PHILADELPHIA'S JAIL POPULATION | MAY 2018
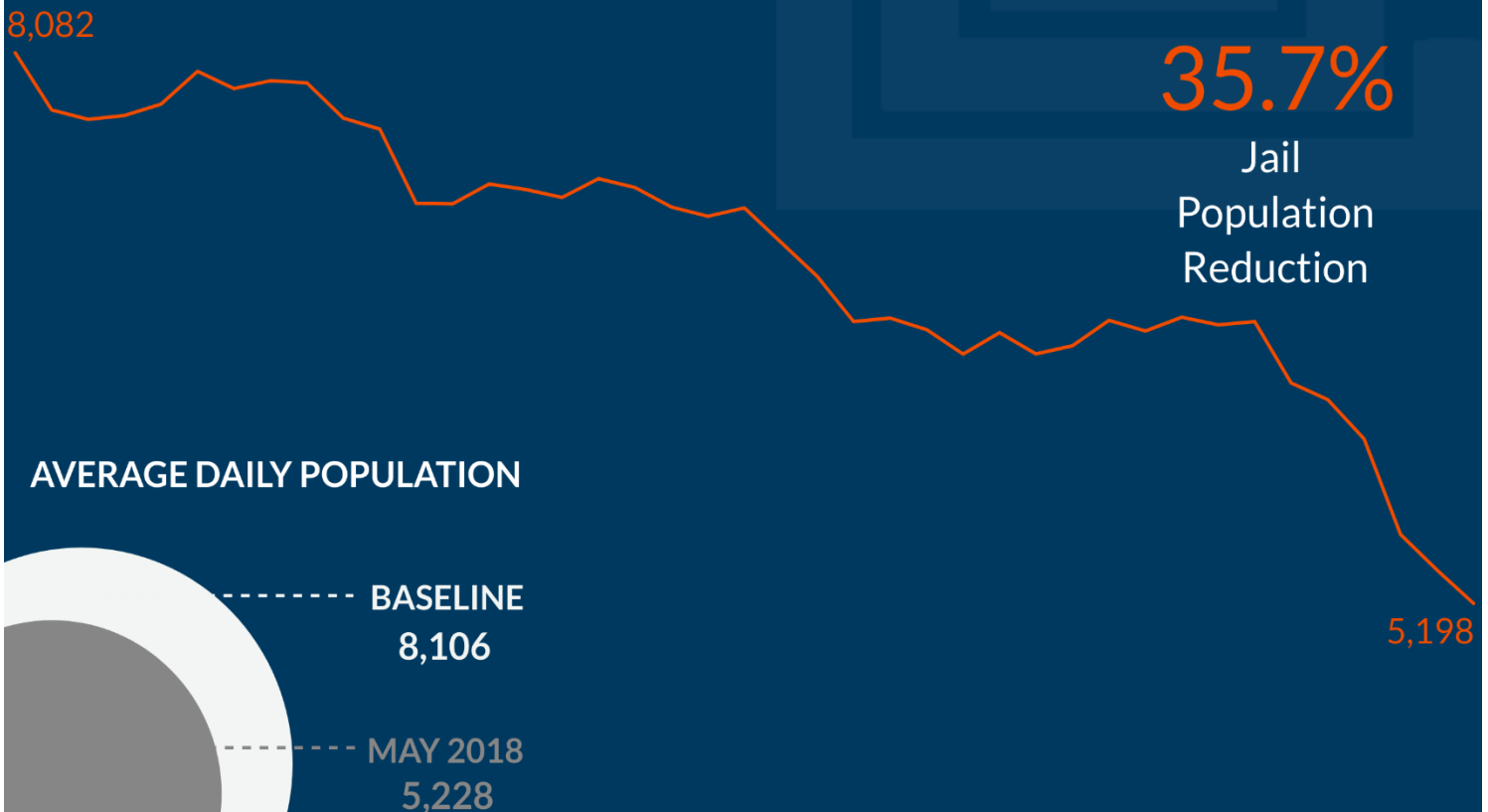
MacArthur Safety and Justice Challenge

