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GIRLS IN CONFLICT WITH THE LAW

Overview of Girls and Young Women in Hong Kong

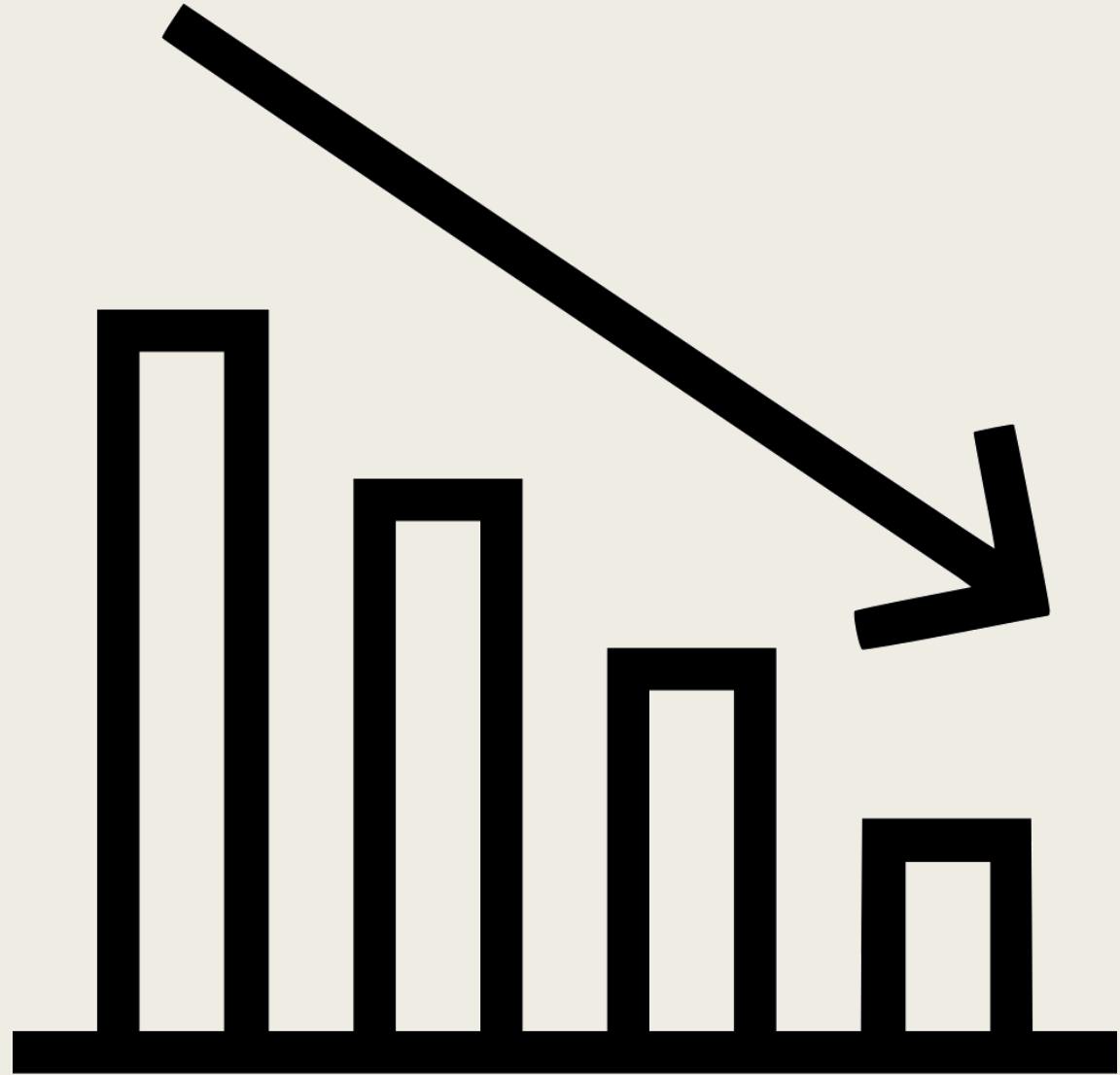
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Juvenile Justice Philosophy in Hong Kong

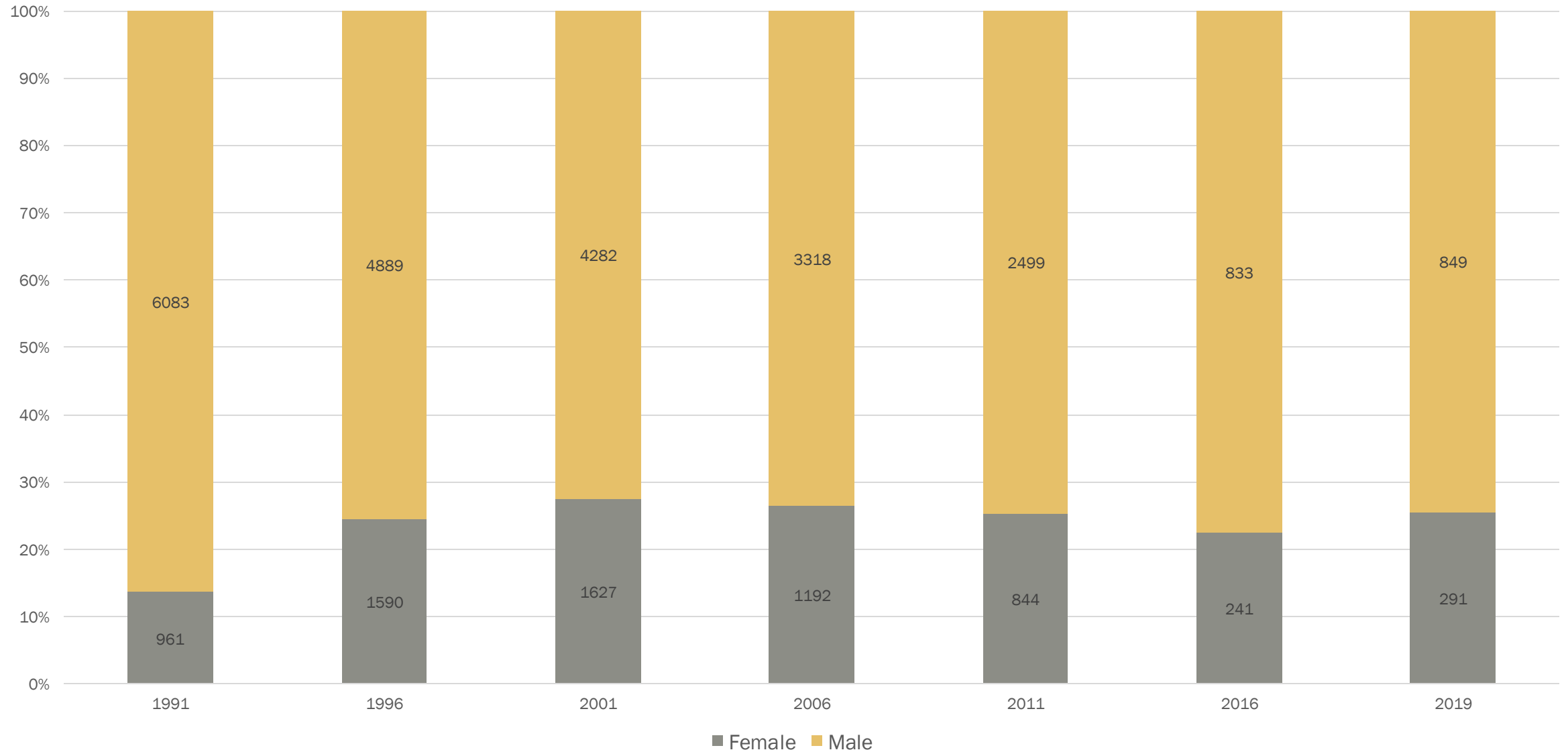
- Disciplinary Welfare (Gray 1991)
- Penal Elitism (Adorjan and Chui 2013)
- Care and Control Ethos (Chan 1988; Lee 1989)

