



Public Safety and Substance Use Trends

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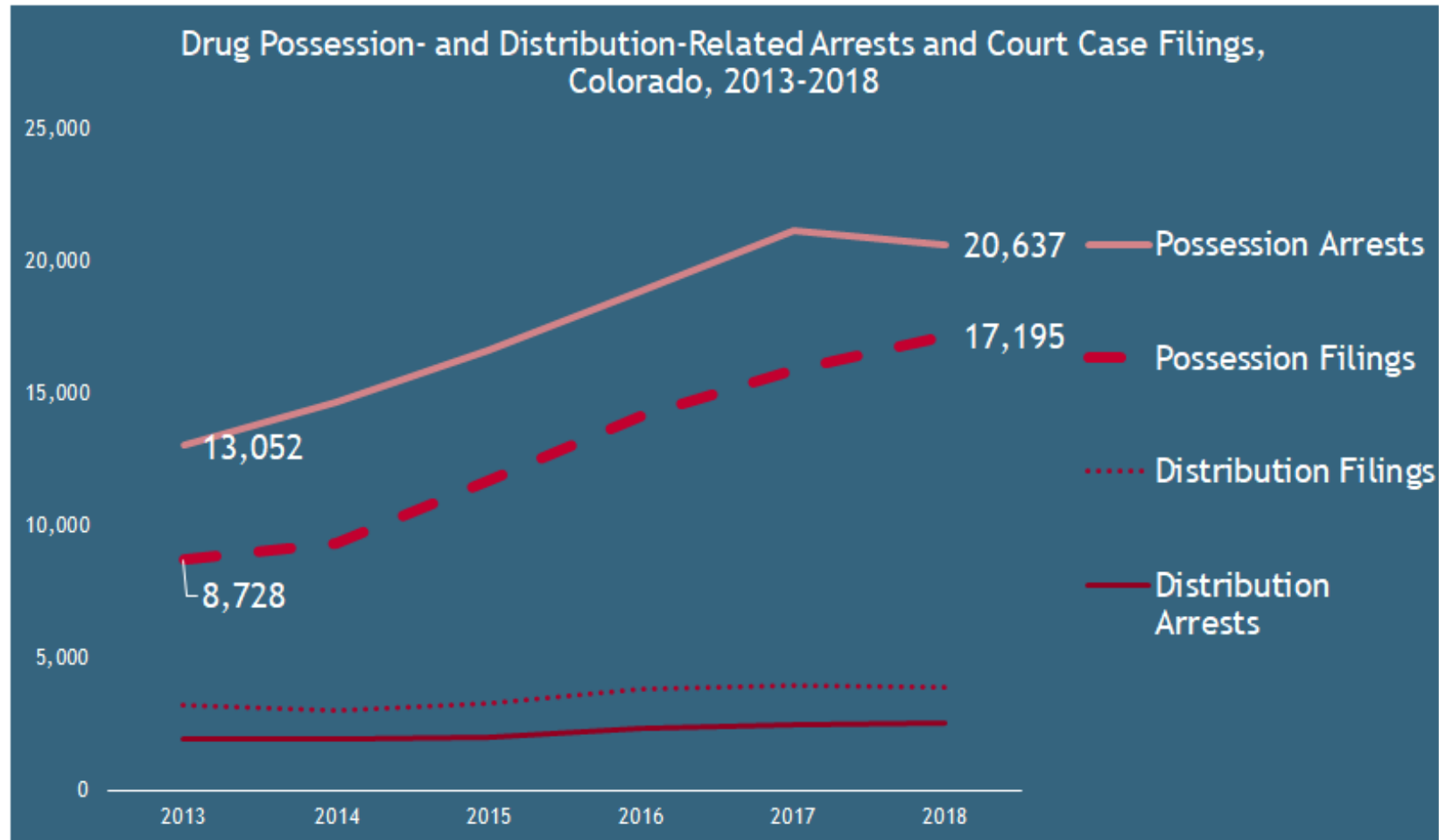
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SECTION 1

Drug Crimes Trends

Drug Arrests and District Court Filings for Drug Possession Charges on the Rise in Colorado from 2013 - 2018



Data sources: Arrests: Colorado Bureau of Investigation, National Incident Based Reporting System (NIBRS) data. Extracted on 4/11/19. District Court Filings: Data extracted from the Colorado Judicial Branch's information management system (ICON) via the Colorado Justice Analytics Support System (CJASS) and analyzed by the Division of Criminal Justice.



