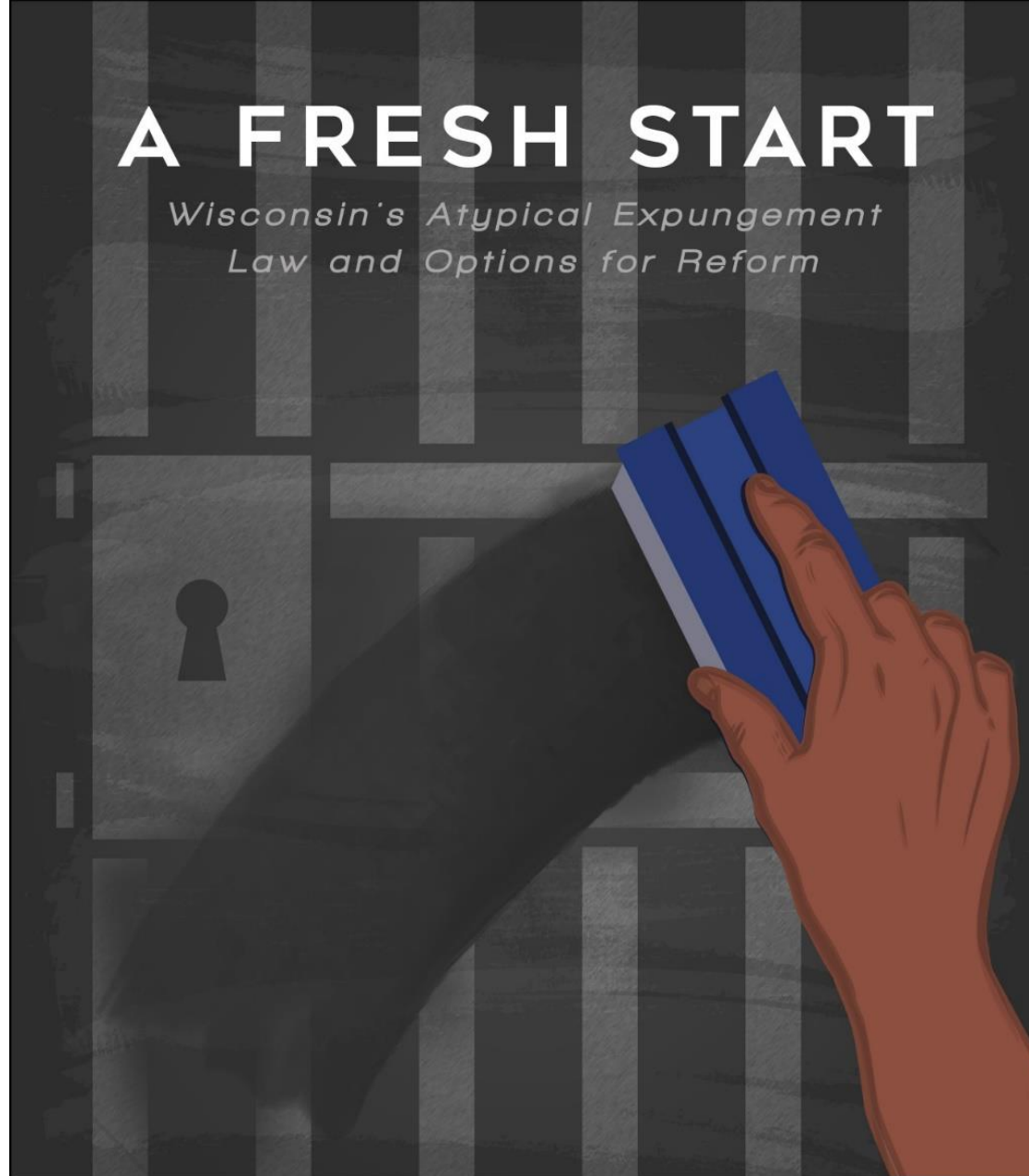


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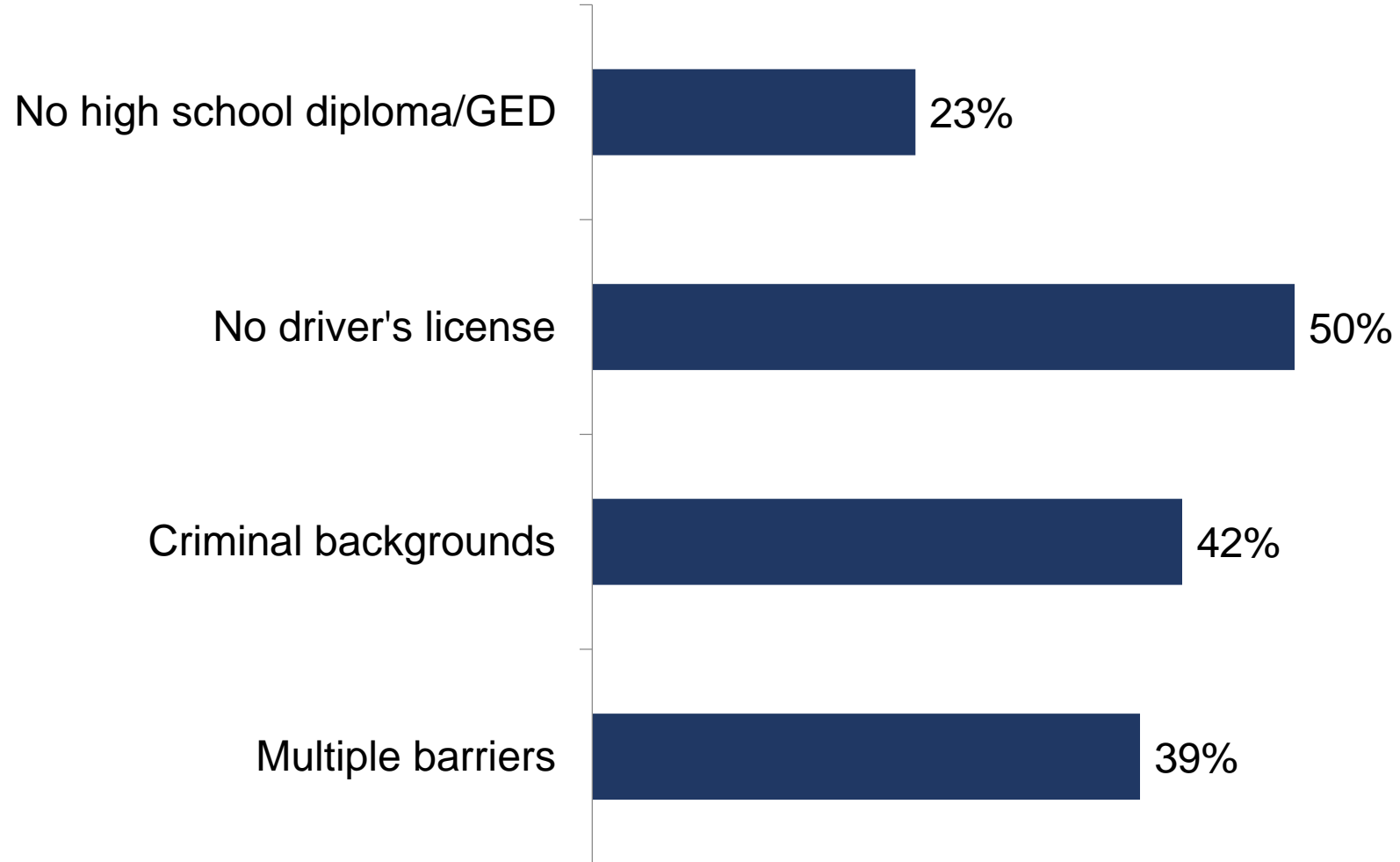
*Wisconsin's Atypical Expungement
Law and Options for Reform*



