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**PREVENTIVE MEASURES  
IN SALDUS REGION**



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# General description of Saldus region

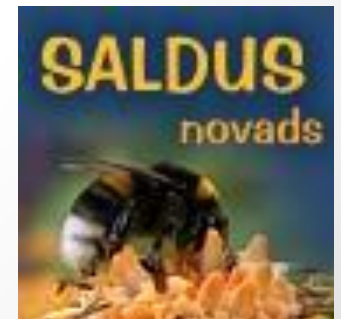
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28008 residents

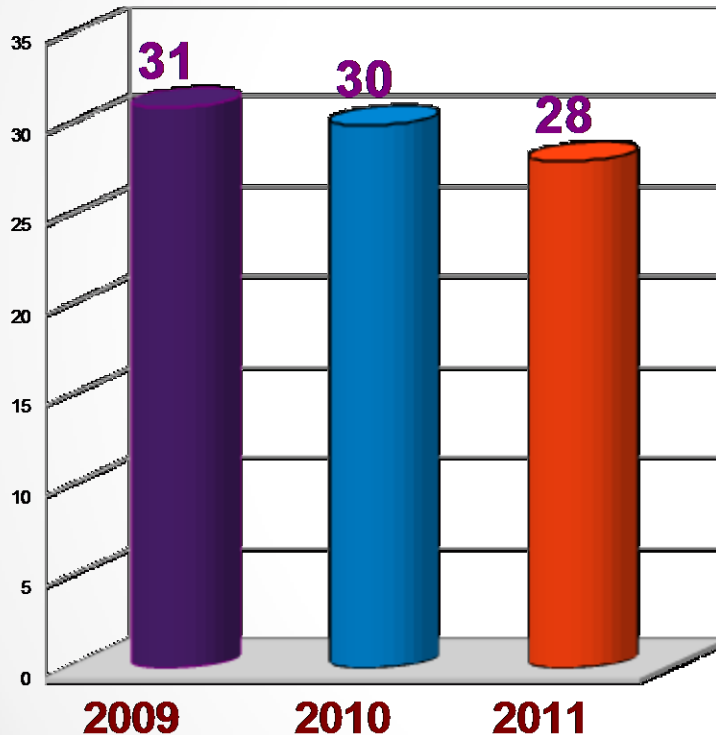
4876 minors

16684 people of working-age

➤ Saldus city united with 15 rural municipalities (5th biggest region in the country)

