



# Region III Juvenile Services Long Term Trends: Baltimore & Harford Counties

FY 2012 – FY 2021

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# Regional Restructuring and Trend Data

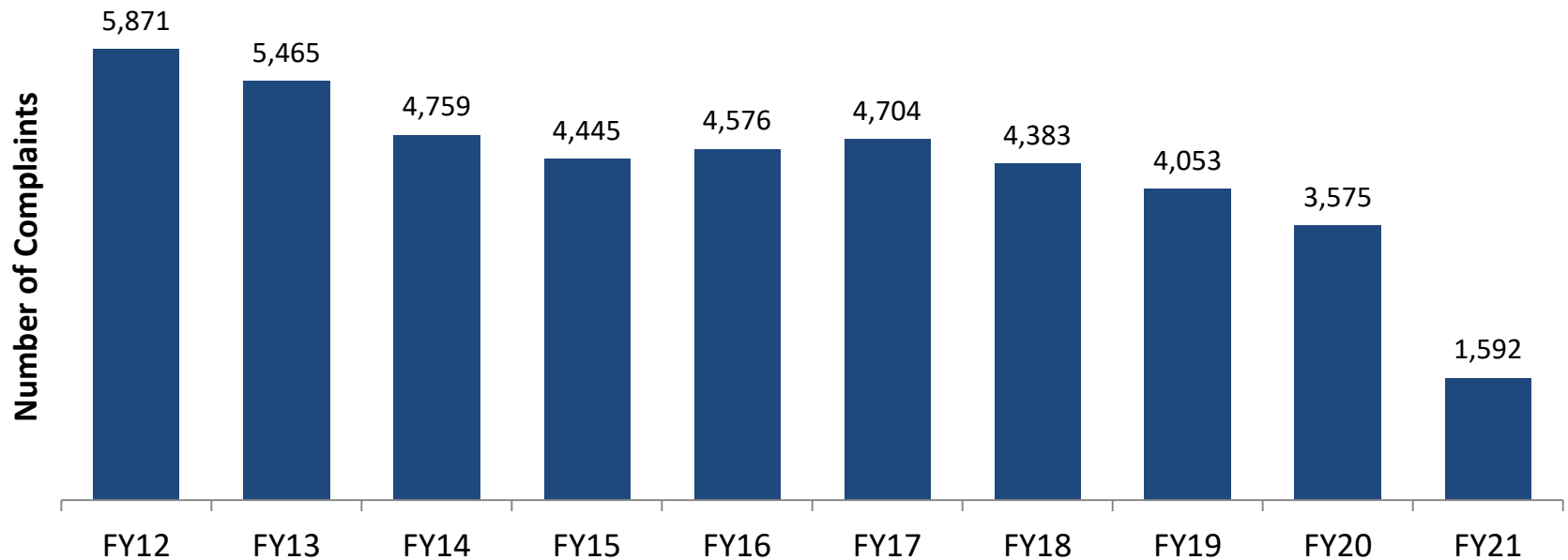
- On July 1, 2021, DJS restructured its regional community structure to align directly with the Maryland Judicial Circuits, moving from six operational regions to eight. All trends data for past years have been aggregated to align with this new structure.
- The new regional structure is as follows:
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

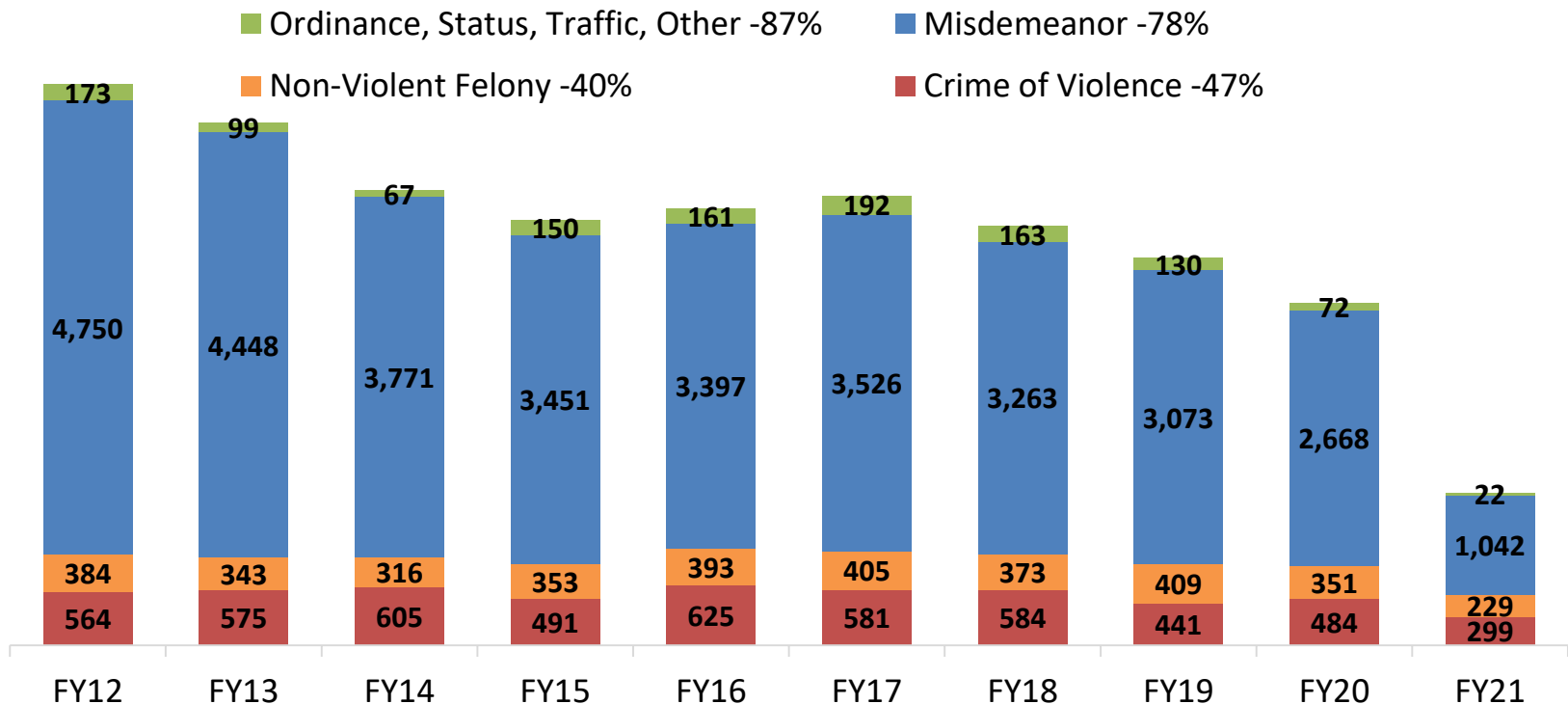
# Region III Juvenile Complaints Down More Than 70% in 10 Years

- Region III complaints referred to DJS Intake declined 72.9% between FY12 and FY21.
- Statewide complaints declined 78.4% over the same period.



