

# 2022-2023 Consolidated Data Report

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# Statutory Requirements

- §115C-12(21): Monitor and compile an annual report on acts of violence in the public schools
- §115C-12(27): Report by March 15 of each year to the Joint Legislative Education Oversight Committee on the numbers of students who have dropped out of school, been subjected to corporal punishment, been suspended, been expelled, been reassigned for disciplinary purposes or been placed in an alternative program

# SBE Strategic Priorities

- Goal 1 – Eliminate opportunity gaps by 2027
- Objective 1 – Decrease the number of exclusionary discipline practices by subgroup
- Objective 4 – Decrease the high school dropout rate for each subgroup

# Center for Safer Schools Duties

- Training & Professional Development
  - Mental Health First Aid
  - RISE Back to School Safety Summit
- Technical Assistance
  - State Emergency Response Application
  - School Risk Management Plan
- Resources
  - School Safety Grants (annual)
  - School Resource Officer Grants (recurring)

# Center for Safer Schools Duties

- **Collect, Analyze & Disseminate**
  - Crime and violence, suspension and expulsion, use of corporal punishment, and reassignments for disciplinary reasons are primary collected through PowerSchool's Incident Management Module and submitted through the State Discipline Report.
  - Data on alternative learning program placements are collected in PowerSchool through Special Program Enrollment and submitted through the State Alternative Learning Program Report.
  - Dropout Data are collected from student enrollment records and submitted through the State Dropout Data Collection Report.
- **Collaborate & Coordinate**
  - Data consolidation and verification procedures were handled by NCDPI.
  - The Center for Safer Schools and the Office of Data, Reporting and Privacy authored the General Findings and compiled the report.

# About the Numbers

- Beginning in early 2021, Center for Safer Schools worked diligently to improve consistencies in incident reporting across public-school units.
- This meant:
  - Creating guidance and standard definitions for system codes
  - Producing 15+ hours of recorded videos to walk PSUs through how to enter data; common mistakes when reporting data; and best practices to avoid under- and over-reporting
  - Offering clear explanations and logic behind required reporting
  - Thoroughly checking data to ensure accuracy during manual entry

# What Has Been Done

- Center for Safer Schools held trainings for PSU staff on how to properly report incidents.
  - Sessions held at RISE Back to School Safety Summit and the SIS Conference
  - Trainings differentiated for administrators, data managers and data coordinators
  - Created a Canvas Course to house documentation and videos to outline best practices
- Expansion of Discipline Manual to serve as a more thorough reporting resource to PSUs
  - Now double the size it was prior to 2021
- As a result, PSUs are more aware of the proper reporting procedures

# What CFSS Is Doing

- Increased access to anonymous reporting
  - Say Something Anonymous Reporting System
- Threat assessment
  - House Bill 605 mandates threat assessment teams in all North Carolina schools starting in the 2024-25 school year
- Student engagement
  - Educating Kids About Gun and Gang Violence (EKG<sup>2</sup>), SHINE/SEED, SAVE Promise Clubs



# What CFSS Is Doing

- **Multidisciplinary Team**
  - Supports CFSS initiatives by including subject matter experts to assist in identifying, developing or enhancing programs to meet our legislative requirements.
  - MDT and Parent Engagement Committee will help PSUs identify best practices
- **Parent Engagement Committee**
  - Composed of 24 parents – 3 from each of our 8 regions (2 from districts, one from charters per region)
  - Focuses on school safety but complements superintendent's Parent Advisory Commission (some are members of both)
- **Discipline survey**
  - Will be sent to PSUs this summer

# Consolidated Data Report

1. Annual Report of School Crime & Violence
2. Annual Report of Suspensions & Expulsions
3. Annual Report on the Use of Corporal Punishment
4. Annual Report on Reassignments for Disciplinary Reasons
5. Annual Report on Alternative Learning Placements
6. Annual Report on Dropout Rates

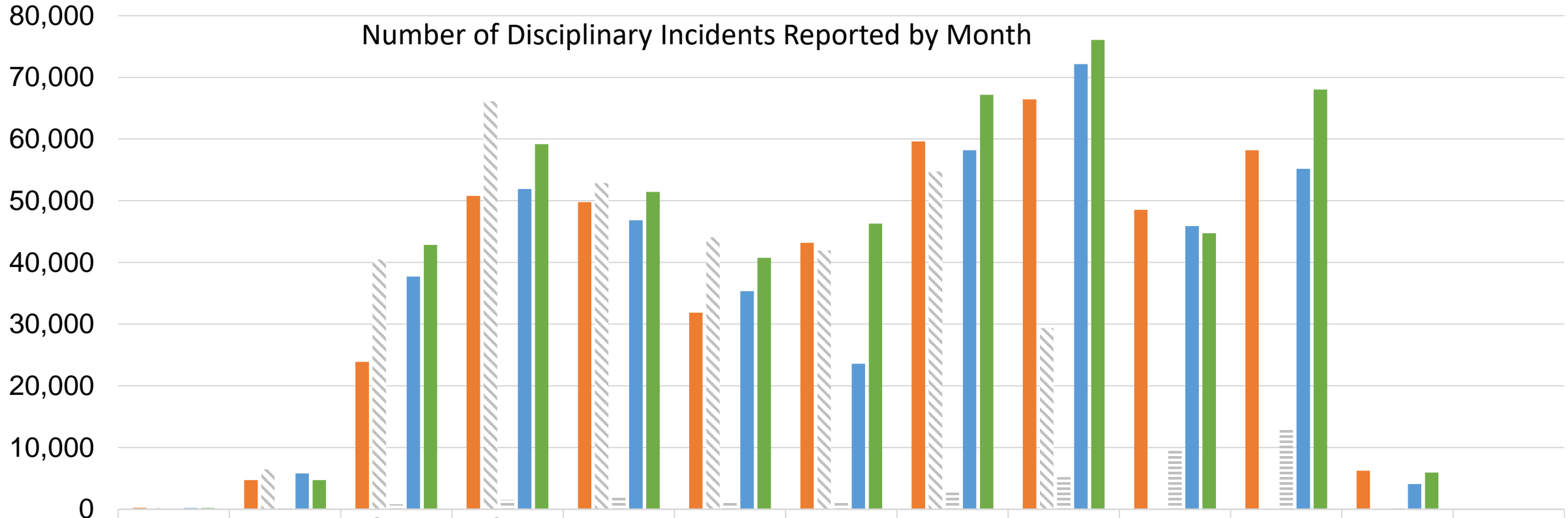
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## *Changes and Updates*

1. Included Students without Disabilities as a subgroup

# Introduction: Cautions and Limitations

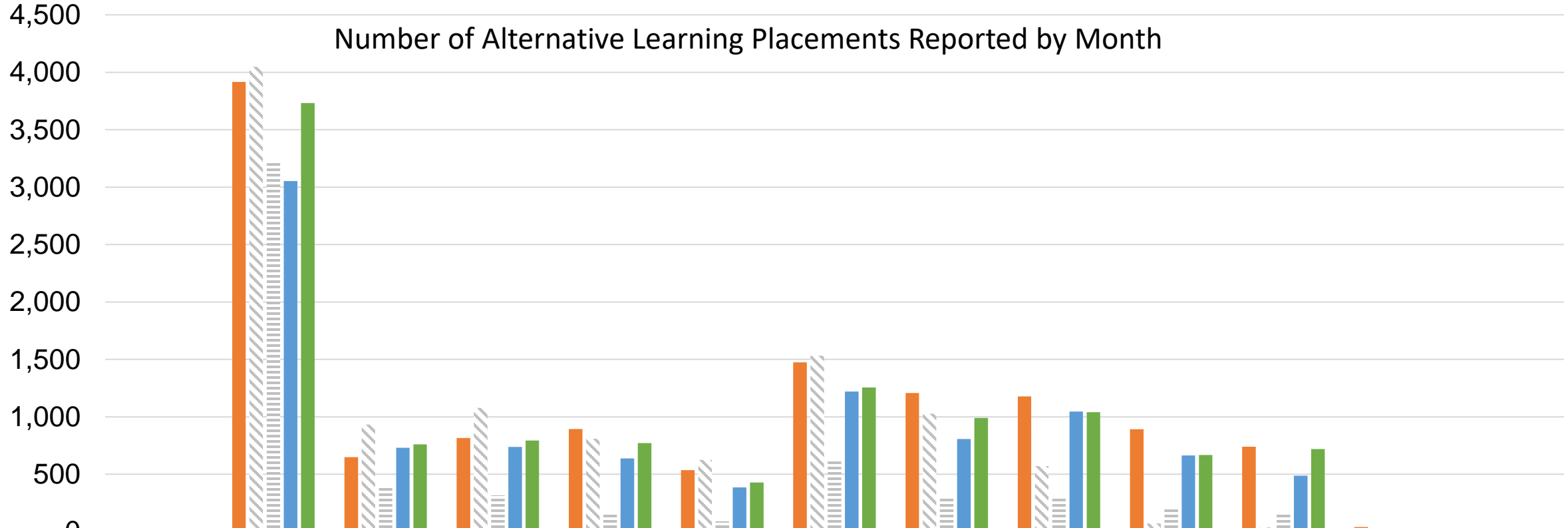
Number of Disciplinary Incidents Reported by Month



	Jul	Aug	Sept	Oct	Nov	Dec	Jan	Feb	Mar	Apr	May	Jun	Total
■ 2018-19	212	4,702	23,880	50,793	49,771	31,874	43,192	59,609	66,440	48,513	58,184	6,249	443,419
▨ 2019-20*	181	6,463	40,472	66,135	52,865	44,062	41,933	54,741	29,348	24	32	37	336,293
≡ 2020-21*	5	216	795	1,499	2,088	1,352	1,270	2,725	5,189	9,785	12,951	567	38,442
■ 2021-22	173	5,814	37,711	51,915	46,832	35,328	23,577	58,199	72,151	45,890	55,166	4,062	436,818
■ 2022-23	176	4,704	42,855	59,180	51,437	40,764	46,287	67,177	76,077	44,732	68,034	5,926	507,349

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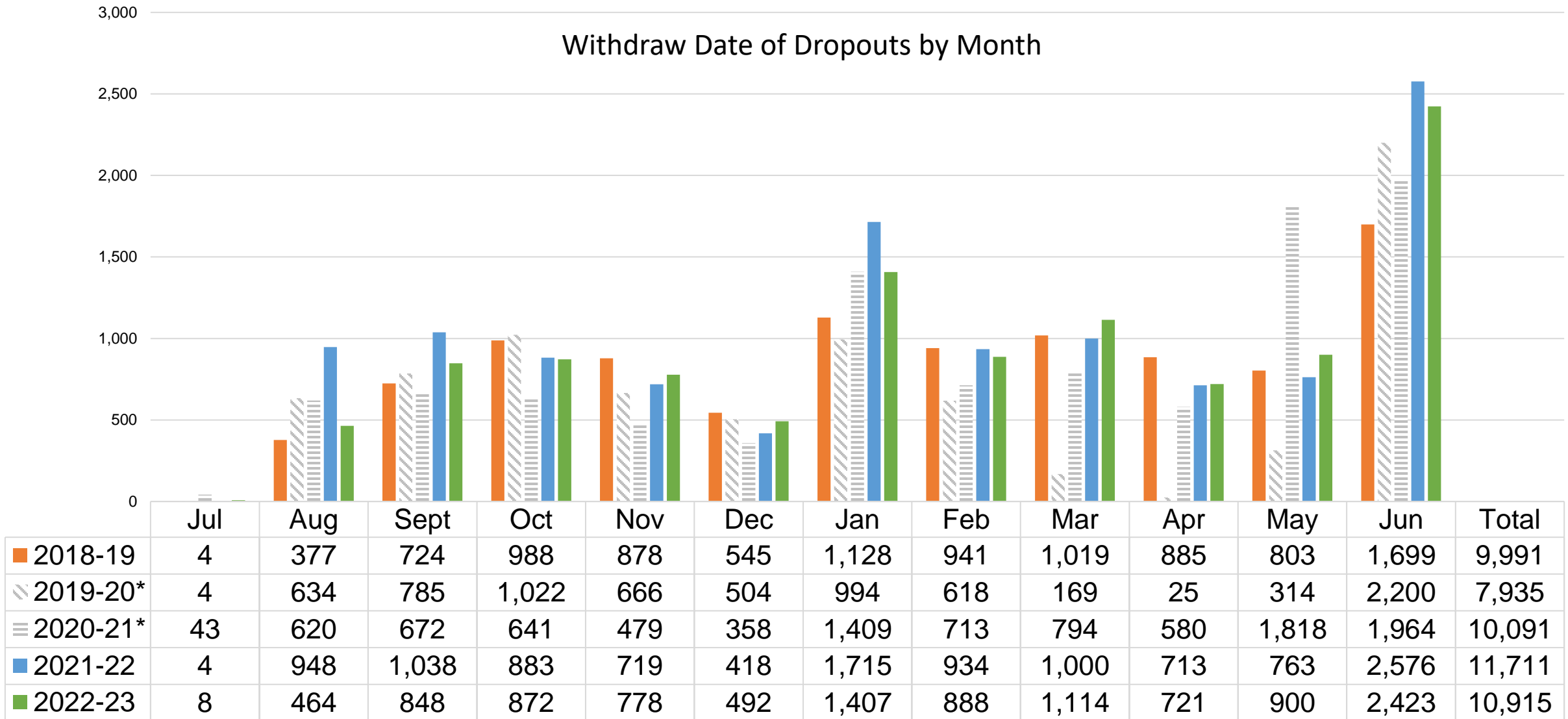
Number of Alternative Learning Placements Reported by Month



