



# Prince George's County Juvenile Services Long Term Trends

## FY 2012 - FY 2021

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# Regional Restructuring and Trend Data

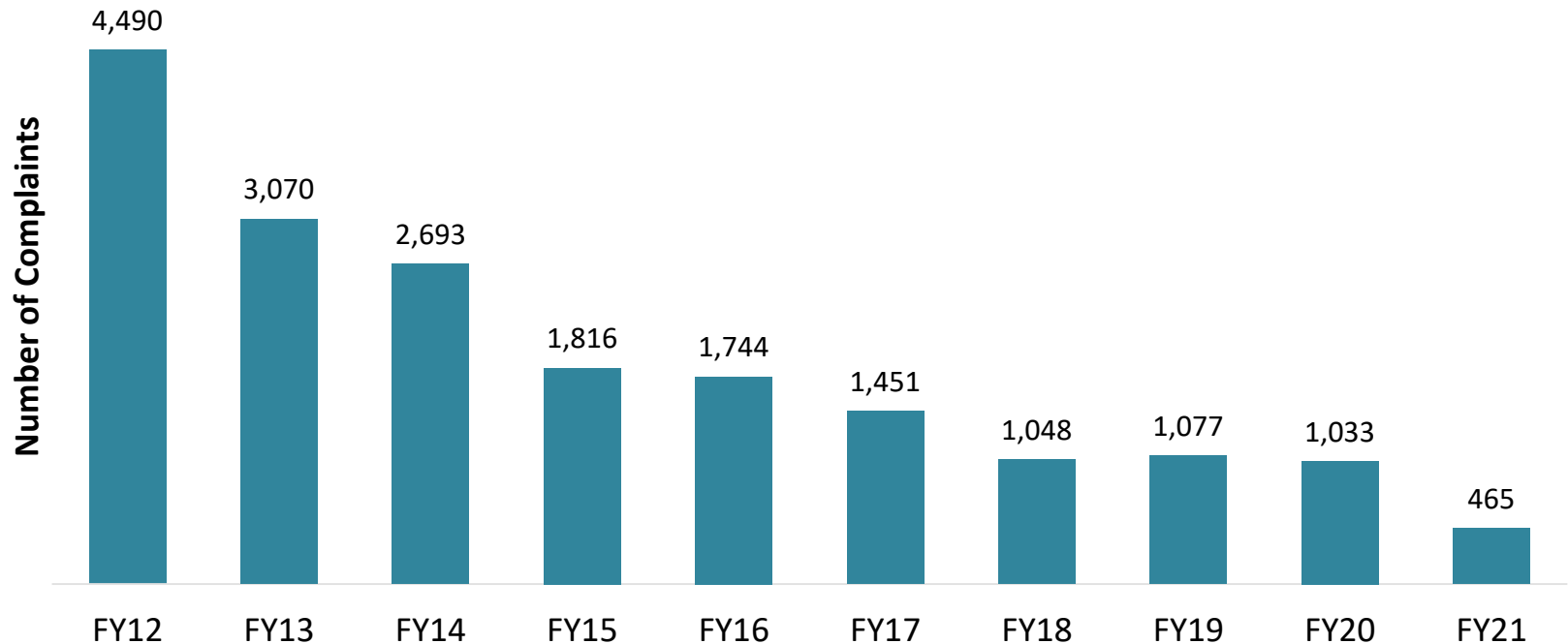
- On July 1, 2021, DJS restructured its regional community structure to align directly with the Maryland Judicial Circuits, moving from six operational regions to eight. All trends data for past years have been aggregated to align with this new structure.
- The new regional structure is as follows:
  - Region 1: Dorchester, Somerset, Wicomico, and Worcester counties
  - Region 2: Caroline, Cecil, Kent, Queen Anne’s and Talbot counties
  - Region 3: Baltimore and Harford counties
  - Region 4: Allegany, Garrett, and Washington counties
  - Region 5: Anne Arundel, Howard, and Carroll counties
  - Region 6: Frederick and Montgomery counties
  - Region 7: Calvert, Charles, St. Mary’s and Prince George’s counties
  - Region 8: Baltimore City

# Trend Data and COVID-19

- The data in this presentation encompass Fiscal Years 2012 through 2021.
- The COVID-19 pandemic impacted the data for FY 2020 and FY 2021. 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 and FY 2021 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.

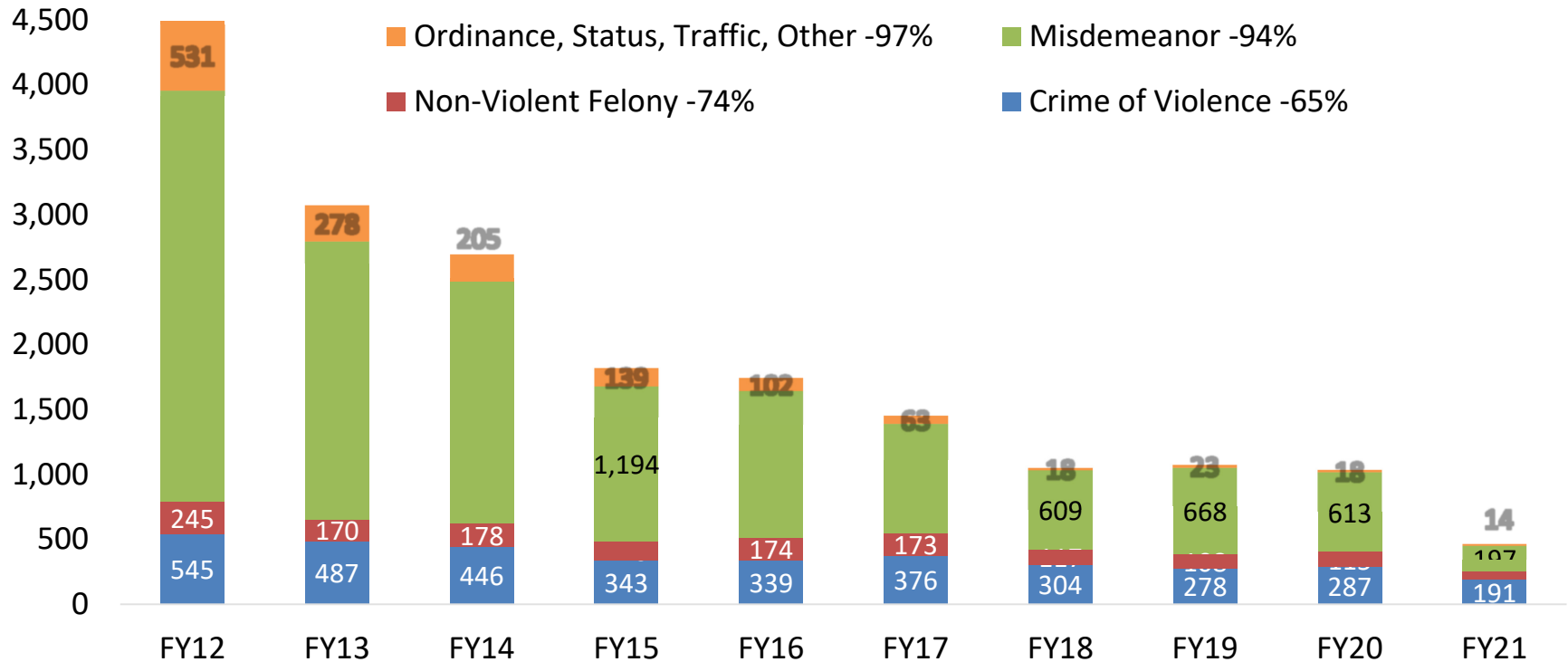
# Prince George's County Juvenile Complaints Down Nearly 90 Percent

- Prince George's County complaints referred to DJS Intake declined 89.7% in 10 years.
- Statewide, complaints declined 78.5% over the same period.



