



Lay of the Land

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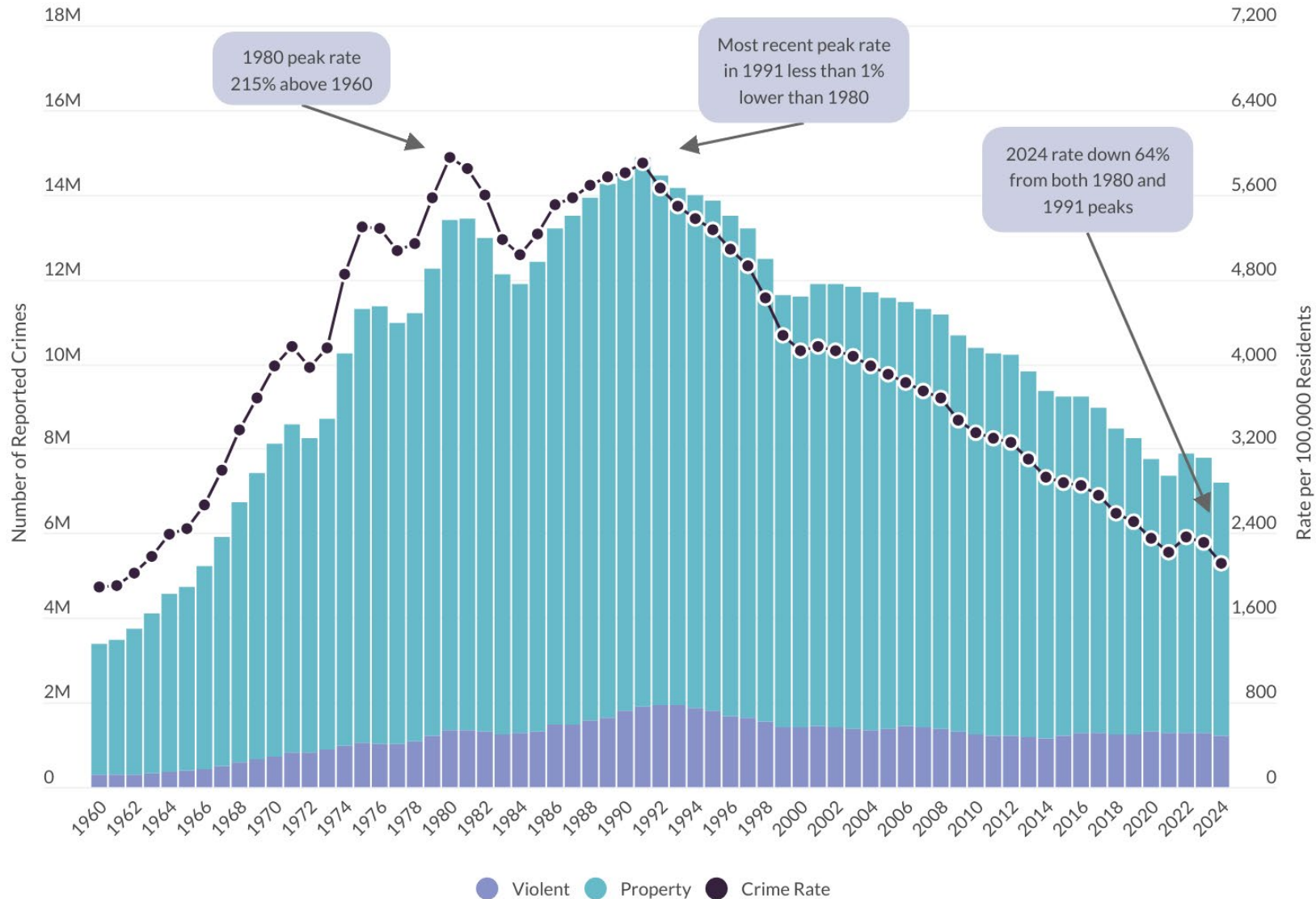
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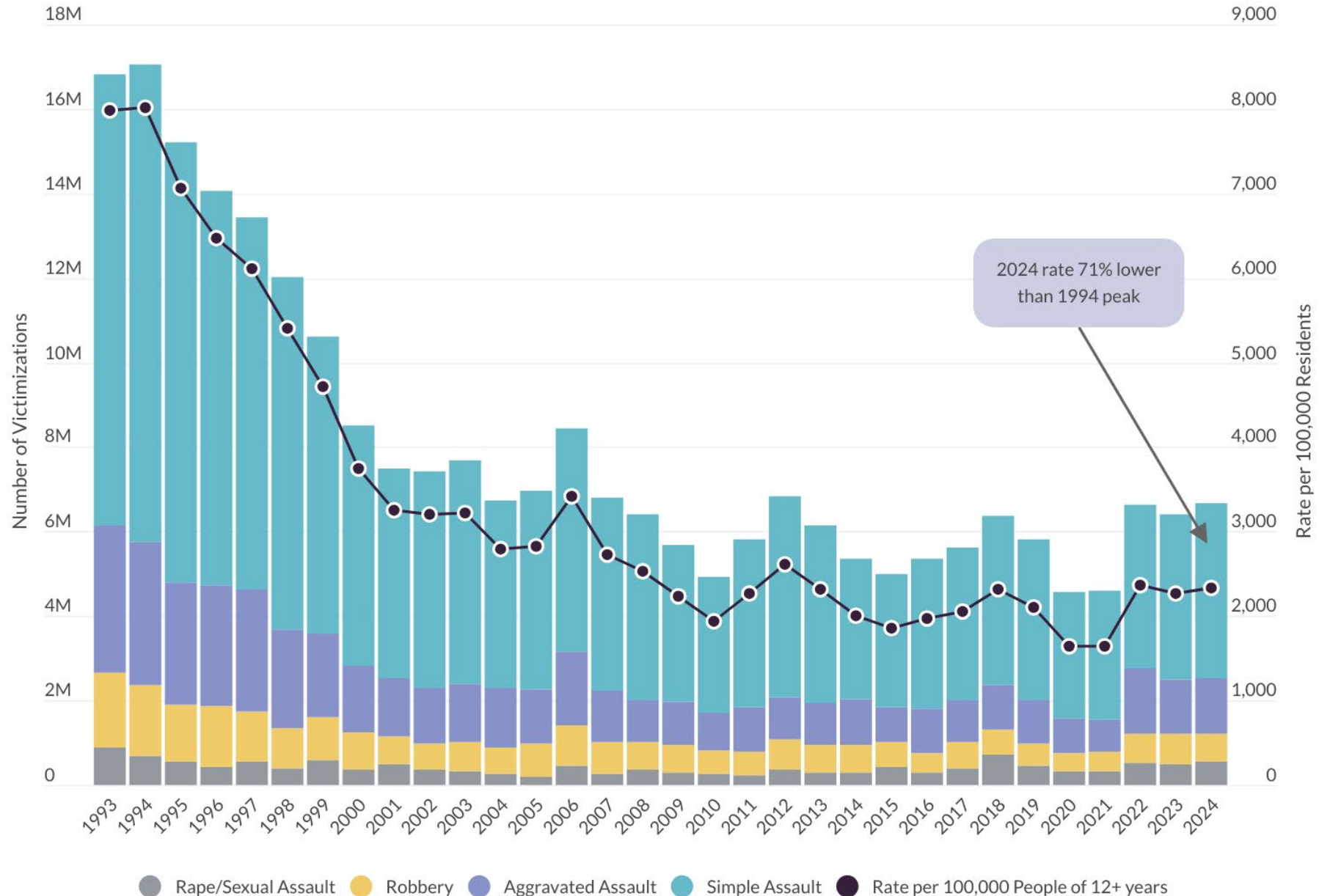
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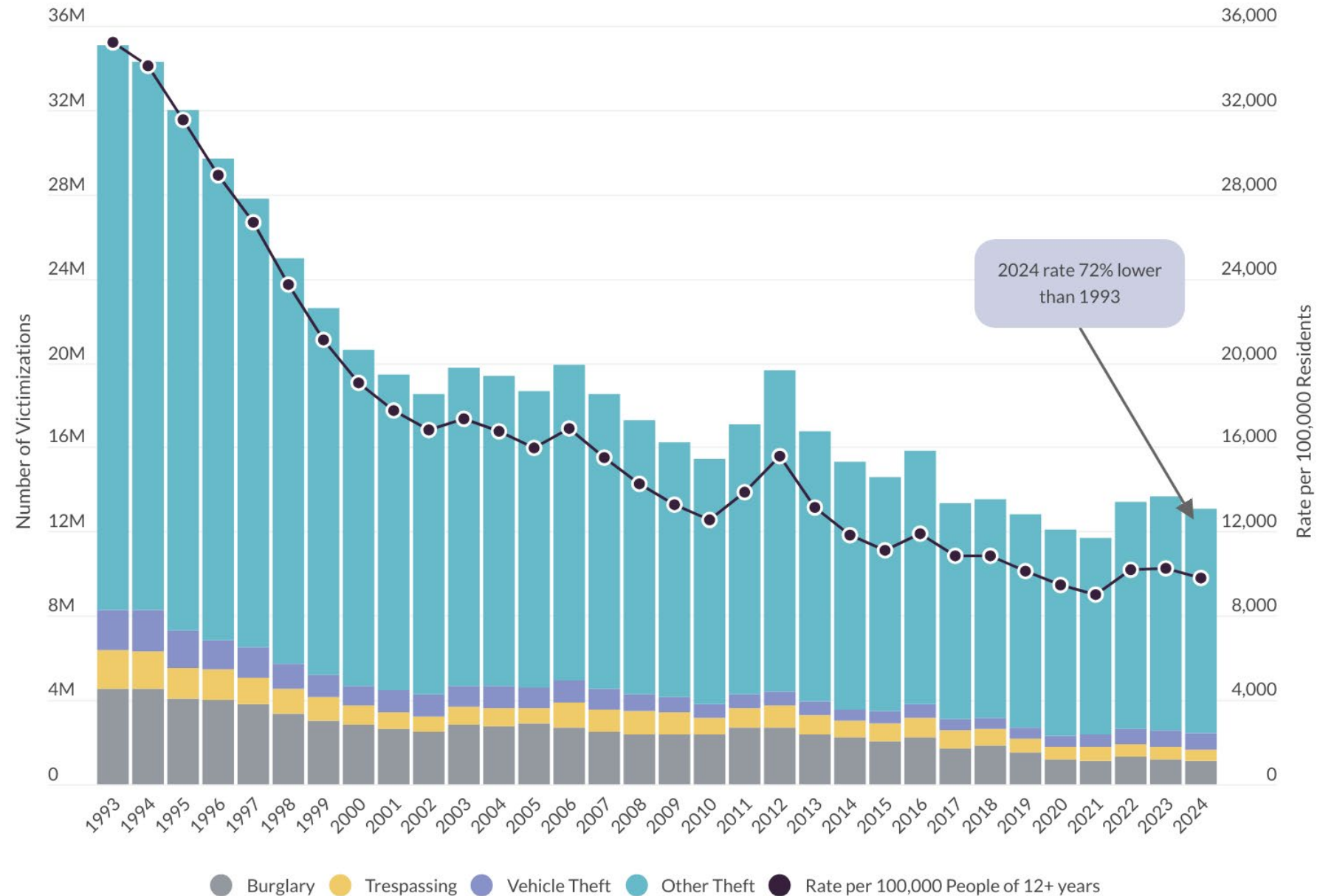
