

Data, Analysis, and the Prosecution of Crime



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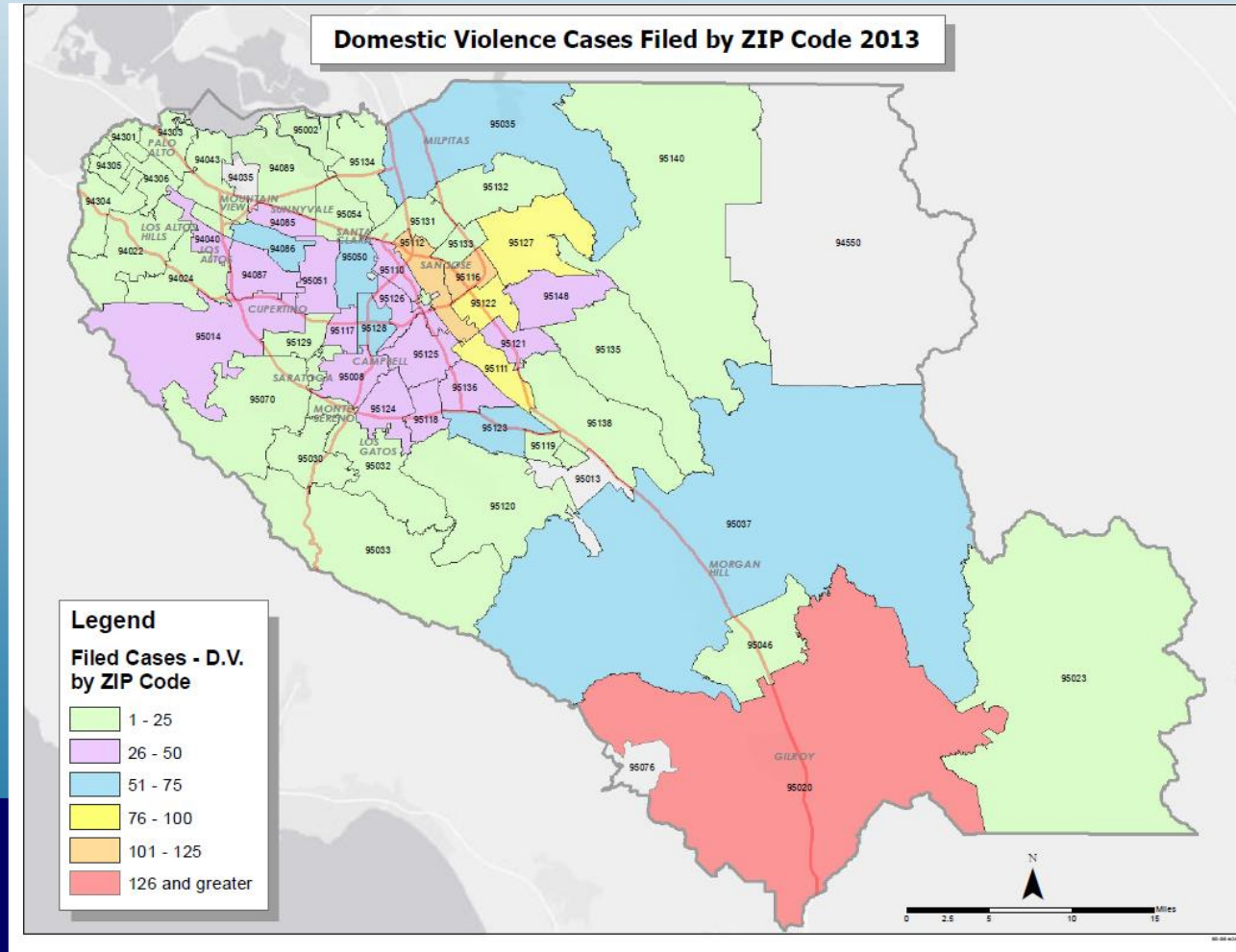
Moving beyond an anecdote or a local myth

- ▶ Looked at our data – it turns out most burglars were not coming to our County from elsewhere, but they were burgling right here.



