

Social Solidarity in Slovenian through the perspective of parking violations in spaces reserved for disabled people – analysis of situation in Ljubljana

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»But I did not hinder anyone.«

»Where is the sign that prohibits parking for non-disabled people here?«

»But it's just for 5 minutes.«

»I can park here for 5 minutes since I'm a journalist!«

»Disabled people also occupy sidewalks and other parking spots and they don't get the ticket.«

»If the place was crowded, I wouldn't park here.«

»But I turned on all four signal lights!«

»I do have the card for disabled people, but I've given it to my grandmother.«

Selected excuses that were given to the municipal wardens by offenders after parking on parking spaces for the disabled people.

PROJECT



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**EXPERT
MEETINGS**

**PUBLIC
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CAMPAIGN**

PARTNERS



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SUPPORTERS



Univerzitetni rehabilitacijski inštitut
Republike Slovenije - Soča



ZVEZA DRUŠTEV SLEPIH
IN SLABOVIDNIH SLOVENIJE
1000 Ljubljana, Groharjeva 2



ZVEZA PARAPLEGIKOV
SLOVENIJE



ZVEZA ZA ŠPORT INVALIDOV SLOVENIJE
PARALIMPUŠKI KOMITE



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RESEARCH

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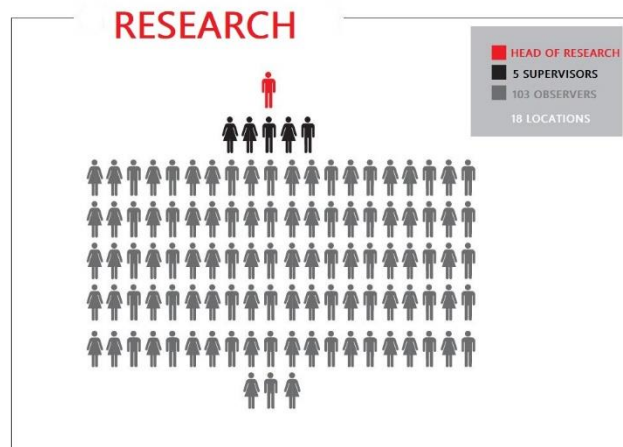
- *How do people respect the (moral & formal) norm, that parking at spaces reserved for disabled people is acceptable only for disabled badge holders?*
- *Who is parking at spaces reserved for disabled people and what is happening at this parking spaces?*
- *How can we connect this to other social phenomena, what can be concluded about **the solidarity and anomie in Slovene society?***



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FIELD RESEARCH 2015, 2018, 2021



CORRECTLY (JUSTIFIABLY) PARKED VEHICLE



1. Vehicle is parked at unmarked space; parking space for PWD is empty and unblocked



2. Parked vehicle has a permit for parking at spaces for PWD

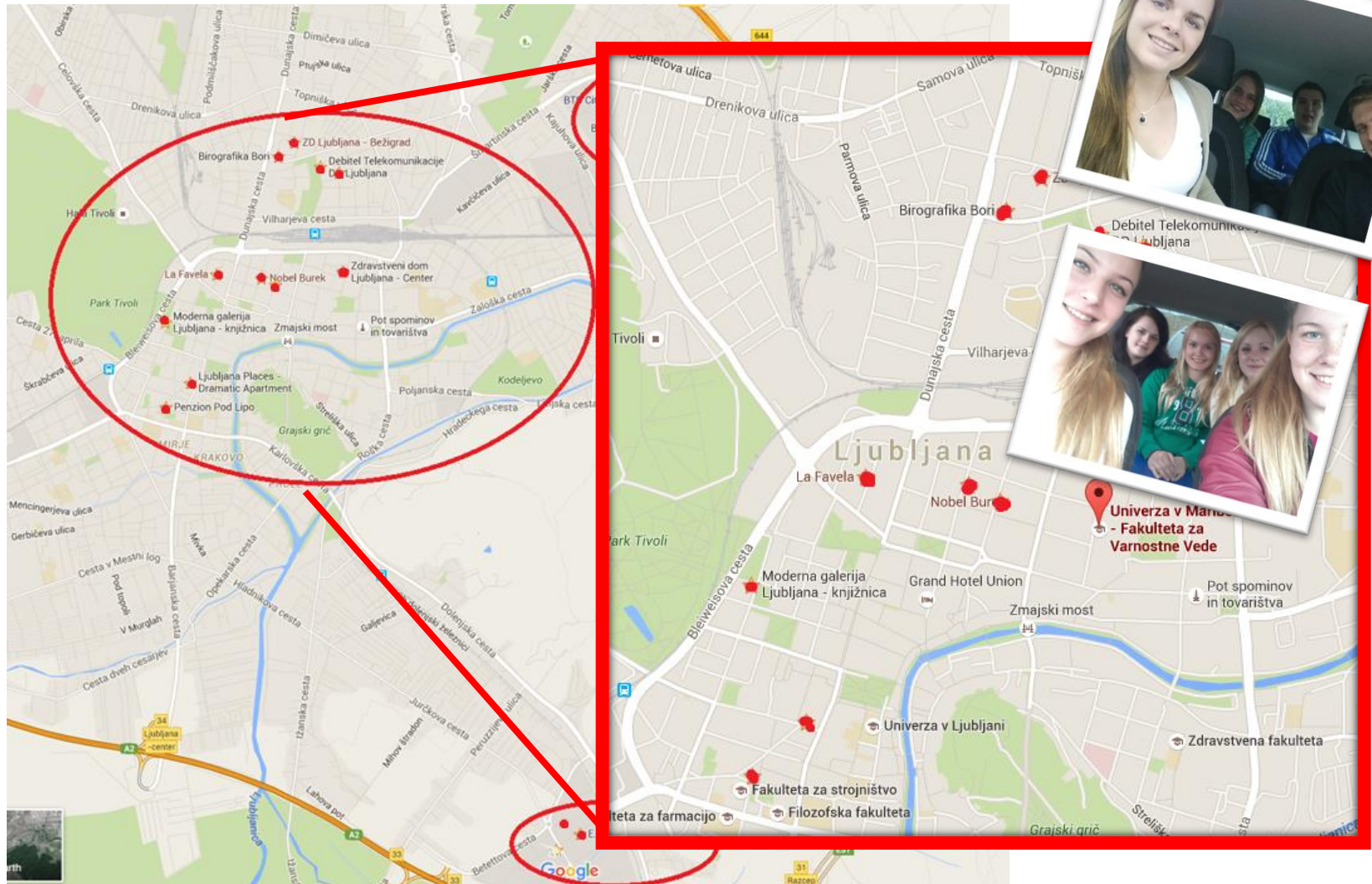
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 - **DAY 2:** 18 April 2015; Saturday; time: 10.00-14.00; rainy all day; 4 °C
 - **Day 3:** 21 April 2015; Tuesday; time: 14.00-18.00; sunny, 23°C
- Pre-research observation of parking spaces (28/3/2015; 11/4/2015);
 - Training of supervisors (5) => training of observers => conducting a research
 - Checking legal grounds at Information commissioner office; getting approval for research at private places