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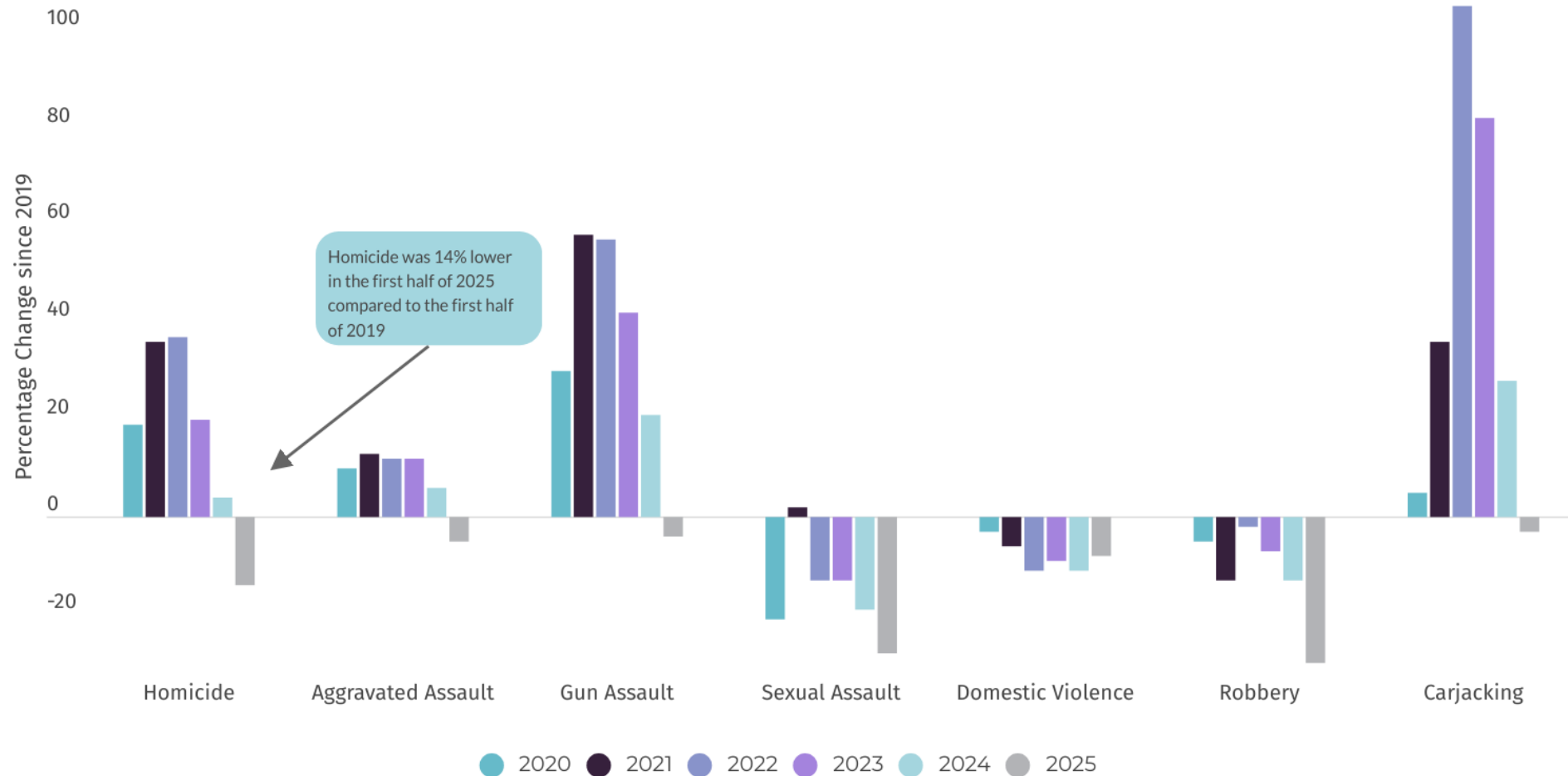
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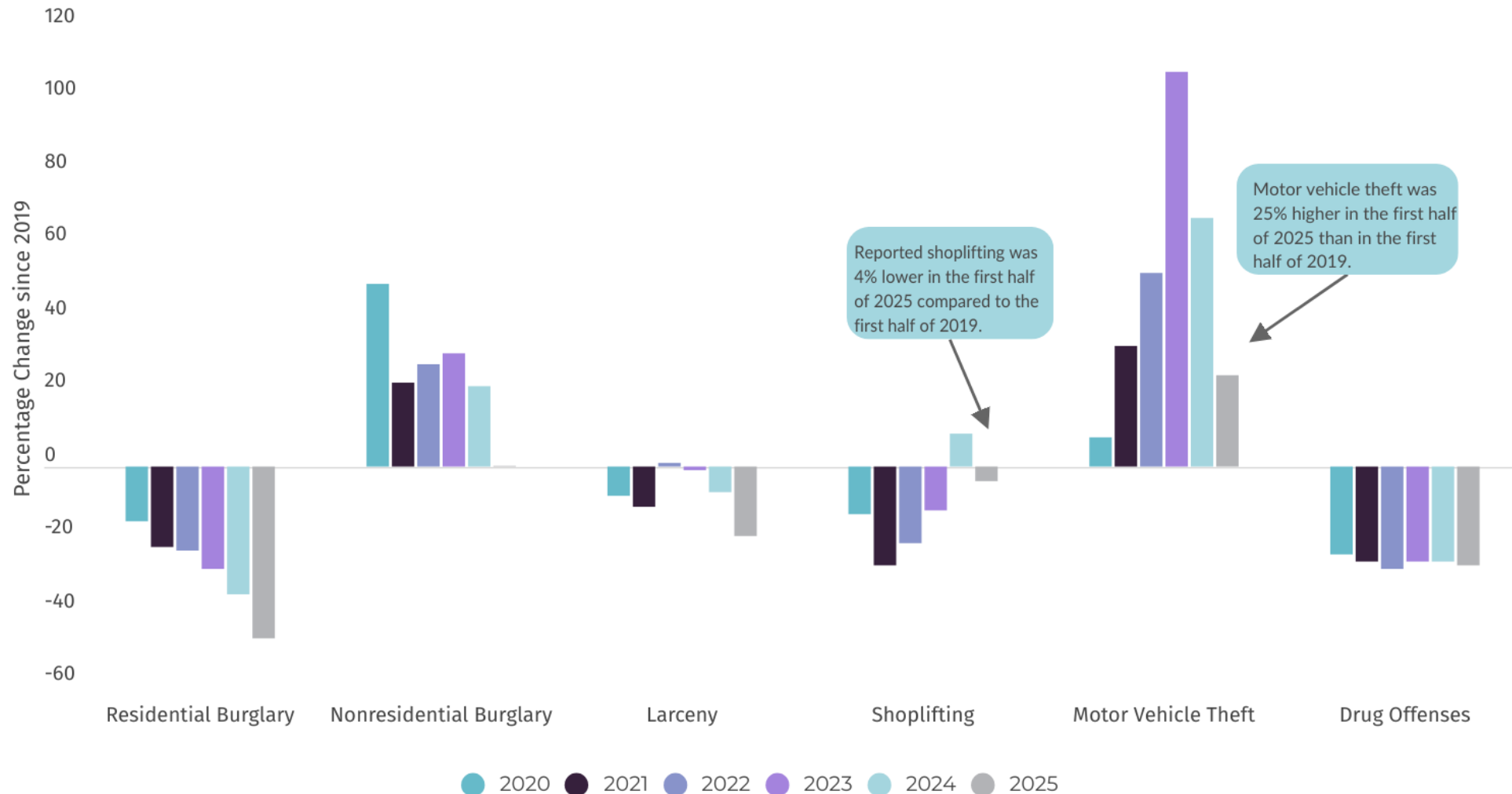
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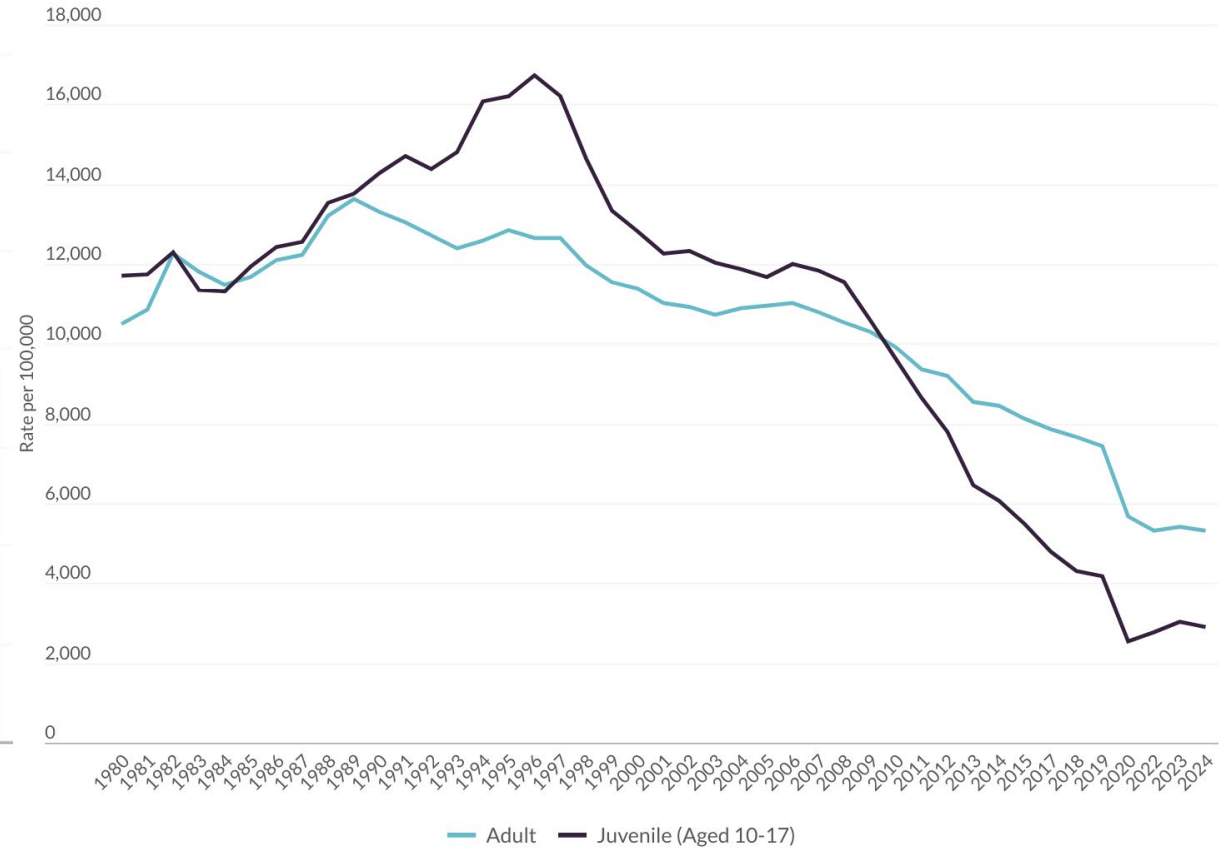
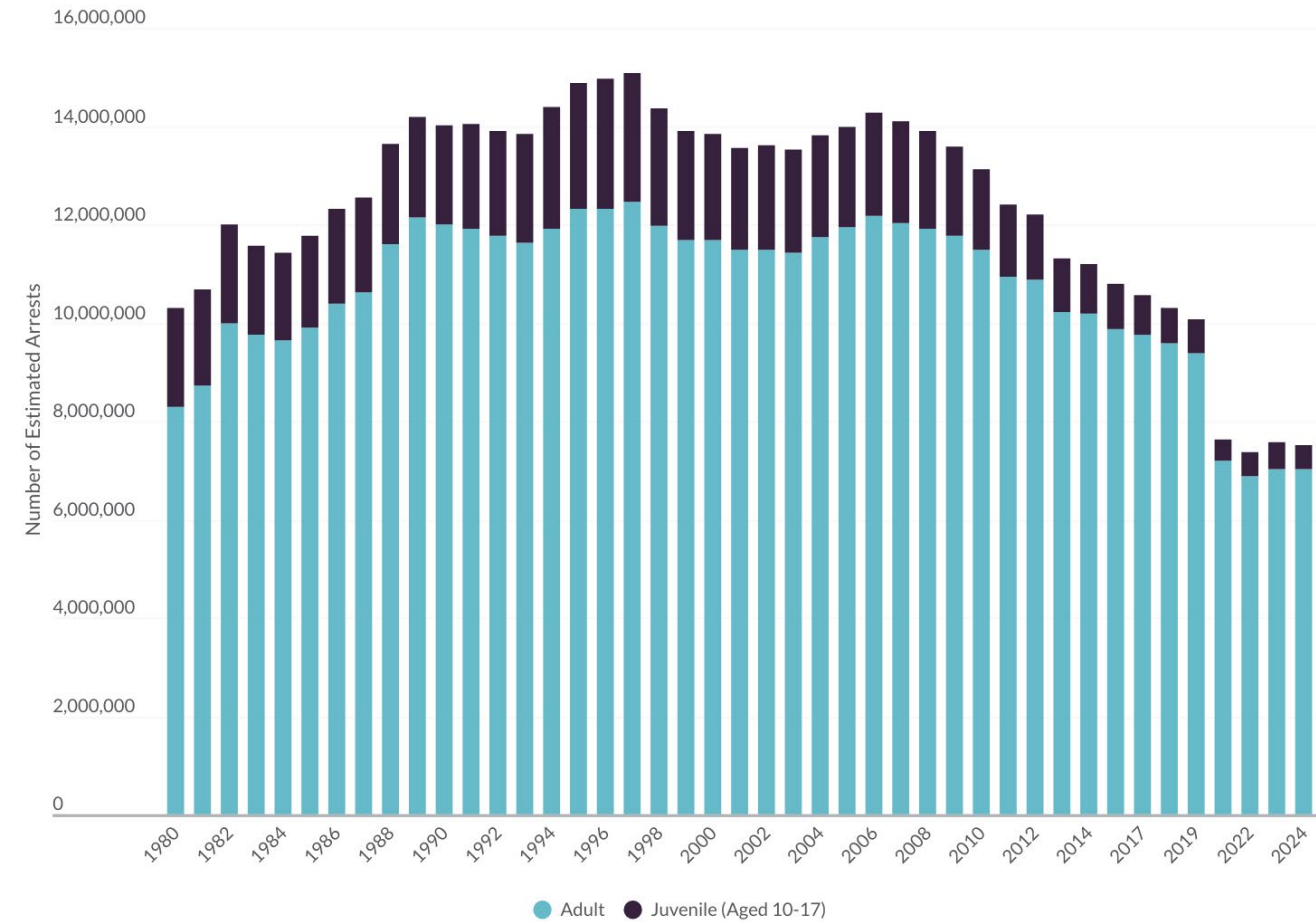