So, we started seeing what else we could learn
and seeing what decisions we could make
from what we learned

Launched first
Family Justice
Center for DV
victims in area
with highest per
capita incidence
of DV.



And who we needed to reach out to

- ▶ Our study on domestic violence deaths over the previous 30 years showed that 28% of victims and perpetrators were AAPI
- ▶ Our study of non-fatal felony domestic violence showed that 5.1% of reported domestic violence victims and perpetrators were AAPI
- ▶ 35% of our County is AAPI

Launched second FJC in
partnership with Asian Americans
for Community Involvement.



We saw that our red flag law was under used to prevent shootings, and we trained every police officer in the County on it.



GUN VIOLENCE RESTRAINING ORDERS

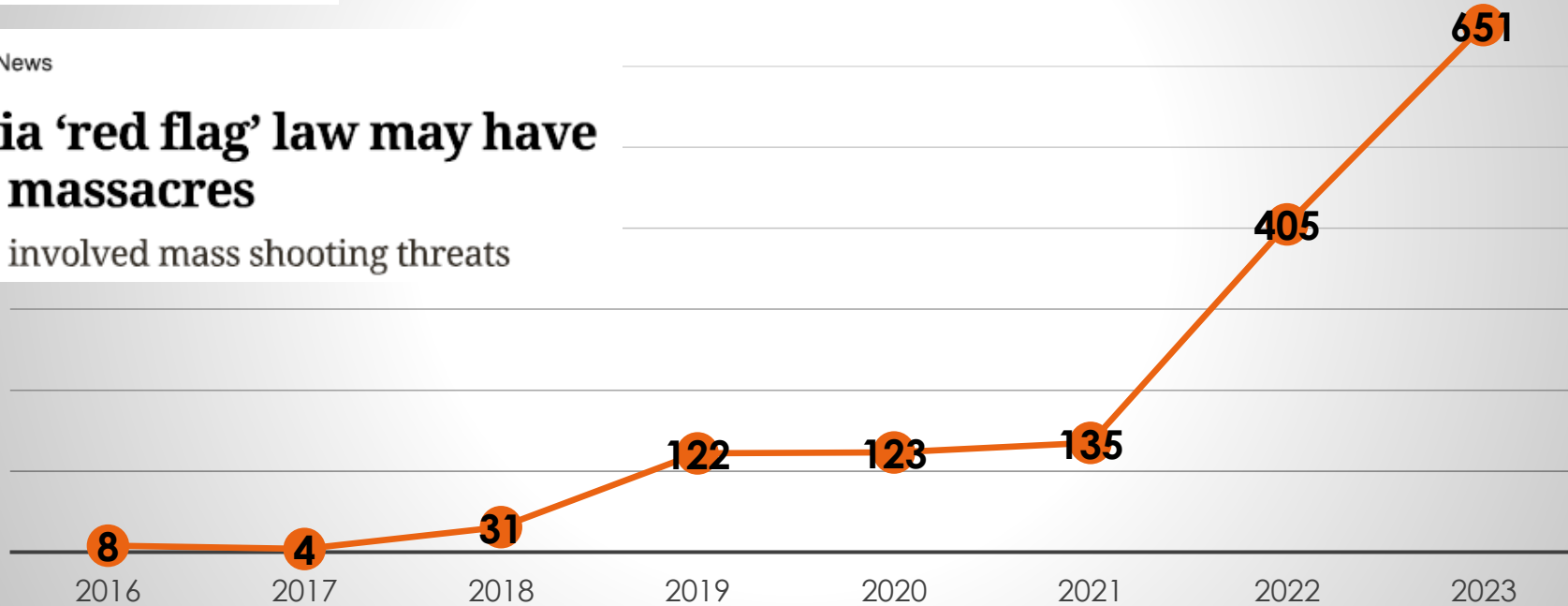
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Study: California 'red flag' law may have stopped 58 gun massacres

29% of red flag orders involved mass shooting threats

**Total Overall GVRO's – SCC
2018 - 2024**



Leading the state in the use of GVROs.