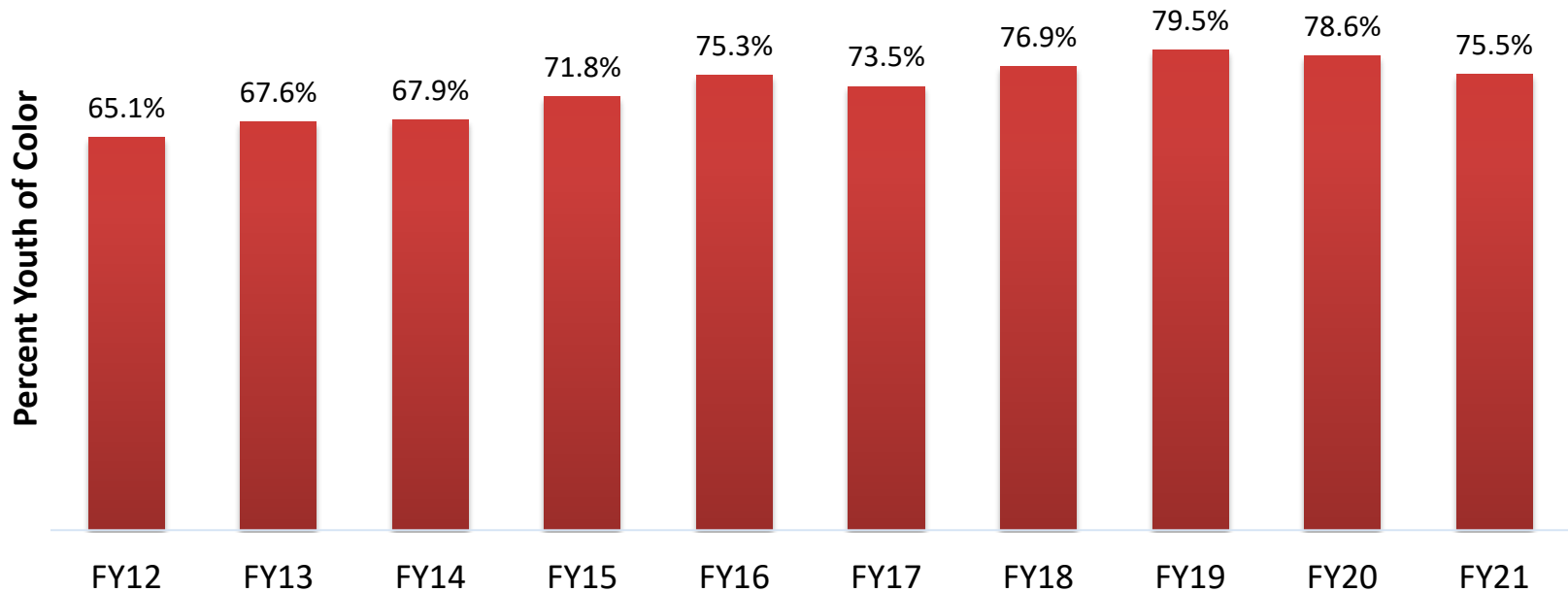
# Region III Juvenile Complaints Have Declined For All Offense Categories

- Complaints for crimes of violence declined 47% in 10 years.
- Misdemeanors complaints decreased by 78%, and non-violent felonies decreased by 40% over 10 years.



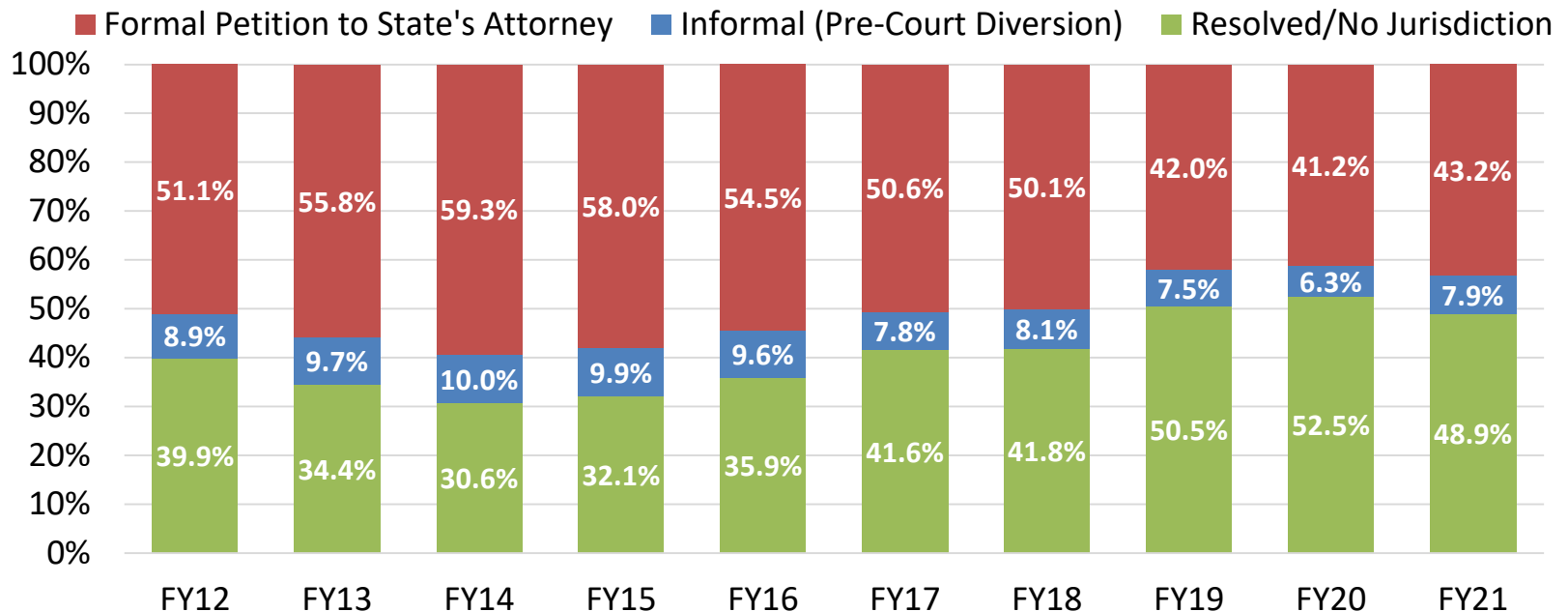
# Youth of Color Account for About 75% of Region III Juvenile Complaints

- Youth of color represented 75.5% of complaints in FY21. Statewide, Youth of color (YOC) made up 67.0% of all complaints.
- In FY21, Youth of Color represented 49.8% of the youth population (ages 11-17) in Region III.



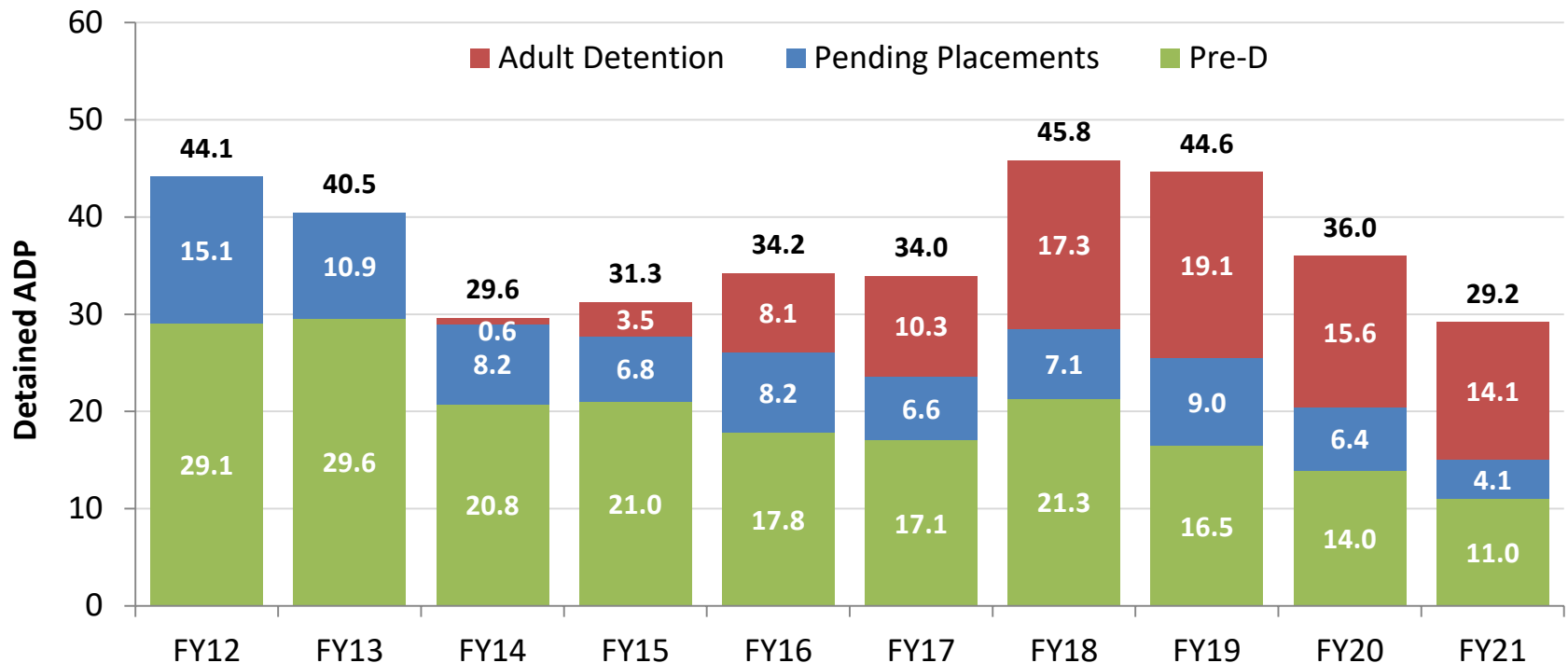
# The Percentage of Cases Referred to Juvenile Court Shows Decline Since FY15

