

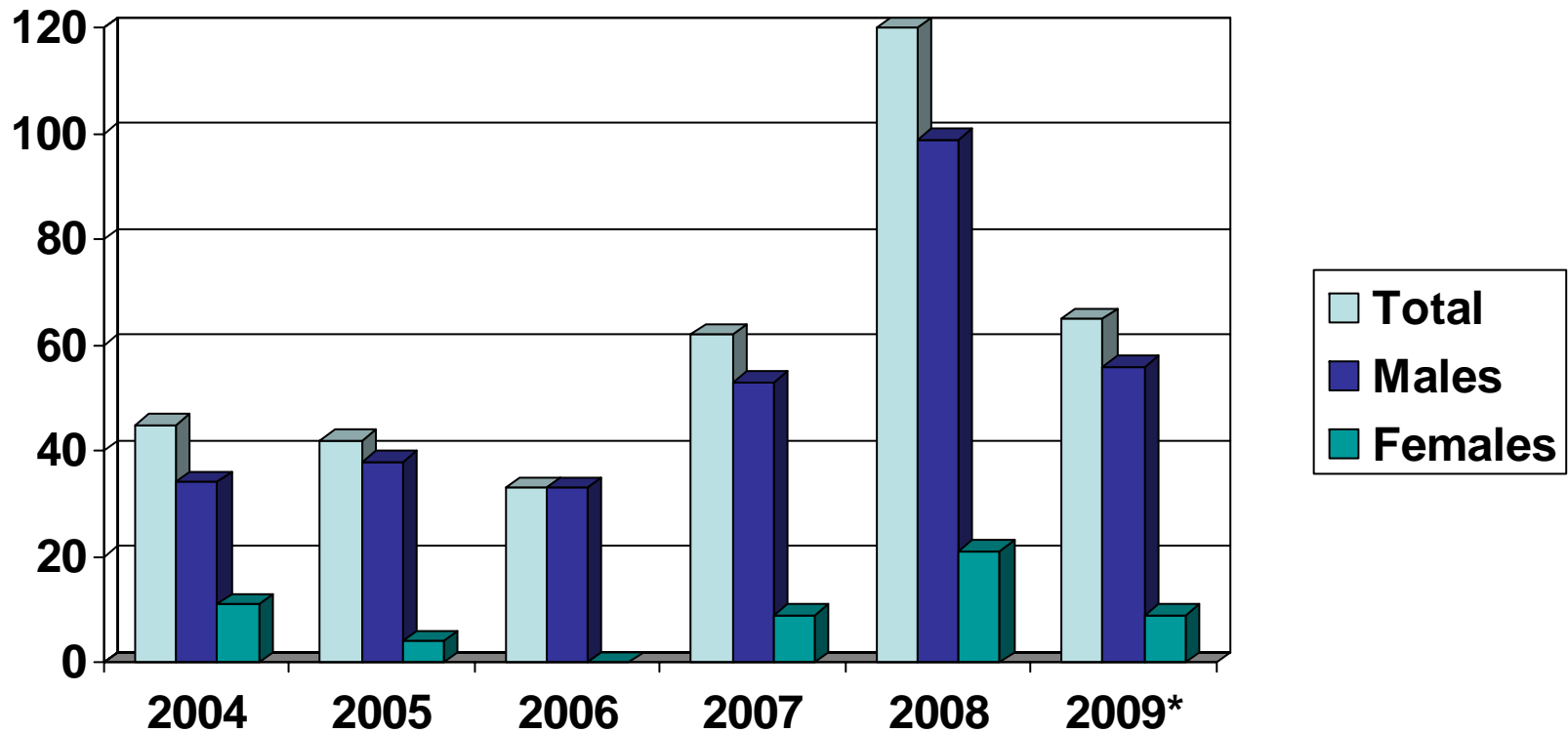
# **Cocaine & Crime**

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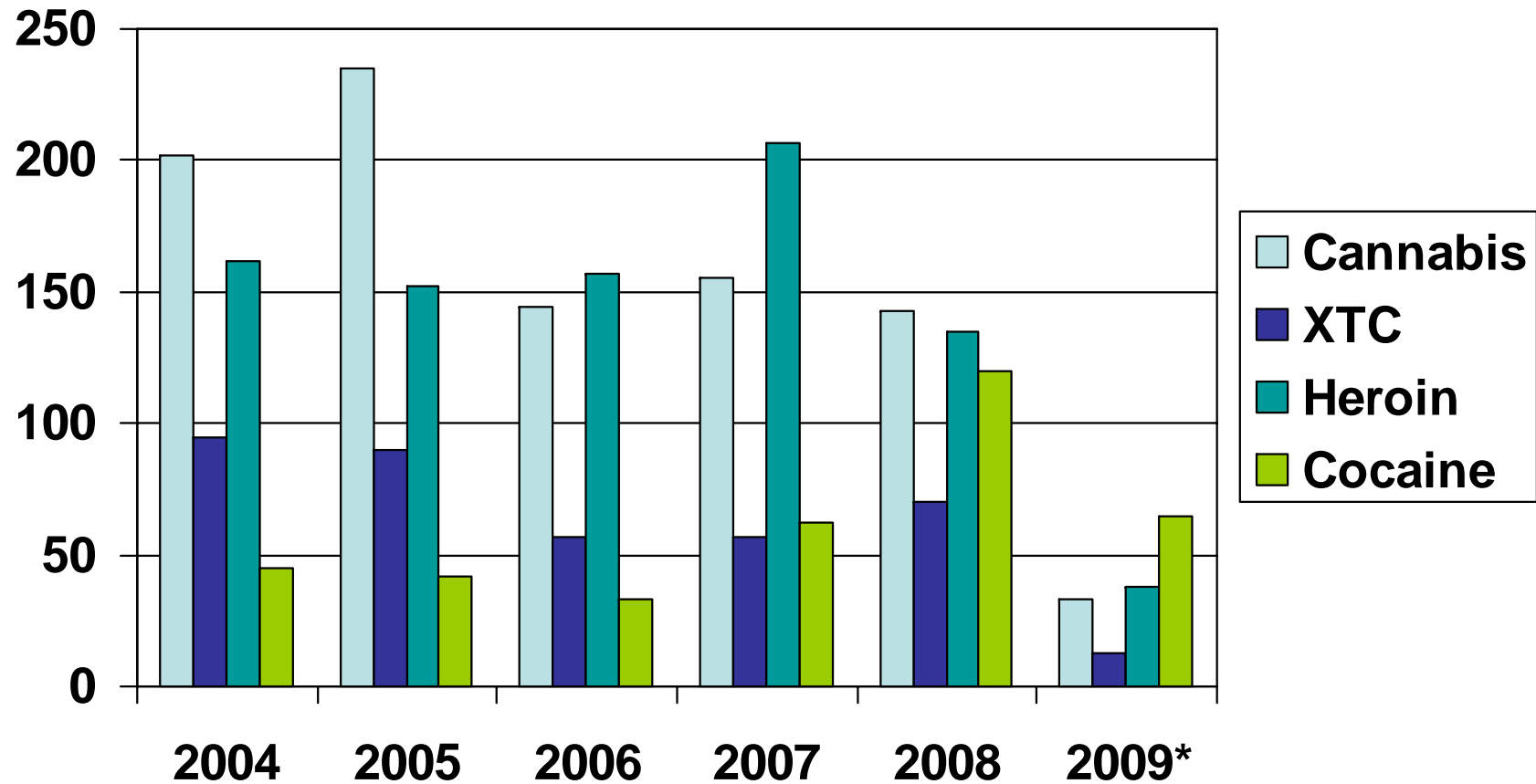
**Police Drug Squad**

