

Charting Colombia's Progress



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Near Failing State to Thriving Democracy



“Colombia’s transformation in less than a decade from failing state to thriving democracy is one of the greatest victories for the cause of human rights in our world today.”

*Secretary Condoleezza Rice,
October 9, 2007*

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Plan Colombia Achievements 2000-2008

- ❑ Prevented hundreds of tons cocaine from reaching U.S.
- ❑ Kidnappings down by 83%, homicides 40%, terrorist attacks 76% since 2002.
- ❑ Over 40,000 terrorists demobilized under President Uribe.
- ❑ 100% of population lives under new accusatorial judicial system that resolves cases in months instead of years.
- ❑ Over 4% average GDP growth for past six years; Poverty and unemployment at lowest levels in a decade.
- ❑ 135,000 families have benefited from U.S. alternative development programs.

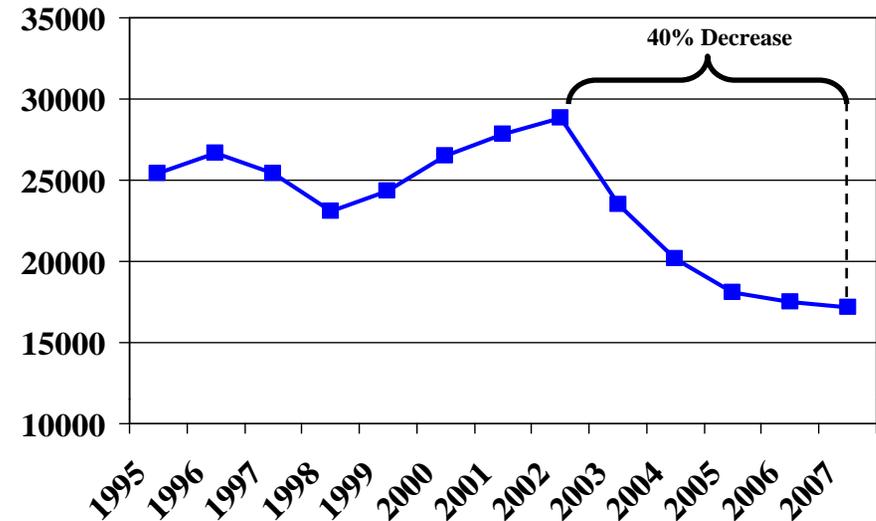


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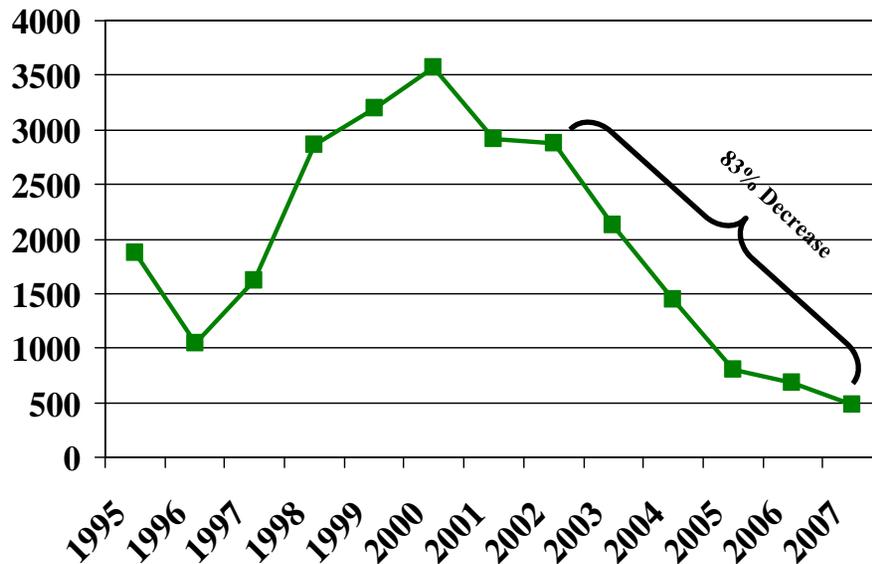
Dramatic improvement in Colombia's security

