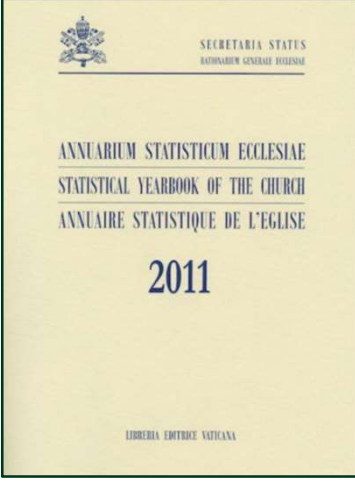
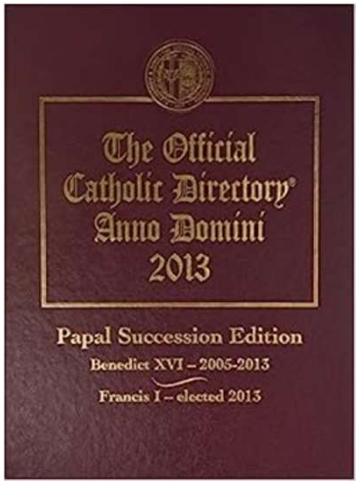
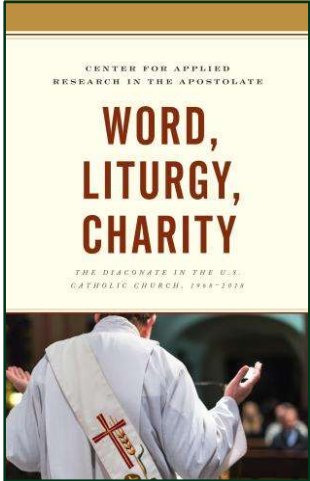
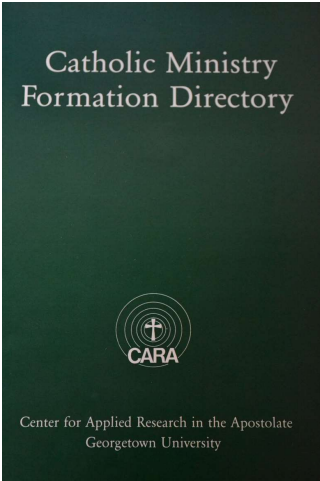
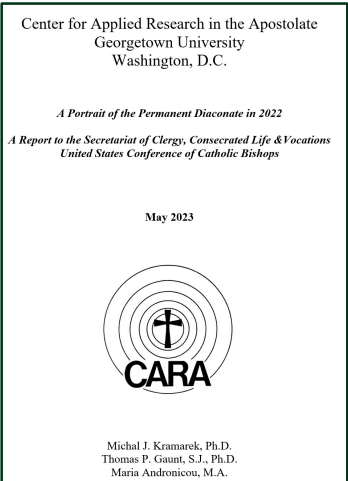




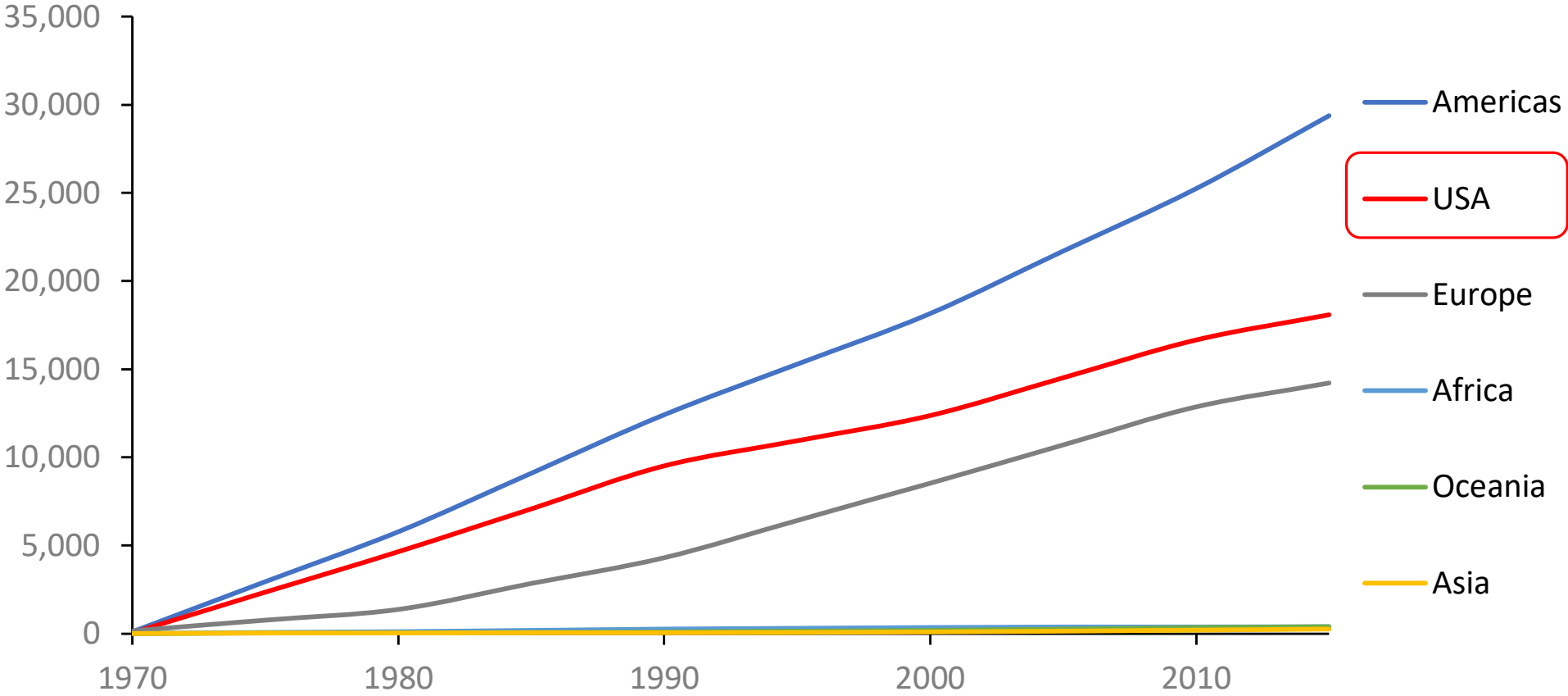
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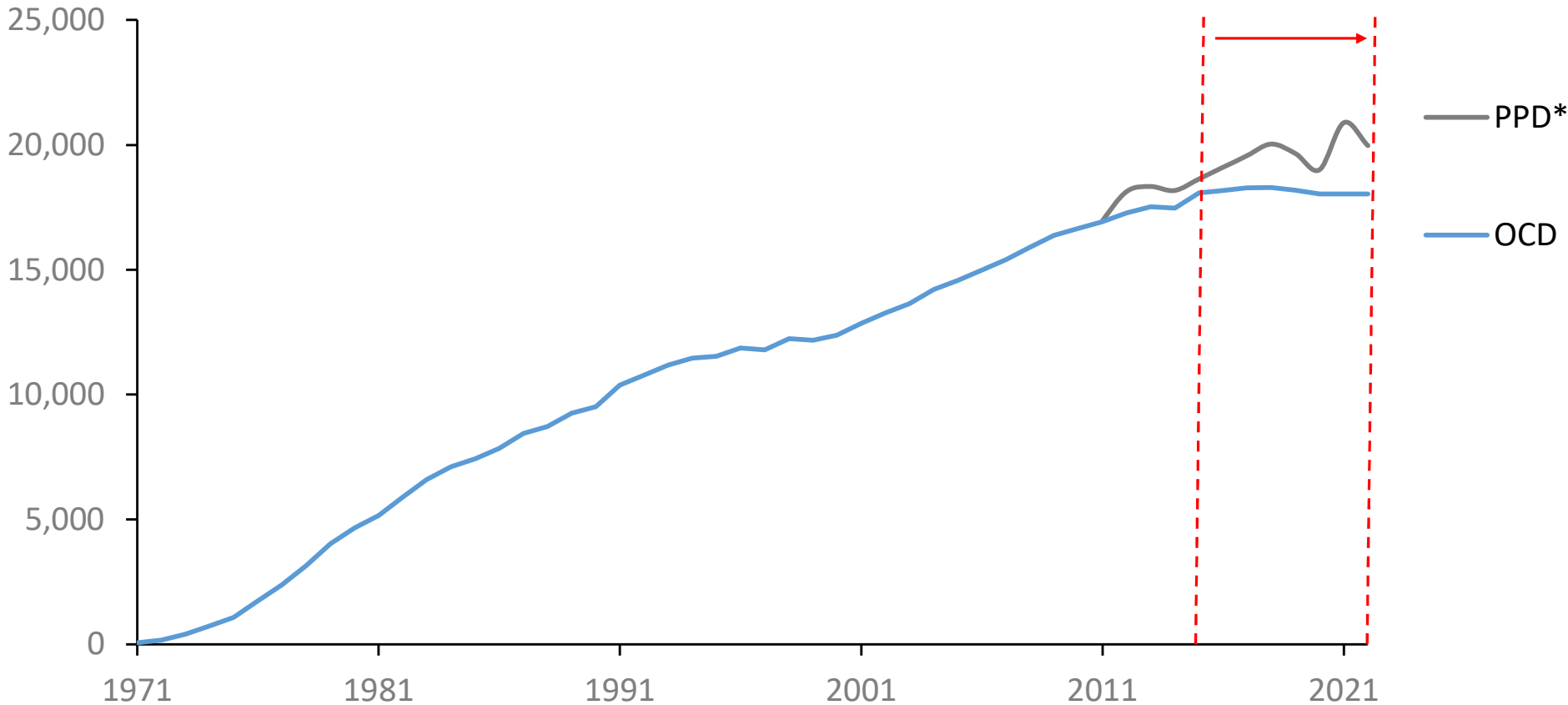
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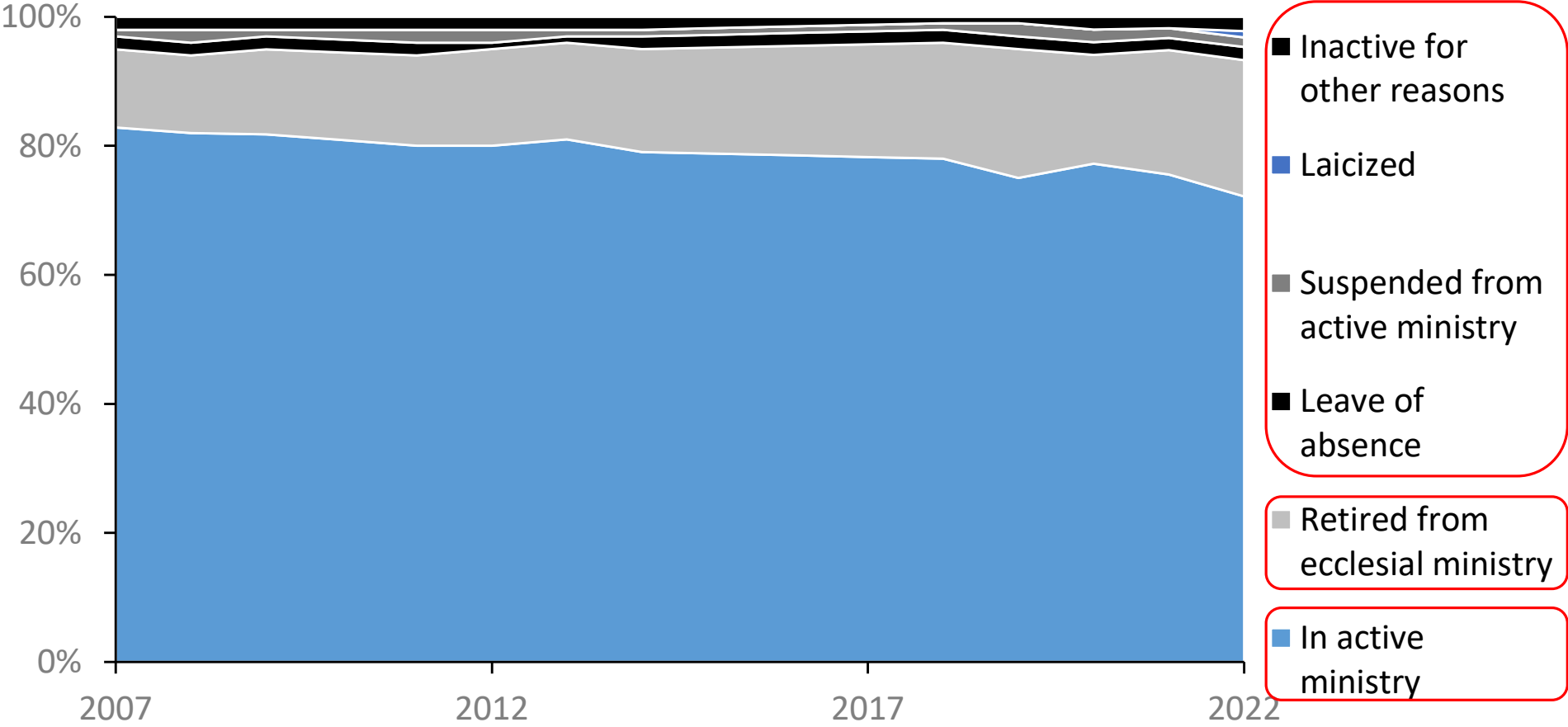
