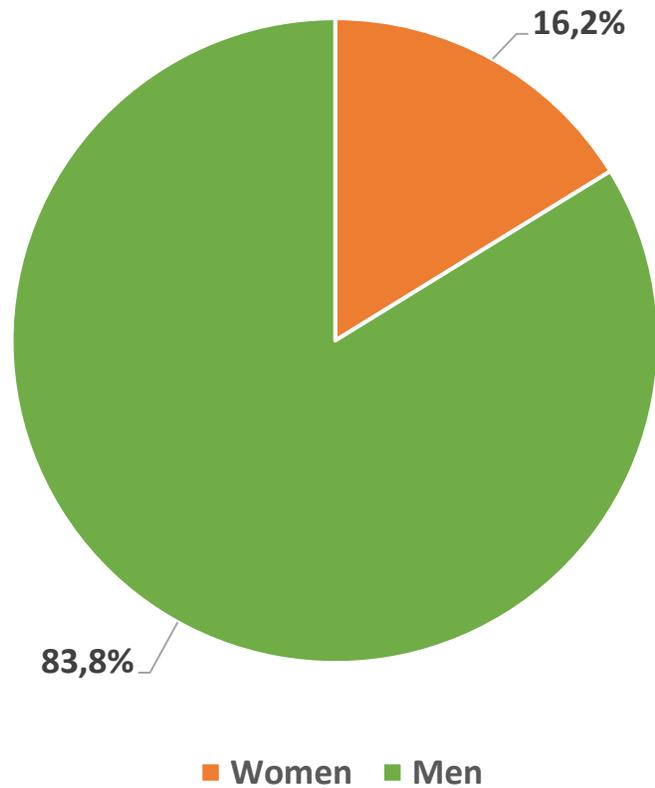
Perpetrators of firearms related criminal offences in SEE, by sex, 2012-2016

- Men majority of perpetrators of firearm-related incidents – 98.4%
- Women rarely, if ever, perpetrators
- Stable patterns



