Missing Persons

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Cumulative NamUs Cases

- Scaling of Cumulative Cases vs Population
- Choropleths
- Demographic Analysis of Cases
  - Population Pyramids
  - Sex Distribution
  - Race/Ethnicity Distribution

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NamUs Missing Persons Cases Data Characteristics

- We have **25,630** available records and use **16,370** records (from 2000-2024), within the decades:
  - 1900-1910: **1**
  - 1910-1920: **2**
  - 1920-1930: **6**
  - 1930-1940: **8**
  - 1940-1950: **30**
  - 1950-1960: **86**
  - 1960-1970: **268**
  - 1970-1980: **1272**
  - 1980-1990: **2961**
  - 1990-2000: **3534**
  - 2000-2010: **4465**
  - 2010-2020: **6396**
  - 2020-2024: **5899**
  - 2025: **702**

- The data missing per column is as follows:
  - CaseID: **0.00%**
  - FirstName: **0.00%**
  - MiddleName: **24.78%**
  - LastName: **0.00%**
  - Nicknames: **72.19%**
  - CurrentMinAge: **0.00%**
  - CurrentMaxAge: **0.00%**
  - Sex: **0.00%**
  - Ethnicity: **0.00%**
  - HeightInches: **0.14%**
  - WeightPounds: **0.19%**
  - EyeColor: **2.41%**
  - HairColor: **1.76%**
  - DisappearanceDate: **0.00%**
  - City: **0.42%**
  - State: **0.00%**
  - County: **0.31%**
  - InvestigatingAgency: **0.01%**

NamUs Cases [1969-2024]

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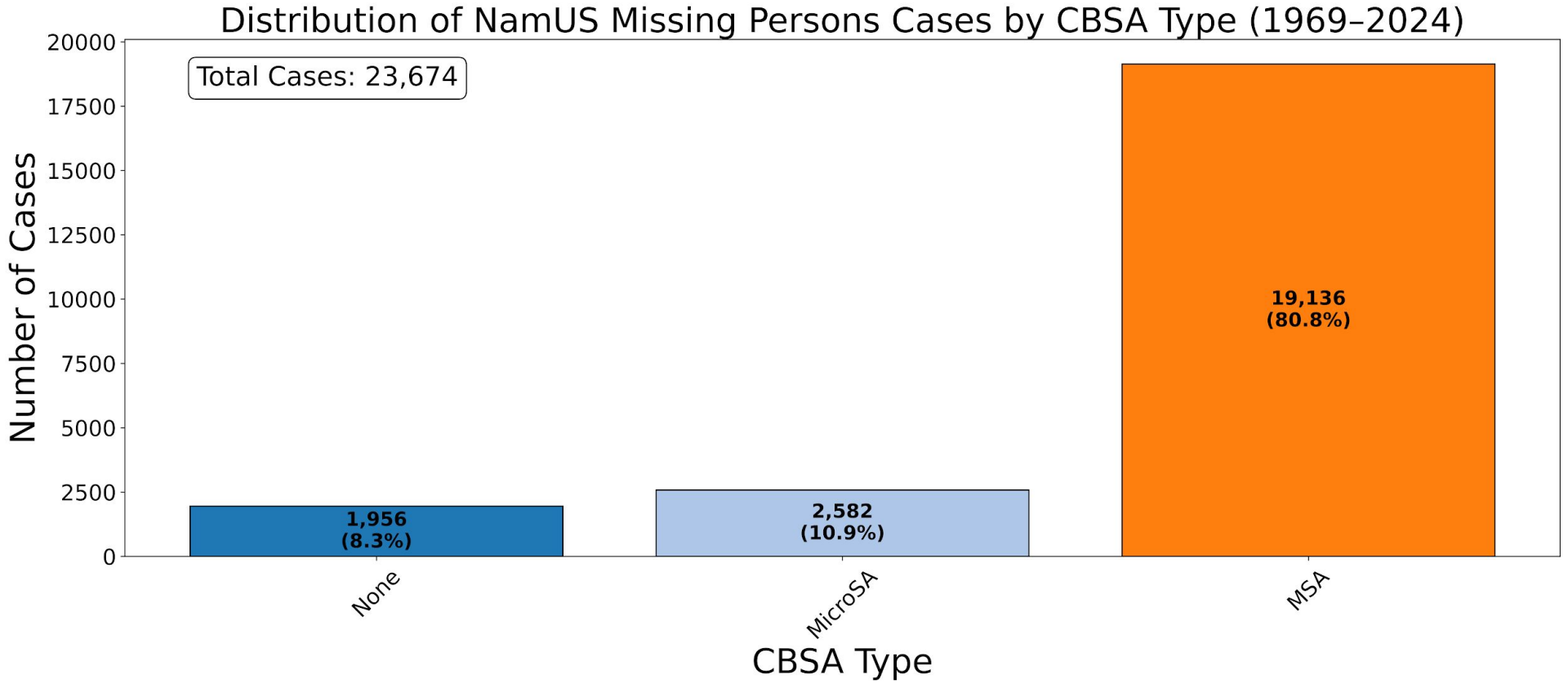
Distribution of NamUS Missing Persons Cases by CBSA Type (1969–2024)
Total Cases: 23,674
Number of Cases
20000
17500
15000
12500
10000
7500
5000
2500
0
1,956
(8.3%)
2,582
(10.9%)
19,136
(80.8%)
None
MicroSA
MSA
CBSA Type

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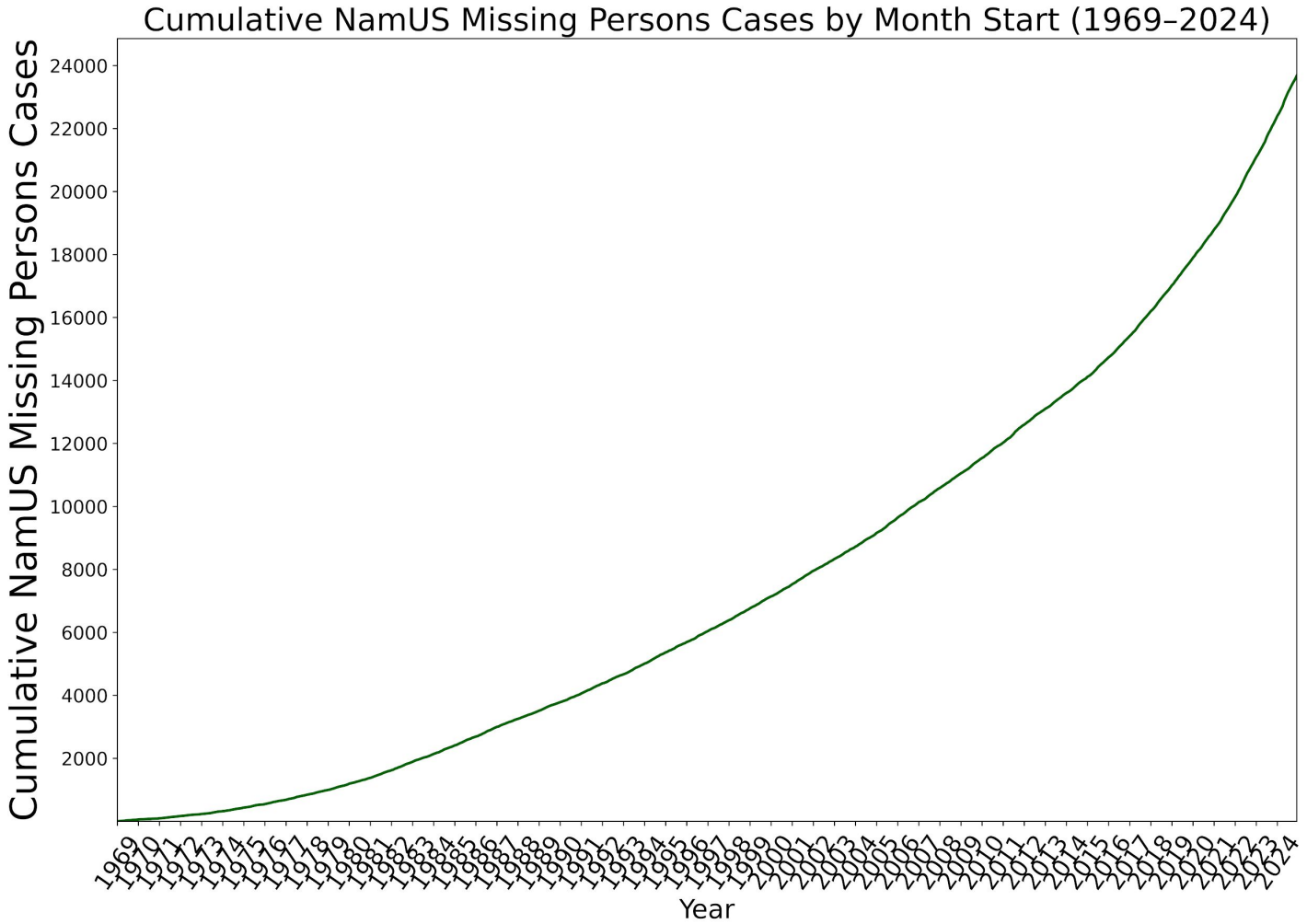
Cumulative NamUS Missing Persons Cases by Month Start (1969–2024)
Cumulative NamUS Missing Persons Cases
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22000
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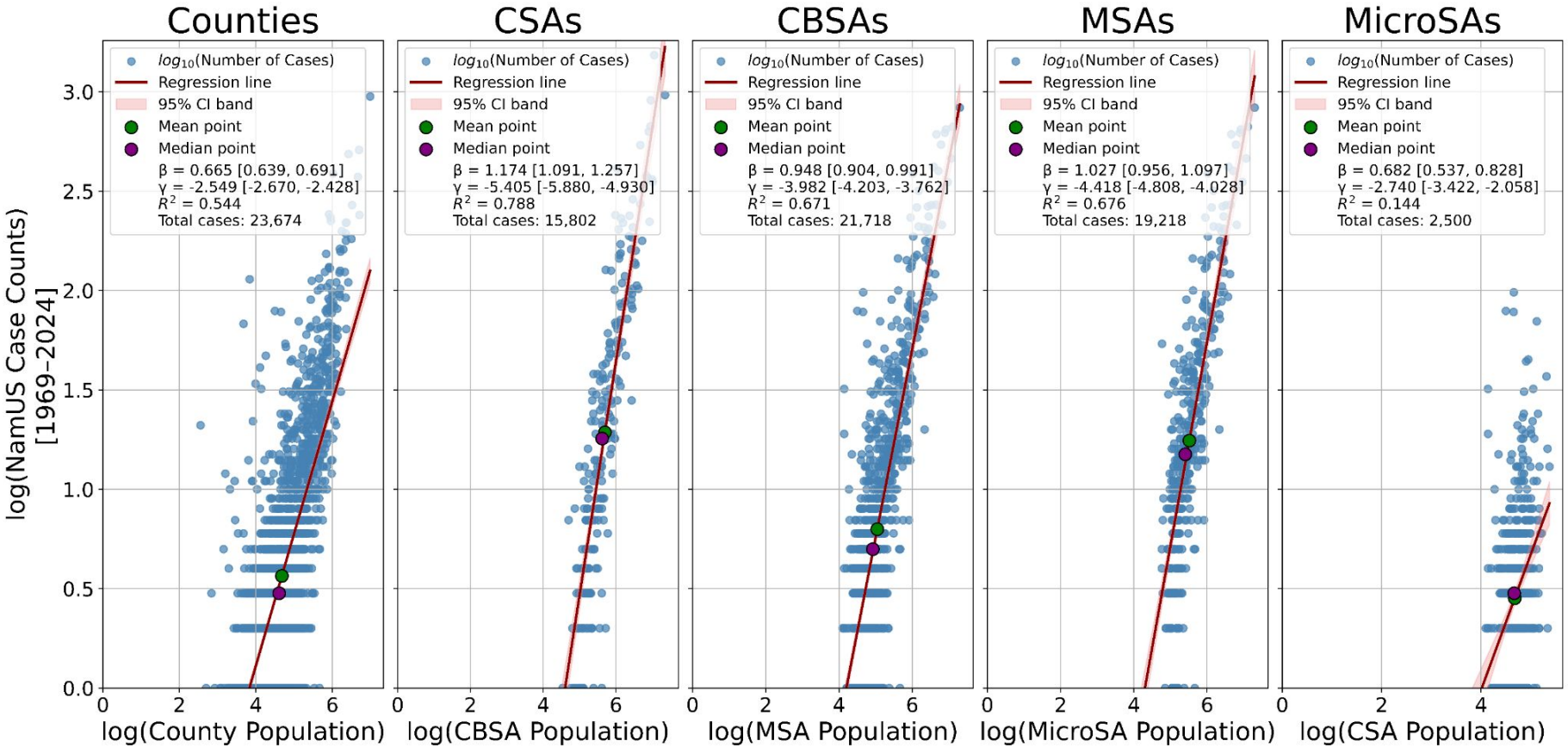
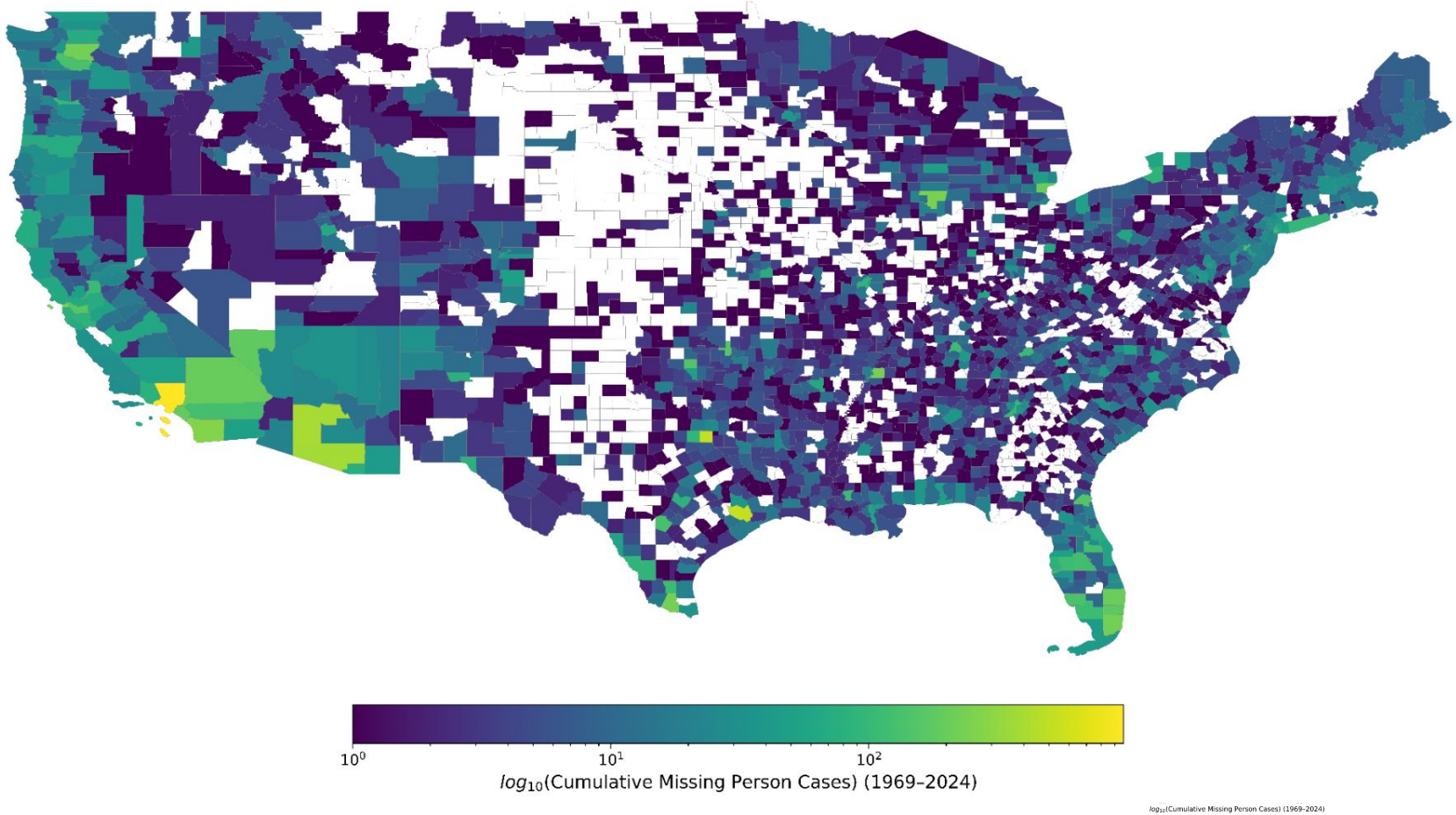
Scaling Exponent (β) of NamUs Missing Persons Cases vs GEOID Population [1969–2024]

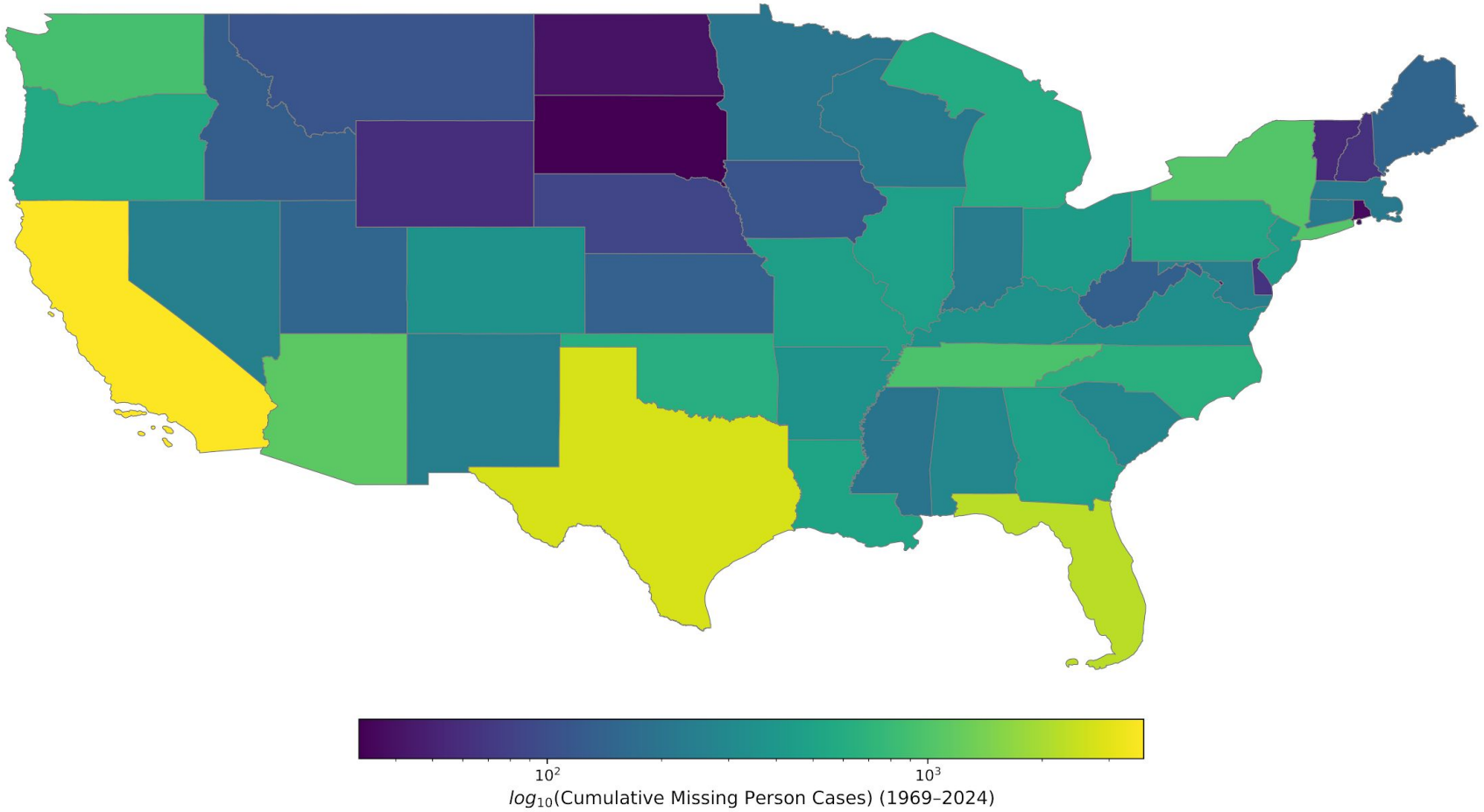


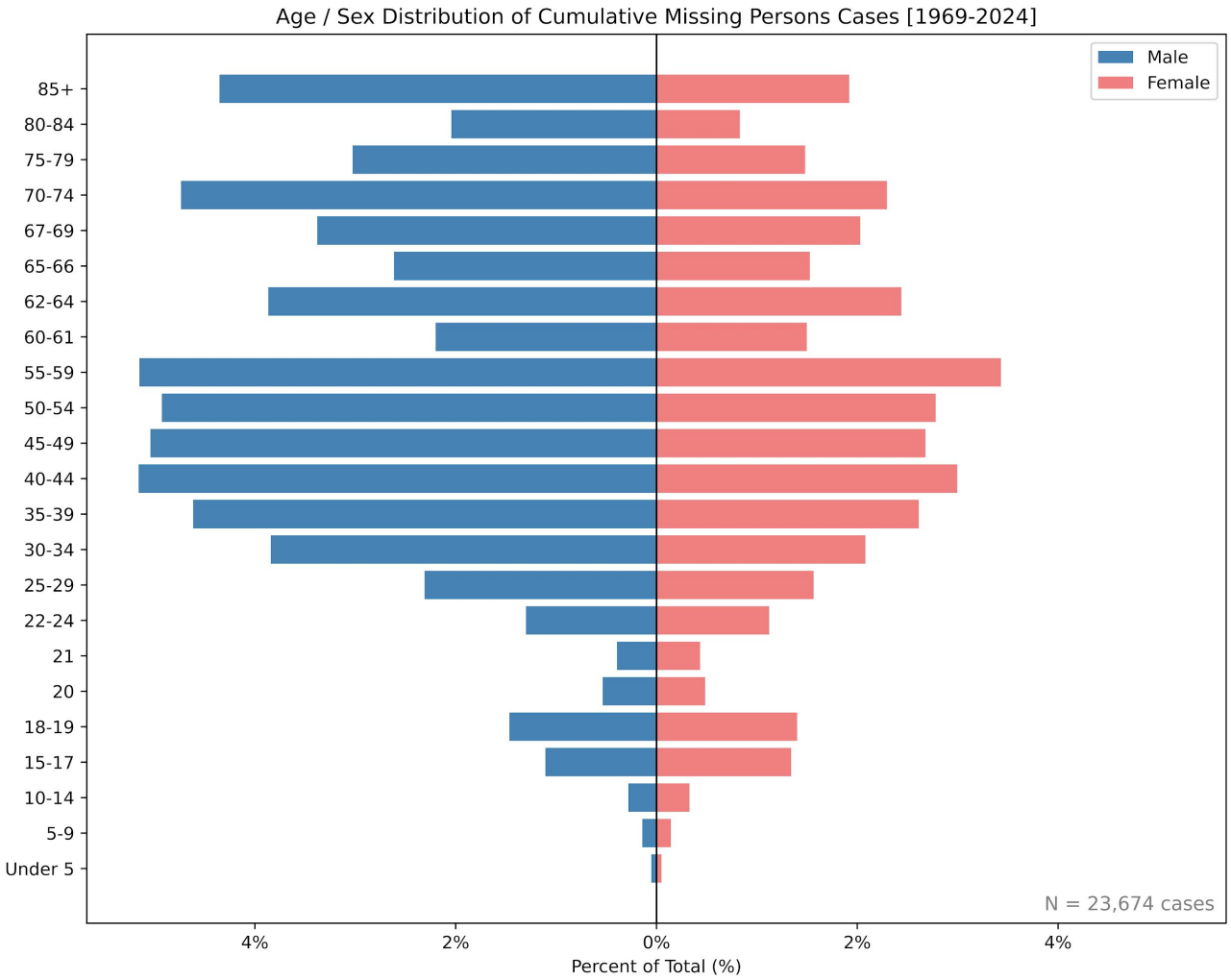
Cumulative NamUs Missing Person Cases by County (Continental U.S., 1969–2024)



log_{10}(Cumulative Missing Person Cases) (1969–2024)

