

The San Francisco Sentencing Commission

City & County of San Francisco

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Safety and Justice Challenge Subcommittee

AGENDA

Tuesday, February 16, 2021, 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. Introduction of the Safety and Justice Challenge Fellows (discussion).
5. Strategy Updates (discussion and possible action).
6. Request for Future Agenda Items (discussion and possible action).
7. Adjournment.

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SAFETY AND JUSTICE WORKGROUP MEETING

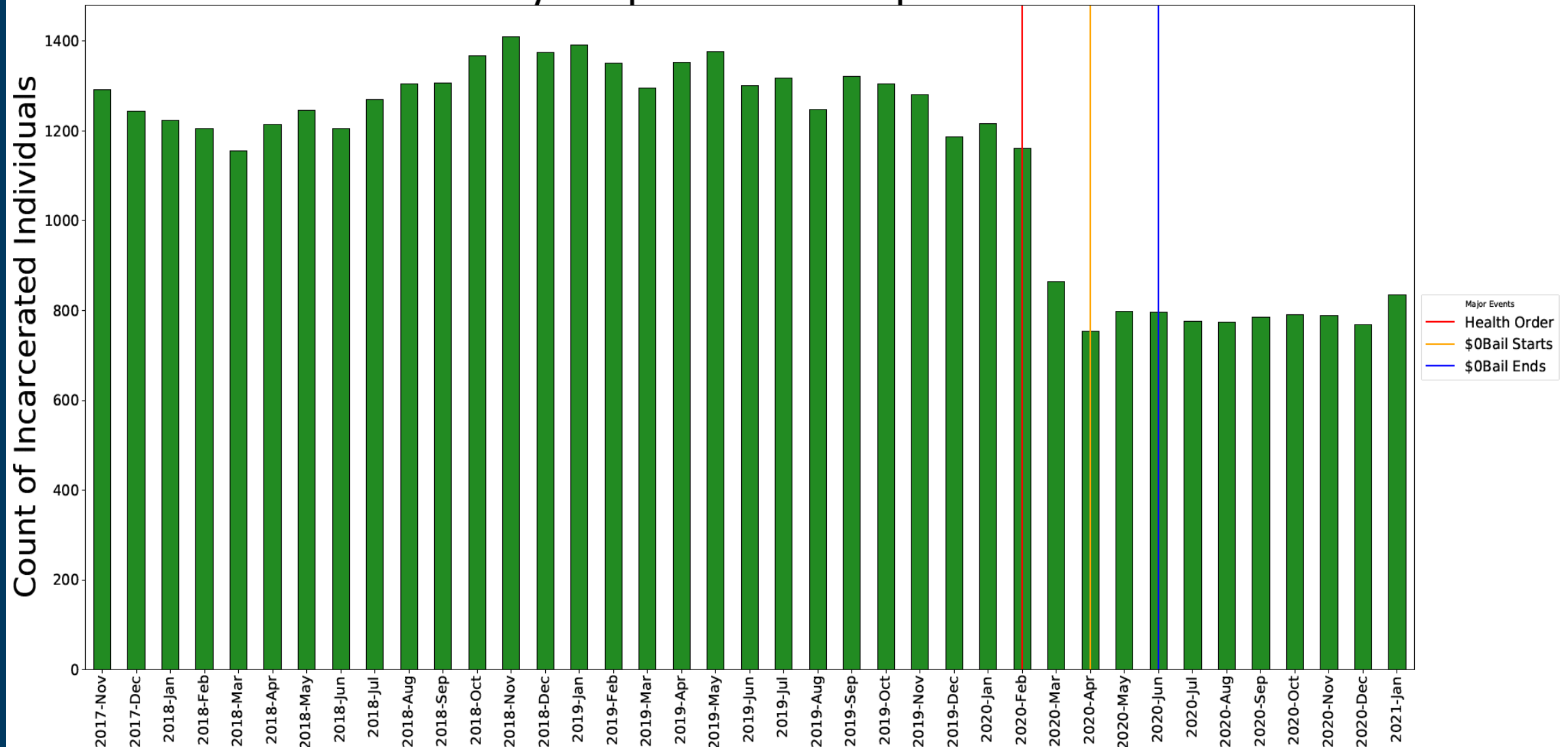
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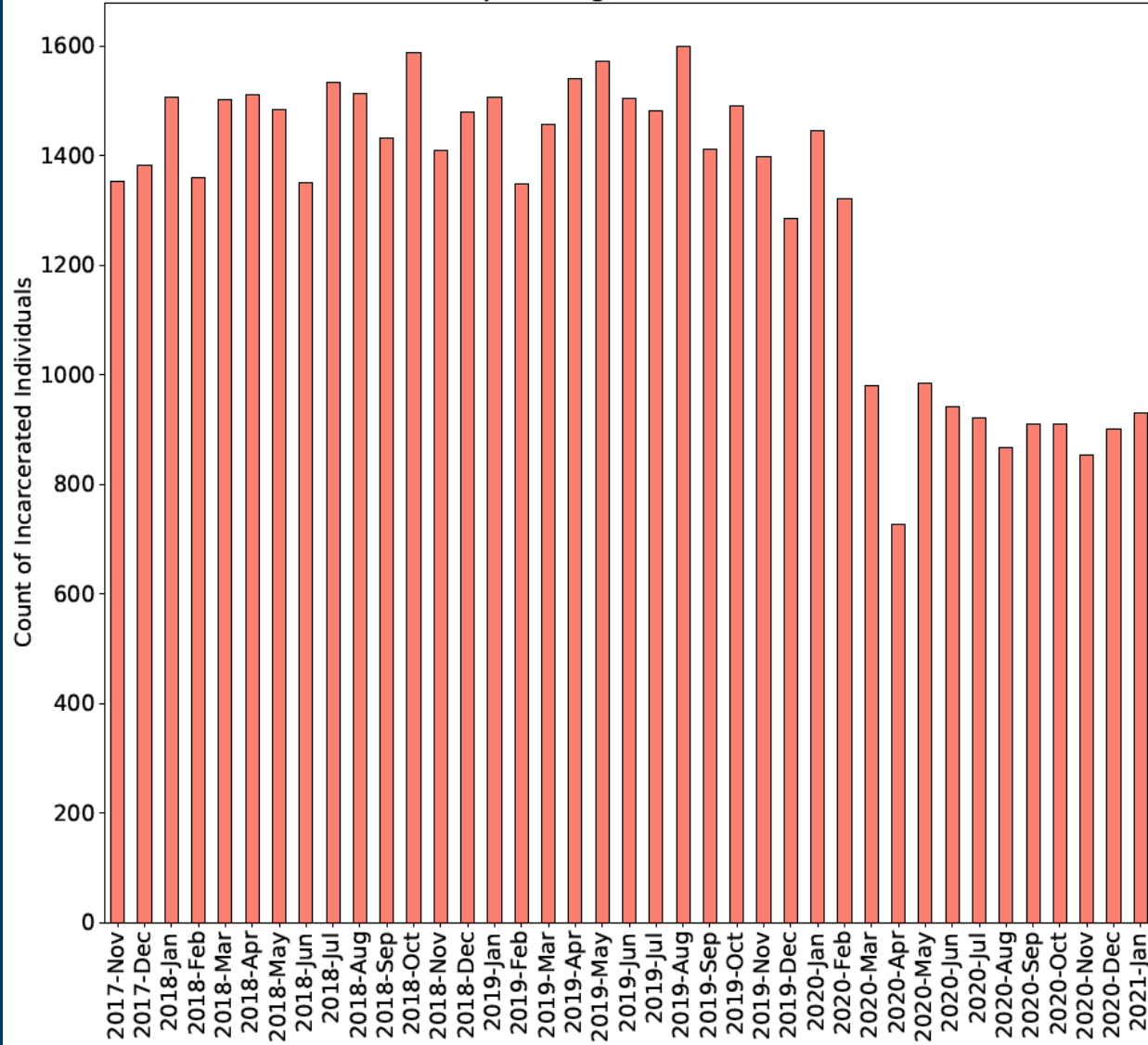
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Daily Snapshot of Jail Population