- 43.2% of Region III complaints were referred to court by DJS Intake in FY21, 7.9 percentage points less than in FY12. Statewide, 41.3% were referred to court.
- 7.9% of complaints were diverted to an informal DJS pre-court case. Statewide, 11.5% were diverted.



# Region III Detention Population Has Declined

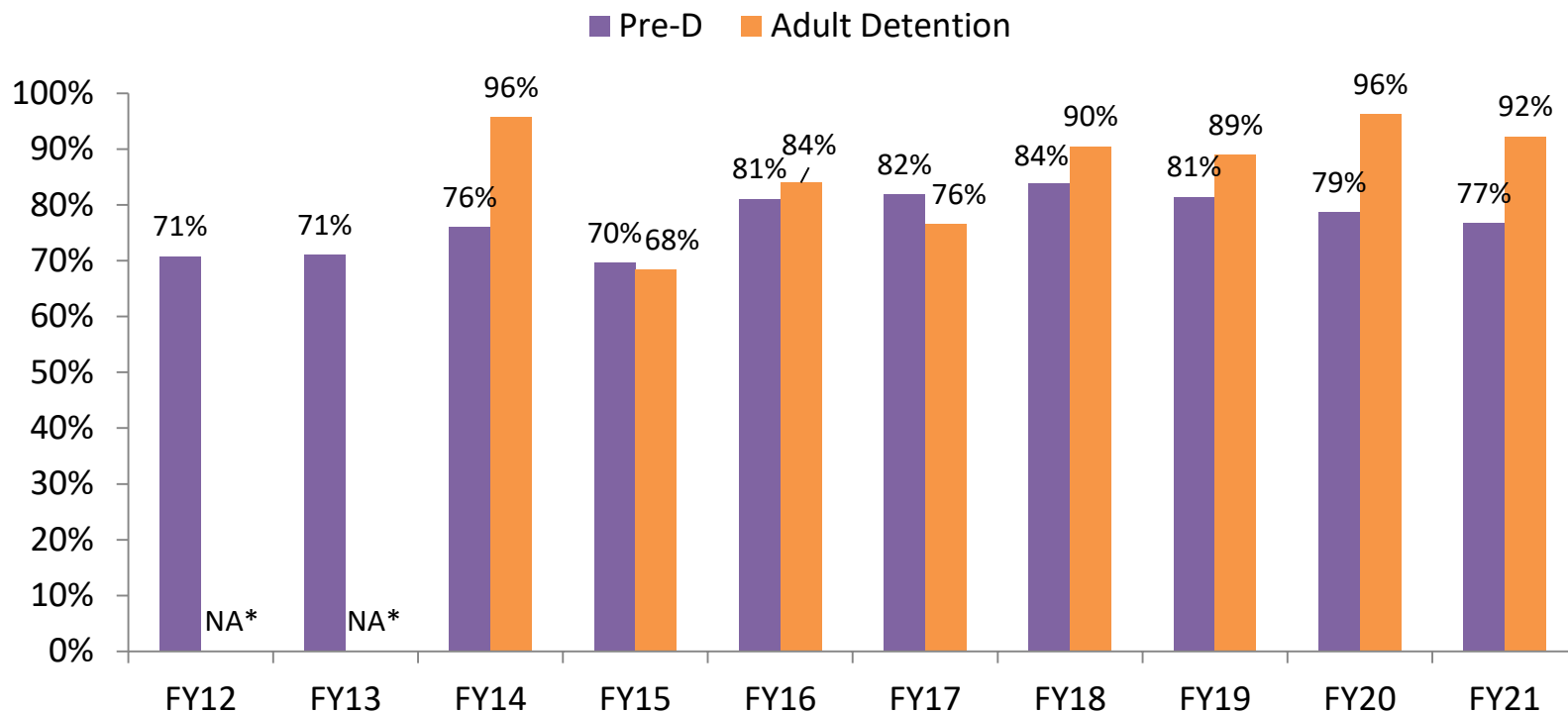
- Region III daily population in DJS detention declined 33.8% in 10 years, to 29.2 in FY21. The statewide detention population declined 64.3% over the same period.
- Cases detained for the adult court made up 48.3% of the DJS detained population in Region III in FY21.





# Youth of Color Represent a High Proportion of Detention ADP in Region III

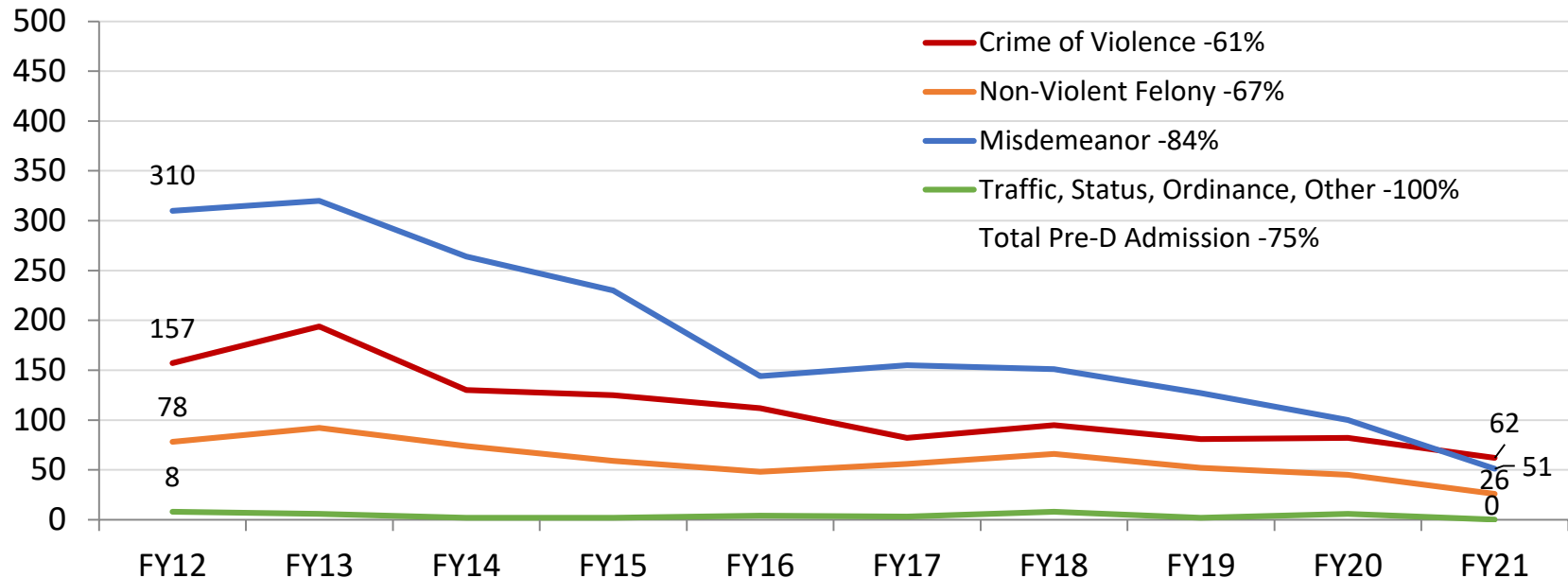
- The proportion of youth of color in Pre-D detention declined to 77% in FY21, from a peak of 84% in FY18. Youth charged as adults decreased to 92% YOC in FY21.



