

City of Kankakee



2012

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TOTAL CRIME INDEX 2012

The Total Crime Index for the City of Kankakee saw its first decrease since 2009. The Total Crime Index decreased by 6.34% in the year 2012, compared to 2011. The Total Crime Index is comprised of the crimes of **MURDER, CRIMINAL SEXUAL ASSAULT, AGGRAVATED ASSAULT/BATTERY, BURGLARY, THEFT, AUTO THEFT and ARSON**. Our Total Crime Index number at 1463 is still well below the high of 4219 in 1991. These numbers are derived from the sum of all the above listed crimes.

Comparing our current number of 1463 to 10 years ago in 2002 at 1740, and 5 years ago at 1719 we are still well below those numbers. Contributing factors to the Total Crime Index remain the decline of the economy in Illinois, and local unemployment rate of 10%. The only categories that showed an increase were Murder went from 4 in 2011 to 6 in 2012, Agg. Assault/Battery went up from 108 in 2011 to 134 in 2012 and Arson went from 16 in 2011 to 25 in 2012.

Decreases came in the following categories, Criminal Sexual Assault down from 31 in 2011 to 26 in 2012, Robbery 110 in 2011 to 71 in 2012, Burglary 391 in 2011 to 348 in 2012, Theft down from 849 in 2011 to 809 in 2012, and Auto theft from 53 in 2011 to 44 in 2012. Together these decreases account for the 6.34% drop in our Total Crime Index for 2012.

Six Murders occurred in the City of Kankakee in the 2012 year, which is up two from the 2011 year, or a 25% increase. In the last 10 years 2002 to 2012 there have been 32 murders, an average of 3.2 per year. In the 10 years prior from 1992 to 2002 there were 113 murders committed which averages out to 11.3 per year. We are significantly down from the previous 10 year period. These numbers indicate that the community will no longer tolerate the behaviors we saw in the 1992 to 2002 period. Neighborhood groups and community members now call the Police Department and report suspicious activity, while it is occurring as opposed to tolerating illegal behavior and turning a blind eye. The Police Department routinely attends neighborhood group meetings for 13 active community groups, and remains committed to Community Policing / Problem Solving as the foundation of our philosophy.

POLICE ACCOMPLISHMENTS 2012

The Police Department hired 2 new Officers during the 2012 year. Jason Burse and Troy Jacobson were hired as Rookie Patrol Officers. Troy Jacobson was hired 08-20-12, and attended the Academy, while Jason Burse was hired on 09-04-12 as a Lateral Entry having already attended the Police Academy. Both have recently been released to work on their own and are welcomed additions to the department.

In June of 2012 the Kankakee Police mourned the death of 14 year veteran, Patrolman Larry Walters, who died as a result of an aneurism at his home. Larry's wit and humor will be sadly missed by all. The Kankakee Police Department also lost the services of 9 year veteran Patrolman Clayt Wolfe to the Illinois State Police. We wish Clayt the best in his new career with the State of Illinois.

There were no promotions awarded in the 2012 year.

In January and February of 2012 Police Department personnel participated in the annual Defensive Tactics, Use of Force, Handcuffing and Taser Recertification.

2012 also saw the Kankakee Police Department linked with all area Police Departments electronically by the use of Zimbra collaborative software. Zimbra connects all the area agencies with intranet e-mail that is instantaneous pass-on county wide providing officers information pertaining to what is going on in the different jurisdictions. Very informative and useful tool for police agencies.

Eight Officers reached significant years of service in 2012 they are: Ptlwn. Marcella Gearhart 25 years, Lt. Chris Kidwell 20 years, Lt. Ken Lowman 20 years, Sgt. Paul Miller 20 years, Sgt. Peter Nicholos 20 years, Ptlmn. Aurelio Garcia 20 years, Ptlmn. Charles Johnson 20 years, and Ptlmn. Shane Finley 20 years.

The Department tested for new hire candidates, to establish an eligibility list. The City Clerk handed out 270 applications to people who wanted to be a police officer in the City of Kankakee. 185 applicants showed up for the

mandatory orientation to check in and hand in their application packet. 160 applicants took the power test the next day at Kankakee Community College. After the power test 74 applicants remained to take the written examination which was given by Stanard and Associates. 29 applicants who scored the highest on the written examination were given an oral interview, and the best 25 were chosen to be on the current eligibility, ranked in order by the combined results of all of the testing.

The Kankakee Police Department hosted one session of the Citizens Police Academy in 2012. These classes are held once a week for ten weeks, and allow citizens to an insider view of the police department. Demonstrations are given by the S.W.A.T Team, investigations, States Attorney's office, Patrol Procedure, Nuisance Abatement, Code Enforcement, along with a tour of the Jerome Combs Detention Center, and KanComm Communications Center.

In May of 2012, eight Officers from the Kankakee Police Department deployed by ILEAS to Chicago Illinois for the NATO Summit. They were charged with providing perimeter security to the area surrounding the summit venue, and were stationed in the area for four days. Our deployment reported no incidents during their tour of duty.

