

# **HEA 1006 and Monroe County Courts Leigh**

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# Indiana's House Enrolled Act (HEA) 1006

In short, HEA 1006 aimed to:

- » reduce crime and enhance public safety by locally rehabilitating offenders;
- » reserve scarce prison space for dangerous offenders, and redistribute realized savings to county-level services;
- » restructure the felony system, revise sentencing schemes, and operationalize offenses to maintain proportionality in penalties;
- » ensure judges have maximum discretion, removing mandatory minimums and expanding suspendible sentences; and,
- » provide victims of crime certainty in the length of their offender's sentence through capped credit time.

An important aspect of the criminal code reform was to redistribute funds to the local level for the rehabilitation of offenders to decrease recidivism and enhance public safety. In 2015, the Indiana General Assembly established the Forensic Treatment Grant Program through the Division of Mental Health and Addiction (DMHA). This program is commonly referred to as Recovery Works. The Recovery Works program provides vouchers to DMHA-certified mental health and addiction treatment providers in the community to treat criminal justice-involved individuals without insurance or Medicaid to reduce recidivism and encourage recovery.

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The purpose of the Justice Reinvestment Advisory Council (JRAC) is to review policies, promote state and local collaboration, assist local or regional advisory councils, and provide assistance for use of evidence-based practices in community-based, and a variety of other, alternatives and recidivism reduction programs.

The **2023 Annual Evaluation of the Criminal Code Reform report** was prepared for Governor Eric J. Holcomb, Chief Justice Loretta H. Rush, and the Indiana General Assembly Legislative Council, and submitted on December 1, 2023.

# Summary

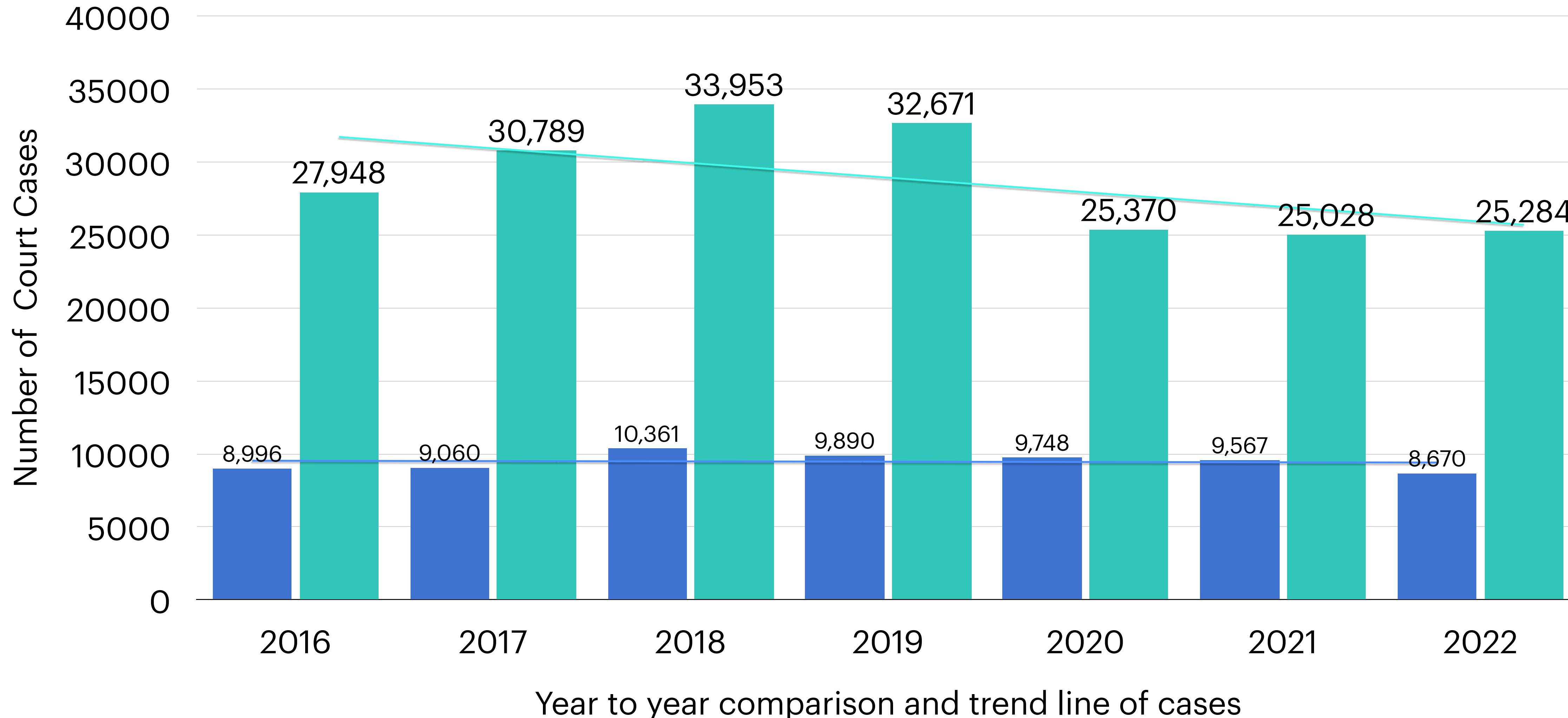
“Across the past five years, the most common felony has been possession of methamphetamine, followed by syringe possession and domestic battery.