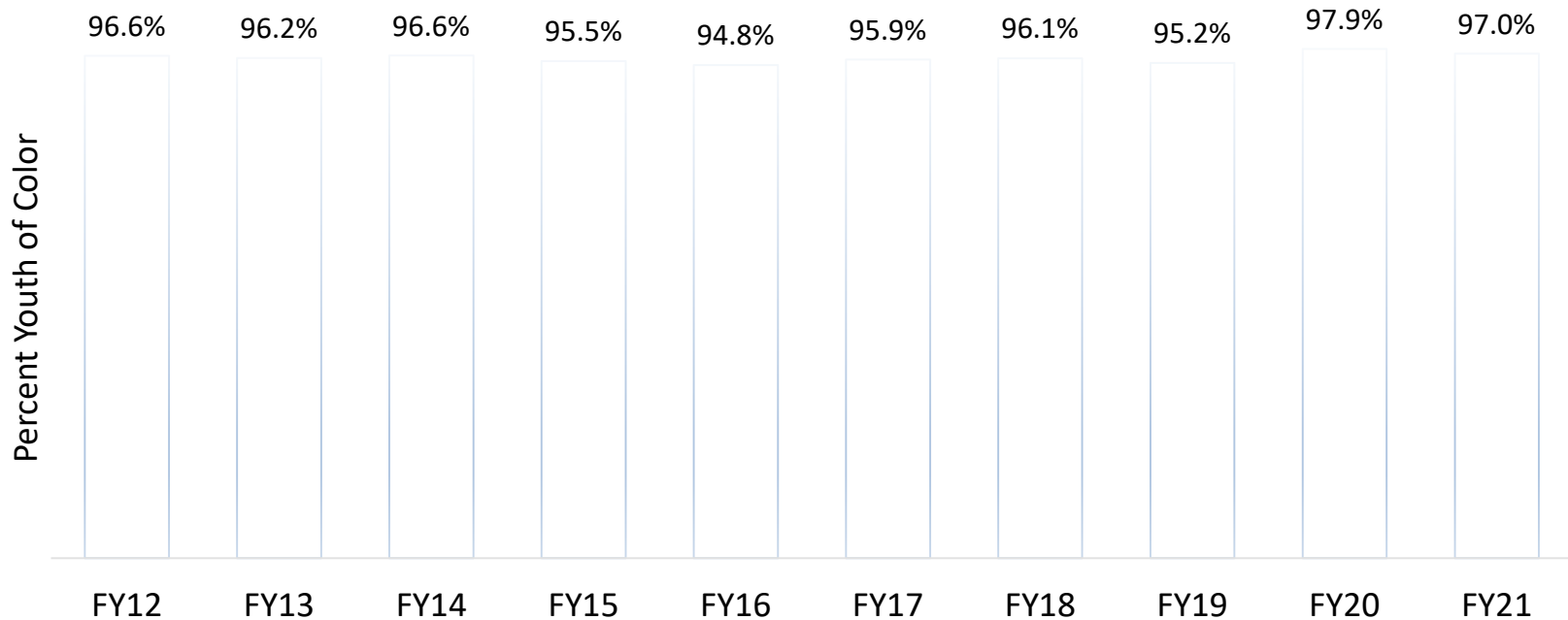
# PG County Juvenile Complaints Down Sharply In All Categories

- Complaints for crimes of violence declined 65% in 10 years.
- Misdemeanor complaints decreased by 94%, and non-violent felonies dropped 74% over 10 years.



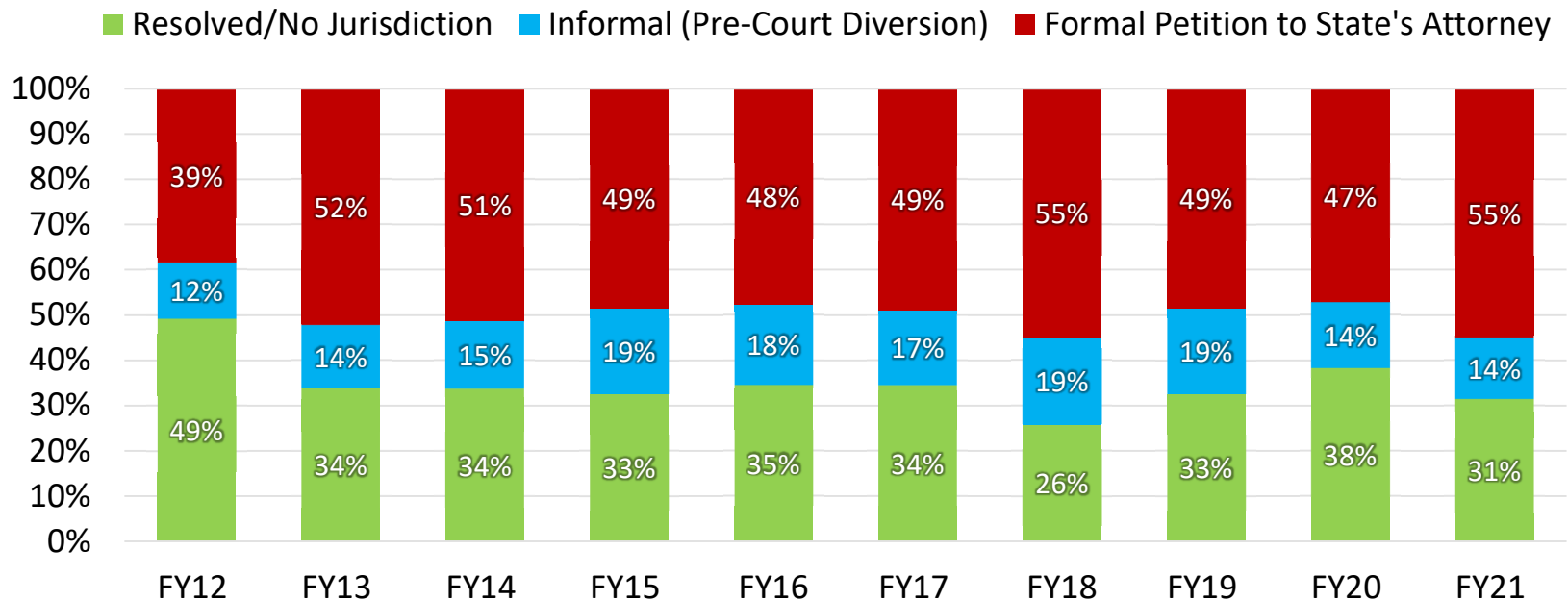
# Youth of Color Account For Most Juvenile Complaints in PG County

- In FY21, youth of color represented 97% of overall complaints in Prince George’s County. Statewide, the rate was 67%.
- In FY21, youth of color represented 96.9% of the youth population (ages 11-17) in Prince George’s County.



