

THE EVOLUTION OF SPORTS CLUBS IN CATALONIA (2009-2015)



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INTRODUCTION

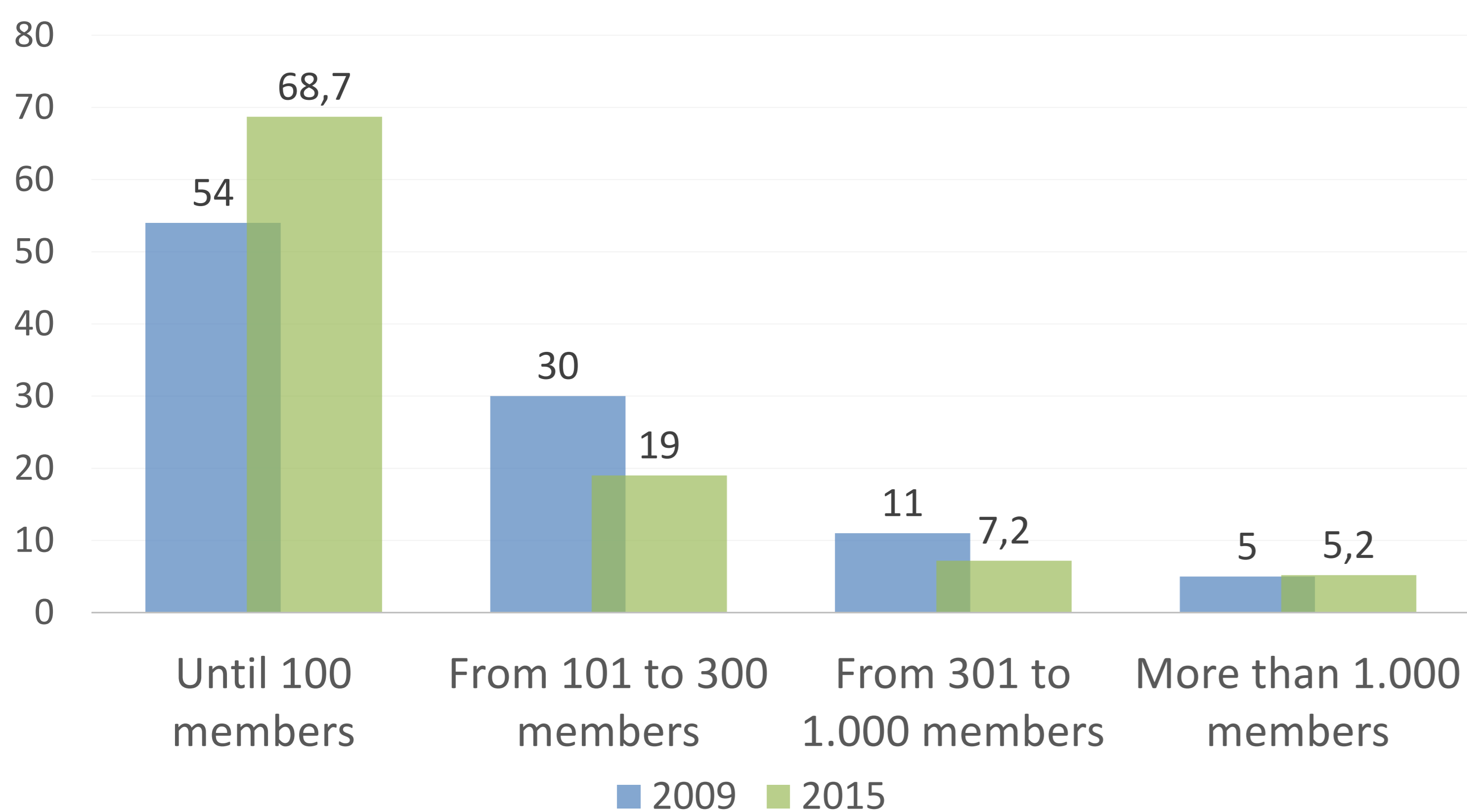
The Catalan Sport Observatory (CSO) is a tool addressed to people and public and private social agents involved in the field of sports in Catalonia. The CSO has recently developed a study to describe the actual situation of sport clubs and associations in Catalonia (region with major number of clubs in Spain), and to analyze possible trends and changes produced from 2009 to date.

