

Charting Colombia's Progress



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Near Failing State to Thriving Democracy



“Colombia’s transformation in less than a decade from failing state to thriving democracy is one of the greatest victories for the cause of human rights in our world today.”

*Secretary Condoleezza Rice,
October 9, 2007*

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Plan Colombia Achievements 2000-2008

- ❑ Prevented 400 hundreds of tons of cocaine a year from reaching U.S.
- ❑ Kidnappings down by 82%, homicides 40%, terrorist attacks 76% from 2002-2007.
- ❑ Over 48,000 terrorists demobilized under President Uribe.
- ❑ Accusatorial judicial system now in place nation-wide that resolves cases in months instead of years.
- ❑ Over 5.5% average GDP growth for past six years; Poverty and unemployment at lowest levels in a decade.
- ❑ Over 200,000 families have benefited from U.S. alternative development programs.

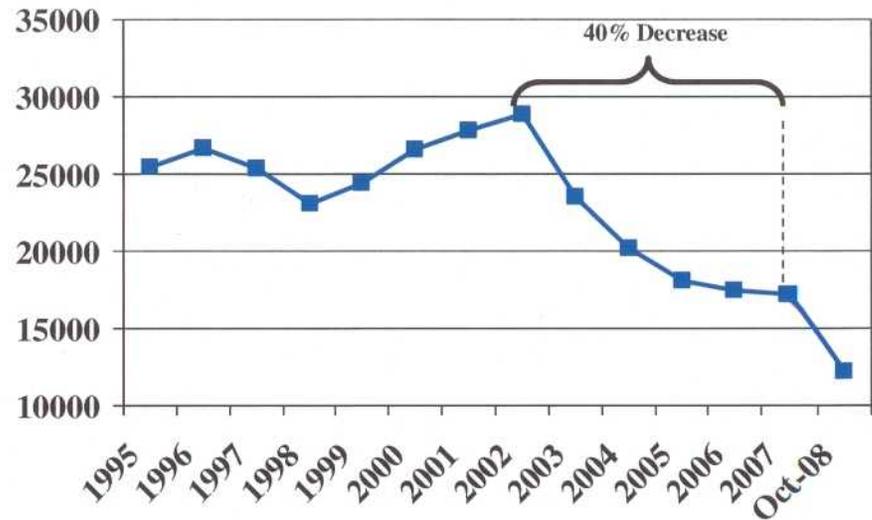


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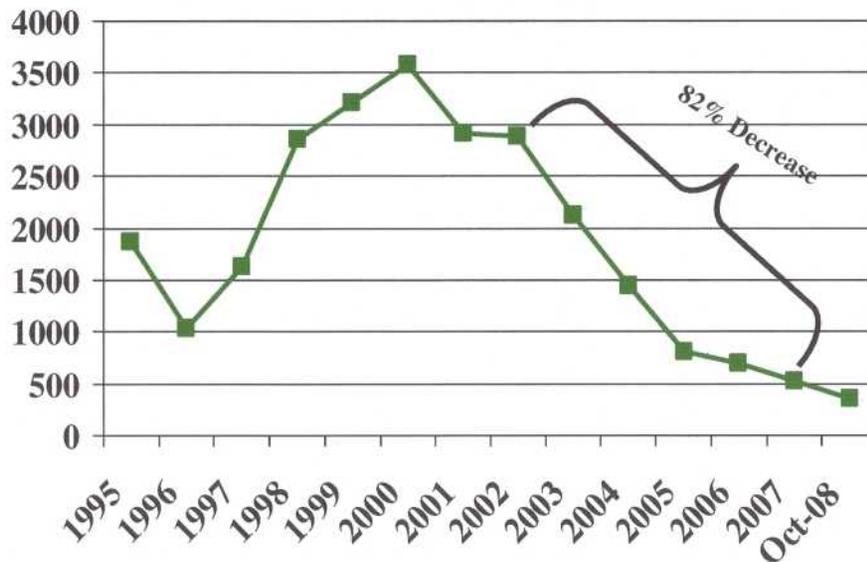
Dramatic improvement in Colombia's security

- Homicides down 40%
- Kidnappings down 82%
- Terrorist attacks down 76%

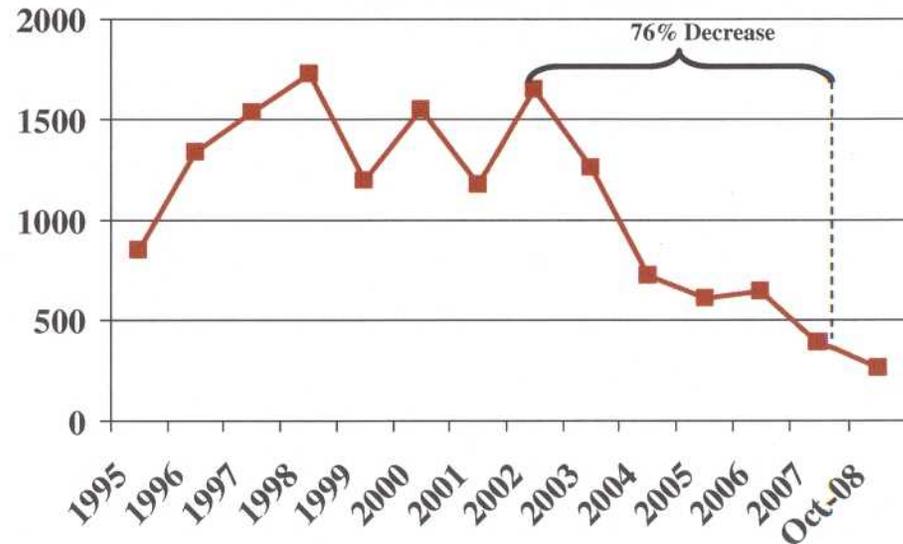
Homicides



Kidnappings

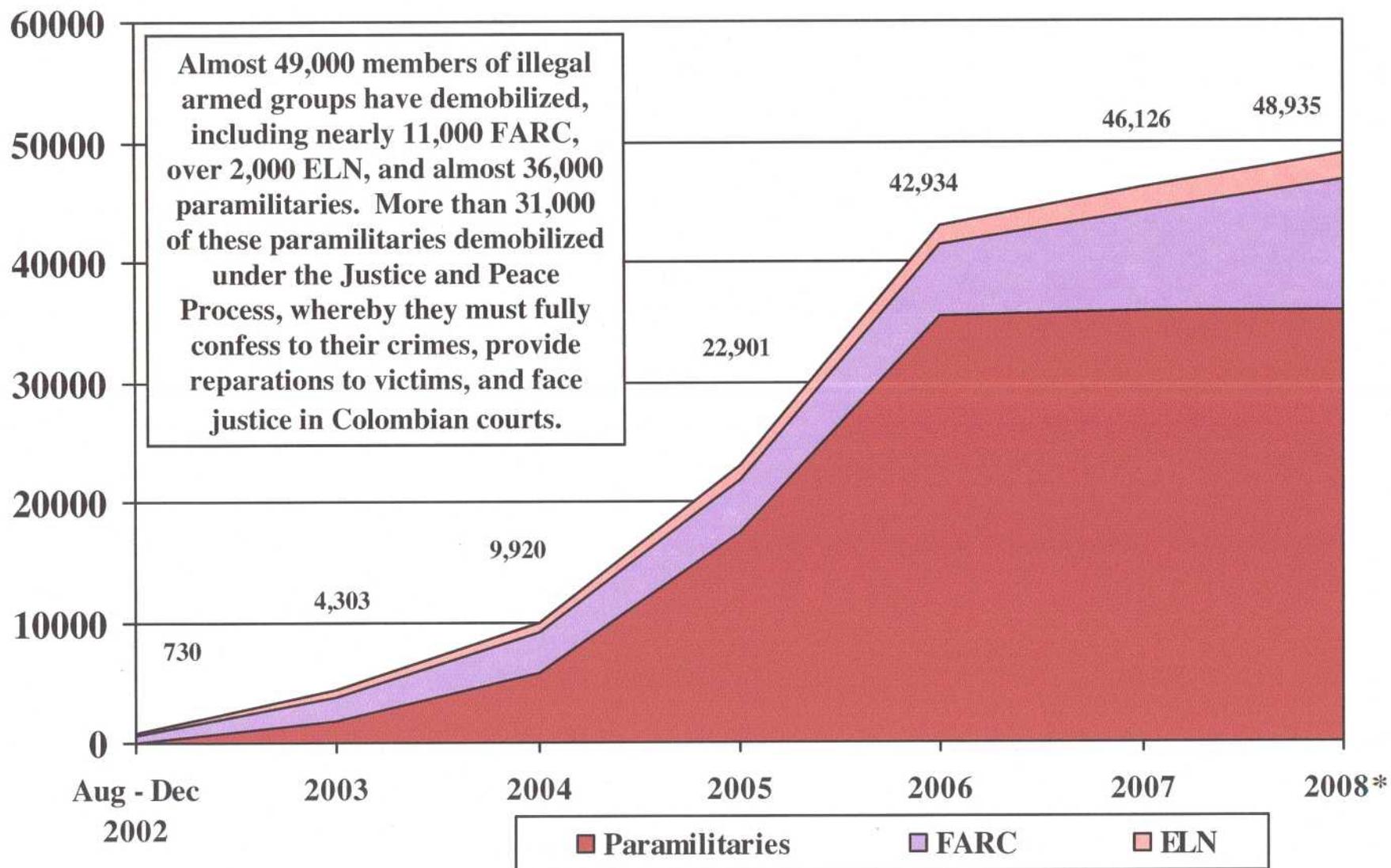


Terrorist Attacks



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Demobilization of Illegal Armed Groups



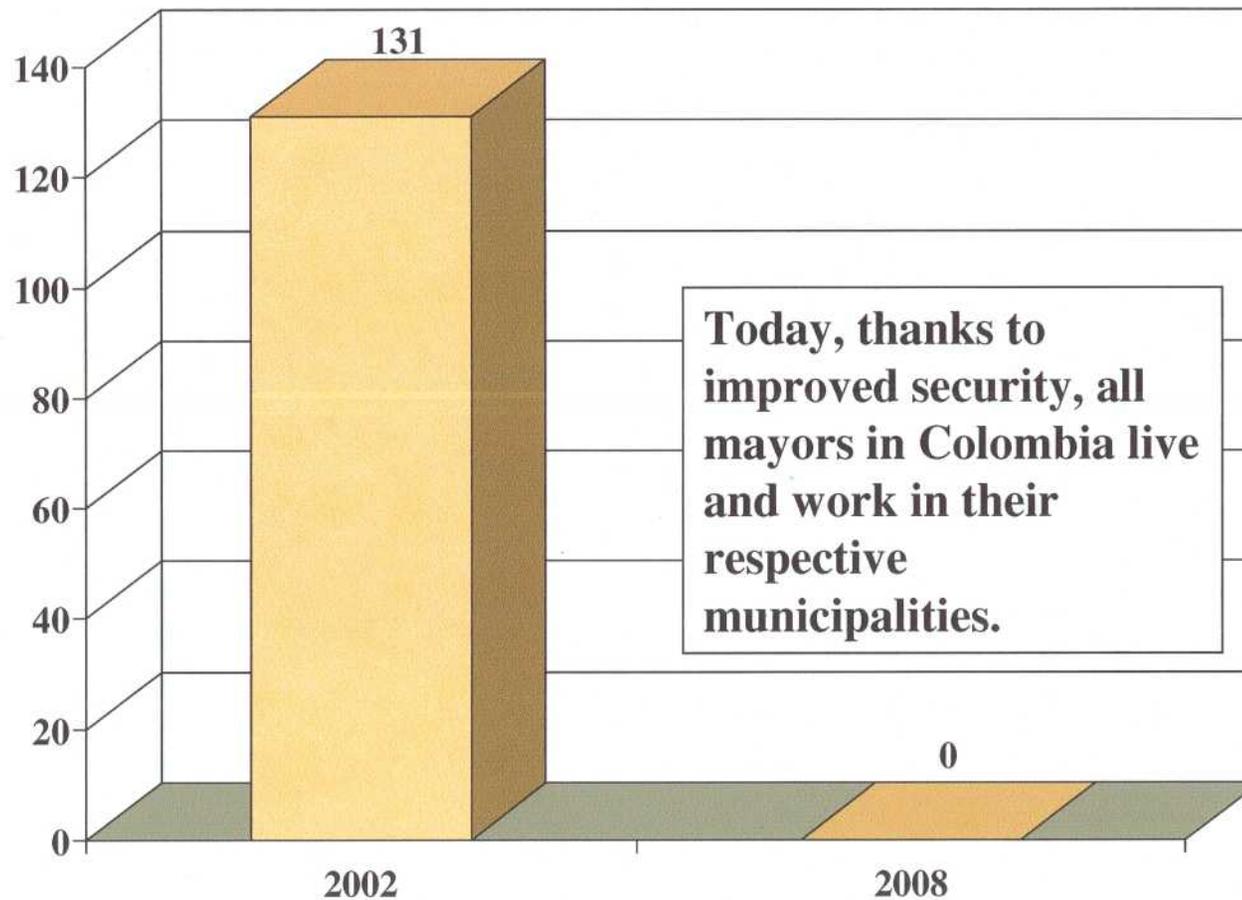
Source: Government of Colombia; *2008 figures through October