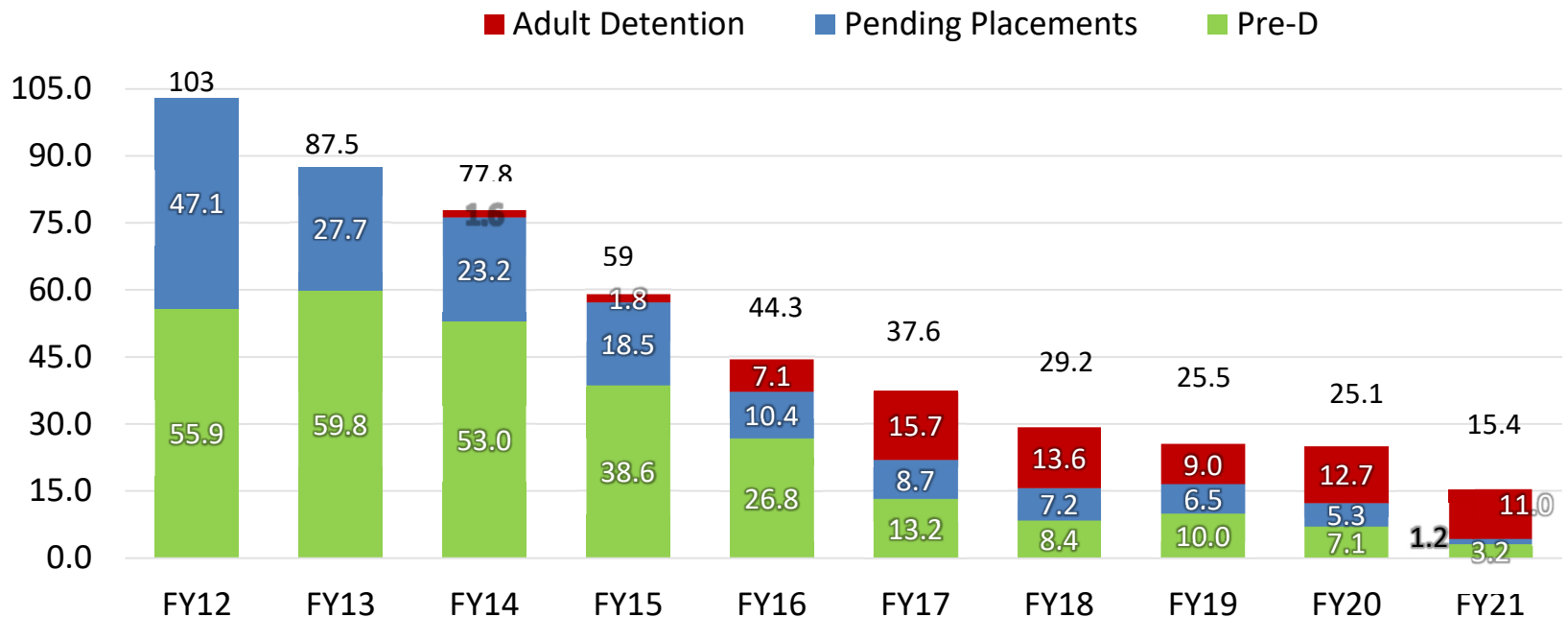
# Rate of PG County Cases Referred to Juvenile Court Increased

- 55% of Prince George's County complaints were referred to court by DJS Intake in FY21, 16 points more than in FY12. Statewide, 41.3% were referred to court.
- 14% of complaints were diverted to an informal DJS pre-court case, and 31% were resolved or determined to have no juvenile court jurisdiction. Statewide, 11.5% were diverted.



# Prince George's County Detention Population Down More Than 80 Percent

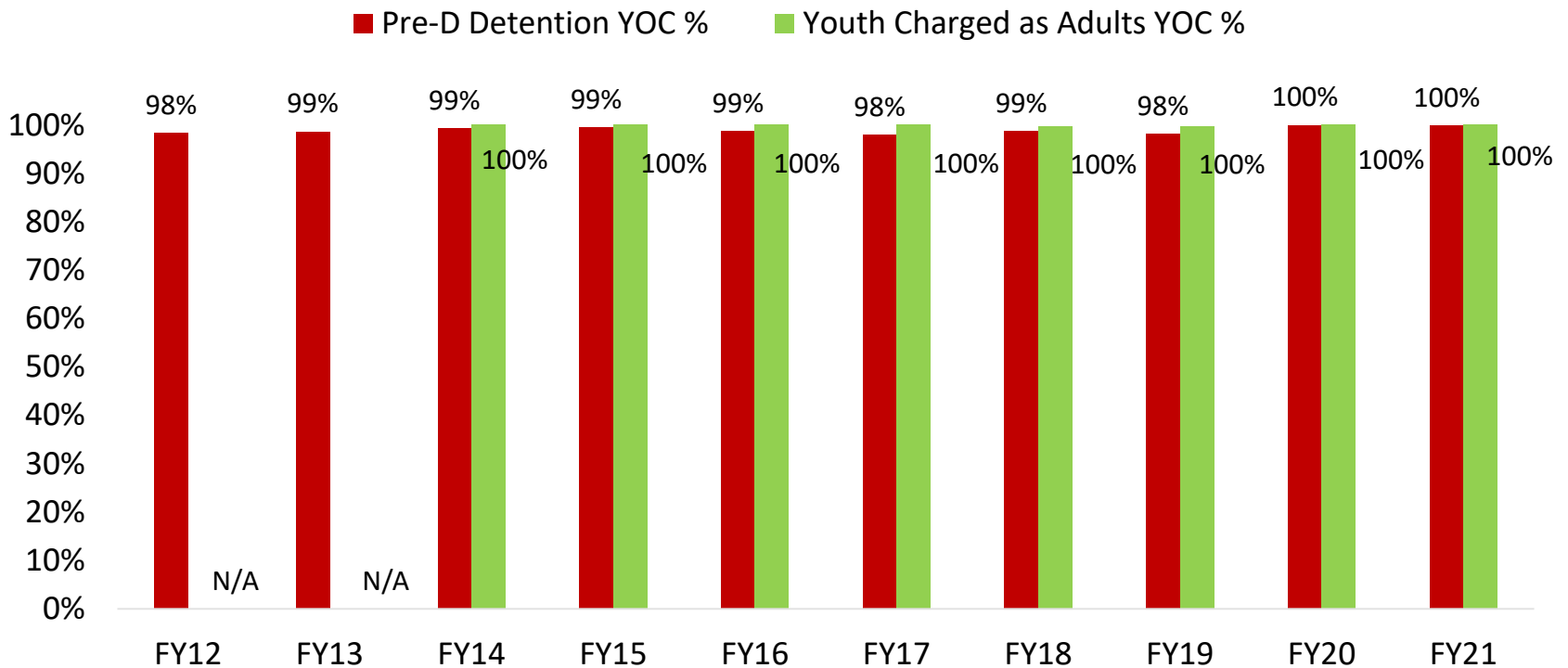
- Prince George's County daily population in DJS detention declined 85.1% in 10 years, to 15.4 in FY21. The statewide detention population fell 35.7% over the same period.
- In FY21, cases detained for the adult court made up 50.5% of the DJS-detained population in Prince George's County.





# Youth of Color Comprised Nearly All of Detention ADP in Prince George's County

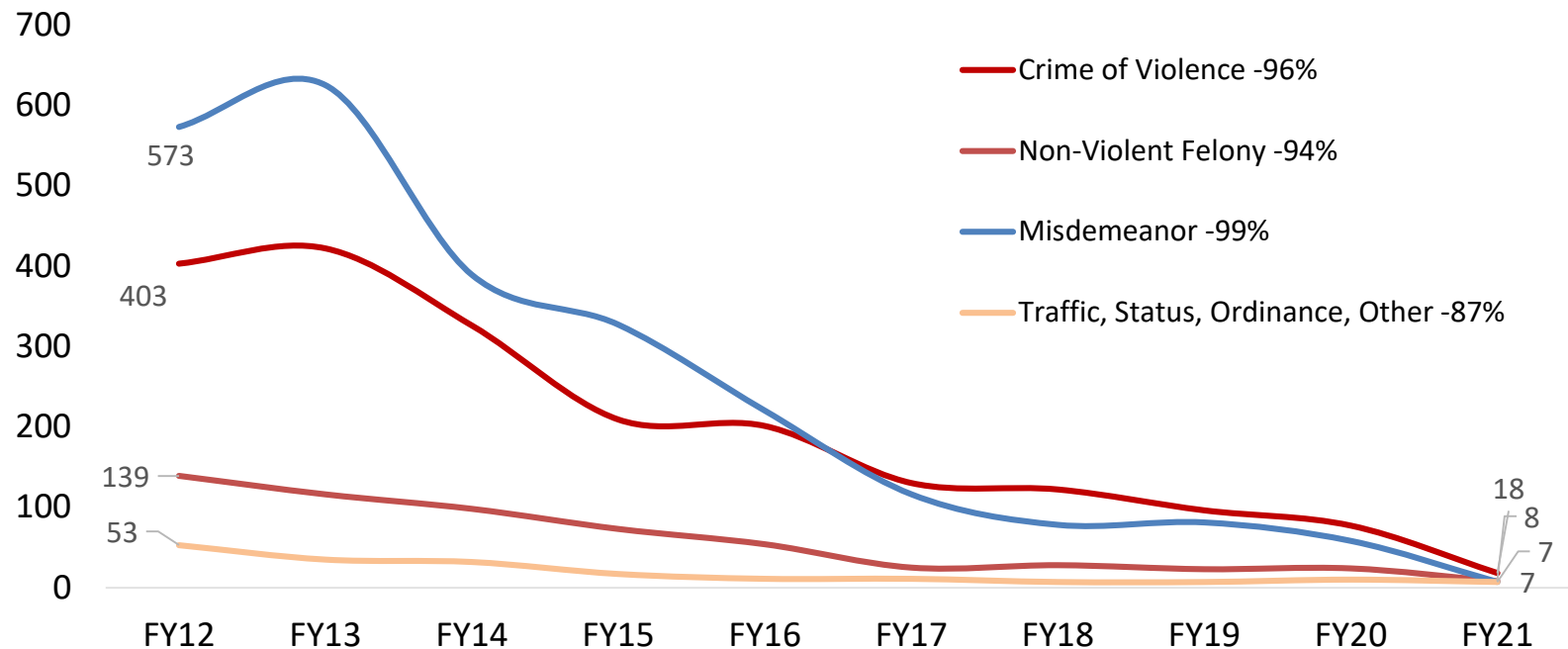
- Youth of color in Pre-D detention and youth charged as adults have comprised nearly all of detention ADP from FY12 to FY21.
- Statewide, YOC accounted for 85% of pre-D detention ADP and 92% of youth charged as adults in FY21.



