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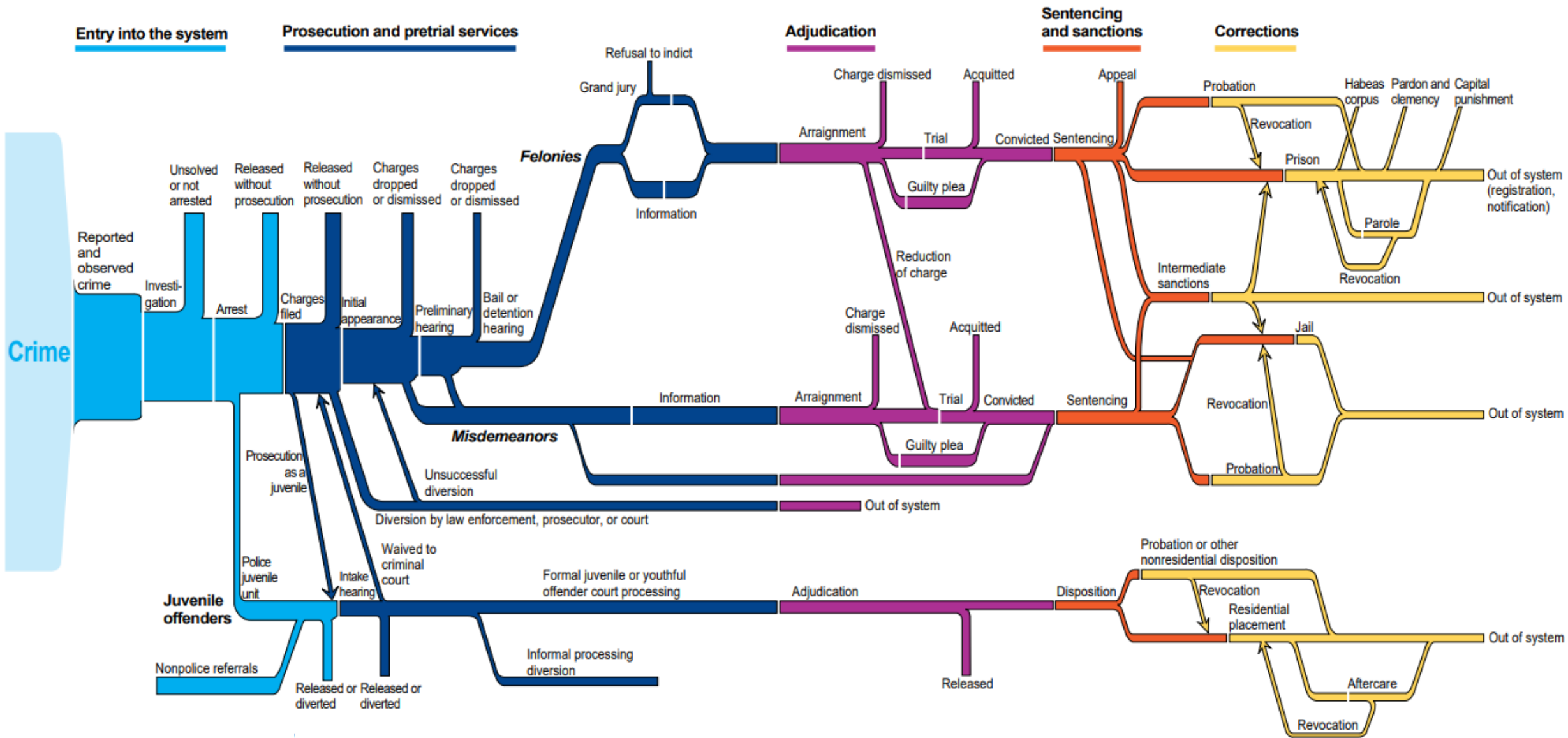
Examining Criminal Justice Statistics
and Trends in Pennsylvania

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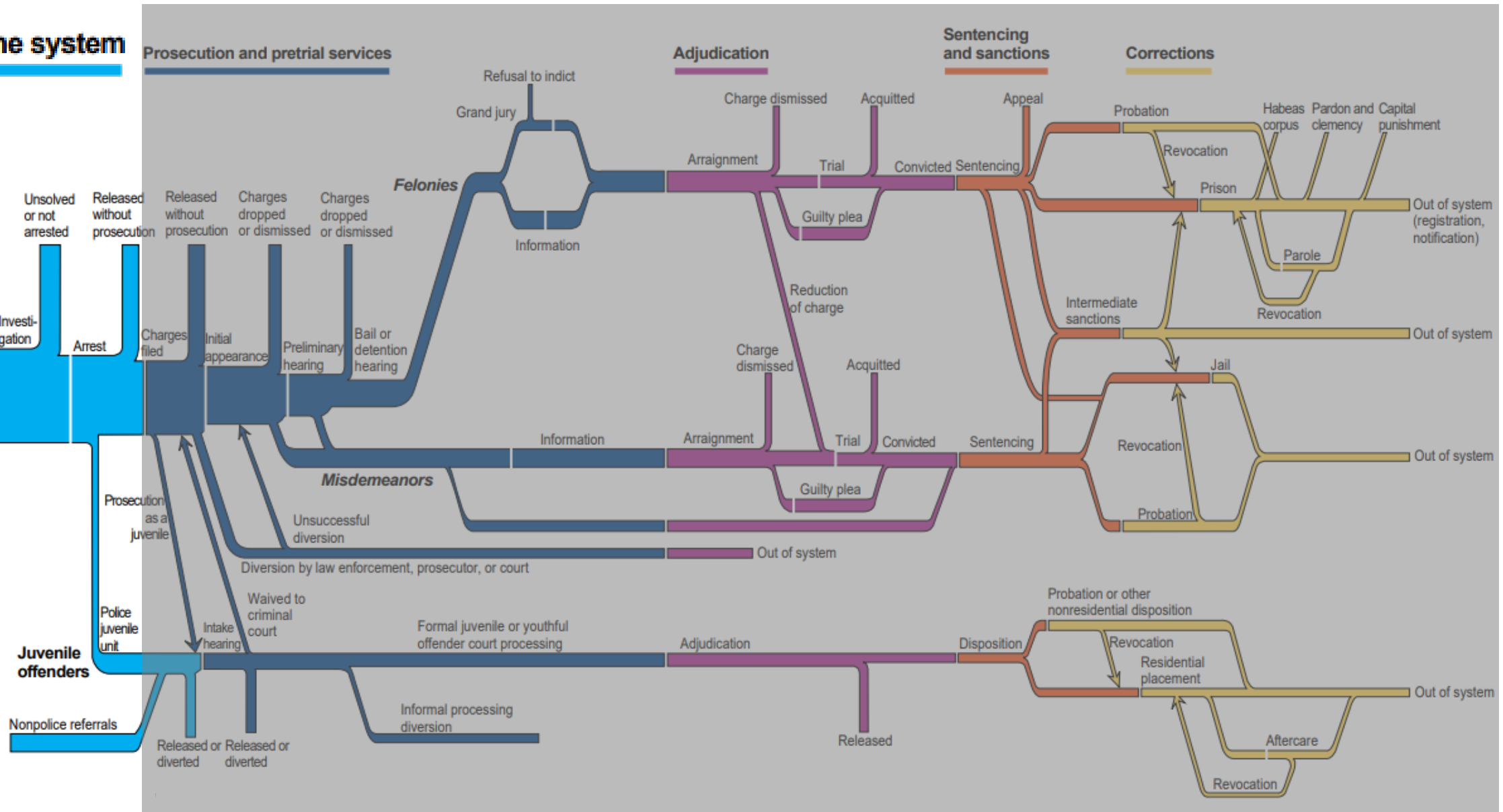