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OBSERVED LOCATIONS

Shopping centres/malls, streets in the centre of Ljubljana, Community Health Centre



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PUBLIC AWARENESS CAMPAIGN

<http://parkiraj-izgovore.si/>

OVER 100 NEWS STORIES IN ALL NATIONAL MEDIA IN SLOVENIA

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Preverjeno! - Parkiranje na prostorih za invalide

 **PARKIRAJ IZGOVORE DRUGAM!**
Ne na mesta, rezervirana za invalide.



PARKIRAJ IZG
Ne na mesta, re

O PROJEKTU »

O RAZISKAVI »



To je voznik, ki je parkiral na mestu za invalide!

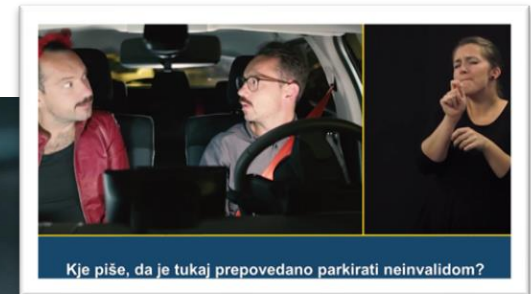
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Like 94K



Video campaign

Video broadcasted on Slovenian national TV (december 2017-January 2018)



*** INTENSIFIED
SURVEILLANCE**



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Varnost

Razvoj

Preventiva

Vozniki

Vozni:

Ob mednarodnem dnevu invalidov, ki ga obeležujemo 3. decembra, bodo Fakulteta za varnostne vede, Javna agencija RS za varnost prometa in Mestna občina Ljubljana nadaljevali s kampanjo in spremljajočimi aktivnostmi »Parkiraj izgovore drugam! Ne na mesta, rezervirana za invalide«, ki vključuje tako ozaveščanje širše javnosti o neopravičenosti in posledicah parkiranja na mestih rezerviranih za invalide, strokovne posvete in tudi poostren nadzor nad neupravičenim parkiranjem. Kampanji se je pridružilo kar 24 slovenskih občin, od tega vseh 11 mestnih občin.

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EXPERTS MEETING



**Representatives of Slovenian Road Traffic Agency, the City of Ljubljana,
Municipal wardens, Slovenian Police & support organizations**



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TEACHING THROUGH EXPERIENCE

Public event for young drivers & experiencing difficulties & discussion with disabled peers

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RESEARCH ACTIVITIES



- Collection of data in 2015, 2018 and 2021 => Analysis of data
- Publication (Research reports 2015, 2018; paper)

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- Presentation of research & project abroad
 - Teesside University, UK (2018)
 - Tsukuba University, Japan (2018)
 - University of Malta, Malta (2019)
 - Nihon University, Tokyo, Japan (2022)



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Research (2015 V. 2018) (before/after awareness campaign)

observers: 62 + 2 supervisors

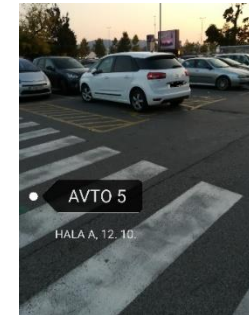
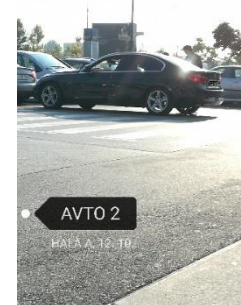
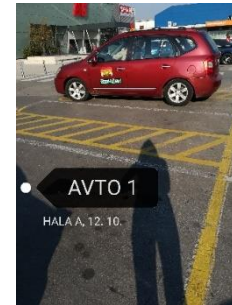
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- 9 October 2018 15.00-18.00 (3 h)
- 10 October 2018 15.00-18.00 (3 h)
- 11 October 2018 15.00-18.00 (3 h)
- 12 October 2018 15.00-18.00 (3 h)

Locations: the most frequently used locations in 2018

Number of parking spaces 43 (in 2015 42)