# Prince George's County Pre-D Detention Admissions Have Decreased for All Complaints

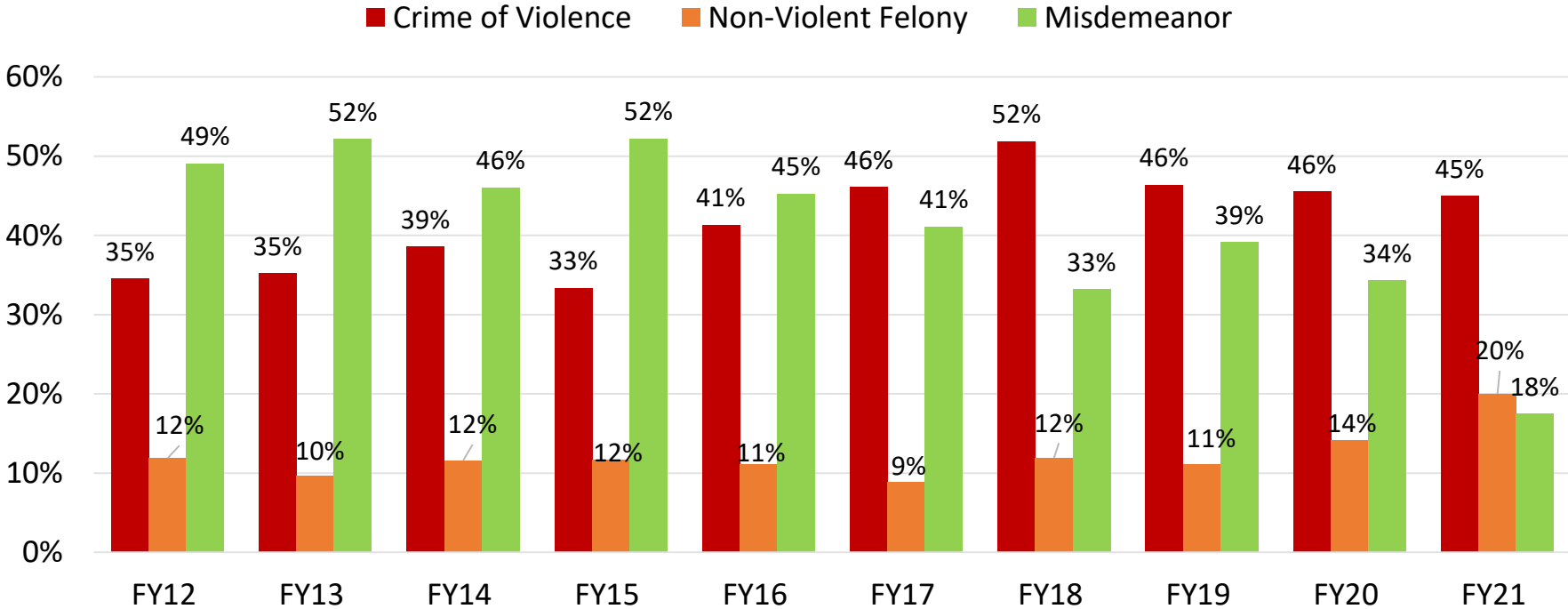
- Youth detained pre-disposition for misdemeanors has decreased 98.8% over 10 years.
- Youth detained for crimes of violence has decreased 95.6% over 10 years.

Pre-D Detention Admissions by Complaint Type, FY12-FY21



# Crimes of Violence Growing as Share of Pre-D Admissions\*

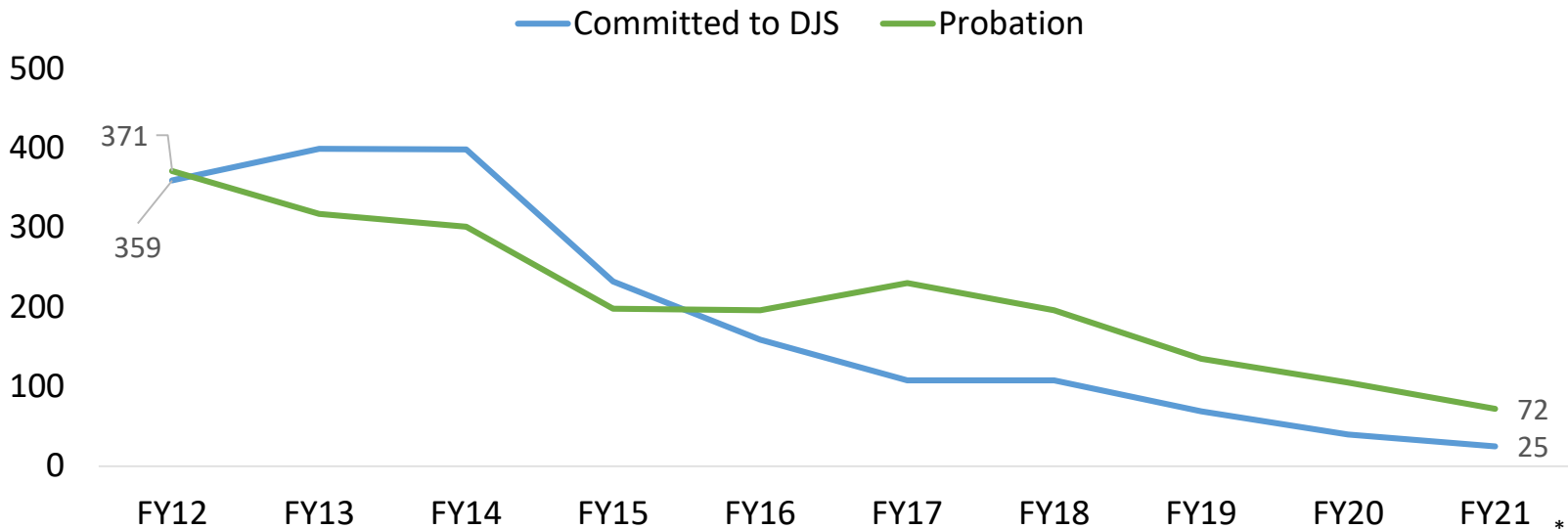
- The proportion of youth detained pre-D for Crimes of Violence increased 10 percentage points over 10 years.
- Pre-D detention for misdemeanors decreased 31 percentage points over 10 years.
- These are positive trends, as detention should be used only for the most serious cases.



