



# Philadelphia's Jail Population

## March 2019

This summary is based on a merge between jail and court data from the baseline (July 30th, 2015) and present day (March 31st, 2019).



MacArthur Safety and Justice Challenge

### Introduction

#### Progress to Date



43.9%

In 2016, Philadelphia was awarded \$3.5 million dollars as part of the MacArthur Foundation's Safety and Justice Challenge which is a national initiative to reduce local jail populations and the rate of racial, ethnic, and economic disparities in the criminal justice system.

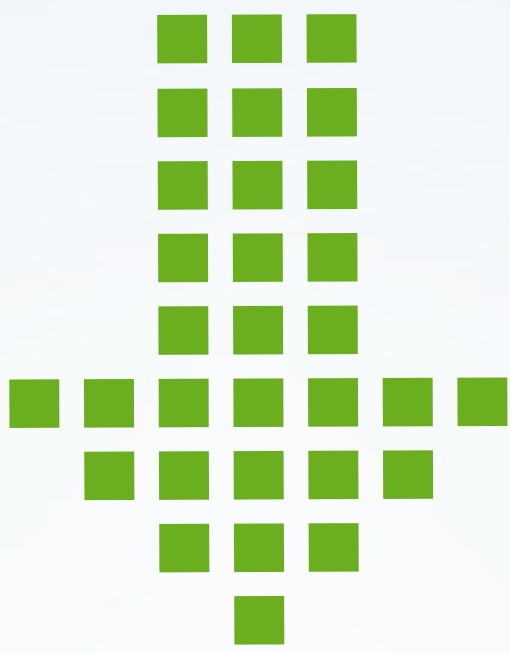
Since then, Philadelphia has implemented a number of collaborative reform measures with justice and behavioral health partners to help achieve a target reduction of 50% in the city's jail population. This summary provides a high level look at progress to date and comparison of the current population to baseline data.

