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Summit

Community
Safety
Initiative

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An open dialogue on crime and safety in Fort Dodge

- **Public Perception on Crime & Safety**
- **Crime Statistics**
- **Statewide Offender Data**
- **Social Statistical Issues**
- **Fort Dodge Police Department Profile**
- **Webster County Sherriff's Department Profile**
- **Tax Revenue & Expenditure Comparisons**

Focus of Summit

- We have a reputation problem.
- We have high crime rates.
- We have a higher rate of social problems that have a direct or indirect effect on crime.
- We have a smaller than average law enforcement staff.
- We cannot tax and spend our way to solutions.

#1 Council Priority

Initiative D.8: Safety and Security for All

Goal D.8.1: Citizens are safe and secure and perceive they are

Critical Desired Outcome: The city has the lowest crime rate in Iowa and all citizens feel safe and secure

Public Perception:
What we are saying about Crime & Safety

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and

Webster County Development
Primary Sector Company Research

Public Opinion Findings

- **Envision 2030 public opinion findings were gathered through focus groups that included City employees & citizens. All High School seniors were also surveyed**

- **Individuals interviewed and focus group participants indicated that:**
  - **The city was known as being "rough" and that parts of the City were not safe**
  - **Continuing to support the perception that the city is rough is detrimental to community and economic development**

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Top Concerns

- **Economic Development / Availability of Jobs / Better Wages / Business Development** — **24%**
- **Crime and/or Drugs & Police Related** — **12%**
- **Street Conditions / Infrastructure** — **9%**
- **City Clean Up/Appearance/Beautification** — **7%**
- **Young People—Bringing / Keeping Them Here** — **4%**

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Top Assets

- **School System/Education Related**   14%

- **Good and Friendly People/Small Town Feel**   11%

- **Good Health Care/Hospital**   9%

- **Parks/Environment**   8%

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Visioning Activity – Imagine this community as you would like it to be in 2030.

How would it be different compared to the present time?

1. Cleaner   15%
2. More and better paying jobs   12%
3. Downtown revived   10%
4. Better shopping/retail/restaurants   9%
5. More recreational activities   8%
6. Beautiful/well-kept   7%
7. Better streets   7%
8. <u>Less crime/drugs</u>   <u>6%</u>
9. River walk/Riverfront thriving   6%
10. Larger population   5%

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Visioning Activity – Imagine this community as you would like it to be in 2030.

What will the representative say makes Fort Dodge such an ideal community?

1. Community involvement/pride   20%
2. Friendliness/good people   16%
3. Economic development/employment   15%
4. <u>Low crime/safety</u>   <u>14%</u>
5. Good schools/education   14%
6. Entertainment/things to do   11%
7. Recreational activities   9%

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Employee Survey Results
The Development Corporation
Primary Sector Company Research

The Development Corporation's primary sector company research included a survey of employees in manufacturing and distribution companies who have held employment with the company for less than five years.

What influences their housing choice?

How do they view Webster County?

Considerations in Where to Live

The Top Three Responses Are:

- Good Schools

- Available Jobs

- Safe Community

- Other high ranking responses include family in area, housing, and shopping
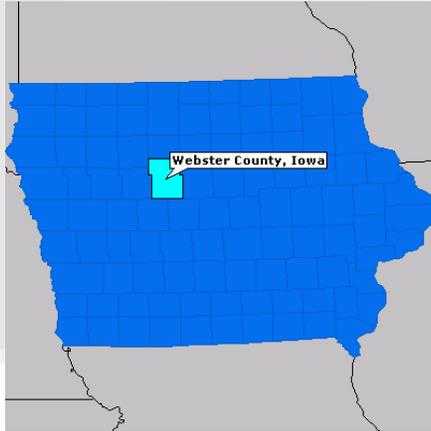
Why choose Webster County?

Most workers list their reason for living in Webster County as their job being located here, and because they have family in the area.

Workers from the area identify being "born and raised" here, or cost issues, among their top reasons for choosing Webster County as a place to reside.

Among the reasons for migrants to live in Webster County: a small town environment, and safety.

Why choose another county?

- Some individuals work in Webster County, but live elsewhere in the region. *Why?*

Locals identify their reasons to live outside of Webster County as:

- Already live there

- Safety

- Cost of living

Workers moving to the region will note their reasons for living outside of Webster County as:

- A desire to live in a metropolitan area

- Shopping

- A lack of activities in Webster County

What stands out?

The following is a listing of concerns expressed by the employees in their own words

- **Drug problems**
- **Crime and safety**
- Appearance / cleanliness
- Lack of shopping
- **Rough town**
- Outsider perceptions
- Run-down building/places
- Low-class people

- Reputation
- Backward leaders
- Lack of parks/activities
- Lack of good/affordable housing
- Poor rental housing
- Population on welfare
- Poor park maintenance

Recreation: too few opportunities, need activities for young people, need better pools

Entertainment: lack of variety – "smoky bars or bowling alleys with smoky bars"

Safety: high crime rate, drug trafficking, parts of Fort Dodge are not safe

Comparison of Perceptions
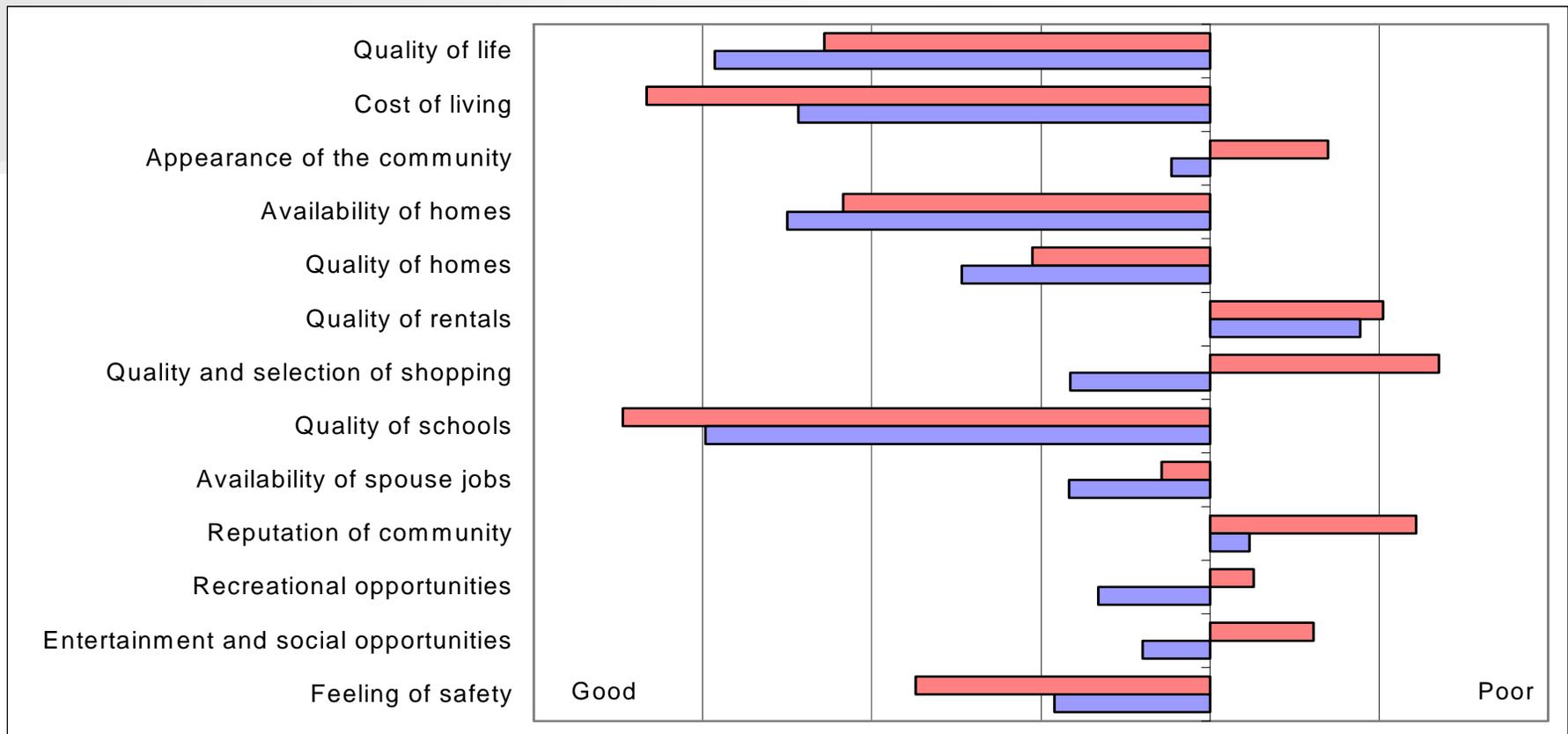
- **Workers coming to the area from elsewhere tend to have a higher regard for schools, cost of living, and safety in Webster County and Fort Dodge.**

- **They are more negative in their attitude toward other attributes of the county than are people from the region.**

Just the Facts

- **Crime Statistics –** *How does Fort Dodge compare to other Cities?*
  - **The Comparables: There are eight Cities in Iowa the have a population of 20,000 to 30,000. Most of the data is shown in rates per 1000 population**

City	City Pop.	County	County Pop.
Mason City	29,172	Cerro Gordo	46,447
Clinton	27,772	Clinton	49,804
Burlington	26,839	Des Moines	41,247
Marion	26,294	Linn	196,202
Marshalltown	26,009	Marshall	39,103
Fort Dodge	25,136	Webster	39,590
Ottumwa	24,998	Wapello	35,885
Muscatine	22,697	Muscatine	42,093