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

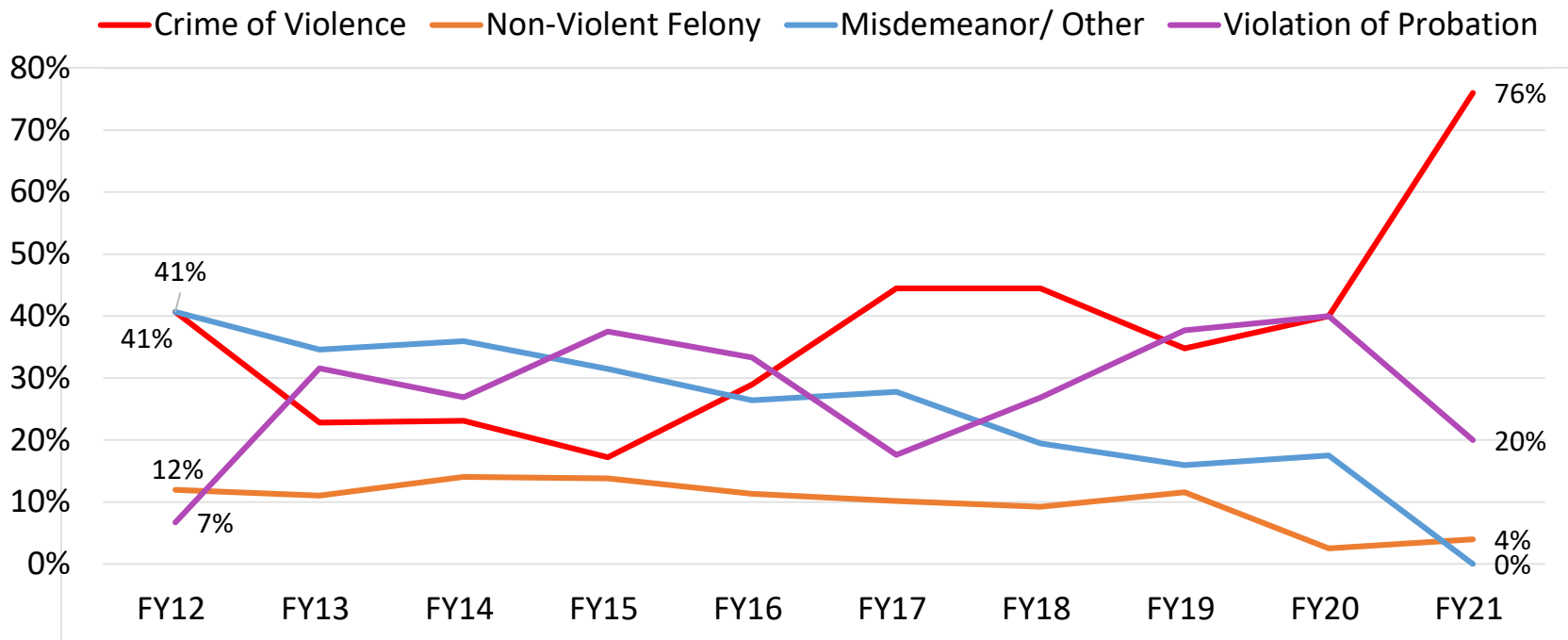
# Probation and Commitment Orders\* Have Declined in PG County

- Prince George's County Juvenile probation orders declined 80%. Statewide, probation orders declined 82.3% over the same period.
- Juvenile commitment orders declined 93% in 10 years. Statewide commitments declined 82.6% over the same period.



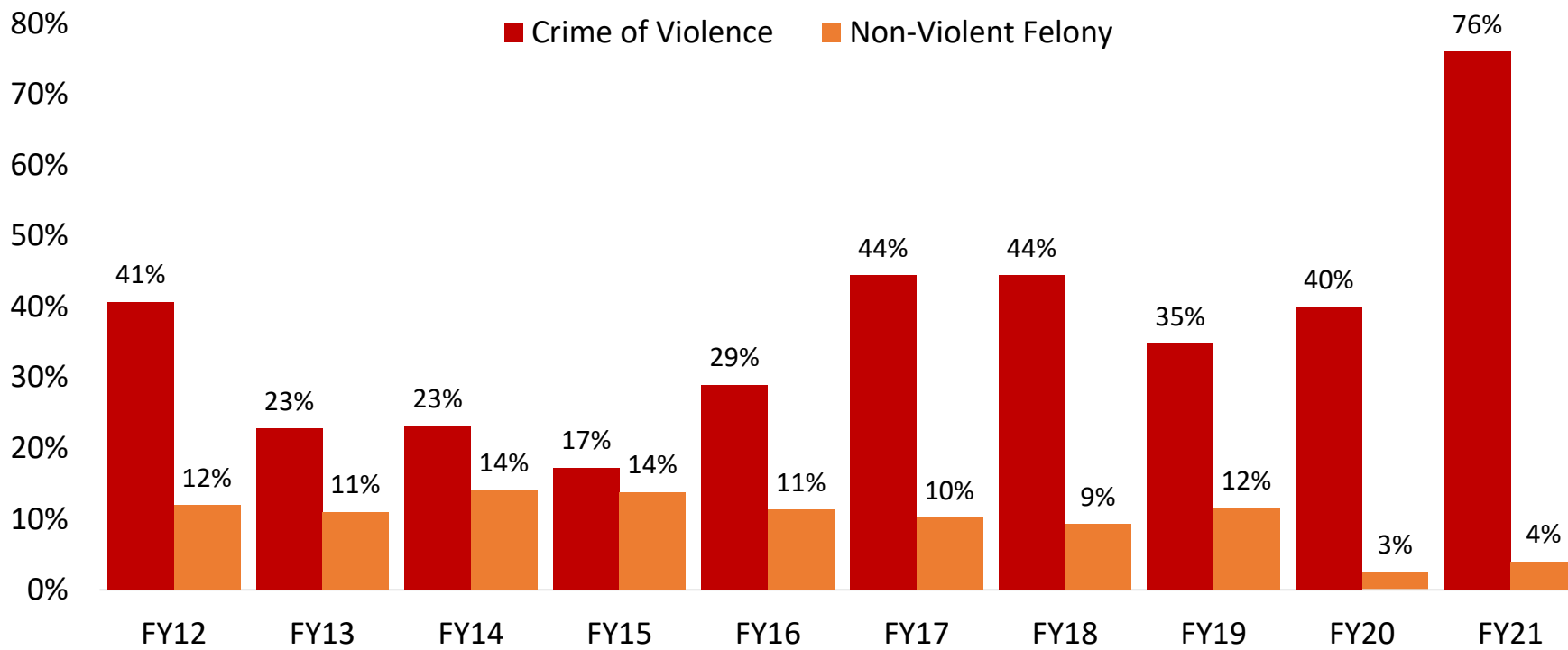
# The Rate of Juveniles Committed\* for Low-Level Offenses Down More Than 40 Percent

- The proportion of committed dispositions for misdemeanor and other low-level offenses declined 41 percentage points over 10 years, while dispositions for crimes of violence increased 35 percentage points over 10 years.
- These are mostly positive trends, as commitment should be used for the most serious offenses, rather than lower-level misdemeanors.



