

# 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.

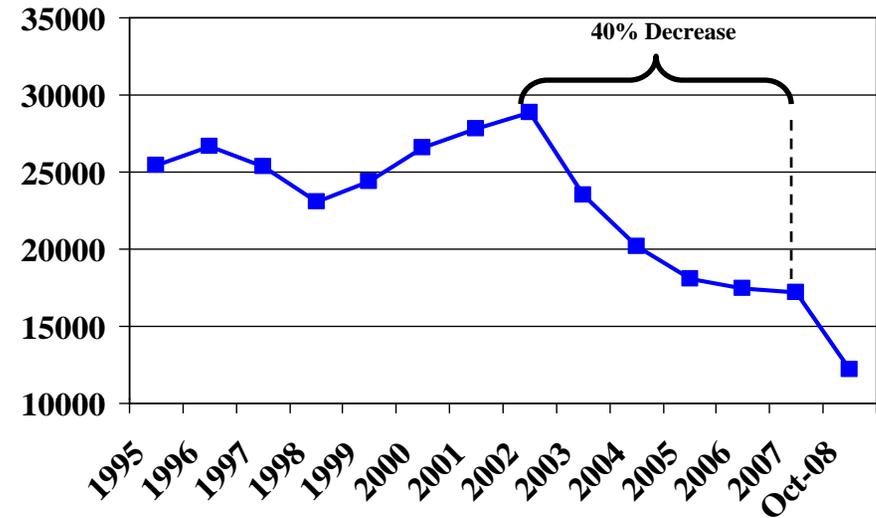


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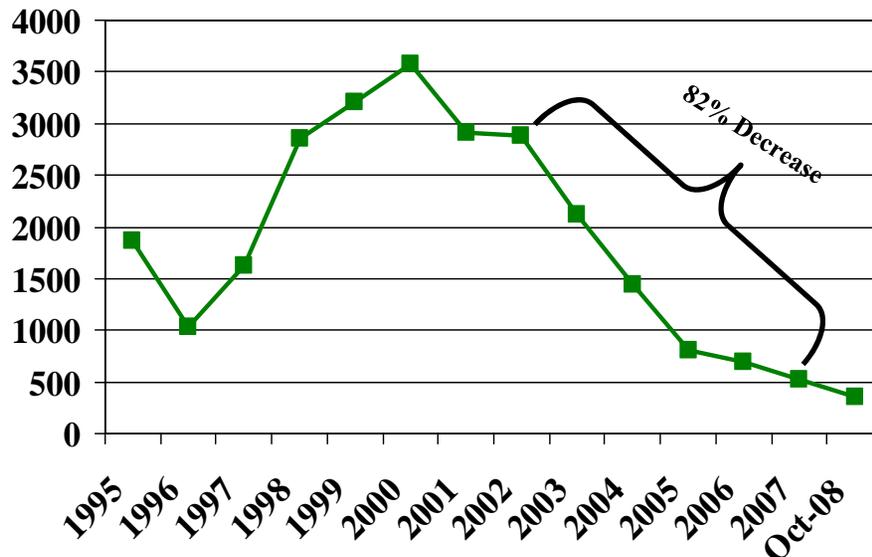
## Dramatic improvement in Colombia's security

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

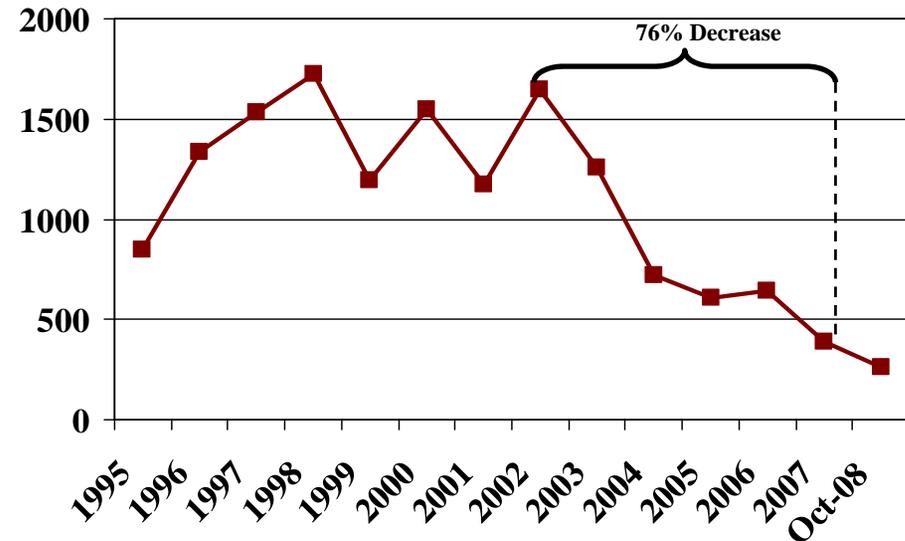
### Homicides



### Kidnappings

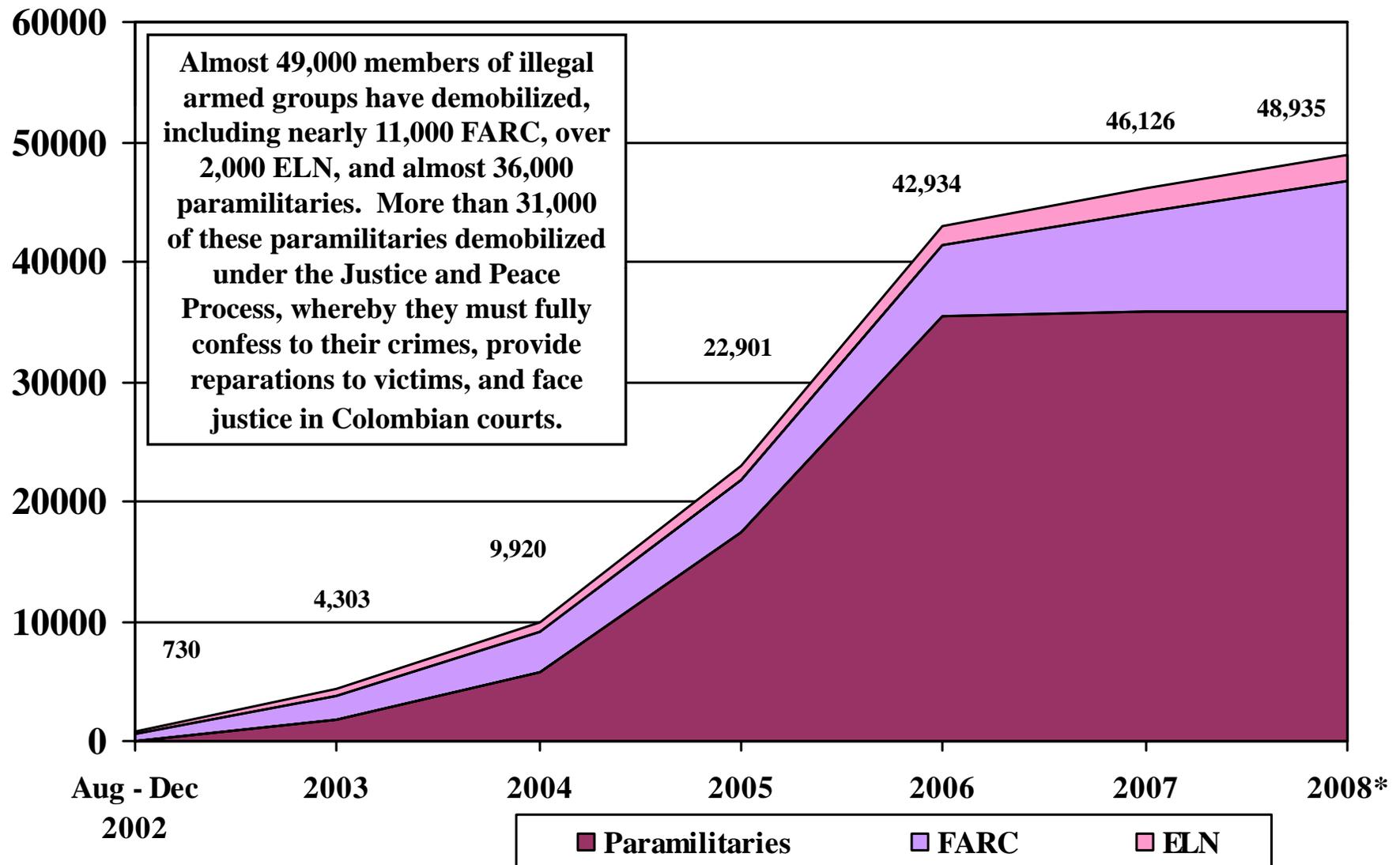


### Terrorist Attacks



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## Demobilization of Illegal Armed Groups



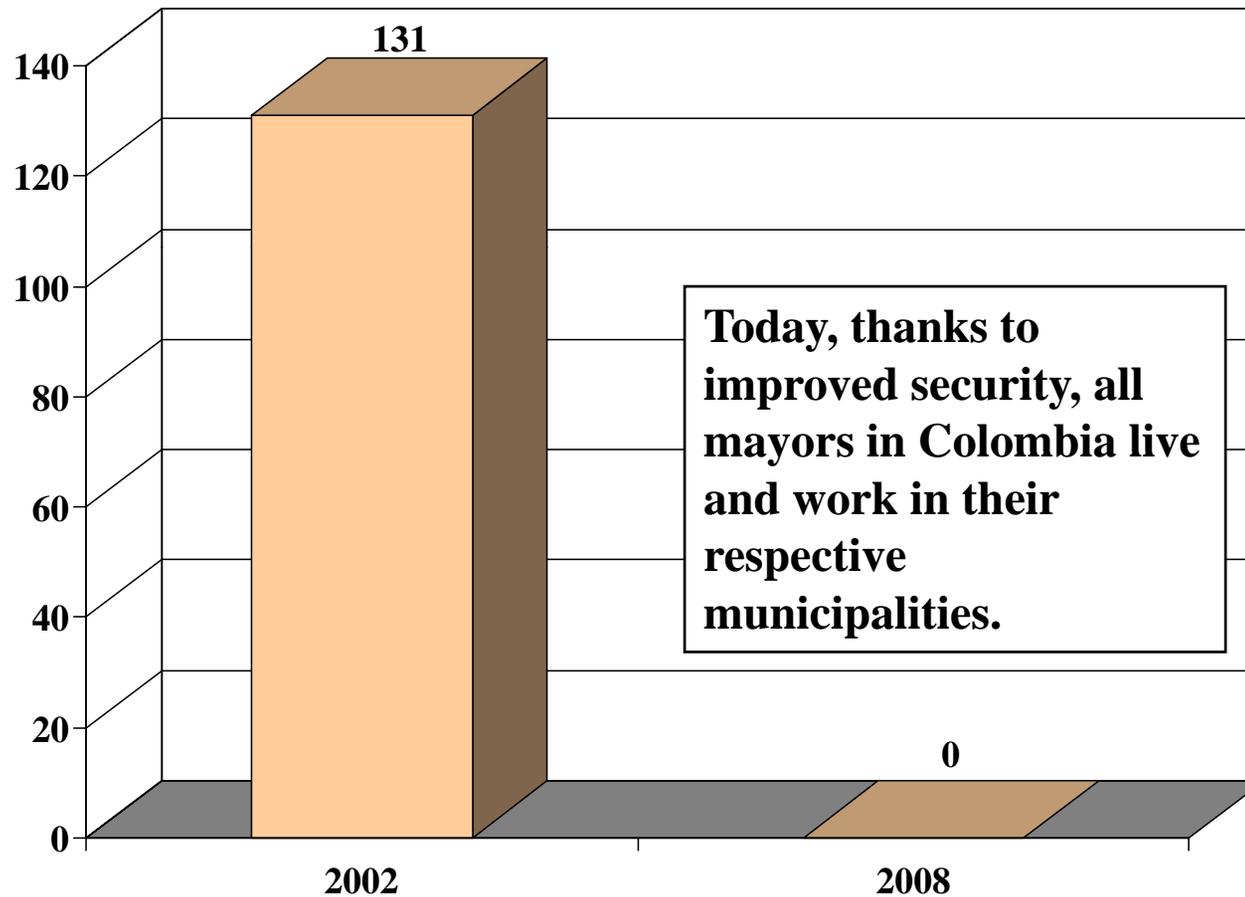
Source: Government of Colombia; \*2008 figures through October

