



# *Criminal Justice Trends in Colorado*

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# Overview

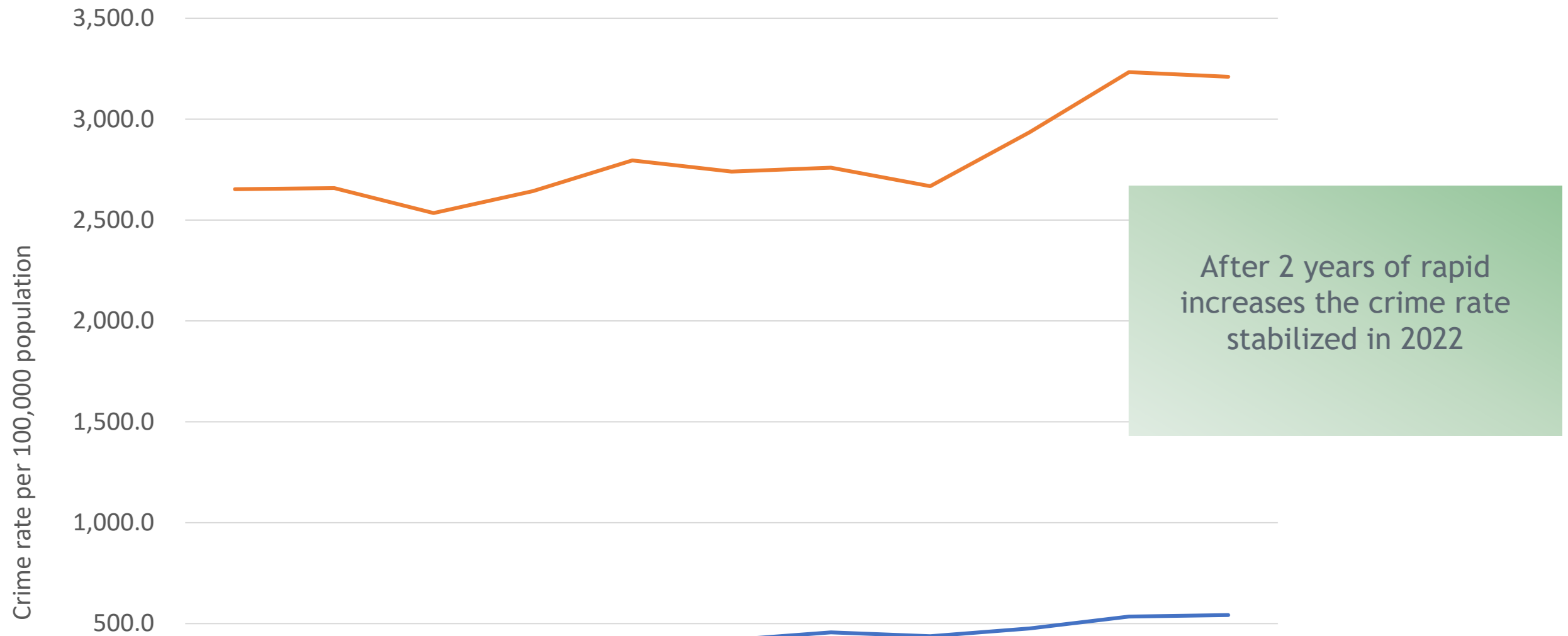
- ❖ Offenses & Arrests
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- ❖ Juvenile Correctional Populations

# Offenses & Arrests

# *National Crime Trends*

- ❖ Due to changes in FBI crime reporting requirements there is no “national crime” rate for 2021 and it is unclear when it will be calculated again
- ❖ The FBI moved *exclusively* to “incident-based” reporting in 2021
- ❖ States that have not met the incident-based reporting requirement include: Arizona, California, Florida, Illinois, Maryland, New Jersey, New York, & Pennsylvania

# Crime Rates in Colorado



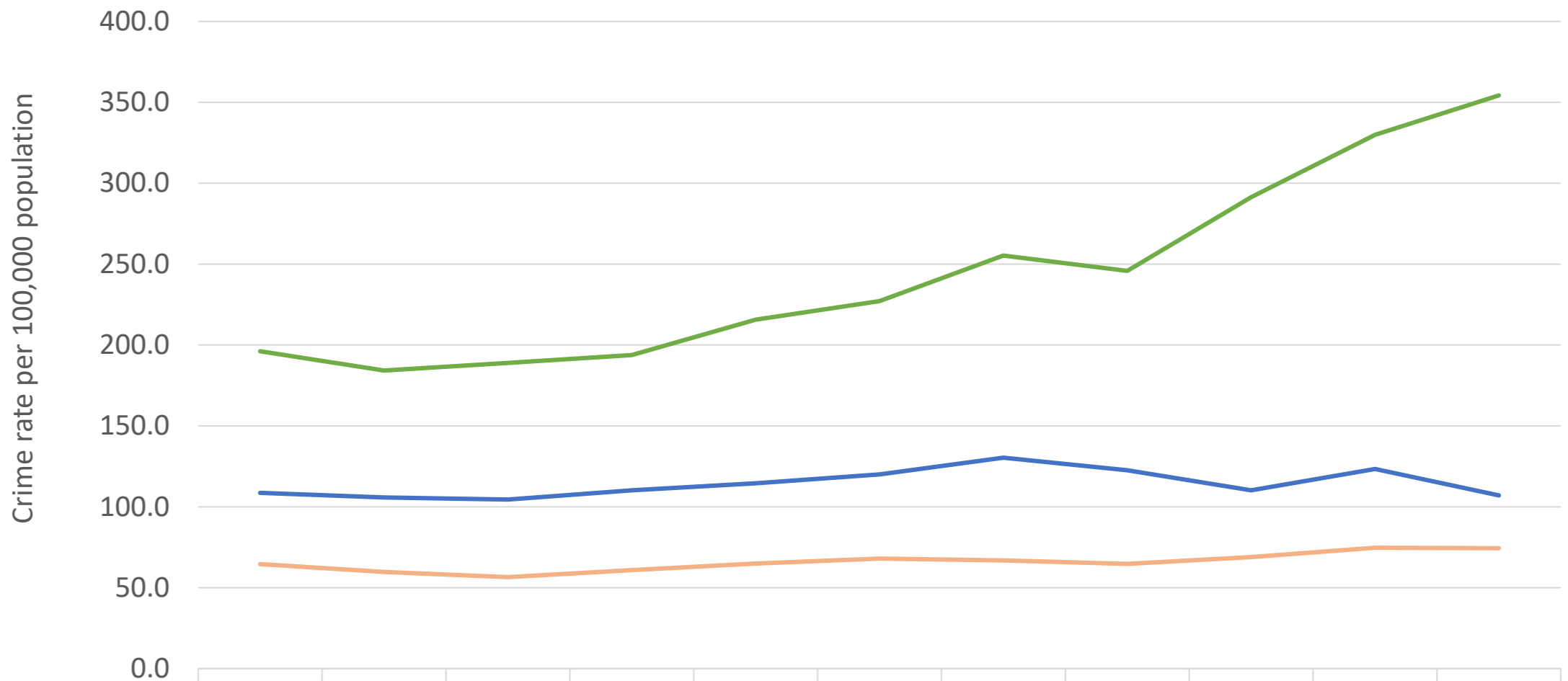
	2012	2013	2014	2015	2016	2017	2018	2019	2020	2021	2022
Property crime rate	2,652.6	2,658.3	2,534.4	2,643.5	2,795.2	2,740.0	2,759.4	2,667.8	2,935.2	3,232.8	3,210.2
Violent crime rate	372.5	353.1	352.8	368.0	398.9	419.1	456.4	437.1	475.8	534.4	542.1

Source: Colorado Bureau of Investigation, *Colorado Crime Statistics*.

Note: Violent crime consists of homicide, non-consensual sex offenses, robbery, and aggravated assault. Property crime consists of burglary, motor vehicle theft, and larceny/theft.

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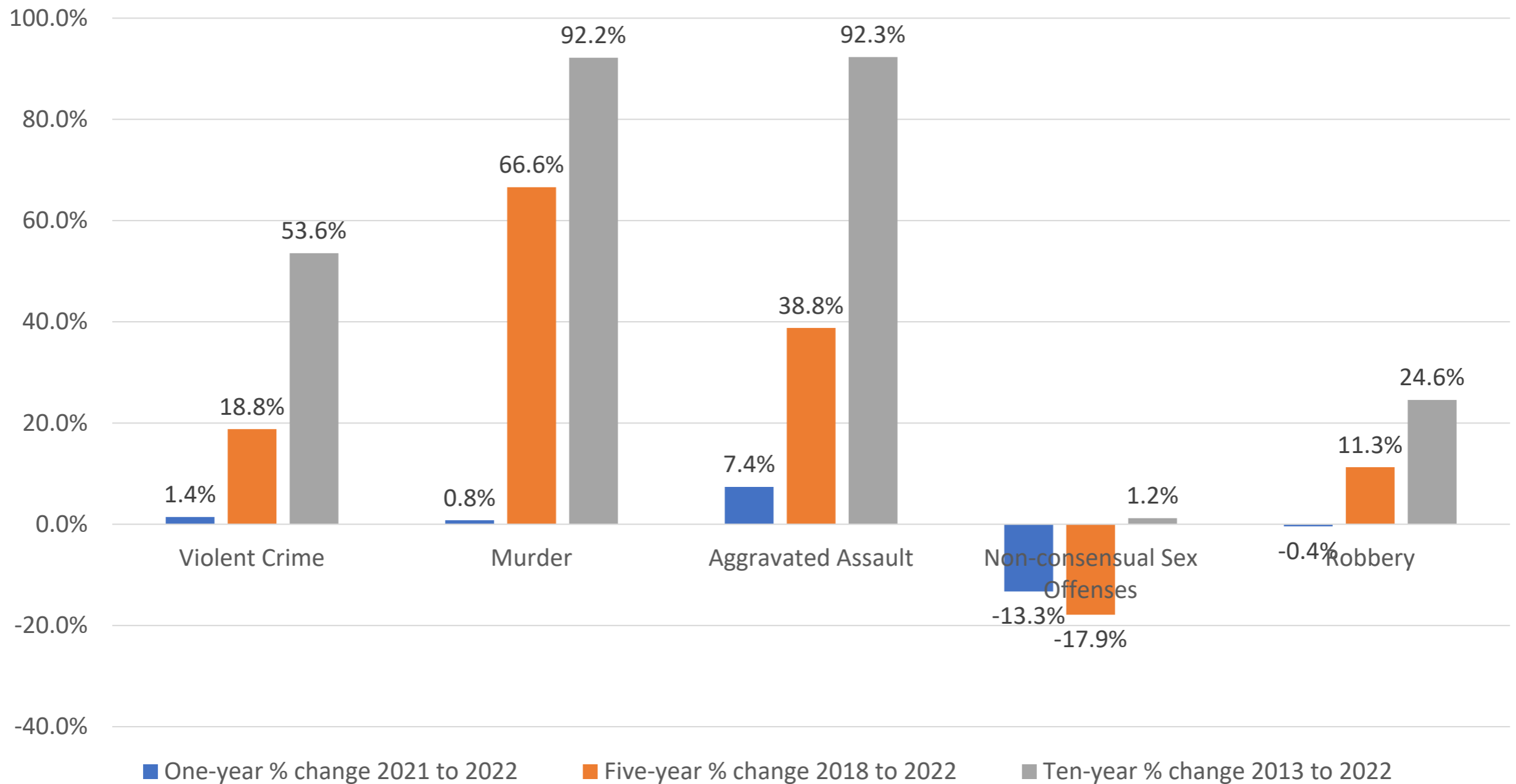
# Violent Crime Rate Trends in Colorado



	2012	2013	2014	2015	2016	2017	2018	2019	2020	2021	2022
— Aggravated Assault	196.1	184.2	188.9	193.8	215.7	227.2	255.3	245.8	291.4	329.9	354.3
— Non-consensual Sex Offenses	108.6	105.8	104.5	110.2	114.6	120.0	130.4	122.6	110.2	123.4	107.0
— Robbery	64.6	59.8	56.5	60.9	65.0	68.0	66.9	64.7	68.9	74.7	74.4

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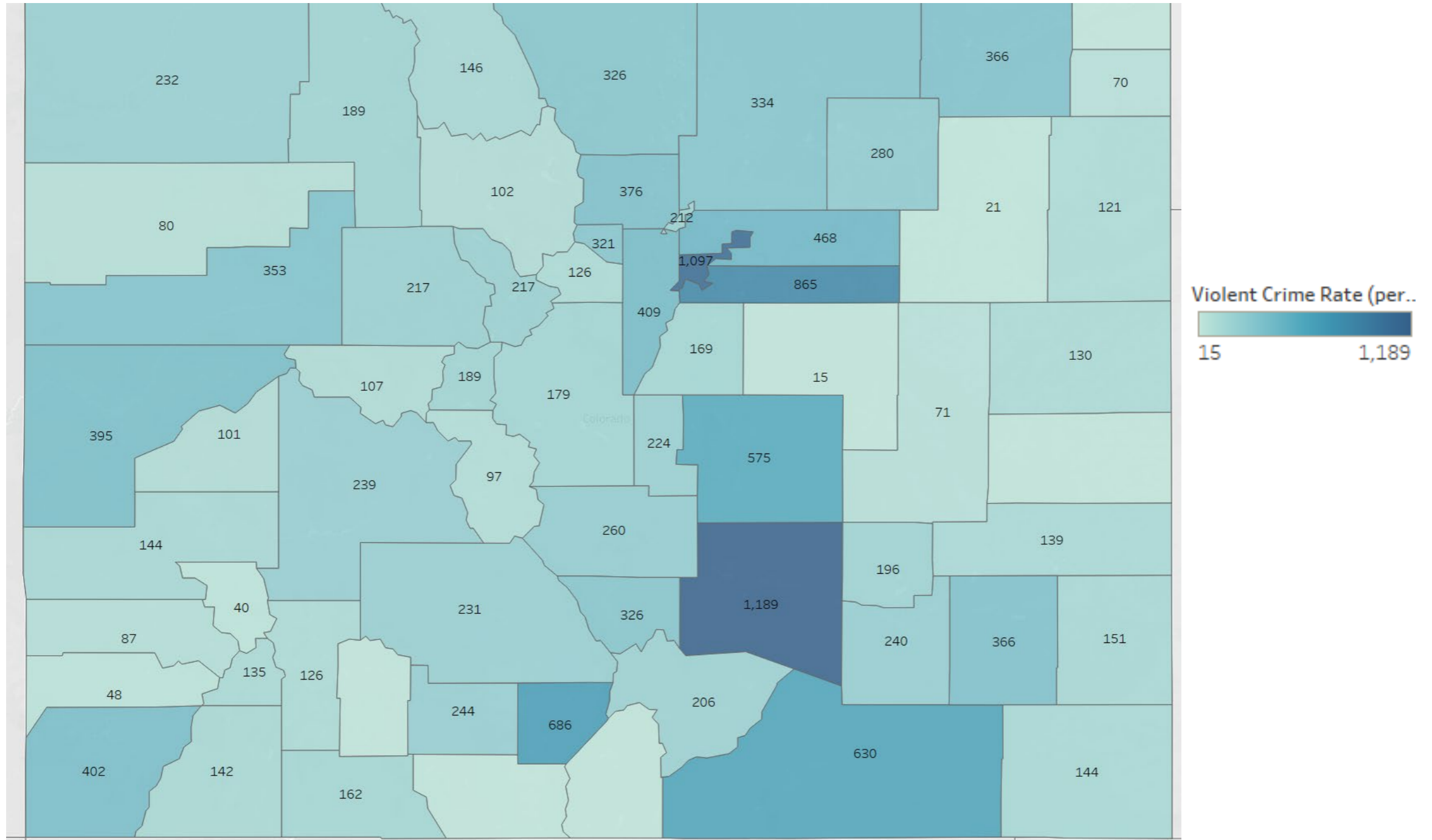
# Violent Crime Rate Change in Colorado



Source: Colorado Bureau of Investigation, *Colorado Crime Statistics*.  
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# County Violent Crime Rate 2022



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Note: Crime rate is calculated per 100,000 population in the county. For purposes of these calculations Aurora was entirely included in Arapahoe County.

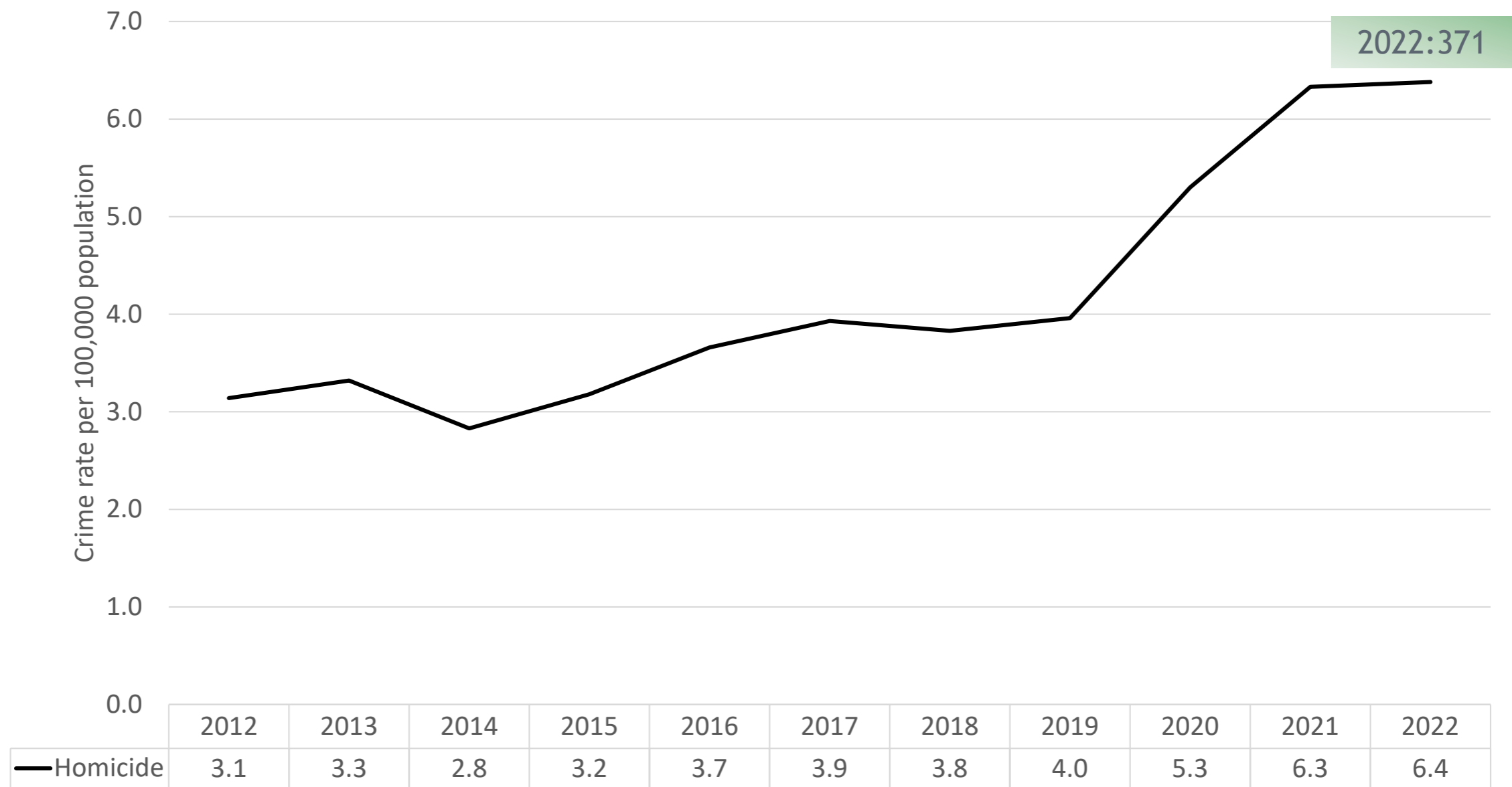
Violent crime includes murder, non-consensual sexual assault, robbery, and aggravated assault.