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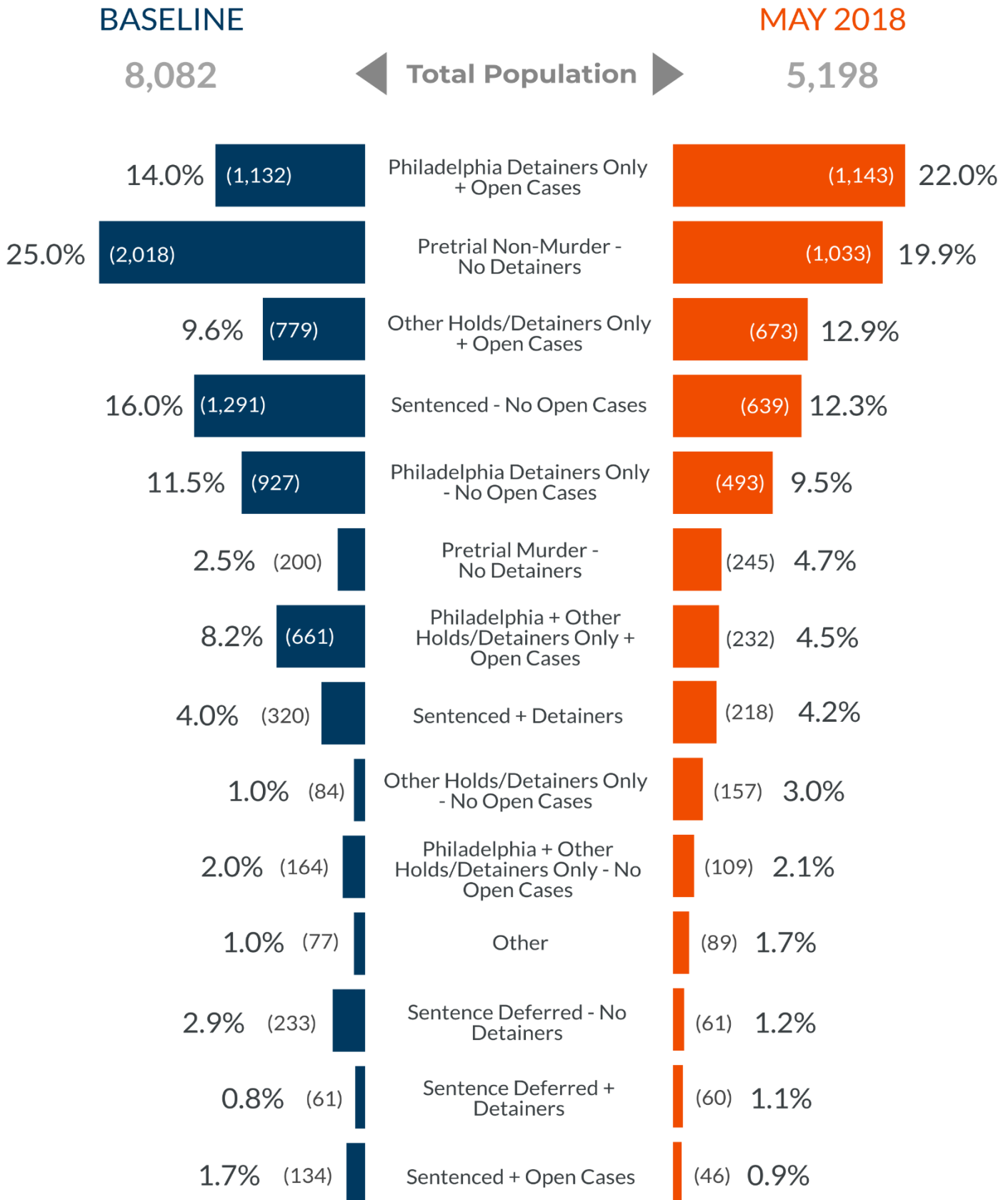
In 2016, Philadelphia received $3.5 million dollars as part of the MacArthur Foundation's Safety and Justice Challenge - a national initiative to decrease local jail populations and address racial, ethnic, and economic disparities in the criminal justice system. Philadelphia implemented a number of collaborative reform measures with justice and behavioral health partners. Efforts to achieve a 50% reduction in the city's jail population were bolstered by an additional $4 million dollars awarded in October, 2018. To date, Philadelphia's jail population is down **35.7%** from **8,082 in July, 2015 (Baseline)** to **5,198 in May, 2018**. This summary report provides a high level glance at progress by comparing the current population to baseline data.
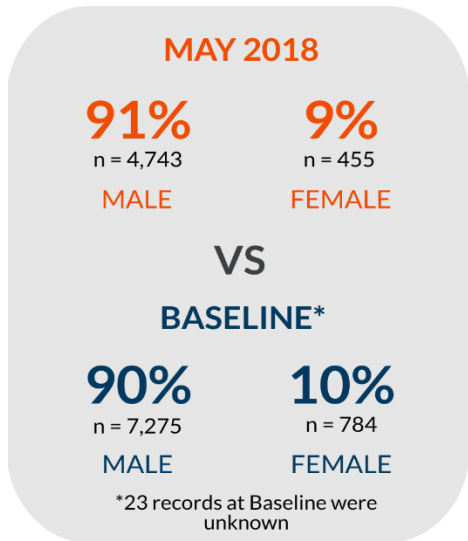
8,082

