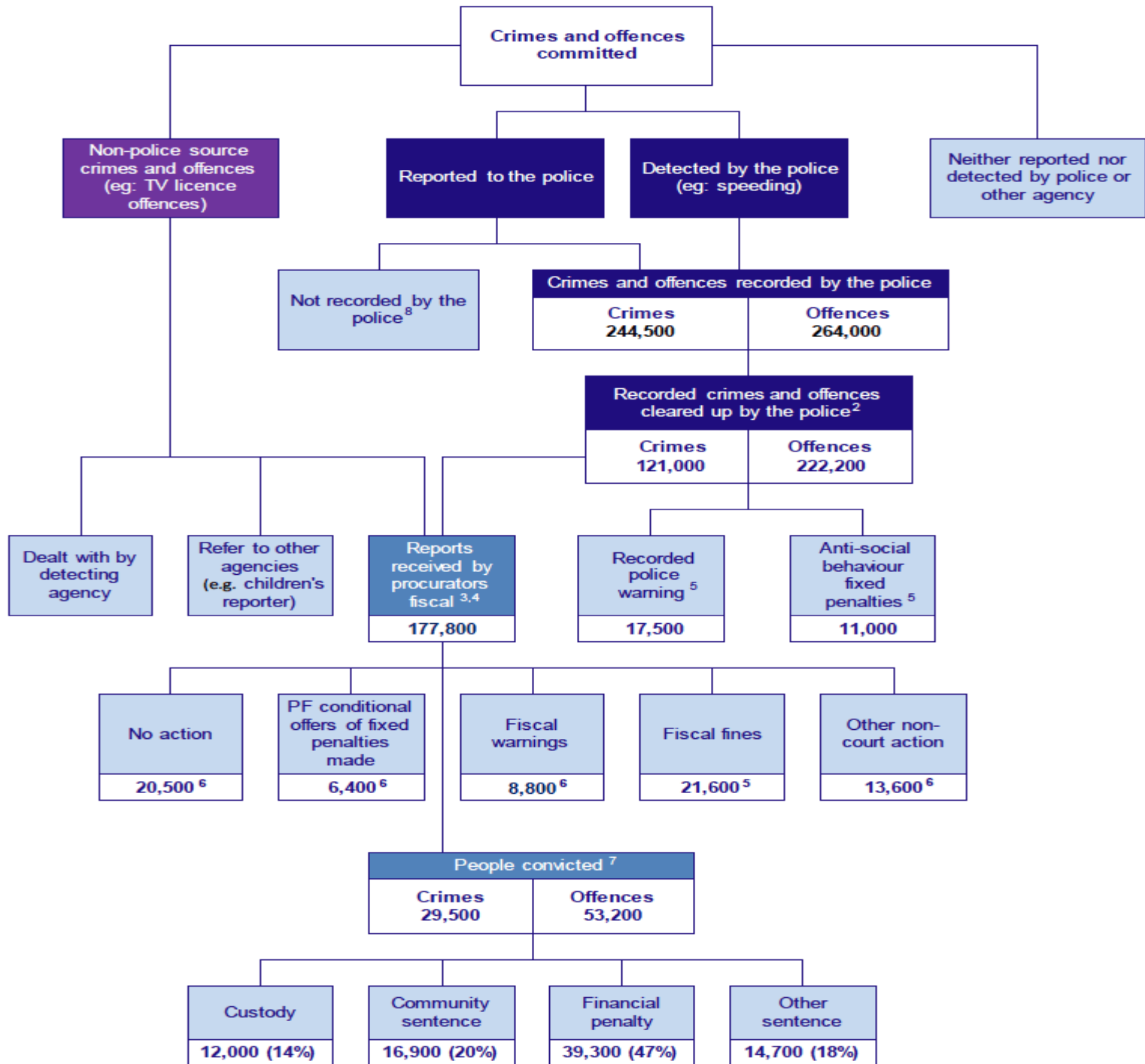


# Trends in crime and court volumes

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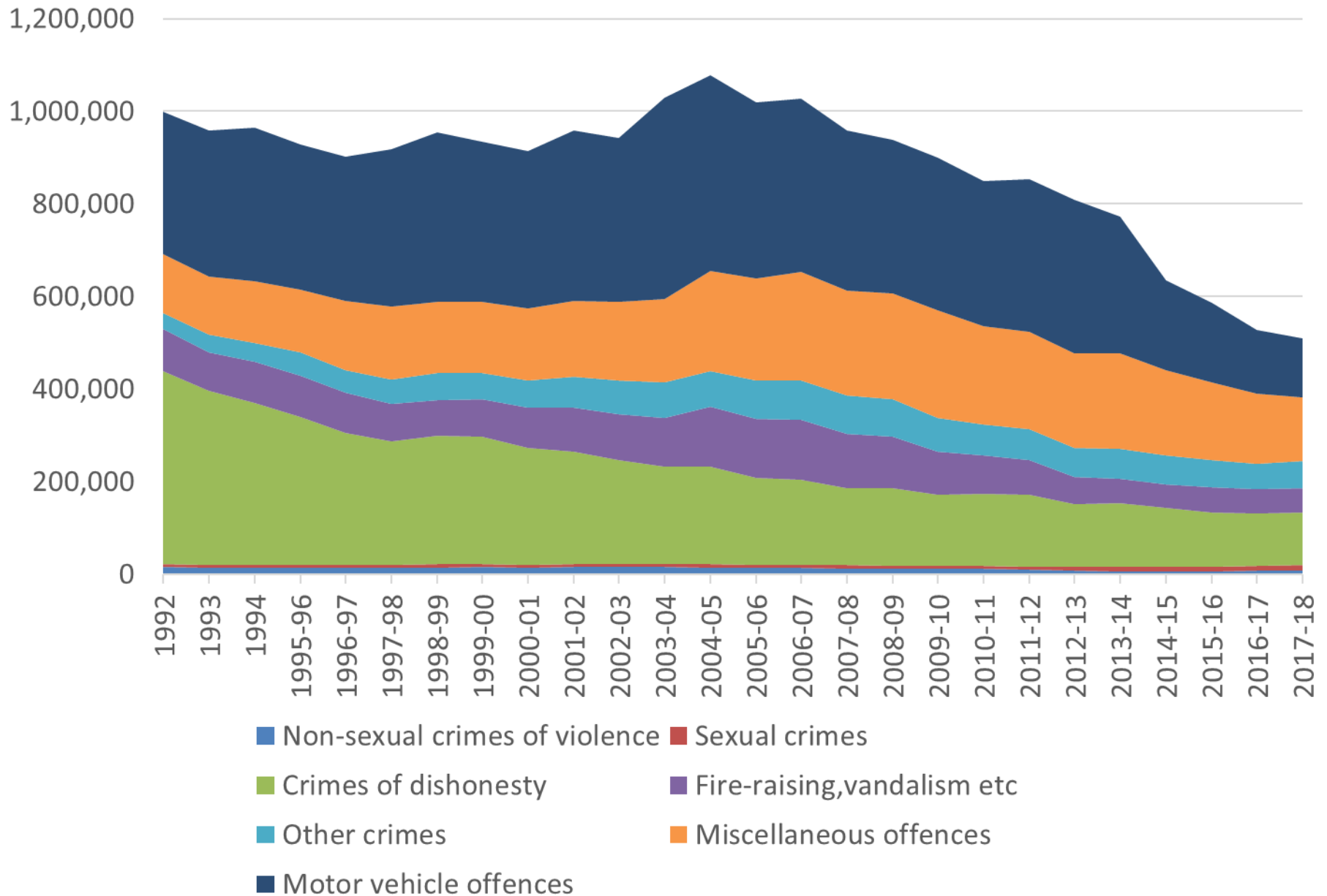
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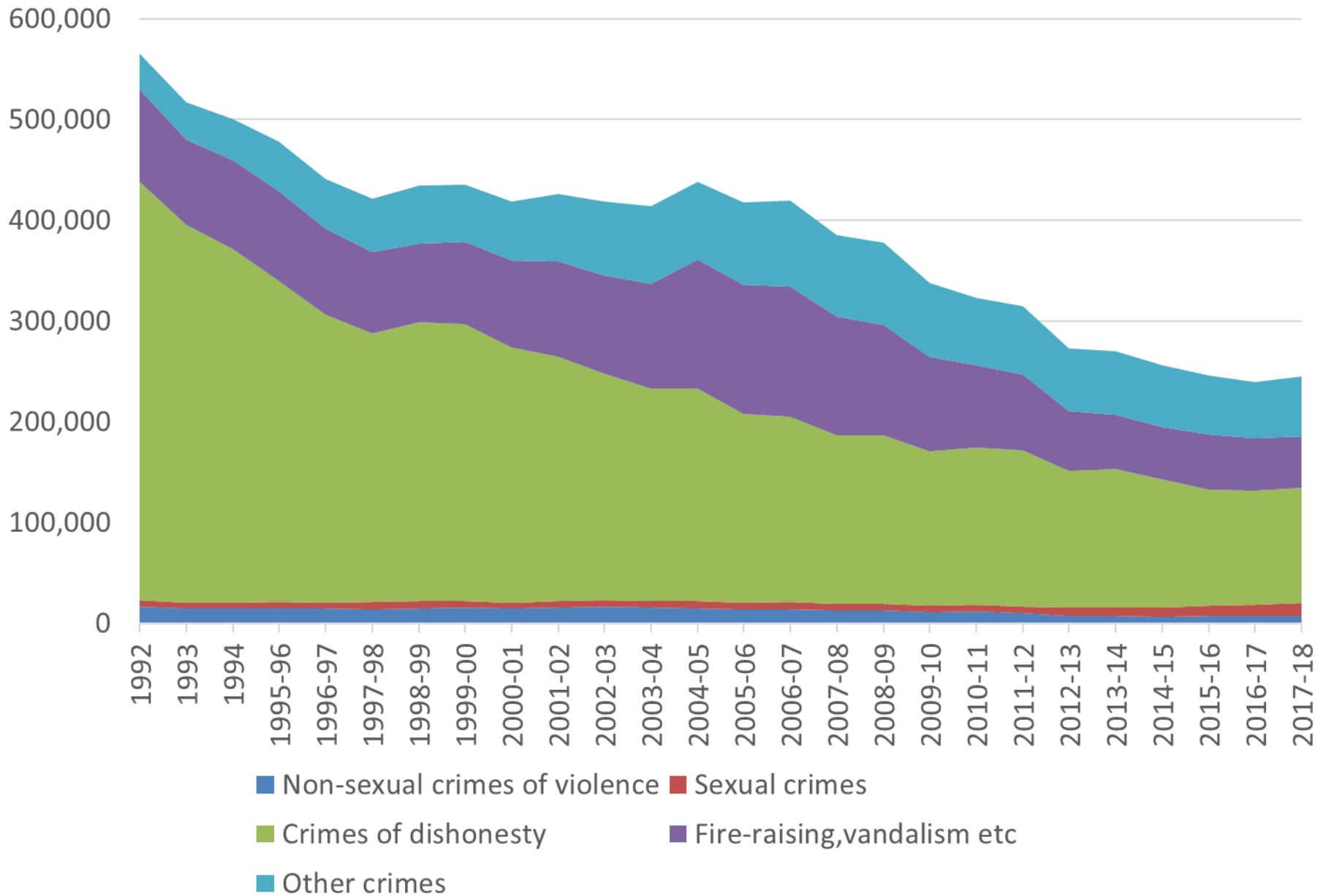
# Crime

