



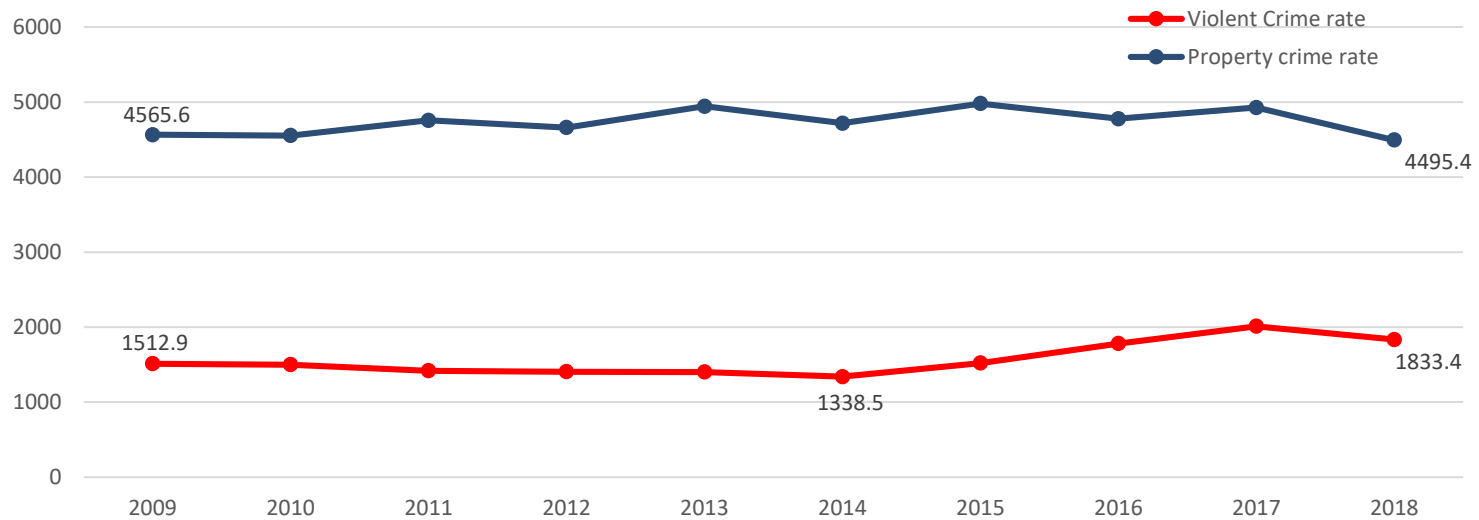
# Baltimore City Juvenile Services Long Term Trends

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# Property Crime Down, Violent Crime Up in Baltimore City

- Property crime rates across the city have dropped only 1.5% since 2009.
- Violent crime fell 11.5% between 2009 and 2014, but began trending upward in 2015.
- Between 2014 and 2018, violent crime rates rose 37%.
- Data are drawn from the FBI's Uniform Crime Reports, which document all crimes reported to law enforcement agencies. Data are not based on offender or age, and thus are not measures of juvenile crimes.

Per Capita Violent and Property Crime Rates for Baltimore City, 2009-2018

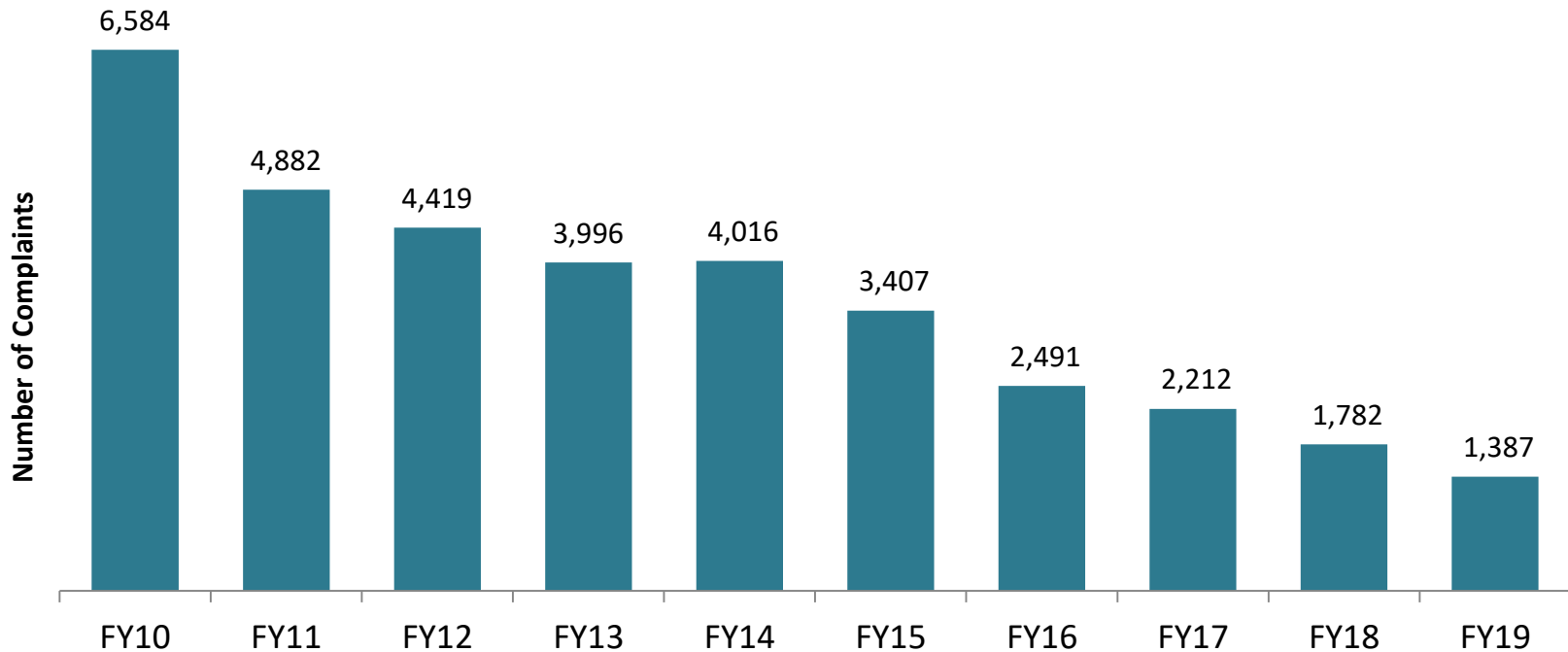


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Data Source: FBI Uniform Crime Reports (UCR)

Note: Violent crime includes the following offense categories: Murder and non-negligent manslaughter, rape, robbery, and aggravated assault. Property crime includes burglary, larceny-theft, and motor vehicle theft.  
Note: Data for 2019 were not available.

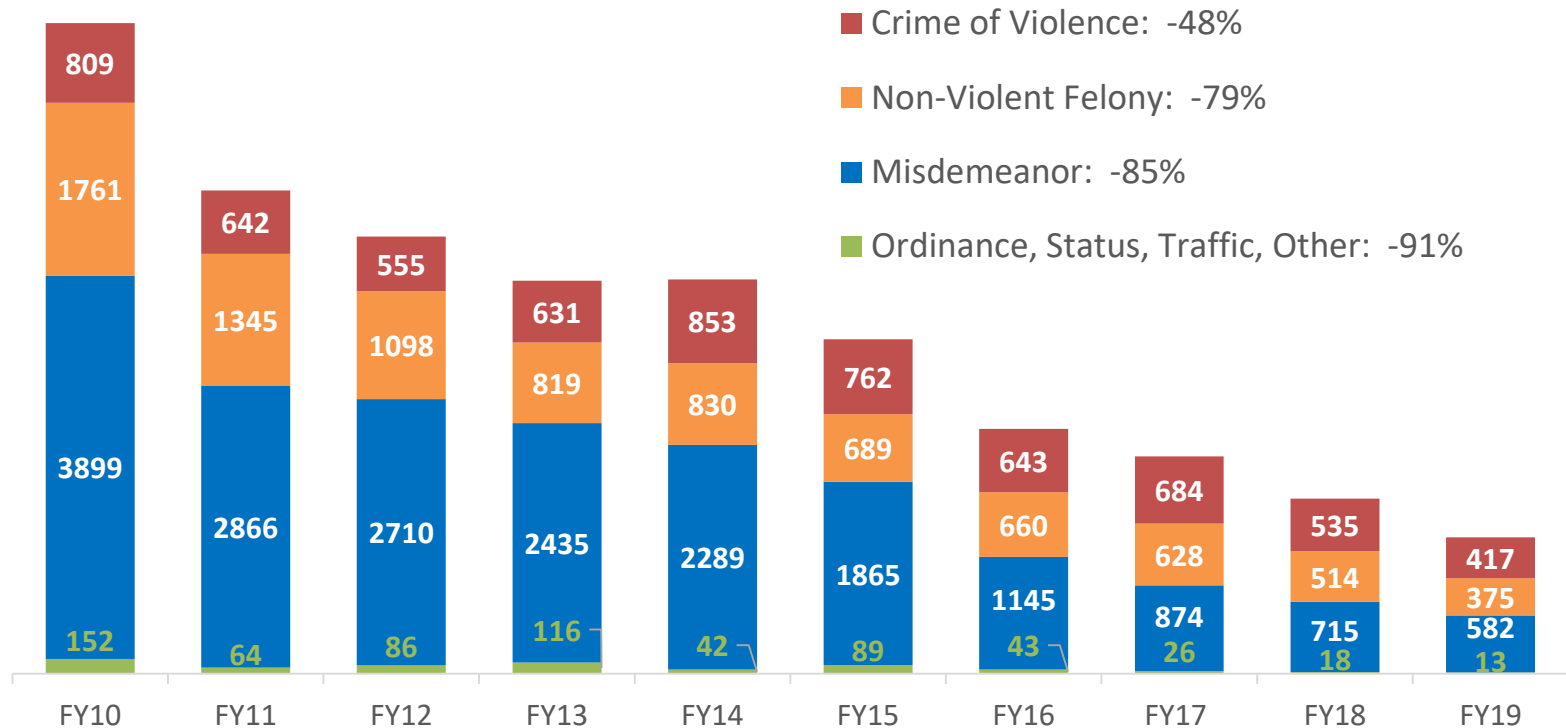
# Baltimore City Juvenile Complaints Have Declined Significantly

