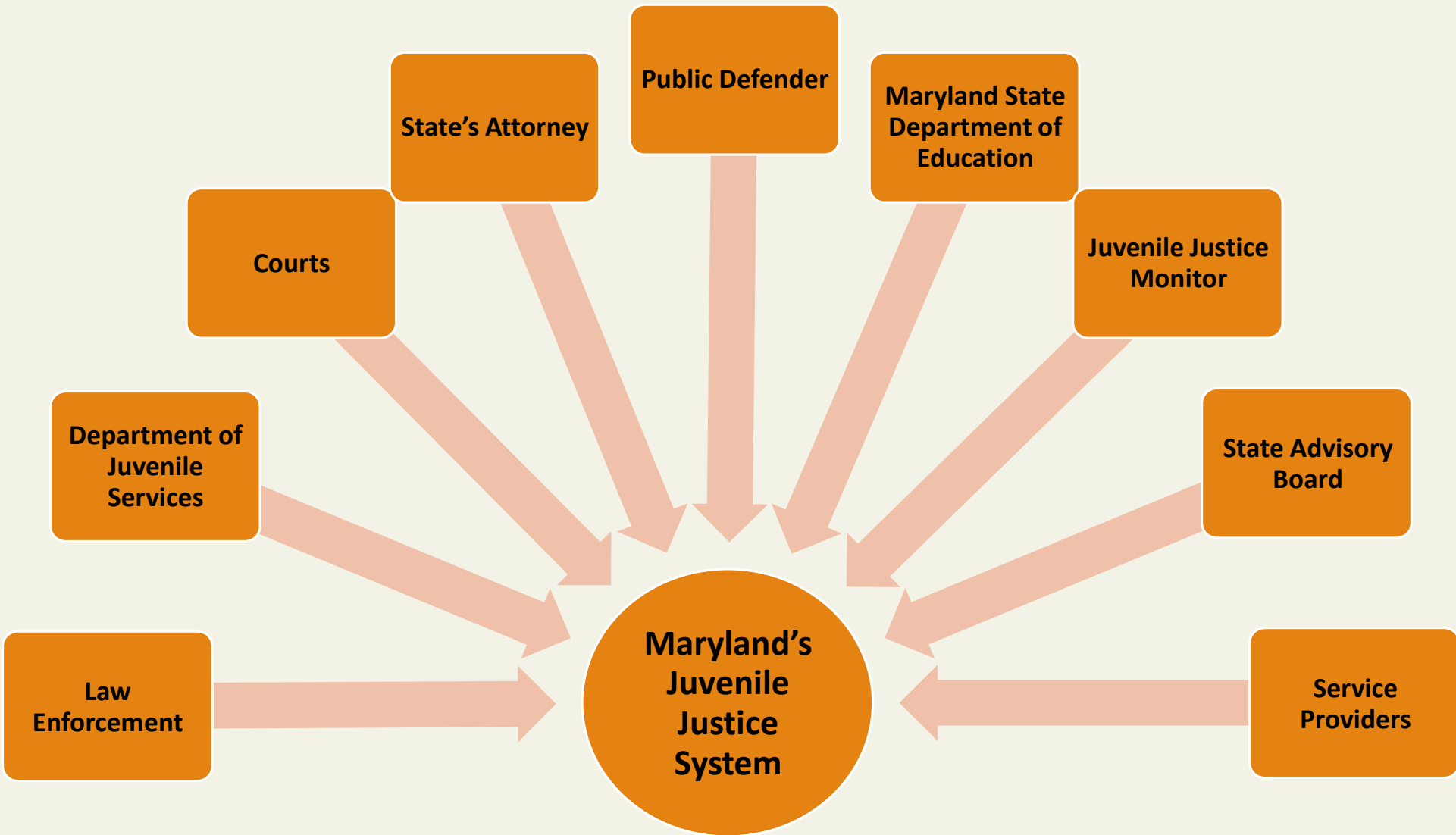


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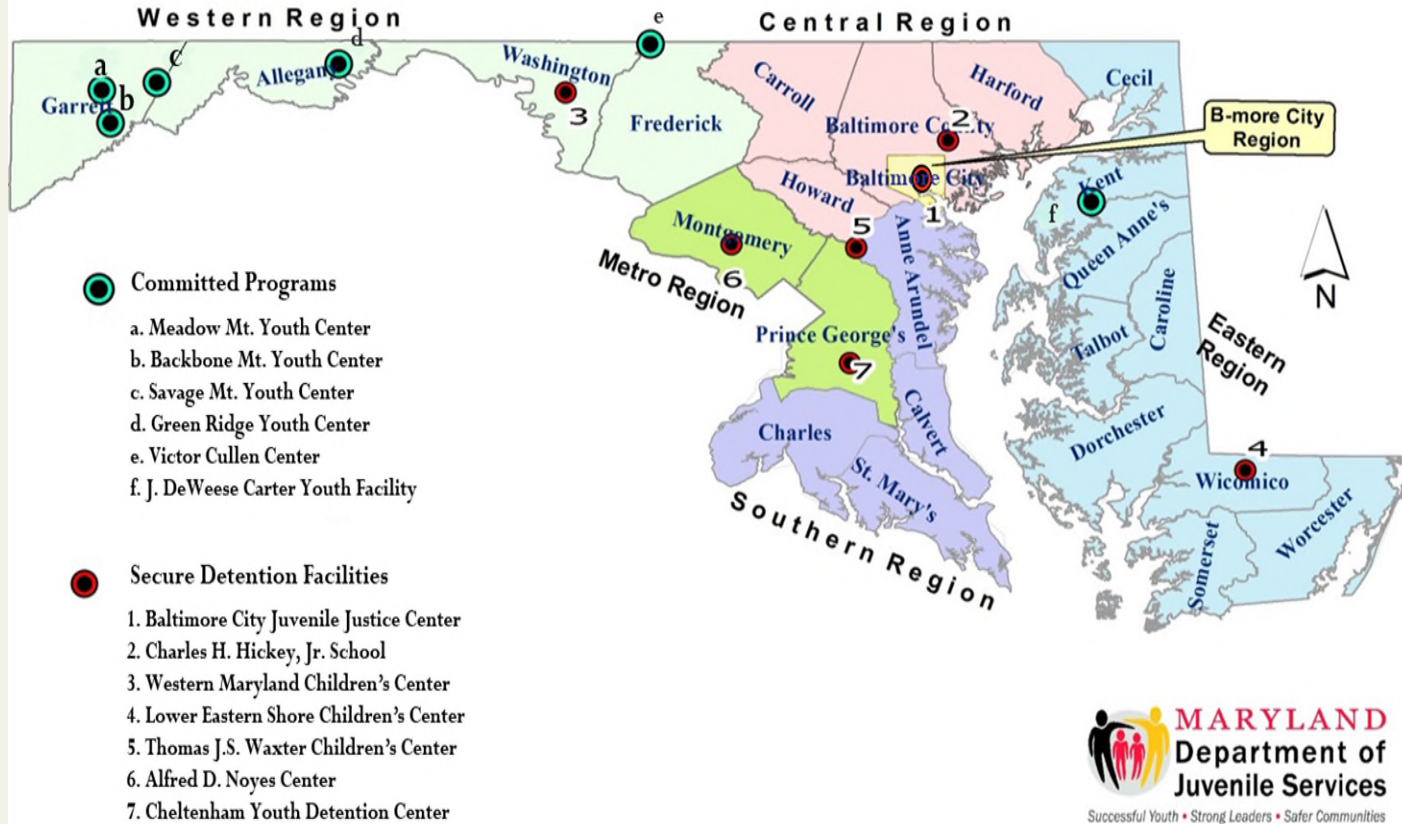


Department of Juvenile Services

The Department of Juvenile Services (DJS) is an executive agency whose primary task is to appropriately manage, supervise and treat youth who are involved in the juvenile justice system in Maryland.



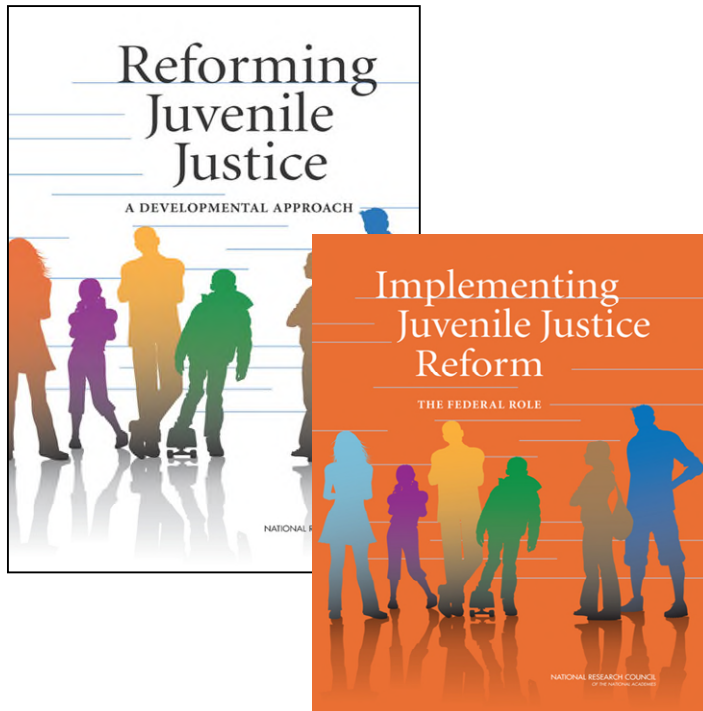
Department of Juvenile Services Committed and Detention Programs



✓ **Detention Facility** – serves youth who are pending a court hearing and require secure custody for the protection of themselves or the community. This includes youth awaiting adjudication, charged as adult awaiting a transfer hearing, and youth awaiting placement in a committed facility.

✓ **Committed Facility** – serves youth that are court ordered, post-disposition, to an out-of-home treatment facility to receive rehabilitative services. Committed facilities are classified as either community based residential, staff secure, or hardware secure.

