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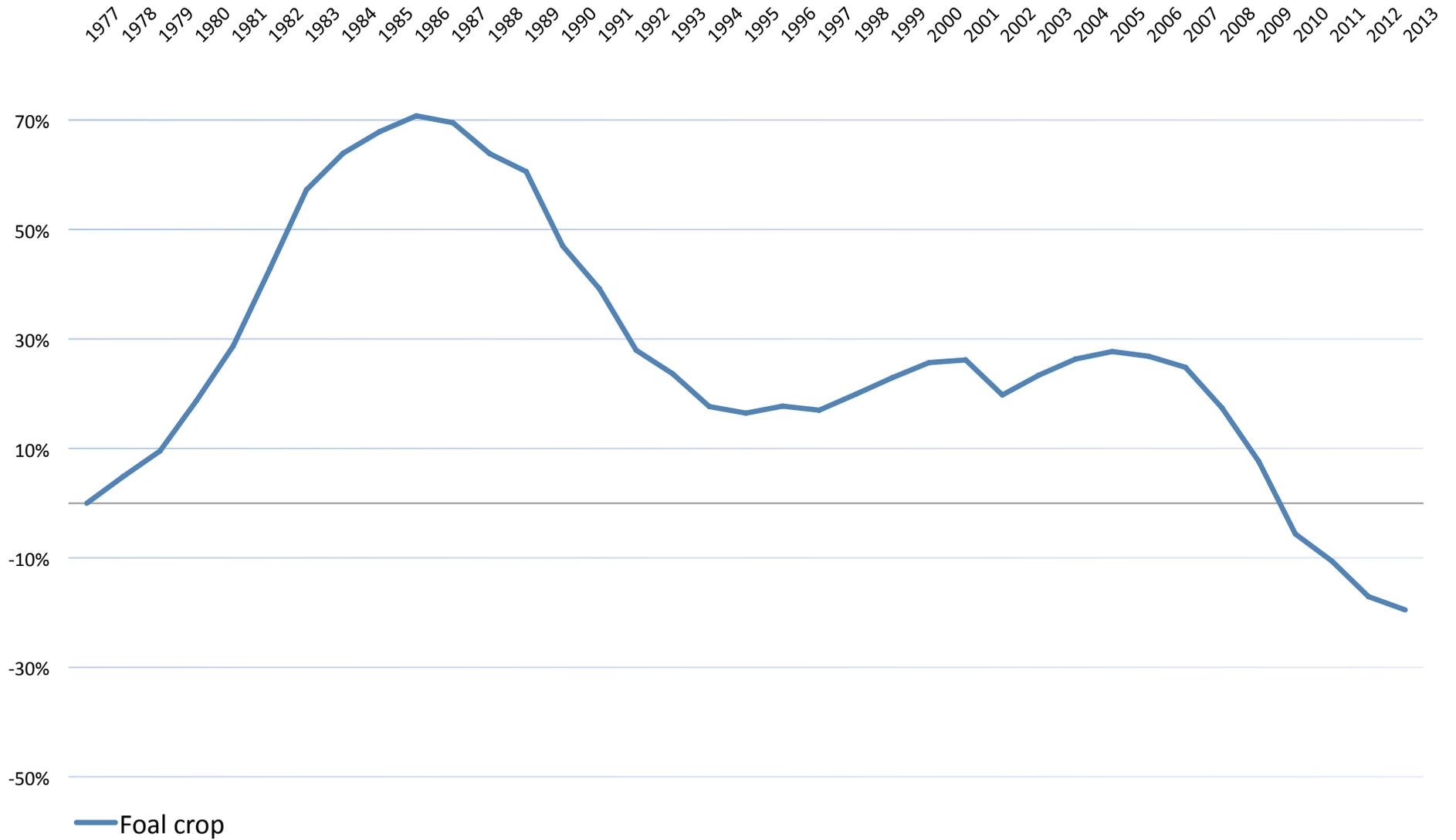
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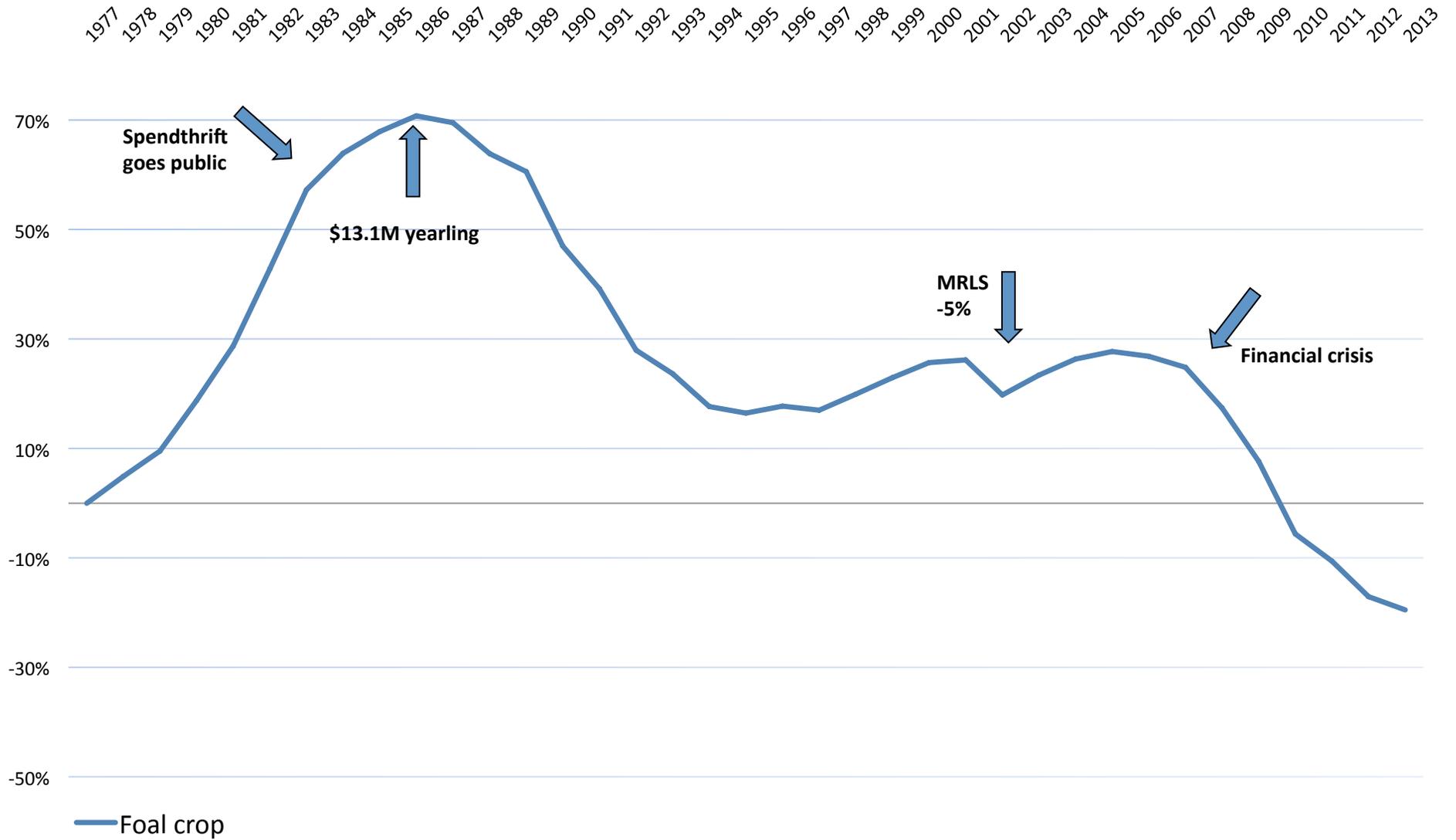
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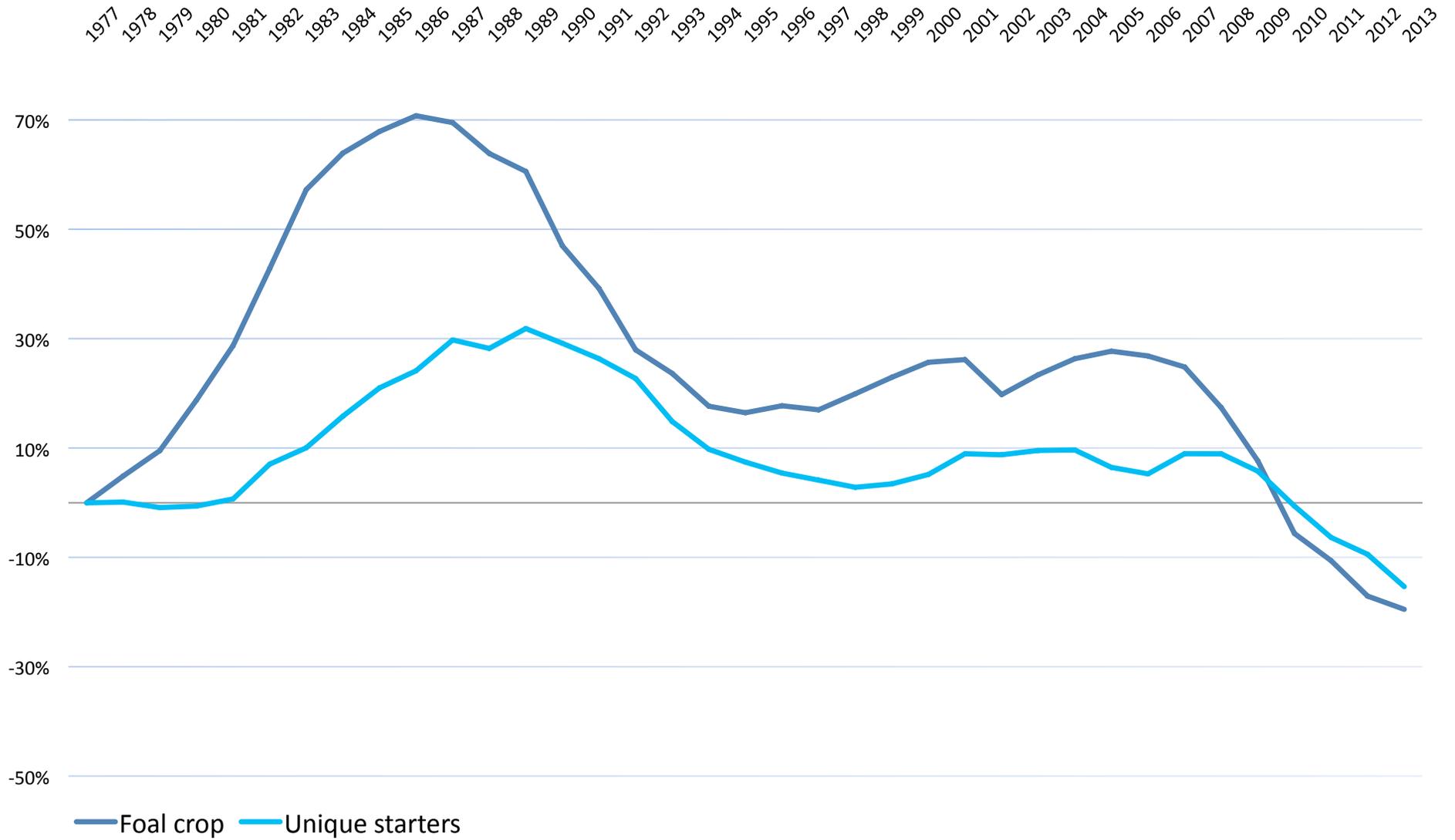
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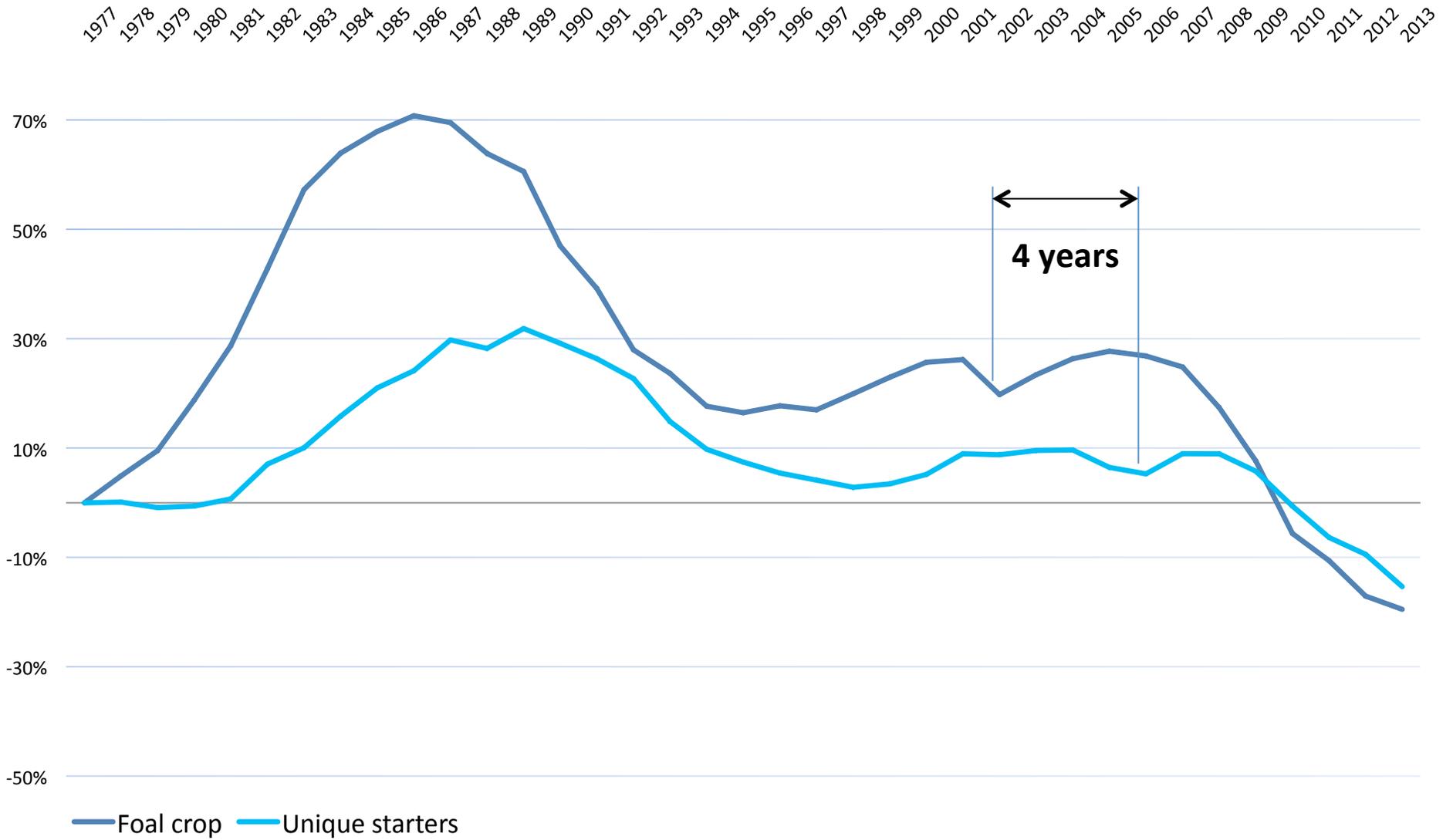
