

City of Kankakee



2013

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TOTAL CRIME INDEX 2013

The Total Crime Index for the City of Kankakee saw its lowest total in a 28 year period for 2013. The Total Crime Index decreased by 12.5% as compared to 2012. The total Crime Index is comprised of the crimes of **MURDER, CRIMINAL SEXUAL ASSAULT, AGGRAVATED BATTERY, BURGLARY, THEFT, AUTO THEFT, and ARSON**. Our Total Crime Index of 1288 is the lowest number in 28 years, dating back to 1985, and the lowest since 2009 when the Total Crime Index was 1316. The Total Crime Index is derived from the sum of all the above listed crimes.

Comparing our current number of 1288 to 10 years ago in 2003 at 1701, and 5 years ago in 2008 at 1578, we are well below those numbers. The list of contributing factors to the Total Crime Index is lead by local unemployment which hovers at the 10% level, and the slow recovery of the economy nation wide.

The City of Kankakee saw decreases across the board in all categories. Four Murders occurred in the City of Kankakee in 2013, which is down from six in 2012, a decrease of 33.3%, Criminal Sexual Assault is down from 26 in 2012 to 23 in 2013, a decrease of 11.5%, Robbery is down 1.3% from 2012, Agg. Assault / Battery is down 22.2%. Burglary went down 18.75% from 352 in 2012 to 286 in 2013, Theft is down 7% from 812 to 754, Motor Vehicle Theft is down 17.75% from 45 to 37, and finally Arson is down 68% from 25 to 8 in 2013.

These statistics indicate a community that has been through a slow but steady transformation from years in the past, with community policing and hard work by dedicated Police Officers working in unison with the residents to enhance the quality of life for those affected by crime. 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 2013

The Police Department hired 3 new officers during the 2013 year. Levi Peters, Lacey Zingre, and Adrian Benoit were hired as rookie Patrol Officers. Levi Peters was hired 03-25-13, Lacey Zingre was hired 9-23-13, and Adrian Benoit was hired 12-17-13, all have attended or are currently at the academy, and are working their respective shifts. Levi Peters has been released to work on his own and is assigned to 2nd shift, while Lacey Zingre is currently in Field Training Status assigned to 3rd shift and Adrian Benoit will graduate from the academy in March of 2014. We welcome them to the City Employee Family and they are much needed additions to the Police Department.

Sgt. Greg Foster retired from Police service after 29 years of service on 05-31-13. We wish Greg well in his retirement. Ptlmn. Jeff Martin was promoted to Sergeant in June of 2013. Sgt. Martin is a 15 year veteran of the Police Department with 10 years assigned to KAMEG as a K-9 Officer. Sgt. Martin is now assigned to the Patrol Division on 3rd shift as a supervisor.

In January and February of 2013 Police Department personnel participated in the annual Defensive Tactics Training, Use of Force Training, and Handcuffing, and Taser recertification.

2013 saw the Kankakee Police Department coming of age with the institution of our social media sites, Face Book, Twitter and Nixle. Accreditation Manger Lt. Pat Kane was given the task of a complete makeover of the Police Department web site, which he finished in March, and began to monitor and update our social media sites. The Police Department currently has 5184 likes on Face Book, 382 registered followers on Twitter, with untold followers who are unregistered, and 482 registered participants on Nixle who receive police updates, and suspect profiles of people we are looking for, and road hazard warnings. We are excited by the response we have gotten from the public for the services we provide and our

growing connection to the community, as our sites continue to grow and expand.

2013 also reintroduced the use of foot patrol. 2013 was the first full year of foot patrol, and each officer is required to be out of the squad car and in the neighborhoods for 30 minutes on each shift. Patrol Officers put in 656.44 hours in the neighborhoods, or 2832 foot patrols. Each Alderman is given a monthly list of where, who, when and how long foot patrols were done in their wards. While there is no sure way to say that these foot patrols are deterring crime, our best bet is that this is also a contributing factor to the reduction of crime.

The Police Department also began the use of Courtesy Citations for minor code and trash violations. The citations are used to inform residents of violations when seeking compliance as opposed to issuing an Ordinance Citation. The officer gives the resident a window of opportunity to correct the violation prior to the issuance of the Ordinance Violation. We have found that we gain compliance to the violation while giving important information to the resident about the violation. Thus far we have near perfect compliance using the Courtesy Citations. The department also tracks the citations for future reference and issues them to offenders of Agency Agreements through out the City.