- Homicides down 40%
- Kidnappings down 83%
- Terrorist attacks down 76%

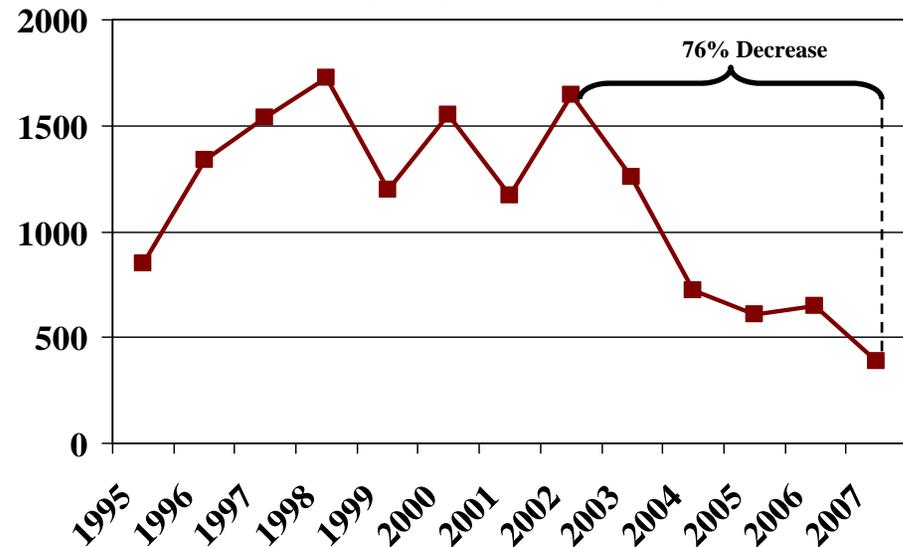
Homicides



Kidnappings

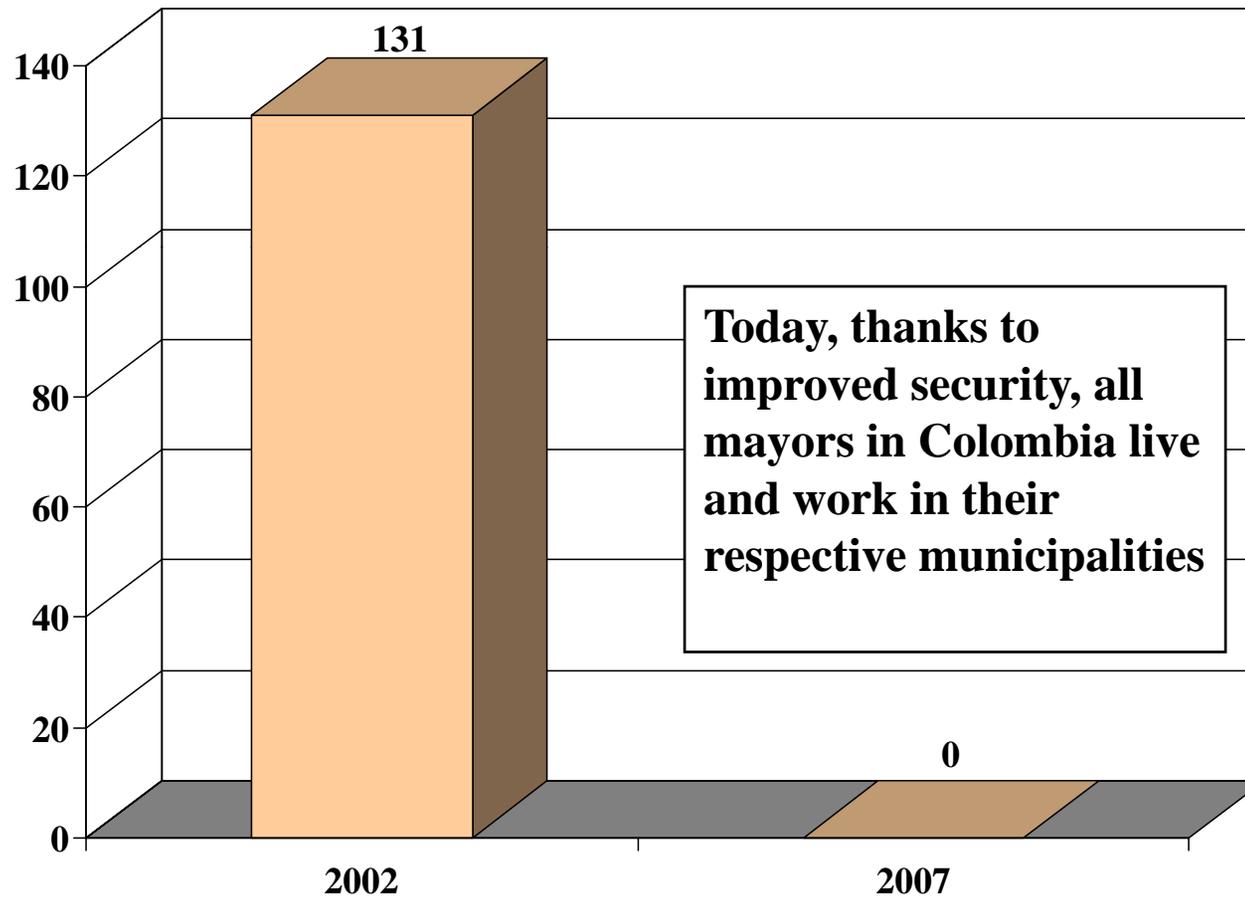


Terrorist Attacks



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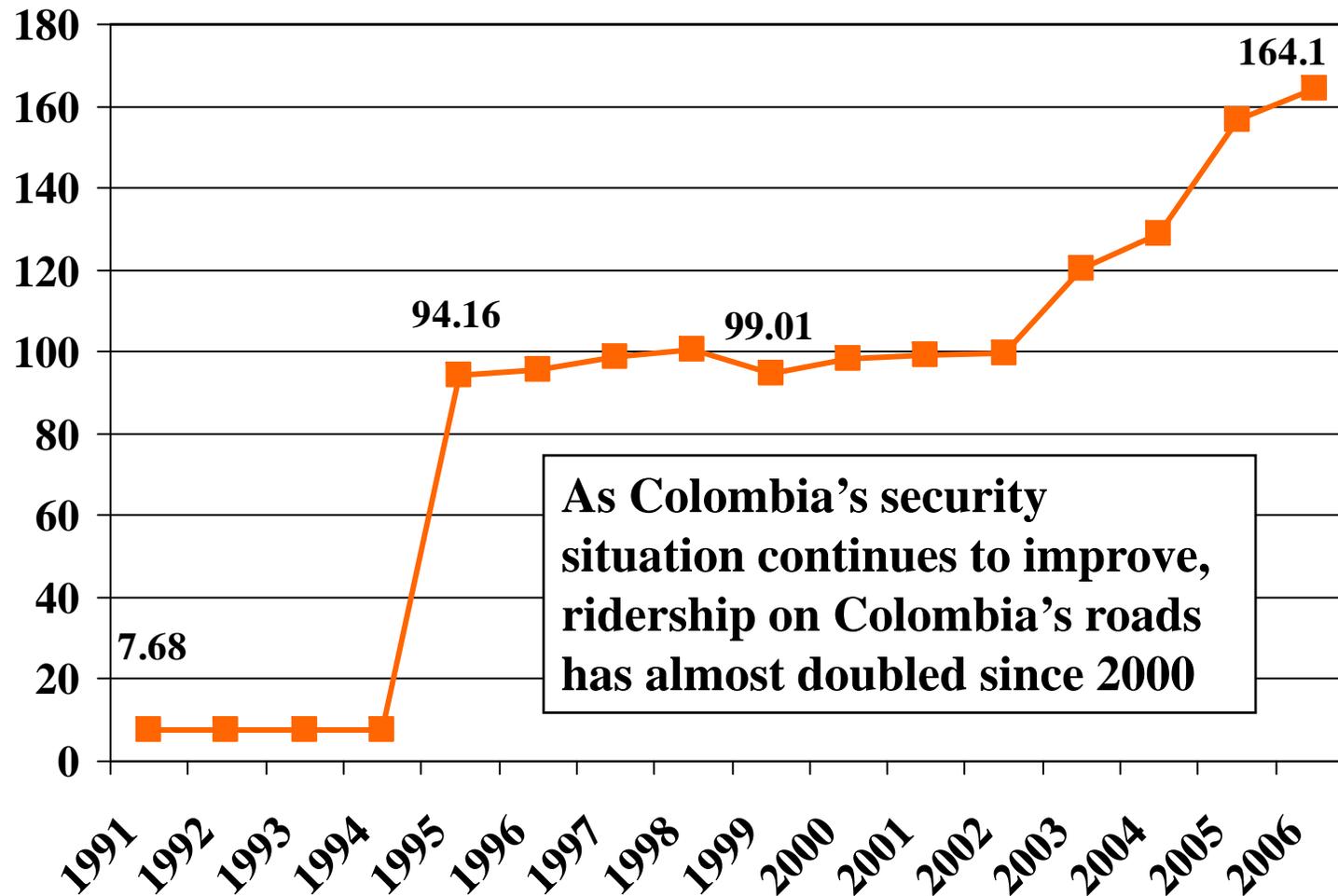
Mayors Exercising Office Outside of Municipality (out of 1099 municipalities)



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Ridership on Colombian Roads

(in millions of travelers)

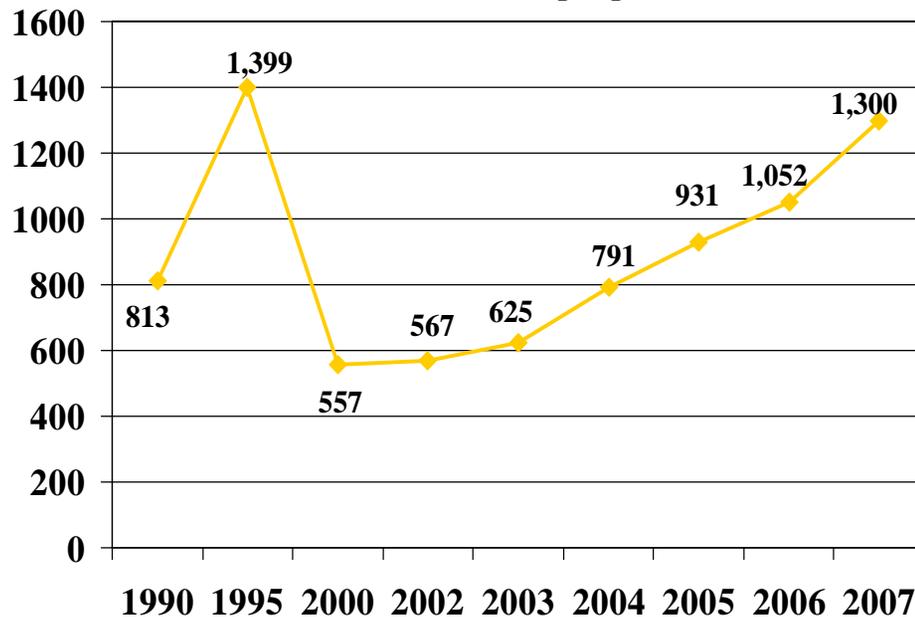


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With a mix of improved security and economic growth, the number of tourists visiting Colombia has doubled in the last five years

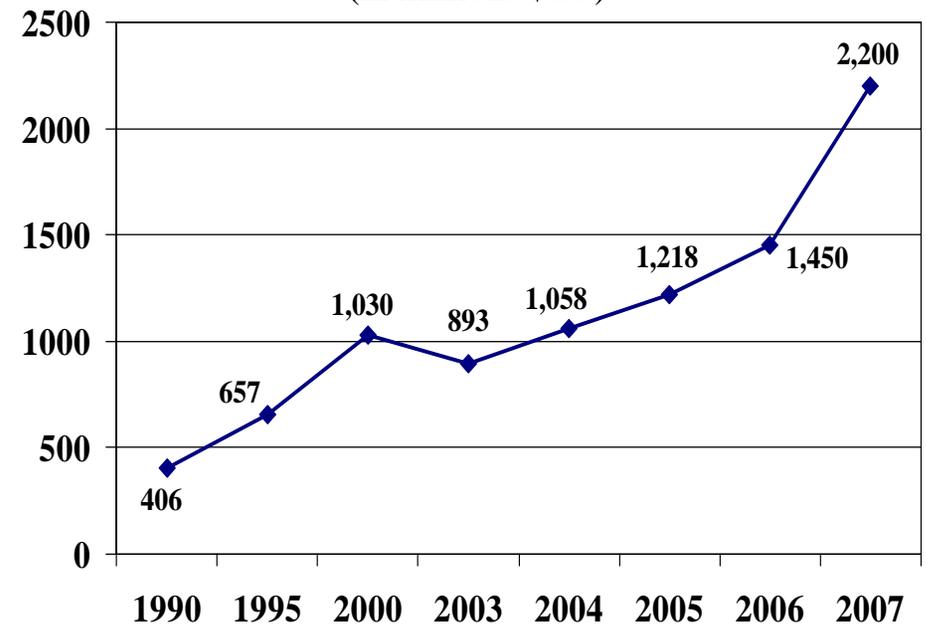
Visits by International Tourists

(in thousands of people)



Spending by International Tourists

(in millions \$US)



Source: Visitors - 1990-2004 data from UN World Tourism Organization

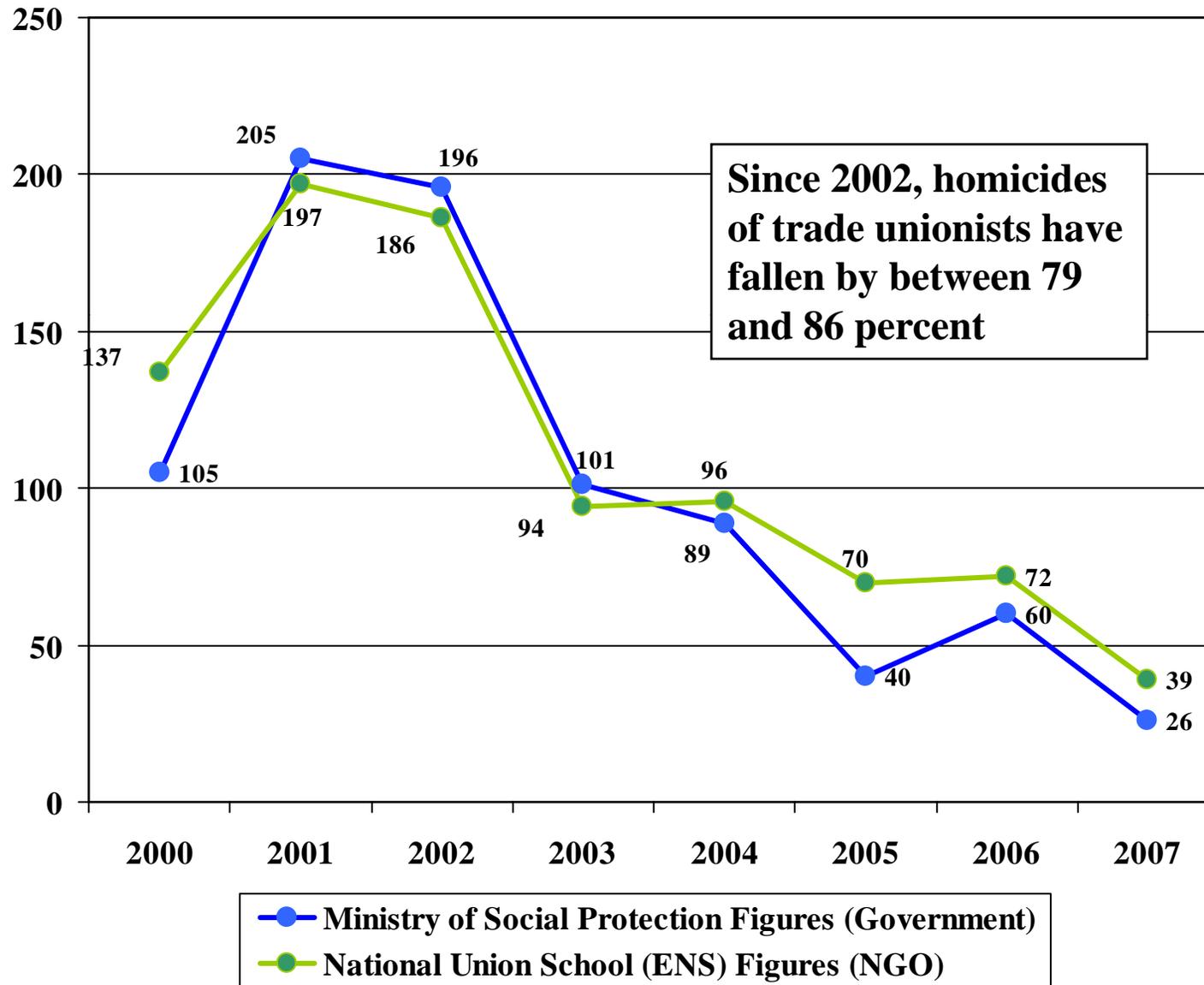
http://www.world-tourism.org/facts/eng/pdf/indicators/ITA_Americas.pdf; 2005-2007 data from Colombian Ministry of Commerce, Industry, and Tourism

