

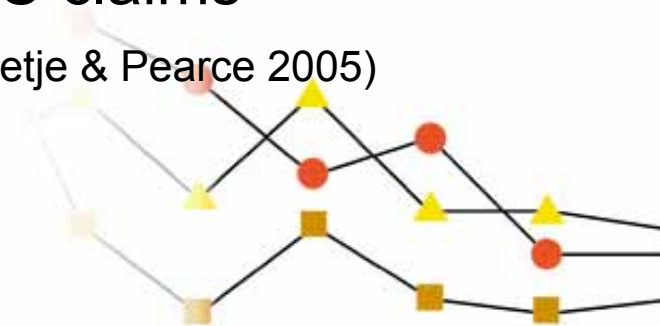
The New Zealand Workforce Survey

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Background

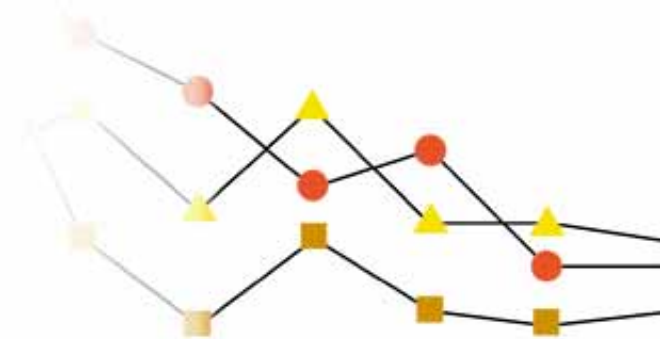
- There is limited information available on the burden of occupational ill-health in New Zealand
 - 700-1,000 deaths from work-related disease
 - 100 deaths from work-related injury
 - 17,000-20,000 new cases of work-related disease
 - 200,000 work-related accidents result in ACC claims

(‘t Mannetje & Pearce 2005)



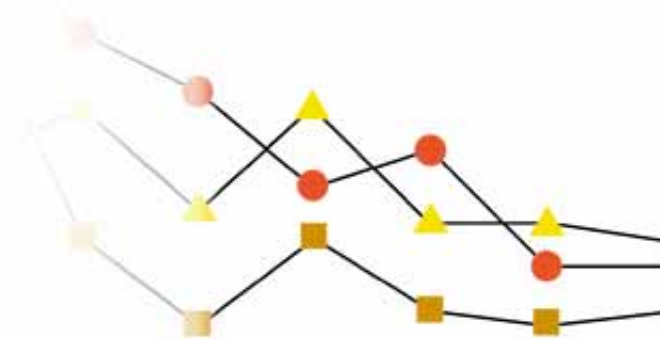
Objectives of Study

- To assess occupational exposures and workplace practices in a random sample of the New Zealand population
- To identify high-risk occupations and exposures so that effective interventions can be targeted to reduce the burden of disease



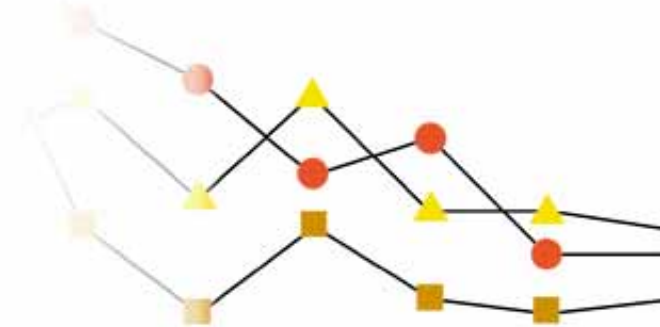
Methods

- 10,000 men and women aged 20-64 were randomly selected from the NZ Electoral Roll
- Telephone interview:
 - Occupational history
 - Current workplace exposures
 - Respiratory symptoms
 - Sleep patterns
 - Musculoskeletal symptoms



Statistical Analyses

- Occupations were coded using the New Zealand Standard Classification of Occupations (NZSCO) 1999
- Industries were coded using the Australian and New Zealand Standard Industrial Classification (ANZSIC) 1996
- Prevalence of exposure: % of individuals reporting exposure as part of their current job



9. In the environment where you work/worked were any of the following present?

** Interviewer: Please list all. If you tick any of these boxes please complete question 10 otherwise go to question 11.*

Dust: e.g. coal, metal, wood, grain, textile fibres,
or insulation material ☐

Smoke or fume: e.g. combustion products,
engine emission, metal fume ☐

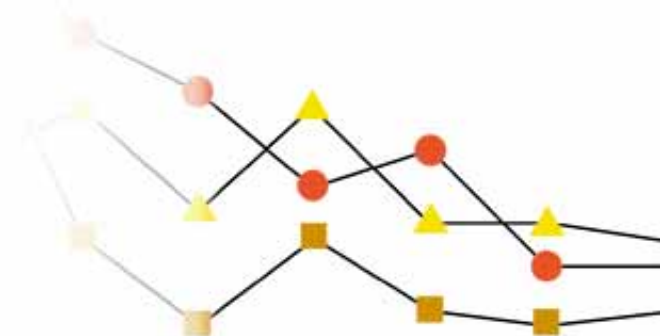
Gas: e.g. combustion gases, refrigerant ☐

