

Rockingham - Harrisonburg Community Criminal Justice Board (CCJB)

Monday, July 11th, 2022 at 4:00 p.m.

**Location – Rockingham County Administration Building
Community Development Conference Room
20 East Gay Street, Harrisonburg, Virginia 22802**

Agenda

- I. CCJB Meeting Called to Order
 - II. Roll Call
 - III. Approval of Minutes, dated April 4, 2022
 - IV. Operational Updates - *Included in Read-Ahead Material*
 - A. Jail Report
 - B. Harrisonburg Rockingham Community Services Board (CSB)
 - C. District 39 Probation & Parole
 - D. Court Services
 - E. Reentry Coordinator Update
 - F. Criminal Justice Planner Report
 - V. Old Business
 - A. Public Defenders Office Exploratory Committee
 - VI. New Business
 - VII. Public Comment

State your name and local address after being recognized to comment.
 - VIII. Adjournment
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Rockingham - Harrisonburg Community Criminal Justice Board (CCJB)

Minutes

In-Person Meeting – 20 East Gay Street, Harrisonburg, VA 22802
Monday, April 4, 2022 - 4:00 p.m.

Board Members –

Rick Chandler – Rockingham County Board Member / CCJB Chairperson
Laura Dent - City of Harrisonburg Council Member / CCJB Vice-Chairperson
Christopher Bean (Marsha Garst) – Commonwealth’s Attorney
Ande Banks – City Manager (Acting)
Kelley Warner – Chief, Harrisonburg Police Department
Chaz Haywood – Clerk of Circuit Court
Bryan Hutcheson – Sheriff, Rockingham County & City of Harrisonburg
Ellen Harrison – Rockingham Harrisonburg Community Services Board
Richard Jackson, Rockingham-Harrisonburg-Page Reentry Council
Stephen King – County Administrator
Celest Williams – Director, Department of Social Services
Oskar Scheikl – Rockingham County School Superintendent - *Absent*
Judge Bruce Albertson
Michael Richards – Harrisonburg City School Superintendent - *Absent*
Joshua Lutz - Chief, Probation & Parole District 39
Judge John Hart - Absent
Judge Anthony Bailey - Absent
Gene Hart – Defense Attorney
Monica Martin – Chief Magistrate
Ann Marie Ritchie, Director, Court Services

Non-Board Attendees

S. Frank Sottaceti- Harrisonburg / Rockingham Criminal Justice Planner
Ms. Ruth Jost – Rockingham County Resident

- I. Welcome and Introduction by Chairperson Chandler
- II. Chairman Chandler moved for Approval of the December 6, 2021 Minutes. Amended to reflect verbiage change per Mr. King. Motion made by Mr. Stephen King, seconded by Ellen Harrison, and Approved by the Board.
- III. Mr. Richard Jackson was introduced as a Member of the CCJB representing the Rockingham-Harrisonburg-Page Reentry Council.

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IV. Informational/Operational Updates

- A. Rockingham Harrisonburg Regional & Middle River Regional Jail Statistics
Report was posted and disseminated prior to the Meeting. No questions or comments were raised.
- B. Harrisonburg Rockingham Community Services Board (CSB)
Report was posted and disseminated prior to the Meeting. No questions or comments were raised.
- C. District 39 Probation and Parole
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Sottaceti highlighted the Bureau of Justice Assistance awarding a Grant for a Community Paramedicine Program which will be administered and run by the City of Harrisonburg Fire Department.

Vice-Chairperson Dent commented that this is exactly the type of “upstream” program that our Community needs. That it serves to divert individuals, who may otherwise become criminal justice involved, from entering that System.

V. Old Business

Chairman Chandler stated that the Bylaws for the CCJB have been Approved by the City of Harrisonburg and Rockingham County and are now in effect.

Chairperson Chandler stated that future Committees may be viewed more as Task Forces that are limited in scope and are targeted on single issues and will also be limited Term.

Ms. Ruth Jost, who had been involved with the former Alternatives Committee since 2015 was provided an opportunity to speak and thanked the CCJB for the opportunity to be a part of the Alternatives Committee since it was established in 2015.

VI. New Business

- A. During the December 6, 2021 CCJB Meeting Gene Hart had discussed whether it is time to begin exploring if our Community needs a Public Defenders Office to be established.

Chairperson Chandler brought that subject up at this CCJB Meeting and Gene Hart made a Motion to form a Committee that would look at the issue and report back to the CCJB towards the 3rd or 4th Quarter of 2022.

Gene Hart suggested that the membership of the Committee should include both City and County representatives along with the Commonwealth Attorney's Office. Mr. Chaz Haywood brought up the fiscal issues that surround standing-up a Public Defenders Office.

There was discussion that Gene Hart and Marsha Garst would not serve as Chair of the Committee and therefore the leadership of the Committee will be chosen by the CCJB Chairperson per the CCJB Bylaws.

The Motion was Seconded by Mr. Stephen King and the CCJB Voting Members Approved the Motion unanimously.

VII. Public Comment

Ms. Hannah Wittmer had a question regarding the movement of inmates from our jurisdictions. Mr. King stated that all of the movements related to the Middle River Regional Jail would be discussed the following day at the Middle River Regional Jail Authority Board Meeting.

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4:47 pm Meeting Adjourned

The next CCJB Meeting will be held on Monday, July 11, 2022 at 4:00 p.m.



Rockingham-Harrisonburg Regional Jail Mental Health Services Provided by Harrisonburg-Rockingham CSB Quarterly Update

HRCBSB has been providing a full-time case management position to support incarcerated individuals who are experiencing mental health distress since January 2017. The Jail Services Case Manager is located at the Rockingham-Harrisonburg Regional Jail (RHRJ) and conducts assessments, screenings for psychiatric services, completes safety contacts, coordinates release planning, and facilitates educational groups in the designated mental health pod.

During the time of April 1, 2022 through June 30, 2022, our Jail Services Case Manager provided 349 contacts to 183 individuals; of the 183 individuals, 61 were female and 122 were male. The primary services rendered were related to assessment and follow up contact comprising 52% of the total contacts, second was safety and crisis contact, which comprised 39% of all contacts.

Services Rendered By Jail Services Case Manager	
Services Provided	Percent to total
Assessment/Follow-up	52%
Release Planning	3%
Safety/Crisis	39%
Screening for Psychiatric Services	6%

There are several ways individuals can be identified as needing mental health services from the Jail Services Case Manager. The primary referral source during the last three months was self-referrals, which comprised 51% of all referrals. The primary behavioral health related concern identified continues to be substance use representing 35% of total contacts, followed by anxiety related concerns representing 31% of total contacts.

Primary Issue	Percent to total
Mood Disorder	18%
Adjustment Disorder	7.5%
Drug / Alcohol Abuse	35%
Thought Disorder	8%
Bipolar	.5%
Anxiety	31%

A primary function of the case manager has been to help individuals identify and develop coping skills for dealing with behavioral health symptoms and overall life circumstances. Currently this is being done on a one-on-one basis. We have not resume psychoeducational groups.

HRCBSB's Psychiatric Nurse Practitioner continues to provide psychiatric evaluations and medication management services 3.5 hours per week for individuals with mental health issues. During the following timeframe April 1, 2022 through June 30, 2022, 115 medication



related services were provided to 83 individuals. Of the 115 services provided, 40 were initial psychiatric evaluations and 75 were medication management follow-up appointments.



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July 4, 2022

Total Number of Cases: 1530 (369 Page) (1,161 Rockingham/Harrisonburg)
+ 339 (OLU – Voice Monitor System used for low level cases)

1,869 Page/Rockingham/OLU

Over the past 30 days, June 2022, District 39 has taken in 91 supervisees (from the Courts/Jails/Prisons) and transferred out 83 supervisees. Since January 2022, District 39 has taken in 526 and transferred out 522 supervisees. Please note that this may mean they have been transferred to another district in VA or out of state; however, this information is unknown at this point. I have requested a report be created to identify successful and unsuccessful case closures; however, they are in process of developing this report which could take several months to complete.

Special Programs Being Utilized by District 39:

1. Community Corrections Alternative Program (VADOC)
2. Harrisonburg/Rockingham County CSB (Substance Abuse/Mental Health)
3. Gemeinschaft CRP (VADOC)
4. Gemeinschaft Day Reporting/Gemeinschaft Women's Home
5. Harrisonburg/Rockingham County Drug Court
6. Page County Drug Court
7. Page County Counseling (at District 39 Substance Abuse Treatment)
8. Sex Offender Treatment (at District 39 Subsidized by the VADOC)
9. Strength in Peers
10. Private Counselors
11. Bright View Treatment Center
12. Harrisonburg Methadone Clinic
13. Social Services and various other state agencies
14. VA Medical Center/Hospitals (Winchester and Roanoke)
15. VASAP
16. Multiple Other Agencies

Please note that this is a small number of the community resources we use most commonly in supervision. Also, during the pandemic, we have had to move to virtual means of running groups and other activities.

Explanations:

- As you all may be aware, there has been a change in the Virginia Code where inmates are now earning more credit on their sentences, called Earned Sentence Credit. What this appears to mean for Harrisonburg/Rockingham County/Page County is that we will likely be receiving about an additional 90 to 120 supervisees released to probation/parole/post release supervision in addition to the normal releases between now and August 31, 2022.

