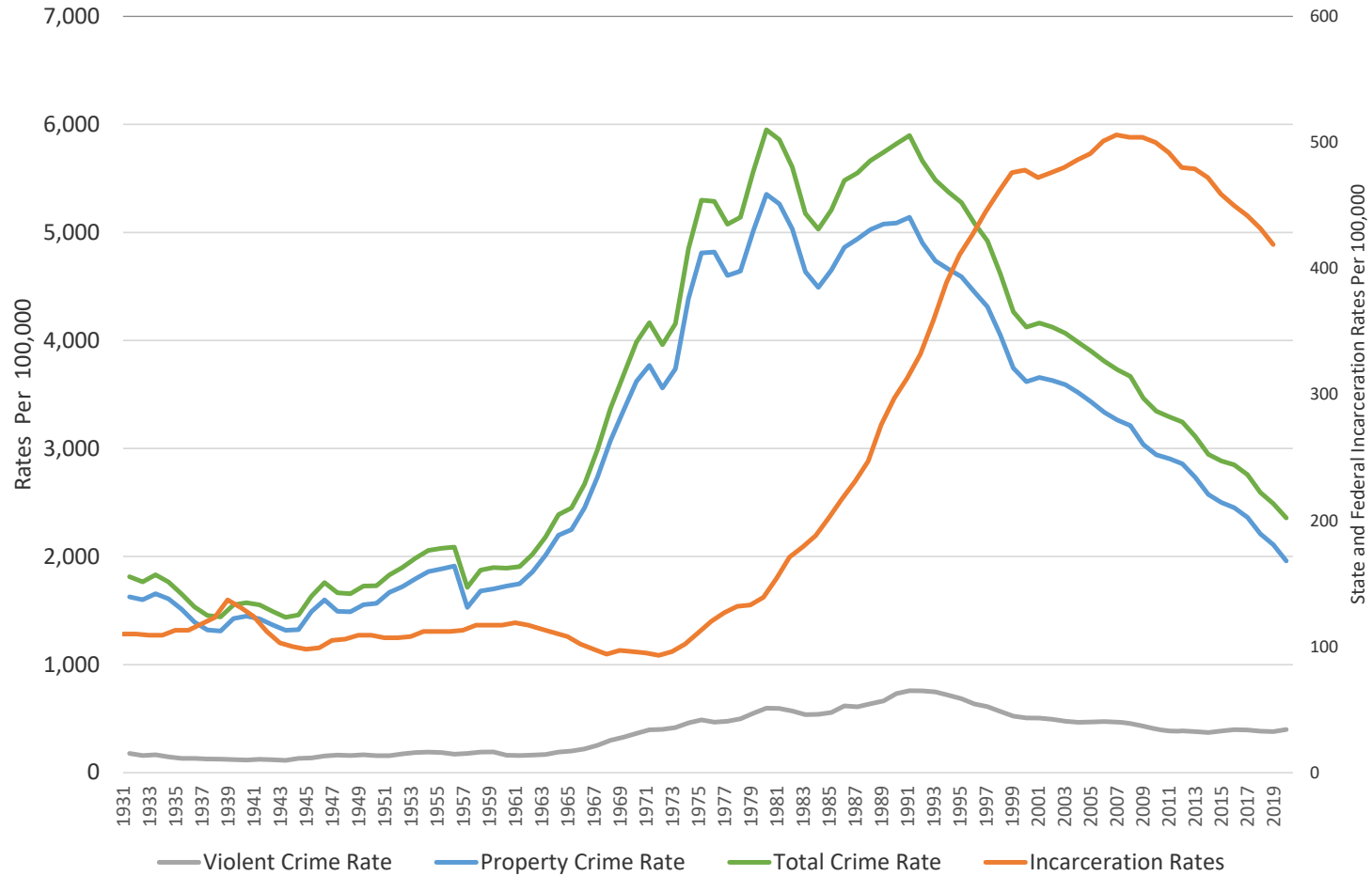


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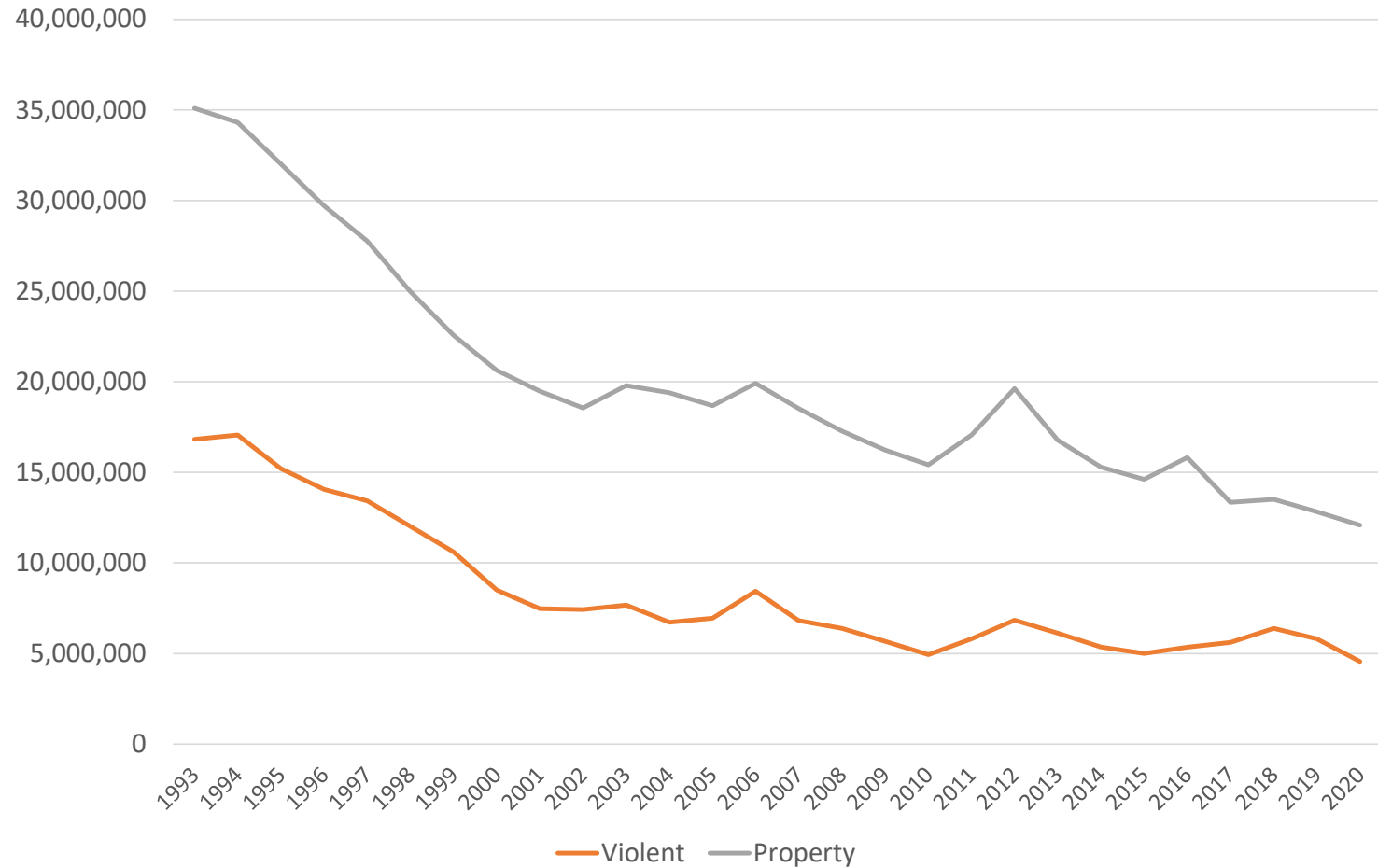
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