Developmental Approach to Juvenile Justice Reform

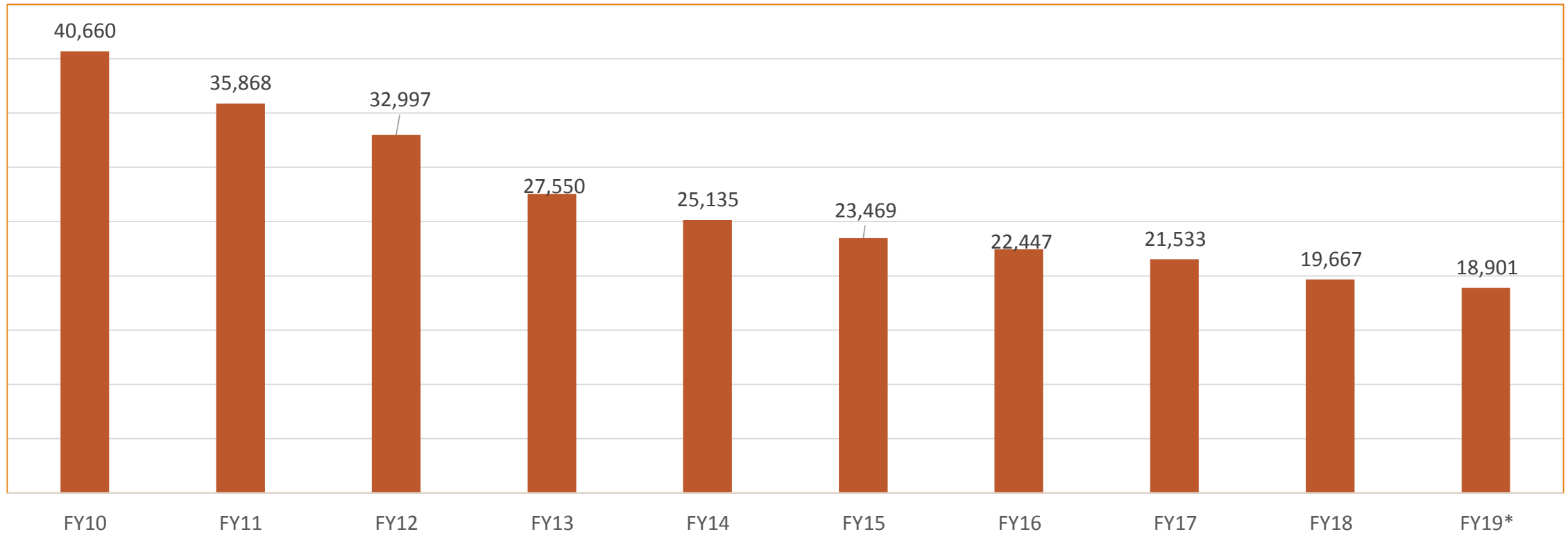


Hallmarks of the Developmental Approach

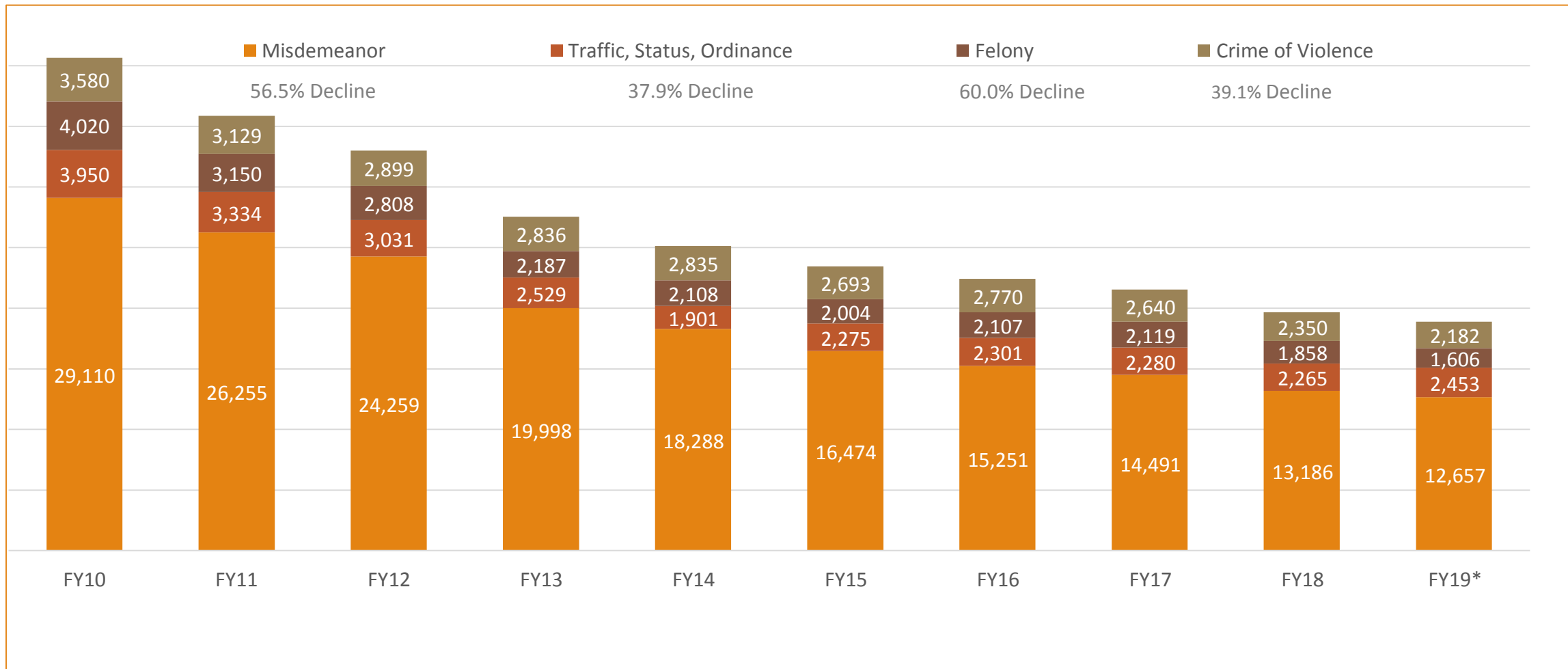
- Accountability Without Criminalization
- Alternatives to Justice System Involvement
- Individualized Response Based on Assessment of Needs and Risks
- Confinement Only When Necessary for Public Safety
- A Genuine Commitment to Fairness
- Sensitivity to Disparate Treatment
- Family Engagement