- Shopping centre BTC
- Centre of the city
- Shopping centre SUPERNOVA



Conclusion 2018

Violations in 2015 vs 2018

2015



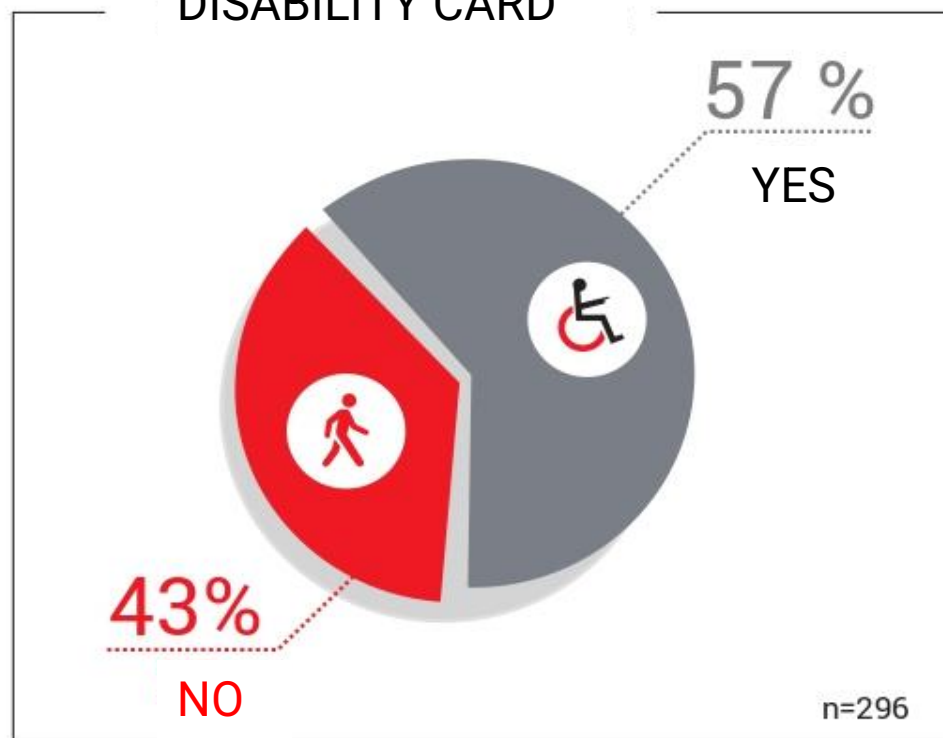
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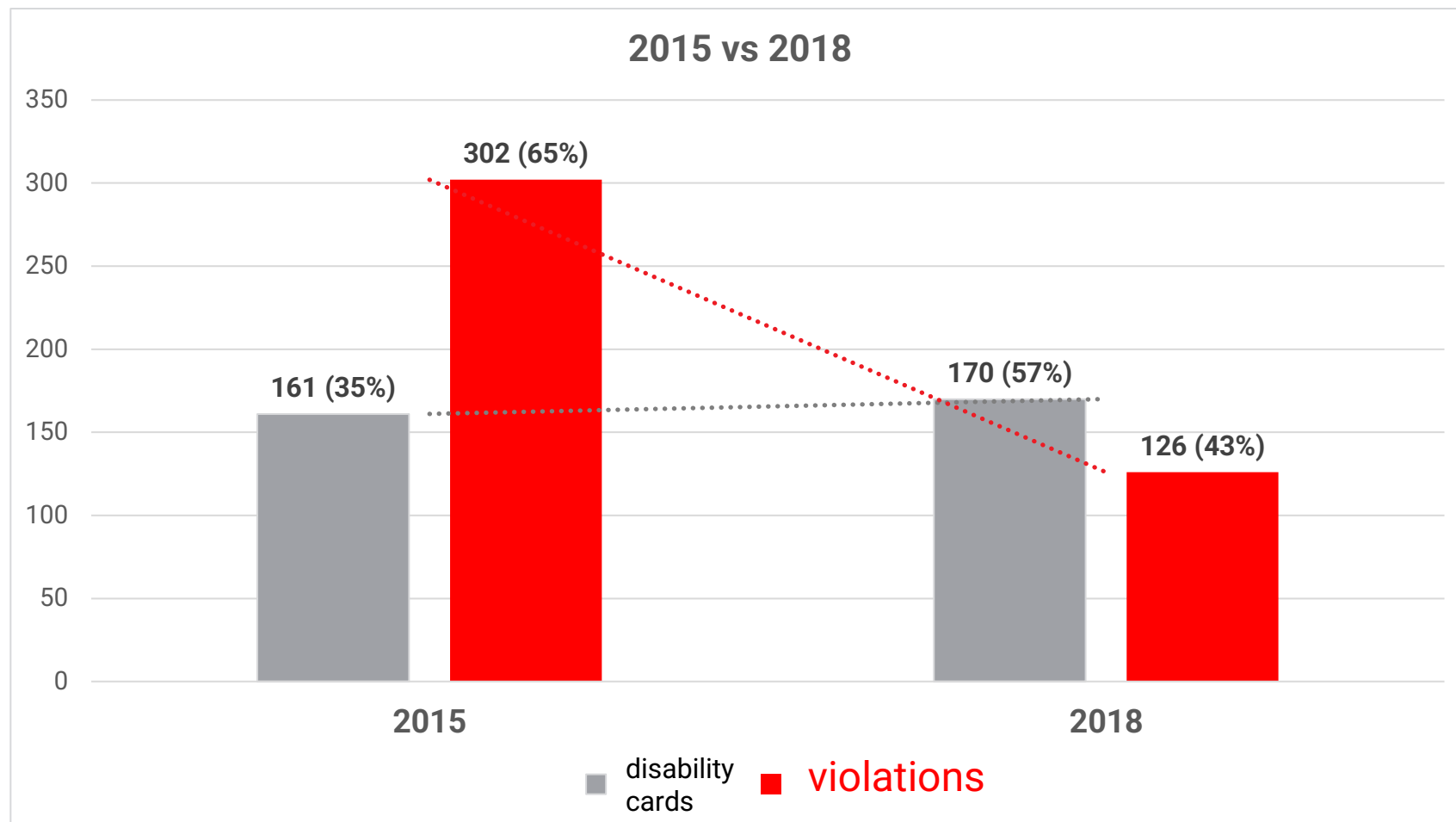
DISABILITY CARD





