



# Western Region Juvenile Services Long Term Trends:

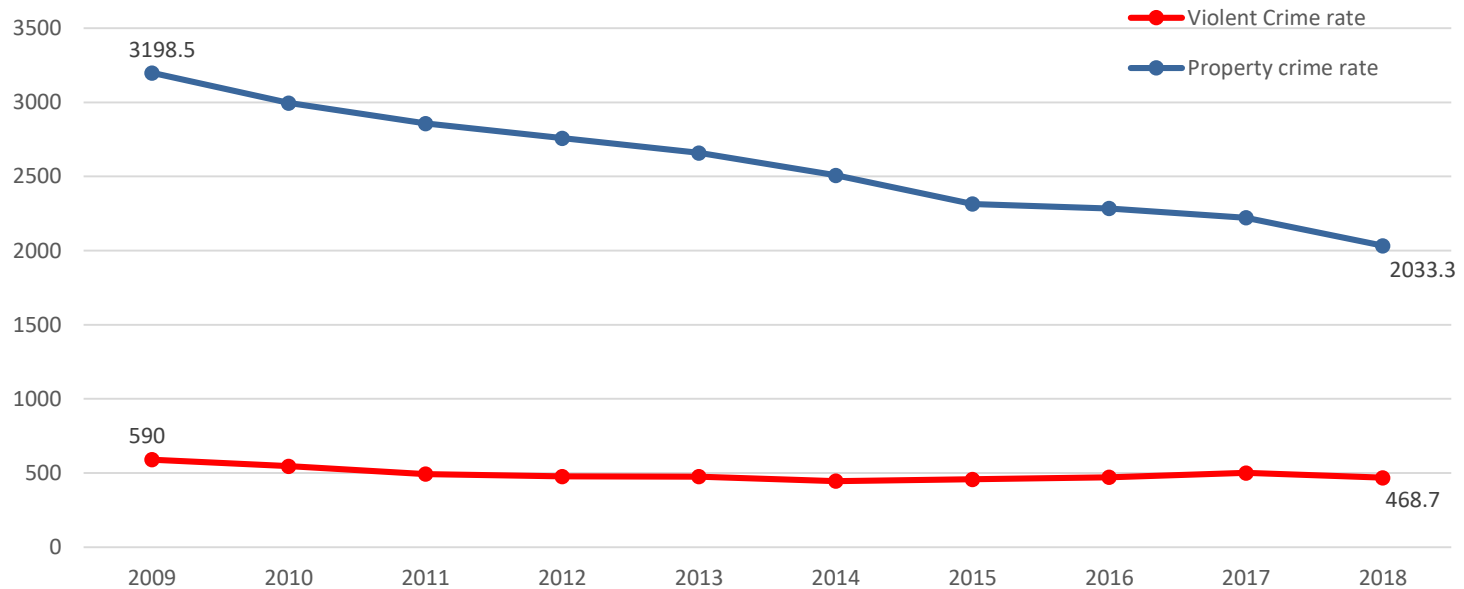
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# Statewide Crime Rates Show a Marked Decline

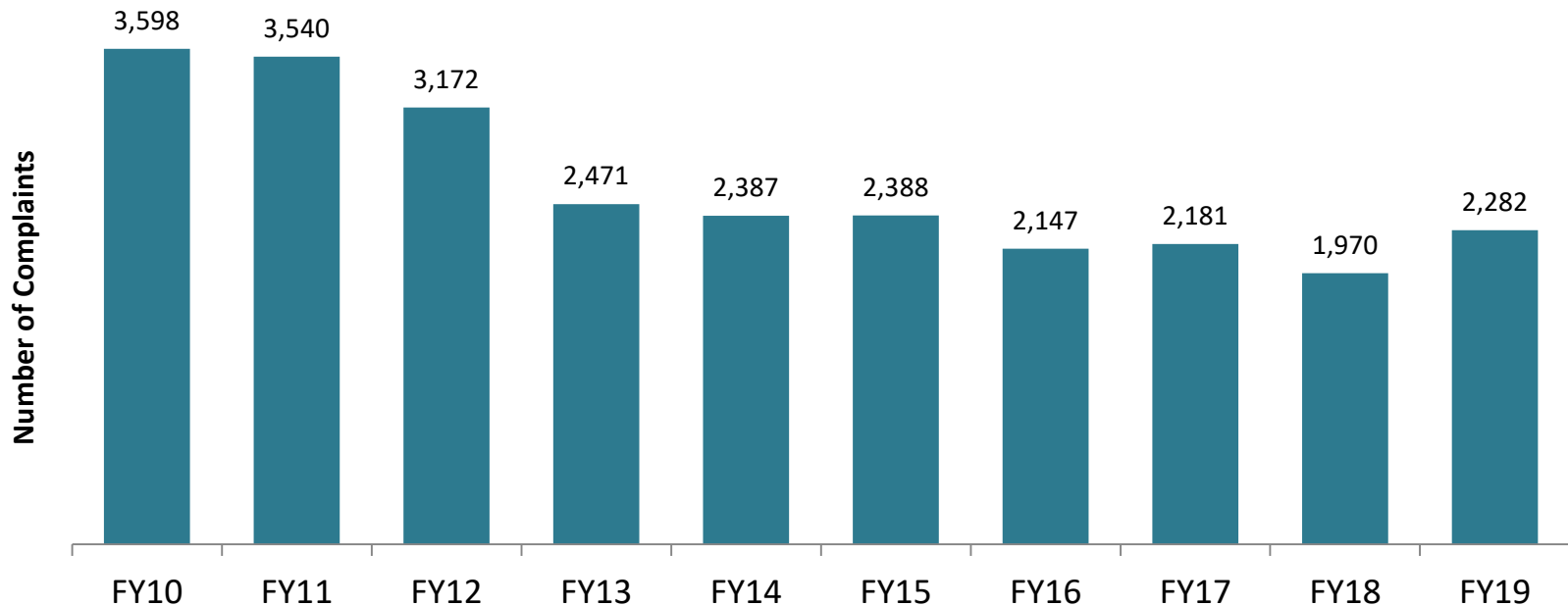
- Since 2009, per capita property crime rates declined 36.4% across Maryland.
- Per capita violent crime rates fell 20.6% during this period.
- Data are drawn from the FBI's Uniform Crime Reports, which document all crimes reported to law enforcement agencies. Data are not based on offender or age, and thus are not measures of juvenile crimes.

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



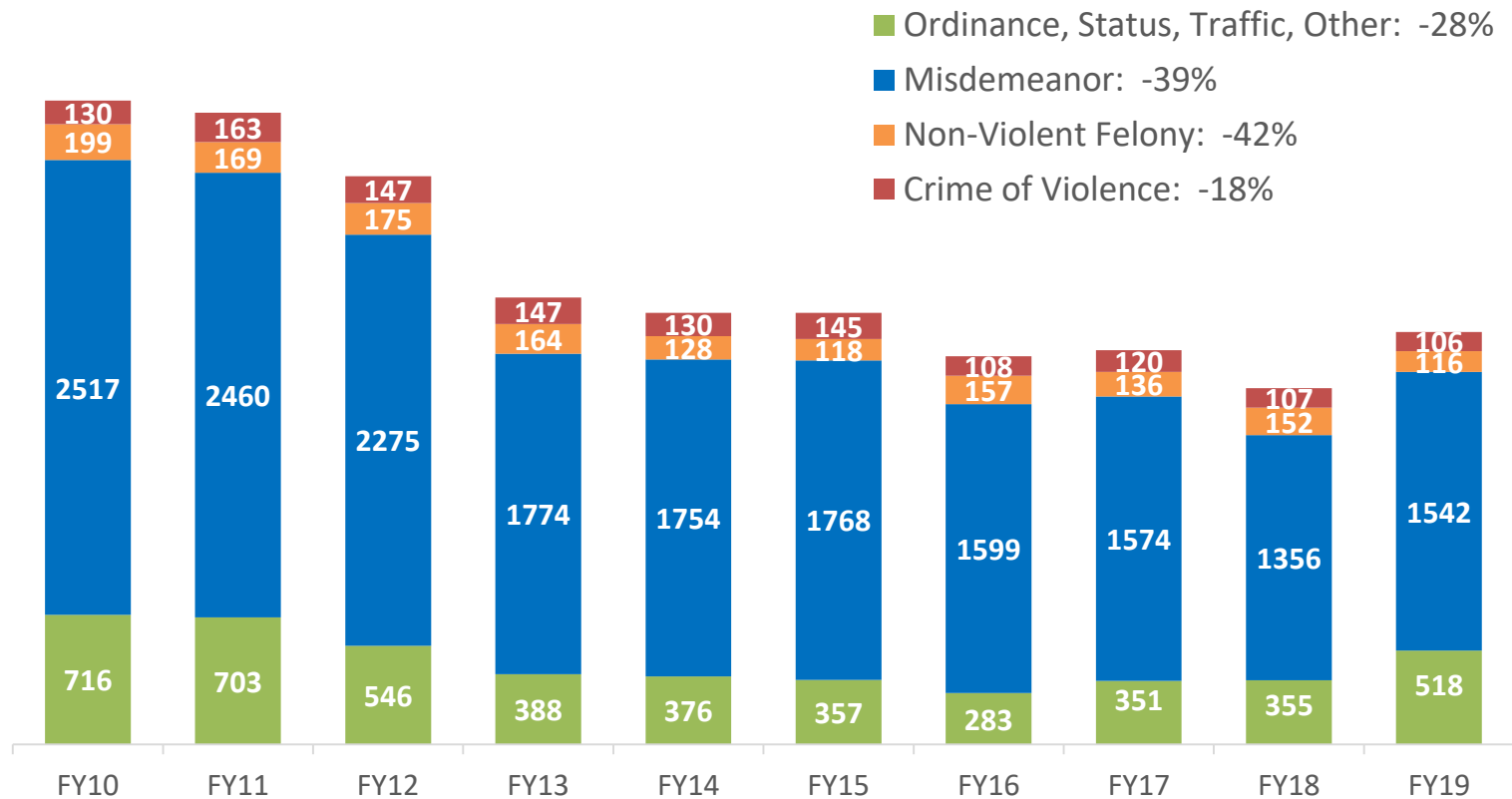
# Western Region Juvenile Complaints Have Declined Significantly

- Western Region complaints referred to DJS Intake declined 36.6% in 10 years.
- Statewide complaints declined 53.5% over the same period.



