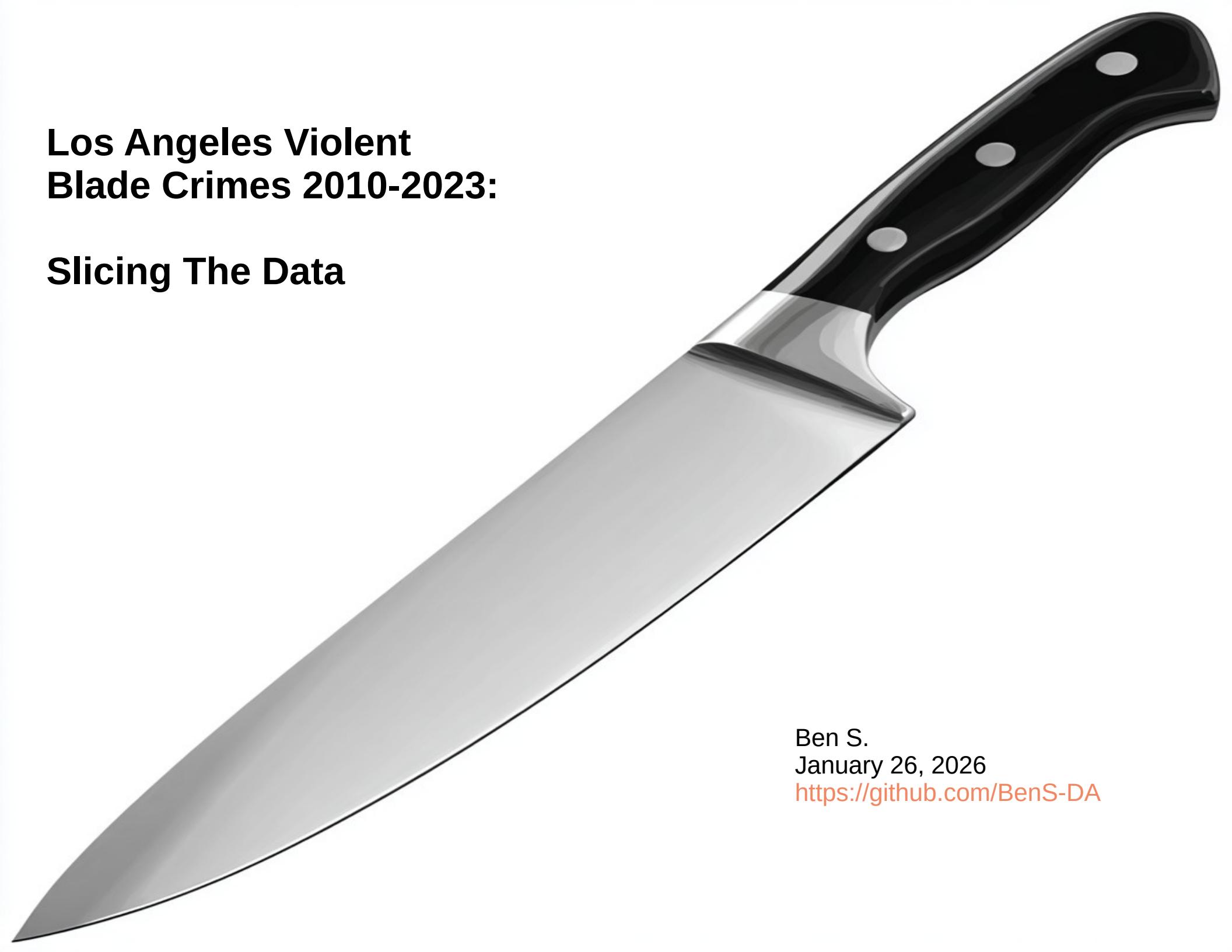


Los Angeles Violent Blade Crimes 2010-2023:

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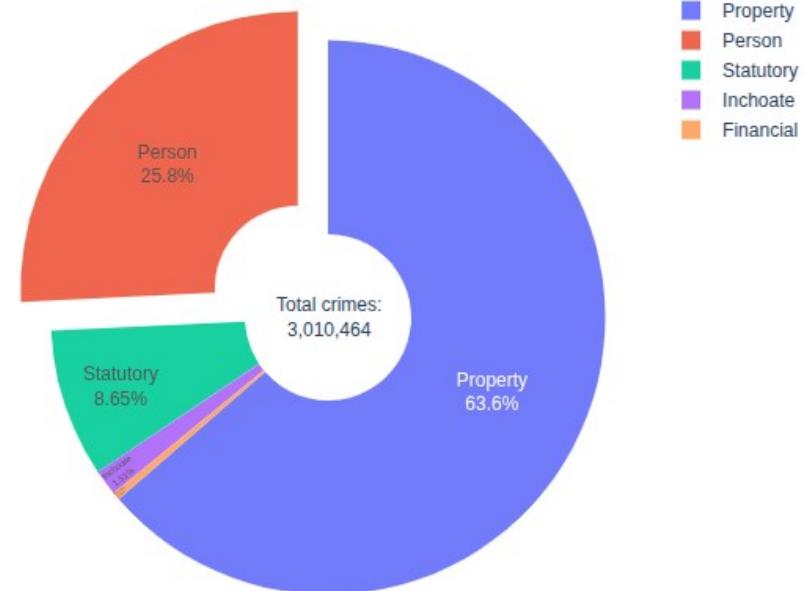


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Los Angeles Crime: Overview

- From 2010 to 2023, The City of Los Angeles, California tracked 138 categories of crime and recorded over 3 million cases.
- The majority of offenses in Los Angeles were property crimes. The single largest category was automobile theft.
- A quarter of all offenses were more serious crimes in which unlawful force was used to harm a person, such as homicide, rape, kidnapping, assault and robbery.
- Inchoate (attempted and conspiratorial crimes), statutory (regulatory) and white collar offenses comprised the remainder.

Los Angeles Crime At-A-Glance: 2010-2023



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Purpose

In this data review we focus narrowly on aggravated assaults and criminal homicides where a **blade** was used as the primary weapon.

What do victim demographics and crime scene details tell us about the circumstances under which the crimes occurred?

Blades Are Everywhere

- A blade is a handheld tool that can **cut**, **puncture**, and/or **perforate**.
- Anywhere in the world, anyone can obtain or fashion a blade.
- In Los Angeles, **blades are the most frequently brandished weapons**.

Crimes Against Persons in L.A.

Reported Crimes Against Persons
Los Angeles, 2010-2023

BATTERY - SIMPLE ASSAULT	260,541
INTIMATE PARTNER - SIMPLE ASSAULT	158,442
ASSAULT WITH DEADLY WEAPON, AGGRAVATED ASSAULT	143,073
CRIMINAL THREATS - NO WEAPON DISPLAYED	74,766
INTIMATE PARTNER - AGGRAVATED ASSAULT	27,551
BATTERY WITH SEXUAL CONTACT	15,494
RAPE, FORCIBLE	14,490
CHILD ABUSE (PHYSICAL) - SIMPLE ASSAULT	12,758
CRM AGNST CHLD (13 OR UNDER) (14-15 & SUSP 10 YRS OLDER)	11,366
OTHER ASSAULT	8,144
BATTERY POLICE (SIMPLE)	7,265
CHILD NEGLECT (SEE 300 W.I.C.)	6,354
CHILD ANNOYING (17YRS & UNDER)	6,206
SEXUAL PENETRATION W/FOREIGN OBJECT	4,303
CRIMINAL HOMICIDE	4,253
THREATENING PHONE CALLS/LETTERS	3,651
ORAL COPULATION	2,803
KIDNAPPING	2,751
ASSAULT WITH DEADLY WEAPON ON POLICE OFFICER	2,661
CHILD ABUSE (PHYSICAL) - AGGRAVATED ASSAULT	2,285
SODOMY/SEXUAL CONTACT B/W PENIS OF ONE PERS TO ANUS OTH	2,133
FALSE IMPRISONMENT	1,289
KIDNAPPING - GRAND ATTEMPT	941
HUMAN TRAFFICKING - COMMERCIAL SEX ACTS	925
BATTERY ON A FIREFIGHTER	567
LEWD/LASCIVIOUS ACTS WITH CHILD	357
HUMAN TRAFFICKING - INVOLUNTARY SERVITUDE	217
CHILD ABANDONMENT	126
LYNCING	66
MANSLAUGHTER, NEGLIGENT	16
Total	775,794