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



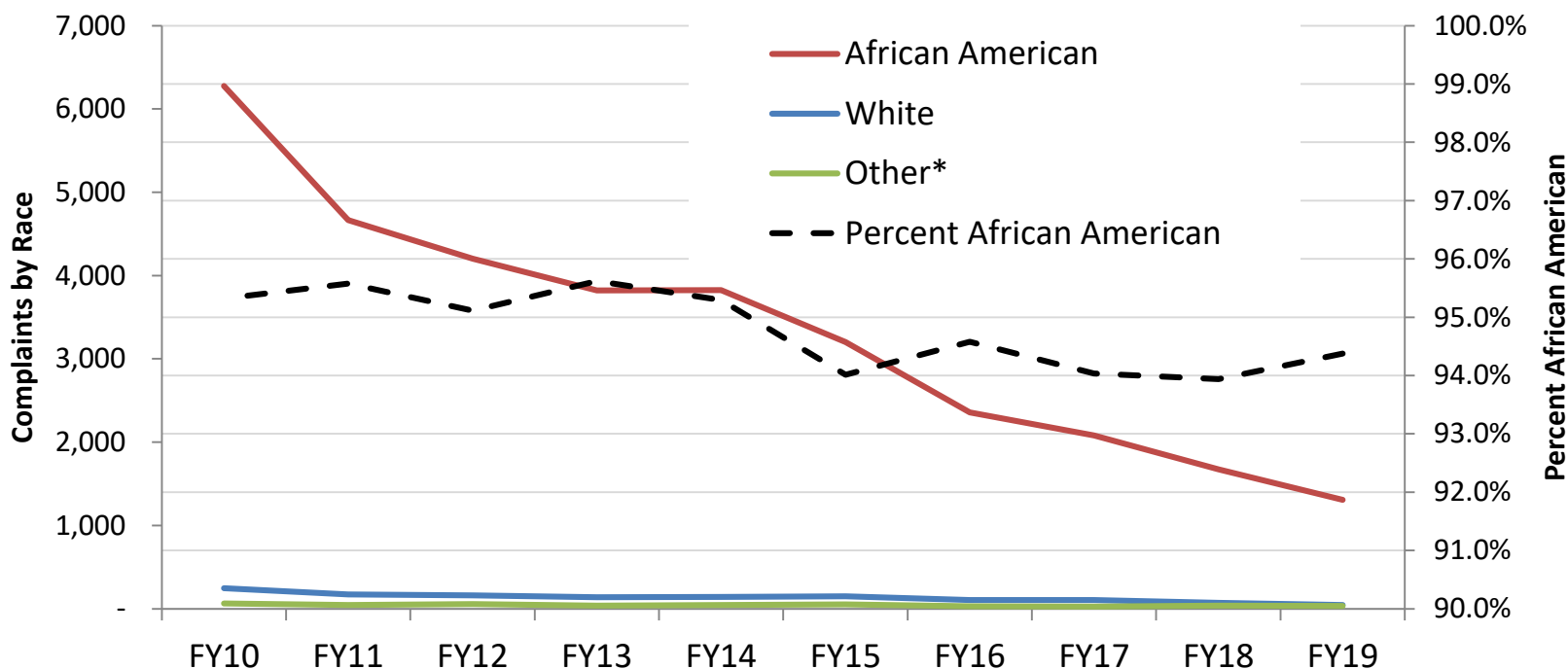
# Baltimore City Juvenile Complaints Have Declined In All Categories

- Baltimore City complaints for crimes of violence declined 48% in 10 years.
- Misdemeanors decreased by 85%, and non-violent felonies decreased by 79% over 10 years.



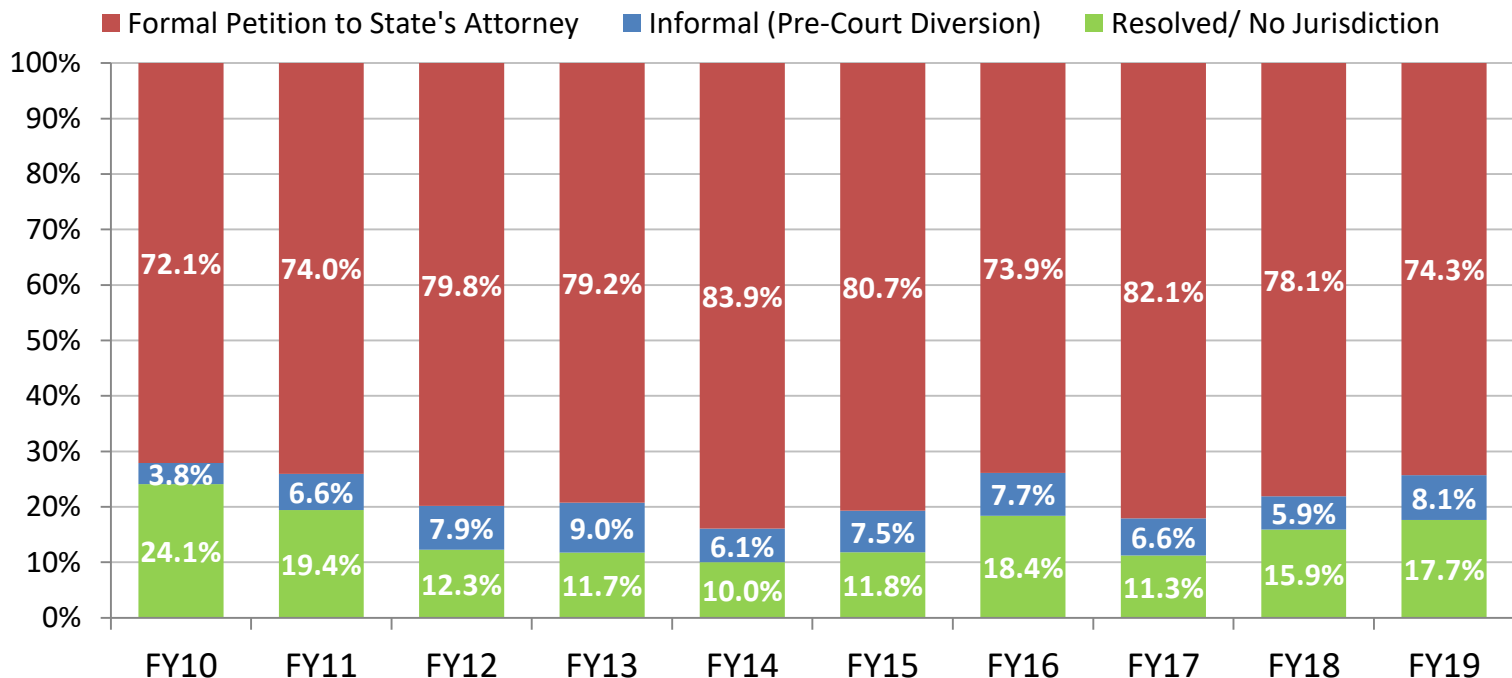
# Juvenile Complaints in Baltimore City Have Declined for All Races/Ethnicities

- Over 10 years, complaints for Baltimore City African American youth declined 79.1% and declined 81.6% for white youth.
- African American youth represented 70.7% of the youth (11-17) population in Baltimore City in 2018, but in FY19 comprised 94.4% of complaints.



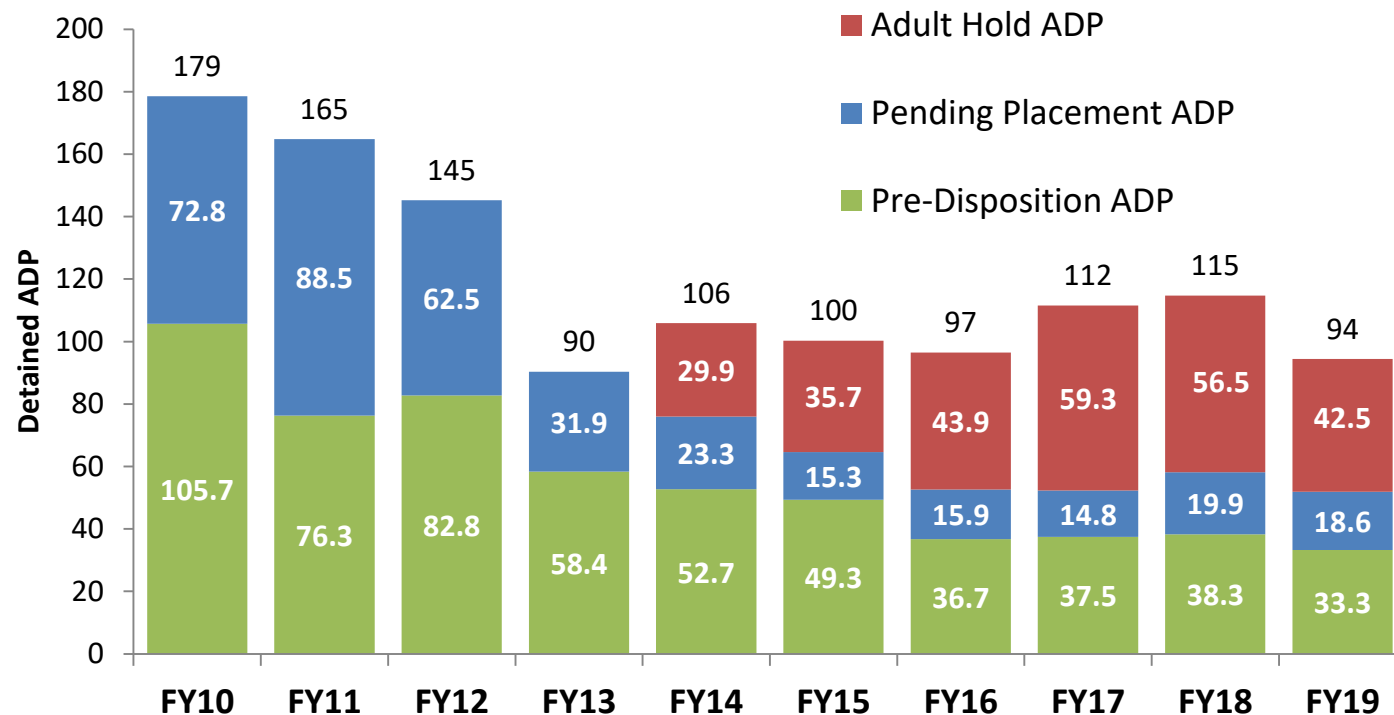
# Baltimore City Leads State in Rate of Cases Referred to Court

- 74.3% of Baltimore City complaints were referred to court by DJS Intake in FY19, 2.2 percentage points more than in FY10. Statewide, 38.9% were referred to court.
- 8.1% of Baltimore City complaints were diverted to an informal DJS pre-court case. Statewide, 15.9% were diverted.