Maryland Juvenile Complaints Have Declined Significantly

- Statewide complaints referred to DJS Intake have declined 53.5% over 10 years.

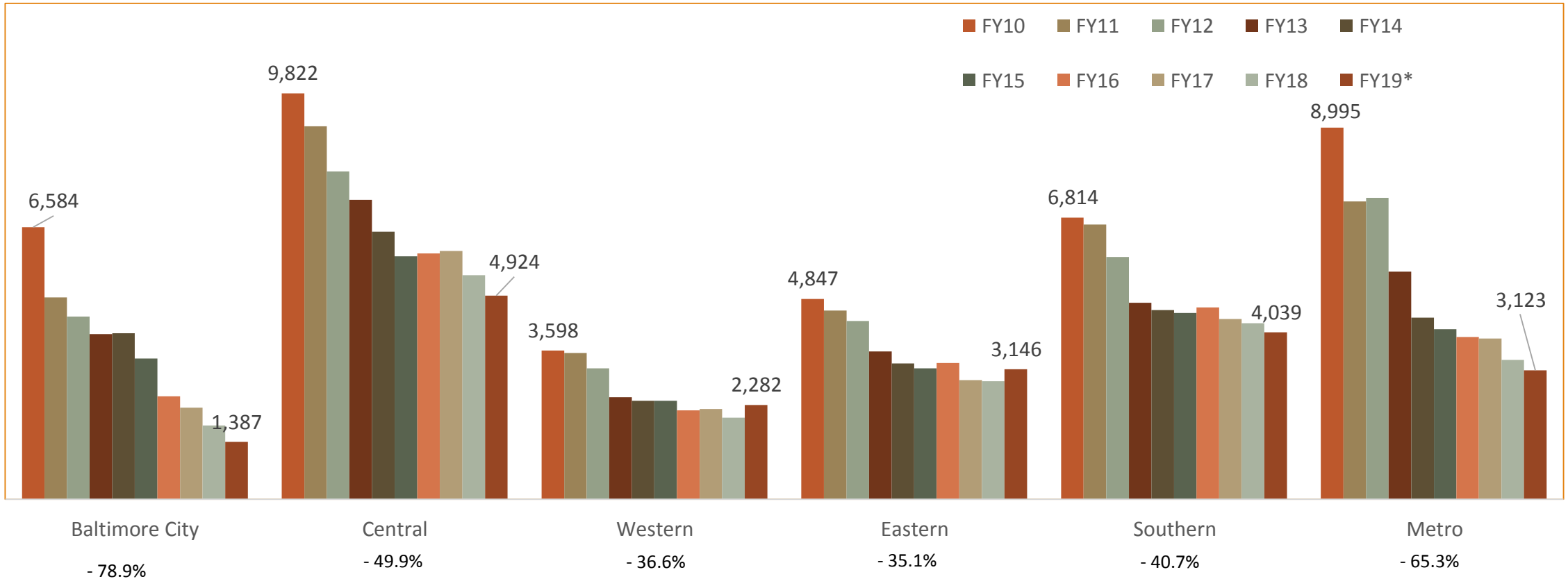


Maryland Juvenile Complaints Have Declined In All Categories Between FY2010 and FY2019



