



# Metro Region Juvenile Services Long Term Trends: Counties of Montgomery and Prince George's

FY 2011 – FY 2020

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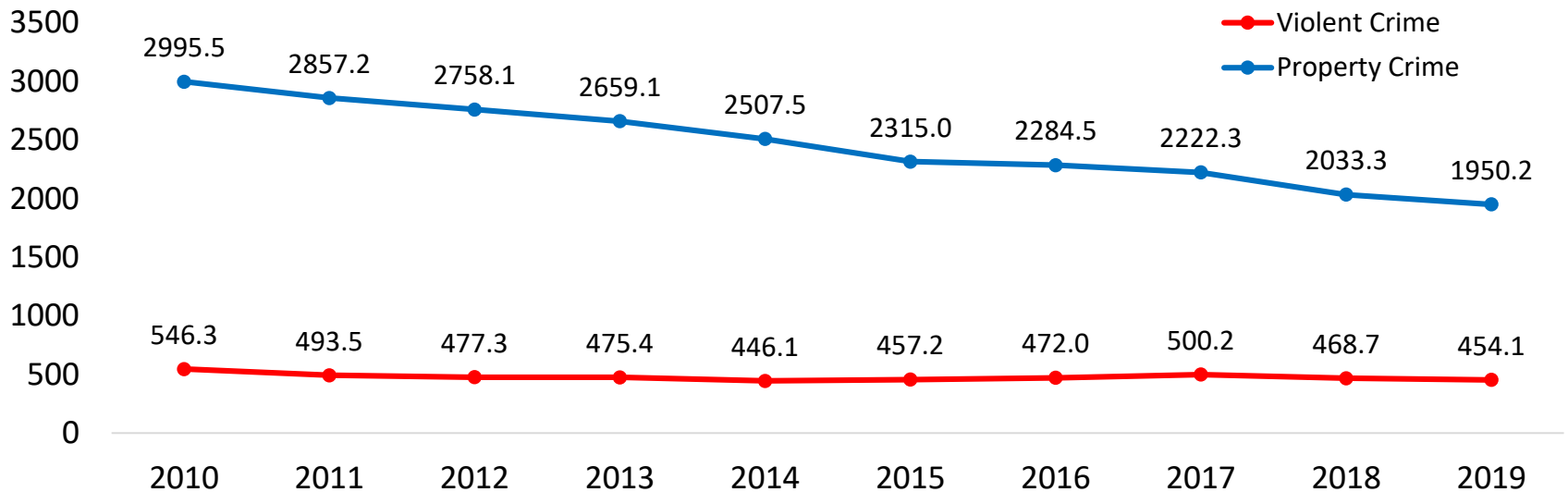
# Trend Data and COVID-19

- 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, while 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

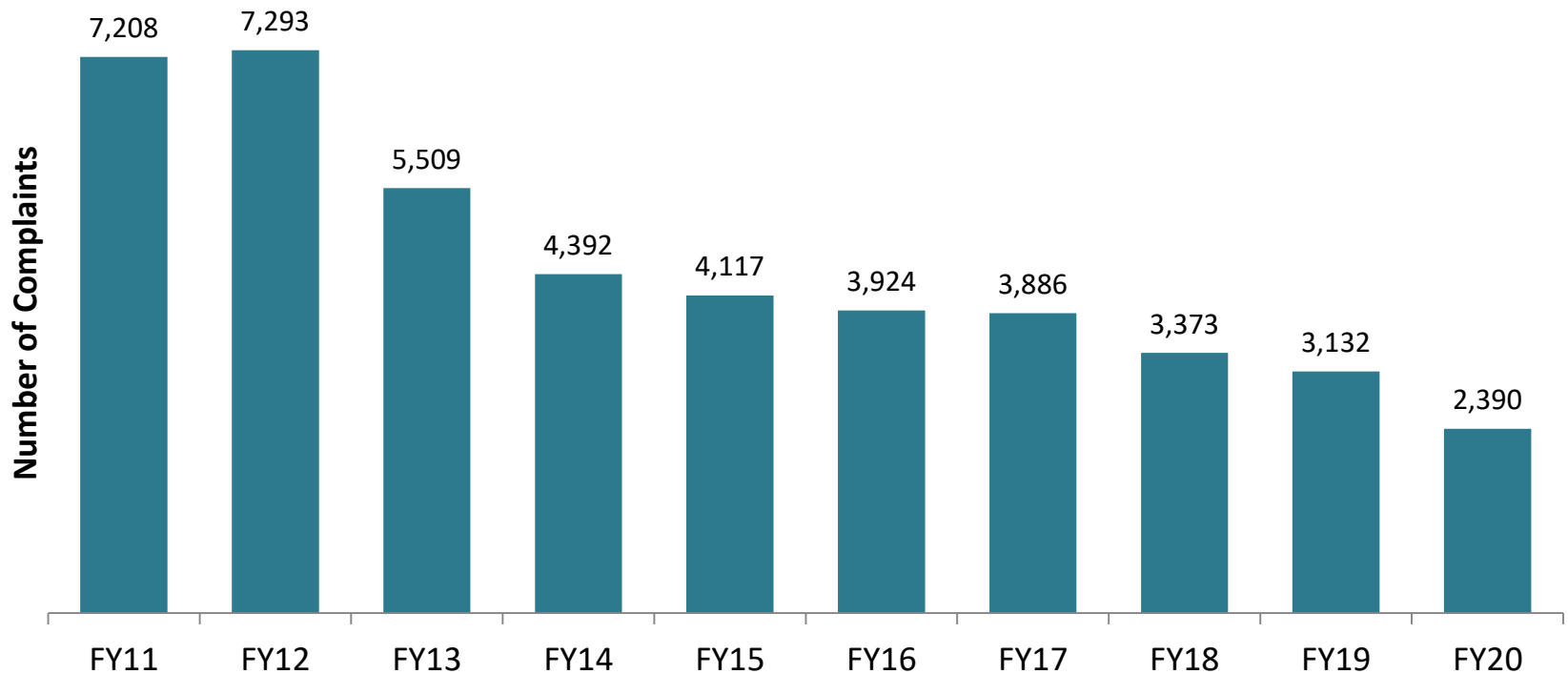


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Data Source: FBI Uniform Crime Reports (UCR).

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.

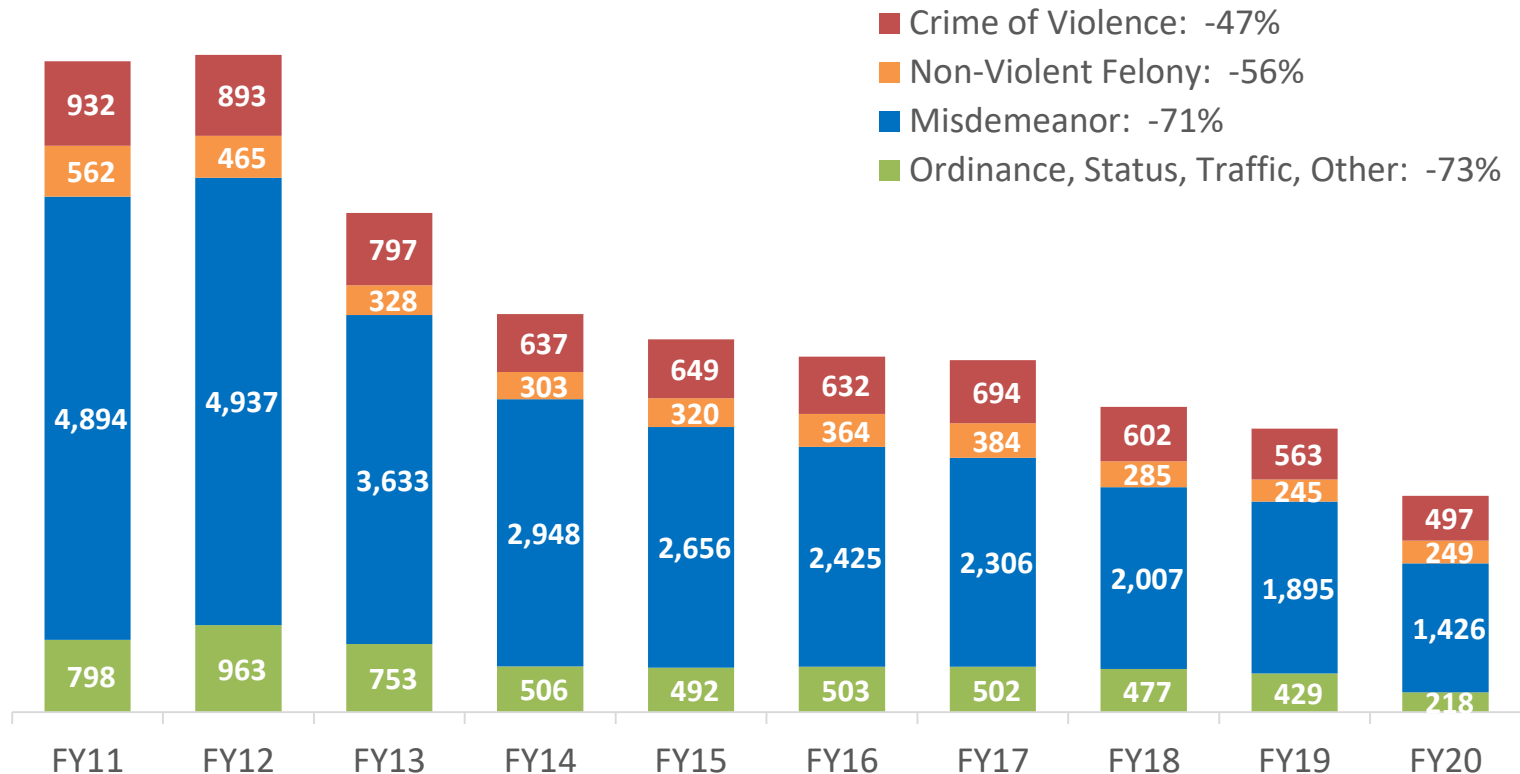
# Metro Region Juvenile Complaints Have Declined Significantly

- Metro Region complaints referred to DJS Intake declined 66.8% in 10 years.
- Statewide complaints declined 58.4% over the same period.