Joshua C. Lutz, Chief Probation and Parole Officer

Court Services Unit Update

Probation

Total number of placements as of June 30, 2022 for FY22 - 217 placements

Closed Cases FY22 – 140 successful, 92 unsuccessful Number of Offenders - 195

Probation supervision provides sentencing alternatives to the judiciary and supervise offenders through intermediate sanctions consistent with the community's views. The Program will hold the offender accountable to the community for his/her criminal behavior through payment of restitution, fines and court costs, performance of community service work, and completion of treatment or any other special condition as ordered by the court.

Pretrial

Total number of placements as of June 30, 2022 for FY22 – 350 placements

Total number of screenings – 1904 defendants

Closed Cases – 179 successful 64 unsuccessful Number of Defendants - 265

Pretrial services agencies provide information and investigative services to judicial officers to help them decide whether persons charged with certain offenses and awaiting trial need to be held in jail or can be released to their communities subject to supervision. Pretrial is an alternative to incarceration. Virginia pretrial agencies currently use an objective and research-based risk assessment to assess risk of flight and danger to the community posed by pretrial defendants. This assessment is known as the VPRAI.

Electronic Monitoring FY22 as of June 30, 2022

GPS – 20 participants, TAD/SoberLink – 3 participants

Day Reporting Program – Total Participants as of June 30, 2022 – 20

Rockingham-Harrisonburg Adult Drug Court Participants as of June 30, 2022 – 17 participants

Rockingham-Harrisonburg CRT Mobile Crisis Team as of June 30, 2022 there have been 136 consumer contacts in our community.

Work Program – Litter Control Program

As of June 30, 2022, for FY22, a total of 412 bags of trash collected. In addition to keeping the roads clean in Rockingham County, the work program also performs various jobs at county locations to include: County Administration Building, Social Services, Landfill, Bluehole, Central School Office, Plains Community Center, Rockingham Regional Jail, Shooting Range, Bergton Community Center, and various other facilities tasks to include – vehicle washing, grass cutting, weed pulling, tree trimming, general clean up, moving, etc.

Crisis Intervention Team

Total number of trained personnel from Rockingham County Sheriff's Office - 129 (4), Harrisonburg Police Department- 99 (3), James Madison University Police Department – 36 (3), Timberville Police Department - 5, Broadway Police Department - 8, Bridgewater Police Department – 9, Dayton – 4, Elkton Police Department – 2 (3), Grottoes Police Department – 3, Virginia State Police - 15, EMU Public Safety – 1, Bridgewater College PD – 2, Norfolk Police Department- 3, Rockingham Harrisonburg Regional Jail – 32 (2), Magistrates 3 (1), Community Services Board – 11 (1), Rockingham-Harrisonburg Court Services Unit – 4 (1), Emergency Communications Center – 61 (2), Rockingham County Fire & Rescue 3, Harrisonburg Fire Department – 10, State Probation and Parole – 18(3) Federal Probation- 1, Sentara RMH- 1, USDA Forest Service- 1, VDOC Augusta Correctional Center-2, SS- 2

HRSSD Re-Entry Update Quarterly Report

Number of Ongoing Participants	1st	2nd	3rd	4th	Total
City	10	4			
County	7	1			
Other locality					
Non-participant			4		
Total	17	9			

Number of New Participants	1st	2nd	3rd	4th	Total
City	5	9			
County	3	1			
Other locality					
Non-participant			8		
Total	8	18			

Referral Source / Number of Referrals	1st	2nd	3rd	4th	Total
Community Service Board	1	2			
District 39 Probation and Parole			2		
Court Services	2				
HRDSS BPS/SSW employee	1				
Rockingham County Jail Staff	1				
Brochure/Flyer/ Self Referral	1	10			
Middle River Regional Jail ReEntry Class	1	1			
Rockingham County Jail Sgt					
Community Corrections Alt Program	1				
Women's Geminschaft Home			1		
Other			2		
Total	8	18			

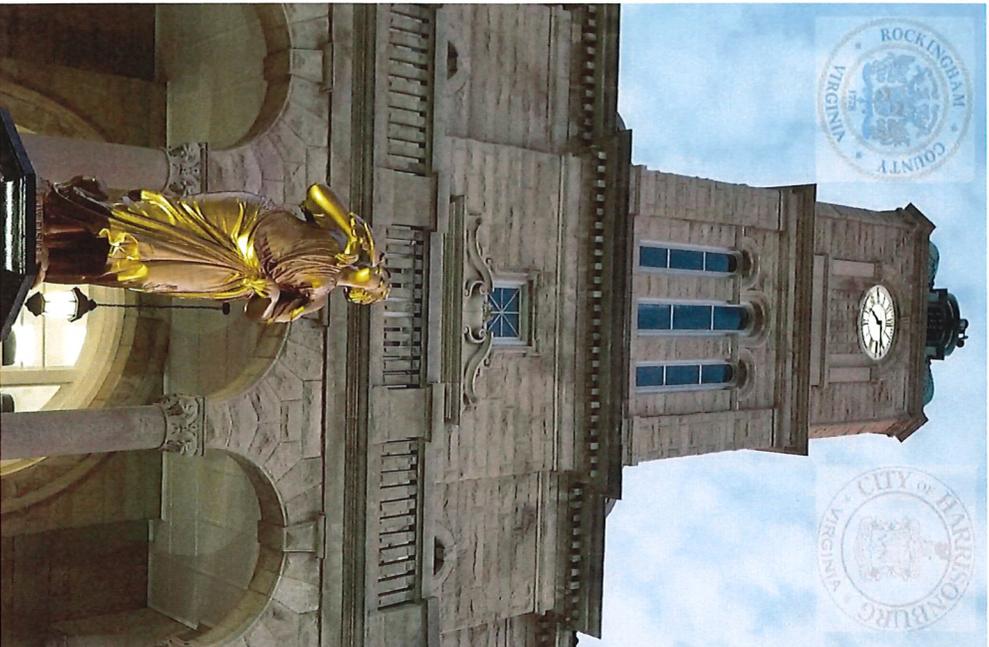
Released From	1st	2nd	3rd	4th	Total
Rockingham County Jail	3	6			
Middle River Regional Jail	1	2			
RSW					
Still Incarcerated			4		
Allenwood Federal Correctional Institution					
Indian Creek Prison					
Department of Corrections					
Pretrial Services					
Gemeinschaft Home			2		
Coffeewood	1				
No Release/ but referred to program for assistance	2				
Other	1	4			
Total	8	18			

Report 2022

Service Provided	1st	2nd	3rd	4th	Total
Phone Card	2	4			
Gas Card	7	3			
Shoes/ Clothing	2	8			
SNAP	3	3			
Medicaid	1	3			
Emergency Housing					
Housing/Pay Rent	1	2			
Assist / w Disability App	3	1			
Gift Cards	2				
Birth Certificate	1	2			
Mental Health	4	1			
Transportation Services					
Addiction Recovery	4	11			
Legal Services					
Social Security Card					
Unemployment					
Medical Equipment	1				
Car Insurance		1			
Education					
Utility Bills					
Oxford House Application	1	1			
DCSE	1				
DMV/Way to Go	3	4			
Budgeting	2				
Phone	2				
ASAP	1				
DARS Referral	3	1			
Family Reunification		3			
Help finding employment		2			
DCSE/Way to Go	1				
Total	45	50*			

Gender	1st	2nd	3rd	4th	Total
Male	5	11			
Female	3	7			
Total	8	18			

Returned to Incarceration	1st	2nd	3rd	4th	Total
Total	0	0			
Employment Obtained	1	3			
Receiving Social Security Income	1				
Applied for Social Security Income disability determination	2	1			



