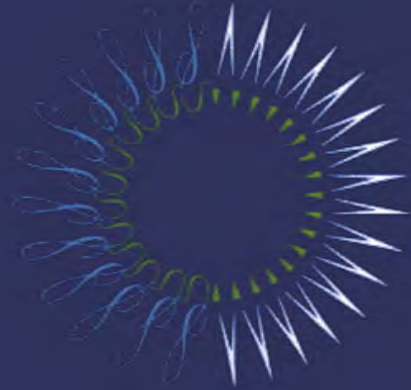


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Alaska Prison Growth Drivers and Costs

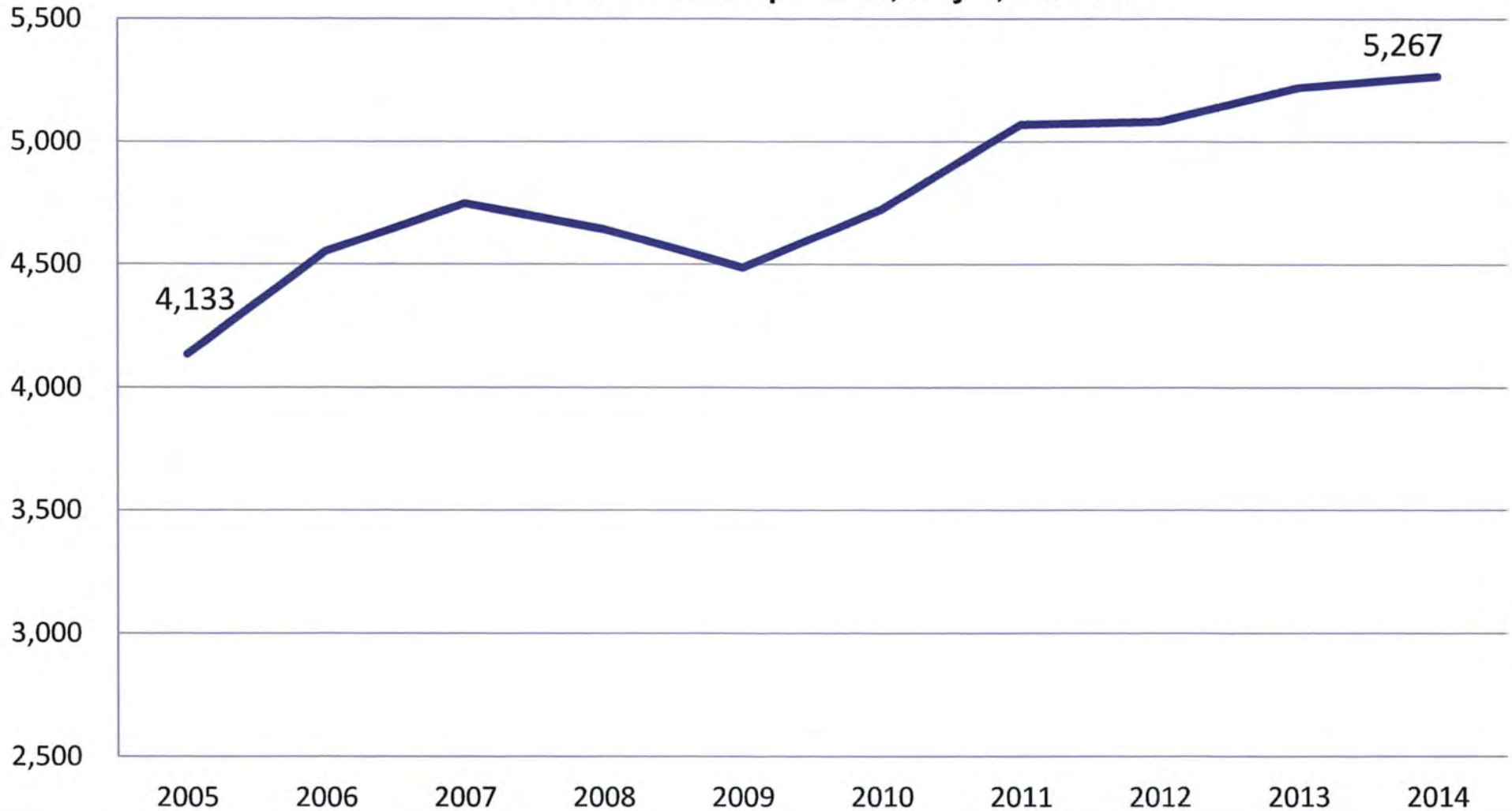
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Prison Population Up 27% in Last Decade

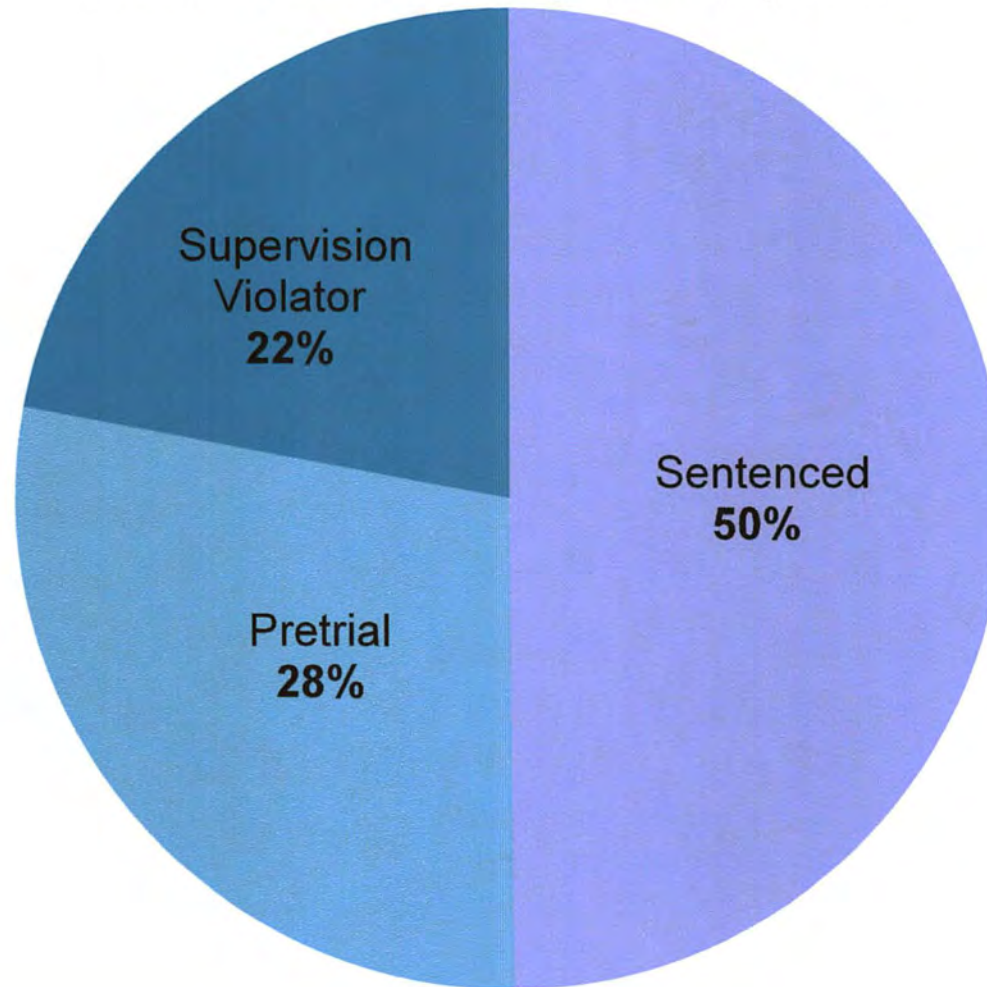
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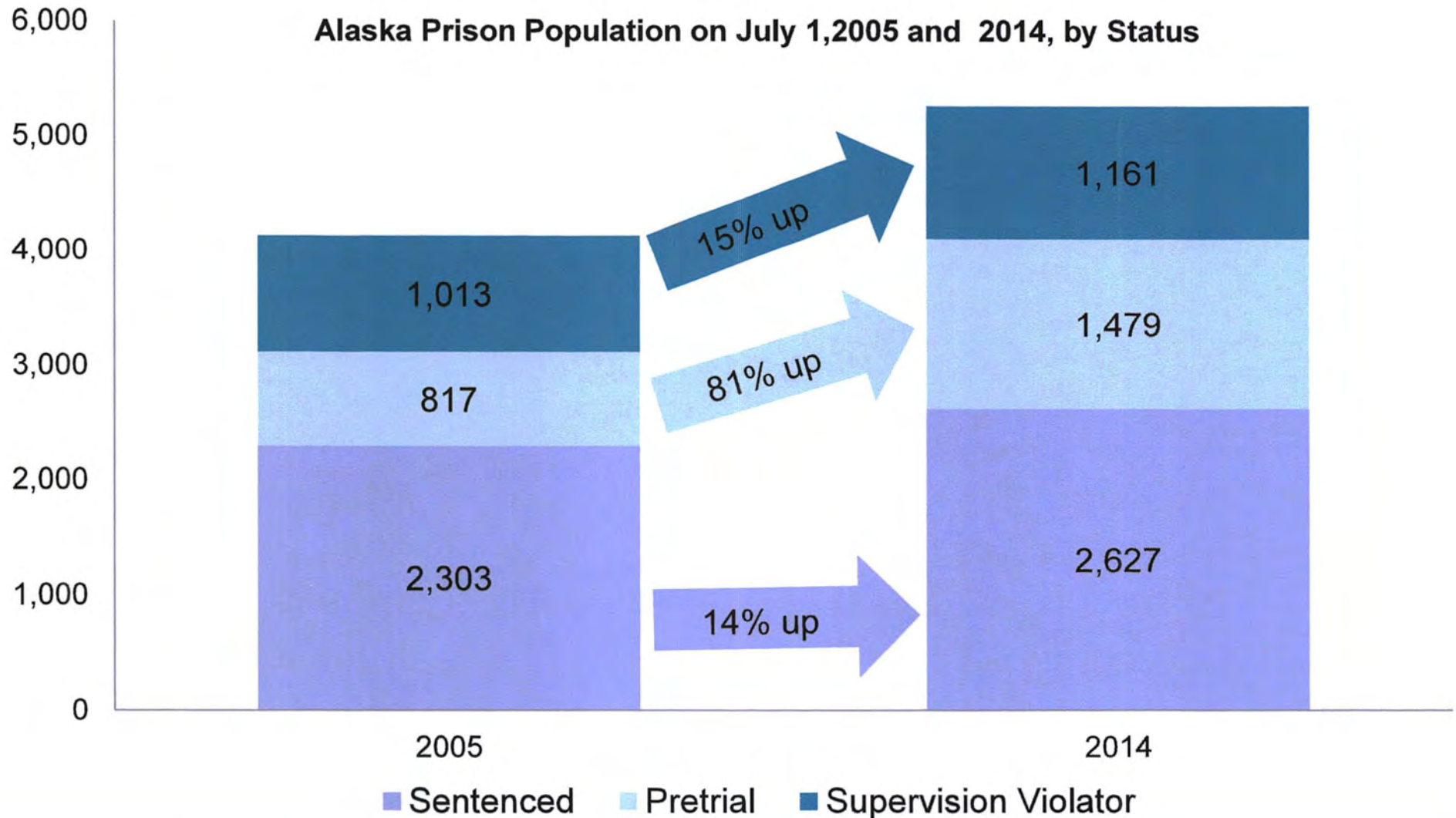
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Prison Population is Half Sentenced Offenders, Half Supervision Violators and Pretrial Defendants

