



Region II Juvenile Services Long Term Trends: Counties of Caroline, Cecil, Kent, Queen Anne's, and Talbot

FY 2012 – FY 2021

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Regional Restructuring and Trend Data

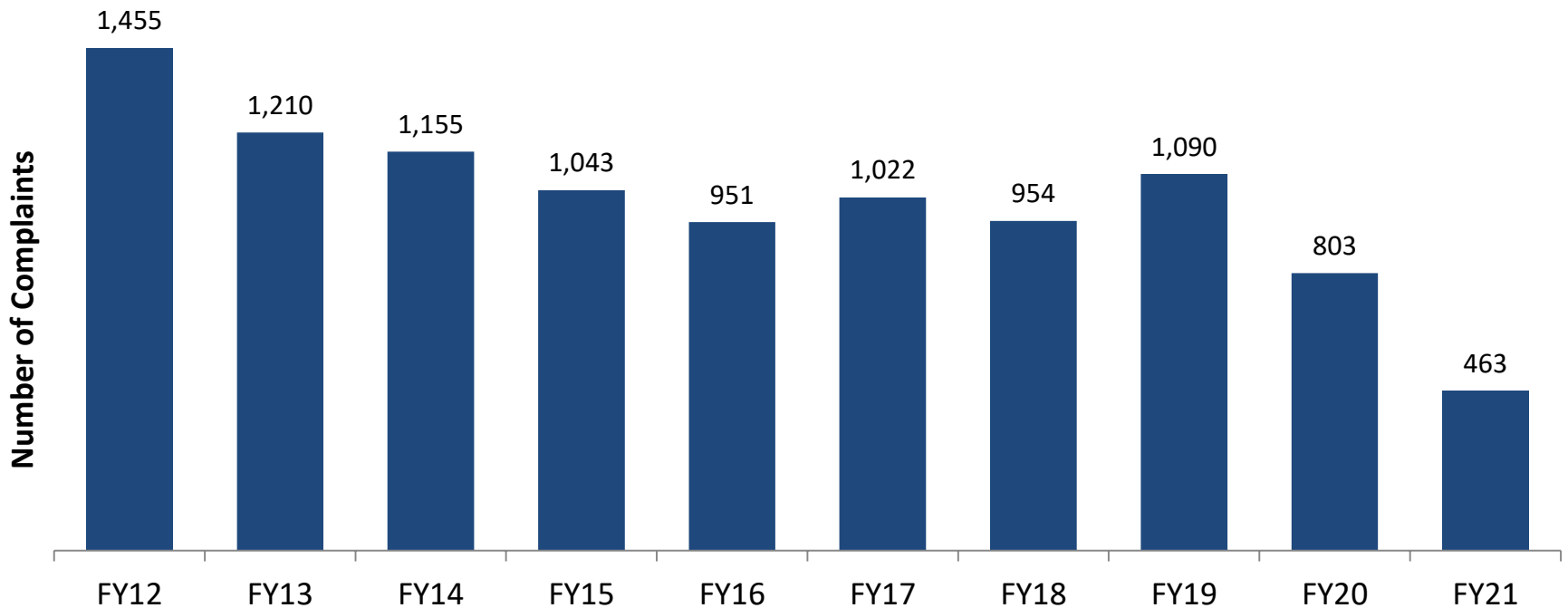
- On July 1, 2021, DJS restructured its regional community structure to align directly with the Maryland Judicial Circuits, moving from six operational regions to eight. All trends data for past years have been aggregated to align with this new structure.
- The new regional structure is as follows:
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

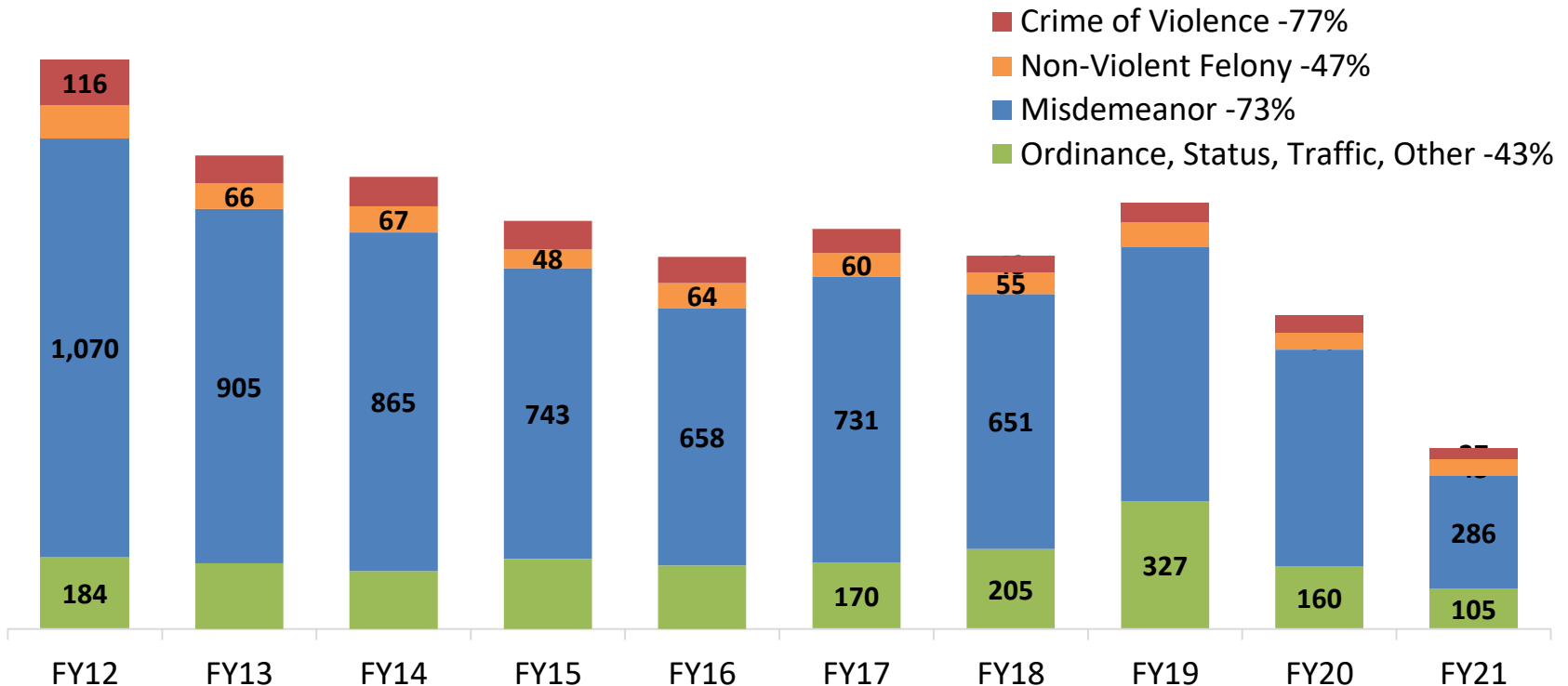
Region II Juvenile Complaints Down 68.2 Percent

- Region II complaints referred to DJS Intake declined 68.2% from FY12 to FY21.
- Statewide complaints declined 78.4% over the same period.