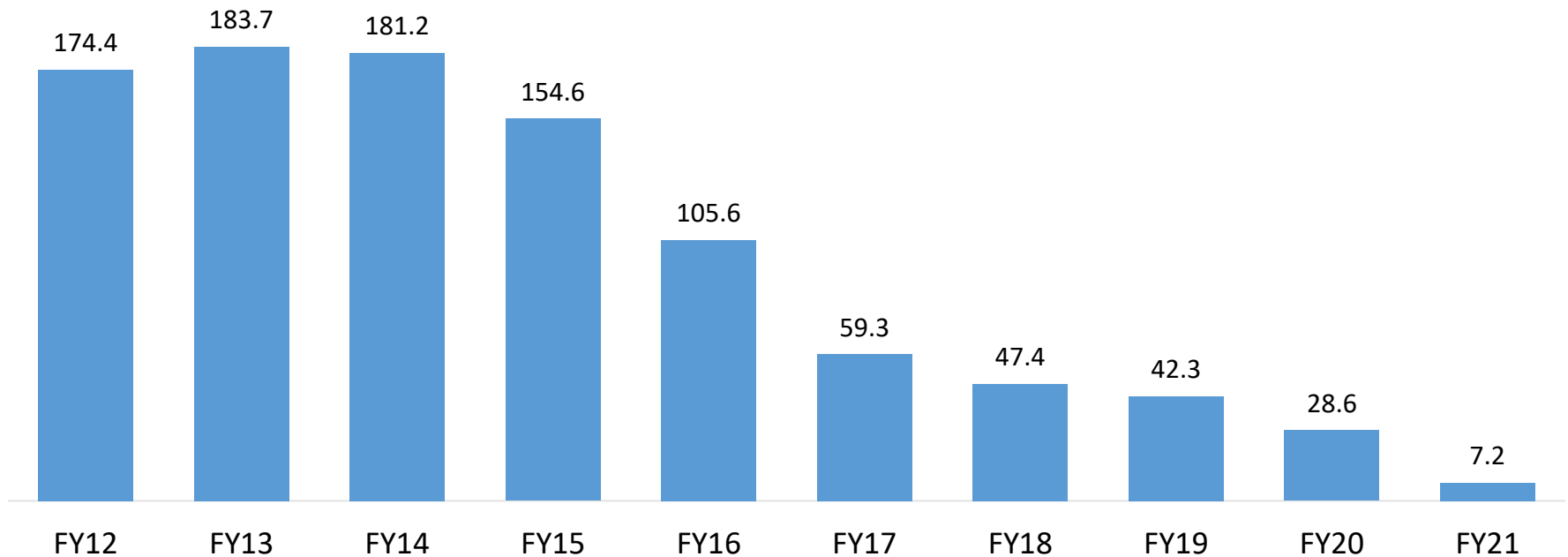
# Crimes of Violence Represent a Growing Share of Commitments\* in PG County Since FY12

- Crimes of violence made up 76% of committed dispositions in FY 2021.
- The rate of juveniles committed for Non-Violent Felonies increased by 8 percentage points since FY12.



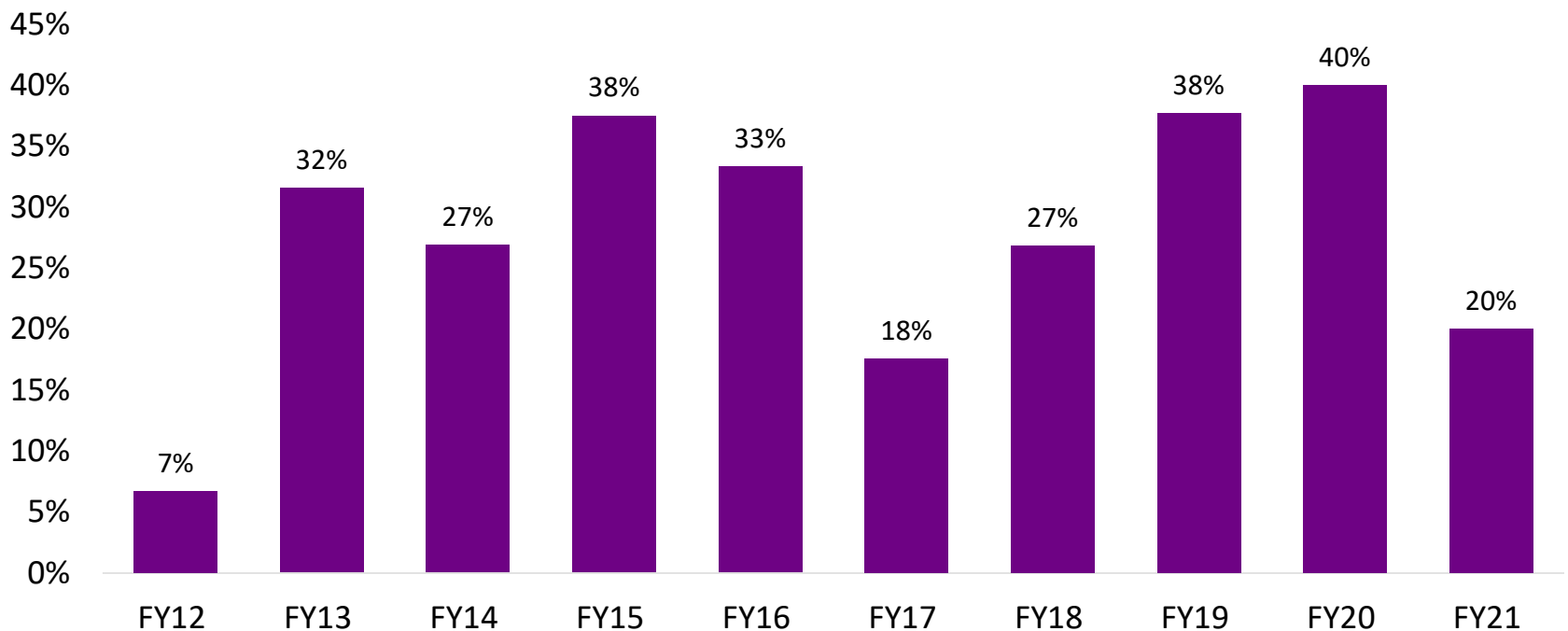
# Committed Youth Population Down 95 Percent Among PG County Youth

- The total average daily population (ADP) of Prince George's County youth committed to out-of-home placement declined 95.7% over 10 years, from 174.4 in FY 2012 to 7.2 in FY 2021.
- Statewide, the average committed population declined 84.7% over the same period.



# The Rate of PG County Juveniles Committed\* for Violations of Probation Has Increased

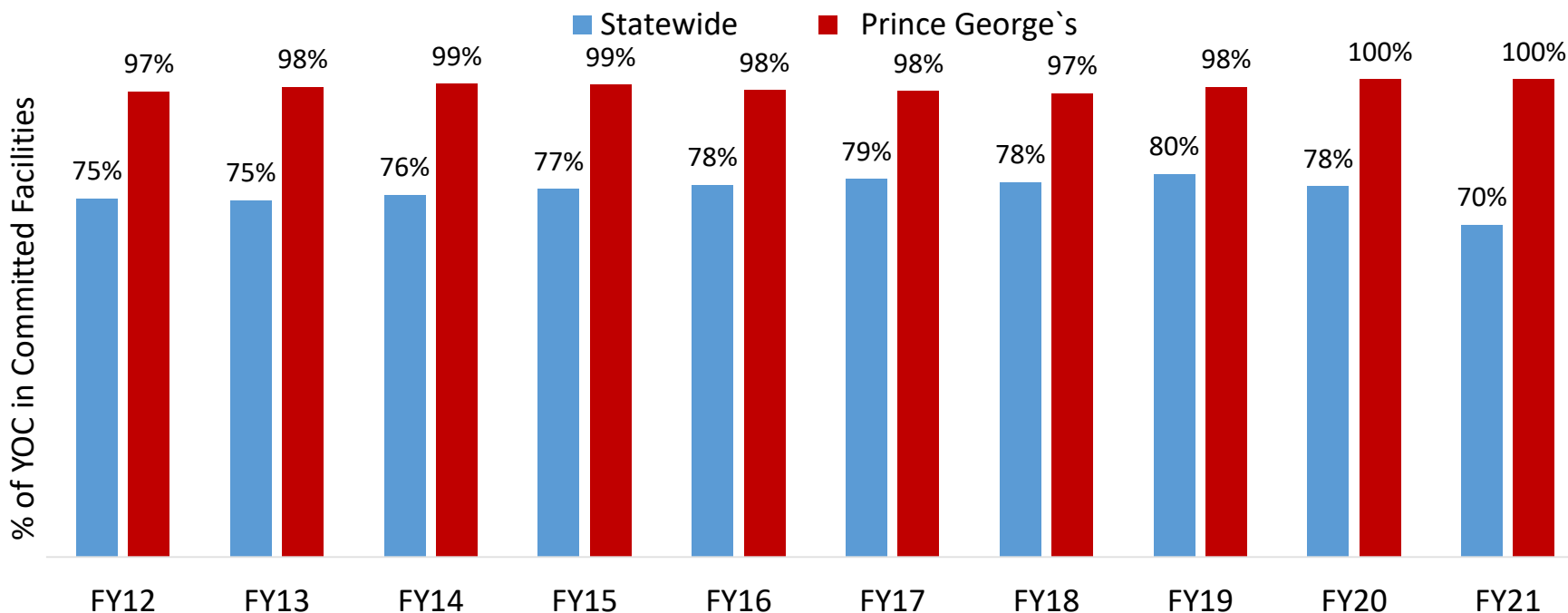
- The rate of committed dispositions for violations of probation increased 13 percentage points over 10 years to 20% in FY 2021.
- Statewide, committed dispositions fluctuated over 10 years, to 26.9% in FY21