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Mayors Exercising Office Outside of Municipality

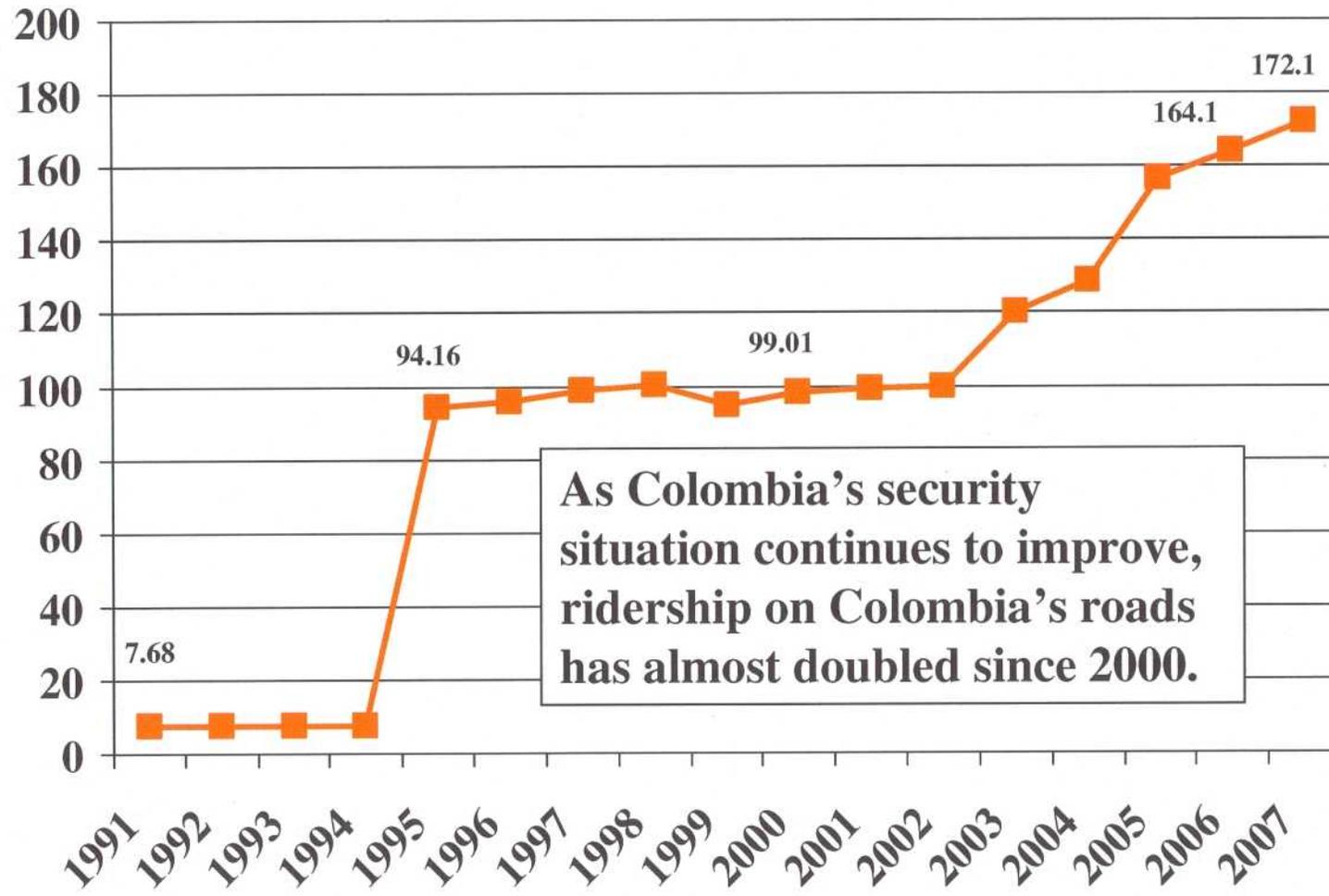
(out of 1099 municipalities)



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Ridership on Colombian Roads

(in millions of travelers)

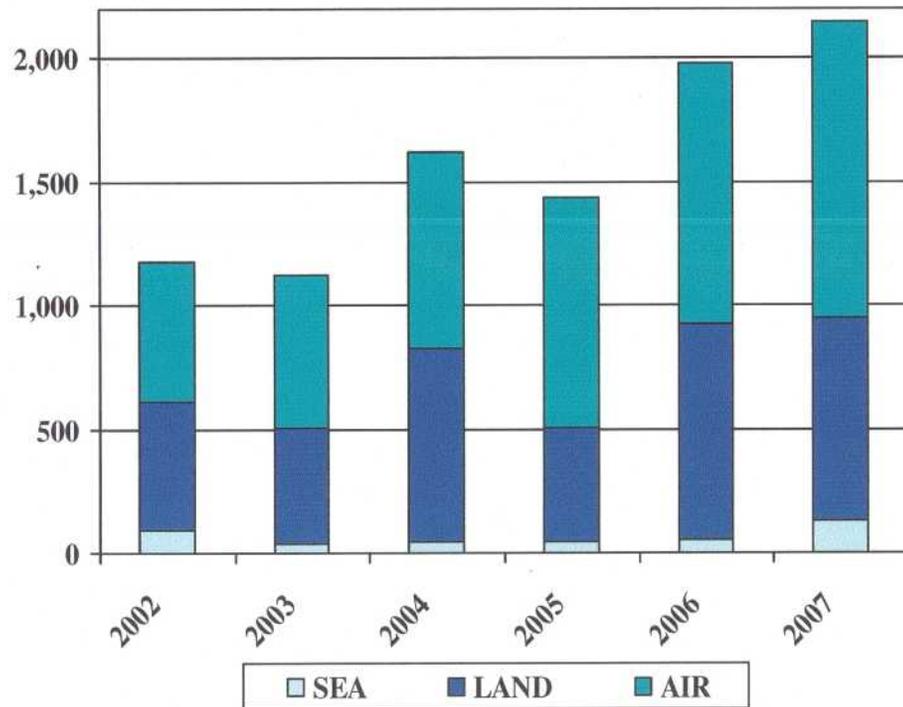


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With improved security and economic growth, the number of tourists visiting Colombia has almost doubled in the last five years.

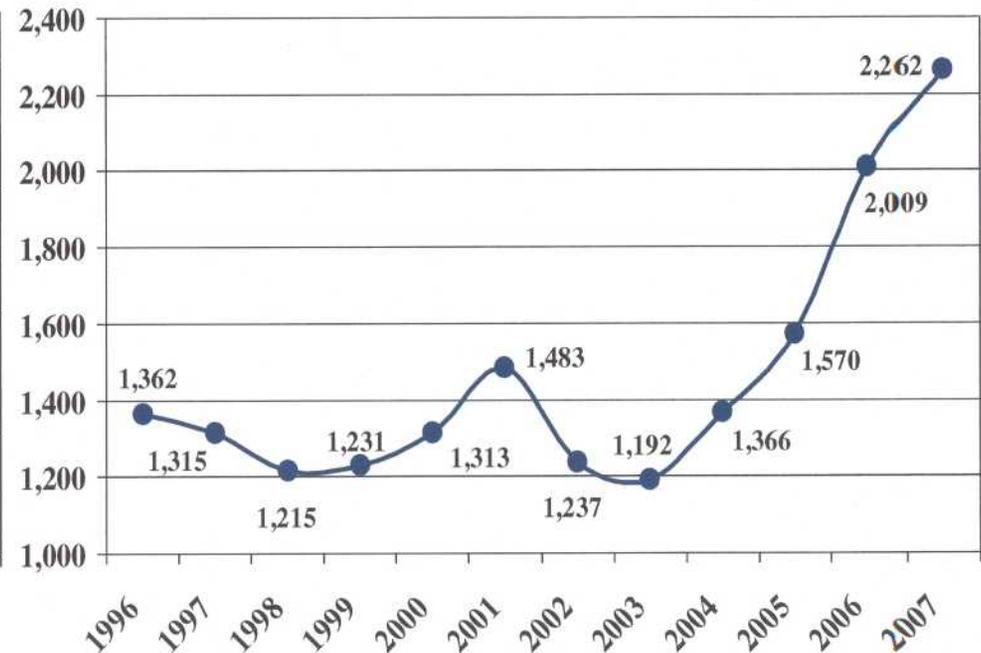
Visits by International Tourists

(in thousands of people)



Spending by International Tourists

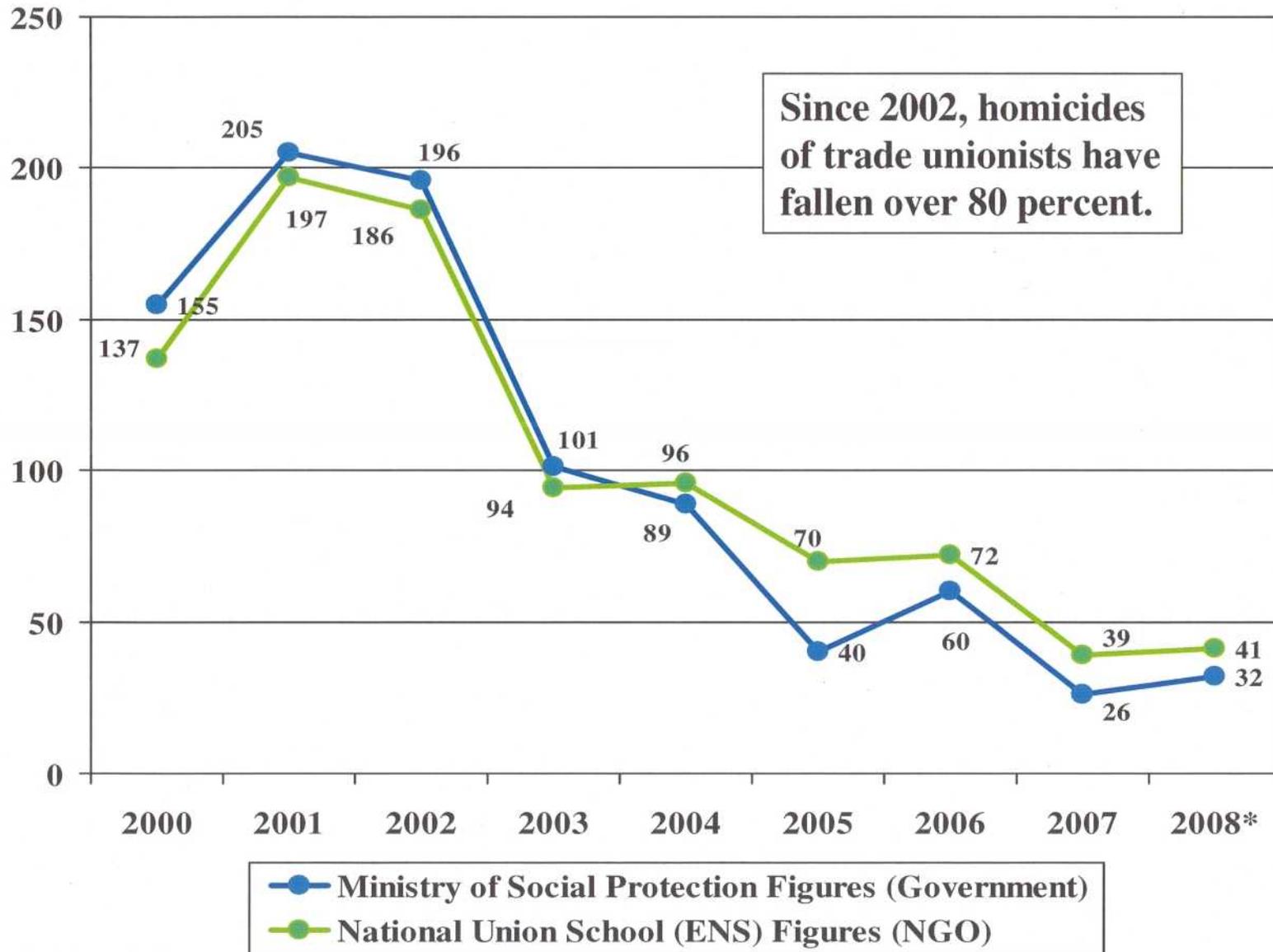
(in millions \$US)