2006 Crimes (Murder)

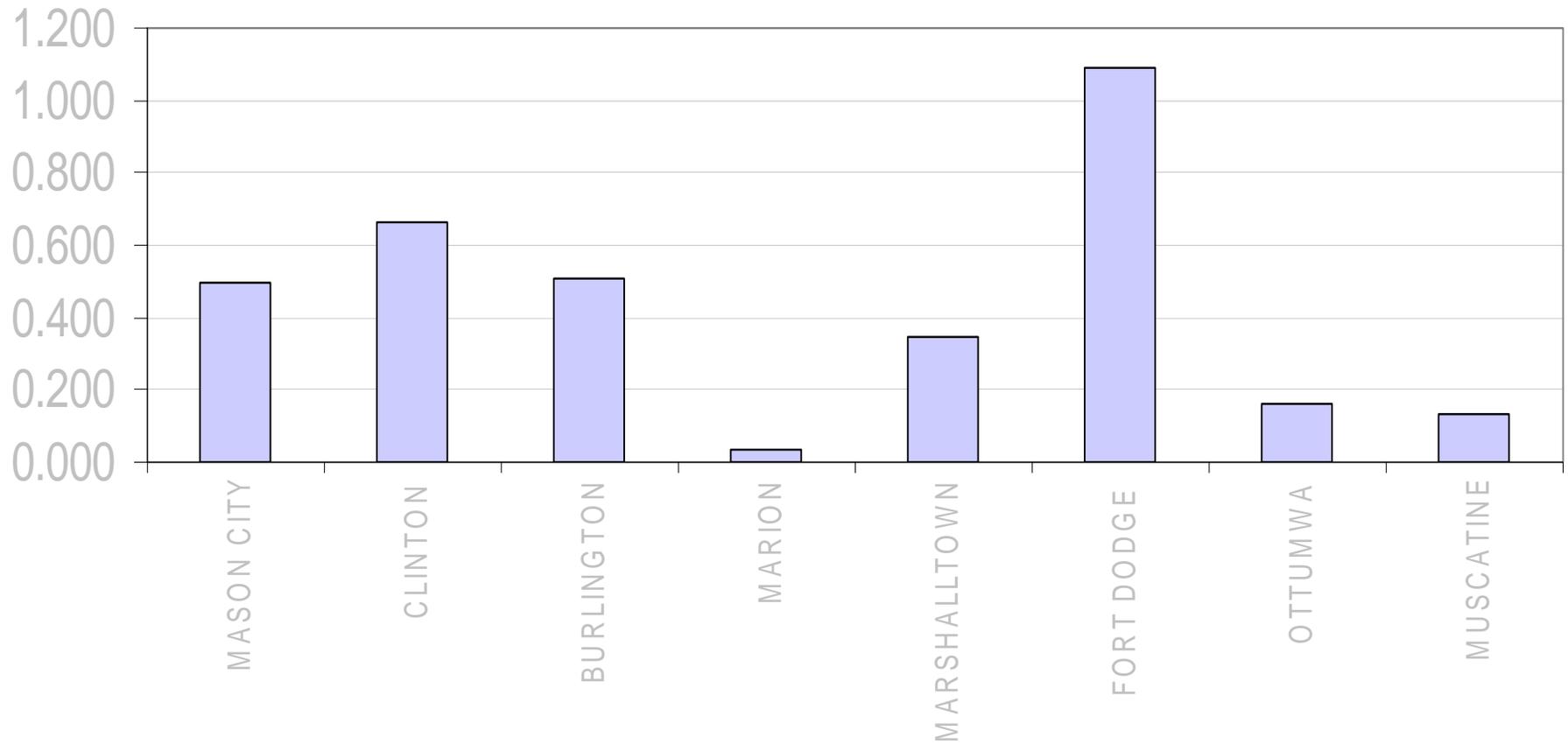**Rates shown as incidents per 1000 population**
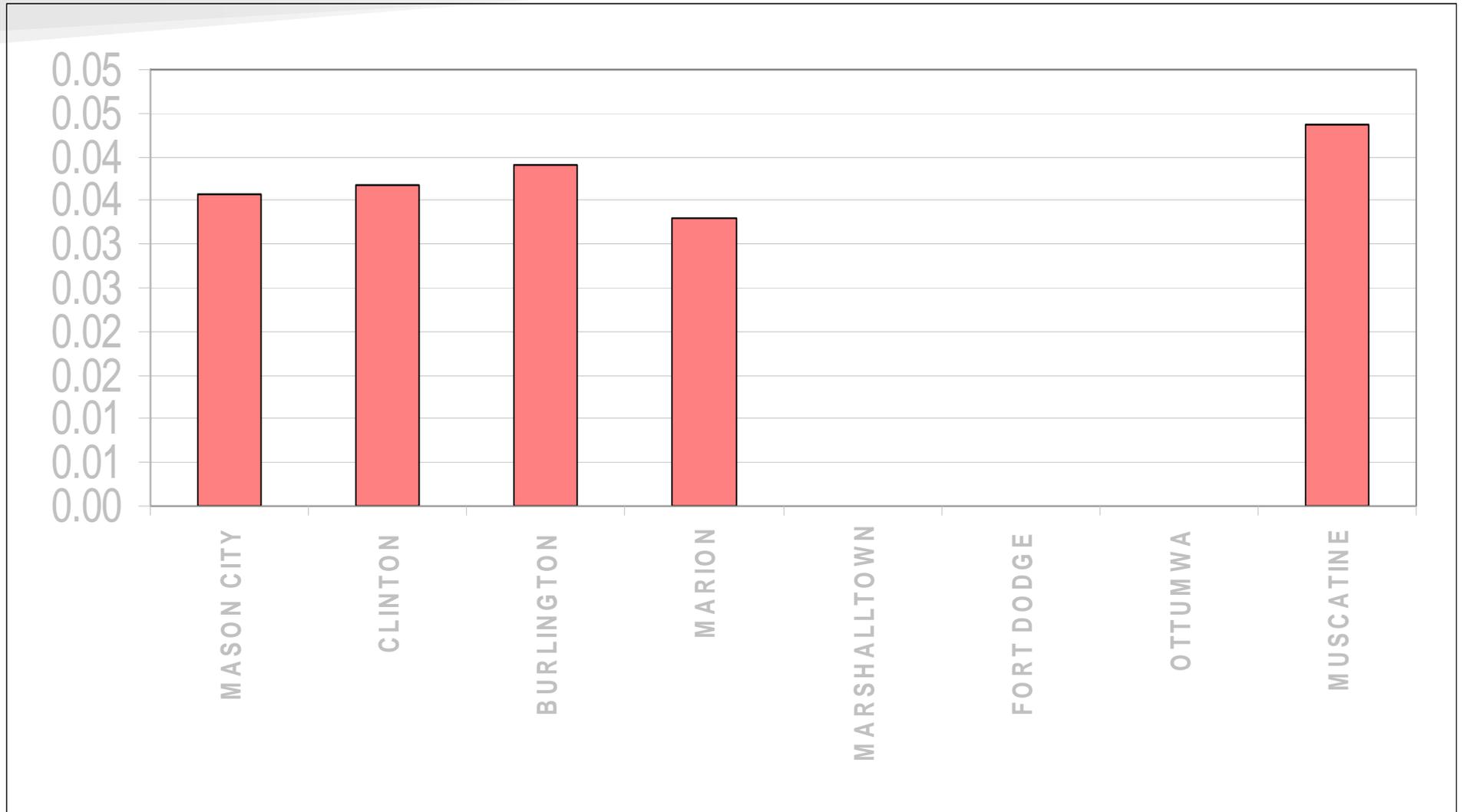
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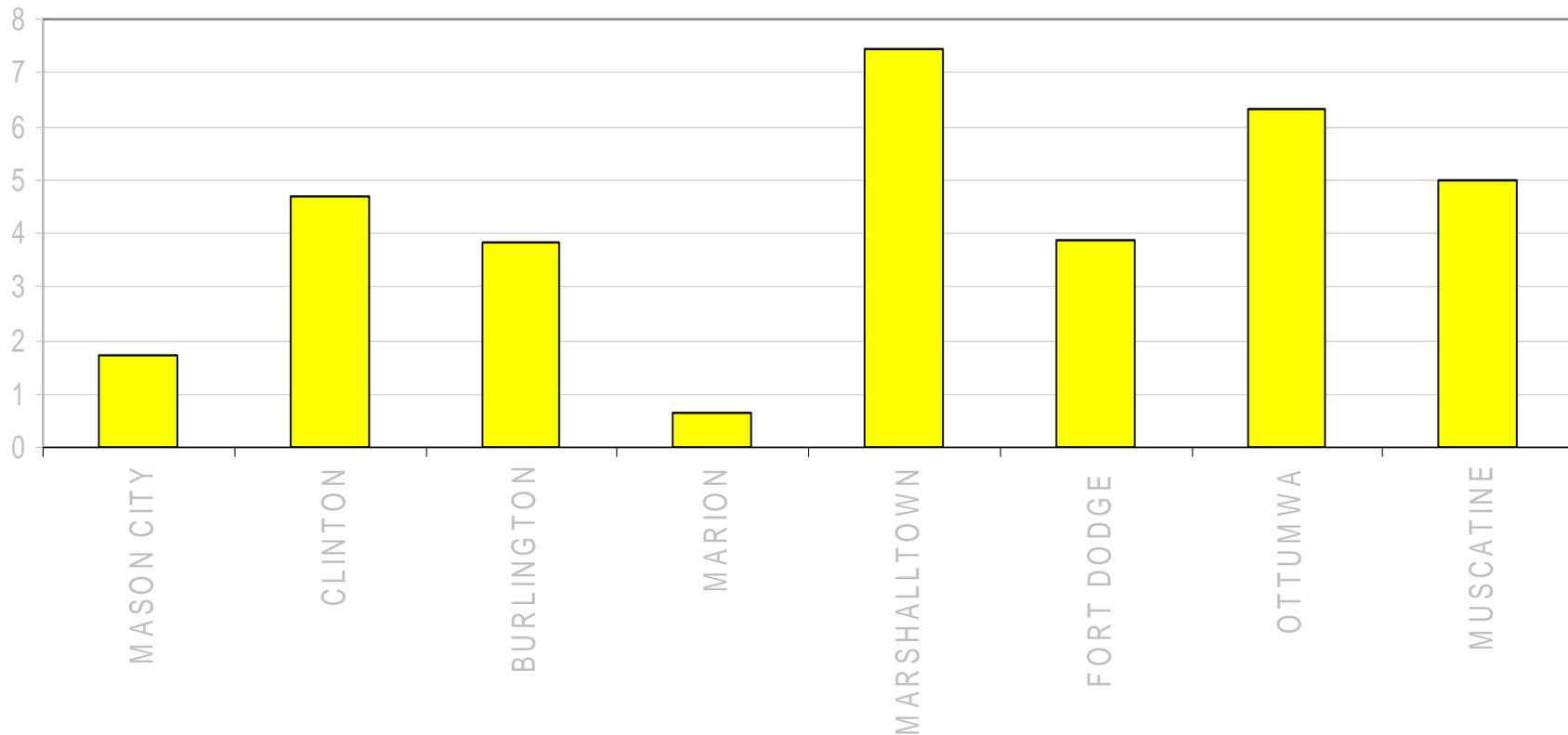## Rates shown as incidents per 1000 population
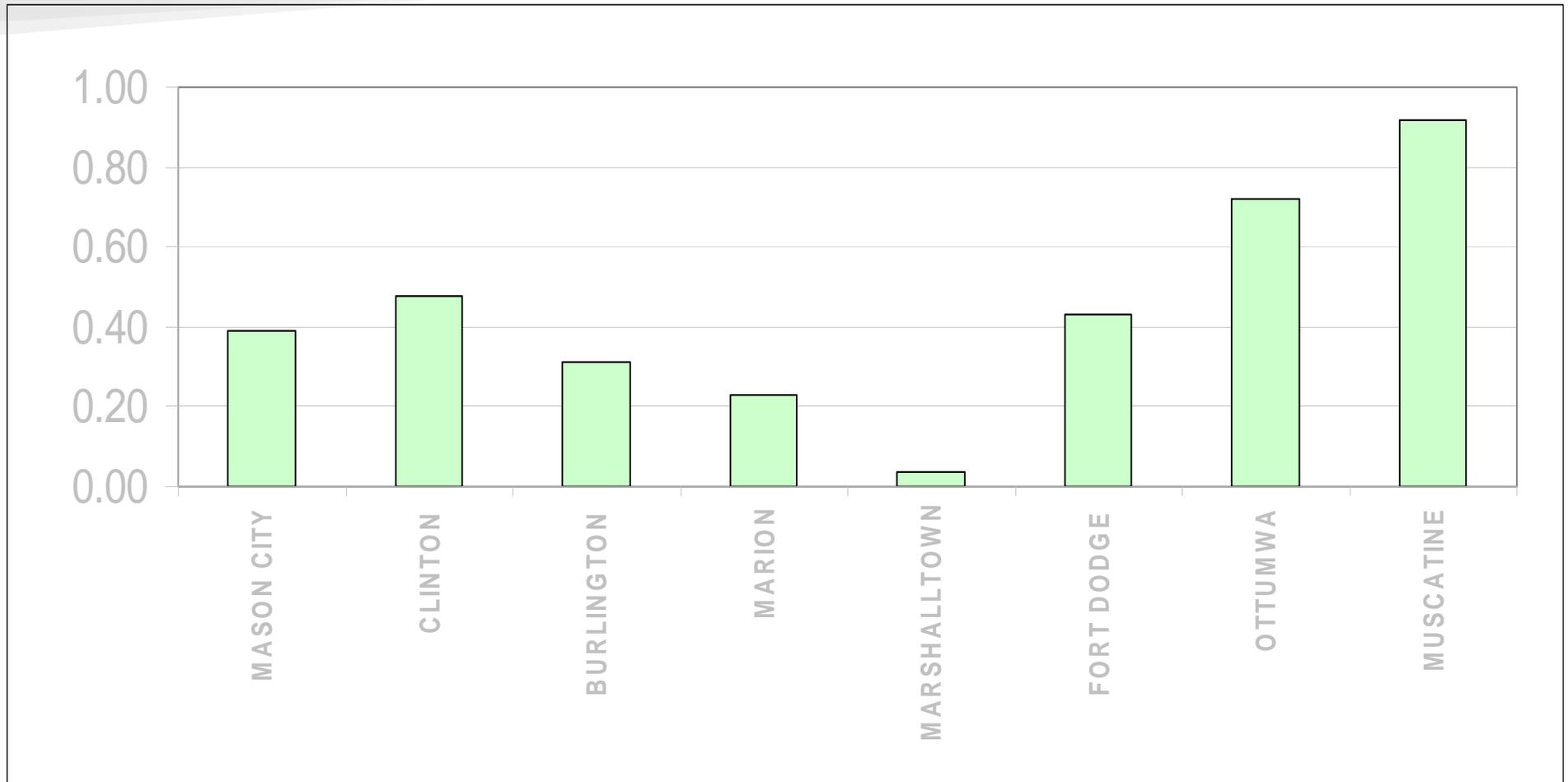
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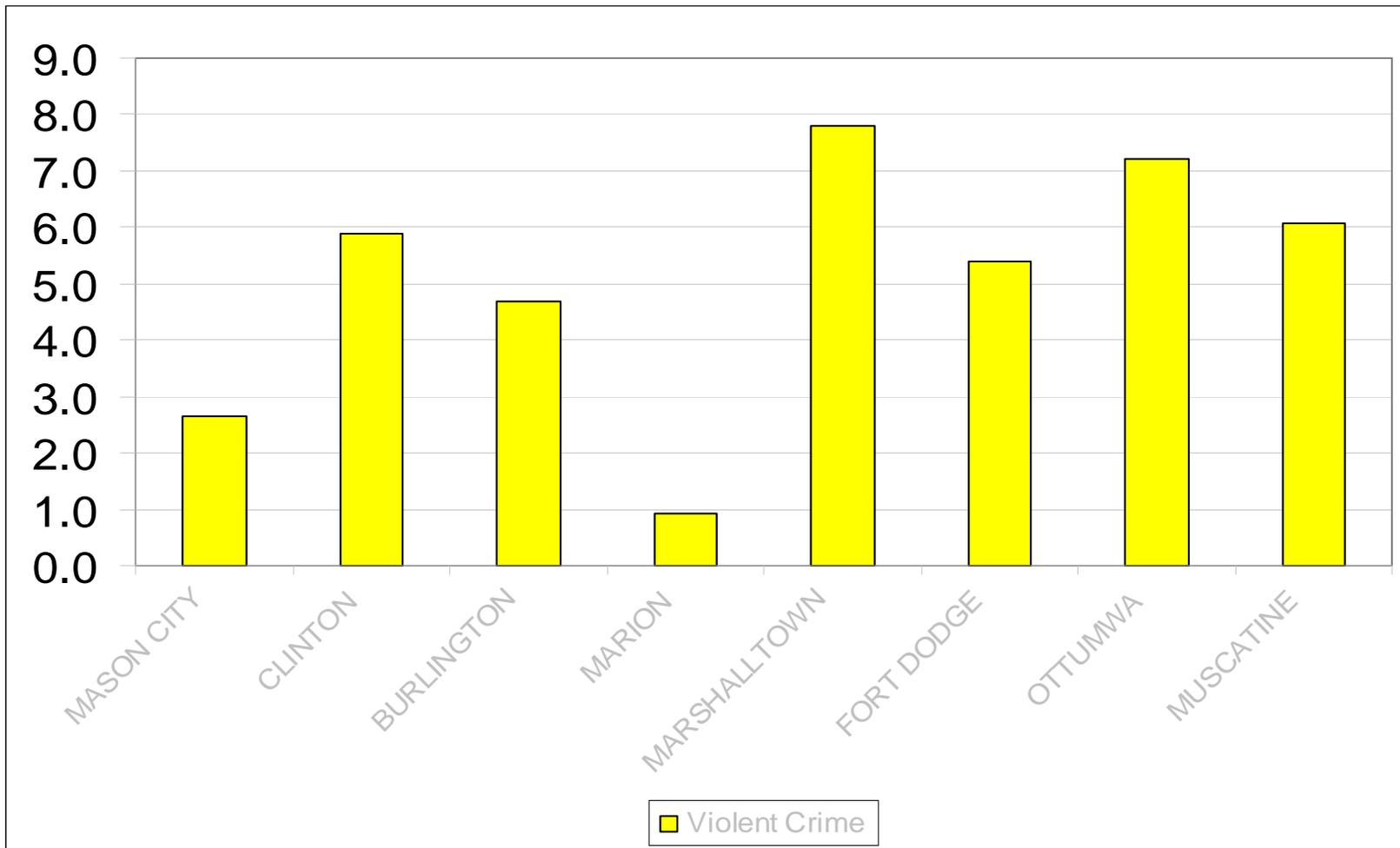## Rates shown as incidents per 1000 population

