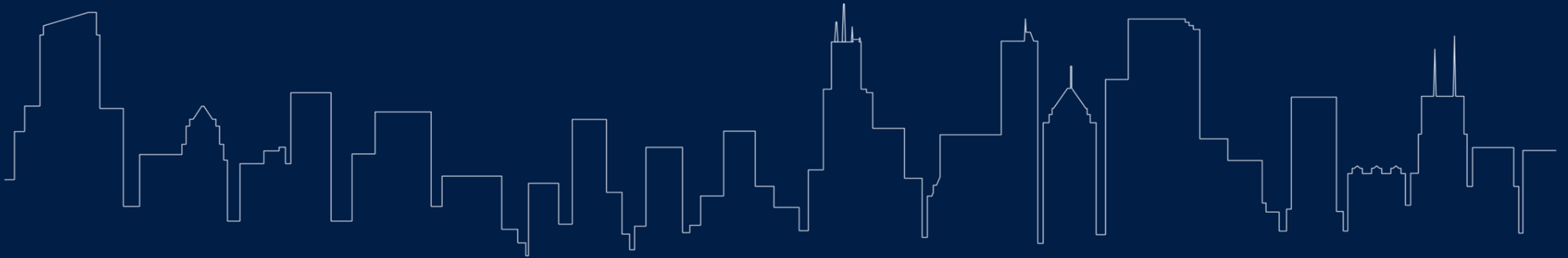


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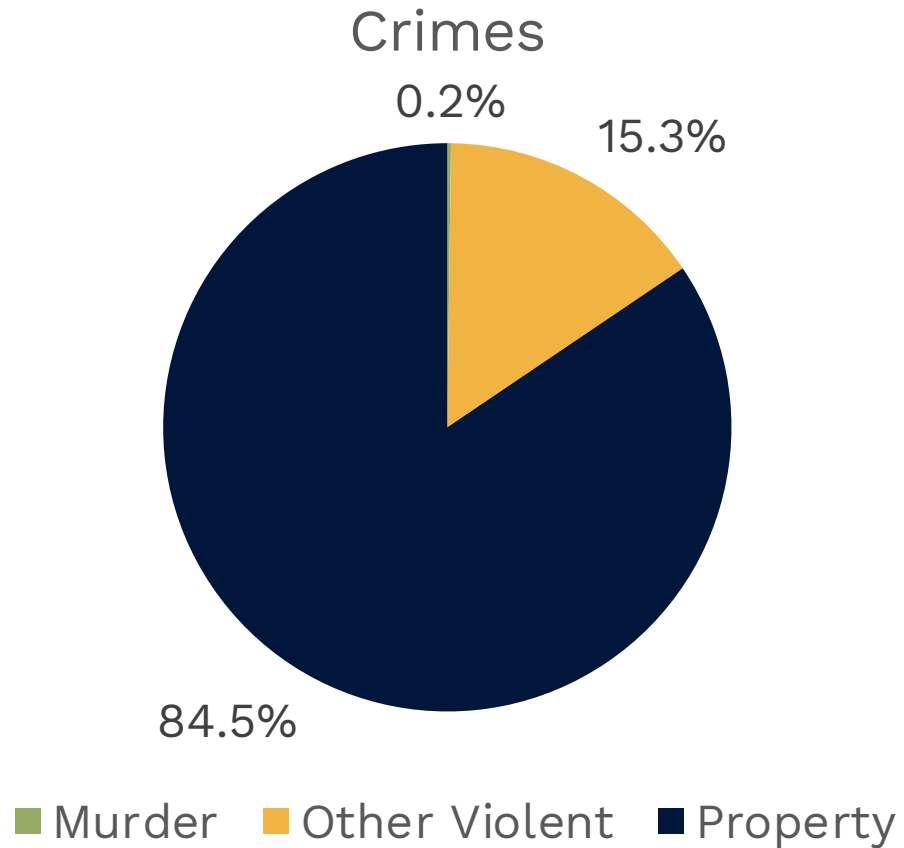


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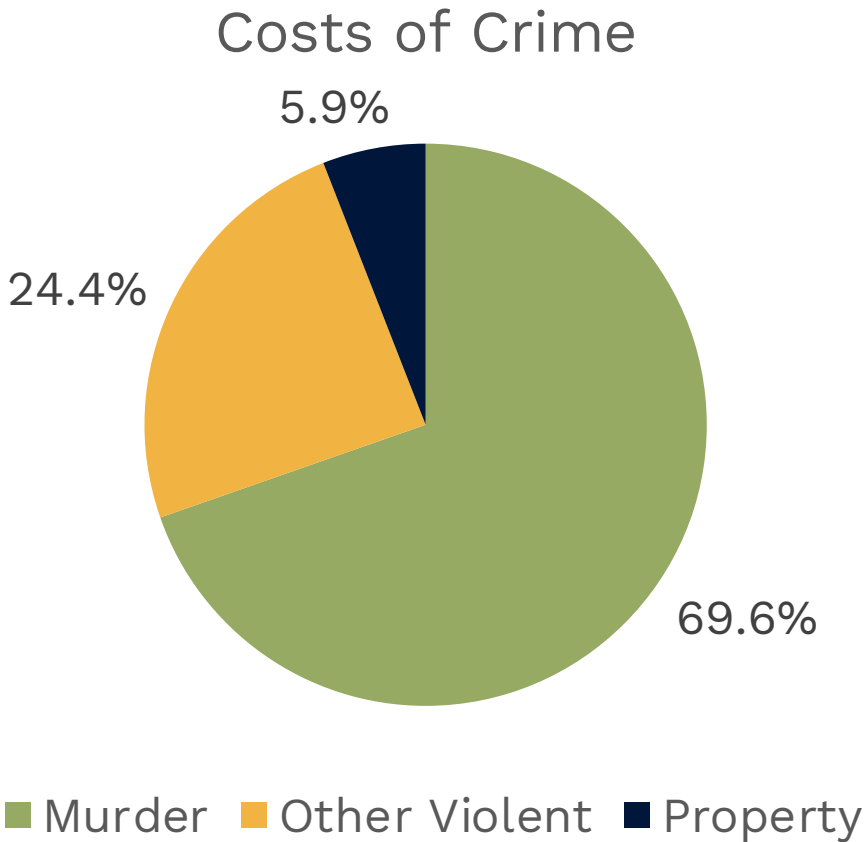
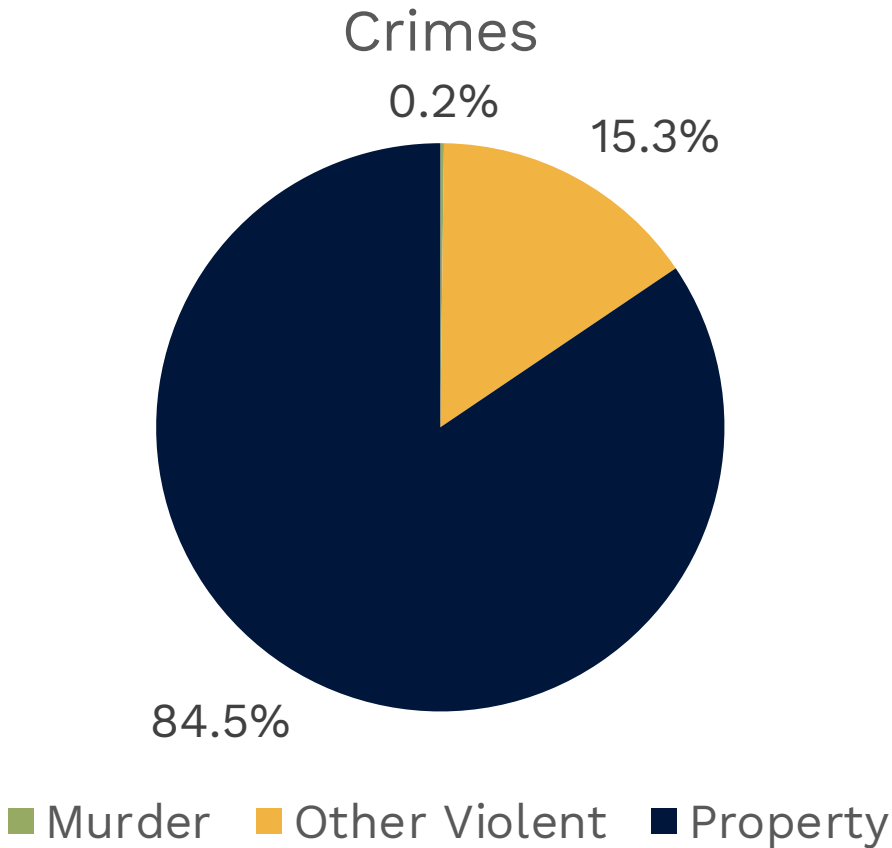
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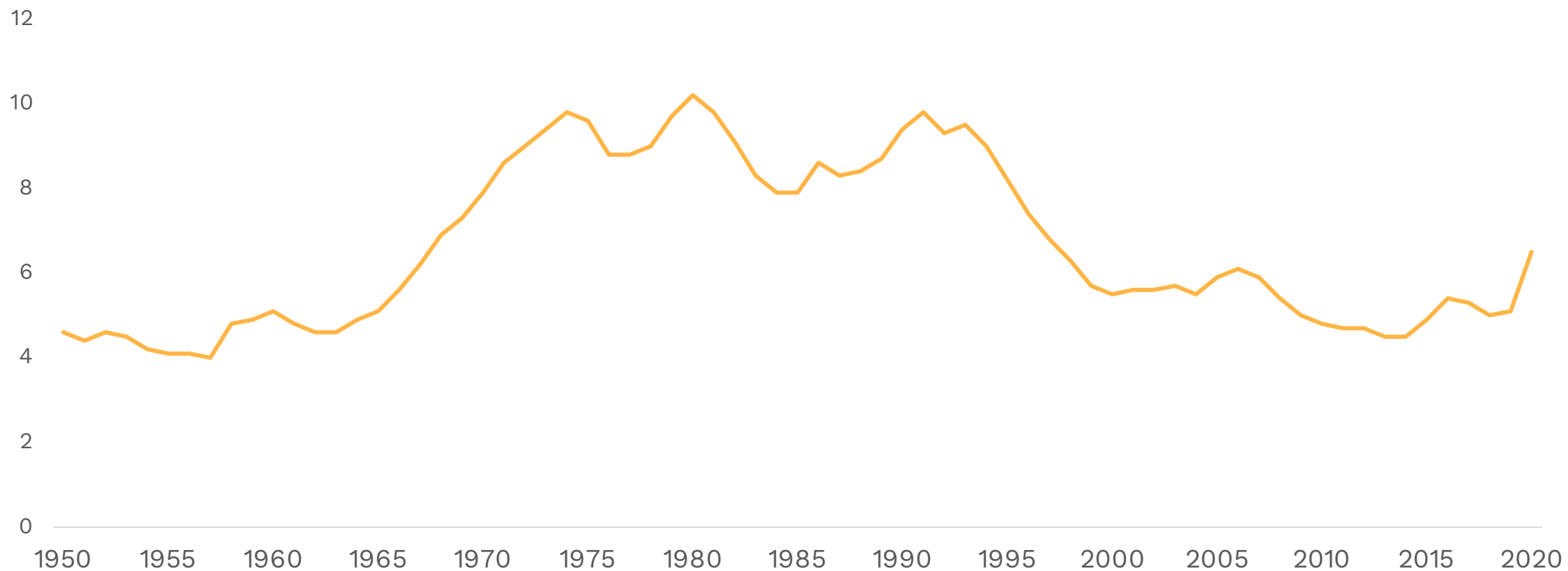


