



DRUG VIOLENCE IN MEXICO: DATA & ANALYSIS THROUGH 2017

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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



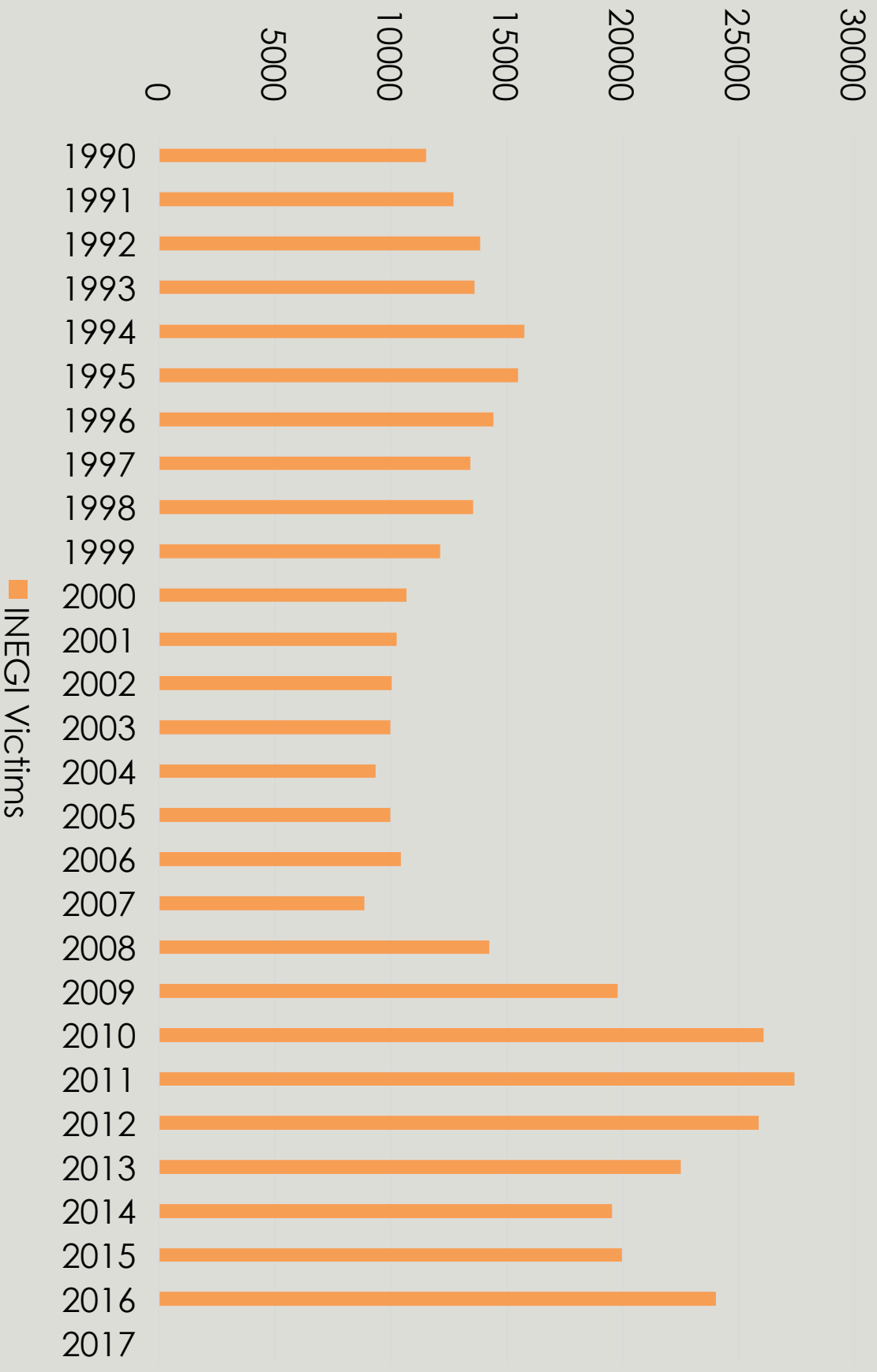
RELATED PAPERS & POLICY BRIEFS



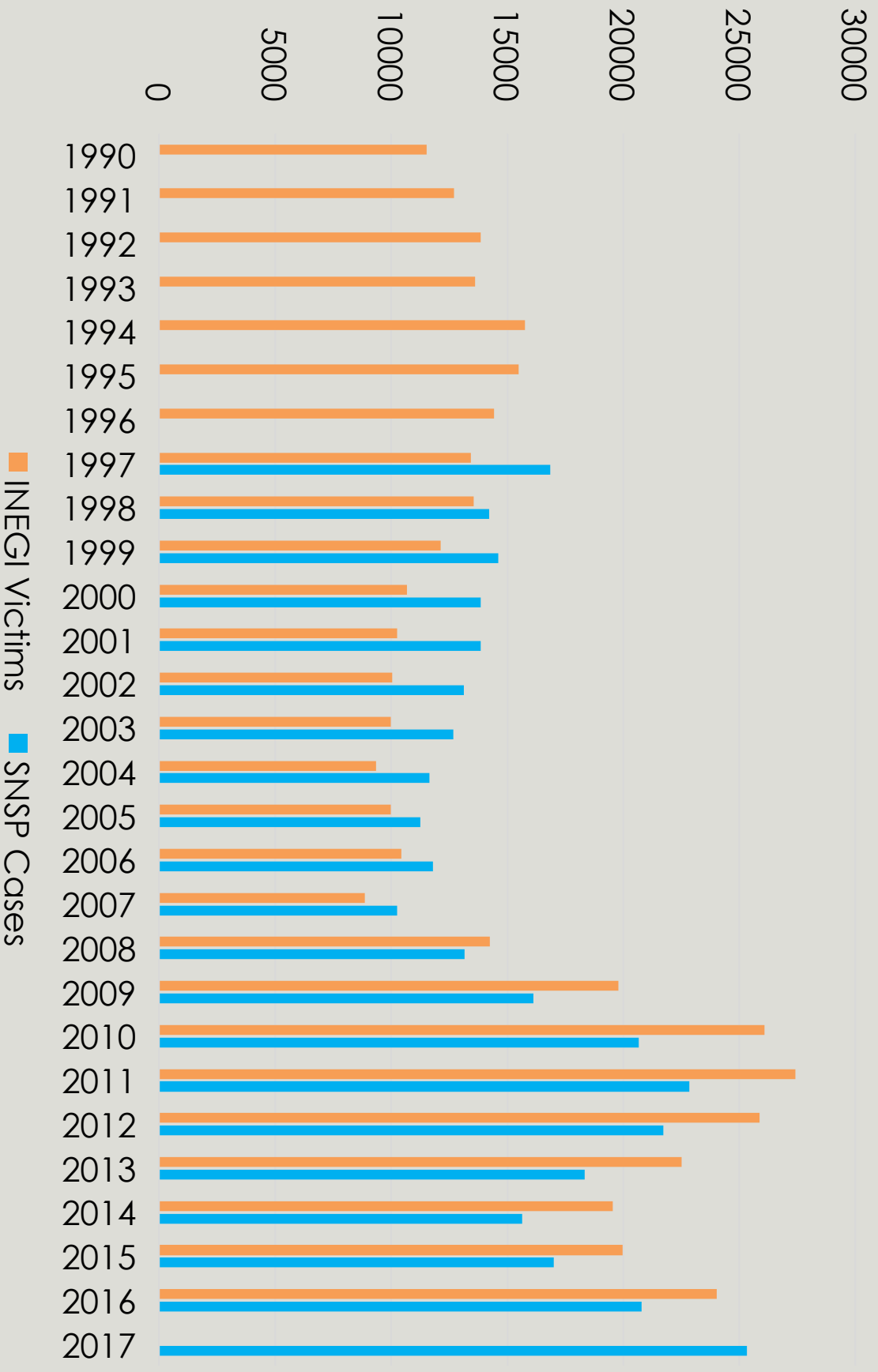
- The Resurgence of Violence in Tijuana
- The New Generation: Mexico's Emerging Organized Crime Threat
- Organized Crime and Violence in Baja California Sur
- An Analysis of Mayoral Assassinations in Mexico

