

Improving the Justice System's Response to Domestic Violence by Improving Data Quality

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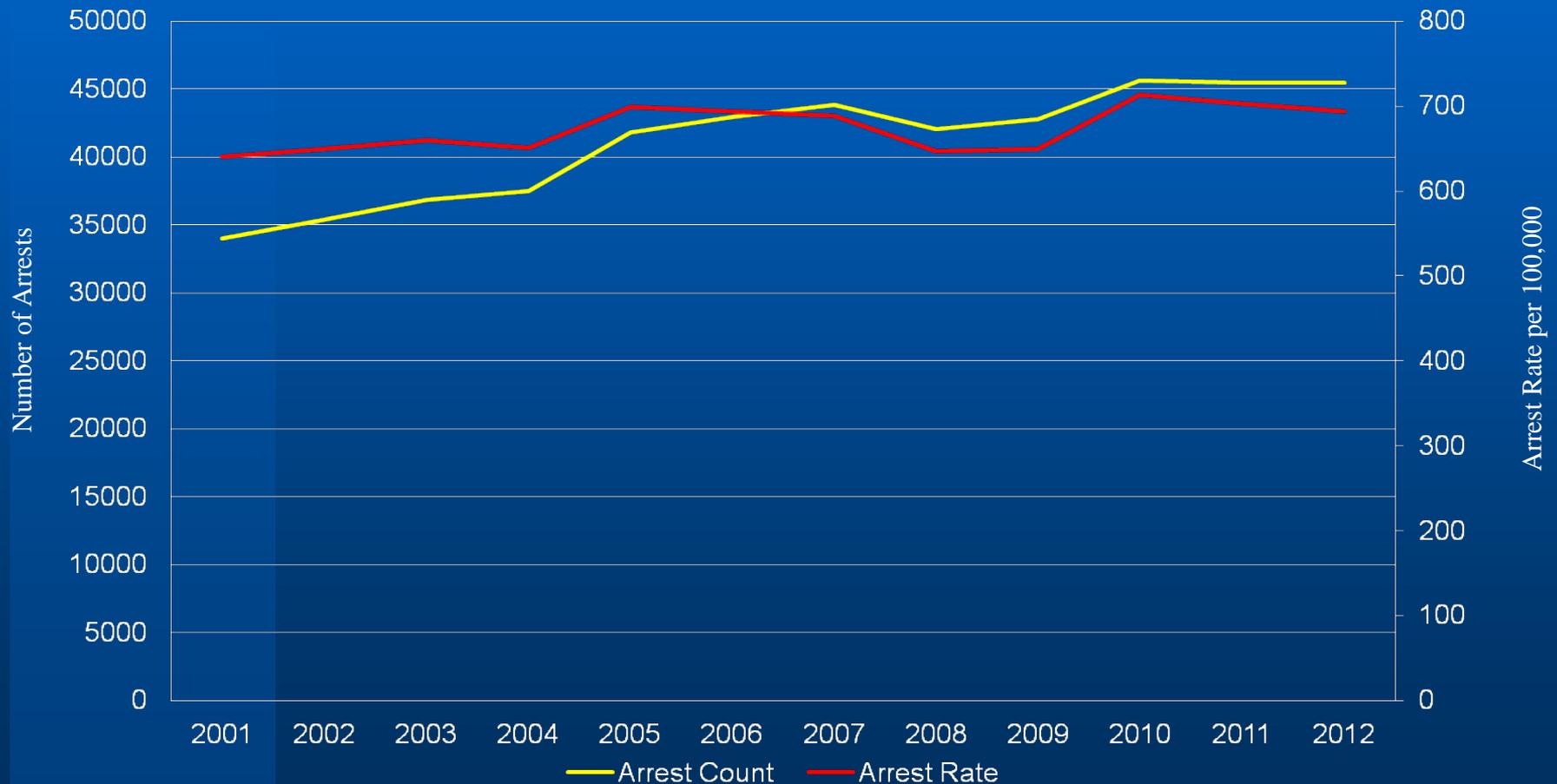
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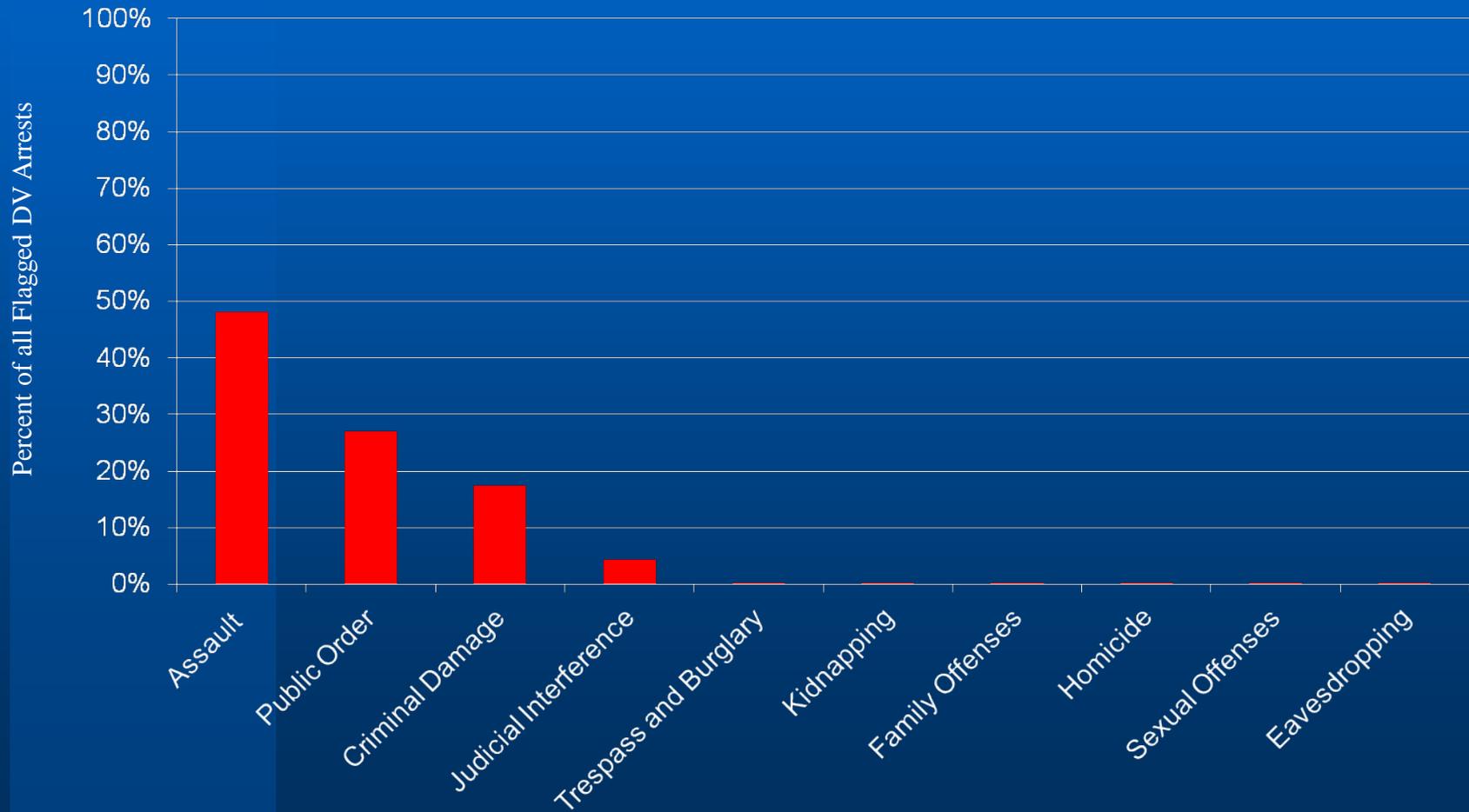
Goals of the session