Lt. Jay Etzel and Sgt. Tim Kreissler hosted one session of the Citizens Police Academy in 2013. These classes are held once a week for 10 weeks, and allow citizens an insider's view of the Police Department. Demonstrations are given by the SWAT Team, Investigations Division, State's Attorneys Office, Patrol Procedure, Nuisance Abatement, Code Enforcement, along with a tour of KanComm Communication Center, and the Jerome Combs Detention Center.

2013 was a big year for the Accreditation of the Kankakee Police Department. In March representatives traveled to Charleston South Carolina to receive our first CALEA re-accreditation for meeting and proving that we adhere to 177 nationally recognized standards. The Commission recommended the Kankakee Police Department as a Level One Department. 2013 was also the year for the department's first re-accreditation through ILEAP. ILEAP is the state level accreditation which requires the department to adhere to very similar standards, only at the state level. The Kankakee Police Department is the first department in Illinois to receive a

dual accreditation. This truly is a testament to the hard work and dedication of the entire department as these processes are not easy and takes every officer committed to the process. Congratulations to the Men and Women of the Kankakee Police Department for this huge honor.

Calls for service in the City of Kankakee were also down in 2013, they numbered 54354 compared to 55523 in 2012. There were 1381 adult arrests, 126 juvenile arrests, and 4484 case reports written. All of the above statistics are lower than 2012 totals. The Kankakee Police Department seized 64 weapons in 2013. Kankakee Police Officers also issued 3535 citations in 2013.

During the 2013 year the Kankakee Police Department had 8 officers assigned to the Kankakee Area Metropolitan Enforcement Group, (KAMEG). KAMEG is a multi-jurisdictional drug enforcement unit comprised of officers from Kankakee Police Department 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 dealers, and acts as an immediate response team to an area where intensive patrol and enforcement action are needed. Their goal is to curtail violent criminal activity related to gangs, drugs, and guns. Kameg opened 314 cases in 2013, made 250 arrests, served 96 search warrants, and seized 25 weapons. KAMEG also seized 143.1 grms. of heroin, 372.1 grms. of powder cocaine, 388.6 grms. of crack cocaine, 61,103.5 grms. of marijuana, and 14.5 grms. of ecstasy. Kameg recovered \$125,914.00 in cash and 18,290.00 in property.

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 a coordinated effort 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. Project Safe Neighborhoods are responsible for opening 59 cases, 12 arrests, 26

weapons seized, including 2 fully automatic weapons, seized 15.5 ounces of Crack Cocaine. PSN sent 15 cases to the U.S. Attorneys office for prosecution.

The Kankakee Police Department Traffic Unit consists of one uniformed Patrolman and one Patrol Sergeant. The Traffic Units focus is traffic violations, overweight trucks, and general traffic flow in the City. Their duties also include monitoring school zones, handicapped parking, and traffic crash reports. The traffic unit wrote 1155 in the 2013 year, bringing in over \$52,000.00 in traffic and overweight fines. The Traffic Unit is also responsible for traffic flow at special events, such as parades, and funeral processions ensuring that traffic flows freely around the event. The Traffic Unit participates in child safety restraint inspections, as both officers are State certified child restraint inspectors. These inspections are done in conjunction with other area Police Departments, and offer free child safety restraints to individuals who can not afford the proper restraints. The Traffic Unit also applied for and received over \$40,000.00 worth of grant funds from the Illinois Department of Transportation for traffic safety, DUI enforcement, and Seat belt Enforcement. These funds are used during specific times of the year, and reimburse the Police Department for overtime used for those directed patrols.

The Nuisance Abatement Team continues to be very active in 2013. The team consists of two non-sworn Community Service Officers (CSO), and one sworn Police Sergeant. CSO George Whalum was in charge of the Inmate work Program through December of 2013, when a previous non job related injury took him off the program. A temporary replacement is in place, Fritz Cephus is filling in for George until George either returns or is deemed medically unable to return. The Inmates log over 5000 hours each year in the City mowing grass, leaf collection disposal, snow removal, and general cleanup 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 sentence. Community service workers logged over 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 vehicles, following up on project sheets submitted by patrol officers, special event set up and take down, and sitting in for the chief's secretary as needed. Erica recently was assigned to assist the Adjudication Department with data entry also. Sgt. John Raimondo is in charge of repair and maintenance of the

Police Department vehicles, which is in its self a full time job. The Police Department 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 scenes activities that normally are not handled by a Police Officer, but definitely fall within police jurisdiction, and many that do not. Sgt Raimondo oversees the Nuisance Abatement program as a whole and is the departments "Jack of all trades".