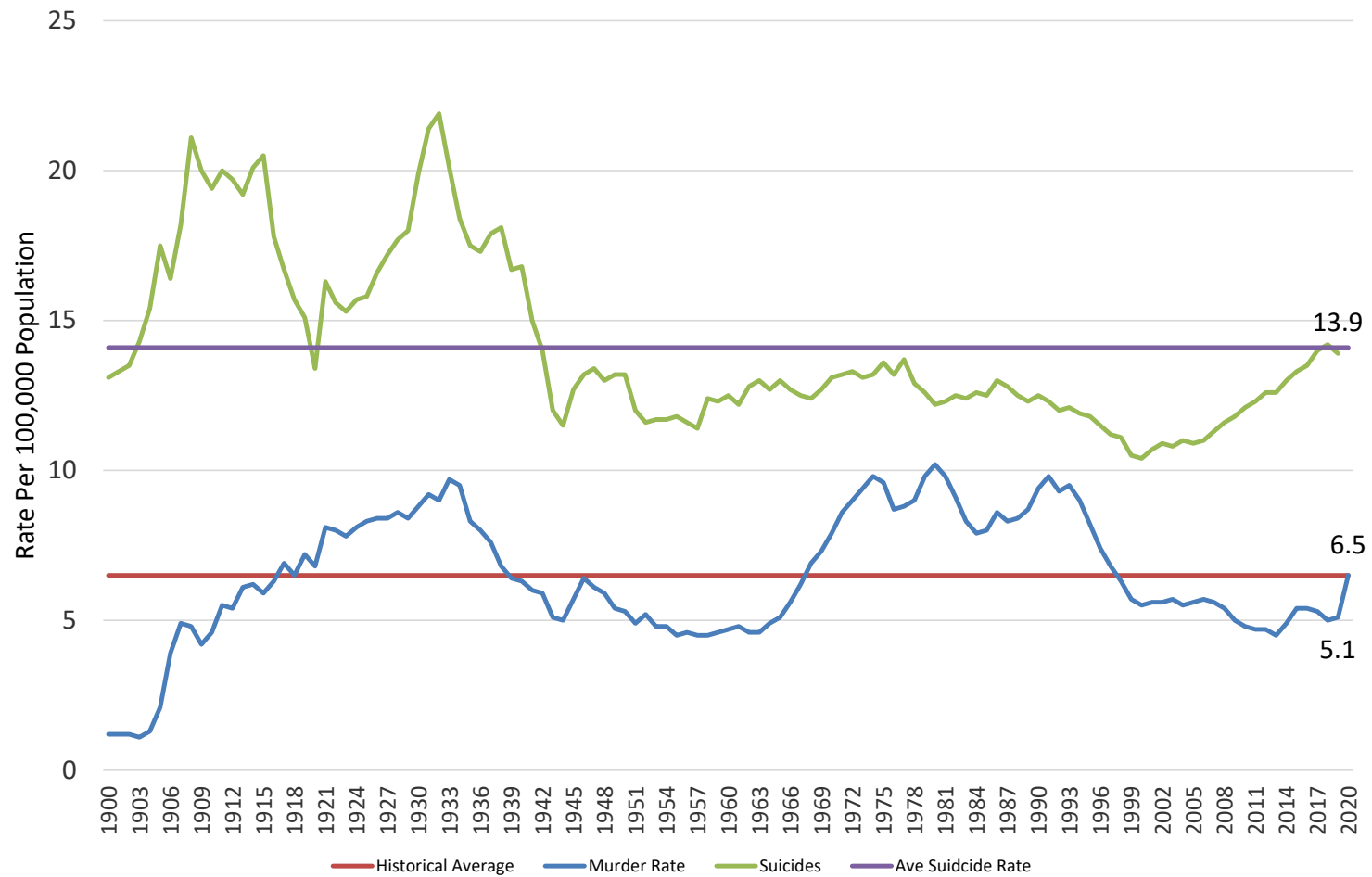
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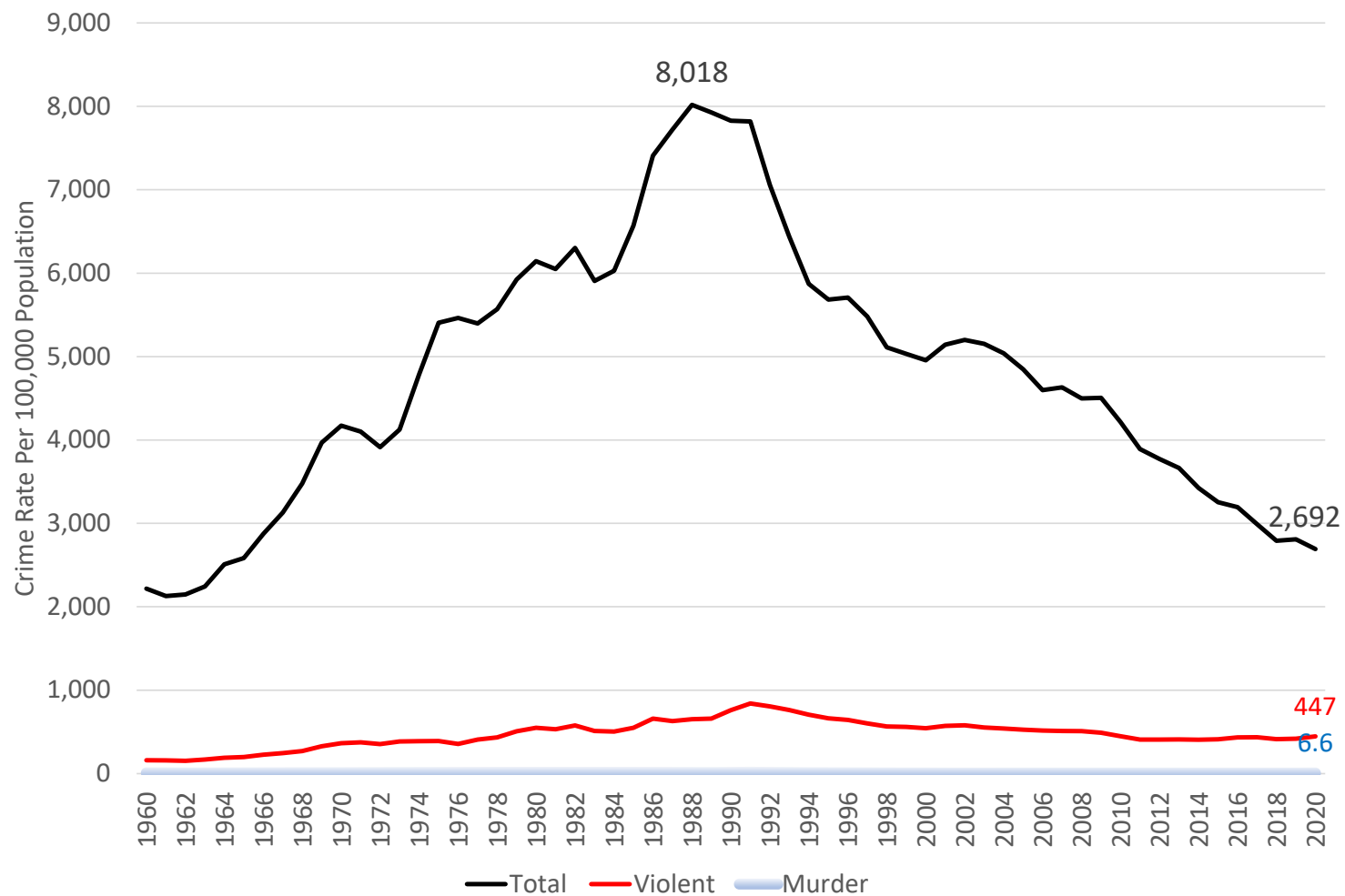
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