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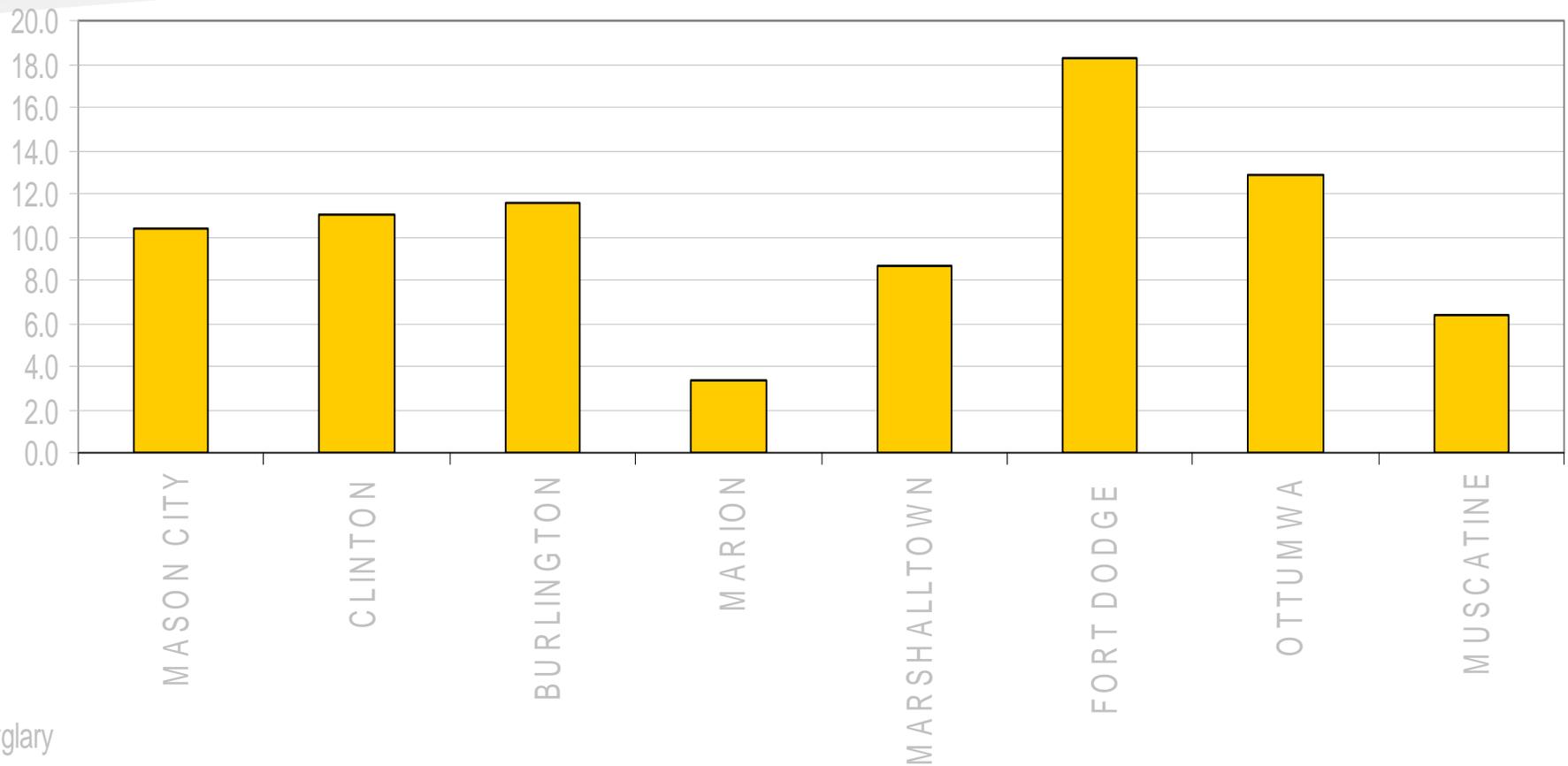
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2006 Crimes (All Violent Crimes)
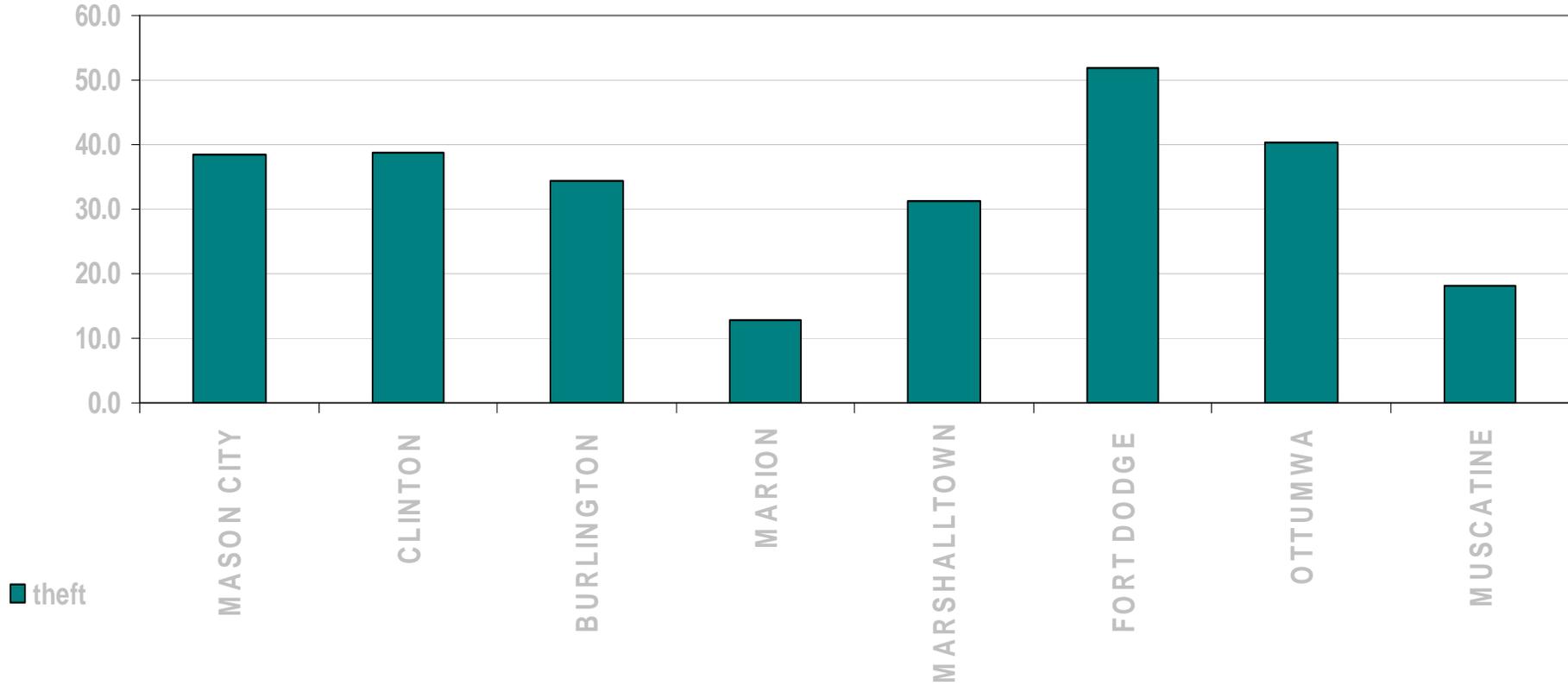## Rates shown as incidents per 1000 population