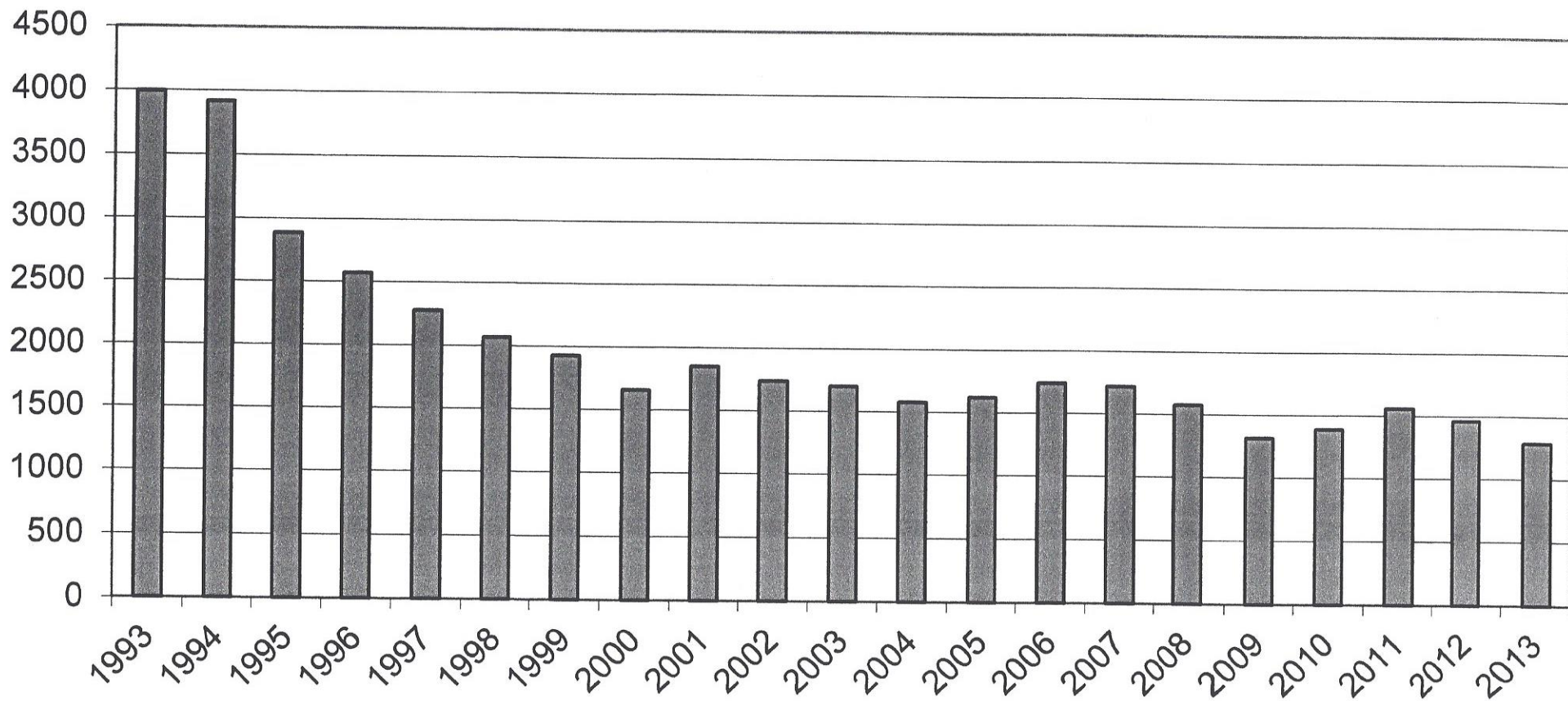
Attached are Crime Index Reports from the last 20 years or more for your comparison.

