



Youth Gun Violence in St. Mary's County

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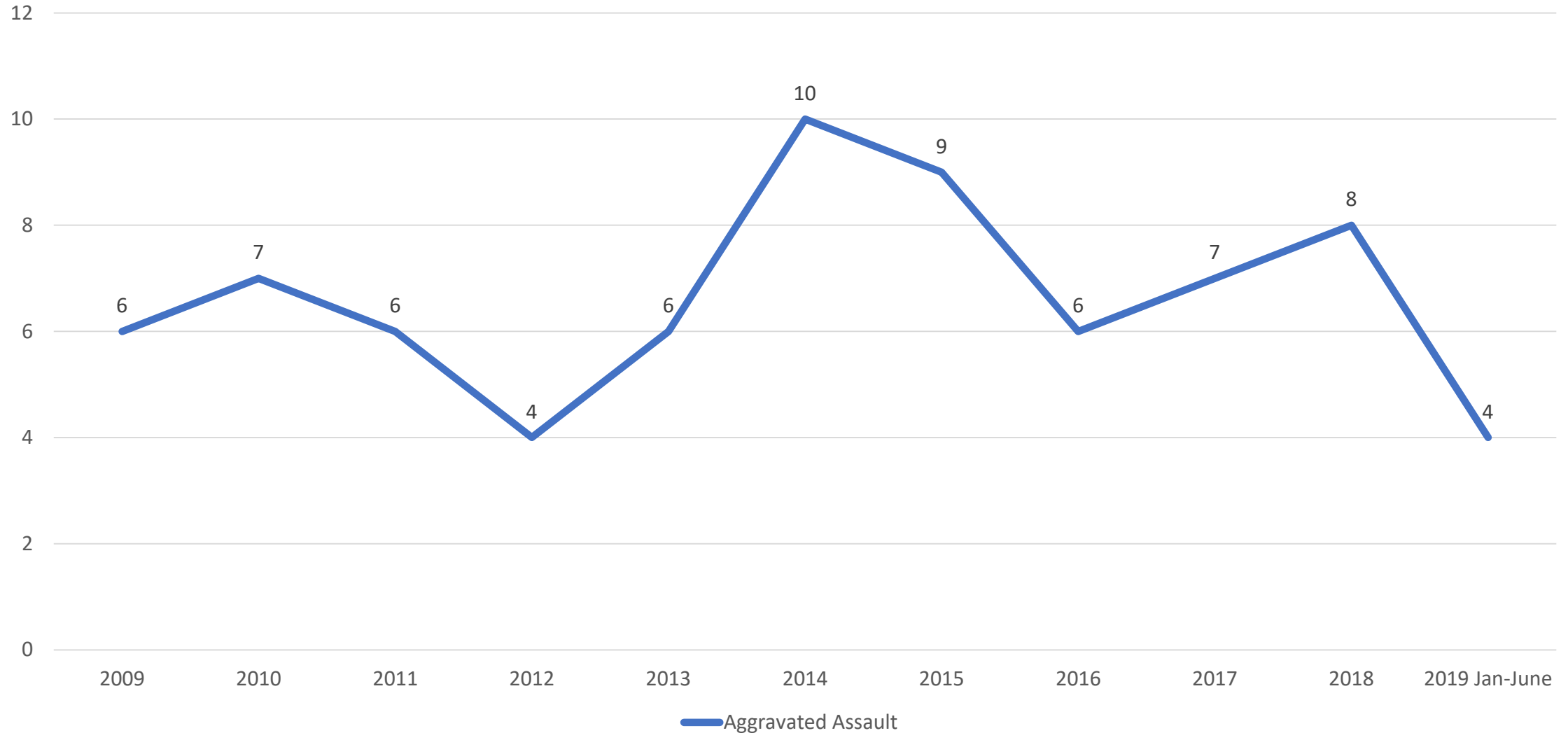
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“Youth” Gun Violence

- Age 25 years or less
- Firearm-related
 - Assault
 - Burglary
 - Murder
 - Self-harm or Suicide

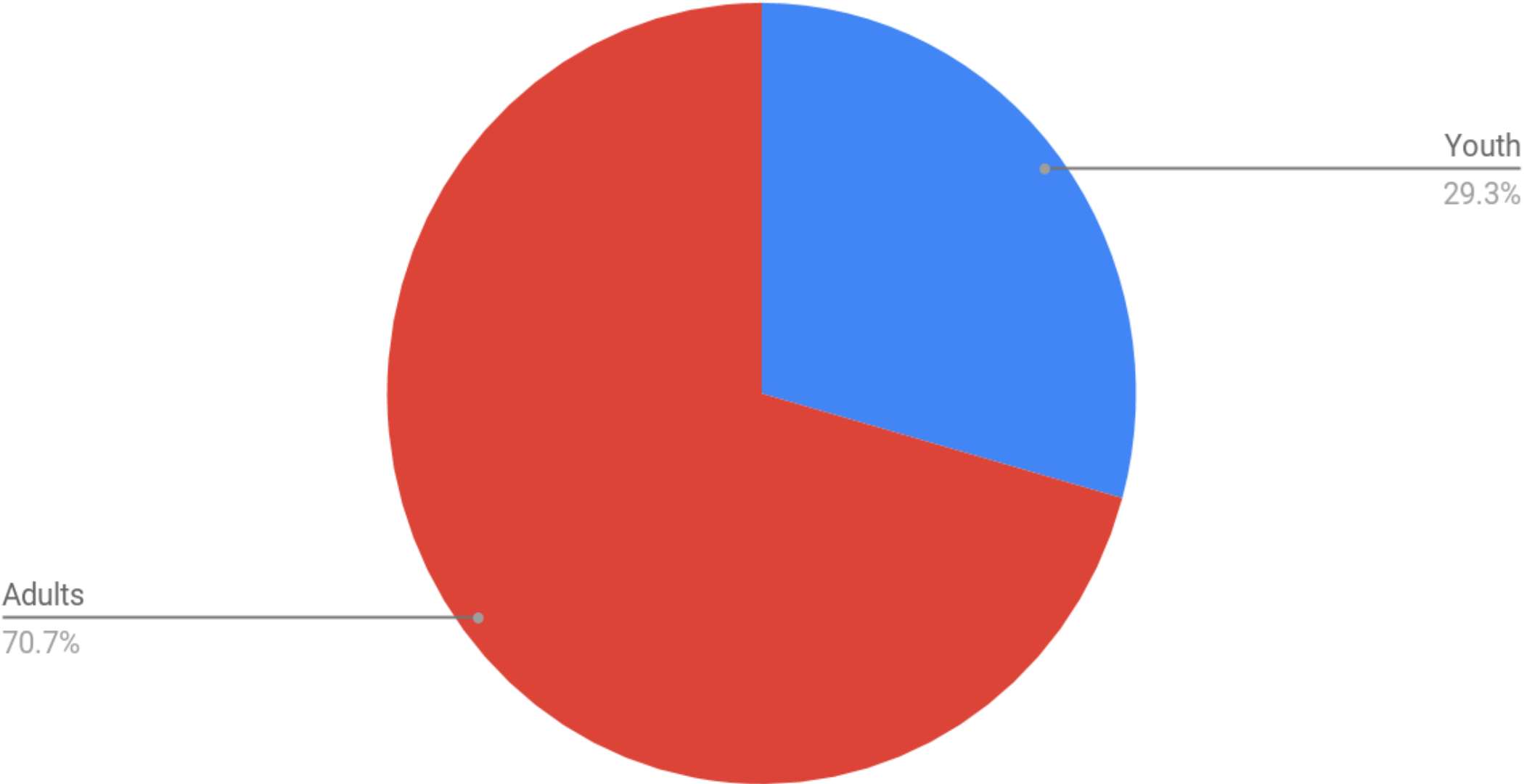


Incidents Involving Firearms – Suspects Aged 25 or Younger St. Mary's County, 2009 – 2019 June *Aggravated Assault*