ARRESTS

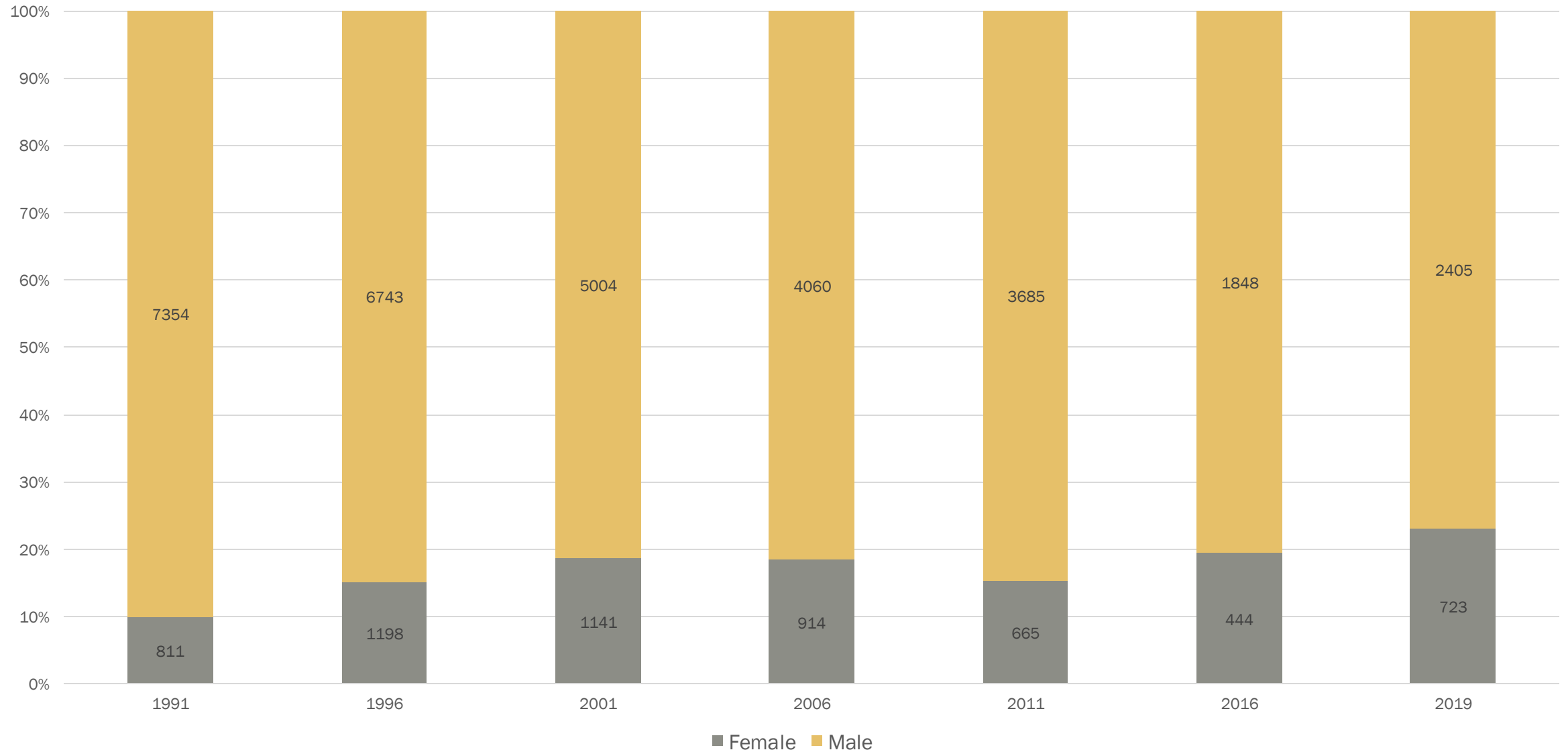
- Over the past three decades, arrests have decreased across all age groups and gender.