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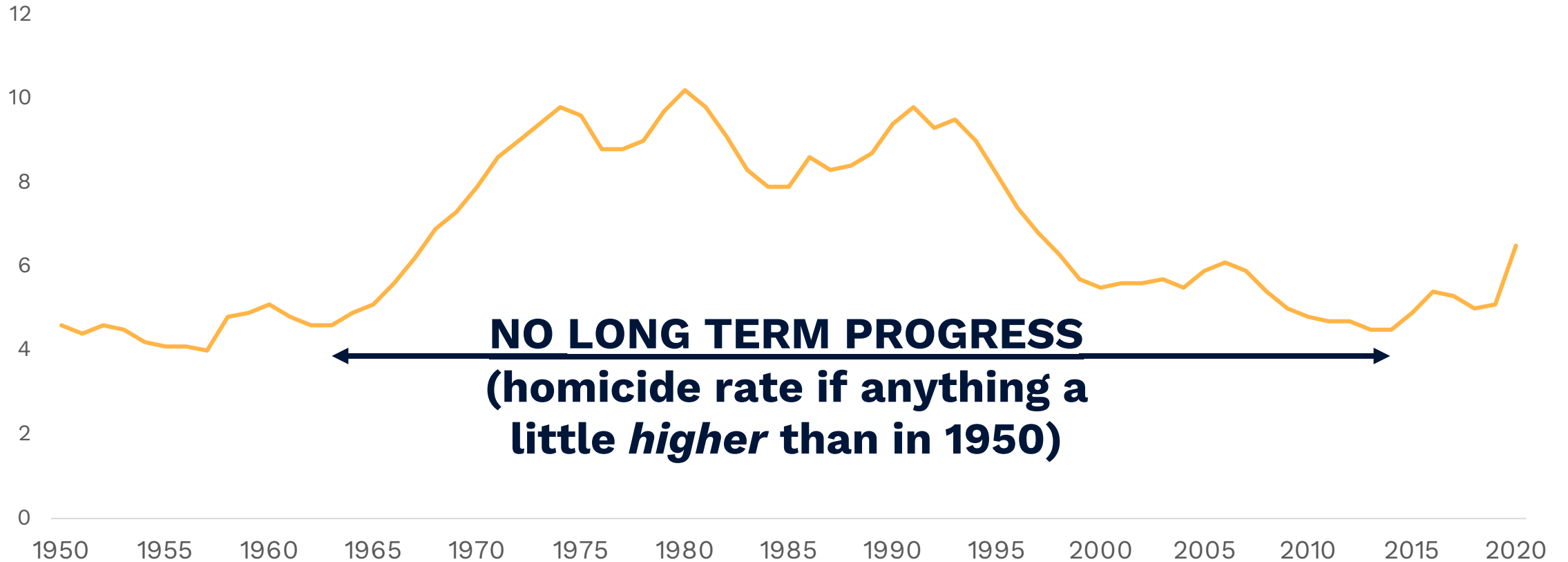
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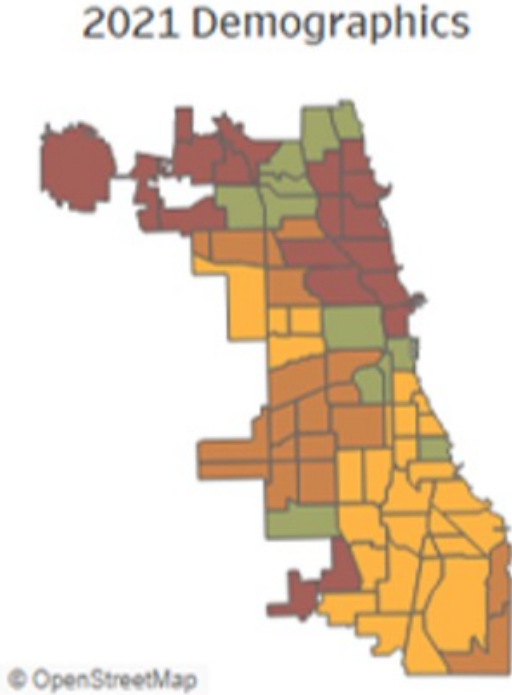
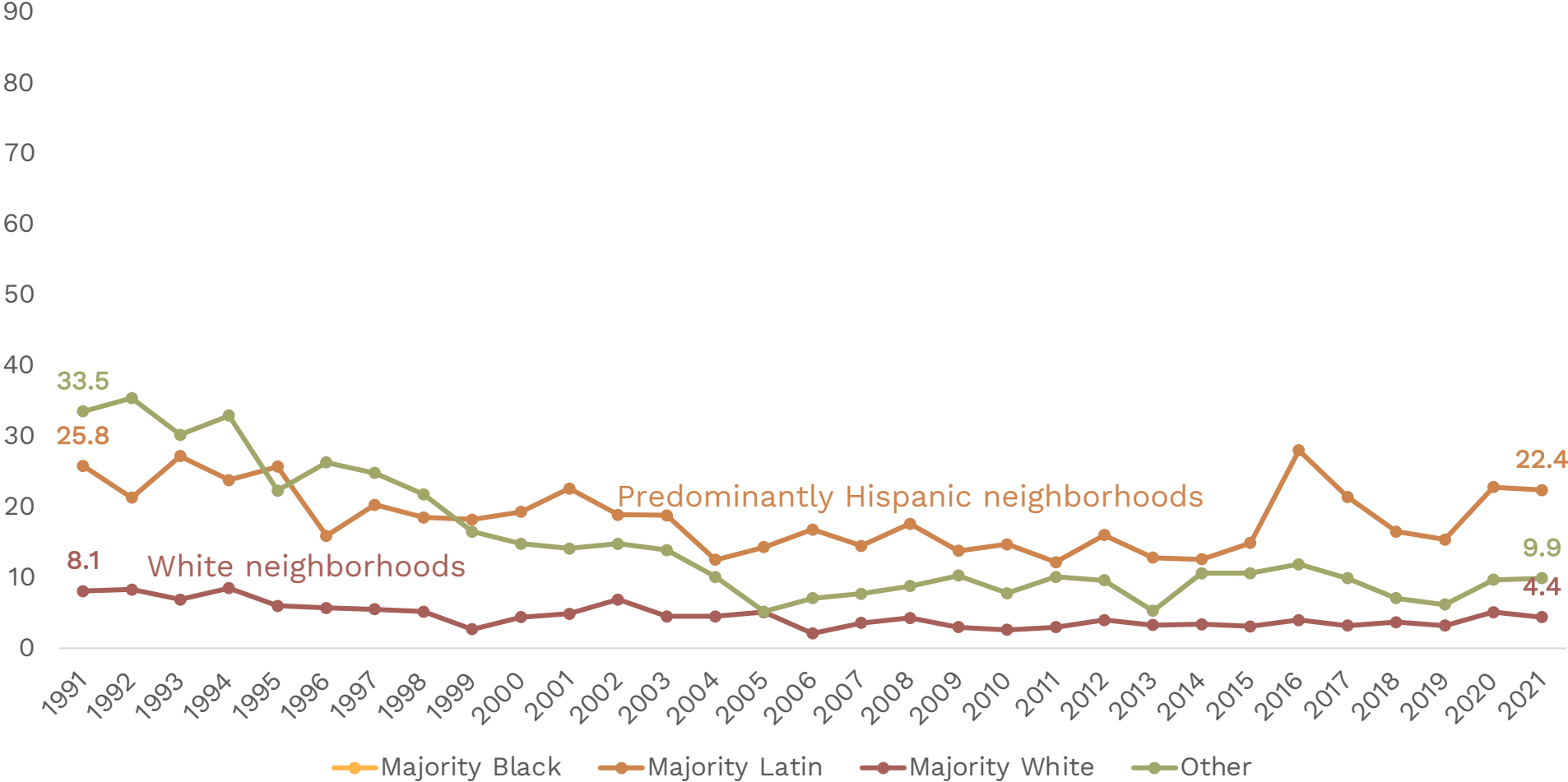


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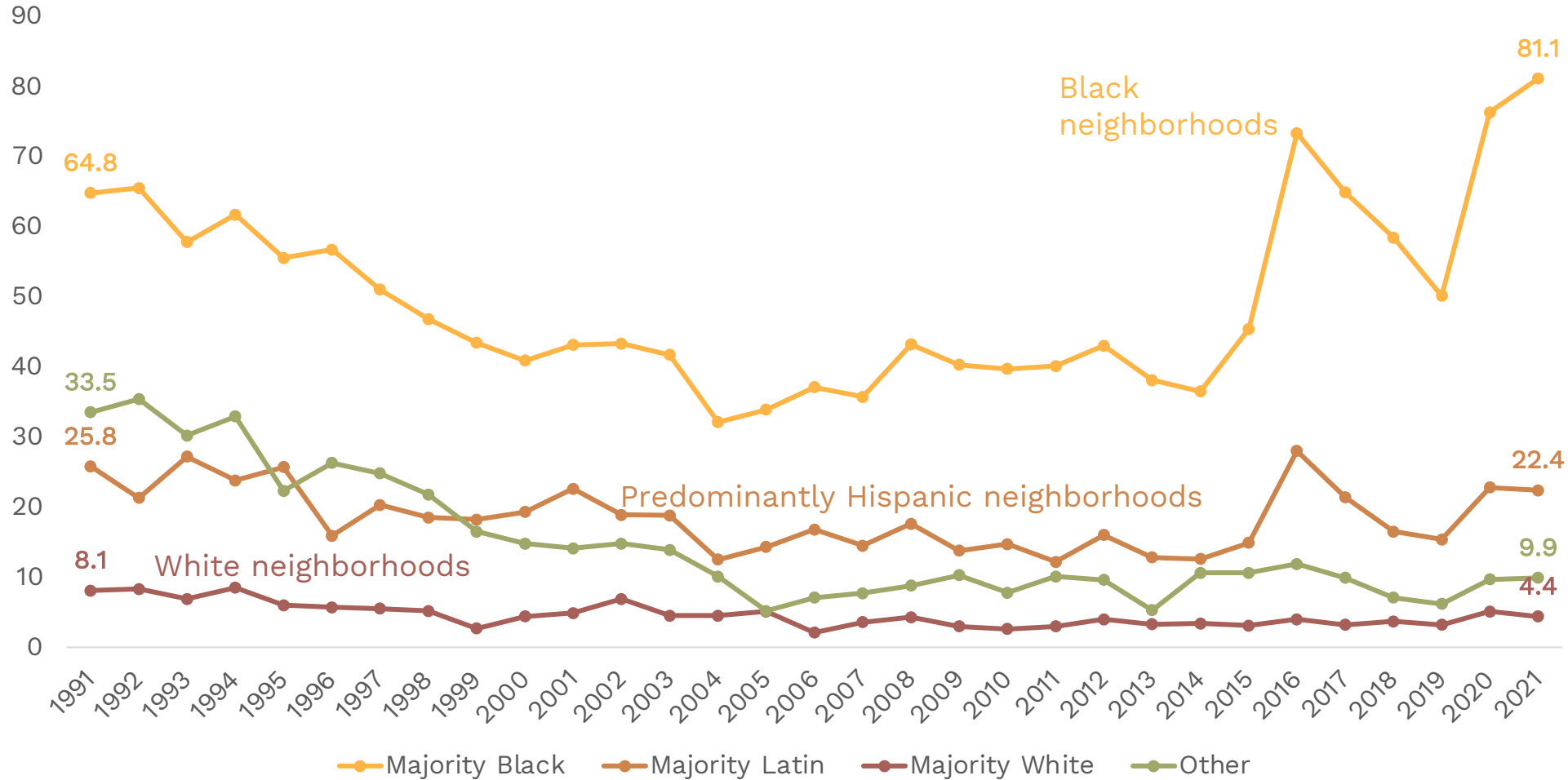
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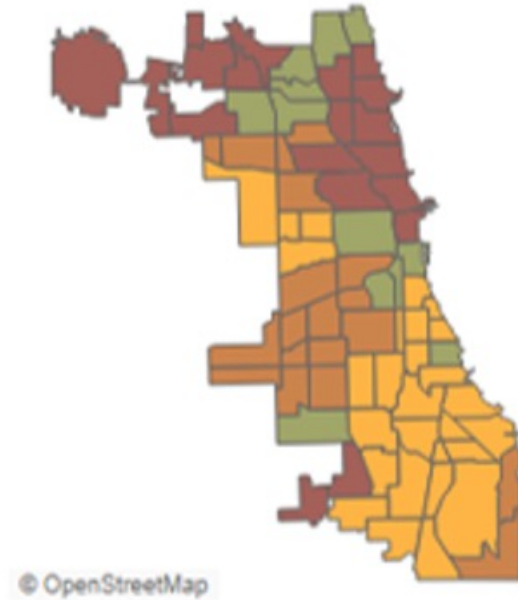
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## 2021 Demographics





# **The Problem**



**'The only victim in this case is dead': Mourning for 5-year-old Eric**

CRIME

# 'Superpredators' Arrive

Should we cage the new breed of vicious kids?

