



DRUG VIOLENCE IN MEXICO: DATA & ANALYSIS THROUGH 2017

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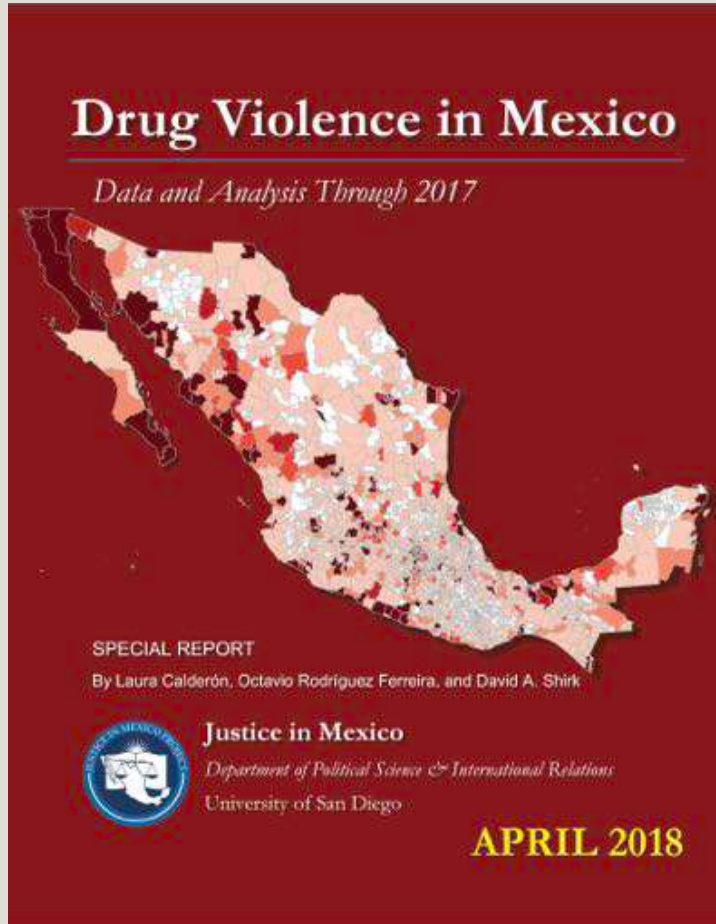
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OVERVIEW

- **Relevant Publications**
- **Homicide Trends**
- **Role of Organized Crime**
- **Policy Recommendations**

RECENT REPORT: DRUG VIOLENCE



- 9th annual report on drug violence
- Focus on homicide and organized crime killings
- Co-authored by Laura Calderón, Octavio Rodríguez Ferreira, & David Shirk

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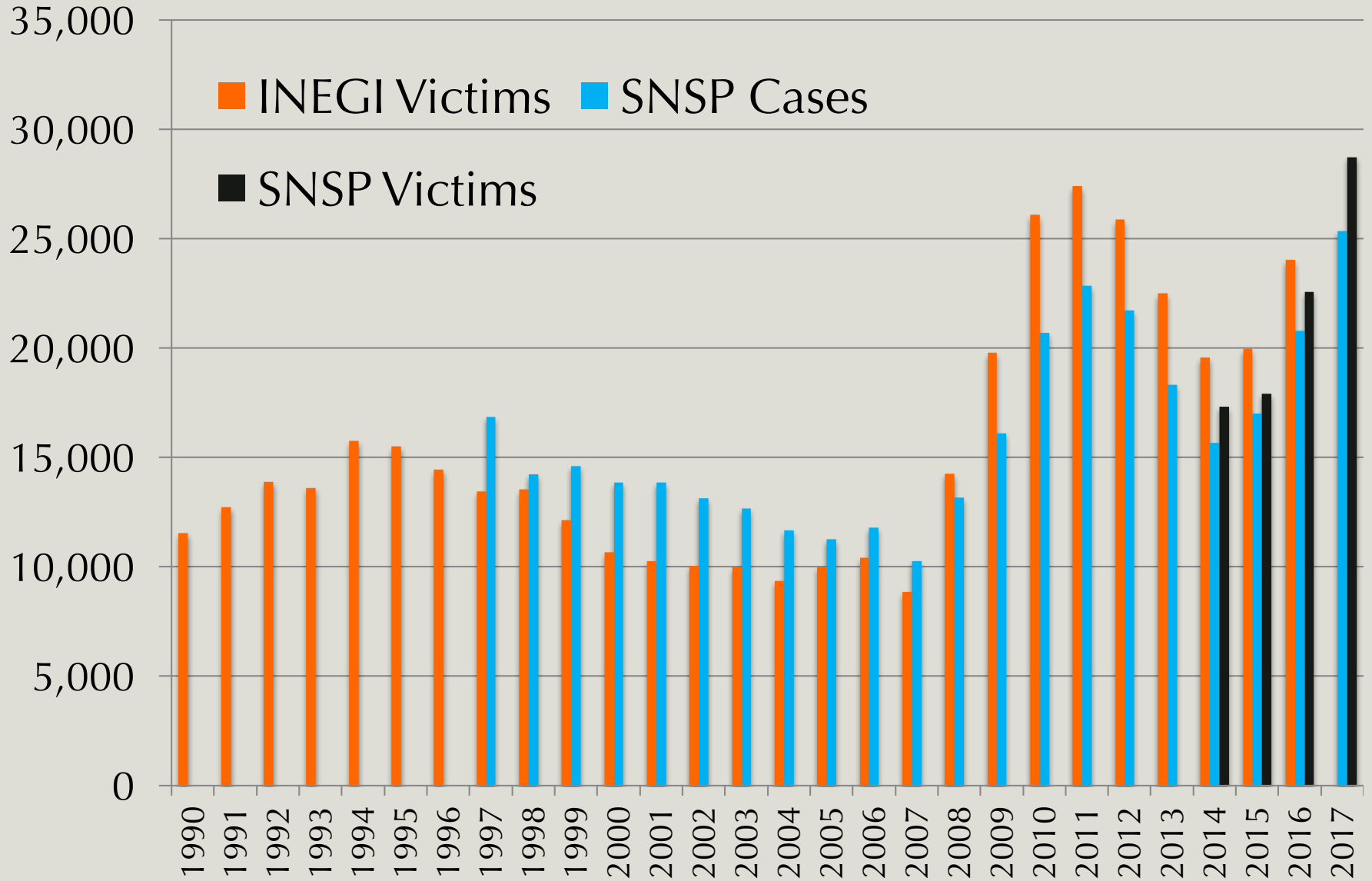
MAIN FINDINGS

- 28,734 homicides in 2017 (27% increase)
- Between 9,883 and 18,898 organized crime killings (at least 1/3 of all homicides)
- Fall of Chapo Guzman and rise of New Generation Cartel



