



Region V Juvenile Services Long-Term Trends: Anne Arundel, Howard and Carroll Counties

FY 2012 – FY 2021

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Regional Restructuring and Trend Data

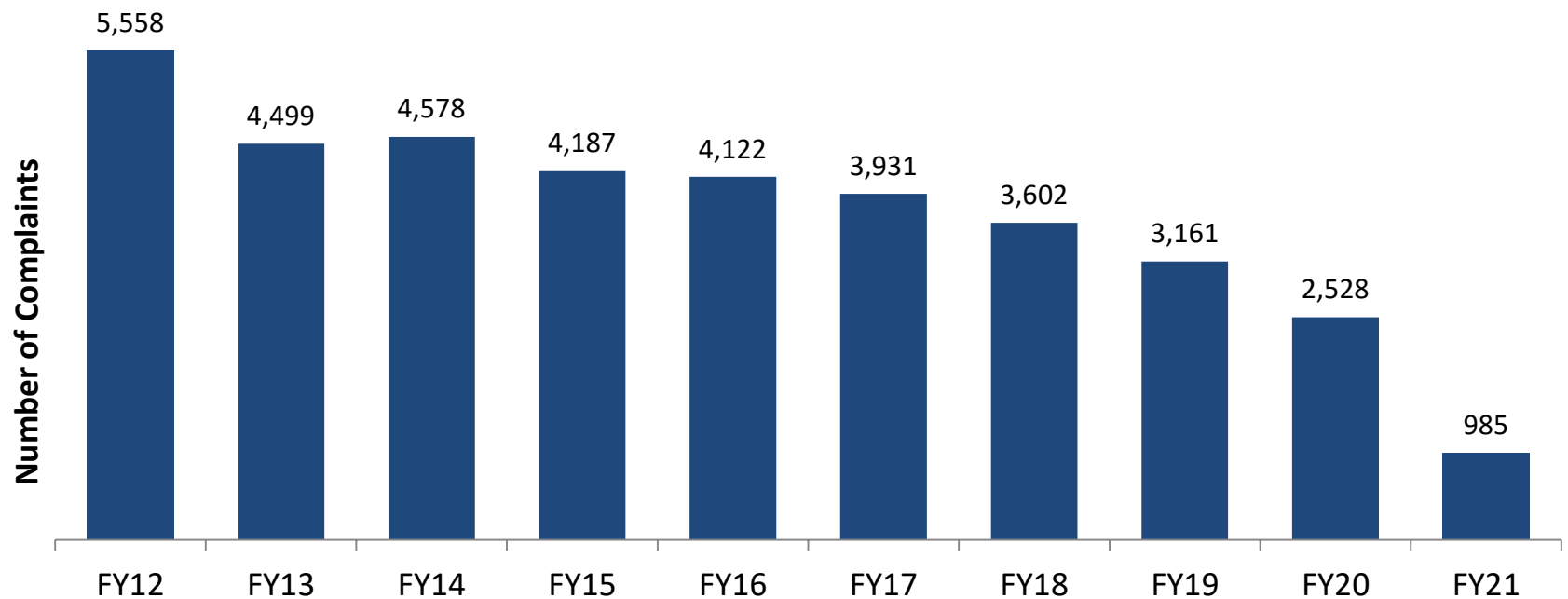
- On July 1, 2021, DJS restructured its regional community structure to align directly with the Maryland Judicial Circuits, moving from six operational regions to eight. All trends data for past years have been aggregated to align with this new structure.
- The new regional structure is as follows:
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

