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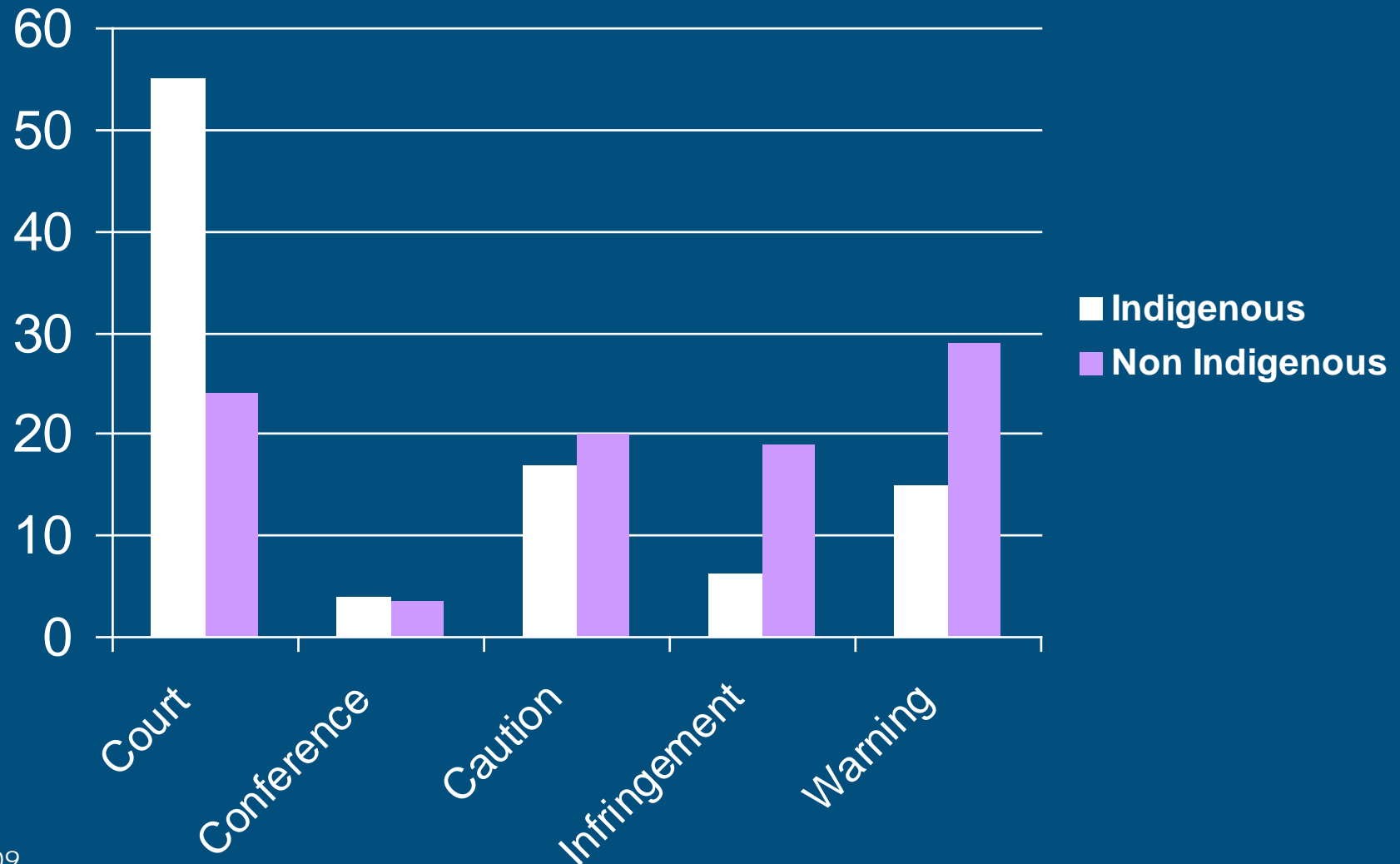
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# Using evidence to reduce crime