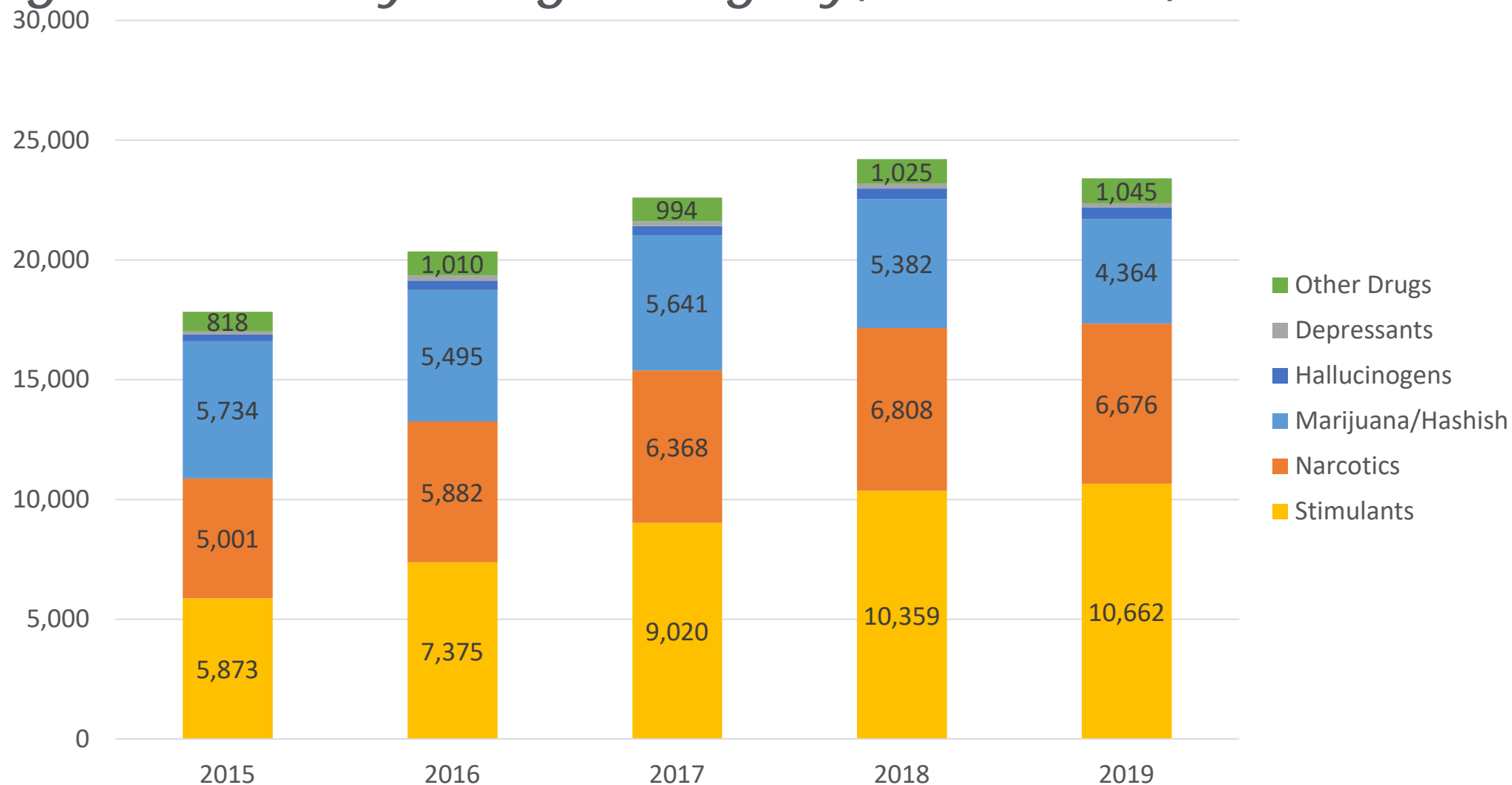
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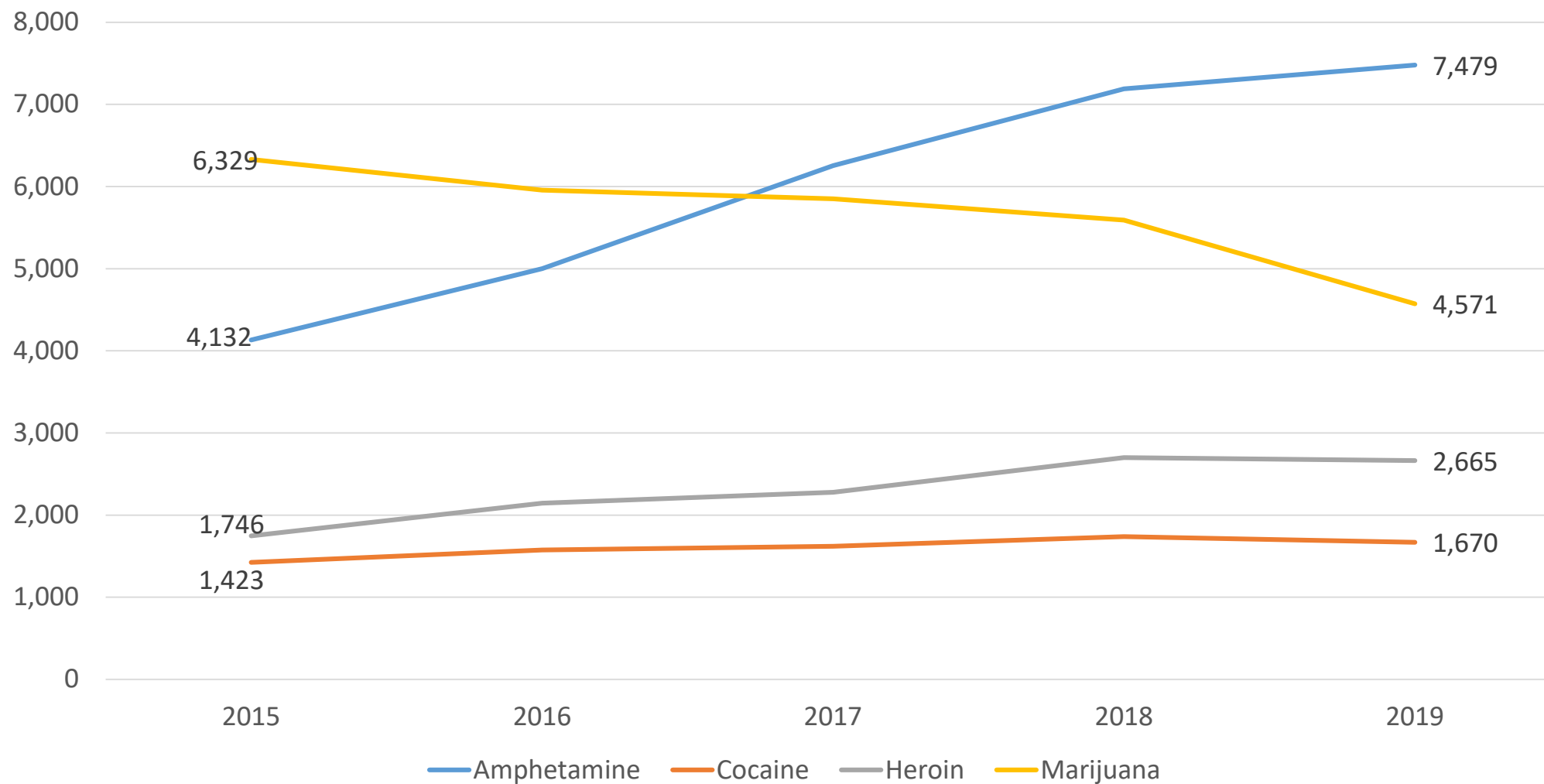
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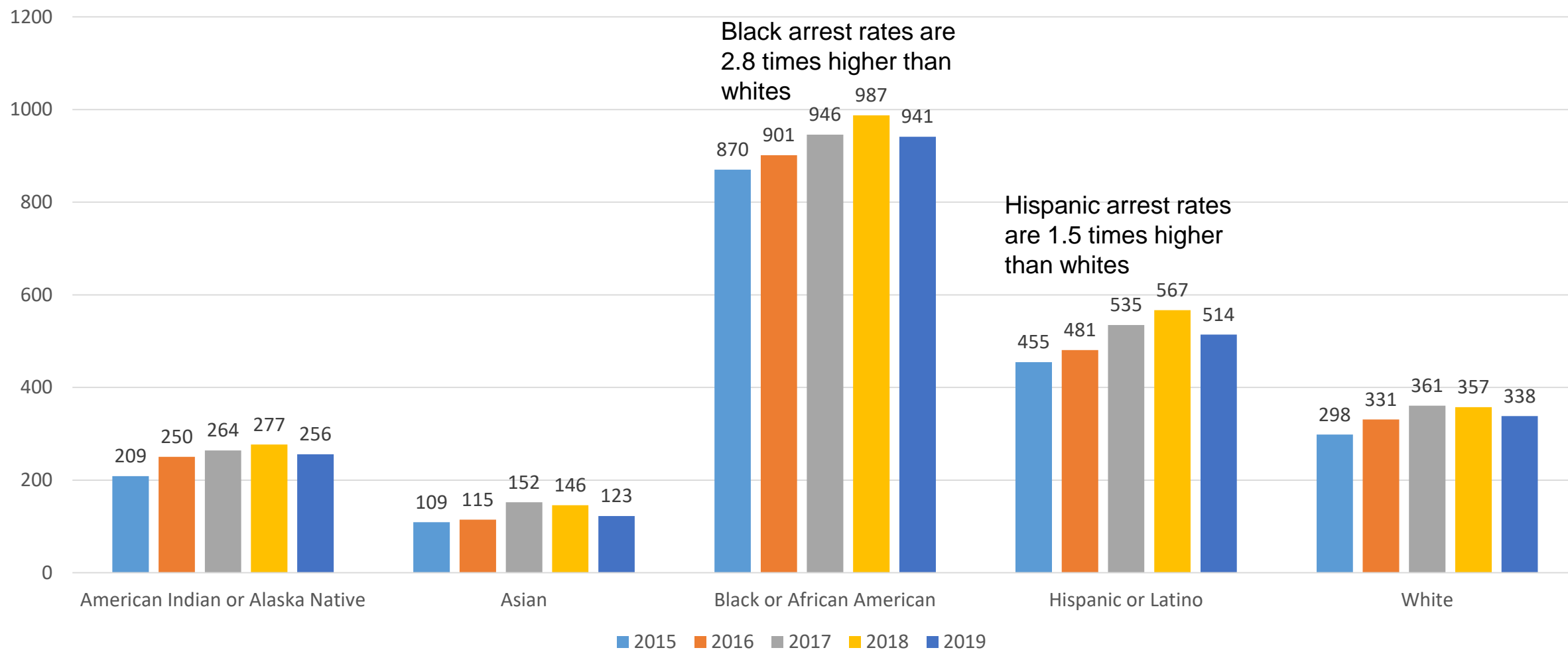
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