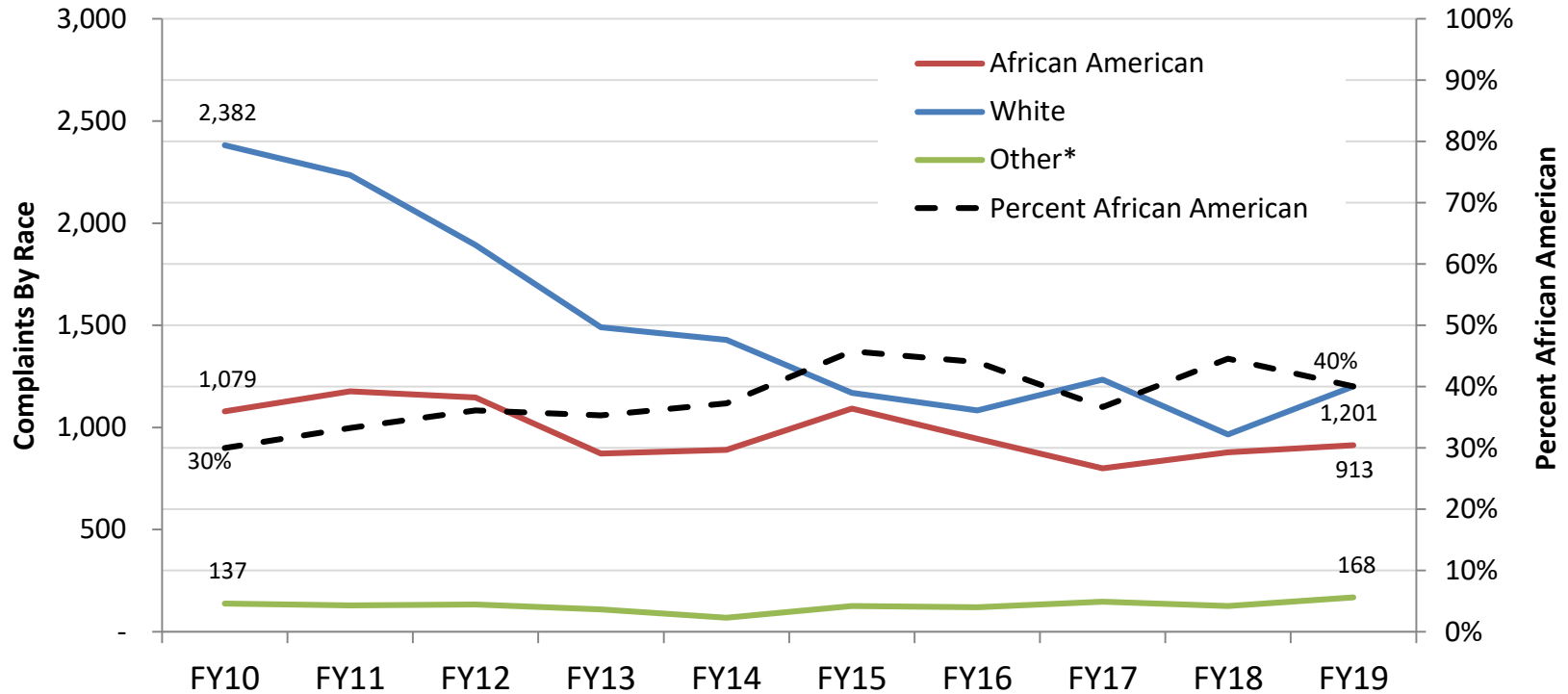
# Western Region Juvenile Complaints Have Declined In All Categories

- Western Region complaints for crime of violence declined 18% in 10 years.
- Non-Violent felonies declined 42% and misdemeanors declined 39% over 10 years.



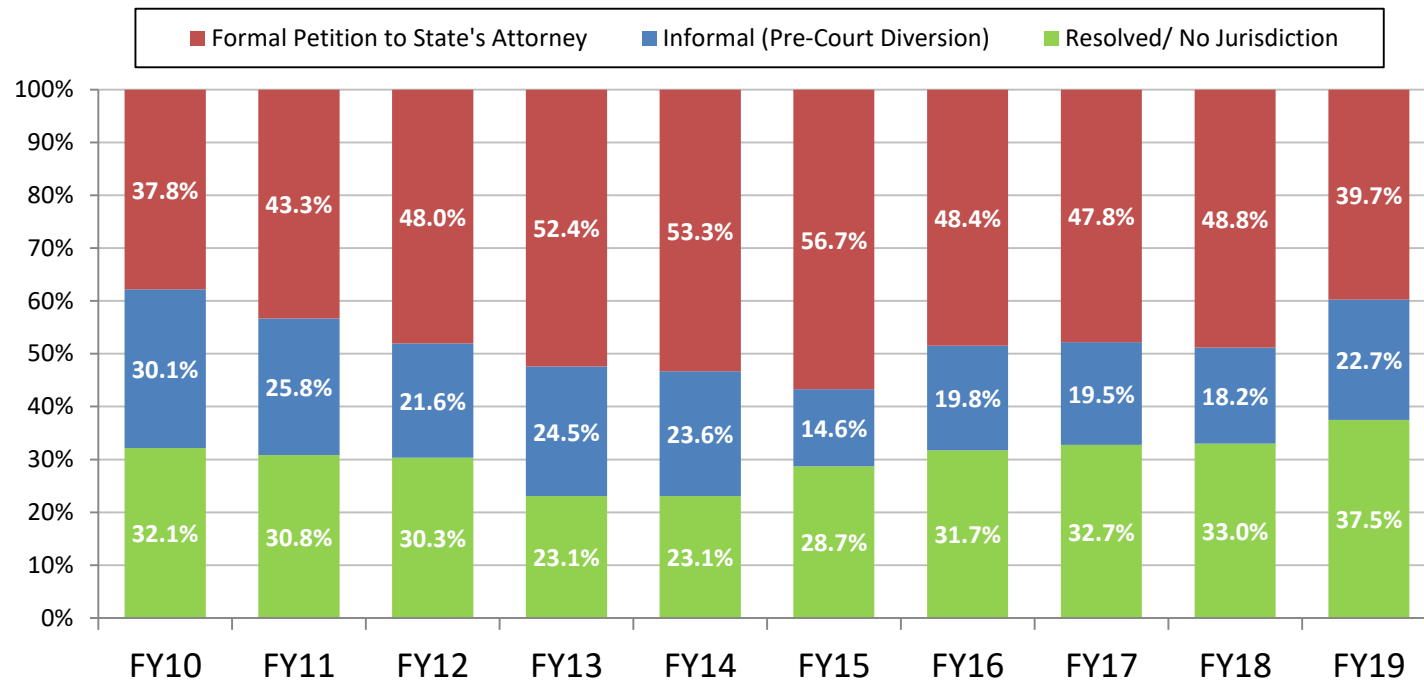
# Juvenile Complaints in Western Region Have Declined for All Race/Ethnicities

- Complaints for Western Region African American youth declined 15.4%, and 49.6% for white youth.
- African American youth comprised 40% of Western Region complaints in FY19, but only 10.8% of the total youth (age 11-17) population in the Western Region.



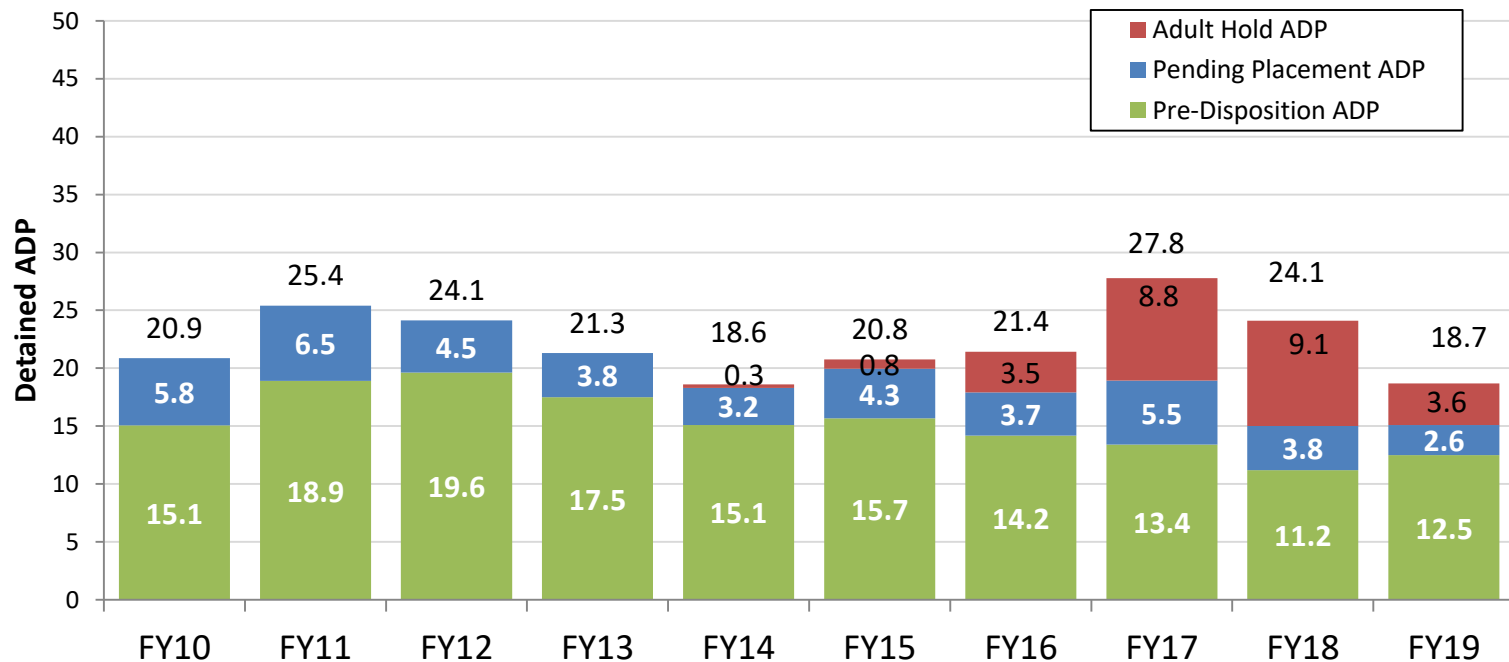
# The Percent of Cases Referred to Juvenile Court By Western Region Has Fluctuated