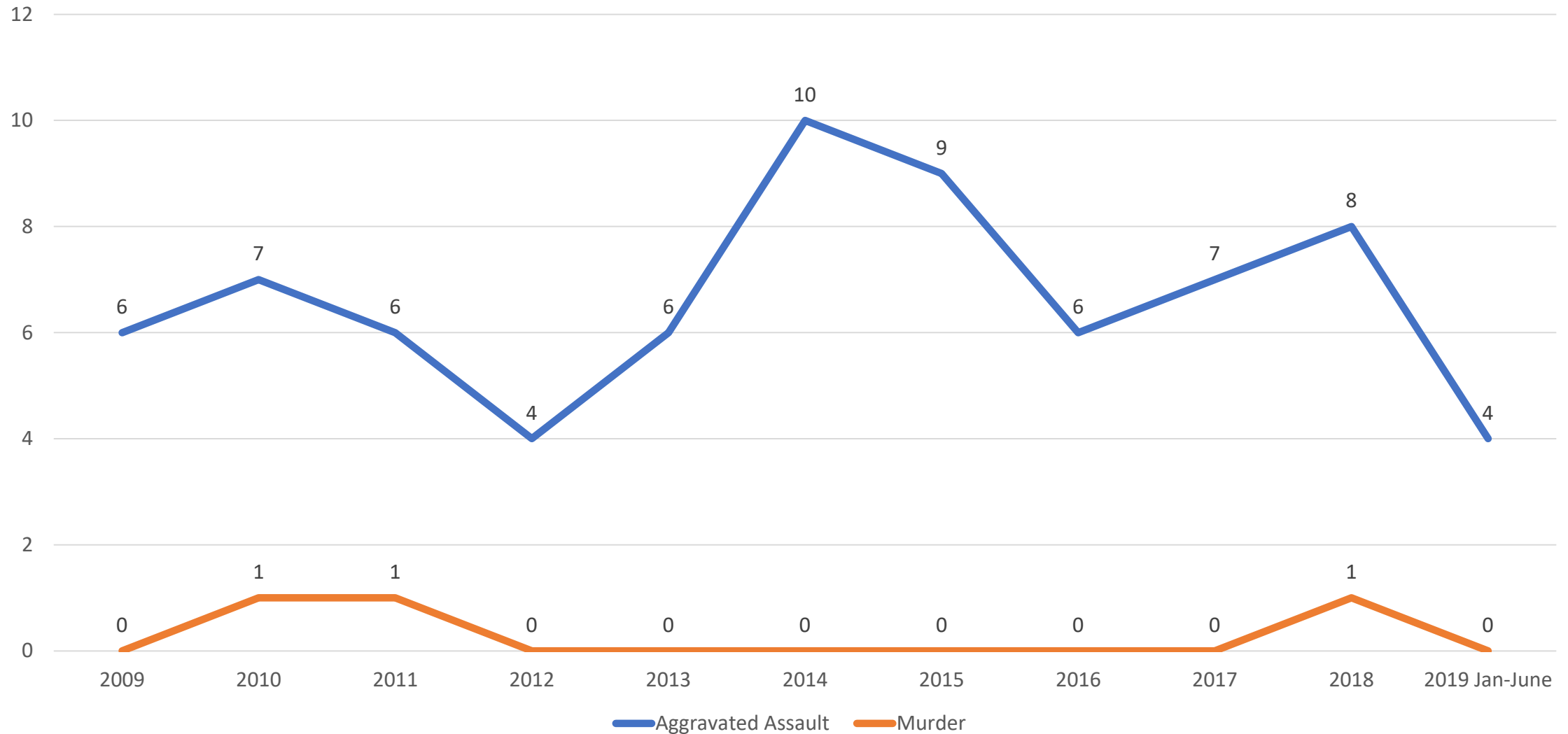


Source: CentralSquare Technologies Crime

Comparing Youth Incidents of Aggravated Assault to Adult Incidents over the Last 10 Years



Incidents Involving Firearms – Suspects Aged 25 or Younger St. Mary's County, 2009 – 2019 June *Aggravated Assault & Murder*



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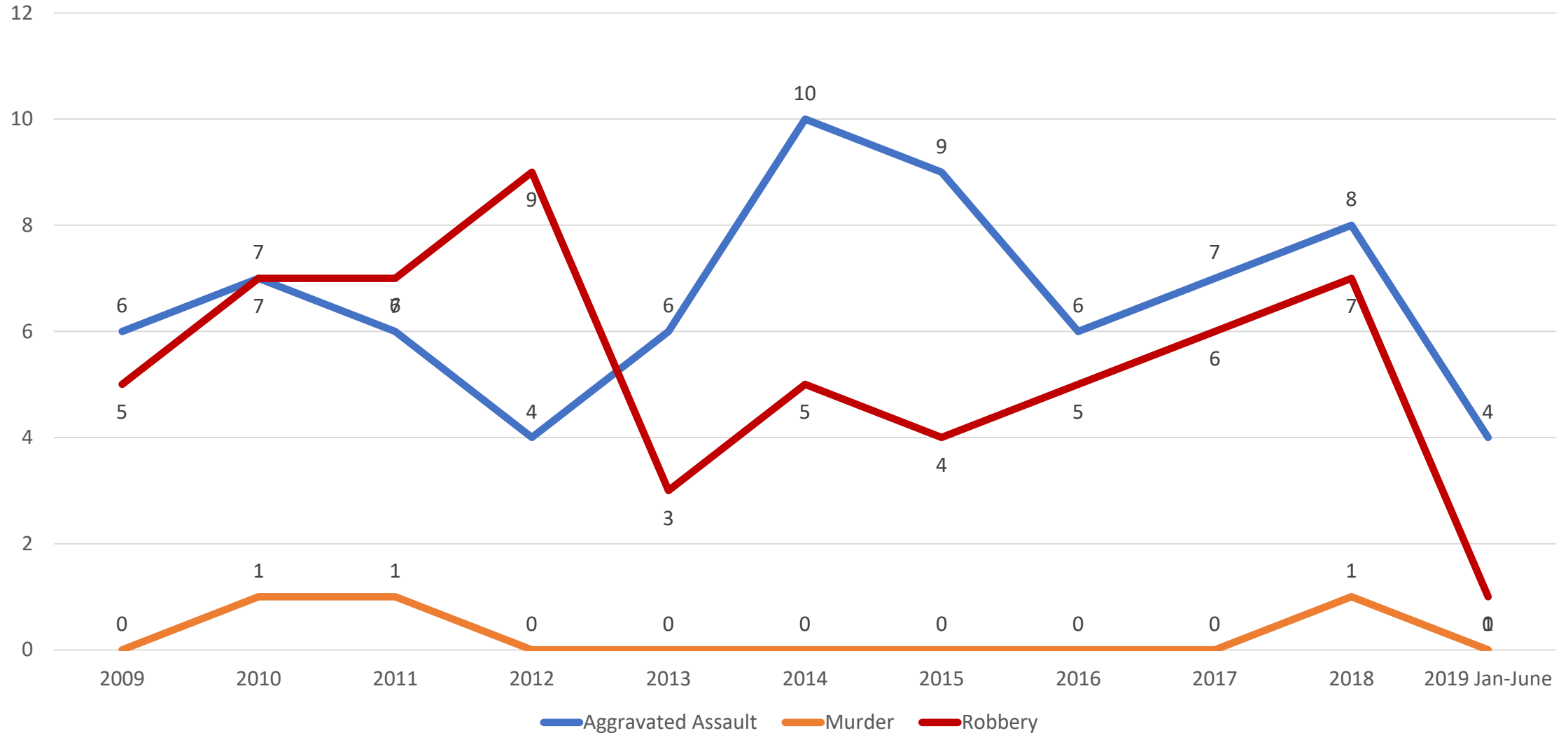
Comparing Youth Incidents of Murder to Adult Incidents over the Past 10 Years



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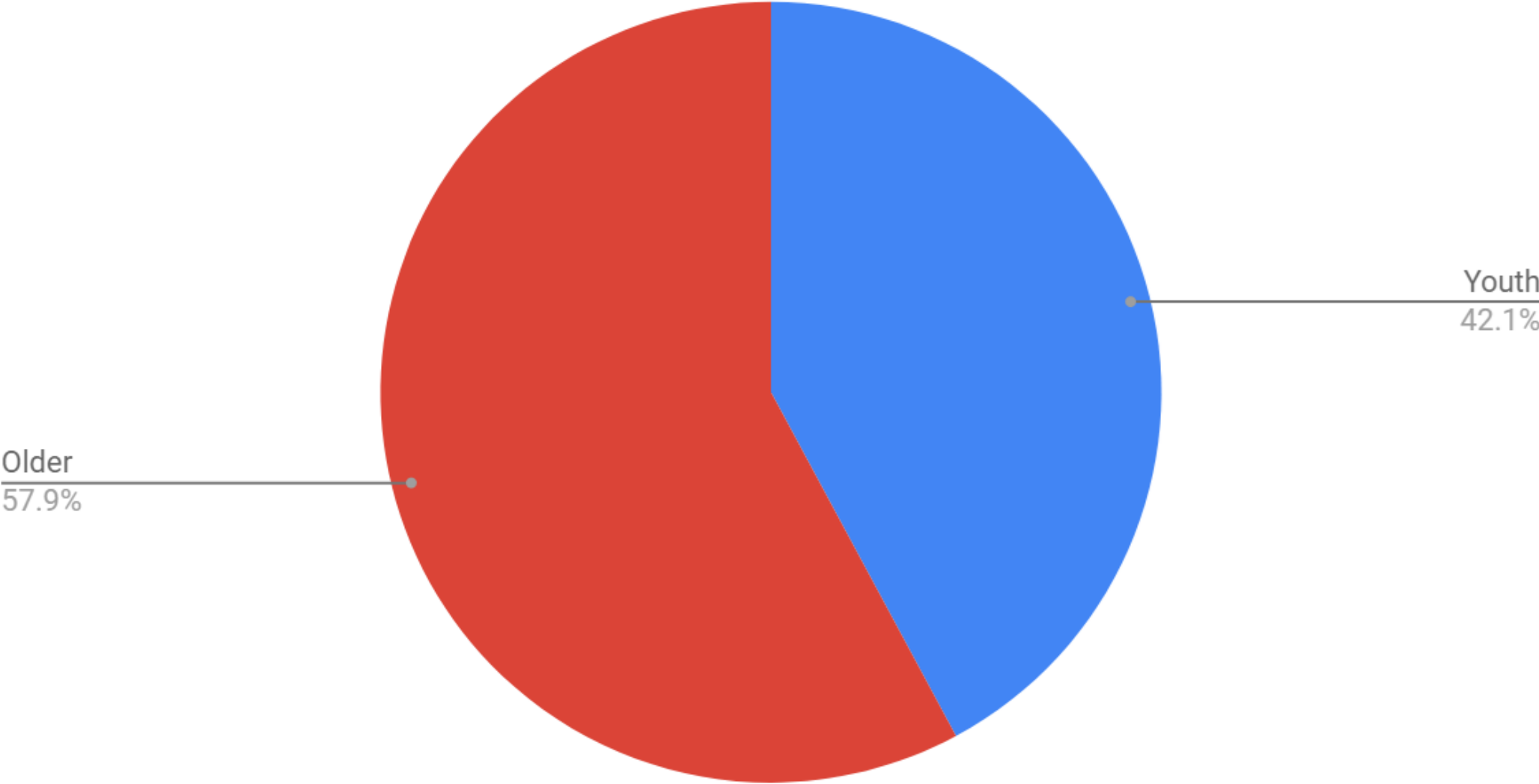
St. Mary's County, 2009 – 2019 June