Trends in recorded crime

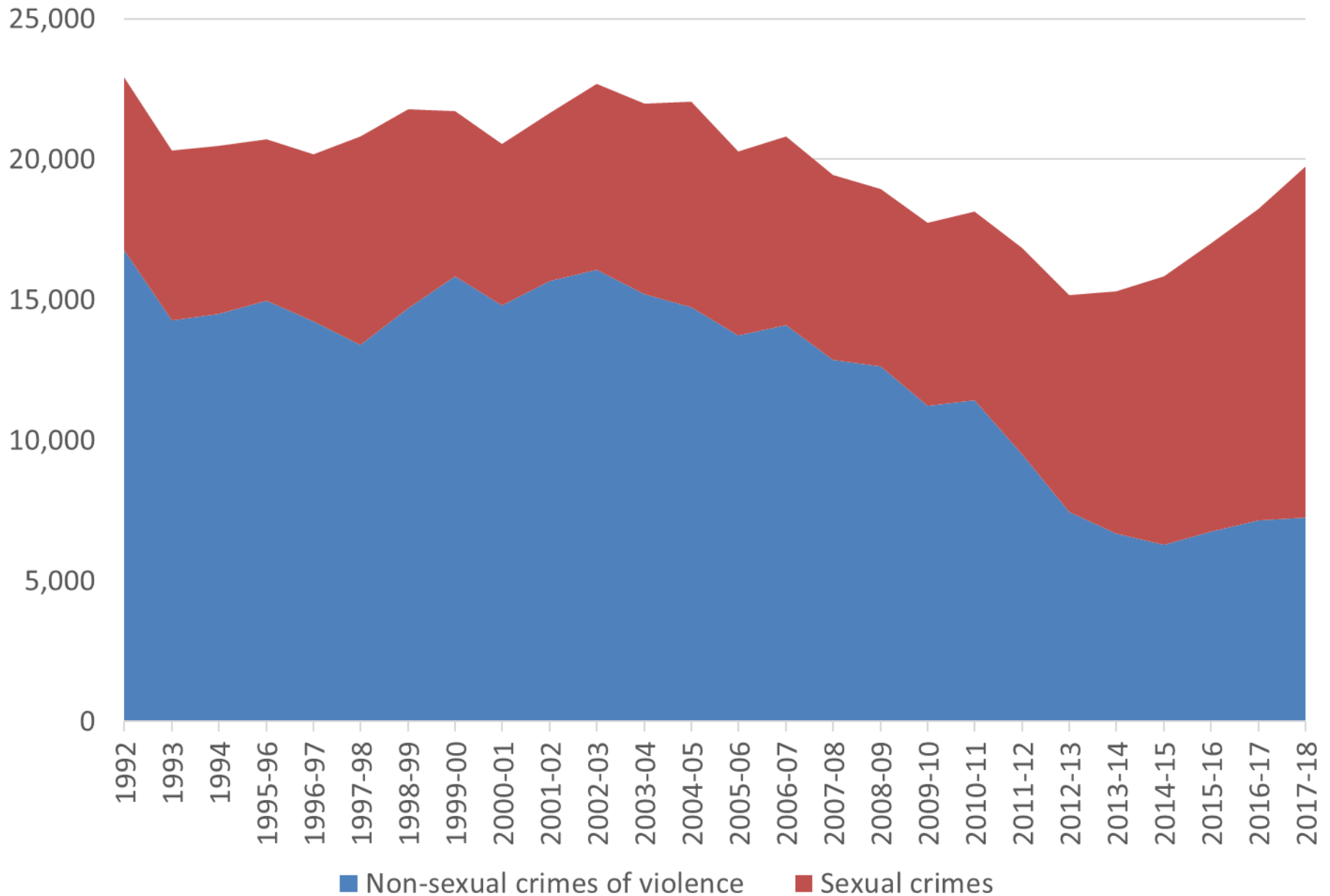
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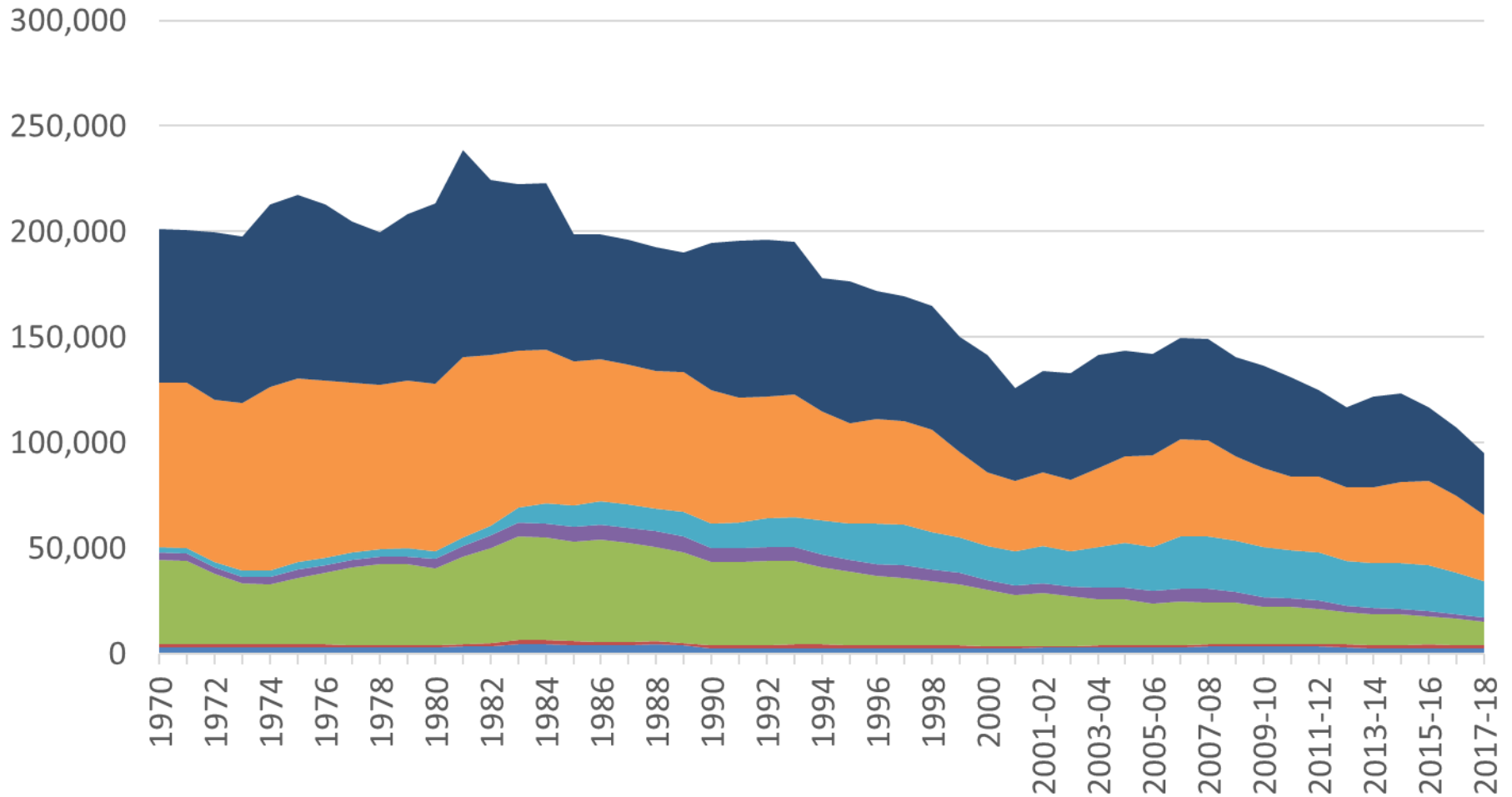
# Non-sexual crimes of violence & Sexual crimes



# Convictions

Patterns of conviction by crime type, disposal, age, and gender

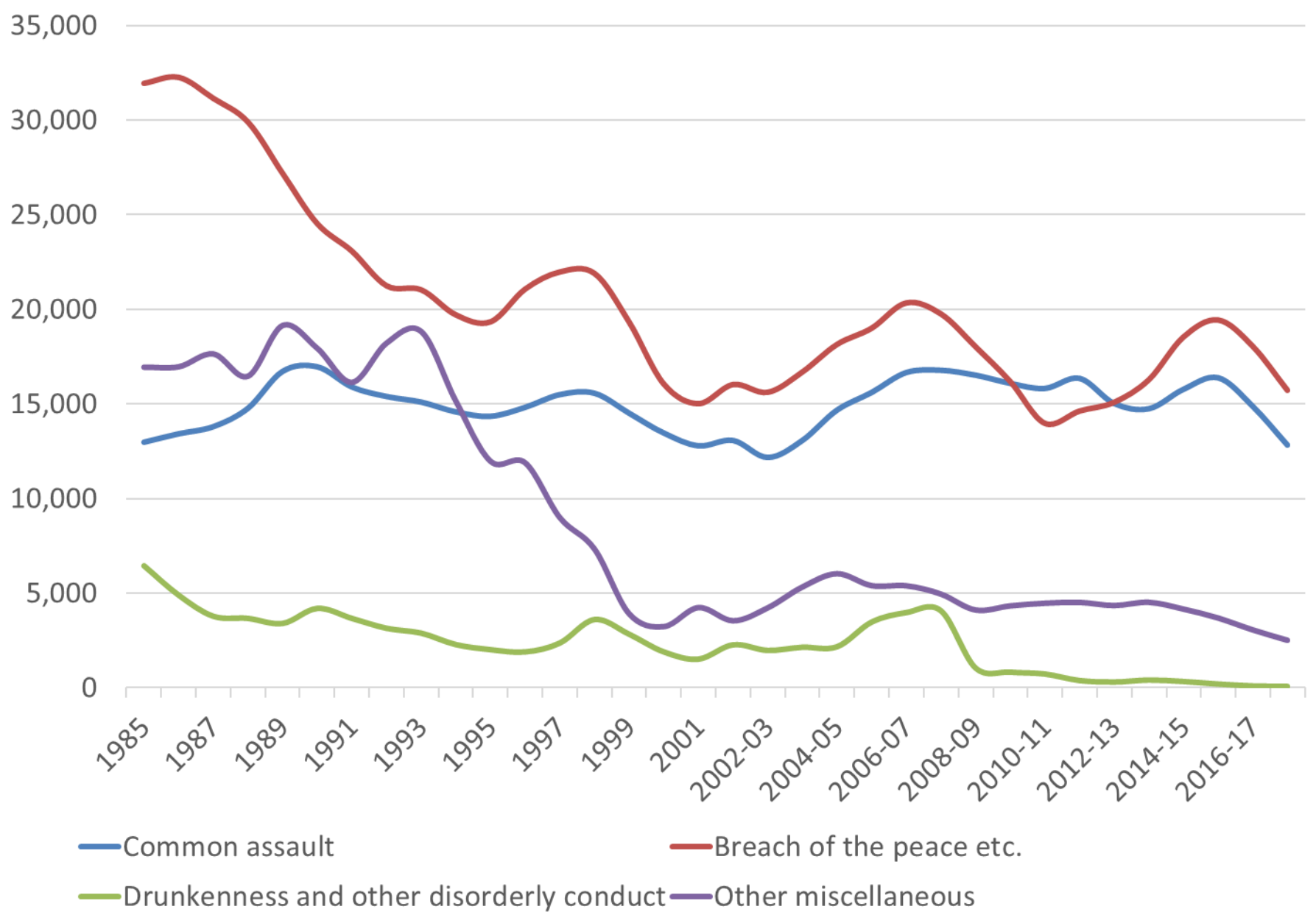
# Fewer court cases...



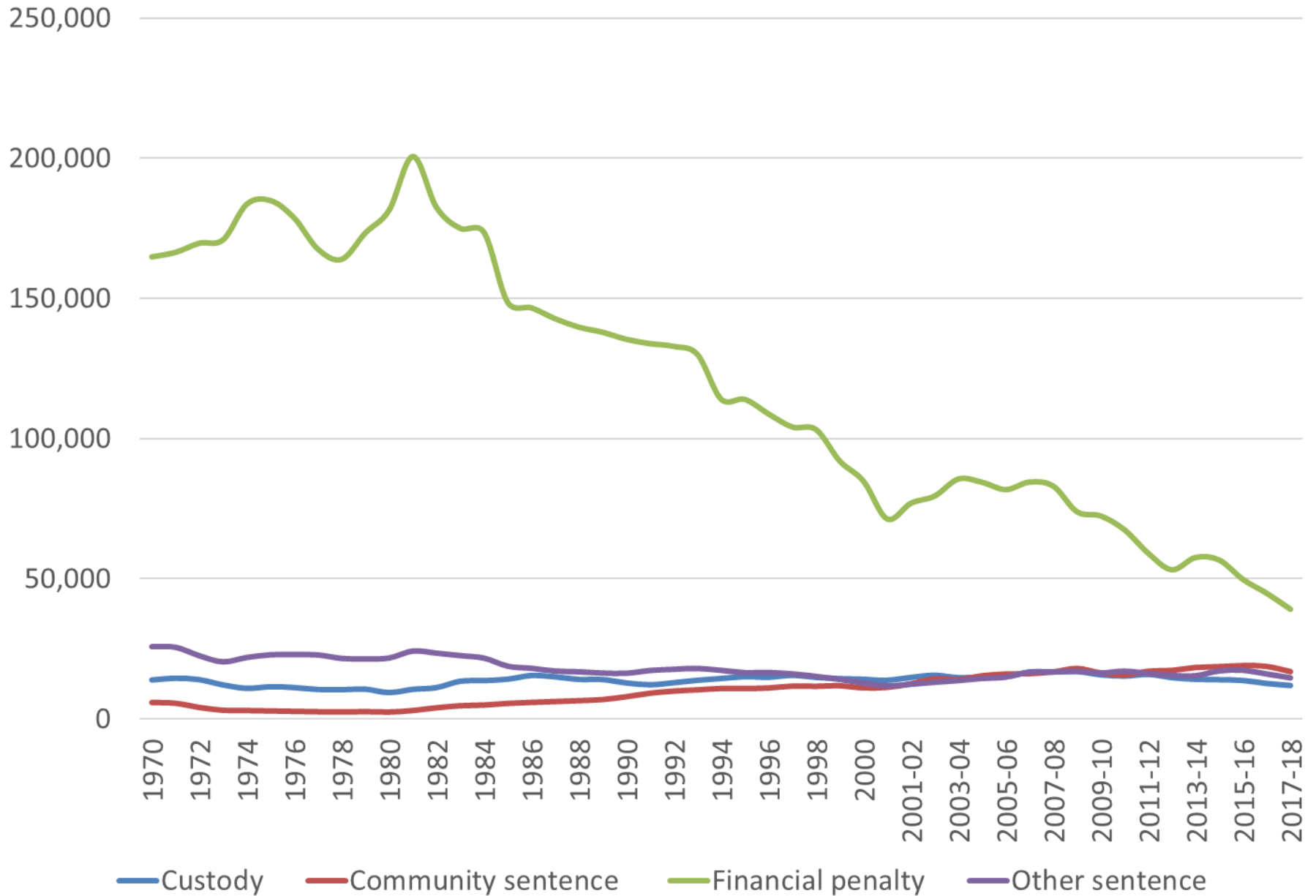
- Non-sexual crimes of violence
- Sexual crimes
- Crimes of dishonesty
- Fire-raising, vandalism etc
- Other crimes
- Miscellaneous offences
- Motor vehicle offences