- 39.7% of Western Region complaints were referred to court by DJS Intake in FY19, 1.9% percentage points more than in FY10. Statewide, 38.9% were referred to court.
- 22.7% of Western Region complaints were diverted to an informal (pre-court) DJS case. Statewide, 15.9% were diverted.



# Western Region Detention Population Has Slightly Declined

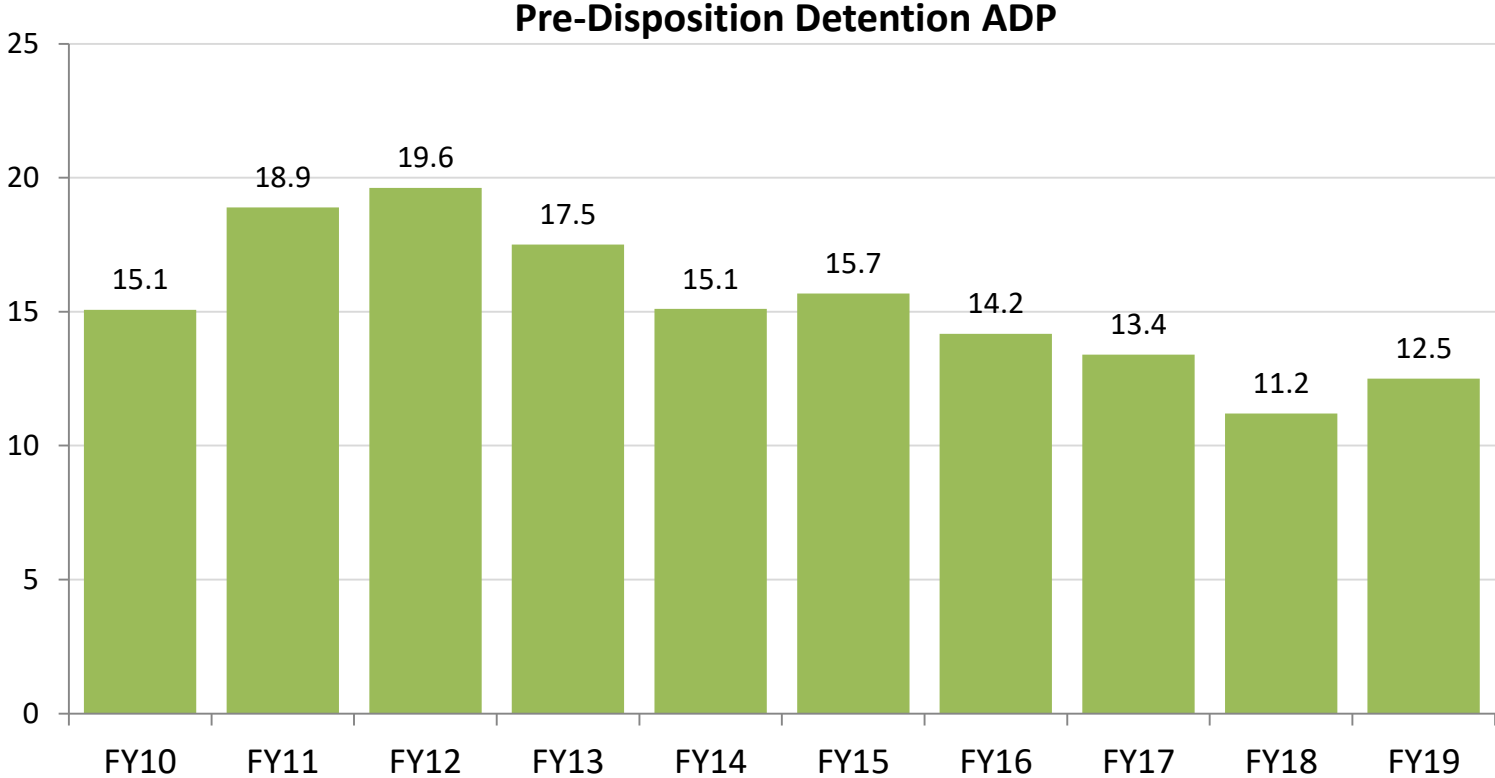
- Western Region daily population in DJS detention decreased 10.5% in 10 years, to 18.7 in FY19. The statewide detention population declined 37.7% over the same period.
- Cases detained for the Adult Court now make up 19.3% of the DJS detained population in Western Region.



# Western Region Youth Population In Detention

## Pre-Disposition Has Declined Significantly

- The Western Region juvenile pre-dispositional detained population declined 17.2% in 10 years to 12.5 youth in FY 2019.

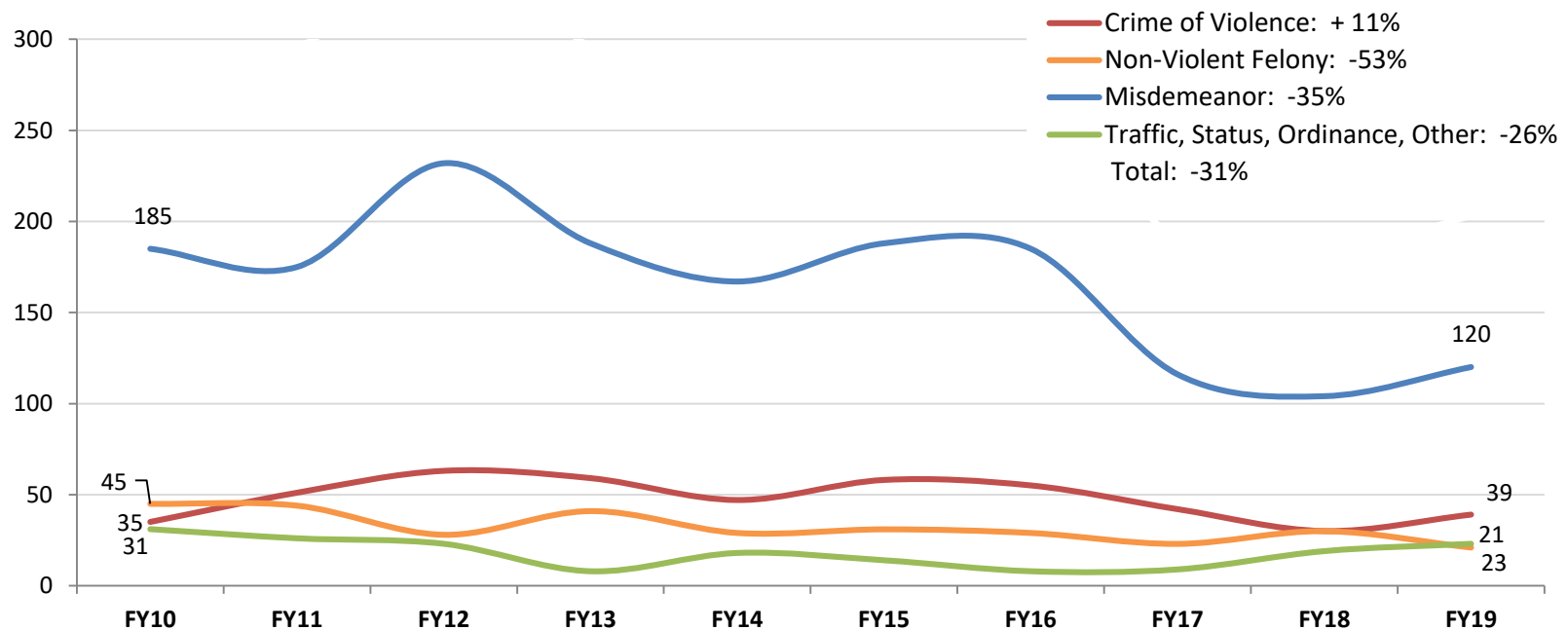




# Western Region Pre-D Detention Admissions\* Have Decreased Across Most Complaint Types

- Youth detained pending disposition for misdemeanors has decreased 35% over 10 years.
- Youth detained pending disposition for crimes of violence has increased 11% over 10 years.