Cumulative NamUs Missing Person Cases by State (Continental U.S., 1969–2024)




Age / Sex Distribution of Cumulative Missing Persons Cases [1969-2024]
Male
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85+
80-84
75-79
70-74
67-69
65-66
62-64
60-61
55-59
50-54
45-49
40-44
35-39
30-34
25-29
22-24
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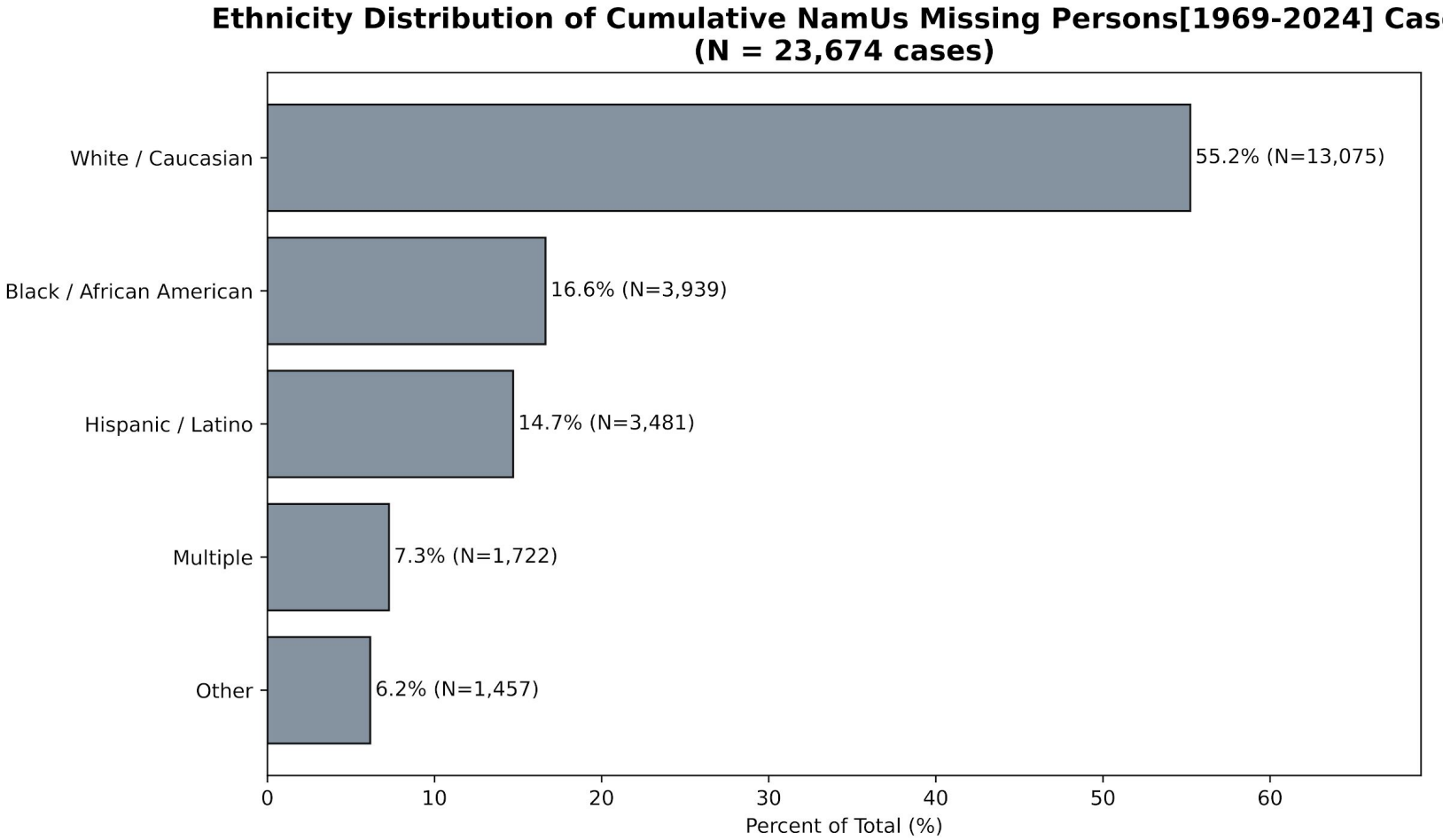
18-19
15-17
10-14
5-9
Under 5
N = 23,674 cases
4%
2%
0%
2%
4%
Percent of Total (%)


Ethnicity Distribution of Cumulative NamUs Missing Persons[1969-2024] Cases
(N = 23,674 cases)
White / Caucasian
Black / African American
Hispanic / Latino
Multiple
Other
55.2% (N=13,075)
16.6% (N=3,939)
14.7% (N=3,481)
7.3% (N=1,722)
6.2% (N=1,457)
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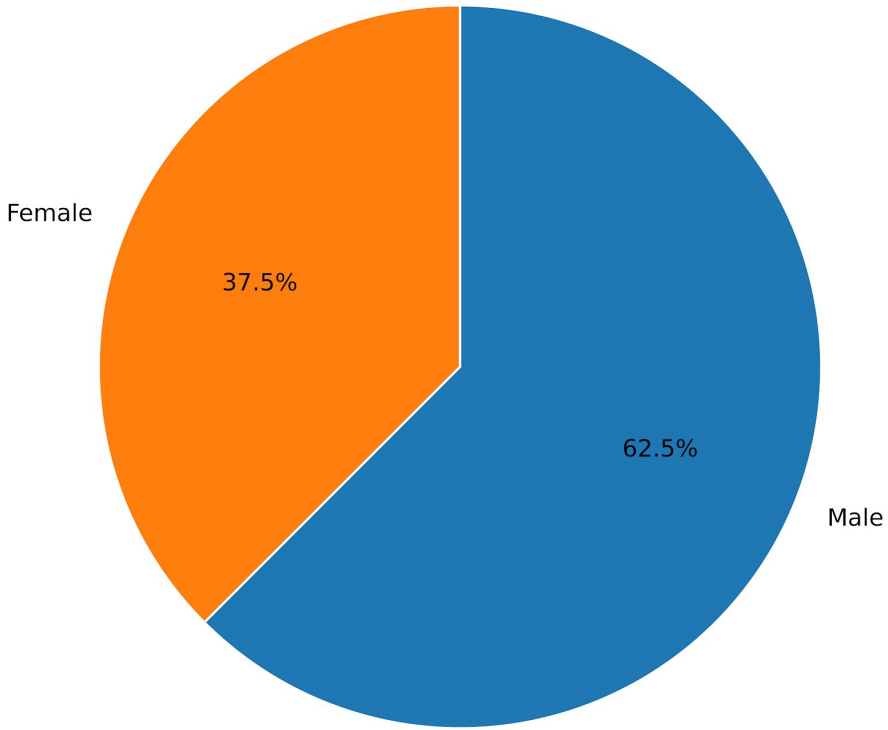
Percent of Total (%)

Sex Distribution of Cumulative NamUs Missing Persons[1969-2024] Cases (N = 23,674 cases)



NamUs Cases [2000-2024]

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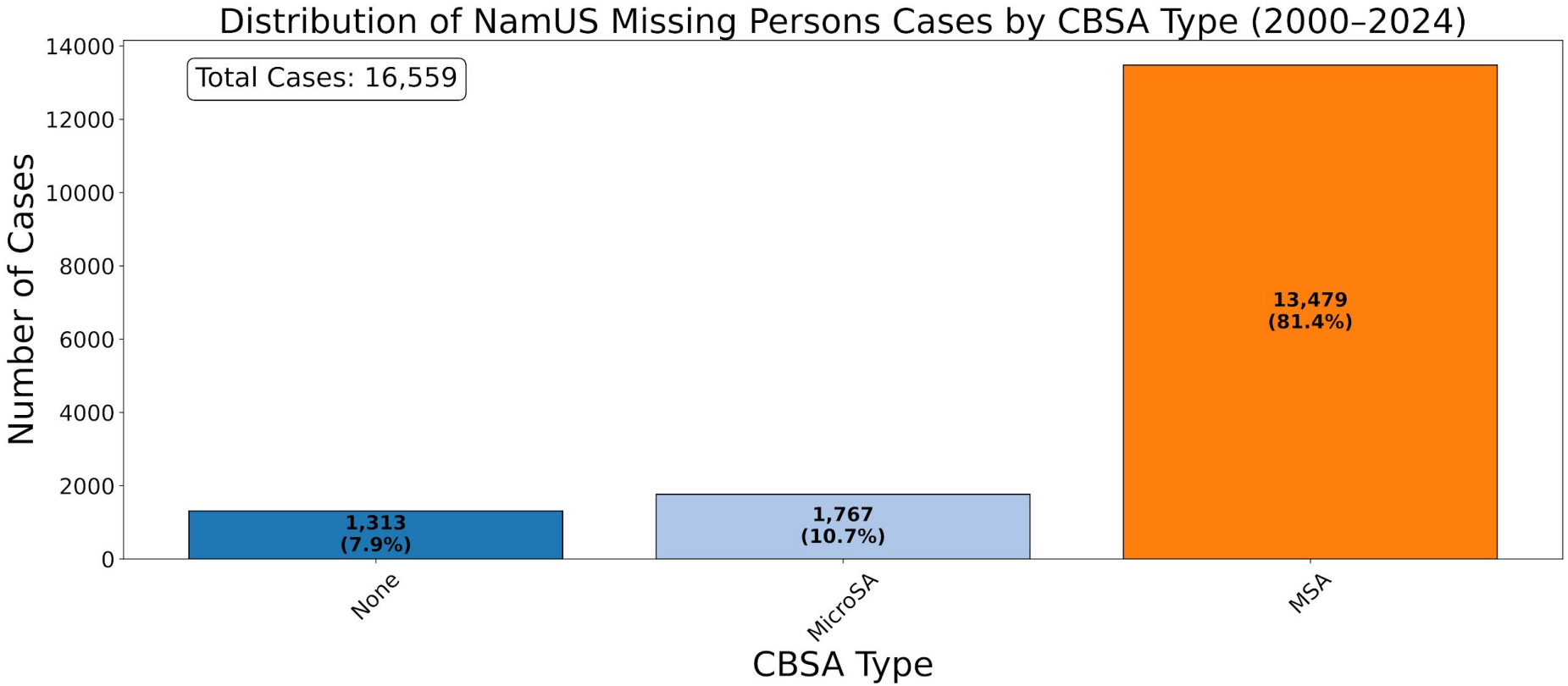
Distribution of NamUS Missing Persons Cases by CBSA Type (2000–2024)
Total Cases: 16,559
Number of Cases
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1,313
(7.9%)
1,767
(10.7%)
13,479
(81.4%)
None
MicroSA
MSA
CBSA Type

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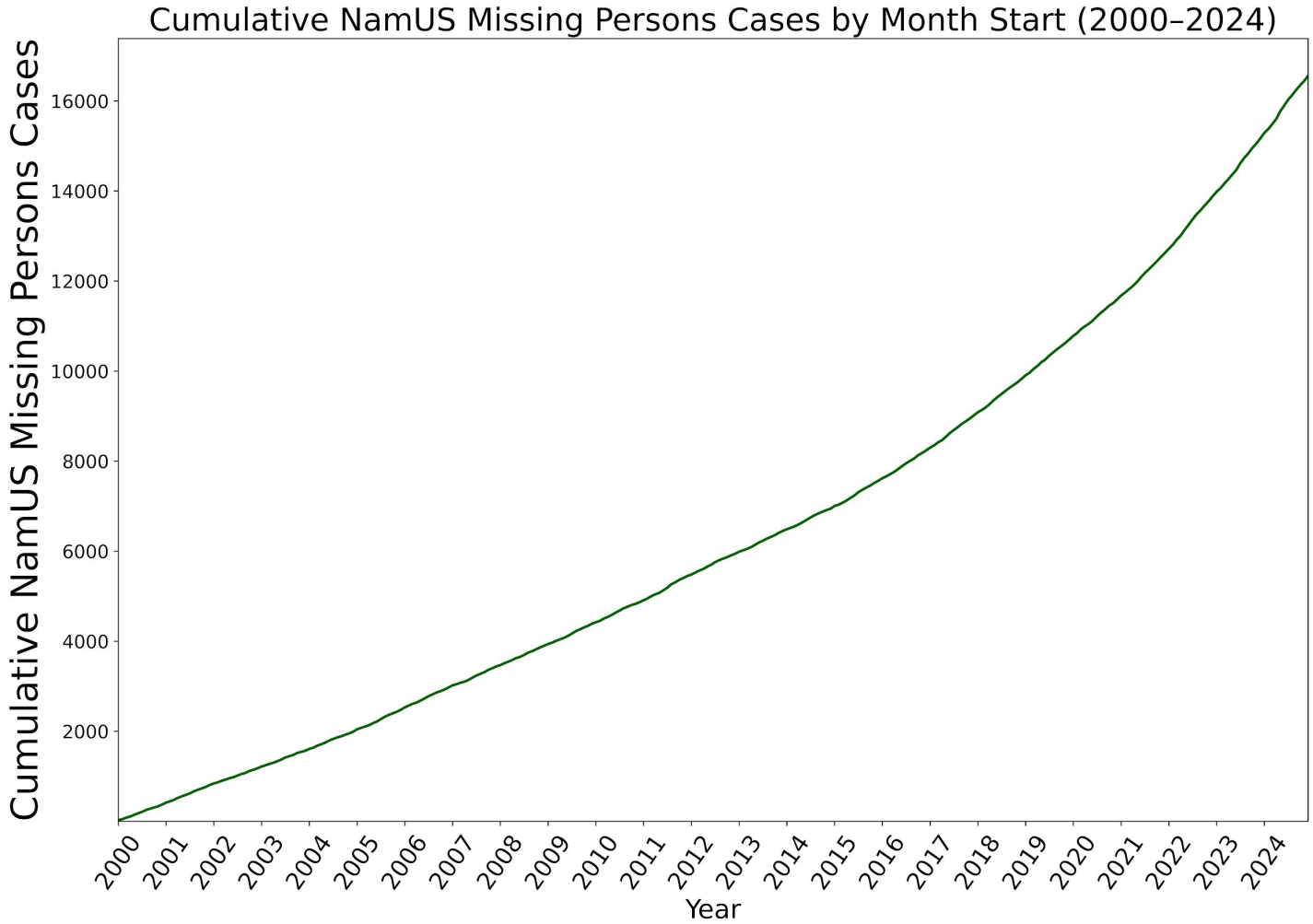
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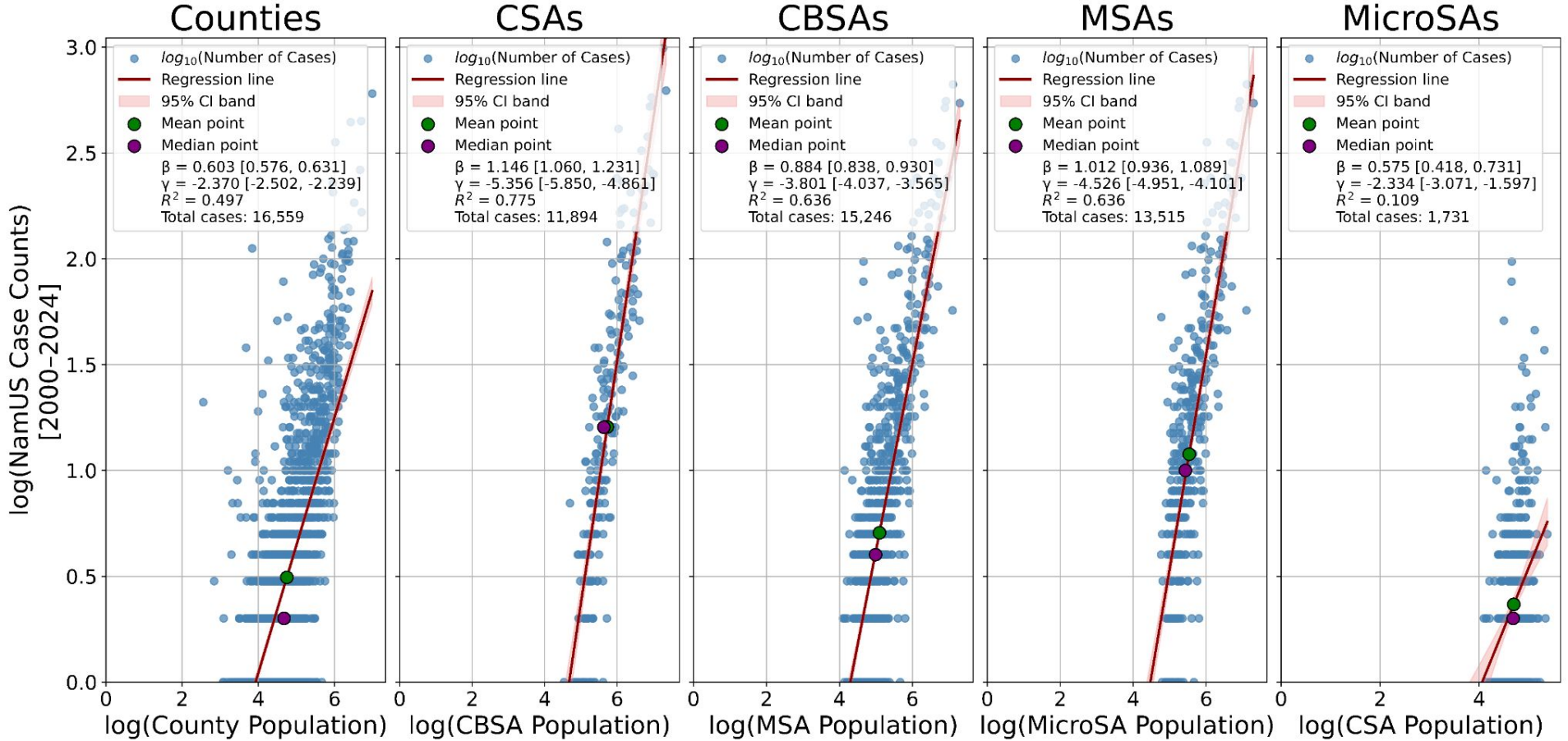
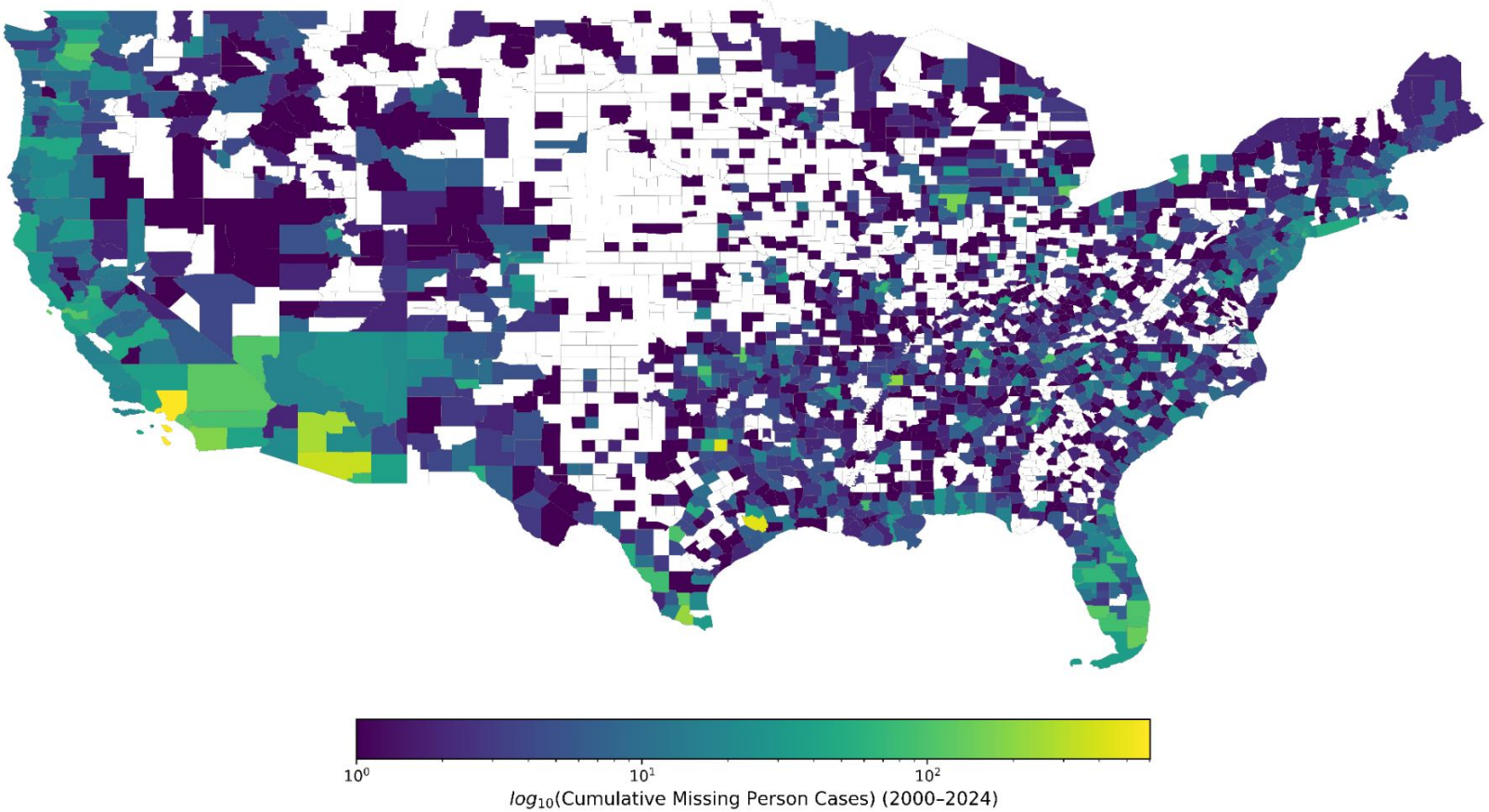