# Baltimore City Detention Population Has Decreased Since Last Year

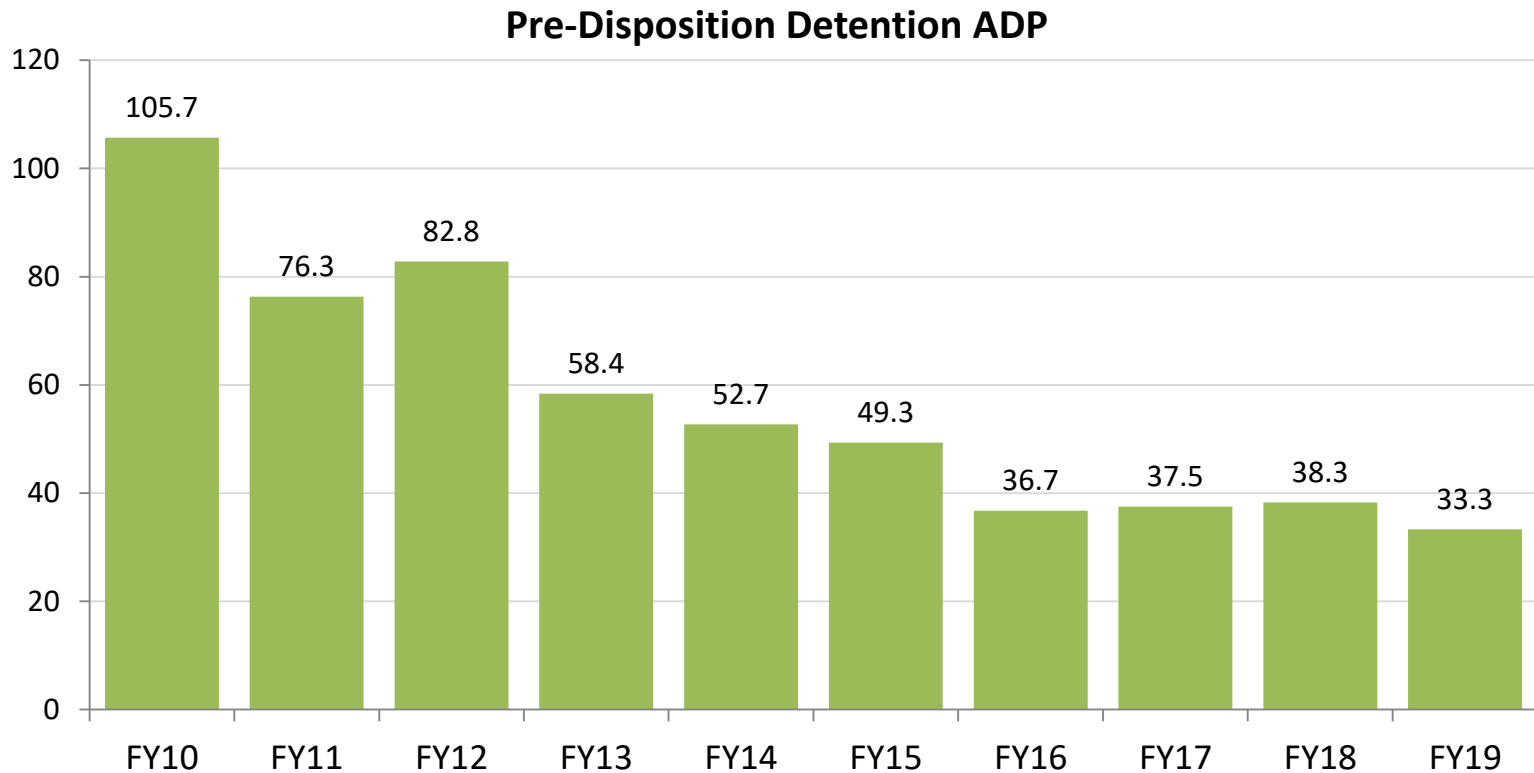
- Baltimore City daily population in DJS detention declined 47.5% since FY10 to 94 in FY19. The statewide detention population declined 27.7% over the same period.
- Cases detained for the Adult Court now make up 45.2% of the DJS detained population in Baltimore City.



# Baltimore City Youth Population In Detention

## Pre-Disposition Has Declined Significantly

- The Baltimore City juvenile pre-dispositional detained population declined 68.5% in 10 years to 33.3 youth in FY 2019.

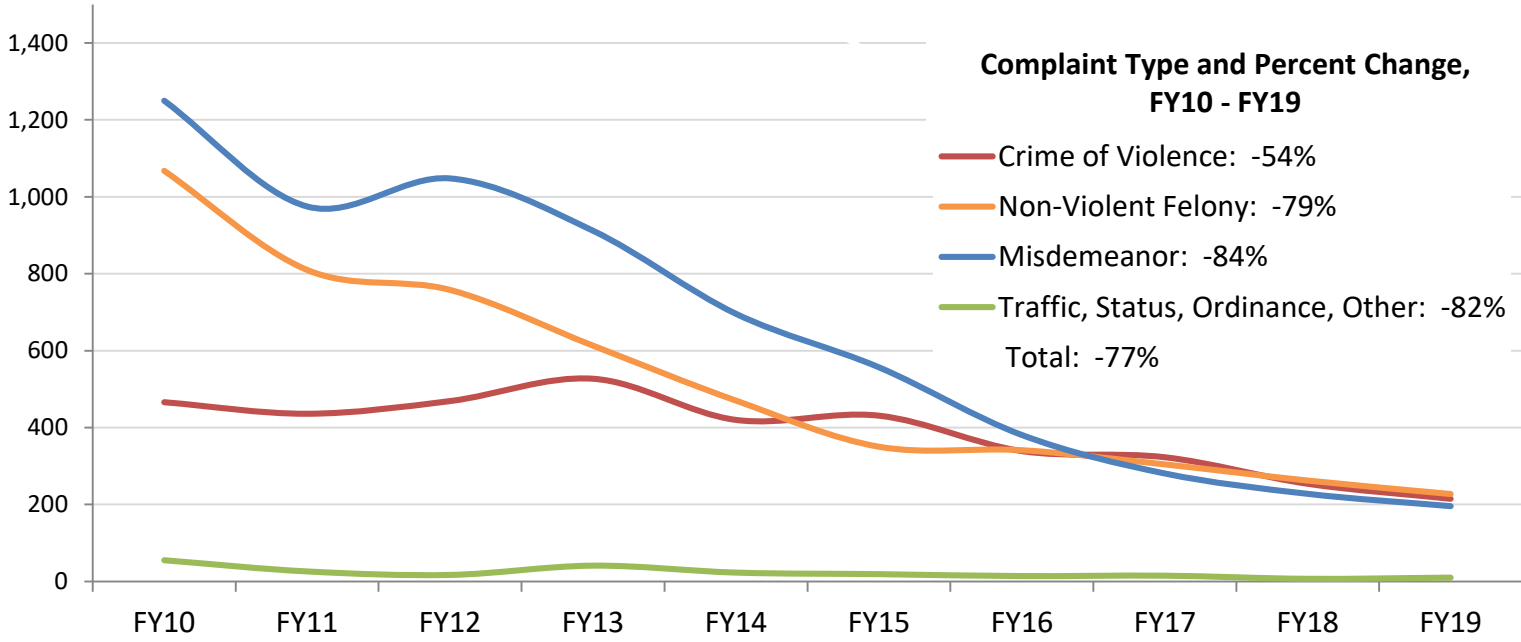




# Baltimore City's Pre-Disposition Detention Admissions Have Decreased for All Complaint Types\*

- Youth detained pending disposition for misdemeanors decreased 84.3% over 10 years.
- Youth detained pending disposition for crimes of violence decreased 53.9% over 10 years.