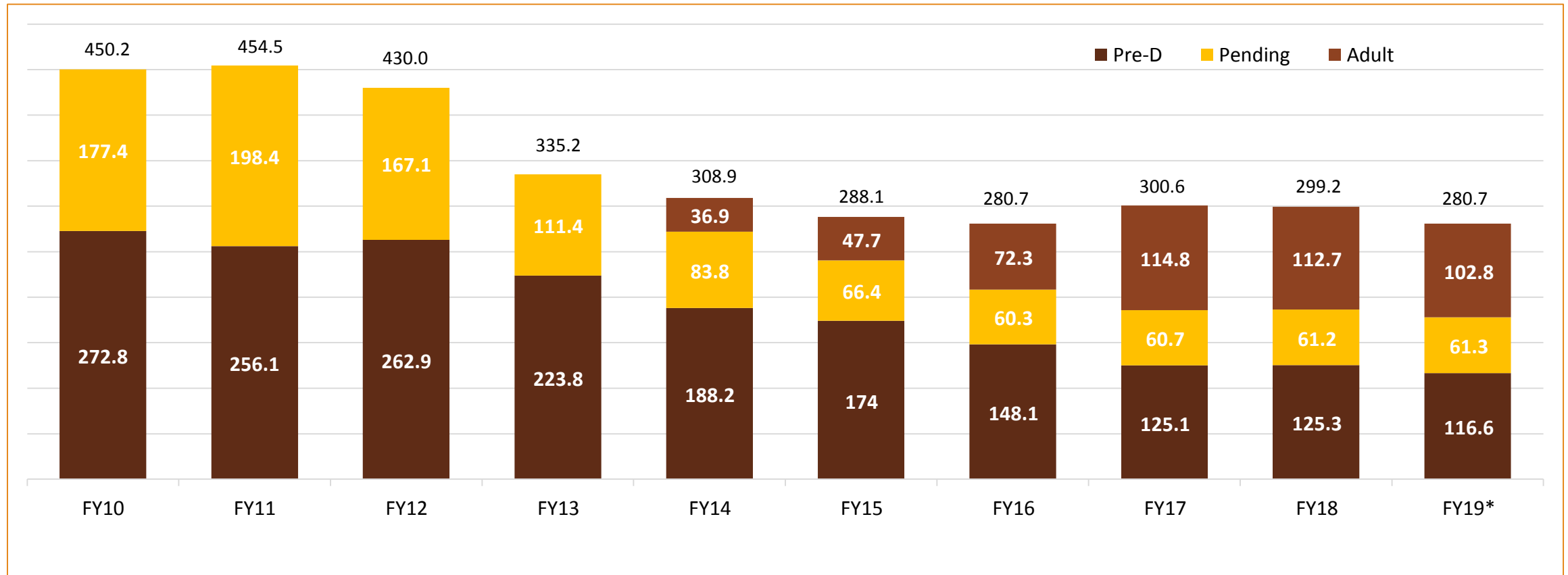
Complaints Have Declined Significantly in All Regions

- Between FY10 and FY19 Regional complaints declined between **35.1%** and **78.9%**.



Maryland Juvenile Detention Population Declined Significantly

- The average daily juvenile court population in DJS detention declined **60.5%** over 10 years.
- Cases detained for the Adult Court now make up **36.6%** of the DJS detained population.

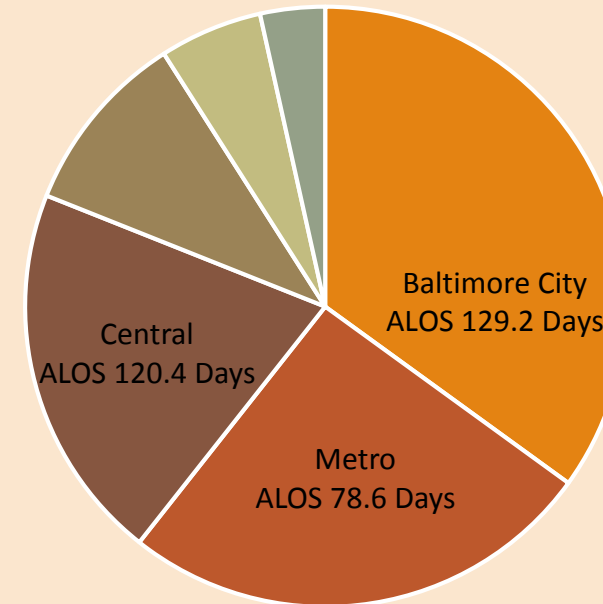


Youth Charged as Adults

If a youth charged as an adult is eligible for transfer to the juvenile justice system, the youth may be held in a juvenile detention facility pending a Court hearing.

	Placements			FY 2019*	
	FY 2017	FY 2018	FY 2019	ADP	ALOS
Statewide	402	334	364	102.8	108.2