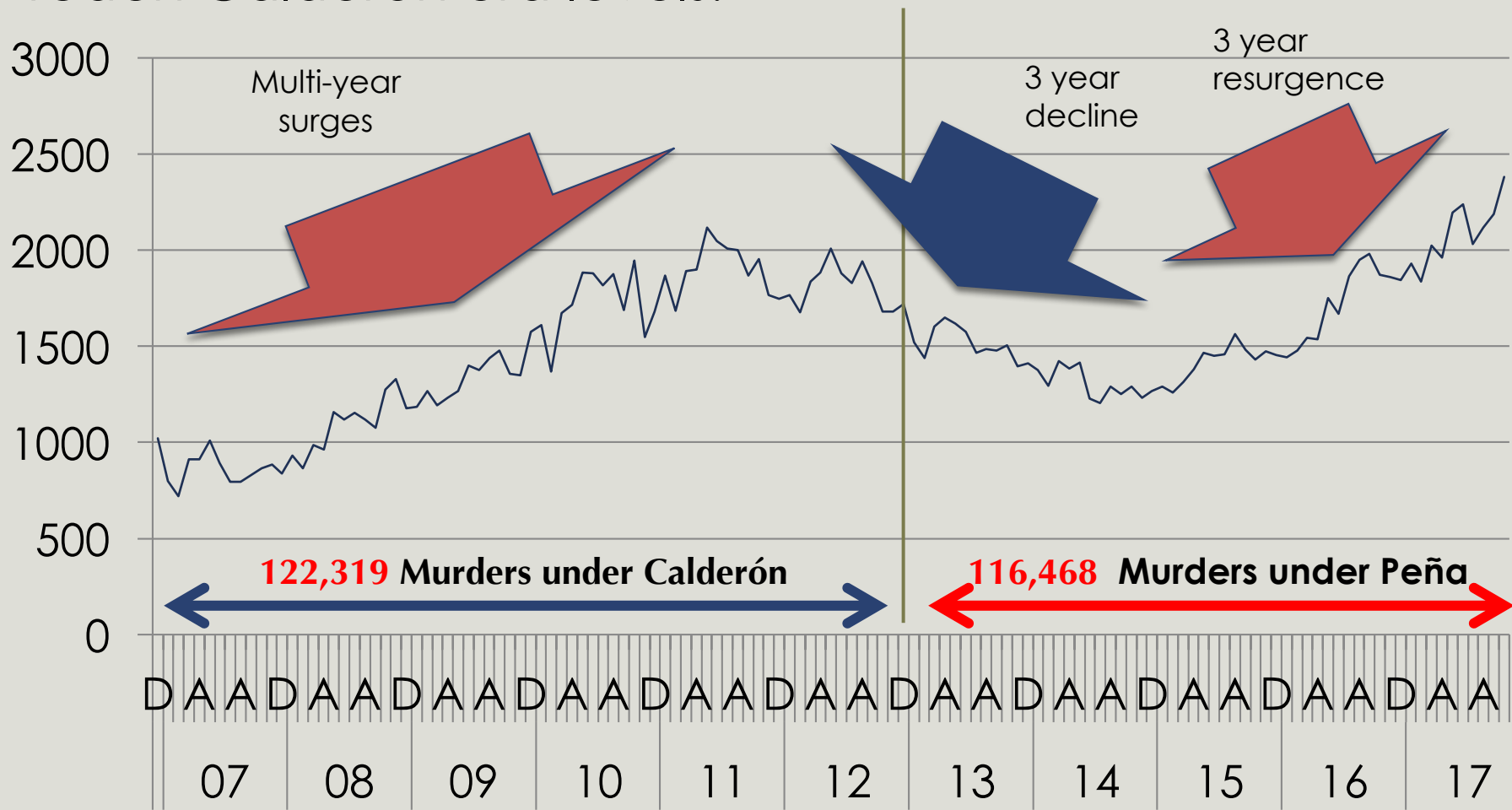
GENERAL TRENDS IN HOMICIDE

Homicide Trends in Mexico, 1990-2017

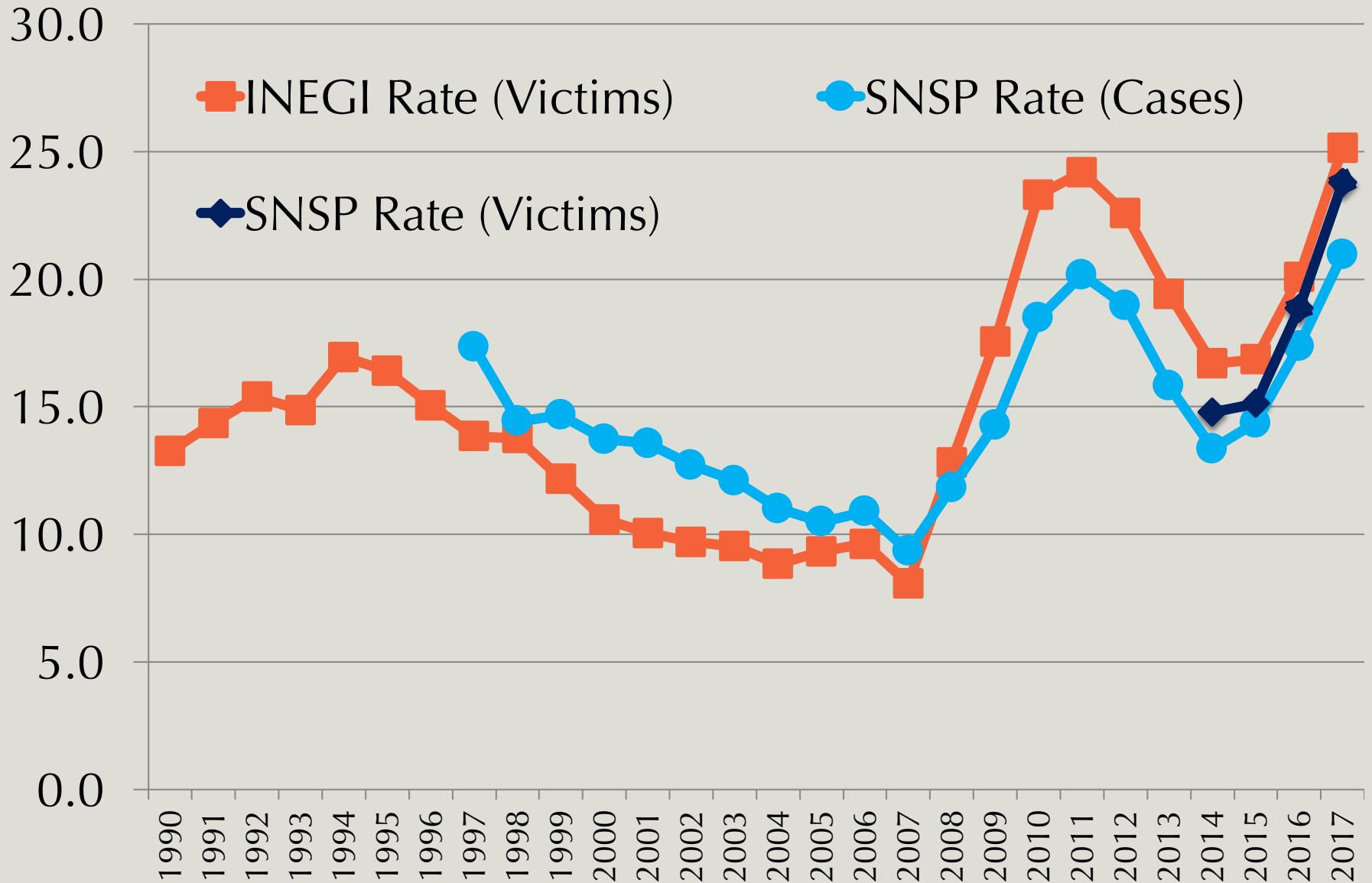


Monthly Comparison: Calderón vs. EPN

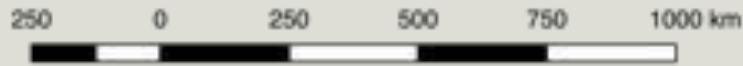
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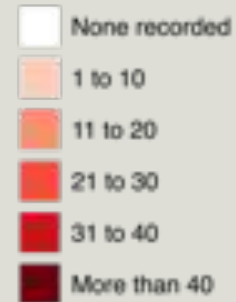
Homicide Rate, 1990-2017



Geographic Distribution of Homicides



Homicides SNSP 2017



2017



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Local Centers of Violence: 2016 vs. 2017

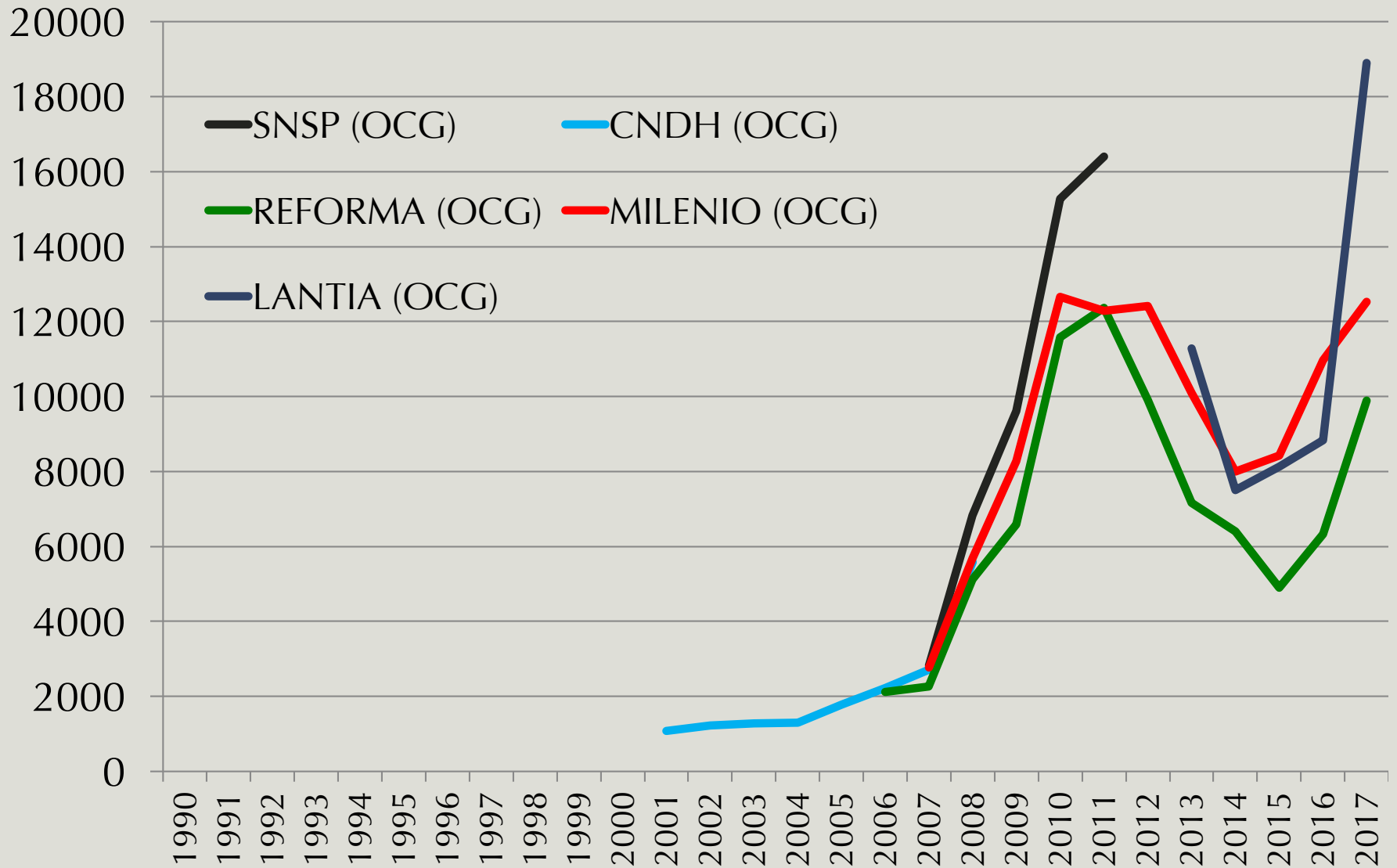
| # | Name | 2016 | Share |
|--------------------|----------------|-------|-------|
| 1 | Acapulco | 918 | 1.7% |
| 2 | Tijuana | 871 | 1.6% |
| 3 | Juarez | 470 | 0.9% |
| 4 | Culiacán | 438 | 0.8% |
| 5 | Ecatepec | 298 | 0.6% |
| 6 | Chihuahua | 279 | 0.5% |
| 7 | Chilpancingo | 234 | 0.4% |
| 8 | Matamoros | 224 | 0.4% |
| 9 | Ixtapalapa | 212 | 0.4% |
| 10 | Victoria, Tam. | 210 | 0.4% |
| Top 10 total/share | | 4,184 | 8.0% |
| Top 5 total/share | | 2,996 | 5.8% |

| # | Name | 2017 | Share |
|--------------------|--------------|-------|-------|
| 1 | Tijuana | 1,618 | 3.1% |
| 2 | Acapulco | 834 | 1.6% |
| 3 | Juarez | 642 | 1.2% |
| 4 | Culiacán | 607 | 1.2% |
| 5 | Chihuahua | 363 | 0.7% |
| 6 | León | 316 | 0.6% |
| 7 | Ecatepec | 218 | 0.4% |
| 8 | Los Cabos | 217 | 0.4% |
| 9 | Queretaro | 206 | 0.4% |
| 10 | Chilpancingo | 200 | 0.4% |
| Top 10 total/share | | 5,541 | 10.7% |
| Top 5 total/share | | 4,064 | 7.9% |