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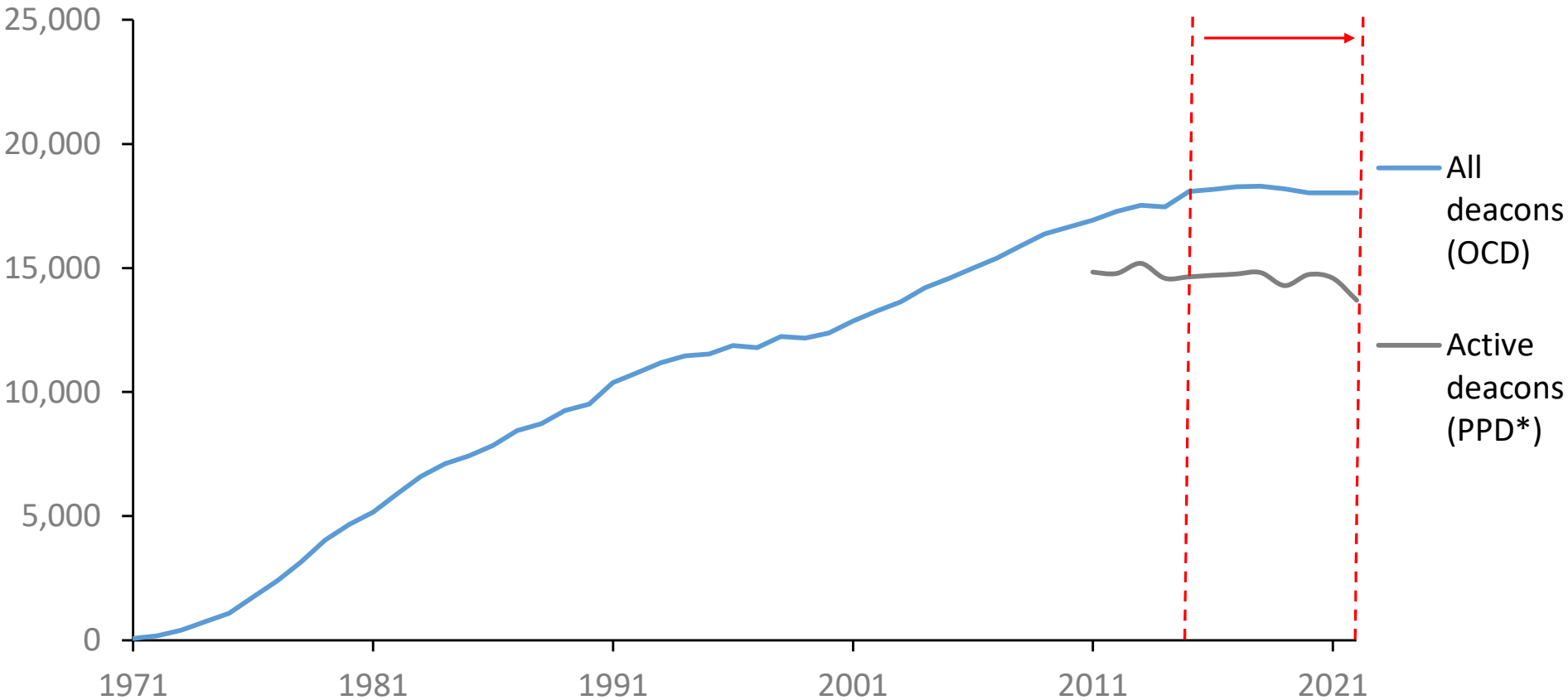
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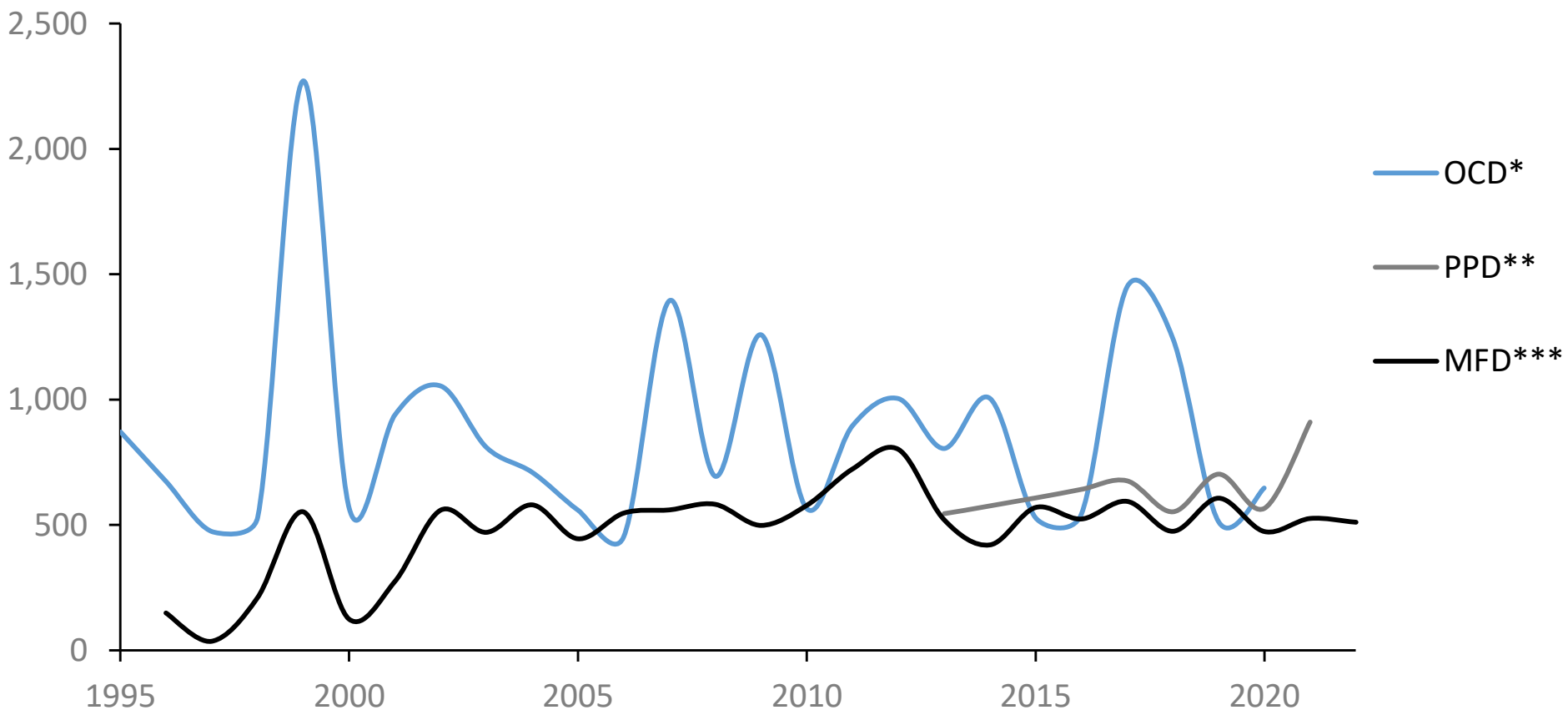
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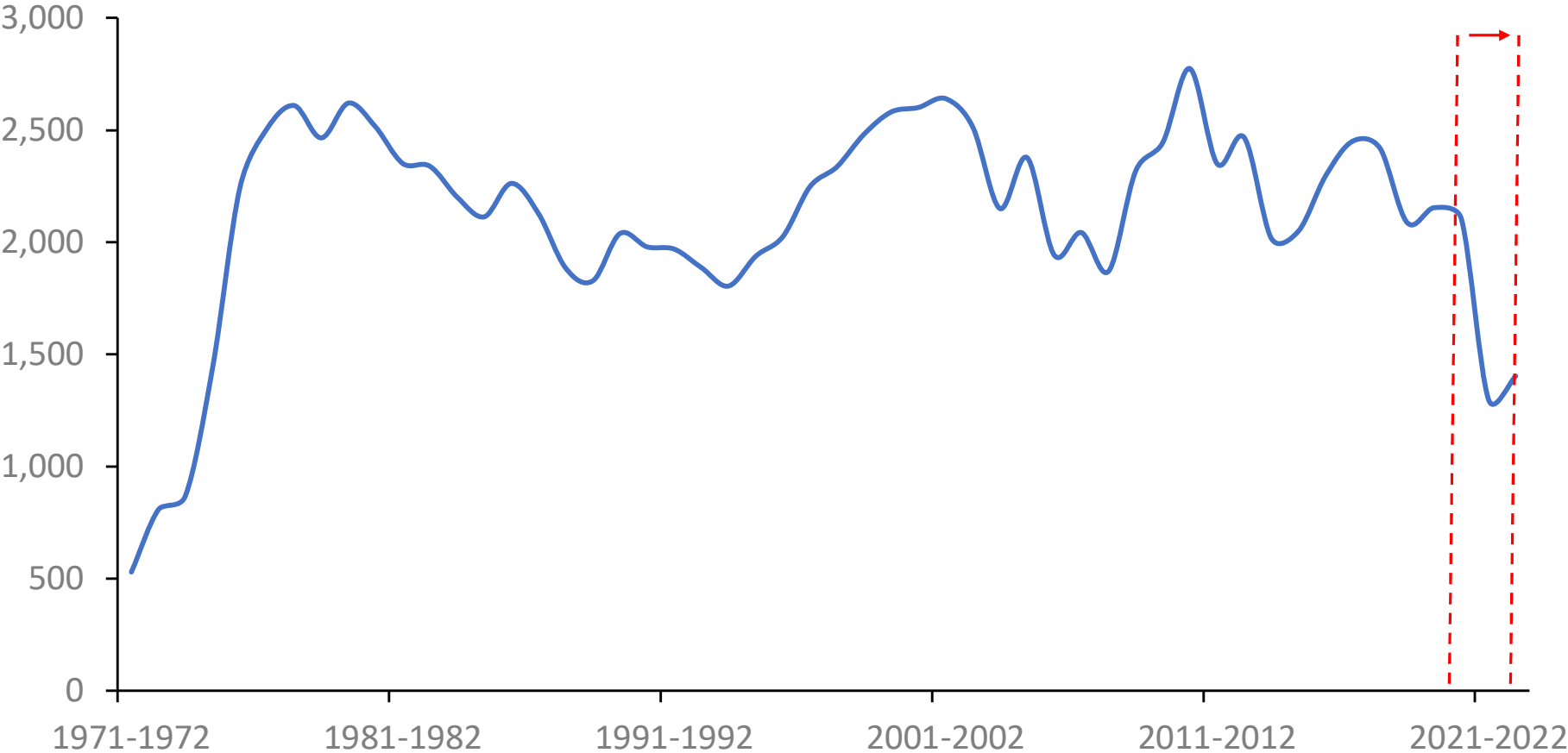
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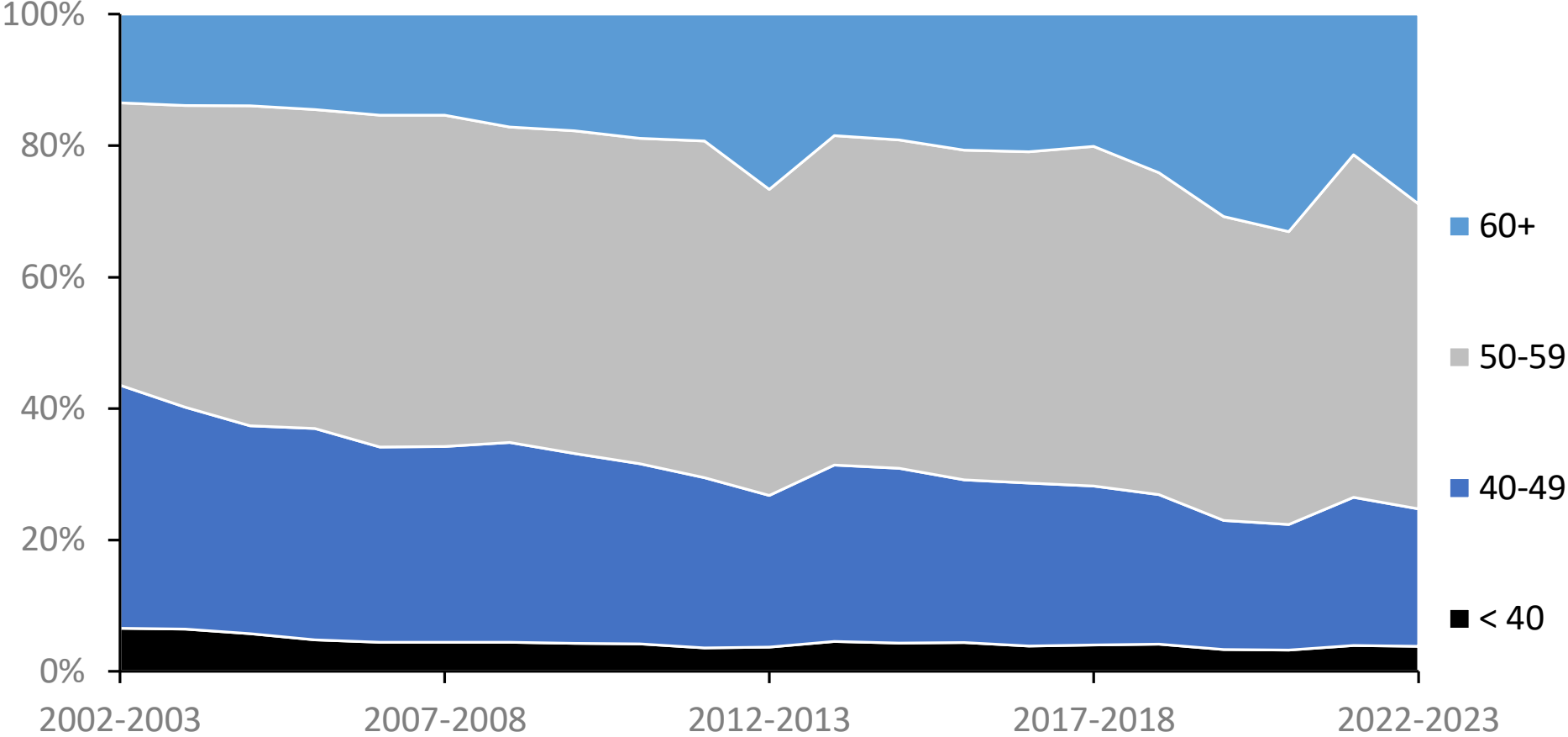