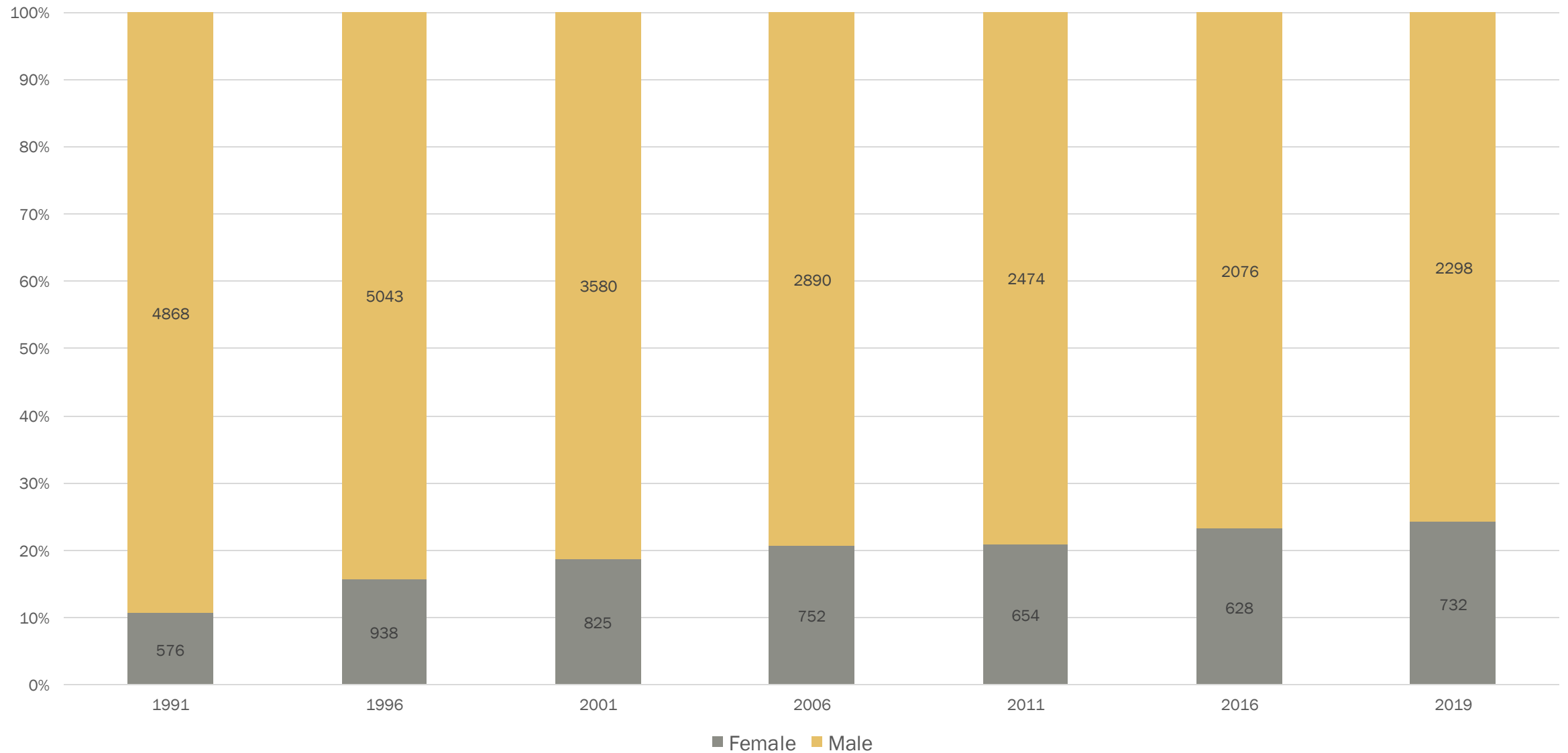
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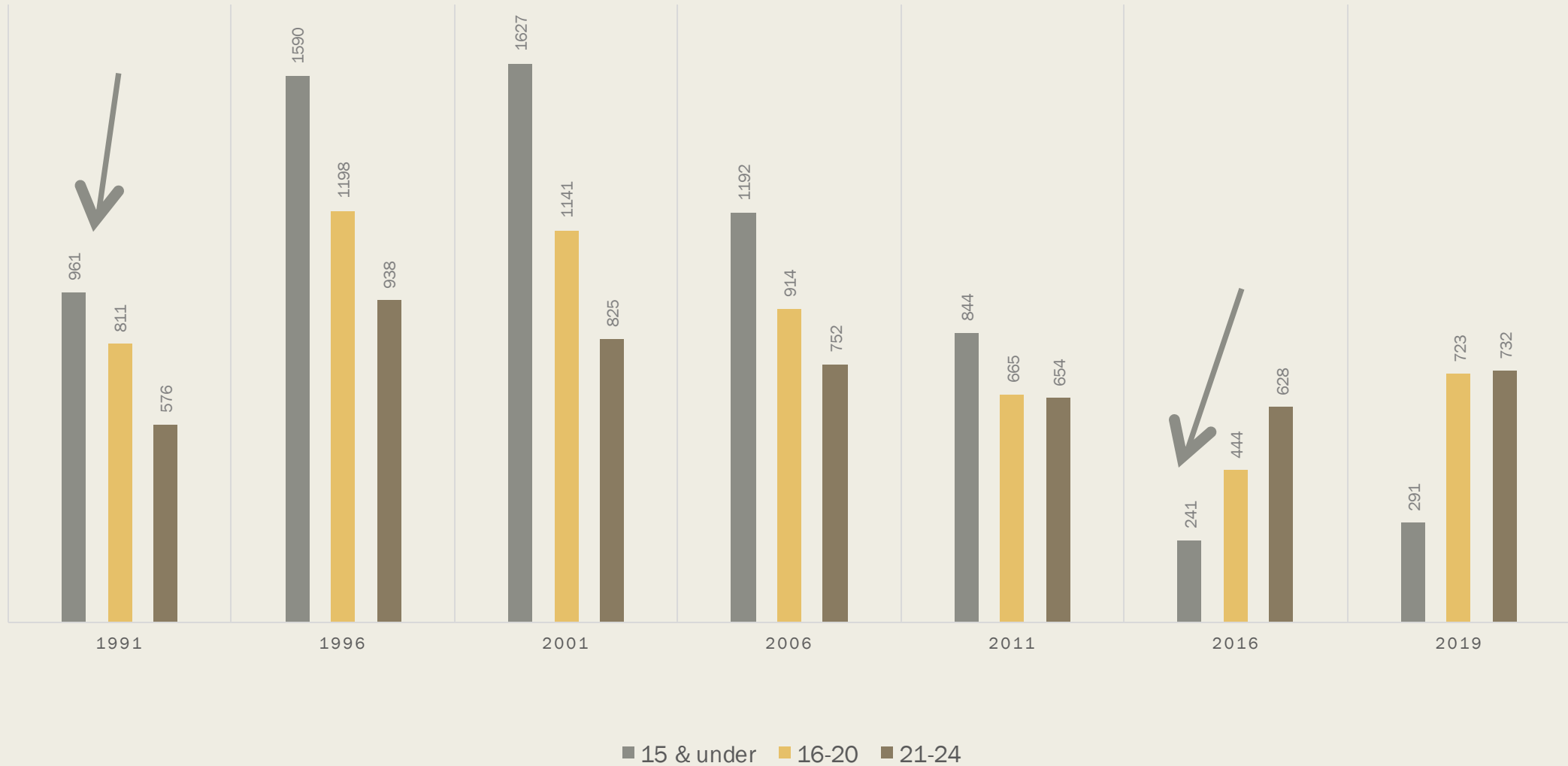
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