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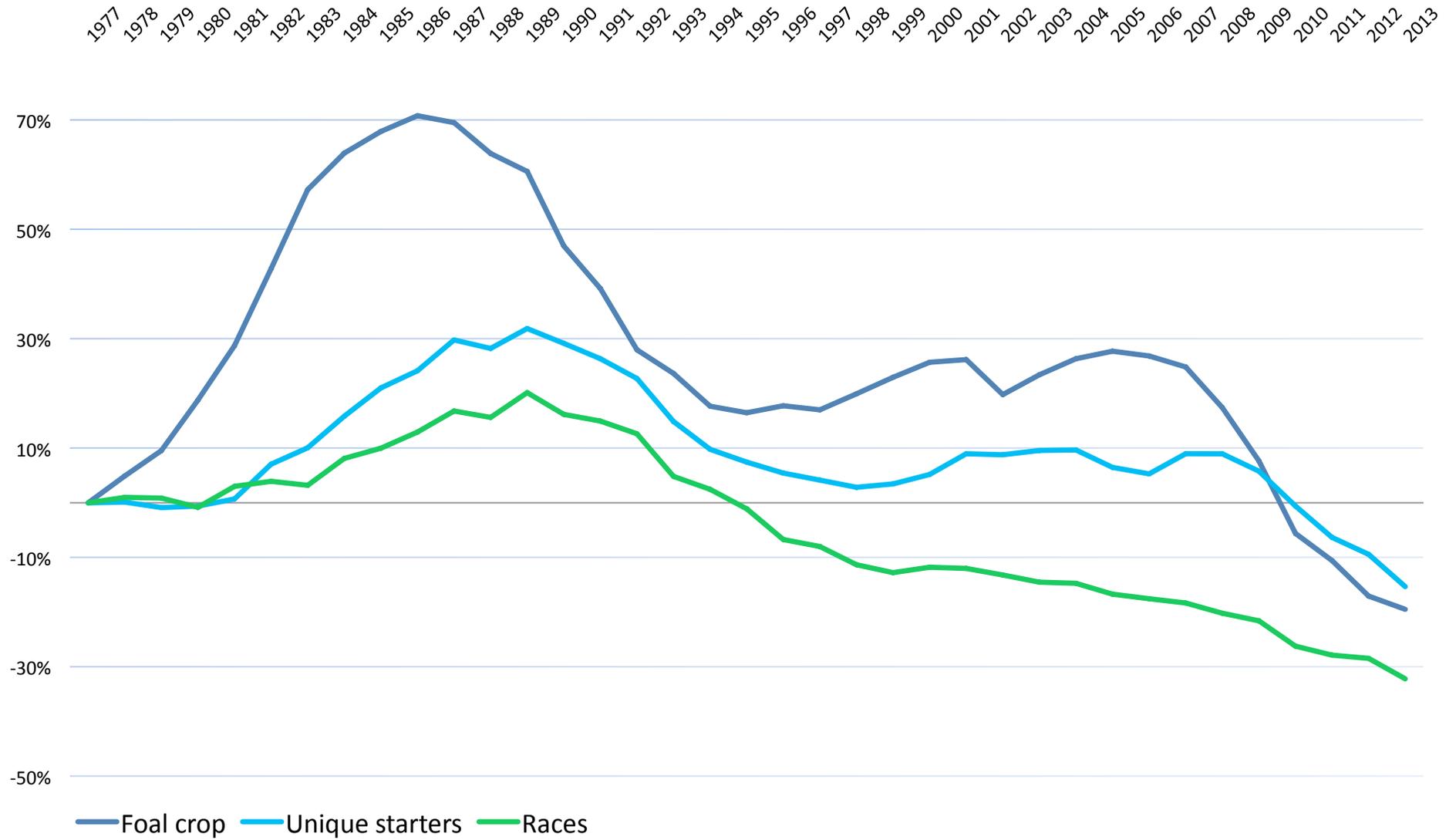
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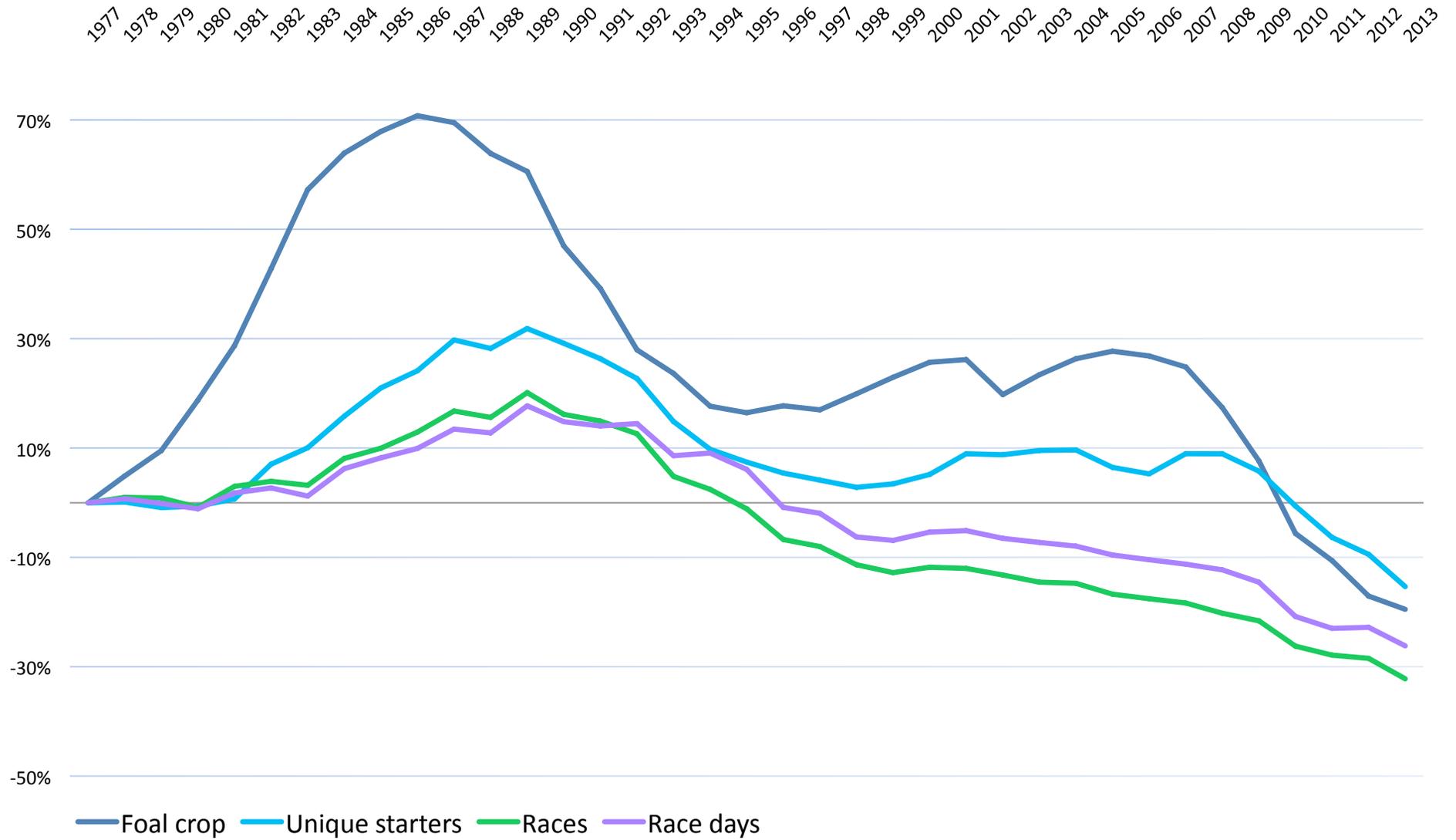
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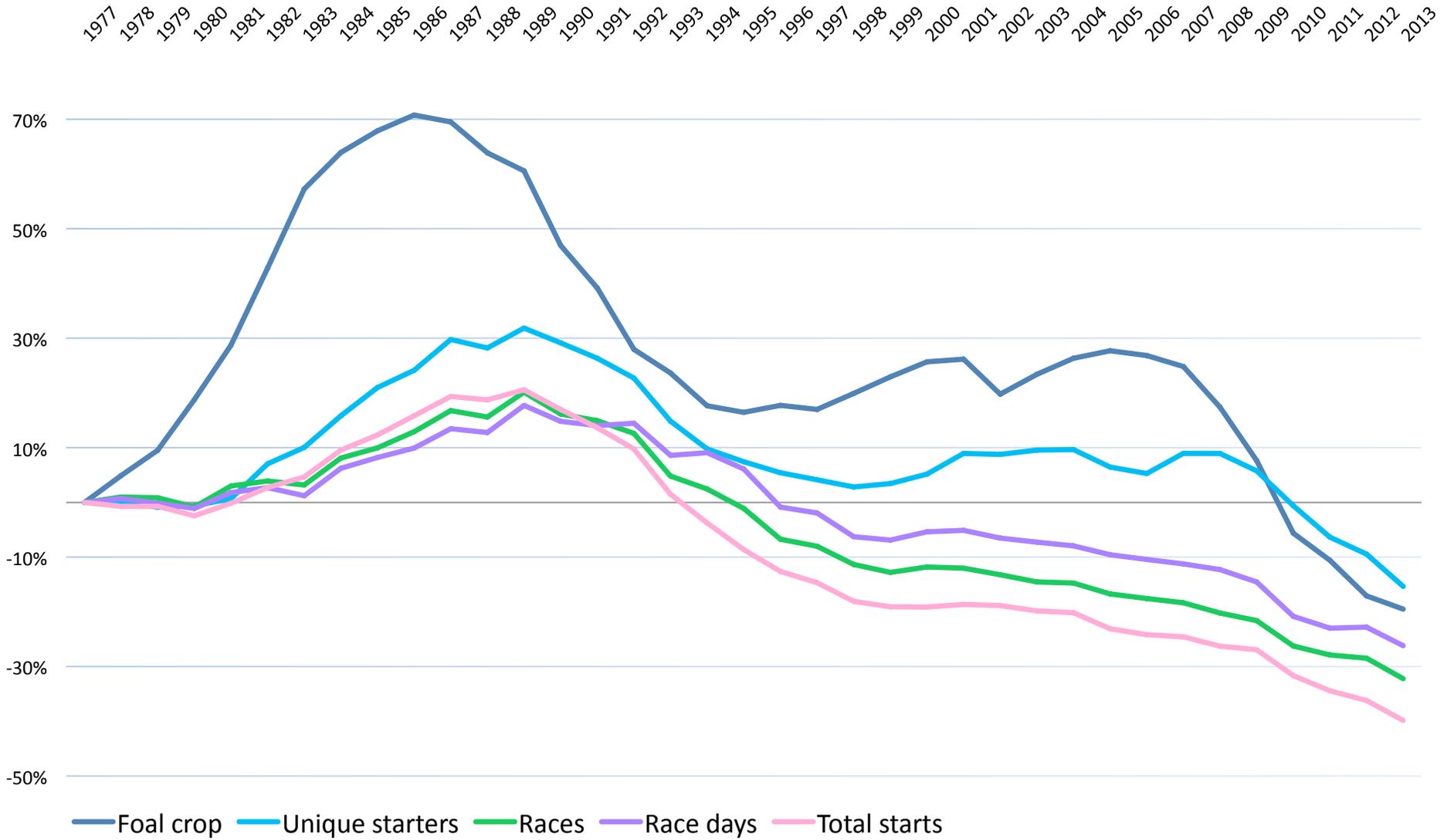
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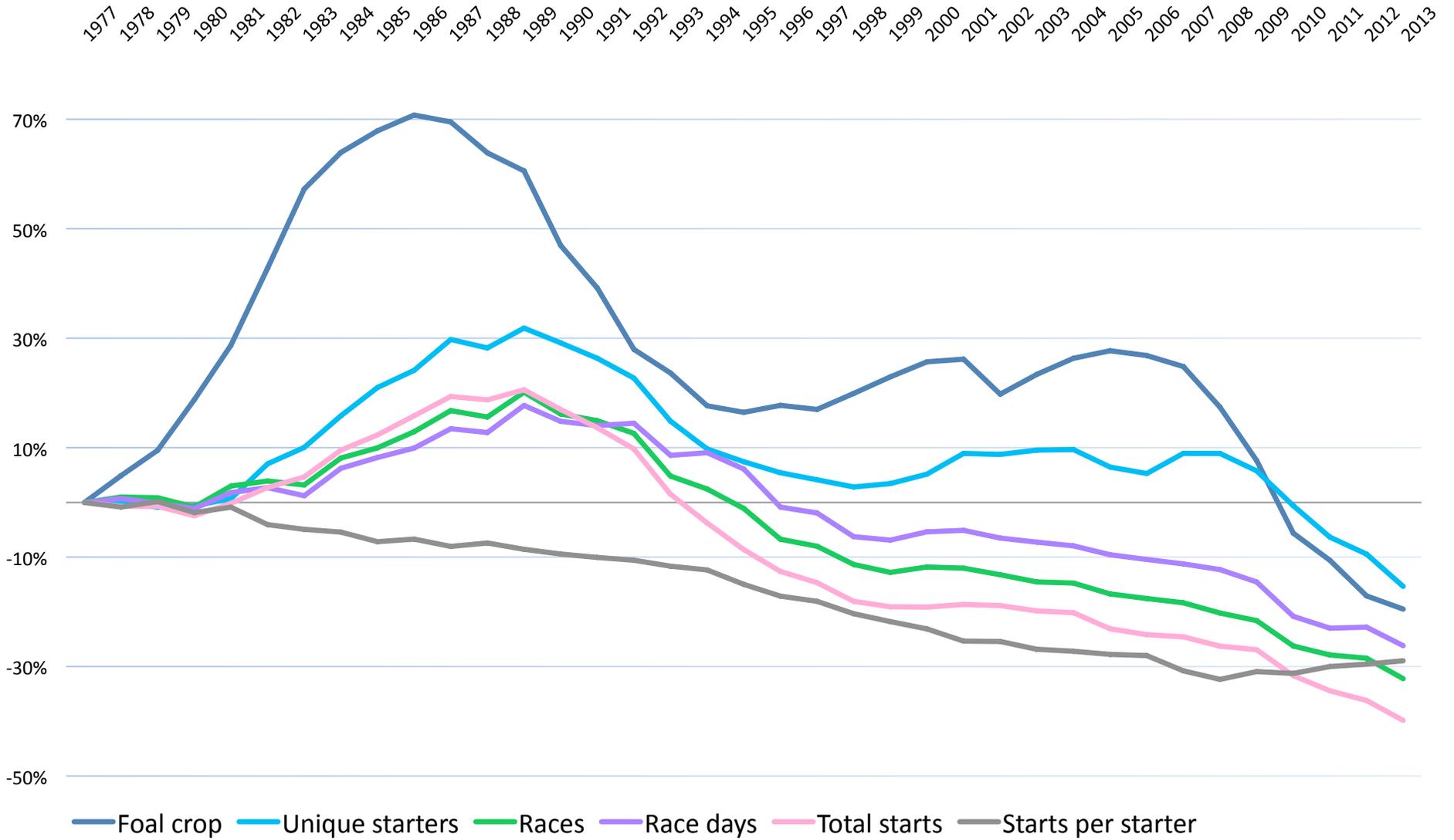
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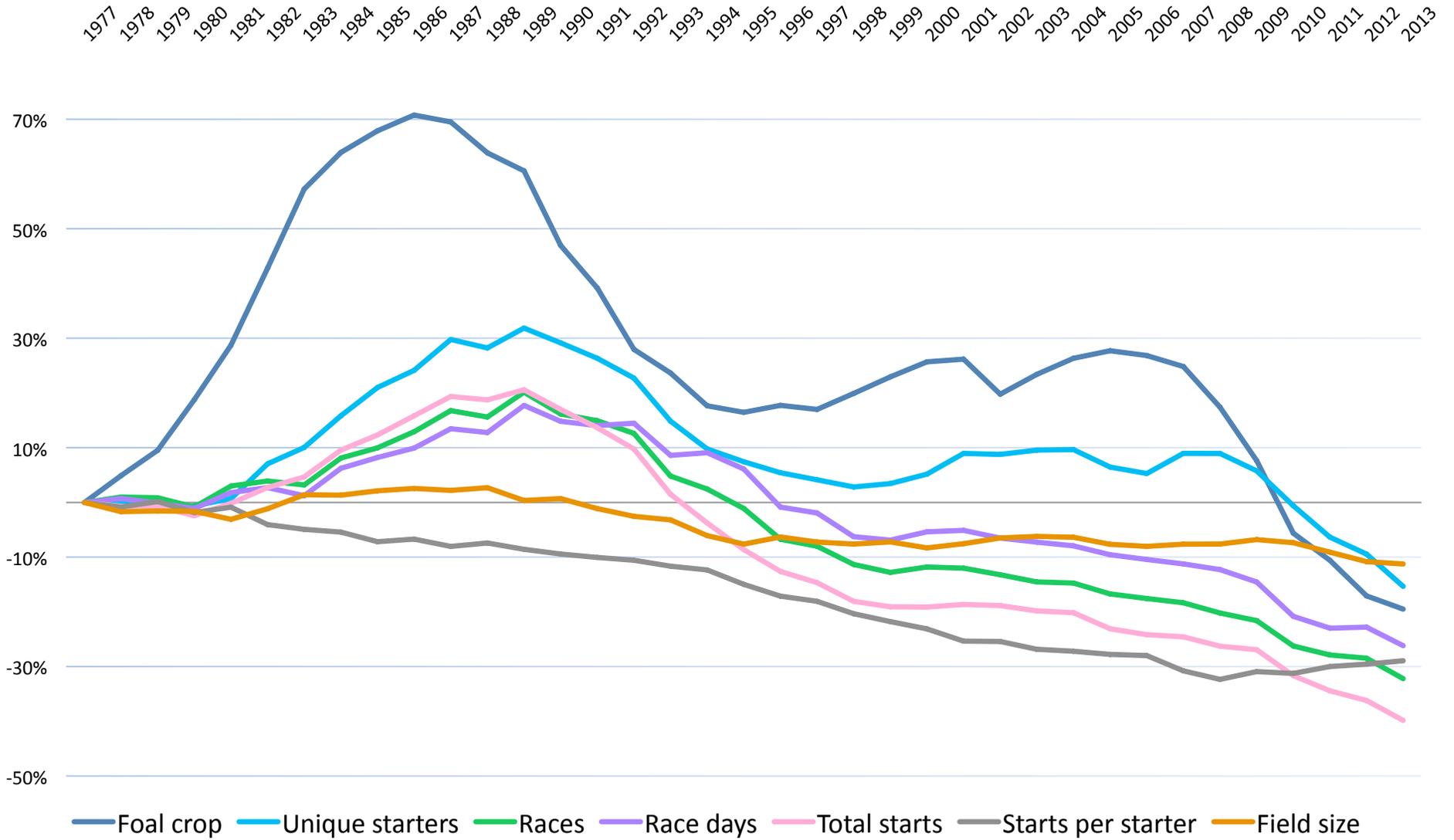