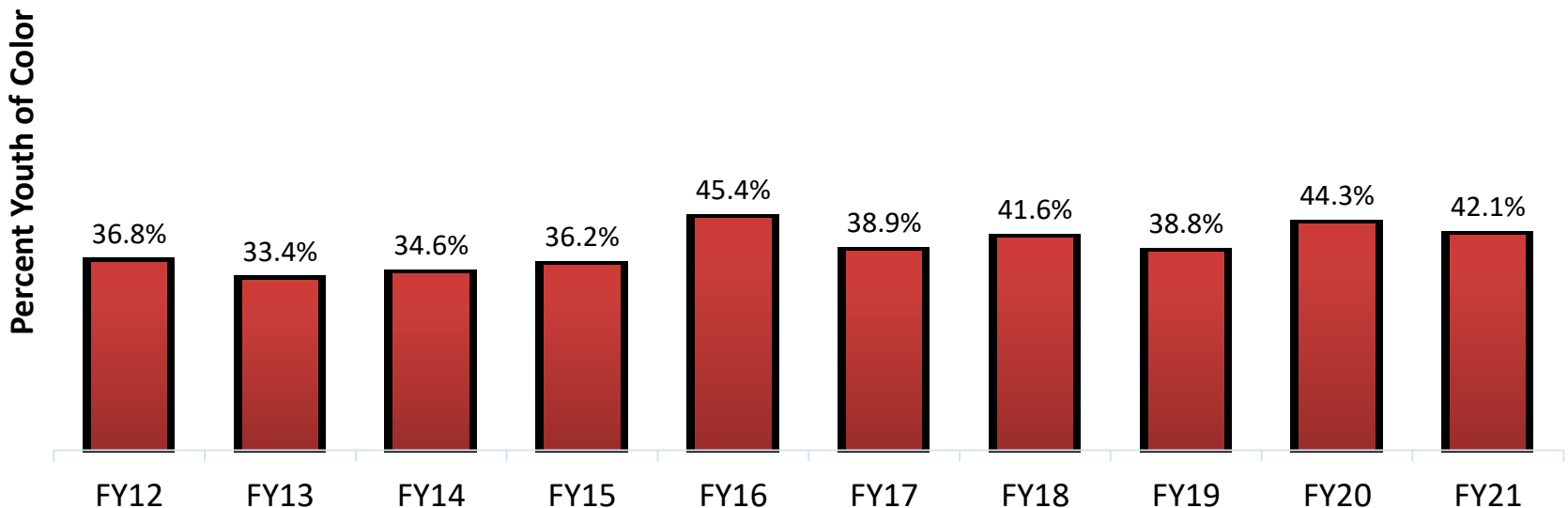
Region II Juvenile Complaints Have Declined In All Offense Categories

- Complaints for crimes of violence declined 77.0% in 10 years.
- Misdemeanors decreased by 73.0%, and non-violent felonies decreased by 47.0% over 10 years.



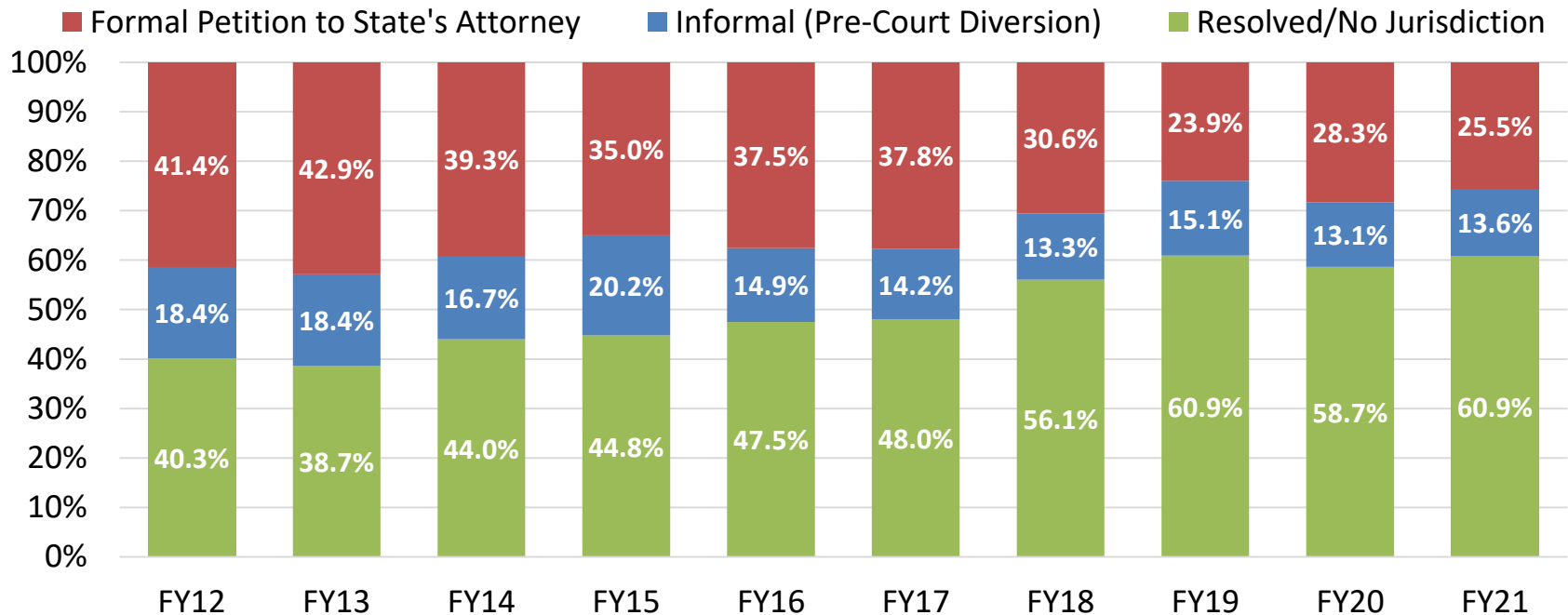
Youth of Color Increased Overall as a Proportion of Region II Juvenile Complaints

- Youth of color (YOC) represented 42.1% of Region II complaints in FY21. Statewide, YOC made up 67.0% of all complaints.
- Youth of Color represented 24.8% of the youth population (ages 11-17) in Region II in FY21.



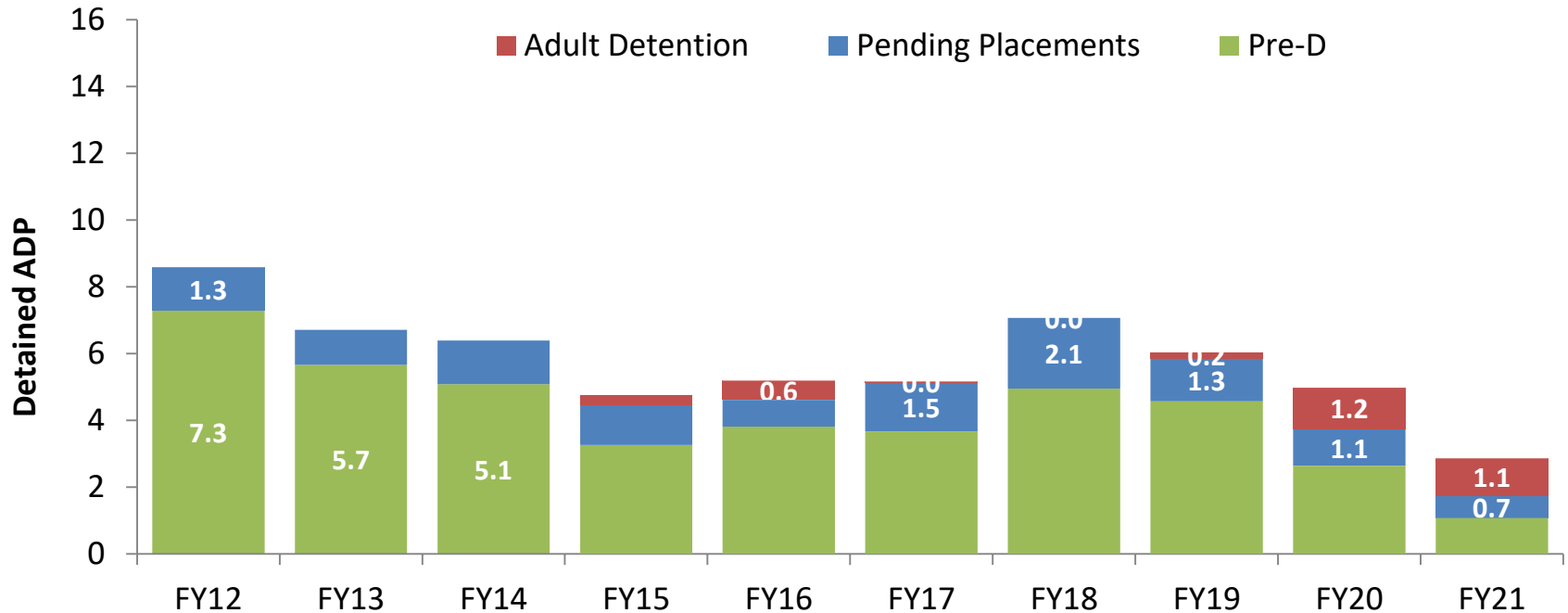
Percent of Cases Referred to Juvenile Court Show Decrease In Region II