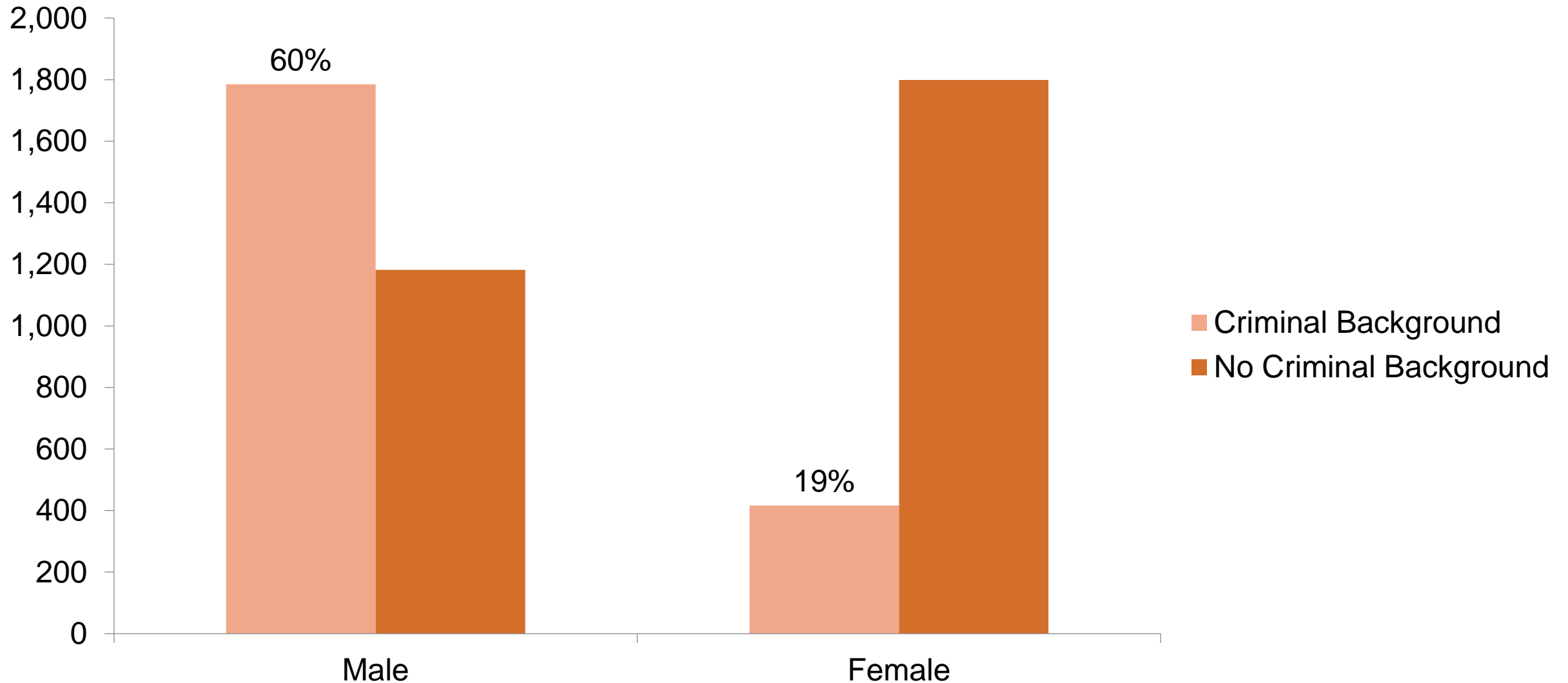
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BARRIERS TO EMPLOYMENT

N = 8,668



BARRIERS TO EMPLOYMENT



EXPUNGEMENT

Seals a criminal case record from public access and removes electronic record from Wisconsin Circuit Court Access (WCCA) website



EXPUNGEMENT

- Laws in Wisconsin vs. other states
- Possible changes that could expand expungement opportunities
- Analysis of Milwaukee County court cases from 2006-2017



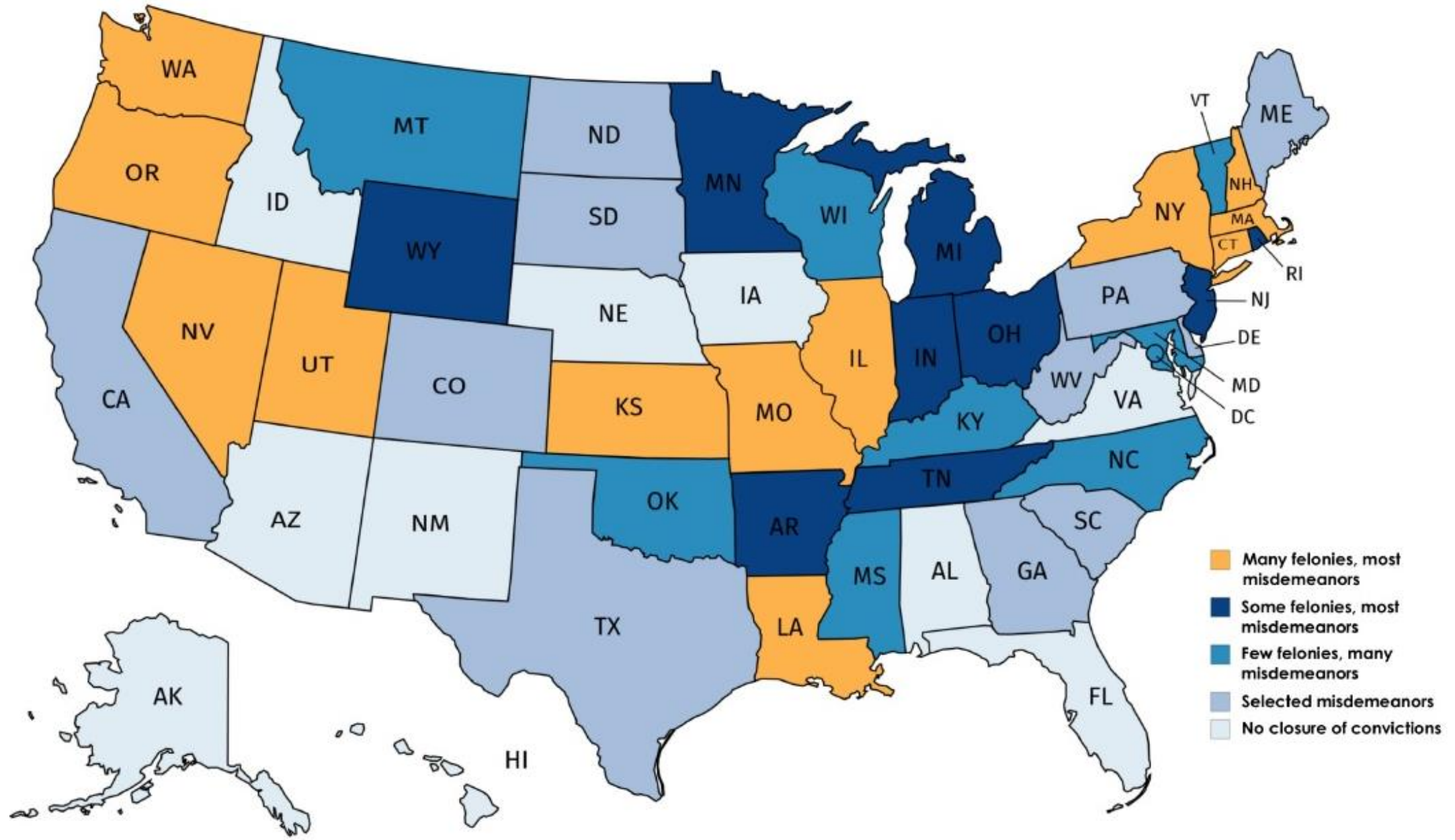
WISCONSIN'S EXPUNGEMENT LAW

- Offenders under age 25 are eligible
- Misdemeanors and non-violent Class H and Class I felonies are eligible
- Must be approved at sentencing