Report from the Criminal Justice Planner

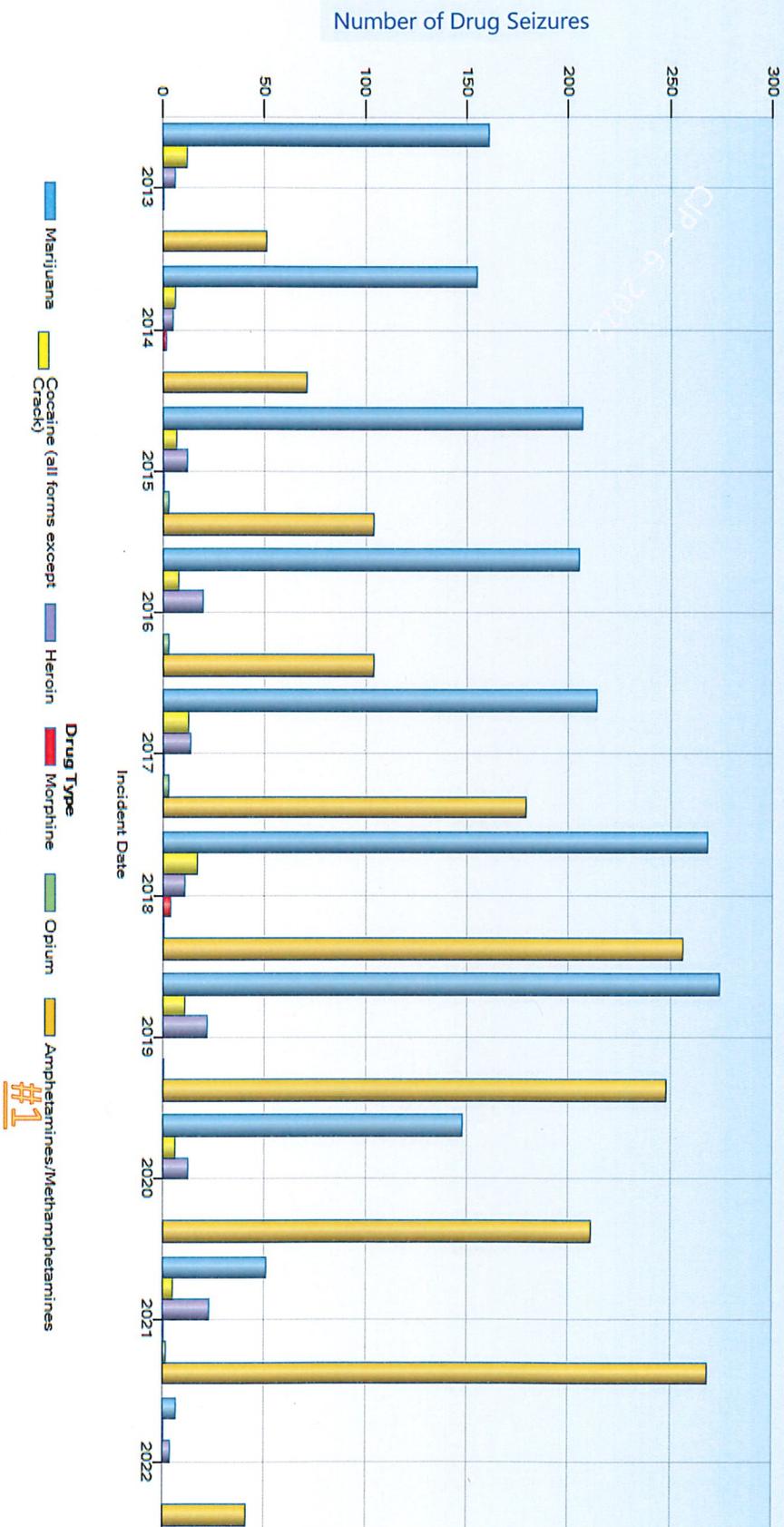
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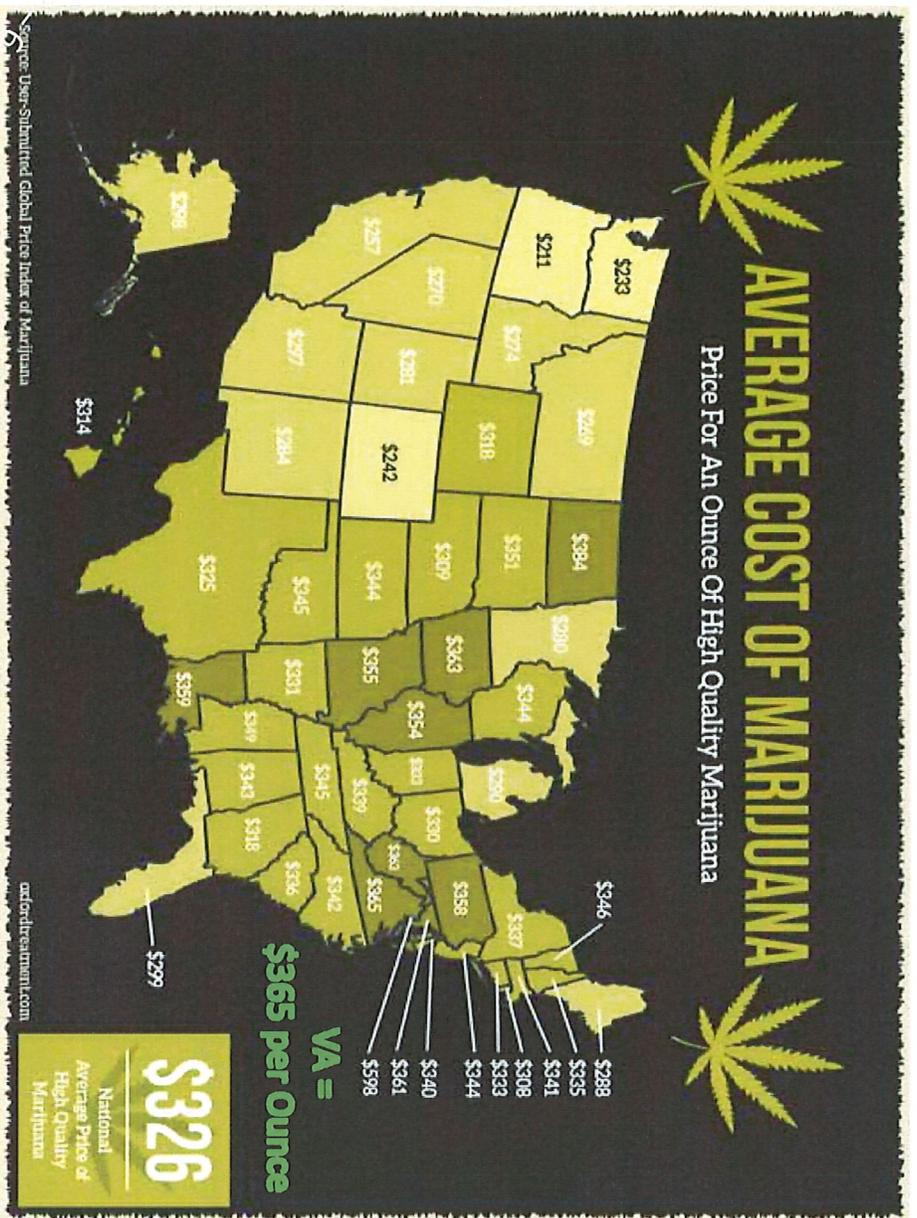
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Community Criminal Justice Board (CCJB)

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Drug Seizures - 10 Year Trend





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What is Legal in Virginia?

Possession of 1 Ounce or Less

21 YOA and Older

4 Plants per Household

Marijuana Measurements



1 Ounce = 28.35 grams = about the size of a

Coconut = ~ 88 Joints

Slang - "Zip"

1/2 Ounce = 14.17 grams = about the size of a

Grapefruit = ~ 44 Joints

Slang - "Half an O"

1/4 Ounce = 7.08 grams = about the size of

Apple = ~ 22 Joints

Slang - "Quad"

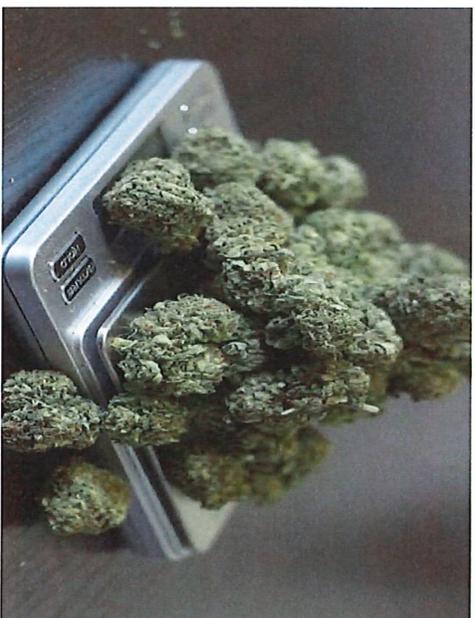
1/8 Ounce = 3.54 grams = about the size of a

Kiwi = ~ 11 Joints

Slang - "Eighth"