**16th June 2009**

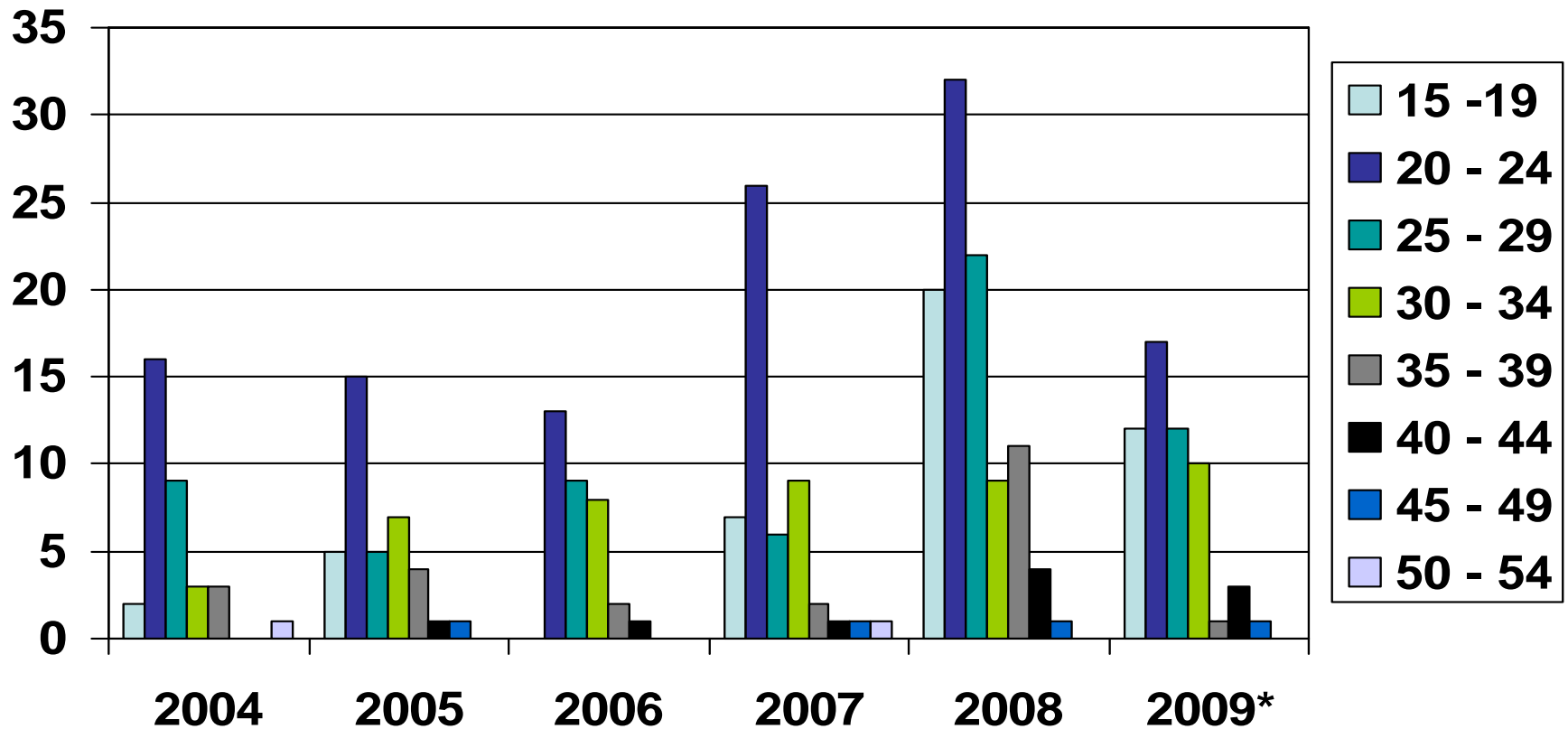
# Arrests possession cocaine 2004 – 2009\*