2012 was also the year for the first recertification of the Police Department by the Commission on Accreditation of Law Enforcement Agencies, or CALEA. This is a rigorous examination of the policies and procedures of the Kankakee Police department. CALEA is the standard by which all accredited agencies measure themselves. The recertification process is a three year process by which the department must prove that it is performing up to the standards set by CALEA. In December of 2012 the Kankakee Police Department played host to two CALEA Assessors, who for three days pore over 177 requisite files looking for proof or documentation that the Kankakee Police Department is following the nationally set standards. Upon completion of the assessment a final report is written to the Commission recommending reaccreditation or not. We will be notified by the Commission at the next CALEA Conference in March if we were recommended. Lt. Dave Skelly guided the Department through the first reaccreditation process, and did an excellent job. We appreciate Dave's time, diligence and effort, and that of all the men and women of the department for their efforts.

The Kankakee Police Department remained very active for the 2012 year, answering 55,523 calls for service, produced 4,969 case reports, made 1595 adult arrests, 151 juvenile arrests, and wrote 3,950 citations, and seized 53 firearms.

During the 2012 year the Kankakee Police Department had 9 officers assigned to the Kankakee Area Metropolitan Enforcement Group, (KAMEG). KAMEG is a drug enforcement unit comprised of officers from Kankakee, Bradley, Bourbonnais, and the Illinois State Police. The unit consists of 2 divisions, the Covert Undercover Unit, and the Street Suppression Unit. The Covert Unit is the traditional model of a drug unit, making small narcotic purchases from street level dealers, and working their way up the ladder making larger and larger purchases in an attempt to reach the "Big Fish". The street Suppression Unit deals mostly with street level / street corner dealer, and acts as an immediate response team to an area where intensive patrol and enforcement action is needed. Their goal is to curtail violent criminal behavior, related to Gangs, Drugs, and Guns. KAMEG opened 299 cases in 2012, made 279 arrests, served 130 search warrants, and seized 48 weapons.

The Kankakee Police Department is a partner member of Project Safe Neighborhoods, (PSN) which is a program sponsored by the United States Attorney's Office, Central Region, Urbana Division. The Kankakee Police Department along with Agents from the Bureau of Alcohol, Tobacco, Firearms, and Explosives (ATF), Federal Bureau of Investigation (FBI), Internal Revenue Service (IRS), and the United States Marshal Service (USMS), work in unison to rid the streets and neighborhoods of illegal firearms, with a focus on Armed Career Criminals. The Kankakee Police Department assigns one full time officer to PSN as does ATF. They are responsible for opening 64 cases in 2012. PSN made 16 arrests for weapons violations, seized 272 guns, and 70,000 rounds of ammunition, that resulted in 19 cases sent to the United States Attorney's Office for prosecution. Agents also purchased 10.5 ounces of Cocaine during the course of their investigations.

The traffic Unit consist of two uniformed Patrolmen, and a Patrol Sergeant. Their focus is traffic violations, overweight trucks, and general traffic flow in the City. Their duties also include the monitoring of School Zones, Handicapped Parking, and Traffic Crash Reports. The Traffic Unit wrote 1859 citations in the 2012 year. They also collected \$9,158.00 in

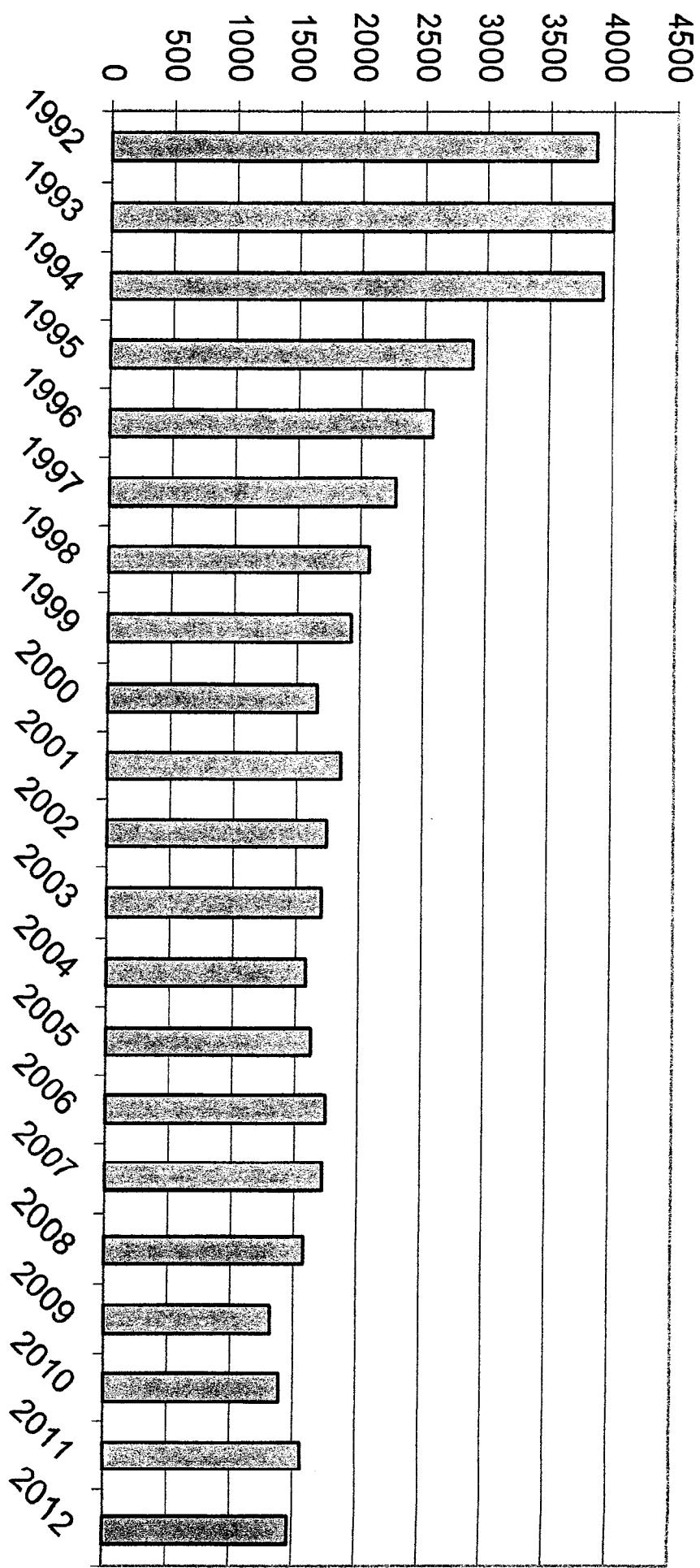
overweight fines for 2012. The Traffic Unit also assists the department during special events, such as parades, and funeral processions ensuring that traffic flows freely around the event. The Traffic Unit also participates in child safety restraint inspections in conjunction with other area Police Departments. They also provide free child safety seats to individuals who can not afford the proper child safety restraints.