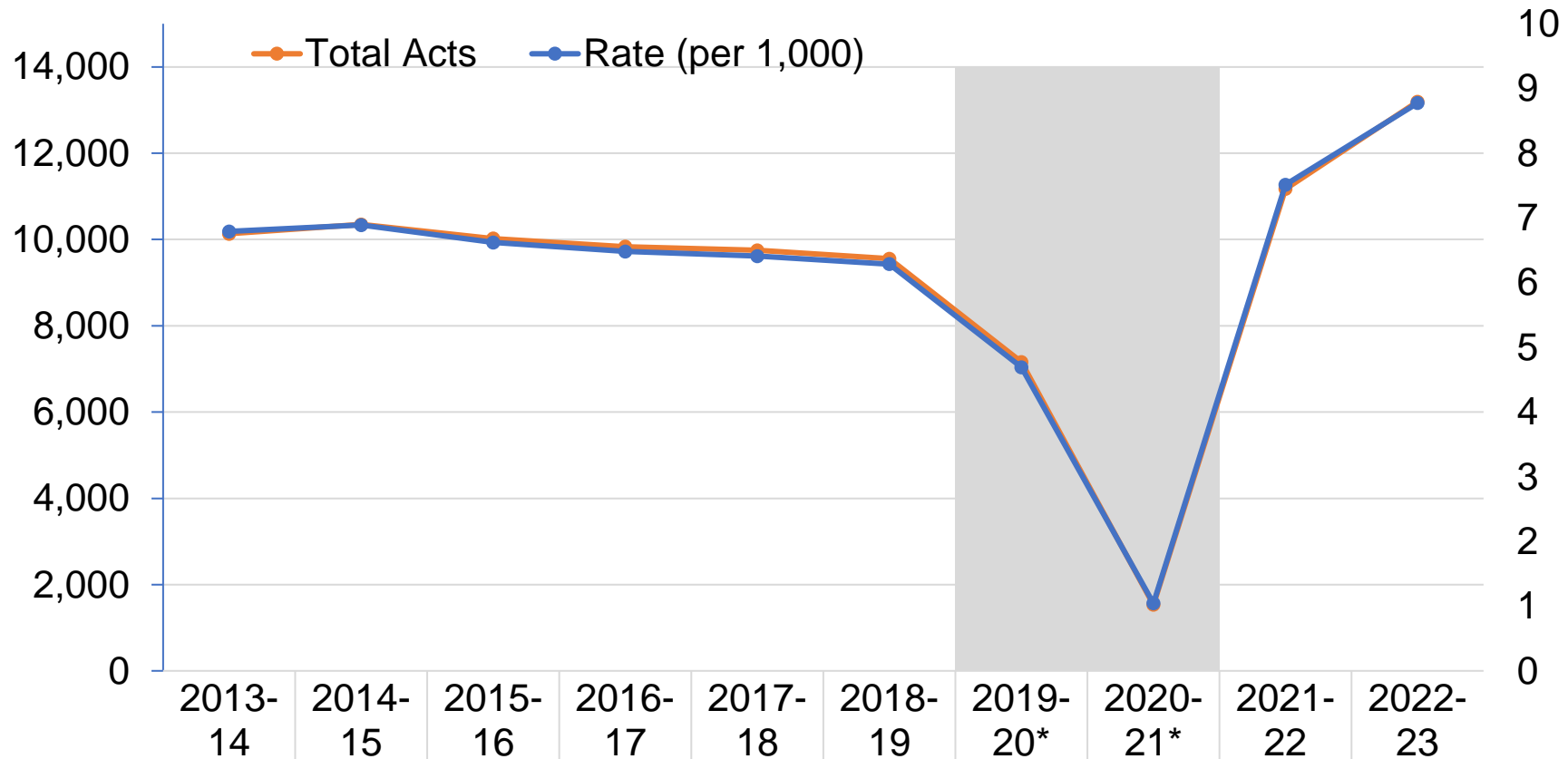
	Jul	Aug	Sept	Oct	Nov	Dec	Jan	Feb	Mar	Apr	May	Jun	Total
■ 2018-19	25	3,916	648	816	893	536	1,474	1,207	1,178	891	740	40	12,364
▨ 2019-20*	28	4,049	932	1,077	808	625	1,531	1,028	570	71	37	1	10,757
≡ 2020-21*	2	3,211	392	317	167	90	630	287	288	210	167	4	5,765
■ 2021-22	0	3,053	731	738	638	386	1,221	807	1,045	664	487	18	9,788
■ 2022-23	1	3,732	760	794	772	427	1,255	990	1,040	668	720	25	11,184

# Introduction: Cautions and Limitations (cont.)

Withdraw Date of Dropouts by Month



# 1. Annual Report of School Crime & Violence



Total Acts	10,132	10,347	10,020	9,834	9,747	9,554	7,158	1,535	11,170	13,193
Rate (per 1,000)	6.79	6.89	6.62	6.48	6.41	6.29	4.69	1.04	7.51	8.77

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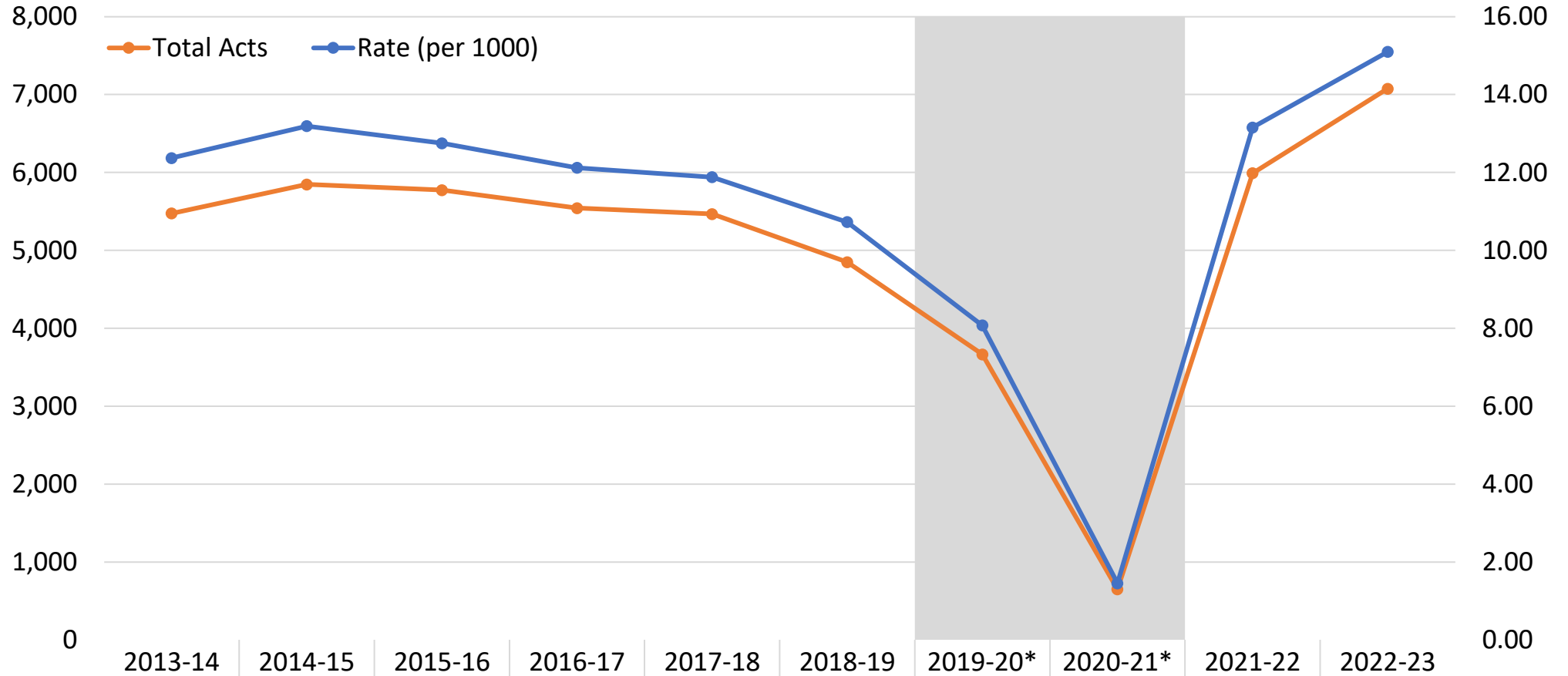
Reportable Acts of Crime	Numbe
	2022-23
Possession of a Controlled Substance in Violation of Law (For a Minor)	7,125
Possession of a Weapon (Not a Firearm)	3,171
Assault on School Personnel	1,482
Possession of Alcoholic Beverage	720
Possession of a Firearm or Powerful Explosive	199
Assault Resulting in Serious Injury	134
Sexual Offense	104
Bomb Threat	88
Sexual Assault not including Rape or Sexual Offense	79
Assault Involving Use of a Weapon	65
Burning of a School Building	17
Robbery with a Dangerous Weapon	7
Death By Other Than Natural Causes	1
Taking Indecent Liberties with a Minor	1
Kidnapping	0
Rape	0
<b>Total Acts</b>	<b>13,193</b>



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Reportable Acts of Crime	Number of Acts		
	2018-19	2021-22	2022-23
Possession of a Controlled Substance in Violation of Law (For a Minor)	4,604	5,250	7,125
Possession of a Weapon (Not a Firearm)	2,053	3,292	3,171
Assault on School Personnel	1,495	1,374	1,482
Possession of Alcoholic Beverage	885	748	720
Possession of a Firearm or Powerful Explosive	124	161	199
Assault Resulting in Serious Injury	75	64	134
Sexual Offense	86	72	104
Bomb Threat	33	52	88
Sexual Assault not including Rape or Sexual Offense	139	78	79
Assault Involving Use of a Weapon	41	62	65
Burning of a School Building	12	12	17
Robbery with a Dangerous Weapon	1	3	7
Death By Other Than Natural Causes	0	1	1
Taking Indecent Liberties with a Minor	0	0	1
Kidnapping	3	1	0
Rape	3	0	0
<b>Total Acts</b>	<b>9,554</b>	<b>11,170</b>	<b>13,193</b>

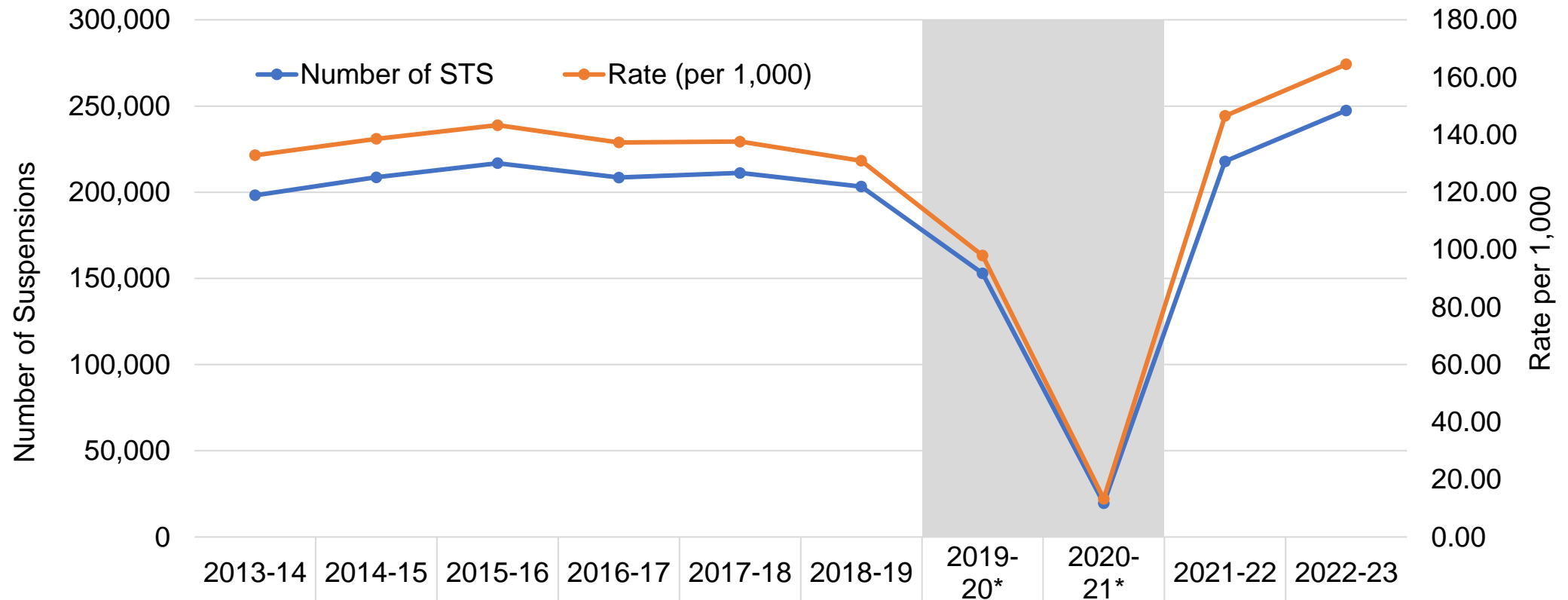
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Total Acts	5,475	5,847	5,774	5,543	5,466	4,850	3,665	650	5,991	7,075
Rate (per 1000)	12.37	13.19	12.75	12.12	11.88	10.73	8.08	1.46	13.16	15.10

# 2. Annual Report of Suspensions & Expulsions

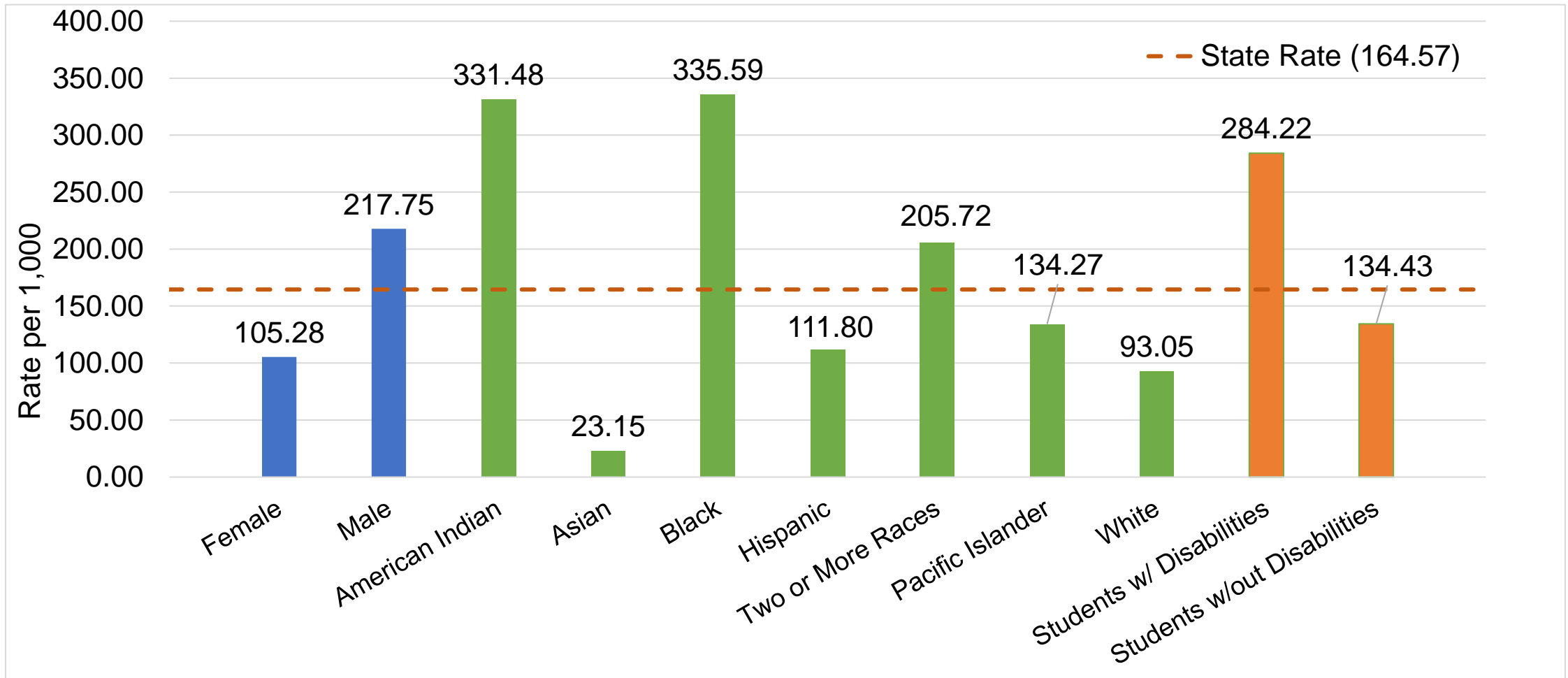
## Short-Term Suspensions



	2013-14	2014-15	2015-16	2016-17	2017-18	2018-19	2019-20*	2020-21*	2021-22	2022-23
Number of STS	198,254	208,650	216,895	208,539	211,228	203,298	152,873	19,482	217,928	247,454
Rate (per 1,000)	132.89	138.60	143.35	137.34	137.62	130.95	97.97	13.26	146.57	164.57

