

# The Bar of 2043: Thoughts for the future

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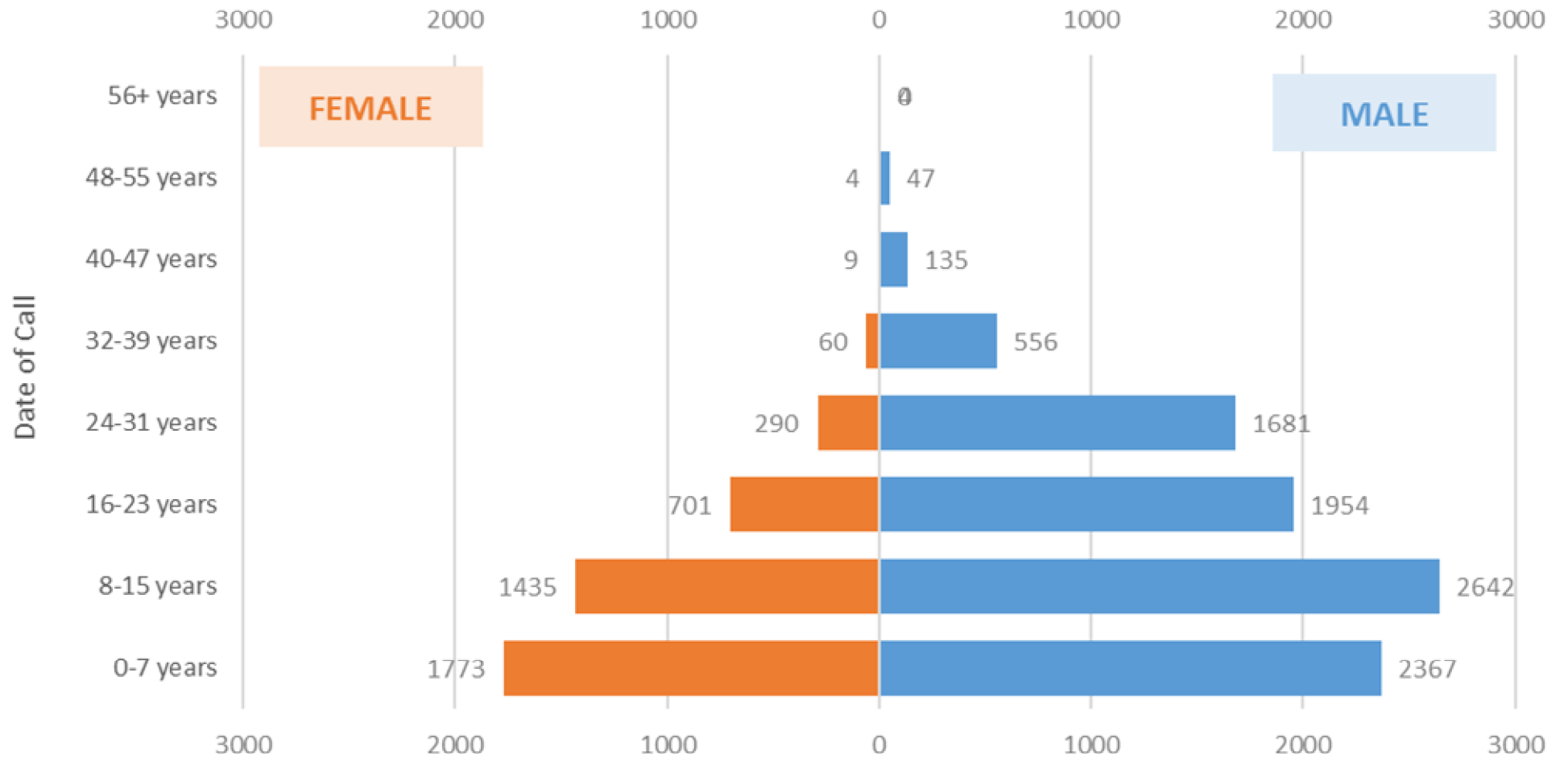
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## The age and gender