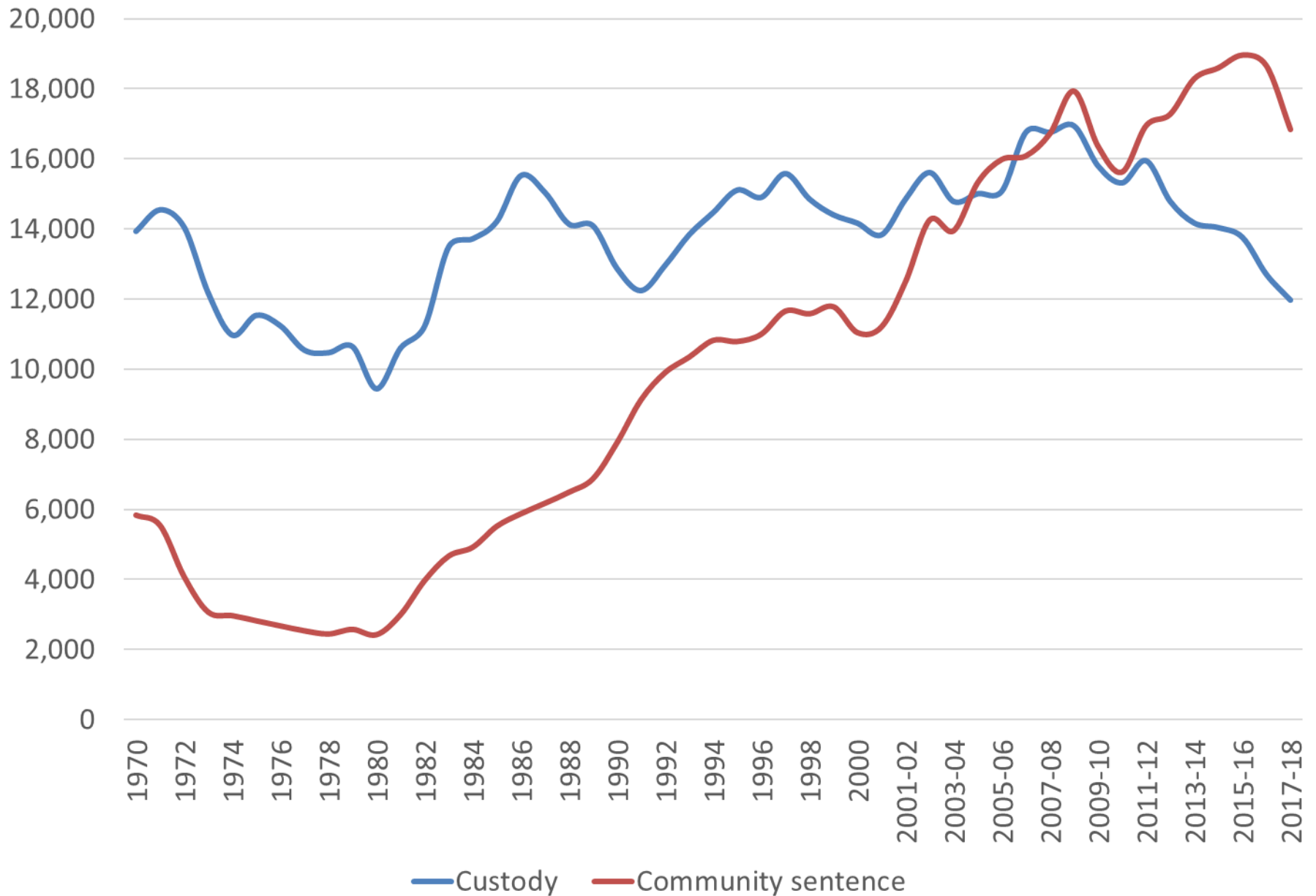
# ...especially miscellaneous offences (& motoring offences)



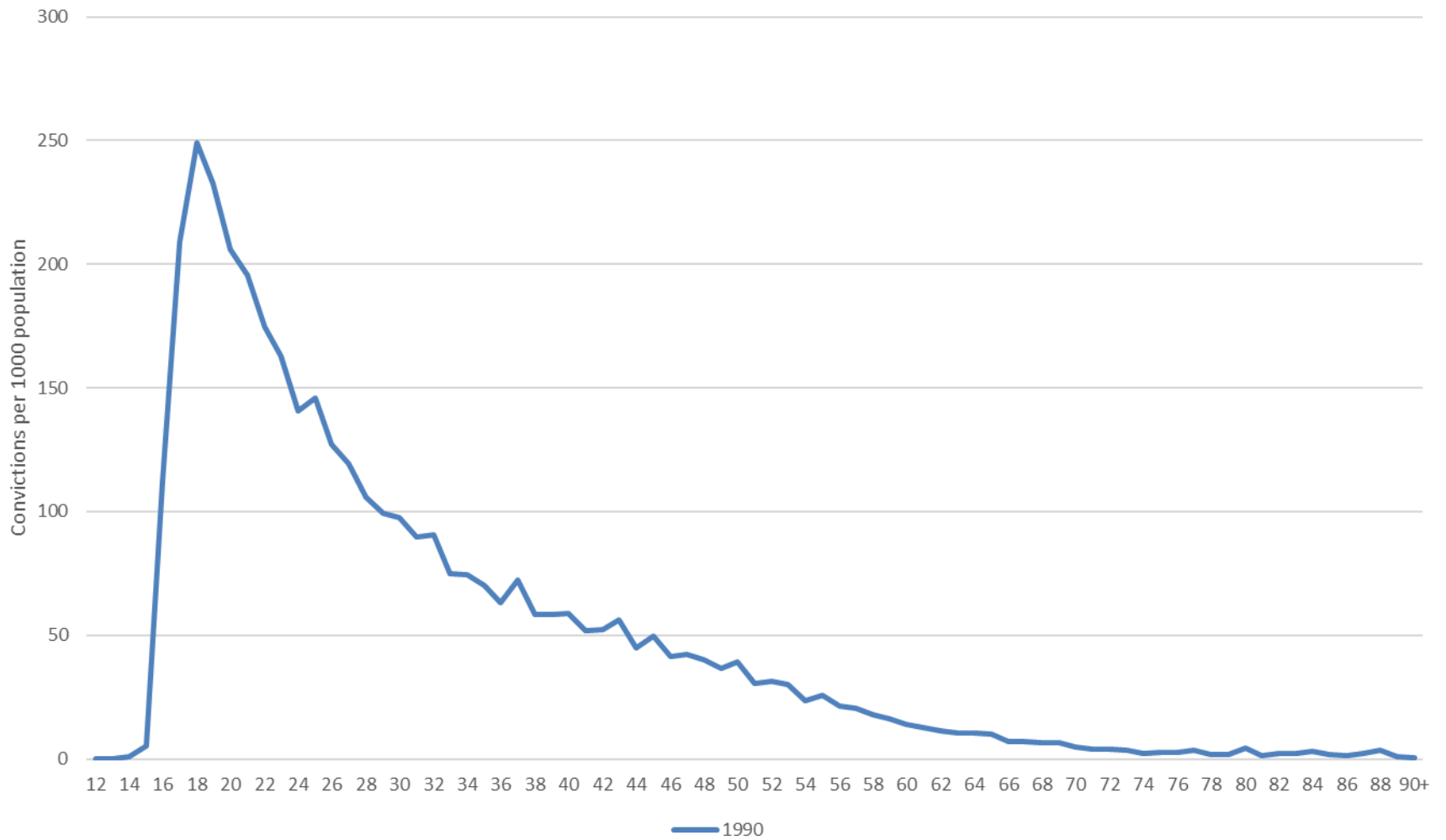
# Fewer fines...



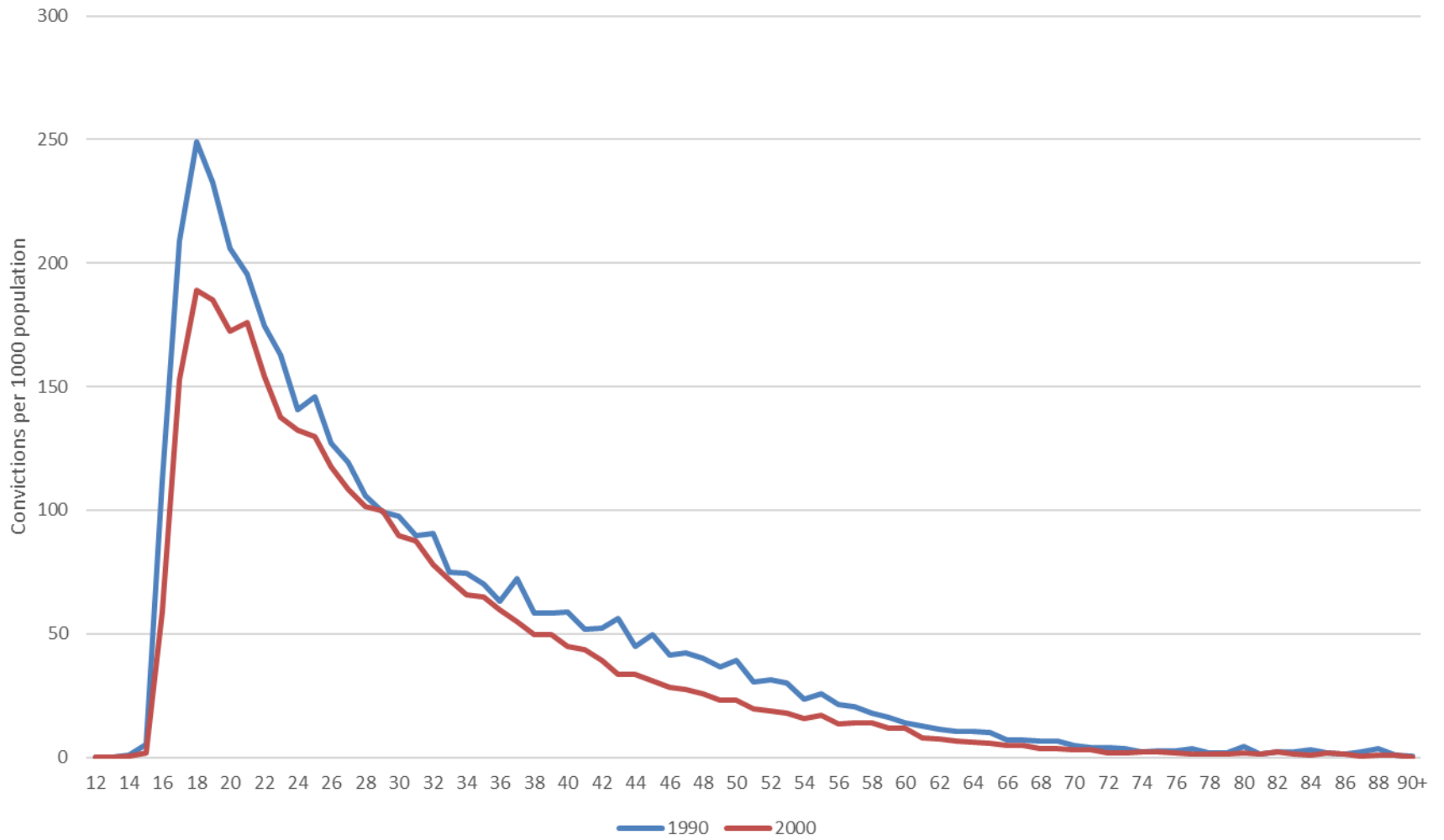
# ...increasing use of community sentences



