

# Trends and Recent Changes in Community Corrections Populations in the U.S.

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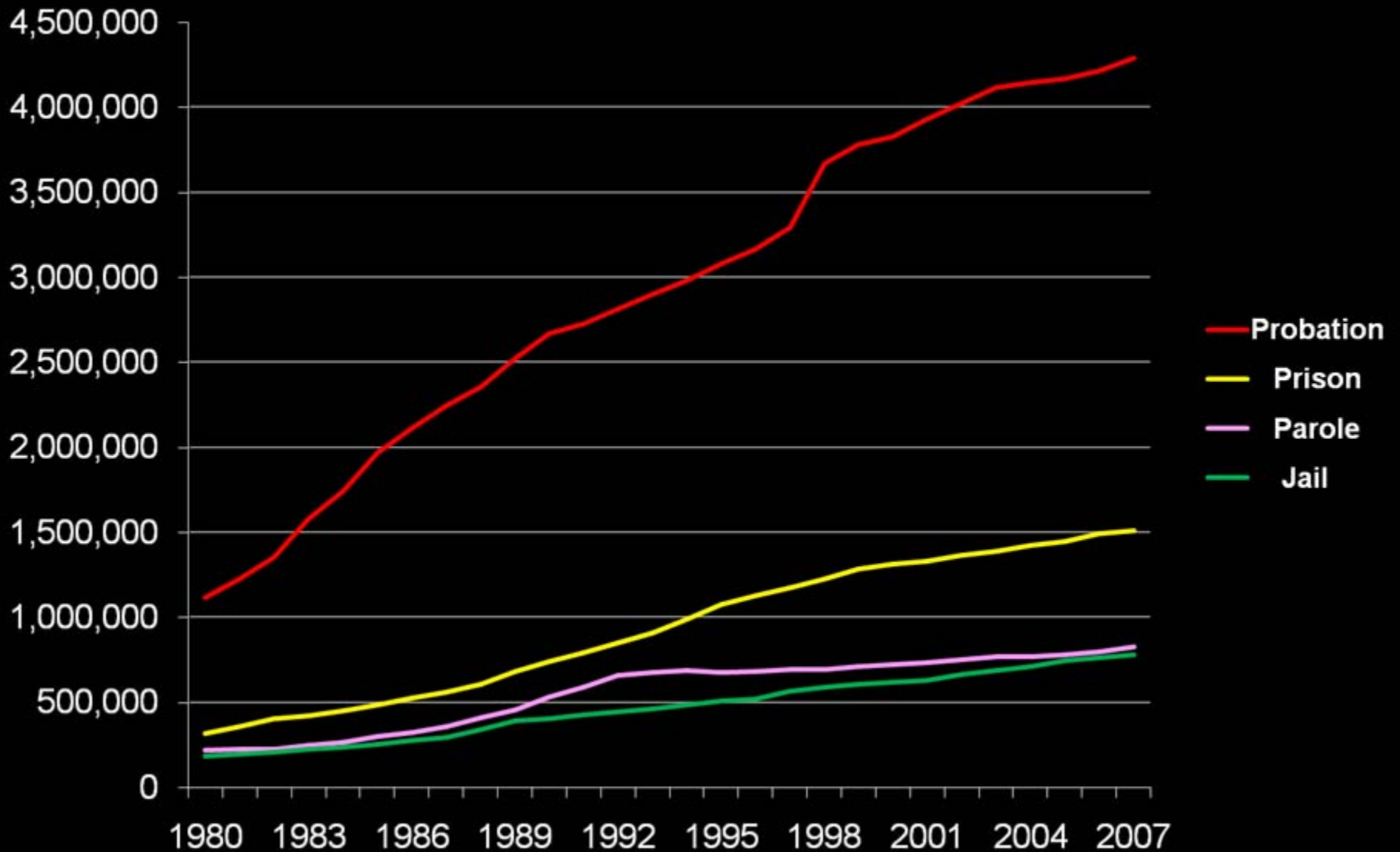
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# Adult Correctional Populations in the U.S., 1980-2007