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

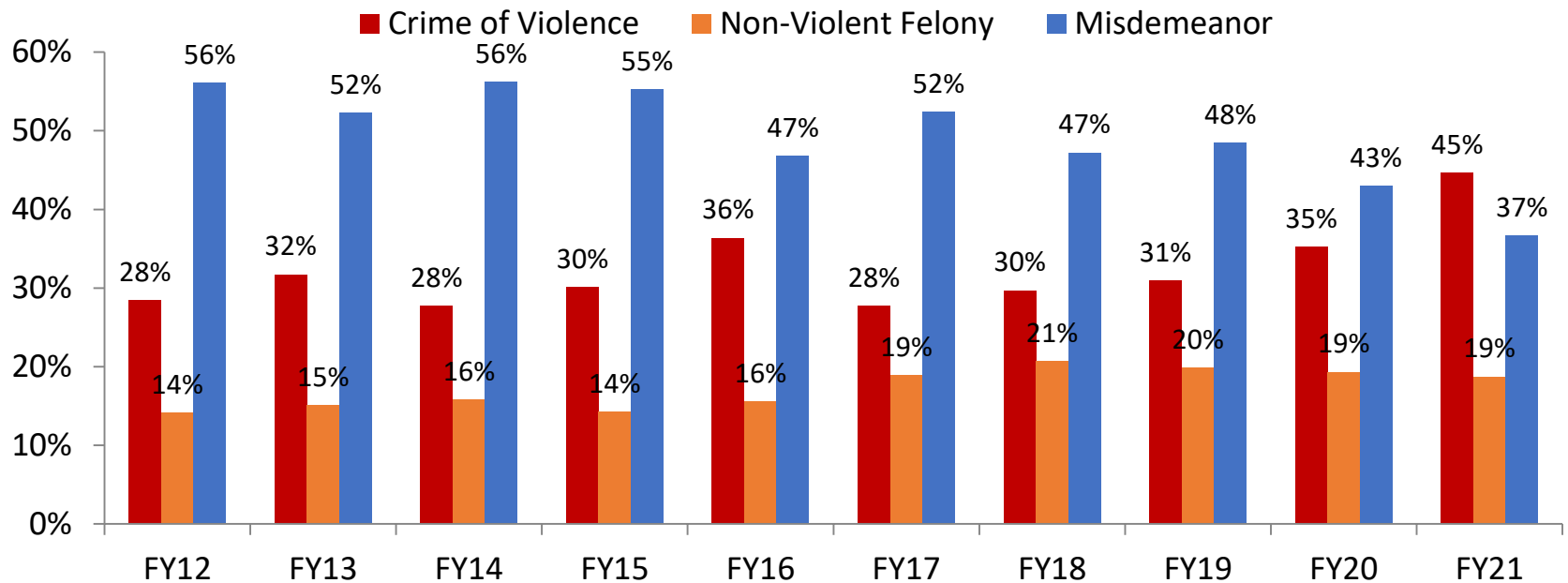
- Youth detained pre-disposition for misdemeanors and for non-violent felonies decreased 84% and 67%, respectively, from FY12 to FY21.
- Youth detained pre-disposition for crimes of violence decreased 61% over the same period.

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



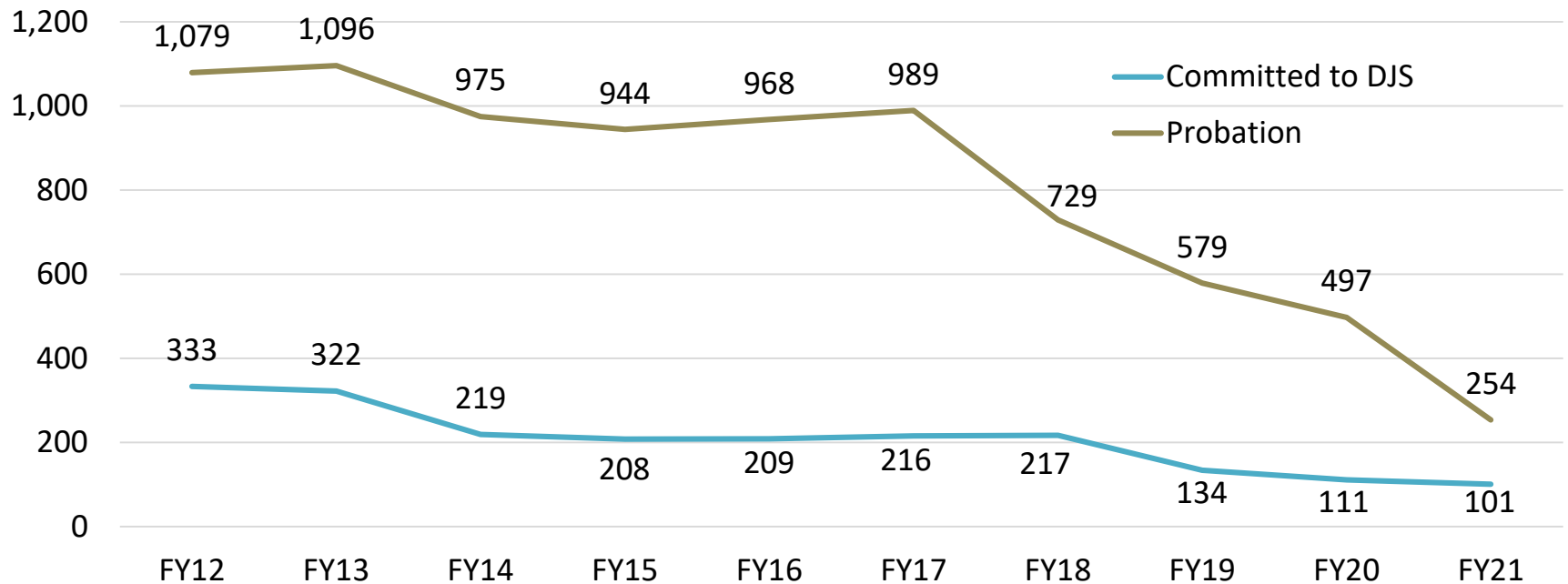
# Violent Offenses Represent Growing Proportion of Pre-D Detention Admissions\*

- Violent crimes as a share of all detentions increased by 17 percentage points from FY12 to FY21. Detention for misdemeanors decreased, but for non-violent felonies it increased somewhat during the same period.
- These are positive trends, as detention should be used only for the most serious cases.



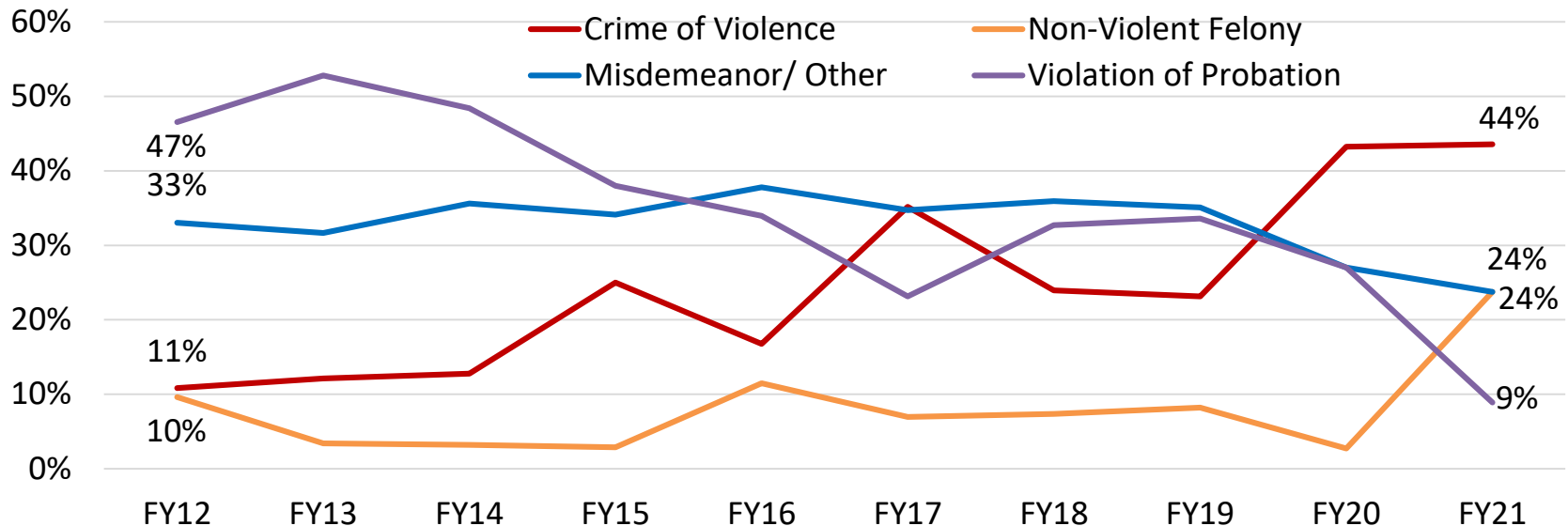
# Juvenile Probation and Commitment Orders Have Declined\*