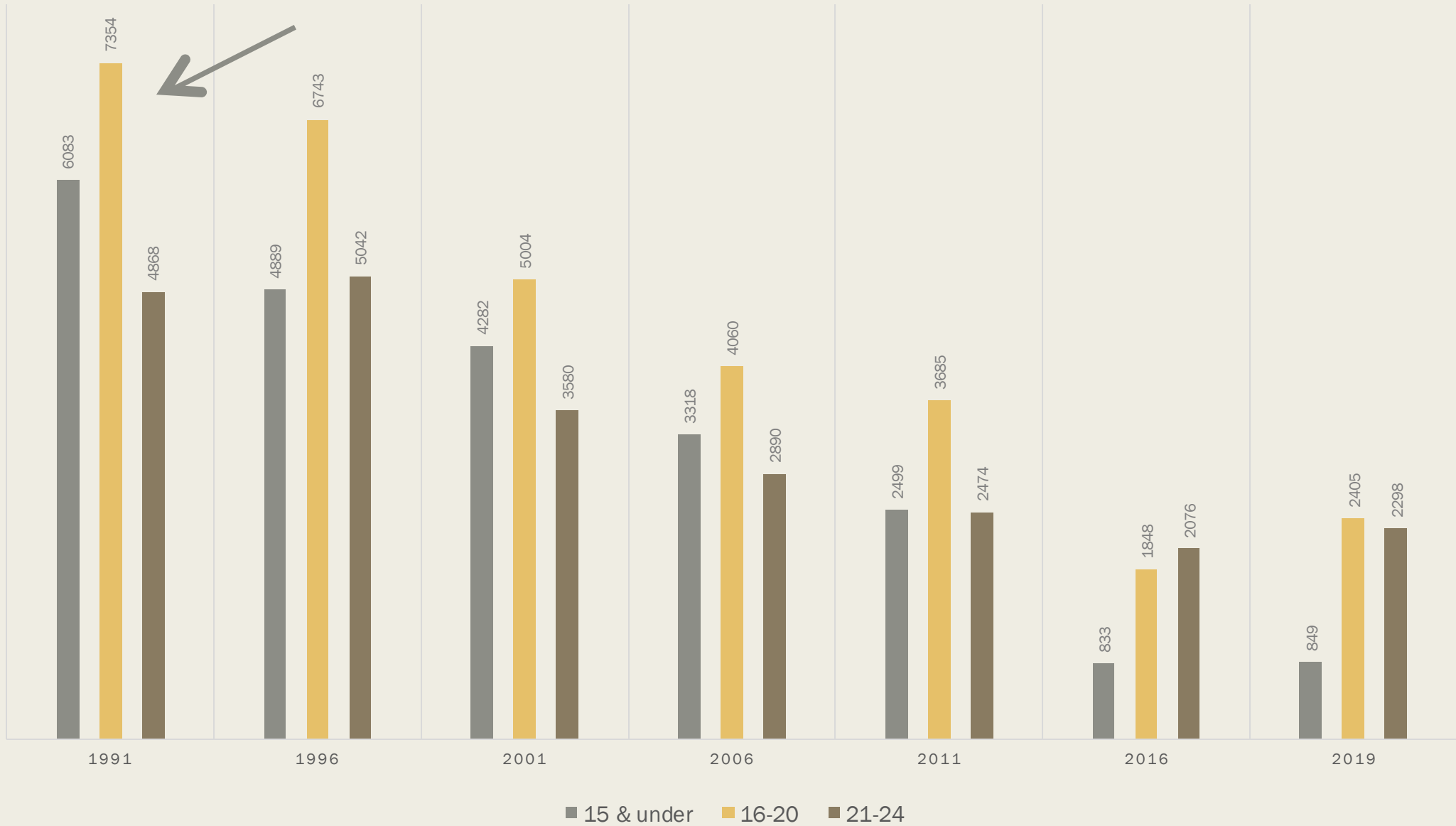
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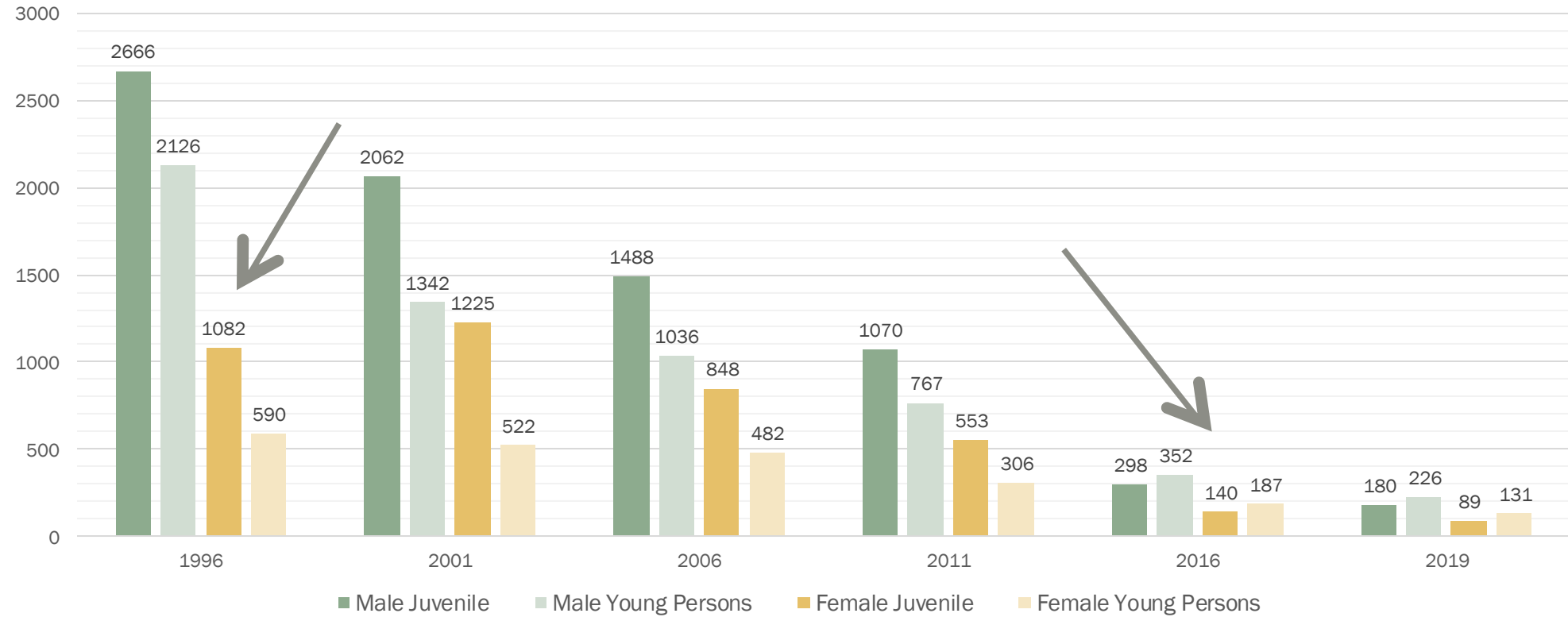
ARRESTS OF GIRLS AND YOUNG WOMEN BY AGE AND YEAR