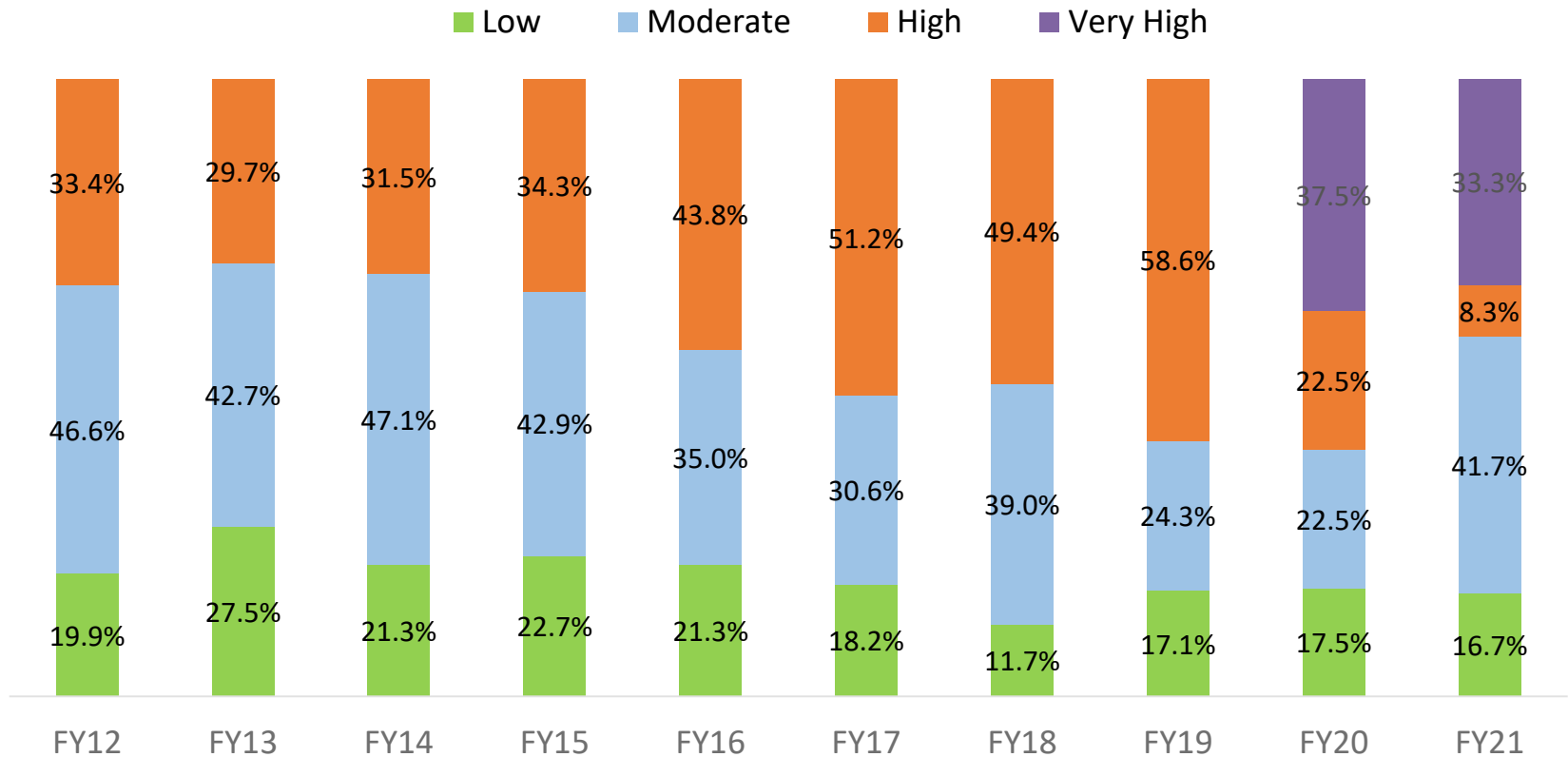
# Proportion of Youth of Color Relatively Flat In Treatment Facilities

- Youth of color (YOC) have made up nearly all of PG County youth in committed treatment facilities since FY12. YOC comprised 100% of the county's youth population in FY21.
- Statewide, youth of color have comprised between 75% and 80% of the committed treatment population.



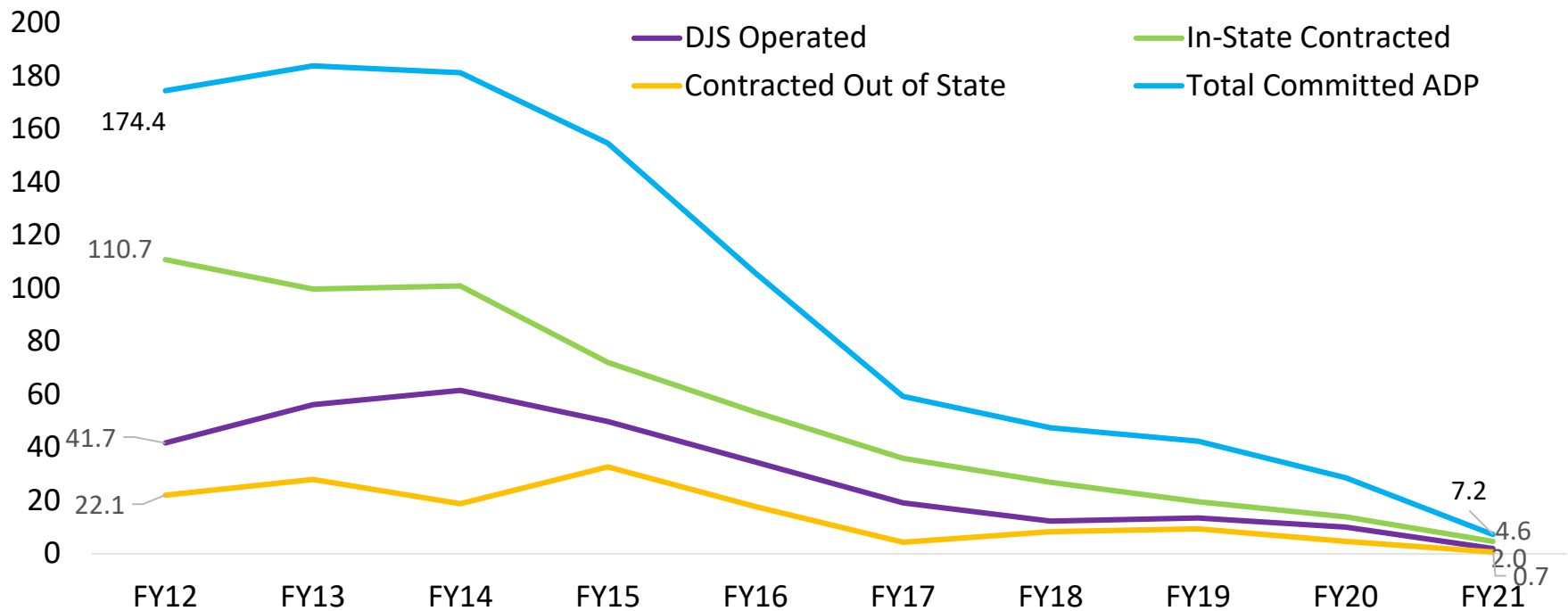
# Commitments by Assessed MCASP Level of Risk of Recidivism

