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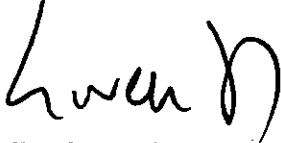
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The research of Dr. Nihat Ali Özcan and Erdem Gürkaynak sheds light on the question of “who are these armed people on the mountain?”

I hope that this research will be useful for those who want to see Turkey’s most important problem in a human-centered view without entering into great political debates.

This research, which was also presented to the Human Rights Inquiry Committee of The Turkish Grand National Assembly on February 8, 2012, reflects some of our painful social realities. The most striking aspects of the investigation are the findings about “the child soldiers” who are under the age of 18.

We present this research with the hope that future generations in this country live in a more peaceful environment.



**Prof. Dr. Güven SAK**  
Executive Director

## **Who are these armed people on the mountain?**

On any given topic, it is far easier to find data than it used to be. As researchers, our most significant task in this new environment is to transform ourselves from data collectors to data hunters. This is what we tried to achieve in this study. We proceeded to “hunt” the useful figures from the sea of data and reached some interesting conclusions. We thought that it would be a good idea to share our findings with everyone and received great interest. For instance, when we presented this information to the Human Rights Inquiry Committee of The Turkish Grand National Assembly, their reactions were quite positive.

We have, of course, analyzed the data and came to conclusions of our own. But sometimes even numbers and graphs by themselves are striking enough to exhibit a situation. We chose this as our method, thinking it best for those who are interested in this issue to establish their own relations among the pieces of data.

This research encompasses 1362 PKK Terror Organization Militants who lost their lives between the years of 2001 and 2011. In this context, you can find information and data about the gender, birthplace, recruitment age, place of recruitment, year of recruitment, place of death, service time in the PKK and participation ratios of Militants.

Best Regards.

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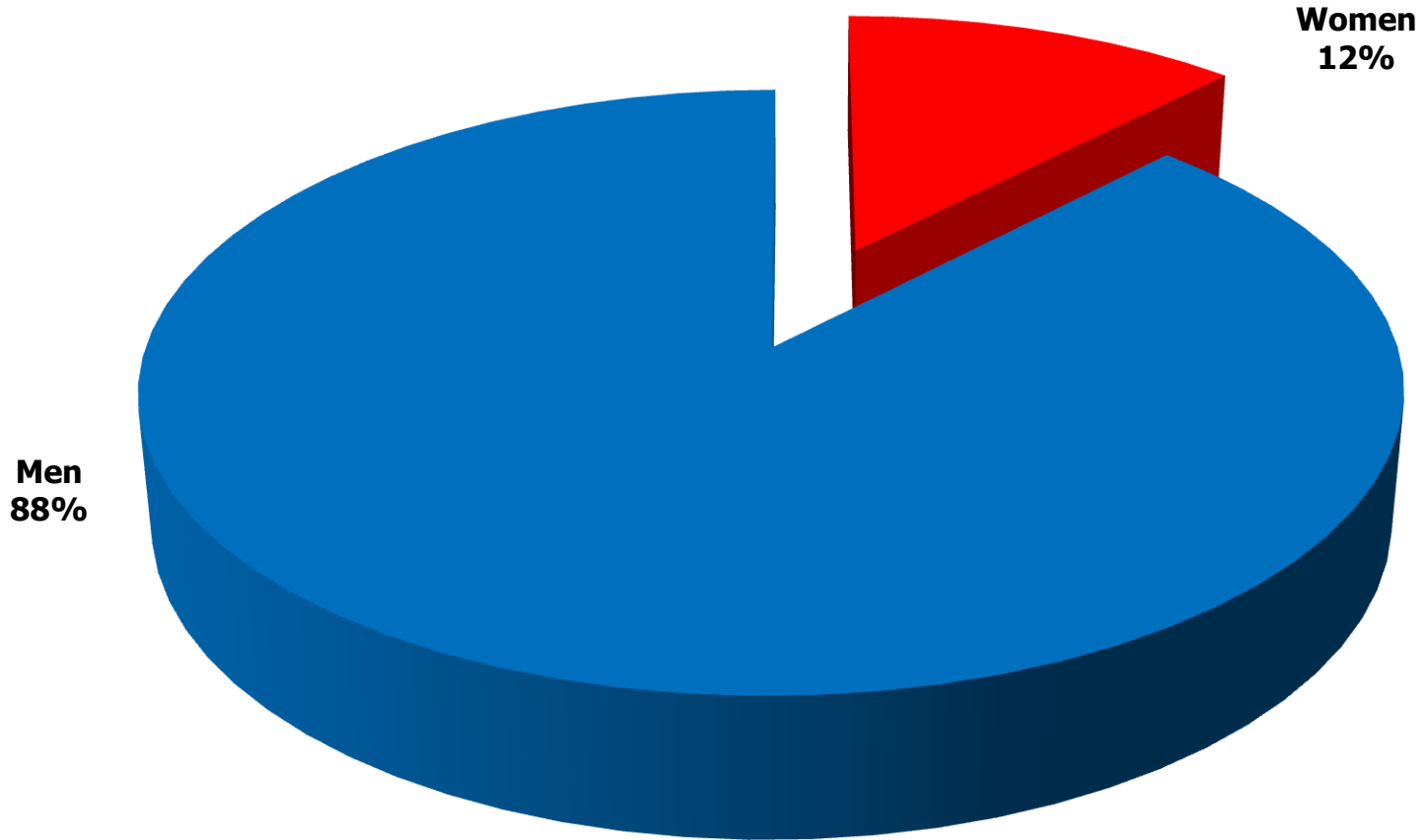
# **WHO ARE THESE ARMED PEOPLE ON THE MOUNTAIN?**

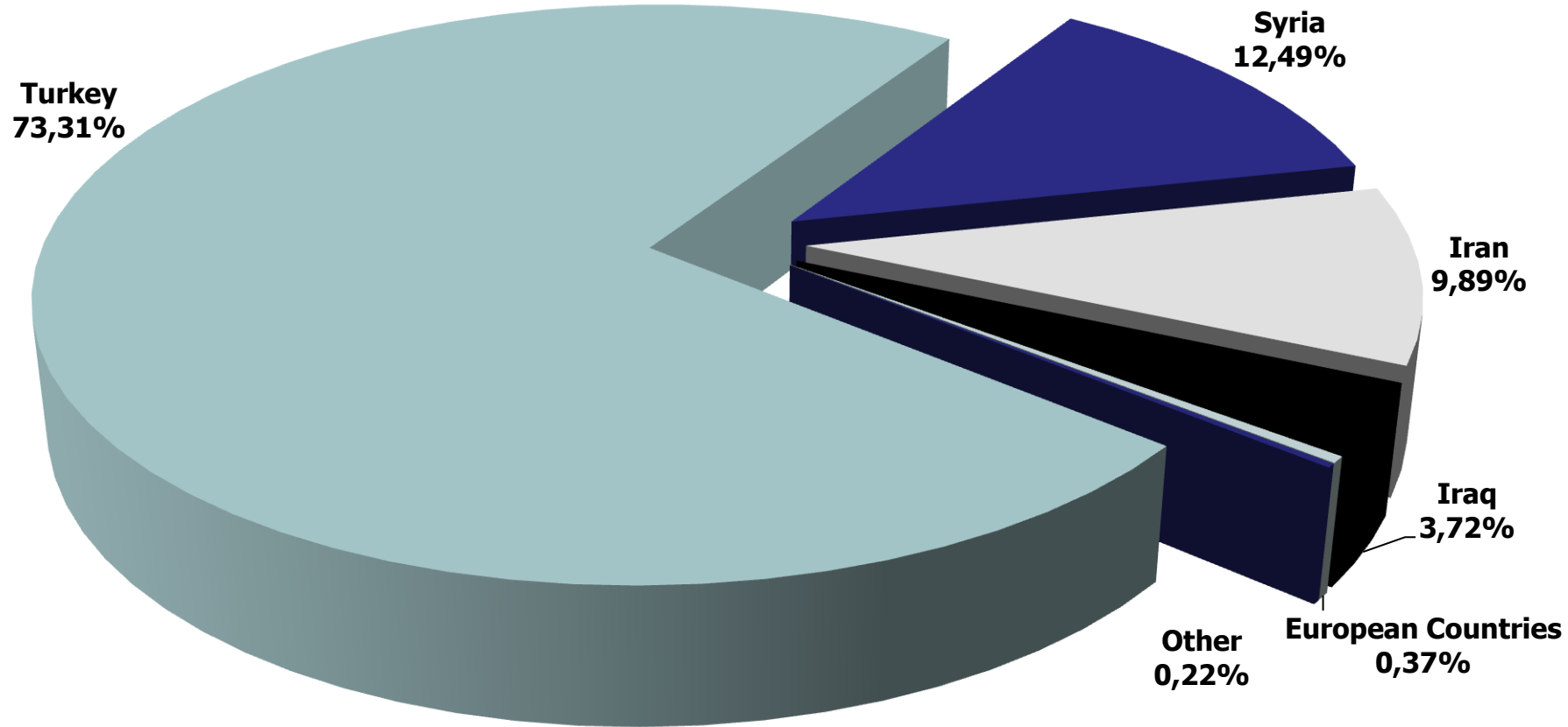
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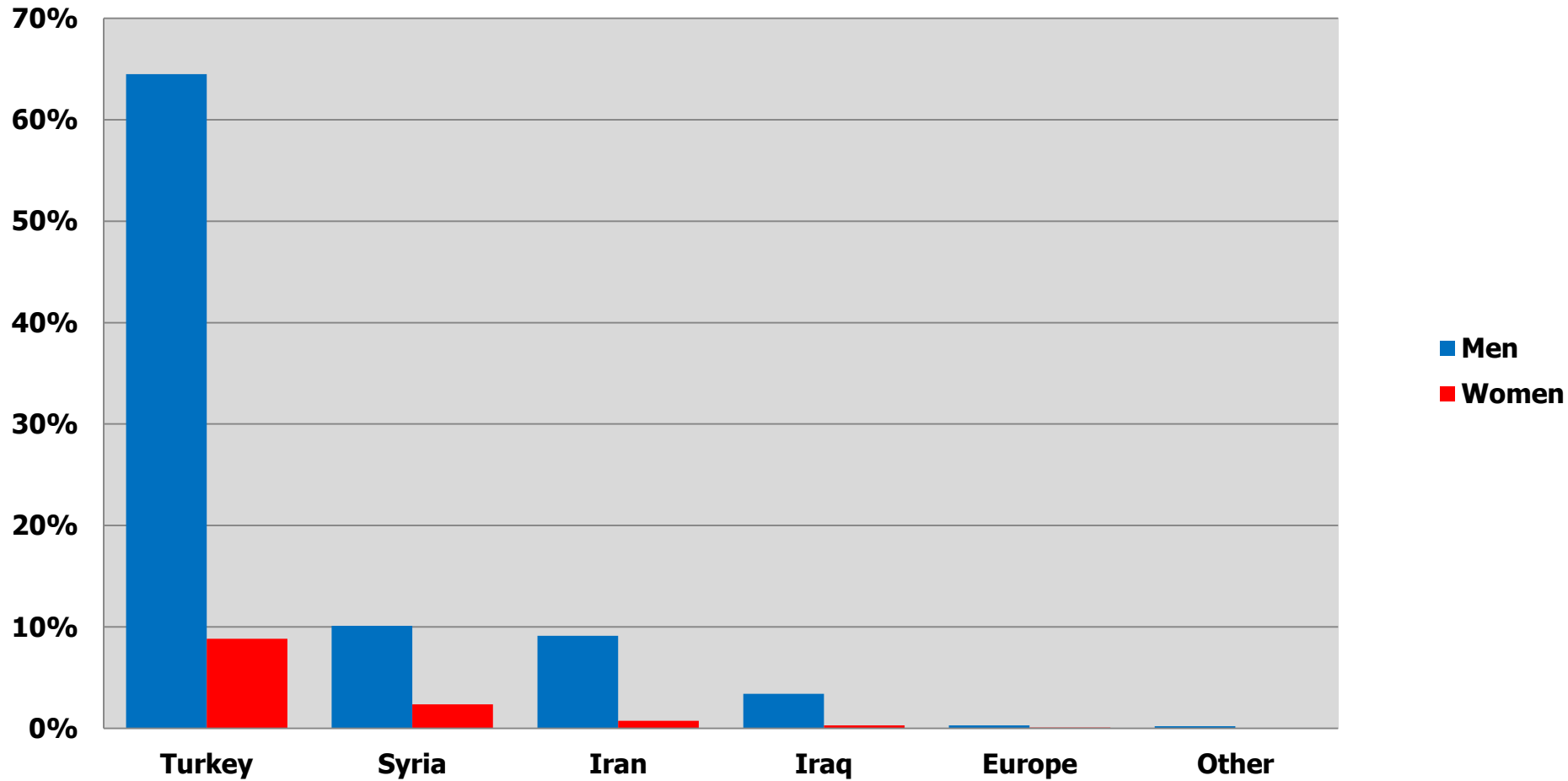
- This research encompasses 1362 members of the PKK Terrorist Organization who lost their lives due to a variety of reasons (conflict, illness, execution etc.) during the time between 26 September, 2001 and the year 2011.
- Of those 1362 PKK members, 1196 are men and 166 are women.

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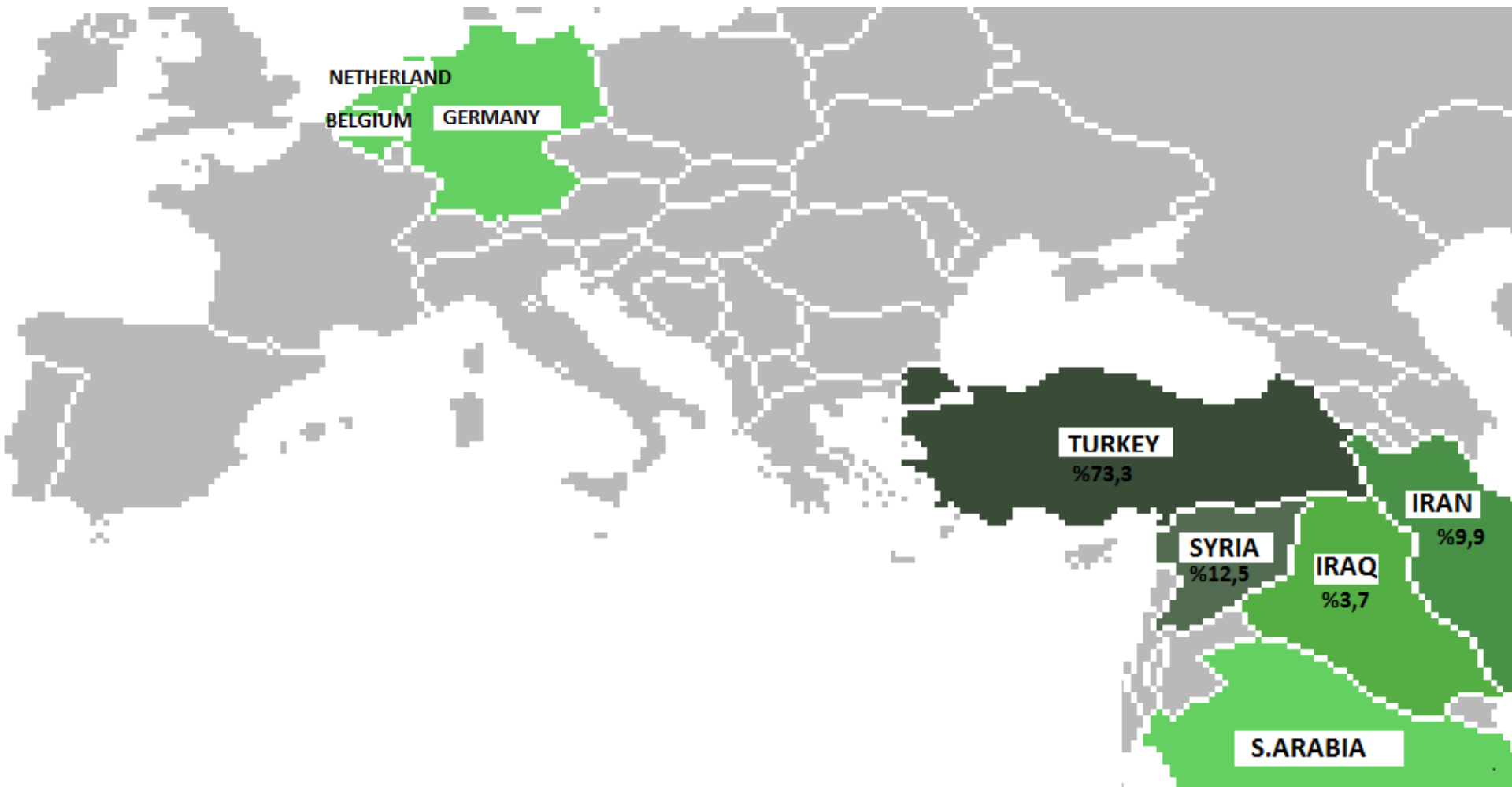


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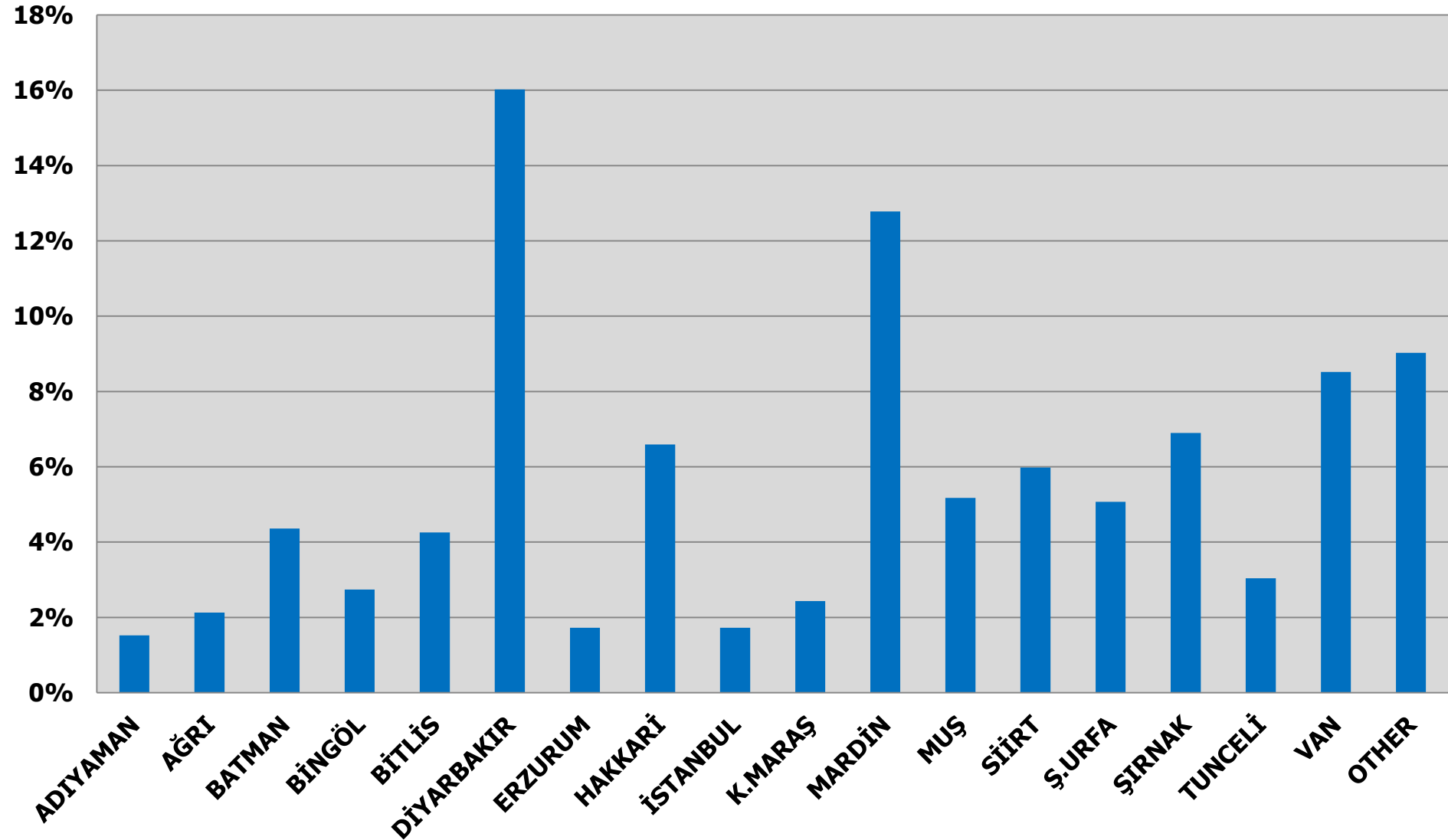
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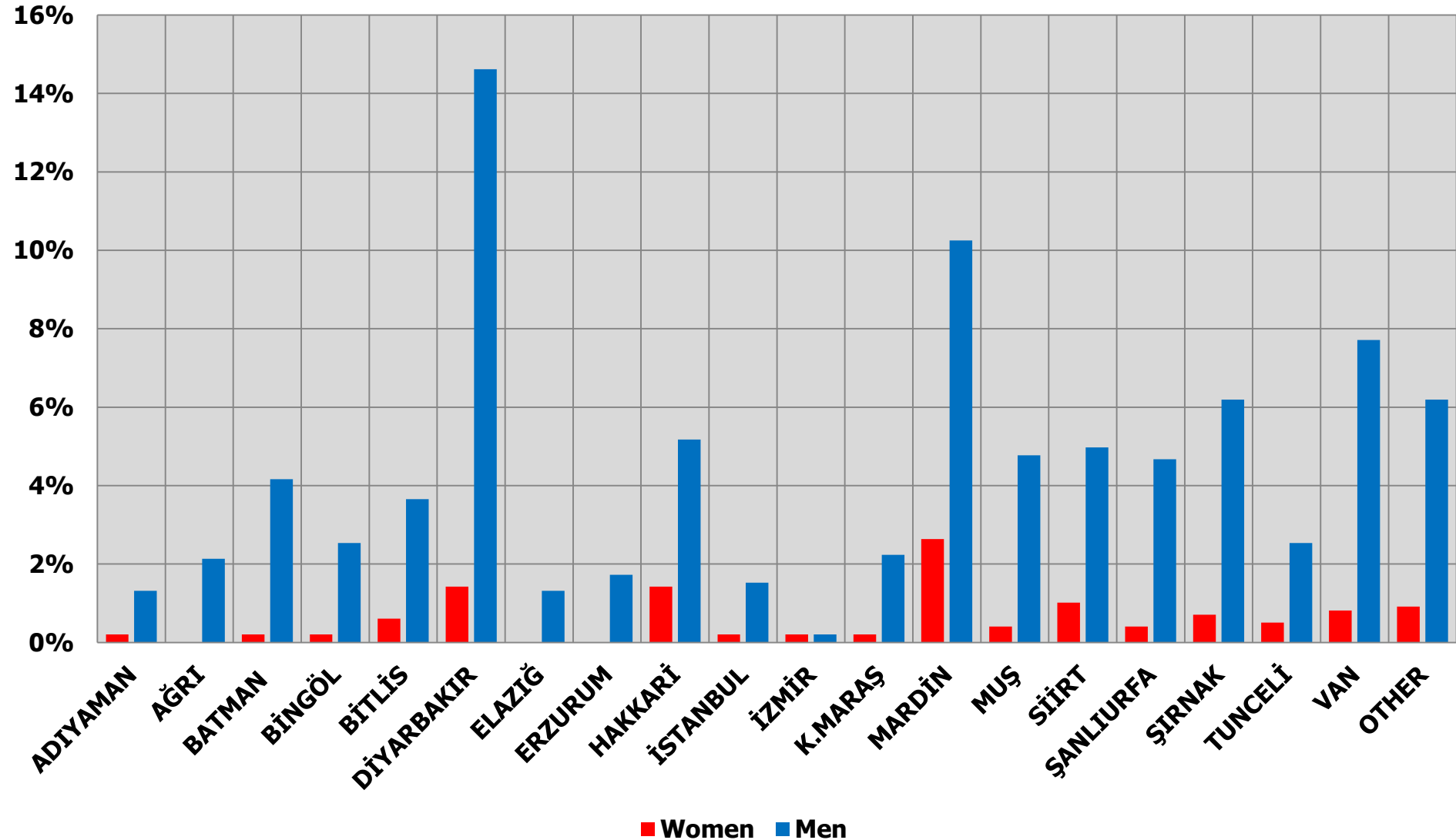
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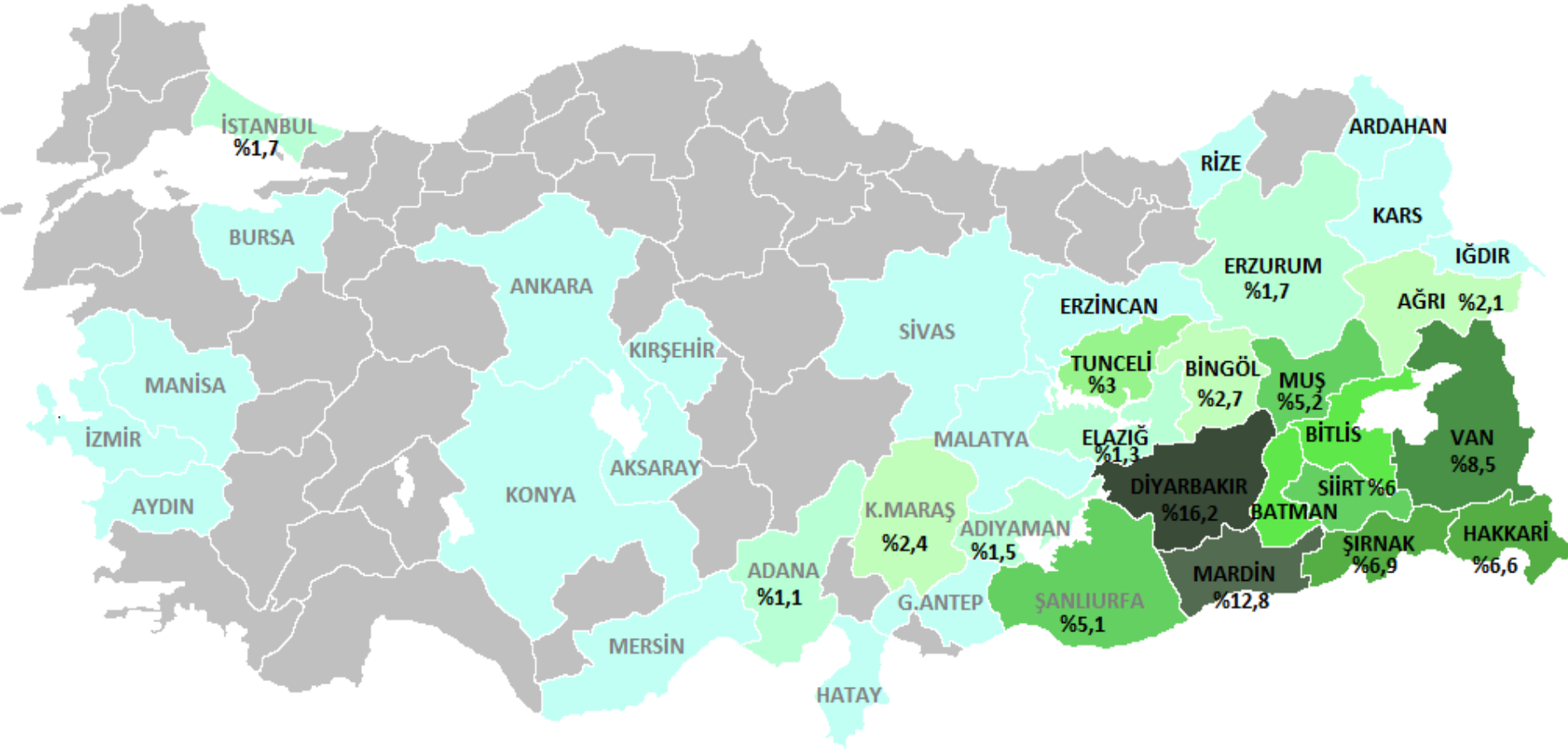