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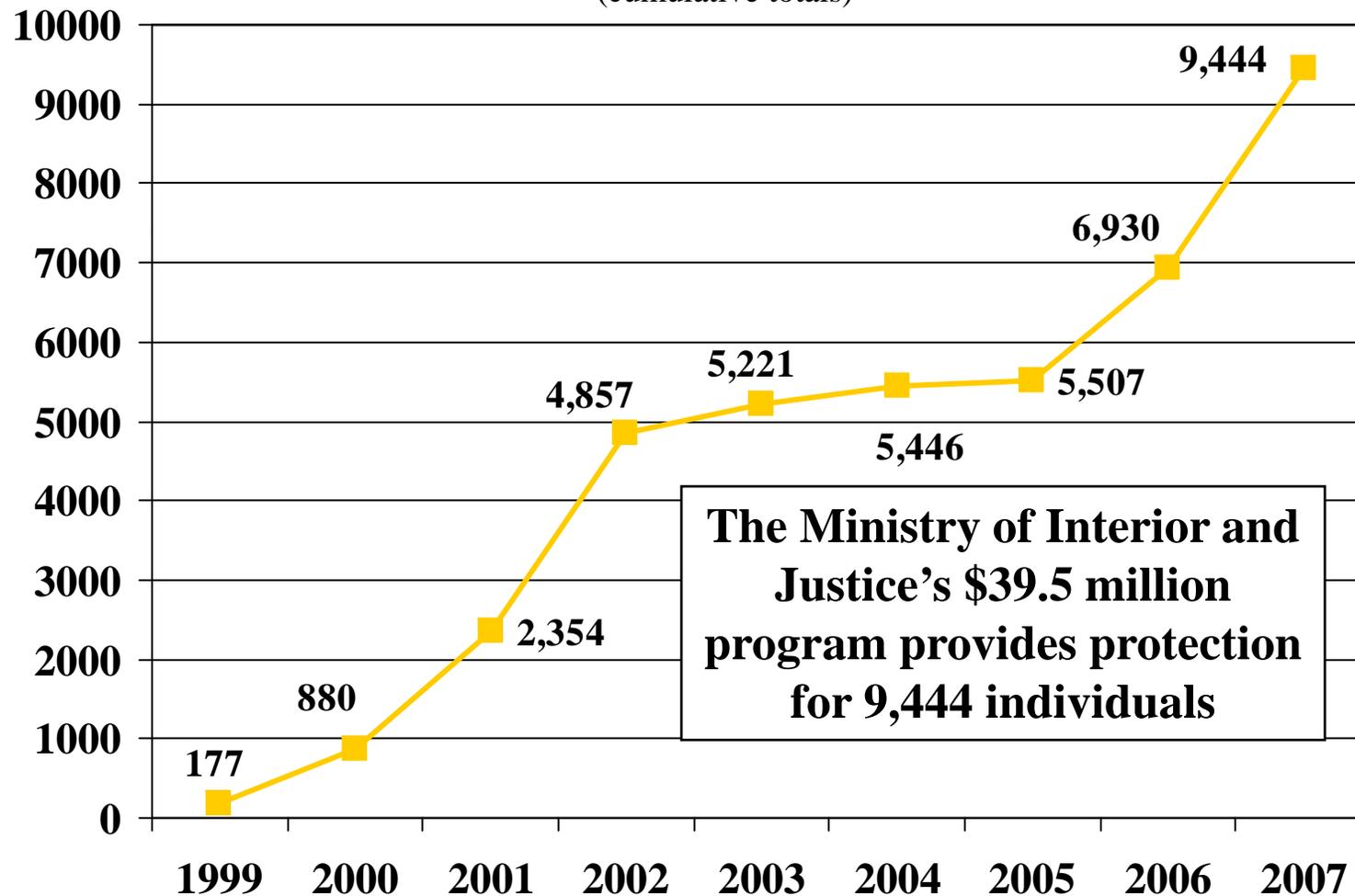
Homicides of Trade Unionists in Colombia



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Persons Enrolled in Protection Program

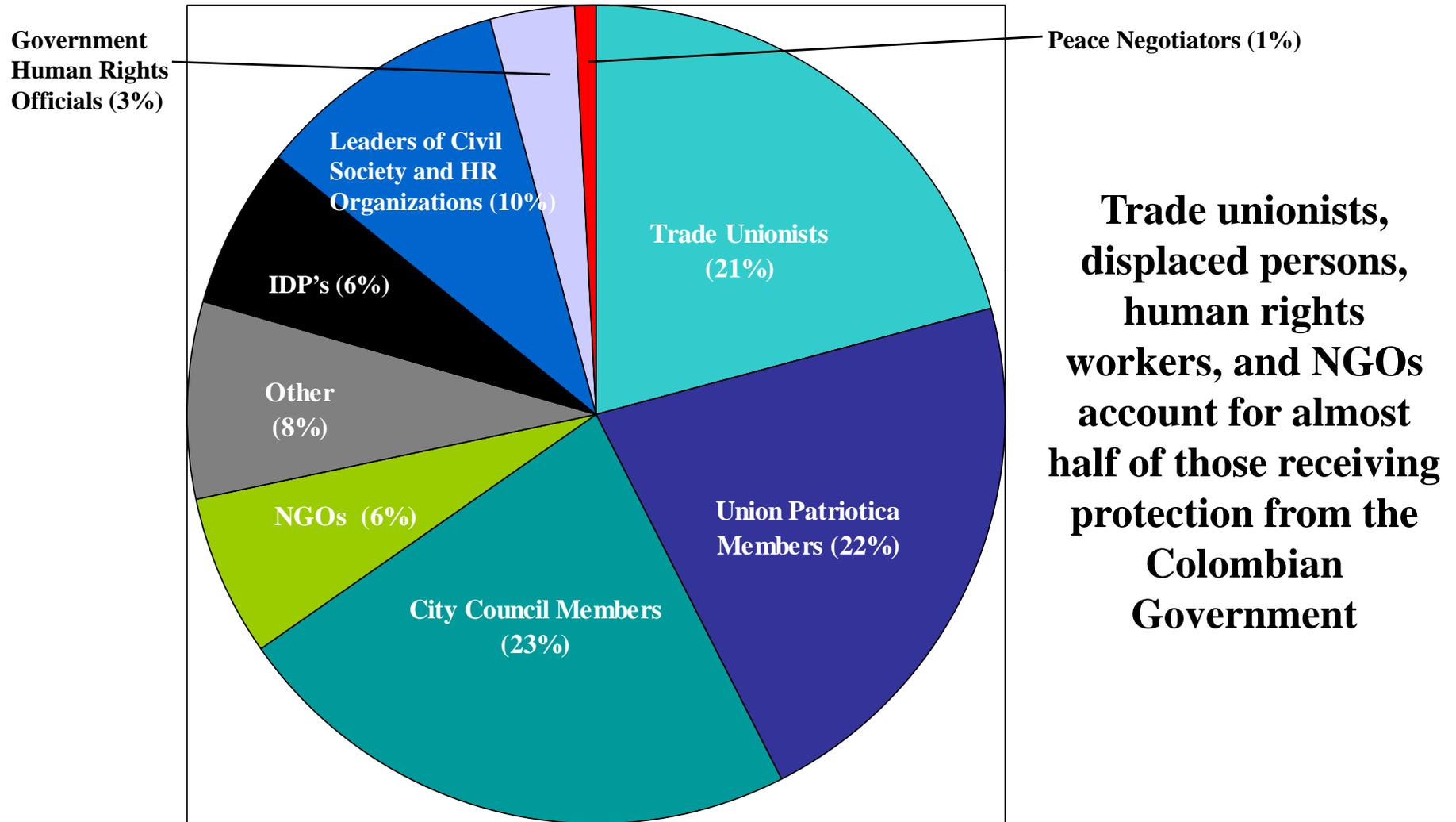
(cumulative totals)



The Ministry of Interior and Justice's \$39.5 million program provides protection for 9,444 individuals

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Groups Receiving Protection

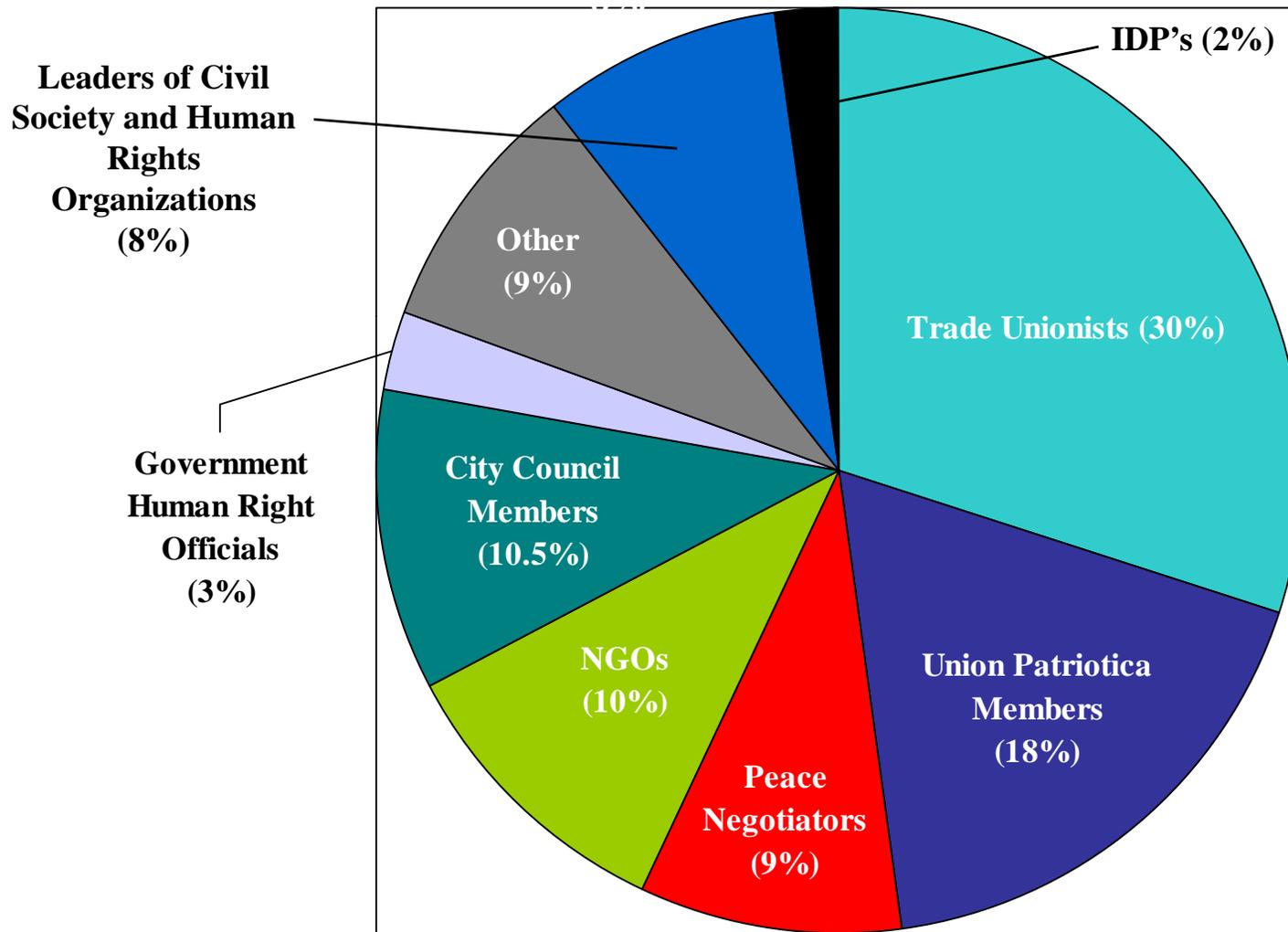


Source: Colombian Ministry of Interior and Justice; Other = Journalists, Personeros, Mayors, Department Legislators, Witnesses, Medical Personnel, Former Mayors