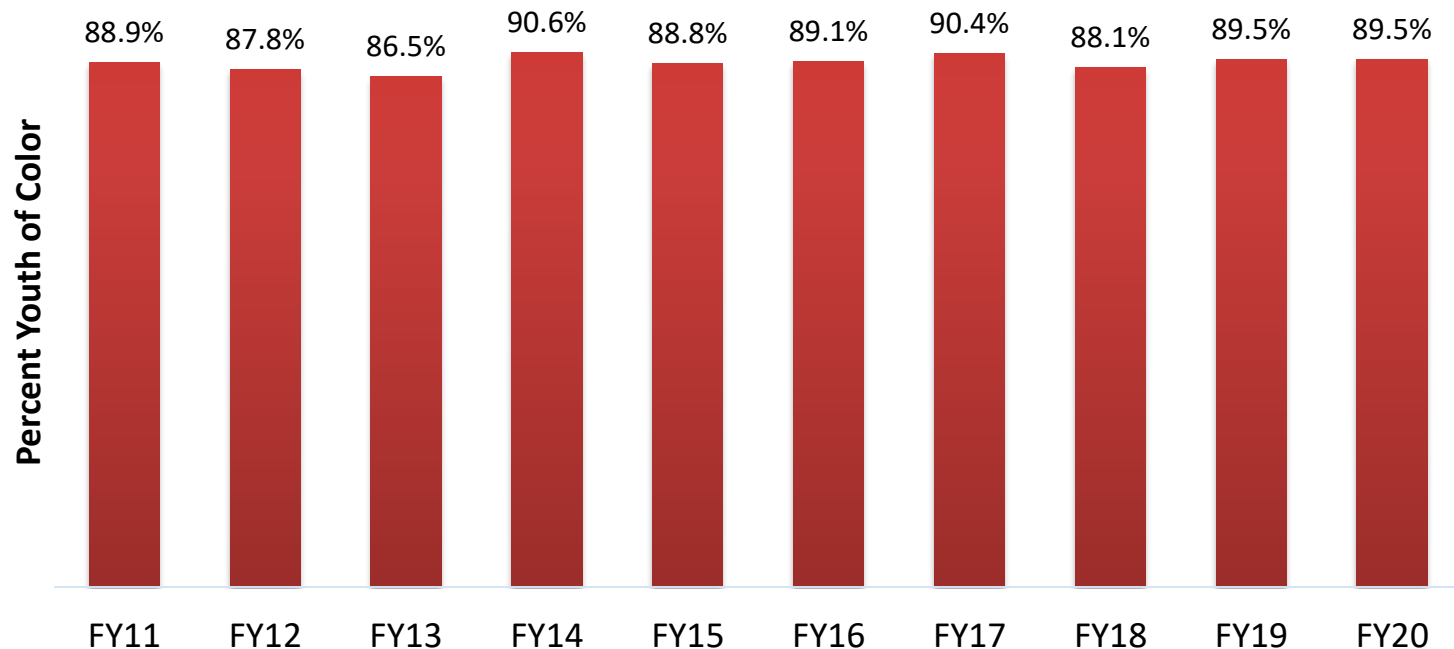
# Metro Region Juvenile Complaints Have Declined In All Categories

- Metro Region complaints for crimes of violence declined 47% in 10 years.
- Non-violent felony complaints decreased by 56%, and misdemeanors decreased by 71% over 10 years.



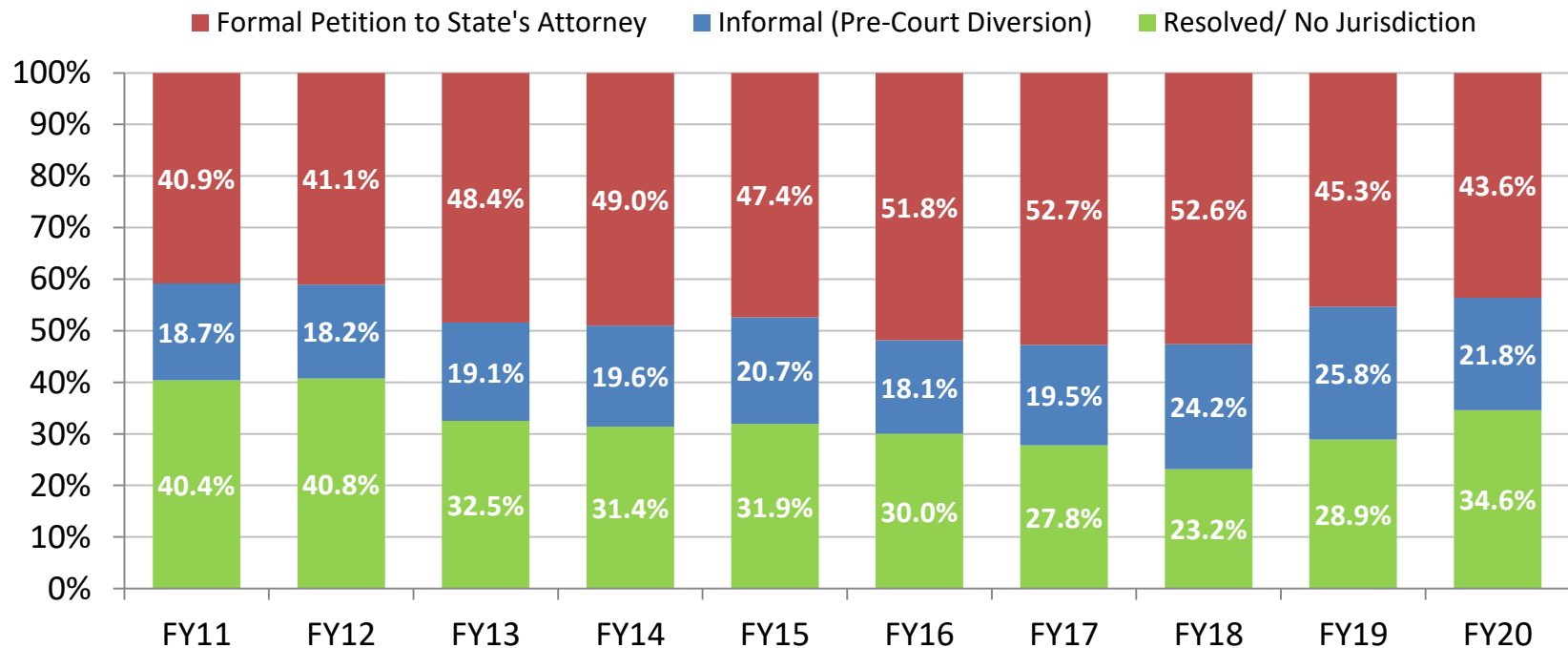
# Youth of Color Are Overrepresented in Metro Region and Statewide Juvenile Complaints

- Youth of color (YOC) represented 89.5% of Metro Region complaints in FY20, while making up only 76.0% 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.



