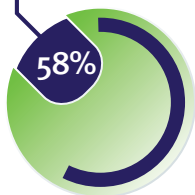




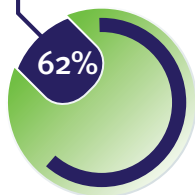
# JOINING OUTLAW MOTORCYCLE GANGS



58% following a life crisis, such as relationship, financial and/or personal loss or family/upbringing issues.



62% recruited by an OMCG member who was a friend.



The two main reasons for joining:

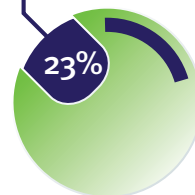
73% Brotherhood (camaraderie)



50% Love of bikes (shared interests)



23% had mental health issues prior to joining a club.



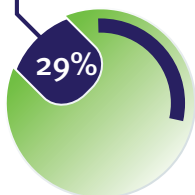
## Traditional Vs New Generation OMCGs

58% of participants thought new recruits were joining due to the outlaw 'image' and gang life (35%) rather than for brotherhood/belonging (17%), reflecting a change in values among the new generation OMCGs.

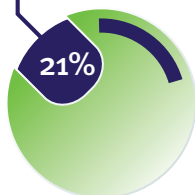


Club experiences are not universal and varied greatly among different clubs and chapters.

29% of participants described their experience in the OMCG as being closer to the 'outlaw' image now associated with OMCGs, alluding to violence, crimes and gang wars.



21% of participants described their club experience as being closer to a social bike club (e.g. more family-oriented, less tolerant of involvement in crime by members, and no violent consequences upon disaffiliation).



77% of participants experienced a negative culture change in their OMCG. This supports literature indicating a shift in modern OMCG values away from brotherhood and loyalty towards profit and involvement in crime.



64% of participants reported their club membership had negative impacts on their relationships and families. This ranged from time away from relationships and causing financial hardship, to being written off by family and the family hated their involvement.