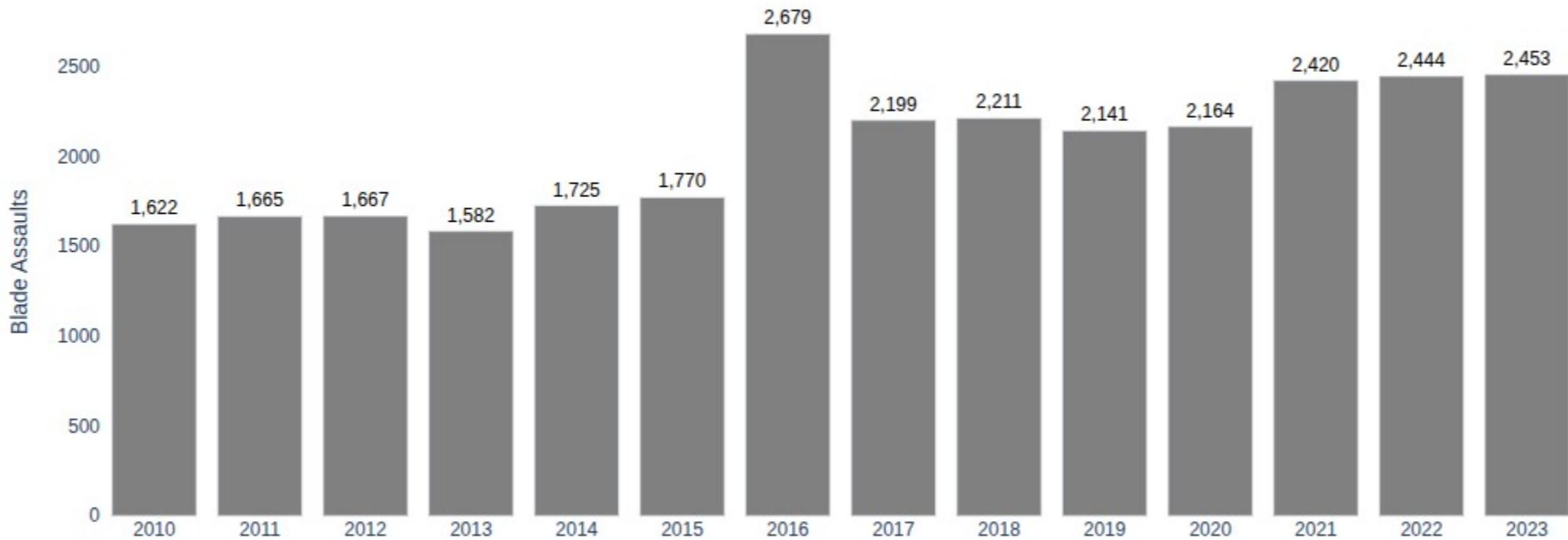
Top Categories Of Weapons Used In Crimes Against Persons:

1. Empty Hands/Feet
2. Verbal Threat
3. Unknown or Other Weapon
4. Firearm
- 5. Blade**
6. Bludgeoning Instrument
7. Vehicle
8. Bottle
9. Mace or Pepper Spray
10. Fake Firearm or Air Gun
11. Weaponized Environment

L.A. Blade Assaults

Los Angeles Blade Assaults By Year (2010-2023)

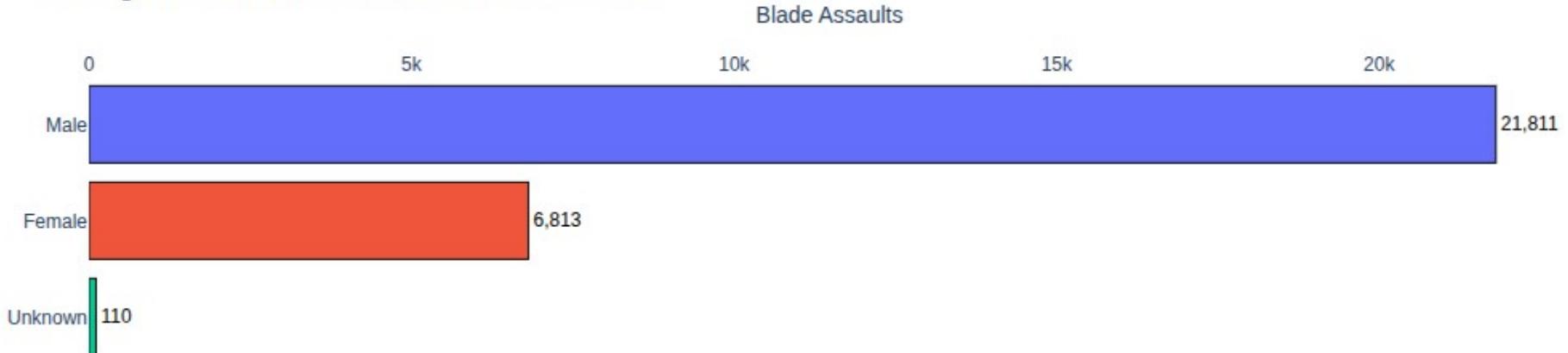
Total: 28,742



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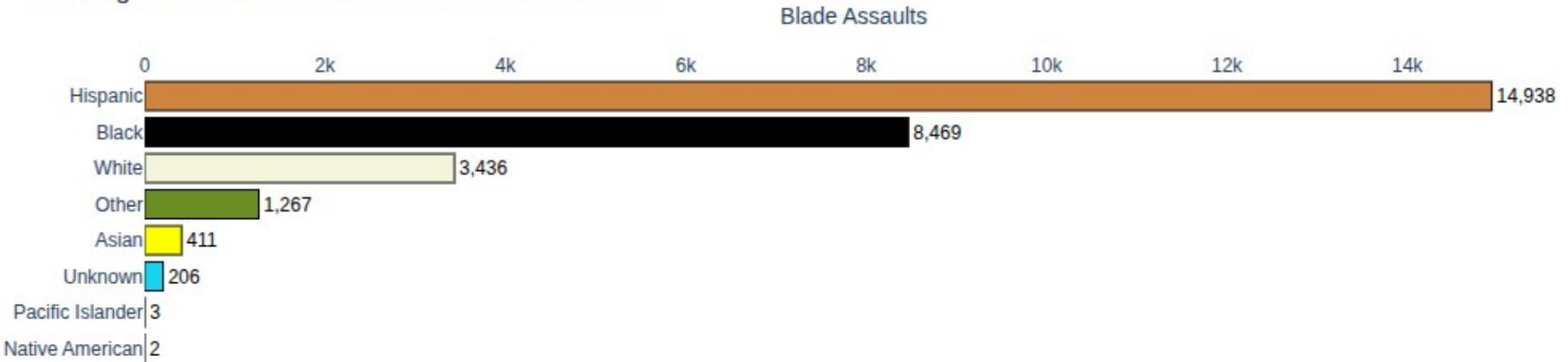
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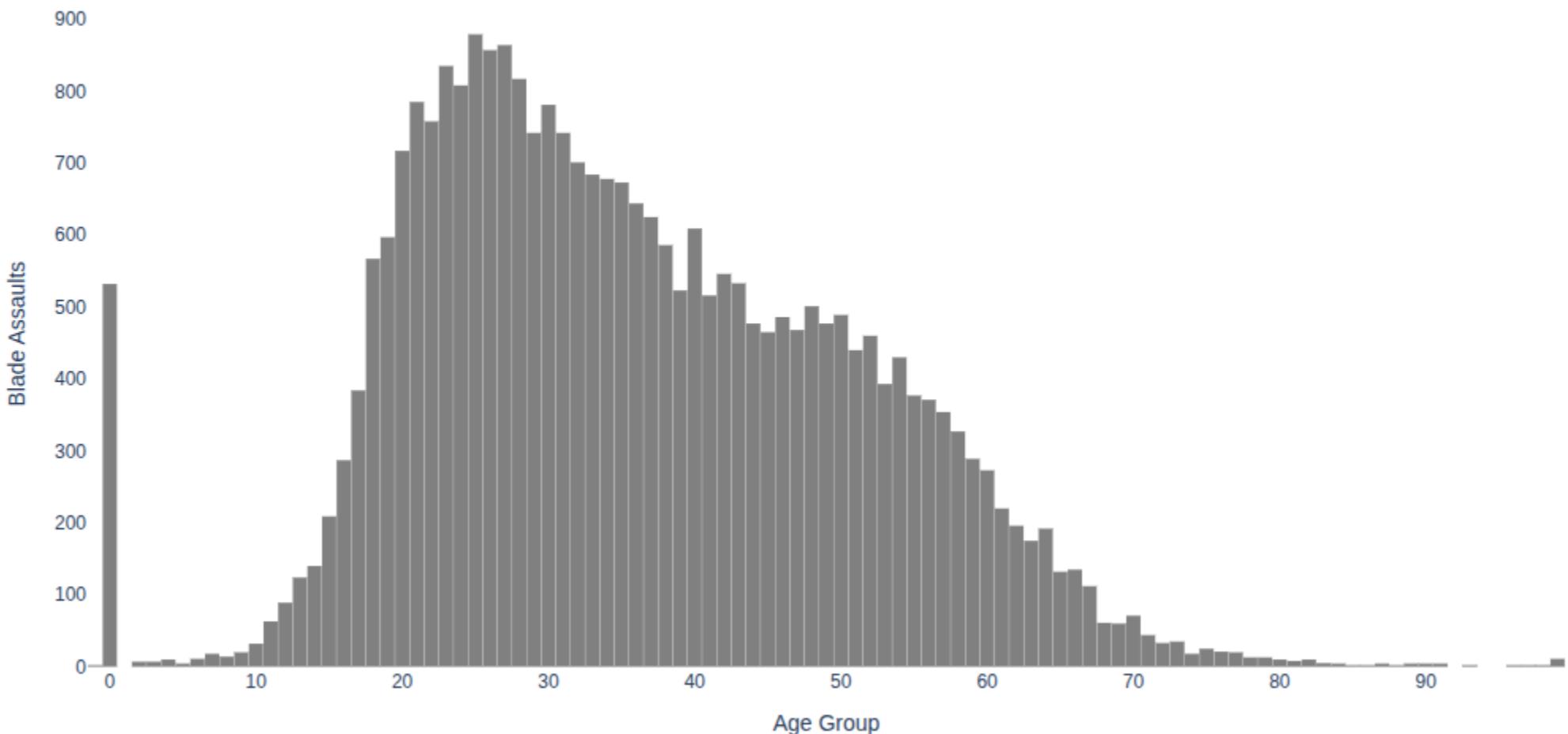