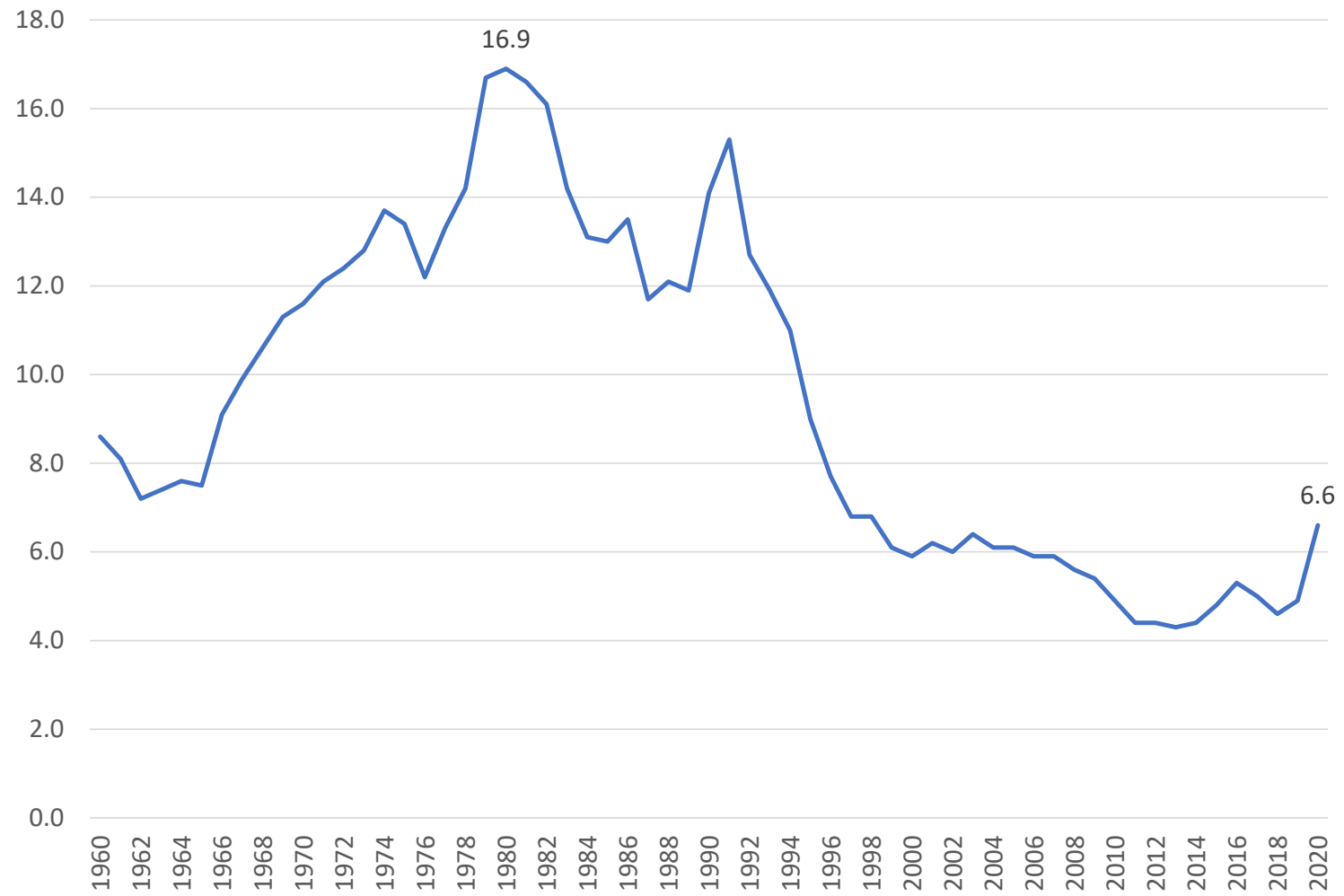
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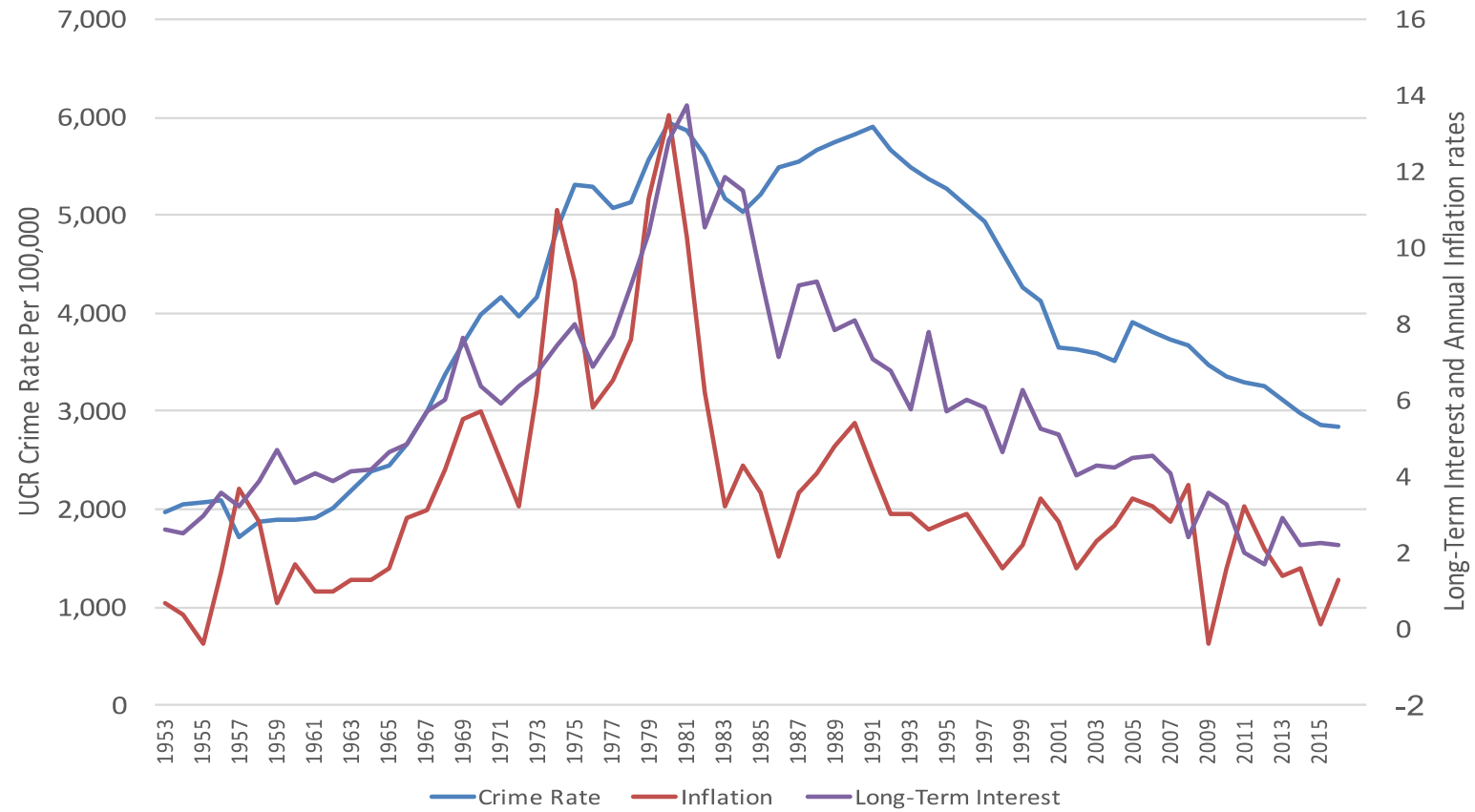
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