- ✓ Review data on DV arrests and subsequent case activity
 - ✓ DV Flagged Offenses
 - ✓ Aggravated DV
- ✓ Identify weaknesses in Arizona's DV arrest data
- ✓ Identify impact of poor quality DV data
- ✓ Identify solutions to DV data quality issues

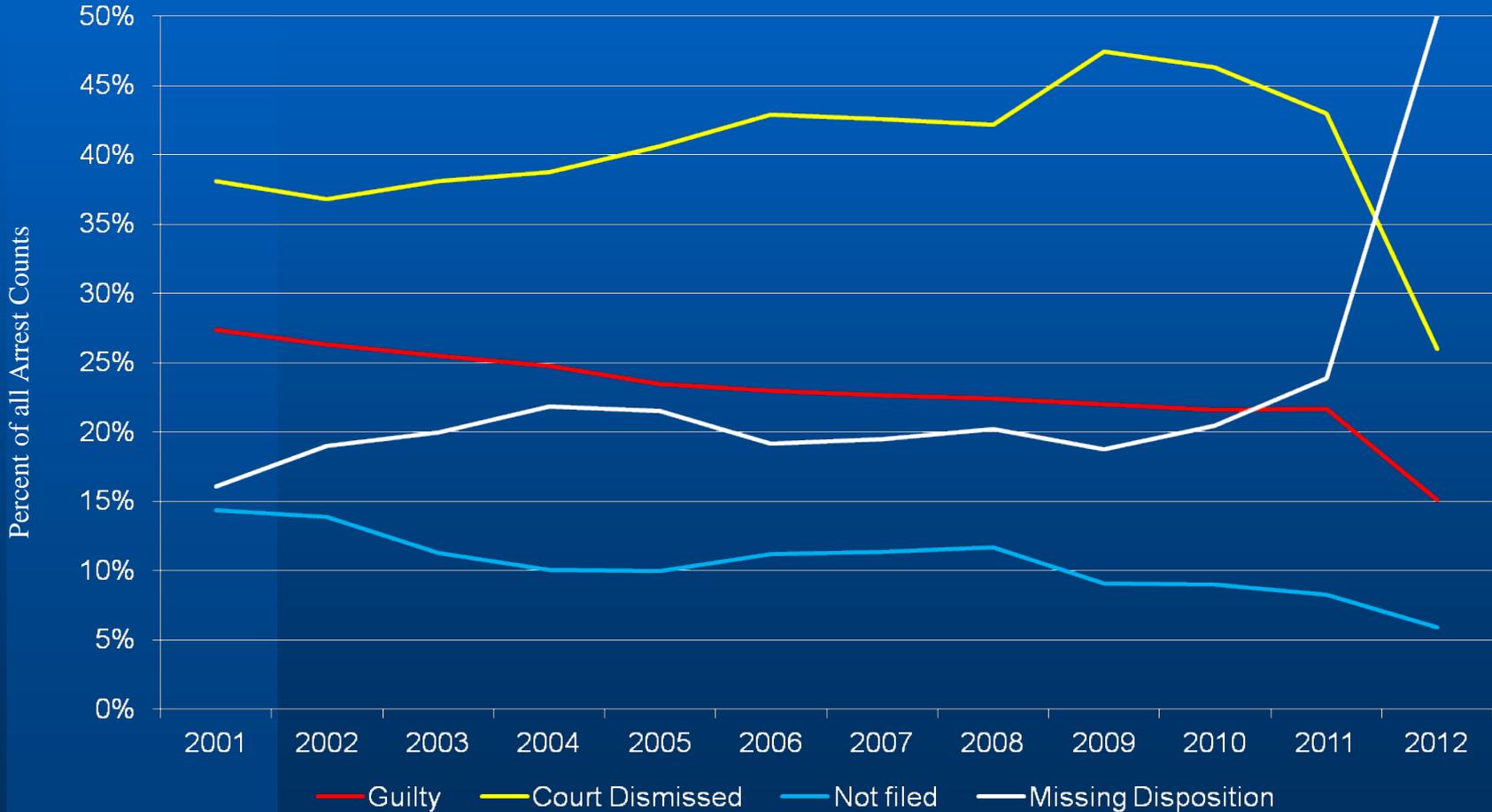
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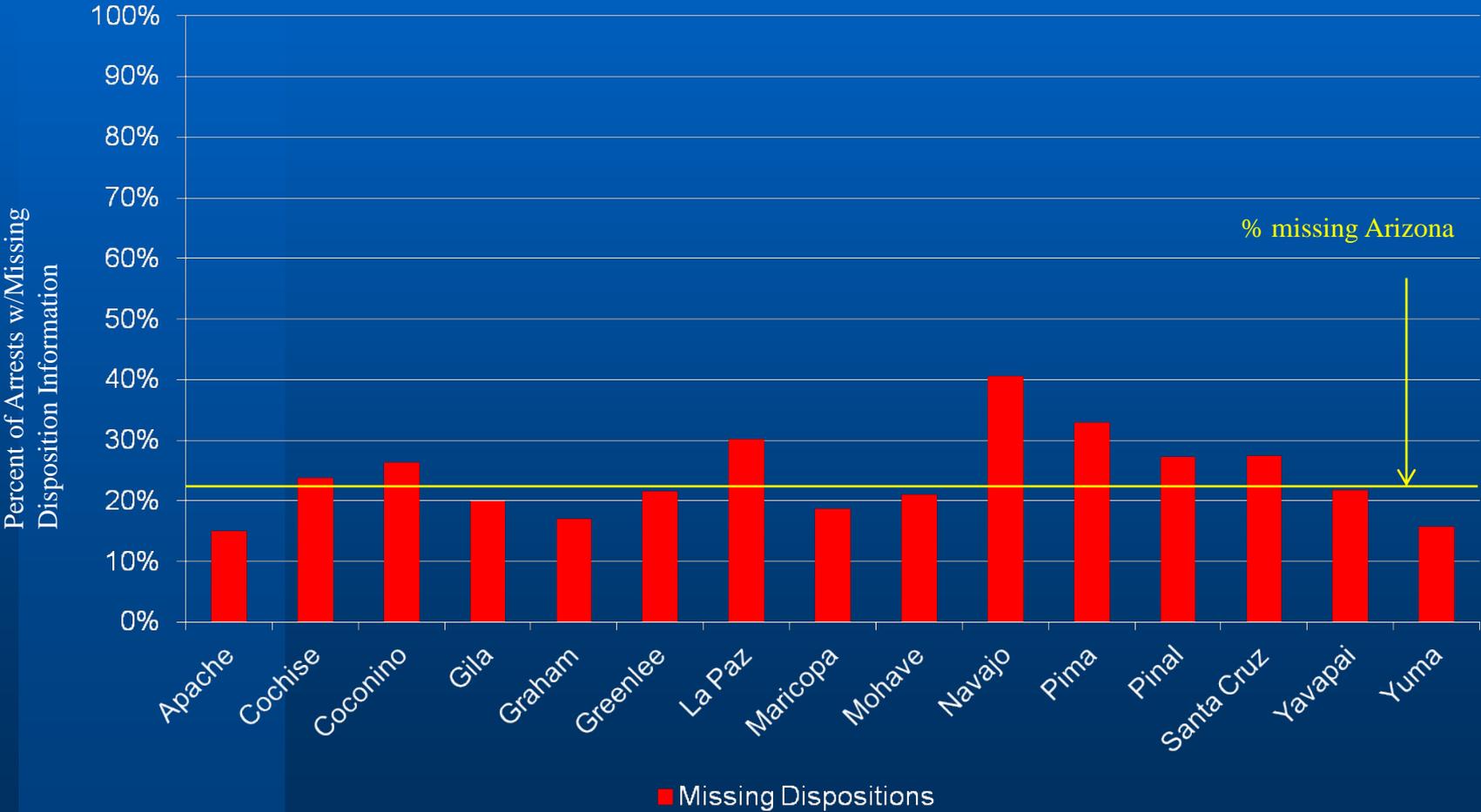