# Average Daily Population

Baseline



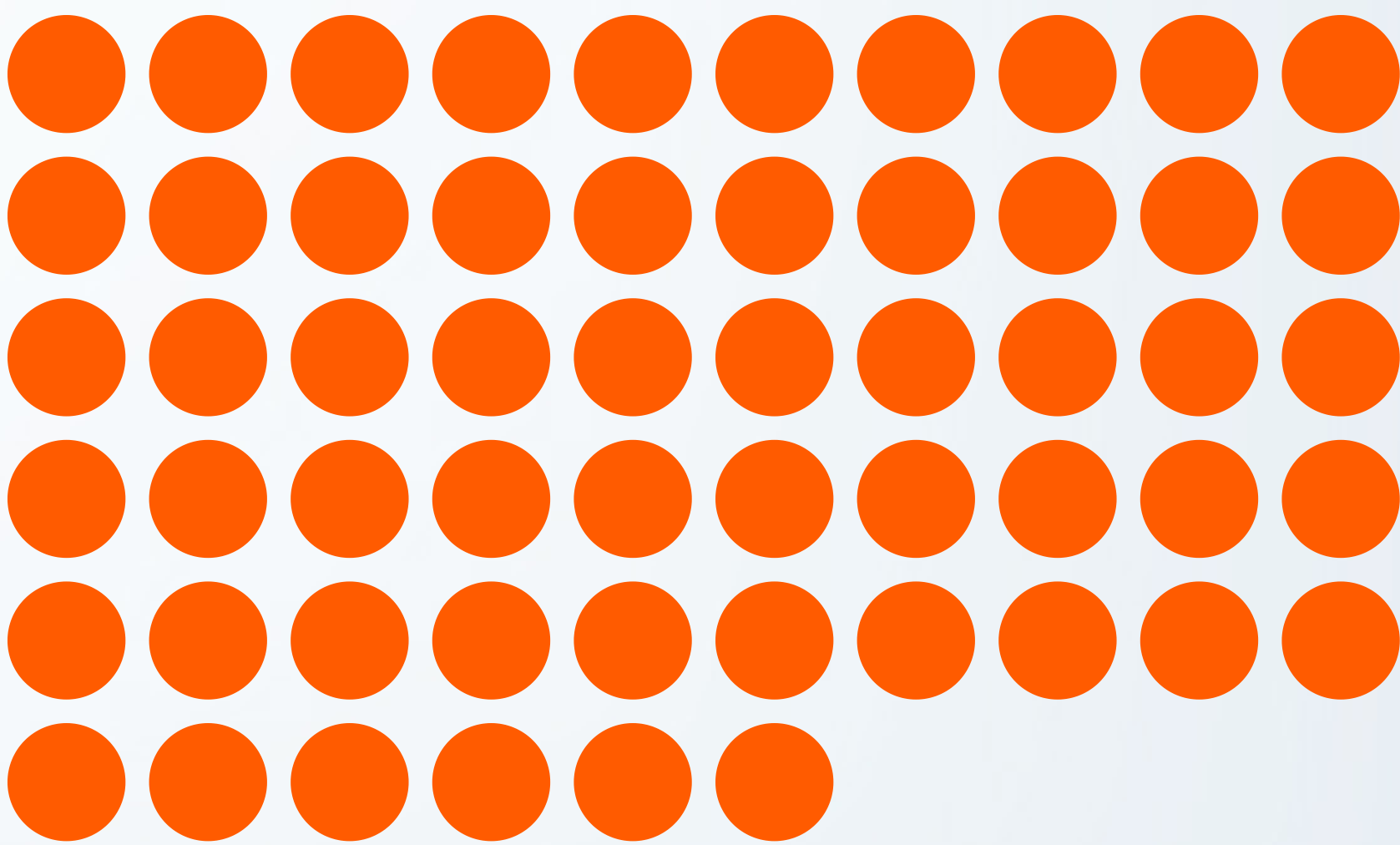
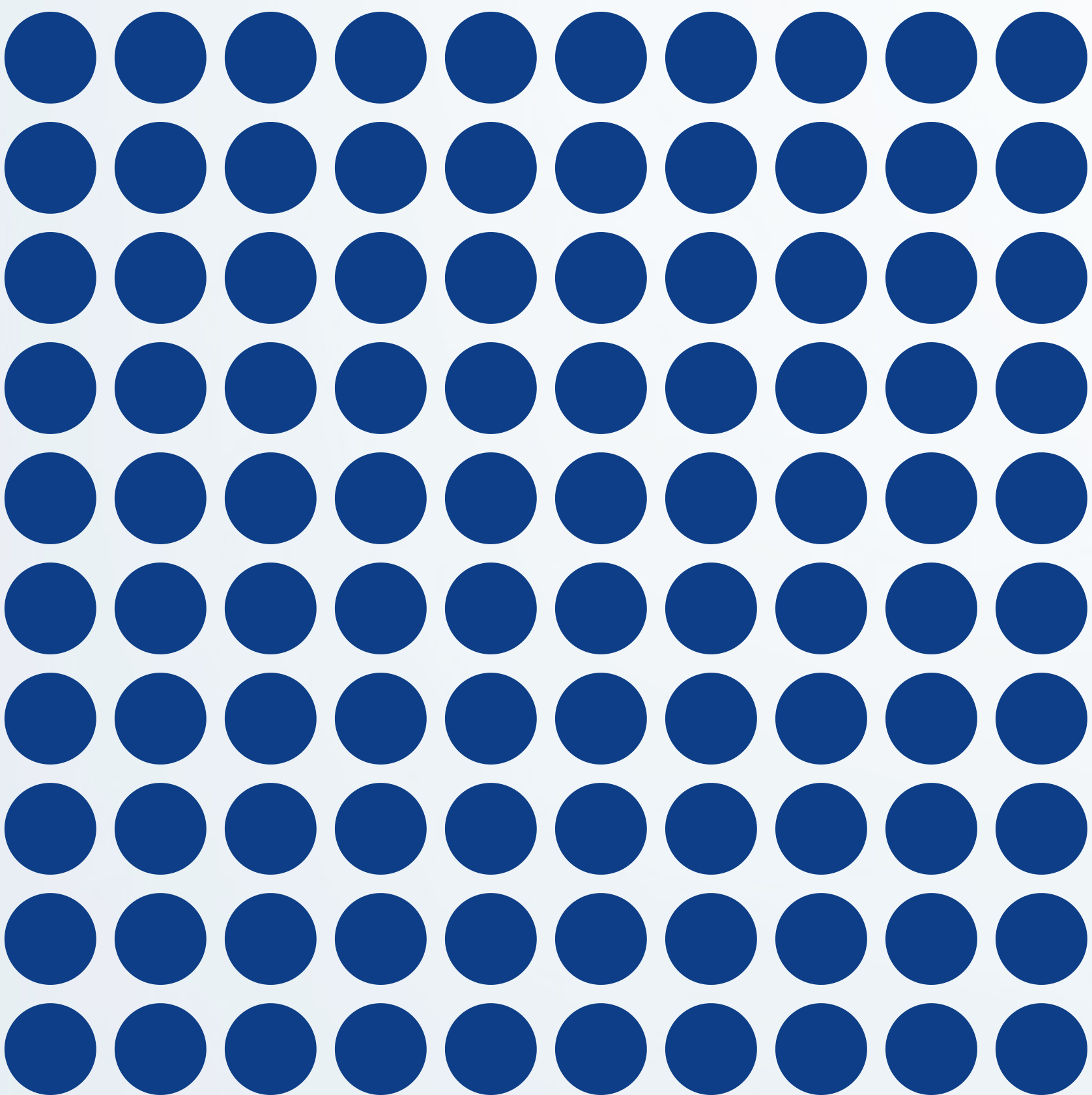