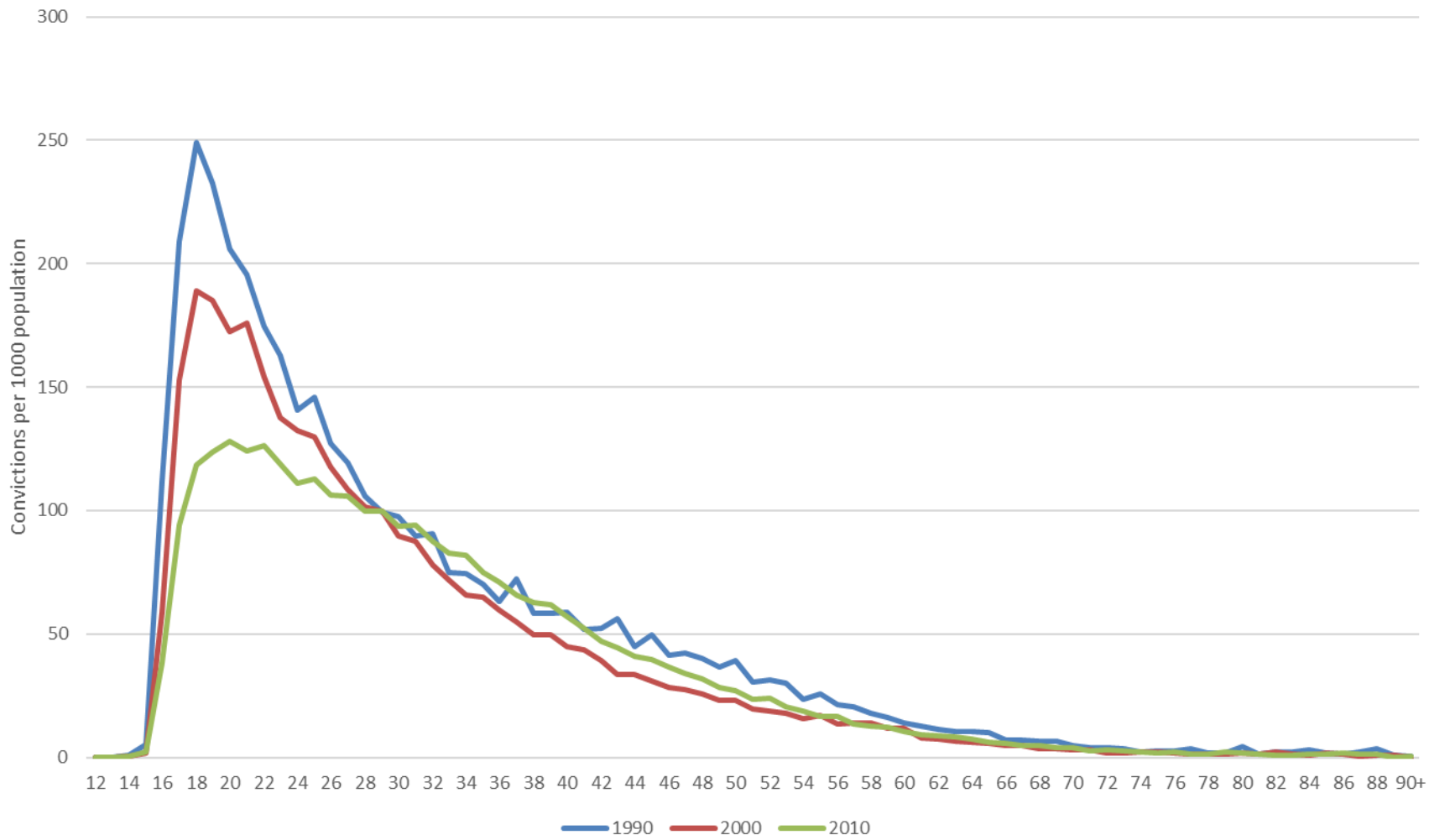
# Age-crime curve - males



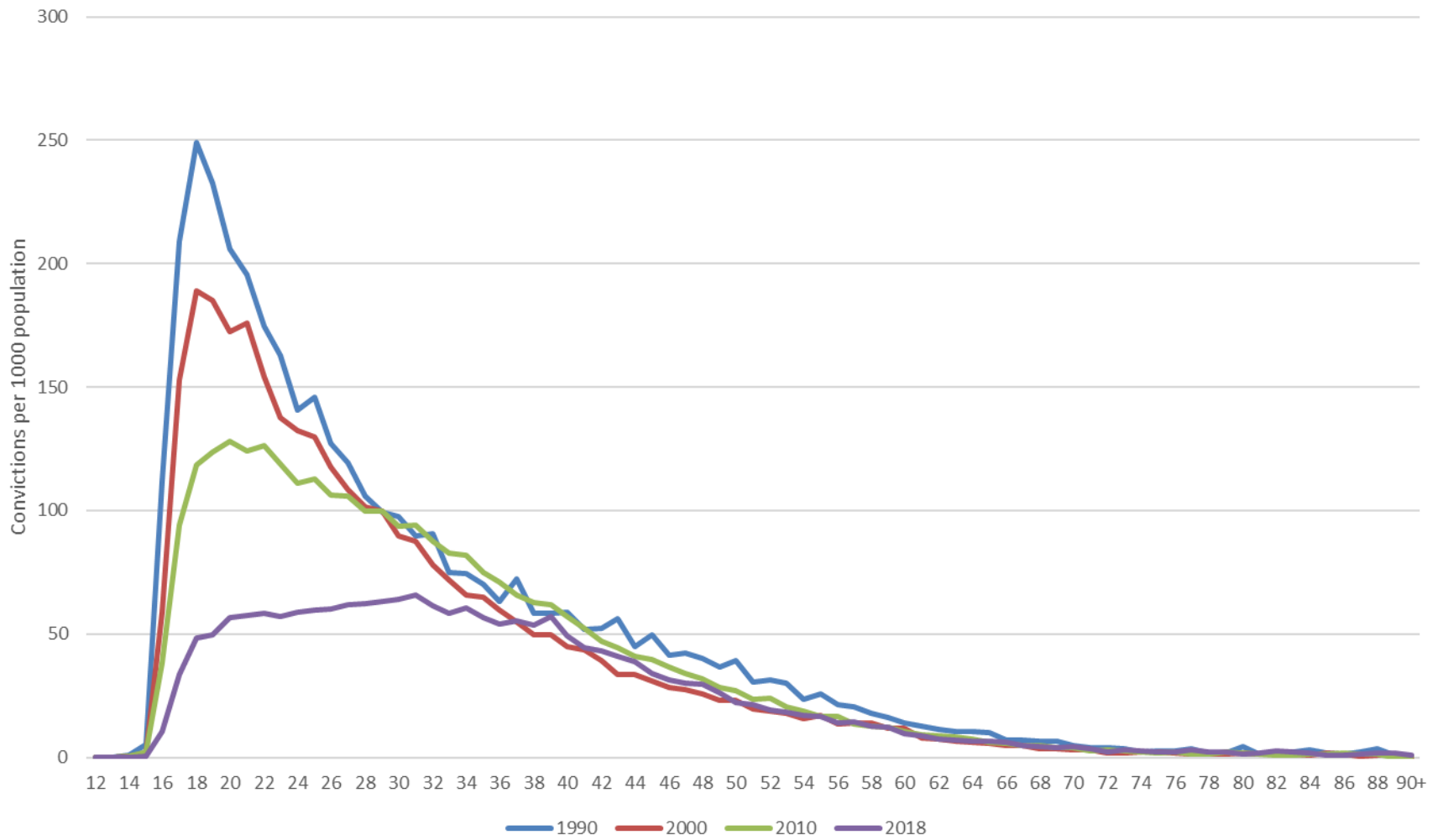
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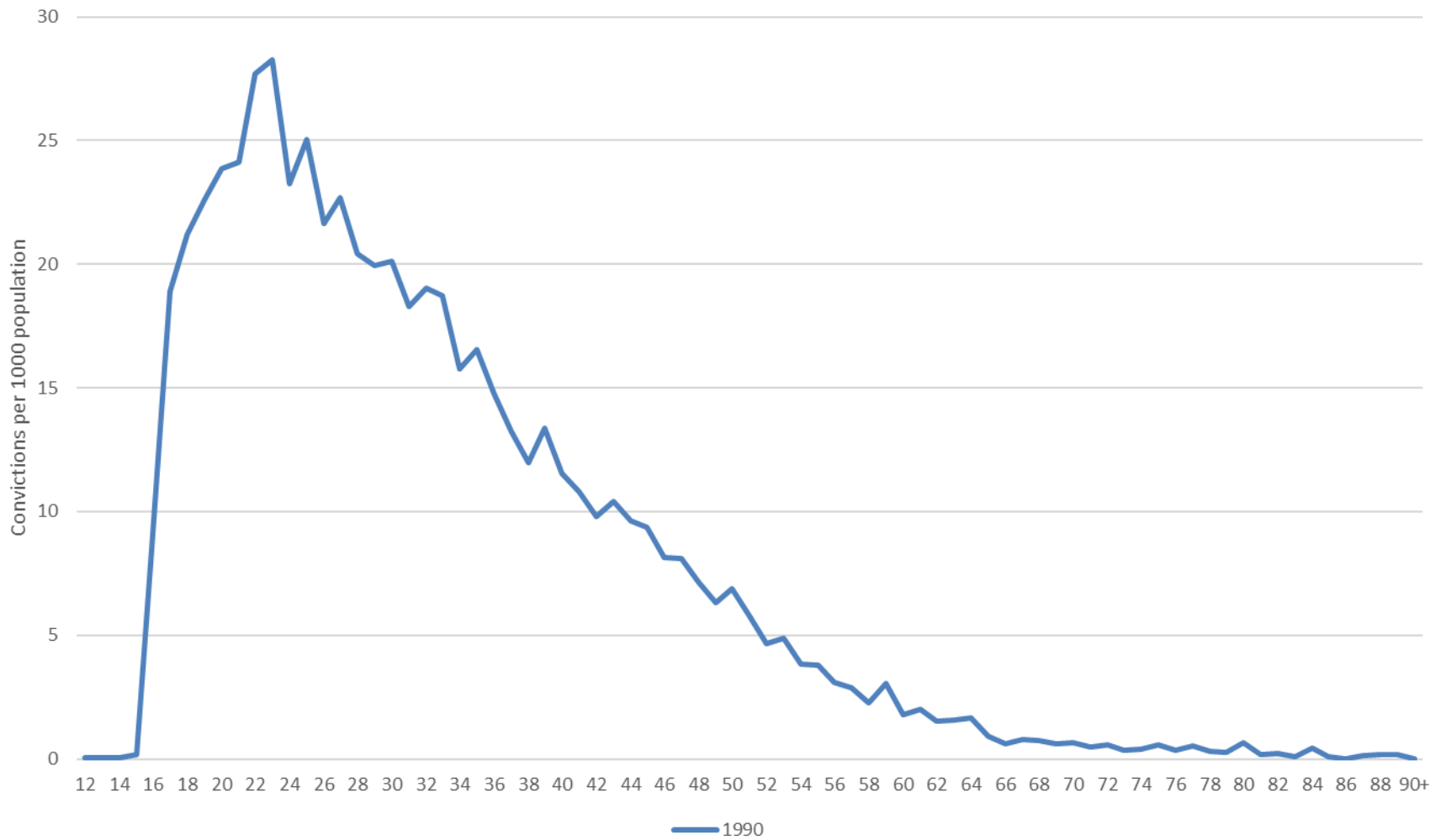
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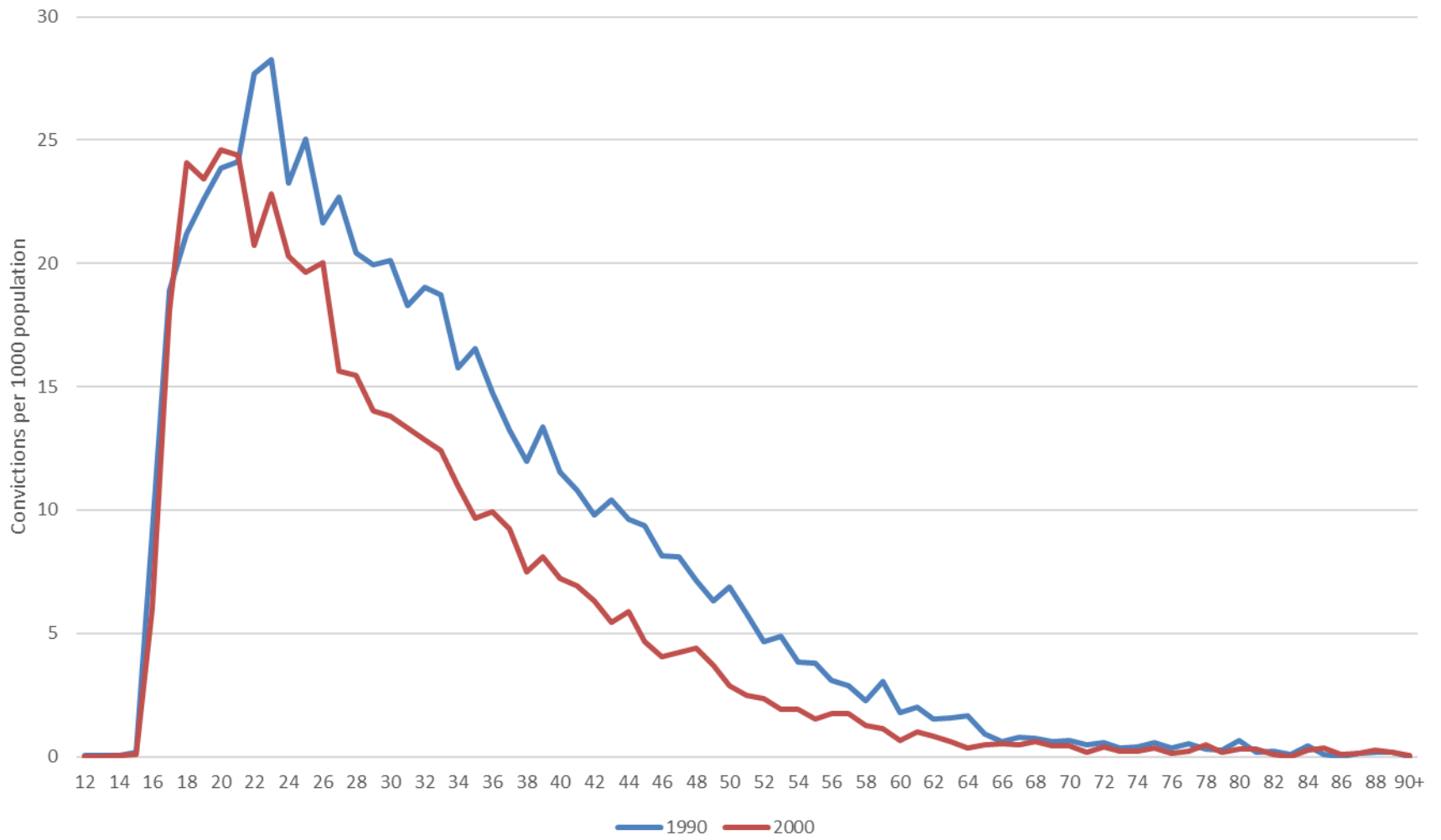


