

The San Francisco Sentencing Commission

City & County of San Francisco

(Administrative Code 5.250 through 5.250-3)

Safety and Justice Challenge Subcommittee

AGENDA

Tuesday, November 17, 2020, 12:00 pm

REMOTE MEETING VIA VIDEOCONFERENCE

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1. Call to Order; Roll Call.
2. Public Comment.
 - a. General Public Comment.
 - b. Public Comment on All Agenda Items.
3. Monthly Jail Population Report (discussion and possible action).
4. Housing First Presentation by Homebase (discussion and possible action).
5. Strategy Updates (discussion and possible action).
6. Request for Future Agenda Items (discussion and possible action).
7. Adjournment.

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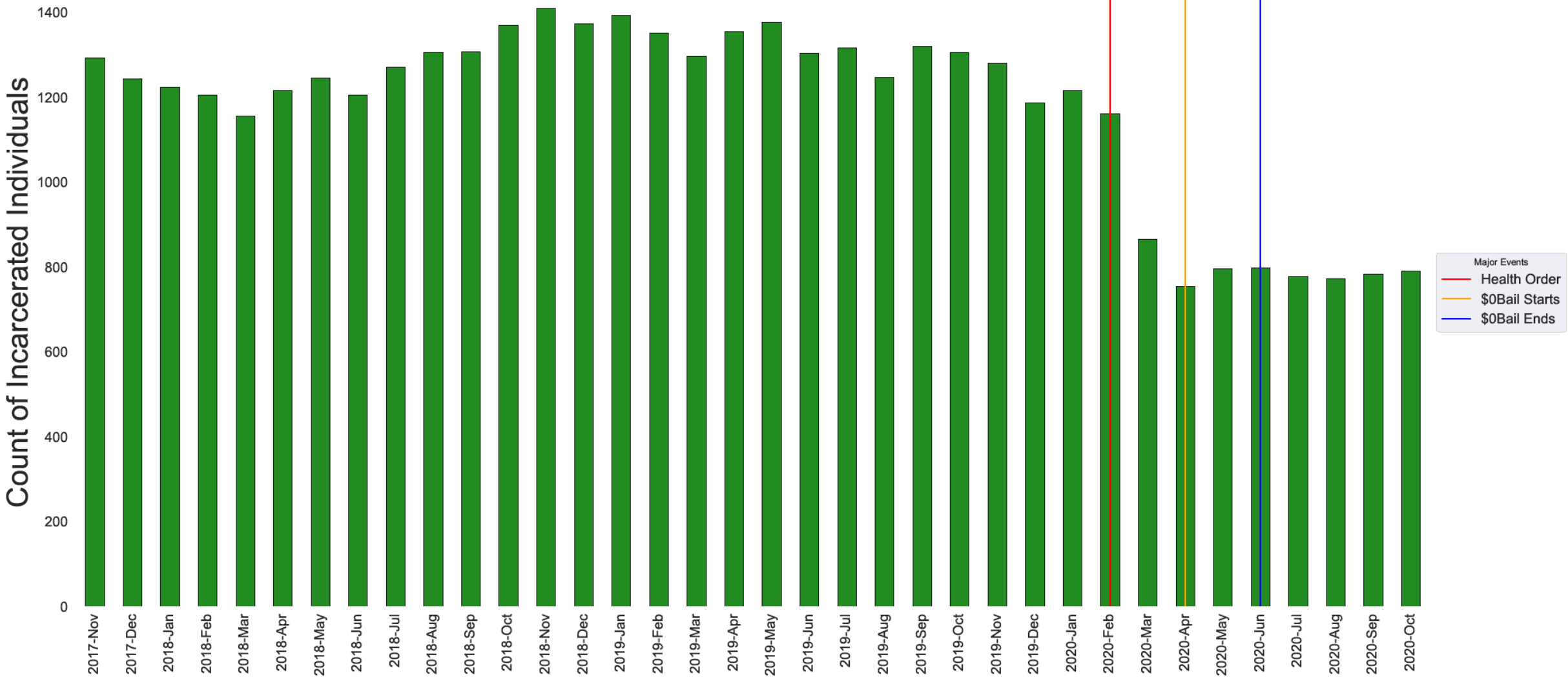
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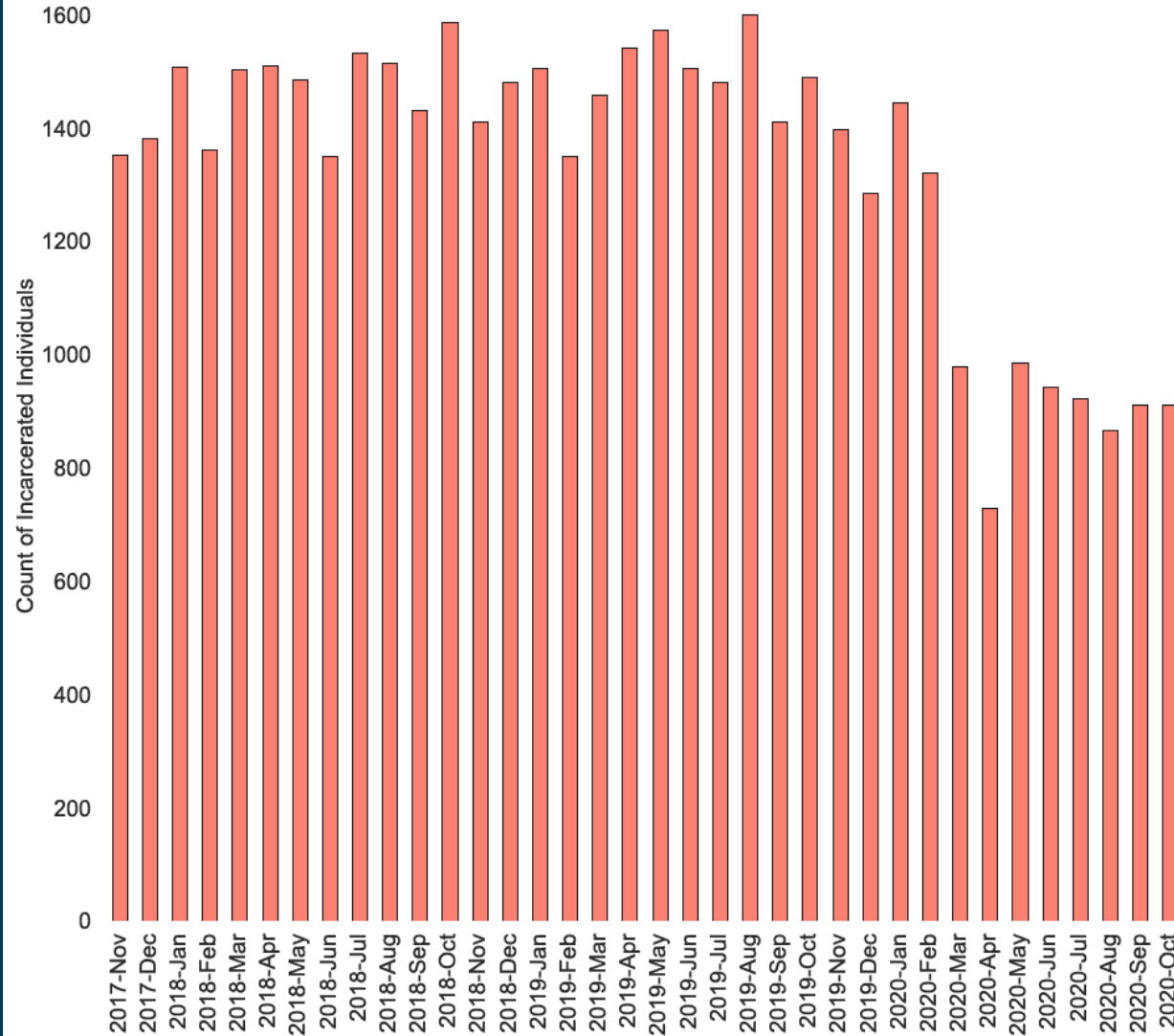
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Daily Snapshot of Jail Population