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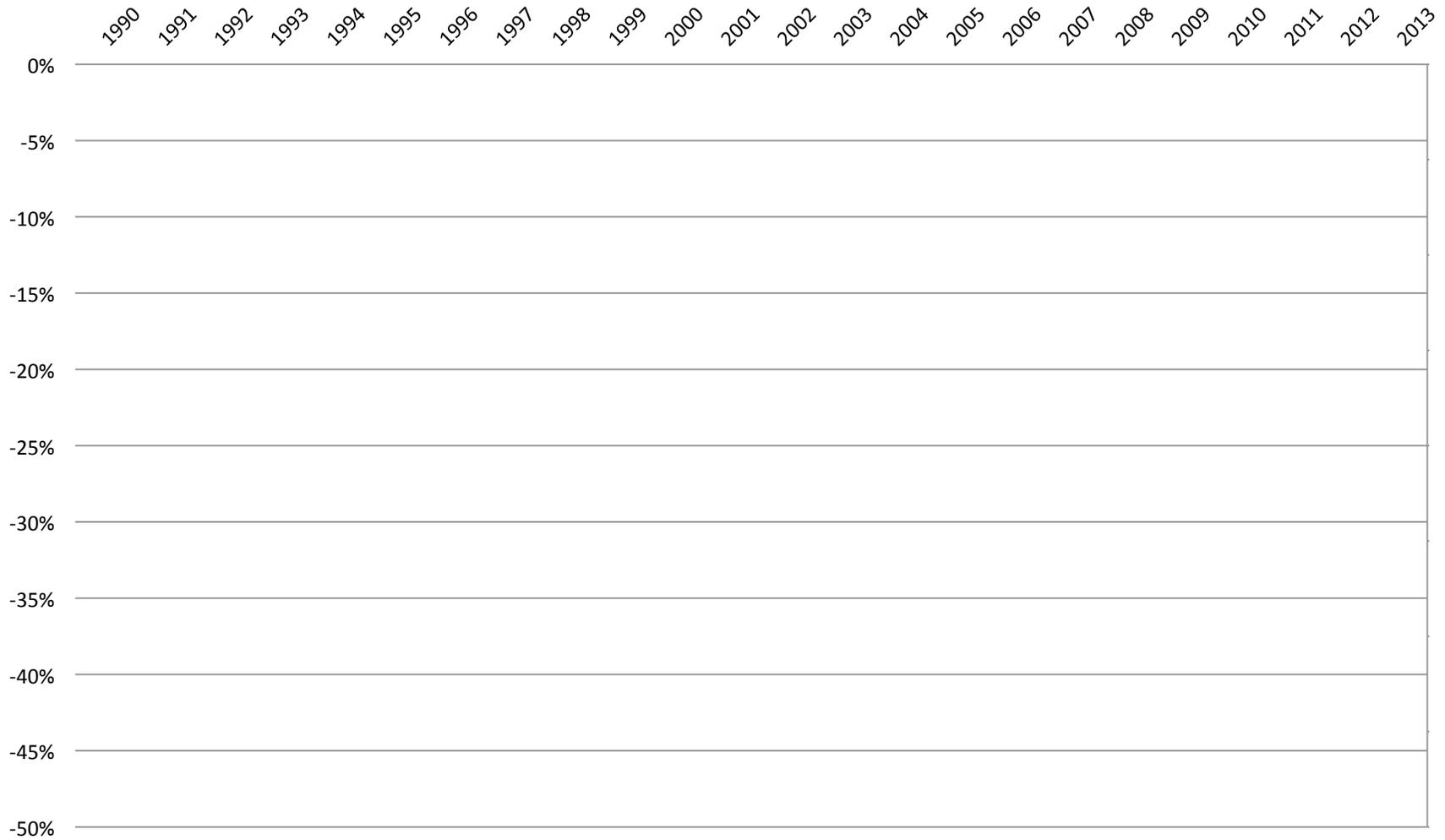


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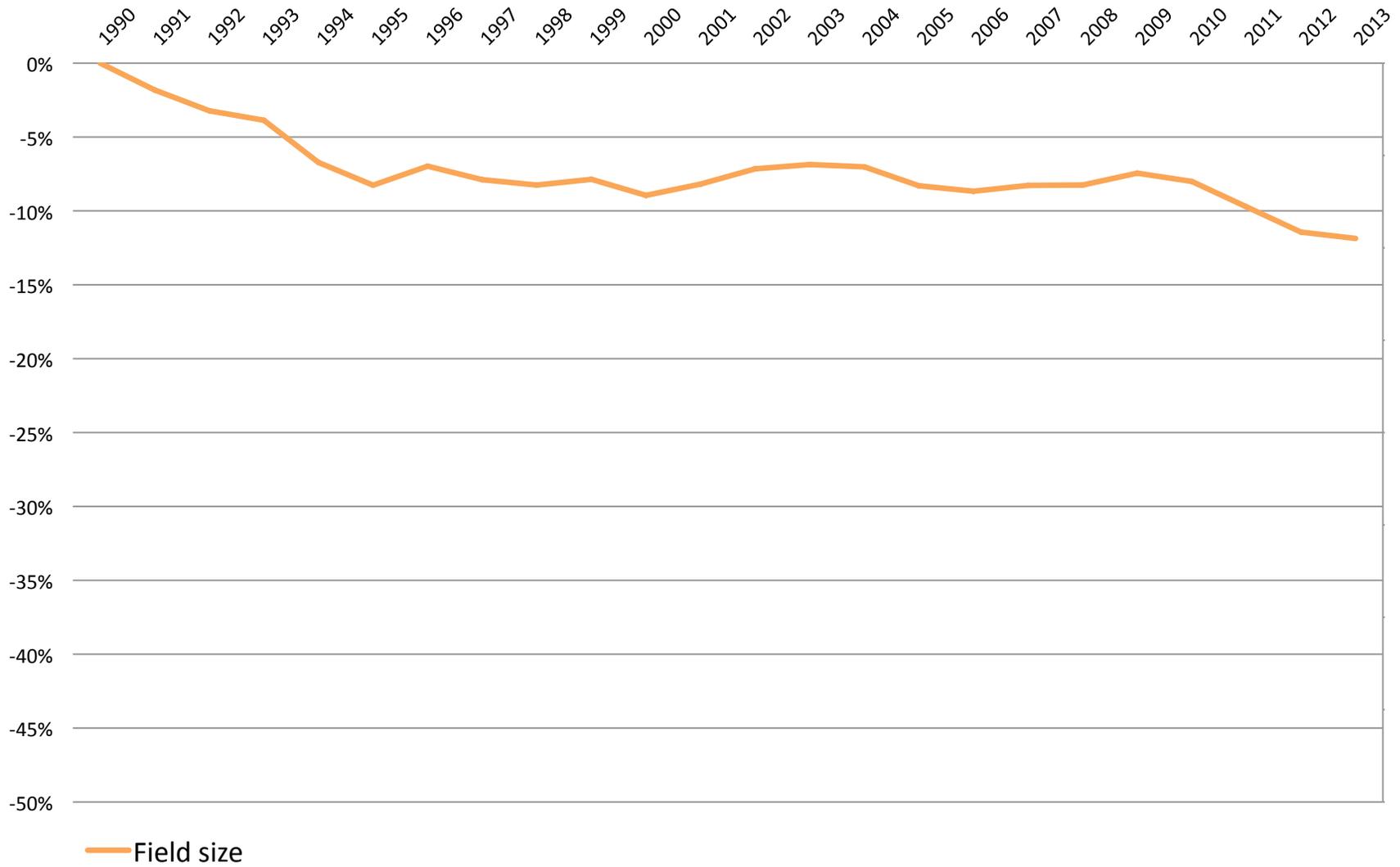
<b>Year</b>	<b>Races per card</b>	<b>Field size</b>	<b>Starters per card</b>
1983	9.3	9.0	84
1993	8.8 (-5.3%)	8.6 (-2.1%)	76 (-9.6%)
2003	8.4 (-10%)	8.3 (-5.1%)	70 (-16%)