UNCOMMON FEATURES OF WI'S LAW

- Only state where approval must be made at sentencing
- One of a few states where eligibility is restricted only to young adults
- One of a few states with no provision for non-convictions

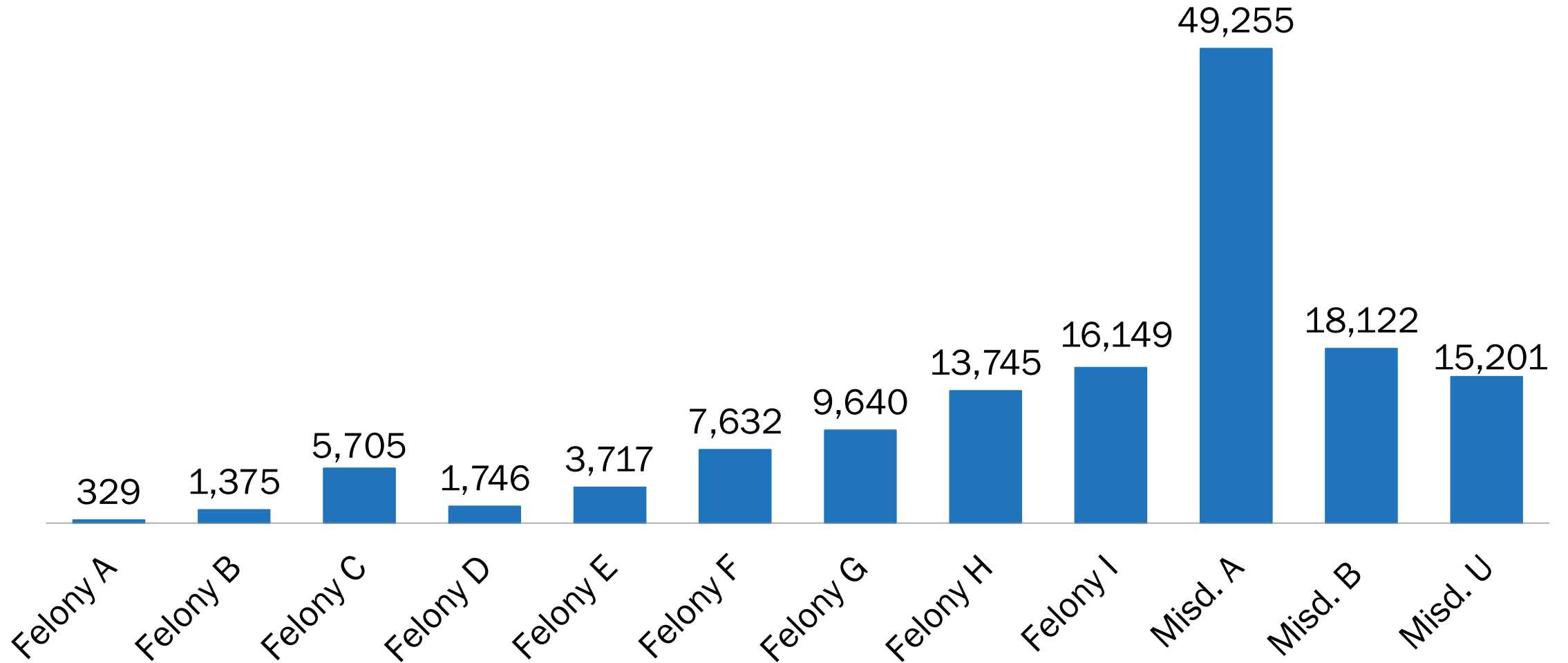
EXPUNGEMENT & RECORD SEALING



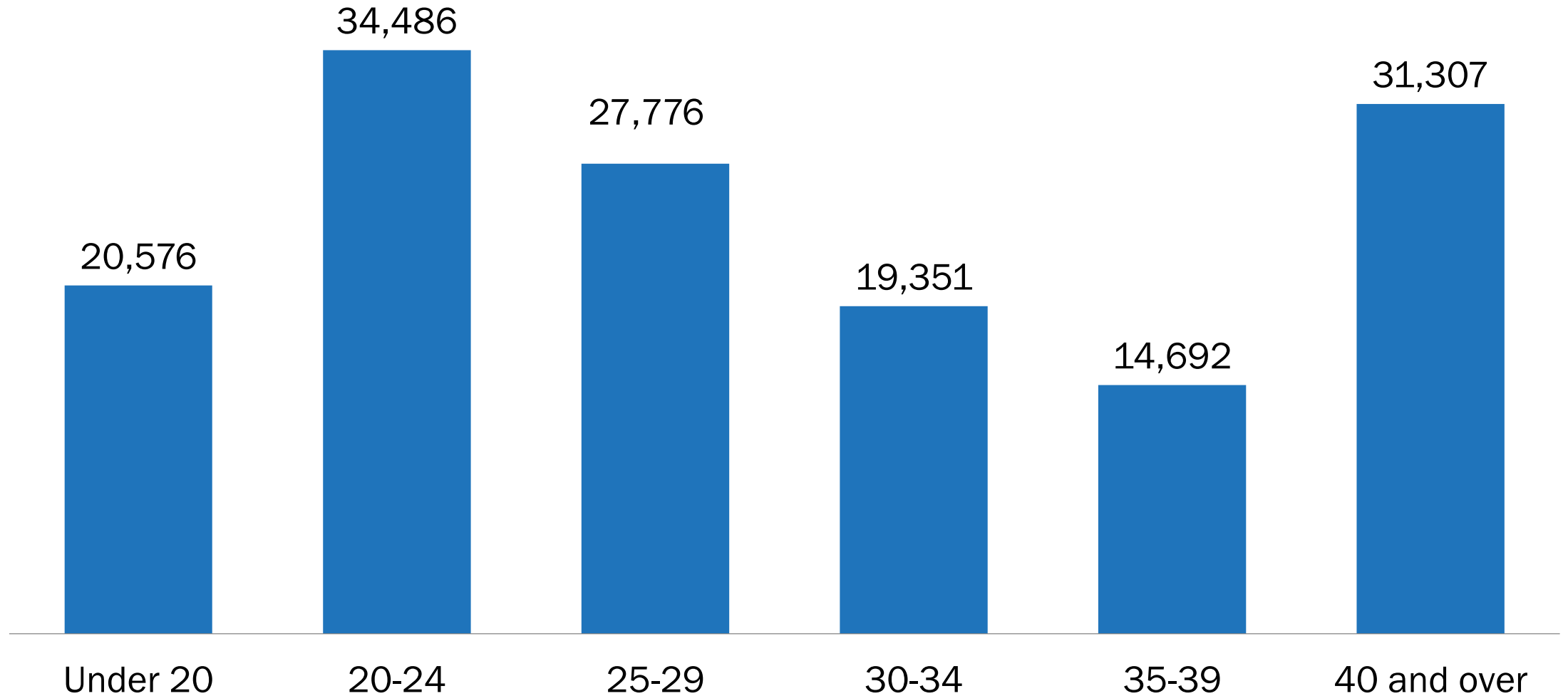
SURROUNDING STATES

	Adult Cases	More or Less Restrictive than WI?
Iowa	Expungement only allowed for non-convictions.	More
Illinois	All misdemeanors, most felonies, and all non-convictions are eligible for expungement regardless of offender age.	Less
Indiana	All misdemeanors, most felonies, and all non-convictions are eligible for expungement regardless of offender age.	Less
Michigan	Individuals can seal up to one felony and two misdemeanor convictions in their lifetime regardless of age at time of offense. Most felony convictions are eligible. Non-convictions for first offenses also eligible.	Less
Minnesota	All misdemeanors, many non-violent felonies, and all non-convictions are eligible for expungement regardless of offender age.	Less