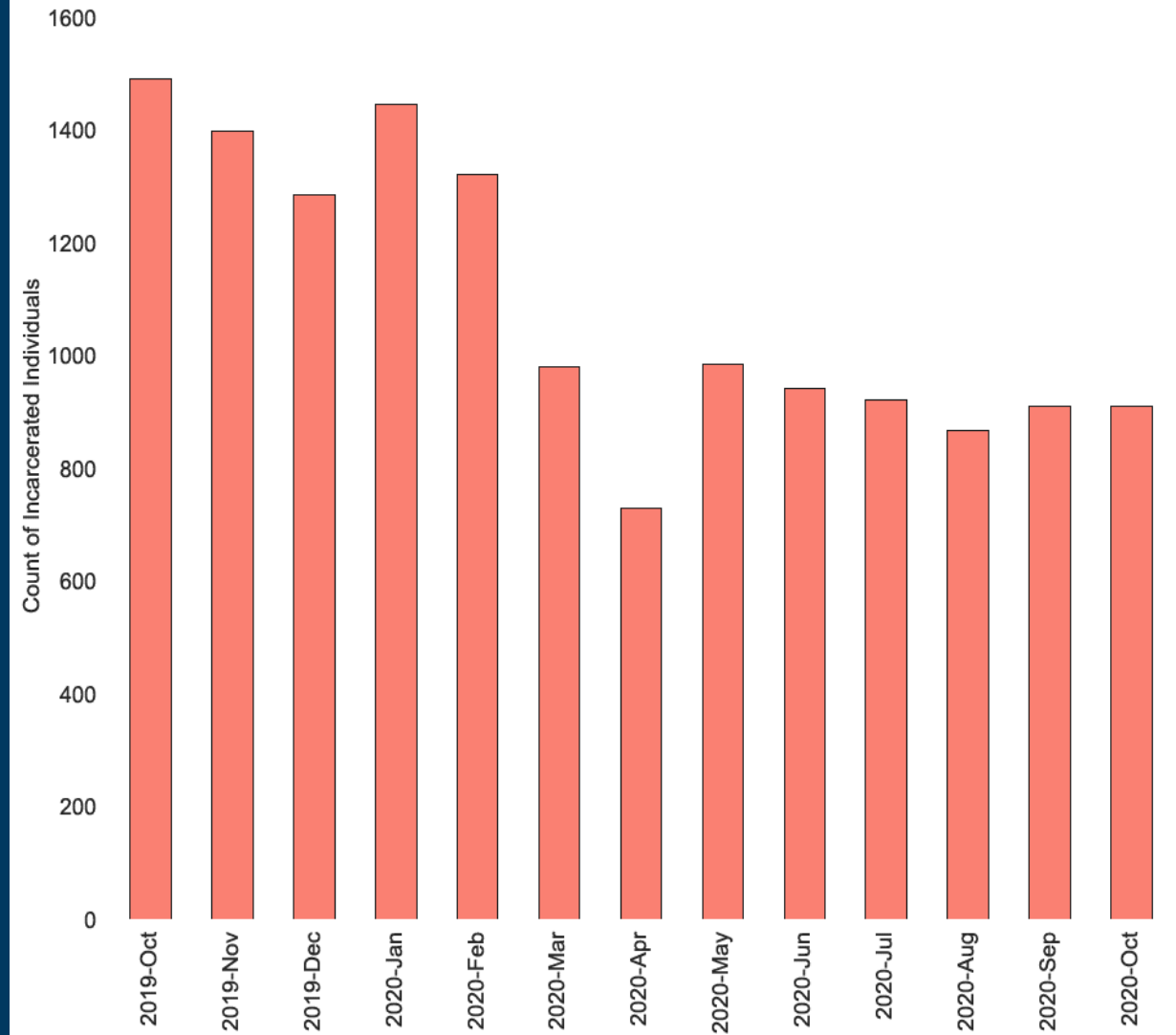


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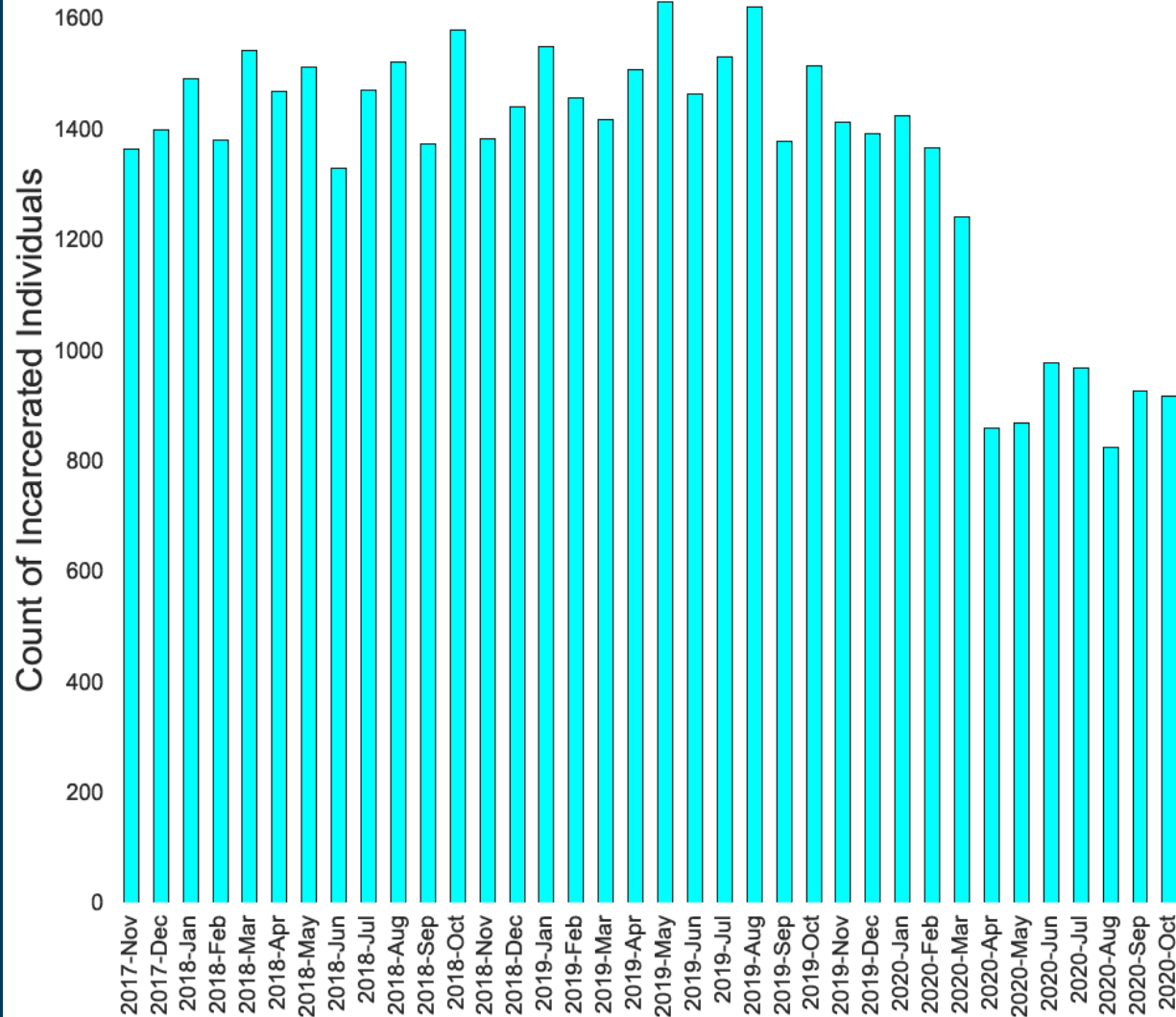


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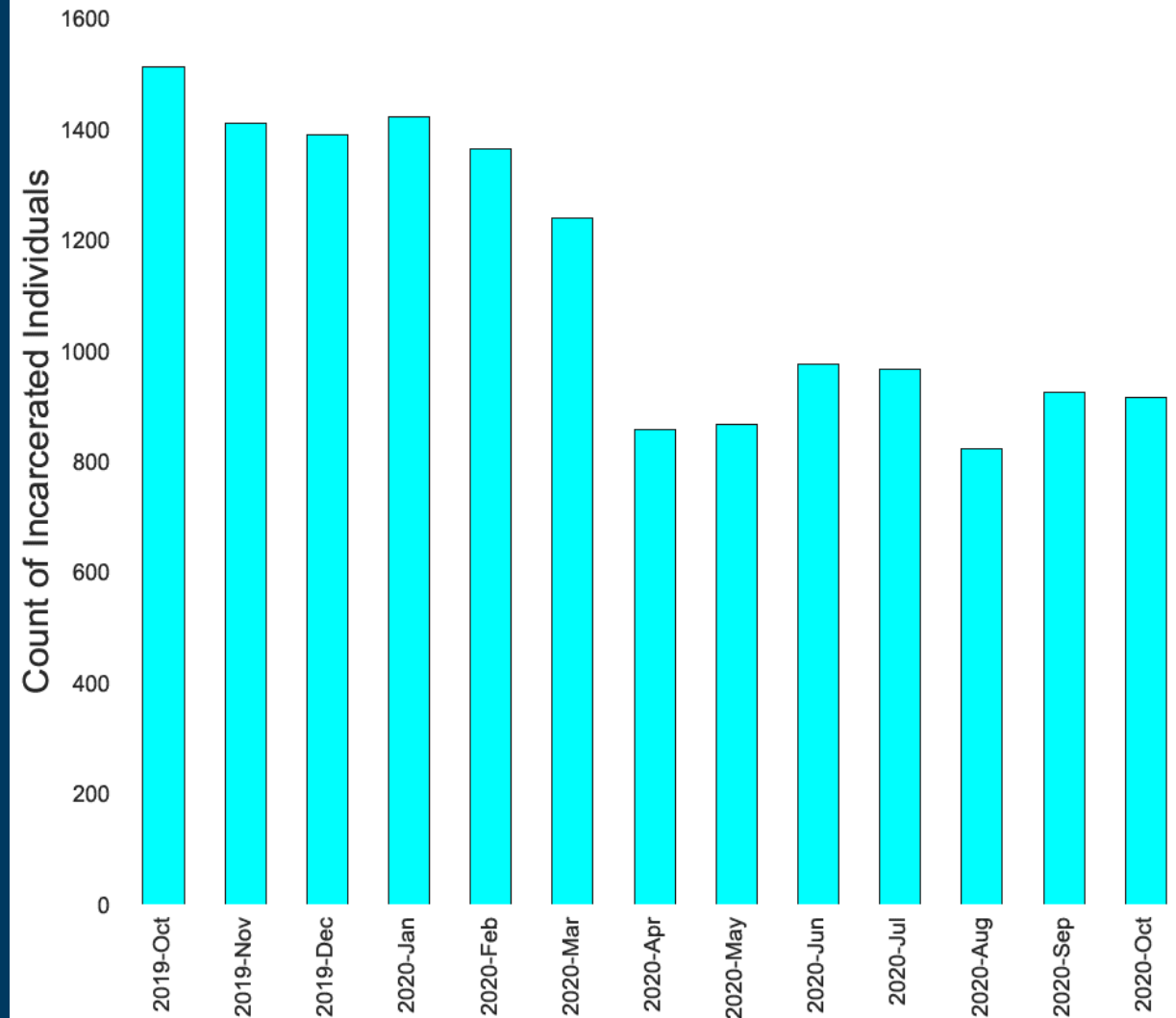