2013	8.4 (-10%)	7.9 (-10%)	66 (-21%)

- If today's horses started as frequently as in 1983, field size would currently be >9.0

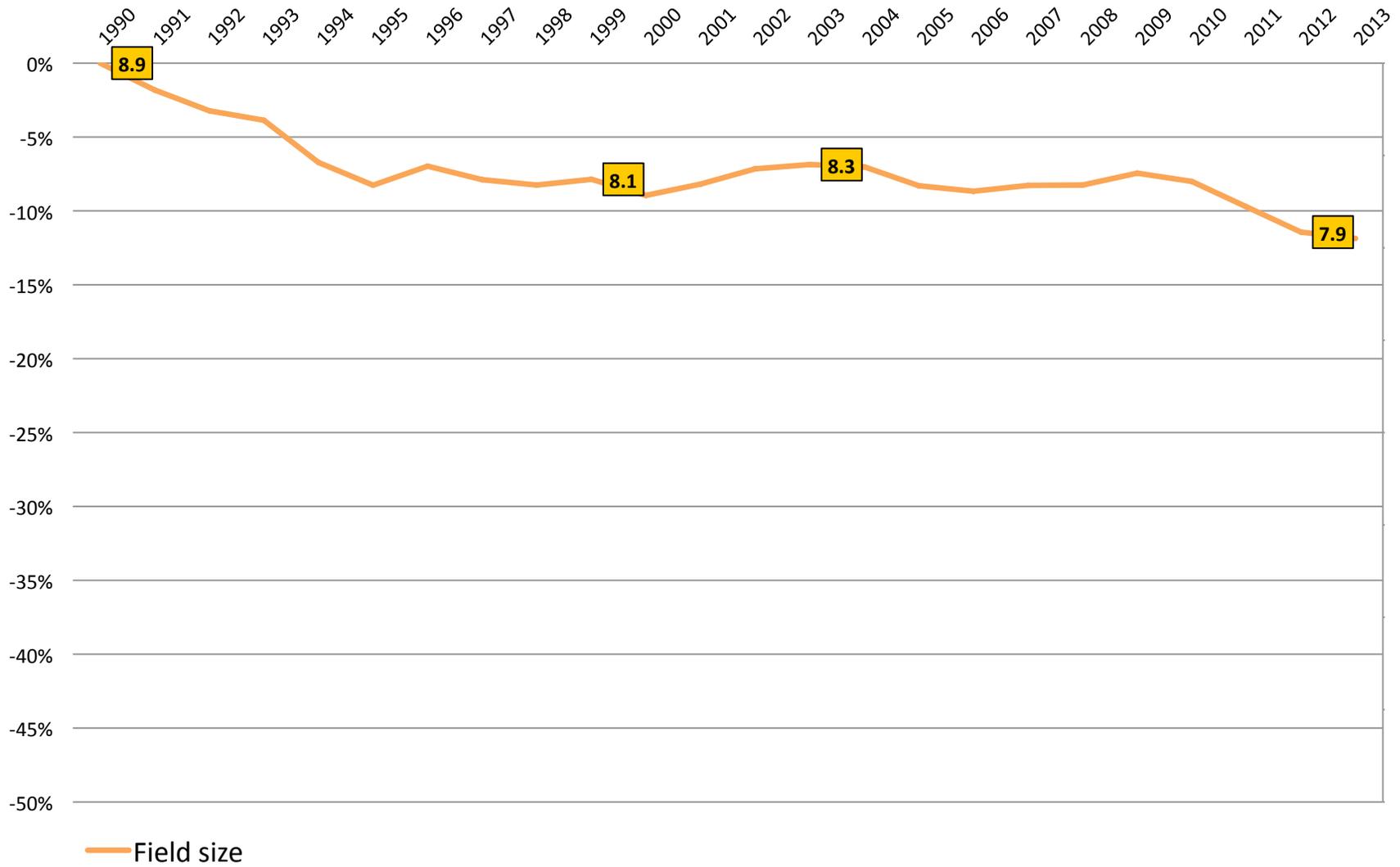
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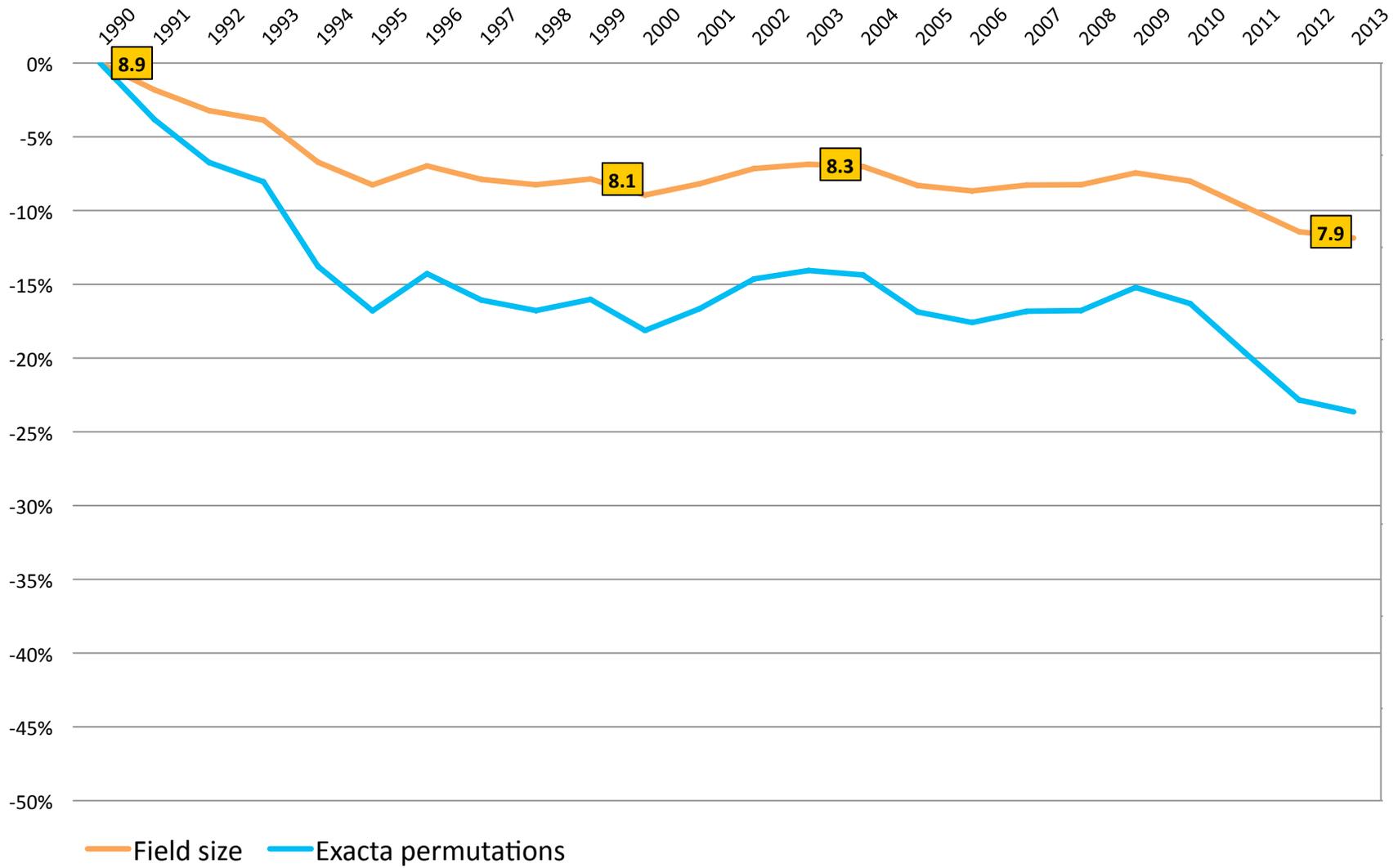
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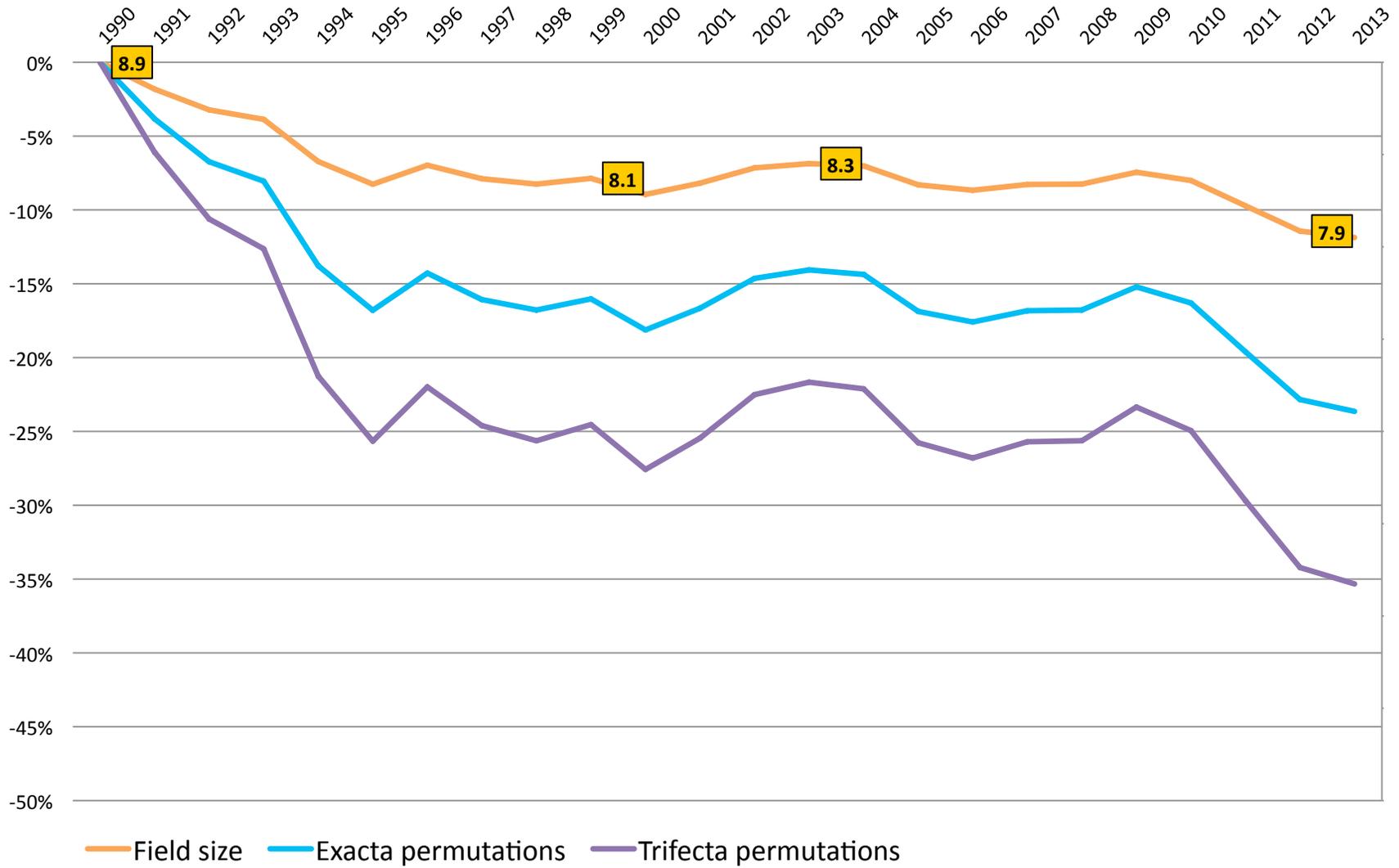
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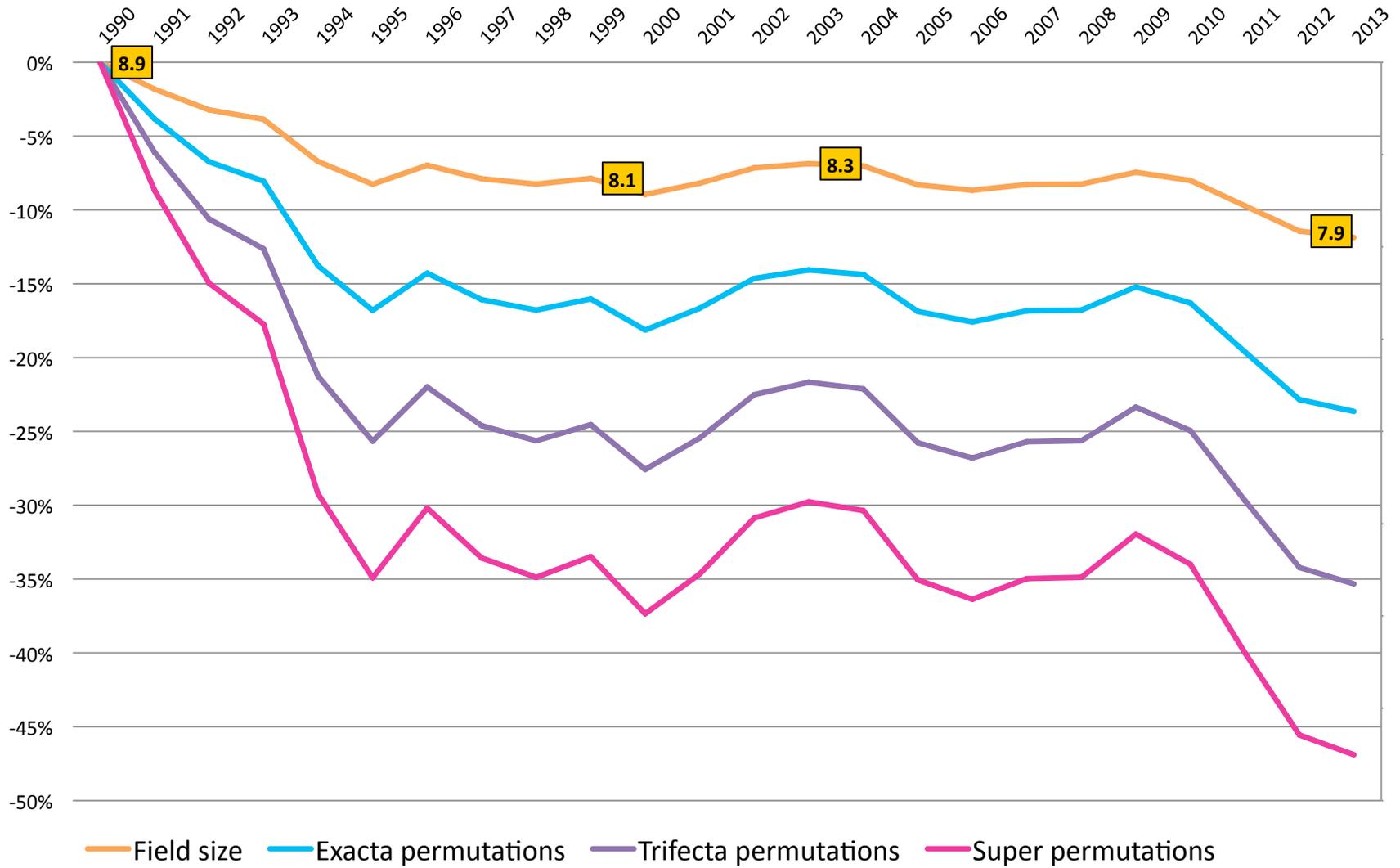