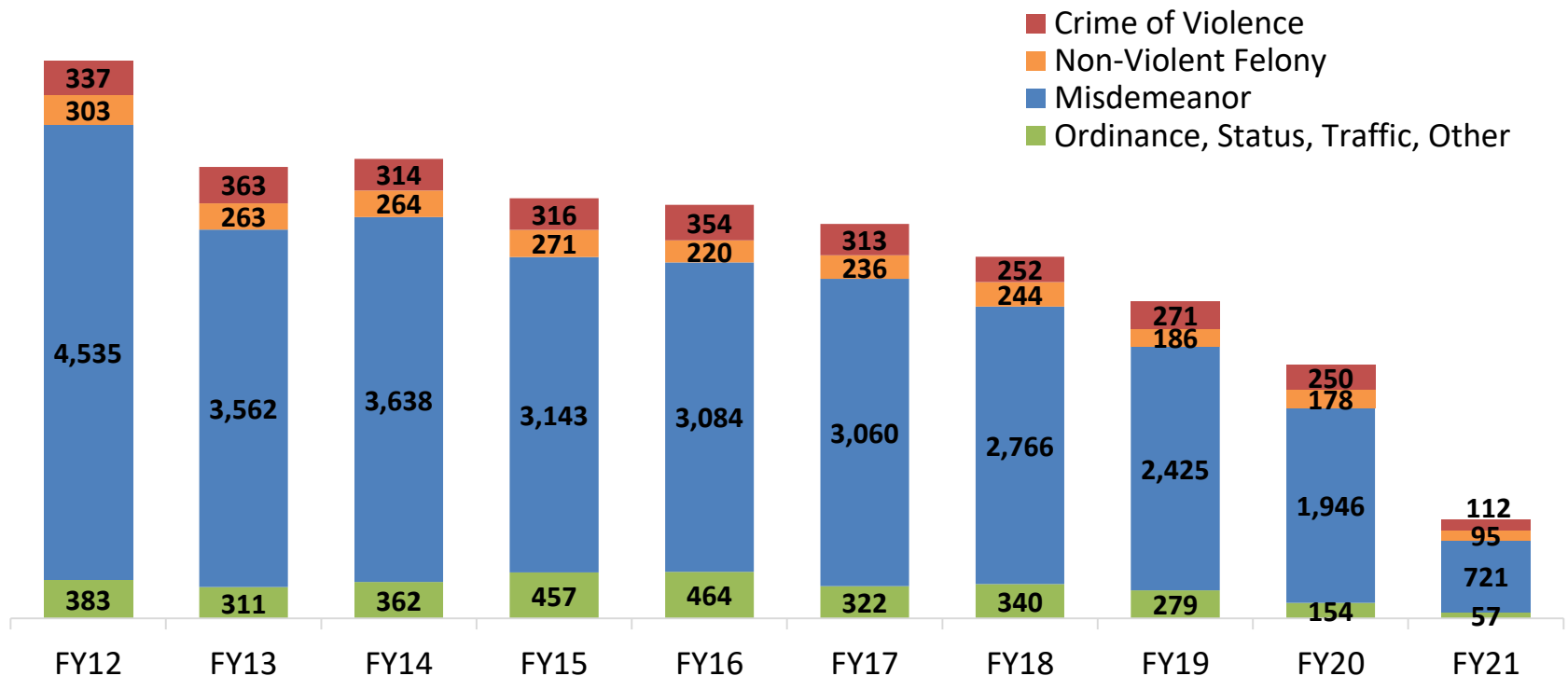
Region V Juvenile Complaints Has Dropped Over 80% Since FY12

- Region V complaints referred to DJS Intake declined 82.3% from FY12 to FY21.
- Statewide complaints declined 78.4% over the same period.



Region V Juvenile Complaints Have Declined In All Categories

- Complaints for crimes of violence declined 66.8% in 10 years.
- Complaints for non-violent felonies and misdemeanors have decreased 68.6% and 84.1%, respectively, over the same period.