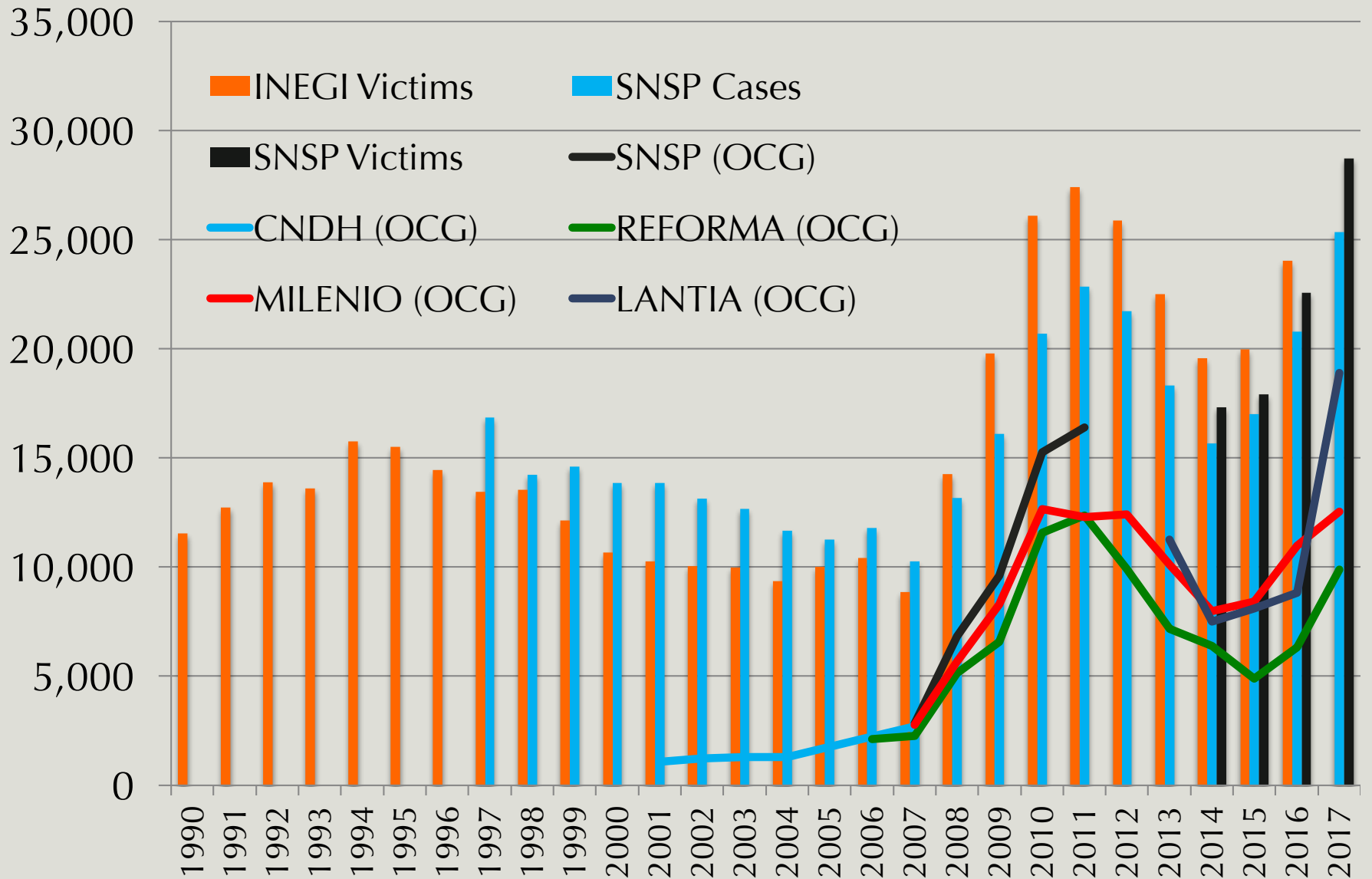
Source: SNSP (cases)

