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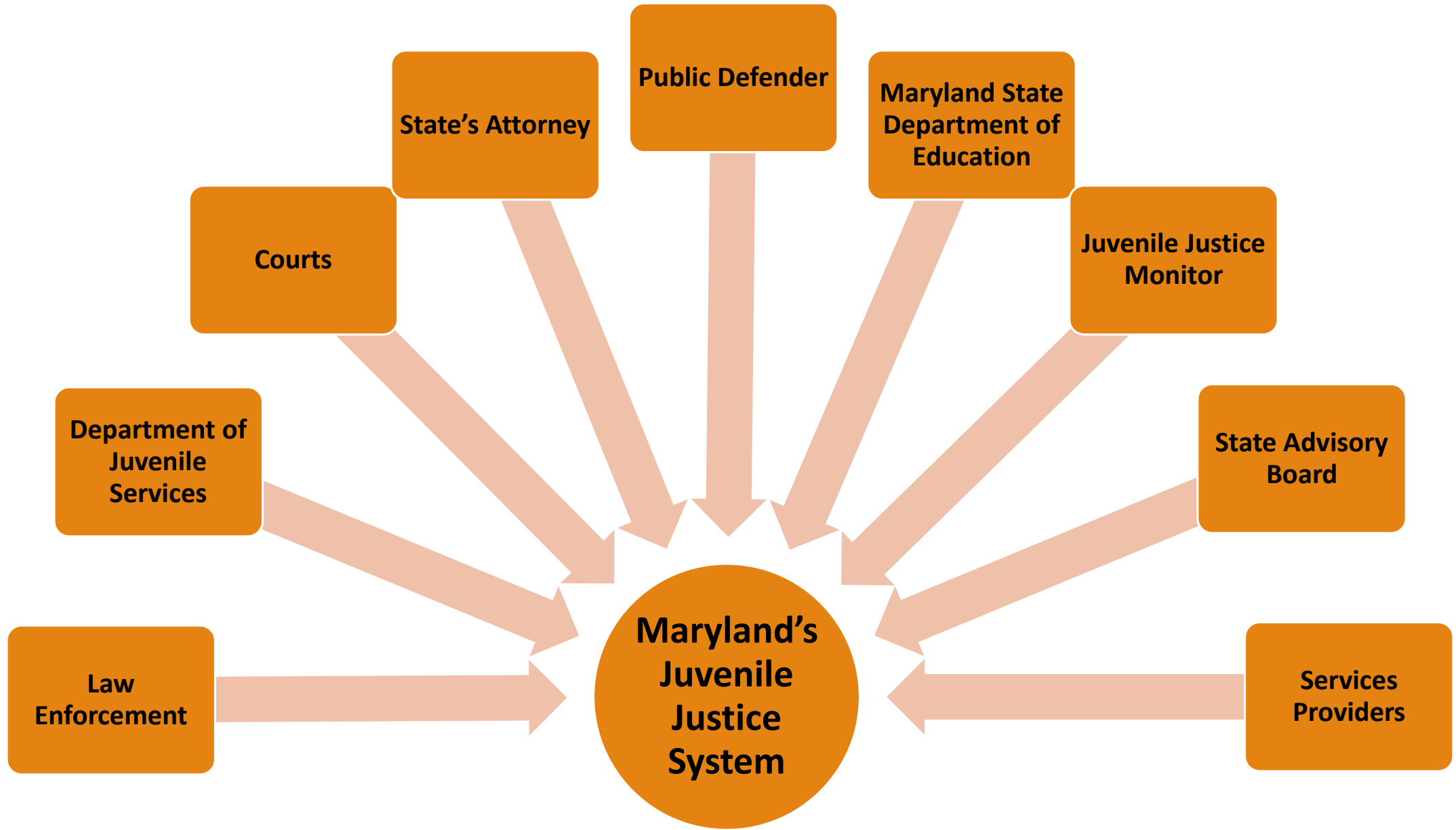
DEPARTMENT OF
JUVENILE SERVICES



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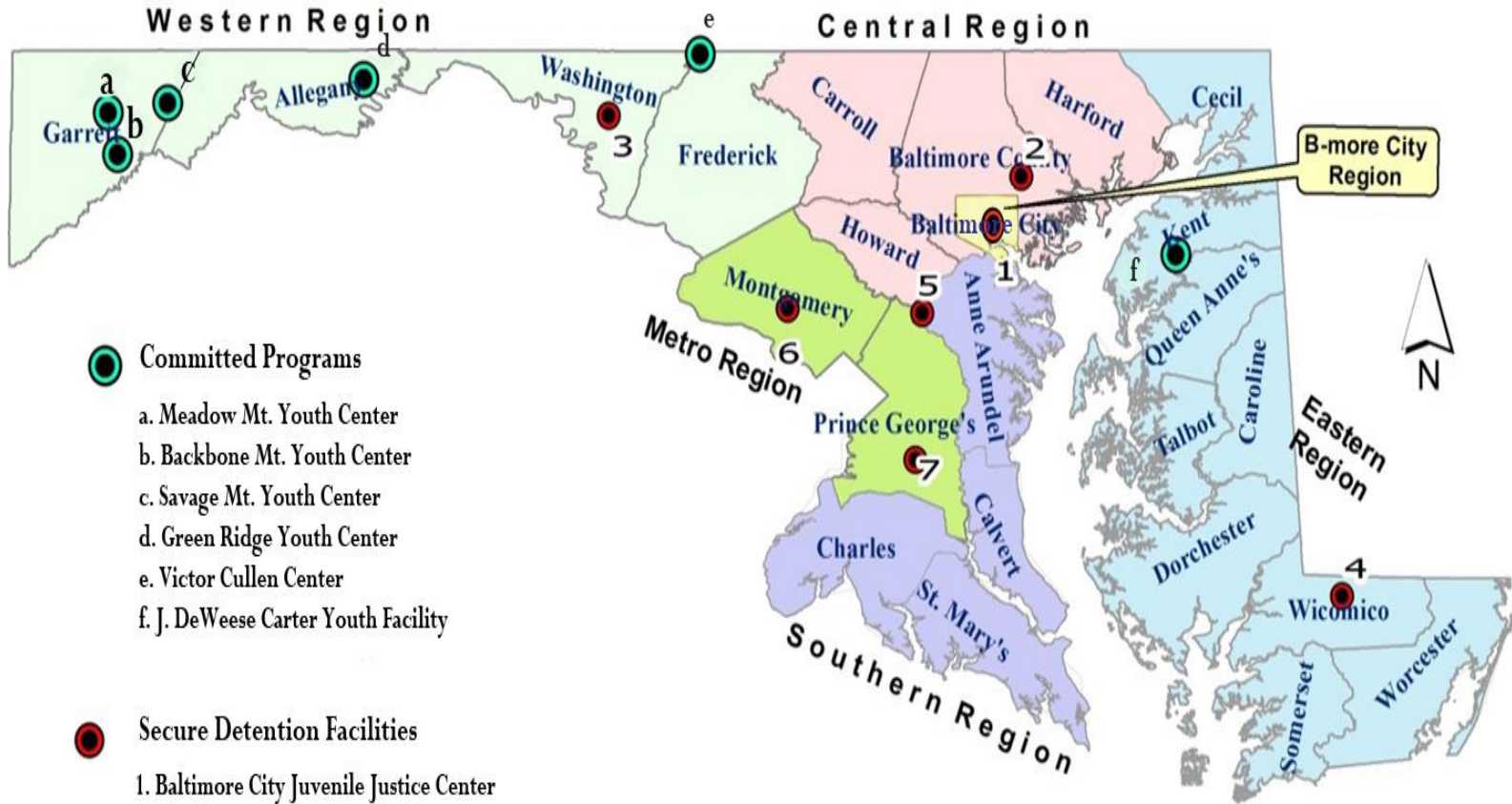



Department of Juvenile Services


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



-  Committed Programs
 - a. Meadow Mt. Youth Center
 - b. Backbone Mt. Youth Center
 - c. Savage Mt. Youth Center
 - d. Green Ridge Youth Center
 - e. Victor Cullen Center
 - f. J. DeWeese Carter Youth Facility

-  Secure Detention Facilities
 1. Baltimore City Juvenile Justice Center
 2. Charles H. Hickey, Jr. School
 3. Western Maryland Children's Center
 4. Lower Eastern Shore Children's Center
 5. Thomas J.S. Waxter Children's Center
 6. Alfred D. Noyes Center
 7. Cheltenham Youth Detention Center



✓ **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.