Source: Visitors – MinComercio (DAS, Bank of the Republic, and ports)
Spending – Balance of Payments, Bank of the Republic

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Homicides of Trade Unionists in Colombia

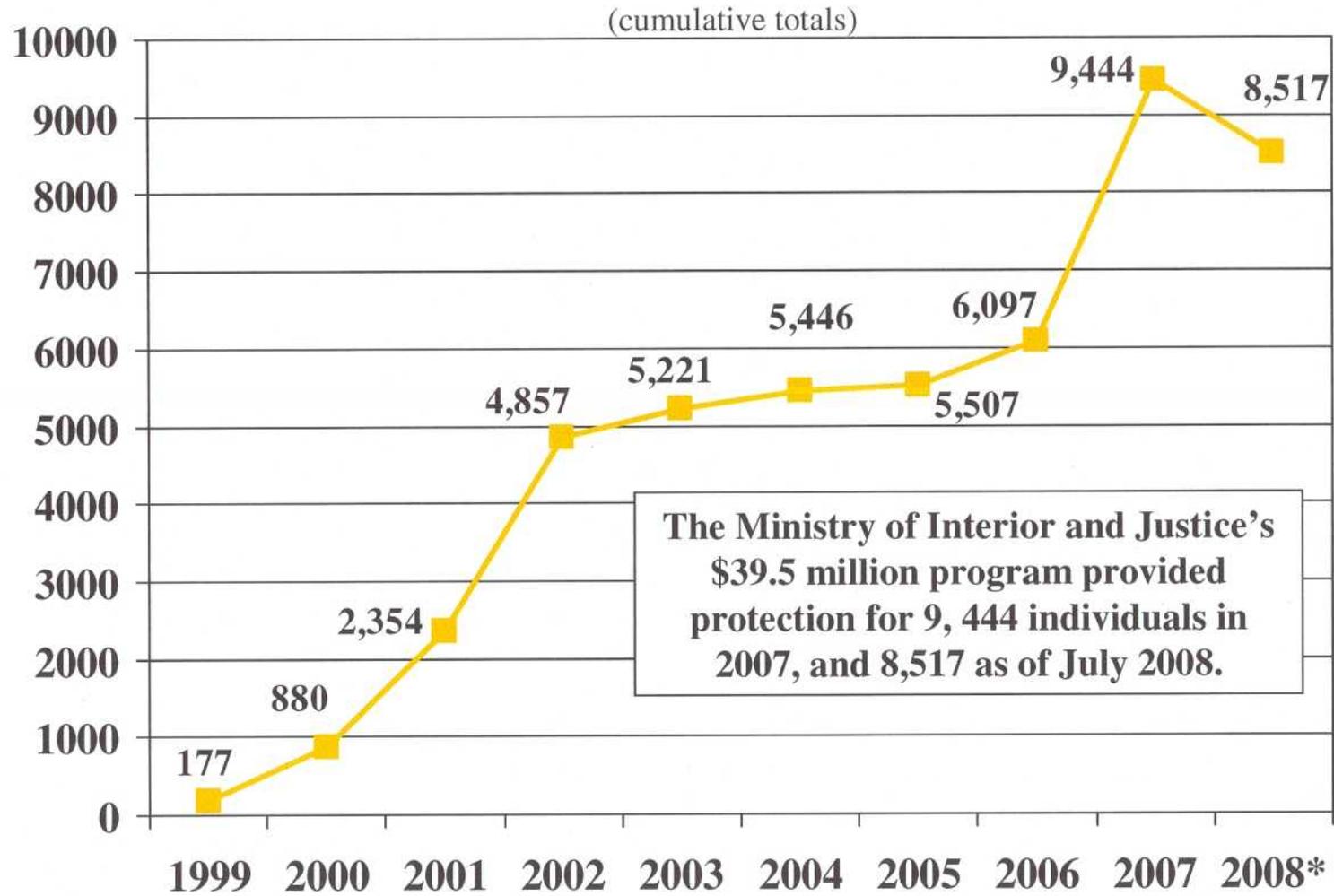


* 2008 figure through early October

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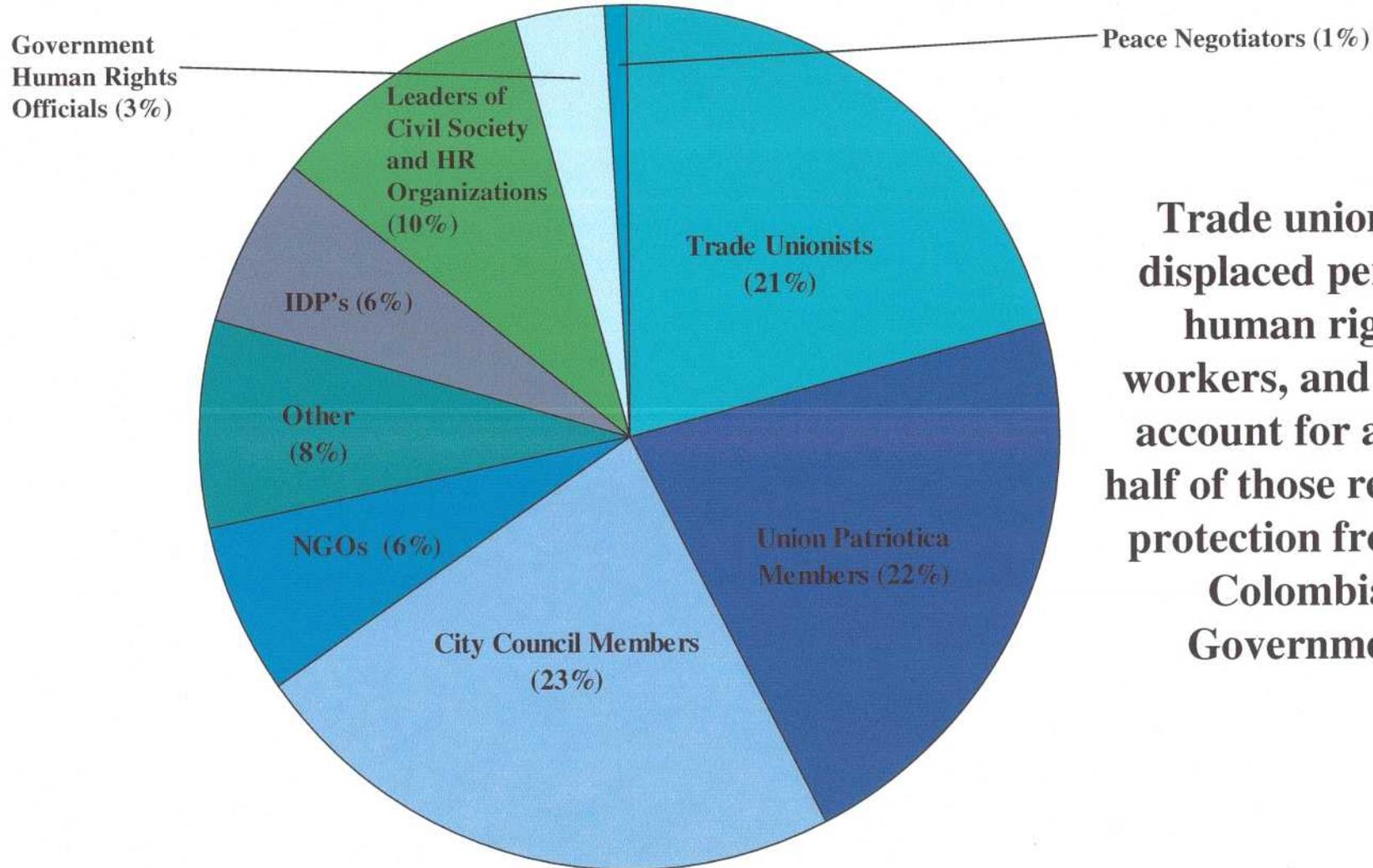
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Persons Enrolled in Protection Program



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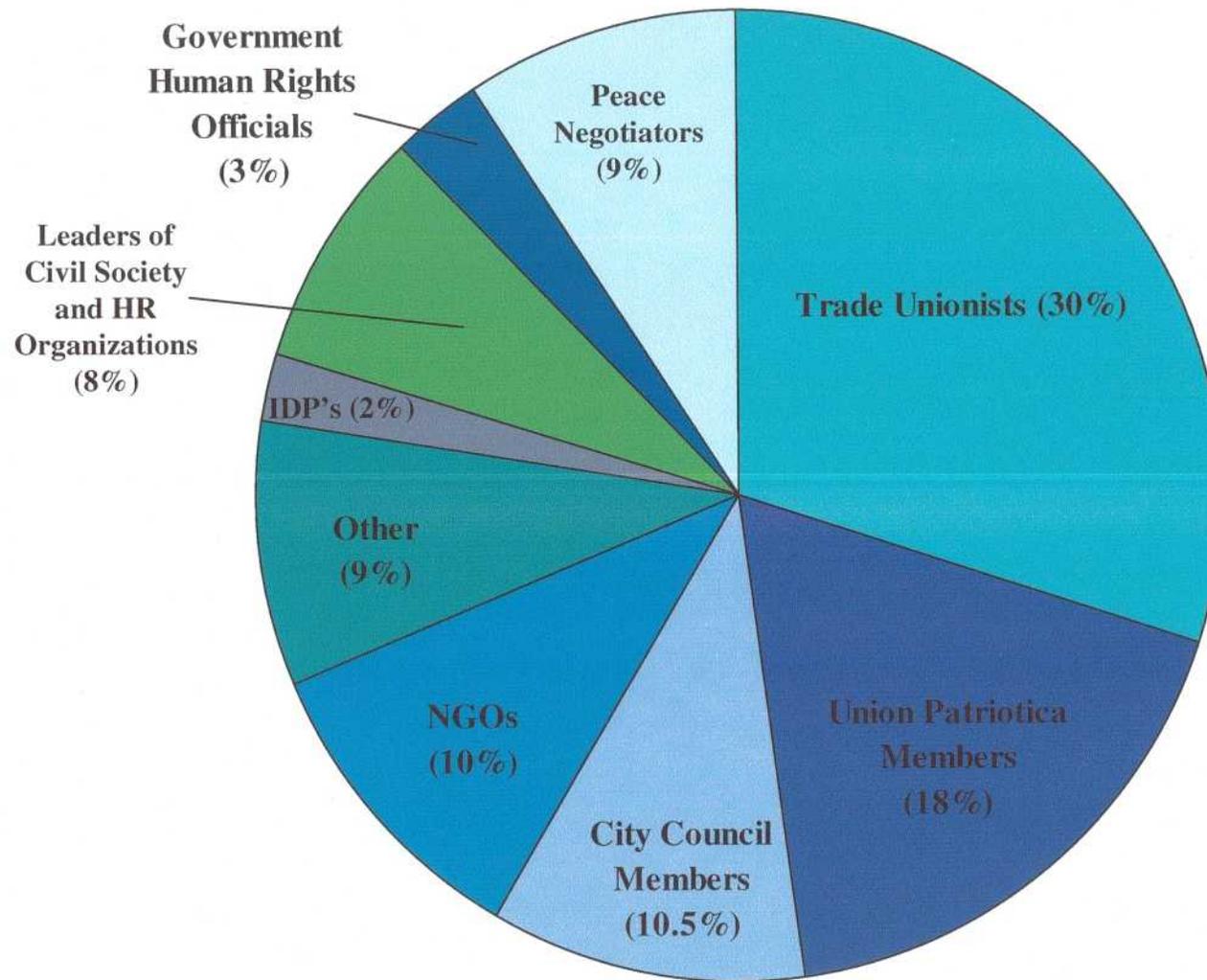
Groups Receiving Protection



Trade unionists, displaced persons, human rights workers, and NGOs account for almost half of those receiving protection from the Colombian Government.