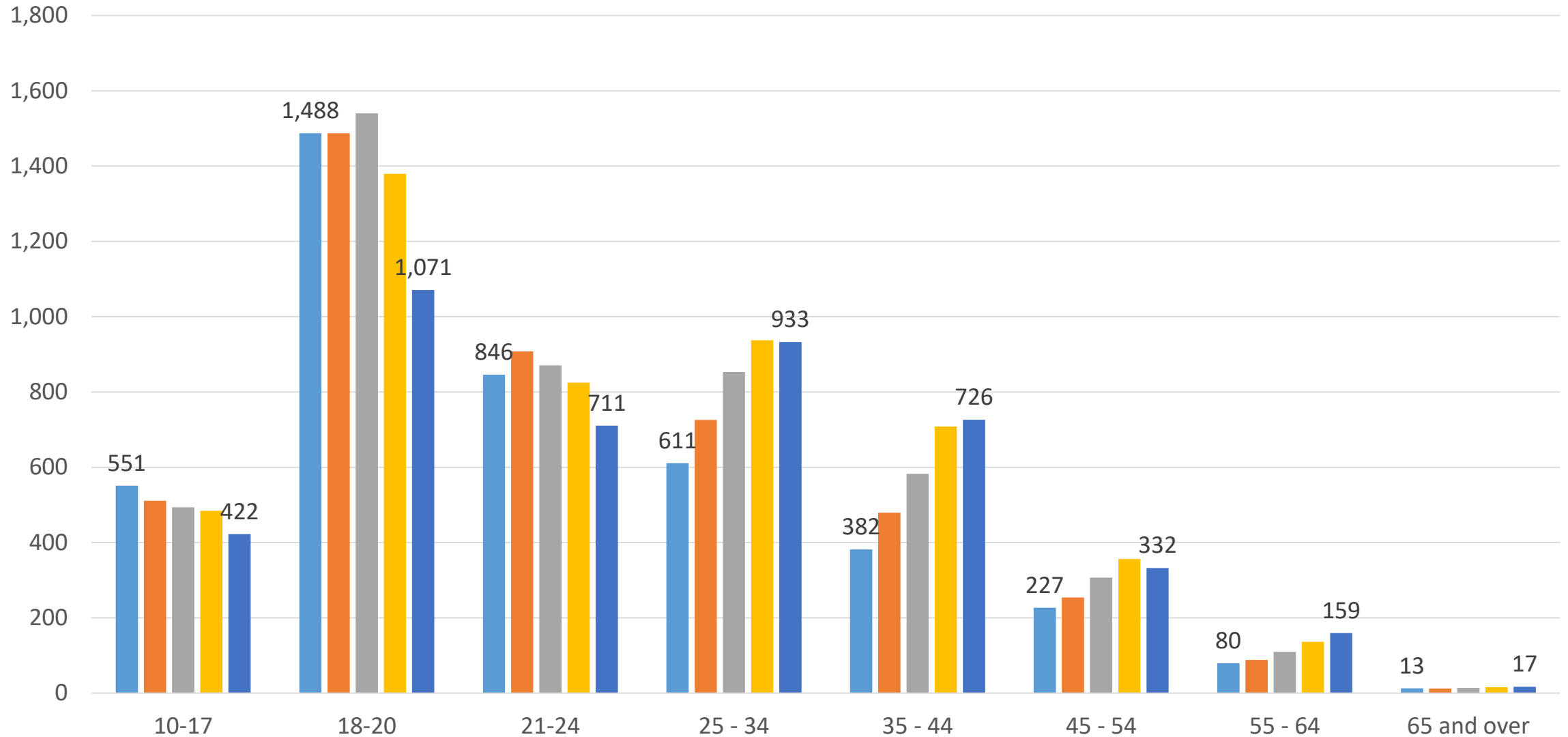
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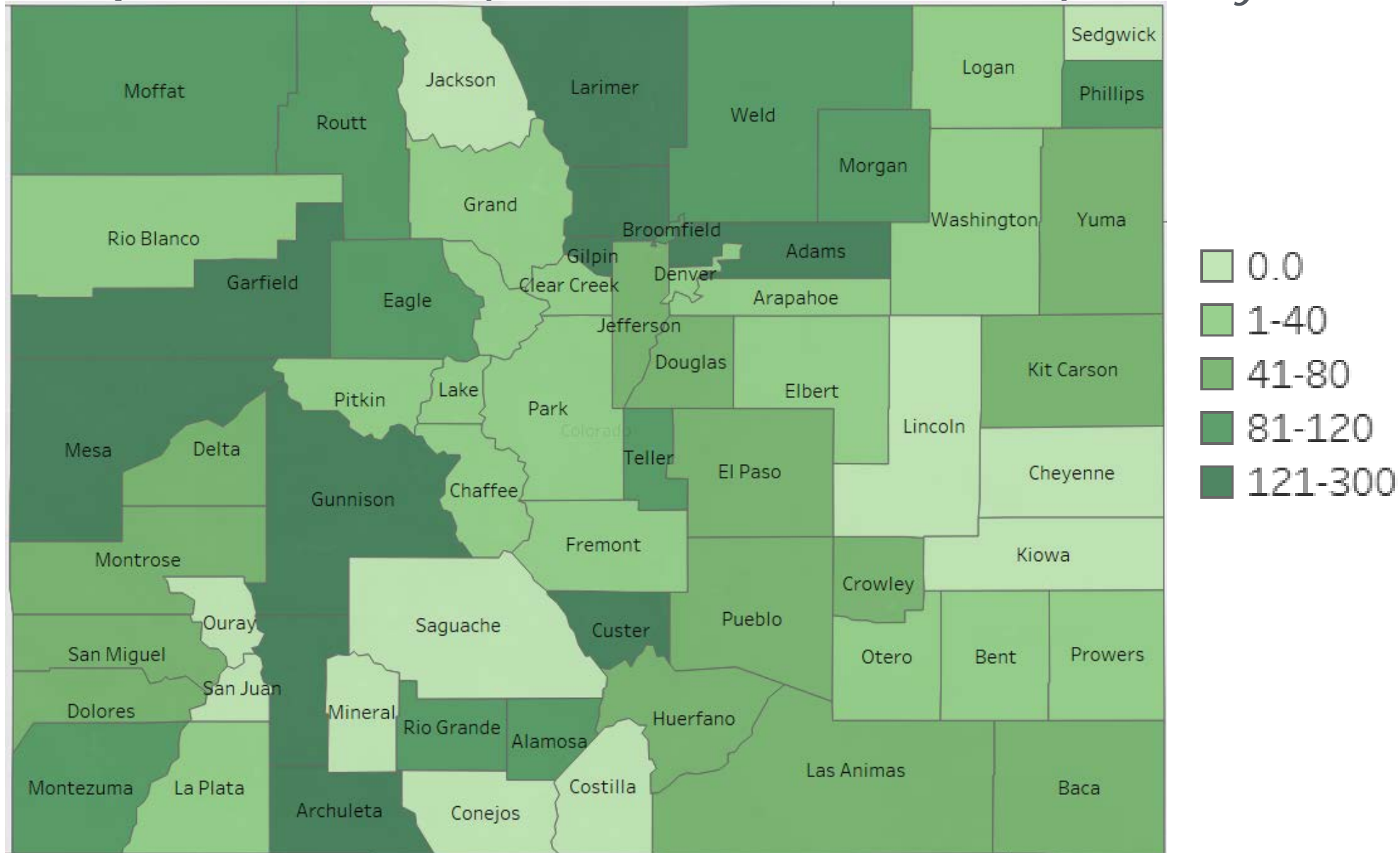
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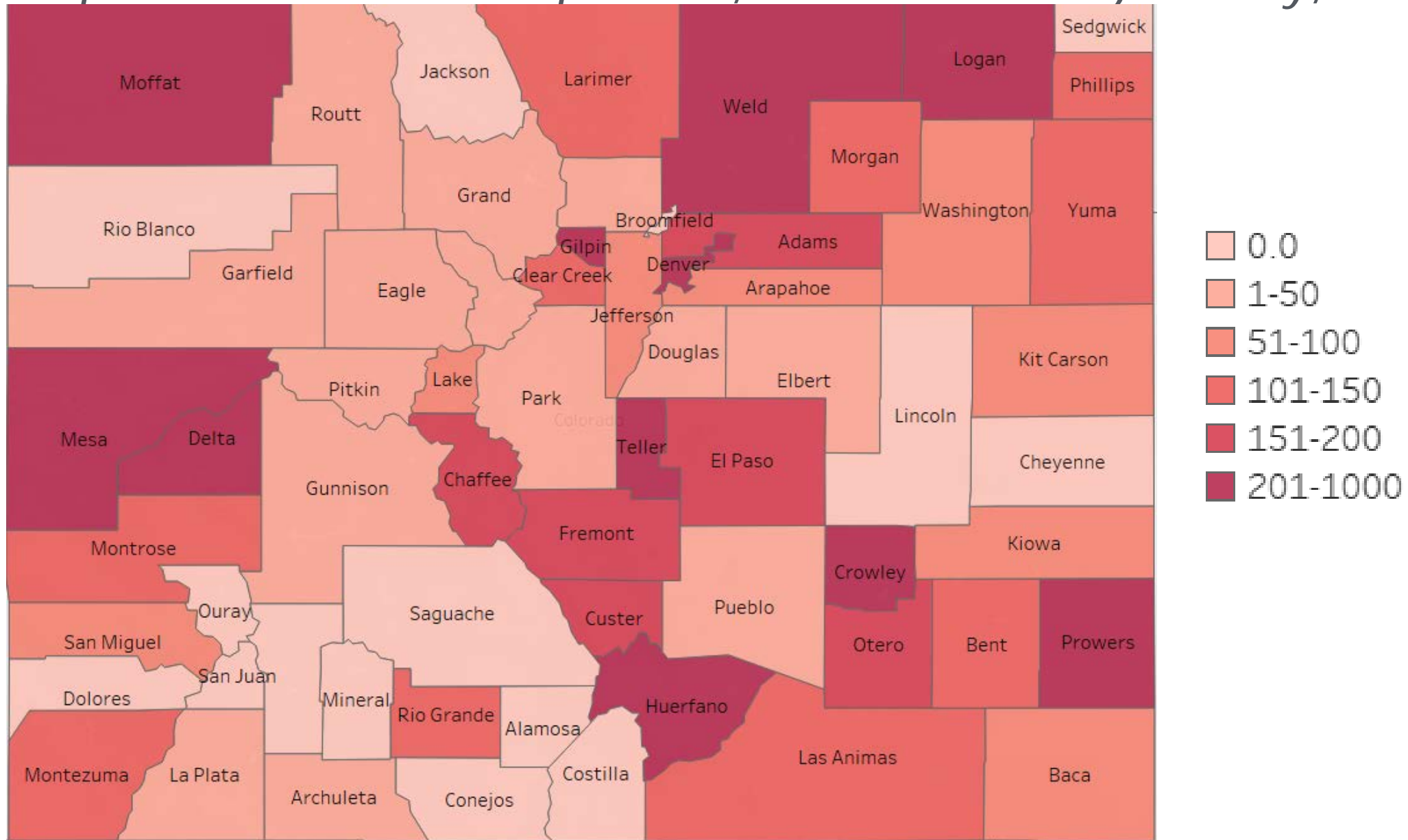
Drug Offense Rates by Age Group, 2015-2019