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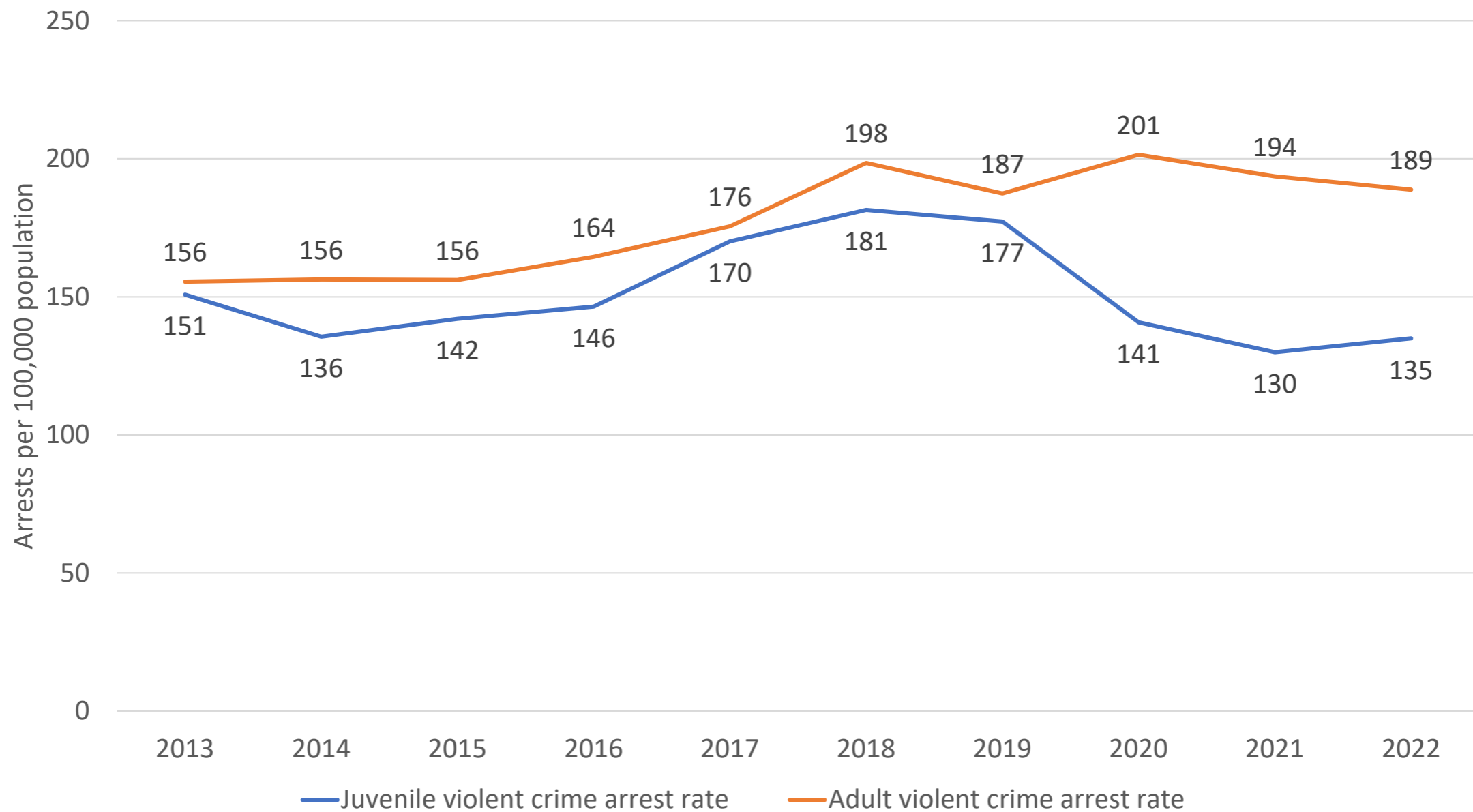


# Homicide Rate Trends in Colorado



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# Violent Crime Arrest Rate

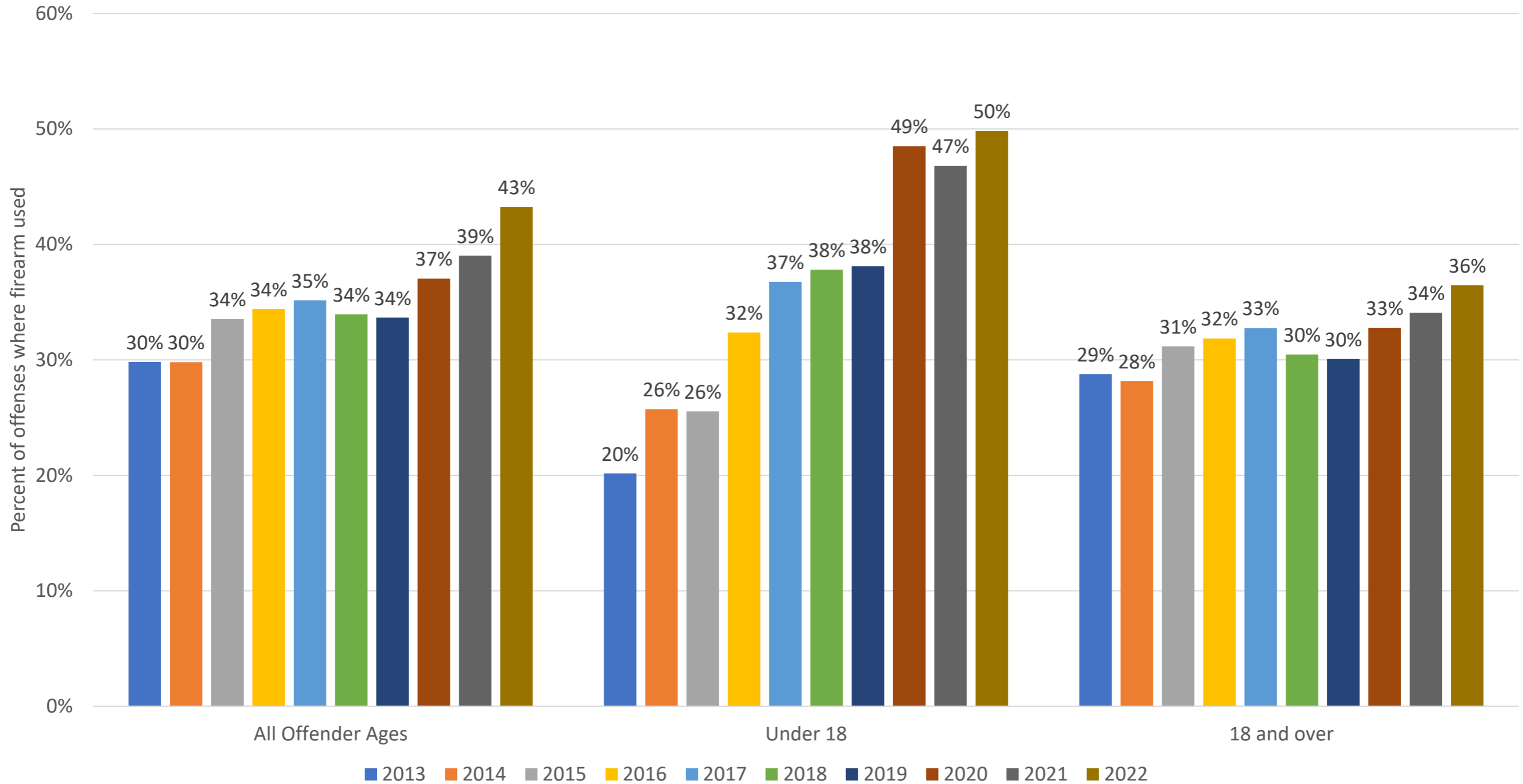


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Note: Juvenile arrest rate calculated per 100,000 population age 10 to 17 and adult rate calculated per 100,000 population age 18 and over.

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# Use of a Firearm During Violent Crime in Colorado



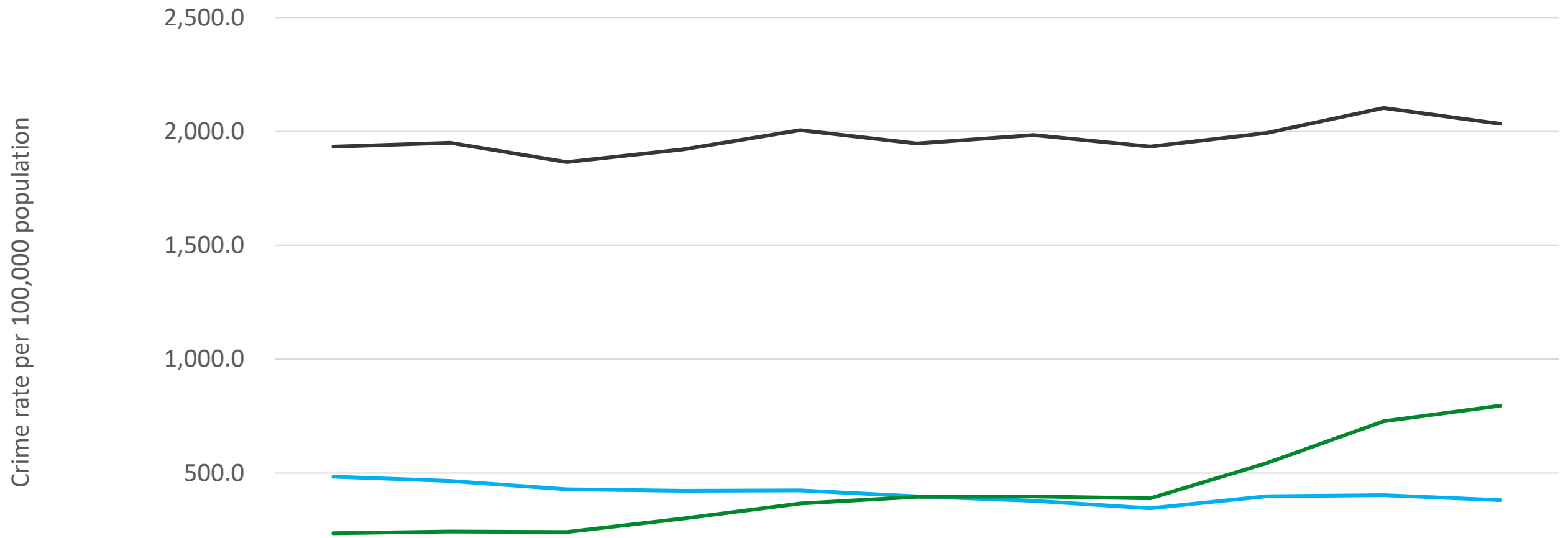
Source: Colorado Bureau of Investigation, *Colorado Crime Statistics*.

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# Property Crime Rates in Colorado

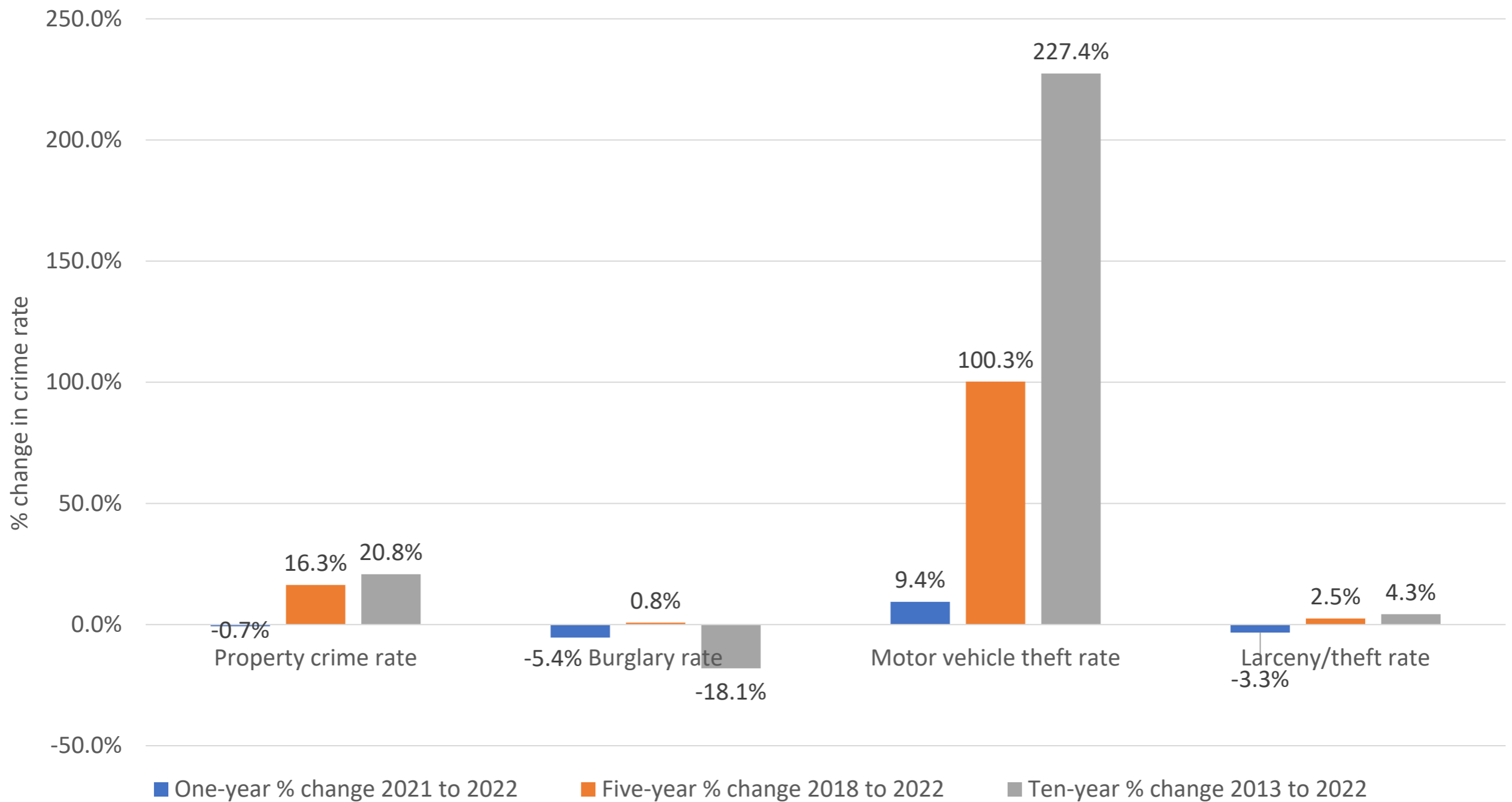


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— Burglary	484.1	465.0	428.4	422.0	423.5	397.6	377.9	345.3	398.1	402.7	381.0
— Motor vehicle theft	235.5	243.0	240.6	300.0	365.9	395.3	397.3	388.9	543.6	727.2	795.6
— Larceny/theft	1,933.0	1,950.3	1,865.4	1,921.5	2,005.9	1,947.0	1,984.2	1,933.7	1,993.5	2,102.9	2,033.6

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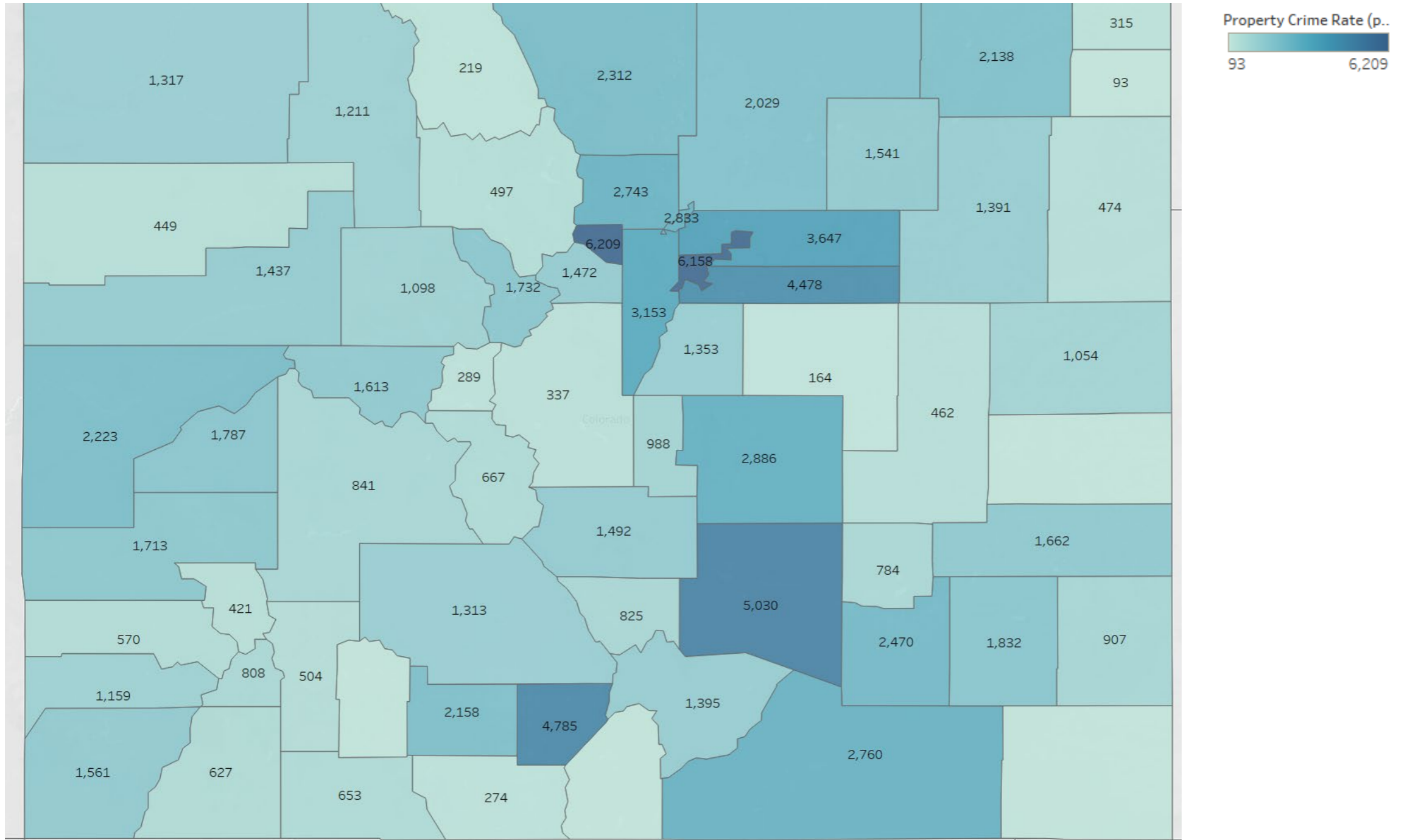
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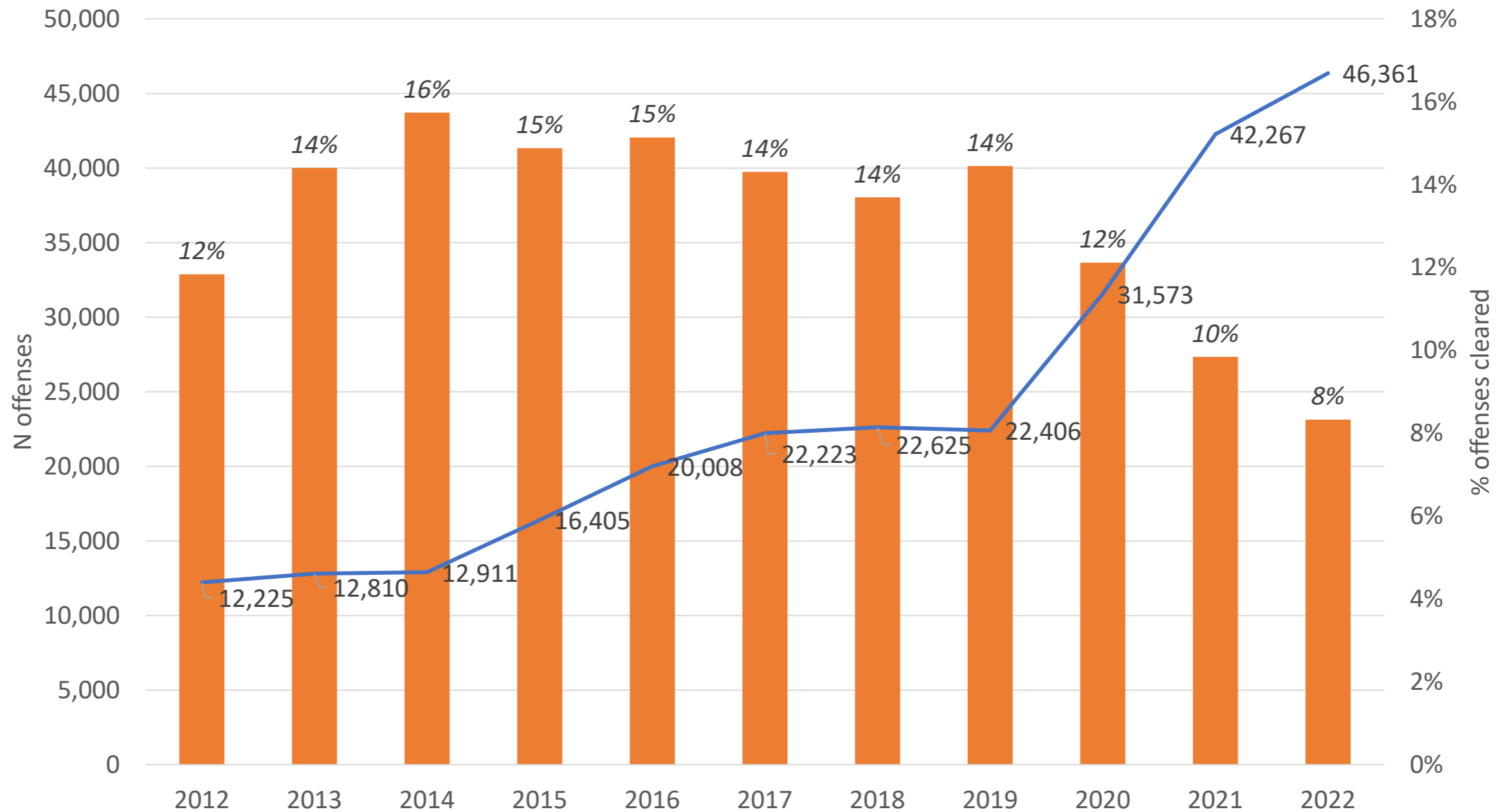