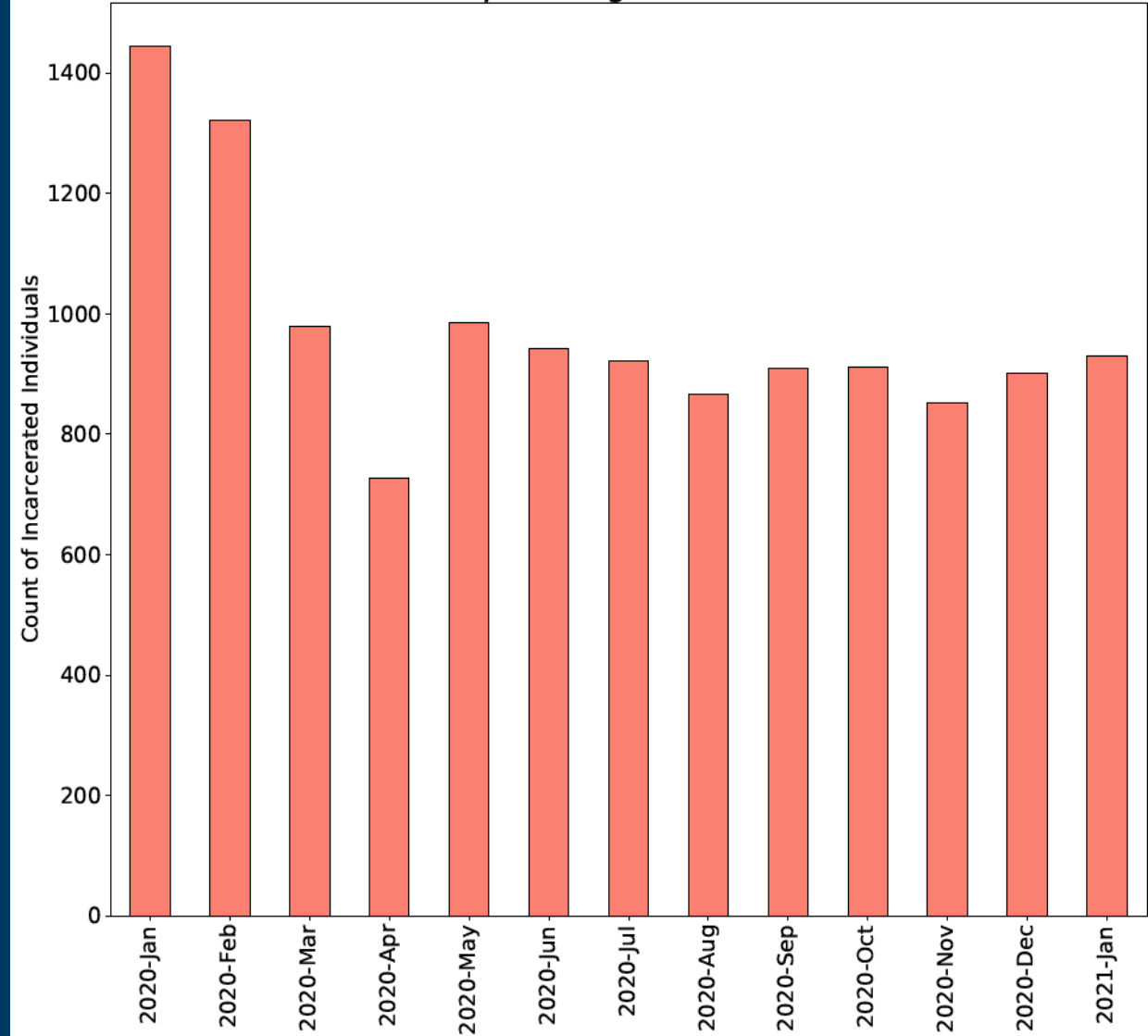


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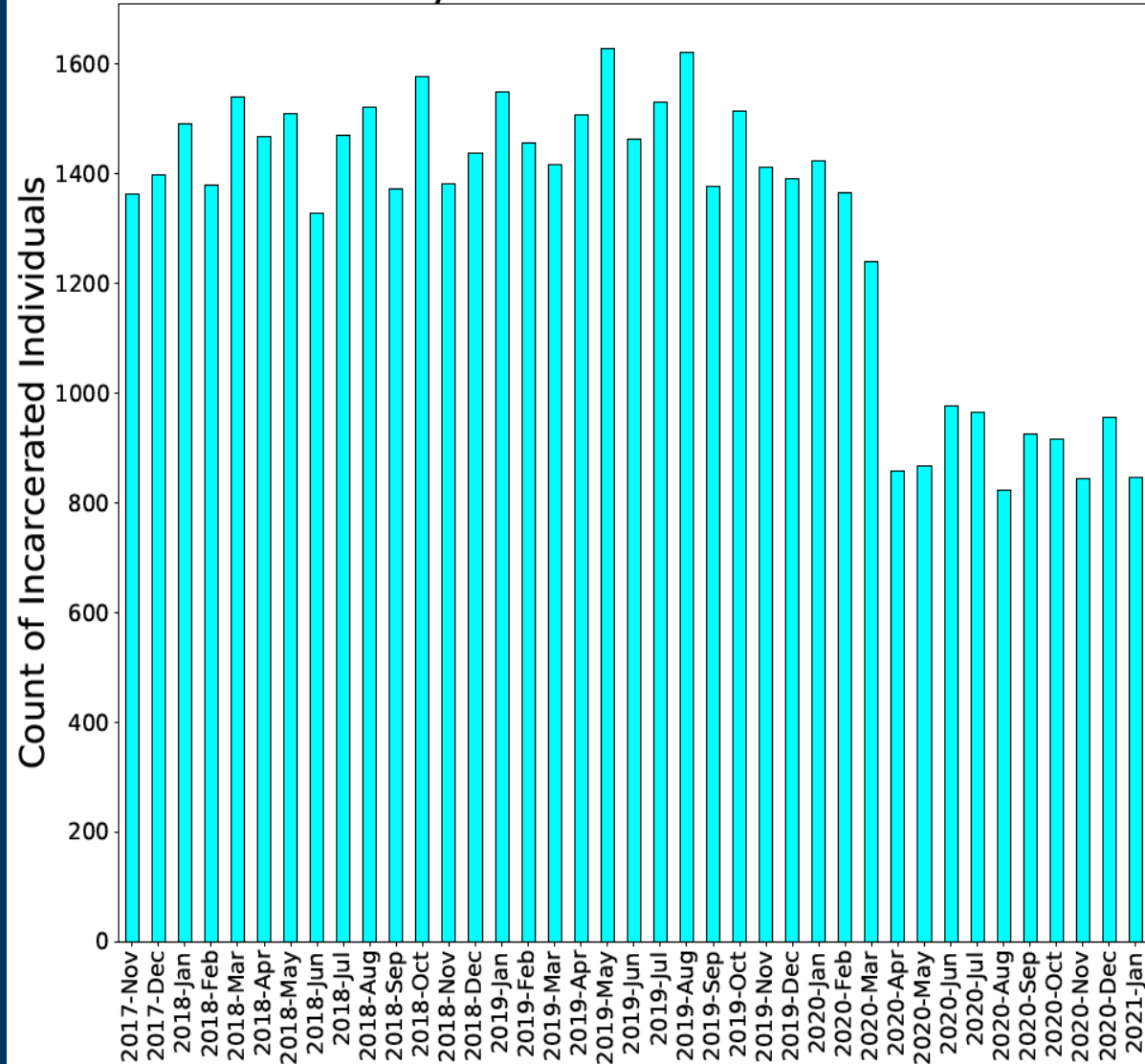


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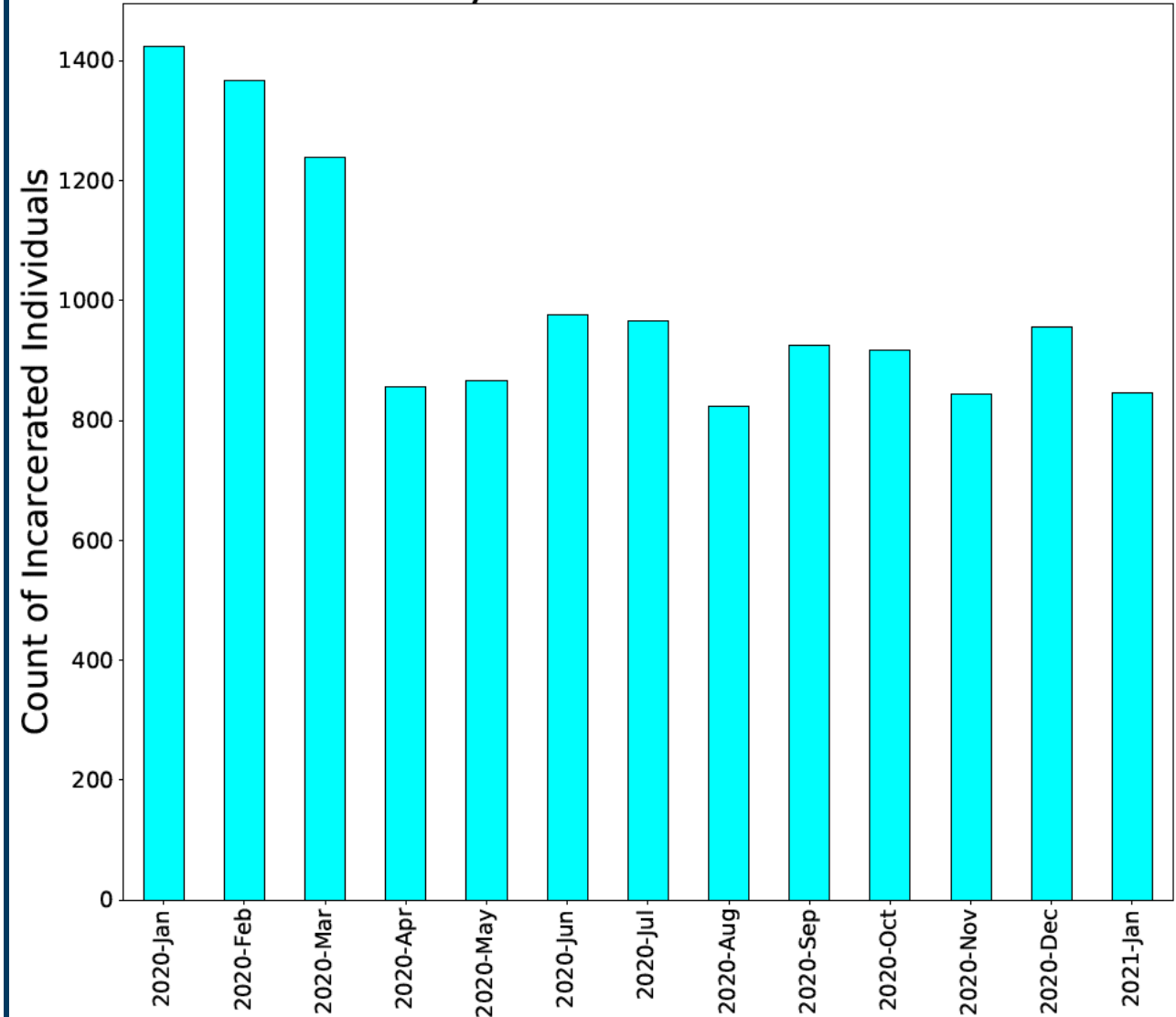


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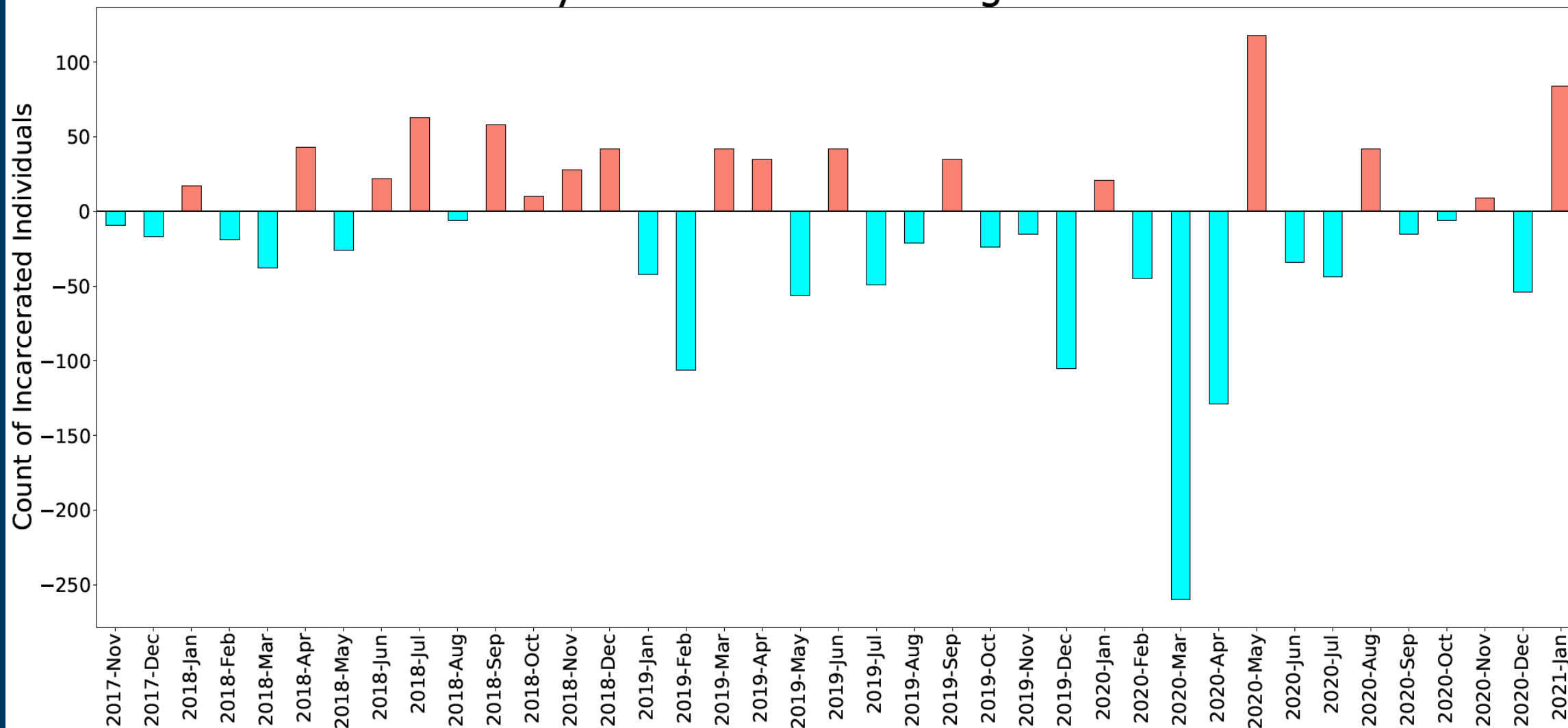


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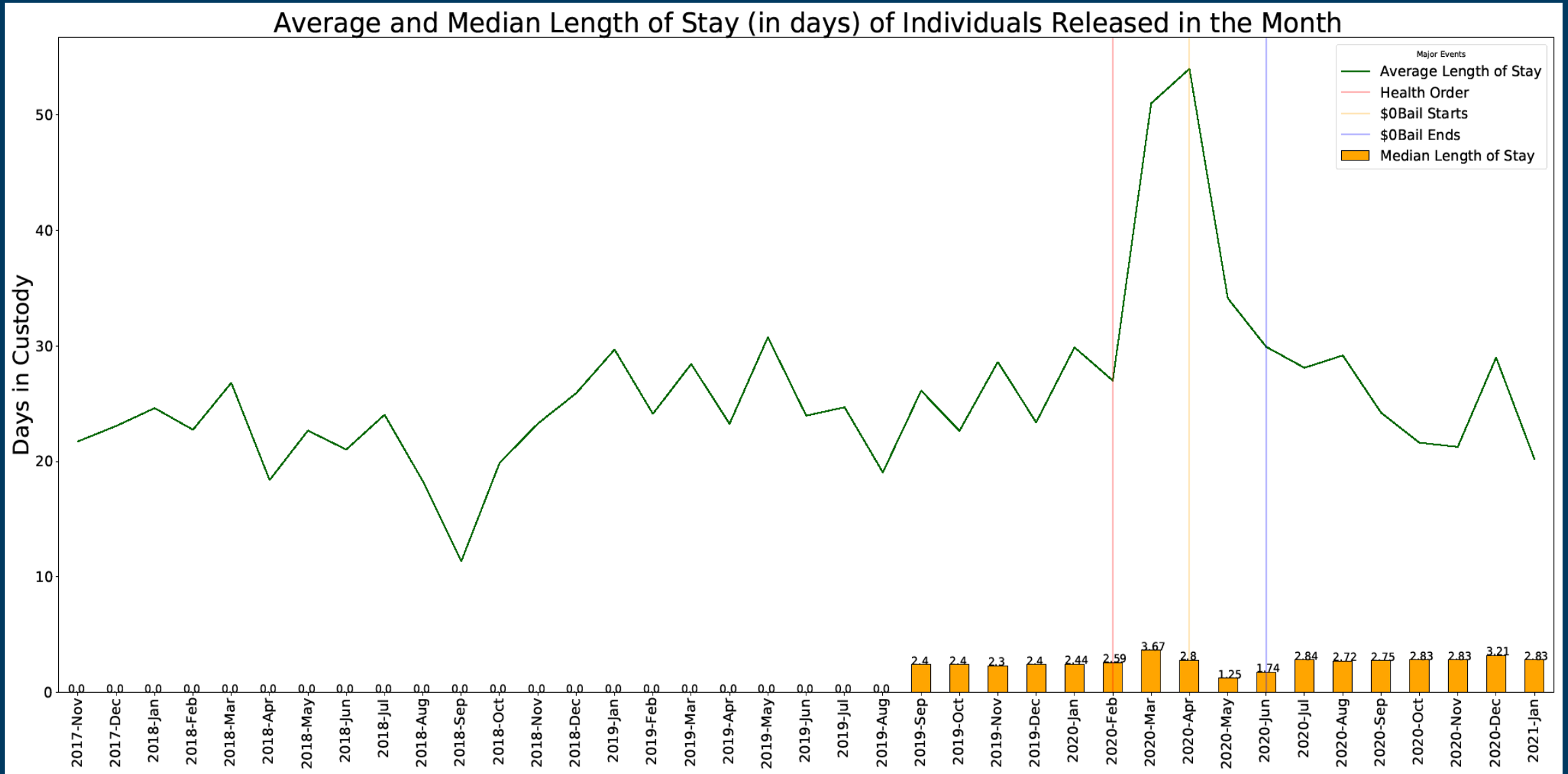