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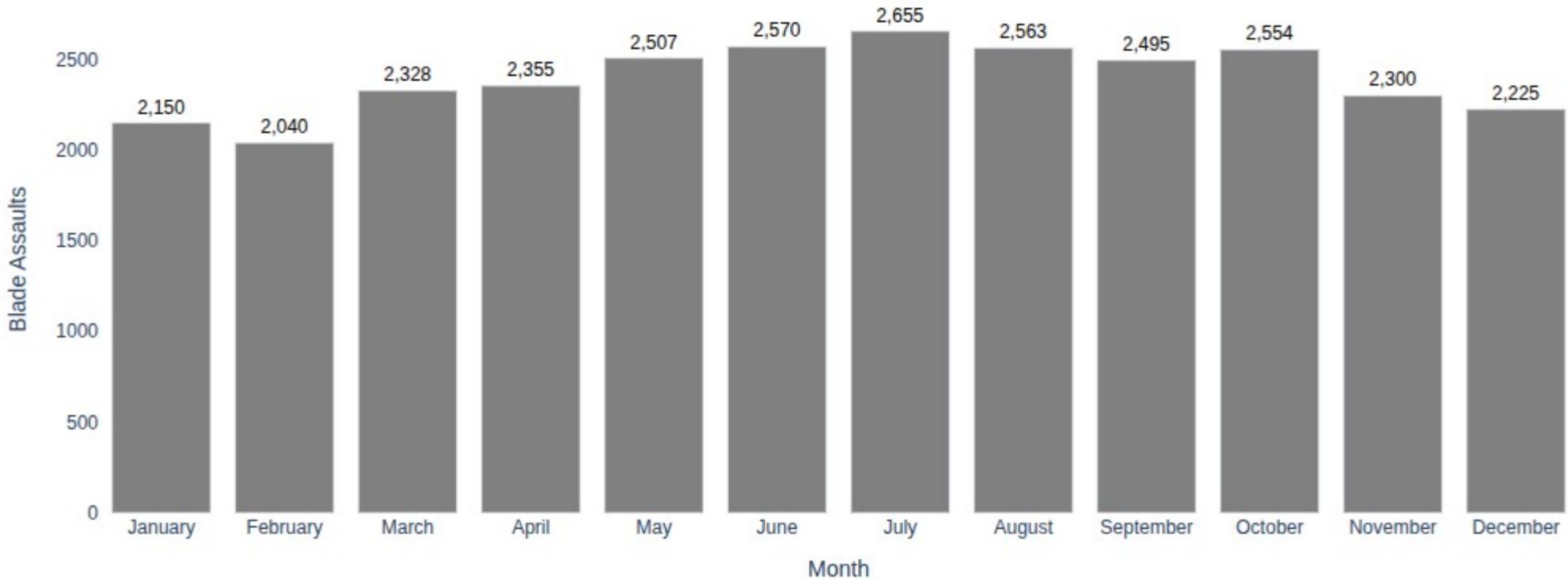
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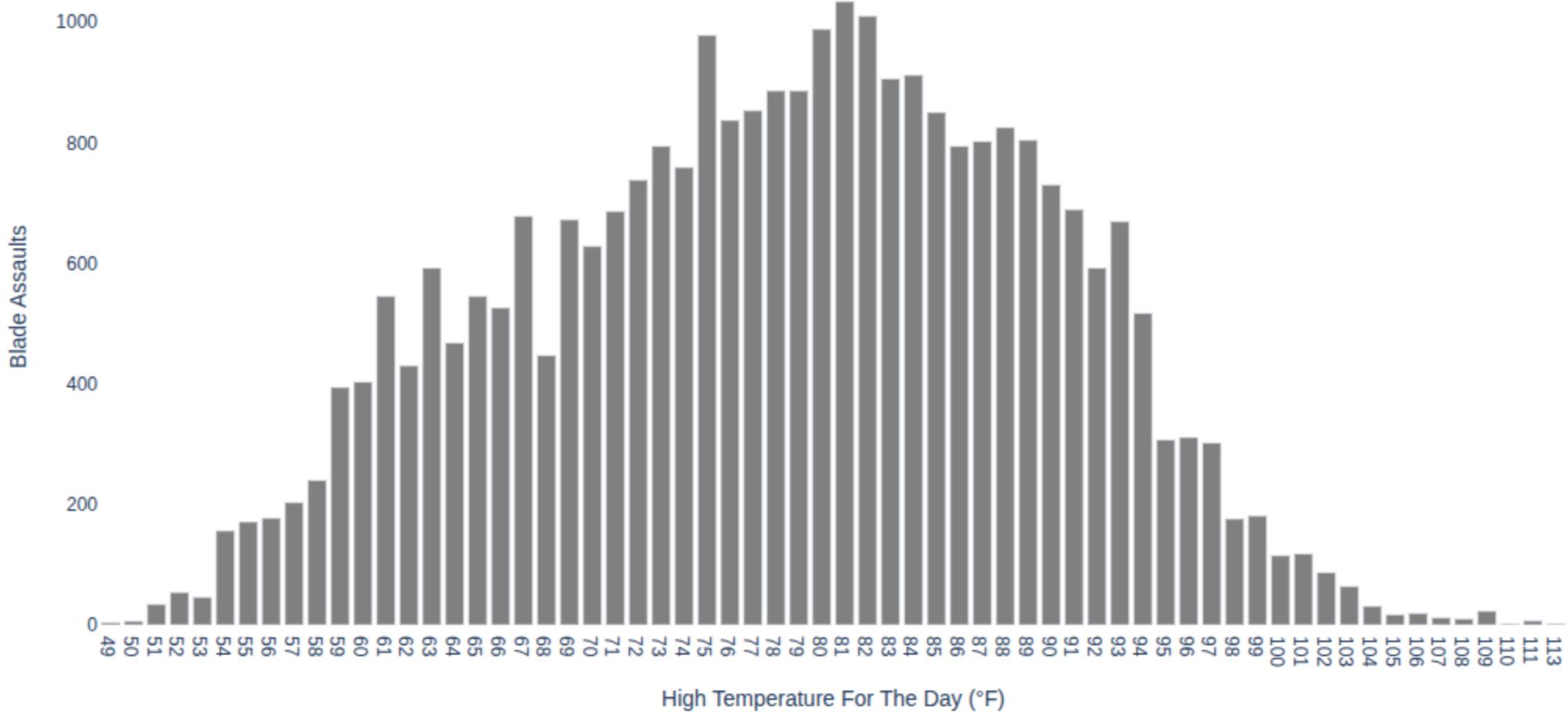