Aggravated Assault, Murder, & Robbery

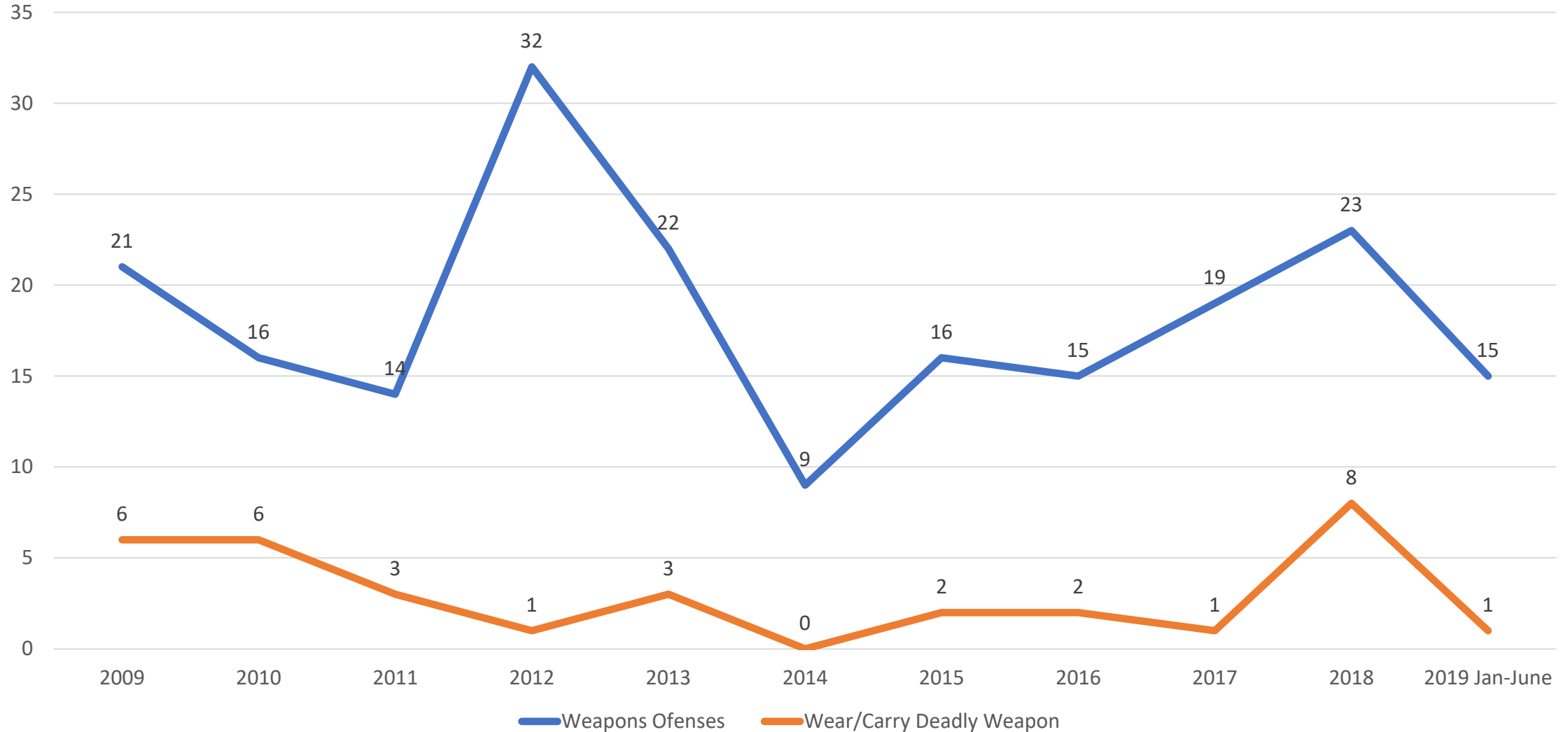


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Comparing Youth Incidents of Robbery to Adult Incidents over the Past 10 Years

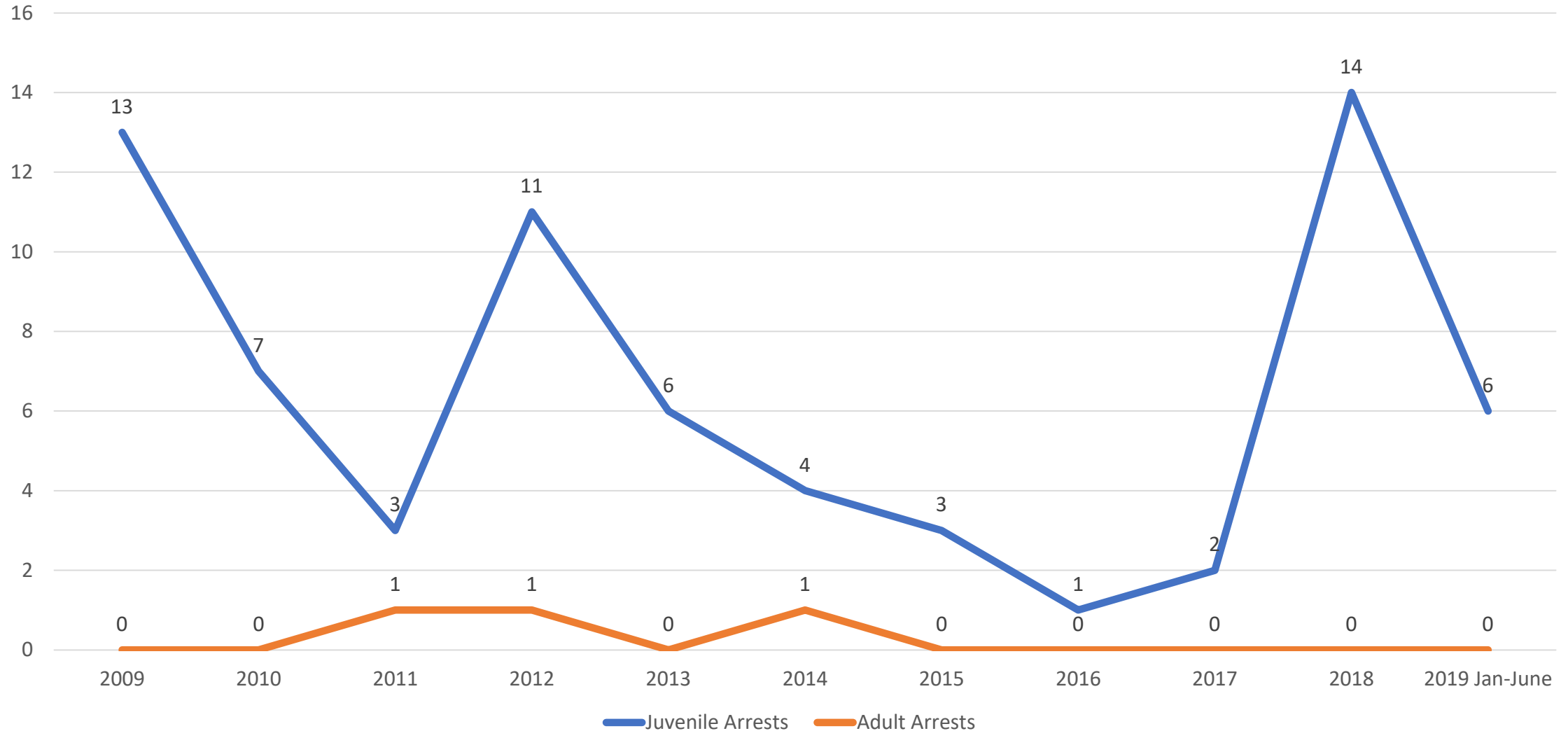


Weapons Offenses – Suspects Aged 25 or Younger St. Mary's County, 2009 – 2019 June *Weapon Offenses & Wear/Carry Deadly Weapon*