Juvenile Justice Reform Council

- ✓ Selected Vera Institute of Justice as the Technical Assistance Provider

Conducting comprehensive data review and analysis from all components of Maryland's Juvenile Justice System

- ✓ Statewide Regional Listening Sessions to Gather Public Input

Regional listening session dates can be found at:

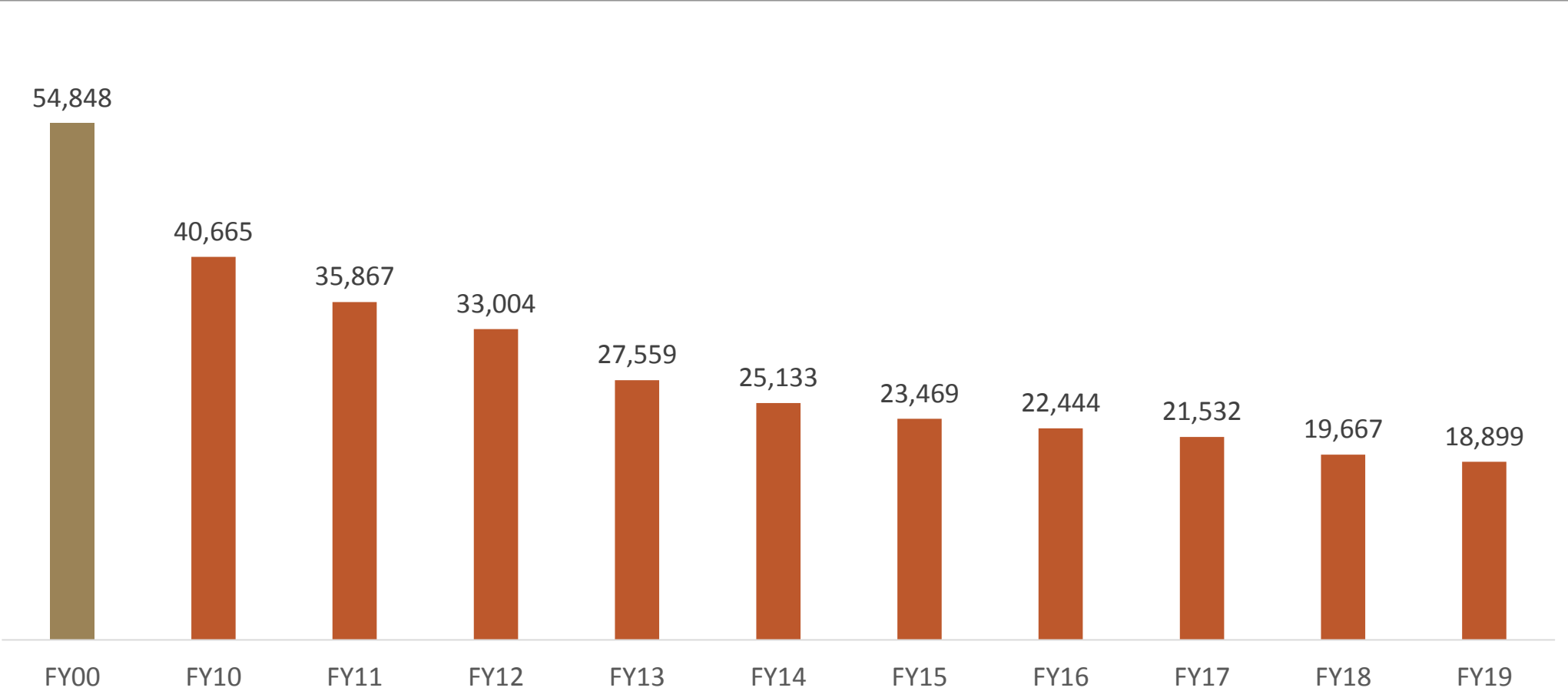
<https://djs.maryland.gov/Pages/Juvenile-Justice-Reform-Council.aspx>

- ✓ Committed to Evaluating Council Policy Recommendations Through a Racial Impact Assessment Lens

DJS DATA TRENDS

Maryland Juvenile Complaints Have Declined Significantly

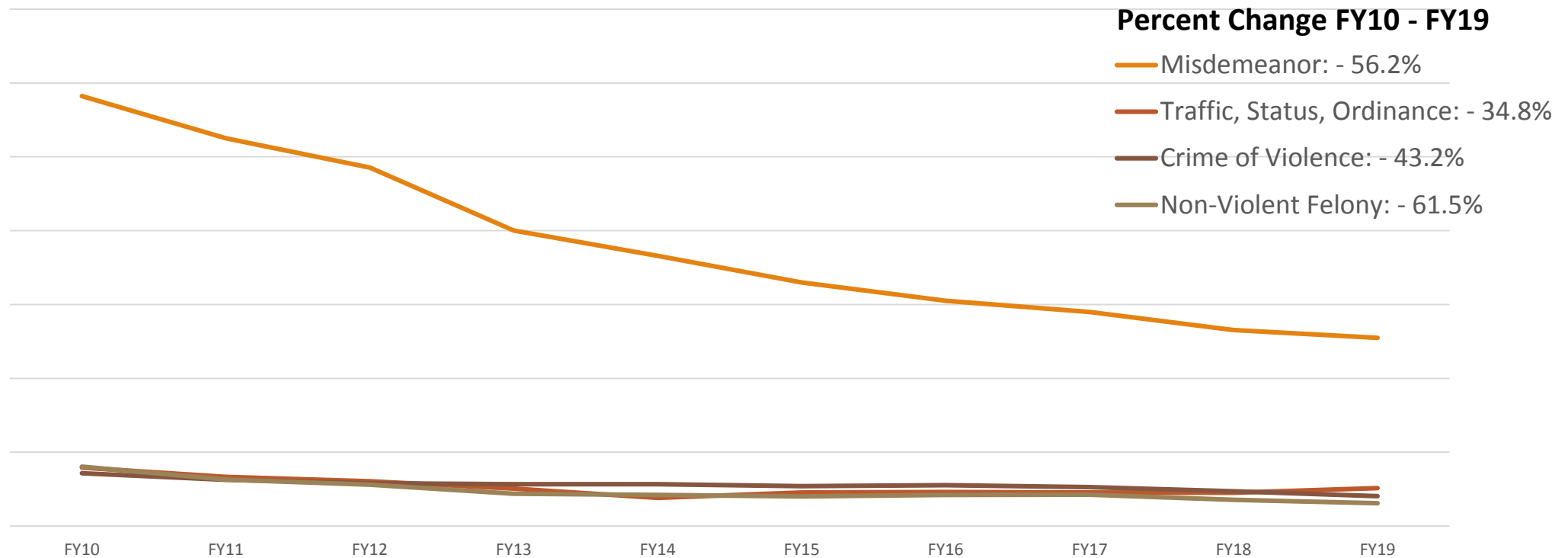
- Between FY2010 and FY2019 Maryland juvenile complaints referred to DJS Intake declined 53.5%