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Protection Expenditures by Group



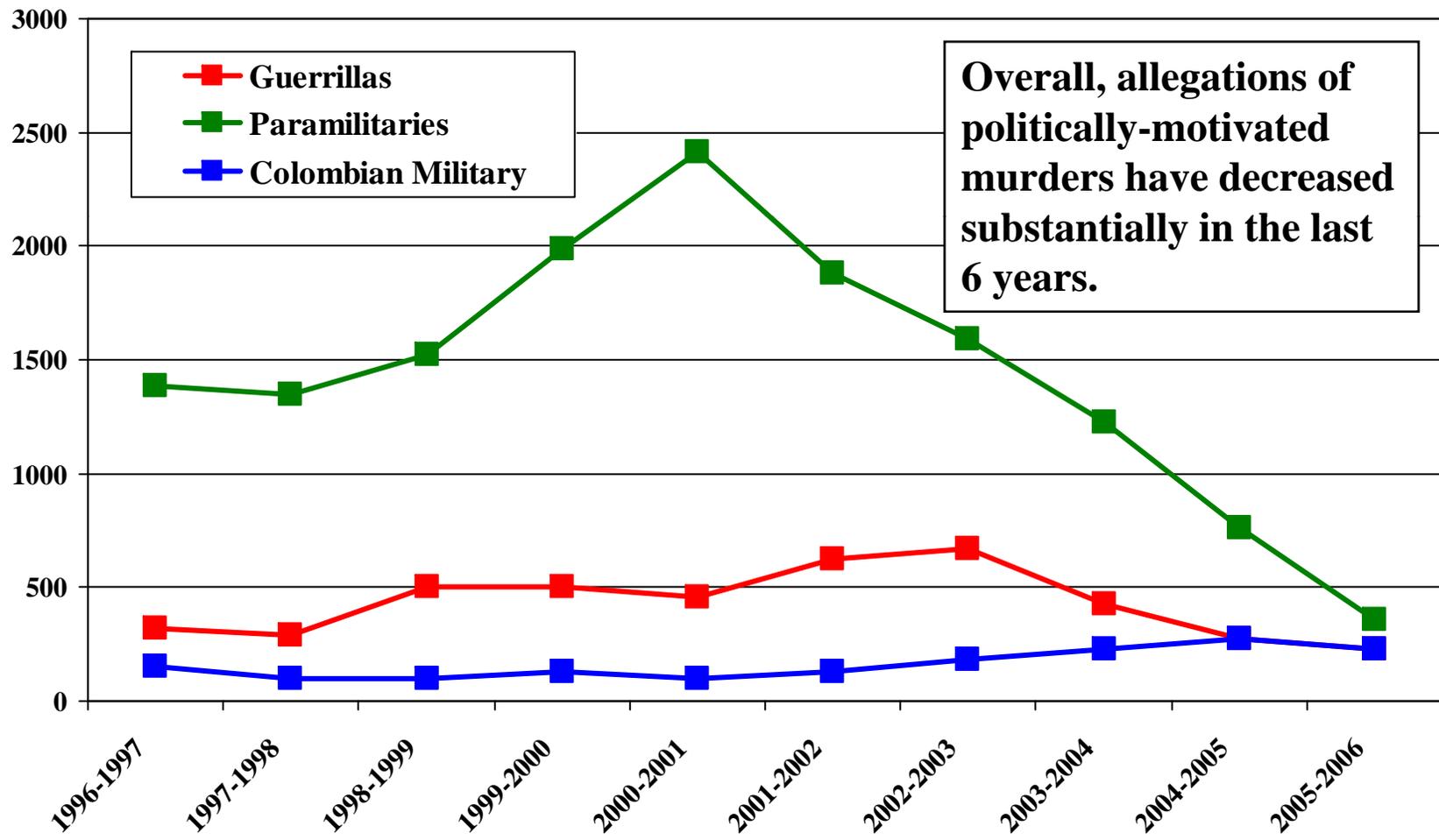
Almost one third of the Protection Program's budget (\$13.1 million) goes to protect trade unionists

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Alleged Political Killings

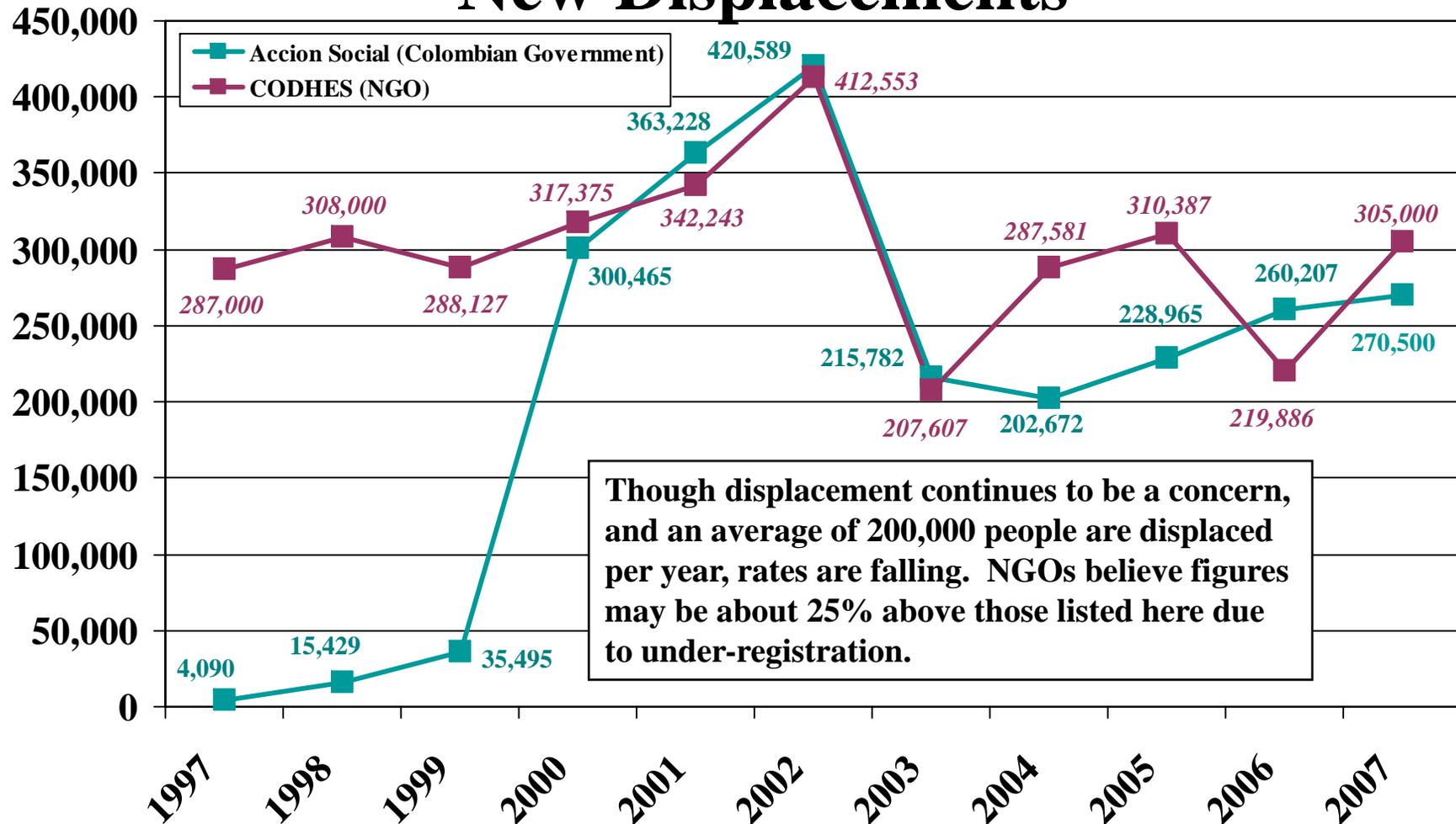
(according to NGO reporting based on press reports and allegations received by NGOs)



Source: Colombian NGO - Colombian Commission of Jurists (CCJ), May 2007.
Figures reflect data gathered from June to June of the years indicated.

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New Displacements



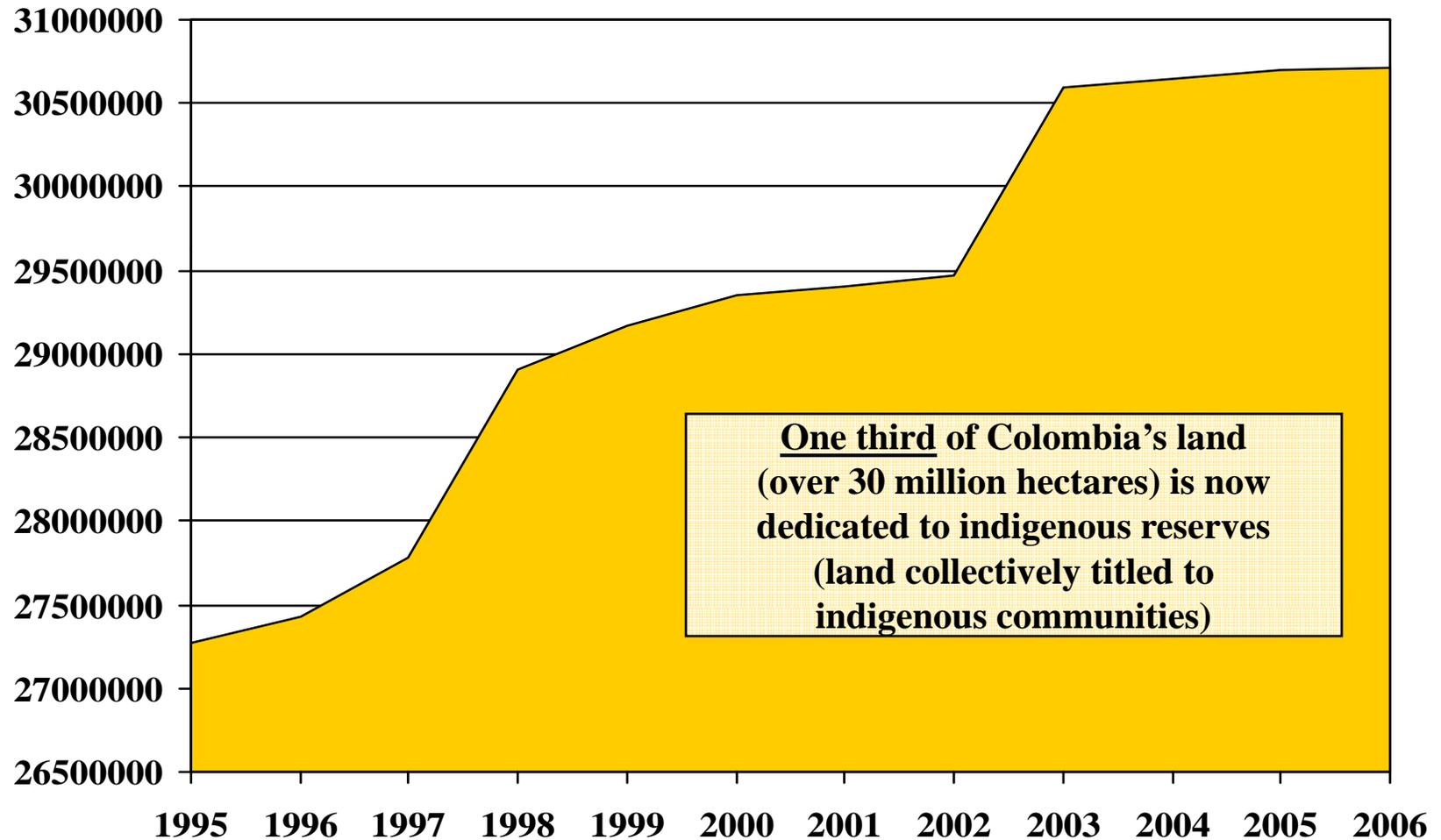
Source: Colombian Government's Acción Social General Index on Displaced Populations