profile of the practising bar in 2003



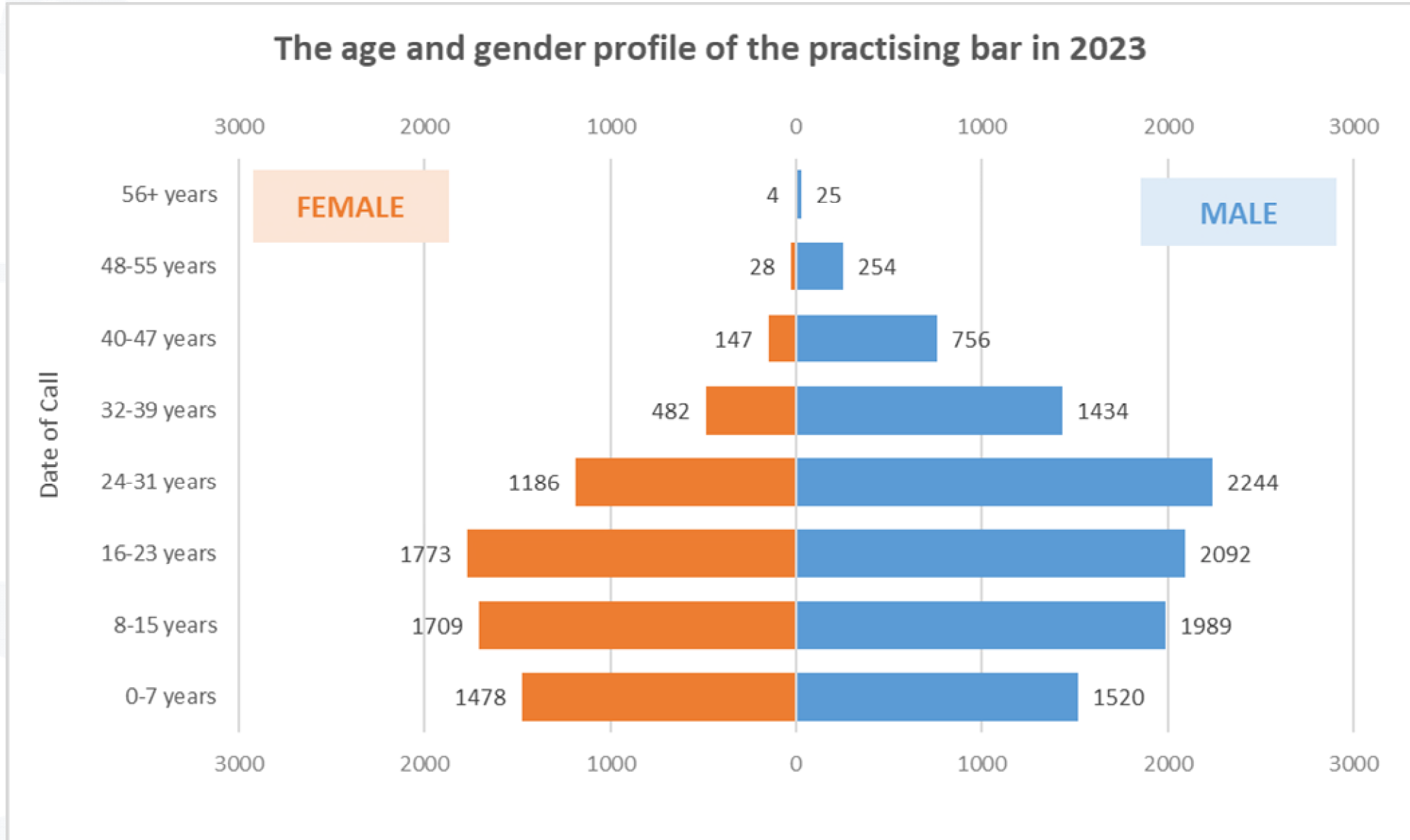
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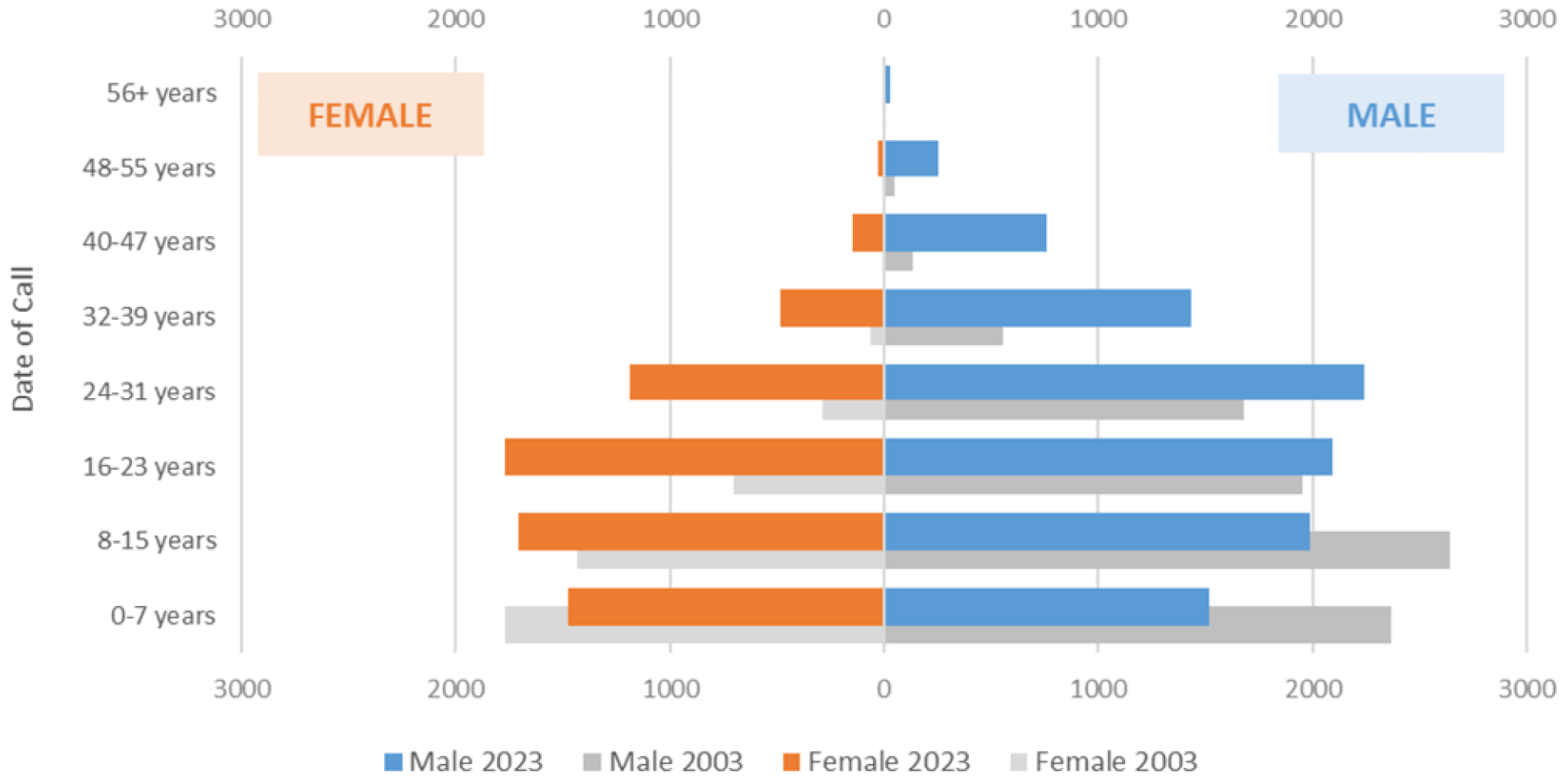
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## The