The Nuisance Abatement Team remained very active in the 2012 year. The team consists of two non-sworn Community Service Officers (CSO), and one sworn Police Sergeant. CSO George Whalum is responsible for the Inmate Work Program which logged over 5,000 hours in the City mowing grass, leaf collection disposal, snow shoveling, and general clean up duties on City owned and public properties. Erica Austin is responsible for community service workers assigned to perform community service work by the courts as part of their debt to society. Community service workers logged about 1000 hours cleaning parks, public property, graffiti removal, and washing police vehicles. Erica also performs such duties as interdepartmental mail delivery, tagging and towing abandoned and derelict vehicles, following up on project sheets submitted by patrol officers, assist in special event set up and removal, and sitting in for the Chief's Secretary as needed. Sgt. John Raimondo attends to the Kankakee Police Departments fleet of vehicles, which in its self is a full time job. The Police Department also depends on Sgt. Raimondo to perform duties that are out of the ordinary to most of the general public. Sgt Raimondo is responsible for many behind the scene activities that normally are not handled by a Police Officer, but definitely fall within police jurisdiction, and some that do not.

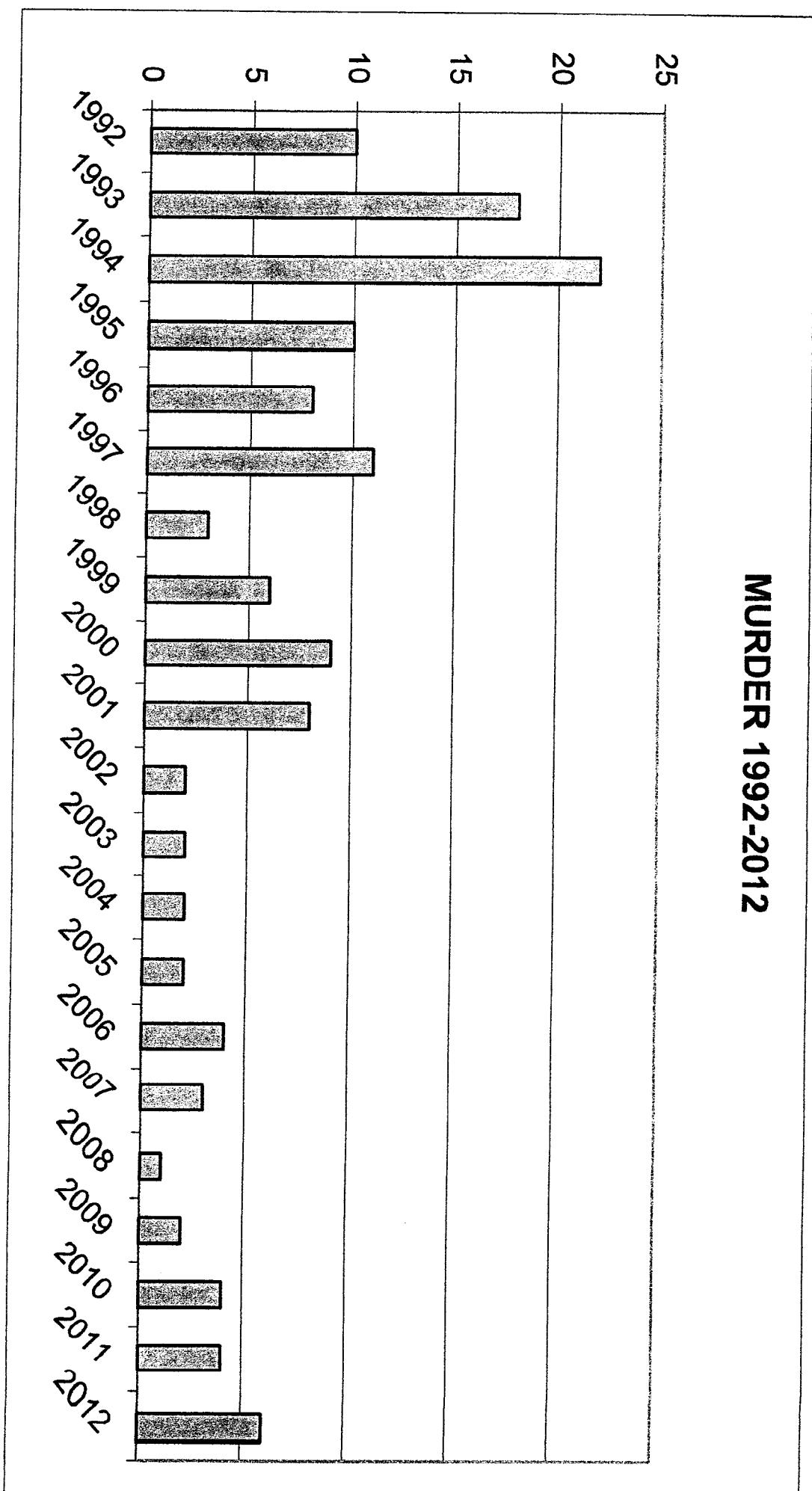
Attached are totals and graphs of the last 20 or so years for your comparison to where we are now.