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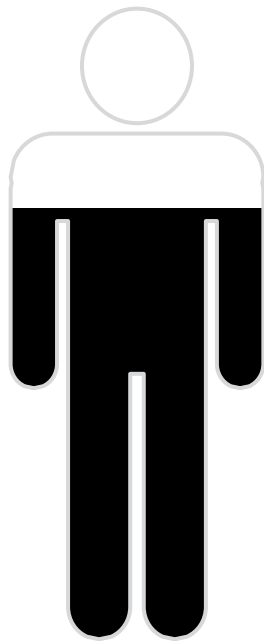
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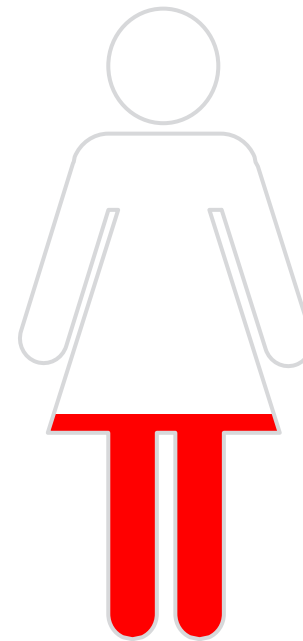


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74%
MEN



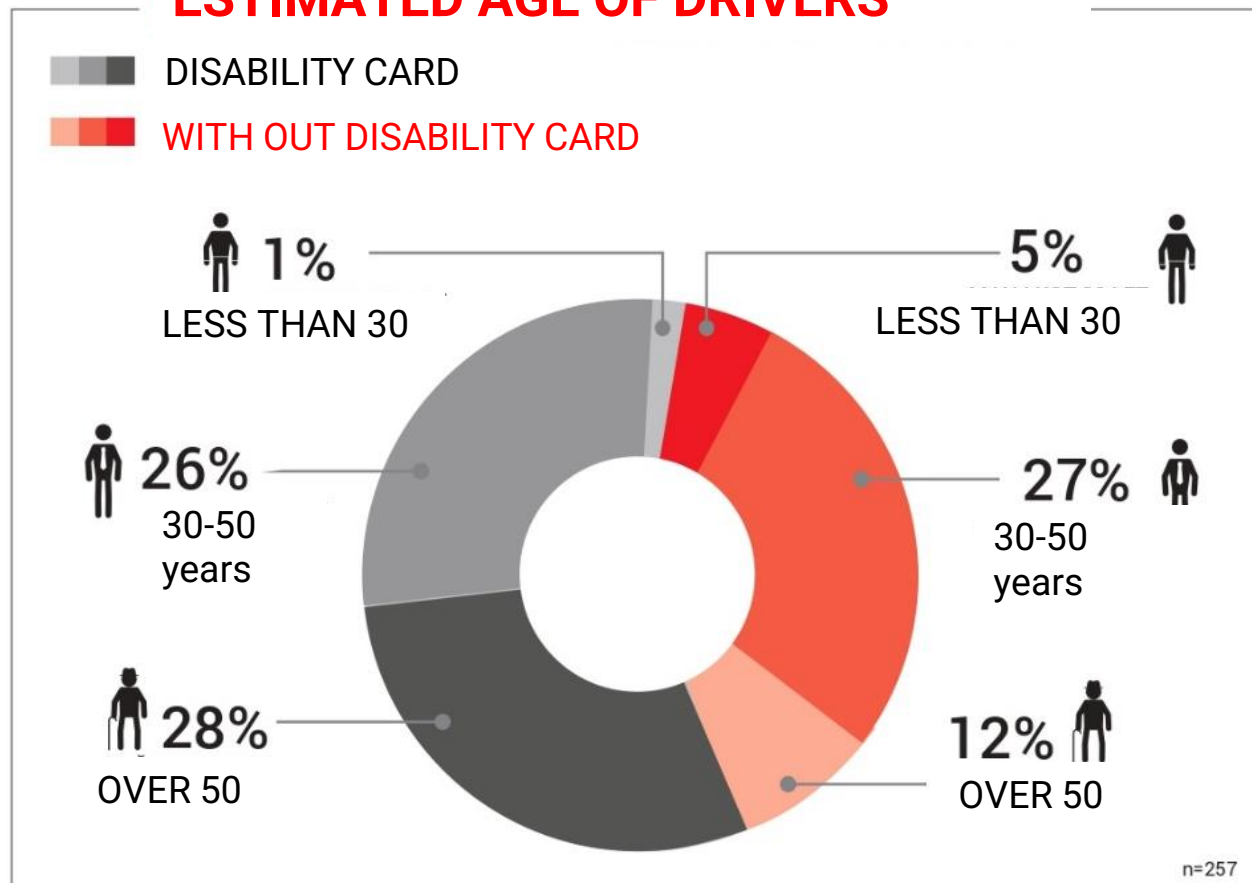
26%
WOMEN