- In FY 2021, 41.6% of committed placements had an assessed MCASP Risk Level of High or Very High.\*



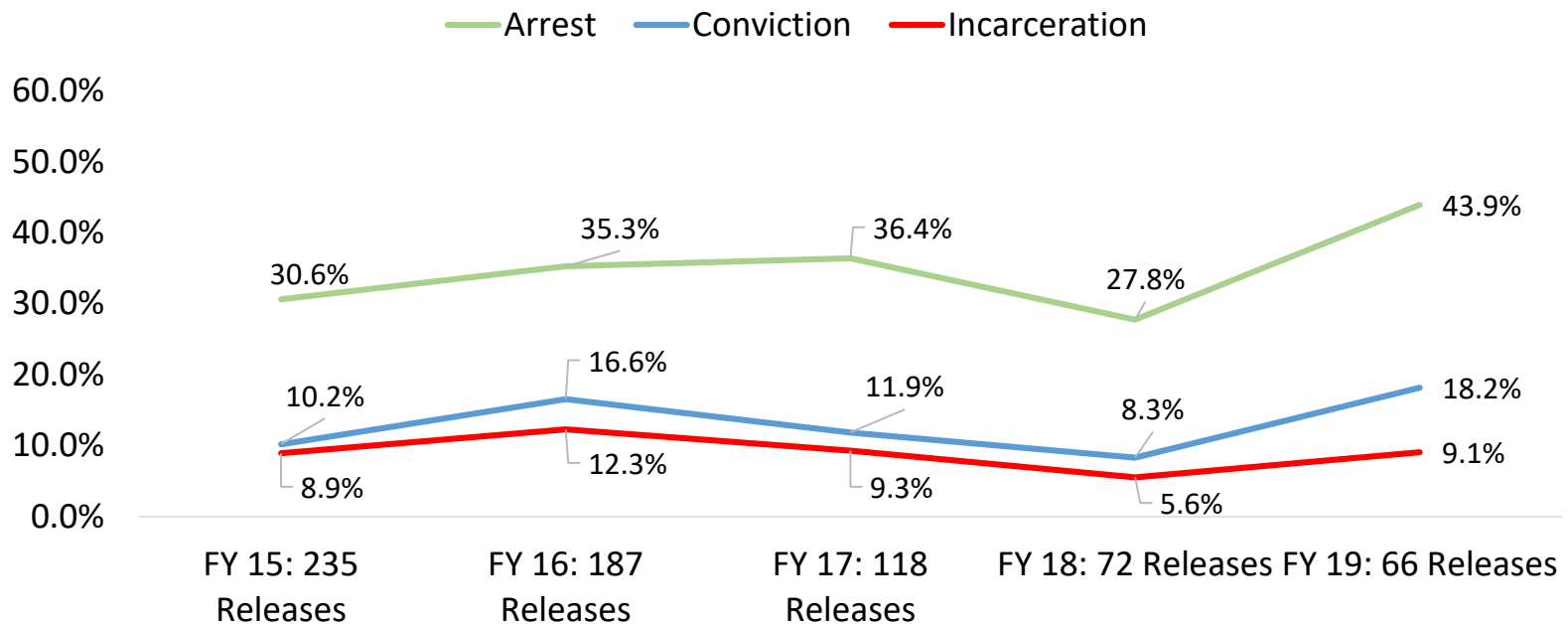
# Prince George's County Committed Population Has Declined for All Facility Types

- Overall committed out-of-home population has declined 95.9% since FY12.
- DJS-Operated ADP decreased 95.3%, and Private In-State has declined 95.9% since FY12.
- Out-of-State committed average daily population in fell 99.97% since FY12.



# Measures of Committed Recidivism\* Have Increased Among PG County Youth

- Since FY 2012, the rate of new arrests (juvenile or adult) one year from release declined 7.3 percentage points. New resulting delinquent adjudications or convictions increased 1.3 percentage points.
- New resulting commitment or incarceration declined 4.8 percentage points

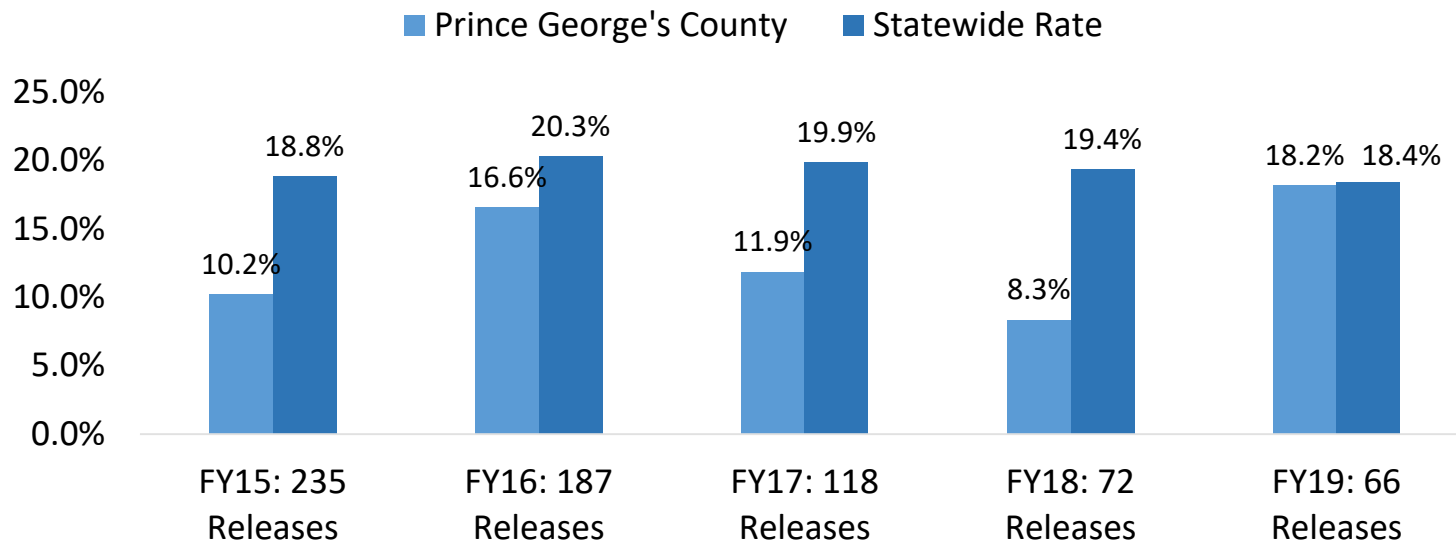


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# Committed Recidivism\* Has Increased For PG County Youth

- The rate of youth released from all committed treatment programs who got a new delinquent adjudication or adult conviction within 1 year increased by 8 percentage points, from 10.2% in FY 2015, to 18.2% in FY 2019.

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



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# Probation Recidivism\* Has Decreased in Recent Years in Prince George's County

- 9.6% of Prince George's County youth placed on probation in FY19 had a new offense within a year that resulted in a delinquent adjudication or criminal conviction, a decrease of 1.9 percentage points from FY18.
- The Statewide rate was 16.2% in FY19, down 1.9 percentage points from FY18.