Cumulative NamUs Missing Person Cases by County (Continental U.S., 2000-2024)



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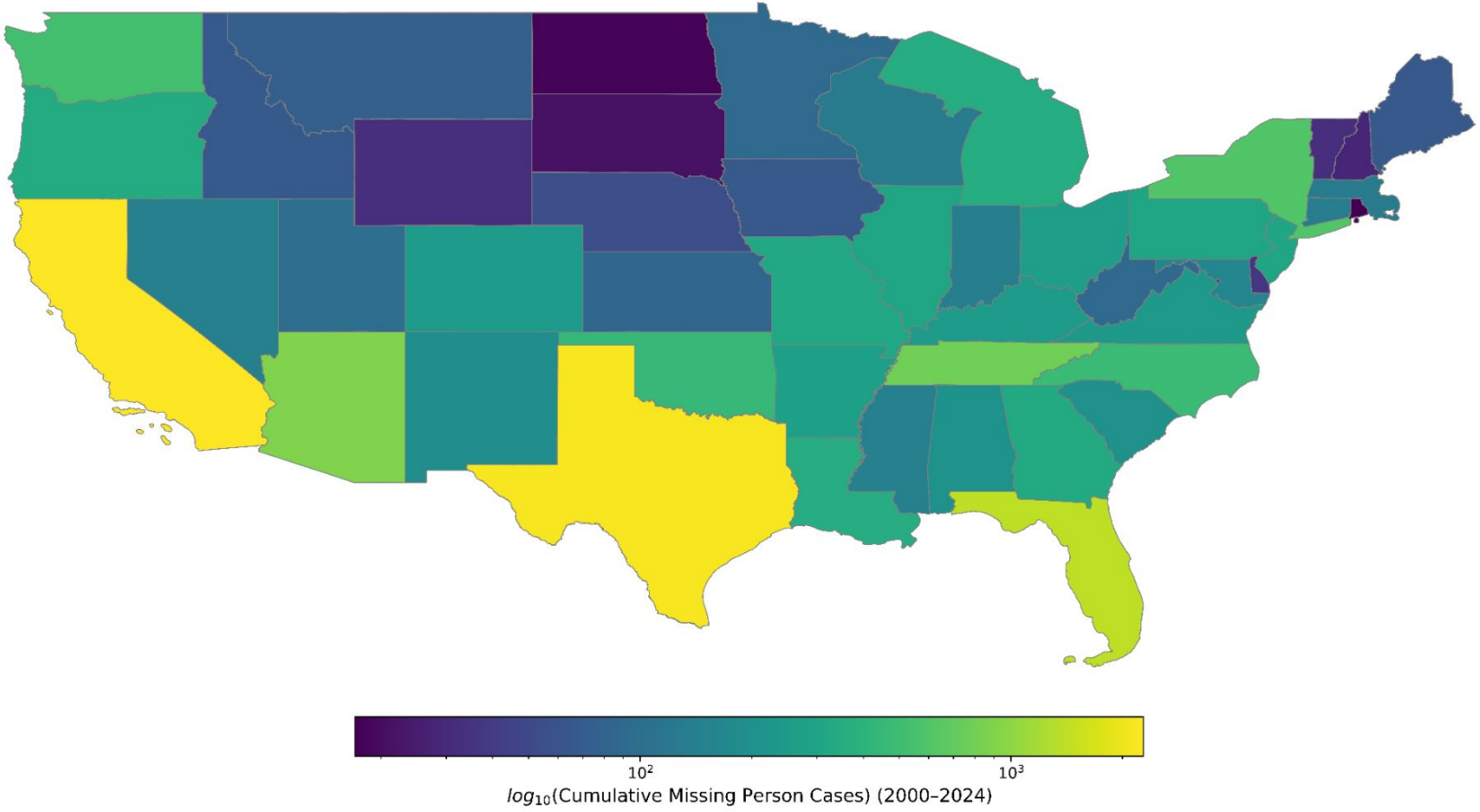

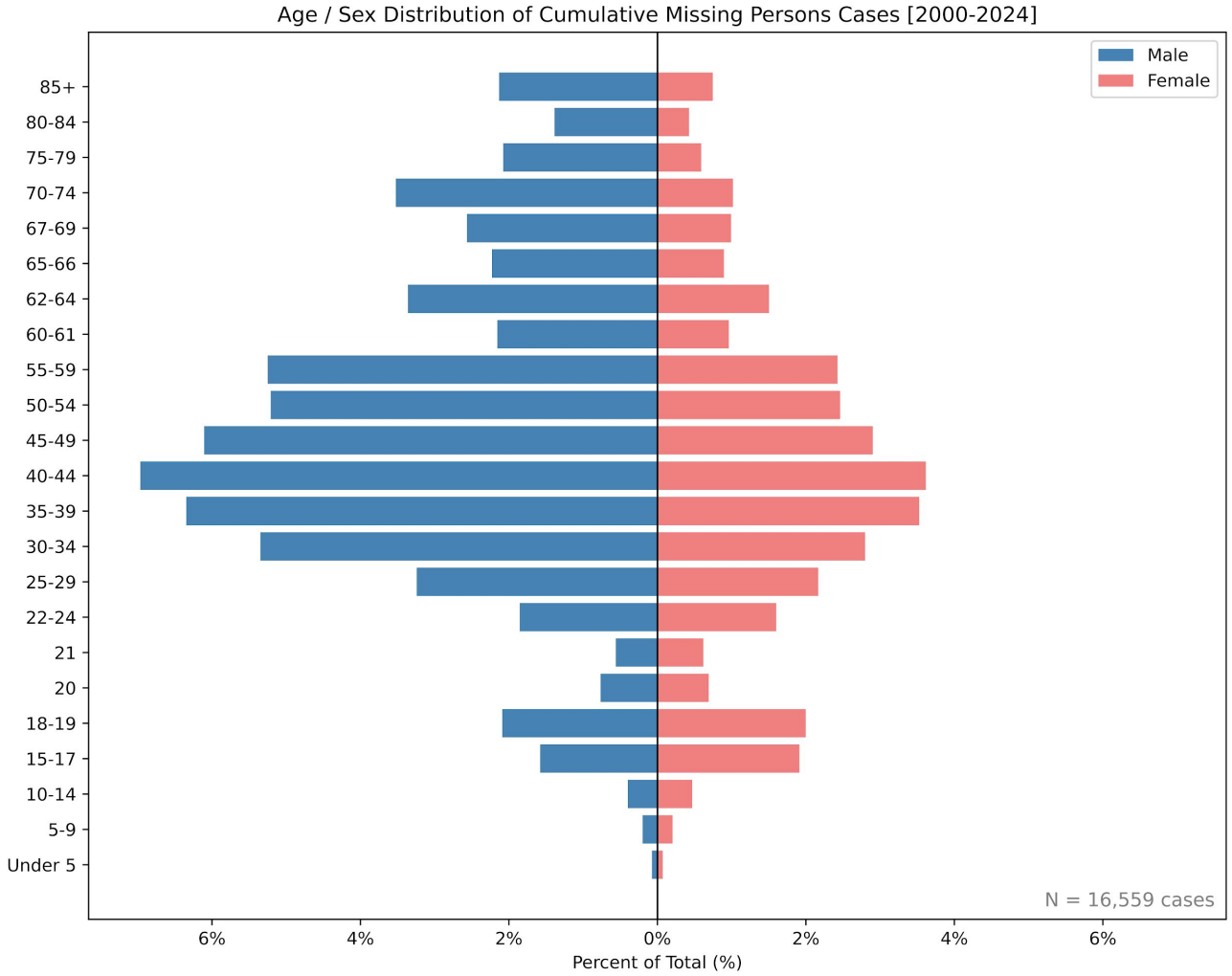
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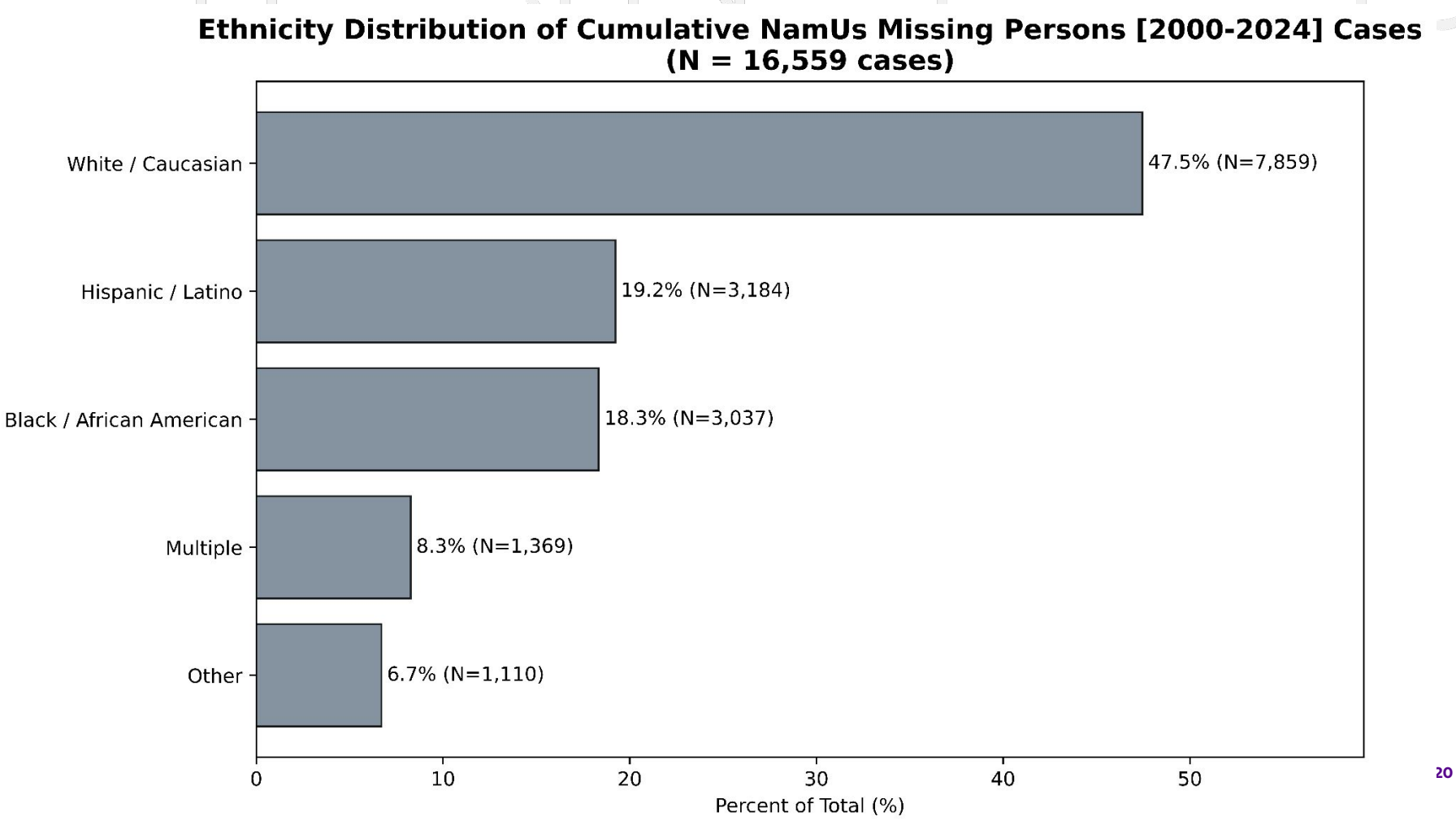
Percent of Total (%)
N = 16,559 cases


Ethnicity Distribution of Cumulative NamUs Missing Persons [2000-2024] Cases
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White / Caucasian
47.5% (N=7,859)
Hispanic / Latino
19.2% (N=3,184)
Black / African American
18.3% (N=3,037)
Multiple
8.3% (N=1,369)
Other
6.7% (N=1,110)
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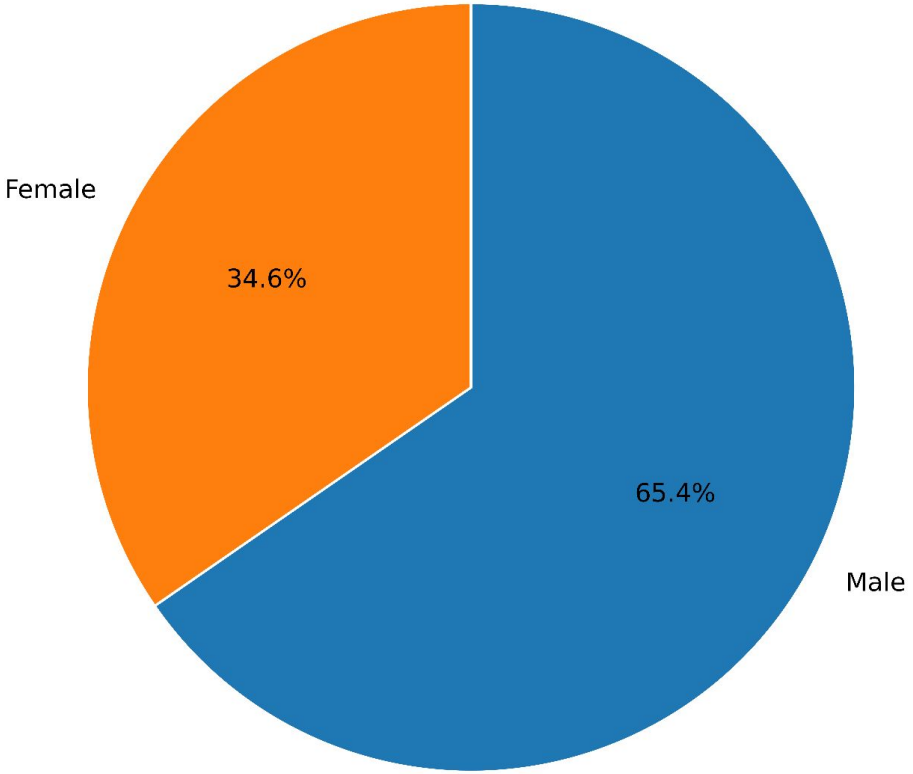
Percent of Total (%)

Sex Distribution of Cumulative NamUs Missing Persons [2000-2024] Cases (N = 16,559 cases)



NamUs Cases [2010-2024]