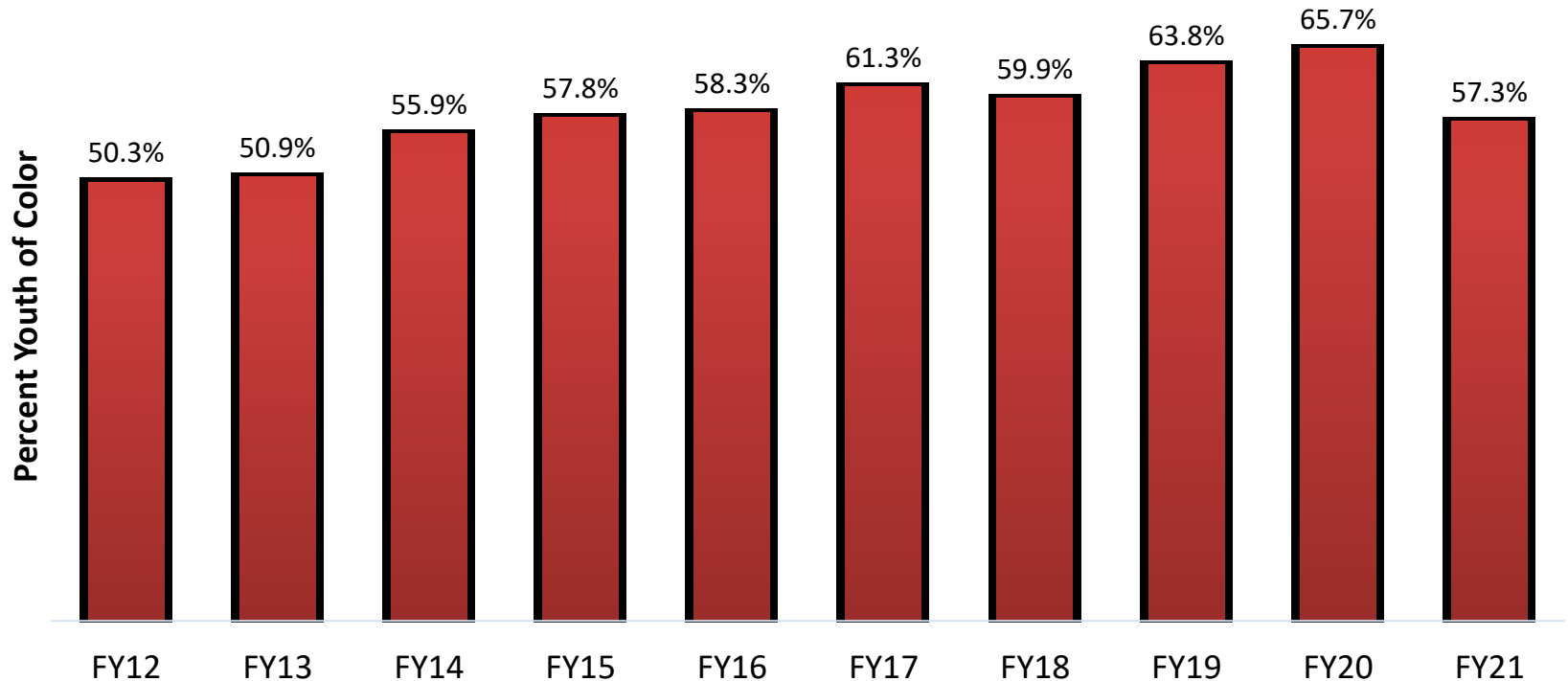


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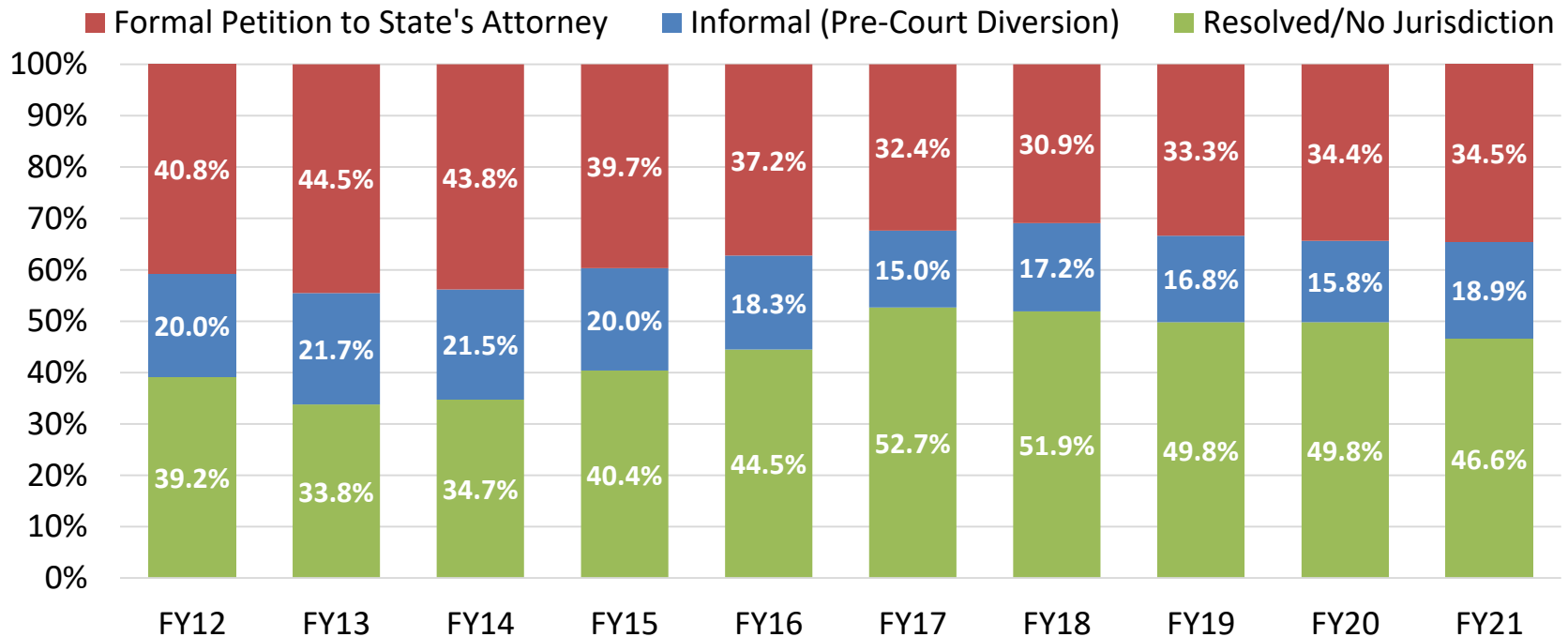
Youth of Color Increased as a Percentage of Juvenile Complaints