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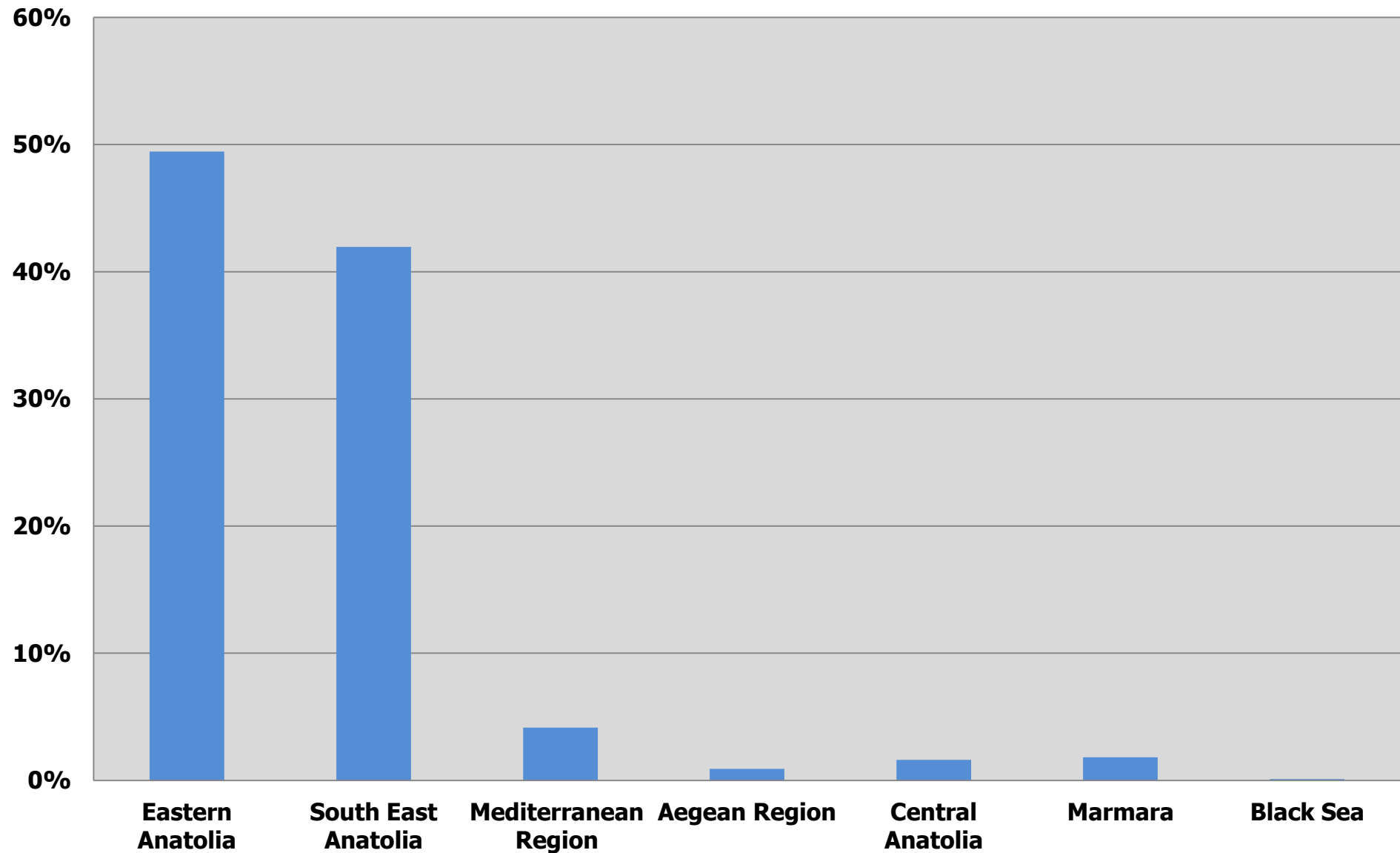
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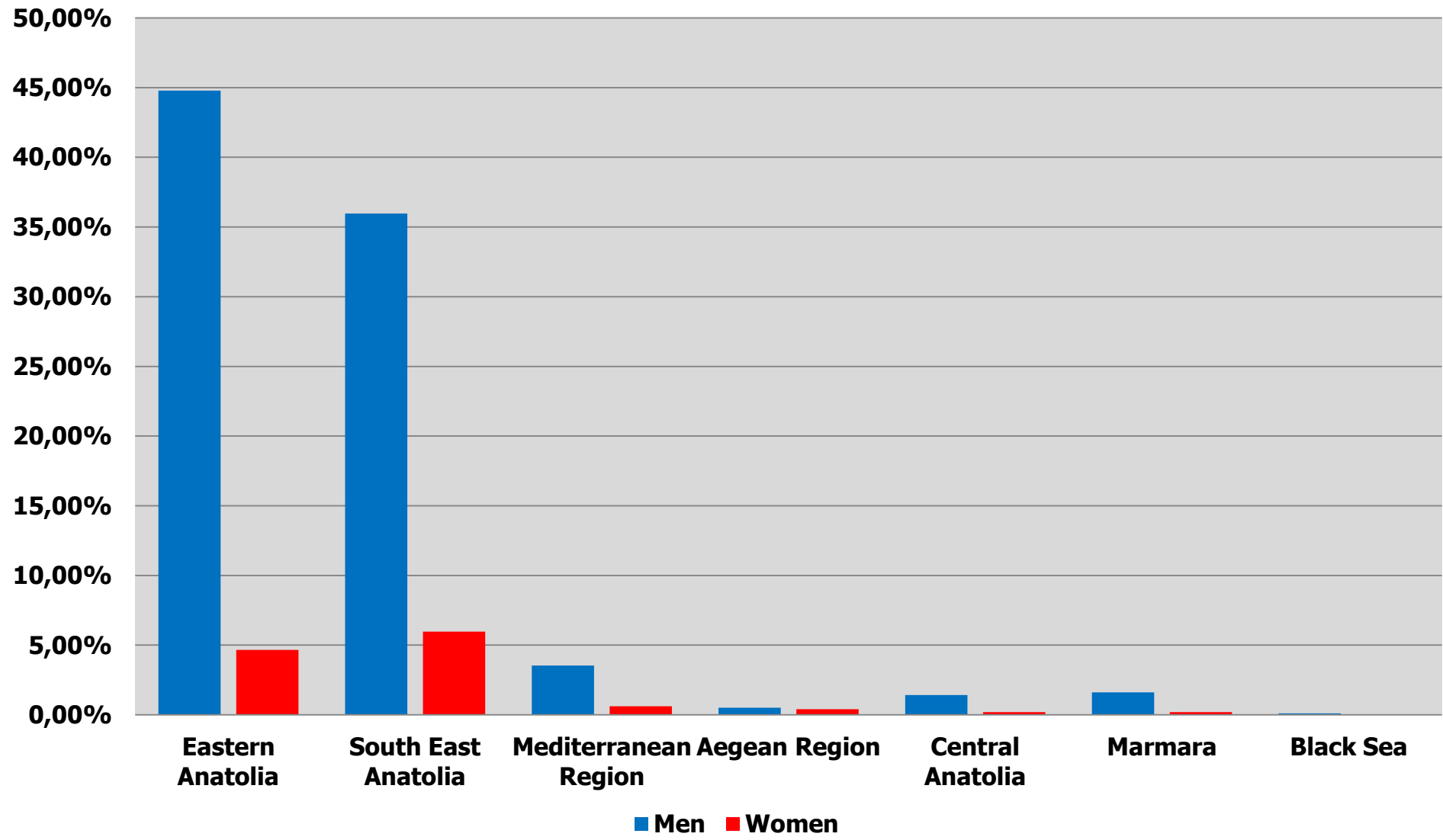
DISTRIBUTION OF MILITANTS BY BIRTH PLACE ON THE MAP OF TURKEY



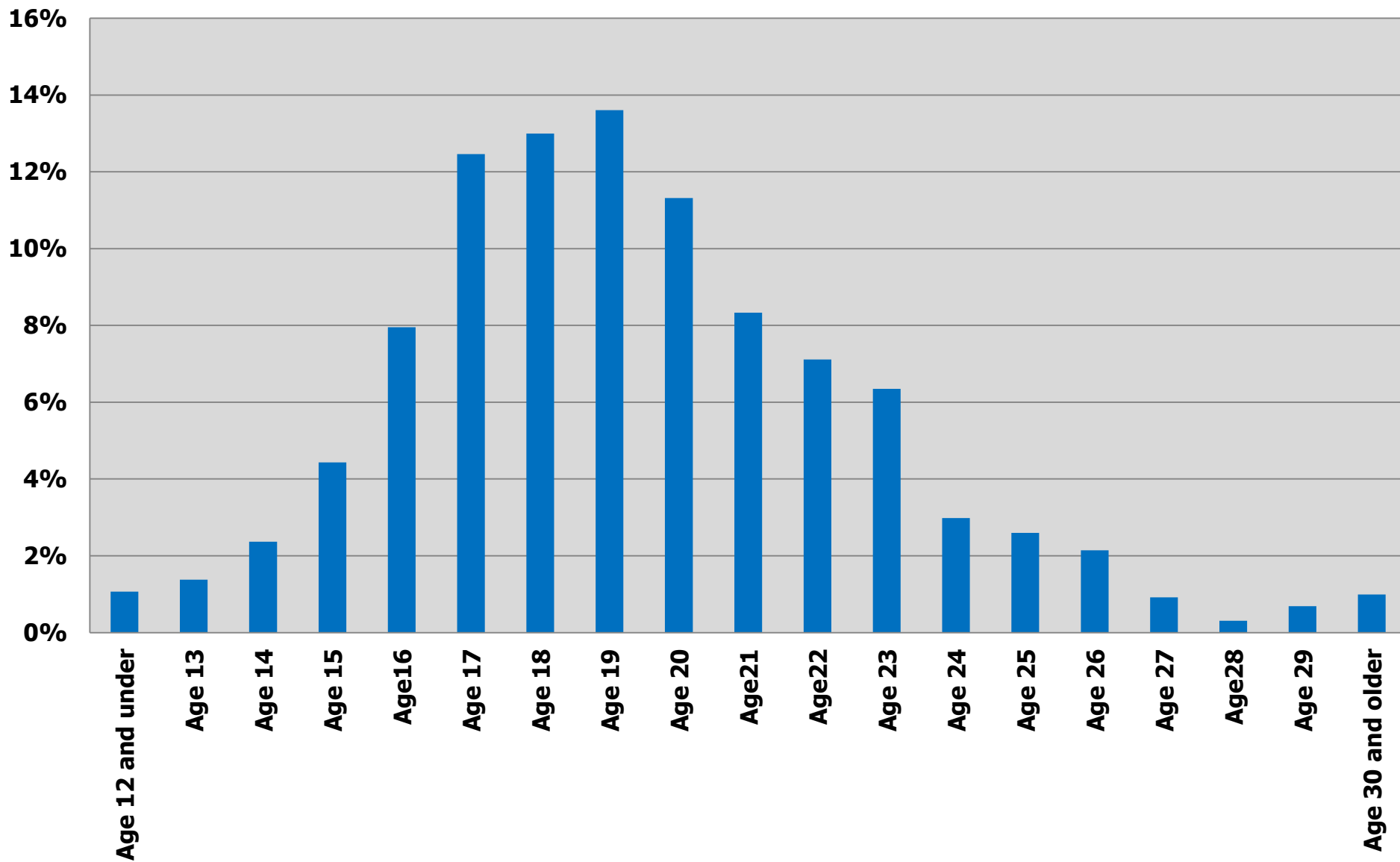
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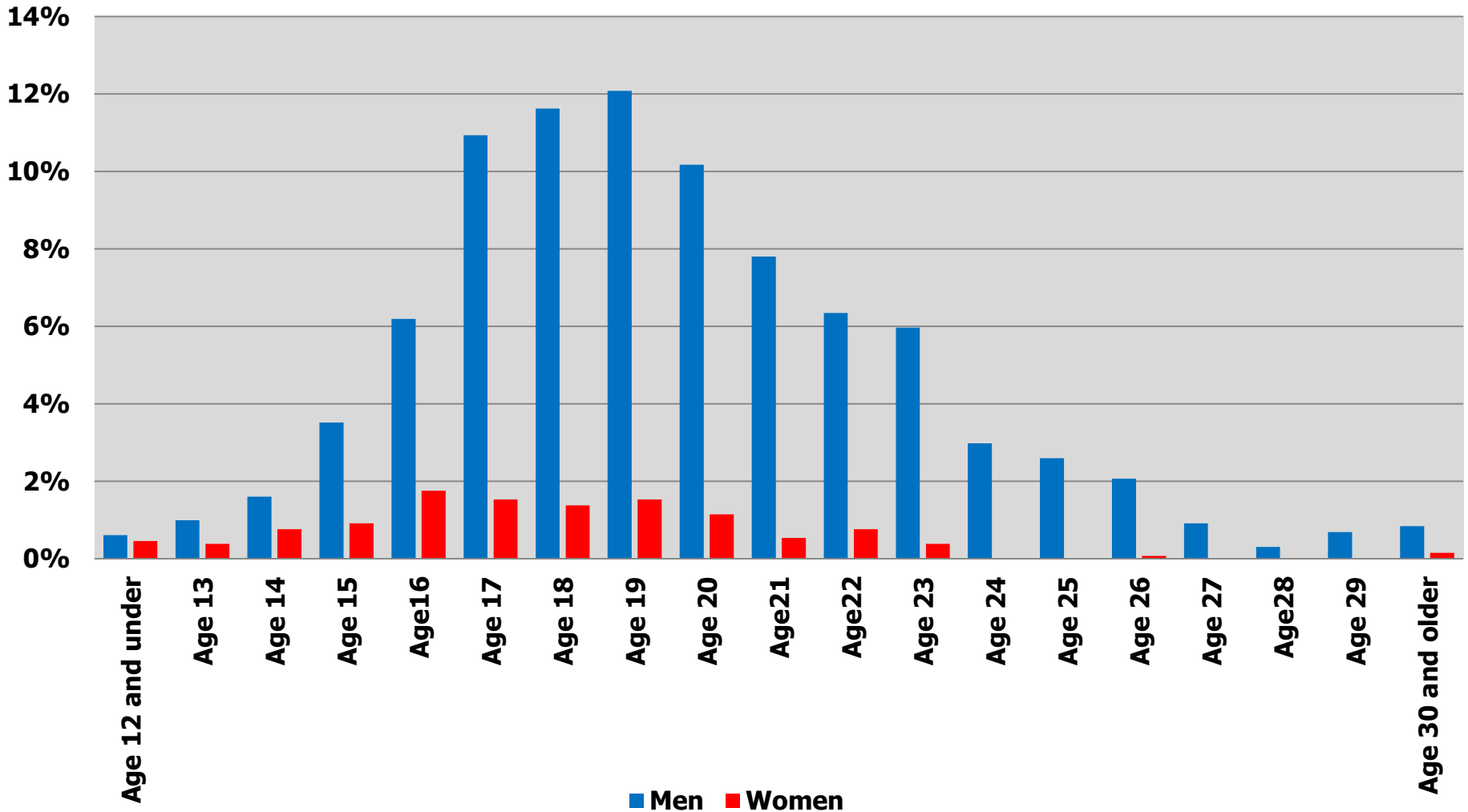
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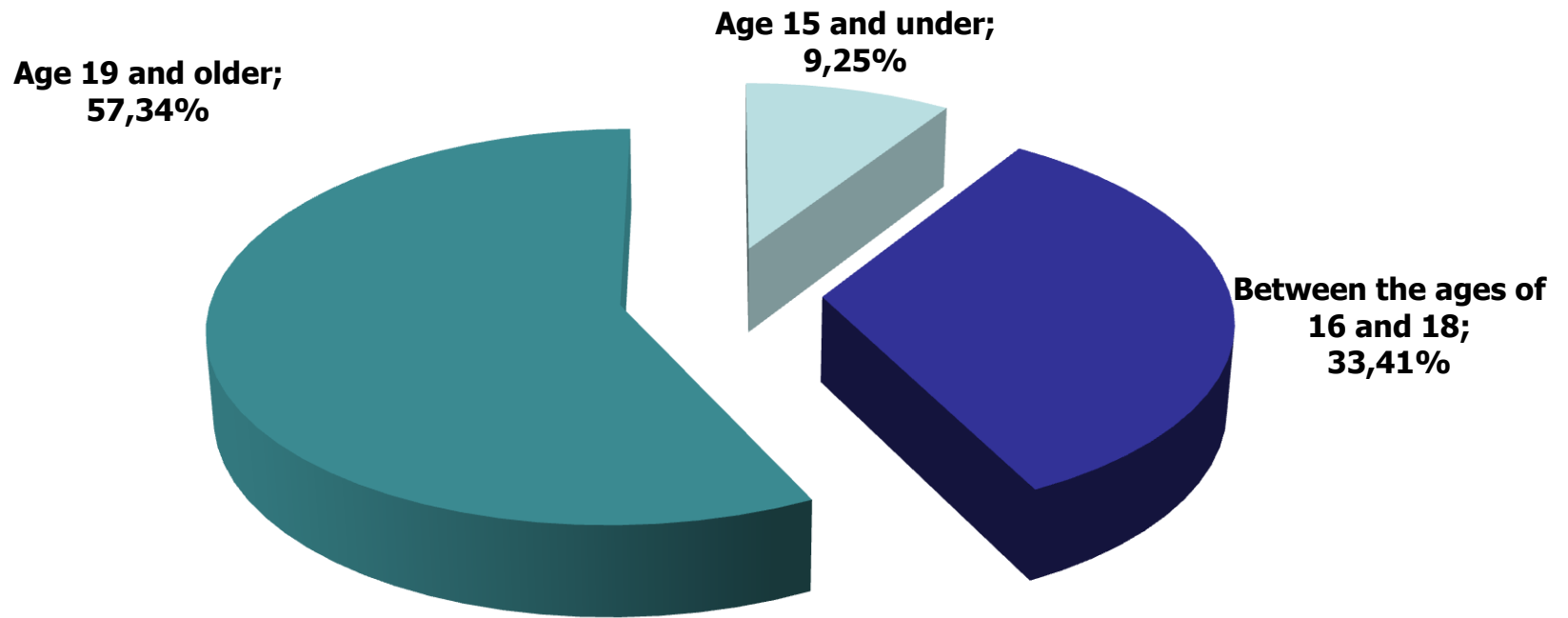
## DISTRIBUTION OF TERRORISTS BY RECRUITMENT AGE



## GENDER DISTRIBUTION OF PKK TERRORISTS BY RECRUITMENT AGE



**THE PKK AND THE PROBLEM OF CHILD SOLDIERS**



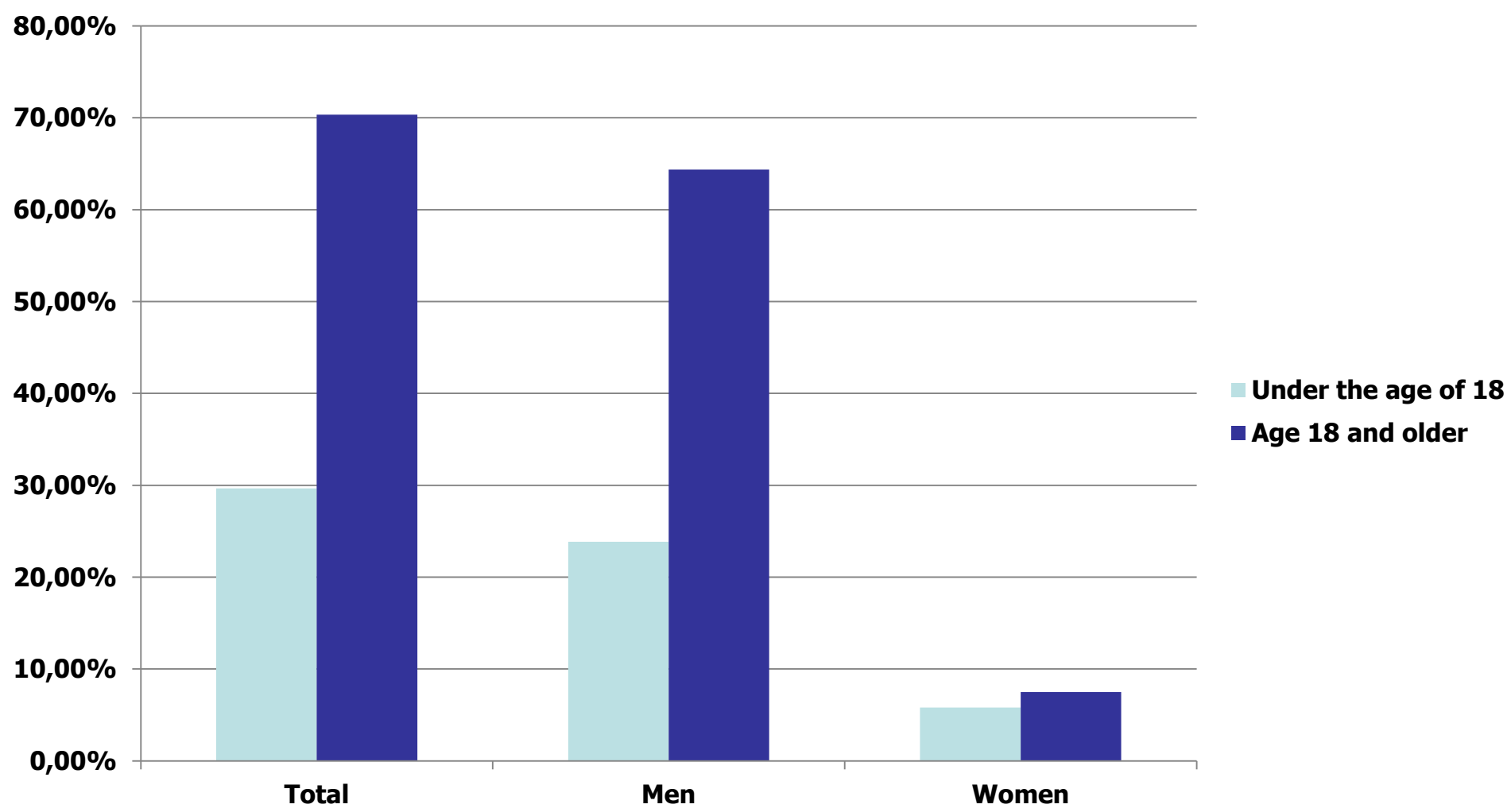
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■ Between the ages of 16 and 18

■ Age 19 and older



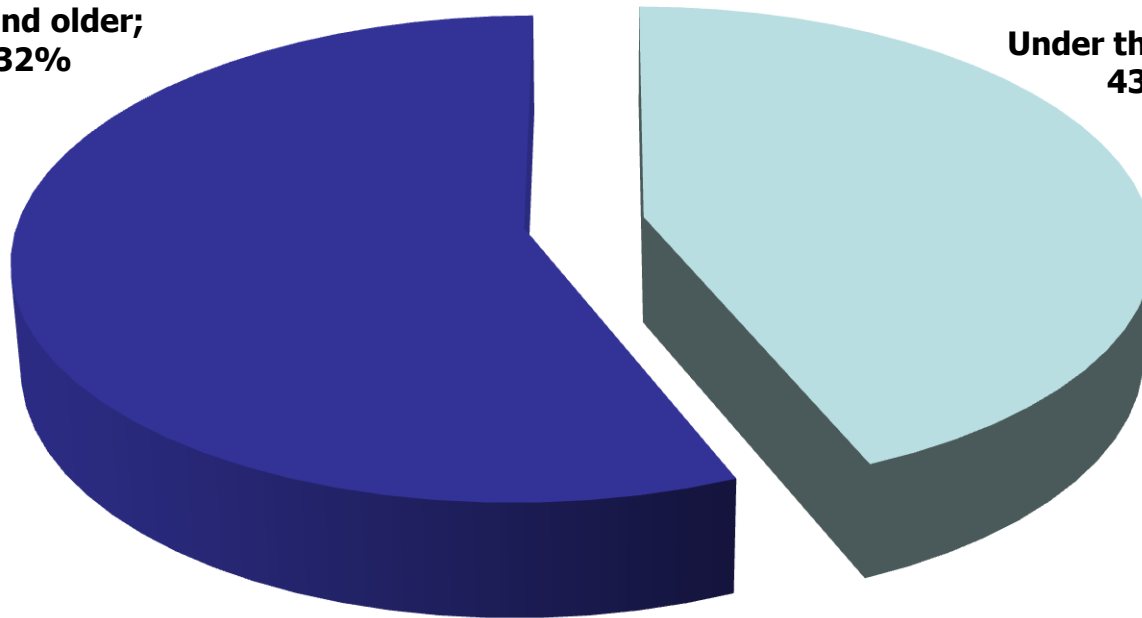
**AGE DISTRIBUTION OF CHILD SOLDIERS IN THE PKK**



## +18,-18 AGE DISTRIBUTION- WOMEN

Age 18 and older;  
56,32%

Under the age of 18;  
43,68%

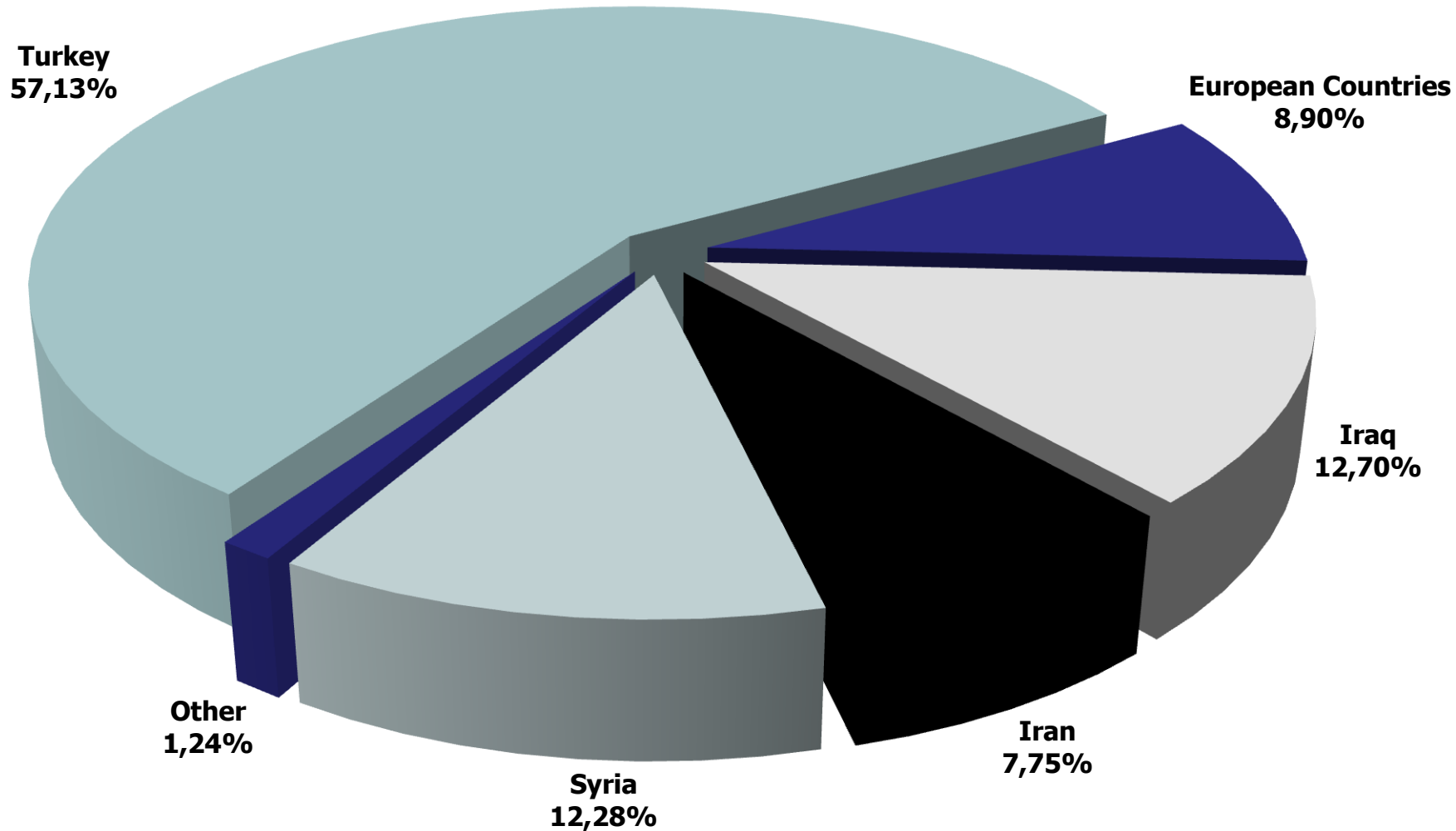


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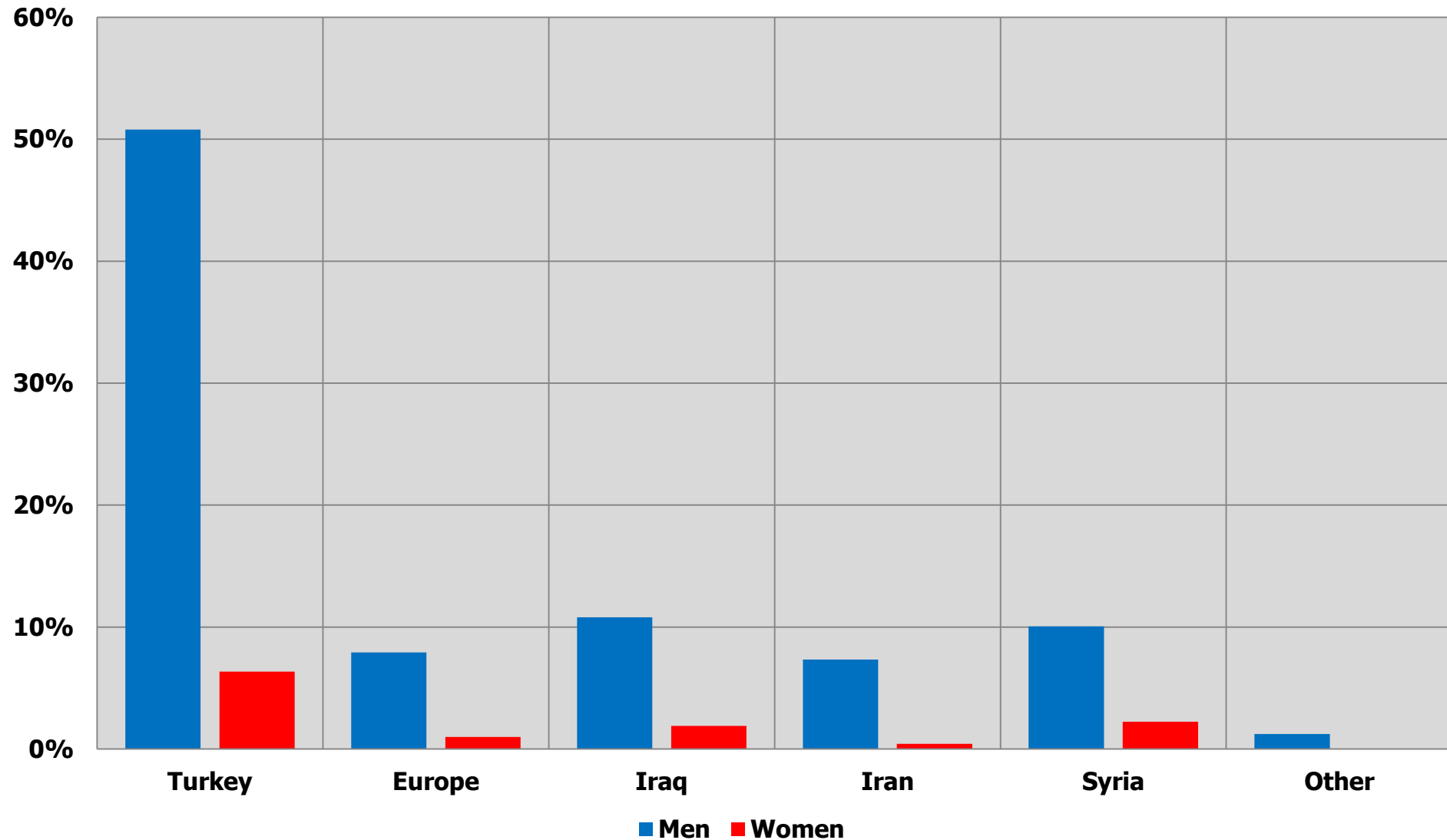
■ Age 18 and older