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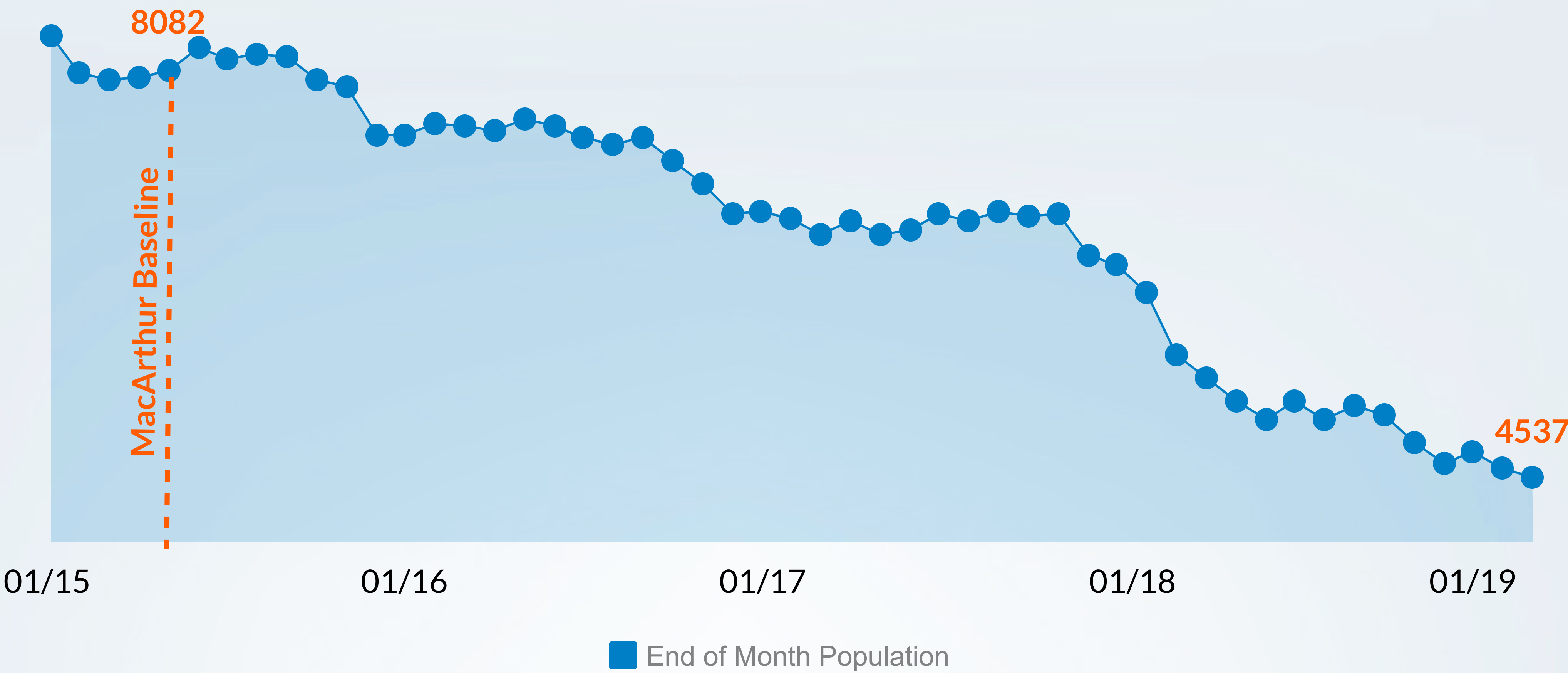
## Total Population