YEAR	MURDER	CRIMINAL SEXUAL ASSAULT	ROBBERY	AGGRAVATED ASSAULT/ BATTERY	BURGLARY	THEFT	AUTO THEFT	ARSON	TOTAL
1985	4	35	174	262	812	2048	192	5	3532
1986	2	21	145	414	942	1967	234	15	3740
1987	3	30	164	408	916	1904	241	28	3694
1988	6	28	182	359	830	1881	181	41	3508
1989	7	34	131	363	837	1822	189	35	3418
1990	8	45	200	414	825	2255	208	43	3998
1991	7	68	218	386	1138	2059	314	29	4219
1992	10	66	249	347	937	1853	356	45	3863
1993	18	51	242	896	1169	1249	326	43	3994
1994	22	70	191	899	1008	1446	232	48	3916
1995	10	43	178	350	552	1452	284	17	2886
1996	8	62	137	208	525	1435	167	29	2571
1997	11	53	103	165	415	1408	101	21	2277
1998	3	43	69	150	443	1242	105	14	2069
1999	6	54	58	153	413	1077	150	20	1931
2000	9	38	111	165	340	863	113	21	1660
2001	8	32	99	124	377	1050	125	37	1852
2002	2	40	83	120	355	1039	77	24	1740
2003	2	34	98	120	441	908	80	18	1701
2004	2	42	90	102	289	972	68	14	1579
2005	2	82	118	331	956	77	14	14	1622
2006	4	25	106	126	391	997	72	21	1742
2007	3	22	106	114	381	1021	54	18	1719
2008	1	18	100	150	370	865	62	12	1578
2009	2	22	98	102	271	760	51	10	1316
2010	4	42	99	339	741	849	53	11	1388
2011	4	31	110	108	391	849	53	16	1562
2012	6	26	71	134	809	44	25	1463	