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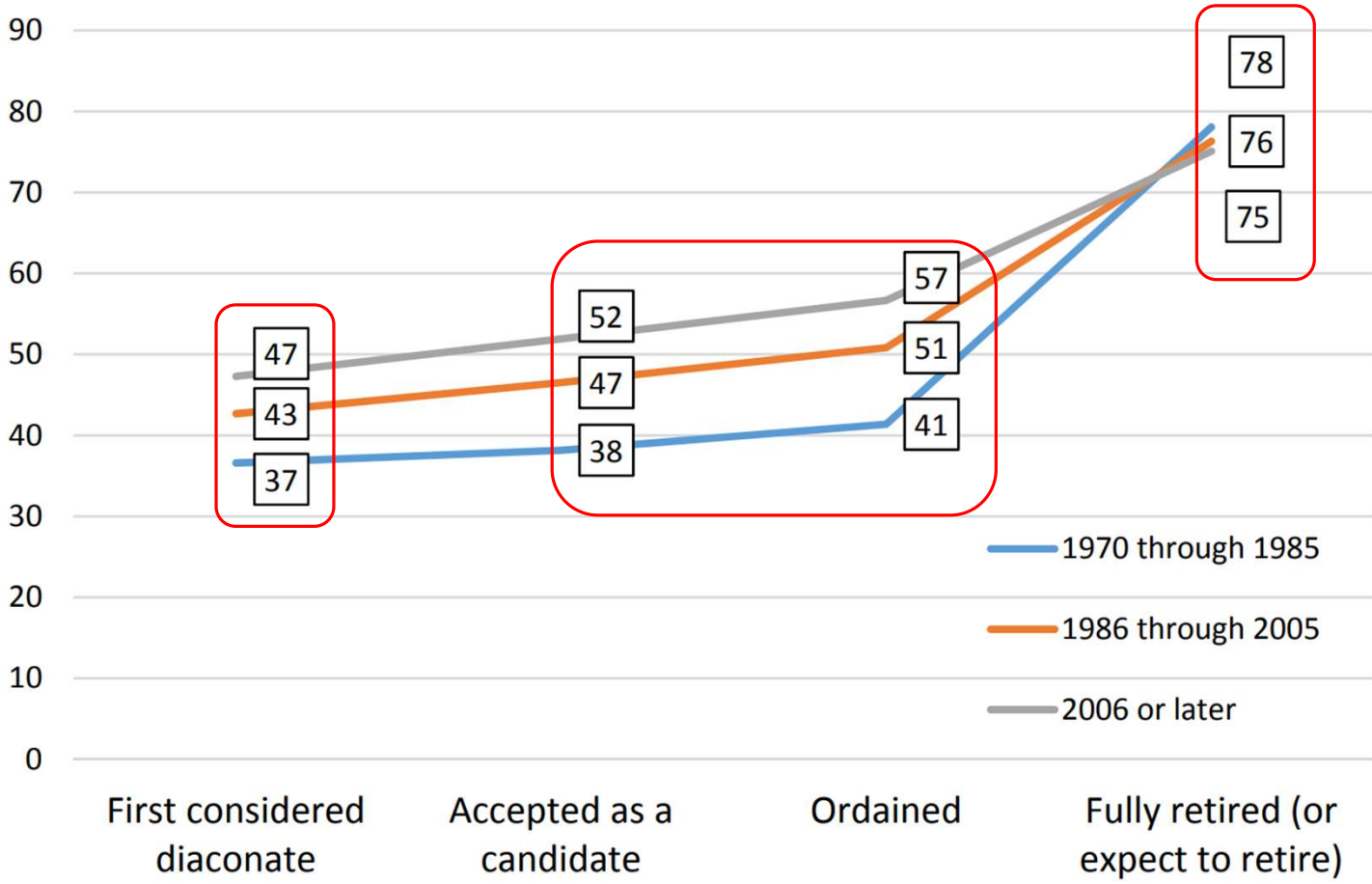
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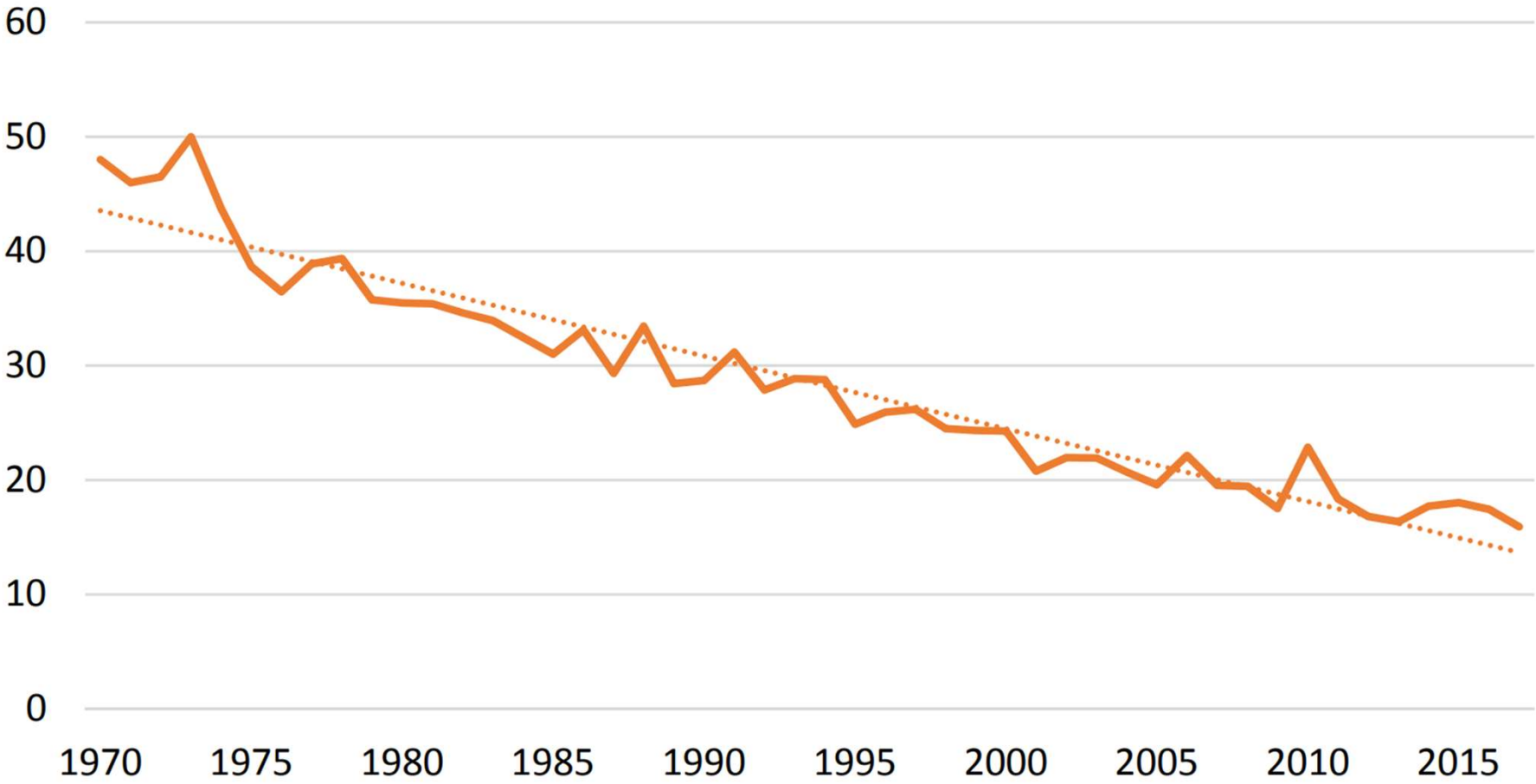
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Age at Different Phases of Deacon's Life by Ordination Cohort



Number of Years Deacons (Intend to) Stay in Ministry by Year of Ordination



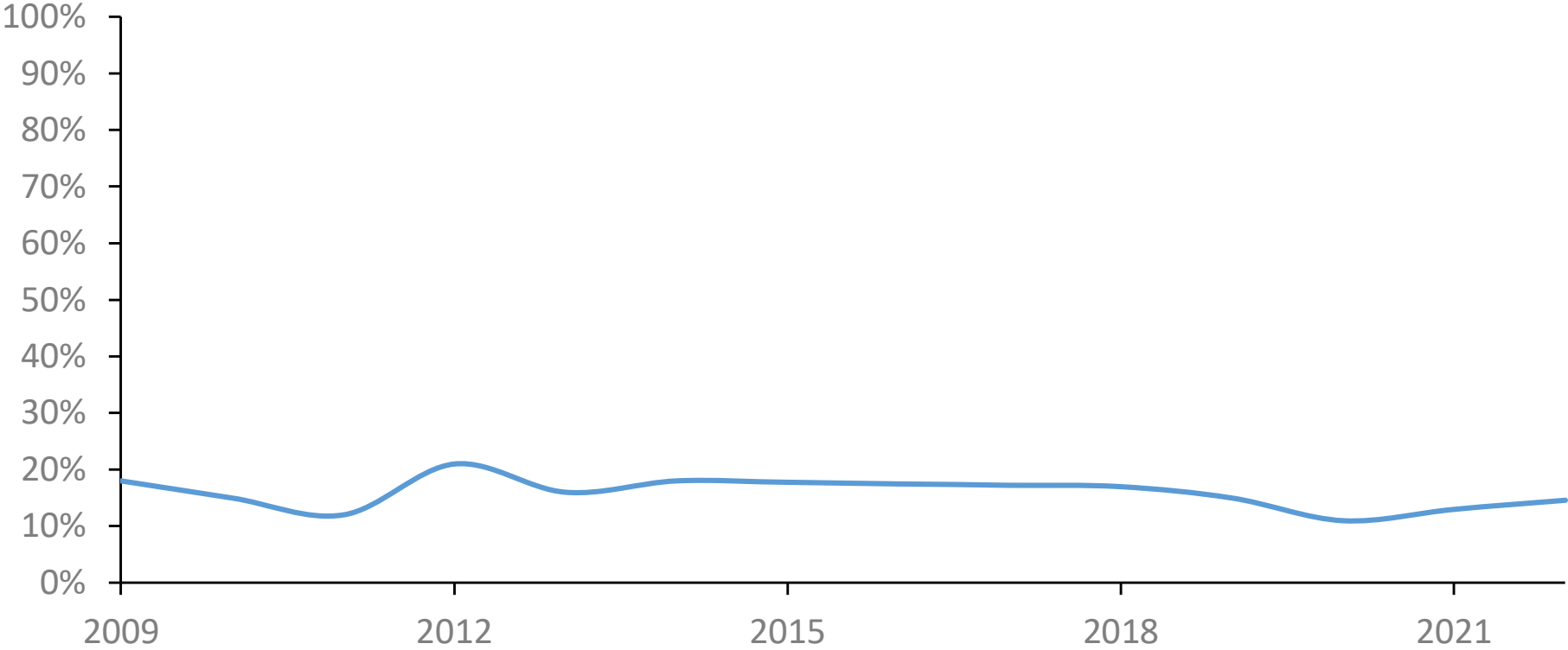