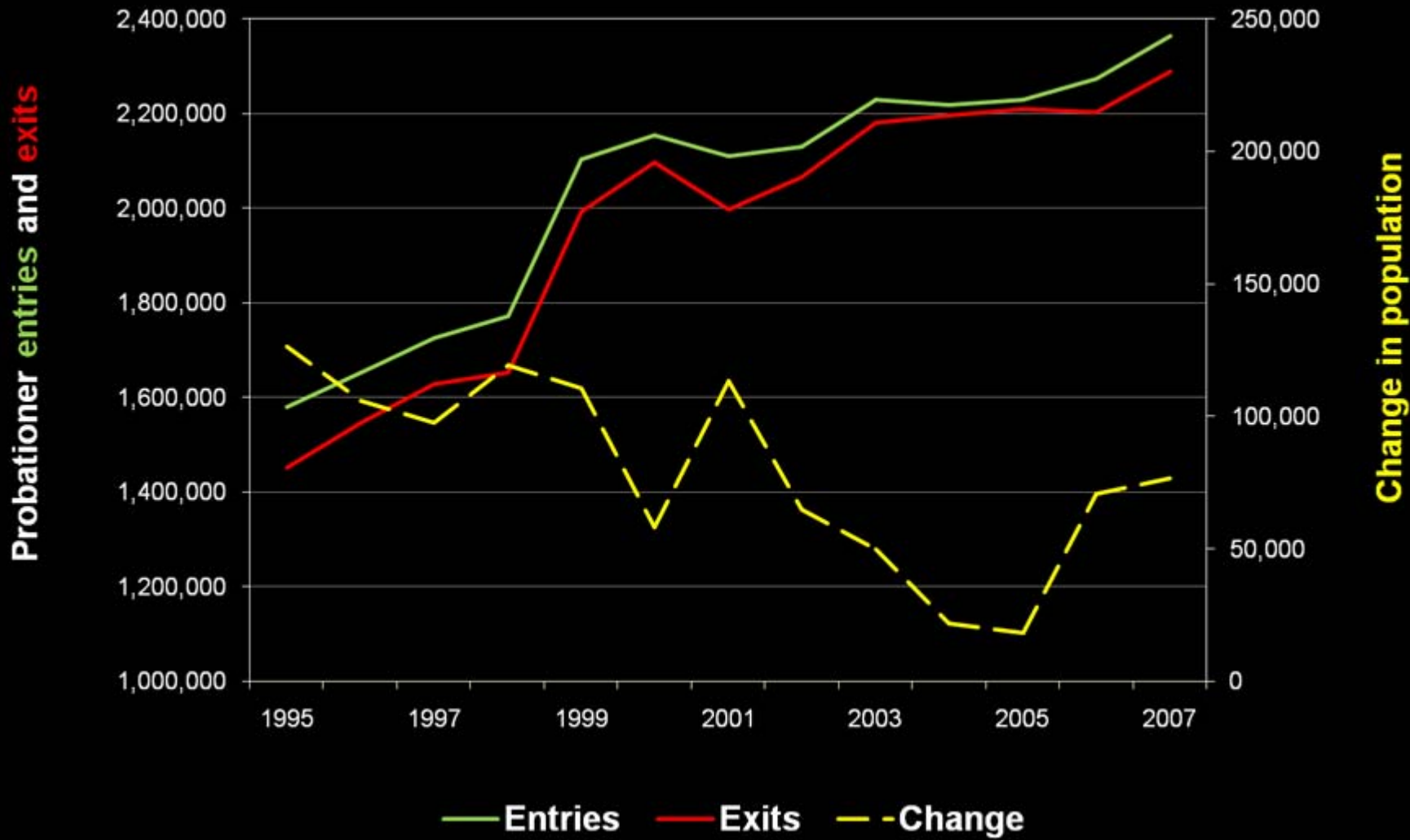
# Average annual growth rates of all correctional populations have slowed