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Monthly Differences in Bookings vs Releases

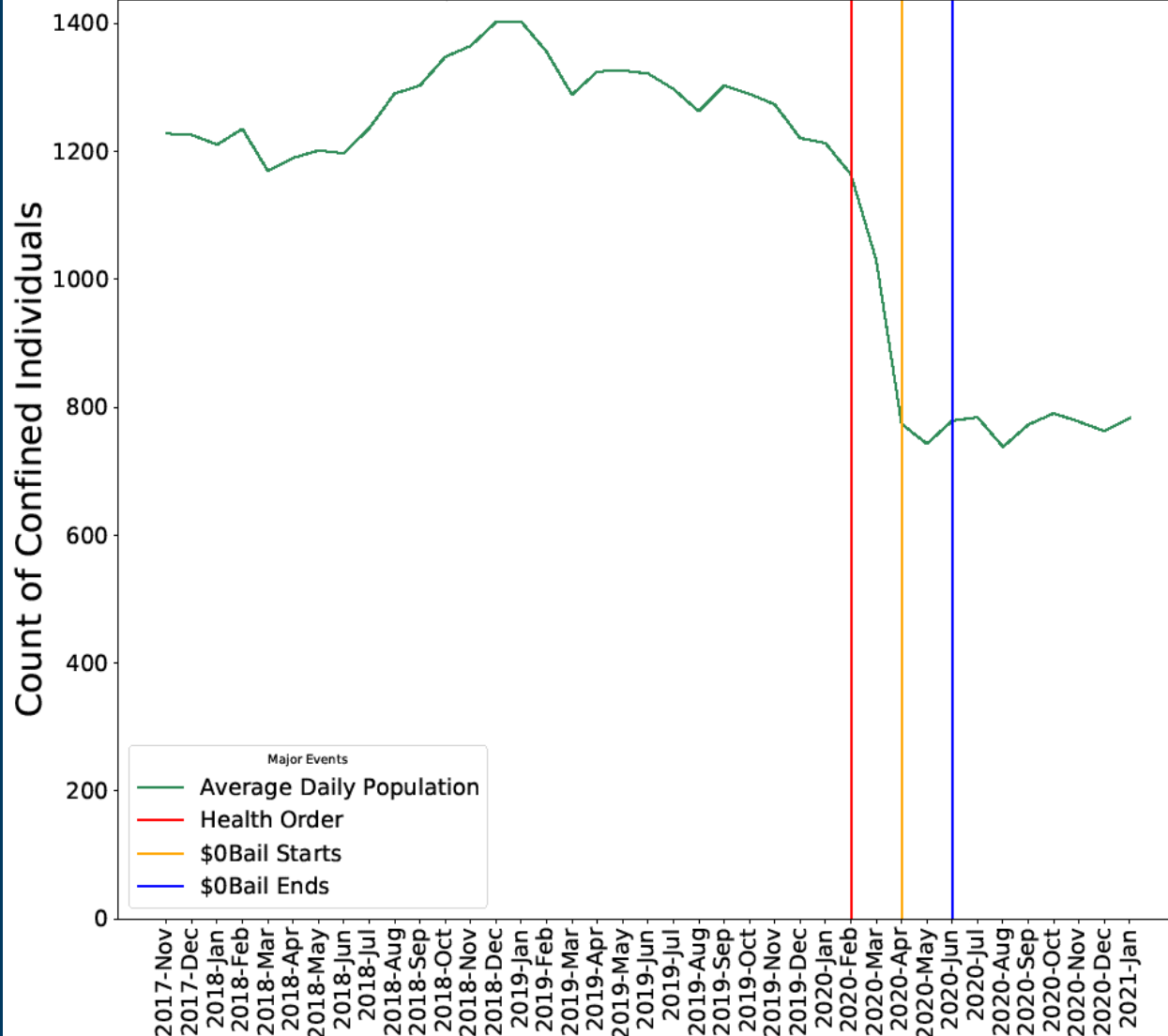


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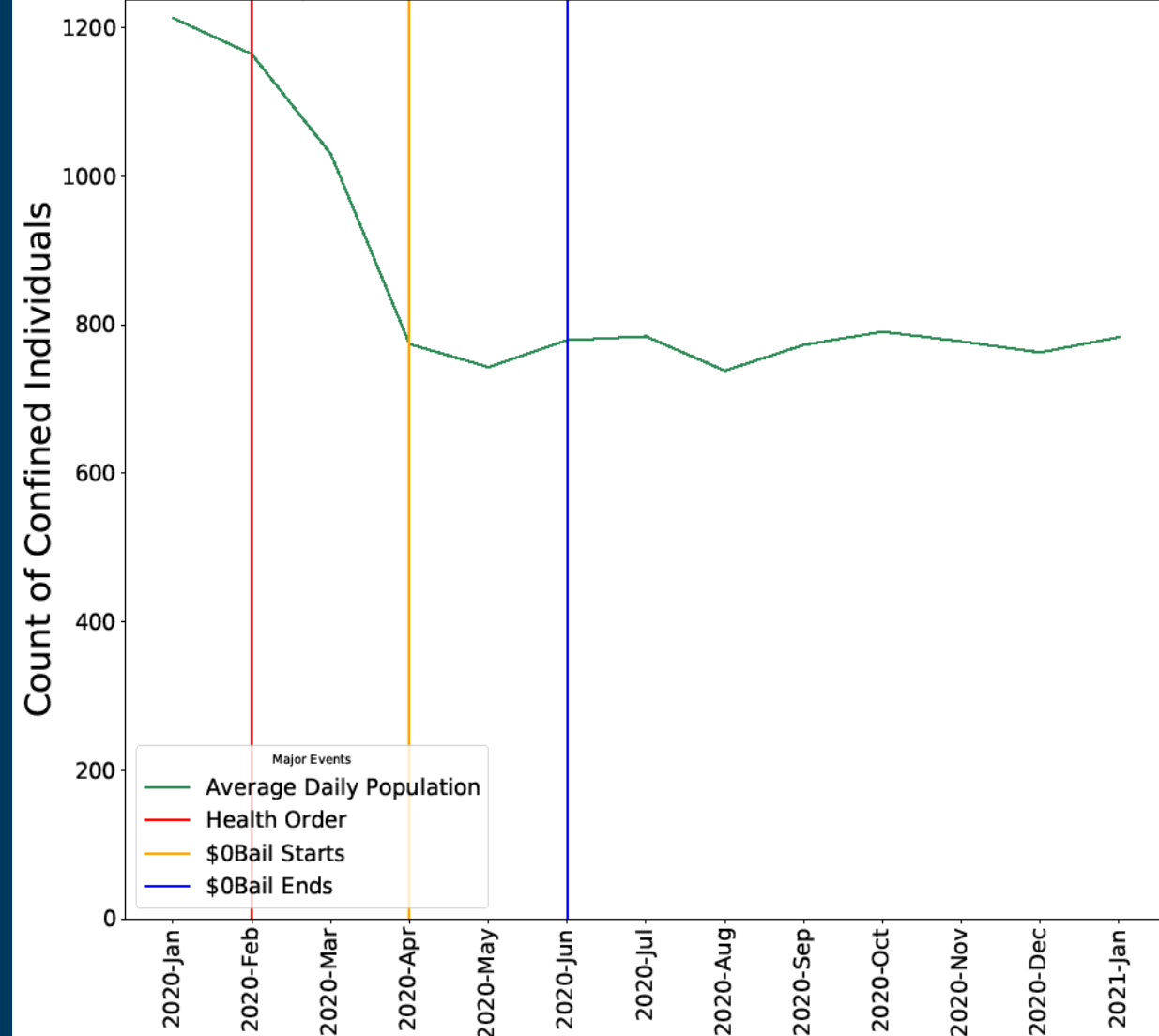


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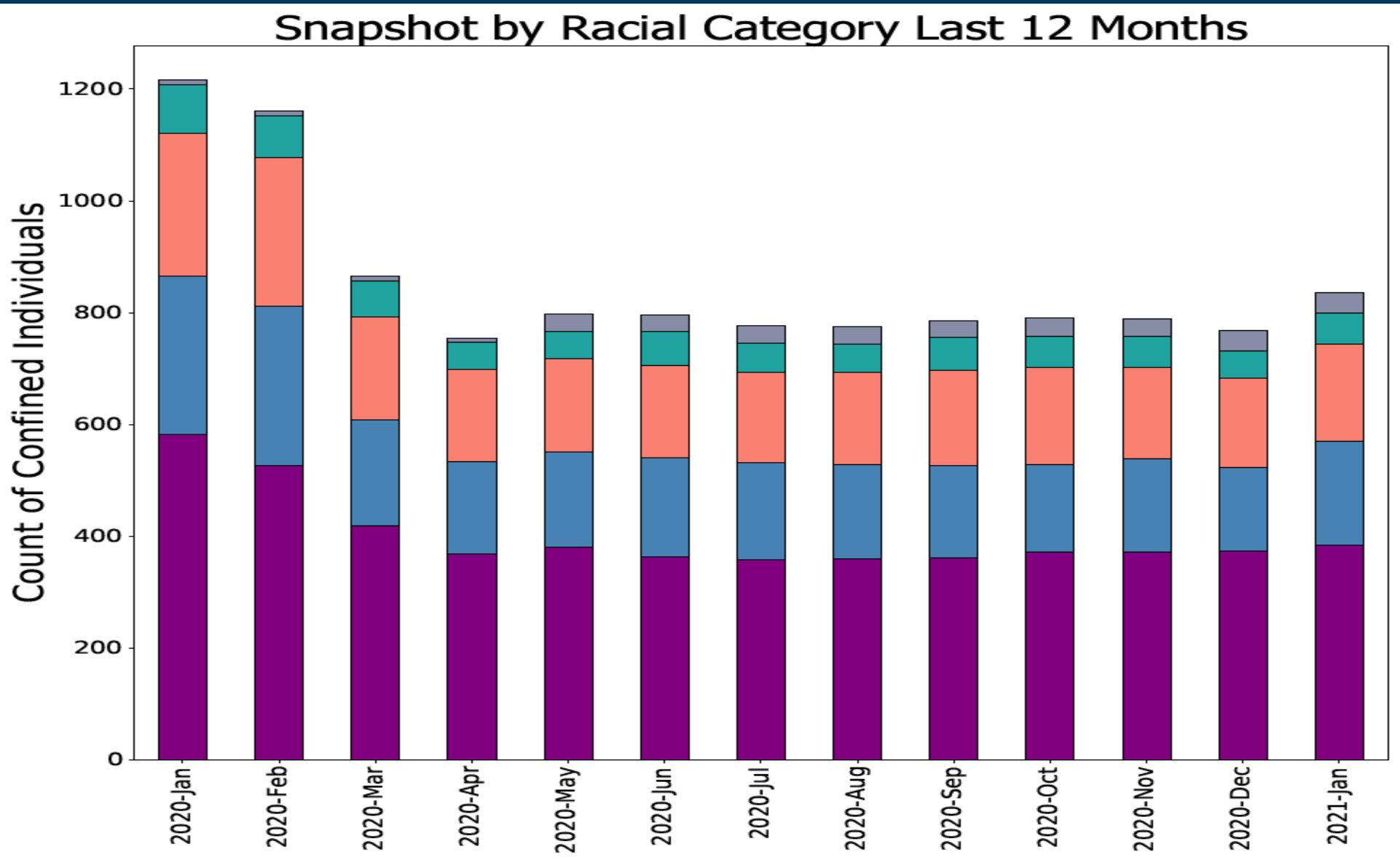
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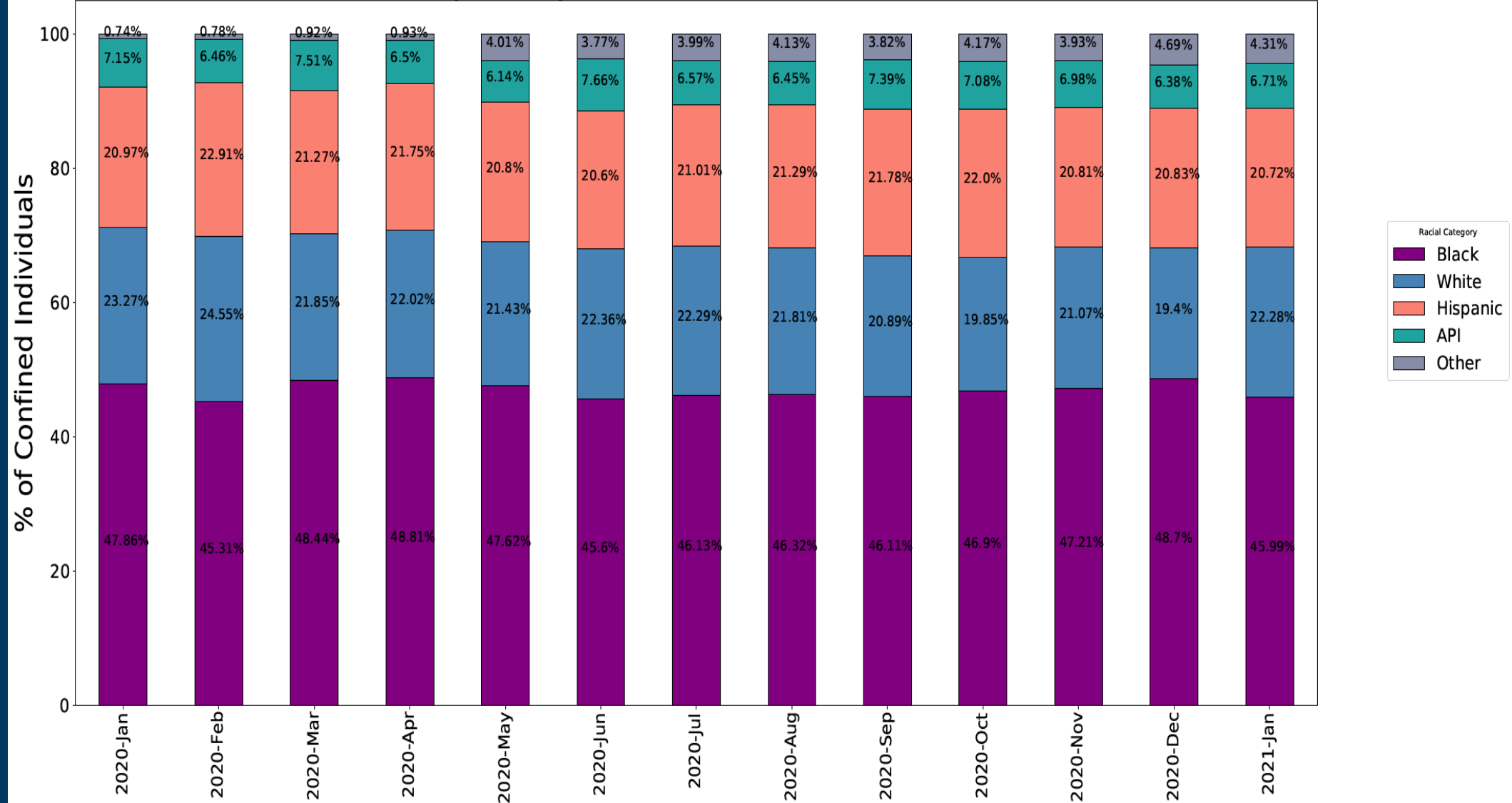