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## Mayors Exercising Office Outside of Municipality

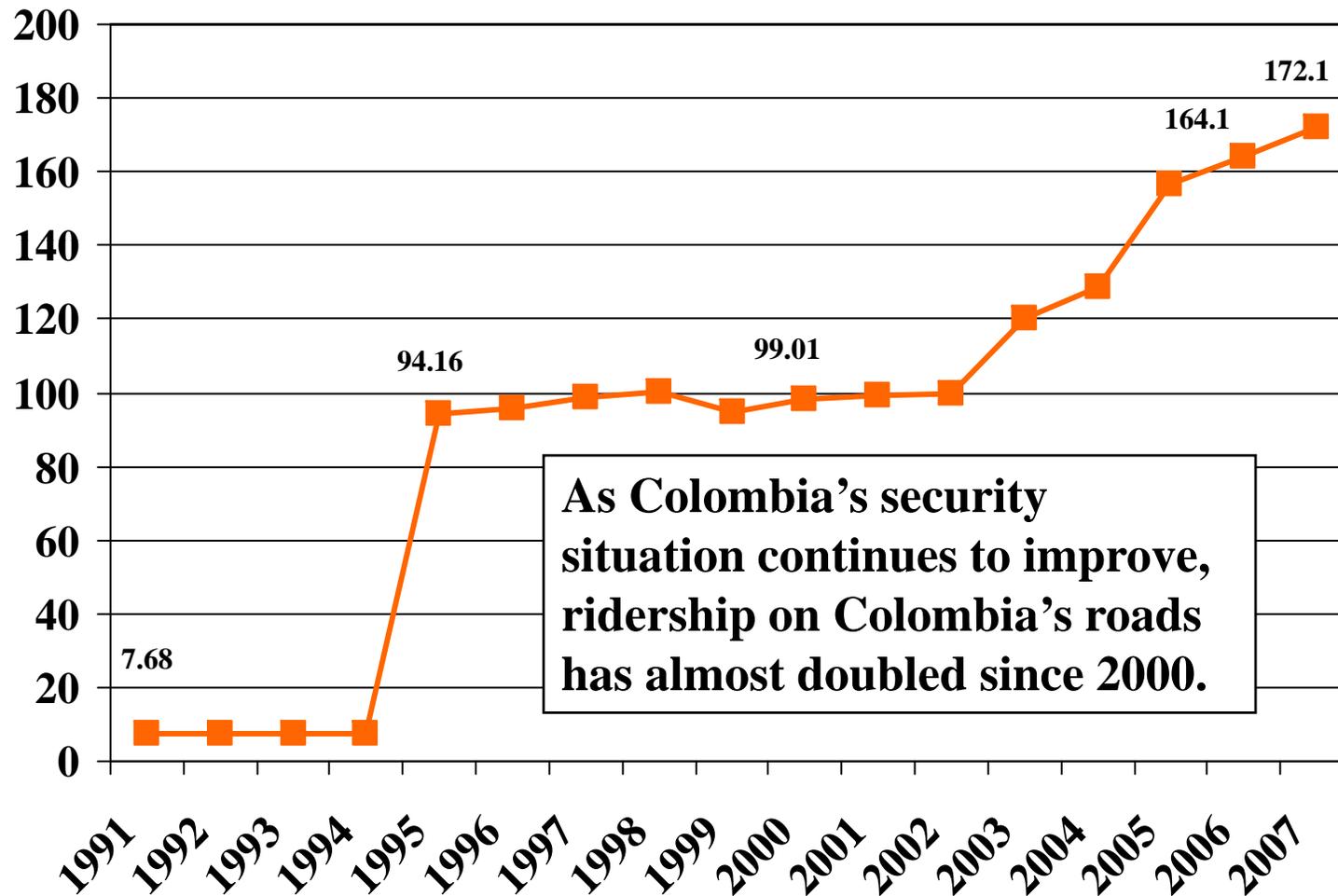
(out of 1099 municipalities)



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## Ridership on Colombian Roads

(in millions of travelers)

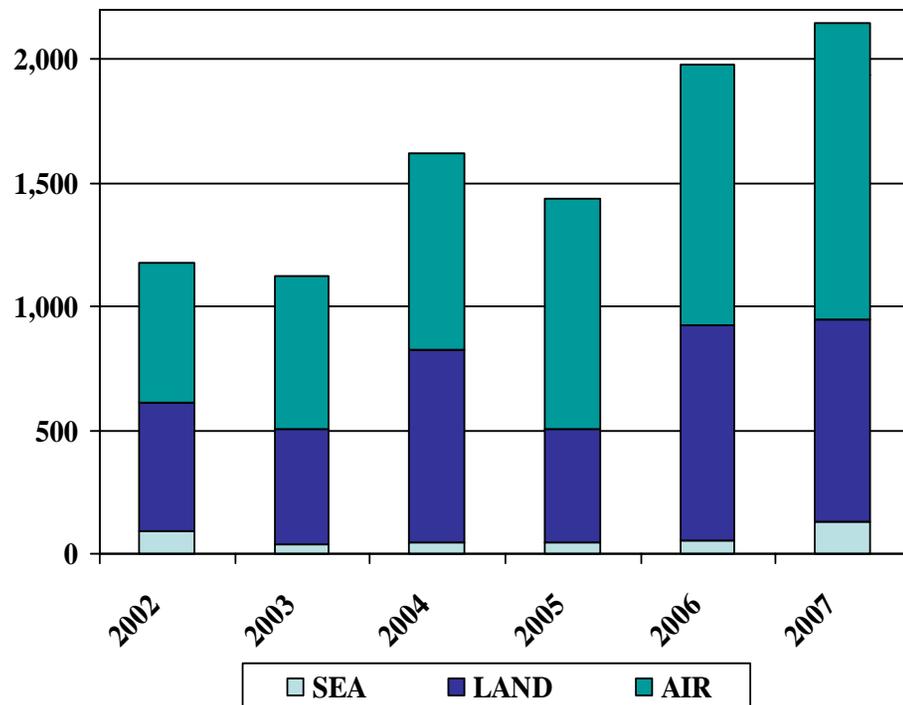


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**With improved security and economic growth, the number of tourists visiting Colombia has almost doubled in the last five years.**

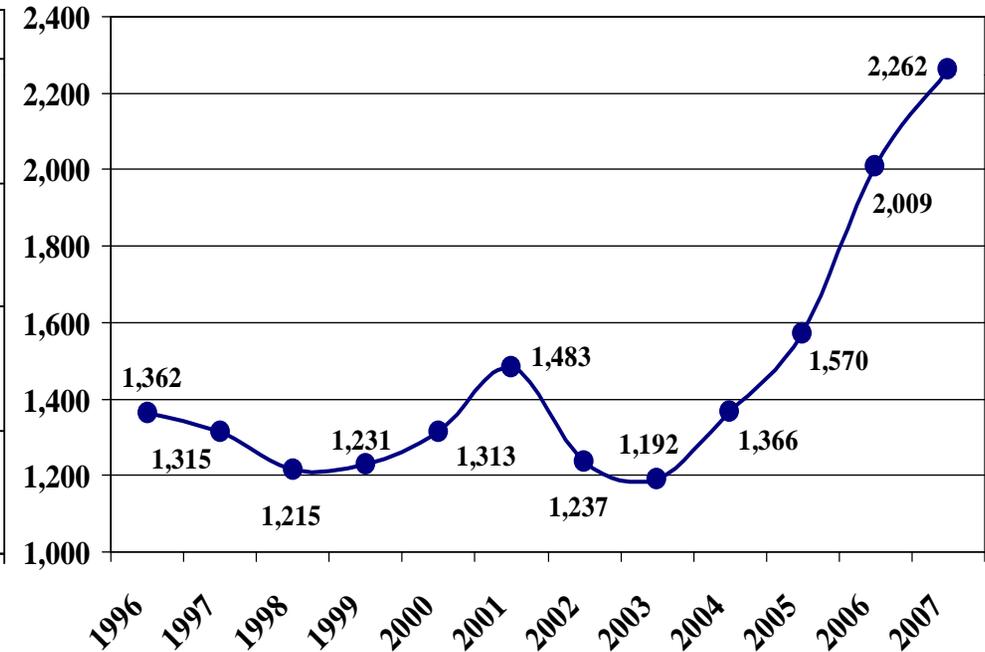
## Visits by International Tourists

(in thousands of people)



## Spending by International Tourists

(in millions \$US)