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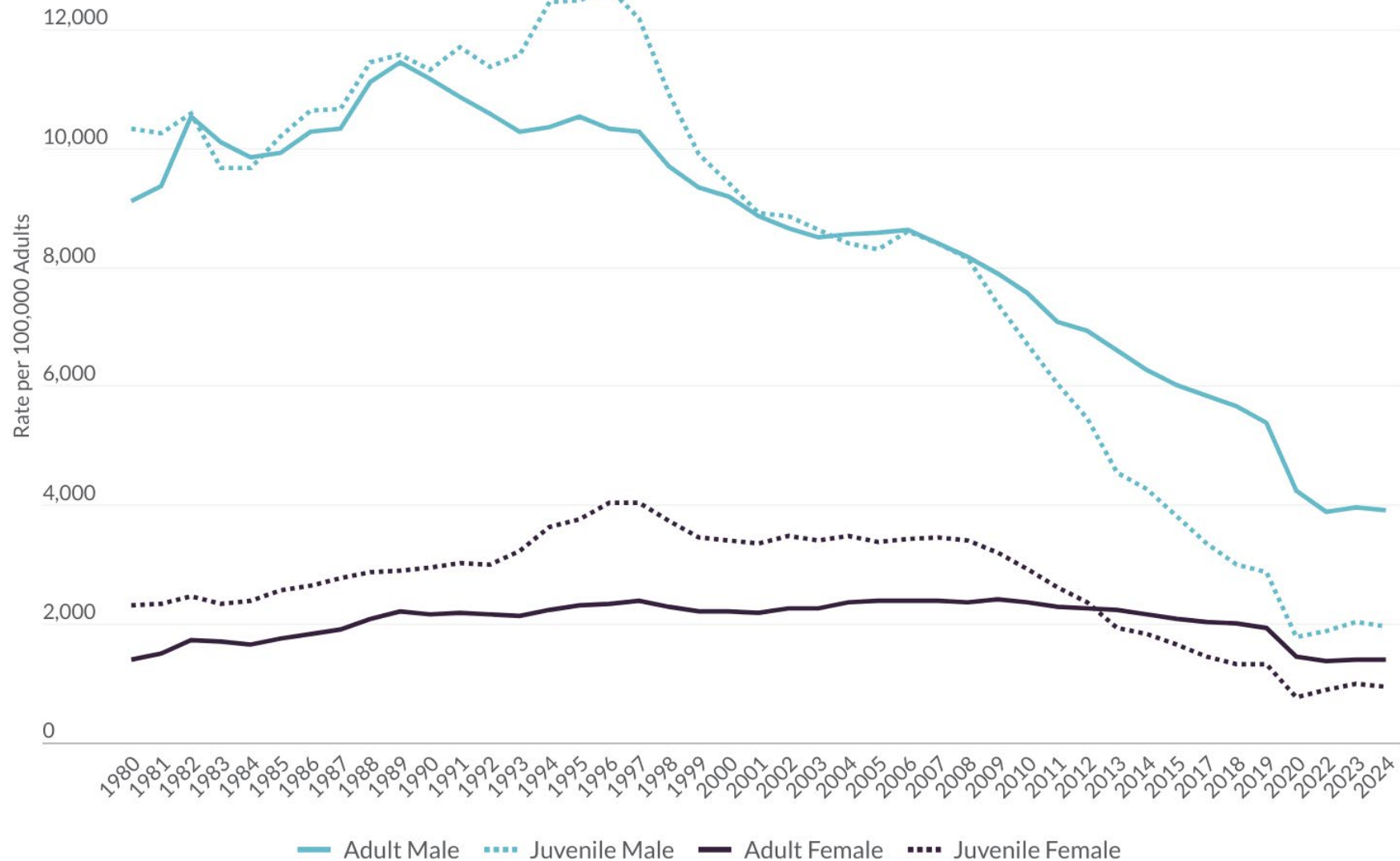
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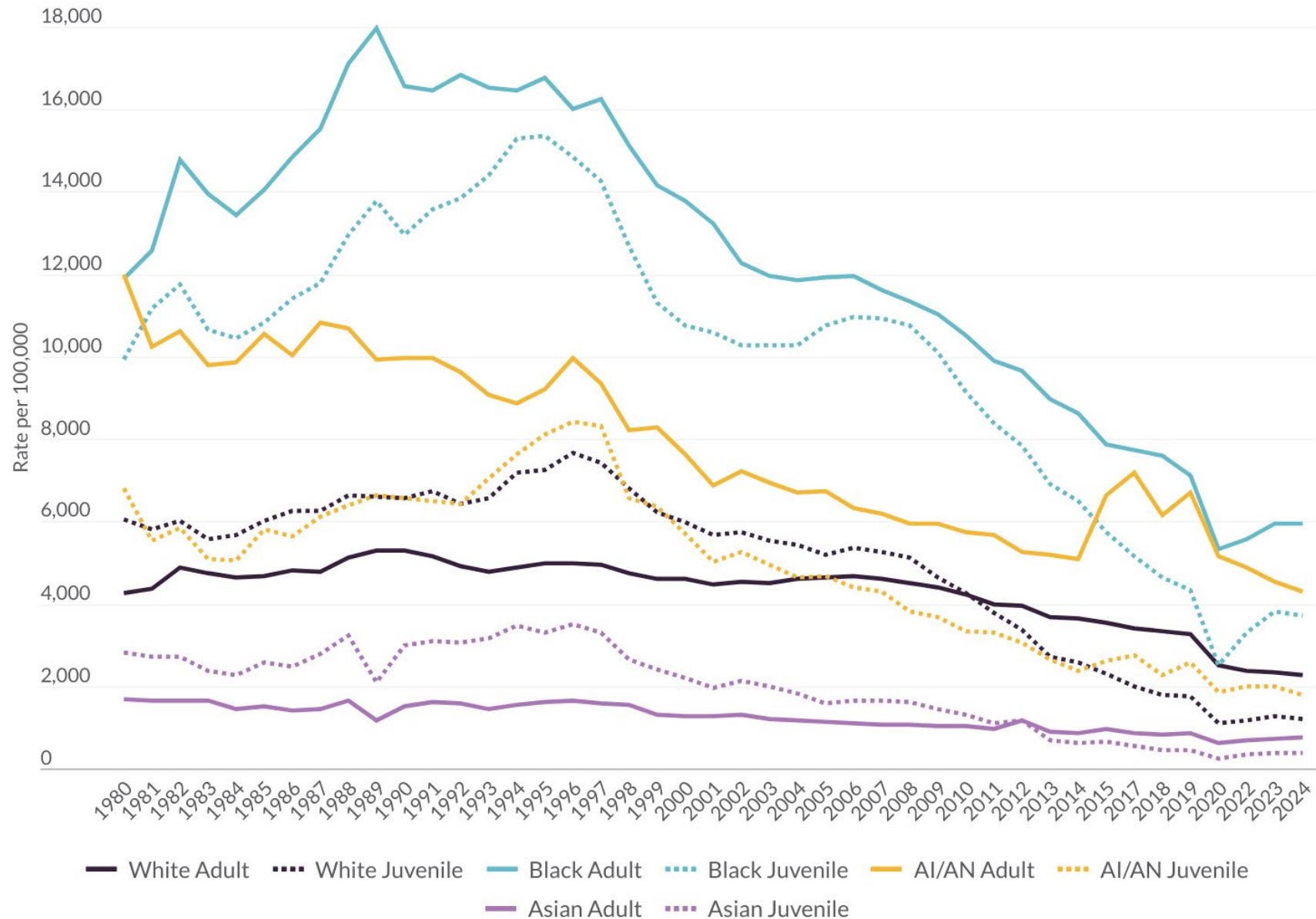
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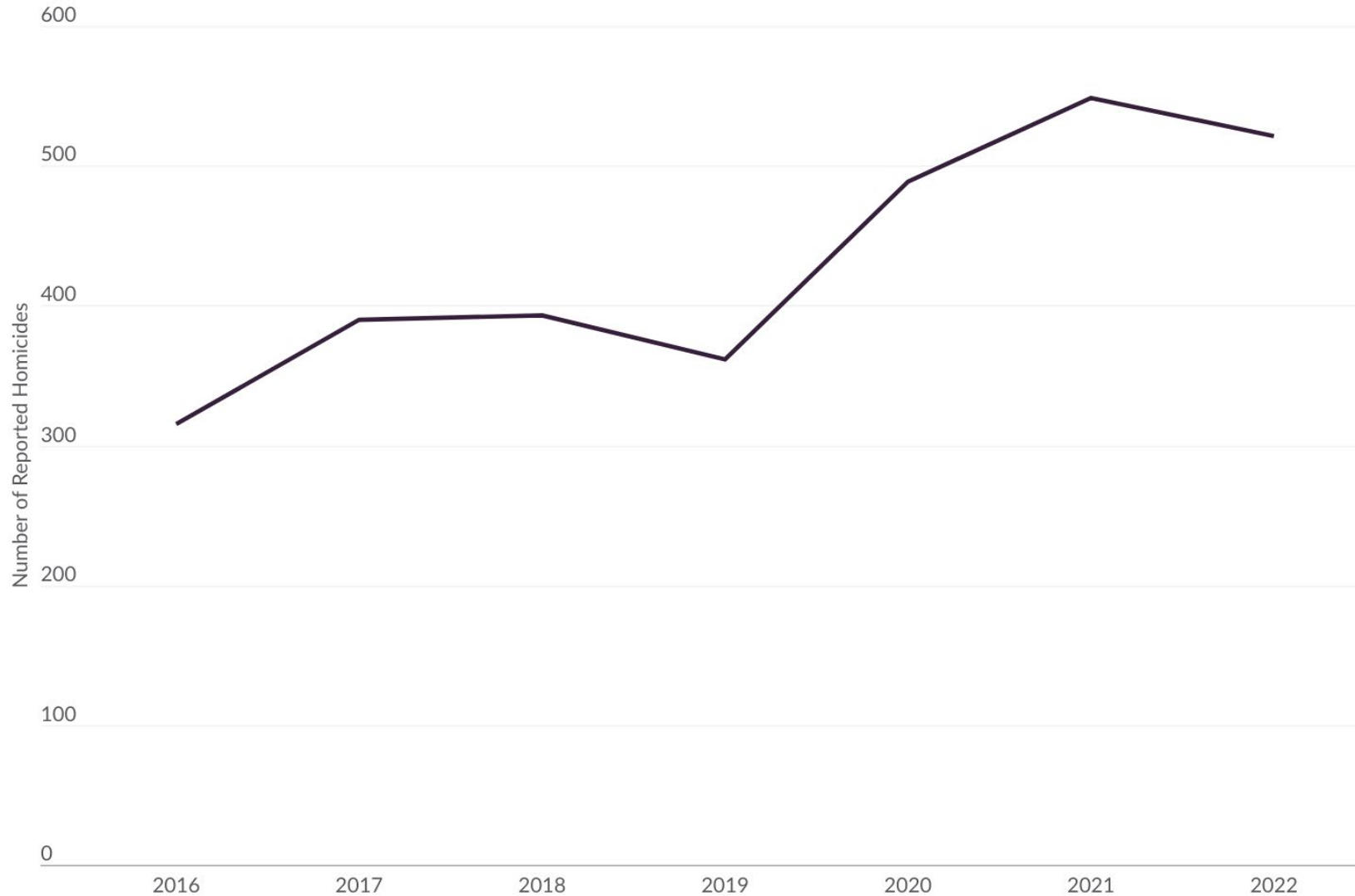