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	42	82	118	331	956	77	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	99	339	741	53	11	1388
2011	4	31	110	108	391	849	53	16	1562
2012	6	26	72	135	352	812	45	25	1473
2013	4	23	71	105	286	754	37	8	1288

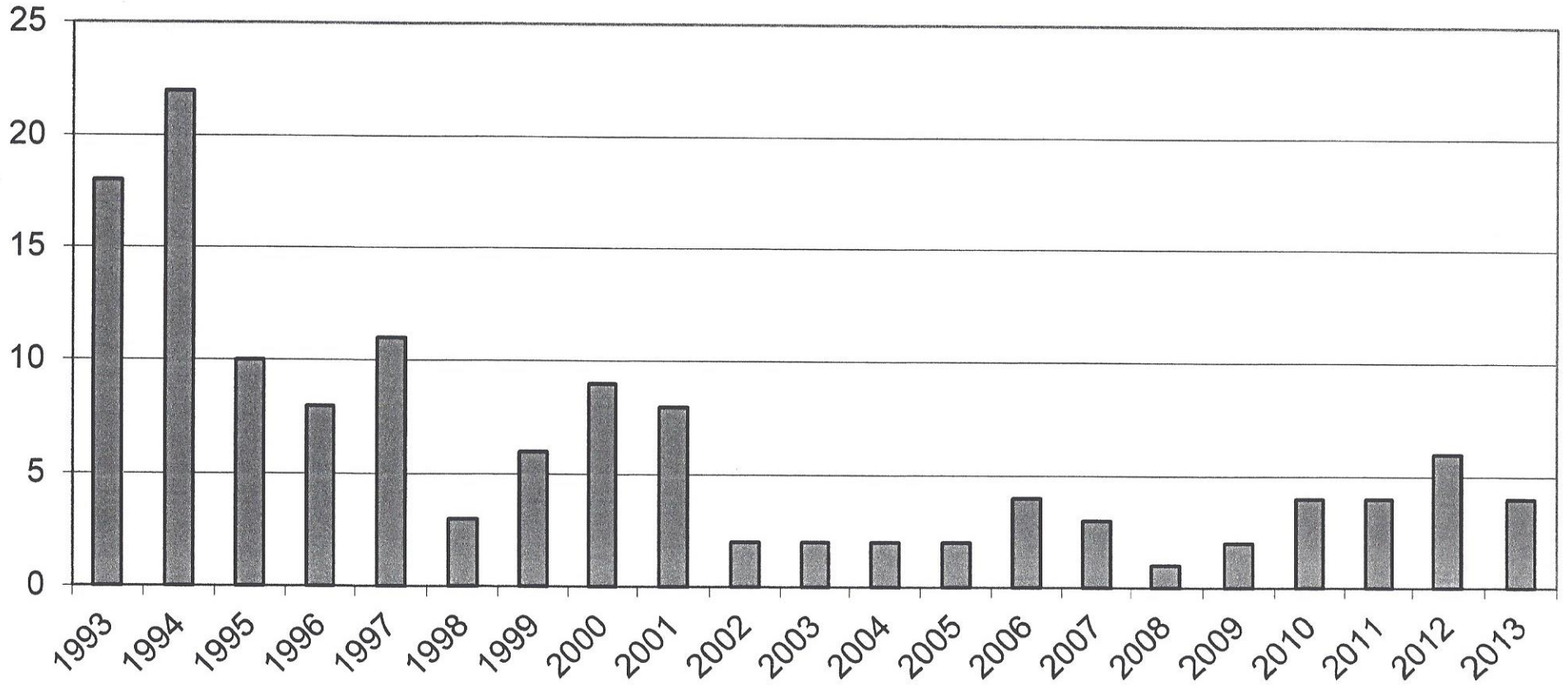
Year End Activity 2013

Total Activity	2013 2012	54,354 55,523	2% Reduct.
Foot Patrols	2013 2012	2810 1920	45% Incr.
Case Rpts	2013 2012	4488 4975	10% Reduct.
UCR	2013 2012	1288 1473	12.5% Reduct.
Adult Arrest	2013 2012	1381 1593	13% Reduct.
Citations	2013 2012	3535 3952	10.5% Reduct.
Shots Fired Calls	2013 2012	256 367	30% Reduct.