Oils and solvents: e.g. lubricants, cutting oils,
degreasers, thinners ☐

Acids or alkalis ☐

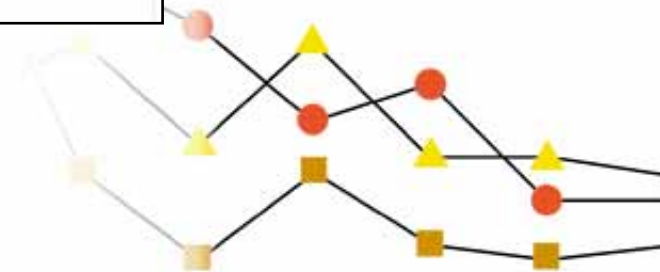
**Fungicides, Insecticides, Herbicides or
Timber Preservatives** ☐

Other chemical products e.g. dyes, inks,
adhesives etc. ☐

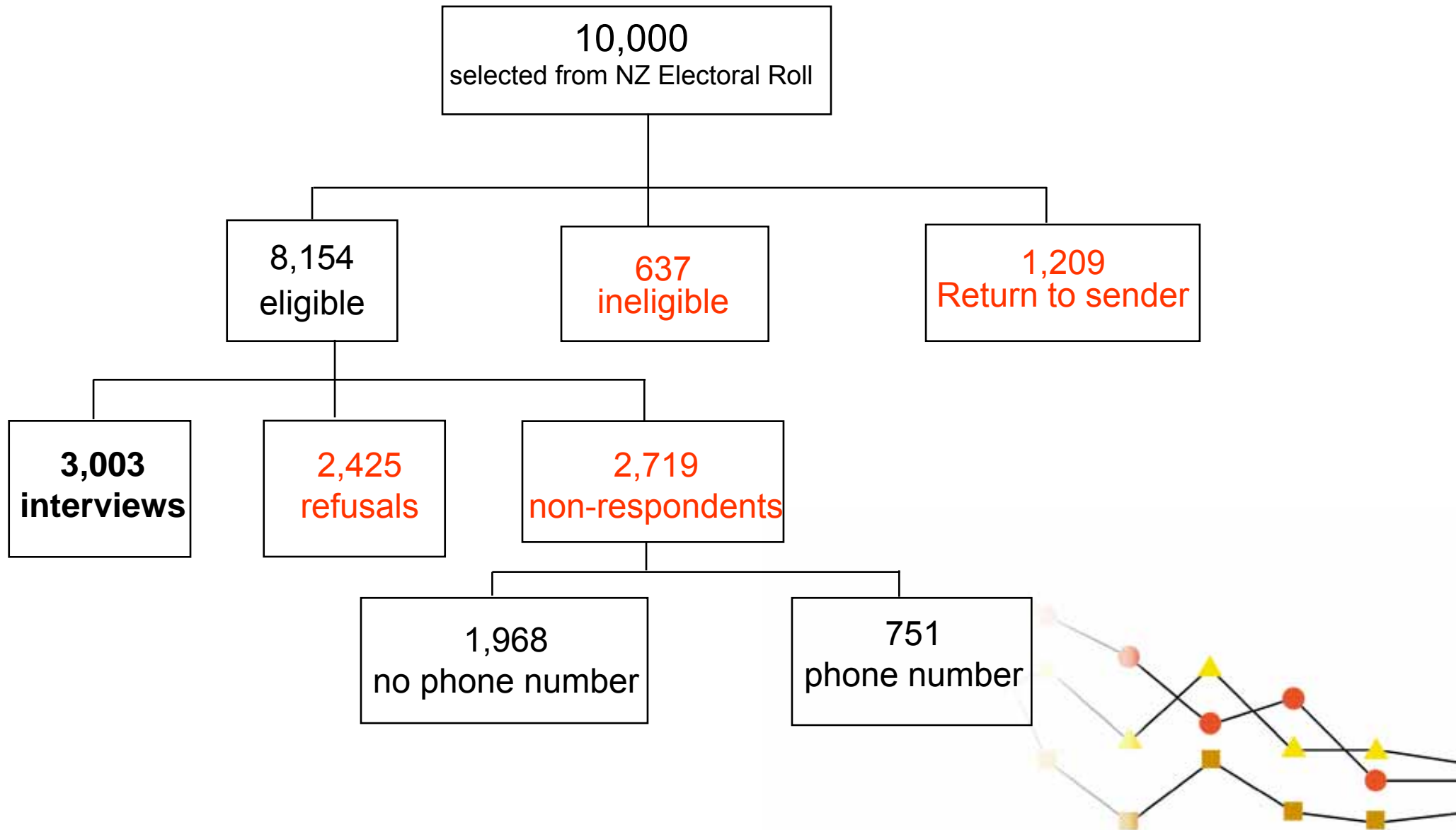


- 10.** Please state the names of the substances you are/were exposed to, how many weeks per year and hours per day you are/were exposed, and the source of the substance.

Name/s of Substance	Weeks per year exposed	Hours per day exposed	Source of Substance