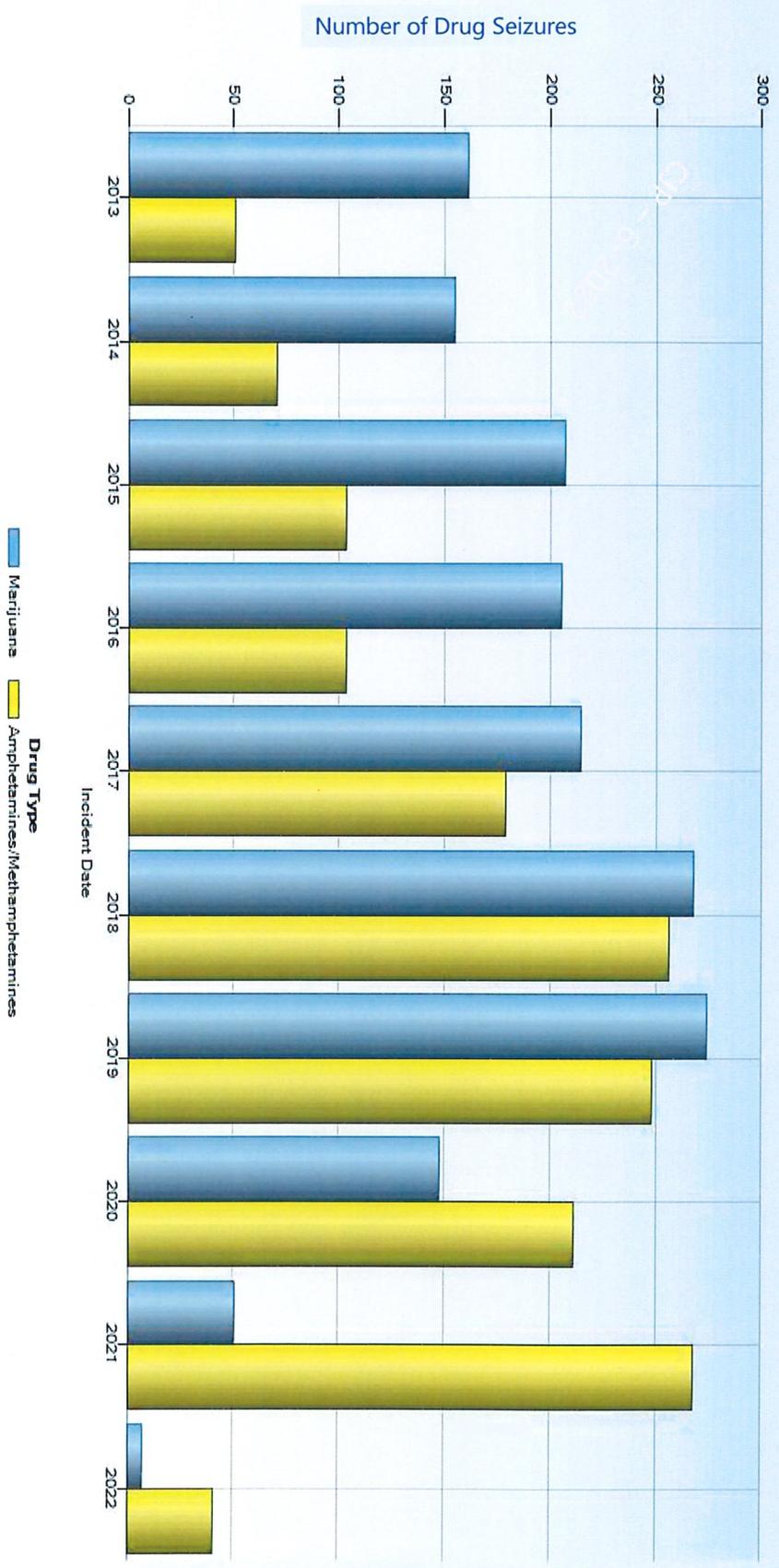
1 Gram = about the size of a Grape = ~ 3 Joints

Slang - "Dime Bag"

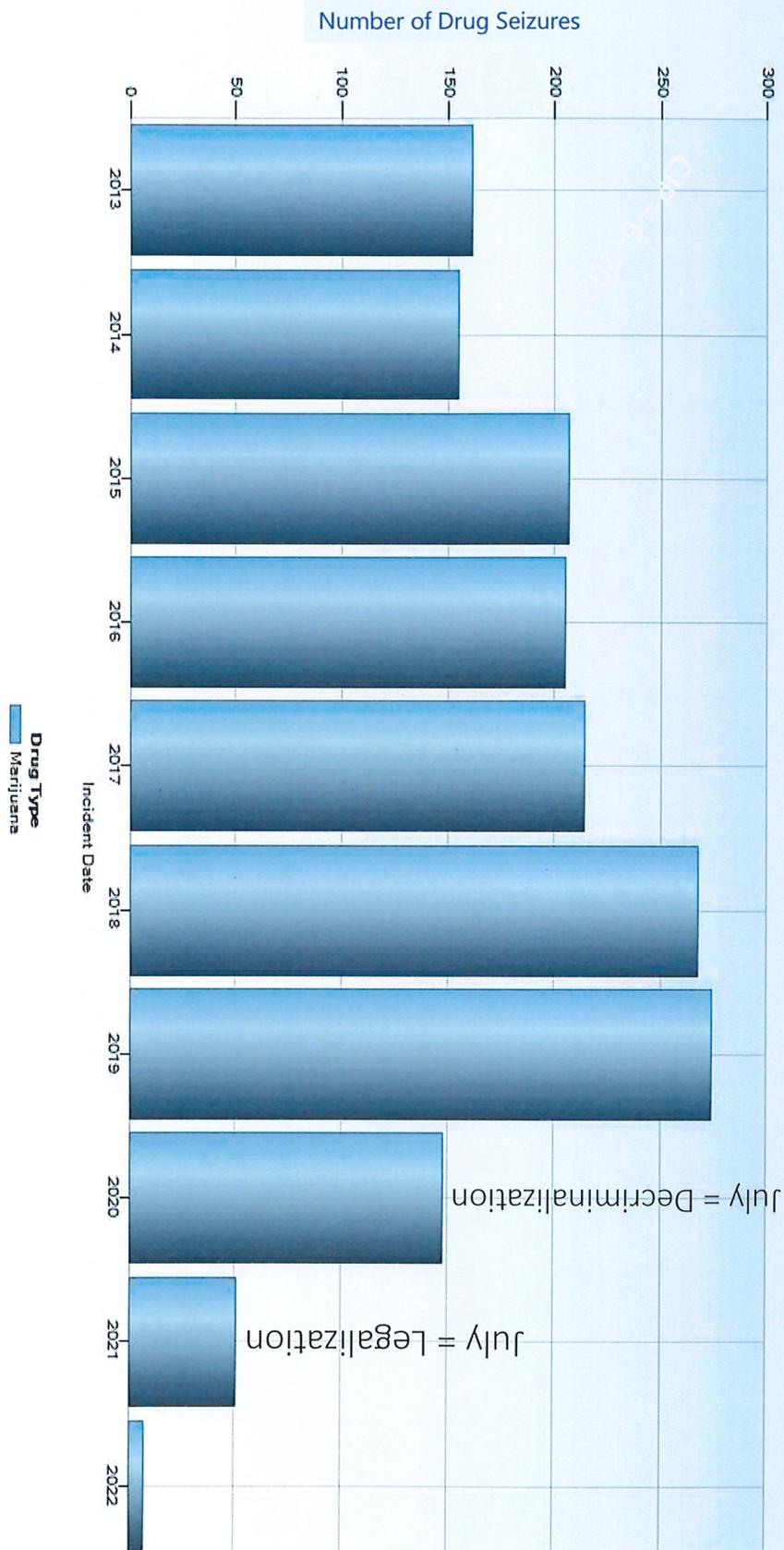


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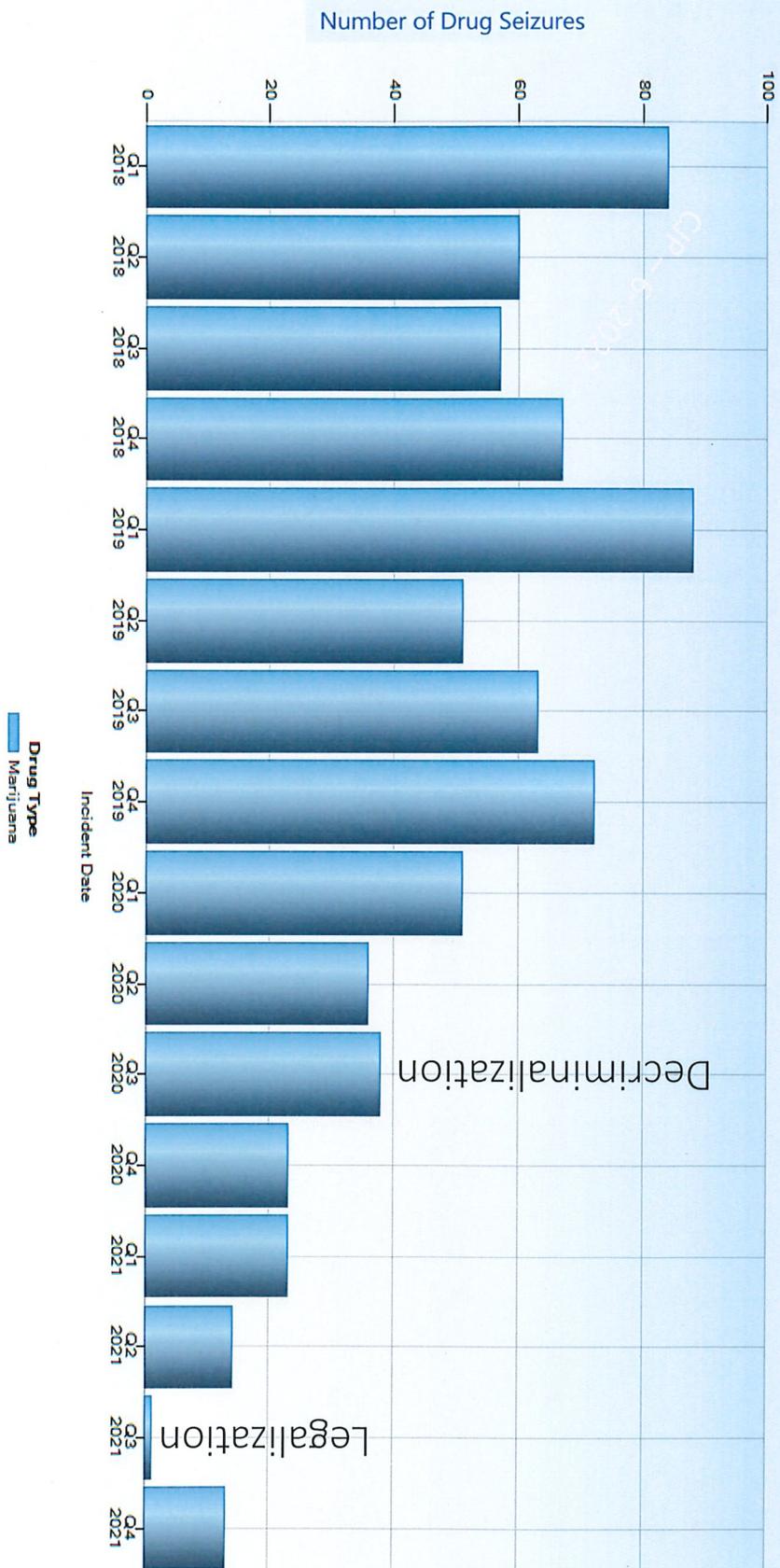
Increase of Methamphetamine and Decrease of Marijuana Seizures - 10 Year Trend



