



Eastern Region Juvenile Services Long Term Trends:

Counties of Caroline, Cecil, Dorchester, Kent,
Queen Anne's, Somerset, Talbot, Wicomico,
and Worcester

FY 2011 – FY 2020

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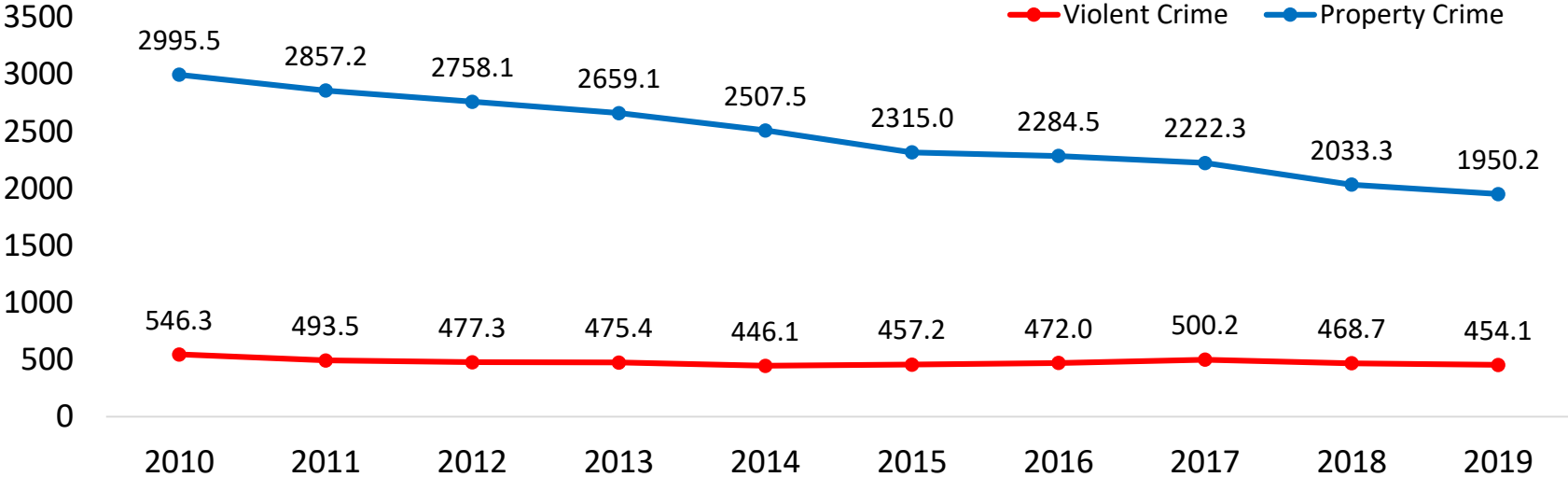
Trend Data and COVID-19

- The data in this presentation encompass Fiscal Years 2011 through 2020.
- The COVID-19 pandemic impacted the data for FY 2020. Some of the declines shown resulted from fewer complaints and court actions, while others resulted from policy changes that may last beyond the pandemic.
- It is important to consider FY 2020 numbers in this context. When looking at past years' trends or projecting forward, it is unknown whether or to what extent these trends will reverse.

Statewide Crime Rates Show a Marked Decline

- Since 2010, per capita property crime rates declined 34.9% across Maryland.
- Per capita violent crime rates fell 16.9% 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, 2010-2019

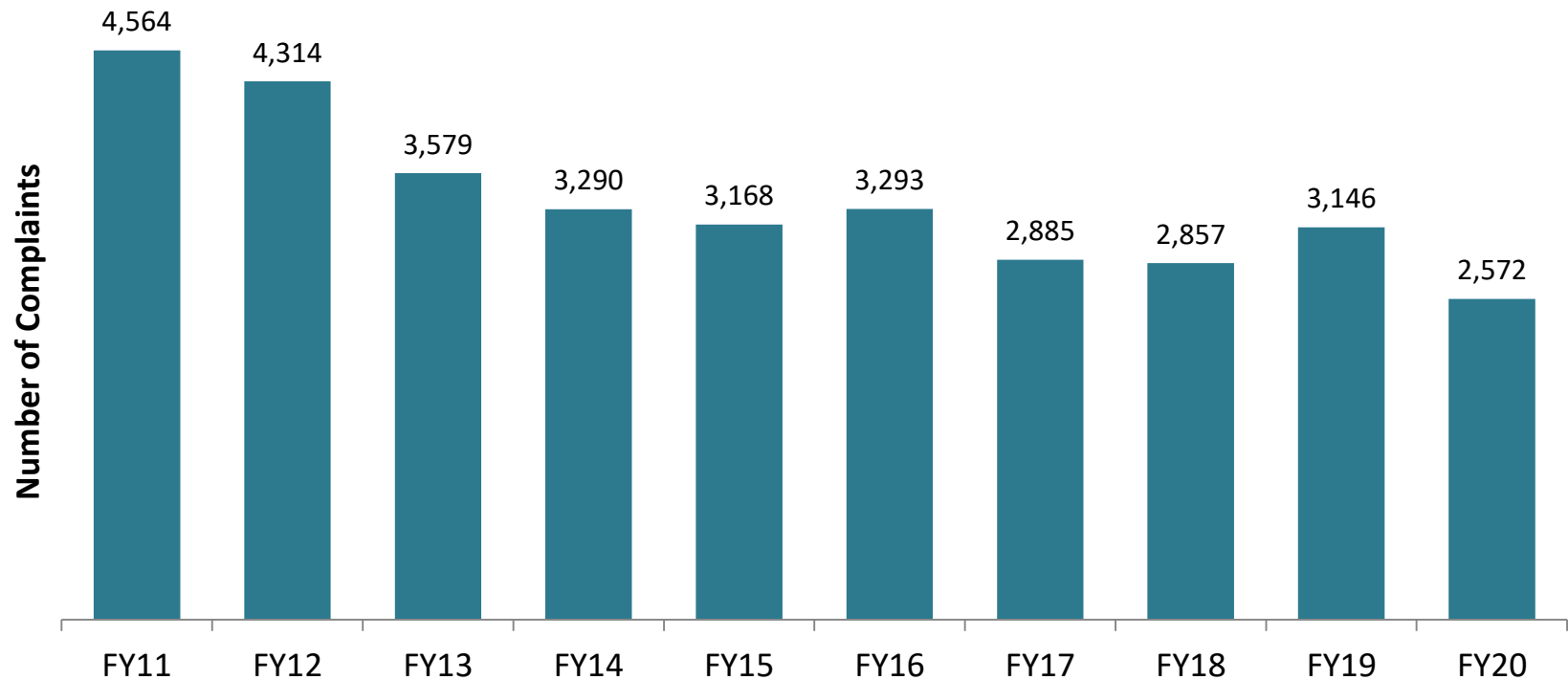


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Data Source: FBI Uniform Crime Reports (UCR).

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.

