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Via Electronic Delivery

Ms. Lora W. Johnson, CMC, LMMC Clerk of Council City Hall - Room 1E09 1300 Perdido Street New Orleans, LA 70112

RE: Council Docket UD-17-04; Bi-Monthly Filing Requirement per Ordering Paragraph #6 of Council Resolution R-17-427

Dear Ms. Johnson:

Please find enclosed for your further handling Entergy New Orleans, LLC's ("ENO's") Bi-Monthly Report on Customer Interruptions for the period of January 1, 2020 through August 31,2020, which Report is being filed in the above-referenced docket pursuant to Ordering Paragraph 6 of Council Resolution Nos. R-17-427, dated August 10, 2017 and R-18-98 dated April 5, 2018. As a result of the remote operations of the Council's office related to COVID-19, ENO submits this filing electronically and will submit the requisite original and number of hard copies once the Council resumes normal operations, or as you direct. ENO requests that you file this submission in accordance with Council regulations as modified for the present circumstances.

Thank you for your assistance with this matter.

Sincerely,

Courtney R. Nicholson

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Enclosures

cc: Official Service List (UD-17-04 *via electronic mail*)

ENTERGY NEW ORLEANS, LLC'S BI-MONTHLY CUSTOMER INTERRUPTION REPORT FOR THE PERIOD OF JANUARY 1, 2020 THROUGH AUGUST 31, 2020

1. Background

Entergy New Orleans, LLC's ("ENO" or the "Company") electric distribution system operates between 13,200 volts (13.2 kV) and 34,500 volts (34.5 kV). ENO's distribution system serves over 200,000 customers. There are 20 ENO substations that supply power to over 200 distribution circuits, consisting of approximately 1,800 distribution circuit miles, of which approximately 1,200 are overhead circuit miles, and approximately 600 are underground circuit miles.

ENO is geographically divided into four networks, New Orleans East, Algiers, the Central Business District, and Orleans. The four networks comprise the New Orleans Metro Region. ENO's distribution system begins at the substations, where power is transformed from transmission-level voltage into distribution-level voltage, suitable for delivering power directly to residential, and most commercial, governmental and industrial customers. However, some of ENO's largest commercial, governmental, and industrial customers are connected directly to the Company's transmission system.

This report is filed pursuant to Council Resolution Nos. R-17-427 and R-18-98, which require ENO to file bi-monthly reports with the Council of the City of New Orleans ("Council") detailing various aspects of the Company's reliability performance and to help demonstrate that ENO's efforts to operate and maintain its distribution system that serves customers in New Orleans have been reasonable and effective. The report contains the reliability performance of ENO's distribution system and transmission system for the year-to-date ("YTD") period ending August 31, 2020 (the reportable period). Specifically, ENO provides customer interruptions ¹ experienced during the YTD period, except interruptions attributed to Major Events, those that are Mandated by Public Authority or interruptions that are Momentary in duration. The results are summarized below.

2. YTD Distribution Reliability Performance:

As of August 31, 2020, YTD distribution-related customer interruptions decreased by approximately 7.5% as compared to January – August 2019, and decreased by 17.58% as compared to ENO's average reliability performance for the same period over the past 3 years.² The highest contributing outage categories to the frequency of customer interruptions reflected herein were emergency switching, crossarm failure, primary conductor failure, lightning, and

[&]quot;Customer Interruptions" refers to the number of customers who were interrupted during an outage.

For the purposes of these metrics, interruptions caused by momentary outages and major events are excluded. Such exclusions are consistent with standard industry reliability indices used by most electric utilities to assess the reliability of their electrical system, which exclude major outage events that cause interruptions to a significant portion of the utility's customer base, momentary outages lasting no longer than five (5) minutes, and which typically occur as a result of temporary faults in the distribution of electricity, and outages that are mandated by a public authority.

foreign objects.³ These outage causes affected approximately 81,475 customer interruptions during the reportable period and are consistent with historical interruption. As described in ENO's Annual Reliability Plan, ENO has installed, and continues to install devices on targeted circuits that automatically isolate and potentially re-energize undamaged sections of a feeder after a disturbance.⁴ Those devices minimize the impact of an outage by decreasing the number of affected customers.

ENO's Bi-Monthly Customer Interruption Report for the YTD period ending February 29, 2020⁵ described ENO's enhanced safety practices contributable to outages coded as either "scheduled interruption" when the work is preplanned or "emergency switching" when additional customers need to be taken out to support repairs for an emergency outage. Approximately 33,030 customer interruptions during the reportable period were attributable to emergency switching and scheduled interruptions. These accounted for roughly 20.54% of the total distribution-related customer interruptions during the reportable period. Of further note, ENO took a reduced number of planned outages due to moving contract crews performing reliability work out of the city due to COVID-19.

3. YTD Transmission Reliability Performance:

Transmission-related customer interruptions in the reportable period increased by approximately 103% as compared to the corresponding January – August period in 2019 and decreased by approximately 16% as compared to ENO's average transmission-related reliability performance over the past 3 years. The highest contributing outage categories to both frequency and duration of these customer interruptions were equipment failure and animal related. These outage causes affected approximately 34,146 customer interruptions during the reportable period. The failed equipment, two separate feeder breakers, were replaced and animal mitigation was enhanced at the second event location. Broader opportunities to enhance the animal mitigation at this location are being evaluated based upon emerging availability of outage data.

During the July – August 2020 timeframe, there were 17,097 transmission-related customer interruptions, all of which occurred on July 11th, July 30th and August 11th. These transmission-related customer interruptions were related to equipment failure. Transmission-related customer interruptions on a year-to-date basis have increased as compared to the corresponding January – August period in 2019, of 16,802, and decreased as compared to ENO's average transmission-related customer interruptions for January – August over the past 3 years, of approximately 40,763.

The Company routinely validates its outage data and metrics. This validation process could lead to subsequent bi-monthly reports reflecting immaterial variances in outage causes for a given period.

See 2019 Reliability Plan submitted by ENO on January 18, 2019 and 2020 Reliability Plan submitted by ENO on July 17, 2020. ENO's Annual Reliability Plan consists of eight major reliability-focused programs: the FOCUS Program, the Backbone Program, the Internal Program, the Pole Program, the Equipment Inspection Program, the Sectionalization Program, the URD/Cable Renewal Program, and the Vegetation Management Program.

⁵ See Bi-Monthly Customer Outage Report for the Period of January 31, 2020 through February 29, 2020 filed by ENO on July 30, 2020.

CERTIFICATE OF SERVICE <u>Docket No. UD-17-04</u>

I hereby certify that I have served the required number of copies of the foregoing report upon all other known parties of this proceeding, by the following: electronic mail, facsimile, overnight mail, hand delivery, and/or United States Postal Service, postage prepaid.