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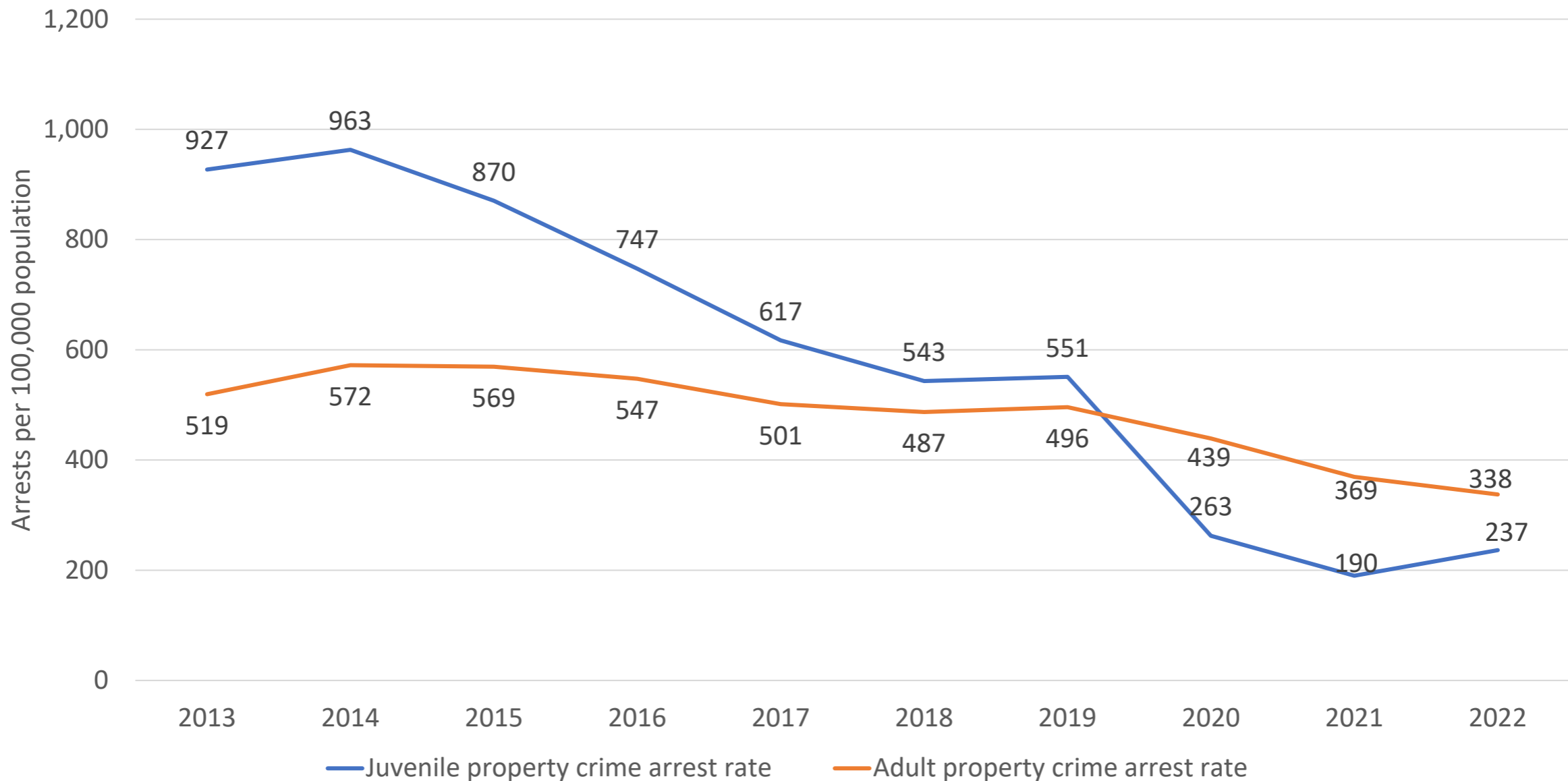
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# Motor Vehicle Theft & Clearance Rates



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# Property Crime Arrest Rate



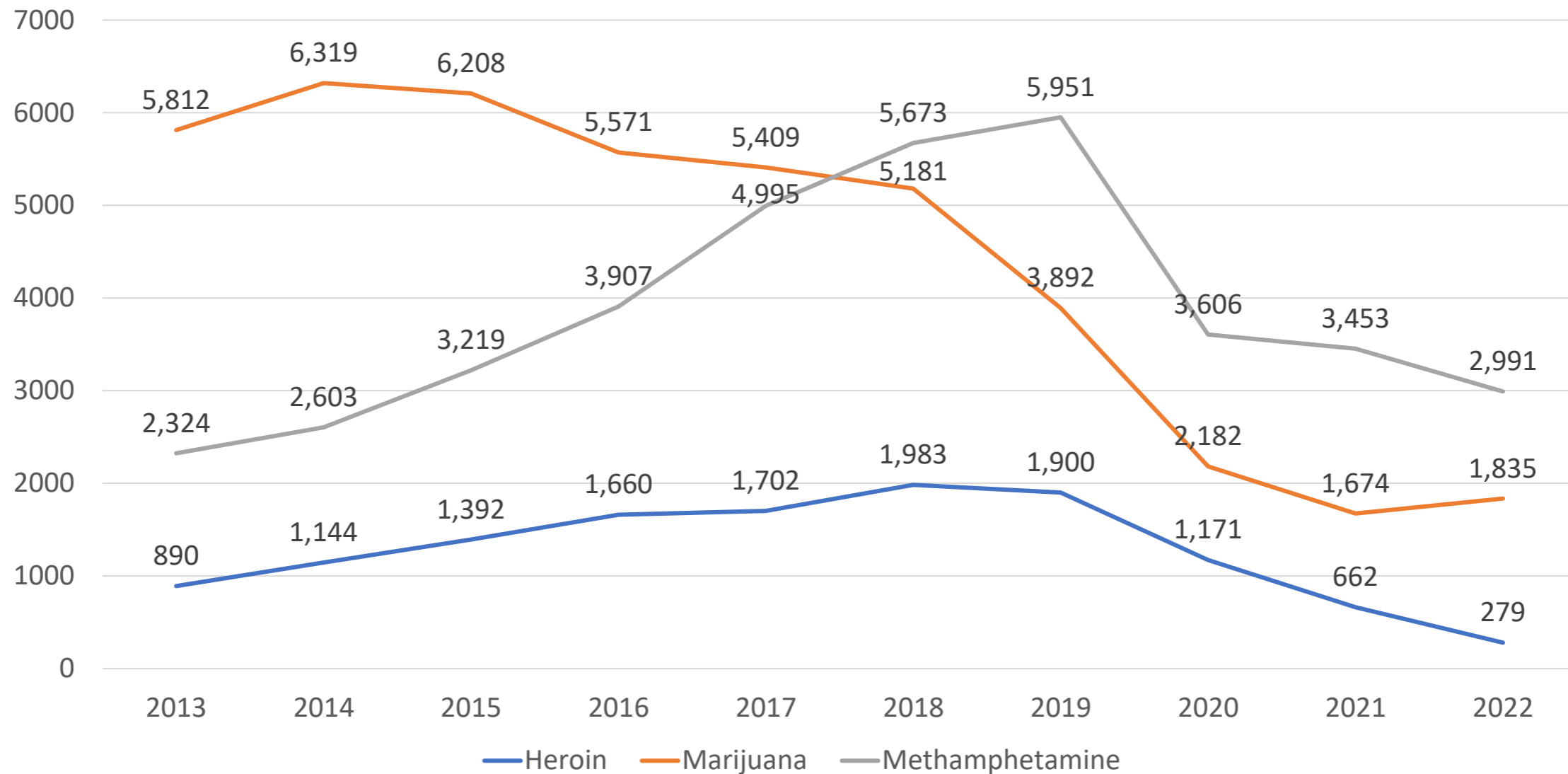
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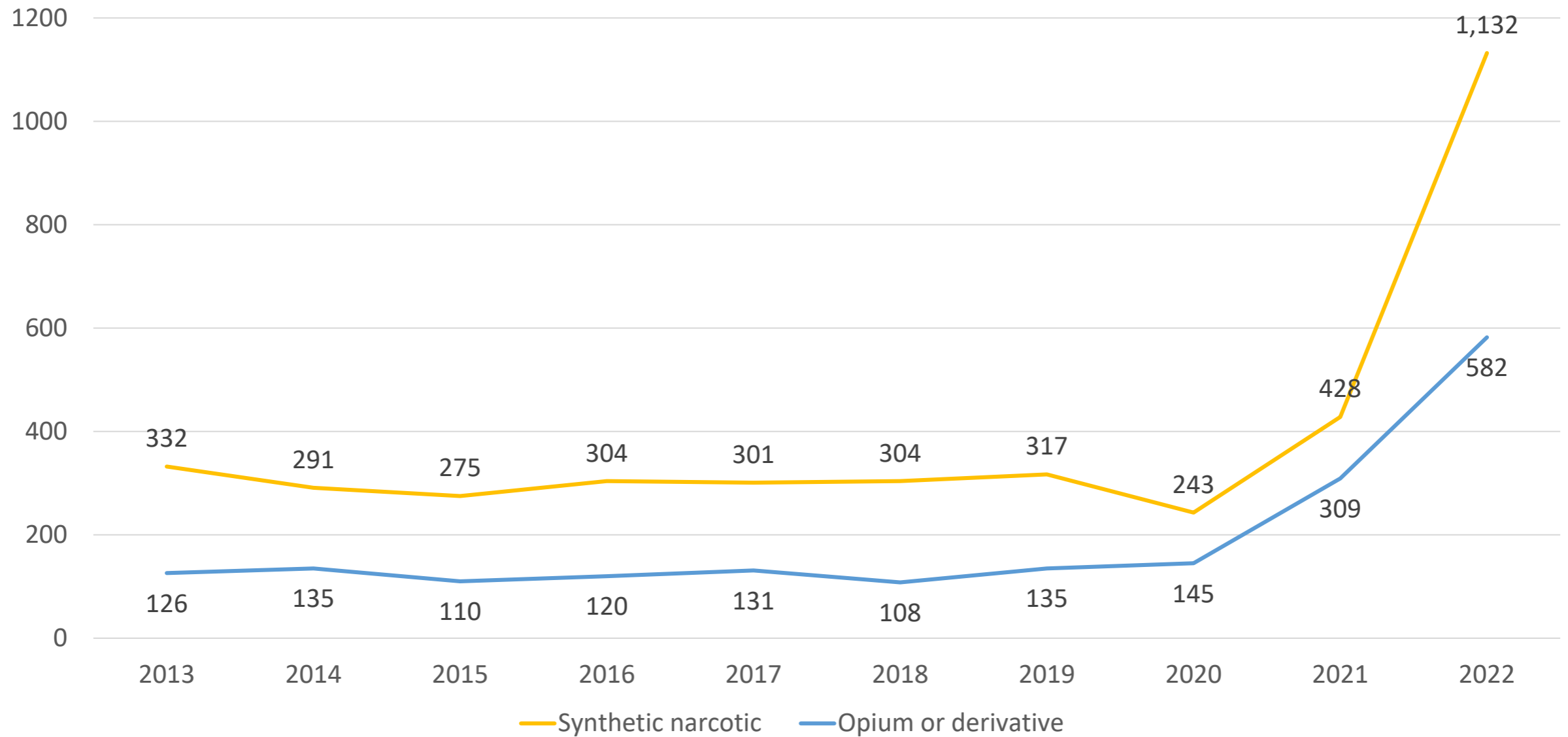


# Drug Arrest Downward Trends



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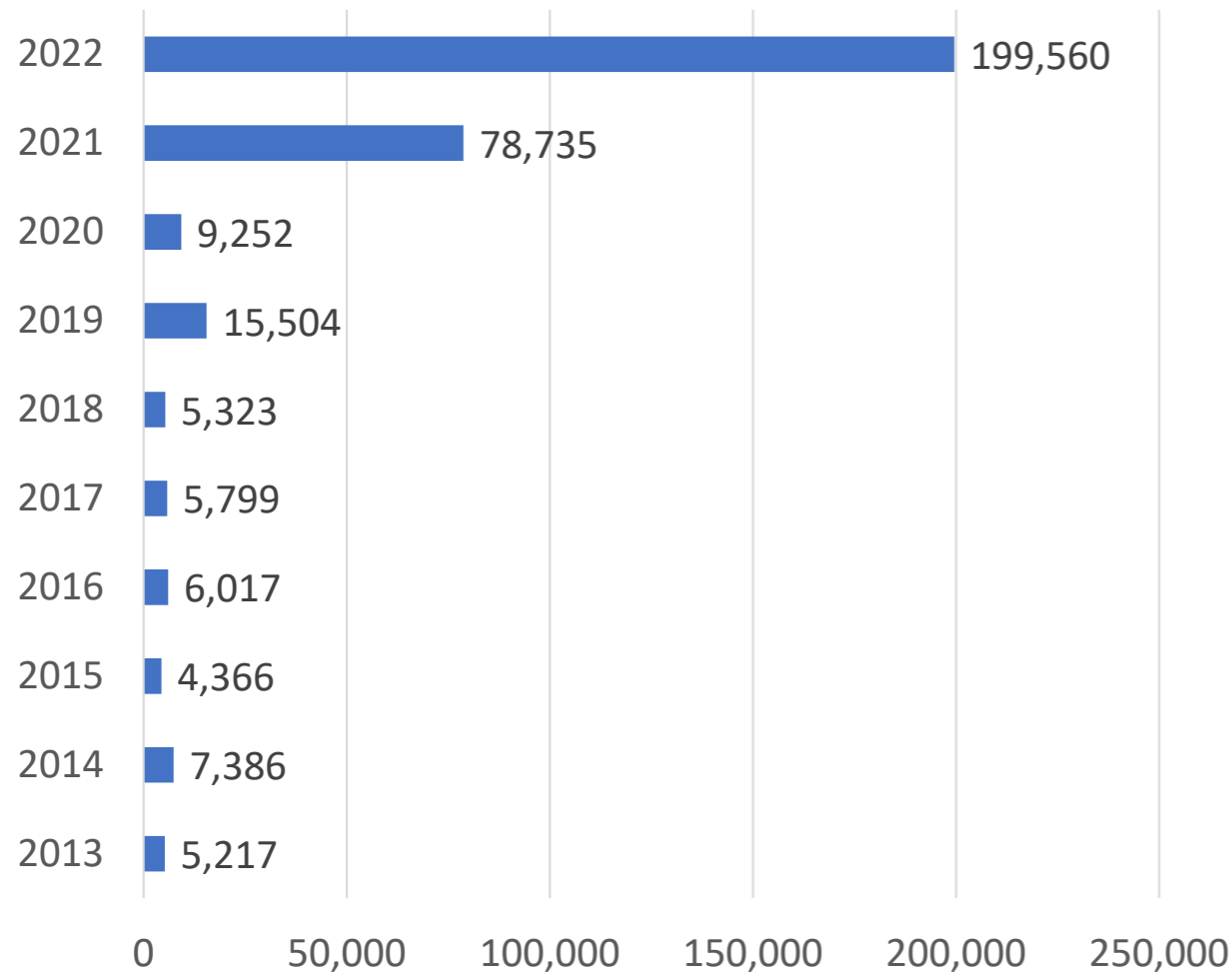
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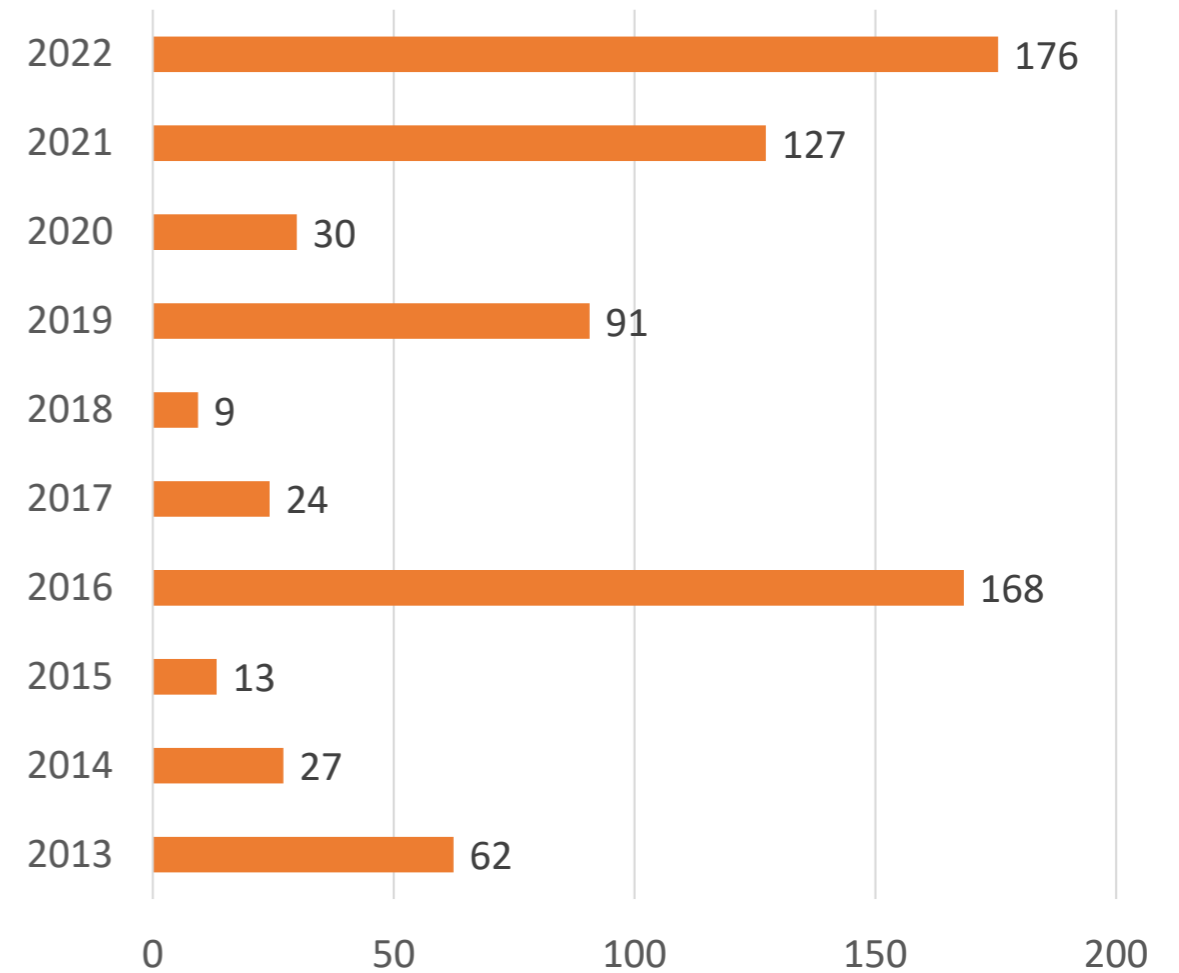
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# Synthetic Narcotic Seizures reported to CBI