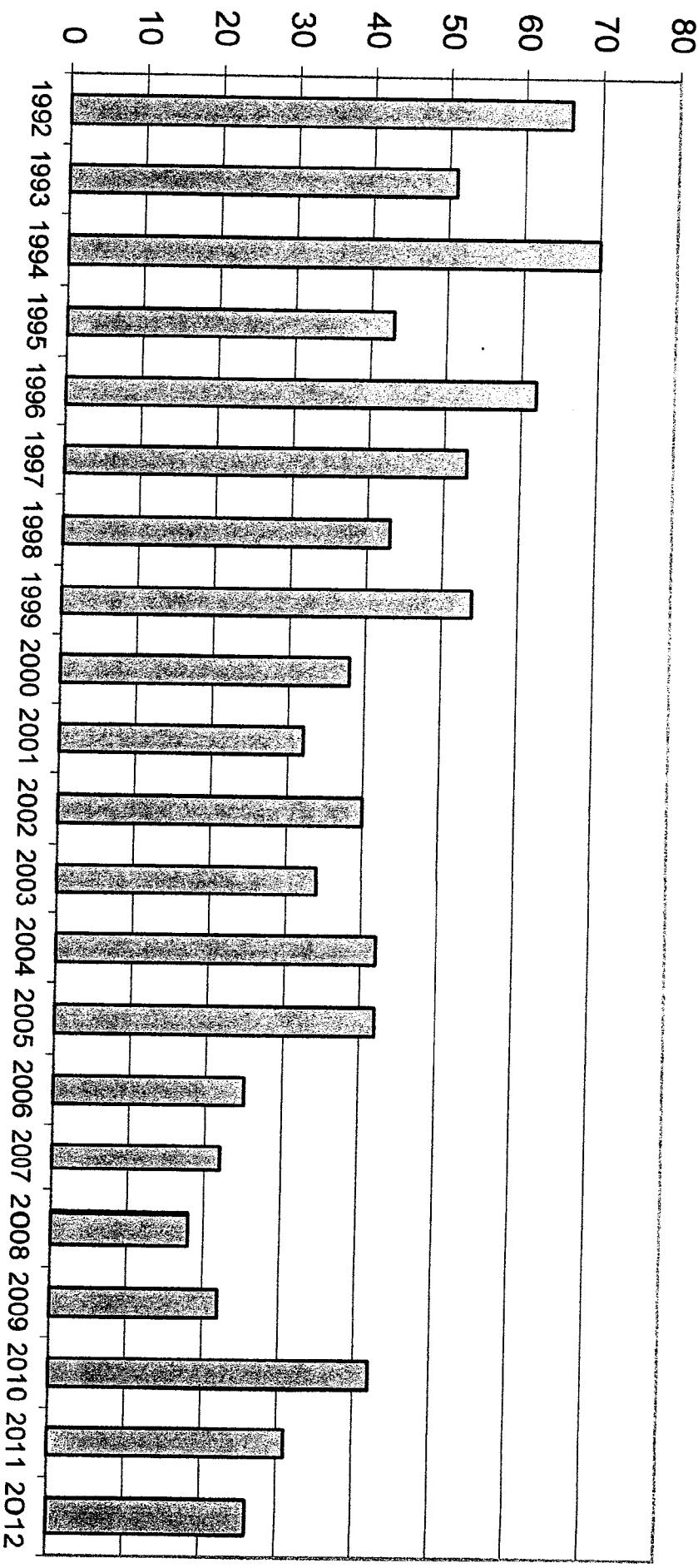
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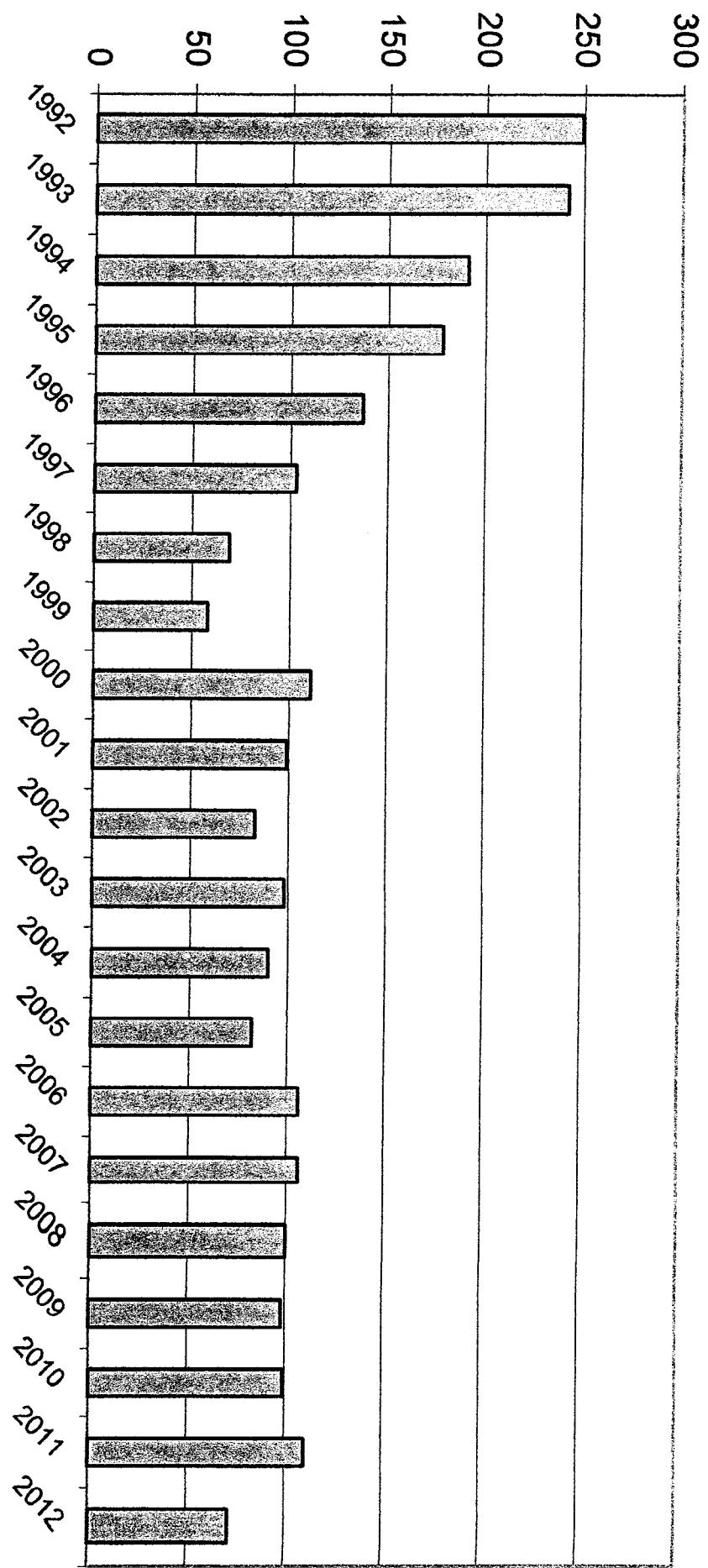