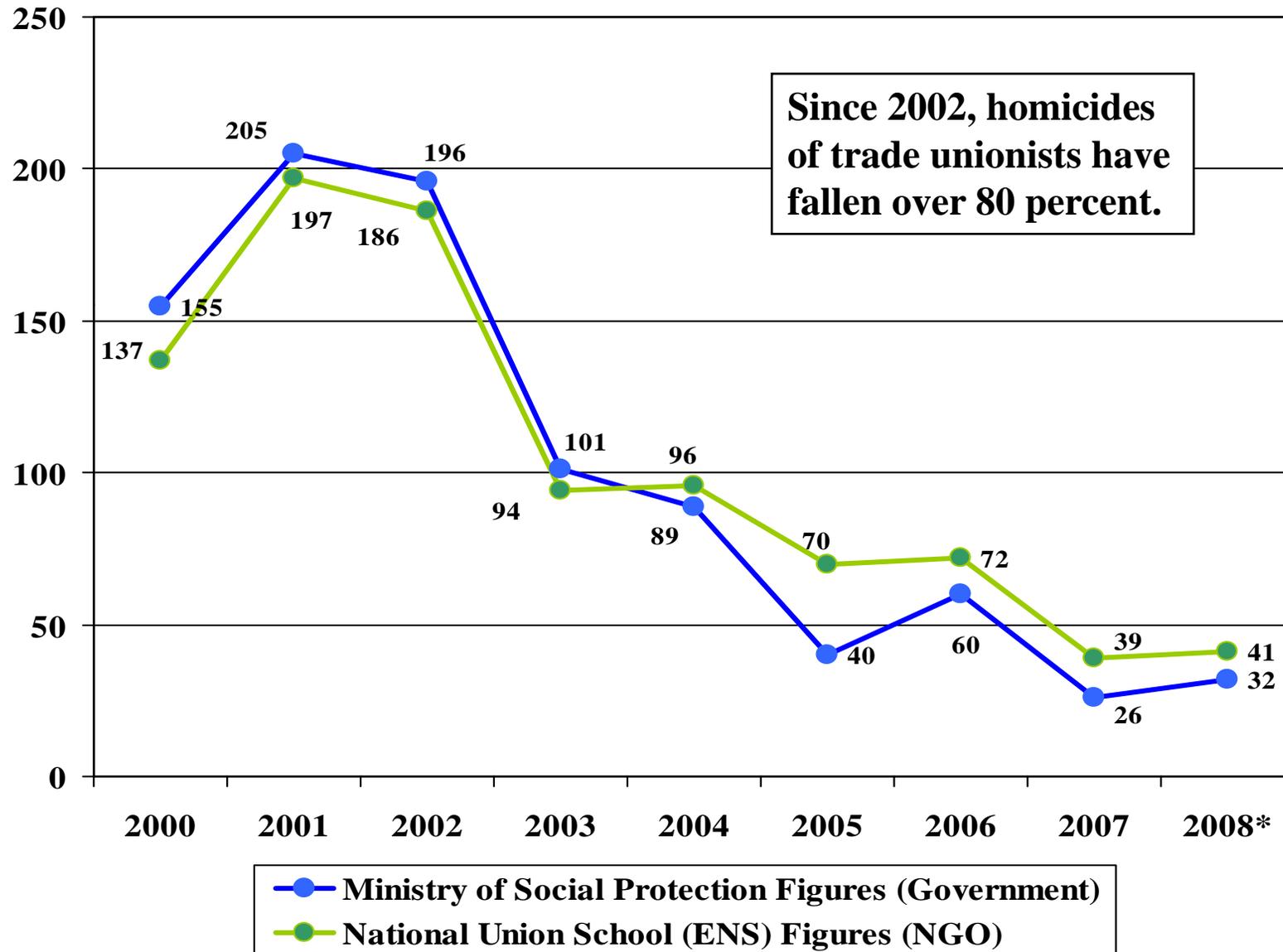


Source: Visitors – MinComercio (DAS, Bank of the Republic, and ports)  
Spending – Balance of Payments, Bank of the Republic

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## Homicides of Trade Unionists in Colombia

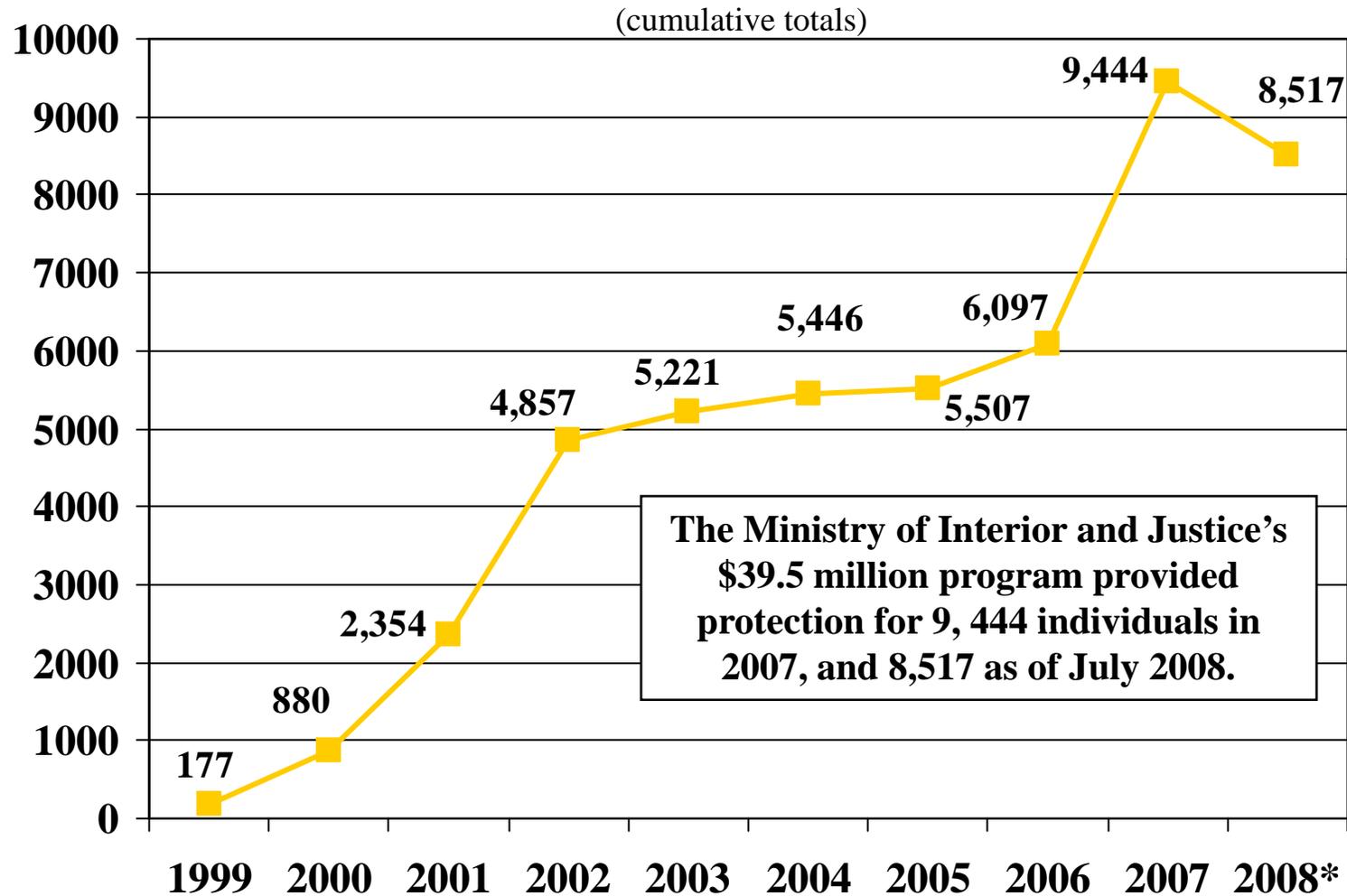


\* 2008 figure through early October

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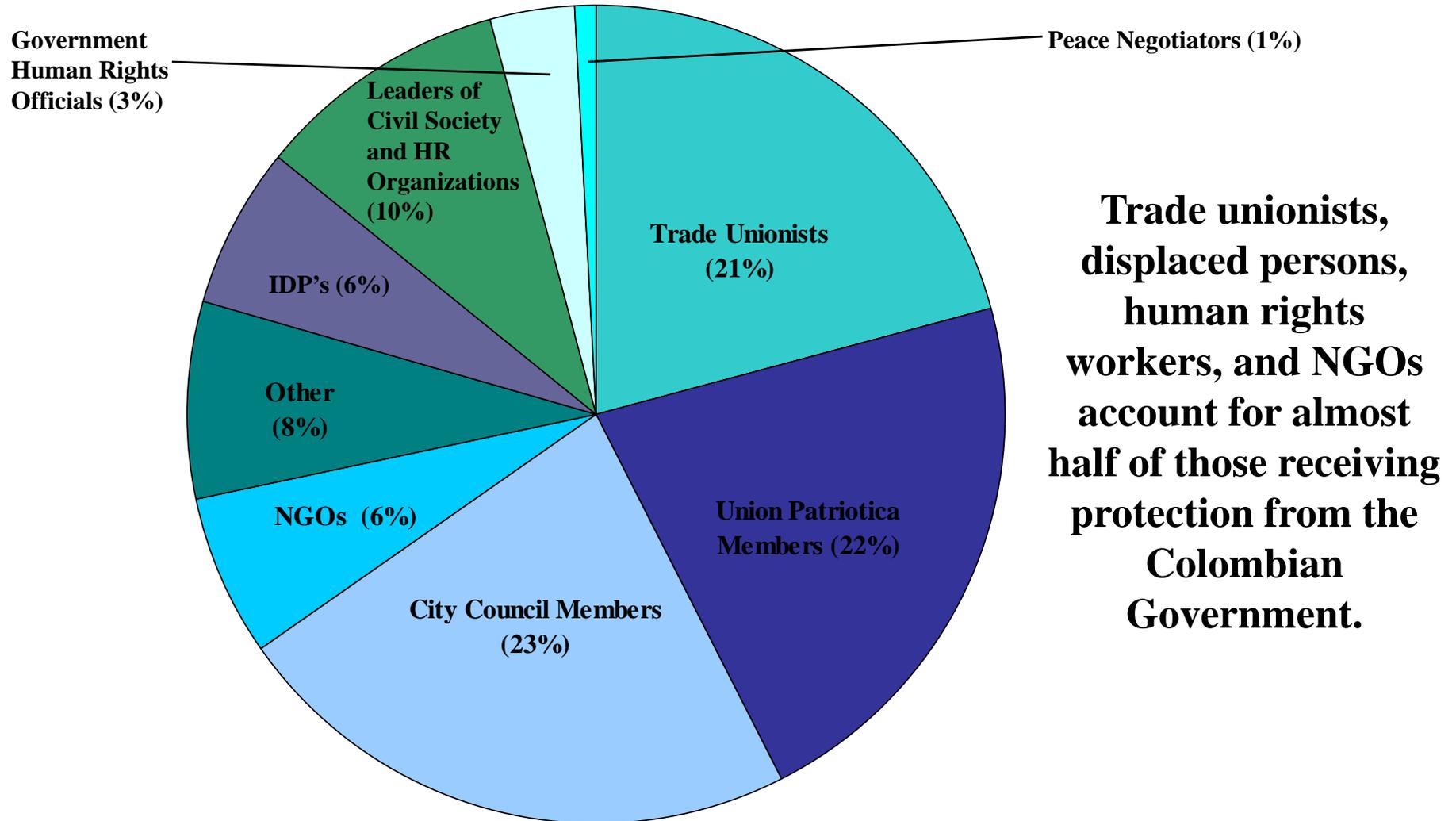
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## Persons Enrolled in Protection Program



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## Groups Receiving Protection