ARRESTS OF BOYS AND YOUNG MEN BY AGE AND YEAR

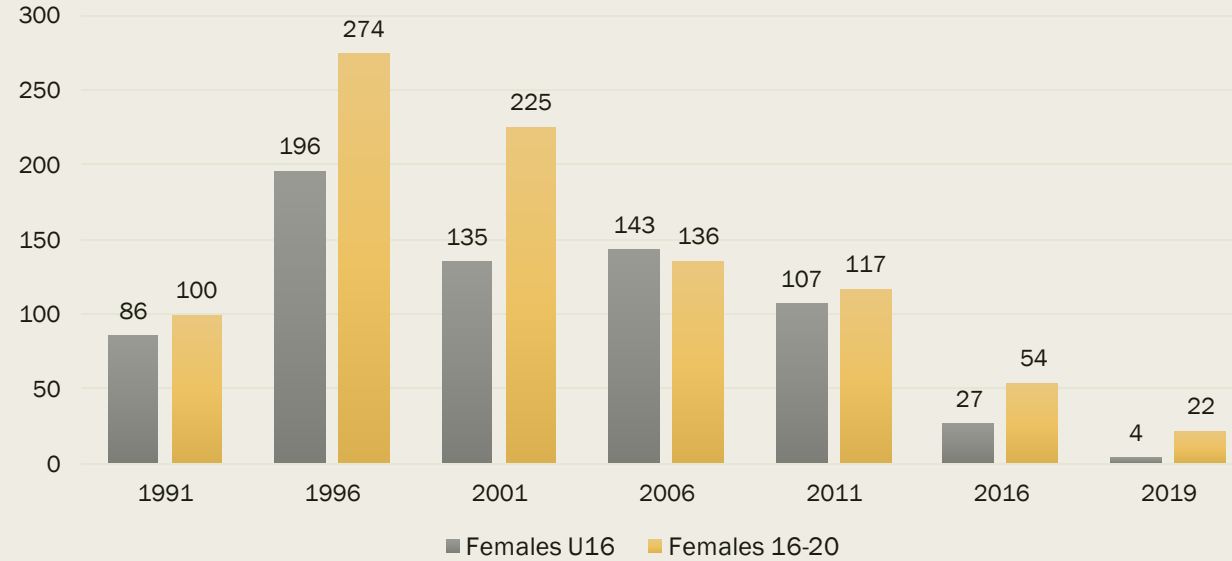


BURGLARY & THEFT ARRESTS – BY AGE AND GENDER

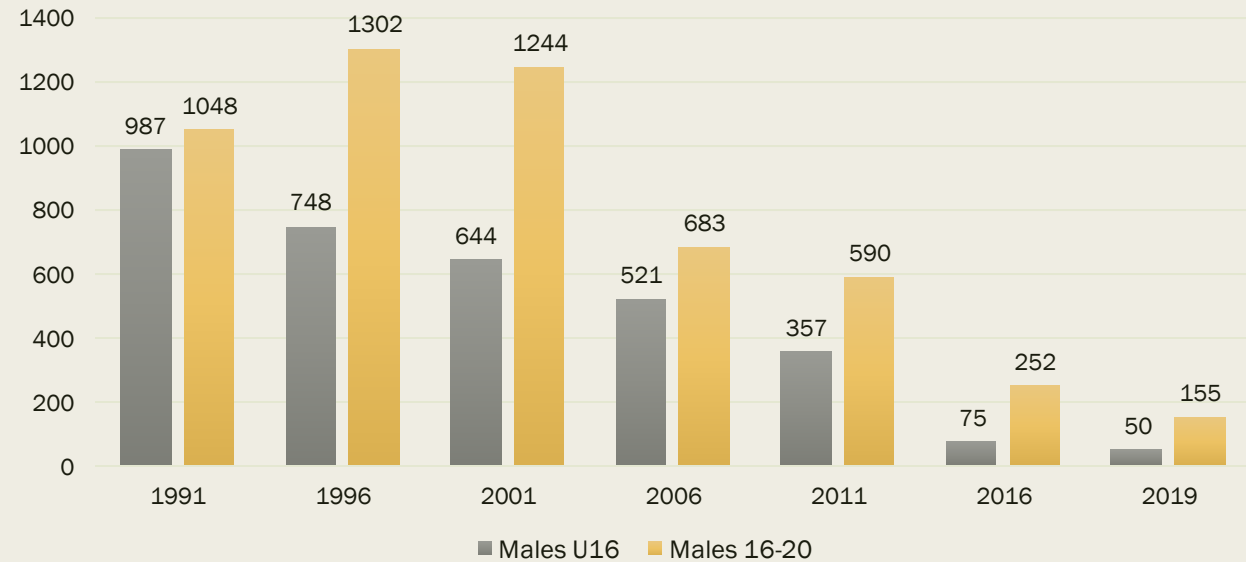


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GIRLS AND YOUNG WOMEN UNDER PROBATION SUPERVISION

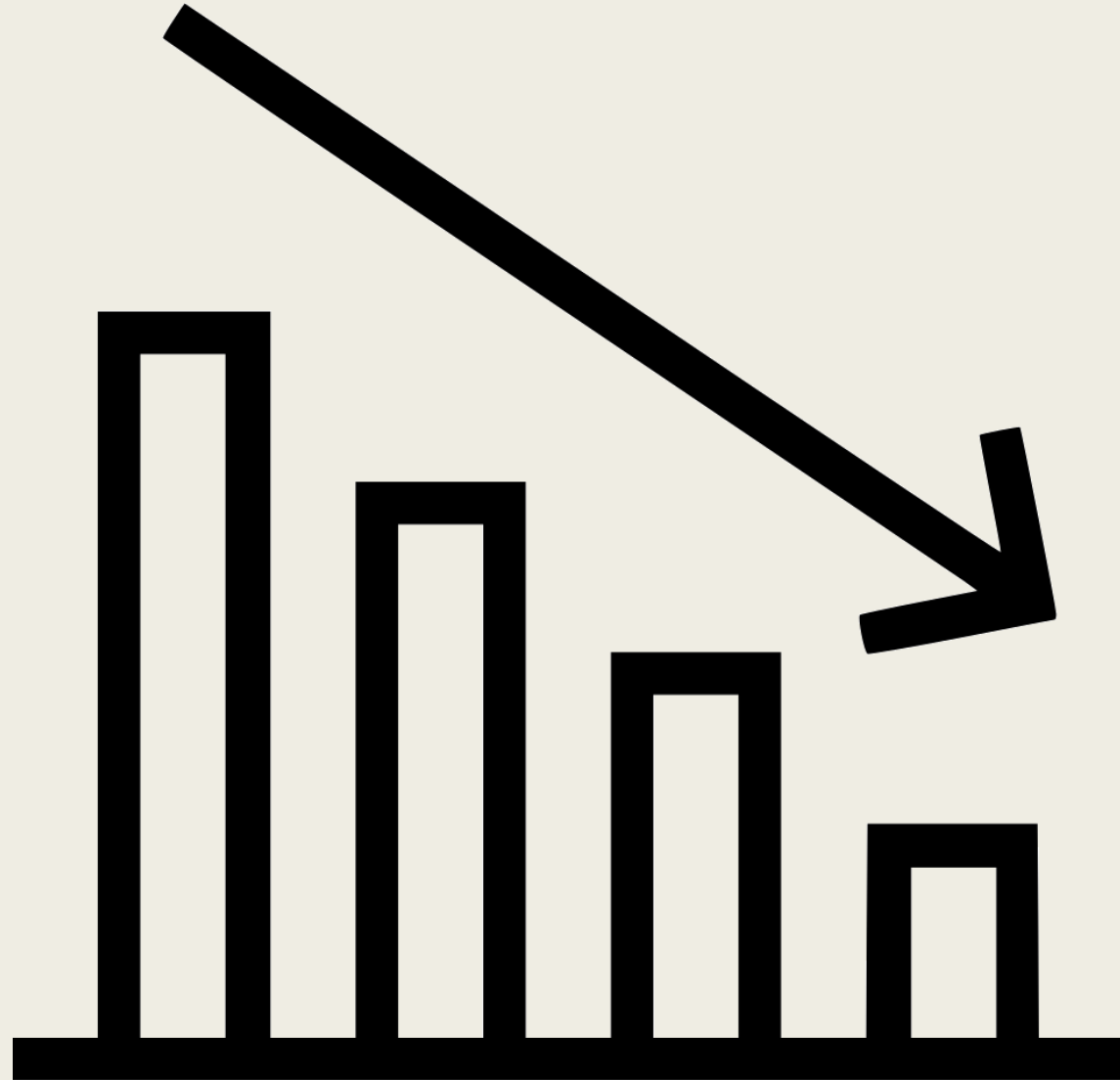


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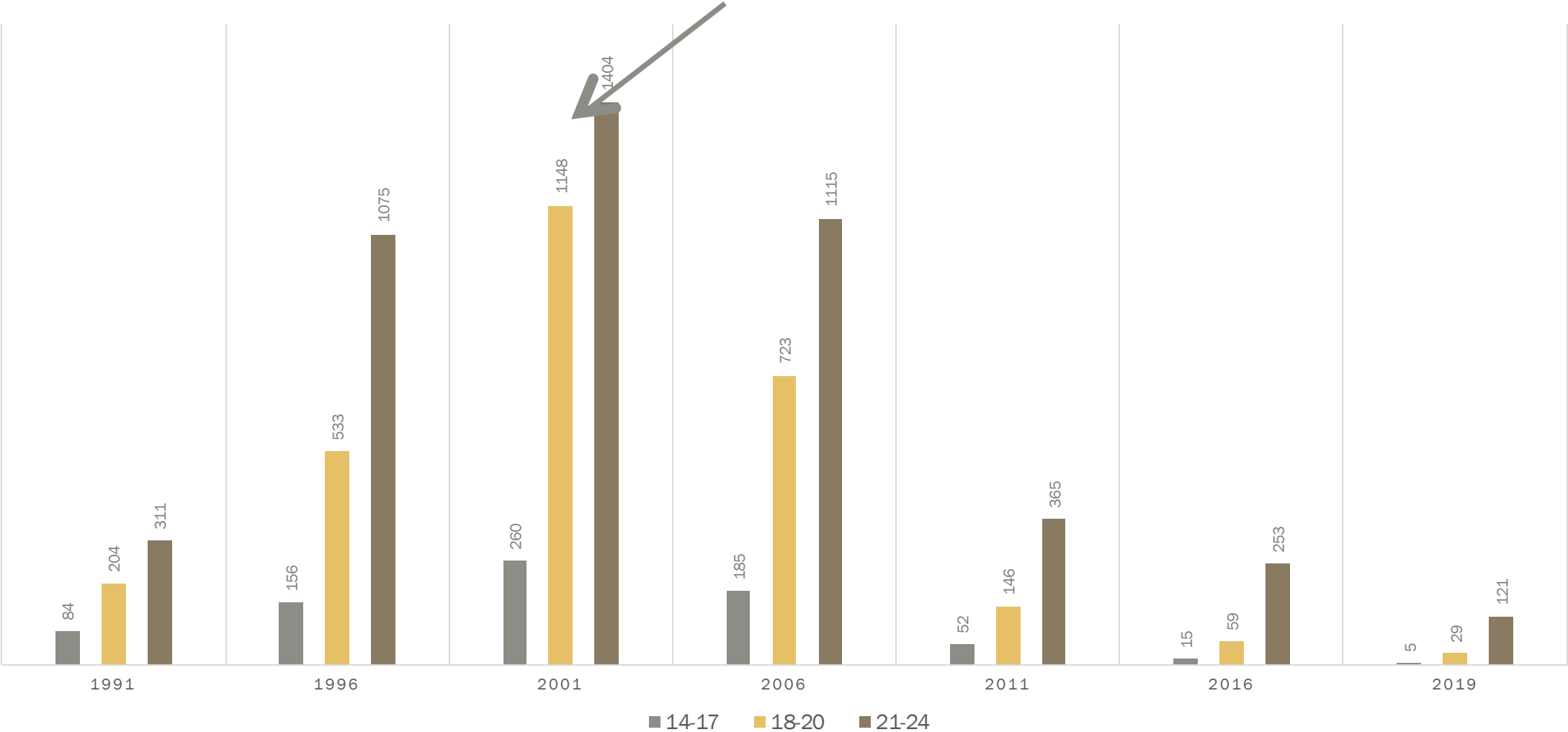