GENERAL TRENDS IN HOMICIDE

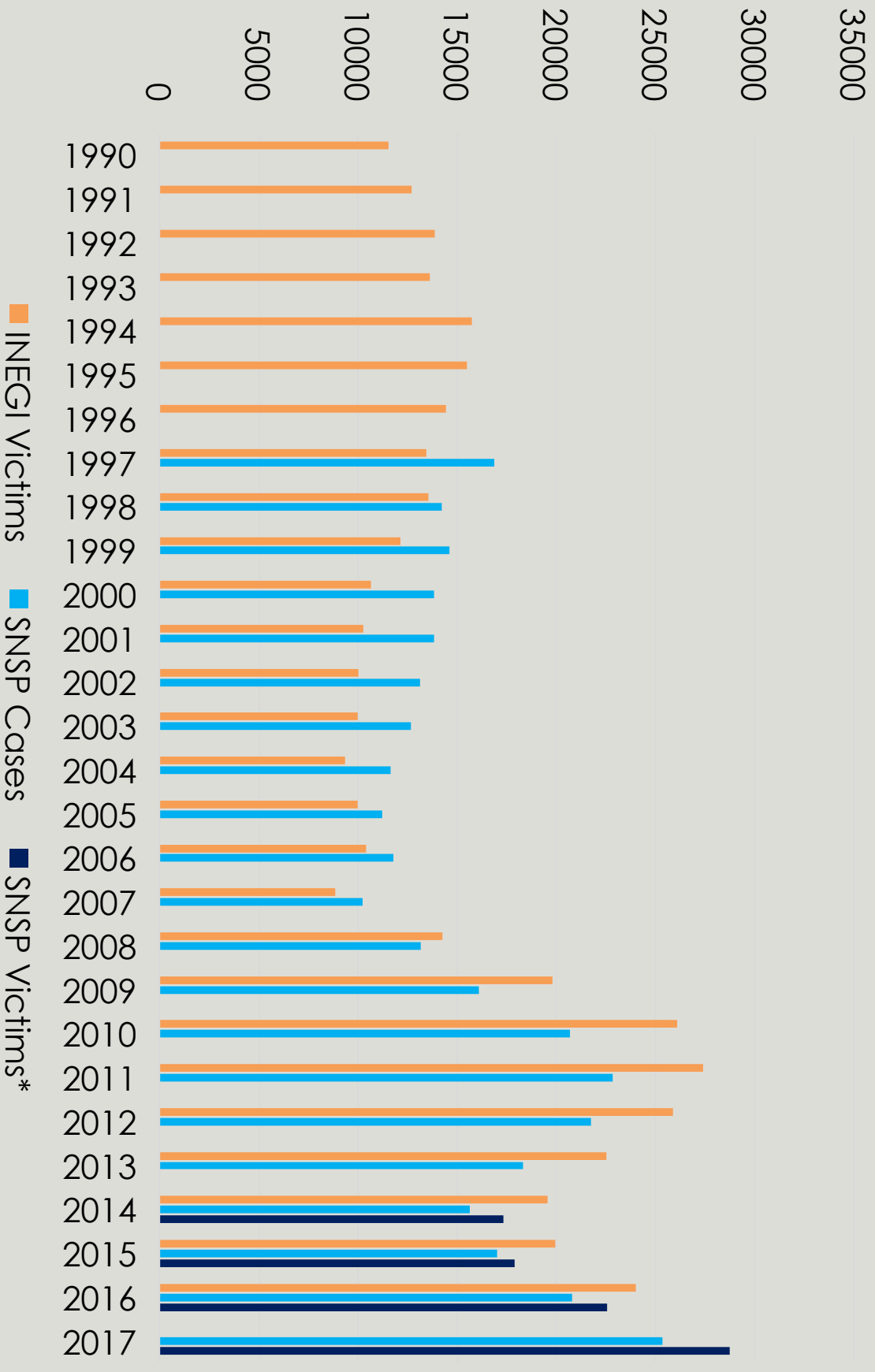
Homicide Trends in Mexico, 1990-2017



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35000

Authors' estimates:
Probably over 30,000
homicides in 2017

30000

25000

20000

15000

10000

5000

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1990 1991 1992 1993 1994 1995 1996 1997 1998 1999 2000 2001 2002 2003 2004 2005 2006 2007 2008 2009 2010 2011 2012 2013 2014 2015 2016 2017

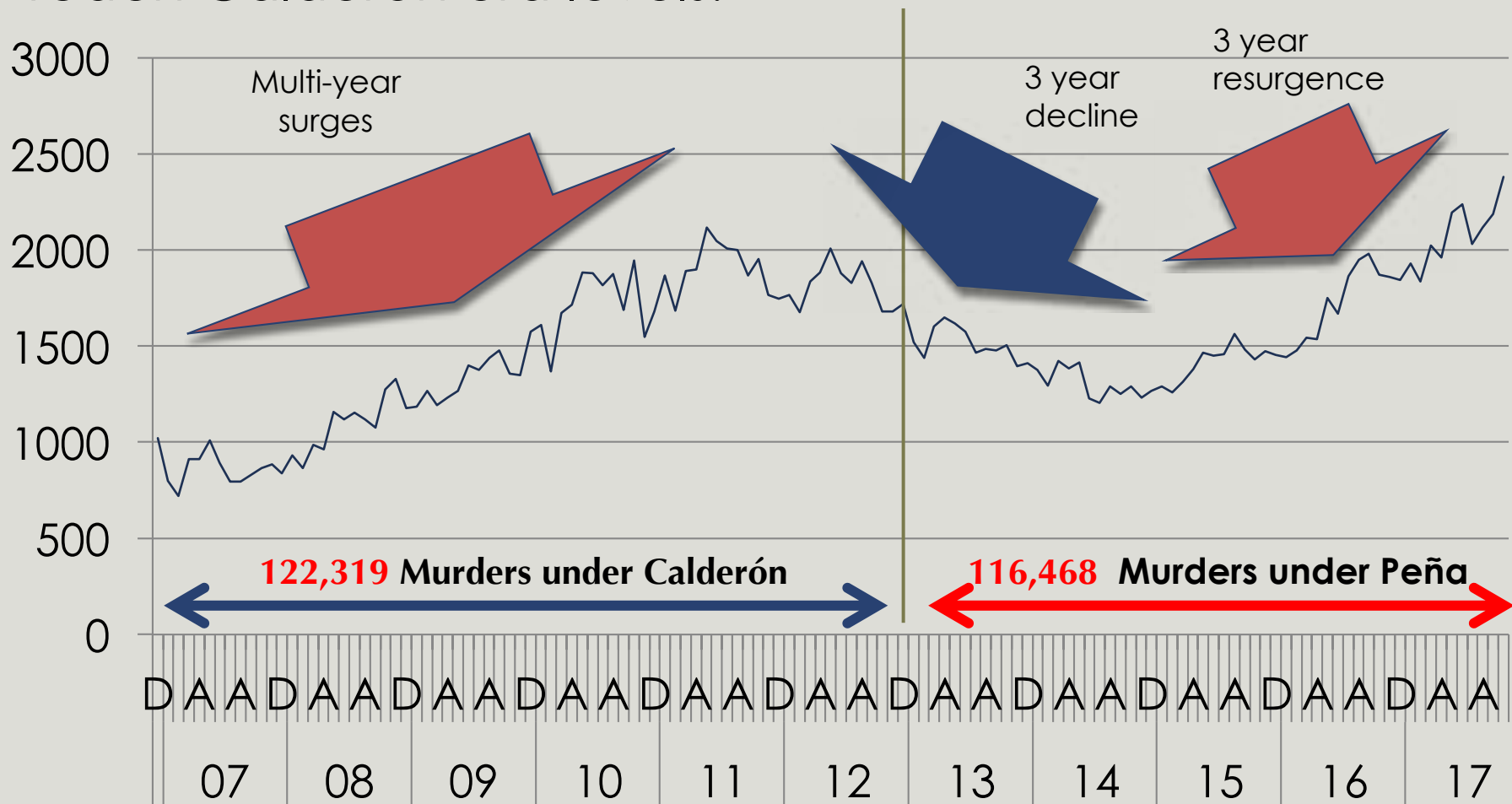
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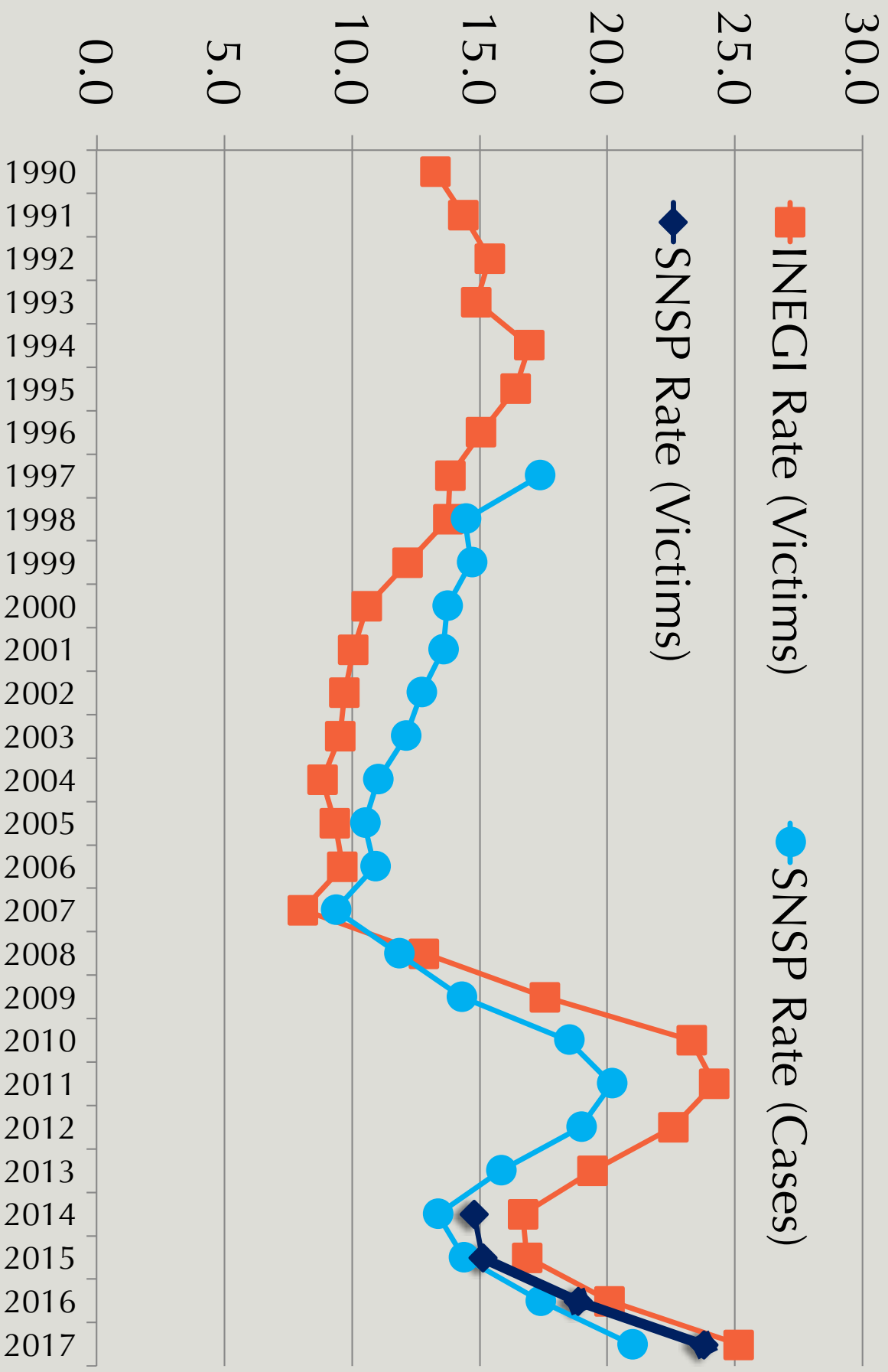