METHODS

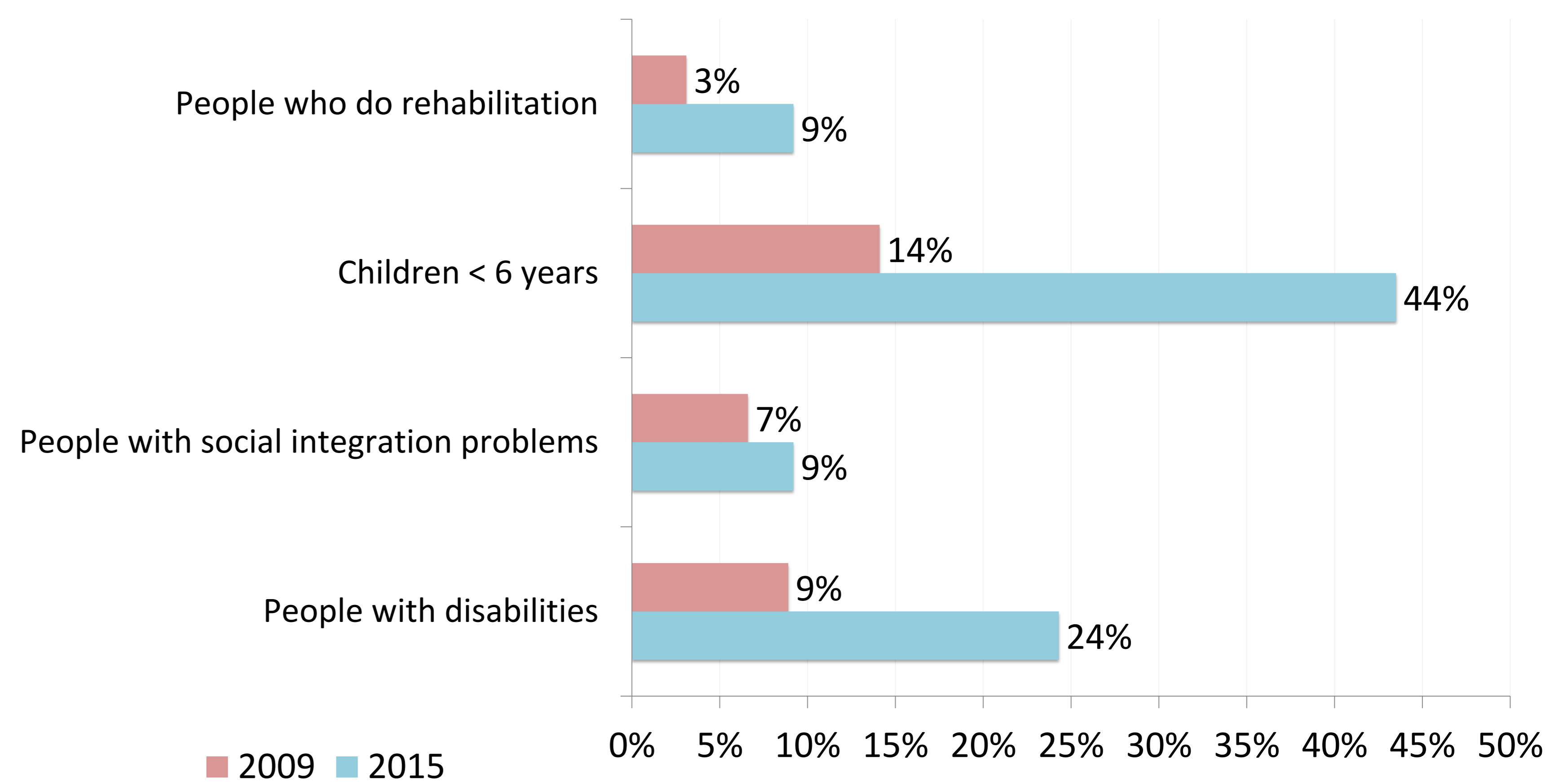
The sample of this study were 474 sport clubs and associations of Catalonia, which represented the 5.7% of the total of Catalan sport clubs and associations (N=8.285). The confidence level was 95% and a margin of error of $\pm 4.35\%$ was assumed. Data was collected through an online survey of 26 closed questions and a final open question.