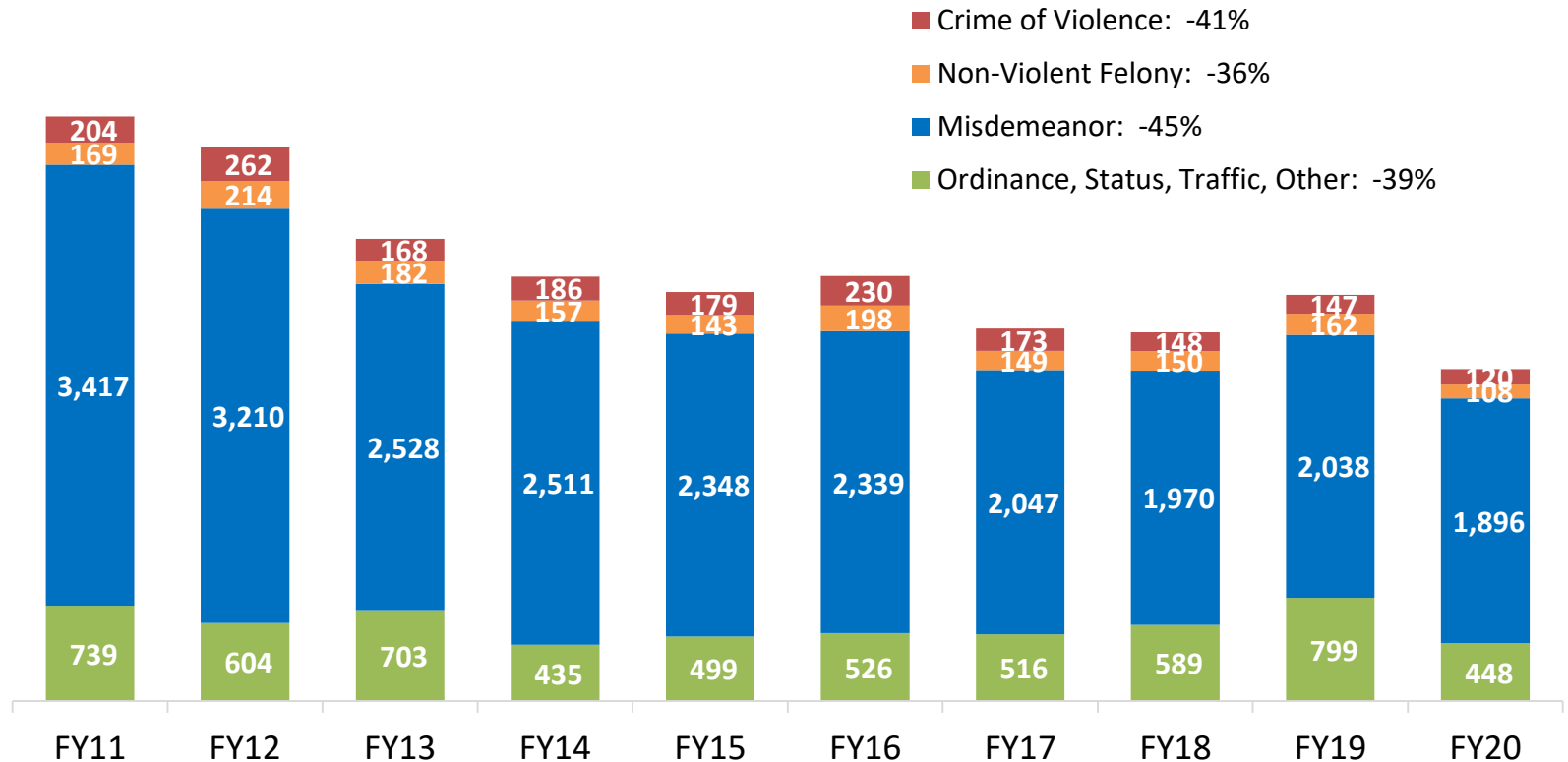
Eastern Region Juvenile Complaints Have Declined Significantly

- Eastern Region complaints referred to DJS Intake declined 43.6% in 10 years.
- Statewide complaints declined 58.4% over the same period.



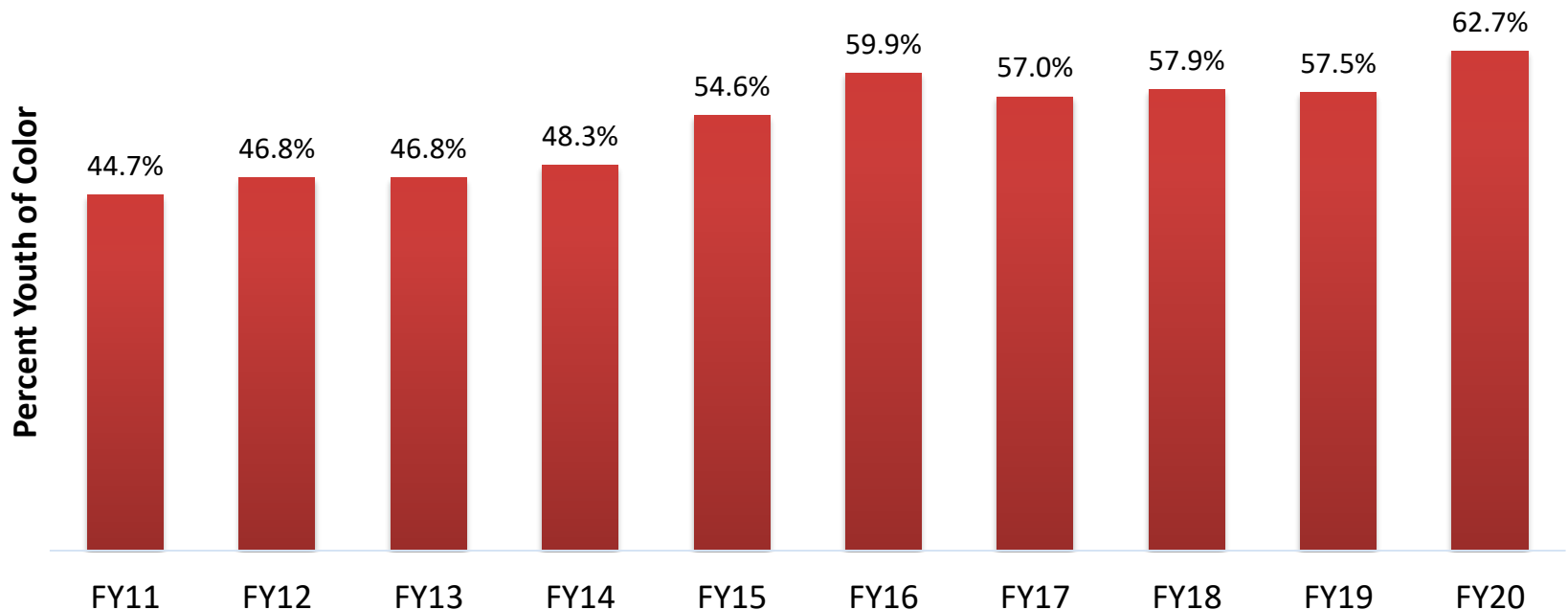
Eastern Region Juvenile Complaints Have Declined In All Categories

- Complaints for crimes of violence declined 41.2% in 10 years.
- Misdemeanors decreased by 44.5%, and non-violent felonies decreased by 36.1% over 10 years.



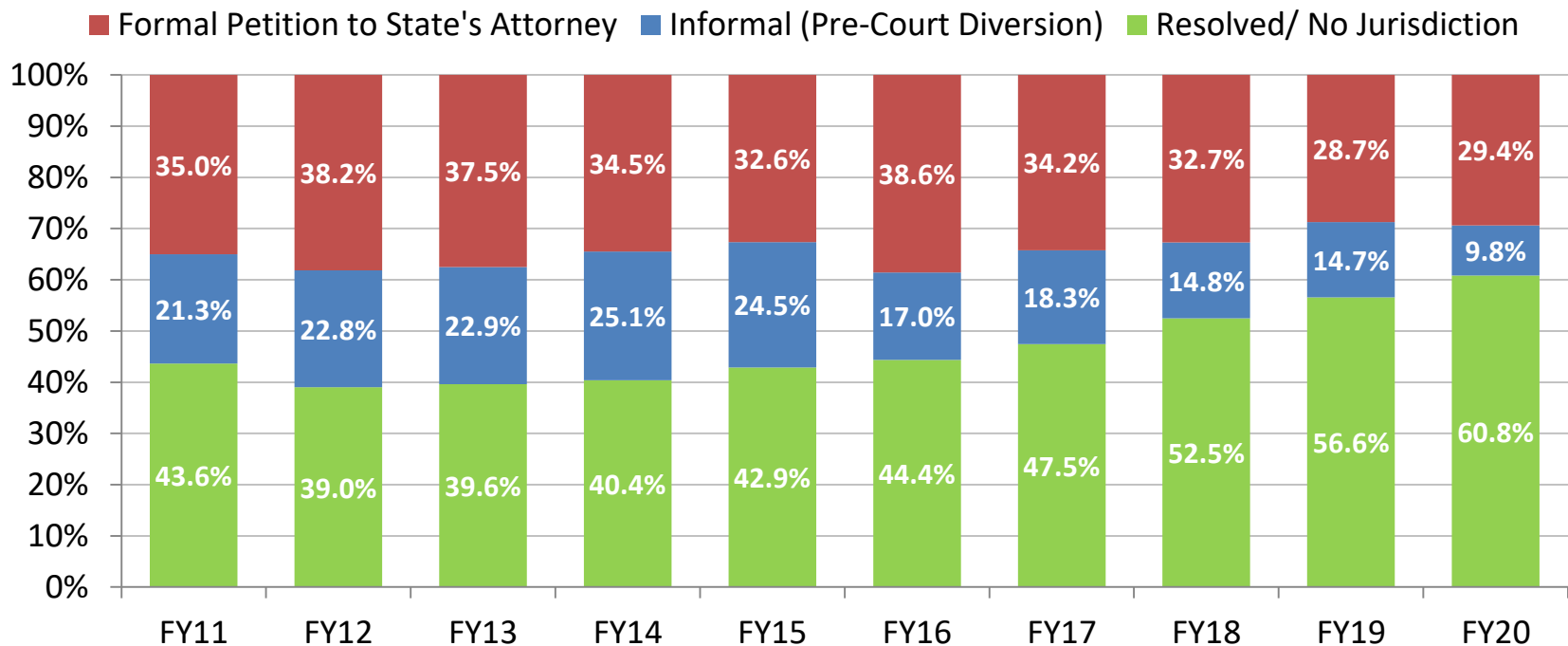
Youth of Color Increased Overall as a Percentage of the Eastern Region Juvenile Complaints

- Youth of color (YOC) represented 62.7% of Eastern Region complaints in FY20, while making up only 34.3% of the youth population (ages 11-17).
- Statewide, YOC made up 71.7% of all complaints, despite being only 57.0% of the youth population.