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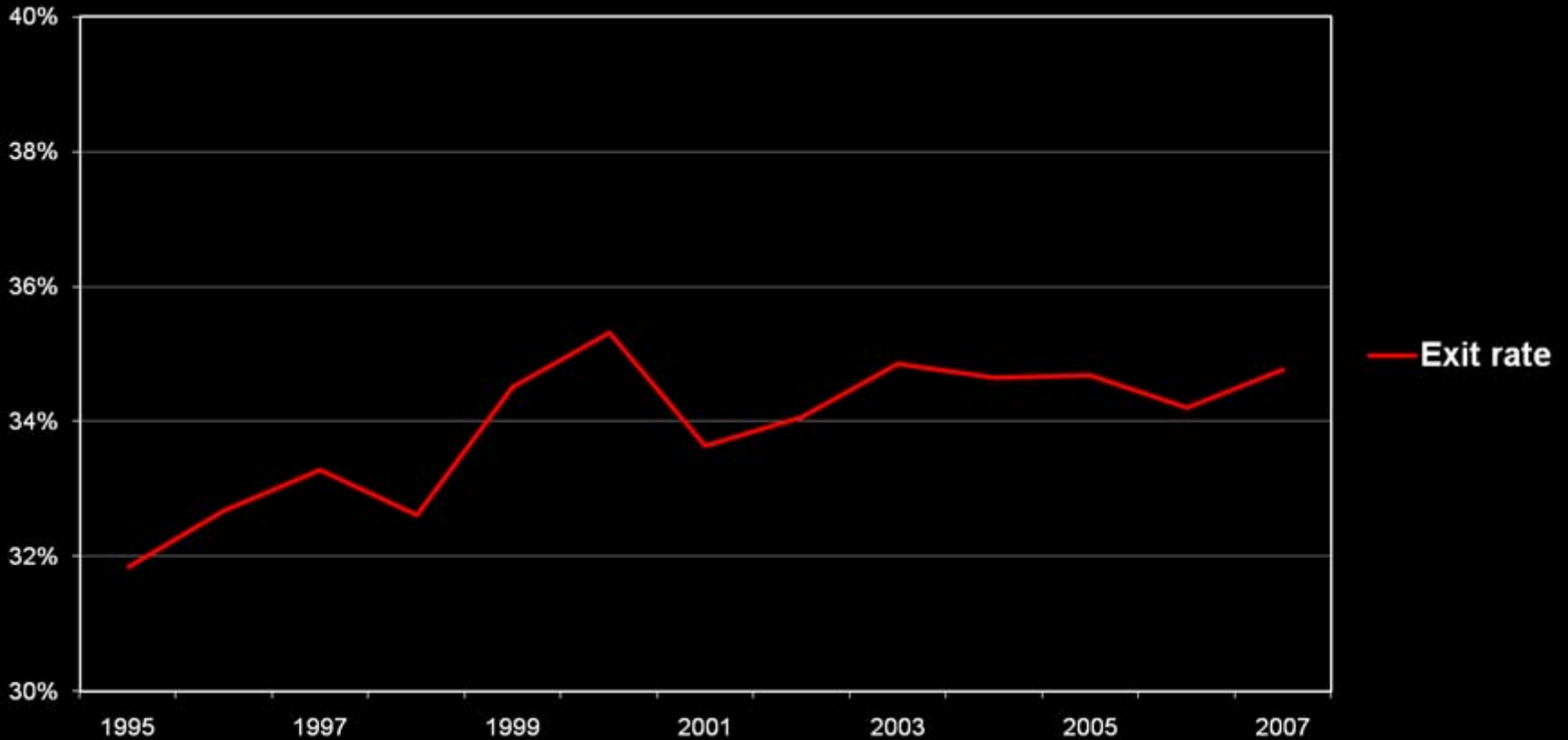
Period	Total	Probation	Jail	Prison	Parole
1980-1990	9.0%	9.1%	8.2%	8.8%	9.2%
1990-2000	4.0%	3.7%	4.4%	5.9%	3.1%
2000-2007	1.9%	1.7%	3.3%	2.0%	1.9%

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# Pace of growth in probationer entries and exits has slowed since 2000; related to general slowing of growth in population compared to 90's



# Probationer exit rate has increased since 1995; associated with general slowing of growth in population over time



# Overall decline in arrests in last 10 years; increase for drug offenses

	Percent change, 1998-2007
All	-3.3 %
Part I, Violent offenses	
Murder and nonnegligent manslaughter	-11.3 %
Forcible rape	-23
Robbery	5.9
Aggravated assault	-11.5
Part I, Property offenses	
Burglary	-6.7 %
Larceny/theft	-12.9
Motor vehicle theft	-22.4
Drug abuse violations	17.6 %
Other assaults	-1.8
Fraud	-30.8
DUI/DWI	-1.8

# Increase in felony convictions but slowing of growth in recent years

Number of felony convictions in state courts

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	2000	2002	2004
Total	924,700	1,051,100	1,078,920
Violent	173,200	197,030	194,570
Property	262,000	325,200	310,680
Drugs	319,700	340,330	362,850
Weapons	28,200	32,470	33,010

# Percentage of felons sentenced to probation has leveled off

Percent of felons sentenced to probation

	2000	2002	2004
Total	32 %	31 %	30 %
Violent	22 %	23 %	22 %
Property	36	34	32
Drugs	33	34	33
Weapons	30	27	28