Prison Population on July 1, 2014, by Status



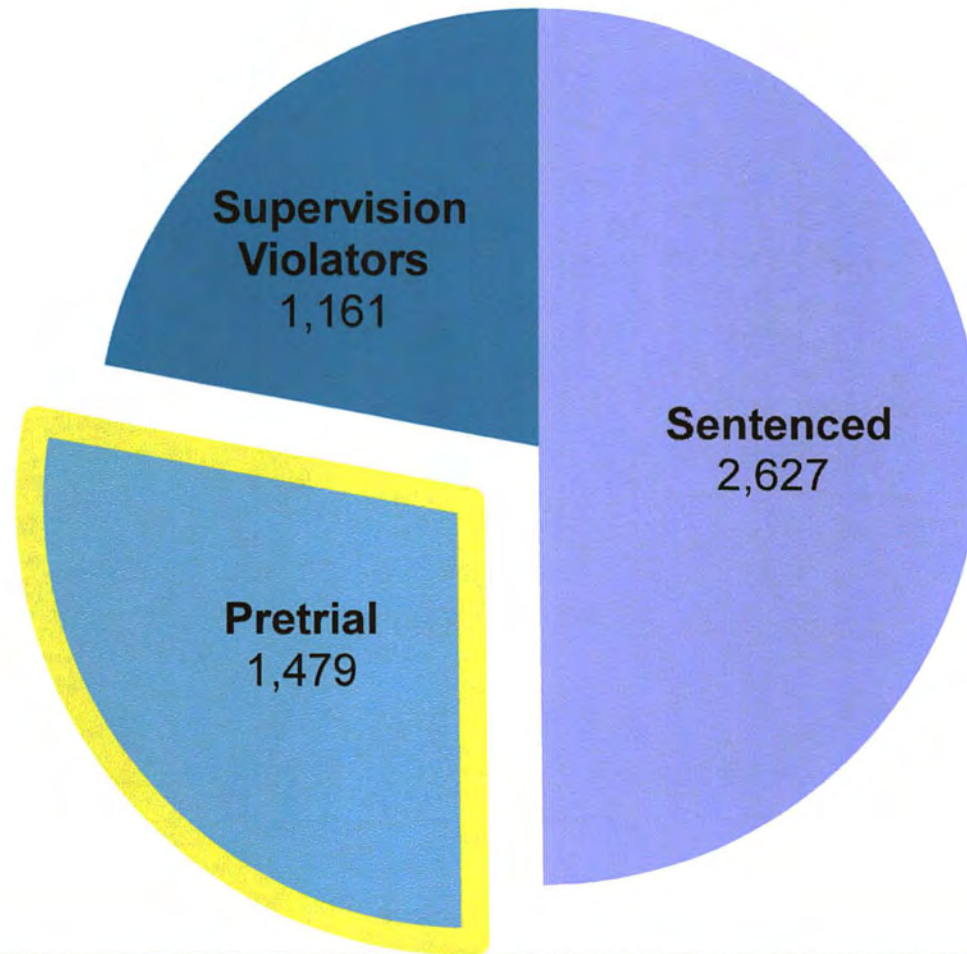
Largest Growth Among Pretrial Inmates



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Pretrial Defendants Make Up 28% of Alaska's Prison Population

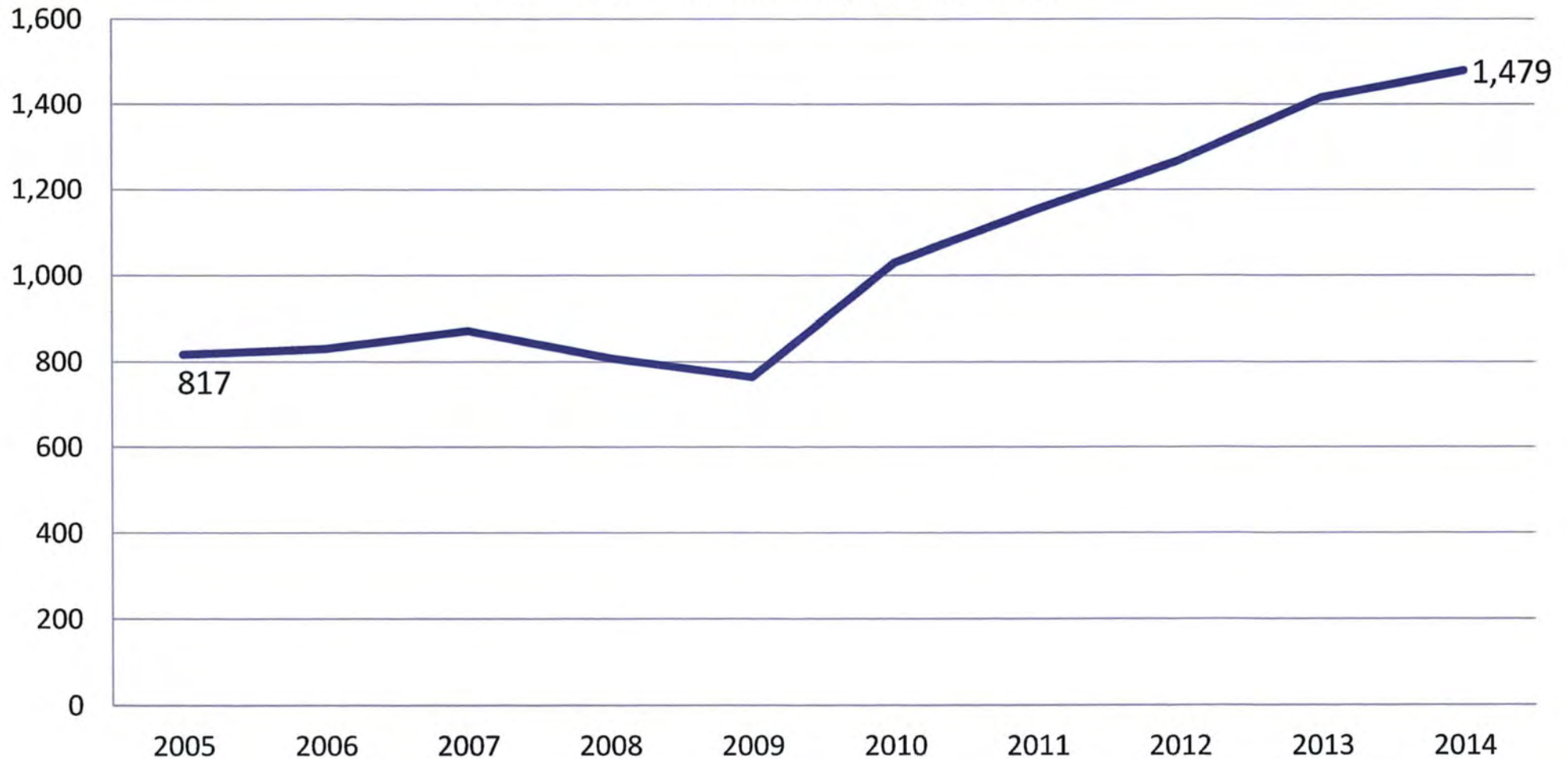
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Number of Pretrial Defendants Up 81% in Last Decade