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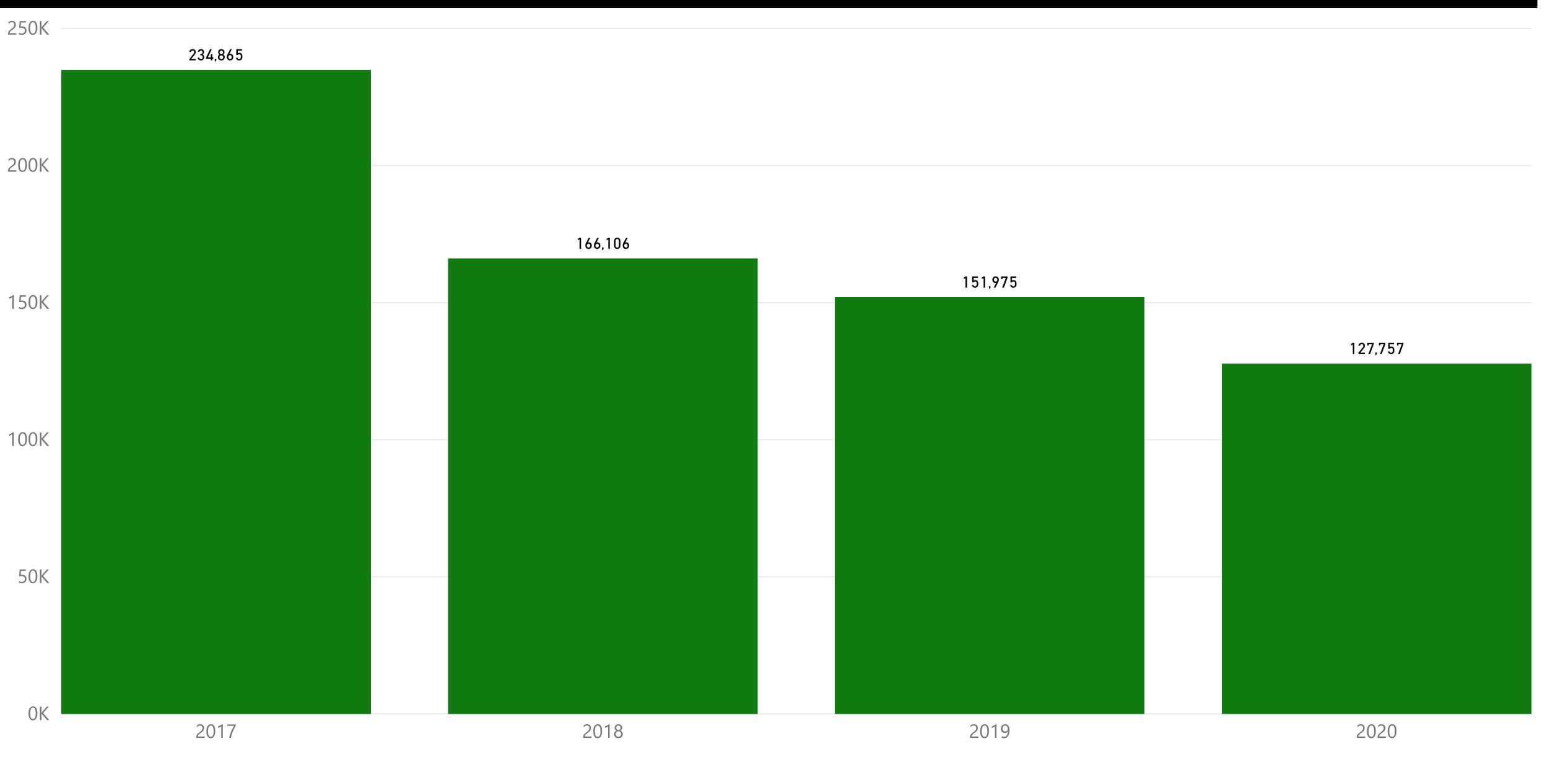
New Orleans, Louisiana, this 22nd day of October, 2020.

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Distribution Customer Interruptions (excluding Scheduled and Emergency Switching) by Year (Jan 1 - Current Date All Years)