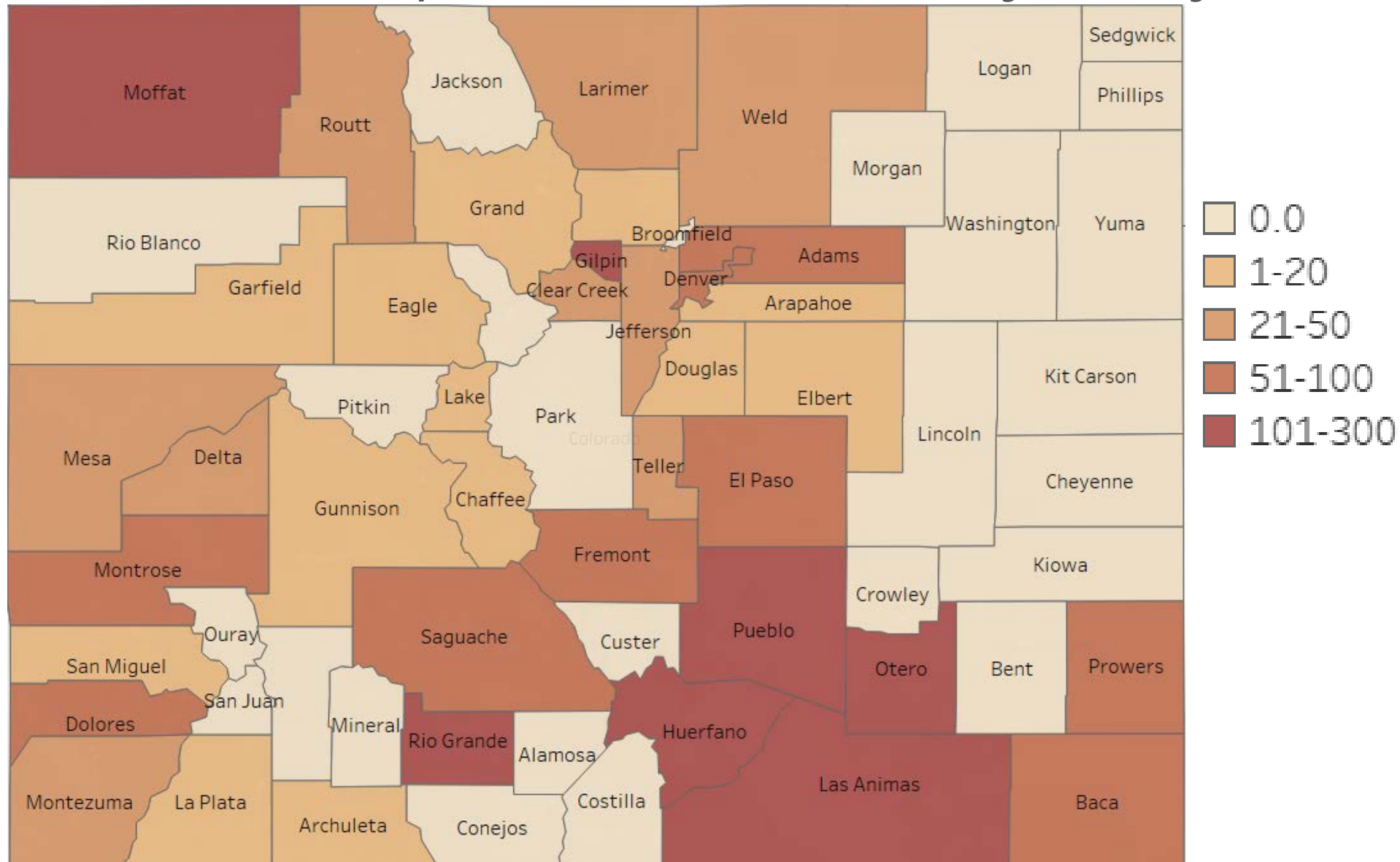
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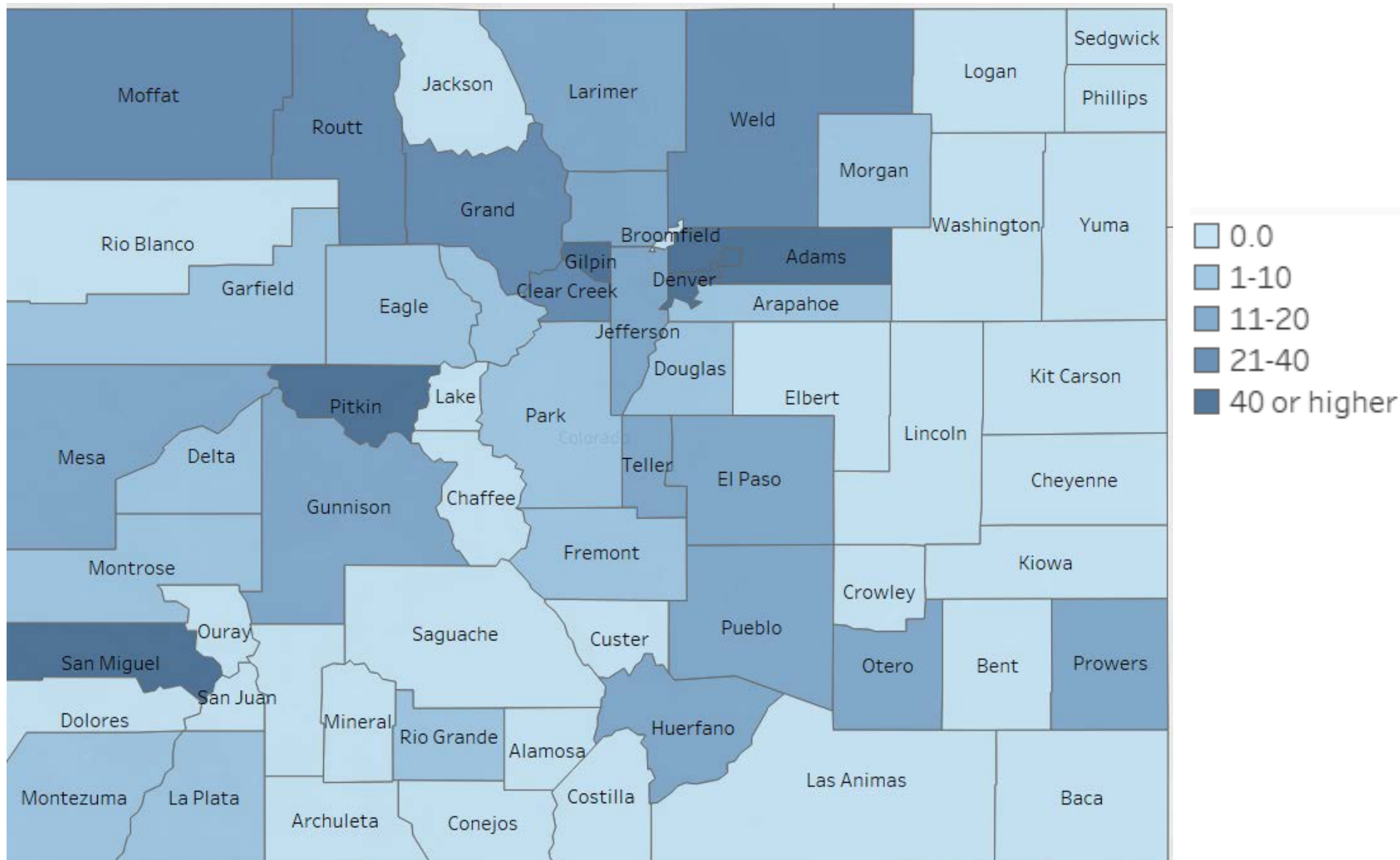
Amphetamine Offenses per 100,000 Residents by County, 2019