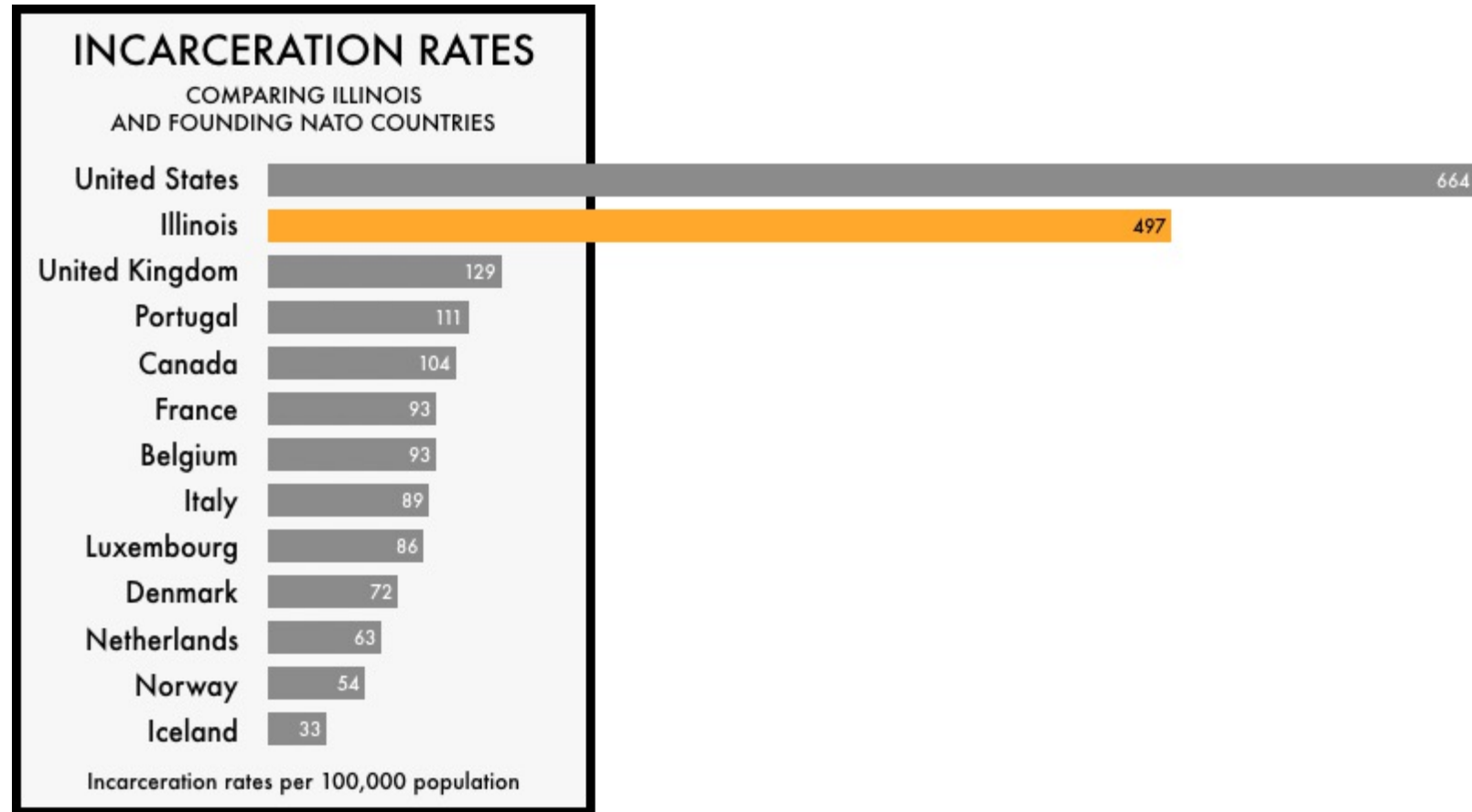
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**O**N OCT. 13, 1994, 5-YEAR-OLD ERIC Morse and his 8-year-old brother, Derrick, ran into two of the toughest bullies their South Side Chicago neighborhood had to offer. The intimidating boys lured the brothers to a vacant

where is the state supposed to put these two killers? A judge is scheduled to rule in the case next week. Around the country, other states are watching. They have their own predators to worry about.

It wouldn't be a problem if Illinois's special 30-bed "kiddie prison" weren't still un

**How has this been going?**

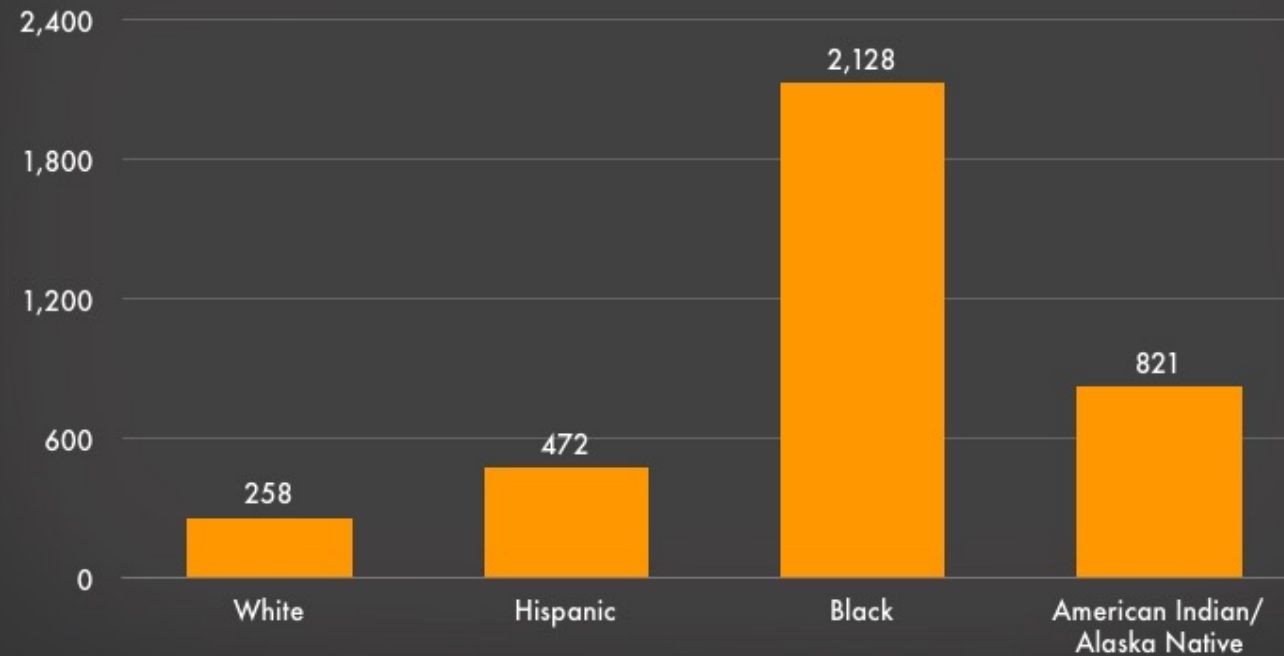


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## ILLINOIS INCARCERATION RATES BY RACE/ETHNICITY, 2010

(Number of people incarcerated per 100,000 people in that racial/ethnic group)