- 25.5% of Region II complaints were referred to court by DJS Intake in FY21, 15.9 percentage points less than in FY12. Statewide, 41.3% were referred to court.
- 13.6% of complaints were diverted to an informal DJS pre-court case. Statewide 11.5% were diverted.



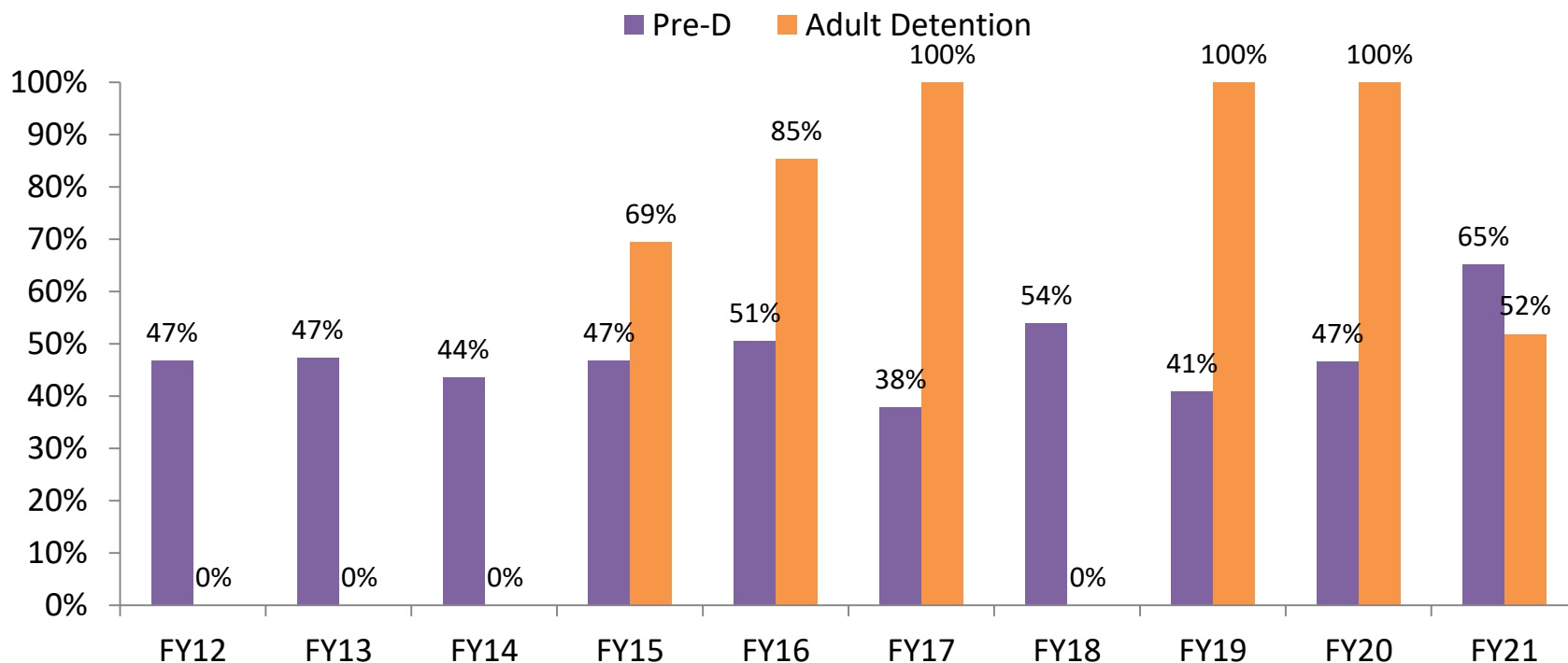
Region II Detention Population Has Declined

- Region II daily population in DJS detention declined 66.3% in 10 years, to 2.9 in FY21. The statewide detention population declined 64.3% over the same period.
- Cases detained for the adult court made up 37.9% of the DJS-detained population in Region II in FY21.



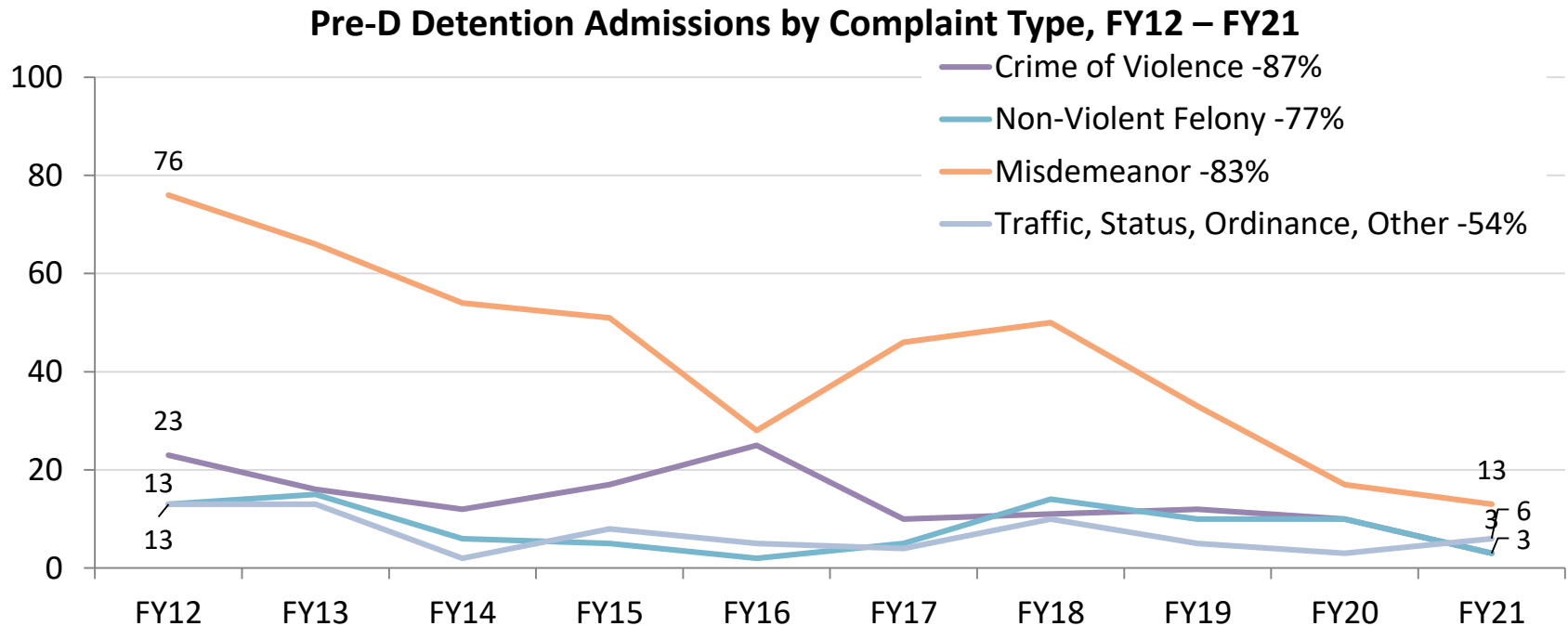
Youth of Color Represent More Than Half of Detention ADP From Region II*

- The proportion of Youth of color in Pre-D detention increased since FY12, and Youth of Color charged fluctuated as a proportion of adult detention ADP.