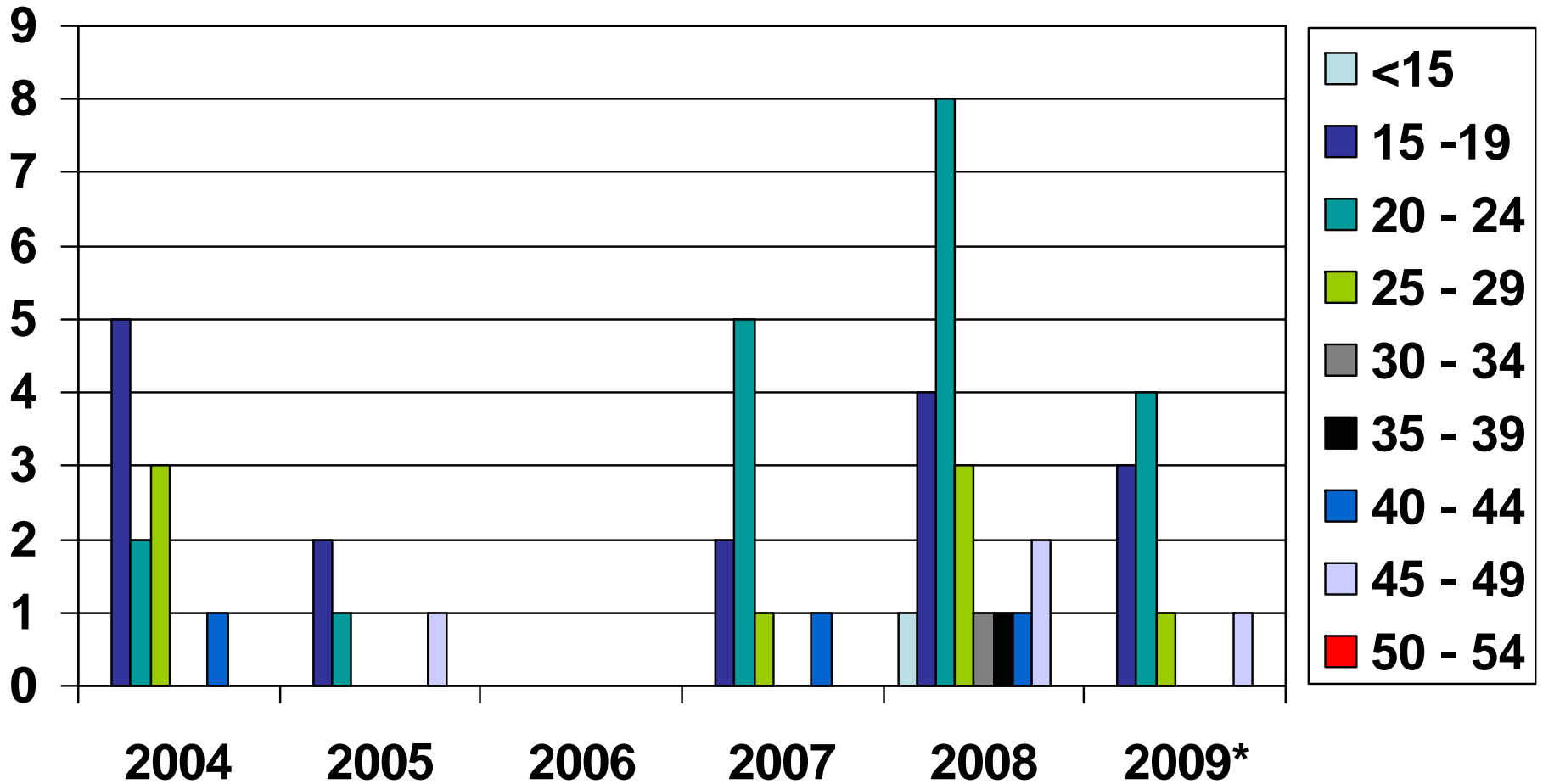
# Possession arrests for different drug types 2004 – 2009\*