35.7%
Jail Population Reduction

5,198

AVERAGE DAILY POPULATION

BASELINE
8,106

MAY 2018
5,228

CONFINEMENT CATEGORY* COMPARISON

Note: Counts are noted in parentheses

BASELINE

8,082 ◀ **Total Population** ▶ 5,198

MAY 2018

BASELINE	Category	MAY 2018
14.0% (1,132)	Philadelphia Detainers Only + Open Cases	(1,143) 22.0%
25.0% (2,018)	Pretrial Non-Murder - No Detainers	(1,033) 19.9%
9.6% (779)	Other Holds/Detainers Only + Open Cases	(673) 12.9%
16.0% (1,291)	Sentenced - No Open Cases	(639) 12.3%
11.5% (927)	Philadelphia Detainers Only - No Open Cases	(493) 9.5%
2.5% (200)	Pretrial Murder - No Detainers	(245) 4.7%
8.2% (661)	Philadelphia + Other Holds/Detainers Only + Open Cases	(232) 4.5%
4.0% (320)	Sentenced + Detainers	(218) 4.2%
1.0% (84)	Other Holds/Detainers Only - No Open Cases	(157) 3.0%
2.0% (164)	Philadelphia + Other Holds/Detainers Only - No Open Cases	(109) 2.1%
1.0% (77)	Other	(89) 1.7%
2.9% (233)	Sentence Deferred - No Detainers	(61) 1.2%
0.8% (61)	Sentence Deferred + Detainers	(60) 1.1%
1.7% (134)	Sentenced + Open Cases	(46) 0.9%

*Detailed description of confinement categories can be found here: http://bit.ly/2TjoVQS

POPULATION OVERVIEW

GENDER

CURRENT
BASELINE

MAY 2018

91%
n = 4,743
MALE

9%
n = 455
FEMALE

VS

BASELINE*

90%
n = 7,275
MALE

10%
n = 784
FEMALE

*23 records at Baseline were unknown

RACE / ETHNICITY

In 2015, people of color made up 88.2% of the jail population. In May, 2018, the percentage remained the same at 88.1%.

Asian — 0.8% / 1.7%
Black — 66.2% / 67.5%
Latinx — 20.1% / 18.2%
White — 11.9% / 11.8%
Other — 1.0% / 0.8%