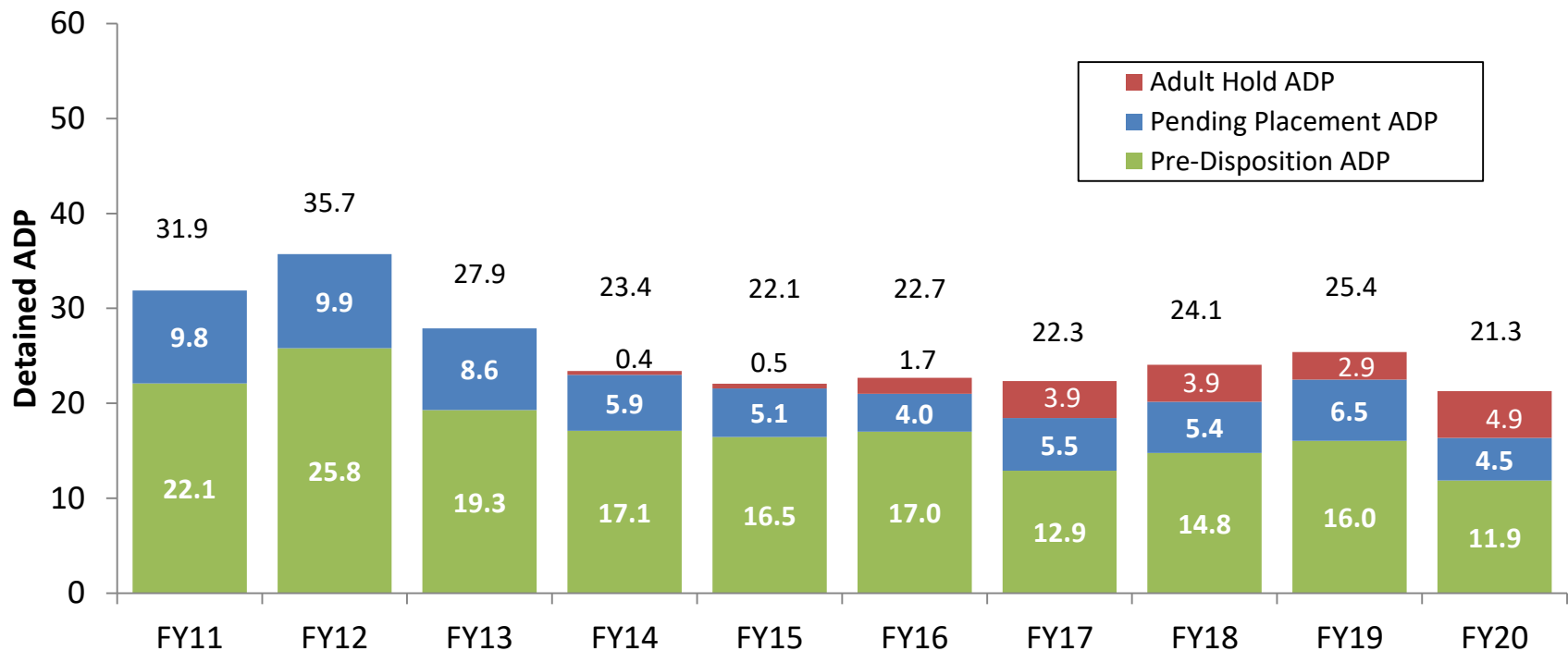
Percent of Cases Referred to Juvenile Court by Eastern Region Shows a Slight Increase

- 29.4% of Eastern Region complaints were referred to court by DJS Intake in FY20, 5.6 percentage points less than in FY11. Statewide, 38.9% were referred to court.
- 9.8% of Eastern Region complaints were diverted to an informal DJS pre-court case. Statewide 13.4% were diverted.



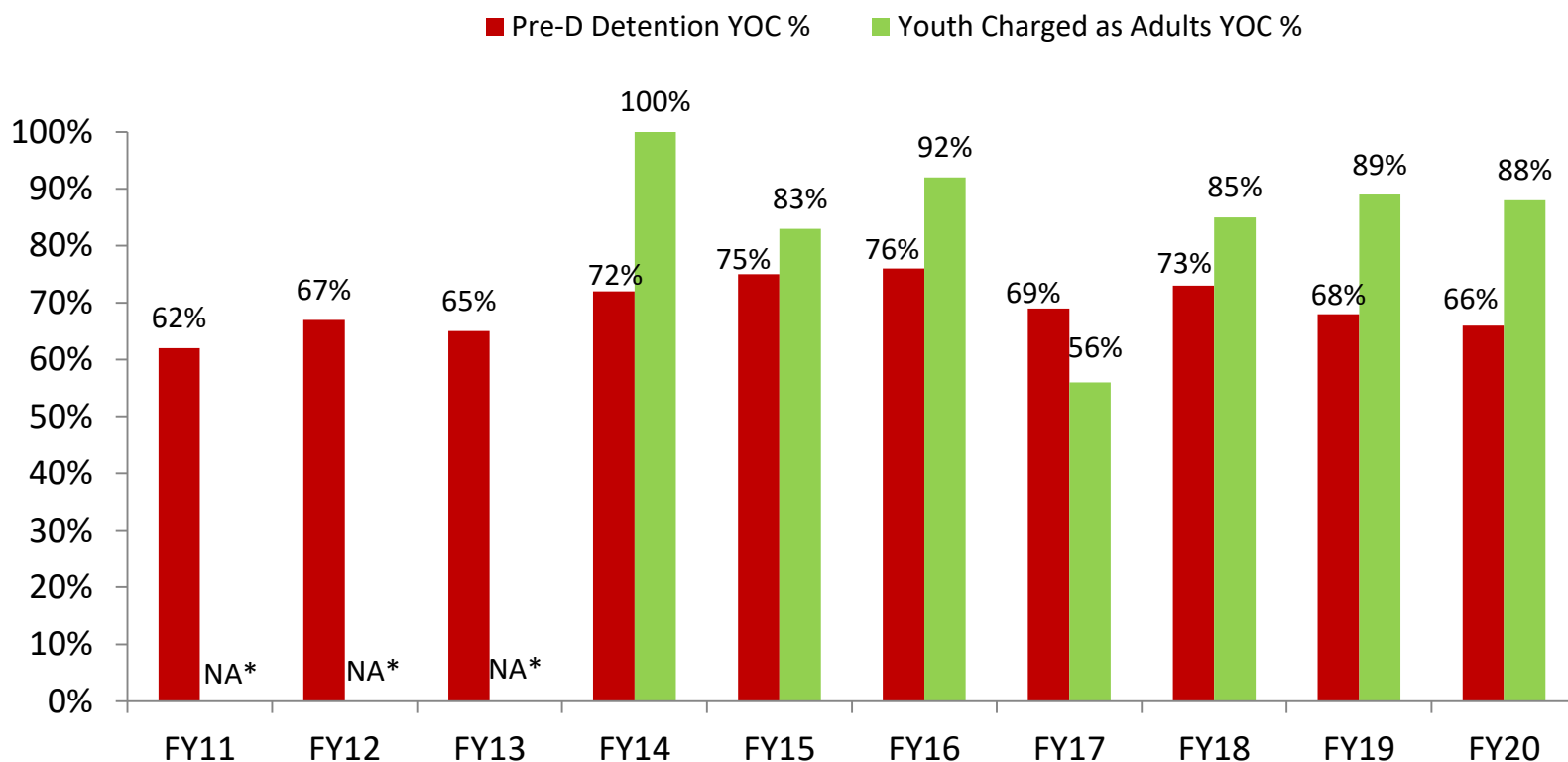
Eastern Region Detention Population Has Declined Significantly

- Eastern Region daily population in DJS detention declined 33.2% in 10 years, to 21.3 in FY20. The statewide detention population declined 44.3% over the same period.
- Cases detained for the adult court made up 23.0% of the DJS-detained population in Eastern Region in FY20.