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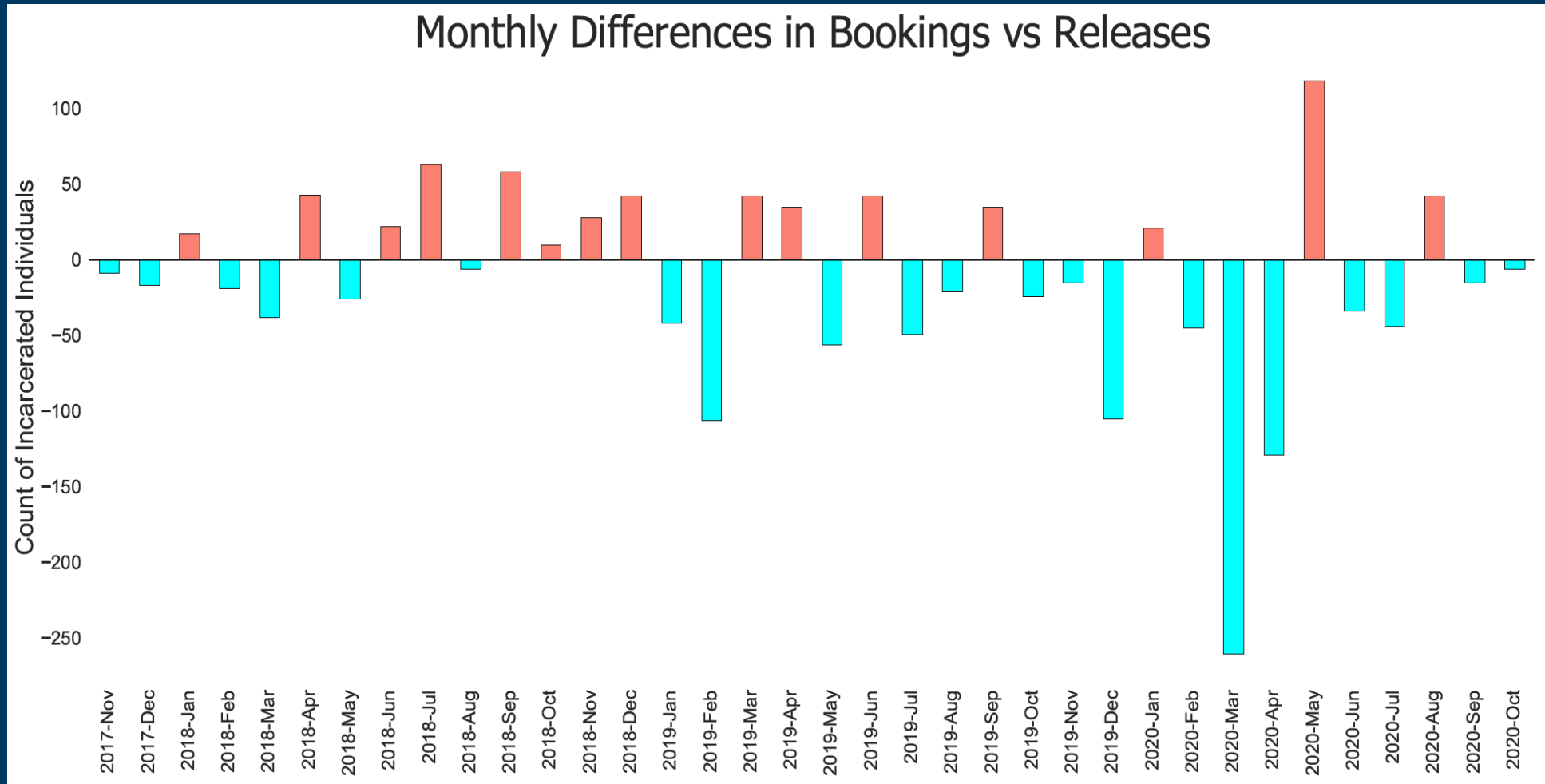
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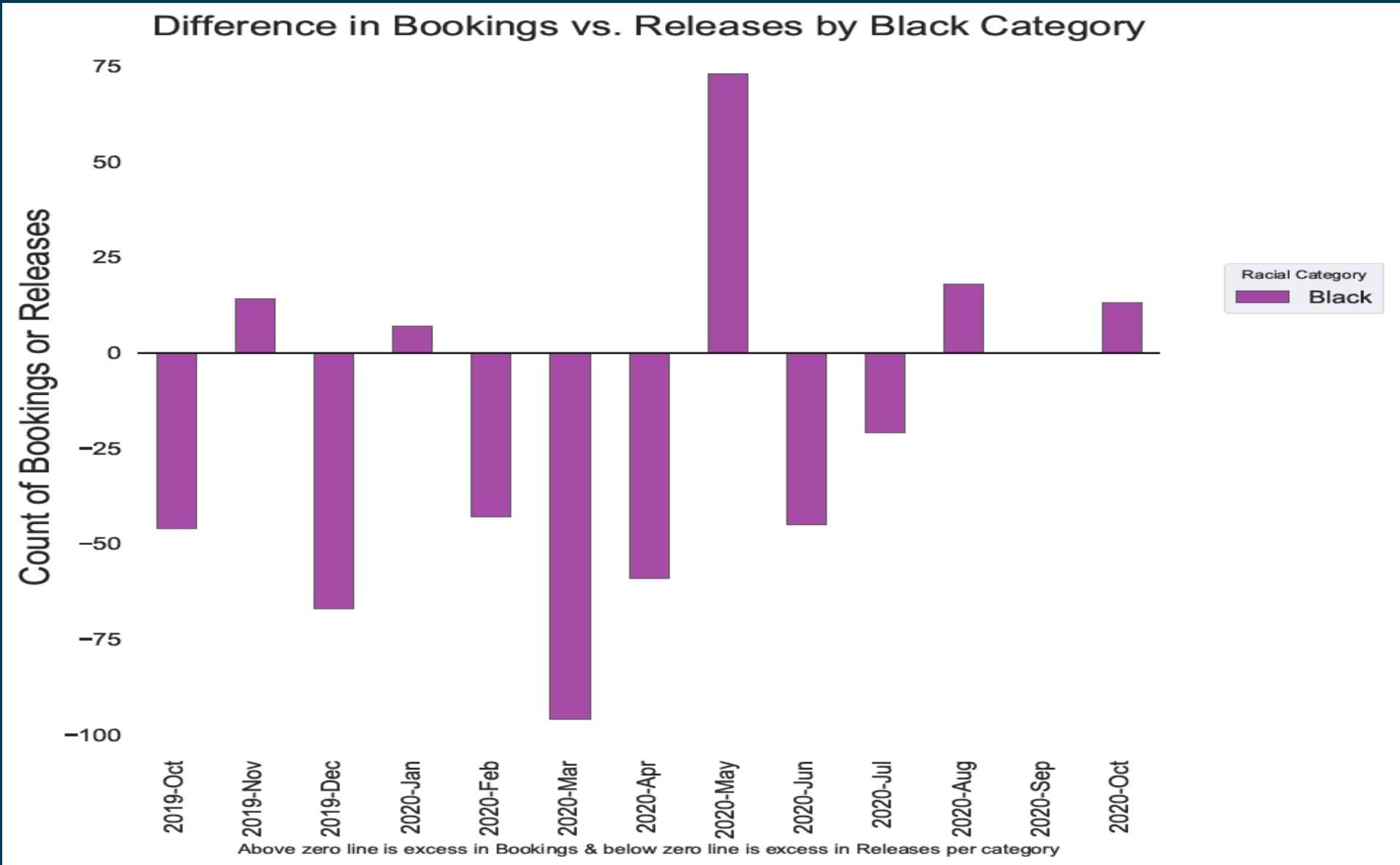
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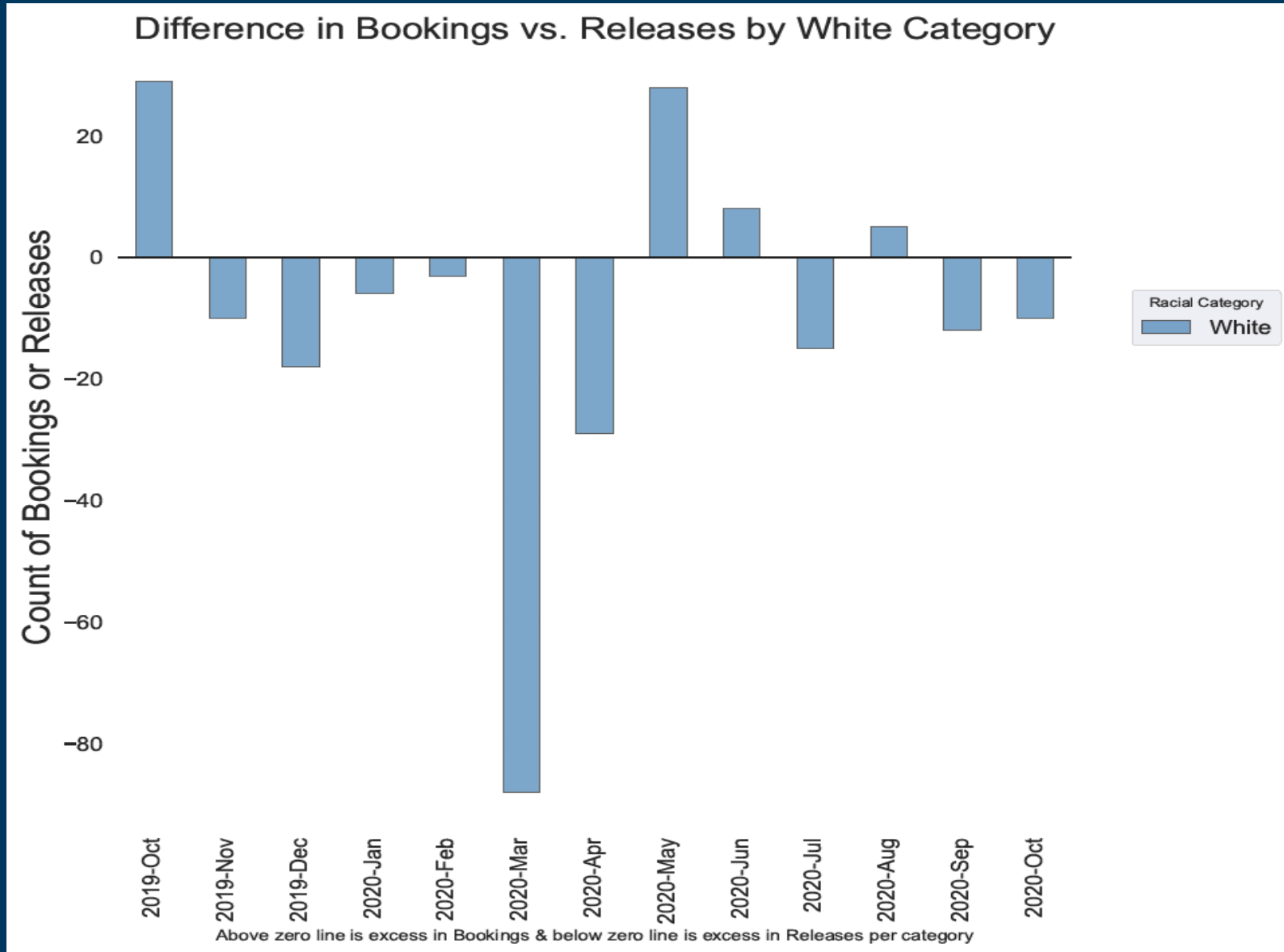
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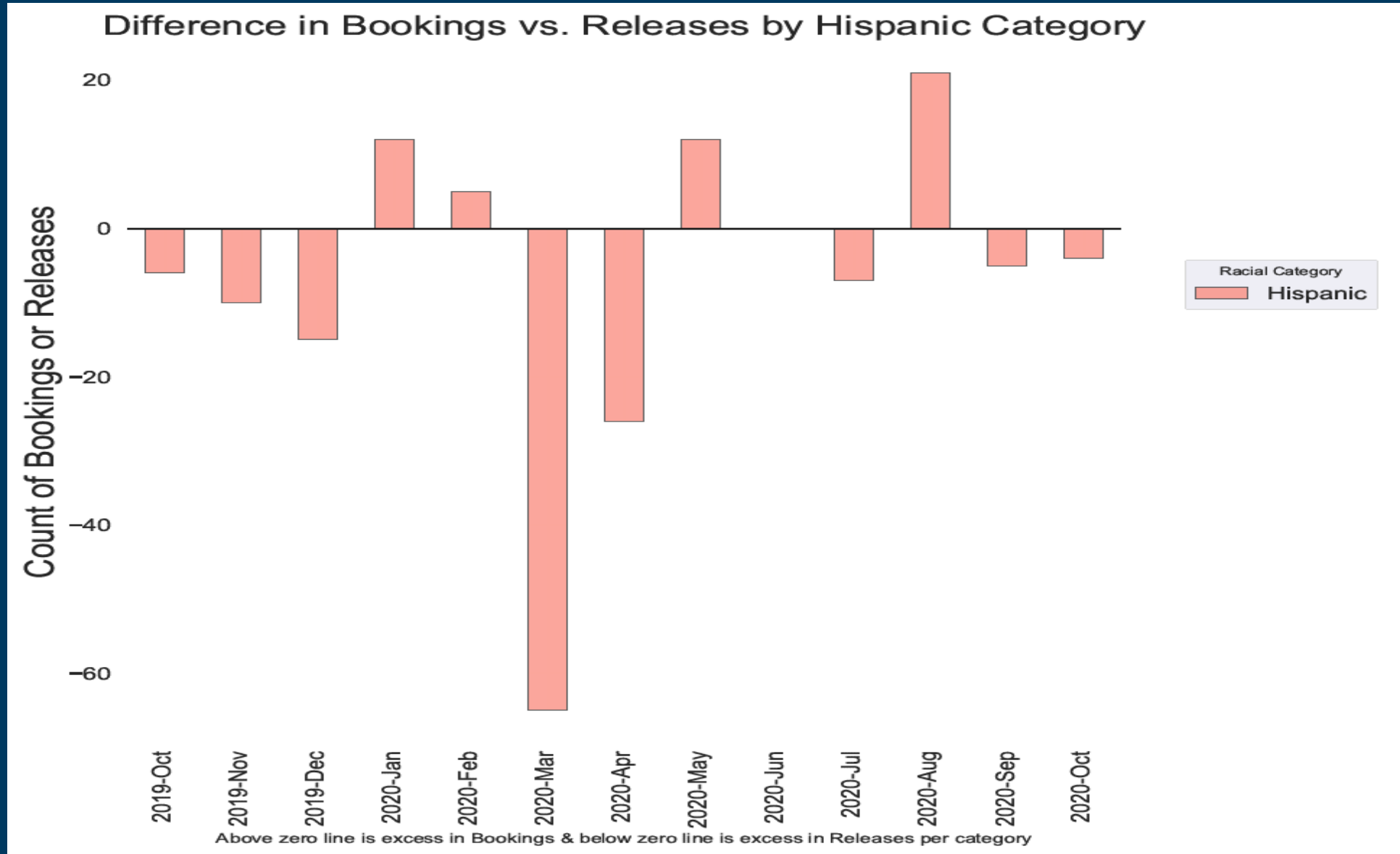
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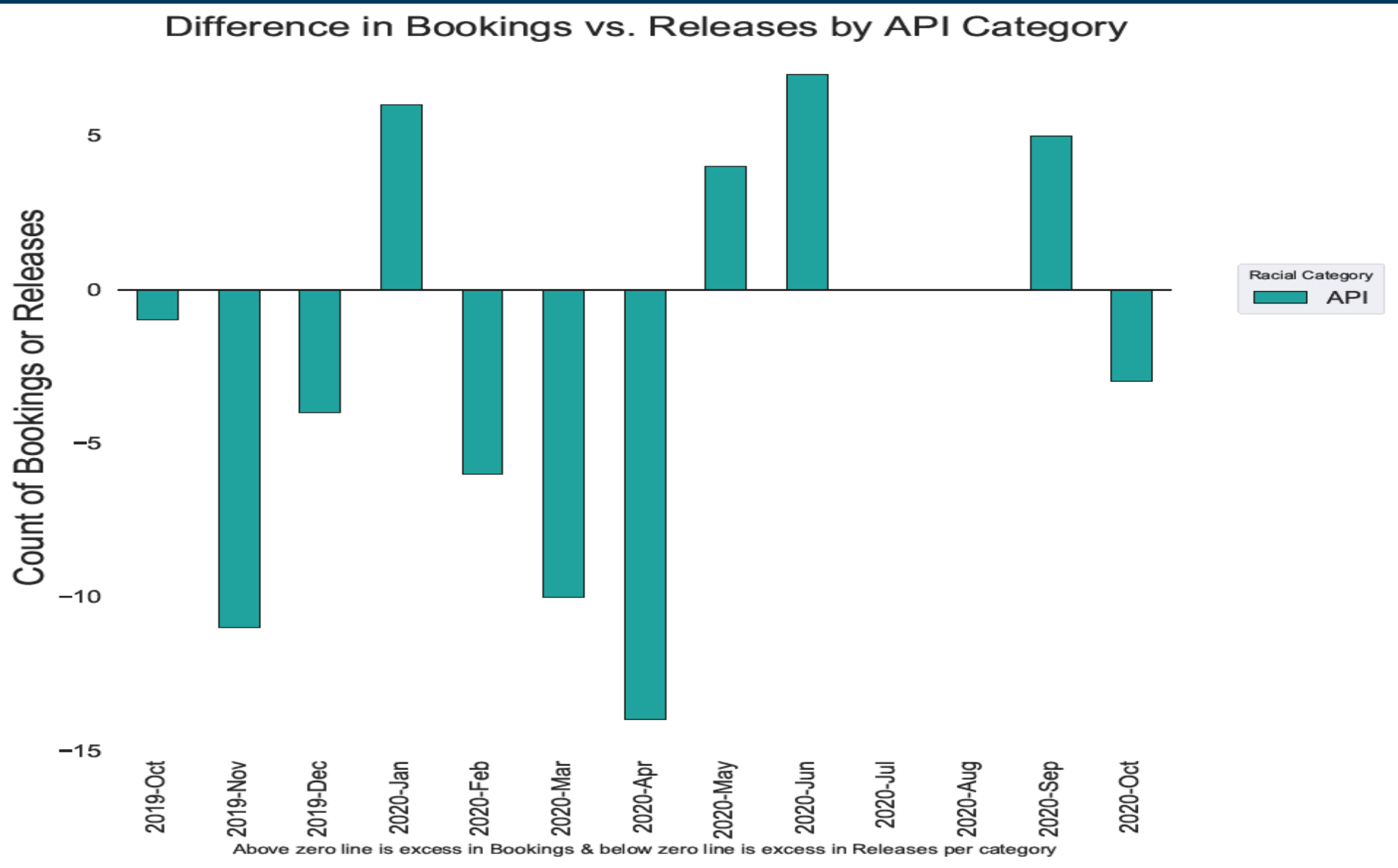
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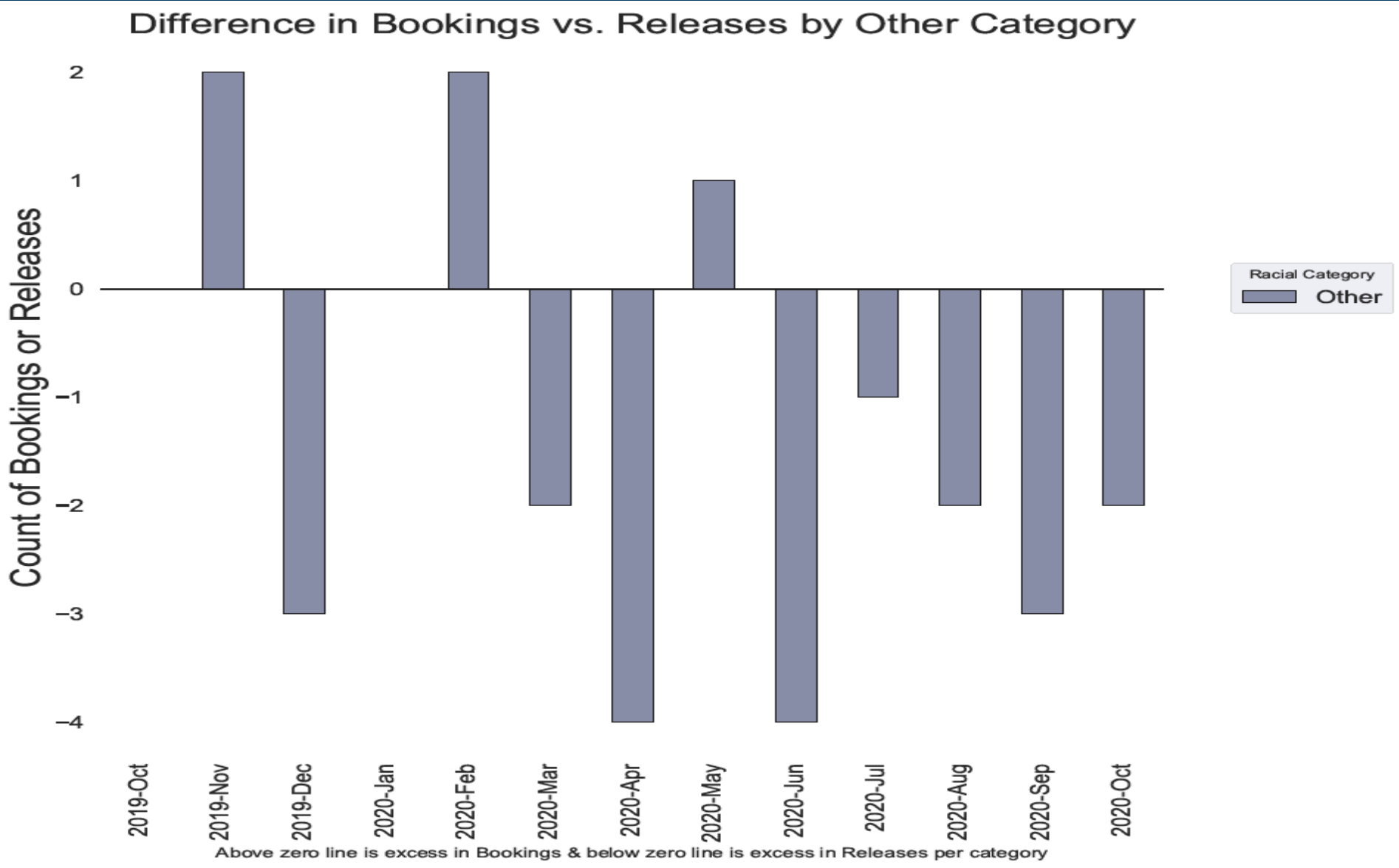
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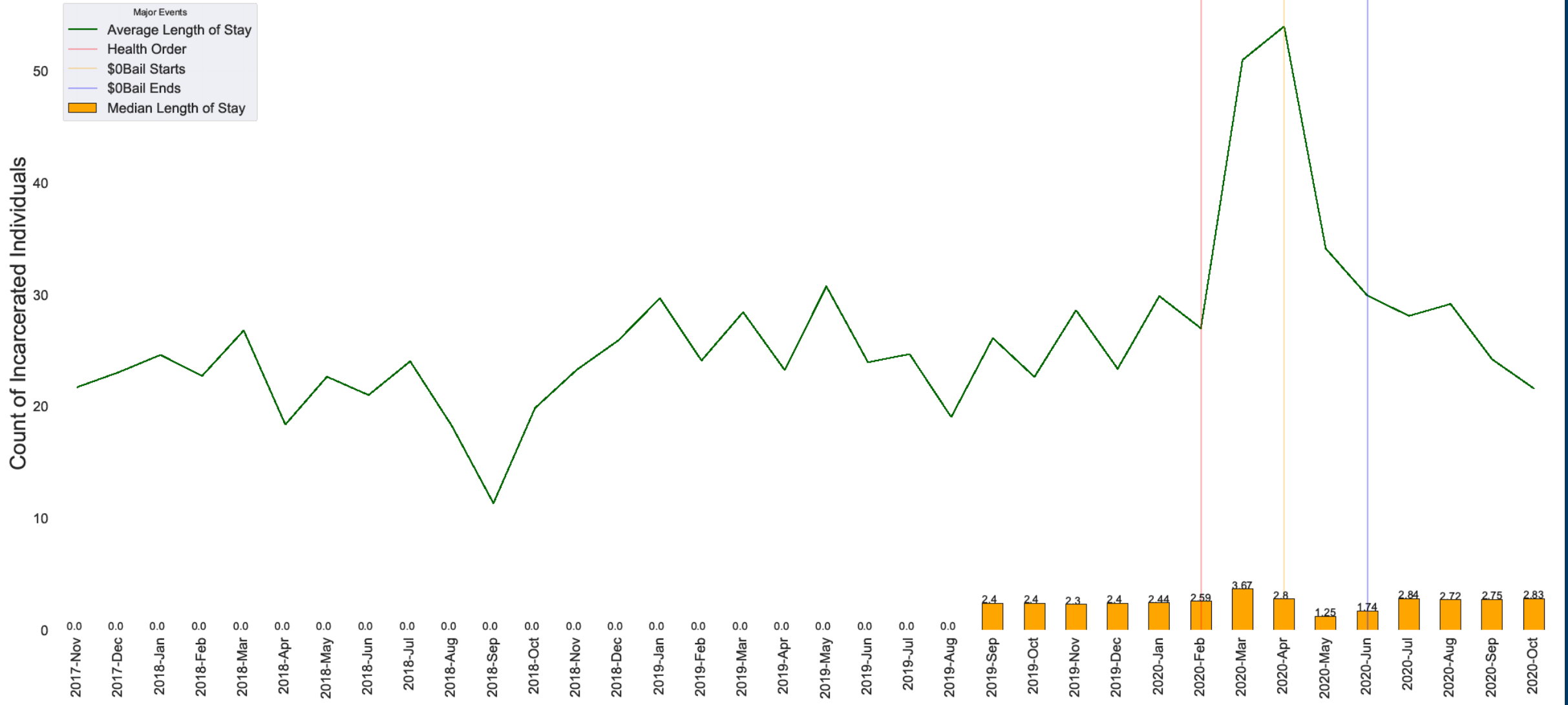