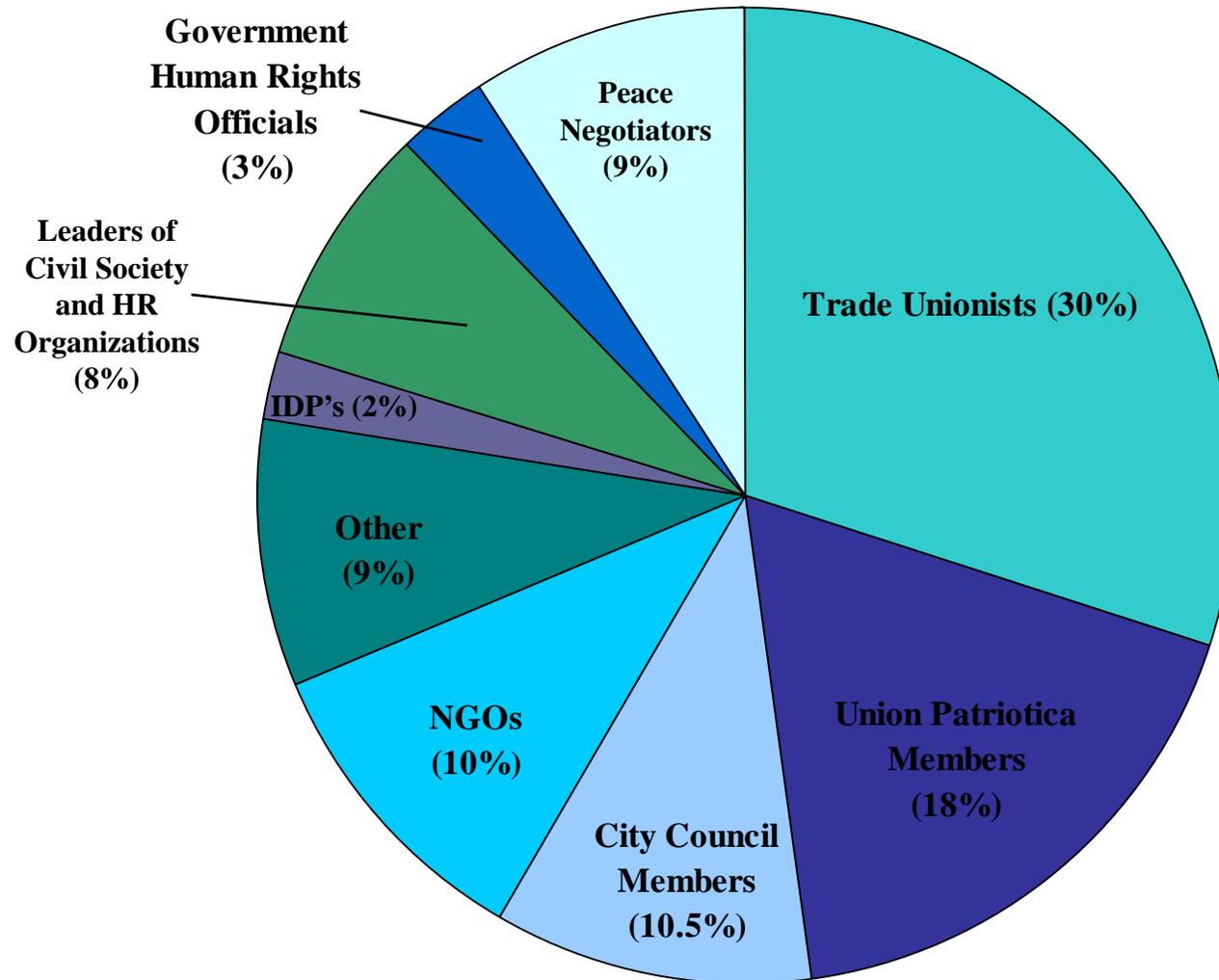


Source: Colombian Ministry of Interior and Justice; Other = Journalists, Personeros, Mayors, Department Legislators, Witnesses, Medical Personnel, Former Mayors

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## Protection Expenditures by Group

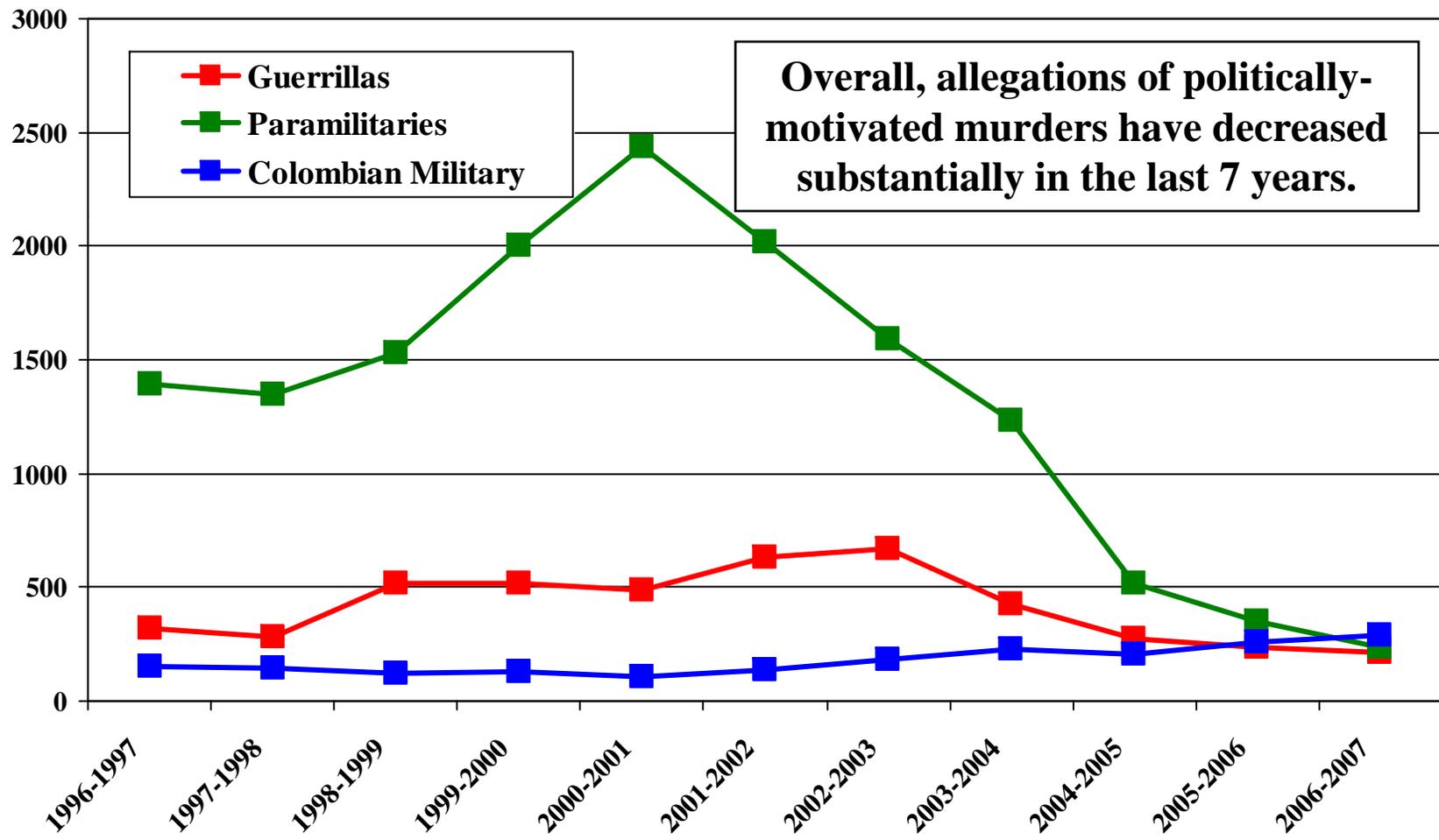


**One third of the Protection Program's budget (\$13.1 million) goes to protect trade unionists.**

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## Alleged Political Killings

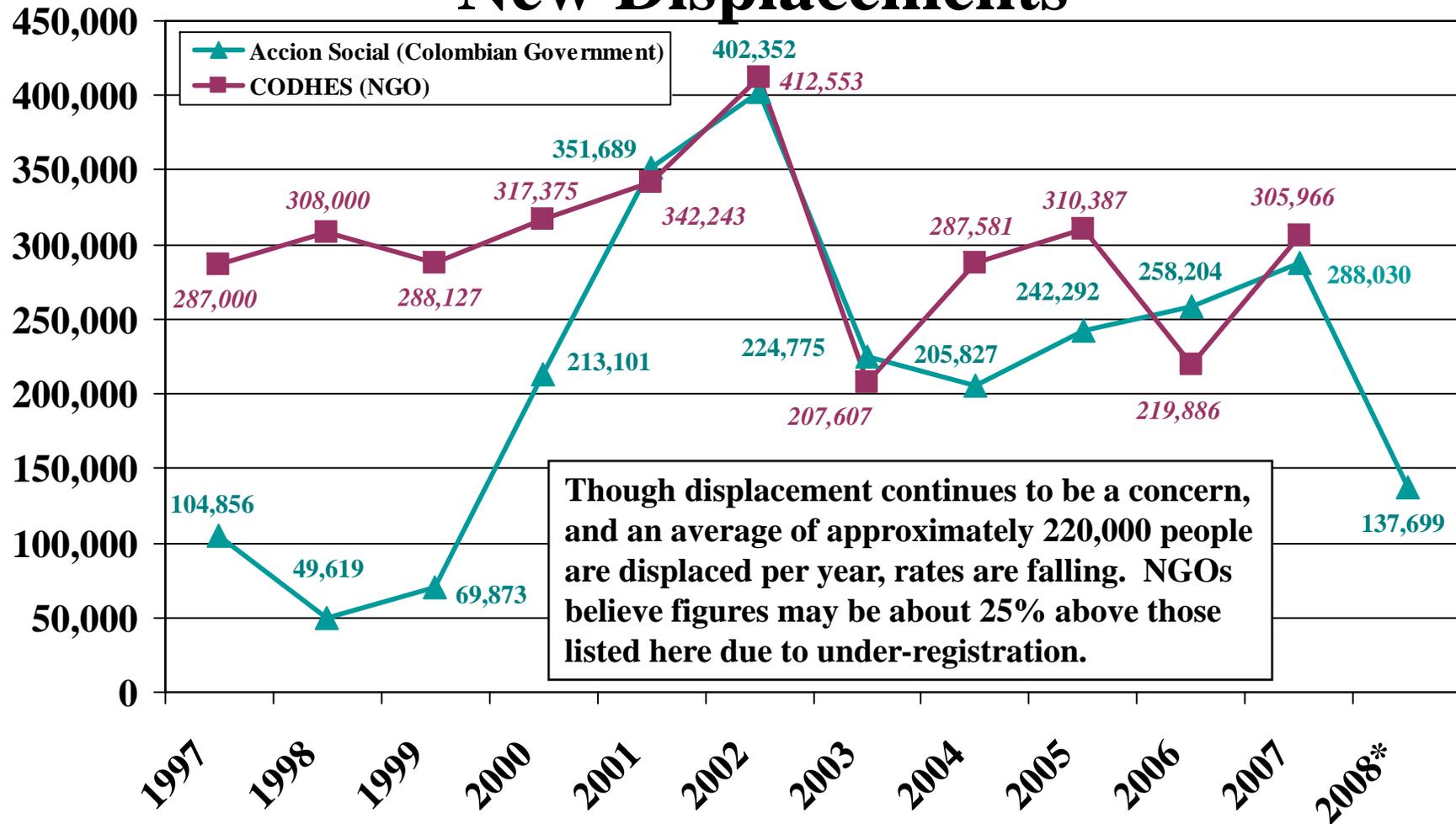
(according to NGO reporting based on press reports and allegations received by NGOs)