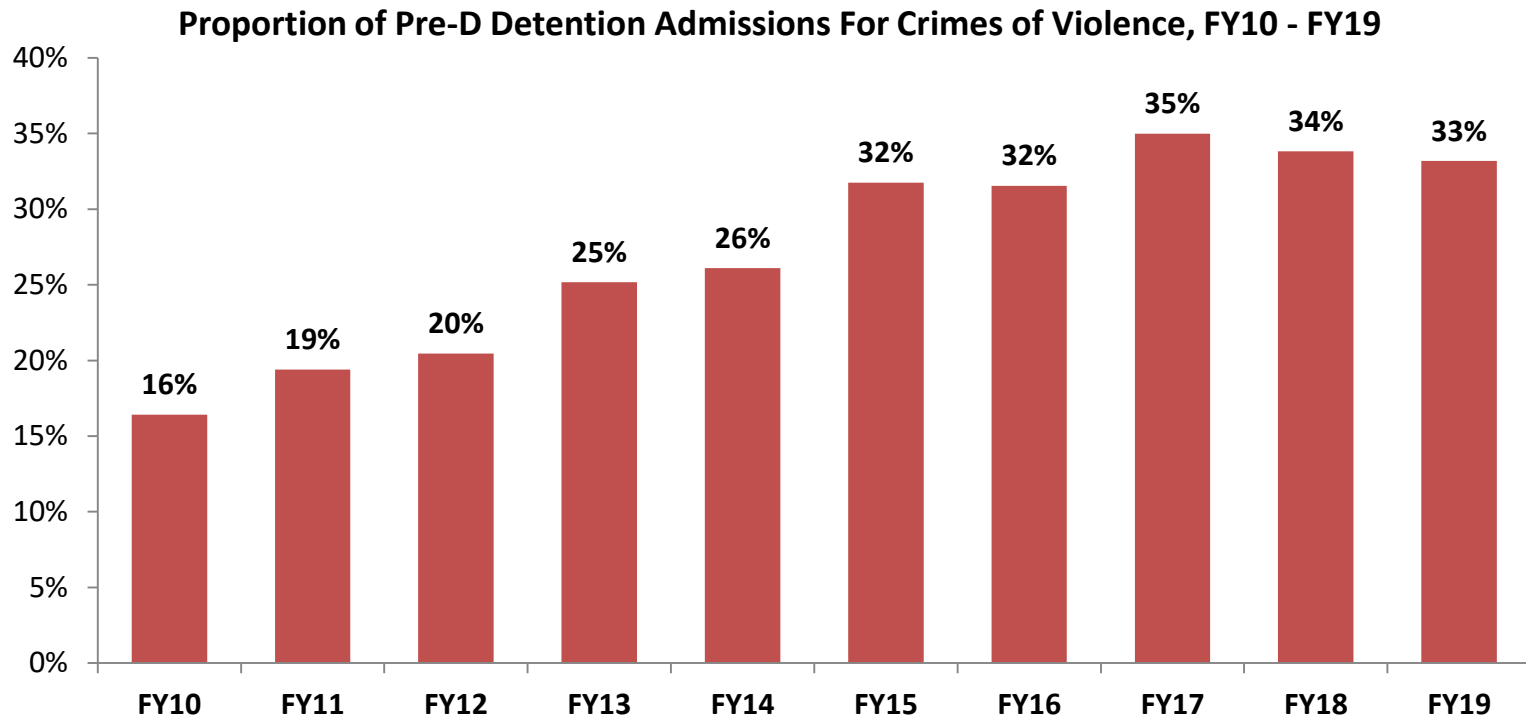
**Pre-D Detention Admissions by Complaint Type, FY10 - FY19**



\*Please note that offense may not be the reason for detention admission.

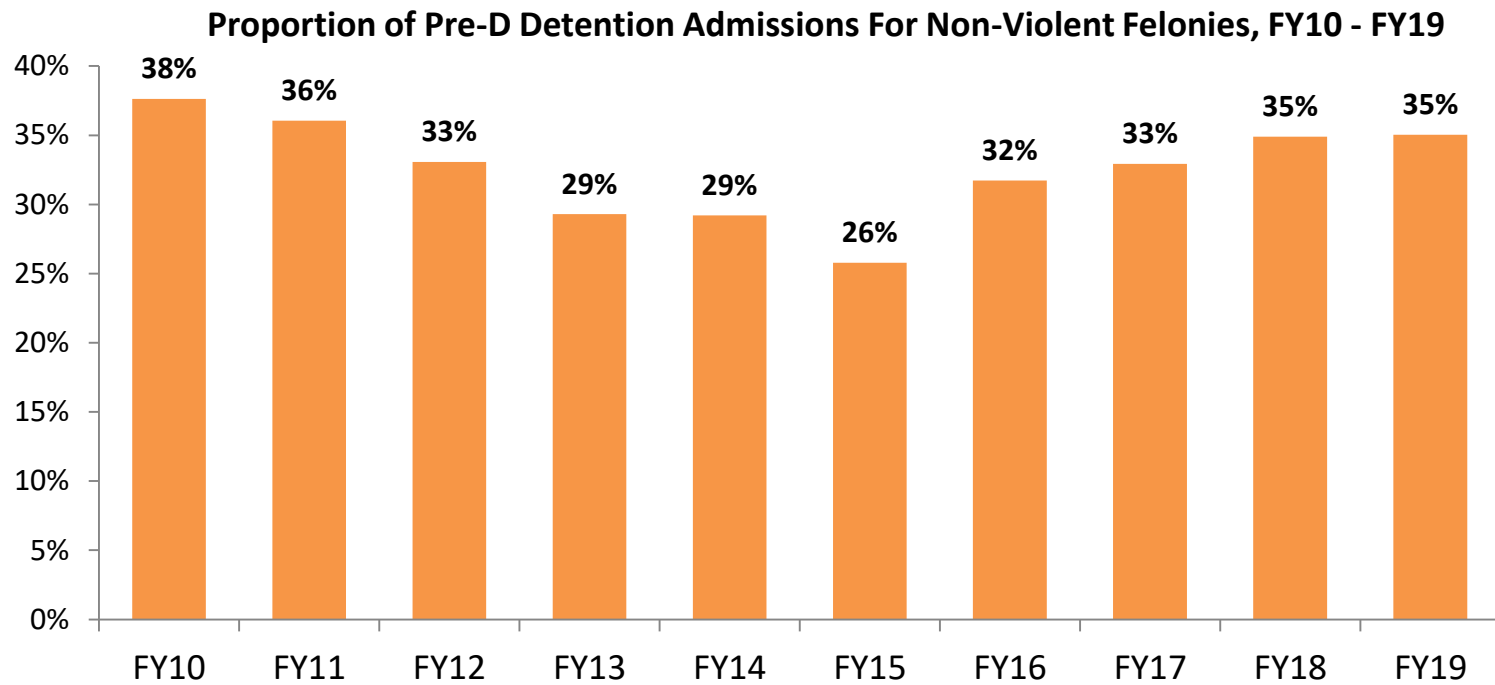
# Crimes of Violence Make Up a Growing Proportion of Detention Admission\* Offenses

- The proportion of youth detained pre-disposition for Crimes of Violence is more than twice as large as 10 years ago.
- The trend shows only small fluctuations over the last five years.



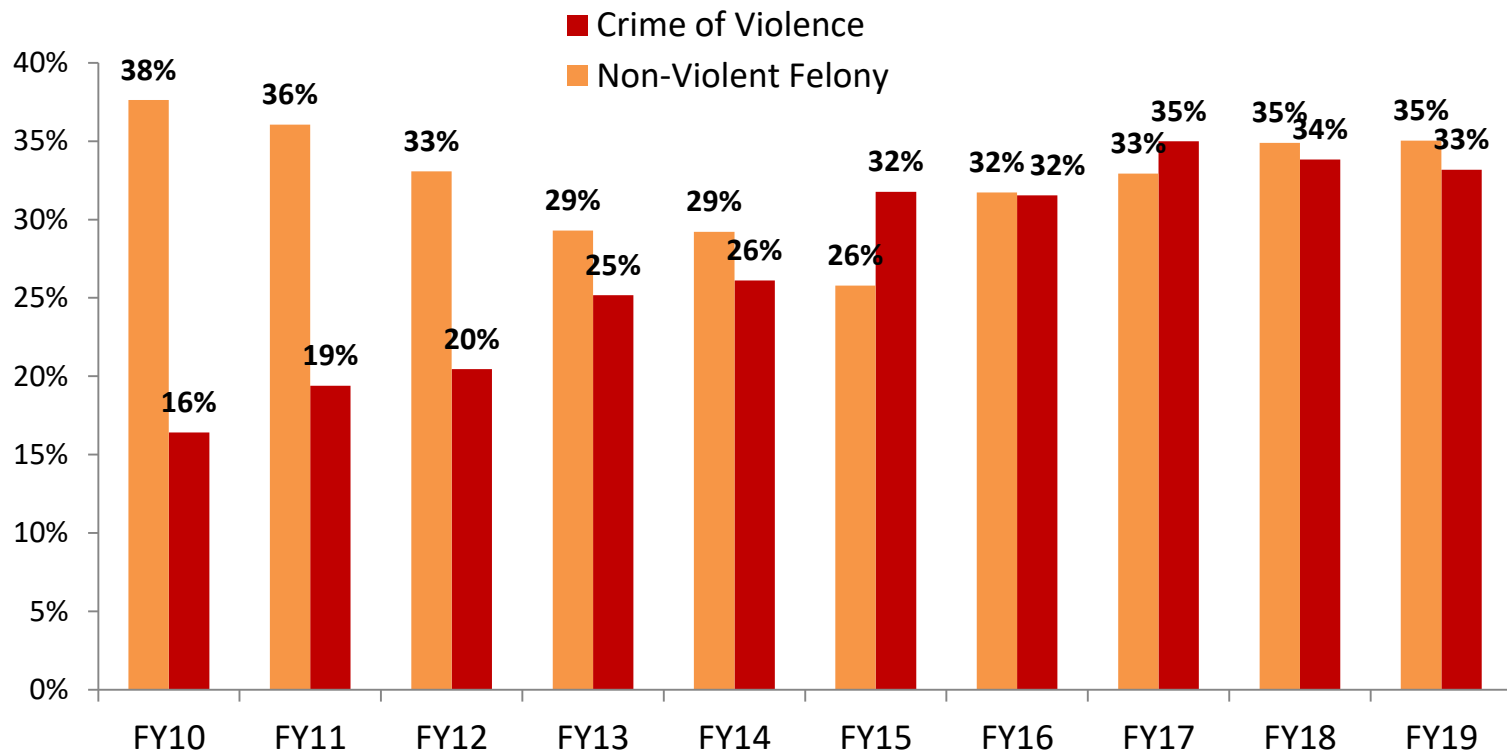
# Pre-D Detention Admissions\* for Non-Violent Felonies Has Remained Flat

- The percent of youth detained pre-disposition for Non-Violent Felony complaints has decreased 3 percentage points over 10 years, despite increases since FY15.