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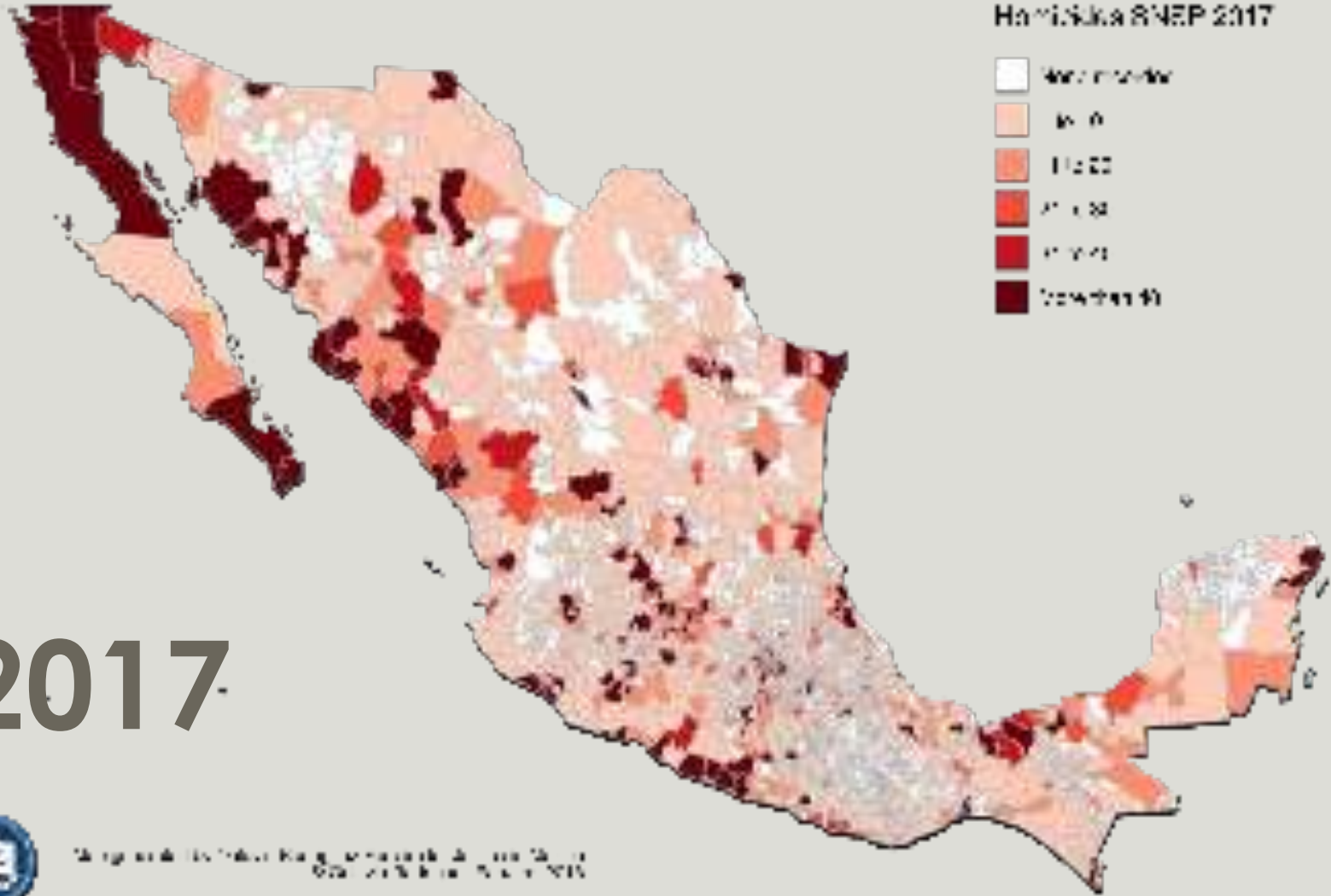


Homicide Rate, 1990-2017



Geographic Distribution of Homicides

0 100 200 300 400 500 Kilometers



2017



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Local Centers of Violence: 2016 vs. 2017