Each year, the number of possession of methamphetamine filings has been more than **twice** as high as the next highest number of felony filings. *Four of the top ten filings across all years have been related to substance use* (possession of methamphetamine, syringe possession, narcotics possession, and operating while intoxicated). Additionally, domestic battery and strangulation are among the top ten filings in all the past five years and these crimes may also involve substance-related issues. “

**HEA 1006 Criminal Code Reforms, have not reduced problems with substance use in our community. But has served to net-widen people in our community in jail and on probation. Probation has moved from a helping friend to a trip-wire to incarceration. The standards of evidence are the low as only “a preponderance of evidence” is needed for a probation violation.**

**2016-2022 Court /  
Monroe County  
Probation Annual  
Report - data points**

# Total and Pending Monroe County Court Cases, Reported to the State of Indiana



Year to year comparison and trend line of cases

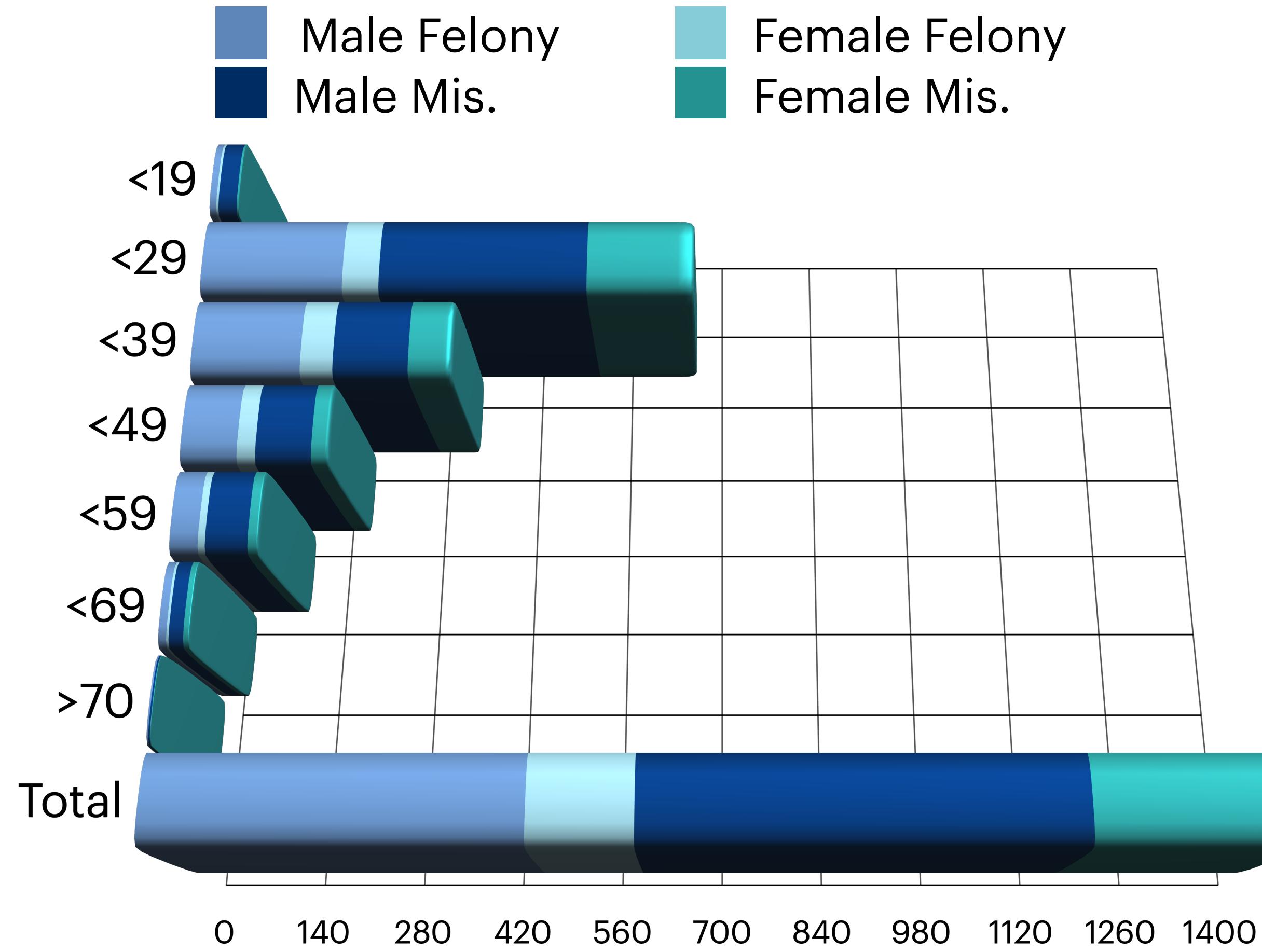
In 2022, **29,564** cases were before the Monroe Circuit Court. These included previously pending cases, new filings, reopened cases and venued-in cases from other counties. **Fifty-four percent (54%) or 16,099 of these cases were new and venued- in cases** and the remaining were reopened and previously pending cases. Reopened cases are defined as cases redocketed for further action, such as proceedings supplemental to collect money judgments, petitions to modify child custody, support or visitation, and modifications of criminal sentences. The cases included criminal, civil, domestic, protective orders, small claims, juvenile, probate, mental health, ordinance violations and infractions. The nine courts disposed of 21,450 cases in 2022.