- Youth of color represented 57.3% of complaints in FY21, up from 50.3% in FY12.
- Statewide, Youth of color (YOC) made up 67.0% of all complaints.



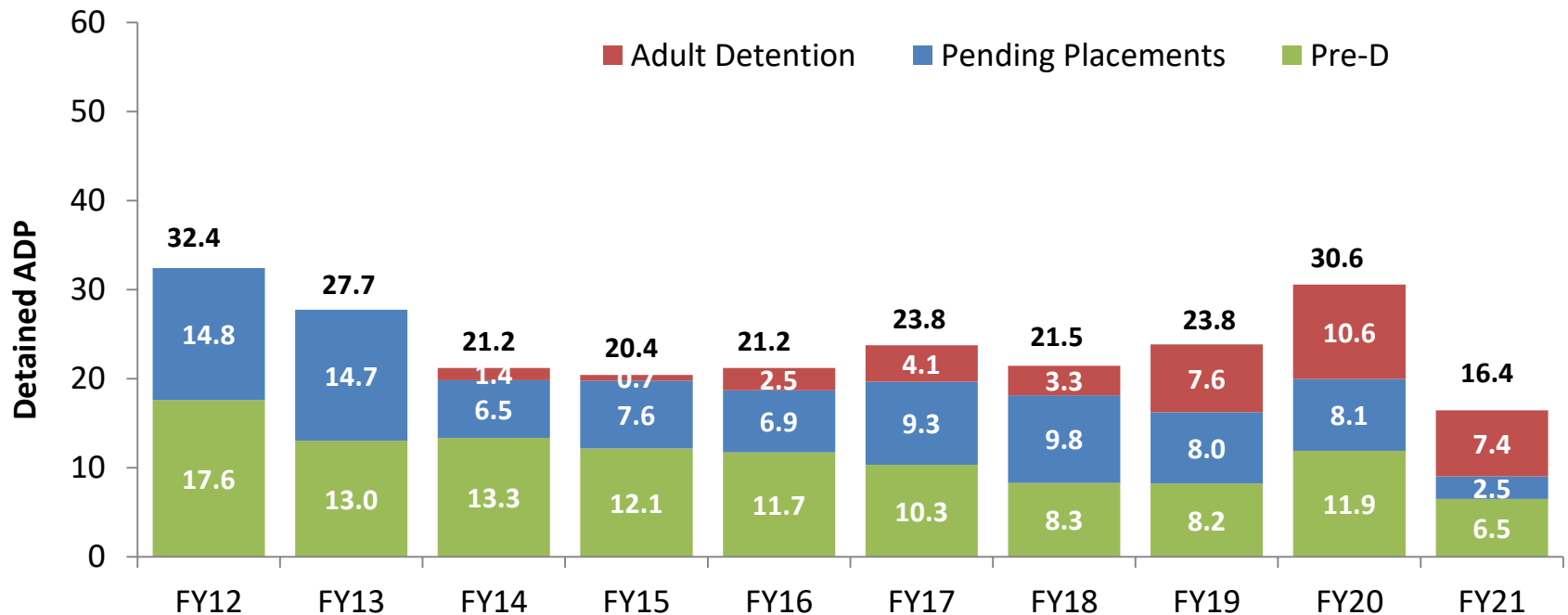
A Growing Proportion of Cases in Region V Have Been Resolved