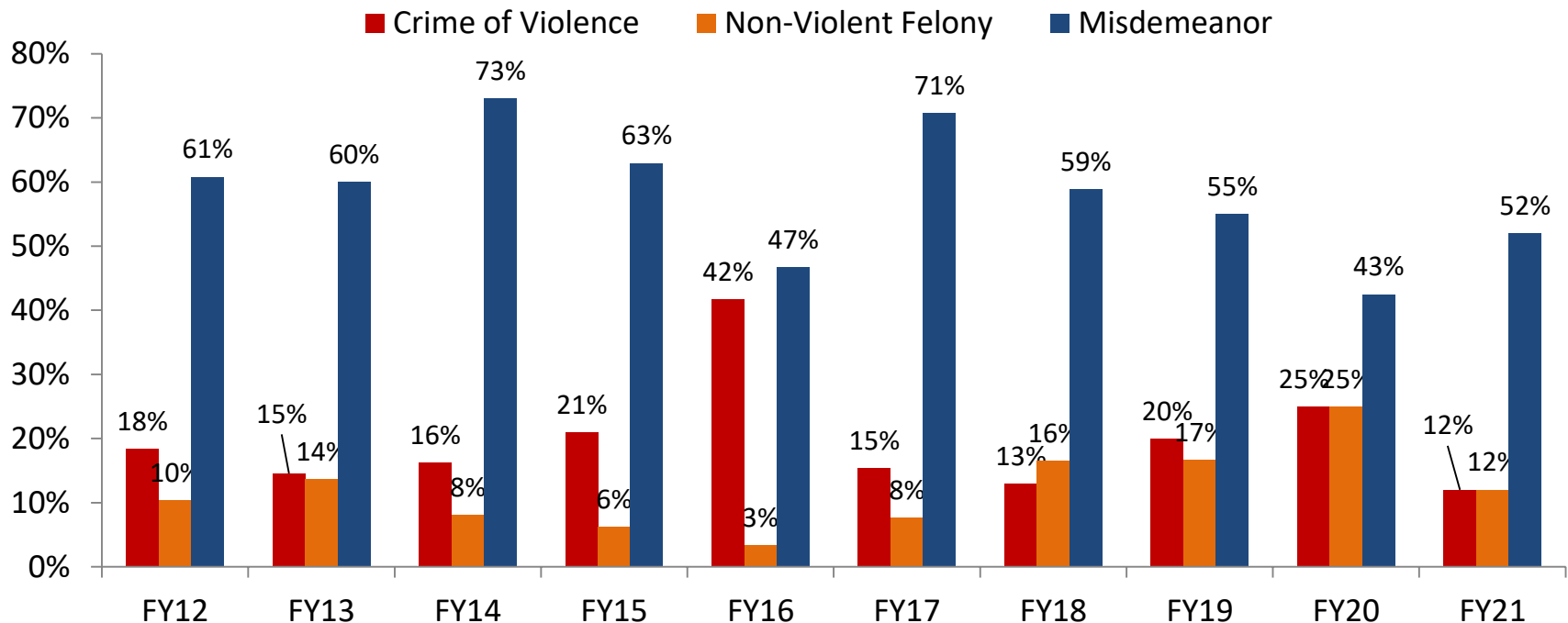
Region II Pre-D Detention Admissions Have Decreased for All Complaint Types*

- The proportion of youth detained pending disposition for misdemeanors and non-violent felonies 83% and 77%, respectively, between FY12 to FY21.
- The proportion of youth detained pending disposition for crimes of violence has decreased 87% over for the same period of time.



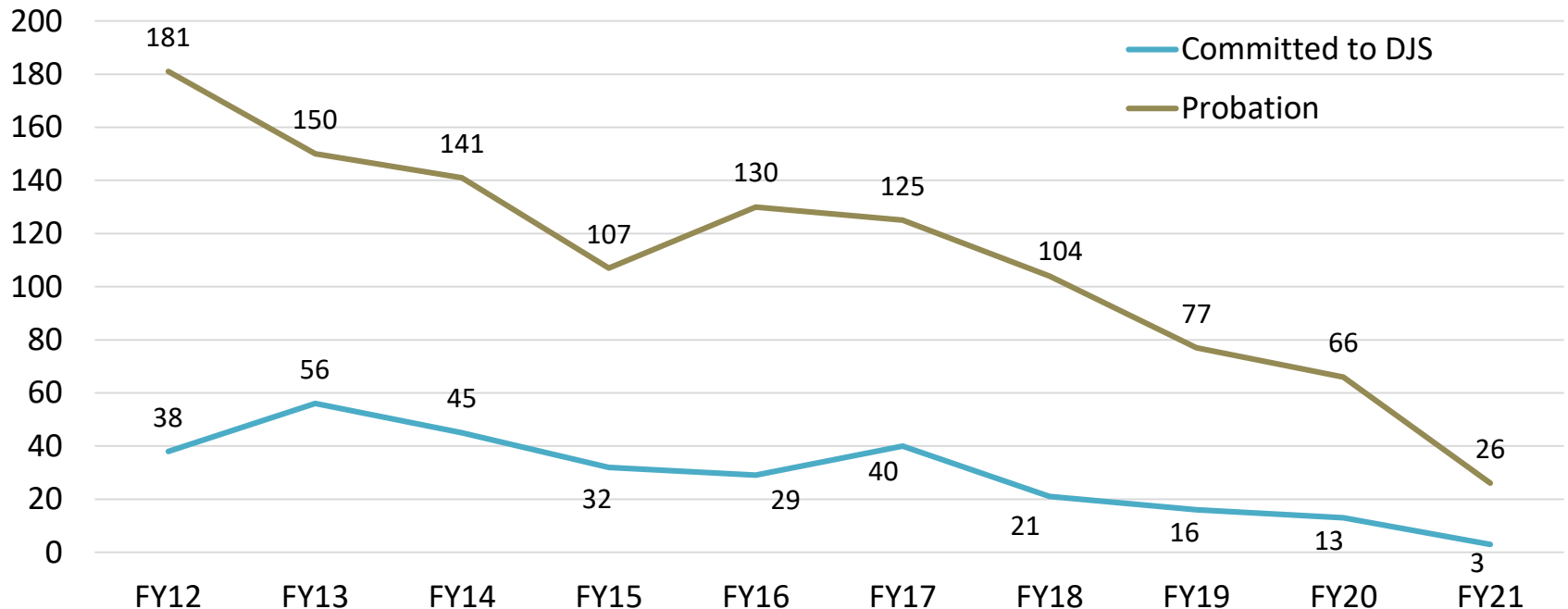
Youth Detained for Pre-D Detention With a Violent Offenses Decreased*

- Pre-D detention for violent crimes decreased by 6 percentage points between FY12 and FY21. Detention for misdemeanors increased slightly in FY21.