- Region III Juvenile probation orders declined 76.5% in 10 years. Statewide probation orders declined 82.2% over the same period.
- Region III juvenile commitments declined 69.7% in 10 years. Statewide commitments declined 82.5% over the same period.



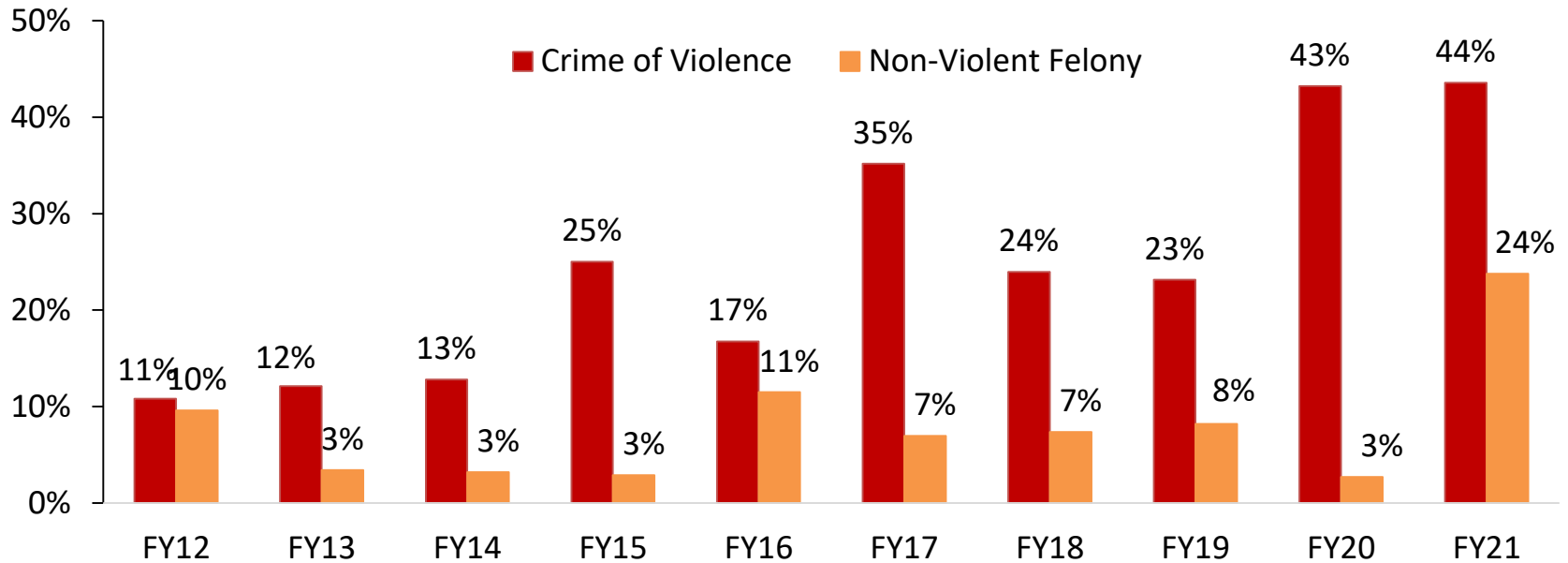
# The Rates of Juveniles Committed for Violent Offenses Has Increased\*

- The proportion of commitments for crimes of violence has increased 33 percentage points from FY12 to FY21.
- Commitments for misdemeanor and other low-level offenses declined 9 percentage points over the same period.
- These are positive trends; commitment should be used for the most serious offenses, rather than low-level misdemeanors.



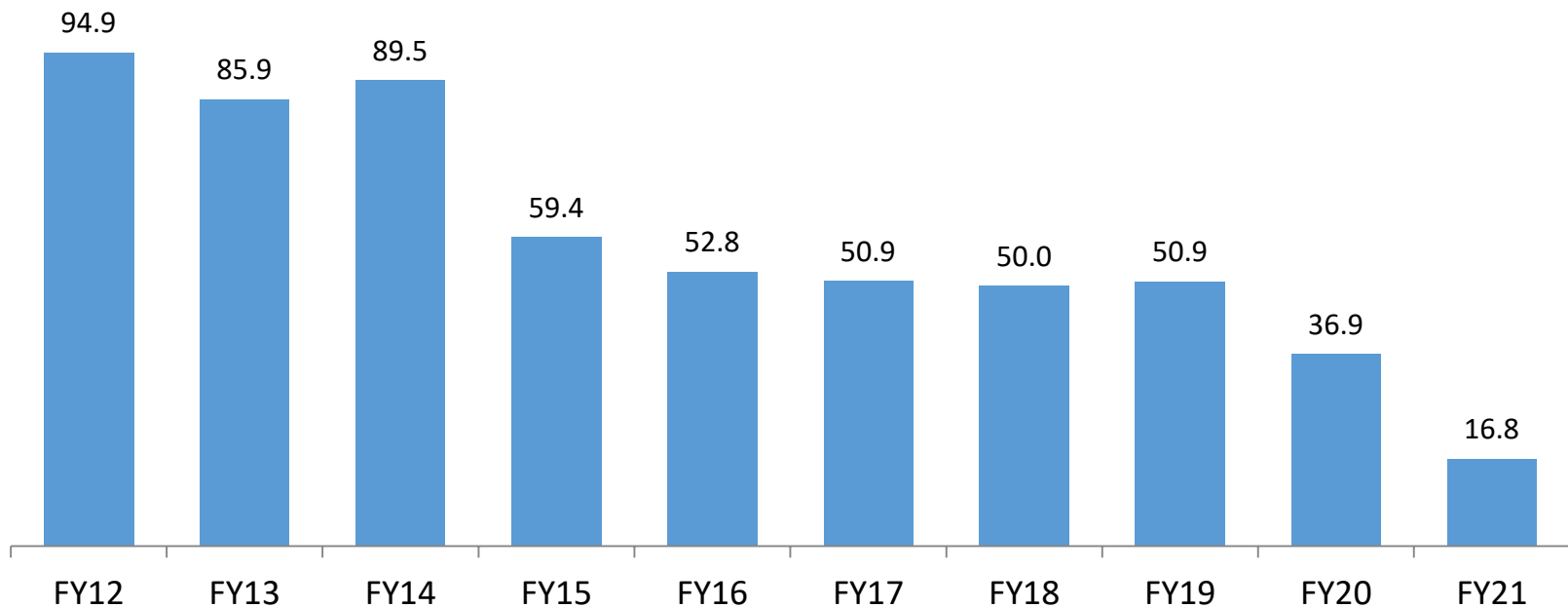
# The Rate of Juveniles Committed For Crimes of Violence Has Increased\*

- Crimes of Violence made up 44% of commitments in FY21.
- The rate of Non-Violent Felonies increased by 21 percentage points, to its highest rate of the decade, from FY20 to FY21.