**PKK TERRORISTS' AVERAGE AGE OF RECRUITMENT****Total****19.4****Women****17.7****Men****19.6**

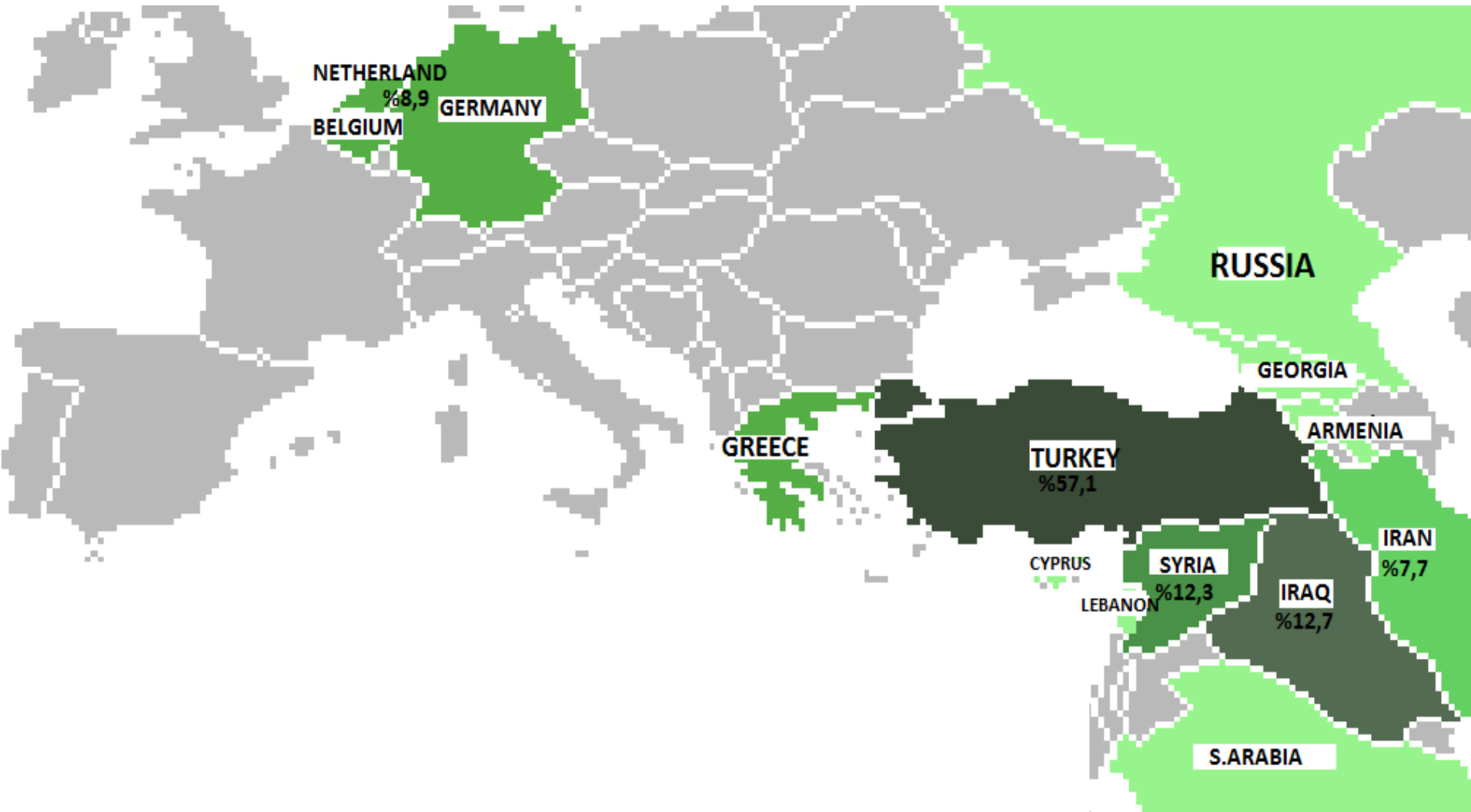
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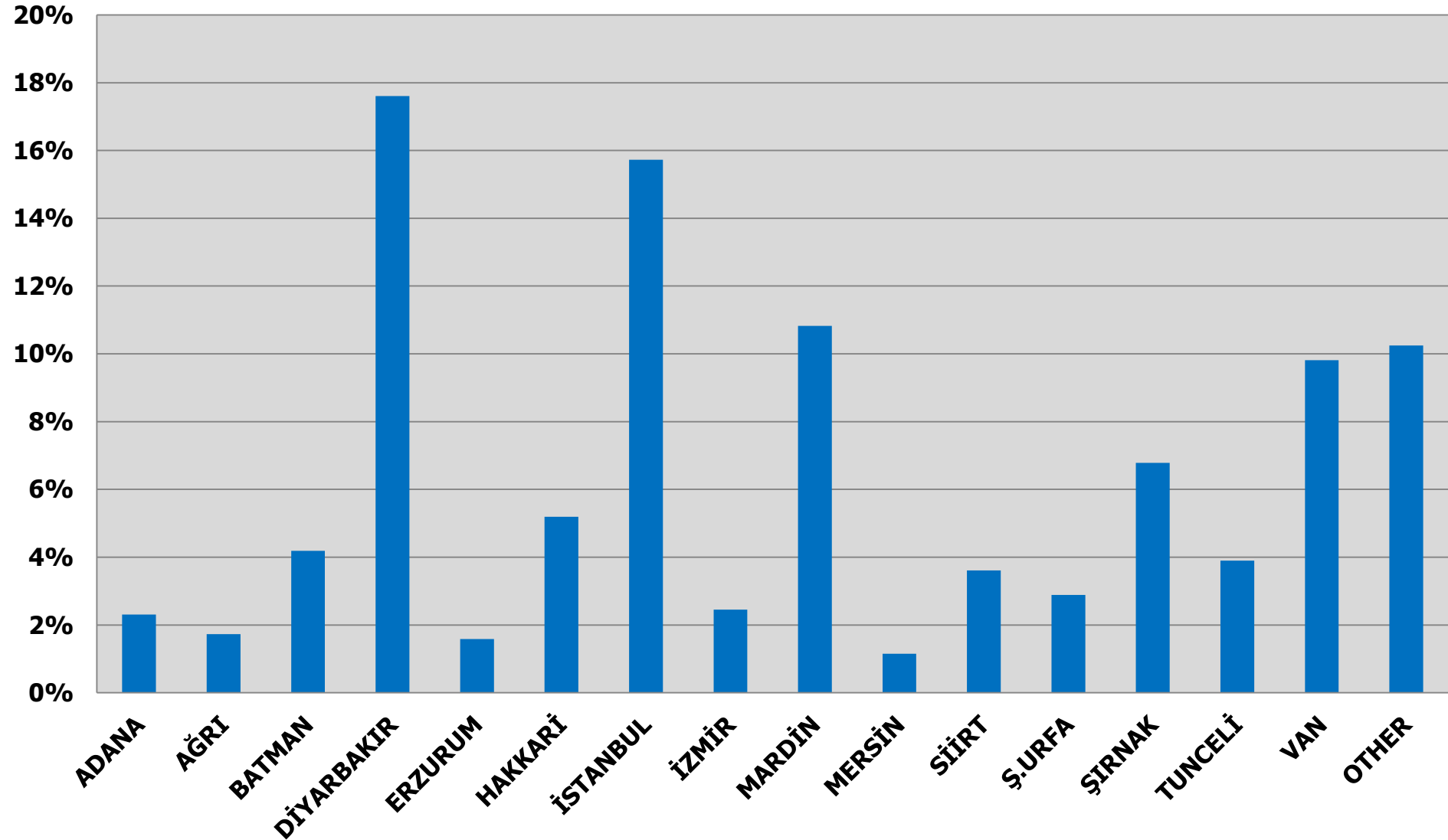


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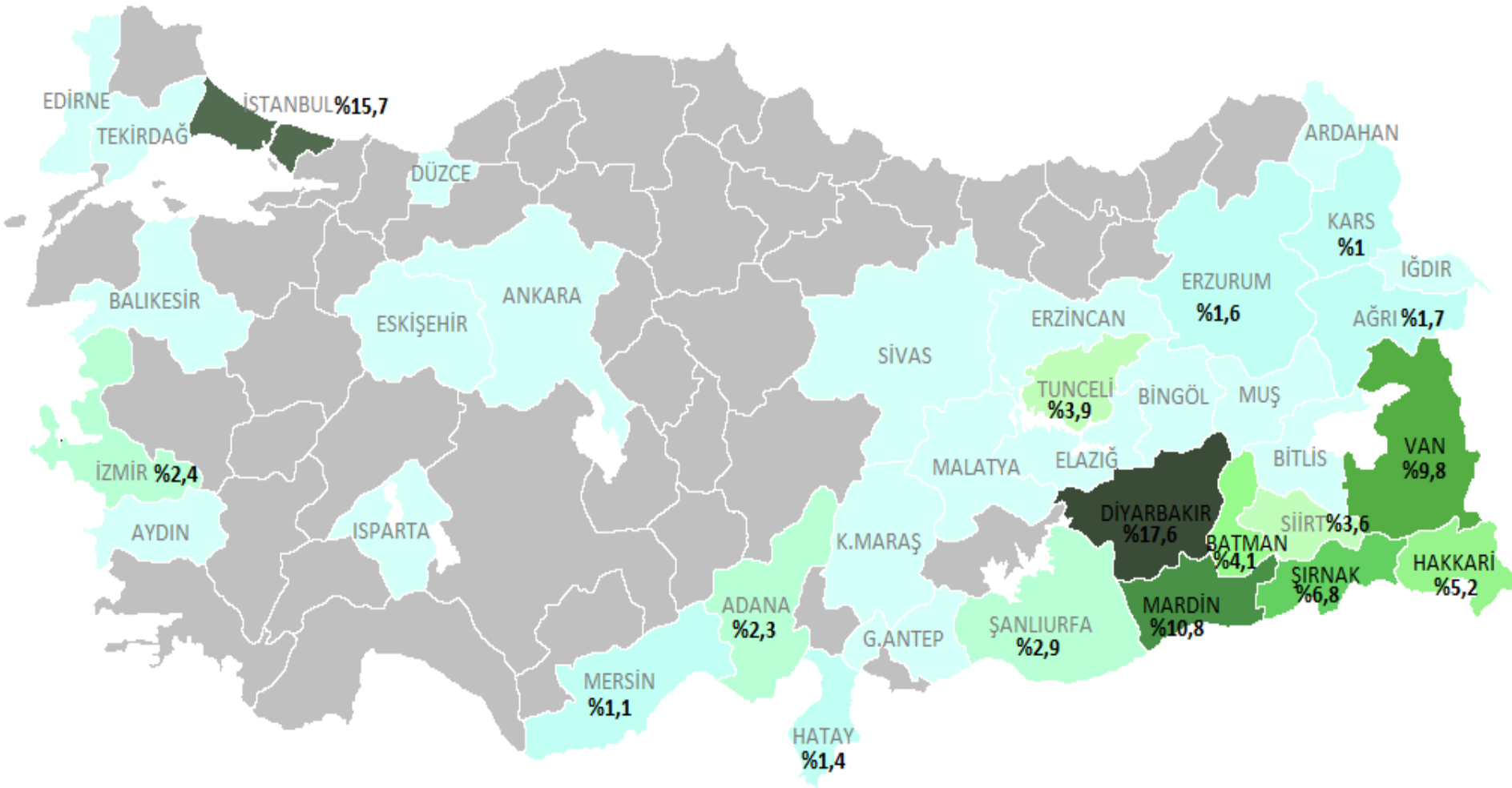


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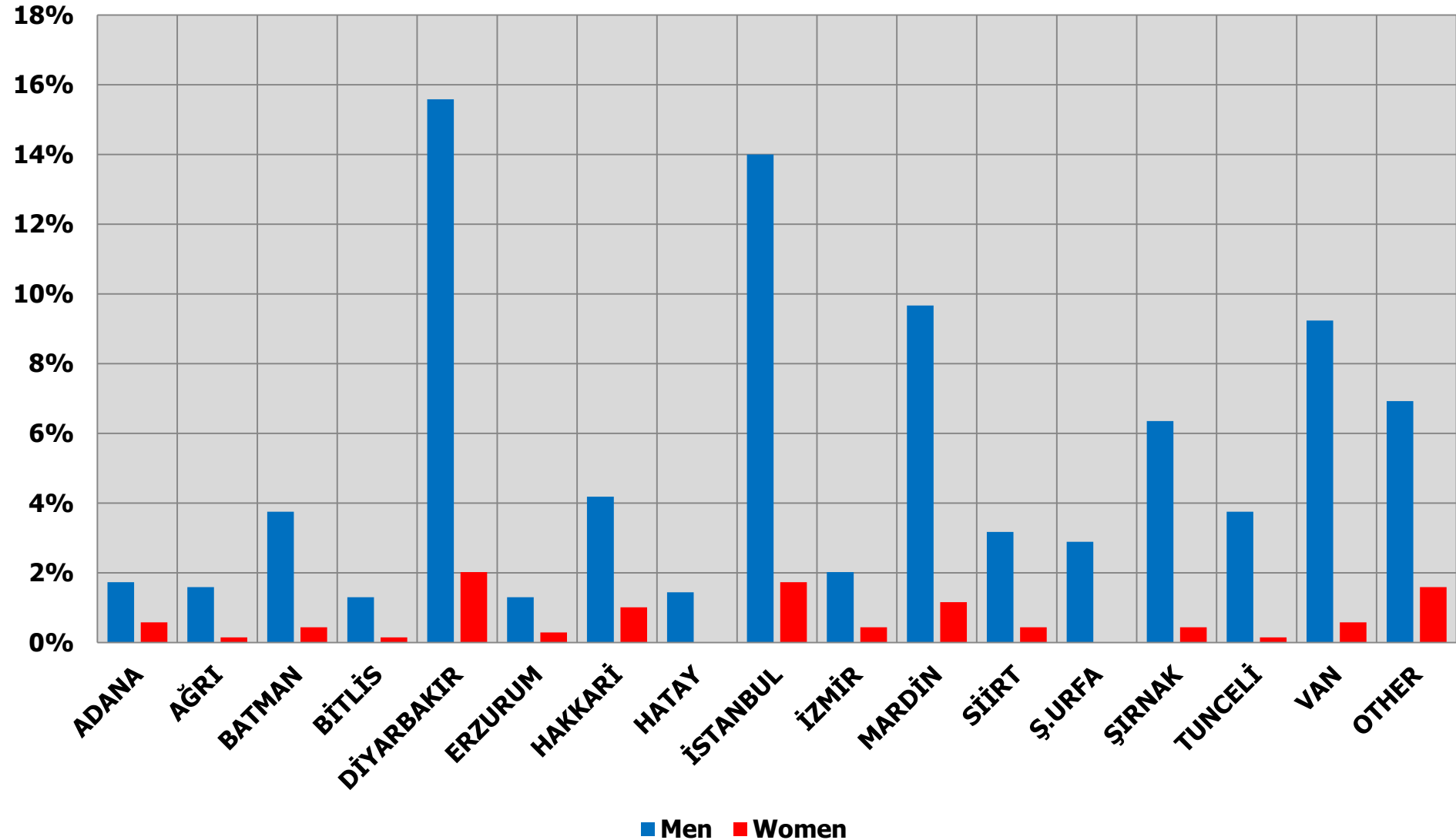
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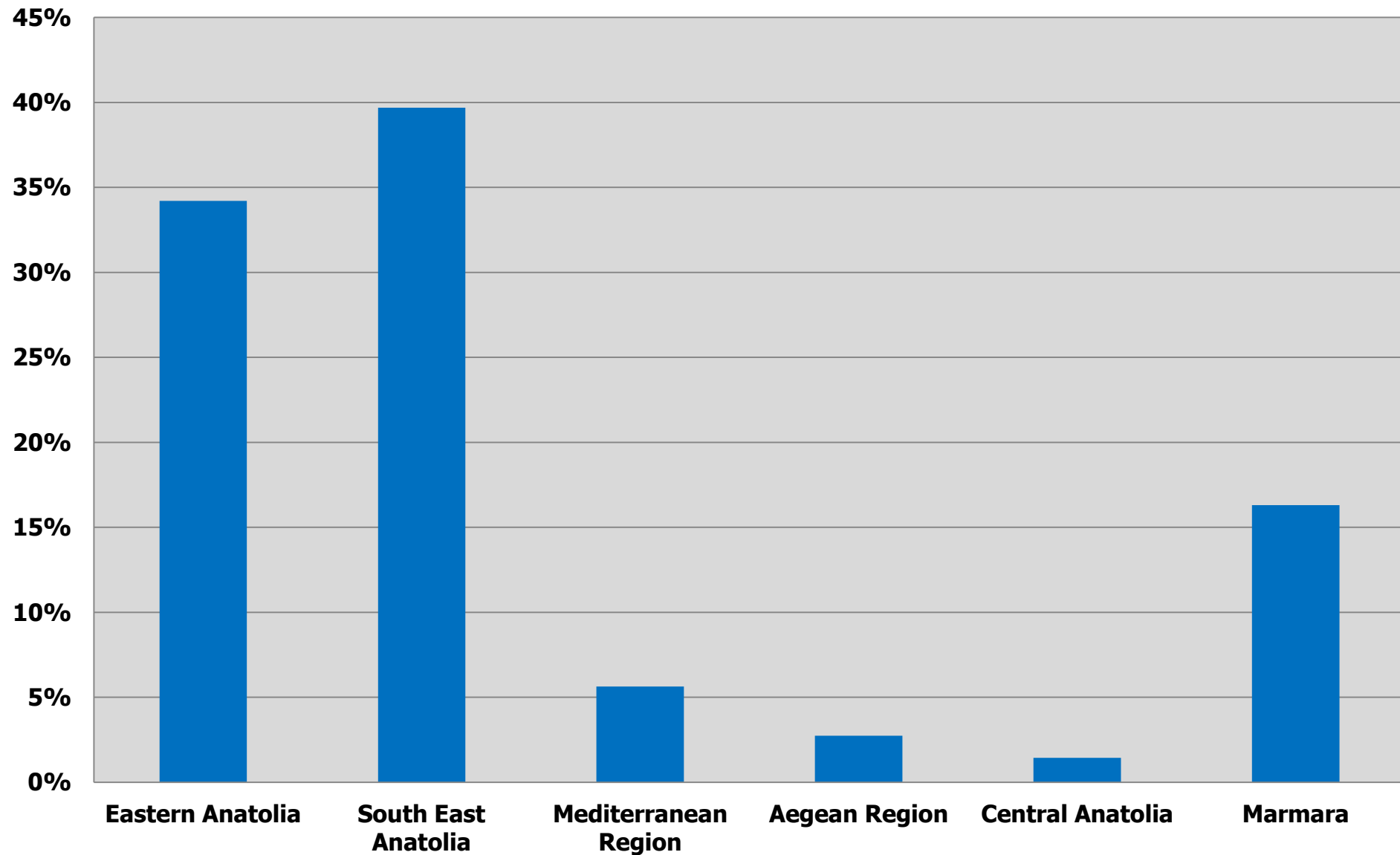
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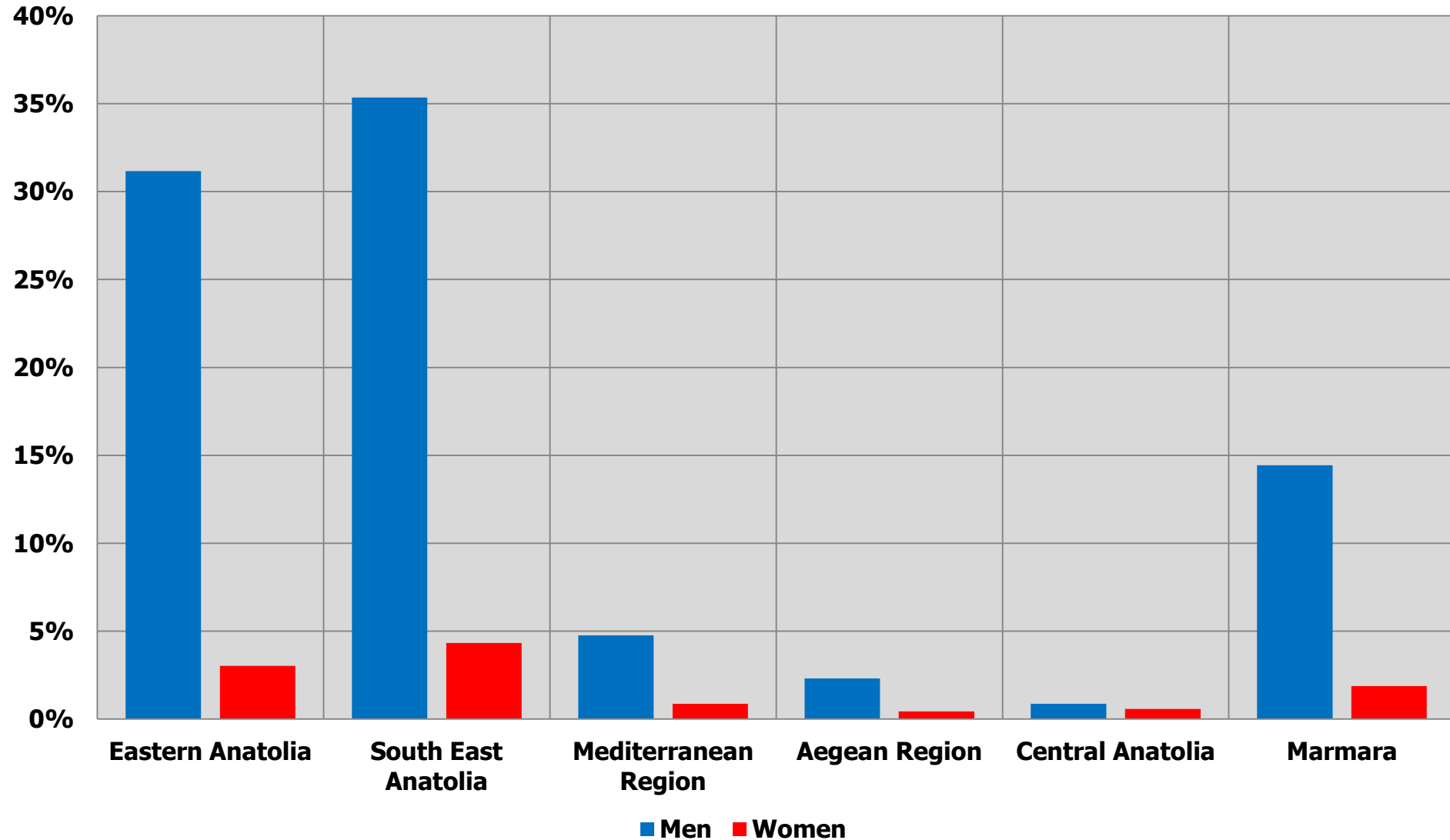