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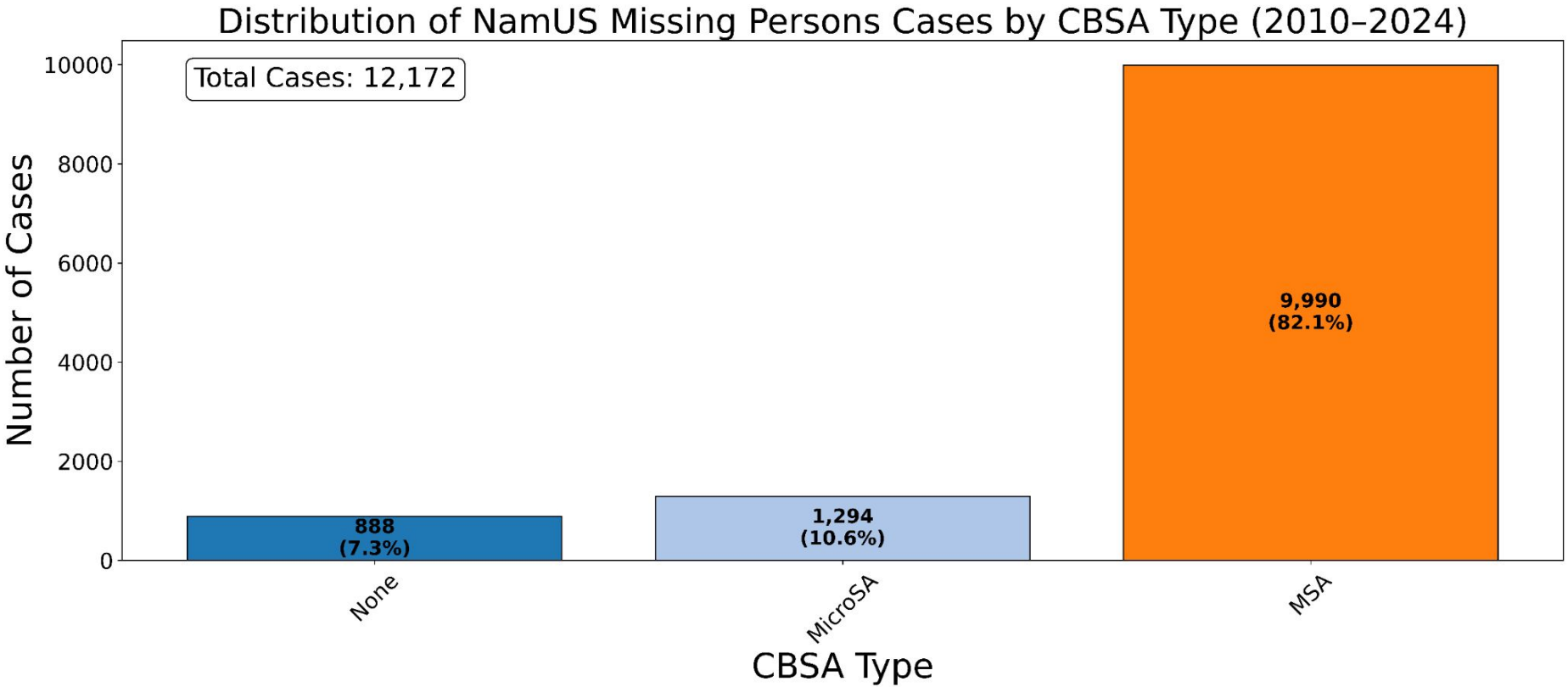
Distribution of NamUS Missing Persons Cases by CBSA Type (2010–2024)
Total Cases: 12,172
Number of Cases
10000
8000
6000
4000
2000
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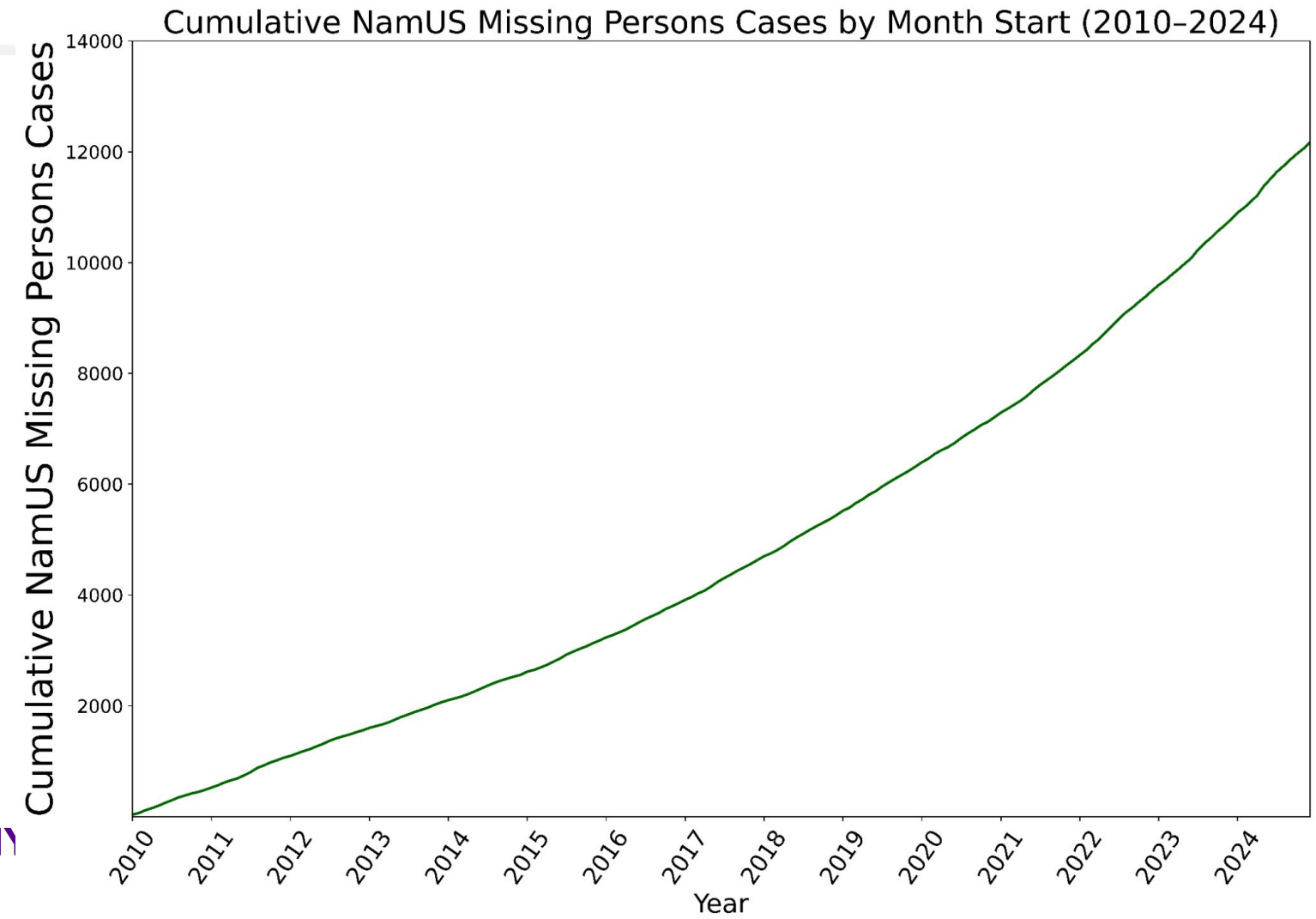
888
(7.3%)
1,294
(10.6%)
9,990
(82.1%)
None
MicroSA
MSA
CBSA Type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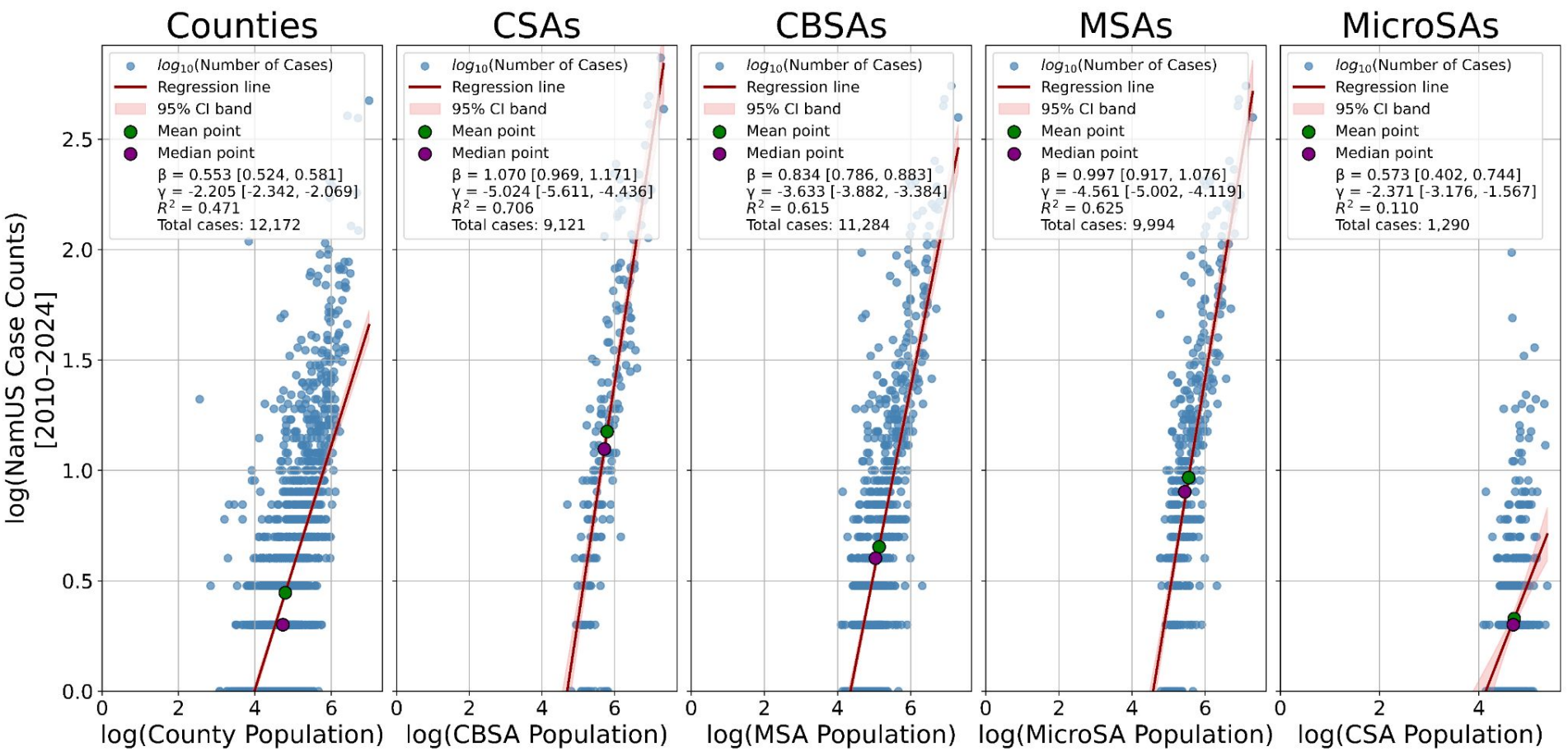
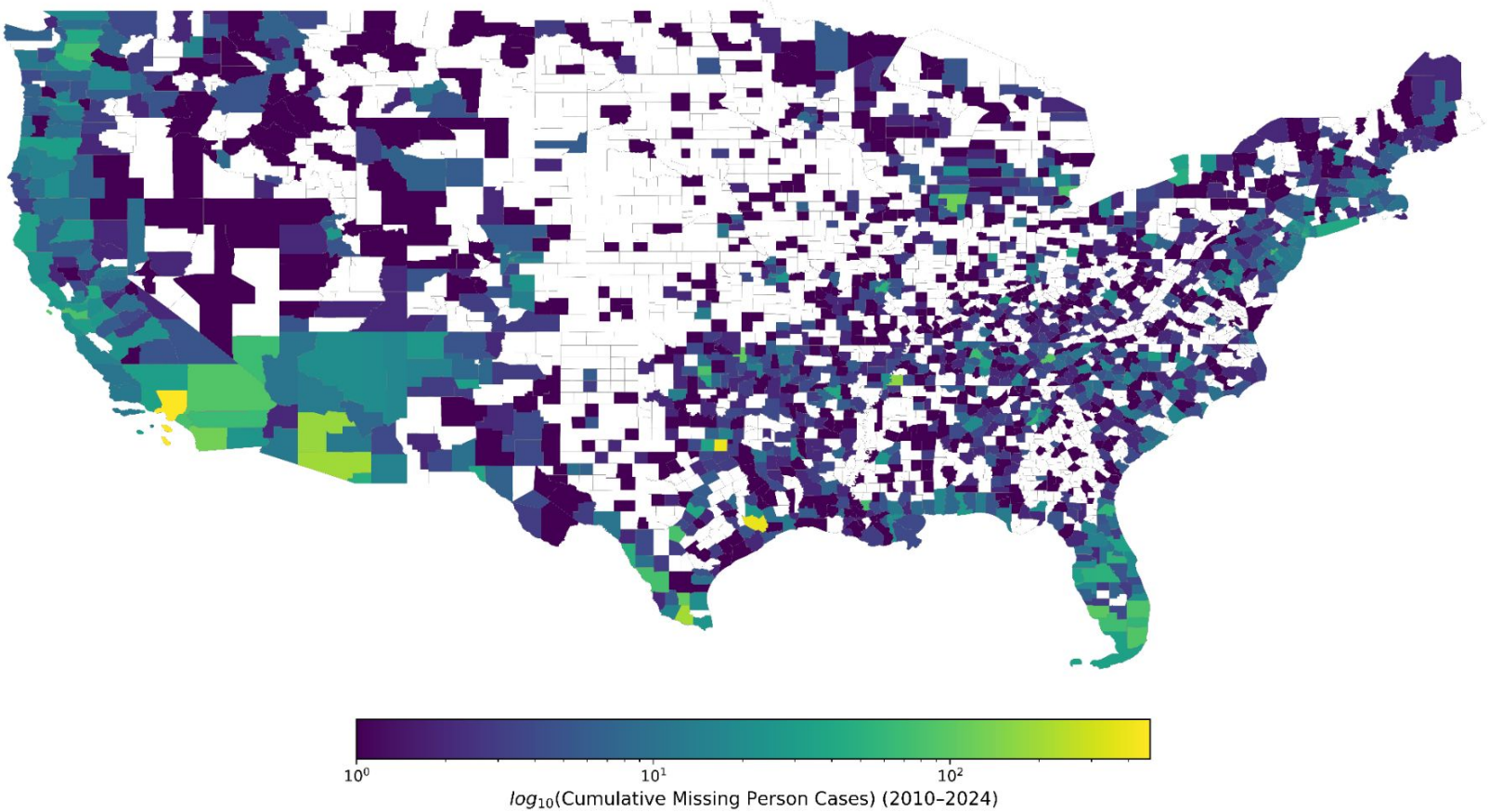


Cumulative NamUs Missing Person Cases by County (Continental U.S., 2010-2024)



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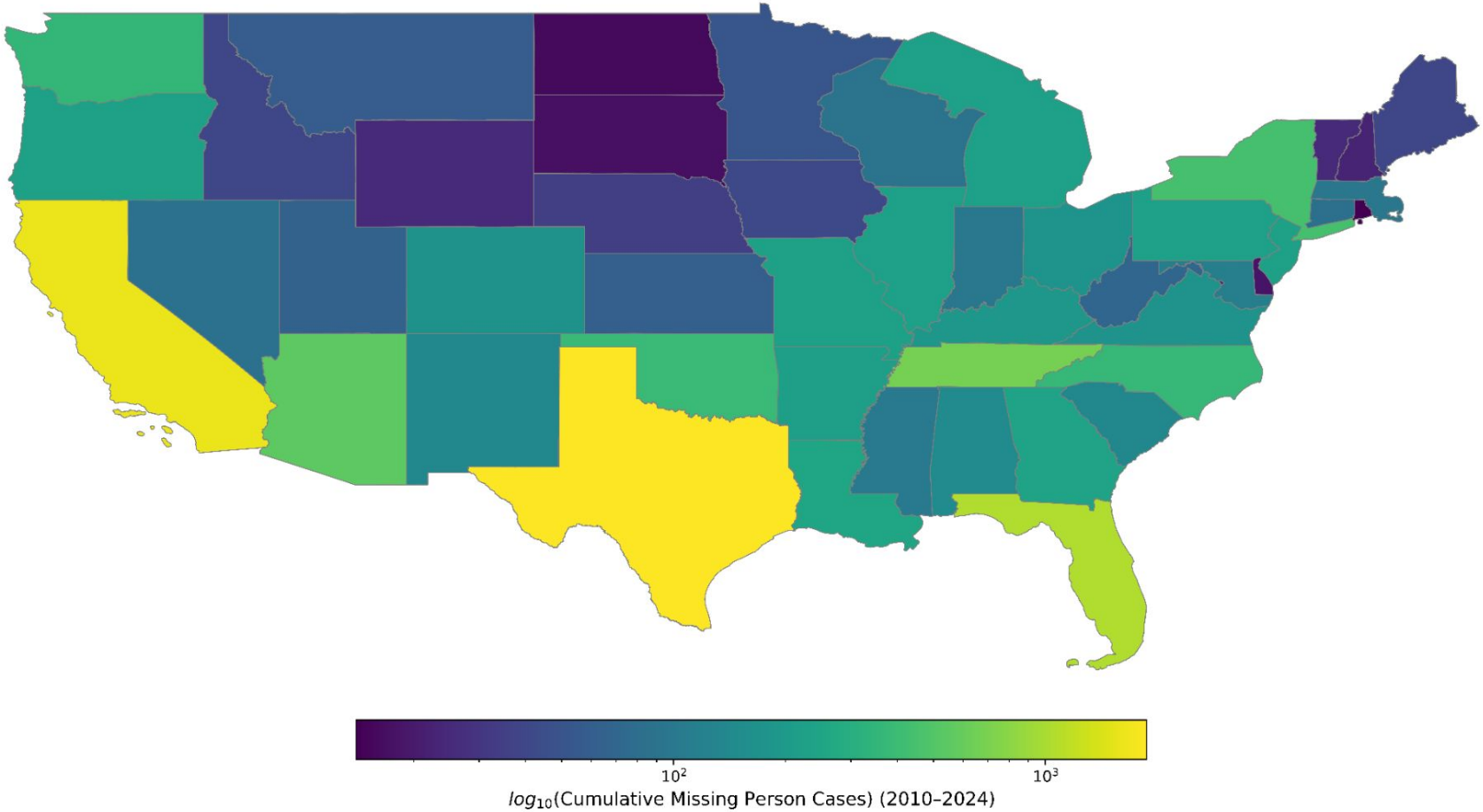

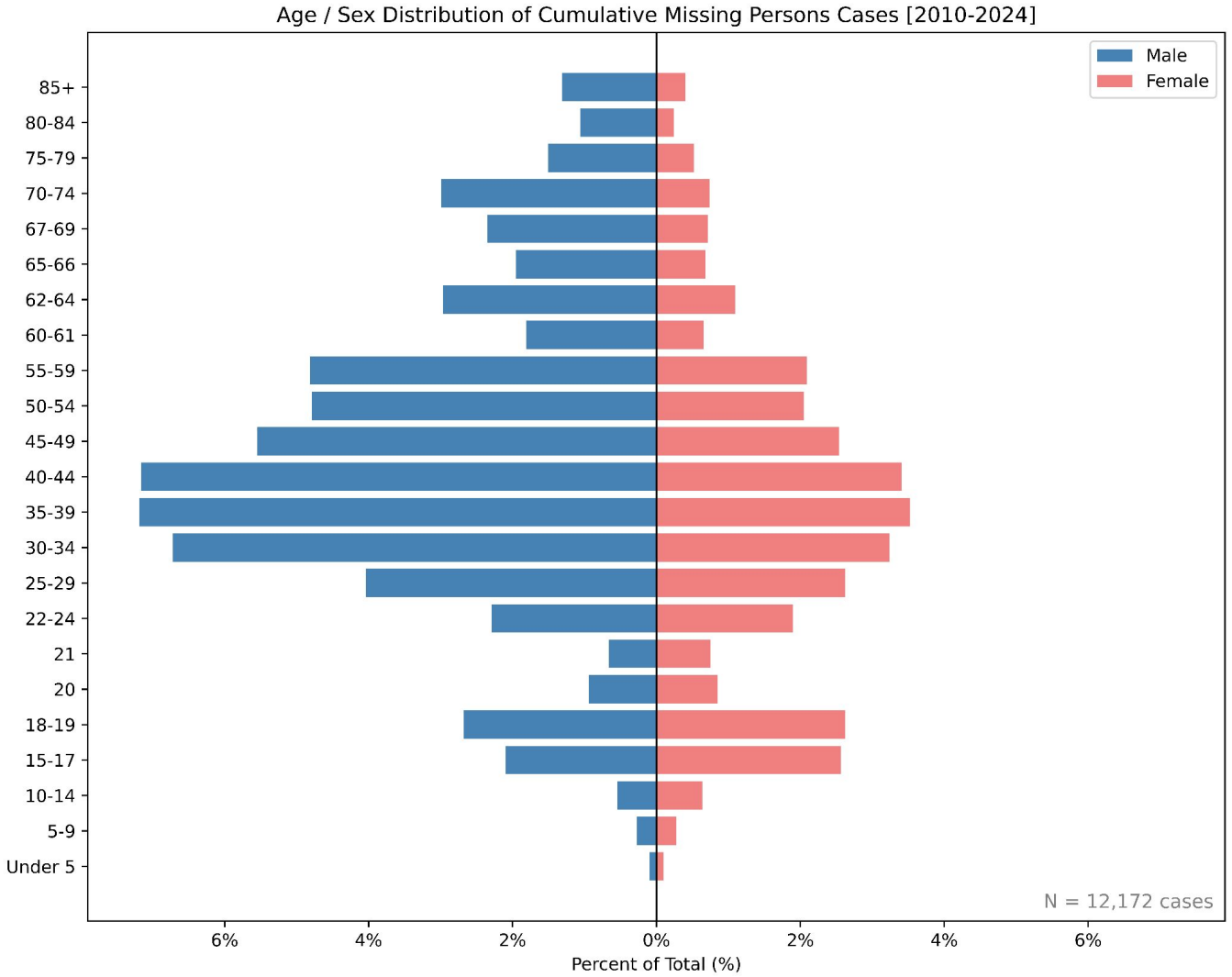
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6%
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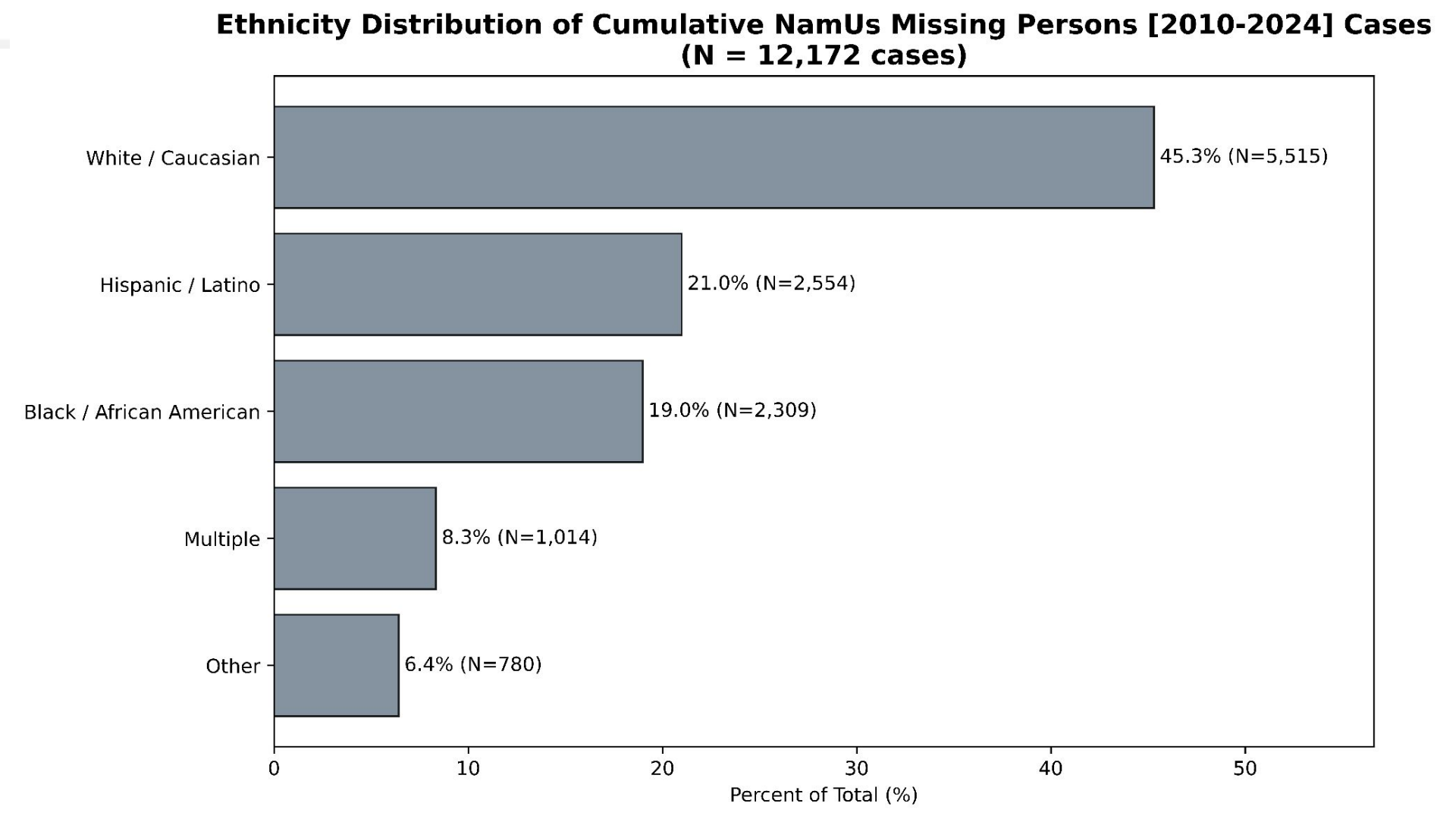
Percent of Total (%)
N = 12,172 cases