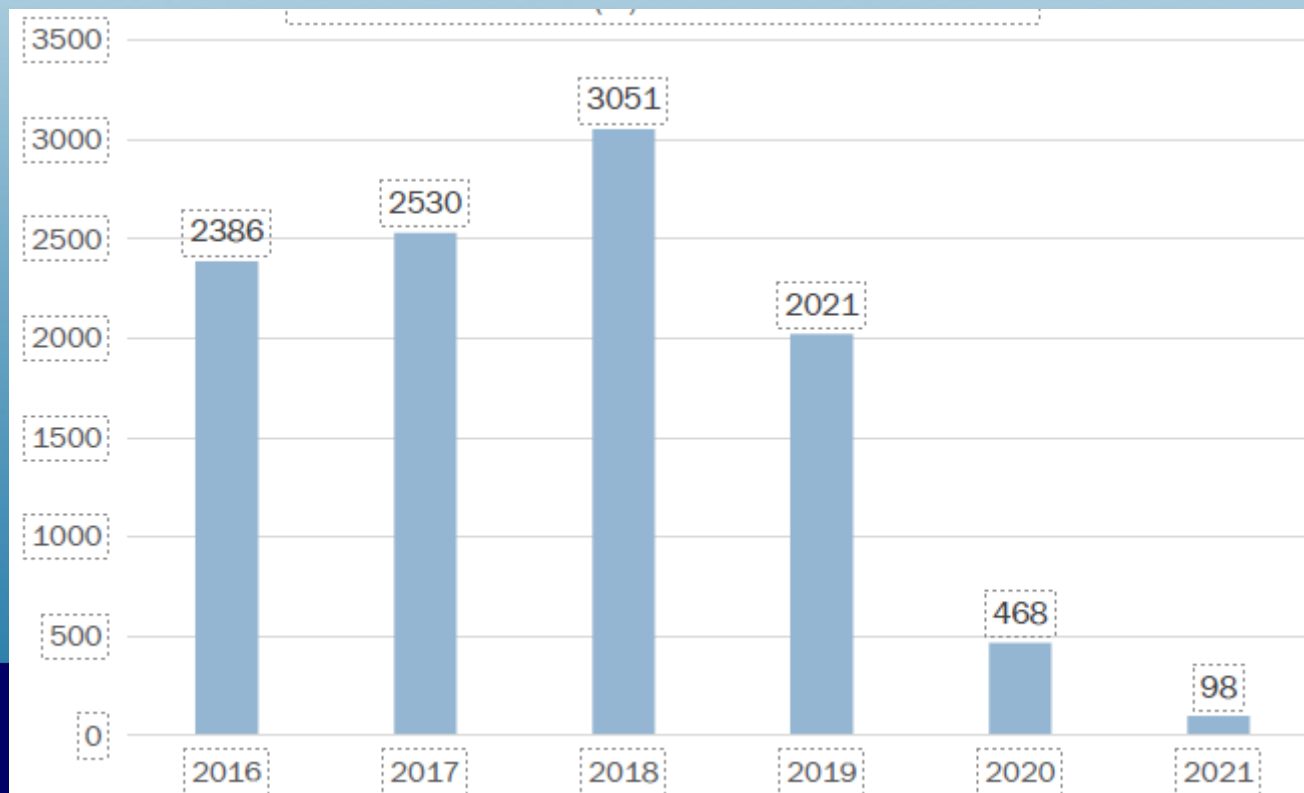
We saw that most low-level drug offenses were not being handled well in our drug courts, wasting a lot of court time, our time, and system time for the cases.

In effect we had an expensive middle-man between a user and treatment.



Narcotic public safety policy refers users straight to treatment unless three cases in 12 months. Started end of 2019.