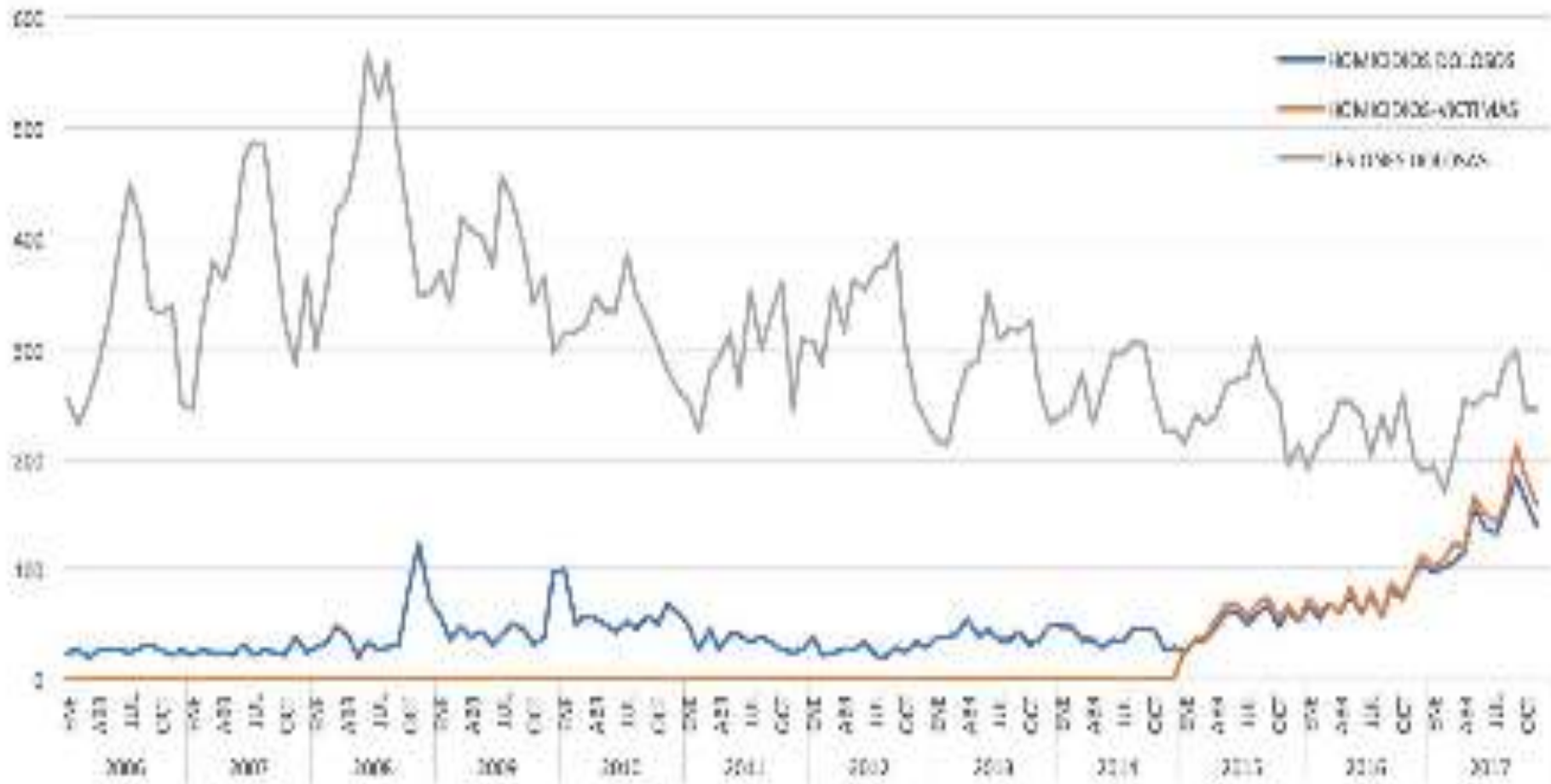
#	Name	2016	Rate
1	Acapulco	918	139
2	Tijuana	871	45
3	Juárez	470	30
4	Culiacán	439	53
5	Ecatepec	298	17
6	Chihuahua	275	31
7	Chilpancingo	234	99
8	Mazatlán	224	49
9	Iztapalapa	222	12
10	Victoria, Tam.	216	63
Top 10 total/share		4,167	20.0%
Top 5 total/share		2,996	14.4%

#	Name	2017	Rate
1	Tijuana	1,618	83
2	Acapulco	834	126
3	Juarez	642	41
4	Culiacán	607	73
5	Chihuahua	363	41
6	León	335	21
7	Ecatepec	318	18
8	Los Cabos	317	111
9	Guadalajara	266	18
10	Chilpancingo	260	110
Top 10 total/share		5,560	26.7%
Top 5 total/share		4,064	19.5%

Source: SNSP (cases)

Example: Tijuana

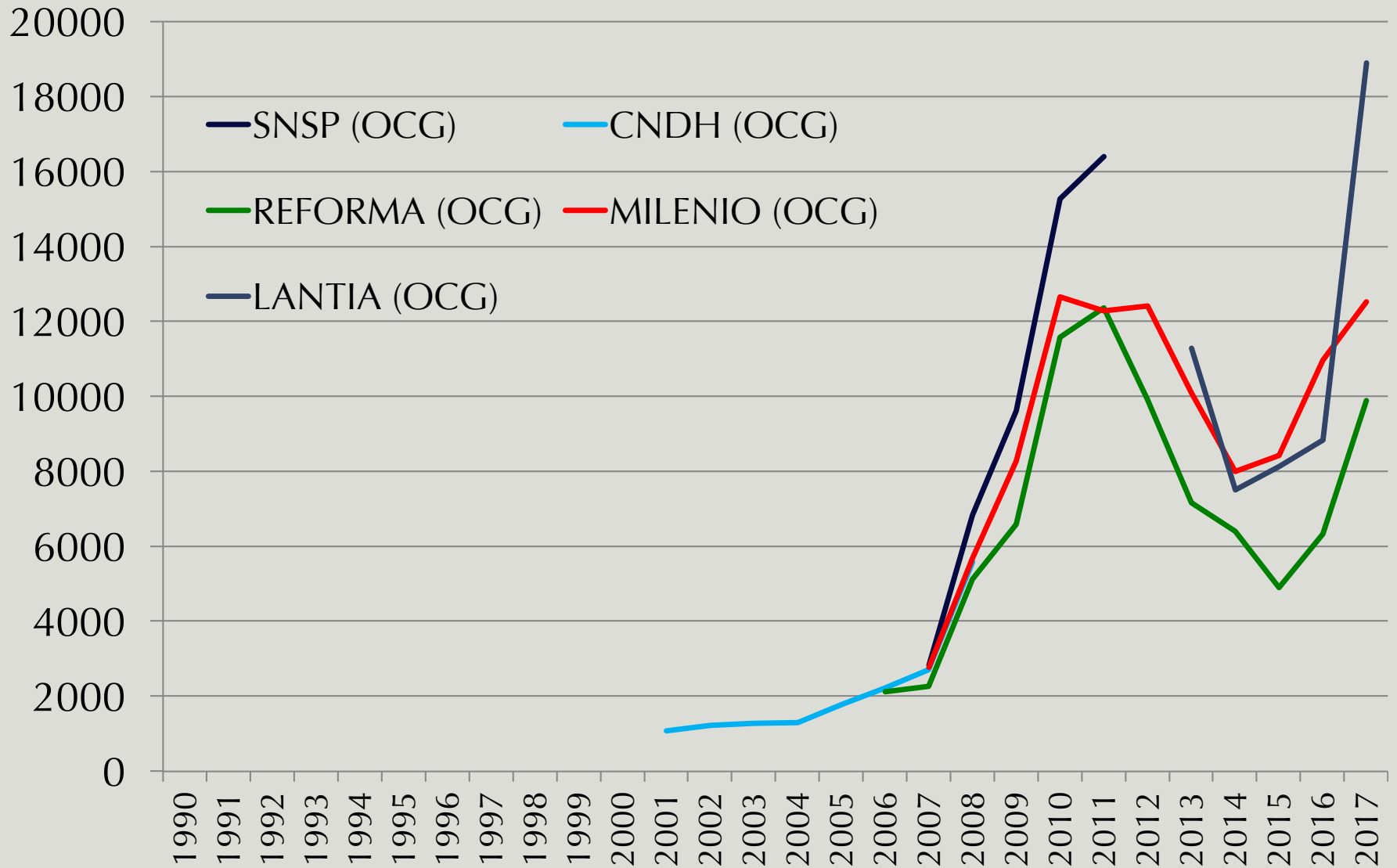
HOMICIDIOS-TIJUANA (SSP-BC data)