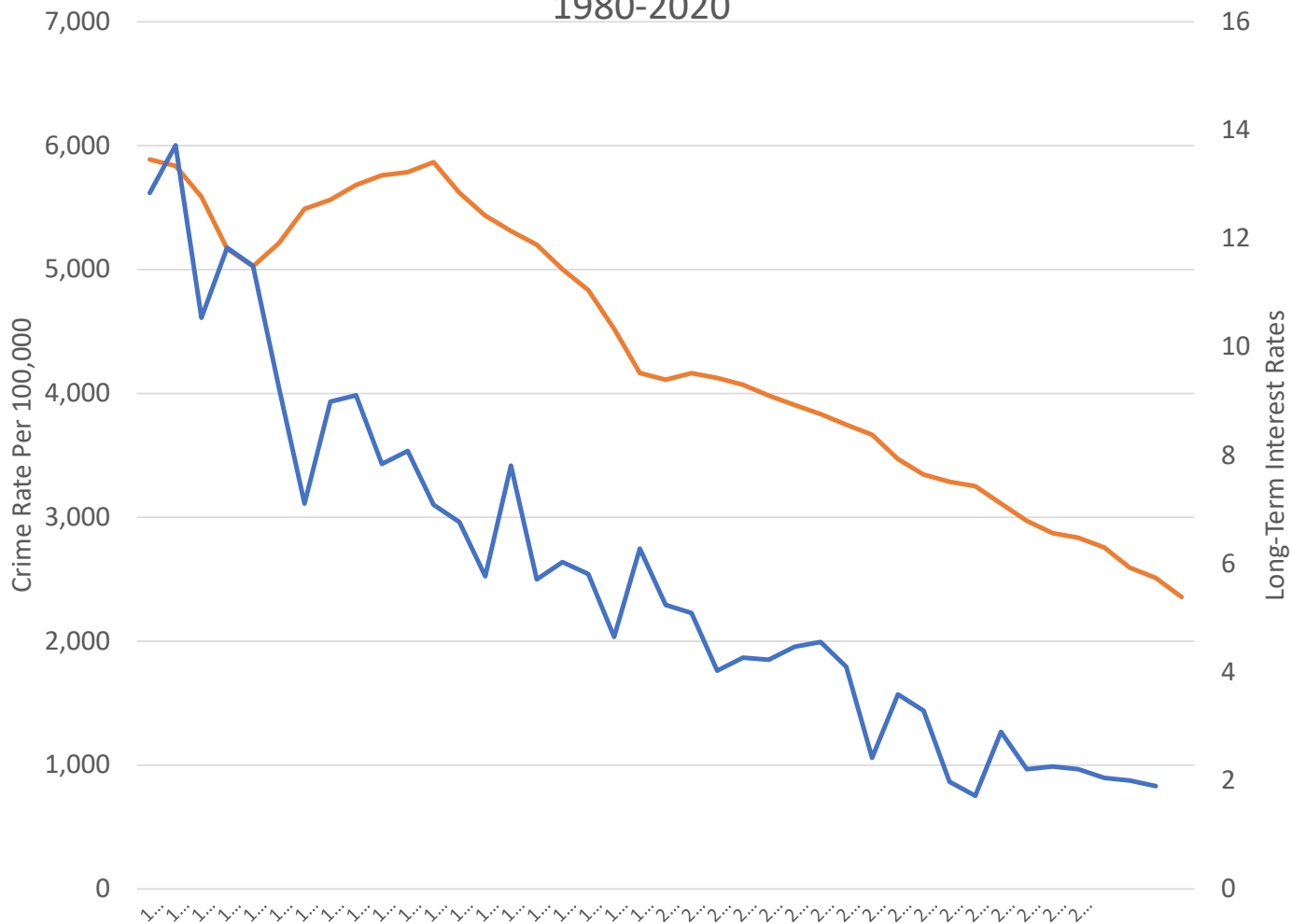
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**Figure 7. Inflation, Long-Term Interest , and UCR Crime Rates  
1953-2016**

