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Reducing Jail Populations: A National Perspective

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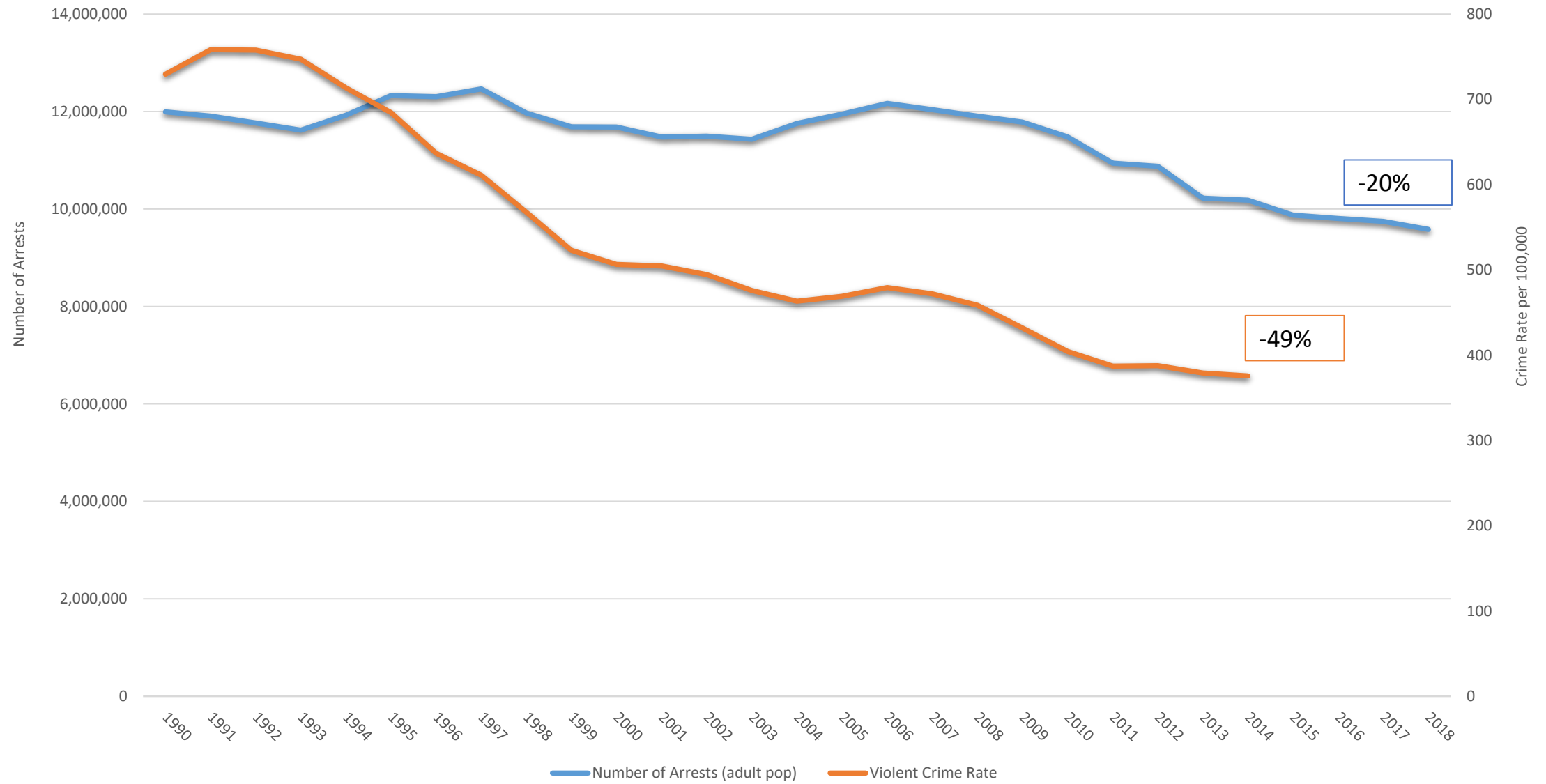
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National trends