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ESTIMATED AGE OF DRIVERS

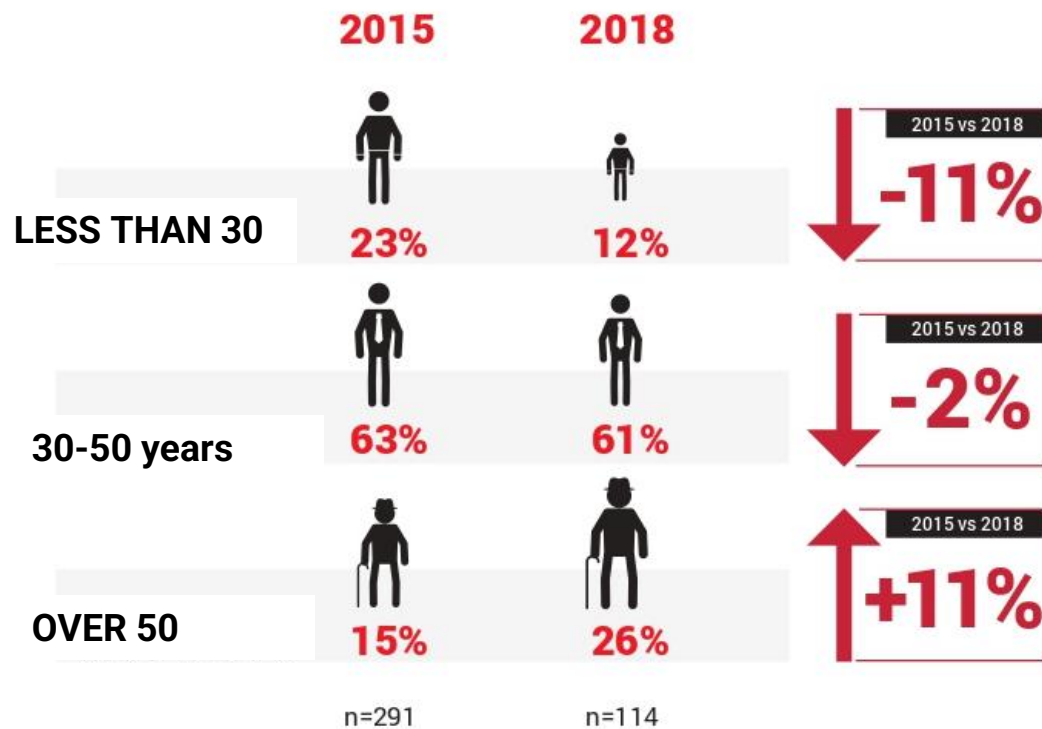




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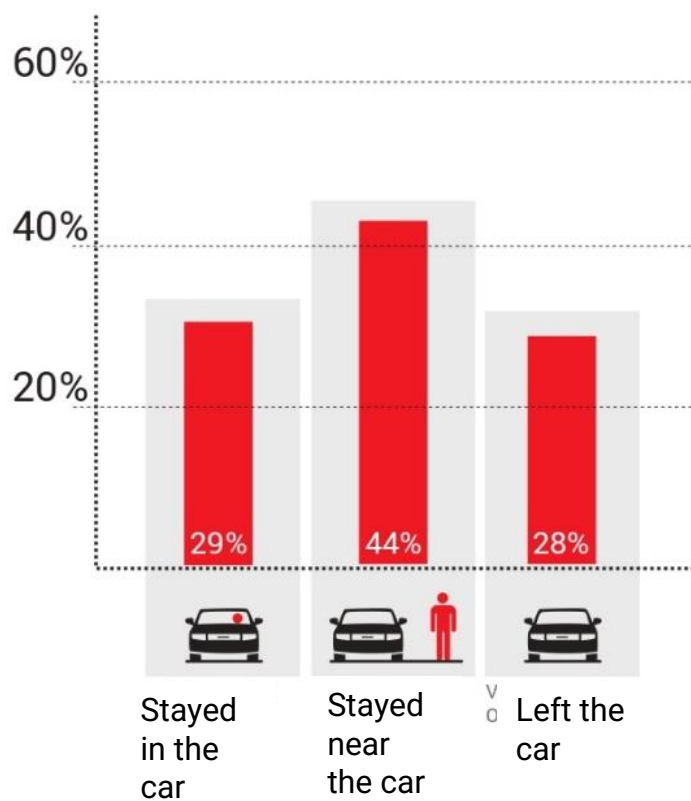
BEHAVIOUR OF DRIVERS

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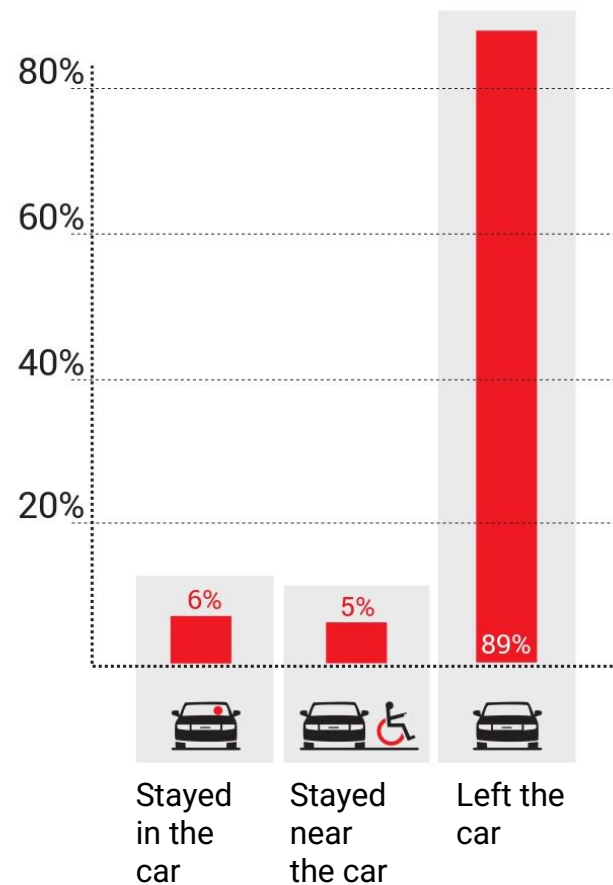
VIOLATORS