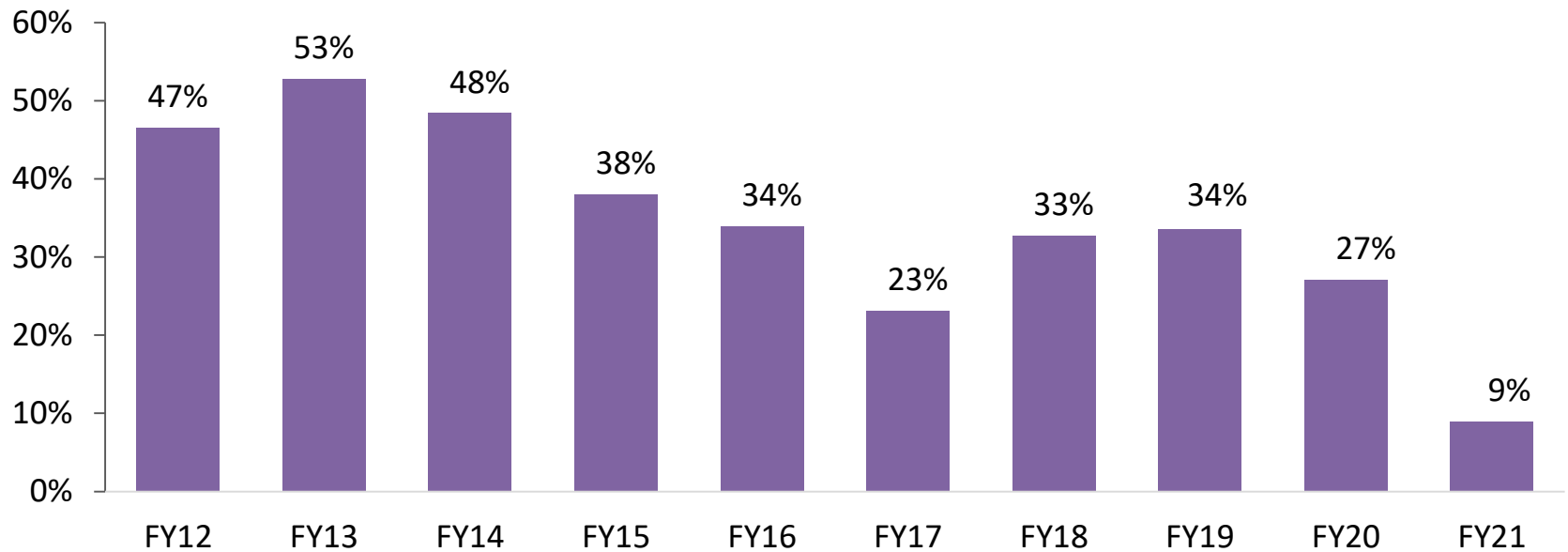
# Average Committed Out-of-Home Population Has Declined Significantly For Region III

- The average daily population (ADP) of Region III youth committed by the juvenile court to out-of-home placement declined 82.3% from FY12 to FY21.
- Statewide average committed population declined 84.8% over the same period.



# The Rate of Commitments for Violations of Probation Shows Downward Trend

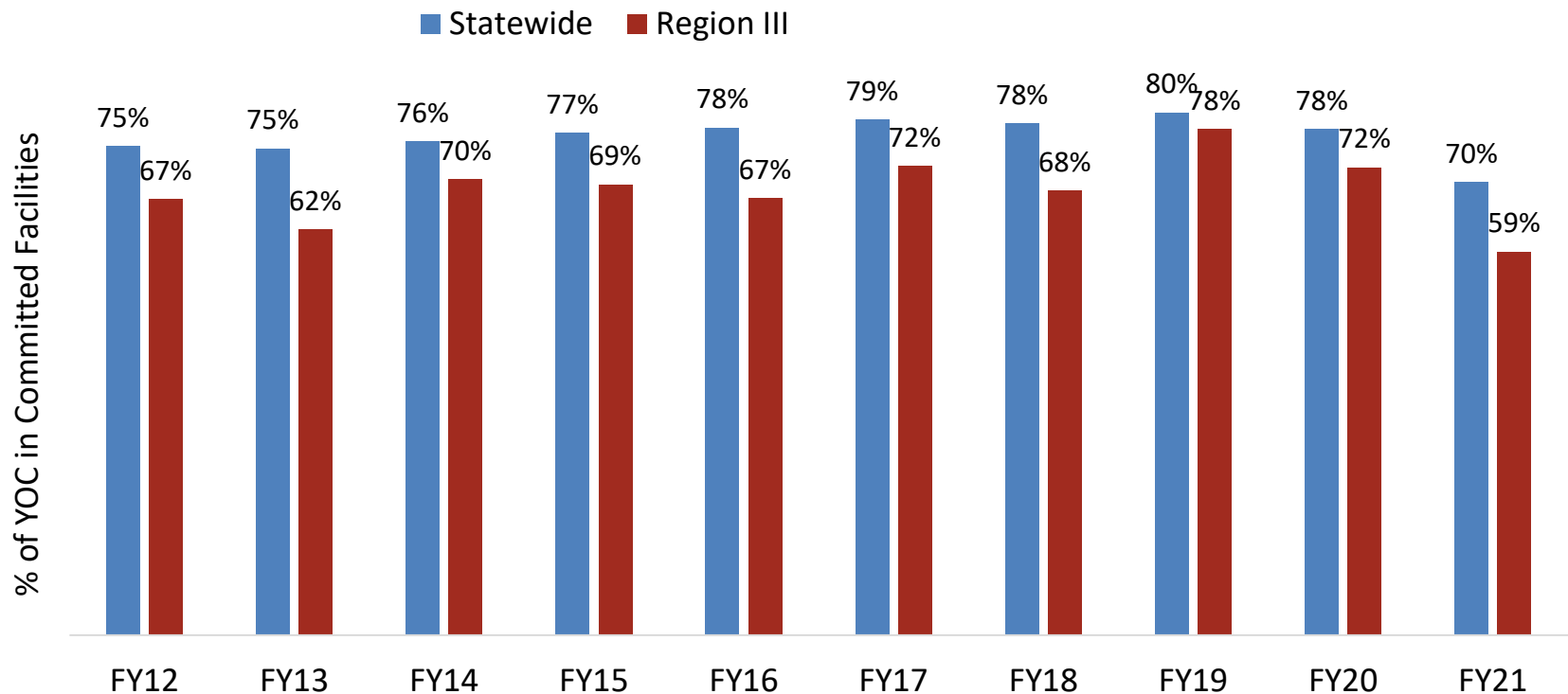
- The rate of new commitments for violations of probation decreased 38 percentage points in 10 years to 9% in FY21.
- Statewide, the rate of such commitments was 16% in FY21.