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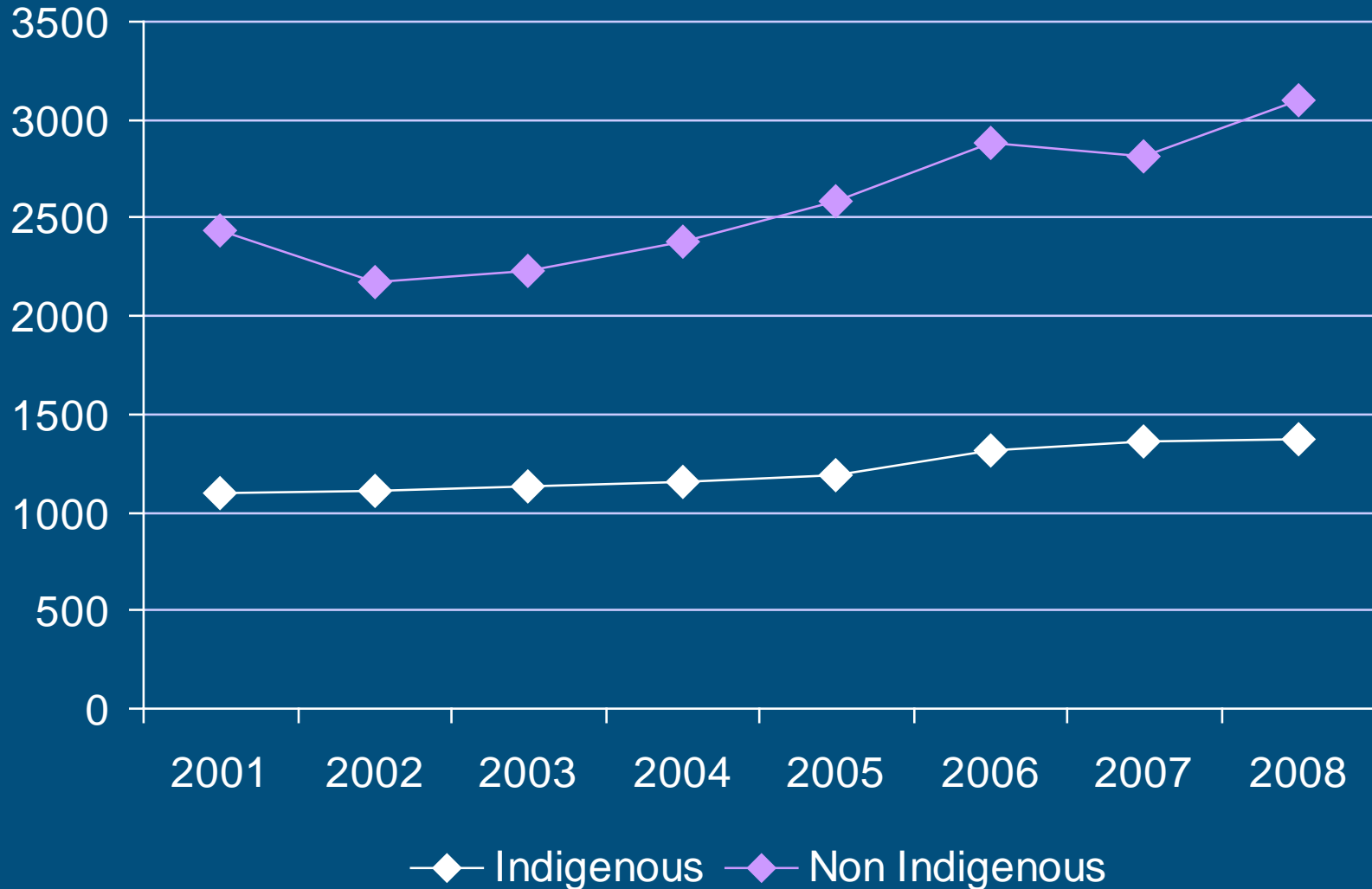