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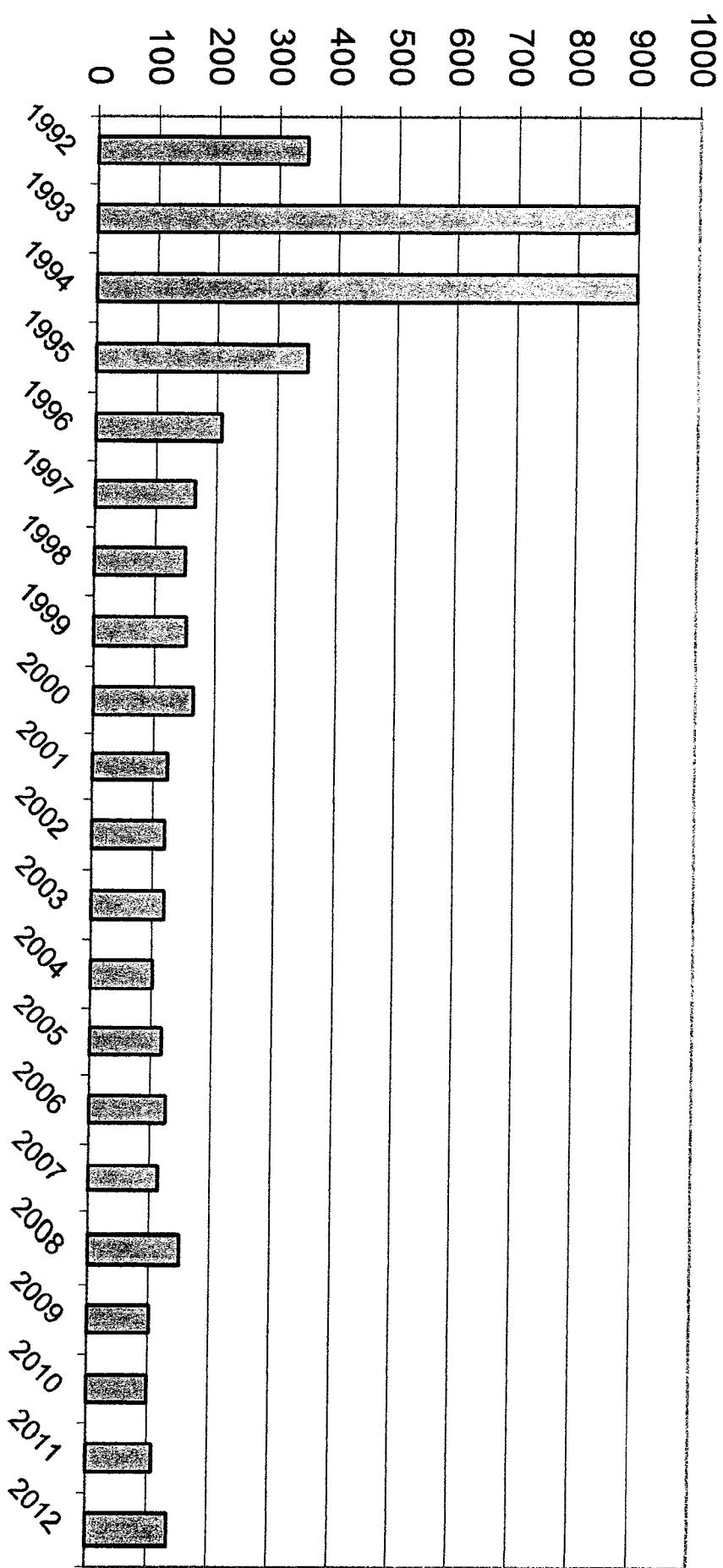
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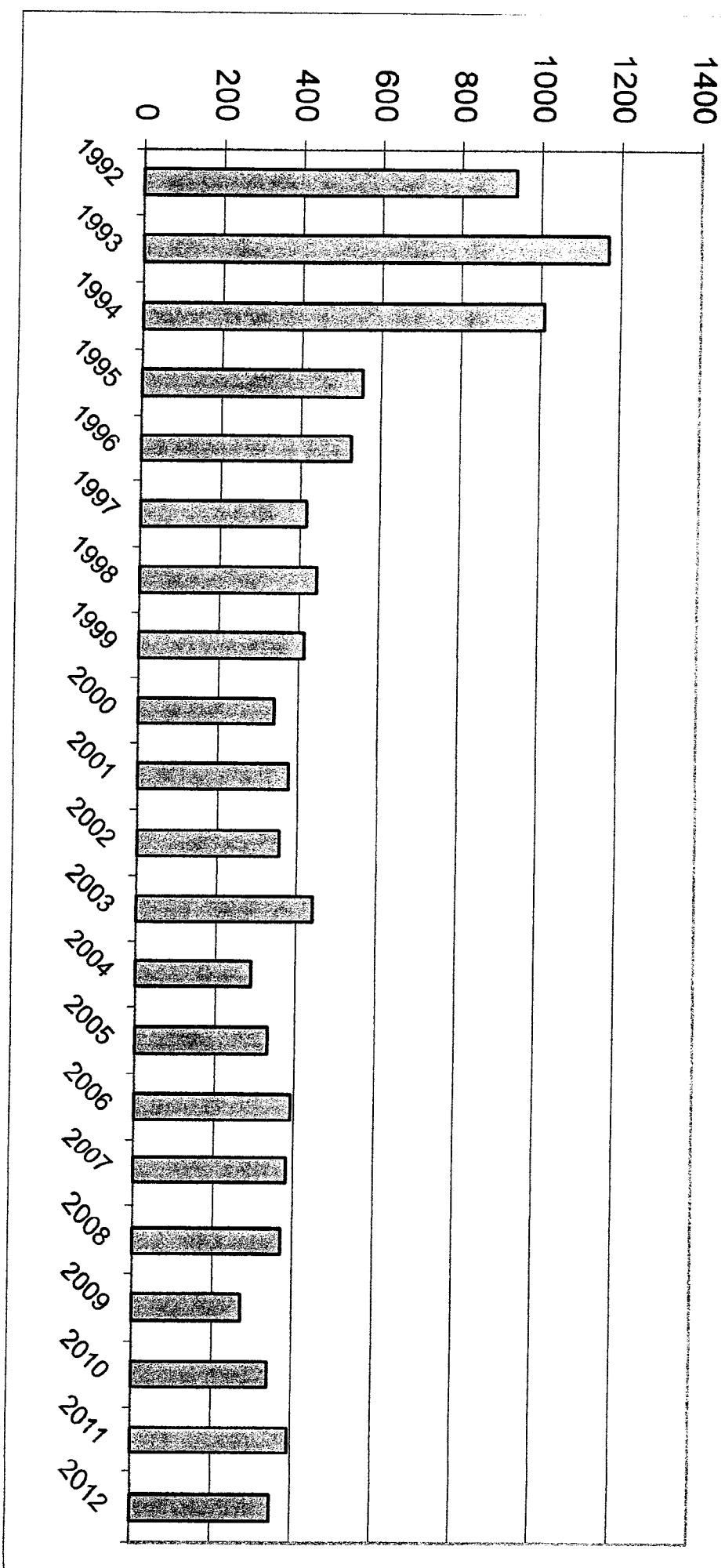