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

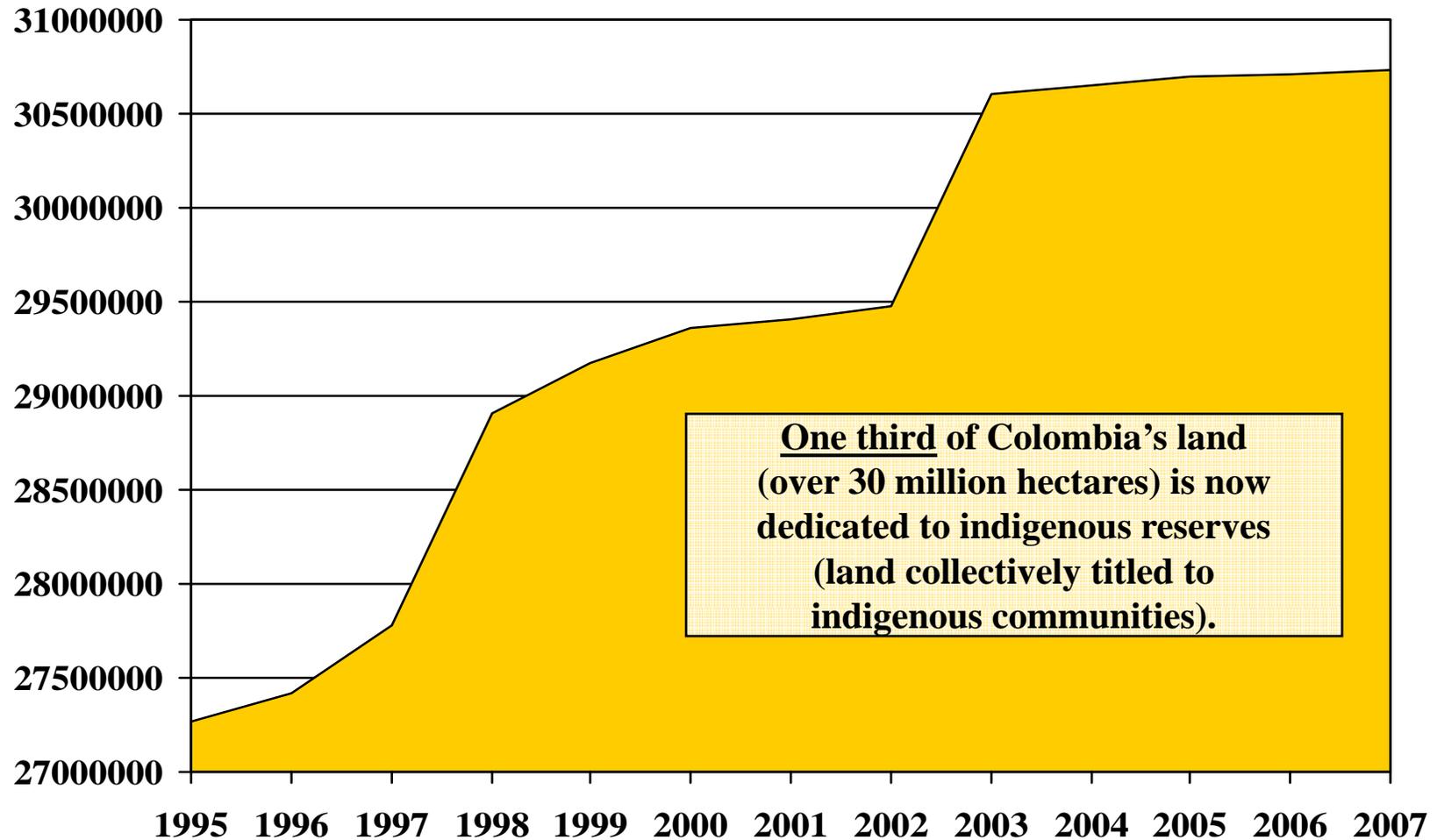


Source: Colombian Government's Acción Social General Index on Displaced Populations \*2008 data through September  
[\[http://www.accionsocial.gov.co/Estadisticas/publicacion%20sept%2030%20de%202008.htm\]](http://www.accionsocial.gov.co/Estadisticas/publicacion%20sept%2030%20de%202008.htm) and Colombian 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)

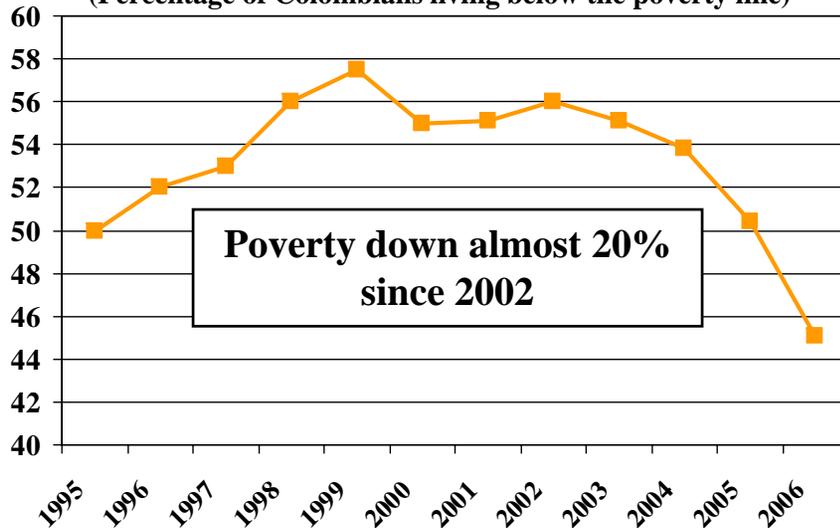
30,733,851 hectares are indigenous reserves; Colombia has a total of 103,870,000 hectares within its borders

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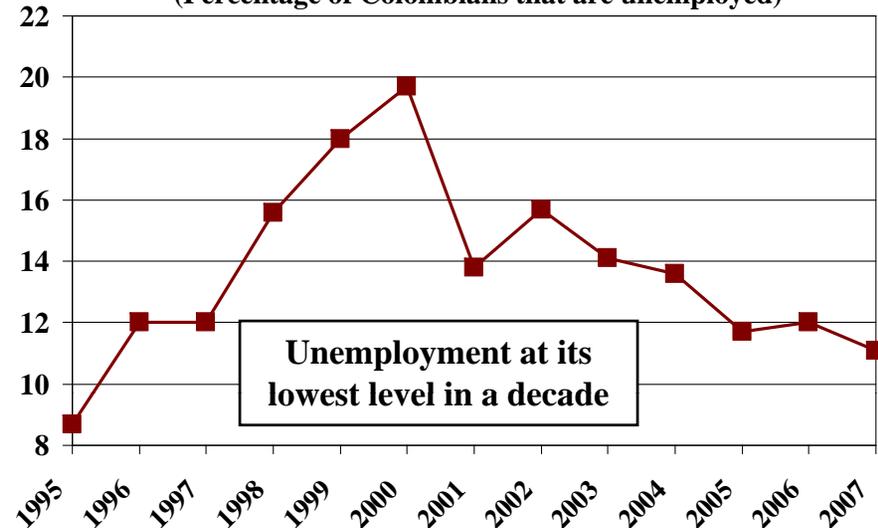
## Poverty

(Percentage of Colombians living below the poverty line)



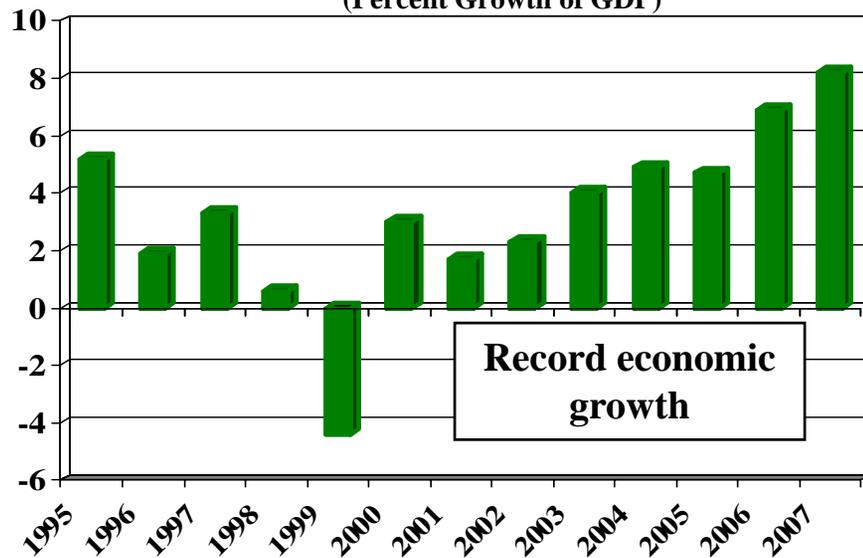
## Unemployment

(Percentage of Colombians that are unemployed)



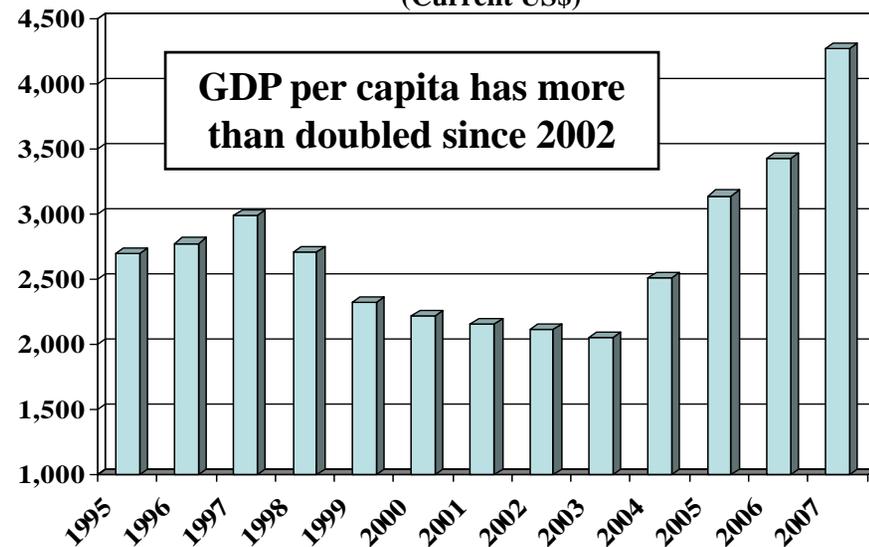
## Economic Growth

(Percent Growth of GDP)



## GDP Per Capita

(Current US\$)



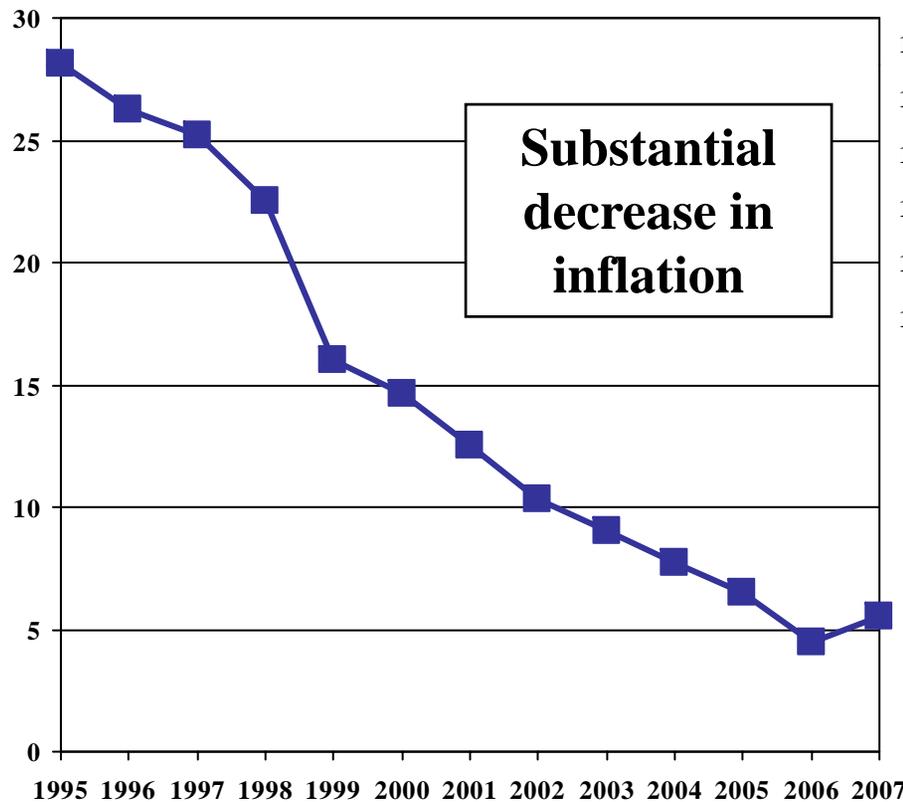
Source: GDP Per Capita figures from International Monetary Fund, World Economic Outlook Database, April 2008;  
All others from Colombian National Administrative Department of Statistics (DANE)