CSD Admissions

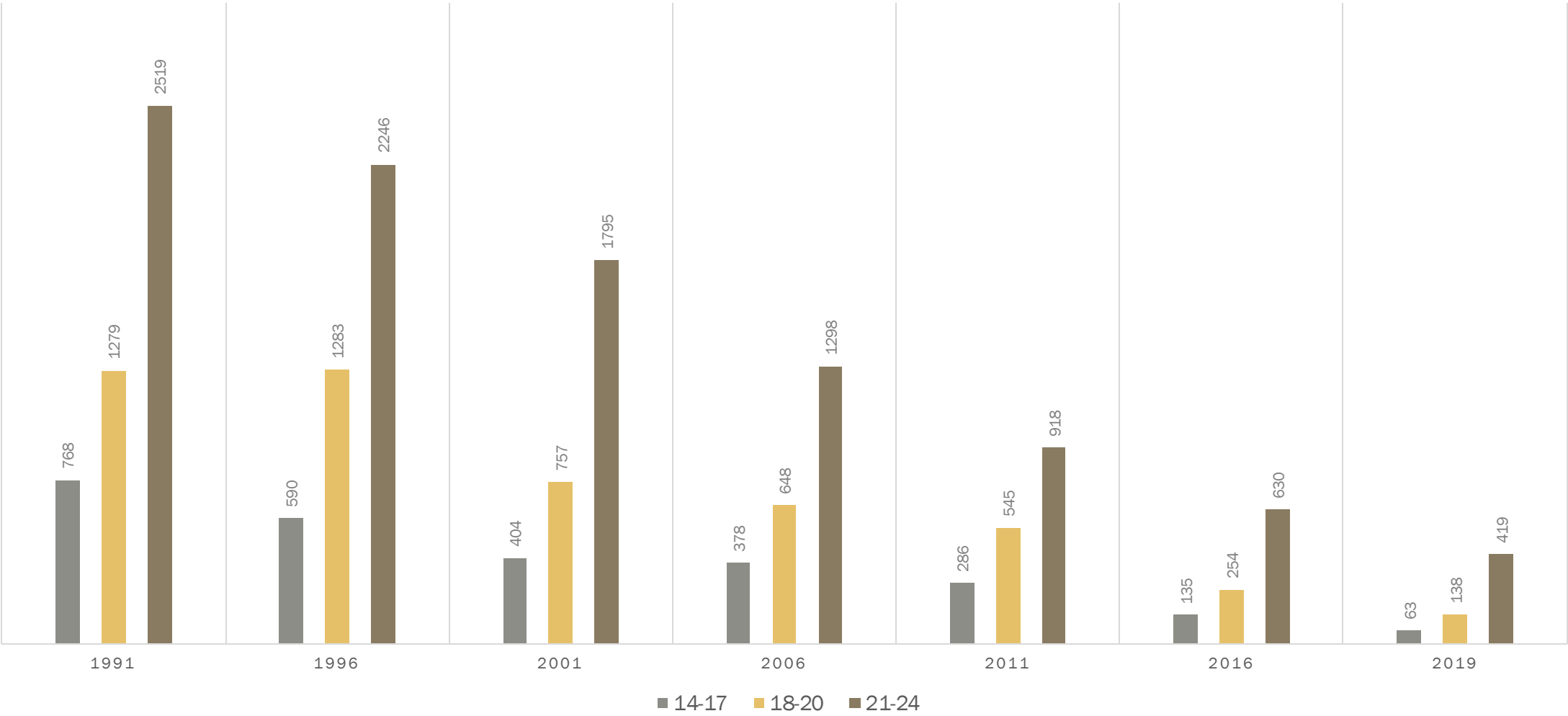
- Persons sentenced to some form of institutional stay in a correctional facility declined overall
- Except for a rise in young women's imprisonment peaking in early/mid 2000s, and declining thereafter