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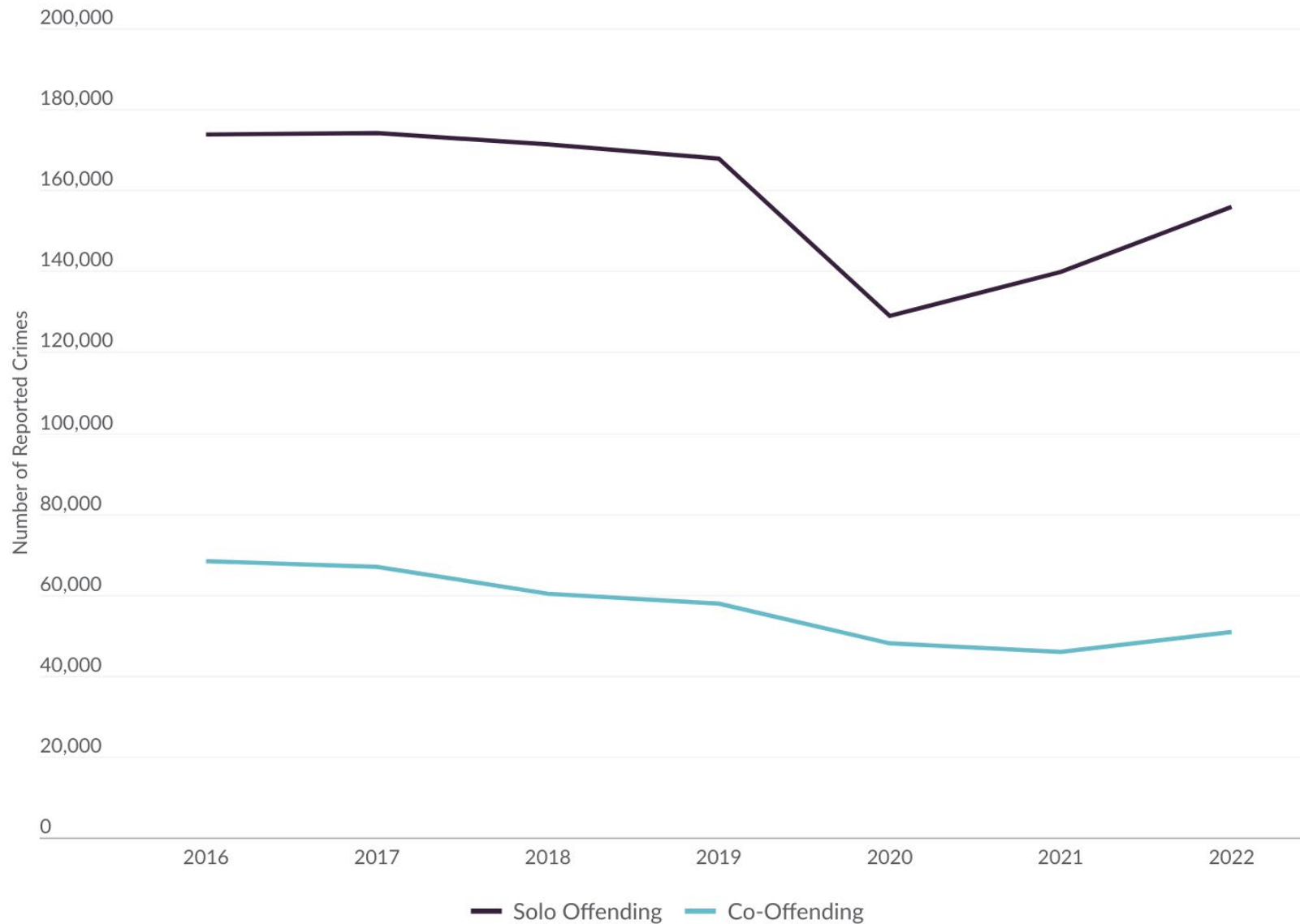
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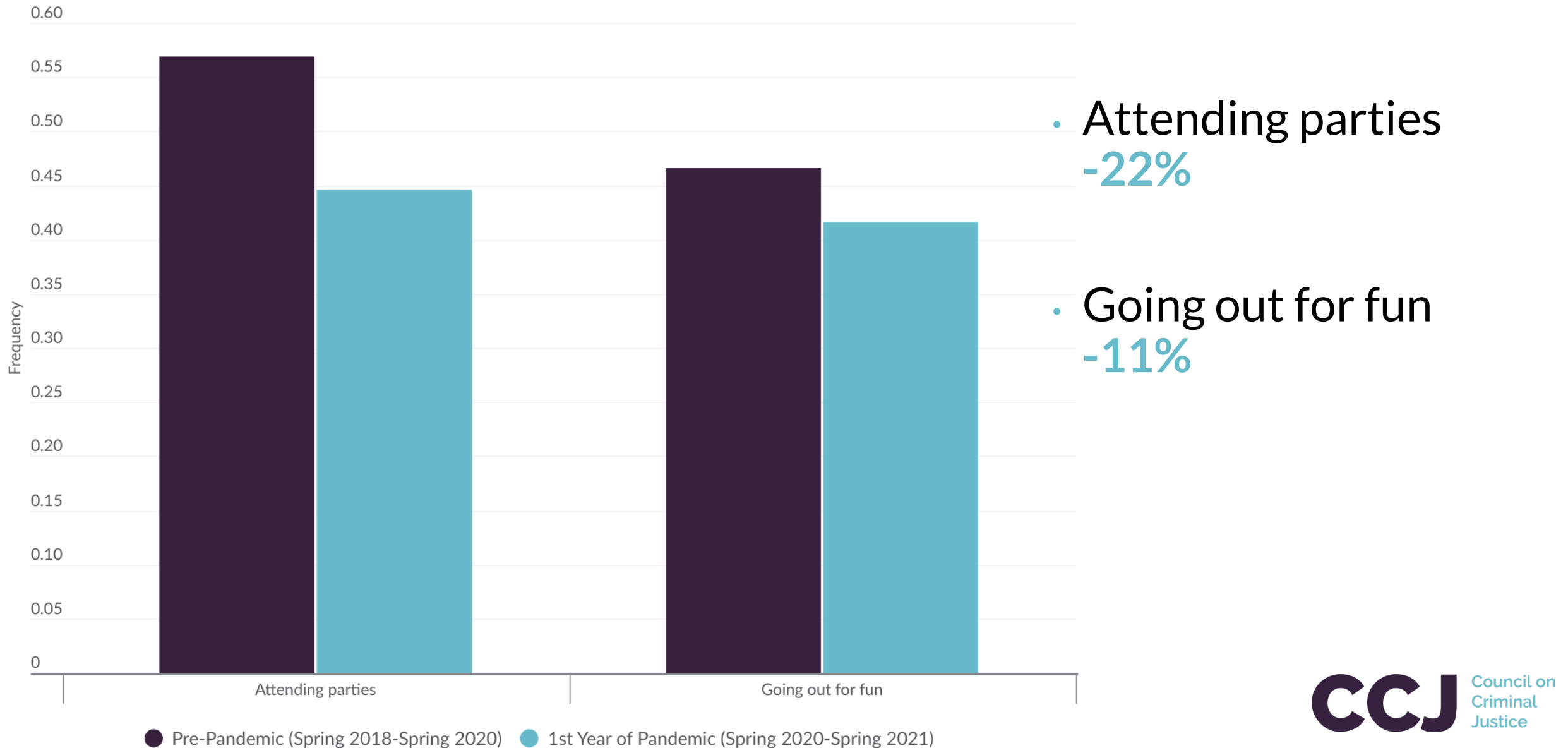
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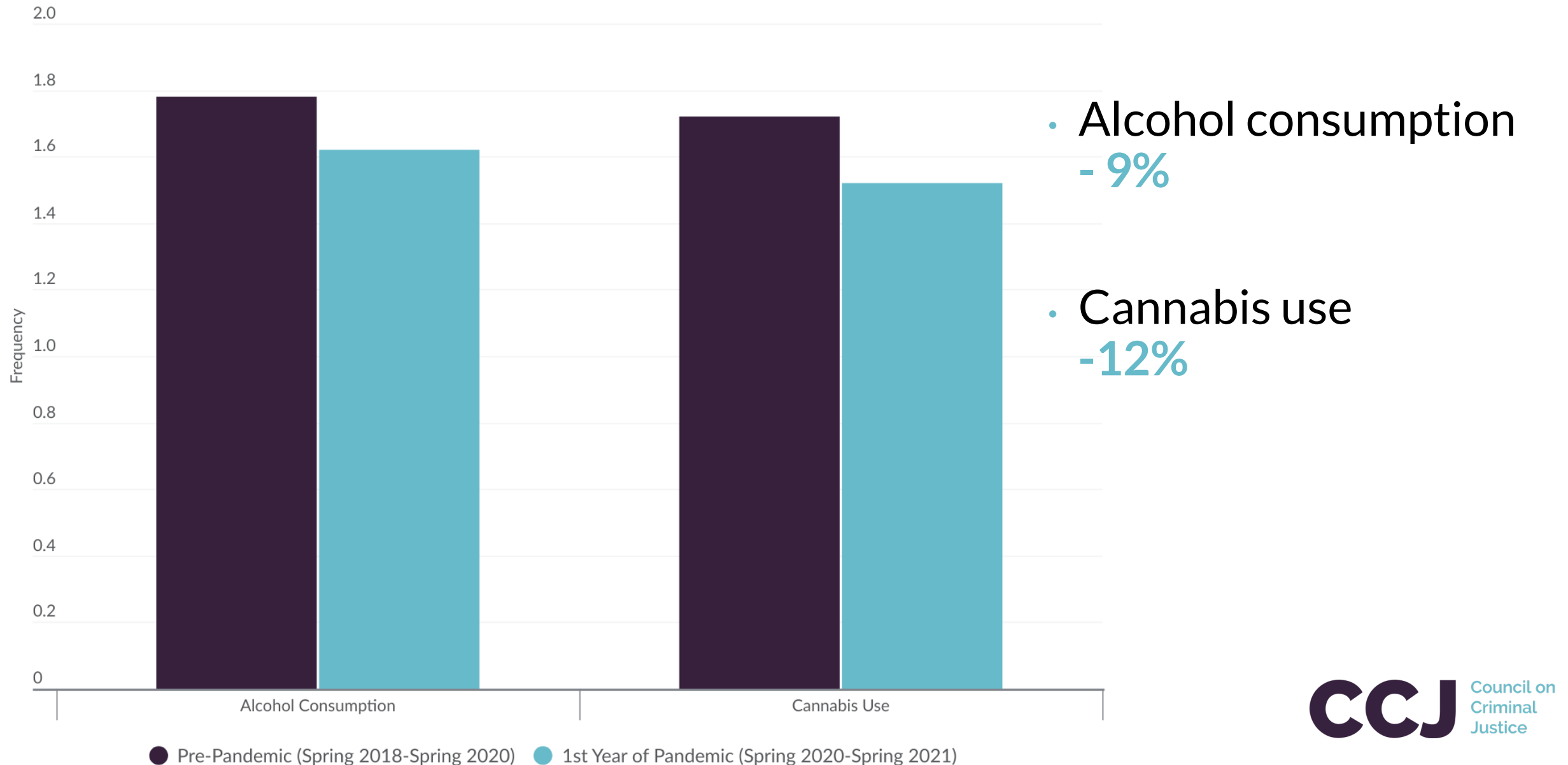