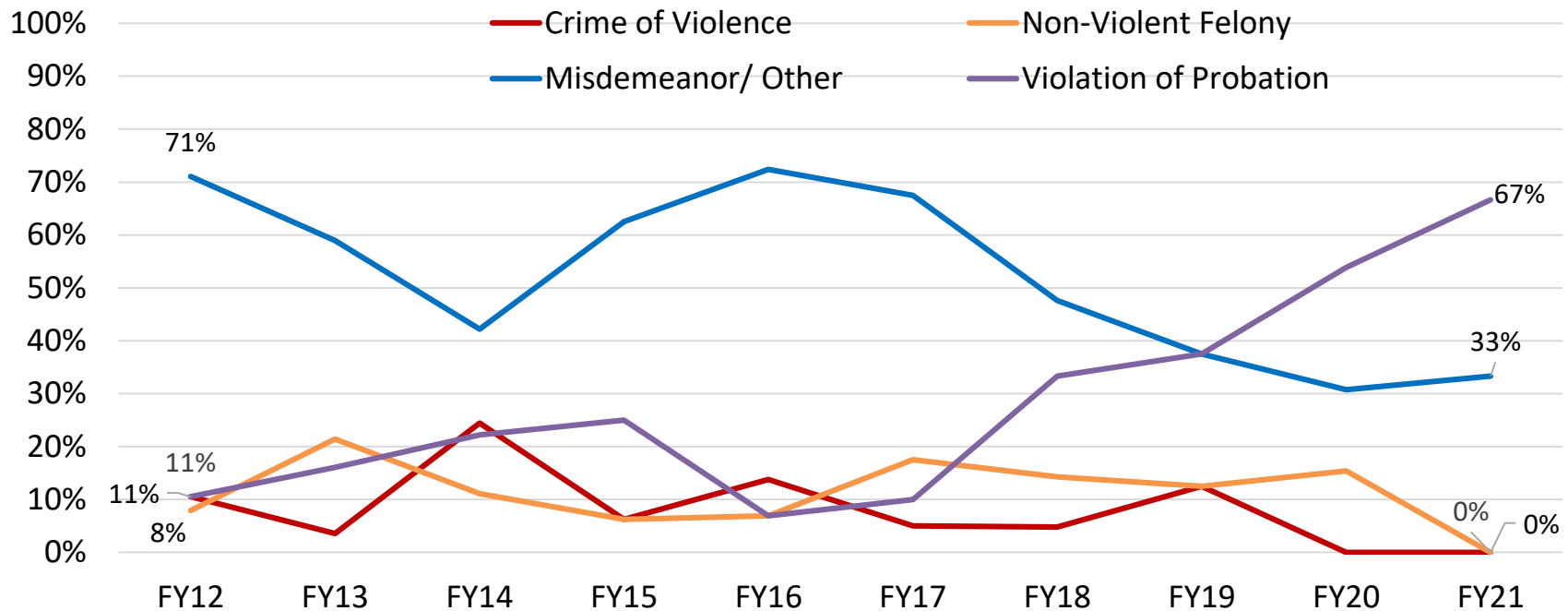
Juvenile Probation and Commitment Orders Have Declined*

- Region II juvenile probation orders declined 85.6% in 10 years. Statewide probation orders declined 82.2% over the same period.
- Juvenile commitments declined 92.1% in 10 years. Statewide commitments declined 82.5% over the same period.



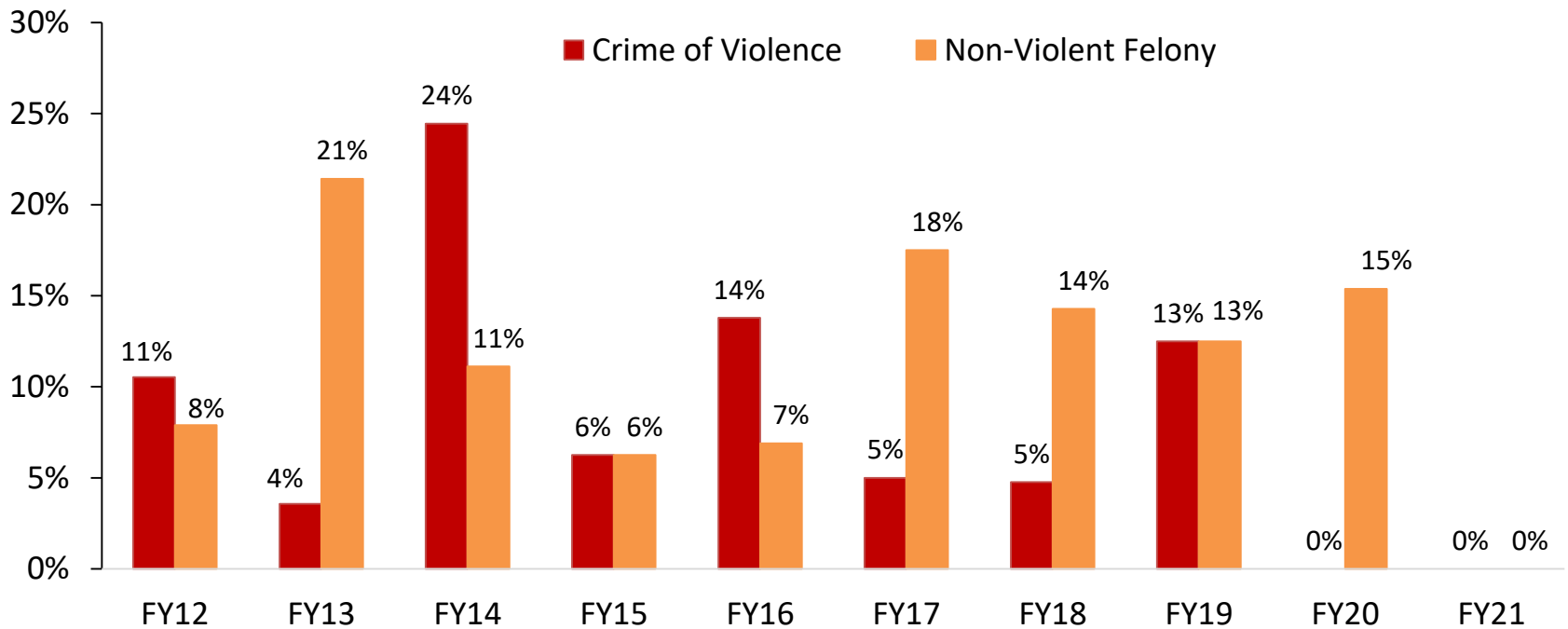
The Rate of Juveniles Committed for Violations of Probation Increased in Region II*

- The proportion of commitments for Violations of Probation soared between FY12 and FY21.
- Commitments for misdemeanor offenses declined by 38 percentage points over the same period.