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**DISTRIBUTION OF PKK MILITANTS BY REGION OF RECRUITMENT**

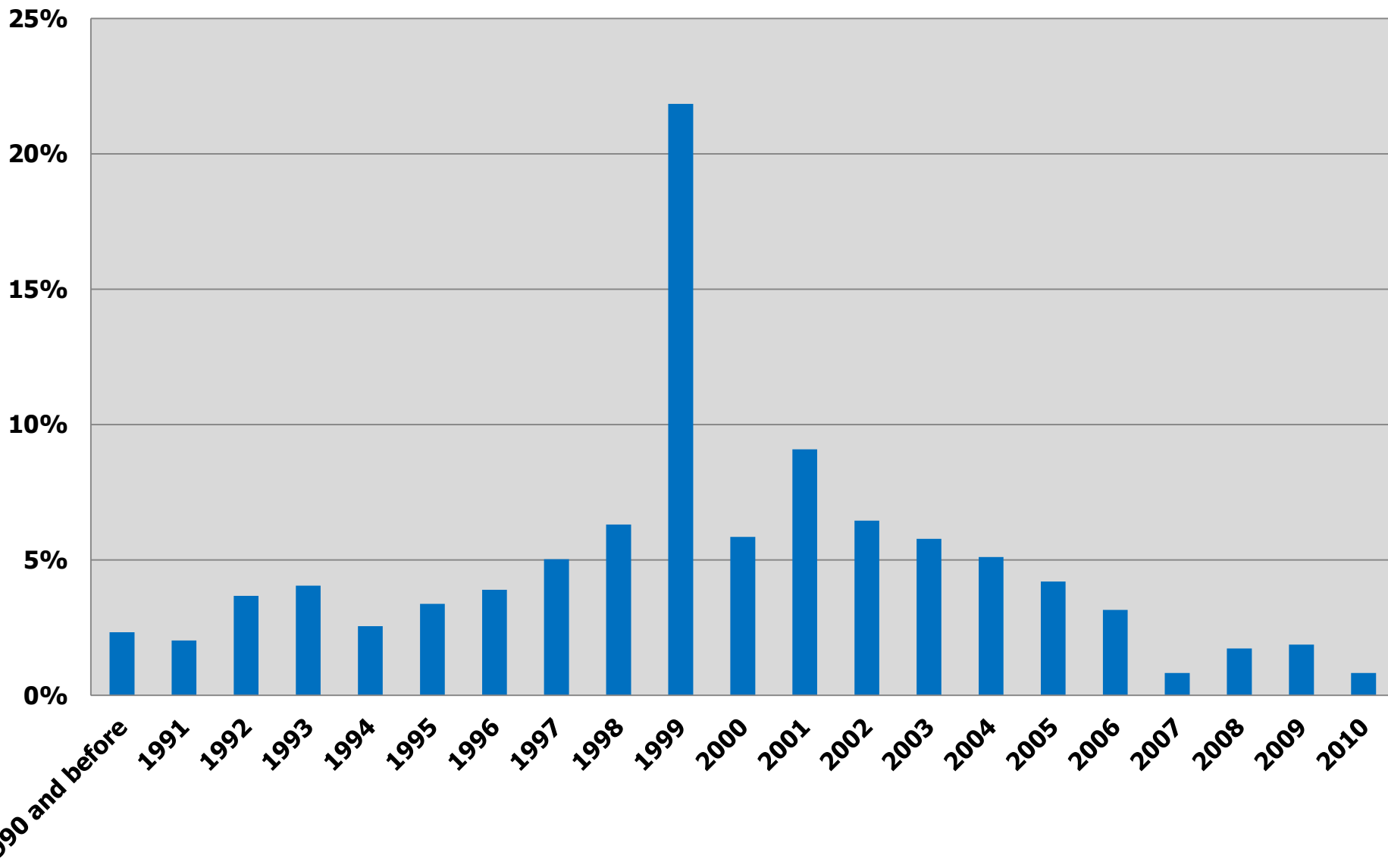
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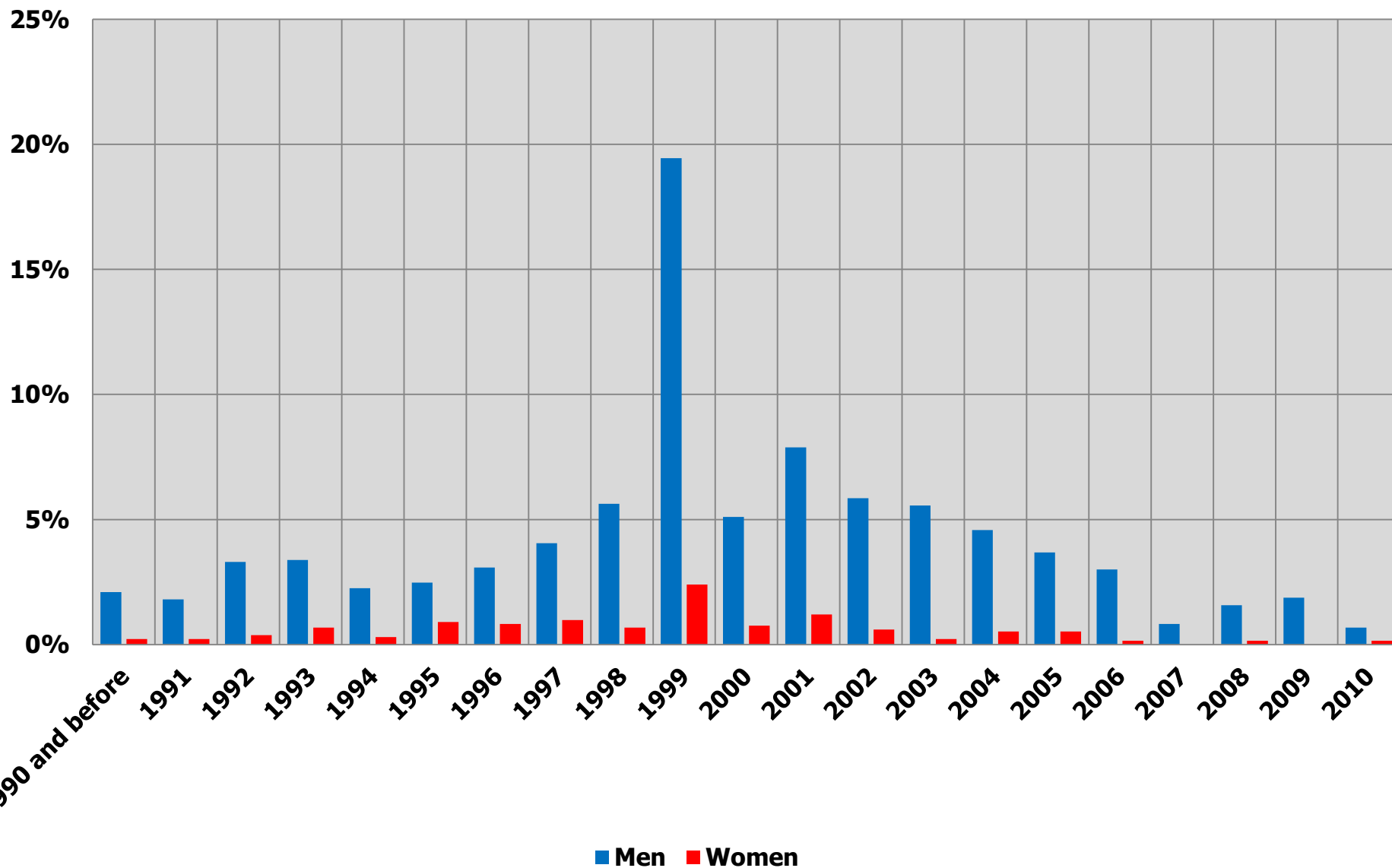
	PARTICIPATION RATIO BY PROVINCE	POPULATION RATIO OF PRESENT PROVINCES
ADANA	2.31%	5.31%
AĞRI	1.73%	1.39%
BATMAN	4.18%	1.28%
DİYARBAKIR	17.60%	3.90%
ERZURUM	1.59%	1.99%
HAKKARİ	5.19%	0.66%
İSTANBUL	15.73%	33.28%
İZMİR	2.45%	9.97%
MARDİN	10.82%	1.90%
MERSİN	1.15%	4.23%
SİİRT	3.61%	0.78%
Ş.URFA	2.89%	4.16%
ŞIRNAK	6.78%	1.11%
TUNCELİ	3.90%	0.21%
VAN	9.81%	2.63%
DİĞER	10.25%	27.19%

\*The total population of the provinces above is 38,810,054

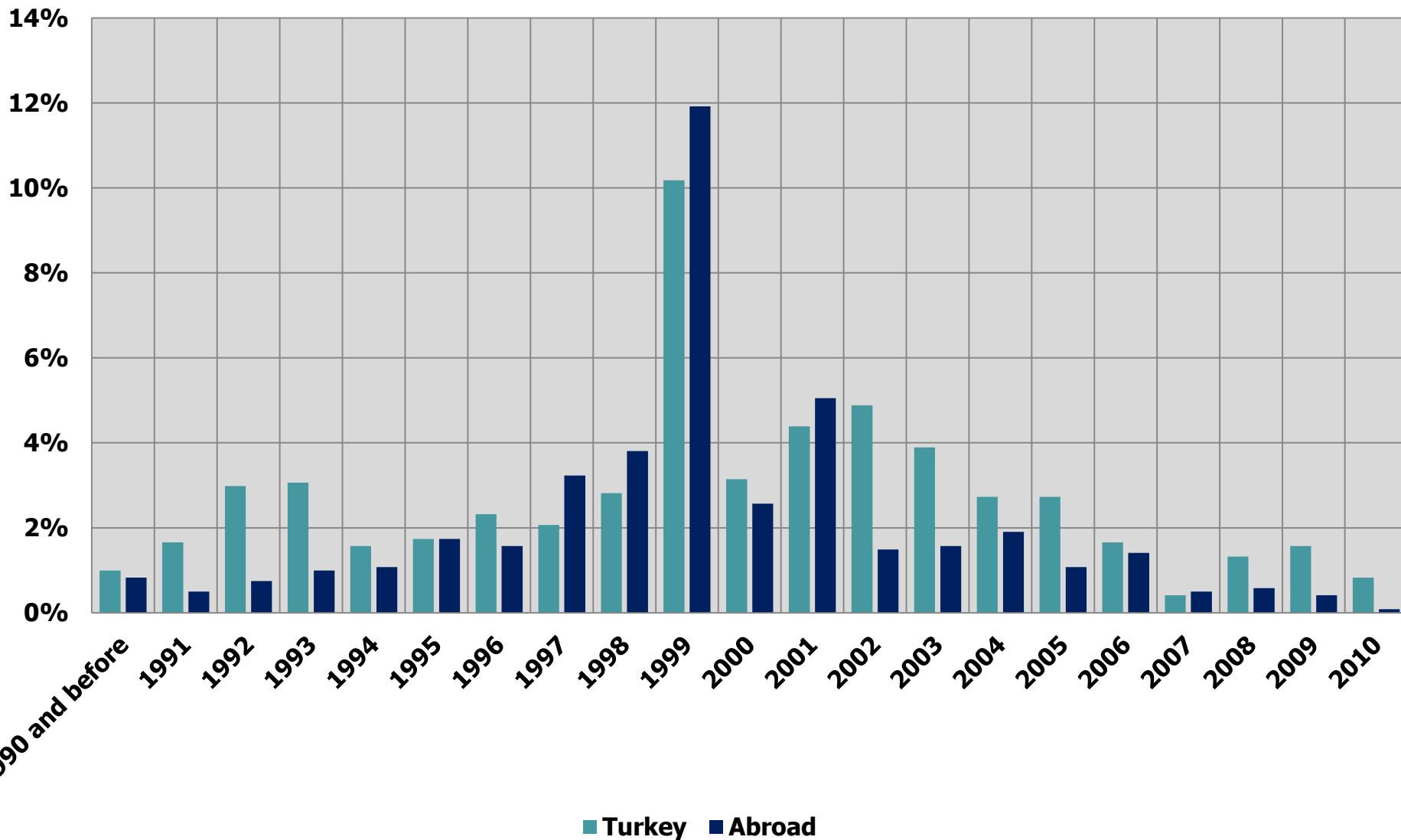
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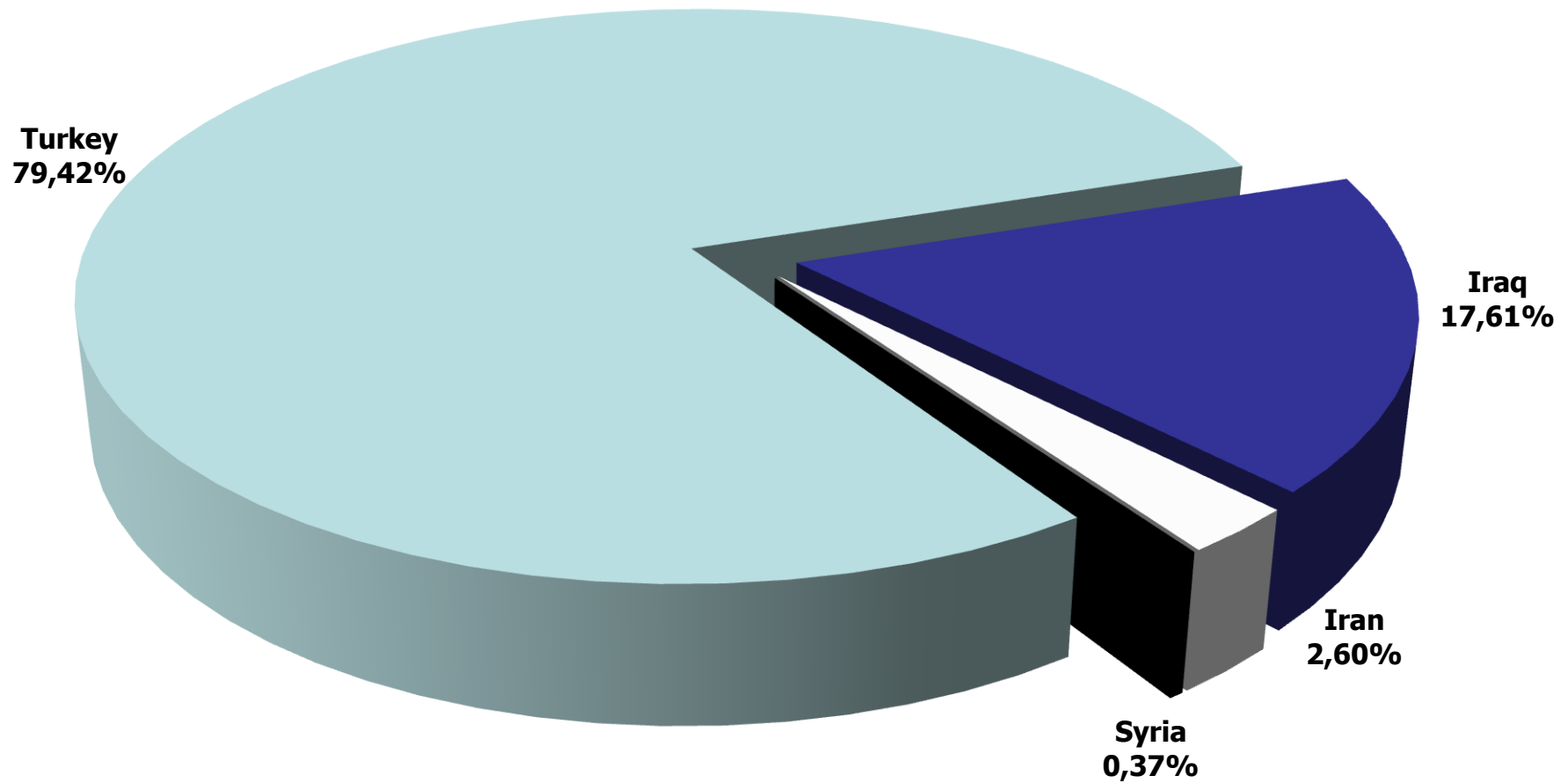


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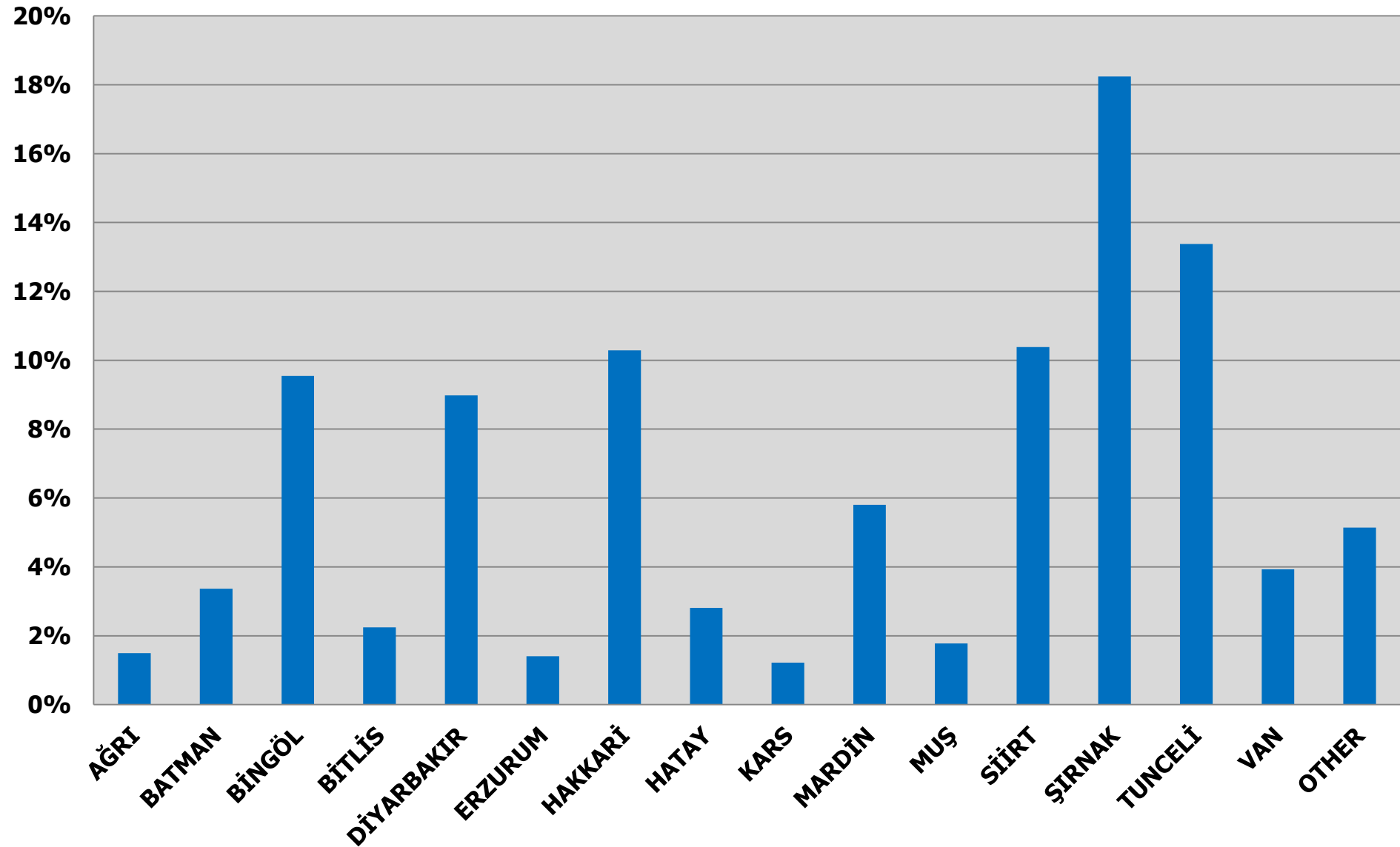


## DISTRIBUTION OF PKK MILITANTS IN TURKEY AND ABROAD BY YEAR OF RECRUITMENT

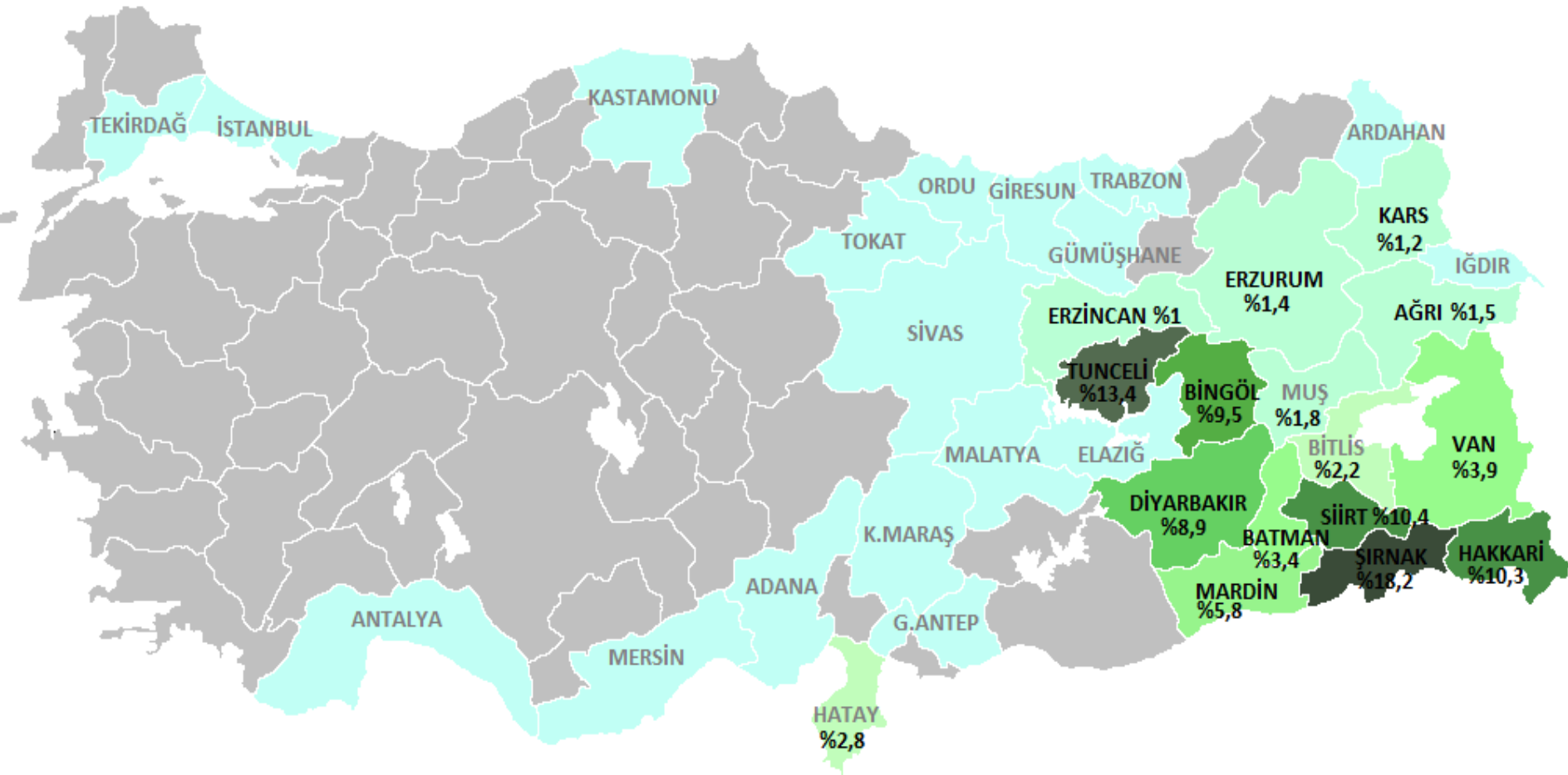


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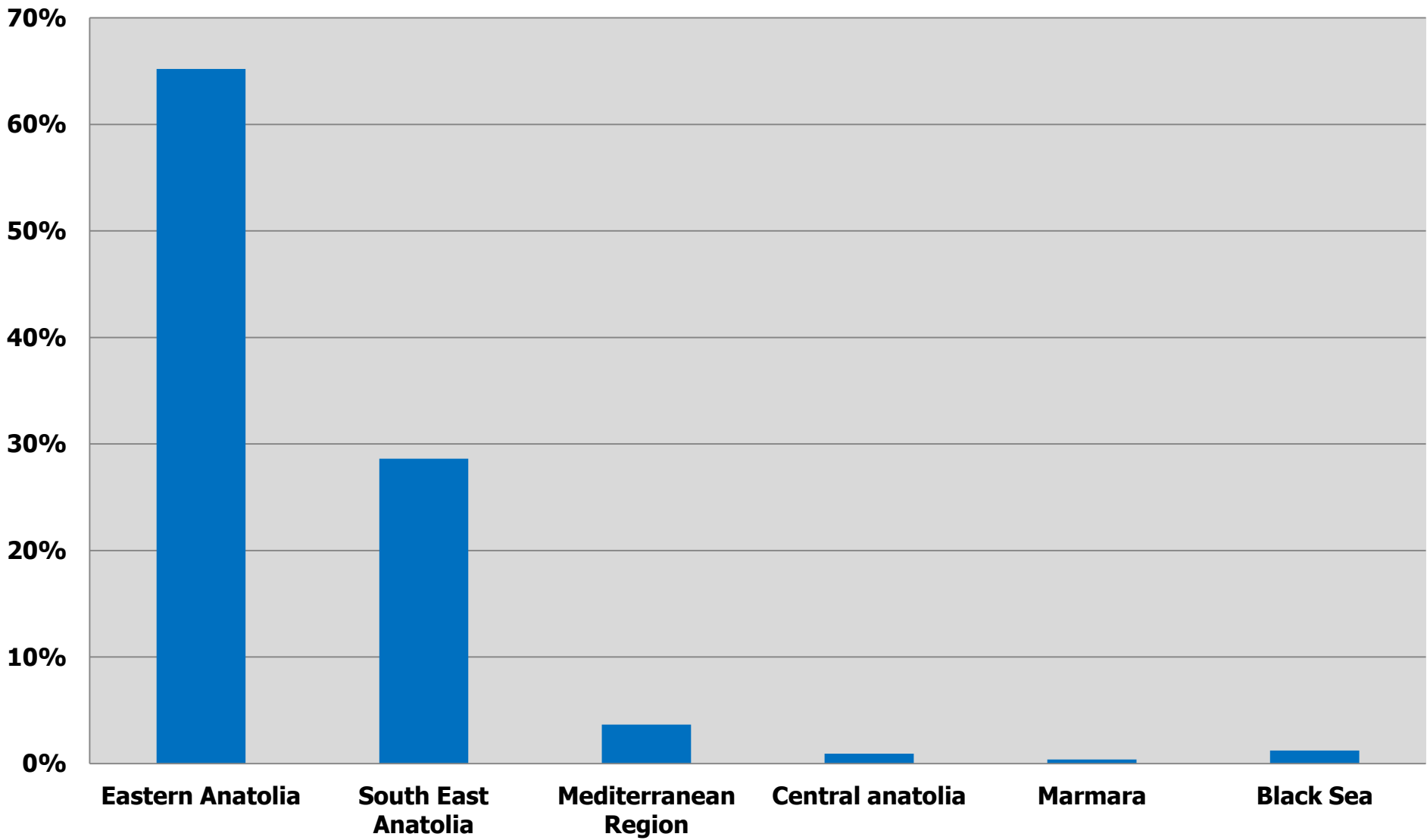


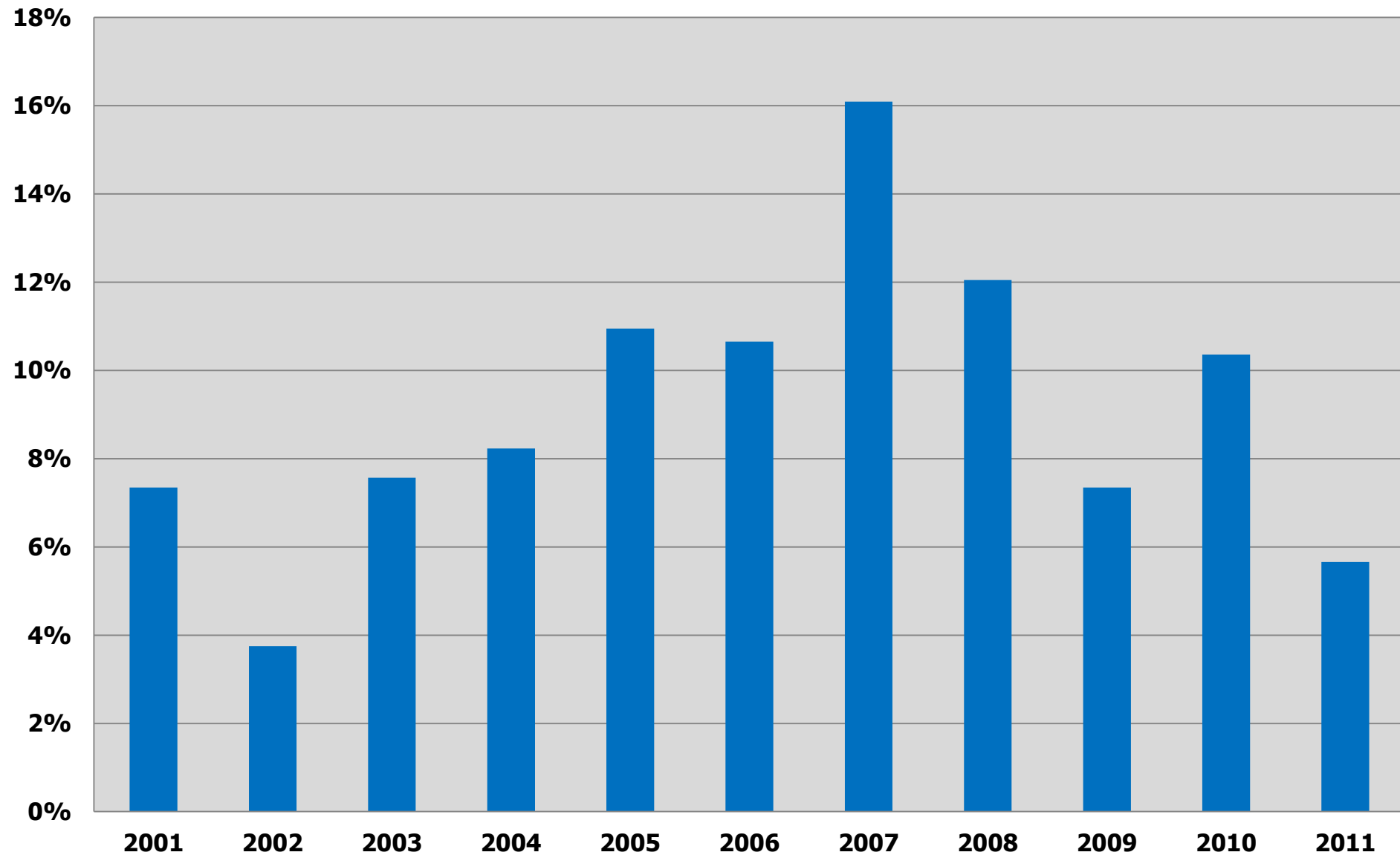
**DISTRIBUTION OF PKK MILITANTS ACCORDING TO THEIR PROVINCE OF DEATH**

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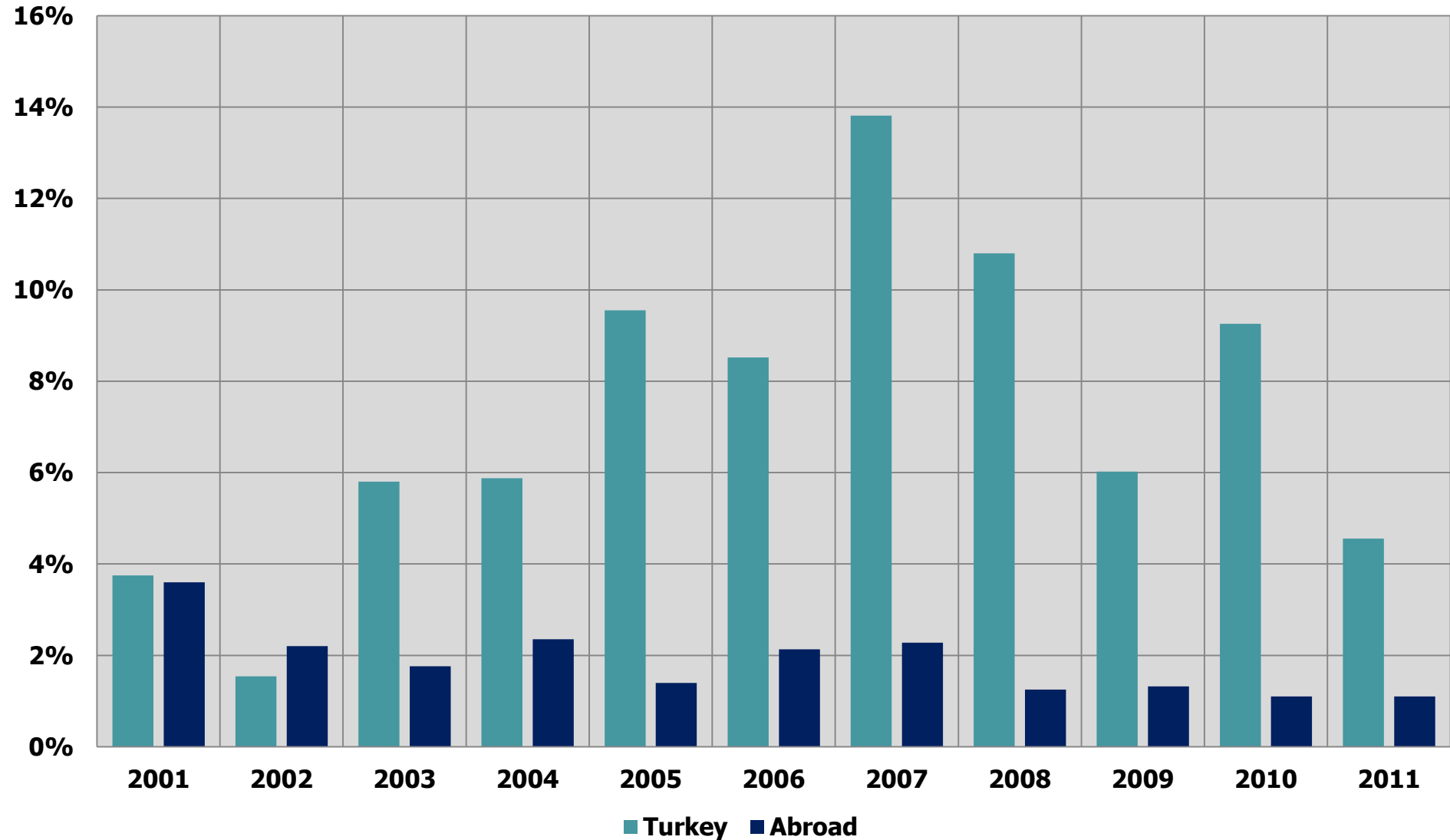