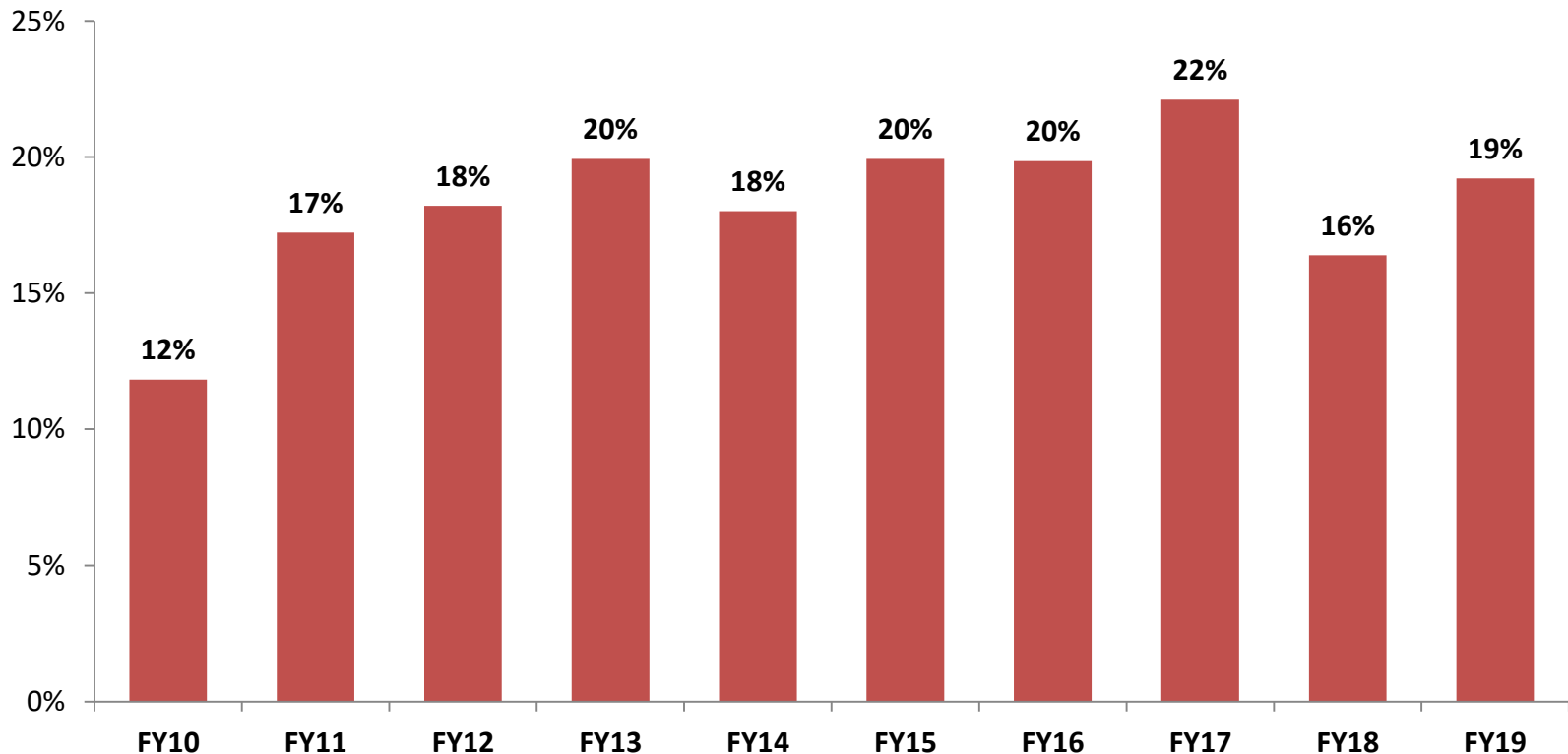
**Pre-D Detention Admissions by Complaint Type, FY10- FY19**



# Crimes of Violence Make Up an Increasing Proportion of Detention Admissions\* Offenses

- Youth detained pre-disposition for Crimes of Violence made up 19% of detention admissions in FY19, a 7-point increase over 10 years.

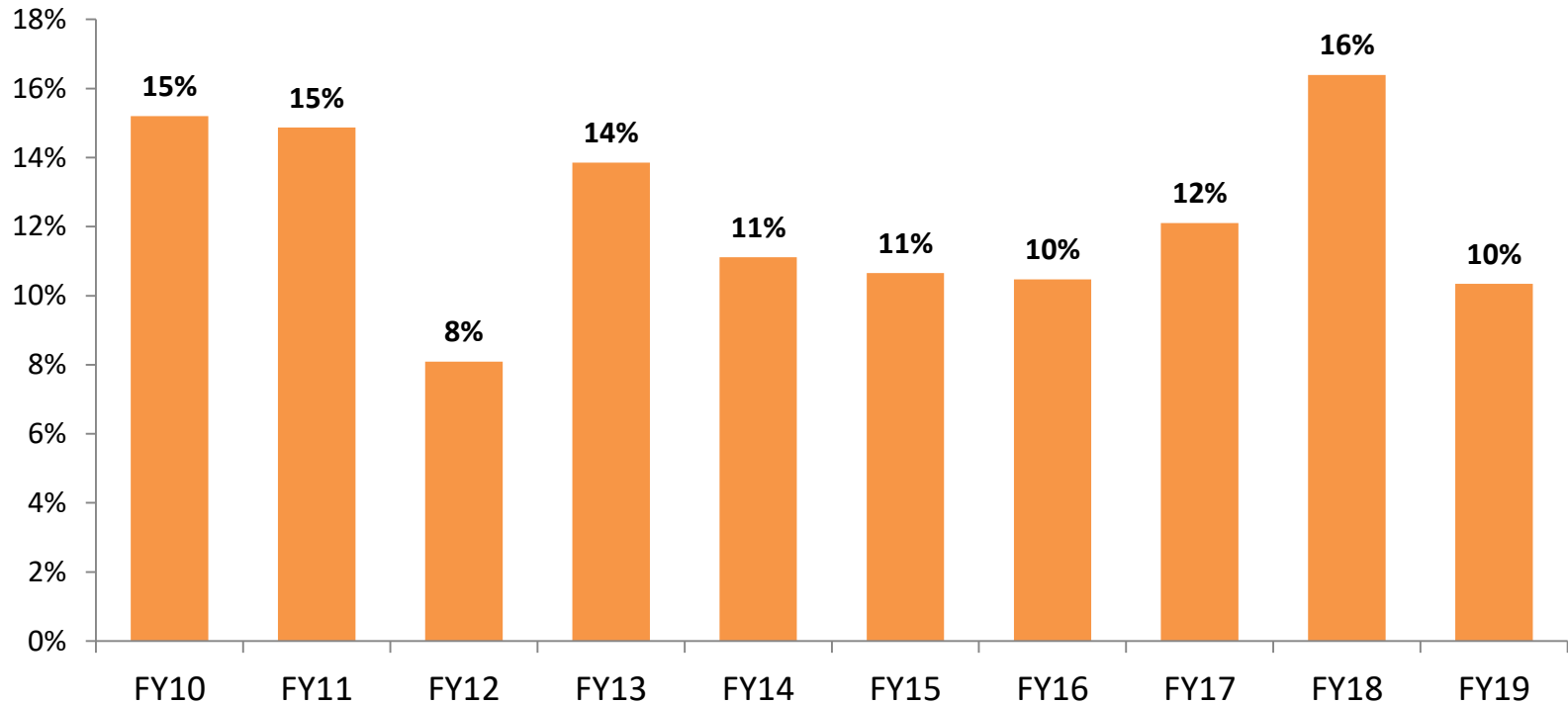
Proportion of Pre-D Detention Admissions For Crimes of Violence, FY10 - FY19



# Detention Admissions\* for Non-Violent Felonies Have Declined

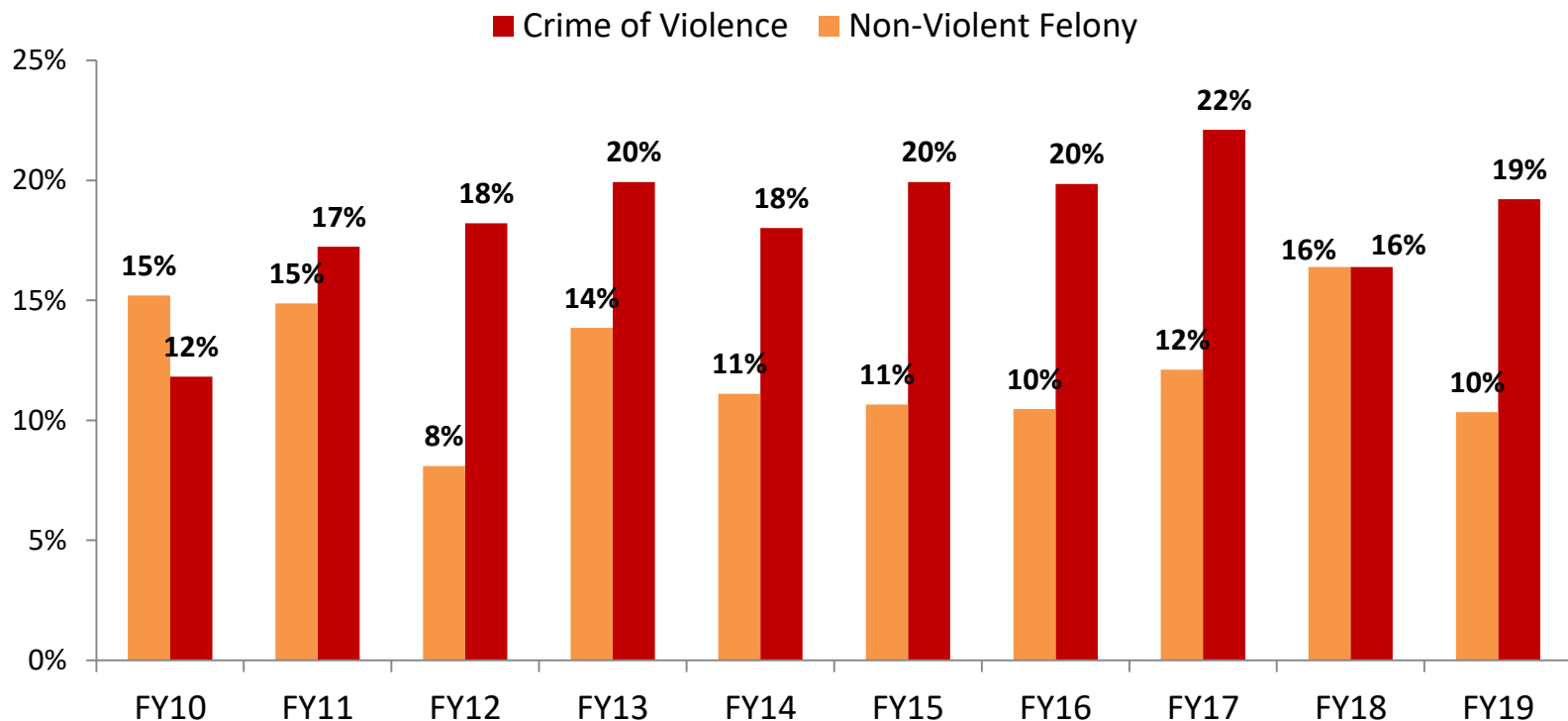
- The proportion of youth detained pre-disposition for Non-Violent Felony complaints has decreased 5 percentage points over 10 years.