↓ 43.9%



## Population Decline



# Total Population

## Race / Ethnicity



Baseline

67.5% 18.2% 11.8% 1.7% 0.7%  
Black Hispanic White Asian Other  
Bi-Racial  
0.0%



March

66.7% 21.0% 11.2% 0.5% 0.7%  
Black Hispanic White Other Asian

In 2015, people of color made up 88.2% of the jail population. This remains consistent with the current month's population of 88.8%.

## Seriously Mentally Ill (SMI) Population

Baseline

1089

INDIVIDUALS

13.5% of the total population  
(1089 / 8082)

March

689

INDIVIDUALS

15.2% of the total population  
(689 / 4537)

The SMI population includes people who are designated seriously mentally ill by the jail.



# Confinement Groups

## Pretrial Murder - No Detainers

People in this group have open murder charges with no detainers. Generally, folks are denied bail due to the nature of the charges and may have multiple open Philadelphia cases.

## Pretrial Non-Murder - No Detainers

This group is held on an open case(s) with non-murder charges and no detainers, including those with active bail and revoked bail. Some people have more than one open Philadelphia matter, and/or their case has been disposed, but not sentenced.

## Detainers

Everyone in this category has a Philadelphia probation or parole detainer and/or a holding matter from another jurisdiction. People with or without open cases, who have not received a sentence are included.

## Sentenced

These individuals are sentenced and have no detainers. A portion of this group could have an additional open Philadelphia case. Also captured here are folks whose cases have been disposed, but they are awaiting sentencing.

## Sentenced + Detainers

These people are sentenced and have a detainer from Philadelphia and/or another jurisdiction. Individuals included in this section may have one or more open Philadelphia case. Also included are those with disposed cases who await sentencing.