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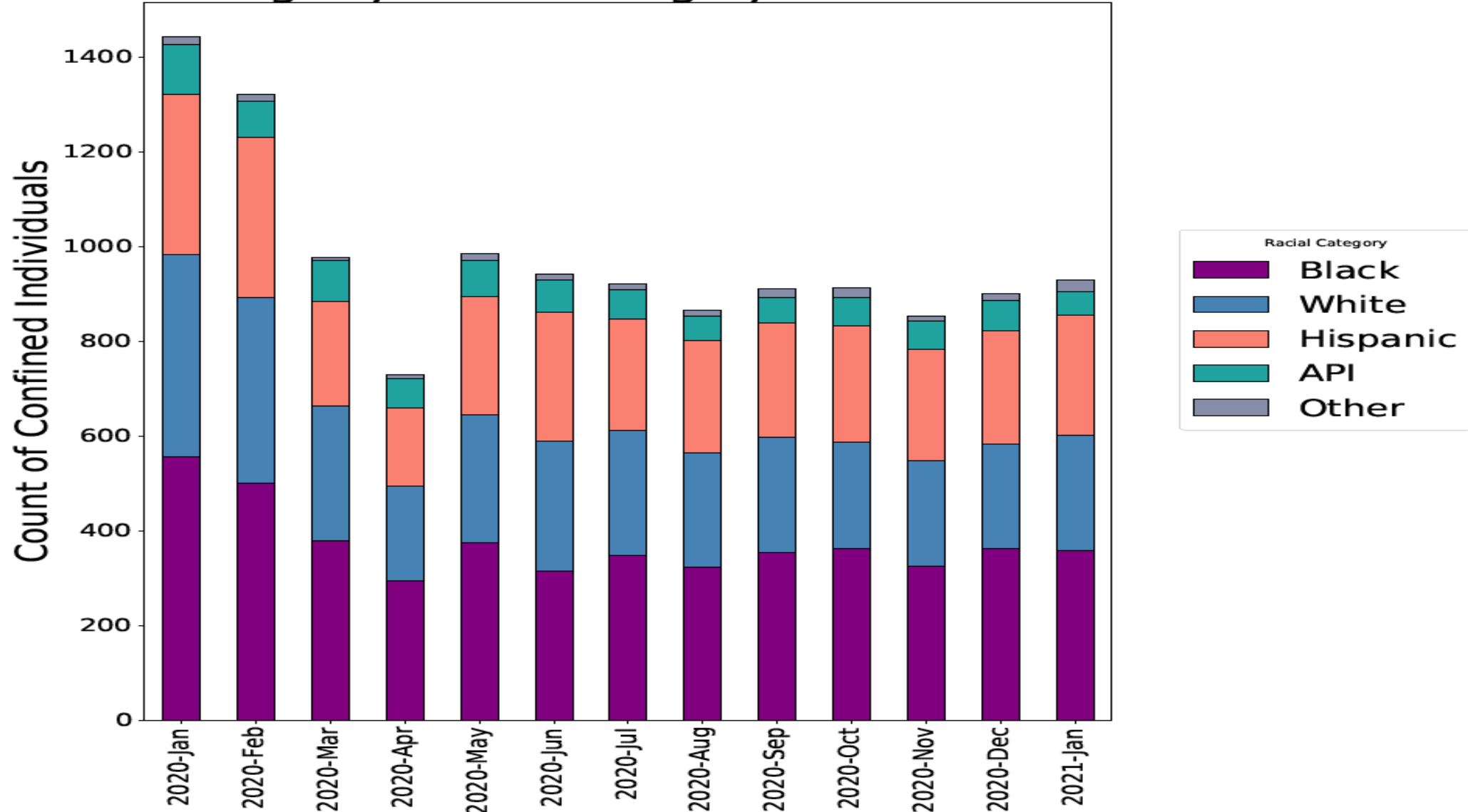
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Snapshot by Racial Percent Last 12 Months