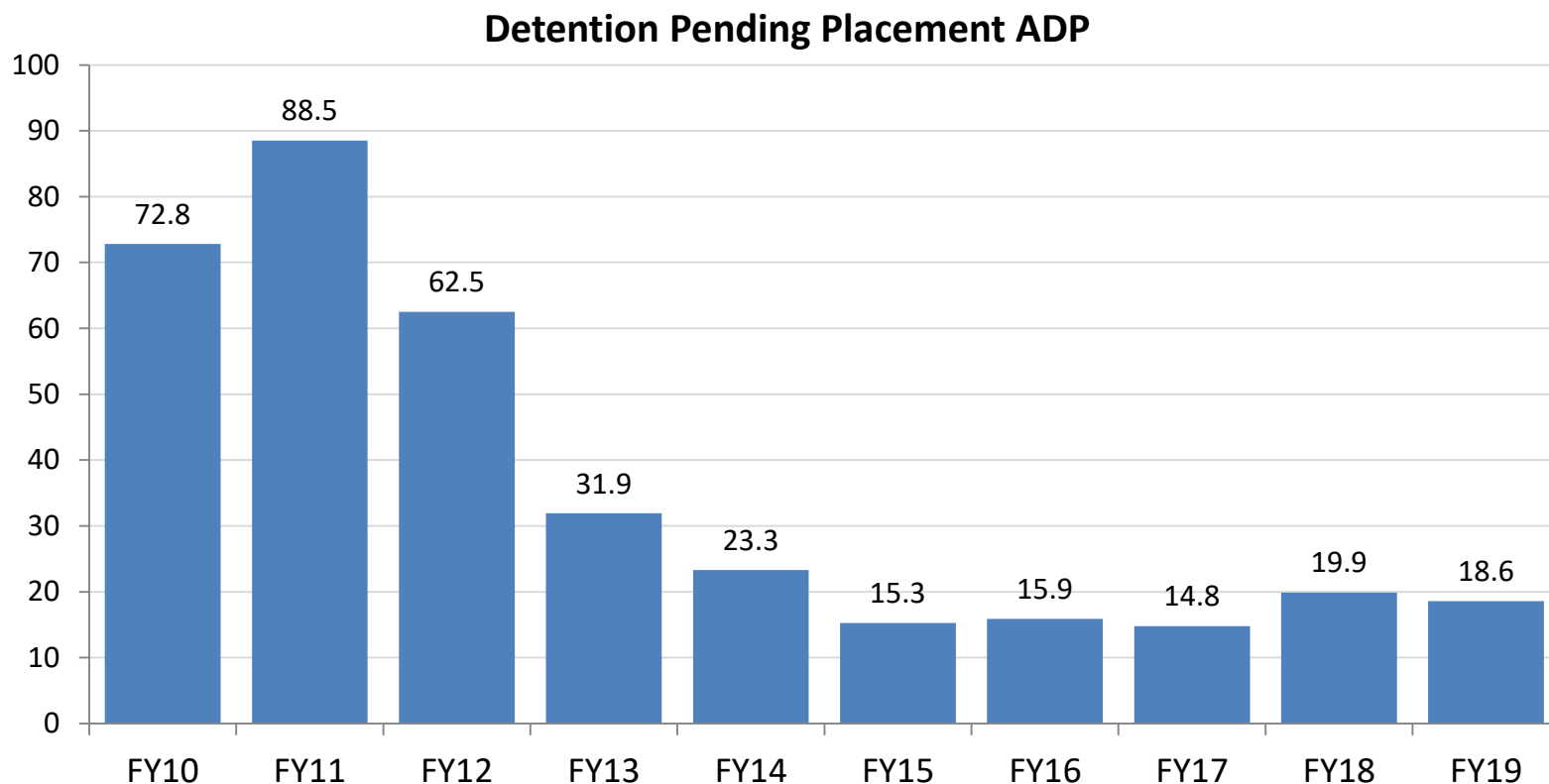
# Baltimore City's Pre-D Detention Population\*

- Over 10 years, youth detained pre-disposition for Crimes of Violence have increased 17 percentage points and for non-violent felonies decreased 3 percentage points.
- The proportions of youth detained for crimes of violence and non-violent felonies have been similar for the last four years.



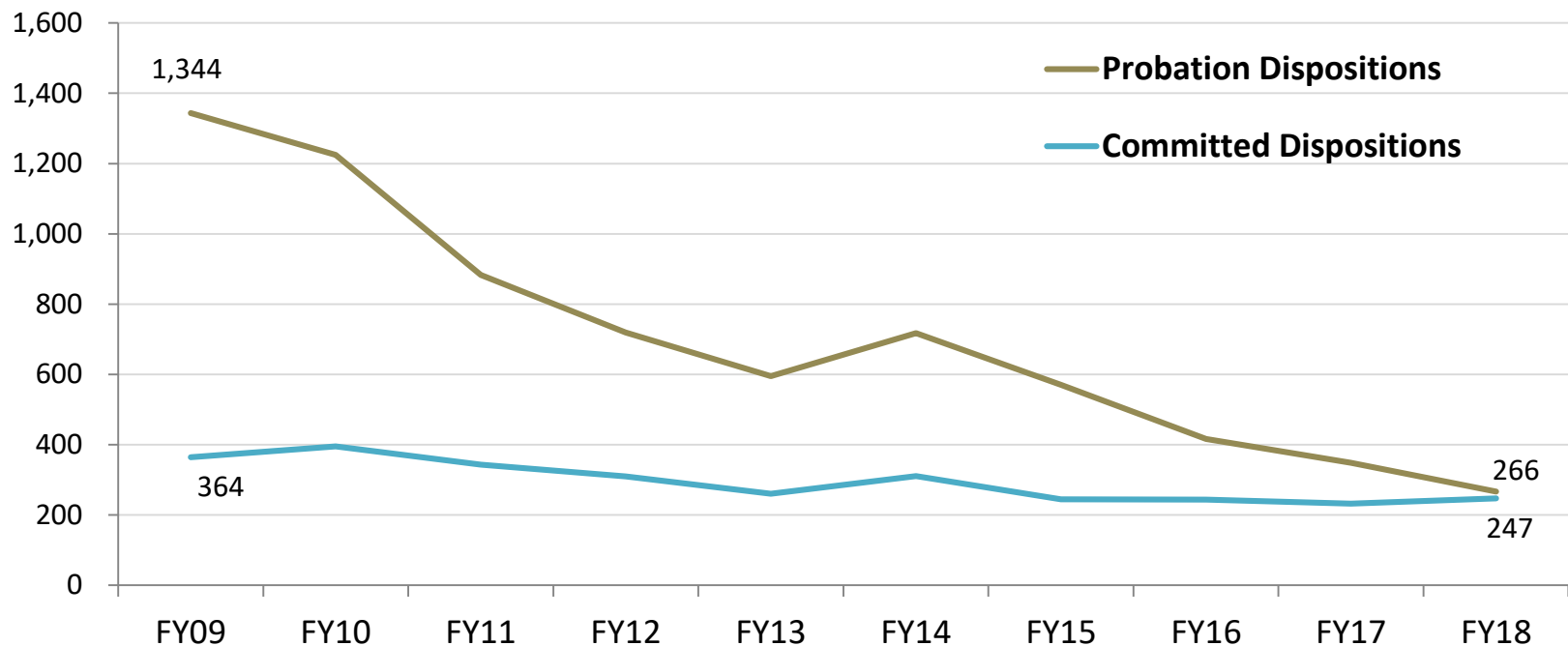
# Baltimore City Youth In Detention Pending a Committed Placement Has Declined Dramatically

- Juvenile detention pending placement average daily population declined 74.5% in 10 years to 18.6 youth in FY19.



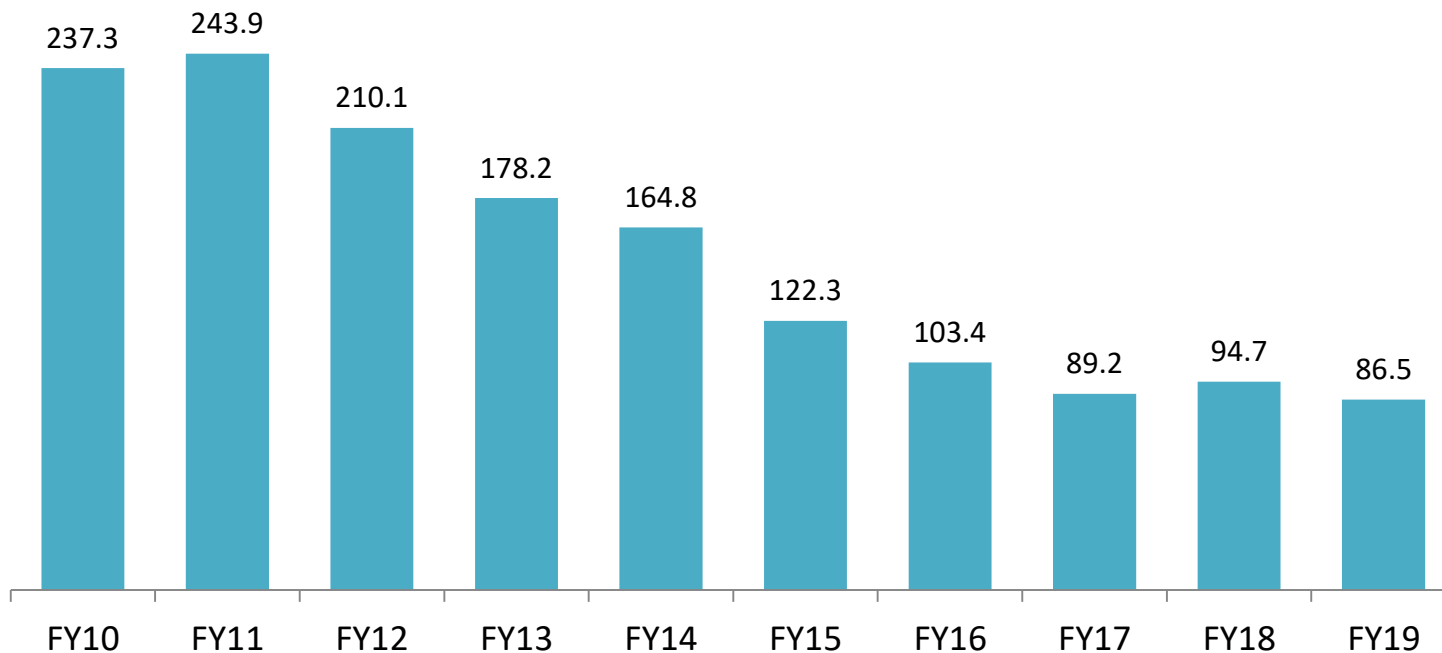
# Probation and Commitment Orders Have Declined

- Baltimore City Juvenile probation orders declined 80.2% in 10 years.\* Statewide probation orders declined 57.1% over the same period.
- Baltimore City juvenile commitments declined 32.1% in 10 years.\* Statewide commitments declined 46.7% over the same period.