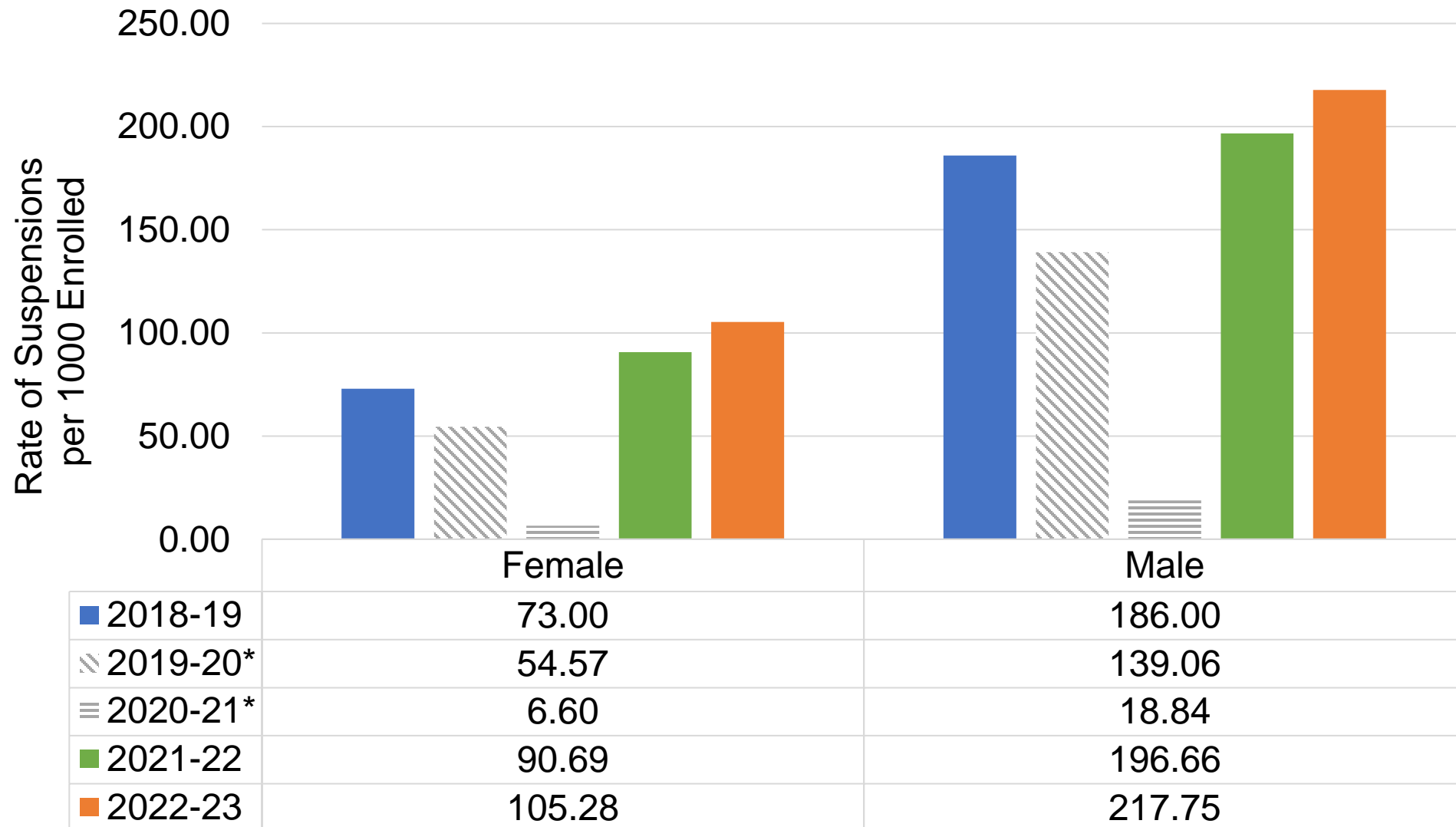
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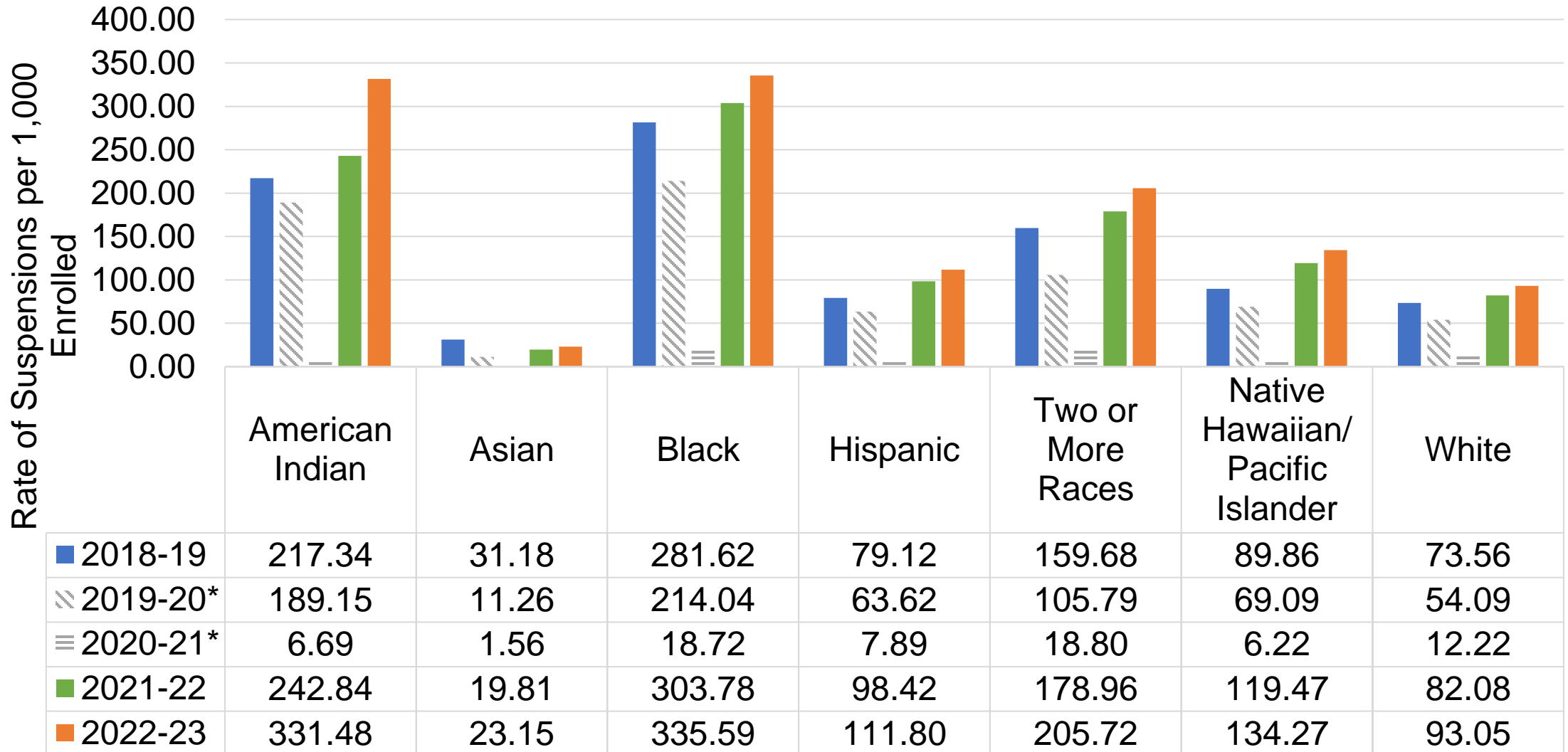
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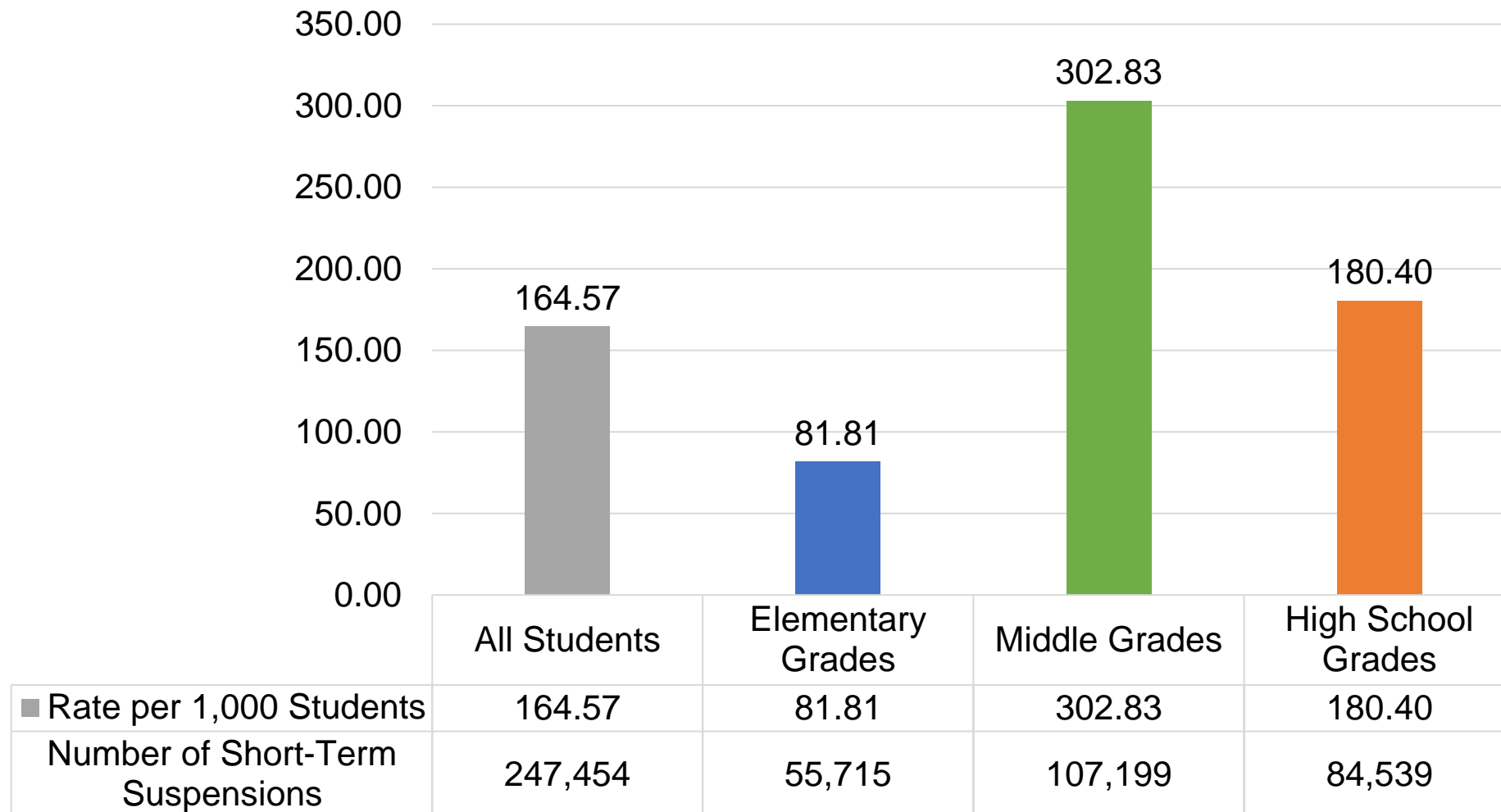
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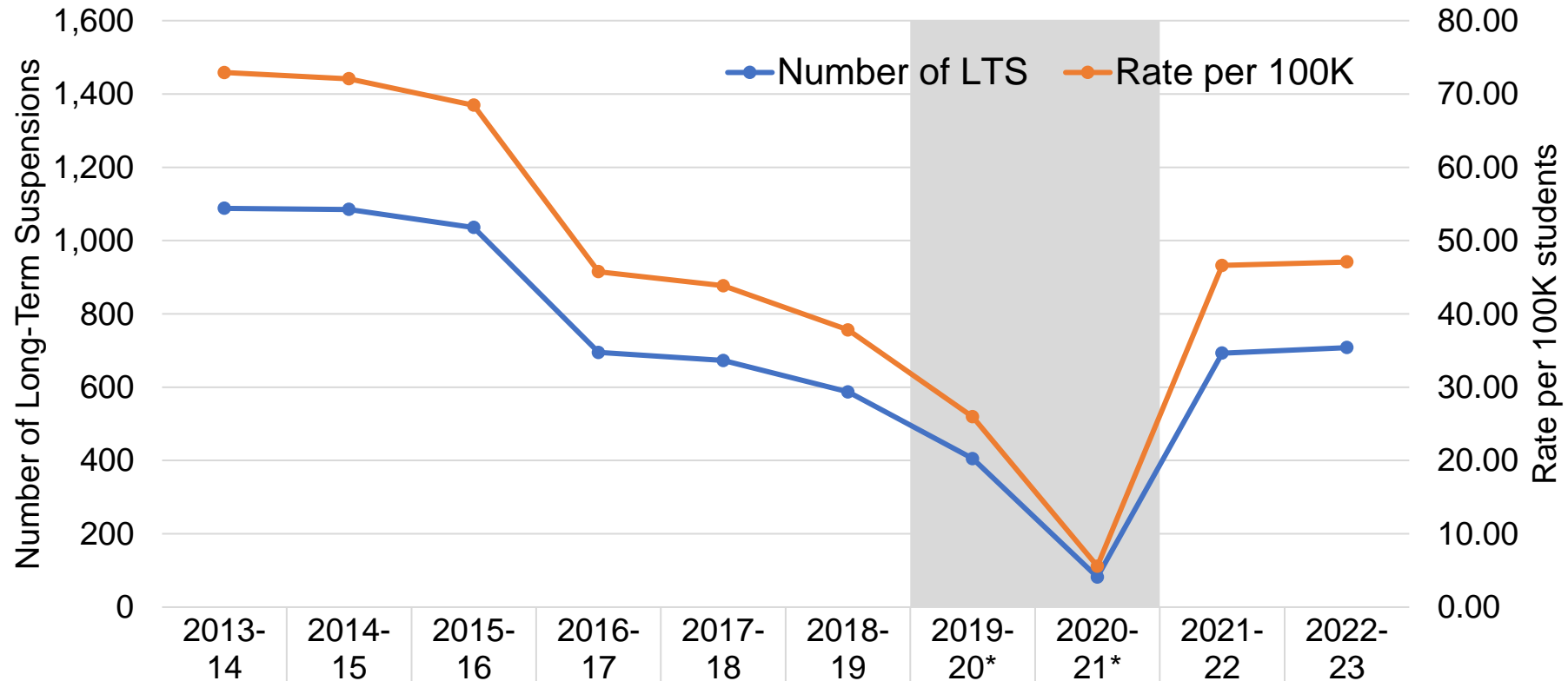
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## Long-term Suspensions