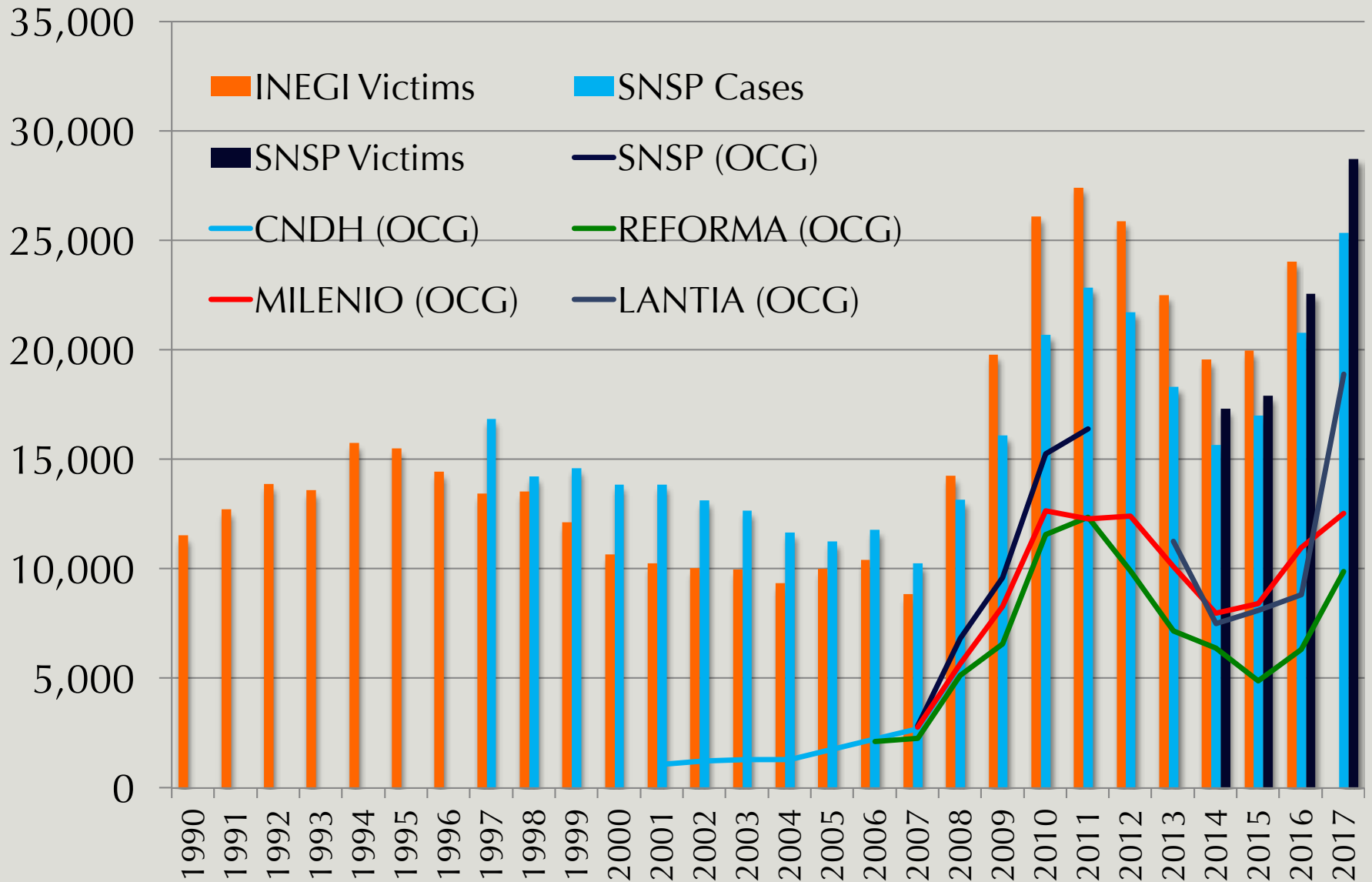
Source: SSP-Baja California

THE ROLE OF ORGANIZED CRIME

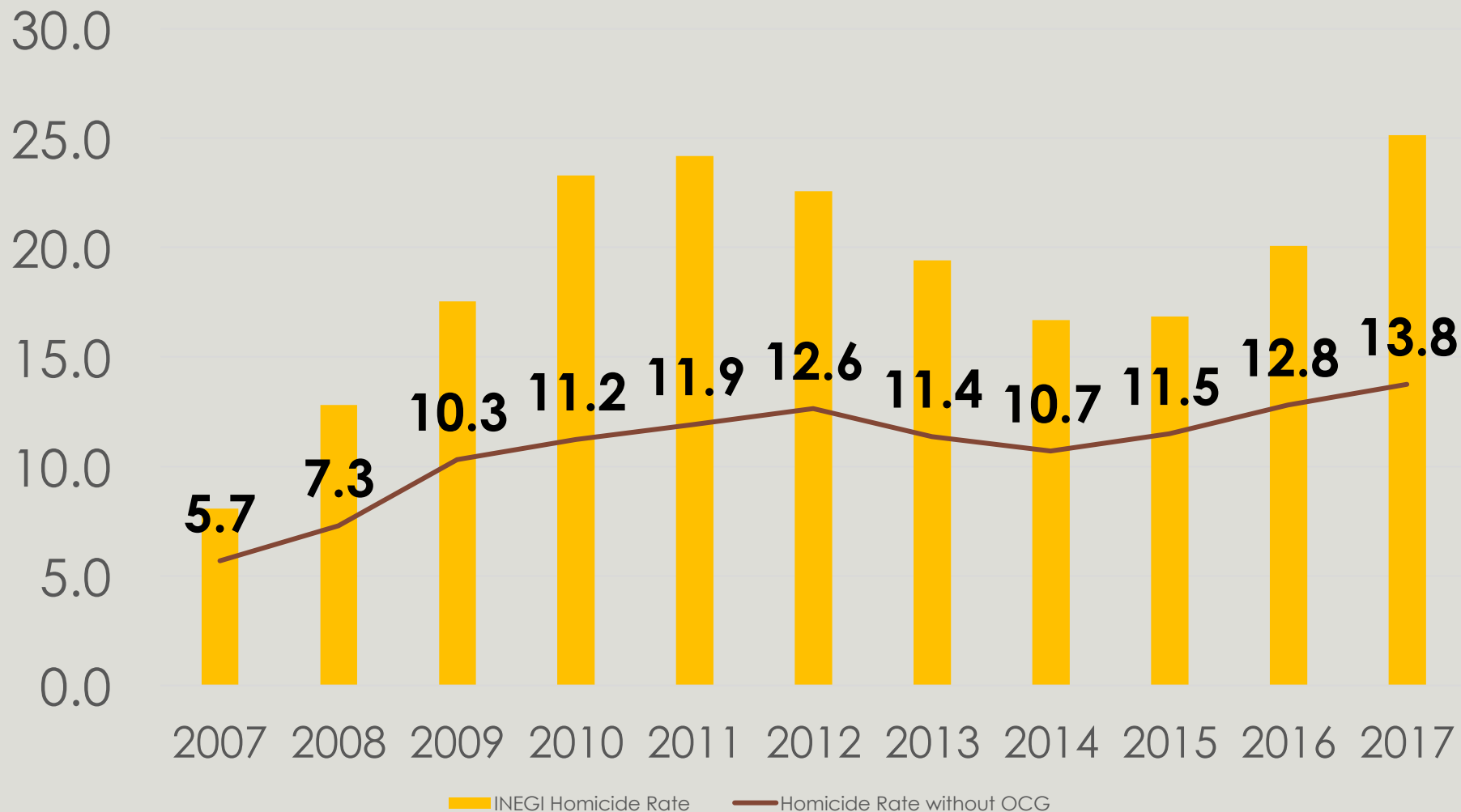
Tracking OCG Killings, 1990-2017



Homicides vs. OCG Killings, 1990-2017

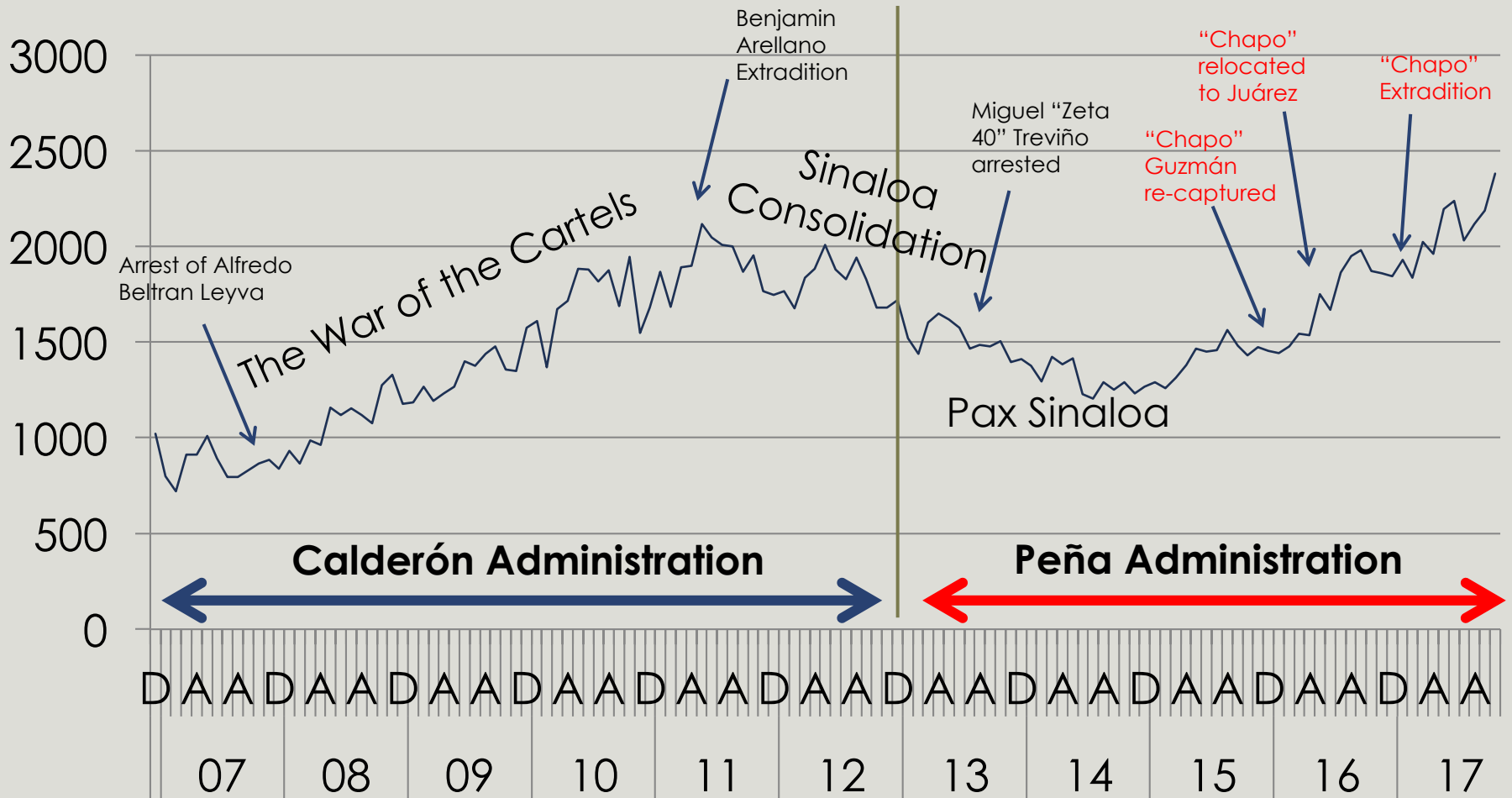