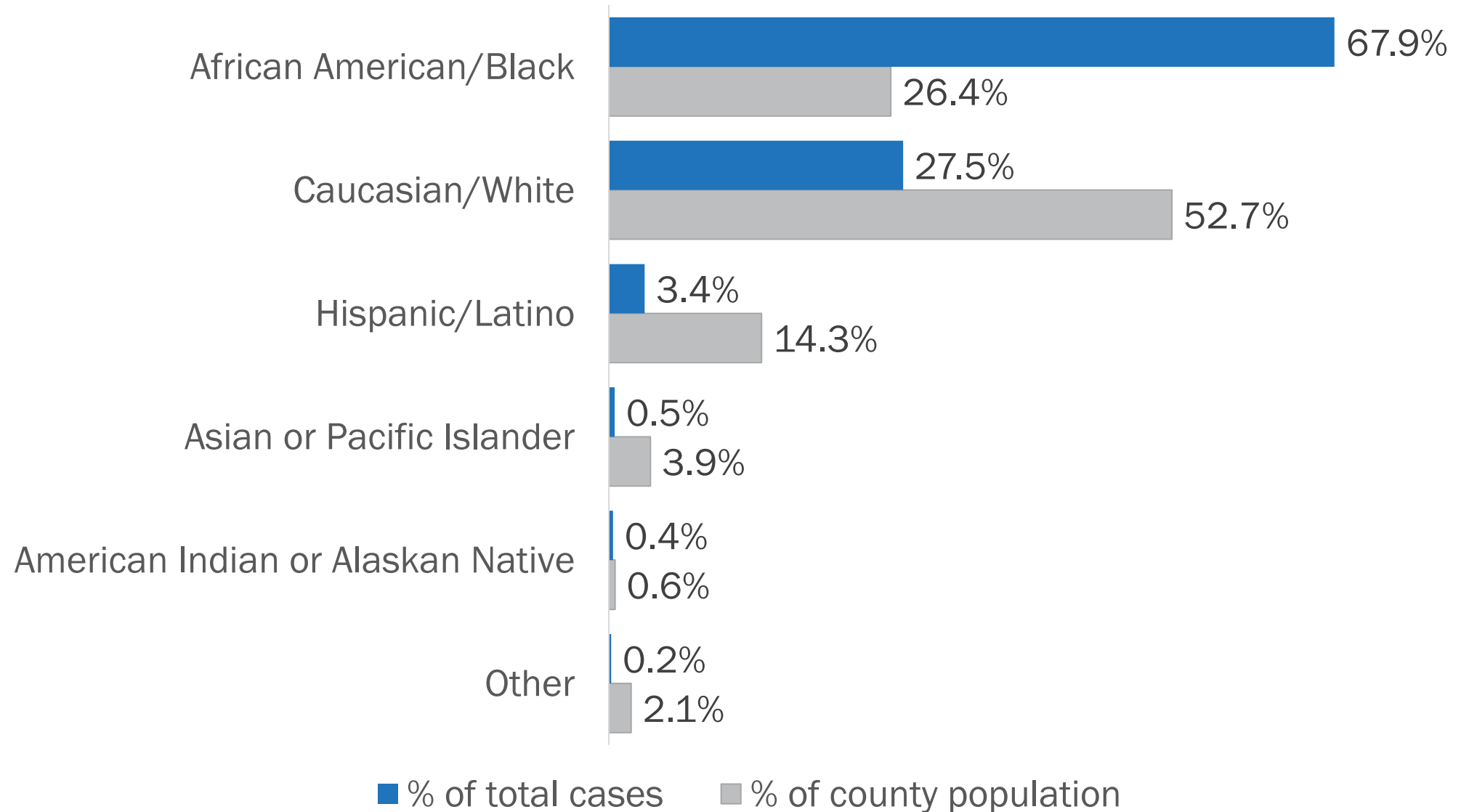
MOST SEVERE CHARGE IN MKE COUNTY CASES 2006-2017



