



Region I Juvenile Services Long Term Trends: Dorchester, Somerset, Wicomico, and Worcester Counties

FY 2012 – FY 2021

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Regional Restructuring and Trend Data

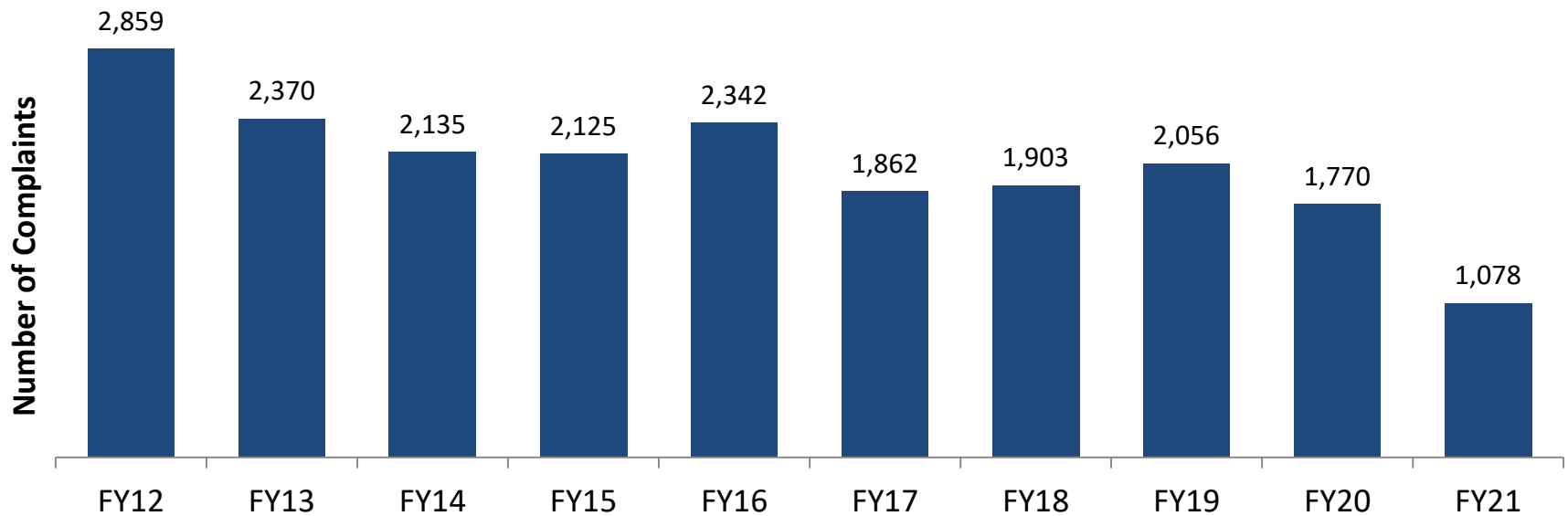
- On July 1, 2021, DJS restructured its regional community structure to align directly with the Maryland Judicial Circuits, moving from six operational regions to eight. All trends data for past years have been aggregated to align with this new structure.
- The new regional structure is as follows:
 - 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.

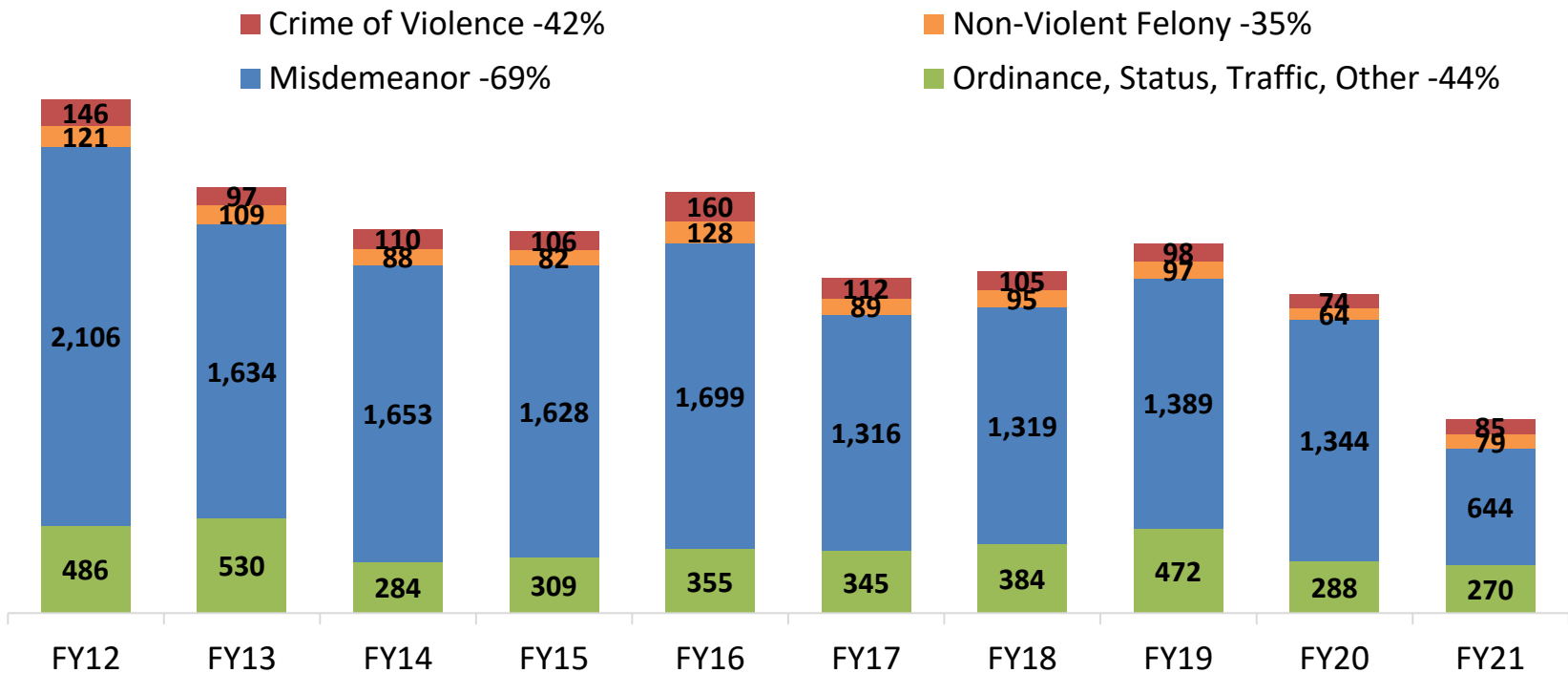
Region I Juvenile Complaints Down 62.3 Percent

- Region I complaints referred to DJS Intake declined 62.3% from FY12 to FY21.
- Statewide complaints declined 78.4% over the same period.