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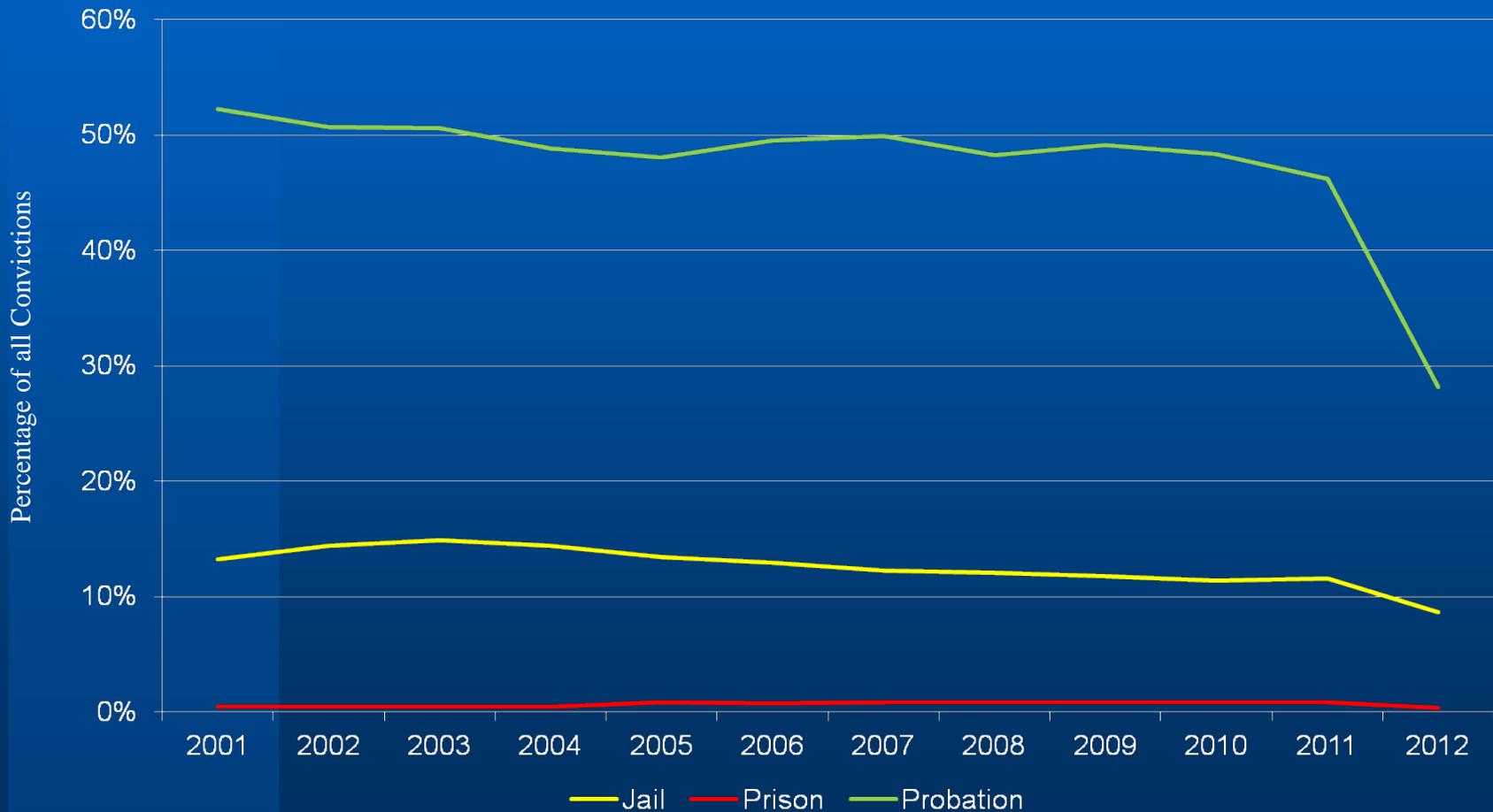
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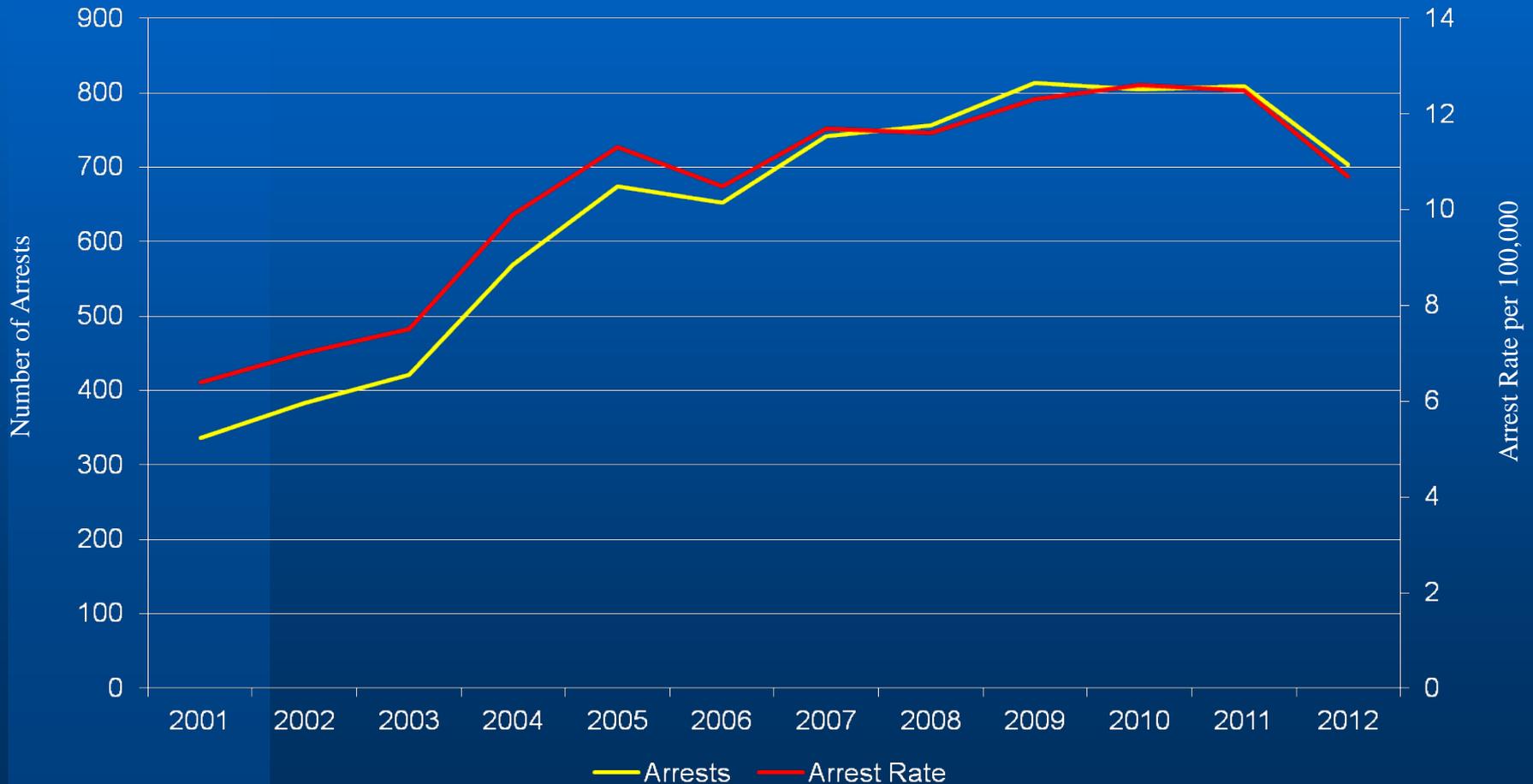