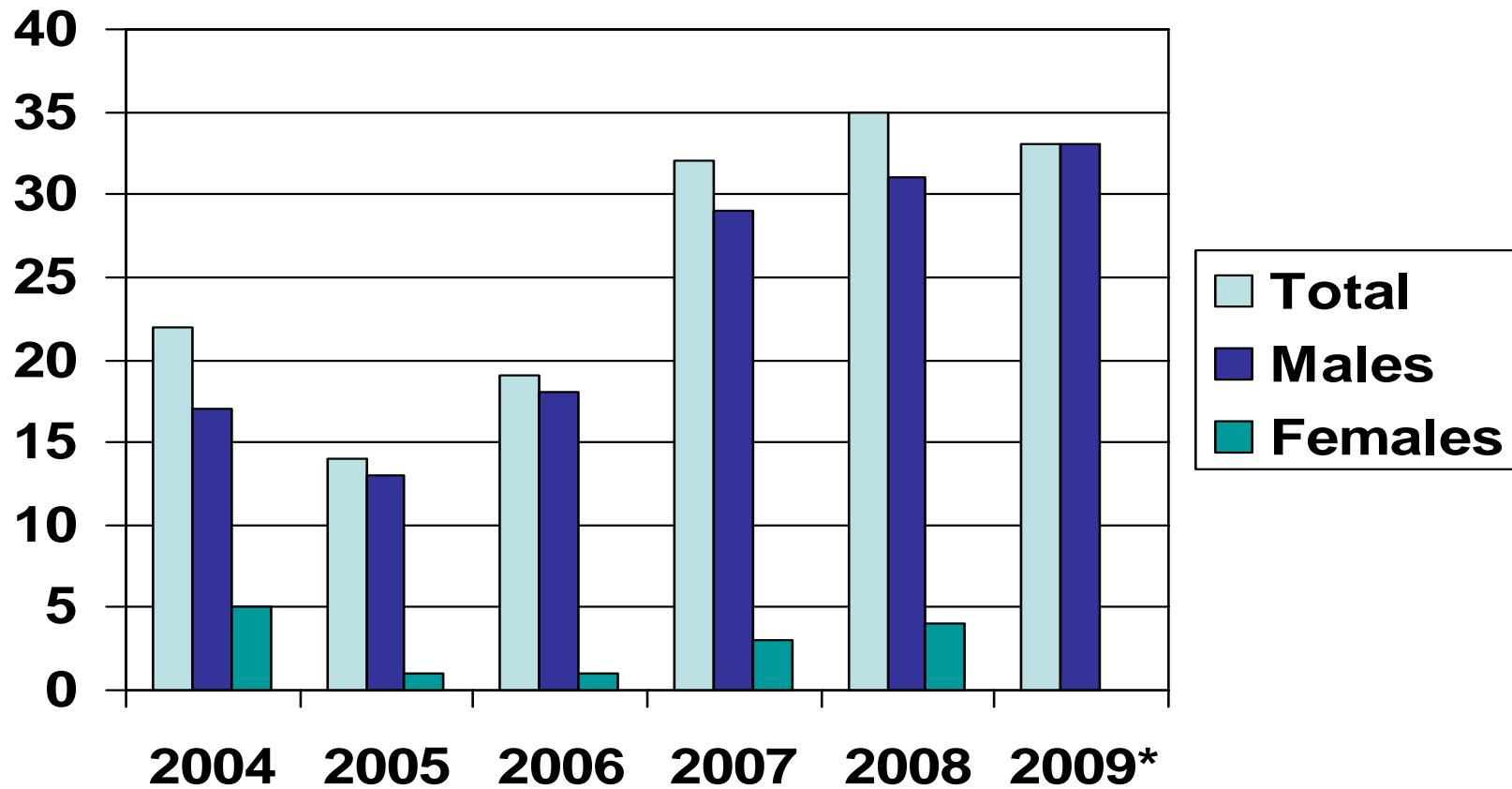
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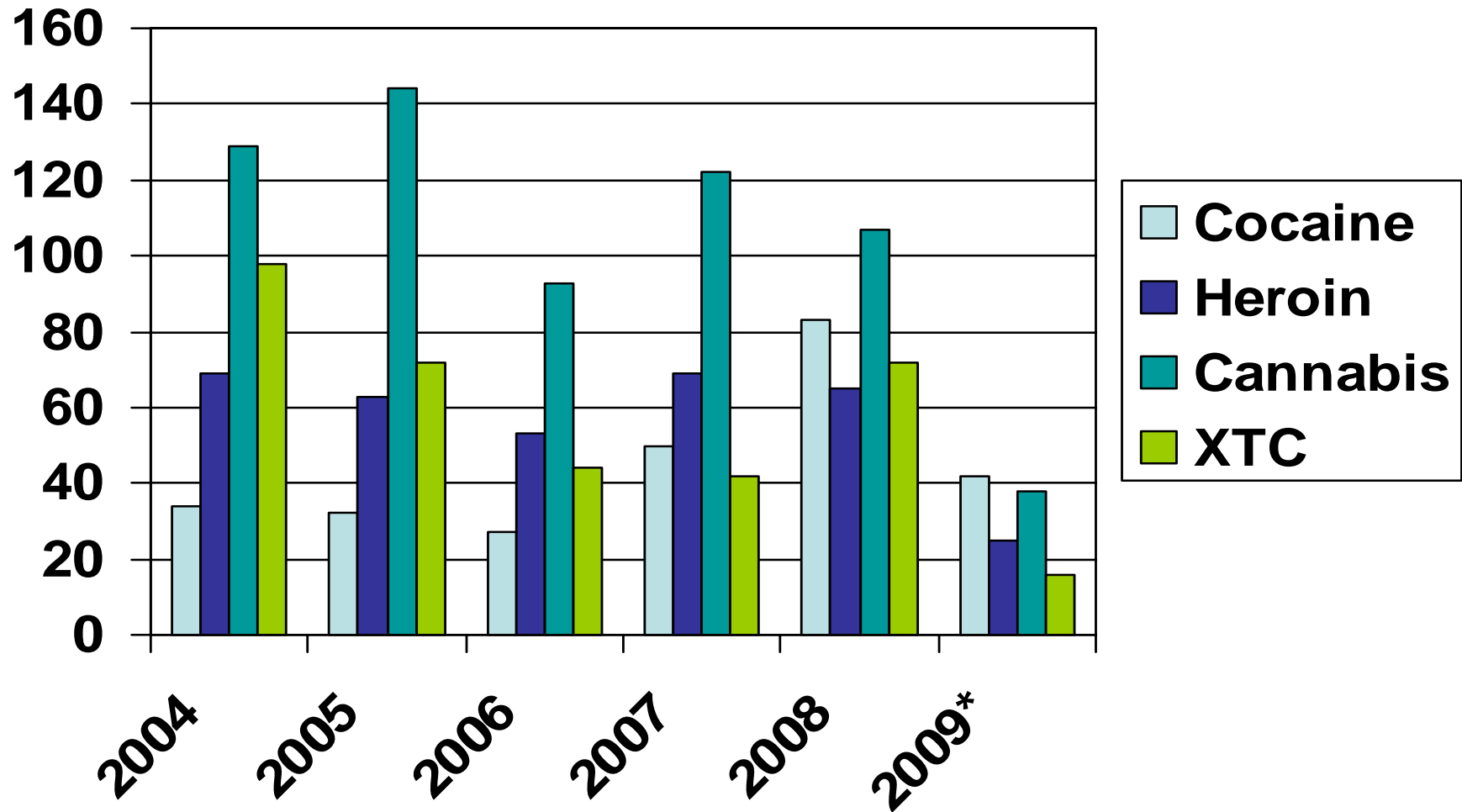