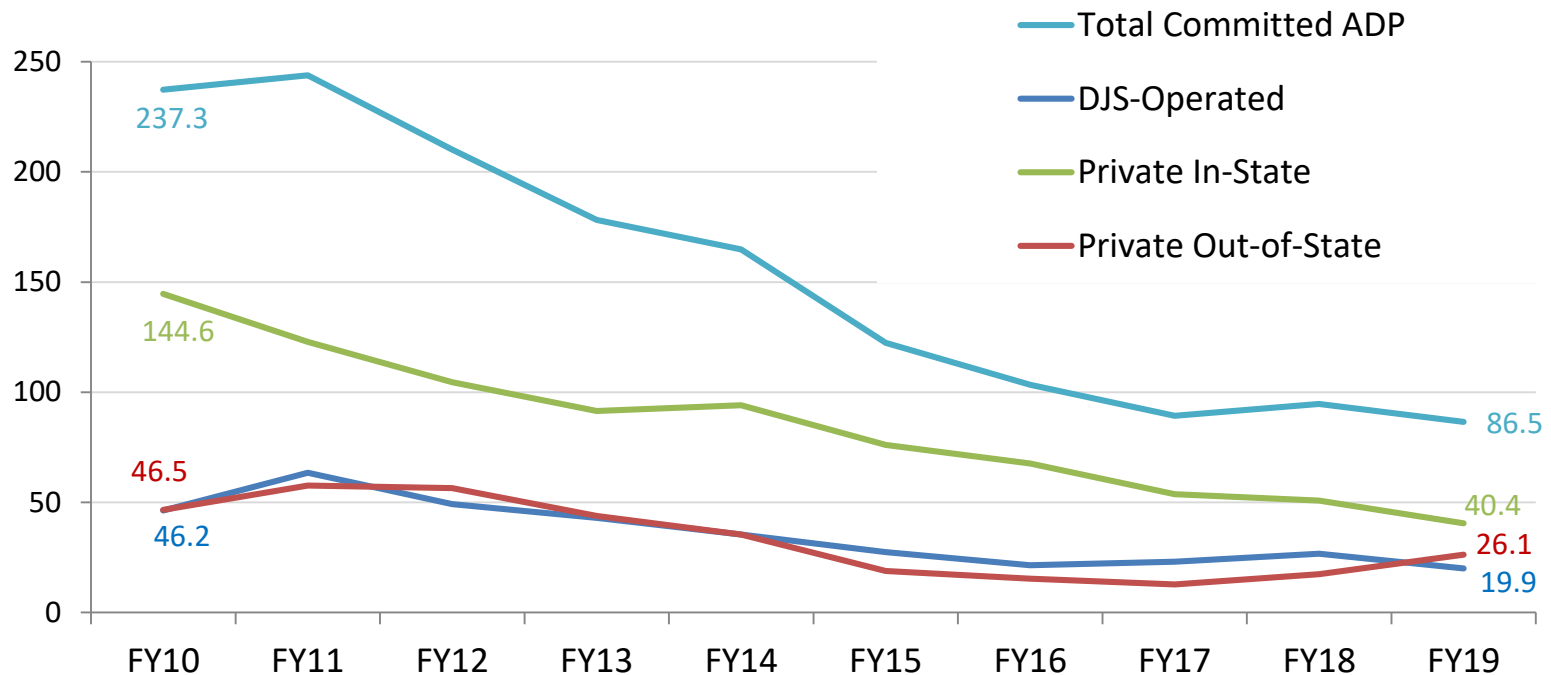
# Average Committed Out-of-Home Population Has Declined Significantly in Baltimore City

- The overall daily population of Baltimore City youth committed by the juvenile court to out-of-home placement declined 63.5% over 10 years, from 237.3 in FY10 to 86.5 in FY19.
- Statewide average committed population declined 57.4% over the same period.



# Baltimore City's Committed Youth Population Has Decreased for All Facility Types

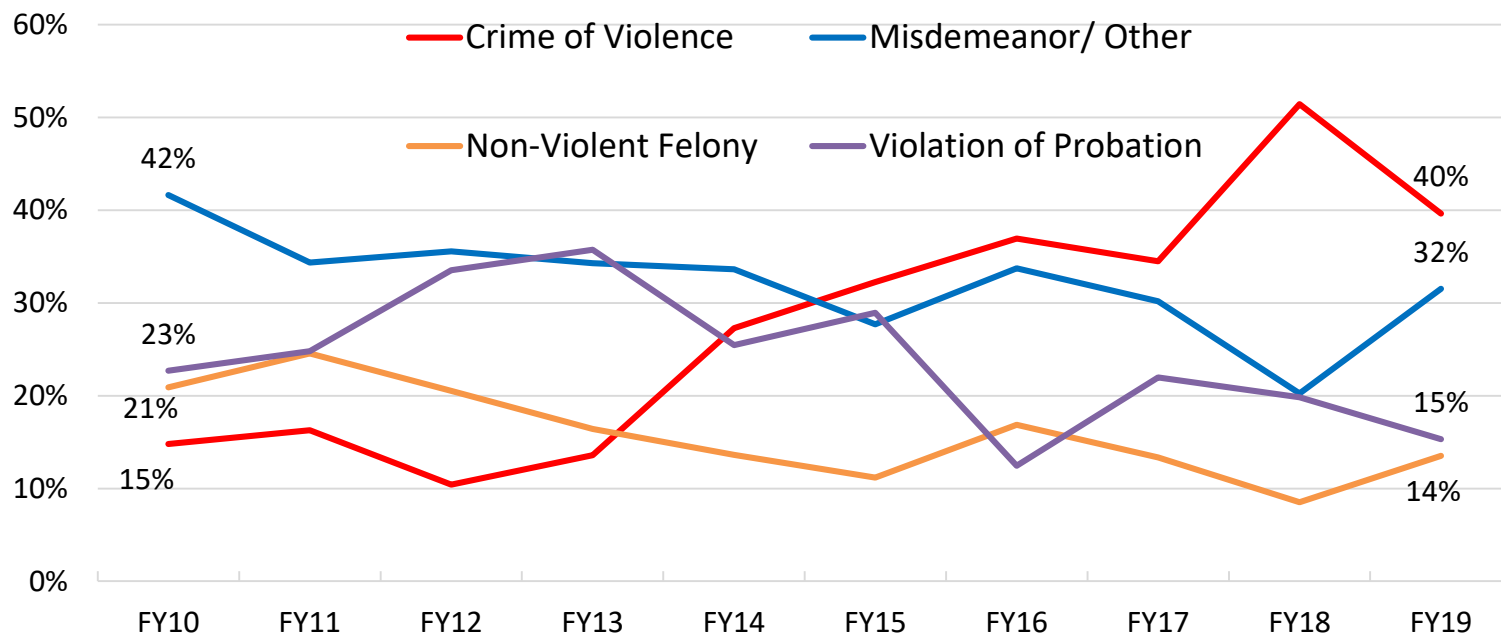
- Overall committed out-of-home population has declined 63.5% since FY10.
- DJS-Operated ADP decreased 56.9%, and Private In-State has declined 72.0% since FY10.
- Out-of-State committed average population declined 43.8% since FY10.