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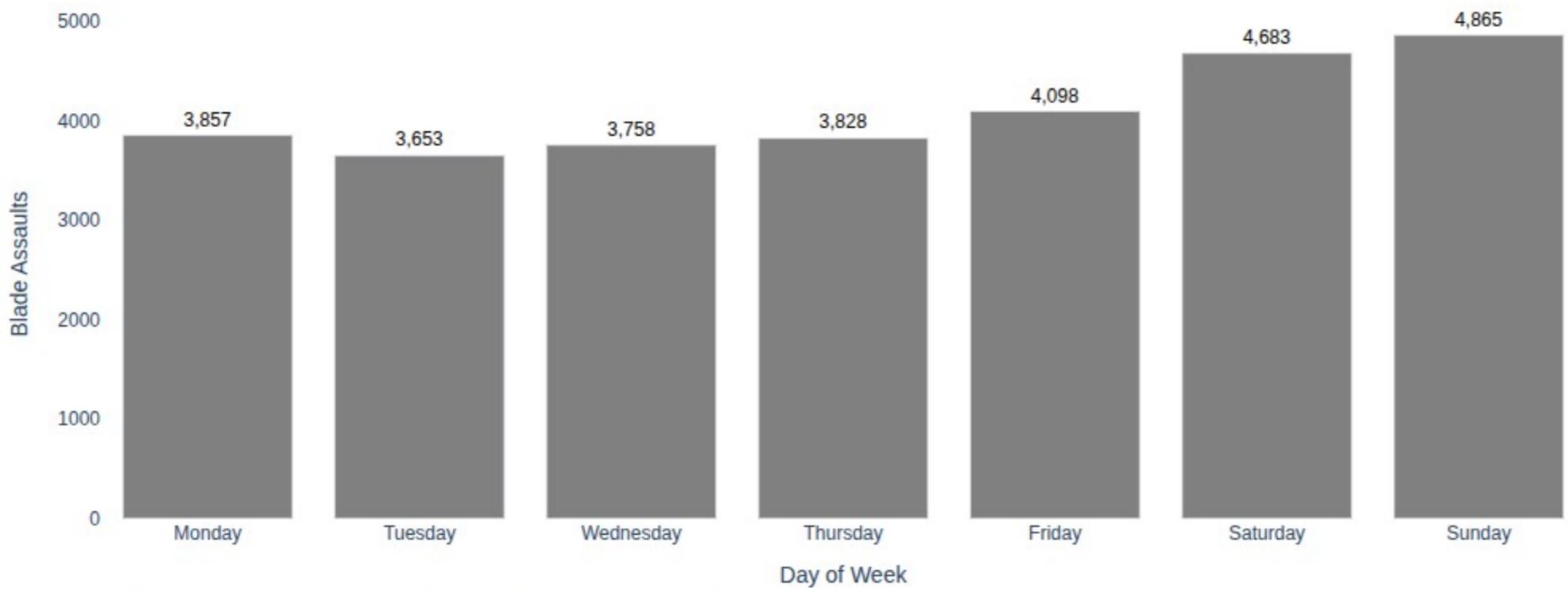


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Weekends Are Rough

Los Angeles Blade Assaults By Day of Week (2010-2023)

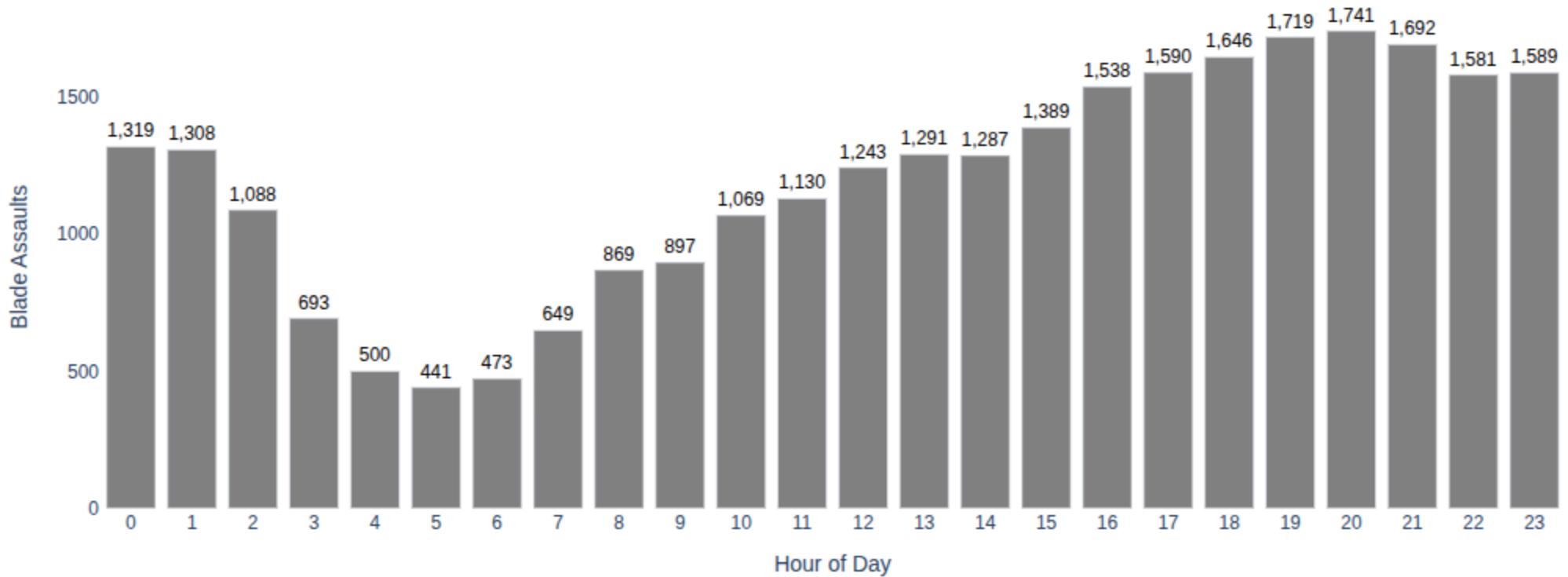


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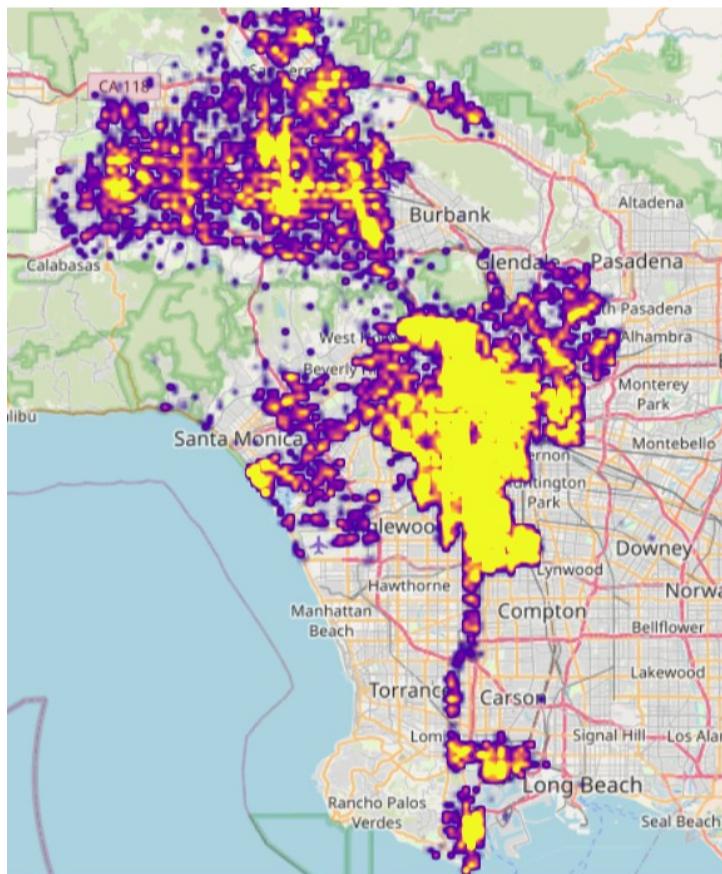
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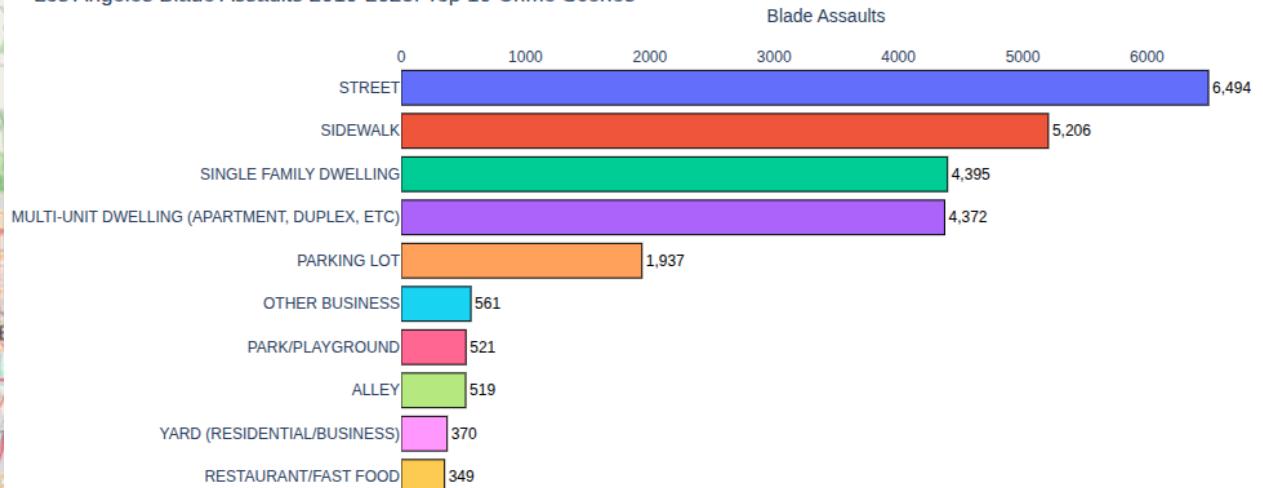