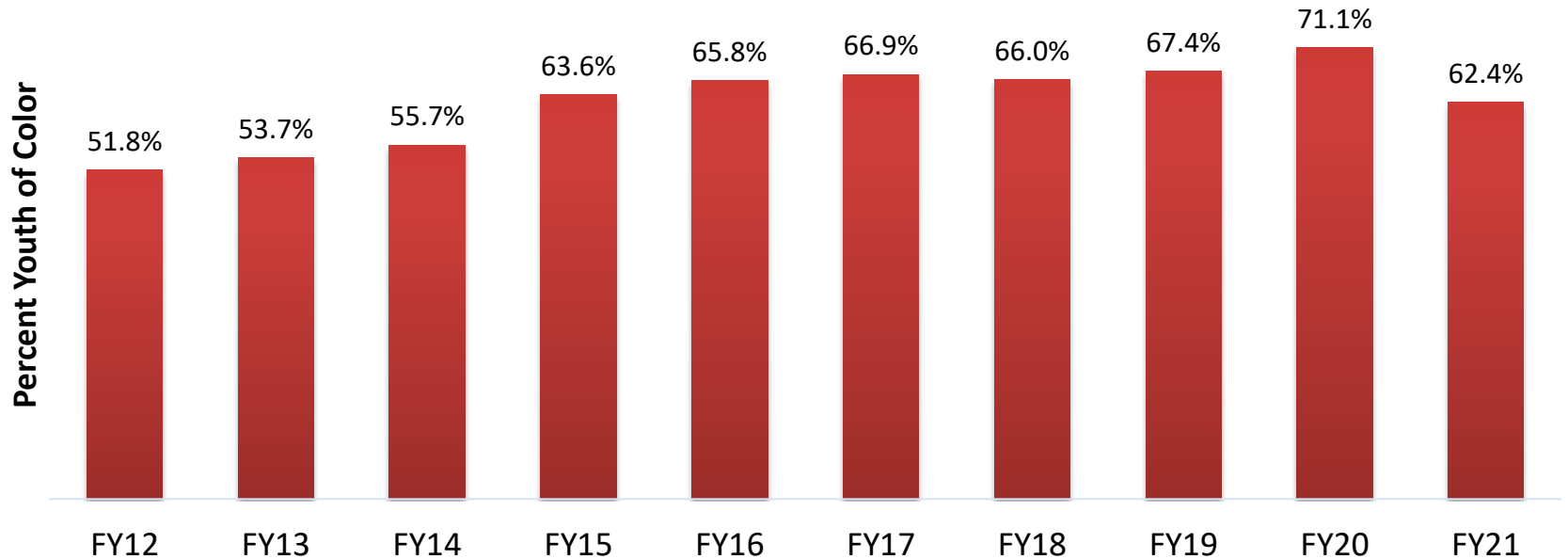
Region I Complaints Down In All Categories

- Complaints for crimes of violence declined 42% in 10 years.
- Misdemeanors decreased by 69%, and non-violent felonies decreased by 35% over the same period.



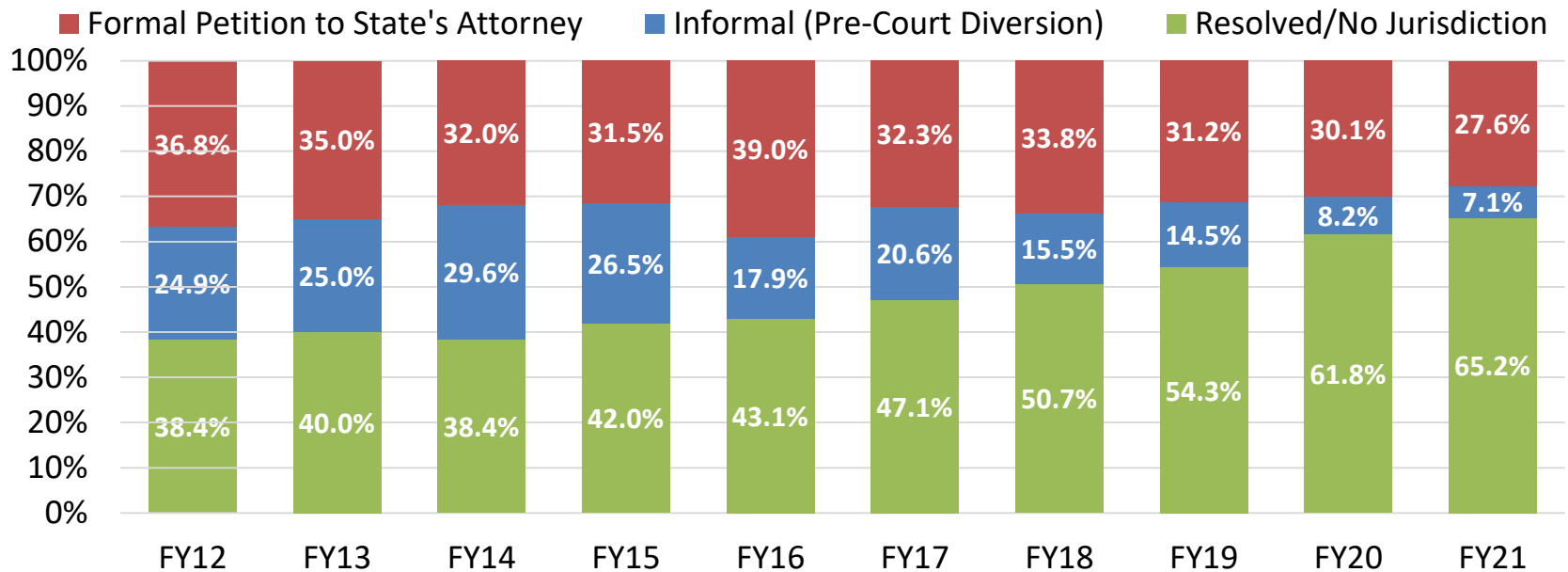
Youth of Color Increased as a Proportion of Juvenile Complaints in Region I

- Youth of color (YOC) represented 62.4% of complaints in FY21, up from 51.8% in FY12.
- Statewide, YOC made up 67% of all complaints.



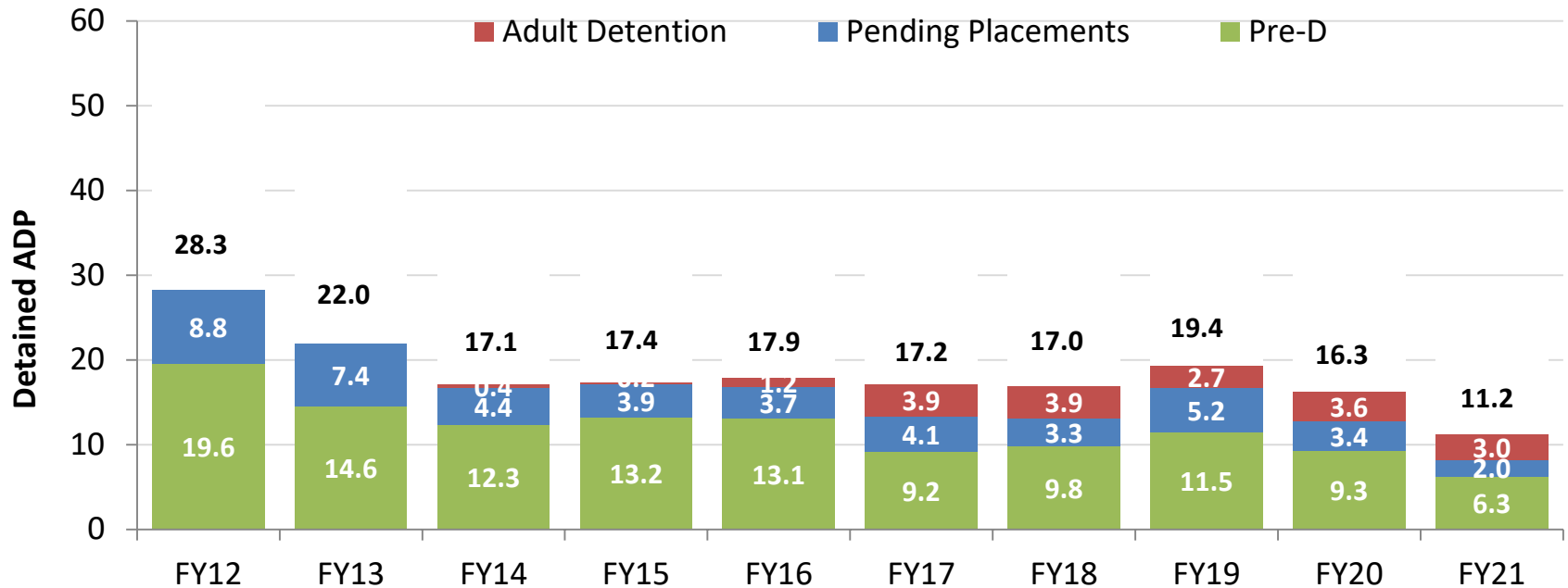
Percent of Cases Referred to Juvenile Court In Region I Has Decreased

- 27.6% of Region I complaints were referred to court by DJS Intake in FY21, 9.2 percentage points less than in FY12. Statewide, 41.3% were referred to court.
- 7.1% of complaints were diverted to an informal DJS pre-court case. Statewide 11.5% were diverted.