THE ROLE OF ORGANIZED CRIME

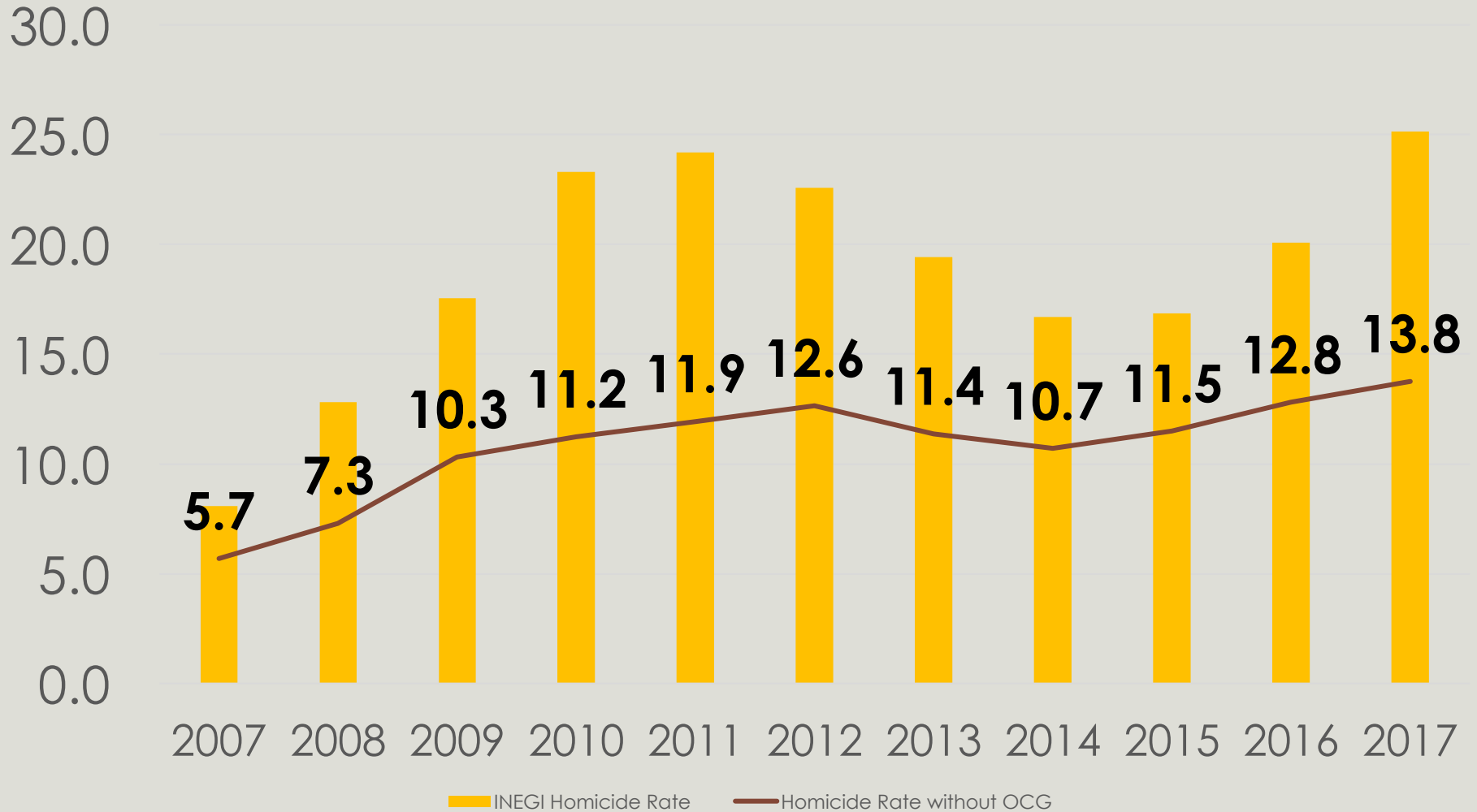
Tracking OCG Killings, 1990-2017



Homicides vs. OCG Killings, 1990-2017

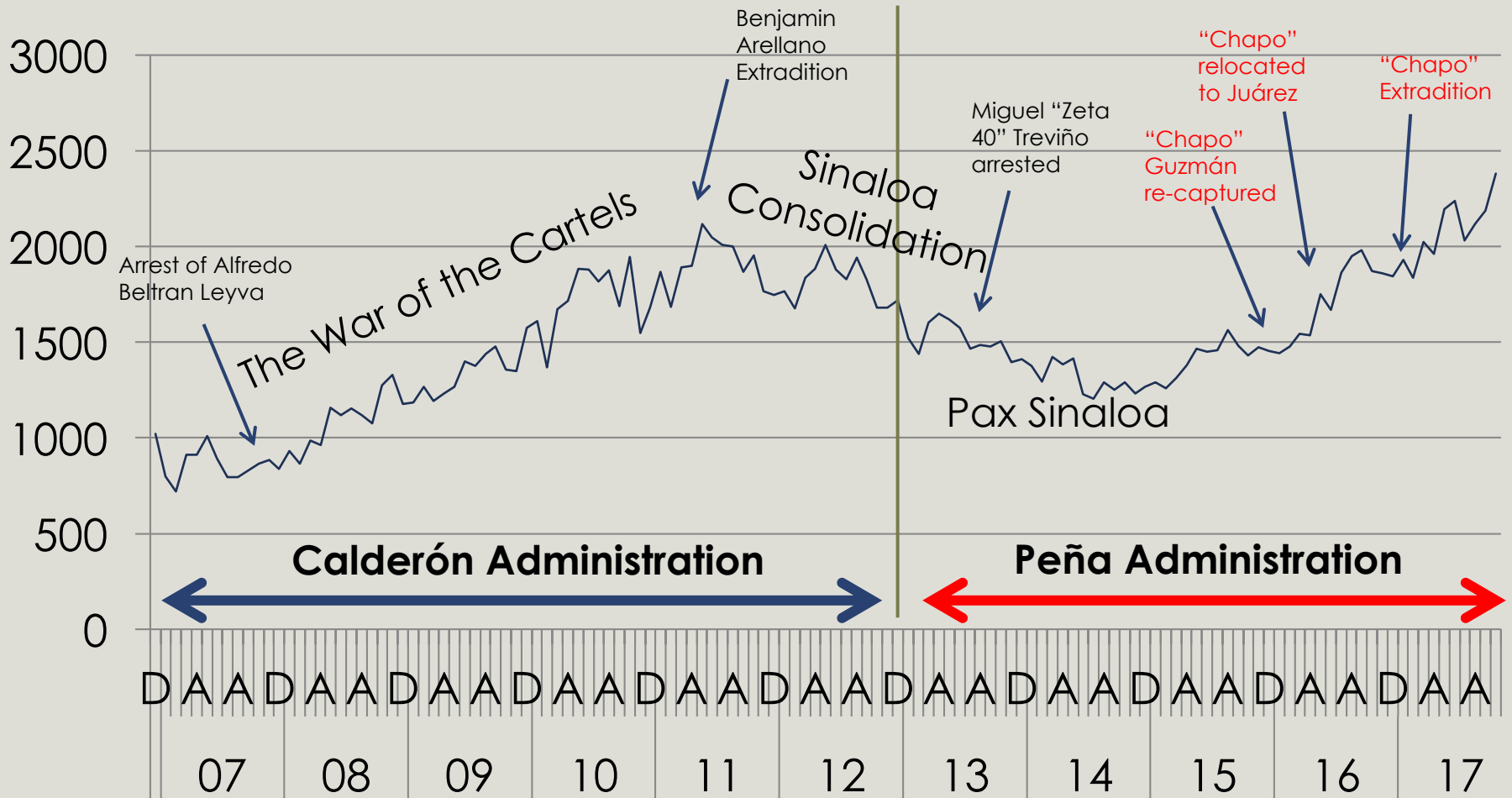