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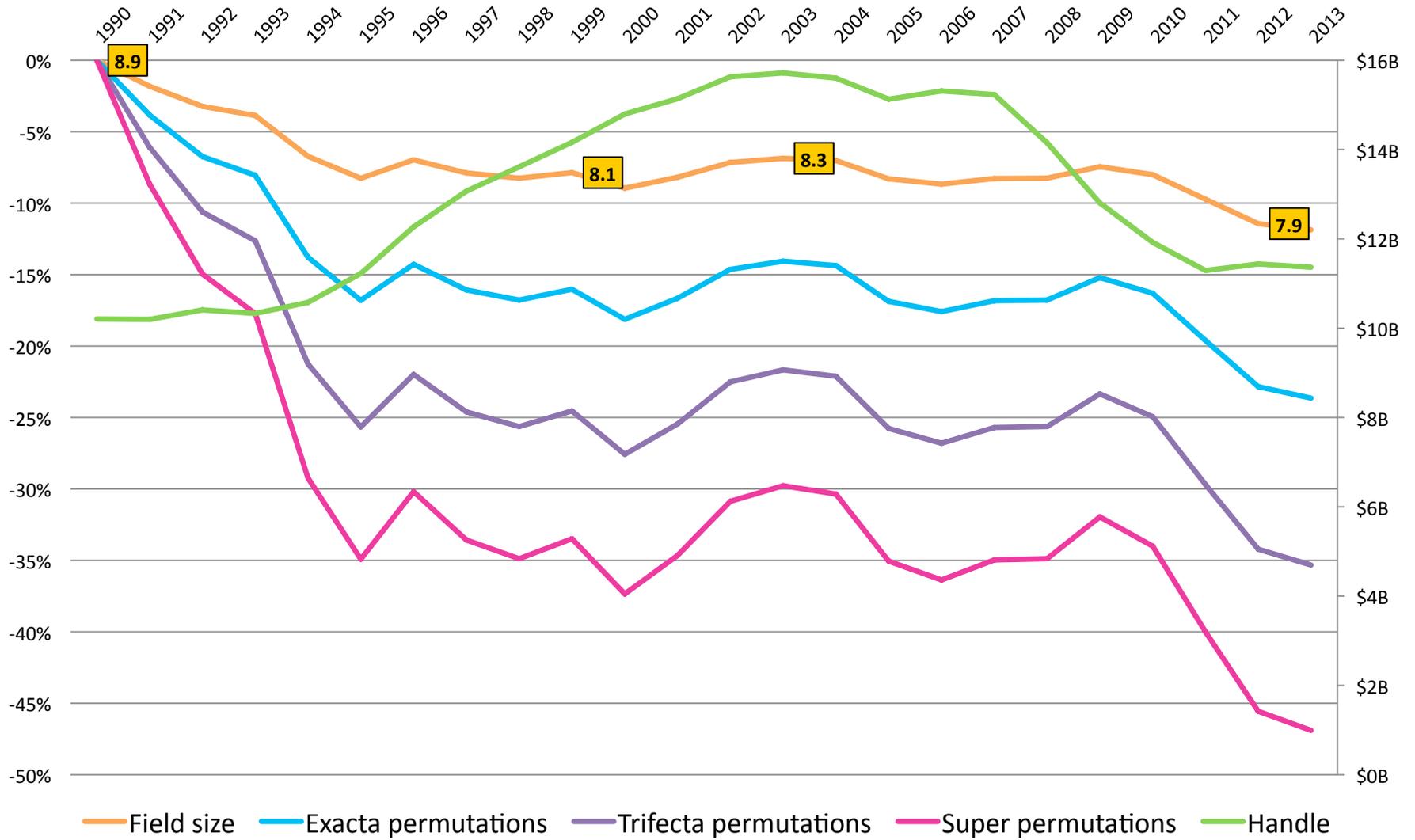
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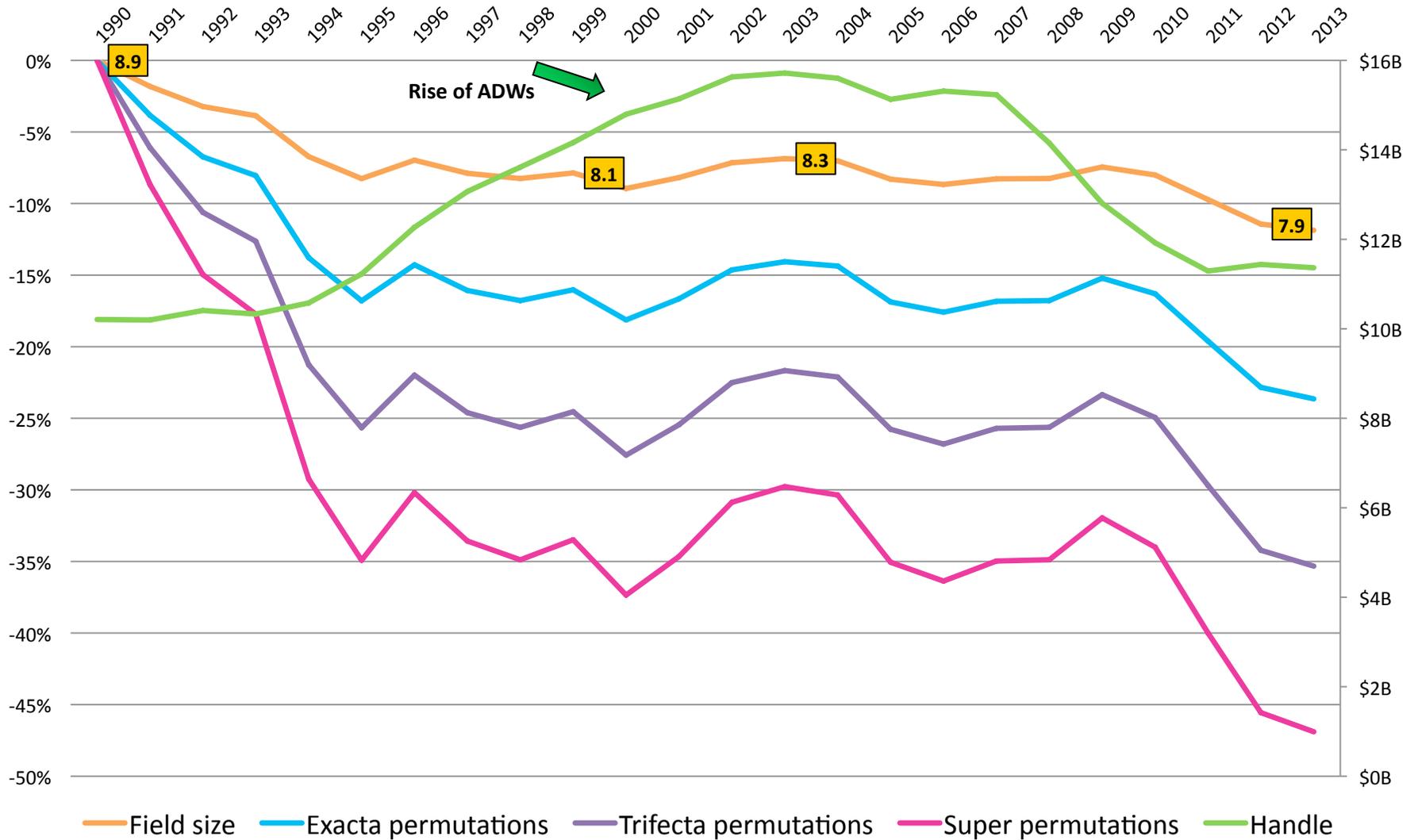
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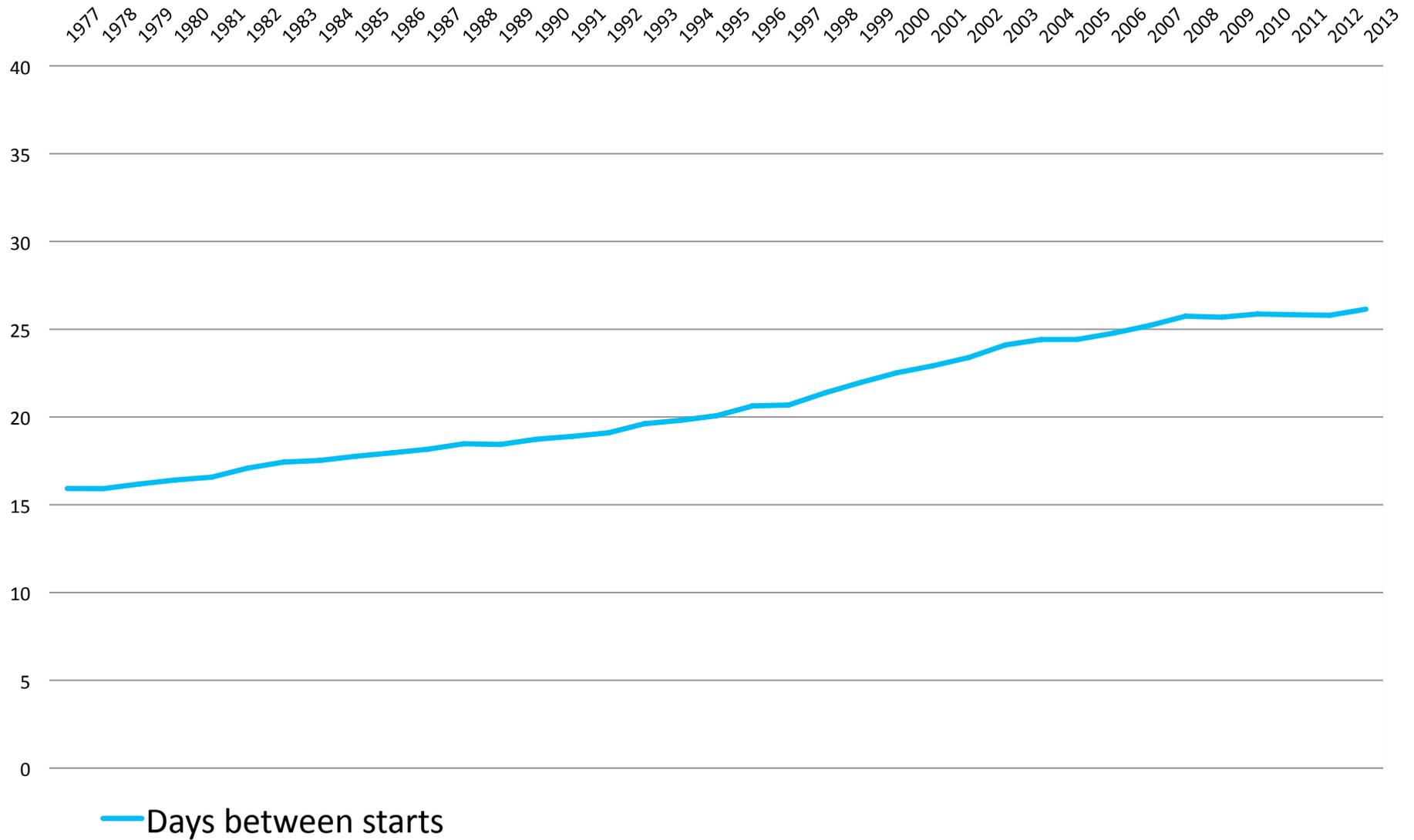
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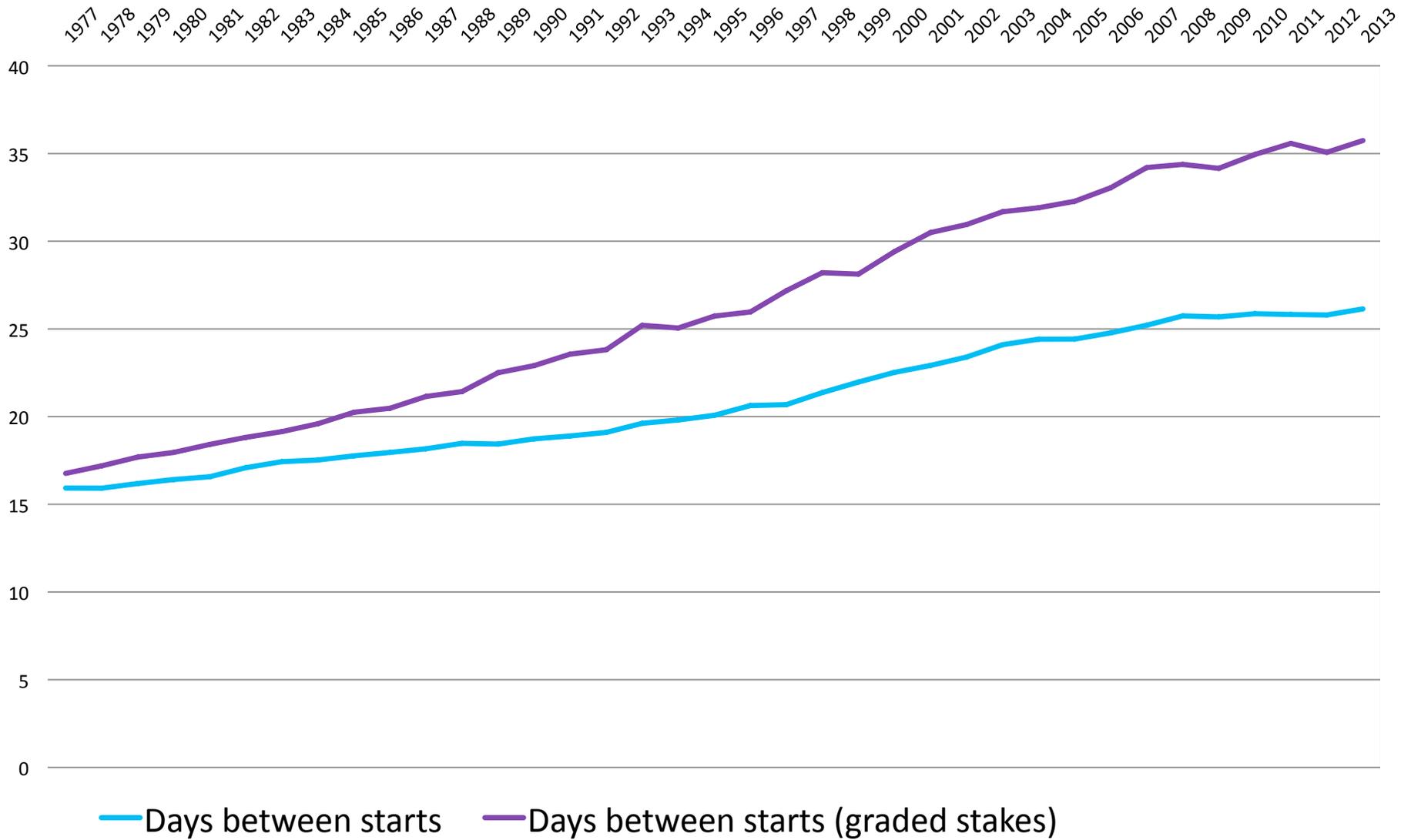