Maryland Juvenile Complaints Have Declined Significantly In All Categories

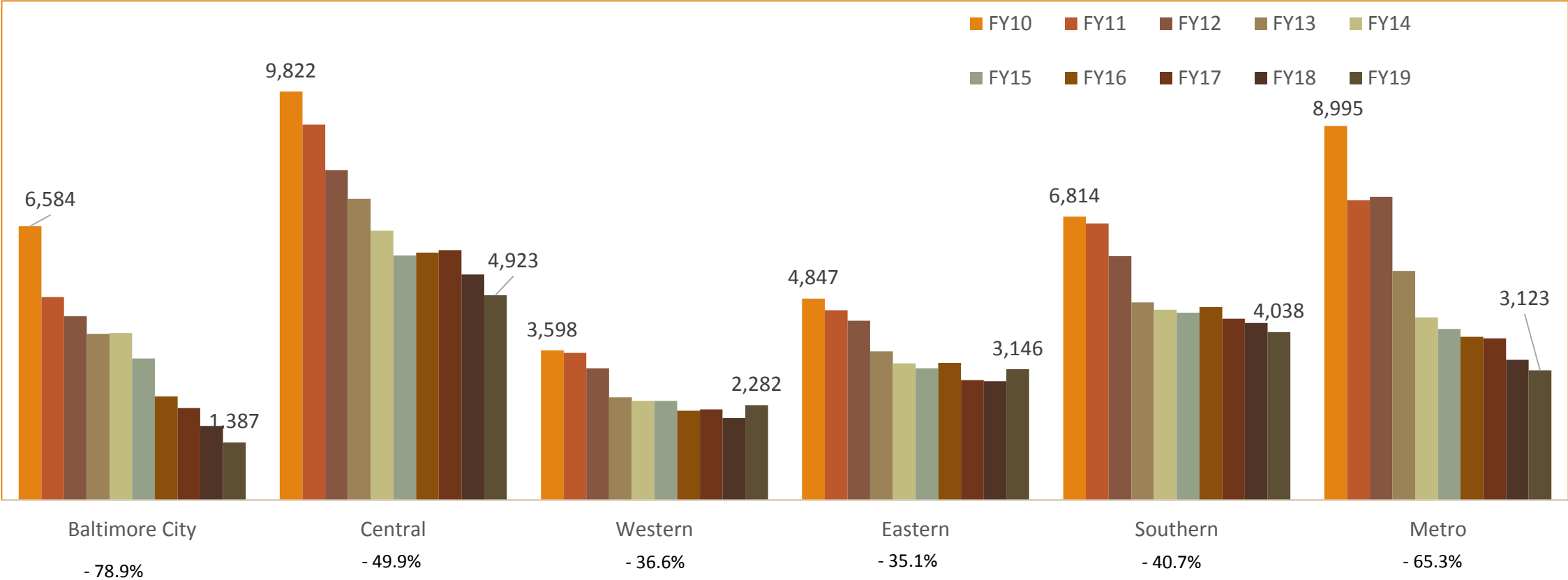
- Misdemeanor complaints referred to DJS Intake declined 56.2% in ten years.
- Crimes of Violence declined 43.2% over the same period.

Juvenile Complaints Referred to DJS Intake, FY10-FY19



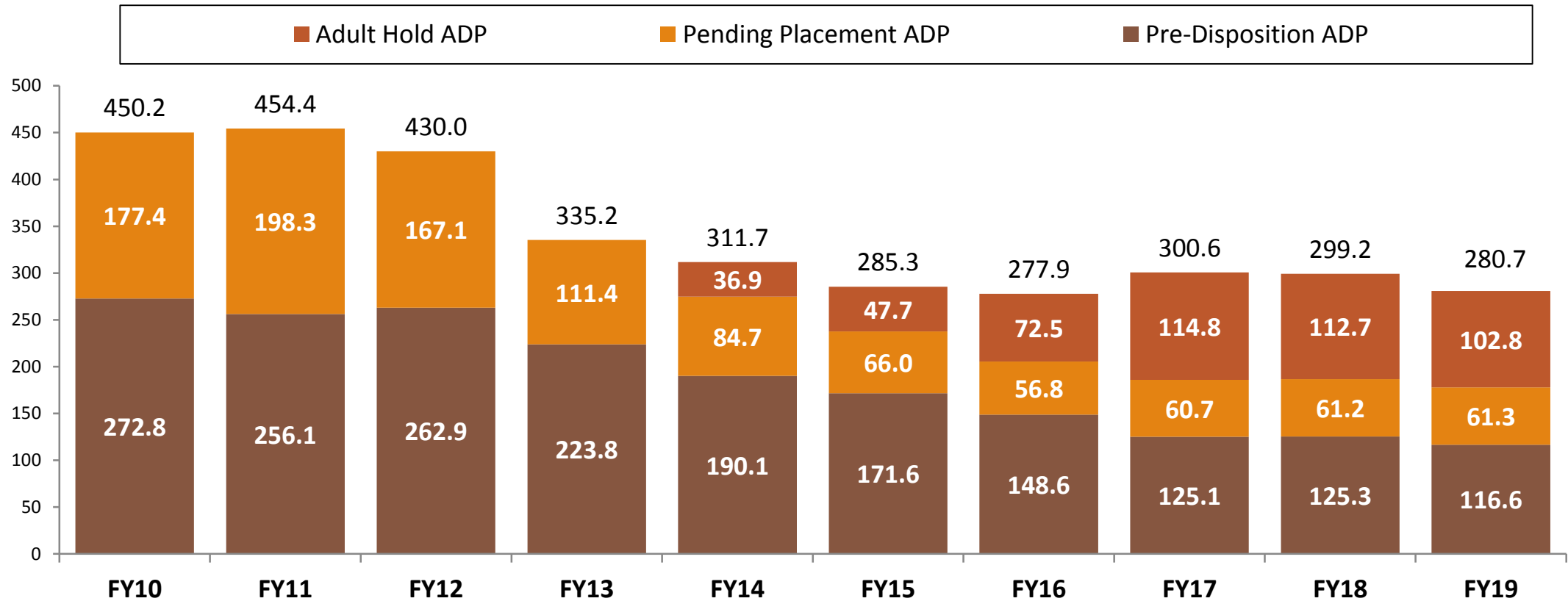
Complaints Have Declined Significantly in All Regions

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

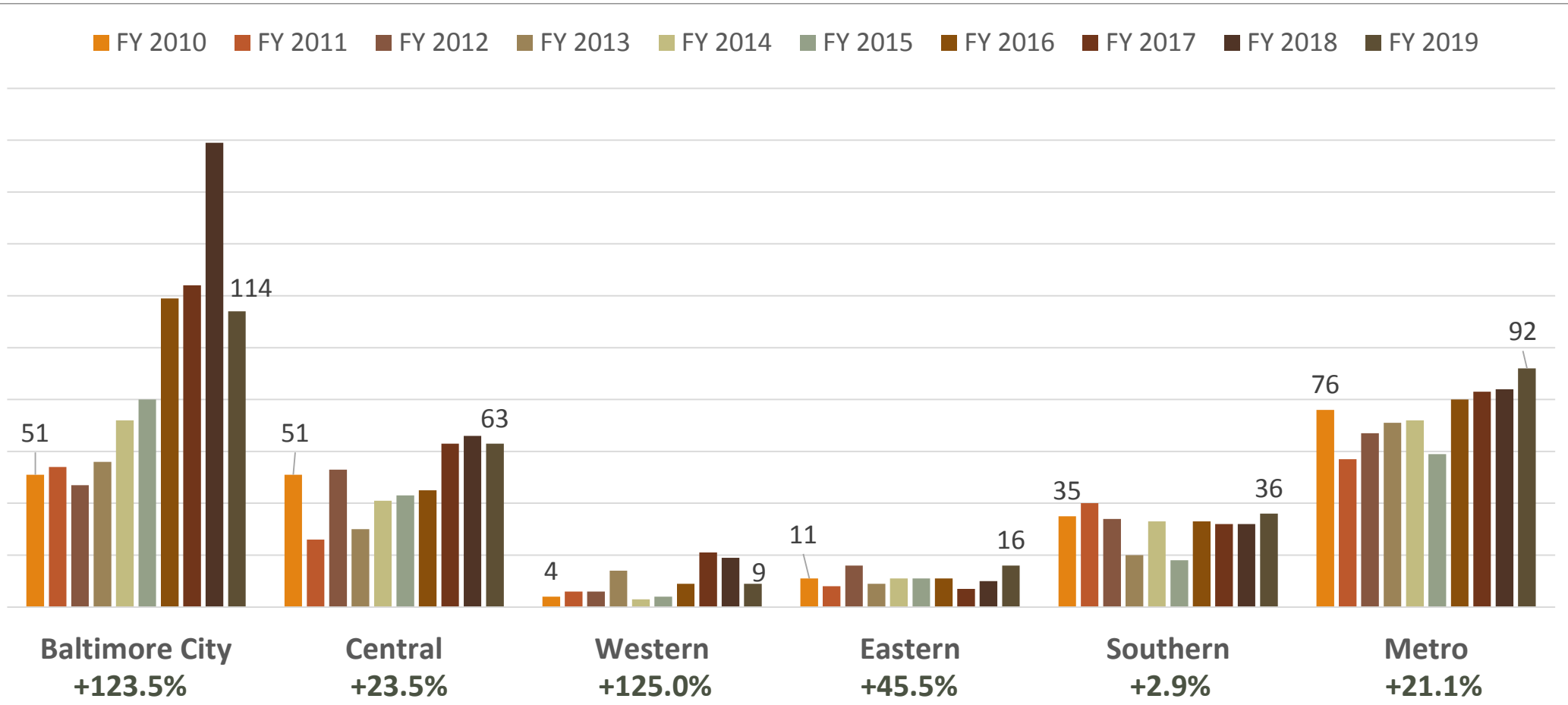


The Maryland Juvenile Detention Population Has Declined Significantly

- The average daily population in DJS detention declined 37.6% since FY2010, to 280.7 in FY2019.
- Cases detained for the Adult Court now make up 36.6% of the DJS detained population.