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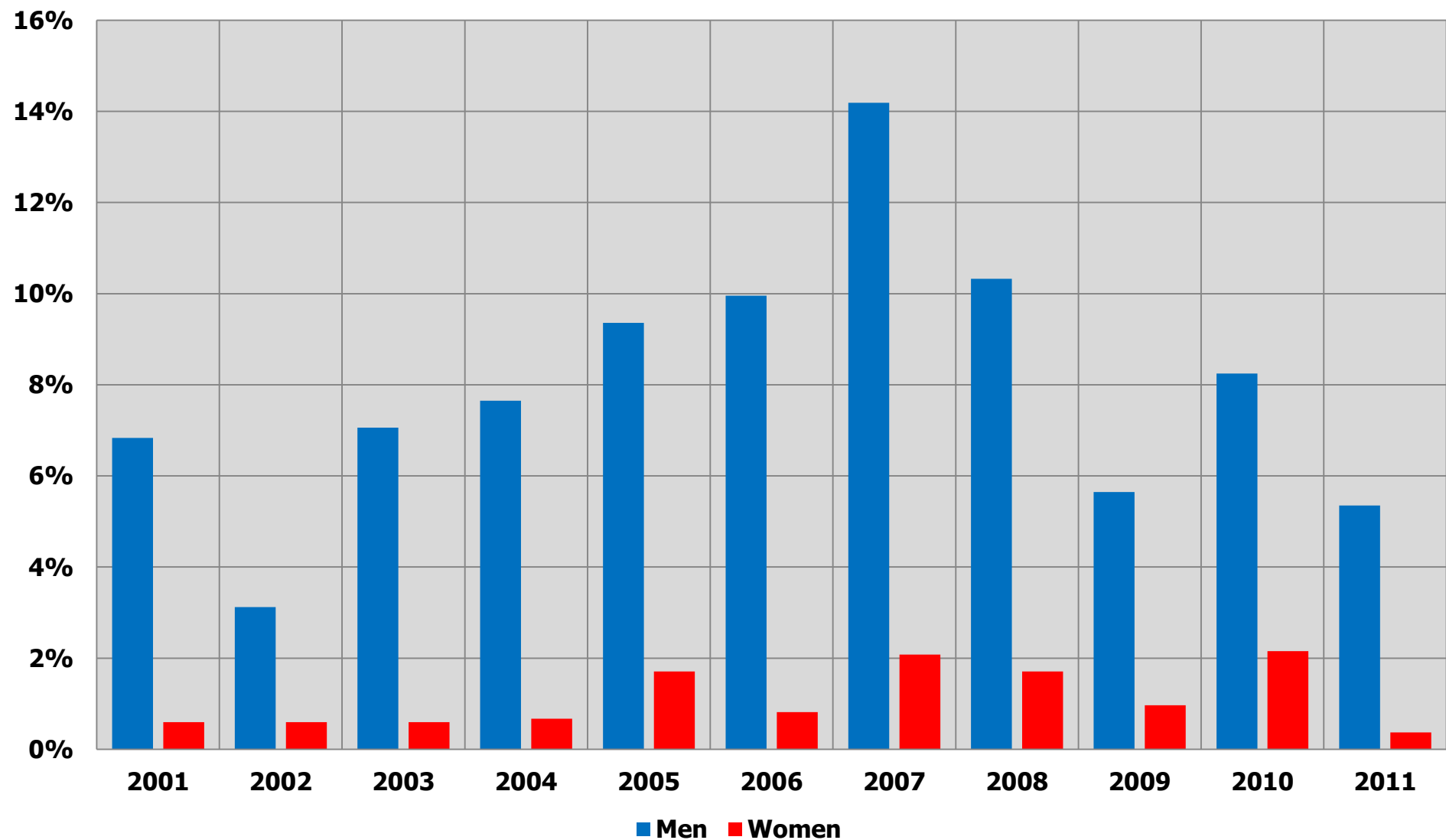


**DISTRIBUTION OF PKK TERRORISTS' DEATHS BY YEAR**

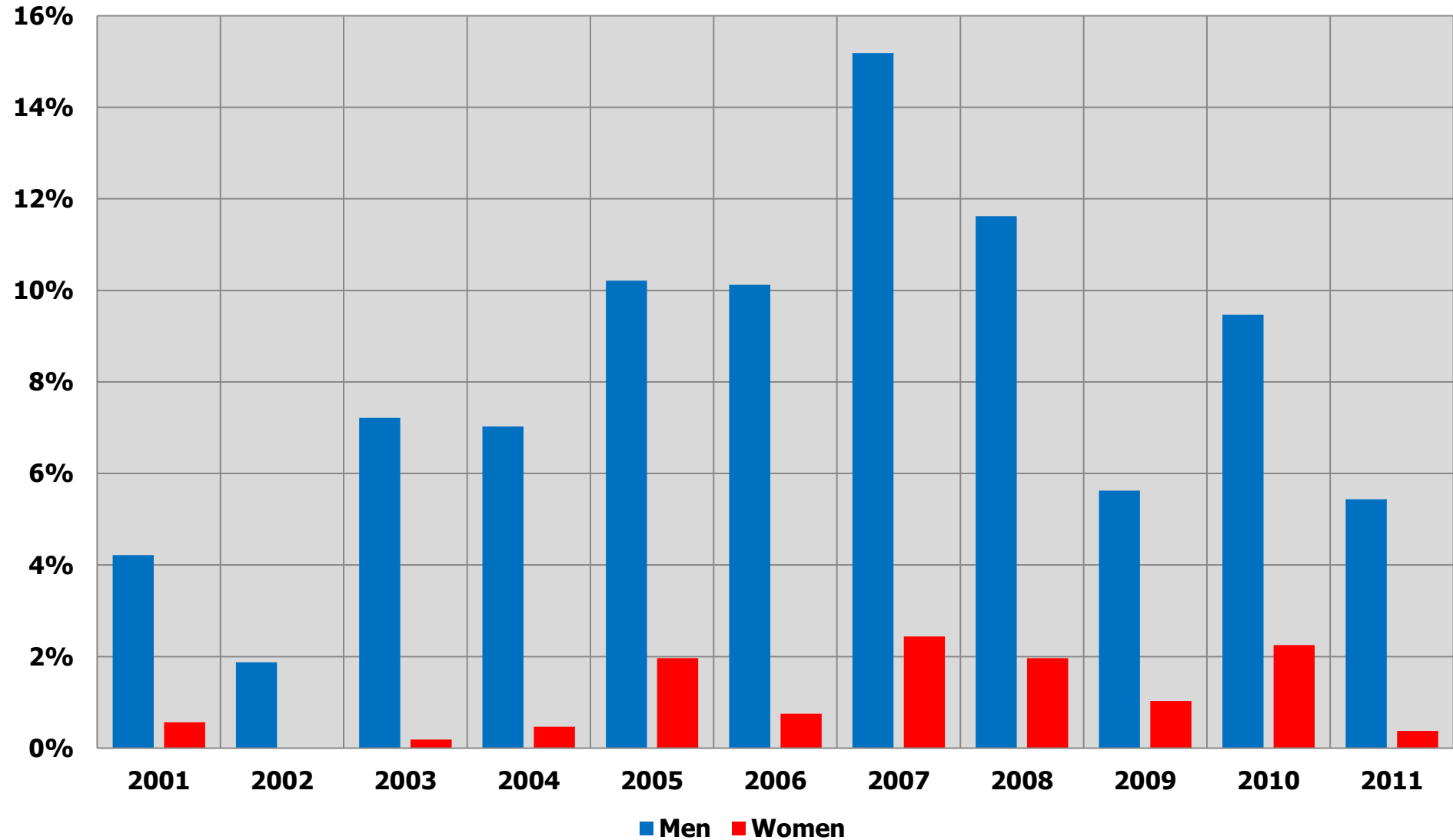
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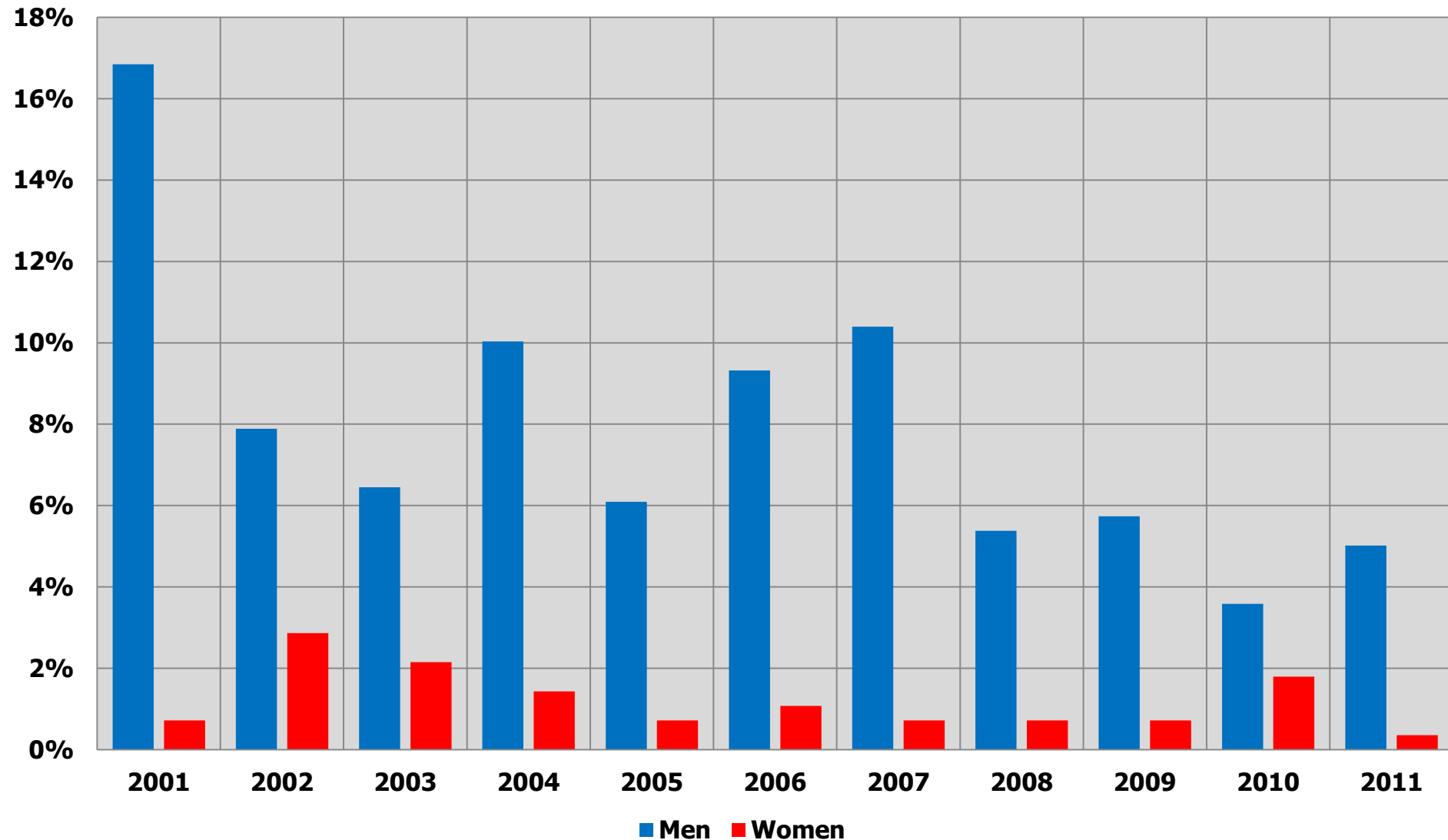
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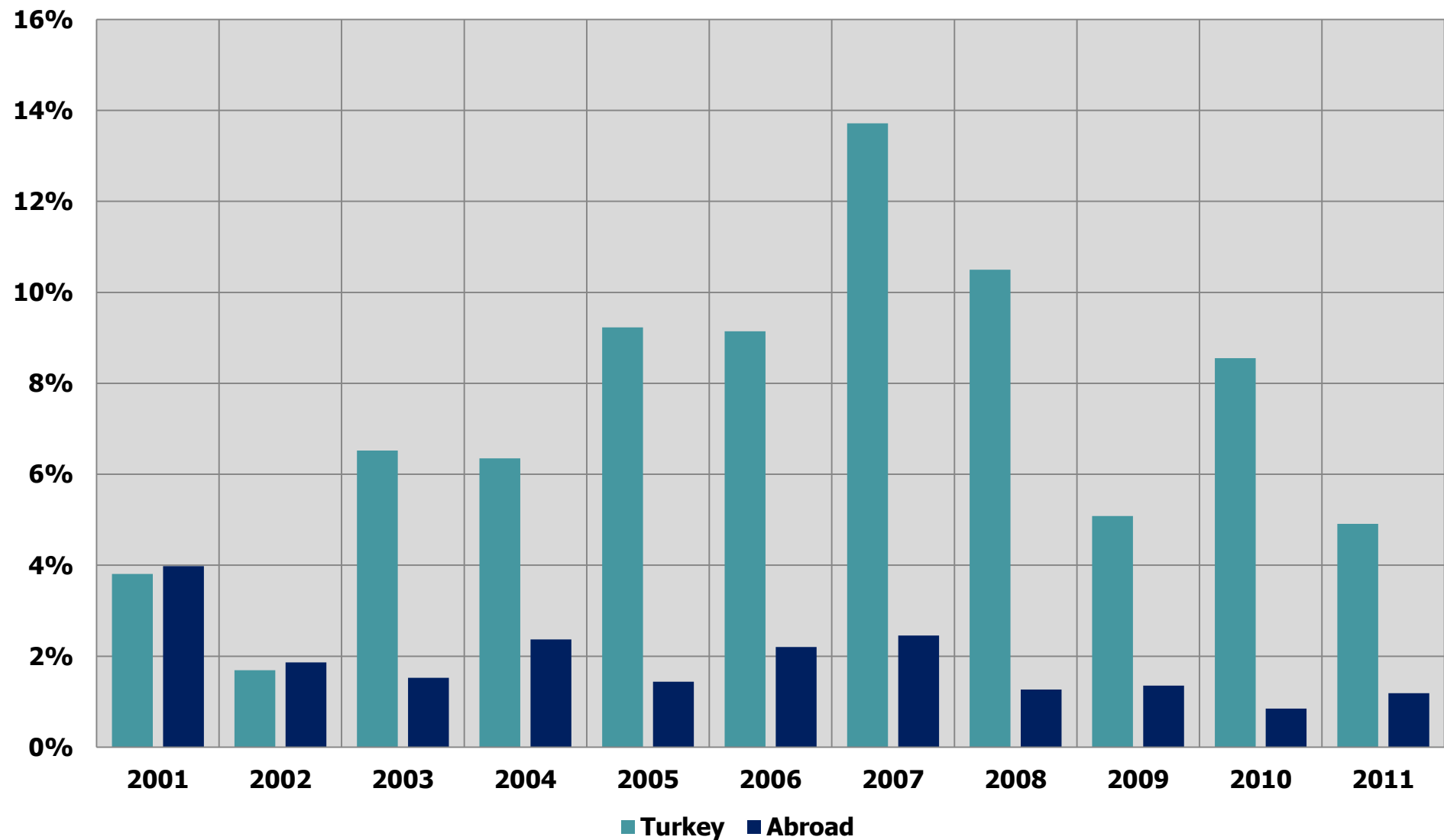


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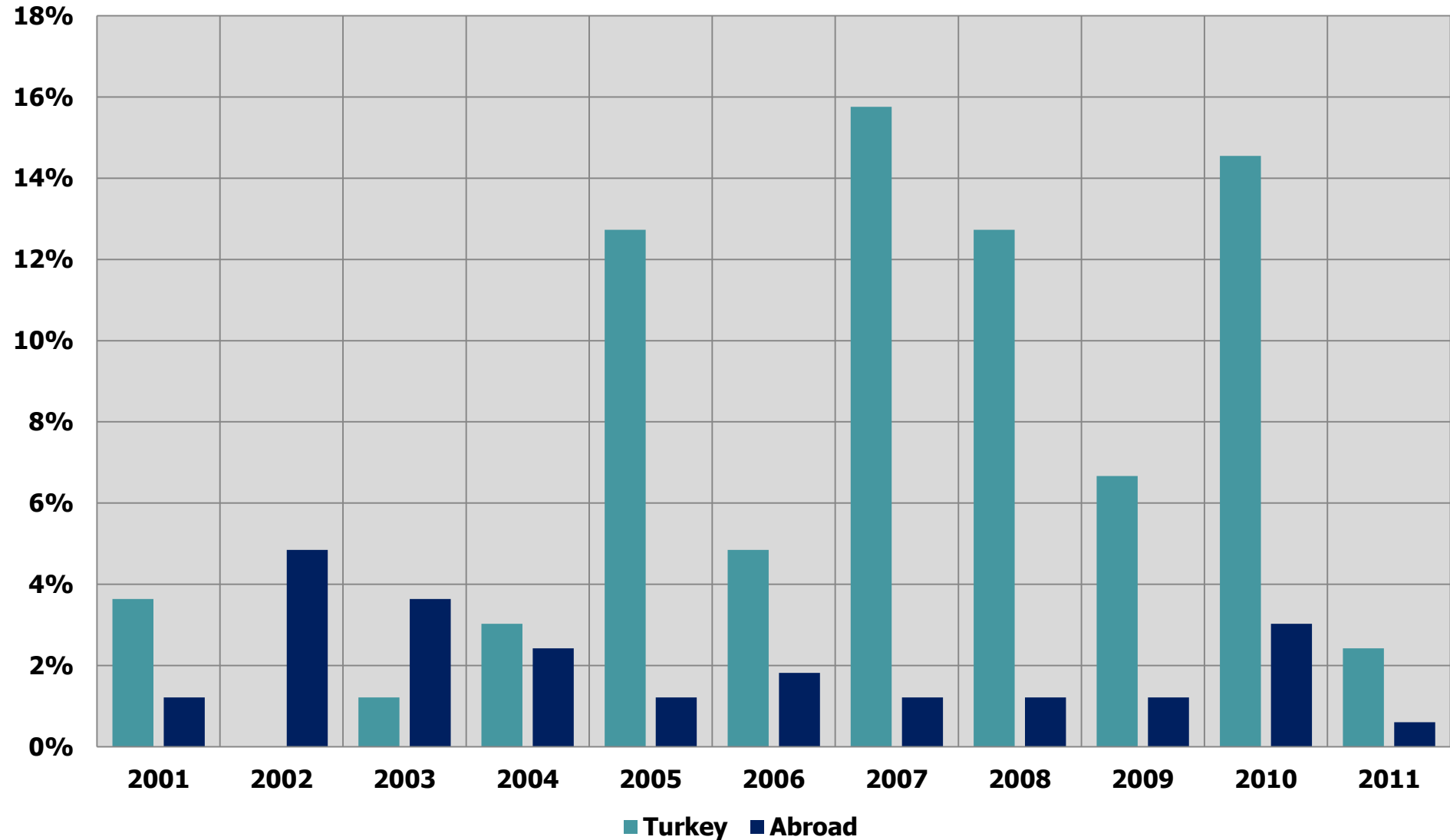




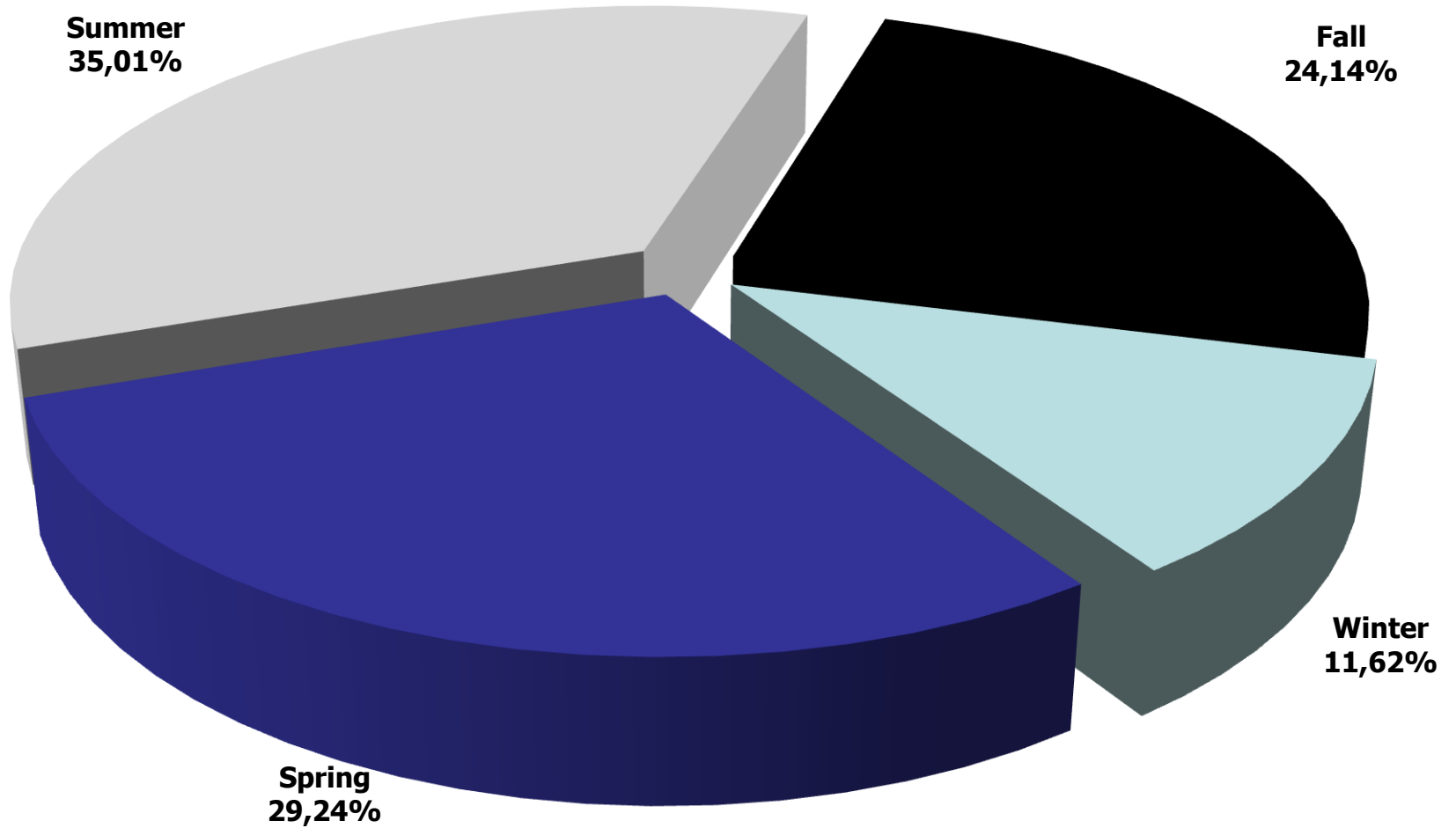
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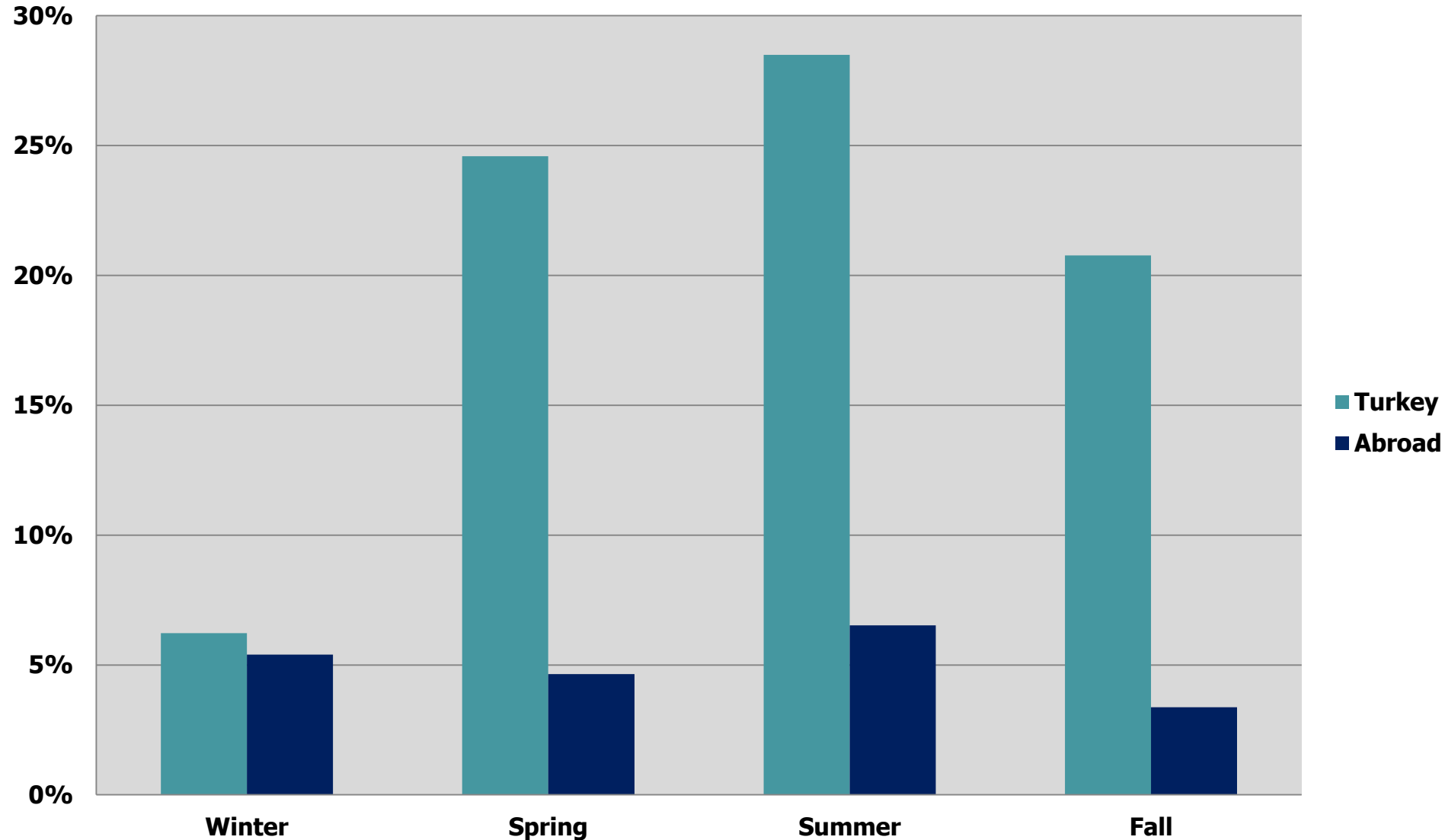
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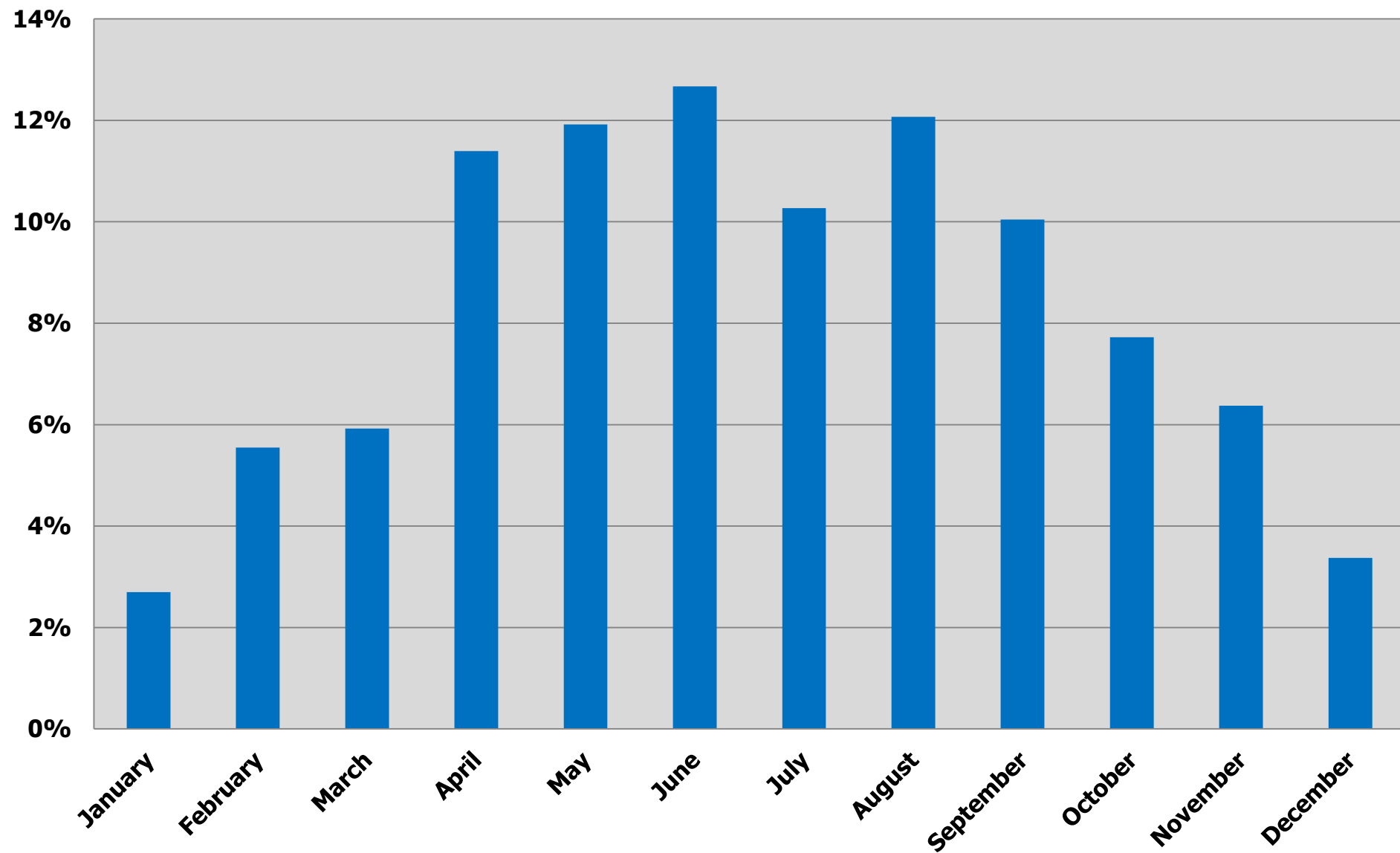