# Proportion Young people proceeded against



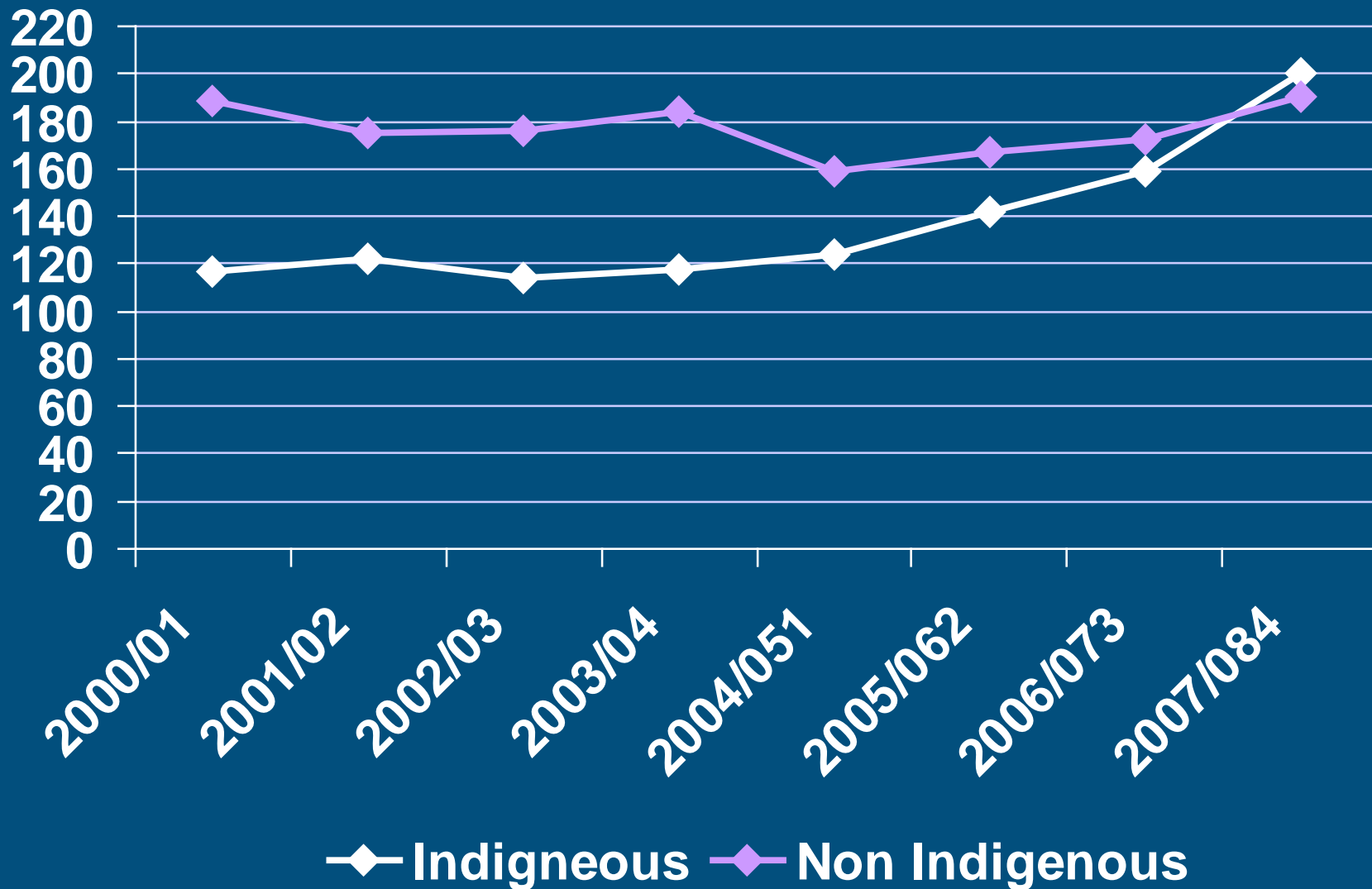


# Court Appearances



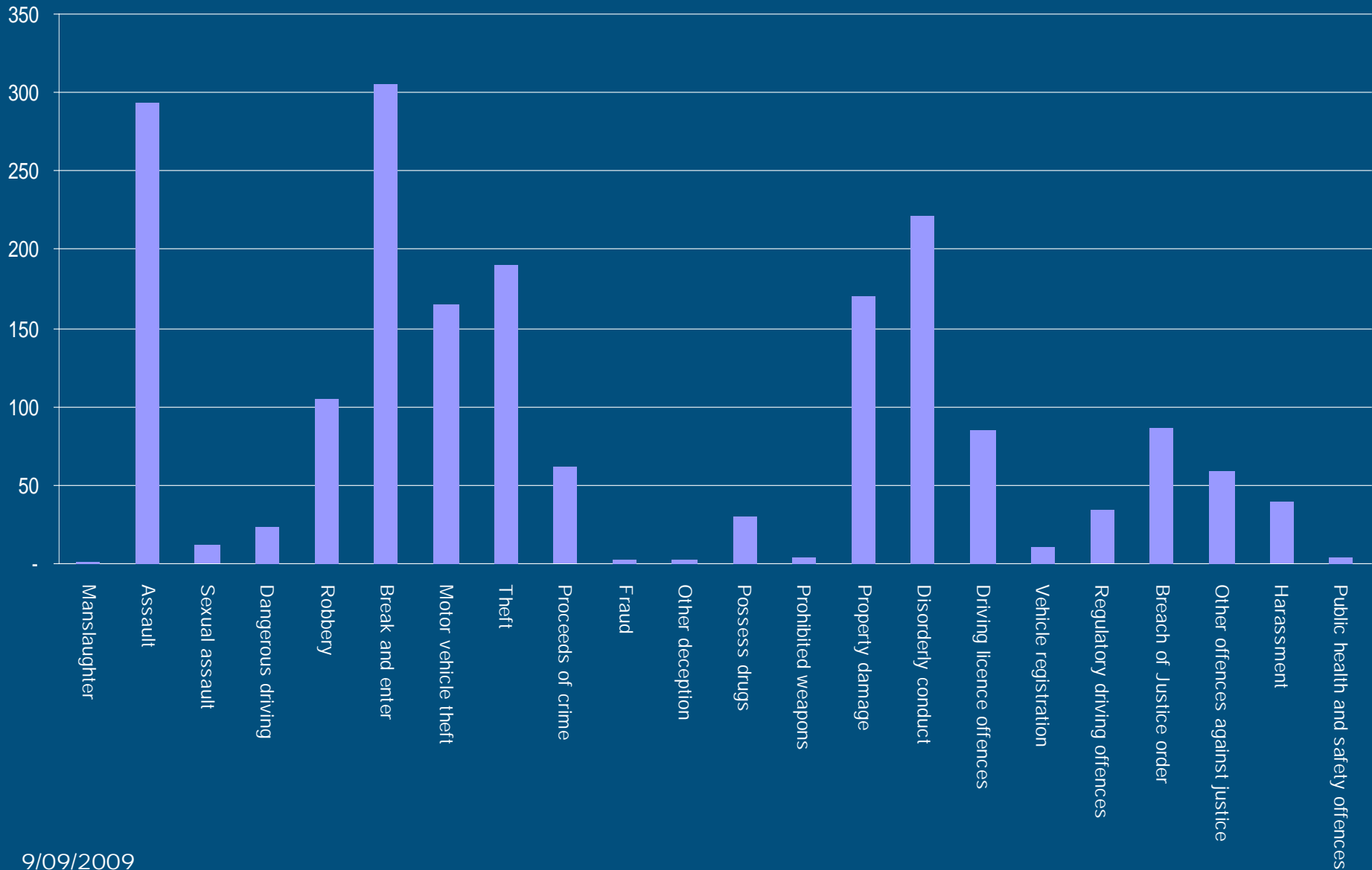


# Juvenile Detention





# Principle Offences



# Reoffending



- High likelihood for reappearance of younger offenders
- Very high Aboriginal reappearance rate
- Link with adult imprisonment
- Still 17% chance of prison after diversion

# Aboriginal Offenders



## Protective Factors

- Mixed Family
- Better Health
- Never Drunk Alcohol
- Outside major cities
- Employment
- School

## Risk Factors

- Experience Violence
- Child removal
- Housing Conditions



# Aboriginal Offenders

- Many have family with prison experience
- Out of home care
- Poor Intellectual Function
- Behavior Disorders
- High Alcohol & Drug Use



# What Works

- Very Early Intervention
- Parental Assistance
- Social Skills Training
- Nurse Family Partnerships
- Functional Family Therapy
- MST
- Cognitive Behavioural Therapy generally