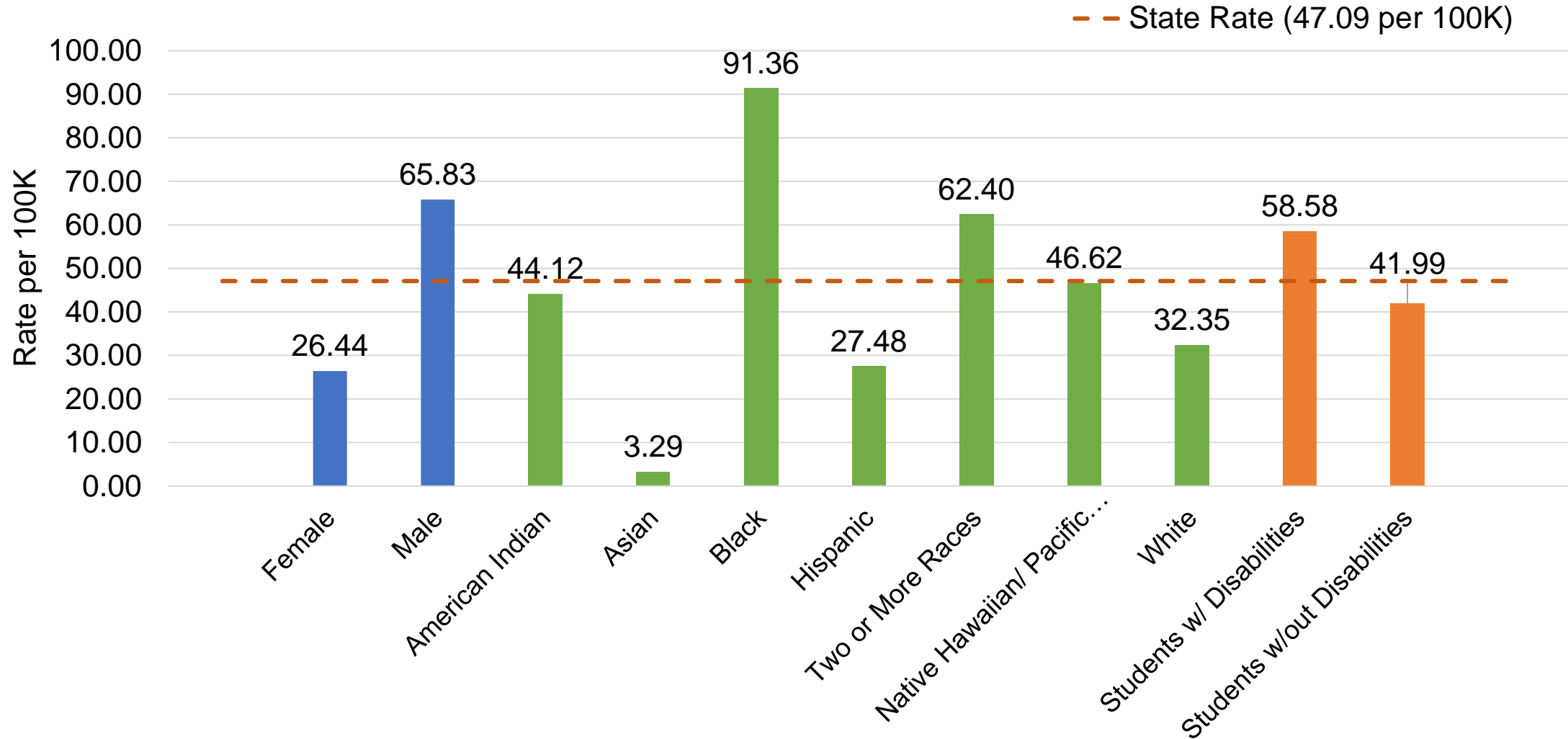


Number of LTS	1,088	1,085	1,036	695	673	587	405	82	693	708
Rate per 100K	72.93	72.08	68.47	45.77	43.85	37.81	25.96	5.58	46.61	47.09



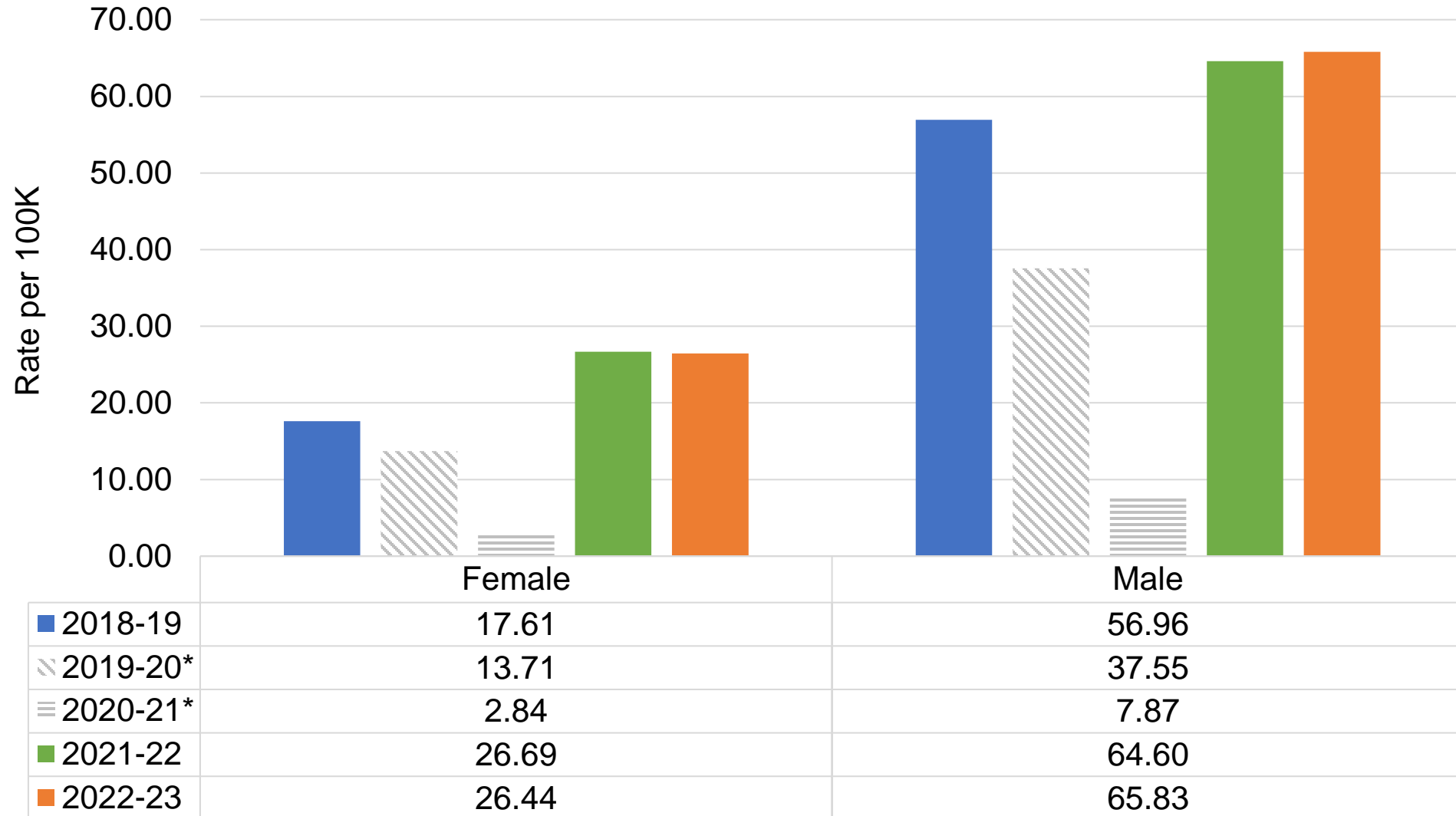
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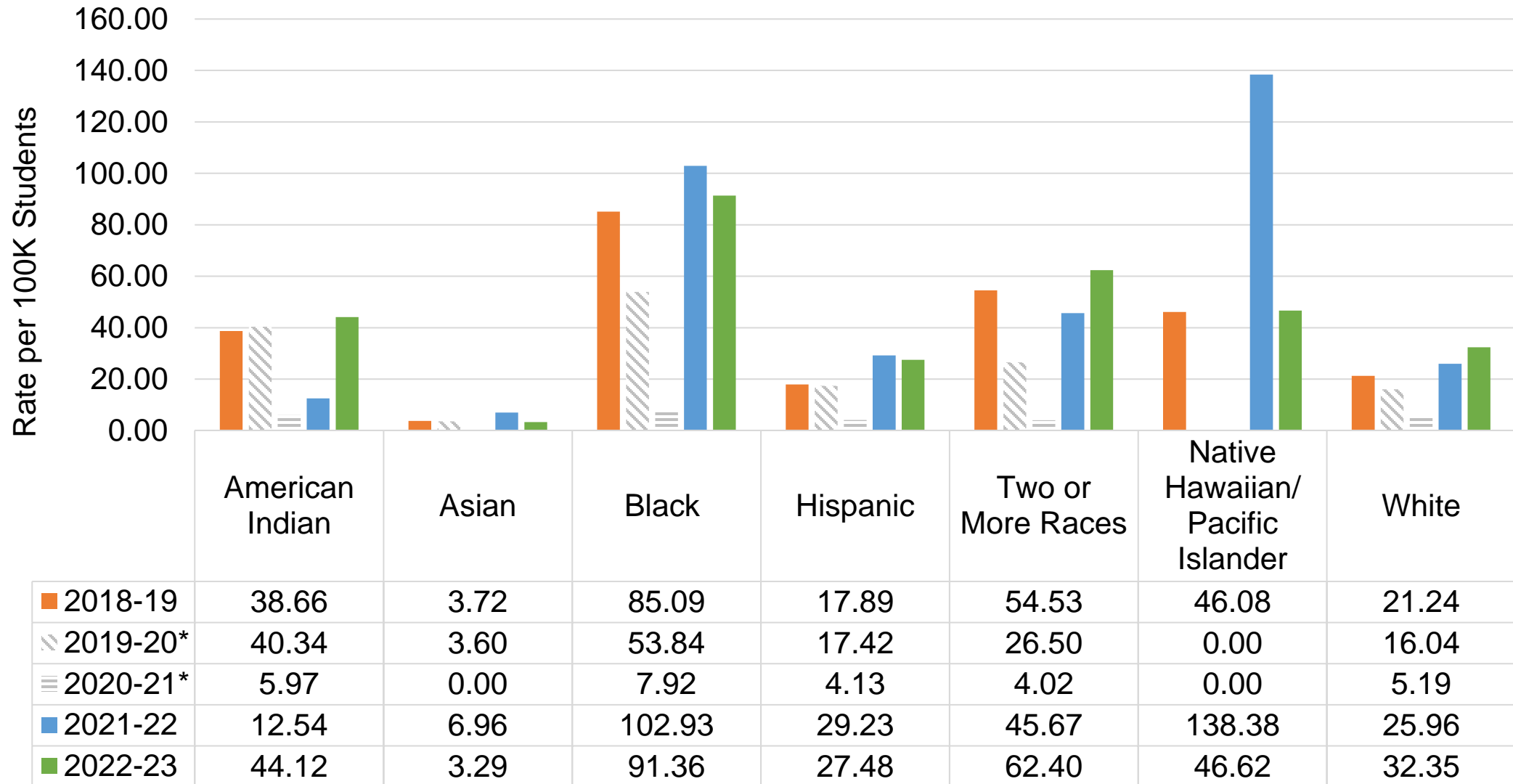
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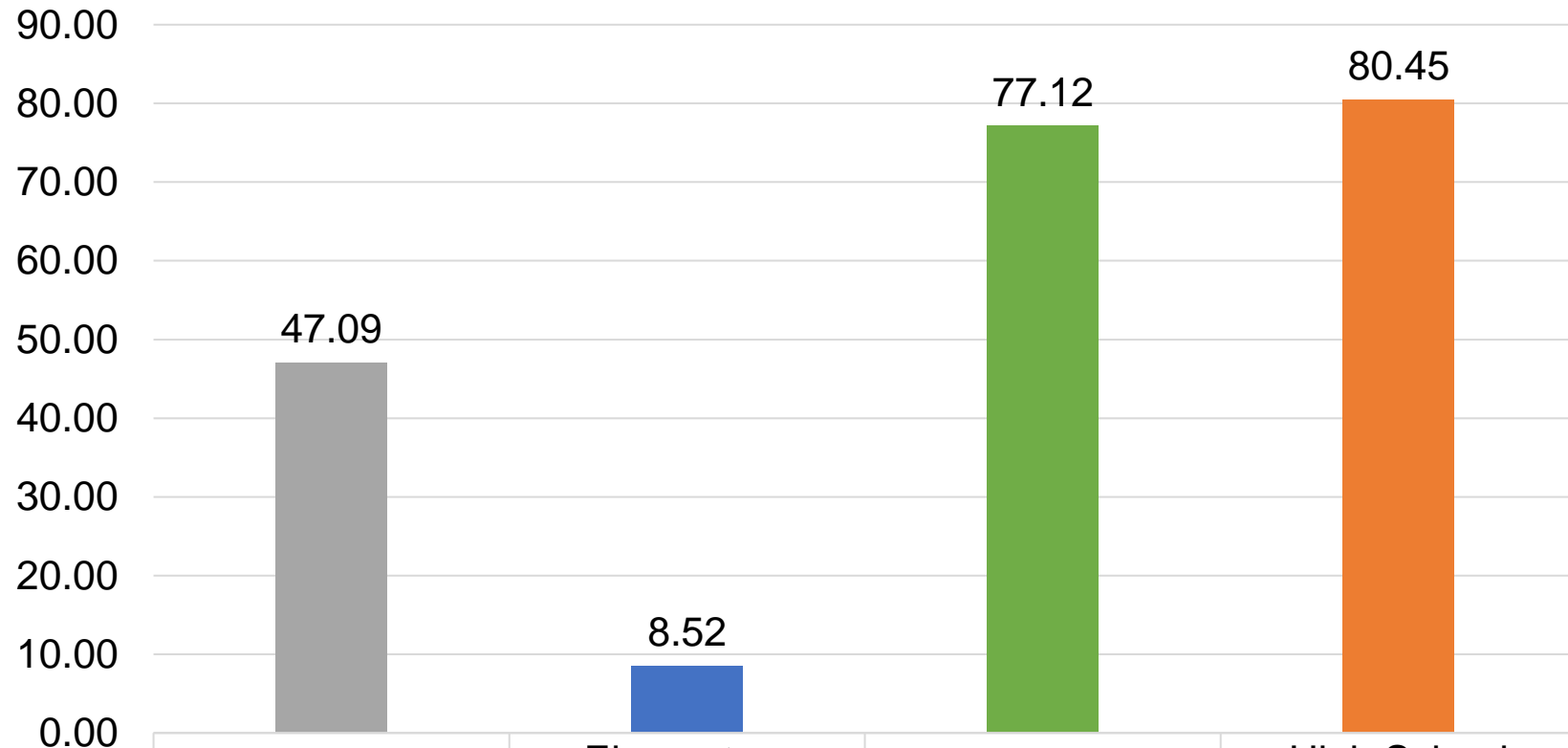
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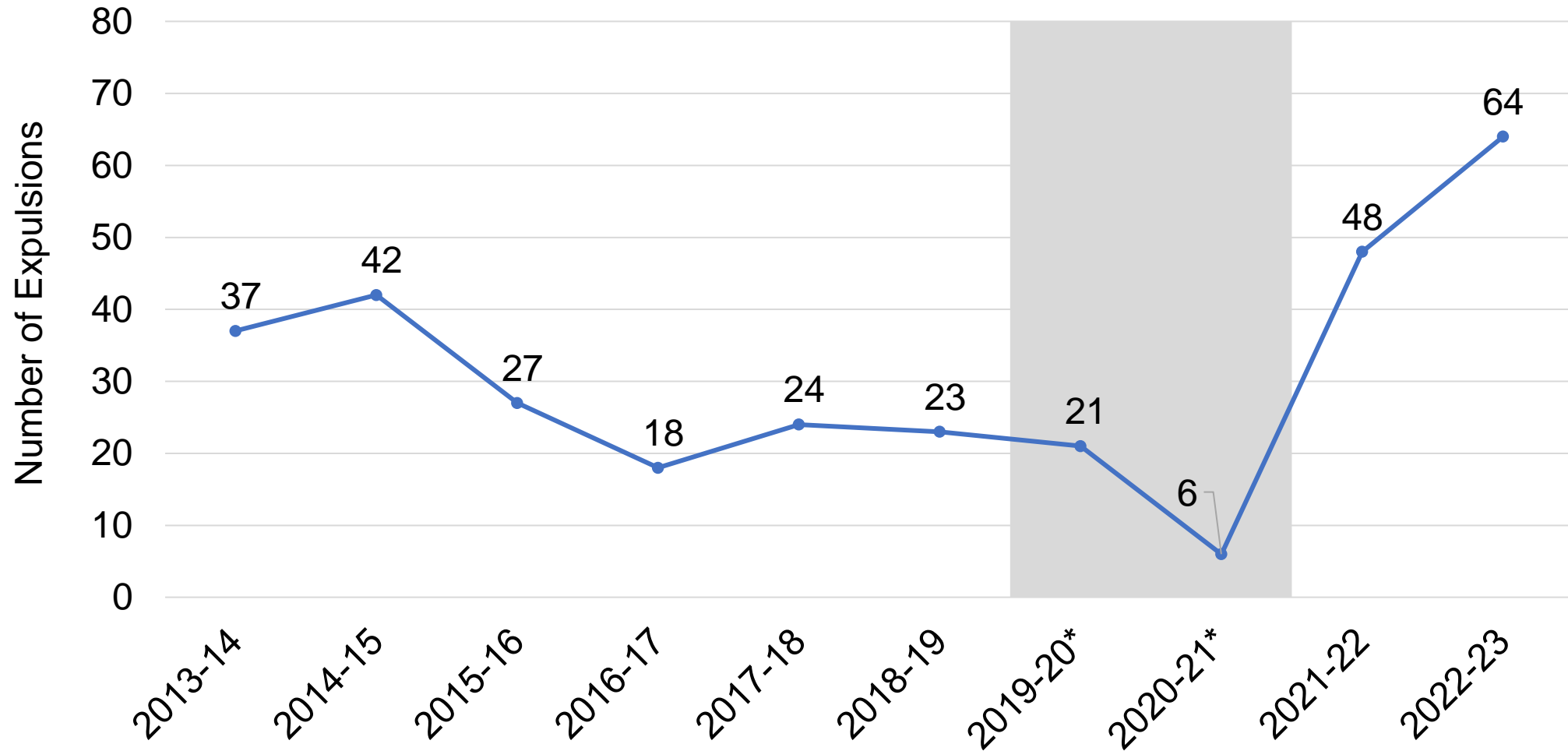
### *Long-term Suspensions (cont.)*