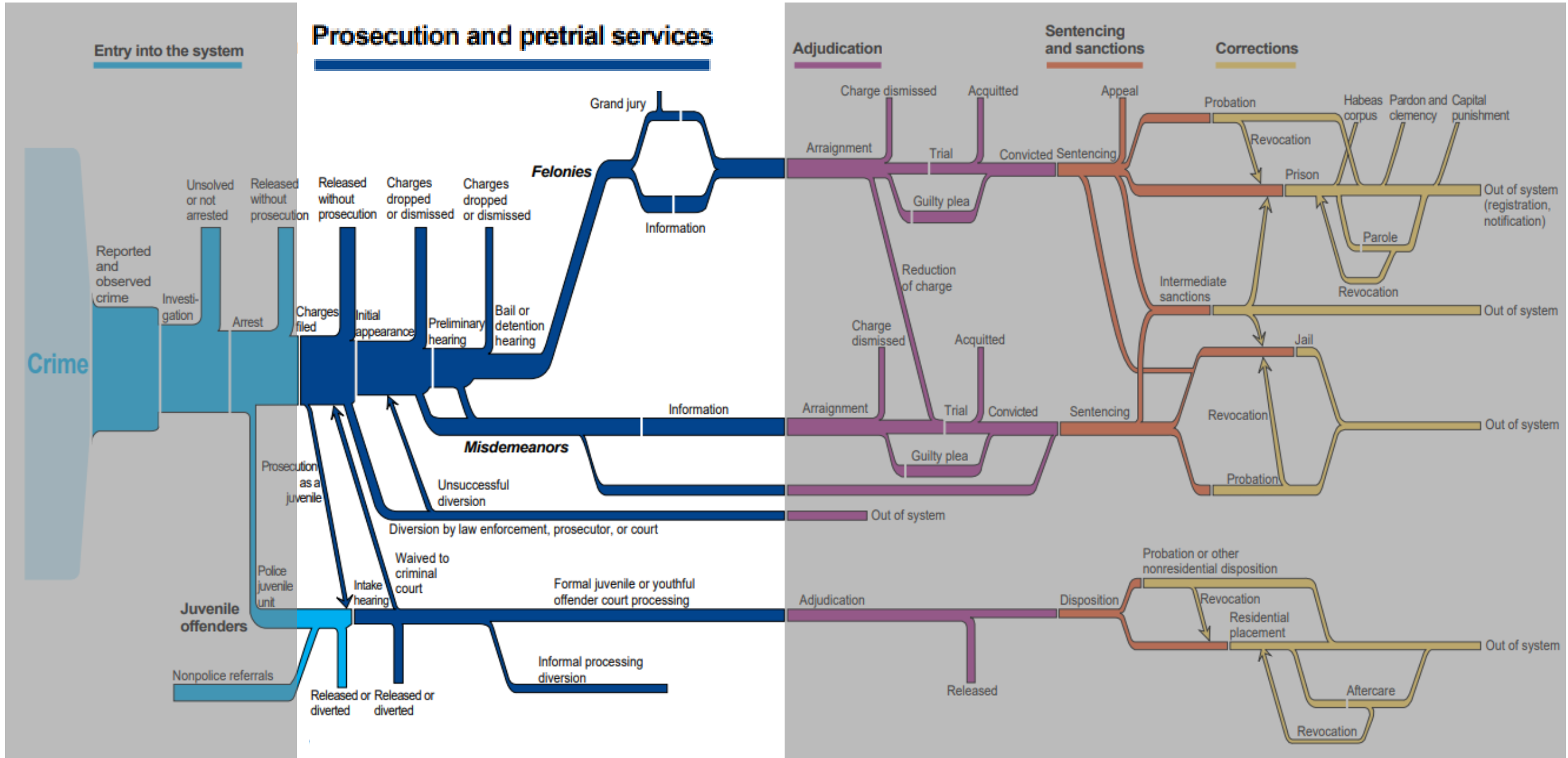
Criminal Justice Caseflow

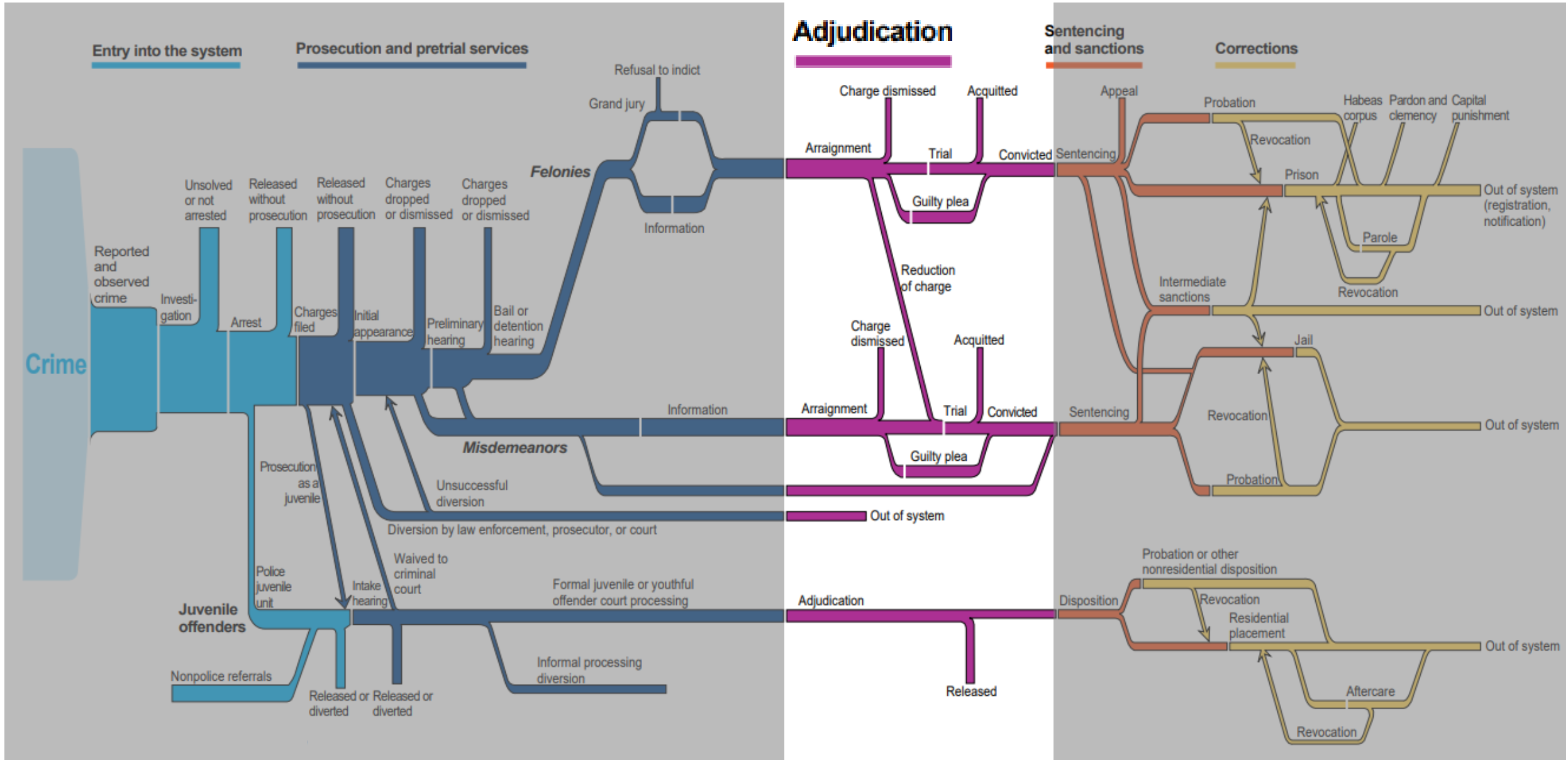


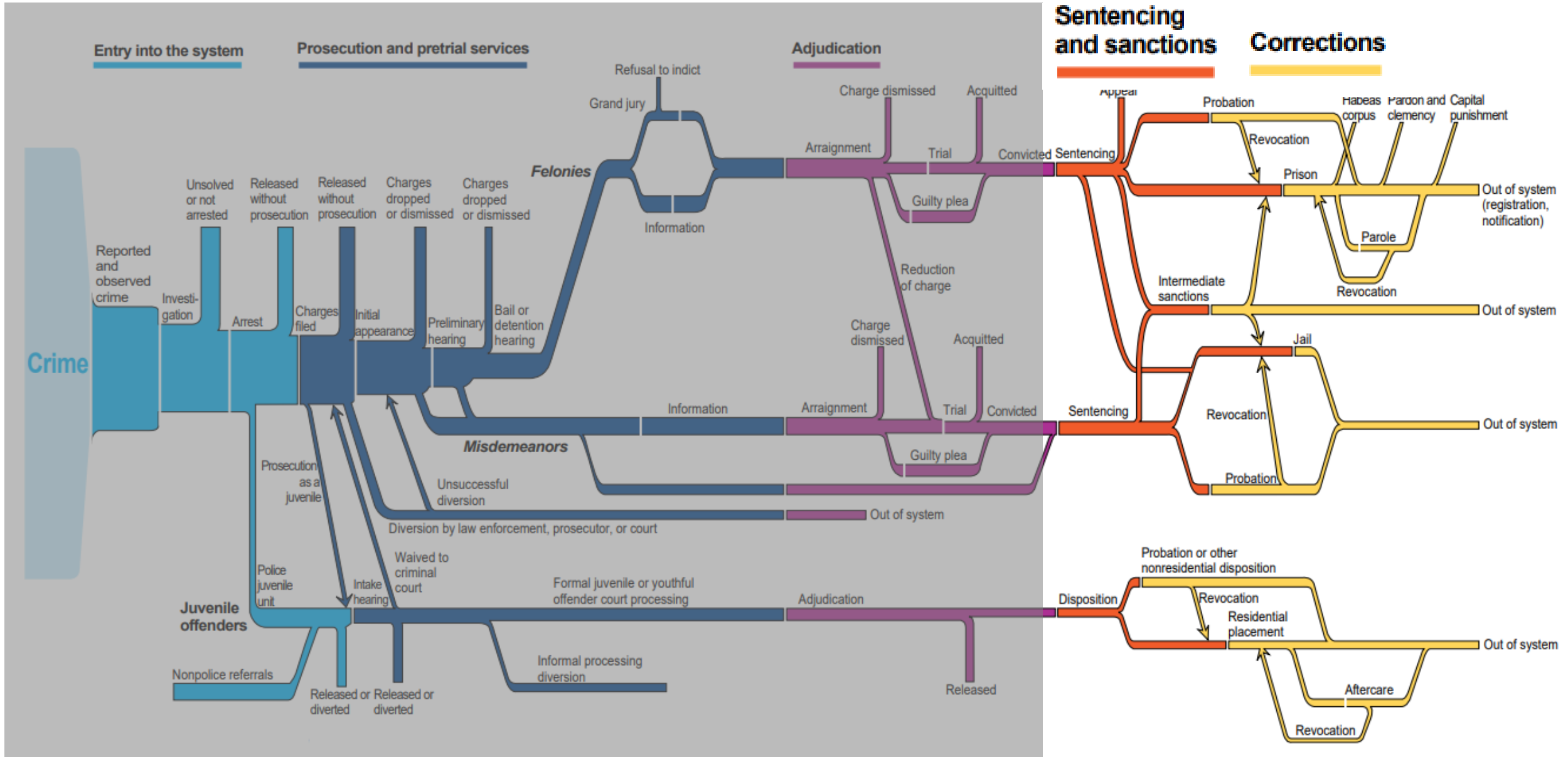
Entry into the system

Crime











Caseflow Attrition (VUFA example)

**Municipal
Court**

[n= 18,026]



Total VUFA
dockets

[n= 51,618]



**Magisterial
District Court**

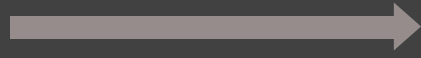
[n= 33,592]

All cases that include a VUFA offense under
Title 18 Pa.C.S. Chapter 61; 2015-2020

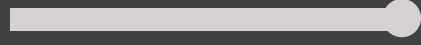
*Data Source: Common Pleas Case Management System
of the Administrative Office of Pennsylvania Courts*

Municipal Court

[n= 18,026]



Pending = 17% [3,073]



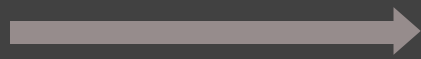
% out of non-pending [n=14,953]

Dismissed = 7% [1,024]

Withdrawn = 10% [1,544]

Other = 1% [176]

Resolved = 2% [288]

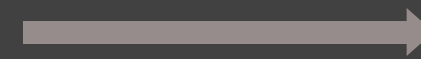


Bound over = 80% [11,921]

Total VUFA dockets

[n= 51,618]

Total Bound over
81% [37,675]



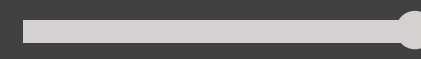
Bound over = 82% [25,754]



Pending = 6% [2,110]

Magisterial District Court

[n= 33,592]