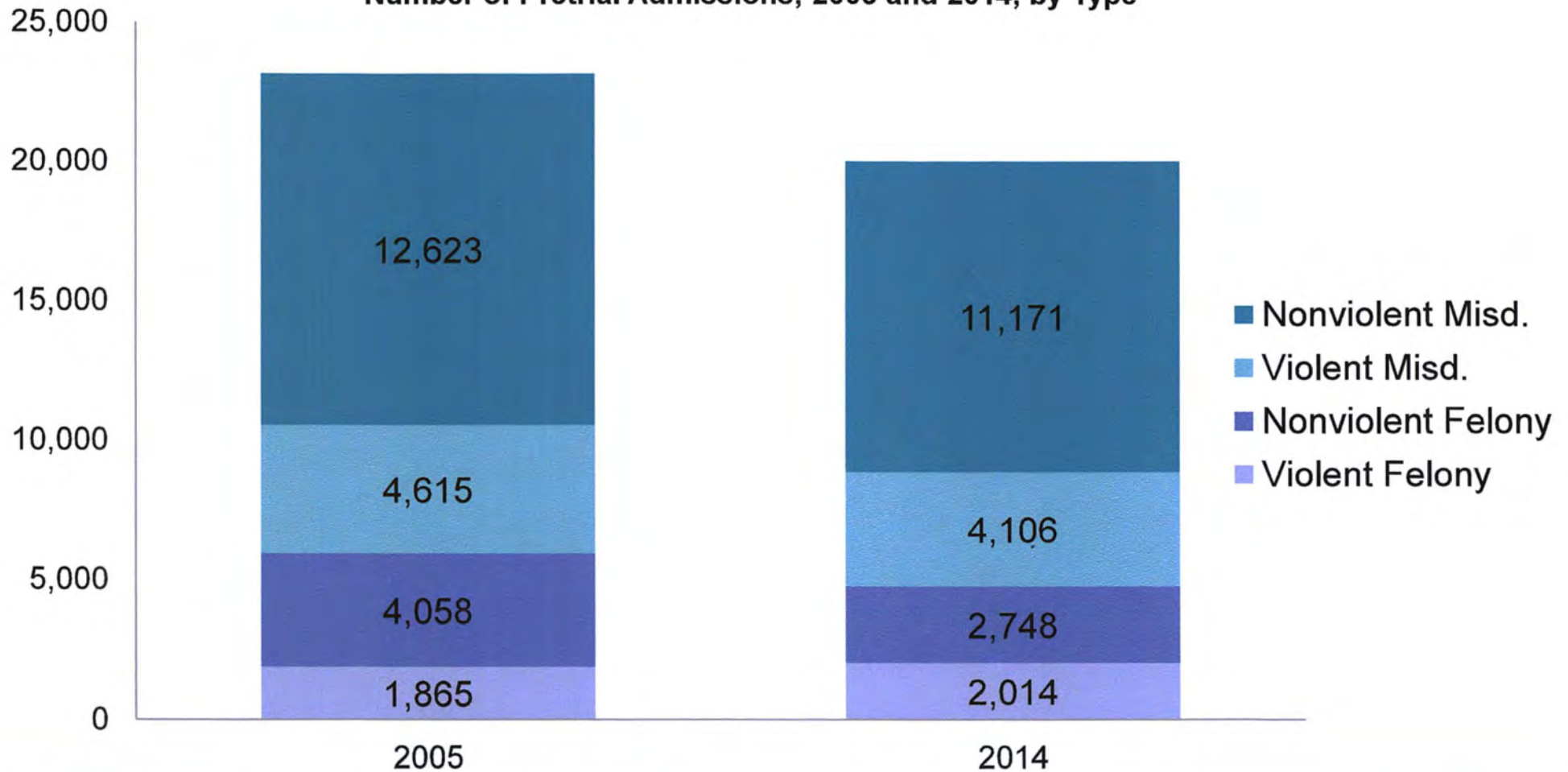
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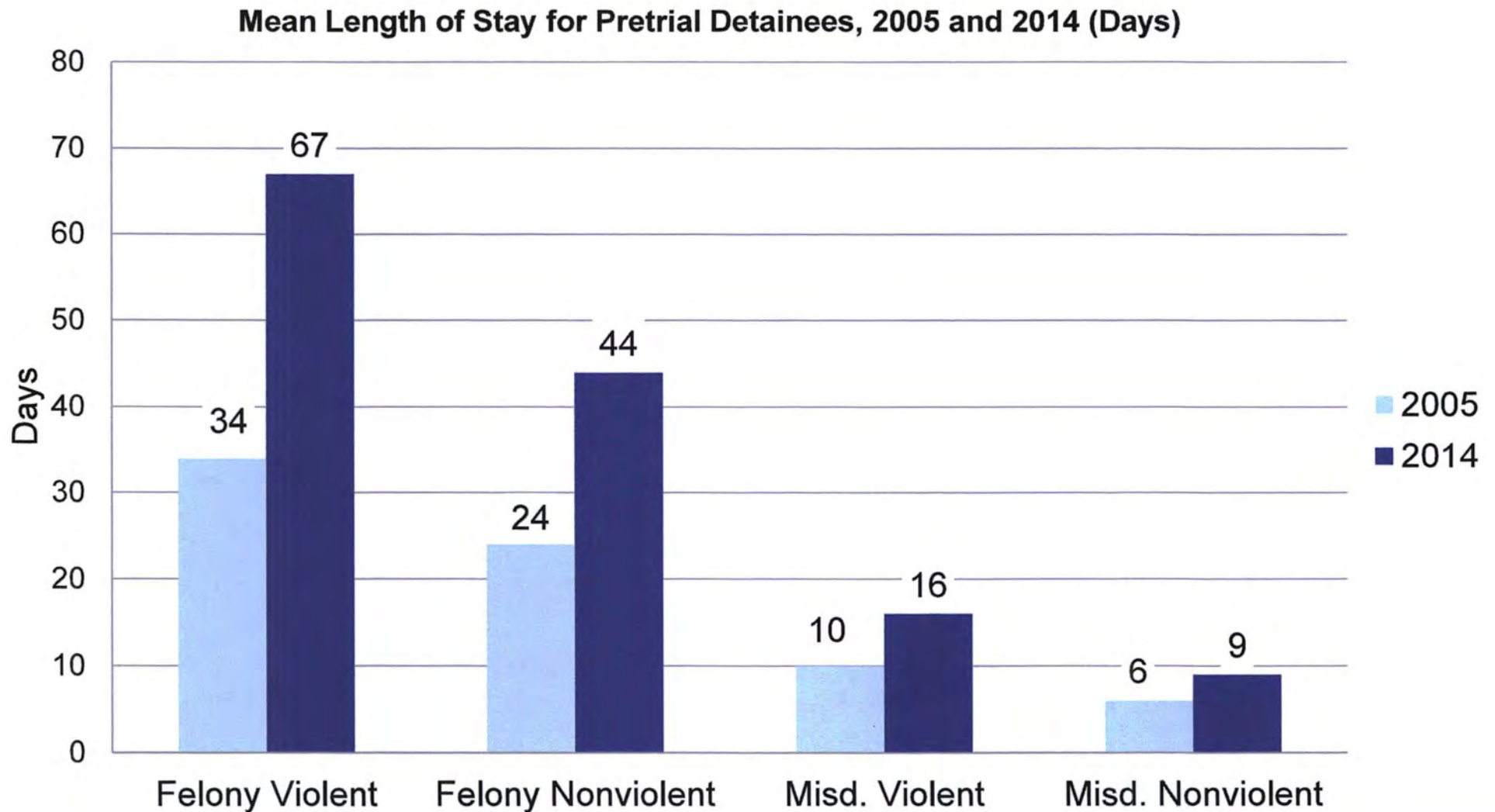
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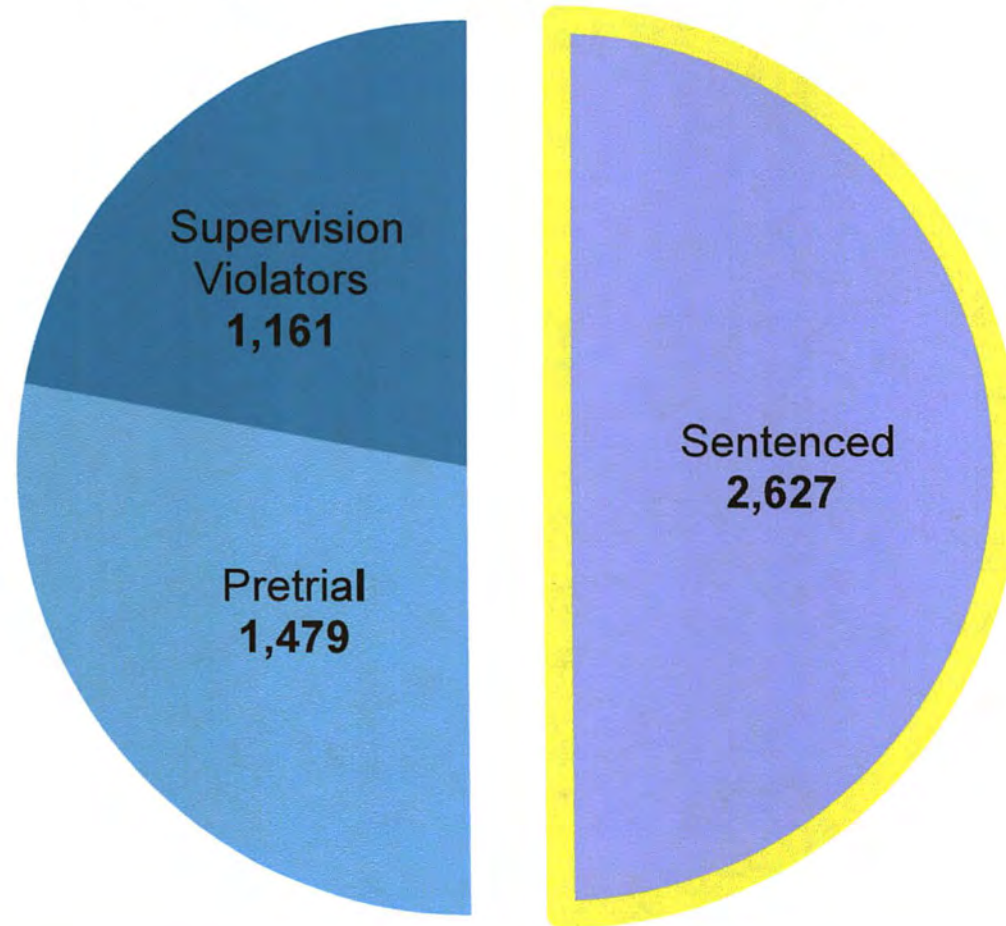
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Sentencing