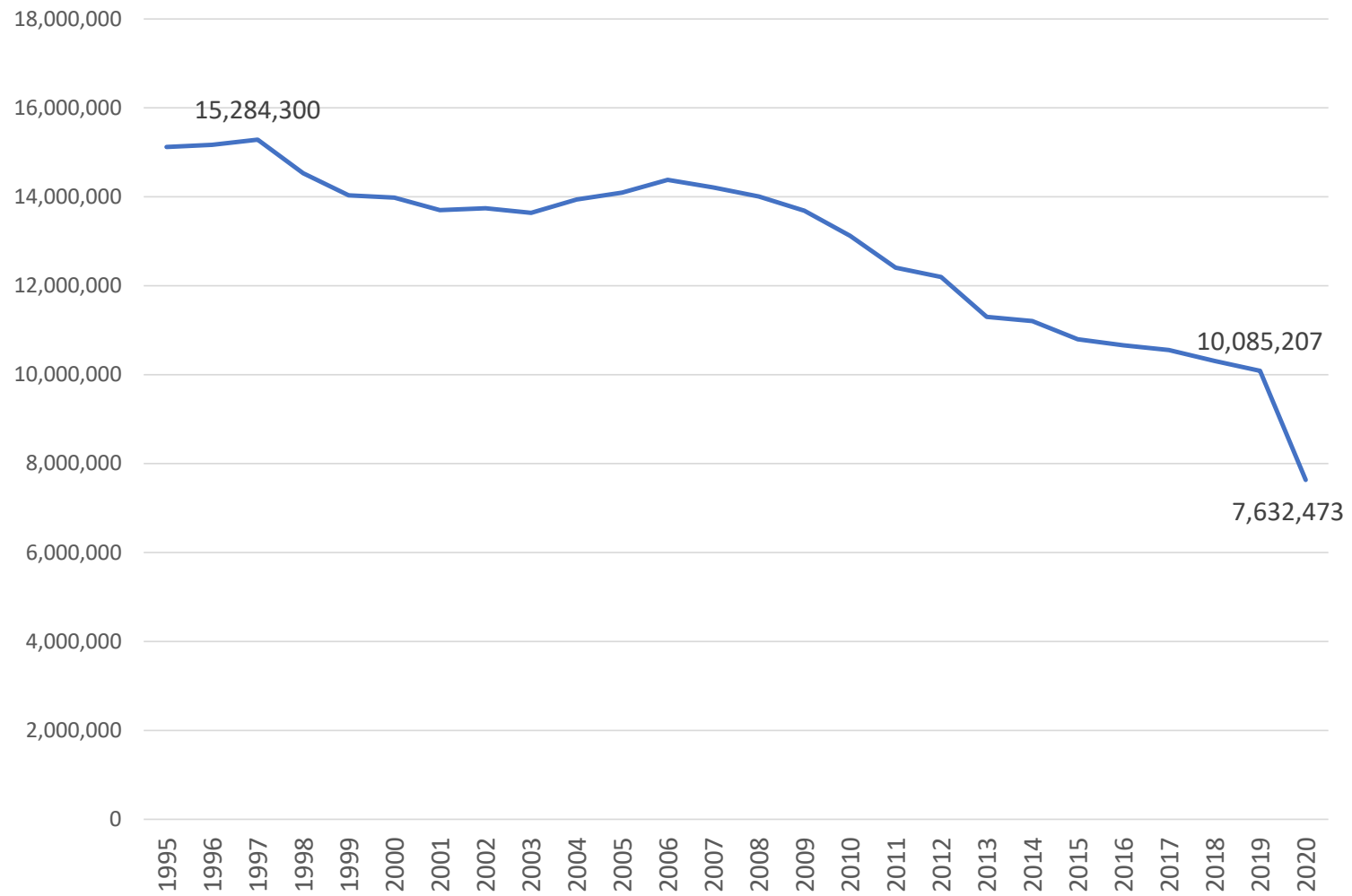


Long Term Interest Rates and Crime Rates  
1980-2020





U.S. Arrests 1995-2020



## Texas Arrests 2019 vs. 2020

| Crime              | 2019    | 2020    | Difference |
|--------------------|---------|---------|------------|
| Total              | 676,985 | 515,112 | -161,873   |
| All Other          | 188,748 | 126,629 | -62,119    |
| Drugs              | 124,377 | 86,570  | -37,807    |
| DUI                | 69,563  | 59,123  | -10,440    |
| Larceny - Theft    | 58,115  | 41,496  | -16,619    |
| Drunkenness        | 50,428  | 31,328  | -19,100    |
| Aggravated Assault | 26,877  | 23,802  | -3,075     |
| Weapons            | 11,678  | 13,465  | 1,787      |
| Rape               | 3,029   | 1,769   | -1,260     |