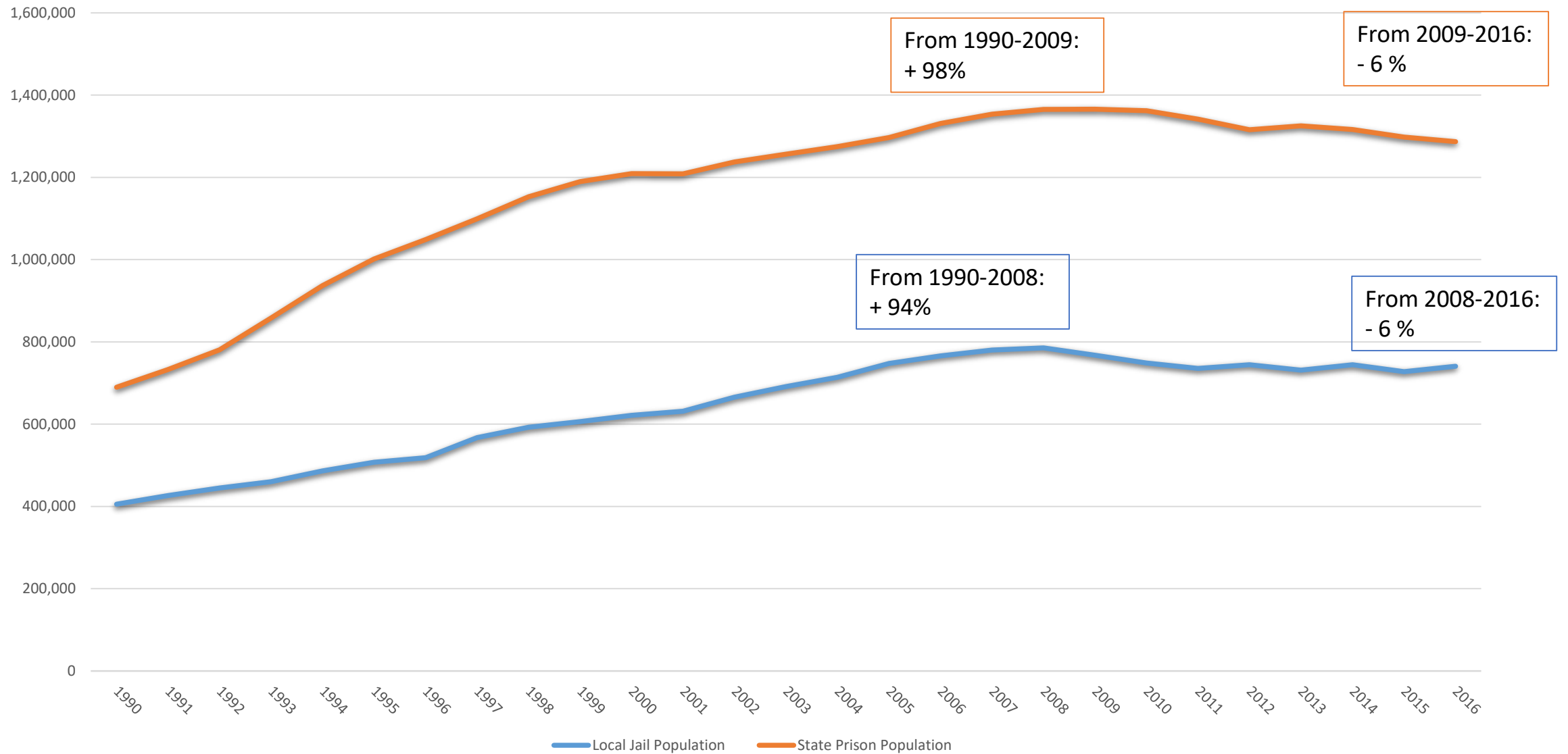


National Trends: Crime and Adult Arrest Trends



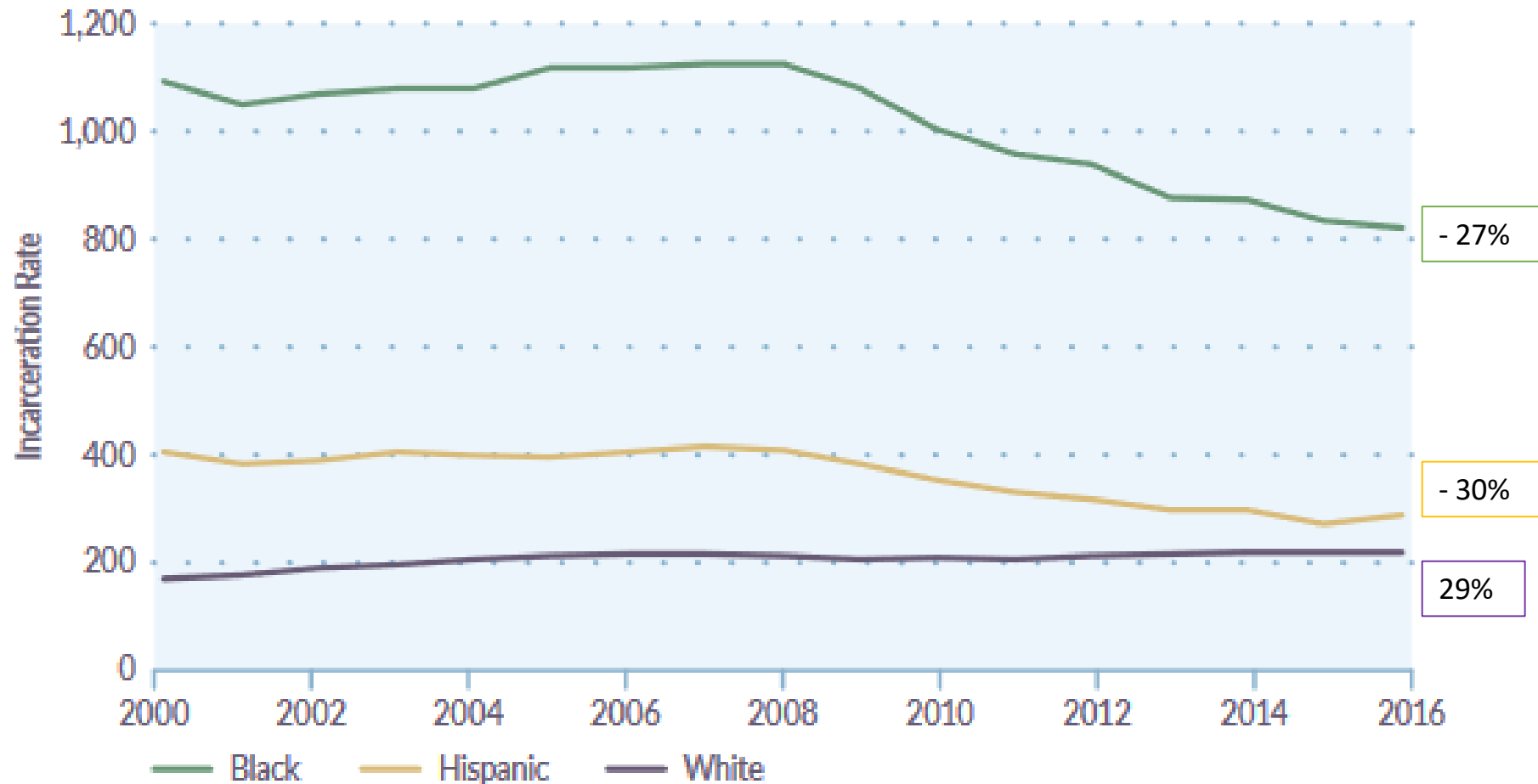


National Trends: Jail and Prison Population Trends



National Trends: Racial and Ethnic Disparities