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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

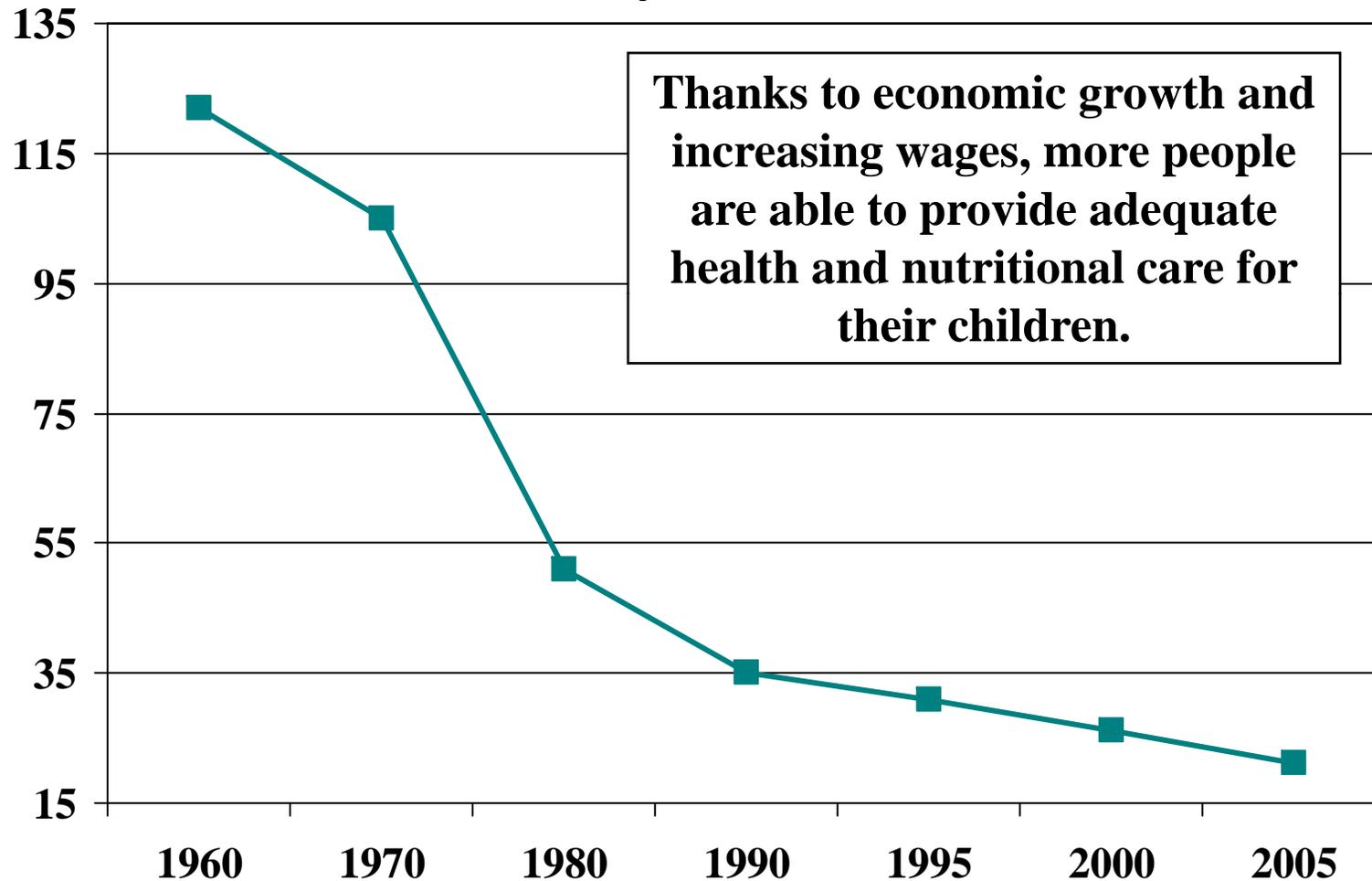
Wages figures from Colombia Statistics from Economic Commission for Latin America and the Caribbean (ECLAC)

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## Child Mortality

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



Source: UN Statistics Division

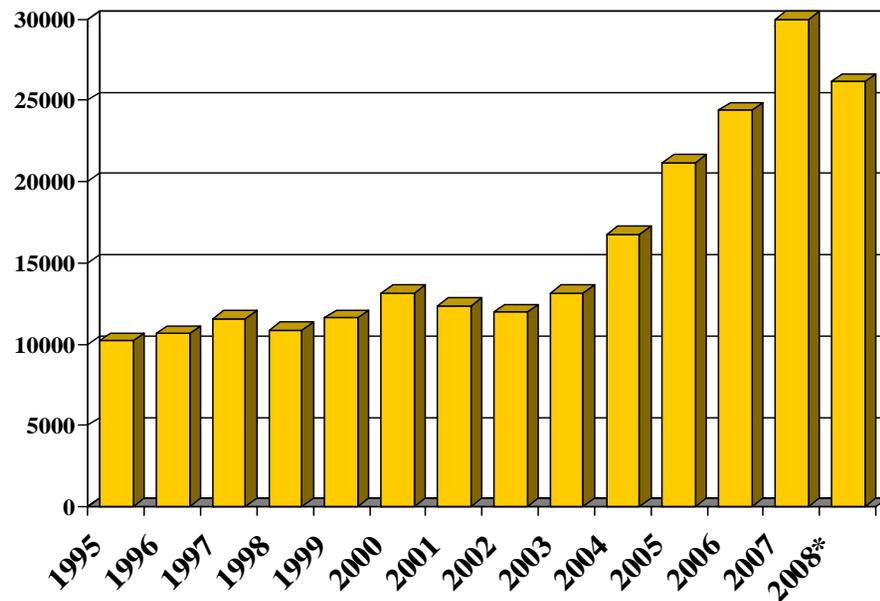
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## Growing Economy, Growing Exports

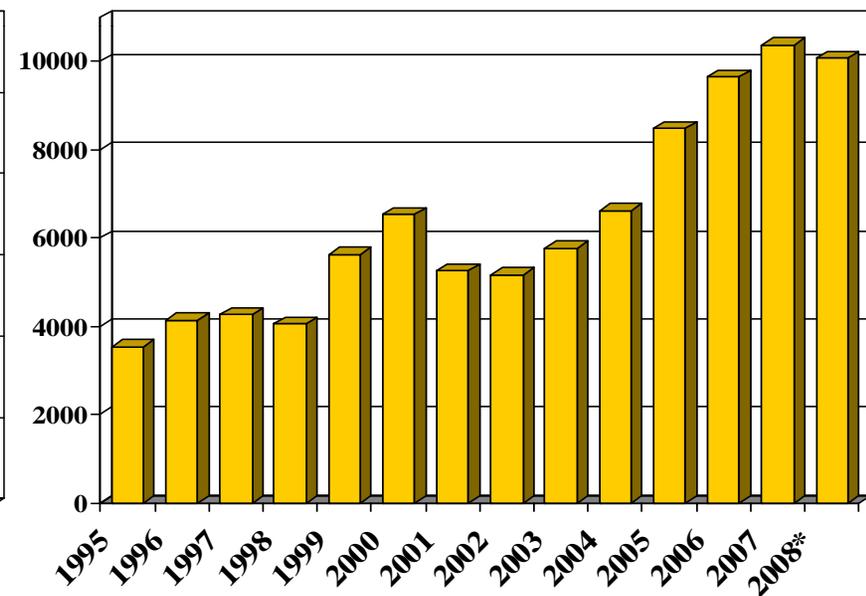
### Overall Exports

(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

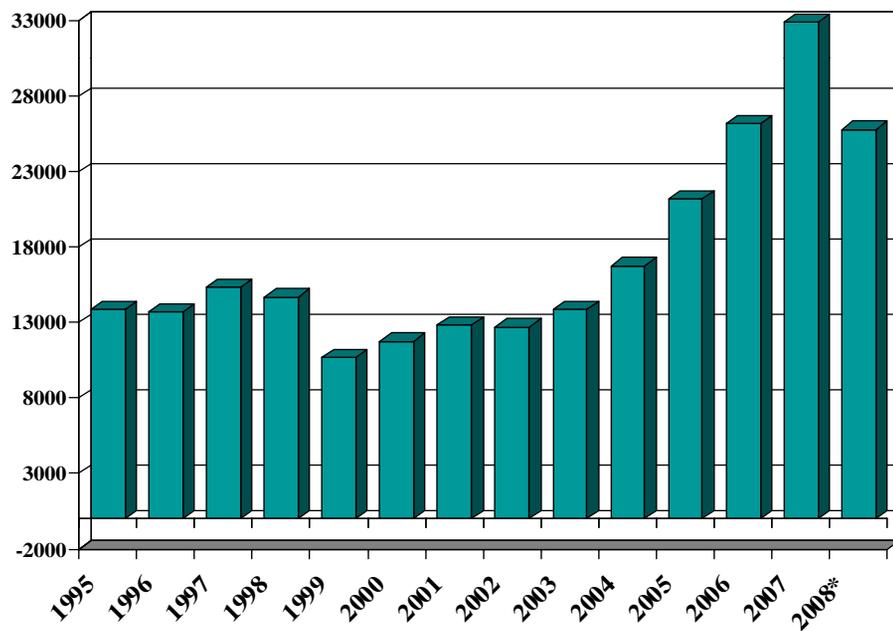
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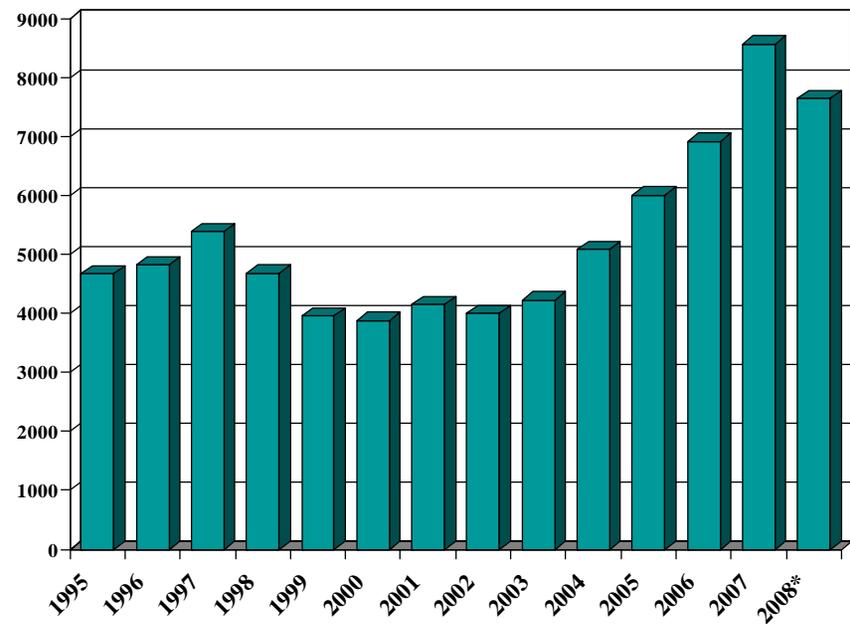
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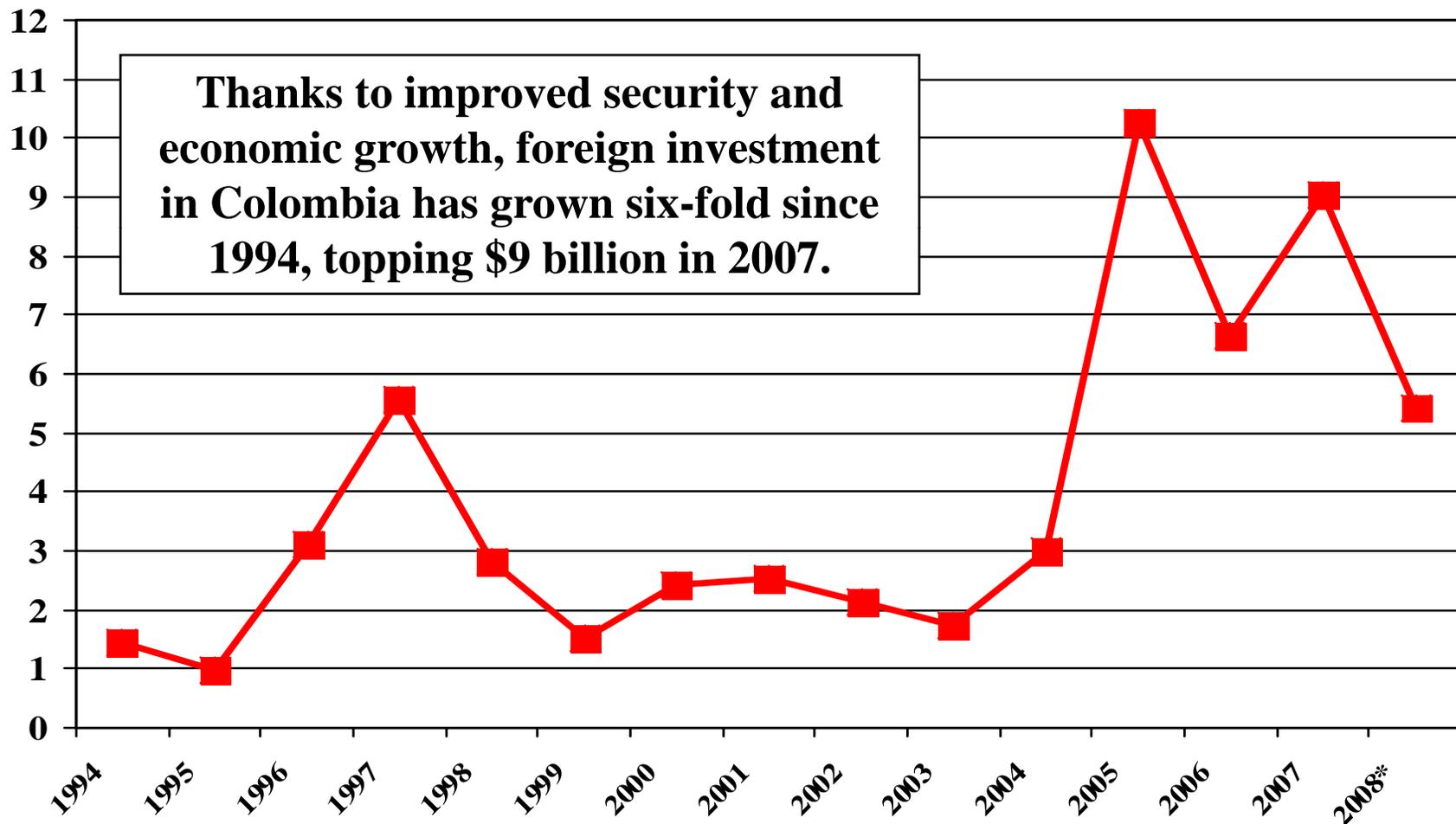
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## Foreign Investment in Colombia