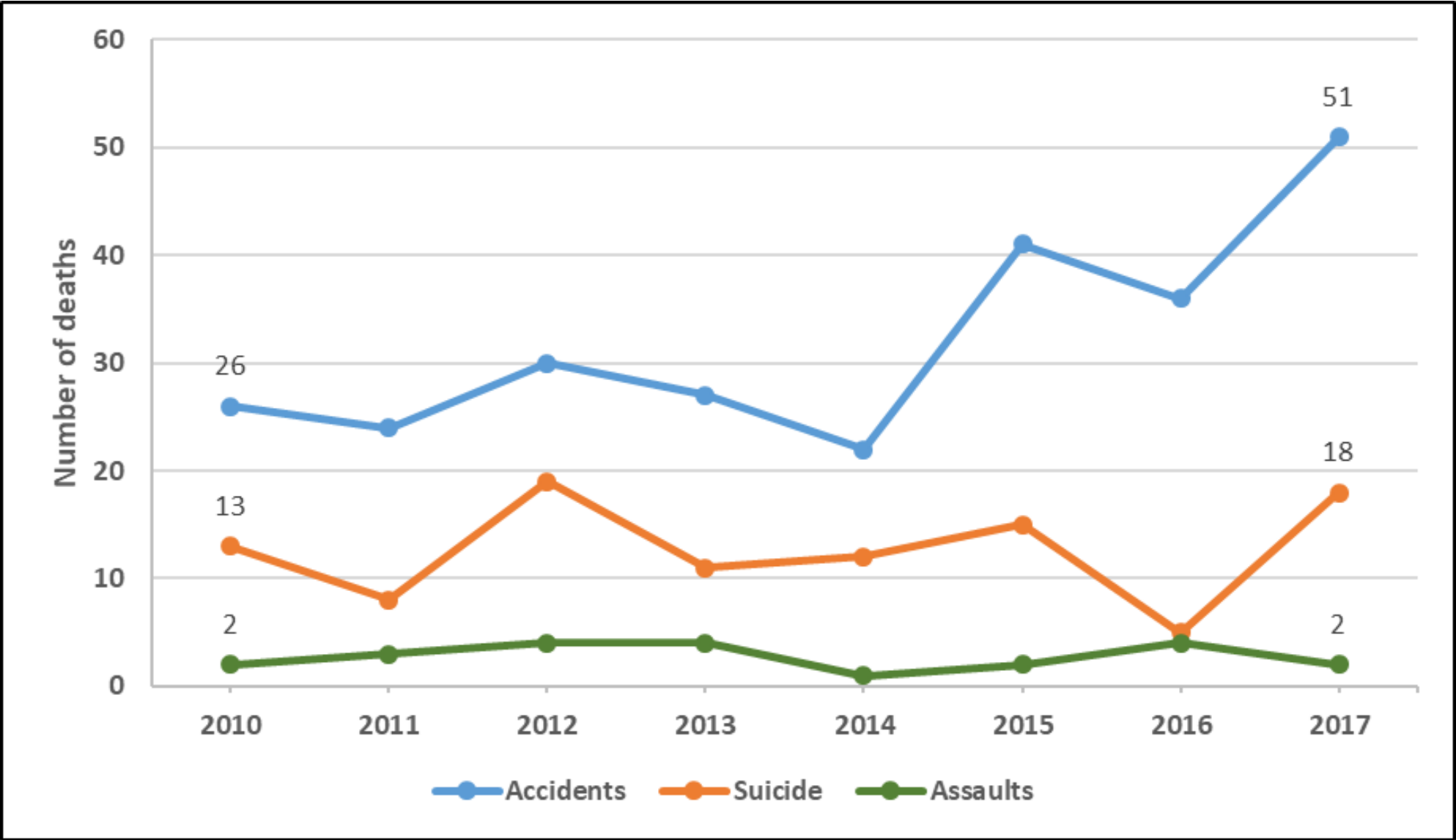
Source: CentralSquare Technologies Crime

Arrests At Public Schools for Possession of a Weapon St. Mary's County, 2009 – 2019 June *Juvenile Arrests & Adult Arrests*



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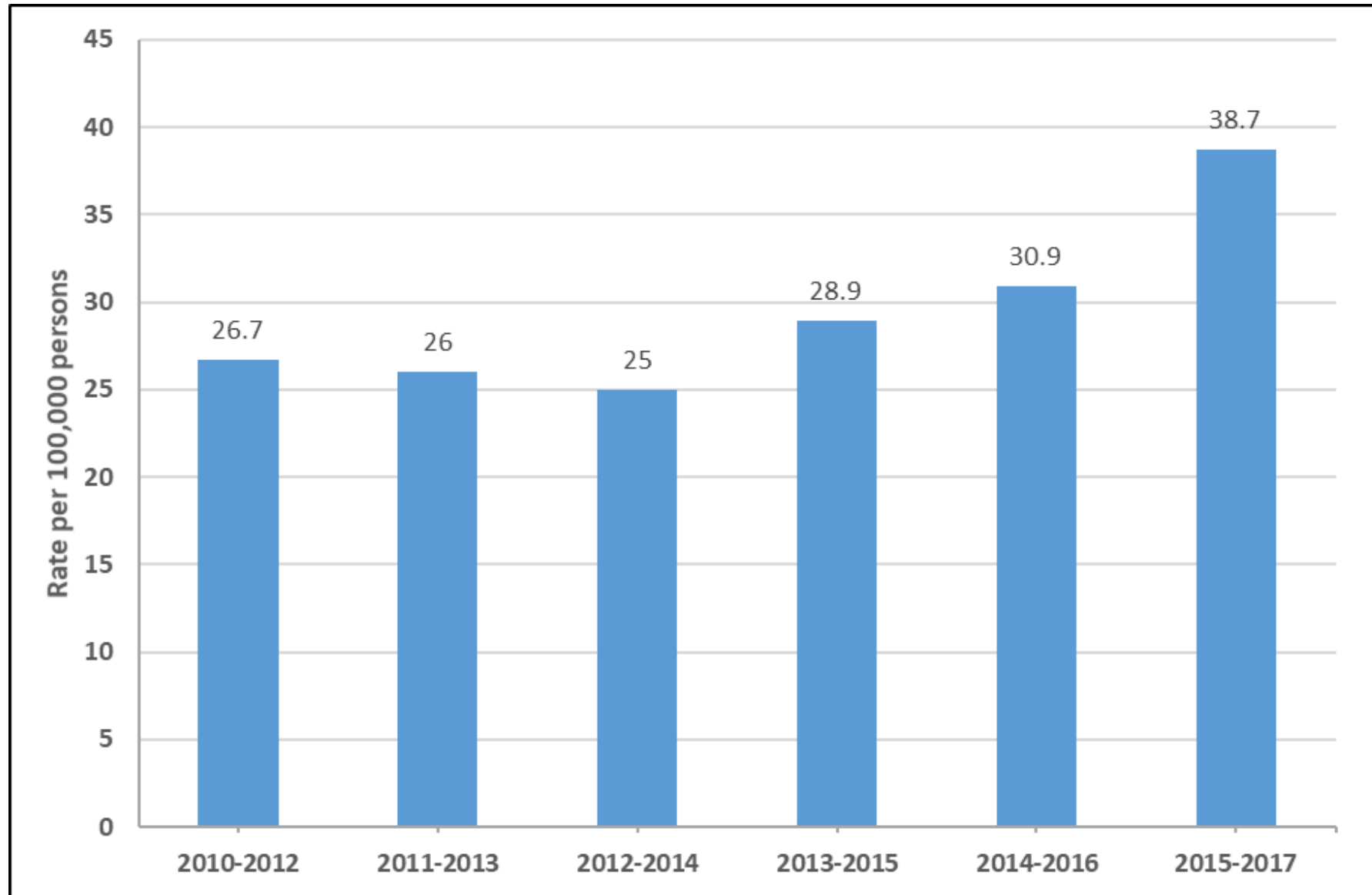
Violent deaths in St. Mary's County, 2010-2017



Source: Maryland Vital Statistics Report



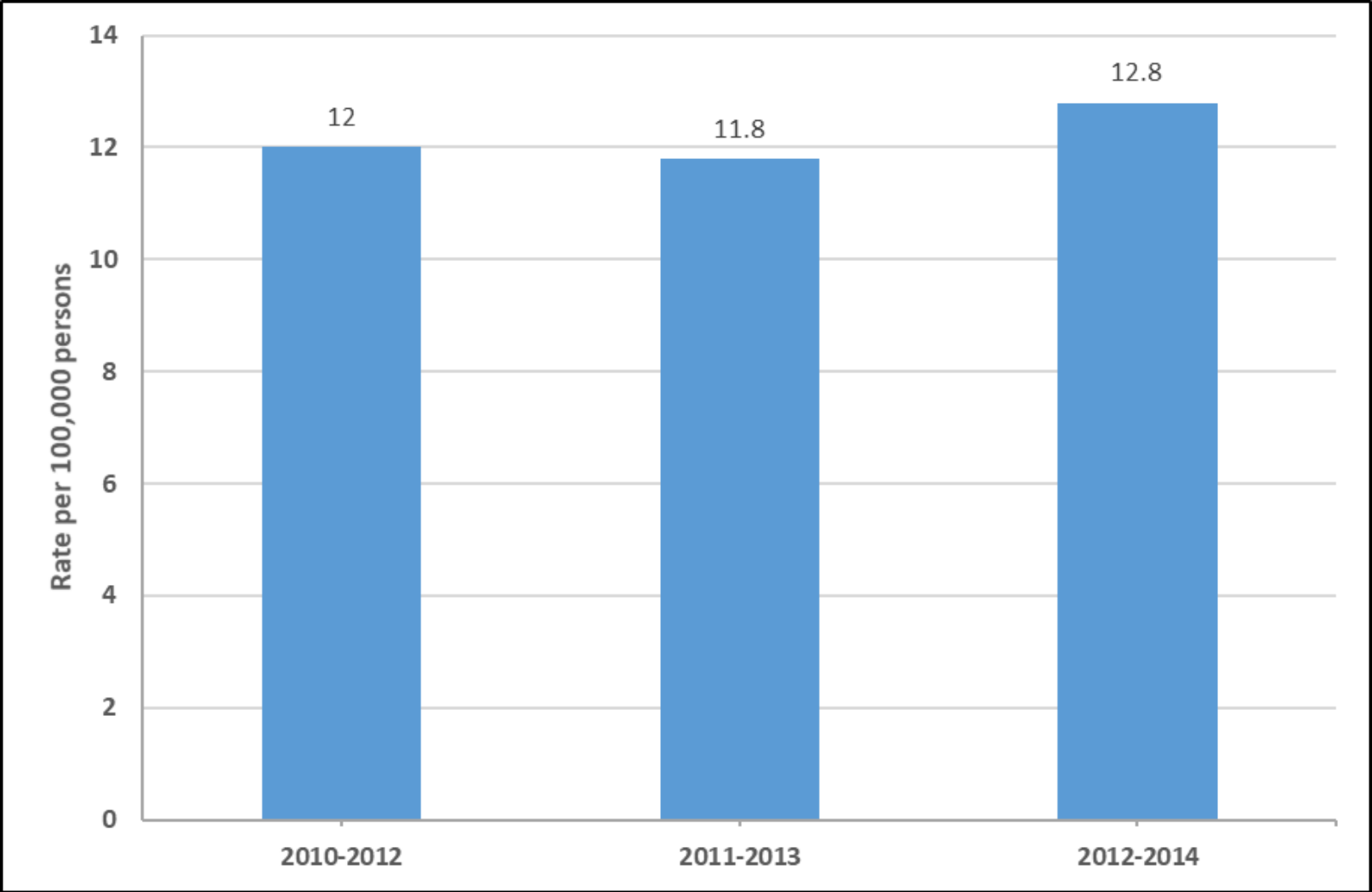
Age adjusted rates of accident deaths in St. Mary's County, 2010-2017