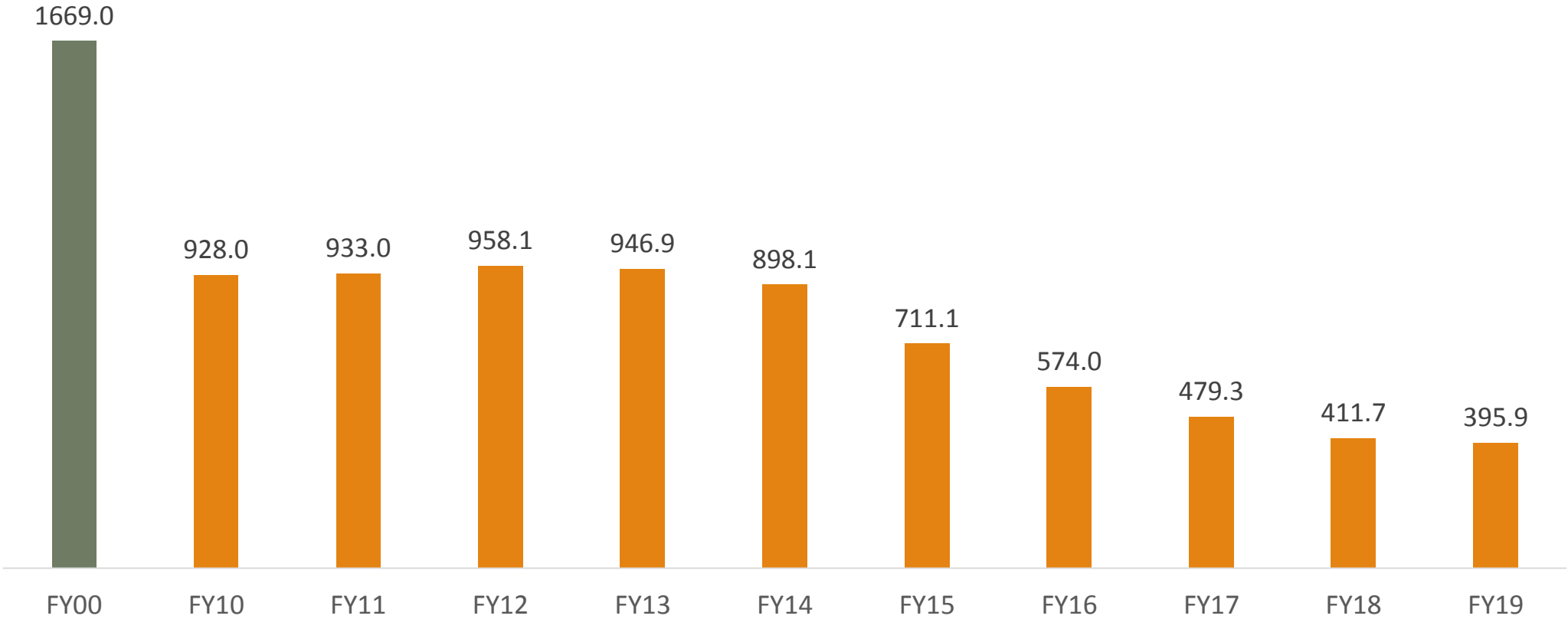


Cases Transferred to Juvenile Court



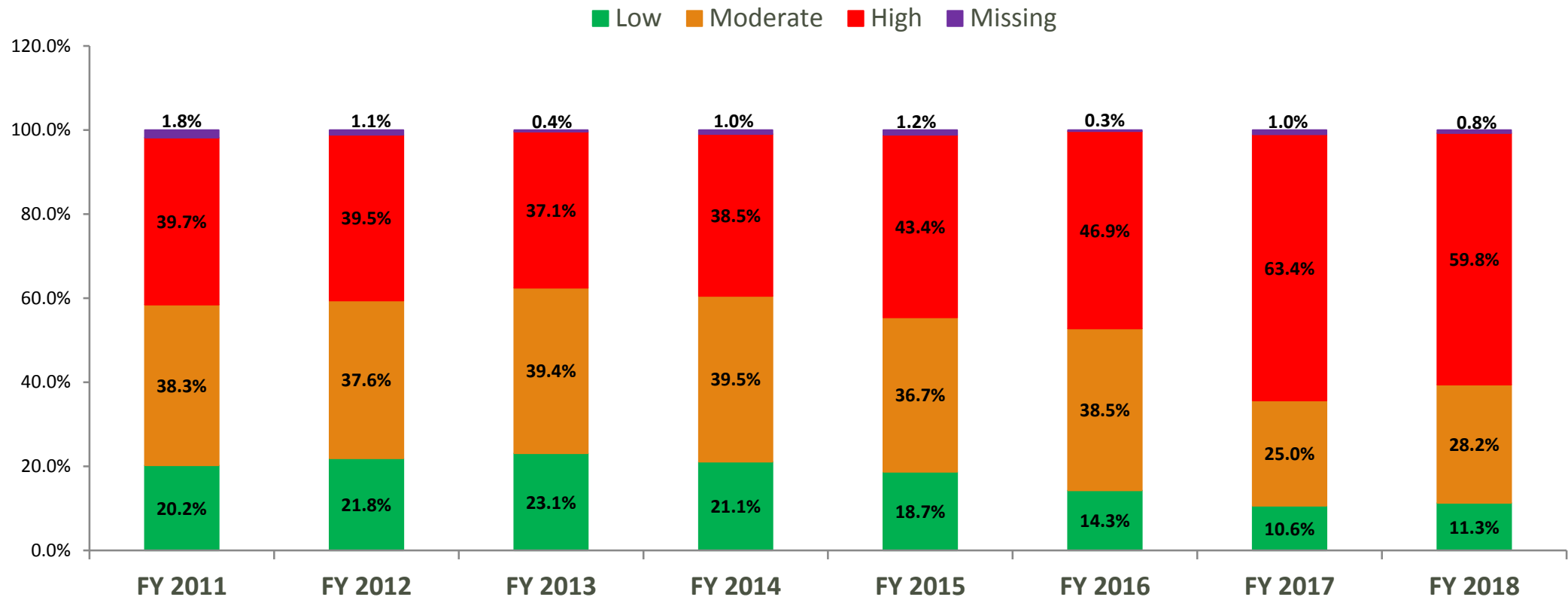
Committed Youth Population Has Declined Sharply

- The total average daily population (ADP) of Maryland youth committed by the juvenile court to out-of-home placement declined **57.3%** over 10 years, from 928.0 in FY2010 to 395.9 in FY2019.
- Most of that decline, **55.9%**, occurred since FY2014.