[<http://www.accionsocial.gov.co/Estadisticas/publicacion%20septiembre%203%20de%202007.htm>] and Colombian NGO Consultancy for Human Rights and Displacement (CODHES) [<http://www.codhes.org/Info/Boletines-graficos.htm>]

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Indigenous Reserves

(in hectares)



Source: Colombian Institute of Rural Development (INCODER)

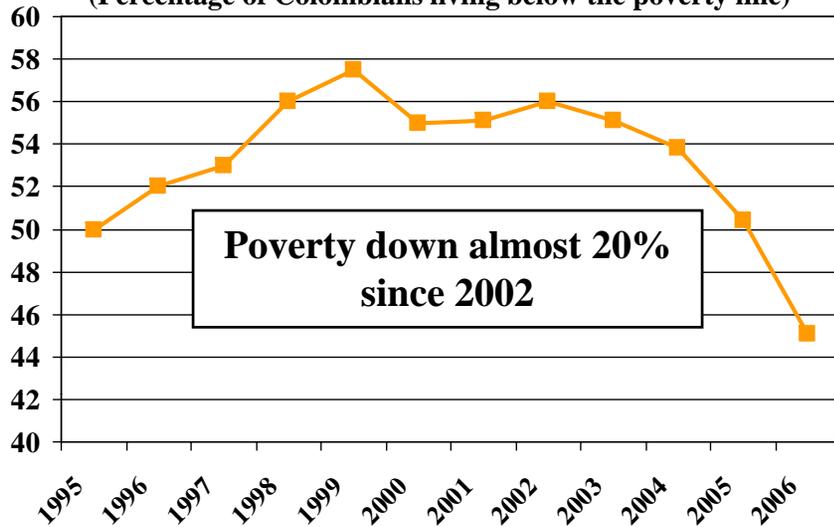
30,711,644 hectares are indigenous reserves; Colombia has a total of 103,870,000 hectares within its borders

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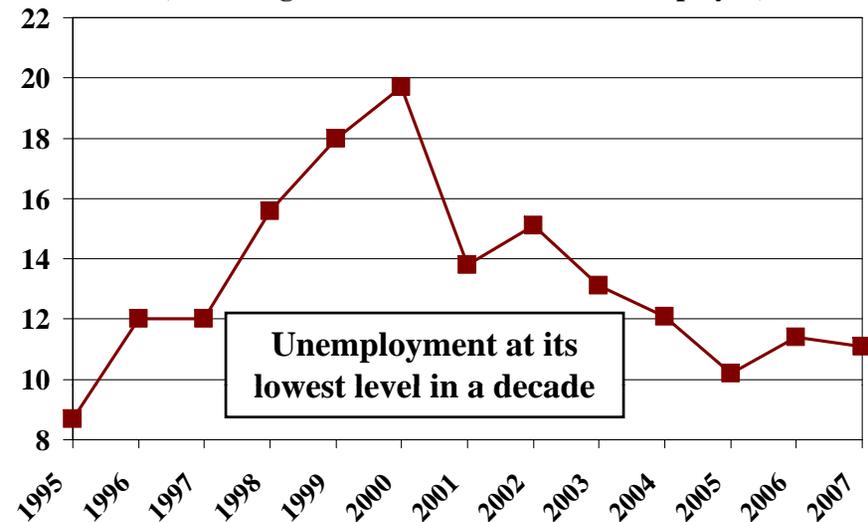
Poverty

(Percentage of Colombians living below the poverty line)



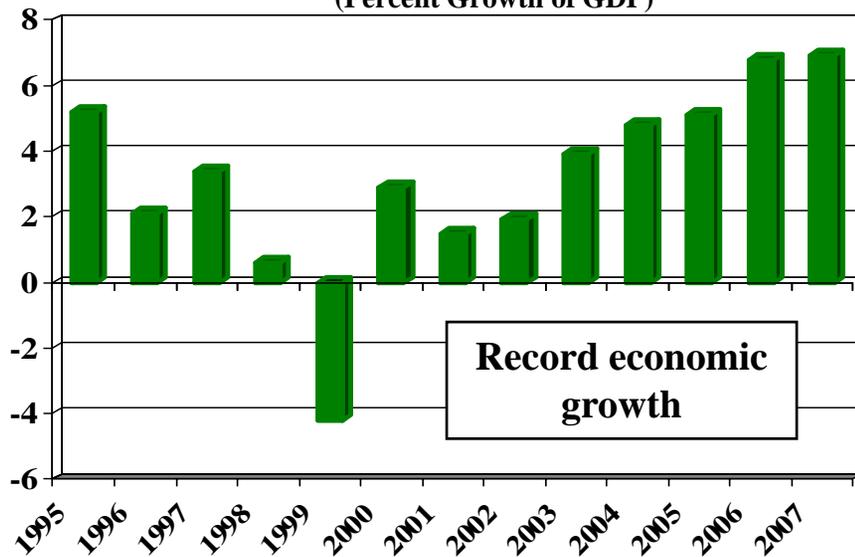
Unemployment

(Percentage of Colombians that are unemployed)



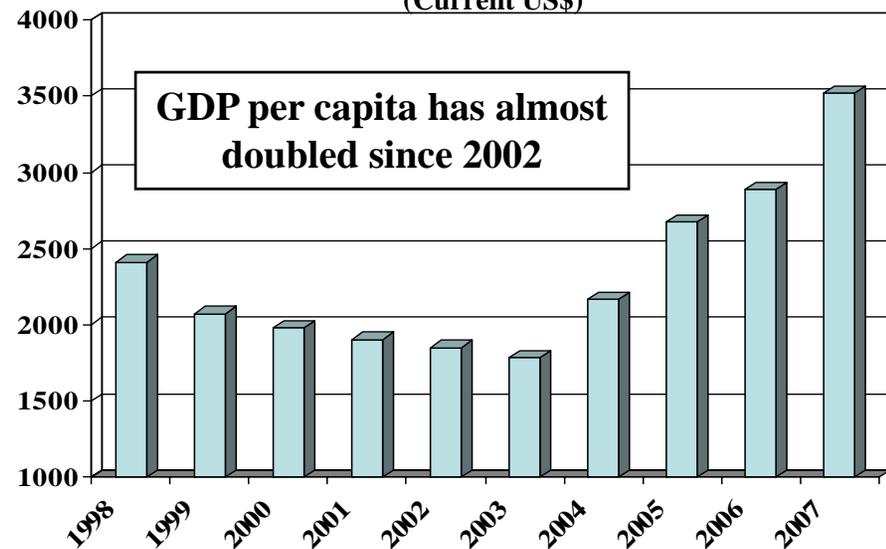
Economic Growth

(Percent Growth of GDP)



GDP Per Capita

(Current US\$)



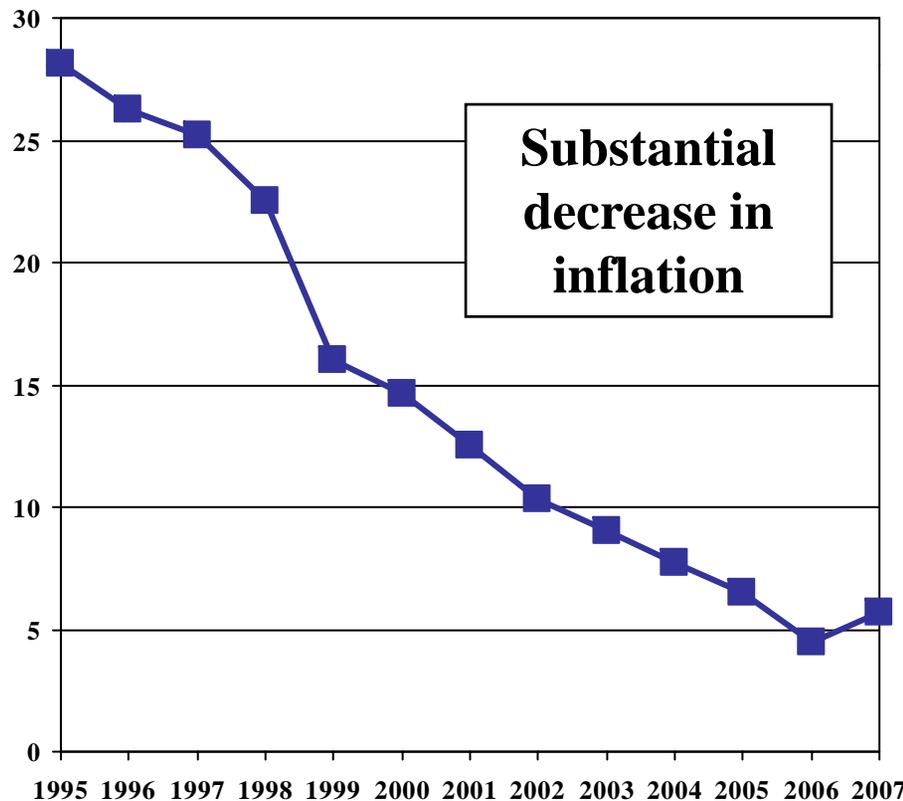
Source: GDP Per Capita figures from Inter-American Development Bank;
All others from Colombian National Planning Department (DNP-DANE)

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The World Bank singled out Colombia as *one of the top ten economic reformers of 2006-2007*

Inflation

(Average Annual Percentage)



Wages

(Annual Average; 2000=100)



Source: Inflation figures from Inter-American Development Bank (www.iadb.org/datagob/index.htm);