LENGTH OF STAY*

MAY 2018
194.3 DAYS

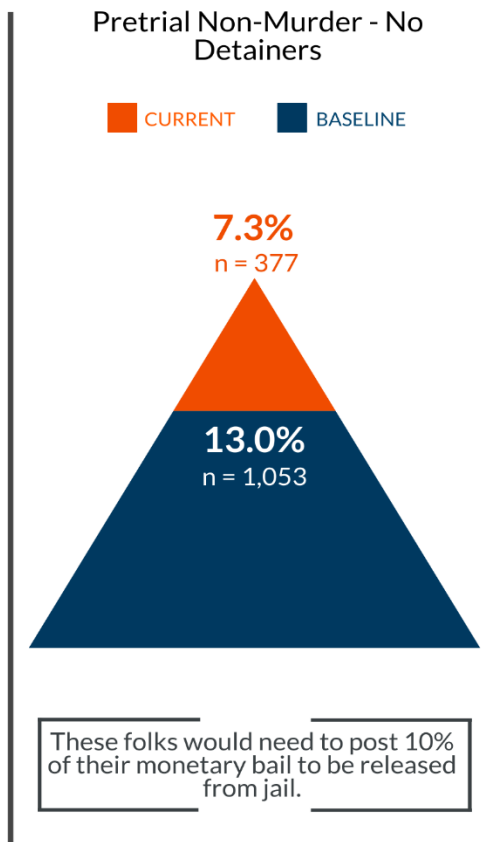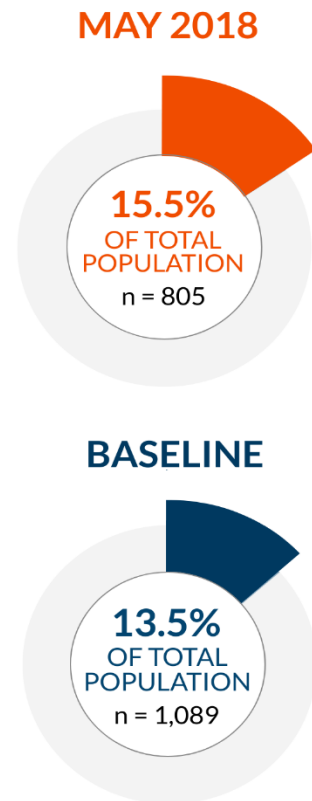### BASELINE
198.8 DAYS
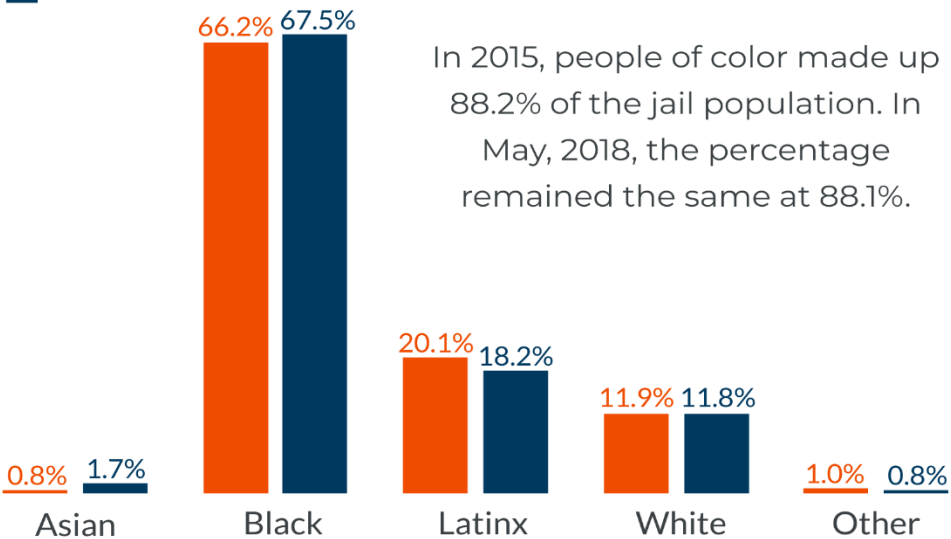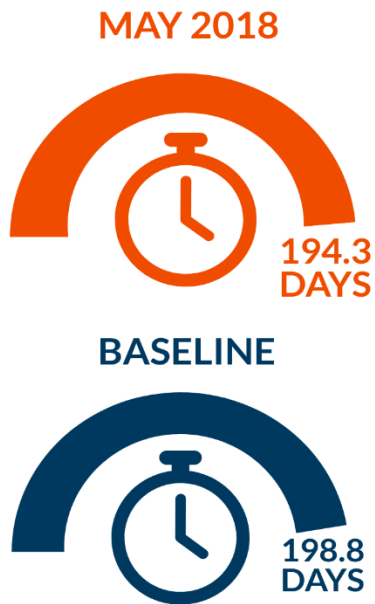
*Length of stay (LOS) figures are for individuals who were still in custody at the time of the data extraction, as opposed to LOS for people who were released.

CASH BAIL
(Under $50,000)

Pretrial Non-Murder - No Detainers

CURRENT   **BASELINE**

7.3%
n = 377

13.0%
n = 1,053

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

SERIOUSLY MENTALLY ILL (SMI)

MAY 2018

15.5%
OF TOTAL POPULATION
n = 805

BASELINE

13.5%
OF TOTAL POPULATION
n = 1,089

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Philadelphia Jail Population

JANUARY 2015 - MAY 2018

- **BASELINE**
- **CURRENT MONTH**

Bar chart values (left to right): 8301, 7979, 7926, 7948, 8012, 8197, MACARTHUR BASELINE - 8082, 8144, 8132, 7933, 7871, 7452, 7450, 7562, 7531, 7486, 7592, 7542, 7432, 7380, 7427, 7234, 7041, 6786, 6806, 6741, 6603, 6724, 6604, 6650, 6793, 6733, 6811, 6768, 6786, 6440, 6347, 6125, 5586, 5386, 5198