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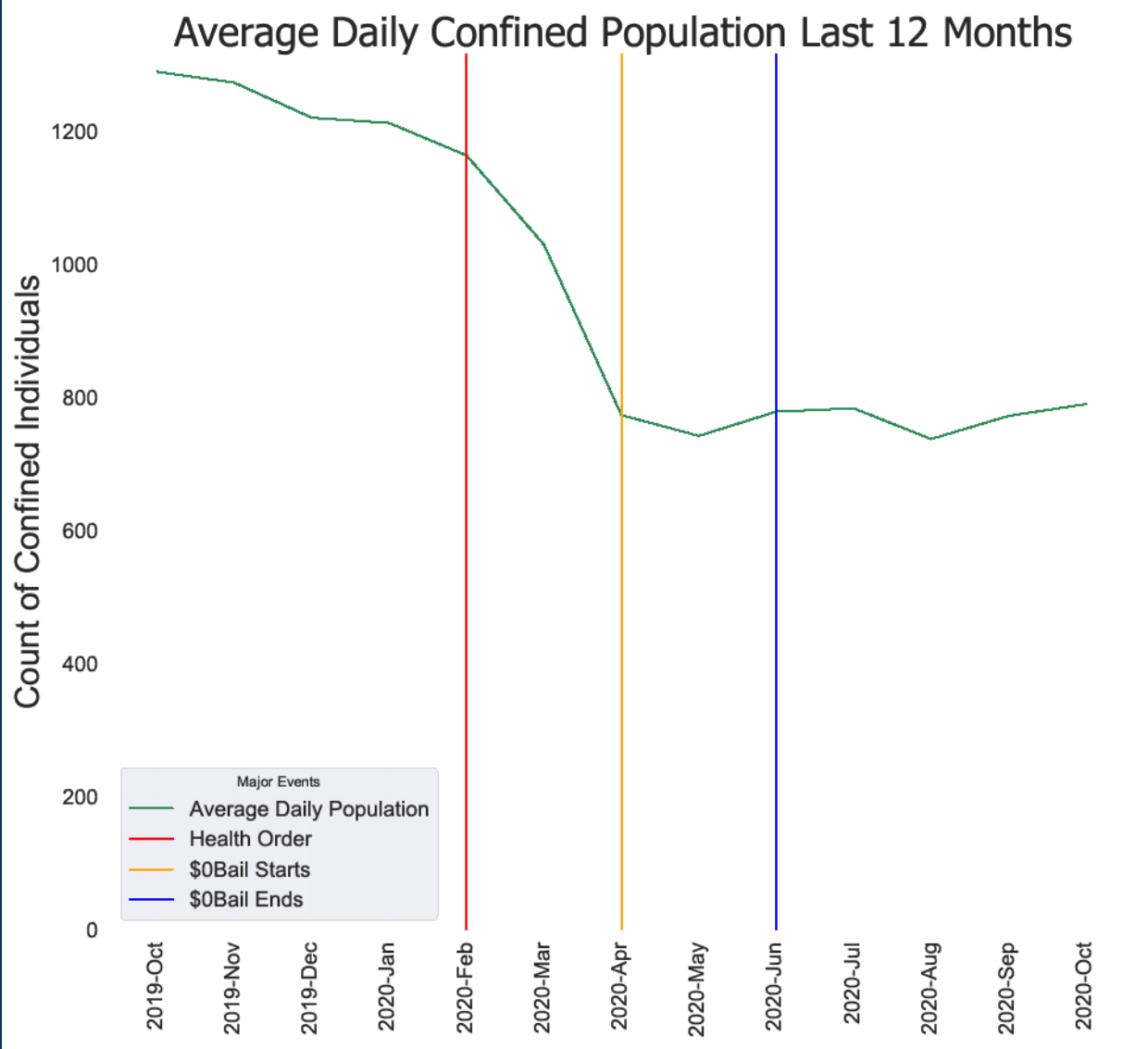
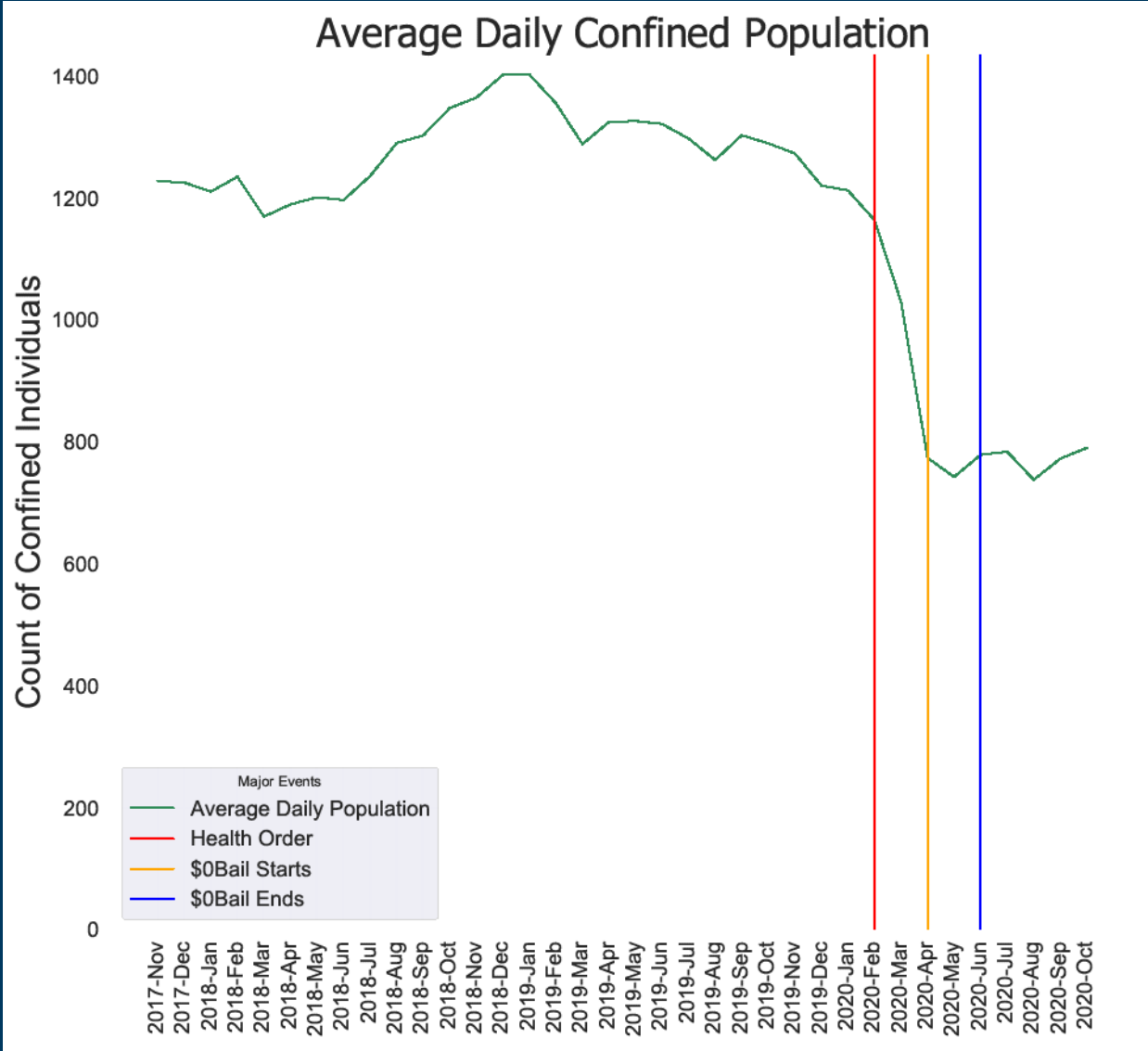