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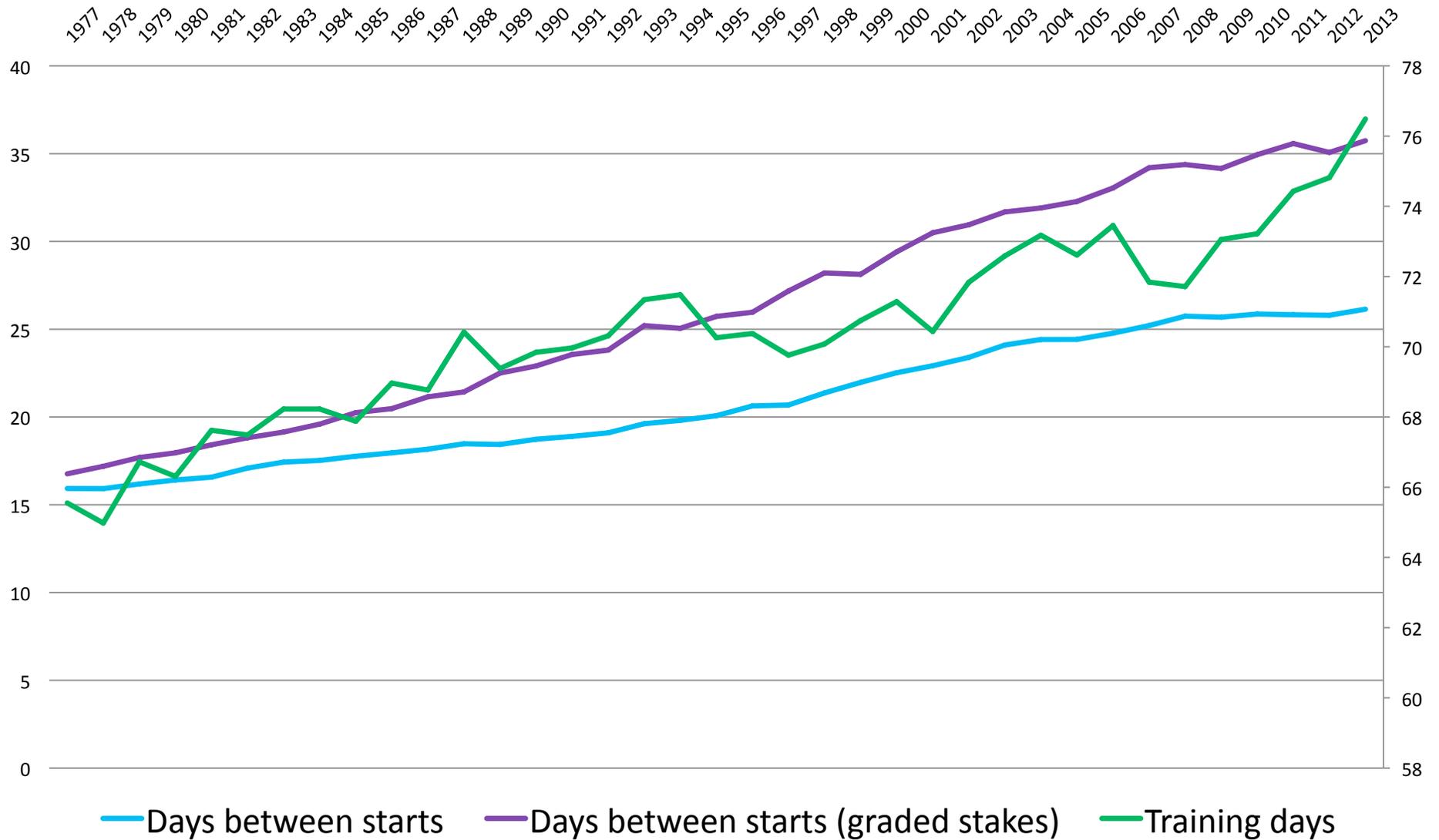
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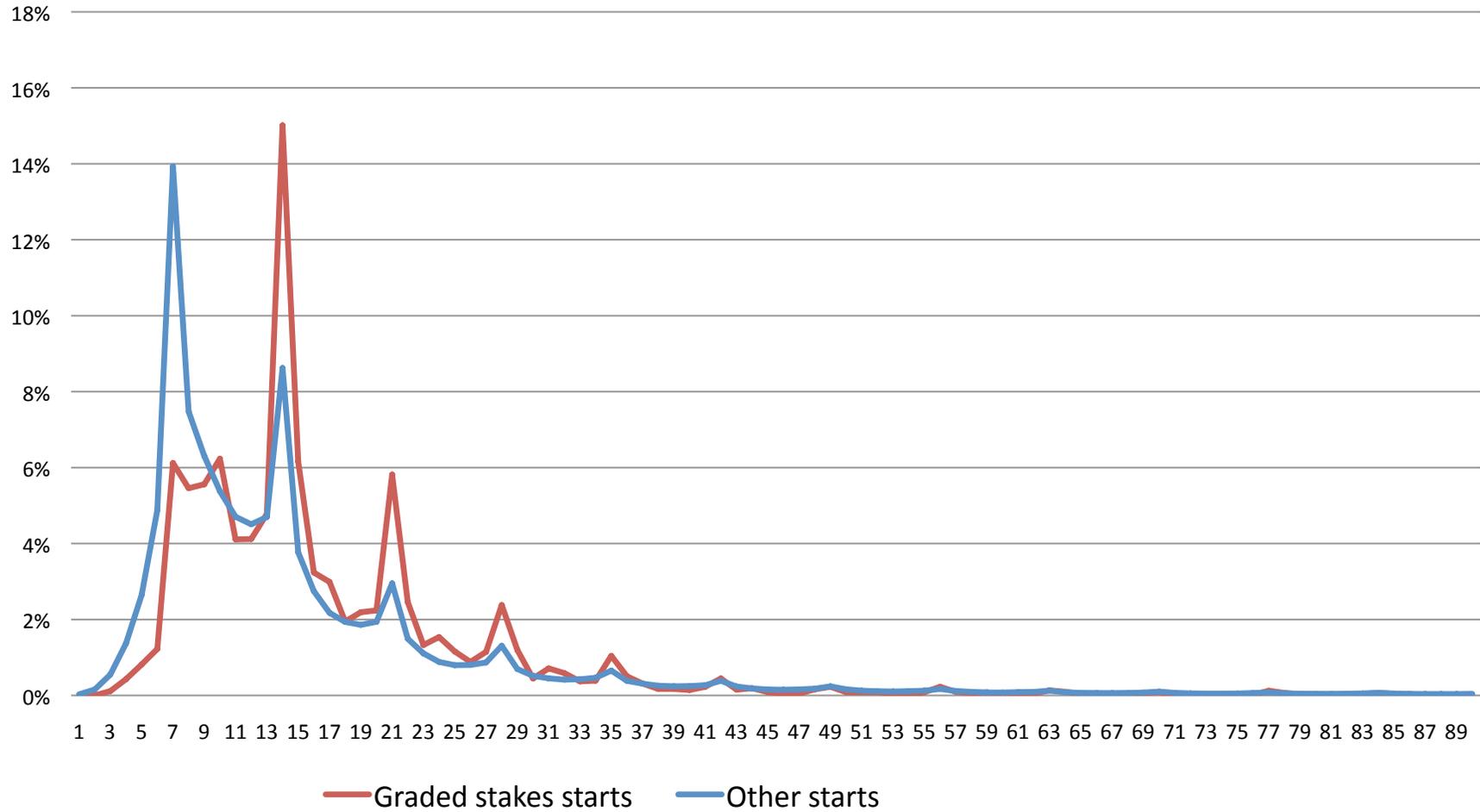
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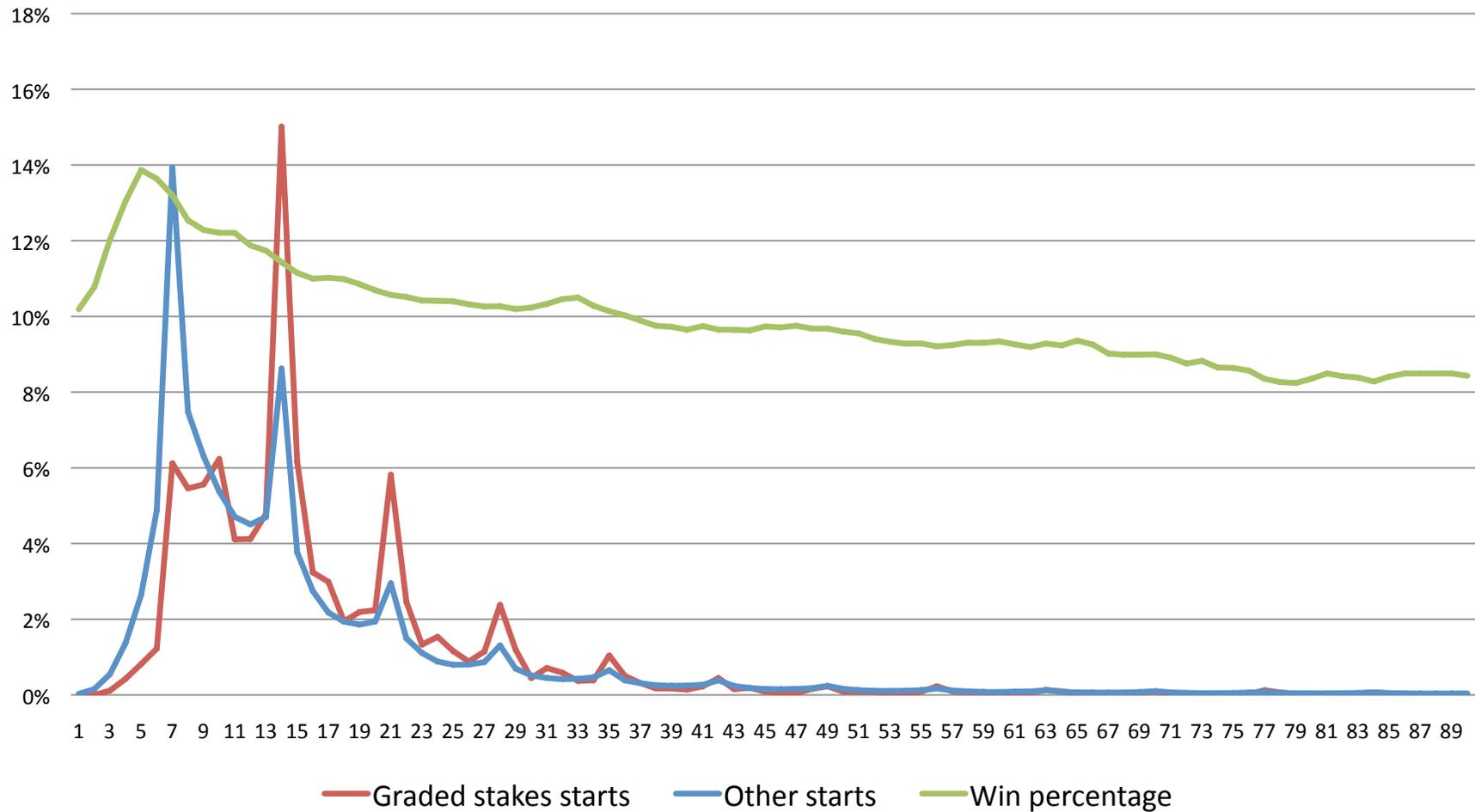
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<b>Year</b>	<b>Starts per starter</b>	<b>Days between starts</b>	<b>Training days per horse</b>