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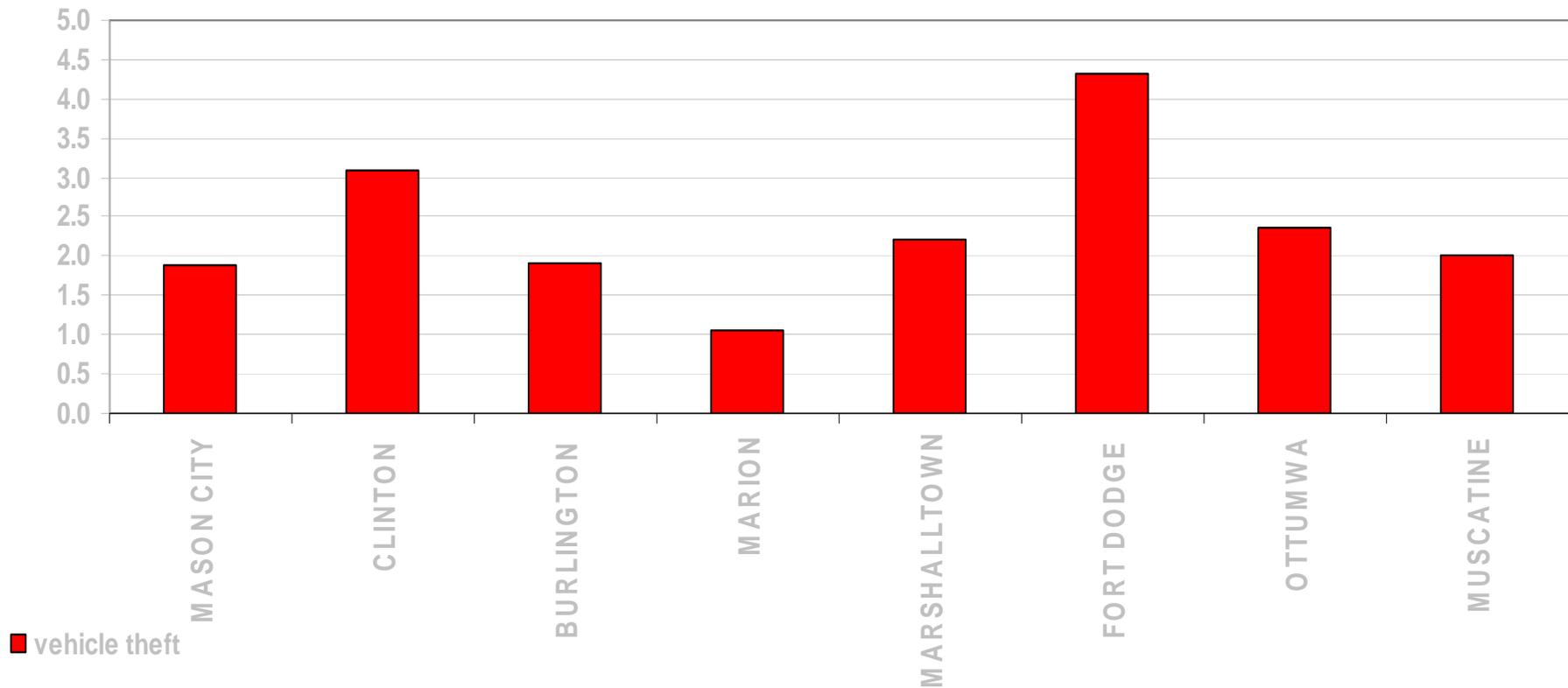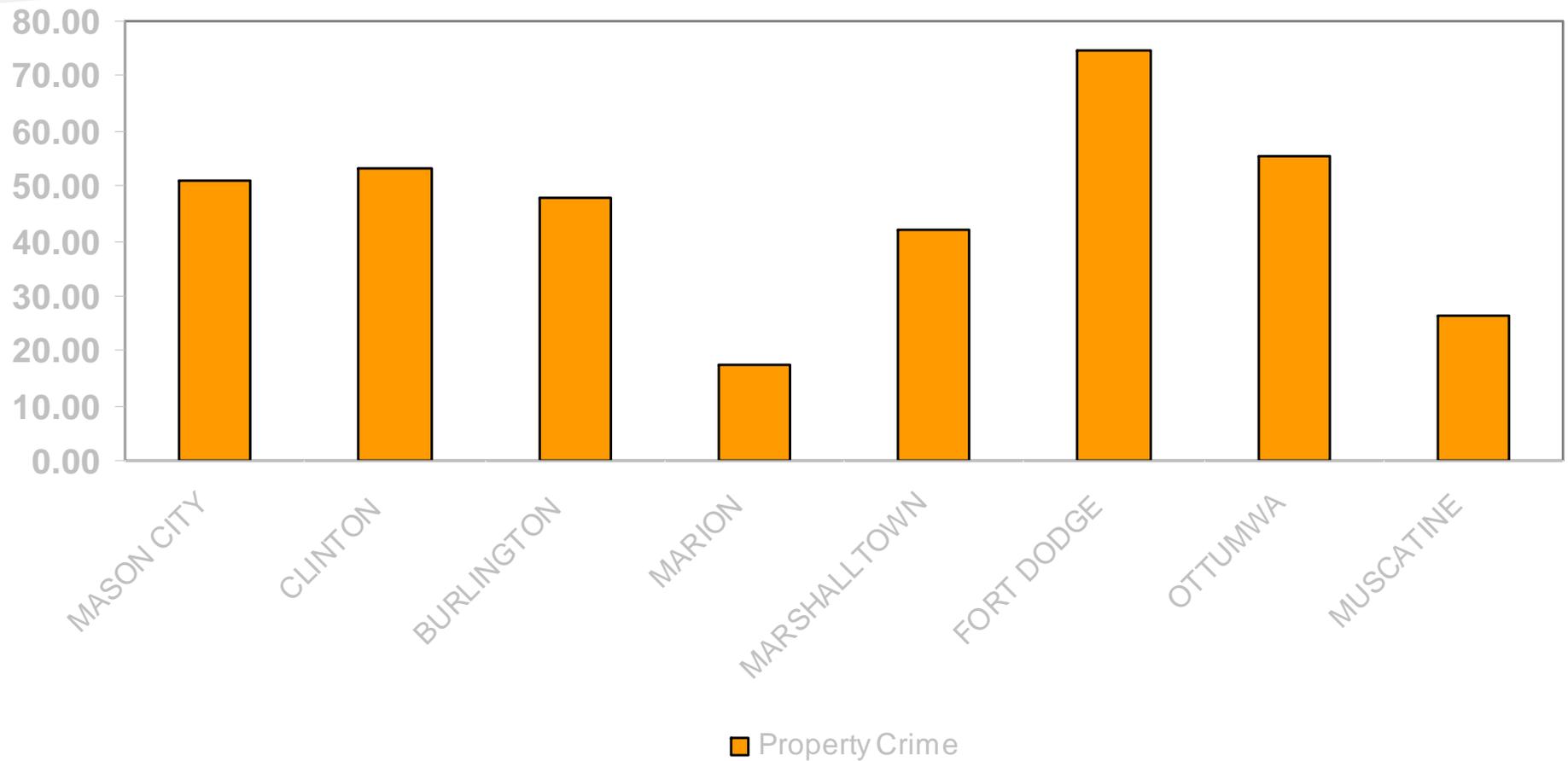**Rates shown as incidents per 1000 population**

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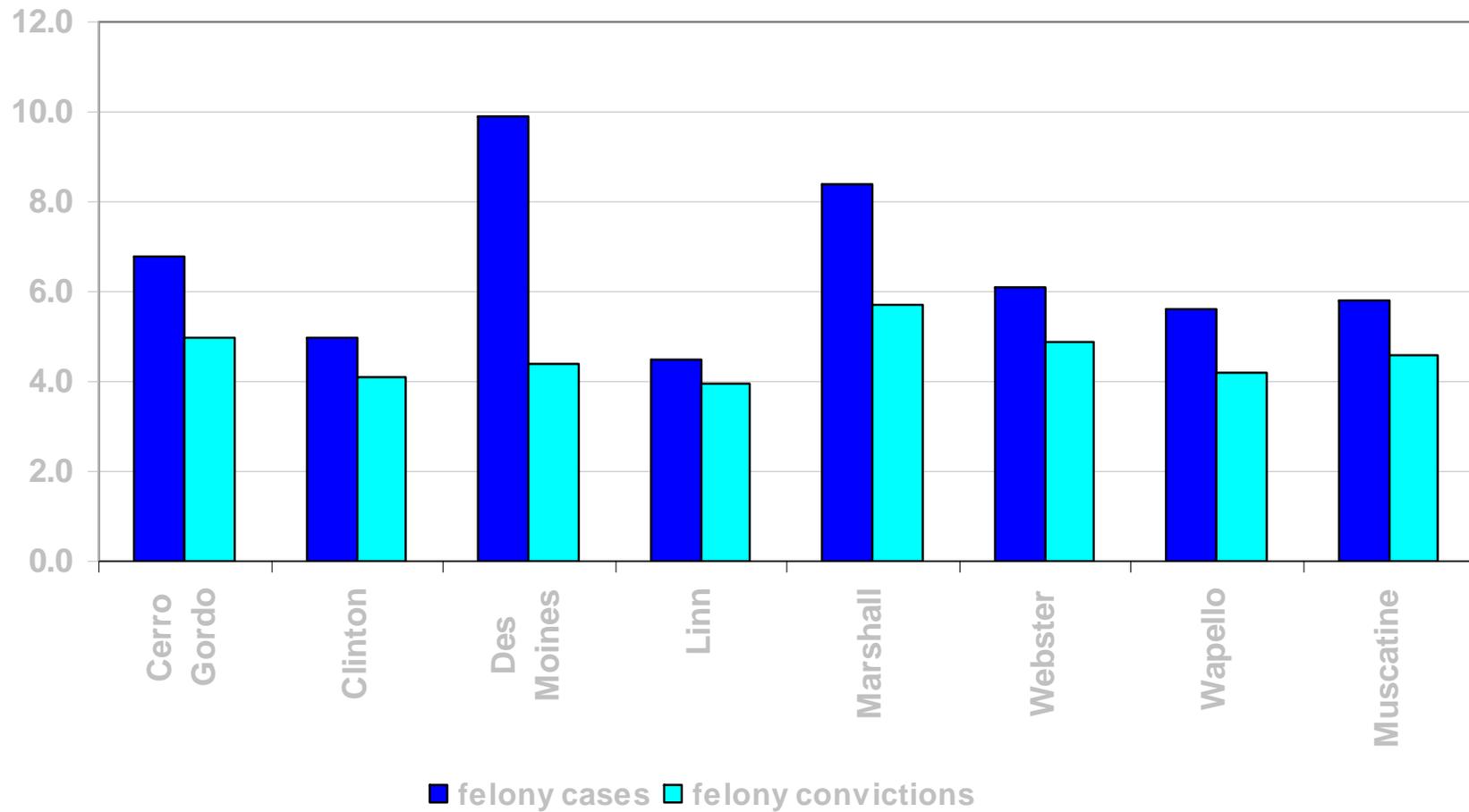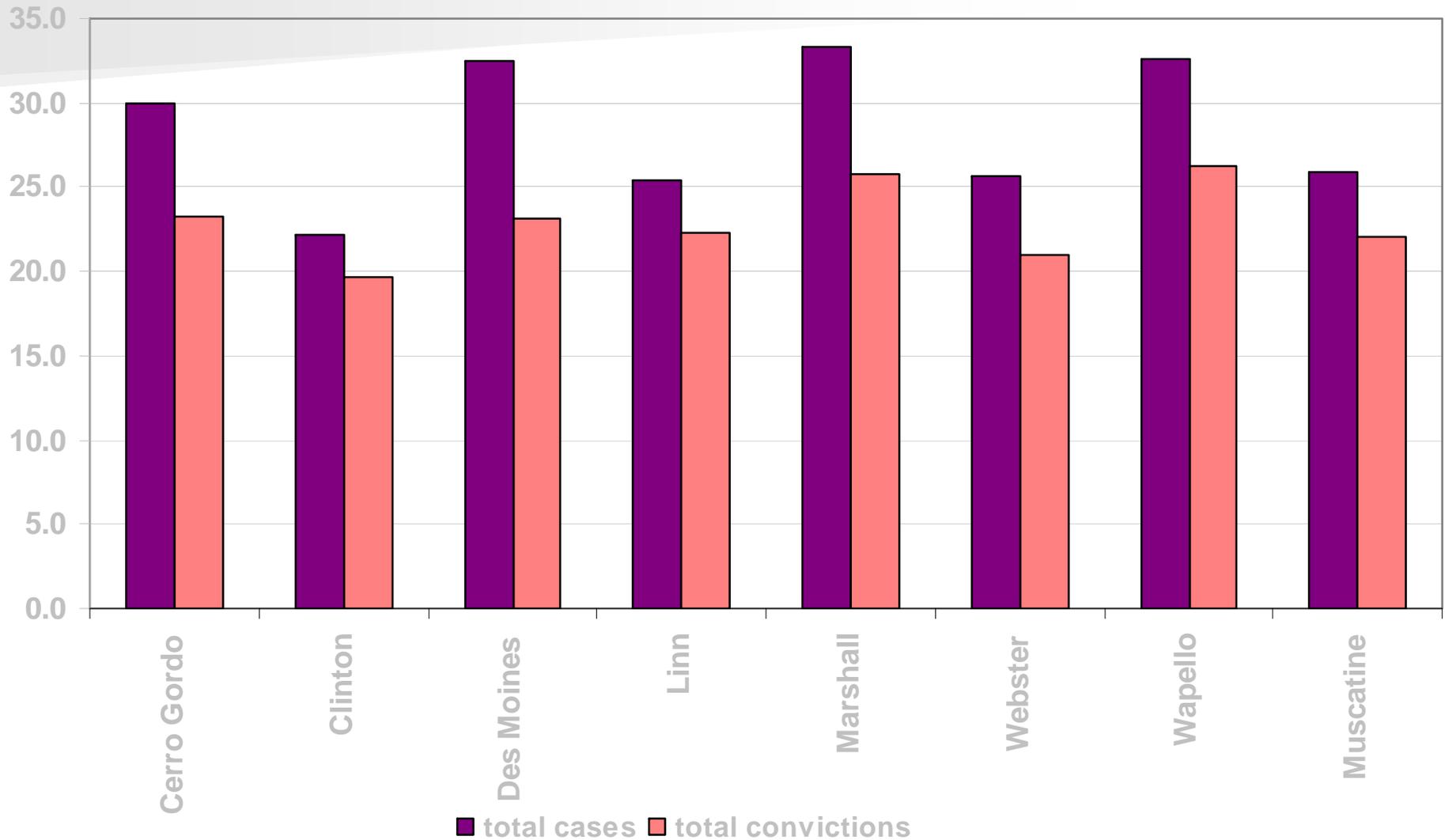
2006 Cases and Convictions

2006 Total Cases and Convictions

Rates shown as cases per 1000 population

Legend: ■ total cases ■ total convictions

2006 Conviction Rates

Bar chart showing 2006 conviction rates by county. Y-axis: 0% to 100% in 10% increments. Legend: felony conviction rate (orange), conviction rate all cases (yellow).