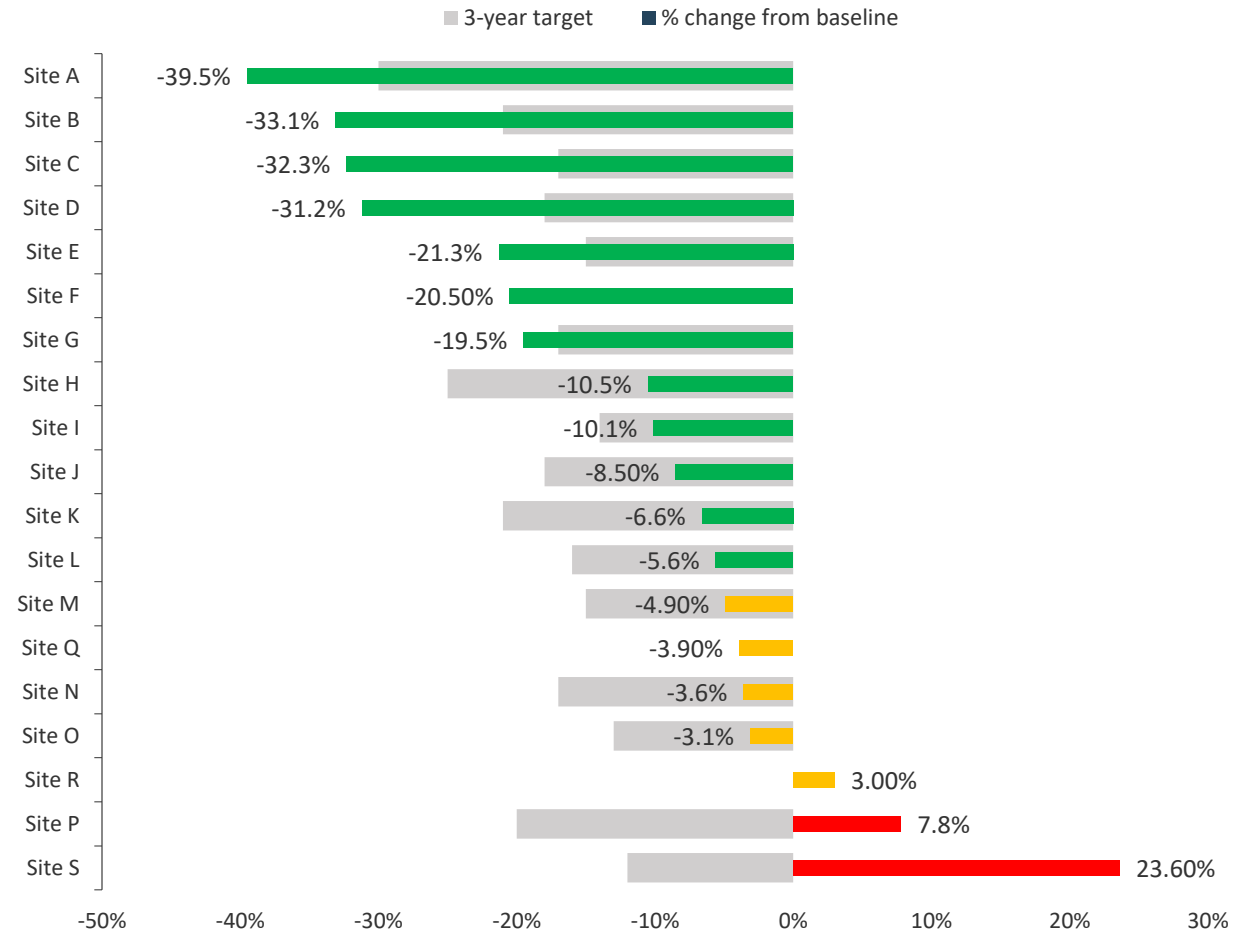
Black, Hispanic, and white jail incarceration rates



Sources: BJS Annual Jail Surveys, NCHS Bridged-Race Population Estimates. © 2019 Council on Criminal Justice.