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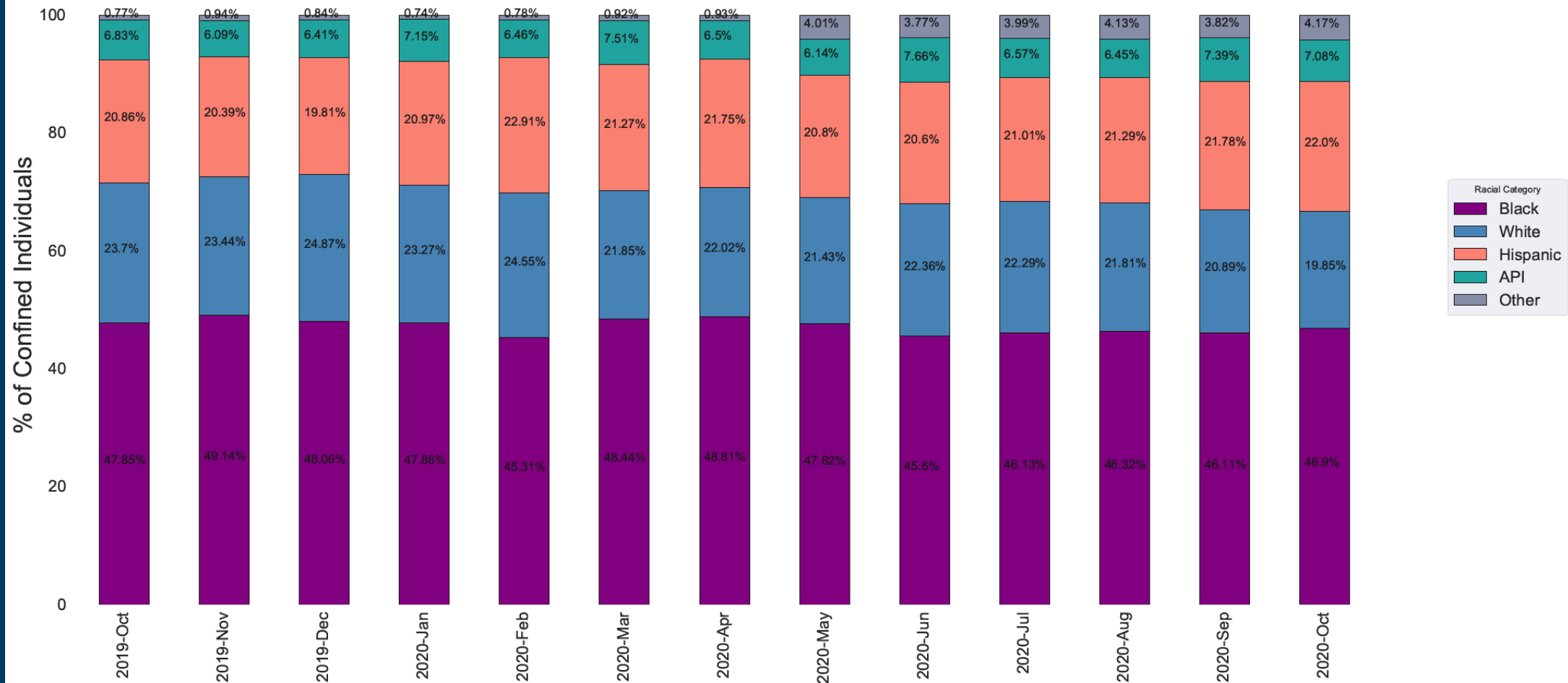