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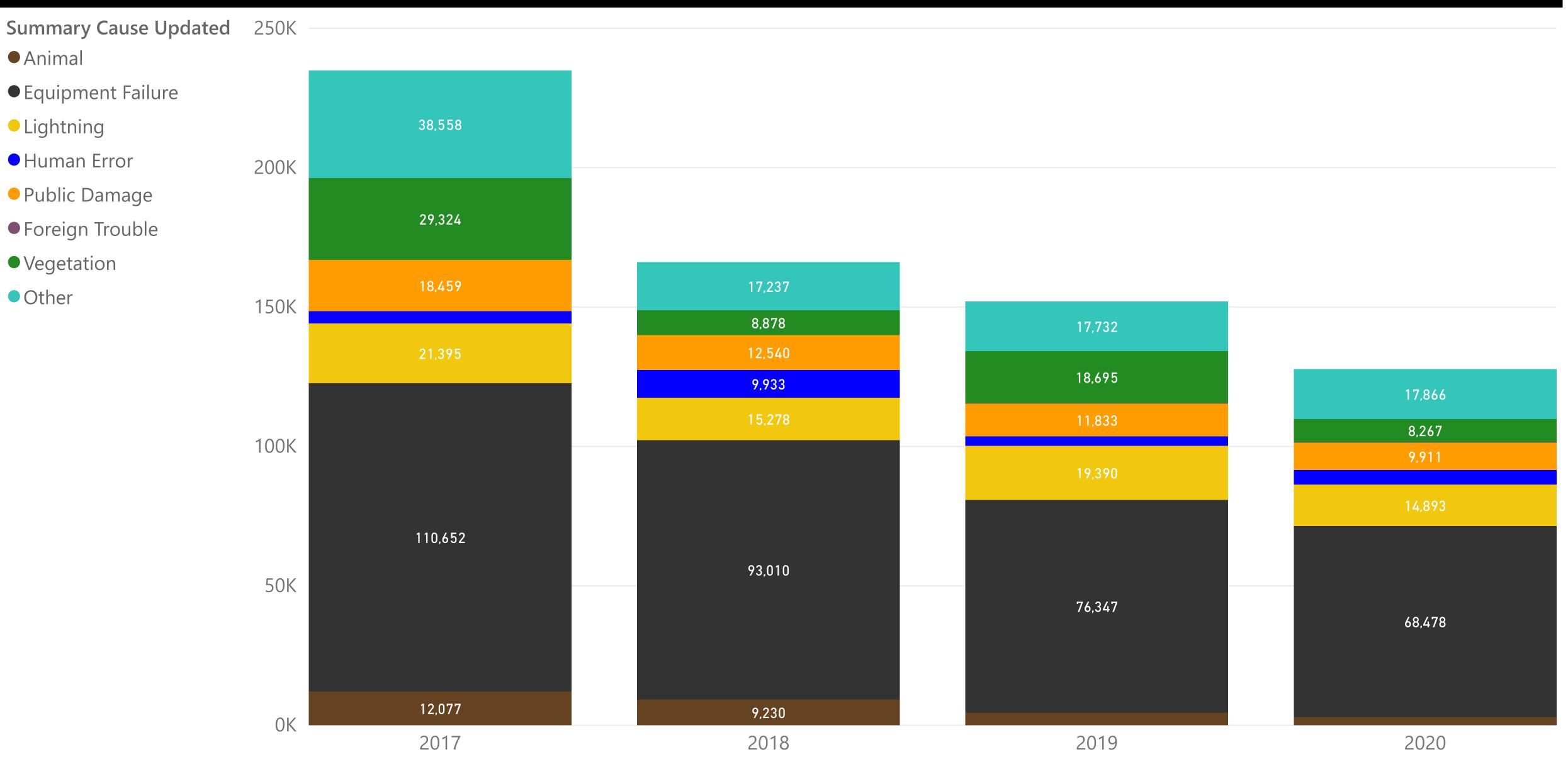
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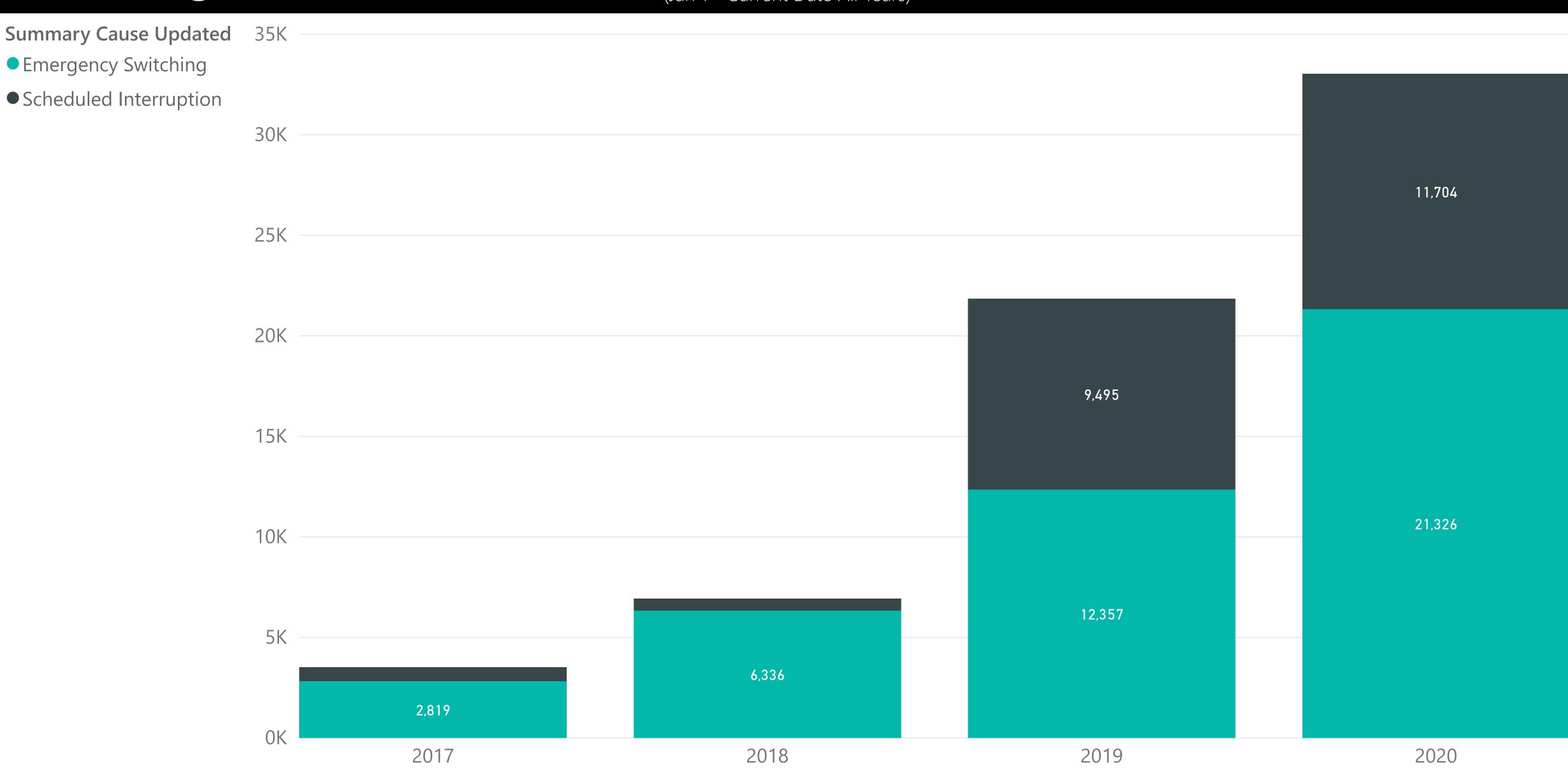
Distribution Customer Interruptions by Outage Cause (excluding Scheduled and Emergency Switching) by Year (Jan 1 - Current Date All Years)



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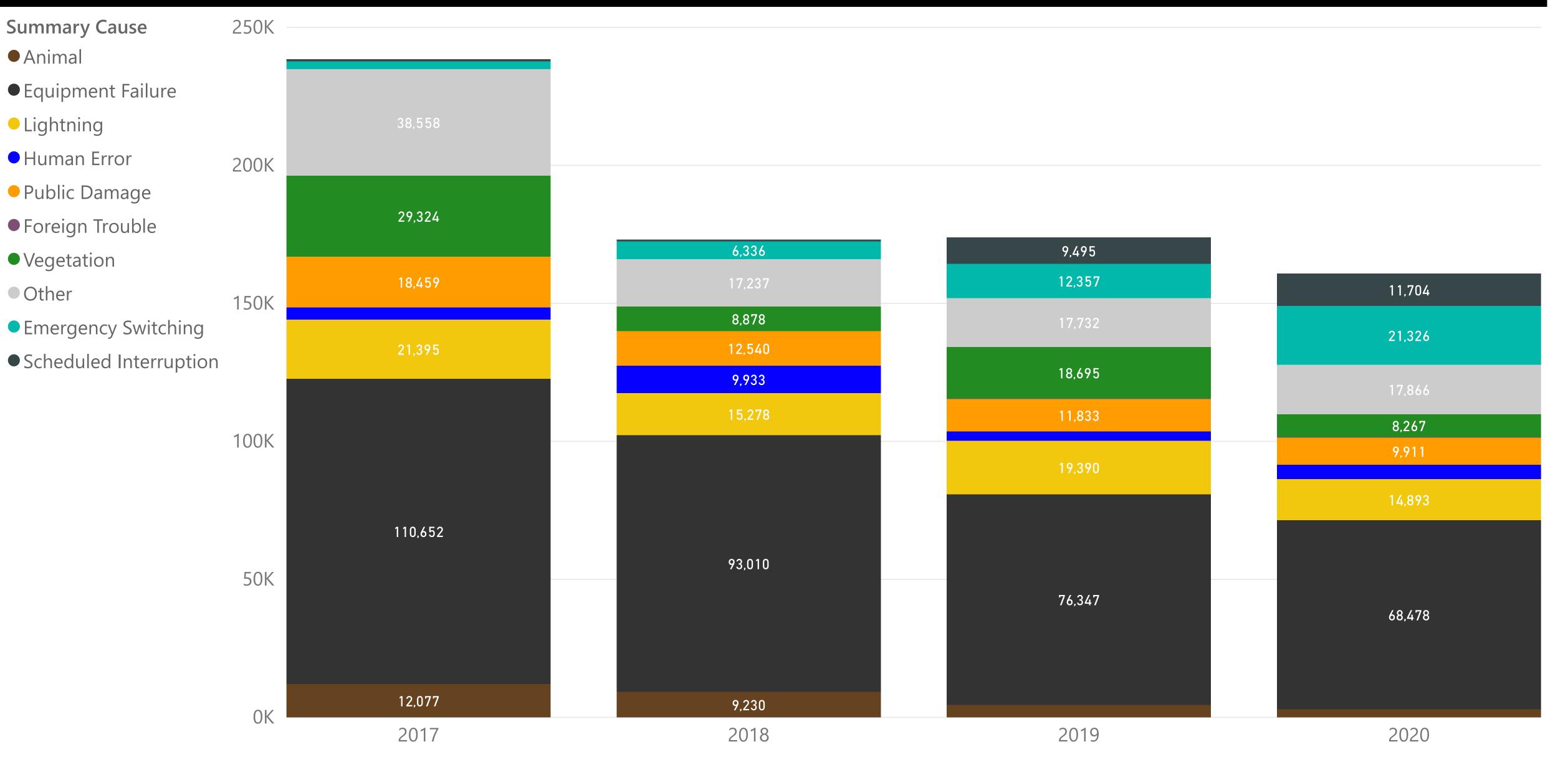