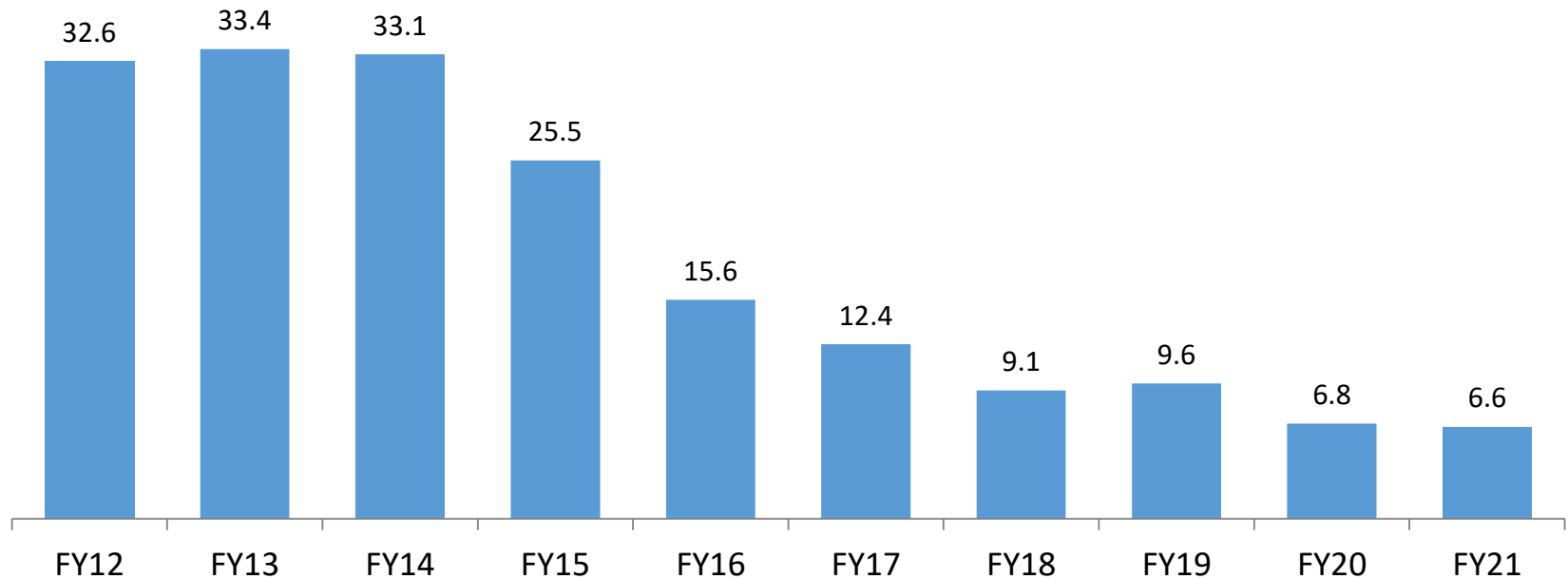
The Rate of Juveniles Committed for Crimes of Violence has Decreased in the Region II*

- Crimes of Violence made up 0% of committed dispositions in FY21.
- Non-Violent Felonies have decreased 15 percentage in the past year as a proportion of committed dispositions.



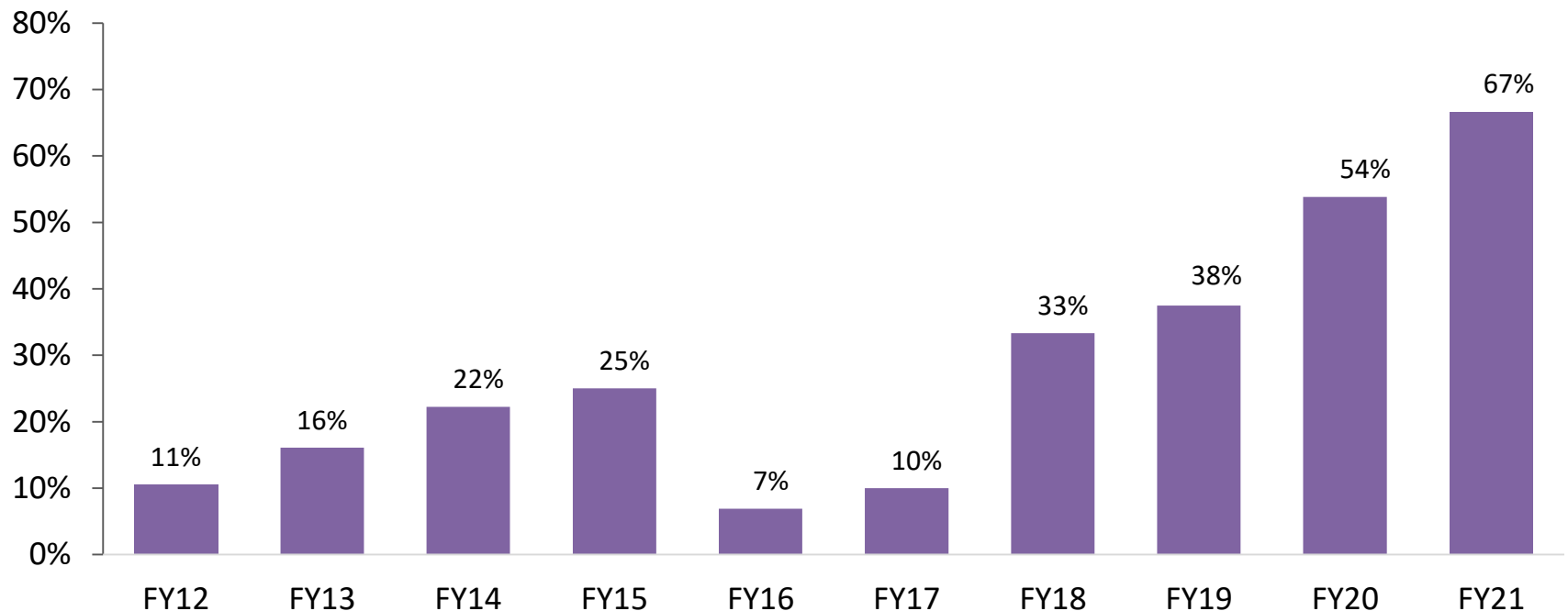
Average Committed Out-of-Home Population Has Declined Over The Years in Region II

- The average daily population (ADP) Region II youth committed by the juvenile court to out-of-home placement declined 79.8% from FY12 to FY21.
- Statewide average committed population declined 84.8% over the same period.



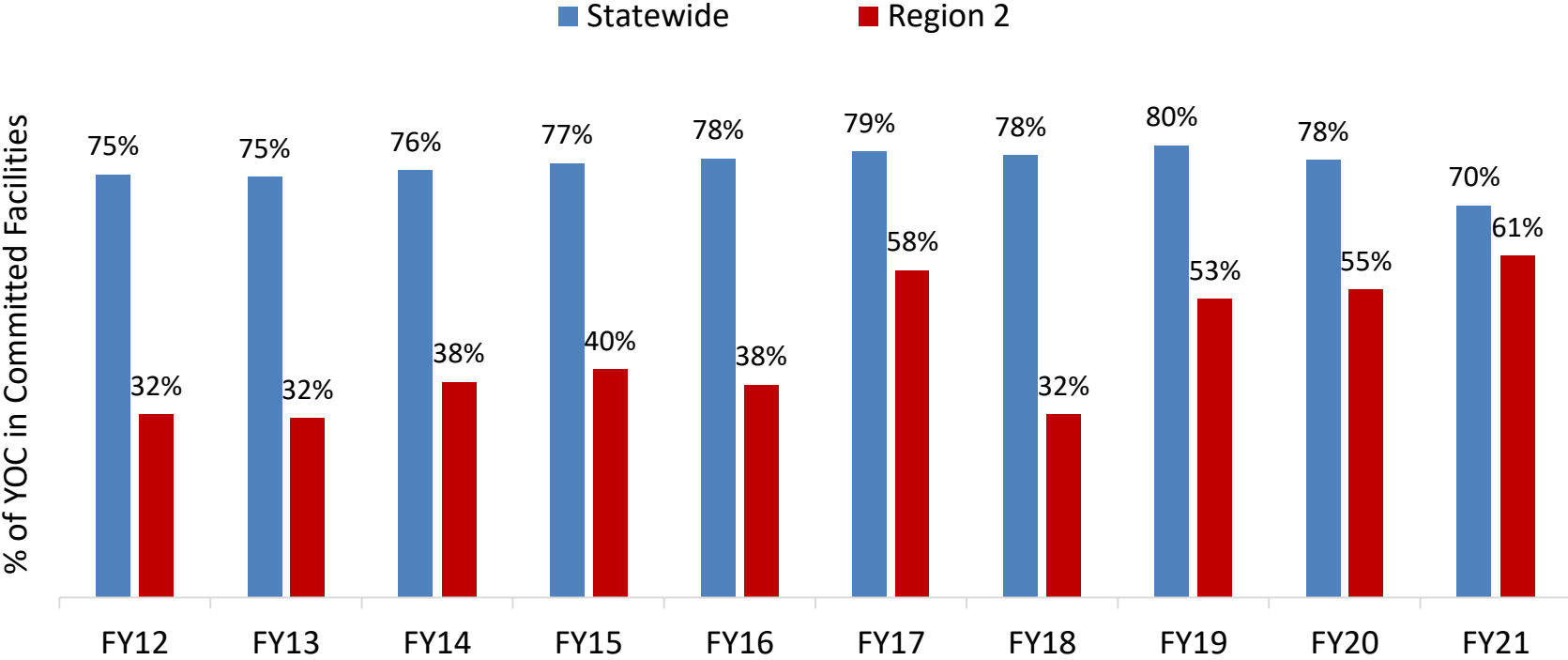
The Rate of Commitments for Violations of Probation Increased 56 Points In Region II*

- The rate of new commitments for violations of probation increased by 56 percentage points from FY12 and FY21.
- Statewide, the rate of such commitments was 16% in FY21.