Youth of Color Represent Majority of Detention ADP in the Eastern Region

- Youth of color in Pre-D detention increased slightly, and youth of color charged as adults decreased as a proportion of detention ADP.

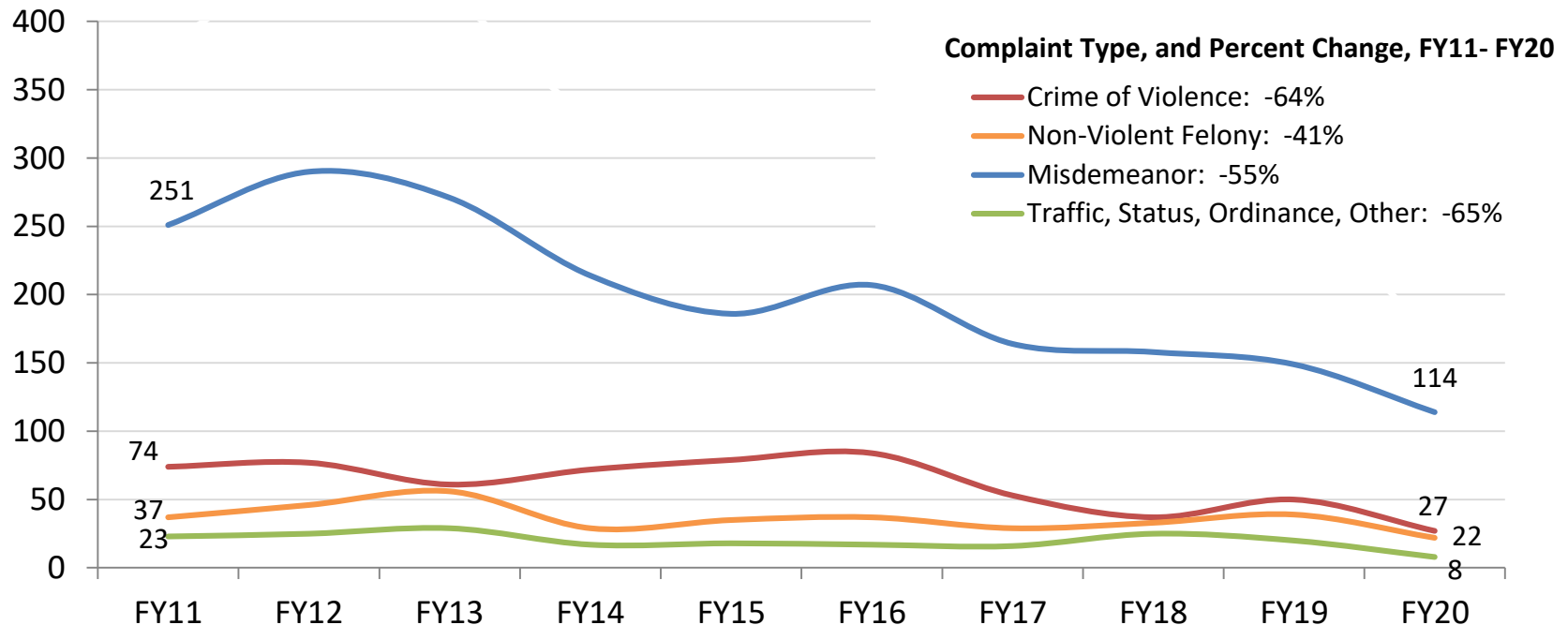


* Youth charged as adult detention data are not available prior to FY2014

Eastern Region Pre-Disposition Detention Admissions Have Decreased for All Complaint Types

- The proportion of youth detained pending disposition for misdemeanors has decreased 55% over 10 years.
- The proportion of youth detained pending disposition for crimes of violence has decreased 64% over 10 years.

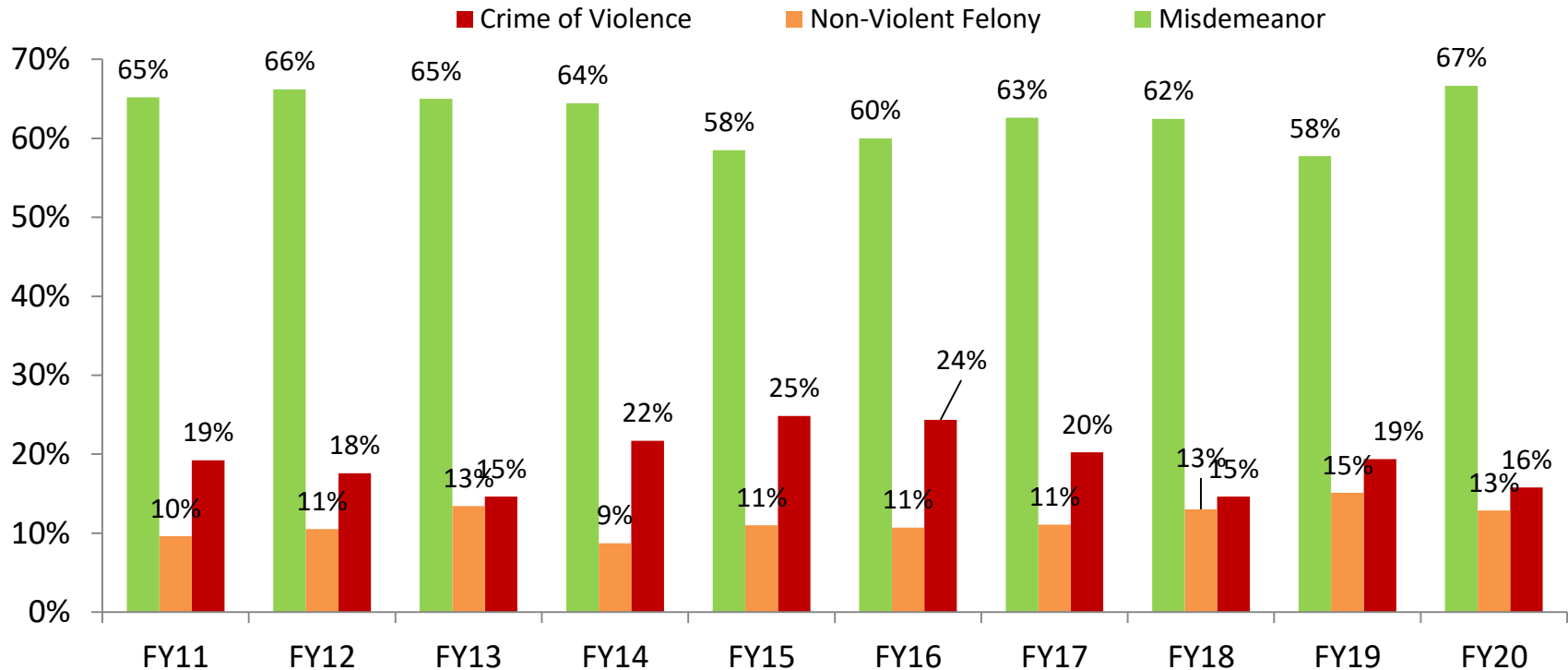
Pre-D Detention Admissions by Complaint Type, FY11 – FY20