U.S. Guns Sales 2007 - 2021

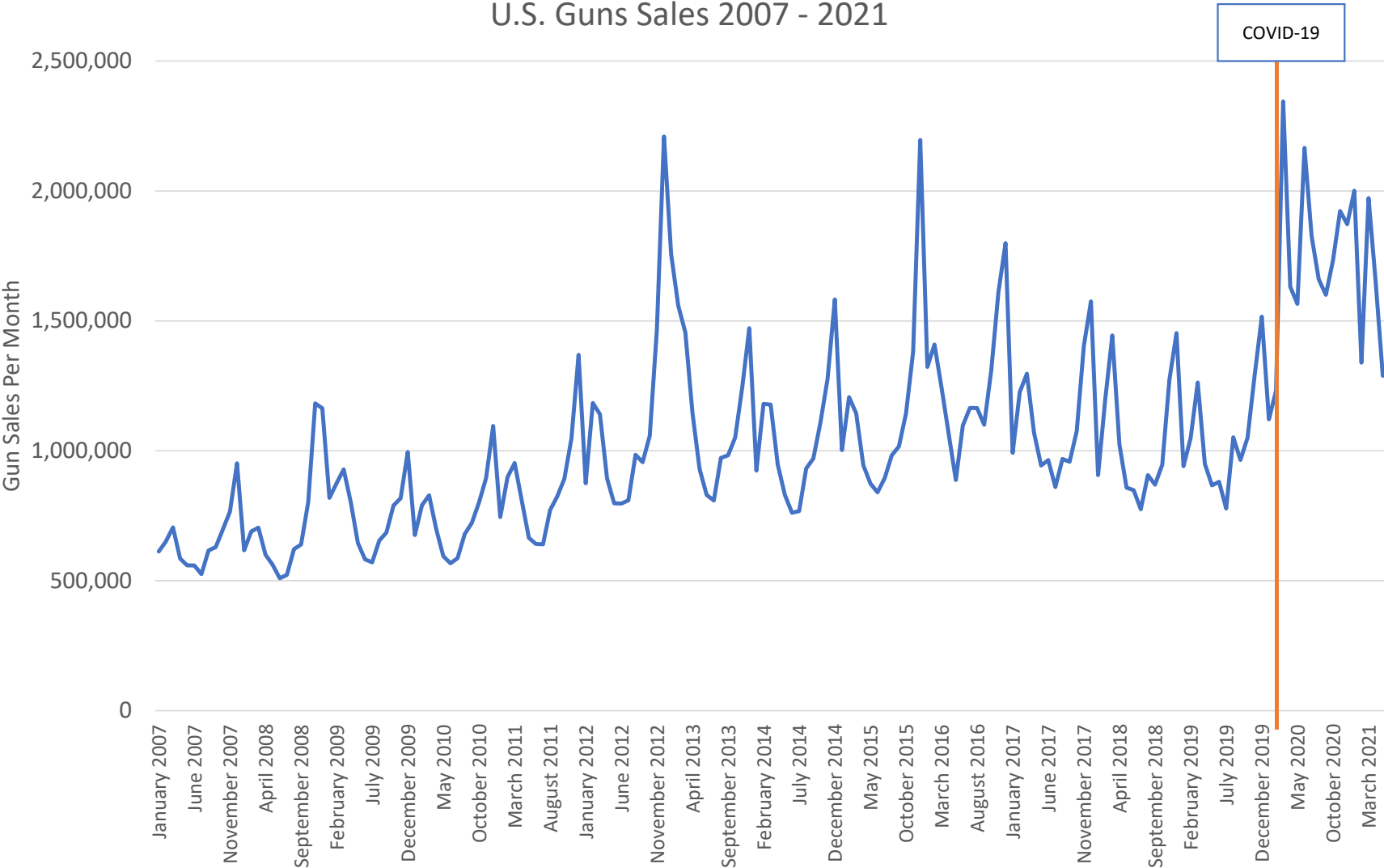
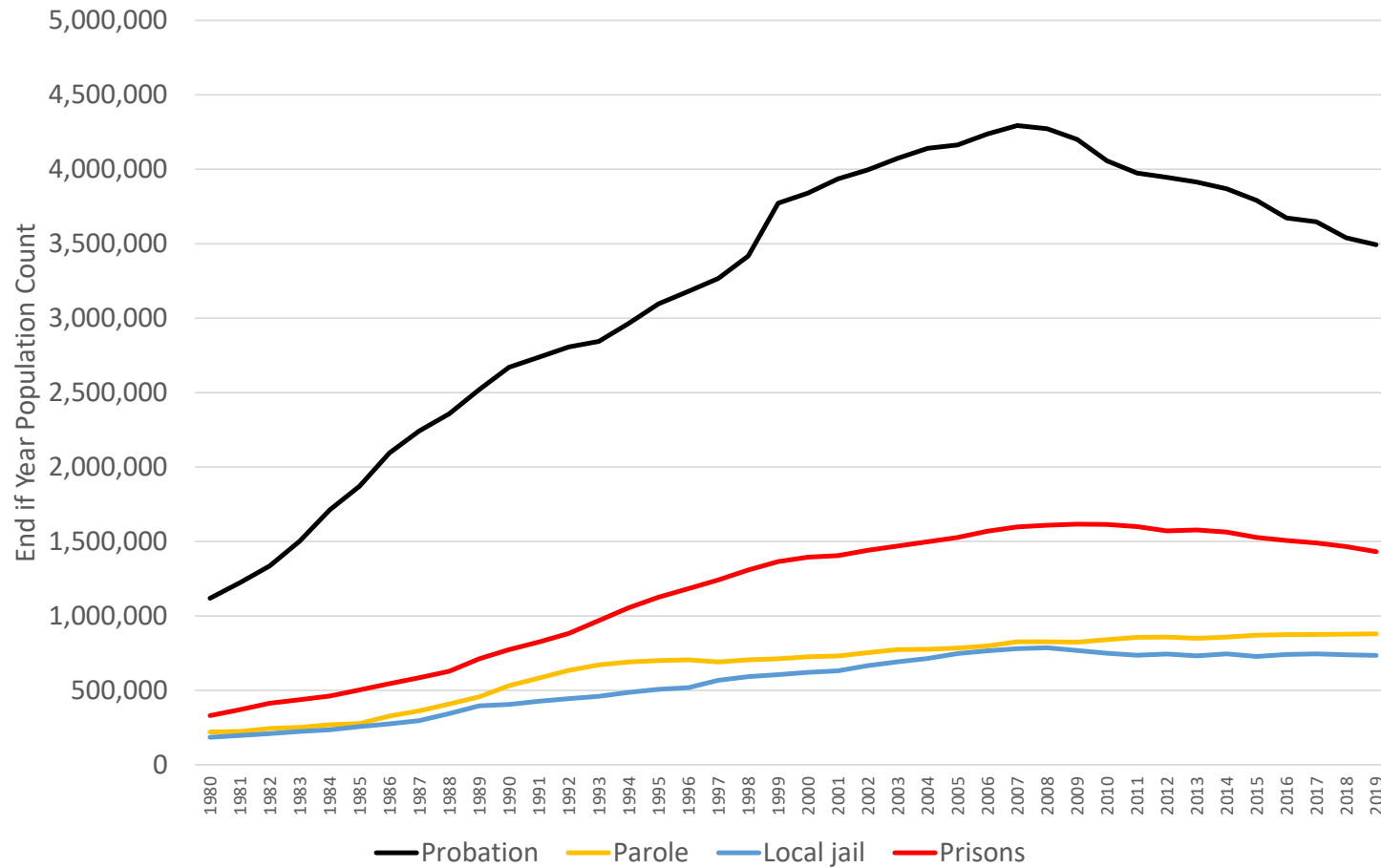


Figure 1. National Correctional Populations  
1980-2019



## Criminal Justice System Annual Costs 1982 vs. 2017

| Year        | Police        | Judicial     | Corrections  | Total         |
|-------------|---------------|--------------|--------------|---------------|
| 1982        | \$19 Billion  | \$8 Billion  | \$9 Billion  | \$36 Billion  |
| 2017        | \$149 Billion | \$66 Billion | \$89 Billion | \$305 Billion |
|             |               |              |              |               |
| %<br>Change | 684%          | 725%         | 889%         | 747%          |