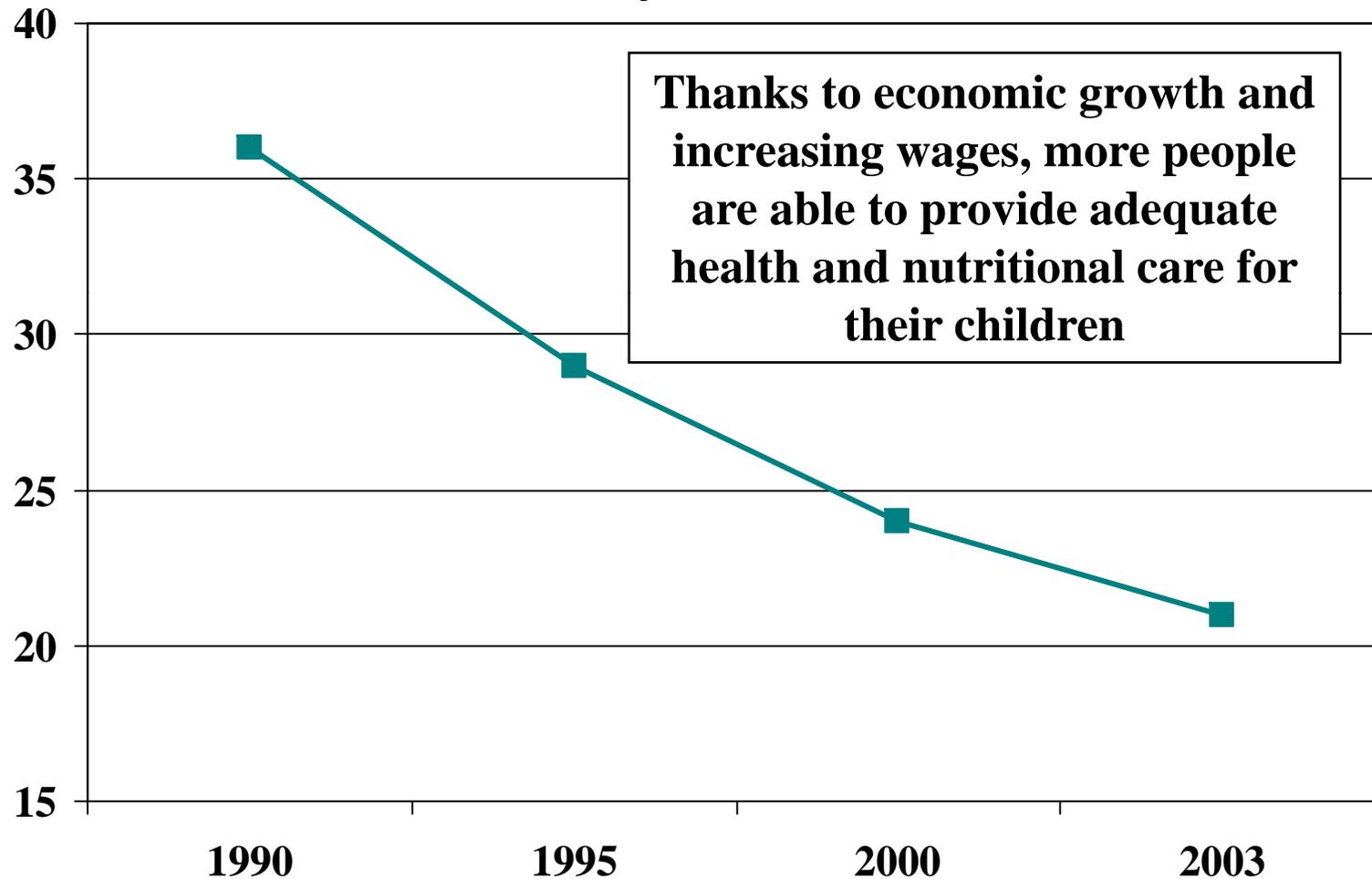
Wages figures from Colombia Statistics from Economic Commission for Latin America and the Caribbean (ECLAC)

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Child Mortality

(number of deaths per 1,000 children under five)

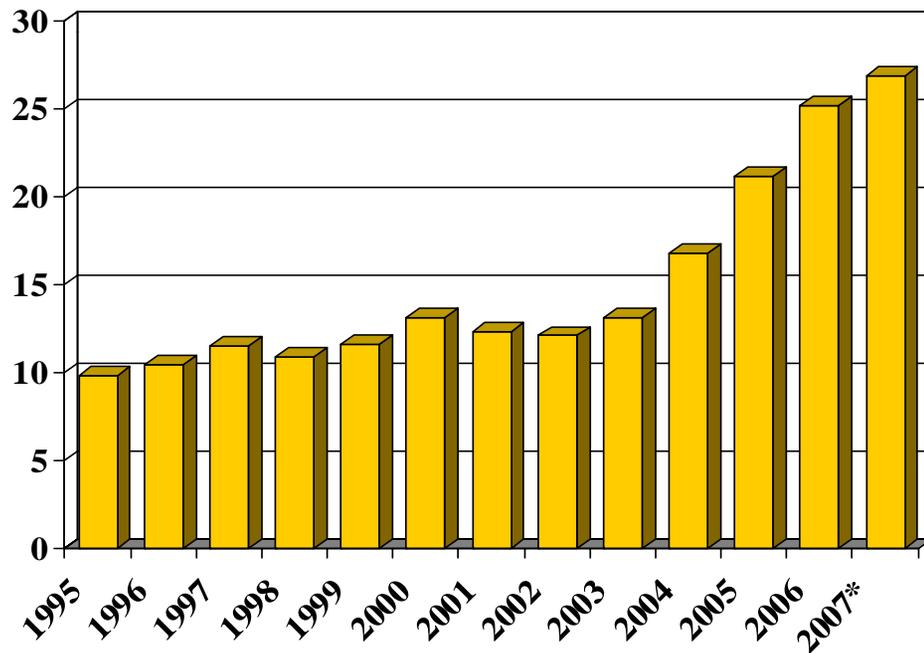


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Growing Economy, Growing Exports

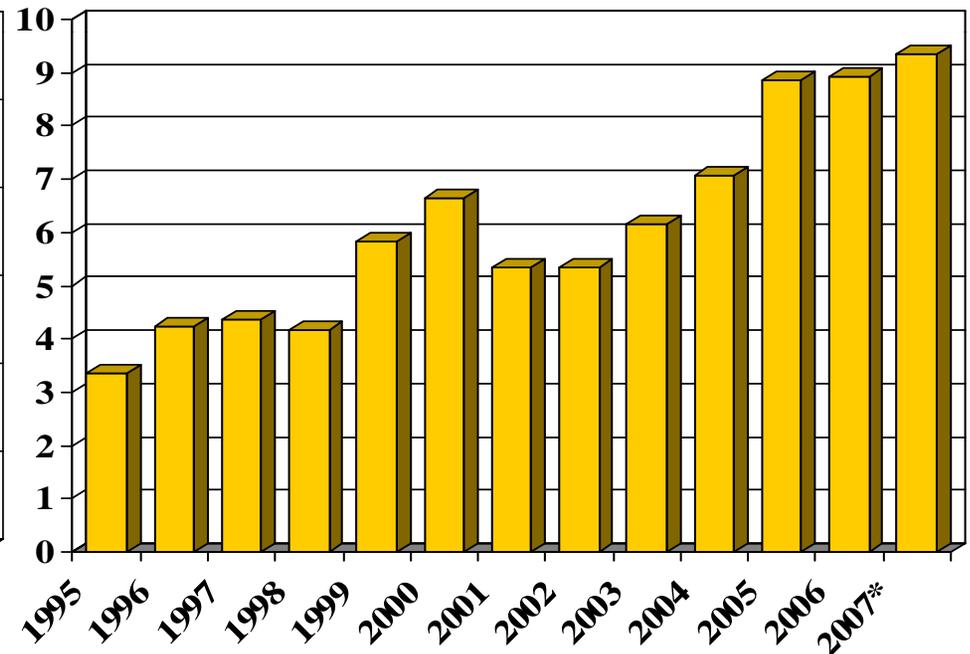
Overall Exports

(in billions of \$US)



Exports to the United States

(in billions of \$US)

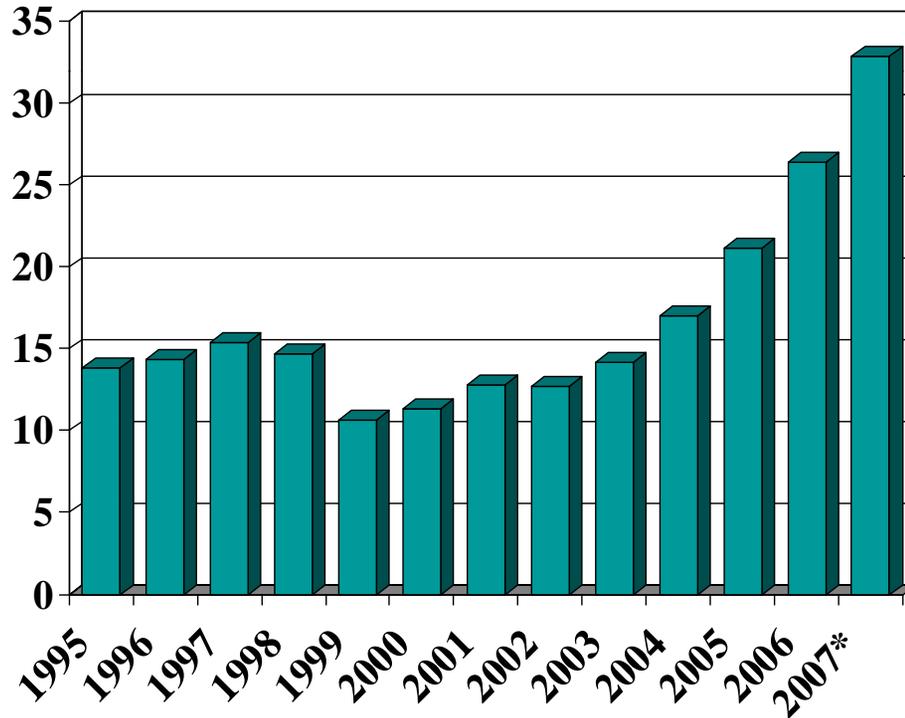


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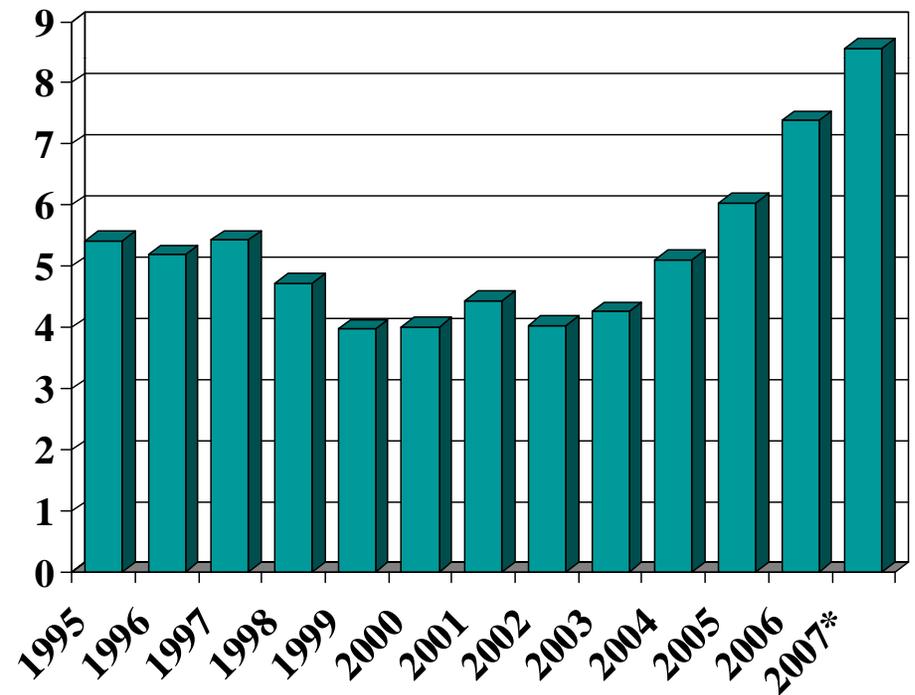
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Imports from the United States