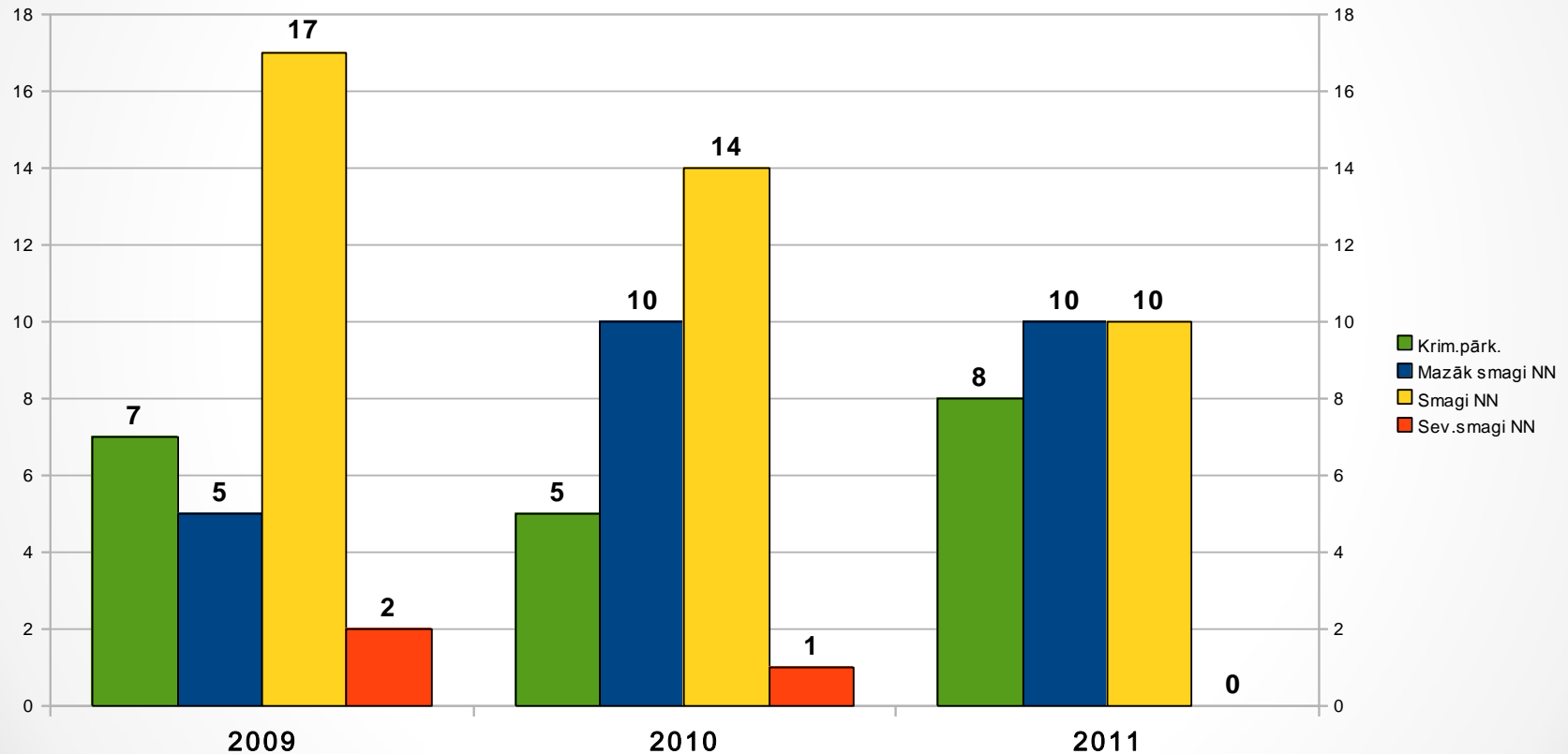


# Crimes done by minors from 2009 to 2011

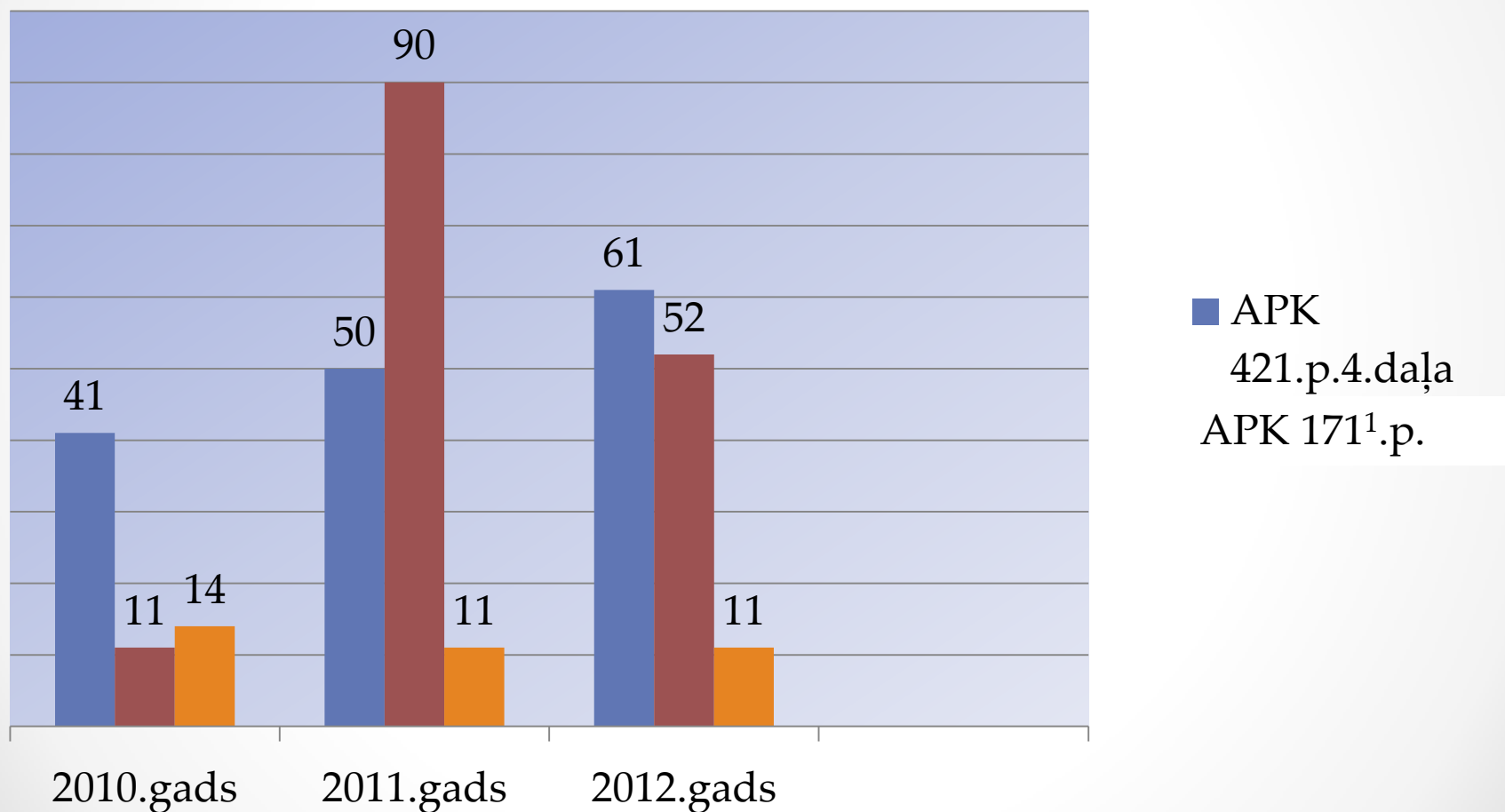


- 615 crimes in total in 2009, 234 resolved crimes, 31 of the resolved crimes were done by minors – 5% of all crimes