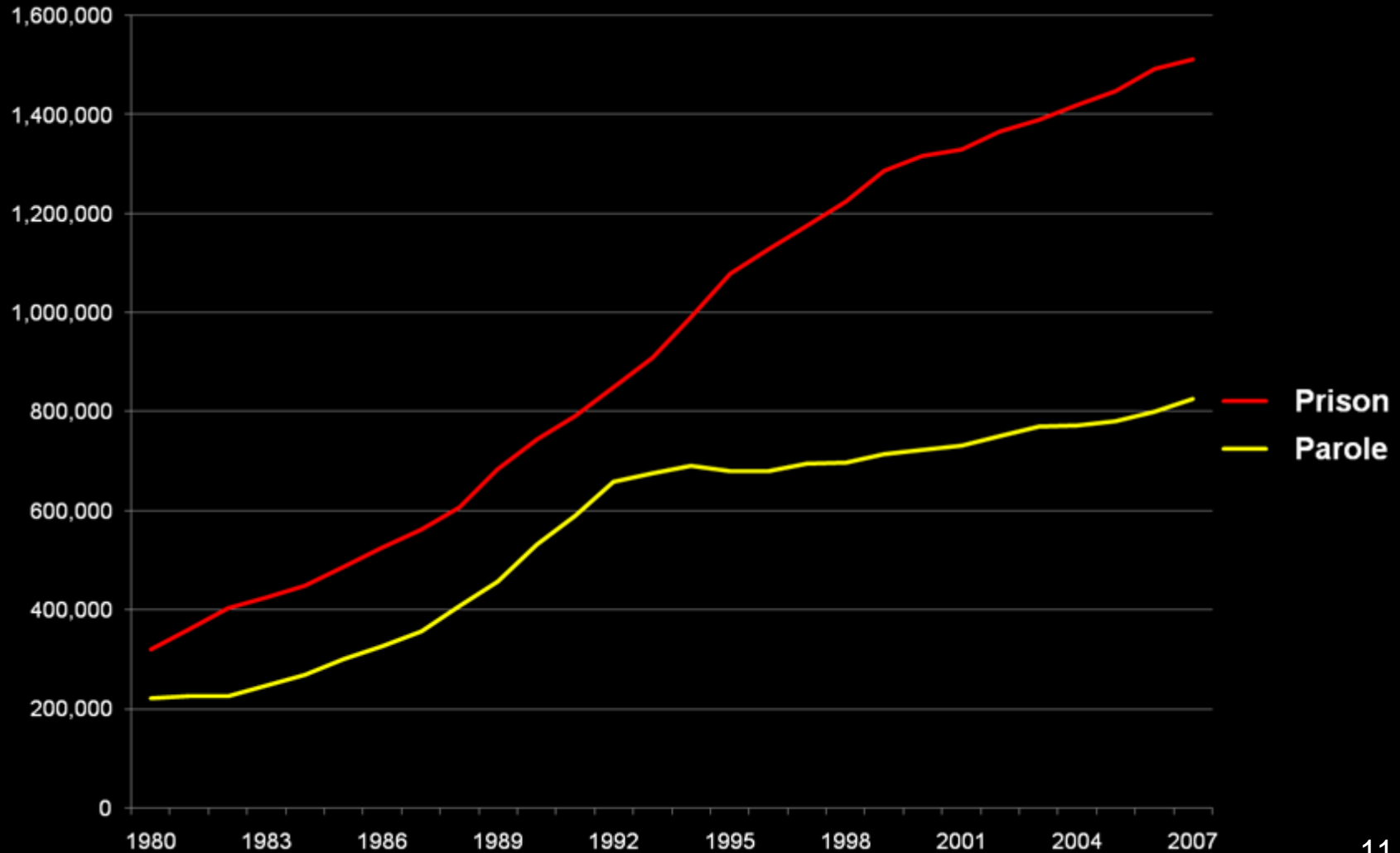
# Number of felons on probation has remained stable while misdemeanants have increased



