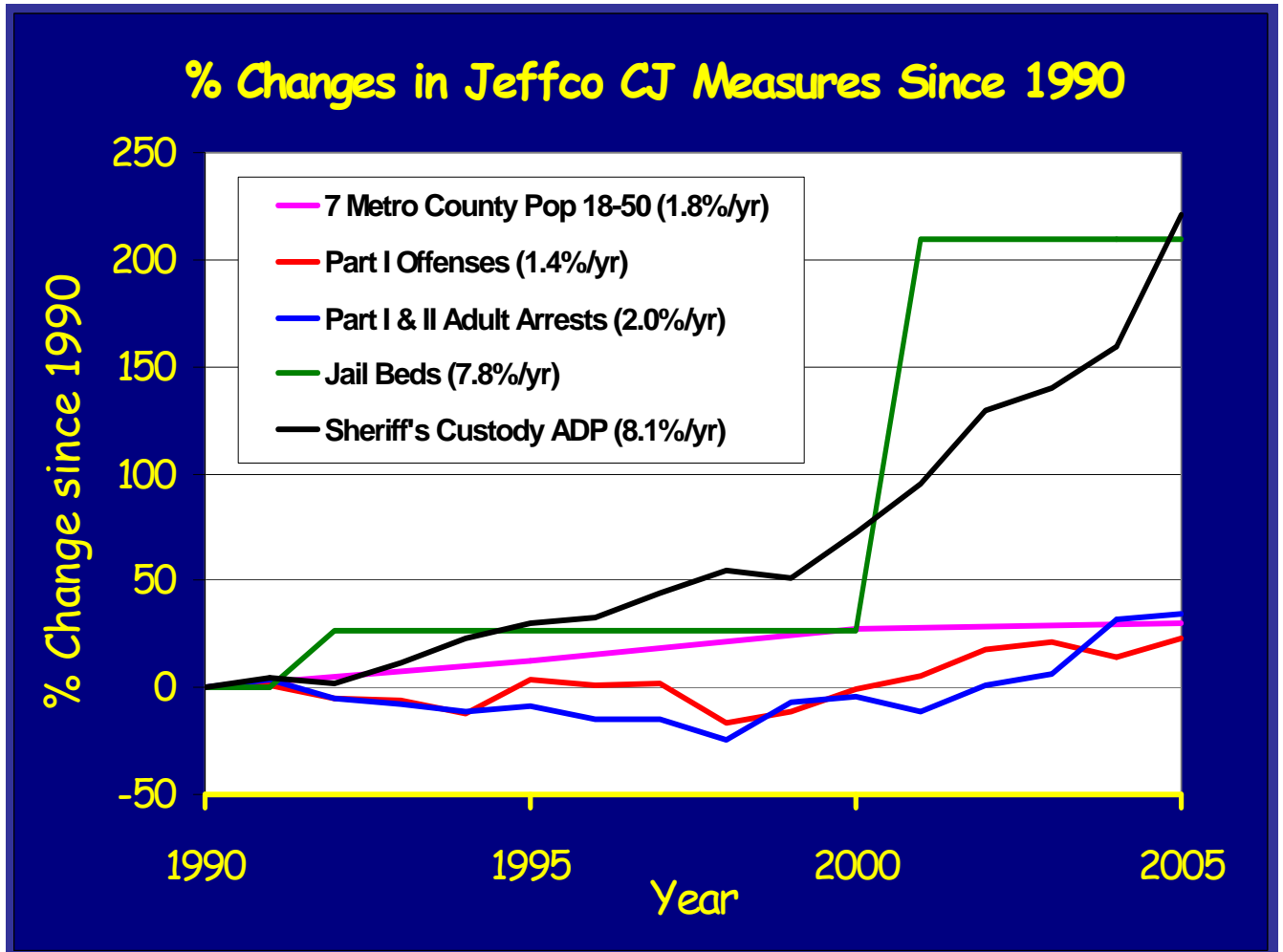


Jefferson County, Colorado

Percent Changes in Several Criminal Justice Indicators from 1990 to 2005



This graph illustrates the powerful influence that jail bed construction has on the size of the jail population, well over and above that which can be accounted for by increases in county population, crime, and arrests. As many justice system policy makers who have viewed this graph have commented, "Build it, and they will come."

The dynamic illustrated here is not specific to Jefferson County – it is extremely common for jails and prisons across the United States.