Sentenced Offenders Make Up 50% of Alaska's Prison Population

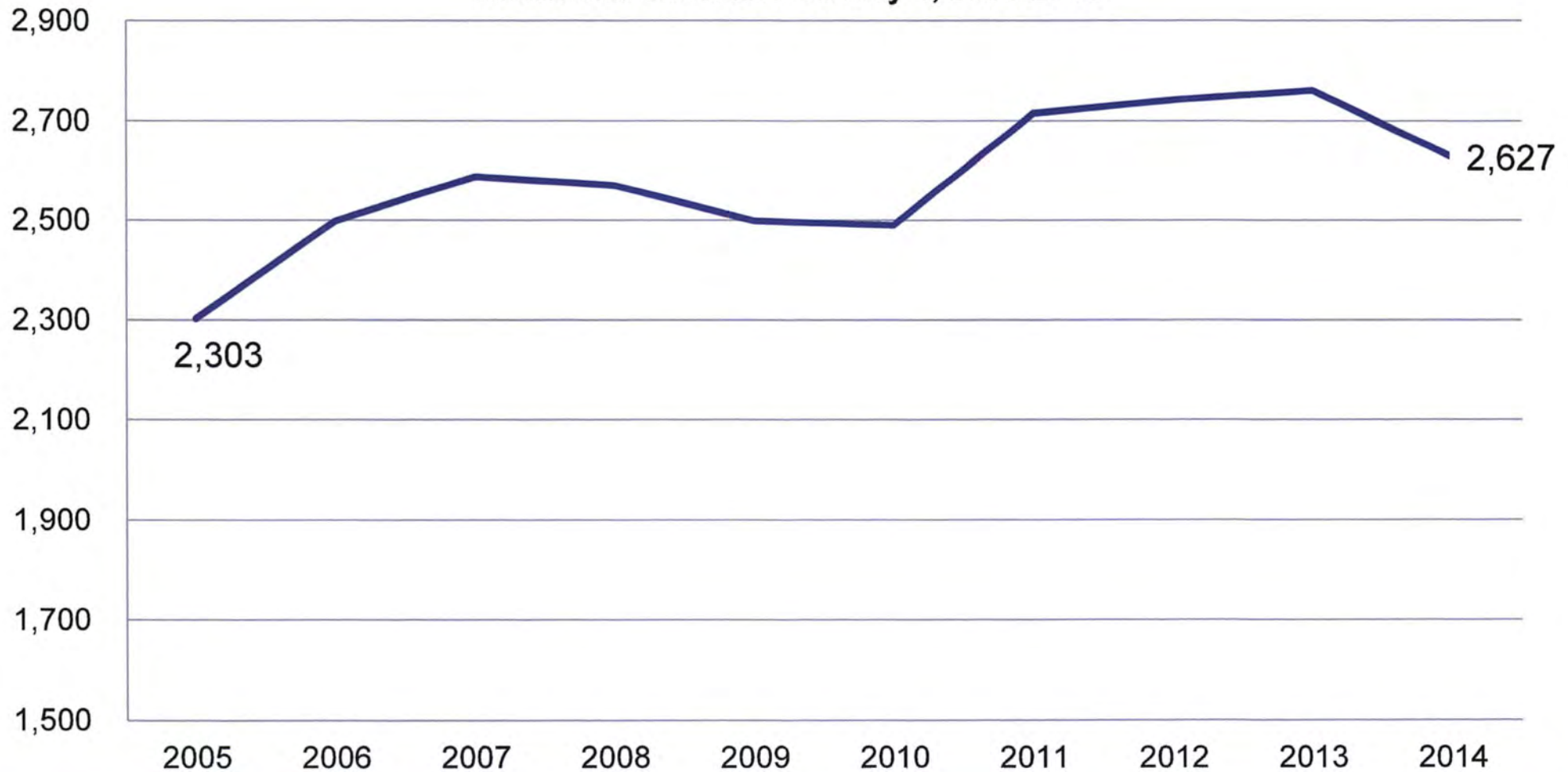
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Number of Sentenced Inmates Up 14% in Last Decade