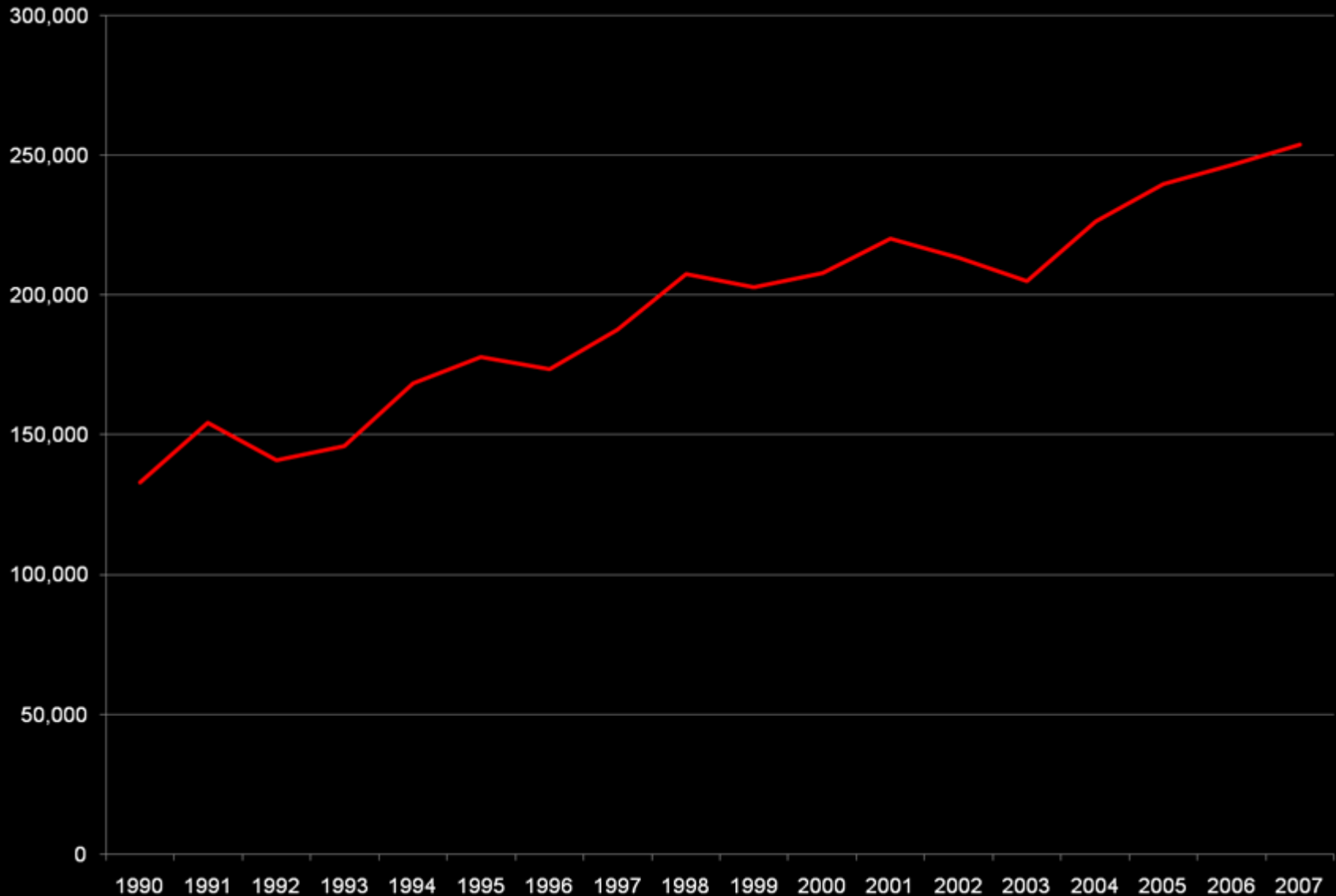
# Increase in drug offenders on probation while DWIs have declined; reflects arrest trends

	2000	2002	2004	2007
Drug offense	24 %	24 %	26 %	27 %
DWI	18	17	15	15
Other offenses	58	59	59	58