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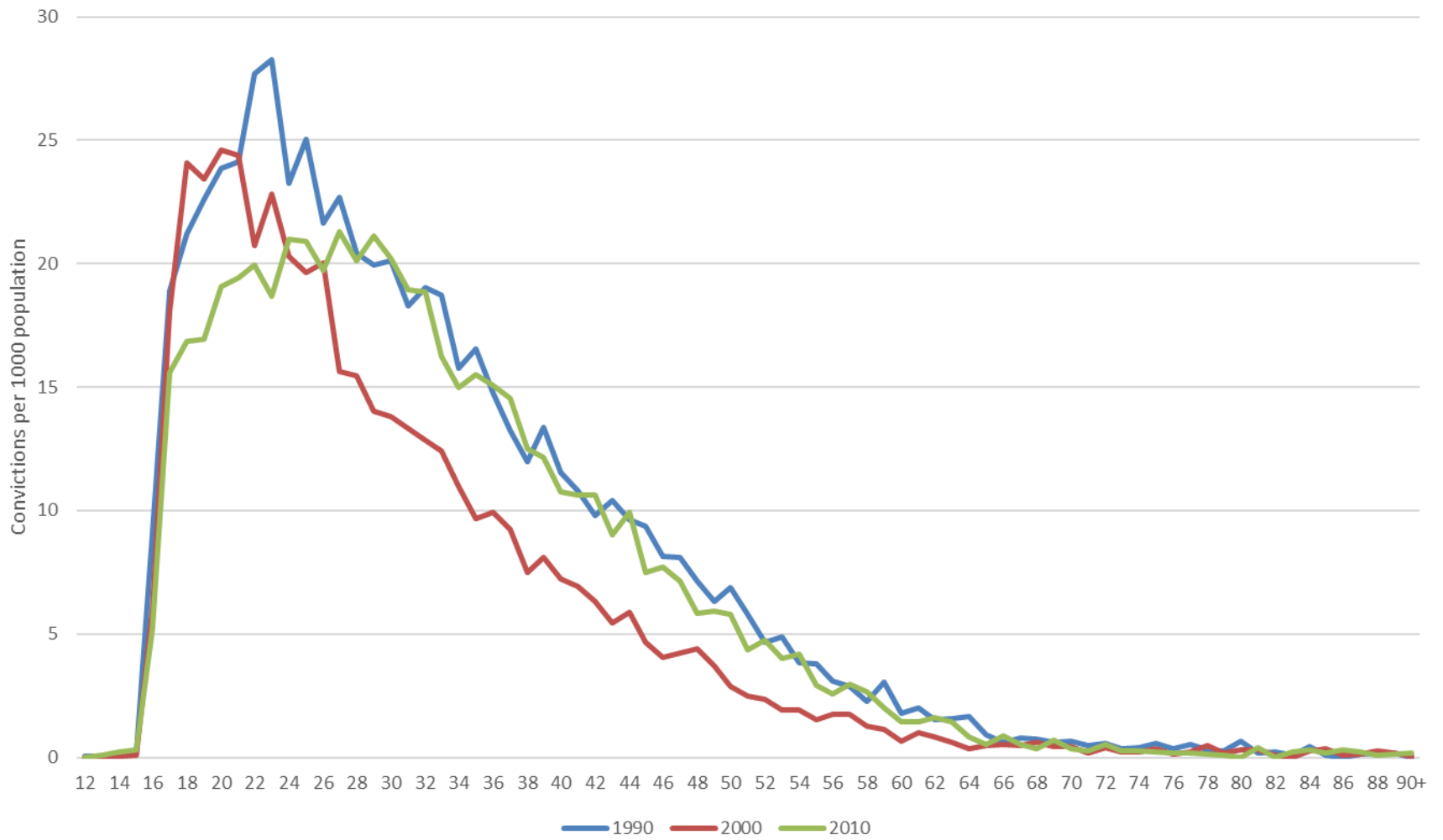




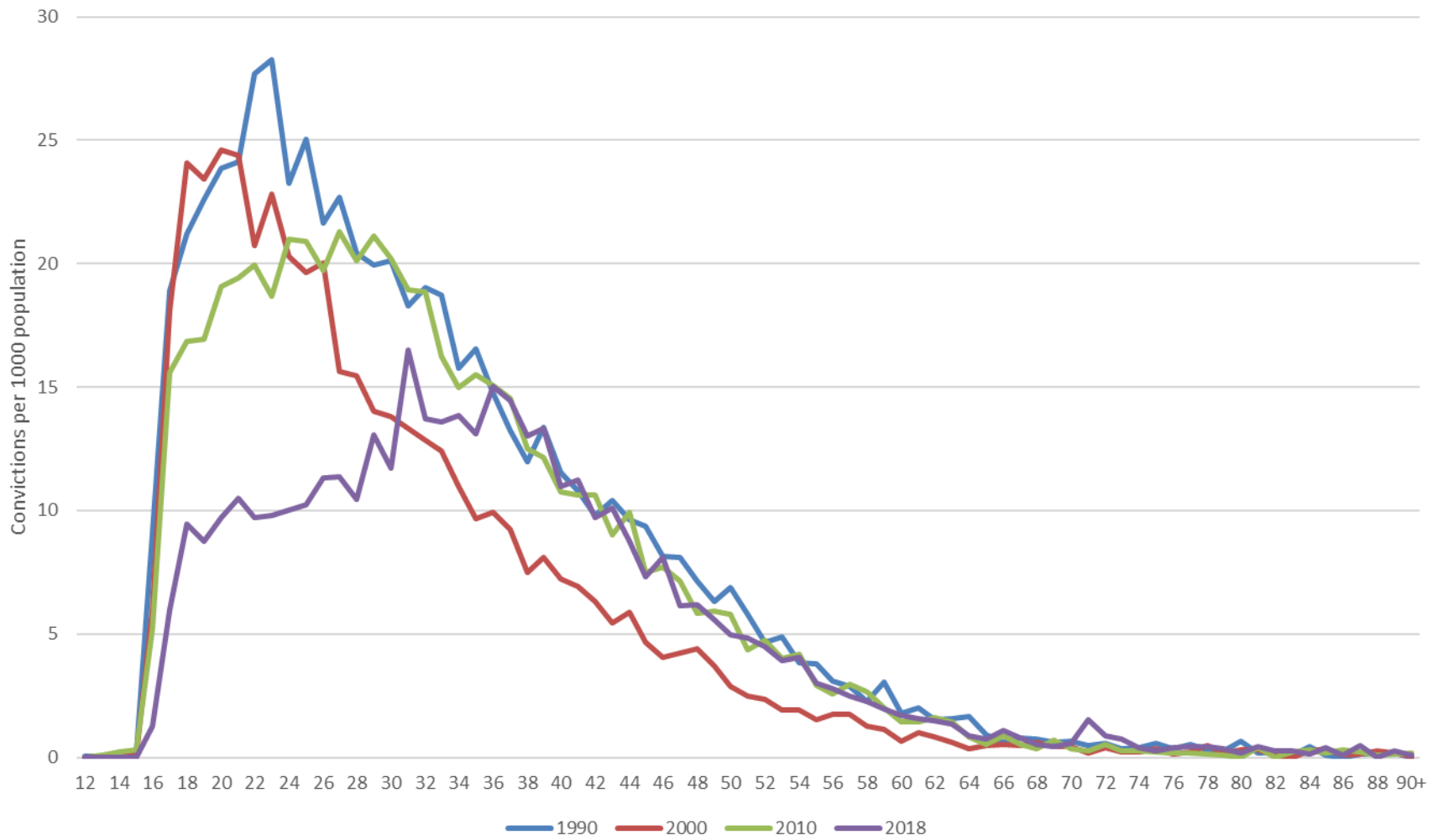
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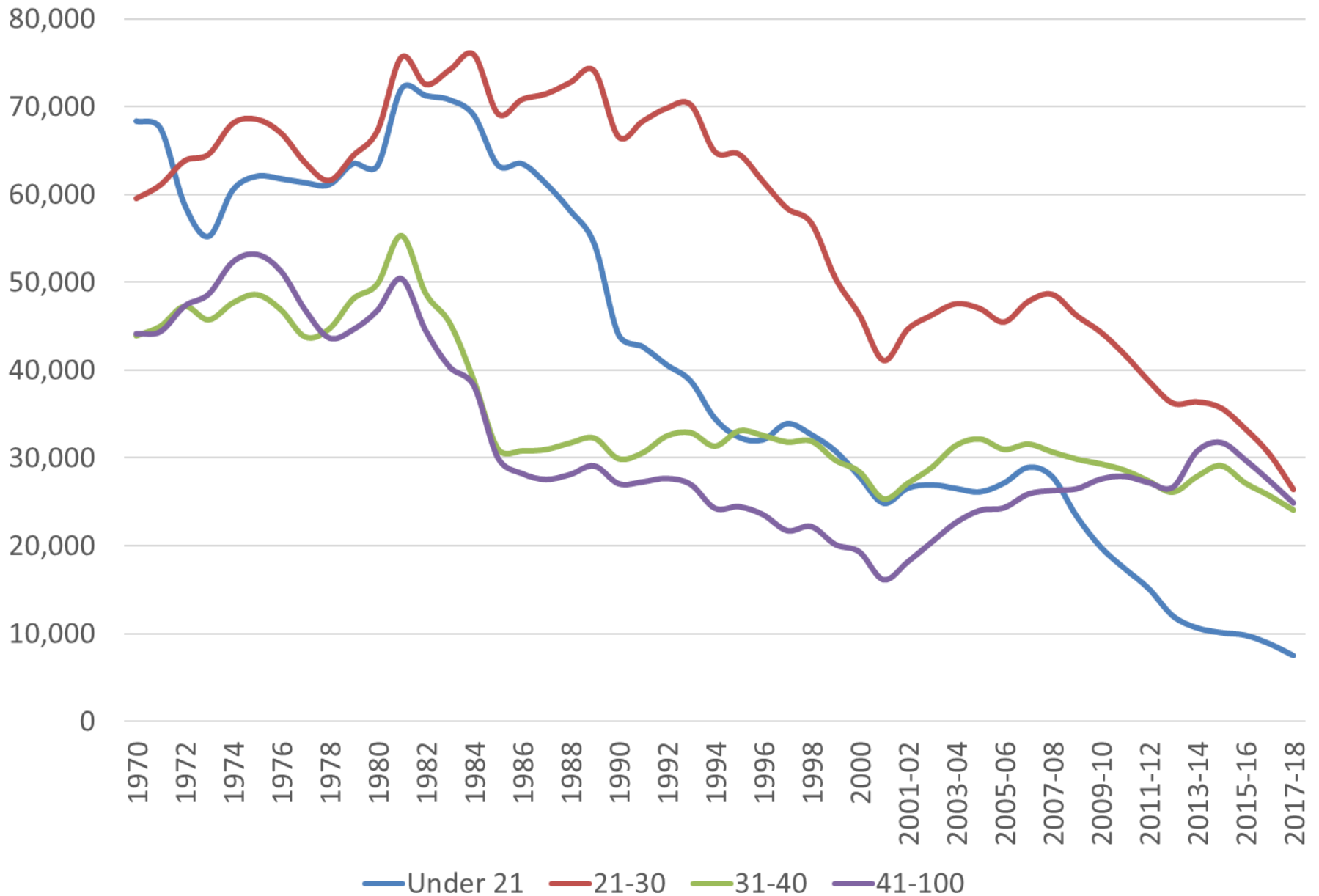
# Age-crime curve - females