n=112



VEDENJE VOZNIKOV INVALIDOV

DISABILITY CARD HOLDERS



DURATION OF VIOLATION



DURATION OF PARKING VIOLATION (IN MINUTES)	DISABILITY CARD	
	YES	NO
LESS THAN 5 MINUTES	9	58
5 TO 10 MINUTE	16	30
10 - 15 MINUTE	16	11
15 - 20 MINUTE	14	8
20 - 25 MINUTE	8	7
25 - 30 MINUTE	11	2
30 - 35 MINUTE	14	2
MORE THAN 35 MINUTES	81	8

} **79%**



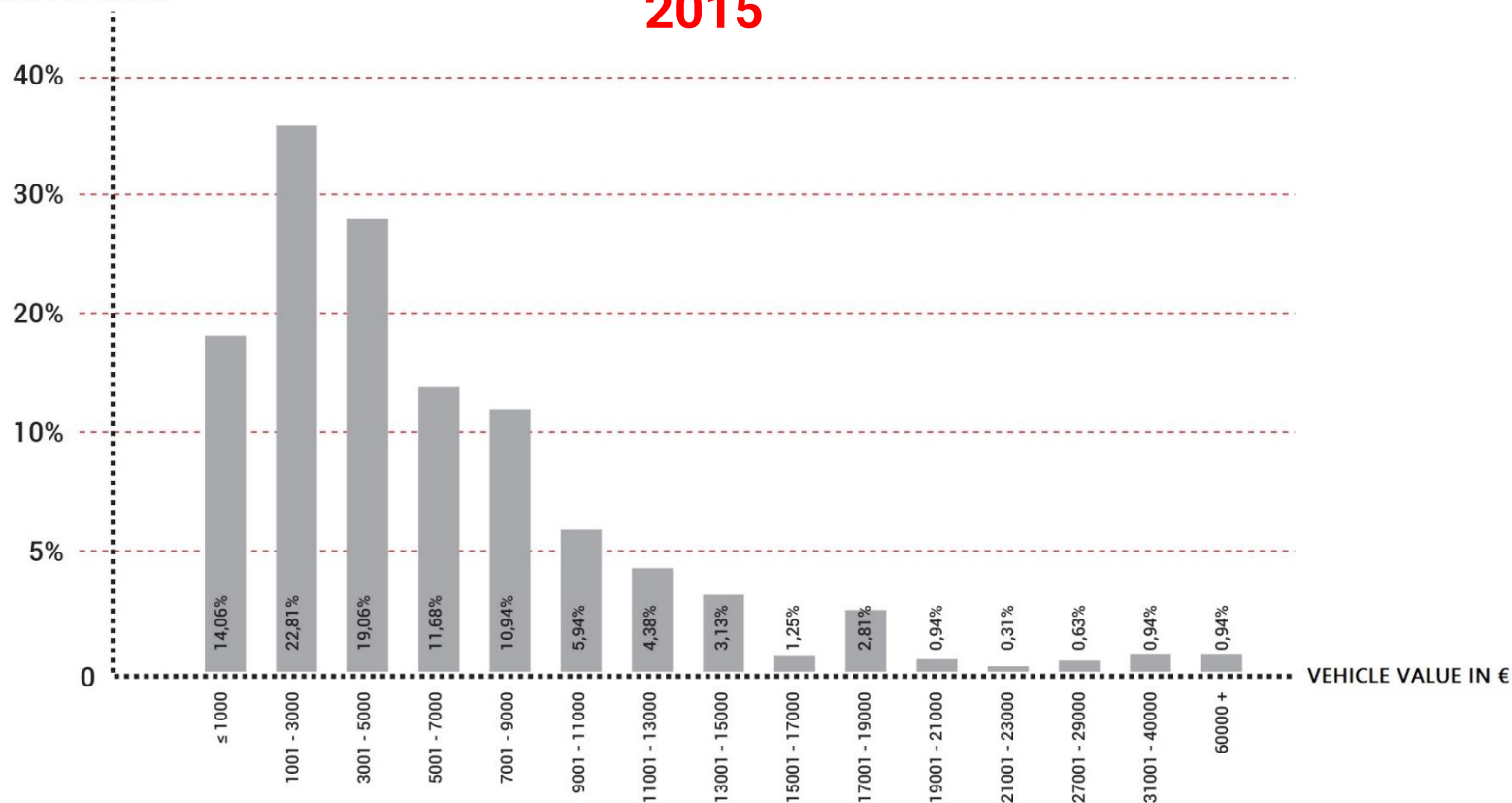
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VEHICLE VALUE*