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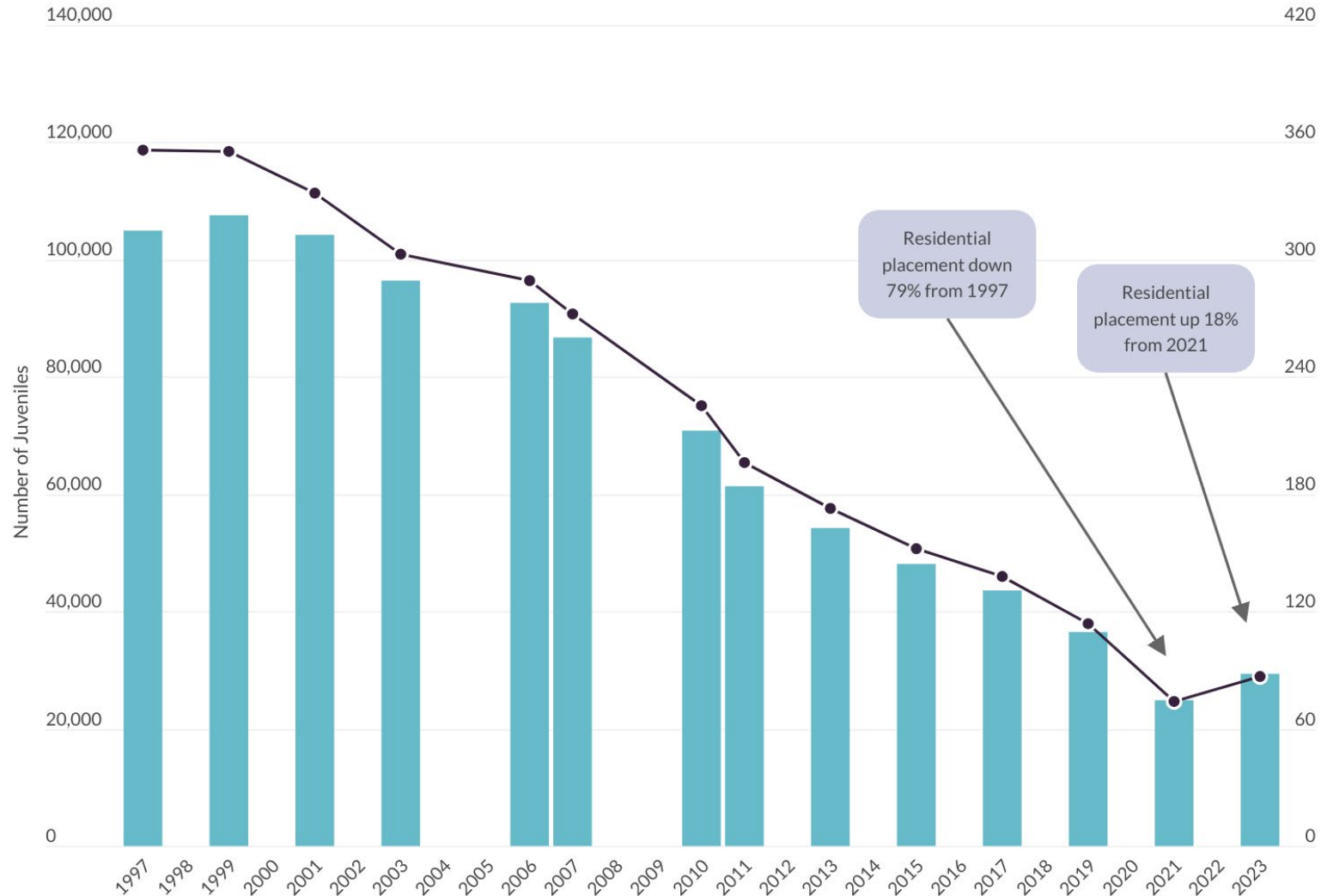
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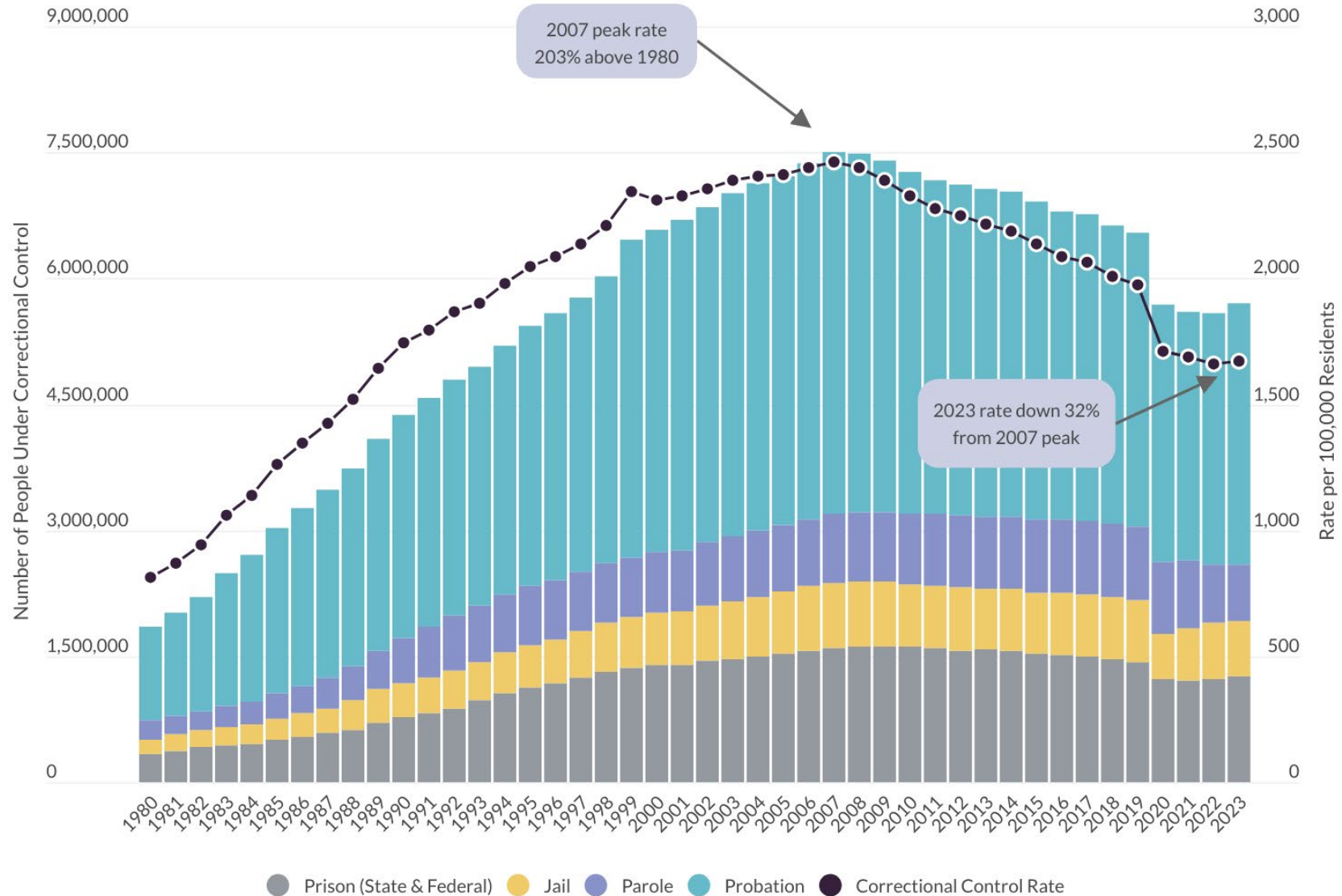
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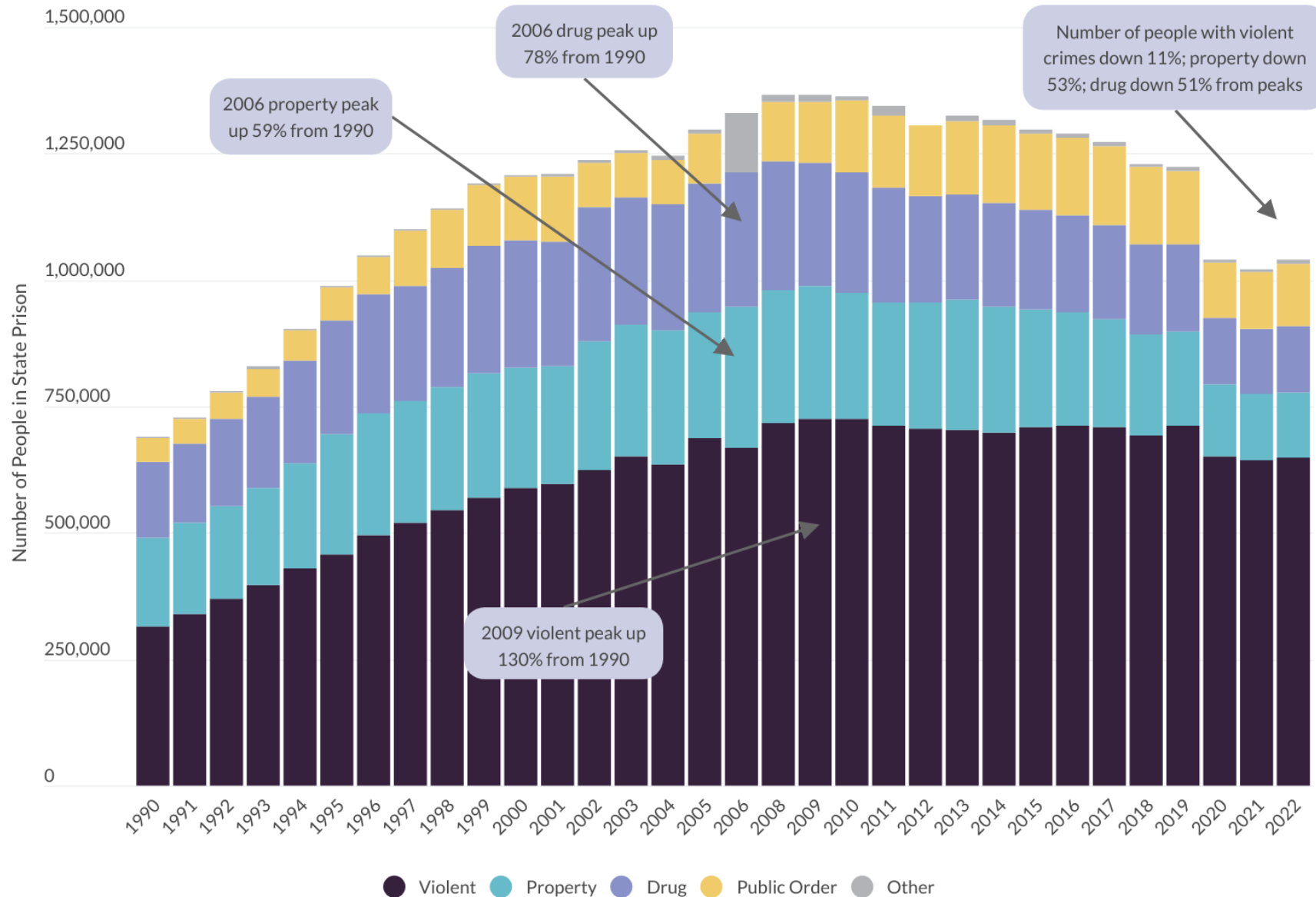
Juveniles in Residential Placement, 1997-2023



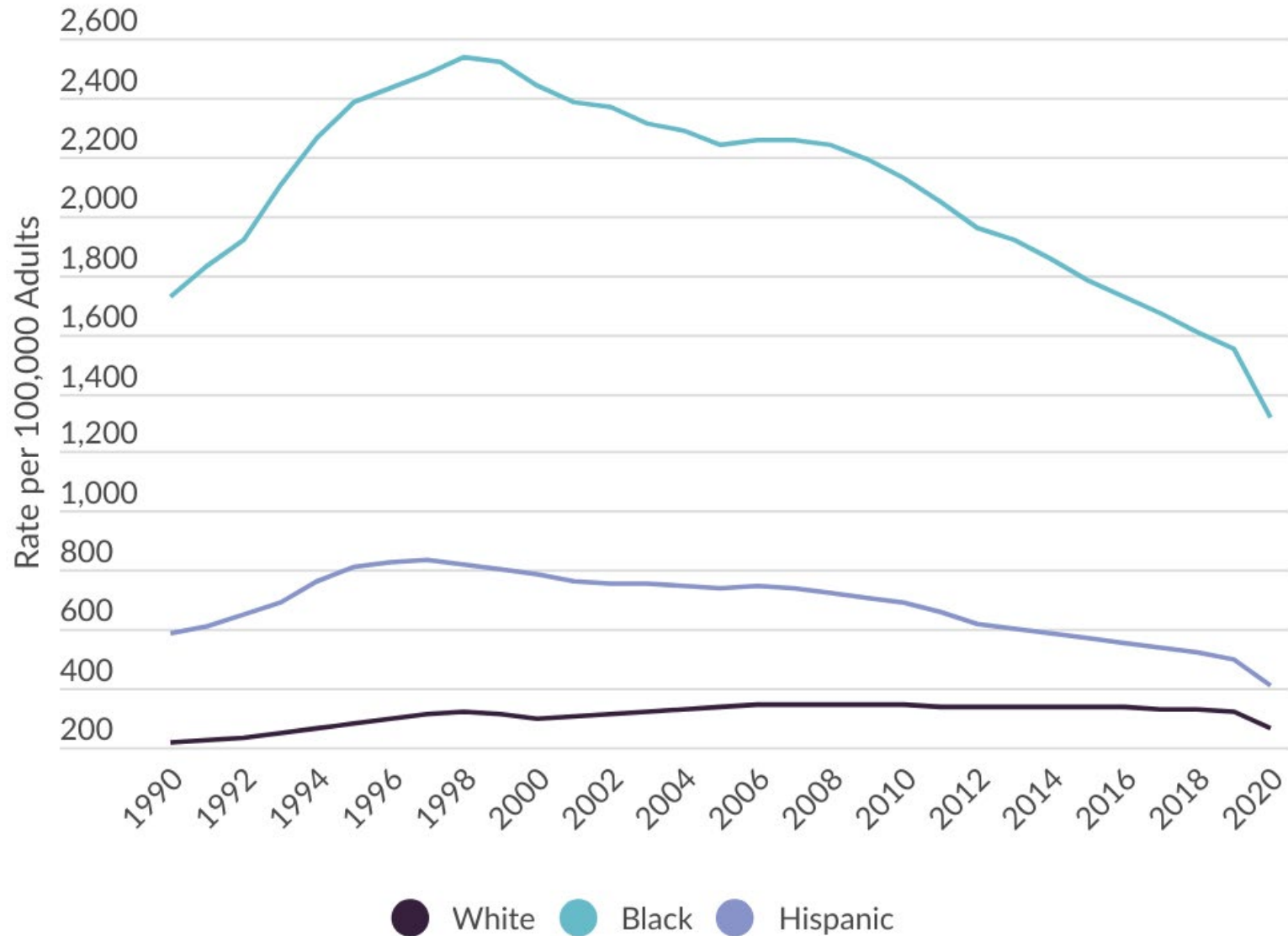