Youth Detained for Pre-D Detention*

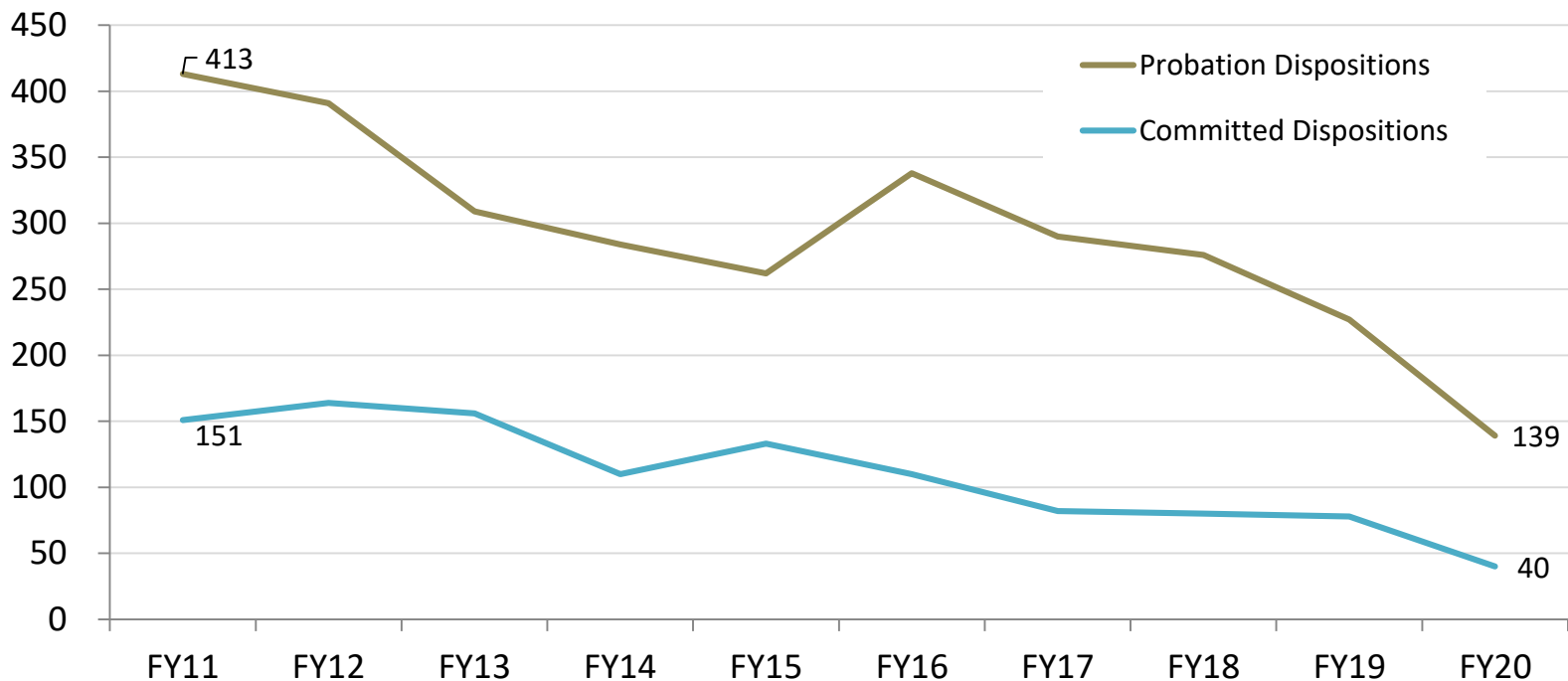
With a Violent Offenses Decreased Slightly

- Pre-D detention for violent crimes decreased slightly between FY 2011 and FY 2020.
- Pre-D detention for misdemeanors increased slightly during this same period.



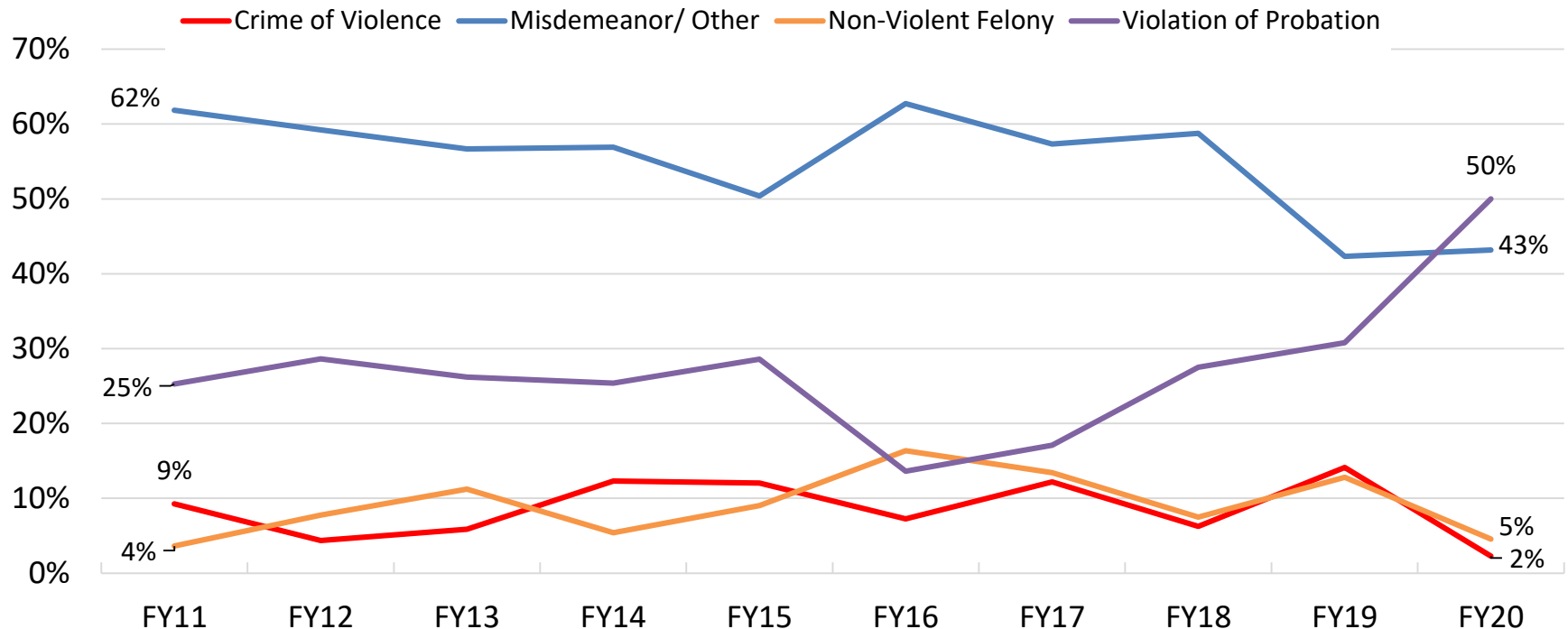
Juvenile Probation and Commitment Orders Have Declined

- Eastern Region juvenile probation orders declined 66.3% in 10 years. Statewide probation orders declined 73.5% over the same period.
- Eastern Region juvenile commitments declined 73.5% in 10 years. Statewide commitments declined 76.2% over the same period.



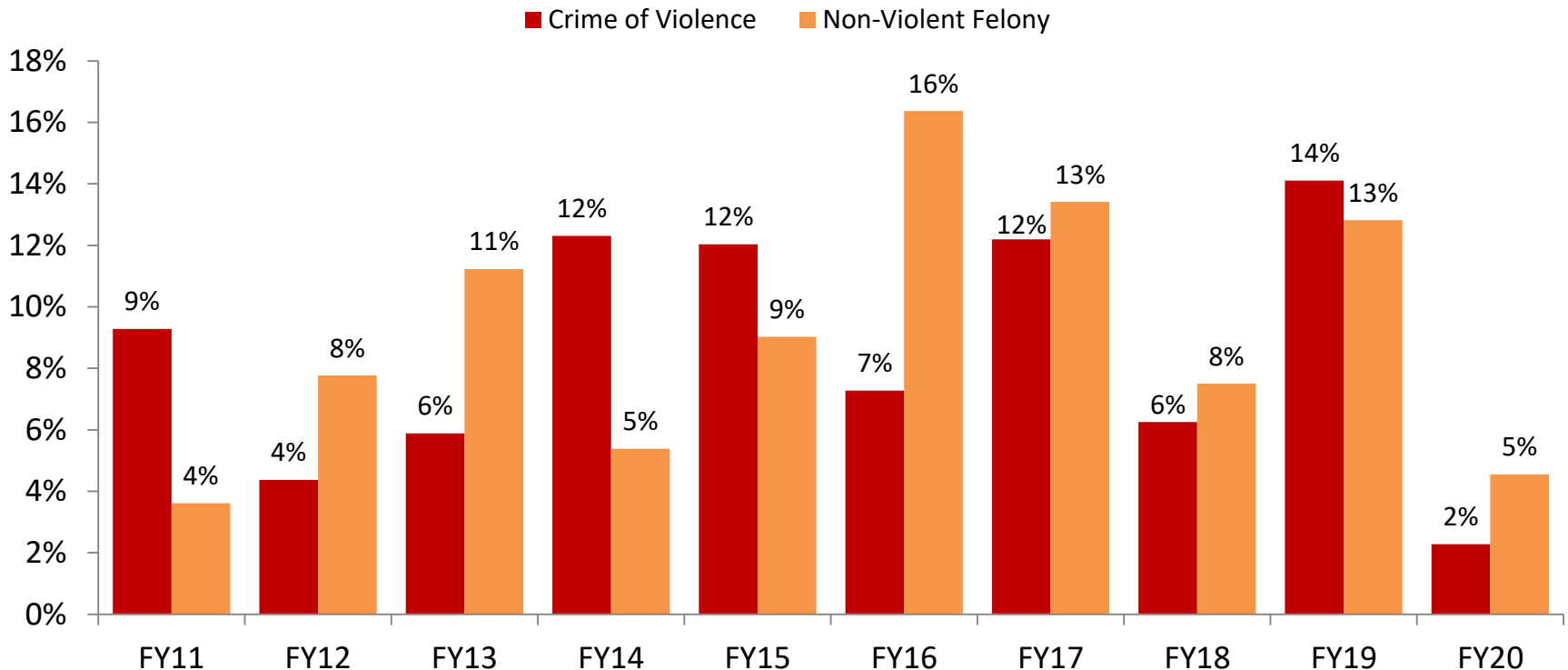
The Rate of Juveniles Committed for Low-Level Offenses Has Decreased

- The proportion of new commitments for misdemeanor and other low-level offenses have declined by 19 percentage points over 10 years.
- The proportion of new commitments for violations of probation has increased by 25 percentage points over 10 years.