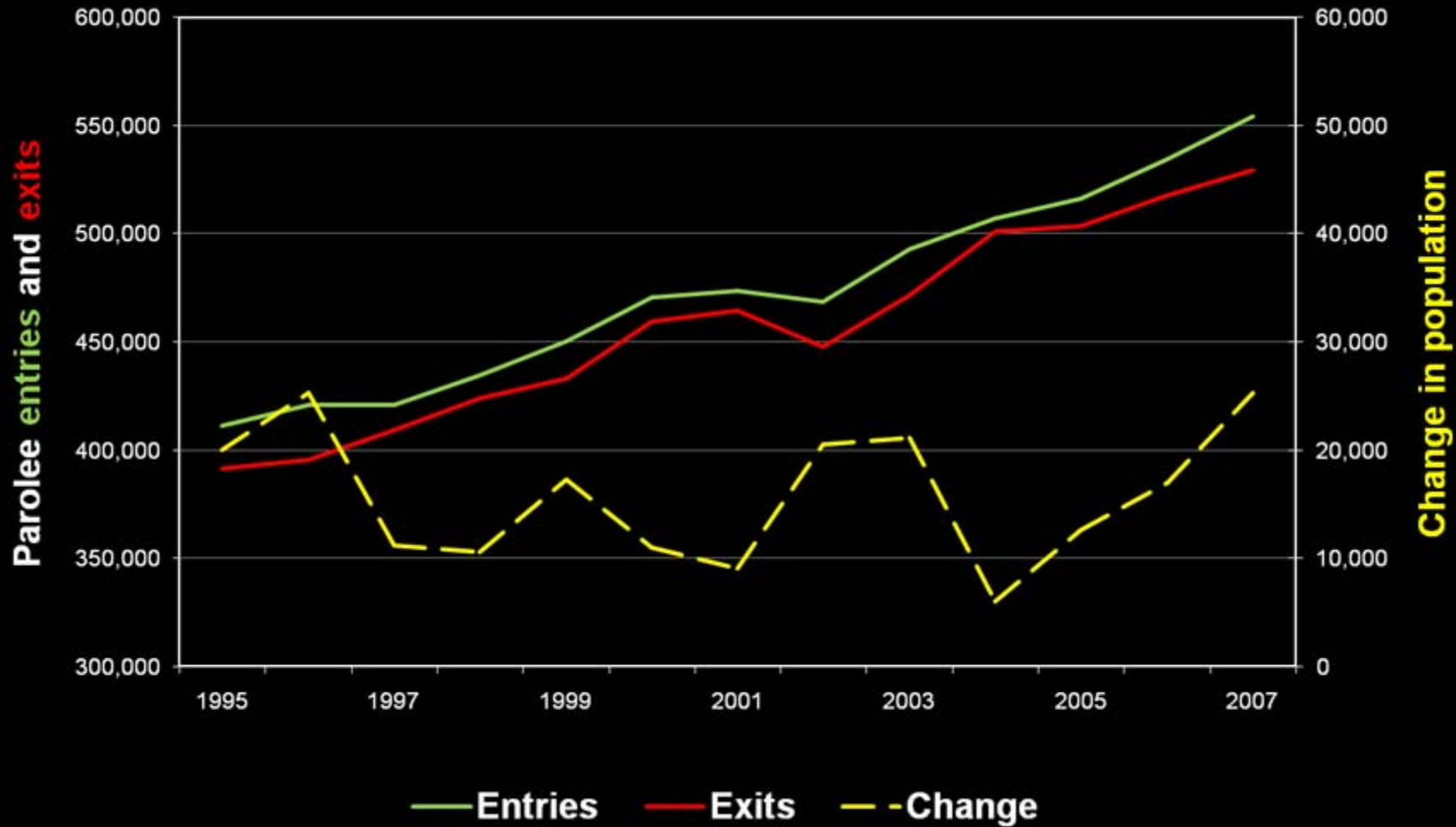
# Parole population flattened beginning in early 90's while prison population continued to grow



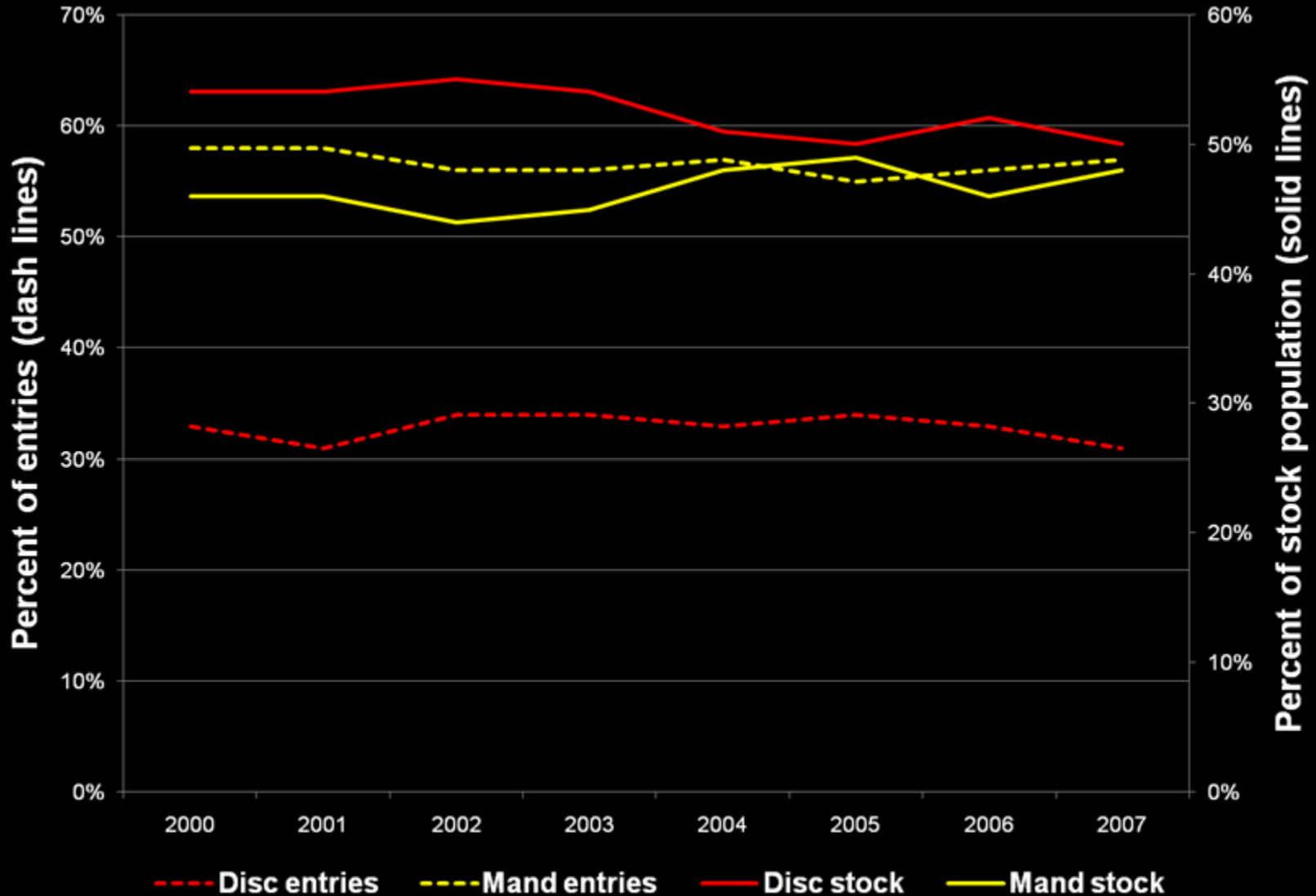
# Since early 90's the number of conditional release violators admitted to prison has grown steadily