Charges filed for misdemeanor drug possession 2016-21

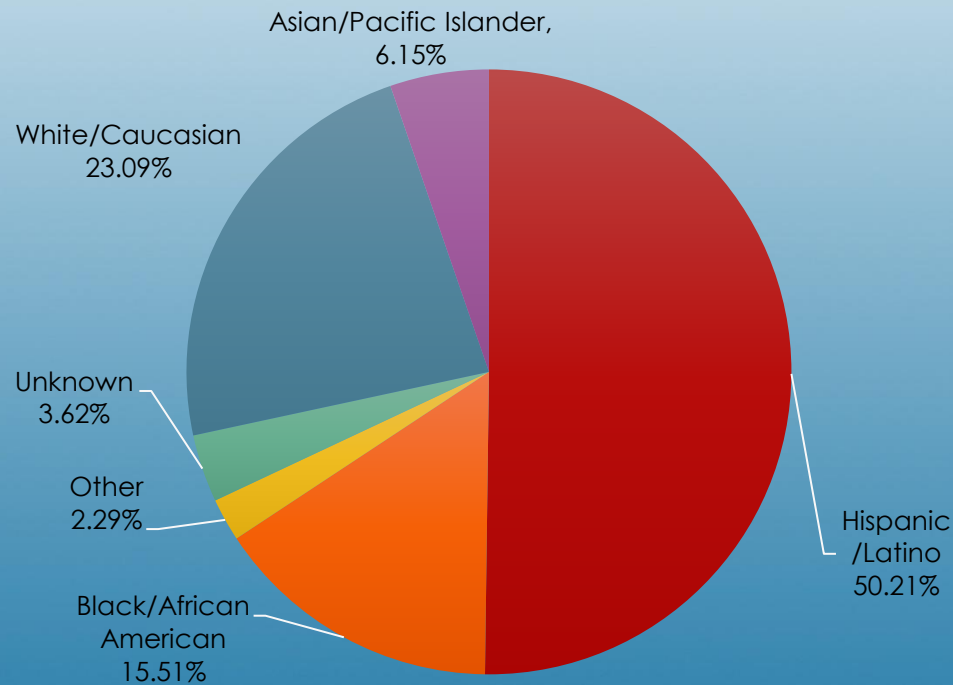


These numbers have risen in 2022 and 2023 in part because we have a fentanyl exception to this policy that has resulted in increased filings – still well below 2018 levels.

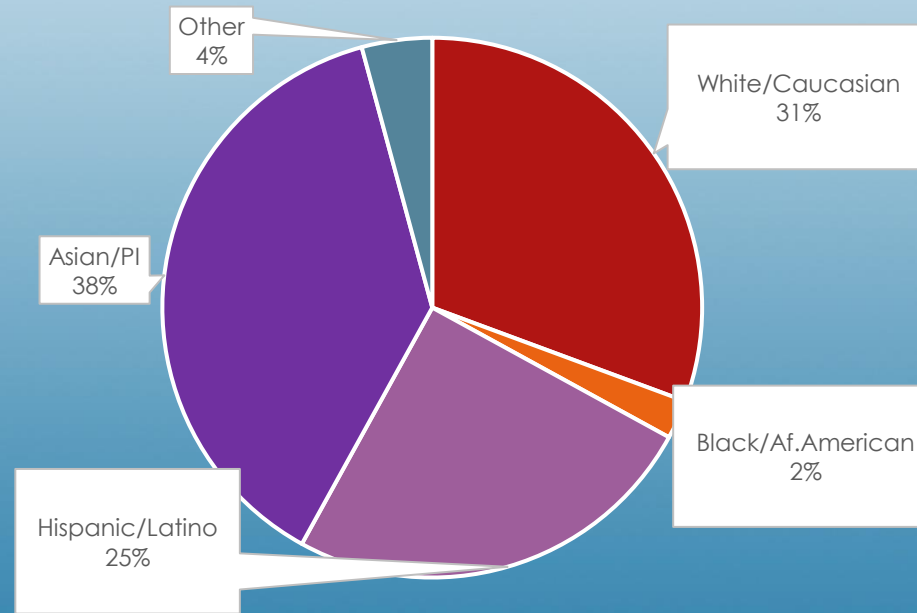


We saw that resisting arrest cases, where no other charges were filed, were highly racially disproportionate compared to the County population.