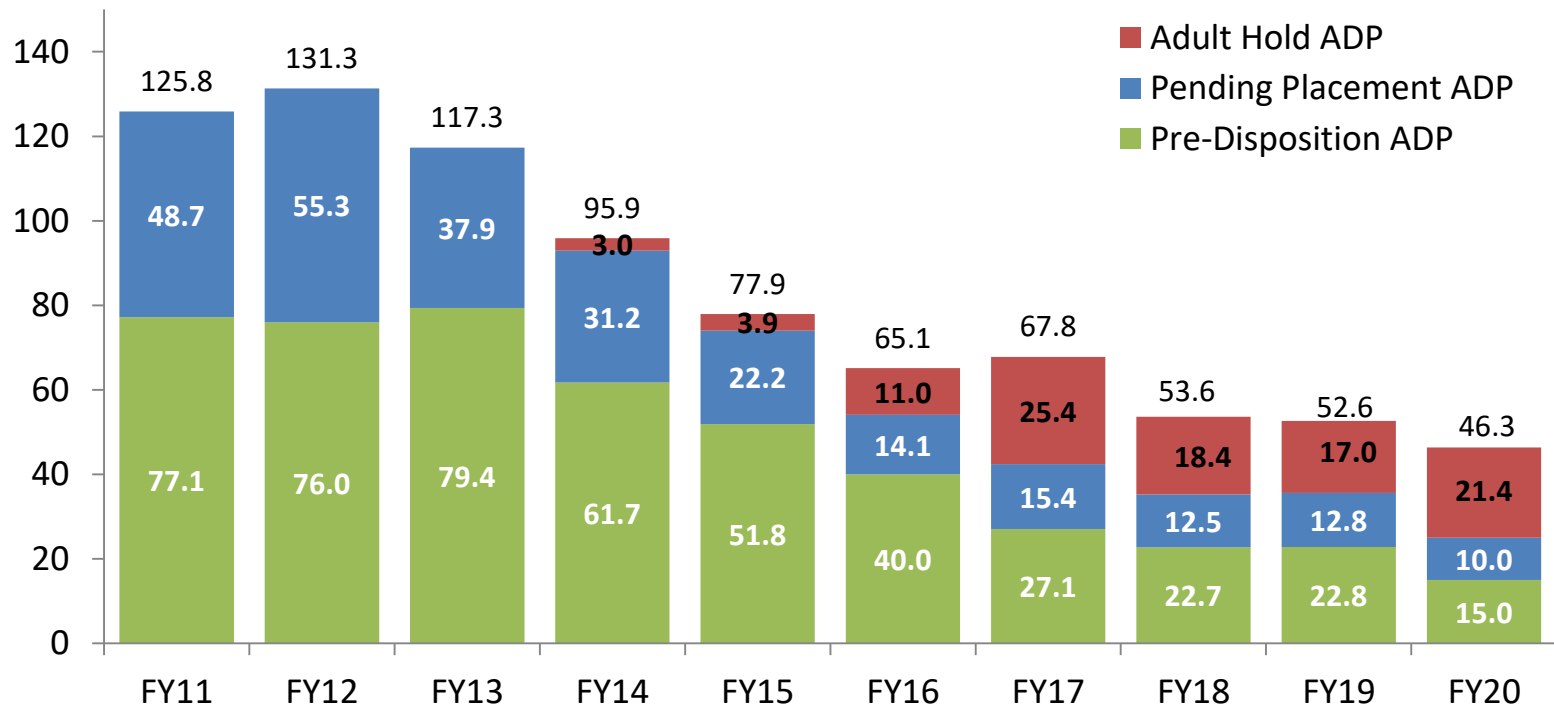
# Percent of Cases Referred to Juvenile Court in Metro Region has Decreased in Recent Years

- 43.6% of Metro Region complaints were referred to court by DJS Intake in FY20, 2.7 percentage points more than in FY11. Statewide, 38.9% were referred to court.
- 21.8% of Metro Region complaints were diverted to an informal DJS pre-court case. Statewide 13.4% were diverted.



# Metro Region Detention Population Has Declined Significantly

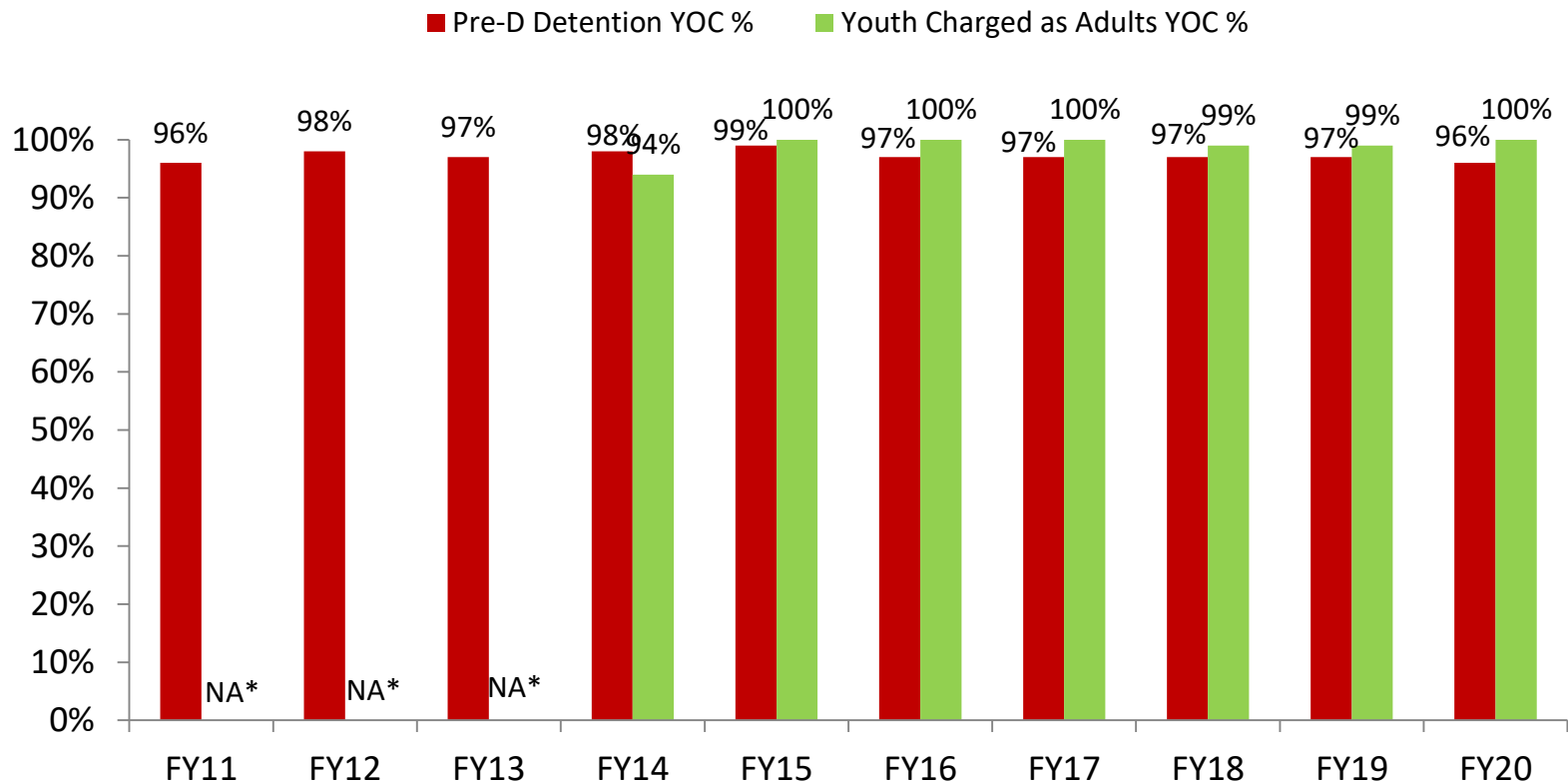
- Metro Region daily population in DJS detention declined 63.2% in 10 years, to 46.3 in FY20. The statewide detention population declined 44.3% over the same period.
- Cases detained for the adult court made up 46.2% of the DJS-detained population in Metro Region in FY20.





# Youth of Color Represent Majority of Detention ADP in Metro Region

- Youth of color in Pre-D detention and youth charged as adults remained relatively stable as a proportion of detention ADP.