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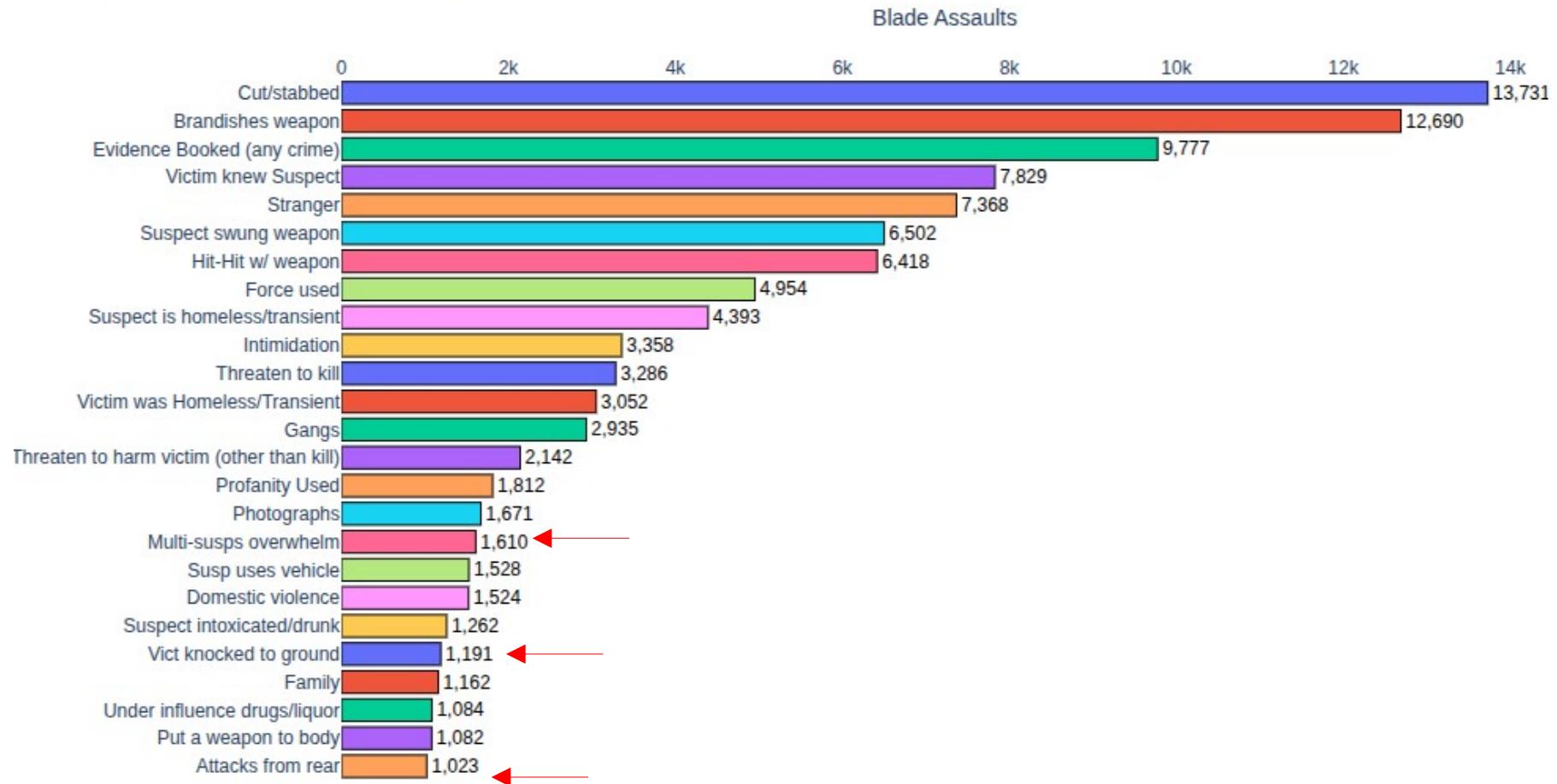
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Additional Crime Details: Top 25 Circumstances

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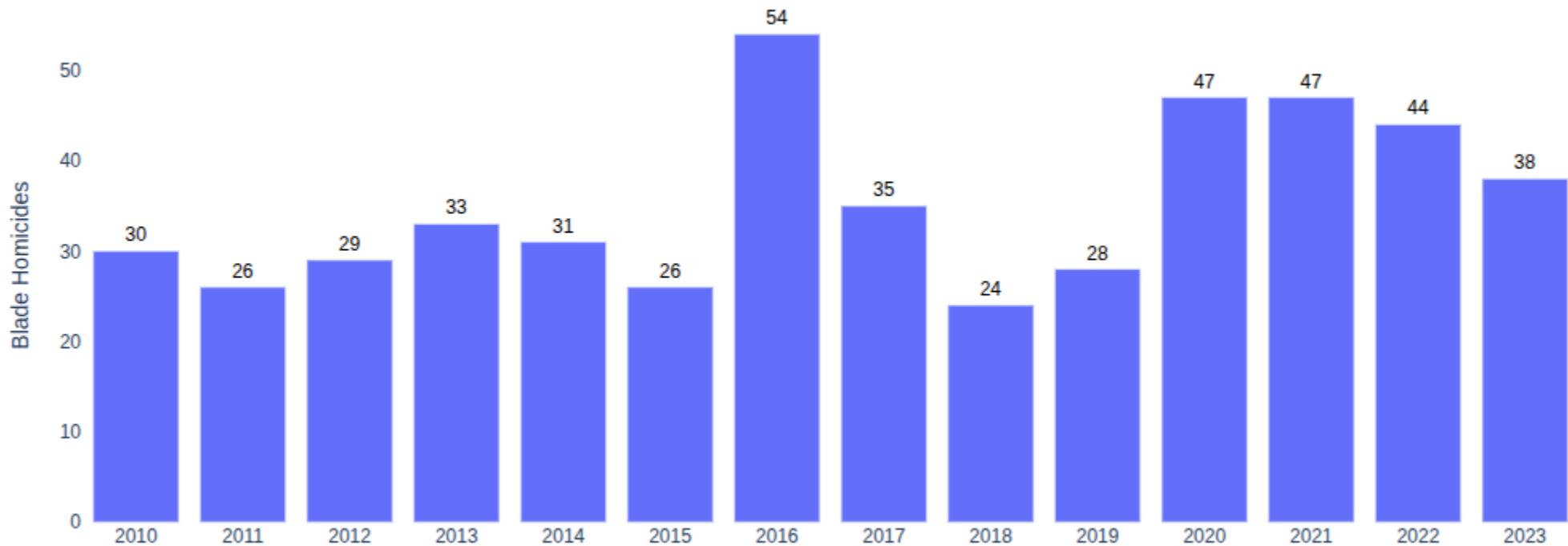