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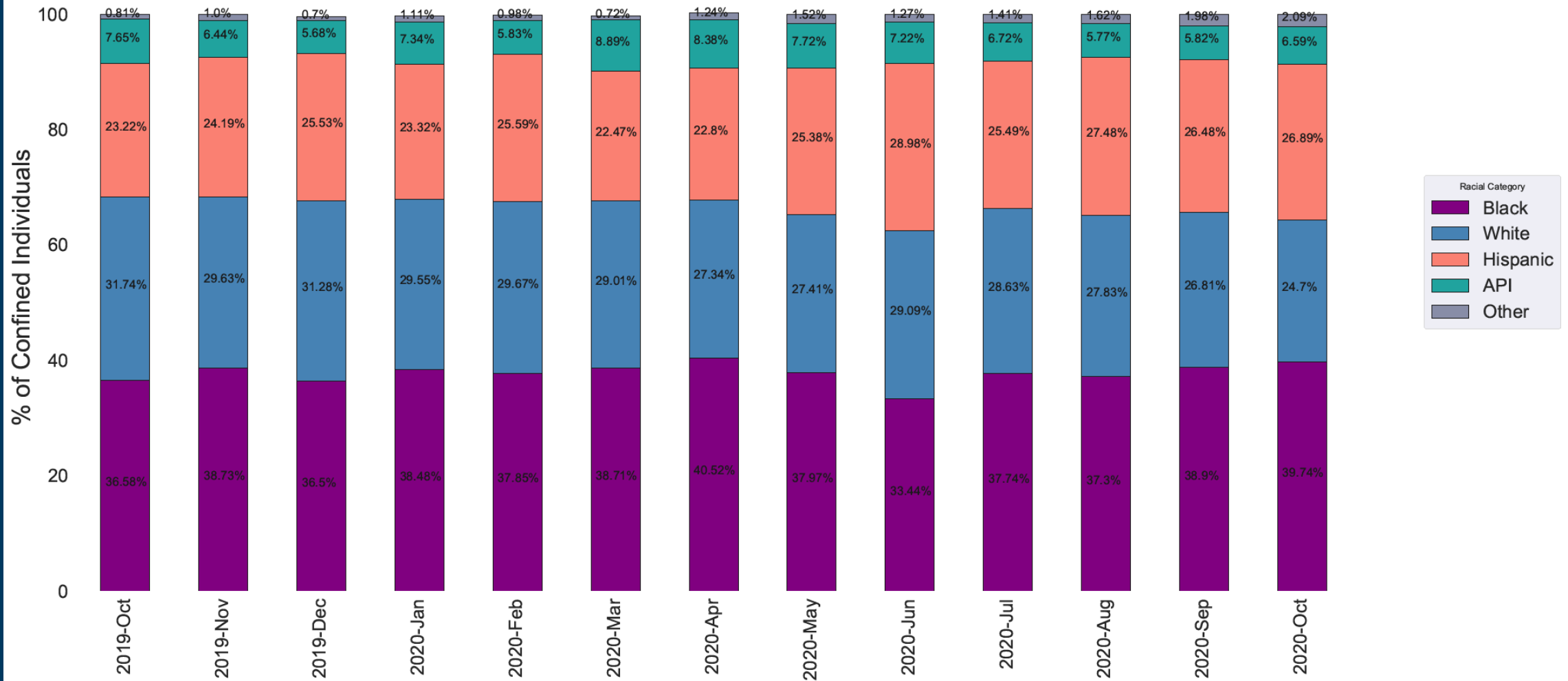
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Snapshot by Racial Percent Last 12 Months



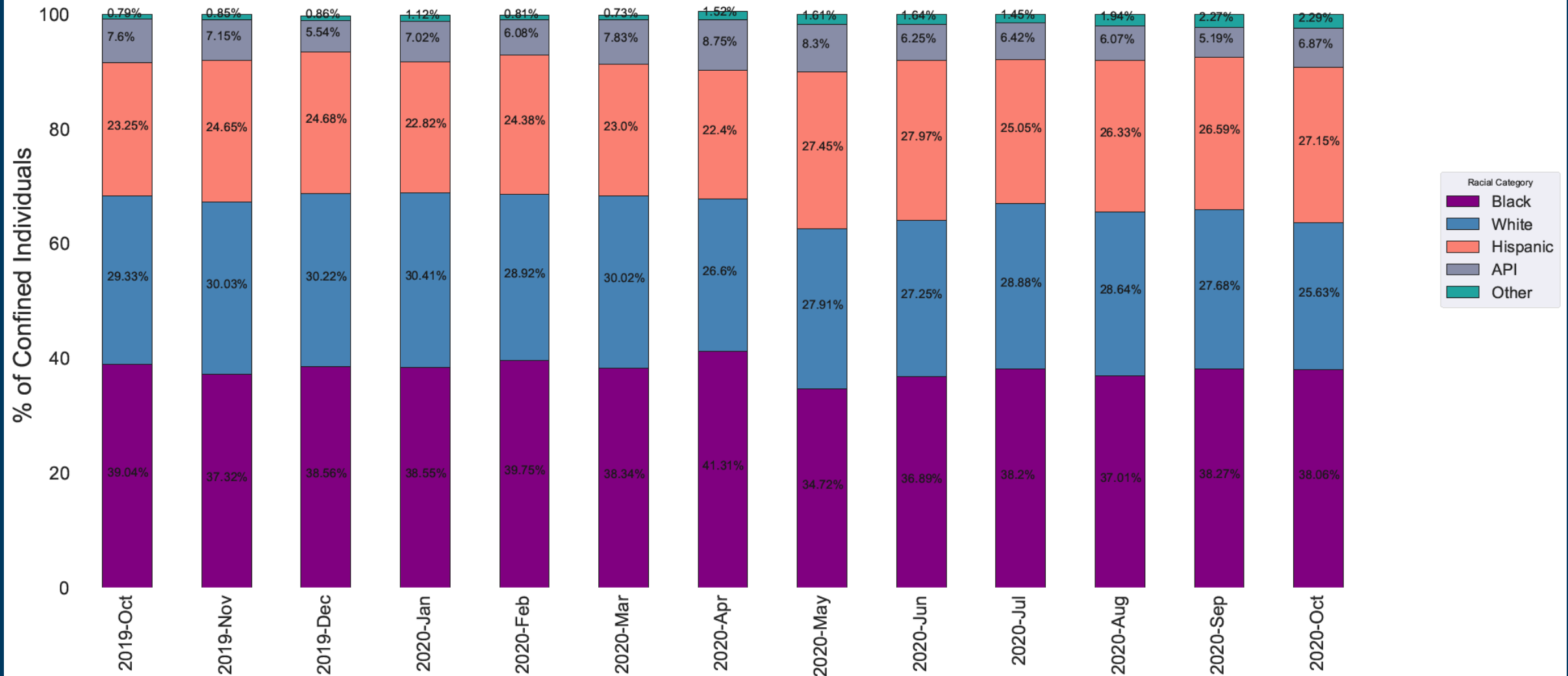
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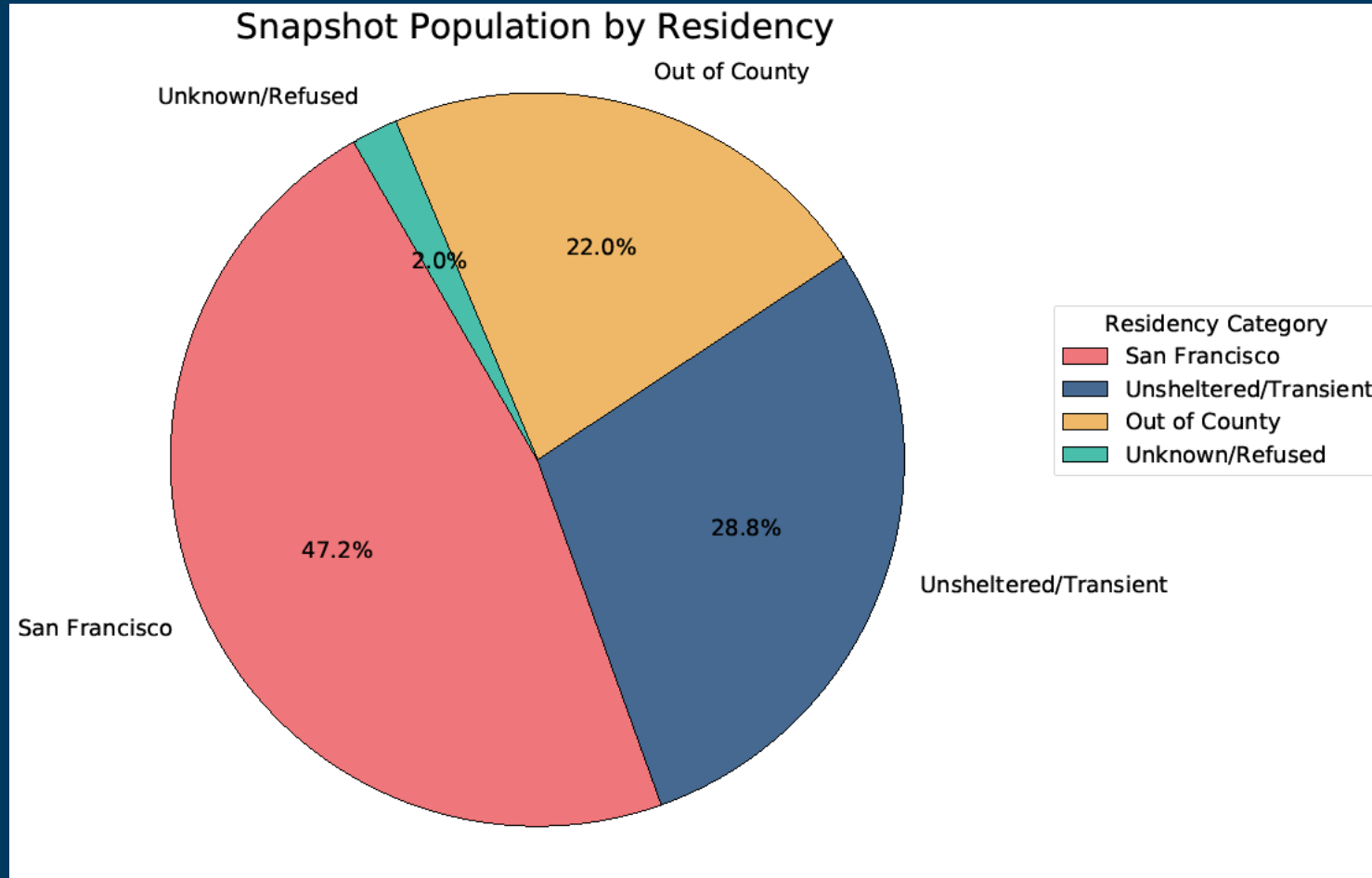