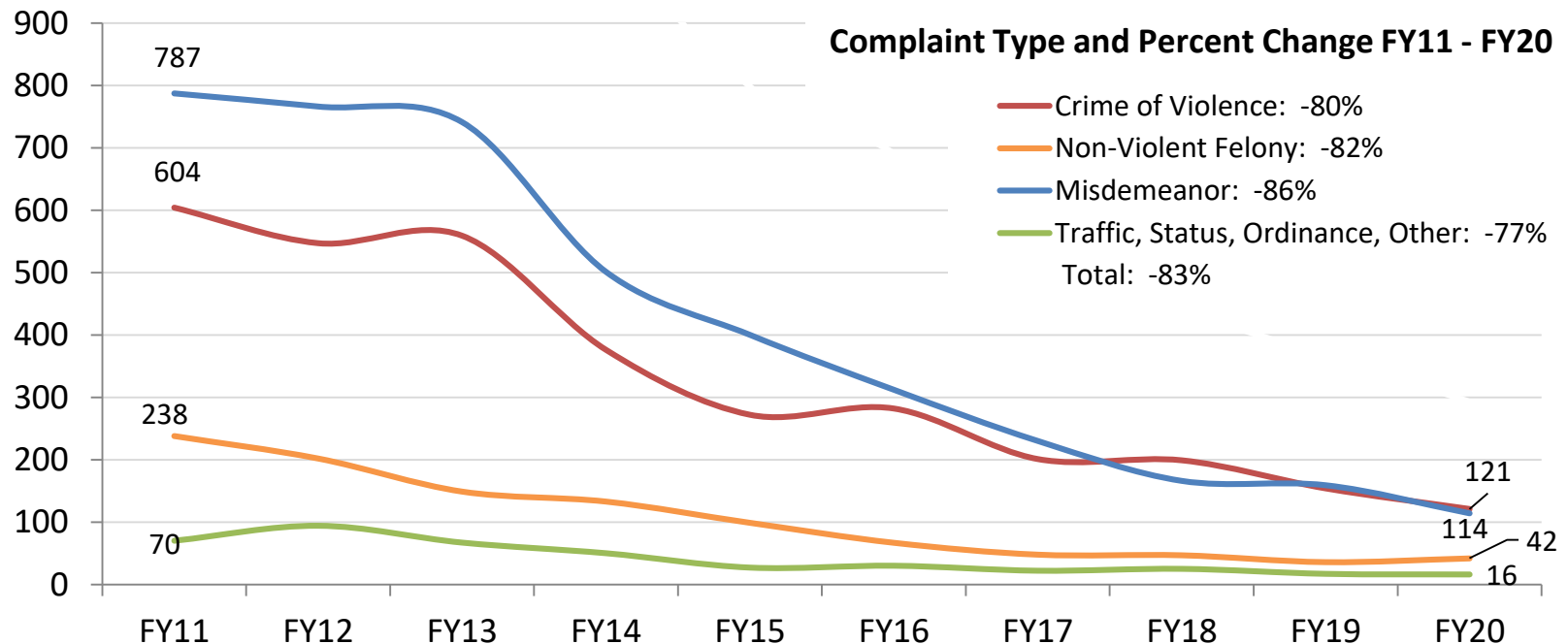


\* Youth charged as adult detention data are not available prior to FY2014

# Metro Region Pre-D Detention Admissions\* Have Decreased for All Complaint Types

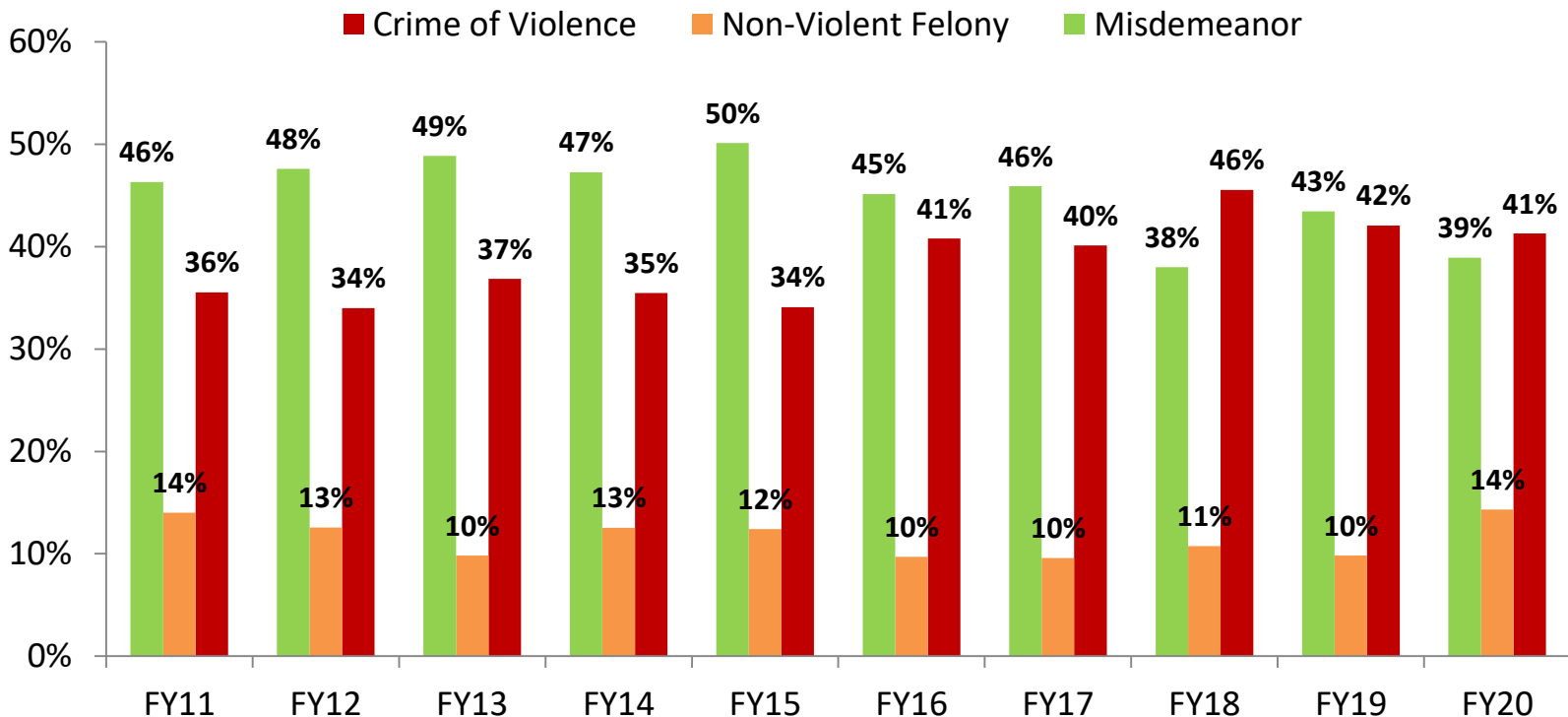
- The proportion of youth detained pending disposition for misdemeanors has decreased 86% over 10 years.
- The proportion of youth detained pending disposition for crimes of violence has decreased 80% over 10 years.

**Pre-D Detention Admissions by Complaint Type**



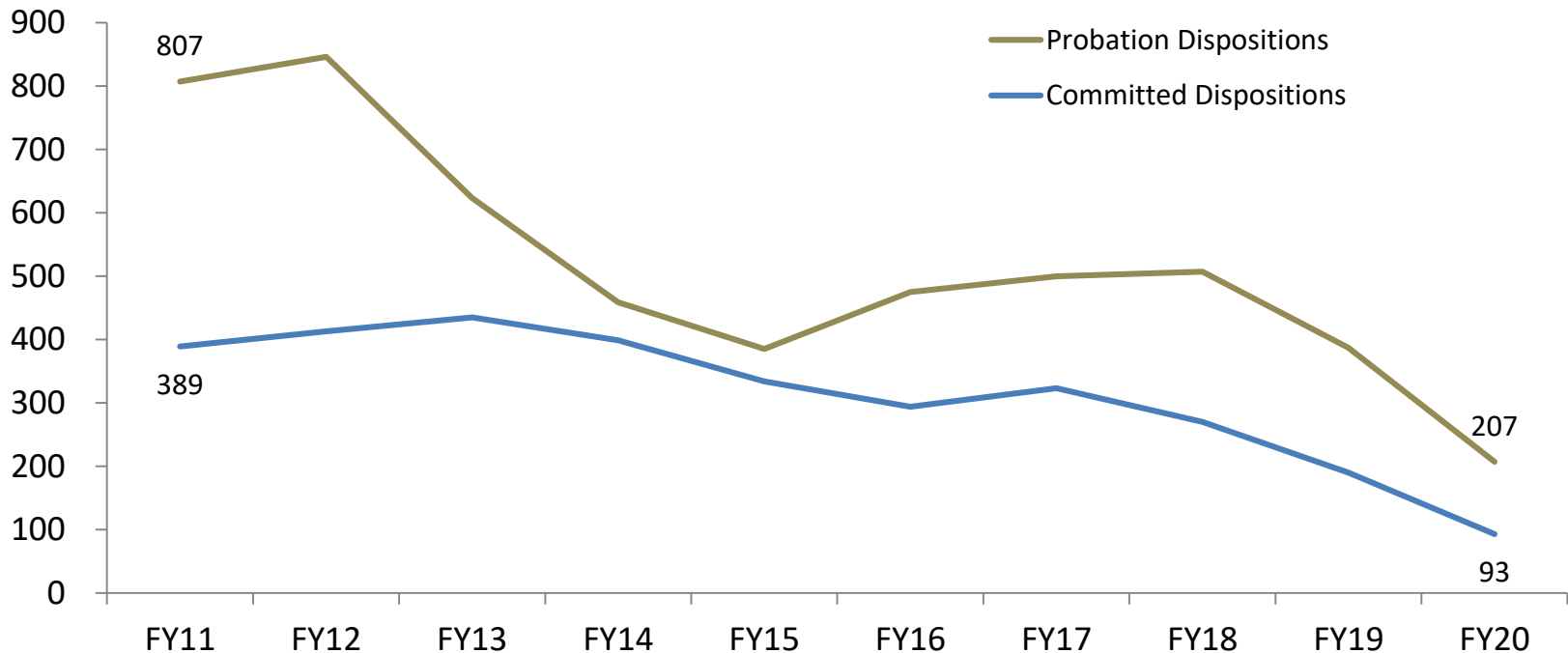
# Youth Detained for Violent Offenses Represent Greatest Share of Pre-D Detention Population\*

- Pre-D detention for violent crimes increased 5 percentage points from FY11 to FY20, while pre-D detention for misdemeanors decreased during the same period.
- These are positive trends, as detention should be used only for the most serious cases.