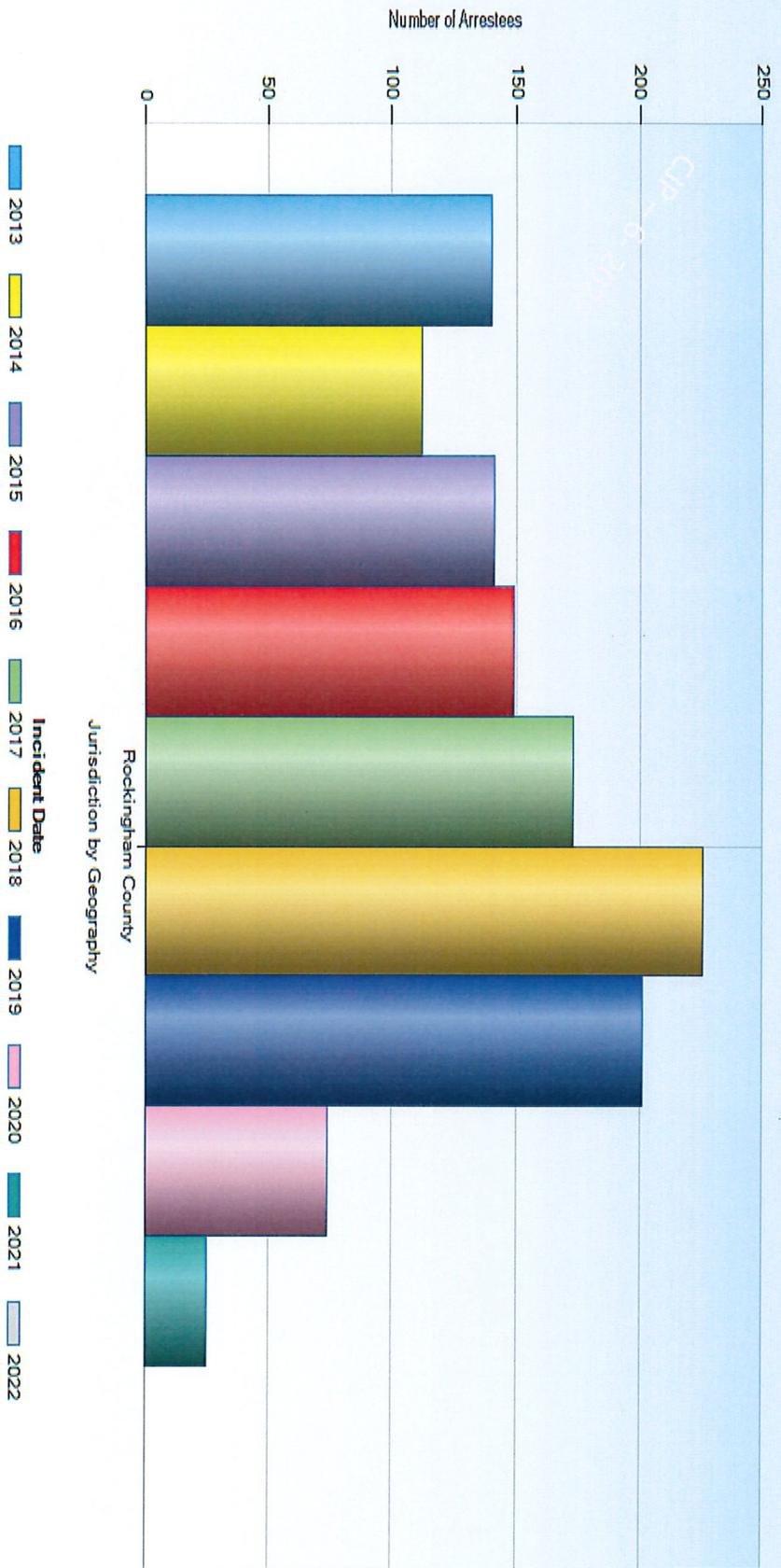
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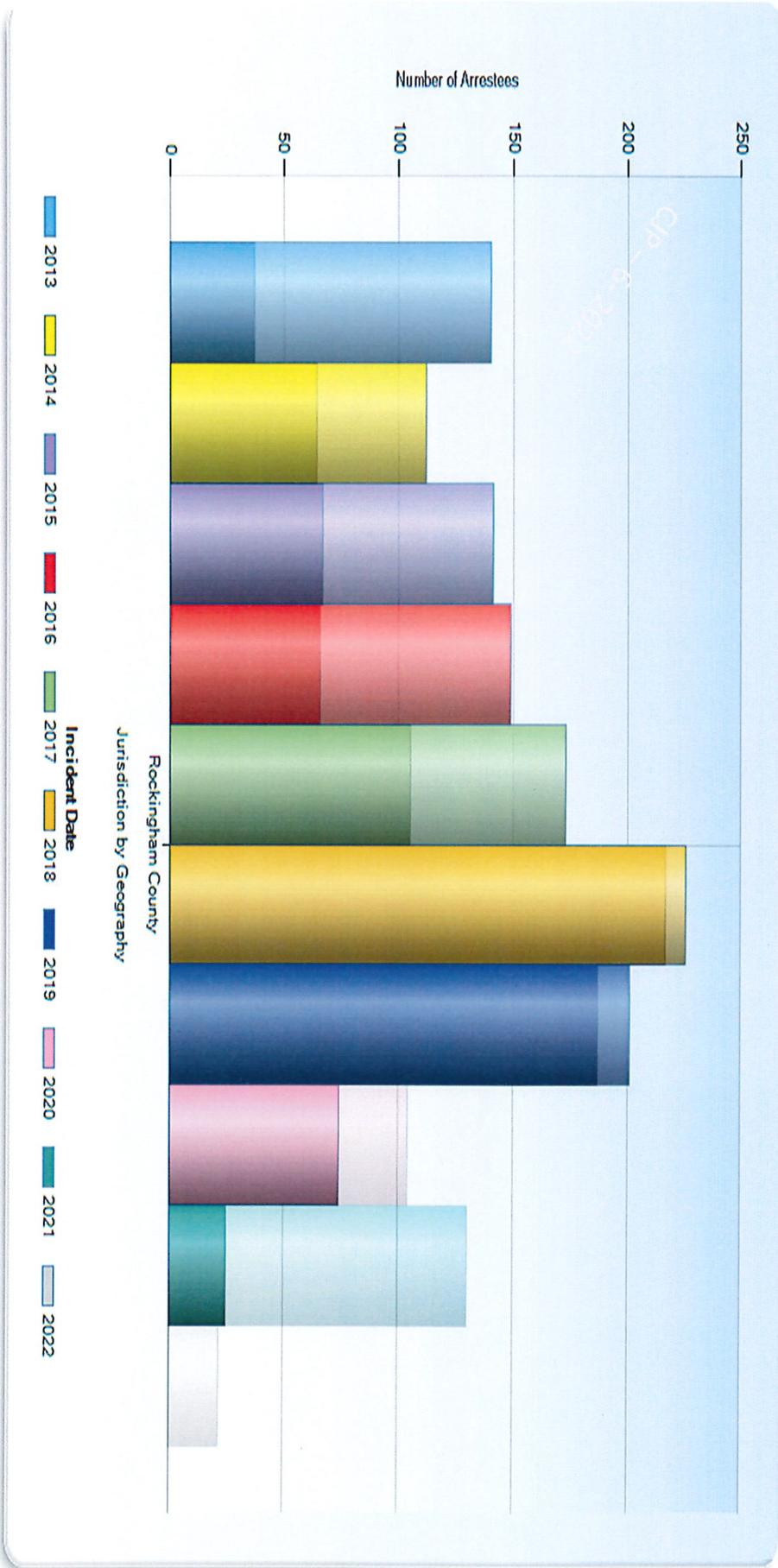
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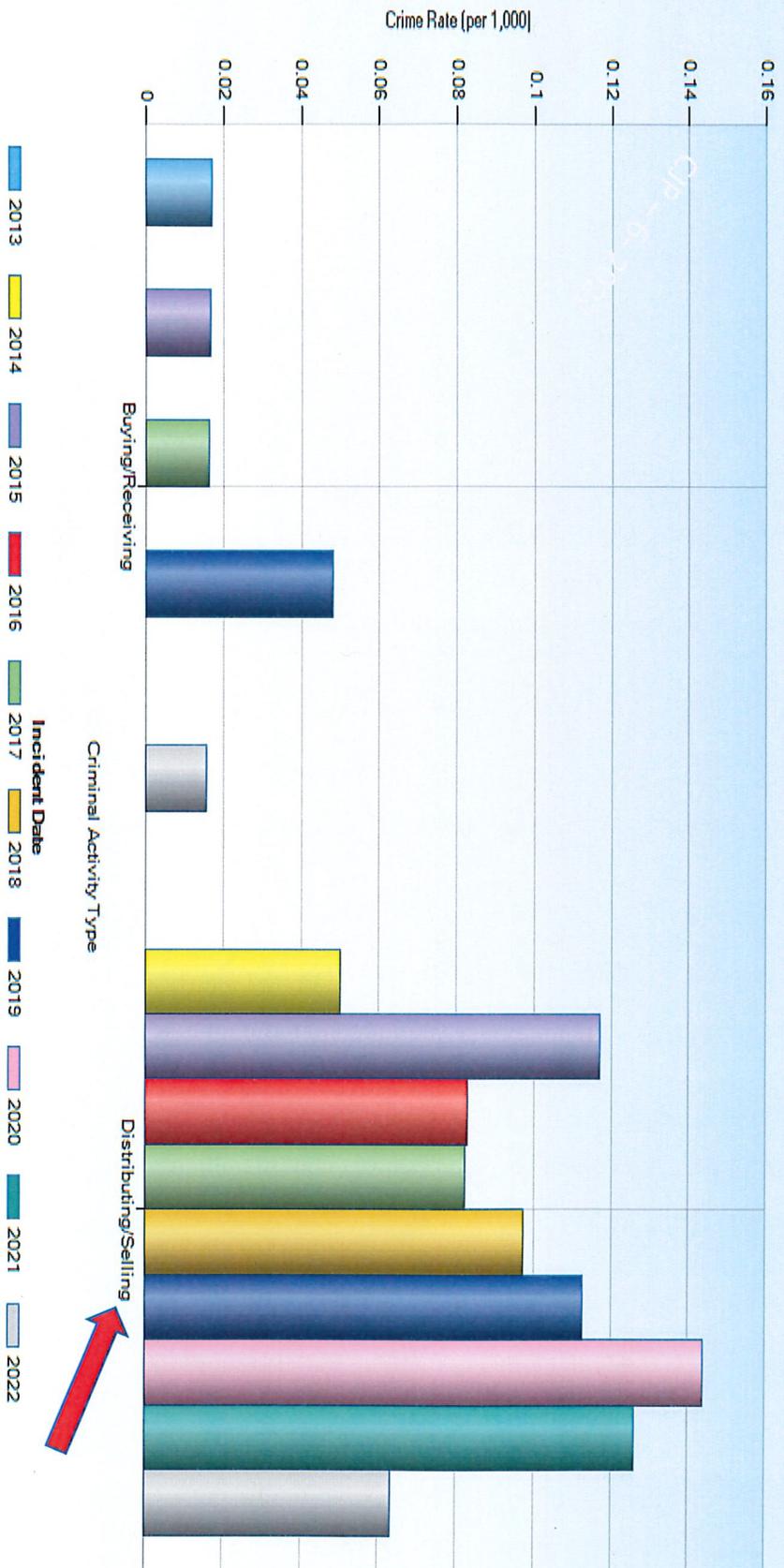
Marijuana Arrests – 10 Year Trend