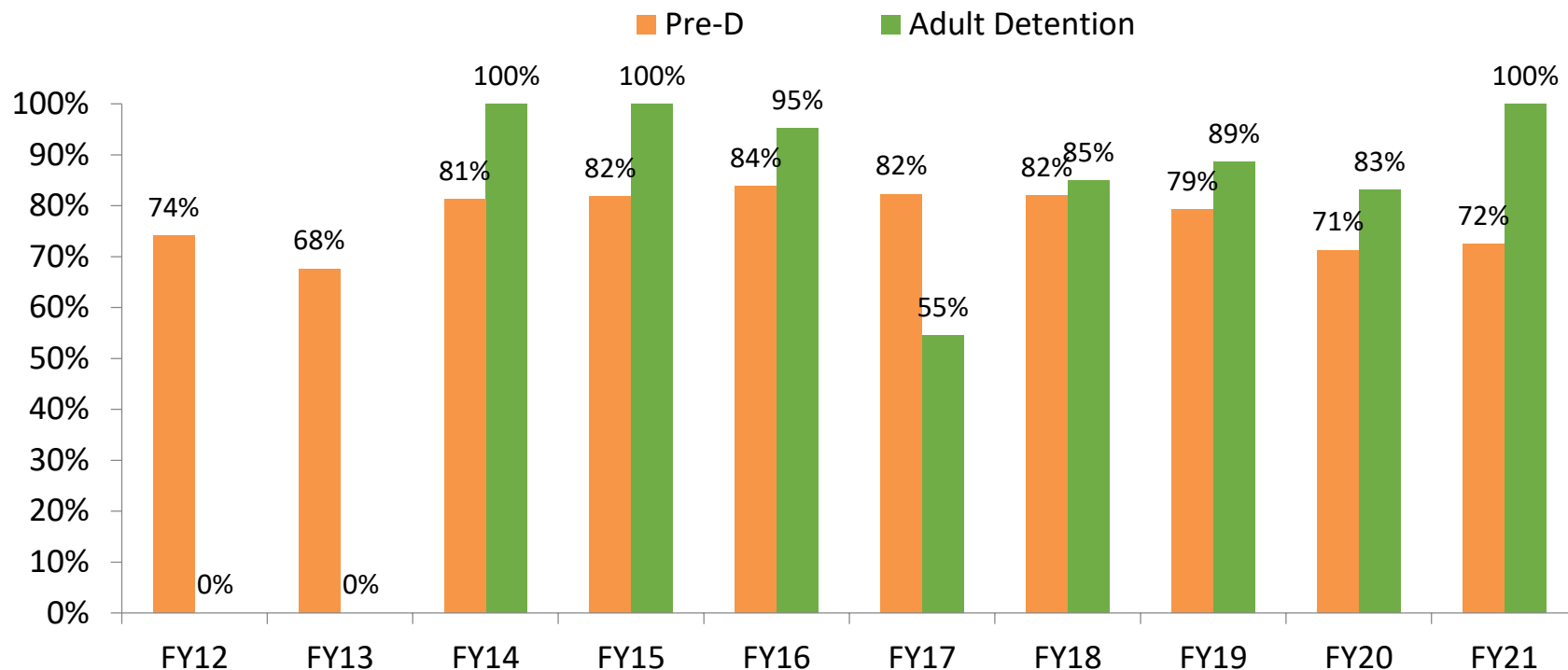
Region I Detention Population Down 60 Percent

- Region I average daily population (ADP) in DJS detention declined 60.4% in 10 years, to 11.2 in FY21. The statewide detention population declined 64.3% over the same period.
- Adult court made up 26.8% of the DJS-detained population in Region I in FY21.



Youth of Color Represent Majority of Detention ADP in Region I

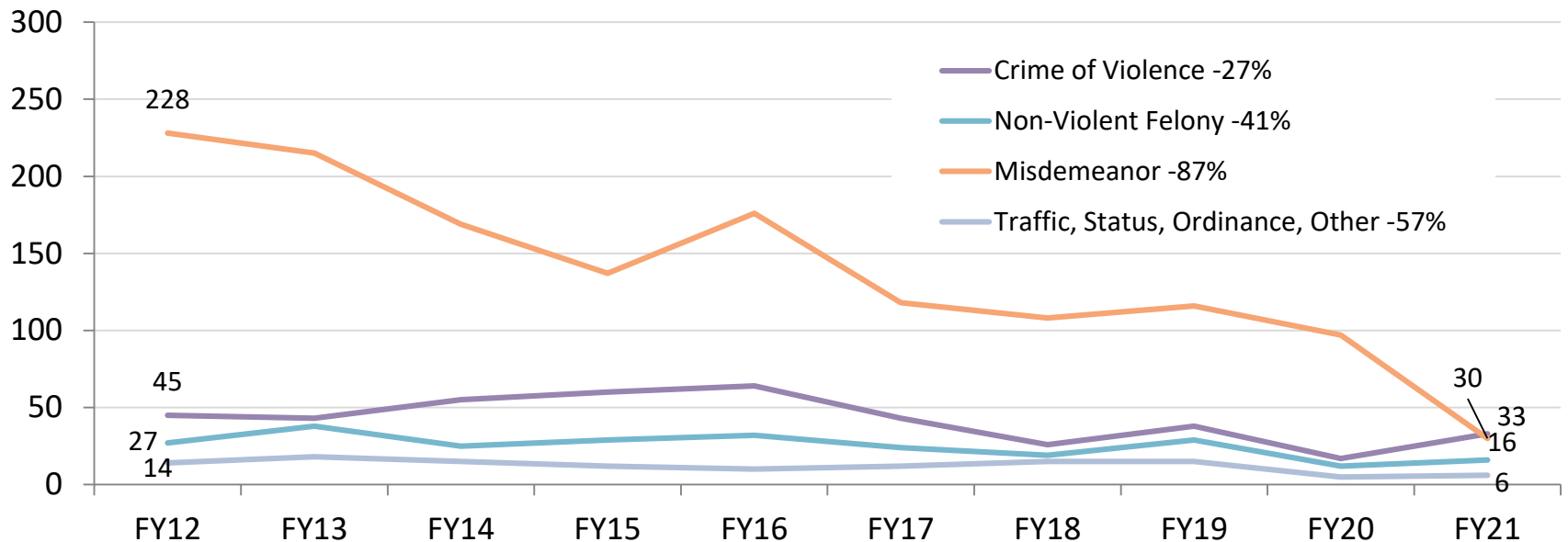
- Youth of color in Pre-D detention and those charged as adults have fluctuated as a proportion of Pre-D detention ADP.