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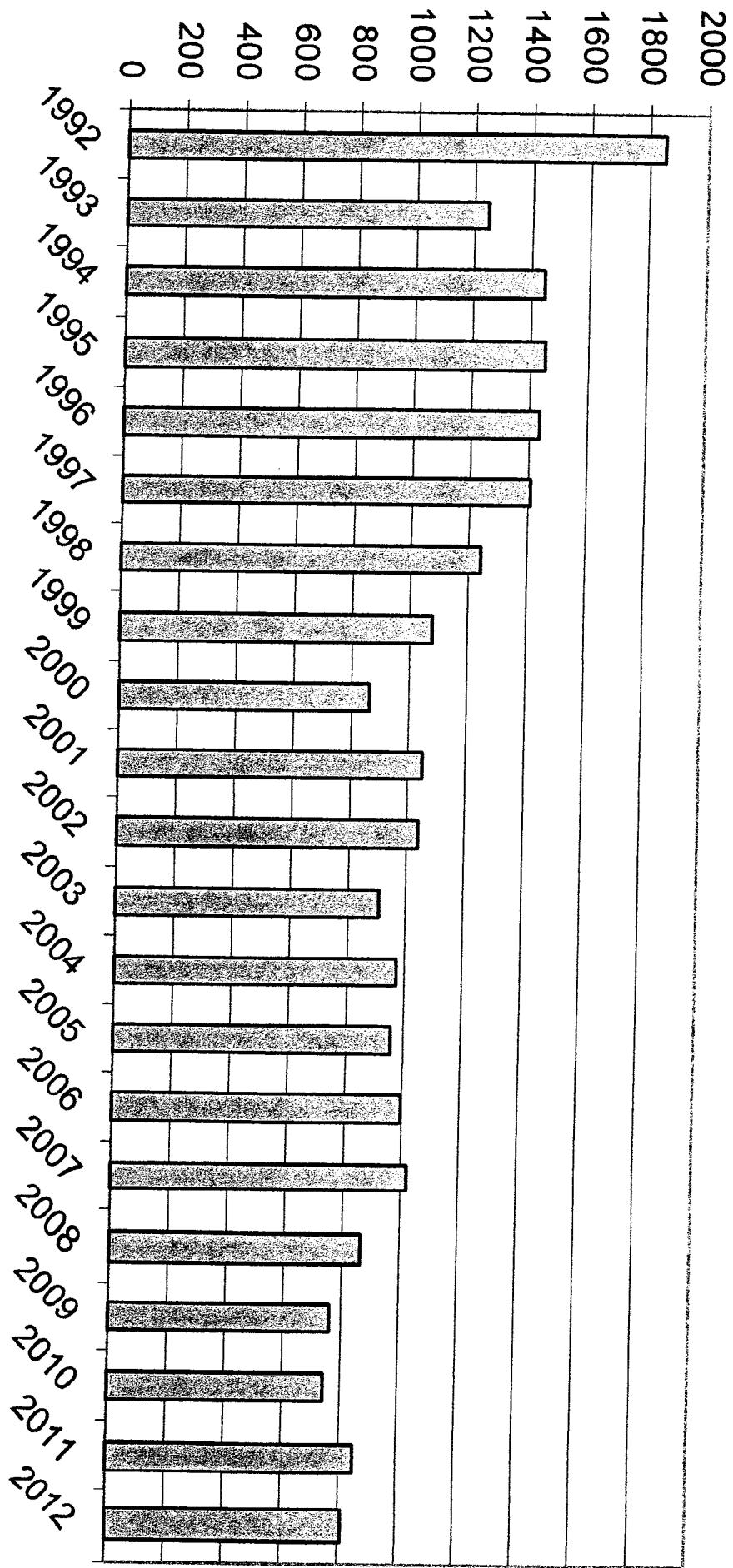
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