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Protection Expenditures by Group

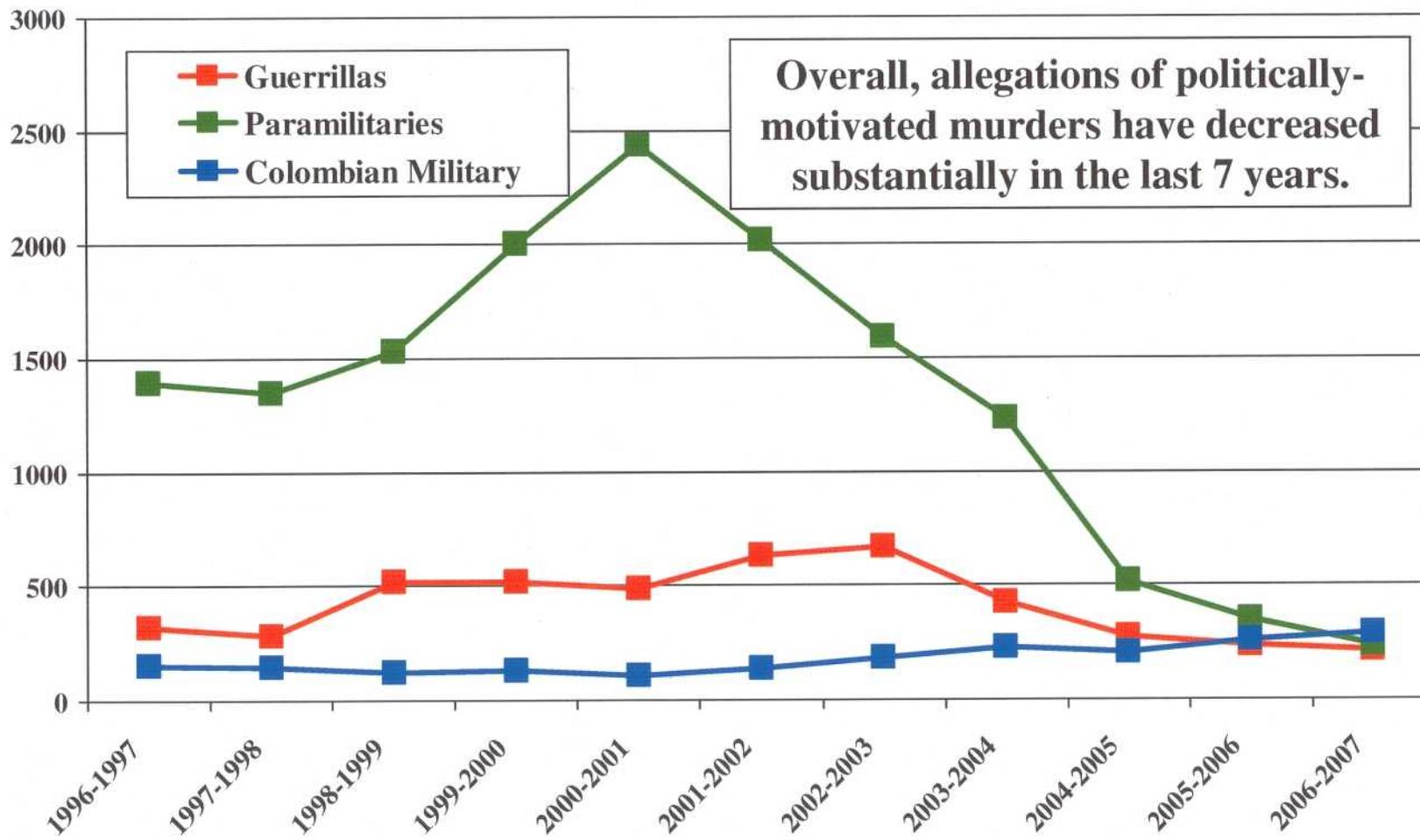


One third of the Protection Program's budget (\$13.1 million) goes to protect trade unionists.

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Alleged Political Killings

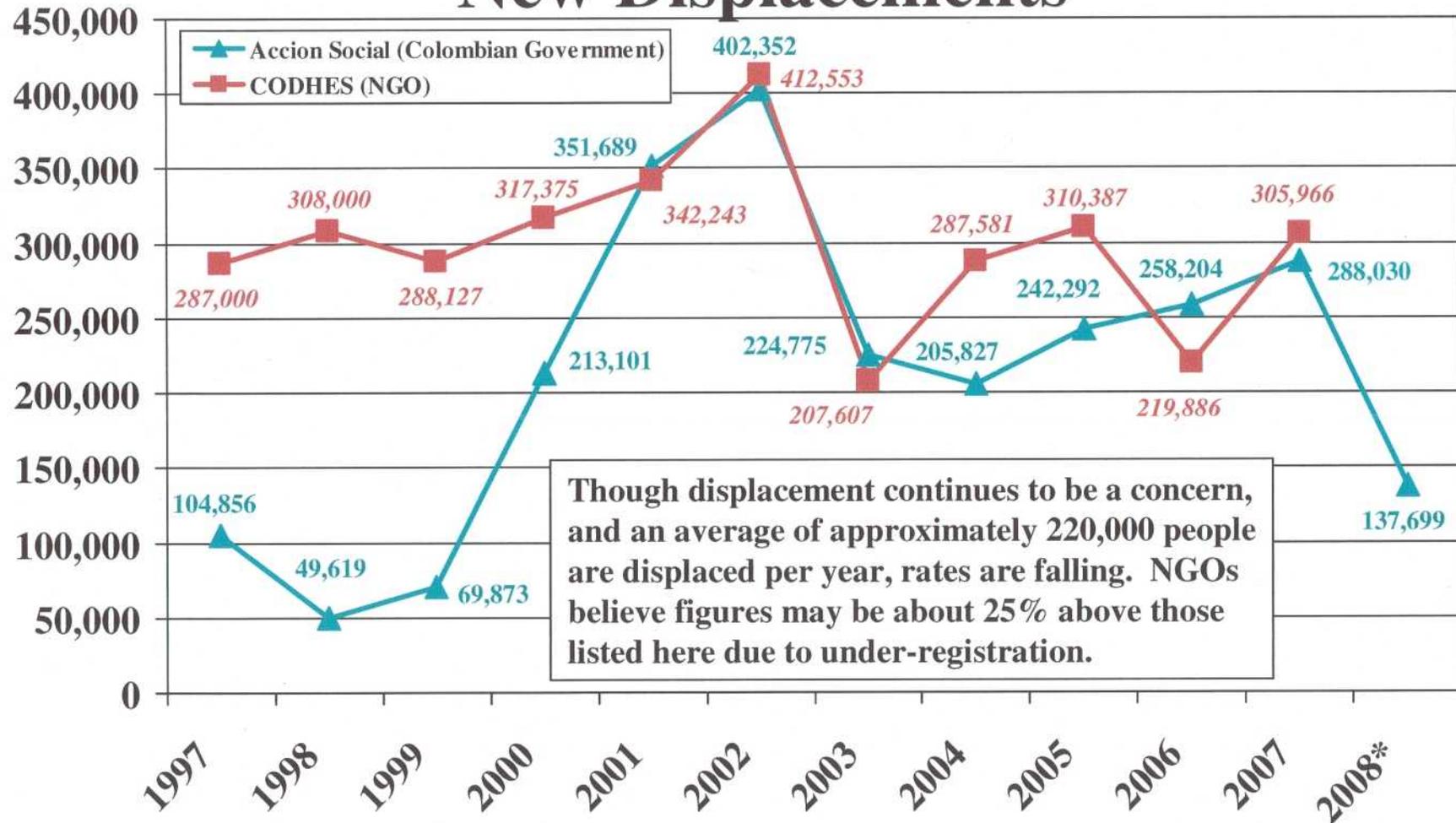
(according to NGO reporting based on press reports and allegations received by NGOs)



Source: Colombian NGO - Colombian Commission of Jurists (CCJ), 2008.
Figures reflect data gathered from June to June of the years indicated.

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New Displacements

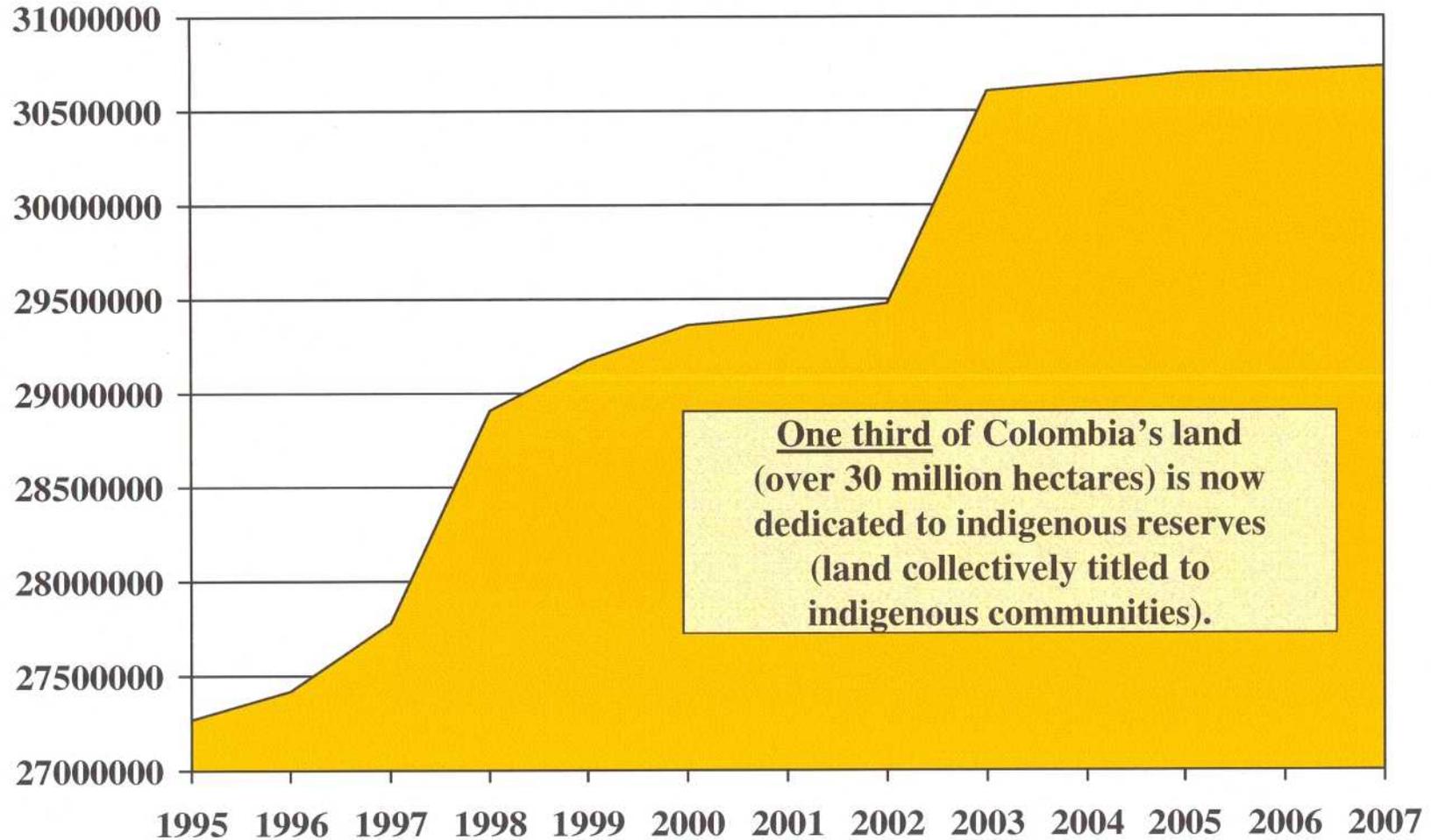


Source: Colombian Government's Acción Social General Index on Displaced Populations *2008 data through September
[<http://www.accionsocial.gov.co/Estadisticas/publicacion%20sept%2030%20de%202008.htm>] and Colombian NGO Consultancy for Human Rights and Displacement (CODHES) [<http://www.codhes.org/Info/Boletines-graficos.htm>]