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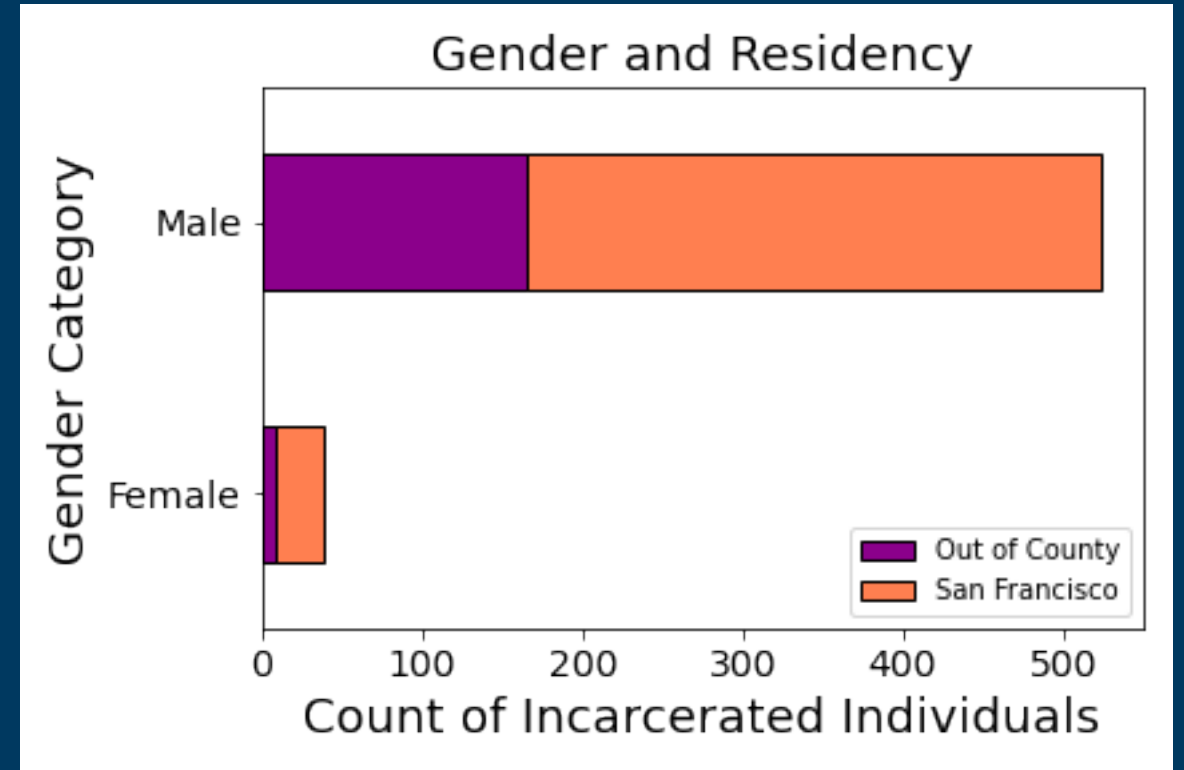
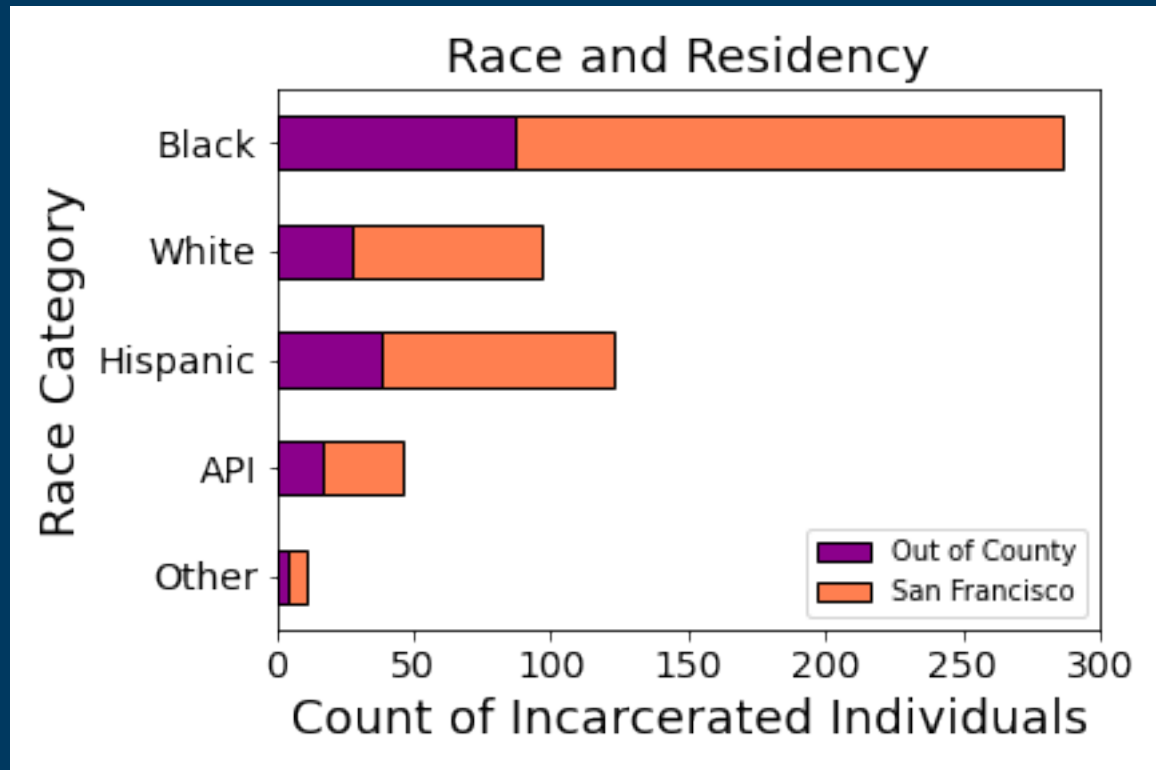


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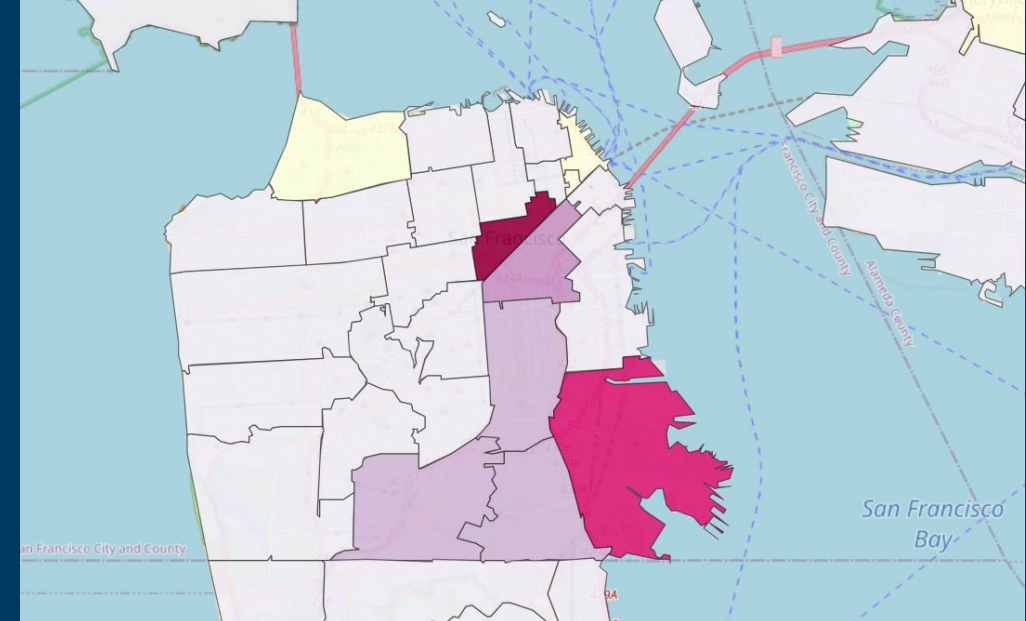
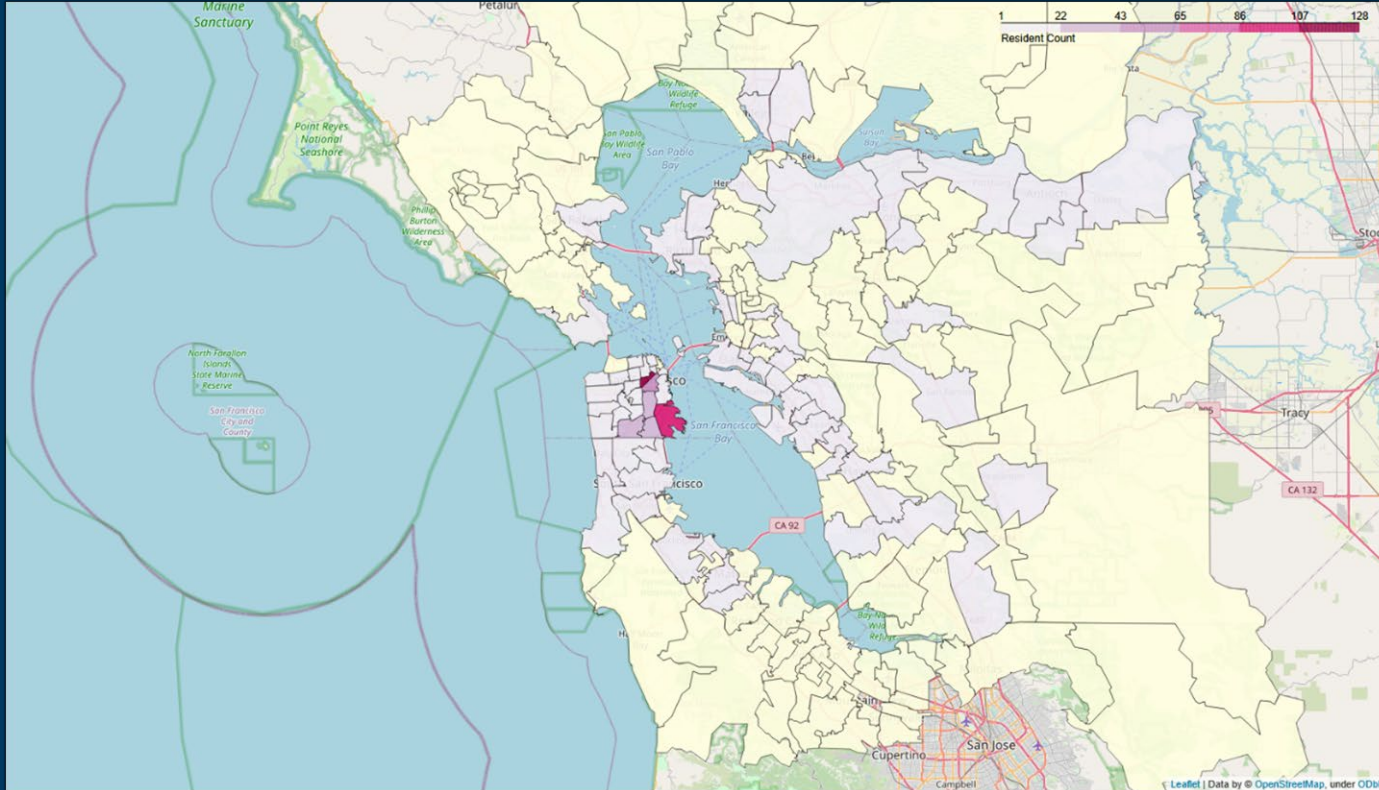


*San Francisco residency category does include individuals that reported an address in a San Francisco shelter

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Housing First

Philosophy and Practice in the SF Landscape



Introductions



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We are a collective of legal, policy, and subject matter experts who are also data geeks, skilled facilitators, and strategic thinkers and planners dedicated to addressing homelessness and its root causes.