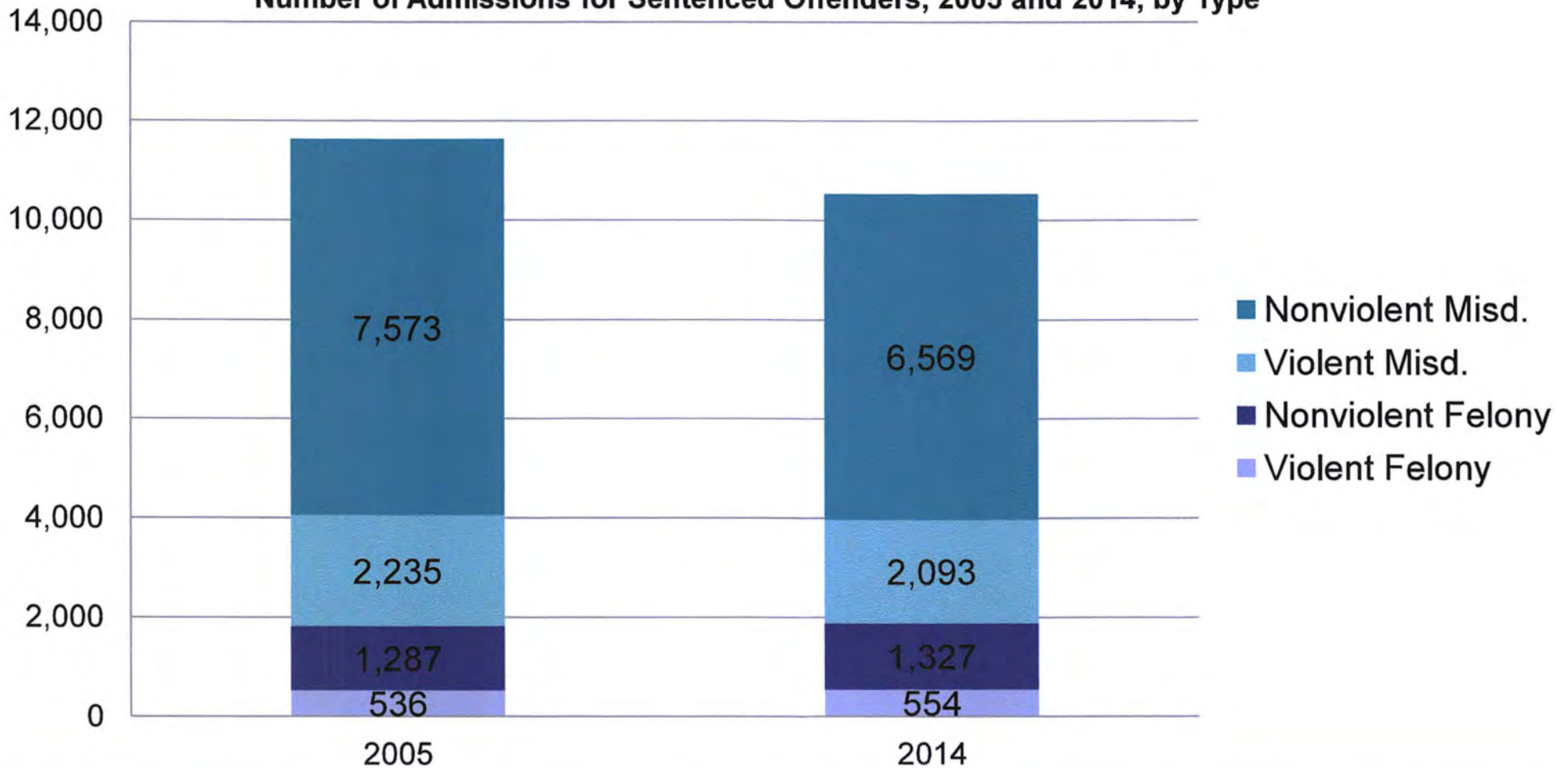
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Sentencing