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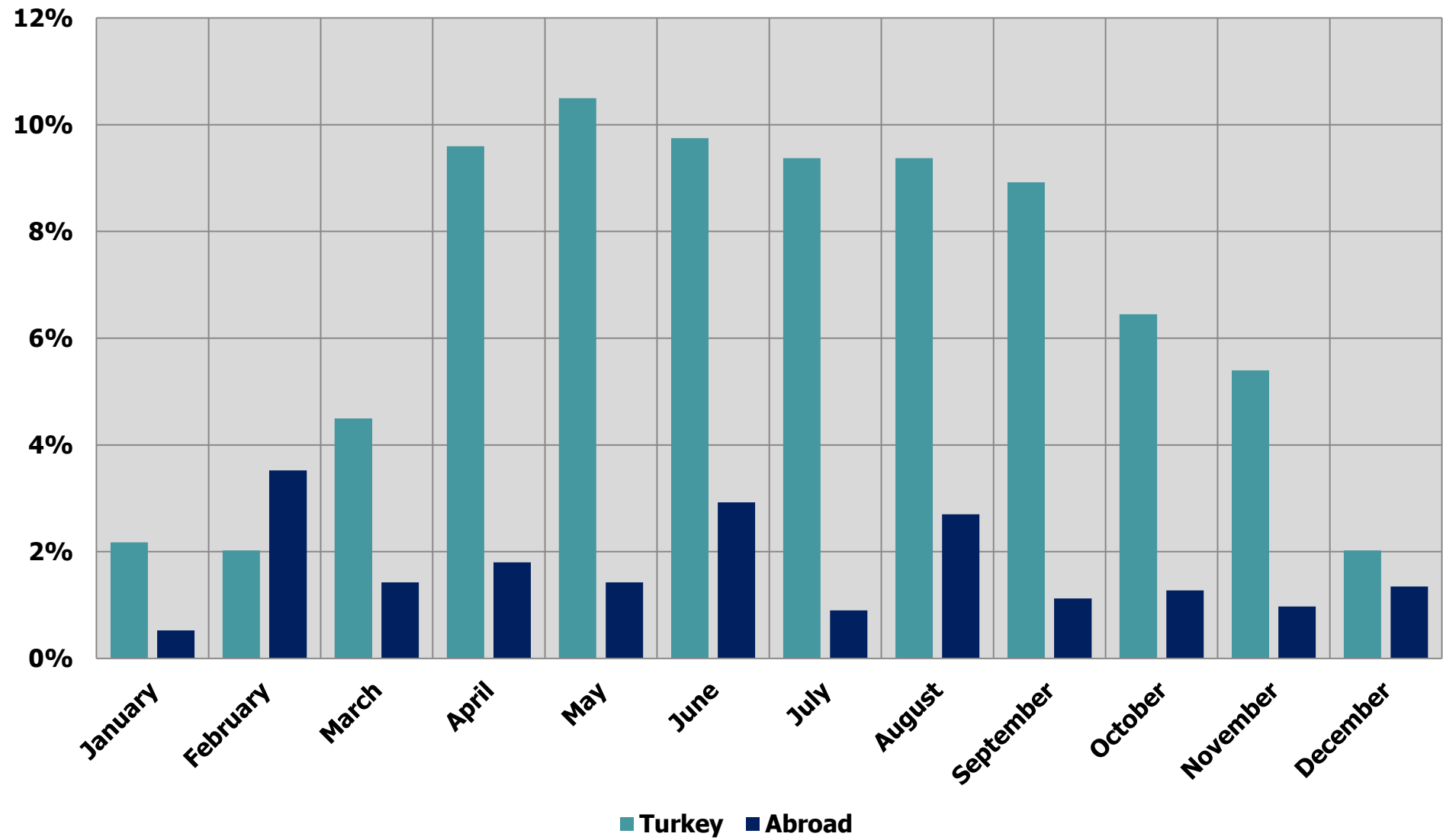


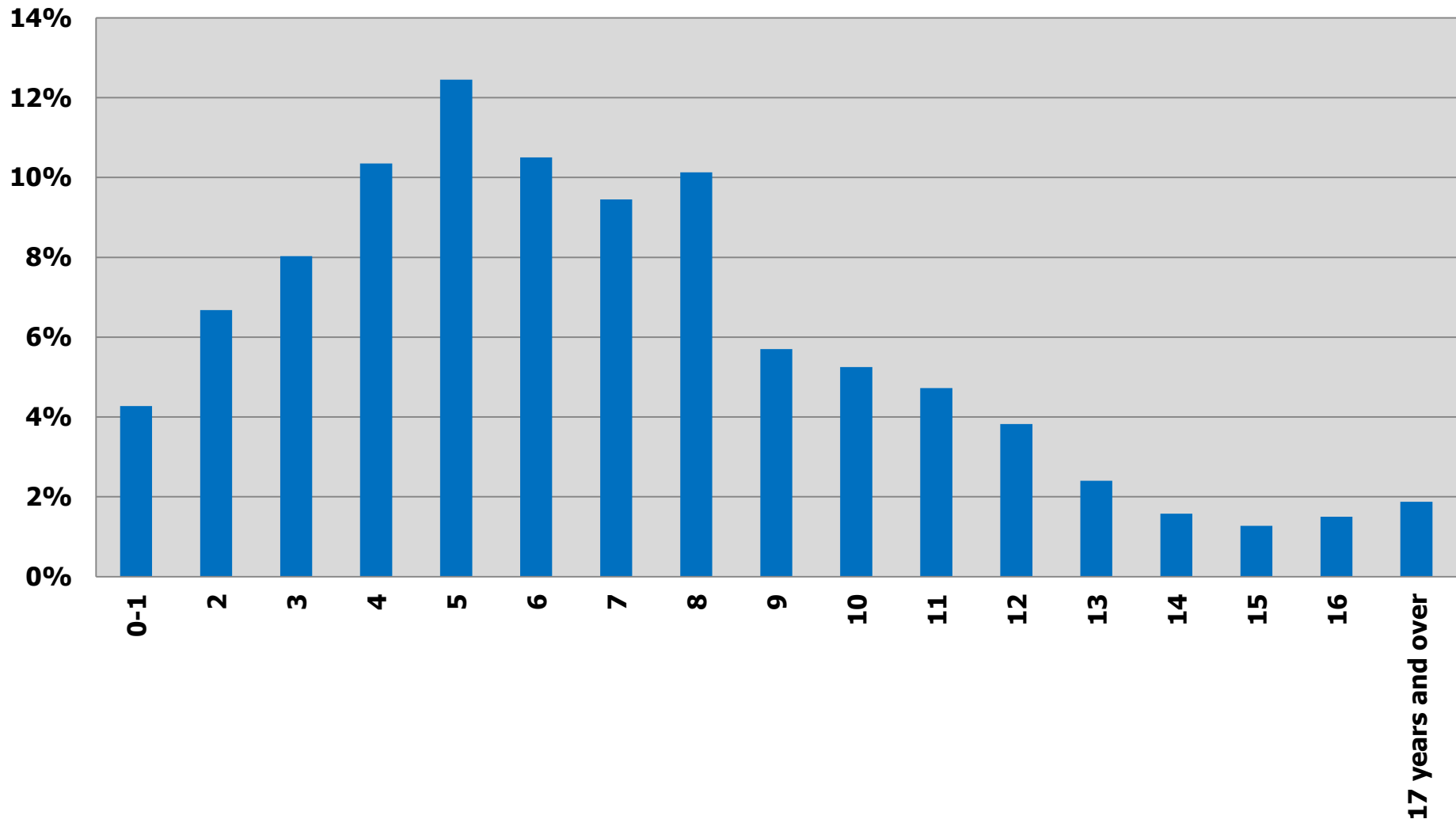
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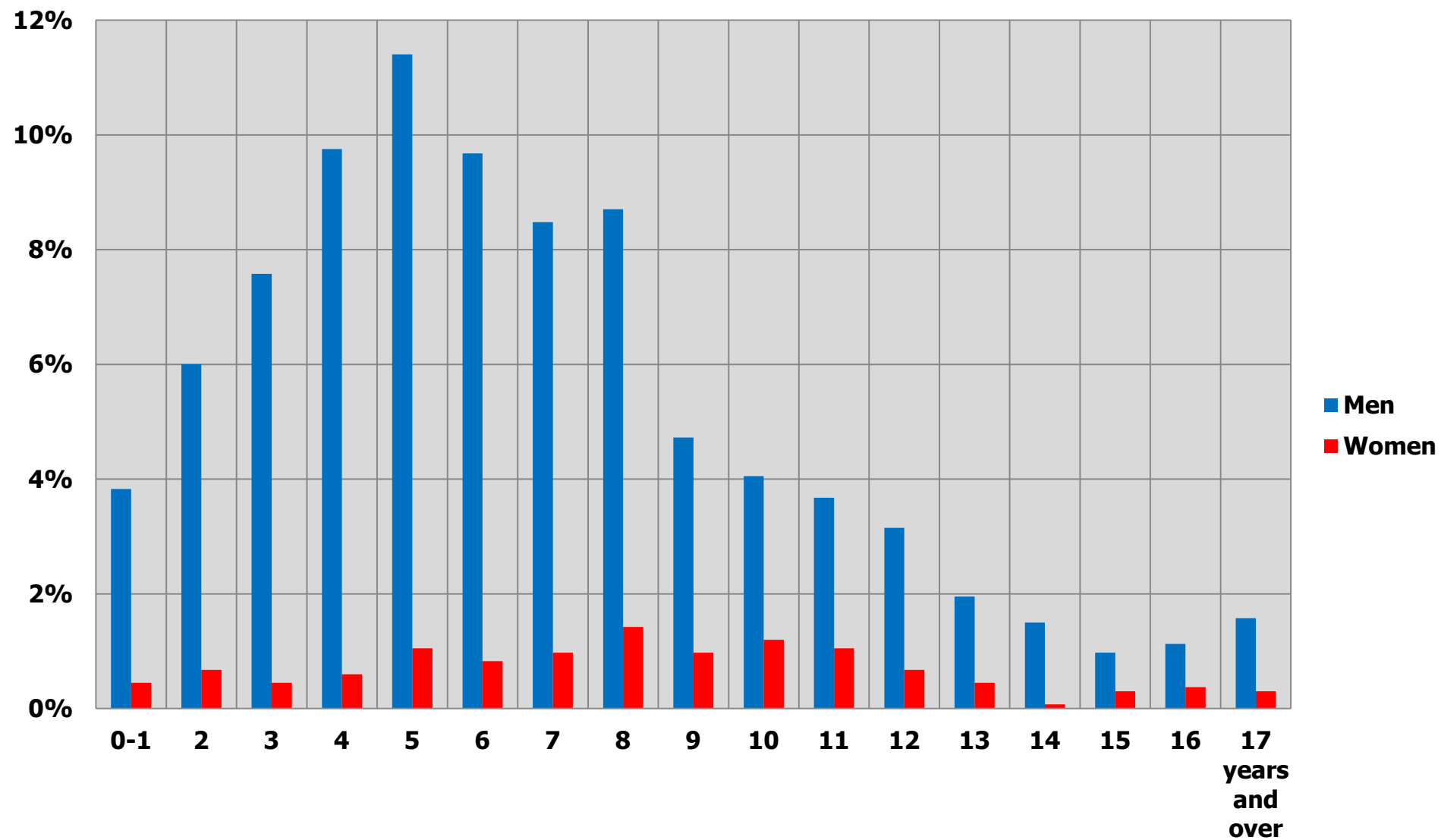
**DISTRIBUTION OF PKK TERRORISTS BY MONTH OF DEATH**

## DISTRIBUTION OF PKK TERRORISTS ACCORDING TO THEIR MONTH OF DEATH IN TURKEY AND ABROAD



**DISTRIBUTION OF TERRORISTS ACCORDING TO THEIR SERVICE TIME IN THE PKK**

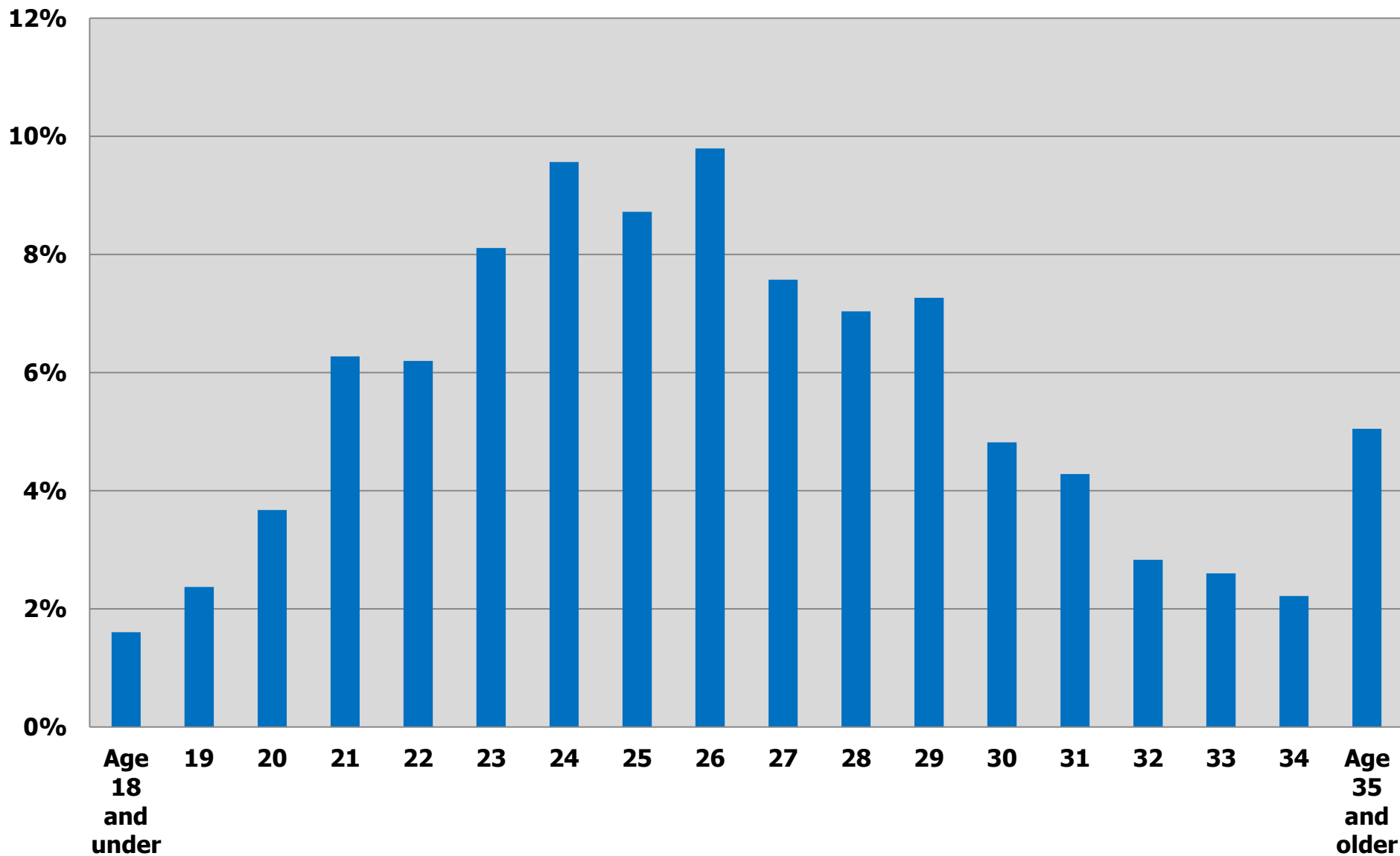
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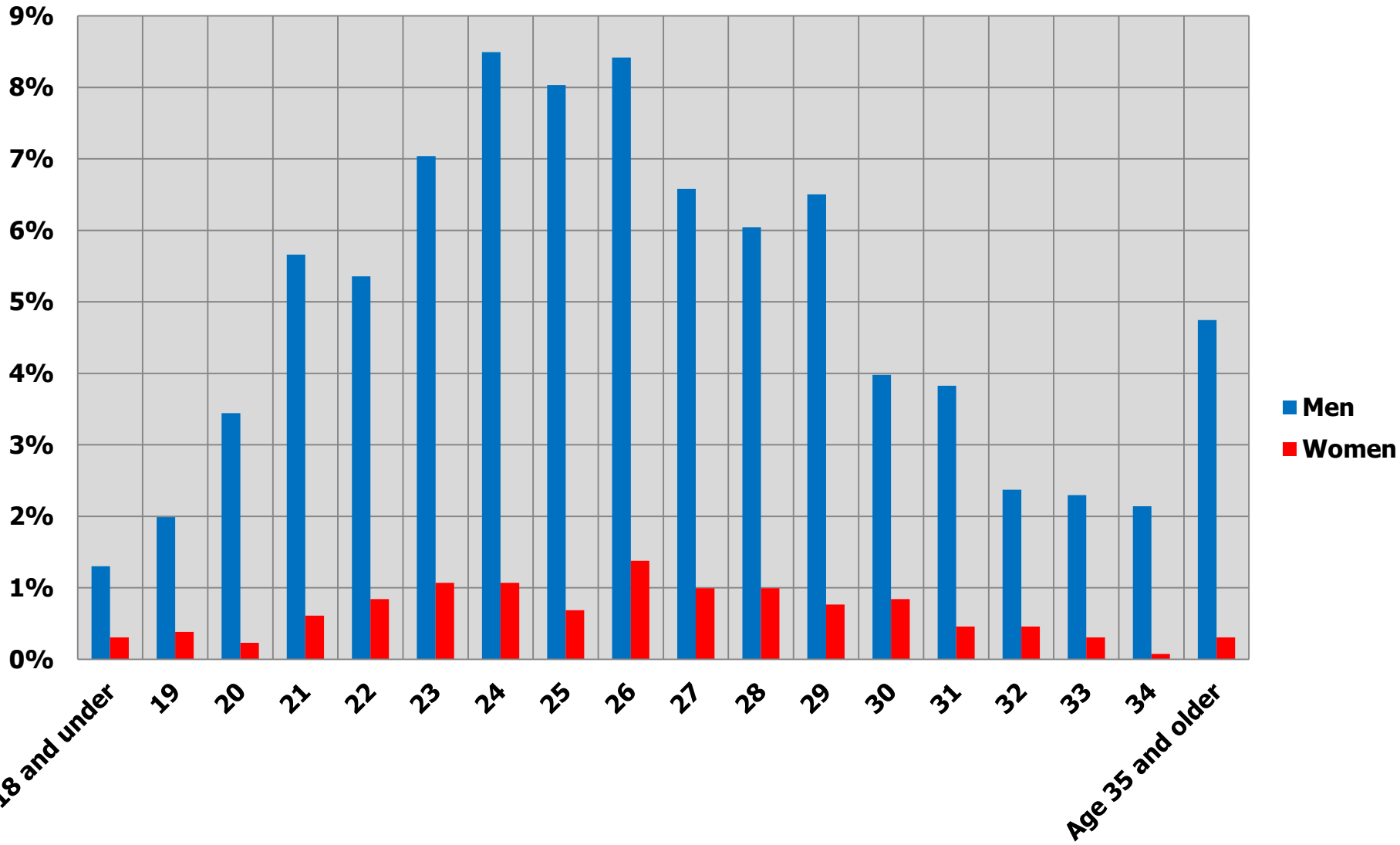


**MILITANTS' AVERAGE SERVICE TIME IN THE PKK BY YEAR****Total****6.9****Women****8.3****Men****6.7**

## DISTRIBUTION OF PKK MILITANTS BY THEIR AGE OF DEATH

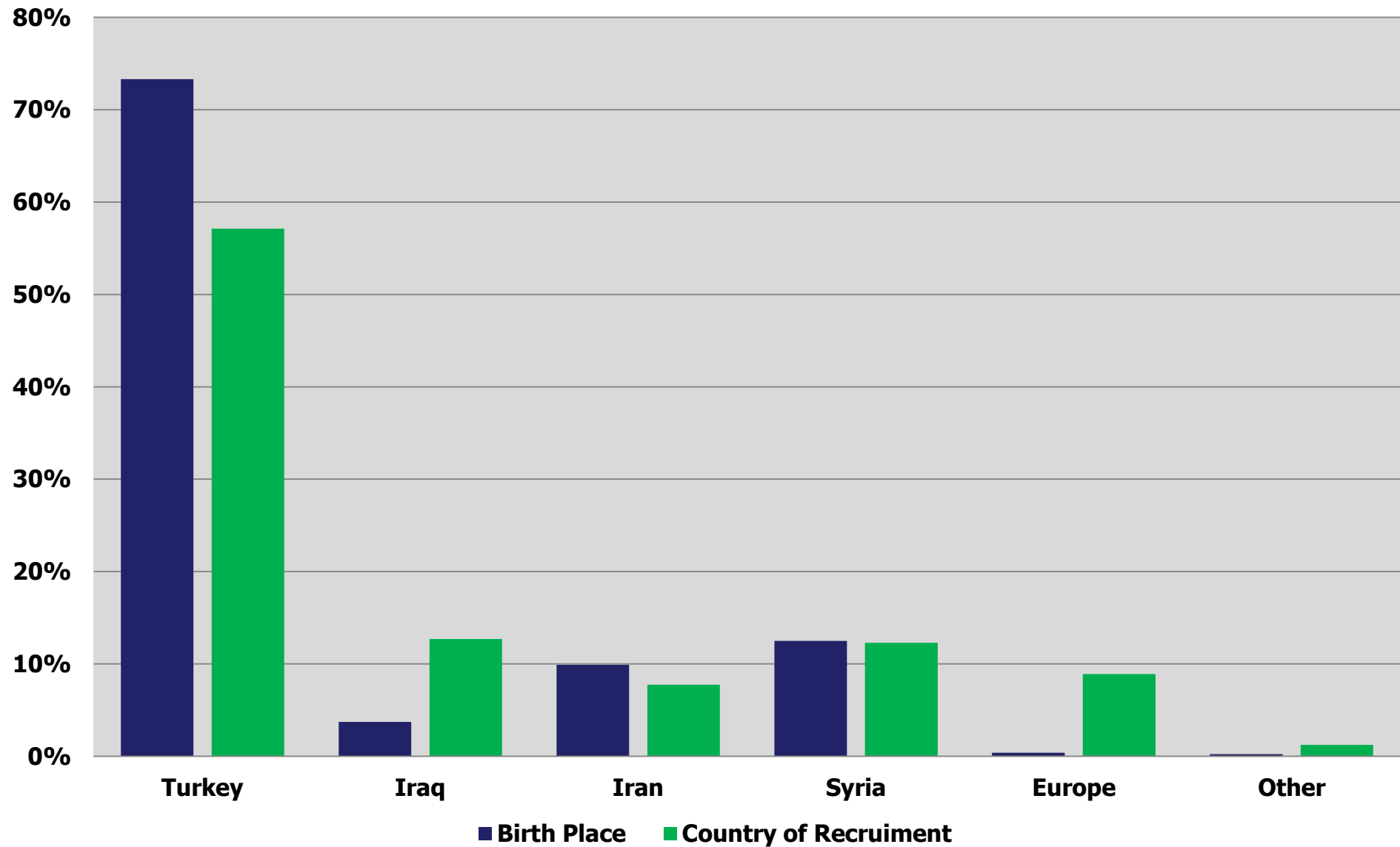


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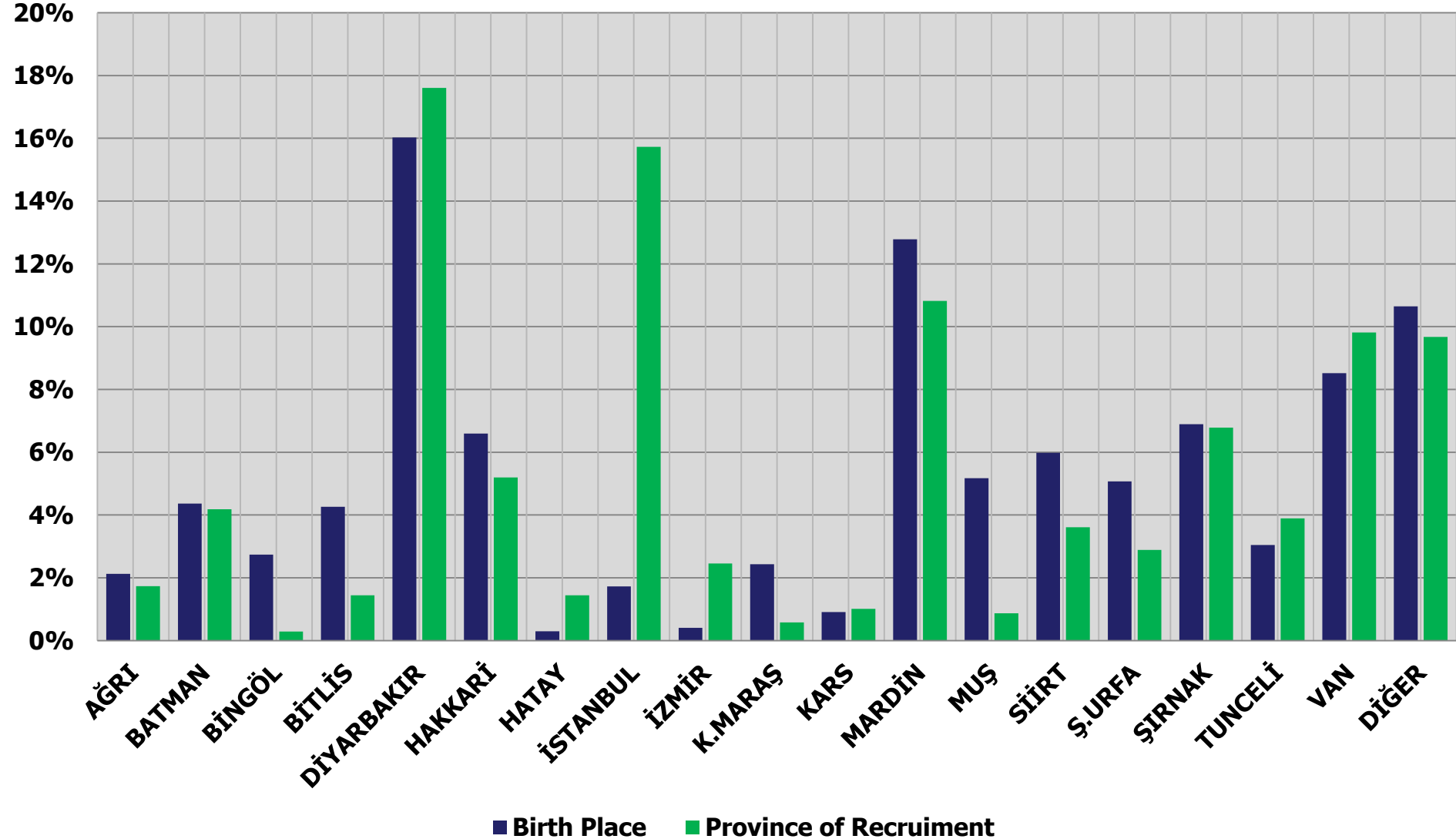