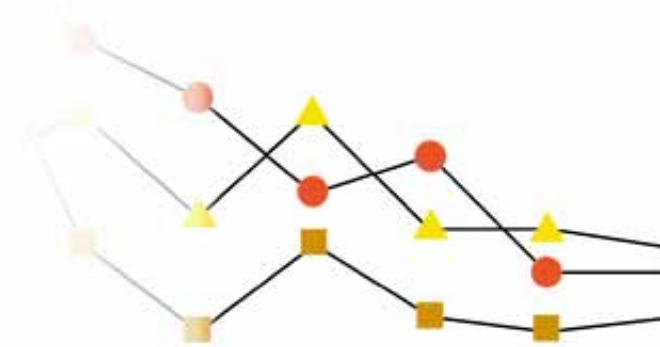


Results

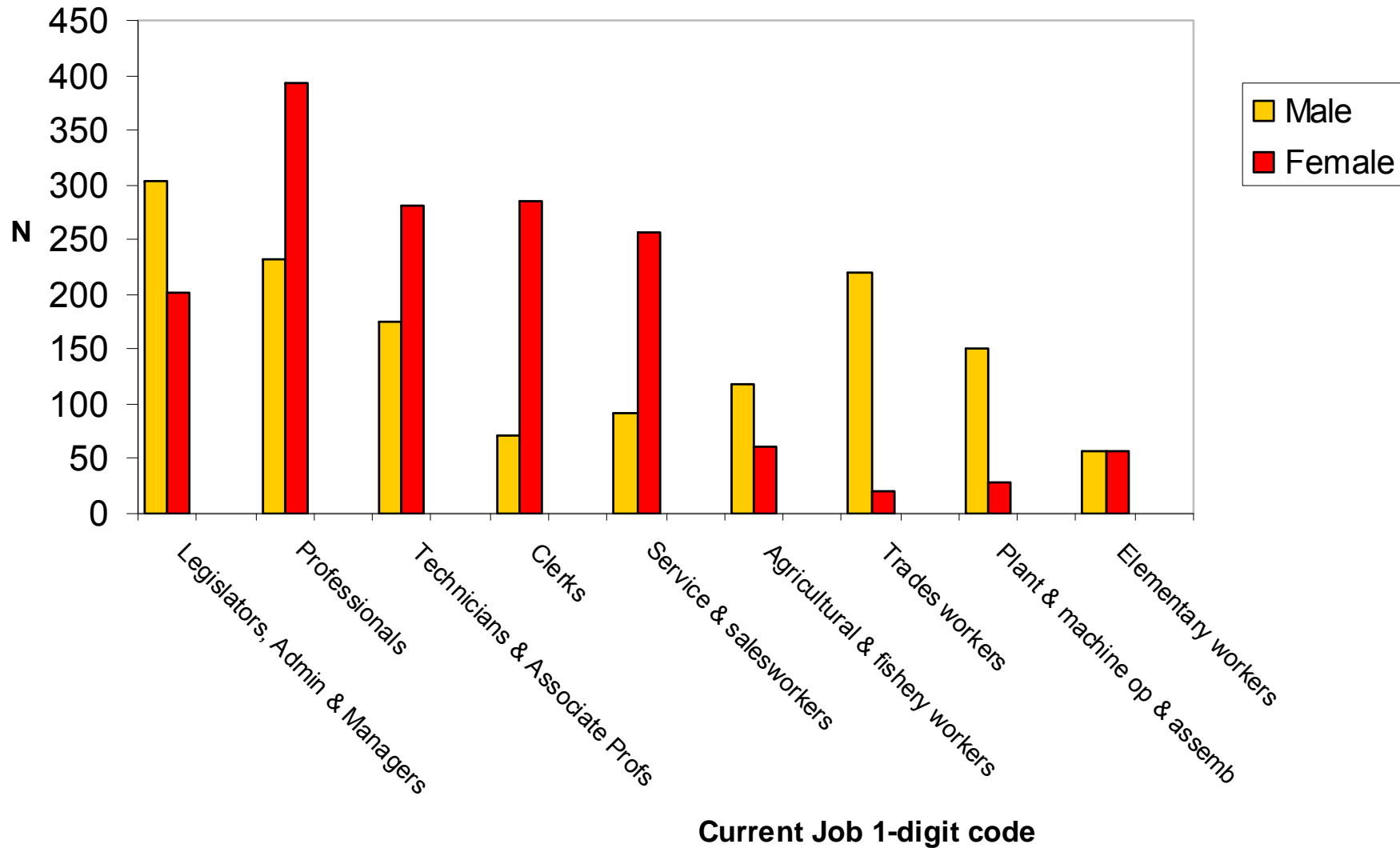


Study Sample

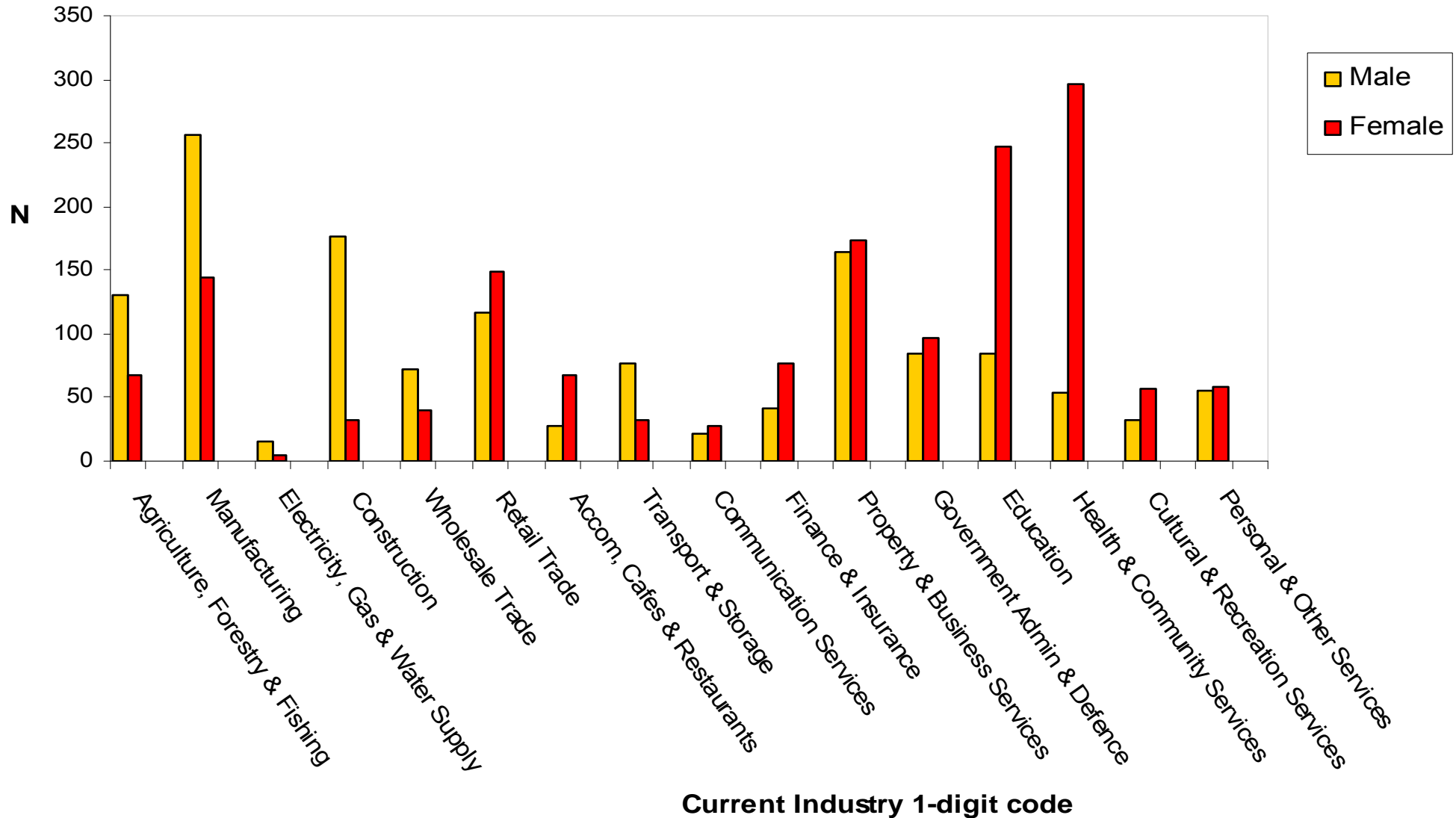
	N	%
Gender		
Male	1,420	47.3
Female	1,583	52.7
Ethnicity		
NZ European	2,454	81.7
Māori	270	9.0
Pacific Island	41	1.4
Other	375	12.5
Age		
20-34	659	21.9
35-44	820	27.3
45-54	868	28.9
55+	656	21.8