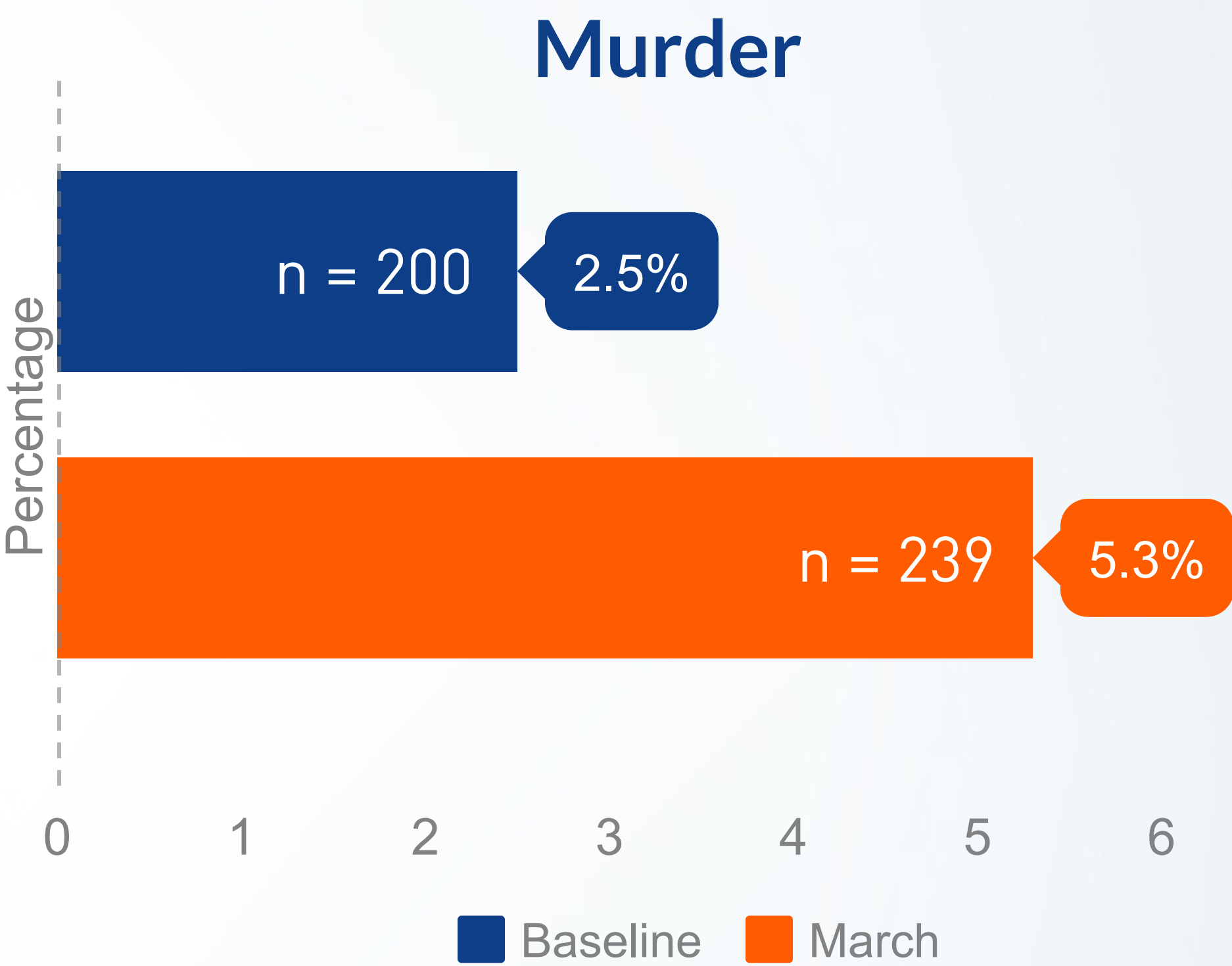
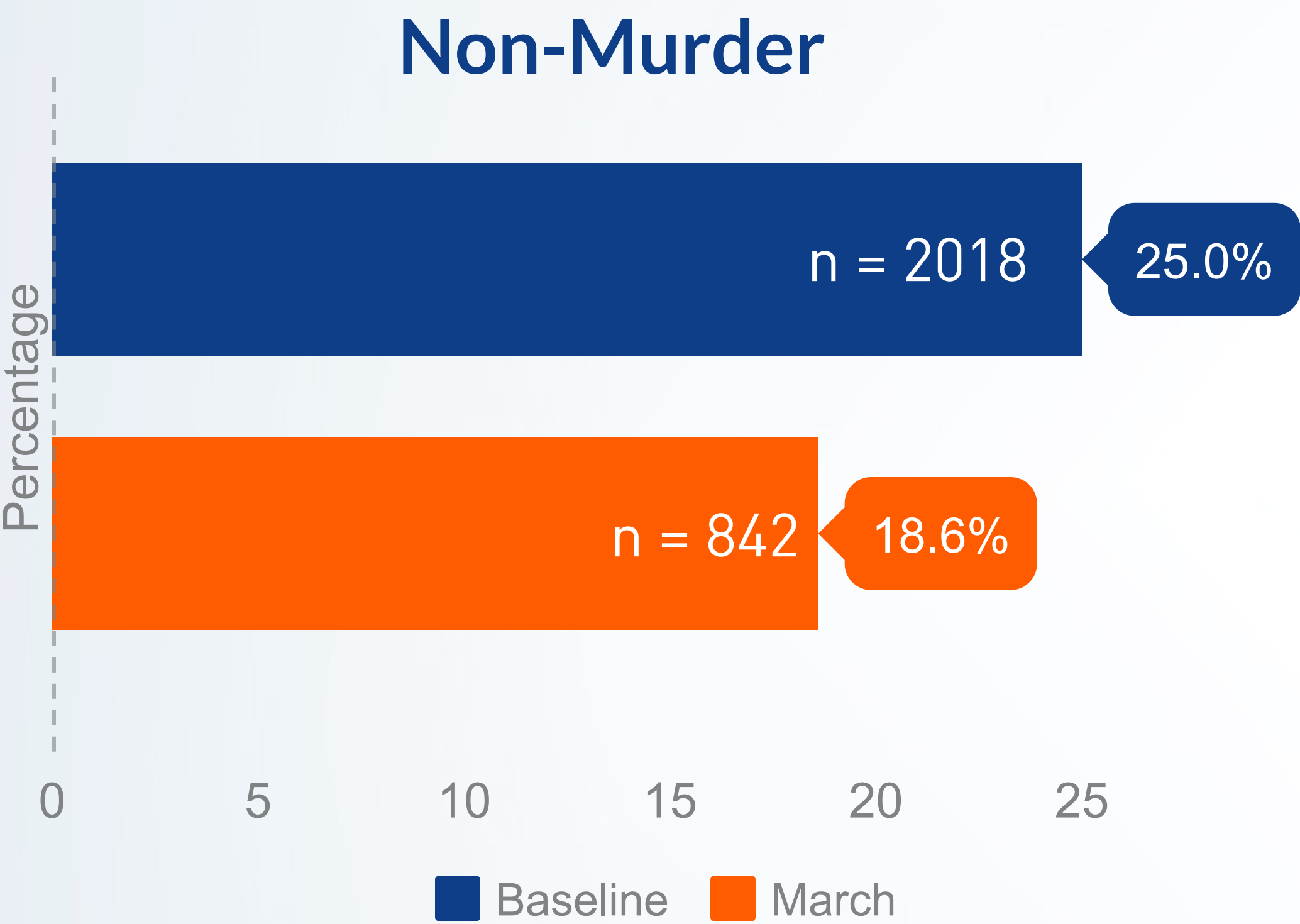
## Other