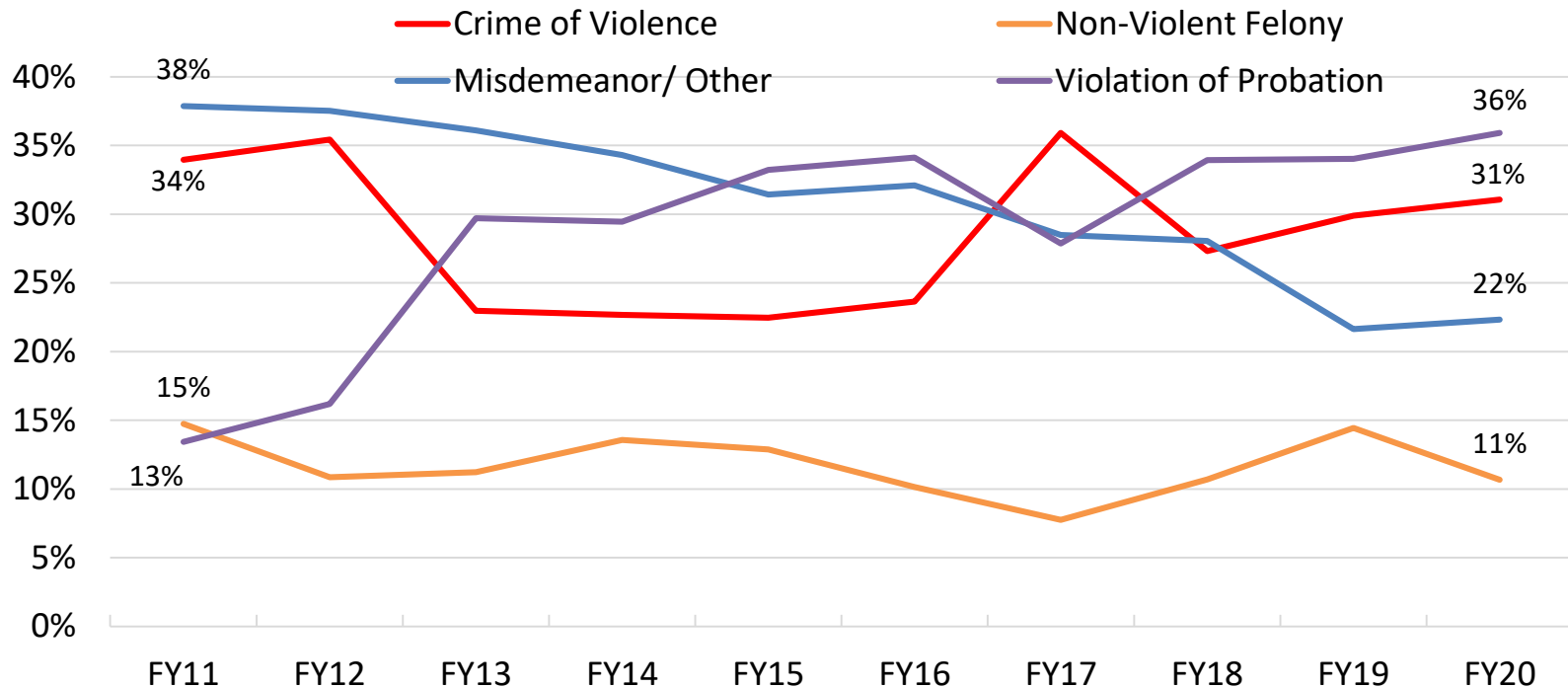
# Juvenile Probation and Commitment Orders\* Have Declined

- Metro Region Juvenile probation dispositions declined 74.3% in 10 years. Statewide probation dispositions declined 73.5% over the same period.
- Metro Region juvenile committed dispositions declined 76.1% in 10 years. Statewide commitments declined 76.2% over the same period.



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

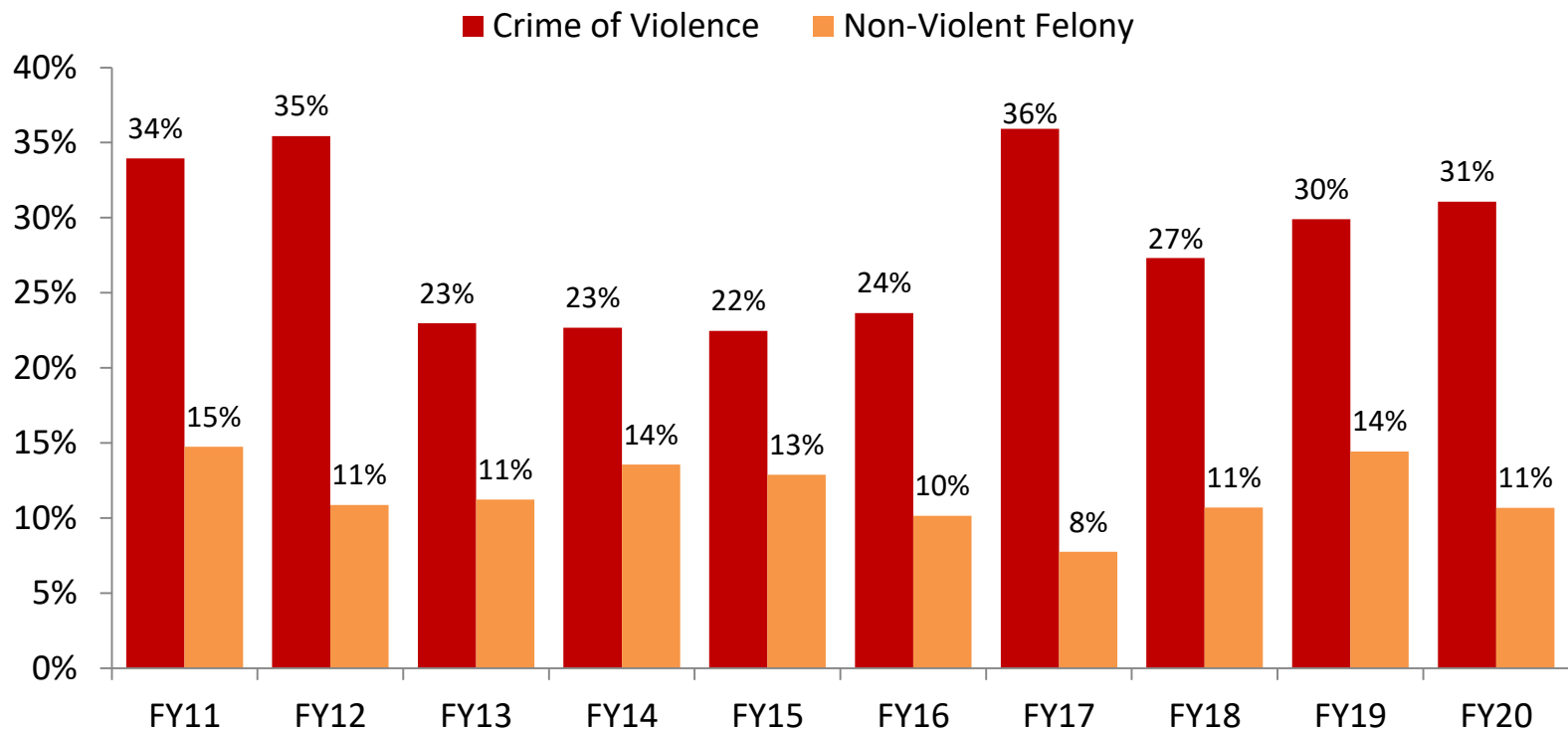
- The proportion of committed dispositions that were for misdemeanor and other low-level offenses declined by 16 percentage points over 10 years.
- The proportion of committed dispositions that were for violations of probation has increased by 23 percentage points over 10 years.



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

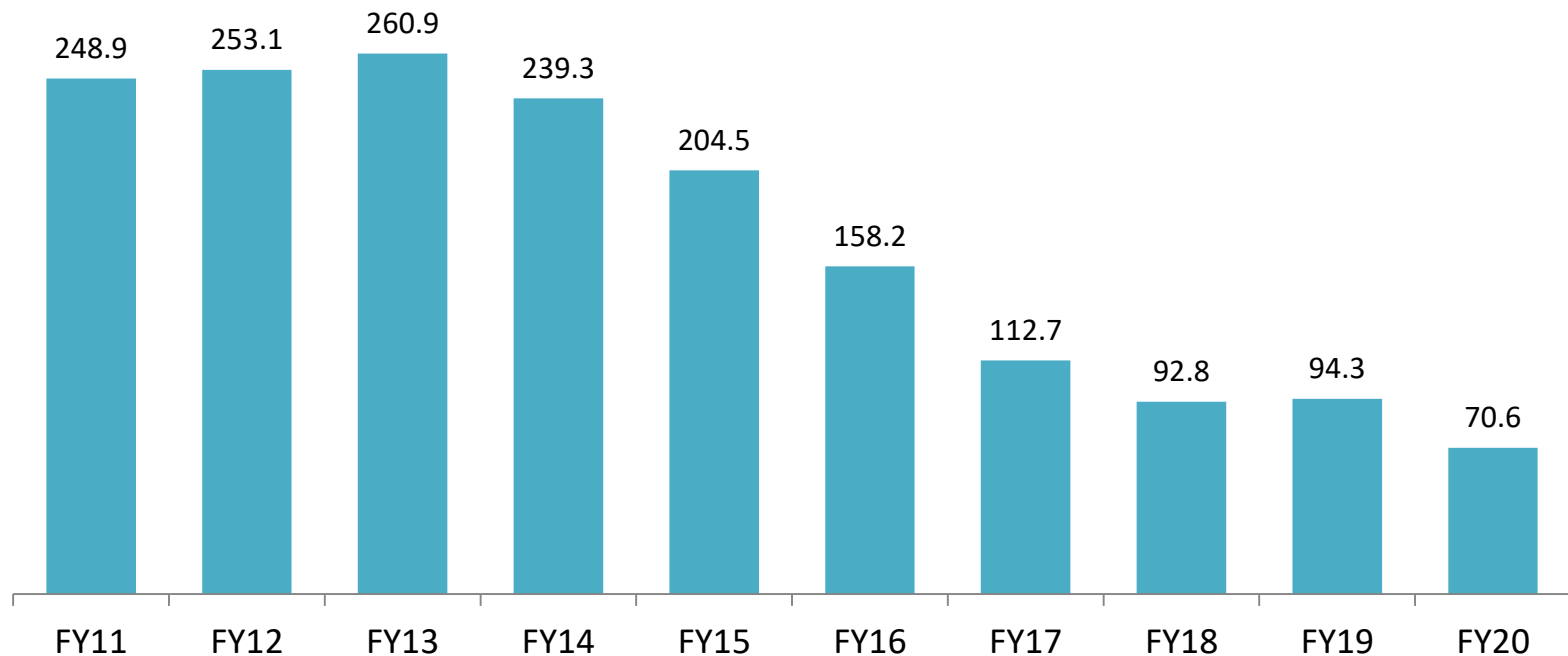
- Crimes of Violence made up nearly a third (31%) of committed dispositions in FY20 in the Metro Region, 2 percentage points above the 10-year average of 29.
- Non-Violent Felonies have decreased in the past year as a proportion of committed dispositions, and the rate is down 4 percentage points from FY11.