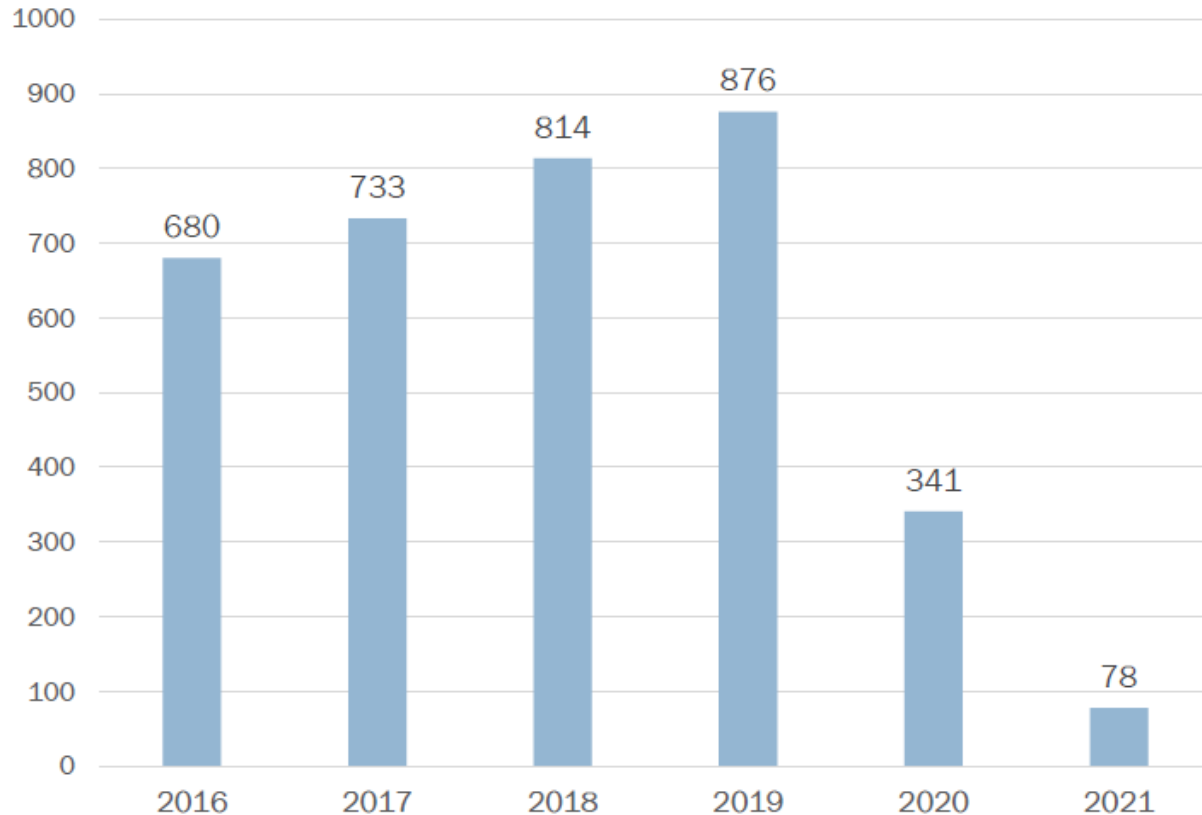
Stand-alone Resisting Arrest Defendants by Race/Ethnicity