**PRISON**  
POLICY INITIATIVE

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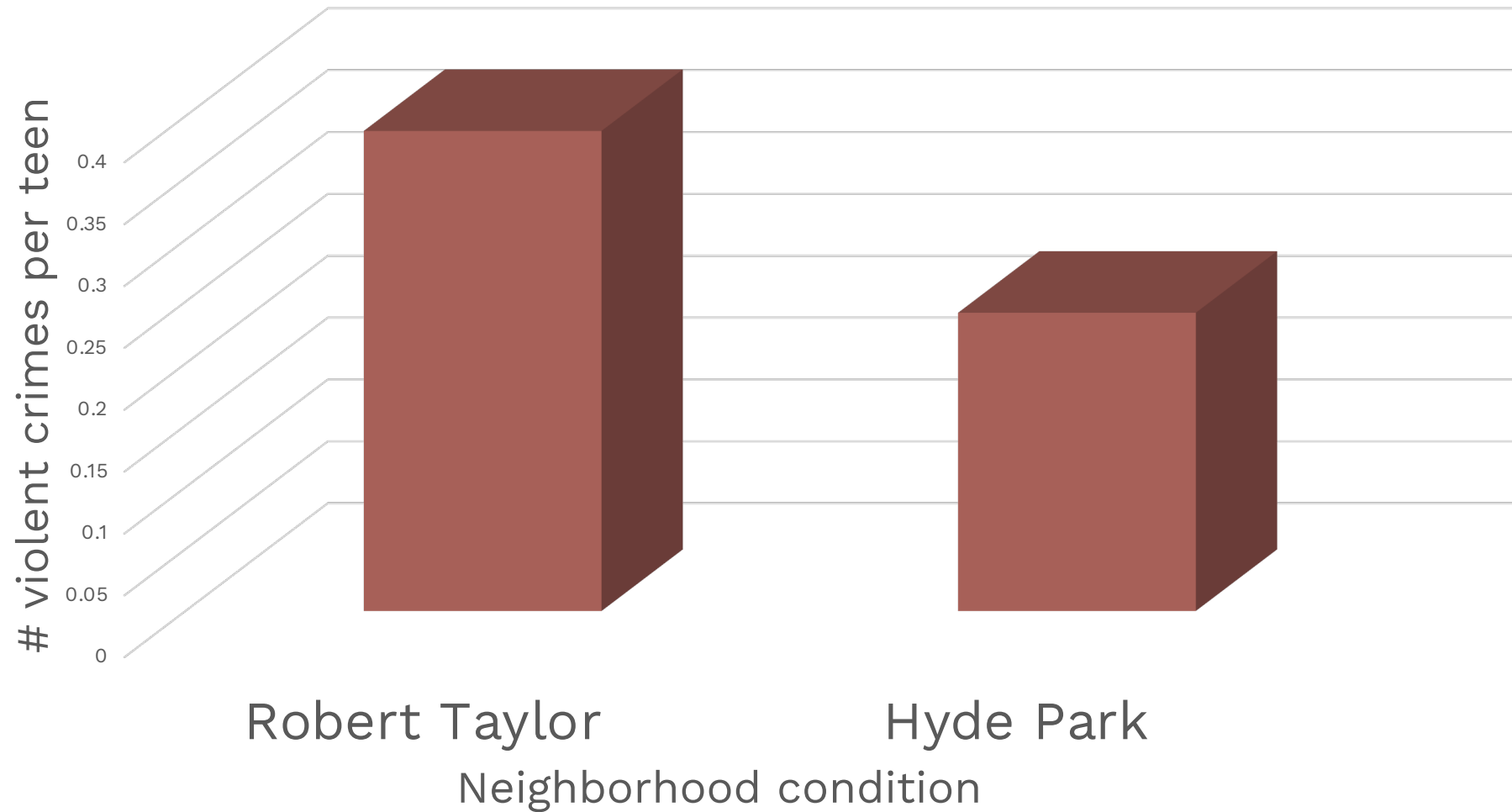
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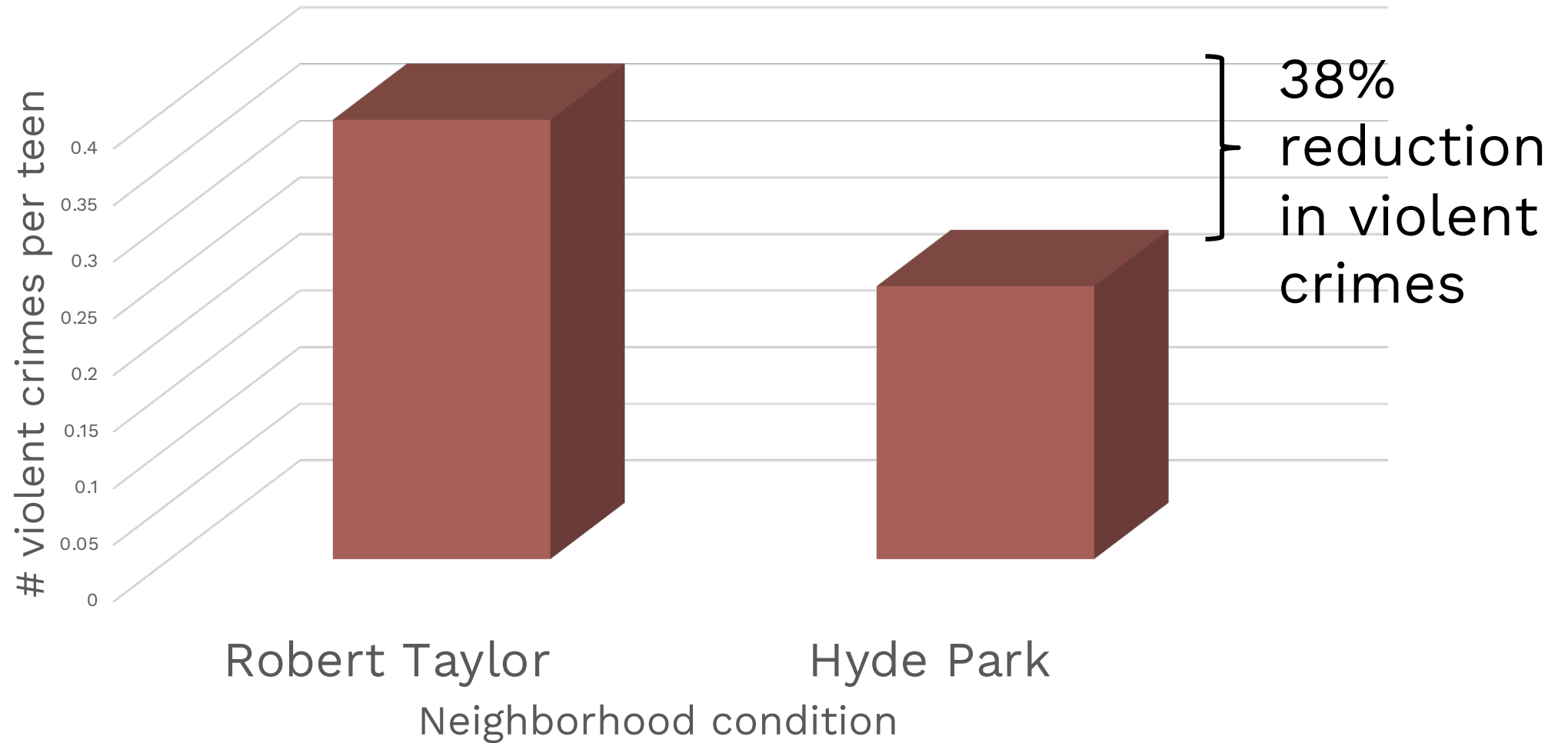
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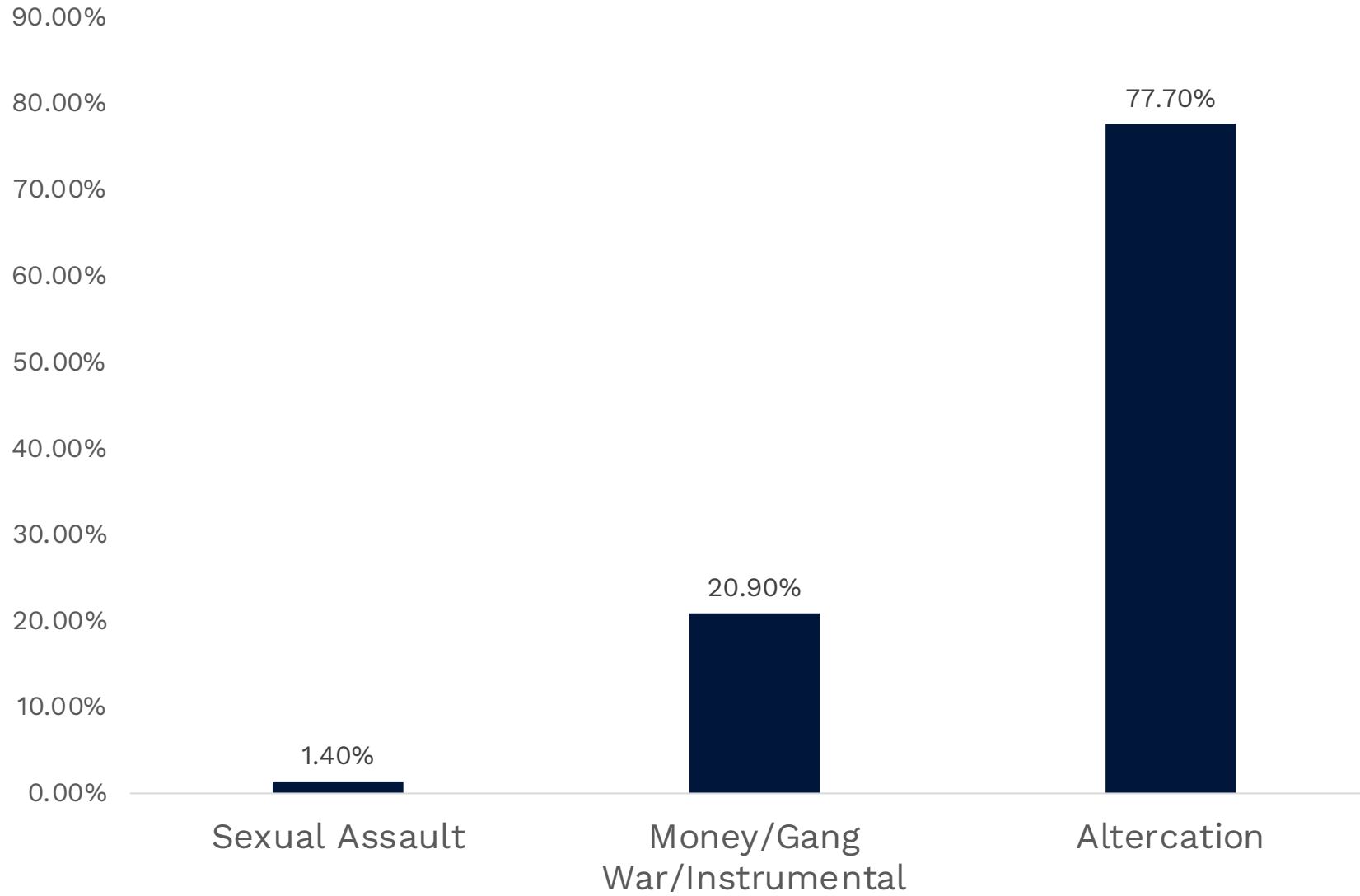
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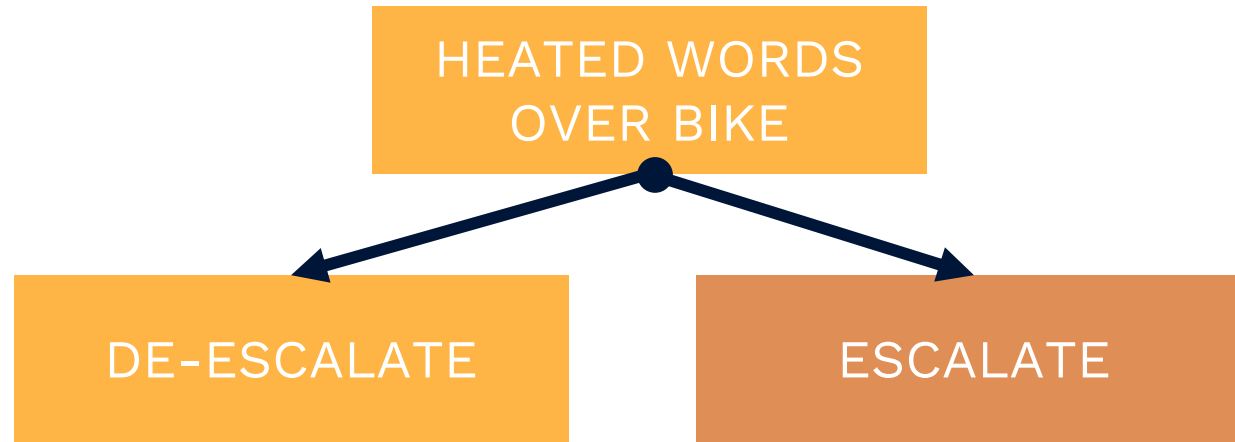
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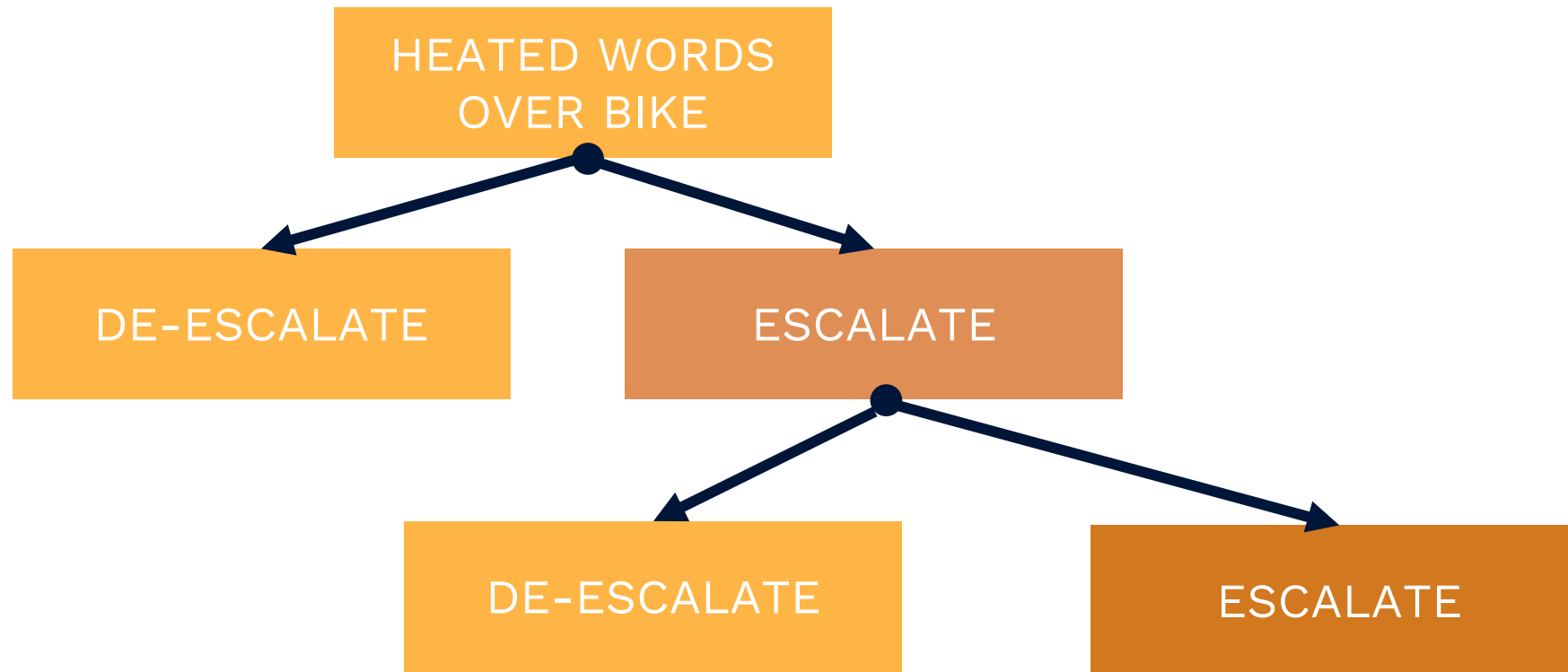
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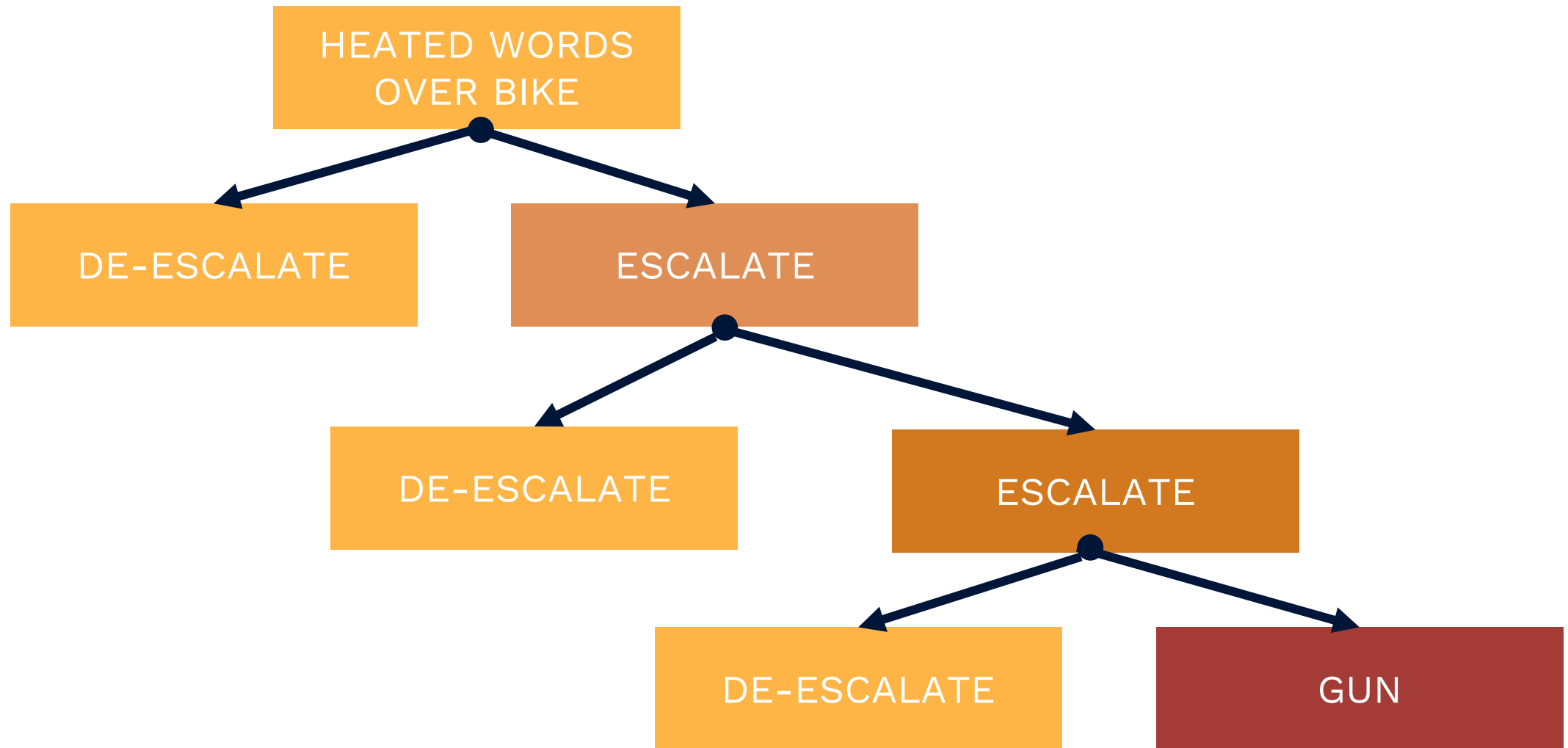
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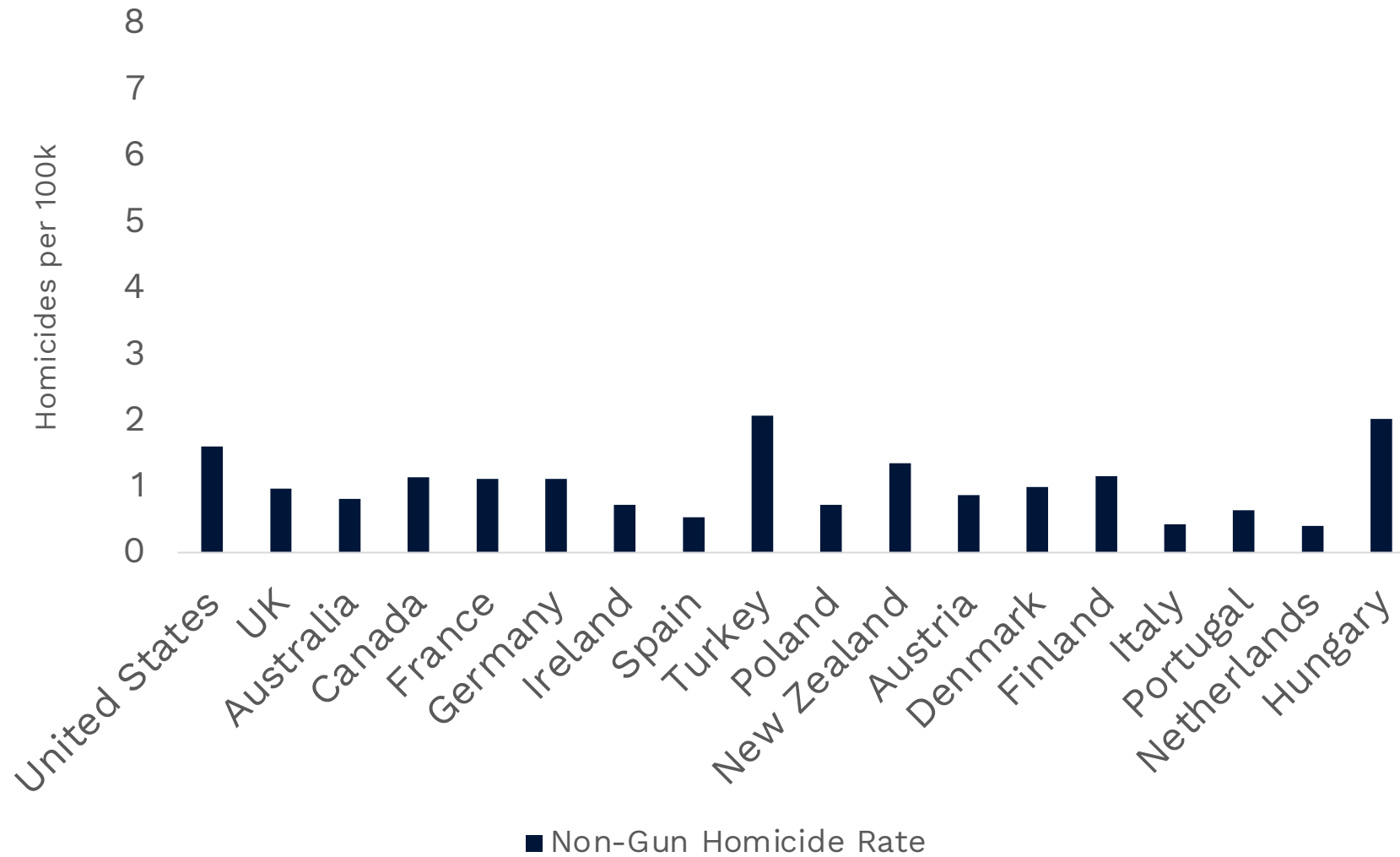
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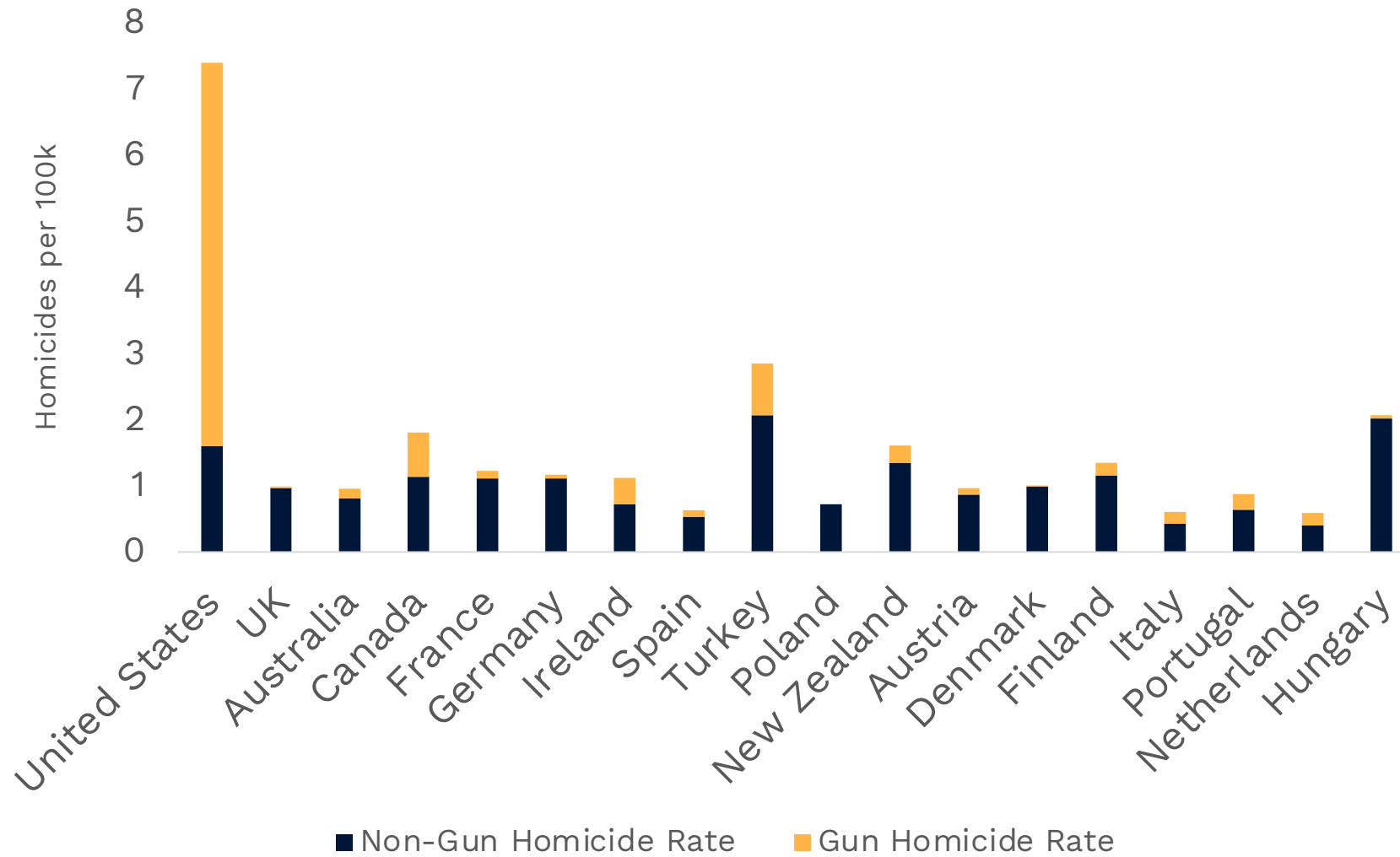