A Closer Look at Local Jurisdictions

Overall ADP down from November 2015 to August 2019

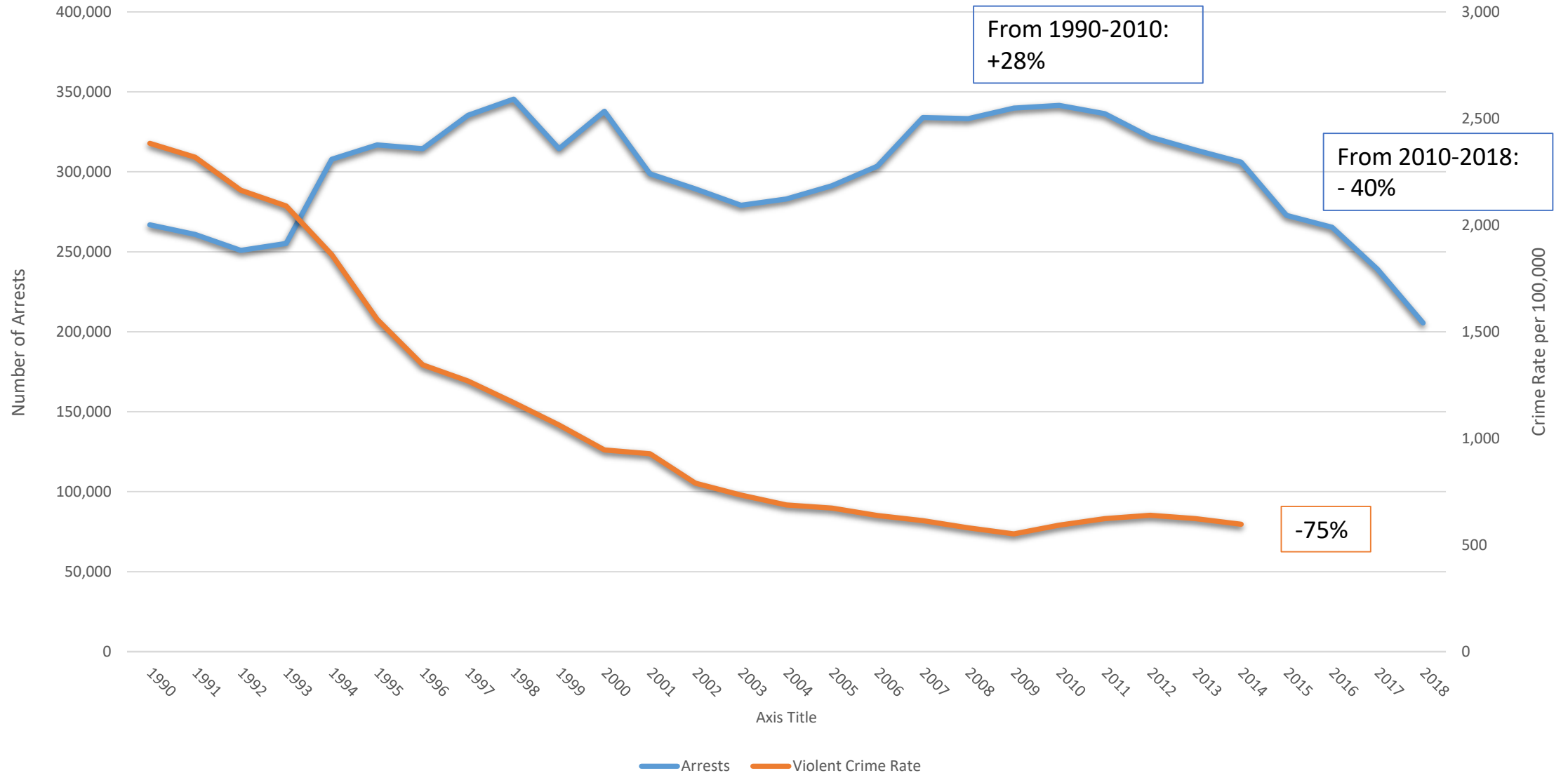


ADP is down in most sites, and about half of sites still fell short of their three-year targets