**PKK MILITANTS' AVERAGE AGE OF DEATH****Total****26.4****Women****26****Men****26.4**

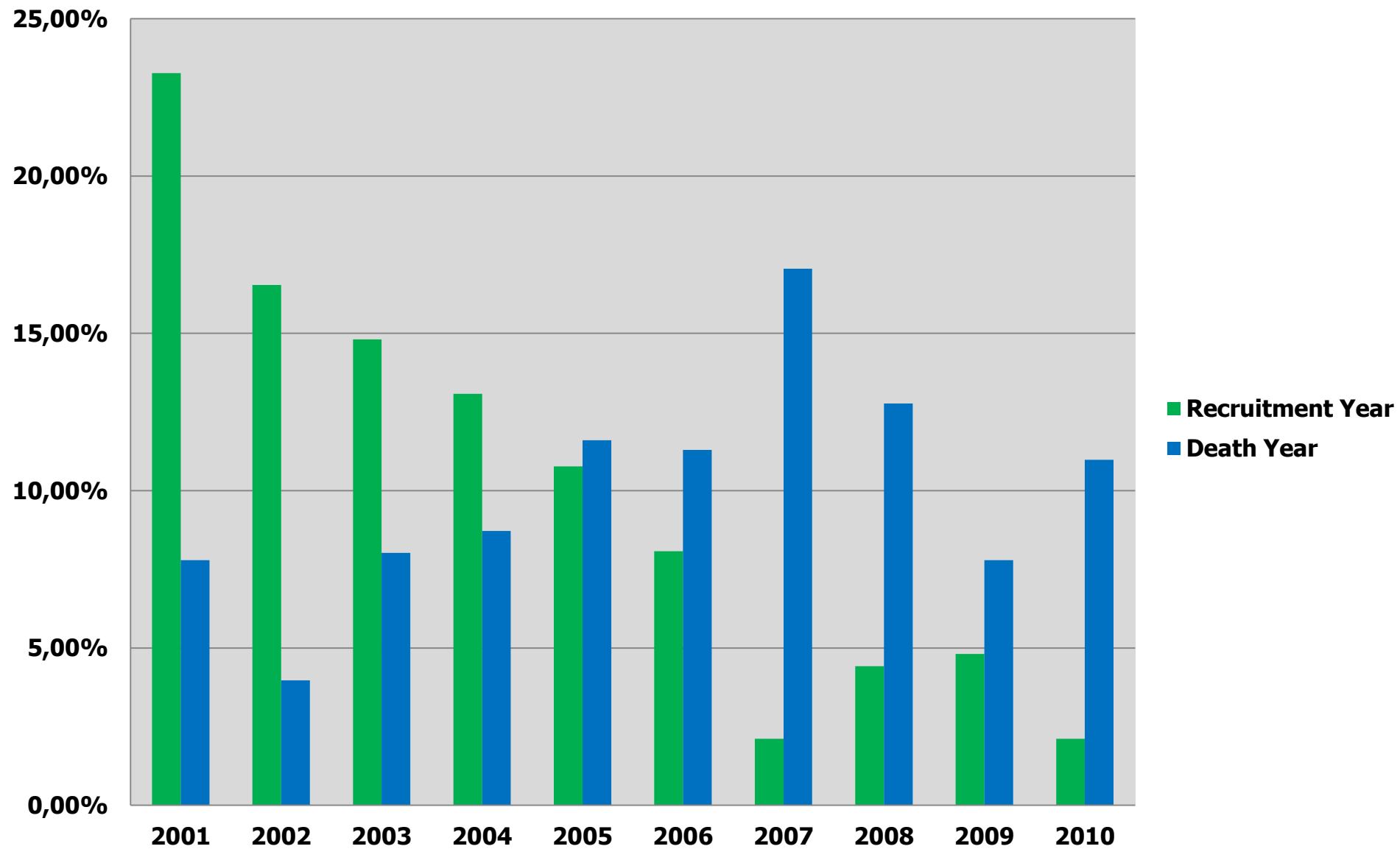
## COMPARASION BETWEEN BIRTH PLACE AND COUNTRY OF RECRUITMENT



## COMPRASION BETWEEN PROVINCE OF BIRTH AND PROVINCE OF RECRUITMENT (IN TURKEY)

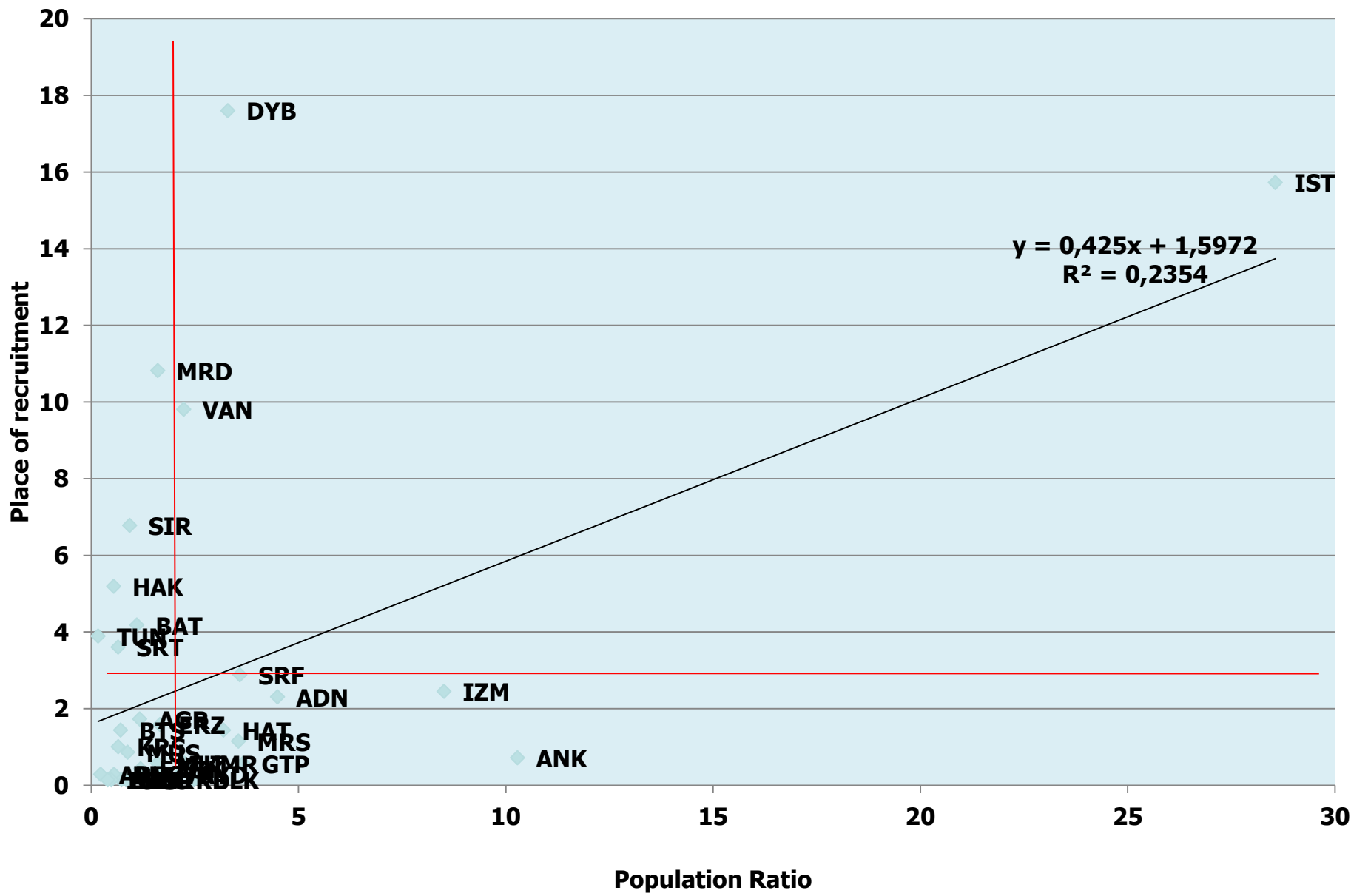


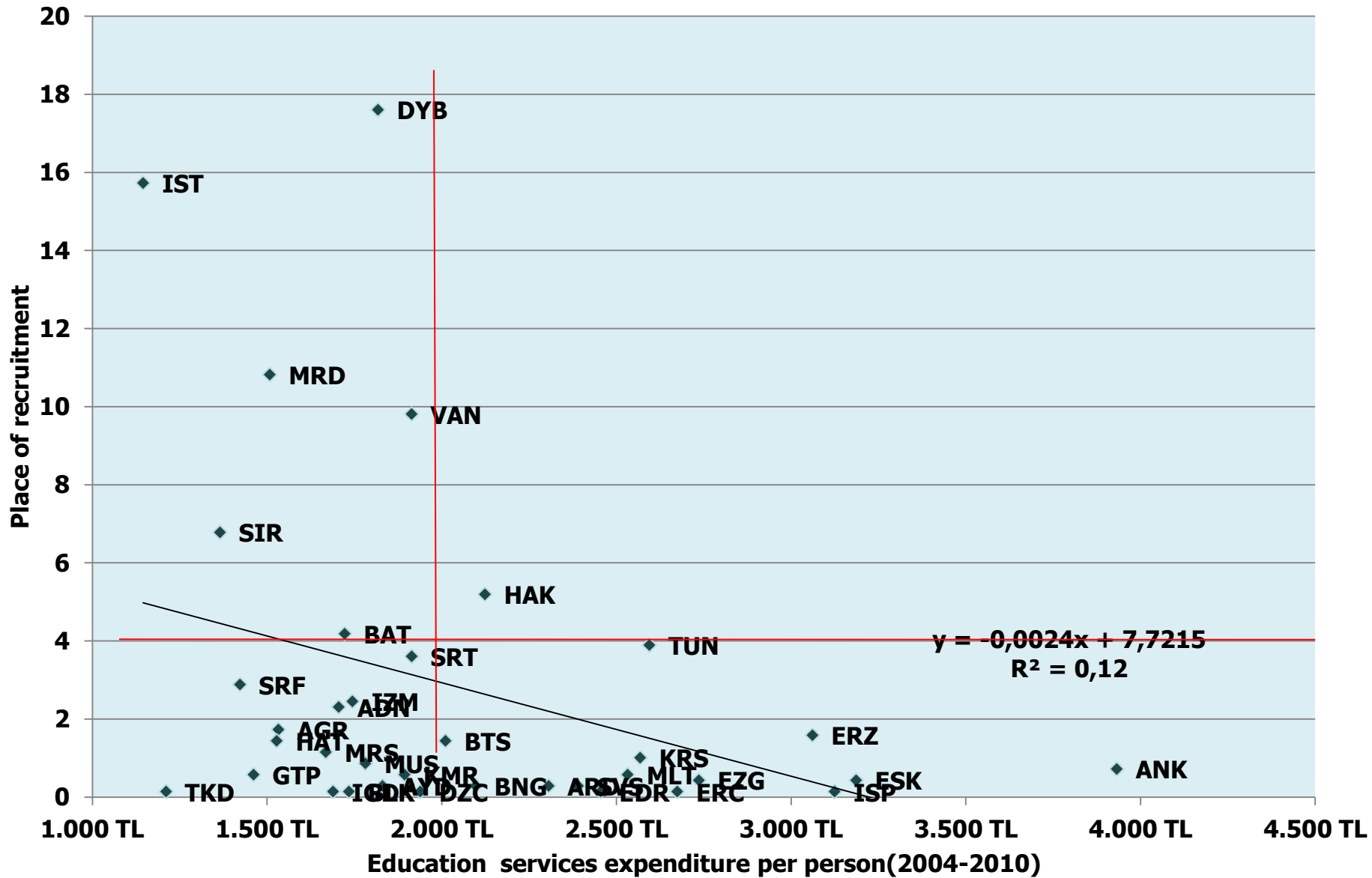
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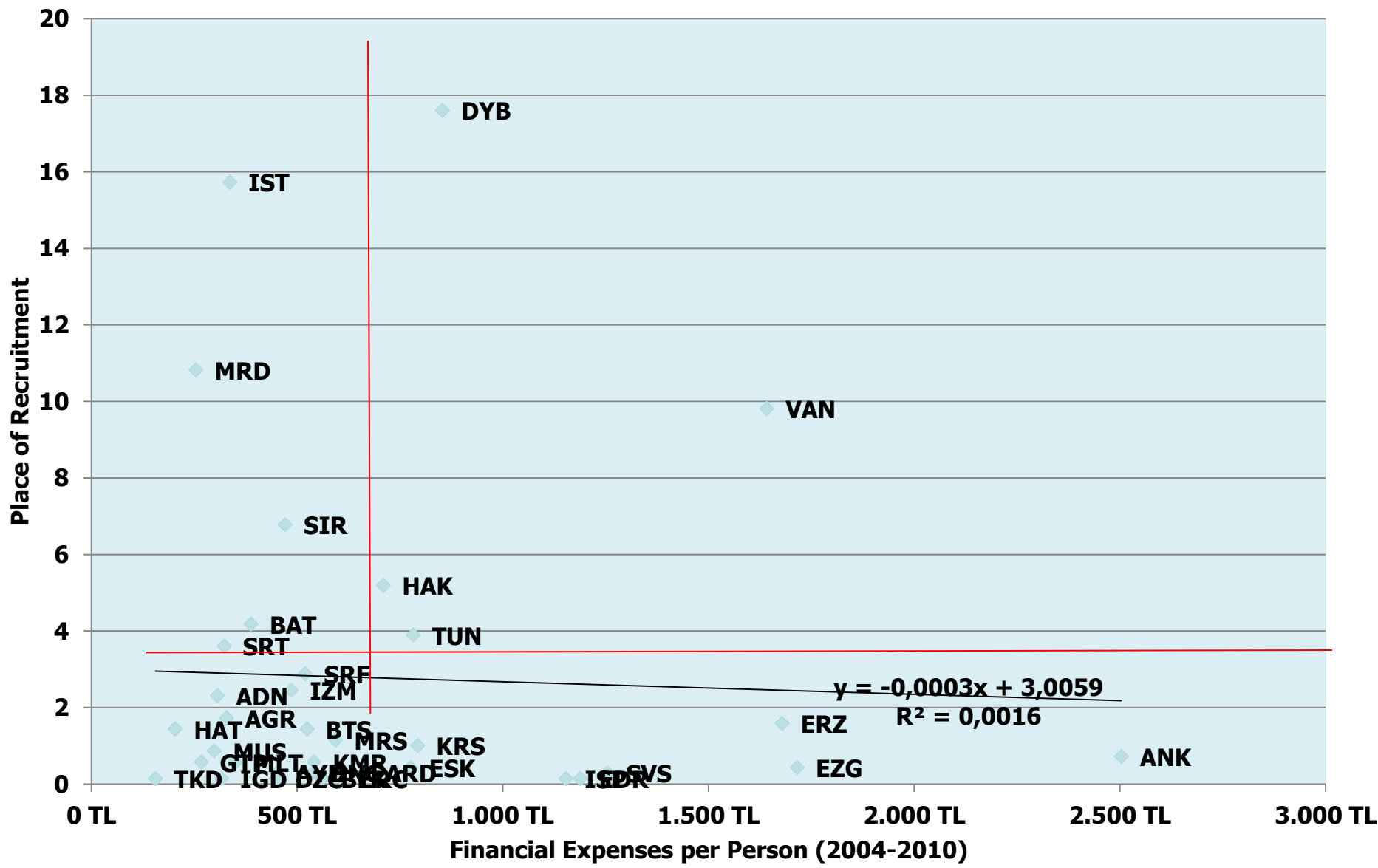


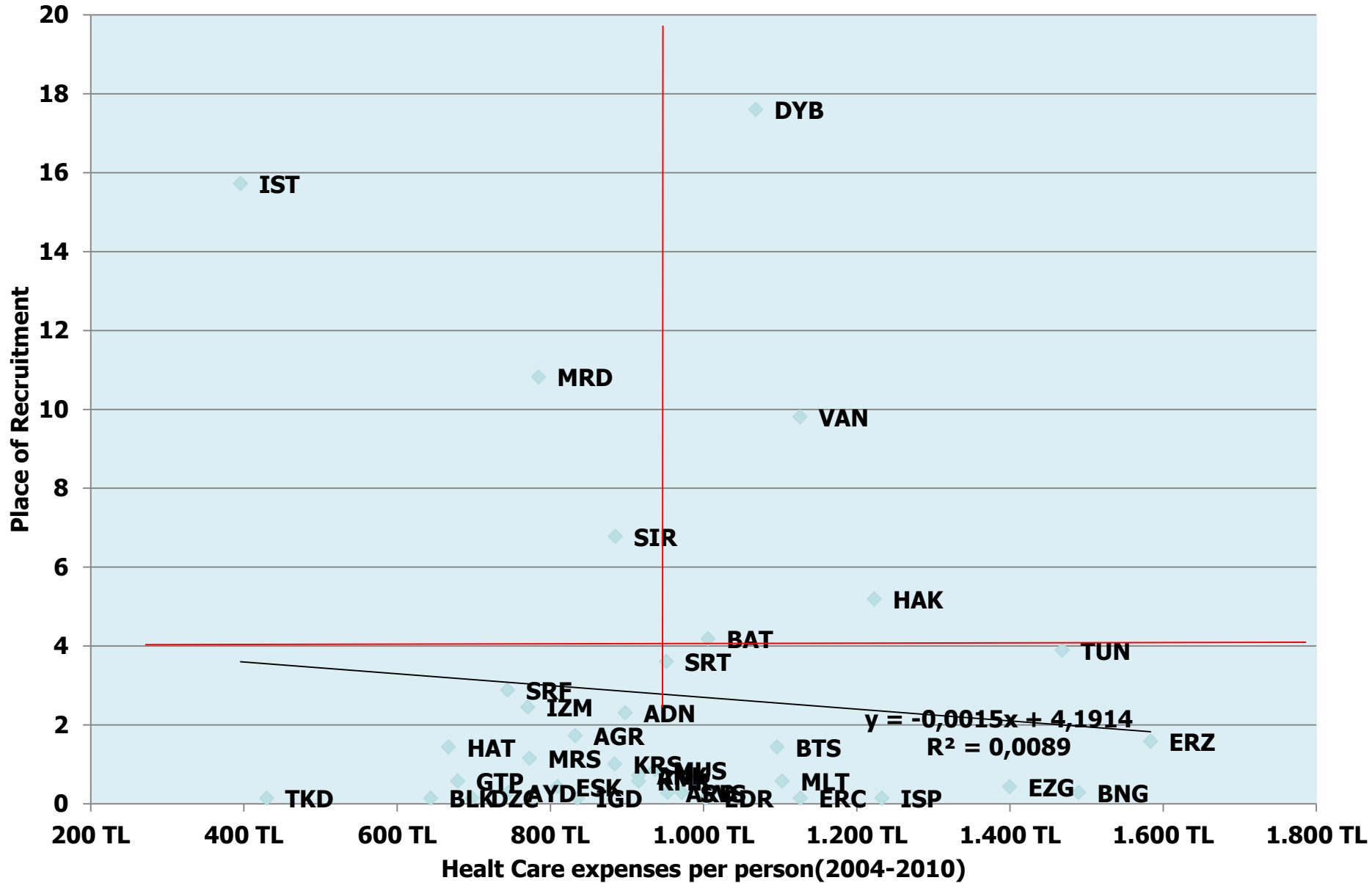
- The youngest PKK recruit was nine years old.
- The oldest PKK recruit was 42 years old.
- The youngest PKK member who lost his/her life was 14 years old, as the oldest member was 48.
- The longest period of membership in the PKK is 28 years.