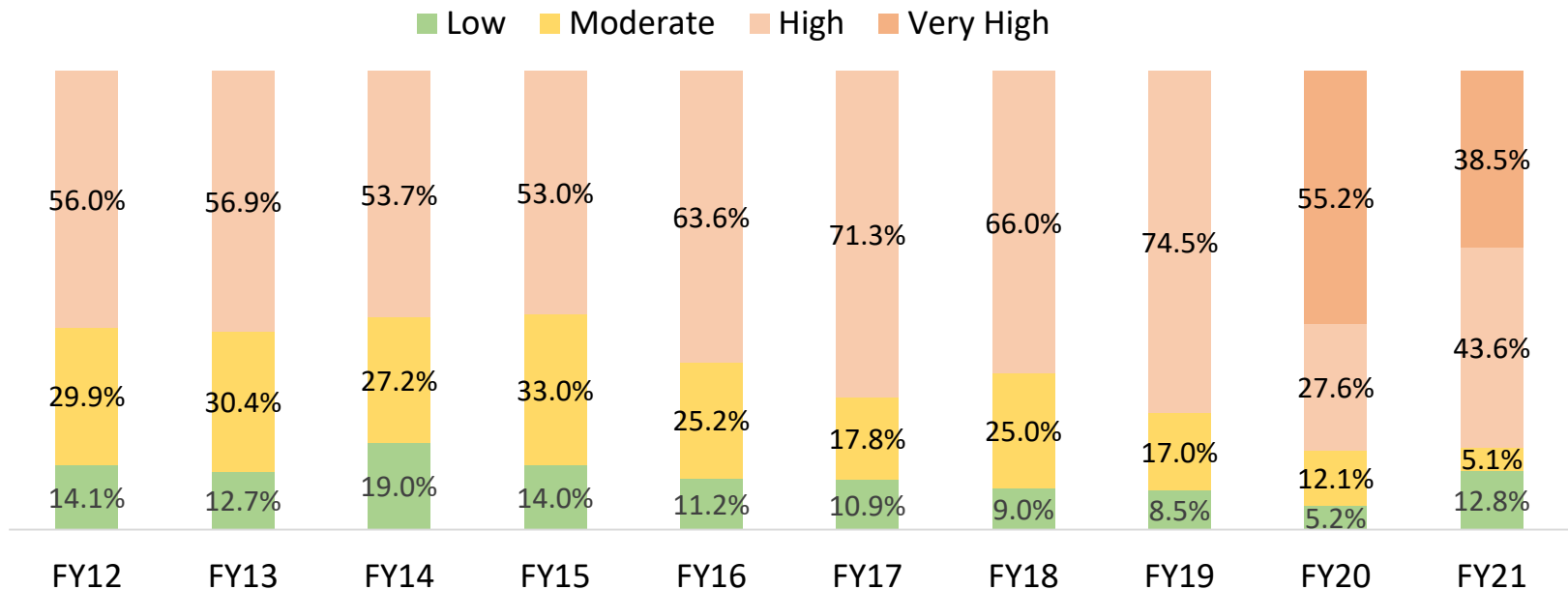
# Proportion of Youth of Color in Commitment Facilities has Increased

- The proportion of committed youth from Region III who are youth of color has decreased 8 percentage points from FY12 to FY21.



# Growing Proportion of Committed Placements Demonstrate High Risk on MCASP

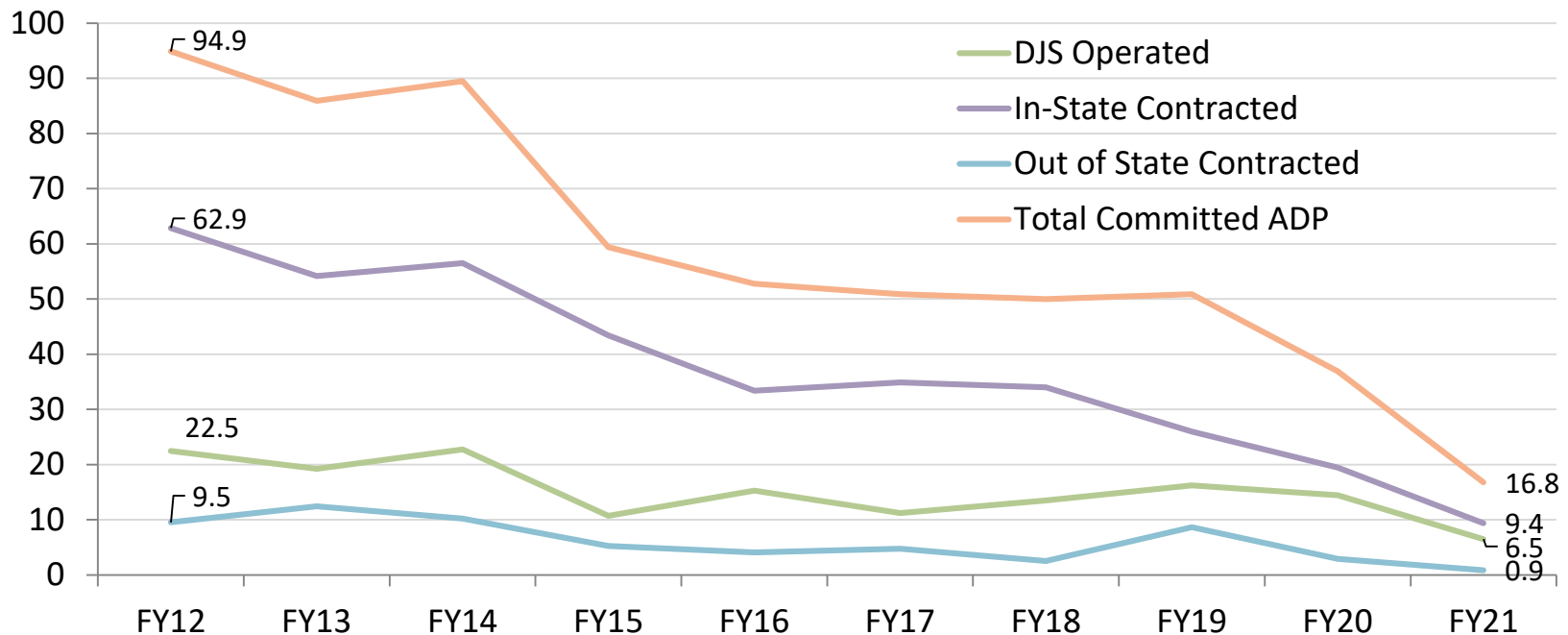
- The proportion of committed placements from Region III with an assessed Maryland Comprehensive Assessment and Service Planning (MCASP) Risk Level of High/Very High has risen by 26.1 percentage points since FY12.
- In FY 2021, more than 80% of new commitments were at High or Very High risk.



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

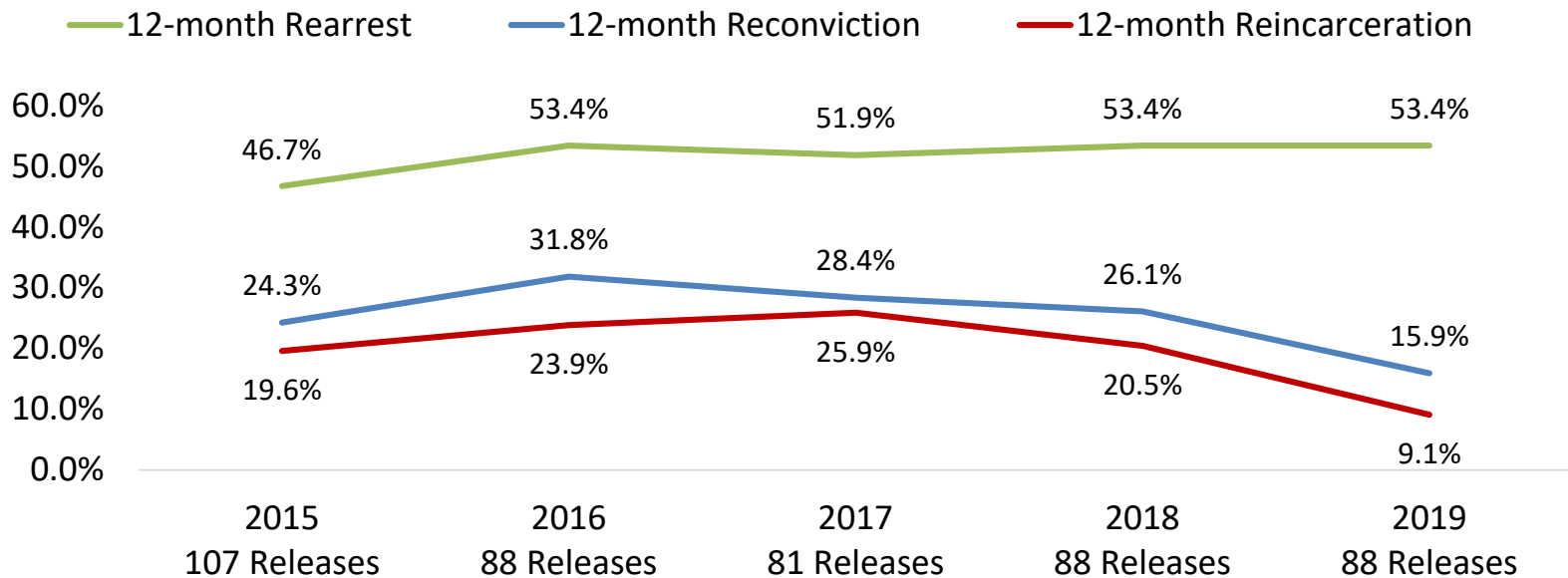
# Region III Committed Youth Population Has Declined for All Facility Types

- Overall, committed out-of-home population declined 82.3% since FY12.
- DJS-Operated ADP decreased 71.1%, and Private In-State ADP declined 85.1%.
- Private Out-of-State committed ADP declined 90.5% from FY12 to FY21.