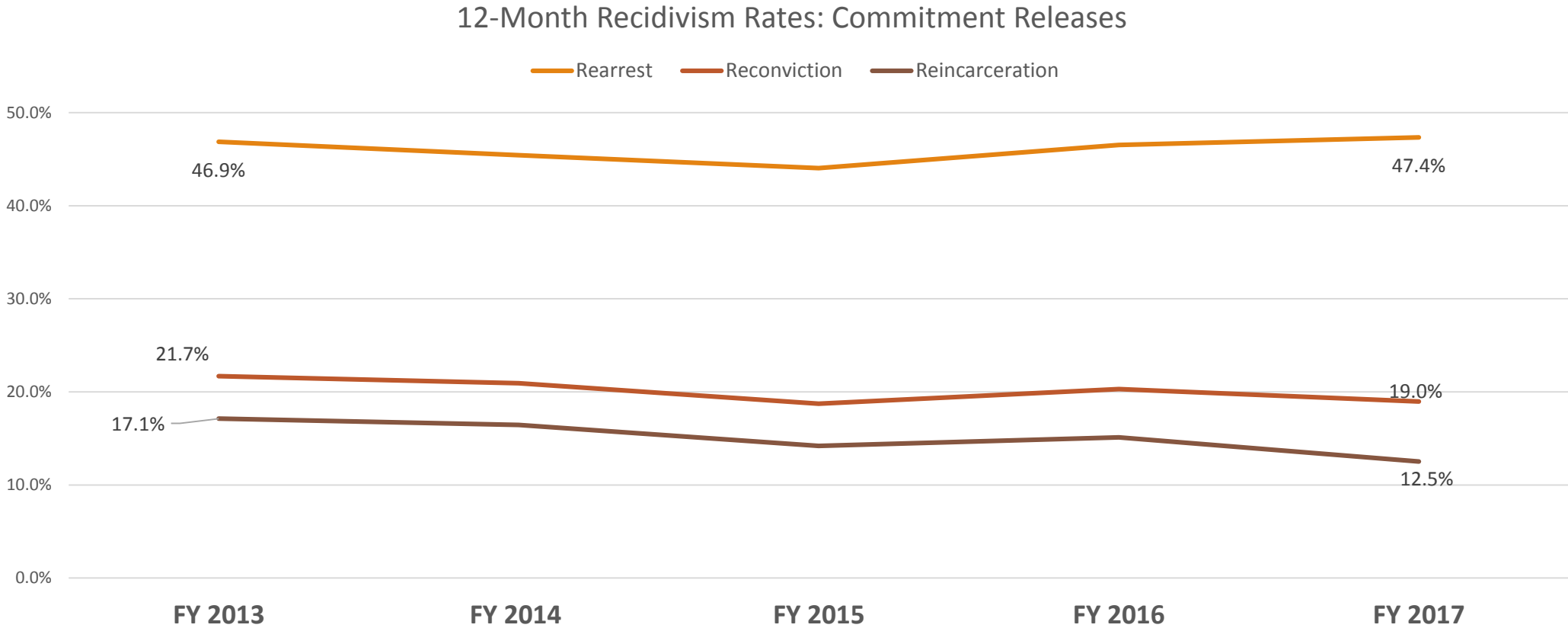
New Commitments by Assessed MCASP Level of Risk of Recidivism FY2011 – FY2018

- Since FY2011, the proportion of newly committed youth who were low risk decreased by nearly half, from 20.2% to 11.3%.



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

- Since FY 2013, the rates of juvenile or adult reconviction and reincarceration one year from release declined 2.7 and 4.6 percentage points, respectively.



Alternative to Detention and Informal Case Processing Performance Report

The Report was requested by the Budget Committees in the 2019 Joint Chairman's Report to evaluate the effectiveness of both DJS programs.

Alternatives to Detention (ATD)

- ✓ DJS uses an objective risk assessment tool to identify youth that are appropriate to be supervised in the community through an ATD rather than be placed in detention.
- ✓ ATDs Include:
 - Community Detention
 - Electronic Monitoring
 - Evening Reporting Centers

Informal Pre-Court Supervision

- ✓ DJS uses an objective risk and needs tool to identify youth to be informally supervised in the community rather than being forwarded to court for formal processing.
- ✓ DJS has independent discretion to place misdemeanor offenders on informal pre-court supervision.
- ✓ The State's Attorney must approve youth charged with a felony or handgun violation.

DJS Pre-Court Supervision Outcomes

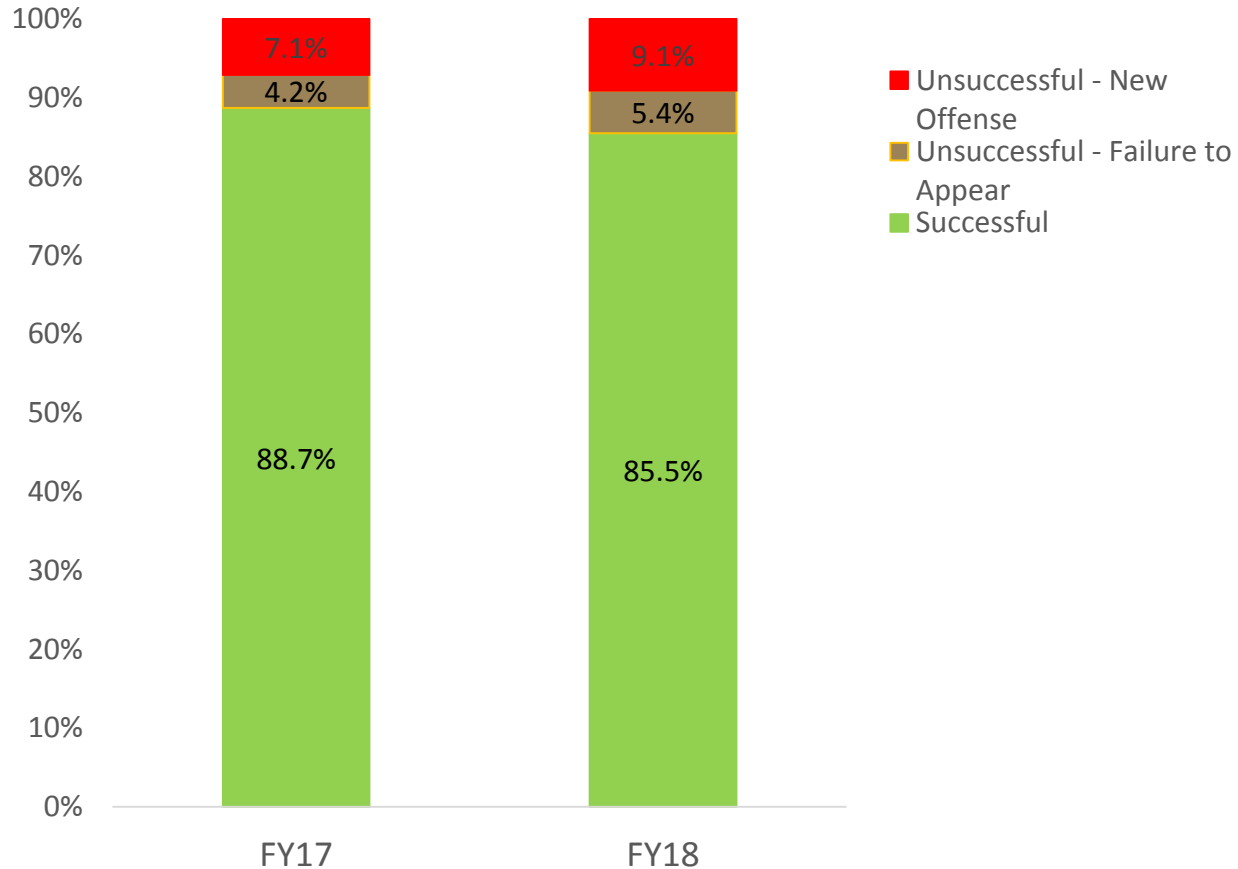
During Fiscal Year (FY 2016 – FY 2018):

- ✓ 4 out of every 5 youth successfully complete pre-court supervision

Of the Youth Placed on Informal Pre-court Supervision:

- ✓ **96%** of youth **DO NOT** have any new adjudicated offenses while under supervision
- ✓ **90%** of youth **DO NOT** have any adjudicated offenses during a one-year follow-up period