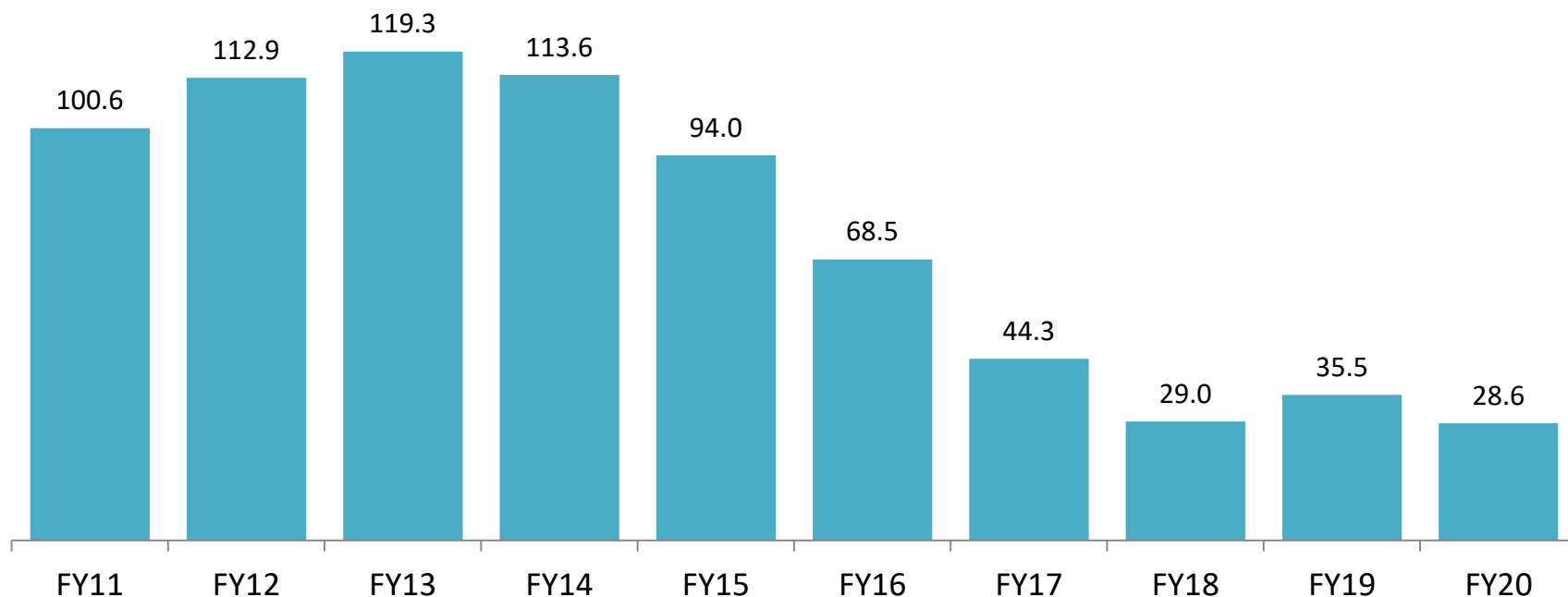
The Rate of Juveniles Committed for Crimes of Violence has Decreased in the Eastern Region

- Crimes of Violence made up 2% of committed dispositions in FY 2020.
- Non-Violent Felonies have decreased in the past year as a proportion of committed dispositions, and the rate increased one percentage point from FY11.



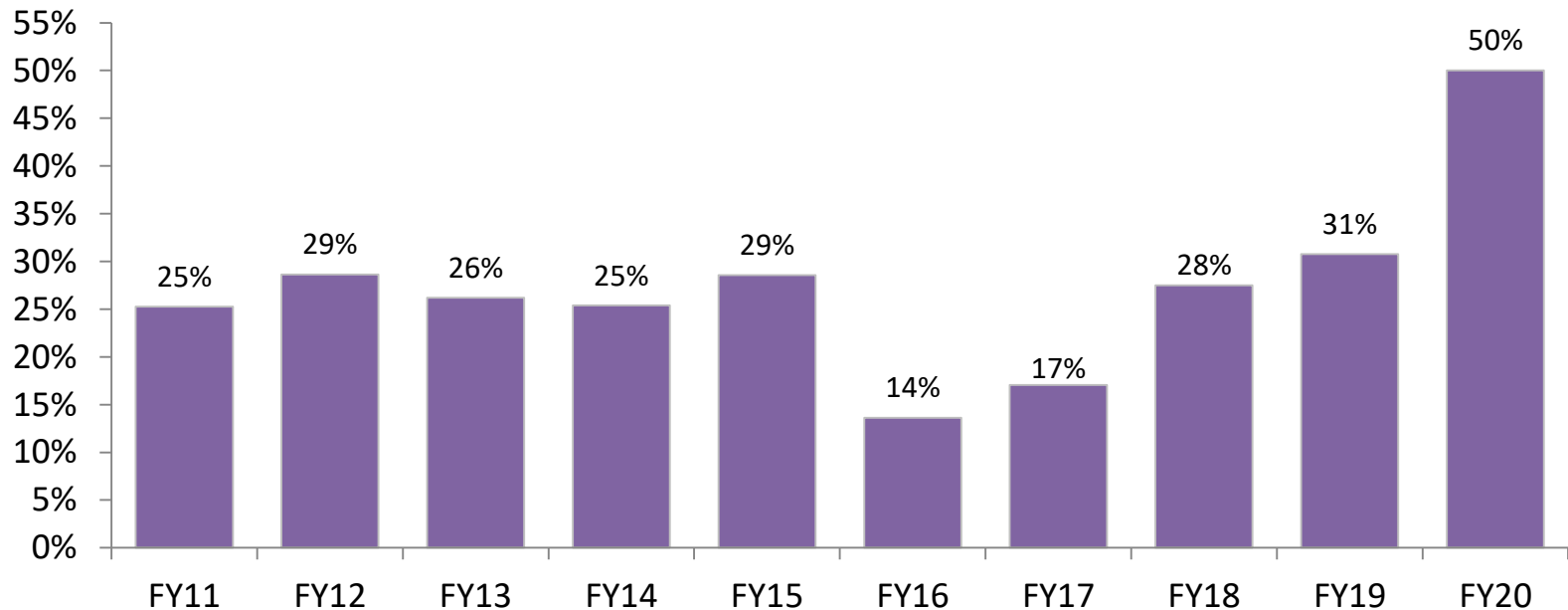
Average Committed Out-of-Home Population Has Declined Significantly in the Eastern Region

- The overall daily population of Eastern Region youth committed by the juvenile court to out-of-home placement declined 71.6% over 10 years, from 100.6 in FY11 to 28.6 in FY20.
- Statewide average committed population declined 66.3% over the same period.