	All Students	Elementary Grades	Middle Grades	High School Grades
Rate per 100K Students	47.09	8.52	77.12	80.45
Number of Long-Term Suspensions	708	58	273	377

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## *Expulsions*

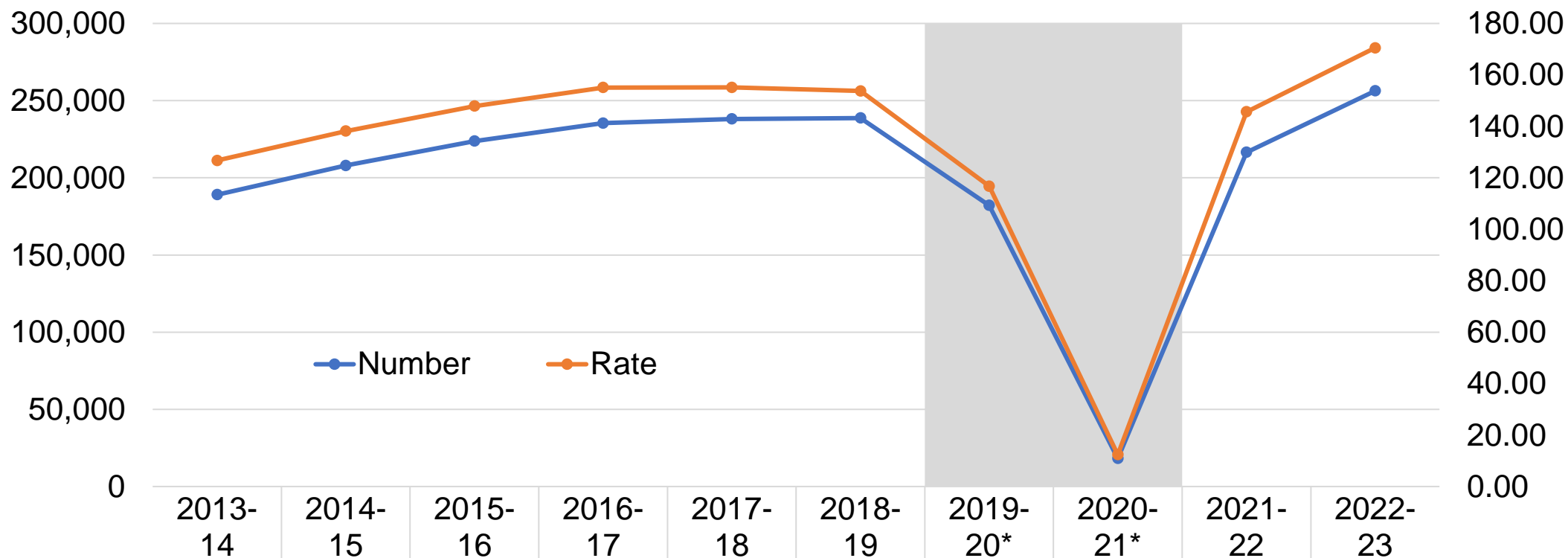


# 3. Annual Report on Use of Corporal Punishment

## *Uses of Corporal Punishment*

- In 2022-2023, for the fifth consecutive academic year, zero uses of corporal punishment were reported across the state.

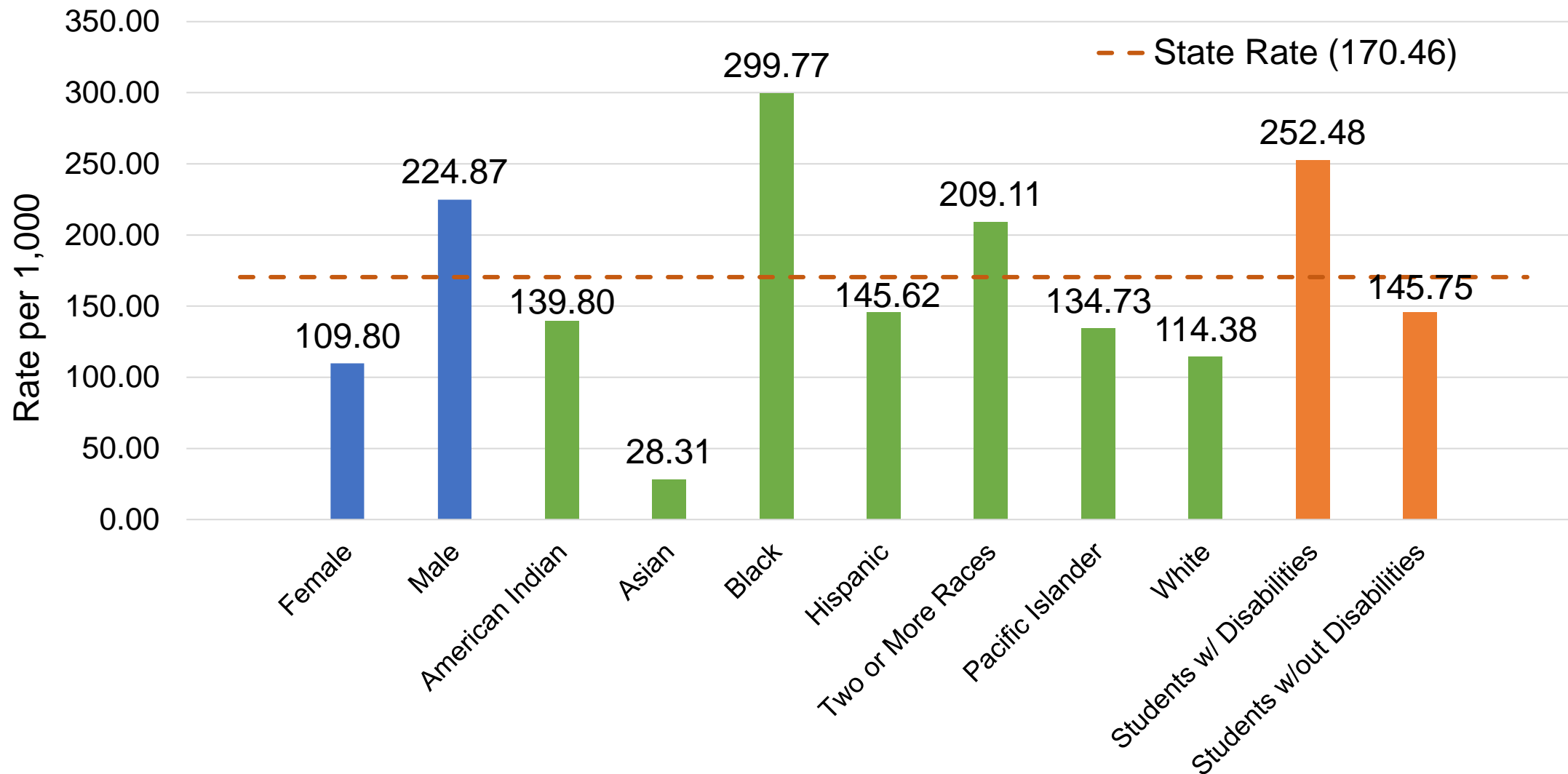
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Number	189,063	207,944	223,729	235,442	238,115	238,697	182,133	18,217	216,530	256,314
Rate	126.73	138.14	147.87	155.05	155.14	153.75	116.73	12.40	145.63	170.46