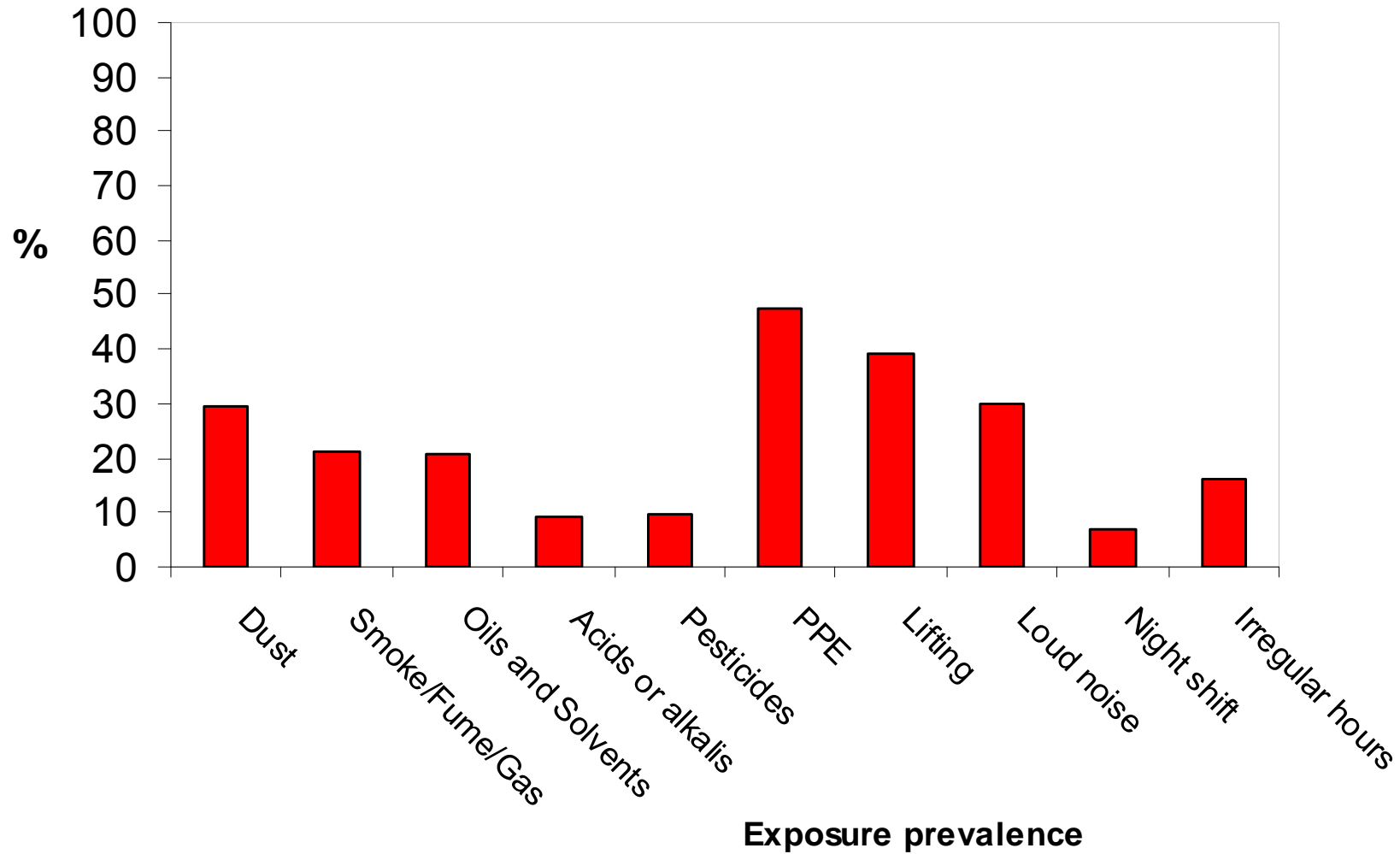
Occupational Group by Gender



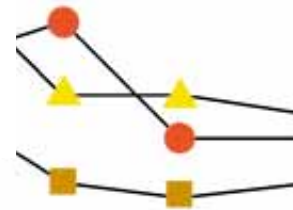