age and gender profile of the practising bar: 2003 compared with 2023





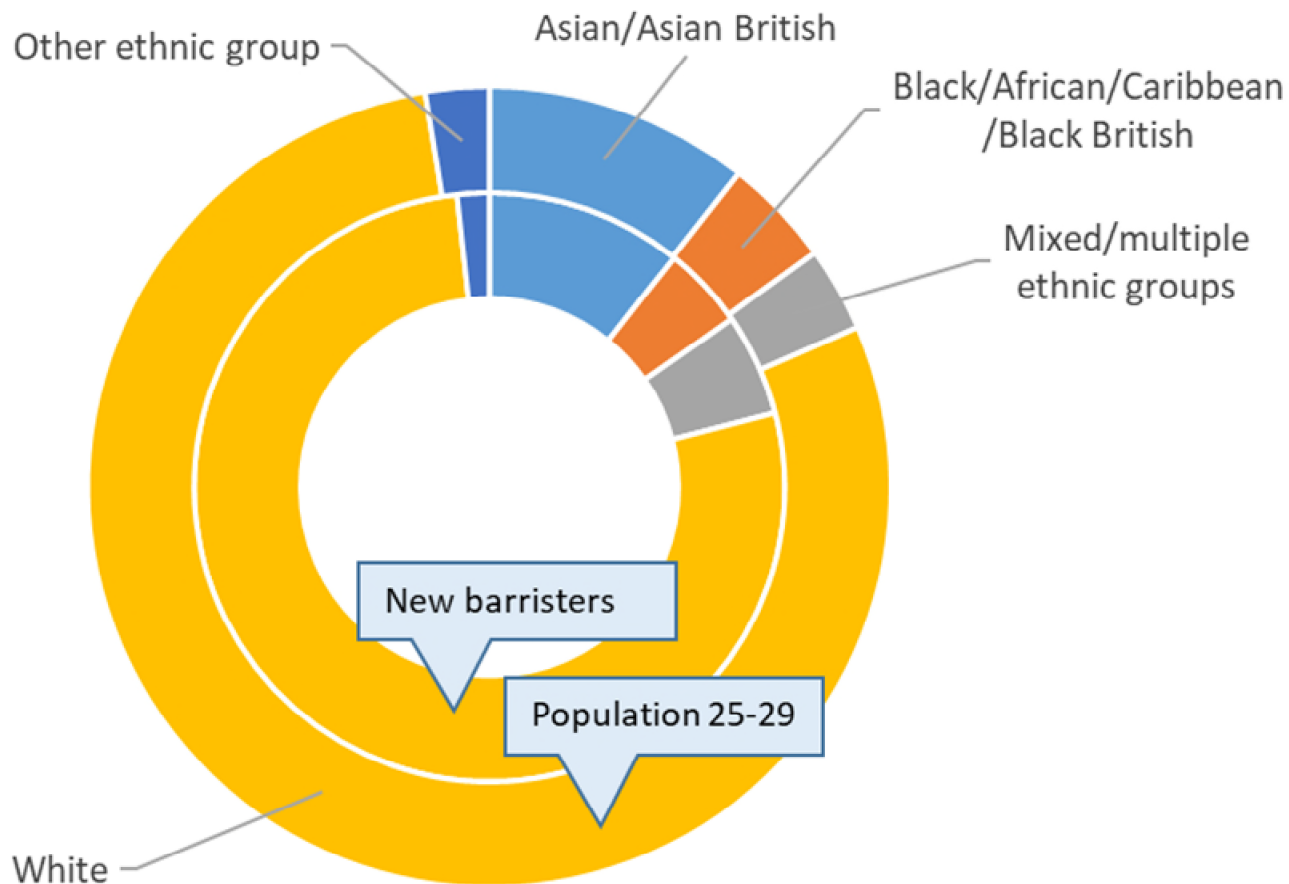
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Ethnicity	Number of barristers	