## Total Synthetic Narcotic Dosage Units Seized



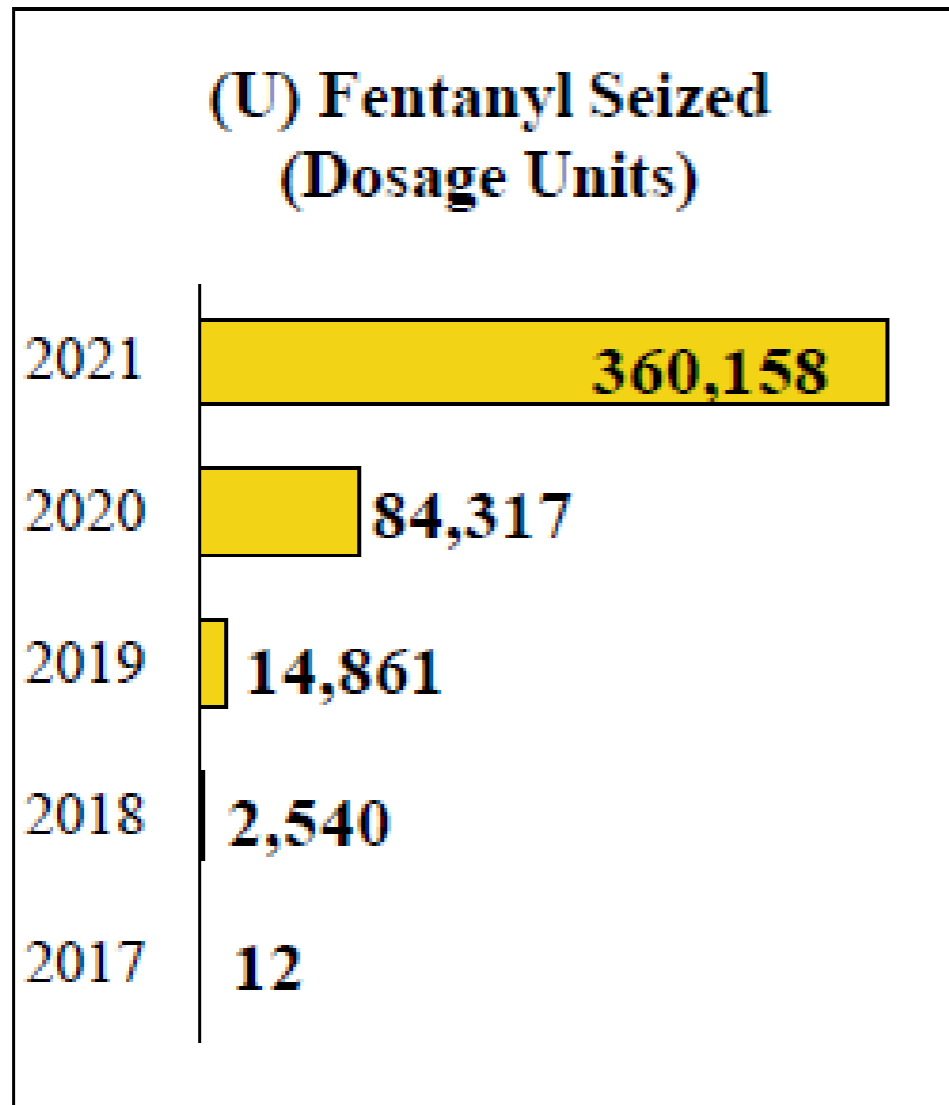
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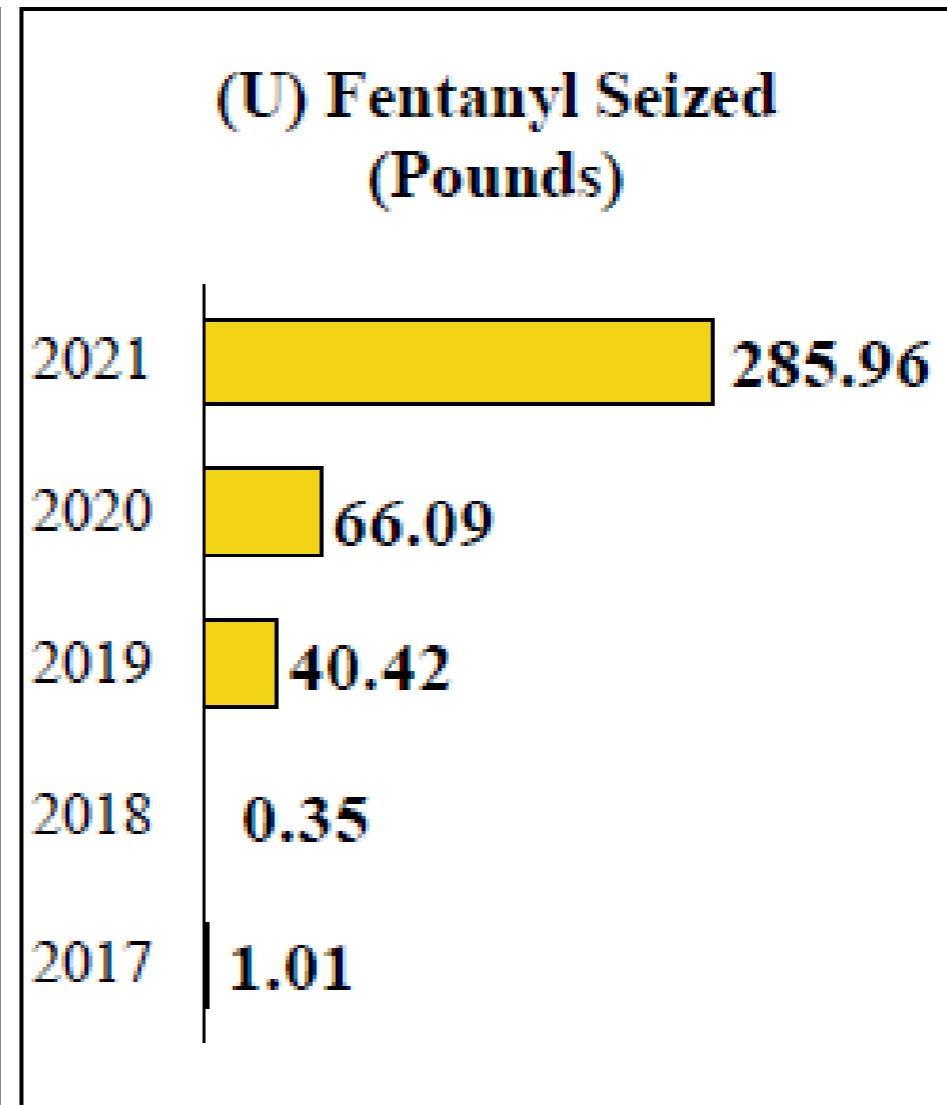
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# Fentanyl Seizures reported by RMHIDTA



(U) Source: RMHIDTA PMP

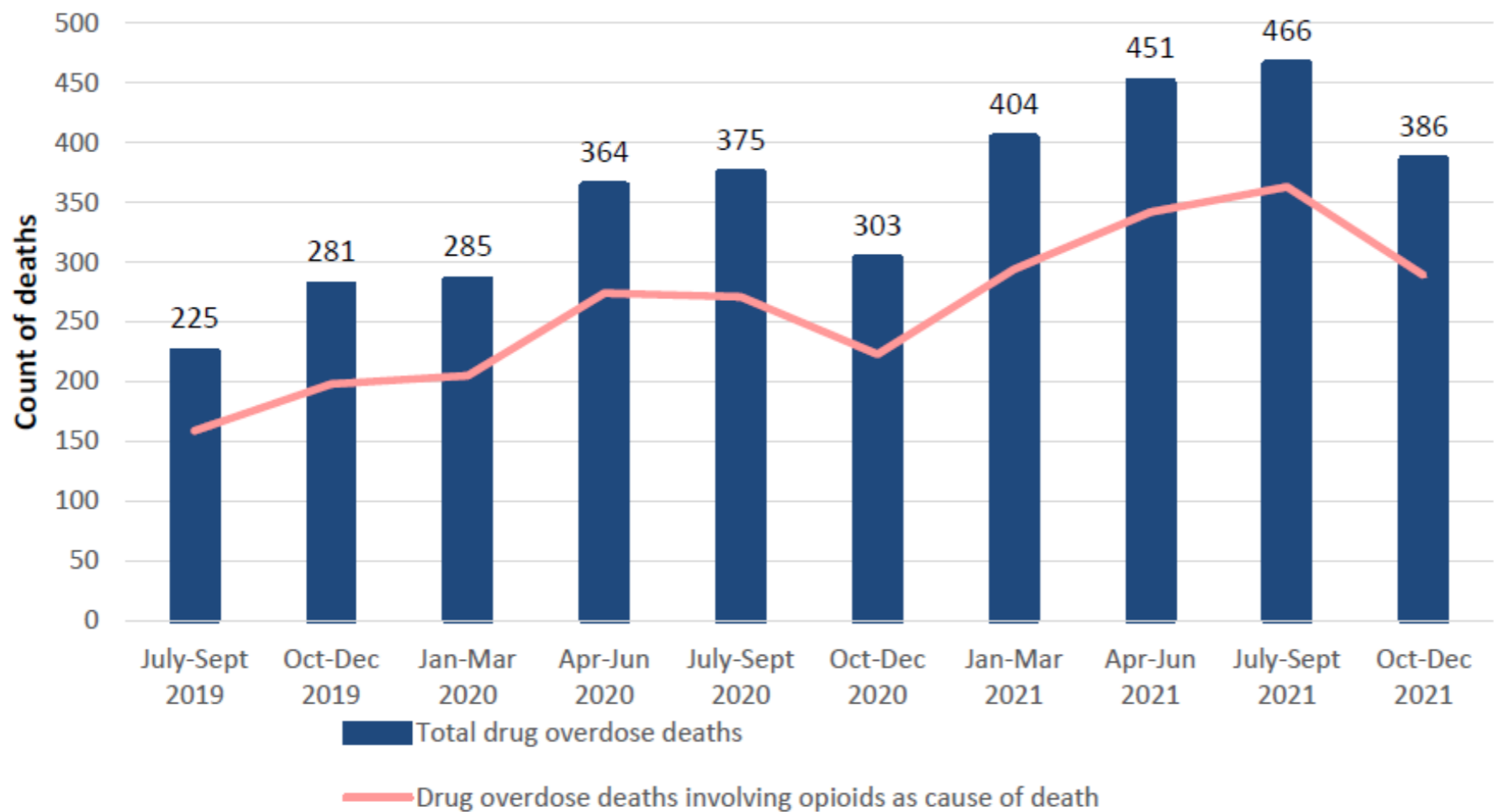


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Source: Rocky Mountain High Intensity Drug Trafficking Areas.

# Drug Overdose trends

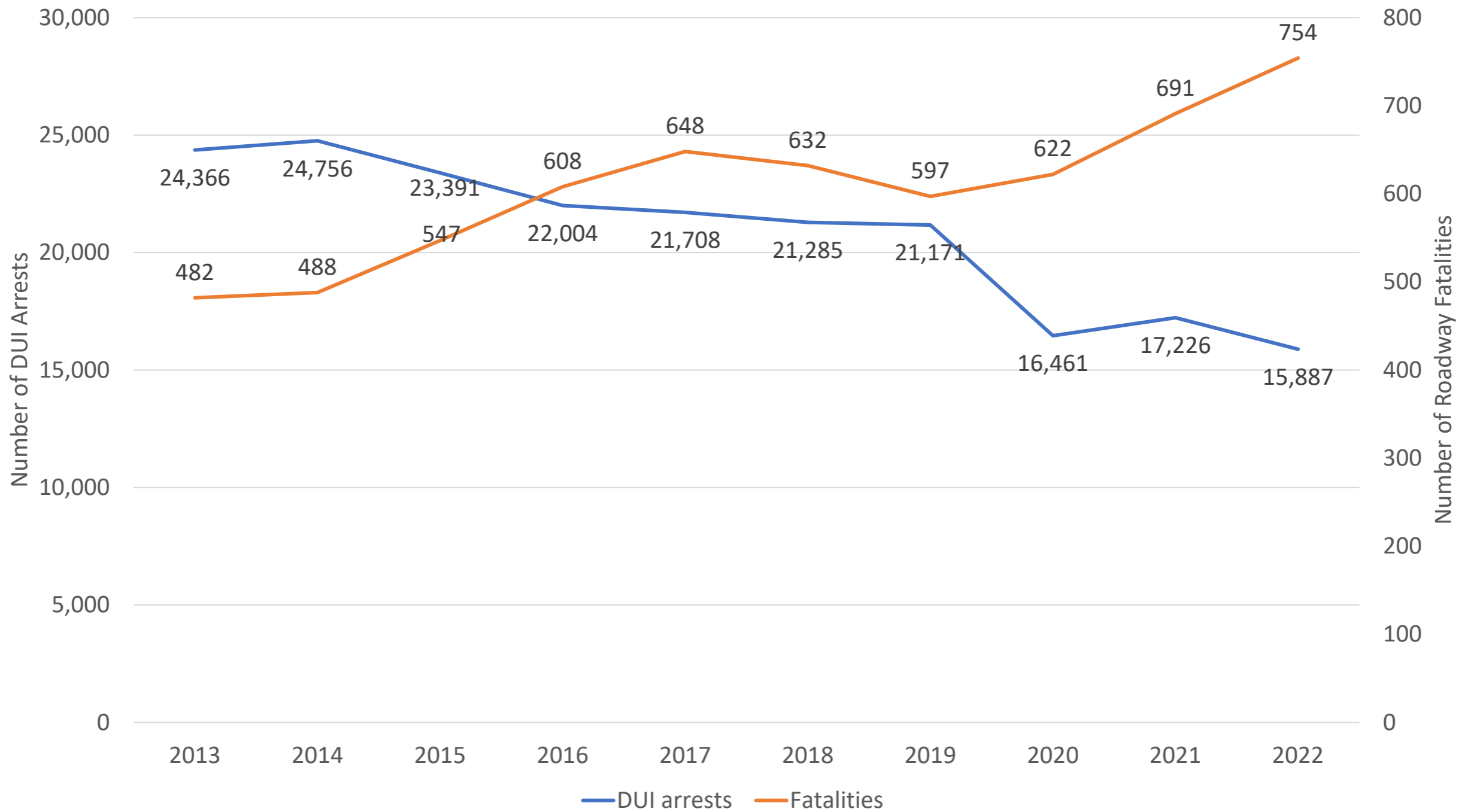
Figure 1. Total drug overdose deaths (unintentional and undetermined manner) and overdose deaths involving opioids by quarter, Colorado occurrences, July 2019 - December 2021.



- ❖ 74.3% of drug overdose deaths attributed to an opioid of some kind
- ❖ 48.4% attributed specifically to fentanyl

Opioids may include prescription opioid analgesics, methadone, heroin, and all forms of fentanyl.  
 Source: State Unintentional Drug Overdose Reporting System, Colorado Department of Public Health and Environment

# DUI Arrests & Roadway Fatalities

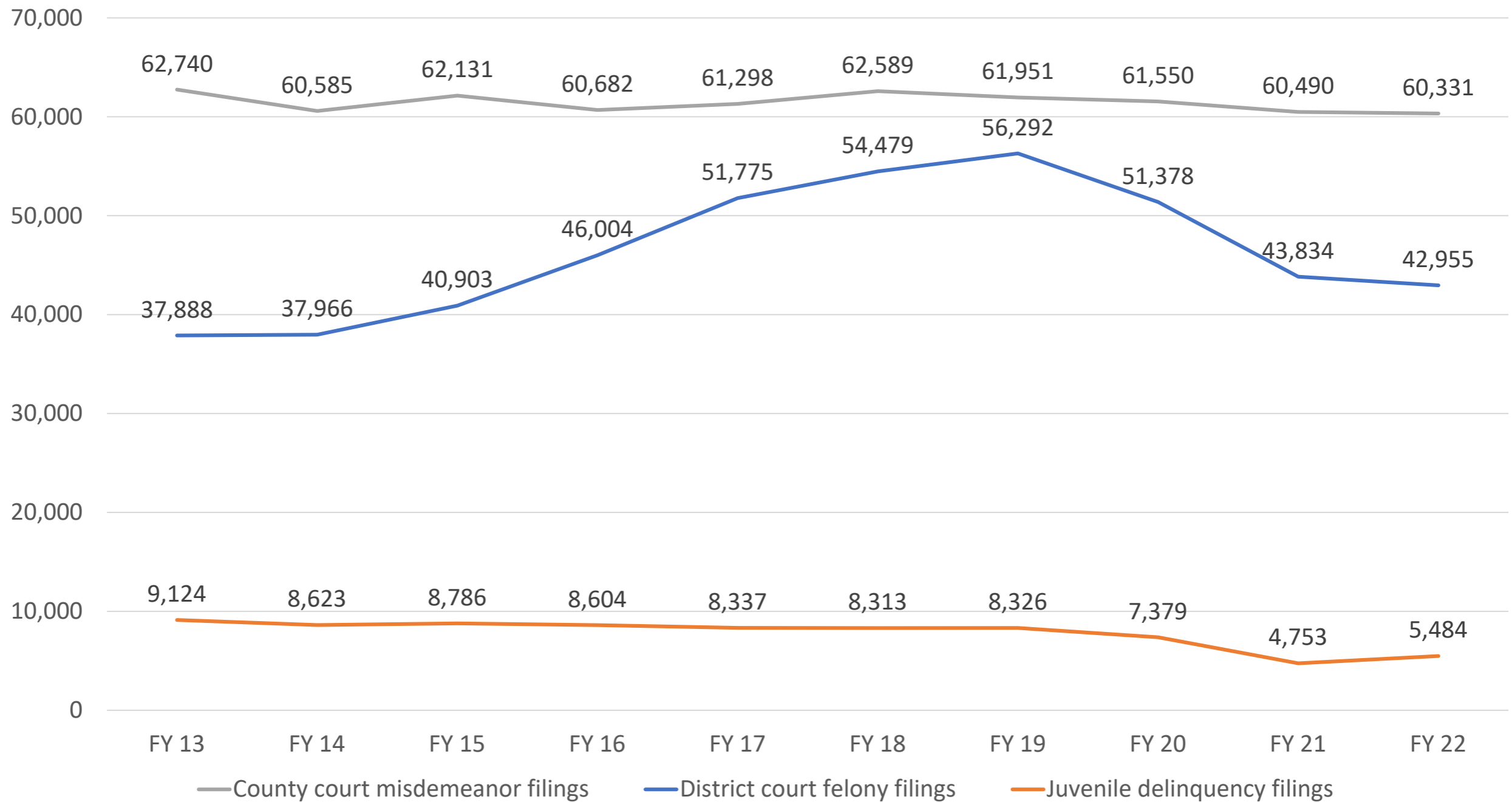


Source: Colorado Bureau of Investigation, *Colorado Crime Statistics*; Colorado Department of Transportation, *Colorado Historical Fatality Trends*.  
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# Court Filings