Santa Clara County Population by Race/Ethnicity



Filed PC 148(a)(1) Cases: 2016 - 2021



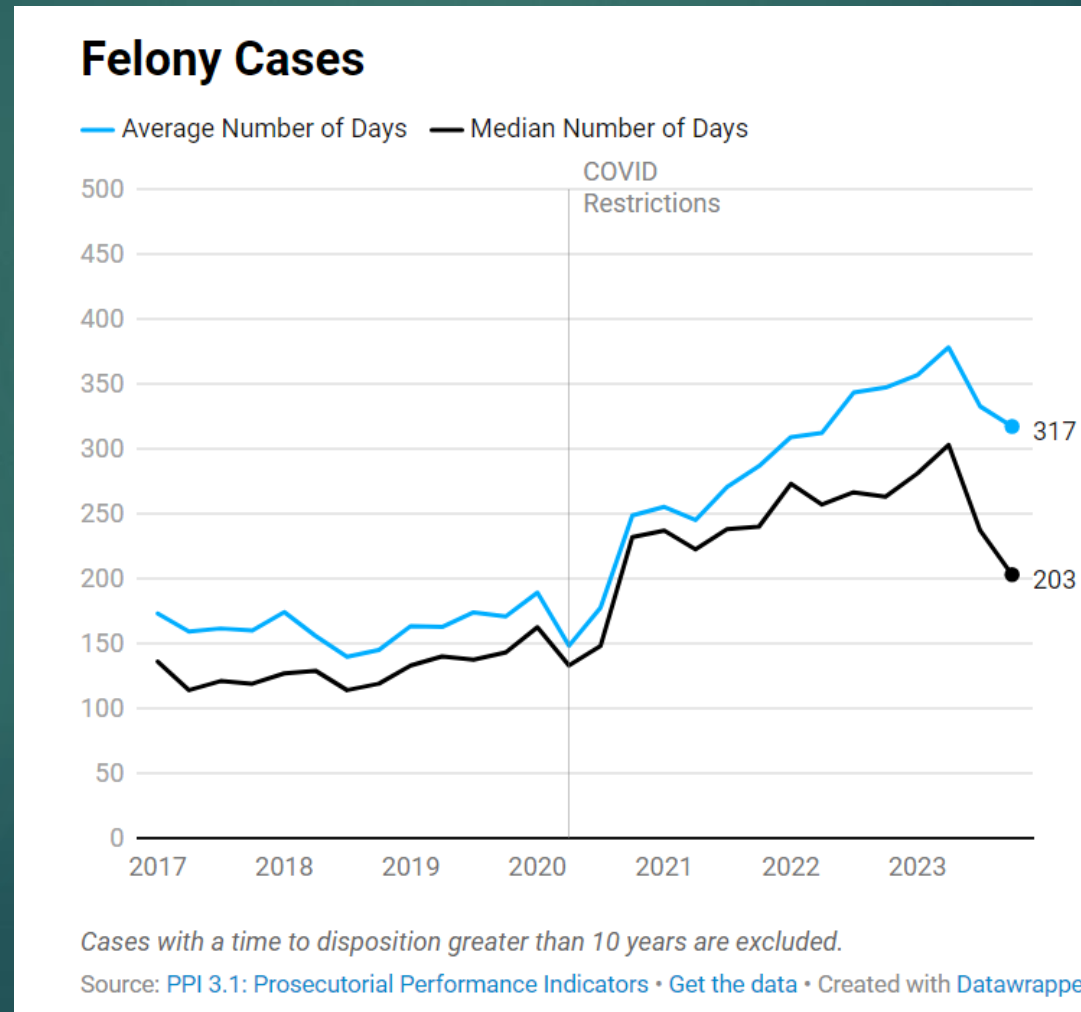
And we saw that we were charging more than 800 resisting arrest charges, where no other crime was charged, a year.

So, I changed our charging policies in mid- 2020.