Heroin Offenses per 100,000 Residents by County, 2019

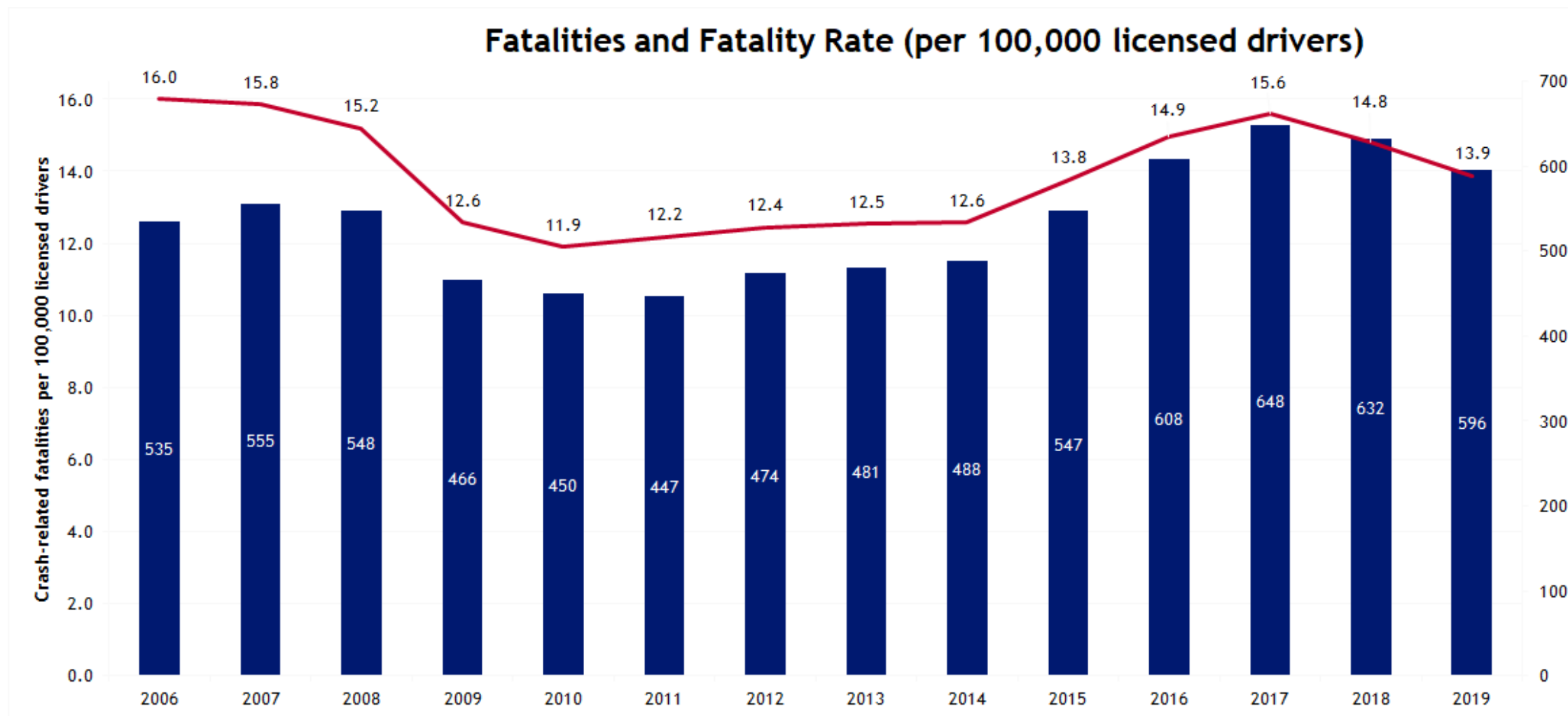


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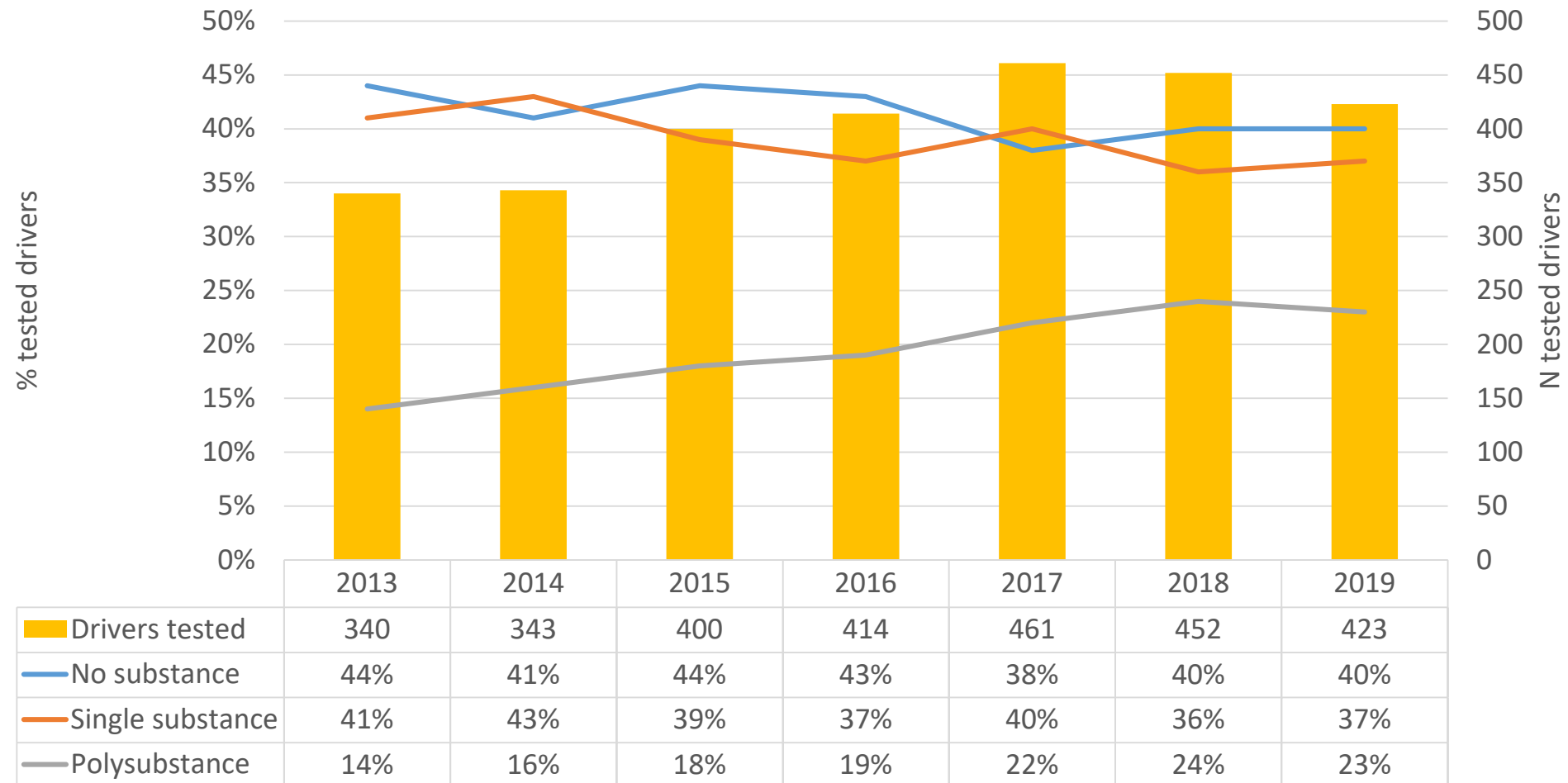


Traffic Fatalities

Public Health Harms

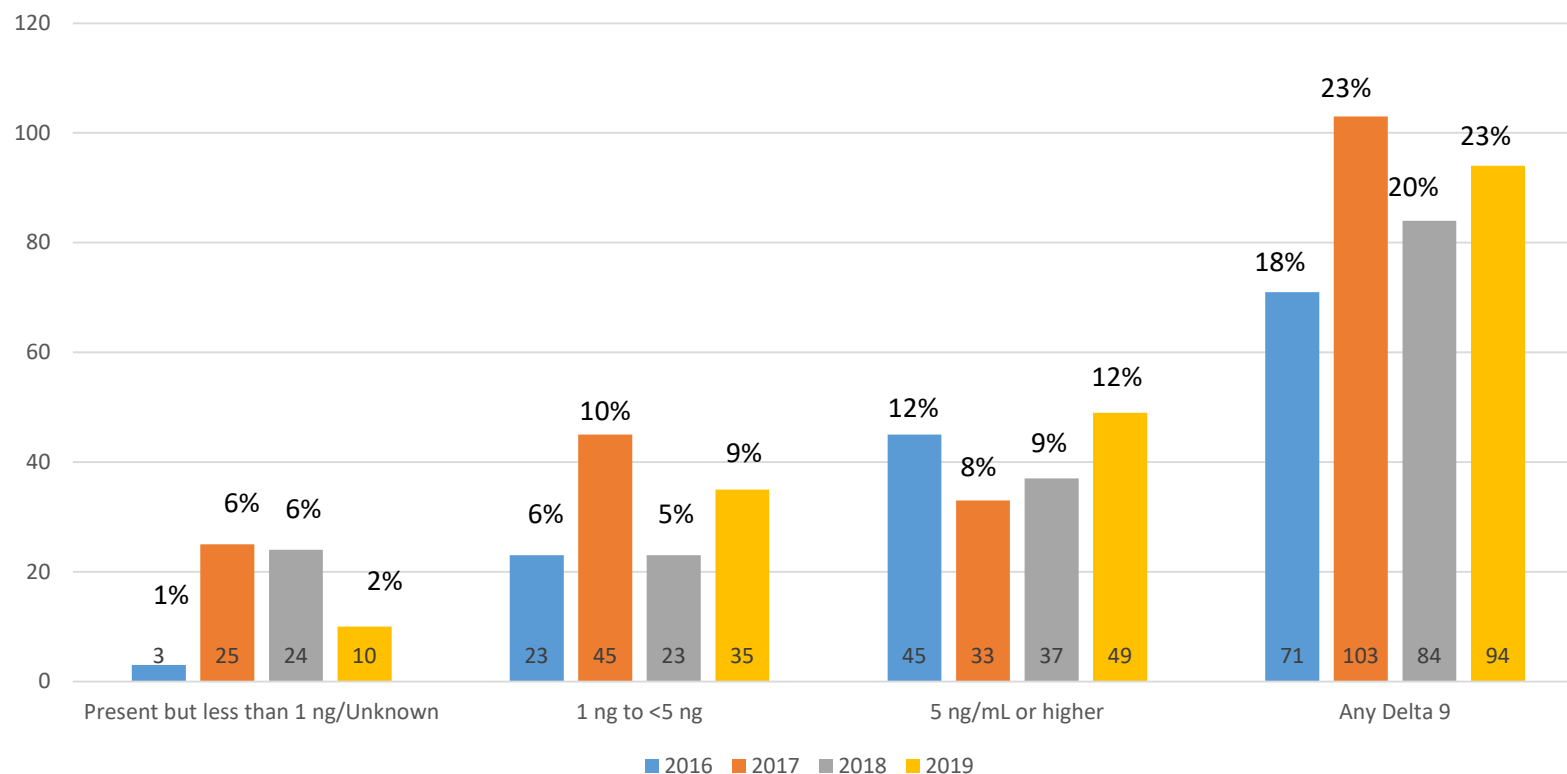


Drivers Test Results in Fatal Crashes, 2013-2019



Drivers Testing Positive for Delta-9 THC in fatal crashes, 2016-2019

Number and percent of drivers testing positive for Delta-9 THC in fatal crashes,
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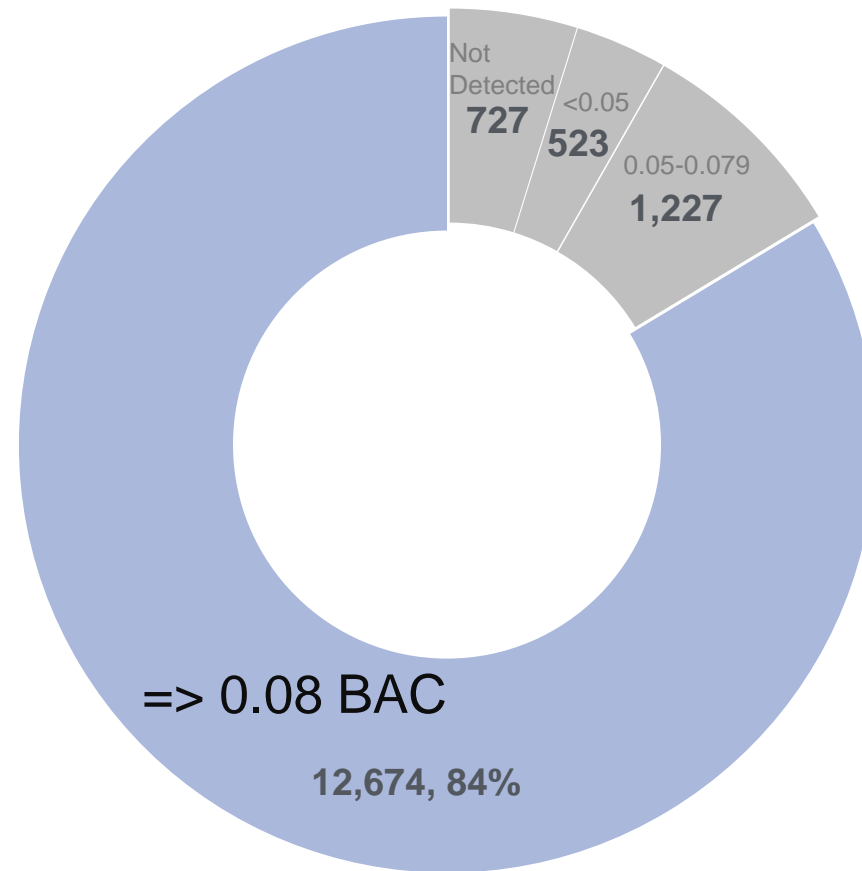