X-axis labels: JAN 2015, JUL 2015, JAN 2016, JUL 2016, JAN 2017, JUL 2017, JAN 2018
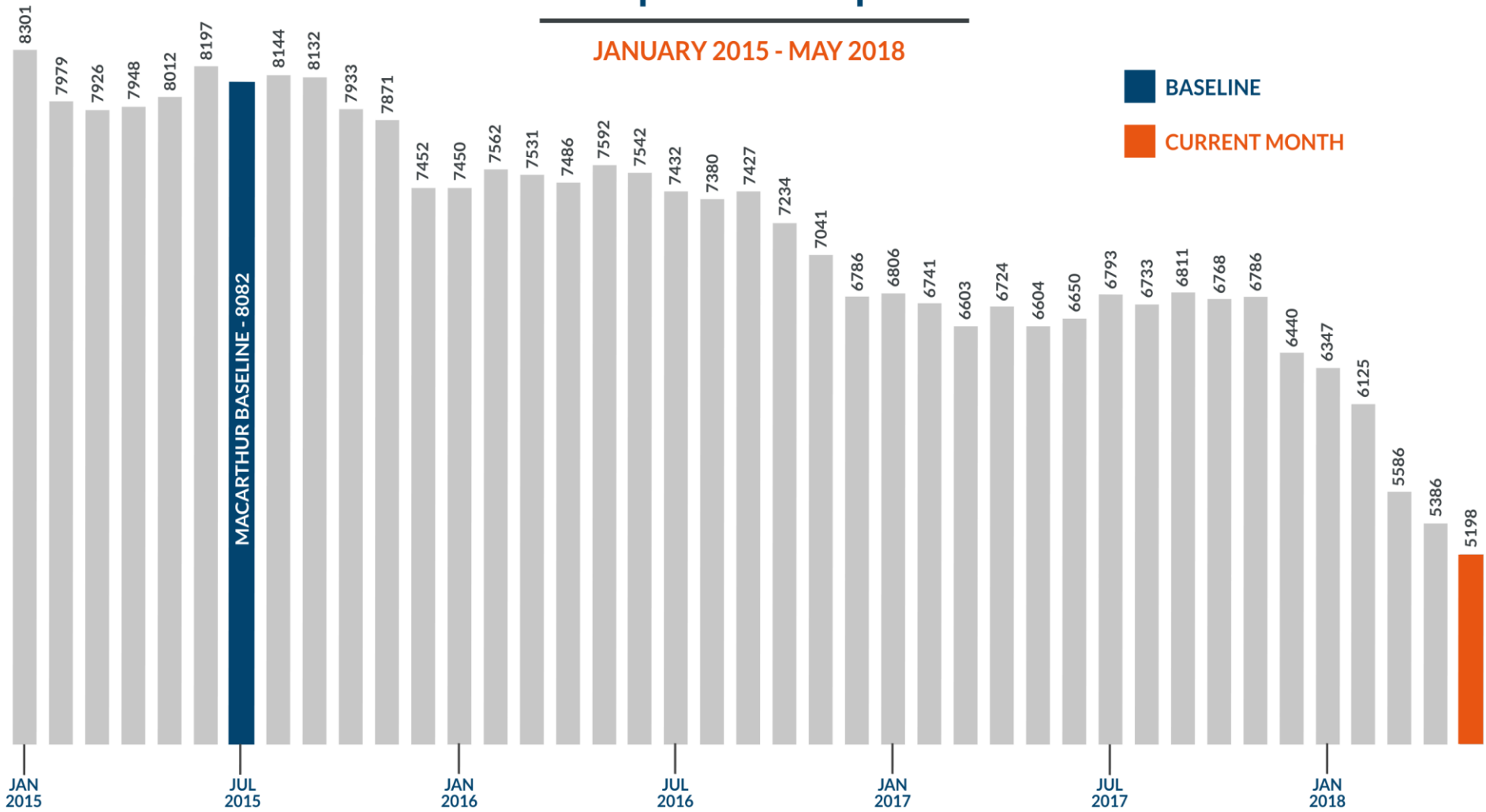
Note: Due to scaling issues in previous reports this graph was redesigned in January, 2020, and all archival reports were updated.