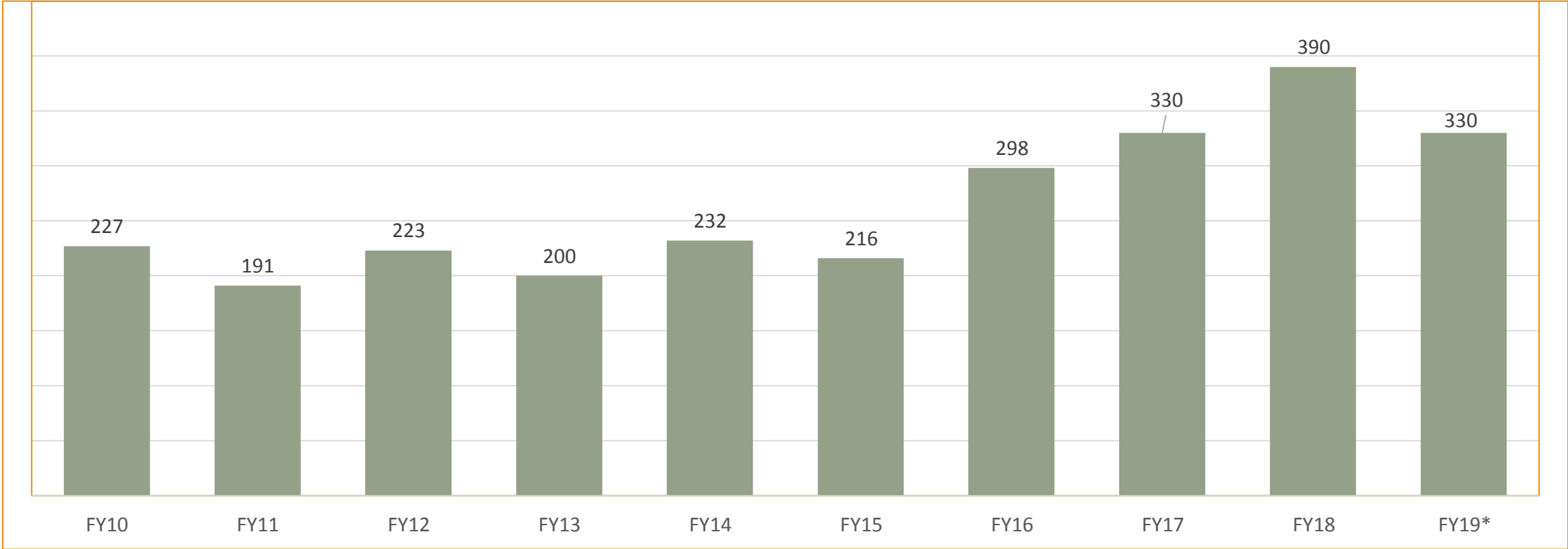
FY 2019 Placements & ALOS



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 ■ Eastern

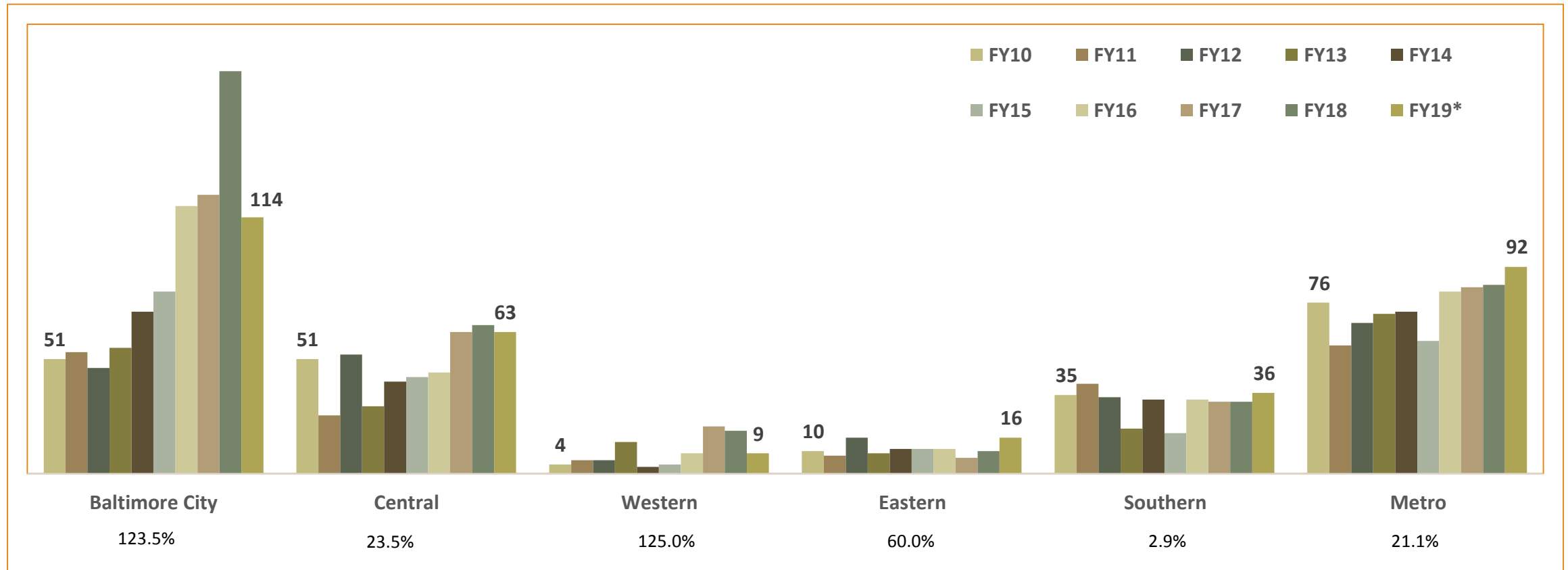
Cases Transferred to Juvenile Court Have Increased in Maryland

- Between FY10 and FY19 cases transferred increased 45.4%.