Ethnicity Distribution of Cumulative NamUs Missing Persons [2010-2024] Cases
(N = 12,172 cases)
White / Caucasian
Hispanic / Latino
Black / African American
Multiple
Other
45.3% (N=5,515)
21.0% (N=2,554)
19.0% (N=2,309)
8.3% (N=1,014)
6.4% (N=780)
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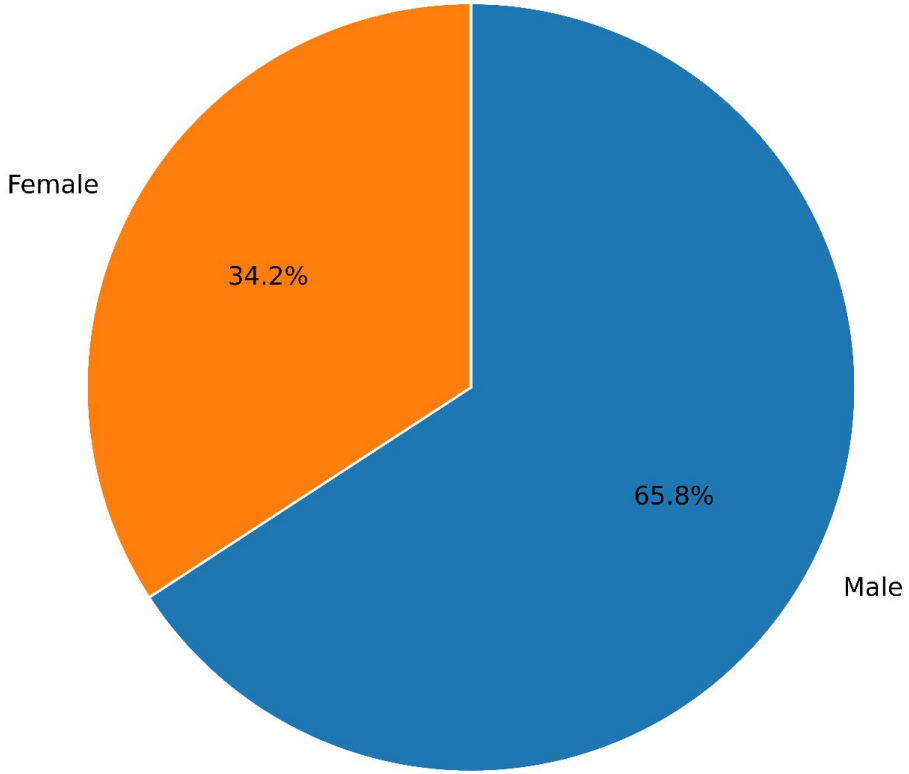
Percent of Total (%)

Sex Distribution of Cumulative NamUs Missing Persons [2010-2024] Cases (N = 12,172 cases)



Annual NamUs Cases

- Time-series of Scaling Exponent of Annual Cases vs GEOID Population from [1969-2024]
  - Counties
  - CSAs
  - CBSAs; MSAs and MicroSAs
- R-squared Time Series [1969-2024]
- Best and Worst Year R-squared Regression Plots

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County-level

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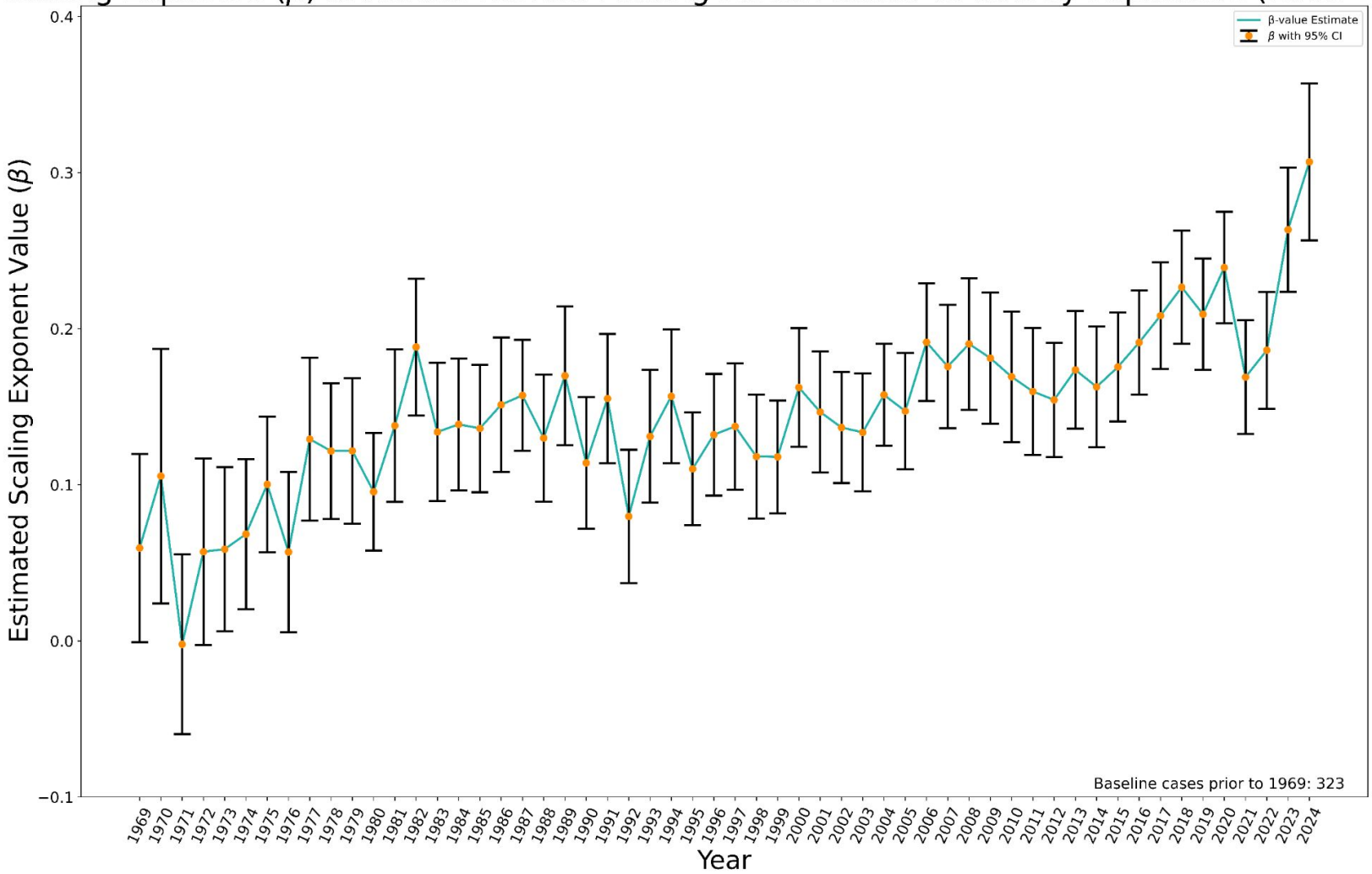
Scaling Exponent (β) of Annual NamUS Missing Person Cases vs County Population (1969–2024)
β-value Estimate
β with 95% CI
Estimated Scaling Exponent Value (β)
0.4
0.3
0.2
0.1
0.0
−0.1
Baseline cases prior to 1969: 323
1969 1970 1971 1972 1973 1974 1975 1976 1977 1978 1979 1980 1981 1982 1983 1984 1985 1986 1987 1988 1989 1990 1991 1992 1993 1994 1995 1996 1997 1998 1999 2000 2001 2002 2003 2004 2005 2006 2007 2008 2009 2010 2011 2012 2013 2014 2015 2016 2017 2018 2019 2020 2021 2022 2023 2024
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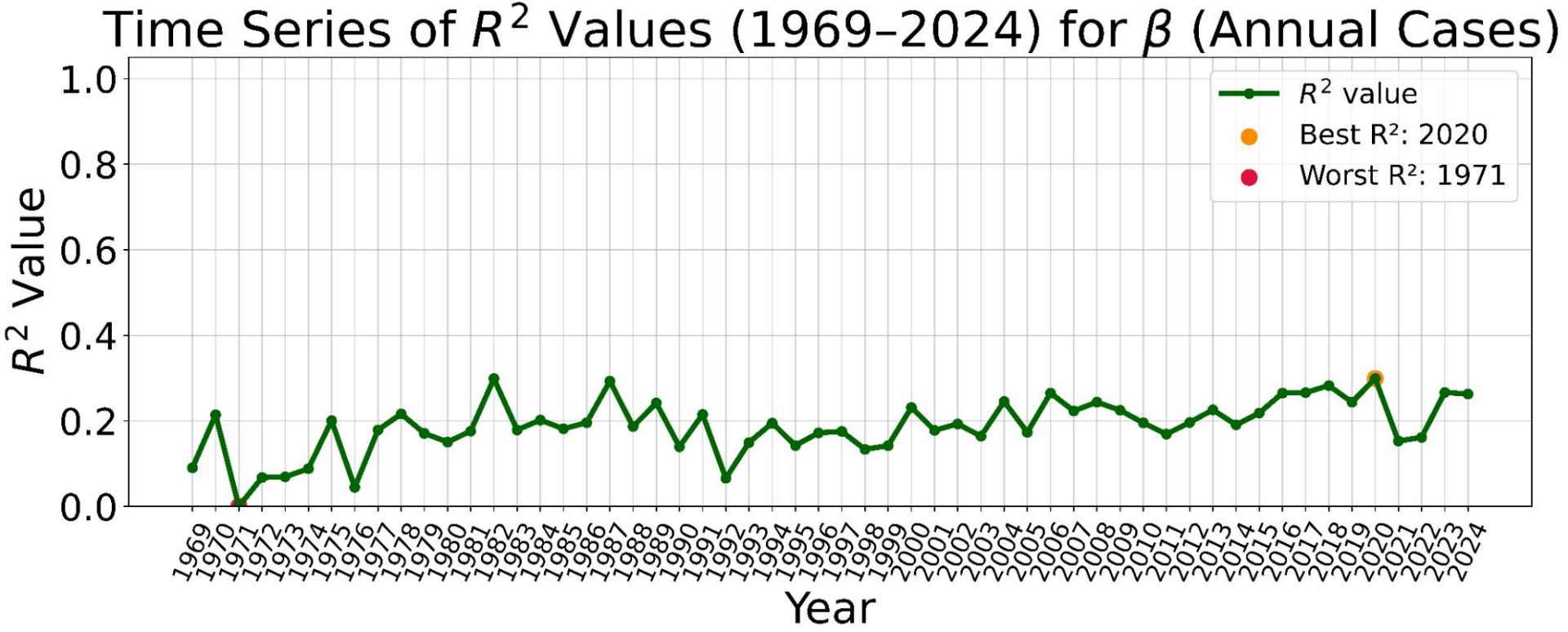
Time Series of R^2 Values (1969–2024) for β (Annual Cases)
R^2 Value
1.0
0.8
0.6
0.4
0.2
0.0
R^2 value
Best R²: 2020
Worst R²: 1971
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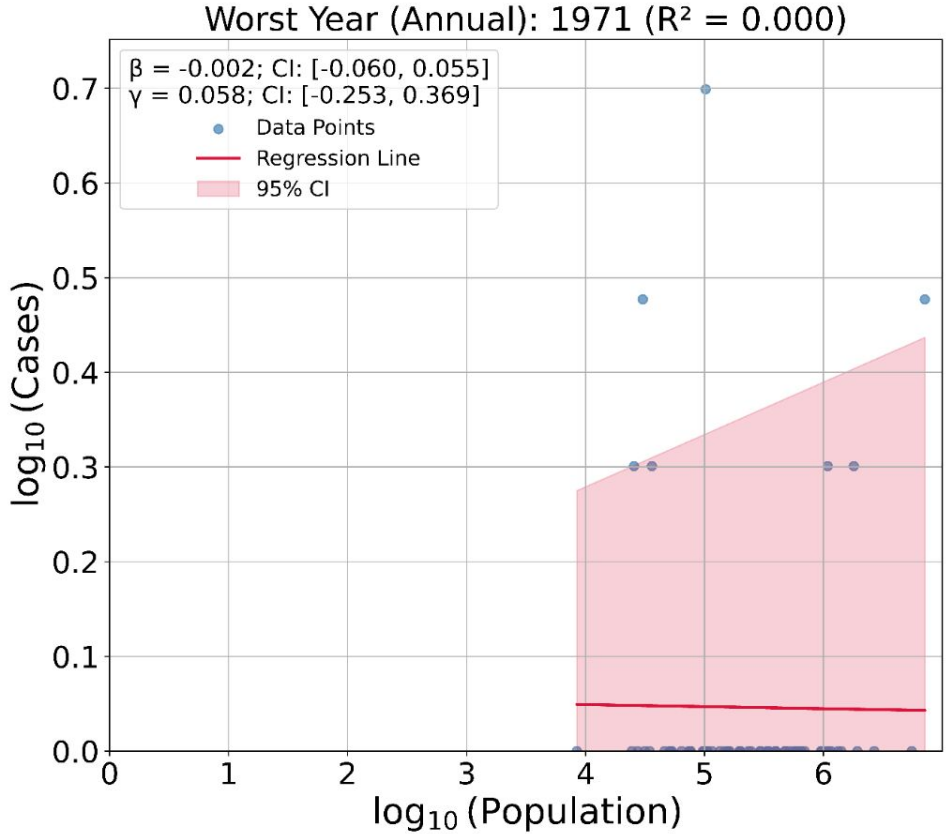
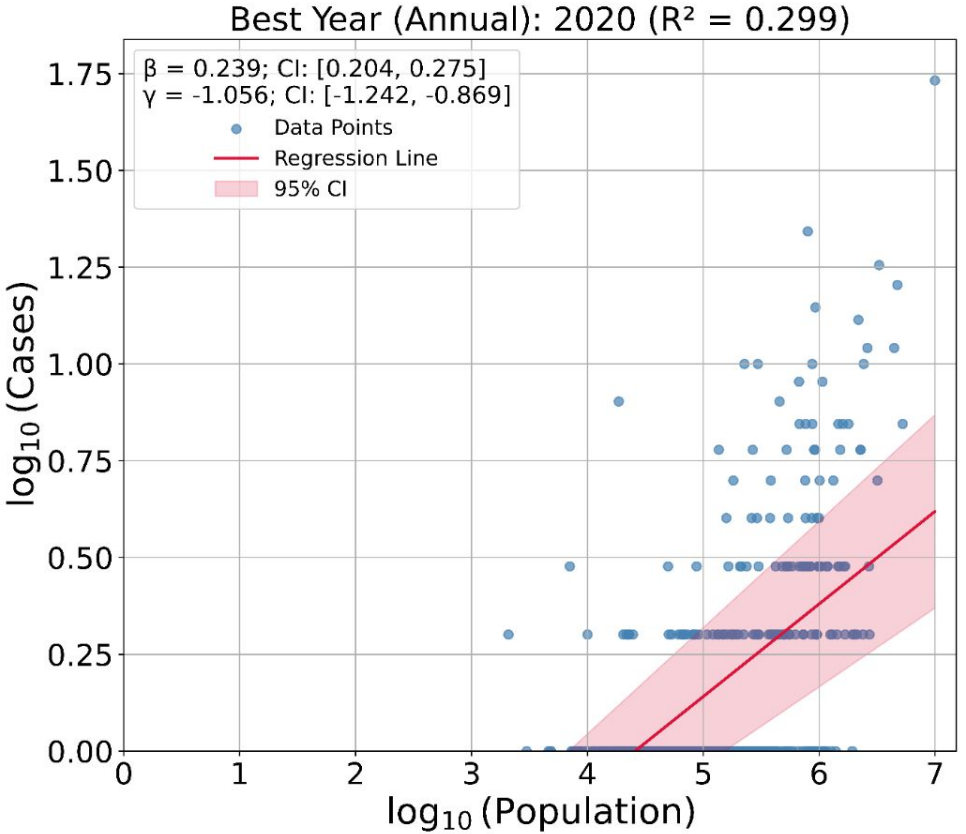

Worst Year (Annual): 1971 (R² = 0.000)
β = -0.002; CI: [-0.060, 0.055]
γ = 0.058; CI: [-0.253, 0.369]
Data Points
Regression Line
95% CI
log10 (Cases)
log10 (Population)


Best Year (Annual): 2020 (R² = 0.299)
β = 0.239; CI: [0.204, 0.275]
γ = -1.056; CI: [-1.242, -0.869]
Data Points
Regression Line
95% CI
log10 (Cases)
log10 (Population)