Proportion of Pre-D Detention Admissions For Non-Violent Felonies



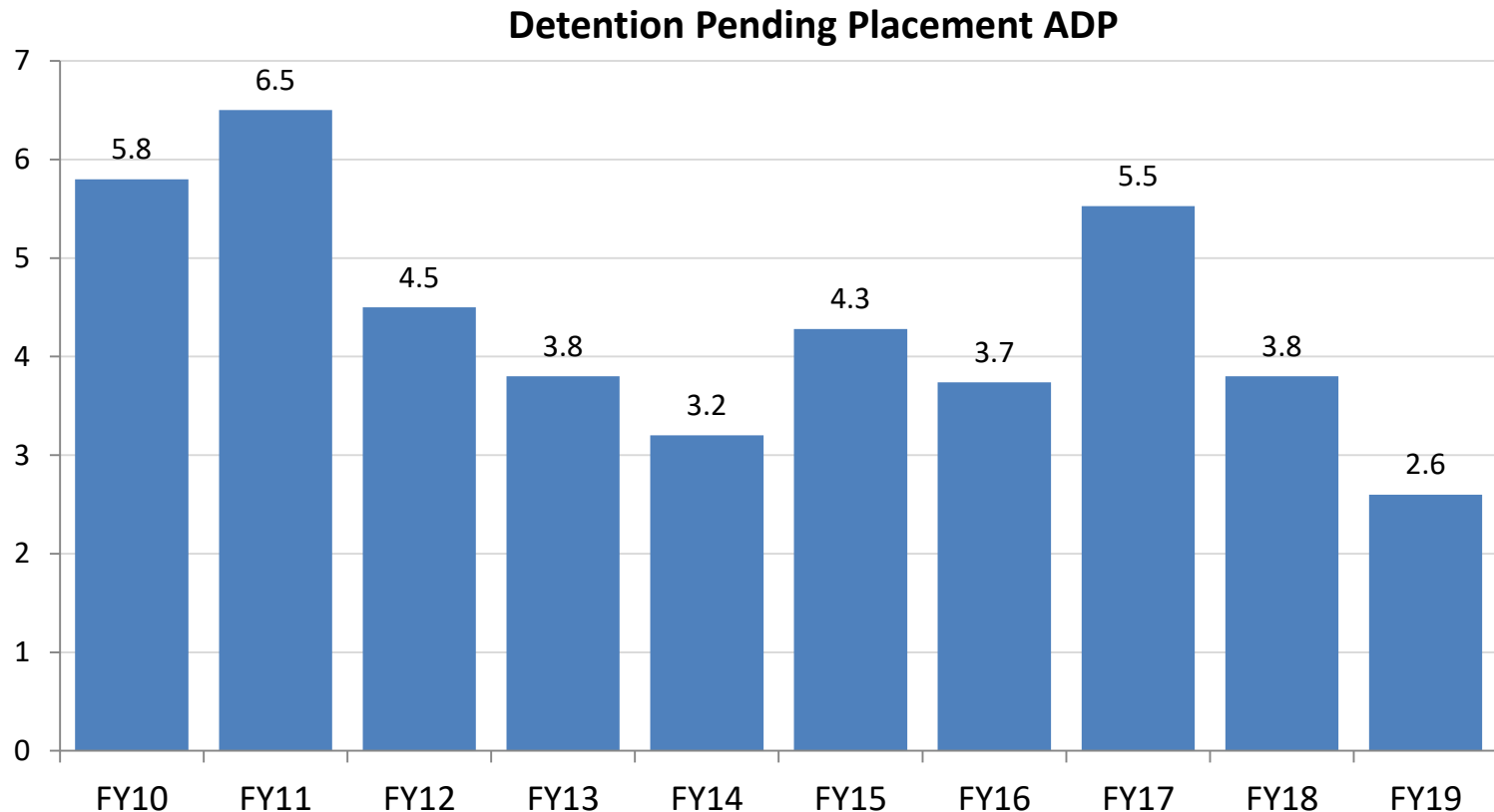
# Western Region Pre-D Detention Population\*

- Youth detained pre-disposition for Crimes of Violence has increased 7 percentage points from FY10 through FY19.
- The rate of Pre-disposition detention admissions for non-violent felonies decreased from 15% in FY10 to 10% in FY19.



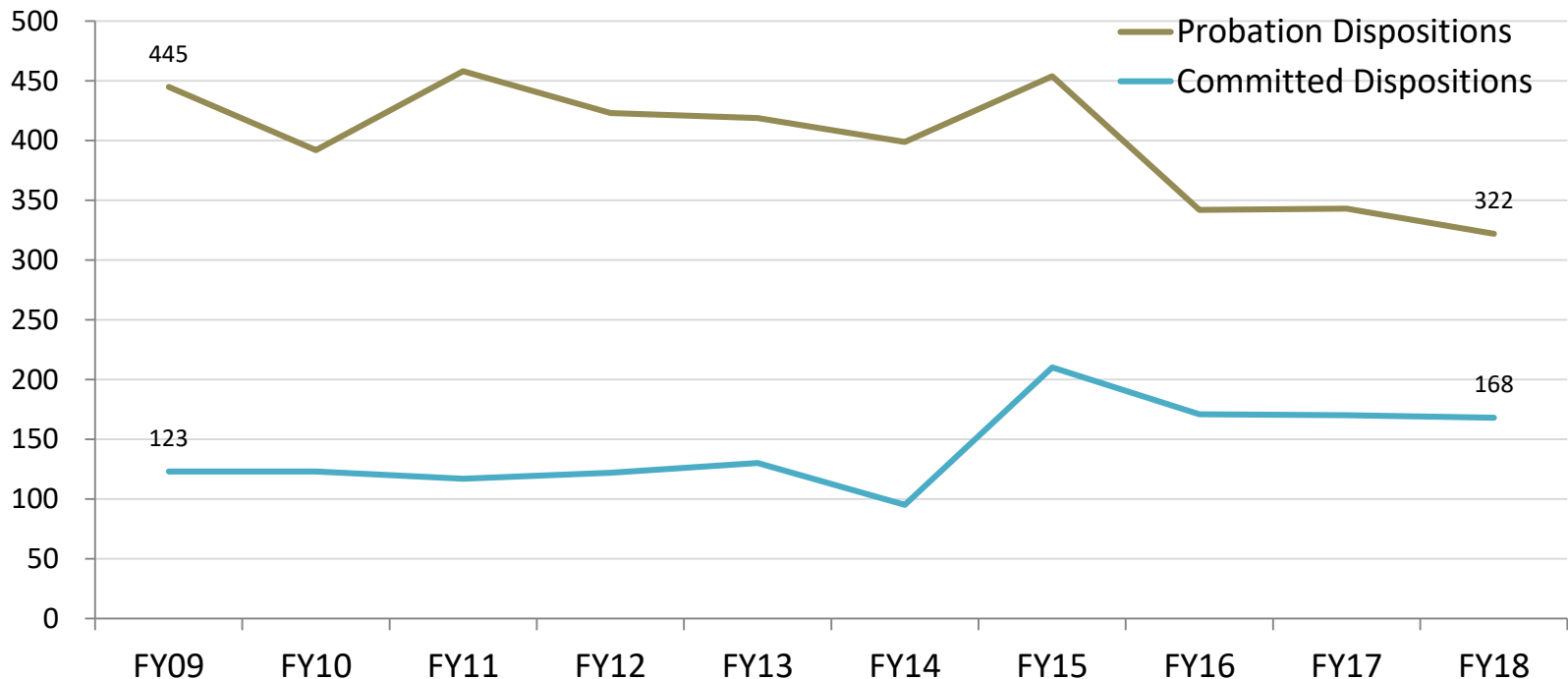
# Western Region Youth In Detention Pending a Committed Placement Has Declined

- Juvenile court pending placement population in Western Region decreased 55.2% in 10 years to 2.6 youth in FY 2019.