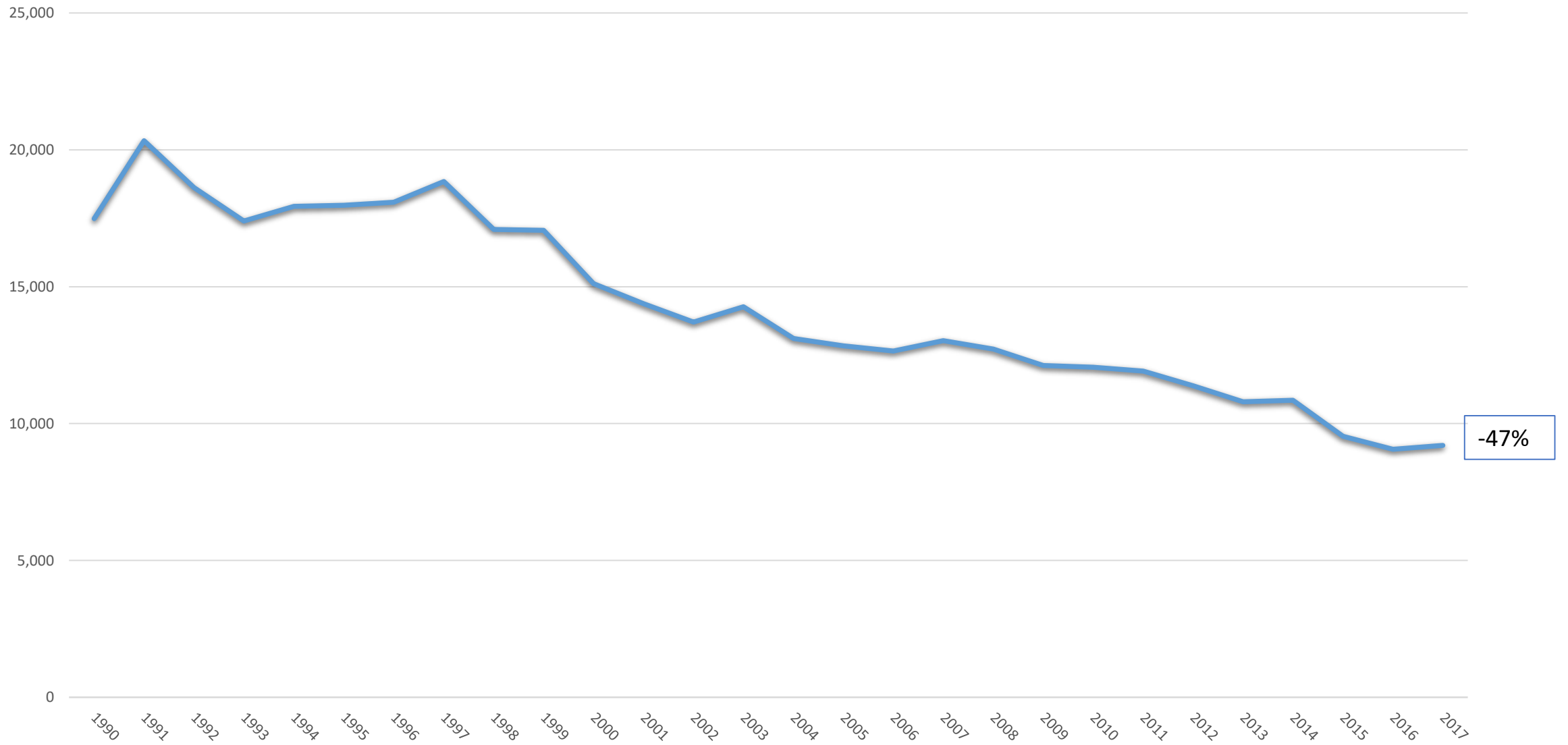
New York City



New York City: Crime and Adult Arrest Trends



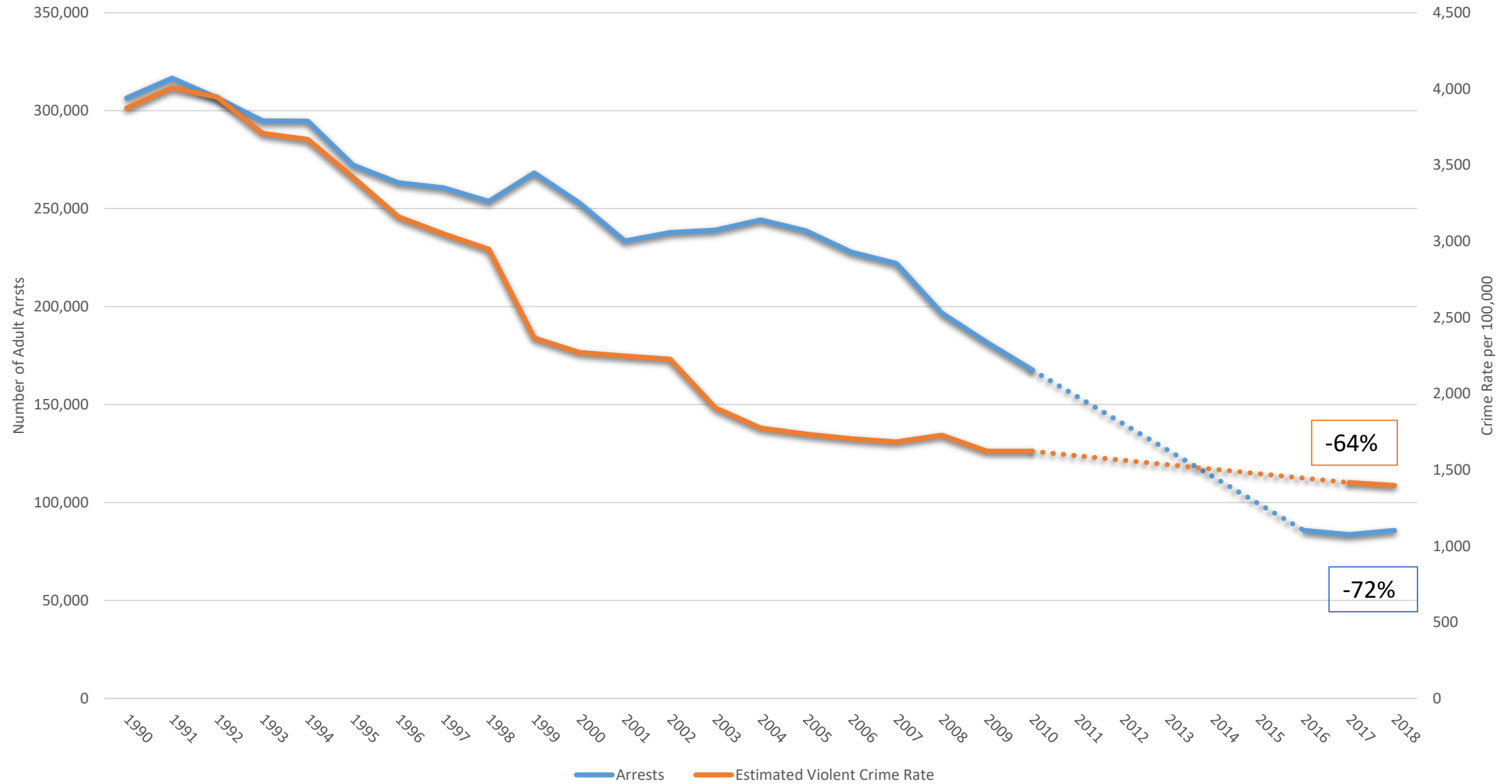
New York City: Jail Trends



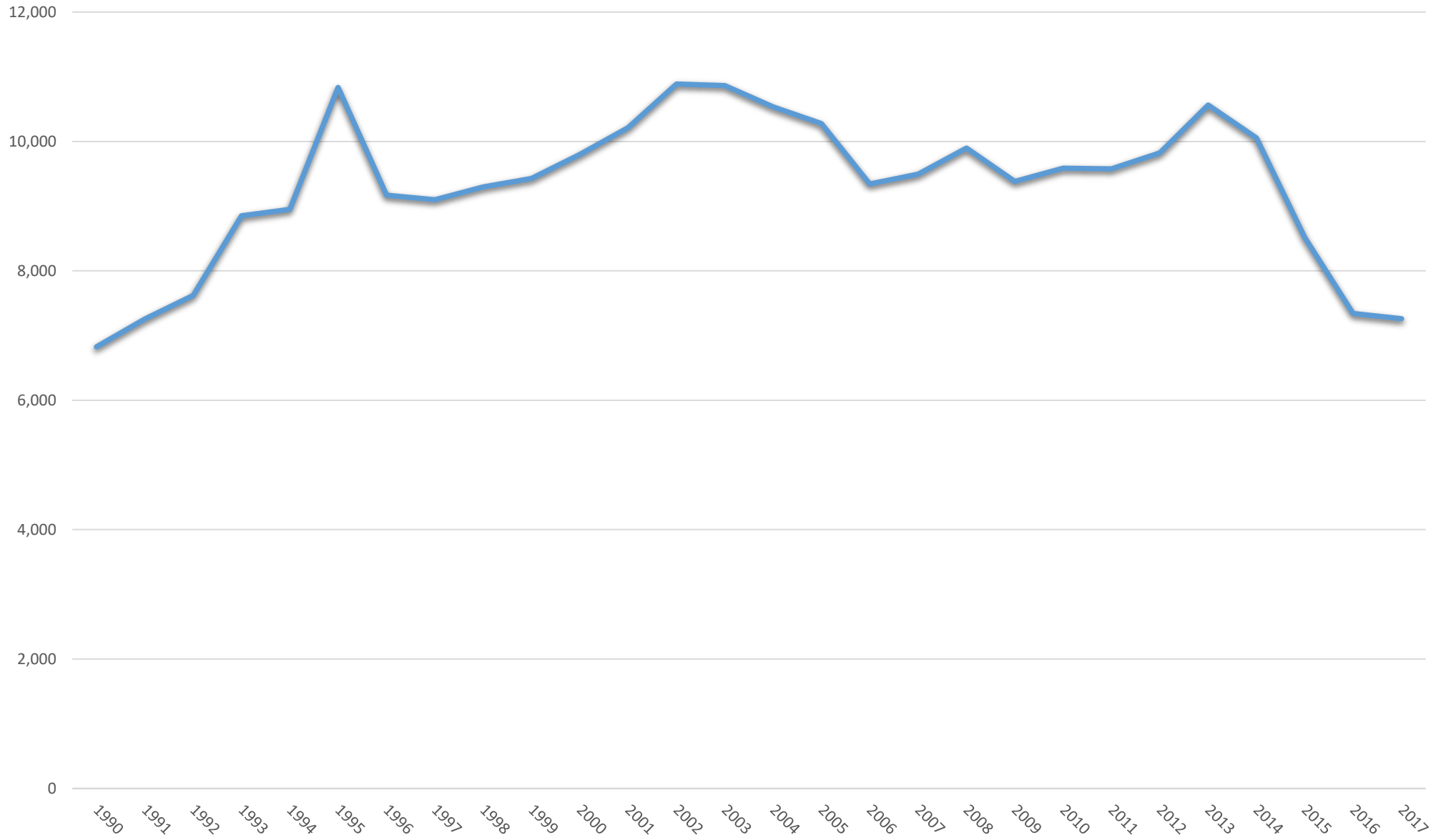
Cook County



Cook County: Crime and Adult Arrest Trends



Cook County: Jail Trends

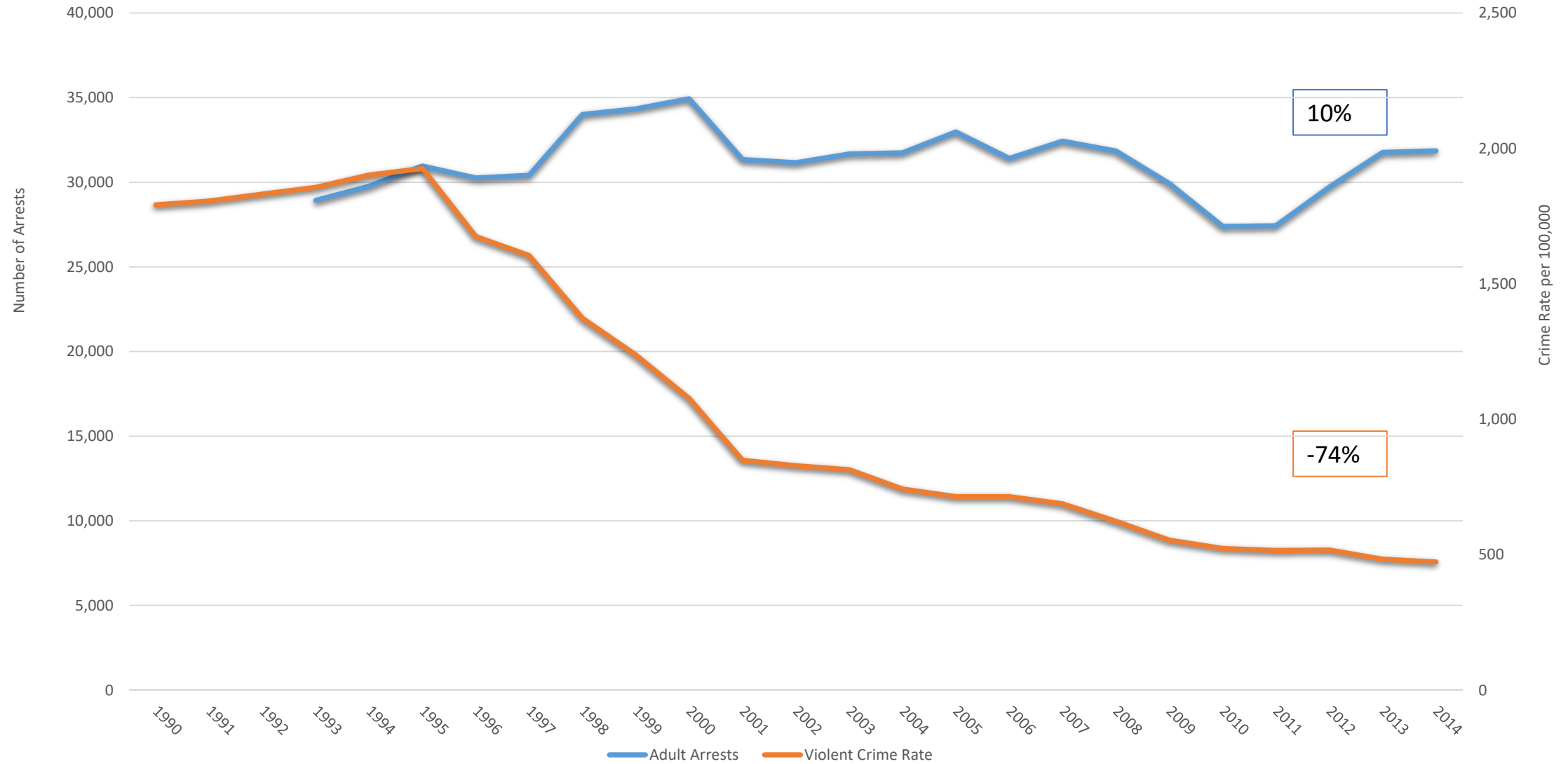


Decline
from 2013:
31%

Multnomah County