2015

PERCENTAGE OF THE VIOLATORS



n=332

**Vehicle value was estimated by Stojan Renčelj, court expert in the field of car engineering*

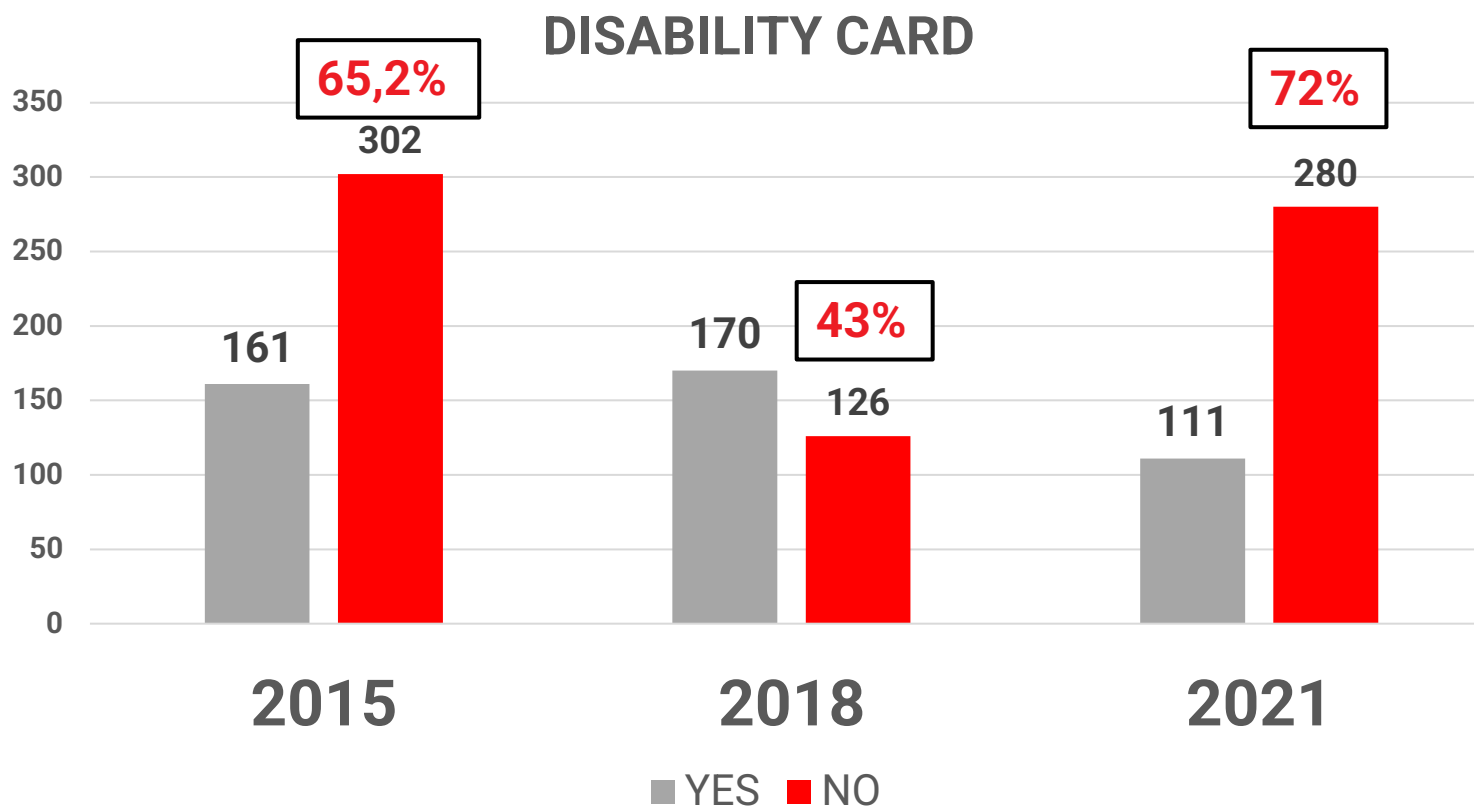
... AND THEN RESEARCH IN 2021 (preliminary results)

- 3-4 year after the campaign
- 1,5 years into COVID-19 pandemic (schools bullying, suicides, political discourse ...)