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L.A. Blade Homicides

Los Angeles Blade Homicides By Year (2010-2023)

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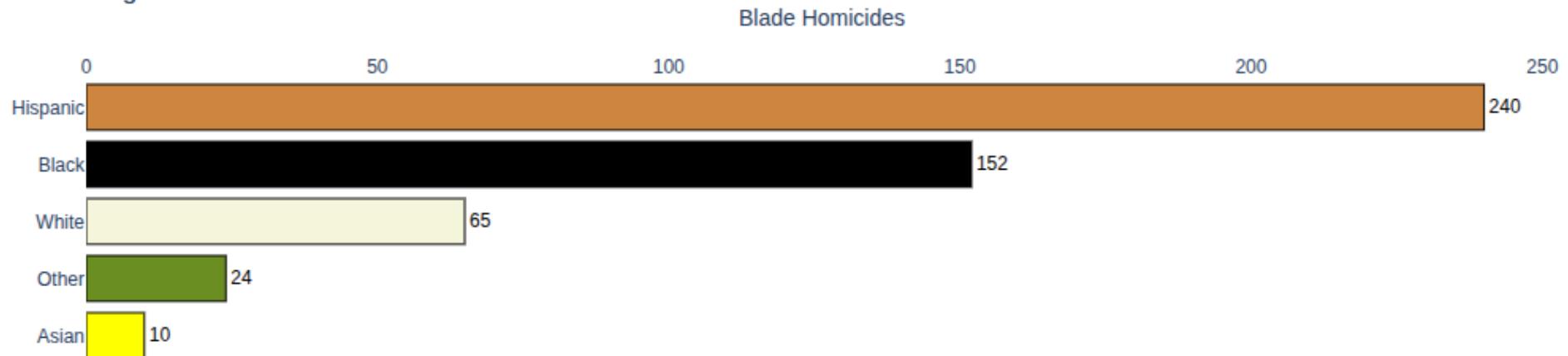
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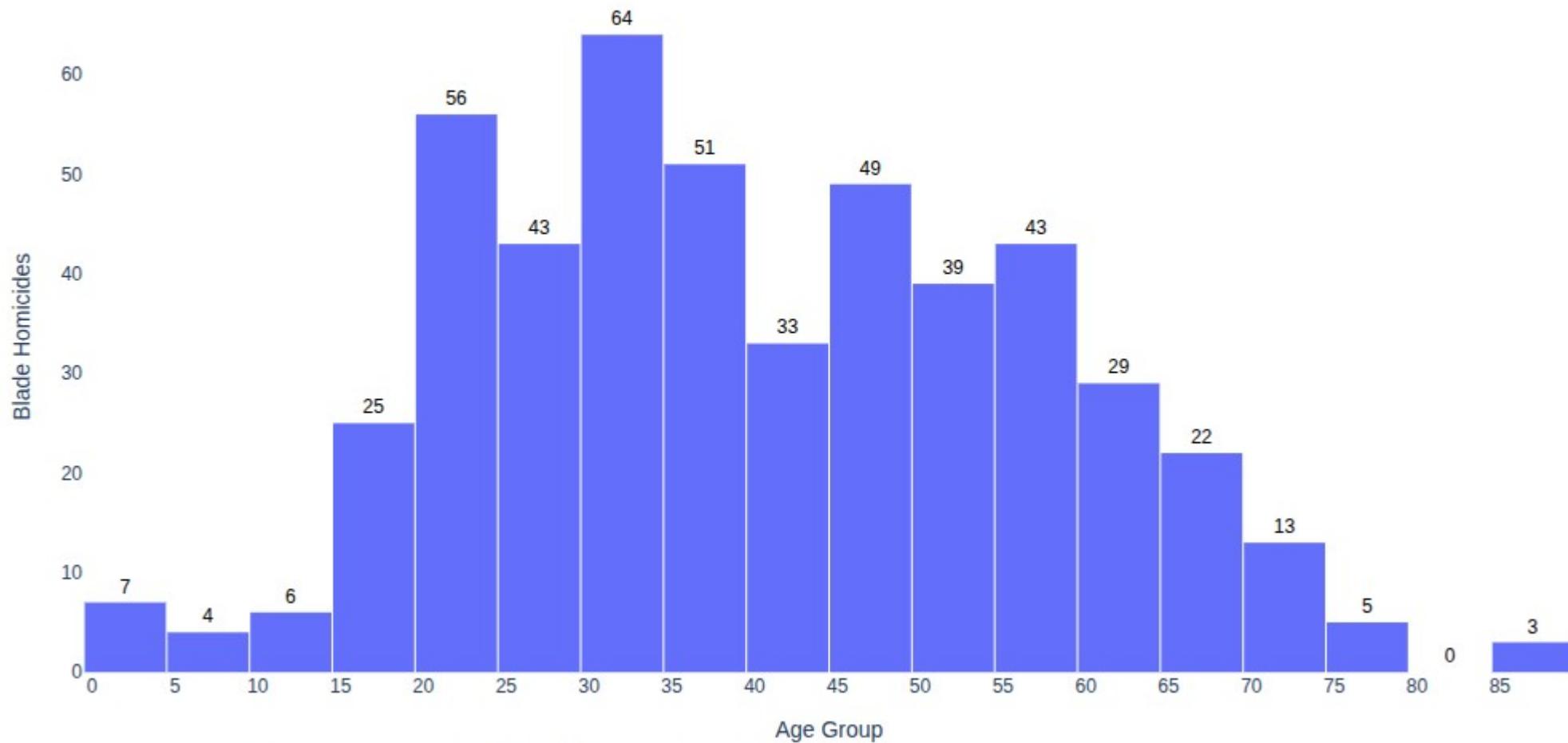