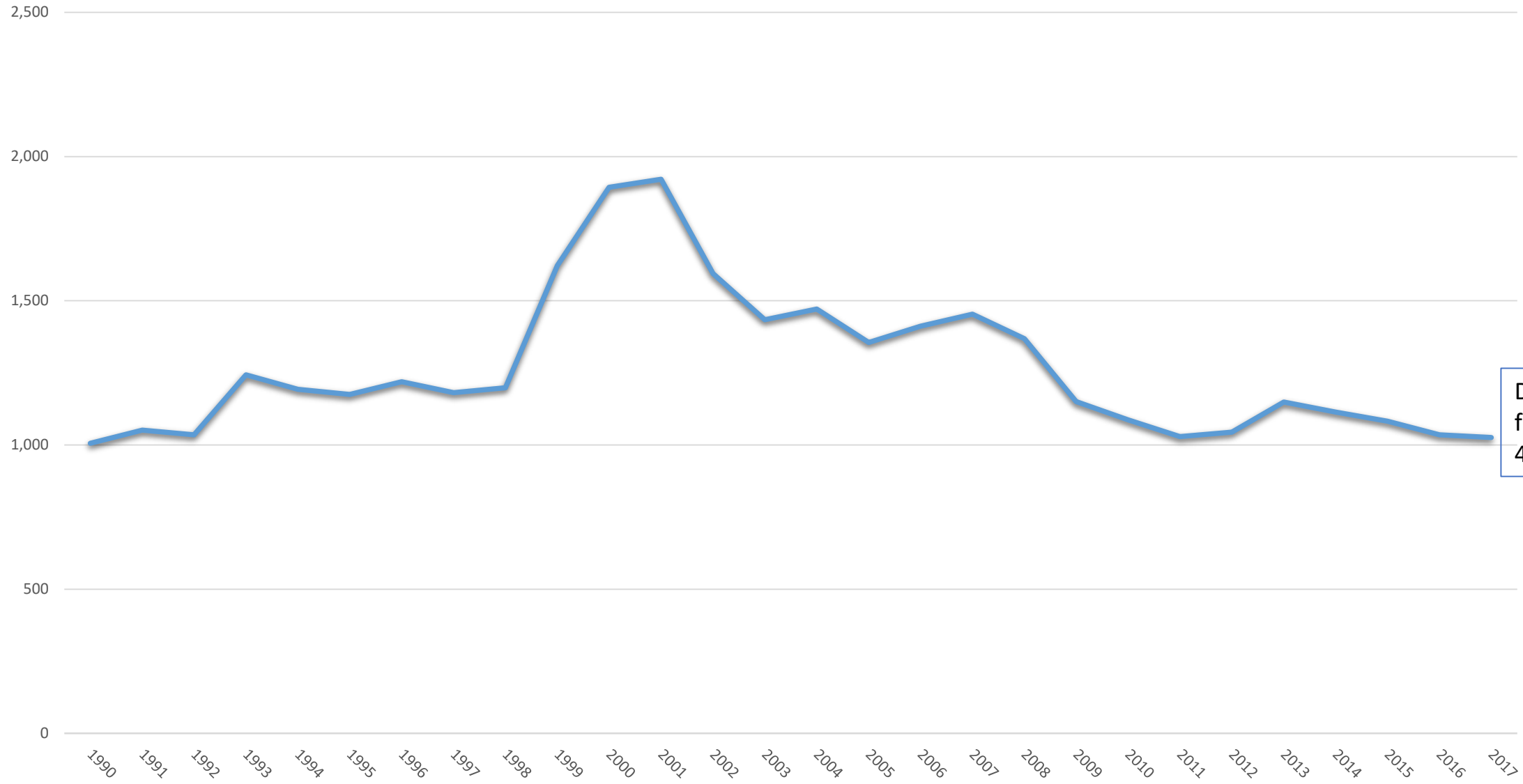


Multnomah County: Crime and Adult Arrest Trends





Multnomah County: Jail Trends



Decline
from 2001:
47%

Drivers of Jail Population Reduction



High impact strategies

- **Reducing arrests:** Summons in lieu of arrest, redefining felonies as misdemeanors
- **Speeding up case processing (for felony cases in particular):** Population review teams, limiting continuances, setting time standards
- **Bail reform: Policy and practice changes**
 - Cook County: 2017 court order required judges to consider ability to pay in setting bail
 - New York City: Legislation passed in April 2019 that eliminates bail for misdemeanors and most nonviolent felonies (effective January 2020)
 - Changes in local practice: Supervised release, bail expediter programs, second look programs



Smart Strategies, Smaller Potential Impacts

- **Diversion programs, specialized courts, expanding community-based treatment/housing**
 - Limited slots
 - Very targeted populations
 - Costly to implement
- **Warrant resolution**
 - Impacts can be washed out by new charges/other holds
 - No way of knowing who will come back into contact with the system