Felonies	New filings 1,137 - Reopened 538	47% redocketed
	Decided 1,327 - Reopened 467	35% redocketed

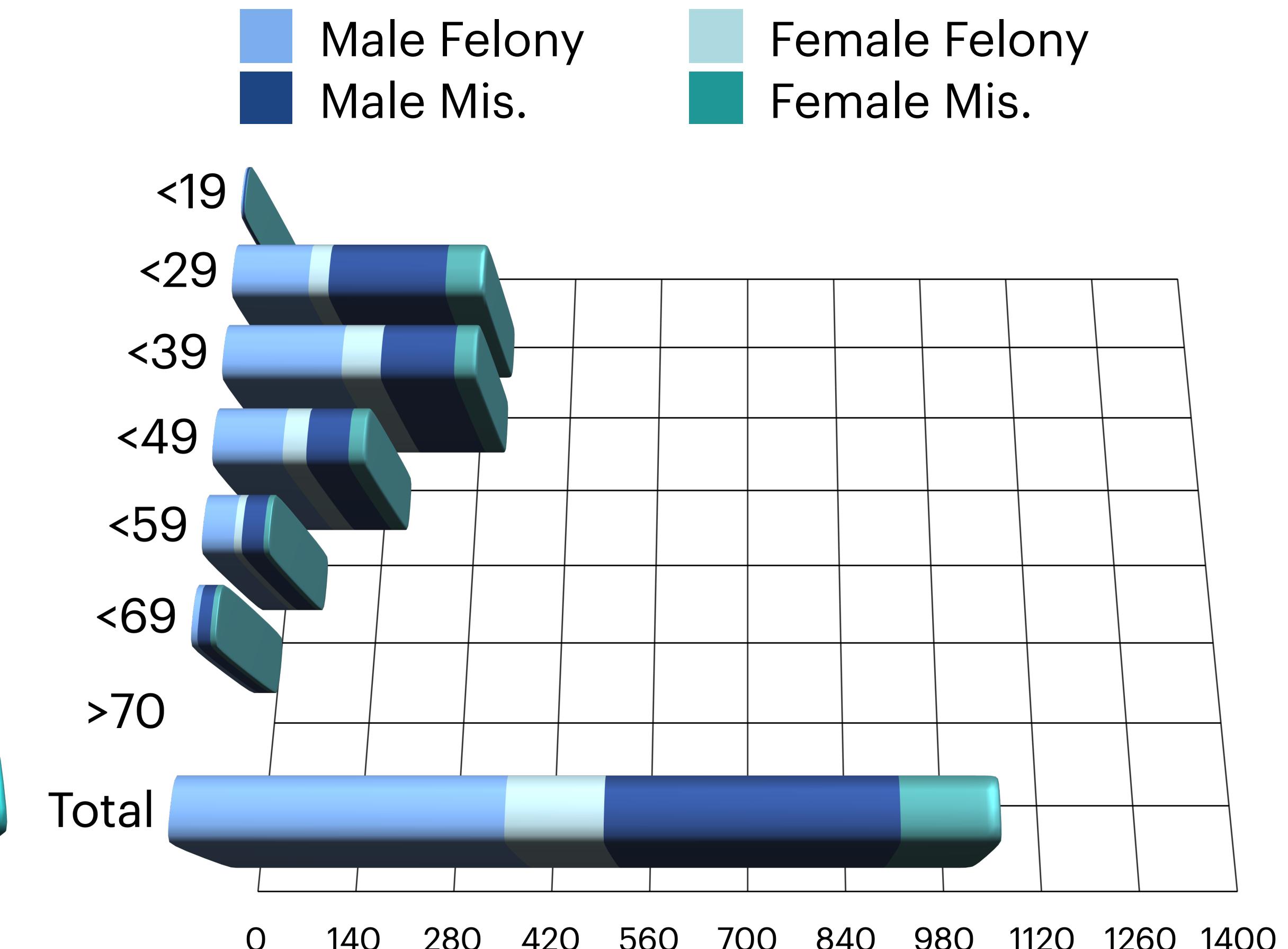
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# Post Sentence