OFFENDER AGE IN MKE COUNTY CASES 2006-2017



OFFENDER RACE IN MKE COUNTY CASES 2006-2017

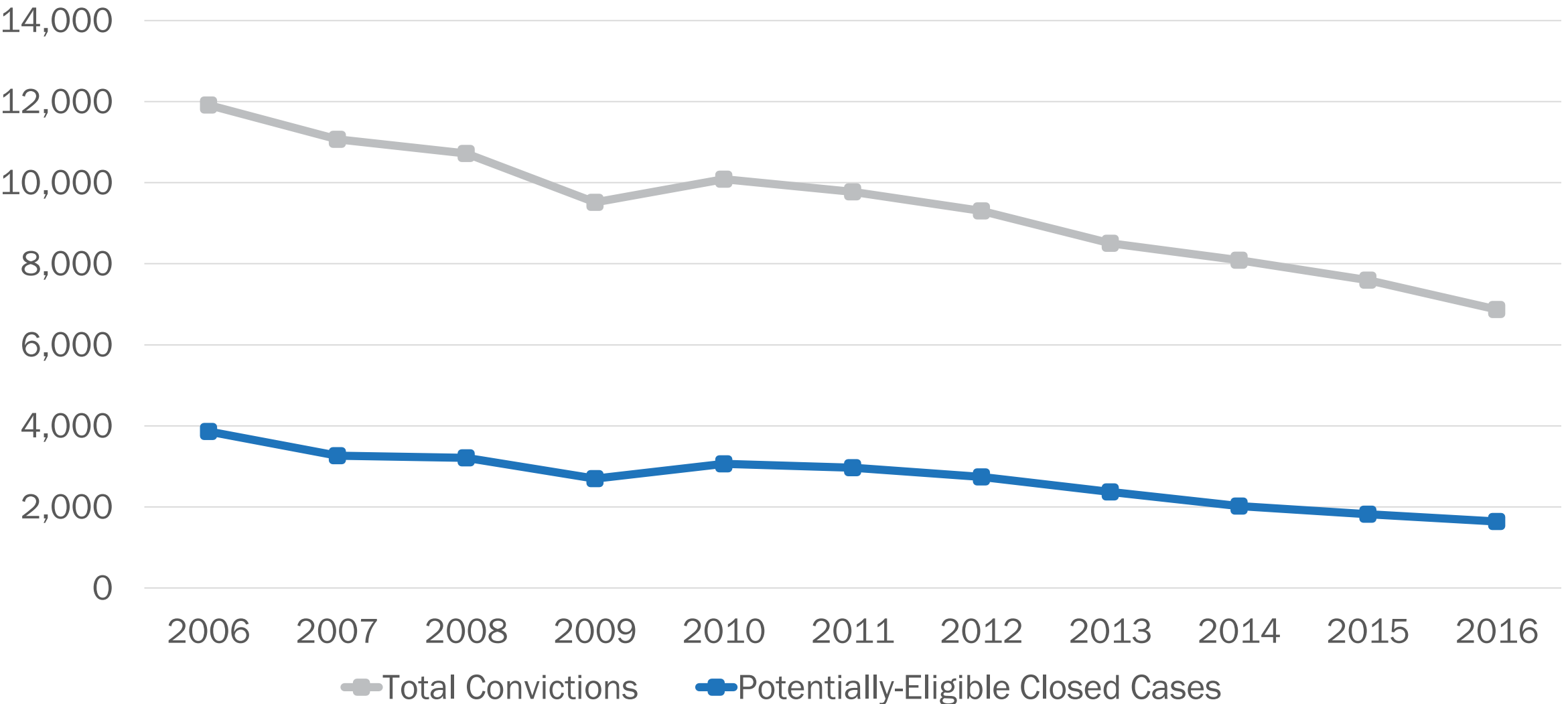


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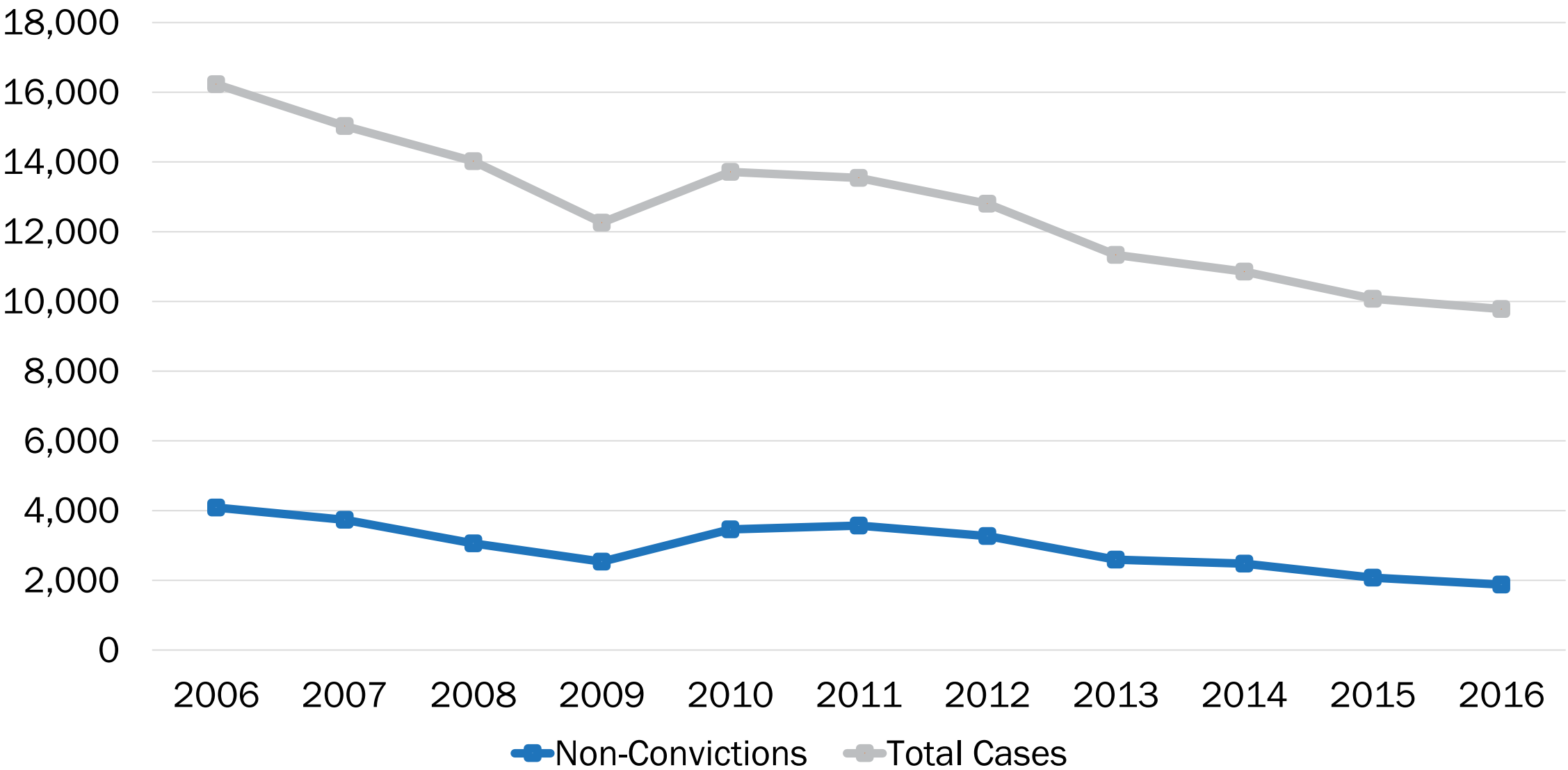
**ALLOW DECISION-MAKING
AFTER SENTENCE COMPLETION**



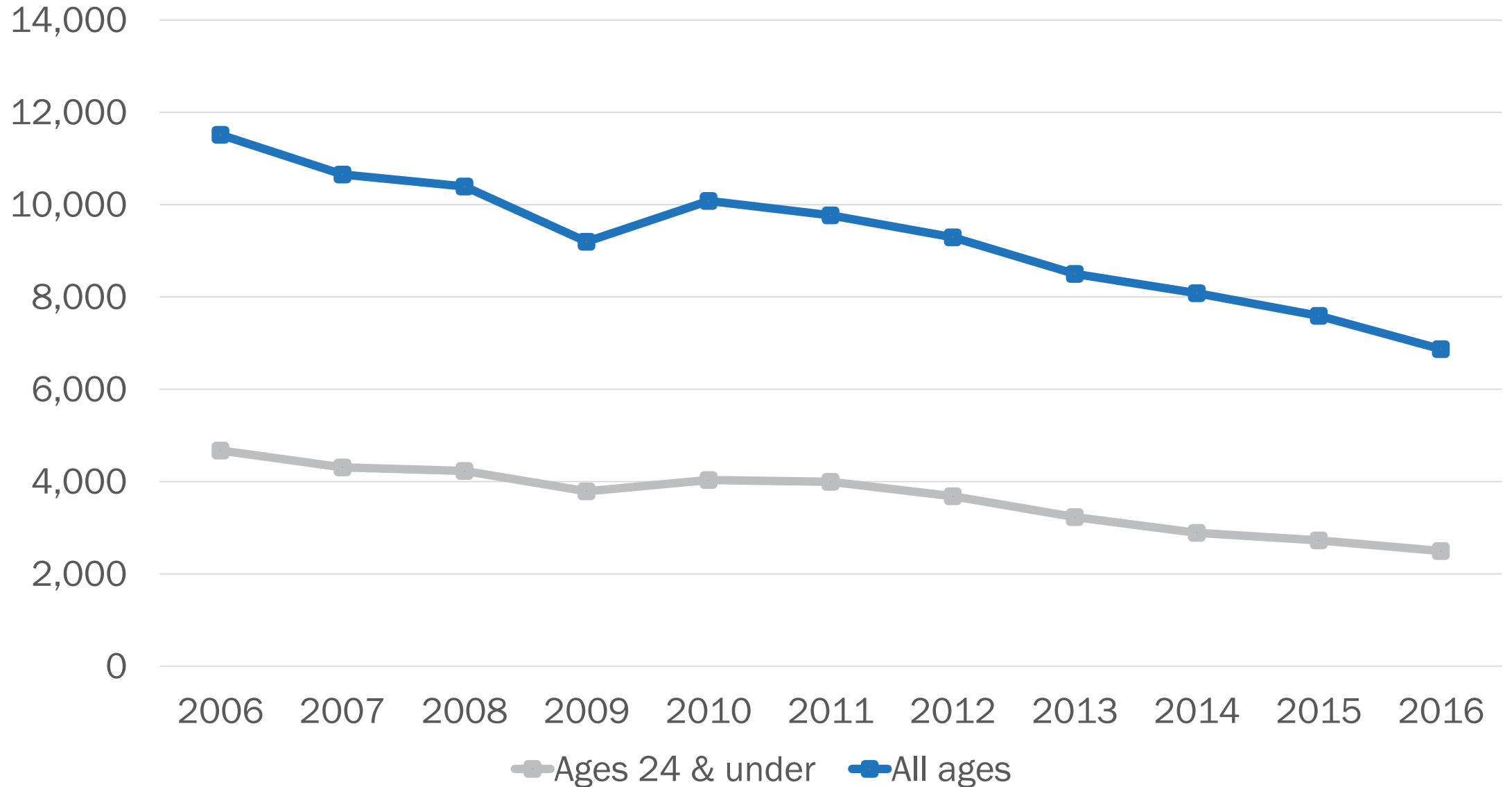
OPTION 2: PERMIT EXPUNGEMENT FOR CLOSED CASES