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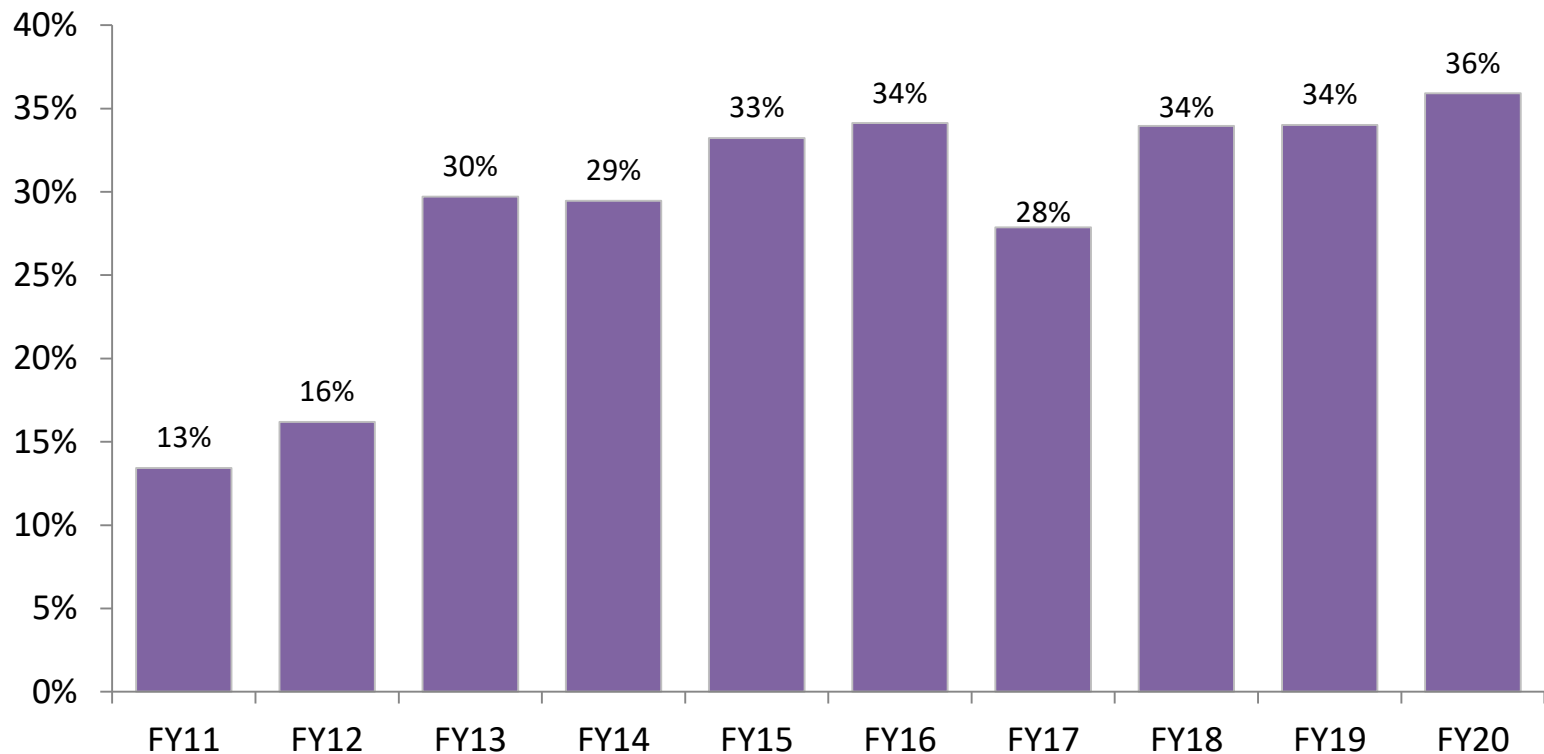
# Average Committed Out-of-Home Population Has Declined Significantly in the Metro Region

- The average daily population of Metro Region youth committed by the juvenile court to out-of-home placement declined 71.6% over 10 years, from 248.9 in FY11 to 70.6 in FY20.
- Statewide average committed population declined 66.3% over the same period.



# The Proportion of Juveniles Committed\* for Violations of Probation Has Increased

- The proportion of committed dispositions that were for violations of probation increased by 23 percentage points over 10 years.