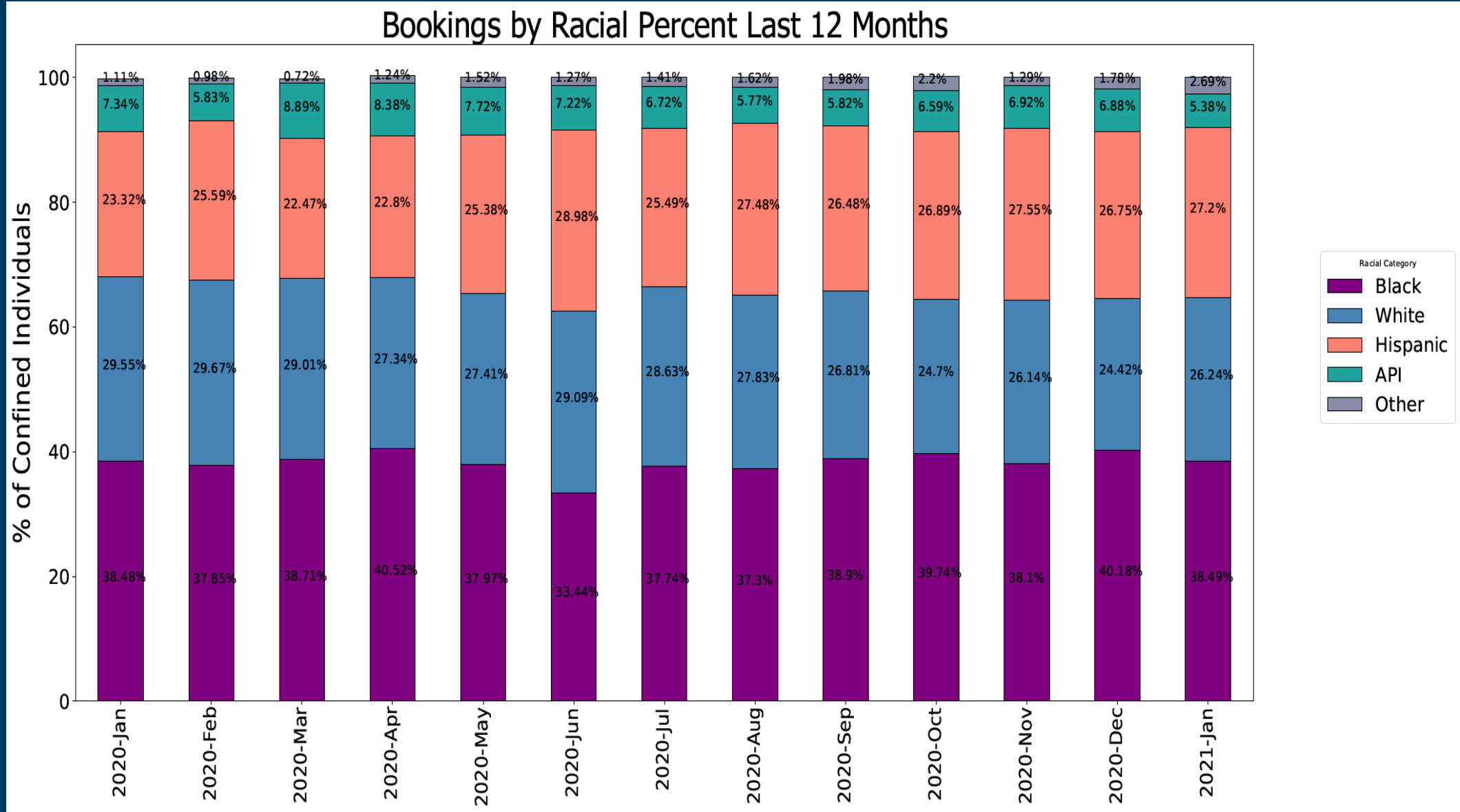


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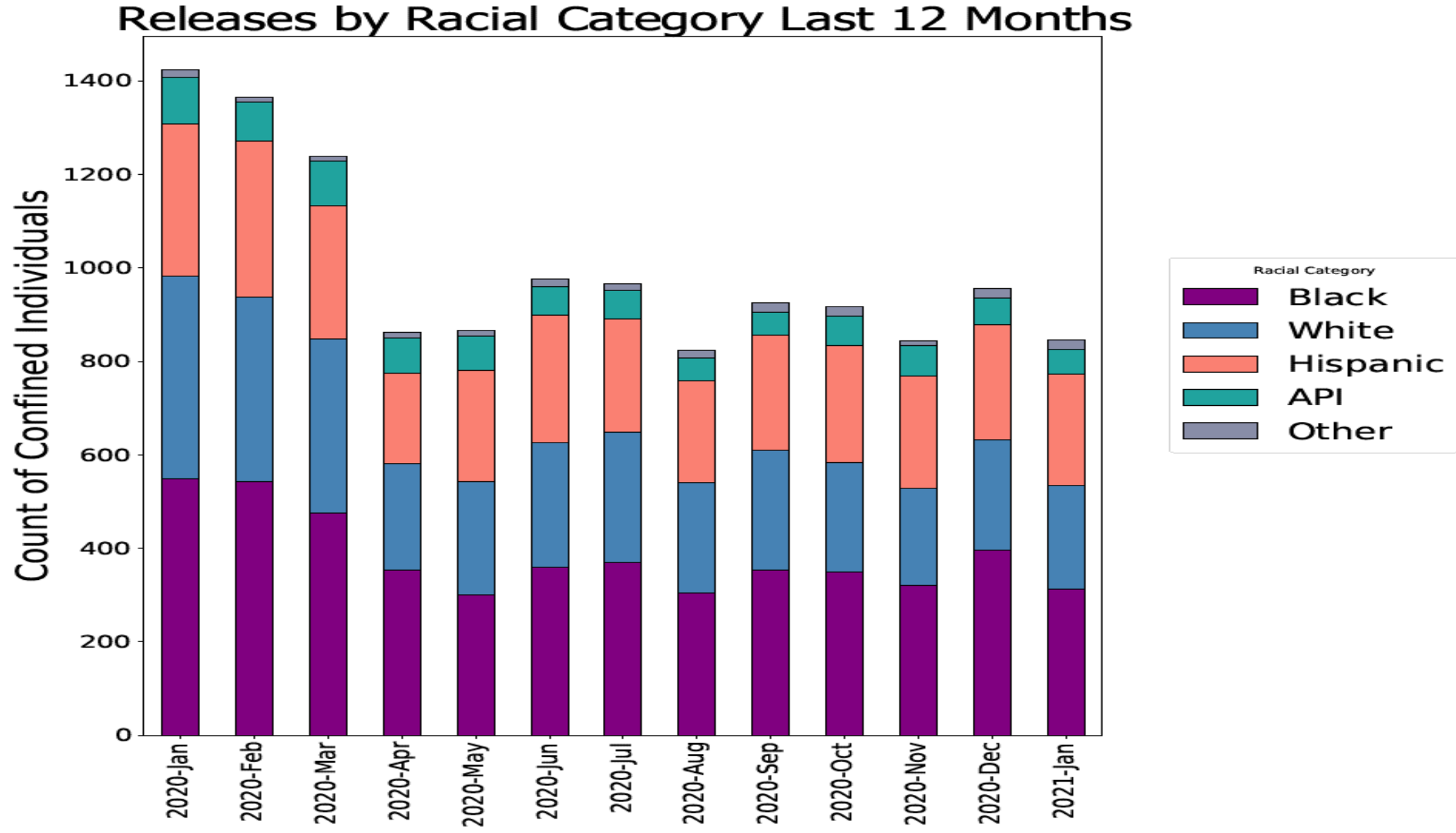
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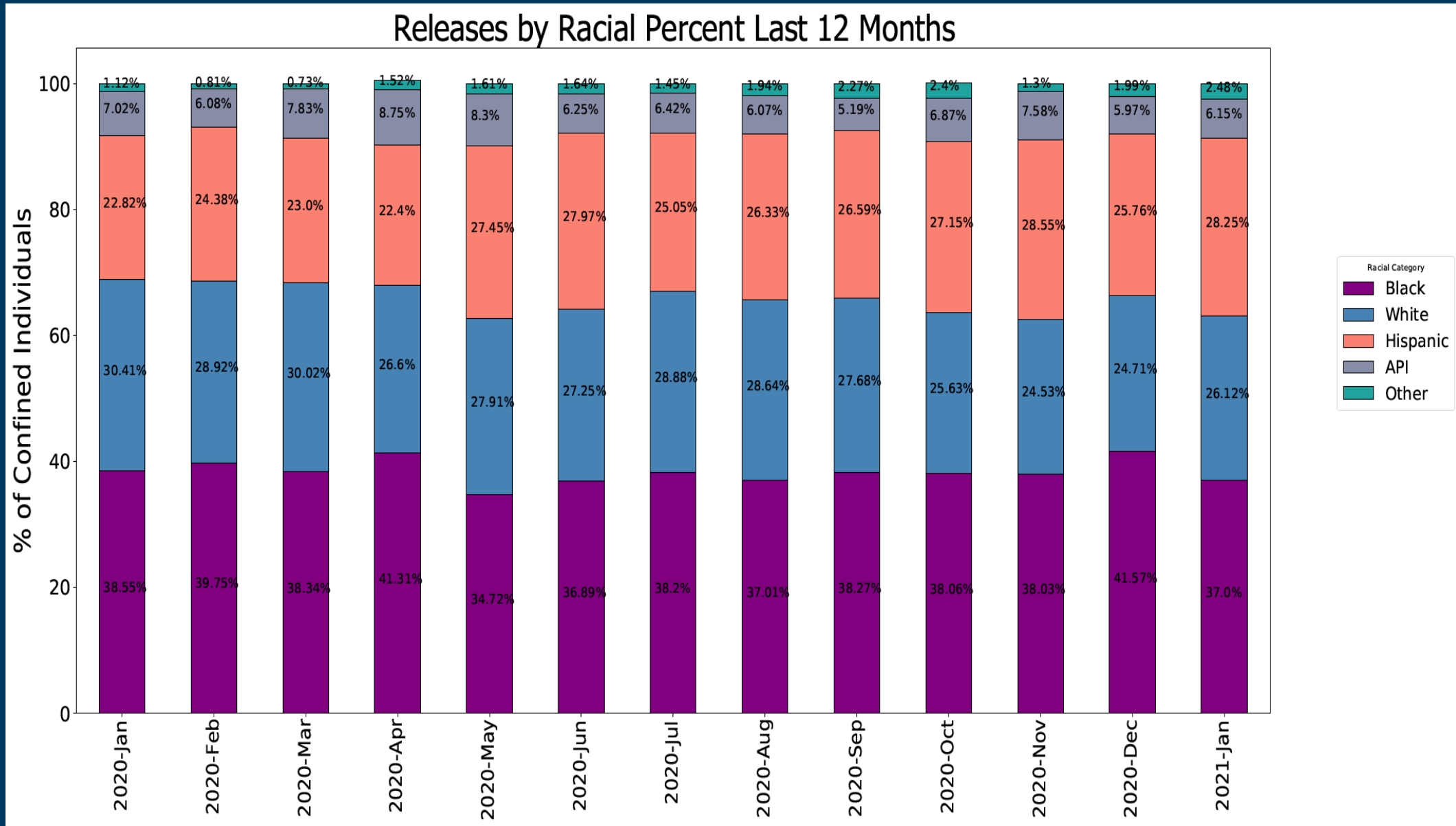
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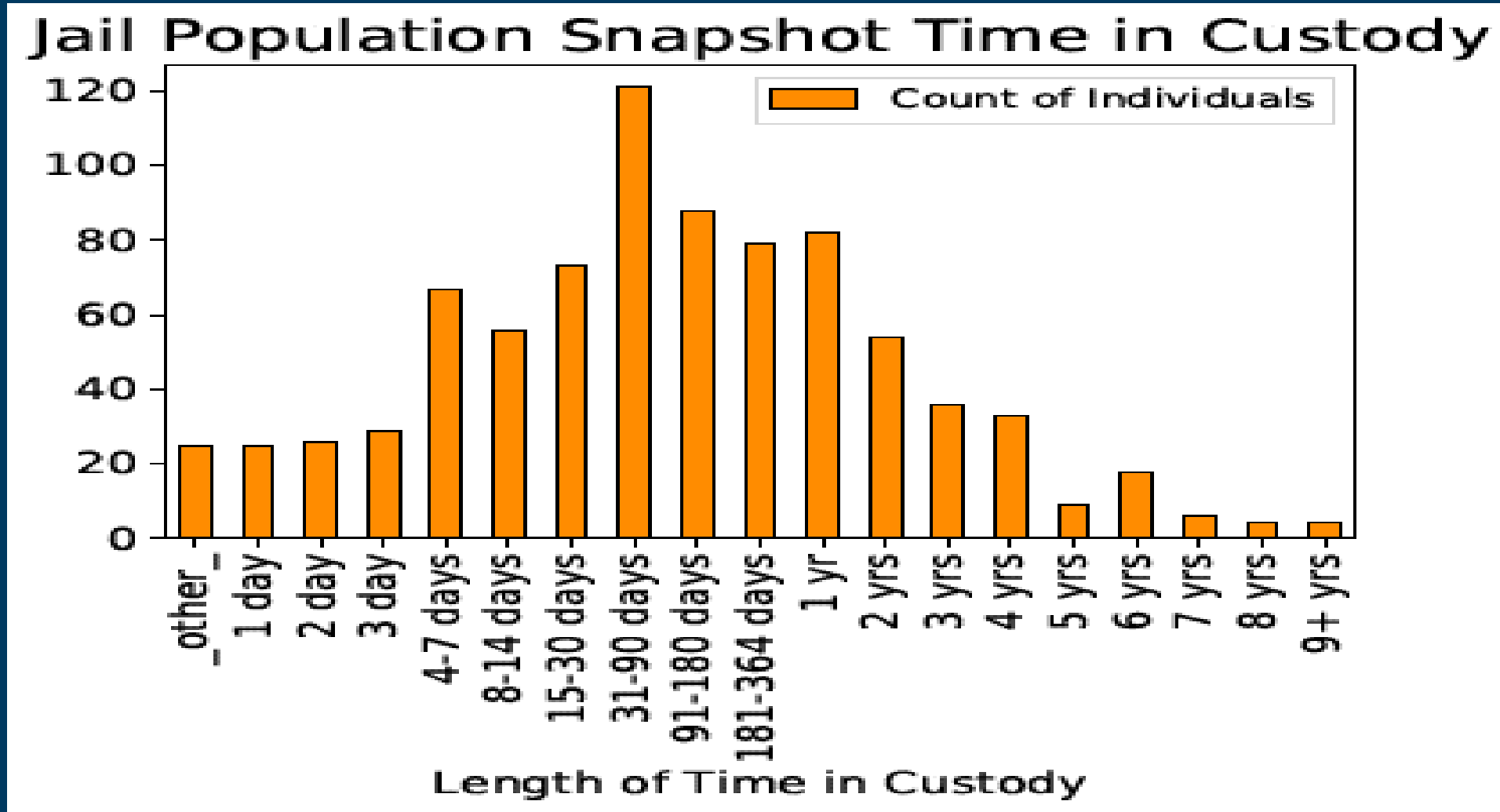
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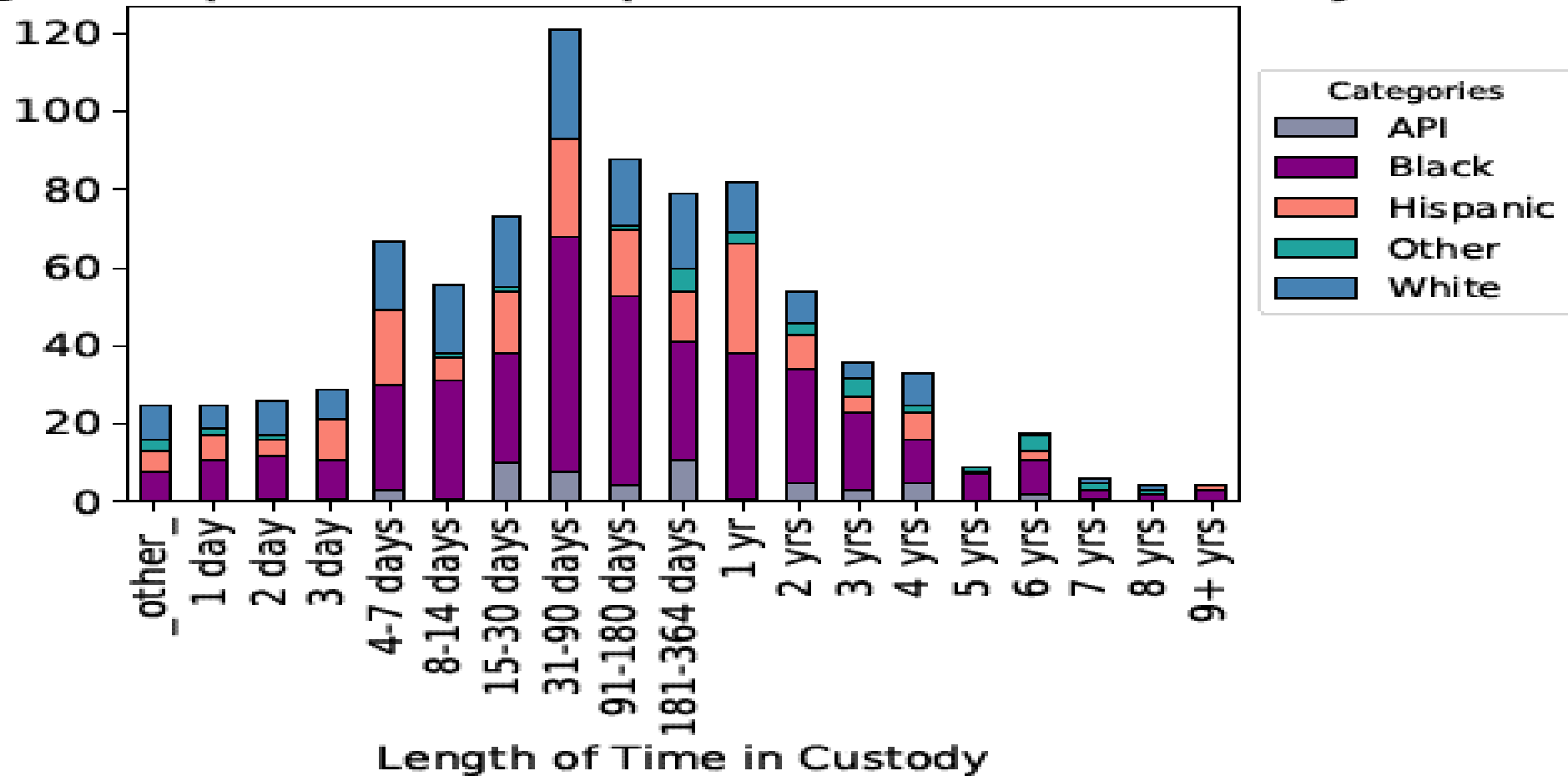
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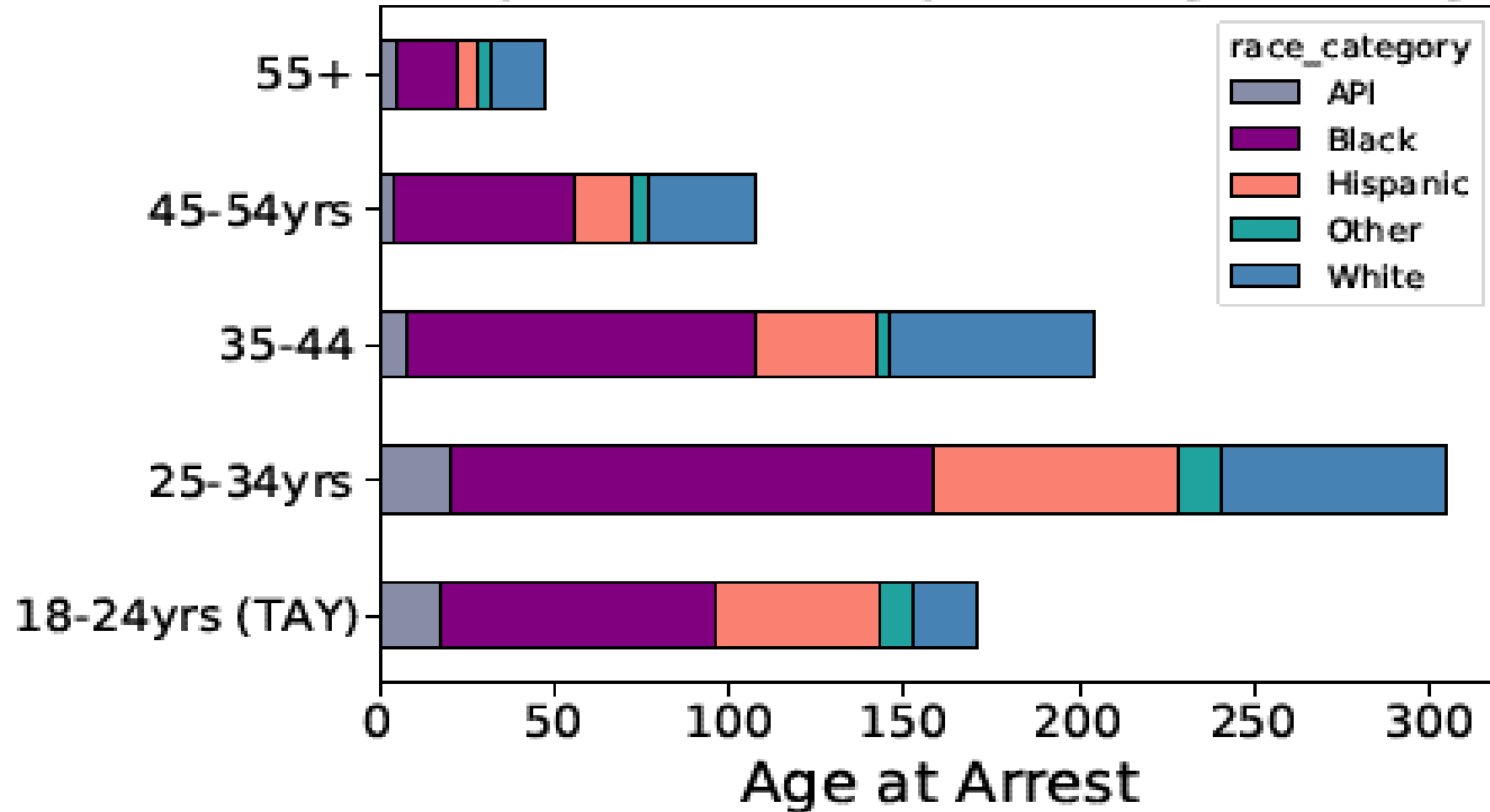
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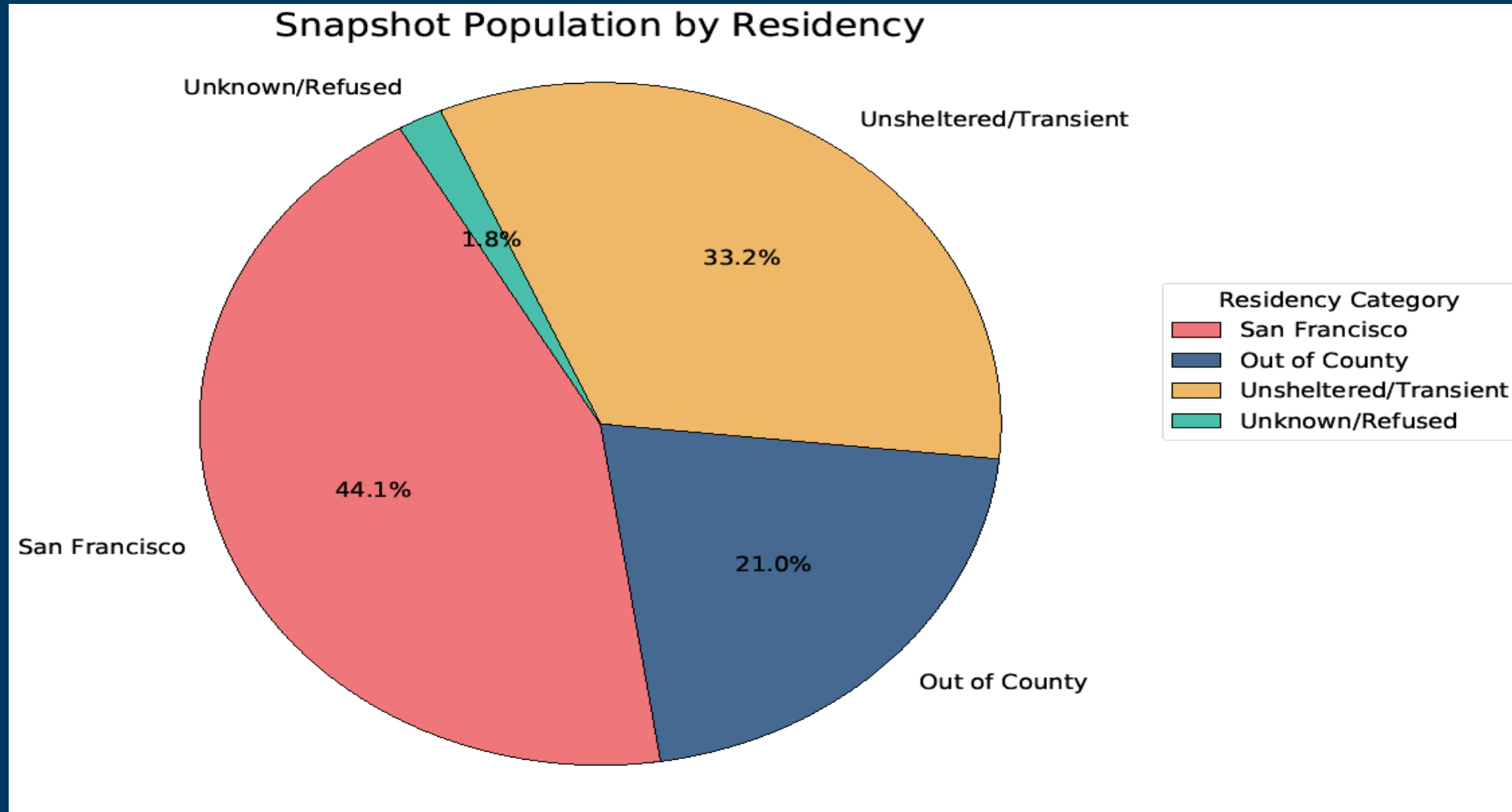
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Jail Population Snapshot Age Category