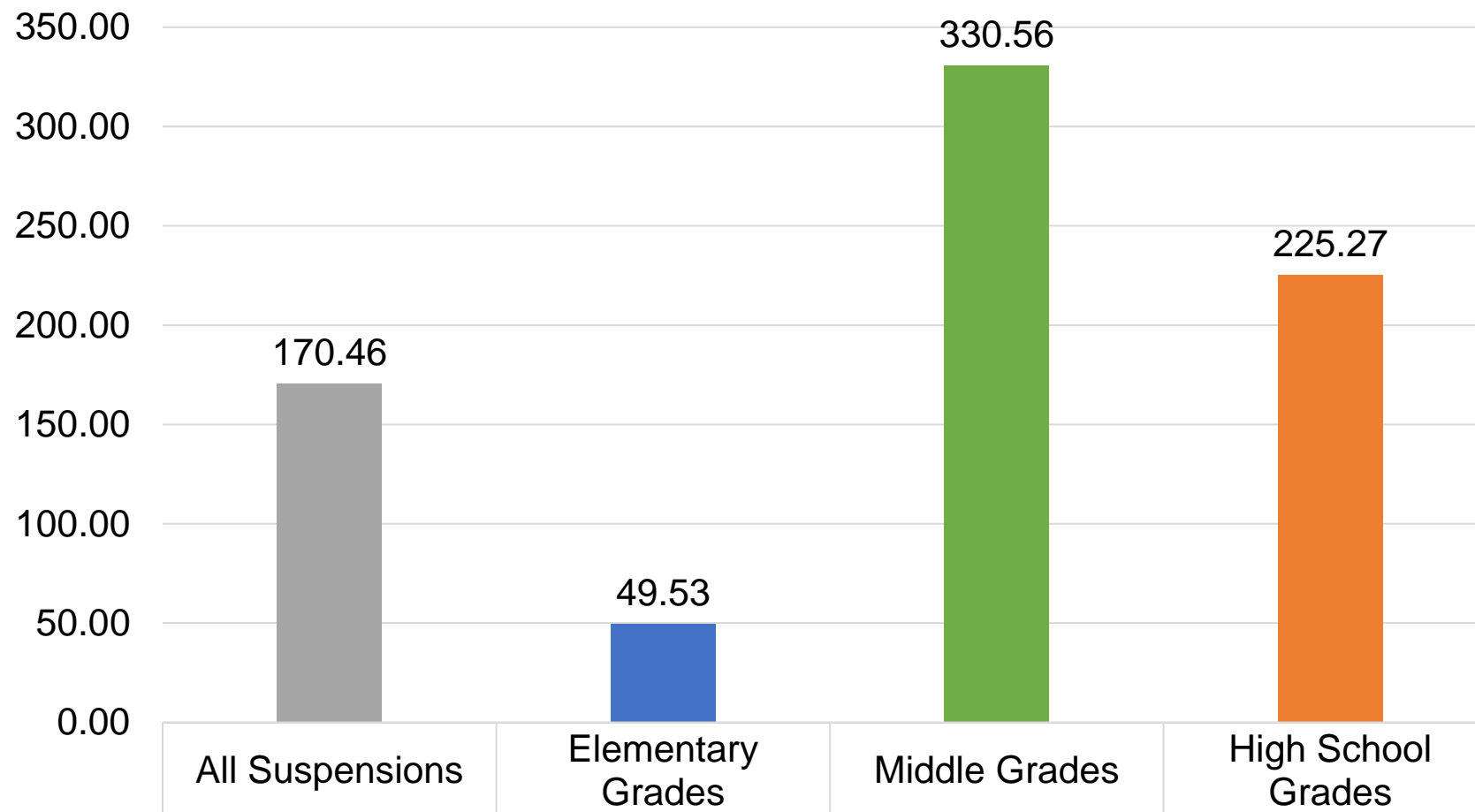
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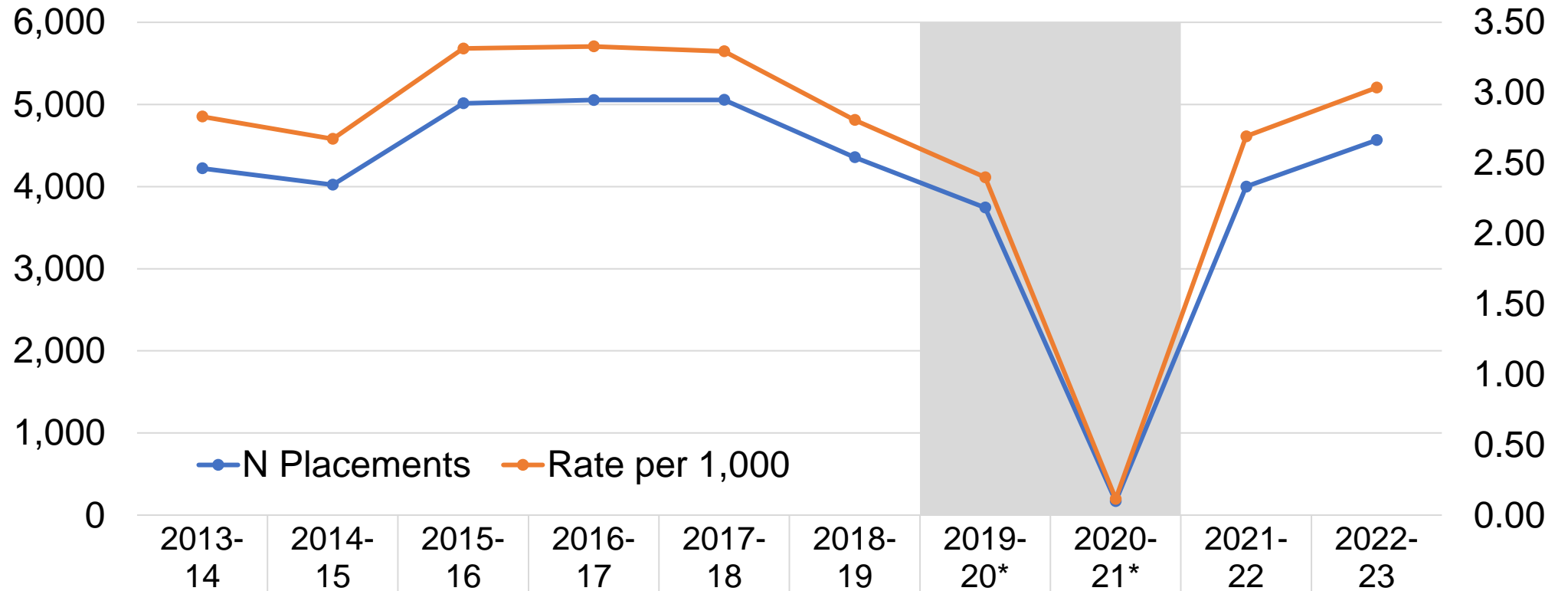
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Rate per 1,000 Students	170.46	49.53	330.56	225.27
Number of In-School Suspensions	256,314	33,734	117,016	105,564

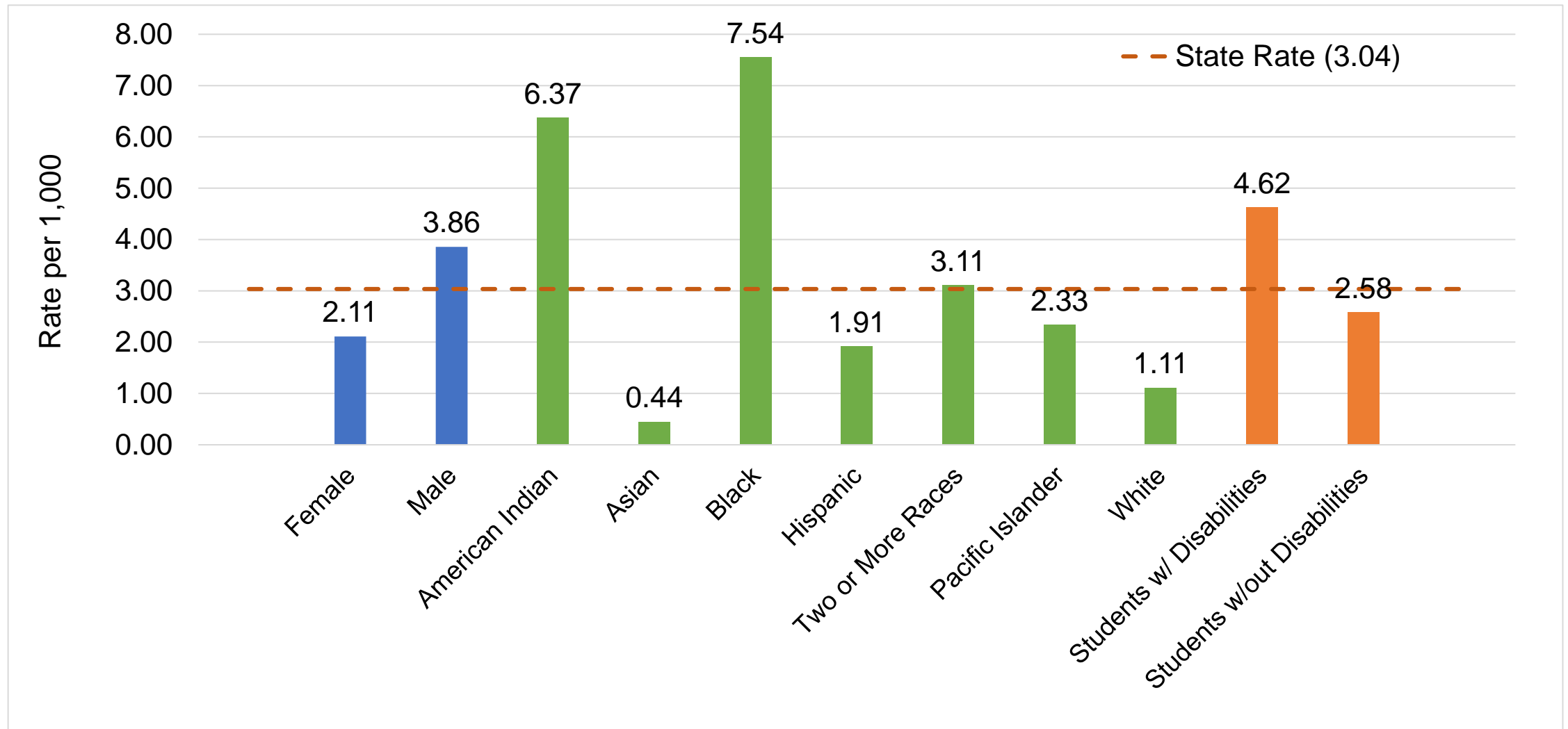
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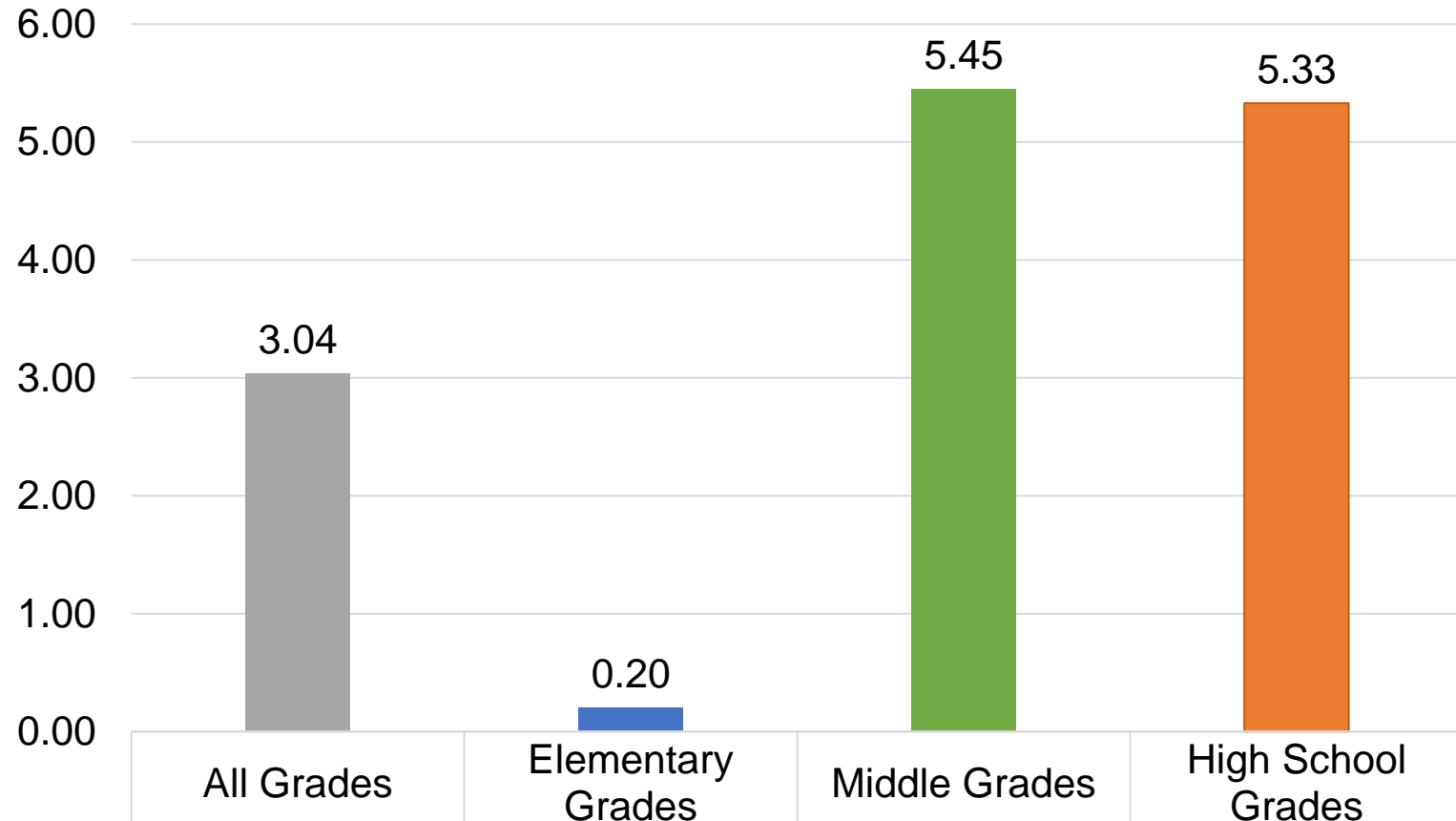


N Placements	4,223	4,023	5,014	5,054	5,056	4,357	3,744	170	4,000	4,566
Rate per 1,000	2.83	2.67	3.31	3.33	3.29	2.81	2.40	0.12	2.69	3.04