- 34.5% of Region V complaints were referred to court by DJS Intake in FY21, 6.3 percentage points less than in FY12. Statewide, 41.3% were referred to court.
- 18.9% of complaints were diverted to an informal DJS pre-court case. Statewide, 11.5% were diverted.



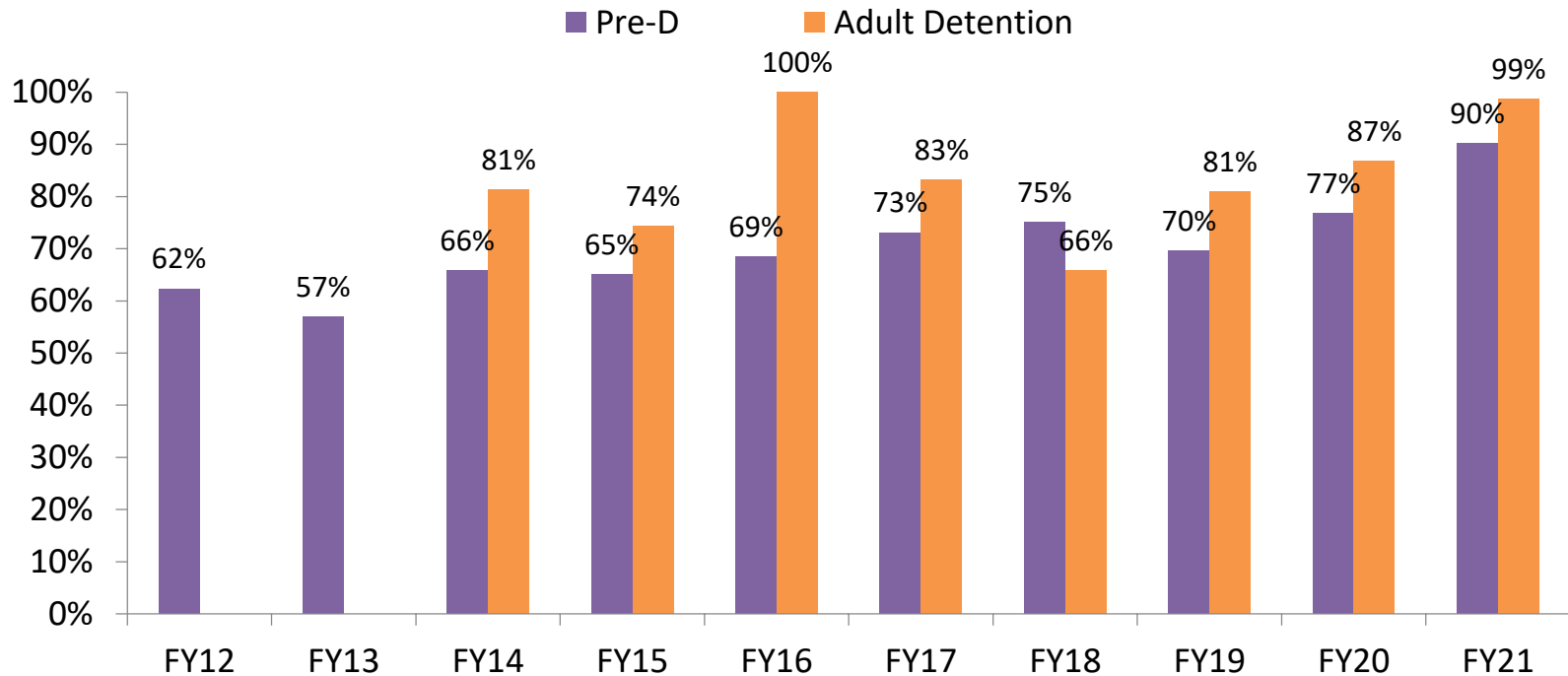
Region V Detention Population Has Declined