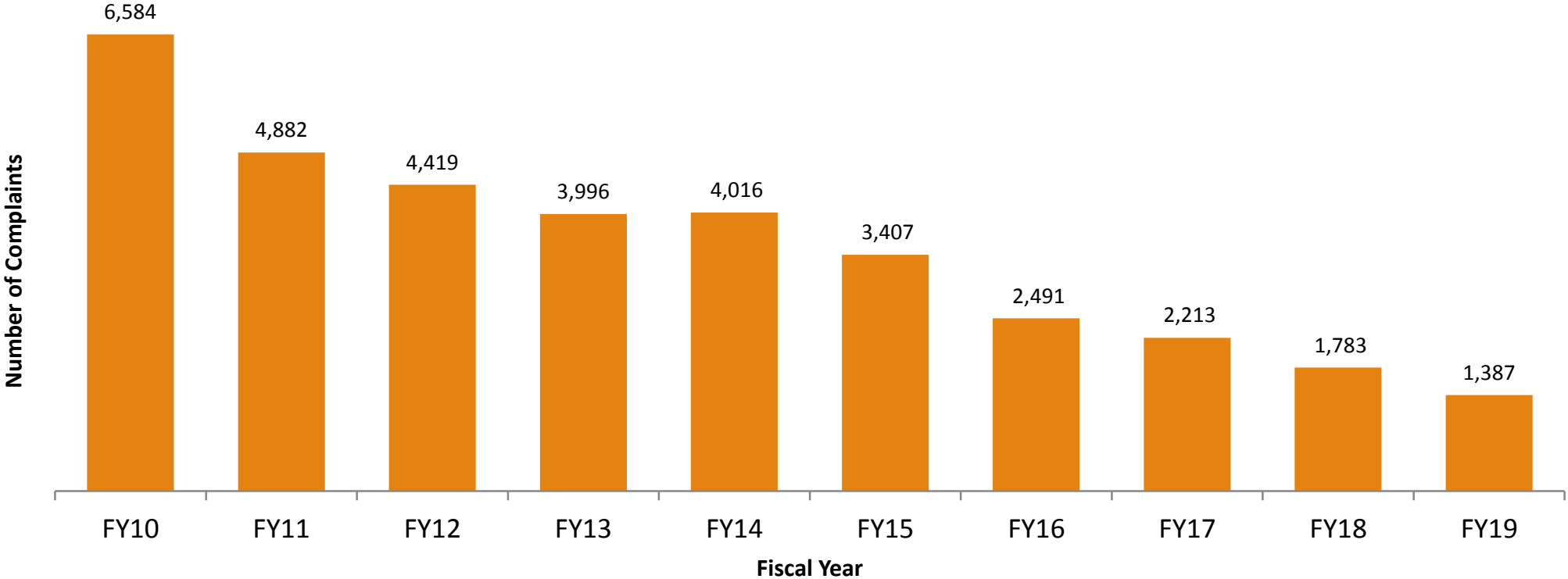
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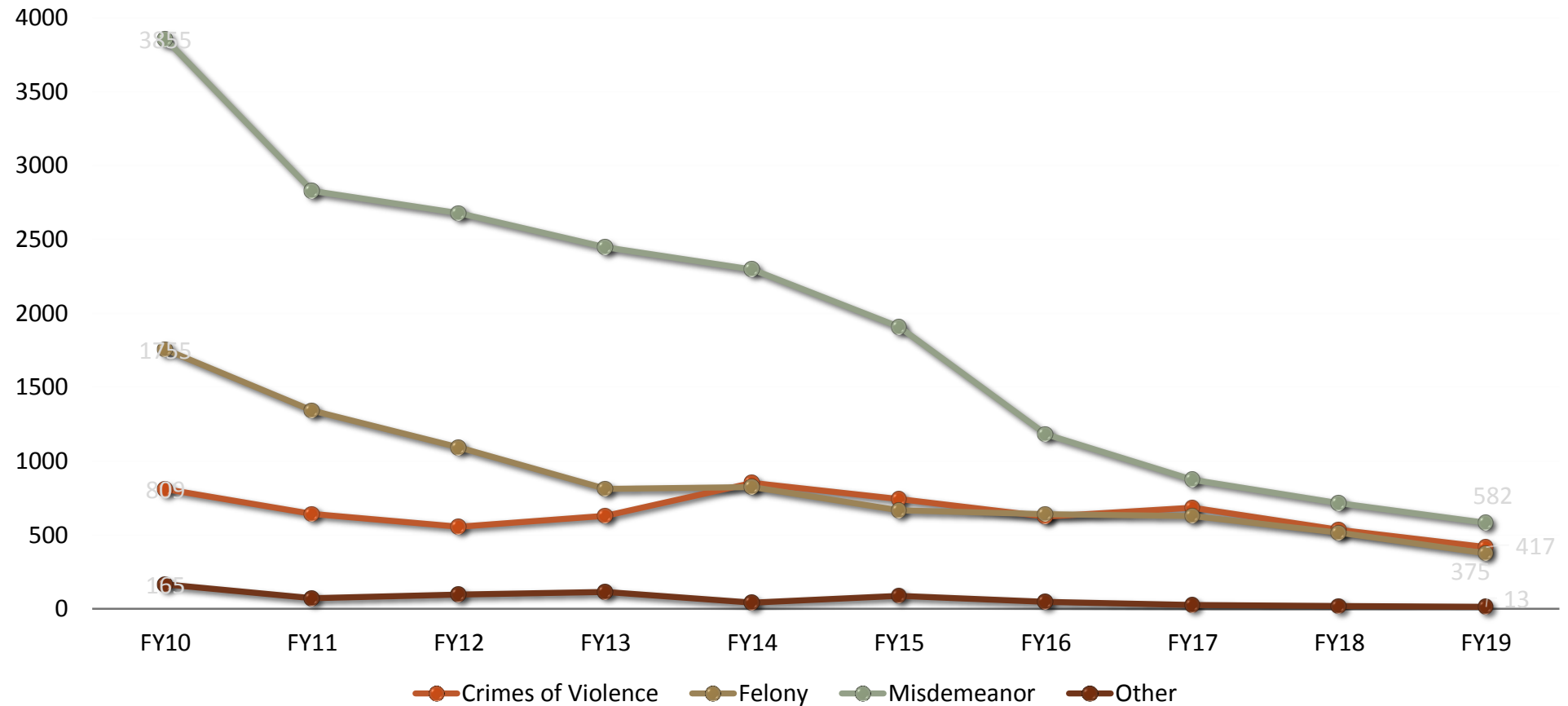
More than **80%** of youth on ATDs successfully completed their supervision, appearing for court and having no new offenses.

Baltimore City Juvenile Complaints Have Declined Significantly Over the Past 10 Years

- Baltimore City complaints referred to DJS Intake declined 78.9% in 10 years.
- Statewide complaints declined 53.5% over the same period.

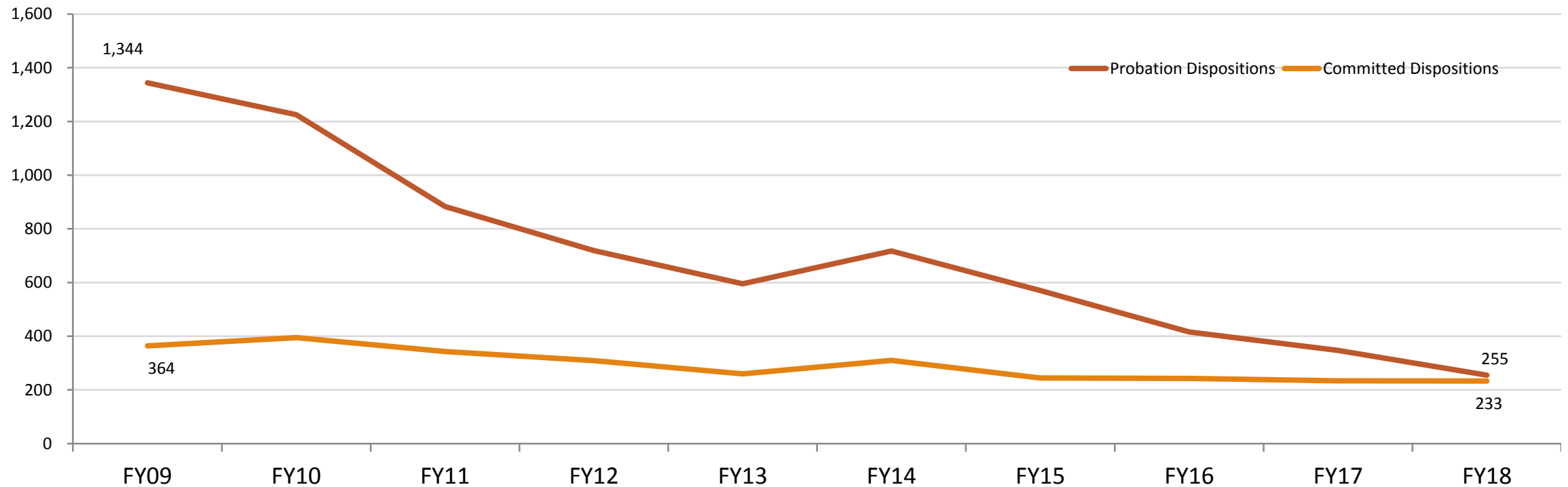


Juvenile Complaints in Baltimore City Have Declined Across All Categories of Offenses