Region I Pre-D Detention Admissions Have Decreased for All Complaint Types*

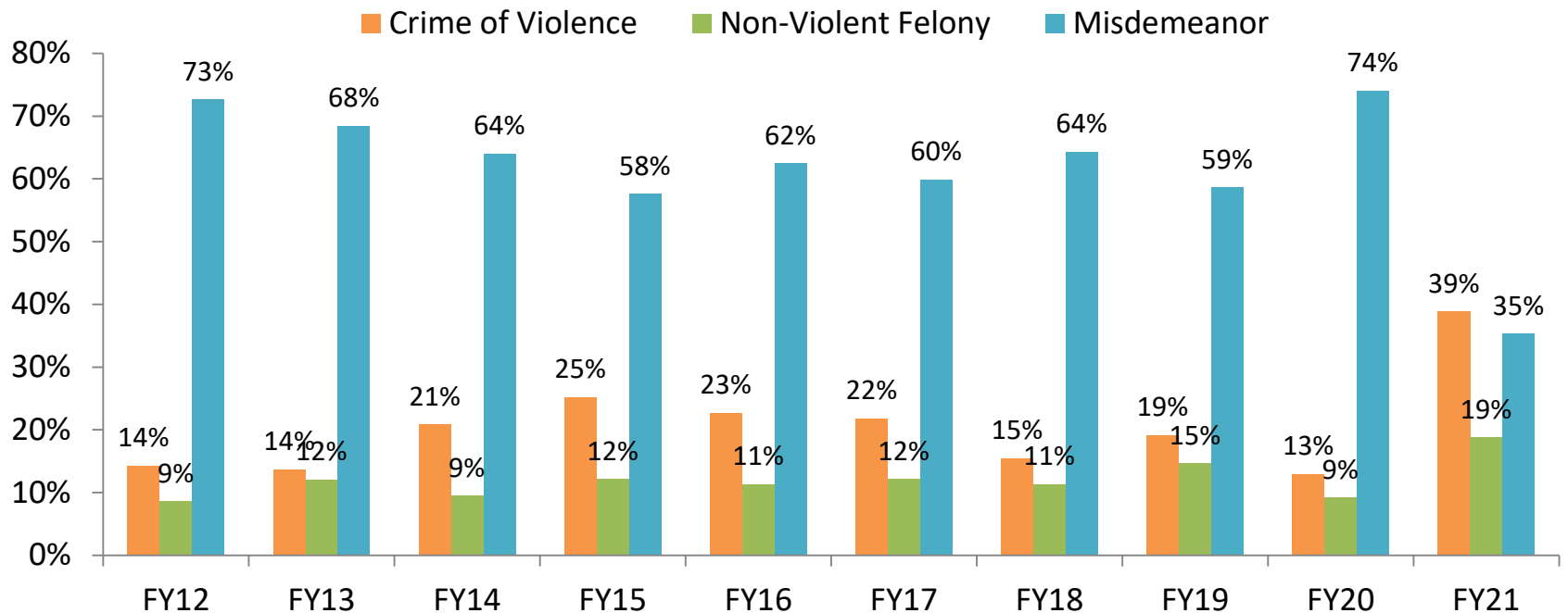
- Youth detained pending disposition for misdemeanors decreased 87% from FY12 to FY21.
- Youth detained pending disposition for crimes of violence decreased 27% over the same period

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



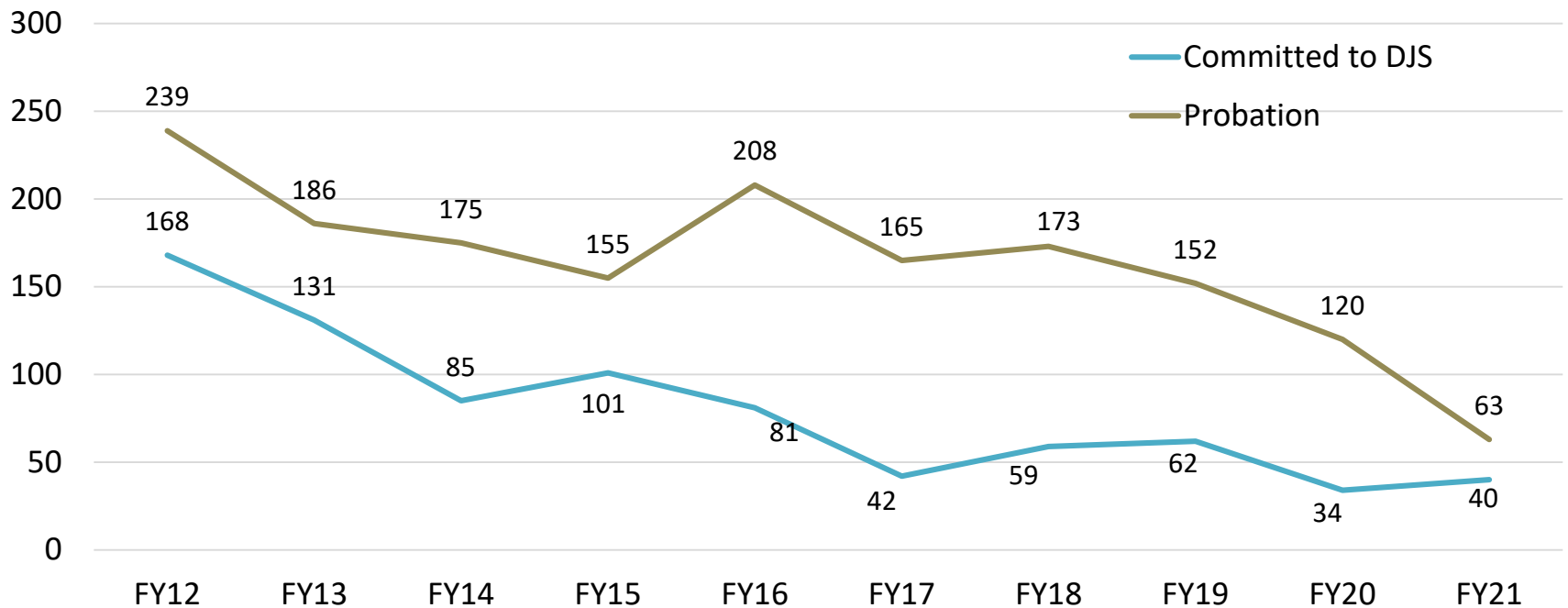
Crimes of Violence Represent Growing Share of Region I Pre-D Detention Population*

- Crimes of violence as a share of pre-D detention ADP increased 26 points between FY12 and FY21, while misdemeanors shrank as a share of ADP.
- These are positive trends, as detention should be used only for serious offenses.