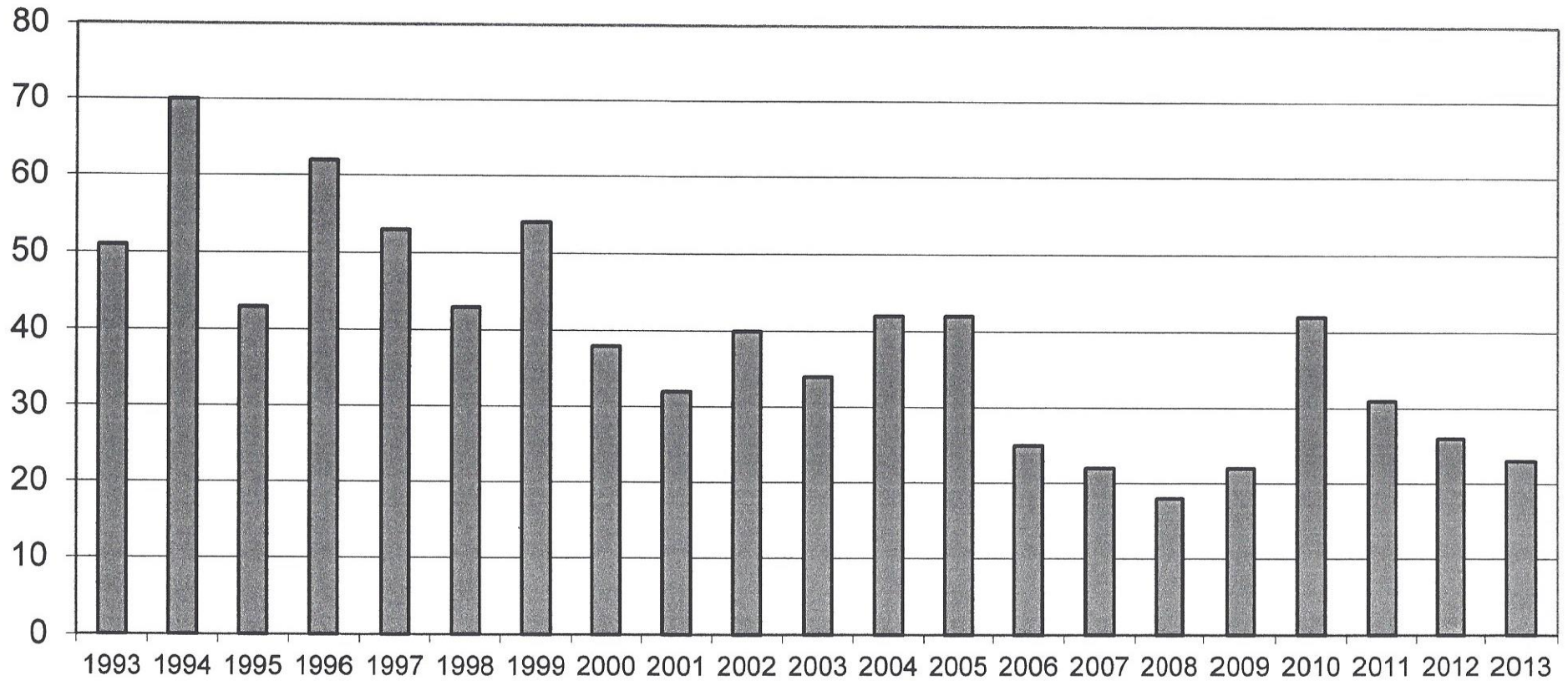
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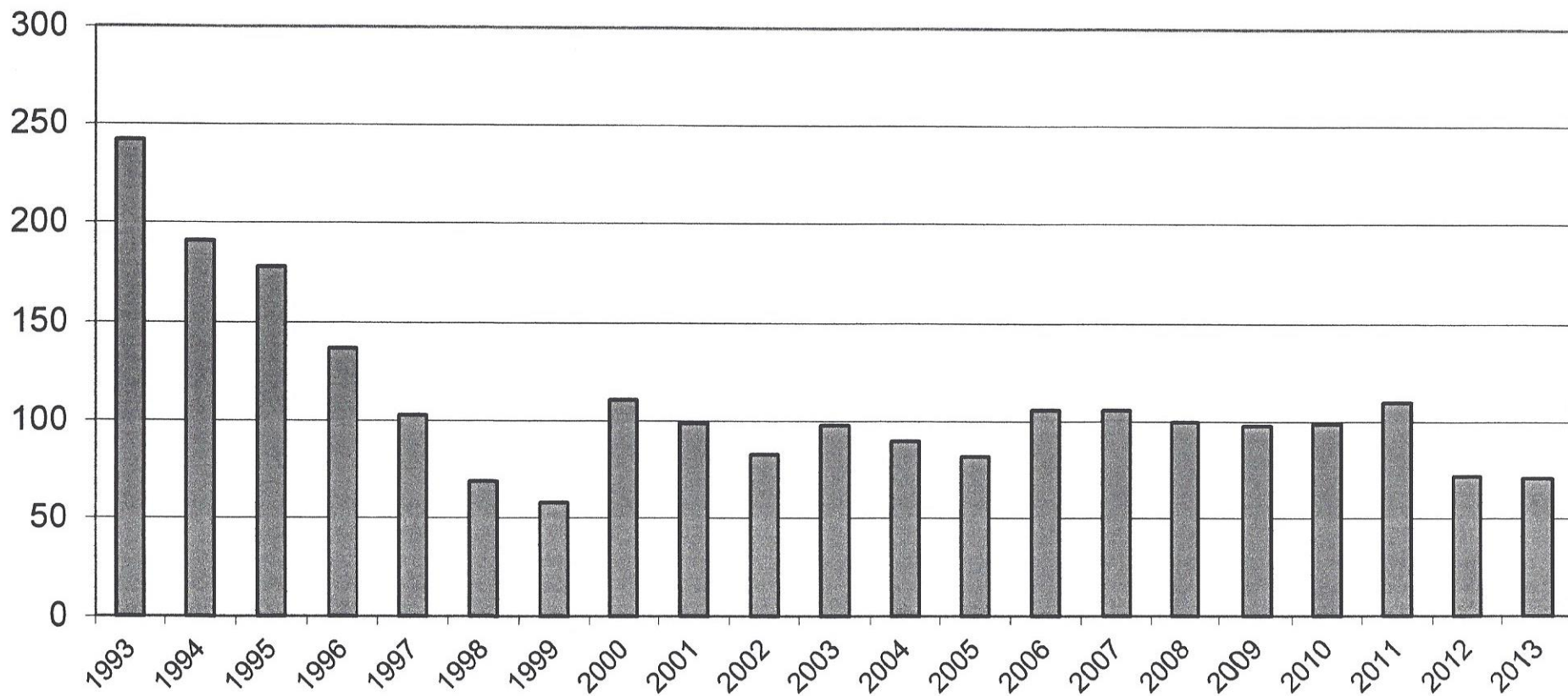