County	felony conviction rate	conviction rate all cases
Cerro Gordo	~74%	~78%
Clinton	~82%	~89%
Des Moines	~44%	~71%
Linn	~88%	~88%
Marshall	~68%	~78%
Webster	~80%	~82%
Wapello	~75%	~81%
Muscatine	~80%	~85%
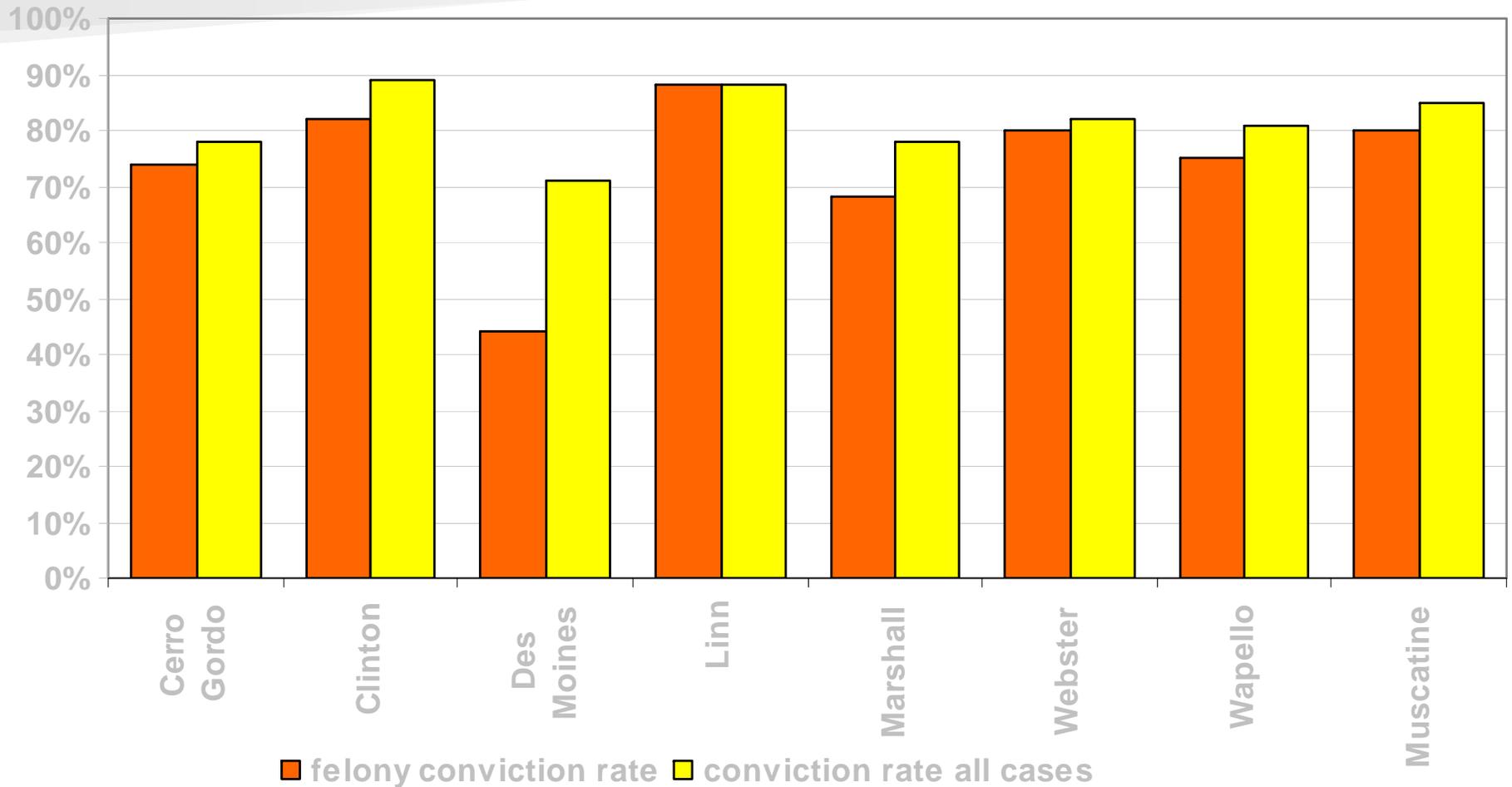
Offender Data

Iowa Department of Corrections
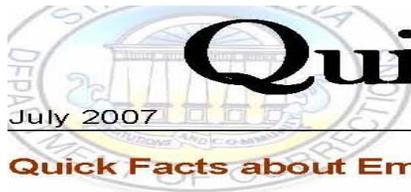
Quick Facts

Quick Facts about Employees

Number of Employees

	Filled FTE's
Institutions	3,131
Community	1,135
Central Office	43

Diversity Profile of Full-Time Employees

	Prisons	CBC
Female	30.0%	53.1%
People of Color	5.2%	9.1%

Quick Facts about Finance

Operating Budget FY 2008

General Fund	$353,388,416
Tobacco Money	$3,676,474
Other Revenue	$3,361,174

Quick Facts about Offenders

Offenders Supervised in the Community

Probation	17,780
Low Risk Probation	3,892
Parole	3,275
Pretrial Release w/Supervision	1,465
Residential Facilities	1,506
Intensive Supervision	1,748
Other	13
Total	29,679

Offenders in Prison   8,806

Offenders Served (FY 2007)

Community	59,197
Prisons	14,945

Prison Population Forecast

July 2008	9,507	July 2013	10,556
July 2009	9,811	July 2014	10,824
July 2010	9,984	July 2015	11,096
July 2011	10,157	July 2016	11,383
July 2012	10,338		

Prison – Releases to Community (FY 2007)

Parole	3,171
Work Release	1,268

Community-Outcomes (FY 2007)

Successful	75%
Unsuccessful	18%
Administrative	6%
Intermediate Sanction	1%

(includes field and residential)

Quick Facts about Offender Profile

Demographics of Offenders

Gender	CBC	Prison	Total	% of Total
Women	7,477	761	8,238	21.4%
Men	22,025	8,045	30,070	78.1%
Unknown	177	0	177	0.5%

Race

Asian	267	71	338	0.9%
African American	3,665	2,138	5,803	15.1%
Hispanic	1,490	547	2,037	5.3%
Native American	342	130	472	1.2%
White	23,723	5,909	29,632	77.0%
Unknown	192	11	203	0.5%

Age

Under 31	15,111	3,605	18,716	48.6%
31-50	12,435	4,351	16,786	43.6%
Over 50	2,107	843	2,950	7.7%
Unknown	26	7	33	0.1%

Crime Type

Violent	3,961	3721	7,682	20.0%
Property	7,709	1,769	9,478	24.6%
Drug	8,309	2,074	10,383	27.0%
Other	644	510	1154	3.0%
Public Order	9,056	613	9669	25.1%
Unknown	0	119	119	0.3%

Quick Facts Additional Information

Prisons

Average Daily Cost (FY 2006)	$70.15
Per meal cost	$1.41

Inmates with

Life Sentences	605
Mandatory Minimums	1,628

Community

Average Daily Cost (FY 2006)
(no treatment costs included)

Residential Facilities	$59.66
Probation/Parole	$3.18

Restitution Collected
(FY 2004) $4.8 million

Recidivism

FY 2004 Releases from Corrections

OWI Continuum	18.8%
Parole	28.0%
Prison	46.0%
Probation	11.8%
Work Release	40.7%

Recidivism Defined: New convictions for felony offenses or aggravated misdemeanors within three years of final discharge.

Iowa Department Of Corrections

The mission of the Iowa Department of Corrections is to:

Protect the Public, the Employees, and the Offenders.

Institution Offender Facts

1. **The Institutions are funded for 8,200 inmates.**

2. **The top 10 offenses for which offenders serve time:**

    1) Prohibited Acts/Manufacturing, Delivery, Conspiracy, or Possession with Intent, Controlled, Counterfeit, Simulated Substances (958 inmates - 10 year sentence)

    2) Sex Abuse – 3rd (545 inmates - 10 year sentence)

    3) Murder - 1st (474 inmates - life)

    4) Burglary - 3rd (405 inmates - 5 year sentence)

    5) Robbery - 2nd (377 inmates - 10 year sentence)

    6) Habitual Offender (369 inmates - 15 year sentence)

    7) Theft - 1st (331 inmates - 10 year sentence)

    8) Forgery (302 inmates - 5 year sentence)

    9) OWI - 3rd (276 inmates - 5 year sentence)

    10) Burglary - 2nd (264 inmates - 10 year sentence)

Offender Fact

1. What are the top four identified treatment needs of Iowa's offender population?

   a) Alcohol/Drug: Substance Abuse
   b) Temperament Personality Traits
   c) Antisocial Criminal Attitude
   d) Educational/Vocational

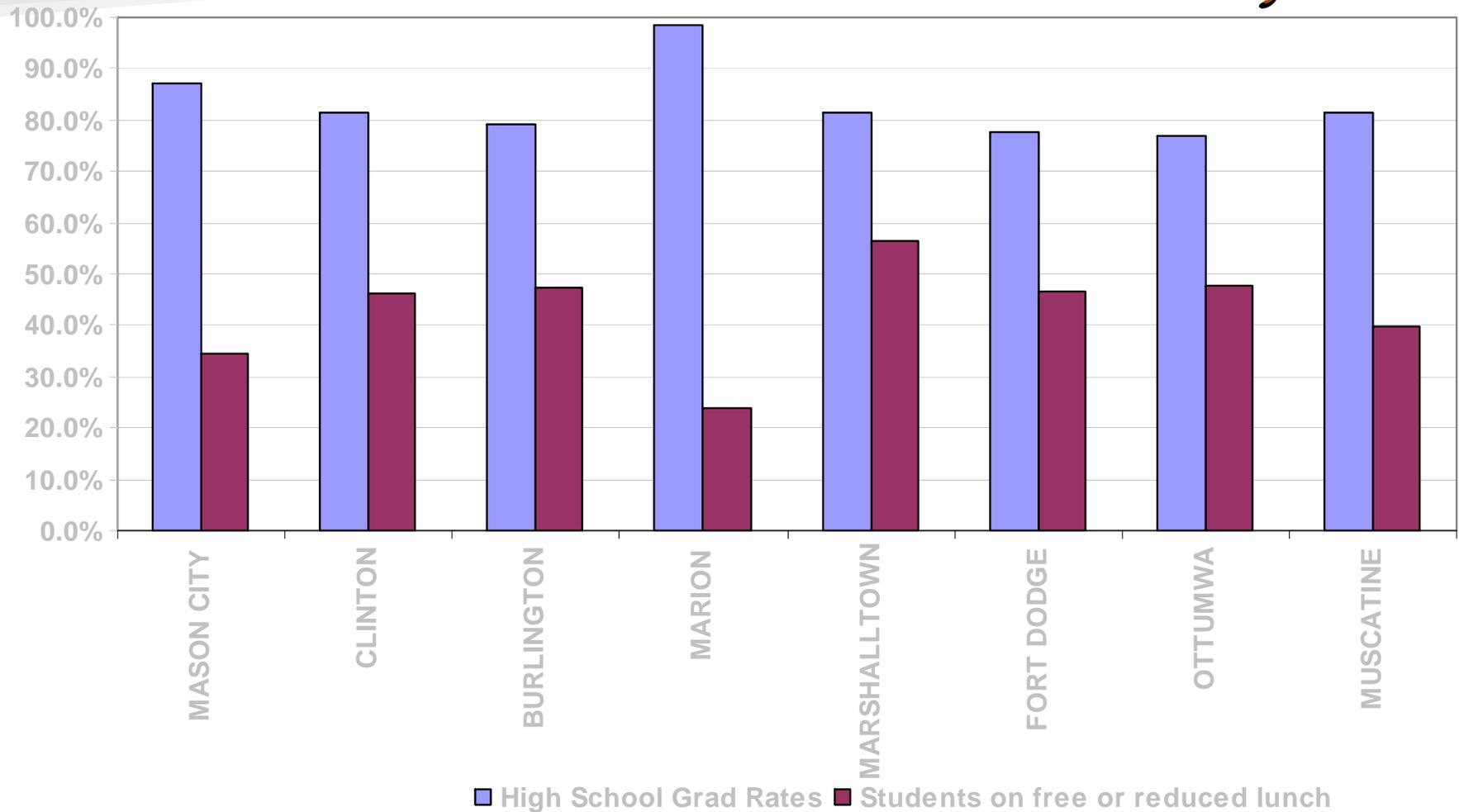# Statewide Commitments
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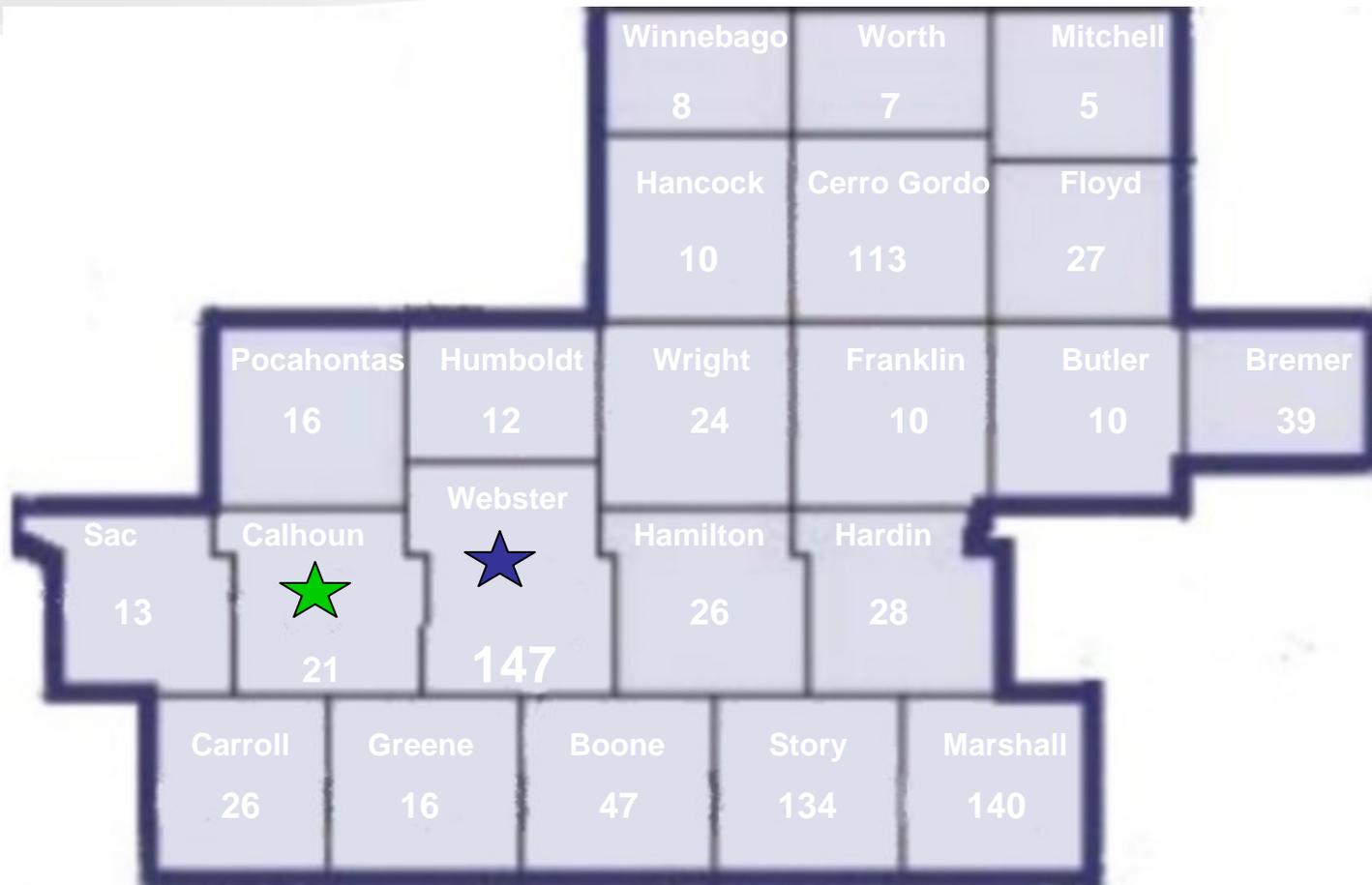
North Central Correctional Facility   Fort Dodge Correctional Facility