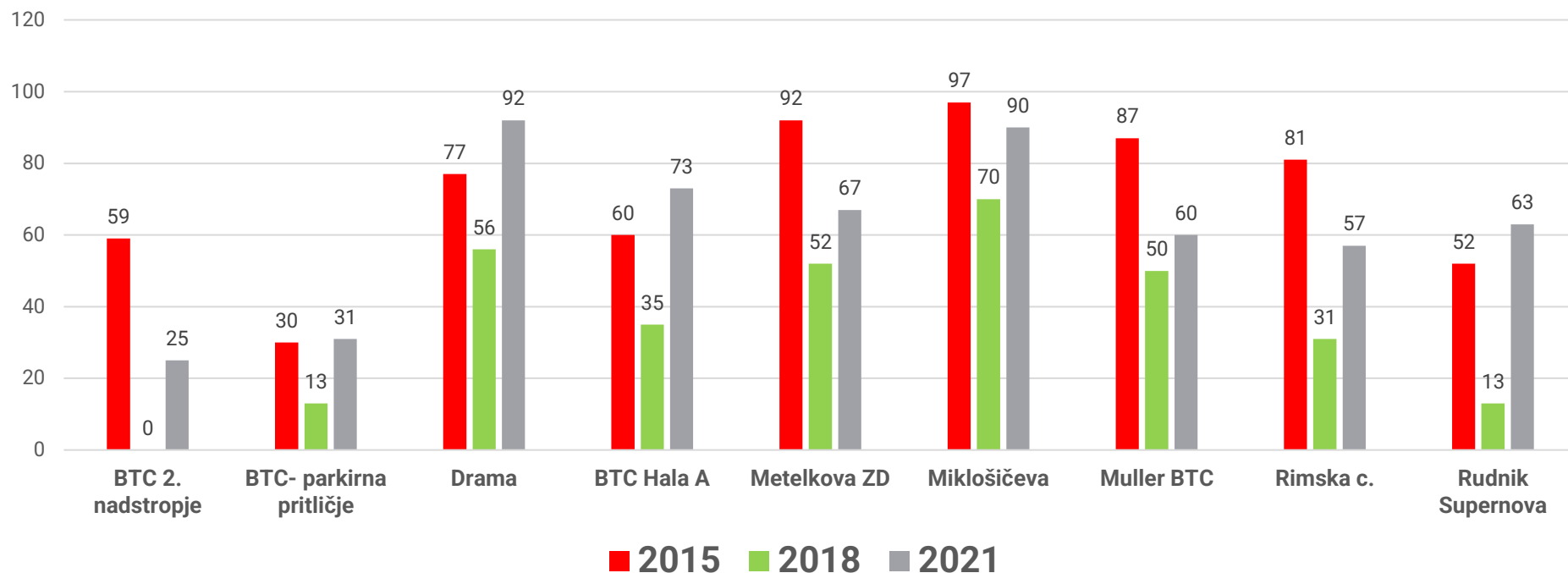
DISABILITY CARD



CF. 2015 v. 2018 v. 2021



Locations and % of violation 2015, 2018, 2021

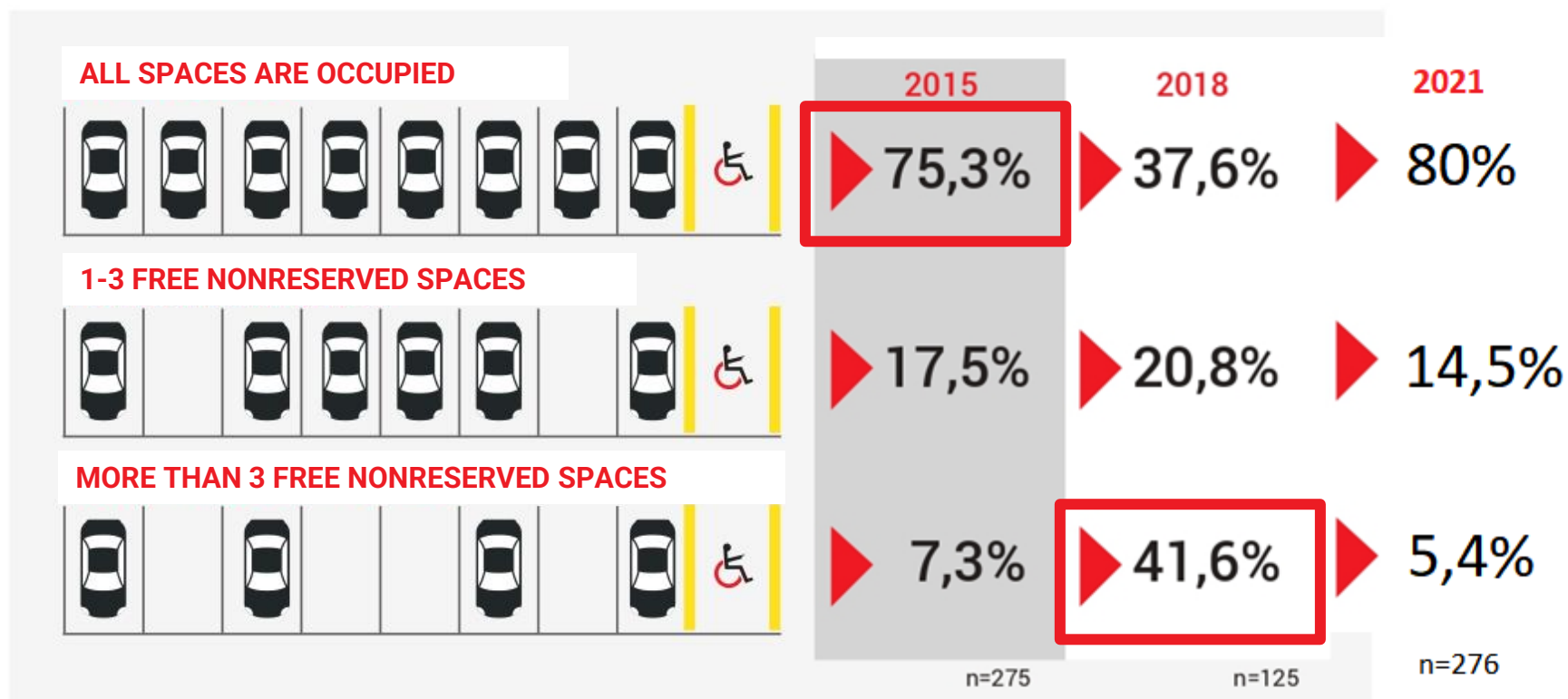




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VIOLATIONS WHEN NONRESERVED PARKING SPACES ARE FREE



Lack of solidarity, the loosening of social bonds and missing mutual respect and support for fundamental rights of disabled people can be seen in:

- The high level of unjustified parking in reserved spaces (63% (2015); 43% (2018) and 2021 (72%))
- High level of drivers who remained in or near their vehicles,
- High degree (29% (2015); 62% (2018); 20% (2021)) of violations occurring even when there was at least one unoccupied non-reserved space available

Thank you for your attention!

Questions? Comments...