Homicide rate without OCG Killings, 2007-2017

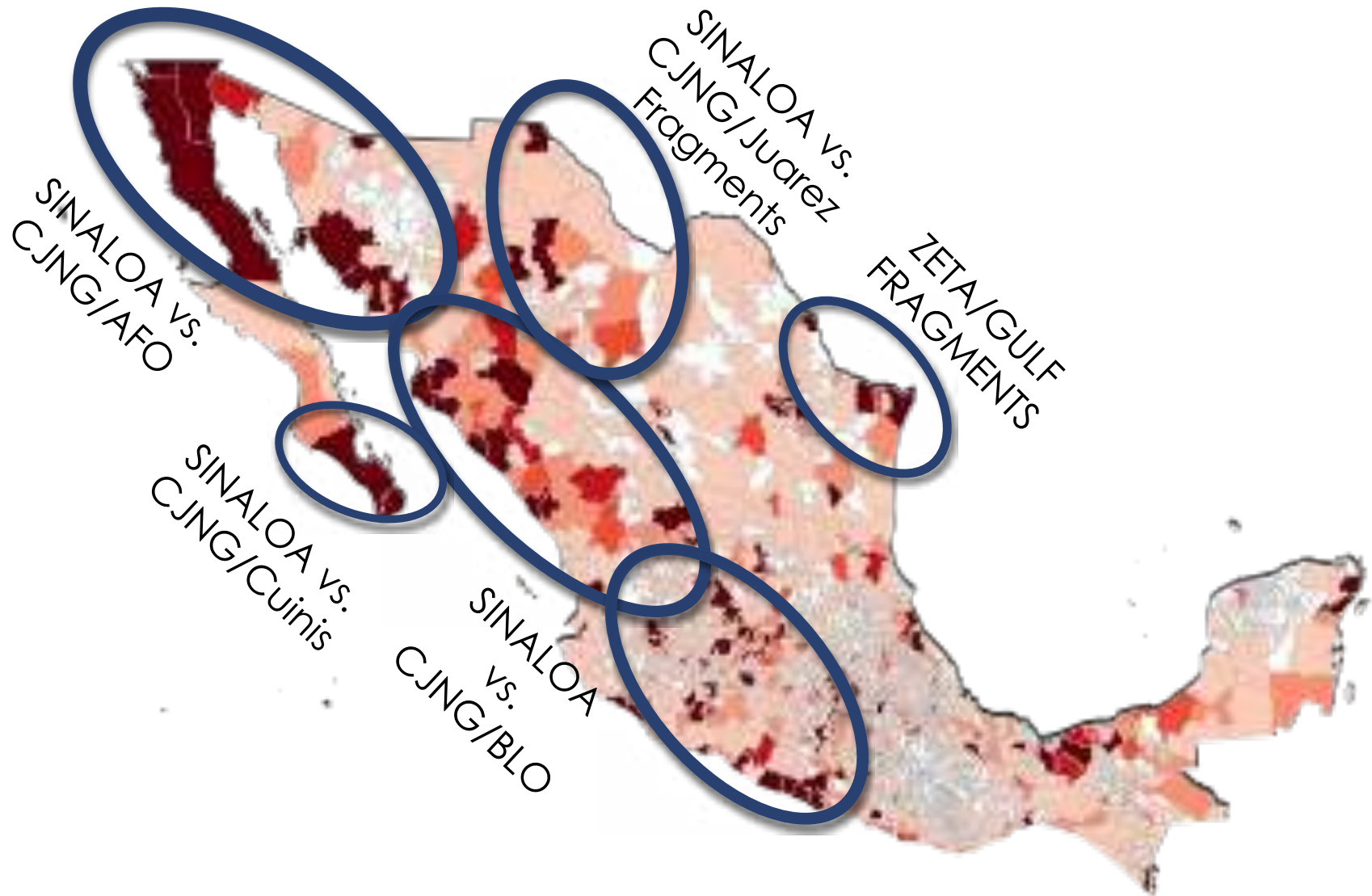


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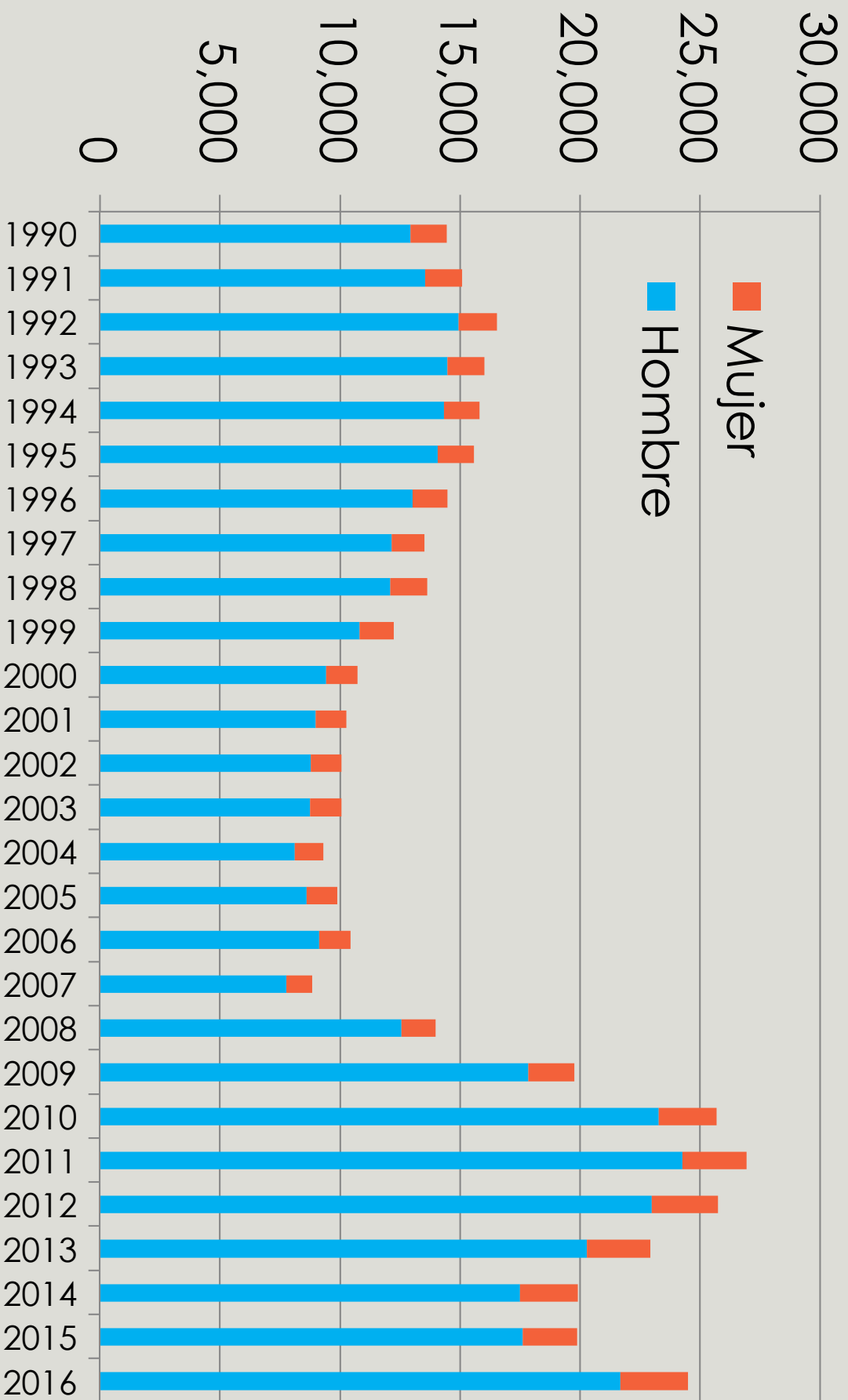
Key OCG Conflict Areas in 2017