Despite Declines, 82% of Prison Admissions Are Misdemeanants

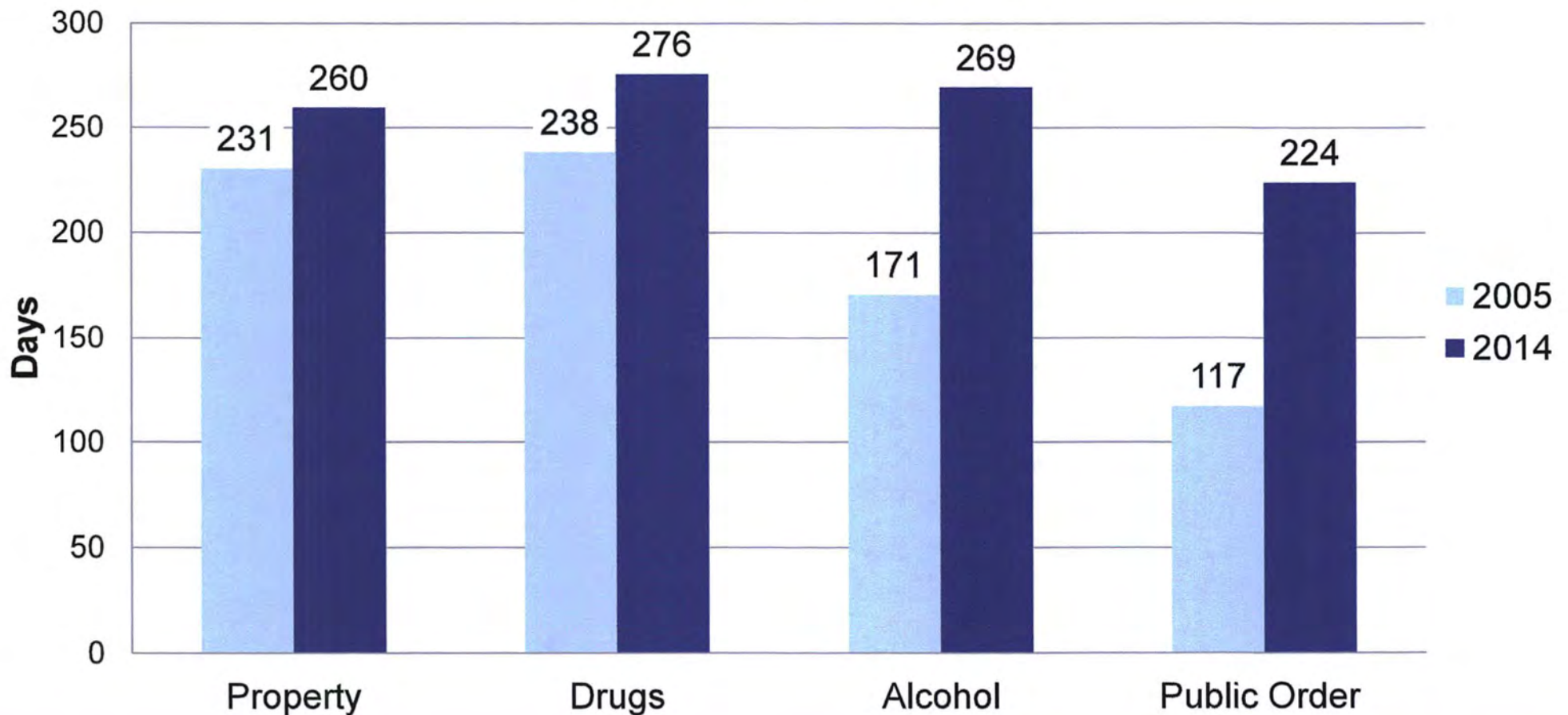
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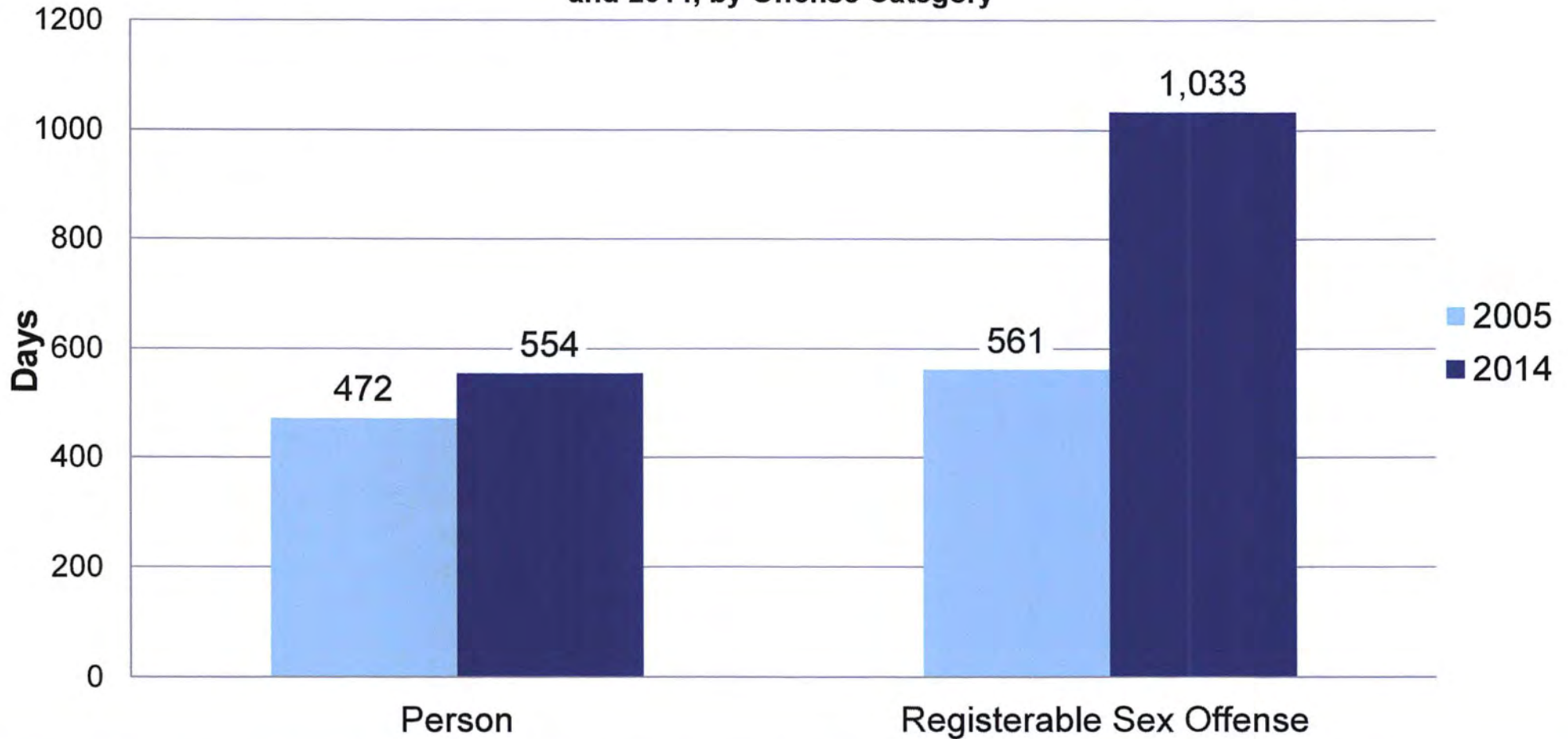
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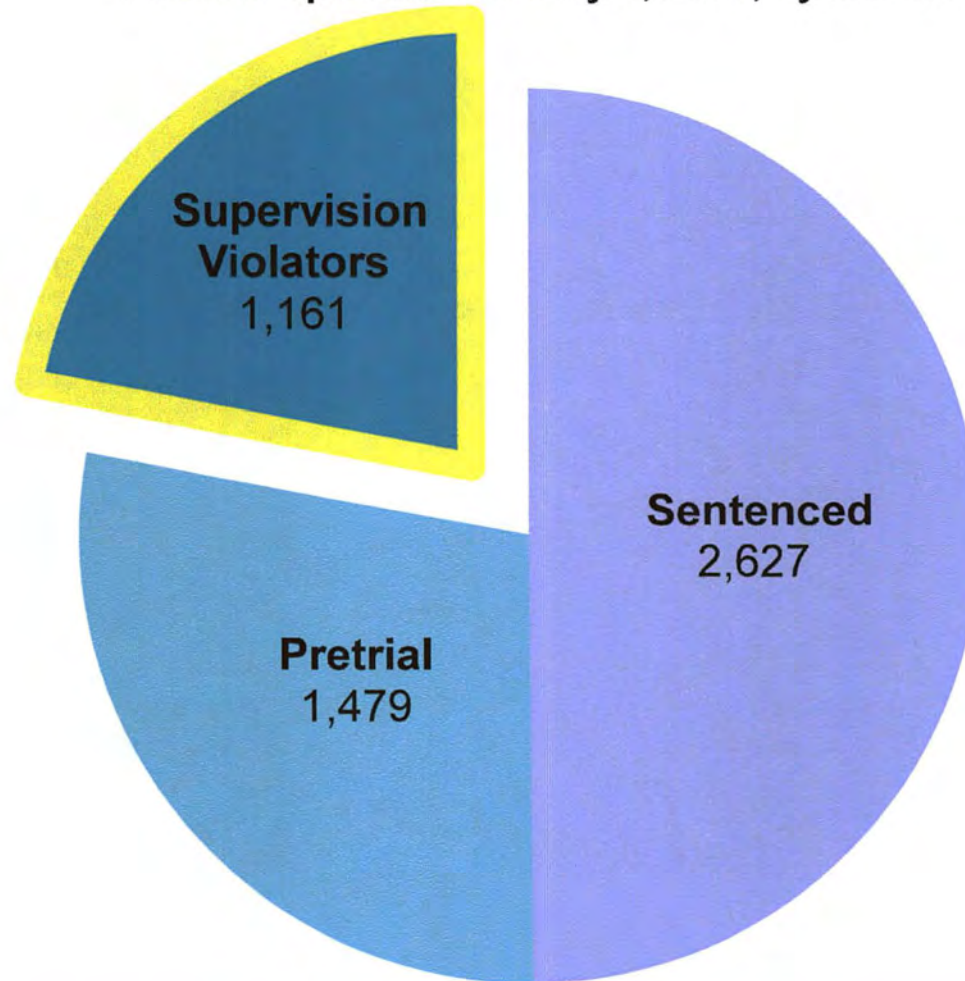
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Supervision Violators