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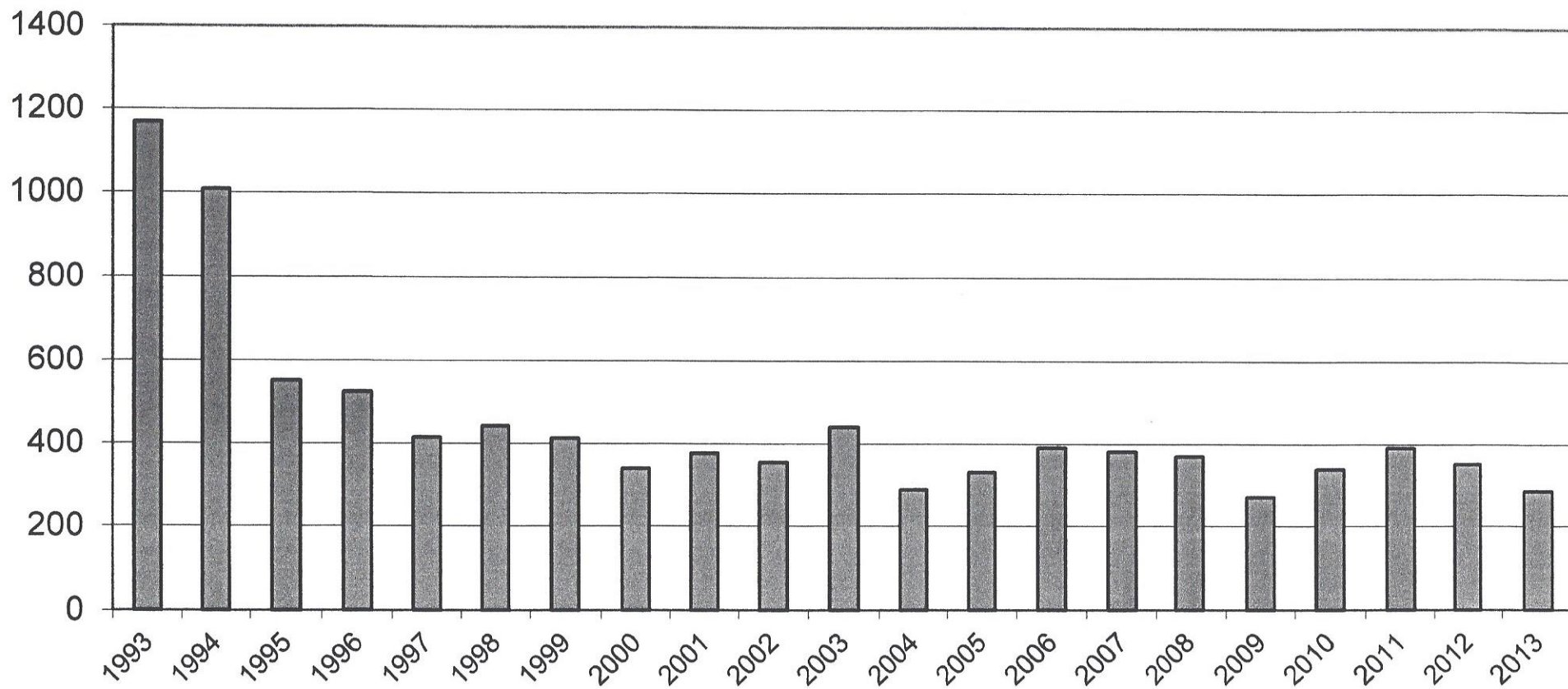
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