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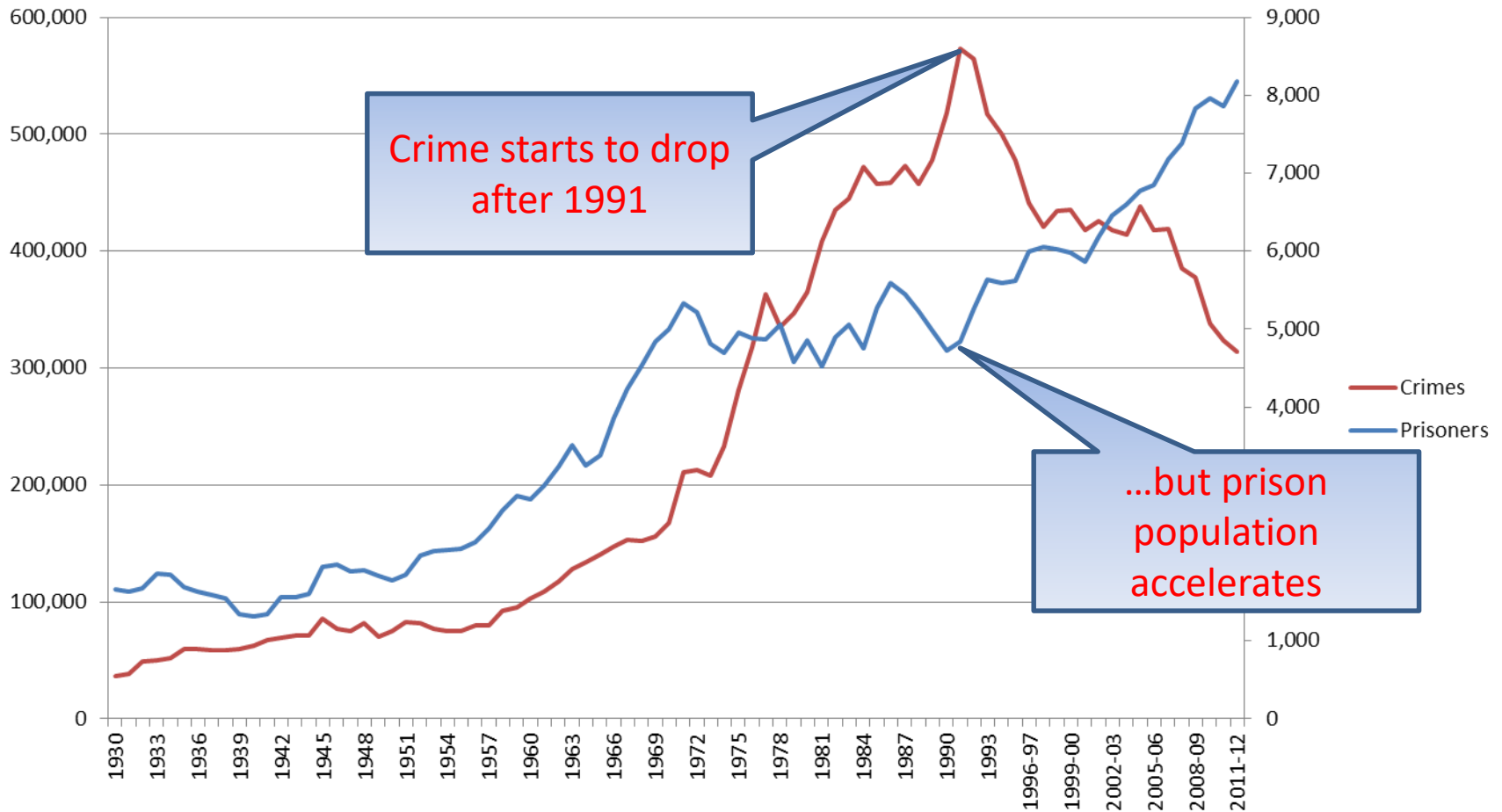
# Total number of convictions by age band



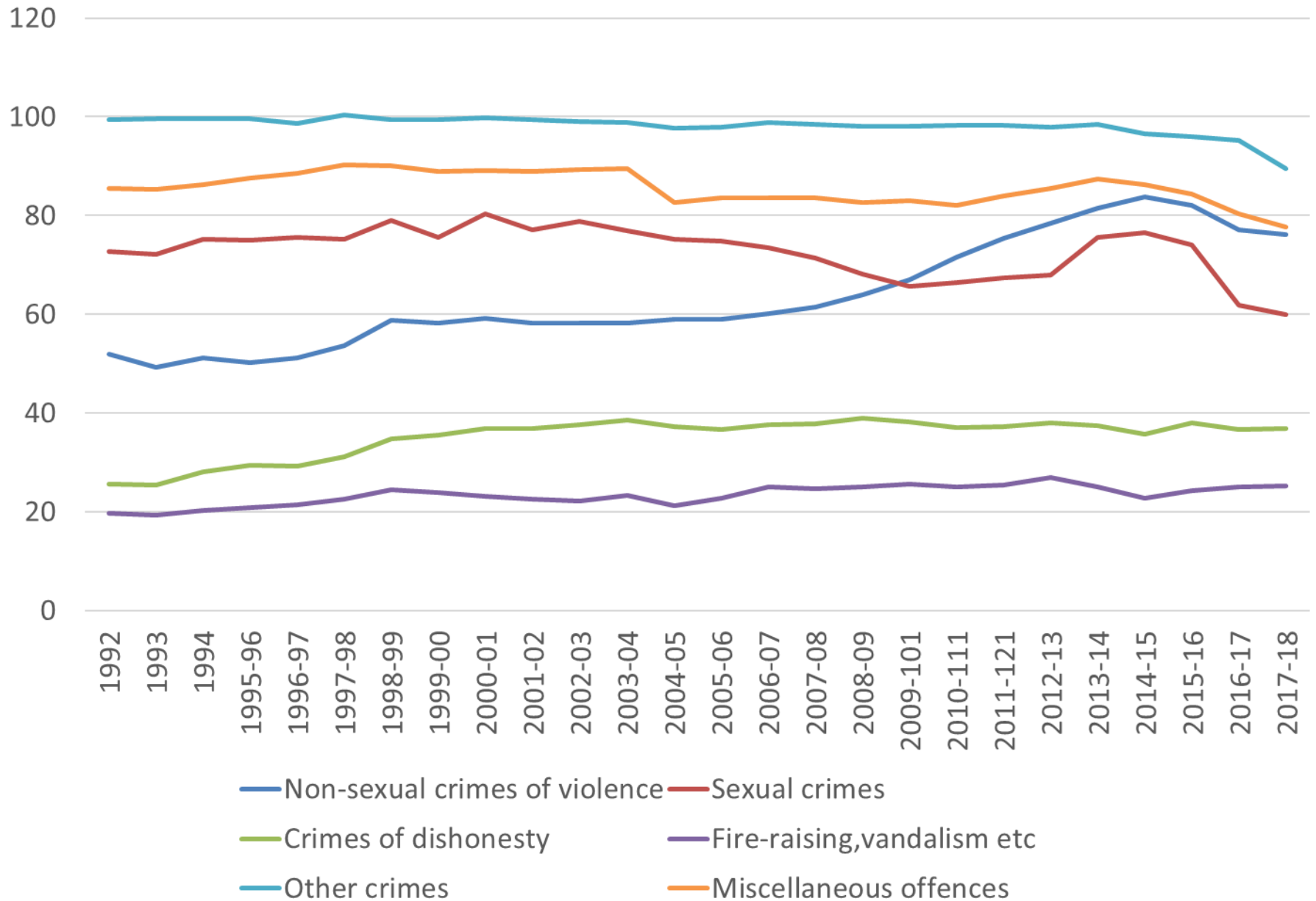
# Changes in justice system responses

Policing, clear-up rates, & prosecution policy

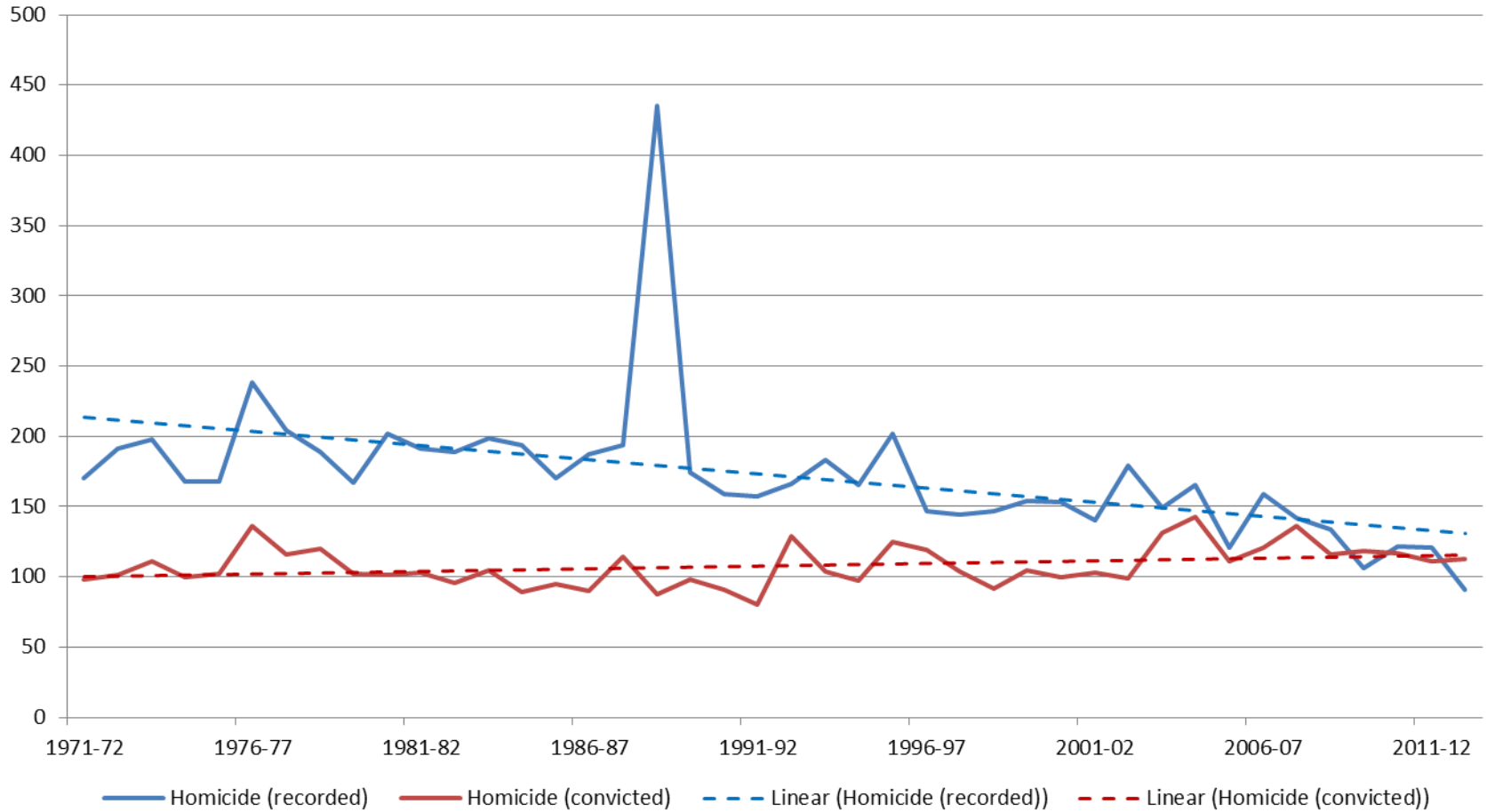
# Long term trends in crime and the prison population