Homicide rate without OCG Killings, 2007-2017

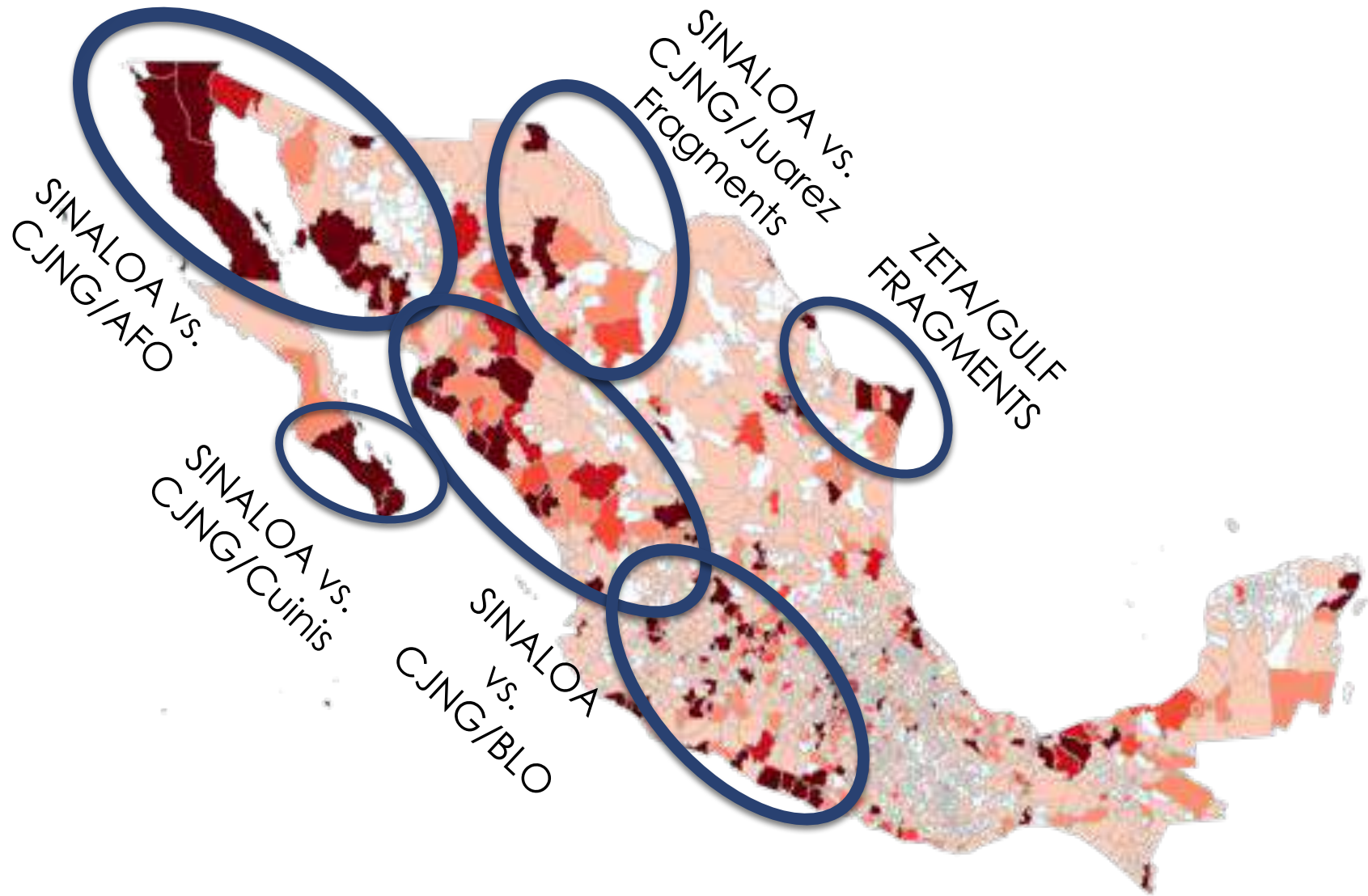


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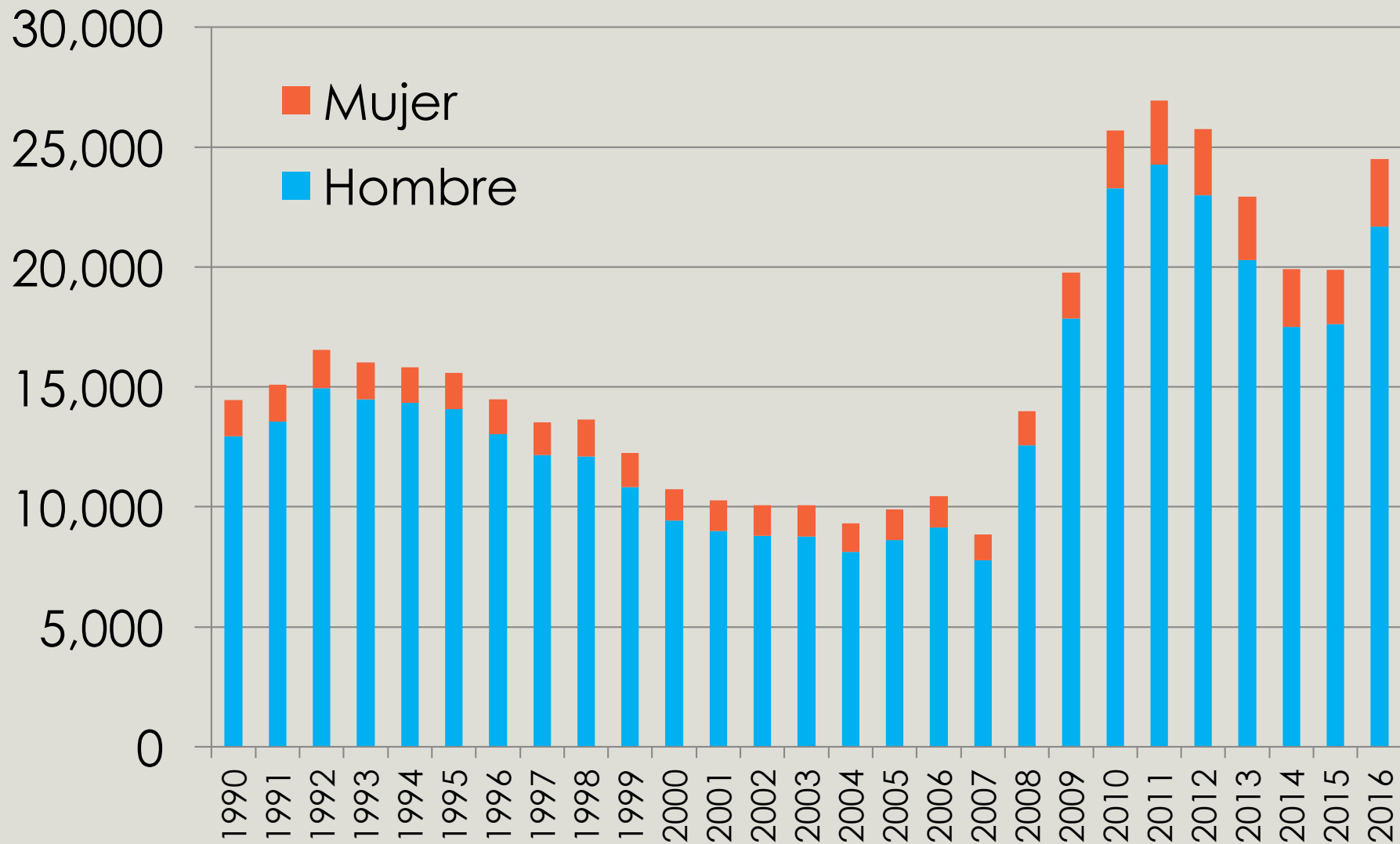
Key OCG Conflict Areas in 2017