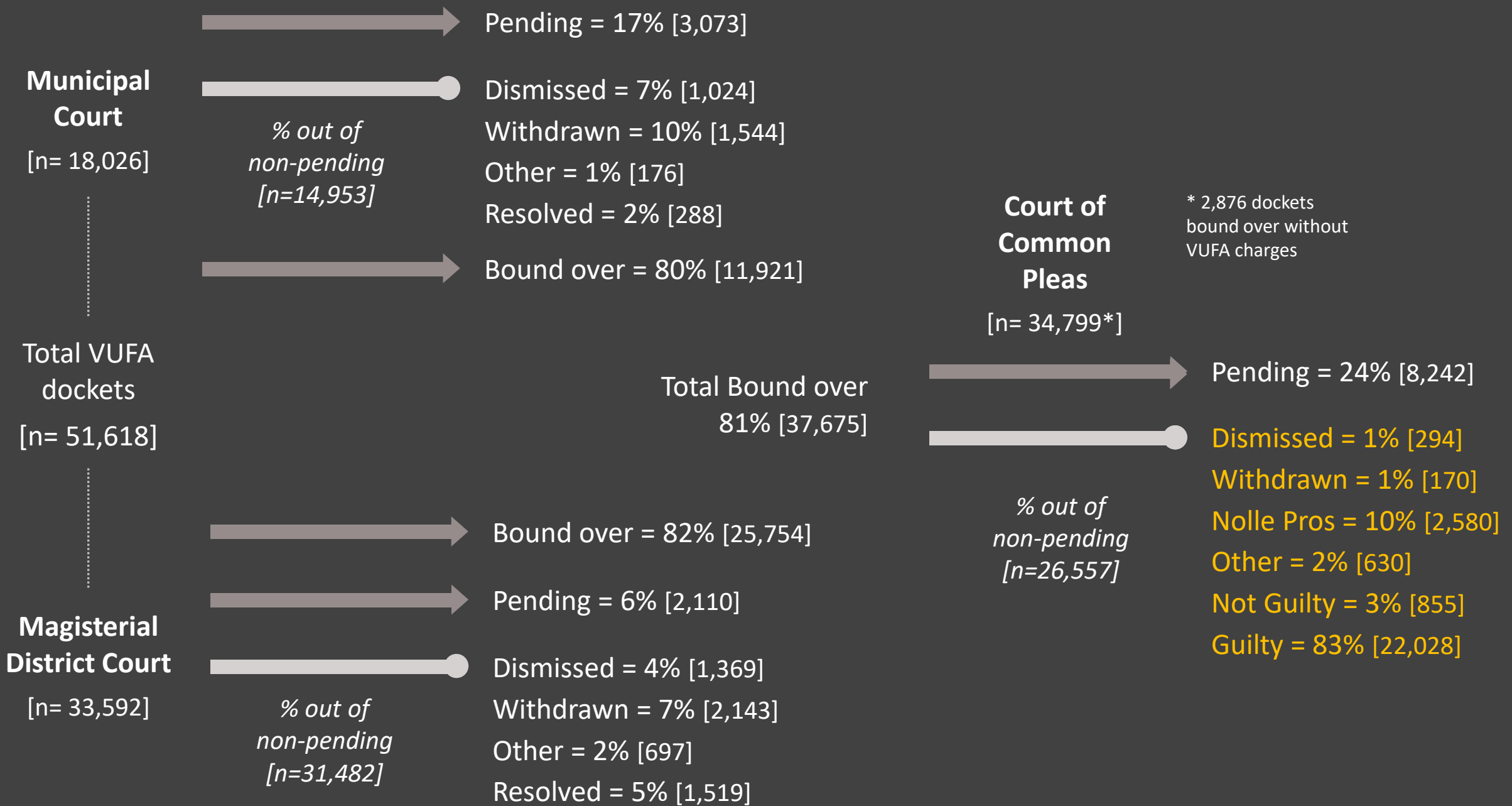
% out of non-pending [n=31,482]

Dismissed = 4% [1,369]

Withdrawn = 7% [2,143]

Other = 2% [697]

Resolved = 5% [1,519]