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Indigenous Reserves

(in hectares)



Source: Colombian Institute of Rural Development (INCODER)

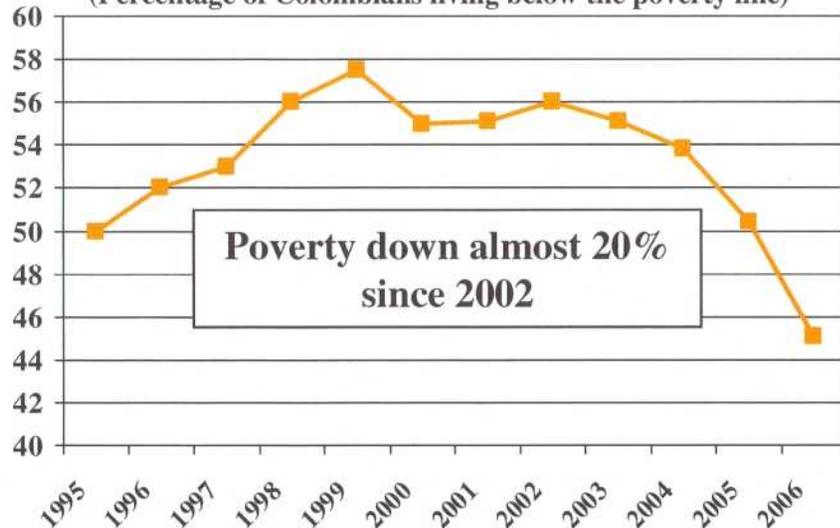
30,733,851 hectares are indigenous reserves; Colombia has a total of 103,870,000 hectares within its borders

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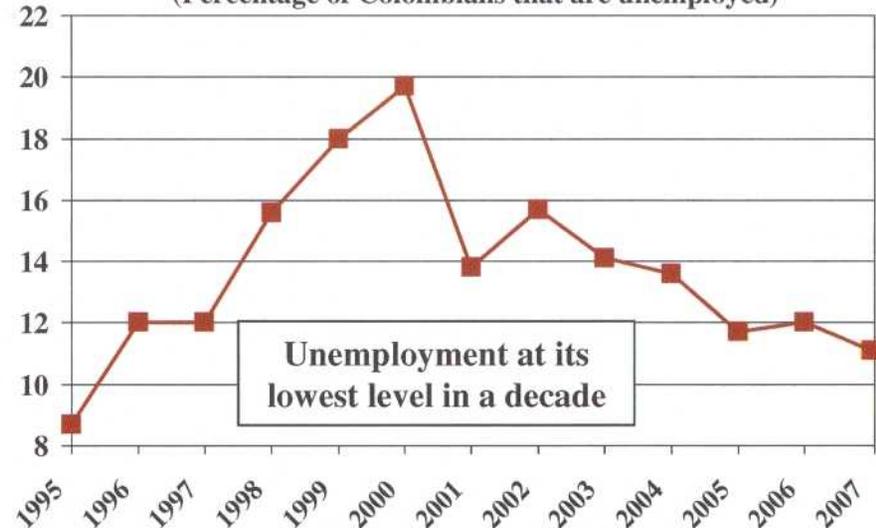
Poverty

(Percentage of Colombians living below the poverty line)



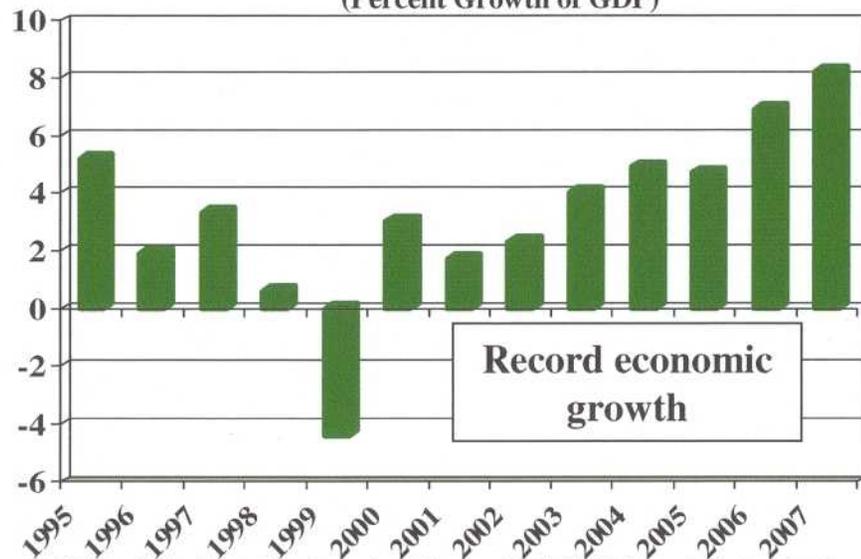
Unemployment

(Percentage of Colombians that are unemployed)



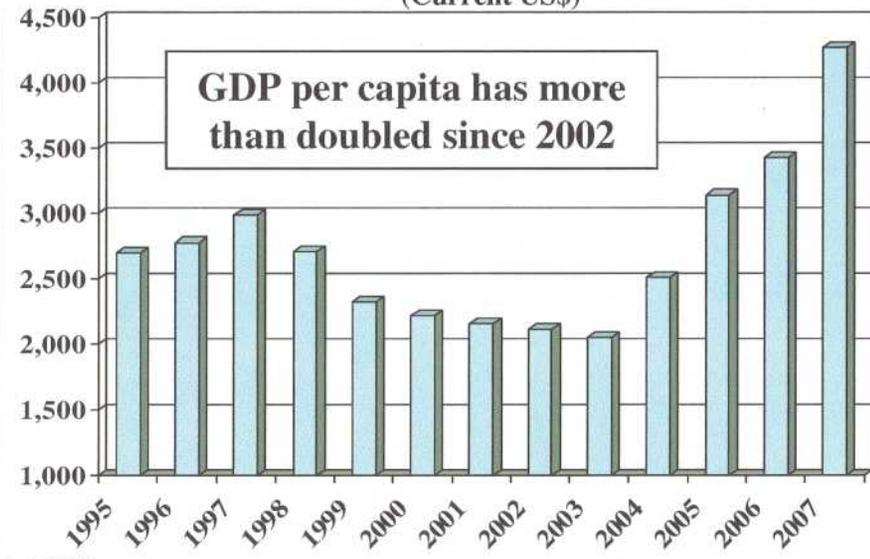
Economic Growth

(Percent Growth of GDP)



GDP Per Capita

(Current US\$)



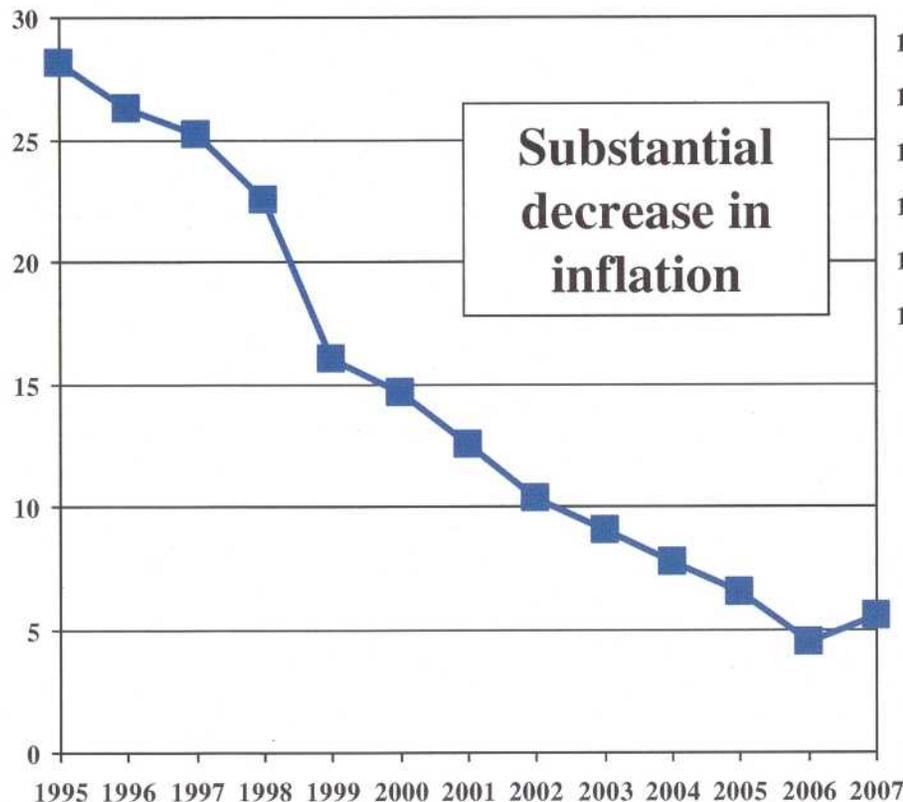
Source: GDP Per Capita figures from International Monetary Fund, World Economic Outlook Database, April 2008; All others from Colombian National Administrative Department of Statistics (DANE)

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The World Bank singled out Colombia as *one of the top ten economic reformers of 2007-2008*

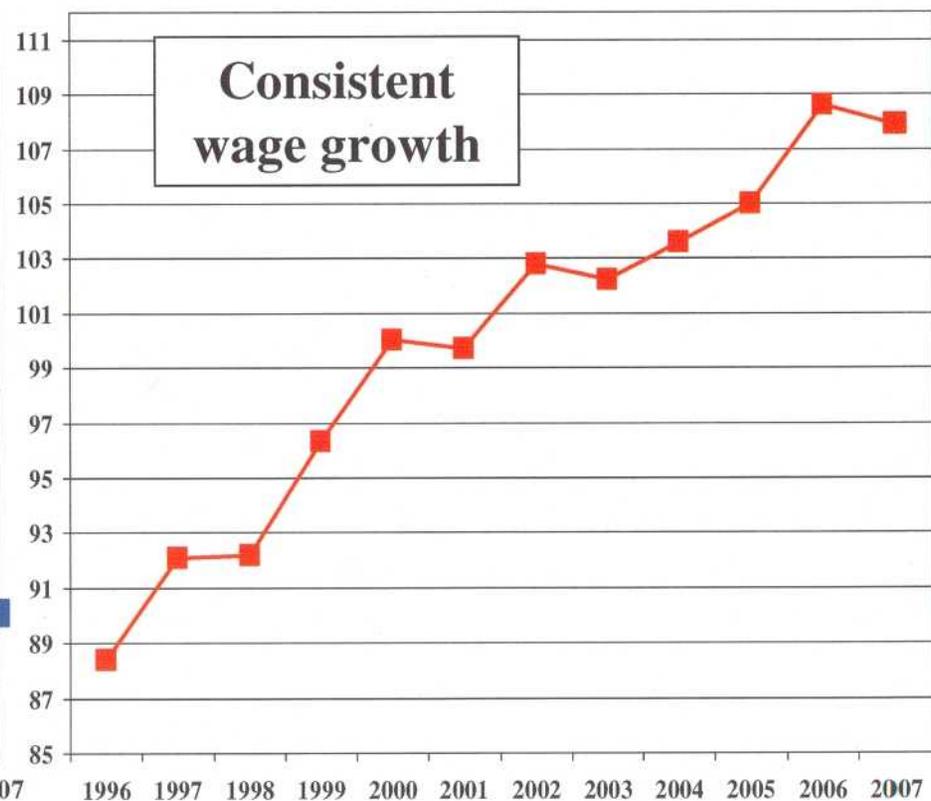
Inflation

(Average Annual Percentage)