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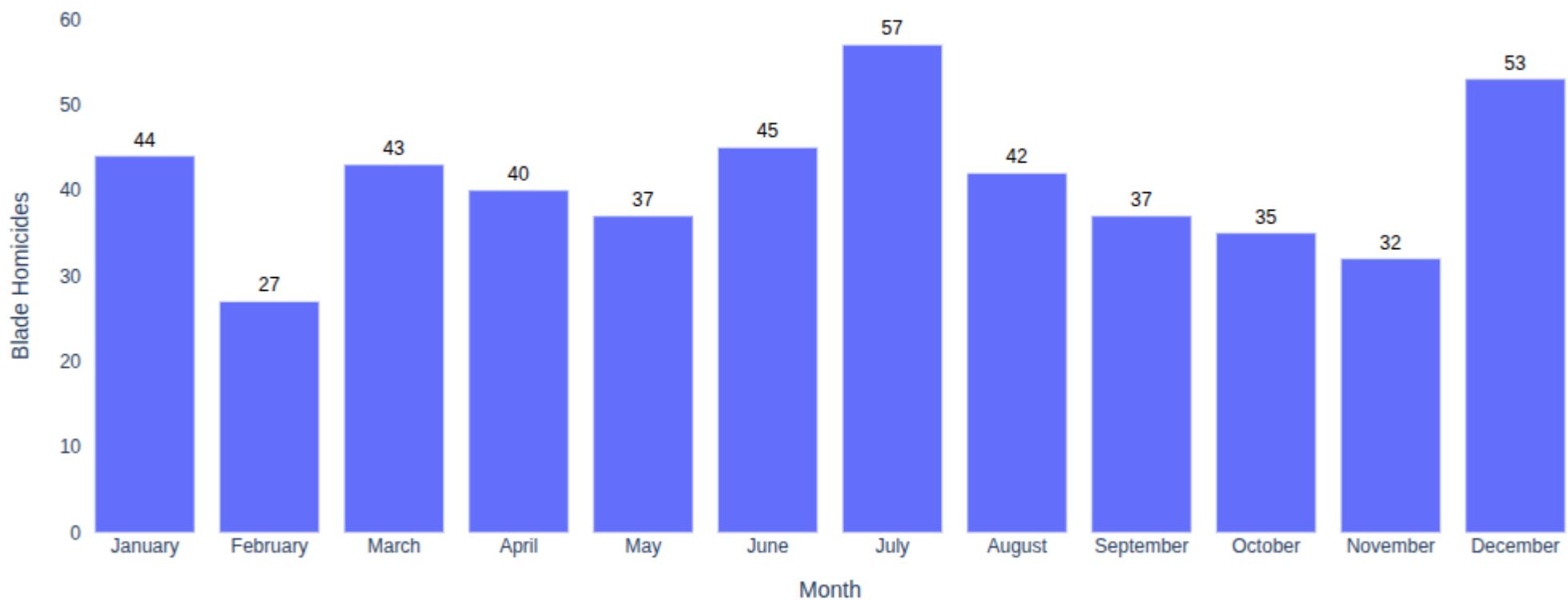
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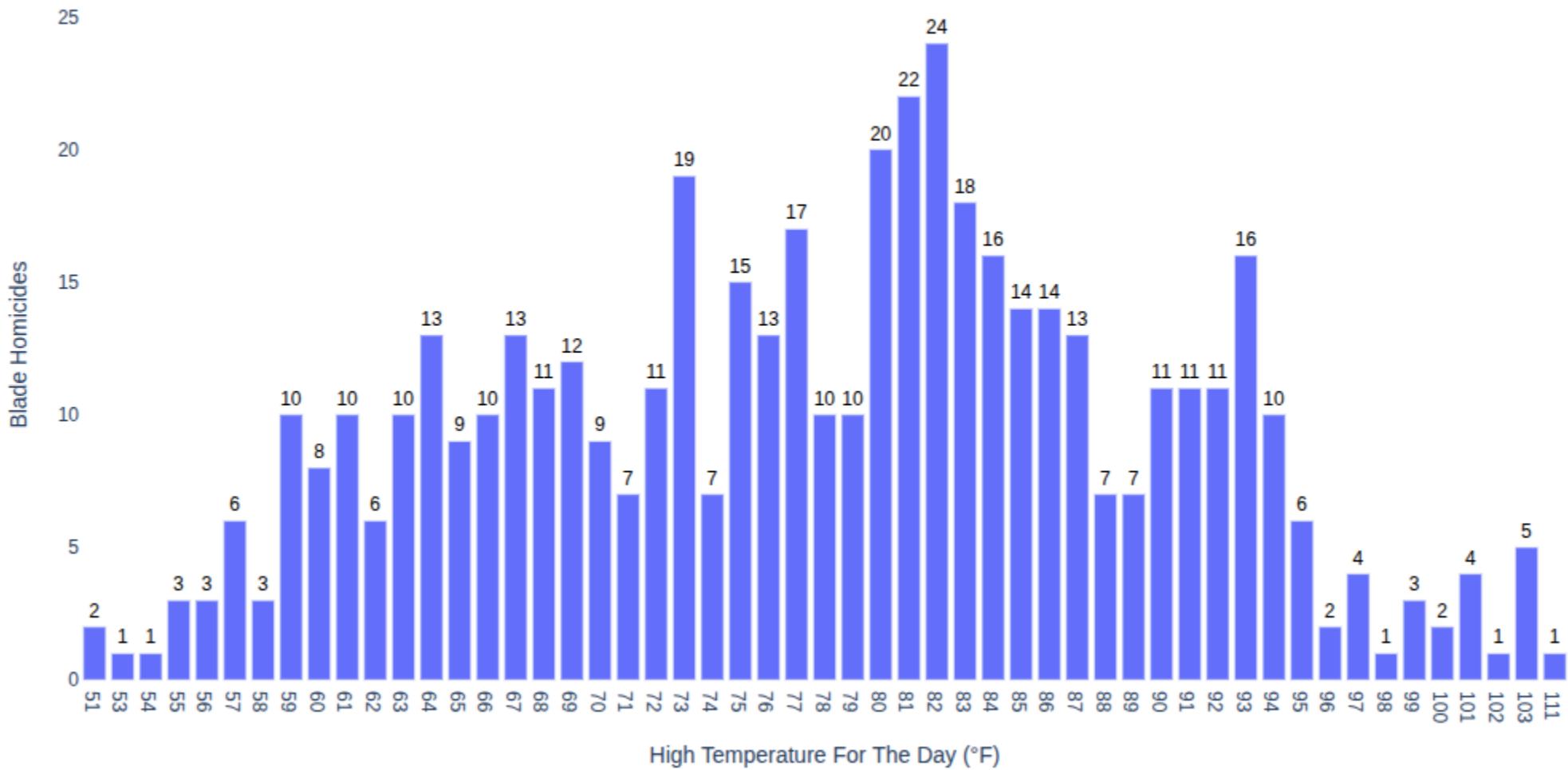


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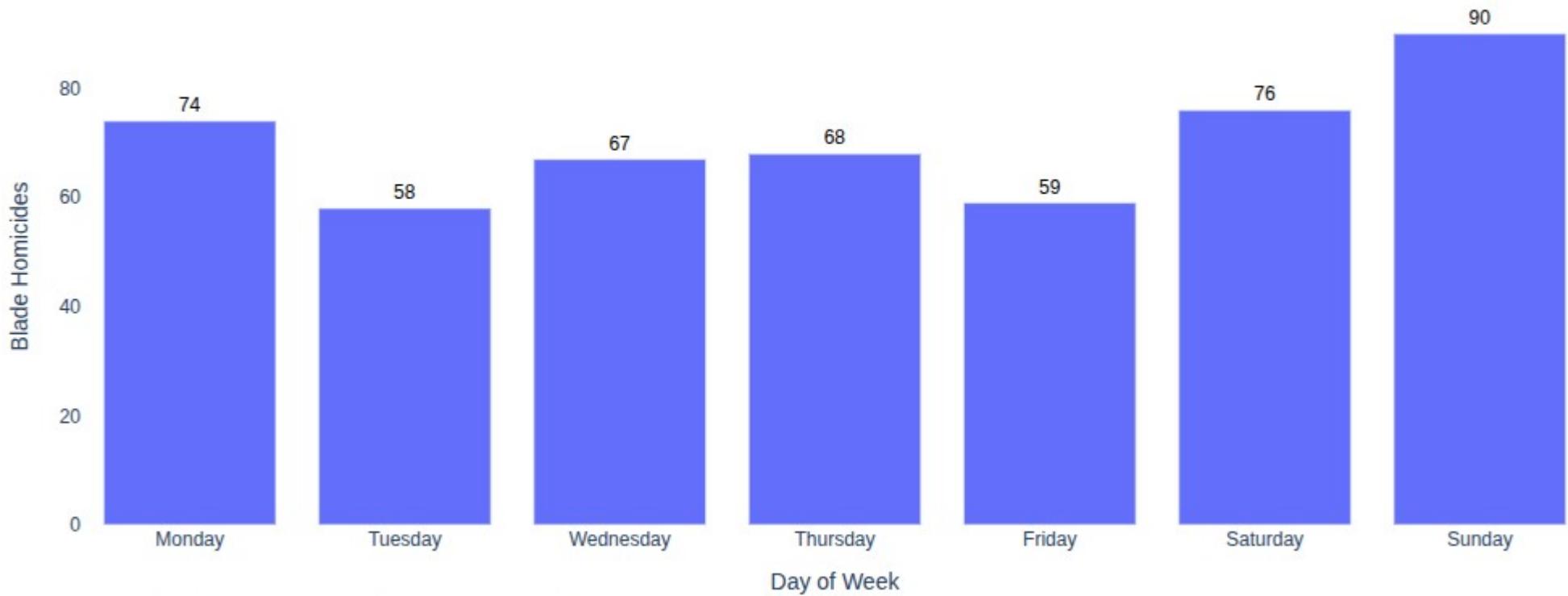