Percentage of barristers with known ethnicity	England & Wales population age 25 to 29 (Census 2021)	
Asian/Asian British	171	10.8%	416,165	10.7%
Black/African/Caribbean/Black British	72	4.5%	170,665	4.4%
Mixed/multiple ethnic groups	89	5.6%	133,475	3.4%
White	1226	77.3%	3,081,335	79.0%
Other ethnic group	28	1.8%	100,095	2.6%
Prefer not to say	39			
No information	45			

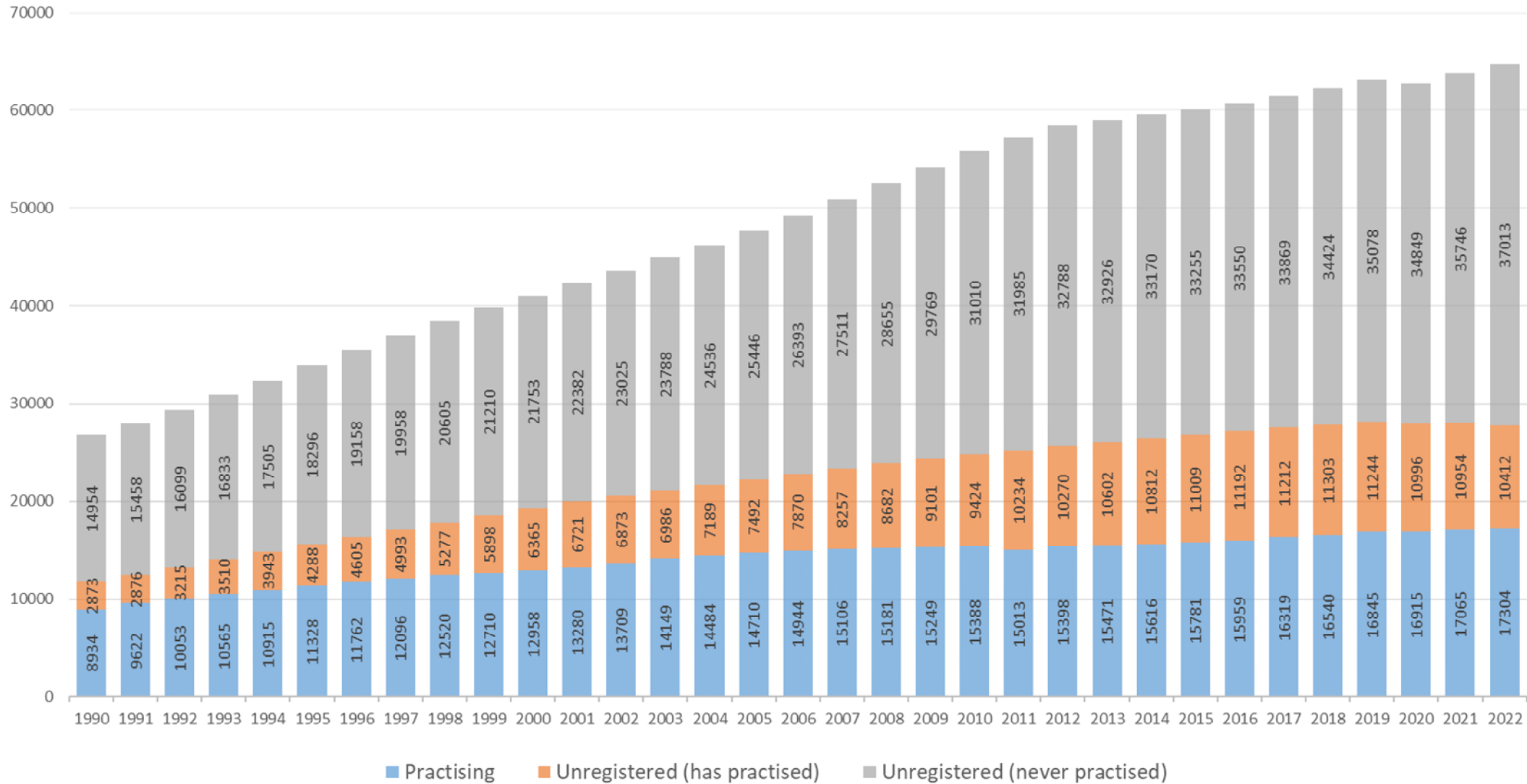