2022



2017 Monroe County Probation *Supervisions* by  
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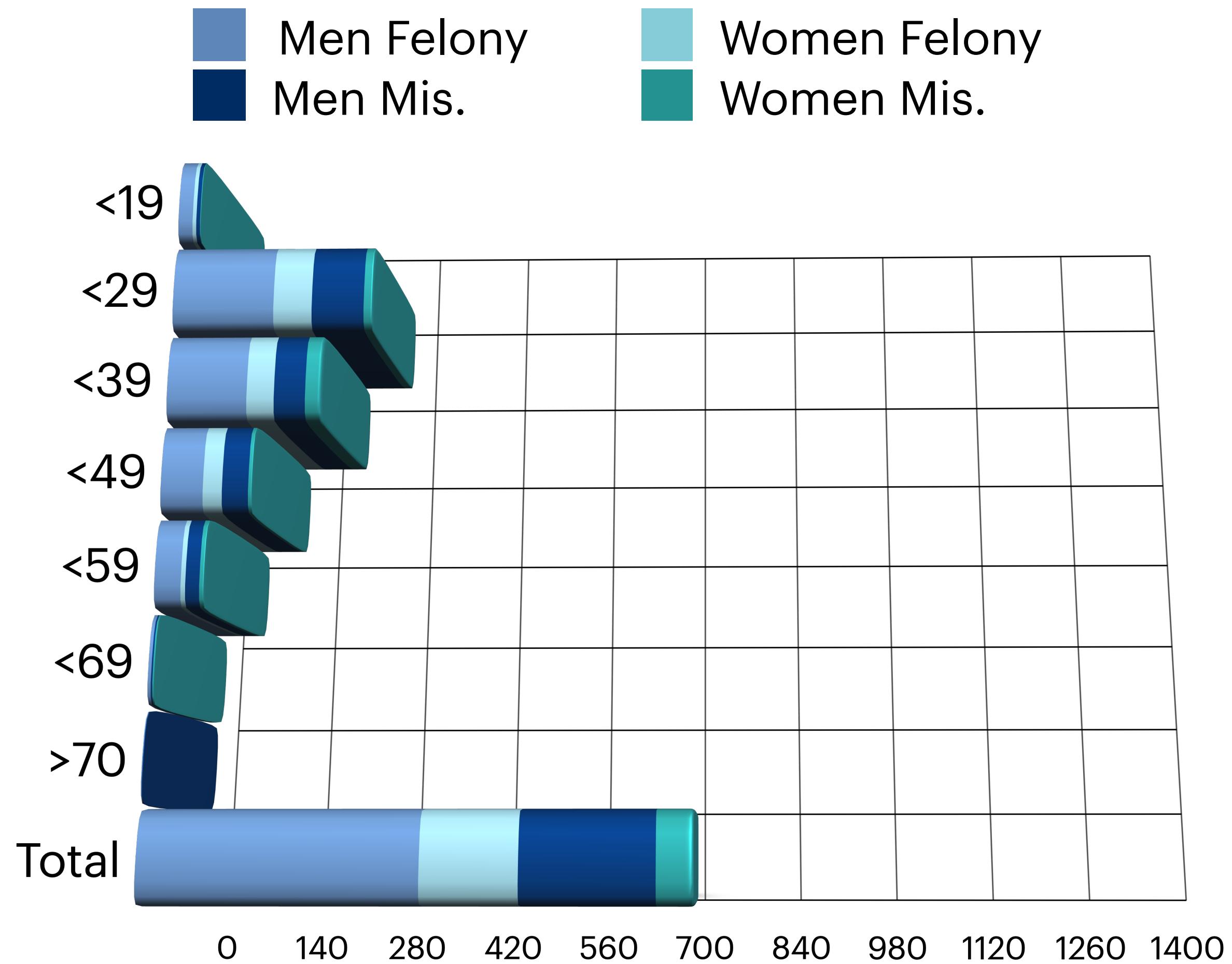