Driving Under the Influence

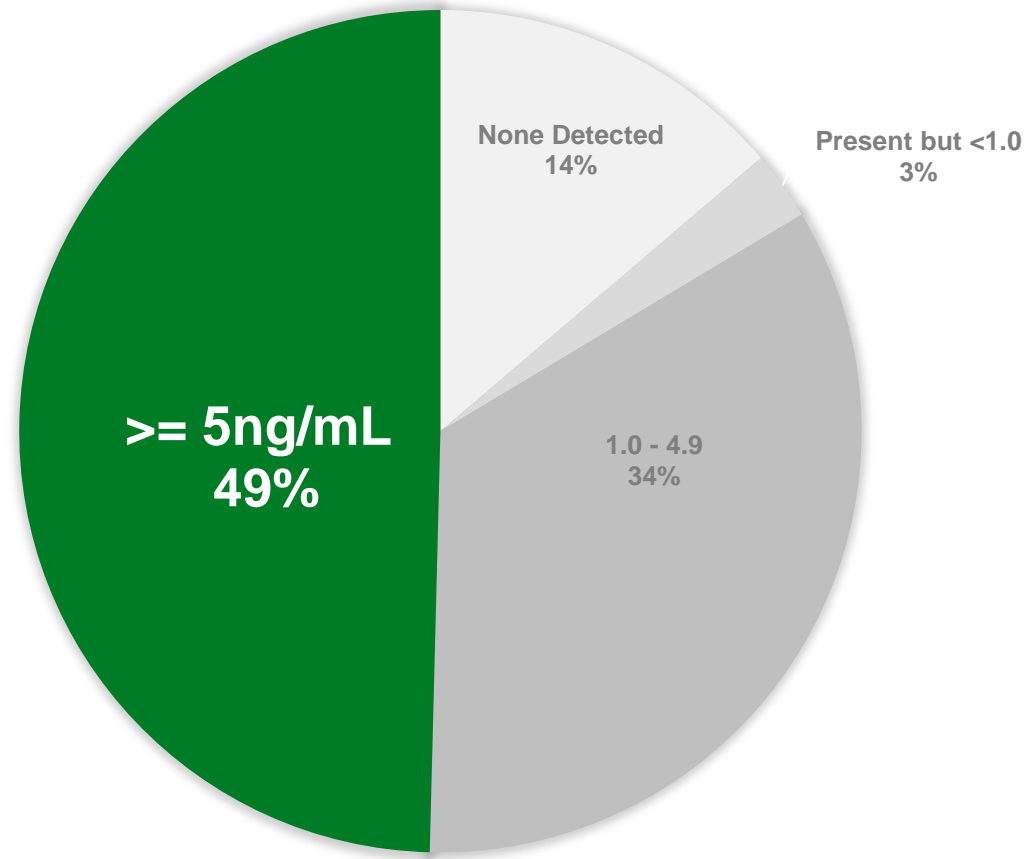
Colorado's Linked DUI Court Case Dataset 2018



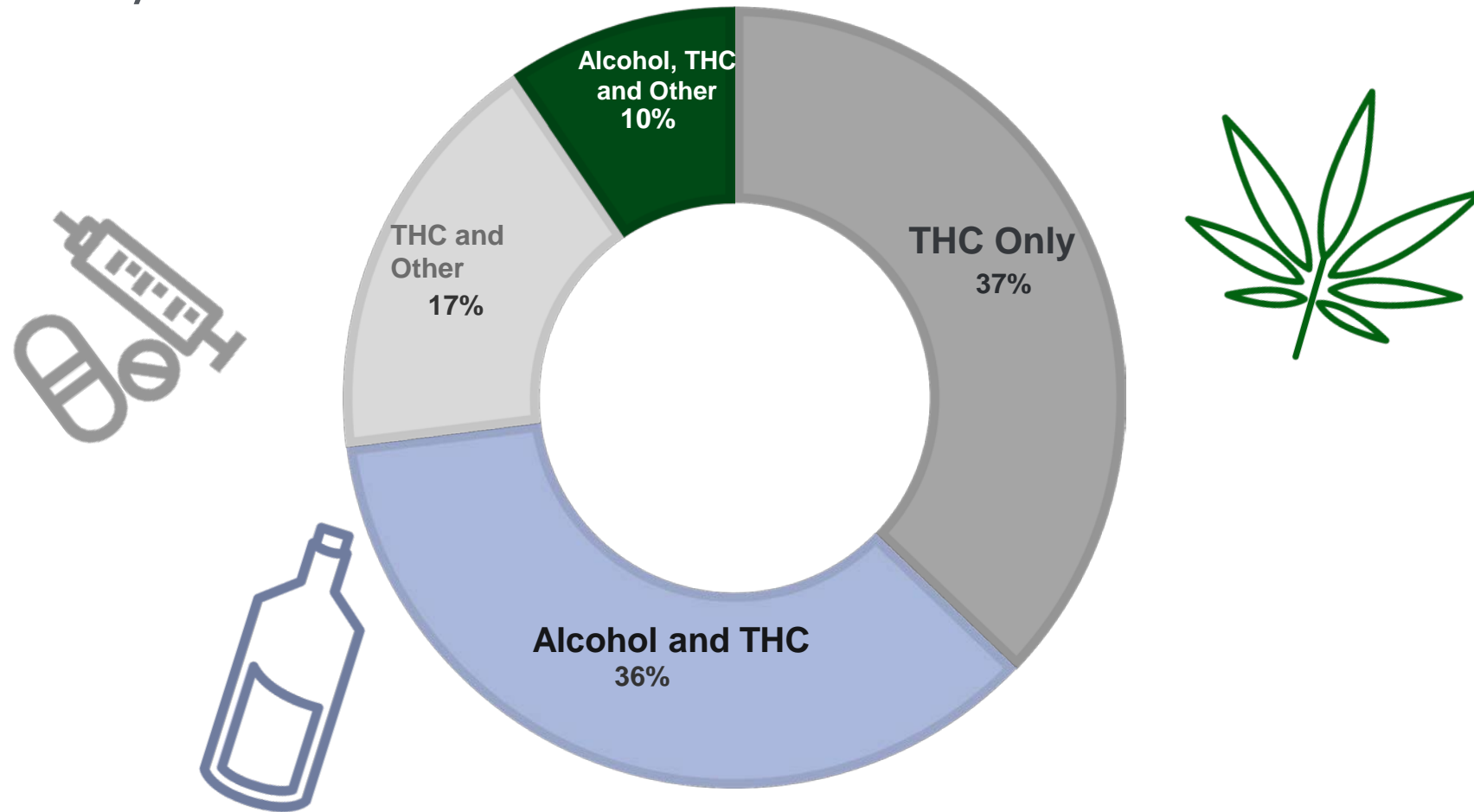
BAC Toxicology Results Among Screened Drivers (n=15,152), 2018



Delta 9-THC Toxicology Among Cannabinoid Positive Drivers (n= 3,335), 2018



Delta 9-THC Positive Drivers and Polydrug Detection, 2018



Source: Colc



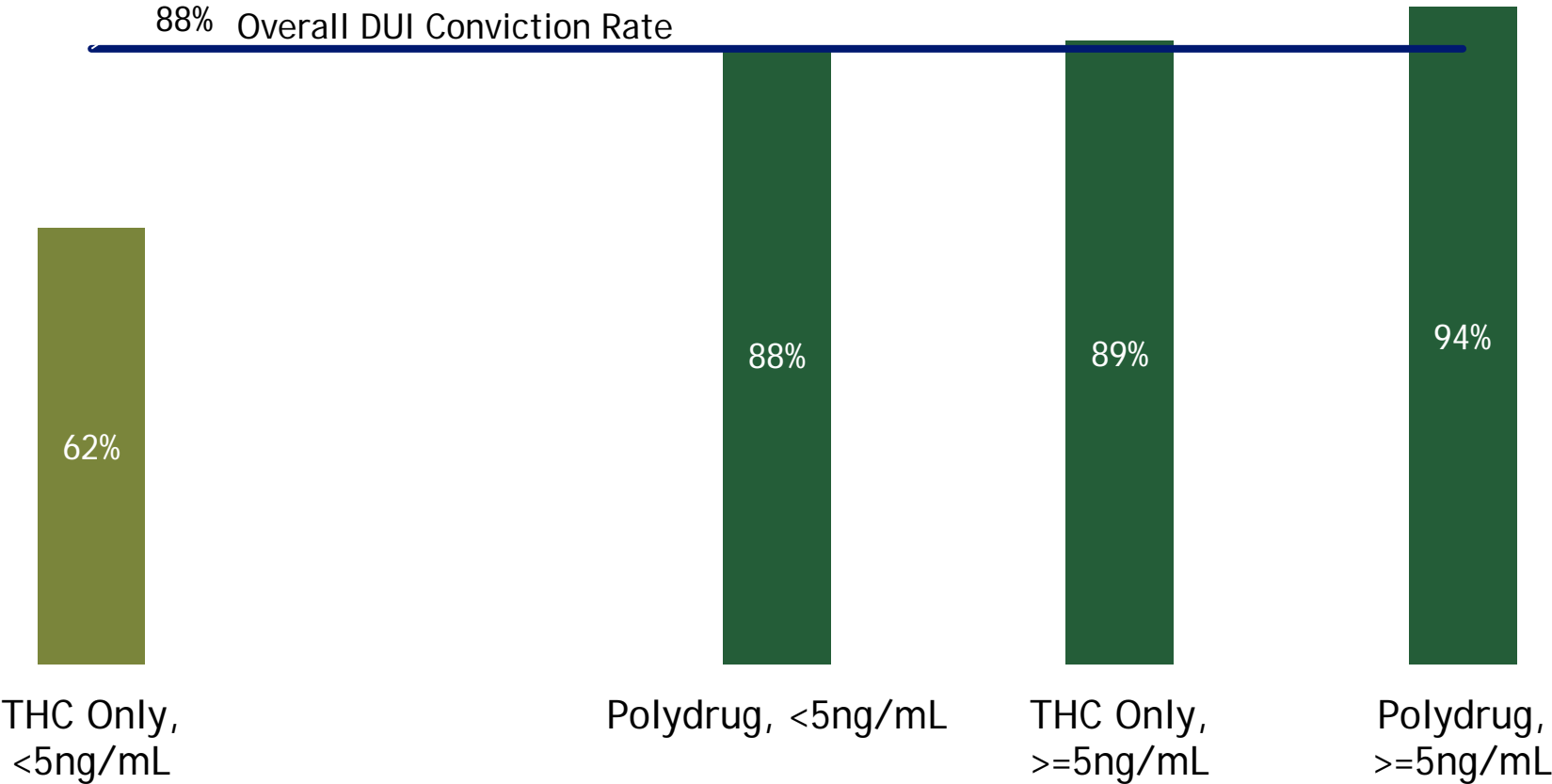
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Data source: State Judicial Department, Denver County Court, CBI, and ChemaTox; Analyzed by: Office of Research and Statistics, Division of Criminal Justice, Colorado Department of Public Safety.