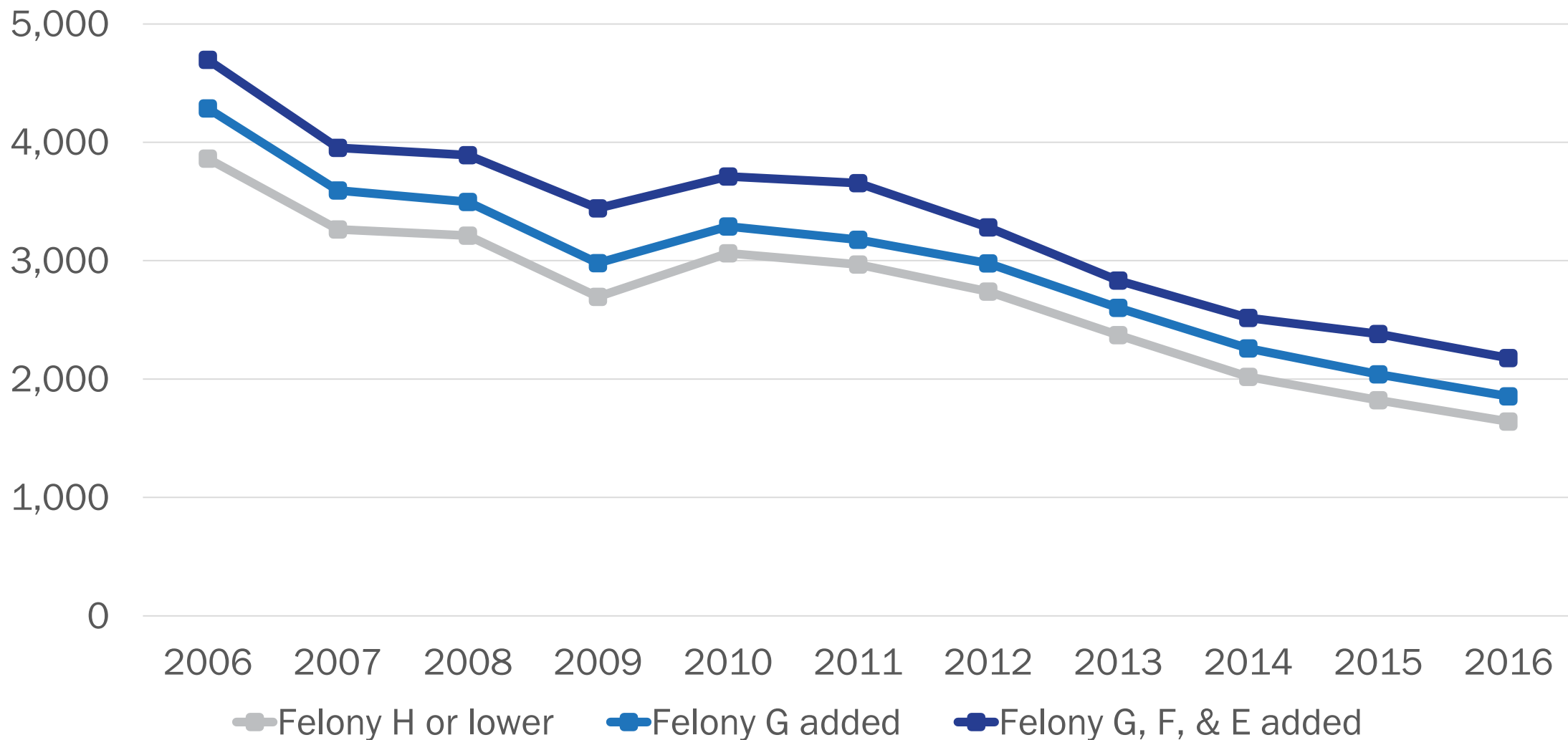
OPTION 3: ALLOW NON-CONVICTIONS TO BE EXPUNGED