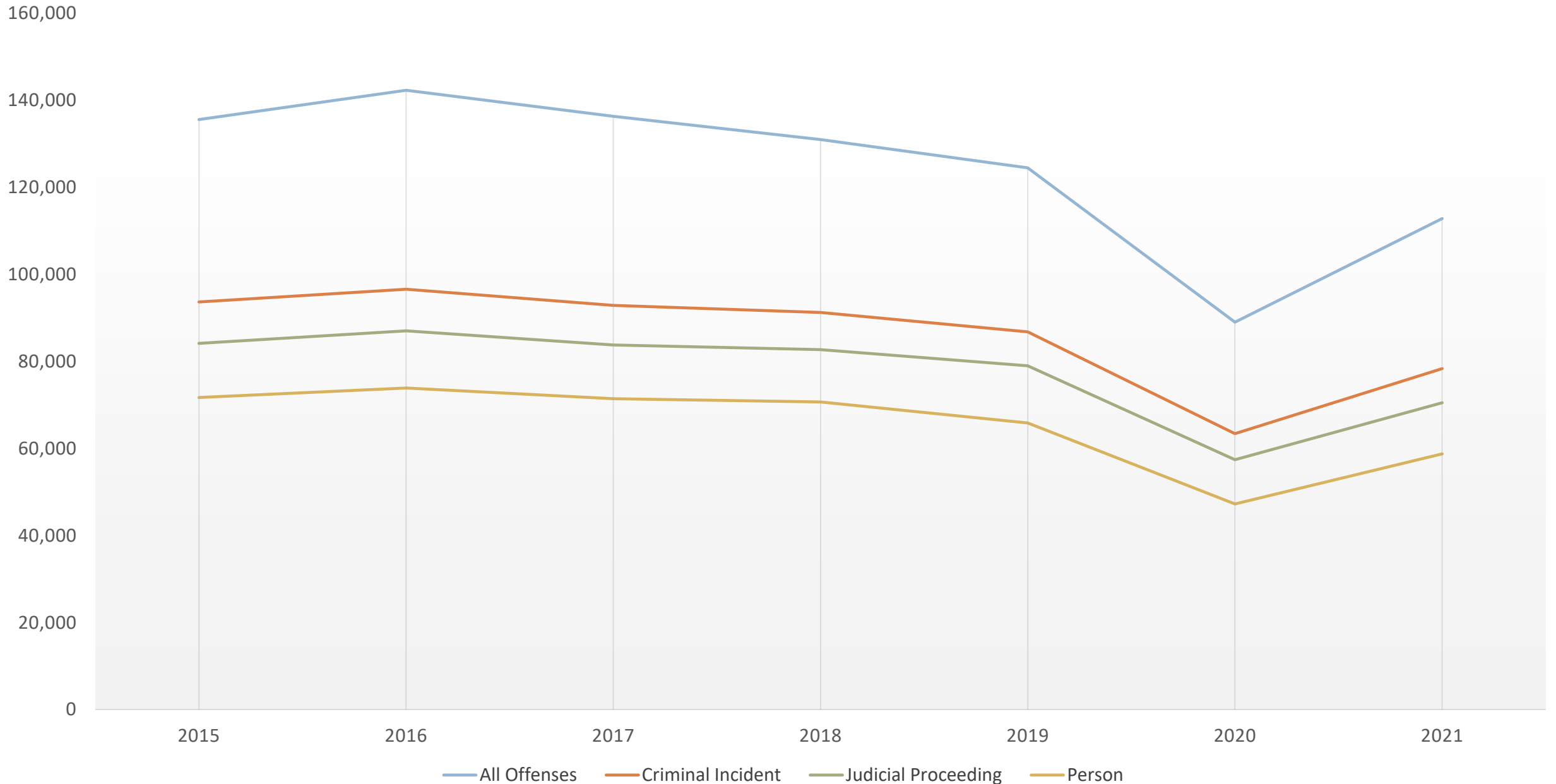




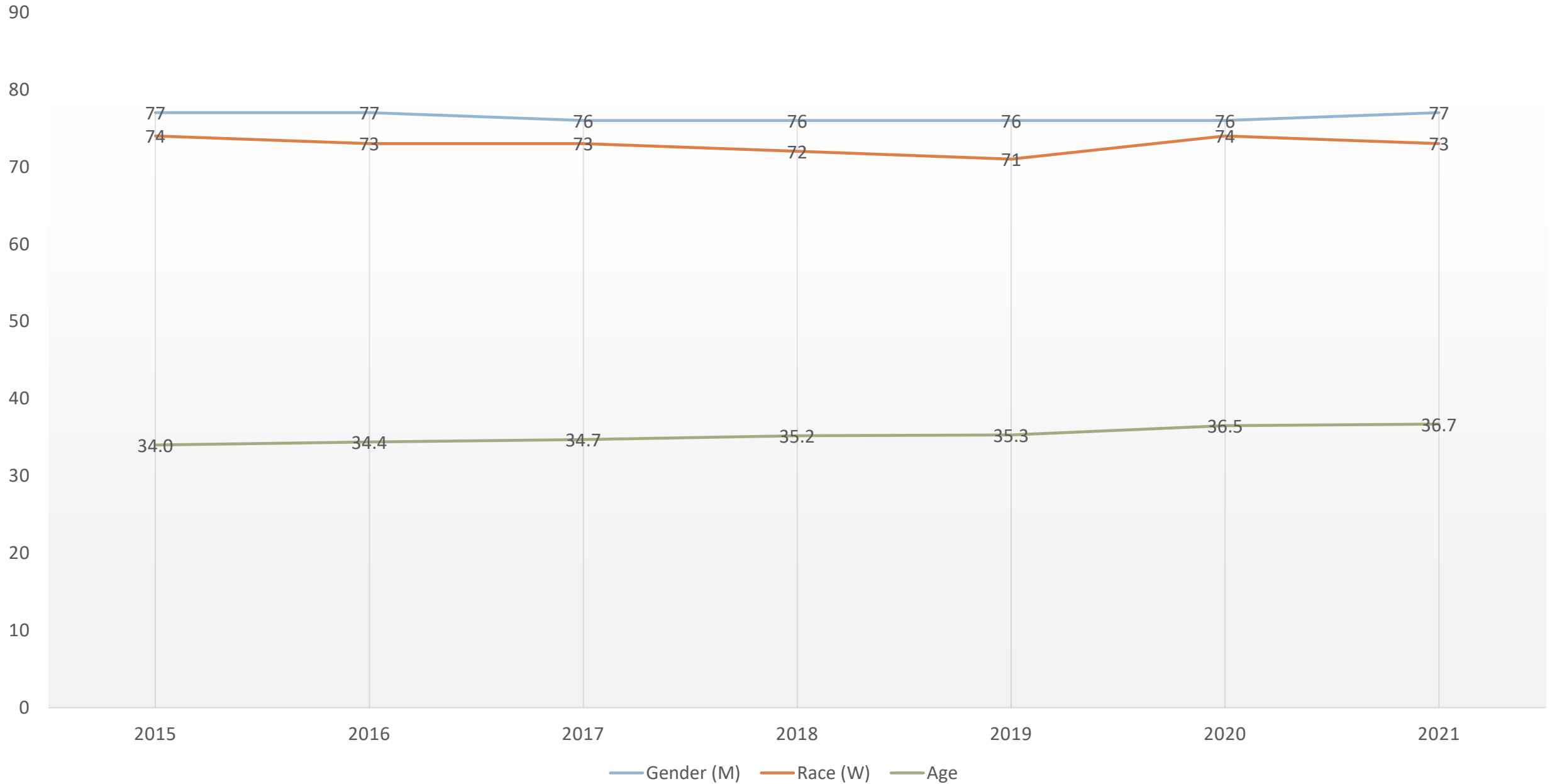
Trends

(Sentencing 2015-2021)

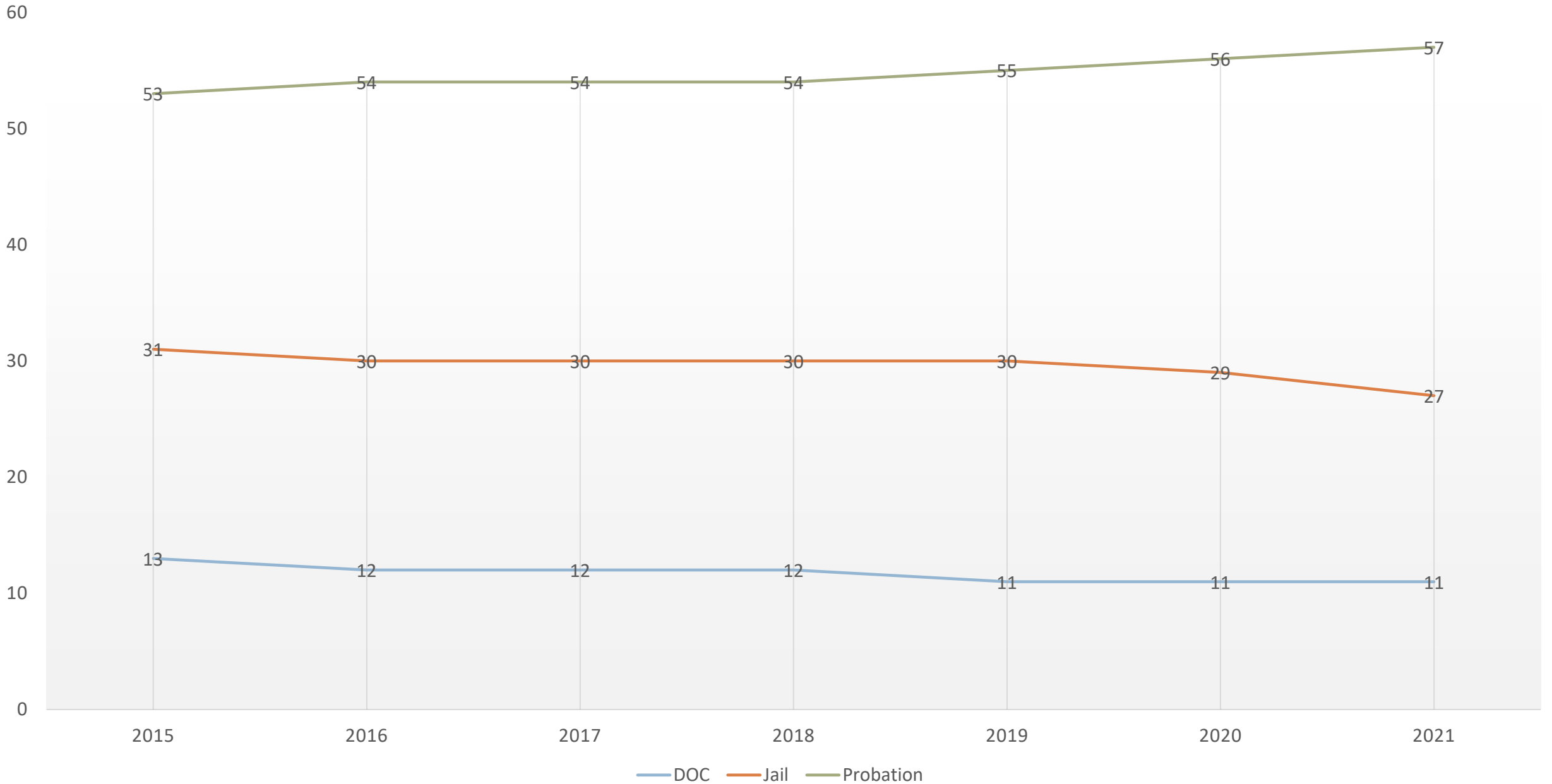
Reporting Trends -- Sentencing (2015-2021)