(in billions of U.S. dollars)



Source: Government of Colombia, Bank of the Republic

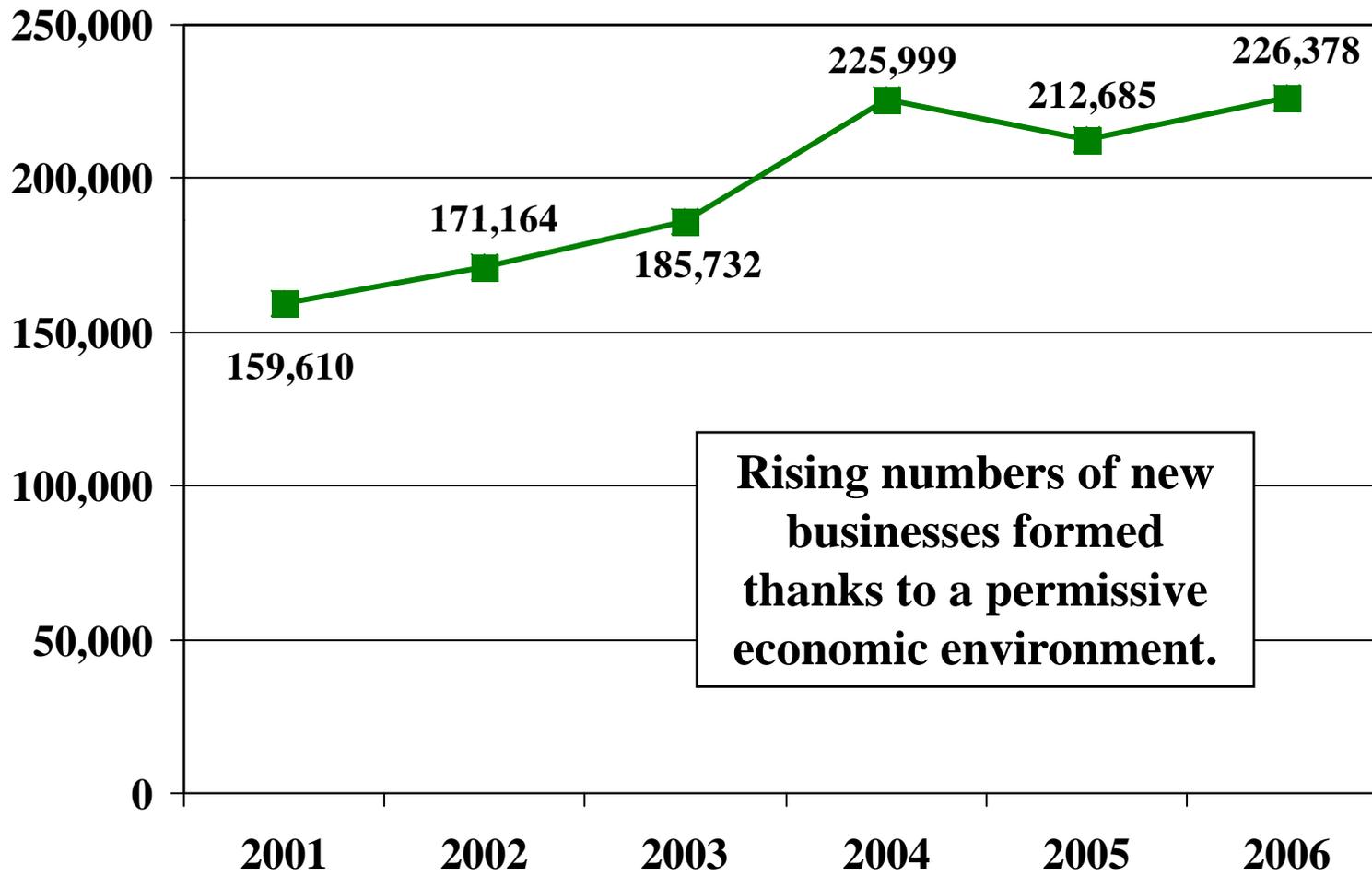
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## New Businesses Formed

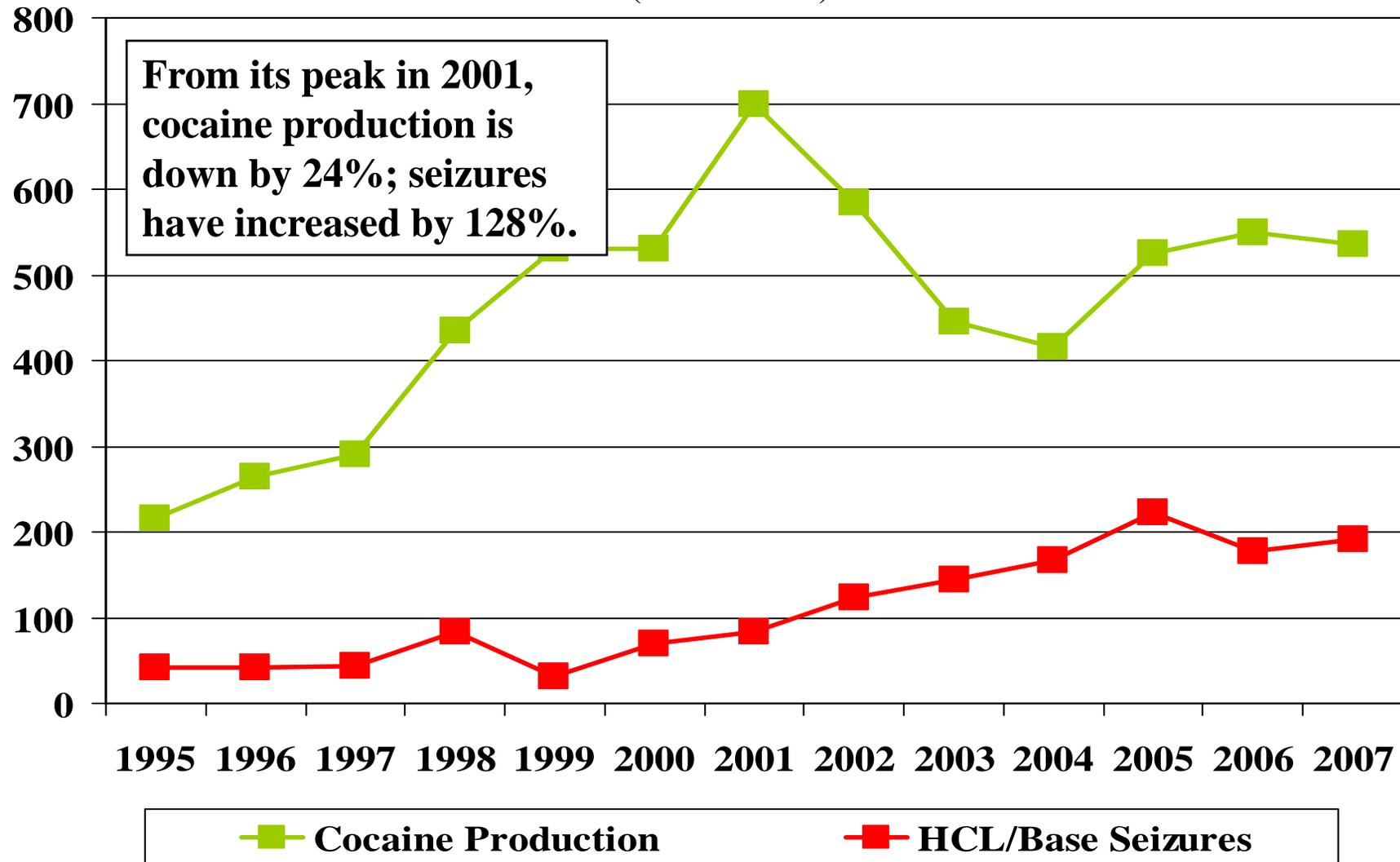
(total per year)



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## Cocaine Produced and Seized