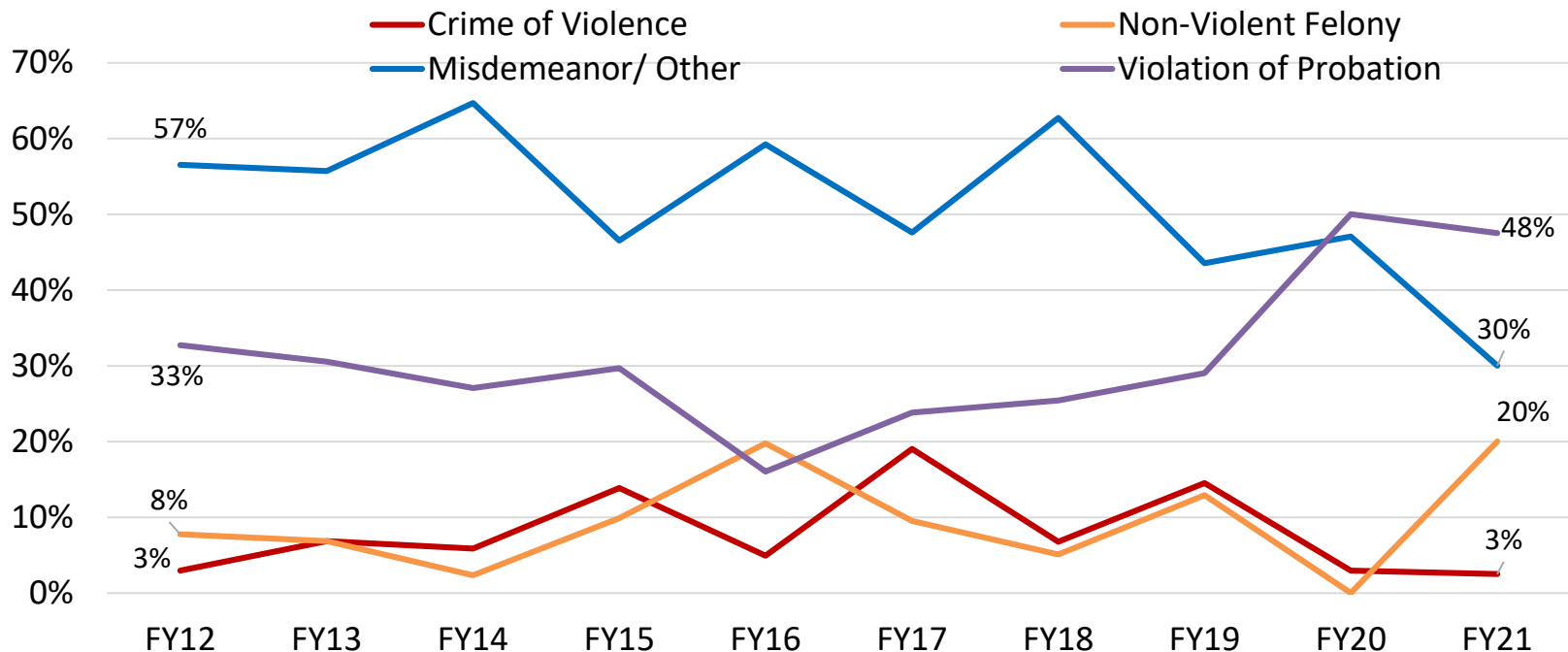
Juvenile Probation and Commitment Orders Have Declined*

- Region I juvenile probation orders declined 73.6% in 10 years. Statewide probation orders declined 82.2% over the same period.
- Region I juvenile commitments declined 76.2% in 10 years. Statewide commitments declined 82.5% over the same period.



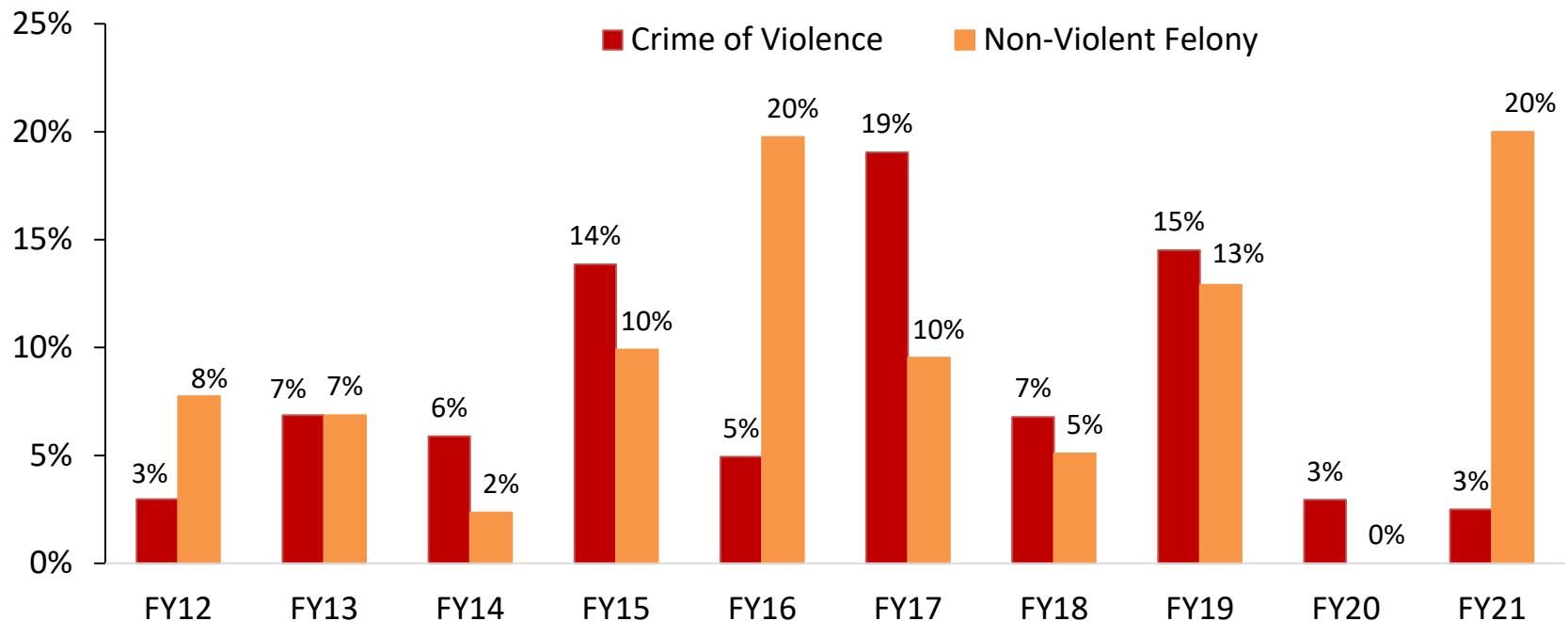
The Rate of Juveniles Committed for Low-Level Offenses Has Decreased*

- The proportion of new commitments for misdemeanor and other low-level offenses have declined by 27 percentage points over 10 years.
- The proportion of new commitments for violations of probation has increased by 15 percentage points over 10 years.



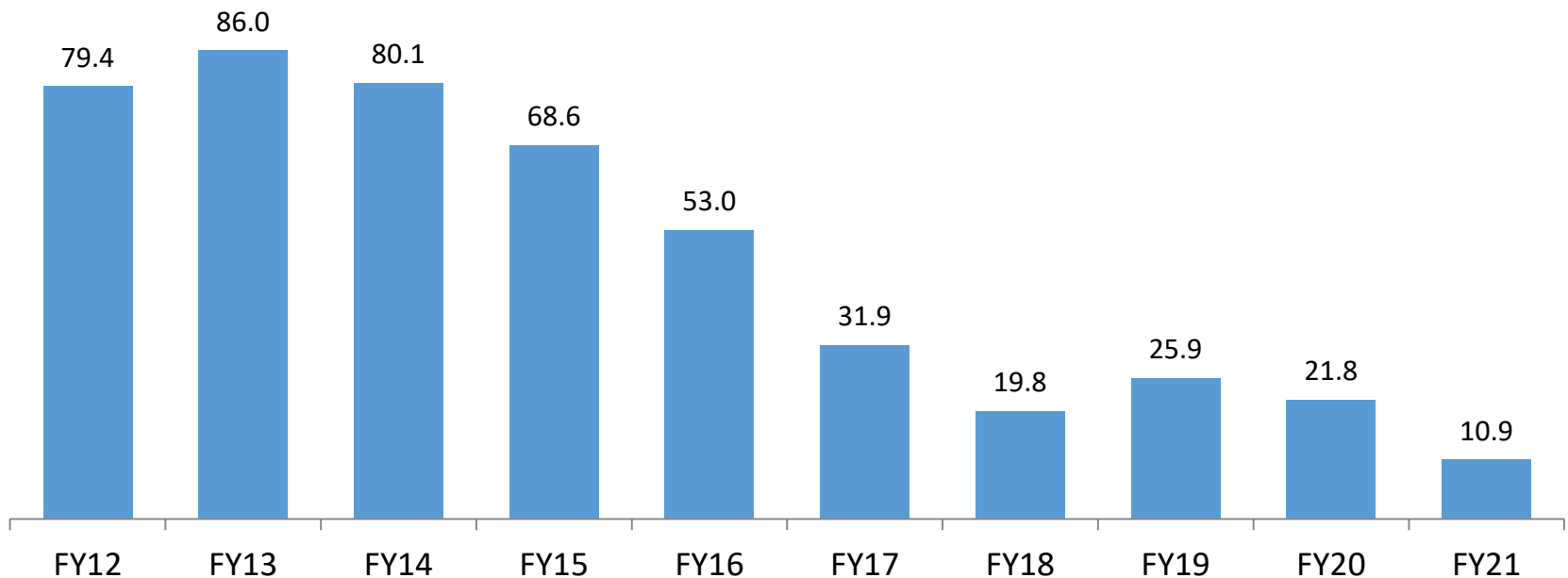
The Rate of Juveniles Committed for Crimes of Violence has Fluctuated Since FY12