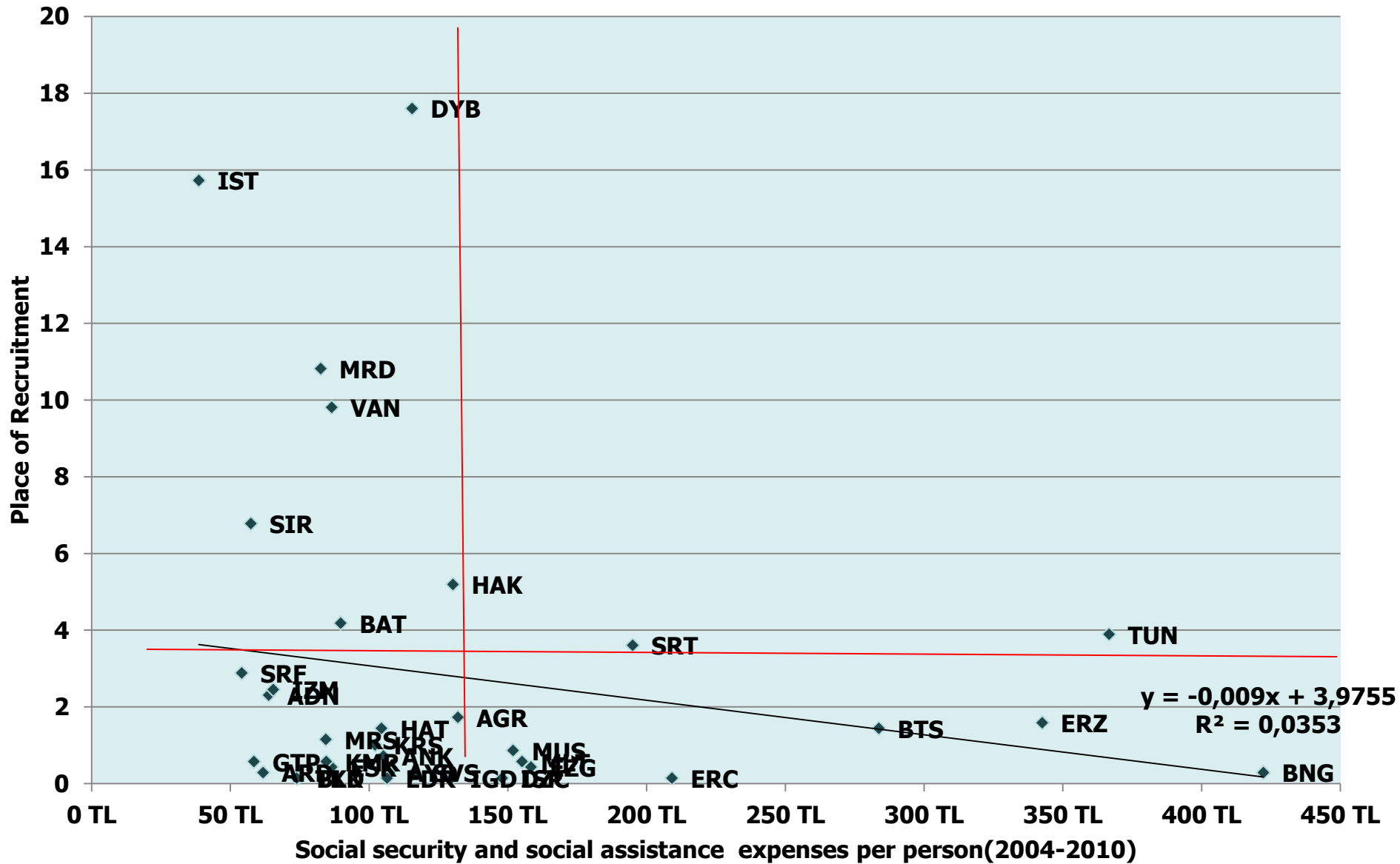


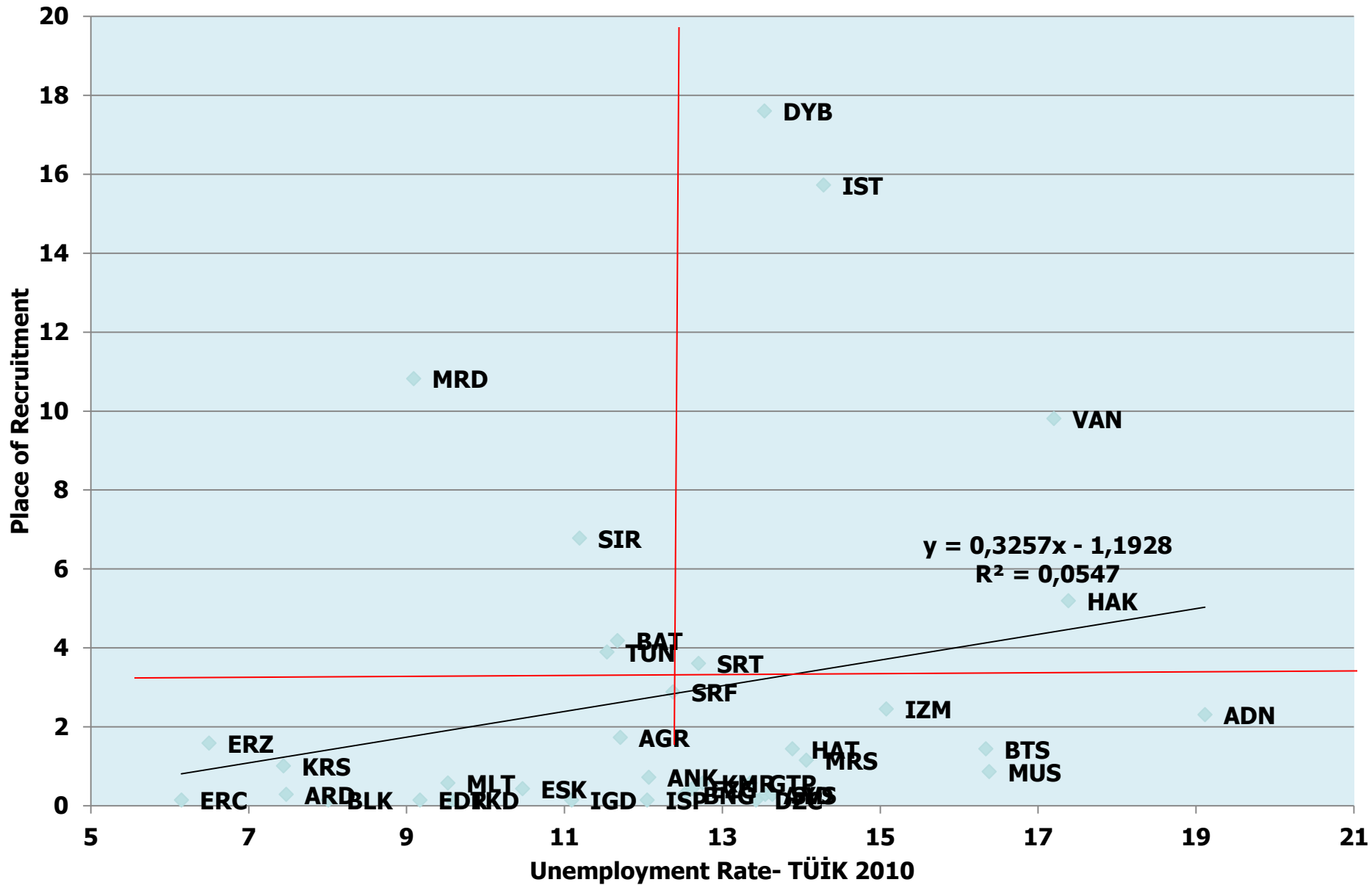


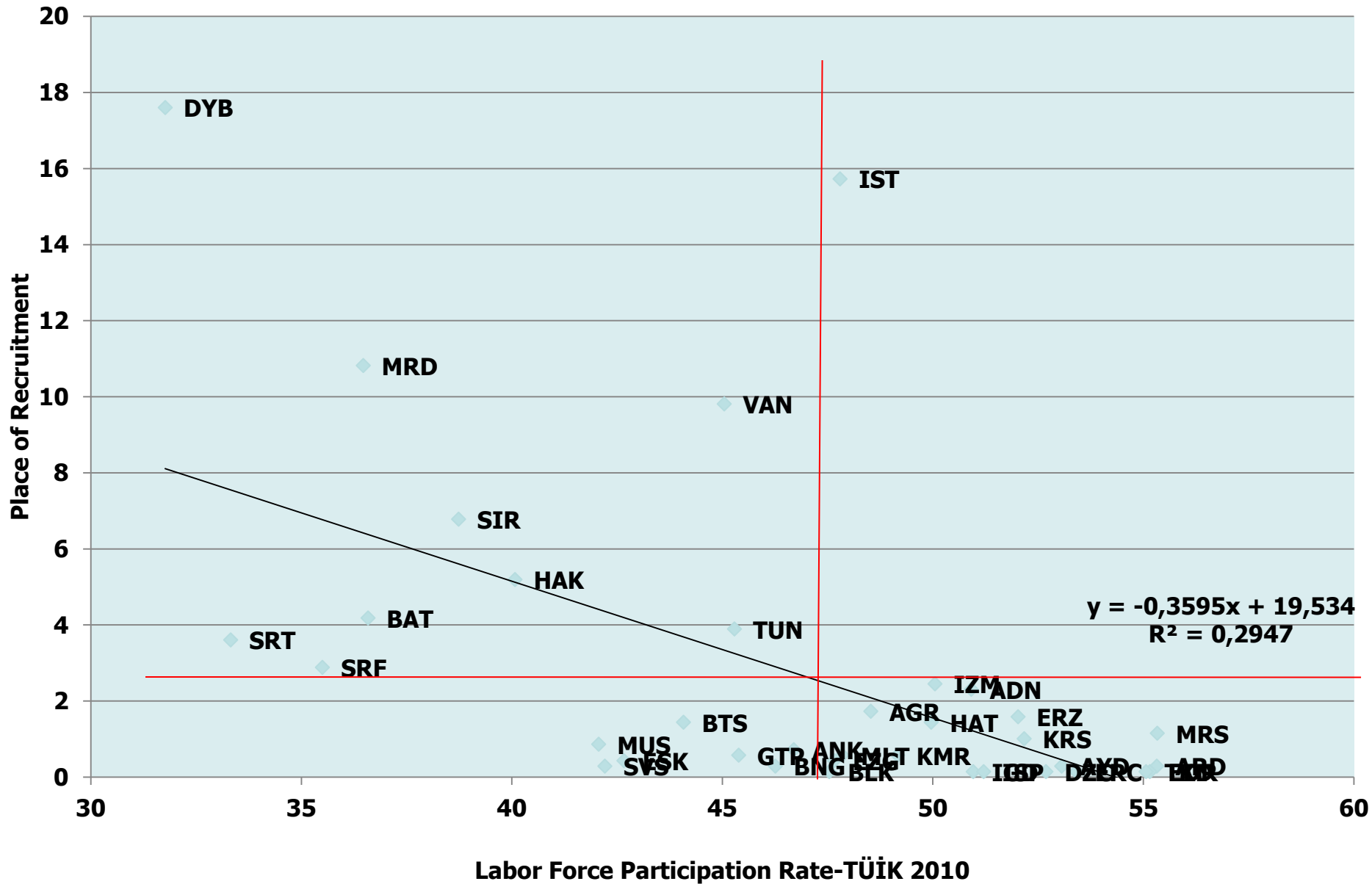


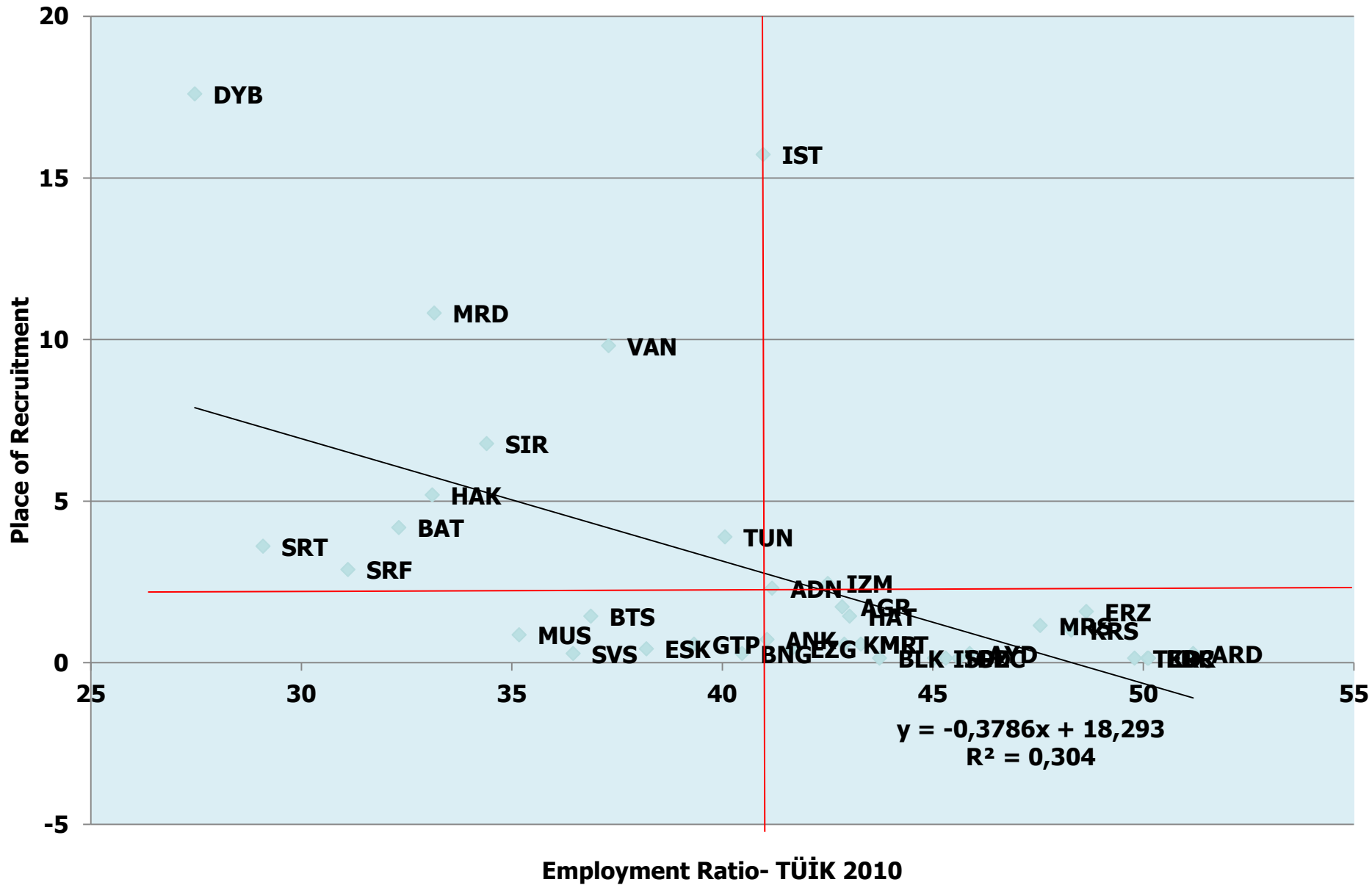




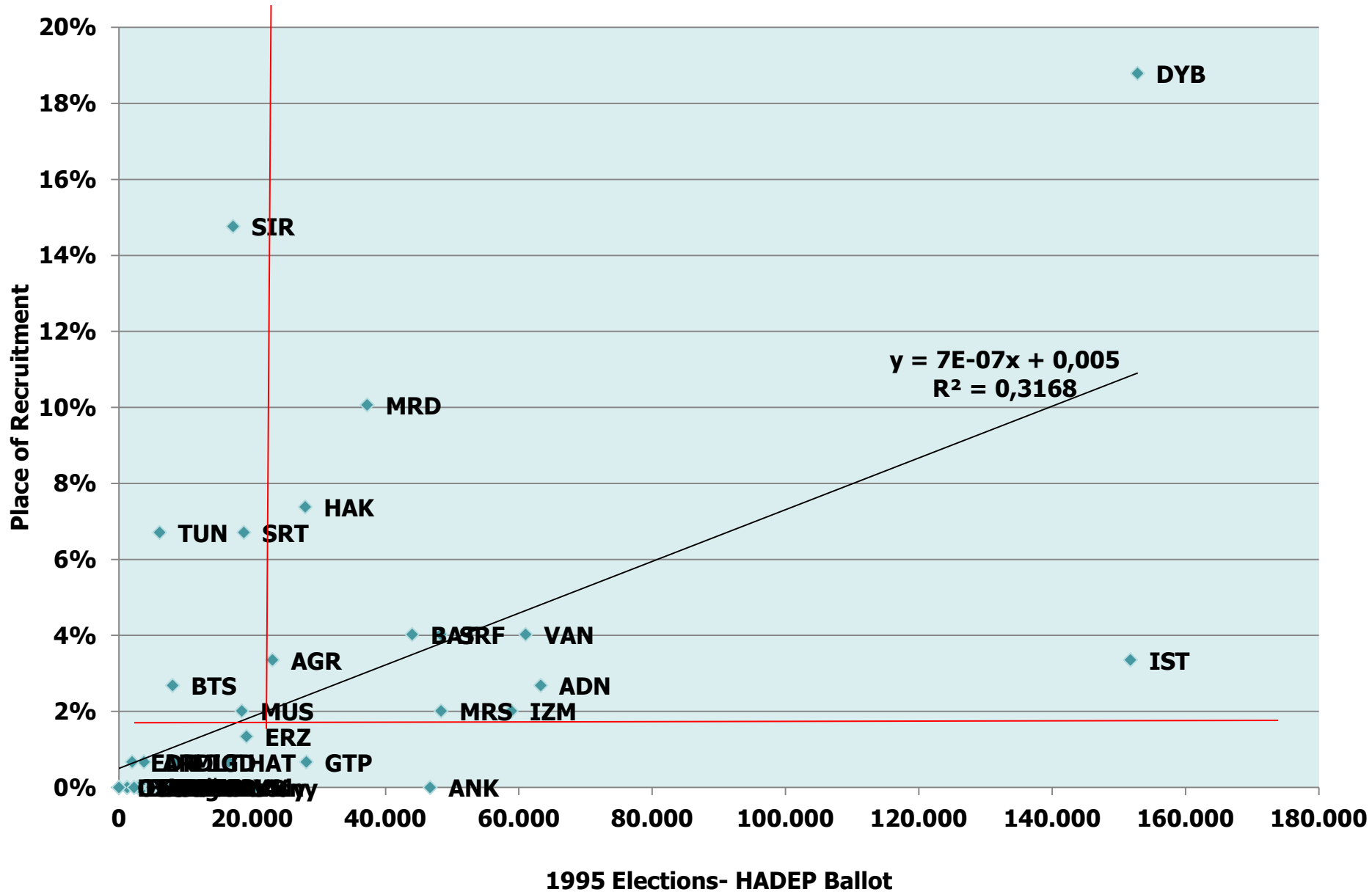


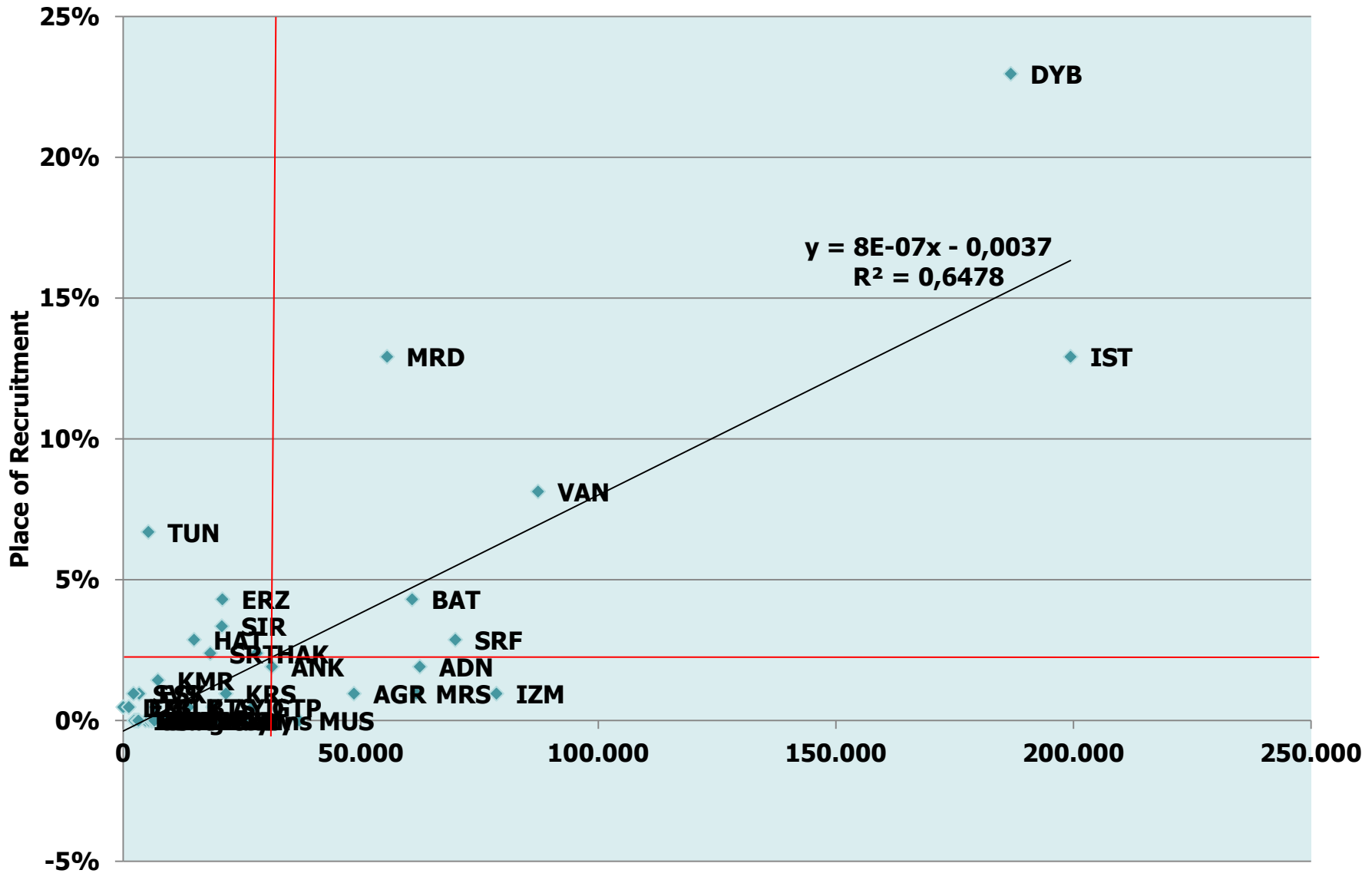




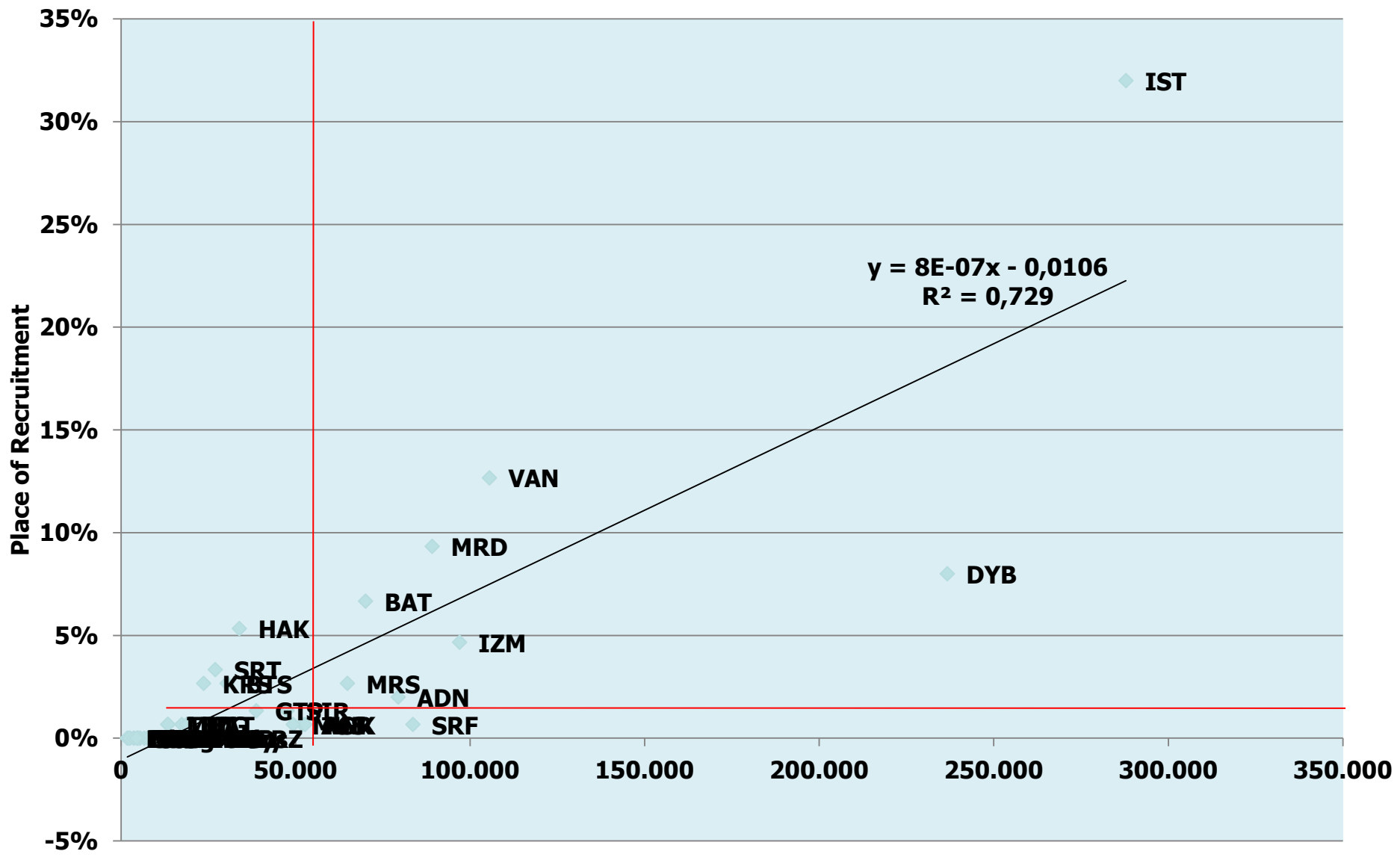




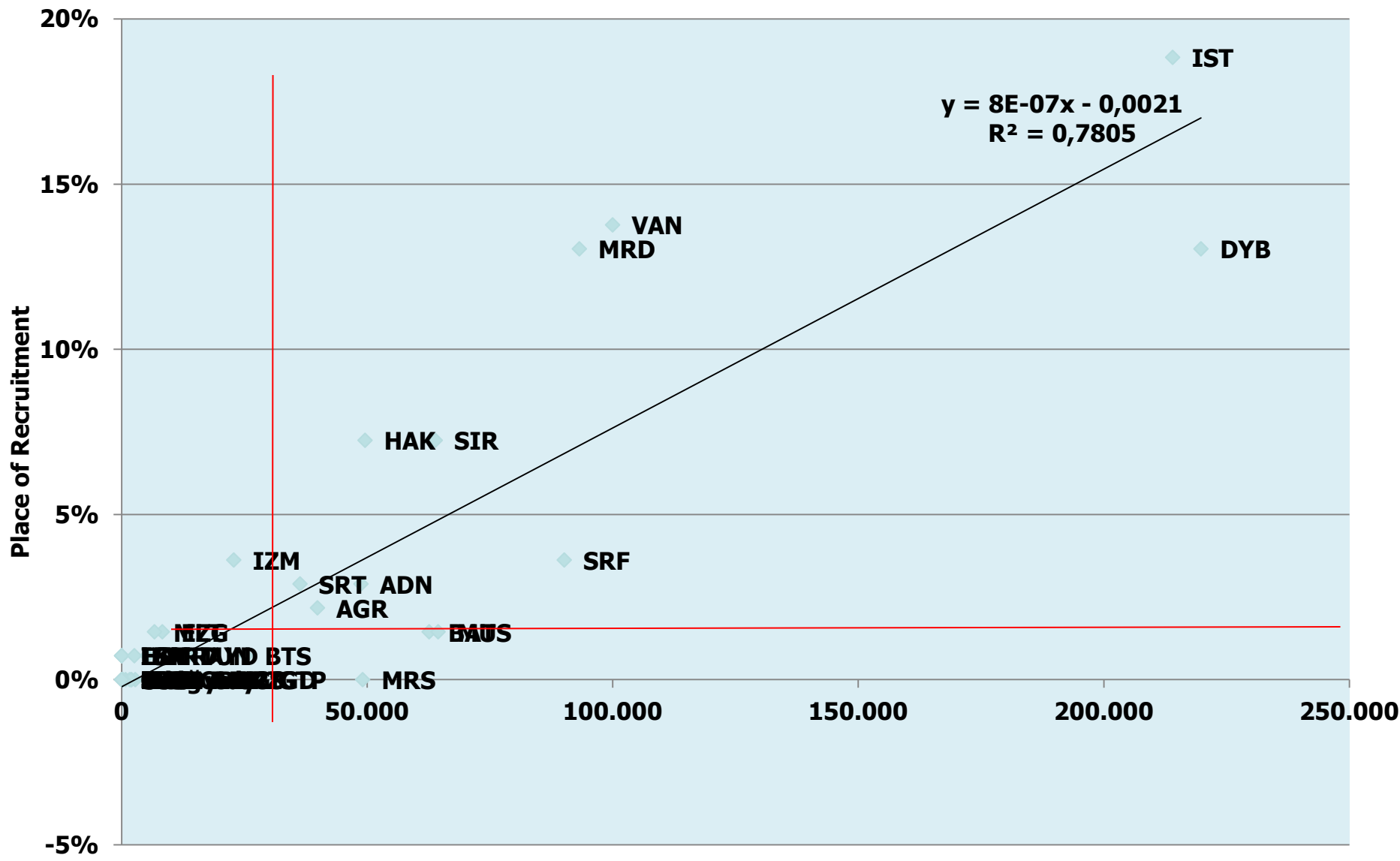




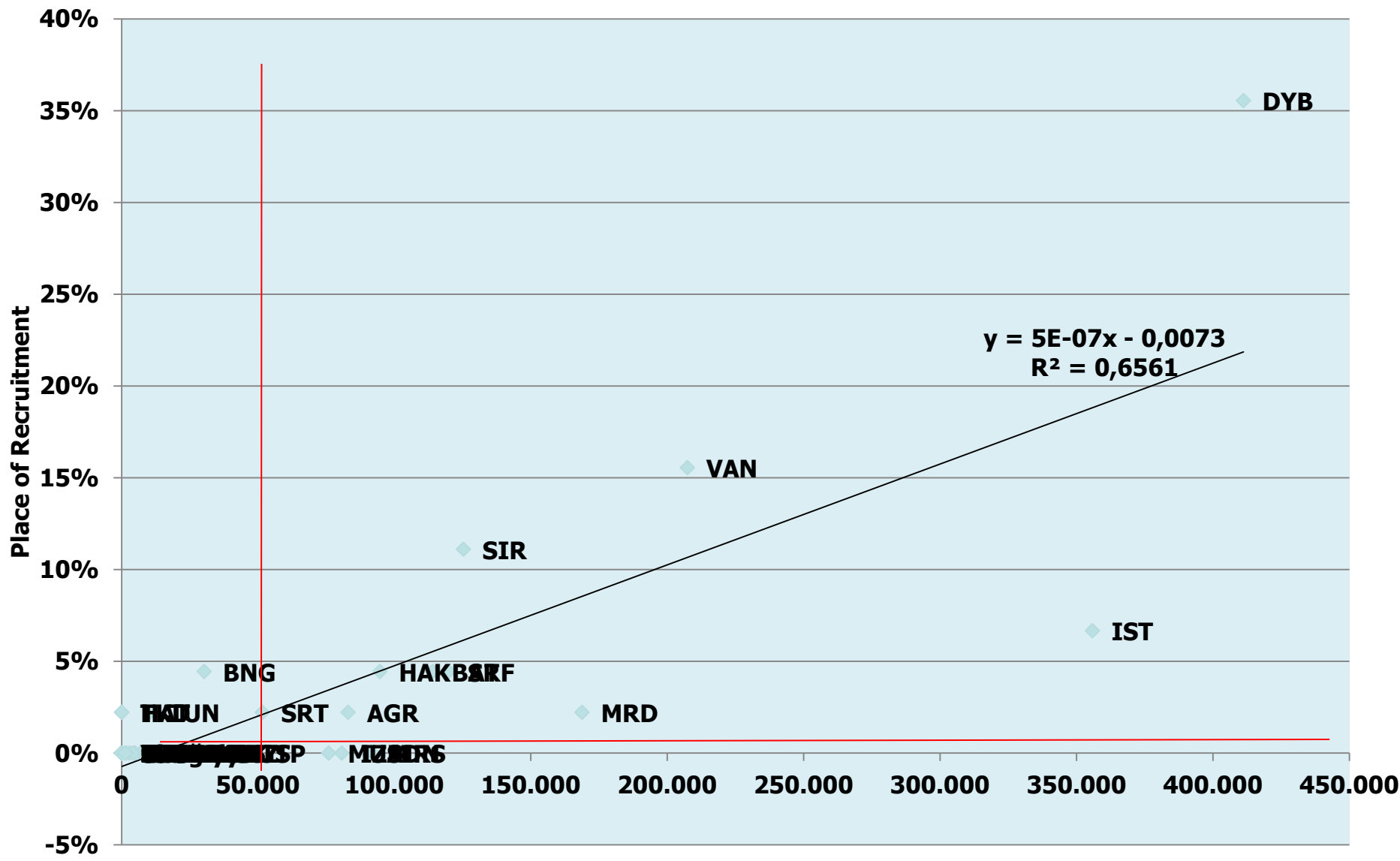
1999 Elections- HADEP Ballot



2002 Elections- DEHAP Ballot



2007 Elections- DTP ( Independent) Ballot



2011 Elections- BDP ( Independent) Ballot