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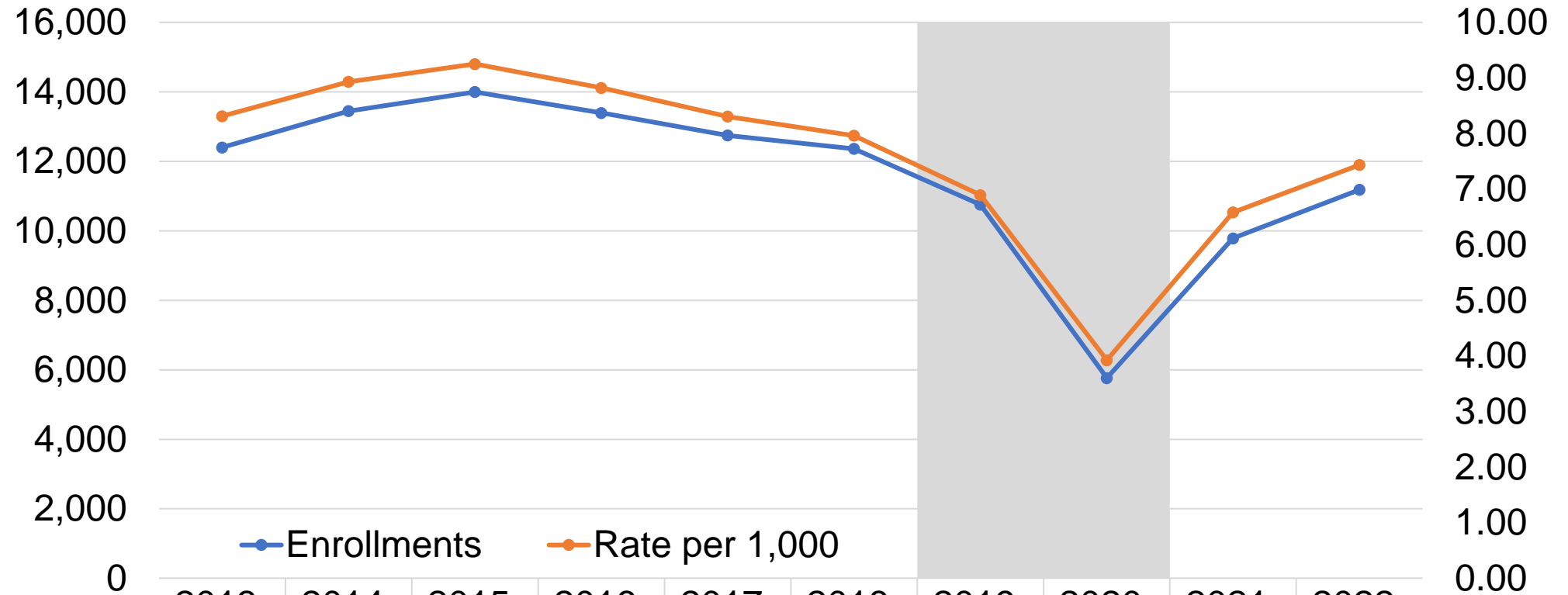


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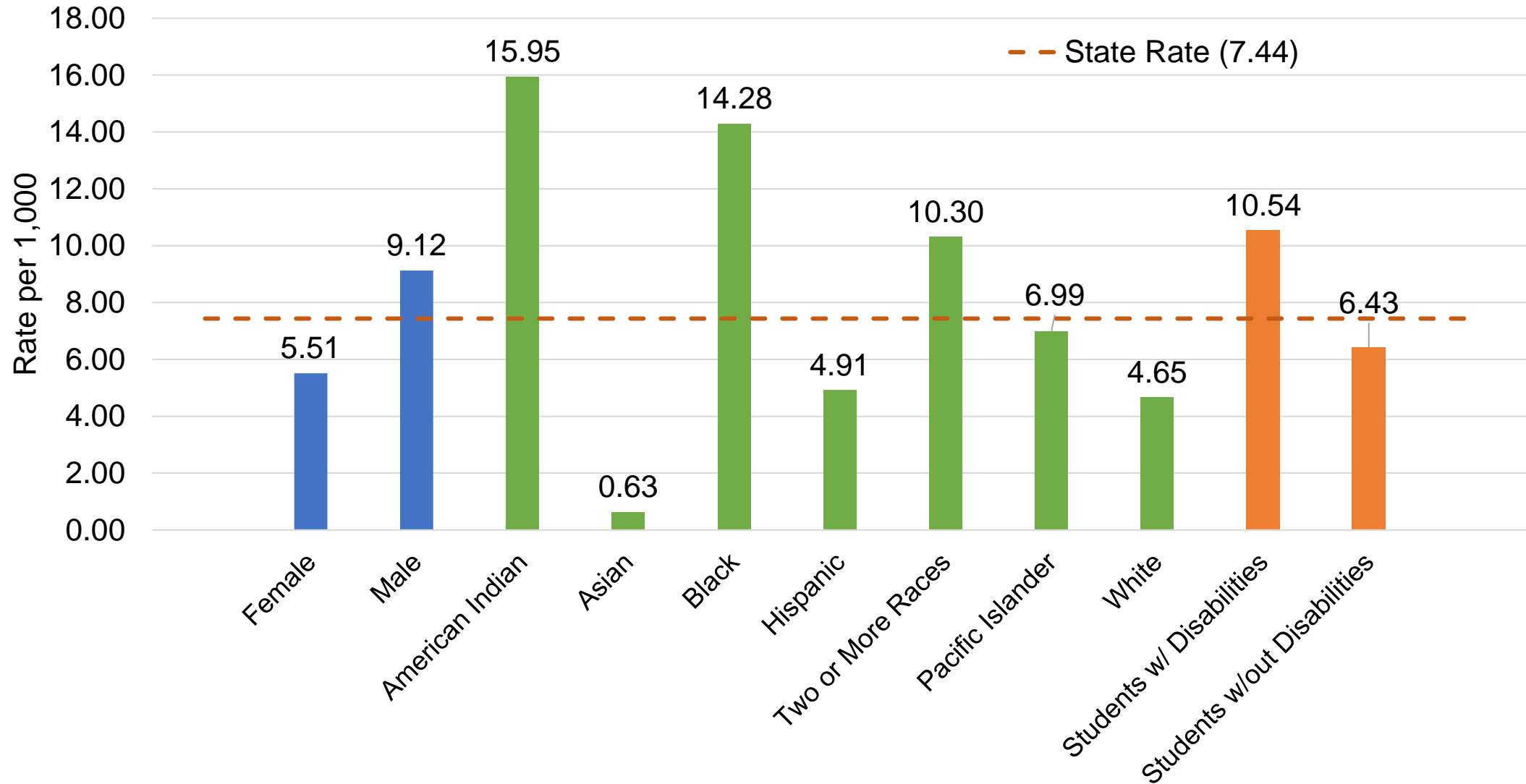
■ Rate per 1,000 Students	3.04	0.20	5.45	5.33
Number of ALPS Assignments	4,566	139	1,930	2,497

# 5. Annual Report on Alternative Learning Program and School Placements

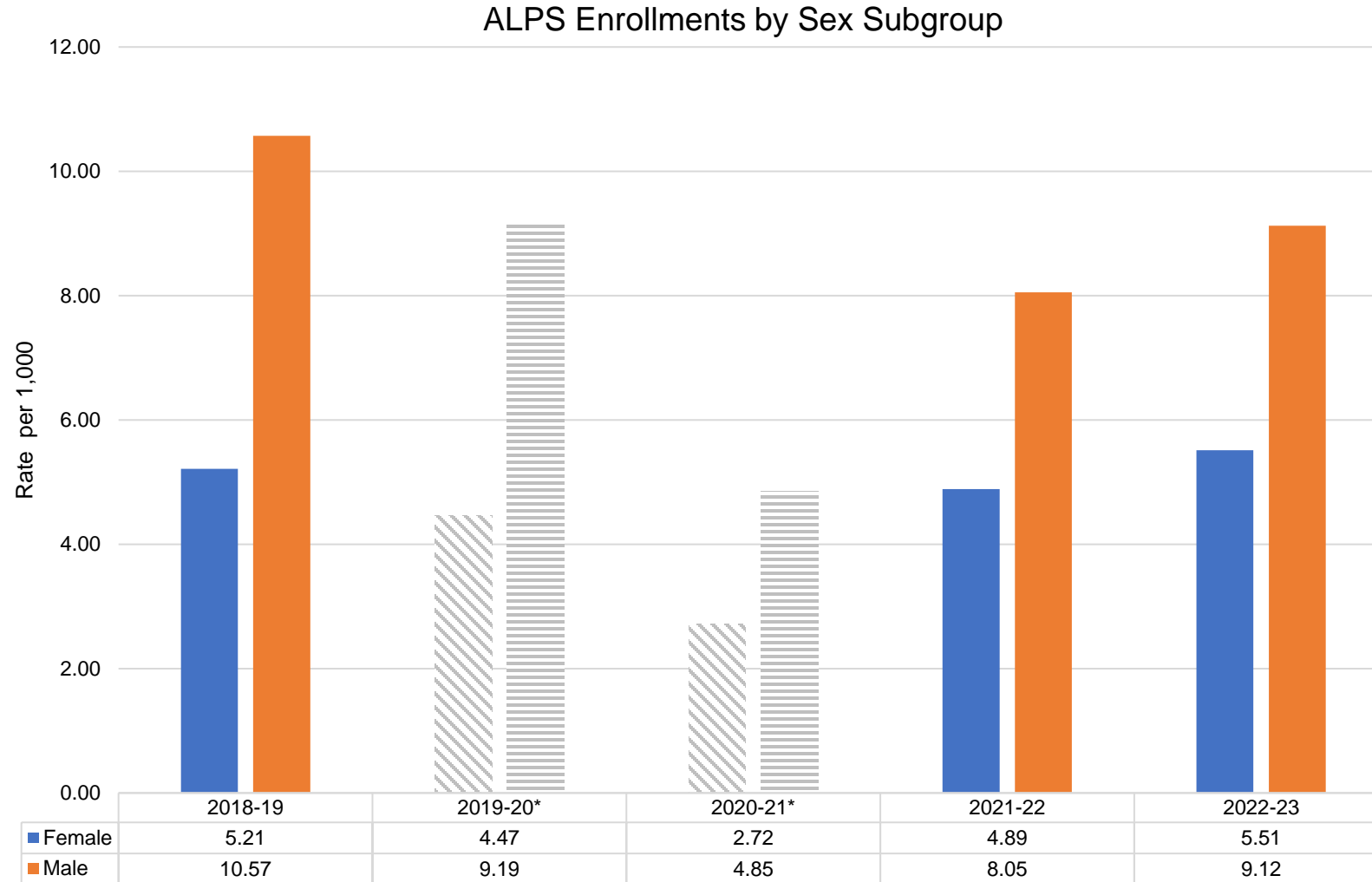


	2013-14	2014-15	2015-16	2016-17	2017-18	2018-19	2019-20*	2020-21*	2021-22	2022-23
Enrollments	12,403	13,448	14,000	13,397	12,750	12,364	10,757	5,765	9,788	11,184
Rate per 1,000	8.31	8.93	9.25	8.82	8.31	7.96	6.89	3.92	6.58	7.44

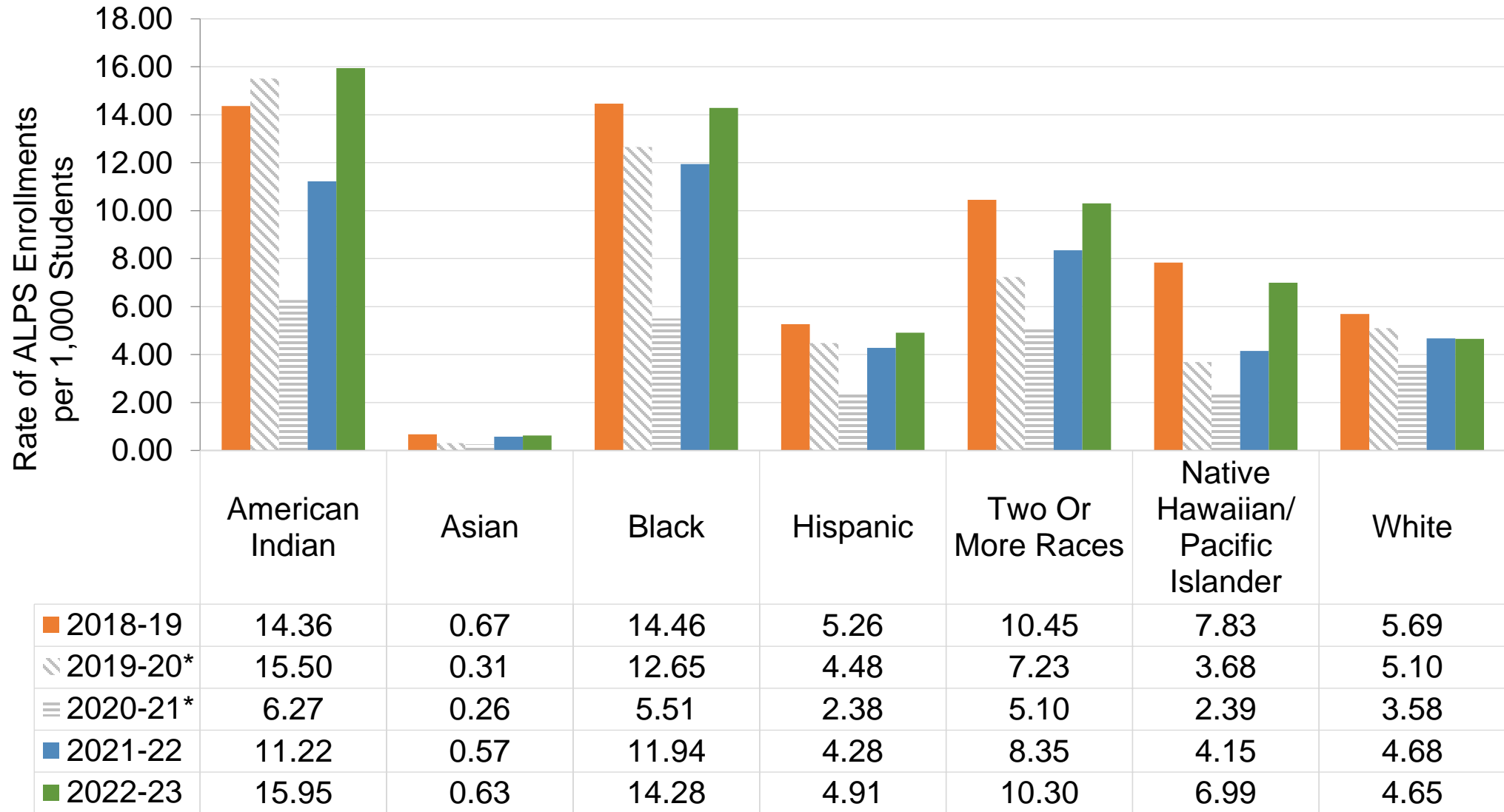
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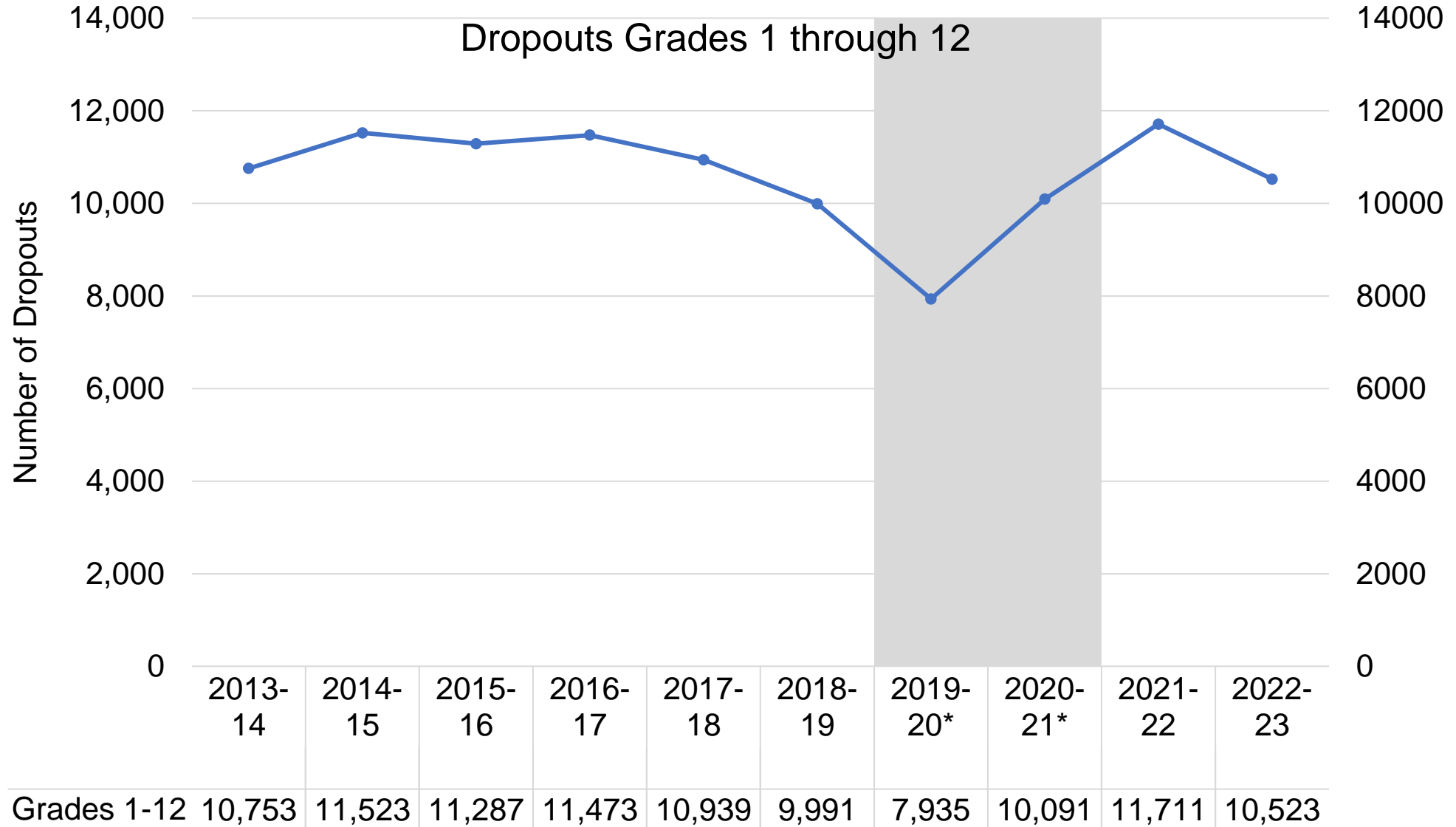