2022 Monroe County Probation *Supervisions* by  
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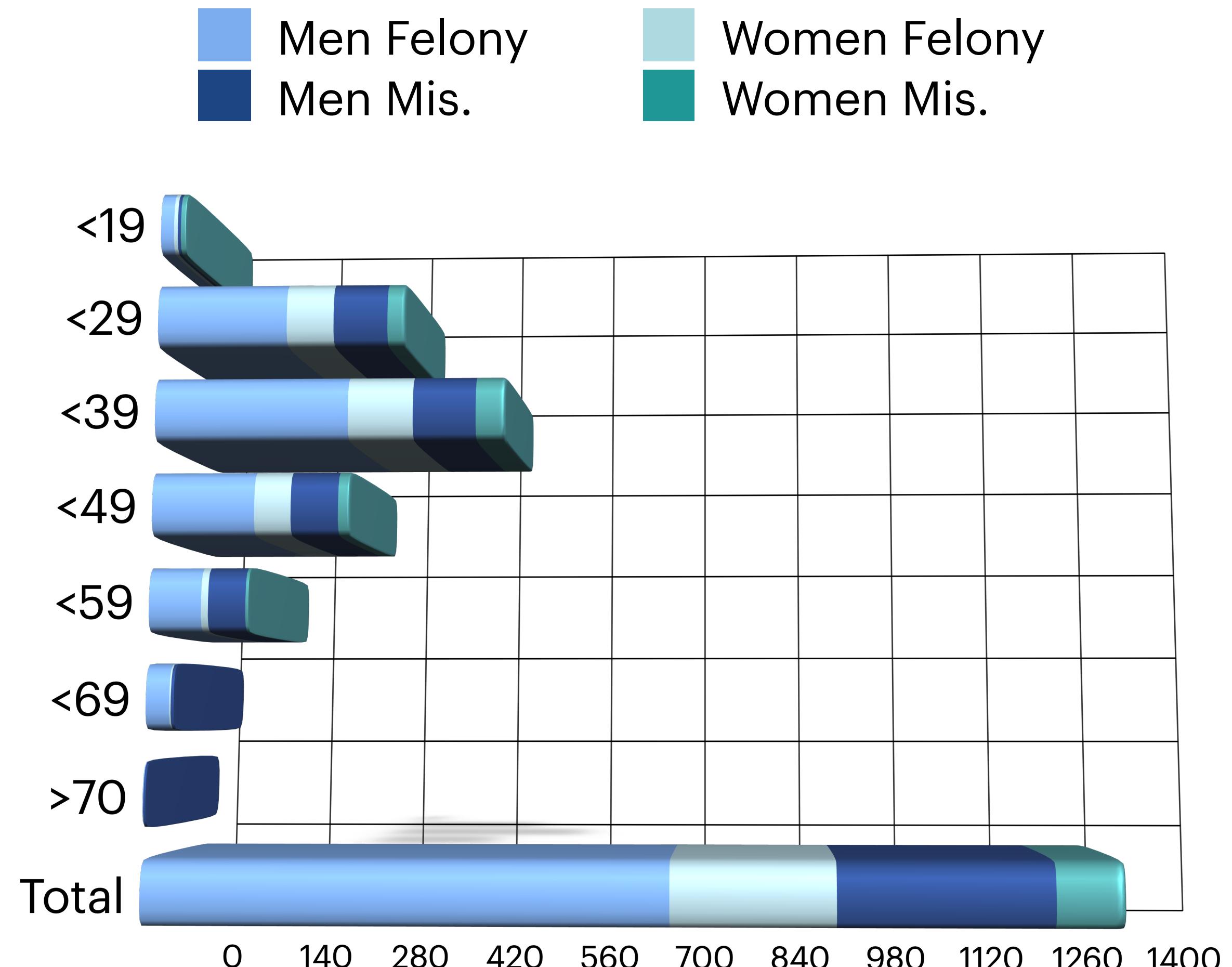
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# Pre-Trial

# 2022



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# Number of people court ordered into Monroe County, Indiana probation supervisions