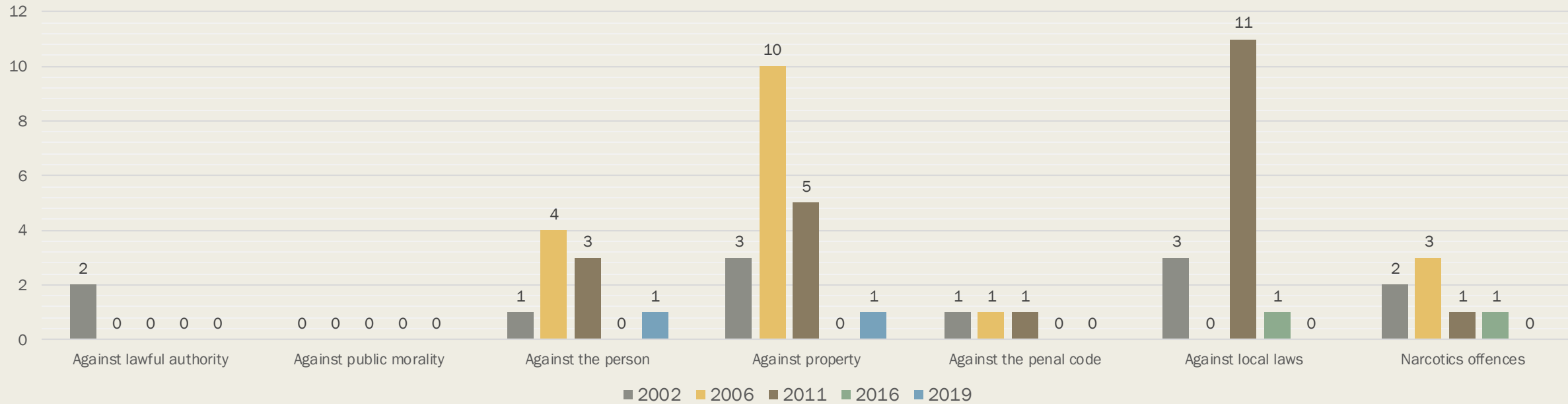
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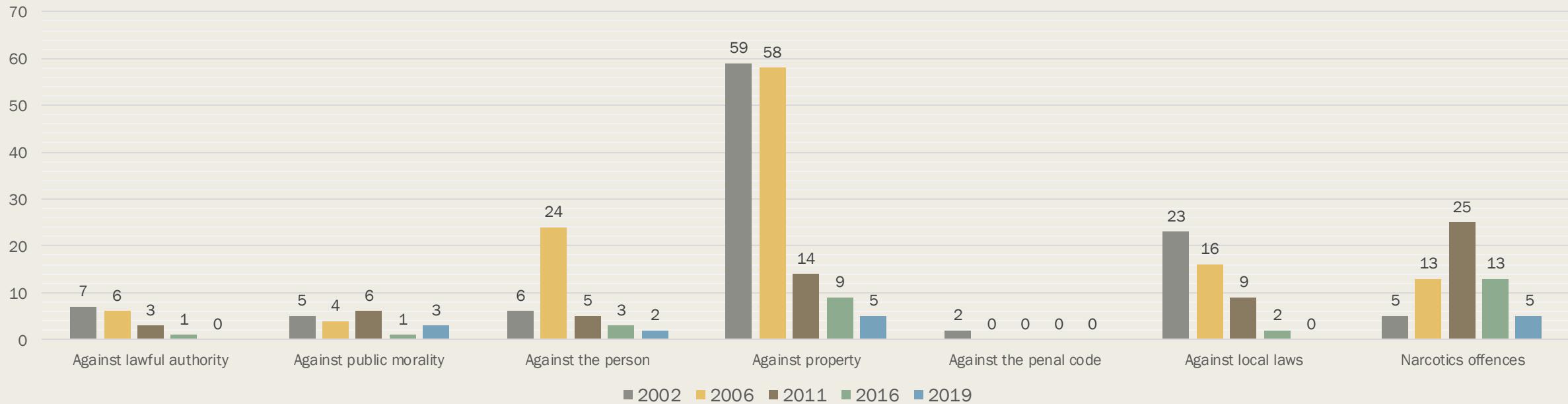
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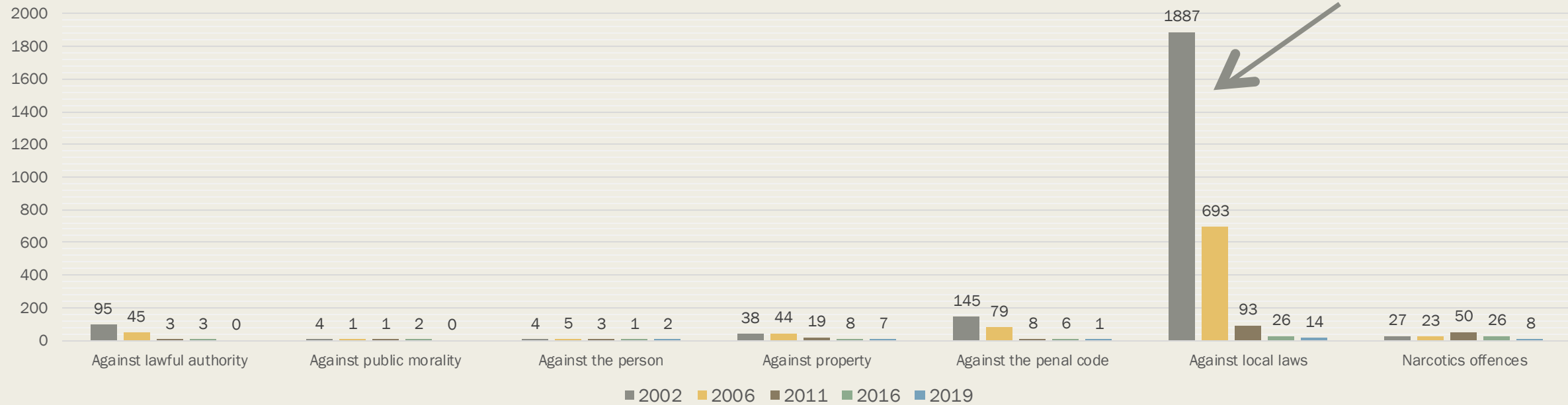
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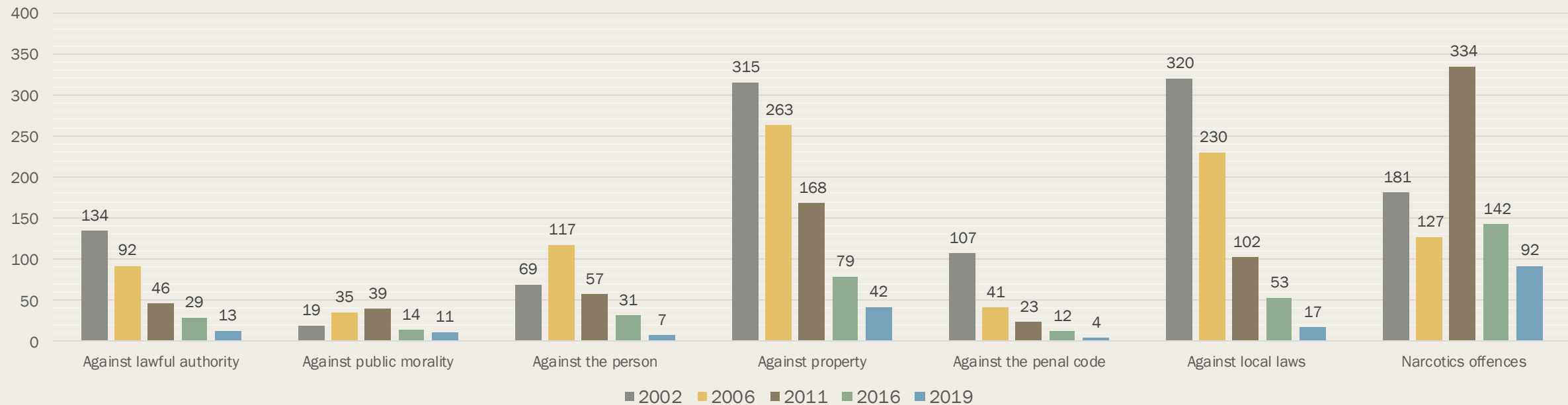
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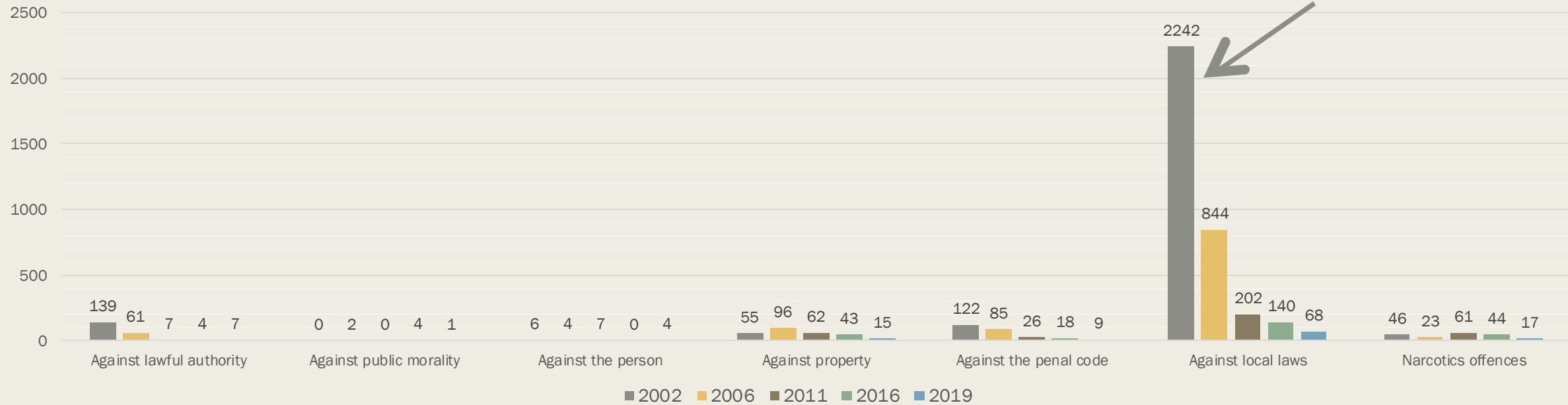
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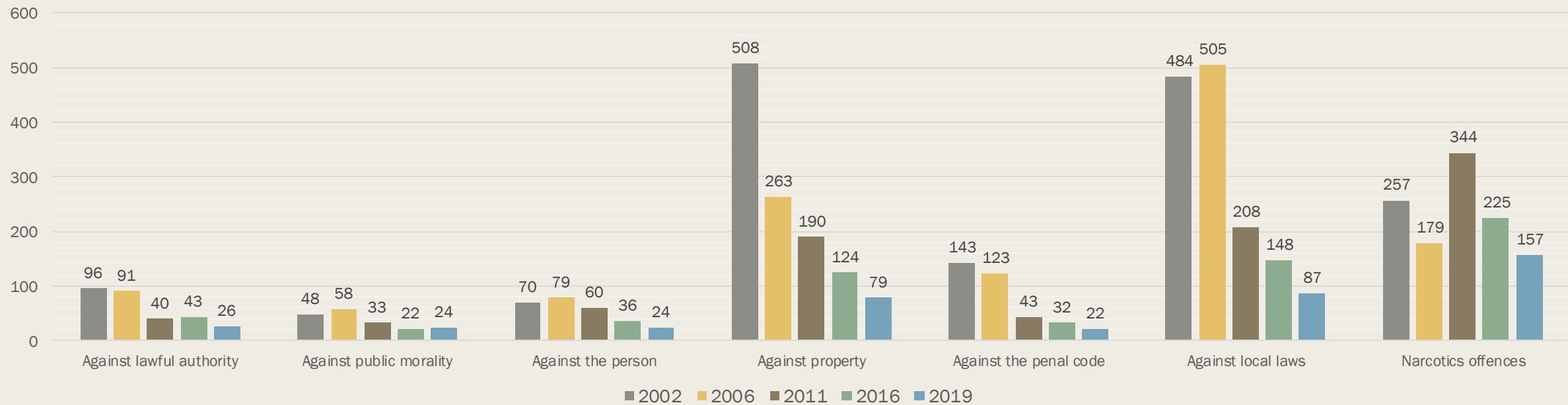
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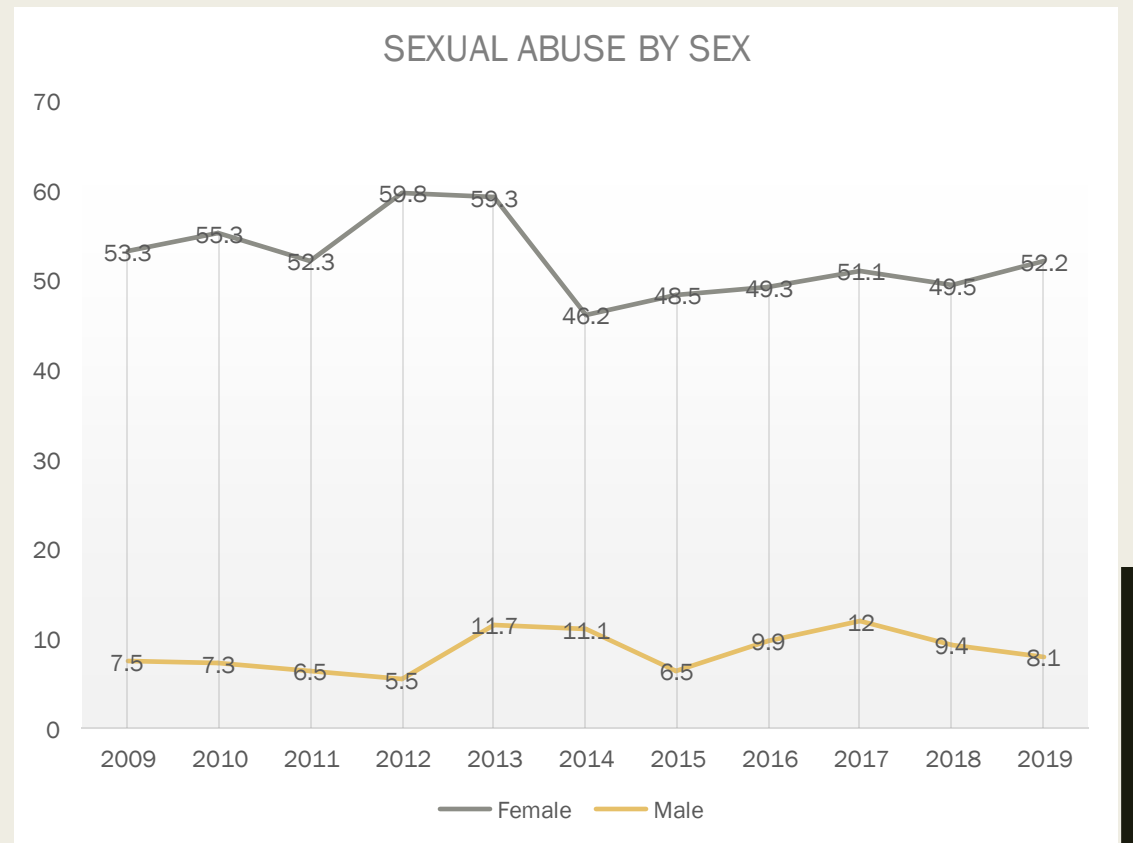