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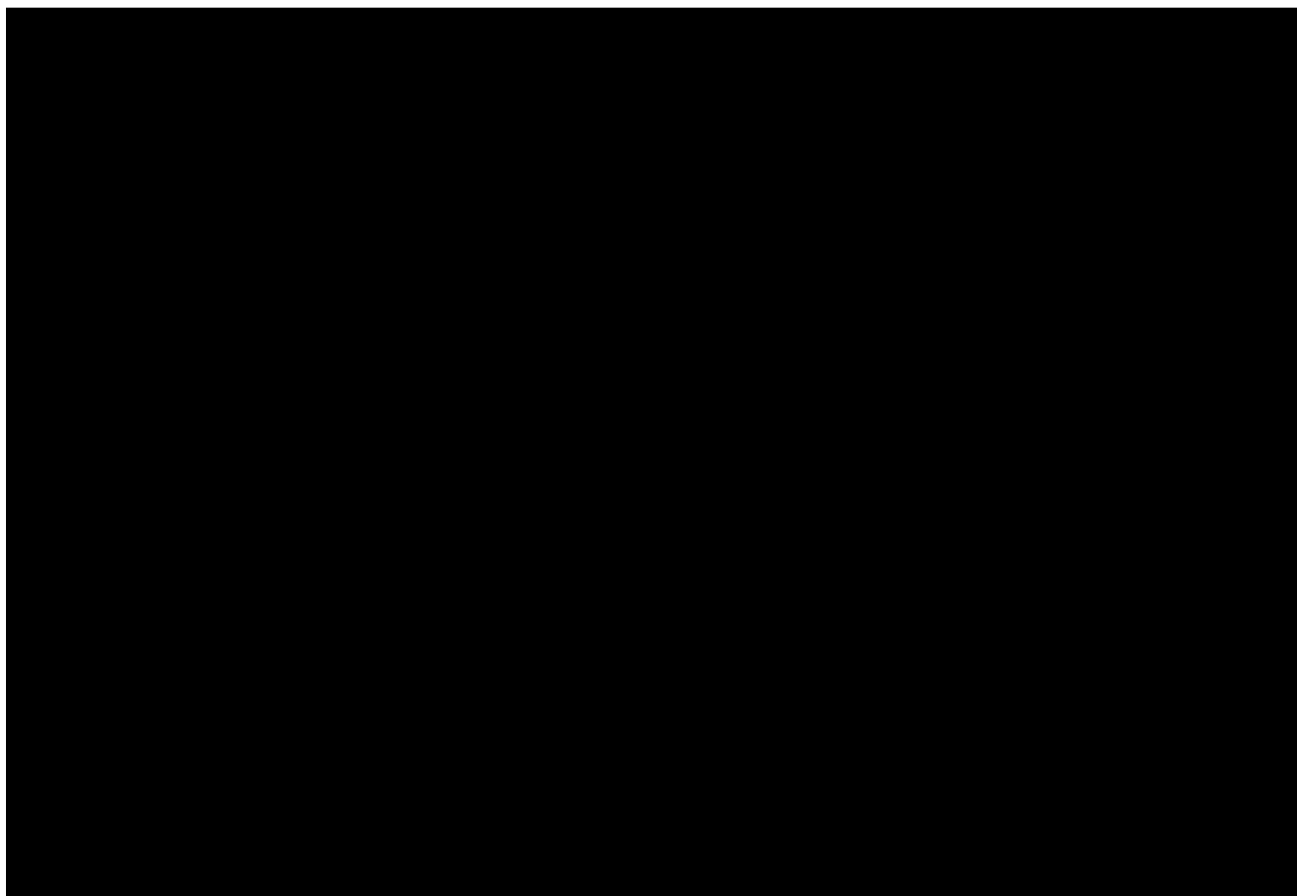