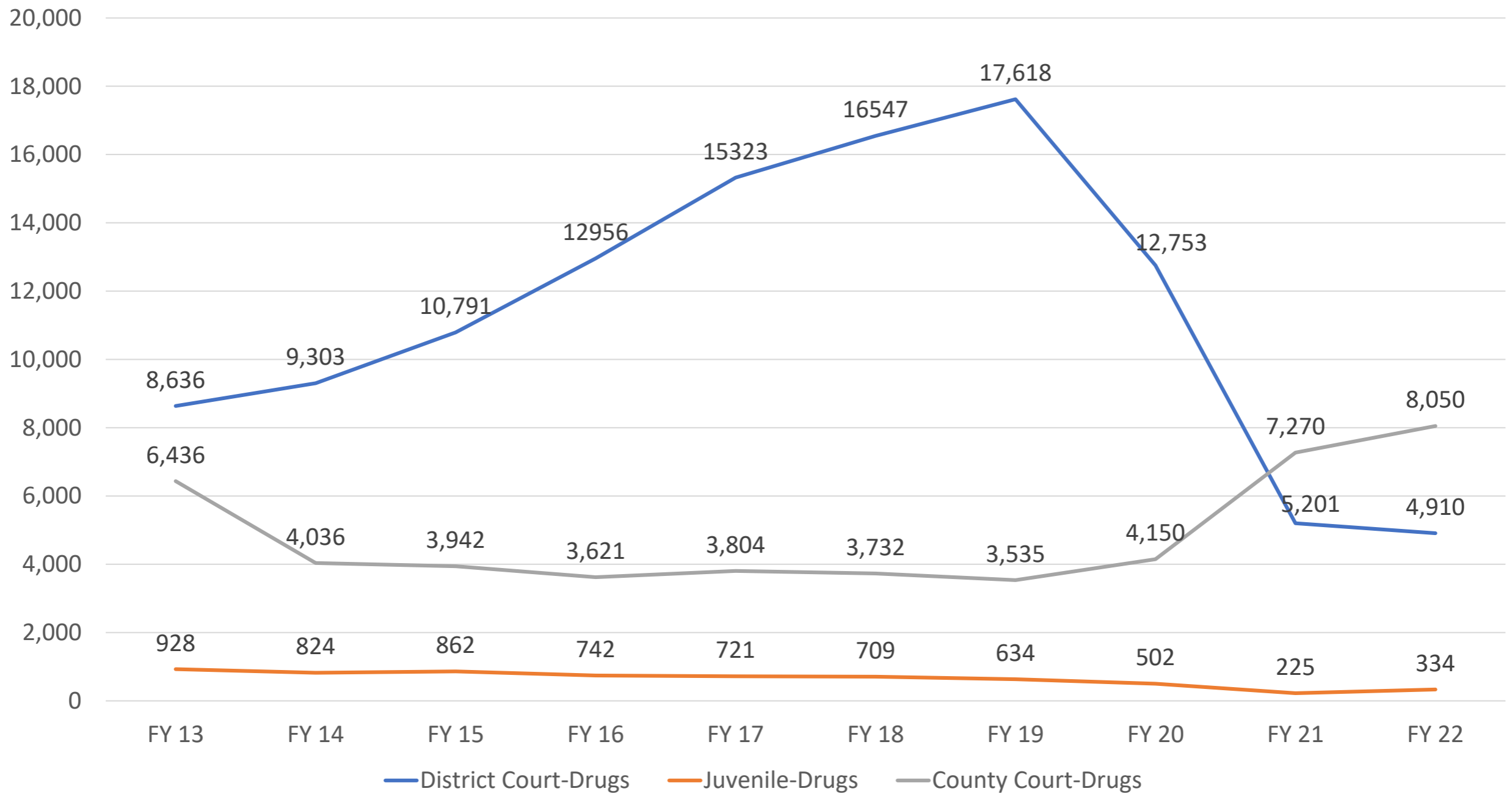
# Court Filing Trends



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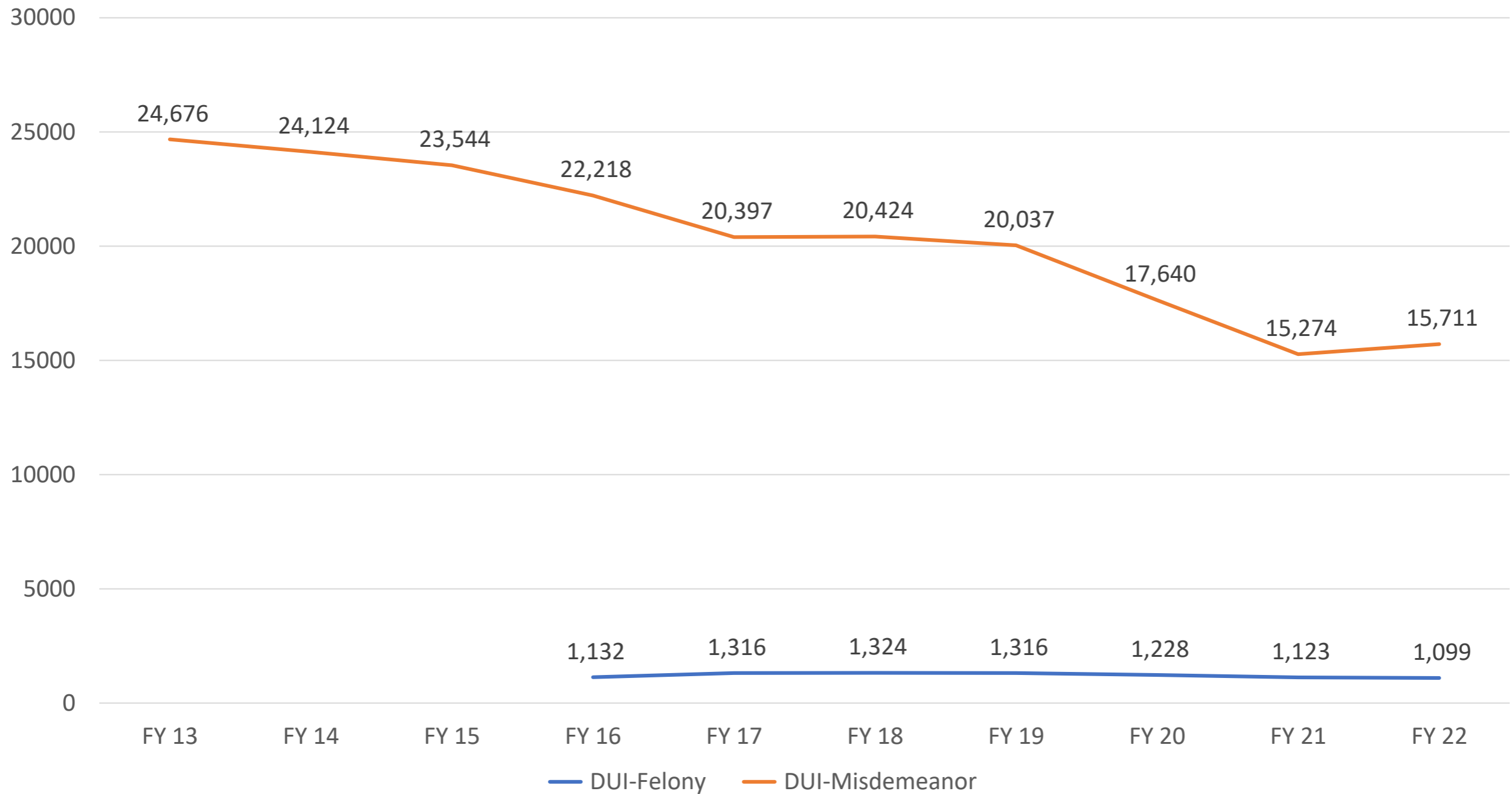


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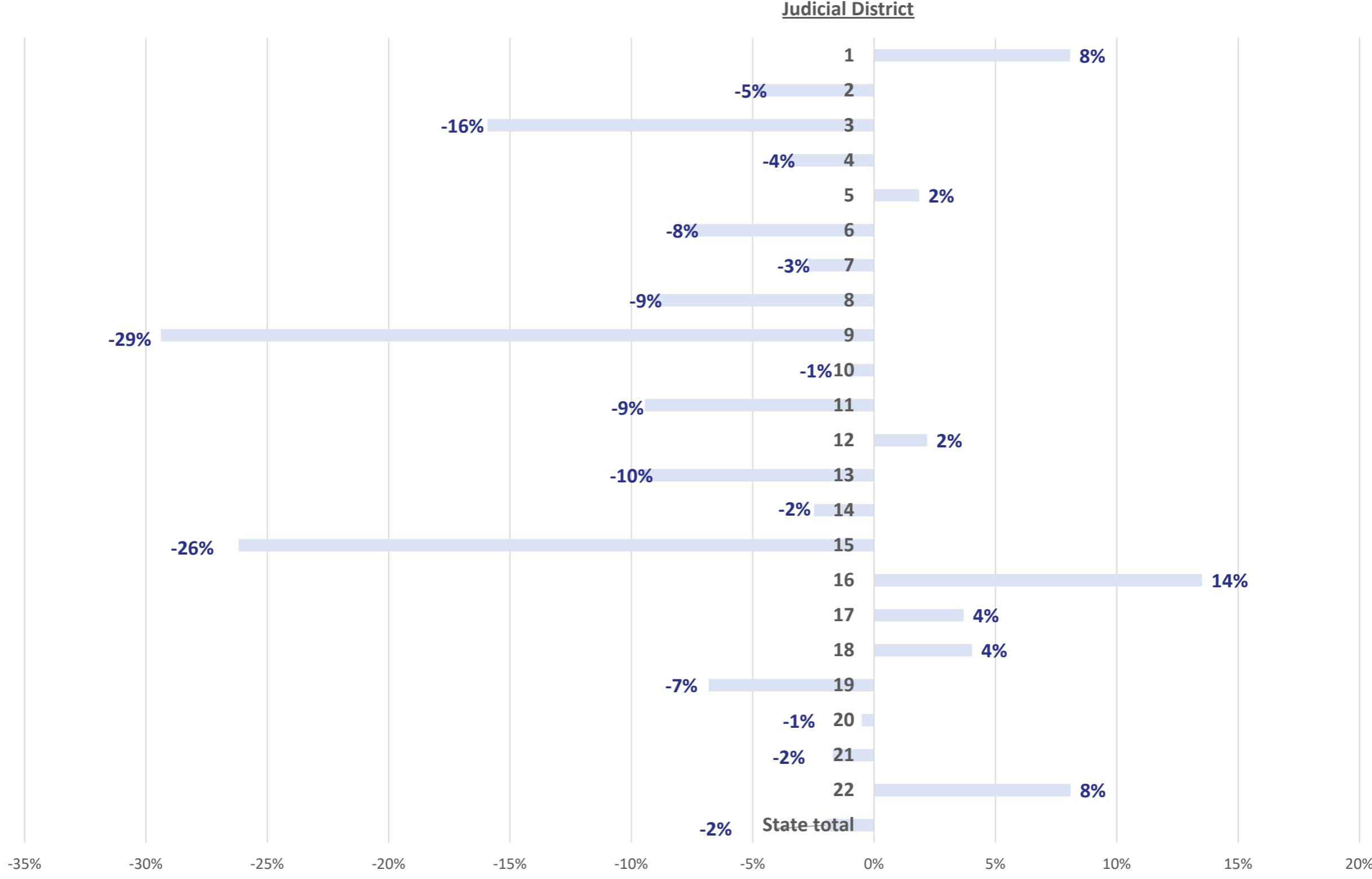
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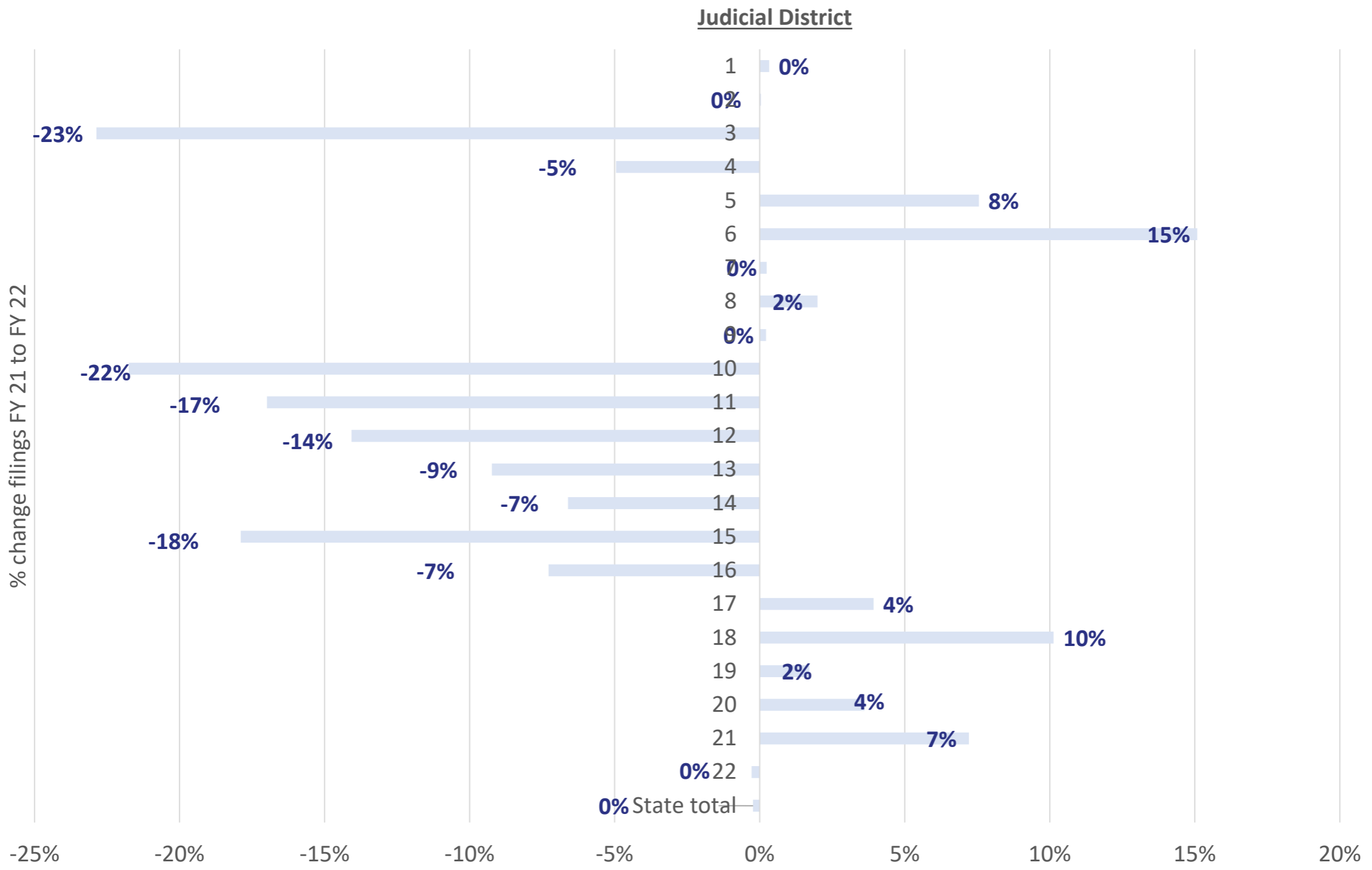
# Change in District Court Felony Filings, FY 21 to FY 22



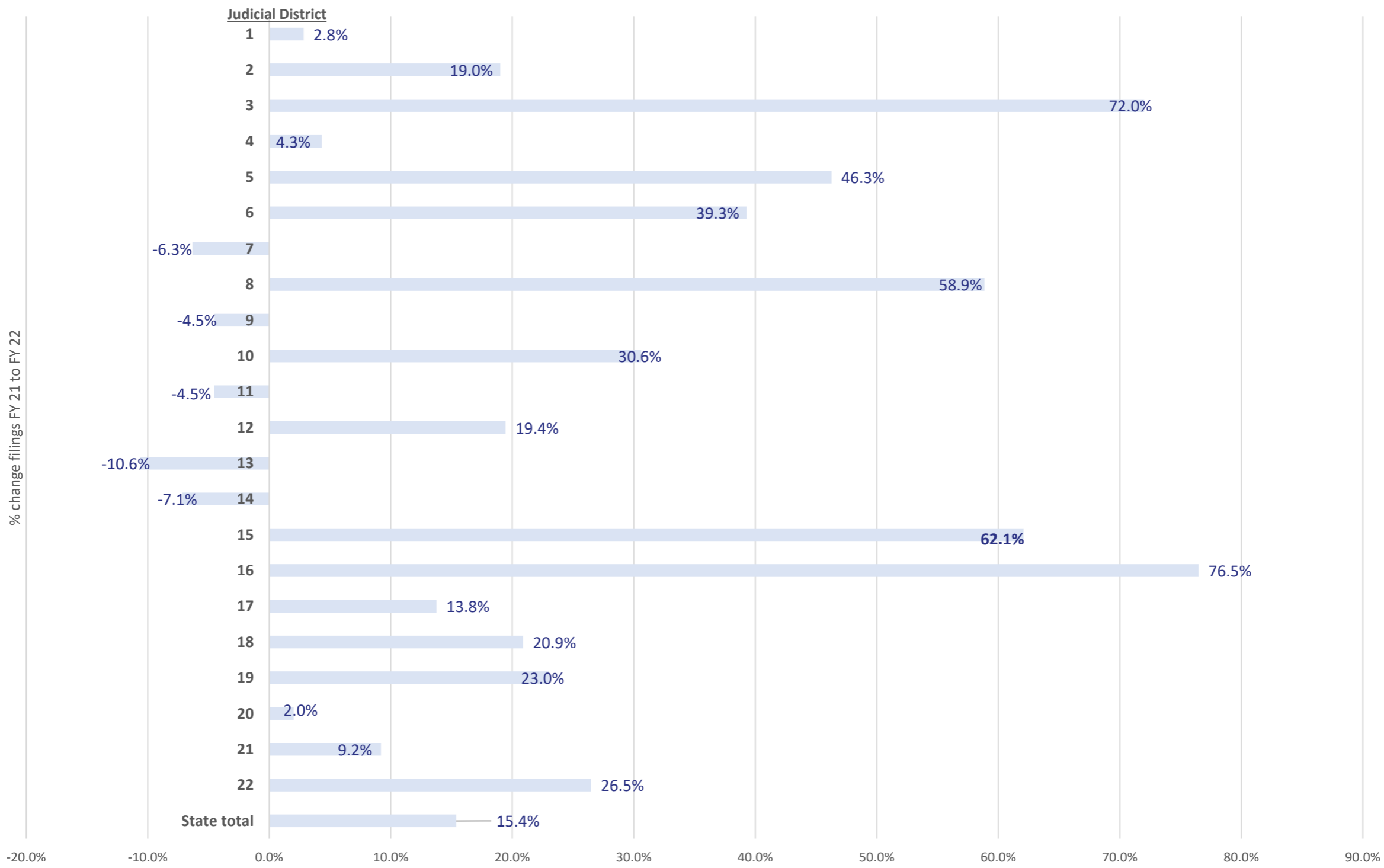
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# Change in County Court Misdemeanor Filings, FY 21 to FY 22



# Change in Juvenile Delinquency Filings, FY 21 to FY 22

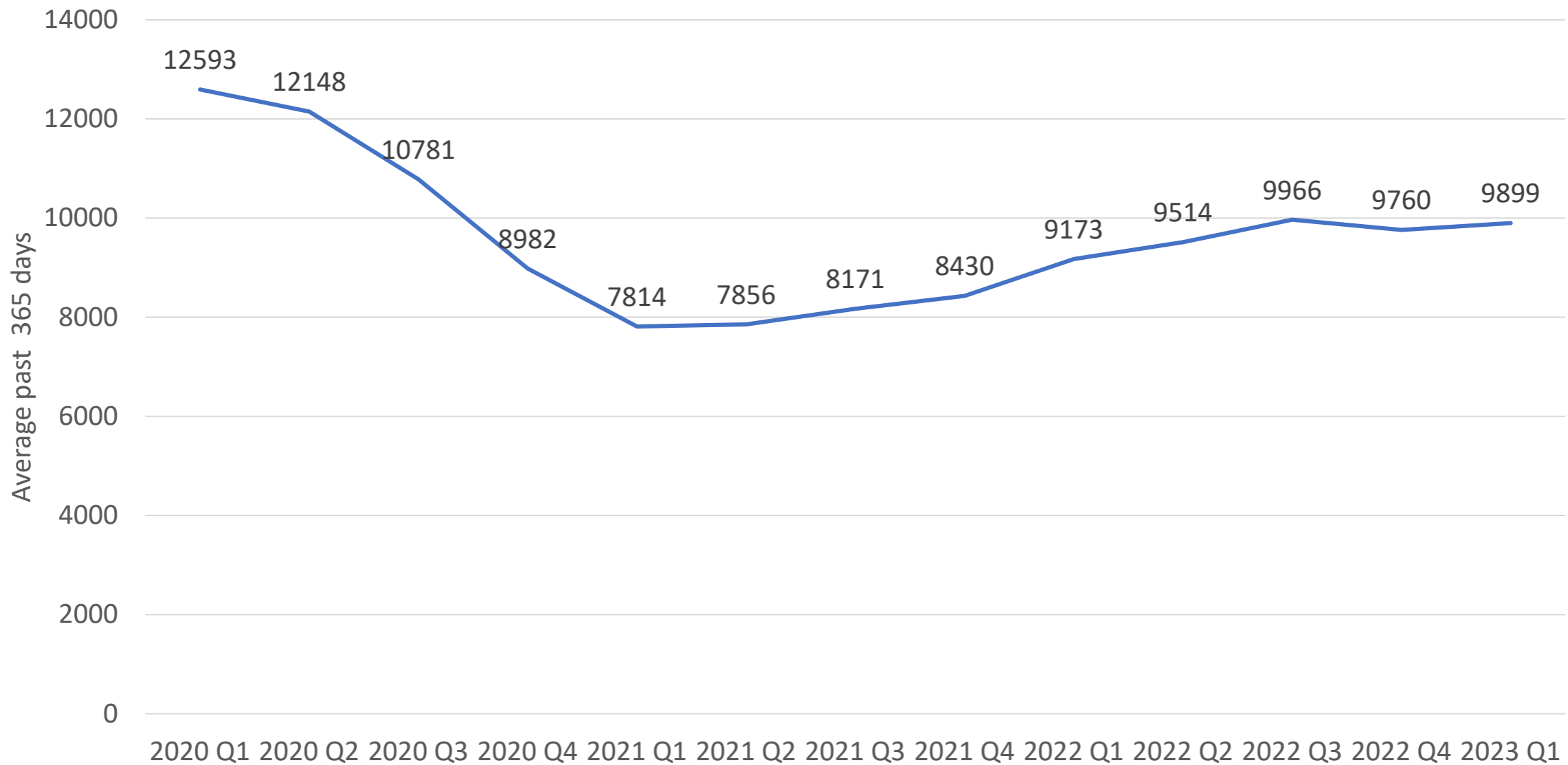


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# Adult Correctional Populations