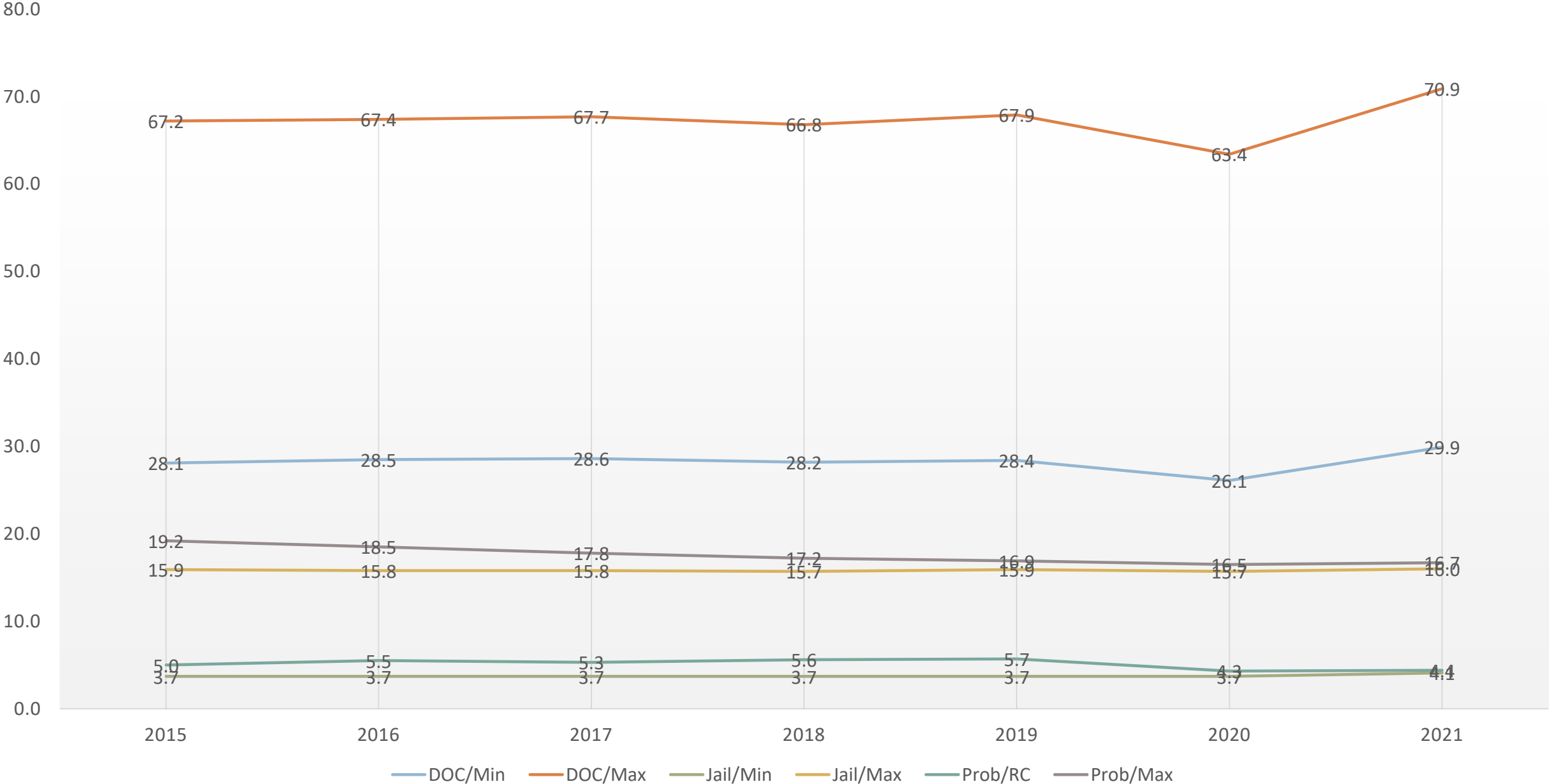
Demographic Trends -- Sentencing (2015-2021)



Disposition Trends -- Sentencing (2015-2021)



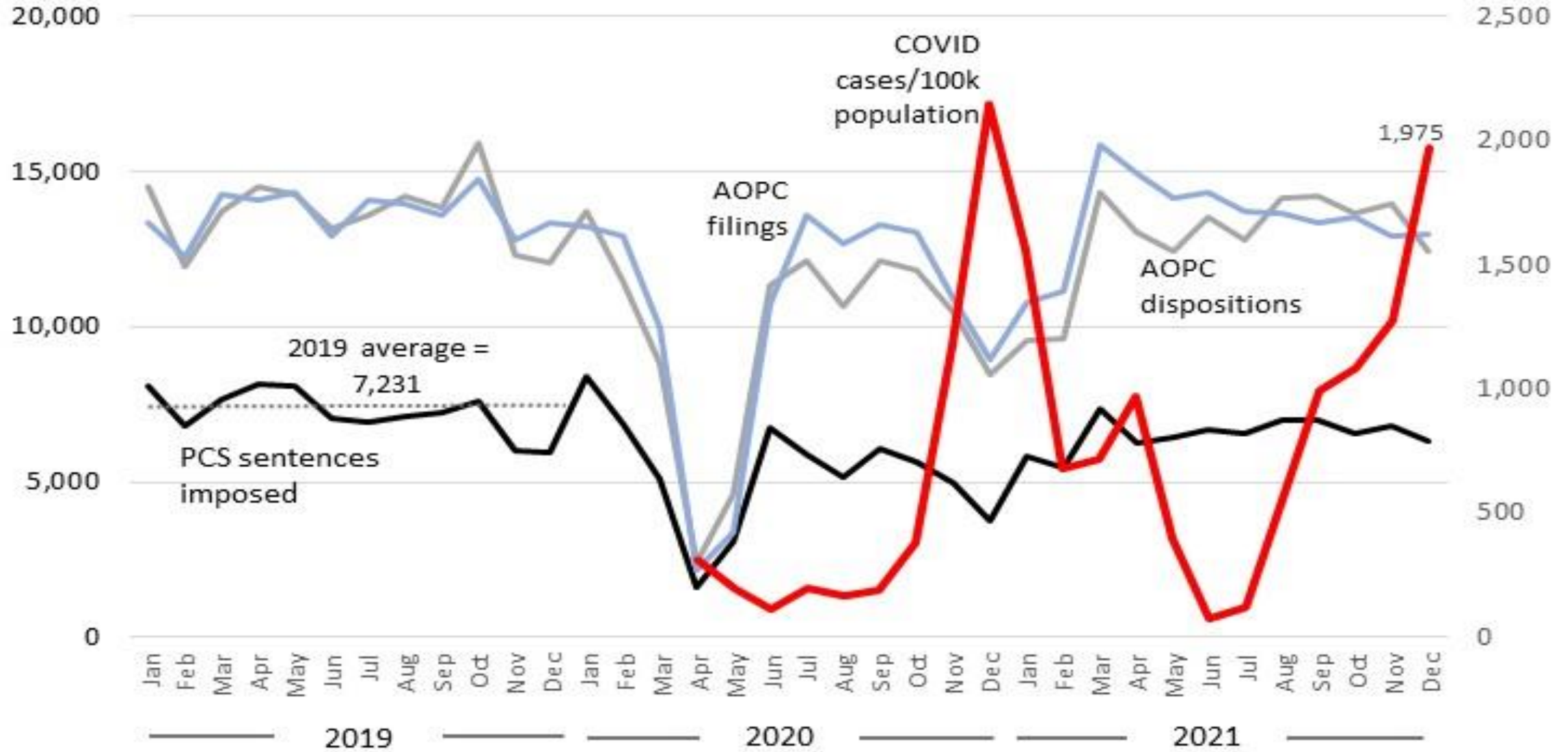
Duration Trends -- Sentencing (2015-2021)