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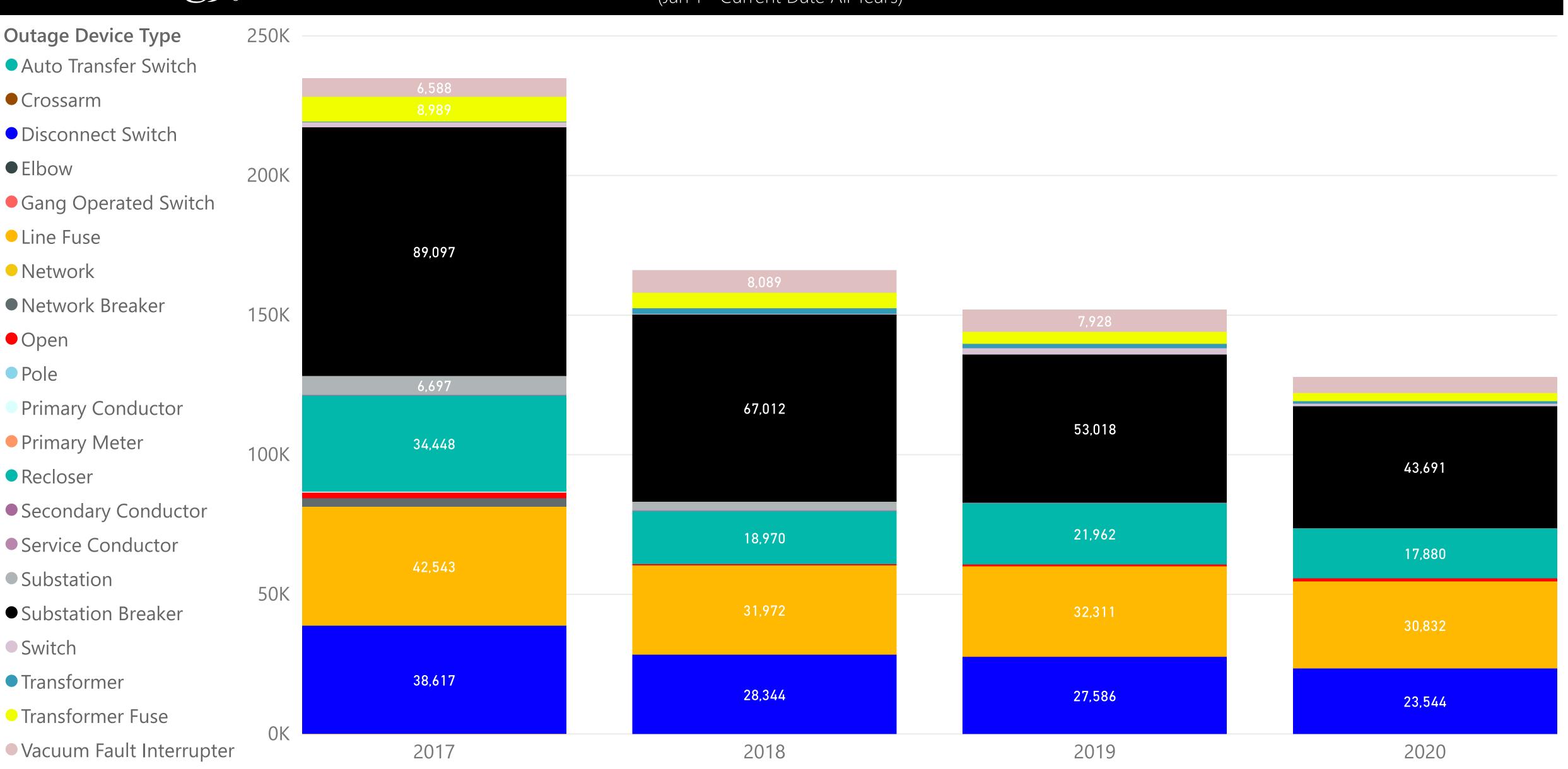
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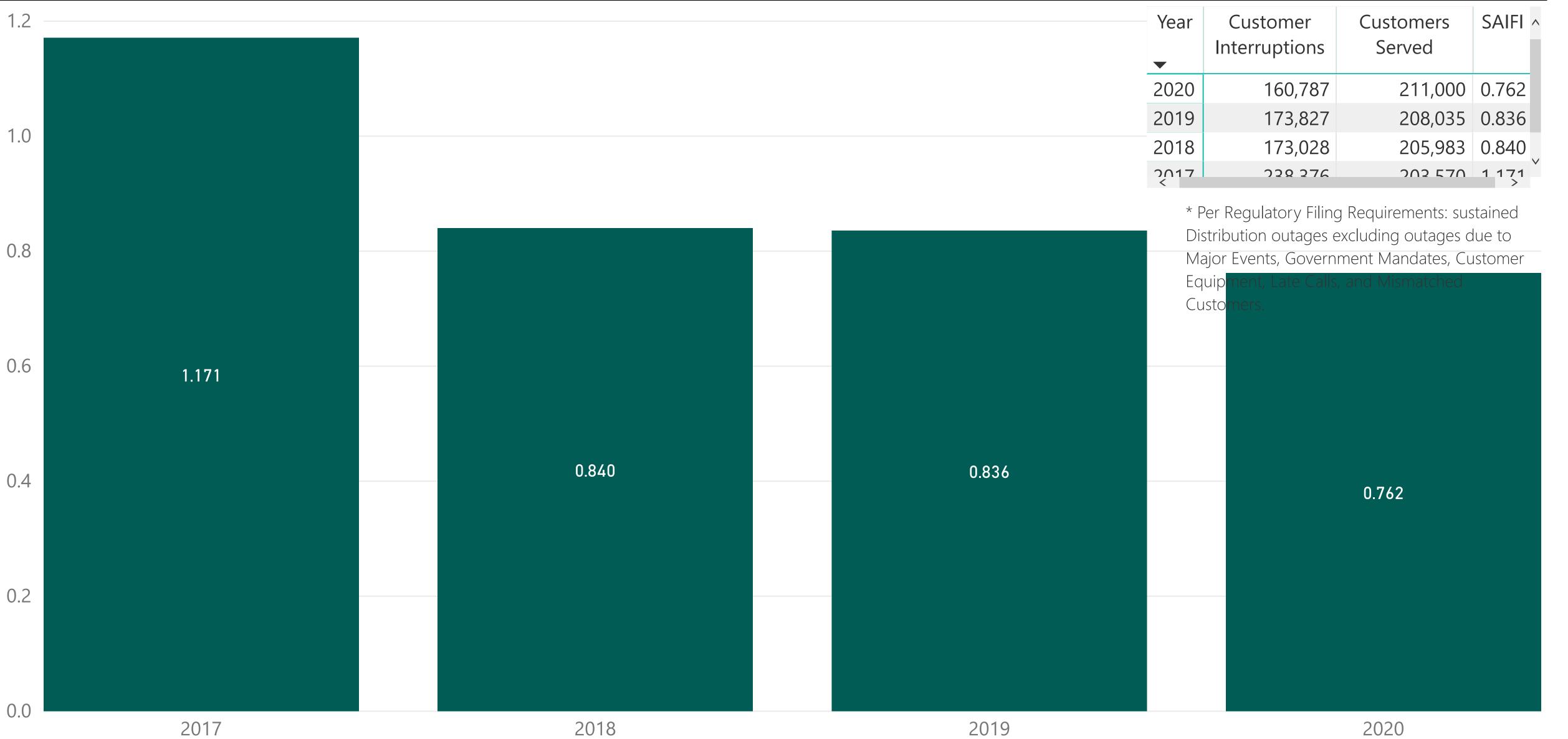