Applying over three decades of experience in the homelessness response field and expertise that spans disciplines and geographies, Homebase works directly with communities to develop strengths-based, customized responses to their most pressing challenges. We partner with clients in the public, non-profit, and faith-based sectors to identify barriers and key resources, refine their ideas and goals, and design scalable solutions.



Agenda for Today



Housing Context



What is Housing First?



Why Housing First?



Let's Talk San Francisco

An aerial, grayscale photograph of a city, likely San Francisco, showing a dense grid of streets and buildings. A prominent river or bay runs through the center of the city, with bridges crossing it. The image is slightly faded and serves as a background for the title.

Context for Housing First

Life-long Impacts of Housing Instability



In utero homelessness leads to increased postnatal hospitalizations and overall worse health.



Children who suffer from **lead poisoning** are 6x more likely to become juvenile system-involved.

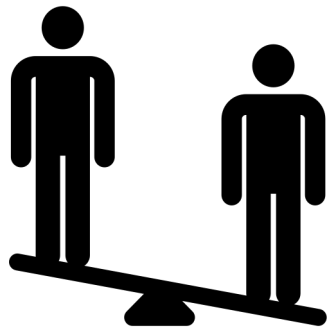


1 in 10 young adults experience homelessness per year.

Nearly half of young adults who experience homelessness have also been incarcerated.

Housing is an **Equity Issue**

Formerly incarcerated community members are **nearly ten times more likely to experience homelessness** than the general population.



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BIPOC and LGBTQI individuals are **disproportionately represented** in both homelessness and criminal justice systems.

Black Adults Make up 12% of the U.S. Population

but **33%** of the U.S. **prison** population,
and **43%** of adults experiencing **homelessness** in our
country.

LGBT Individuals Make up 4.5% of the Population

but LGB people are **3x as likely to be incarcerated**,
and one study indicated that LGBT young adults
experienced prior-year **homelessness or housing
instability** at a rate **over double** that of non-LGBT
individuals.

Housing is the Solution

Housing =

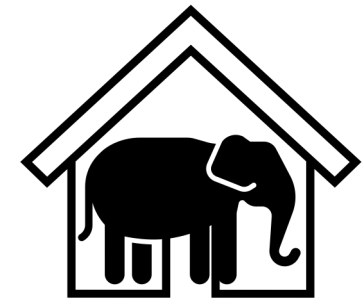


Housing: The Elephant in the Room

➤ You already work in housing



➤ We know housing is essential



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Housing First is an approach where homeless persons are provided immediate access to housing and then offered the supportive services that may be needed to foster long-term stability and prevent a return to homelessness. This approach removes unnecessary barriers and assumes that supportive services are more effective in addressing needs when the individual or family is housed – when the daily stress of being homeless is taken out of the equation.

Ann Marie Oliva
Director, Office of Special Needs Assistance Programs
August 21, 2016

Housing First is The Law

WELFARE AND INSTITUTIONS CODE SECTION 8256

By 2019 (unless exempted until 2022), all CA state programs that fund, implement, or administer housing or housing-based services to people experiencing homelessness or at risk of homelessness, shall revise or adopt guidelines and regulations that incorporate the core components of Housing First.

From Housing *Readiness* to Housing *First*

You have no place to live...

- **Get shelter** (and don't lose your bed)
- **Get sober** (and don't fall off the wagon)
- **Get therapy** (and don't miss a session)
- **Get a job** (and make enough to pay ½ the rent)

OK, now you're ready to try housing!

What does it look like in practice?

- Housing will be at the center of any plan
- A shelter will not forbid someone entering because of criminal background (with few exceptions)
- A housing program will not kick someone out if they're arrested and released within 90 days (with few exceptions)
- Rules are based on behavior, not sobriety
- Residents will get wellness checks and offered supportive services
- Rent will be based on what the client can afford
- Federal Housing First programs screen for lead-based paint
- Programs will comply with fair housing and equal access laws, including issues related to disparate impact

Who benefits from Housing First?

- People with **complex** service needs
- Those **turned away** from other housing options
- Those **least likely to be able** to proactively seek and obtain housing/services on their own
- **Does this sound like anyone you work with?**

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Let's Talk San Francisco

Person or Family
Seeking Help



Encampments



Outreach



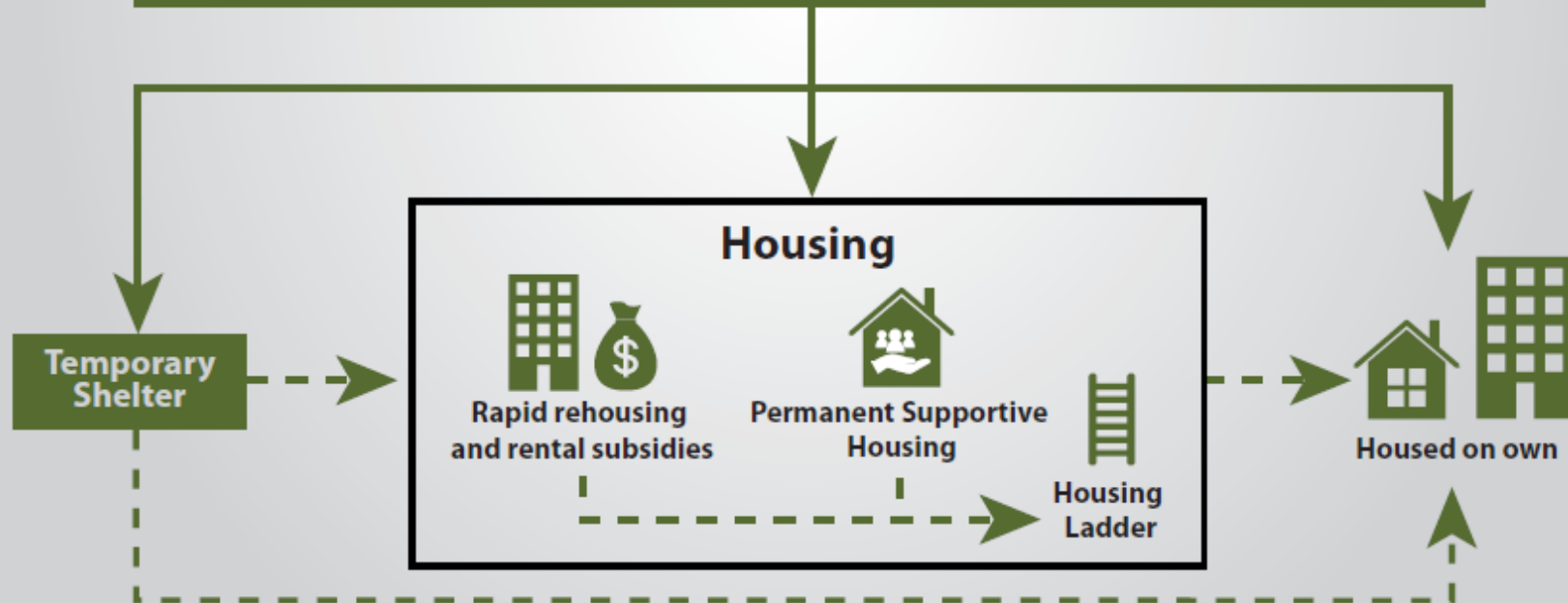
Mainstream Systems



COORDINATED ENTRY

RESOURCE CENTERS AND ACCESS POINTS

Assess + Problem Solving + Prioritize + Refer



Eligibility

- [People experiencing homelessness in San Francisco](#) are eligible for Coordinated Entry.
- People who are not experiencing homelessness will be redirected to other services, and people who are not living in San Francisco will be redirected to services in the community where they live.

Prioritization

- I. Housing Conservatorship Referrals &
Certificate of Preference Holders
- II. Shelter in Place (SIP) Setting
Rehousing Plan Clients
- III. Shared Priority Project

HSH Website

- <https://hsh.sfgov.org/>
- <https://hsh.sfgov.org/wp-content/uploads/2020/05/HSH-Definitions-Populations-San-Francisco-Connection-and-Homeless-Status.pdf>
- <https://hsh.sfgov.org/services/coordinated-entry/>
- <https://hsh.sfgov.org/about/research-and-reports/framework/>

Discussion

Thank You!

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Commonly Used Acronyms

Acronym	Definition
AHAR	Annual Homeless Assessment Report
APR	Annual Performance Report (for HUD homeless programs)
CDBG	Community Development Block Grant (CPD program – federal)
CSBG	Community Services Block Grant
Continuum of Care	Continuum approach to homeless assistance programming
CoC	Federal grant program prioritizing permanent solutions to homelessness
Con Plan	Consolidated Plan under CDBG and other CPD programs
CPD	Community Planning and Development (HUD Office)
ESG	Emergency Solutions Grant (CPD – federal program)
FMR	Fair Market Rent
HCD	Housing and Community Development (State office)
HEARTH (2009)	Homeless Emergency and Rapid Transition to Housing (HEARTH) Act
HPRP	Homeless Prevention and Rapid Re-Housing
HSH / SF-DHSH	Homelessness and Supportive Housing [San Francisco Department of...]
HMIS	Homeless Management Information System
HOME	Home Investment Partnerships (CPD program)
HOPWA	Housing Opportunities for Persons with AIDS (CPD program)
HUD	U.S. Department of Housing and Urban Development (federal)
LHCB	Local Homelessness Coordinating Board
MHSA	Mental Health Services Act
MOHCD	Mayor's Office of Housing and Community Development
NOFA	Notice of Funding Availability
PHA	Public Housing Authority
SAMHSA	Substance Abuse & Mental Health Services Administration
SNAPS	Office of Special Needs Assistance Program (HUD office overseeing CoC)
SOAR	SSI/SSDI Outreach, Access, and Recovery (SSI/SSDI Application program)
SRO	Single-Room Occupancy housing units
SSA	Social Security Administration
SSDI	Social Security Disability Income
SSI	Supplemental Security Income
TA	Technical Assistance
TANF	Temporary Assistance to Needy Families
TAY	Transition Age Youth (usually ages 16-24)
VA	Veterans Affairs (U.S. Department of)
VASH	Veterans Affairs Supportive Housing