- 561 crimes in total in 2010, 234 resolved crimes, 30 of the resolved crimes were done by minors – 5% of all crimes
- 480 crimes in total in 2011, 205 resolved crimes, 28 of the resolved crimes were done by minors – 5% of all crimes

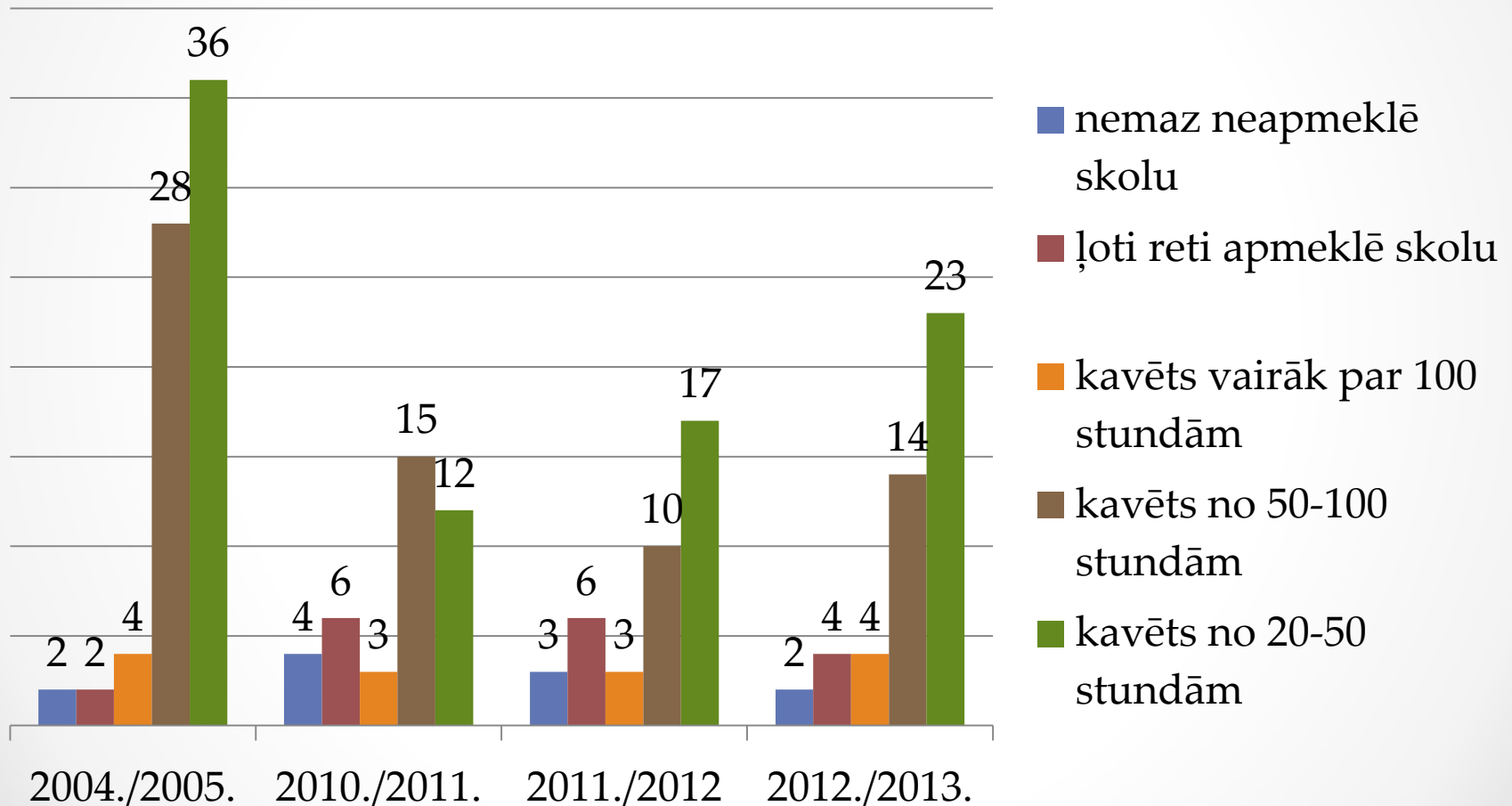
# Classification of crimes done by minors