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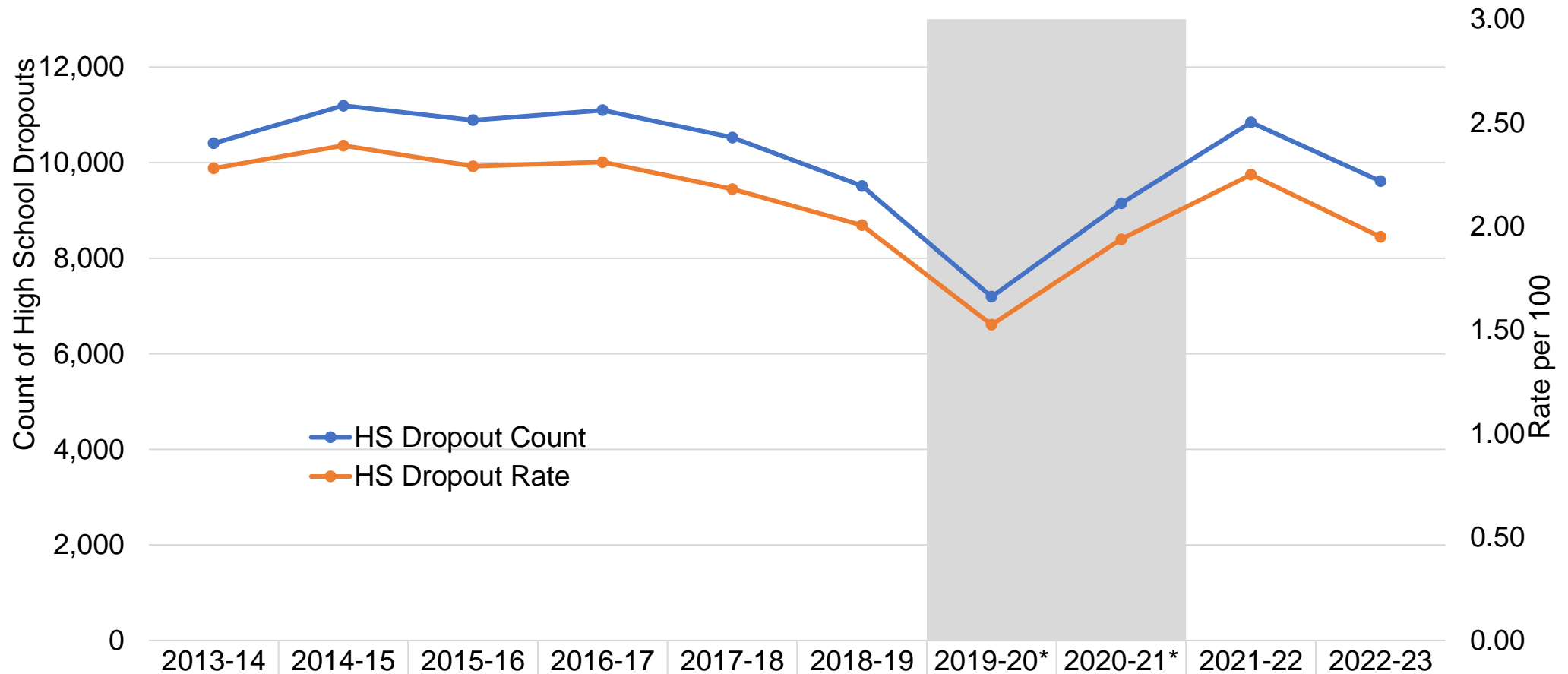




# 6. Annual Report on Dropout Rates

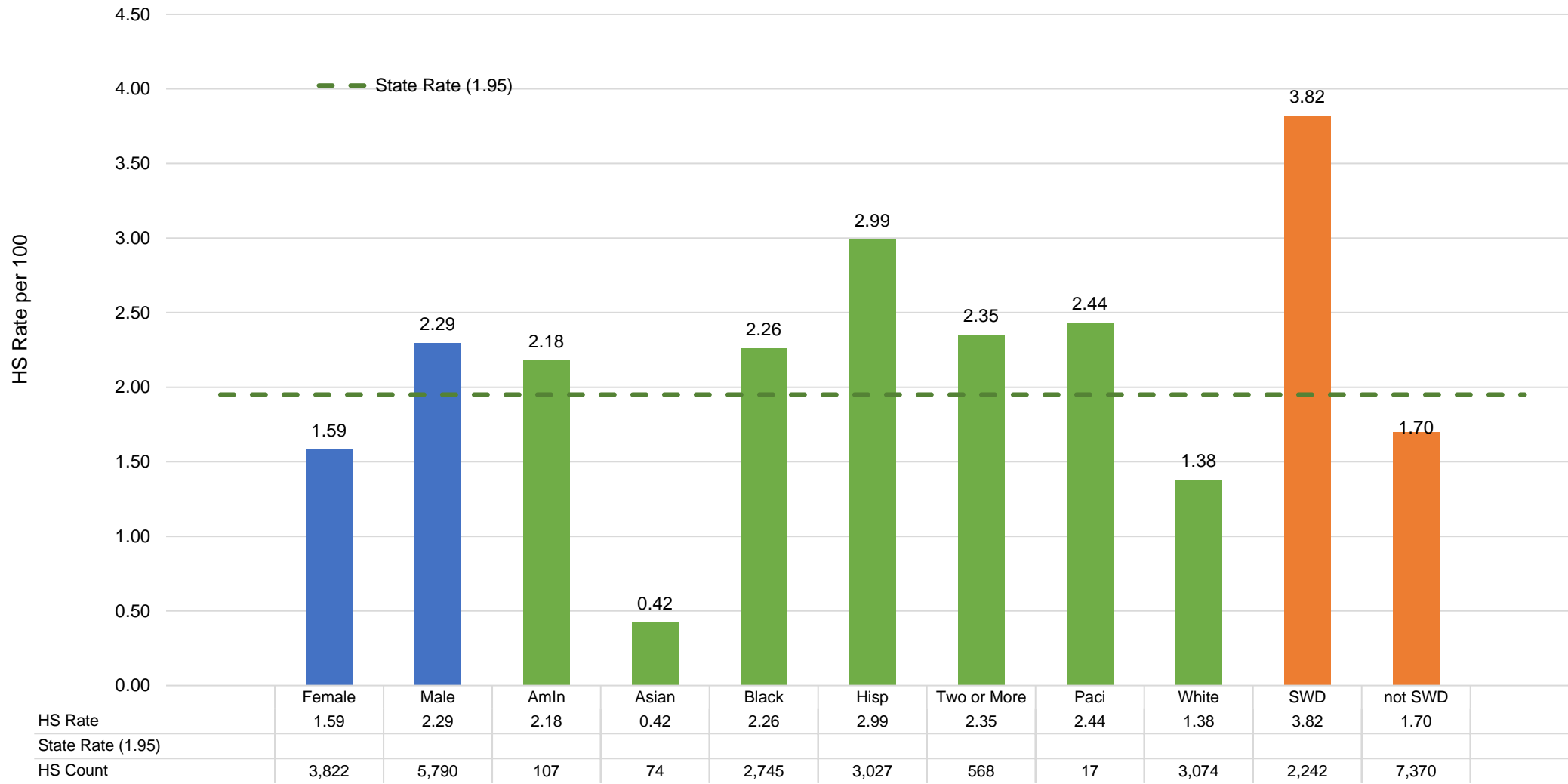


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HS Dropout Count	10,404	11,190	10,889	11,097	10,523	9,512	7,194	9,147	10,841	9,612
HS Dropout Rate	2.28	2.39	2.29	2.31	2.18	2.01	1.53	1.94	2.25	1.95

# 6. Annual Report on Dropout Rates (cont.)



# Center of Safer Schools' Recommendations for Improving School Climate and Culture

- Recognize cultural differences in students served.
  - For example, non-white adolescents and families have greater access to kin networks and use them more than white adolescents and families. Research shows that organization in Black families has historically extended beyond nuclear families. Welcoming extended family members into school communication, events, etc. would offer additional support and protective factors to children of color.
- Provide support for parents/guardians to increase protective factors.
- Employ a non-floating social worker at each school (elementary, middle and high) who focuses on prevention, intervention and referral.
  - Teachers should teach, notice and refer, meaning teachers should educate children with the ability to notice concerning behaviors and make referrals to the social worker for further intervention.

# Recommendations for Improving School Climate and Culture

- Employ qualified professionals to offer cultural sensitivity and cultural awareness training to school staff and employees.
  - The goal is to reach cultural humility, not cultural competence.
- Offer trauma-informed care training to school staff and employees.
- Implement a statewide discipline matrix model.
- Include school resource officers in positive interaction, not just classroom behavior management and situations of arrest or other punitive measures.

# Recommendations for Improving School Climate and Culture

- [American Psychological Association](#)
- [Economic Policy Institute](#)
- [Exchange Family Center](#)
- [Institute for Family Studies](#)
- [National Library of Medicine](#)
- [National Responsible Fatherhood Clearinghouse](#)
- [The Annie E. Casey Foundation](#)
- [The Pew Research Center](#)

# Next Steps

- Continue interactions with districts
- Connecting with teachers on how the Center for Safer Schools can support them in relation to discipline
- Continue to refine, train and provide evidence to the field of the effectiveness of Early Warning System (MTSS, ECATs)
- Ensure these measures are priority points in Recovery planning
- Address the priority points in our state and regional support structures

# Next Steps – RISE 2024

- New sessions
  - Threat Assessment Teams – School Staff (HB 605)
  - Threat Assessment Teams – Law Enforcement (HB 605)
  - Grooming Prevention (HB 142)
  - Alternative Learning Programs
- Discipline Data session will be expanded
- Reportable Offenses session will be expanded
- Parent component will be added



# Next Steps

## Some of the New Behavior Codes Added in 2023-2024

- Non-School Related Offense
- Pornographic and/or profane material
- Possession of graphically violent material
- Threat of mass violence
- False threat of mass violence
- Threat of harm to self – Suicide
- Threat of harm to self or others
- Nearby Neighborhood/Community Threat
- Possession of vaping device – Controlled Substance
- Use of vaping device – Controlled Substance
- Possession of vaping device – Tobacco
- Use of vaping device – Tobacco
- Possession of vaping device – Cannabinoid
- Use of vaping device – Cannabinoid

# Next Steps

## New Action Codes Added in 2023-2024

- Concurrent Incident/Duplicative Action
- School Safety Response Protocol - Hold
- School Safety Response Protocol - Secure
- School Safety Response Protocol - Lockdown
- School Safety Response Protocol - Evacuate
- School Safety Response Protocol - Shelter

# Standard Response Protocol



- The Standard Response Protocol is based on the response to any given situation, not on individual scenarios.
- Like the Incident Command System, SRP demands a specific vocabulary but also allows for great flexibility.
- Five specific actions that can be performed during an incident.
  - When communicating these, the action is labeled with a “Term of Art” and is then followed by a “Directive.”
  - Execution of the action is performed by active participants.

# CFSS Contact



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