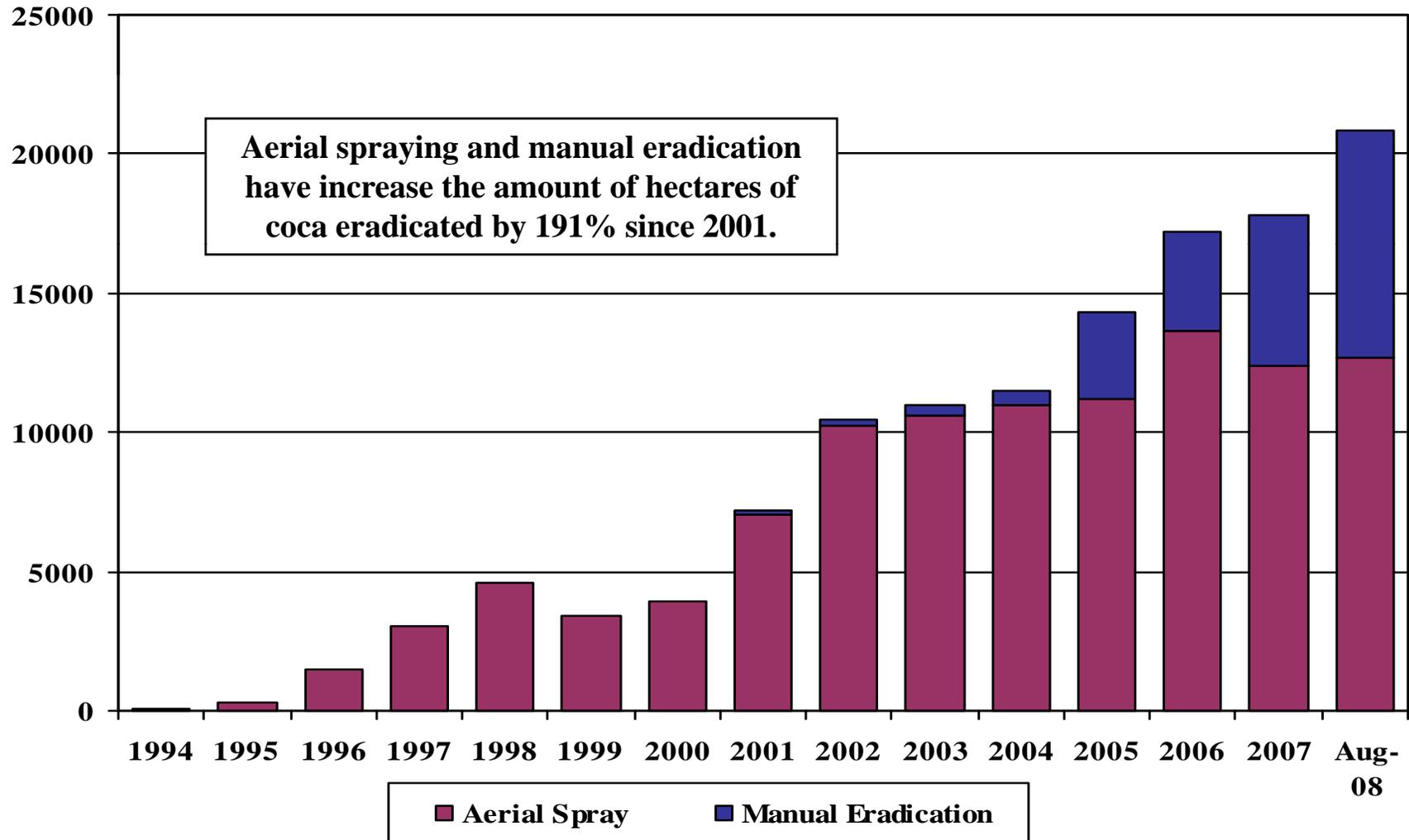
(in metric tons)



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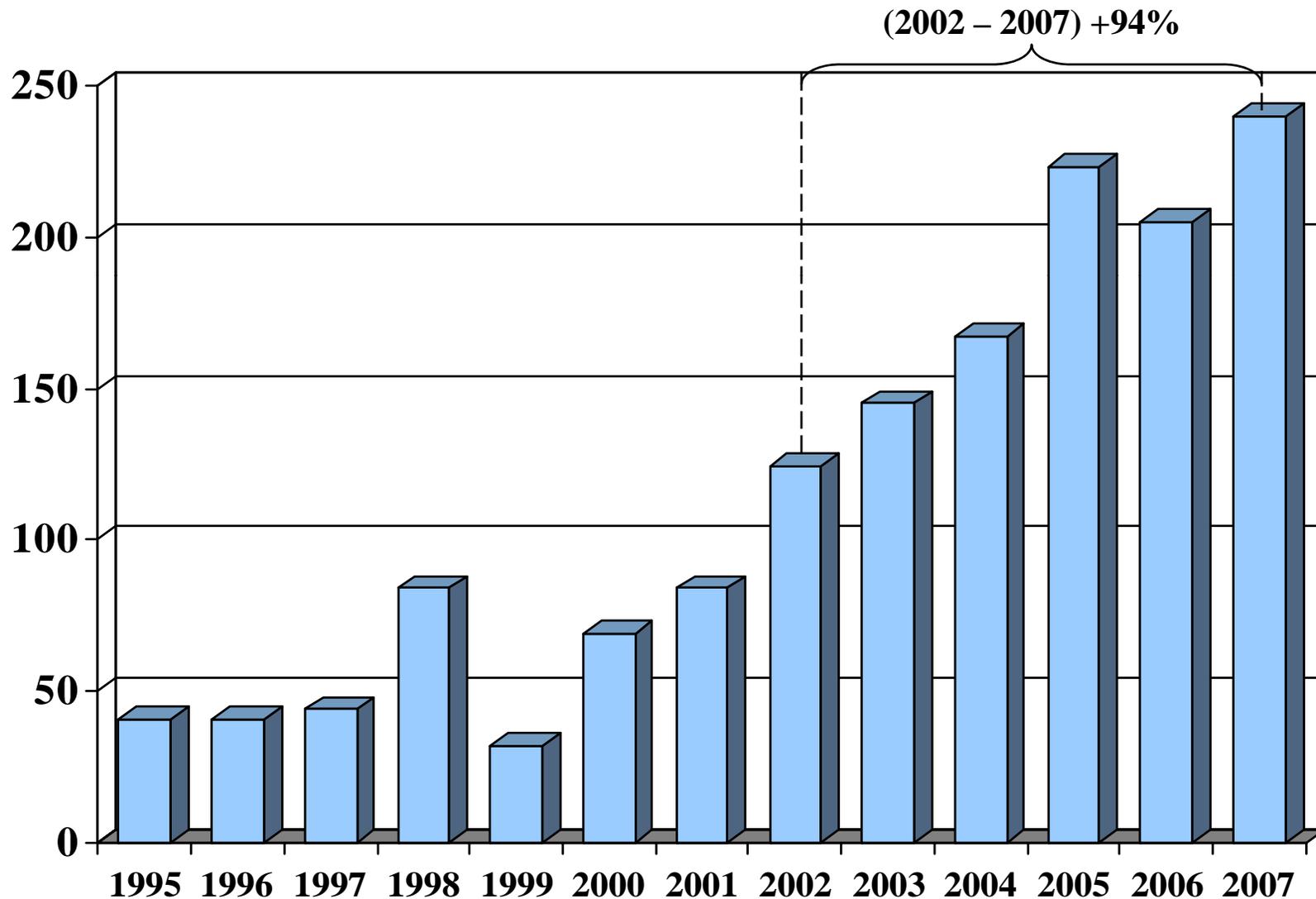
## Aerial/Manual Eradication of Coca

(hectares per month)



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## Drug Laboratories Destroyed



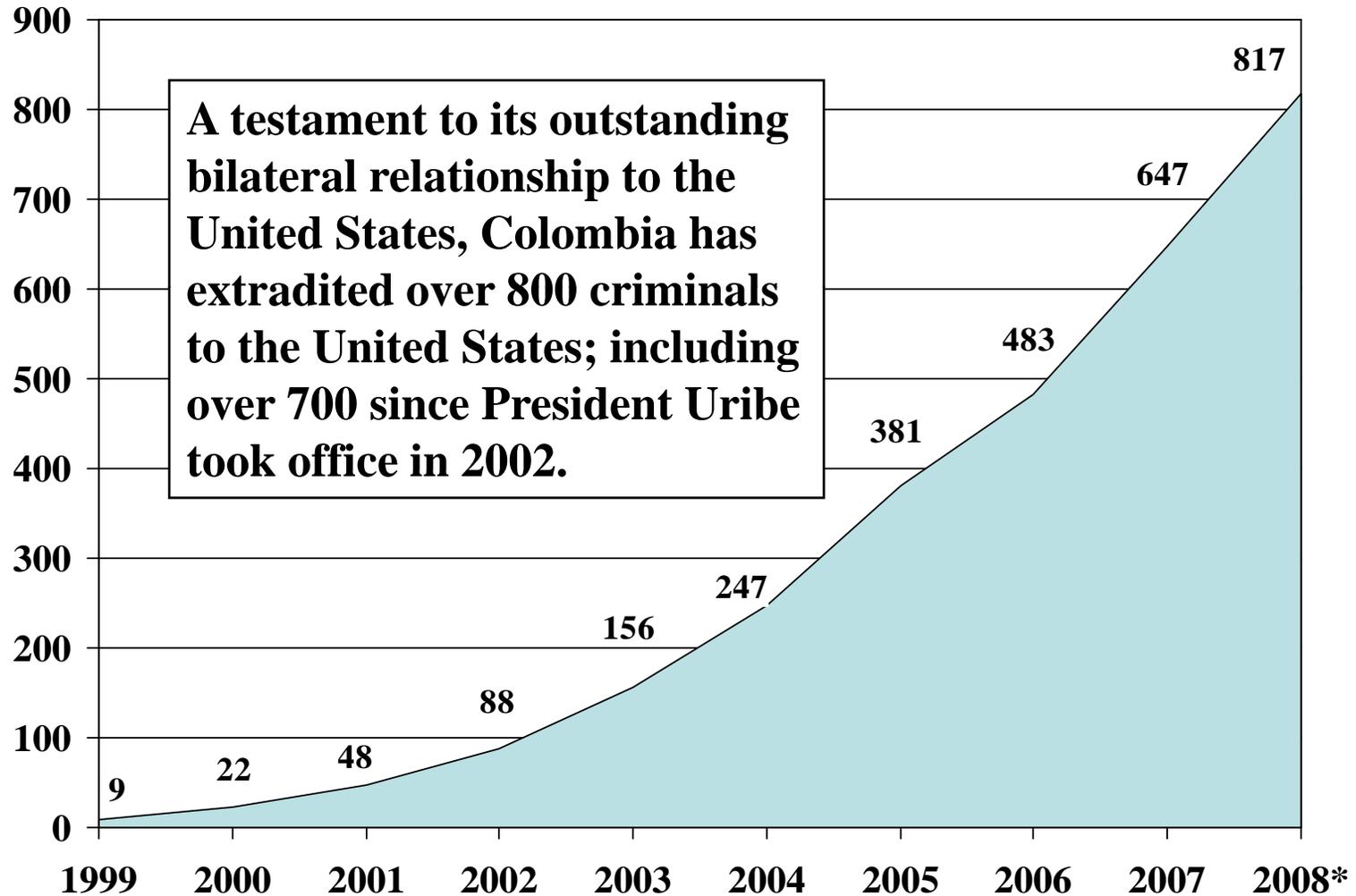
Source: Colombian Armed Forces General Command and National Police Center for Criminal Investigation

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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>