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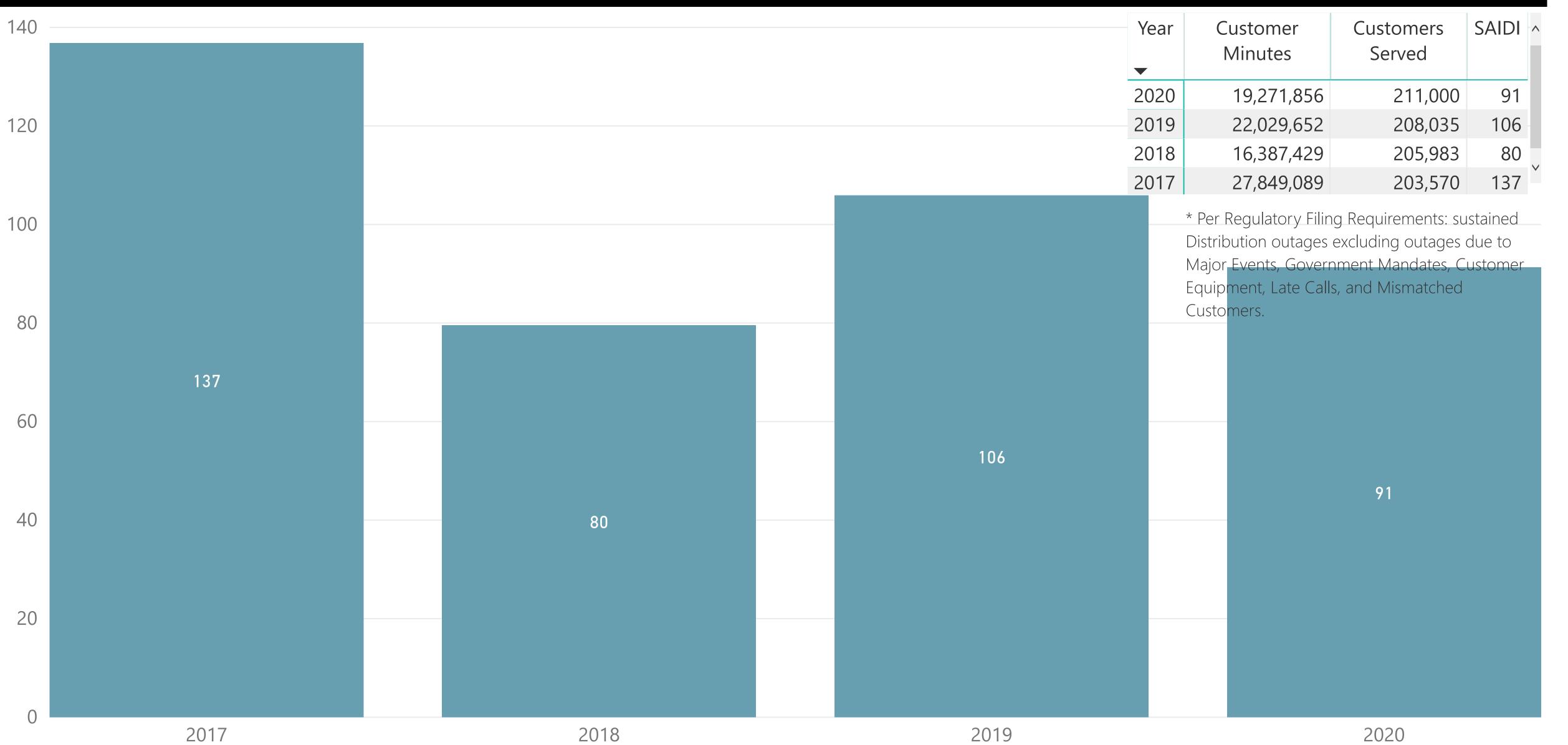
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