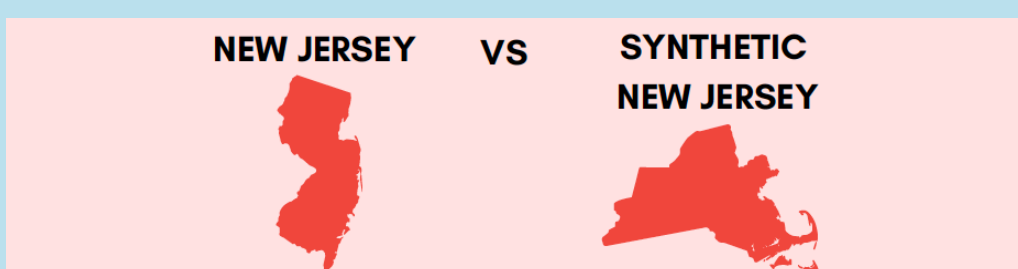


MYTH BUSTED: BAIL REFORM DID NOT INCREASE GUN VIOLENCE

NEW JERSEY'S 2017 BAIL REFORM

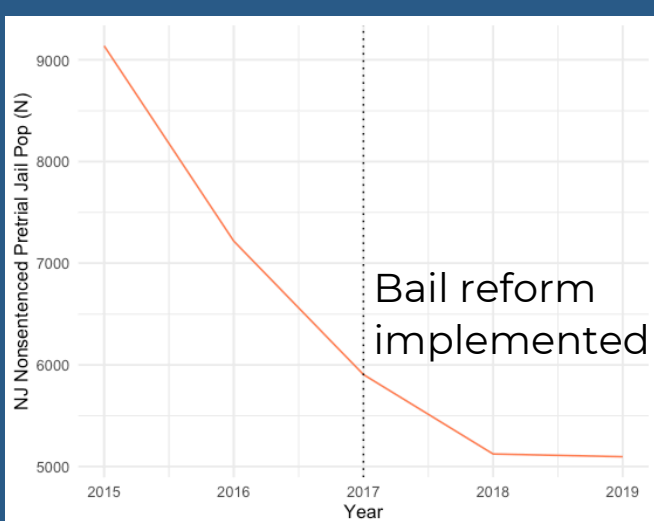
A new study looked at New Jersey's bail reform, which practically eliminated cash bail and replaced with a risk assessment tool. The pretrial jail population decreased dramatically, from 8,899 in 2015 to 4,976 in 2019. A critical move in the context of discussions around pretrial detention & public safety.



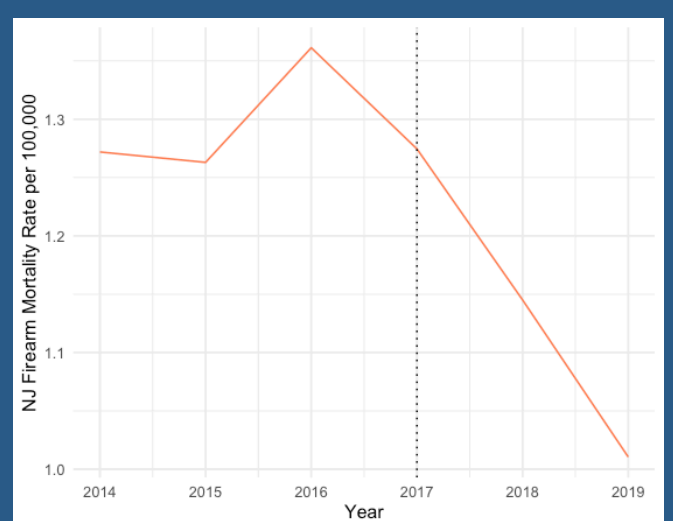
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The synthetic control model is like a “what-if” tool. It compares changes in gun violence in New Jersey to gun violence a “synthetic New Jersey” made from a mix of places that didn't implement bail reform. This helps us see what might have happened in New Jersey if it did not implement bail reform.

NJ PRETRIAL JAIL POPULATION



NJ FIREARM MORTALITY RATE



Practically eliminating cash bail and reducing pretrial detention in New Jersey did not lead to a significant change in gun violence compared to a “synthetic New Jersey”, suggesting that bail reform maintains public safety while reducing pretrial jail populations.