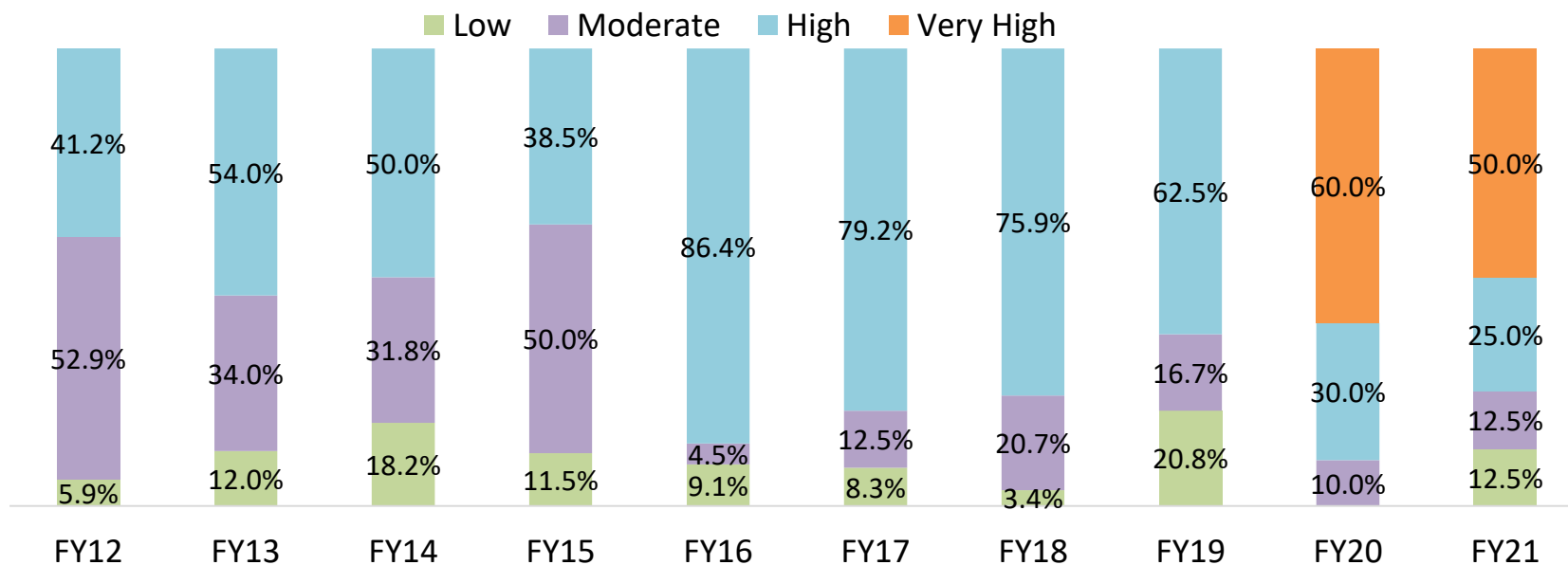
Proportion of Youth of Color Increased Slightly in Commitment Facilities

- The proportion of committed youth from Region II who are youth of color has increased by 29 percentage points from FY12 to FY21.



Most New Commitments Demonstrate High Risk on MCASP*

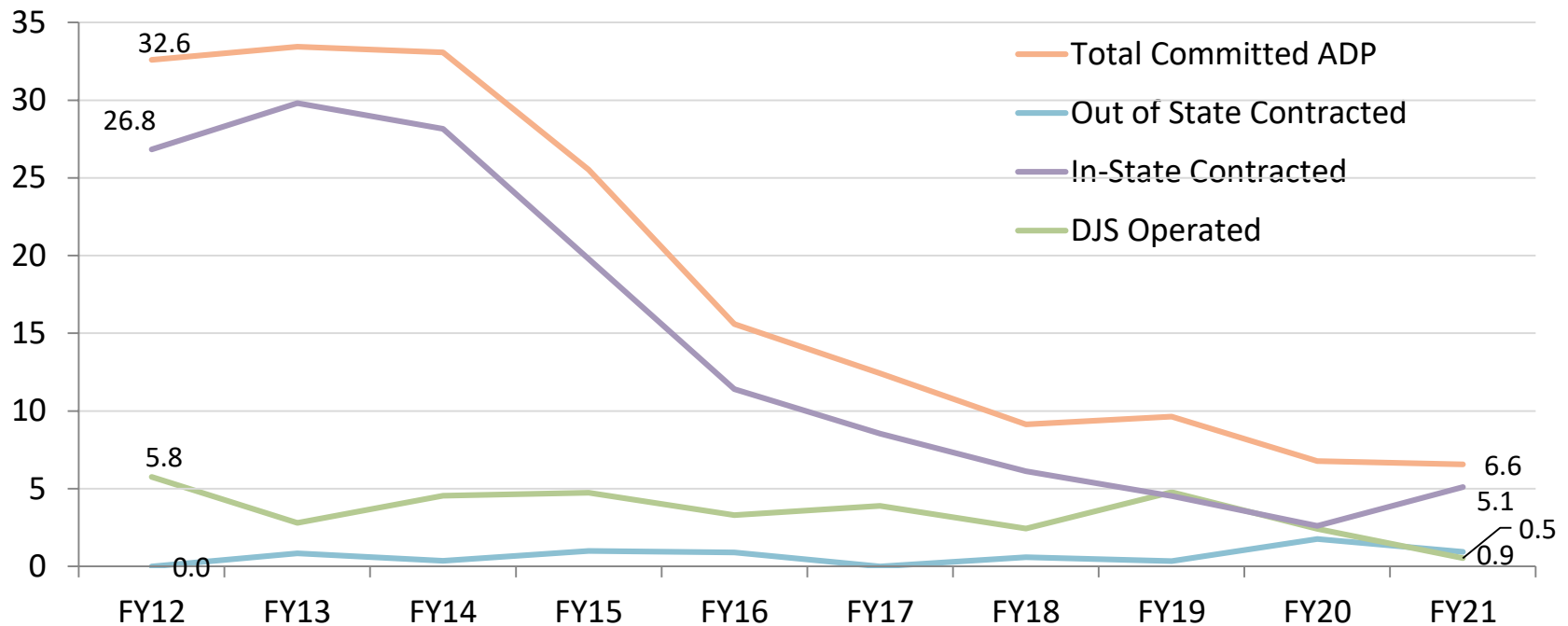
- The proportion of committed placements from the Region II that had an assessed Maryland Comprehensive Assessment and Service Planning (MCASP) Risk Level of High or Very High has increased by 33.8 percentage points since FY12
- In FY21, 75% of committed placements were High or Very High risk.



