


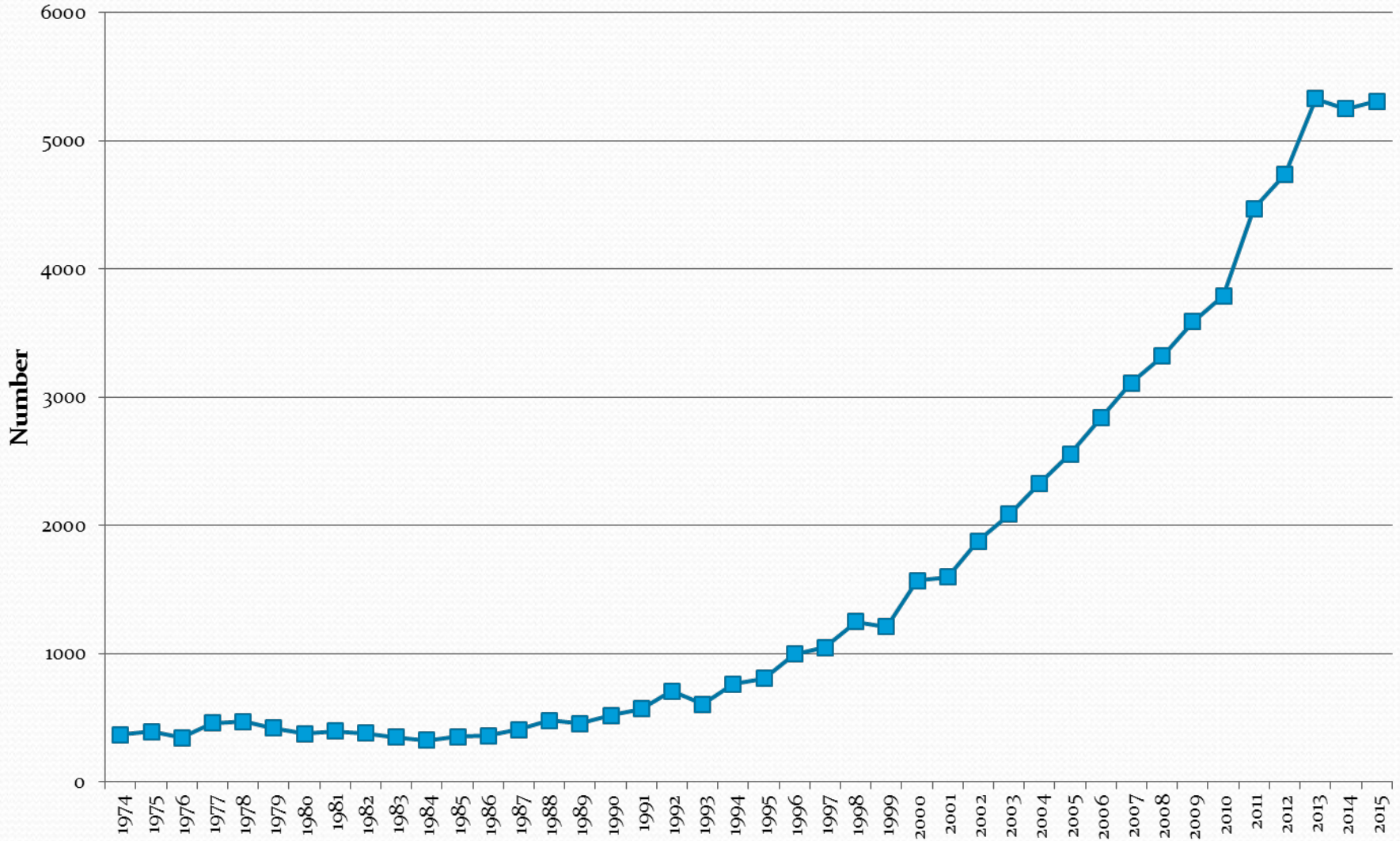
# Policy Evaluation in Crime and Justice:

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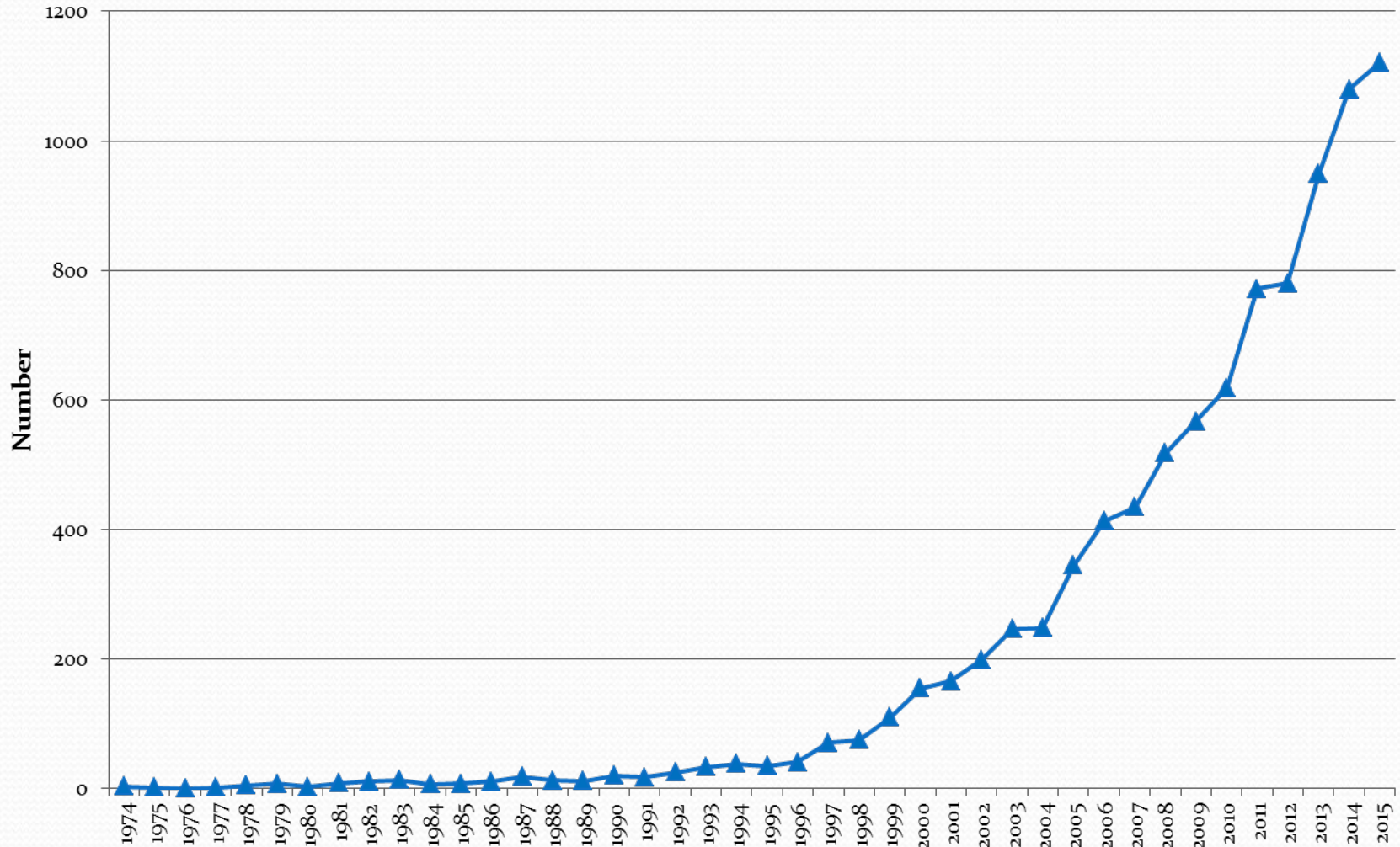


“In recent literature on criminology and penology there have been many attacks on the lack...and inadequacy of evaluation of correctional programs” (Bell 1974, p. 55)