Supervision Violators Make Up 22% of Alaska's Prison Population

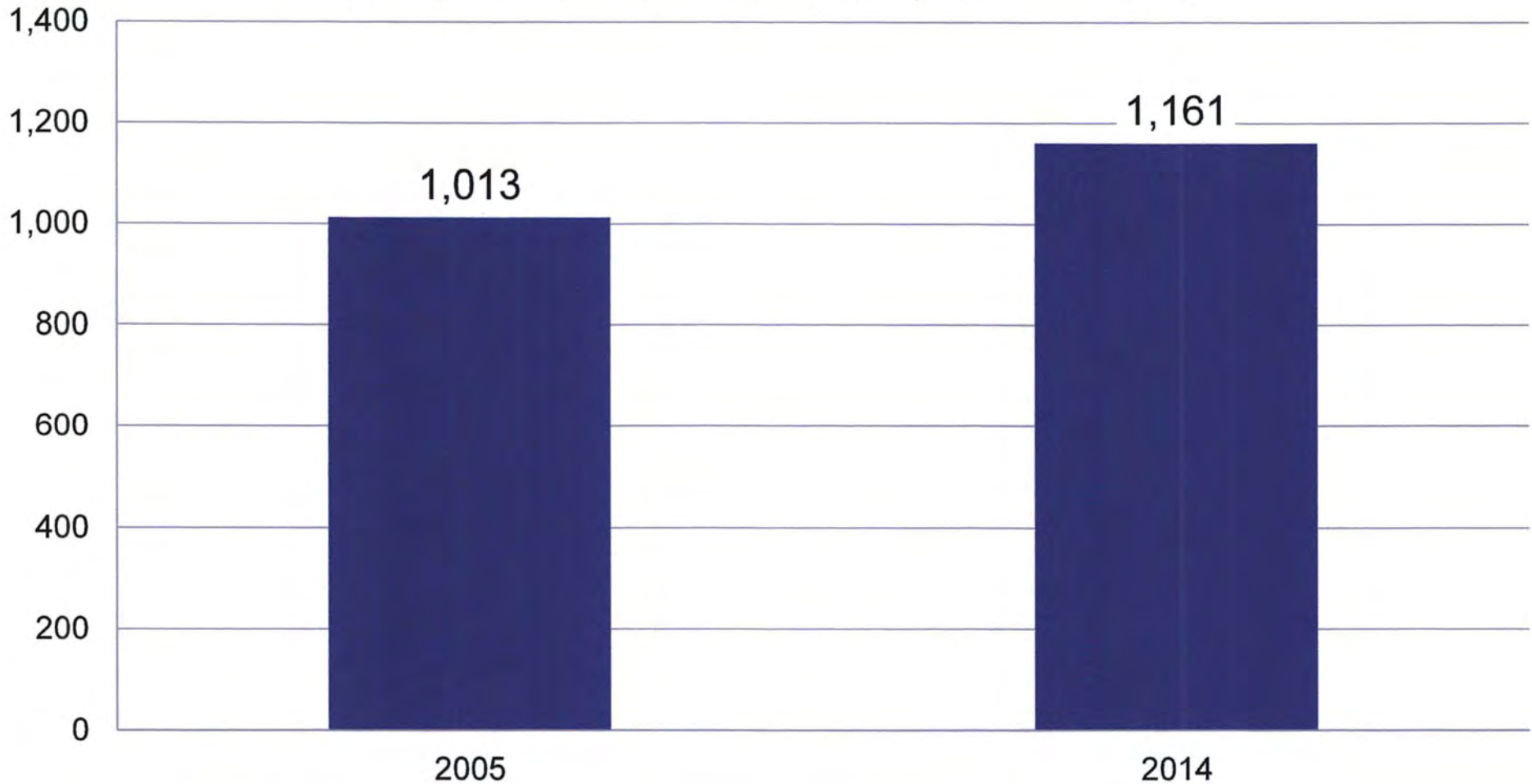
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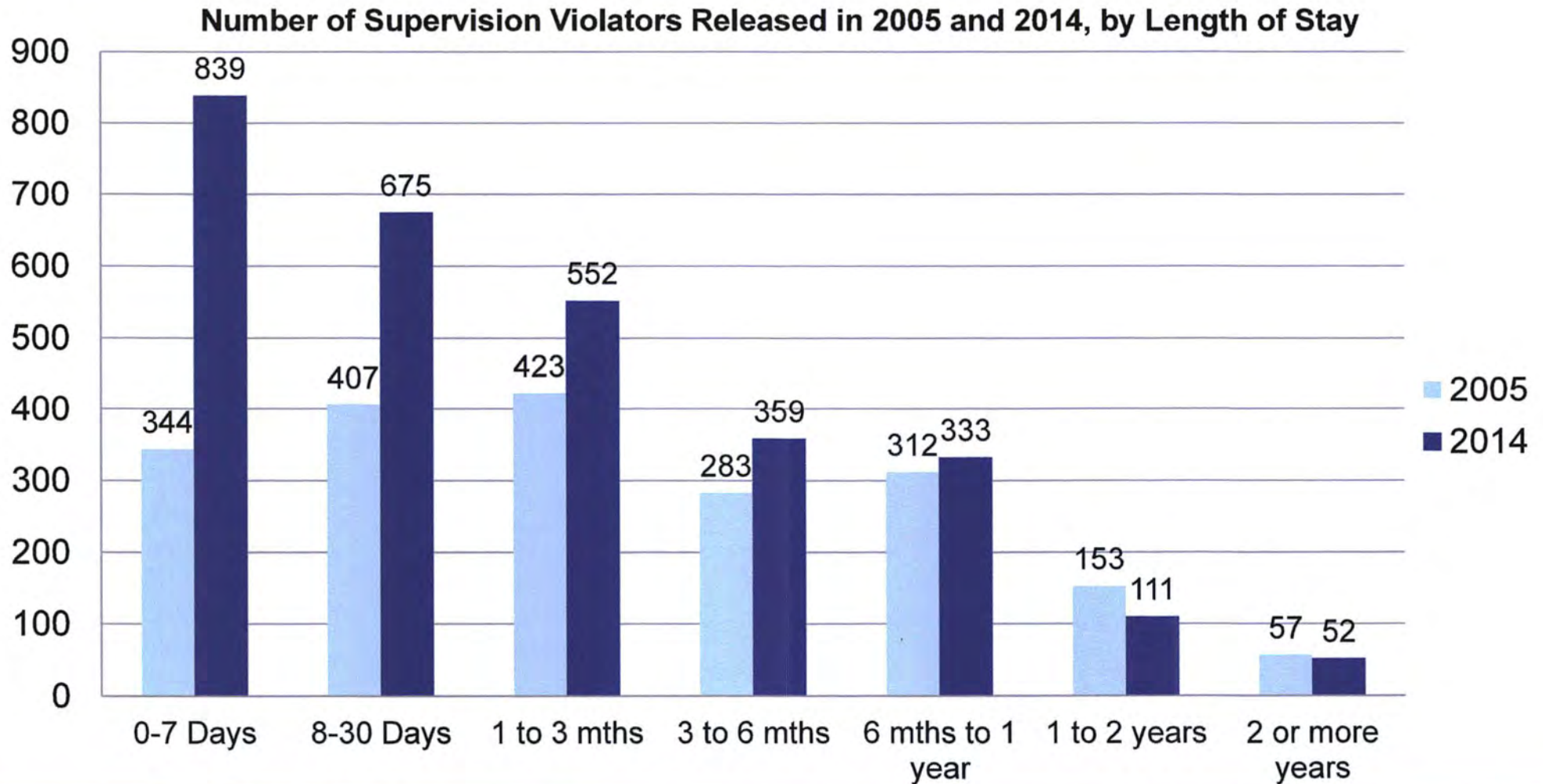
Number of Supervision Violators Up 15% in Last Decade

Number of Supervision Violators, July 1, 2005 and 2014



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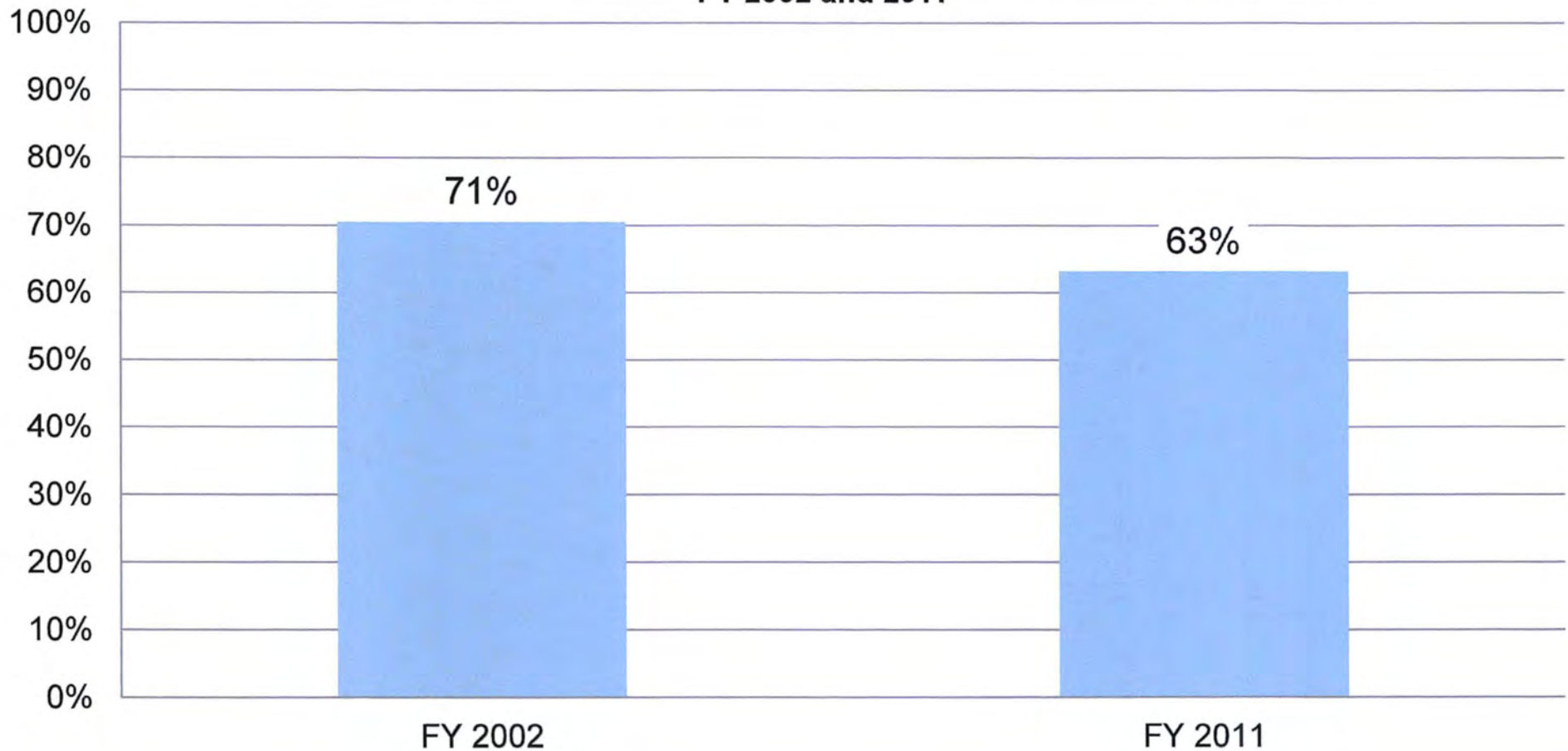
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Recidivism