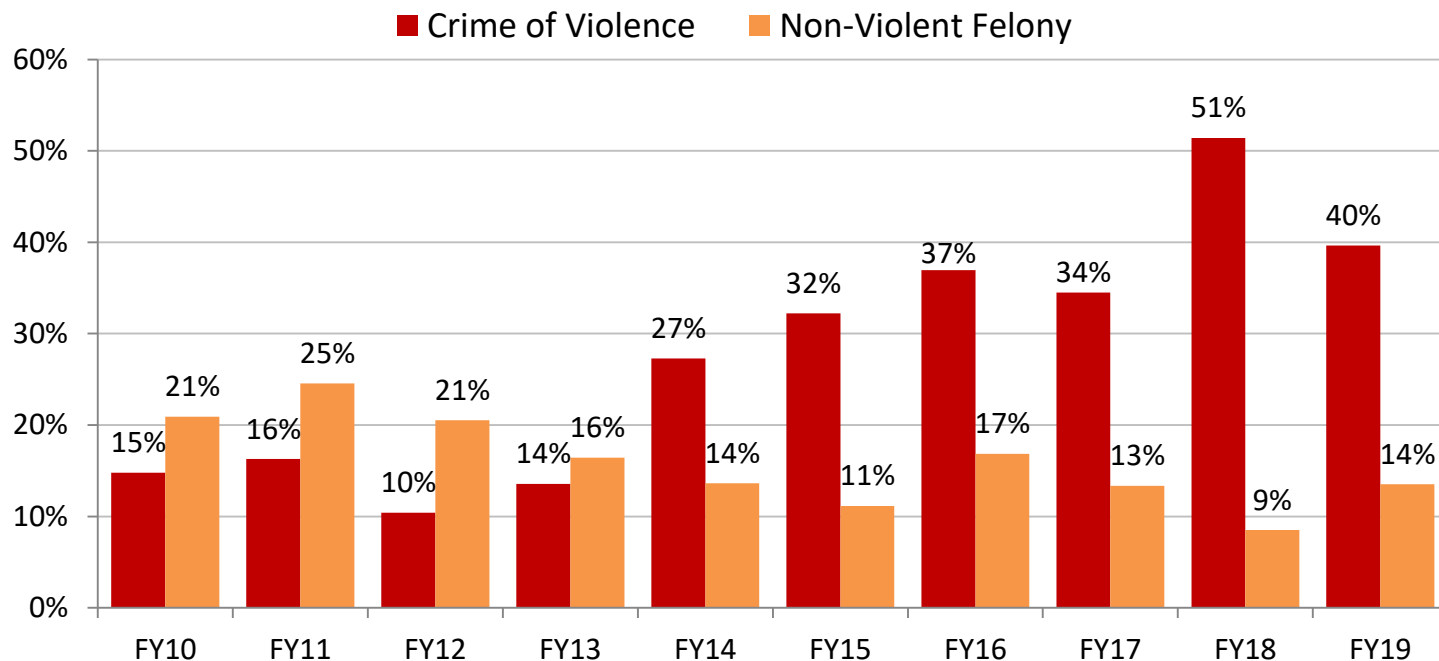
# The Rate of Juveniles Committed for Low-Level Offenses Has Declined

- The proportion of new commitments for crimes of violence increased 25 percentage points over 10 years, but decreased 11 points in the last year.
- The proportion of new commitments for non-violent felonies decreased 7 percentage points over 10 years, but increased 5 points in the last year.



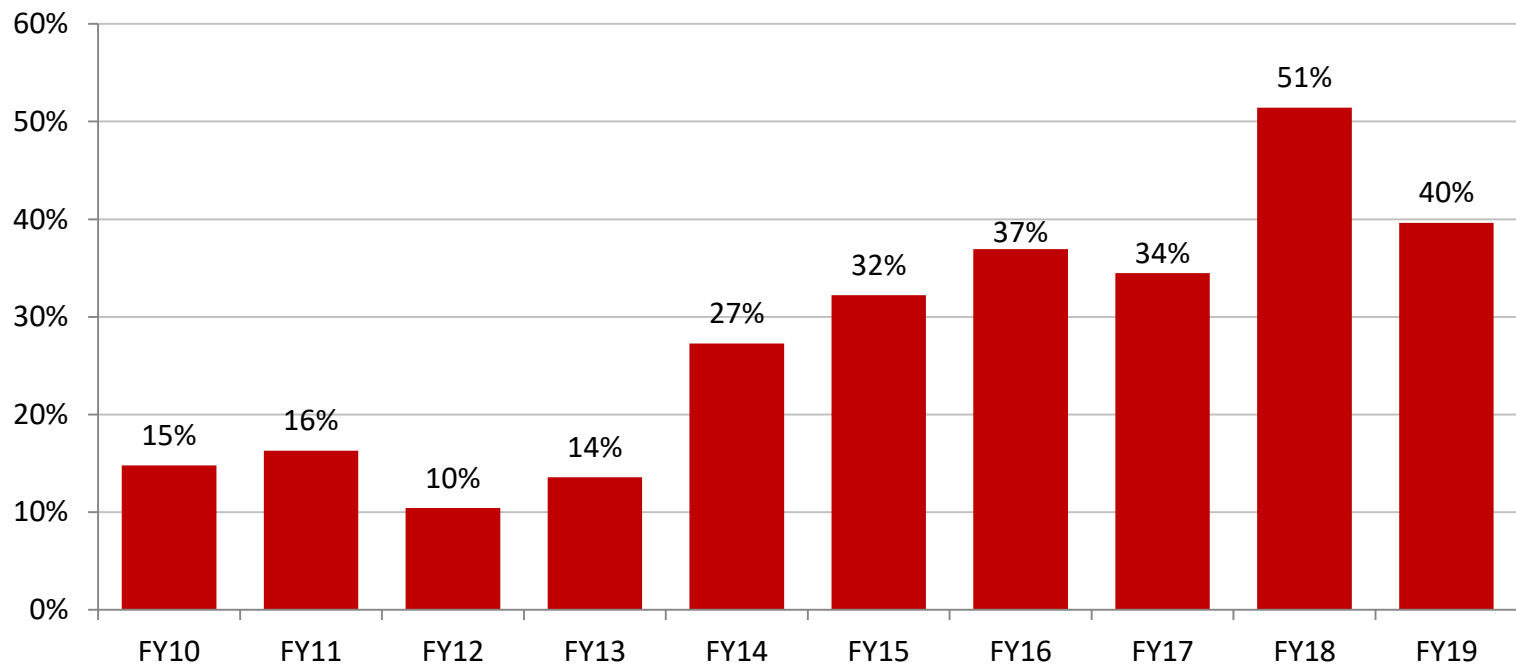
# The Rate of Juveniles Committed for Crimes of Violence has Increased in Baltimore City

- Despite an 11-percentage-point drop from last year, Crimes of Violence still made up 40% of new commitments in FY 2019.
- The rate of juveniles committed for Non-Violent Felonies increased 5 percentage points in FY 2019.



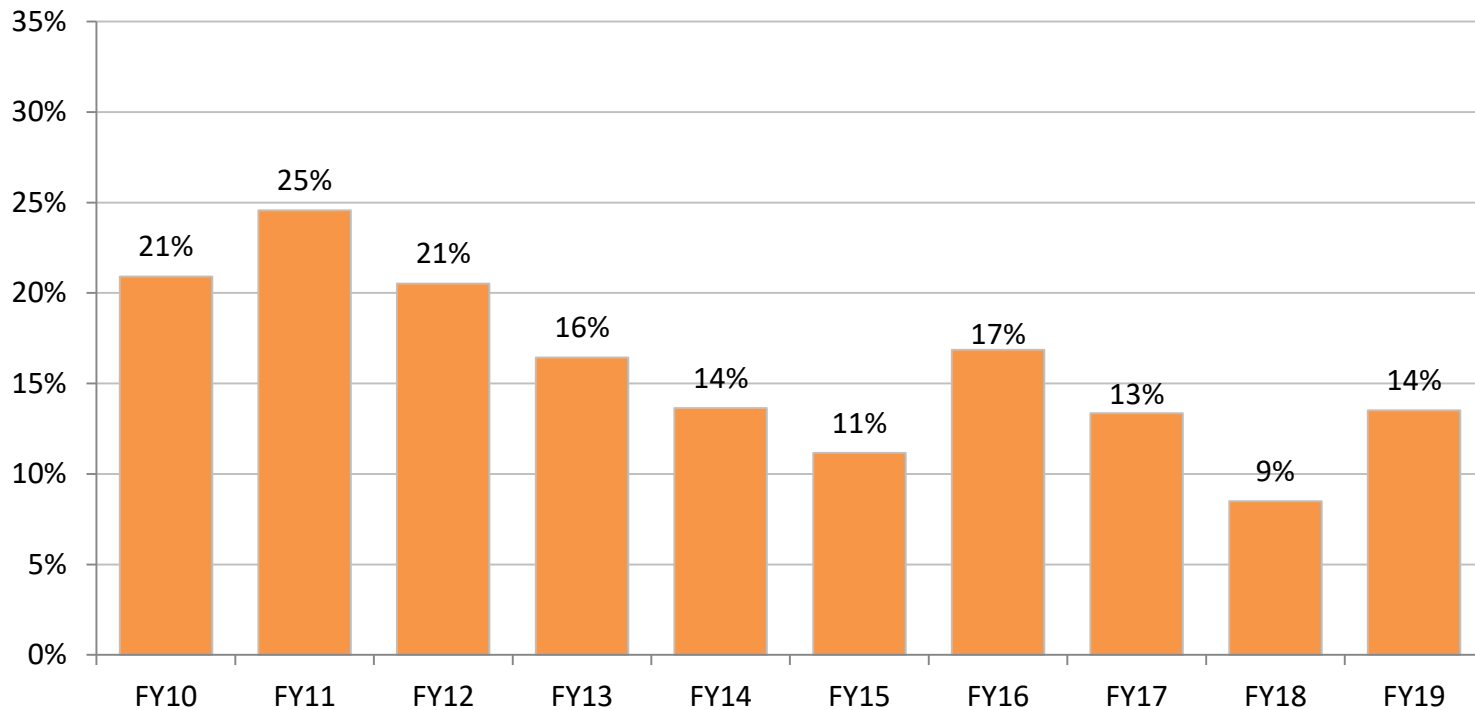
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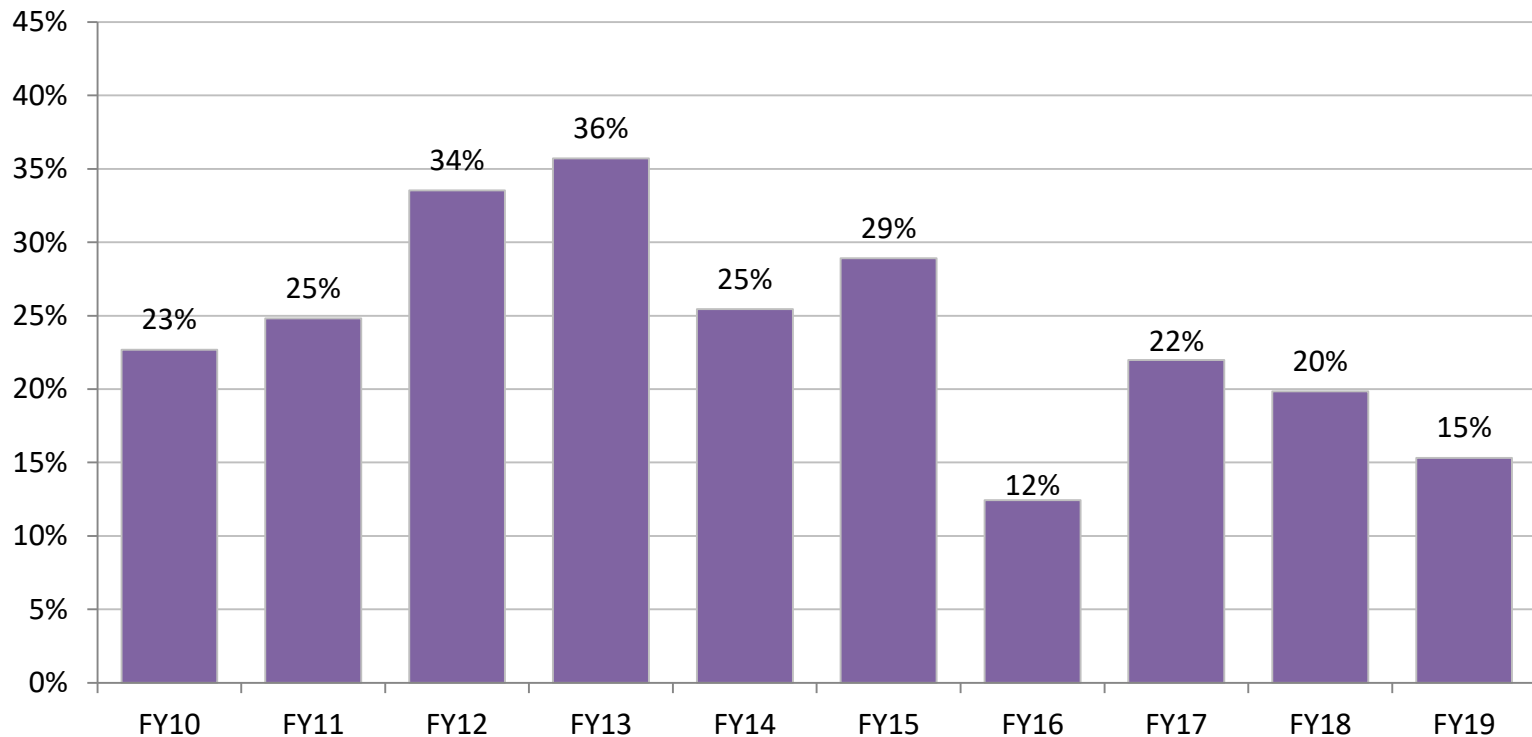
# The Rate of Juveniles Committed for Non-Violent Felonies Has Increased in Baltimore City in the Past Year