Industry by Gender



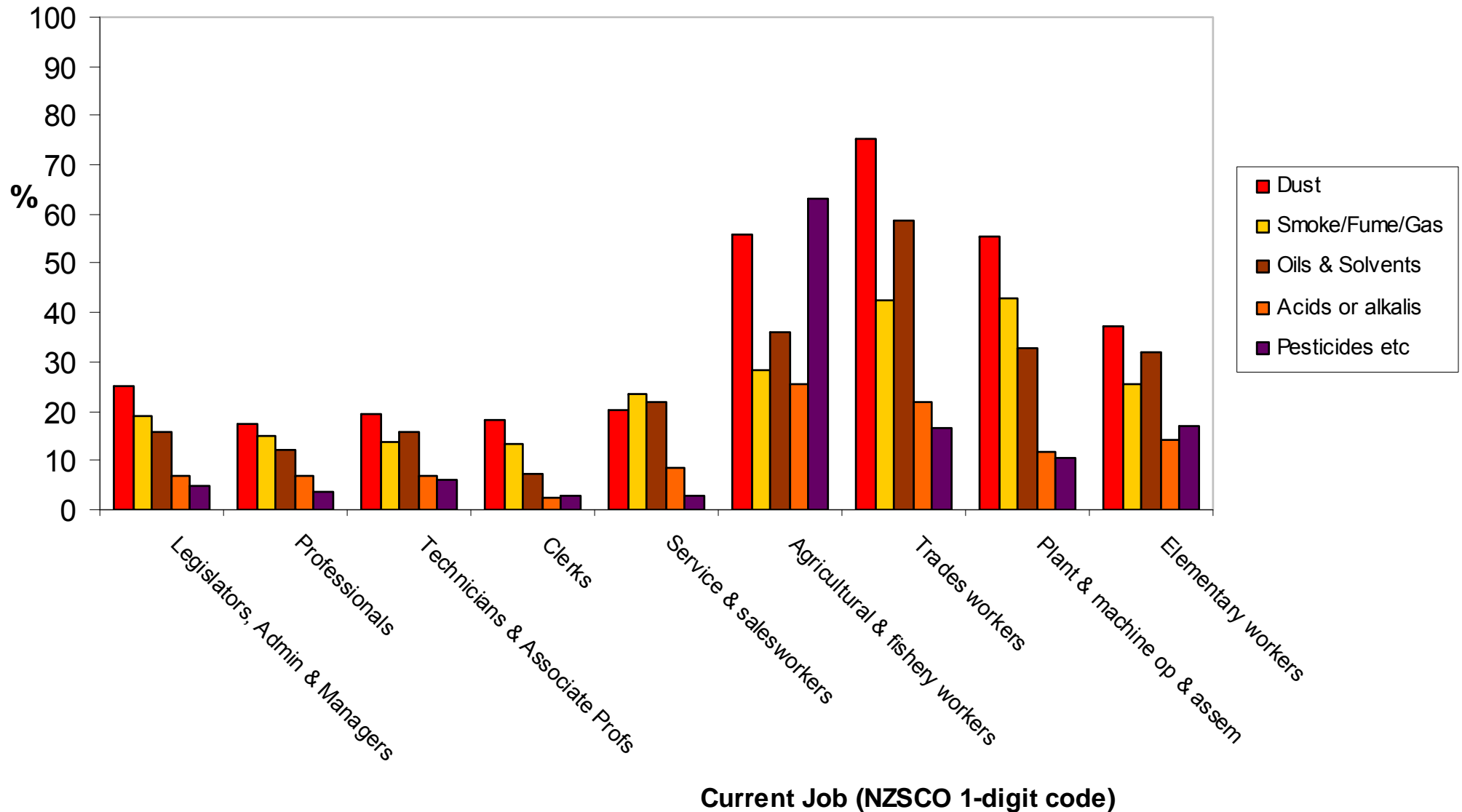
Exposure Prevalence



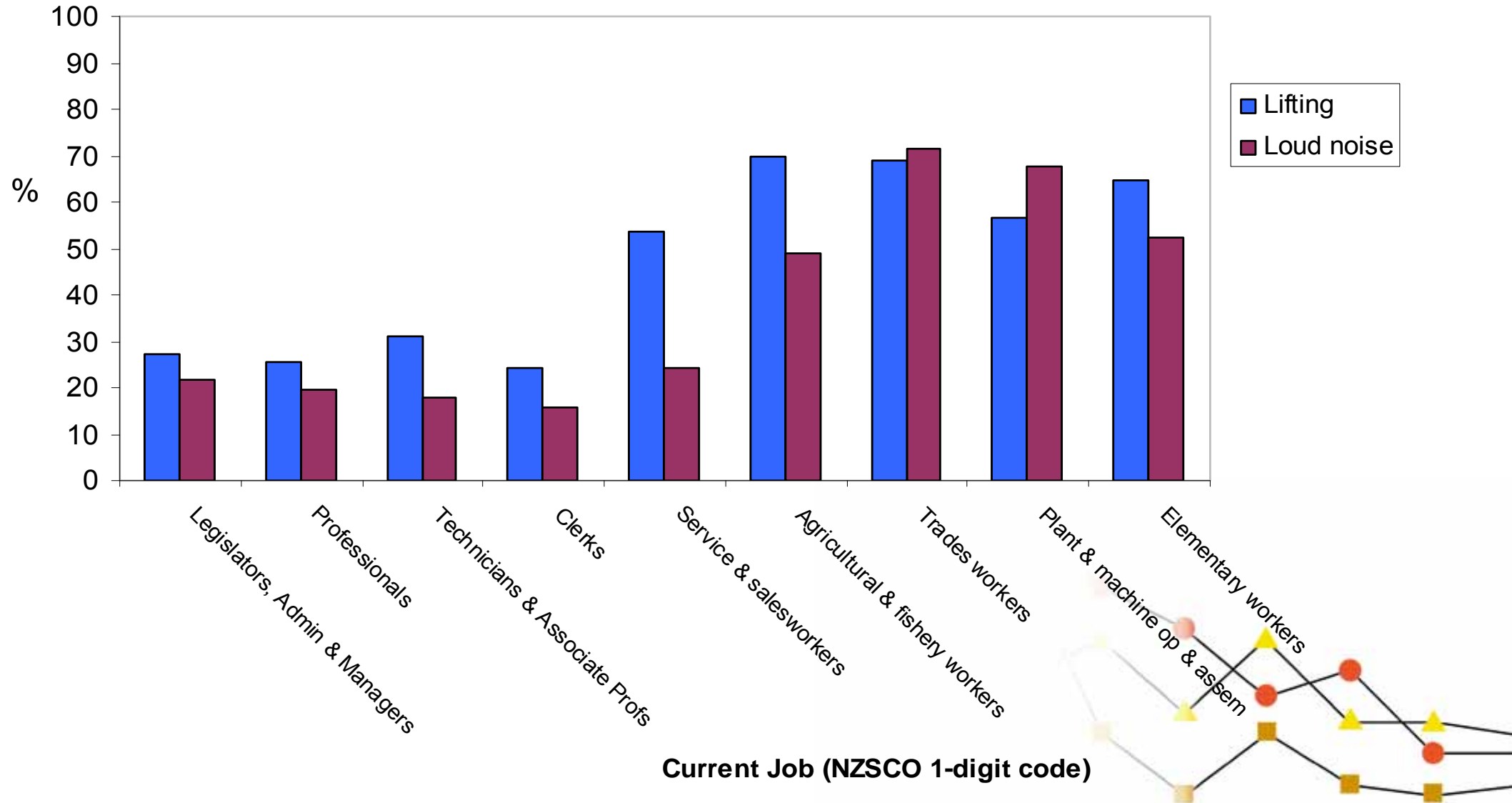