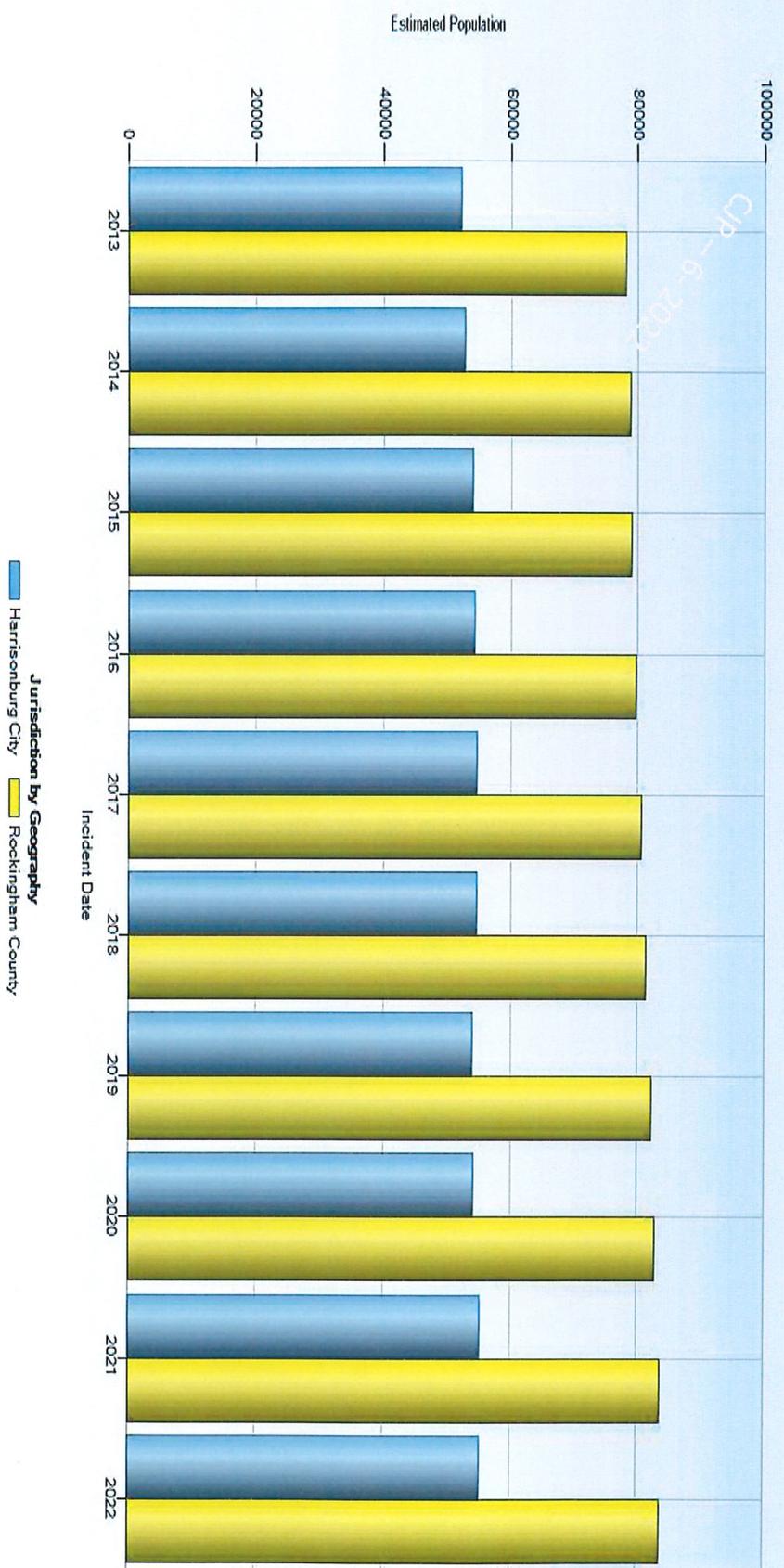
Marijuana versus Amphetamine/Methamphetamine Arrests – 10 Year Trend



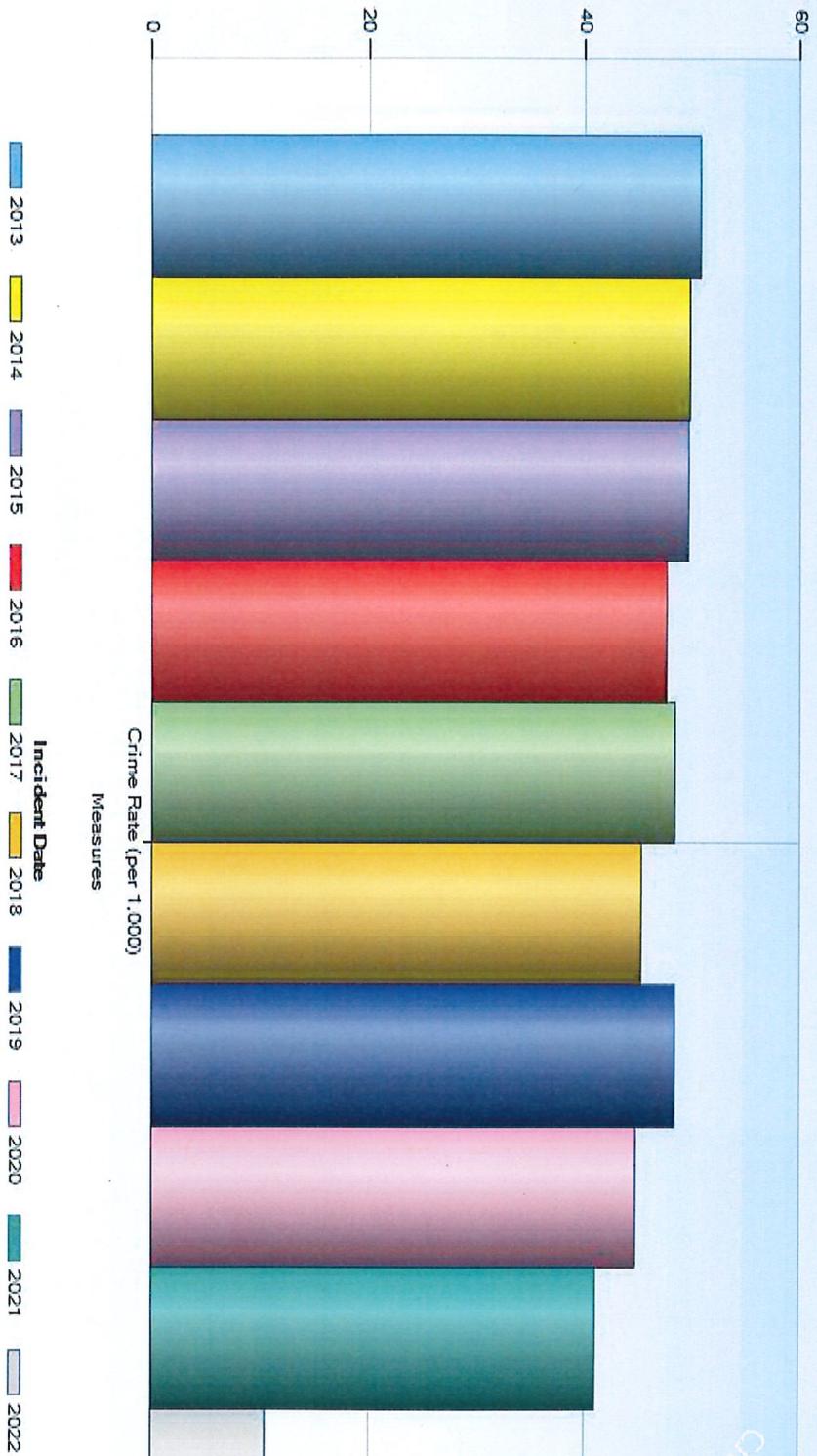
All Drugs – Buying versus Selling - Crime Rate per 1,000