Cases Transferred to Juvenile Court Have Increased in All Regions

- Baltimore City transferred cases increased 123.5%.
- Southern region cases increased 2.9%.



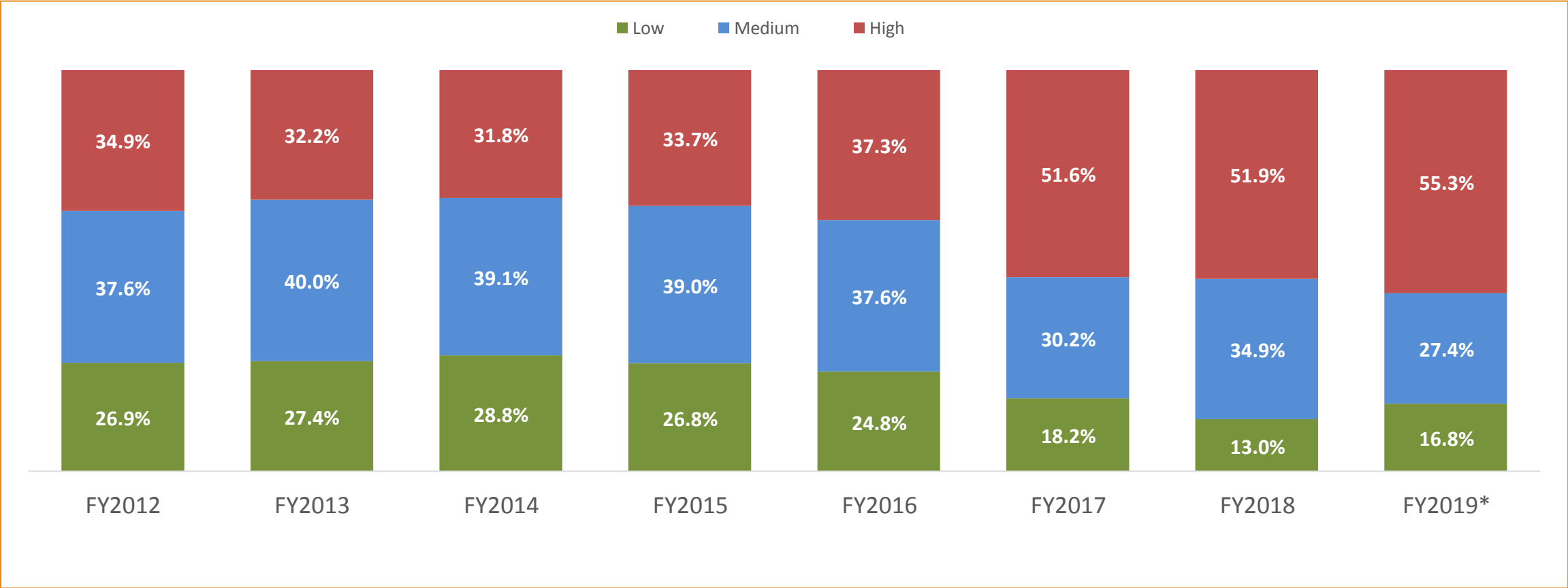
Committed Youth Population Has Declined Sharply

- The total average daily population (ADP) of Maryland youth committed by the juvenile court to out-of-home placement declined **57.4%** over 10 years, from 928.5 in FY10 to 395.9 in FY19.
- Much of that decline occurred since FY 2014.



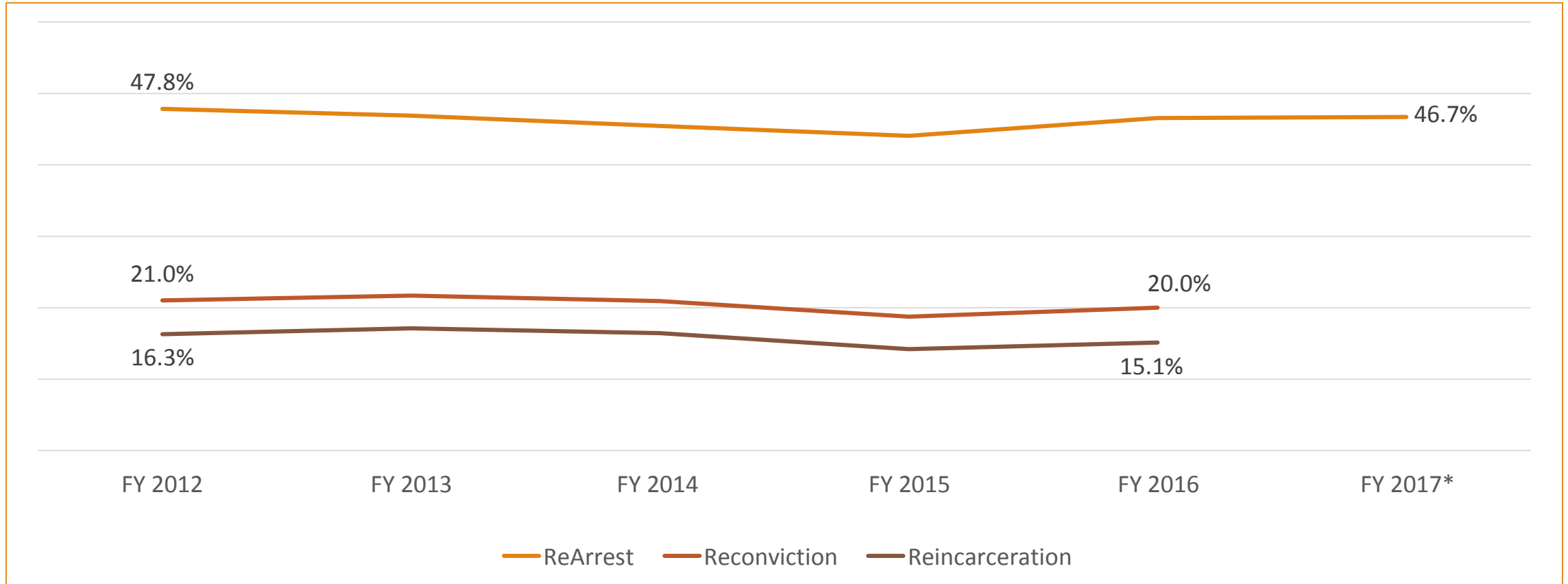
New Commitments by Assessed MCASP Risk Level FY2012 – FY2019