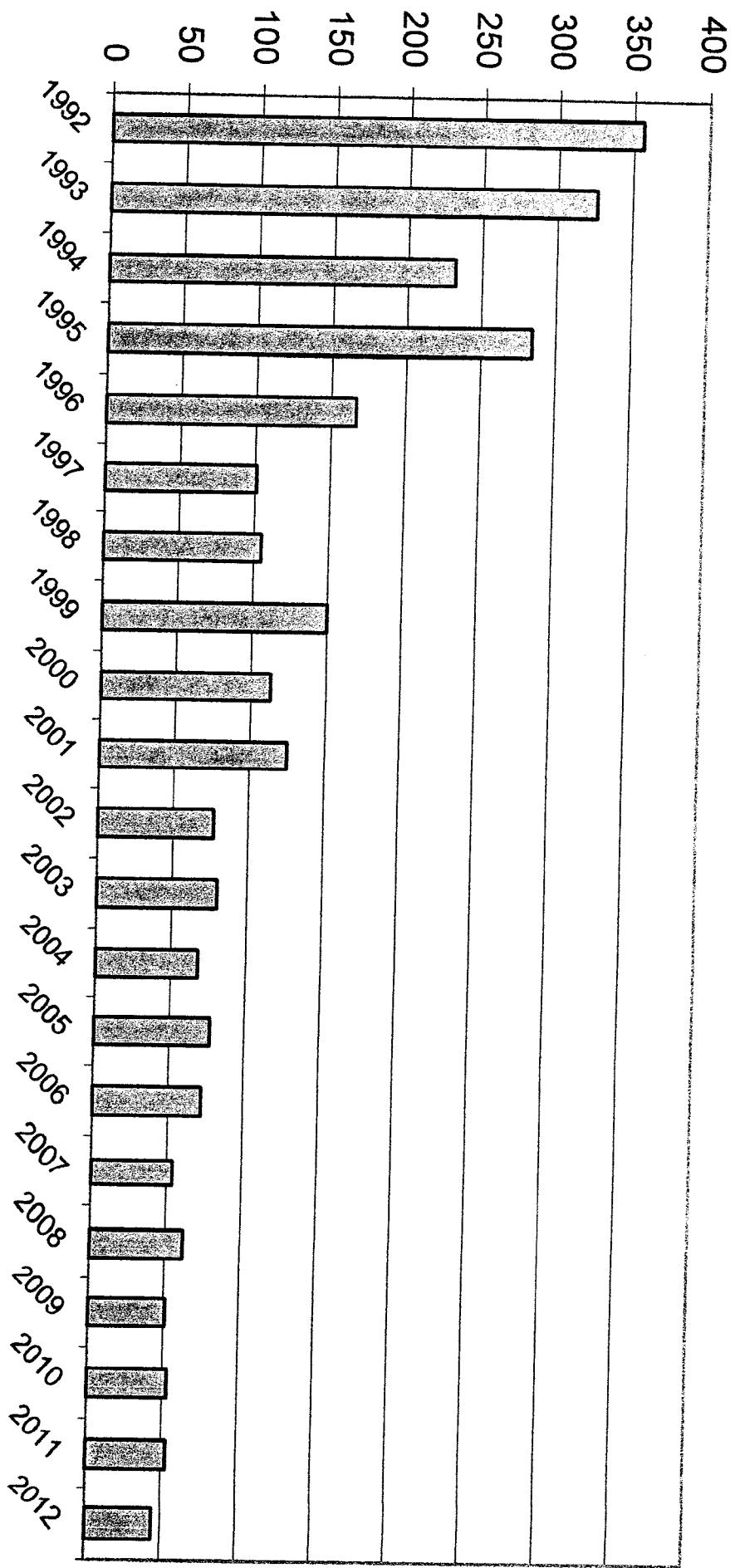
BURGLARY 1992-2012



THEFT 1992-2012



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