Top 15 Other Drugs Found in DUI Charged Drivers, 2018

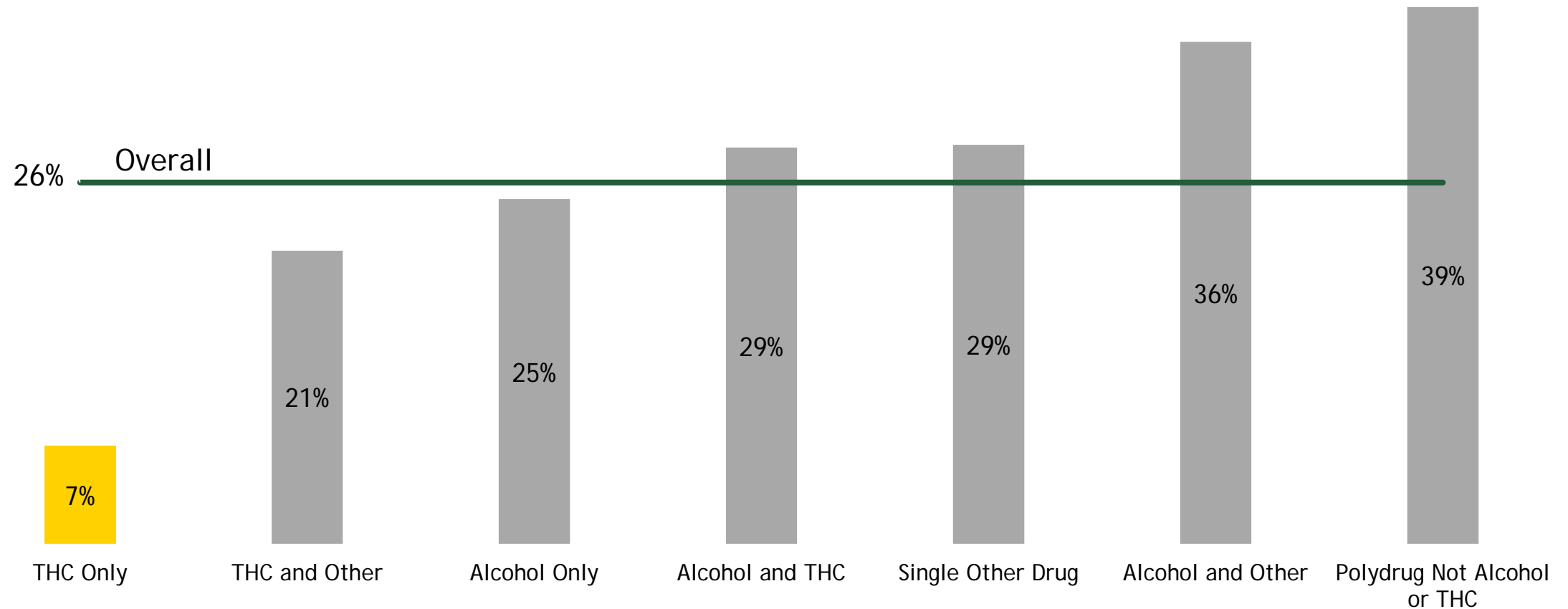
Drug		No. of Case Filings
Methamphetamine		747
Cocaine		449
Amphetamine		82
Stimulants Total		1,278
Alprazolam		273
Diazepam or Chlordiazepoxide		188
Clonazepam		150
Zolpidem		106
Lorazepam		100
Midazolam		17
Benzodiazepines Total		834
Oxycodone		67
Morphine		63
Tramadol		42
Codeine		35
Heroin		33
Hydrocodone		30
Opioid Total		270

DUI Conviction Rates by Single vs. Polydrug & THC Level, Colorado, 2018

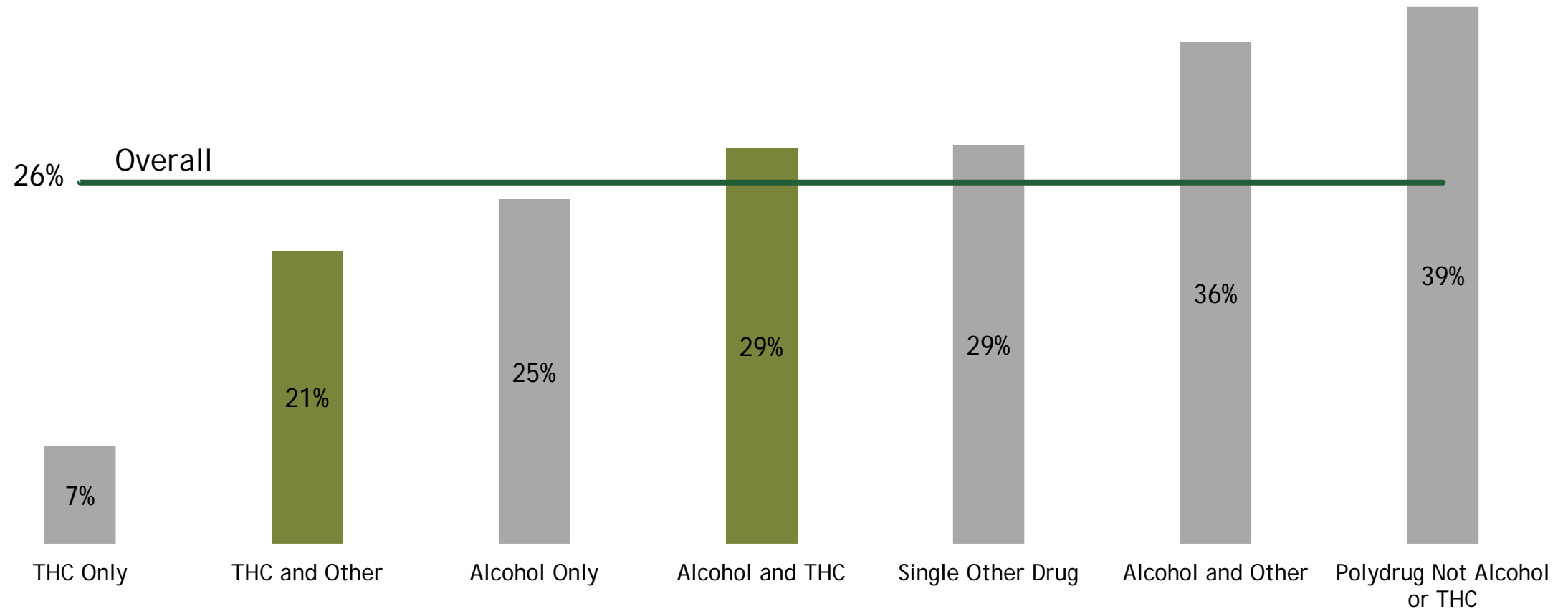


Source: Colorado Department of Public Safety, Division of Criminal Justice (2019). *Driving Under the Influence of Drugs and Alcohol*.