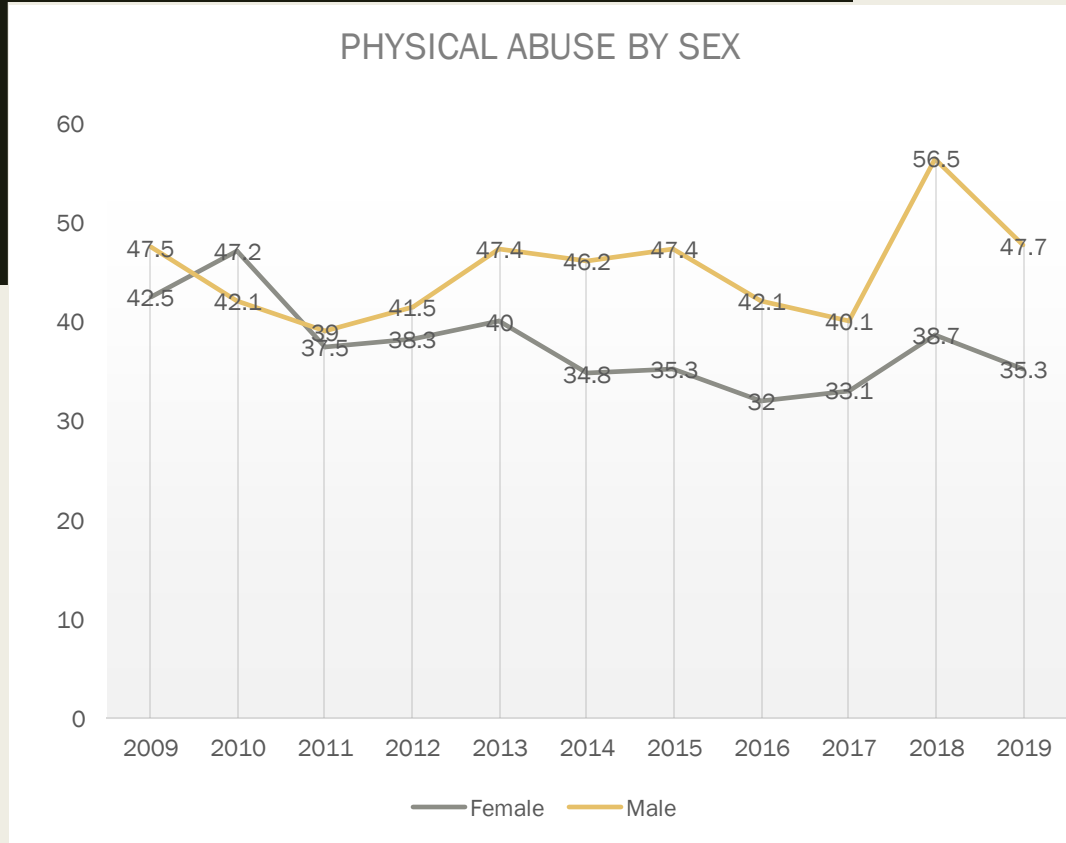


RECEPTIONS OF FEMALE PRISONERS/INMATES (AGED 21-24) BY TYPE OF OFFENCE AND YEAR



RECEPTIONS OF MALE PRISONERS/INMATES (AGED 21-24) BY TYPE OF OFFENCE AND YEAR





Rates of Newly Reported Child Abuse Cases

How to explain these trends?

- Overall declines but especially prominent drop in arrests for girls from 2012 onward.
- Overall declines in probation orders and custodial sentences.
- Yet when we consider the proportion of all females (irrespective of age) to males in prison, it remains much higher than the global average.