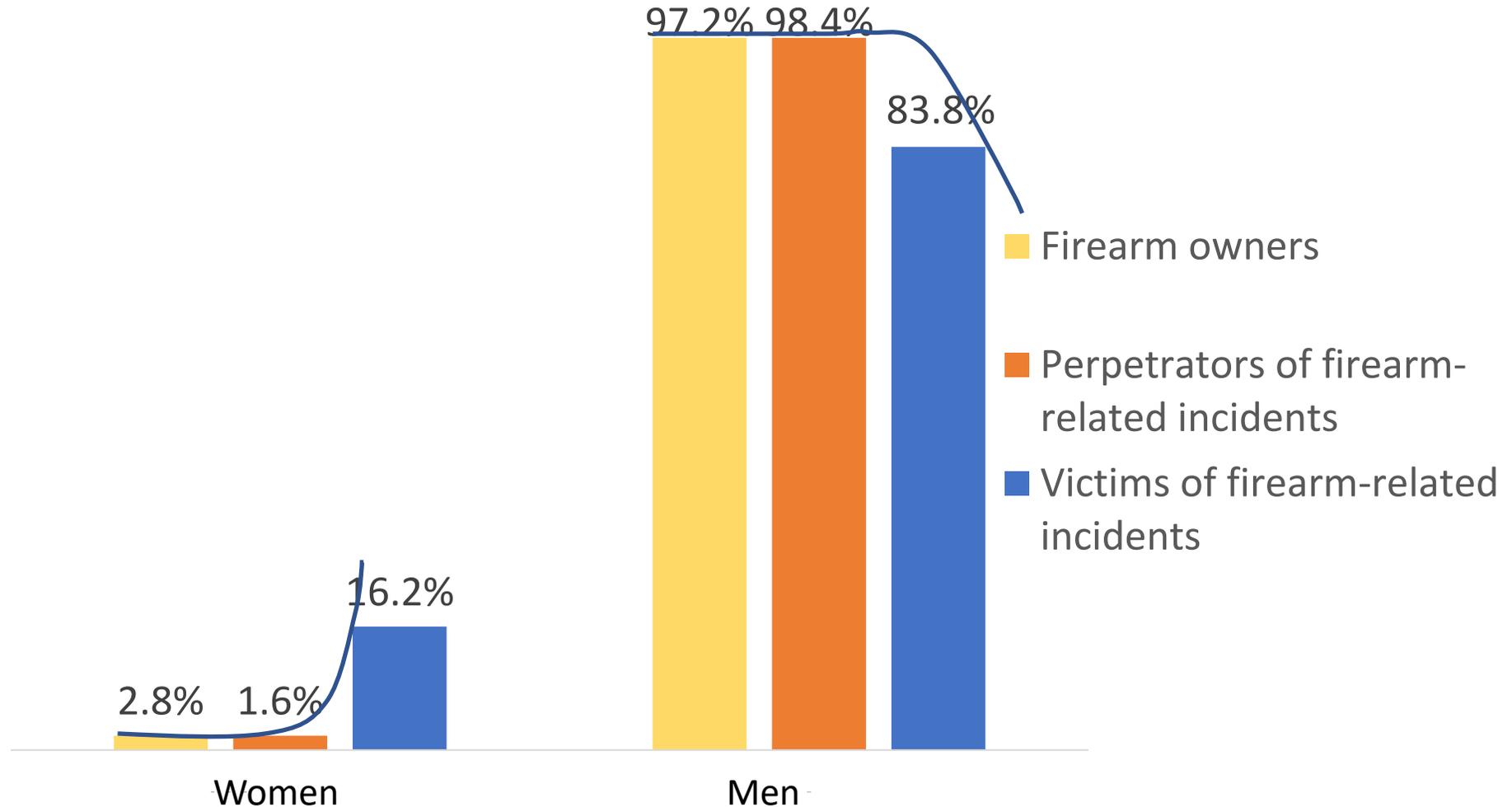
Victims

Firearm-related homicide victims, by sex



Source: SEESAC, SALW Survey, 2019 (unpublished)

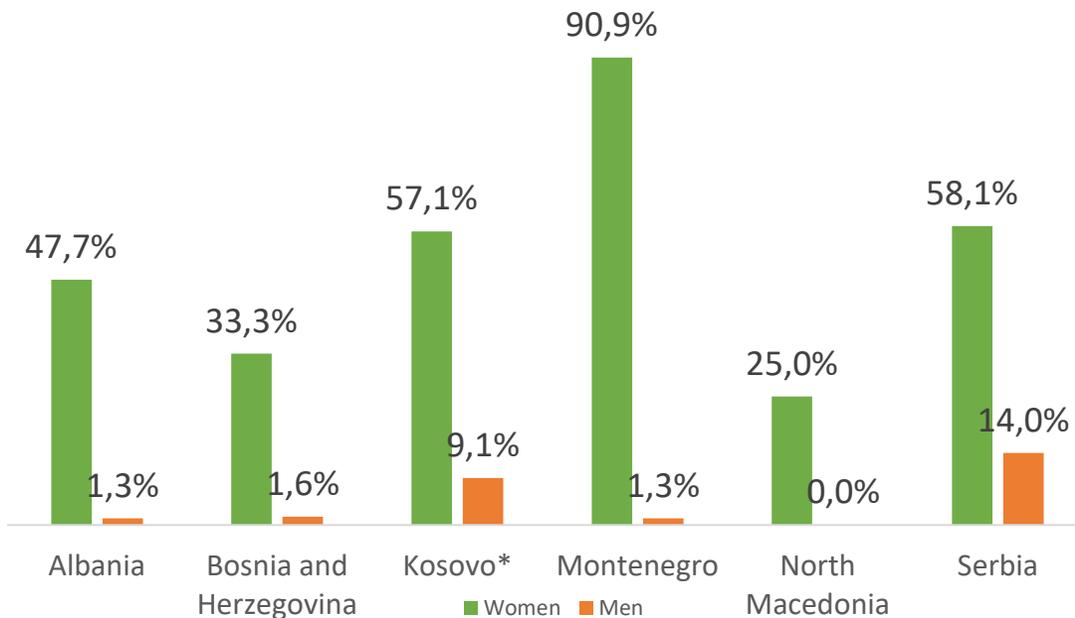
Main gender concerns in South East Europe