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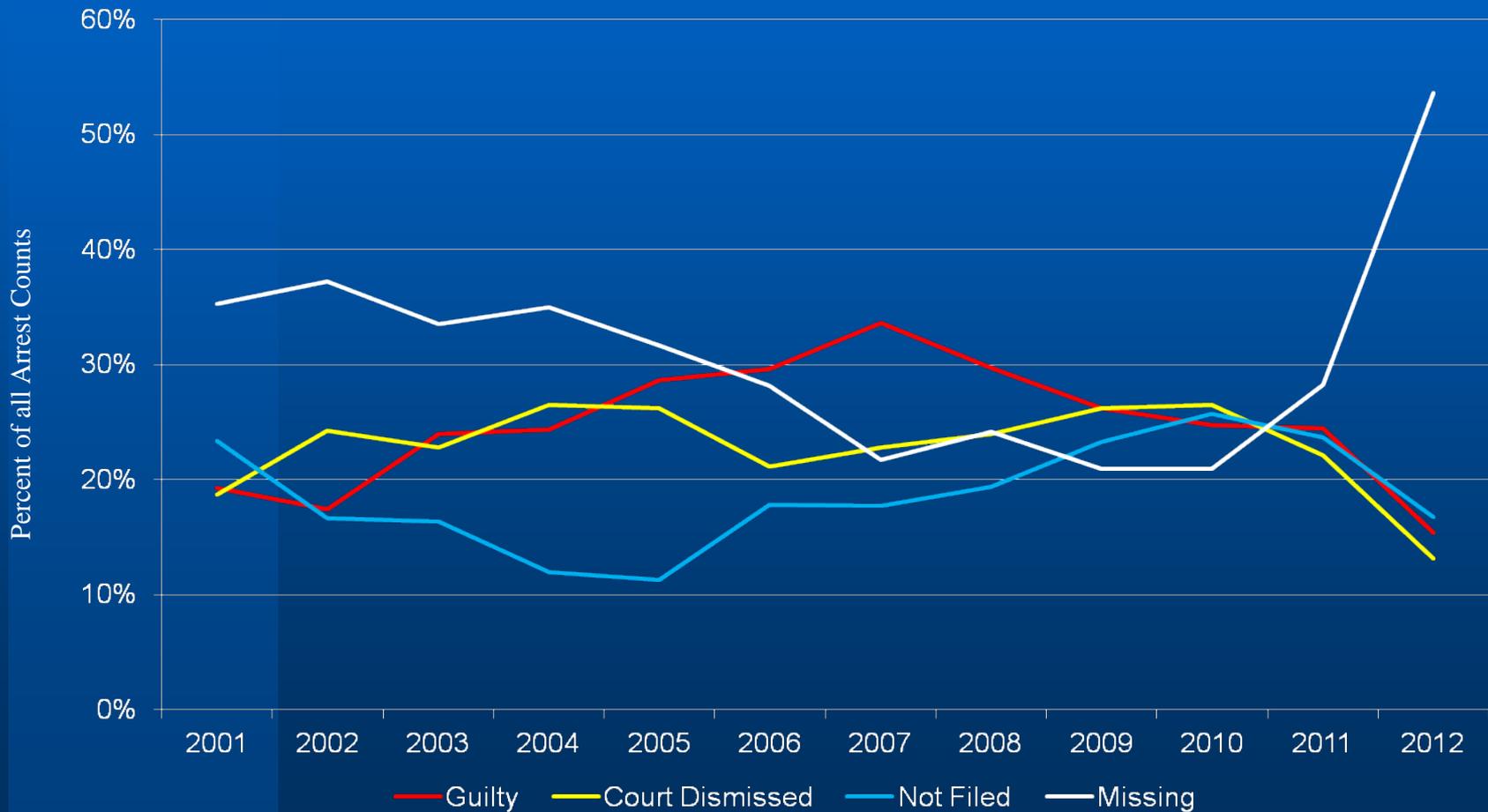
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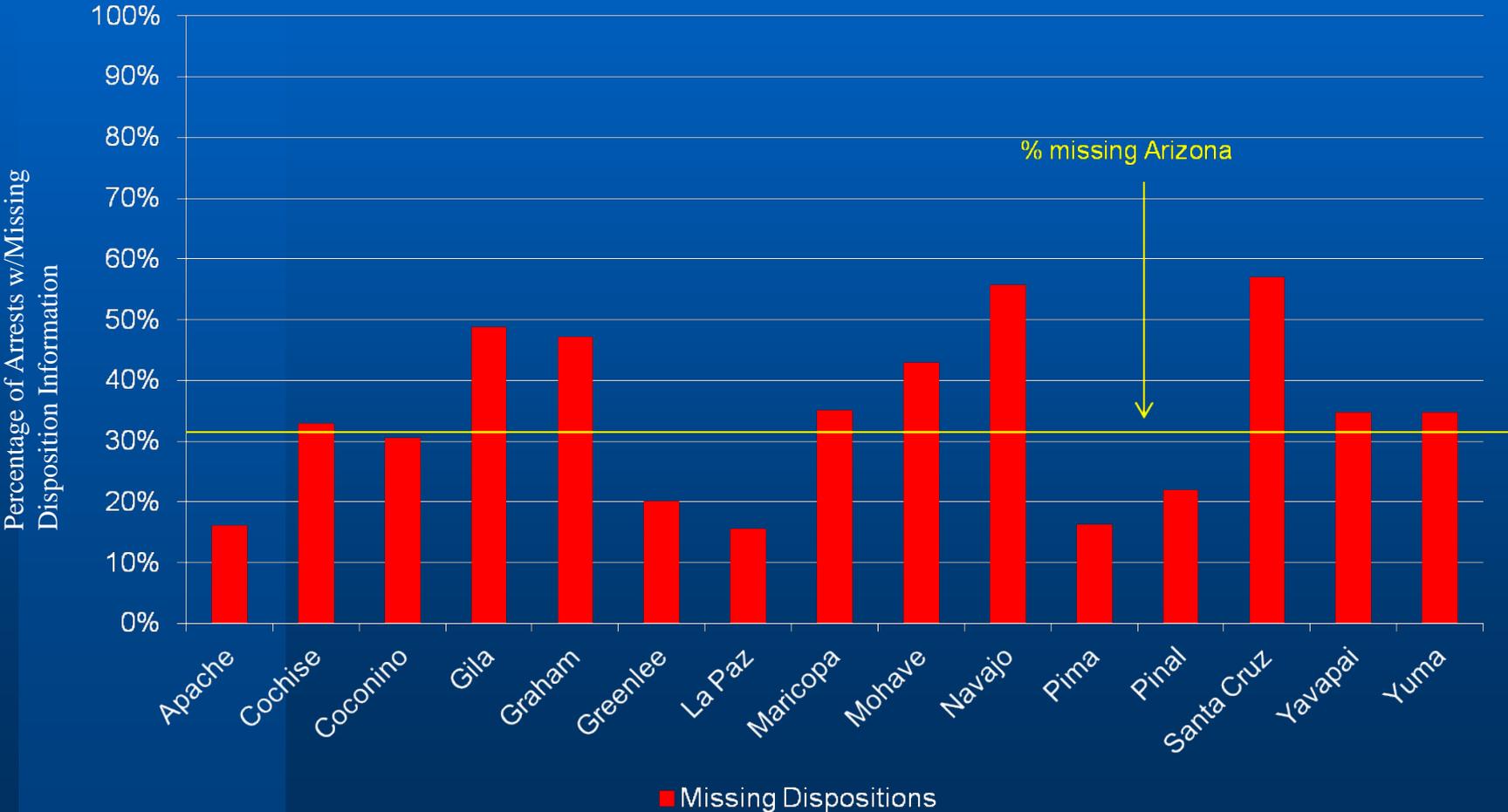
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