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

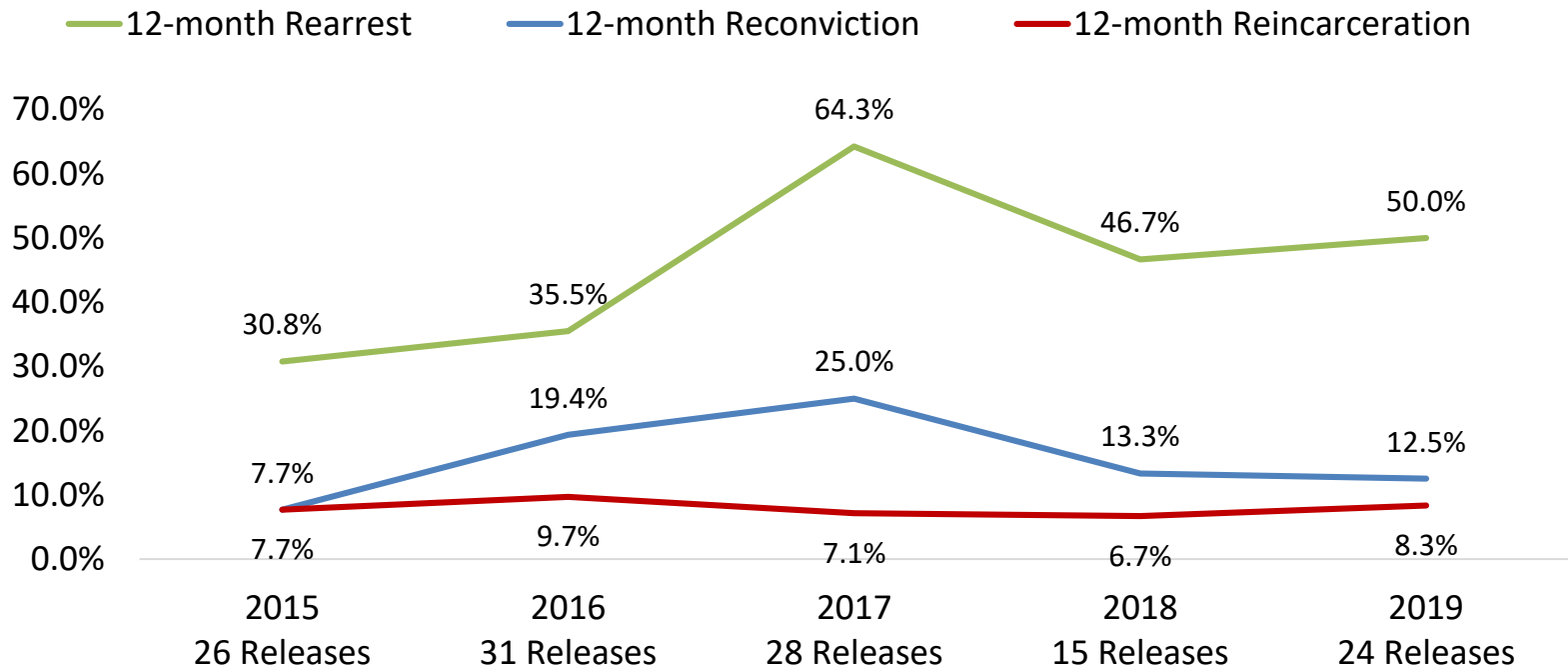
Region II Committed Youth Population Down Across All Facility Types

- Overall, committed out-of-home population has declined 79.8% since FY12.
- DJS-Operated ADP decreased 91.4%, and Private In-State has declined 81.0%.
- Out-of-State committed ADP increased from 0.0 in FY12 to 0.9 in FY21.



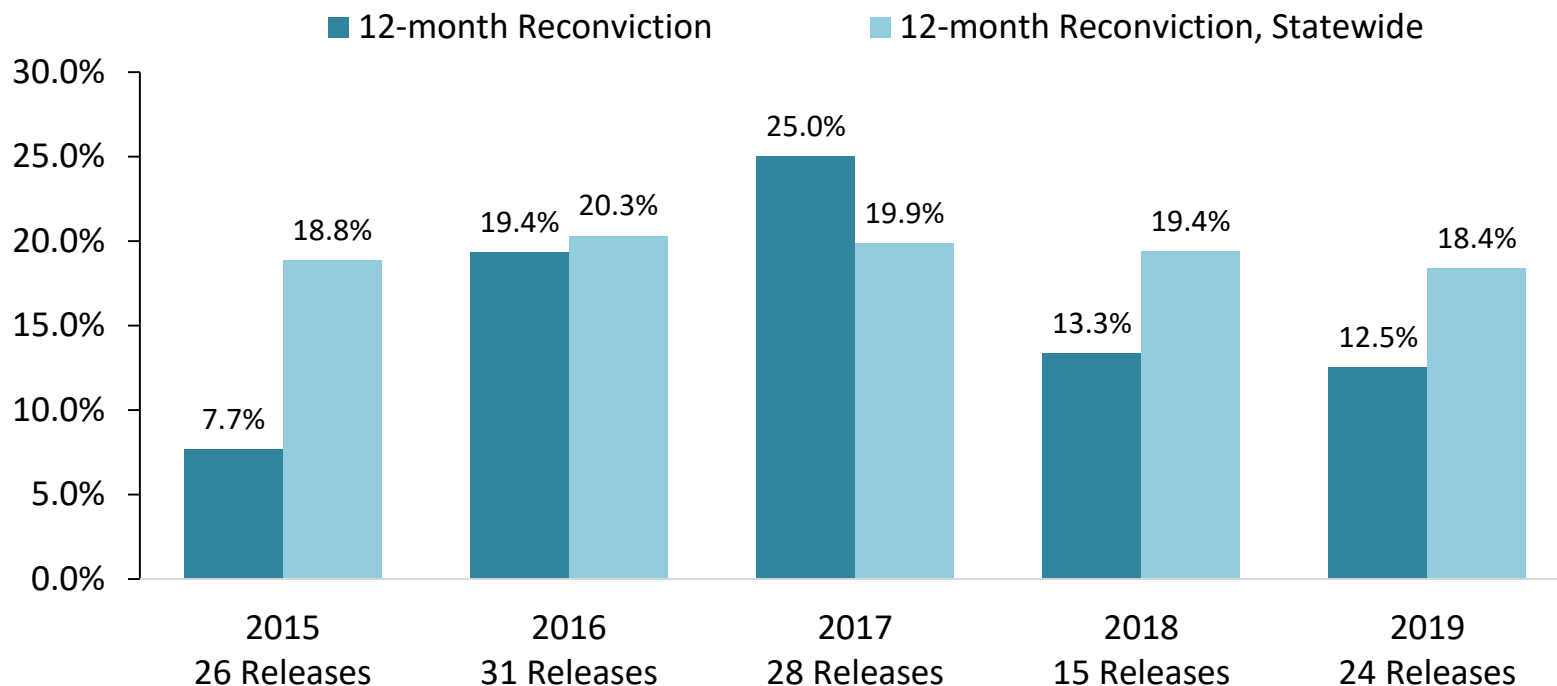
All Measures of Recidivism in Region II Have Increased*

- The rate of new arrests (juvenile or adult) one year from release increased 19.2 percentage points in from FY15 to FY19 in Region II.
- New convictions increased 4.8 percentage points, and new commitments or incarcerations increased 0.6 percentage points over the same period.



Recidivism Rates for Region II Committed Youth Down By Half Since FY17*

- 12.5% of Region II youth released from committed placement in FY19 had a new offense within a year that resulted in a delinquent adjudication or criminal conviction, a 12.5-point decrease from a peak of 25.0 in FY17.
- The Statewide rate was 18.4% in FY19.



Recidivism Rates for Region II DJS Probation Youth Show Sharp Decrease*

- 1.5% of Region II 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 18.5 percentage points from FY15.
- The Statewide rate was 16.2% in FY19, down 4.4 percentage points from FY15.