This category reflects people who did not fall into any of the previous 13 groups, due to being held for other entities such as the U.S. Marshal, FBI, and/or courtesy holds for other jurisdictions.

# Population Breakdown

OF THE TOTAL POPULATION:

## Pretrial No Detainers



Baseline

1053

INDIVIDUALS

HAD A MONETARY BAIL OF  
\$50,000 OR LESS

13.0% of the total population  
(1053 / 8082)

March

328

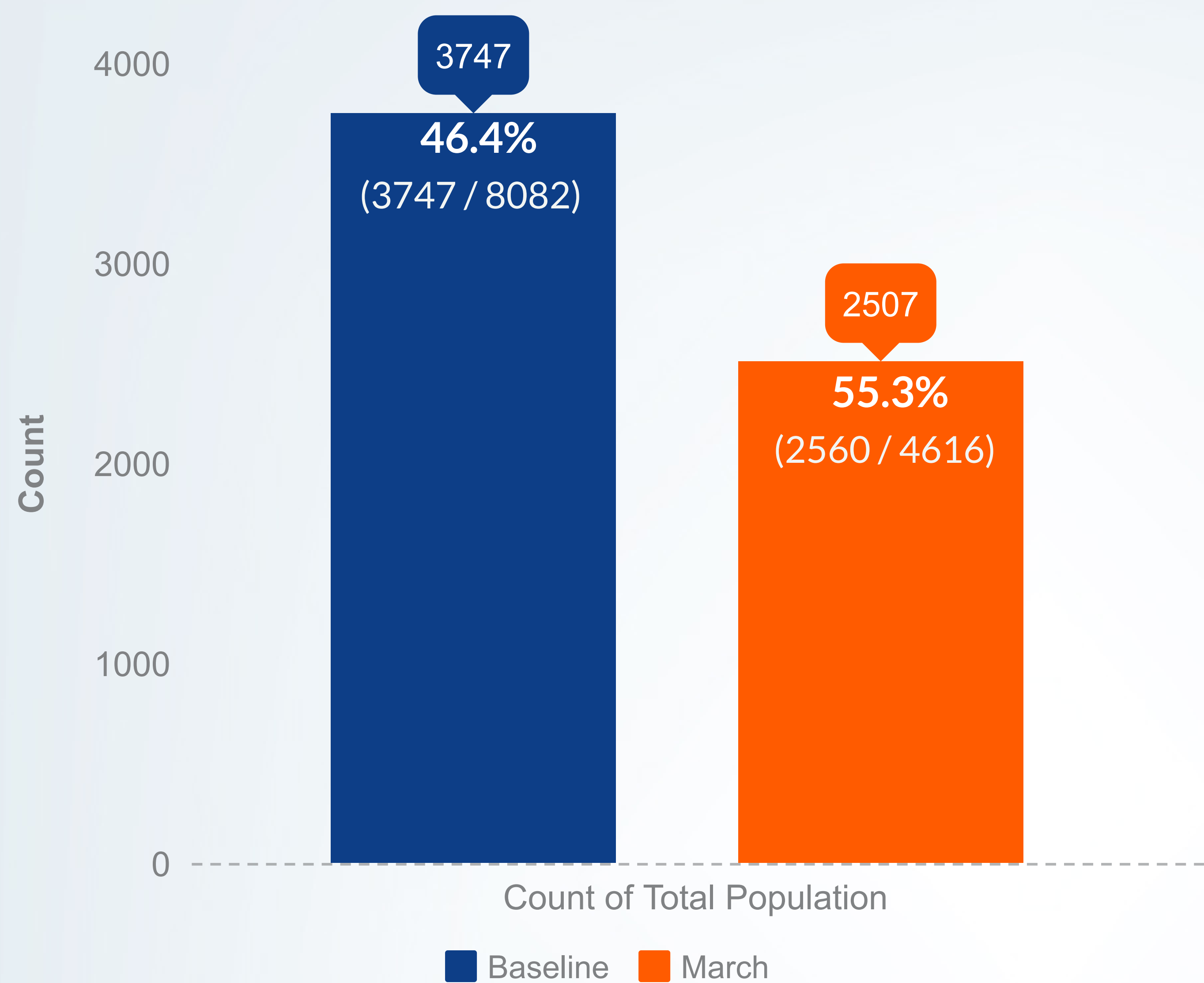
INDIVIDUALS

HAD A MONETARY BAIL OF  
\$50,000 OR LESS

7.2% of the total population  
(328 / 4537)

These folks would need to post 10% of their monetary bail to be released from jail.