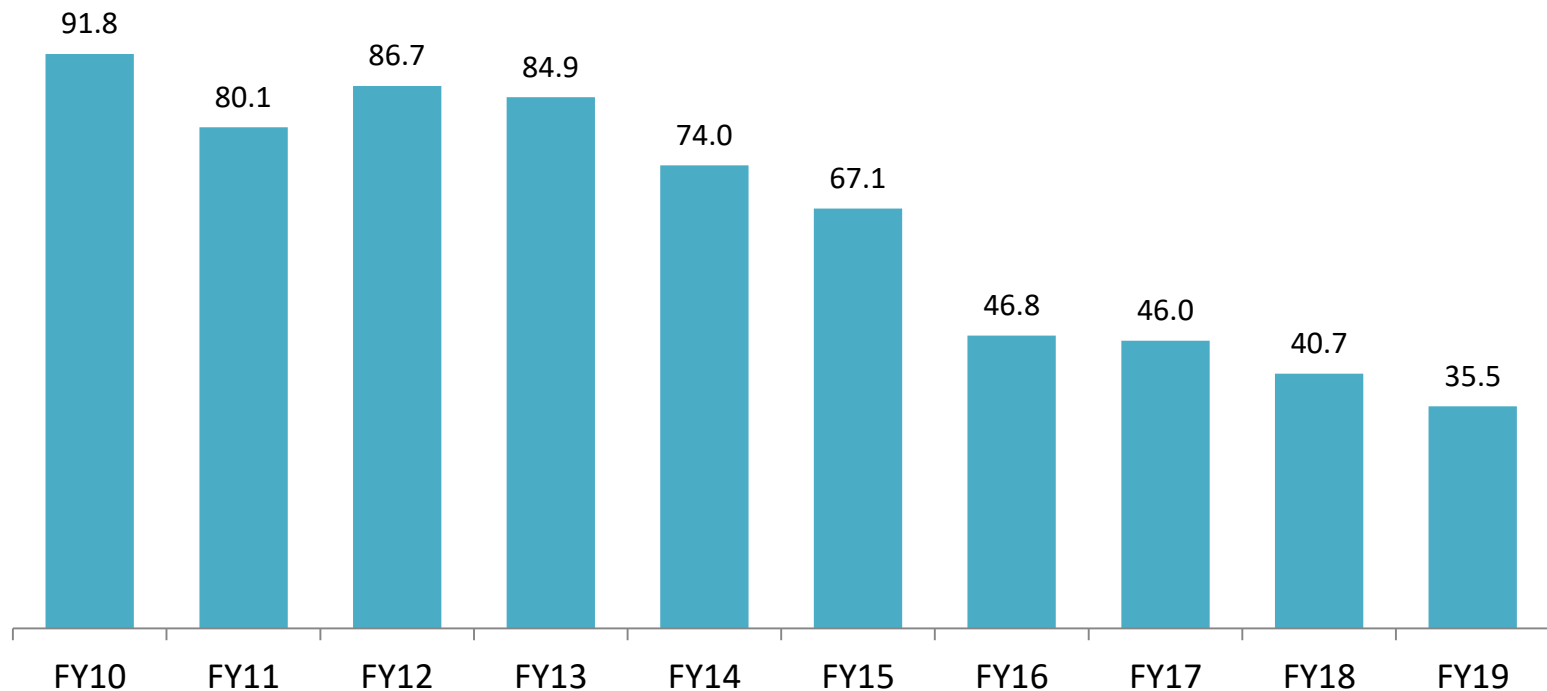
# Juvenile Probation Orders Have Declined, While Commitments Have Increased\*

- Western Region Juvenile probation orders declined 27.6% in 10 years. Statewide probation orders declined 57.1% over the same period.
- Western Region juvenile commitments increased 36.6% in 10 years. Statewide commitments declined 46.7% over the same period.



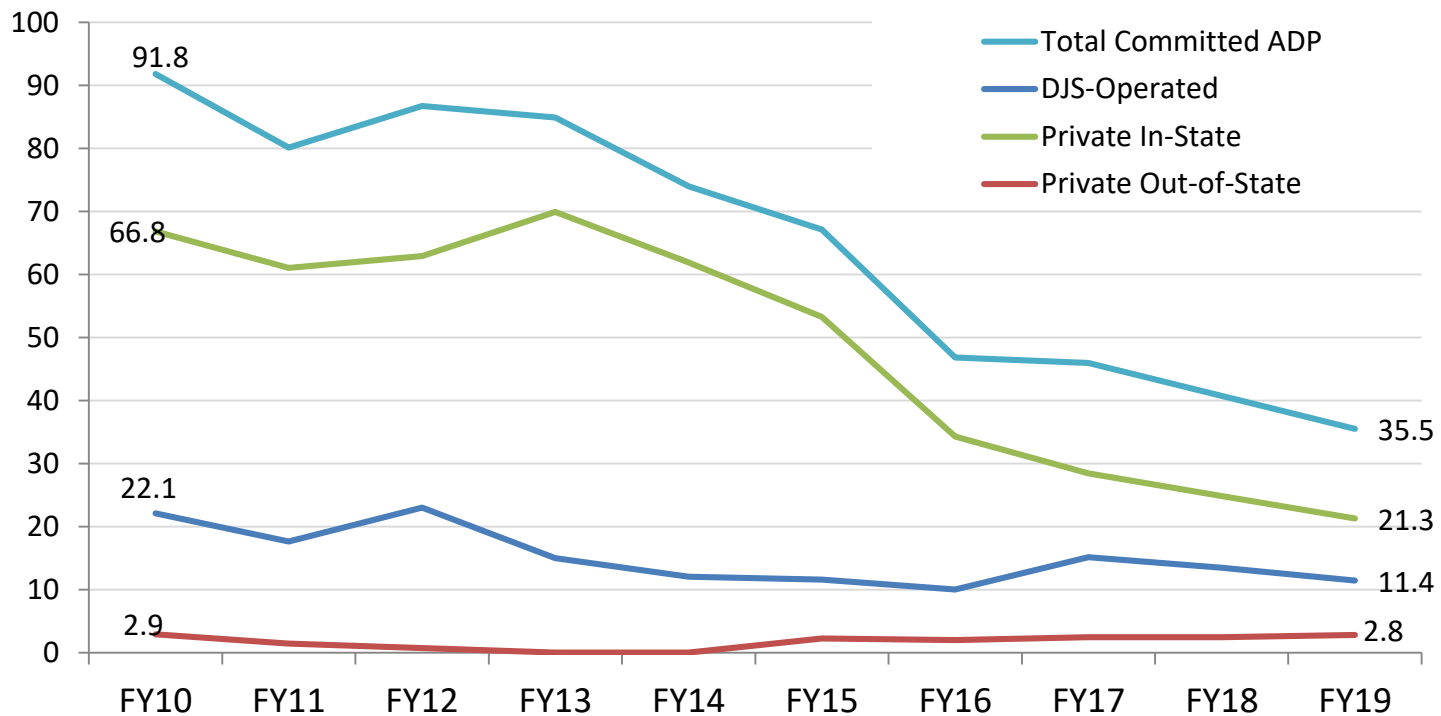
# Average Committed Out-of-Home Population Has Declined Significantly in the Western Region

- The overall daily population of Western Region youth committed by the juvenile court to out-of-home placement declined 61.3% over 10 years.
- Statewide average committed population declined 57.4% over the same period.



# Western Region Committed Youth Population Has Declined for All Facility Types

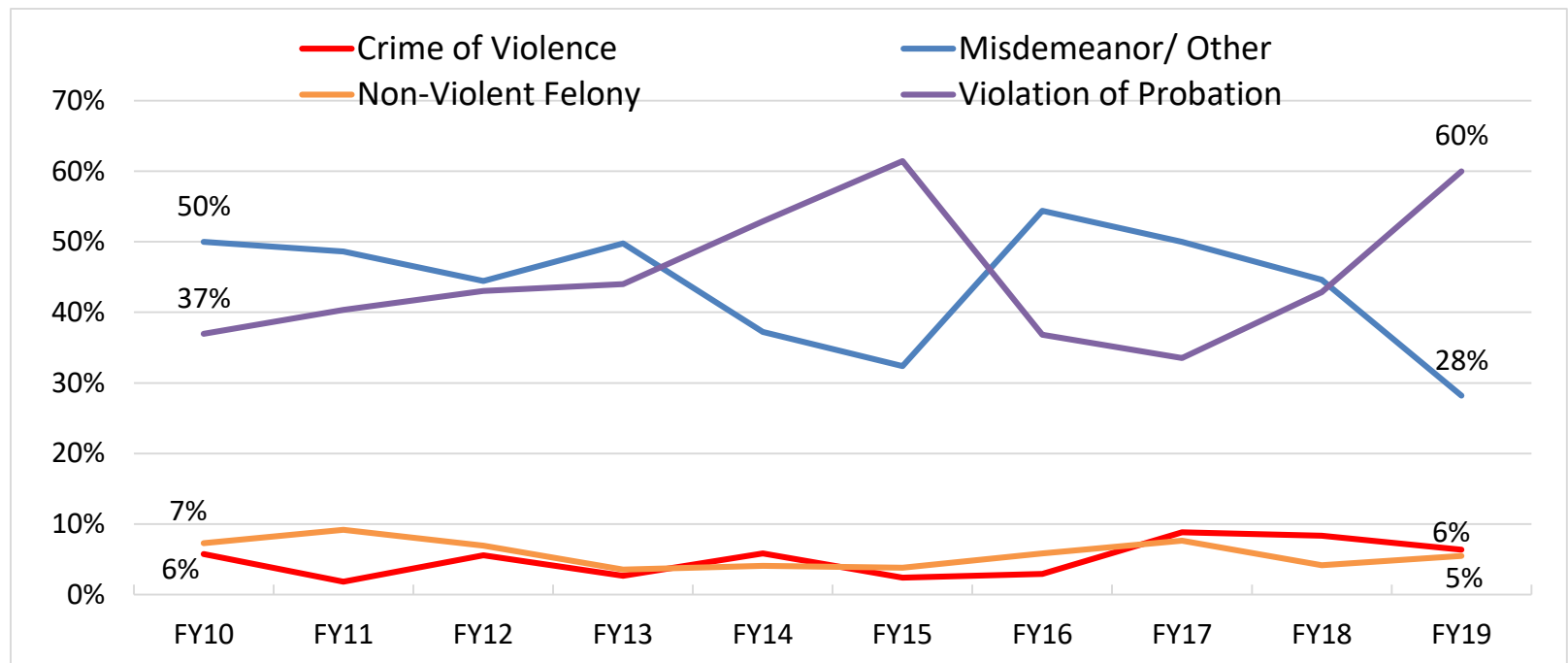
- Overall, committed out-of-home population has declined 61.3% from 91.8 in FY10 to 35.5 in FY19.
- DJS-Operated ADP decreased 48.4%, and Private In-State has declined 68.1% since FY10.