- Crimes of Violence made up 3% of committed dispositions in FY21.
- The rate of juveniles committed for Non-Violent Felonies has increased by 12 percentage points from FY12 to FY21.



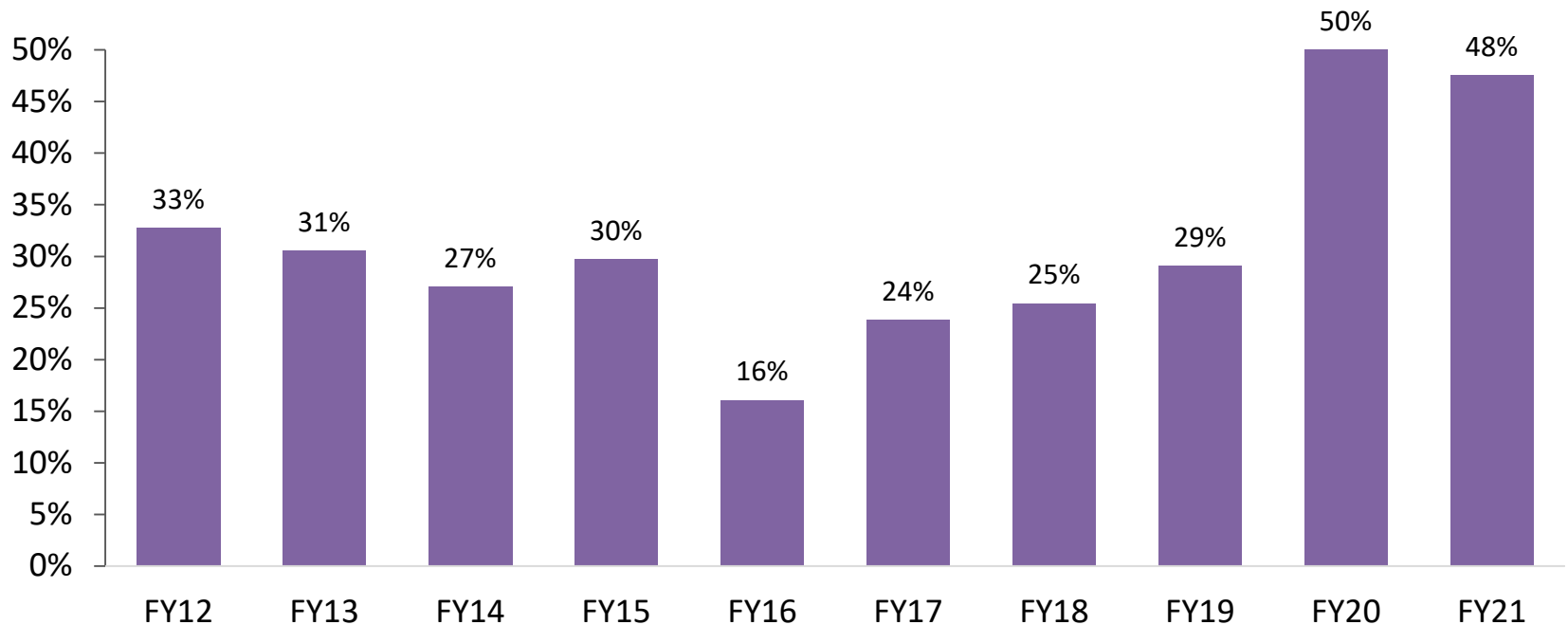
Average Committed Out-of-Home Population Down 86.3 Percent In Region I

- The average daily population (ADP) of Region I youth committed by the juvenile court to out-of-home placement declined 86.3% from 79.4 in FY12 to 10.9 in FY21.
- Statewide average committed population declined 84.8% over the same period.



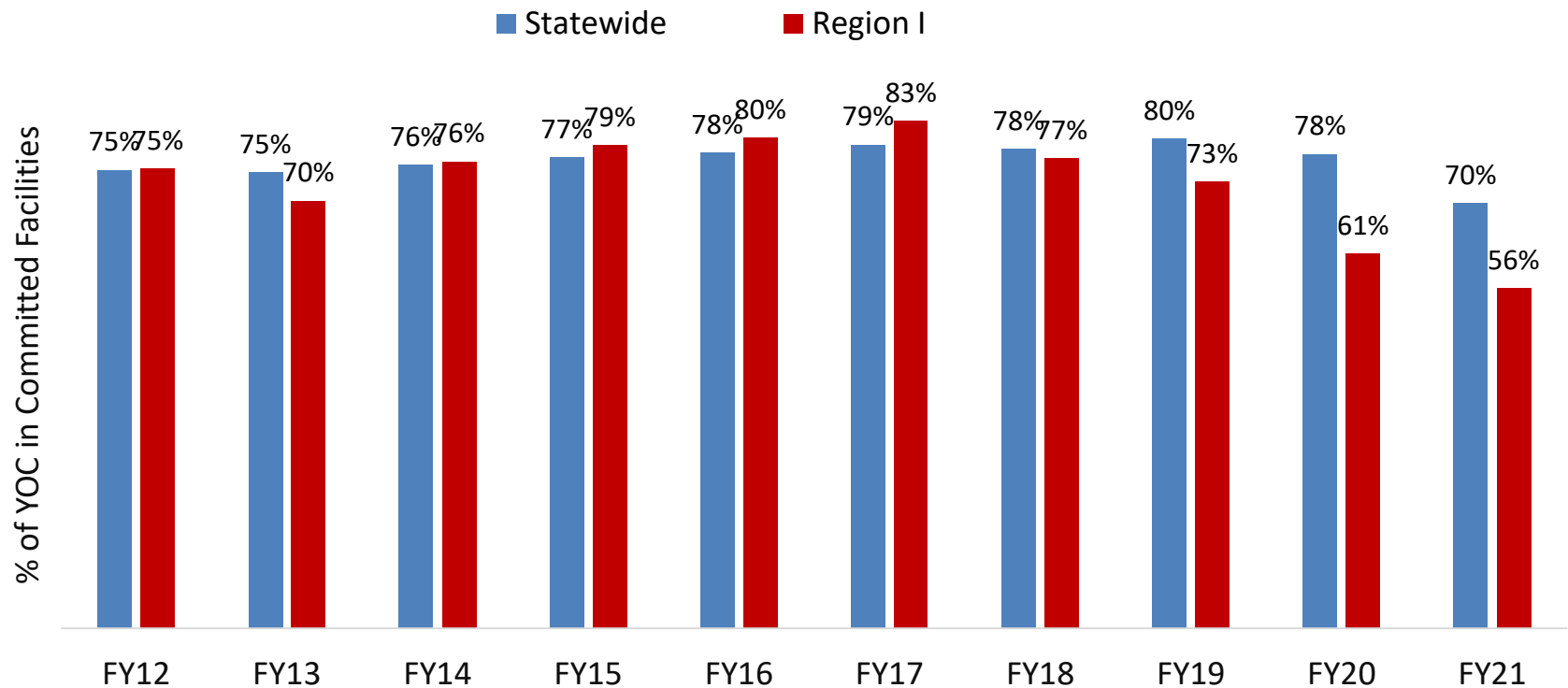
The Rate of Juveniles Committed for Violations of Probation Increased 15 Points In Region I*

- The proportion of committed dispositions that were for violations of probation increased by 15 percentage points over 10 years.