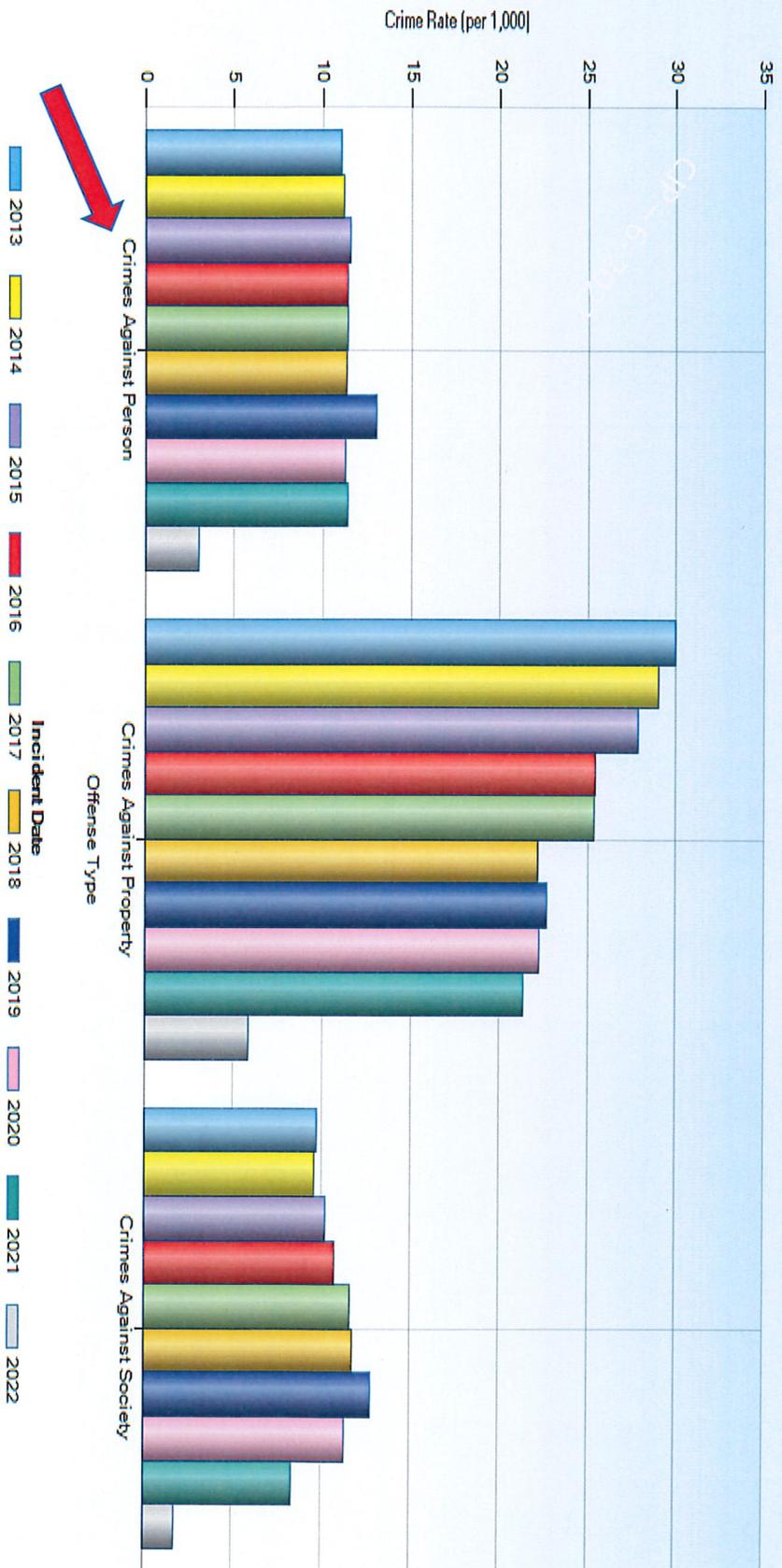
Census Populations - 10 Year Change



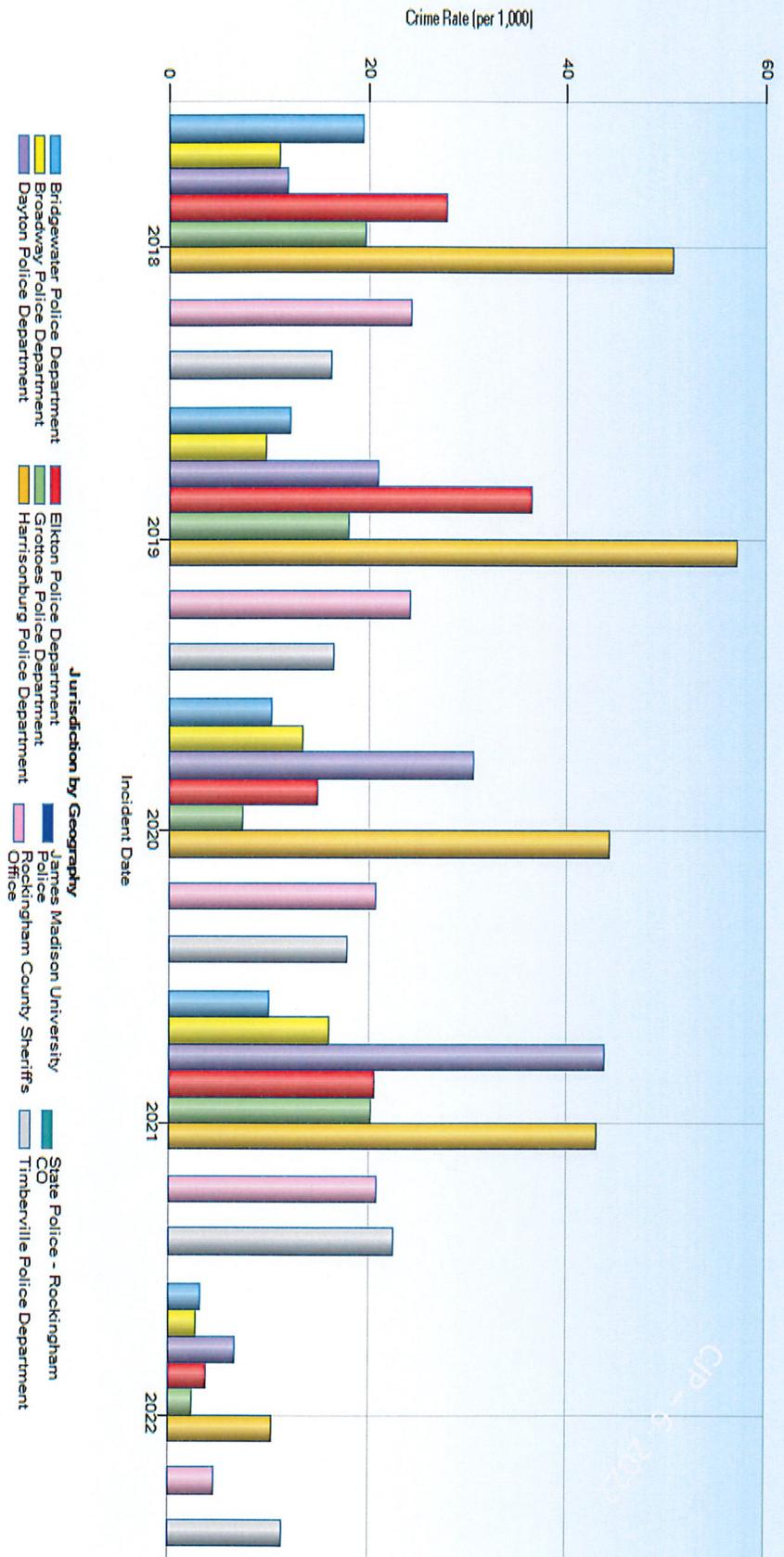
Our Community's Overall Crime Rate per 1,000 - 10 Year