Source: Maryland Vital Statistics Report



Age adjusted rates of suicides in St. Mary's County, 2010-2014

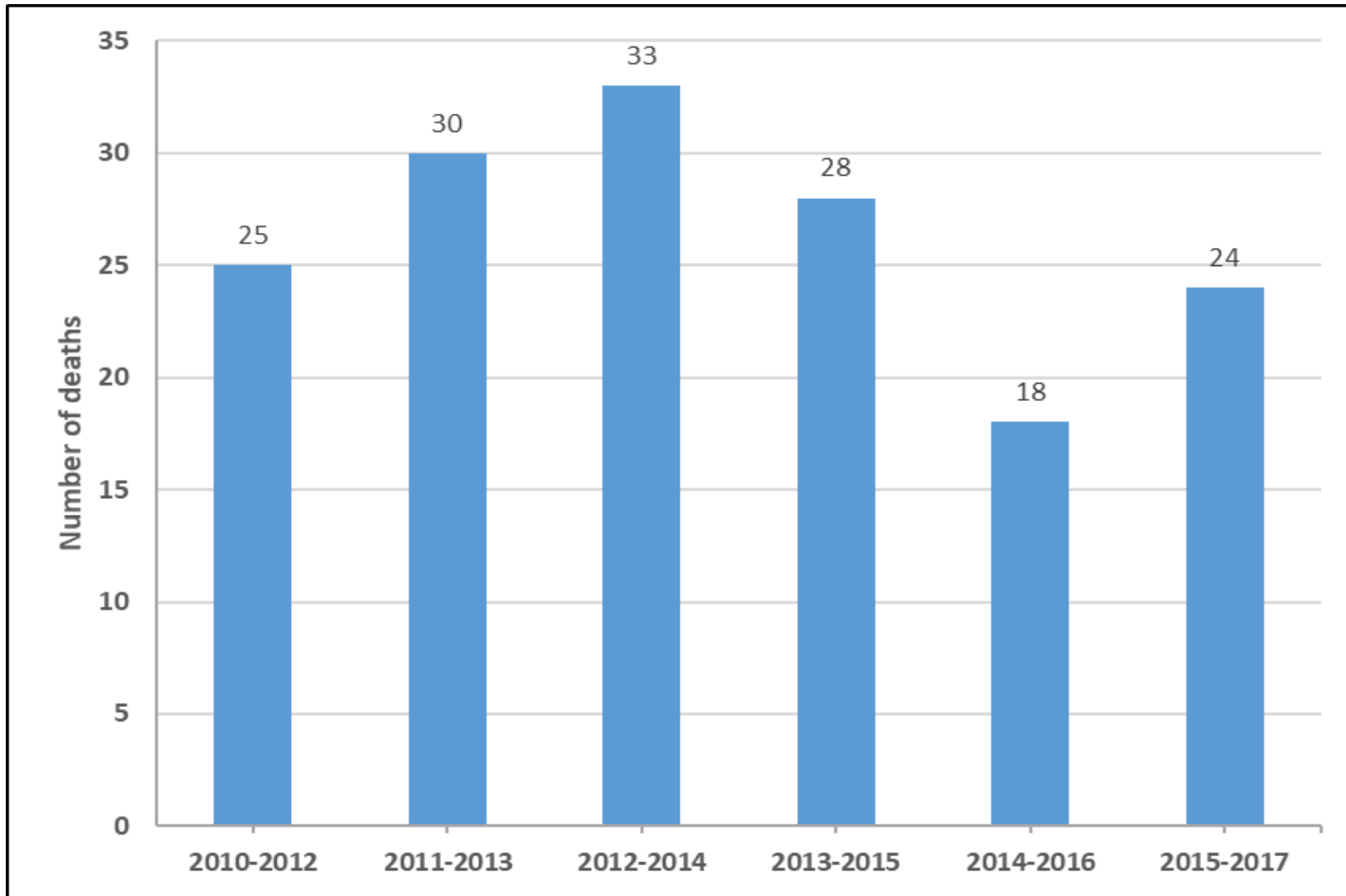


Note: Data is suppressed for 2015-2017 due to low values.

Source: Maryland Vital Statistics Report



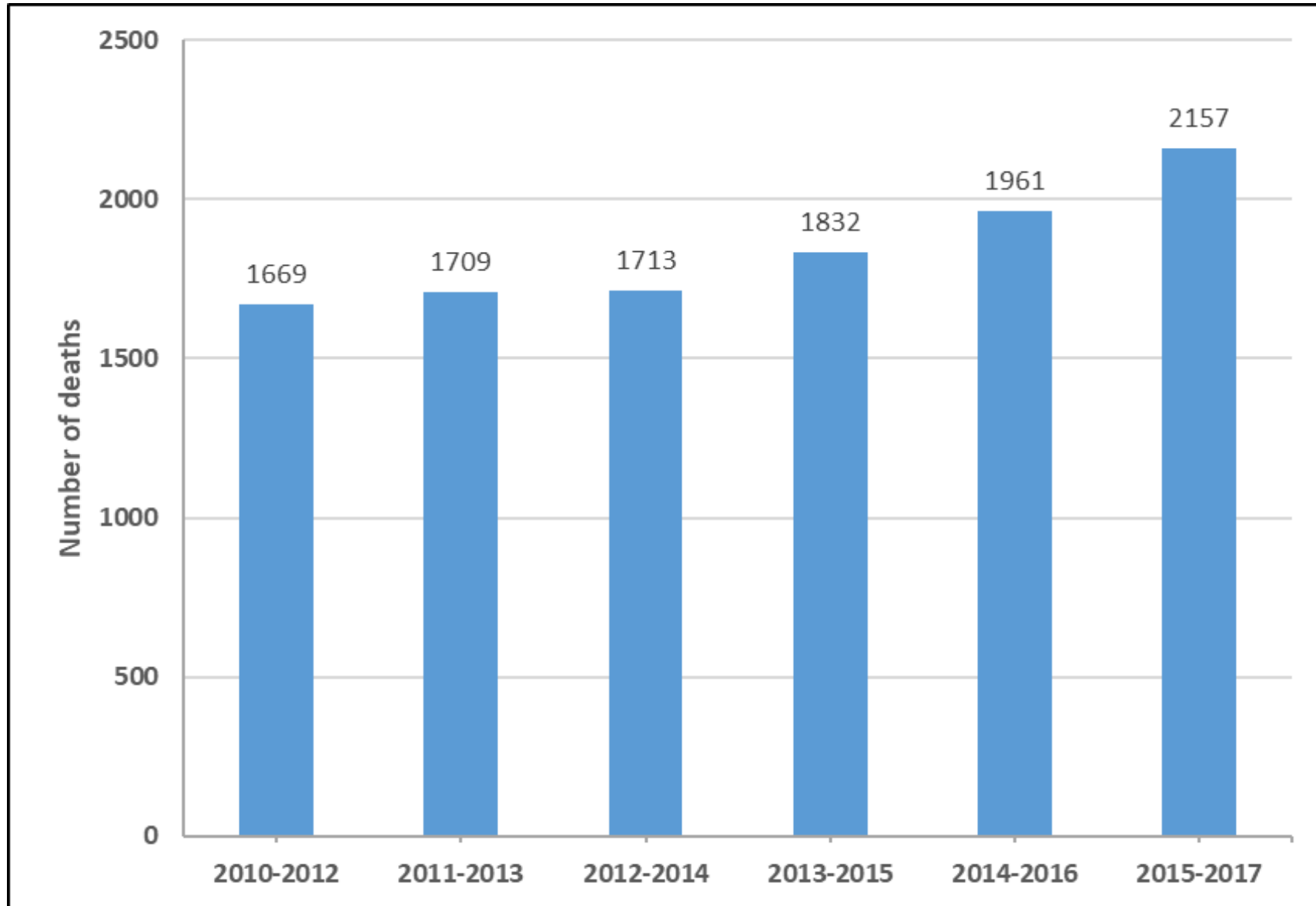
Deaths where injury mechanism was firearm in St. Mary's County, 2010-2017



Source: CDC Wide-ranging Online Data for Epidemiologic Research (WONDER)



