

Example #2

The stop-and-frisk policy as implemented in New York City prior to the 2013 court decision was legitimate because it was effective at leading to arrests for series crimes including theft, assault, and possession of a weapon. When the policy was ended in 2013, the number of arrests for possession of a weapon decreased dramatically, with a potential consequence being reduced safety for everyone in New York City. Before the court decision, the stop-and-frisk policy led to roughly 7,000 arrests for illegal possession of a weapon each year, but this fell to fewer than 2,000 in 2014, the first full year after the policy had ended. This means that there are likely to be thousands more individuals carrying deadly weapons in New York City now that stop-and-frisk is no longer in place.

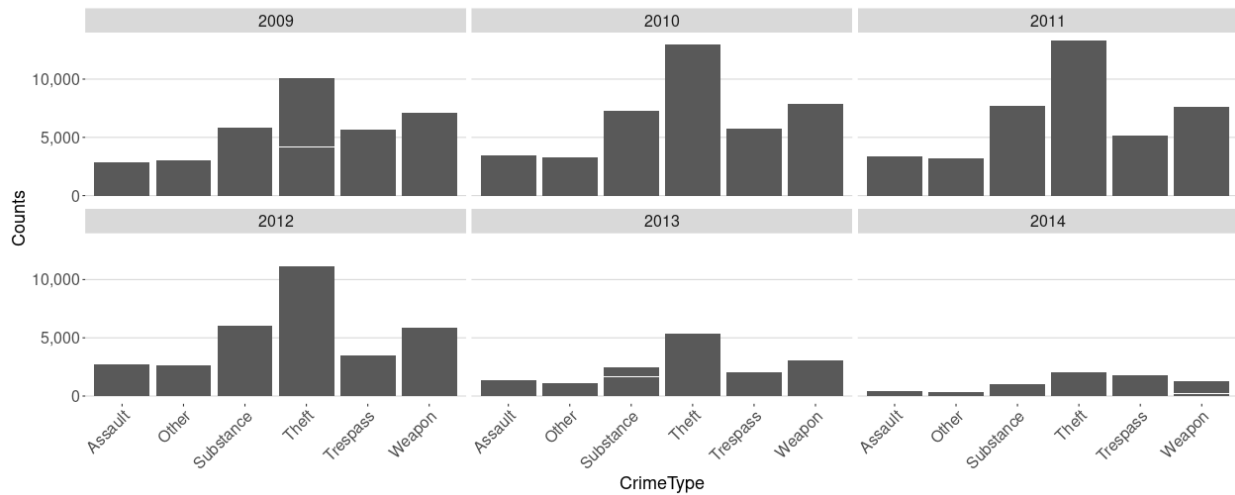


Figure 1: frequencies of arrests for various types of crime by year.