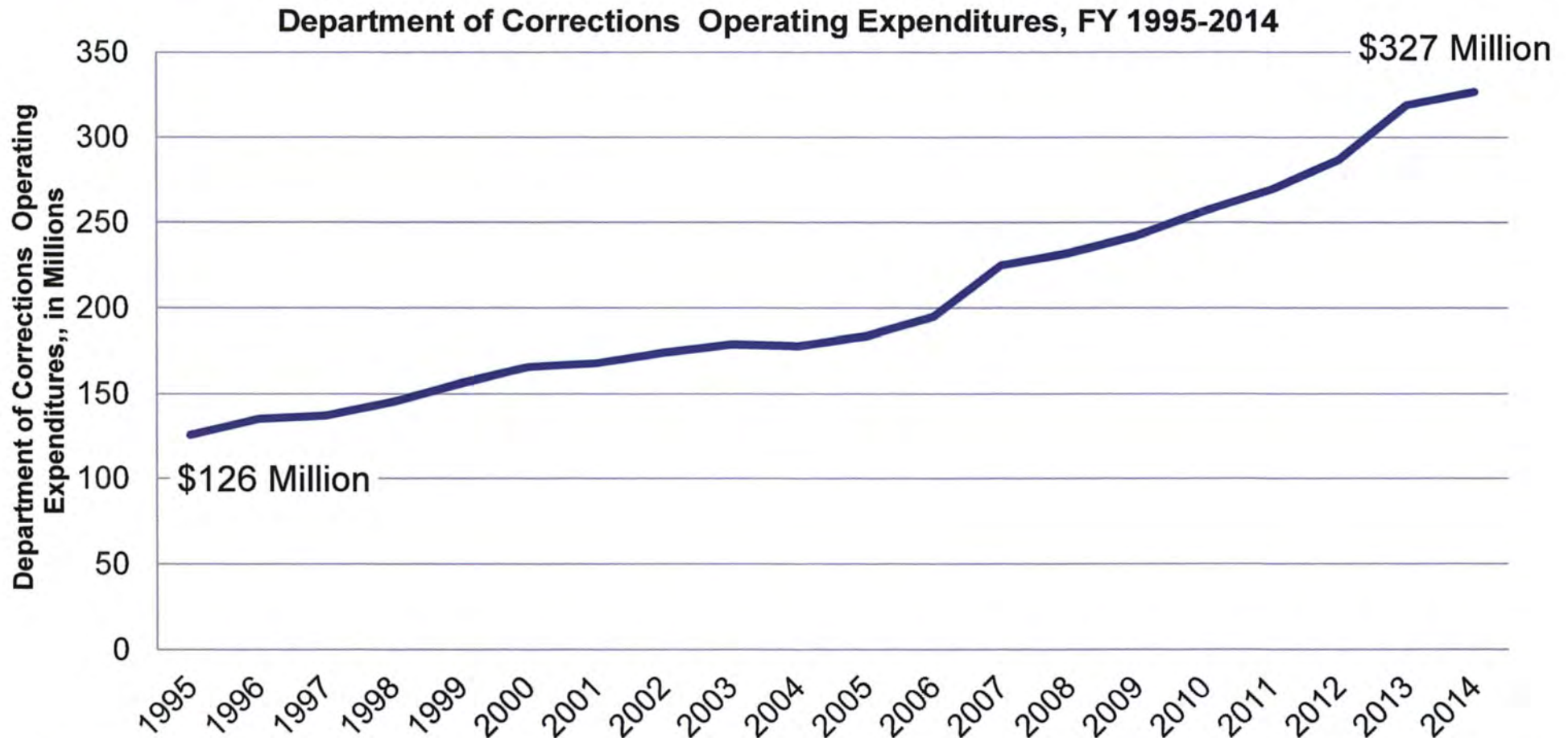
Almost Two-Thirds of Offenders Released Return to Prison Within Three Years

Percentage of Offenders Released Who Return to Prison Within 3 Years, FY 2002 and 2011



Projected Growth and Costs

Spending on Corrections Up 60% Over Past 2 Decades

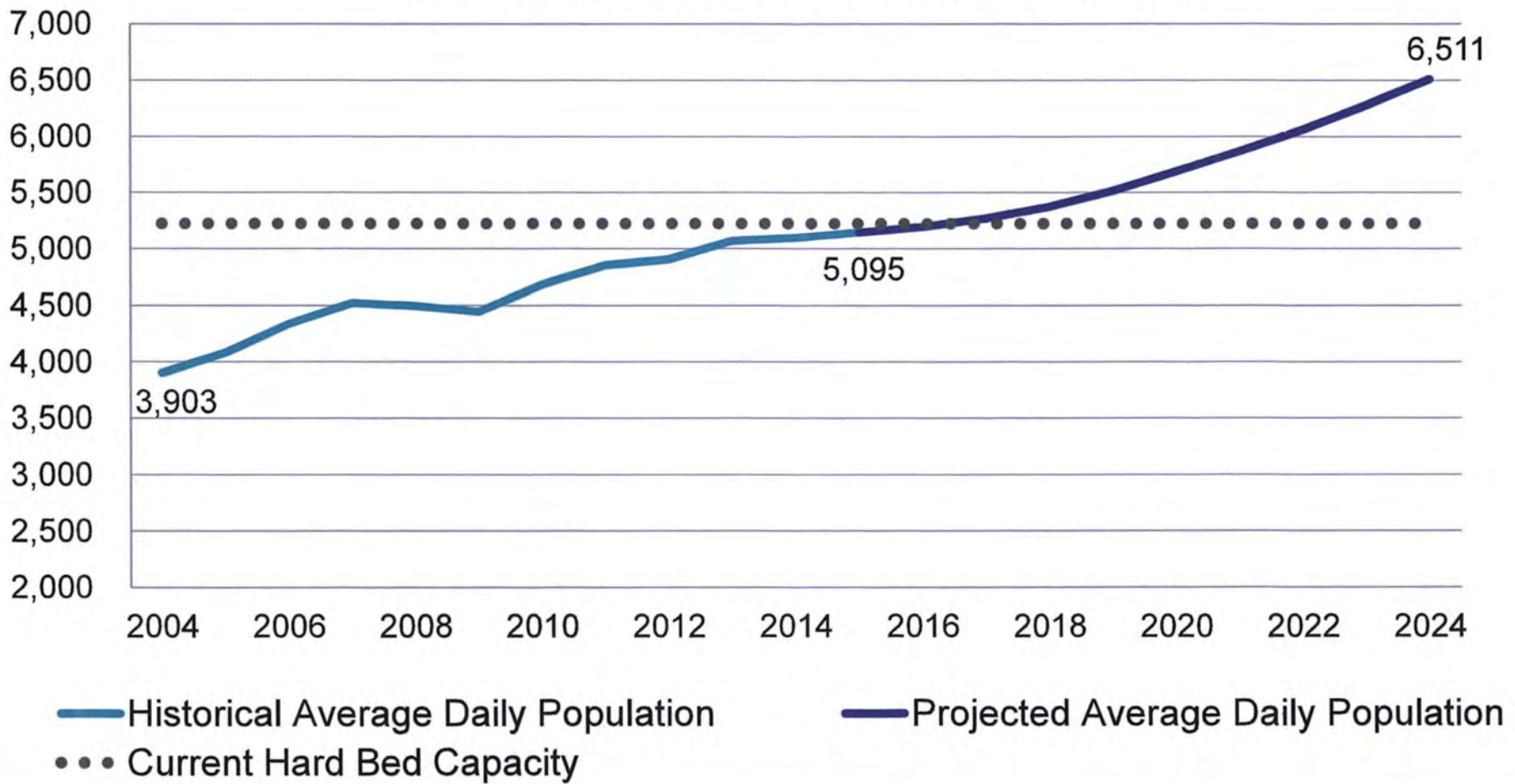


*Figures do not include capital expenditures; 60% based on inflation-adjusted numbers

Projected Growth and Costs

Absent Further Reform, Prison Population Projected to Grow 27%, Costing At Least \$169 Million

Historical and Projected Prison Growth, 2004-2024



Next Steps

- Alaska Criminal Justice Commission policy development meetings
 - Sept. 9-10
 - Oct. 14-15
 - Nov. 18-19
- Report and recommendations from the Commission
 - Dec. 10

Questions?

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