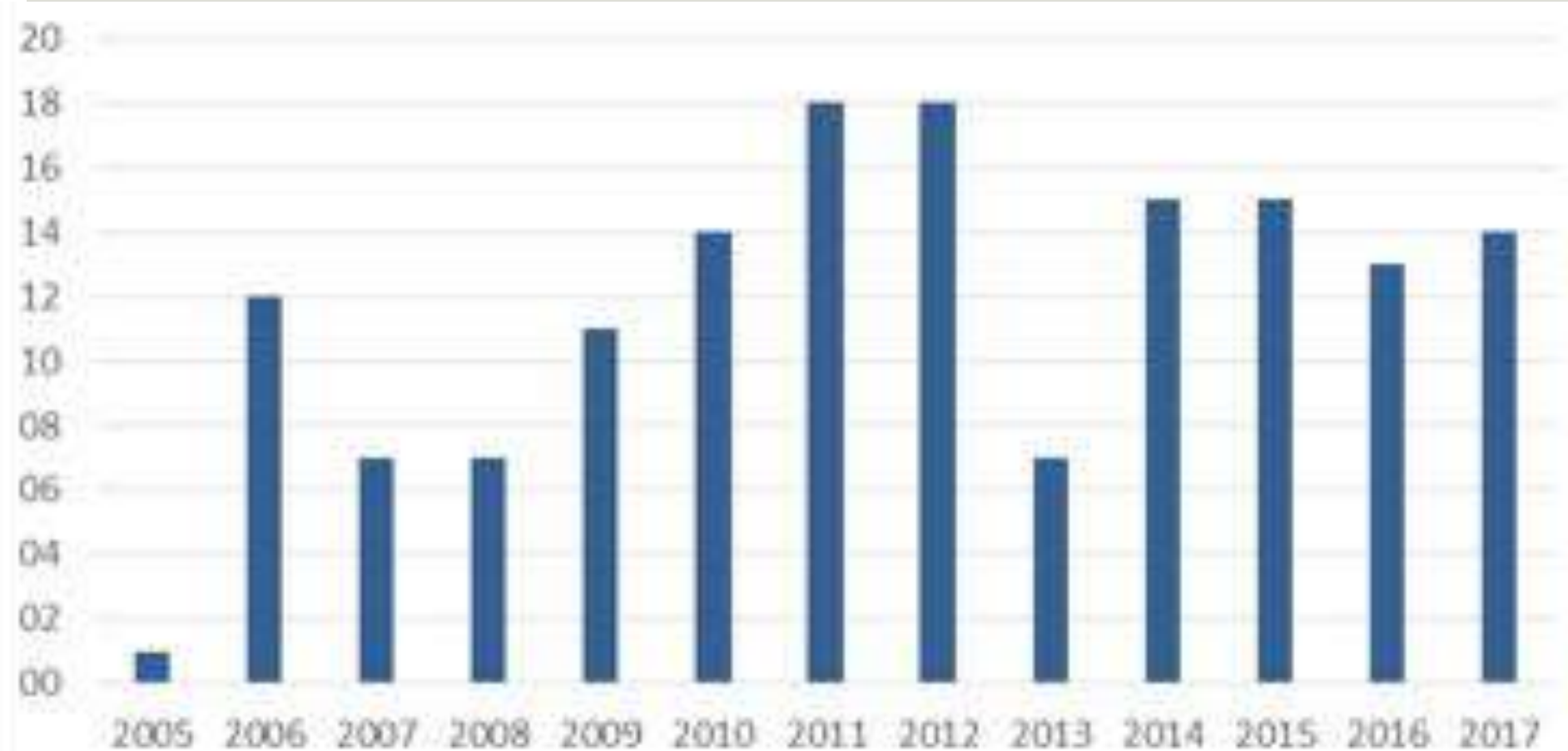
Rise of the Jalisco New Generation Cartel