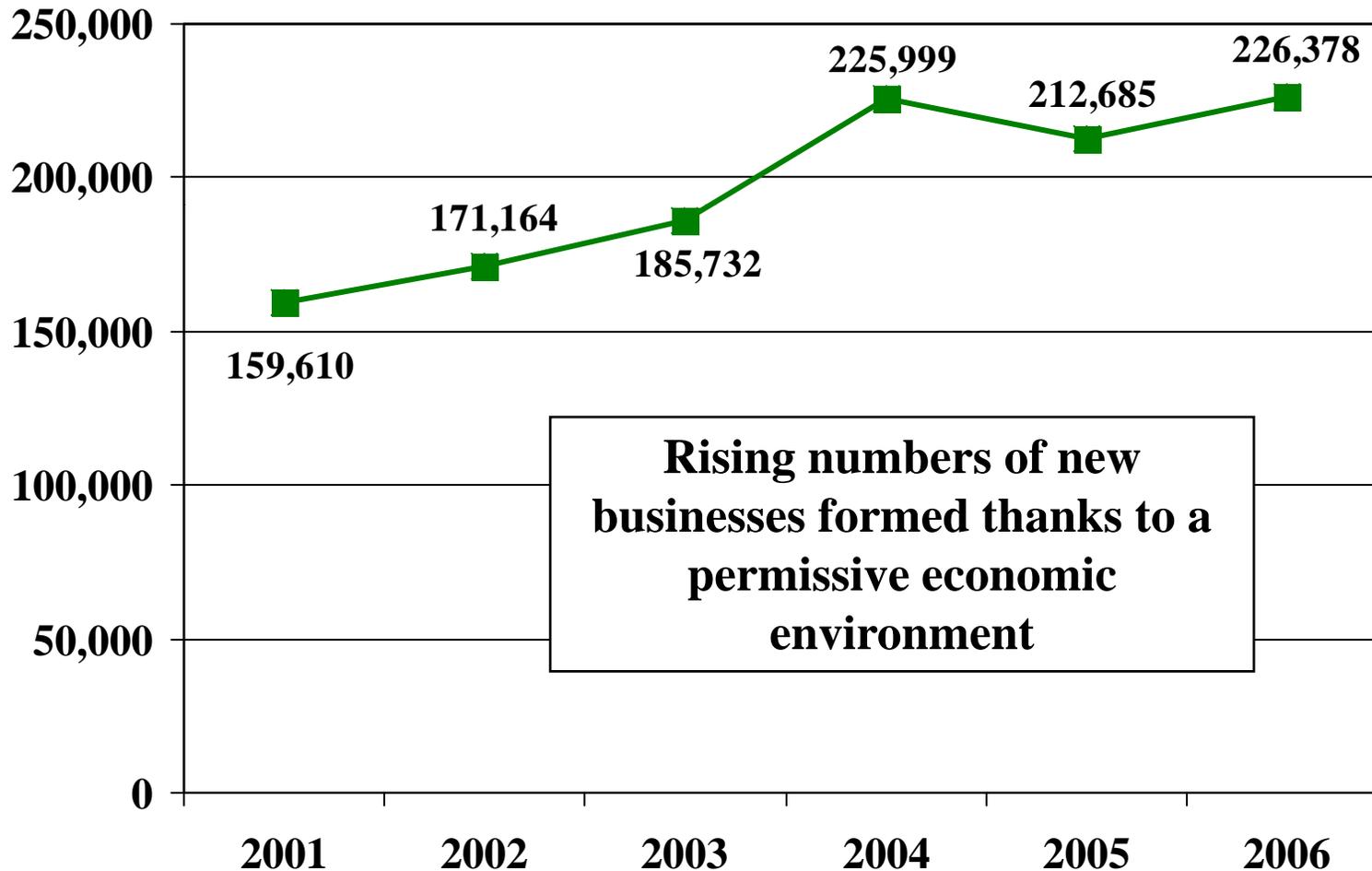
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New Businesses Formed

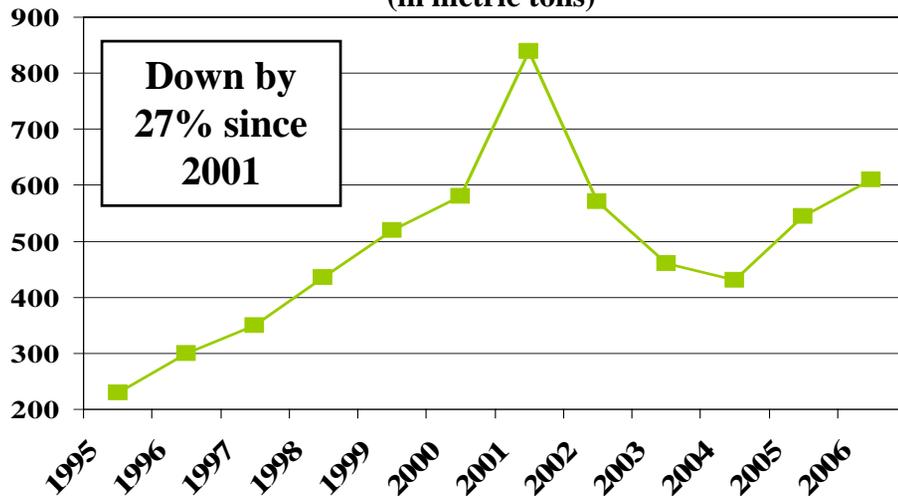
(total per year)



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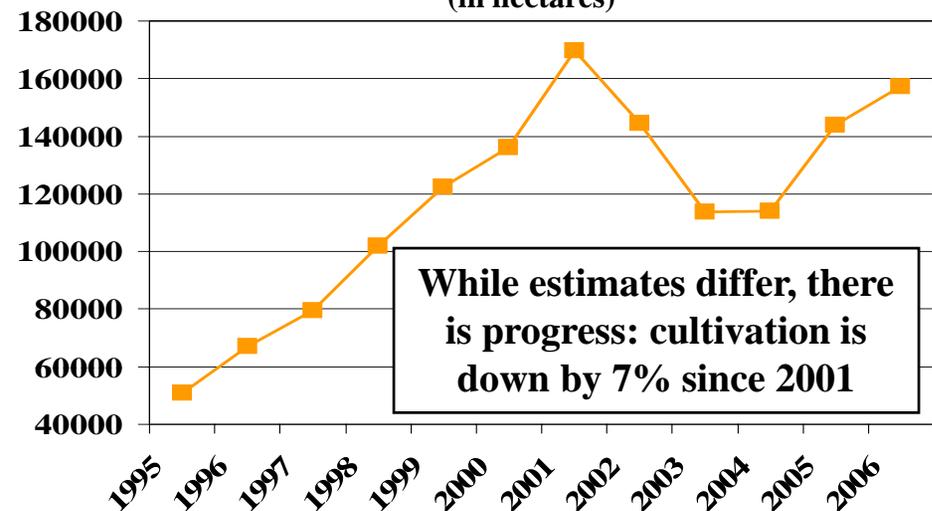
Cocaine Production

(in metric tons)



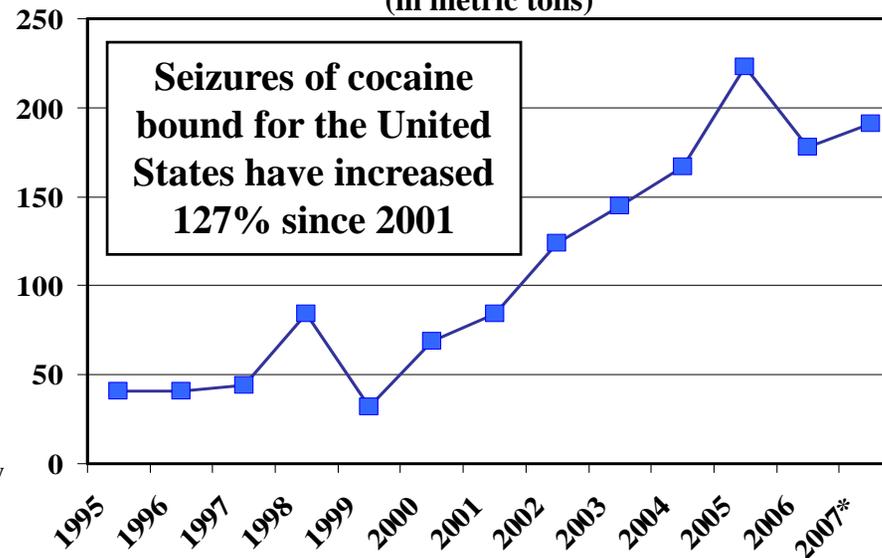
Coca Cultivation

(in hectares)



HCL/Base Seizures

(in metric tons)