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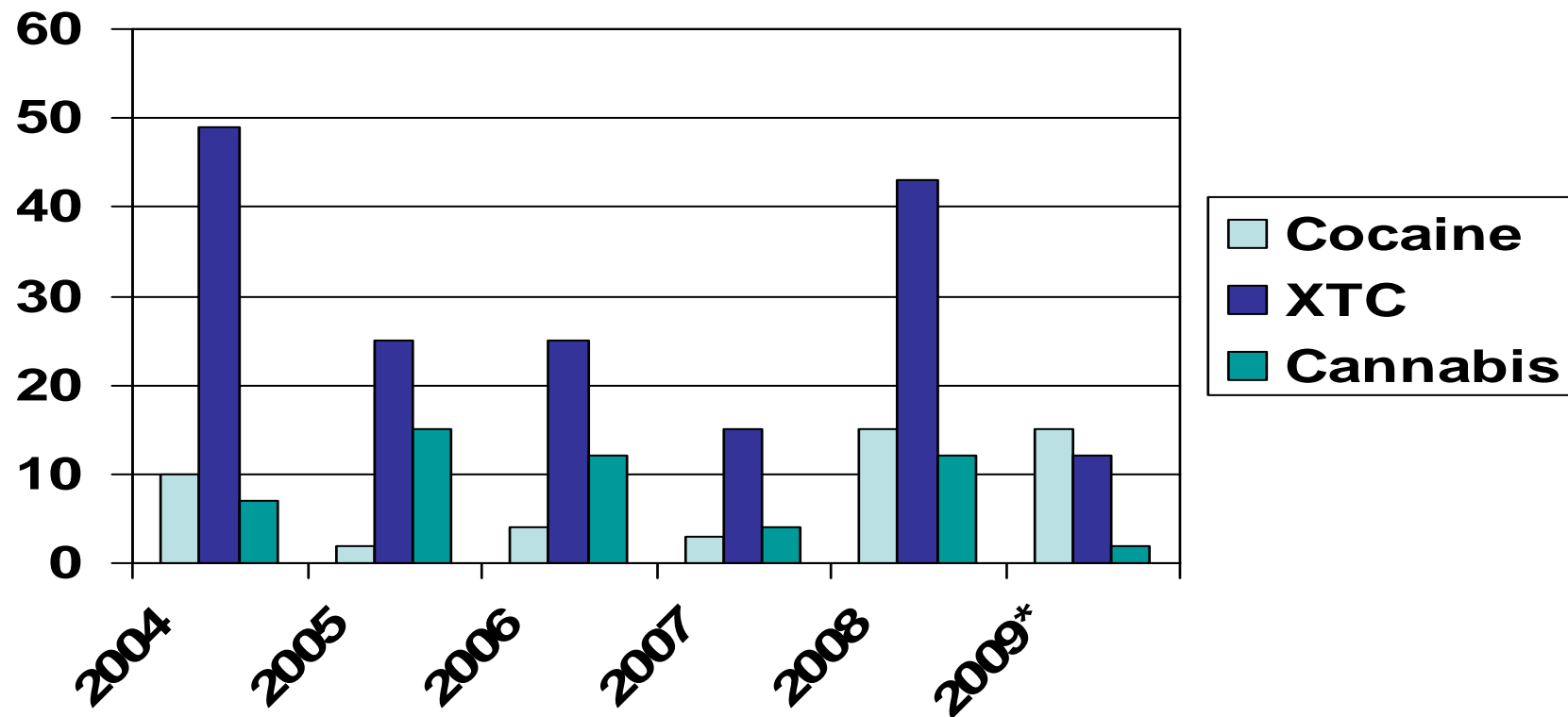
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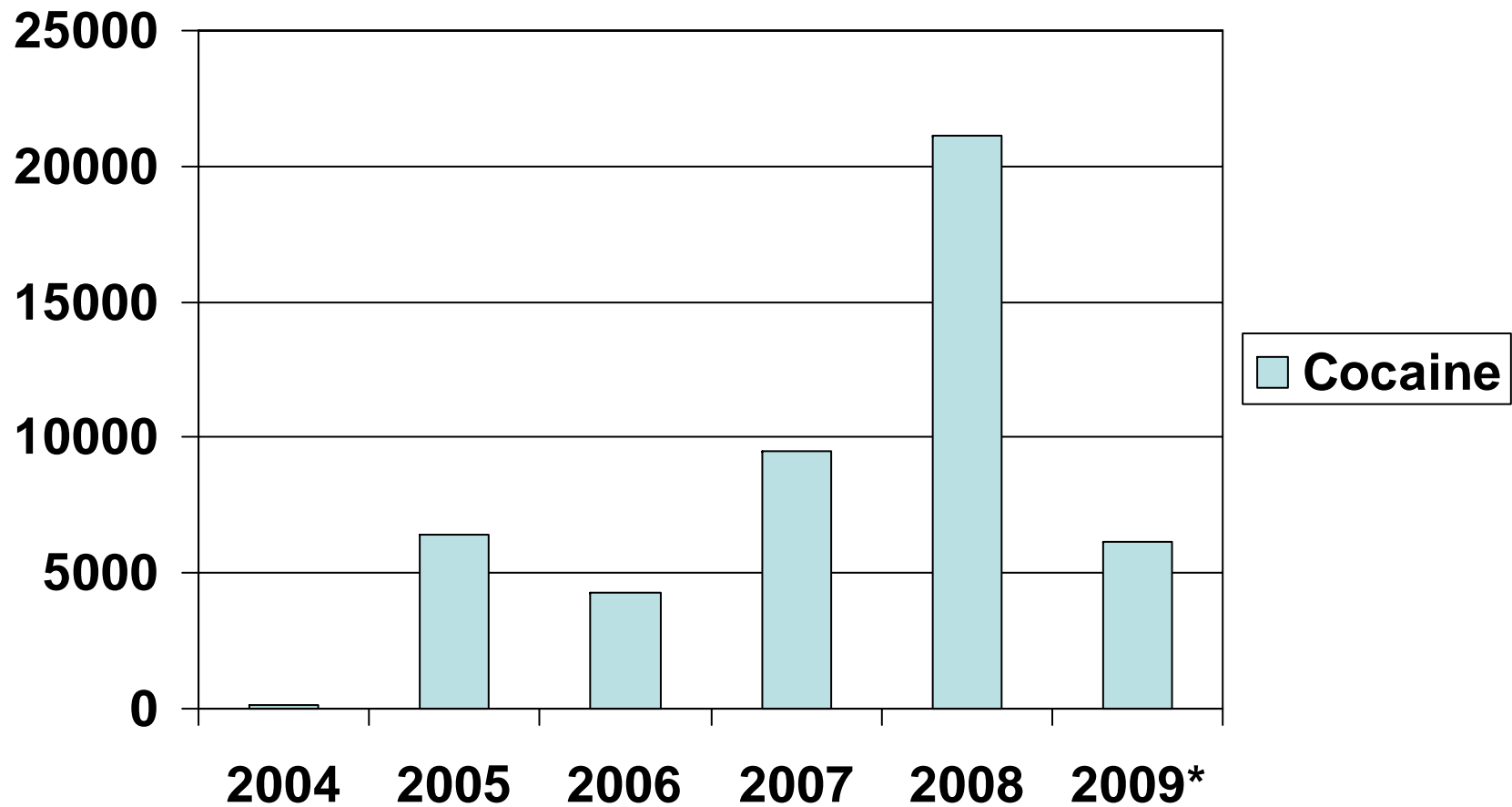