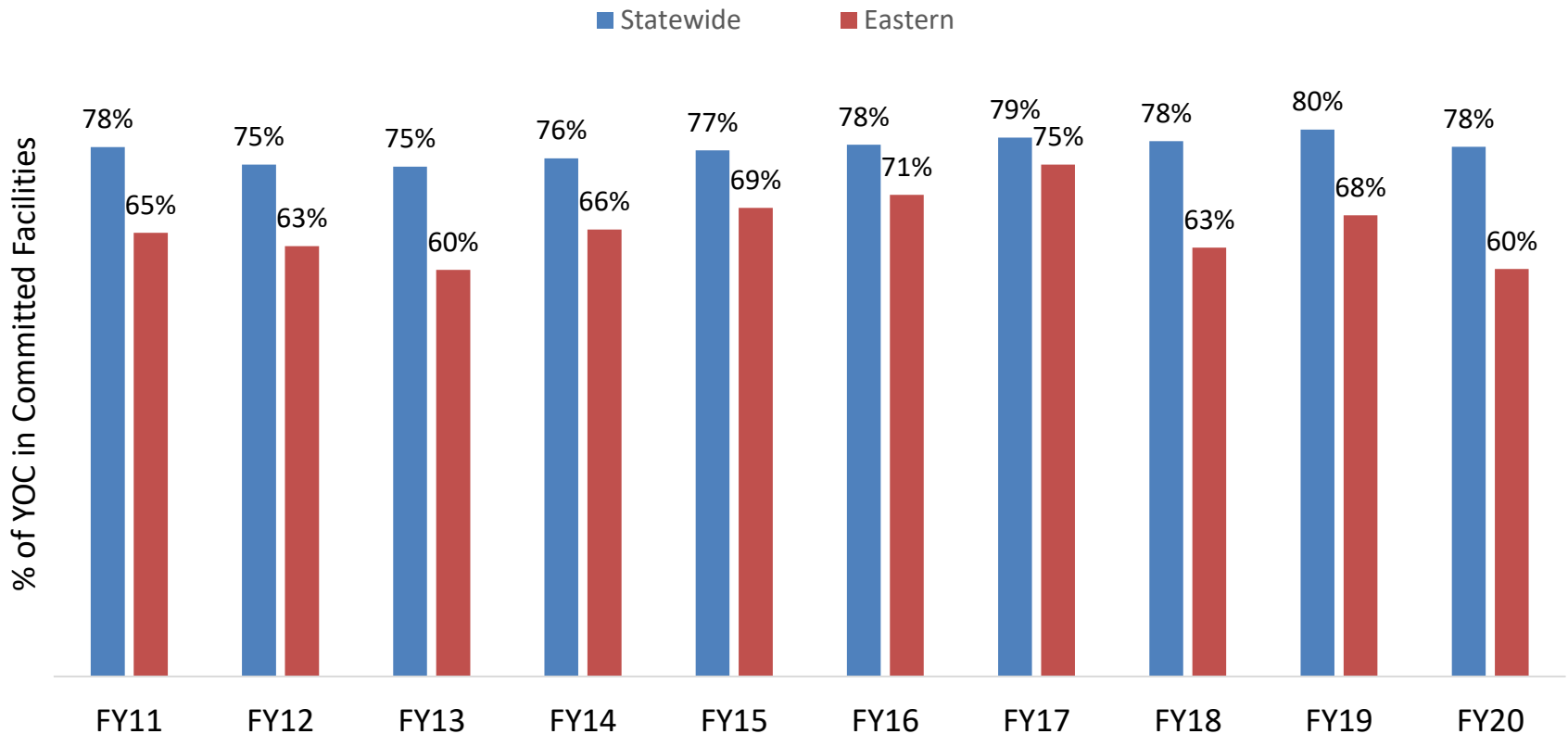
The Rate of Juveniles Committed for Violations of Probation has increased in the Eastern Region

- The proportion of committed dispositions that were for violations of probation increased by 25 percentage points over 10 years.
- Statewide proportion of committed dispositions that were for violations of probation increased 1.6 percentage points over the same period.



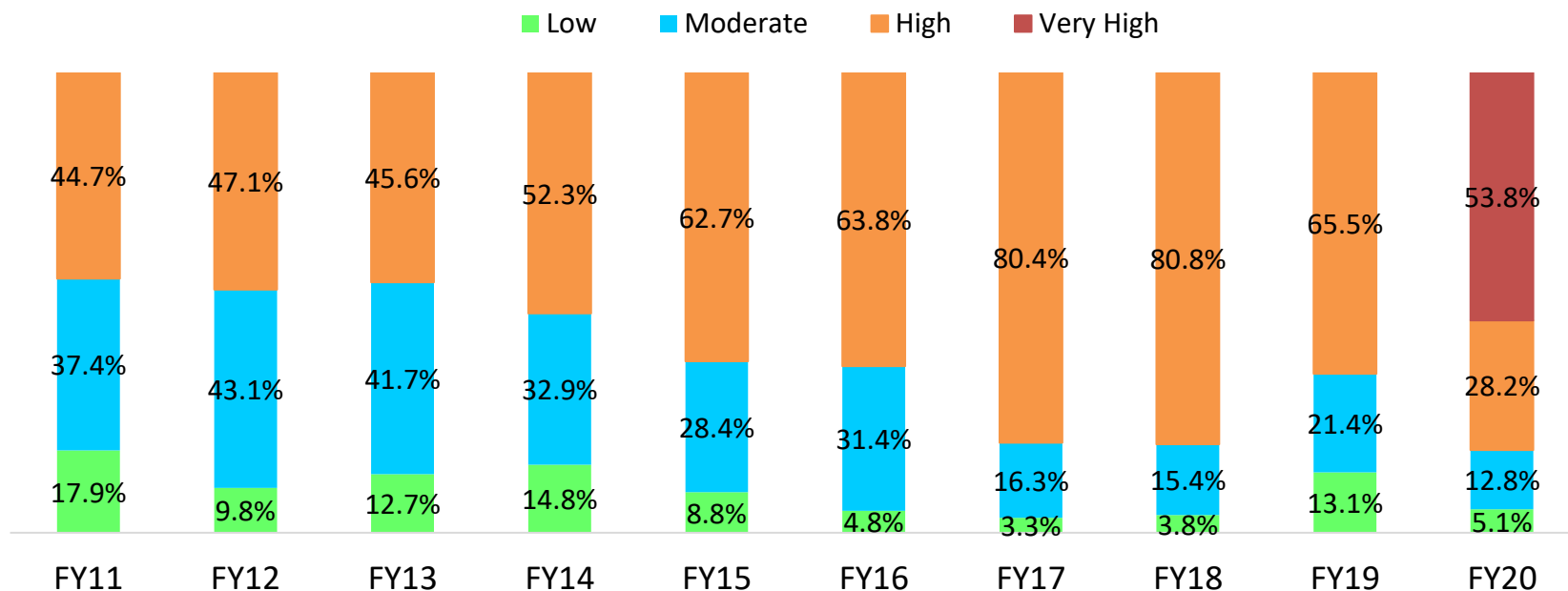
Proportion of Youth of Color Down Slightly in Commitment Facilities

- The proportion of committed youth from the Eastern Region who are youth of color has remained at or above 60% across the period spanning FY11 to FY20.



Most New Commitments Demonstrate High Risk of Recidivism

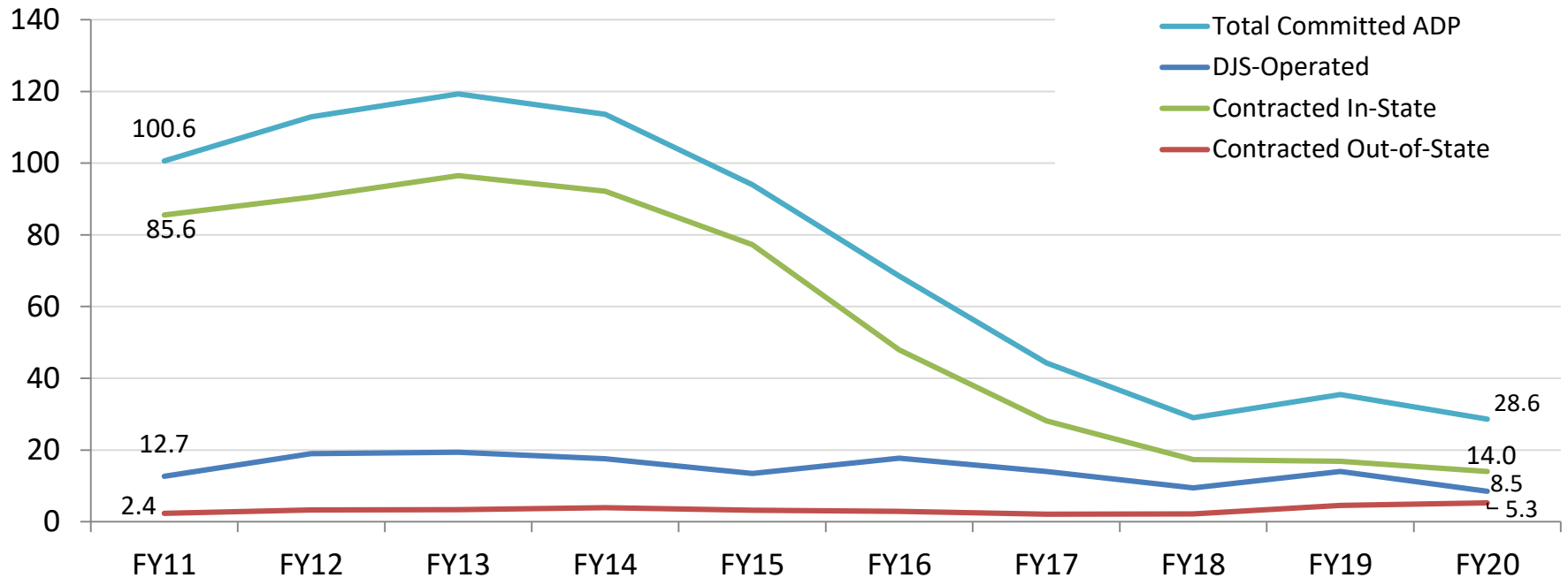
- Consistently since FY14, more than half of committed placements from the Eastern Region had an assessed Maryland Comprehensive Assessment and Service Planning (MCASP) Risk Level of High or Very High.
- In FY20, 82.0% of committed placements were at High or Very High risk.