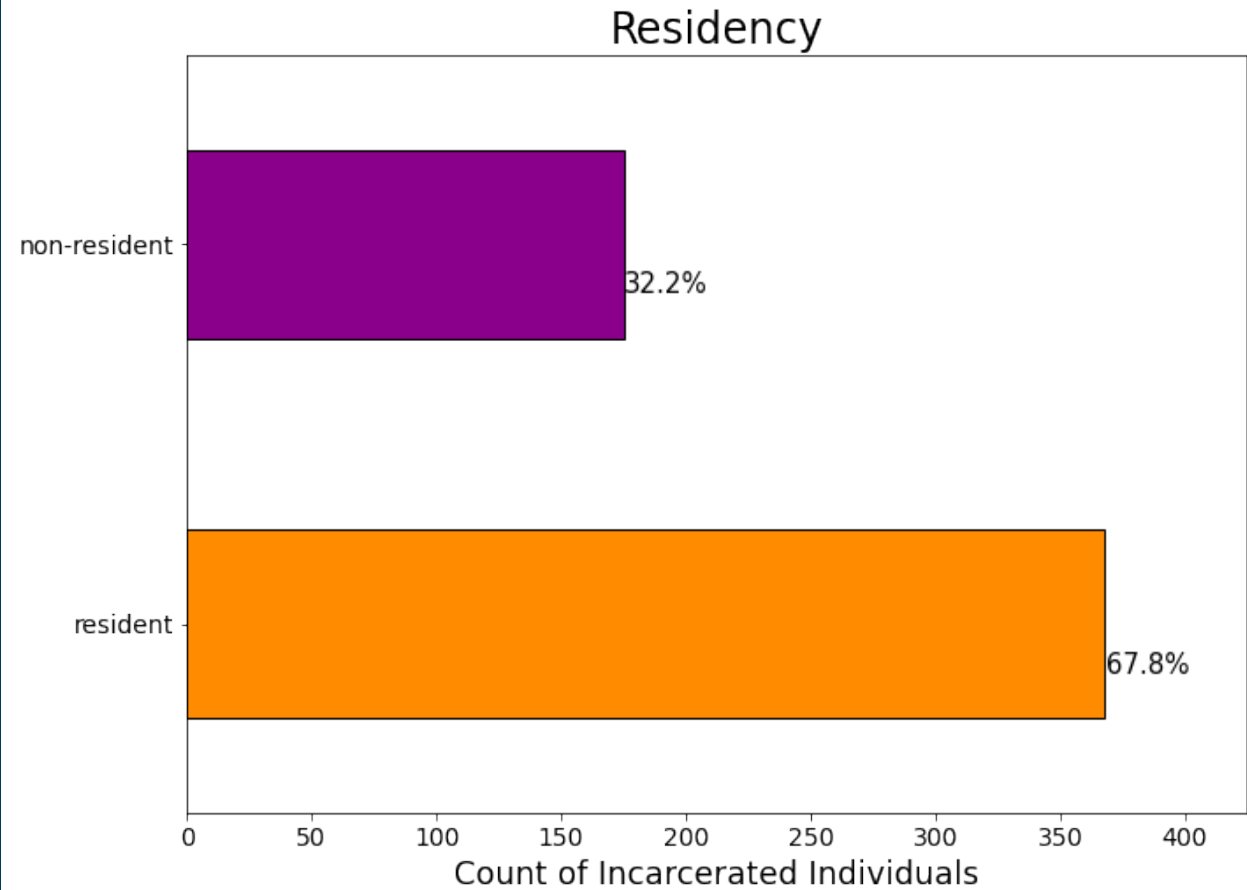
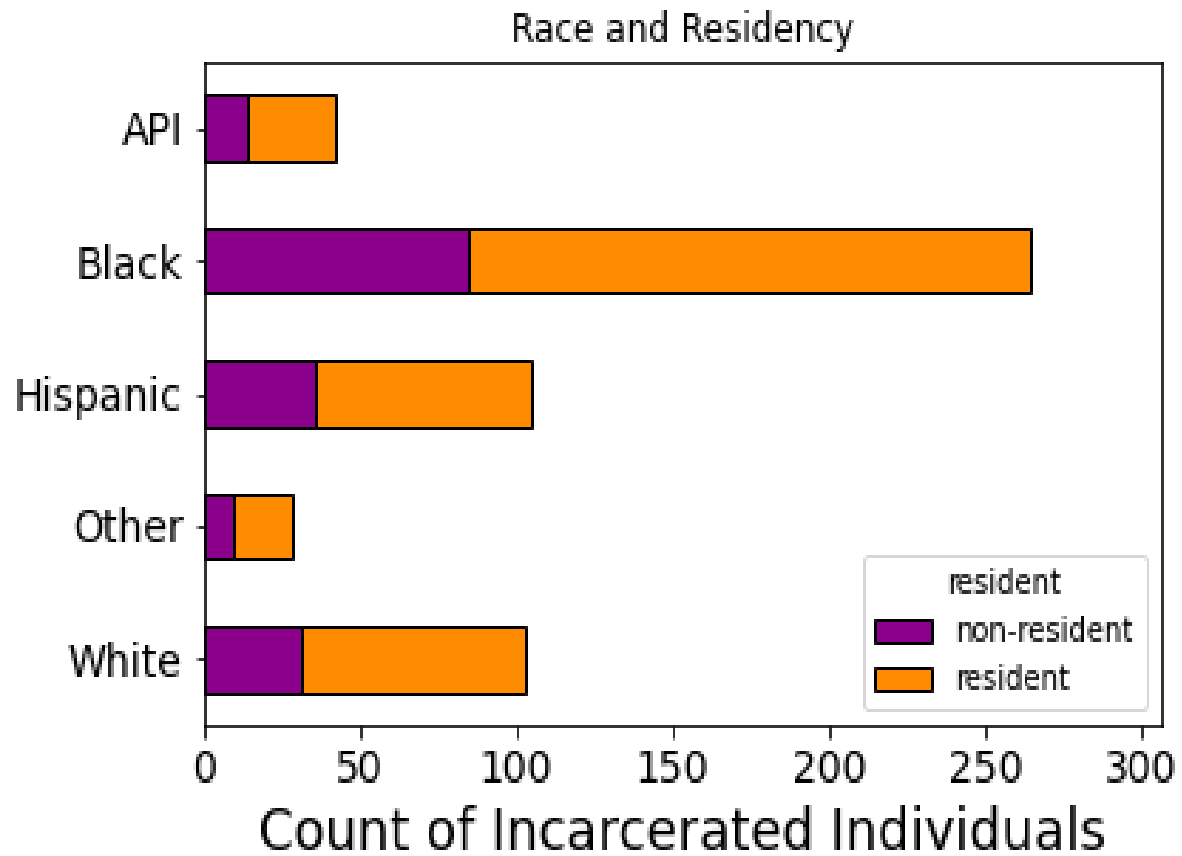