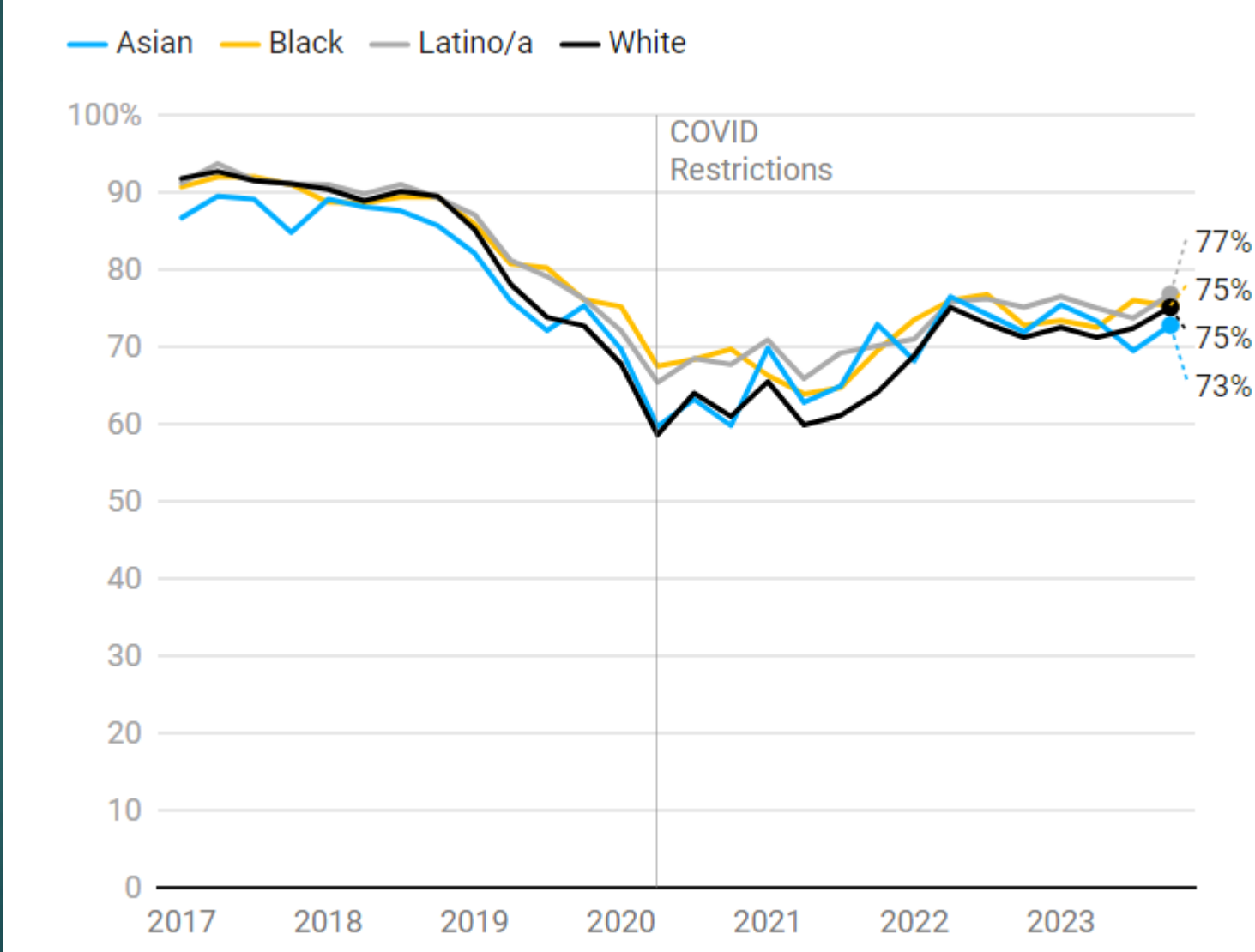


We knew cases were taking much longer these days.
We studied it to show others how much longer and
where improvements could be made.

A chart from our new data dashboards that we've used in meetings with the judges and system partners about the need to get back to pre-pandemic timelines.



We wanted to know if we were filing cases at different rates depending on the race of the suspect.



No ornamental data reports –
if a data report is not useful to
affect our policy, our practice, or
how we communicate with the
public,

we should stop producing that
report and make one that is!



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