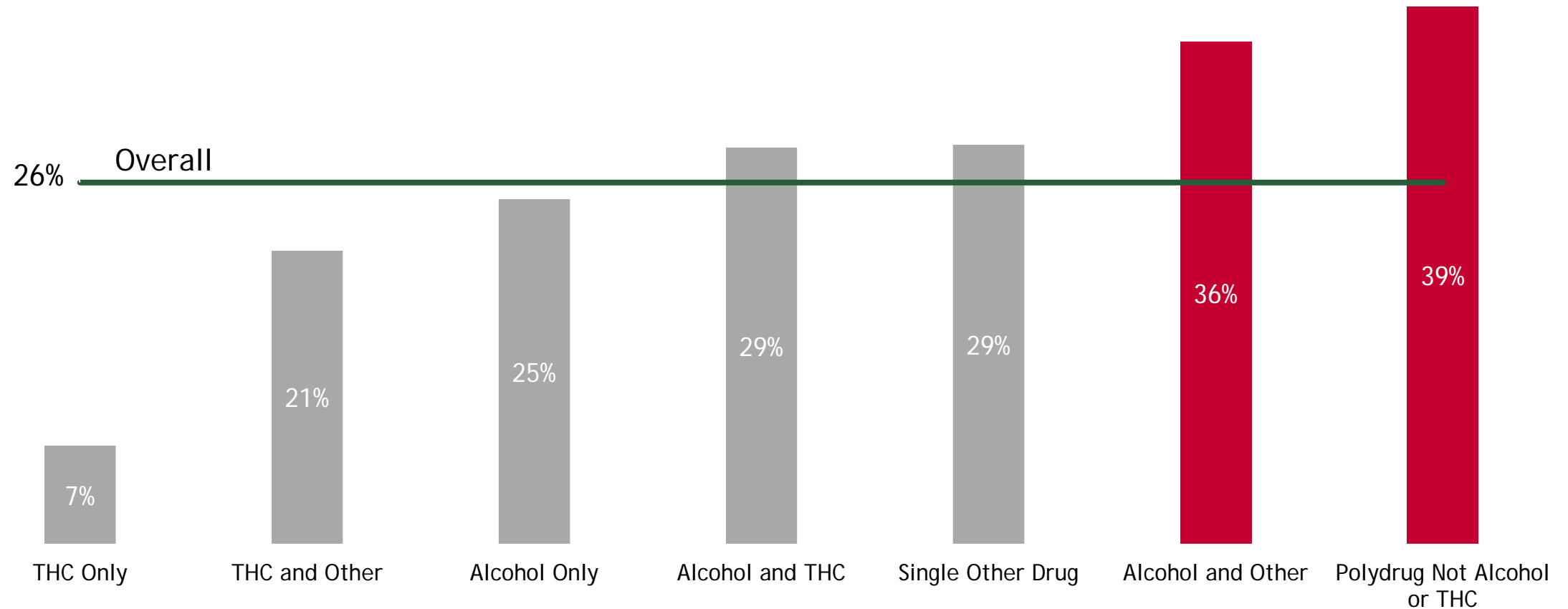
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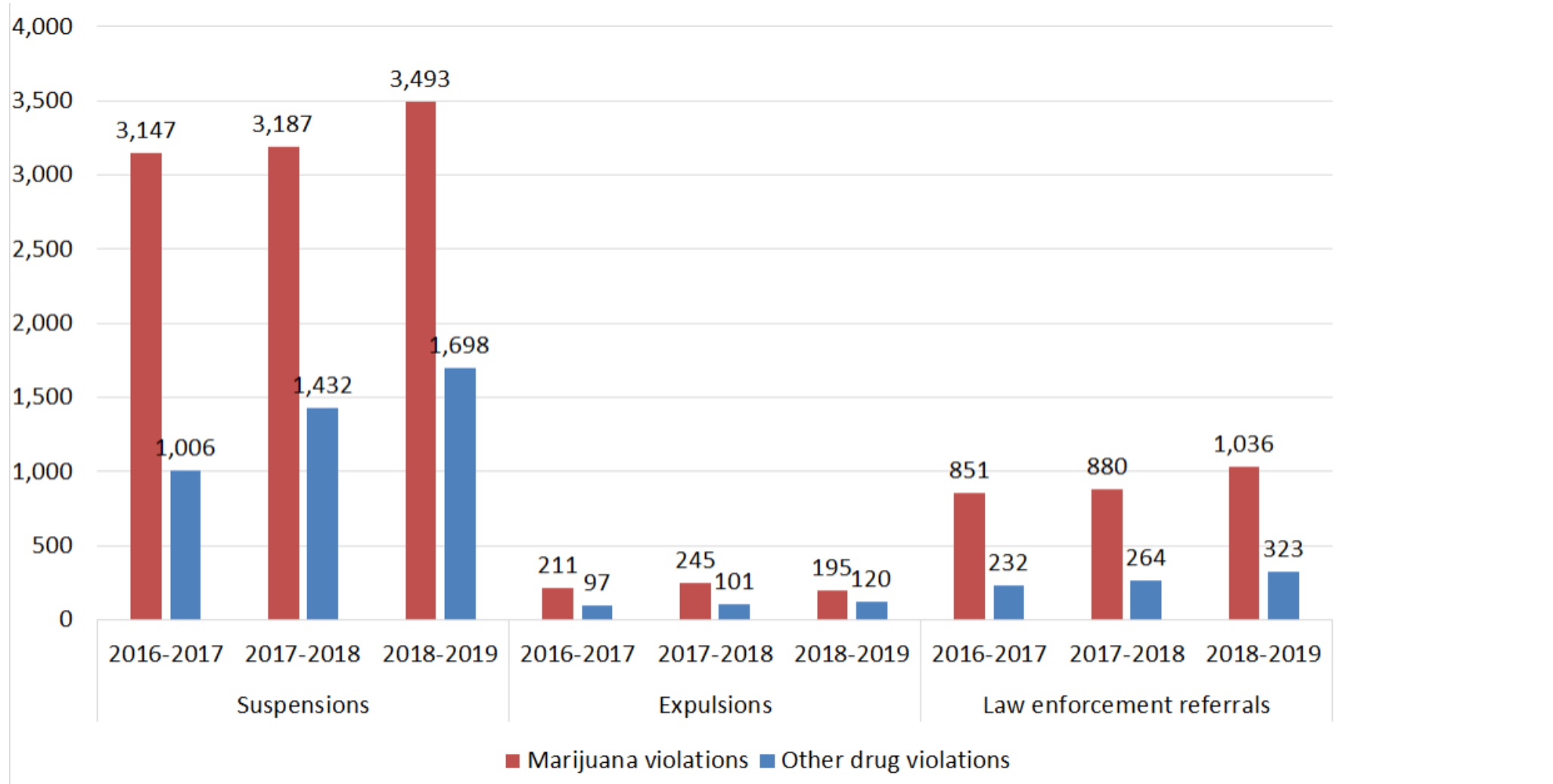
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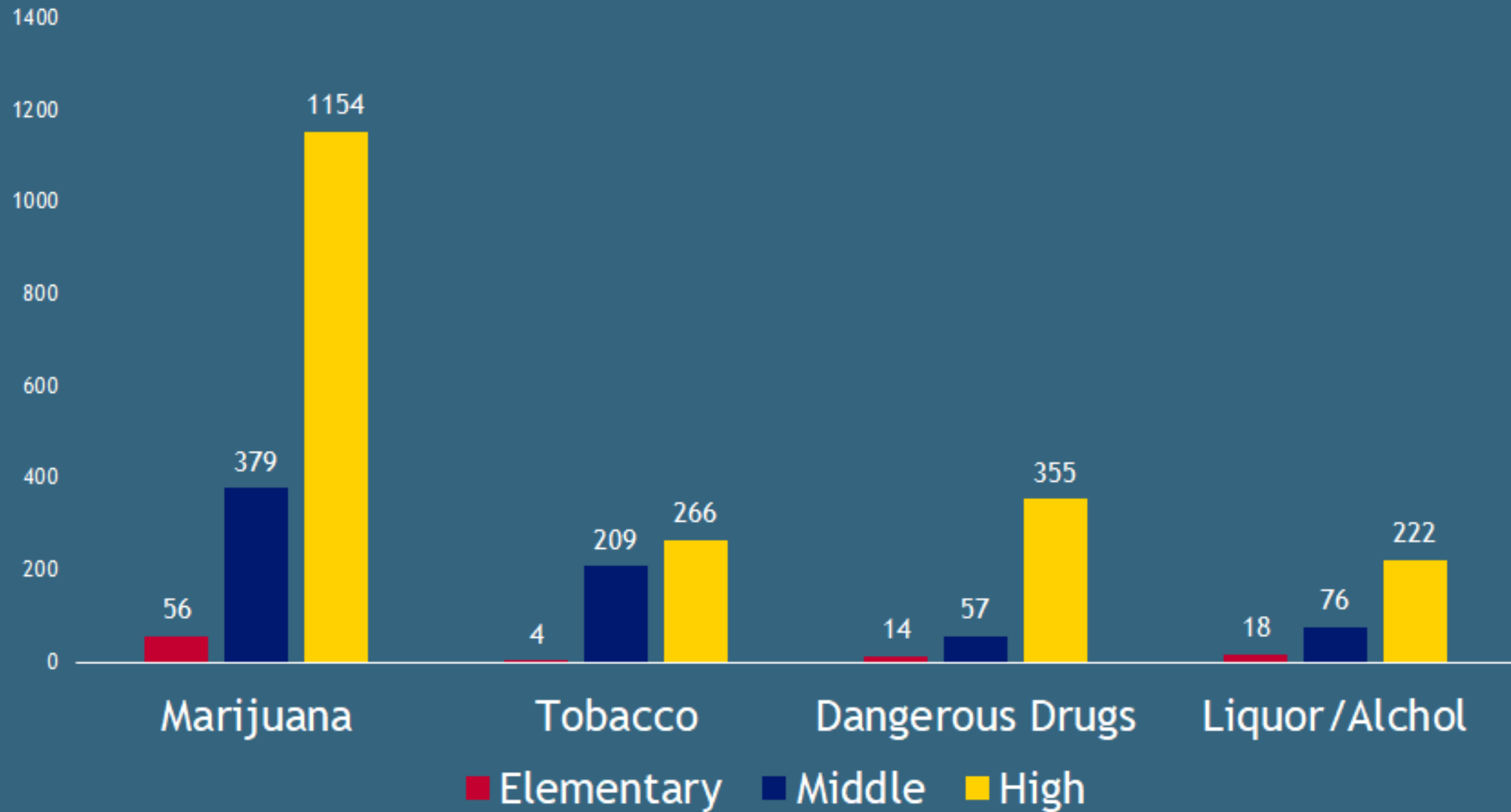
SECTION 3

School Discipline and Law Enforcement Contacts

School Discipline Outcomes for Marijuana vs. Other Drug Violations, Colorado, 2016-2017 to 2018 - 2019 School Years



Drug-Related Offenses for Students by School Type, Colorado, August 1, 2018 - June 30, 2019



Criminal Justice System Feeling the Strain of the Public Health Drug Crisis

- Increase in drug arrests and felony filings; rise in methamphetamine seizures and arrests
 - Increasing availability of treatment services and diversion programs to this high risk population
- Alcohol and polysubstance impaired driving still a public health issue

Monitoring school disciplinary Actions is important

- Marijuana violations are the primary reason for school suspensions, expulsions, and referrals to law enforcement
 - Importance of intervening earlier with substance use prevention efforts and promoting alternative disciplinary methods to reduce school-to-prison pipeline

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