1983	3.9	17	68
1993	3.6 (-7.1%)	20 (13%)	71 (4.6%)
2003	3.0 (-23%)	24 (38%)	73 (6.4%)
2013	2.9 (-25%)	26 (50%)	76 (12%)

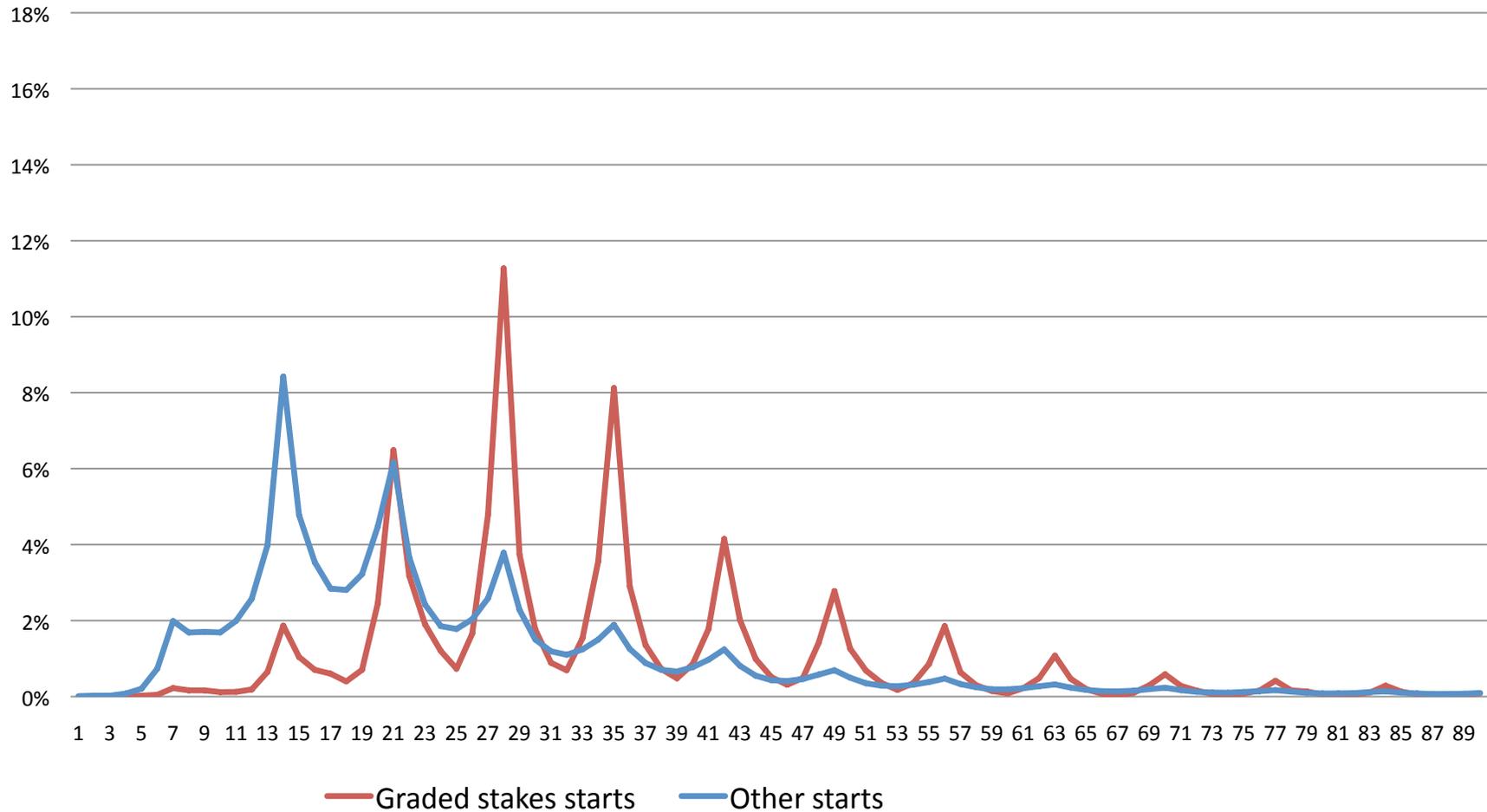
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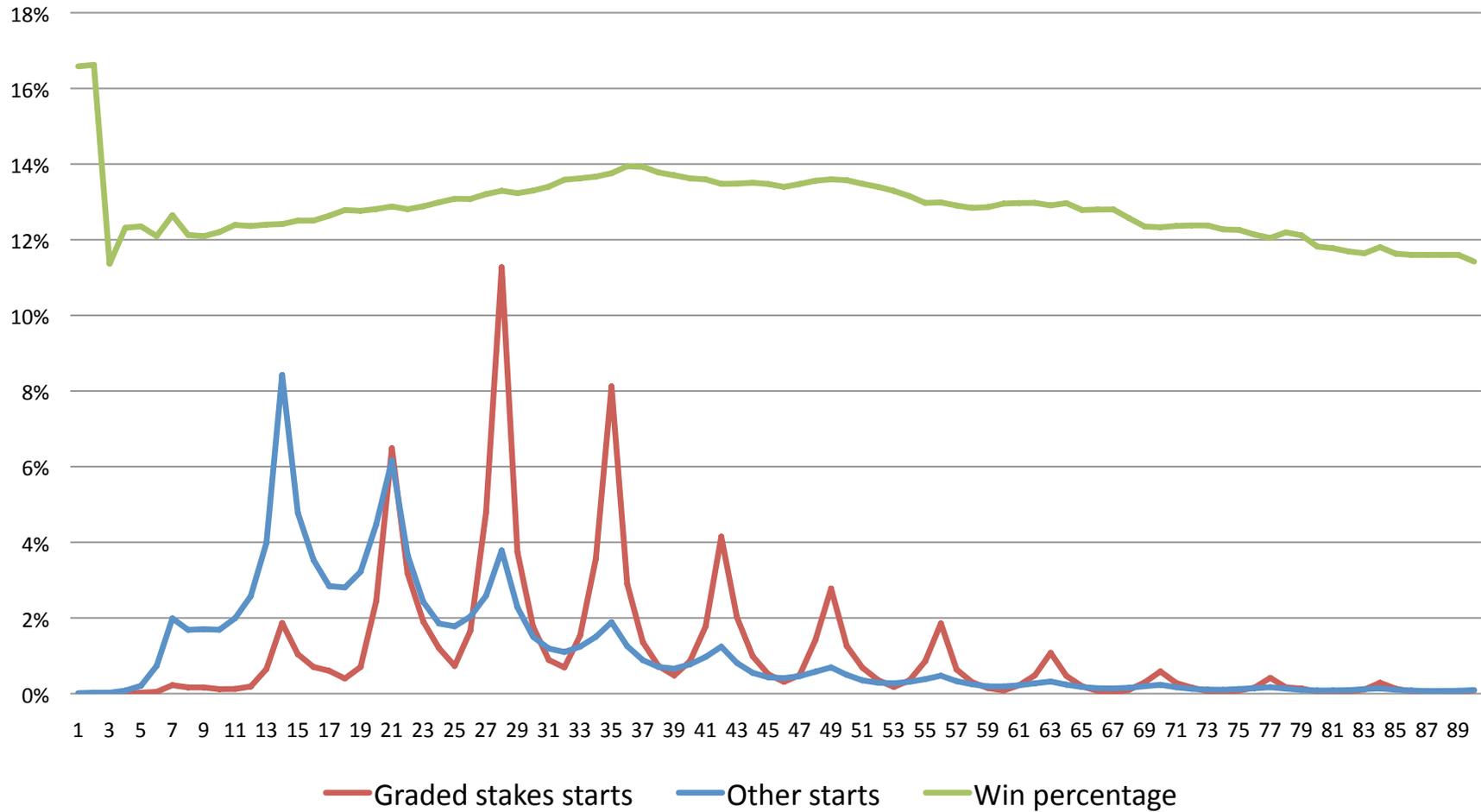
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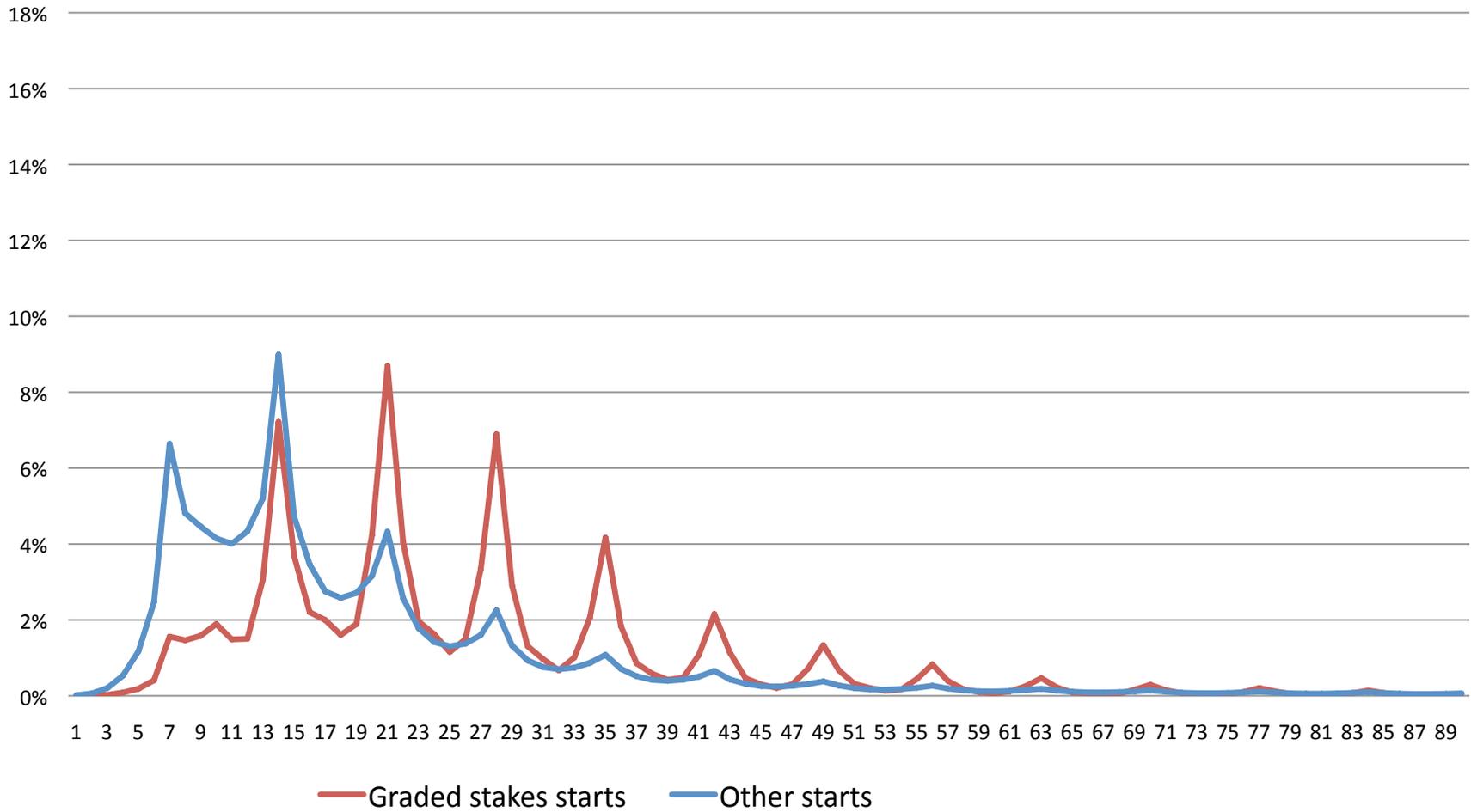