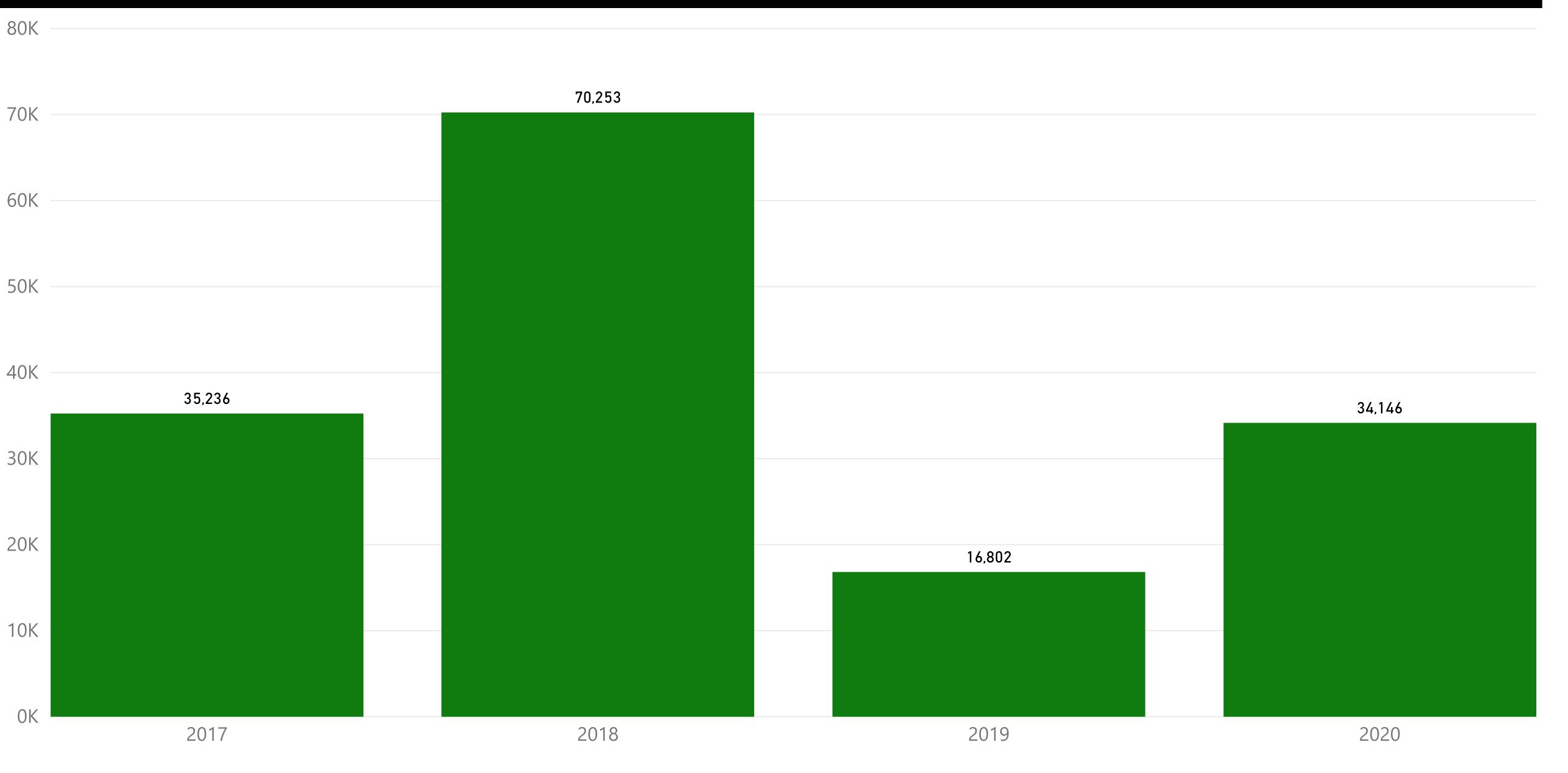
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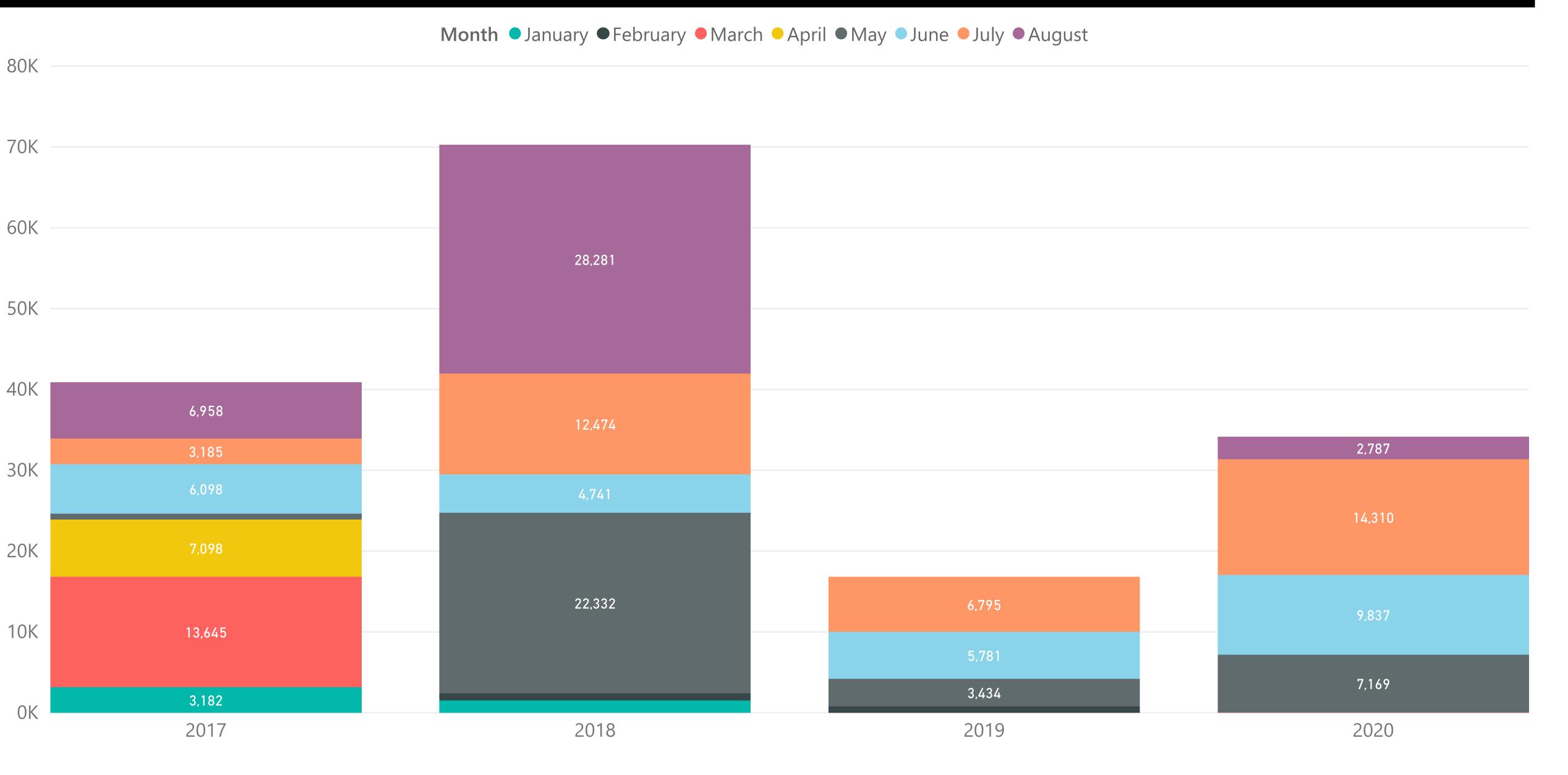
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