CBSA-level

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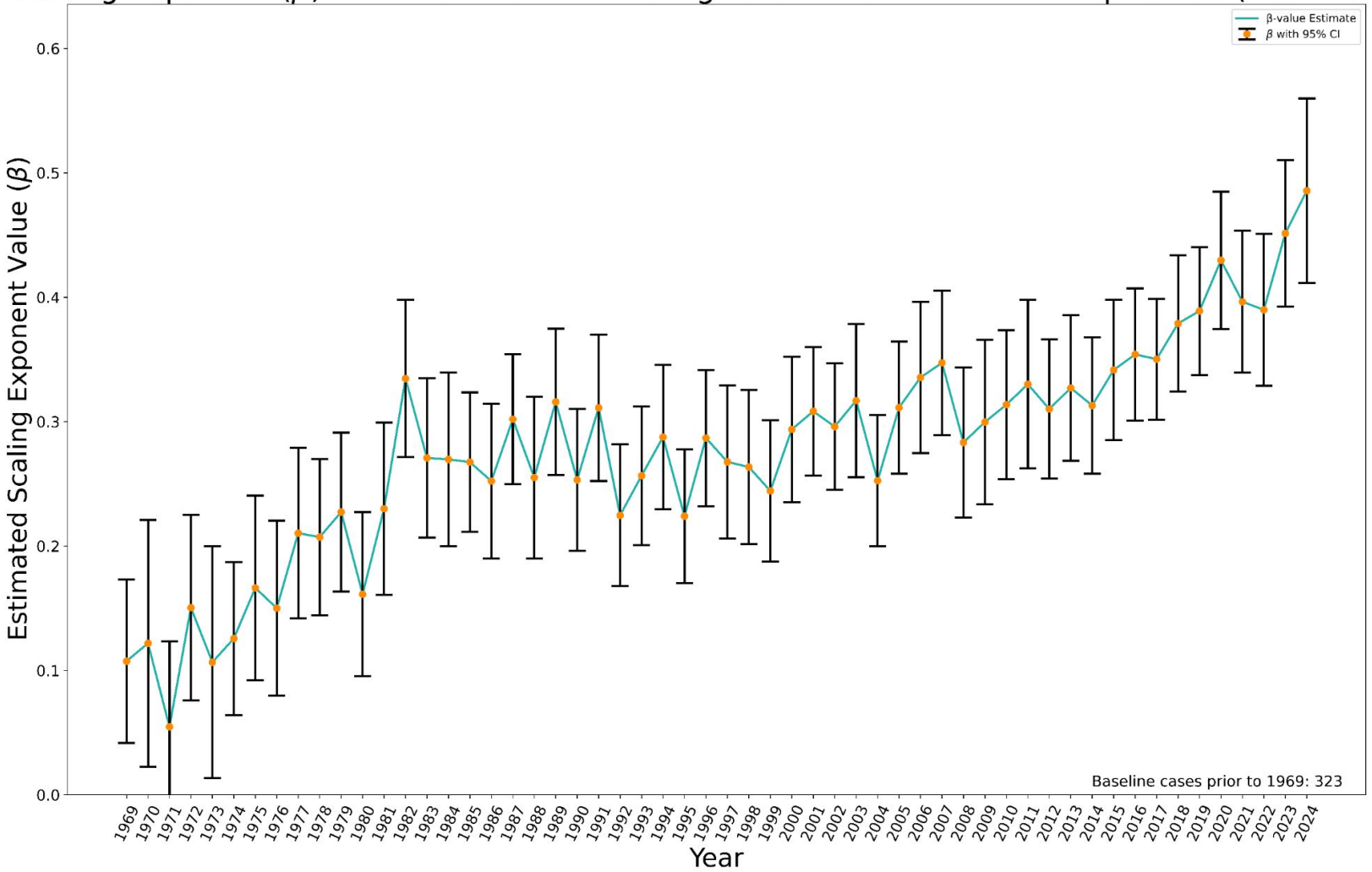
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β-value Estimate
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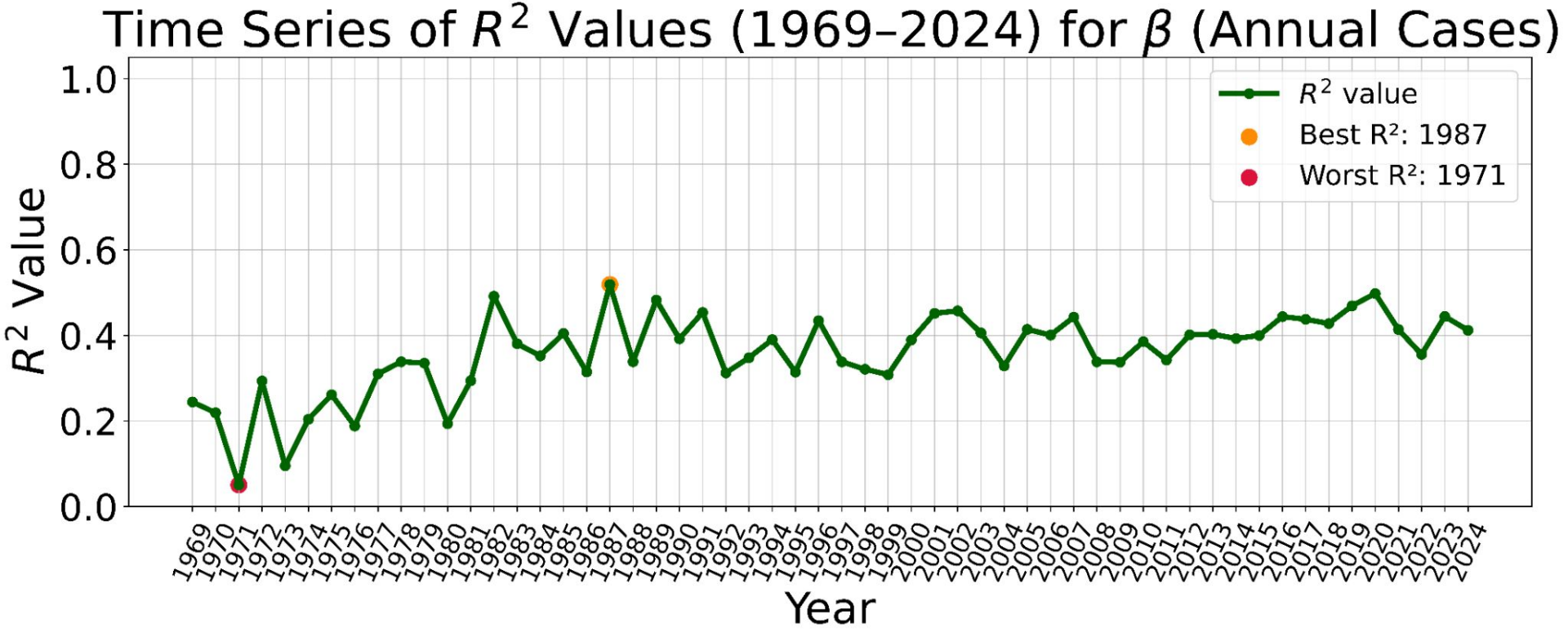
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R^2 Value
1.0
0.8
0.6
0.4
0.2
0.0
R^2 value
Best R²: 1987
Worst R²: 1971
1969 1970 1971 1972 1973 1974 1975 1976 1977 1978 1979 1980 1981 1982 1983 1984 1985 1986 1987 1988 1989 1990 1991 1992 1993 1994 1995 1996 1997 1998 1999 2000 2001 2002 2003 2004 2005 2006 2007 2008 2009 2010 2011 2012 2013 2014 2015 2016 2017 2018 2019 2020 2021 2022 2023 2024
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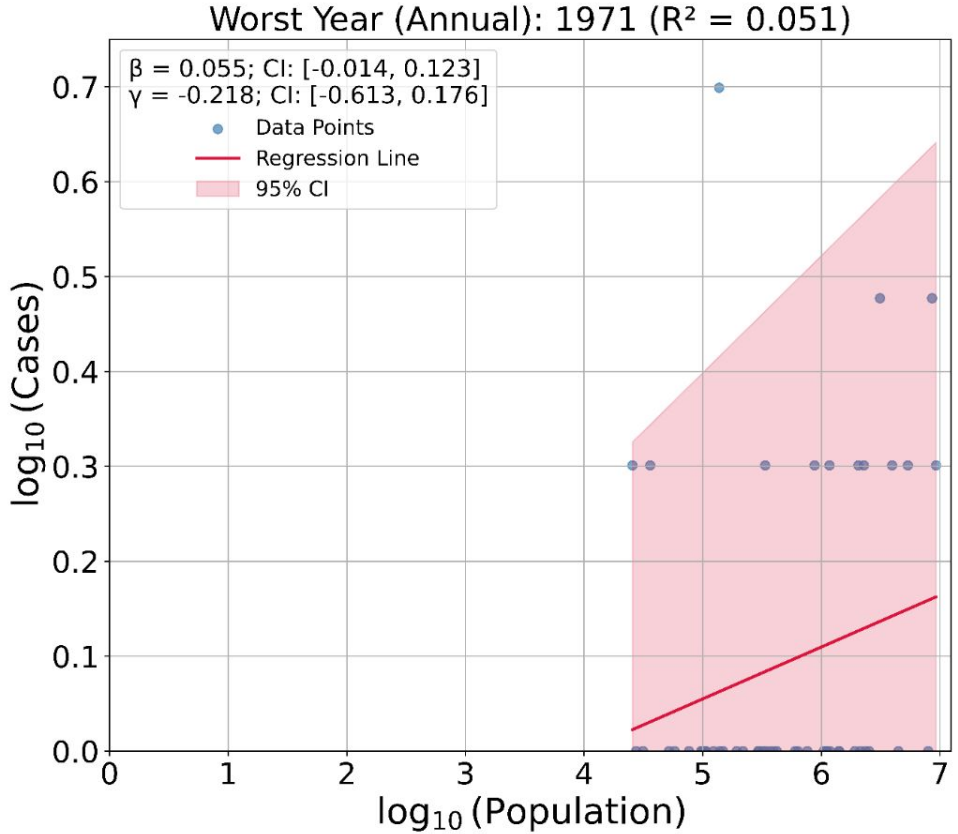
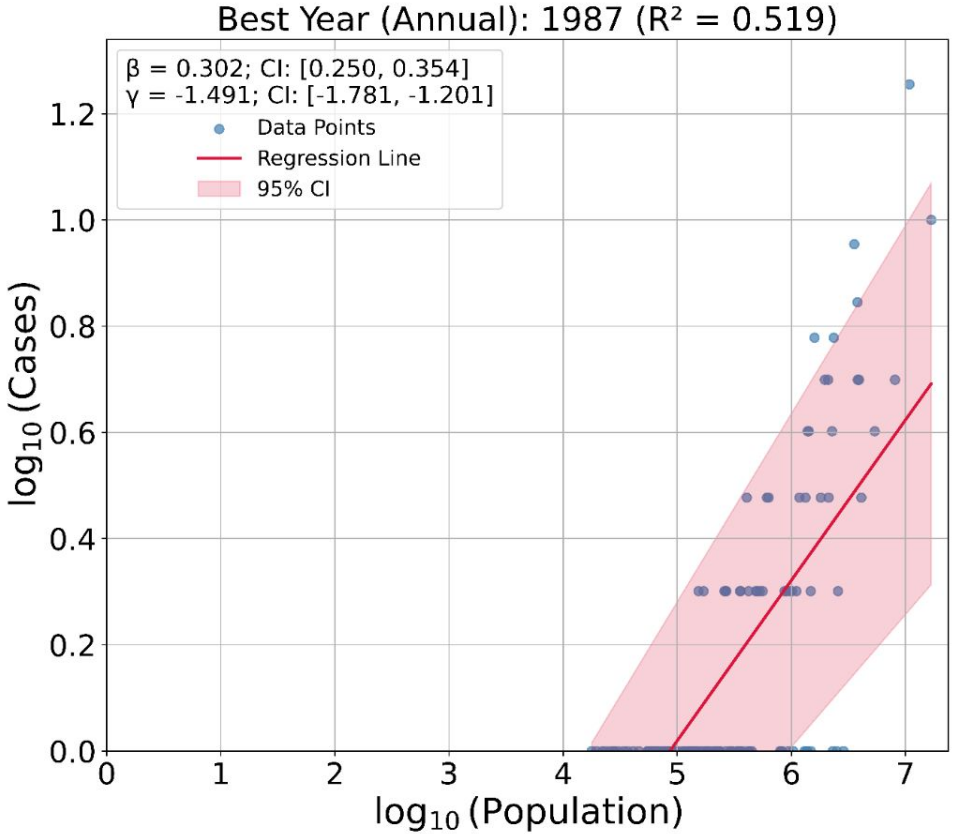

Worst Year (Annual): 1971 (R² = 0.051)
β = 0.055; CI: [-0.014, 0.123]
γ = -0.218; CI: [-0.613, 0.176]
Data Points
Regression Line
95% CI
log10 (Cases)
log10 (Population)


Best Year (Annual): 1987 (R² = 0.519)
β = 0.302; CI: [0.250, 0.354]
γ = -1.491; CI: [-1.781, -1.201]
Data Points
Regression Line
95% CI
log10 (Cases)
log10 (Population)

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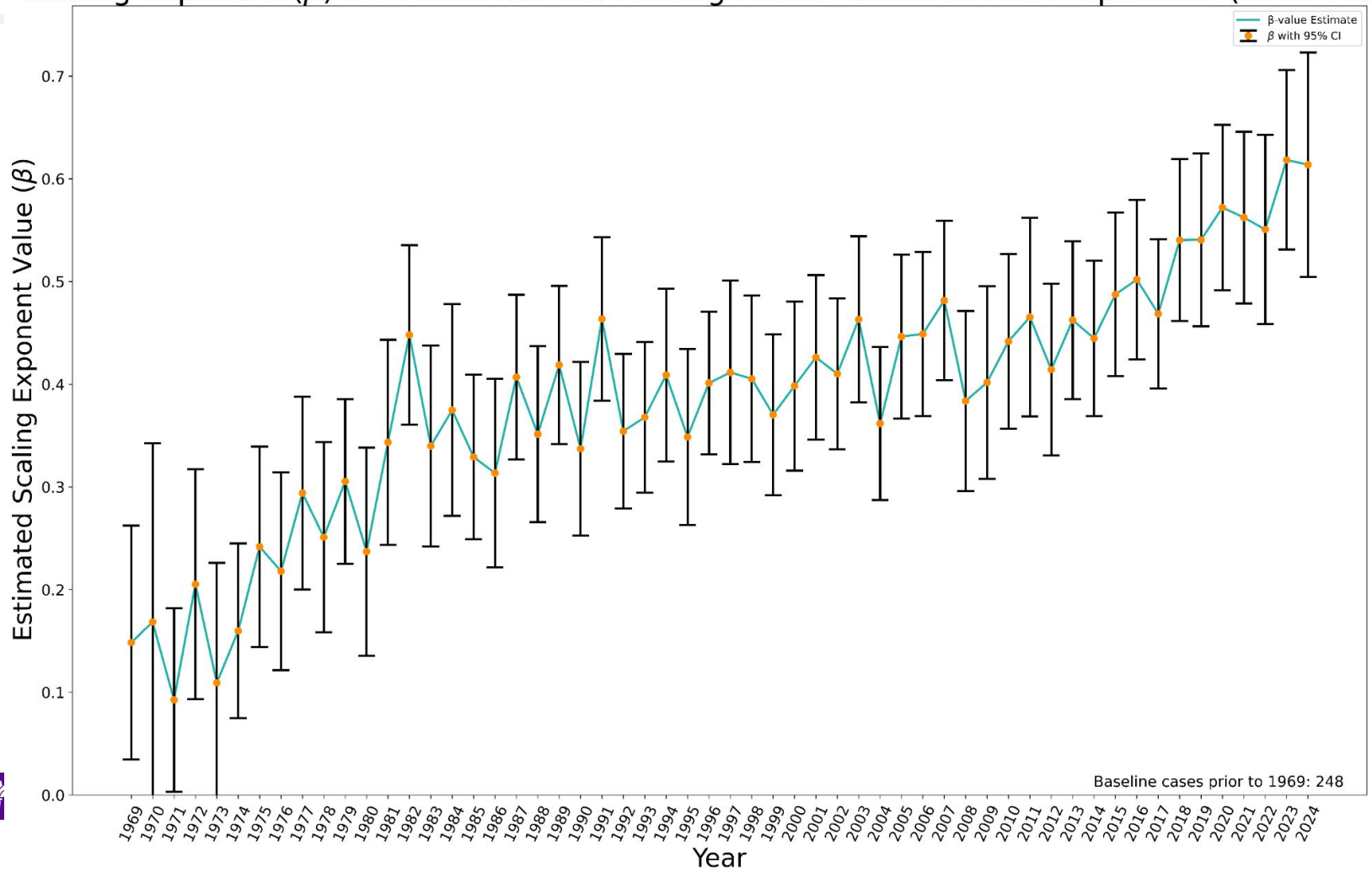
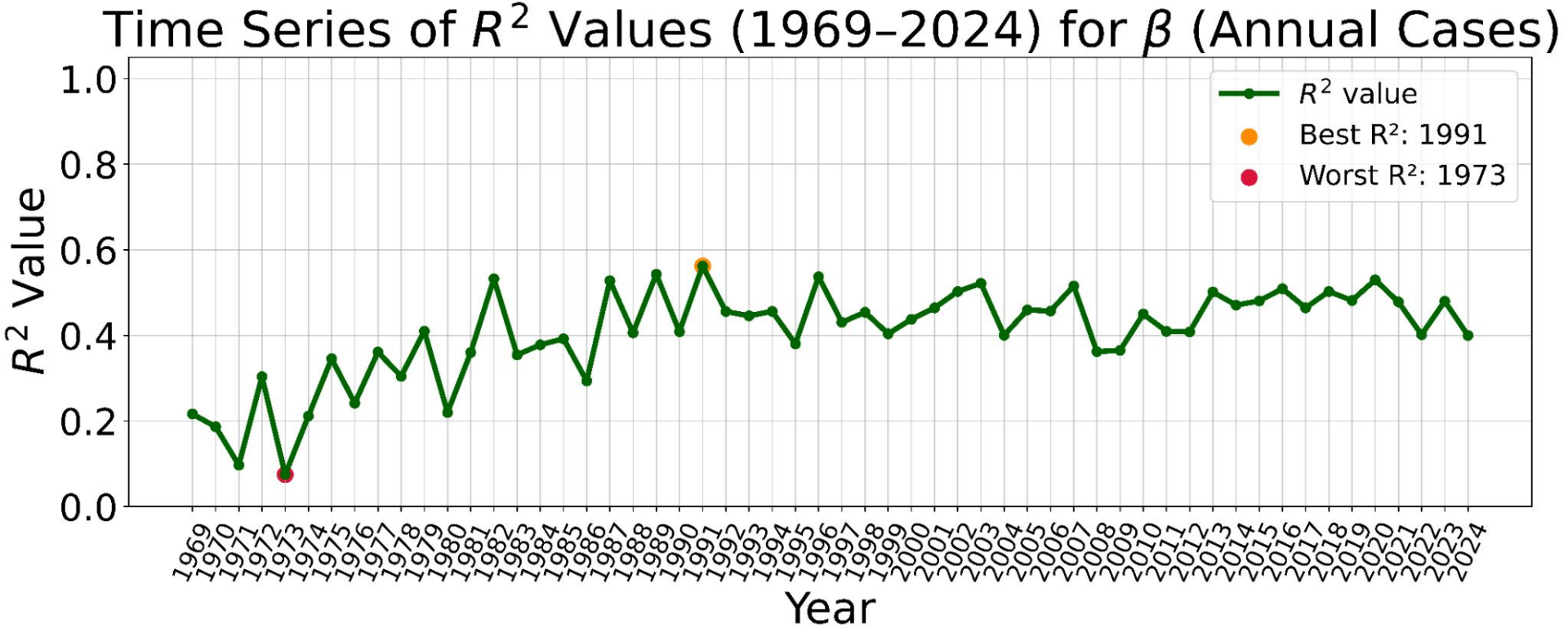

Scaling Exponent (β) of Annual NamUS Missing Person Cases vs MSA Population (1969–2024)
β-value Estimate
β with 95% CI
Estimated Scaling Exponent Value (β)
0.0
0.1
0.2
0.3
0.4
0.5
0.6
0.7
Baseline cases prior to 1969: 248
1969 1970 1971 1972 1973 1974 1975 1976 1977 1978 1979 1980 1981 1982 1983 1984 1985 1986 1987 1988 1989 1990 1991 1992 1993 1994 1995 1996 1997 1998 1999 2000 2001 2002 2003 2004 2005 2006 2007 2008 2009 2010 2011 2012 2013 2014 2015 2016 2017 2018 2019 2020 2021 2022 2023 2024
Year


Time Series of R^2 Values (1969–2024) for β (Annual Cases)
R^2 Value
Year
R^2 value
Best R²: 1991
Worst R²: 1973
1.0
0.8
0.6
0.4
0.2
0.0
1969 1970 1971 1972 1973 1974 1975 1976 1977 1978 1979 1980 1981 1982 1983 1984 1985 1986 1987 1988 1989 1990 1991 1992 1993 1994 1995 1996 1997 1998 1999 2000 2001 2002 2003 2004 2005 2006 2007 2008 2009 2010 2011 2012 2013 2014 2015 2016 2017 2018 2019 2020 2021 2022 2023 2024

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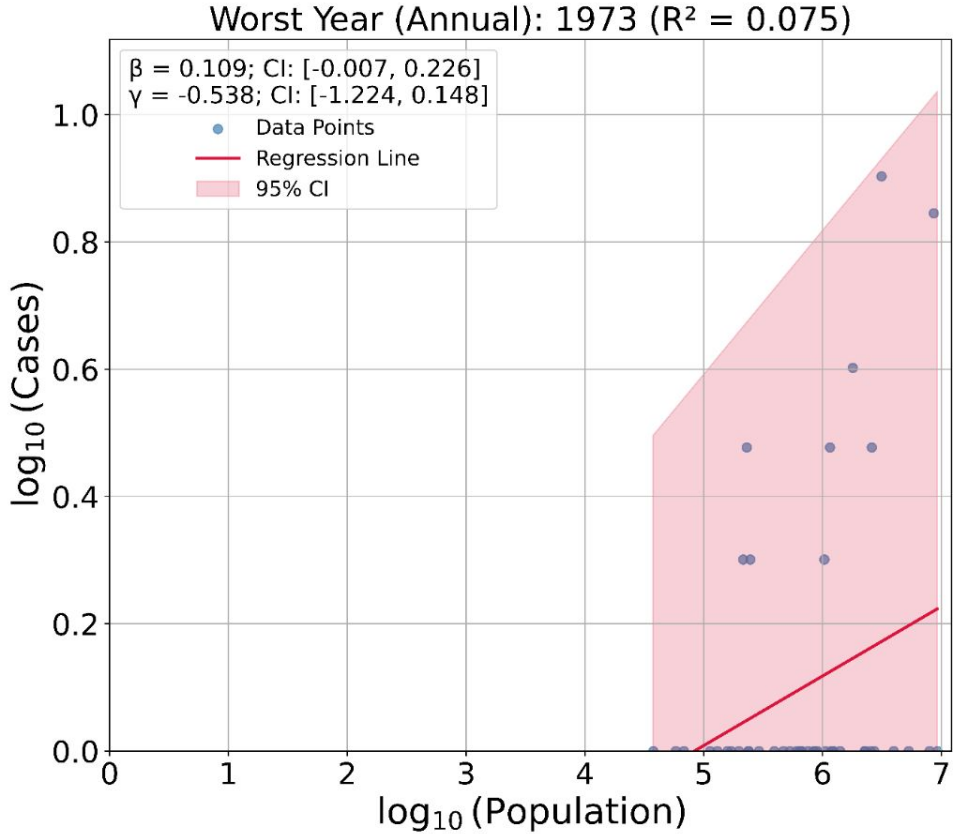
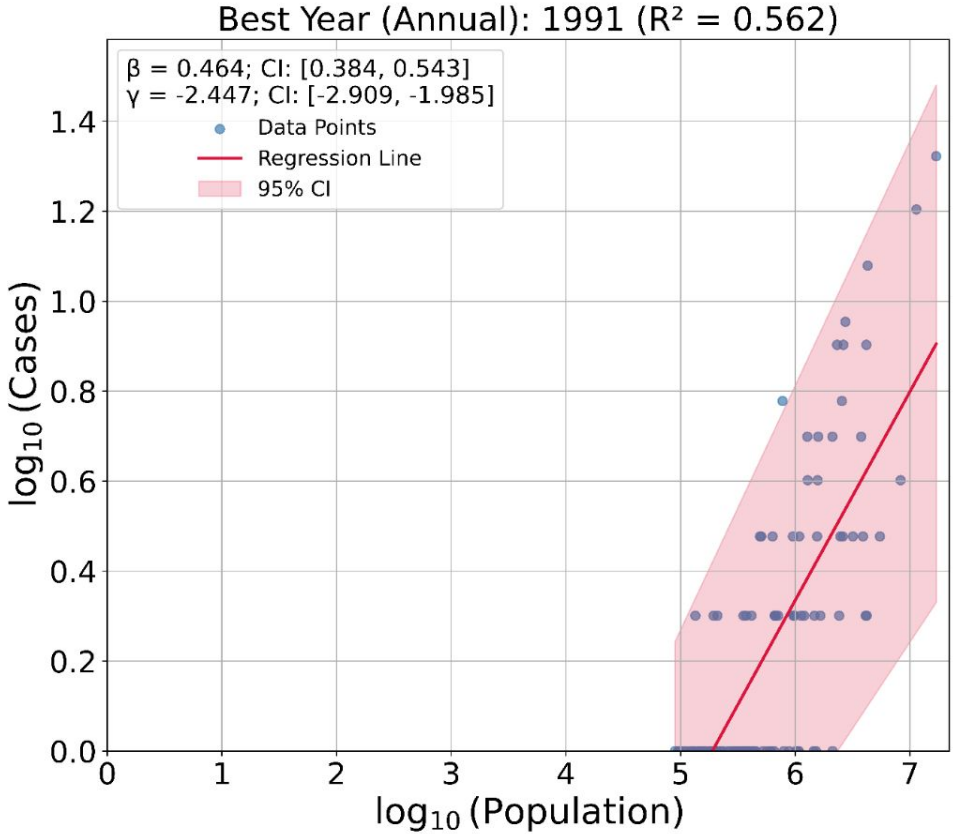