RESULTS

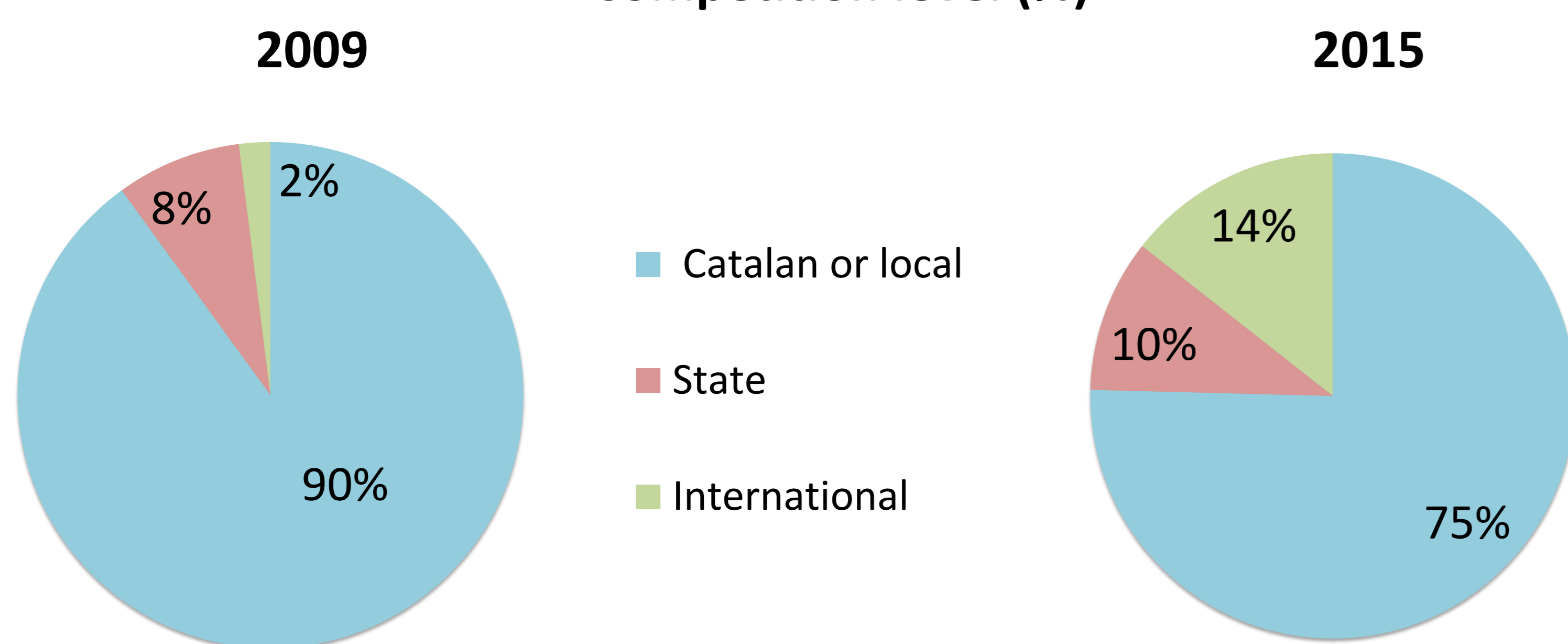
Club members according to the size of the clubs (%)



Activities for specific groups



Competition level (%)