Social Statistical Data

Education

Percent of seniors at FDSH who report they are planning on pursuing:

- 4 Year College   37.3%
- 2 Year College   44.6%
- Voc/Tech   3.3%
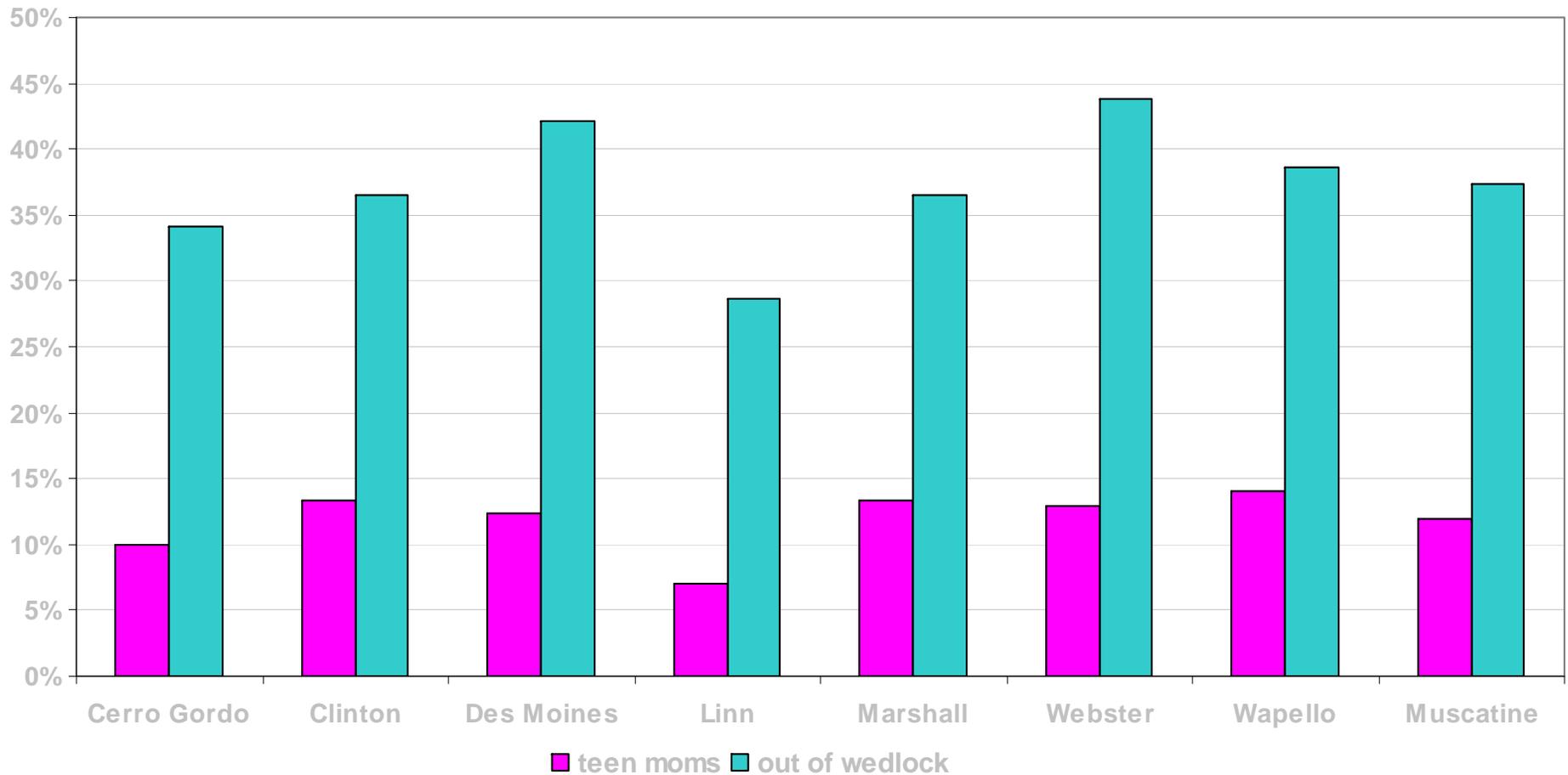- Apprenticeship   9.4%
- Work Part Time   18.1%

Social Data

Comparable Charts:

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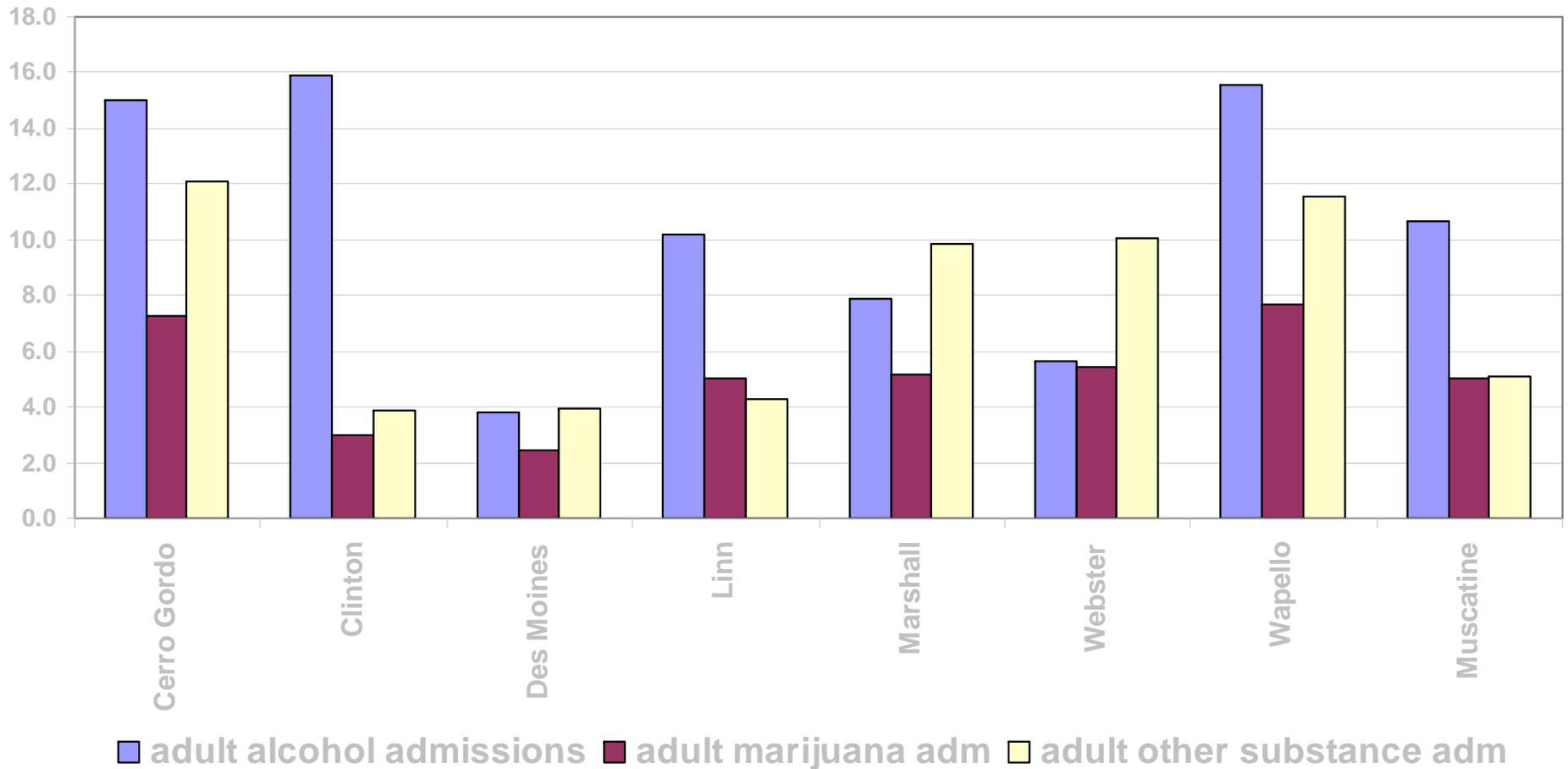 - **It is shown in rates per 1000 population**

The University of Iowa College of Public Health
Iowa Department of Public Health

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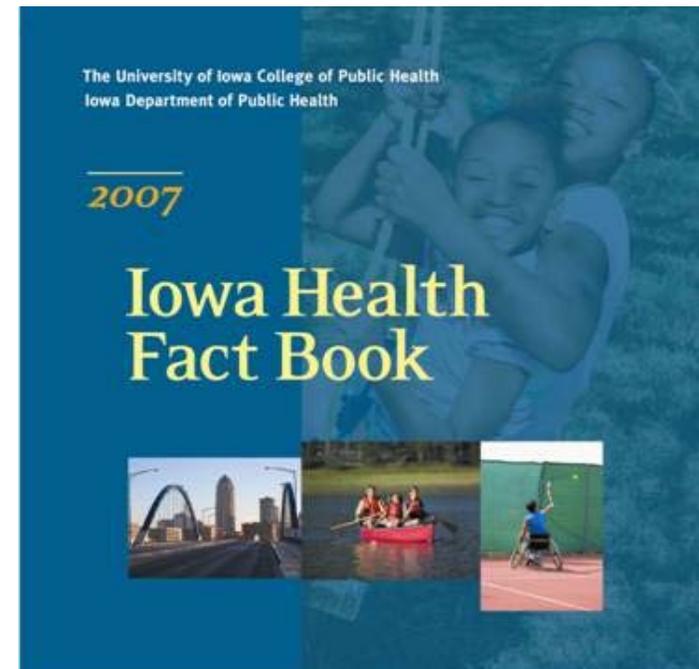
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Single & Teen Moms as a % of all live births