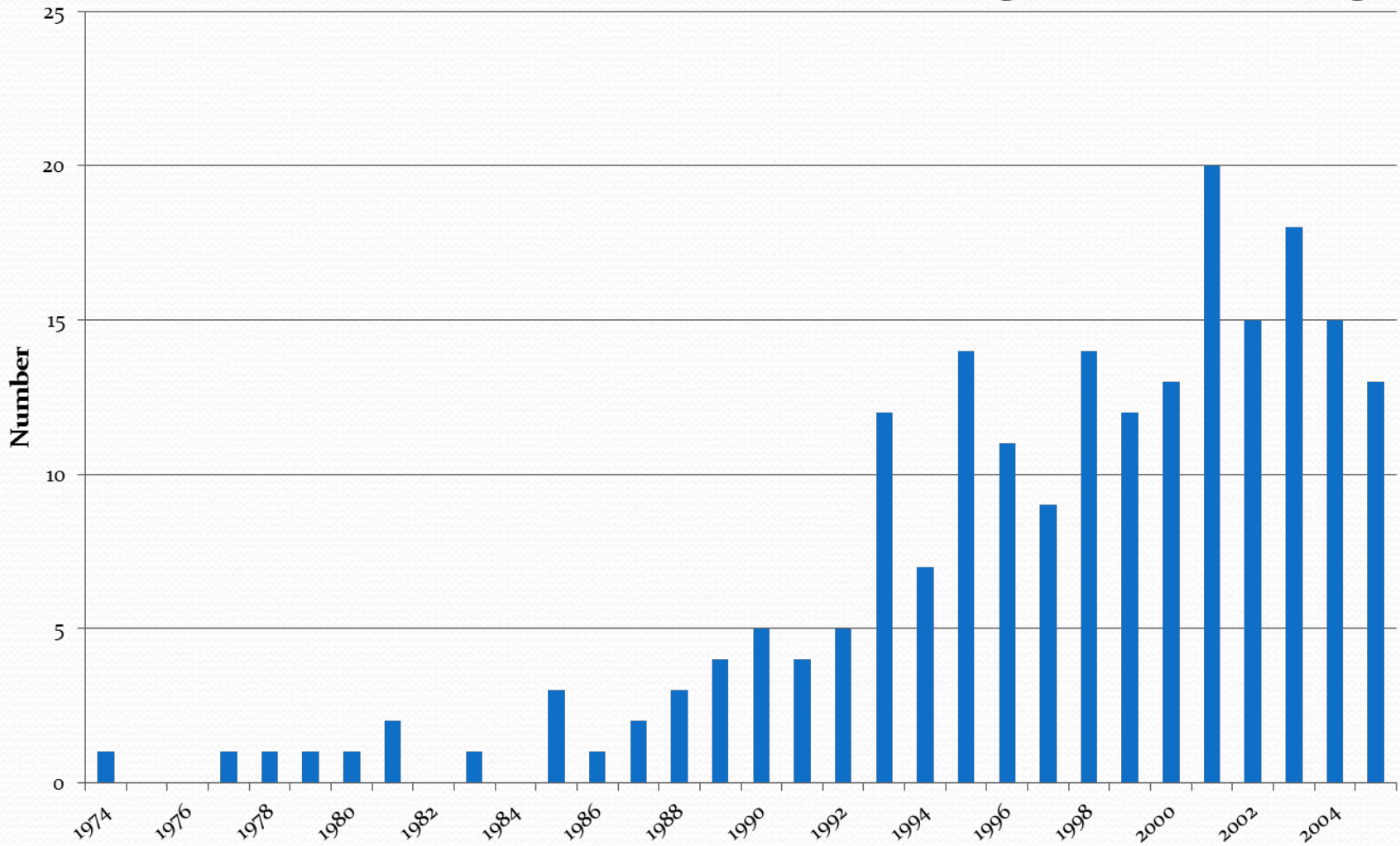
**Figure 1: Google Scholar 'hits' on the phrase:  
"Correctional program reoffending evaluation"**




**Figure 2: Google Scholar 'hits' on the phrase:  
correctional program reoffending randomised control trial**



**Figure 3: Age distribution of studies selected for inclusion in the WSIPP review of what works in reducing adult re-offending**





“ A common shortcoming of many programs is a lack of evaluation. Programs are often either not evaluated or evaluation methods fail to meet the conventional requirements for research design...at the present time, all of the available evidence upon which [Australian correctional) programs are based comes from international sources” (Howells & Day 1999, p.

# Correctional program evaluation in Australia

JURISDICTION	NSW	VIC	QLD	SA	WA*	TAS	ACT	NT
NUMBER OF PROGRAMS	25	16	15	8	20	6	21	7
NUMBER EVALUATED	7	7	4	0	0	0	0	0

\* WA REPORTED THAT EVALUATIONS OF 14 OF THEIR 20 PROGRAMS WERE 'ONGOING'

# Criminal justice policy/program evaluations in NSW