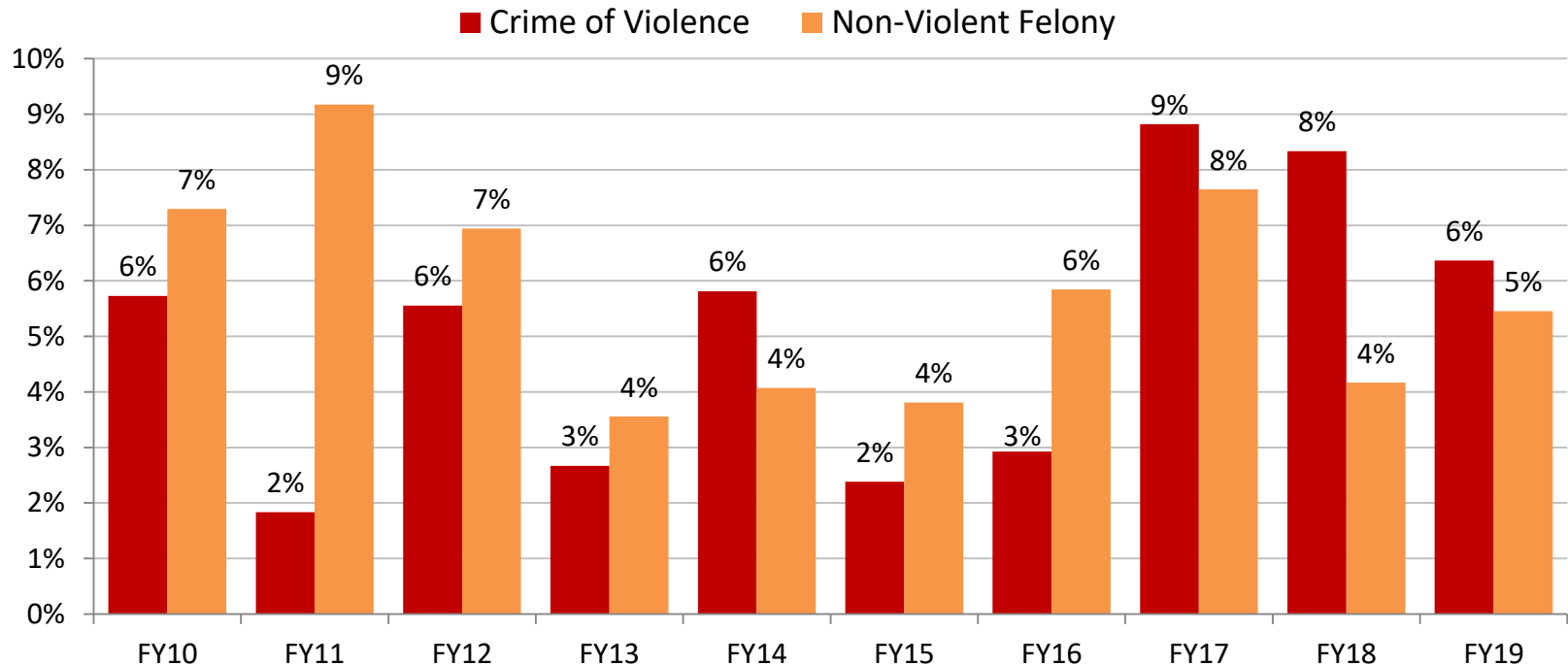
# The Rate of Juveniles Committed for Low-Level Offenses Has Declined

- The proportion of new commitments for misdemeanor and other low-level offenses has declined by 22 percentage points from FY10 to FY19.
- The proportion of new commitments that were for violations of probation has increased by 23 percentage points over 10 years.



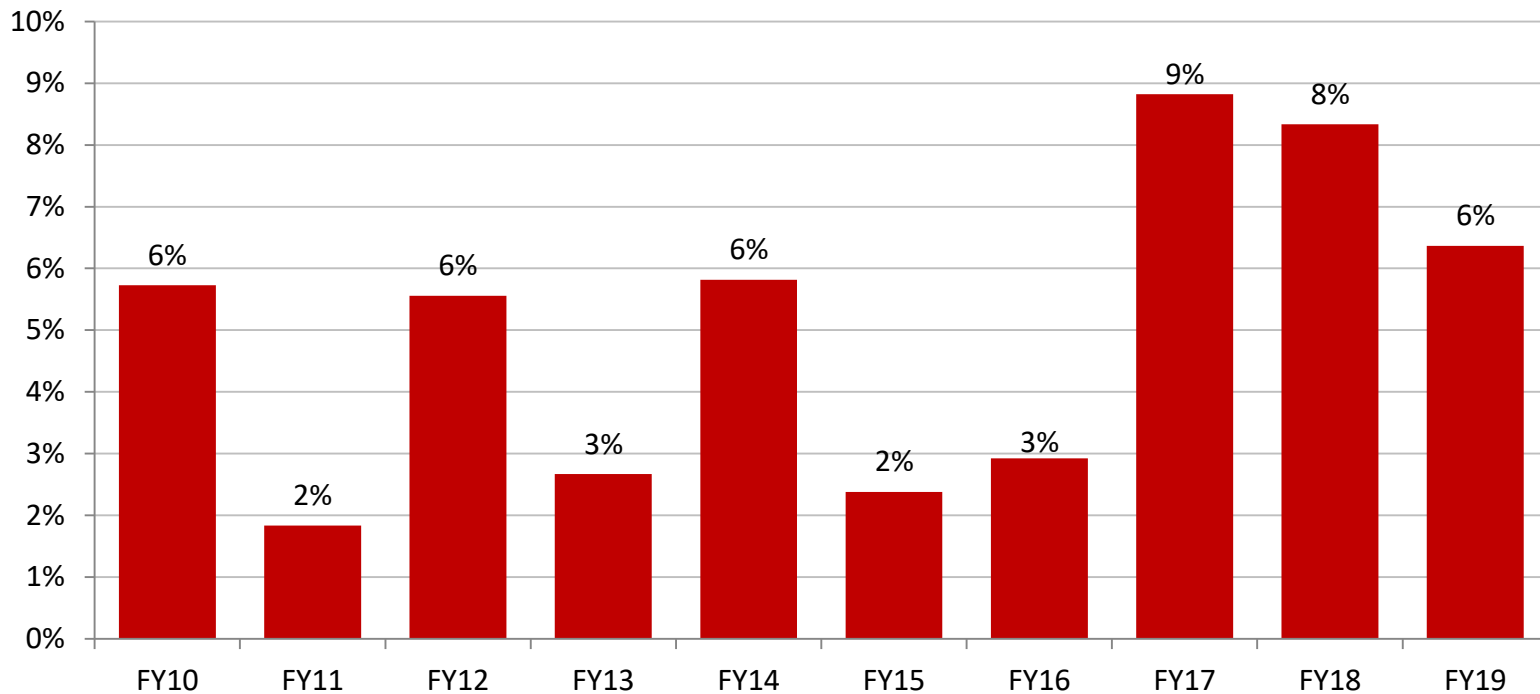
# The Rate of Juveniles Committed for Crimes of Violence Has Fluctuated Over 10 Years

- In the Western Region, Crimes of Violence peaked at 9% of new commitments in FY17 before dropping 3 points by FY19.
- The rate of juveniles committed for Non-Violent Felonies has fluctuated as well, but was down 4 points from a high of 9% in FY11.



# The Rate of Juveniles Committed for Crimes of Violence Has Fluctuated in the Western Region

- Crimes of Violence made up 6% of new commitments in FY 2019 in the Western Region.