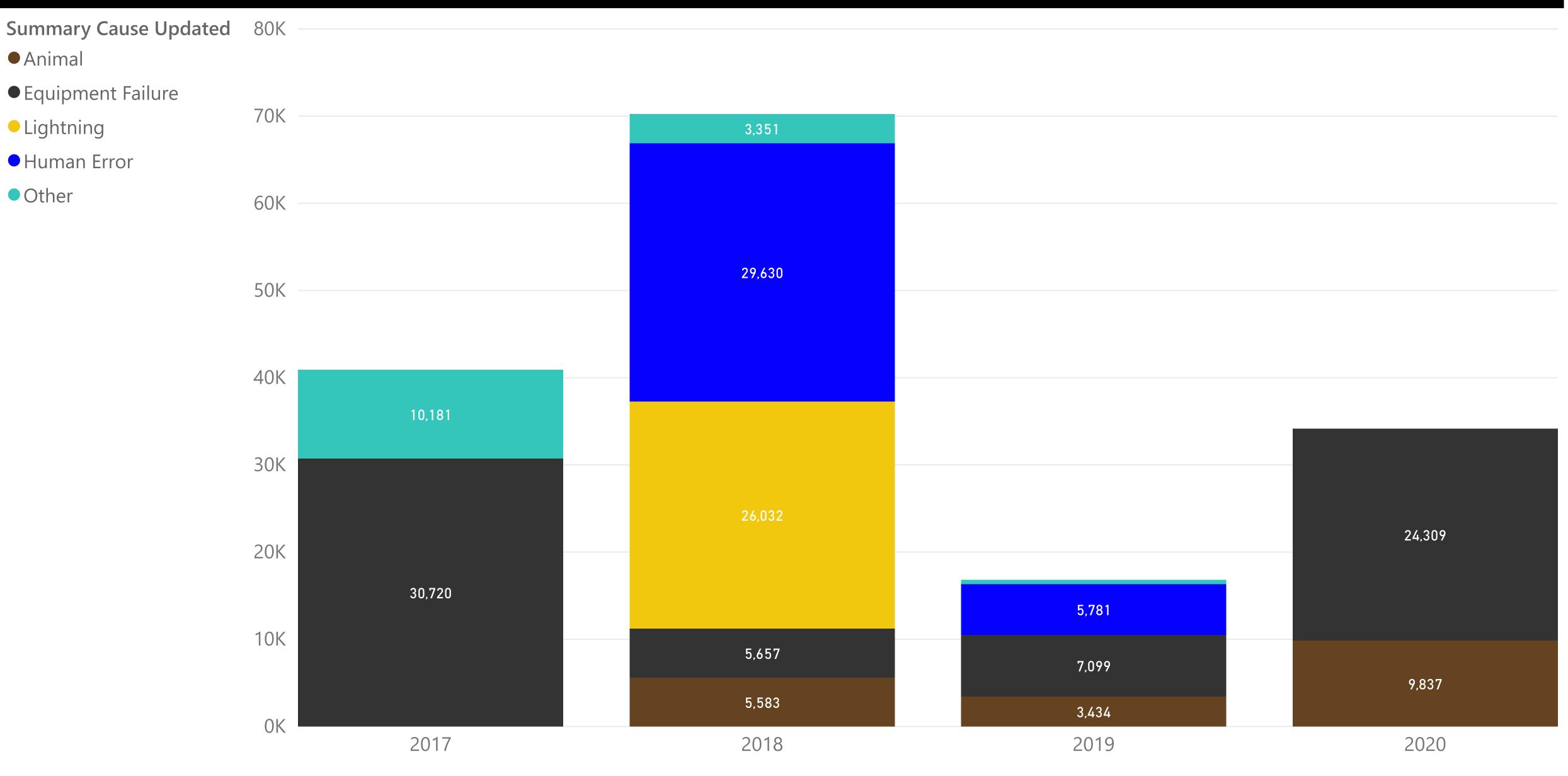
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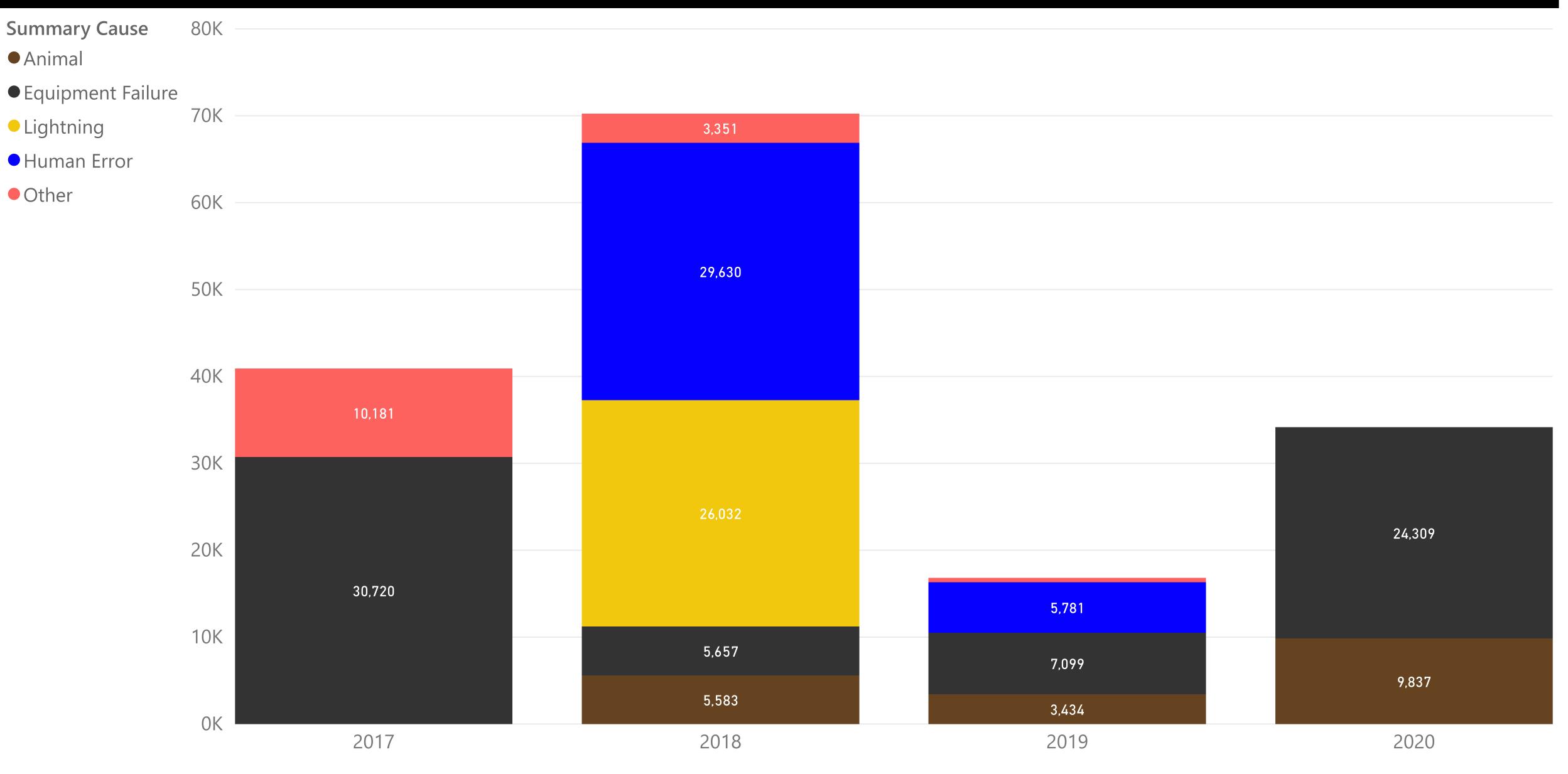