Worst Year (Annual): 1973 (R^2 = 0.075)
β = 0.109; CI: [-0.007, 0.226]
γ = -0.538; CI: [-1.224, 0.148]
Data Points
Regression Line
95% CI
$\log_{10}$(Cases)
$\log_{10}$(Population)


Best Year (Annual): 1991 (R^2 = 0.562)
β = 0.464; CI: [0.384, 0.543]
γ = -2.447; CI: [-2.909, -1.985]
Data Points
Regression Line
95% CI
$\log_{10}$(Cases)
$\log_{10}$(Population)

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MicroSA-level

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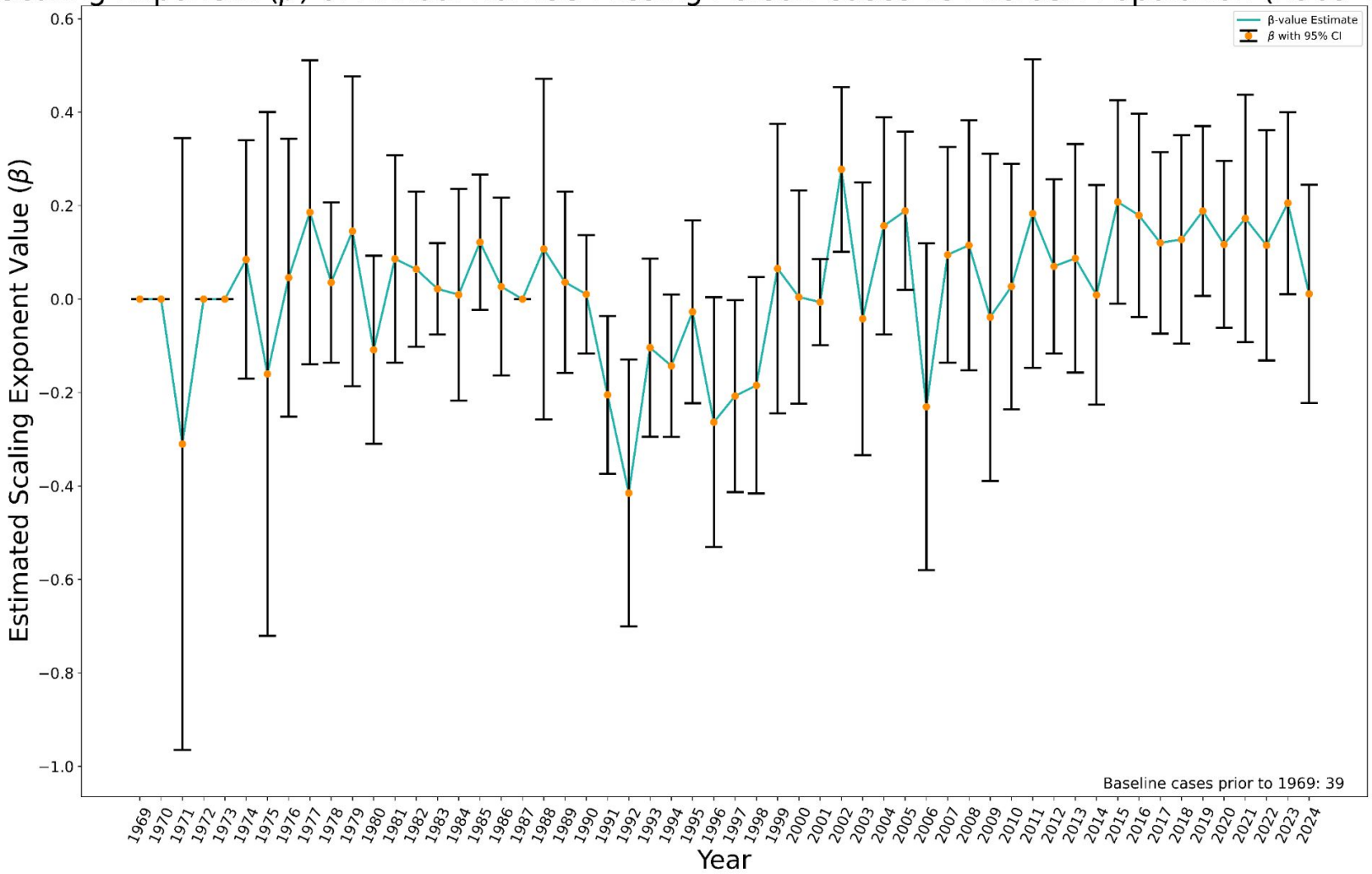
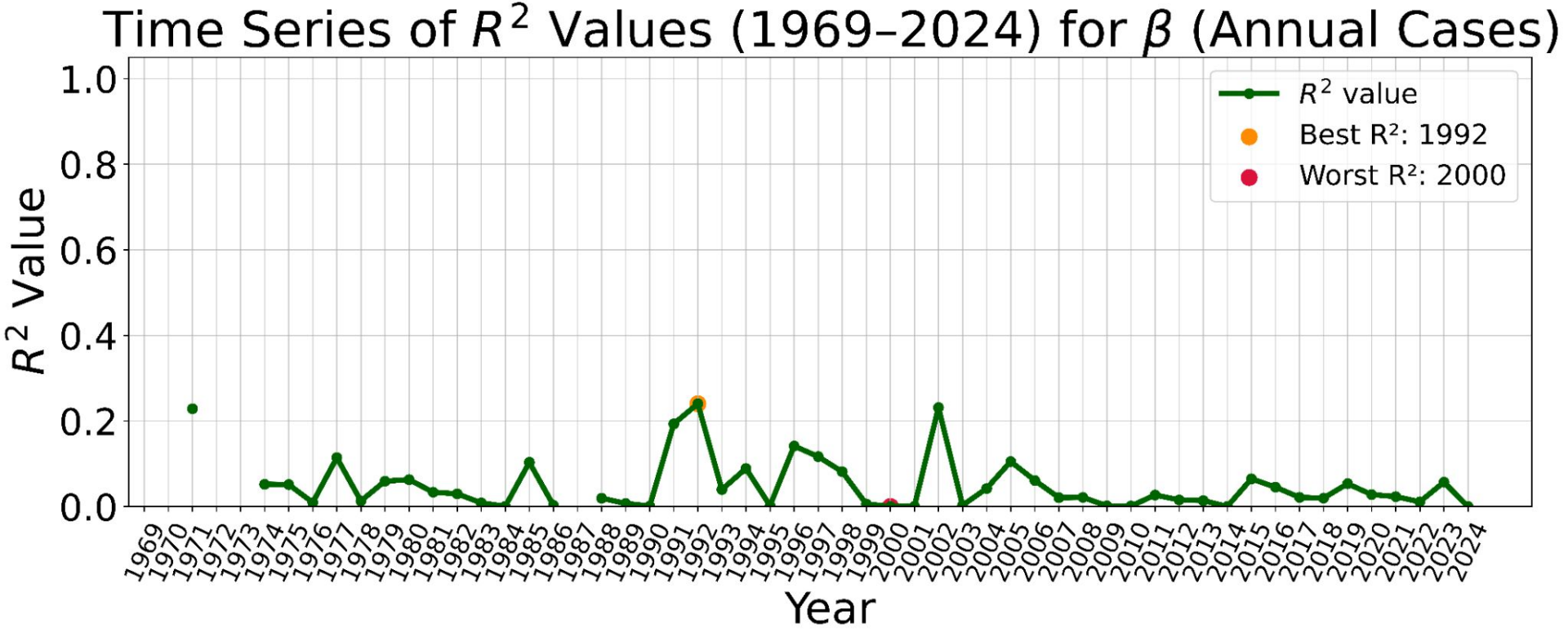

Scaling Exponent (β) of Annual NamUS Missing Person Cases vs MicroSA Population (1969–2024)
β-value Estimate
β with 95% CI
Estimated Scaling Exponent Value (β)
Year
Baseline cases prior to 1969: 39


Time Series of R^2 Values (1969–2024) for β (Annual Cases)
R^2 value
Best R²: 1992
Worst R²: 2000
R^2 Value
1.0
0.8
0.6
0.4
0.2
0.0
1969 1970 1971 1972 1973 1974 1975 1976 1977 1978 1979 1980 1981 1982 1983 1984 1985 1986 1987 1988 1989 1990 1991 1992 1993 1994 1995 1996 1997 1998 1999 2000 2001 2002 2003 2004 2005 2006 2007 2008 2009 2010 2011 2012 2013 2014 2015 2016 2017 2018 2019 2020 2021 2022 2023 2024
Year

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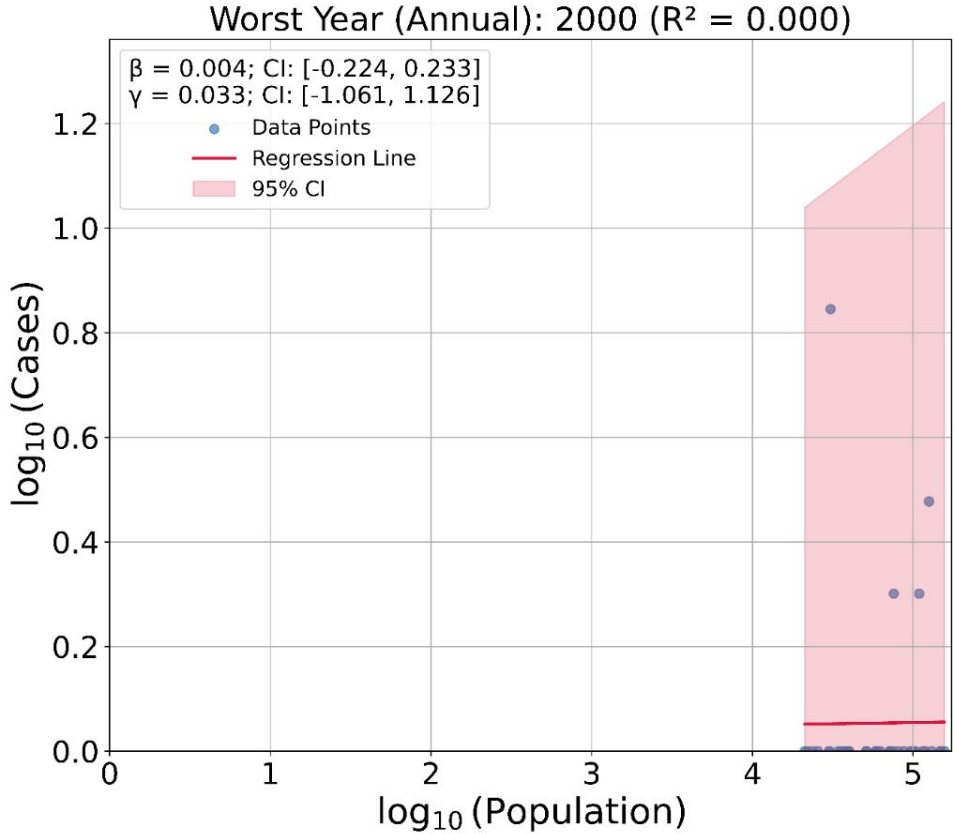
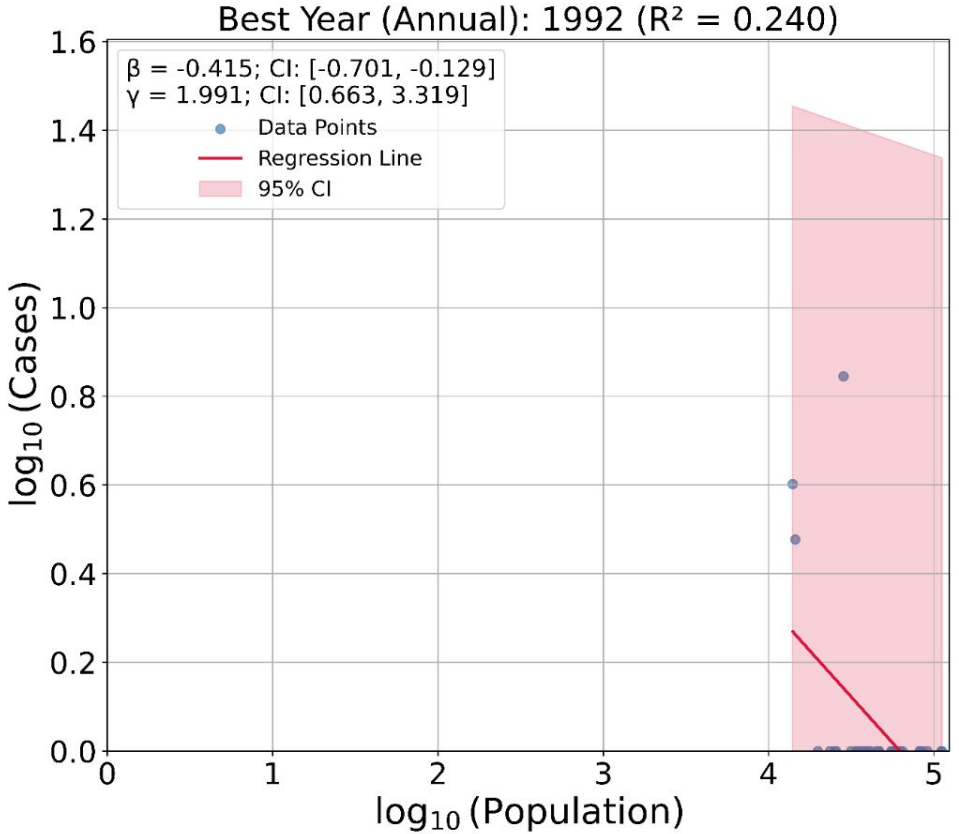

Worst Year (Annual): 2000 (R² = 0.000)
β = 0.004; CI: [-0.224, 0.233]
γ = 0.033; CI: [-1.061, 1.126]
Data Points
Regression Line
95% CI
log10 (Cases)
log10 (Population)


Best Year (Annual): 1992 (R² = 0.240)
β = -0.415; CI: [-0.701, -0.129]
γ = 1.991; CI: [0.663, 3.319]
Data Points
Regression Line
95% CI
log10 (Cases)
log10 (Population)

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CSA-level

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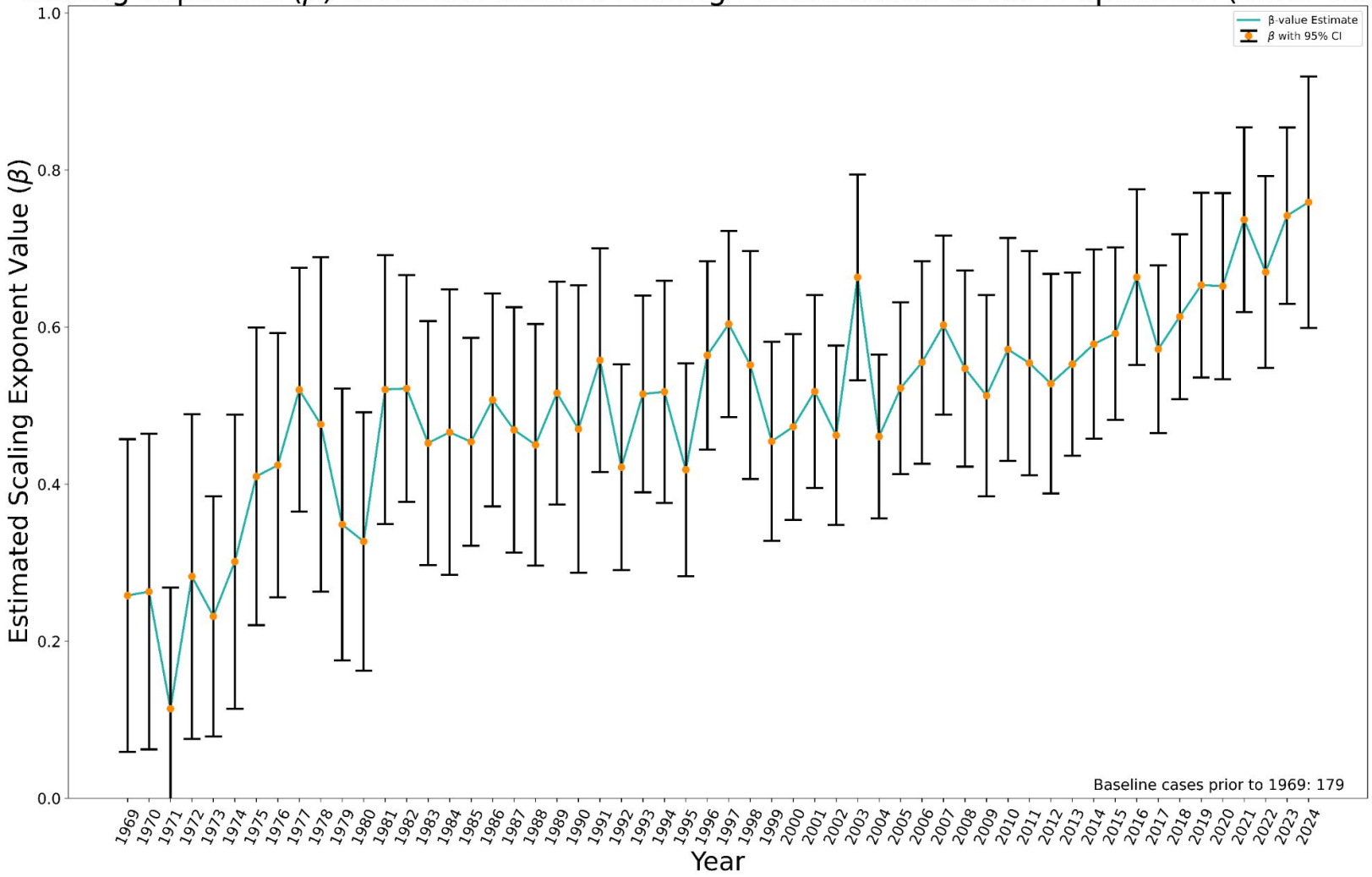
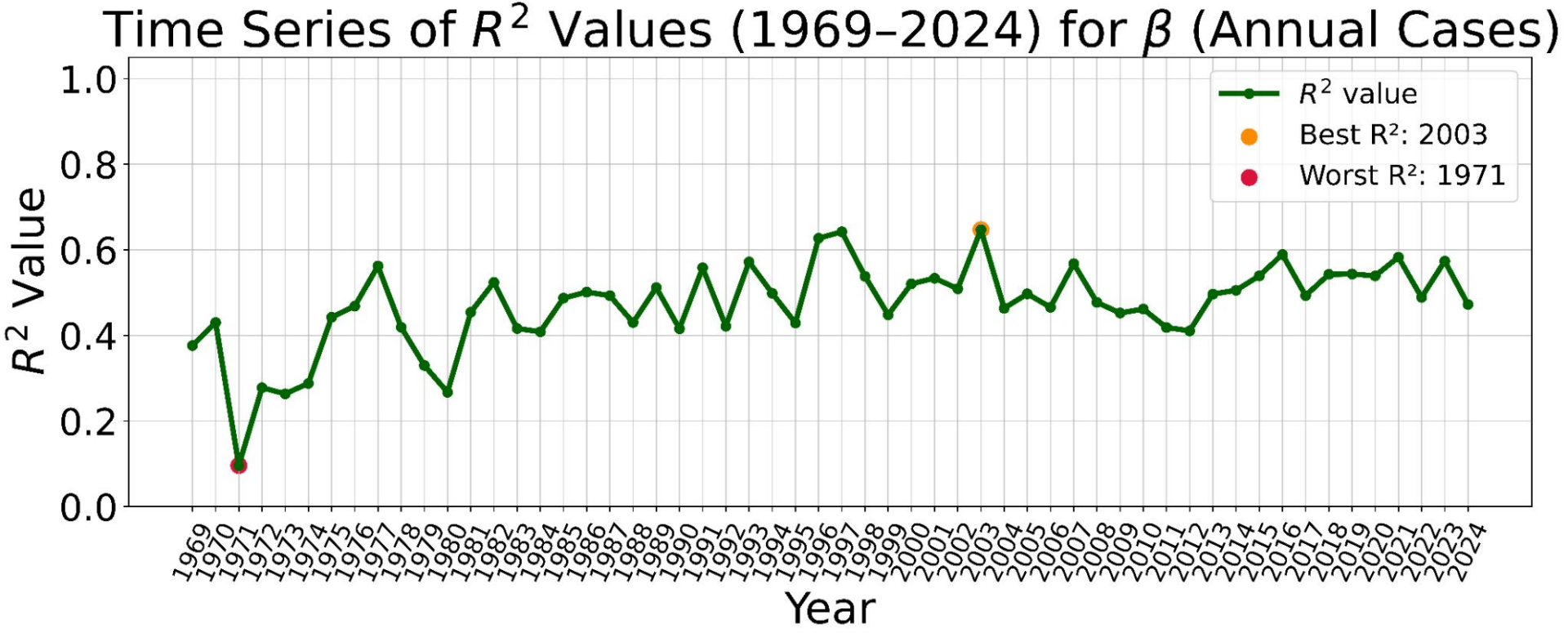

Scaling Exponent (β) of Annual NamUS Missing Person Cases vs CSA Population (1969–2024)
β-value Estimate
β with 95% CI
Estimated Scaling Exponent Value (β)
1.0
0.8
0.6
0.4
0.2
0.0
Baseline cases prior to 1969: 179
1969 1970 1971 1972 1973 1974 1975 1976 1977 1978 1979 1980 1981 1982 1983 1984 1985 1986 1987 1988 1989 1990 1991 1992 1993 1994 1995 1996 1997 1998 1999 2000 2001 2002 2003 2004 2005 2006 2007 2008 2009 2010 2011 2012 2013 2014 2015 2016 2017 2018 2019 2020 2021 2022 2023 2024
Year