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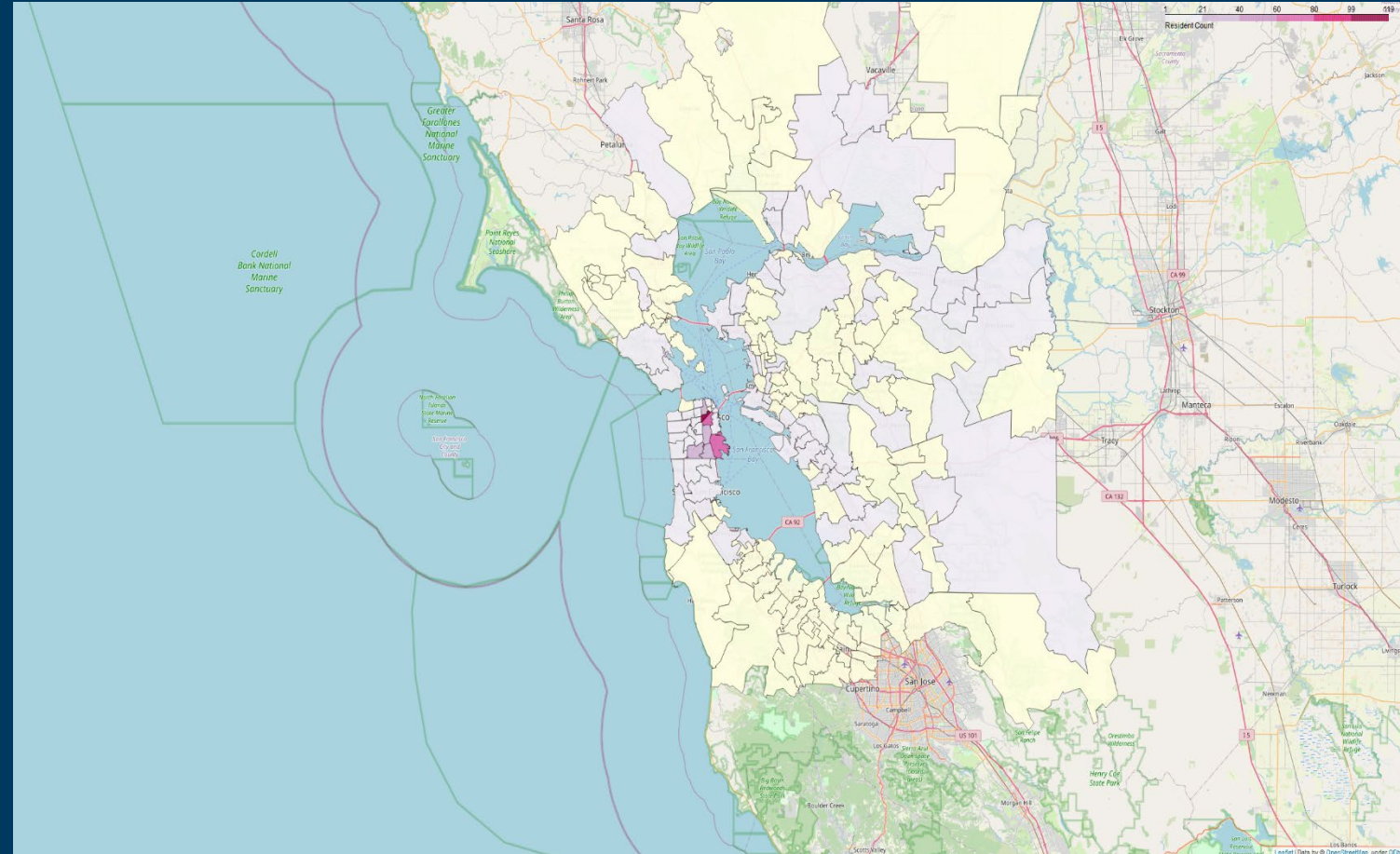
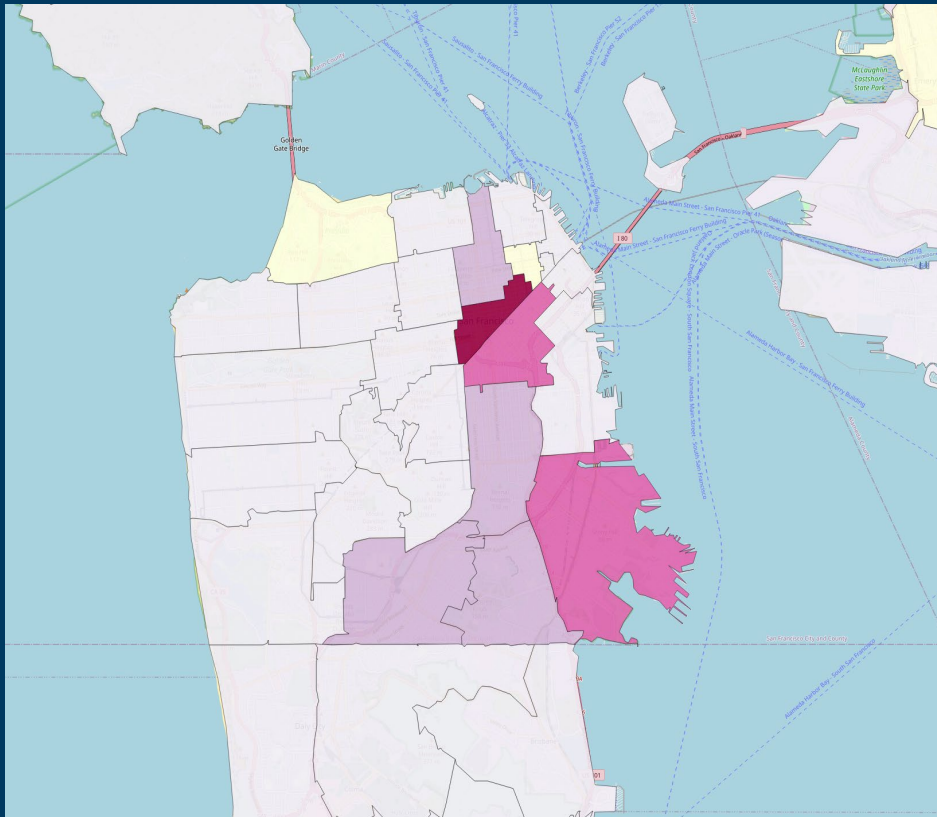
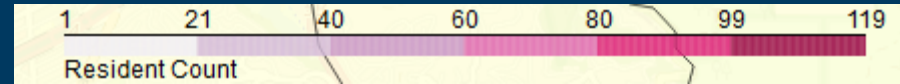
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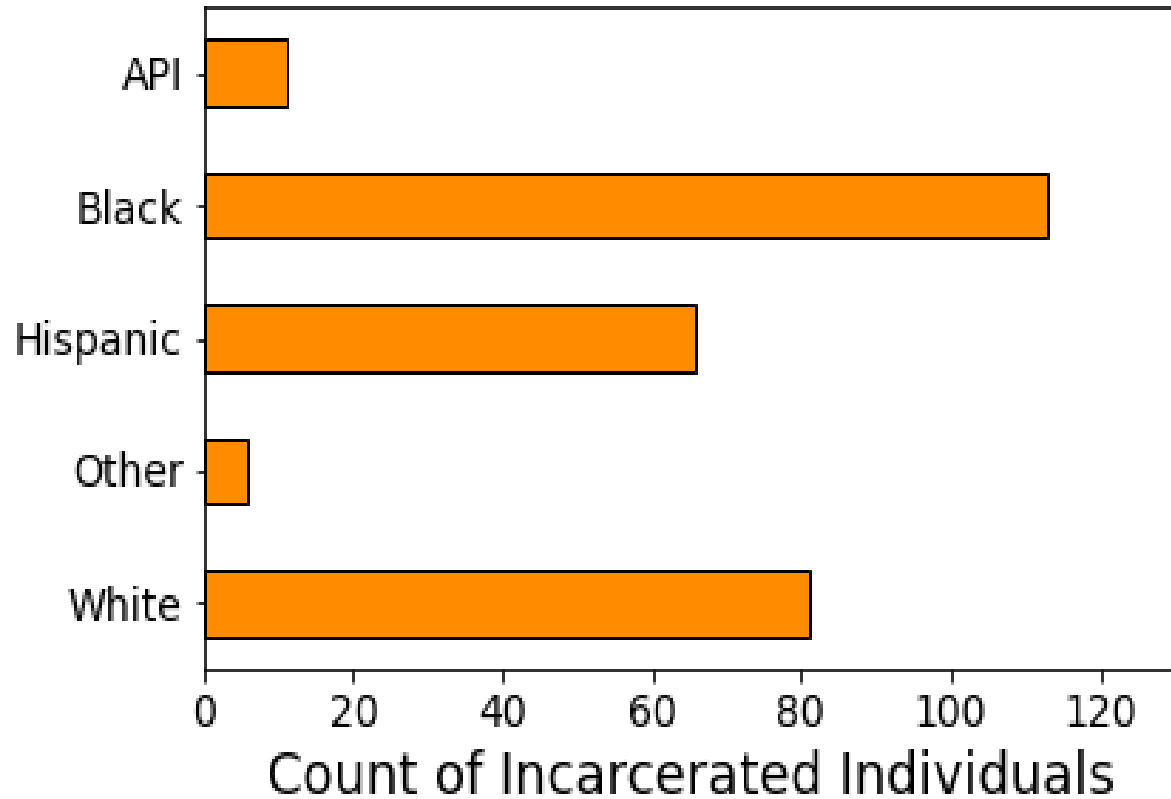
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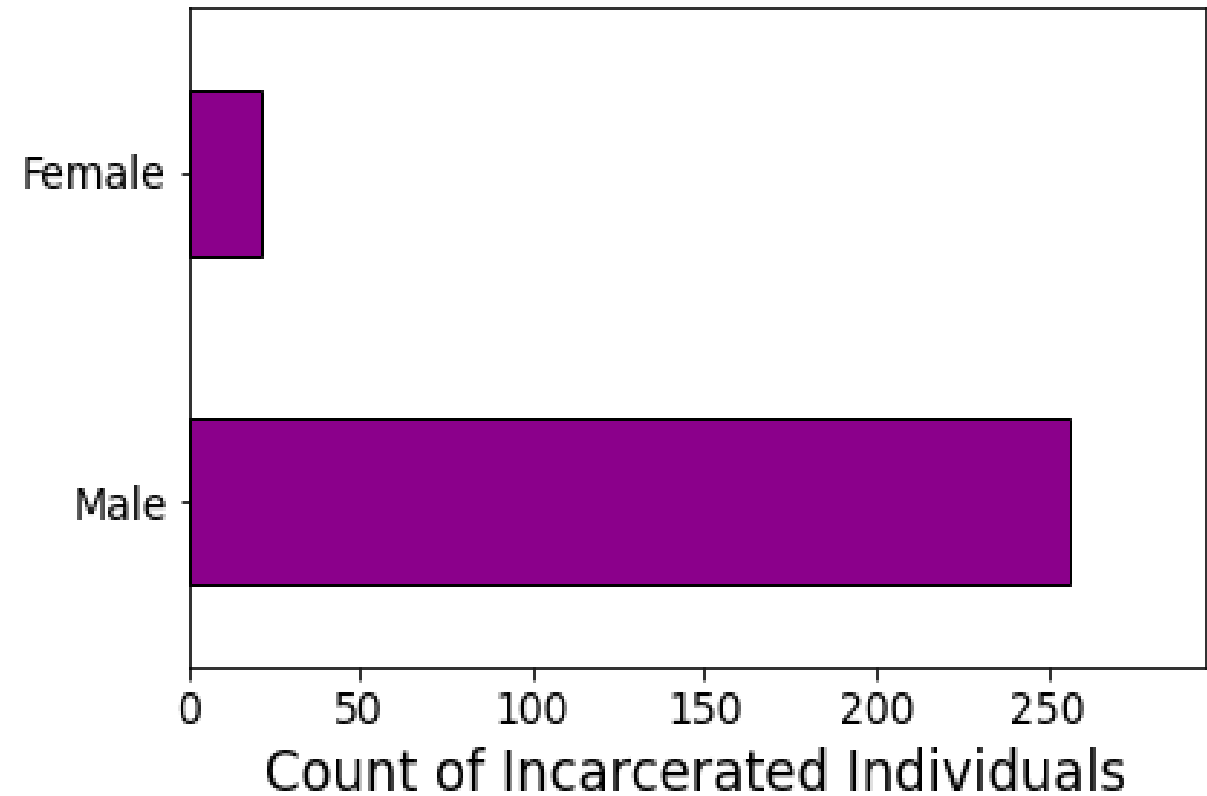
Incarcerated individuals address by zip codes. Individuals who refused or were unable to provide zip codes are not represented. Homeless and transient that did provide a zip code are represented.