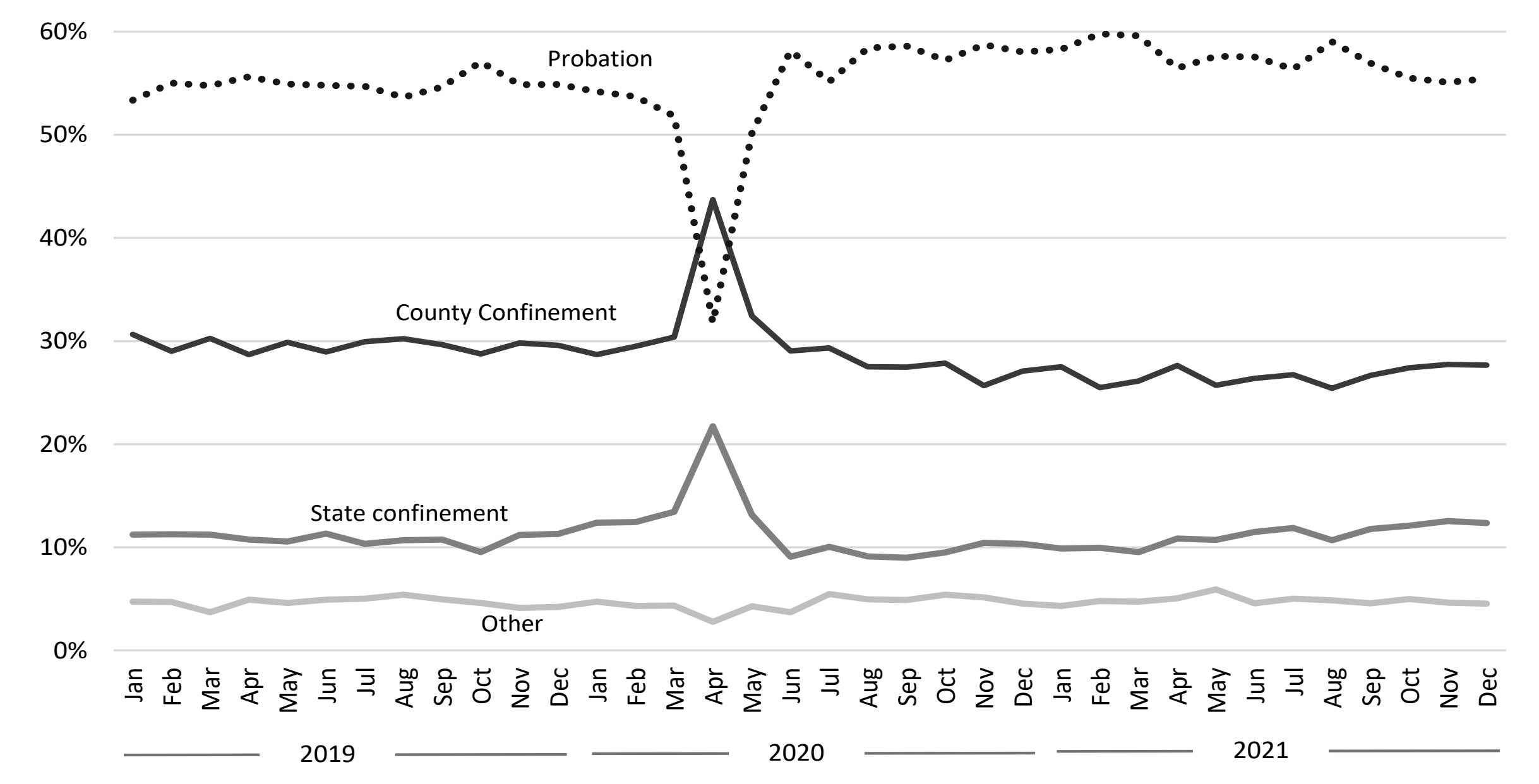


COVID Impact (2020-2021)

Monthly Filings, Dispositions, and Sentences Imposed (2019-2021), and COVID-19 Cases in 2020-2021



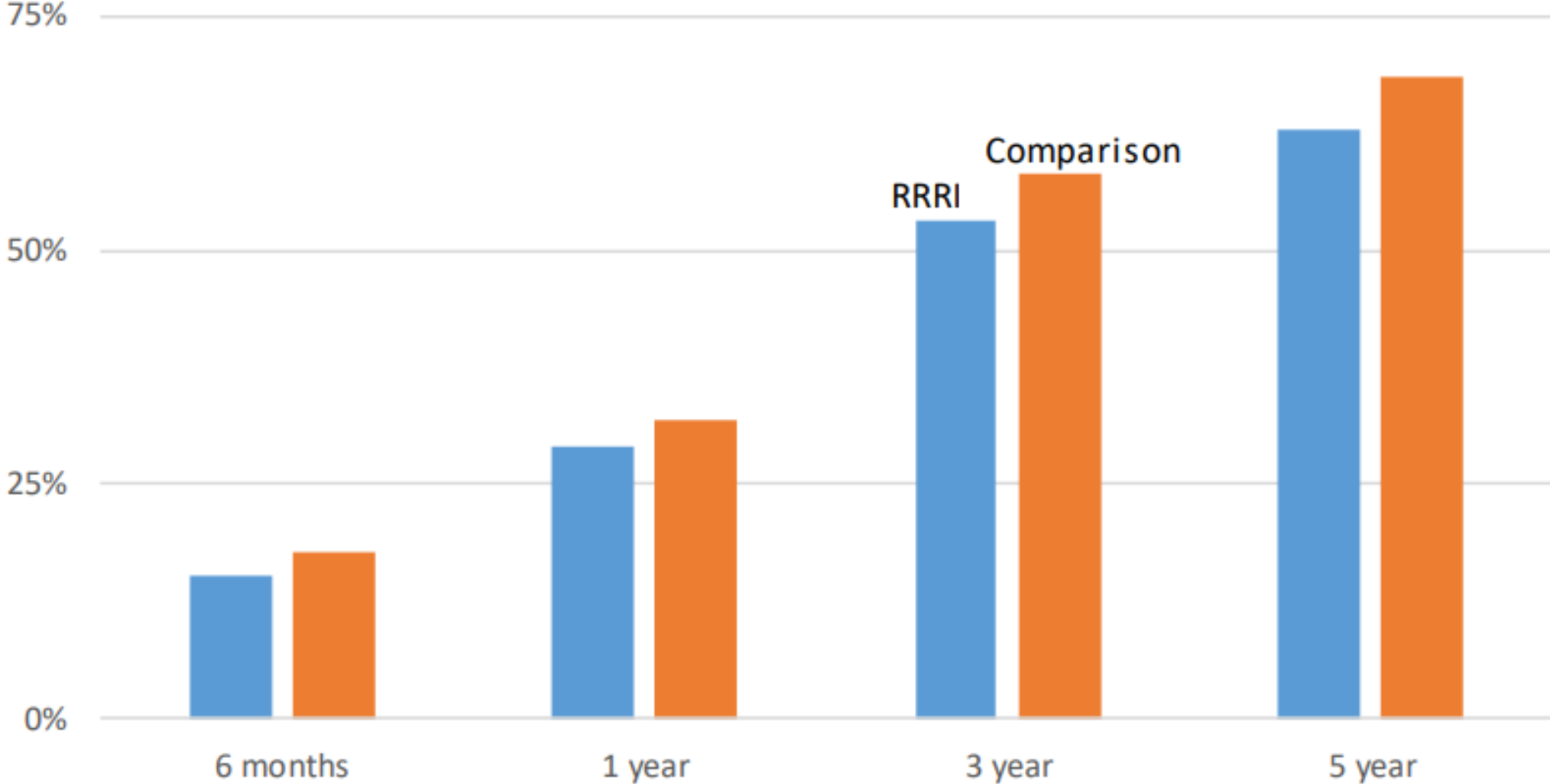
Summary of Sentences imposed by Sentencing Alternative, 2019-2021