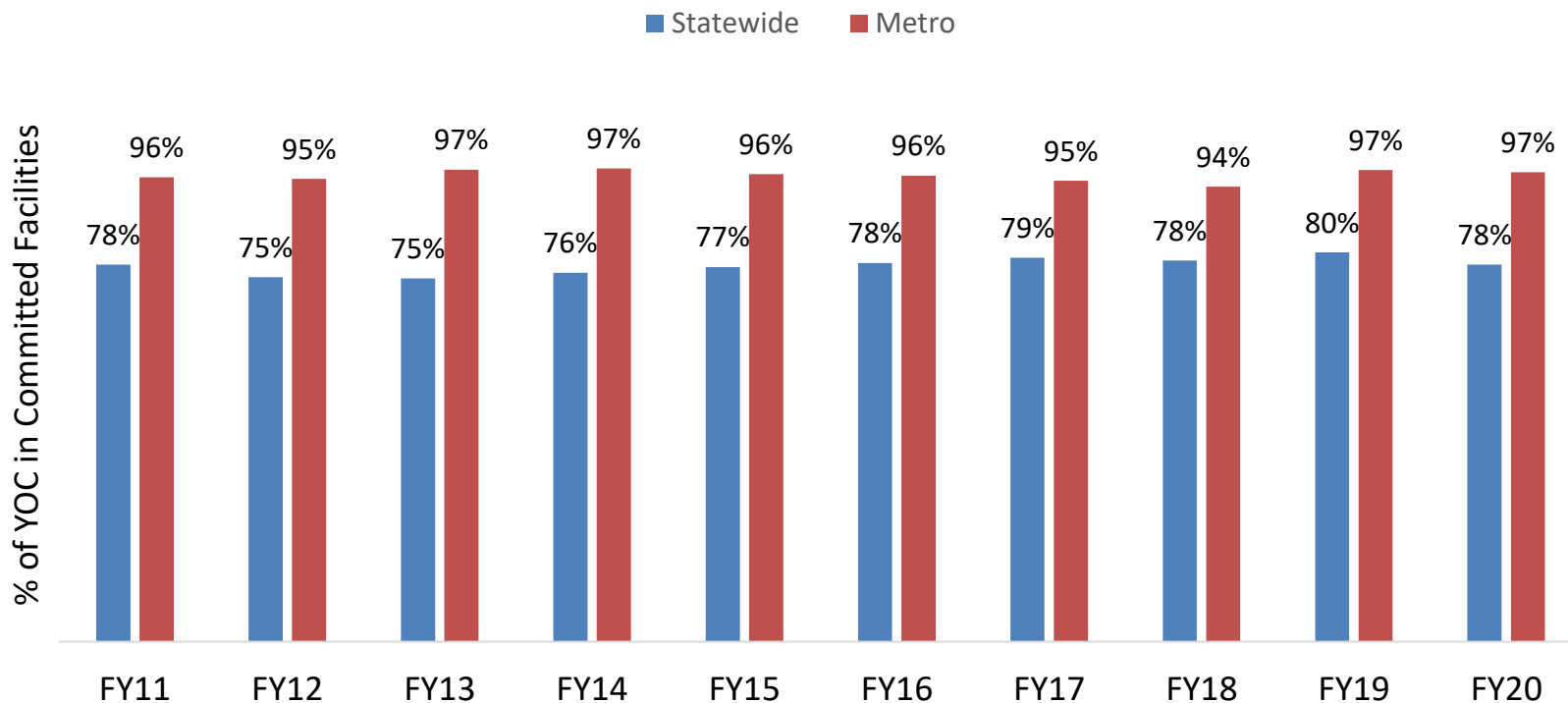


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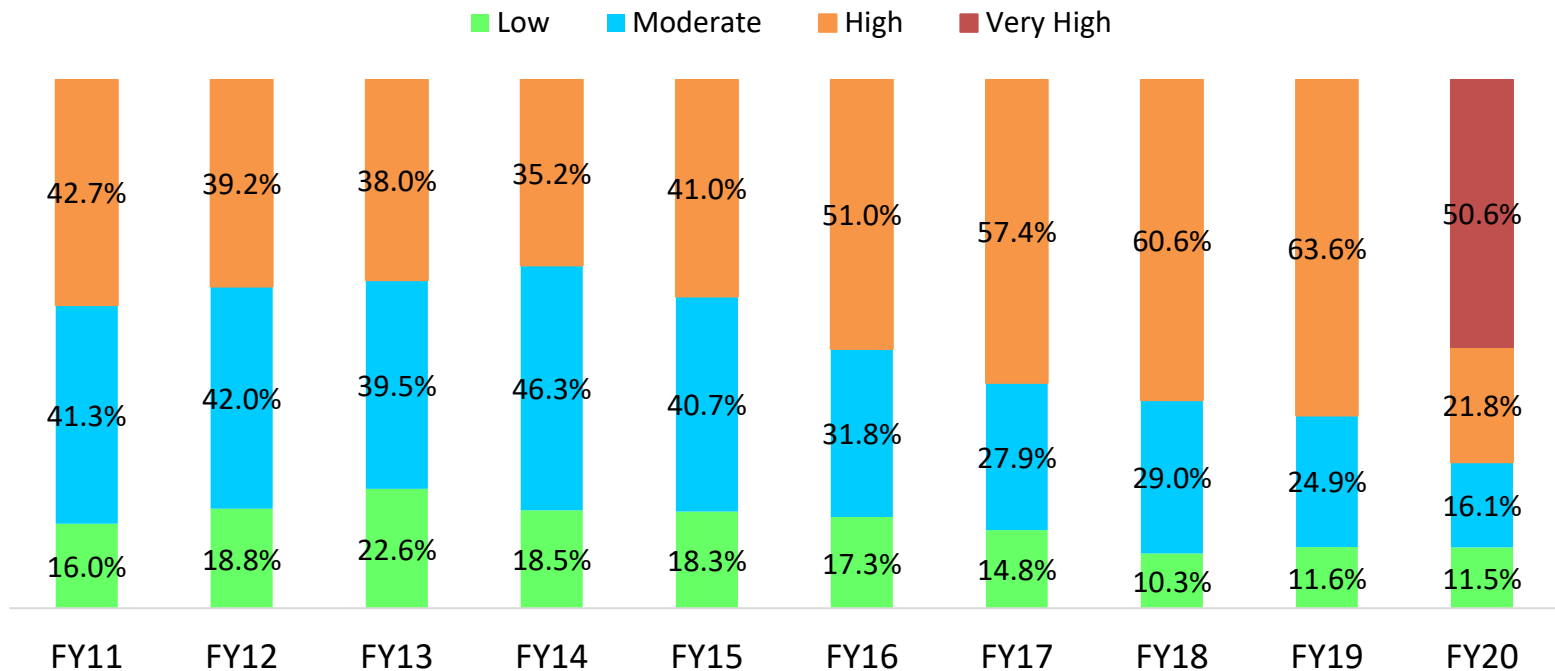
# Proportion of Youth of Color Mostly Flat in Commitment Facilities

- The proportion of committed youth from the Metro Region who are youth of color has remained above 95% across the 10-year period spanning FY11 to FY20.



# Most Committed Placements Demonstrate High Risk of Recidivism

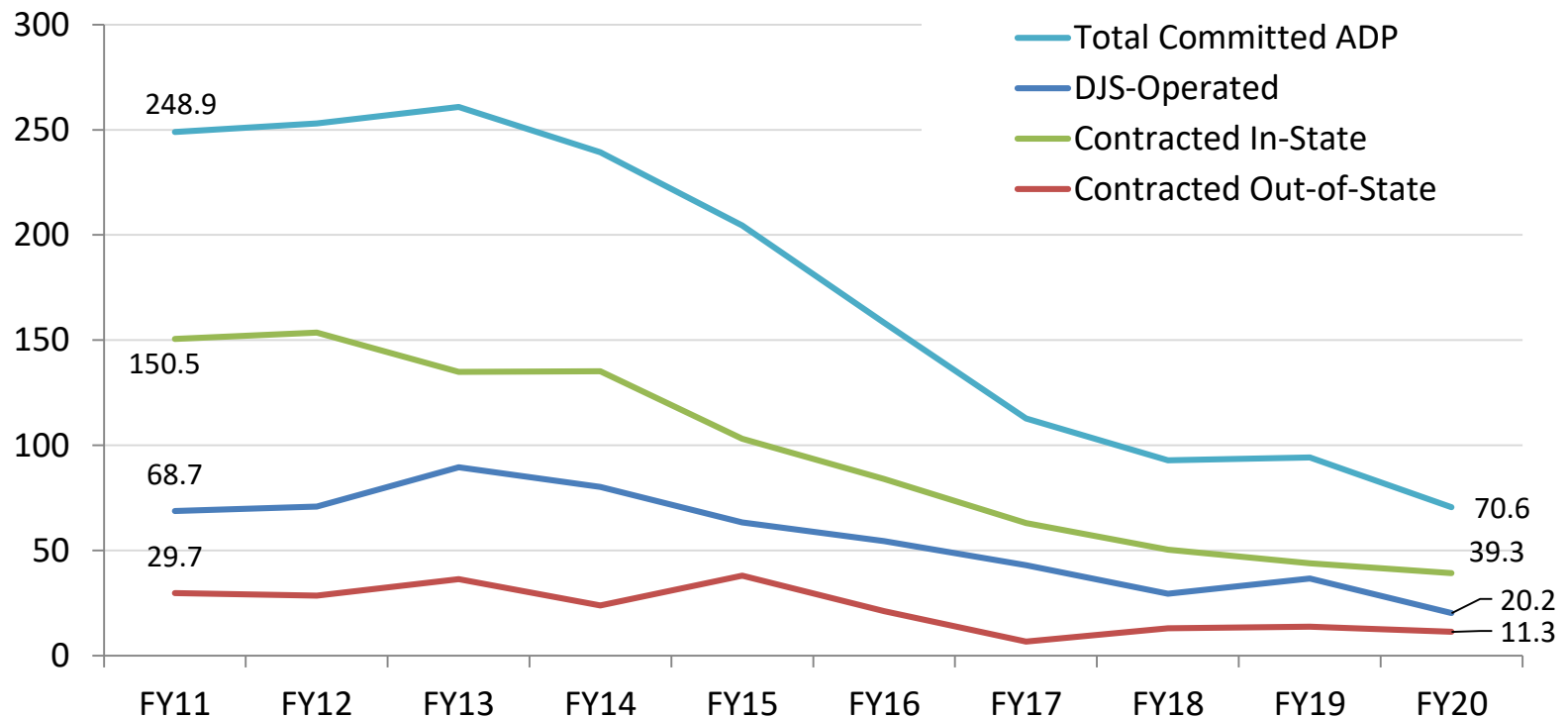
- Consistently since FY16, more than half of committed placements from the Metro Region had an assessed Maryland Comprehensive Assessment and Service Planning (MCASP) Risk Level of High or Very High.
- In FY20, more than 72% of committed placements were at High or Very High risk.



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

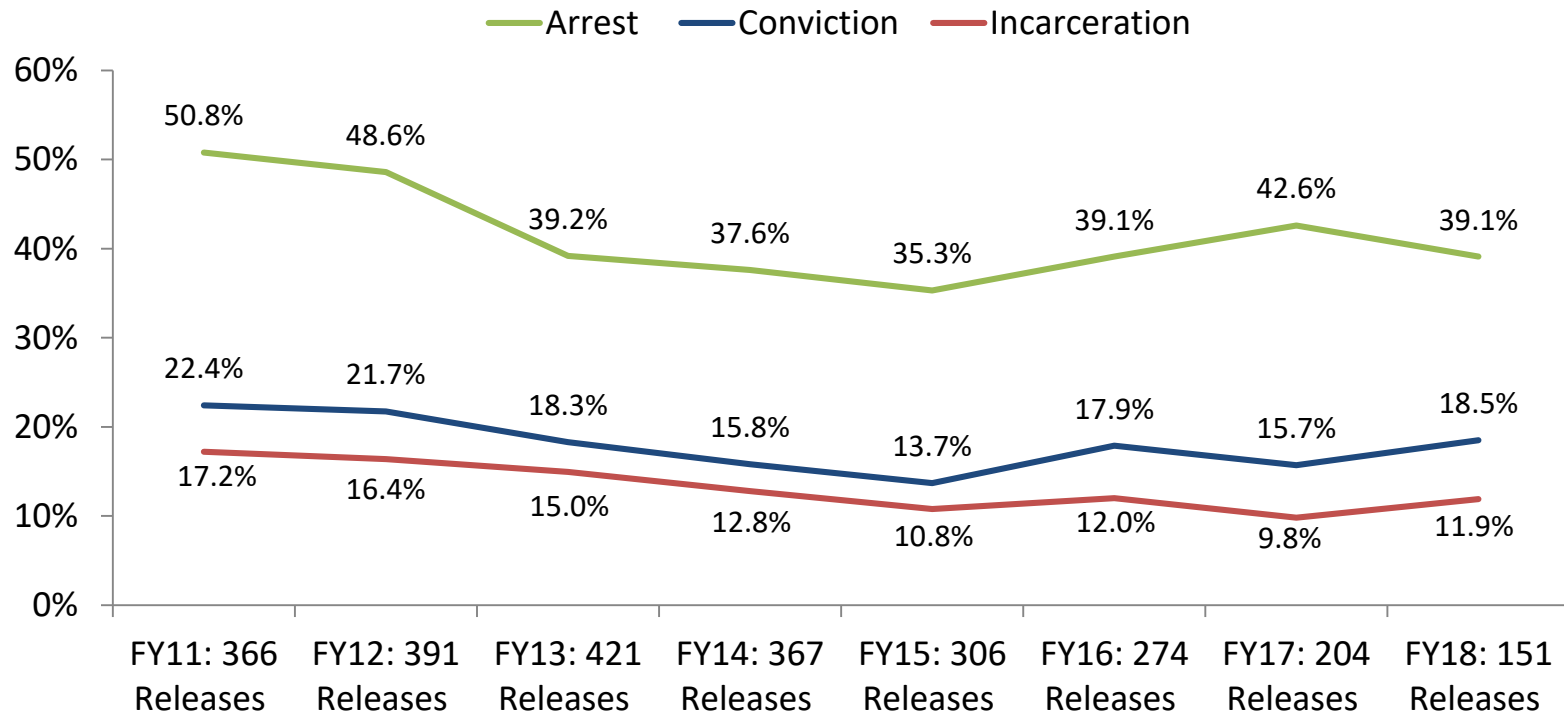
# Metro Region Committed Youth Population Has Declined for All Facility Types