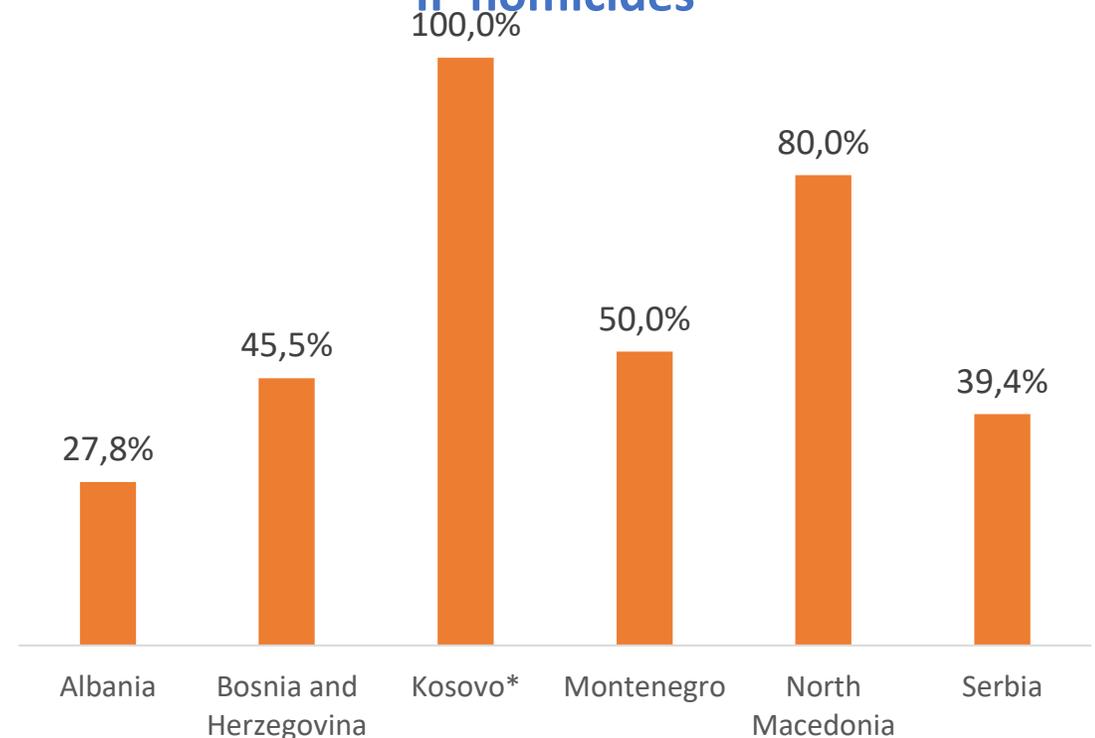
Domestic violence

- Murder by intimate partner is among the most common form of femicide in SEE, while it comprises only a minor share of male homicide.
- The high share of women murdered with firearms reflects the high lethality of firearms in the context of domestic violence.

