



Serious Mental Illness in the Dane County Jail

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SMI data (Serious Mental Illness)

WHAT IT IS

- Problem that interferes with daily life
- Schizophrenia
- Major depression
- Bipolar disorder

WHAT IT ISN'T

- AODA addiction or withdrawal
- Anxiety
- PTSD
- Co-occurring disorder

Most people in the jail do not have SMI

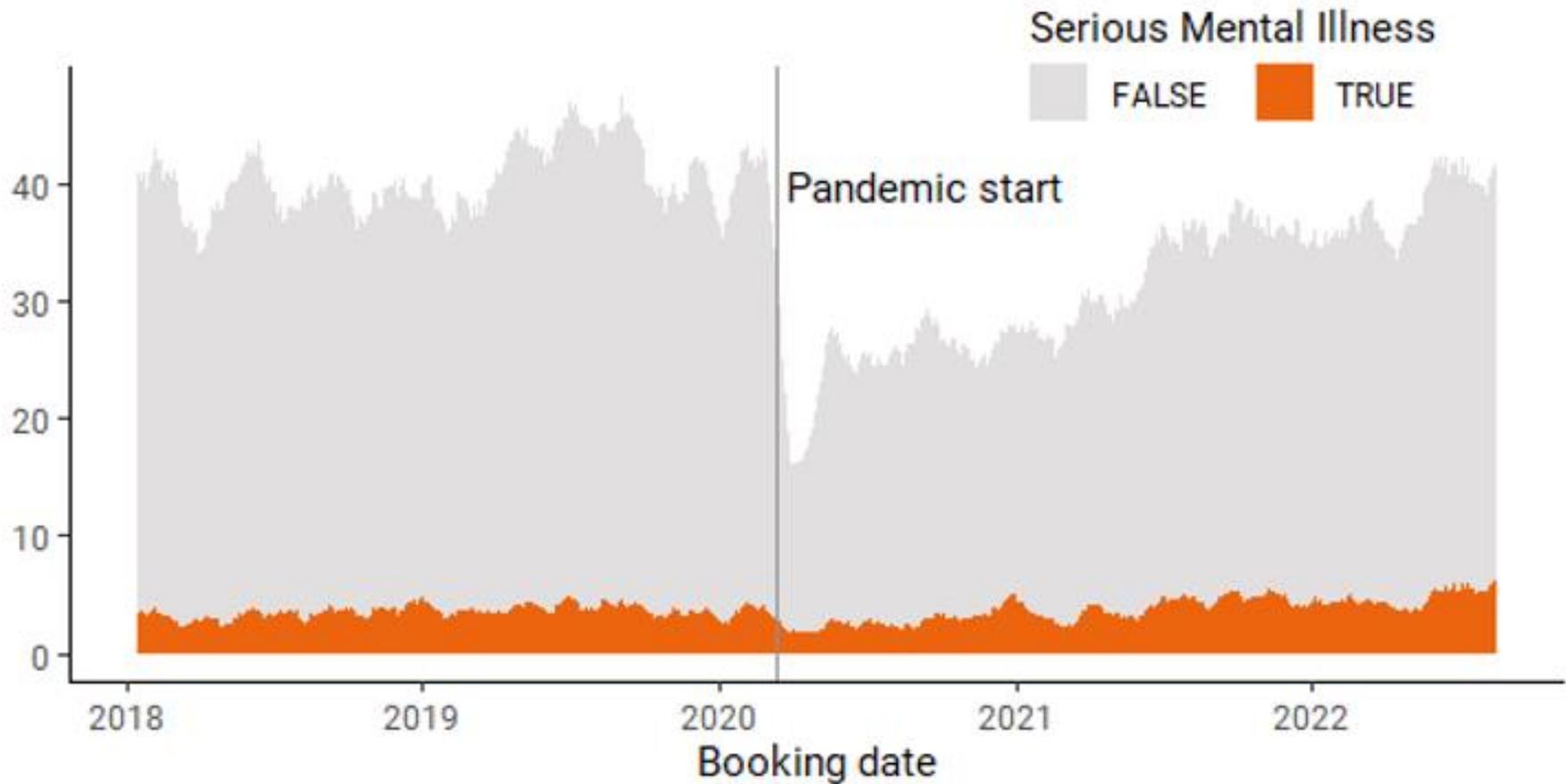
For years 2018-22

- 6% of people booked have SMI
- 8% of bookings were of people with SMI

- For “familiar faces” with ≥ 10 bookings, 1 out of 8 had SMI