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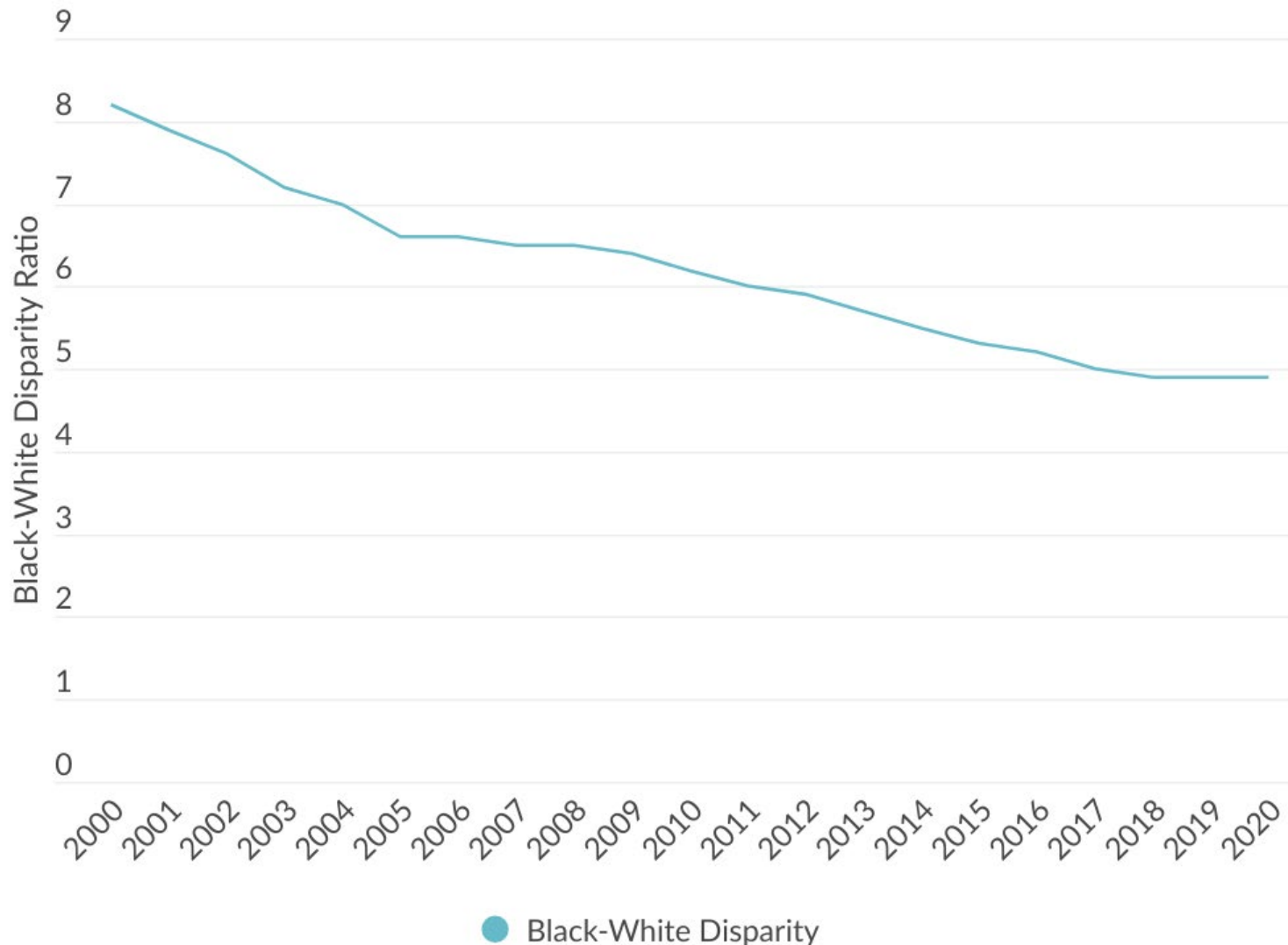
State Prison Population by Offense



Imprisonment Rate Disparities

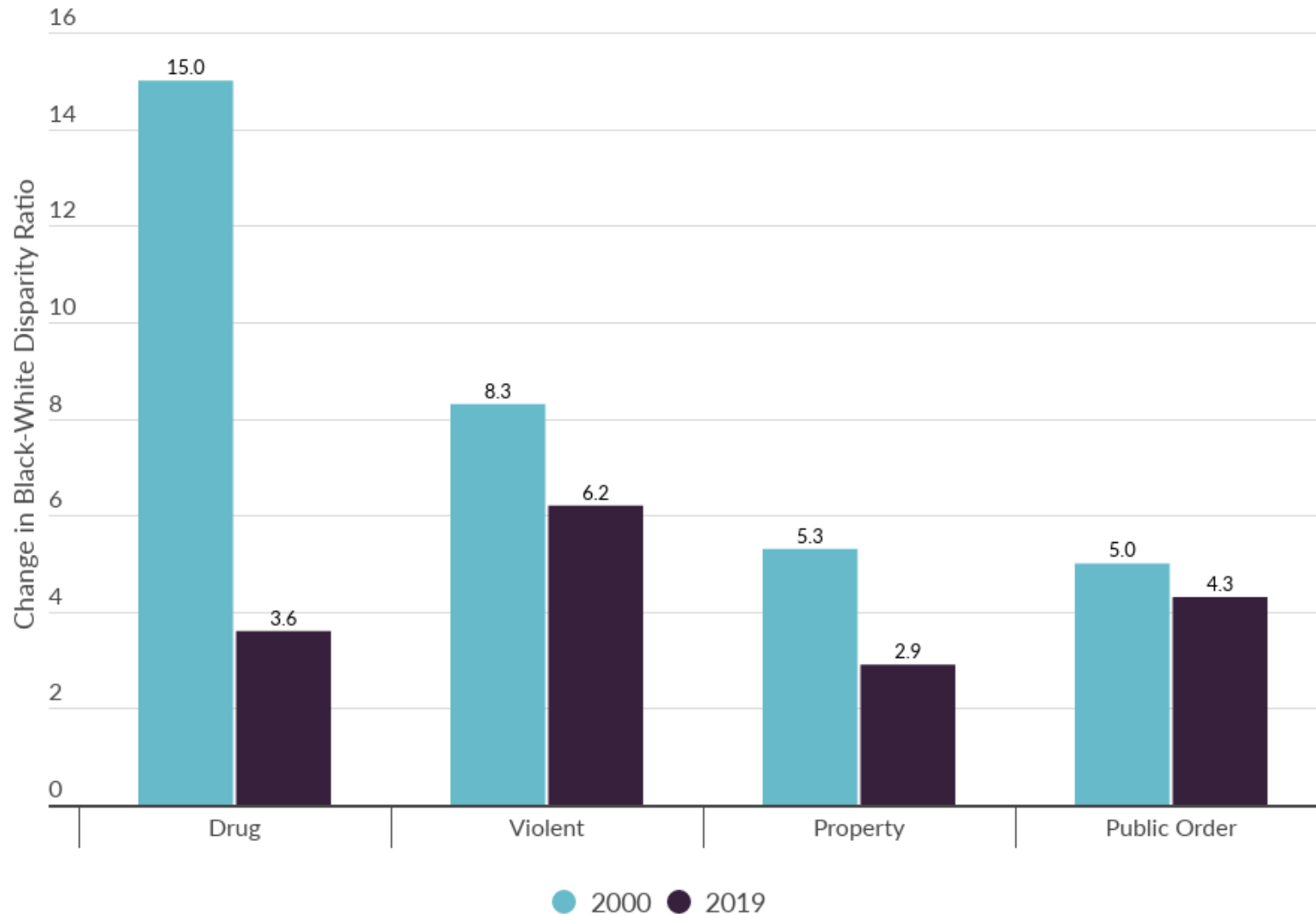


Imprisonment Disparities Narrow



- Black-White disparity ratio was 8.2-to-1 in 2000