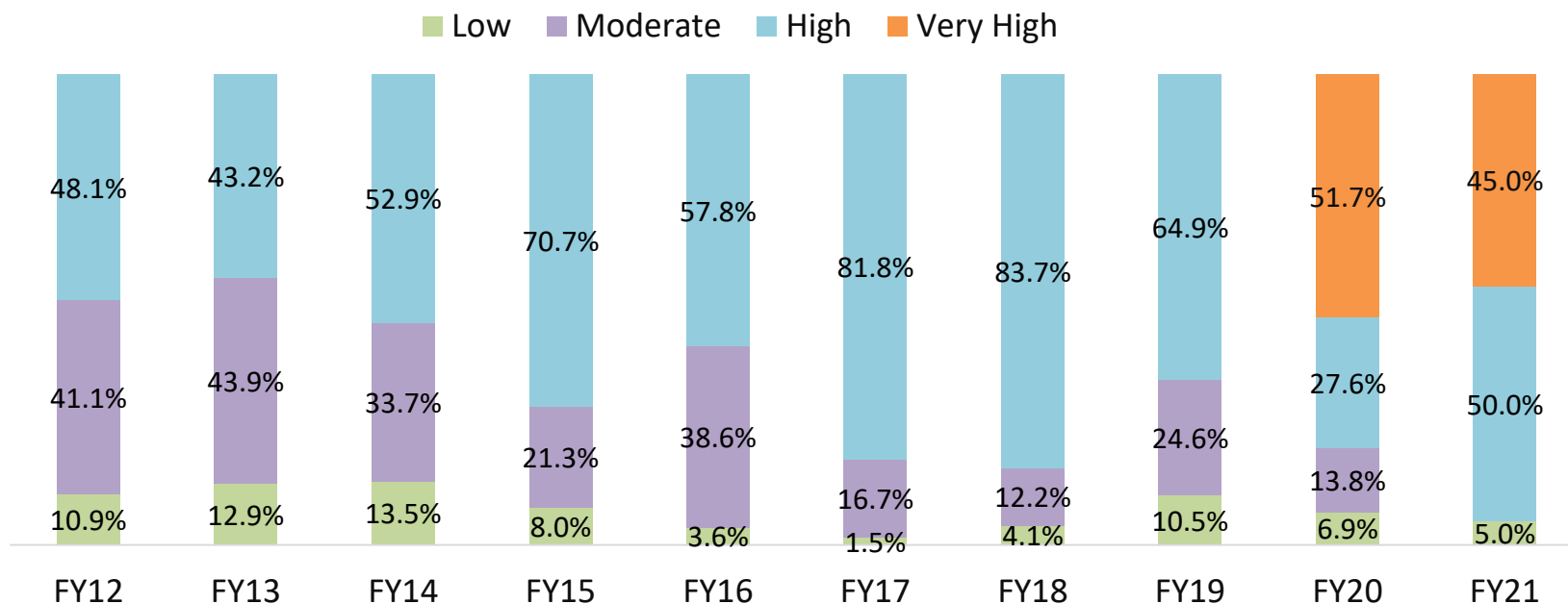
Proportion of Region I Youth of Color In Committed Treatment Facilities Decreased

- The proportion of committed youth from Region I who are youth of color decreased 19 percentage points from FY12 to FY21.



Most New Commitments Demonstrate High Risk on MCASP*

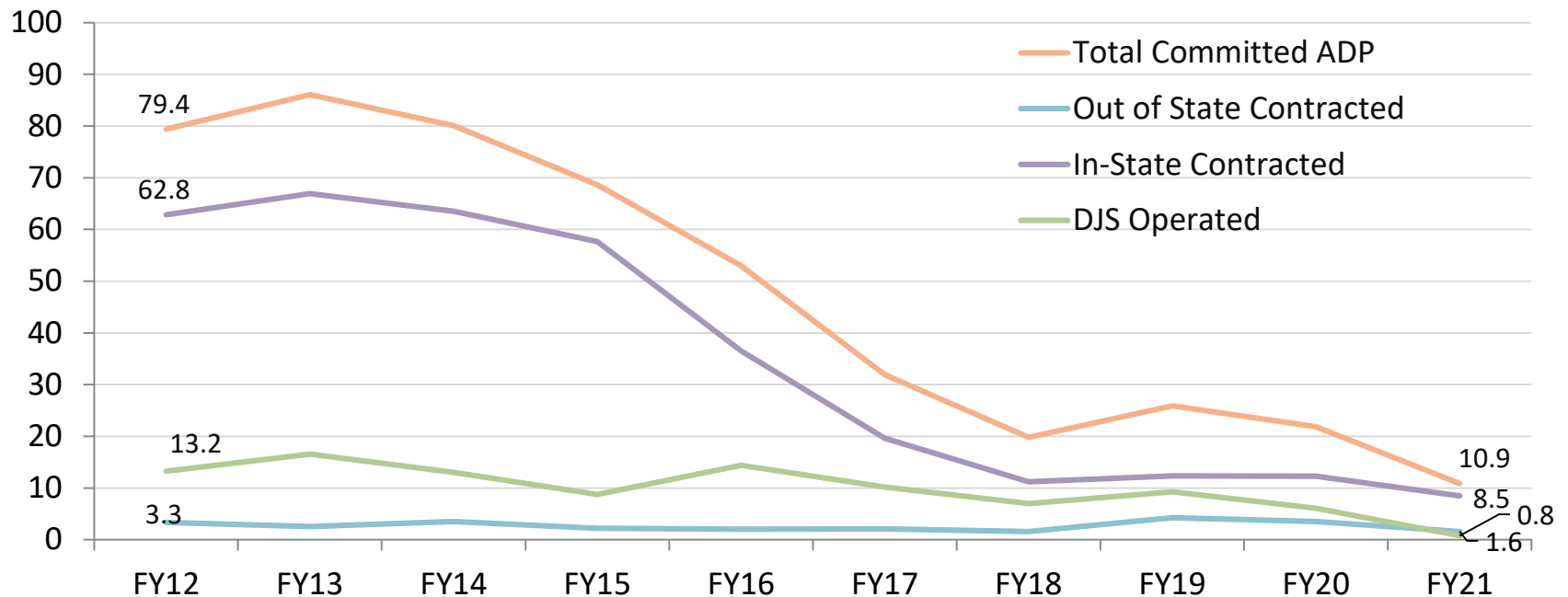
- The majority of committed placements from Region I had an assessed Maryland Comprehensive Assessment and Service Planning (MCASP) Risk Level of High or Very High since FY14
- In FY21, 95% of new commitments were at High or Very High risk.