Social Data

Adult Substance Abuse Admissions per 1000 pop.
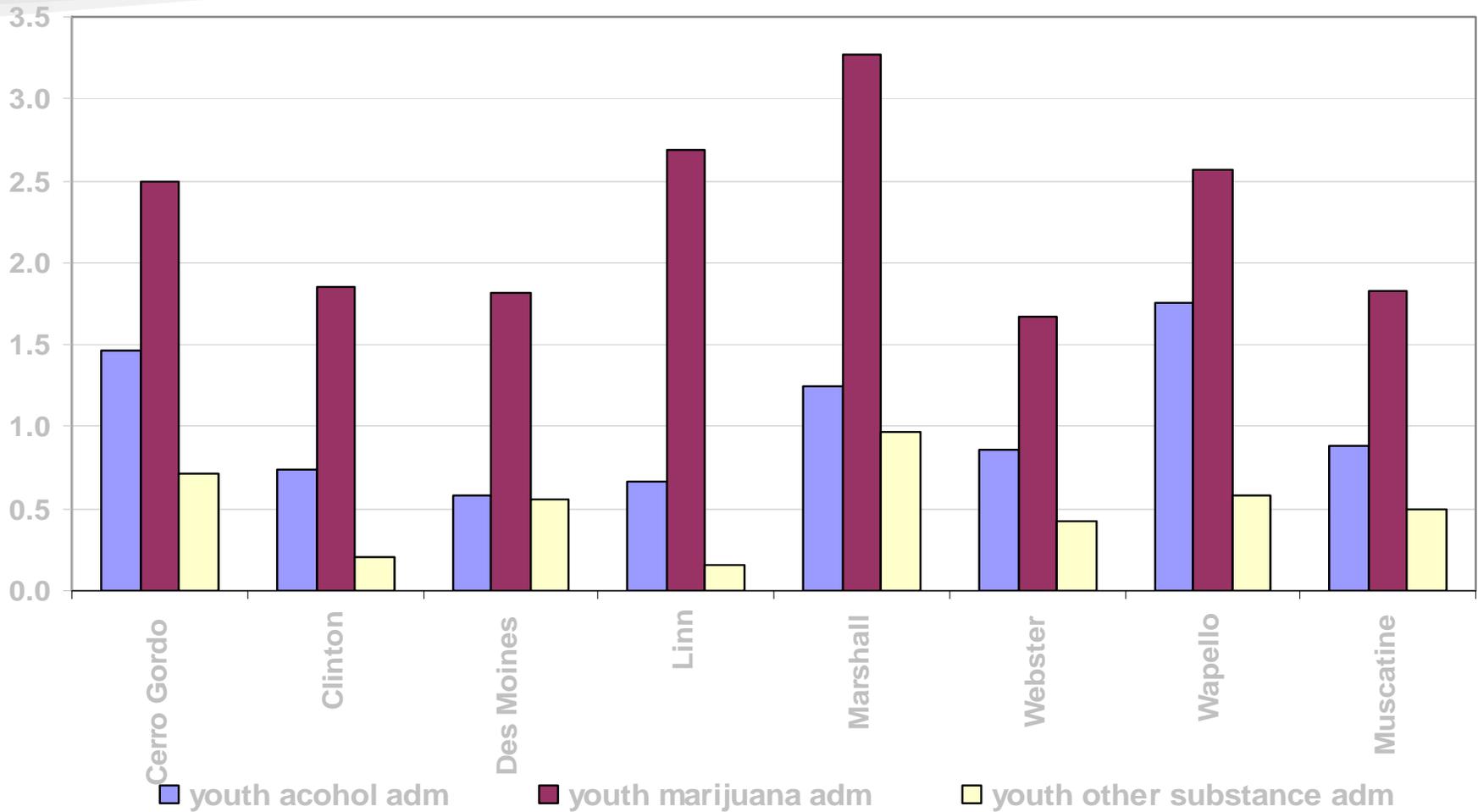
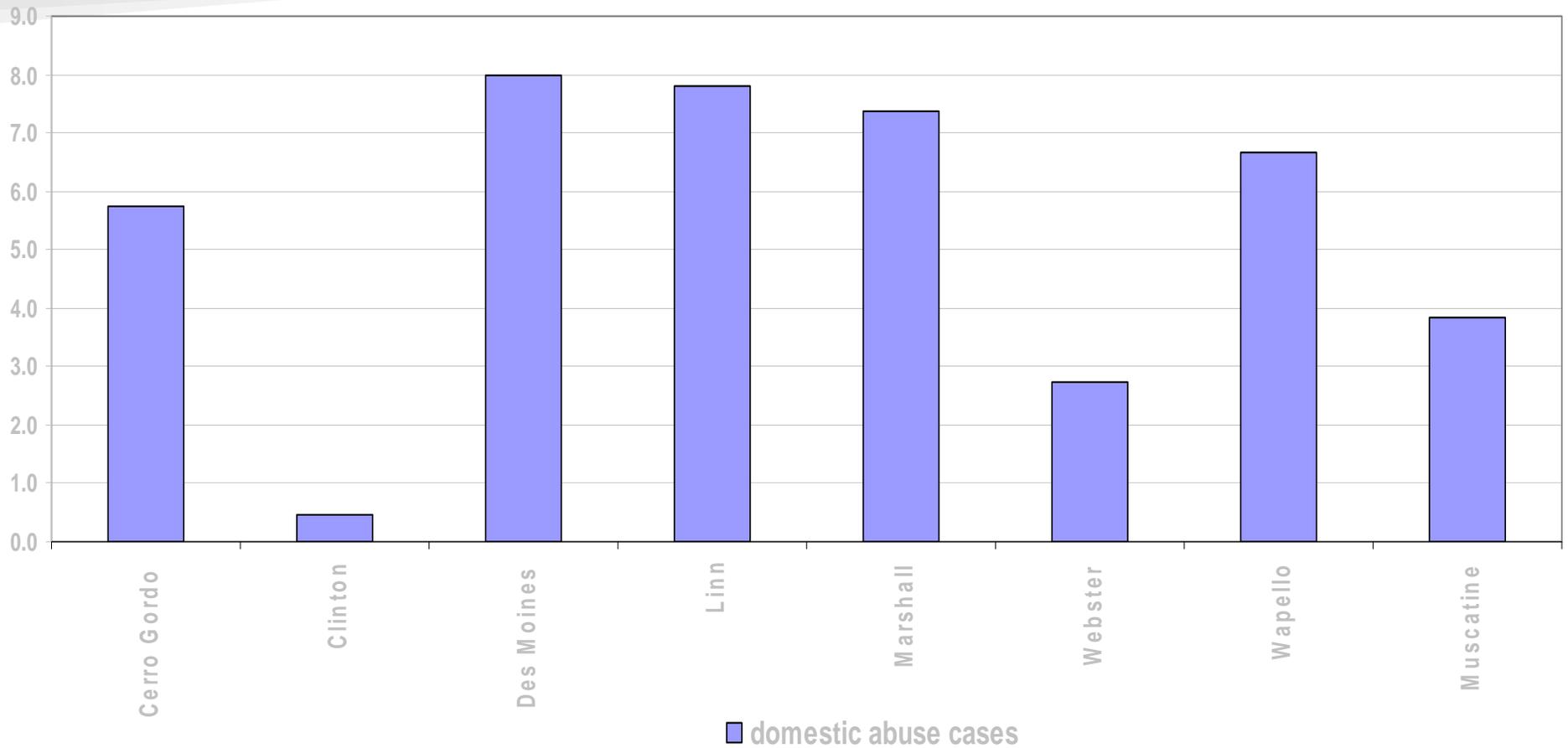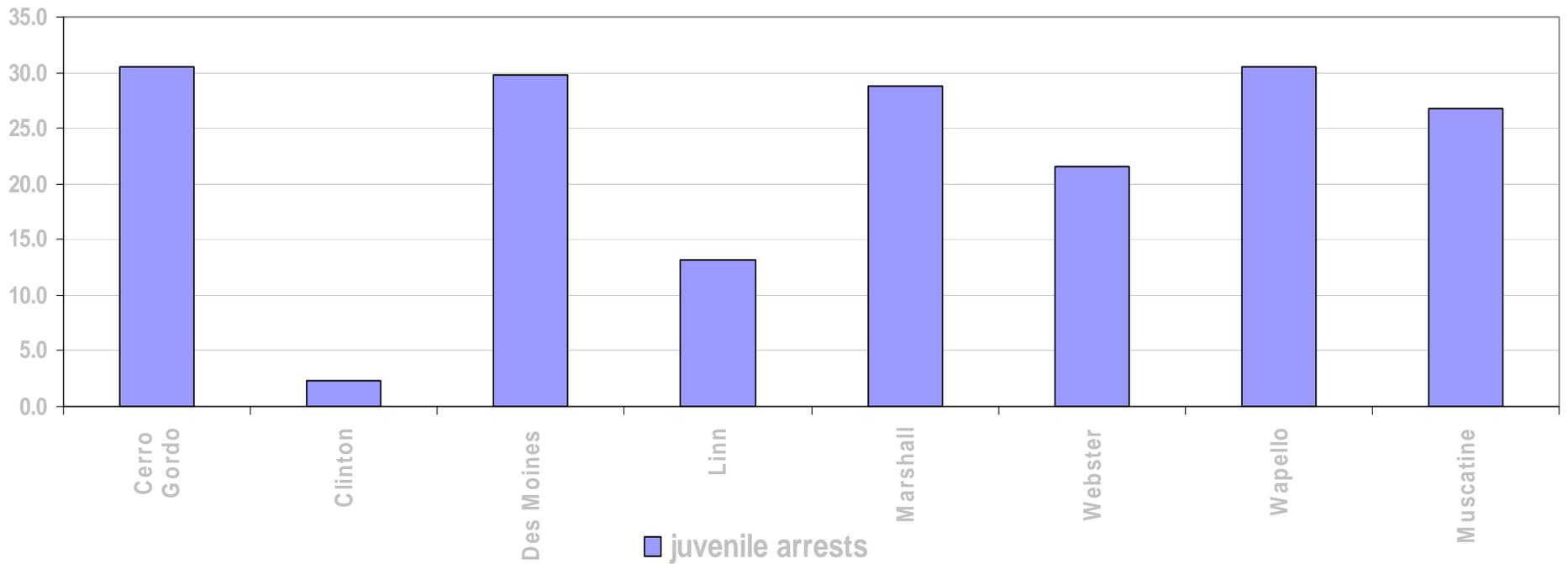# Fort Dodge Police Department

Doug Utley,
Chief of Police

2007 Staffing Authorization

Sworn Police Officer (37)

    Chief of Police

    Assistant Chief of Police

    Four Captains

    Four Lieutenants

    Five Sergeants

    Twenty-two Patrol Officers

Secretarial Staff (3)

Parking Enforcement (2 part time)

Animal Warden (1)

Staffing Breakdown

(Total Sworn Staff)	Admin	Patrol	Detectives	SRO	Prevention	Training	Lab
Fort Dodge (37)	2	32	3				
Mason City (49)	3	35	7	2	1	1	
Urbandale (42)	4	27	7	1	1	1	1
Clinton (45)	1	28	11	3		1	1
Marshalltown (43)	4	29	5	1	3		1
Ottumwa (36)	4	22	5	2	1	2	

Iowa Comparisons 2005

	Population	Police Budget	Officers per Capita	Staffing
Fort Dodge	**26,309**	**2.4 million**	**1.41 per 1000**	**37 sworn - 6 civilian**
Mason City	29,172	4.1 million	1.68 per 1000	49 sworn - 14 civilian
Urbandale	30,000	4.2 million	1.40 per 1000	42 sworn - 6 civilian
Clinton	27,772	3.9 million	1.62 per 1000	45 sworn - 9 civilian
Marshalltown	26,000	3.7 million	1.65 per 1000	43 sworn - 15 civilian
Ottumwa	25,000	2.5 million	1.44 per 1000	36 sworn - 8 civilian

Staffing Comparisons

Current

- **37 Sworn Officers**
  & 6 Civilian
  1 Chief
  1 Assistant Chief
  4 Captains
  4 Lieutenants
  5 Sergeants
  22 Patrol Officers

2003

- **43 Sworn Officers**
  & 6 Civilian
  1 Chief
  1 Assistant Chief
  5 Captains
  4 Lieutenants
  5 Sergeants
  27 Patrol Officers

Changes in Services

- In 2003 we had 7 detectives. In 2006 only 3 assigned.

- Prevention Programs such as DARE, Neighborhood Watch, and others have been eliminated or reduced.

- Reduced management staff by 1 Captain who supervised Special Services.

- Specialized Training, (Arson Investigators, Computer Crimes, etc.), is restricted because of staffing shortages and budget.