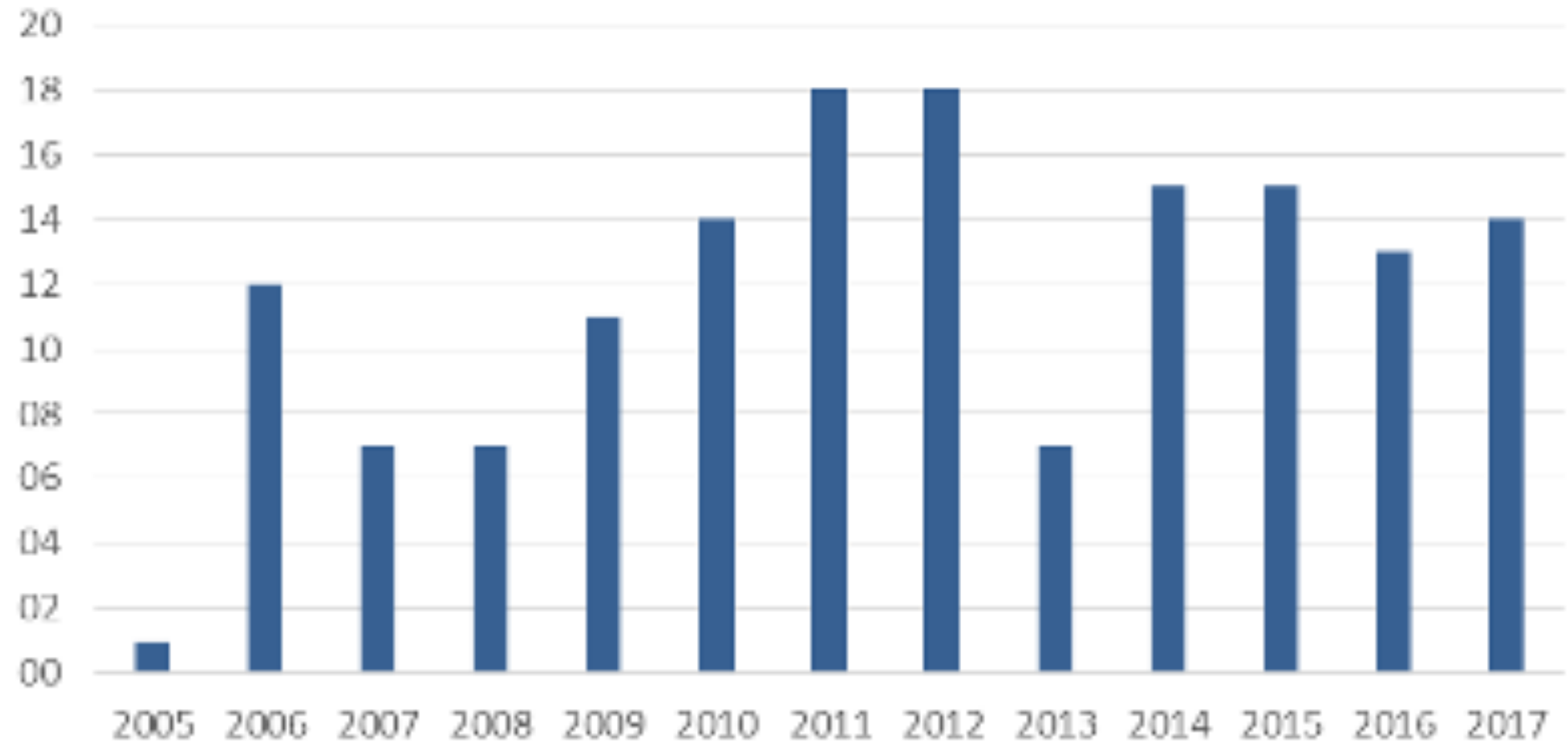
Rise of the Jalisco New Generation Cartel