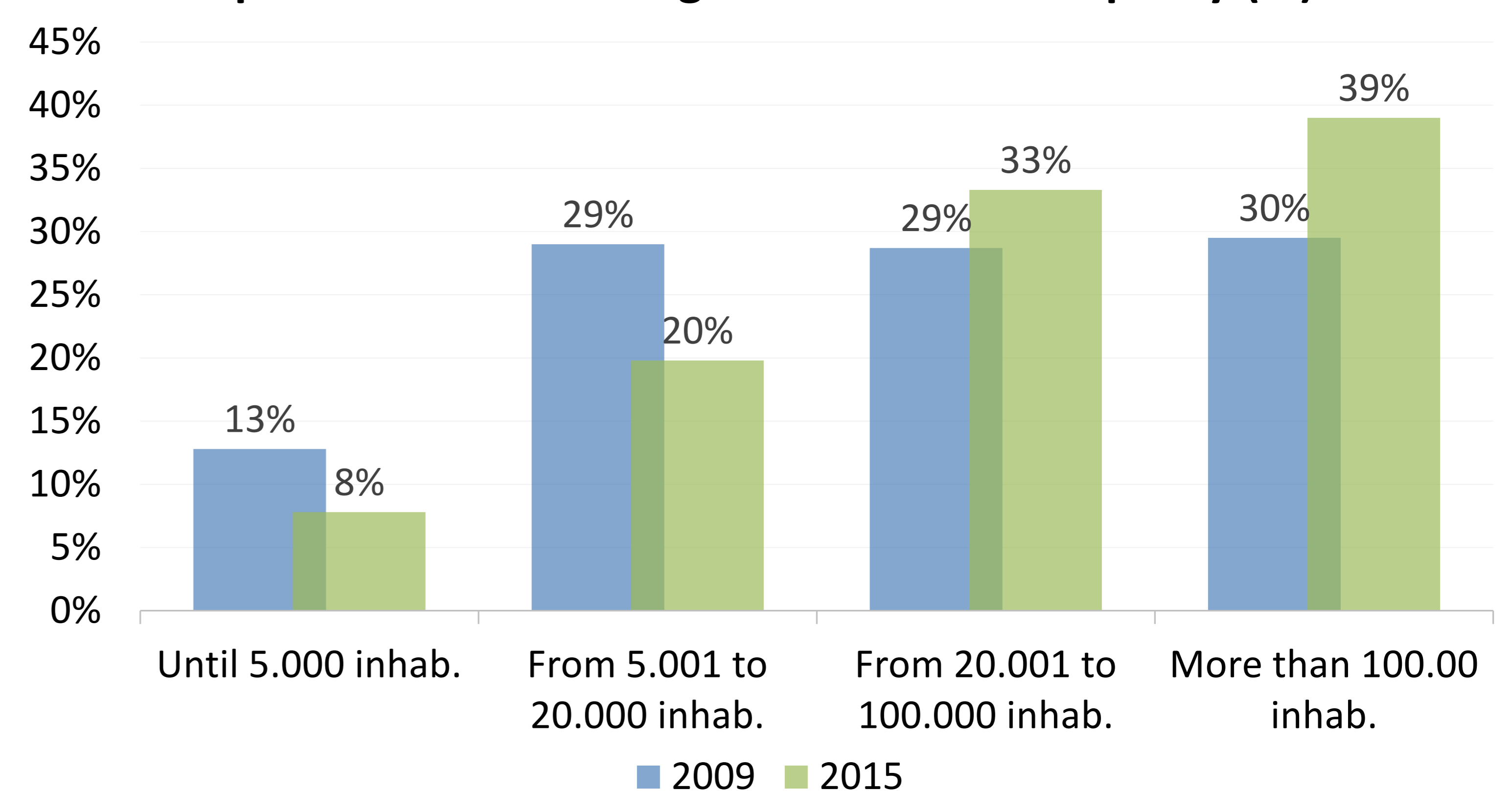
Federate sport. Offered by the 98,4% of Catalan clubs.

- Increase 12% international competitions.
- Decrease of 15% local competitions.

Specific groups

- Increase of 30% in activities for children until 6 years old.
- Increase of 15% in activities for people with disabilities.

Sports clubs according the size of municipality (%)



CONCLUSIONS

Results of this study revealed that most of the clubs (98,4%) offered federate sport. There is a significant proportion of small sport clubs and associations in Catalonia (until 100 members), a profile that has been maintained from 2009 to date. Most of them are located in the biggest cities (in terms of population). The longitudinal analysis of data revealed that there has been an increase in the offer of sport activities for specific groups, as well as in the number of international competitions.

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