Staffing Per Shift

Total (4 shifts)

- 37 Sworn Officers & 6 Civilian

    1 Chief

    1 Assistant Chief

    4 Captains

    4 Lieutenants

    5 Sergeants

    22 Patrol Officers

Per Shift

- 1 Captain
- 1 Lieutenant
- 1 Sergeant
- 5 Patrol Officers

Cost to Hire a Sworn Officer (As of July 2006)

- **Base Salary (2006)** $36,516.48
- **Benefit Package** $13,000.00
- **Training (ILEA)** $ 4,500.00

   Total Cost (1st year) $ 54,016.48

The officer will be in school for 13 weeks & on probation for approximately one year

Webster County Sheriff

Brian Mickelson

Percent of County Budgets
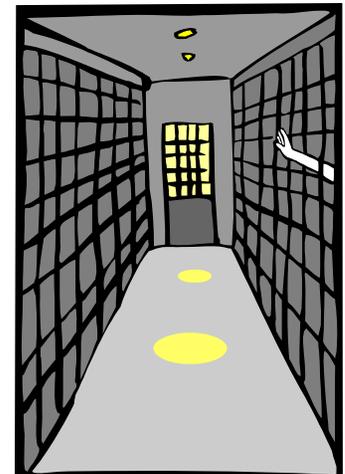
- **Marshall**   19%
- **Muscatine**   16%
- **Des Moines**   16%
- **Jasper**   14%
- **Warren**   13.8%
- **Webster**   12%

Staffing (Number of Deputies)

- **Jasper**   14 deputies   1 detective
- **Marshall**   19 deputies   2 detectives
- **Muscatine**   22 deputies   2 detectives
- **Des Moines** 20 deputies   2 detectives
- **Warren**   18 deputies   1 detective
- **Webster**   16 deputies   2 detectives

Staffing - Jailers

- **Jasper** 23
- **Marshall** 19
- **Muscatine** 22
- **Des Moines** 20
- **Warren** 18
- **Webster** 21

Deputy Salaries

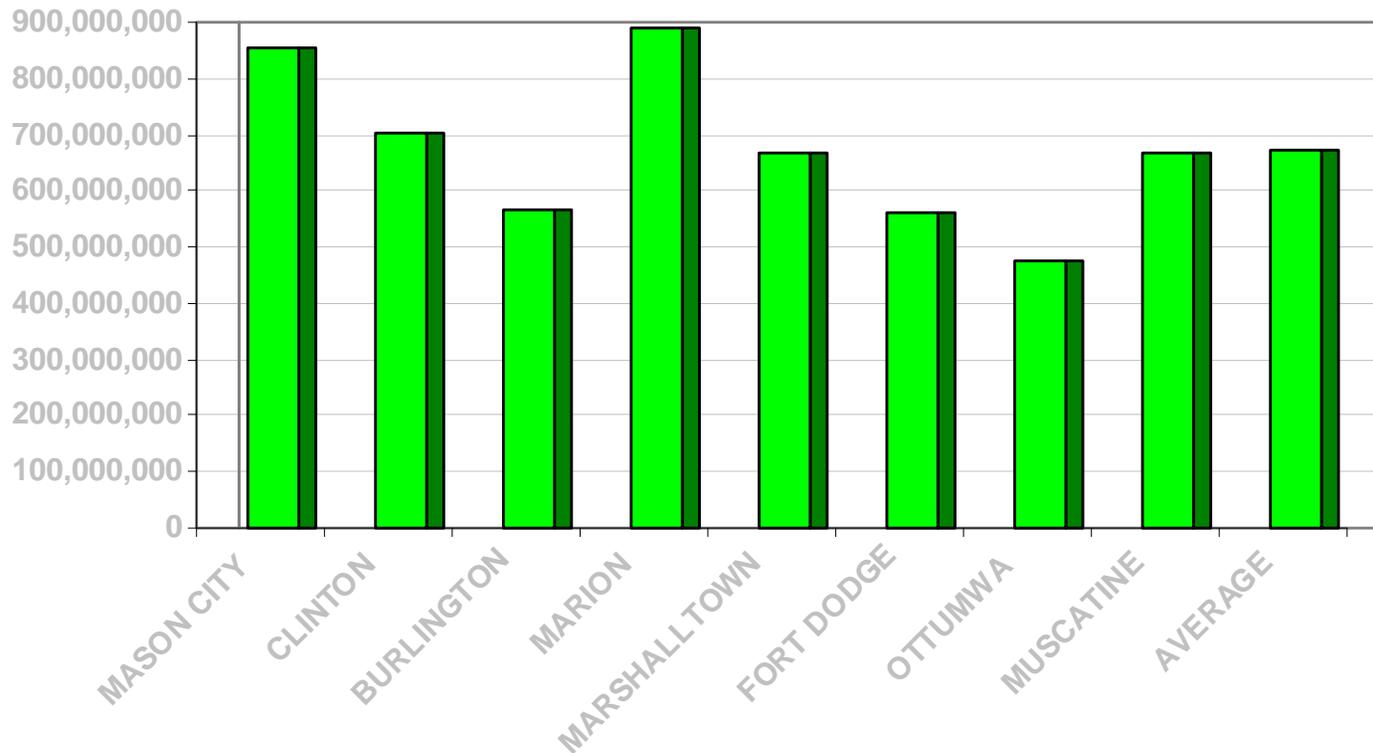- **Jasper** $41,704 - $52,083
- **Marshall** $33,765 – $47,174
- **Muscatine** $33,689 - $44,985
- **Des Moines** $41,704 – $57,792
- **Warren** $41,683 - $47,486
- **Webster** $35,446 - $50,711

Tax & Expenditures Comparables

- **How do we compare to other Iowa communities on public safety funding?**

Tax Value

- With a Tax value of $562 Million, Fort Dodge ranks 7th
- The average tax value is $673 Million

Taxes Collected

The Result:

Although Fort Dodge has a higher that average levy rate, our low tax value produces a lower than average levy and taxes collected per capita. Fort Dodge ranks 5th in the amount of taxes collected per capita ($380)
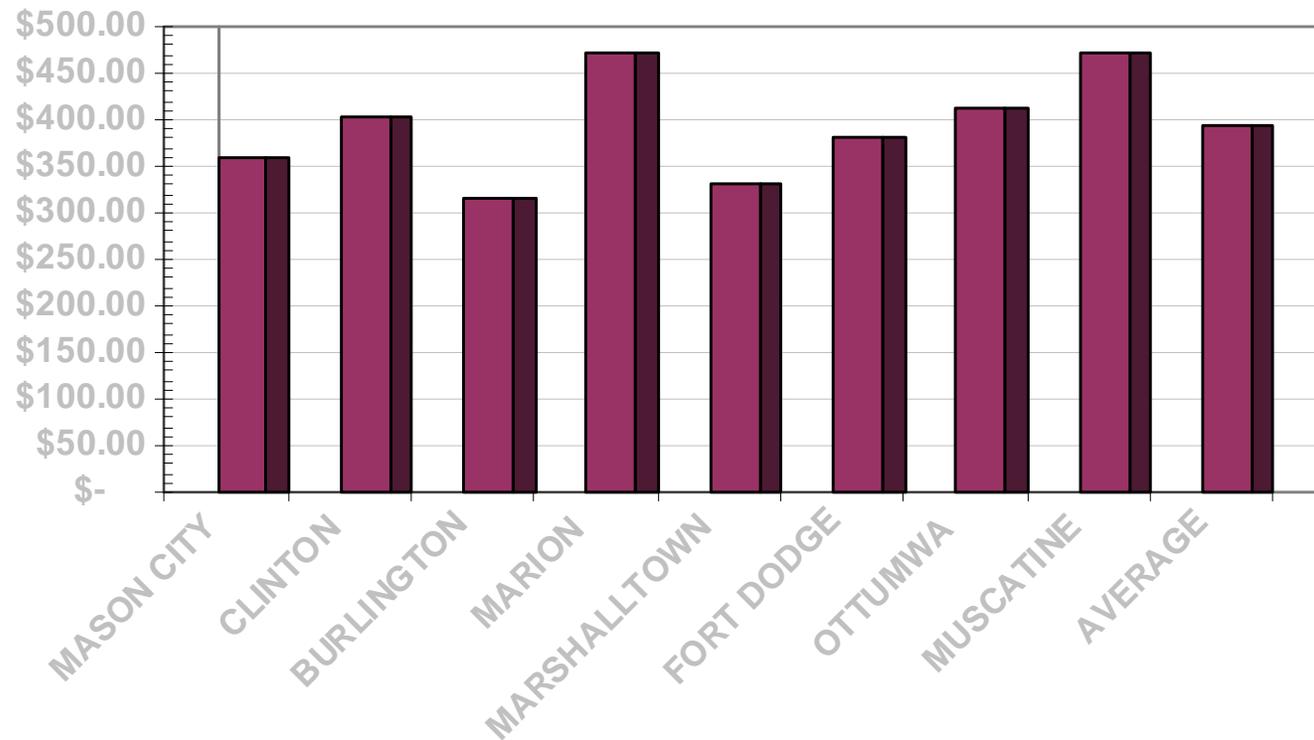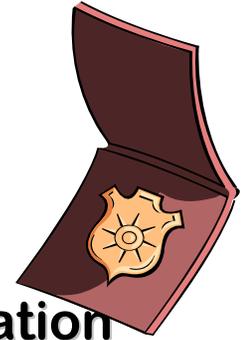
Police Expenditures

The Result:

With Police and Crime Prevention services almost completely funded by property taxes, the amount spent is below the average of $4.2 Million - Fort Dodge ranks 8th $3.6 Million
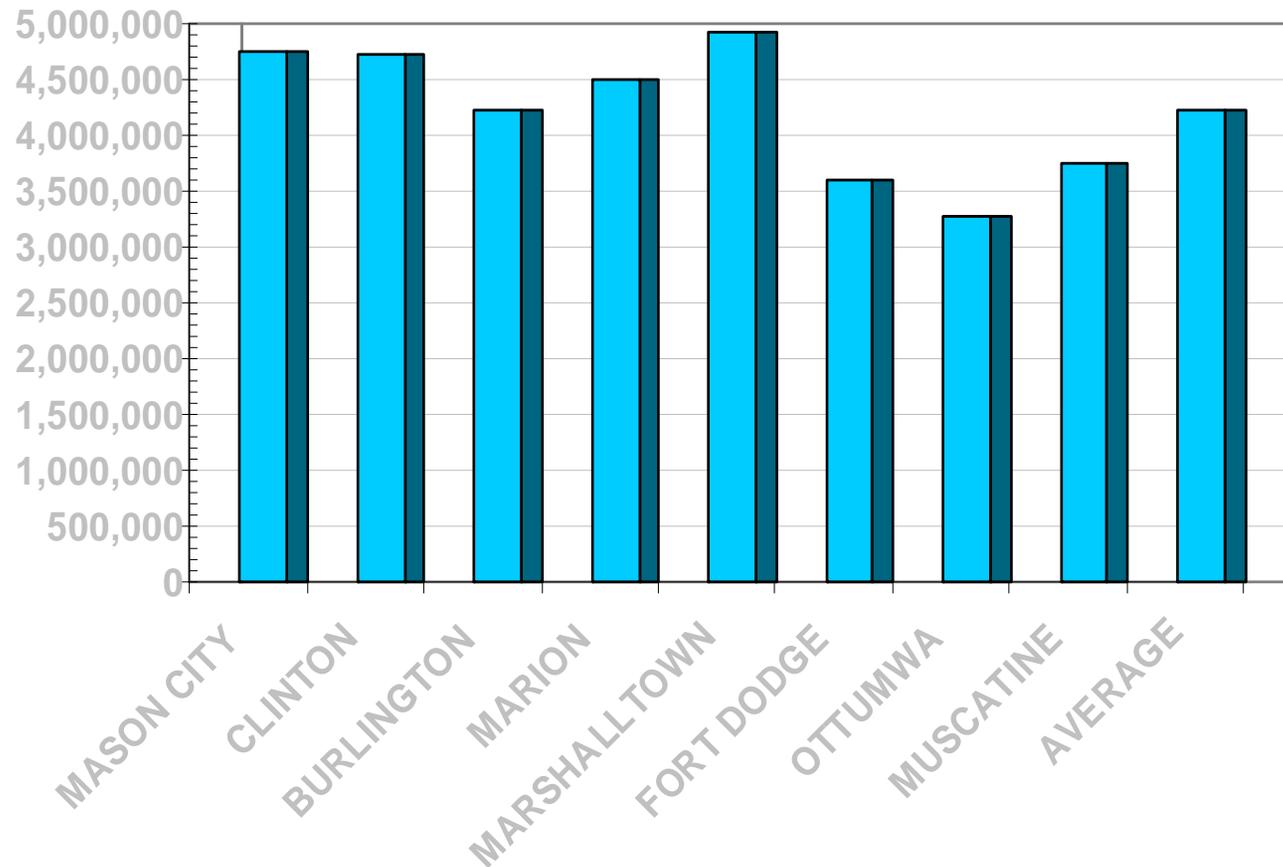
Conclusions

- What should we do to address our perception & reputation problem?
- How do we reduce our high crime rates?
- How can we resolve our higher rate of social problems that have a direct or indirect effect on crime?
- How do we help to make our smaller-than-average law enforcement staff more effective?

- Fact: We cannot tax and spend our way to solutions.

   Therefore, we need to find ways to solve these problems in a creative and cooperative manner