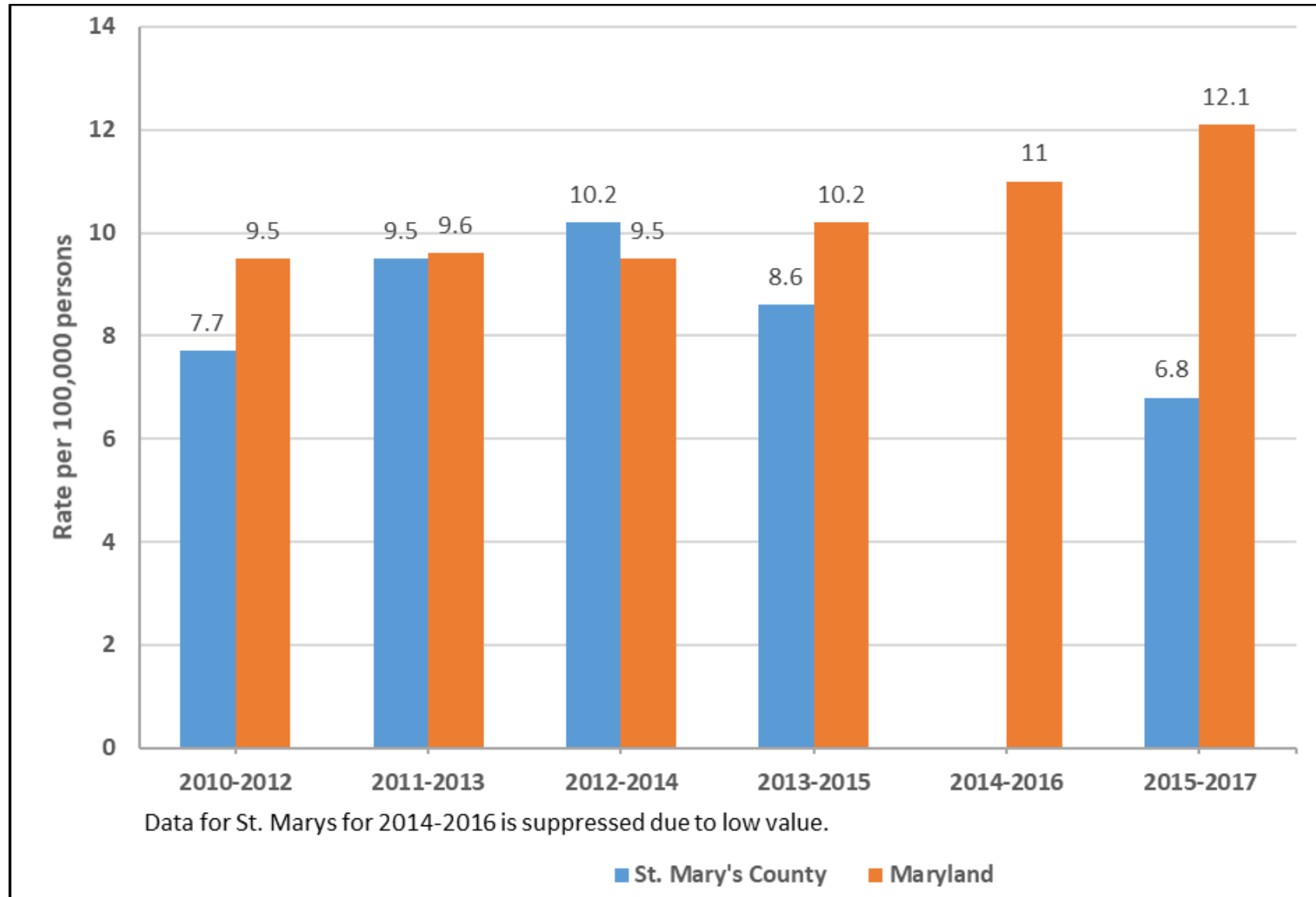
Deaths where injury mechanism was firearm in Maryland, 2010-2017



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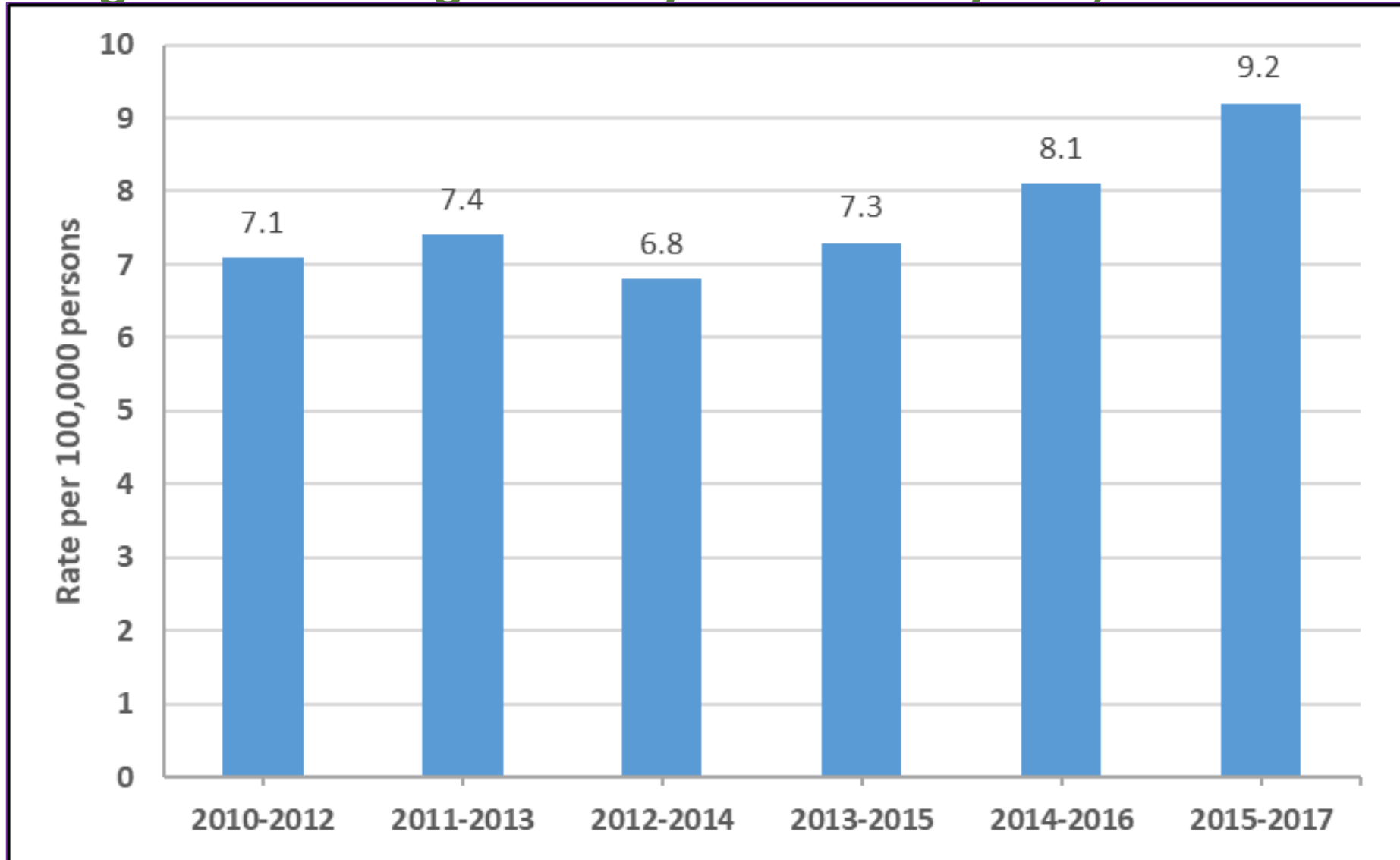
Age-adjusted death rates where the injury mechanism was firearms in St. Mary's County & Maryland, 2010-2017



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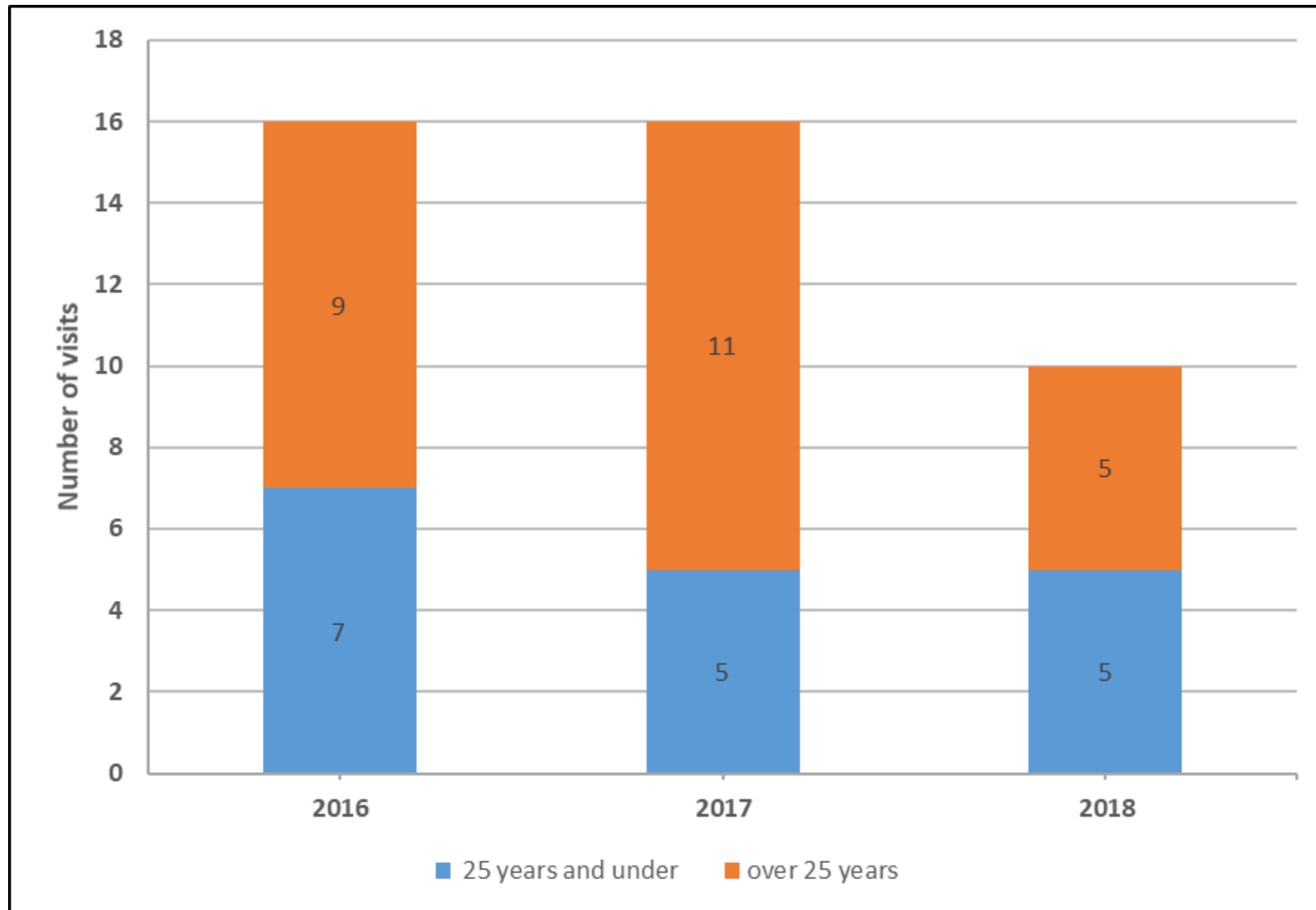
Age-adjusted death rates where the injury mechanism was firearms among individuals aged < 25 years in Maryland, 2010-2017