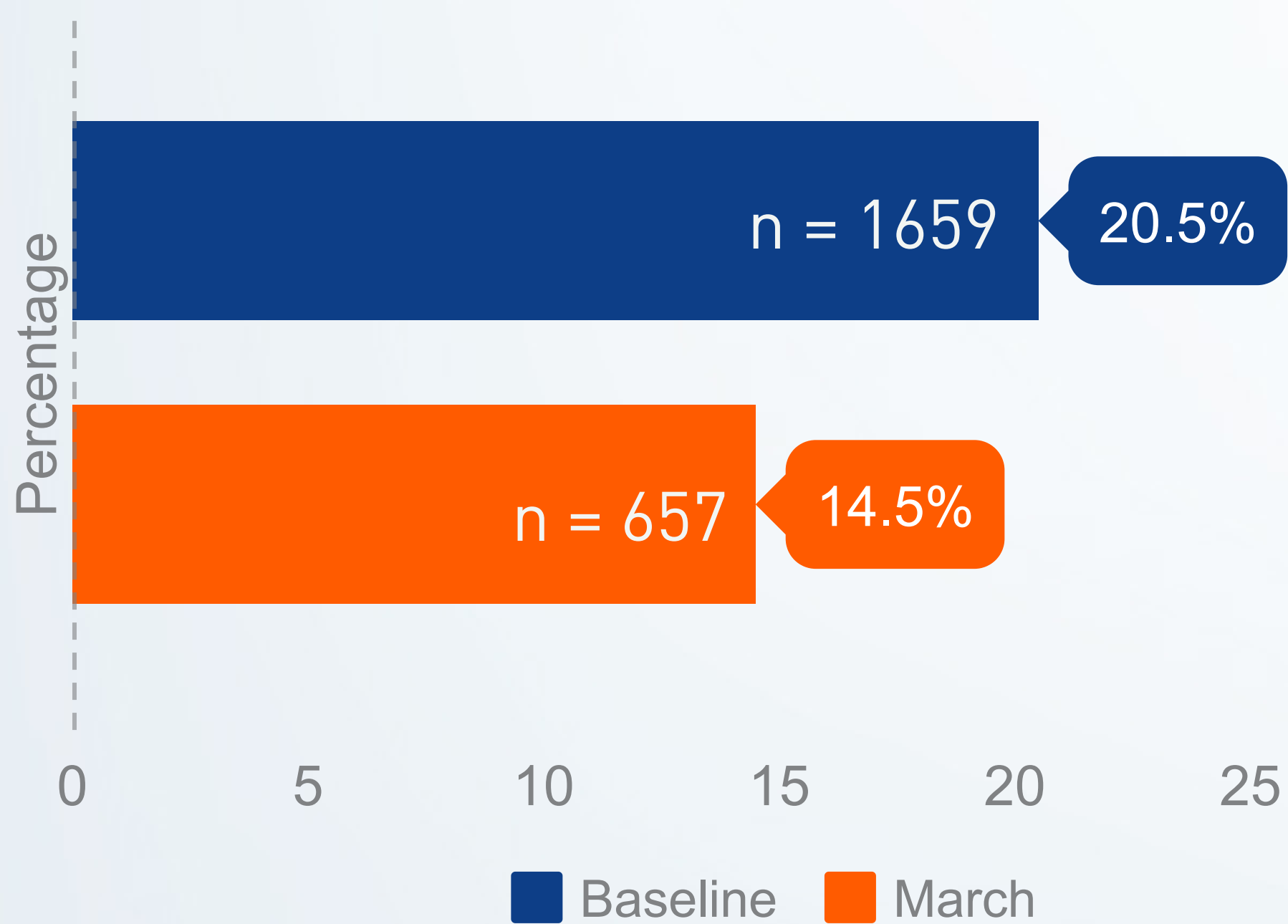
# Detainers



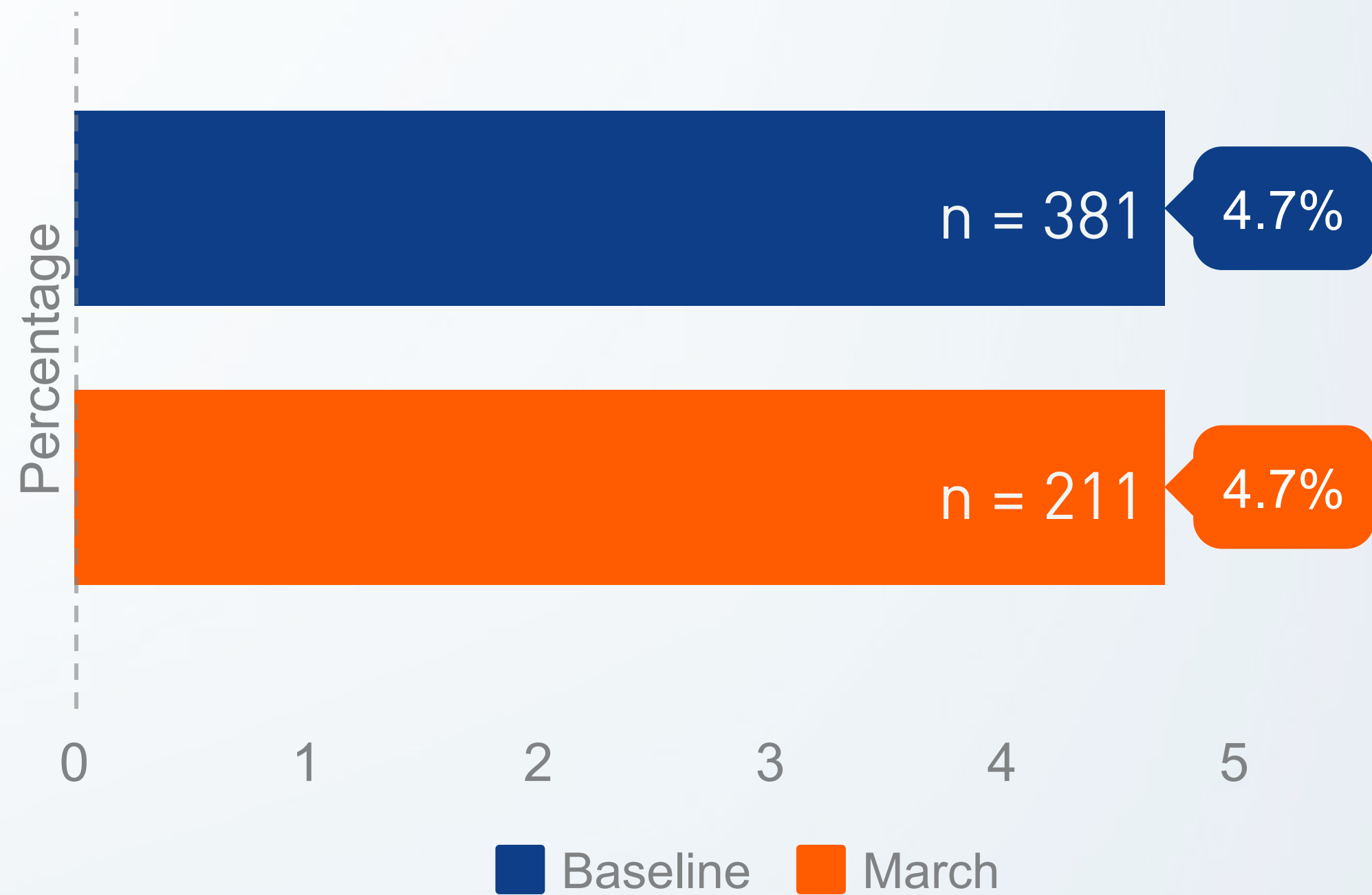
Detainers are various types of "holds" that can be keeping someone in jail. Everyone in this group has a detainer issued by Philadelphia and/or another jurisdiction.

# Sentenced

## No Detainers



## Detainers



People in this group are currently serving a sentence. They may have additional open cases in Philadelphia and/or other jurisdictions.