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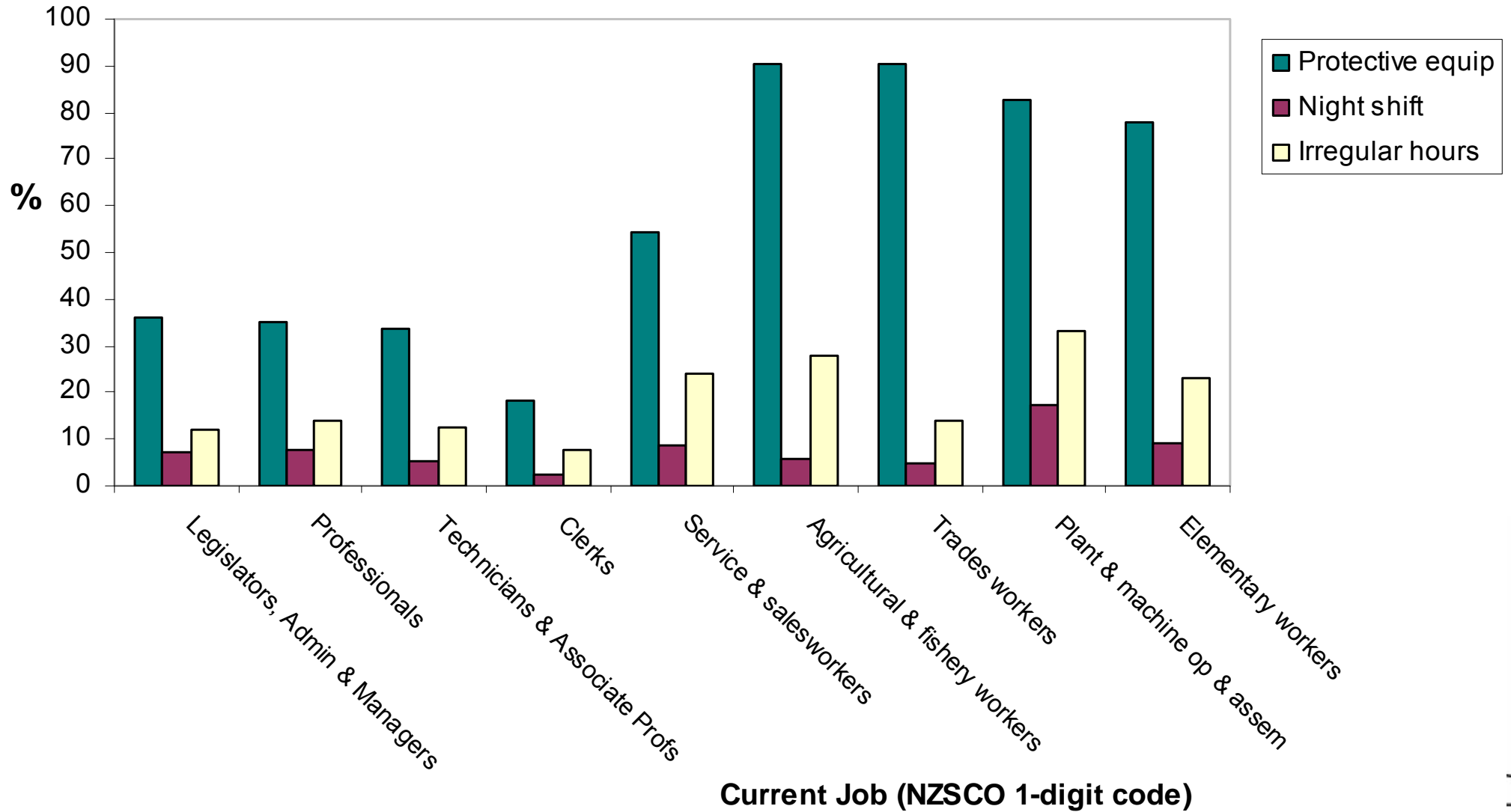
Exposure Prevalence by Occupation