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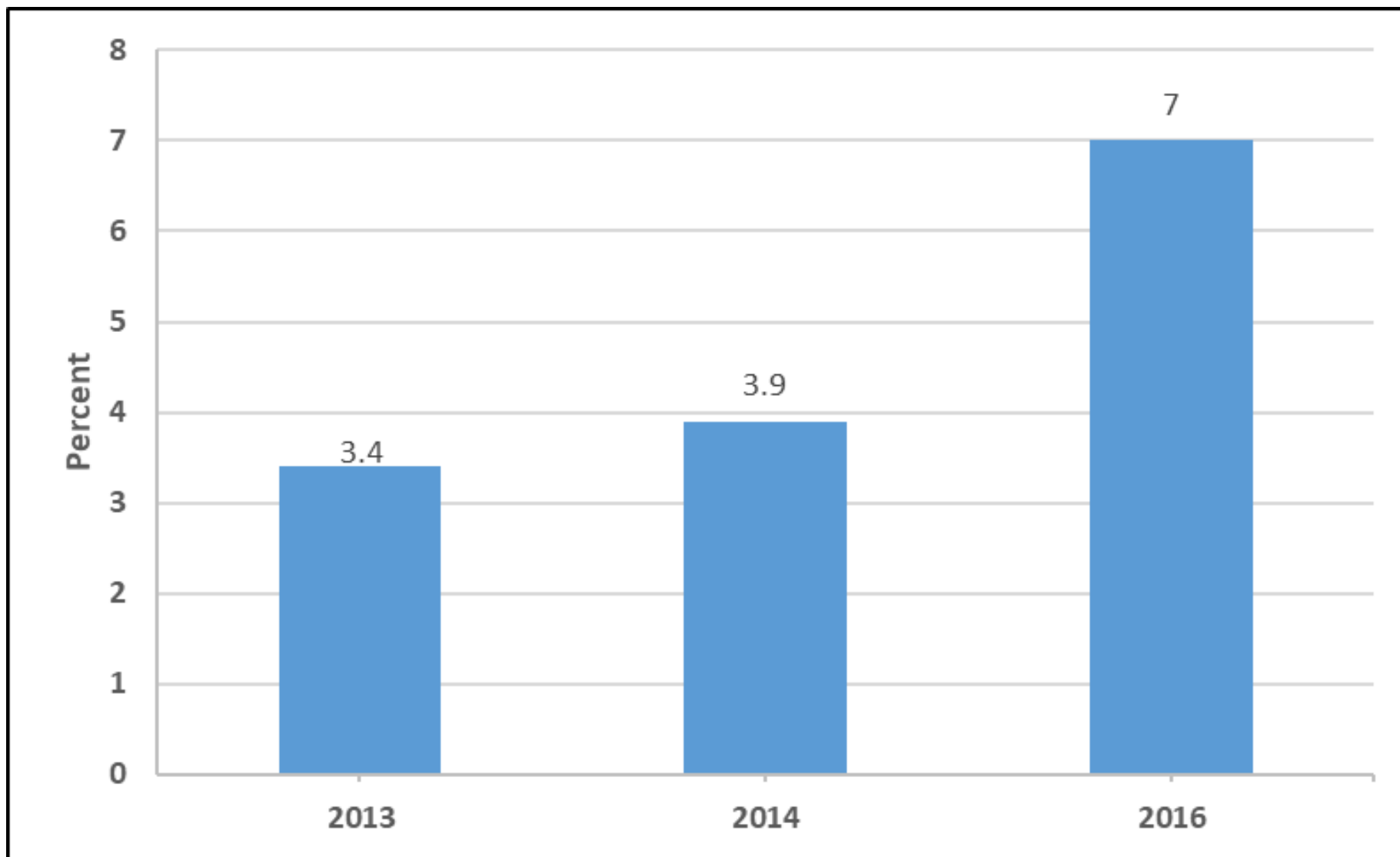
Emergency Department visits due to firearm-related injuries in St. Mary's County, 2016-2018



Source: Health Services Cost Review Commission (HSCRC)



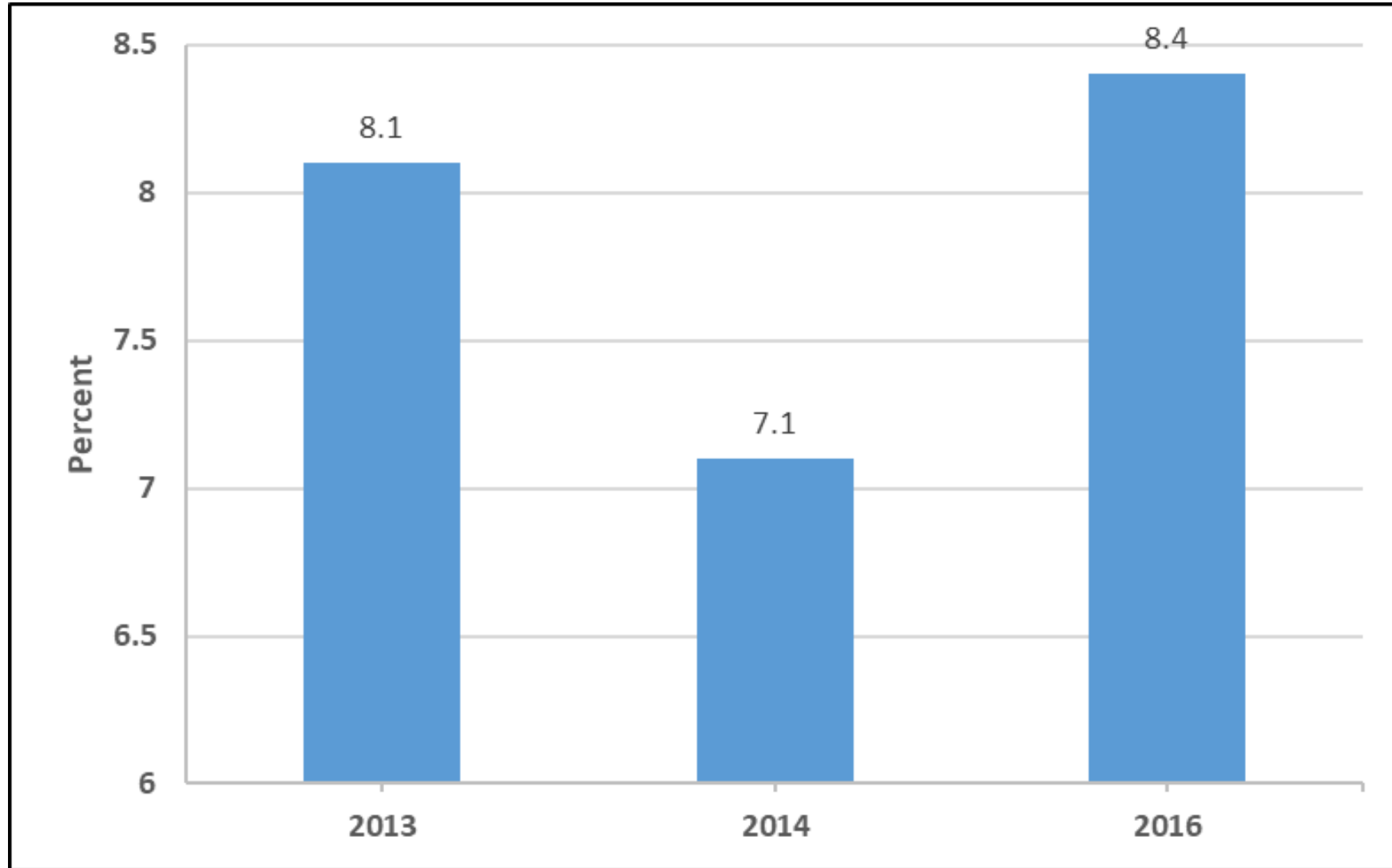
Students who carried a weapon on school property (such as a gun, knife, or club, on at least 1 day during the 30 days before the survey)