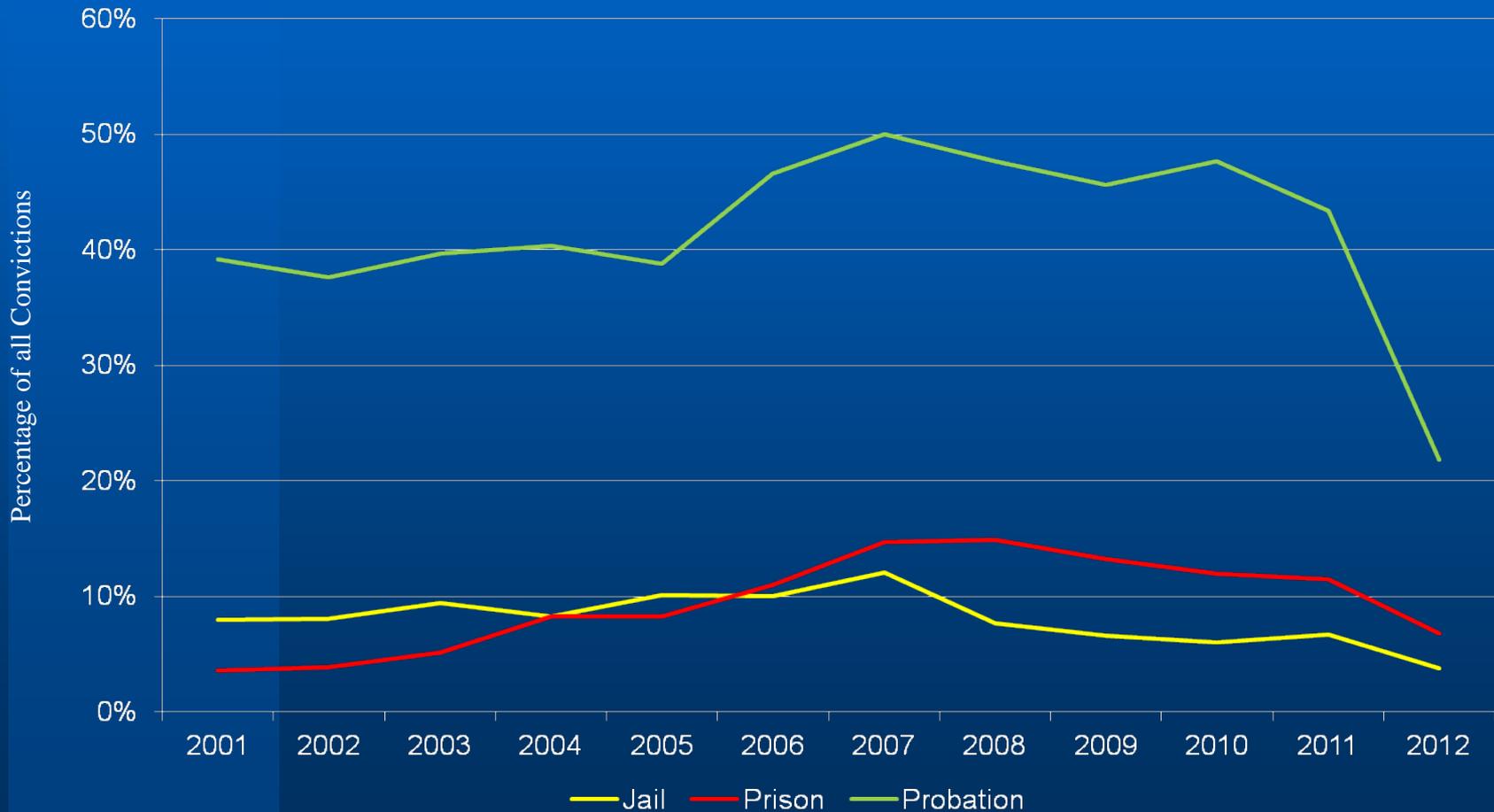
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What Else Can ACCH data Tell Us About Arrests for Domestic Violence in Arizona?