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### Ethnicity profile of barristers starting practice in the last three years vs population of England & Wales aged 25 to 29

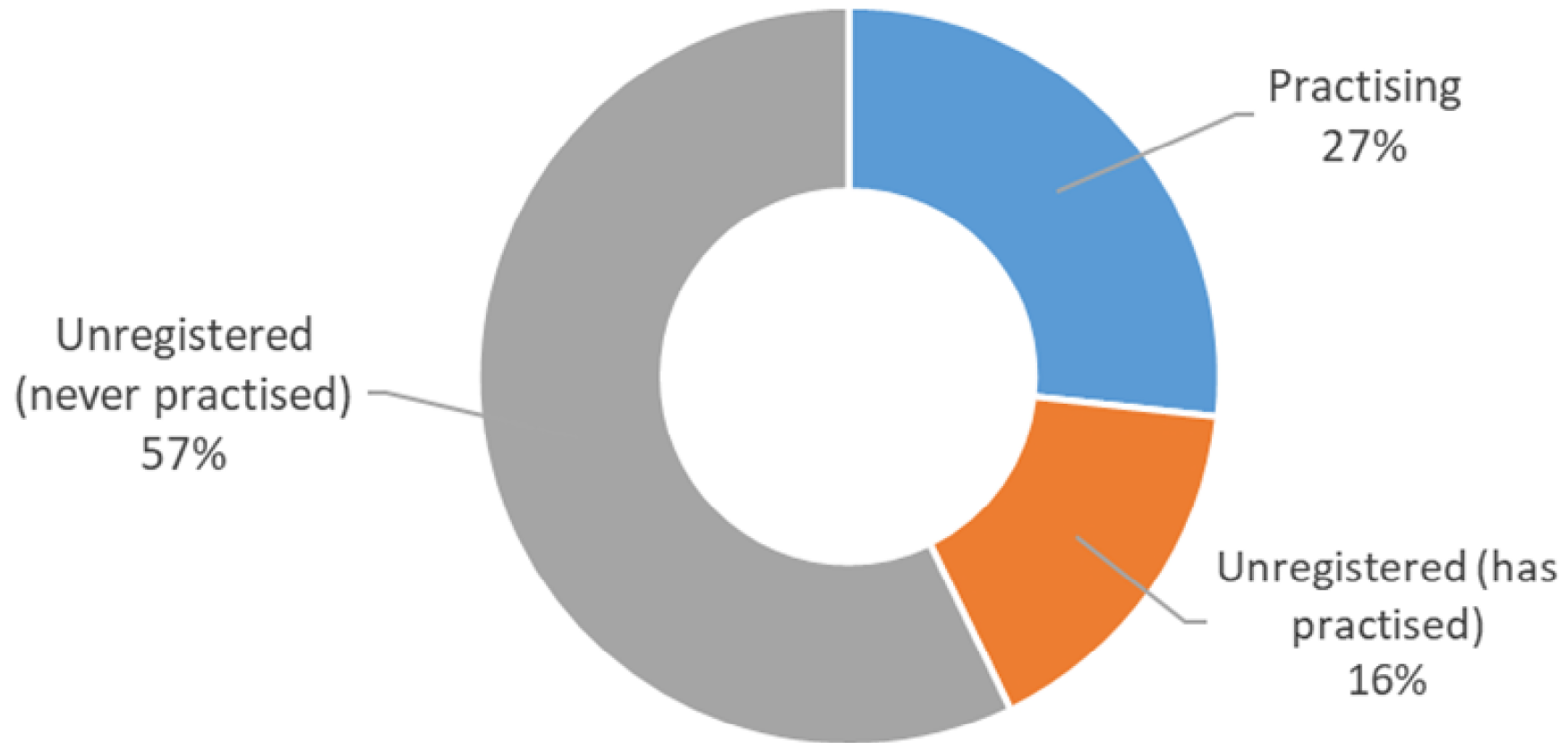