# Trends in clear-up rates

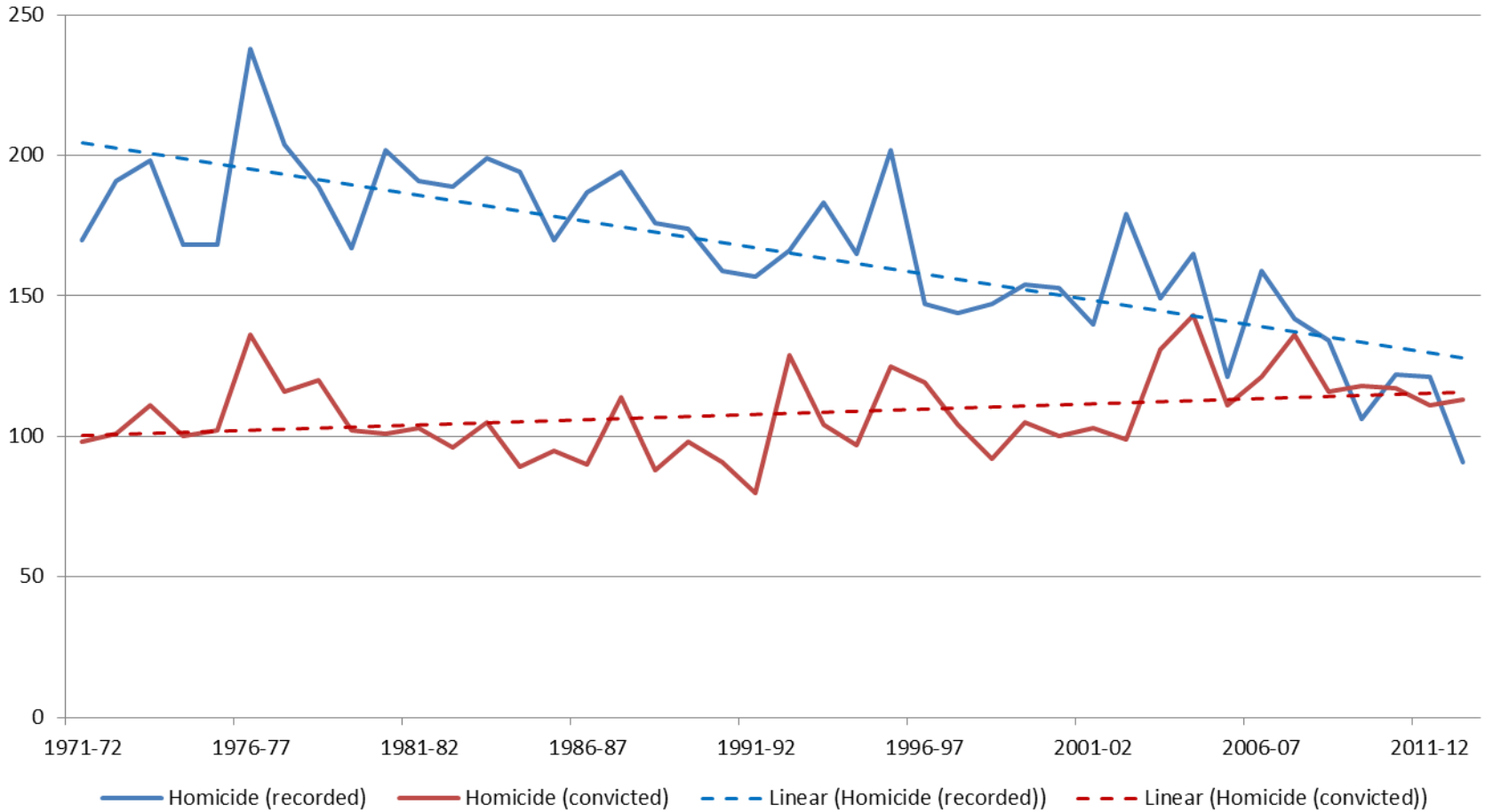


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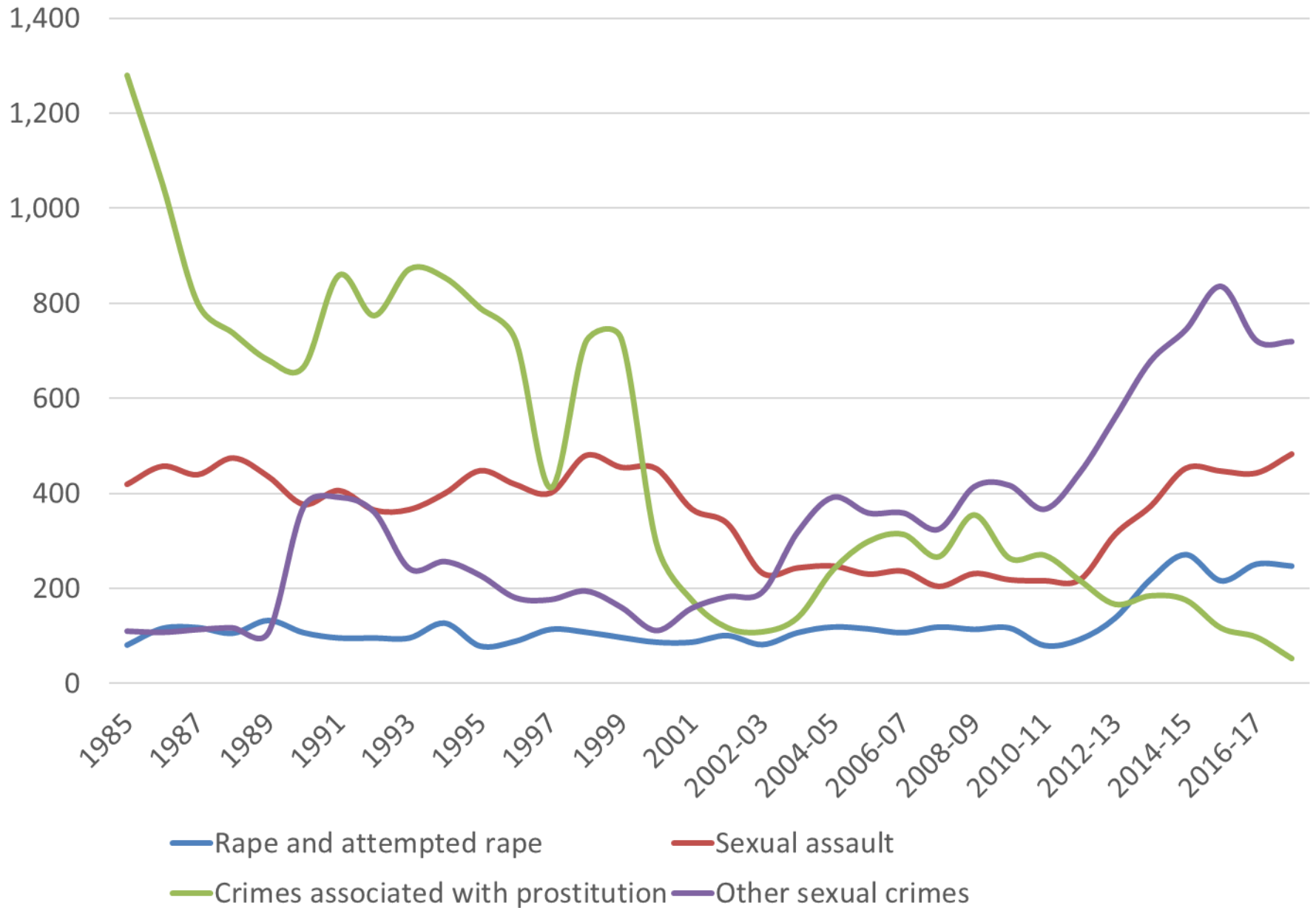