Direct NCVS Victim Losses = \$17 Billion

US vs SJC Jail Populations. 2010 - 2020

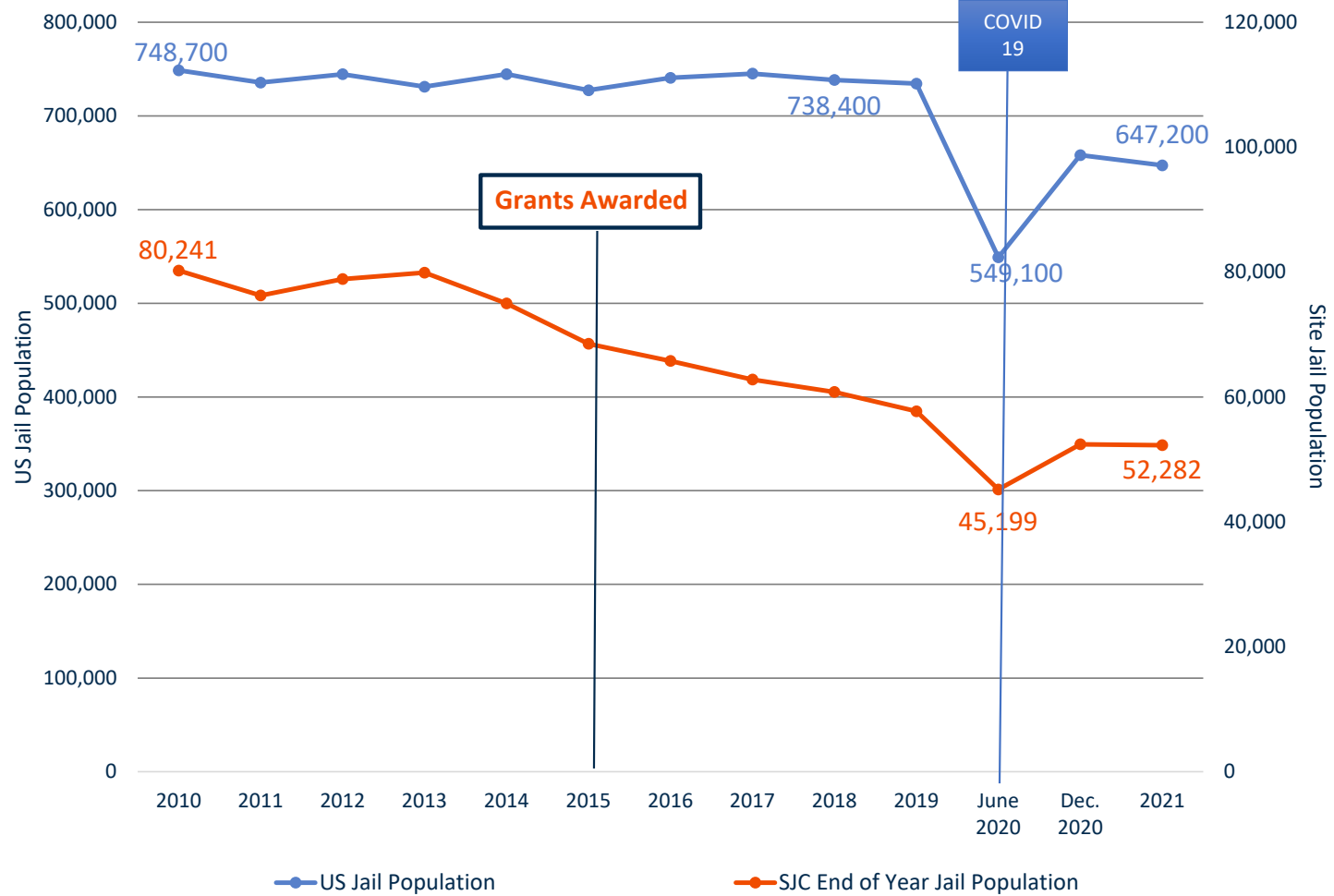


Figure 4. SJC Sites Total Bookings and ADP 2019 -2021

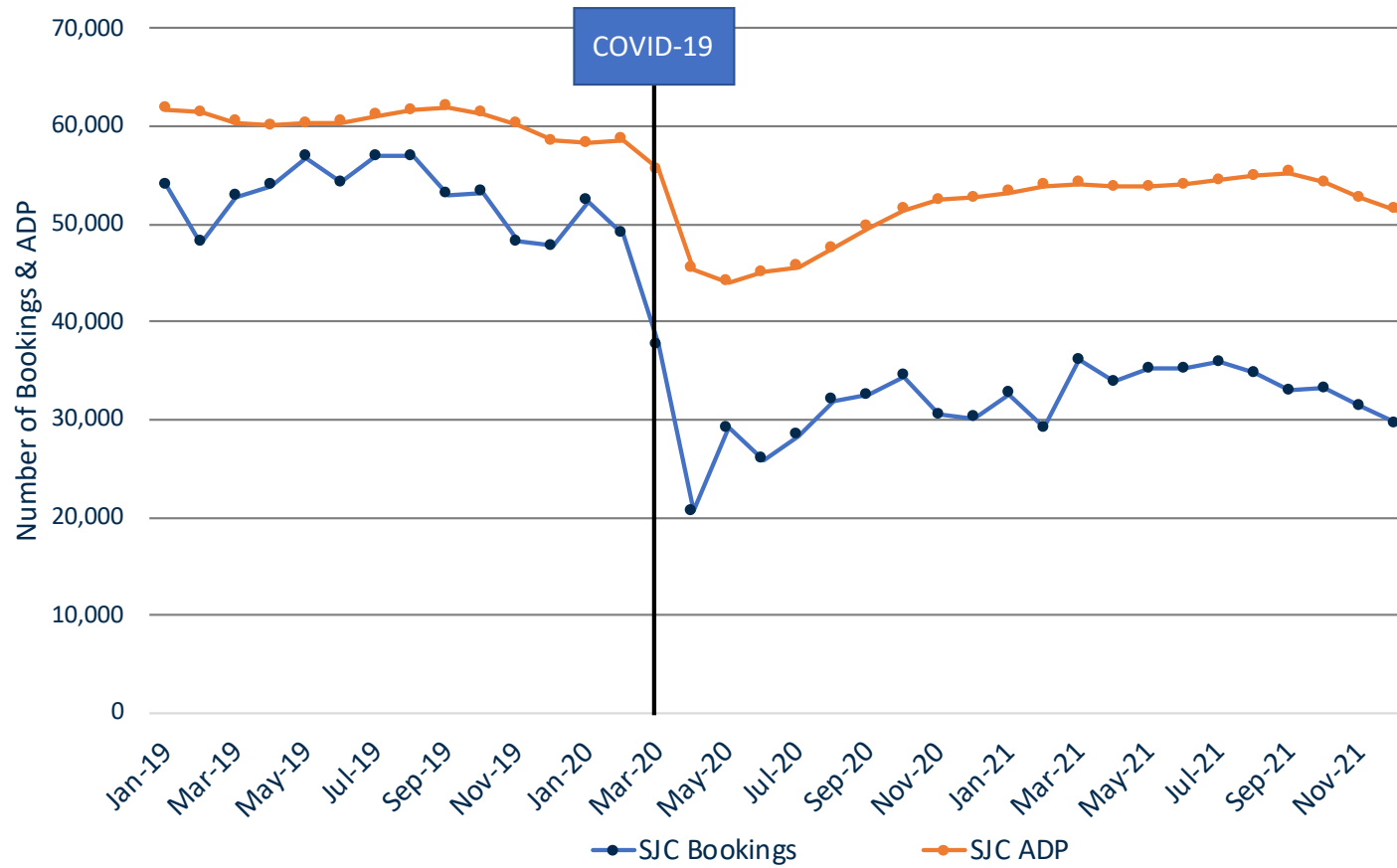
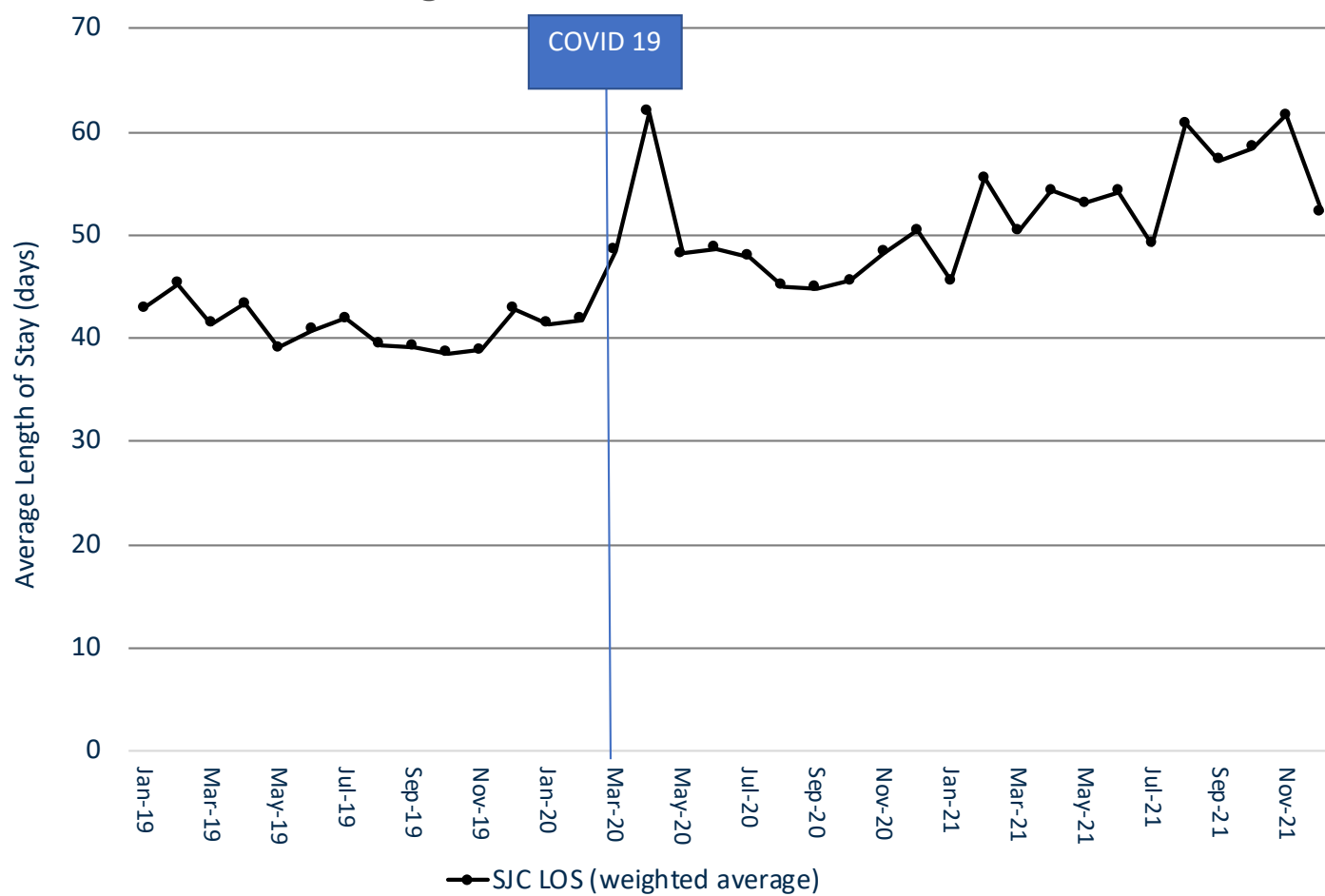
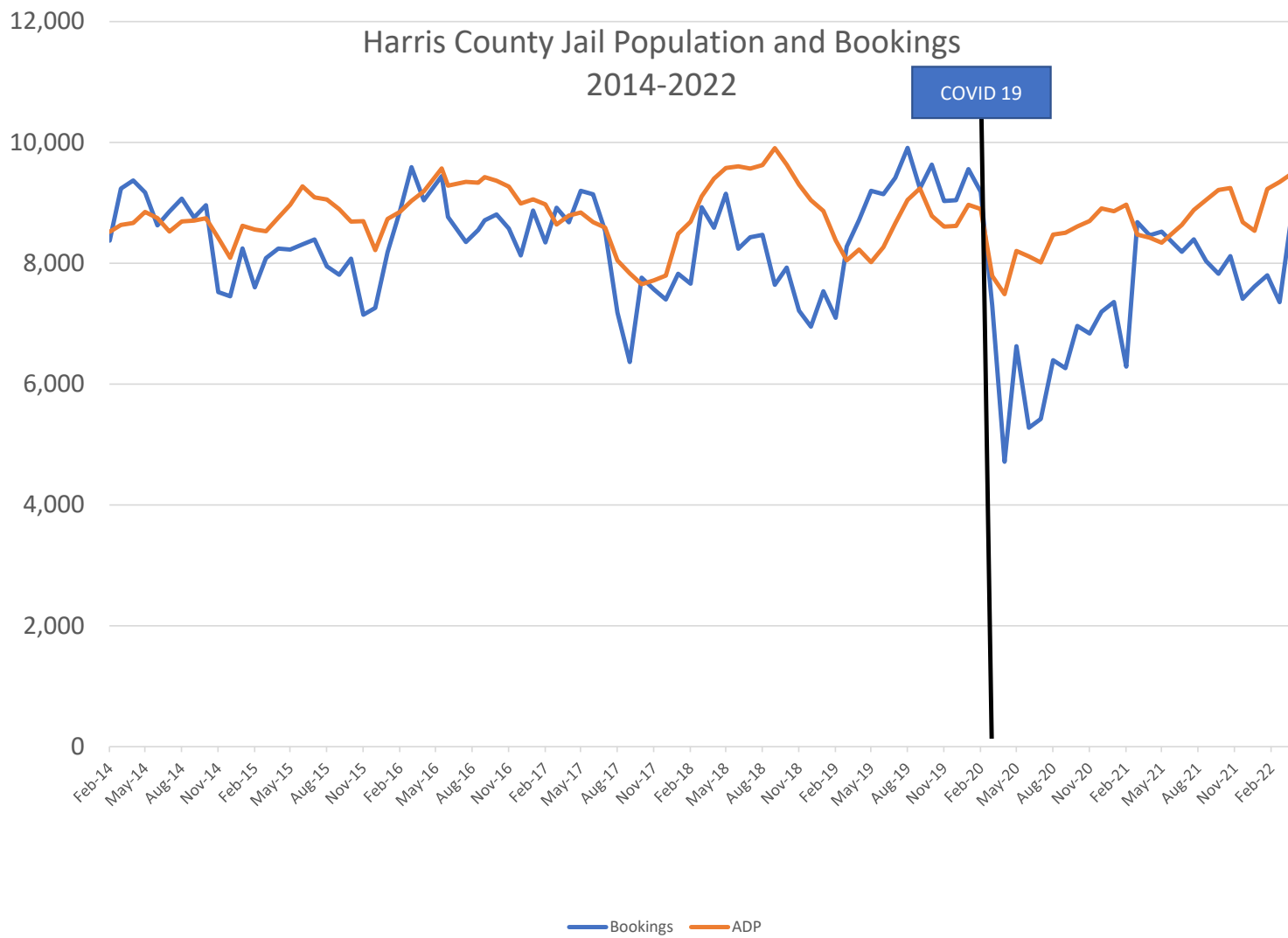


Figure 5. SJC Sites LOS 2019-2021







# Some Implications for Pretrial Service Agencies

- Despite reductions in crime and arrests, caseloads went up as case processing delays increased length of supervision
- This should ease downward as courts reopened
- Arrests are unlikely to return to their former levels especially for misdemeanor level crimes
- Pretrial agency caseloads should decline and remain at lower levels
- Methods of supervision will rely more on remote/virtual methods
- Failure rates should go down
- High inflation is the factor that would reverse the lower crime and failure rates trends