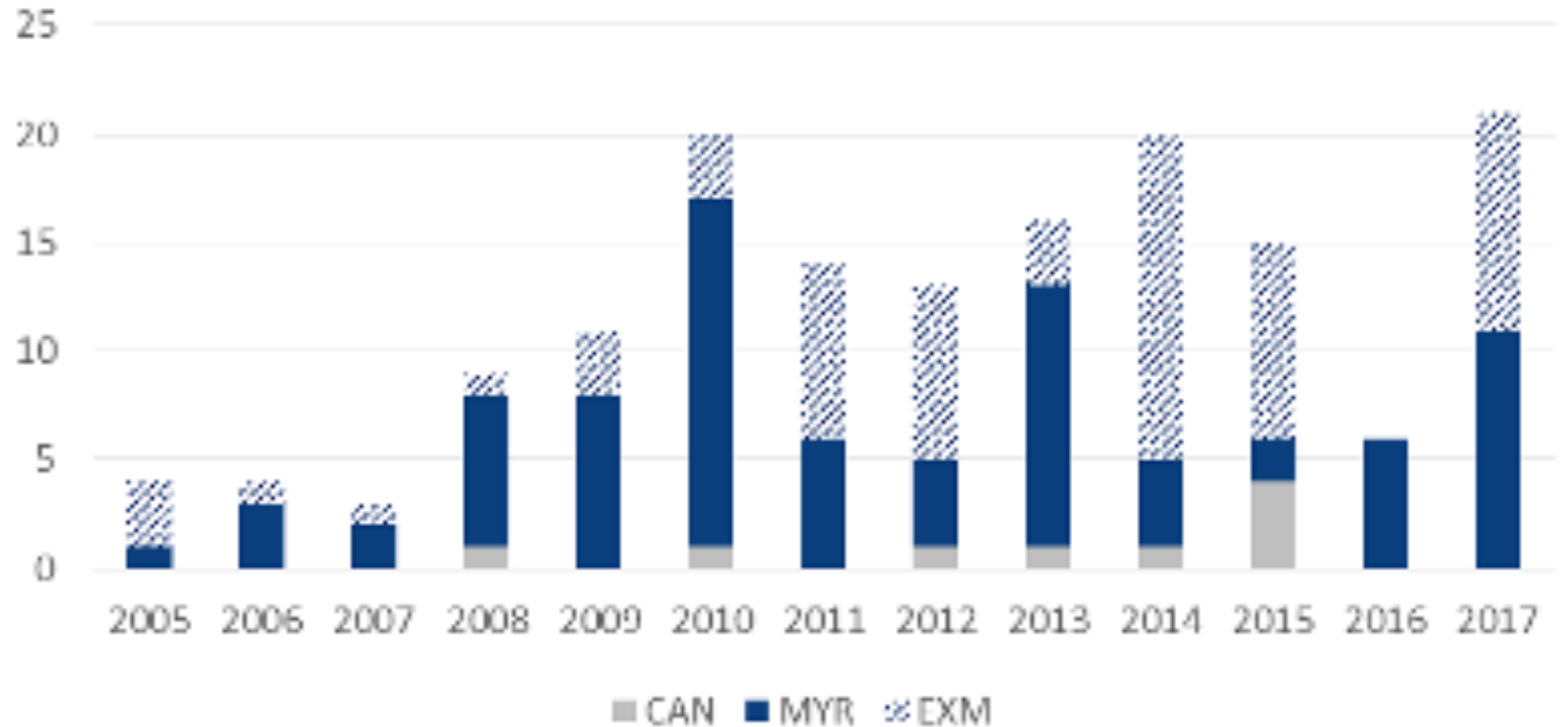
Special Victims: Males, 1990-2017



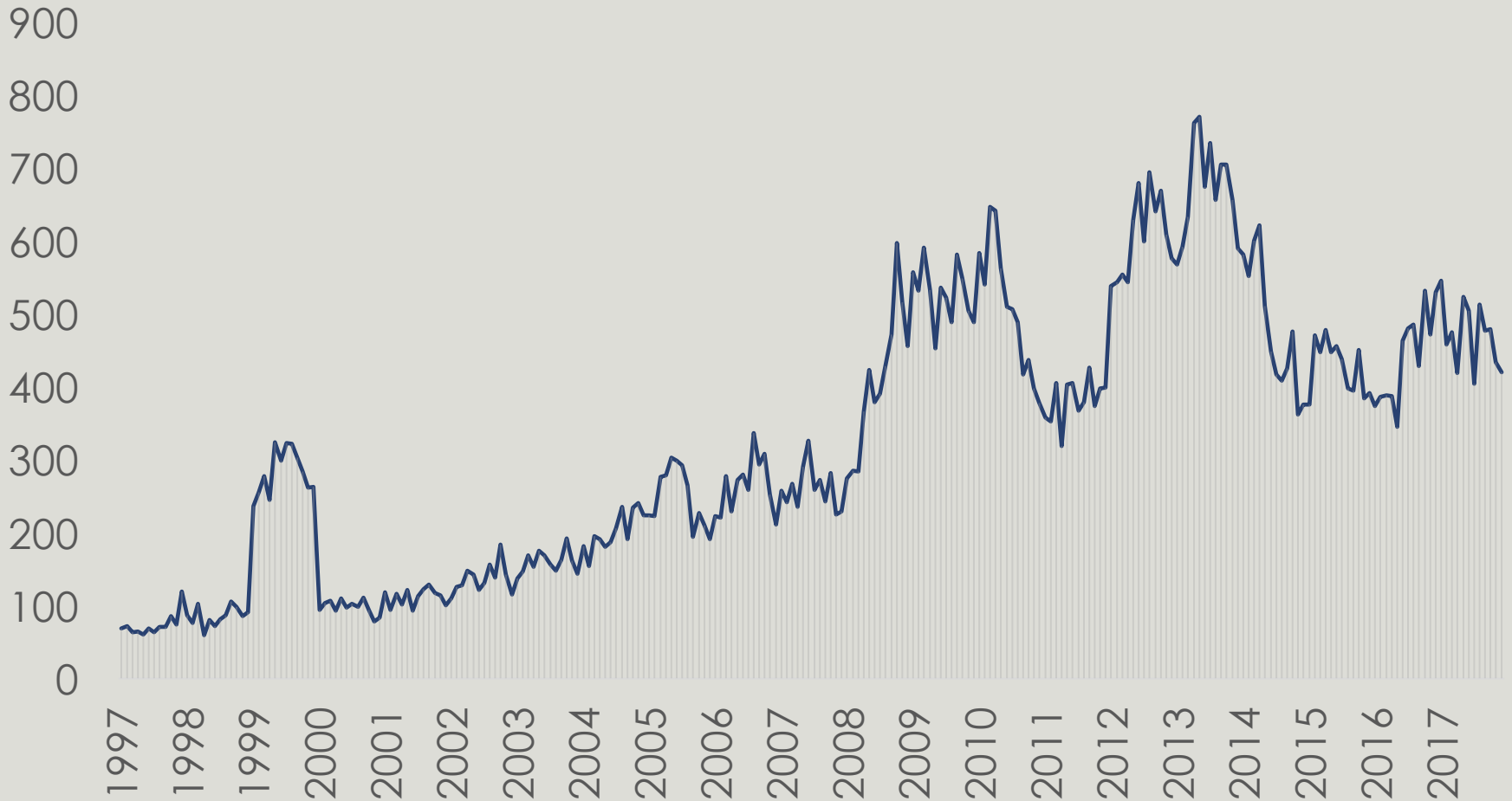
Special Victims: Journalists



Special Victims: Mayors

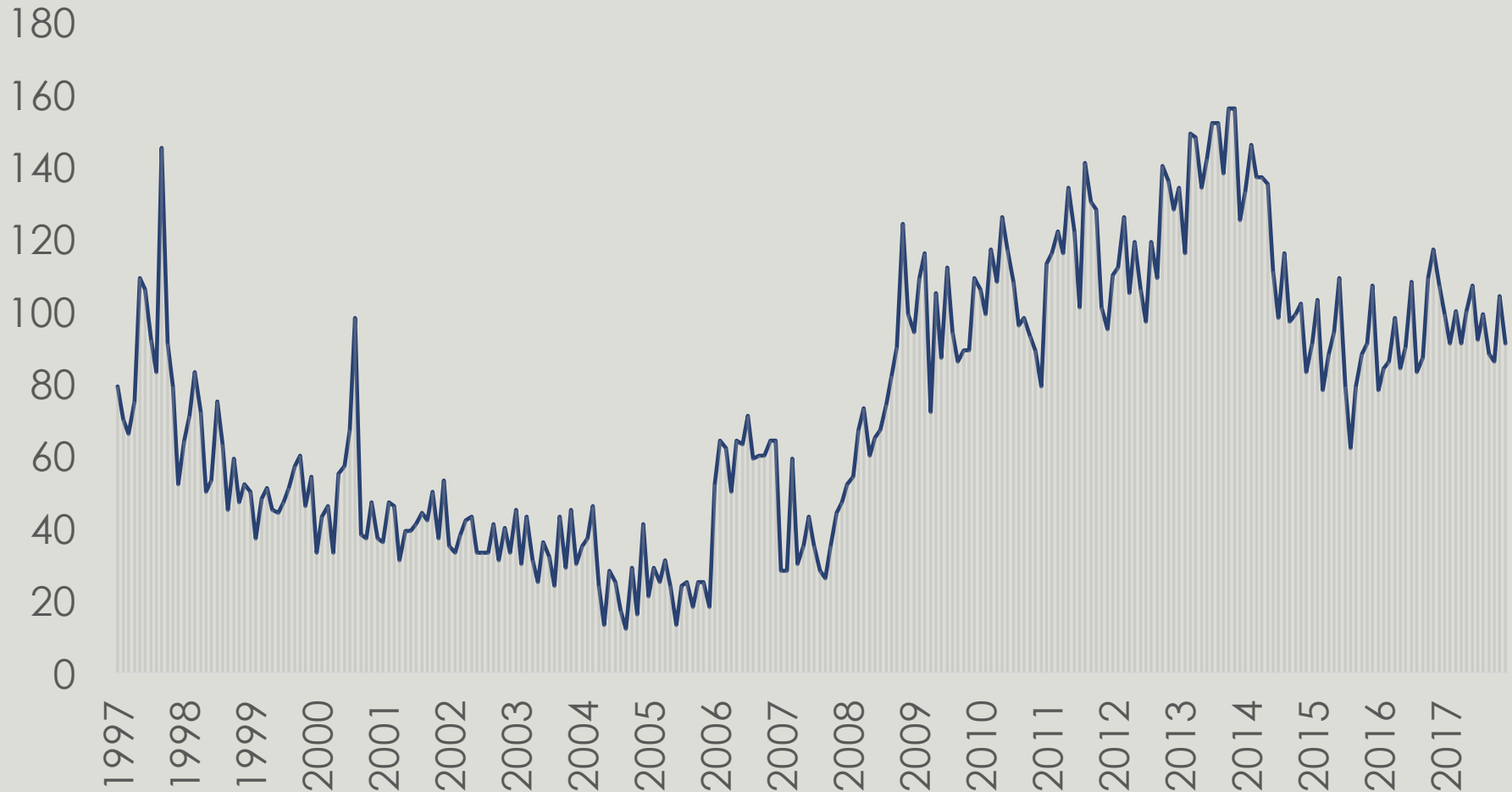


Number of Reported Extortion Cases (1997-2017)



Source: SNSP

Number of Reported Kidnapping Cases, By Month (1997-2017)



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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