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Hours per Week in Diaconal Ministry and in Secular Job, By Deacon's Secular Employment Status, in 2017

	Diaconal ministry			Secular job		
	Mean	Median	Range	Mean	Median	Range
Working full-time	16	12	0 - 100	45	45	0 - 80
Working part-time	20	15	2 - 70	20	20	2 - 68
Retired	20	16	0 - 85	–	–	–
Not employed	25	20	0 - 78	–	–	–
All	19	15	0 - 100	39	40	0 - 80

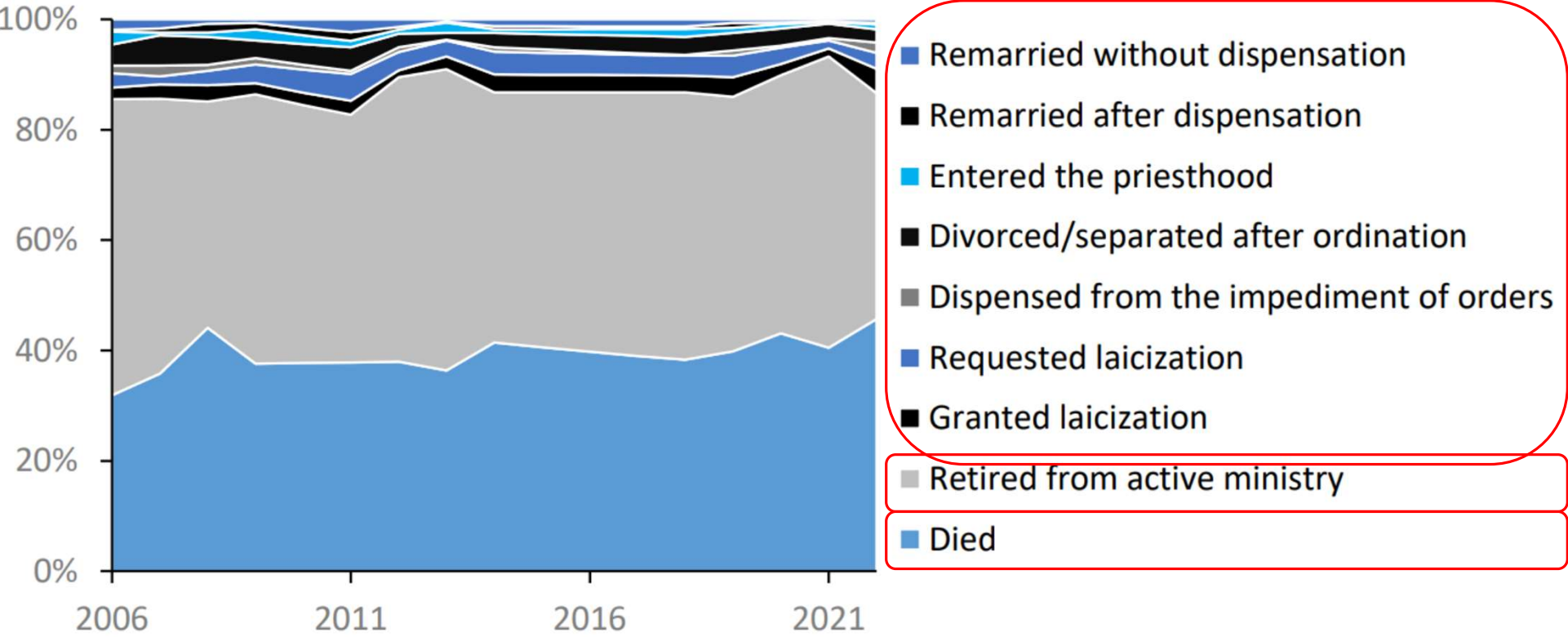
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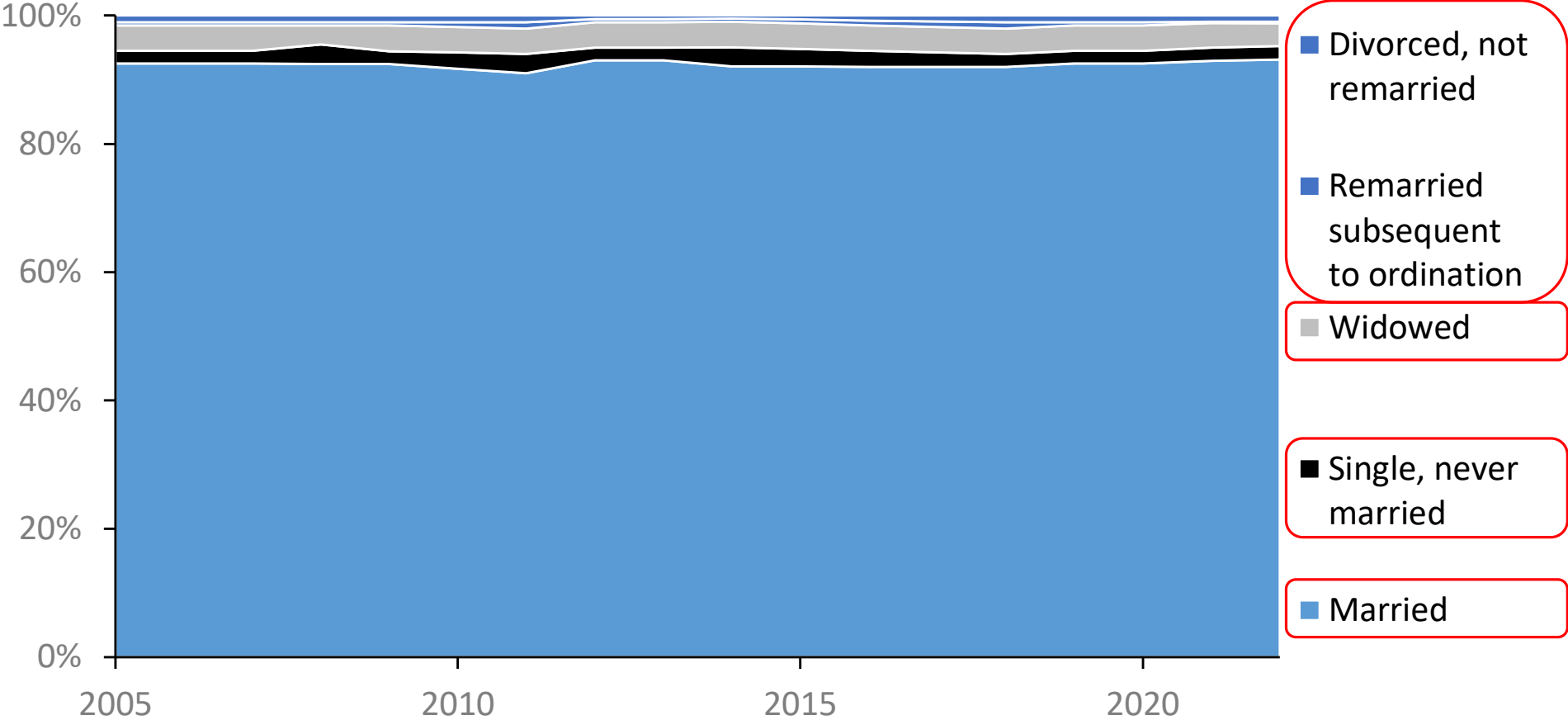
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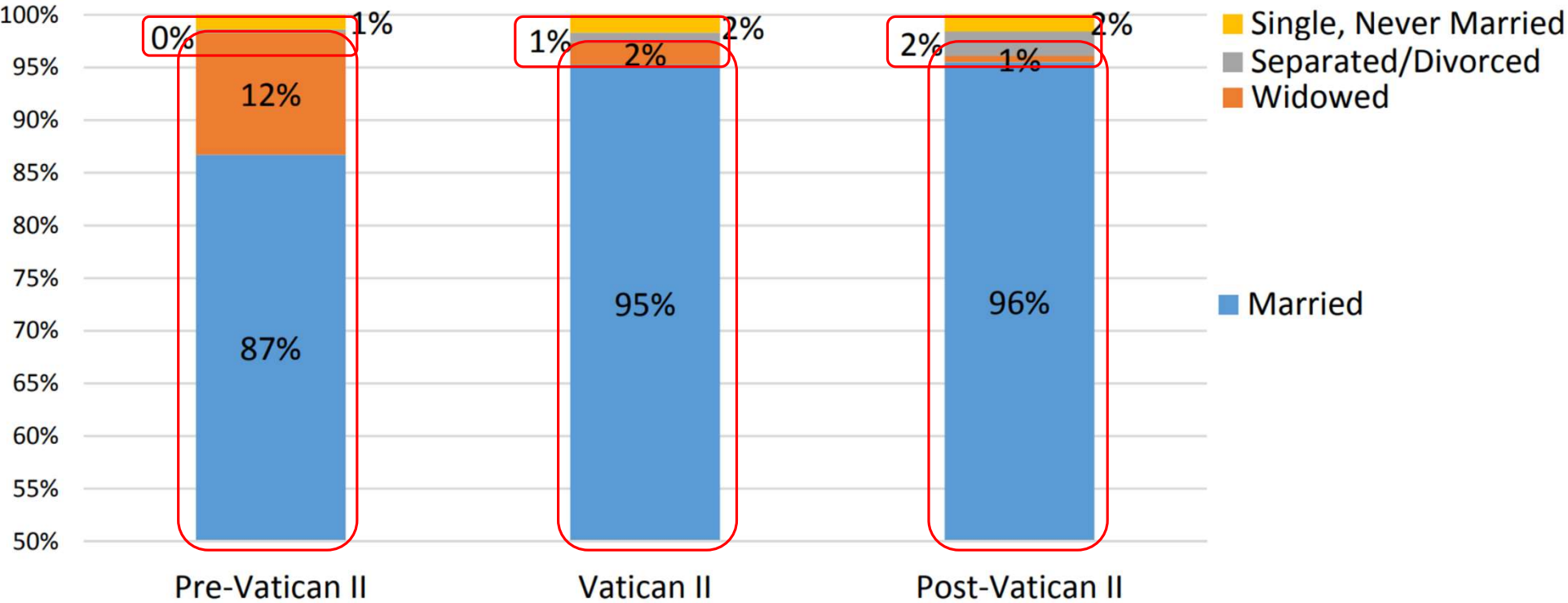
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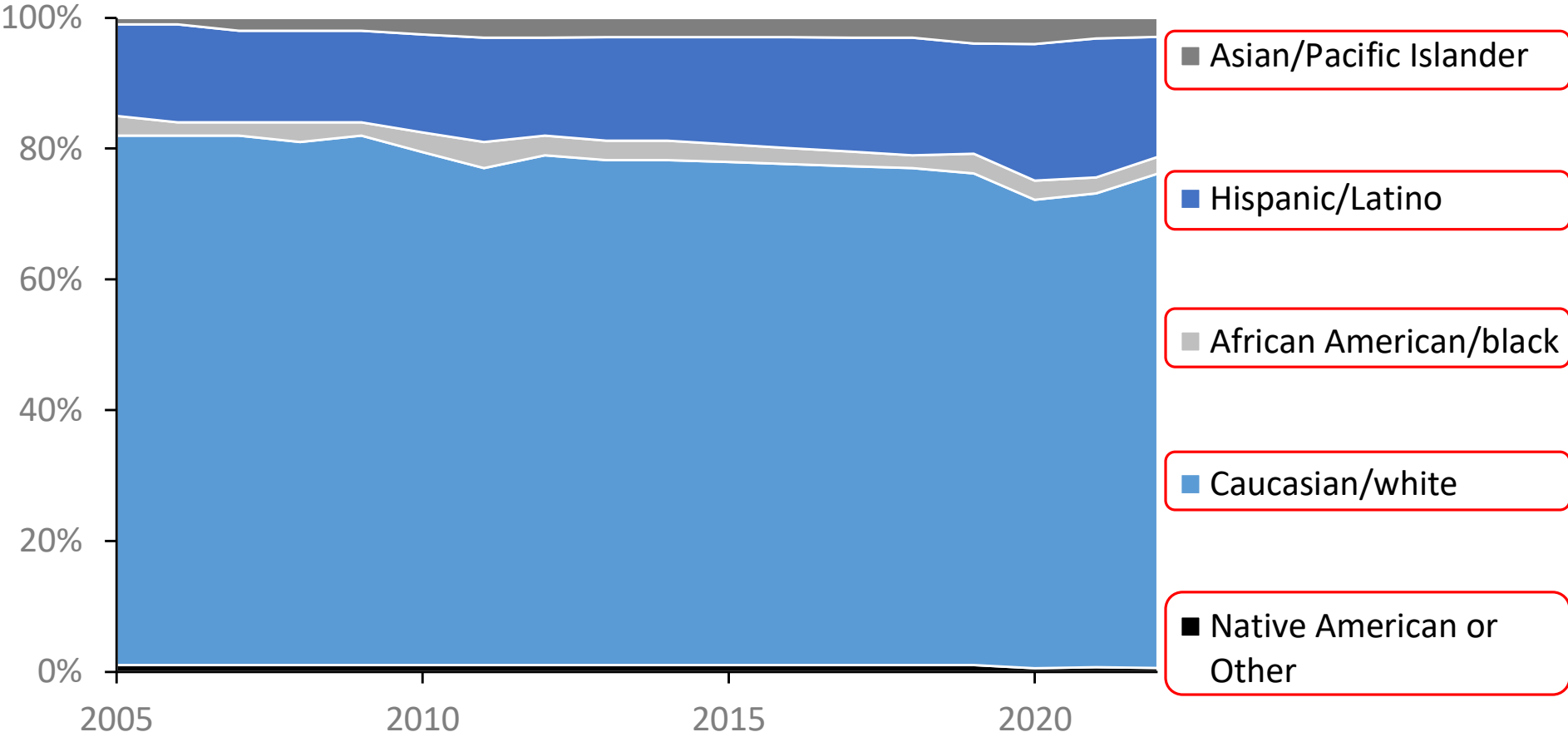
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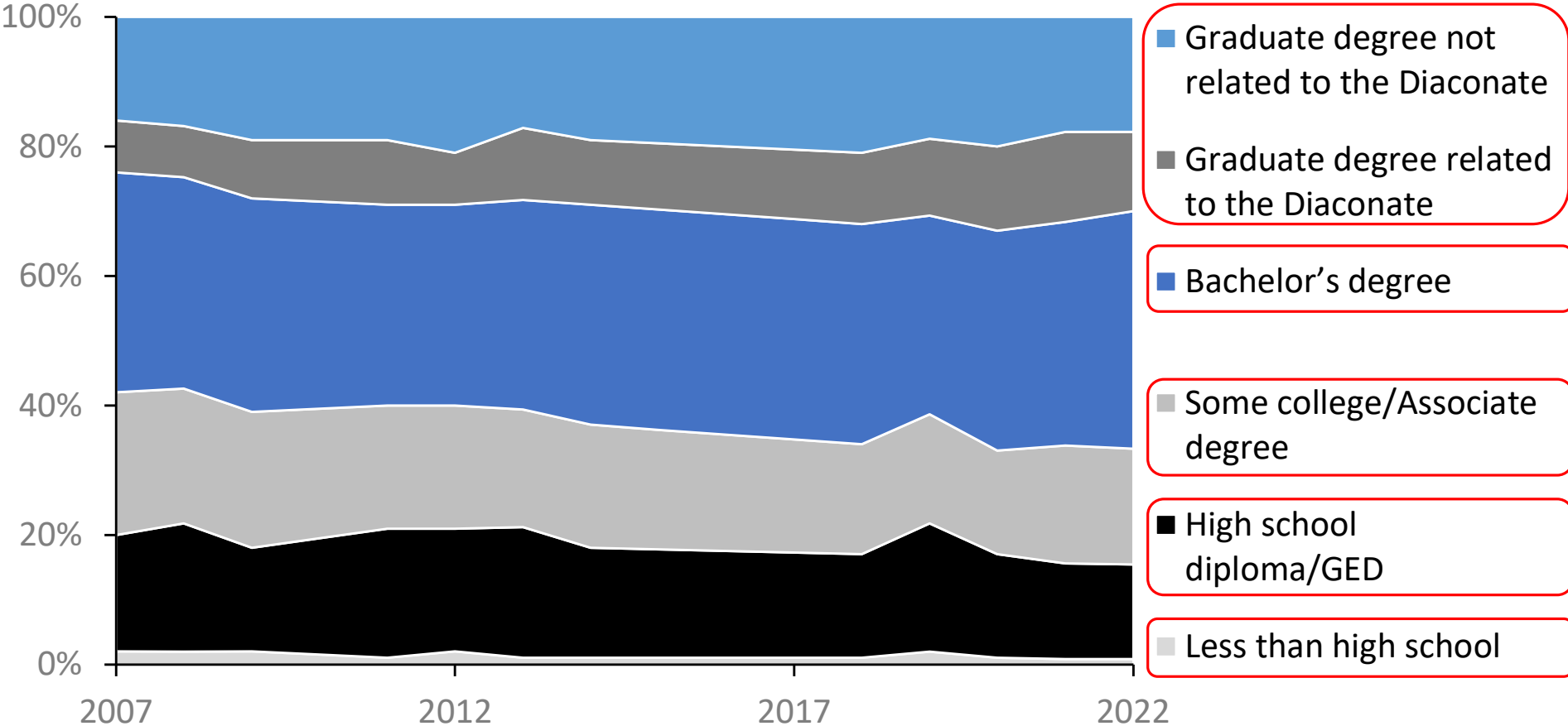
Race and Ethnicity of Active Permanent Deacons



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Education Level of Active Permanent Deacons



Summary of Main Takeaways

Trends Affecting the Number of Deacons:

- The total number of deacons grew from 58 in 1971 to 18,291 in 2018.
- The total number of deacons decreased by <1% between 2015 and 2022.
- The number of active deacons decreased by 6.5% between 2015 and 2022 .
- The number of diaconal ordinations is fluctuating (420-702 a year).
- The number of candidates to diaconate decreased by 35% from 2019-2020 and 2022-2023.
- Candidates to diaconate are getting older.
- Newly ordained deacons are serving (or planning to serve) fewer years.
- The number of deacons lost each year is growing and the main reasons for those loses are deaths and retirements.

Trends in Selected Characteristics of Deacons:

- The marital composition of active deacons between 2005 and 2022 remained stable.
- Deacons are becoming more racially/ethnically diverse. The share of Hispanics increased by 4pp between 2005 and 2022.
- Deacons are becoming more educated. The share of deacons with B.A. or more grew by 9pp between 2005 and 2022.



Questions?

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