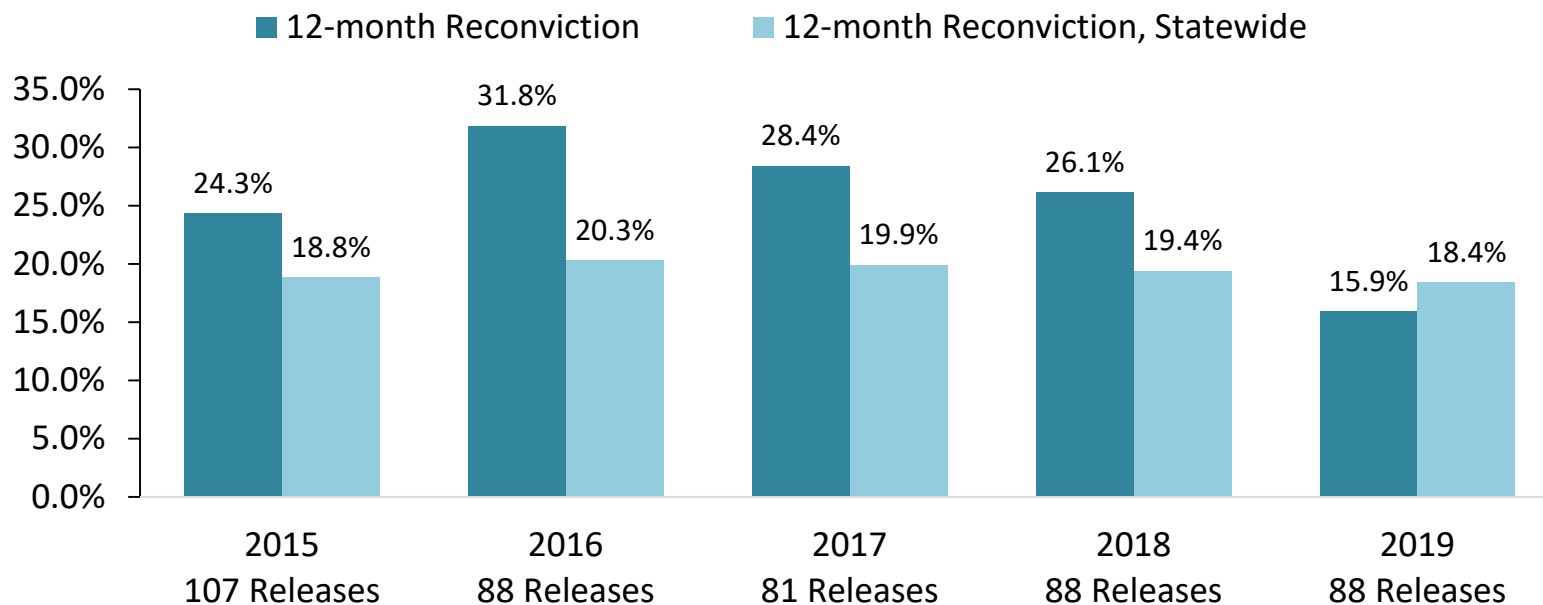
# All Measures of Recidivism Have Declined For Region III\*

- The rate of new arrests (juvenile or adult) one year from release increased 6.7 percentage points from FY15 to FY19 in Region III.
- New convictions declined 8.4 percentage points, and new commitments or incarcerations declined 10.5 percentage points over the same period.



# Recidivism Rates for Region III Committed Youth Have Decreased\*

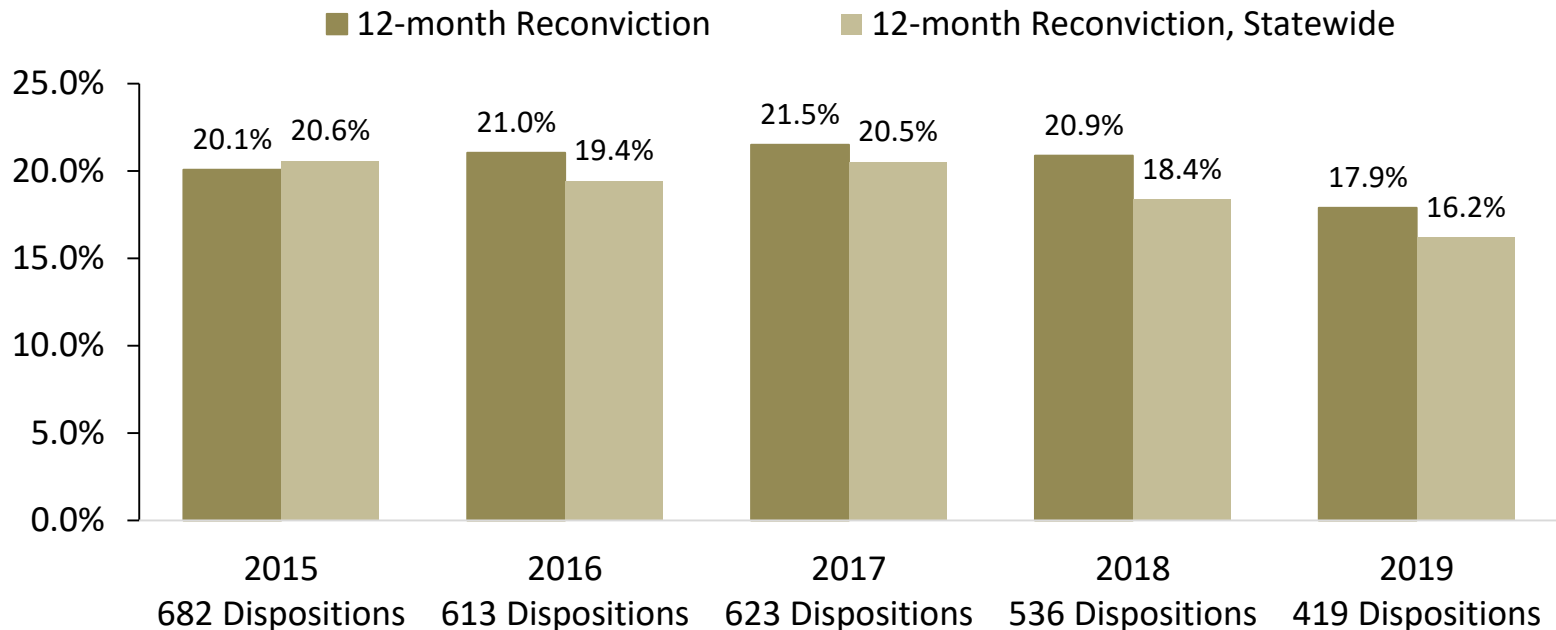
- 15.9% of Region III youth released from committed placement in FY19 had a new offense within a year that resulted in a delinquent adjudication or criminal conviction, a decrease of 8.4 percentage points from FY15 and a decrease of 15.9 points since FY16.
- The Statewide rate was 18.4% in FY19.



\* Maryland publishes re-conviction rates with a two-year lag to allow enough time to account for often lengthy court processing. Data begin in 2015 due to a methodology change.

# Recidivism Rates for Region III DJS Probation Youth Have Decreased\*

- 17.9% of Region III 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 2.2 percentage points from FY15.
- The Statewide rate was 16.2% in FY19, down 4.4 percentage points from FY15.



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