# Offences done by minors and identified by the Saldus region municipal police



# Absence from school in particular school years



# Possible risks that urge the minor to break the rules

- Socioeconomic situation in the family
- Poor relationship between the parents and the child
- Insignificant role of the education
- Changes of priorities and values in the society
- Negative authorities
- Interesting ways of spending free time according to the interests and needs



# Things accomplished by the municipality

- **Inter-Professional Group** (social worker, representatives of state and municipal police, representative of orphan's court and educational administration) that analysed problematic situations, searched for help and support for particular situations

**Drawbacks:** lack of unified system, meetings were irregular, principle of voluntary participation, lack of unified methodology.

# Things accomplished by the municipality, Part 2

- **Participation in the projects** "Support system for prevention of offences done by minors" and "Development and implementation of support programs for development of support system of minors at risk of marginalisation" where one of the main tasks was to develop a Regional work group that develops an Inter-institutional cooperation model aimed at lowering the marginalisation risks for minors with social behaviour problems and creating a safe environment for successful development of children.
- **Drawback:** meetings were recorded in minutes only during the project
- **Benefits:** "Rūpju bērns" ("Child of care") involved not only in school but also in relevant institutions, thus ensuring faster and better information exchange.
- Saldus regional municipal agency Sociālais dienests (Social service) has employed a social worker who works with minors who are charged with offences. Social worker also develops programs for social correction of behaviour and social help according to Section 58 of Protection of the Rights of the Child Law.
- **Saldus regional council has founded a commission** Inter-institutional cooperation commission for the support of minors at risk of marginalisation
- (November 22, 2012)

# Inter-institutional cooperation commission for the support of minors at risk of marginalisation

## Aims and tasks

- **To prevent the marginalisation in the municipality** and **analyse** the situation in this field
- **To offer suggestions** for prevention of marginalization and implementation of children's rights program
- **To organize** inter-institutional cooperation
- **To analyse problems** by implementing single action plan for reaching the aim
- **To review** school administration reports
- **To analyse** student rotation in schools
- **To review** applications addressed to the commission
- **To implement measures** for preventing absence from educational institution
- **To develop** a program for social correction of individual behaviour and social help
- **To further understanding of problems** by families at risk of marginalisation **and actively address there problems.**

# Members of the commission

Representative of the Saldus region municipal agency Social service

Representative of the Orphan's court

Representative of the educational administration

Representative of the municipal police

Representative of the State police

In case of need – other specialists are involved according to the particular situation – a social educator, a social worker, health care providers.



# Benefits of founding the commission

- Regularity
- Taking and sharing responsibilities (by professionals)
- Parent involvement
- Setting common tasks
- Duties are not duplicated
- Timely identified problems

# Thank you!

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