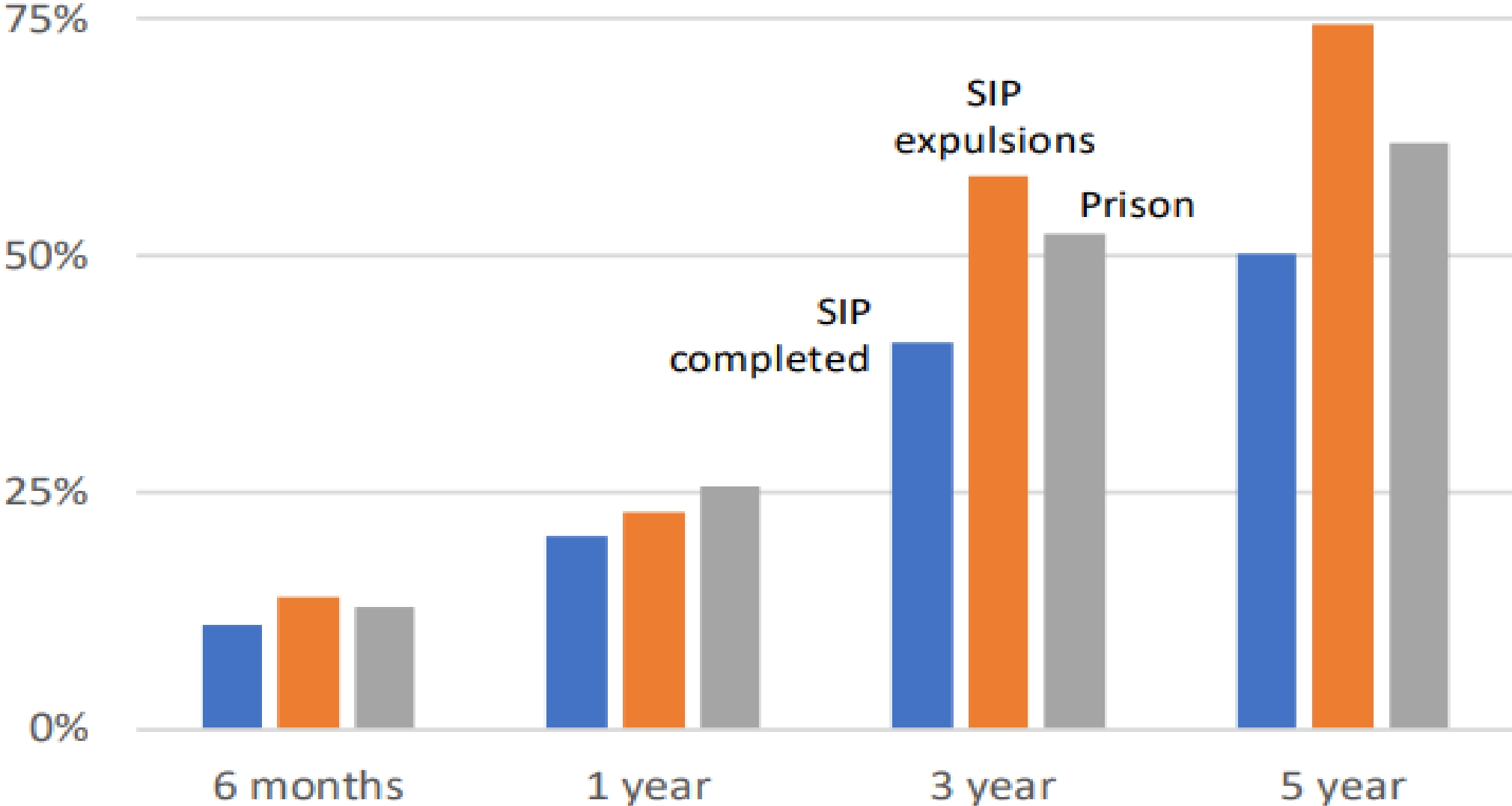


Recidivism

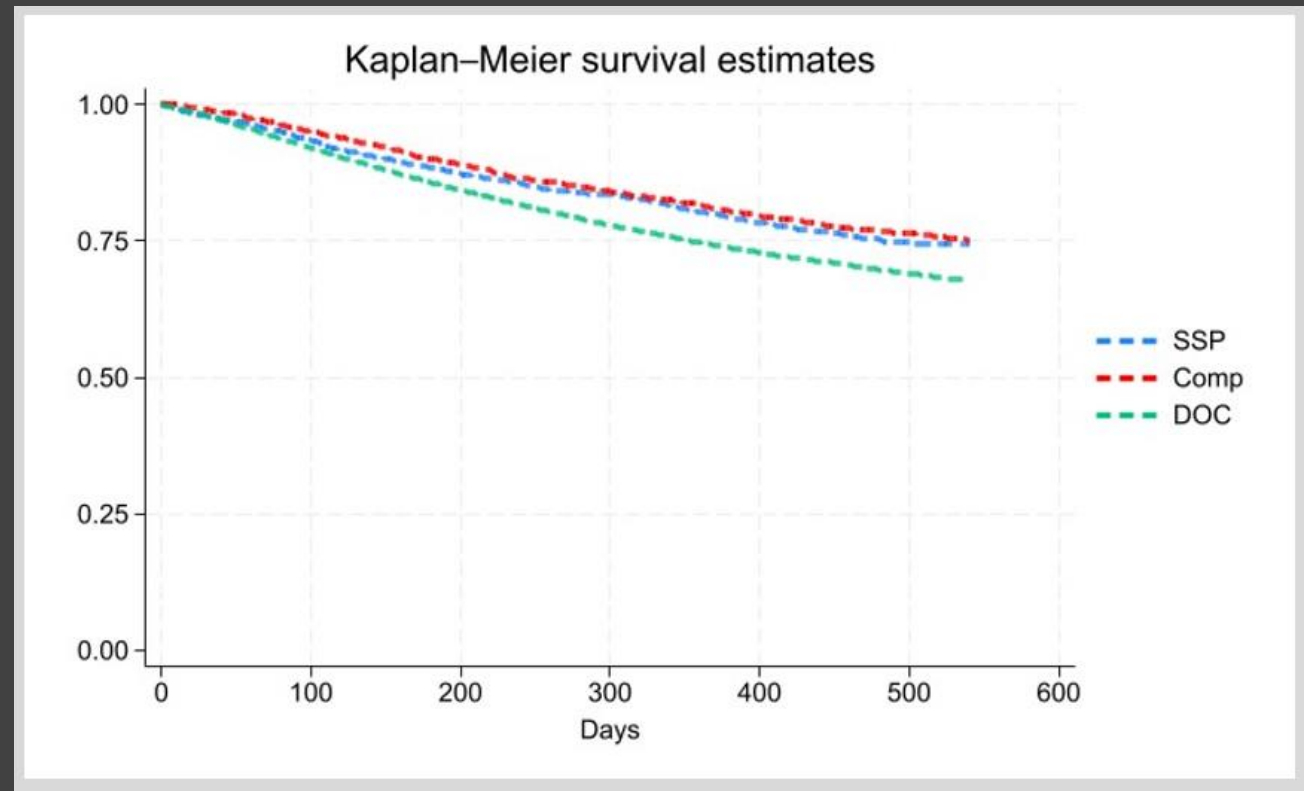
Evaluation of Recidivism Risk Reduction Program (RRRI) -- 2019



Evaluation of State Intermediate Punishment (SIP)/State Drug Treatment Program -- 2020



Evaluation of Short Sentence Parole (SSP) -- 2023



Recidivism Rate (New Arrest Leading to Conviction)

Time	SSP Participants		DOC Comparison Group		All DOC Releases ('19-'20)	
	N	Rate	N	Rate	N	Rate
6 Months	1,508	12%	2,541	10%	23,694	14%
12 Months	1,116	22%	2,433	19%	23,694	26%
18 Months	711	29%	2,289	25%	23,694	32%



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