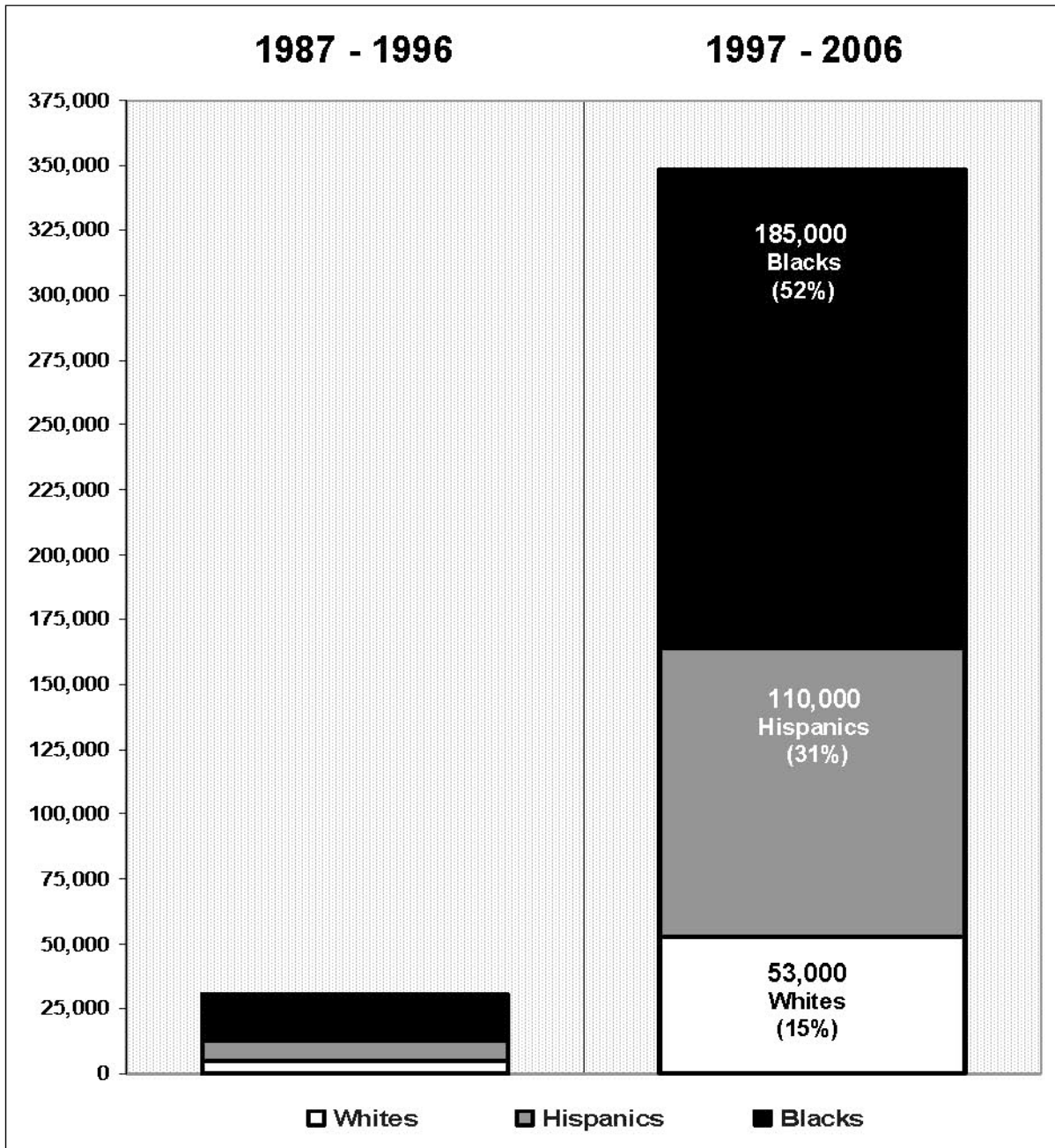


Whites, Hispanics and Blacks Arrested for Marijuana Possession in New York City



Source: New York State Division of Criminal Justice Services (NYDCJS), Computerized Criminal History System, (April 2008). Includes all fingerprintable arrests for NYS Penal Law Article 221 marijuana misdemeanor possession offenses as the most serious charge in an arrest event. Ages 16 and older. NYDCJS calculations thus far do not permit accurate counting of NYPD arrests by race for 2003-2006. Per recommendation from NYDCJS, arrest counts by race for those years were calculated using average percentages from the 1997-2002 data. Although not used here, preliminary NYDCJS arrest data for 2006, with breakdowns by race, show a higher percentage of arrests of Blacks and a lower percentage of arrests of Whites than used here.