Source: Youth Risk Behavior Survey 2013, 2014 & 2016



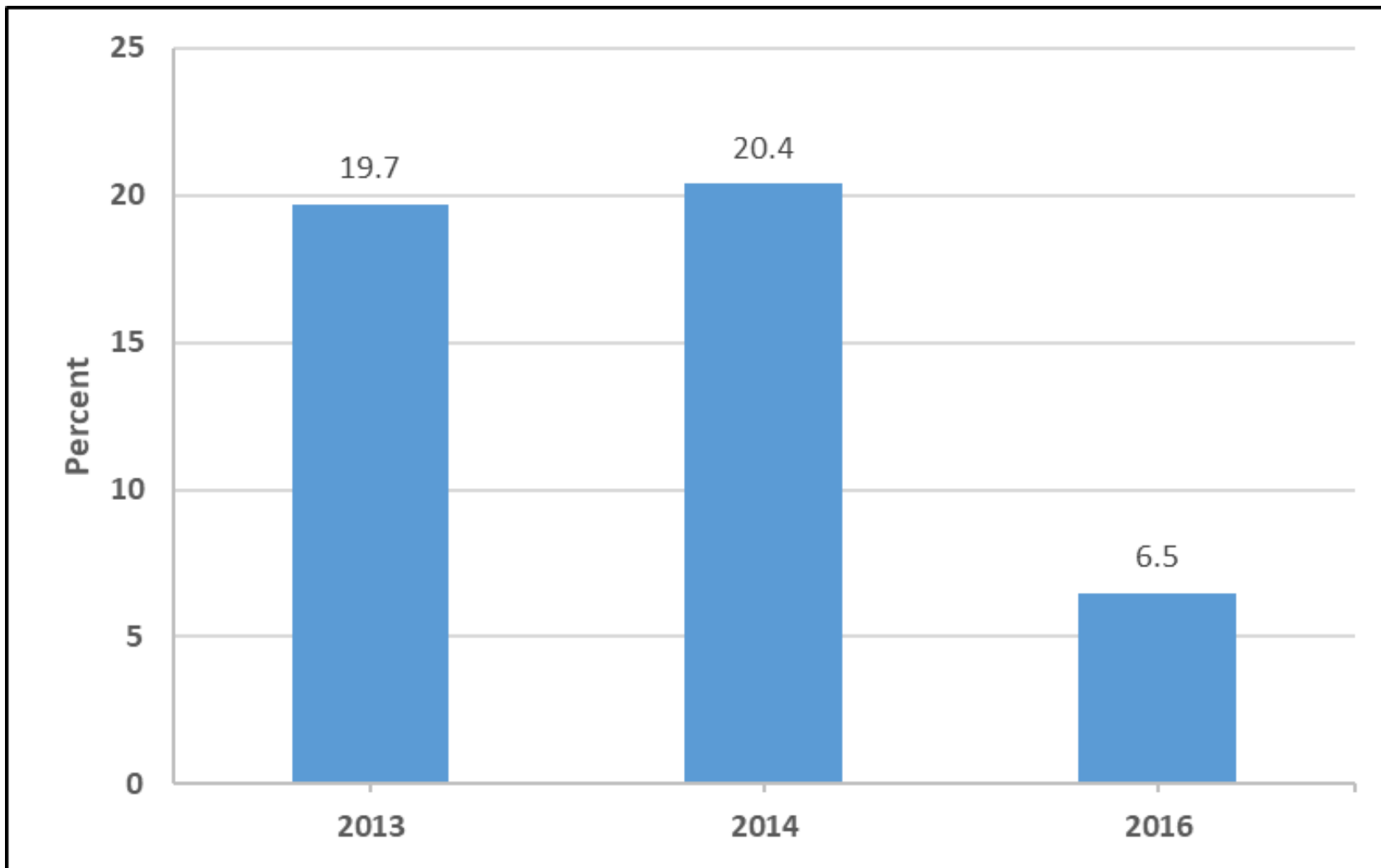
Students who were threatened or injured with a weapon on school property (such as a gun, knife, or club, one or more times during the 12 months before the survey)



Source: Youth Risk Behavior Survey 2013, 2014 & 2016



Students who carried a gun (not counting the days when they carried a gun only for hunting or for a sport such as target shooting, on at least 1 day during the 12 months before the survey)



Source: Youth Risk Behavior Survey 2013, 2014 & 2016



Solutions to Consider Moving Forward

- Targeted intervention for at-risk youth
- Gun storage education
- Gun disassembly education



Targeted Youth Intervention: *BAM*

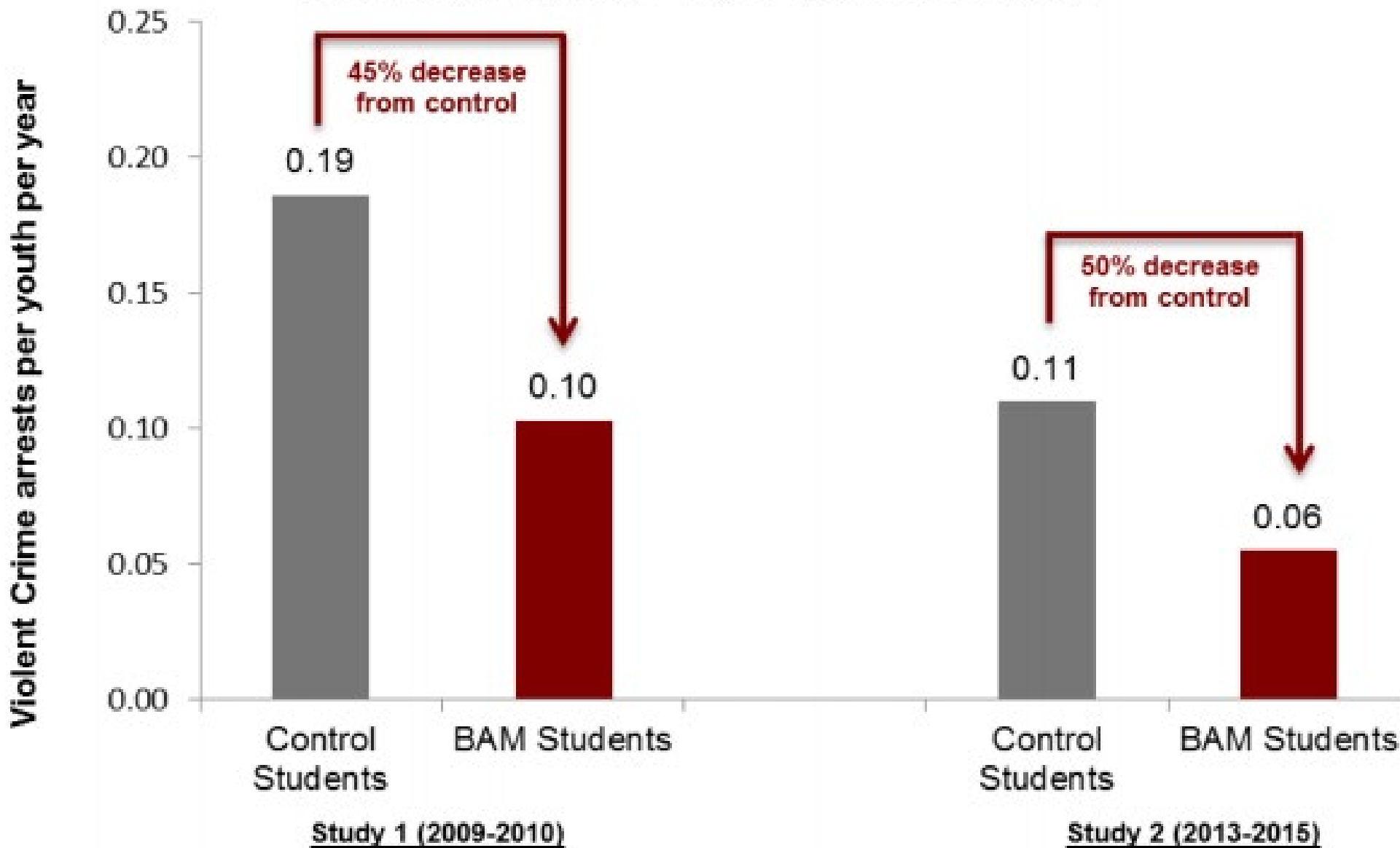
- Becoming-A-Man
- Behavioral therapy focusing on
 - Impulsivity
 - Aggressiveness
 - Coping with ACEs (resilience)



Source: Strategic Grant Partners



Effects of BAM on Violent Crime Arrests



Source: Michael Bergstrom



Gun Storage Education

- Continuous community assessment
- Media campaigning
 - Literature distribution
 - Social media
 - Public service announcements



Source: Project ChildSafe

GUN STORAGE FOR YOUR LIFESTYLE

As a gun owner, you can choose from multiple options for safely storing and protecting your firearms when they're not in use.

Use this guide to determine which mechanism best suits your lifestyle, priorities and environment.

A RANGE OF OPTIONS

	CABLE LOCK Price Range: \$10–\$50	 AFFORDABLE  ACCESSIBLE  THEFT DETERRENT
	GUN CASE Price Range: \$10–\$150	 AFFORDABLE  PORTABLE  PROTECTS FROM DAMAGE
	LOCK BOX Price Range: \$25–\$350	 PORTABLE  ACCESSIBLE  PROTECTS FROM DAMAGE
	ELECTRONIC LOCK BOX Price Range: \$50–\$350	 PORTABLE  THEFT DETERRENT  PROTECTS FROM DAMAGE
	FULL SIZE AND BIOMETRIC GUN SAFES Price Range: \$200–\$2,500	 THEFT DETERRENT  PROTECTS FROM DAMAGE

PLEASE HELP PREVENT ACCIDENTS. STORE FIREARMS RESPONSIBLY.

These are just a few of the storage options available to firearms owners. For the greatest level of security, consider using a combination of safety mechanisms and educate family members about handling firearms properly.

To learn more about firearms safety, visit ProjectChildSafe.org



Project ChildSafe is a program of the National Shooting Sports Foundation



Gun Disassembly

- Disassembled firearms reduce impulsive action
 - Intoxicated individuals
 - Harder access for children
- Media campaigning