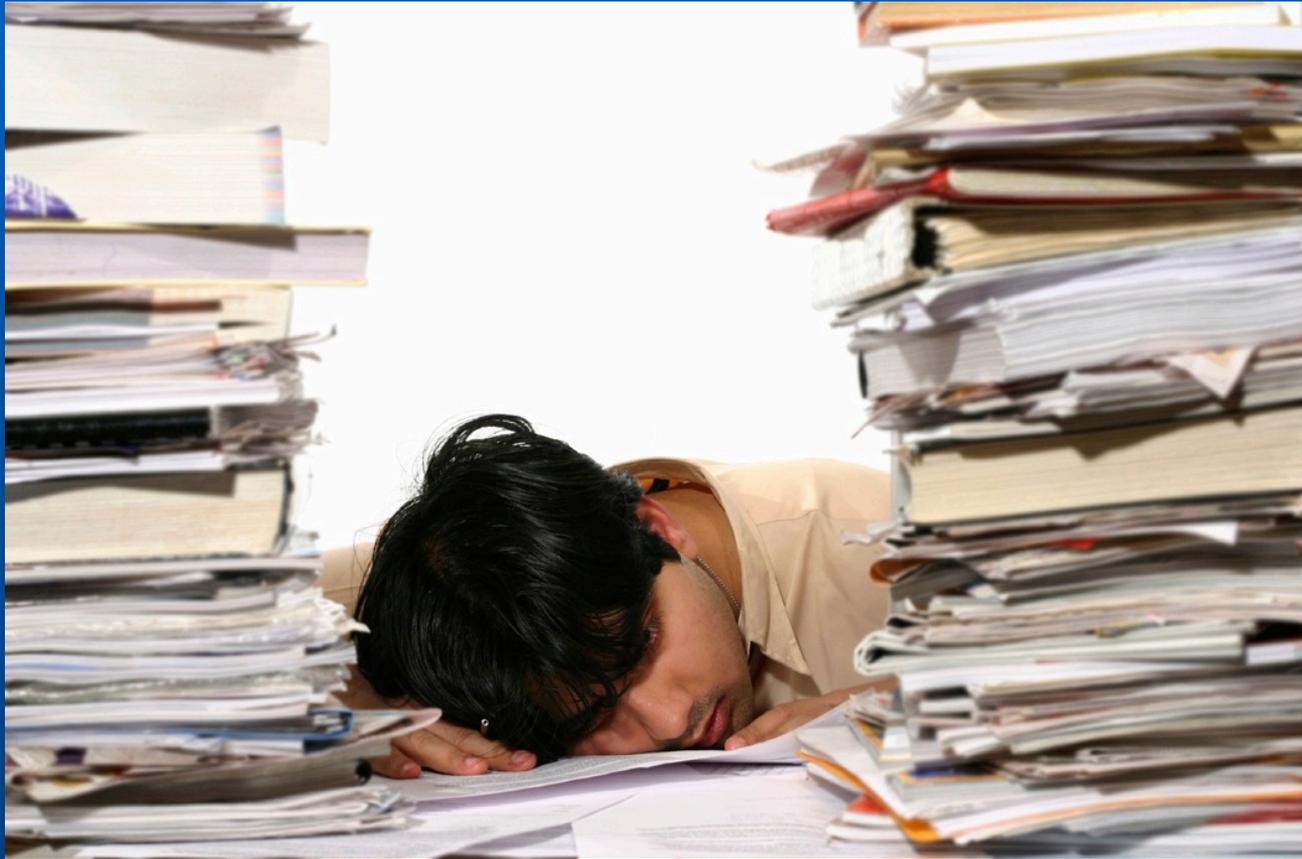
- From 2001 to 2010, the percentage of all domestic violence flagged arrest counts that were felonies ranged from a low of 10.0 percent in 2004 to a high of 13.2 percent in 2006
- From 2001 to 2012 there were 512 arrest counts for homicide (i.e., A.R.S. Chapter 11) that were flagged for domestic violence.
- Throughout the time period examined, more than three-fourths (77.9 percent) of individuals arrested for flagged domestic violence offense were male.
- 18.1 percent of Aggravated DV arrests were (mis)classified as misdemeanors.