Intimate partner homicide in total homicide, by sex



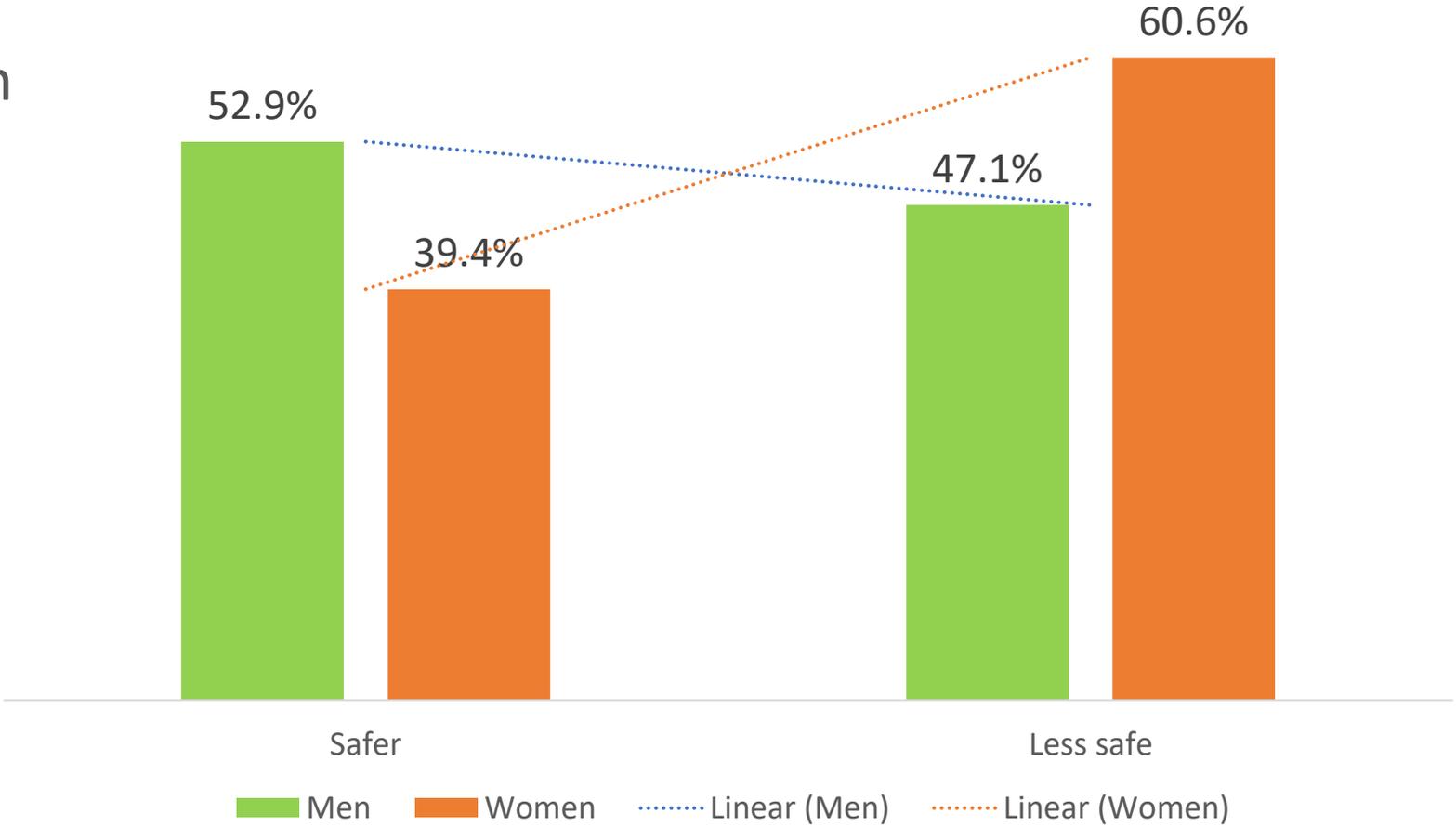
% of women murdered with firearms in IP homicides



4. Attitudes towards small arms

Would having a gun at home make you feel:

Women more often than men see firearms as a risk or threat to their own safety and safety of their families.



Attitudes towards small arms

- Men would significantly more often than women own a gun (35% and 19% respectively).
- The dominant respondents who would own a gun are men aged 16-24 (39%) and men 65 and over (39%).
- Women in all age group are dominant respondents who would not own a gun.

Respondents who would own a gun by sex and age