Wages

(Annual Average; 2000=100)



Source: Inflation figures from Inter-American Development Bank

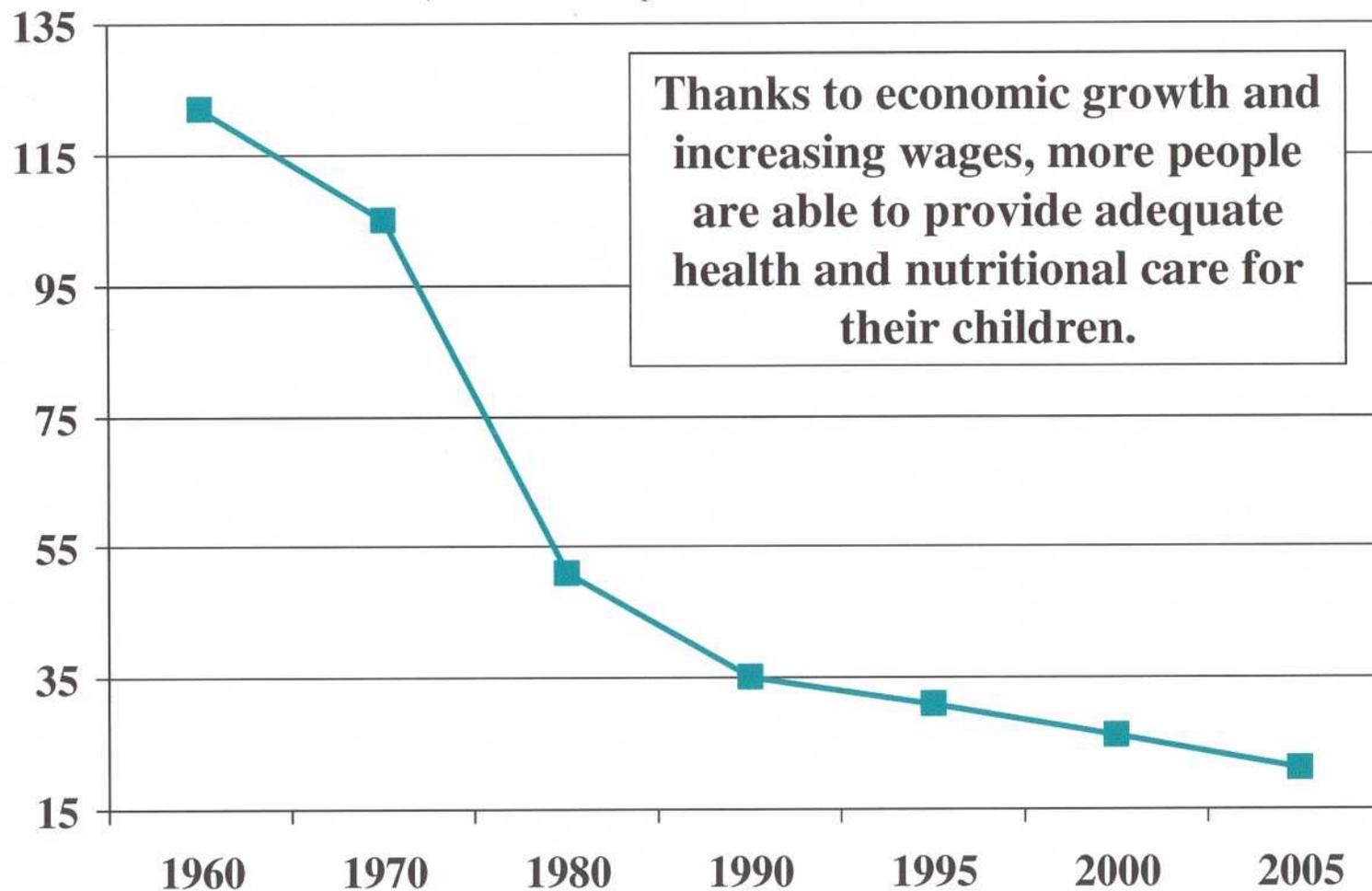
Wages figures from Colombia Statistics from Economic Commission for Latin America and the Caribbean (ECLAC)

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Child Mortality

(number of deaths per 1,000 children under five)



Source: UN Statistics Division

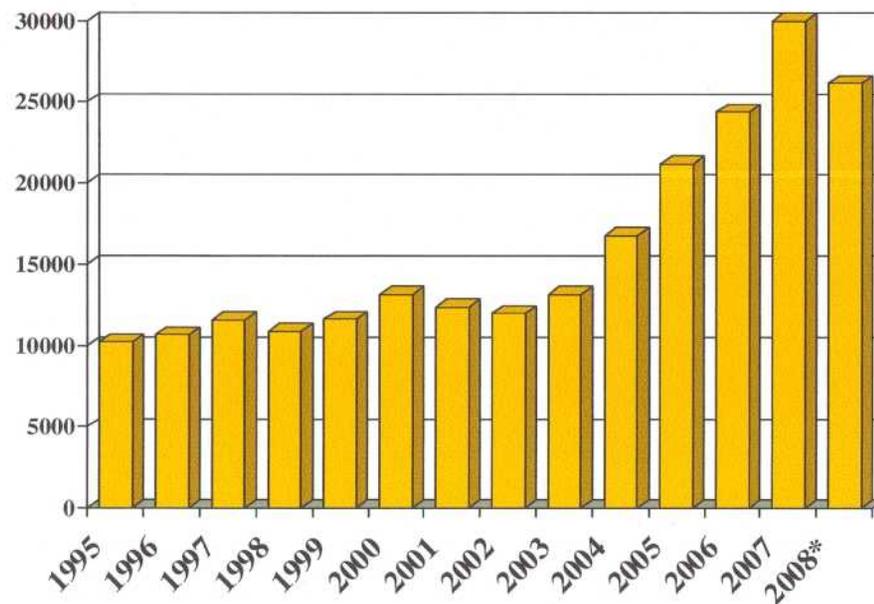
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Growing Economy, Growing Exports

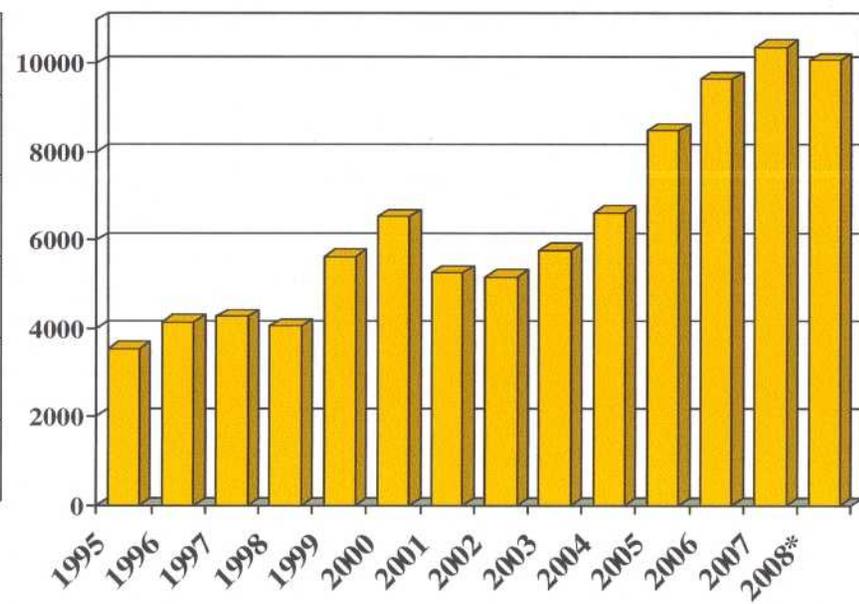
Overall Exports

(in millions of \$US)



Exports to the United States

(in millions of \$US)



Source: Government of Colombia – National Administrative Department of Statistics (DANE)