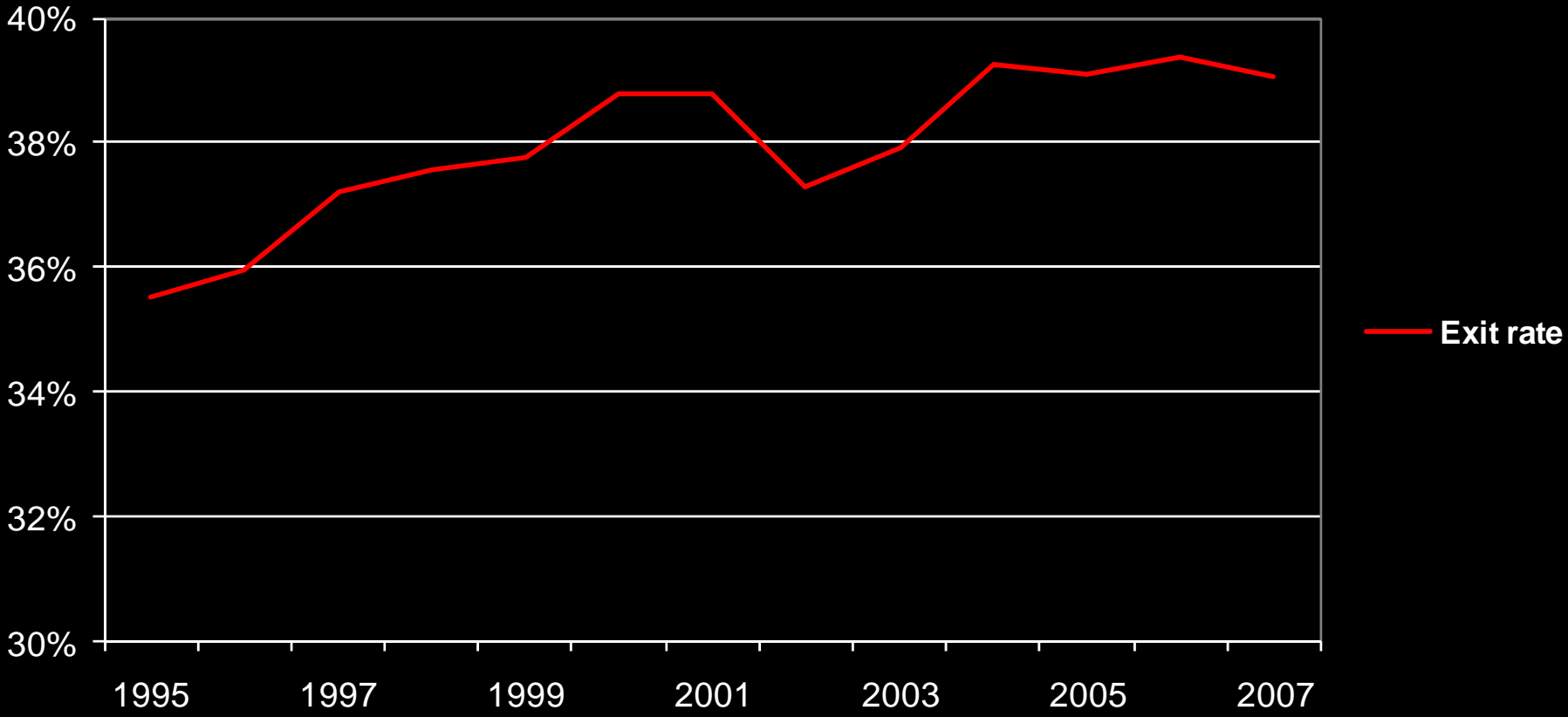
# Parolee entries and exits increased at similar pace between 1995 & 2005; growth in entries outpaced exits since 2005