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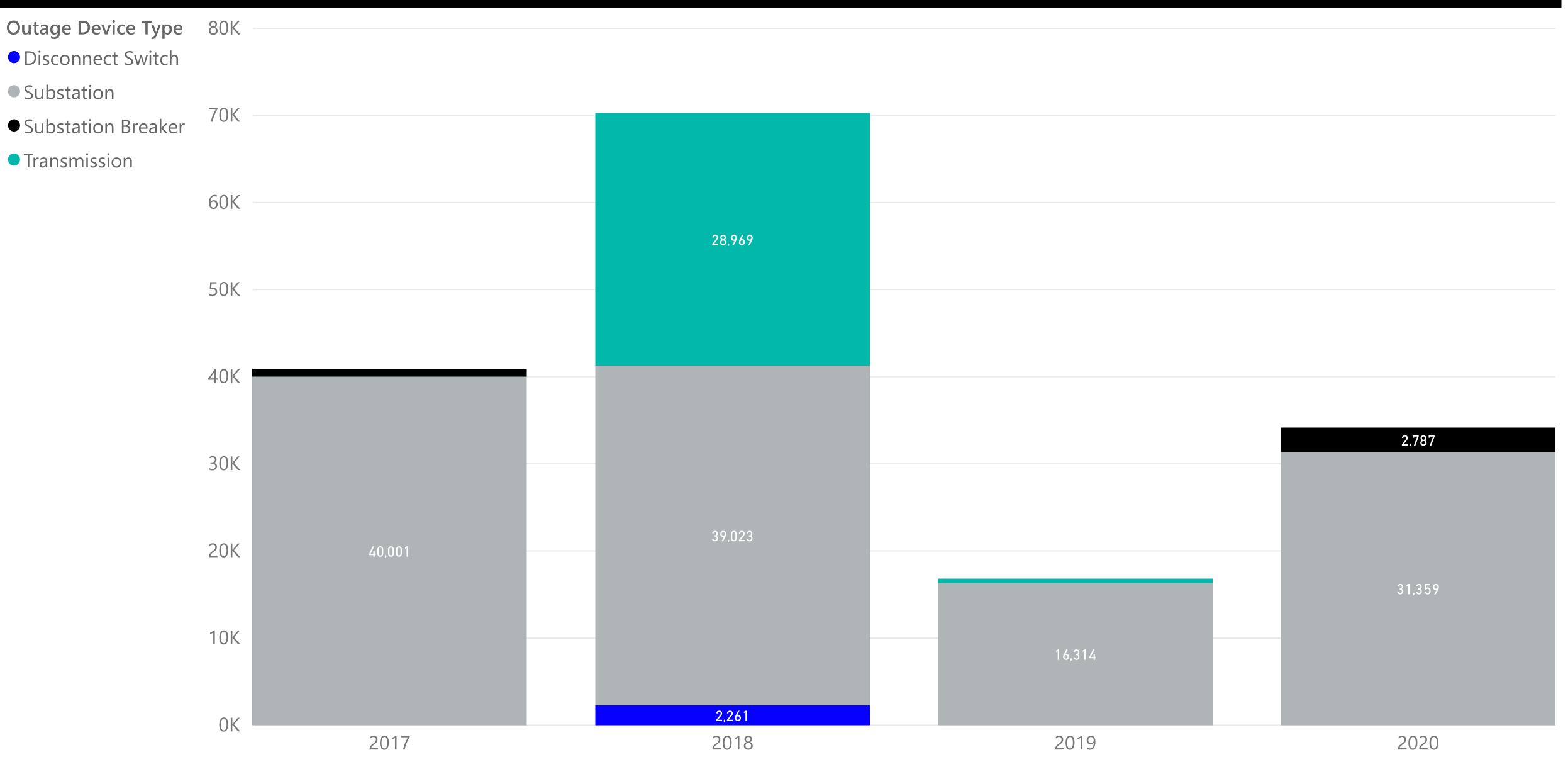
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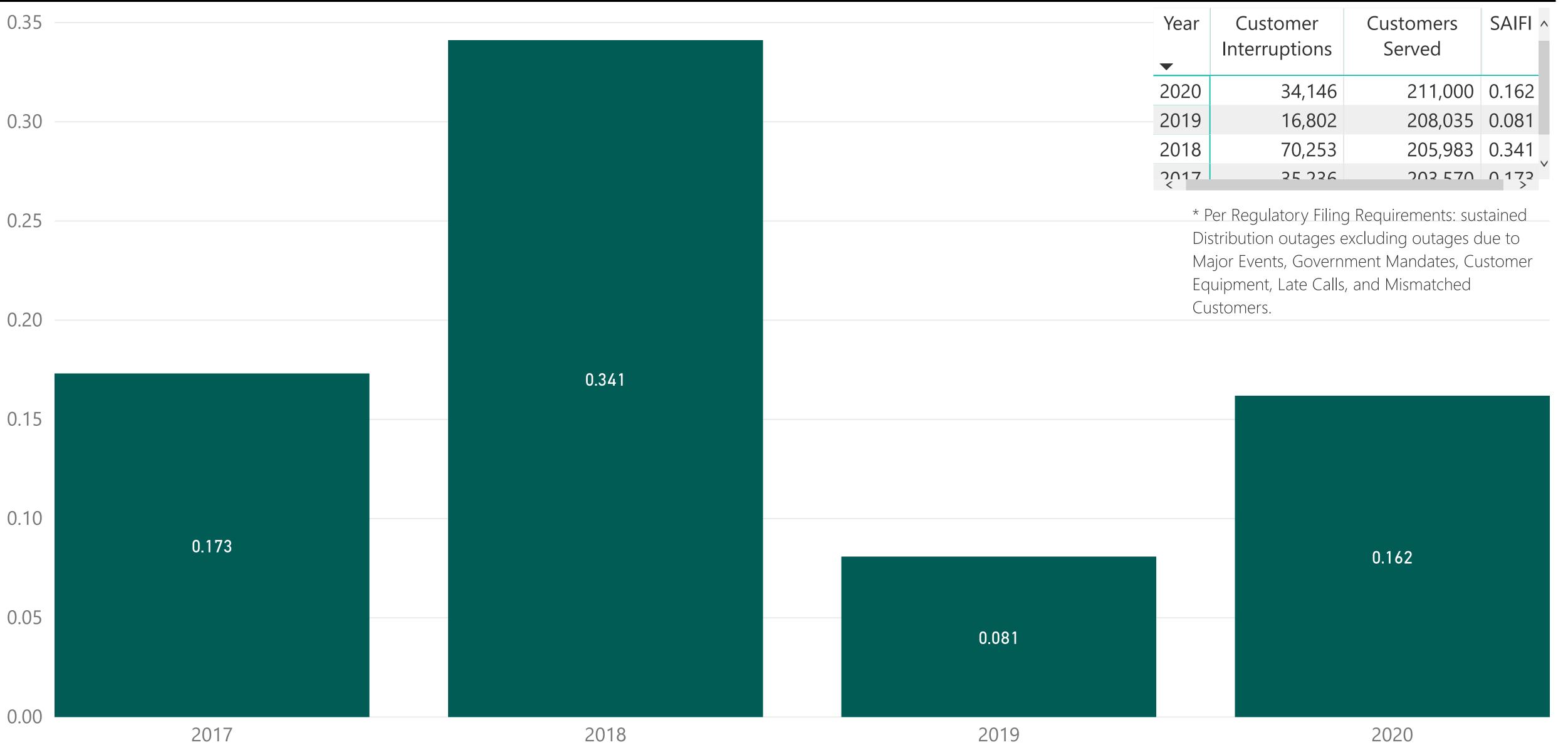




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