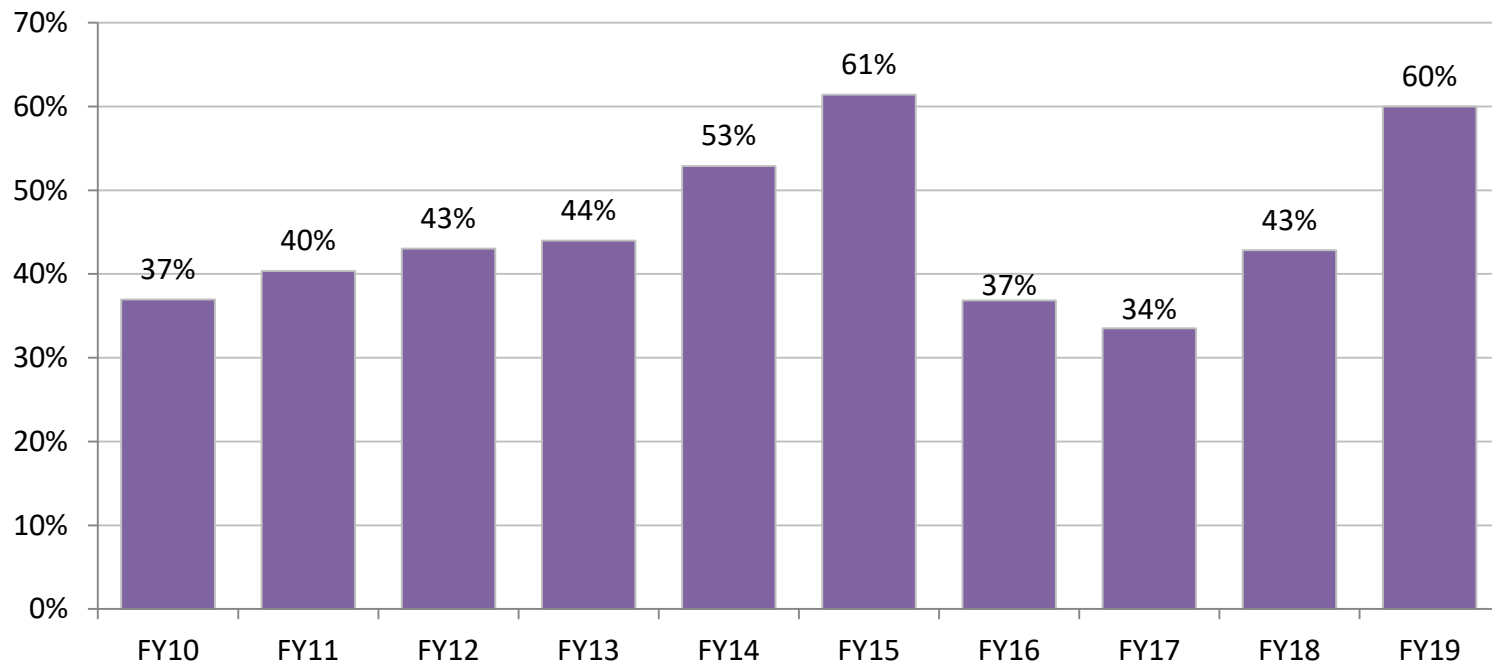
# The Rate of Juveniles Committed for Non-Violent Felonies has Fluctuated in the Western Region

- Non-violent felonies has increased by 1 percentage point from FY18, but decreased 2 points since FY10.



# The Rate of Juveniles Committed for Violations of Probation has Increased in the Western Region

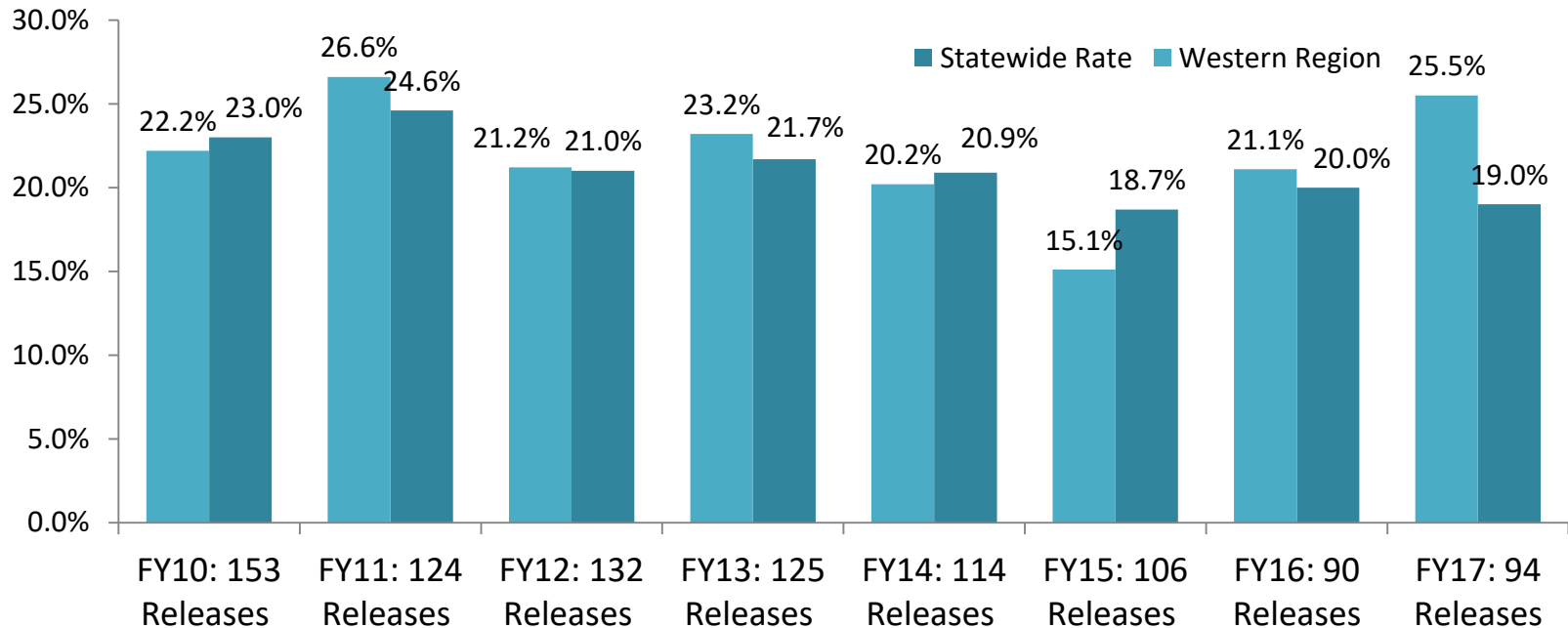
- After decreasing by 27 percentage points from FY15 through FY17, the rate of new commitments for Violations of Probation in Western Region has increased to 60% in FY19.



# Recidivism Rates for Western Region DJS Committed Youth Have Declined in Recent Years\*

- 25.5% of Western Region youth released from committed placement in FY17 had a new offense within a year that resulted in a delinquent adjudication or criminal conviction, an increase of 4.4 percentage points from FY16.
- The Statewide rate was 19.0% in FY17, down 1.0 point from FY16.

**One-Year Re-Adjudication/Conviction Rate for All Committed Programs**

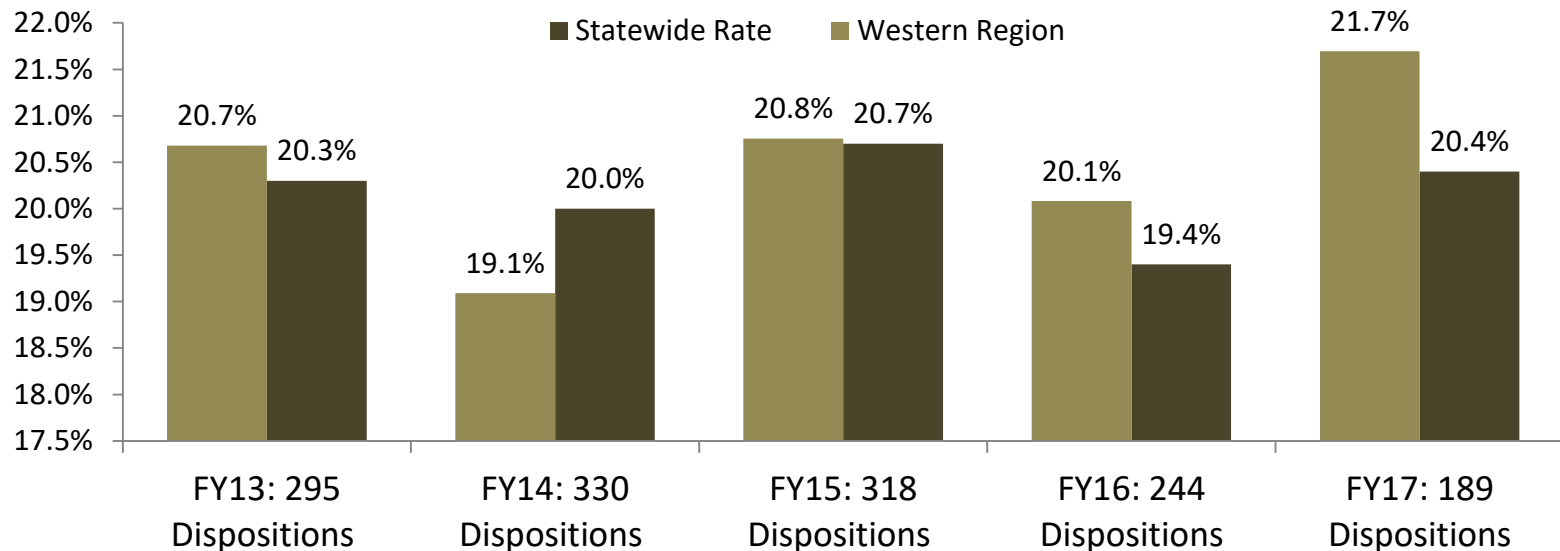


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# Recidivism Rates for Western Region DJS Probation Youth Have Increased in The Past Year

- 21.7% of Western Region youth placed on probation for the first time in FY17 had a new offense within a year that resulted in a delinquent adjudication or criminal conviction, a increase of 1.6 points from FY16.
- The Statewide rate was 20.4% in FY17, up 1 percentage point from FY16.

**One Year Re-Adjudication/Conviction Rate for First-Time Probation Youth**



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