- Non-violent felonies increased 5 percentage points since last year.



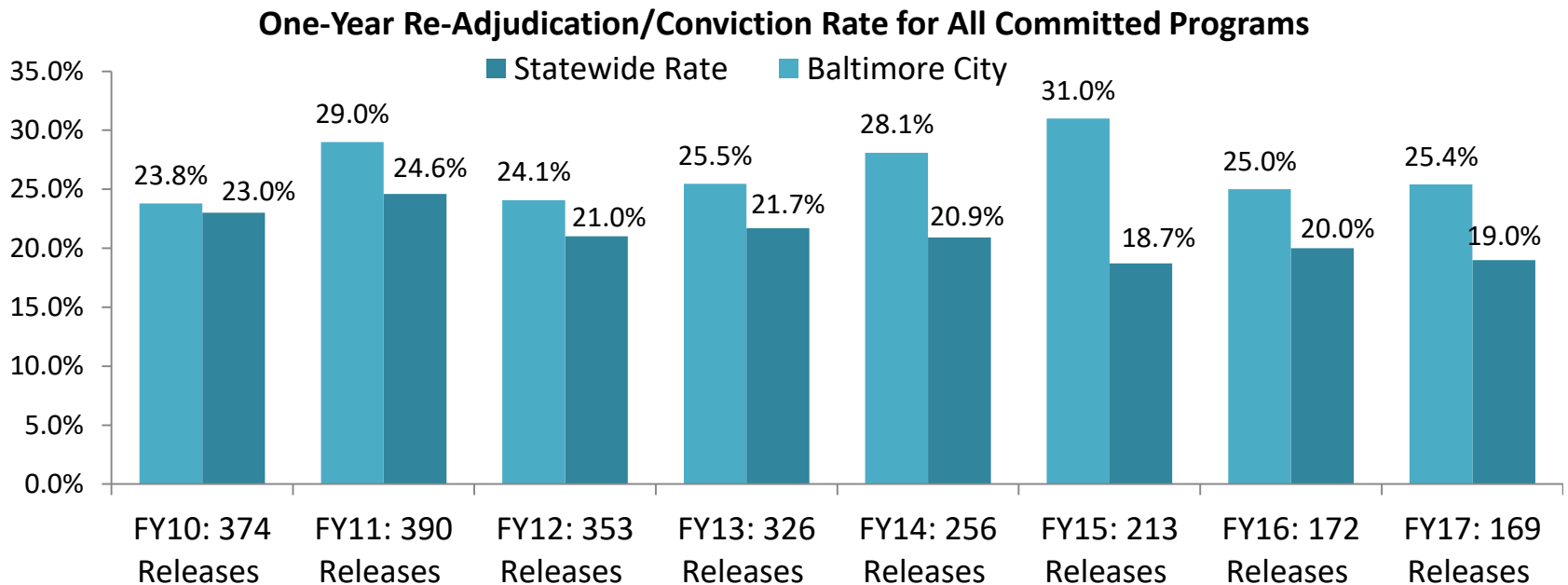
# The Rate of Juveniles Committed for Violations of Probation has Decreased in Baltimore City

- The rate of new commitments for Violations of Probation has fluctuated over 10 years but has decreased by 21 percentage points since peaking in FY 2013.



# Recidivism Rate for Baltimore City DJS Committed Youth Is Steady Since Previous Year\*

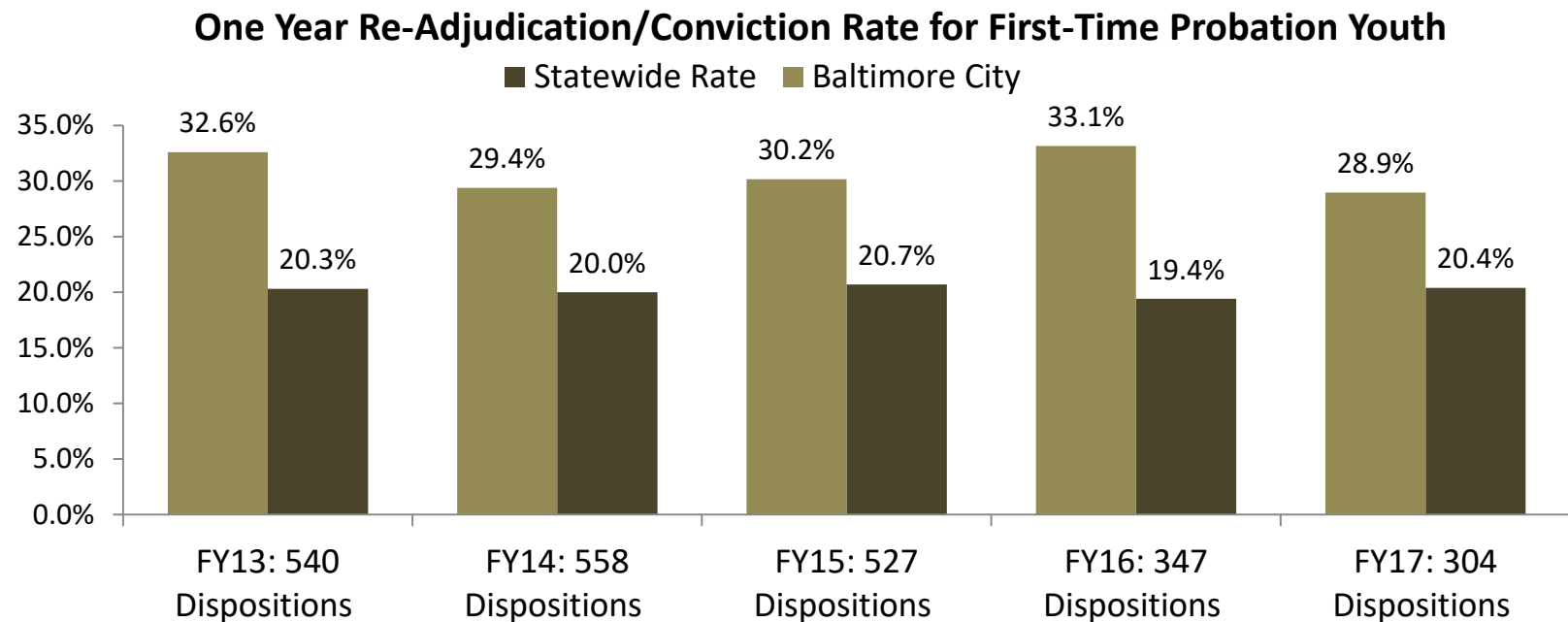
- 25.4% of Baltimore City youth released from committed placement in FY17 had a new offense within 12 months that resulted in a delinquent adjudication or criminal conviction, an increase of 0.4 points from FY16.
- The Statewide rate was 19% in FY17, down 1 percentage point from FY16.



\* Maryland publishes re-conviction rates with a two-year lag to allow enough time to account for often lengthy court processing.

# Recidivism Rate for Baltimore City DJS Probation Youth Has Decreased since Previous Year\*

- 28.9% of Baltimore City youth placed on probation for the first time in FY17 had a new offense within 12 months that resulted in a delinquent adjudication or criminal conviction, a decrease of 4.2 points from FY16.
- The Statewide rate was 20.4% in FY17, up 1.0 points from FY16.



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