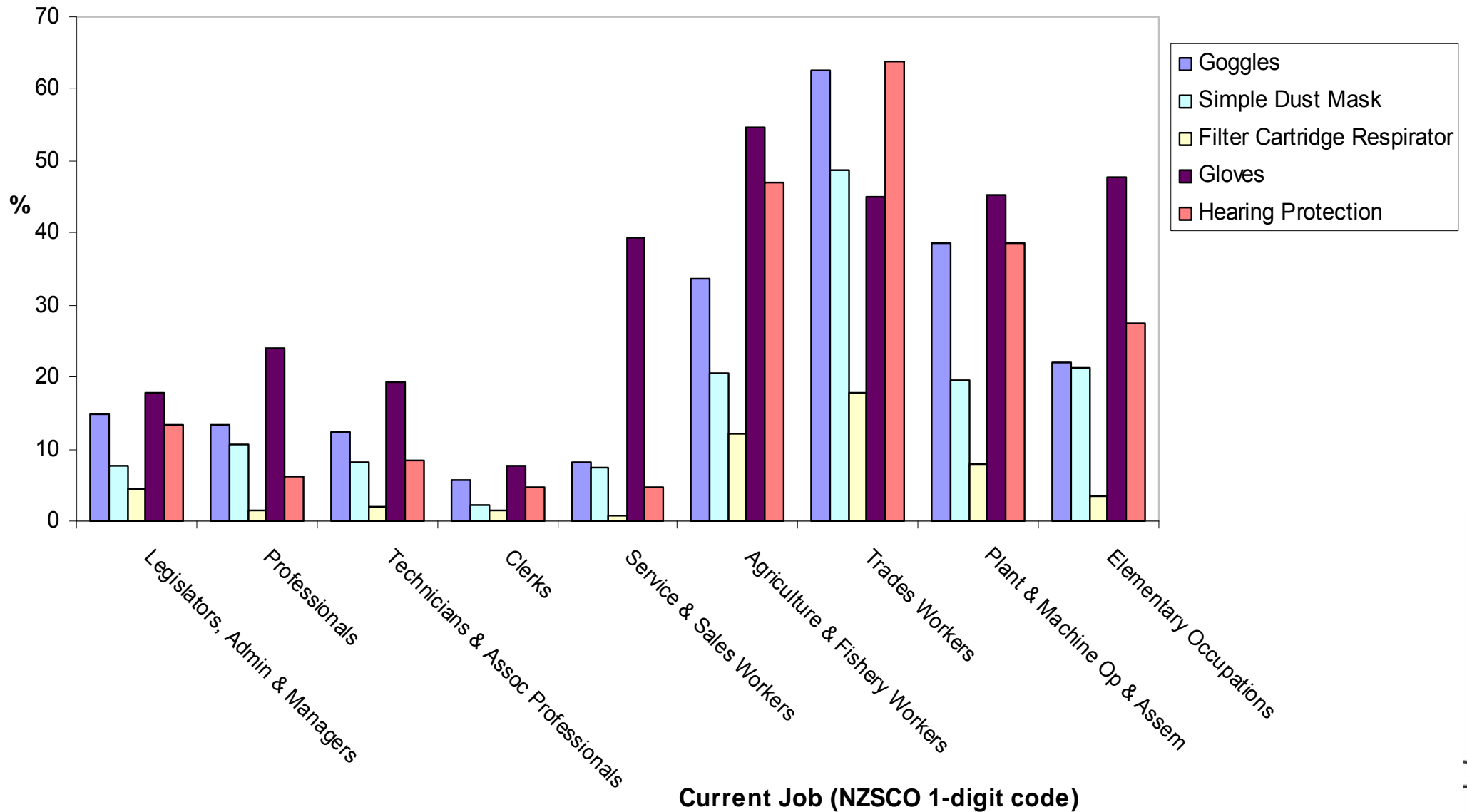
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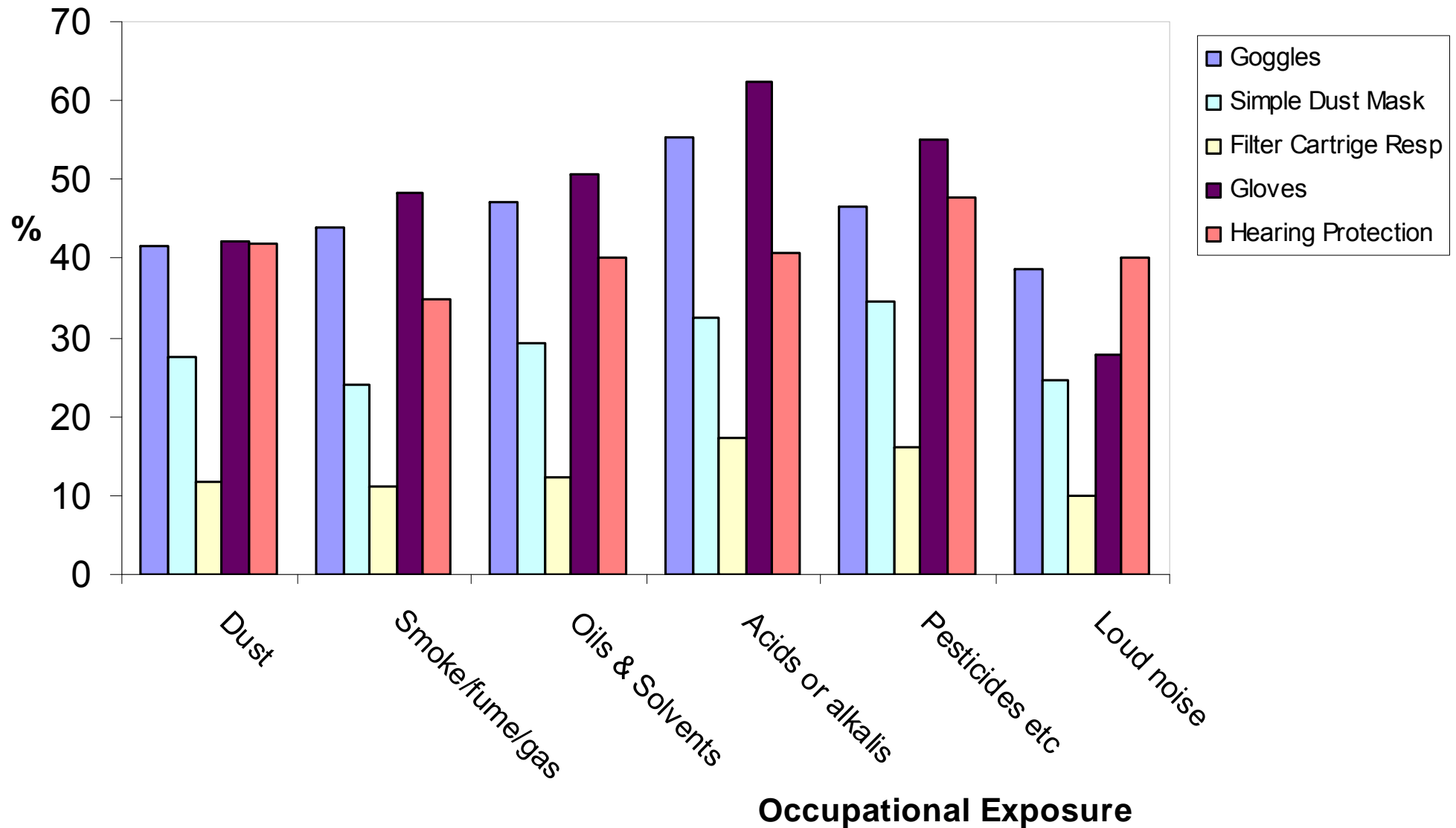
Work Organisation by Occupation