- Overall committed out-of-home population has declined 71.6% since FY11.
- DJS-Operated ADP decreased 70.6%, and Private In-State has declined 73.9%.
- Out-of-State committed average population declined 62.0% over 10 years.



# All Measures of Recidivism\* Have Declined Recently

- Since FY11, the rate of new arrests (juvenile or adult) one year from release declined 11.7 percentage points in the Metro Region.
- New resulting delinquent adjudications or convictions declined 3.9 percentage points, and new commitments or incarcerations declined 5.3 percentage points.

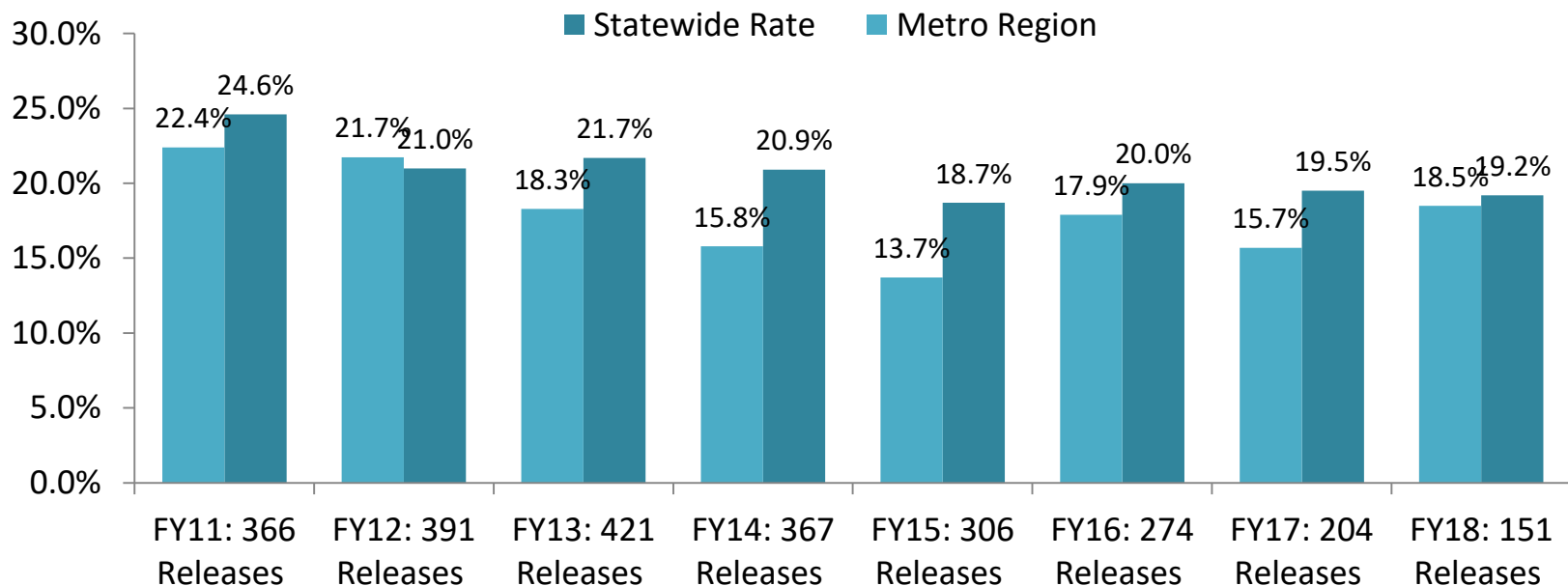


# Recidivism Rates\* for Metro Region DJS

## Committed Youth Decreased In The Last Year

- 18.5% of Metro Region youth released from committed placement in FY18 had a new offense within a year that resulted in a delinquent adjudication or criminal conviction, a decrease of 3.9 percentage points from FY11 and an increase of 2.8 points since FY17.
- The Statewide rate was 19.2% for FY18, down 0.3 percentage points from FY17 and down 5.4 points since FY11.

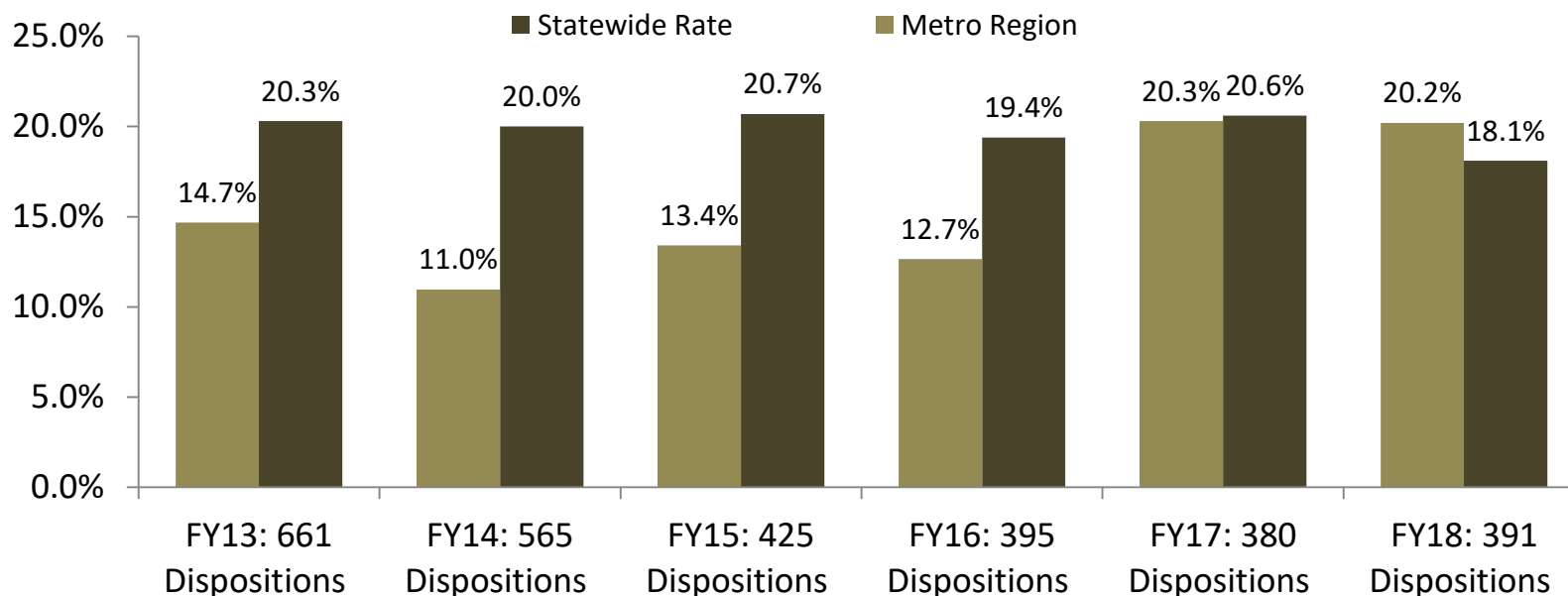
**One-Year Re-Adjudication/Conviction Rate for All Committed Programs**



# Recidivism Rates\* for Metro Region DJS Probation Youth Are Flat Since the Past Year

- 20.2% of Metro Region youth placed on probation in FY18 had a new offense within a year that resulted in a delinquent adjudication or criminal conviction, a decrease of 0.1 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**



\* Maryland publishes re-conviction rates with a two-year lag to allow enough time to account for often lengthy court processing. Data begin in 2013 due to a methodology change.