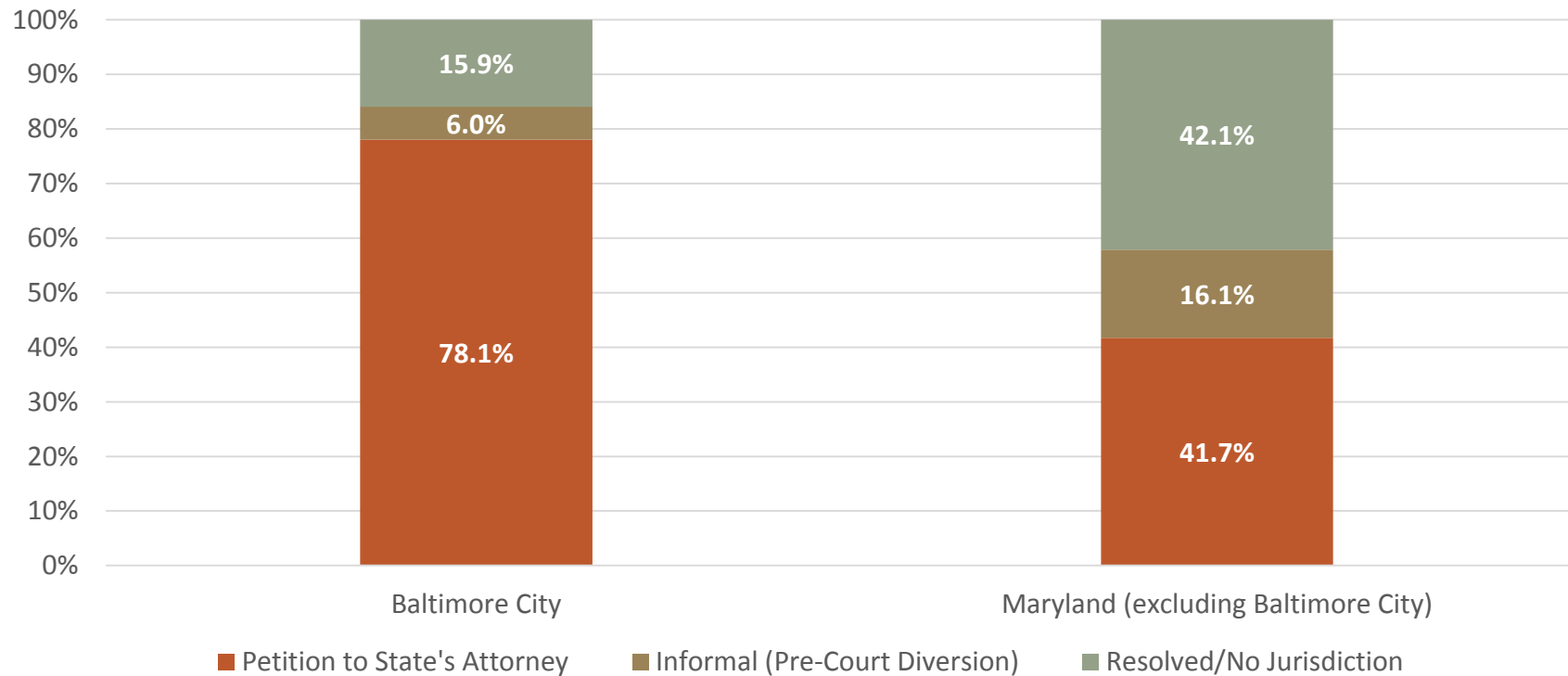
Juvenile Probation and Commitment Orders Have Declined

- Baltimore City Juvenile probation orders declined 81.0% in ten years. Statewide probation orders declined 58.6% over the same period.
- Baltimore City juvenile commitments declined 36.0% in ten years. Statewide commitments declined 52.8% over the same period.

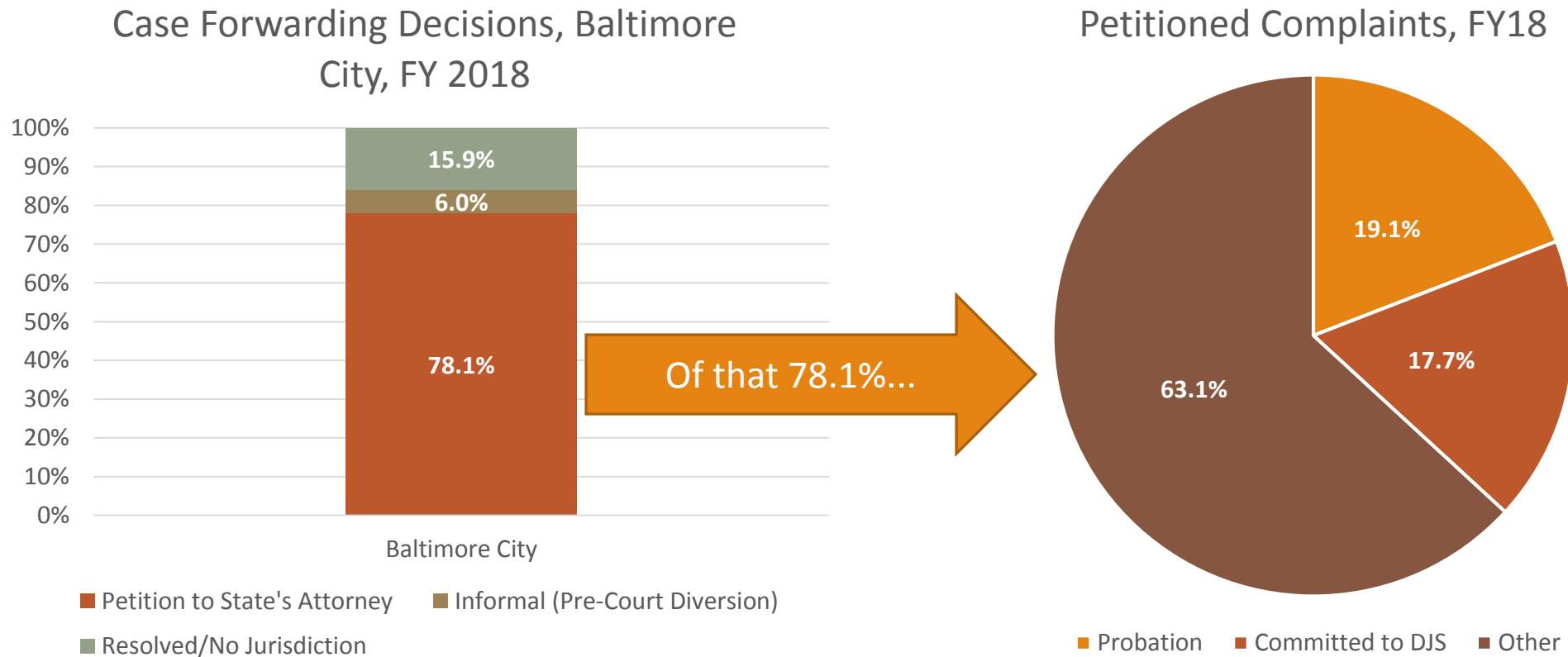


Baltimore City Refers Cases to Juvenile Court at a Much Higher Rate than the Rest of the State

Case Forwarding Decisions, Baltimore City and Maryland
(Excluding Baltimore City), FY 2018

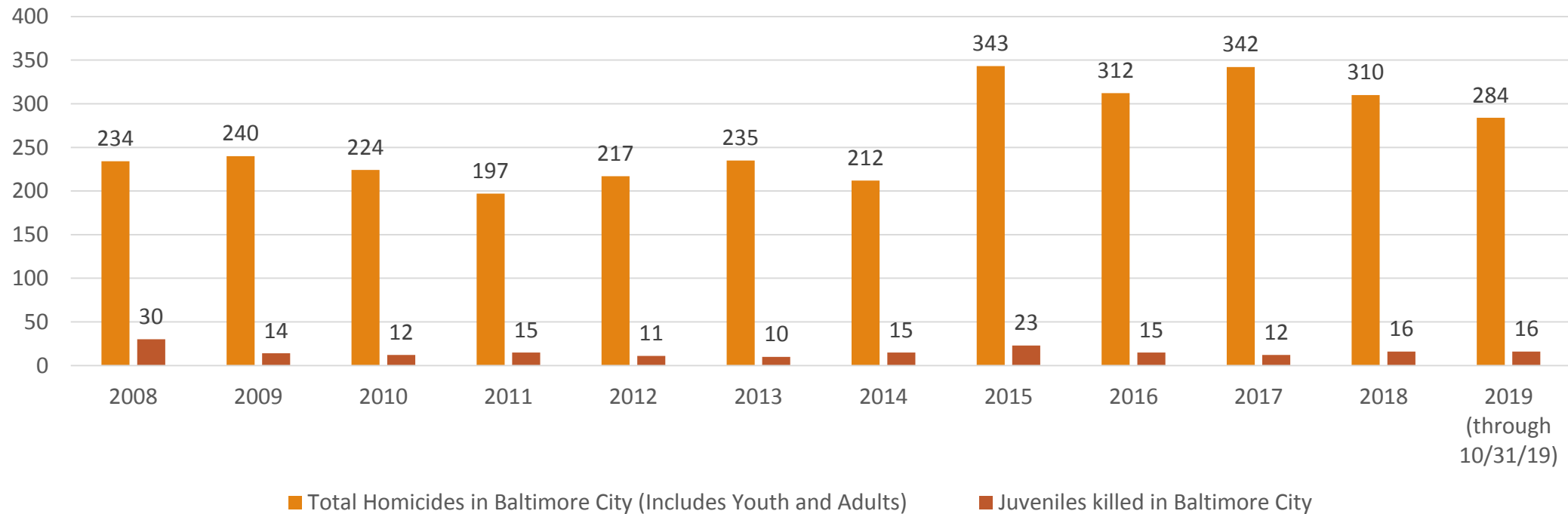


Although 78.1% of Baltimore City Complaints are Referred to Juvenile Court, Most Receive No Services