Implication of the weaknesses of Arizona's DV arrest data

- ✓ Makes it more difficult to charge AGG DV
- ✓ Makes it more difficult to prohibit gun purchases of convicted DV offenders
- ✓ Makes it more difficult to use ACCH data to better understand the case processing of DV arrestees
- ✓ Makes it more difficult to use ACCH data to better understand the sanctions placed on DV offenders

- ✓ Provide information surrounding completeness of AZ criminal records
- ✓ Existing Challenges
- ✓ Recommendations from the AZ National Instant Criminal Background Check System (NICS) Task Force

THE PROBLEM



Arizona Criminal History Records

5,688,250 Criminal Records

1,461,874 NO Dispositions

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72% completeACCEPTABLE???

Information used for critical decisions – arrest/booking, release, bail, charging, gun permits/purchases, background checks



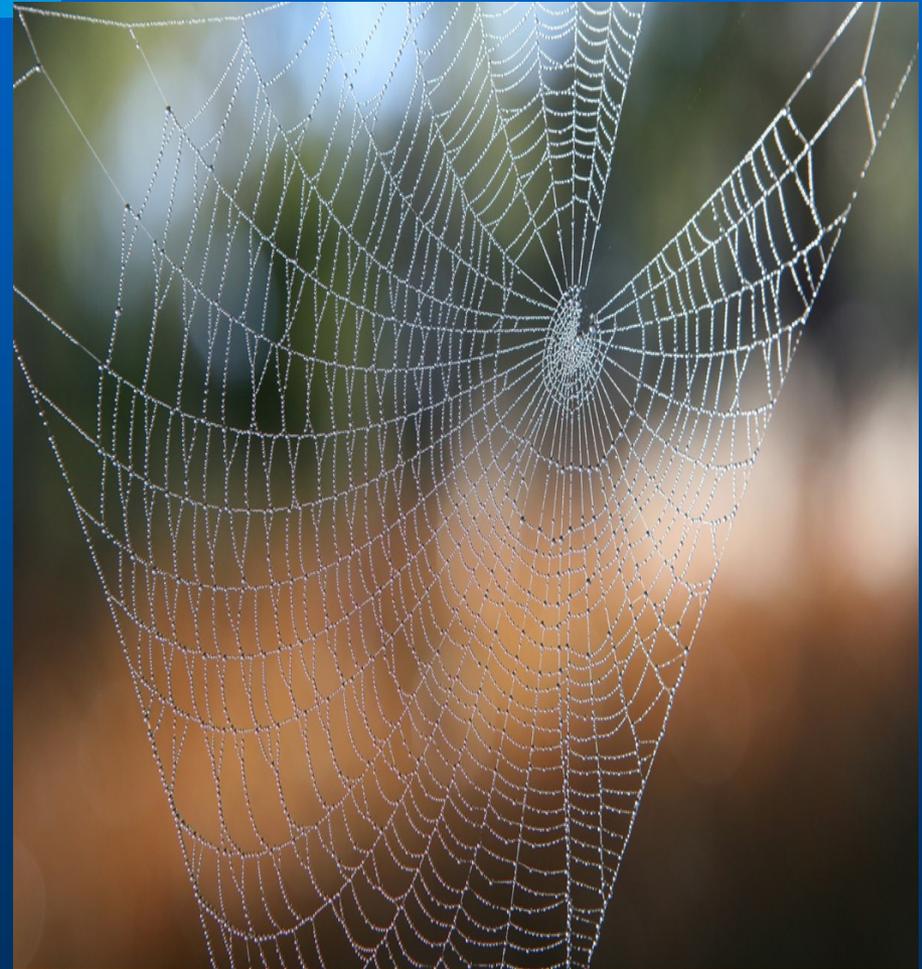
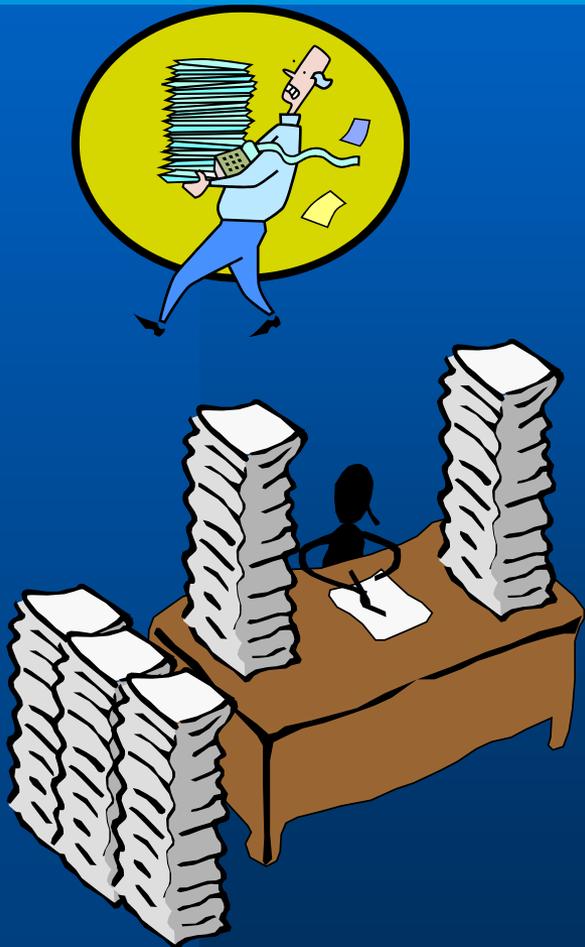
Child care providers

Educators / School Personnel - Drivers

Nursing Homes / Care for elderly

Employment Checks / Financial Industry

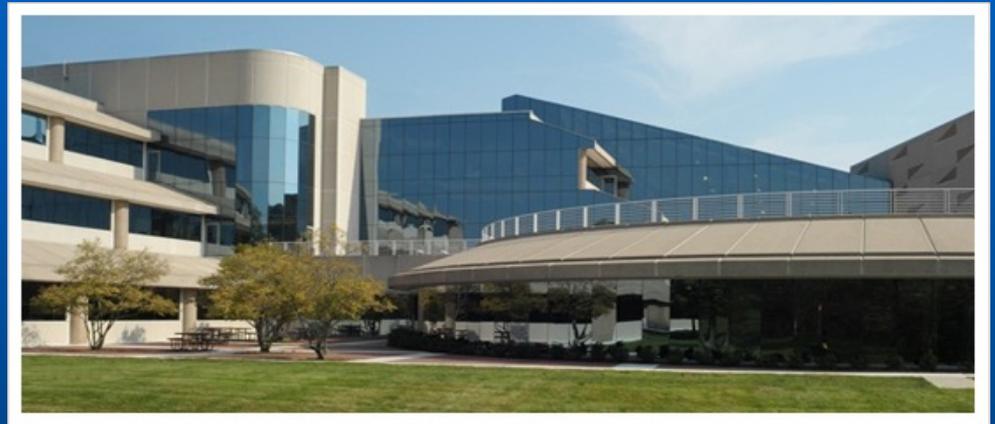
Arizona Records Improvements



ARIZONA
NATIONAL INSTANT CRIMINAL
BACKGROUND CHECK SYSTEM (NICS)
RECORDS IMPROVEMENT
PLAN



National Instant Criminal Background Check System (NICS)



Federal Firearms Licensees

ACCH → III

Wants/Warrants

NICS = Safety Net

Prohibited Possessor Categories

- **CATEGORY 1 - A PERSON CONVICTED of a FELONY or State Misdemeanor (+2 Years)**
- **CATEGORY 2 - A PERSON UNDER INDICTMENT ON INFORMATION**
- **CATEGORY 3 - FUGITIVE on an ACTIVE Felony or Misdemeanor Warrant**
- **CATEGORY 4 - UNLAWFUL DRUG USER – ARREST within LAST YEAR or MULTIPLE ARRESTS IN 5 YEARS or DRUG TEST in last year or MEDICAL MARIJUANA CARDHOLDER**
- **CATEGORY 5 - A PERSON ADJUDICATED to be MENTALLY DEFECTIVE or INVOLUNTARILY COMMITTED or INCOMPETENT TO MANAGE OWN AFFAIRS**
- **CATEGORY 6 - THE SUBJECT of a PROTECTION ORDER after being PROVIDED NOTICE and OPPORTUNITY to attend a HEARING**
- **CATEGORY 7 - A PERSON CONVICTED of MISDEMEANOR DOMESTIC VIOLENCE**

A Critical Need For Arizona