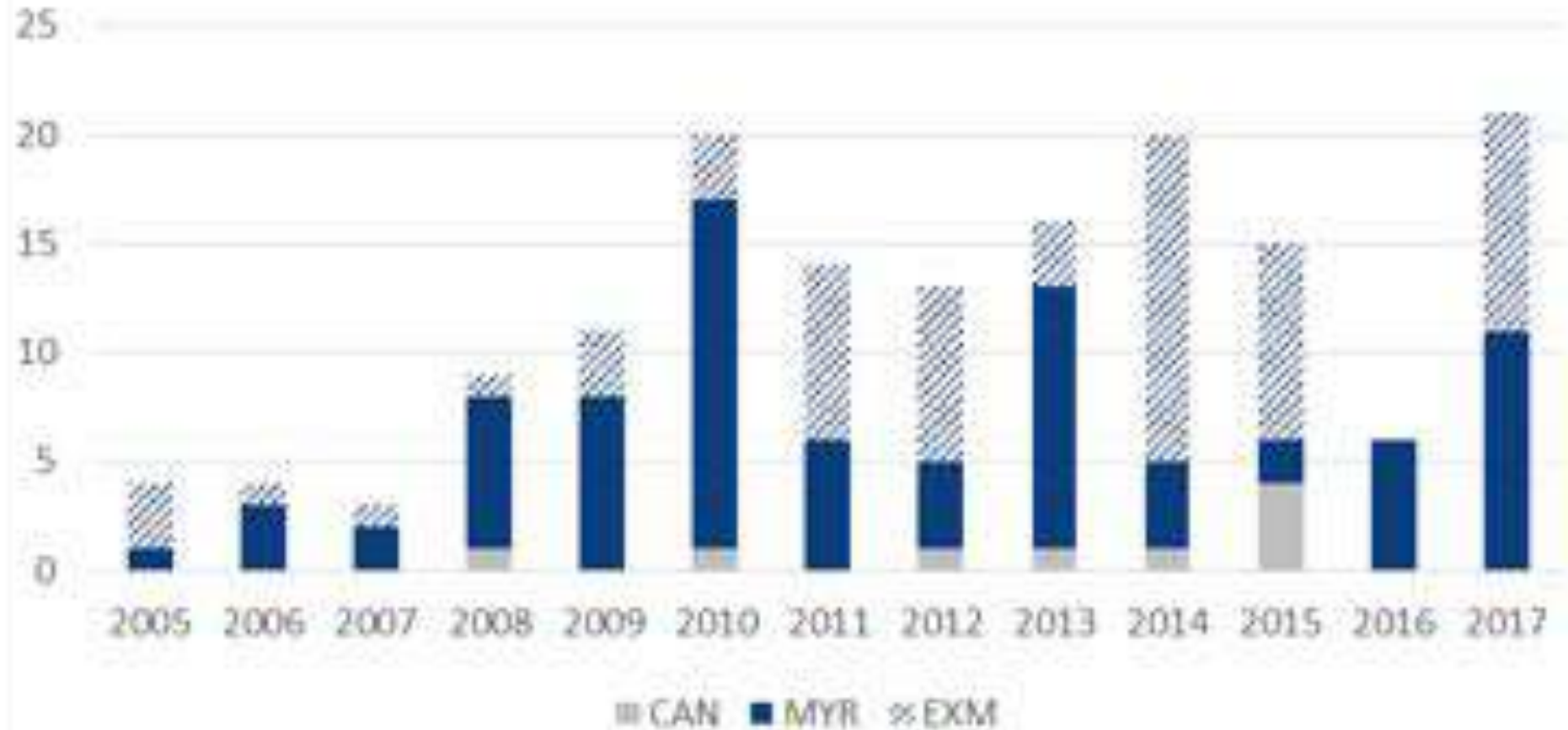
Special Victims: Males, 1990-2017



Special Victims: Journalists

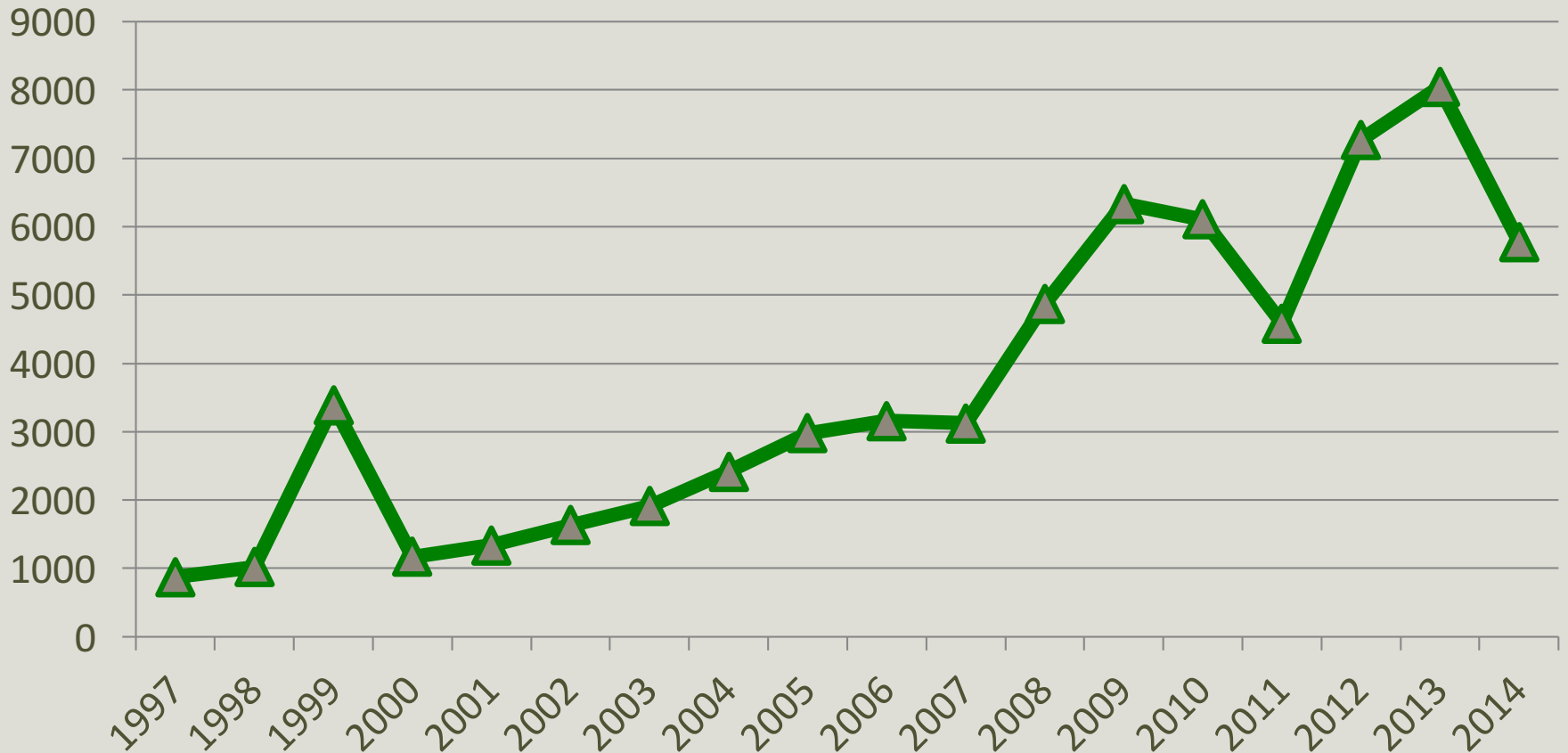


Special Victims: Mayors



Number of Reported Extortion Cases (1997-2014)

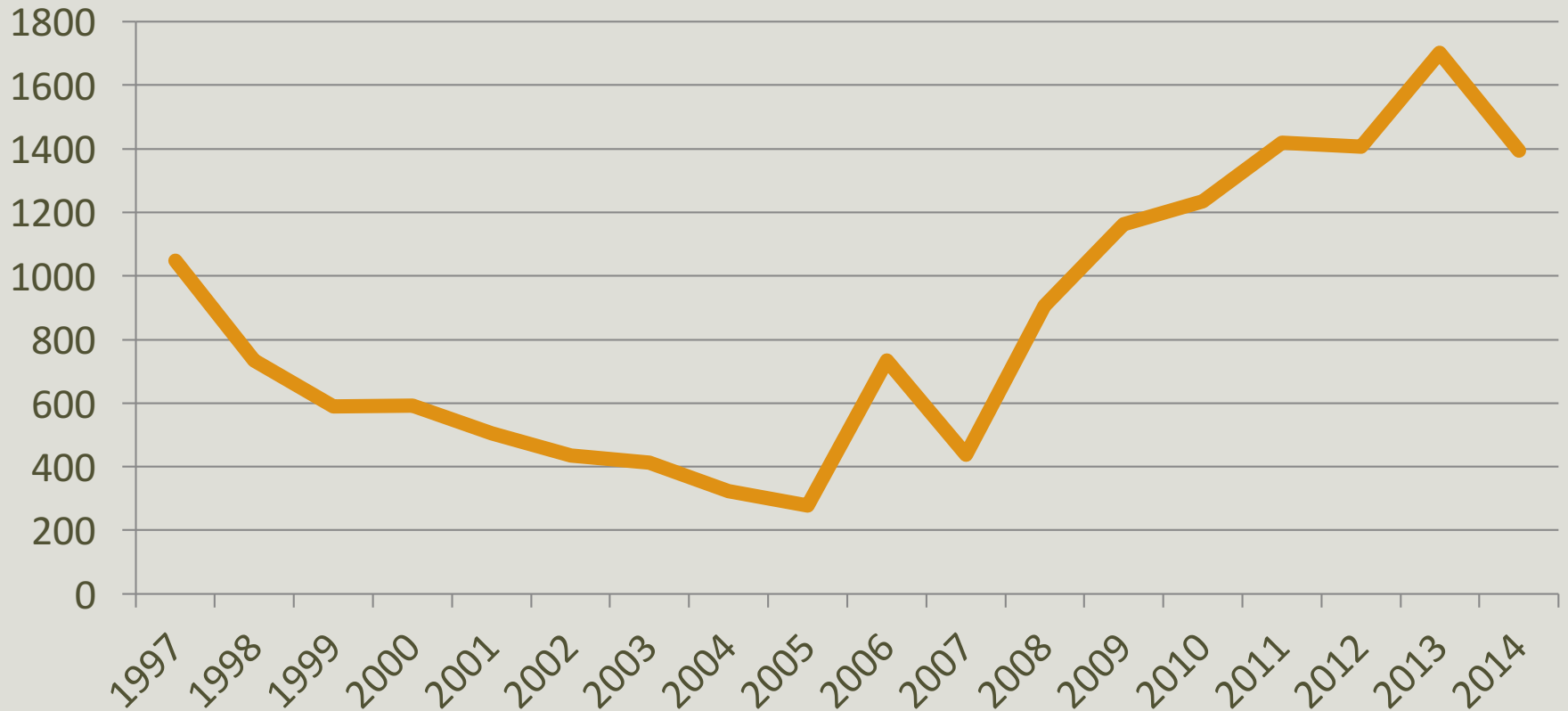
Extortion (SNSP)



Source: SNSP.

Number of Reported Kidnapping Cases (1997-2014)

Kidnappings (SNSP)



Source: SNSP.

POLICY
RECOMMENDATIONS

Recommendations

- 1. Better Monitoring of OCG Violence**
- 2. Enhancing Policing and Prosecutions**
- 3. Special Measures to Address Political Violence**
- 4. Reinvigorating Mexico's Anti-Corruption Efforts**
- 5. Advancing a Public Health Approach to Drugs**



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