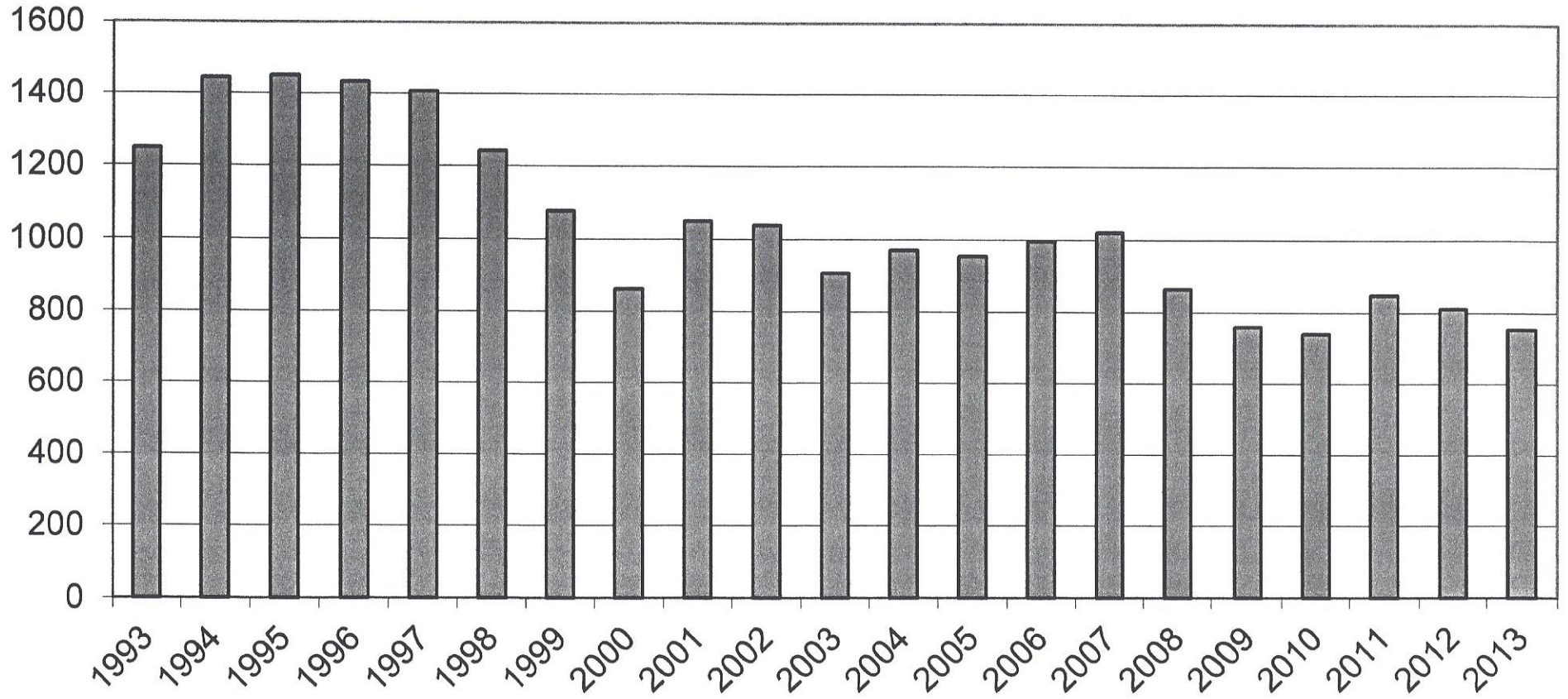
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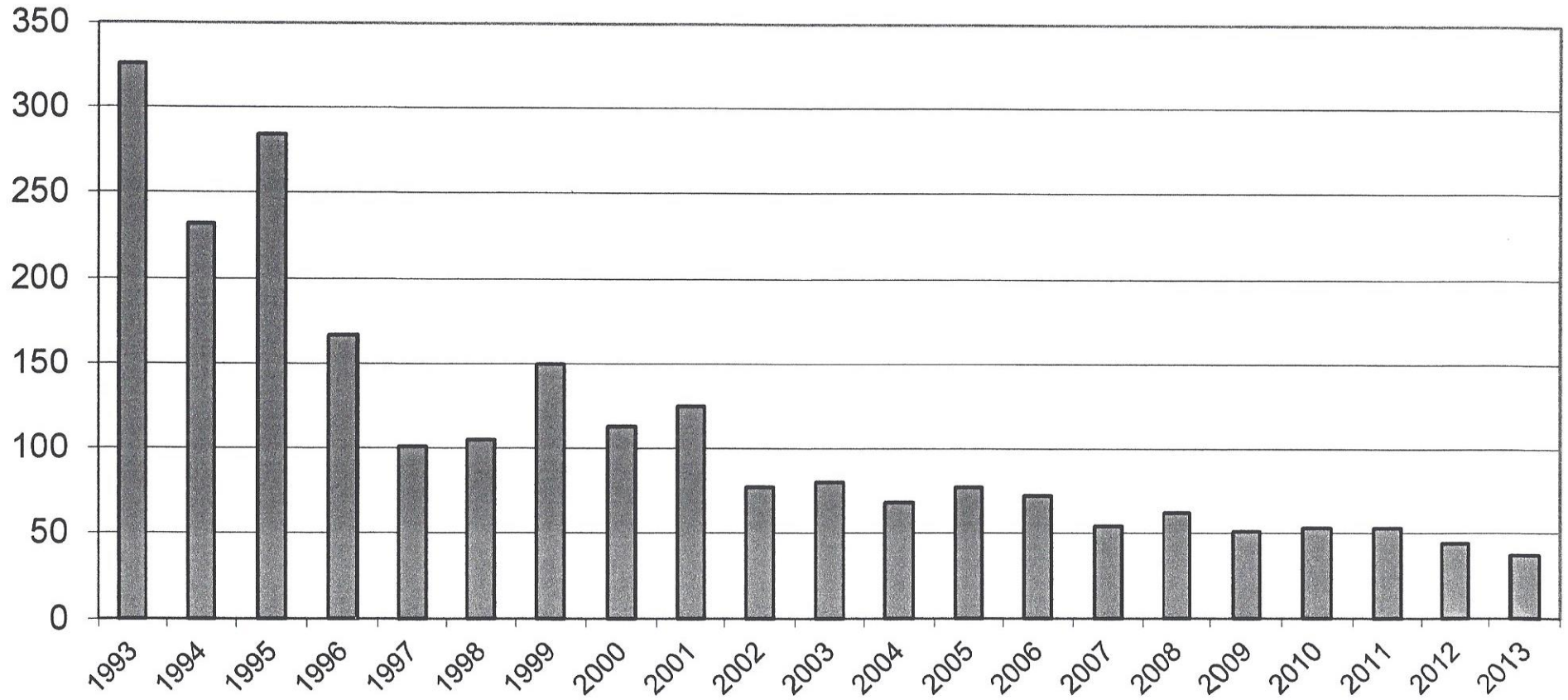
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THEFT 1993-2013



AUTO THEFT 1993-2013



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