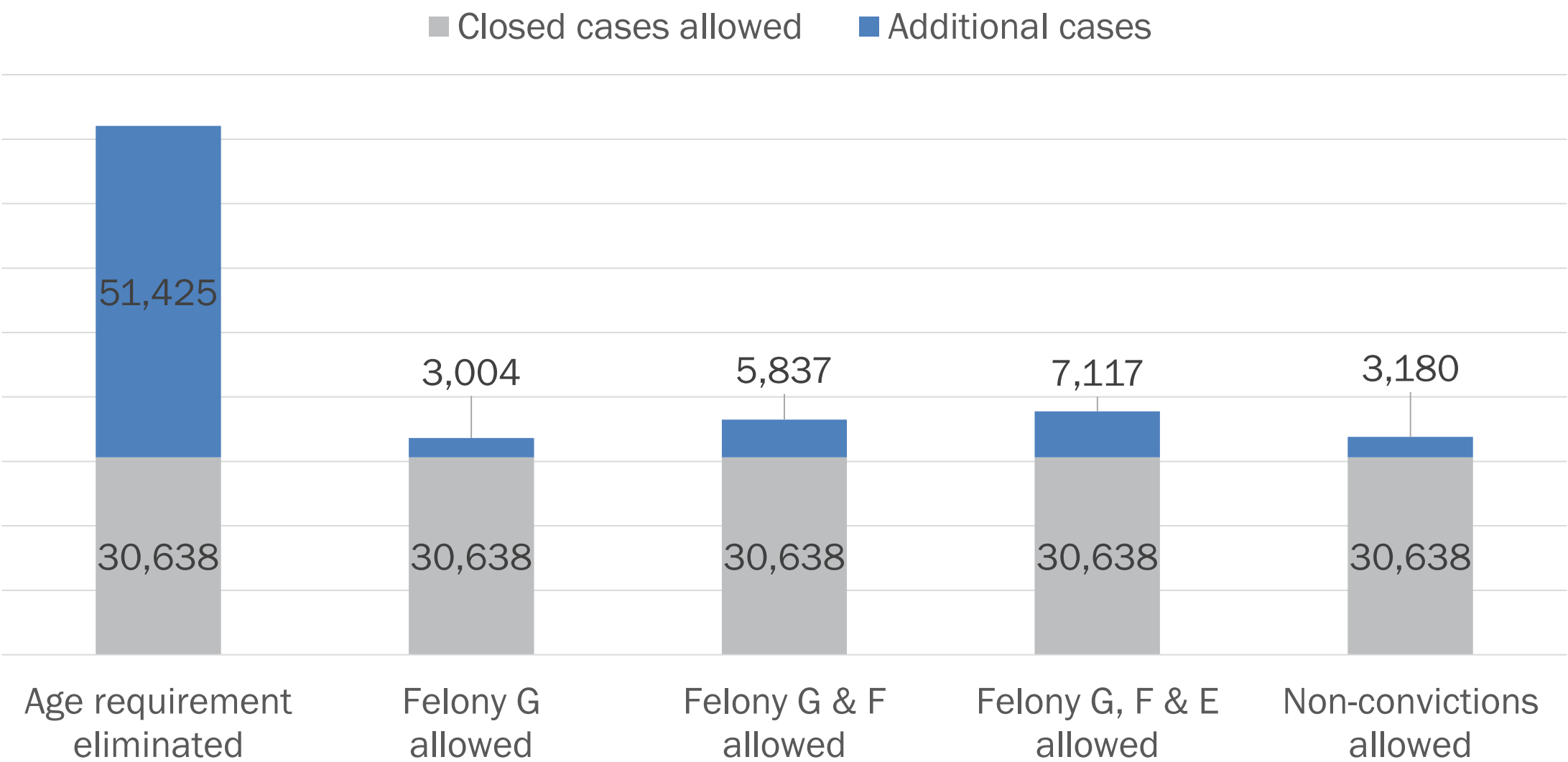
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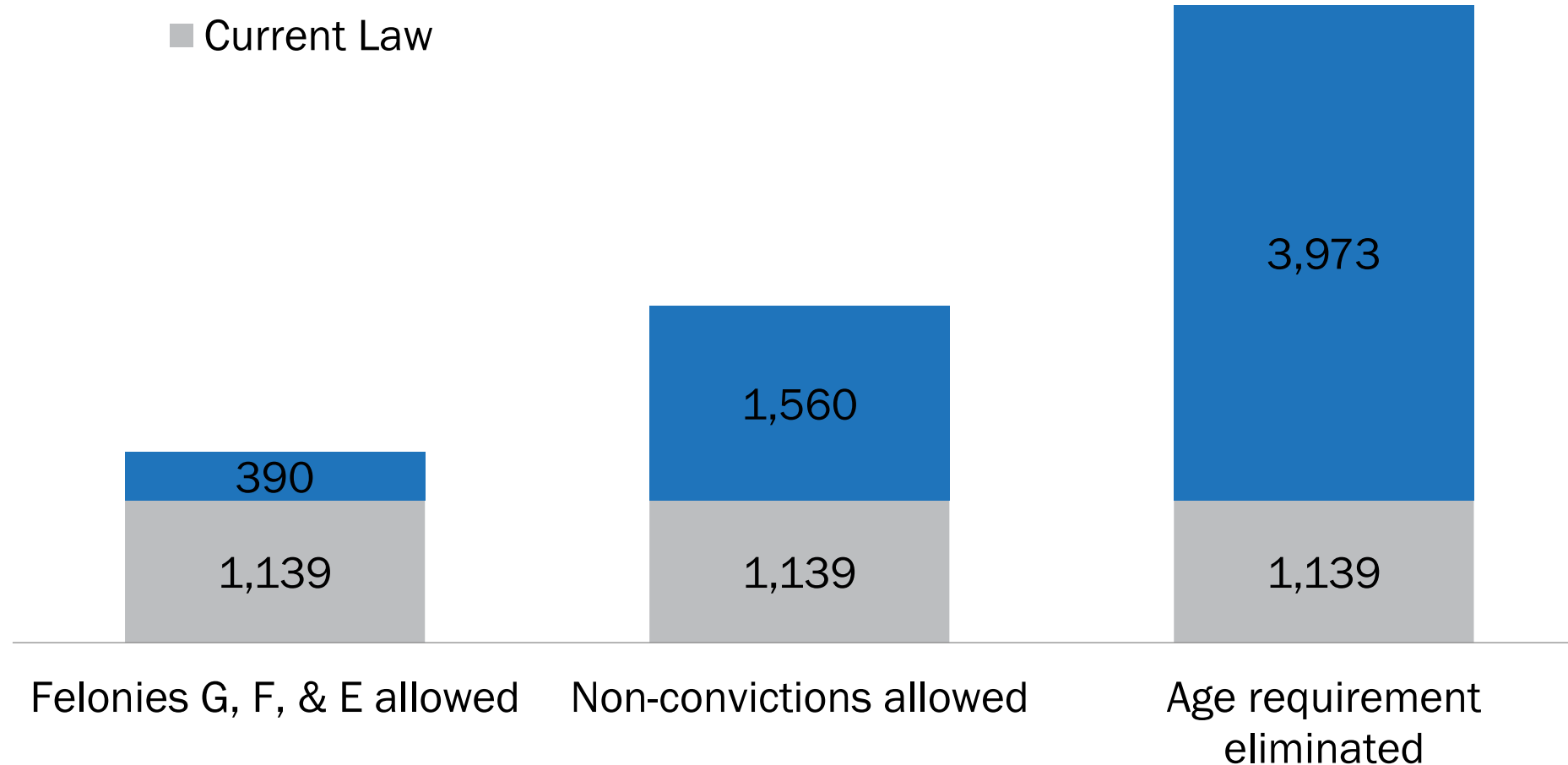
OPTION 5: PERMIT EXPUNGEMENT OF MORE FELONIES