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

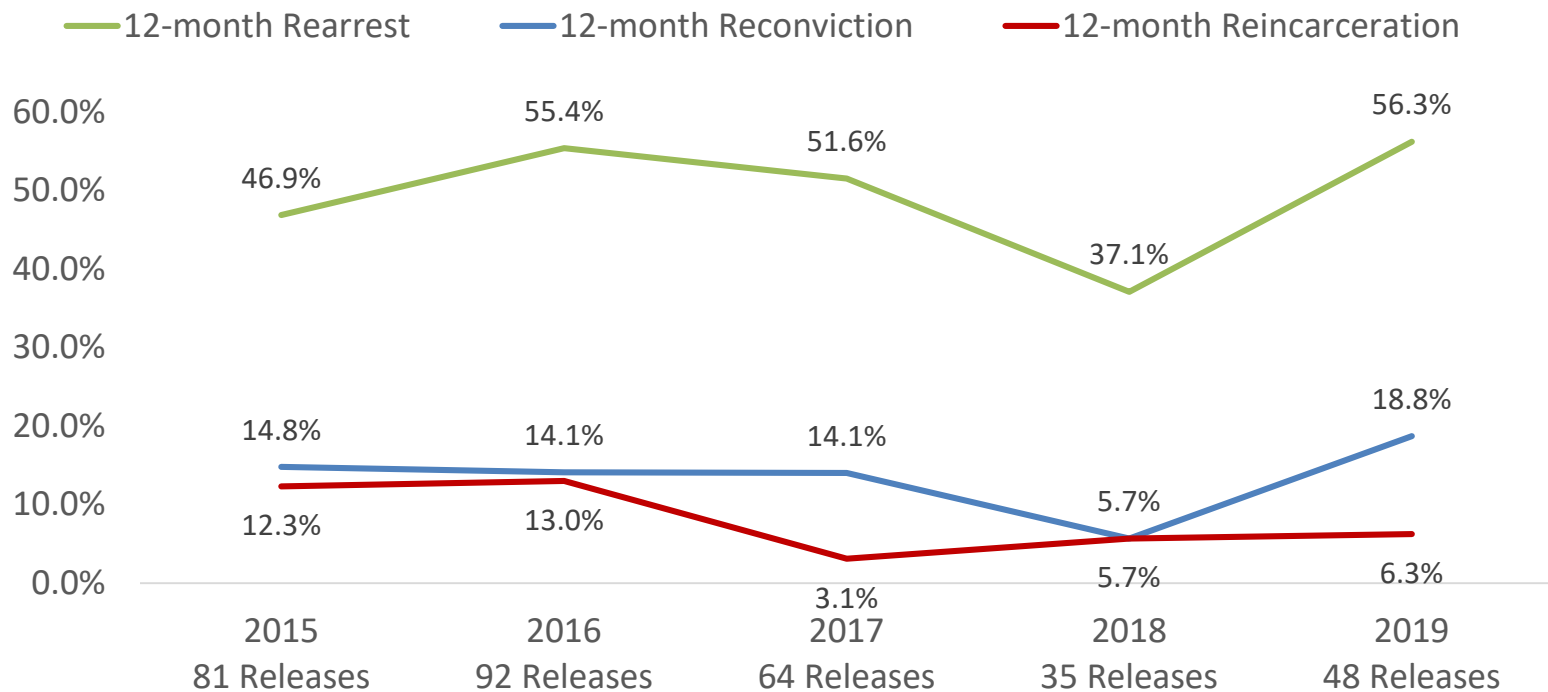
Region I Committed Youth Population Down Across All Facility Types

- Overall committed out-of-home population has declined 86.3% since FY12.
- DJS-Operated ADP decreased 93.9%, and Private In-State declined 86.5% since FY12.
- Out-of-State committed average population decreased from 3.3 in FY12 to 1.6 FY21.



Most Measures of Recidivism Increased In Region I*

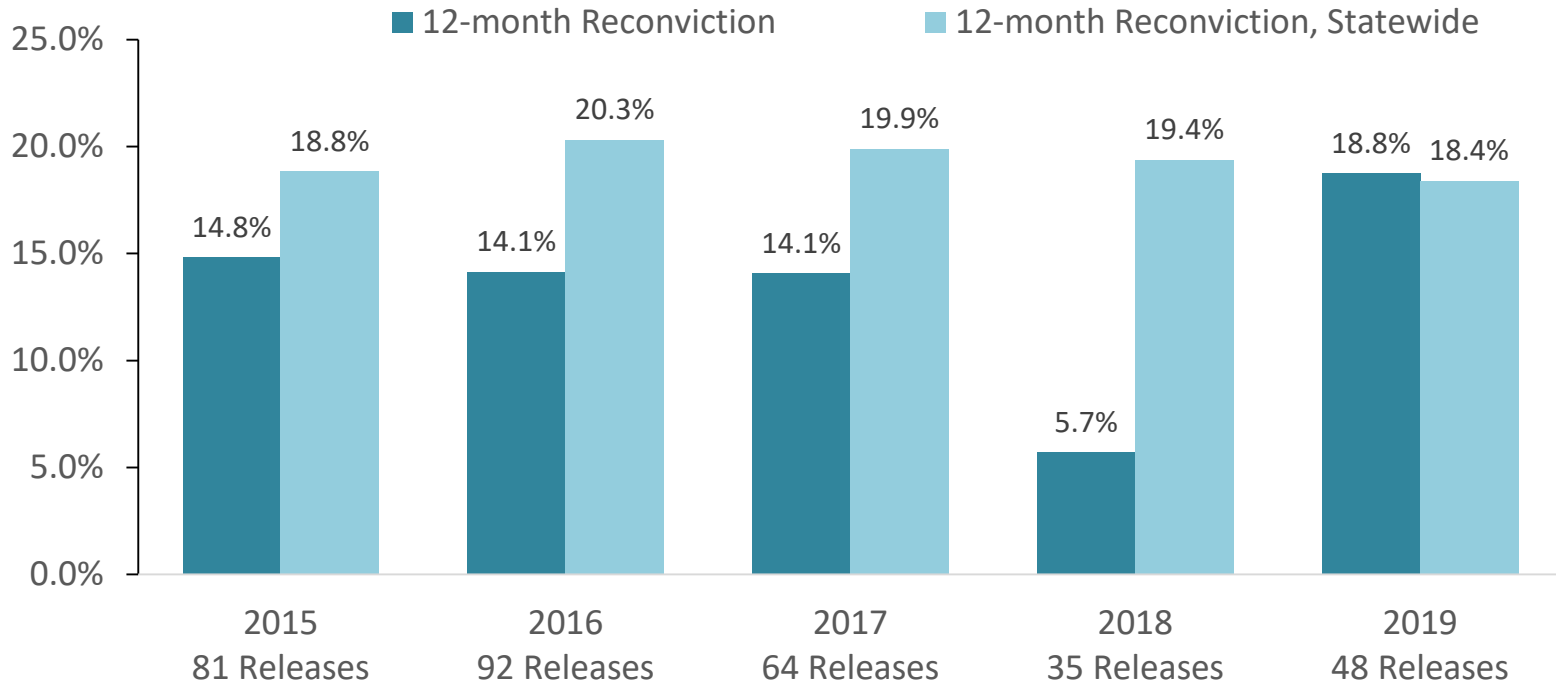
- The rate of new arrests (juvenile or adult) one year from release increased 9.4 percentage points from FY15 to FY19 in Region I.
- New convictions increased 4.0 percentage points, and new commitments or incarcerations declined 6.0 percentage points over the same period.



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

Recidivism Rates for Region I Committed Youth Increased in the Past Year*

- 18.8% of Region I youth released from committed placement in FY19 had a new offense within a year that resulted in a delinquent adjudication or criminal conviction, an increase of 4 percentage points from FY15.
- The Statewide rate was 18.4% in FY19.



Recidivism Rates* for Region I DJS

Probation Youth Decreased

- 13.2% of Region I 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 percentage point from FY15.
- The Statewide rate was 16.2% in FY19, down 4.4 percentage points from FY15.