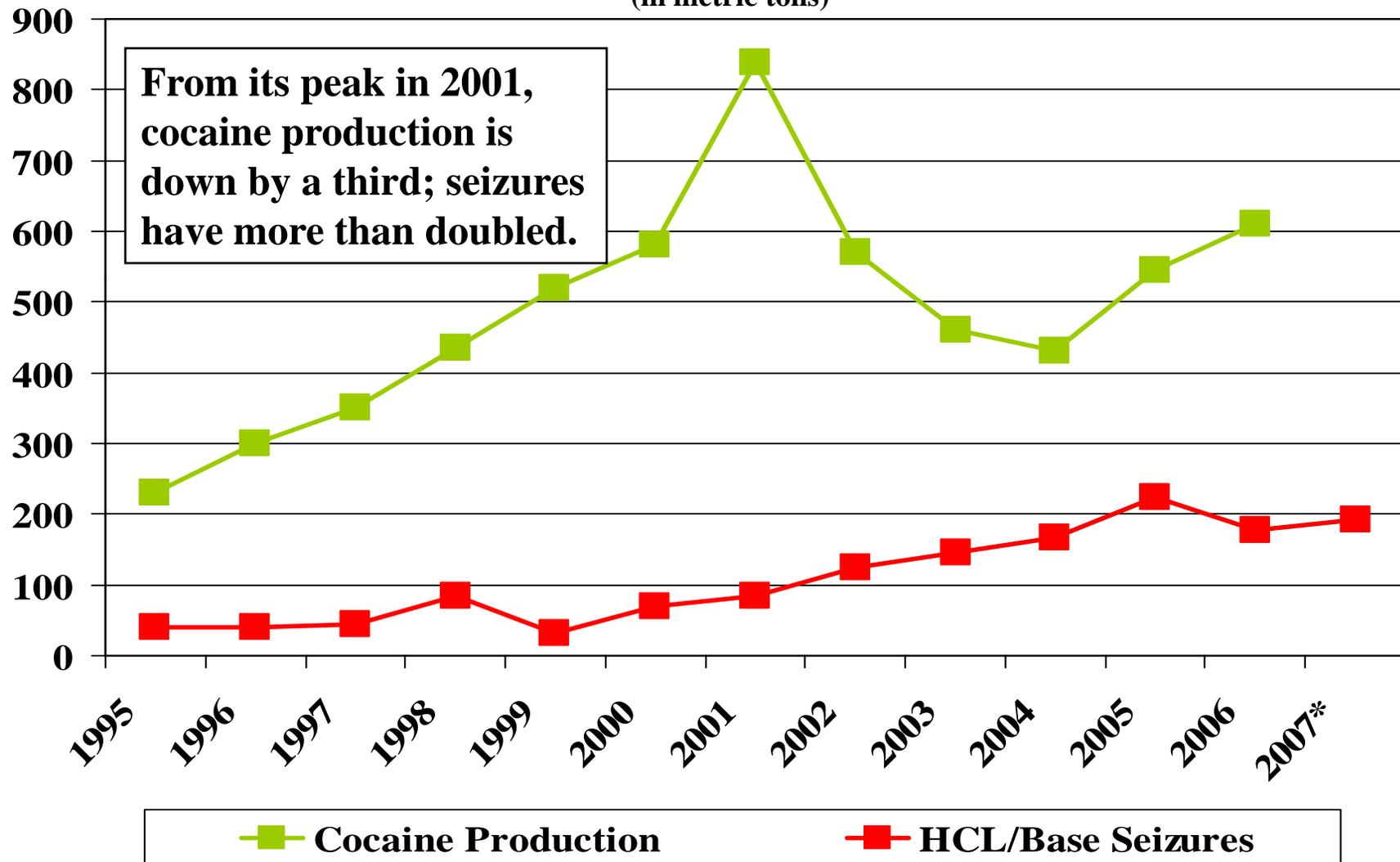
Source: Department of State
International Narcotics Control Strategy
Report (INCSR) 2004, 2006

*2007 figures are preliminary

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Cocaine Produced and Seized

(in metric tons)

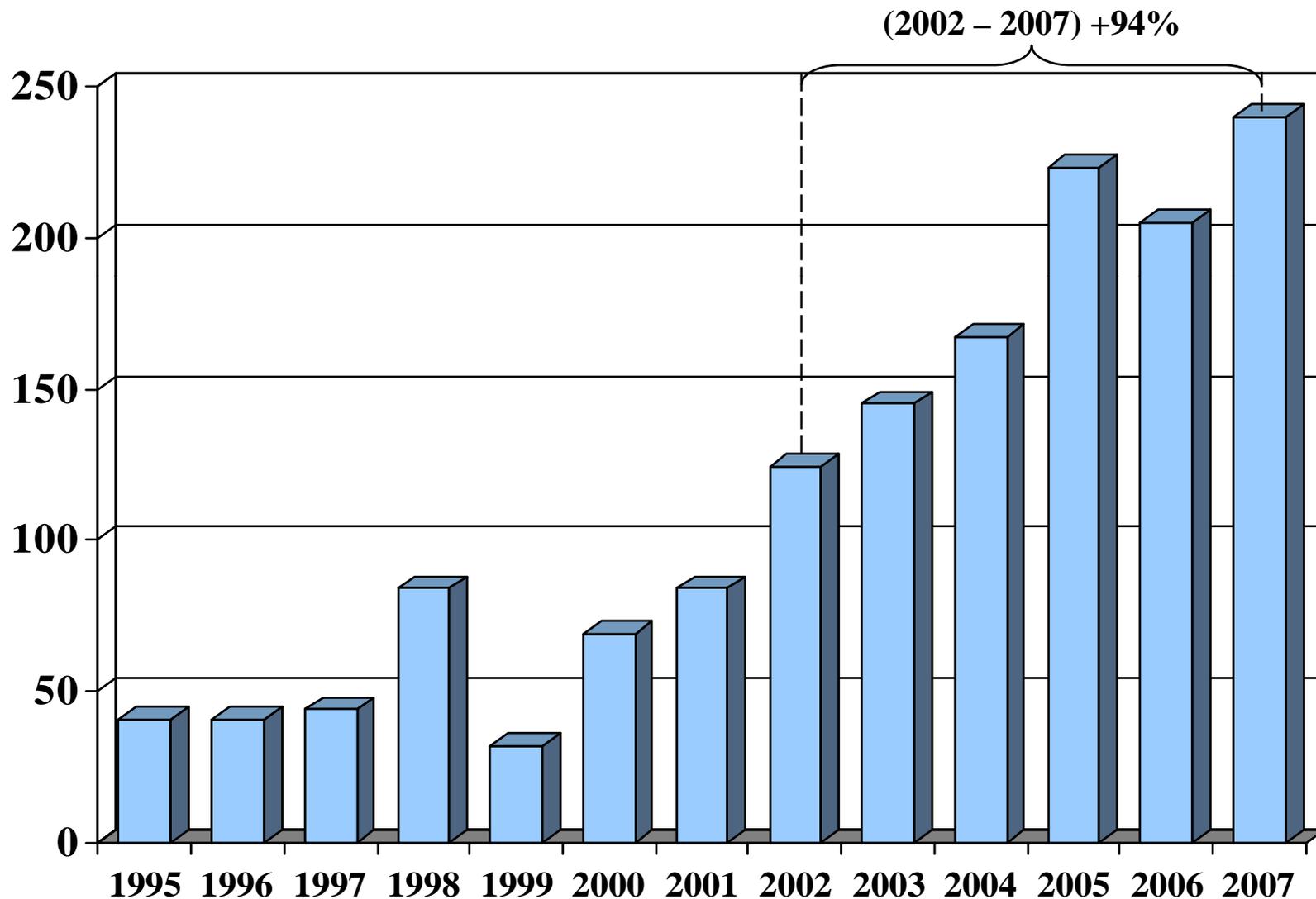


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Drug Laboratories Destroyed



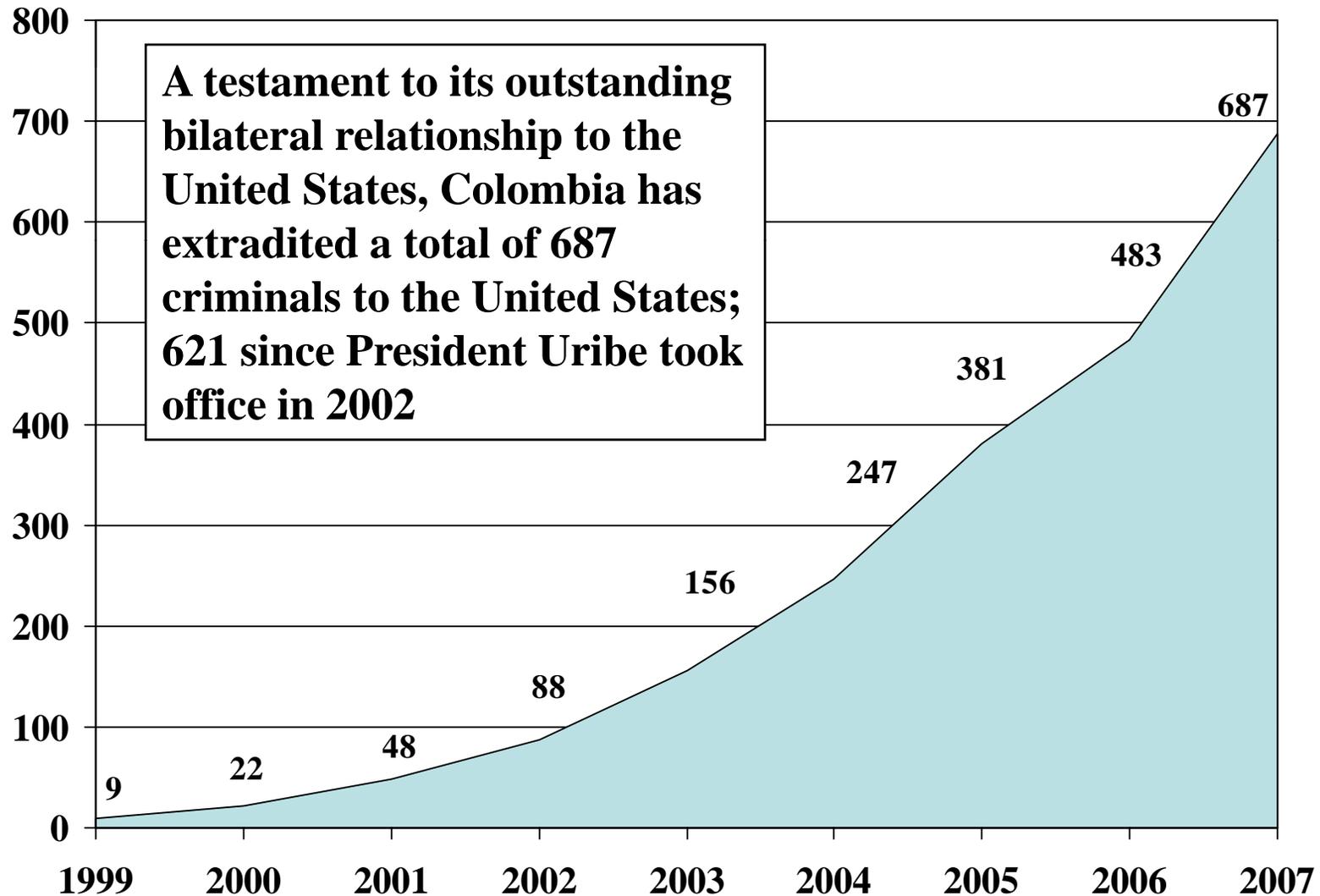
Source: Colombian Armed Forces General Command and National Police Center for Criminal Investigation

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Extraditions to the United States

(cumulative totals)



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This document is available on-line at

<http://www.state.gov/documents/organization/93761.pdf>

For more information on Colombia's turnaround,
visit the State Department's webpage
on Free Trade Agreements at

<http://www.state.gov/e/eeb/tpp/c22883.htm>