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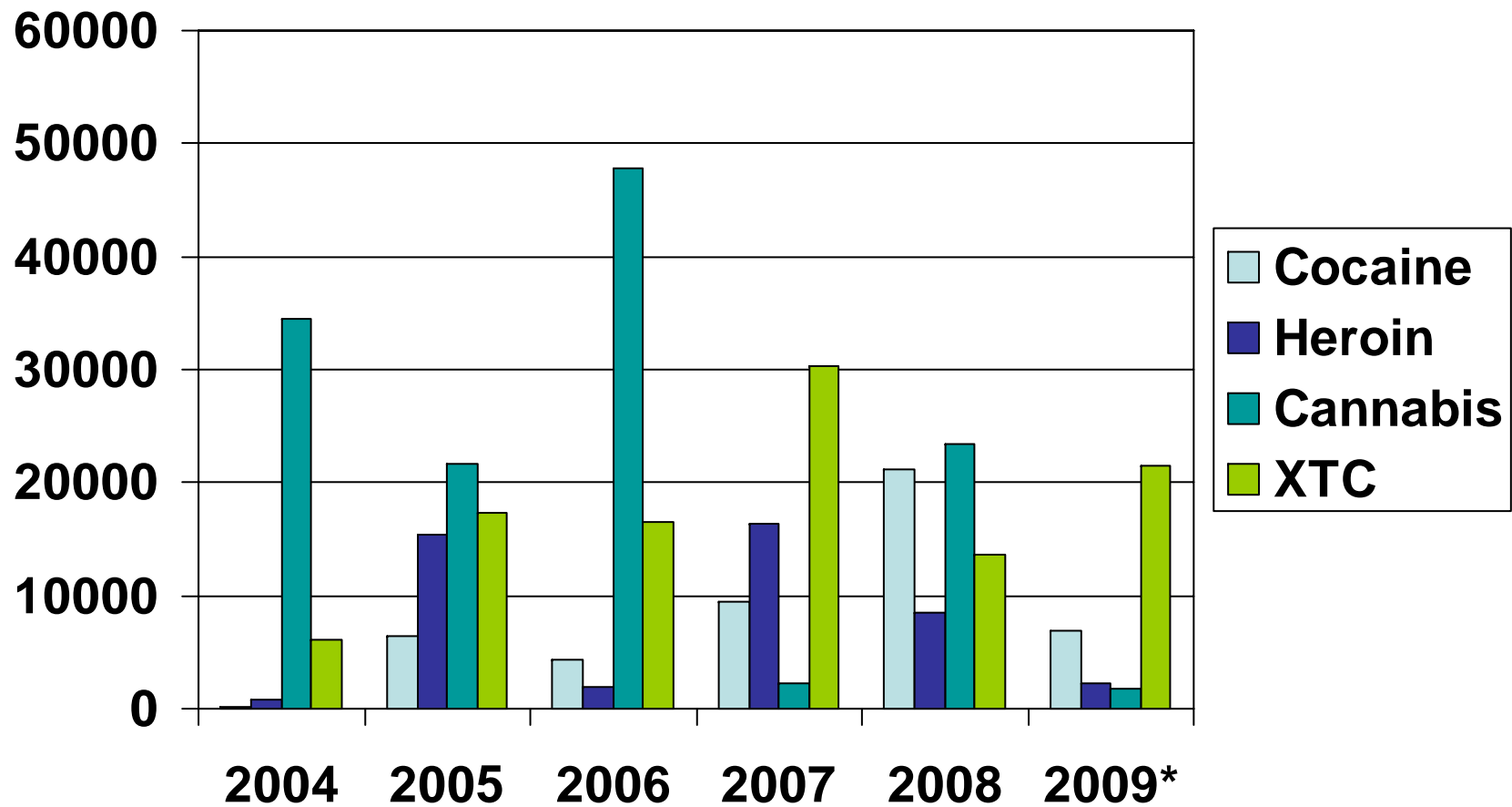
# Number of seizures different drugs during parties