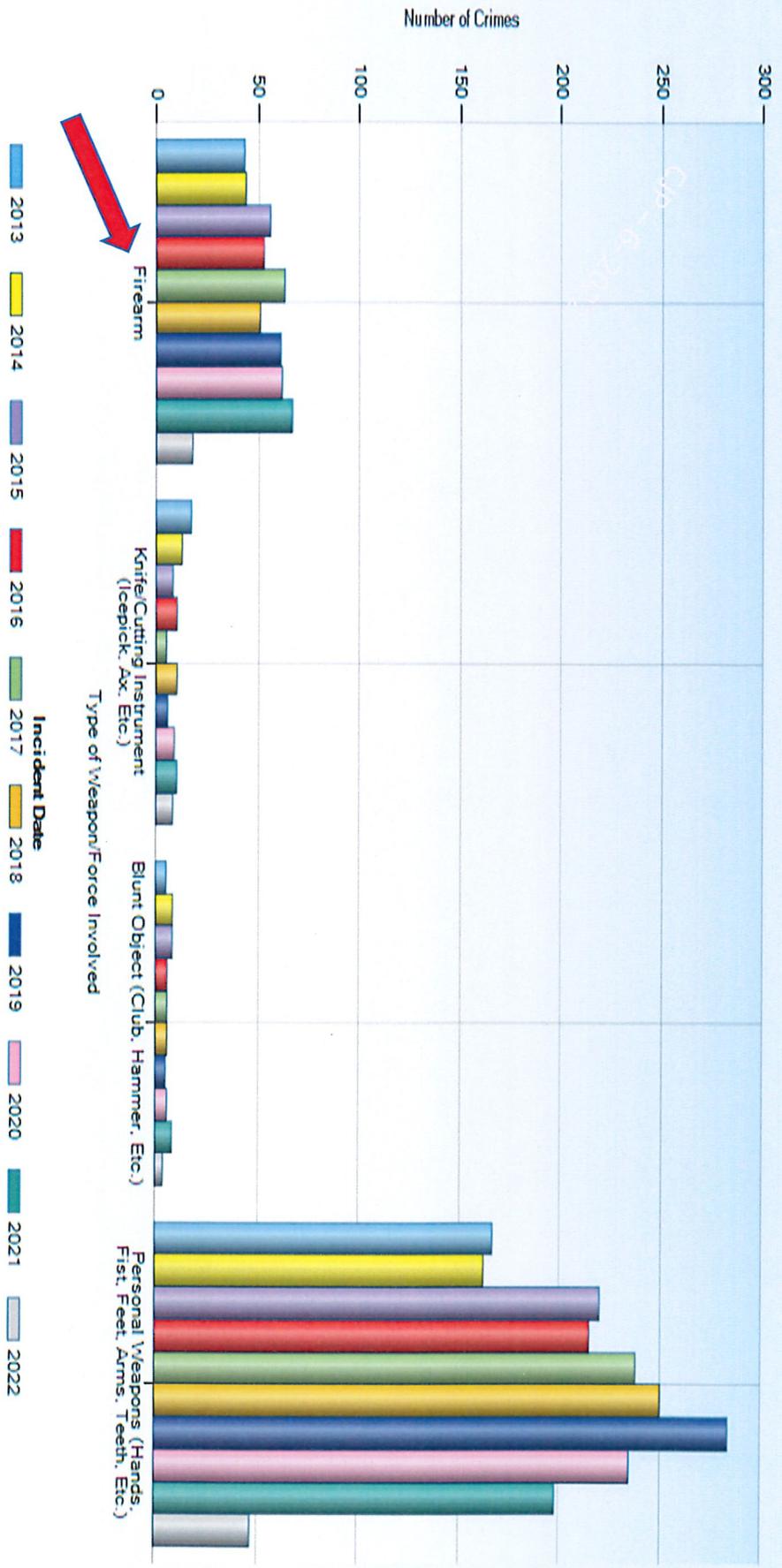
Our Community's Overall Crime Rate per 1,000 by Offense Type - 10 Year



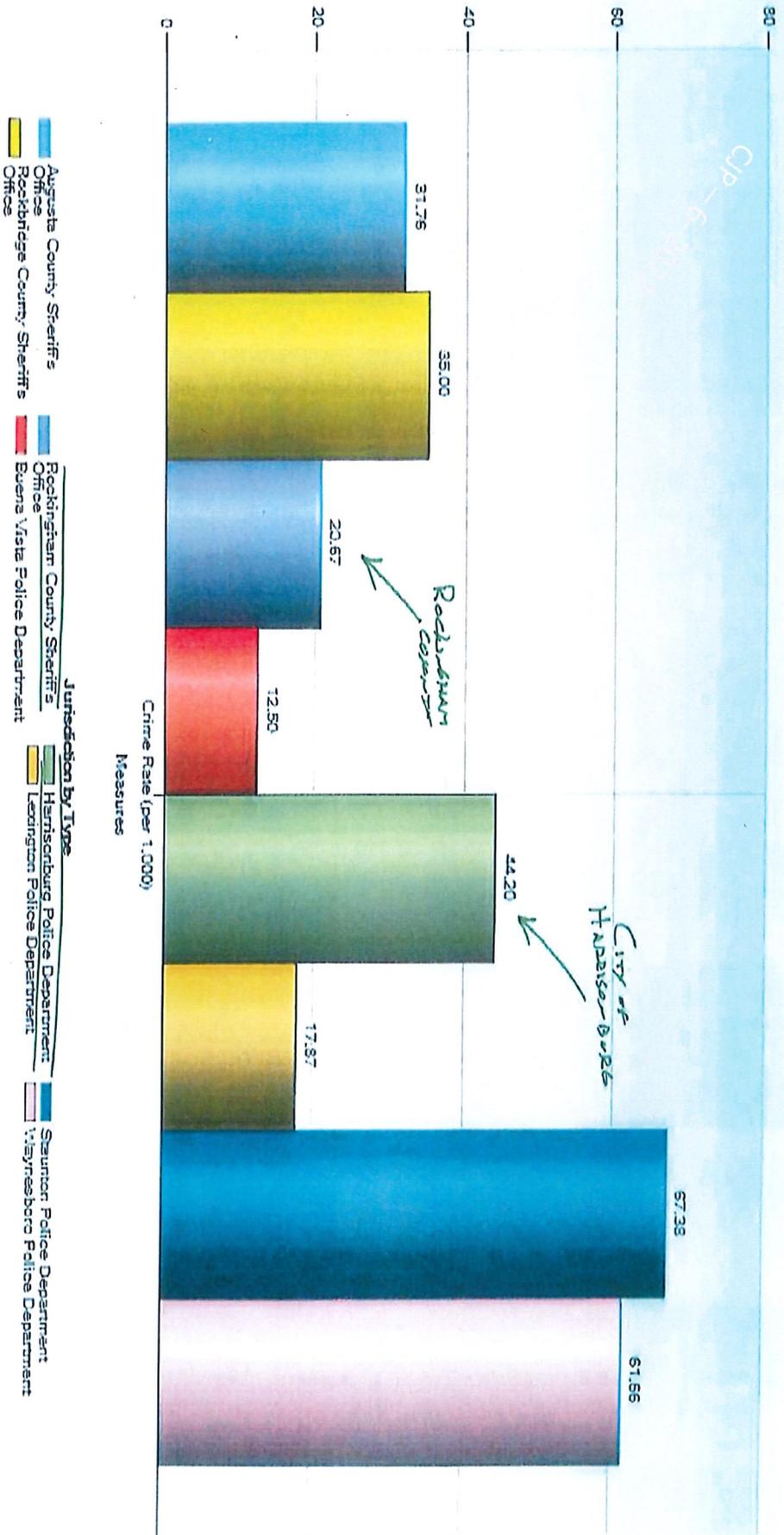
Our Community's Crime Rate per 1,000 by Jurisdiction - 5 Year



Weapon / Force Type – Our Community's 10 Year Trend



Overall Crime Rate per 1,000 – Blue Ridge Court Svcs. V. Rockingham-Harrisonburg Court Svcs.



Incarceration Rates – Partner Localities Middle River Regional Jail

Locality	Census Population	Avg. Daily Population (ADP)			Incarceration Rate per 1,000
Augusta County	77,563	282			3.63
Harrisonburg	51,430	Total	MRRJ	RHRJ	3.48
		135,824	130	343	
Rockingham County	84,394	473			
Staunton	25,661	171			6.66
Waynesboro	22,550	90			4.00

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Rockingham – Harrisonburg Community Criminal Justice Board

Bylaws

The City of Harrisonburg and Rockingham County adopted revised Bylaws for the Rockingham – Harrisonburg Community Criminal Justice Board.

One important update was to formalize the process by which Committees are formed, their leadership, lifespan, and to formalize an application process by which the Public can participate in the CCJB to align with other Boards/Commissions and Committees within our Community.

Rockingham – Harrisonburg Community Criminal Justice Board

Issue - Public Defenders Office

Task - Evaluate establishing a Public Defenders Office in our Community

Action – The Community Criminal Justice Board (CCJB) established a Committee on April 4th, 2022, to evaluate the feasibility of a Public Defenders Office and make recommendation(s) to the CCJB.

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