* 2008 numbers through August

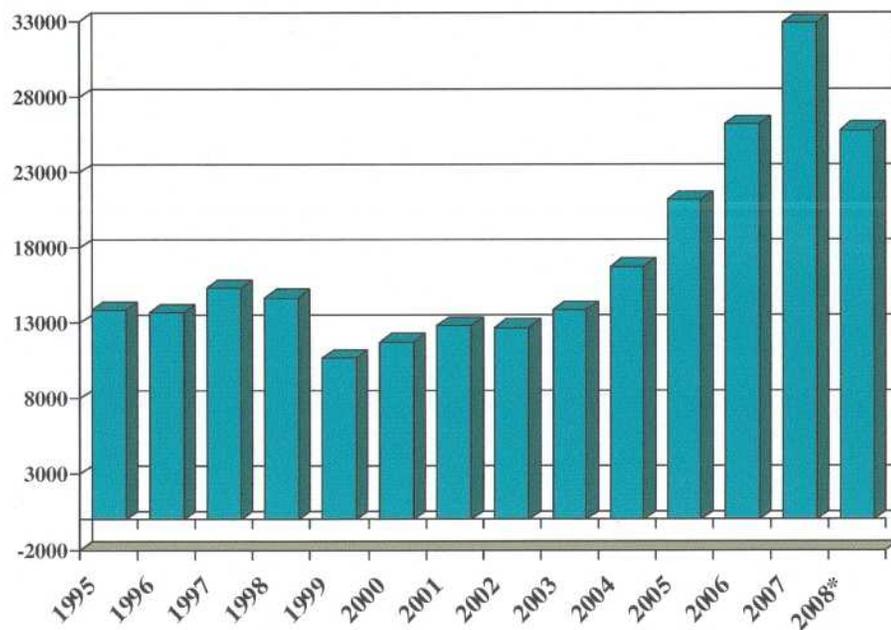
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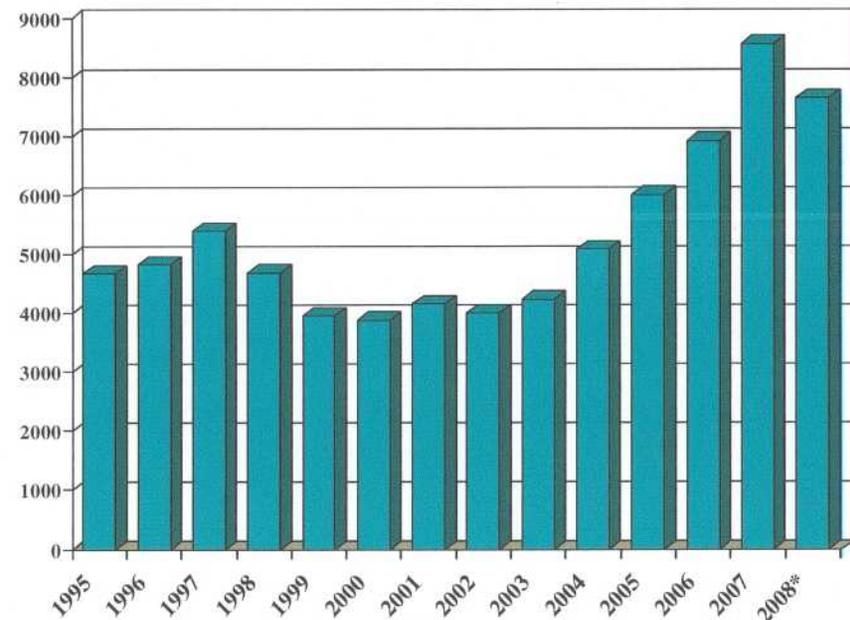
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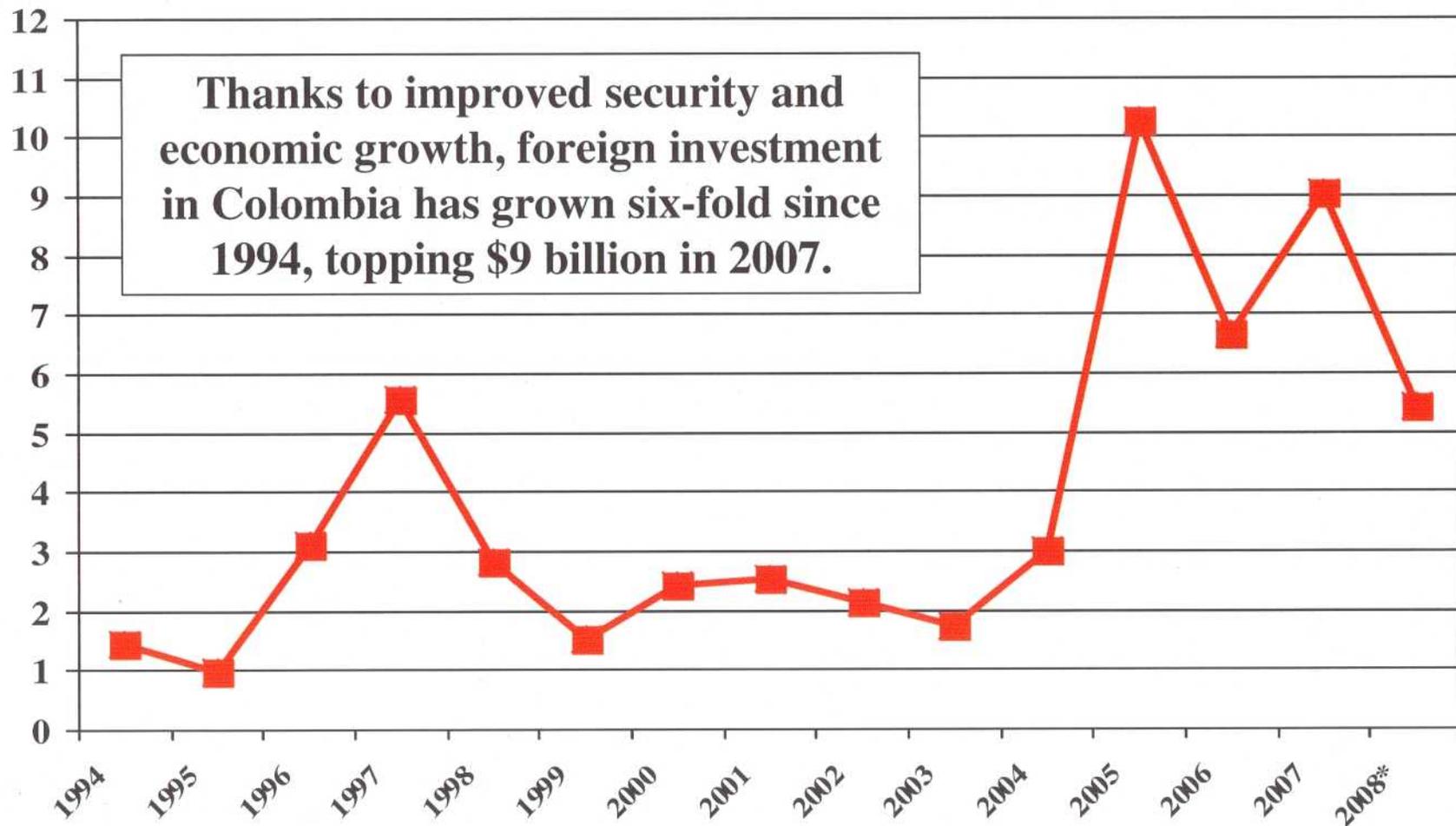
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Foreign Investment in Colombia

(in billions of U.S. dollars)



Source: Government of Colombia, Bank of the Republic

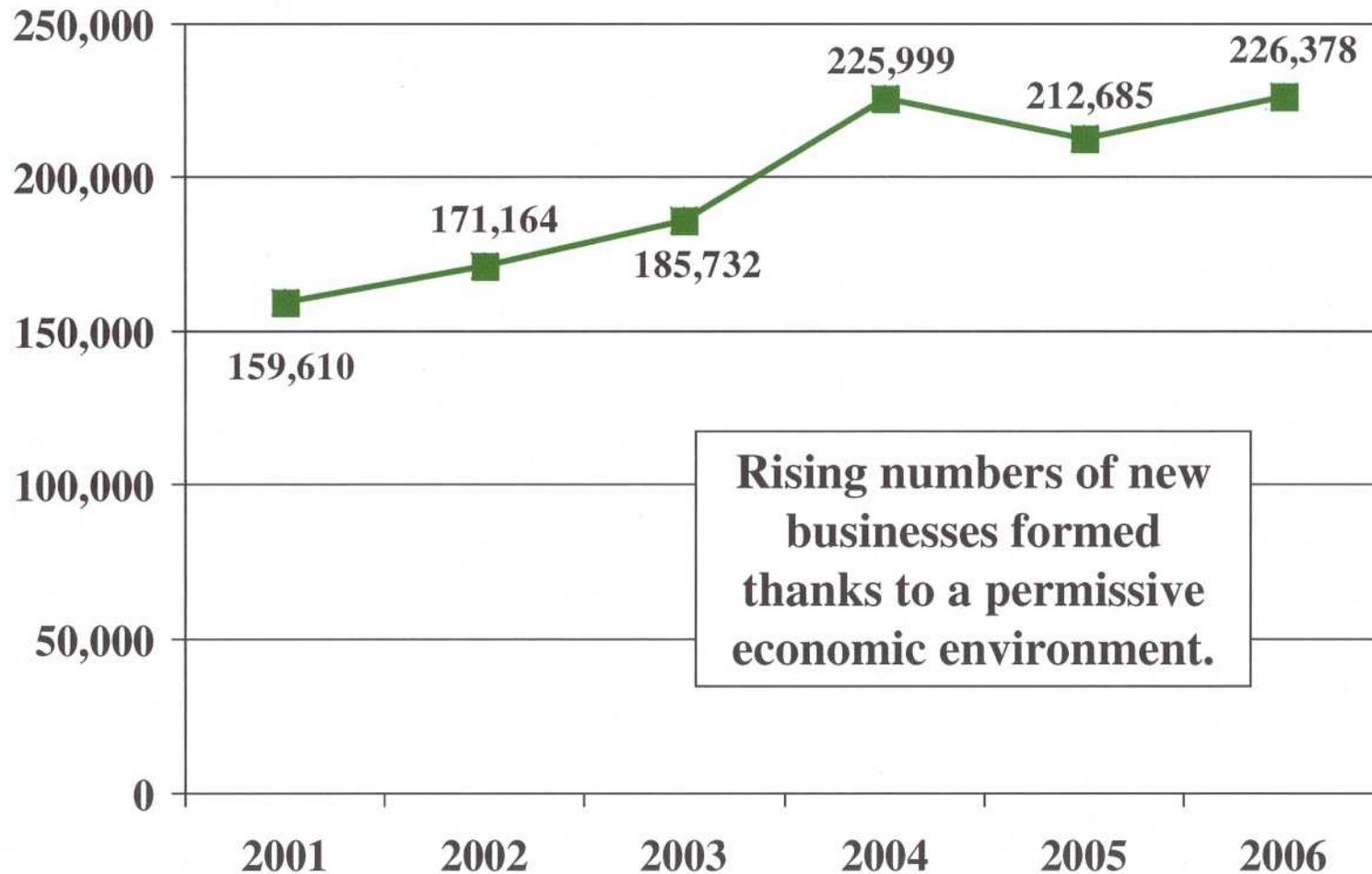
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New Businesses Formed

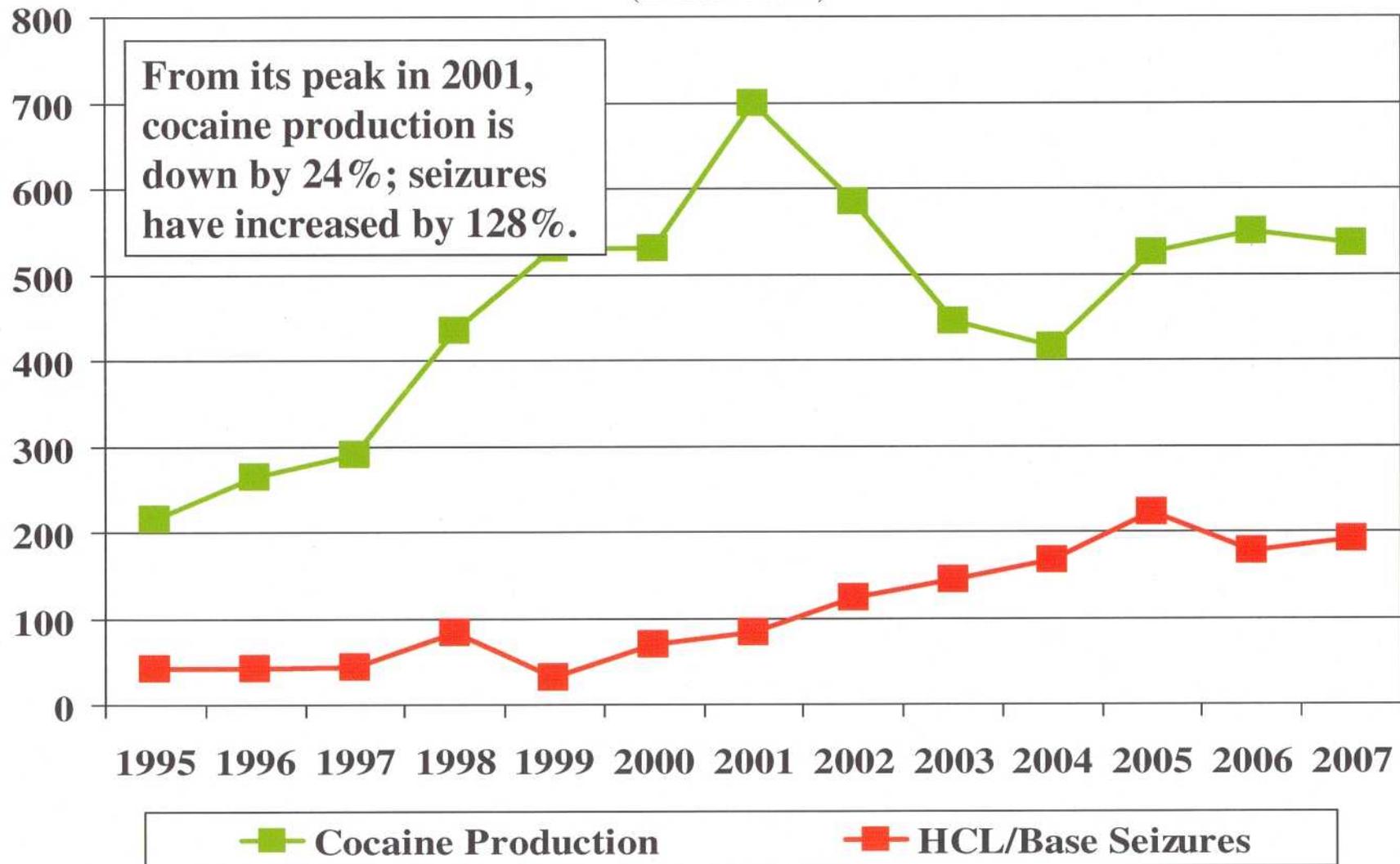
(total per year)