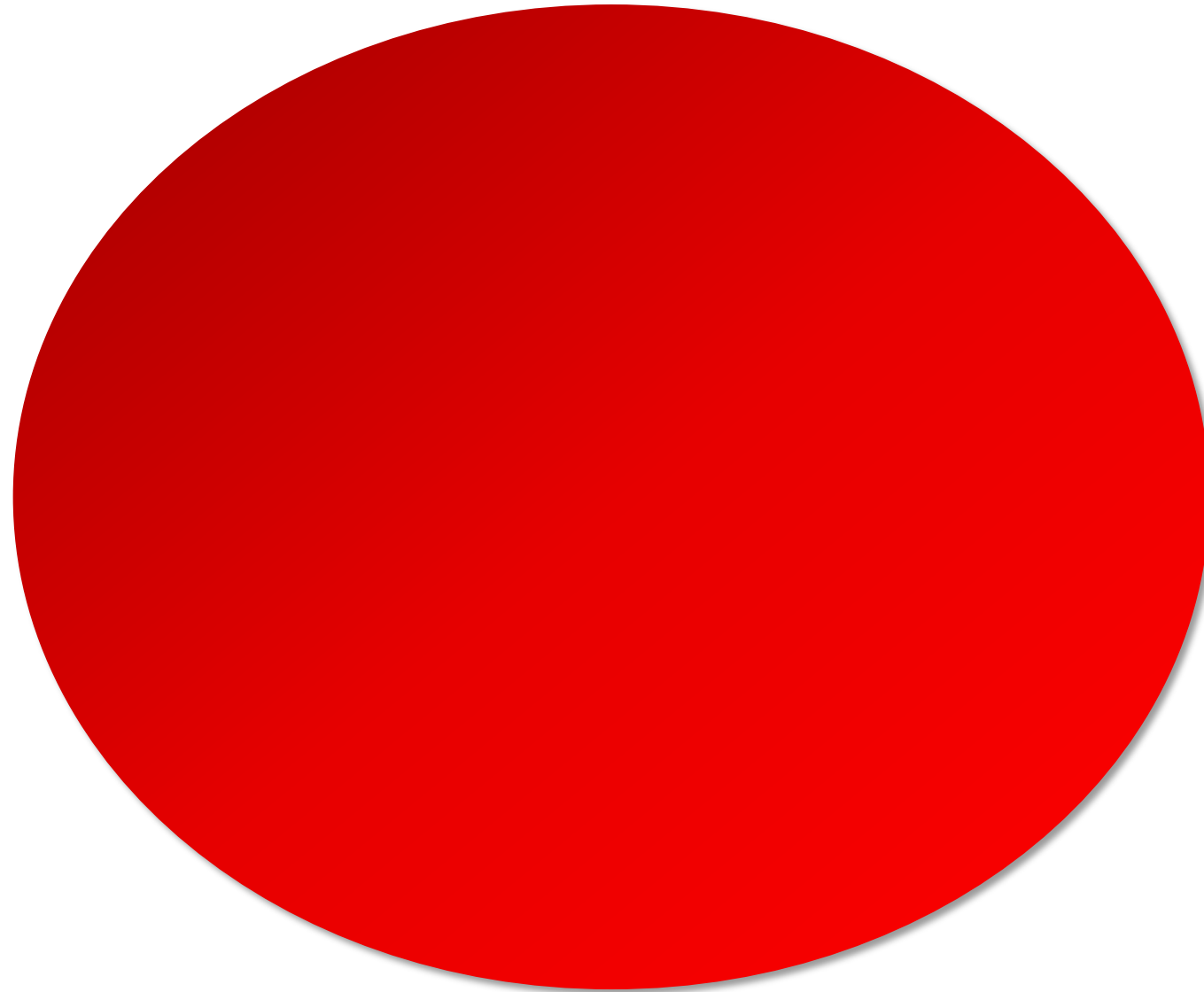
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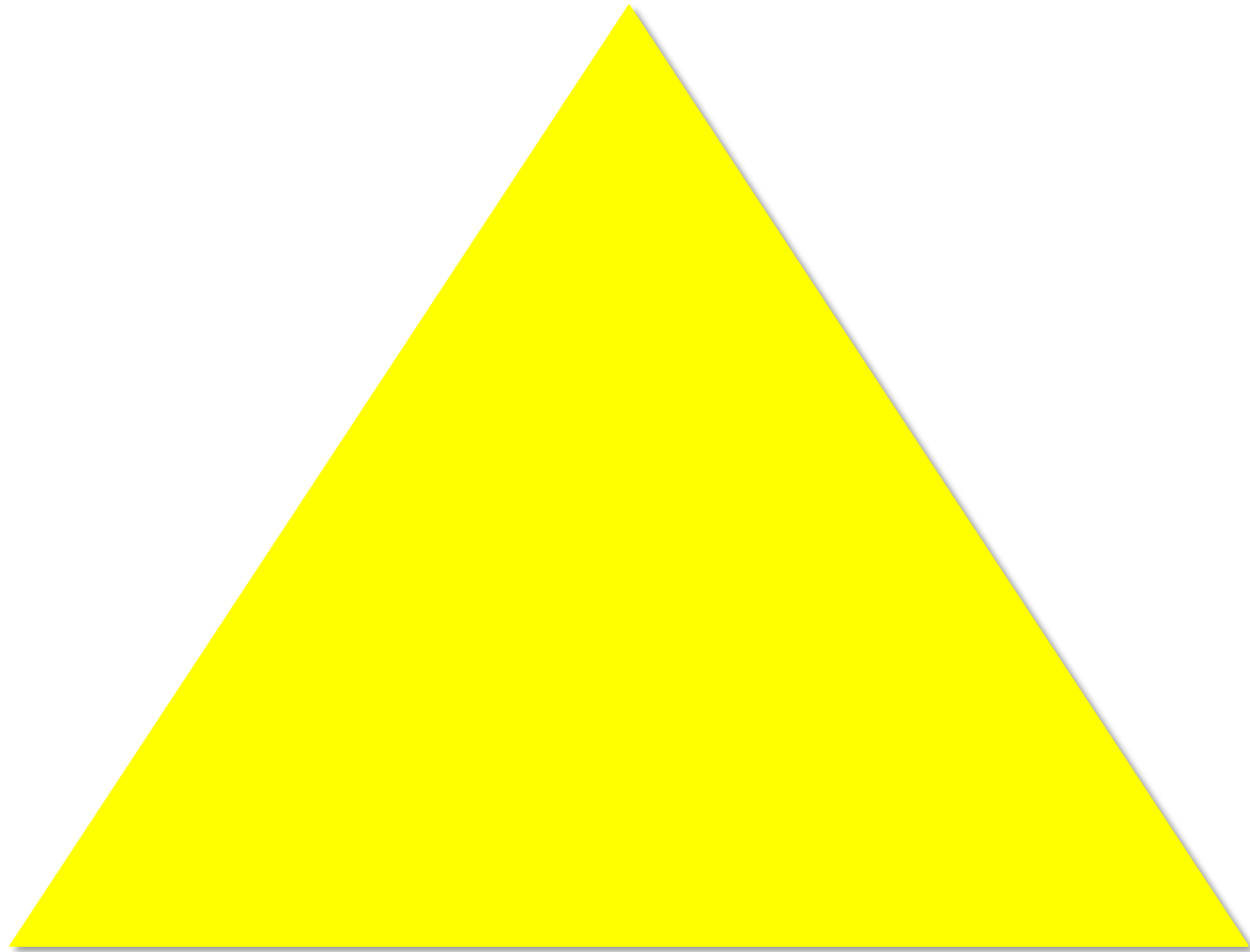
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# BLUE

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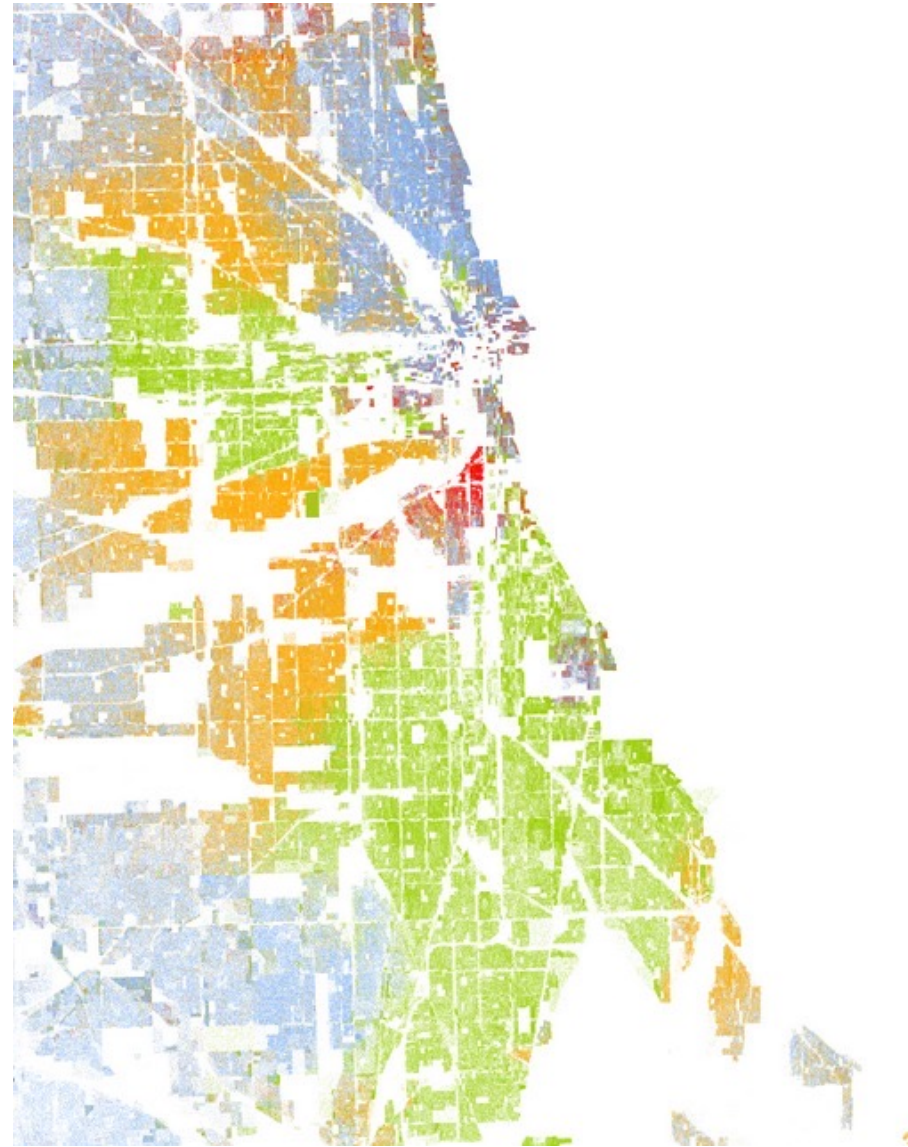
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# Chicago is the most segregated city in America



2010 Census Block Data

1 Dot = 1 Person

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- Asian
- Hispanic
- Other Race / Native American / Multi-racial



But we can't afford to just wait—  
we must also **act now.**

“If I let you kids **redo just 10 minutes** of your lives, none of you would be here.”