Since 2008, Juvenile Homicides Have Declined as a Percentage of all Homicides in Baltimore City

In 2008, juveniles accounted for 13% of homicides in Baltimore City; since 2012, they represent 5-7%



Baltimore City Strategic Partnership

Goals:

- Improving Public Safety
- Supporting our Communities
- Intervening with Youth Earlier
- Supporting Diversion Efforts
- Increasing Access to Evidence Based Programs

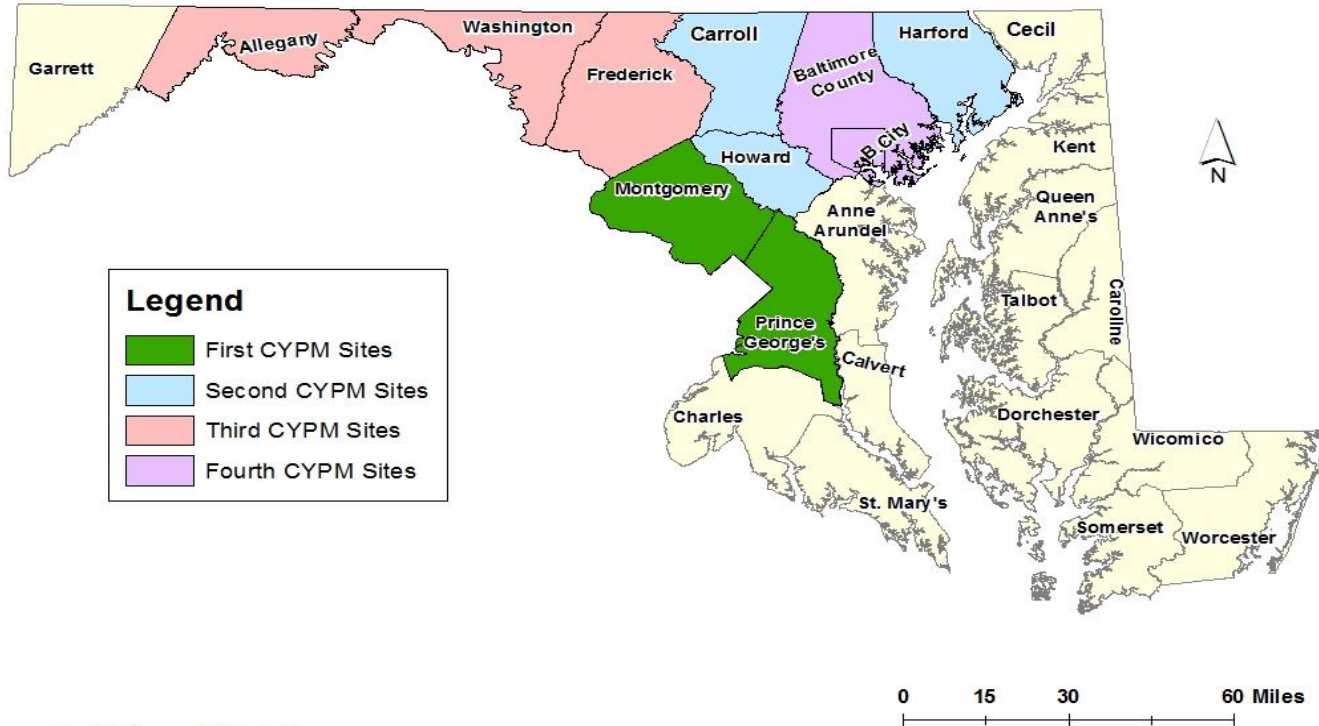
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Baltimore City Police Department

Baltimore City State's Attorney's Office

Mayor's Office

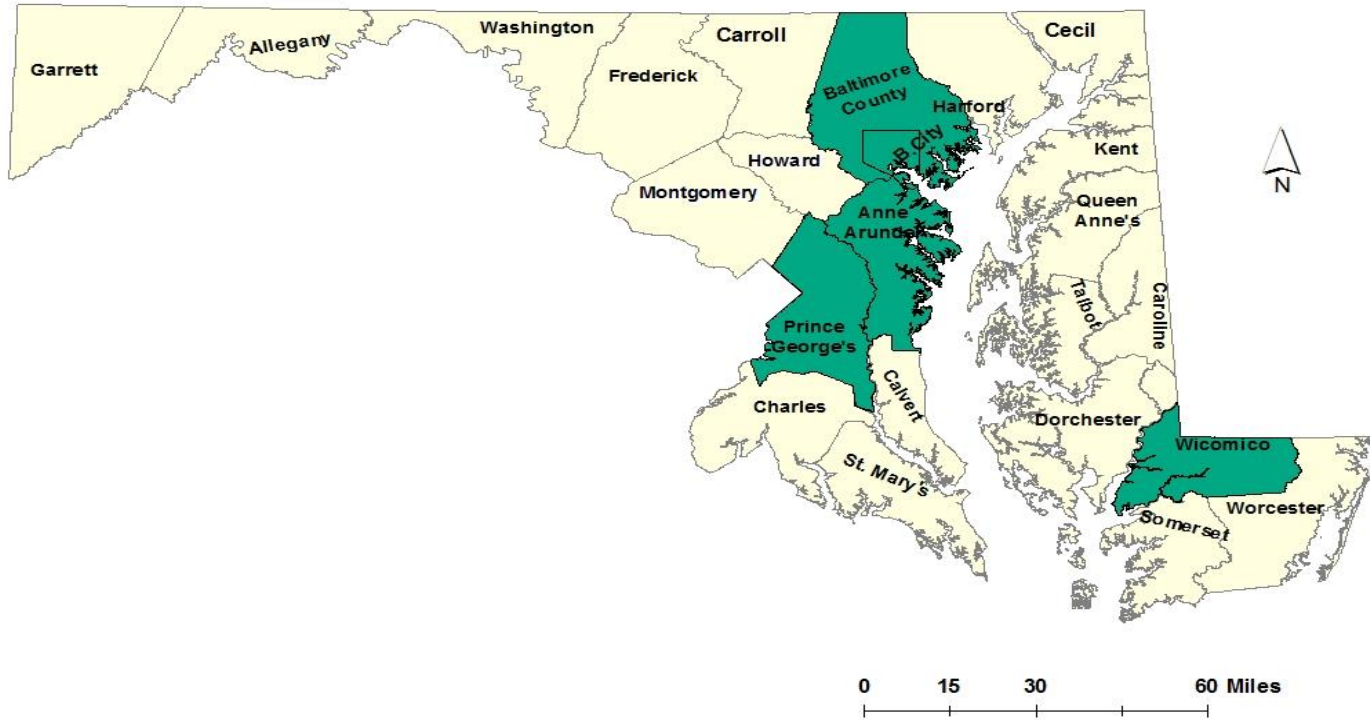
Crossover Youth Practice Model



Prepared by: DJS Research & Evaluation
Date: October 9, 2019



Family Peer Support



Engaging Youth and Families at Critical Points

September 2018: Piloted in 5 Jurisdictions

October 2020: Projected Statewide Rollout

Facility Updates

Family Transport to
Committed Facilities

Anytime Visitation for
Families

Increased Youth Access to
Phone Calls

Engaged Vera Institute
on Overarching
Treatment Plan
Improvements

Resources

DJS Website

www.djs.maryland.gov

Data Resource Guides

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

Juvenile Justice Reform Council

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