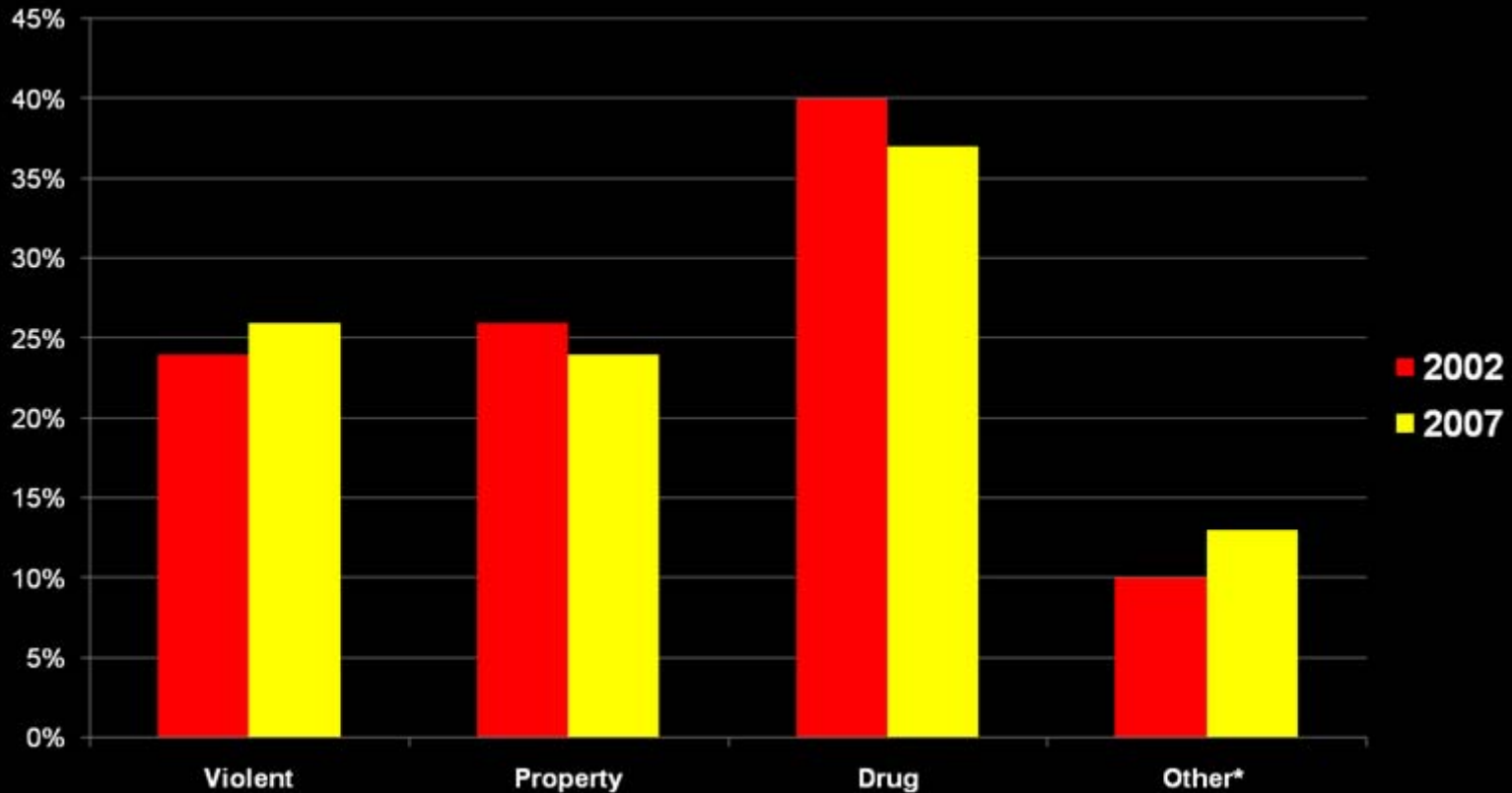
**Discretionary releases from prison make up smaller portion of parolee entries but larger portion of stock population, indicating longer time on parole than mandatory release parolees**



# Parolee exit rate increased between 1995 and 2007 but has stabilized in recent years



# Drug offense most common offense among parolees; slight drop since 2002



\*Includes public-order offenses.

-Two and half times more drug offenders supervised in the community on probation or parole (1.4 million) than incarcerated in jail or prison (562,200)