RELATIVE IMPACT OF CHANGES ON CASES 2006-2017

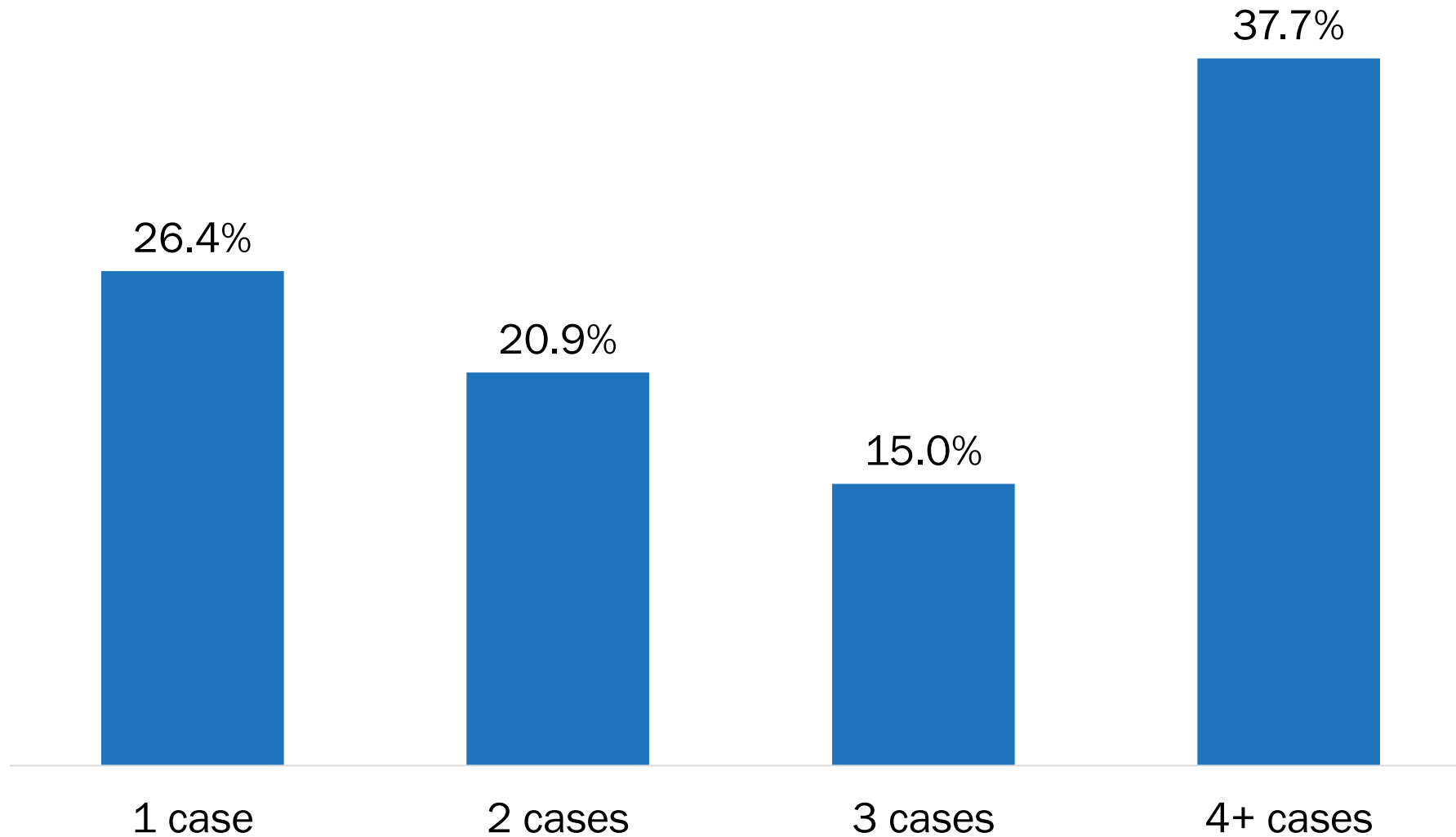


PROJECTED ADDITIONAL MKE COUNTY CASES THAT COULD BECOME ELIGIBLE IN 2019



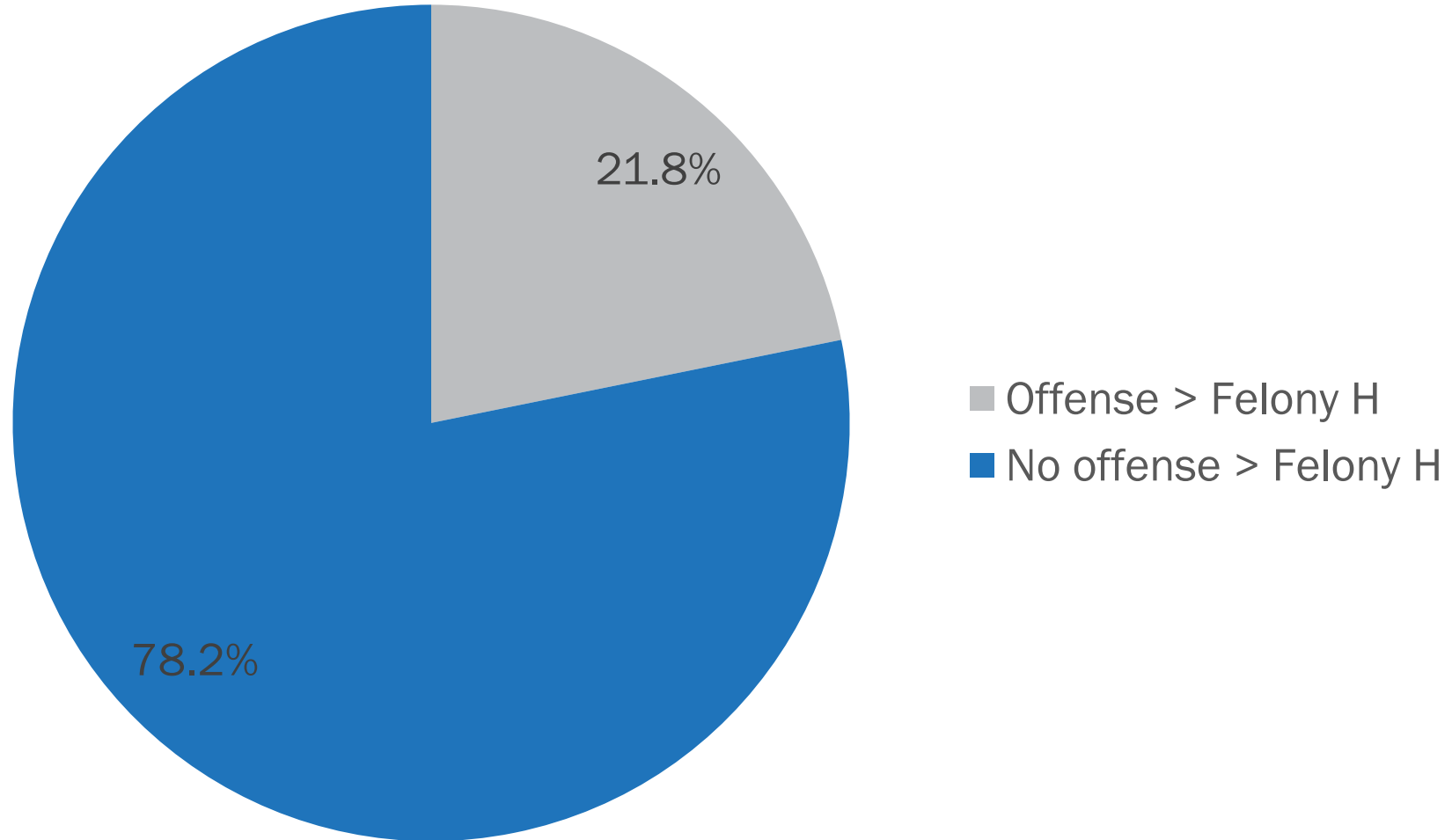
INDIVIDUALS BY NUMBER OF CASES

N=573



INDIVIDUALS BY SEVERITY OF CONVICTIONS

N=573



POTENTIAL IMPACTS ON CRIMINAL JUSTICE SYSTEM

- Clerks of courts offices
- Court system
- D.A. offices
- Public defender's offices



RECENT ACTION AT THE STATE CAPITOL

- WI Senate – approved 2017 Senate Bill 53 by a 30-2 margin
- WI Assembly – committee approved 2017 Assembly Bill 331; full Assembly approved Senate Bill 53 by a 95-0 margin and sent it back to Senate with Assembly Bill 331 attached
- WI Senate took no further action so neither bill advanced.



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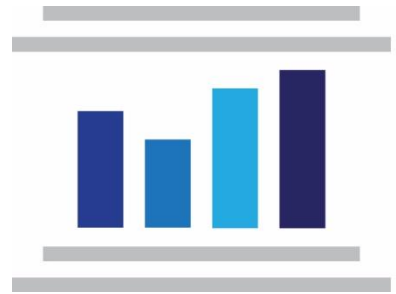
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Rep. Steffen & Rep. Goyke to Reintroduce Expungement Reform Legislation

Non-Partisan Wisconsin Policy Forum Report Validates Need for Wisconsin Expungement Law Reform to Help Citizens and Strengthen Wisconsin's Workforce

MADISON – This week the non-partisan Wisconsin Policy Forum released a report, [*A Fresh Start: Wisconsin's Atypical Expungement Law and Options for Reform*](#), highlighting the need for reform to Wisconsin's current expungement law. The report follows on bi-partisan legislation introduced this session by Rep. David Steffen (R-Green Bay) and Rep. Evan Goyke (D-Milwaukee) that provides comprehensive reform to Wisconsin's outdated and inconsistent expungement law. [*Assembly Bill 331*](#), introduced last May, lays the groundwork legislatively for many of the policy recommendations found within the report.

Rep. Steffen and Rep. Goyke thank the Wisconsin Policy Forum for publishing this important report.



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