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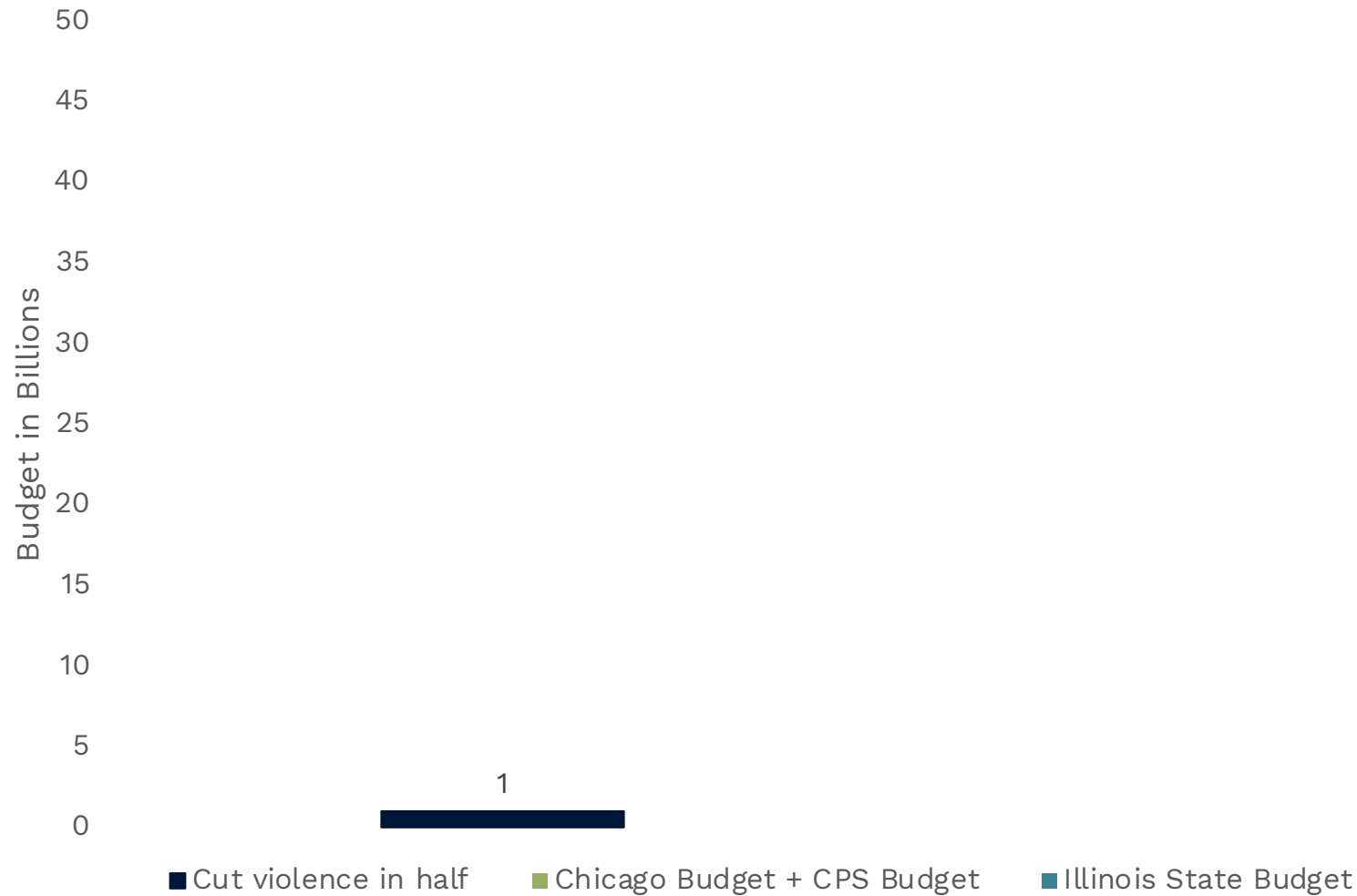
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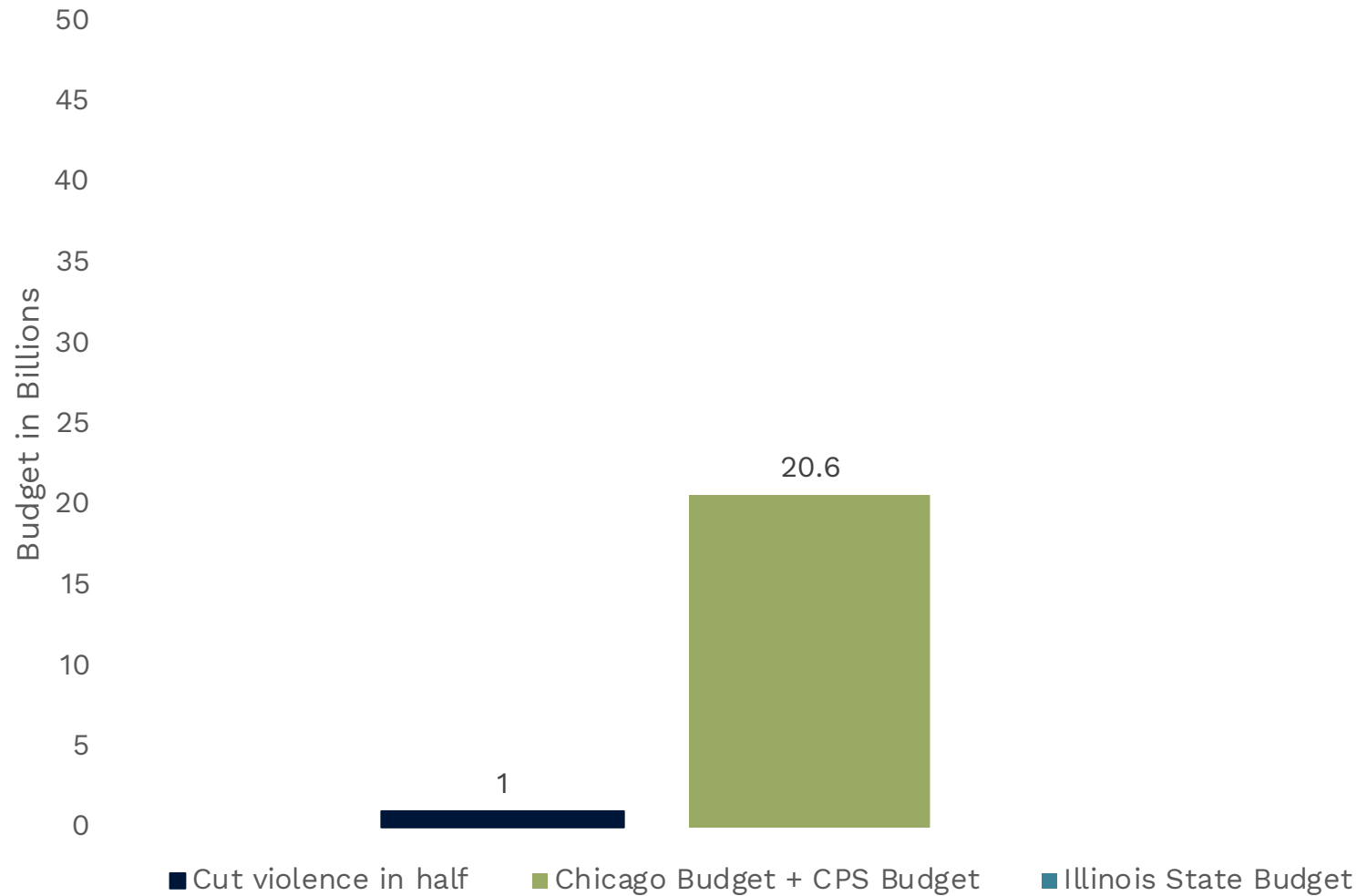
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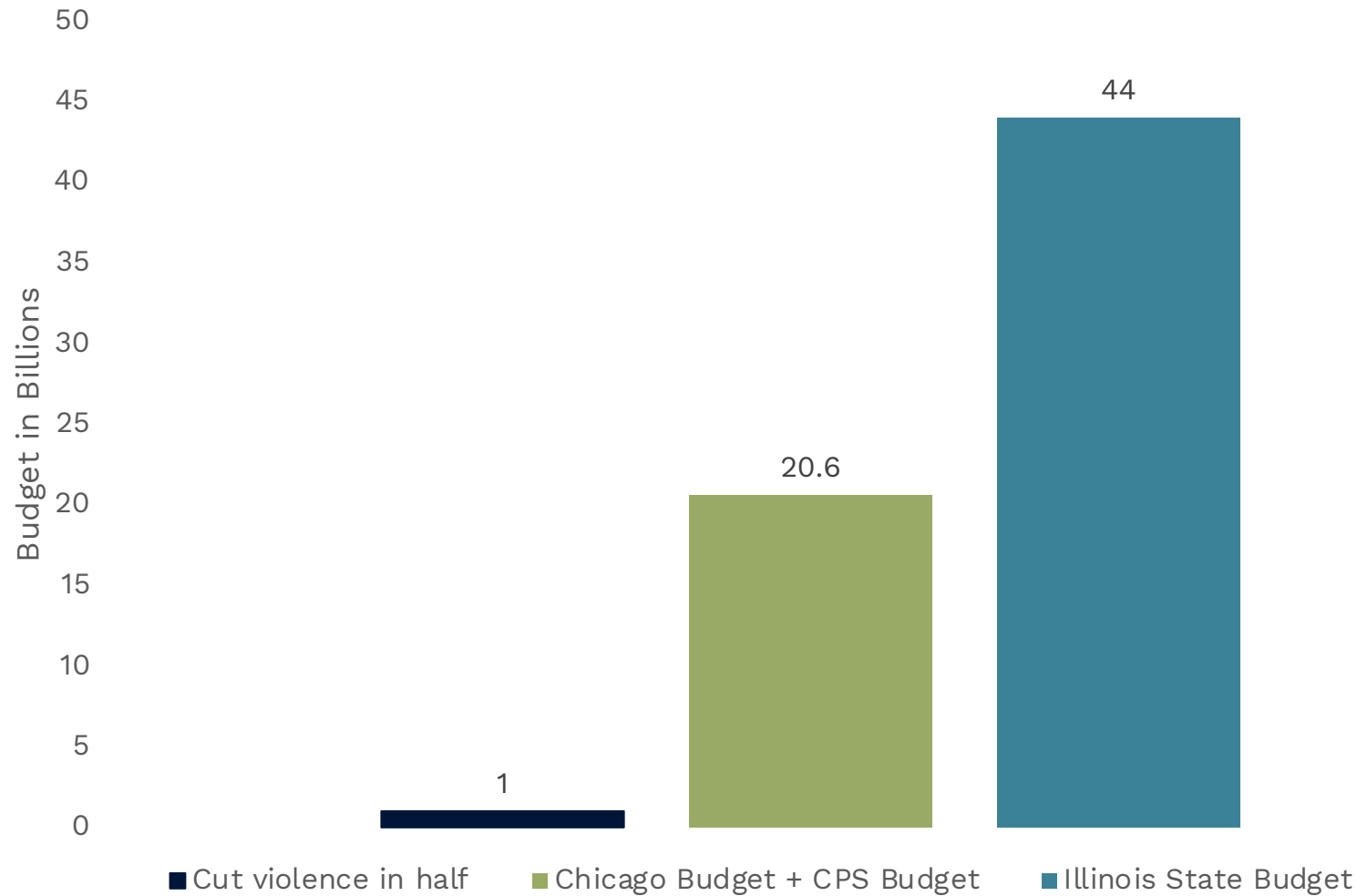


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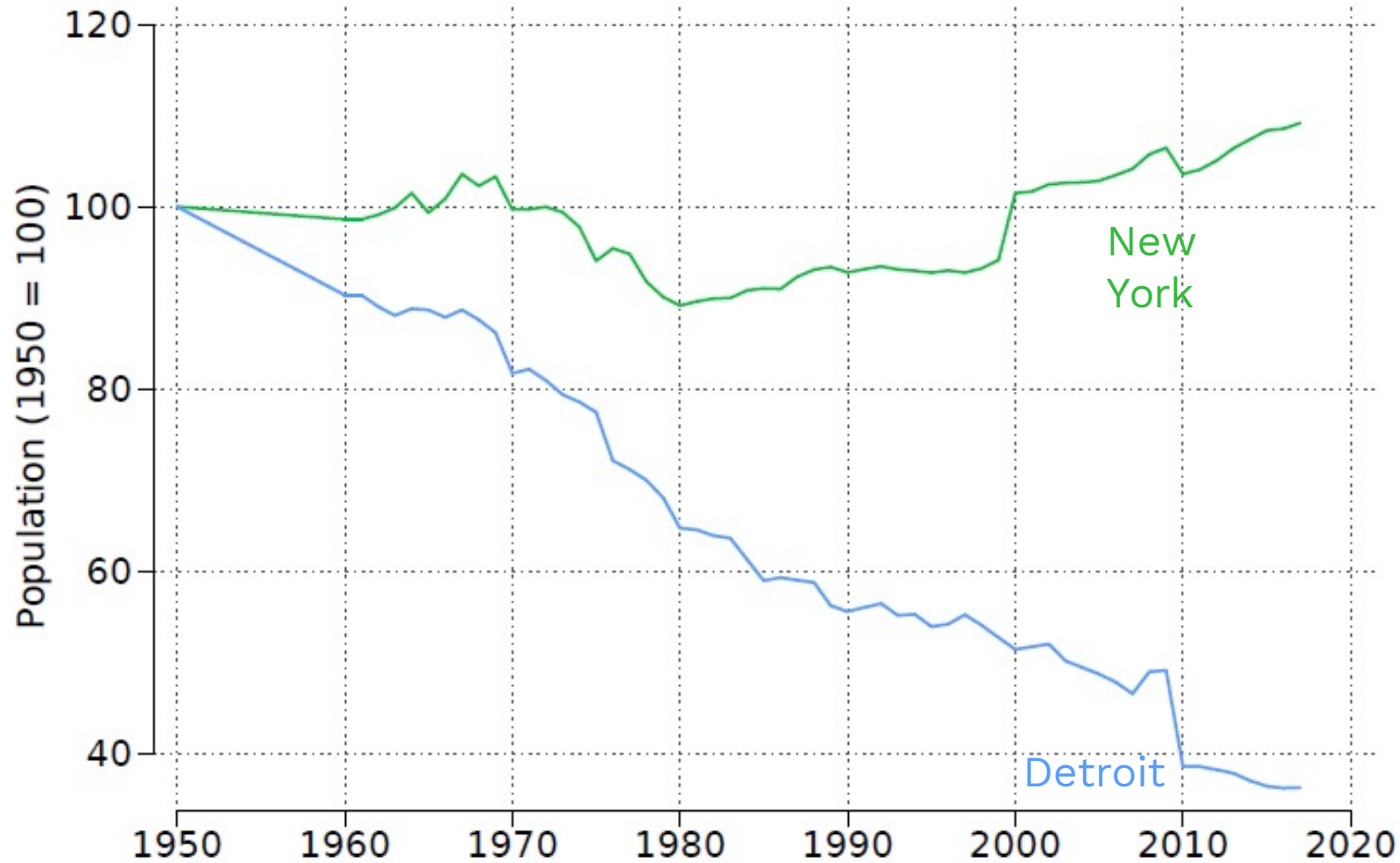
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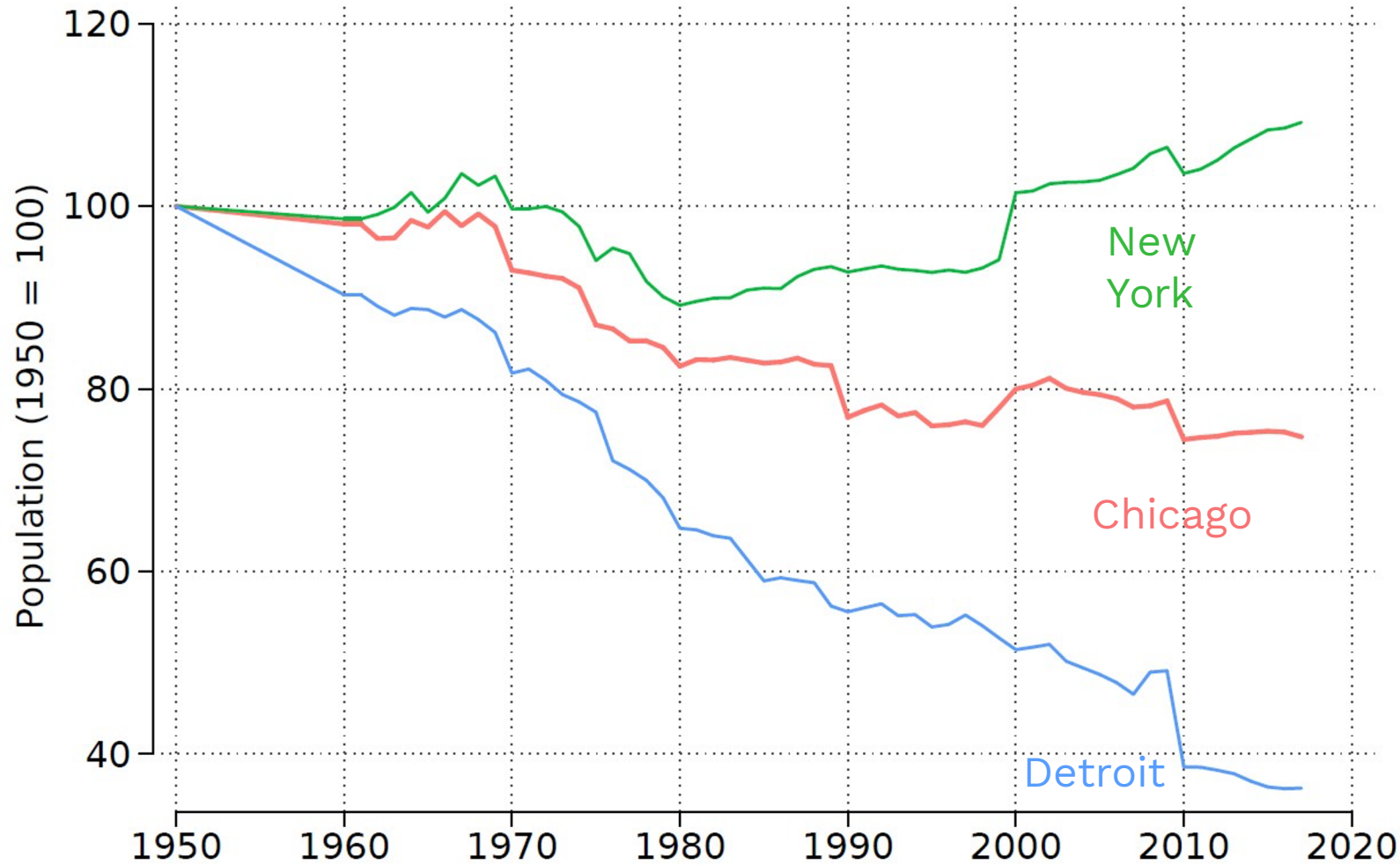
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**Chicago Tribune**