Time Series of R^2 Values (1969–2024) for β (Annual Cases)
R^2 Value
1.0
0.8
0.6
0.4
0.2
0.0
R^2 value
Best R²: 2003
Worst R²: 1971
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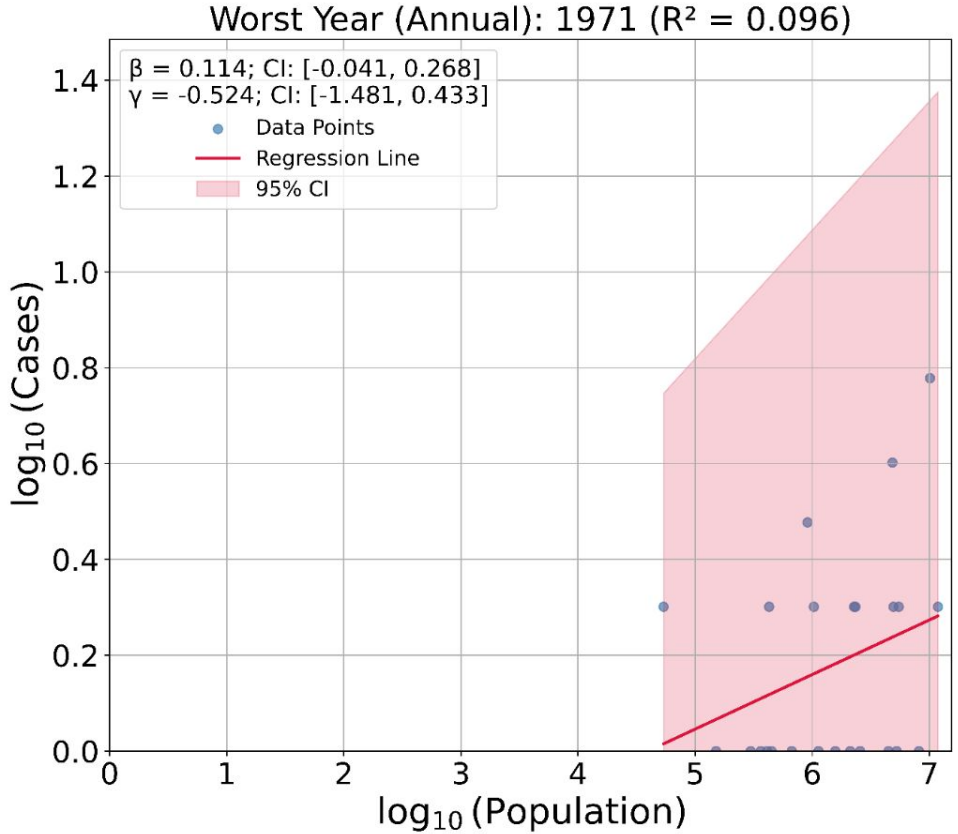
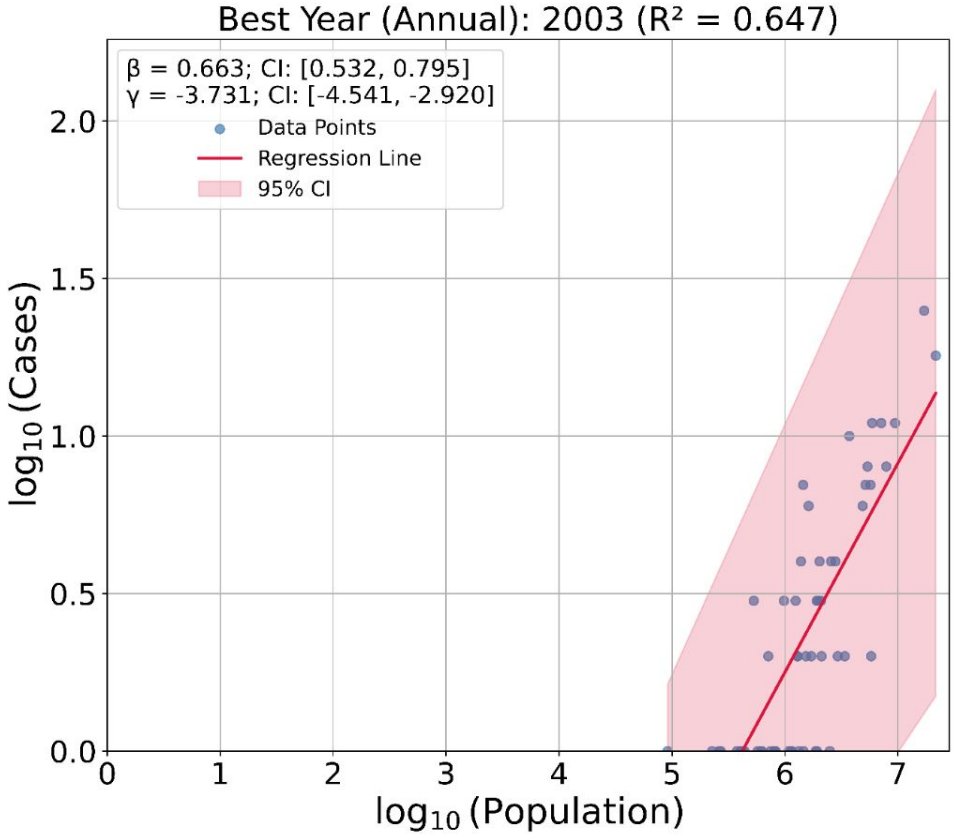

Worst Year (Annual): 1971 (R² = 0.096)
β = 0.114; CI: [-0.041, 0.268]
γ = -0.524; CI: [-1.481, 0.433]
Data Points
Regression Line
95% CI
log10 (Cases)
log10 (Population)


Best Year (Annual): 2003 (R² = 0.647)
β = 0.663; CI: [0.532, 0.795]
γ = -3.731; CI: [-4.541, -2.920]
Data Points
Regression Line
95% CI
log10 (Cases)
log10 (Population)

Mexico INEGI Cases

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Mexico Missing Persons Cases Data Characteristics

- We have **129,830** available records, with *% *incomplete** by column:
  - Victim ID: **0.00%**
  - Origin Agency: **0.00%**
  - Date of Birth: **59.31%**
  - Sex: **37.05%**
  - Date of Incidence: **43.13%**
  - Date of Report: **41.52%**
  - Victim Status: **96.13%**
  - State: **2.26%**
  - State ID: **0.00%****
  - Municipality: **40.92%**
  - Municipality ID: **0.00%****

incomplete entries are 'MISSING', 'UNKNOWN', or 'CENSORED'*

GEOID IDs that are incomplete have a specific code

- Guide to Mexican Administrative Divisions
- The Mexico-American GEOID equivalencies by average population size **seem** to follow:
  - Mexican 'States' == American 'States'
  - Mexican 'Municipalities' == American 'Counties?' & American 'MSAs/CBSAs'
    - Extremely wide range of population values
    - Includes:
      - 'Ciudades'
      - 'Villas'
      - 'Pueblos'
      - …
  - Mexican 'Localities' == American 'Blocks?'
  - Mexico City 'Boroughs' == American 'Counties'

Mexico by GEOIDS

States:

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Municipalities:

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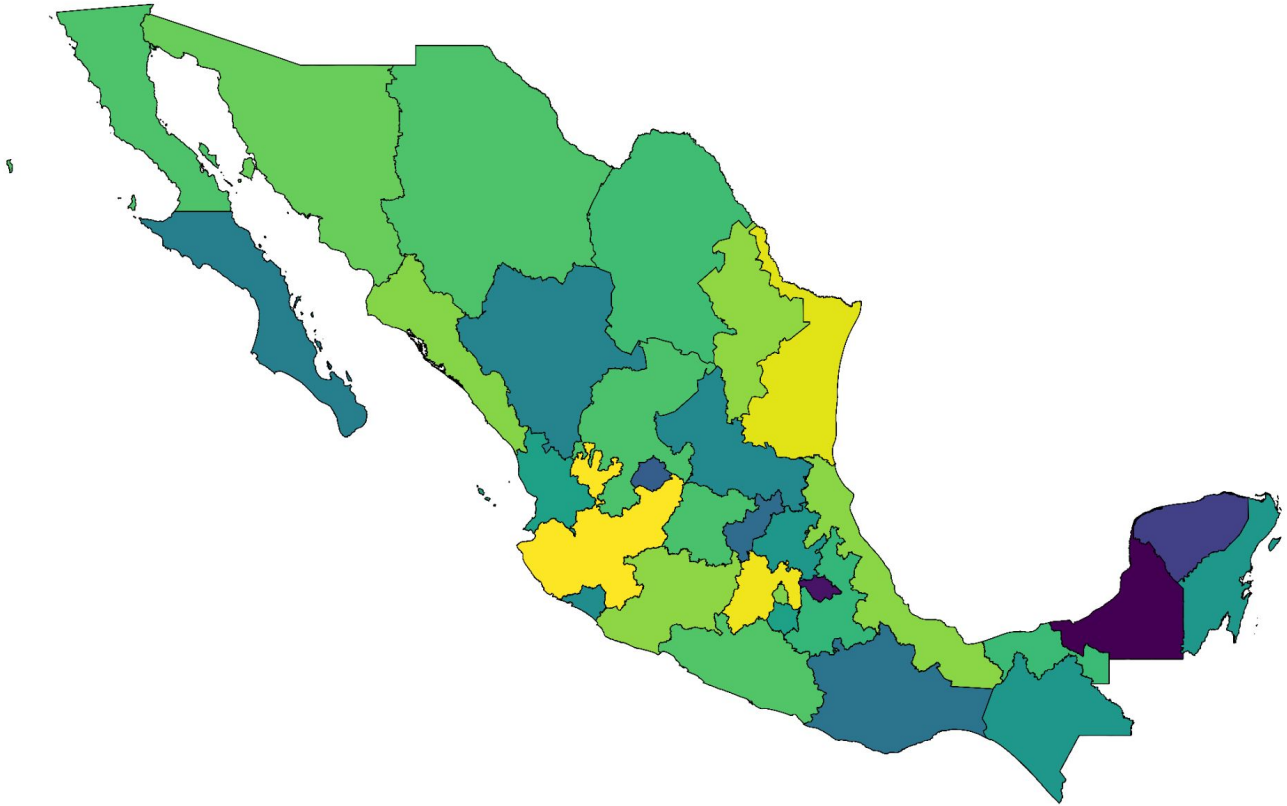
Valid INEGI Missing Persons Cases by Mexican State (Log Scaled)



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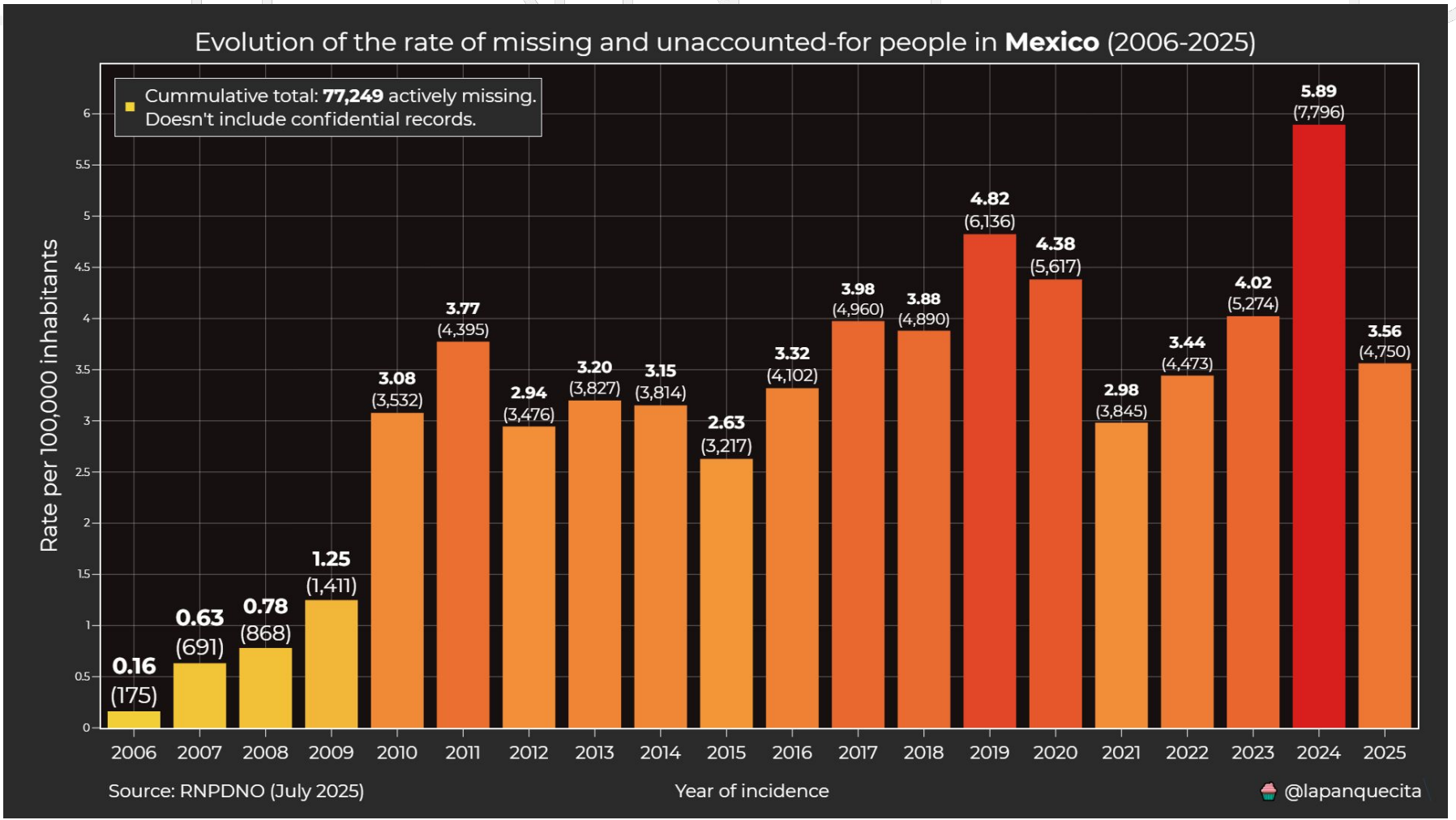
Evolution of the rate of missing and unaccounted-for people in **Mexico** (2006-2025)
Cummulative total: **77,249** actively missing.
Doesn't include confidential records.
Rate per 100,000 inhabitants
0
0.5
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1.5
2
2.5
3
3.5
4
4.5
5
5.5
6
0.16 (175)
0.63 (691)
0.78 (868)
1.25 (1,411)
3.08 (3,532)
3.77 (4,395)
2.94 (3,476)
3.20 (3,827)
3.15 (3,814)
2.63 (3,217)
3.32 (4,102)
3.98 (4,960)
3.88 (4,890)
4.82 (6,136)
4.38 (5,617)
2.98 (3,845)
3.44 (4,473)
4.02 (5,274)
5.89 (7,796)
3.56 (4,750)
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2025
Source: RNPDNO (July 2025)
Year of incidence
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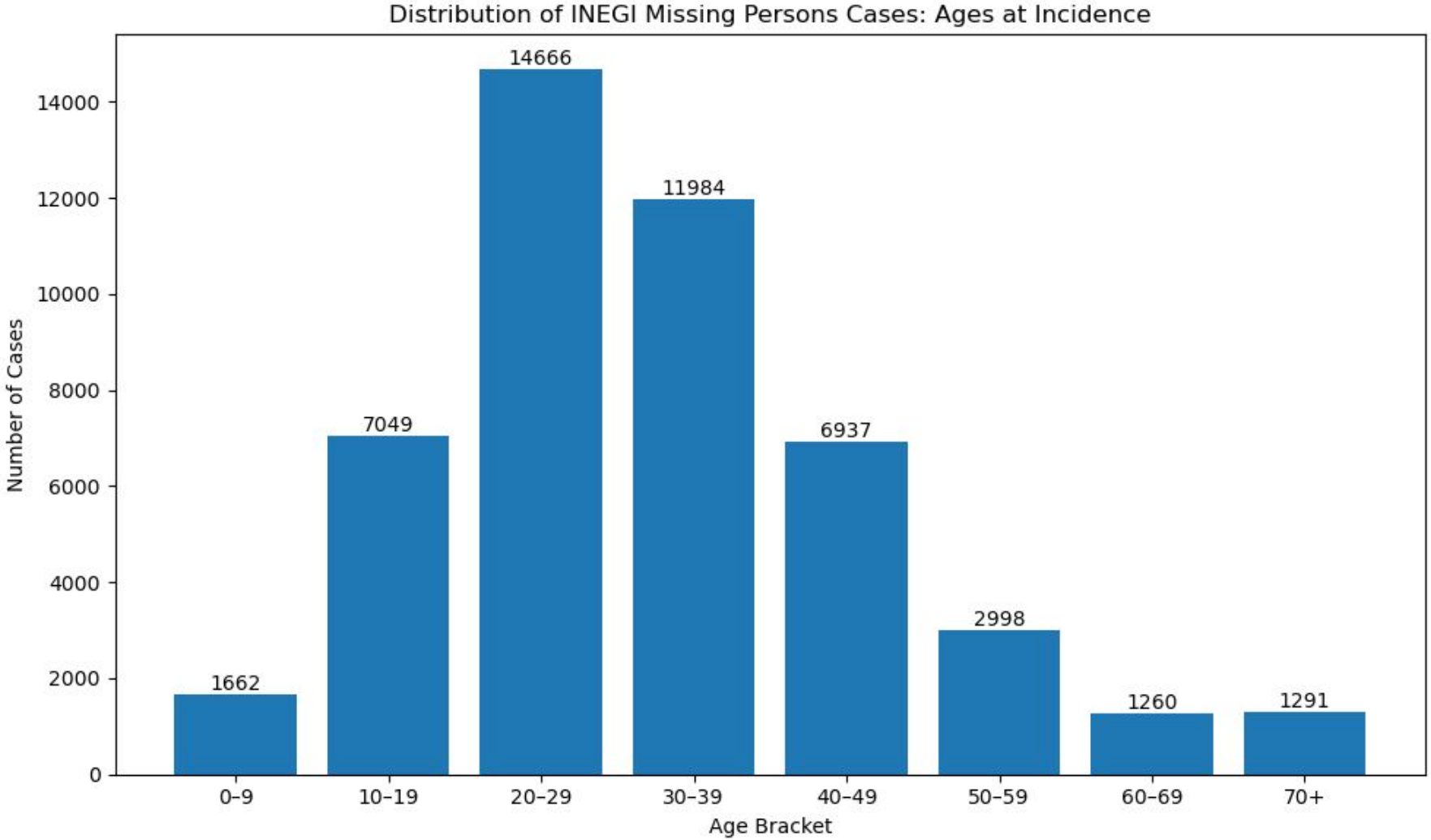
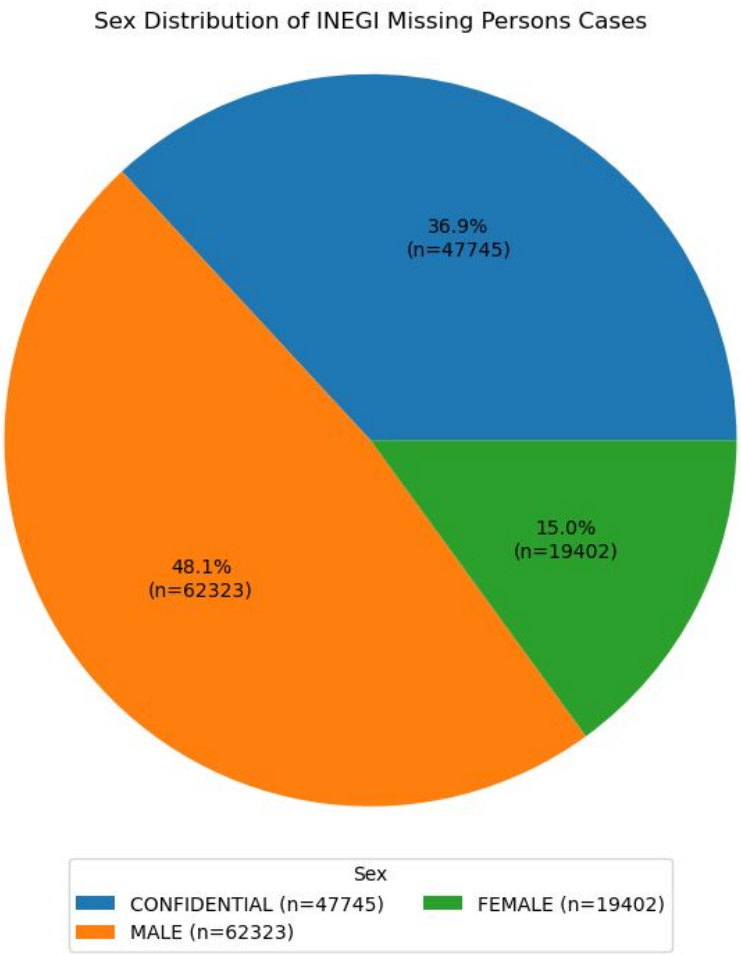

Distribution of INEGI Missing Persons Cases: Ages at Incidence
Number of Cases
0
2000
4000
6000
8000
10000
12000
14000
1662
7049
14666
11984
6937
2998
1260
1291
0–9
10–19
20–29
30–39
40–49
50–59
60–69
70+
Age Bracket


Sex Distribution of INEGI Missing Persons Cases
36.9%
(n=47745)
15.0%
(n=19402)
48.1%
(n=62323)
Sex
CONFIDENTIAL (n=47745)
FEMALE (n=19402)
MALE (n=62323)