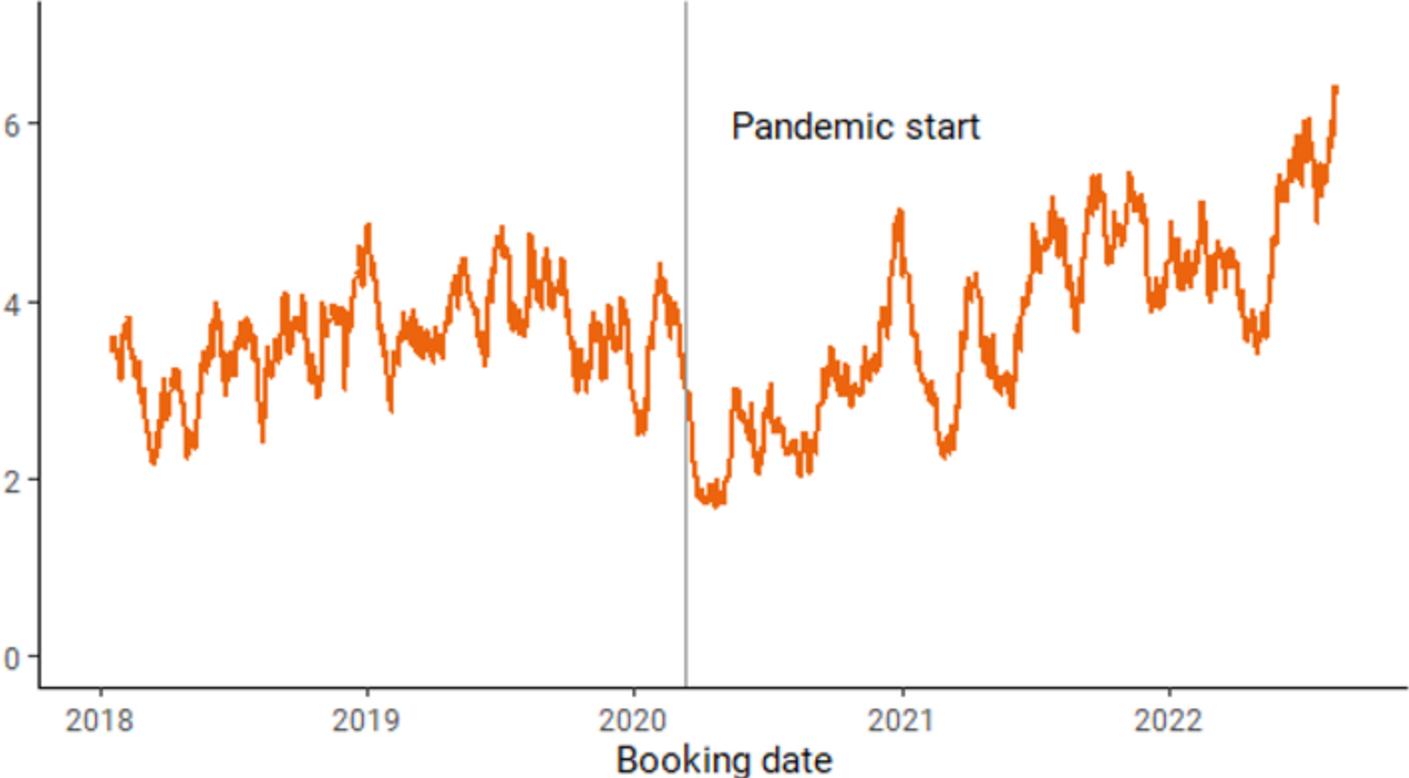
Count of Bookings

Dane County Jail 30-day average, by day



Count of Bookings of People with a SMI

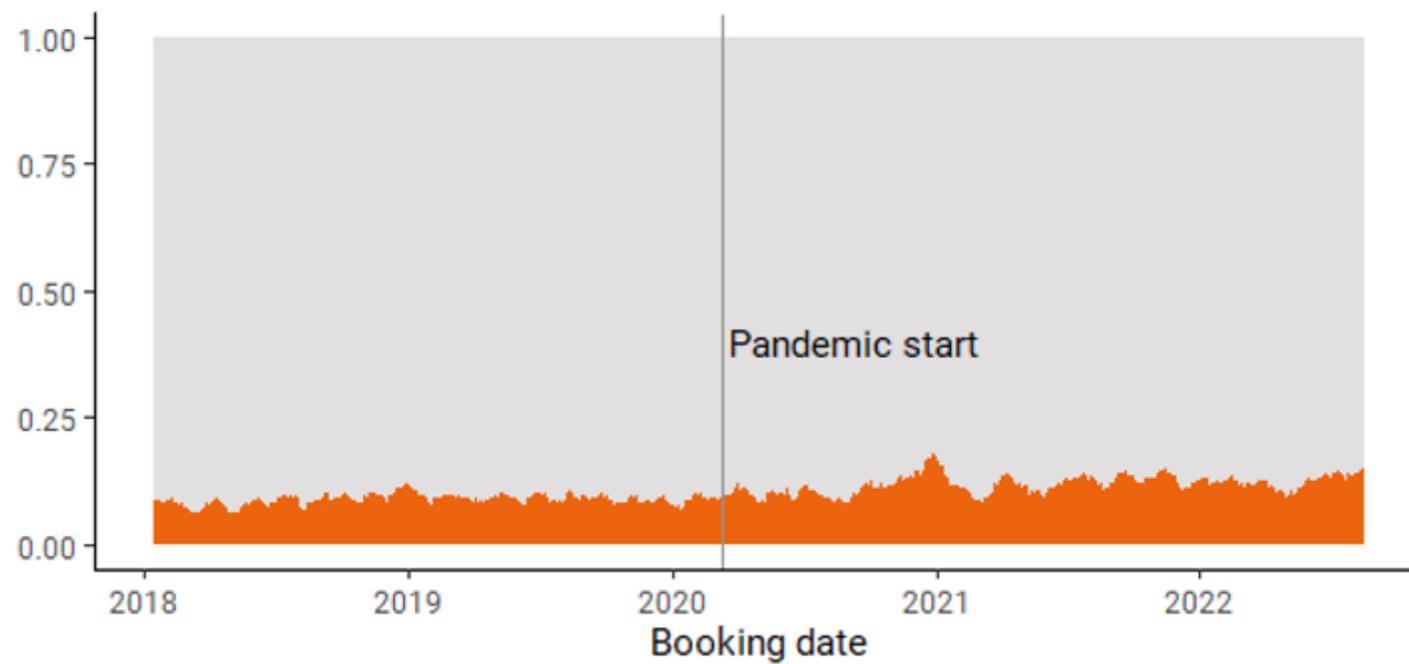
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Share of Bookings

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Bookings with SMI

Share of bookings

- 2018: 6.8%
- 2022: 11.2%

Count of bookings with SMI

- 2018: 848
- 2021: 993

2018 to 2021

- Bookings with SMI went up 17%
- Total bookings went down 21%

Comments/Questions?