Chicago area leads U.S. in population loss

**The New York Times**

As Chicago Seeks a New Mayor, Many Black Residents Are Leaving

• Downtown Chicago is booming, tourist dollars are pouring in — and African-Americans are moving out.

**Which direction will we go?**

# **Bonus Slides**

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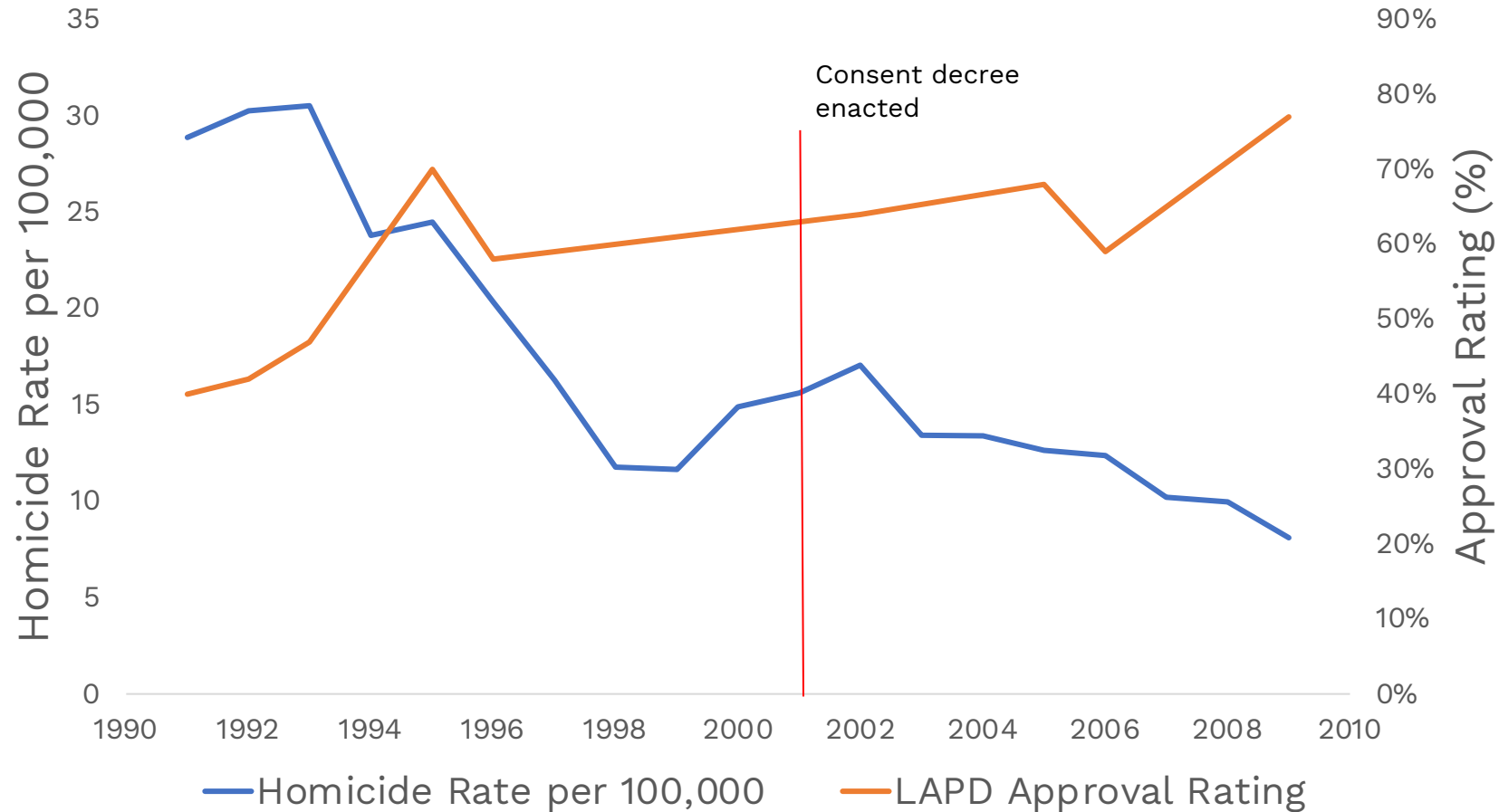
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The LA / NYC  
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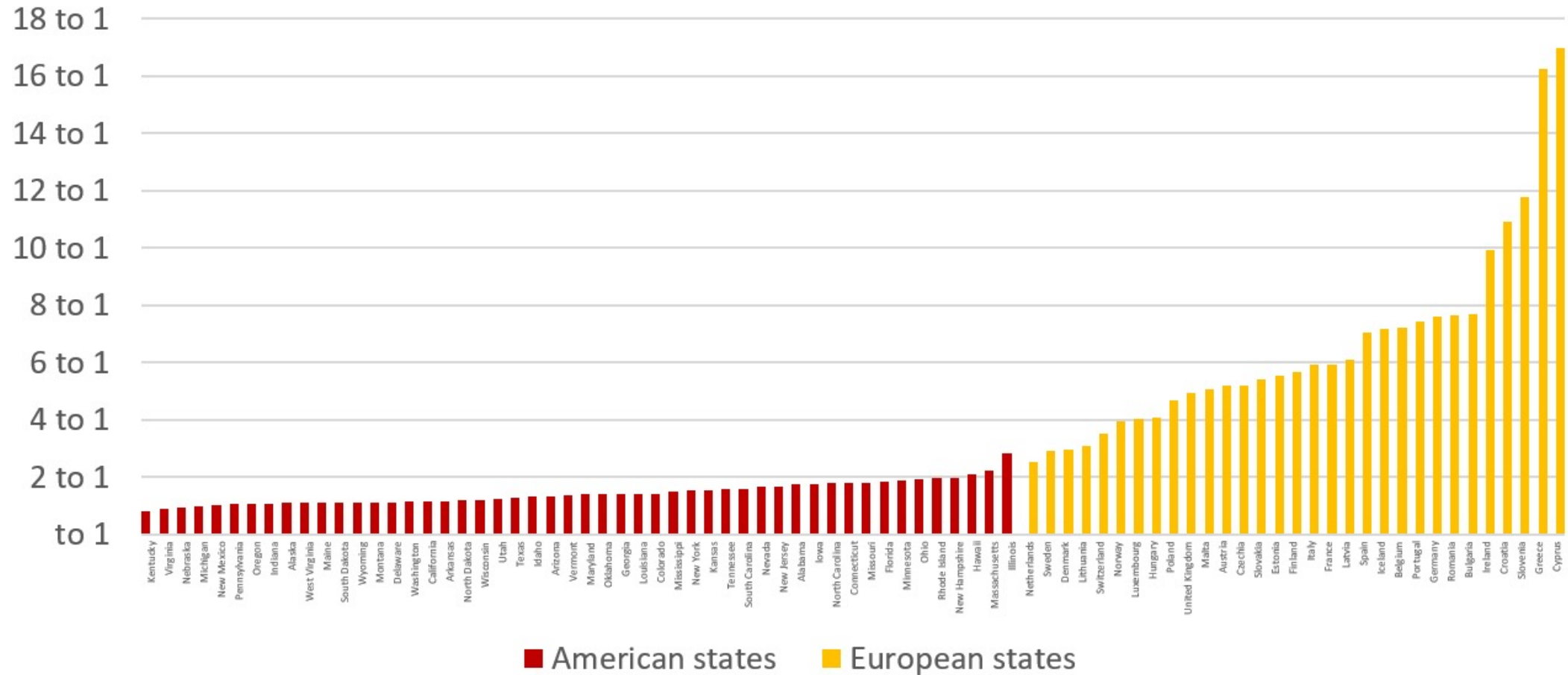
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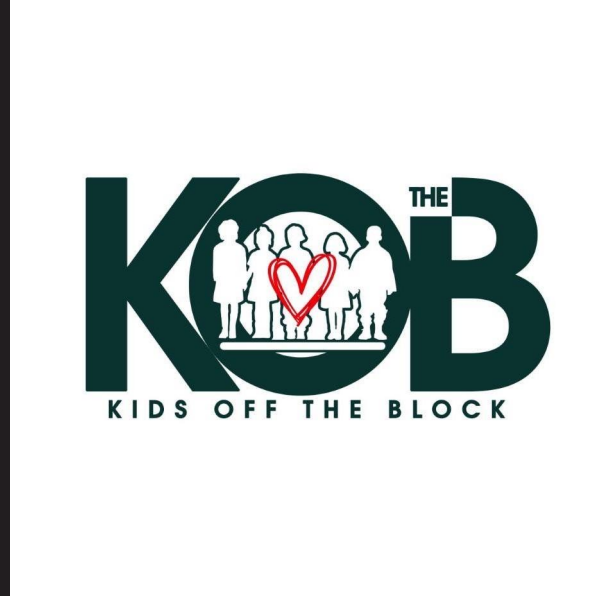


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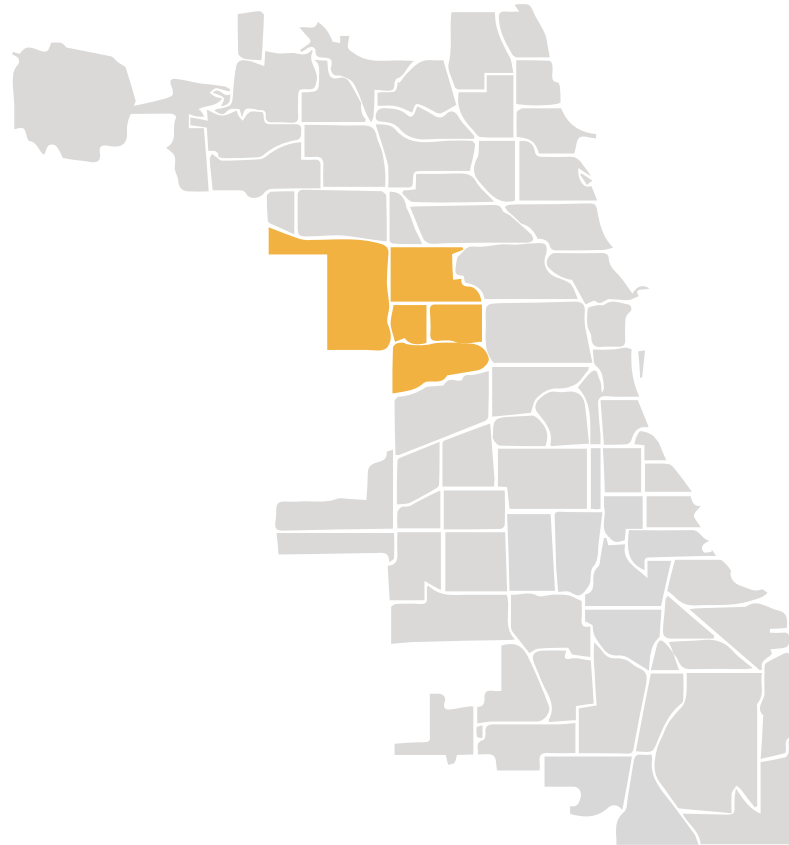


Chicago's  
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# We know a handful of neighborhoods make up a disproportionate share of Chicago's gun violence.

8% of population, 28% of violence



5% of blocks, 34% of gun violence