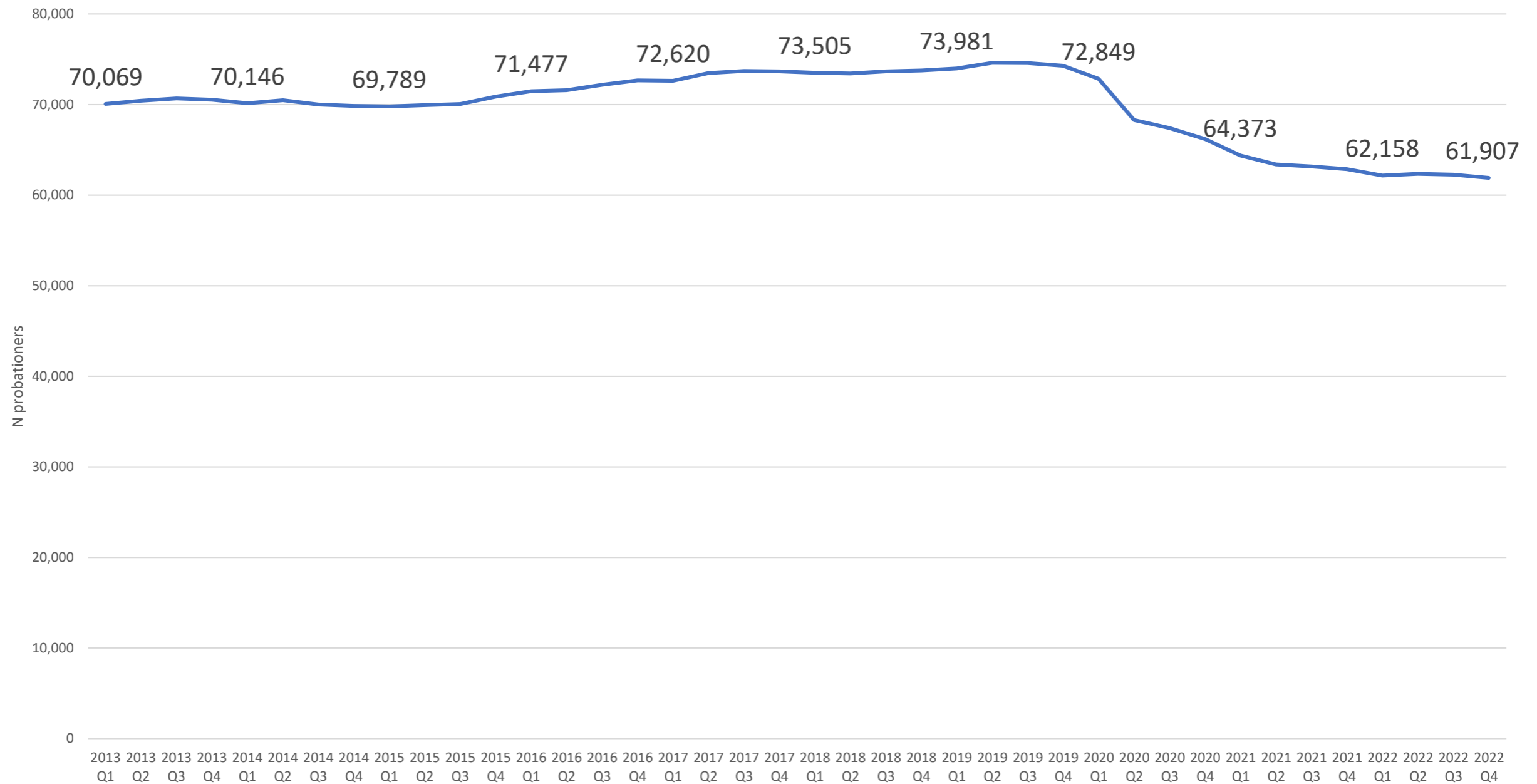
# Jail Average Daily Population



On average, 82% of the jail population is being held pre-trial

Source: Department of Public Safety, Division of Criminal Justice, *Jail Data Dashboard*, <https://ors.colorado.gov/ors-jaildata>

# Probation Population

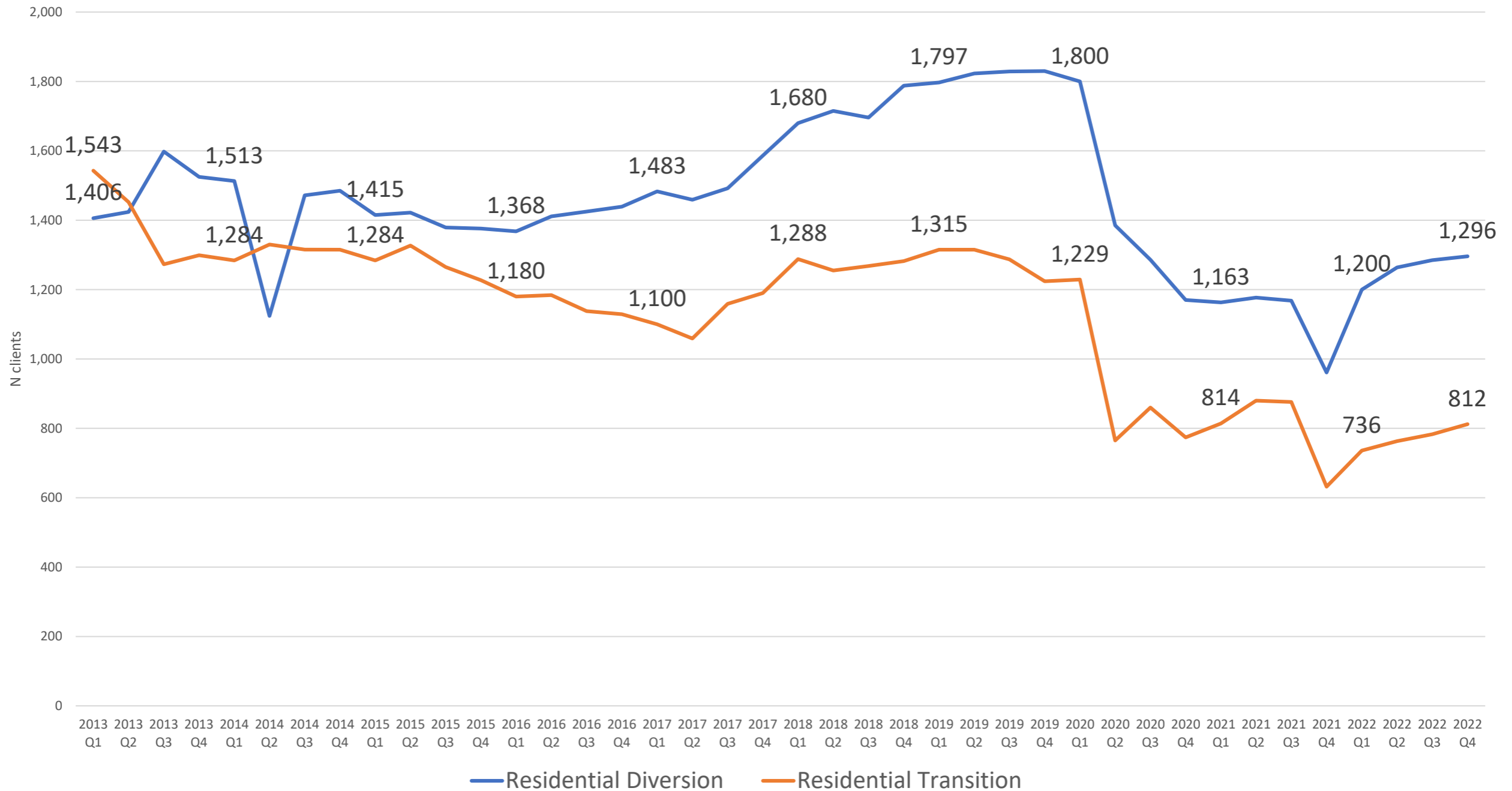


Source: Department of Public Safety, Division of Criminal Justice, *Quarterly Correctional Populations*, <https://ors.colorado.gov/ors-corrpops>





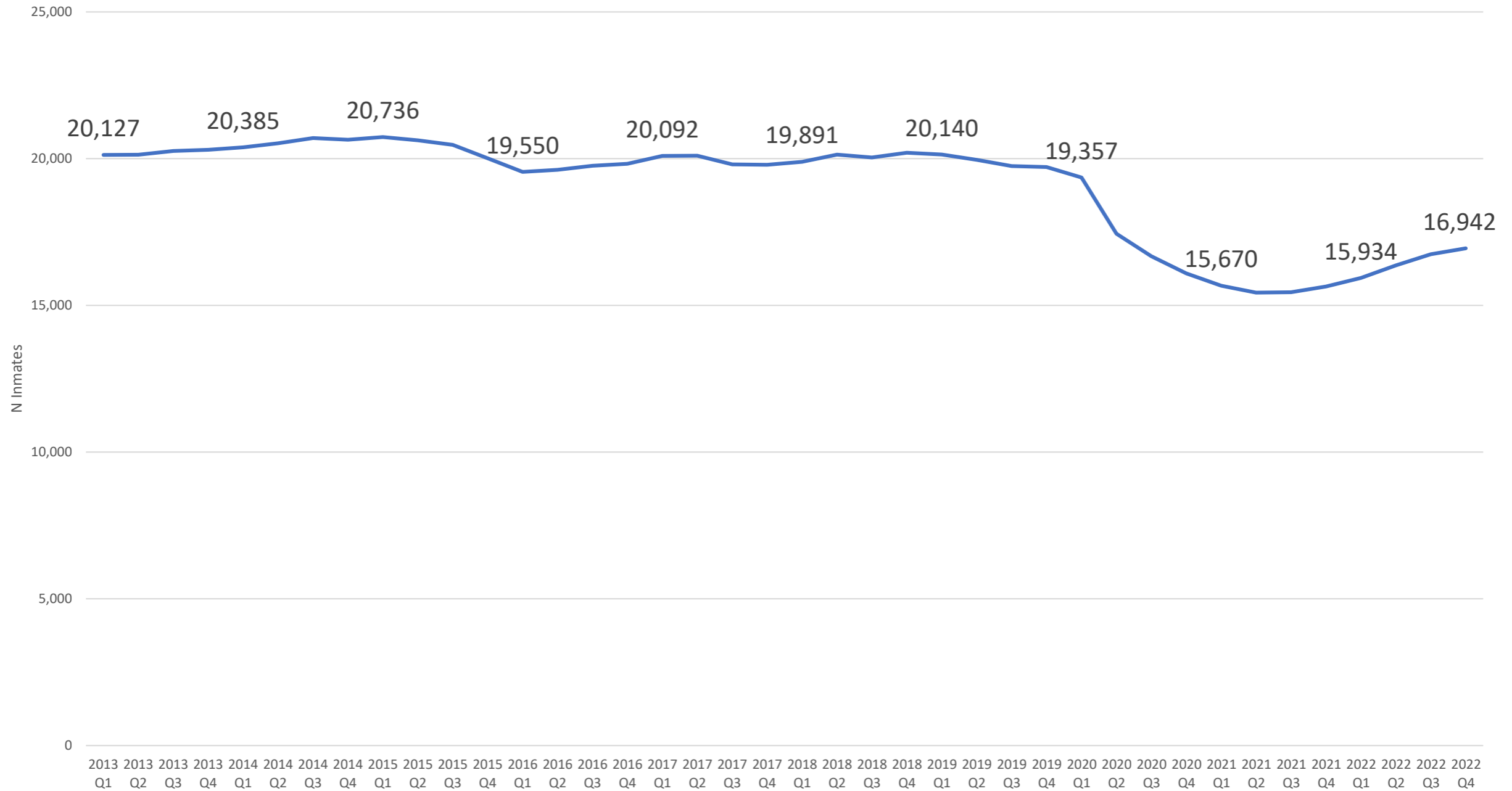
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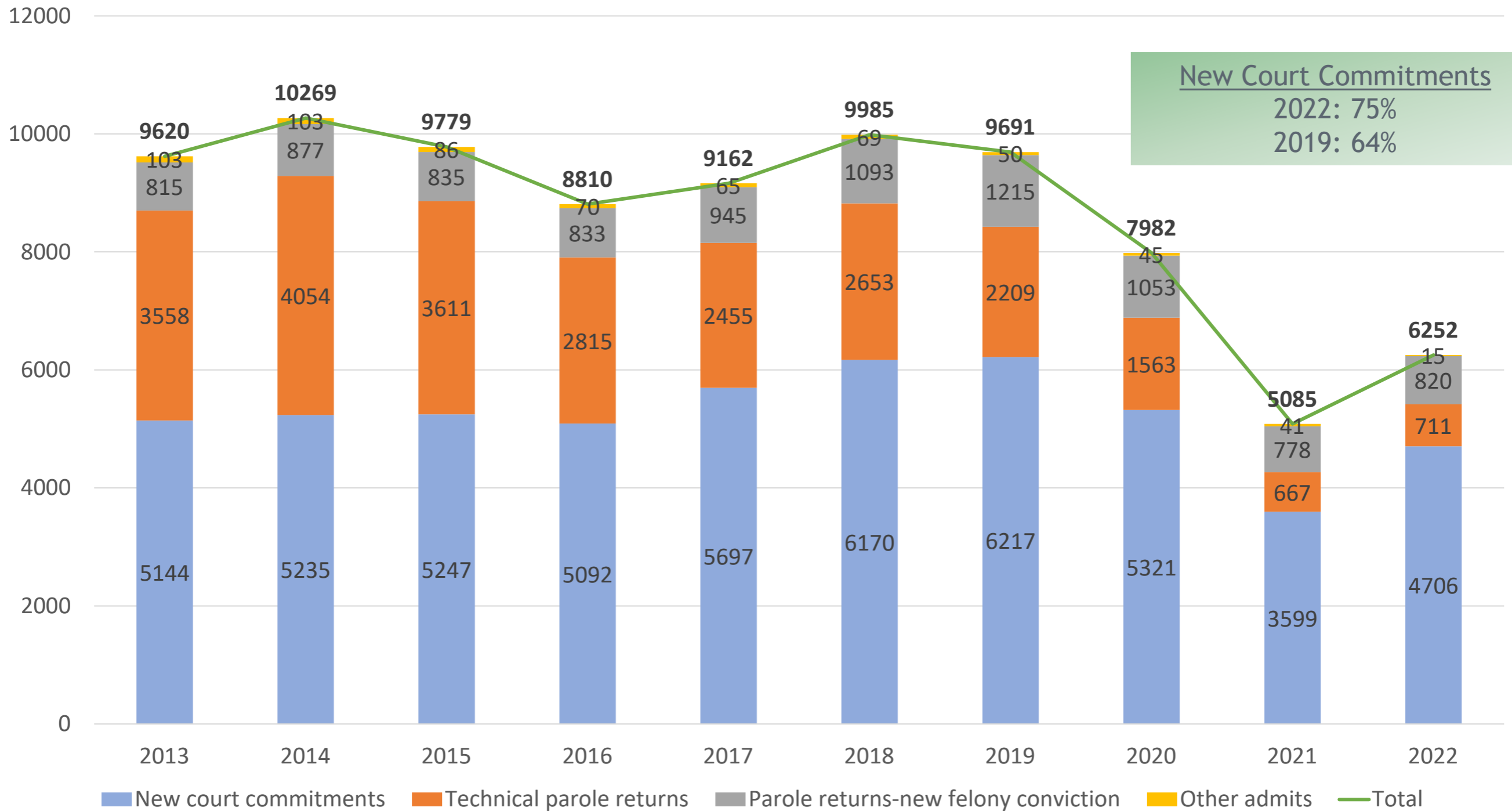
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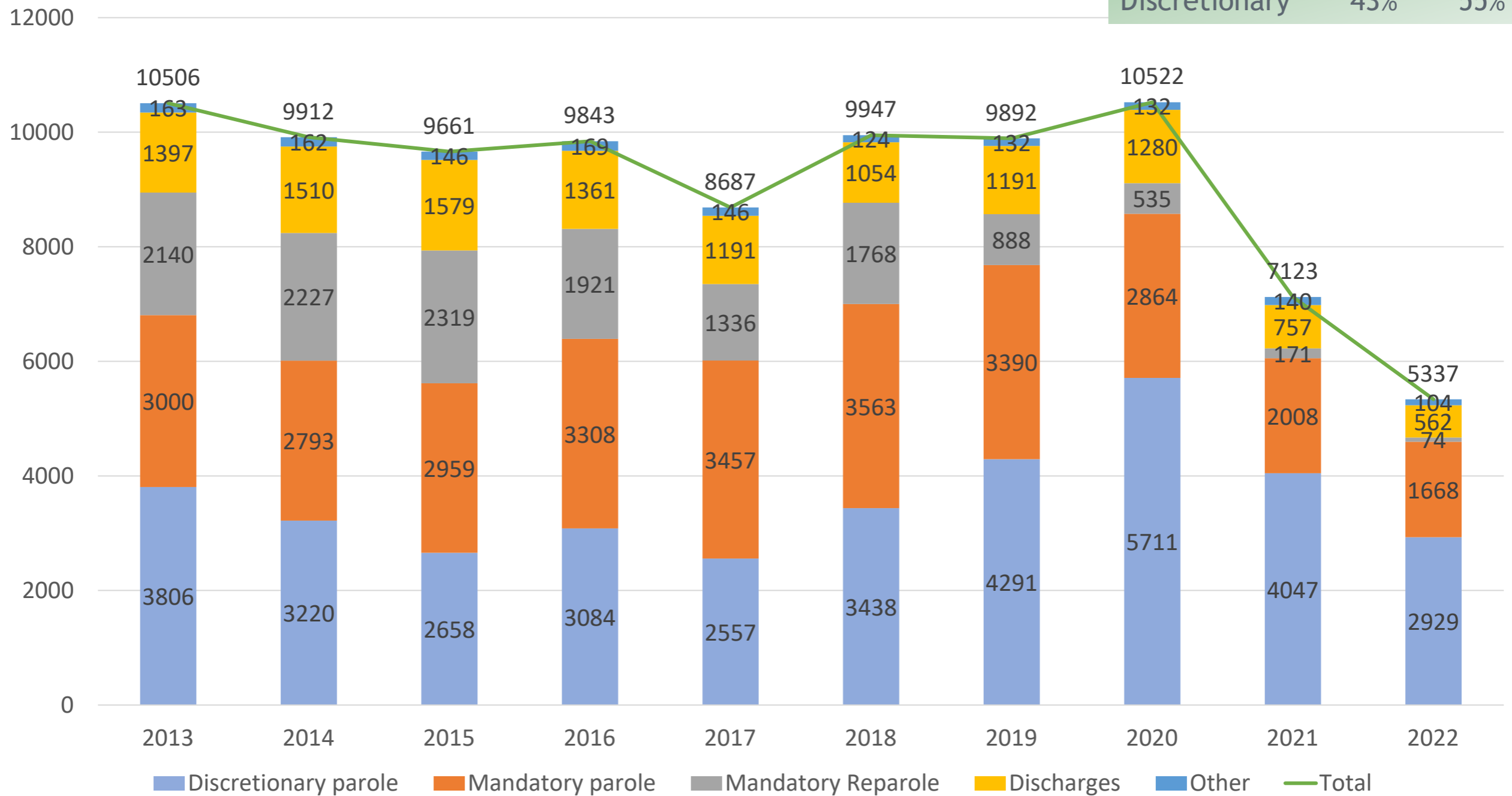
# DOC Admission Trends