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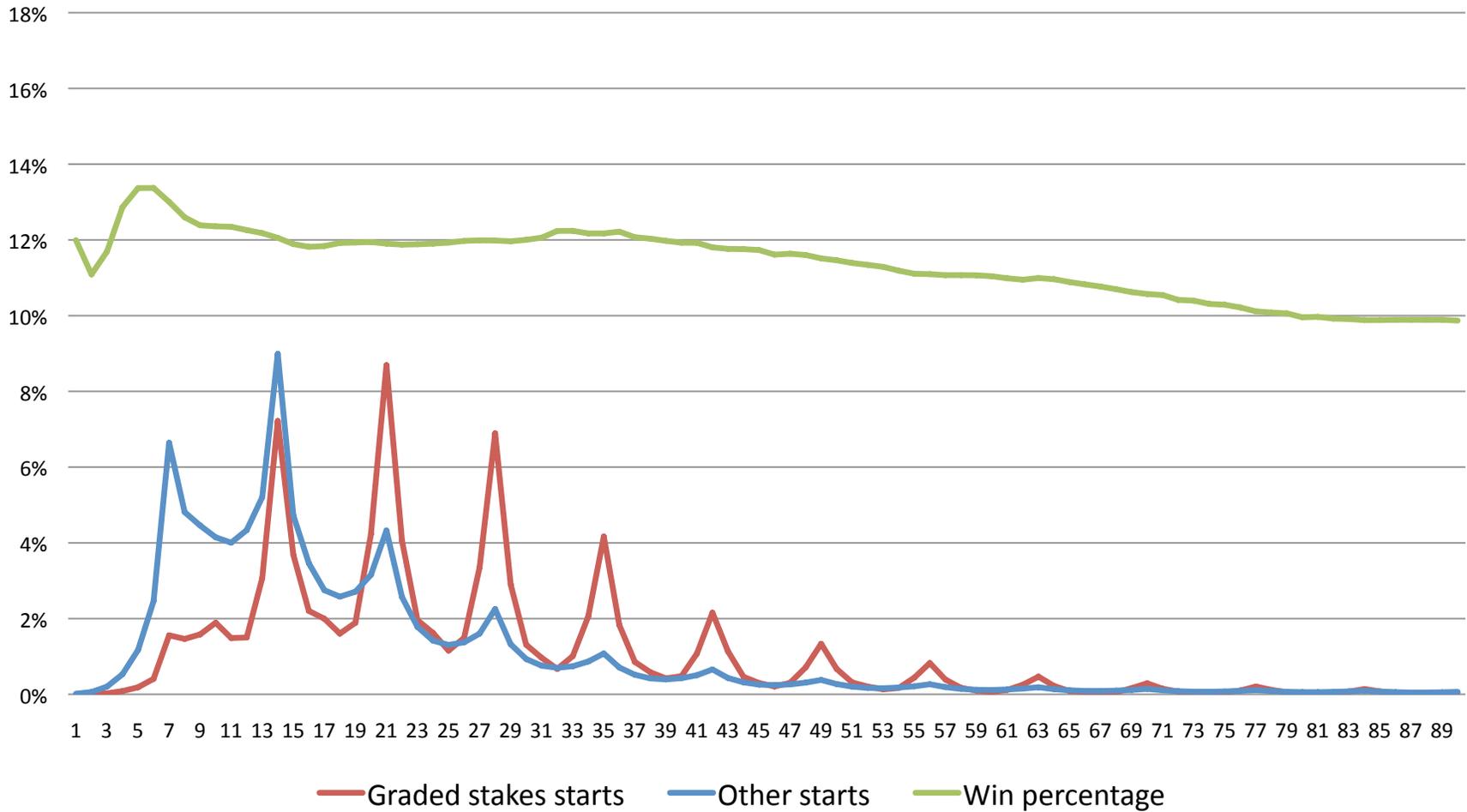
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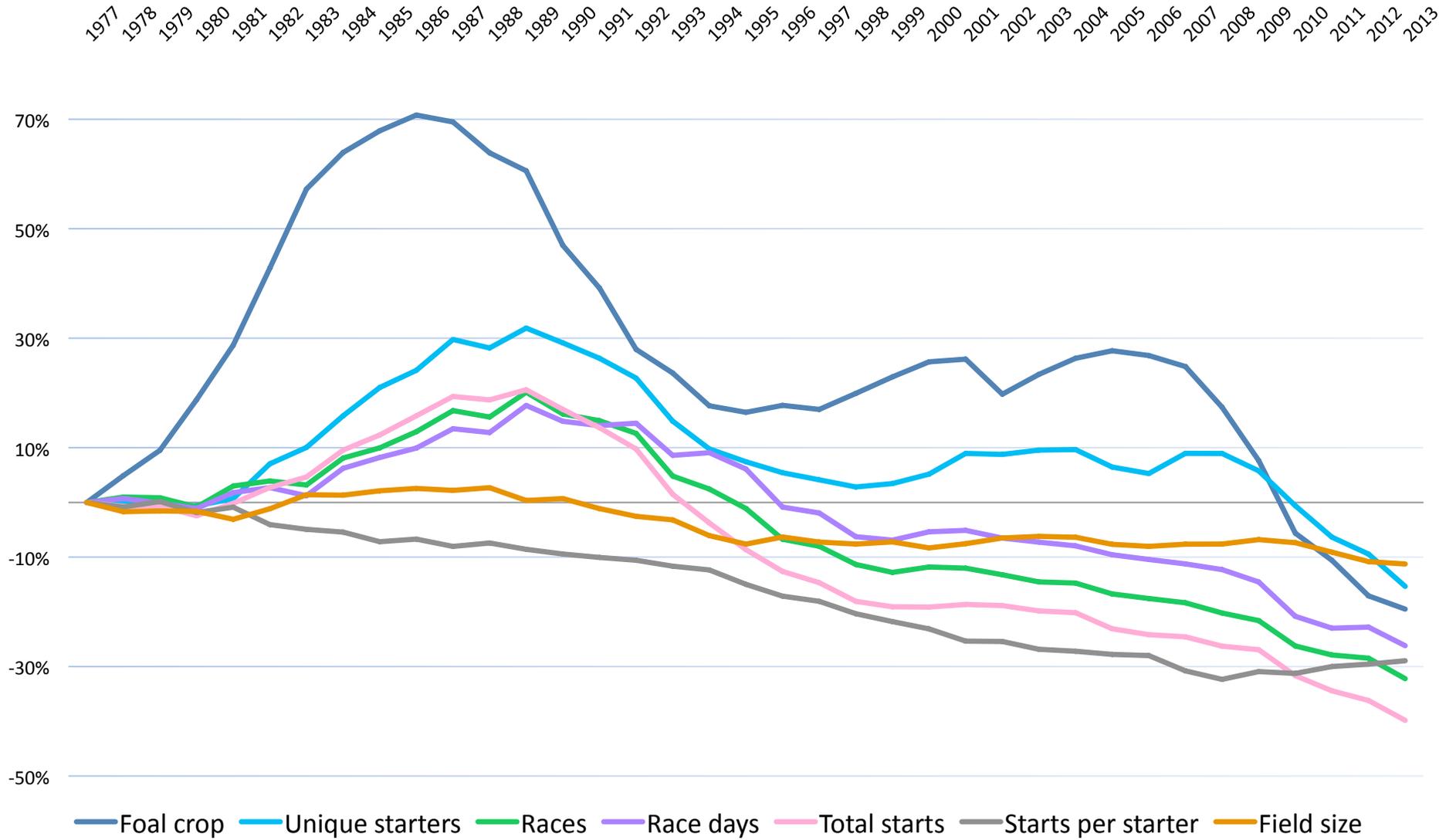
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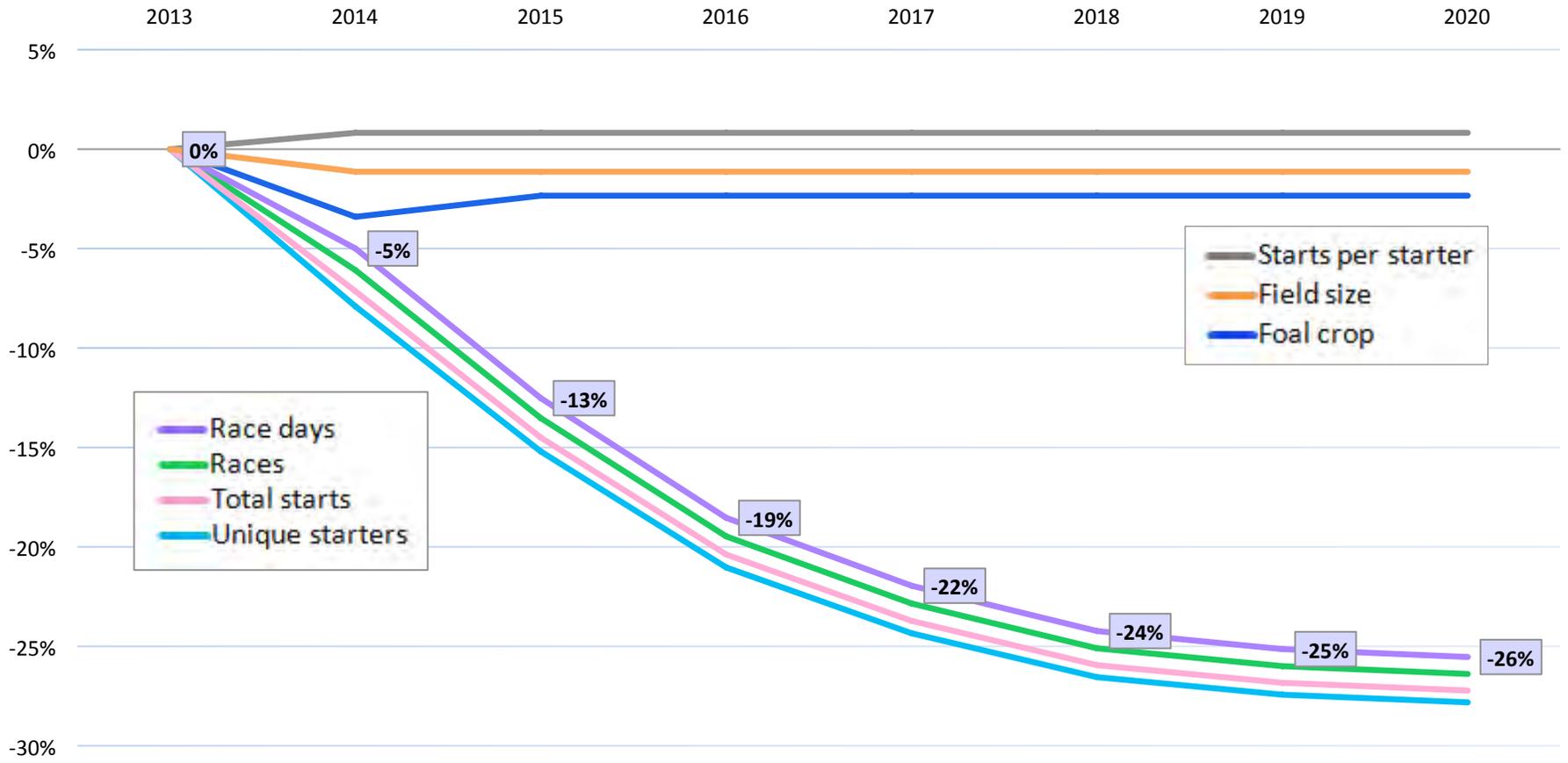
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# Industry metrics projections, 2013-20





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