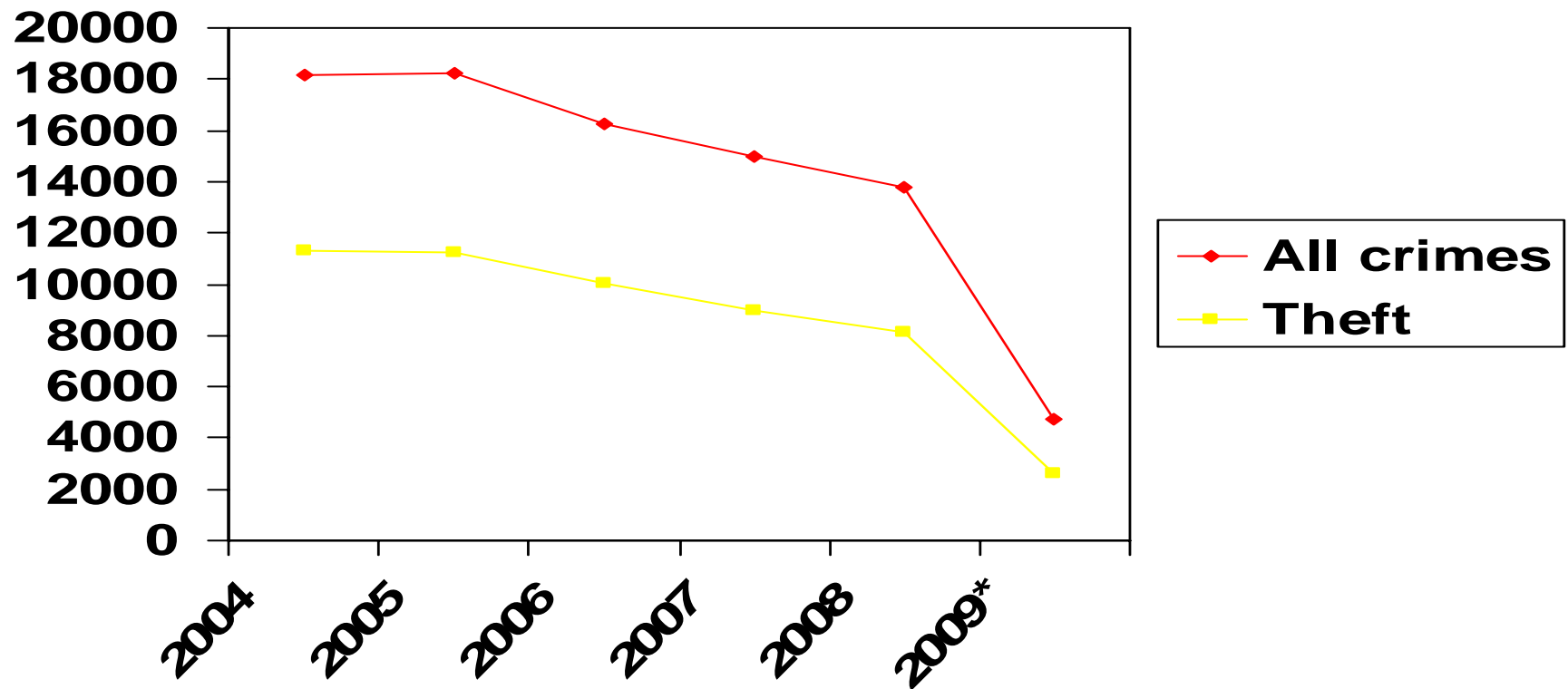
# Cocaine seizures 2004 – 2009\*



# Drug seizures 2004 – 2009\*



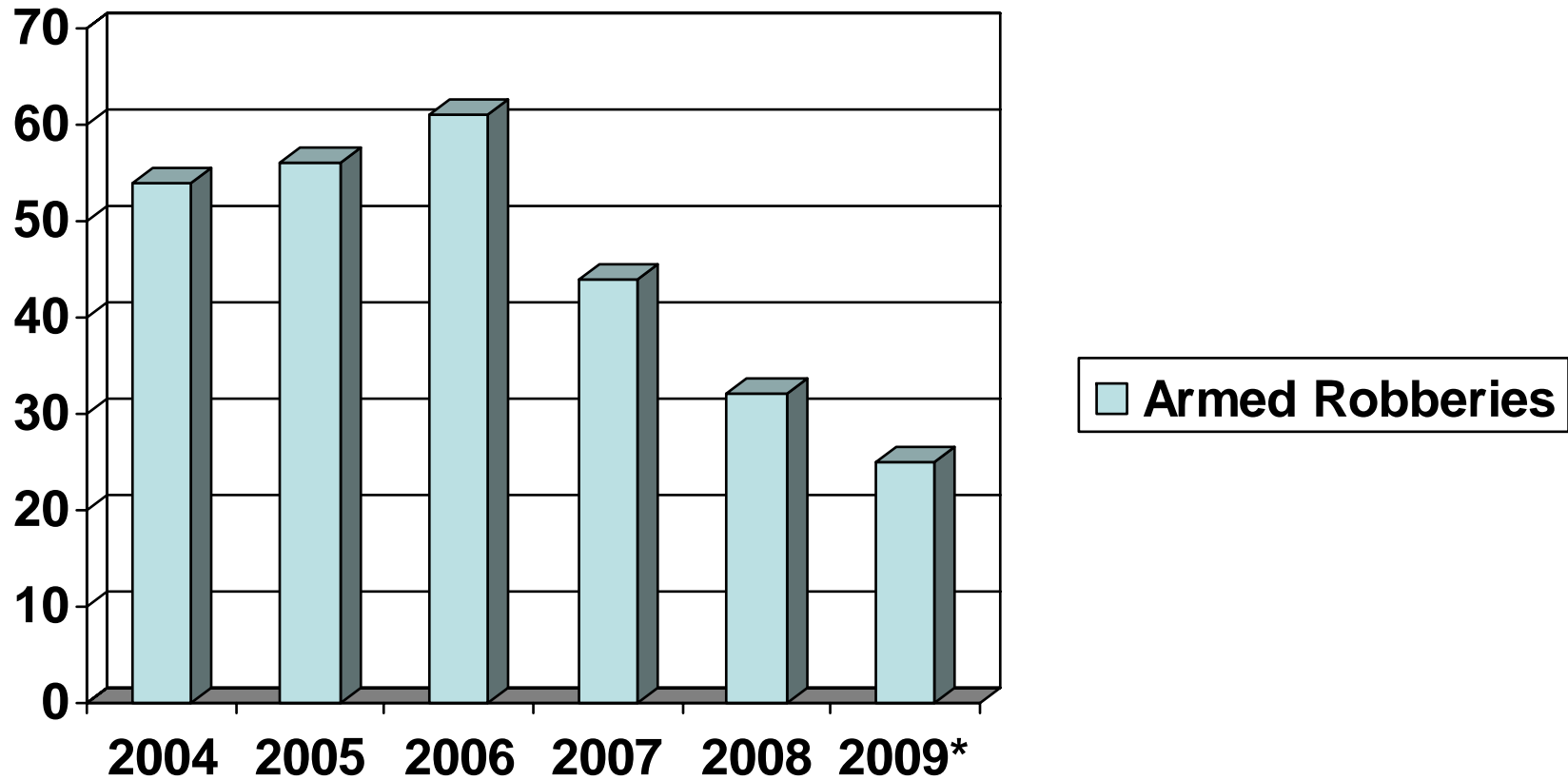
# Reported Crimes



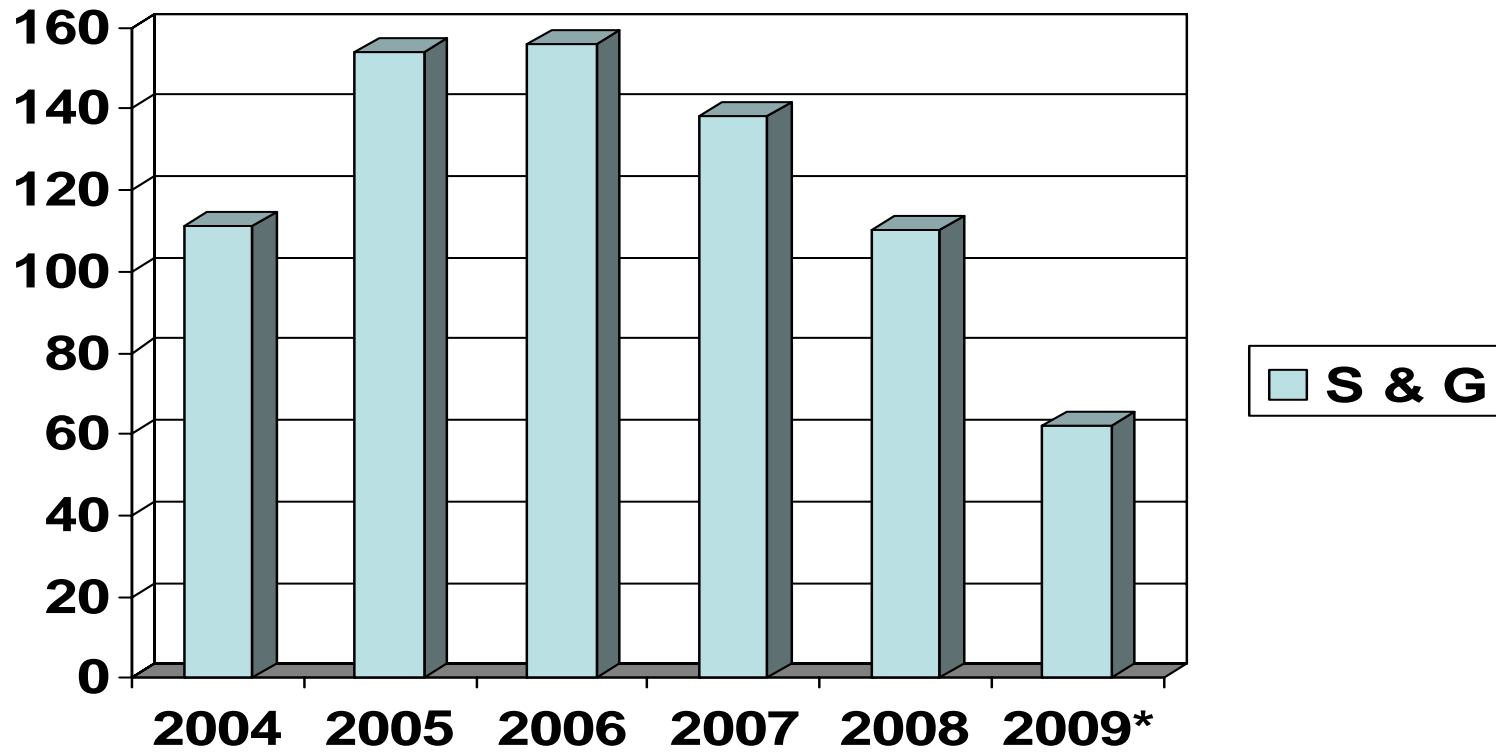
# Total reported crimes

- A decrease in all reported crimes by 24% 2004 to 2008
- From 18,129 to 13,803 crimes
- First 5 months of 2009 a further decrease of 13% over the same period in 2008
  
- A decrease of 28% in thefts 2004 to 2008
- From 11,333 to 8,127 crimes
- First 5 months of 2009 a further decrease of 19% over the same period in 2008

# Armed Robberies



# Snatch & Grab



# Violent Crimes

An increase in armed robberies during the first five months of this year compared with the first five months of last year. From this year's armed robberies one finds out that the offenders charged with these robberies are all drug users – mostly addicted to cocaine.

# Violent Crimes

- When probing deeper into the mode with which these armed robberies are being committed, one finds out that the offender has targeted retail outlets, which shows that he is after quick money.
- The amounts stolen from the establishments of the latest armed robberies are: - €300 – €180 – €100 – €350 – and €50 respectively. We all know that this is the modus operandi of drug addicts and thus it indicates that the person behind these robberies is also associated to the addiction of drugs.

# Violent Crimes

Heroin users were mostly known to be related to thefts from vehicles and burglaries. Seldom were the cases where heroin addicts were engaged in armed robberies. On the other hand, recent history has taught us that most of armed robbers known to be addicted to drugs, were cocaine users.

# Violent Crimes

Whilst there was a time when cocaine was known to be the drug of the rich people, it has now become a drug used by people of all ages and from all walks of life. It is an expensive drug, easy to get hooked to, but difficult to do away with. Therefore, as long as there is an increase in drugs consumption, there is always the possibility, if not a probability that crimes such as armed robberies and snatch & grabs would increase in the future.

# Violent Crimes

Furthermore, the current economic climate may be an additional factor contributing to such crimes

Any Questions?

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