Source: Department of Corrections, Monthly Population and Capacity Reports

# DOC Release Trends

Parole Release	2019	2022
Mandatory	43%	33%
Discretionary	43%	55%

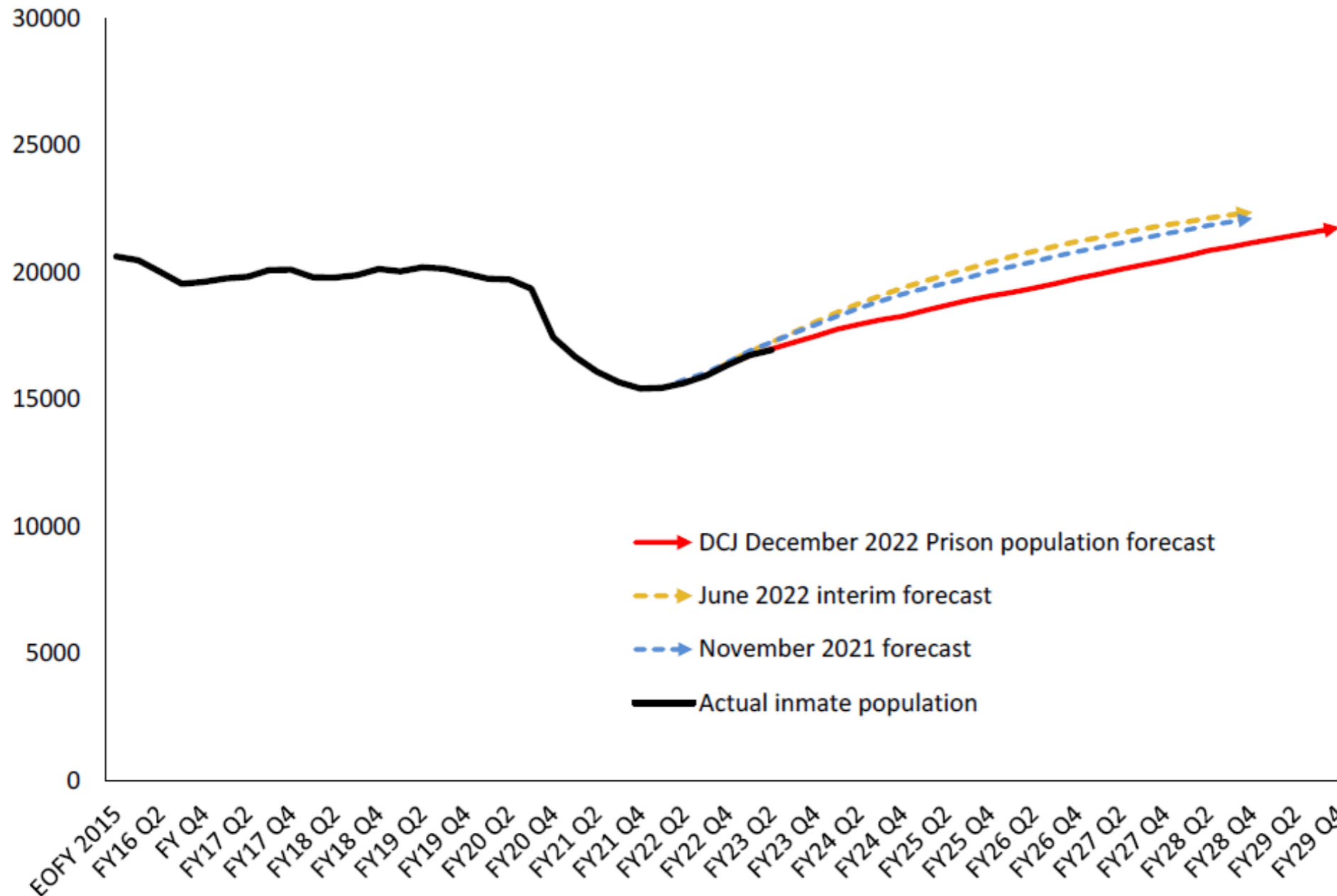


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# DOC Projections

Figure 2. Actual prison population FY 2015 through December 2022 with comparison of current DCJ prison population forecast to November 2021 forecast and June 2022 interim forecast

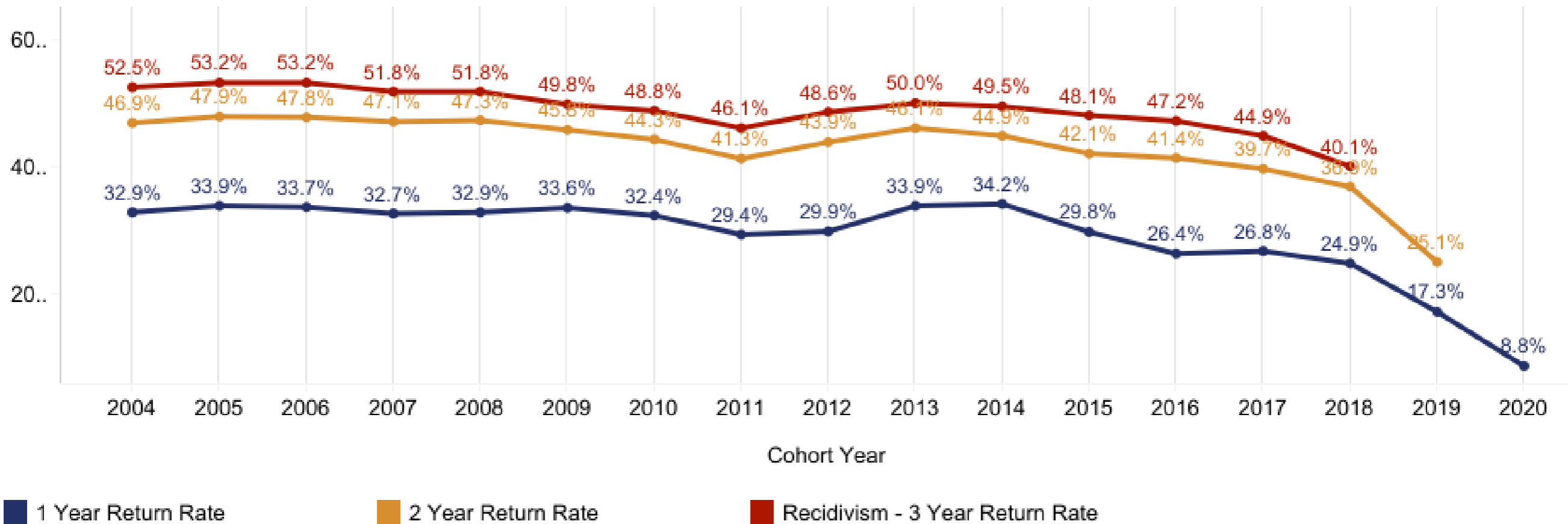


Note: Actual population figures for FY 2015 through December 2022.

Data source: Colorado Department of Corrections Monthly Capacity and Population Reports. <https://cdoc.colorado.gov/about/data-and-reports/statistics>

# DOC Recidivism

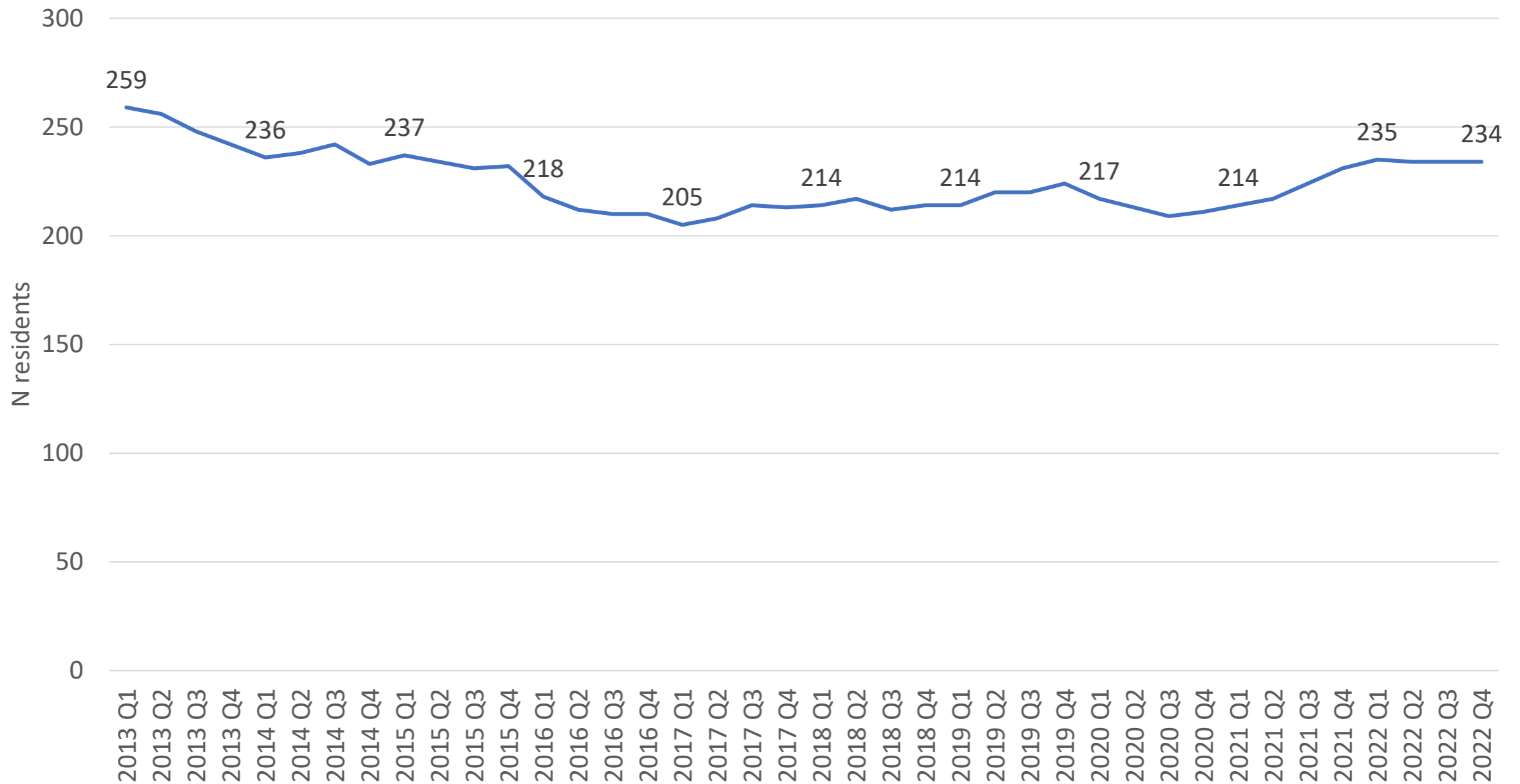
## CDOC RECIDIVISM AND RETURN RATES



Note: Please see "About Recidivism and Returns" tab for definitions and cohort information.

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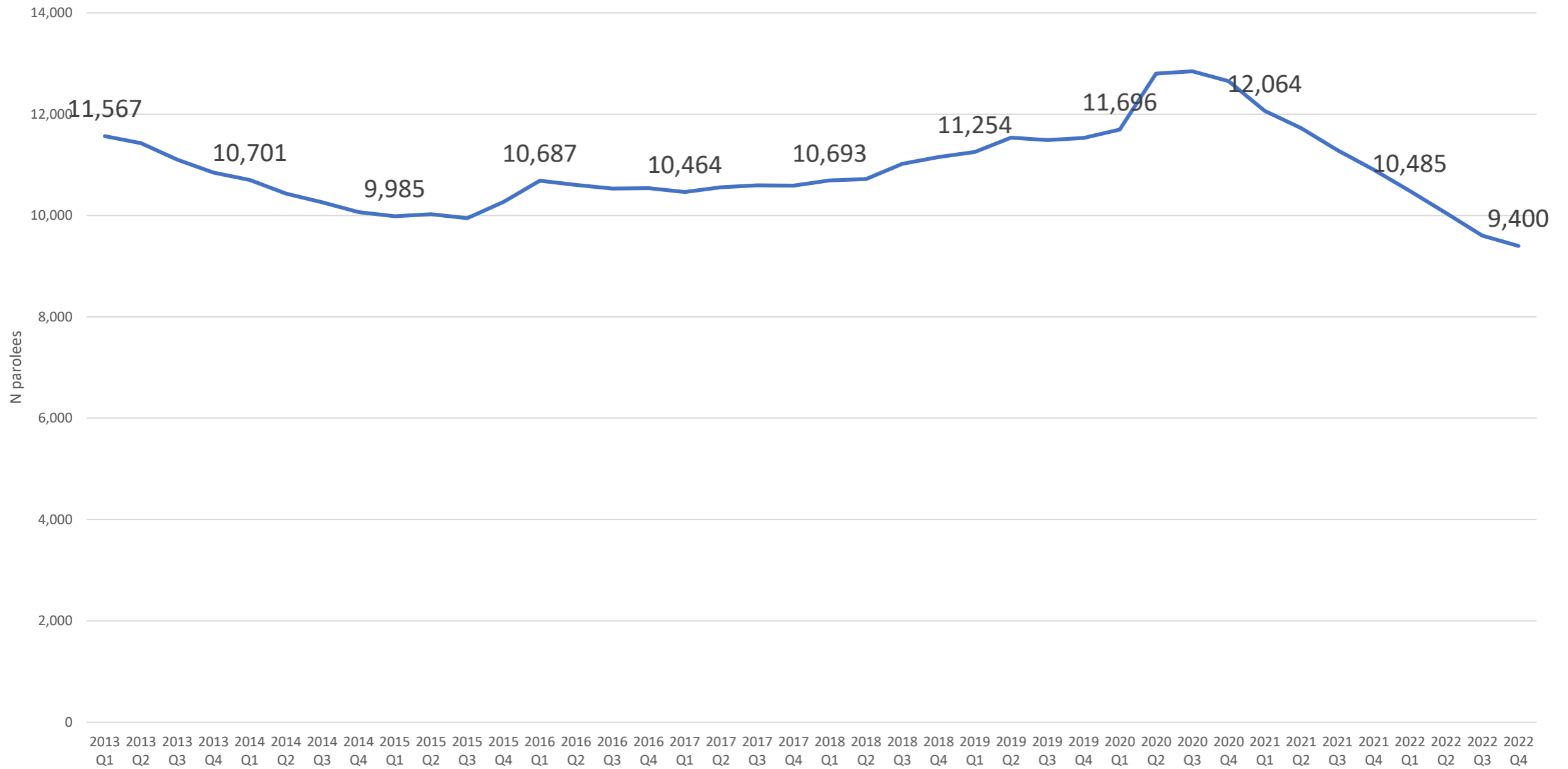
# Youth Offender Services Population



Source: Department of Public Safety, Division of Criminal Justice, *Quarterly Correctional Populations*, <https://ors.colorado.gov/ors-corrpops>



# Parole Caseload



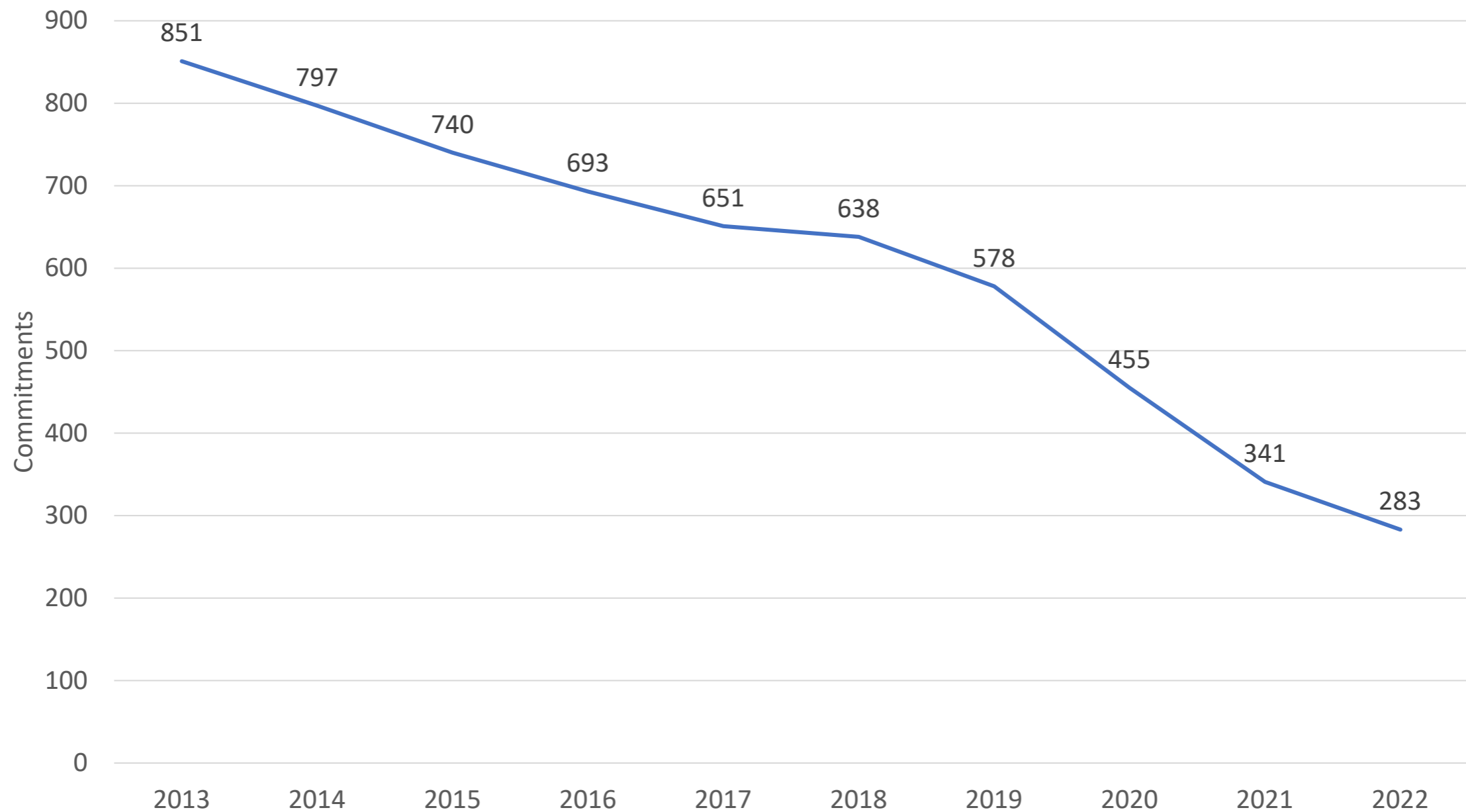
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# Juvenile Correctional Populations

# Division of Youth Services Commitments

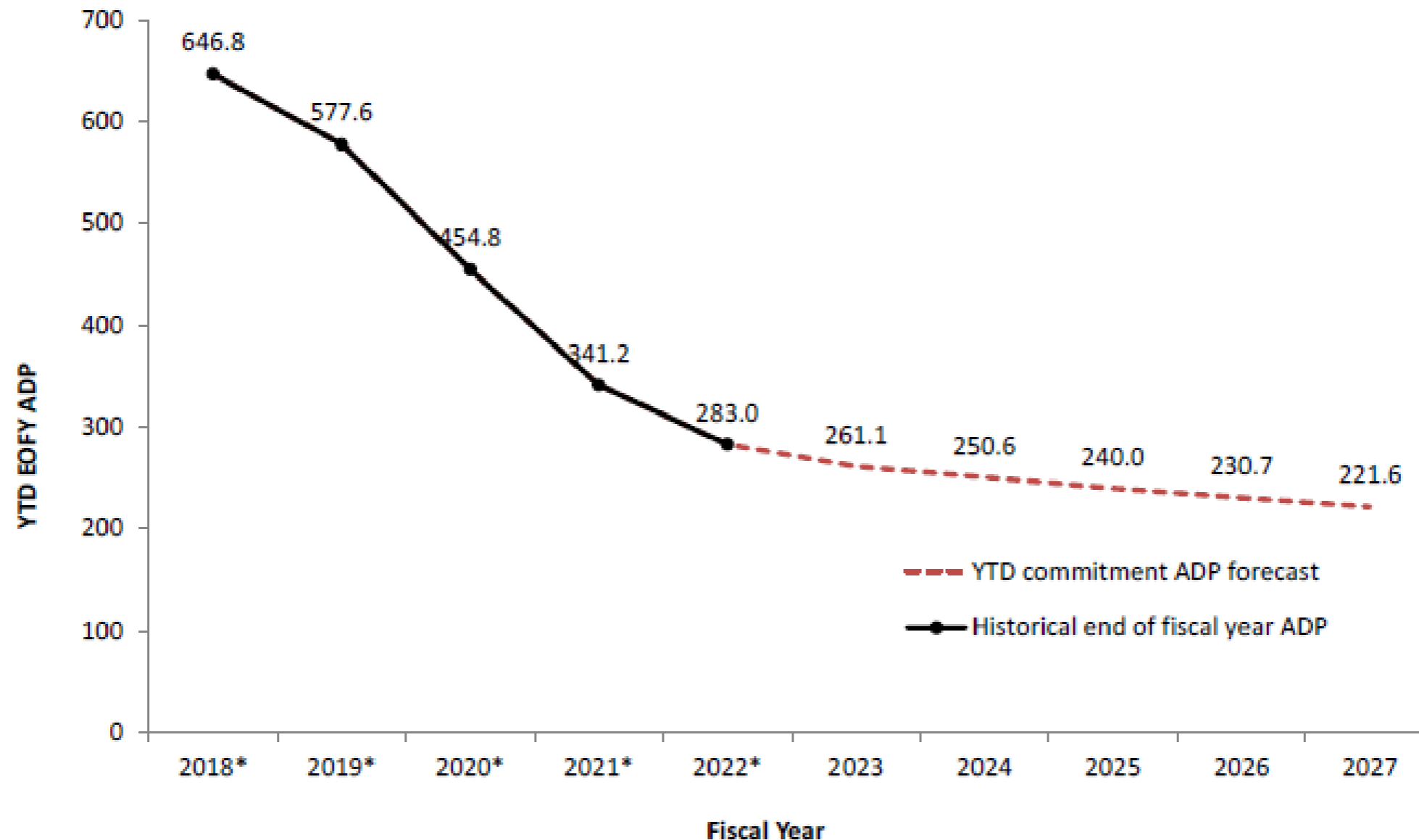


Source: Department of Public Safety, Division of Criminal Justice, *Crime Stats* at, [ors.colorado.gov/ors-crimestats](https://ors.colorado.gov/ors-crimestats)

Note: Commitment population consists of juveniles adjudicated for a crime and committed to the custody of the Division of Youth Services.