## Status of barristers under 50 years call : annual snapshots 1990 to 2022



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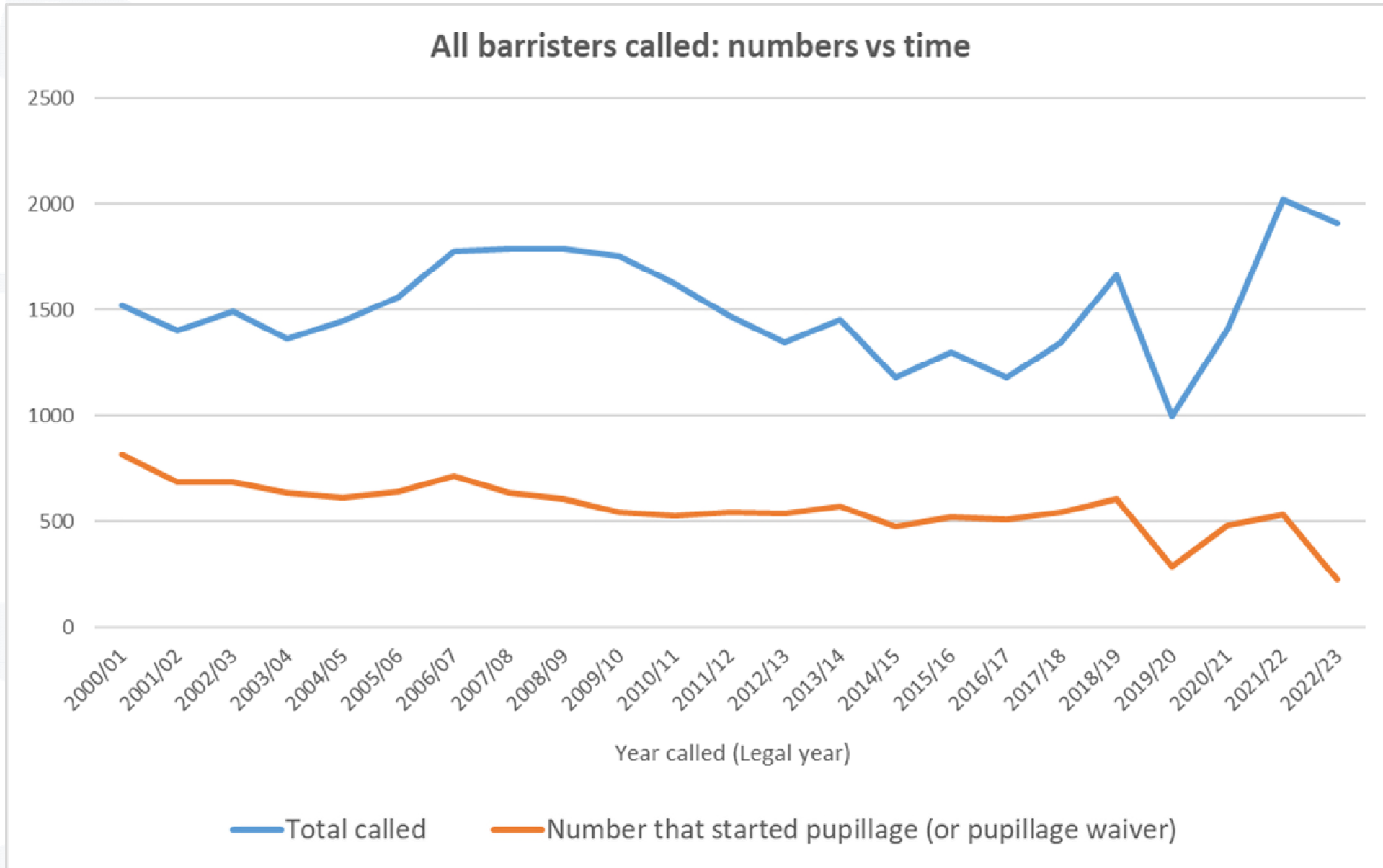
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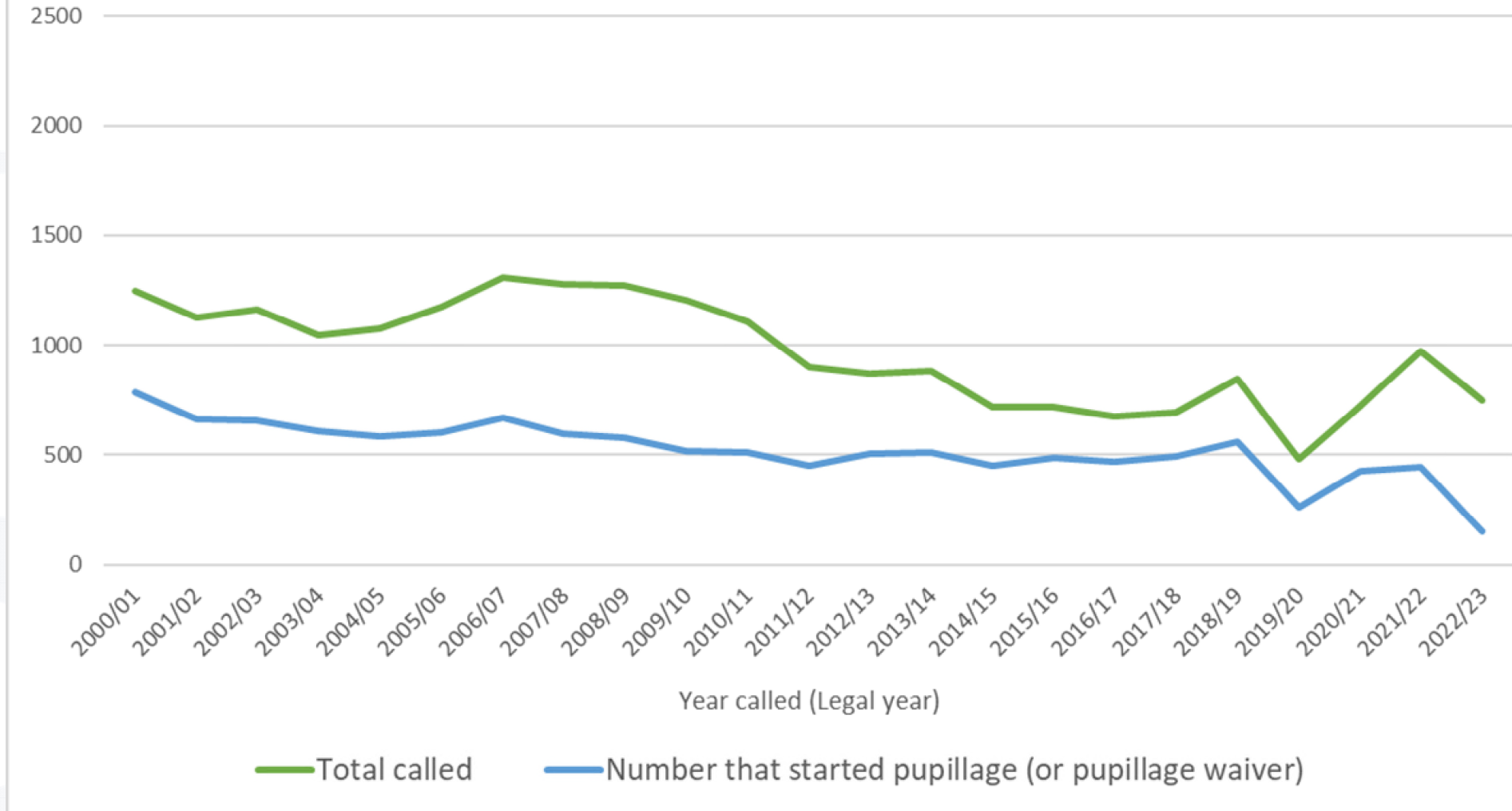
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## All barristers called with "British" or "Irish" nationality: numbers vs time



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