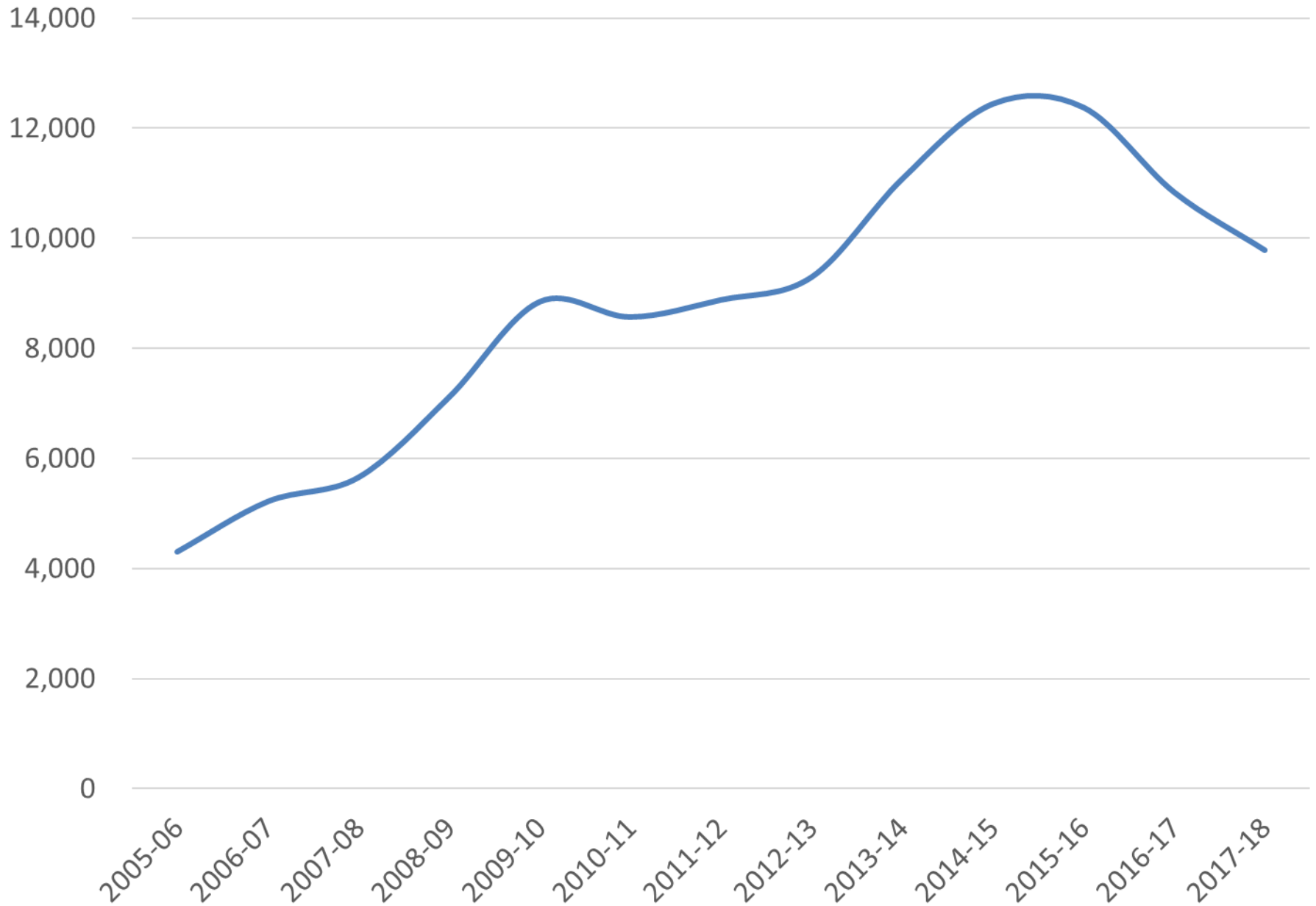
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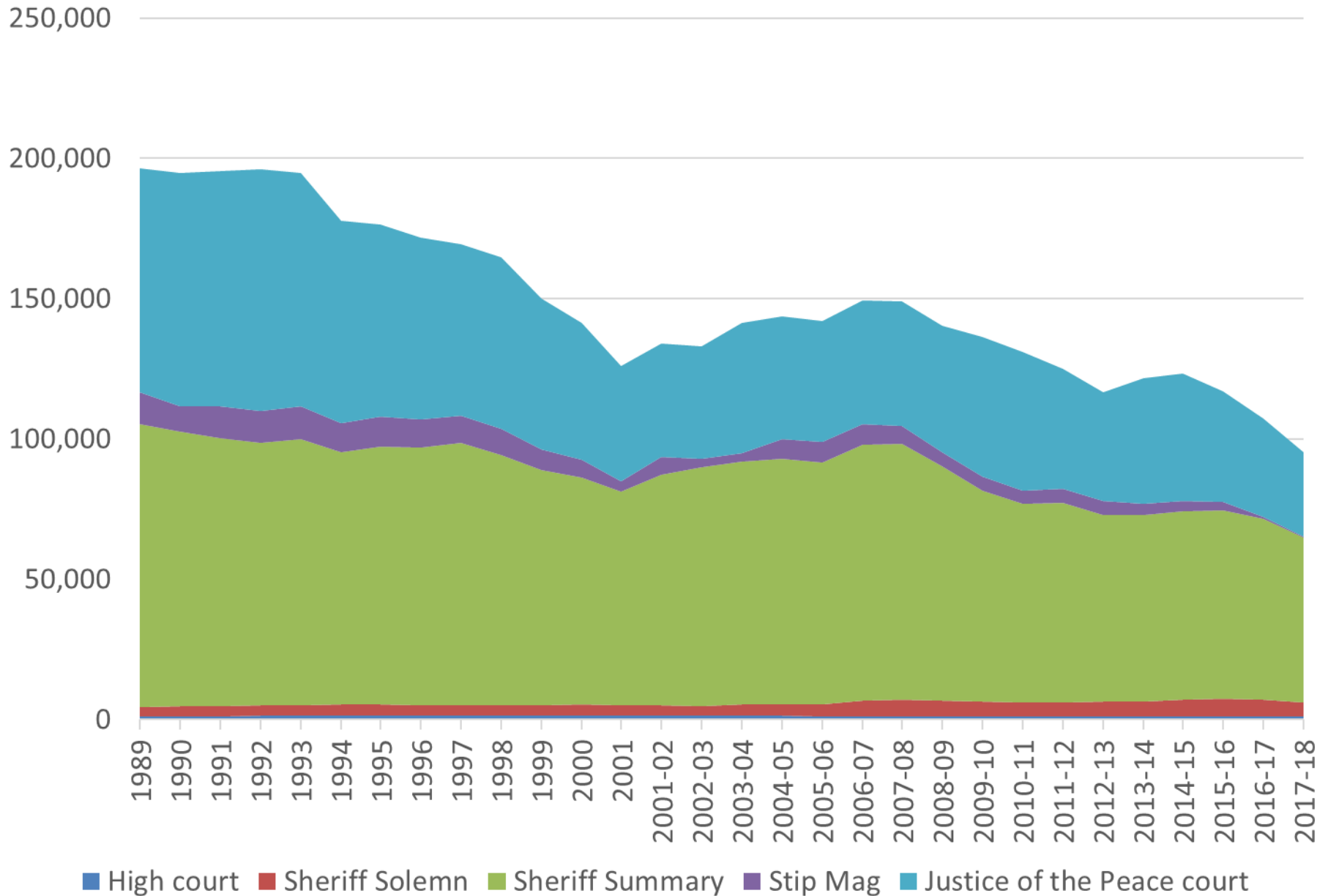
# More cases involving sexual crimes



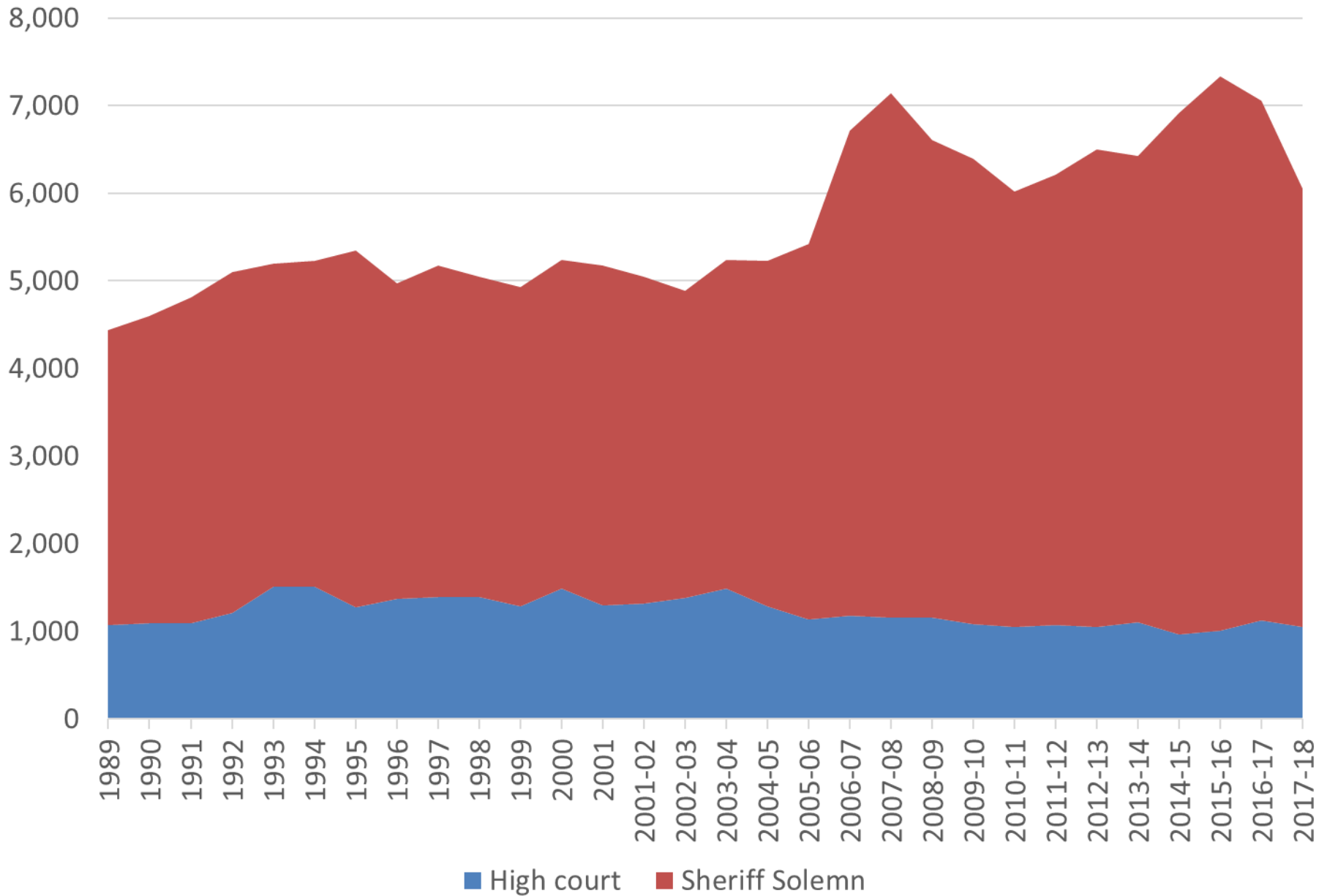
# Convictions for domestic abuse



# Volumes by court type



# Sheriff Solemn & High Court



# Civil Justice

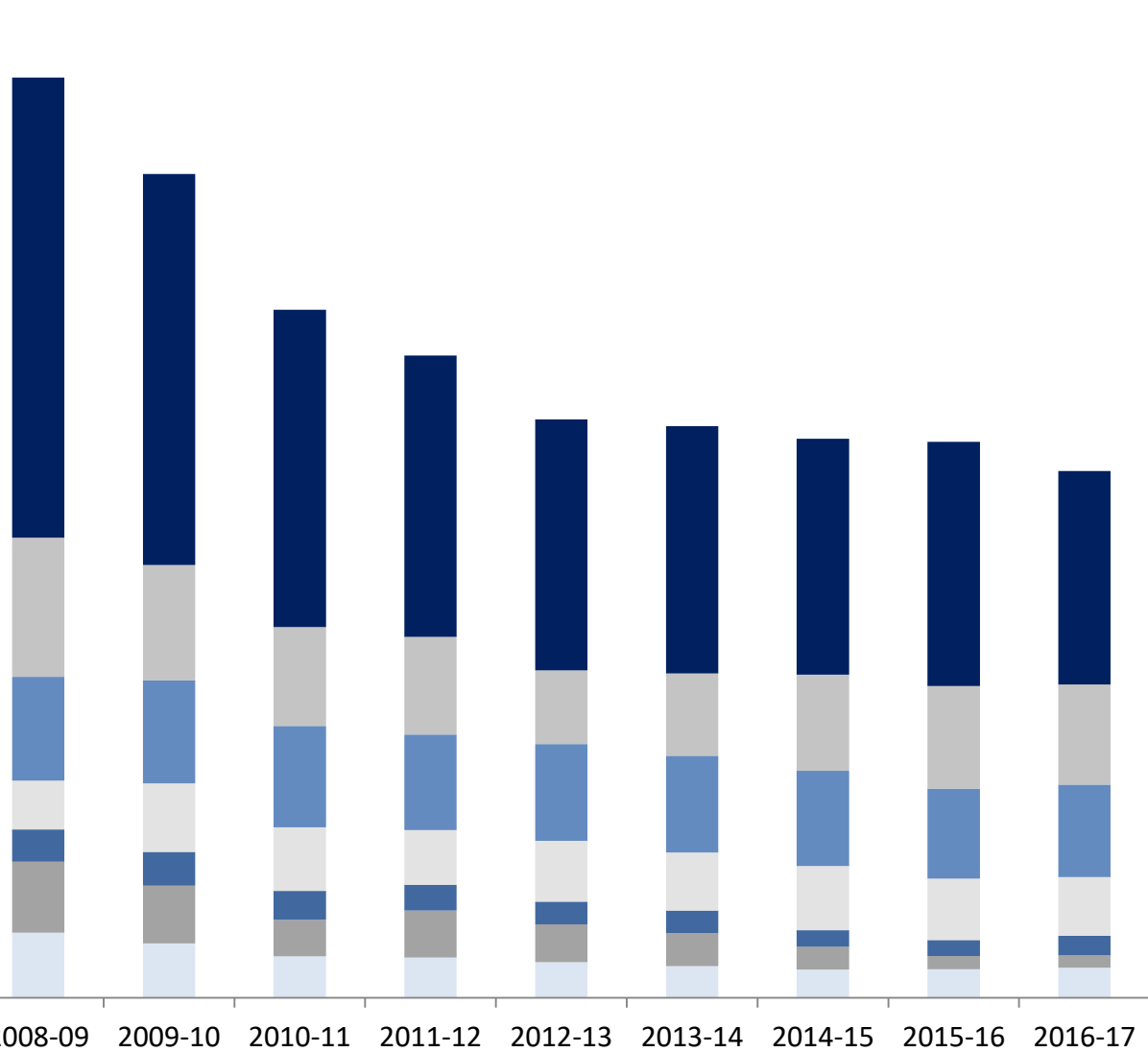
Initiated cases

140,000  
120,000  
100,000  
80,000  
60,000  
40,000  
20,000  
0

2008-09 2009-10 2010-11 2011-12 2012-13 2013-14 2014-15 2015-16 2016-17

Year

- Debt
- Eviction
- Family
- Personal Injury
- Damages
- Repossession
- Other



## Summary of long-term trends

- Crime and number of proceedings generally falling
- Fall in youth crime
- Increases in clear-up rates for serious violence
- Increases in proceedings for sexual offences & DA
- Increasing proportion of more serious cases
- Falling civil justice volumes