- Dropped 40% to 4.9-to-1 in 2020

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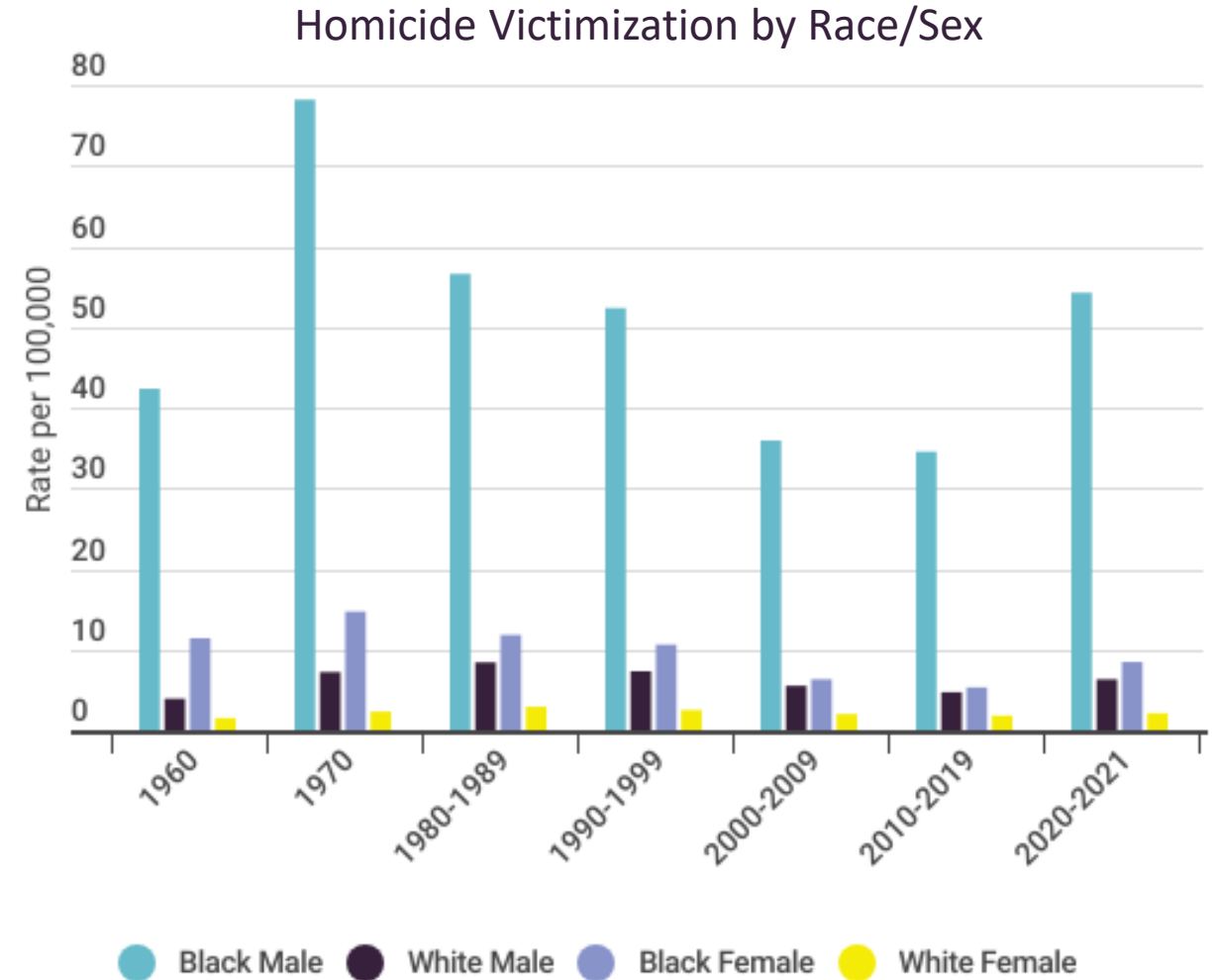


- Black-White disparities fell across offense type—the largest drop was for drug crimes
- Drug crime disparity fell by 75%—accounting for half the overall decrease

Violence is the Key

Racial disparities in imprisonment will persist without significant reductions in:

- Disparity in violent offending rates,
- Disparity in prison time served, and/or
- The influence of criminal history in sentencing and release decisions.





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