Personal Protective Equipment by Occupation

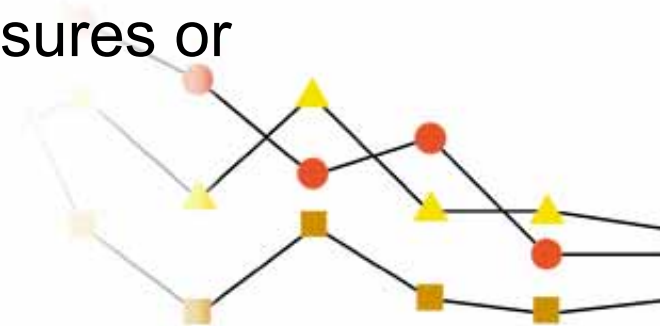


Personal Protective Equipment by Exposure



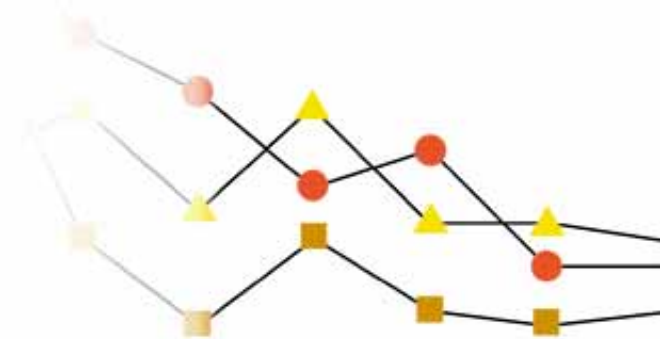
Conclusions

- The New Zealand working population is exposed to a wide range of occupational exposures that are potential risk factors for work-related disease
- Occupational exposures are disproportionately experienced by workers in certain occupations and industries
- Exposures can also occur in sectors not traditionally associated with hazardous occupational exposures or disease



Future Analyses

- Specific occupational exposures
 - Frequency and duration of exposure
 - Use of JEM
- Demographic differences
 - Gender
 - Ethnicity
 - Social class
- Occupational morbidity
 - Musculoskeletal disorders
 - Respiratory symptoms



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