* Prior to FY20 there was no "Very High" category score on the MCASP, and overall risk categories are not comparable to prior years.

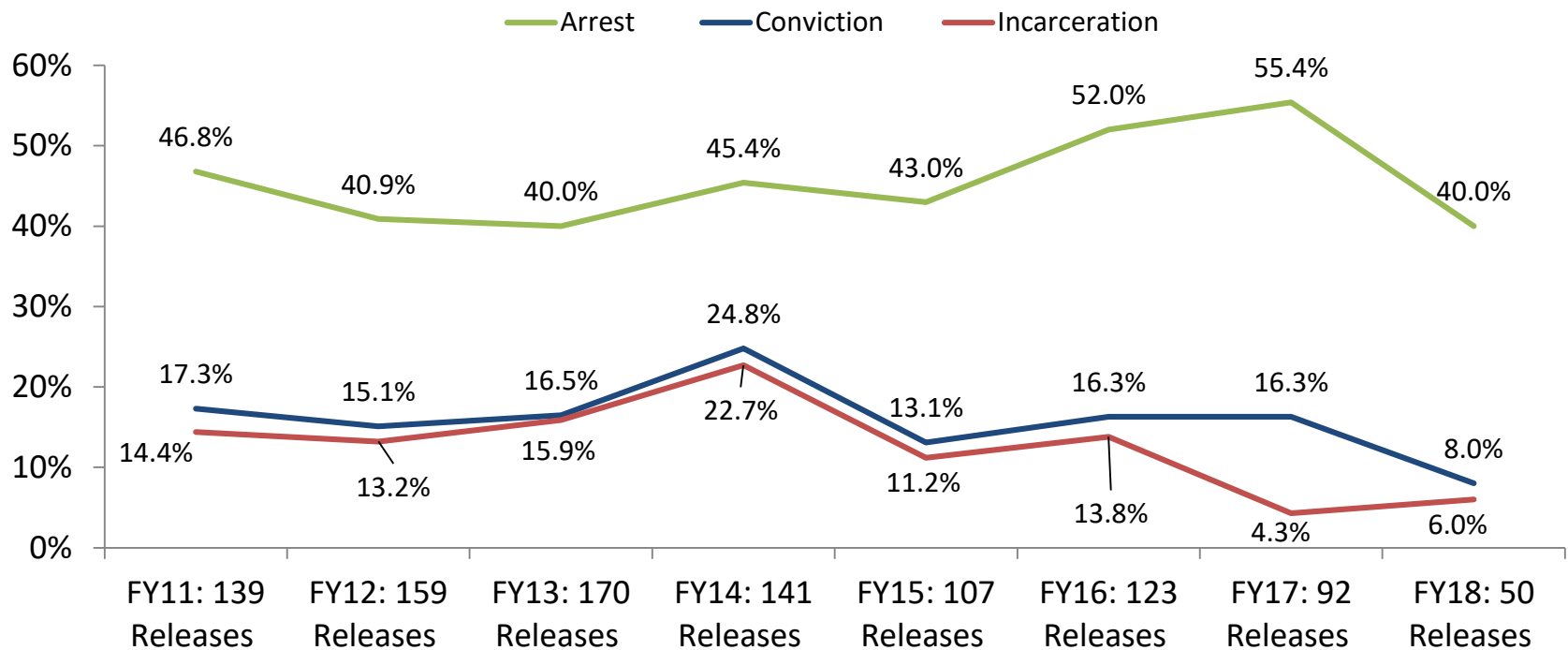
Eastern Region Committed Youth Population Down Across Facility Types

- Overall committed out-of-home population has declined 71.6% since FY11.
- DJS-Operated ADP decreased 33.1%, and Private In-State has declined 90.1% since FY11.
- Out-of-State committed average population increased from 2.4 in FY11 to 5.3 FY20 within the last 10 years.



Nearly All Measures of Recidivism* Have Declined

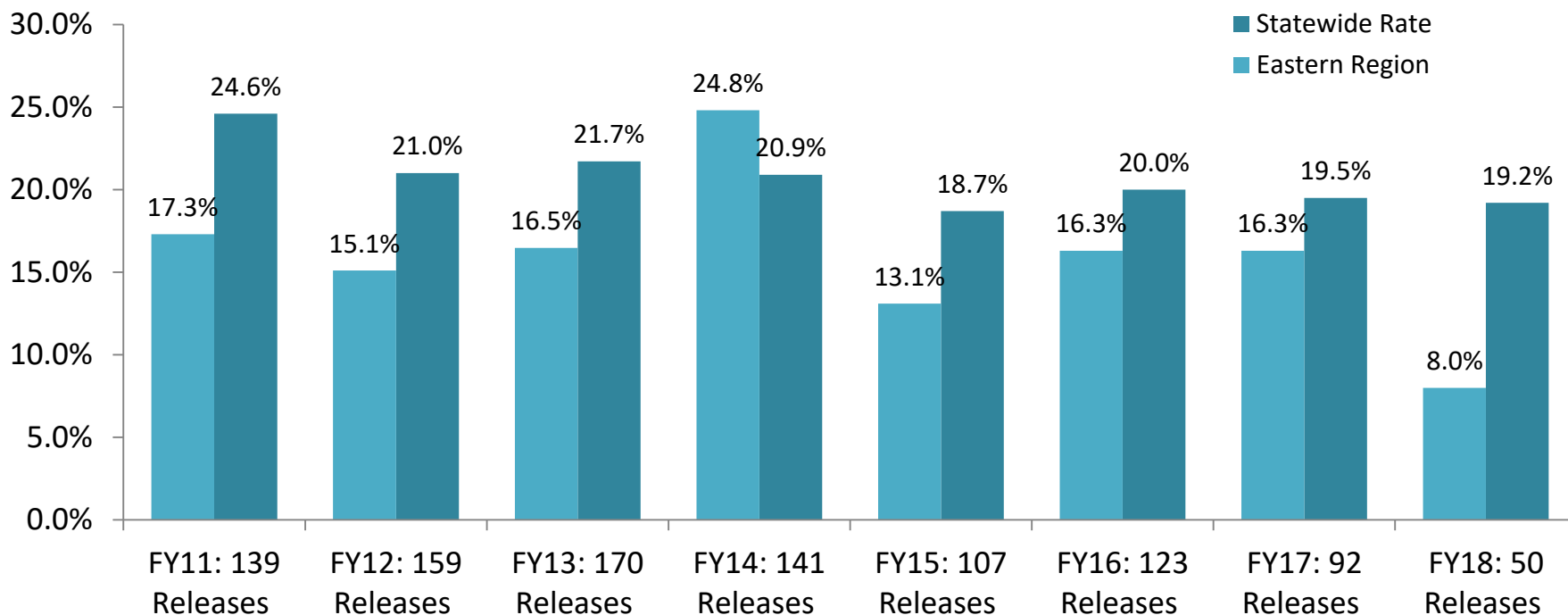
- Since FY 2011, the rate of new arrests (juvenile or adult) one year from release declined 6.8 percentage points in the Eastern Region.
- New resulting convictions declined 9.3 percentage points, and new commitments or incarcerations declined 8.4 percentage points in 10 years.



Recidivism Rates* for Eastern Region DJS Committed Youth Declined in the Past Year

- 8.0% of Eastern Region youth released from committed placement in FY18 had a new offense within a year that resulted in a delinquent adjudication or criminal conviction.
- The Statewide rate was 19.2% in FY18, a 5.4 percentage points decrease from FY11.

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



Recidivism Rates* for Eastern Region DJS Probation Youth Has Decreased in The Past Year

- 12.0% of Eastern Region youth placed on probation in FY18 had a new offense within a year that resulted in a delinquent adjudication or criminal conviction, an decrease of 2.5 percentage points from FY17.
- The Statewide rate was 18.1% in FY18, down 2.5 percentage points from FY17.

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