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Cocaine Produced and Seized

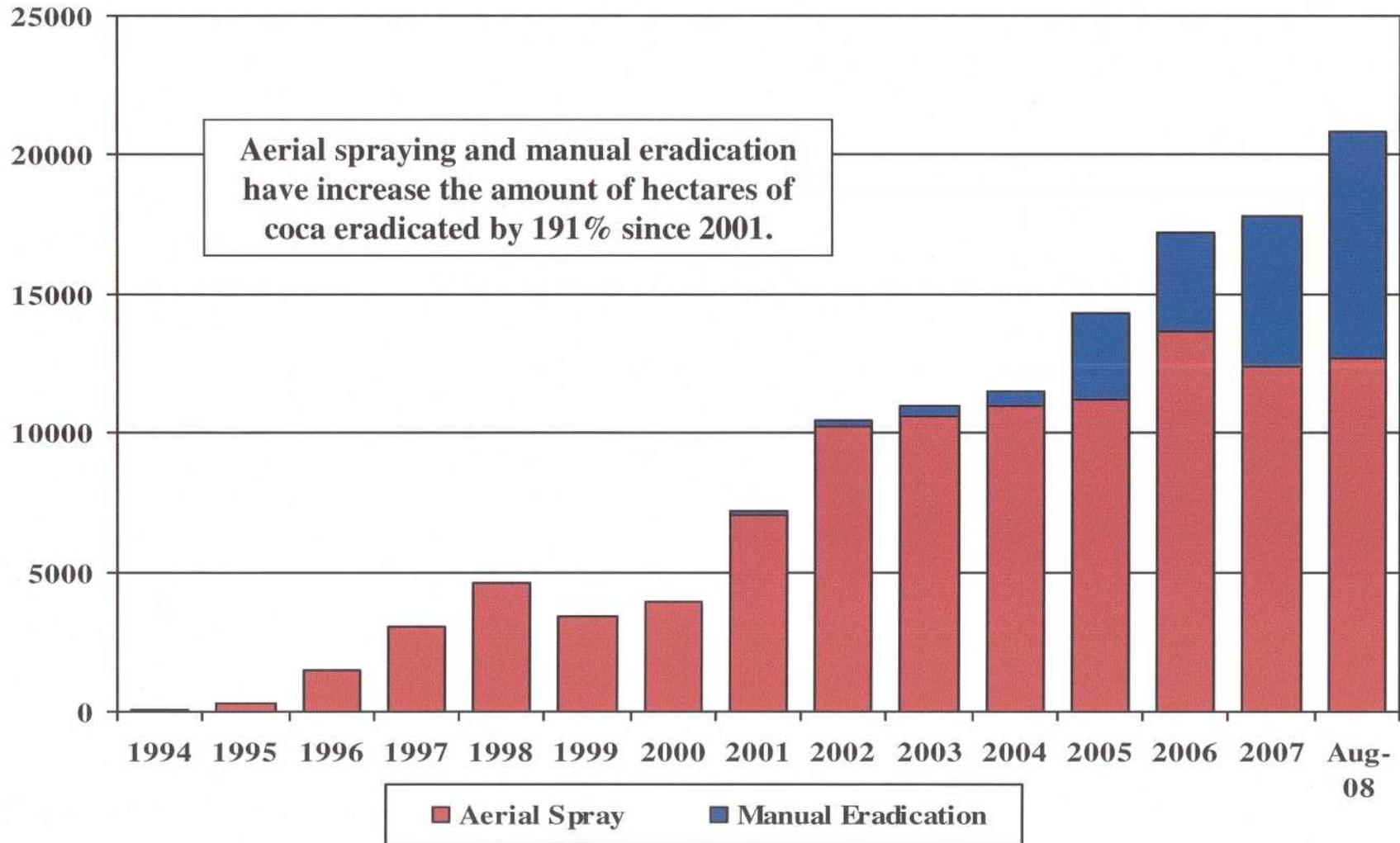
(in metric tons)



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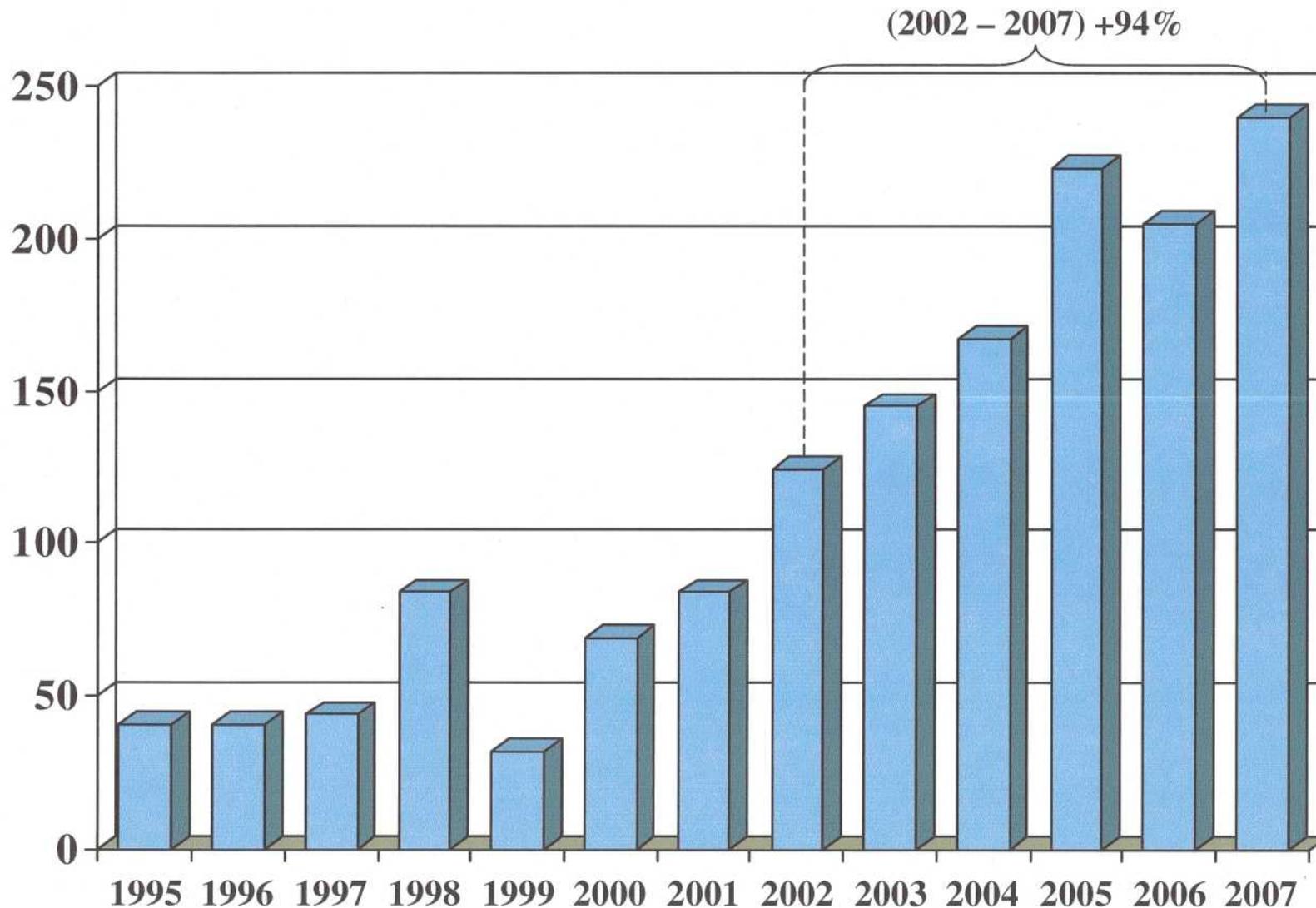
Aerial/Manual Eradication of Coca

(hectares per month)



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Drug Laboratories Destroyed



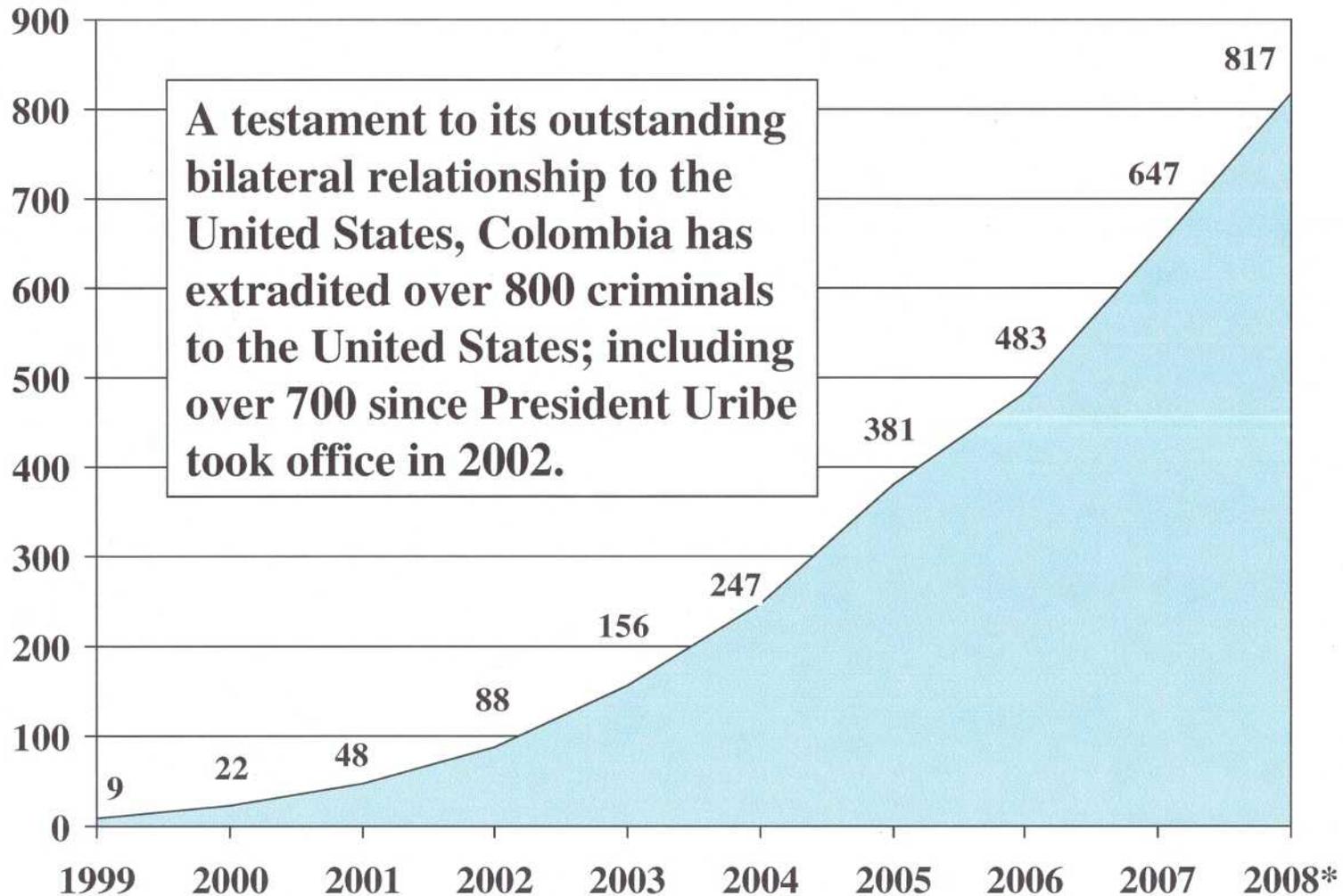
Source: Colombian Armed Forces General Command and National Police Center for Criminal Investigation

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Extraditions to the United States

(Cumulative totals of all extraditions from Colombia: Colombians, non-Colombians, and U.S. persons)



Source: U.S. Department of Justice

* 2008 data through October

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This document is available on-line at
<http://www.state.gov/documents/organization/93761.pdf>

For more information on Colombia's turnaround,
visit the State Department's webpage
on Free Trade Agreements at
<http://www.state.gov/e/eeb/tpp/c22883.htm>