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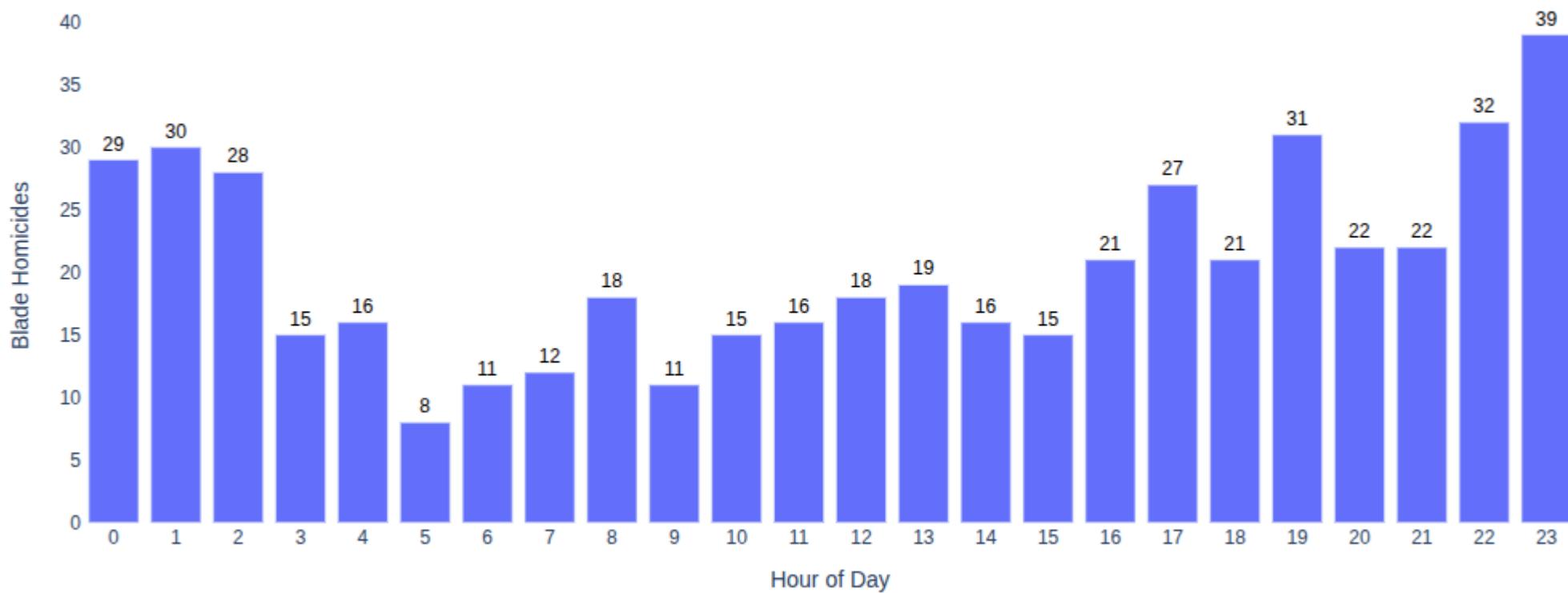


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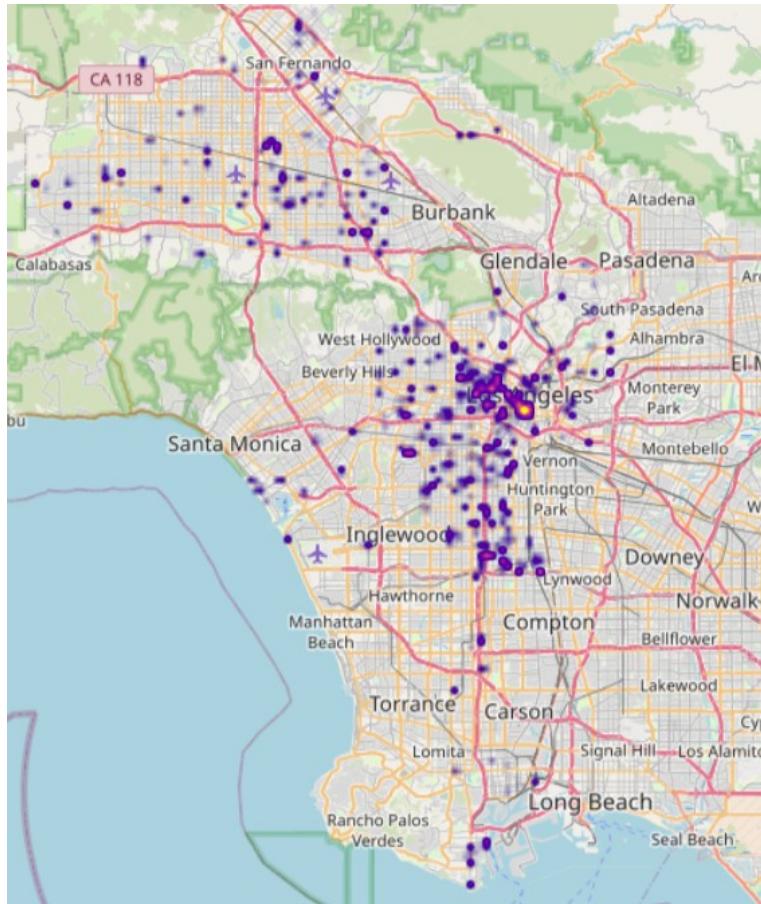
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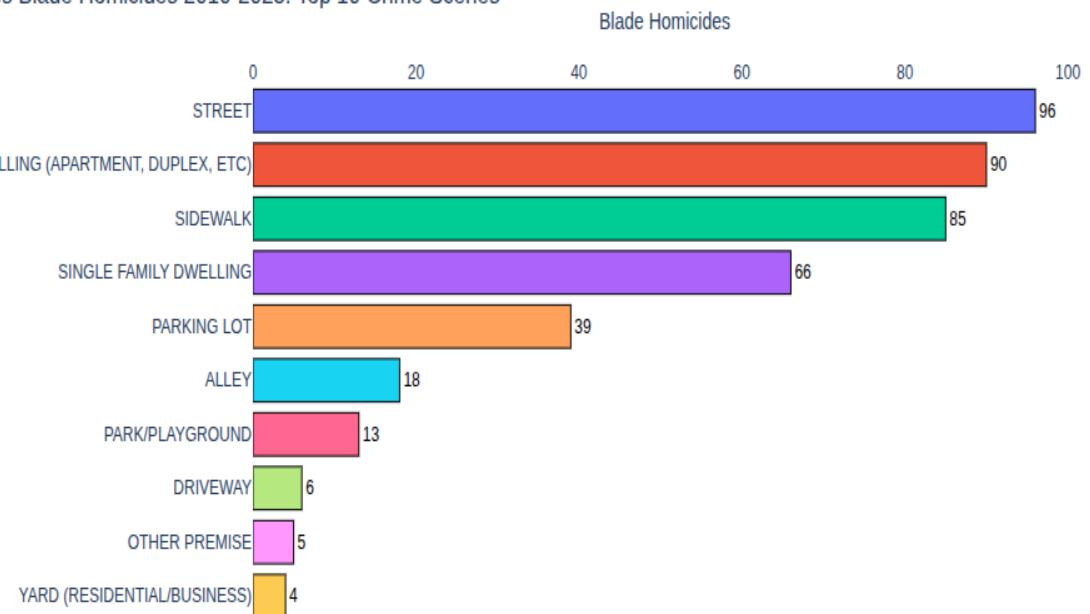


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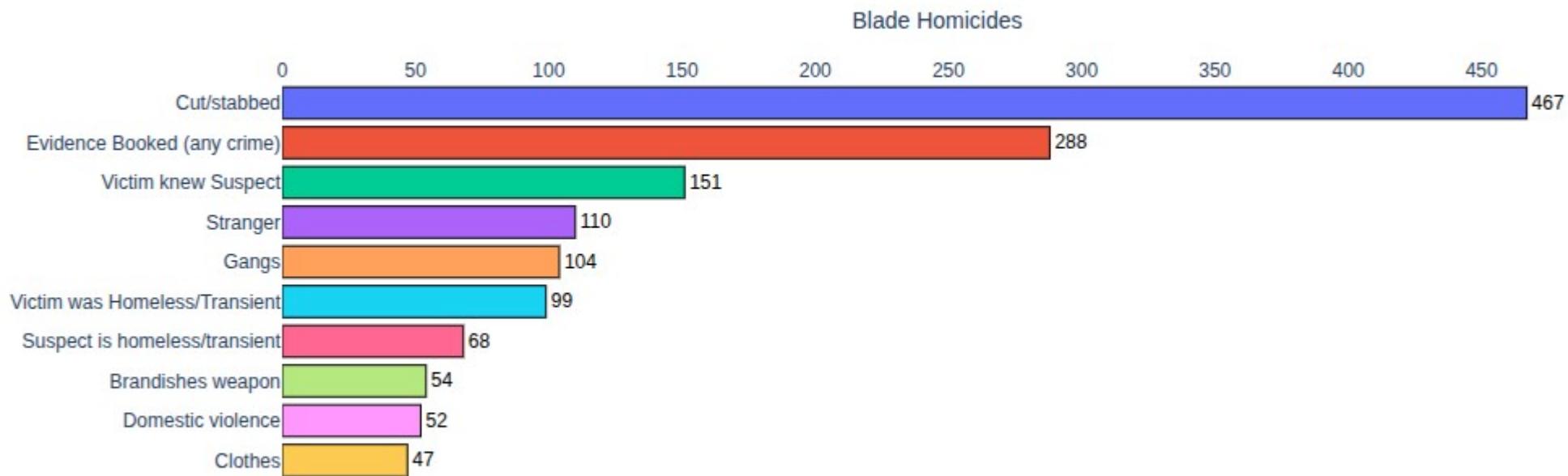
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