- Since FY 2012, the proportion of newly committed youth who were low risk decreased by more than a third, from 26.9% to 16.8%.



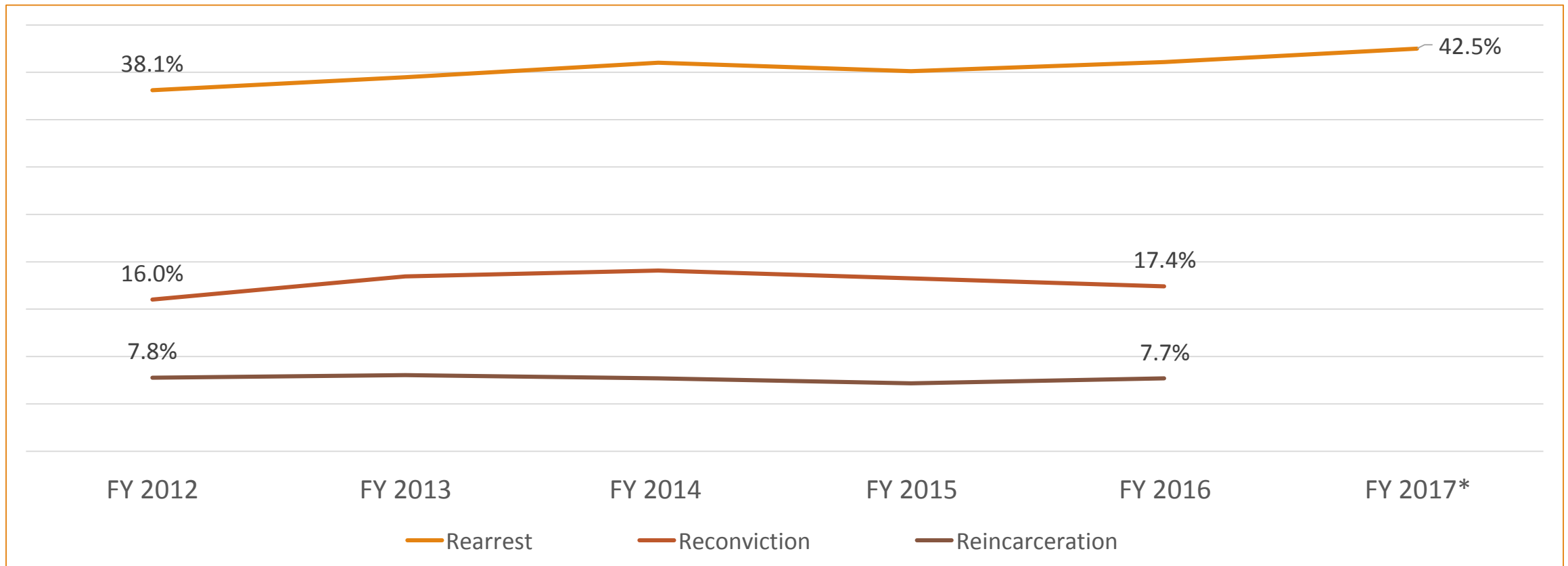
Rates of Recidivism Remain Relatively Flat, While Committed Youth Are Increasingly Higher Risk

- Between FY 2012 and FY 2016, the rate of juvenile or adult reconviction one year from release declined 1.0 percentage points.



Rates of Recidivism For New Probation Cases Remain Relatively Flat

- Between FY 2012 and FY 2016, the rate of juvenile or adult reconviction one year from release increased 1.4 percentage points.



Resources

DJS Website

www.djs.maryland.gov

Data Resource Guides

www.djs.maryland.gov/data-resource-guides.asp

Implementing Juvenile Justice Reform, National Research Council of the National Academies

<http://www.nap.edu/catalog/18753/implementing-juvenile-justice-reform-the-federal-role>

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