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Race for Unsheltered or Transient



Gender for Unsheltered or Transient



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***New Funding Will Help Support Initiatives Aimed at Reducing San Francisco's Jail
Population and Advancing Racial Equity***

San Francisco— San Francisco is the recipient of a \$2 million grant by the John D. and Catherine T. MacArthur Foundation to continue building on efforts in collaboration with local leaders and the community to rethink the local criminal justice system, safely reduce San Francisco's jail population, and eliminate racial inequities. The grant brings the Foundation's total investment in San Francisco to \$4 million to date, and is part of the [Safety and Justice Challenge](#), a \$246 million national initiative to reduce over-incarceration and advance racial equity in local criminal justice systems by changing the way America thinks about and uses jails. The Safety and Justice Challenge is supporting local leaders, individuals directly and most impacted by the justice system, and the broader community in San Francisco and across the country who are determined to address one of the greatest drivers of over-incarceration in America – the misuse and overuse of jails. San Francisco was first selected to join the Safety and Justice Challenge Network in 2016 and has since used the resources and funding provided by the initiative to implement evidence-based solutions. These solutions include early bail review; pre-arrest diversion; data-driven decision making; and improving connections to community based supports, such as behavioral health support. As a result, the jail population in San Francisco has declined significantly—reaching a reduction of nearly 40% in 2020.

Today, San Francisco was one of 15 jurisdictions selected for additional funding based on the promise and progress of work to date. This new round of funding will provide the San Francisco District Attorney's Office and partners with continued support and expert technical assistance to strengthen and expand strategies that address the main drivers, and resulting racial inequities, of local jail incarceration.

"We are proud of the progress we have made together in safely reducing San Francisco's jail population—particularly since the start of the pandemic almost a year ago," said San Francisco District Attorney Boudin. "Our continued partnership with the MacArthur Foundation will advance our office's goal of eliminating unnecessary incarceration, which is especially harmful during the pandemic. Over-incarceration creates the danger of an outbreak in the jails and our broader communities—risking an epidemic within the pandemic."

Building on San Francisco's progress to date is especially critical as the ongoing COVID-19 pandemic and racial injustices against Black, Indigenous, Latinx, and other people of color reinforce the need to transform how the system operates. The San Francisco District Attorney's Office and justice partners continue to develop strategies targeted at reducing racial disparities and inequities, including through developing community based connections.

San Francisco's Safety and Justice Challenge initiative is a partnership between the Superior Court, the Sheriff's Office, Public Health Department, Adult Probation Department, Public Defender's Office, the District Attorney's Office, community representatives designated by the San Francisco Reentry Council and the Family Violence Council, and community stakeholders such as the San Francisco Pretrial Diversion Project. The partnership operates with oversight from the San Francisco Sentencing Commission which is convened by the District Attorney's Office.

"The MacArthur grant has helped us map out the most efficient road to safely reduce the jail population while addressing racial disparities that have plagued our justice system," said San Francisco Sheriff Paul Miyamoto. "The grant supports the Sheriff's Office in analyzing jail trends and data on several fronts and helps to better inform effective policy. We are grateful to the MacArthur Foundation for supporting our efforts and understanding the challenges we face as we work toward justice reform and equity for all."

"This partnership has been critical to safely reducing the jail population," said Dr. Lisa Pratt, the Medical Director of the San Francisco Jail Health Services. "Having systems in place to review complex cases and to create detailed reentry plans has resulted in appropriate alternatives to incarceration. This in turn has greatly reduced the risk of Covid's spread to jail staff and to incarcerated people who are required to remain in jail."

More than five years after its public launch, the Safety and Justice Challenge has grown into a collaborative of 51 jurisdictions in 32 states modeling and inspiring reforms to create more fair, just, and equitable local justice systems across the country.

“We must confront the devastating impacts of mass incarceration by a system that over-polices and over-incarcerates Black, Indigenous, and Latinx people,” said Laurie Garduque, MacArthur’s Director of Criminal Justice. “Over the past five years, the Safety and Justice Challenge has safely reduced the ineffective and harmful use of jails, while learning that jail population reduction alone does not undo the racial inequities perpetuated by an unjust system and our nation’s history of systemic racism. We are committed to supporting cities and counties as they reimagine a definition of safety that is inclusive of all communities and makes meaningful progress towards our goal of ending racial and ethnic disparities in jails.”

Several of the nation's leading criminal justice organizations will continue to provide technical assistance and counsel to the District Attorney’s Office, San Francisco partners, and the other jurisdictions involved in the Safety and Justice Challenge. These include the Center for Court Innovation, Everyday Democracy, Nexus Community Partners, the Institute for State and Local Governance at the City University of New York, JFA Institute, the Justice Management Institute, Justice System Partners, the Pretrial Justice Institute, Policy Research, Inc., the Vera Institute of Justice, the W. Haywood Burns Institute, Urban Institute, and Bennett Midland.

More information about the work underway in San Francisco can be found on www.SafetyandJusticeChallenge.org.

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GOALS & ACTIVITIES FOR 2021

SF SJC 2021 Overarching Goals:

- 1) Reduce racial disparities in the jail
- 2) Maintain overall jail population reductions or make further reductions if needed amidst the ongoing pandemic
- 3) Develop mechanisms to sustain efforts and changes

Area	Goal(s)	Jan-March	April-June	July-Sept	Oct-Dec
Lead with Race	Center all strategies around racial disparities reduction. Engage community members with lived experience in to inform strategies and activities. Develop new programs/activities focused on disparities reduction.	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Launch inaugural SJC Fellowship Refine activities and metrics to ensure racial disparities reduction focus across strategies Plan community engagement activities with SJC Fellows focused on expanding diversion options Criminal Justice Racial Equity Work Group (CJREWG) and SJC Fellows develop goals for Racial Justice Act training series Finalize and implement Office of Racial Equity Phase I Action Plans¹ 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> SJC Fellows begin participatory action research on expanding diversion options Hold Racial Justice Act training series in partnership with CJREWG, SJC Fellows, Bright Research Group Fellows develop recommendations to expand community engagement and diversion options Participate in Office of Racial Equity Phase II planning 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Launch second cohort of Fellows Implement new community engagement strategies Develop new training series with CJREWG and Fellows Present recommendations for increasing diversion options to Sentencing Commission 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Second Fellow-led participatory action research project Launch new racial disparities reduction training series Implement new diversion options/programming
Sustain Shared Focus	Sustain and enhance a vigorous jail population review (JPR) process. Use the lessons from case review to drive policy change.	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Hold bimonthly JPR meetings with focus on charges where black people are overrepresented Develop plan to track impact and share lessons learned from JPR Host more intensive case review as needed during COVID 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Continue JPR meetings, revisiting case criteria quarterly to ensure focus on racial equity Bring policy recommendations to SJC Workgroup quarterly Host more intensive case review as needed during COVID 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Continue JPR meetings, revisiting case criteria quarterly to ensure focus on racial equity Bring policy recommendations to SJC Workgroup quarterly Host more intensive case review as needed during COVID 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Continue JPR meetings, revisiting case criteria quarterly to ensure focus on racial equity Bring policy recommendations to SJC Workgroup quarterly Host more intensive case review as needed during COVID
Improve Case Processing	Improve case processing and address lengthy stays in jail. Work with the Superior Court, District Attorney and Defense to adopt systems and structures to reduce delay and coordinate criminal case priorities.	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Court signs contract with Justice Management Institute (JMI) Kick-off meeting with JMI and justice system partners Court develop dashboards for judges to monitor caseloads, track case management progress, and monitor metrics related to racial disparities 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> JMI host training on case processing and sentencing best practices JMI conducts site visit and partner interviews, shares interim report, provides TA to Court on dashboards Identify case processing metrics relevant to racial disparities Explore processes/practices related to different types of “holds” in jail 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Draft case management plan reviewed by workgroup and leadership Finalize case plan and associated tools for case coordination Finalize Court dashboards 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Implement case management plan and associated tools Implement and refine Court dashboards post-C-Track launch Track impact of any changes on racial disparities in jail and at key decision points

¹ See Office of Racial Equity website for more details: <https://www.racialequitysf.org/mandate>

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Increase & Maintain Healthy Connections	Increase connections to community-based support for people with behavioral health and/or housing needs in jail. Improve coordination across local criminal justice, public health, and housing systems.	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Corporation for Supportive Housing (CSH) launches racial disparities analysis and system mapping project with Reentry Council Homebase provide TA series to help partner agencies navigate the housing system SJC and Reentry Council host joint meeting with Prop C Committee to inform funding allocations DPH clinician works with people in jail who have BH needs, referring to JPR and community-based supports, with focus on individuals from overrepresented groups DA Sentencing Planner develops individualized plans for community-based care to support dispositions 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Continue work of DPH clinician and DA Sentencing Planner, with focus on overrepresented groups Training for Judges/DAs on serving people with BH needs CA Policy Lab completes system high utilizer descriptive analysis and presents to the SJC Workgroup CSH shares interim findings from analysis with SJC Workgroup Share lessons learned from Tipping Point pilot bridge housing project with SJC Workgroup 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Continue work of DPH clinician and DA Sentencing Planner, with focus on overrepresented groups CSH finalizes analysis, system map, and recommendations Develop recommendations based on CPL and CSH reports and share with Sentencing Commission, Reentry Council, Prop C Committee Monitor progress of new citywide crisis response efforts and participate as needed 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Continue work of DPH clinician and DA Sentencing Planner, with focus on overrepresented groups Determine if and how pilot bridge housing investments need to be sustained or expanded to best serve justice-involved people, and identify ongoing funding streams Develop new workflows and protocols to serve people who touch multiple systems, with focus on reducing racial disparities
Drive with Data	Build a more transparent, data-driven justice system in San Francisco. Develop tools and data-sharing agreements that enhance partners' ability to sustain jail reductions.	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Continue sharing monthly Jail population presentation with SJC Workgroup, refining based on input Data team meets monthly, develops indicators to track decision-points critical to reducing disparities Continue development of internal and external facing data dashboards Finalize a cross-agency agreement to guide data-sharing through the JUSTIS hub 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Data team meets monthly to at data trends and data sharing needs Present racial disparities indicators at SJC Workgroup; refine disparities reduction activities across strategies as needed Finalize key performance indicators for the criminal justice system developed by the JUSTIS partners; develop a plan to regularly share with City leadership and the public 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Data team meets monthly to at data trends and data sharing needs, with focus on racial disparities indicators Justice Dashboard transitions from CA Policy Lab to CCSF hosted platform 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Data team meets monthly to at data trends and data sharing needs, with focus on racial disparities indicators Refine disparities reduction activities across strategies as needed based on indicators