# DYS Commitment Projections

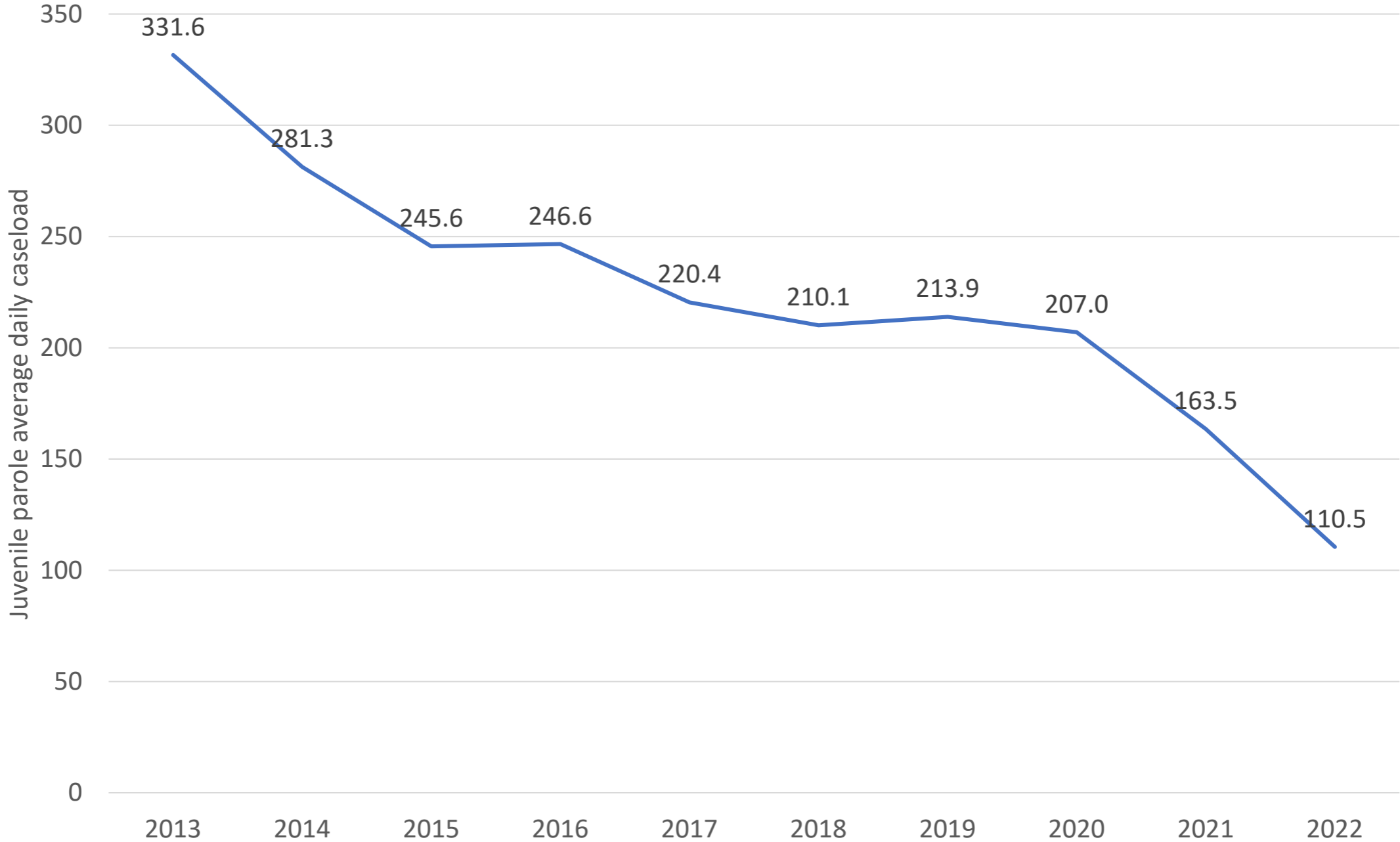
Figure 14. Historical and projected year-end juvenile commitment year to date average daily population FY 2018 through FY 2027



Note: FY 2018-2022 data points reflect actual year-end average daily population figures.

Data Source: Colorado Department of Human Services Division of Youth Services Management Reference Manuals and Monthly Population Reports. Available at <https://www.colorado.gov/pacific/cdhs/publications-reports>

# Juvenile Parole Average Daily Caseload



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# Juvenile Detention

Figure 17. Monthly detention year-to date average daily population, FY 2012 through December 2022

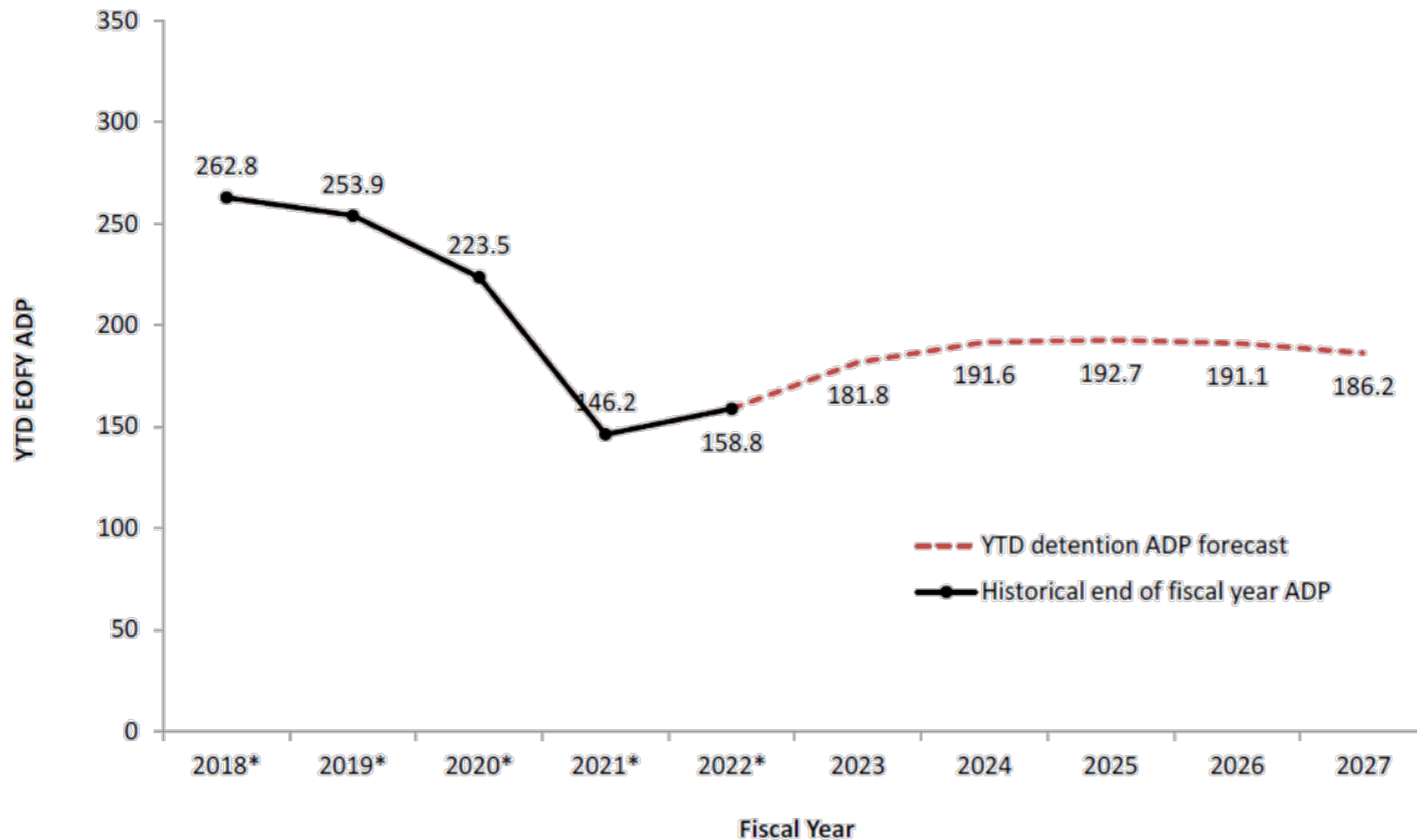


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# Juvenile Detention Projections

Figure 18. Historical and projected juvenile detention year-end average daily population fiscal years 2018 through 2027



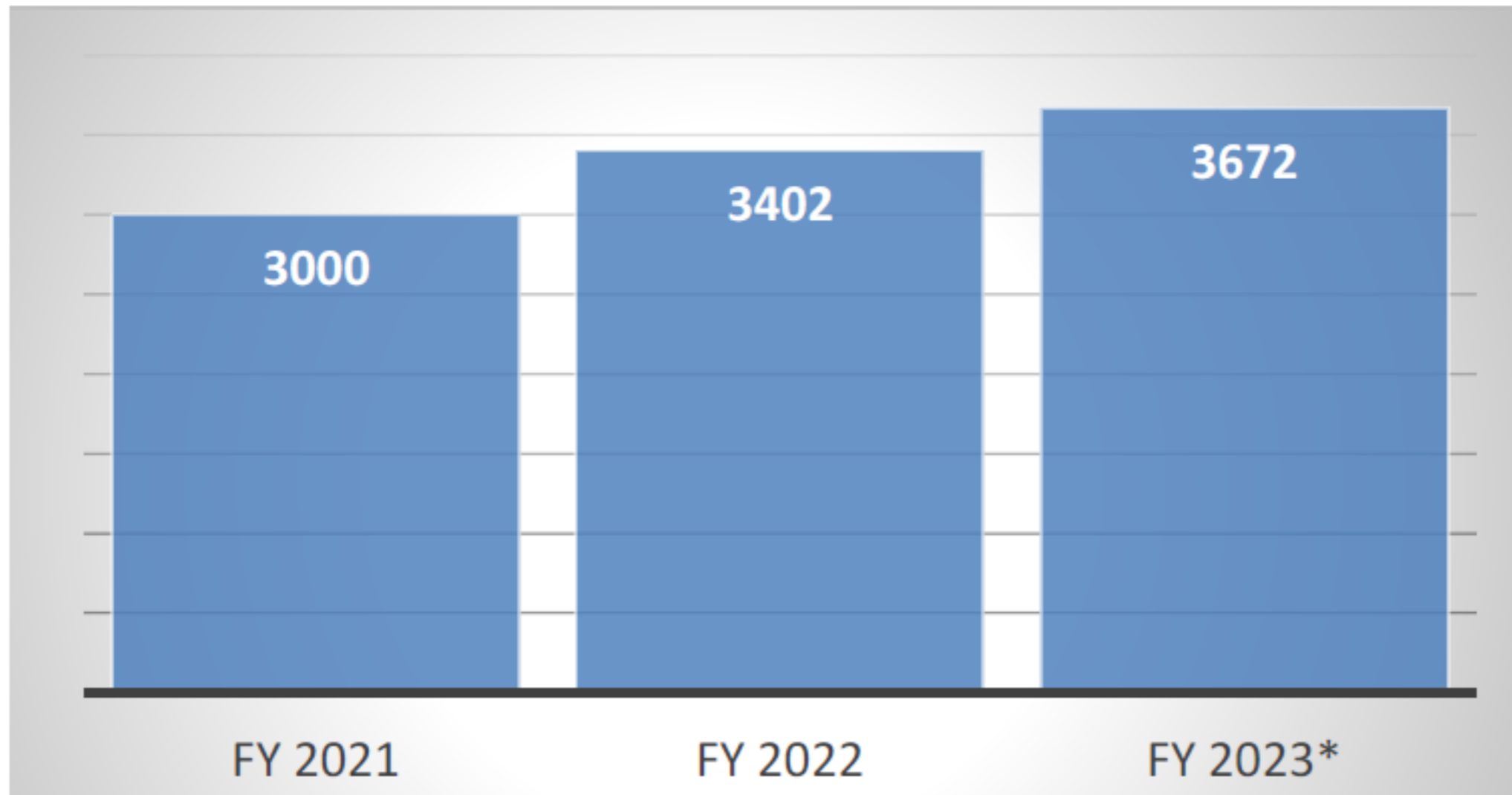
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# Juvenile Detention Screening

Figure 20. Annual detention screens FY 2021-FY 2023

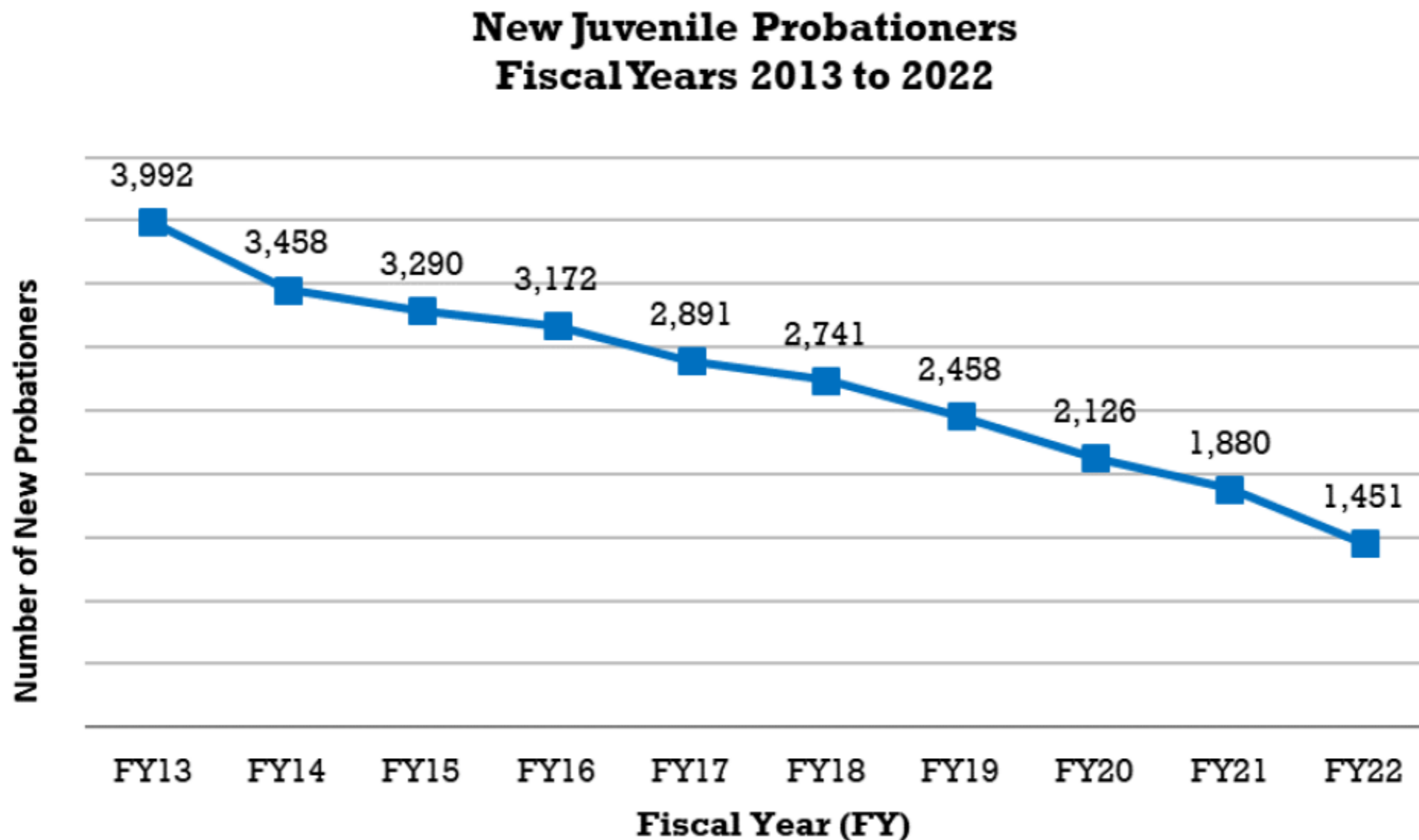


\* Estimate based on mid-year counts

Source: Data provided by The Department of Human Services Division of Youth Service.

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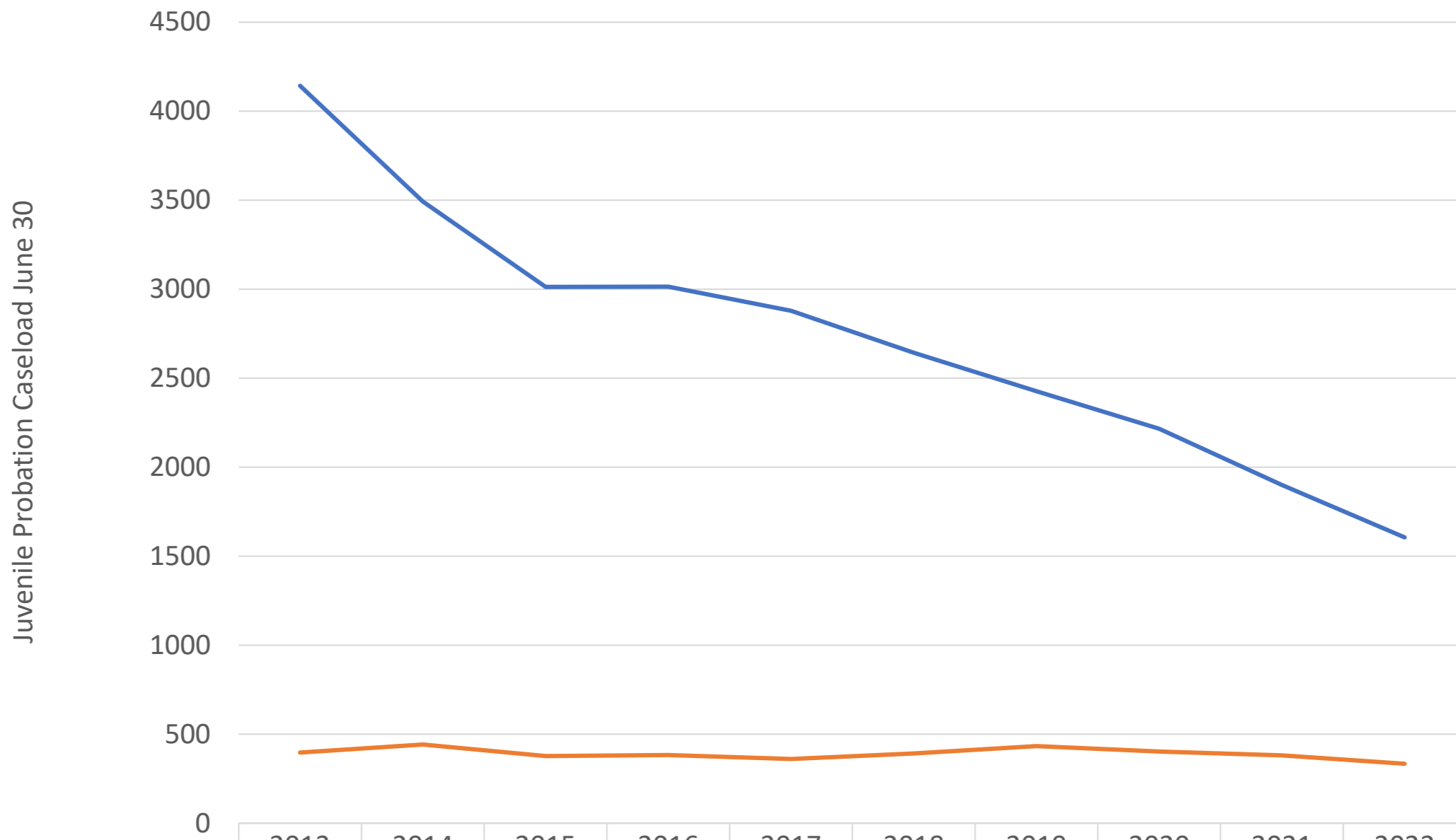
# Juvenile Probationer Intakes



Source: Colorado Judicial Branch, *Annual Statistical Reports*, <https://www.courts.state.co.us/Administration/Unit.cfm?Unit=annrep>



# Juvenile Probationer Caseload



	2013	2014	2015	2016	2017	2018	2019	2020	2021	2022
Regular	4143	3493	3013	3014	2879	2643	2427	2216	1900	1606
Juvenile Sex Offenders	397	442	377	383	361	392	433	403	381	334

Source: Colorado Judicial Branch, *Annual Statistical Reports*, <https://www.courts.state.co.us/Administration/Unit.cfm?Unit=annrep>





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