- Region V average daily population (ADP) in DJS detention declined 49.4% in 10 years, to 16.4 in FY21. The statewide detention population fell 64.3% over the same period.
- Adult detention made up 45.1% of the DJS detained population in Region V in FY21.



Percentage of Youth of Color in Pre-D Detention Increasing for Region V

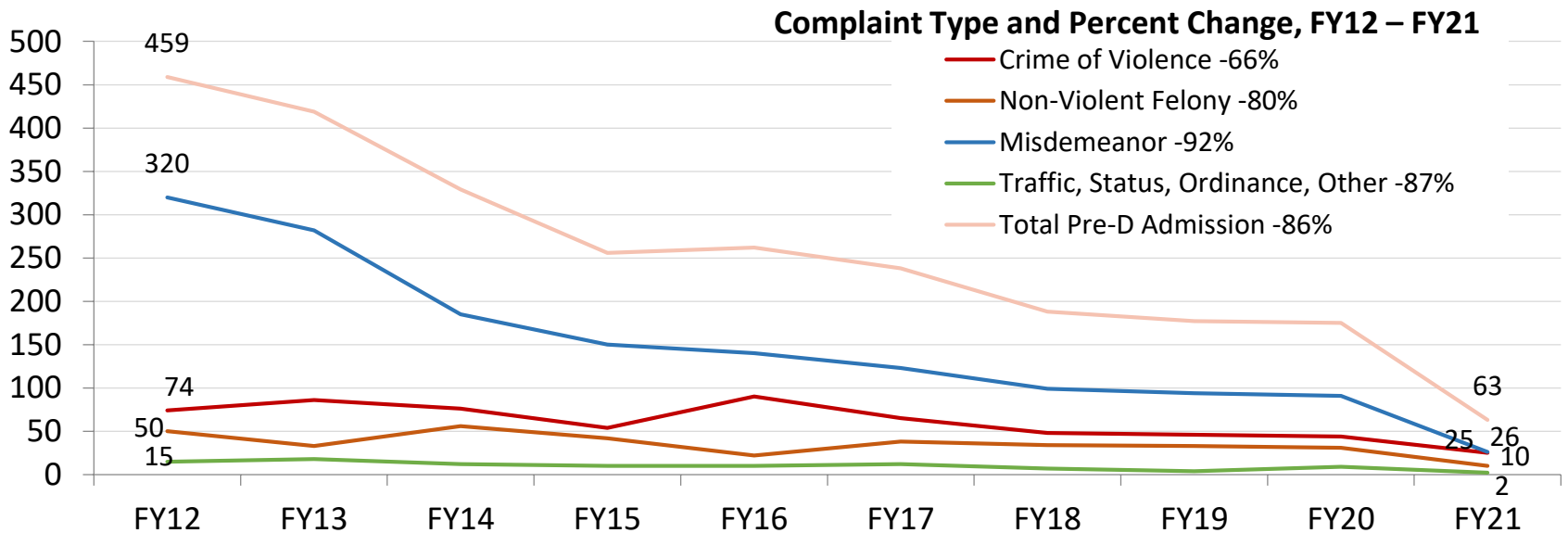
- Pre-D detention youth of color increased by 28 percentage points from F12 to F21.
- Youth of color charged as adults has increased from a low of 66% in FY18 to 99% in FY21.



Region V Pre-D Admissions Have Decreased for All Complaints Types*

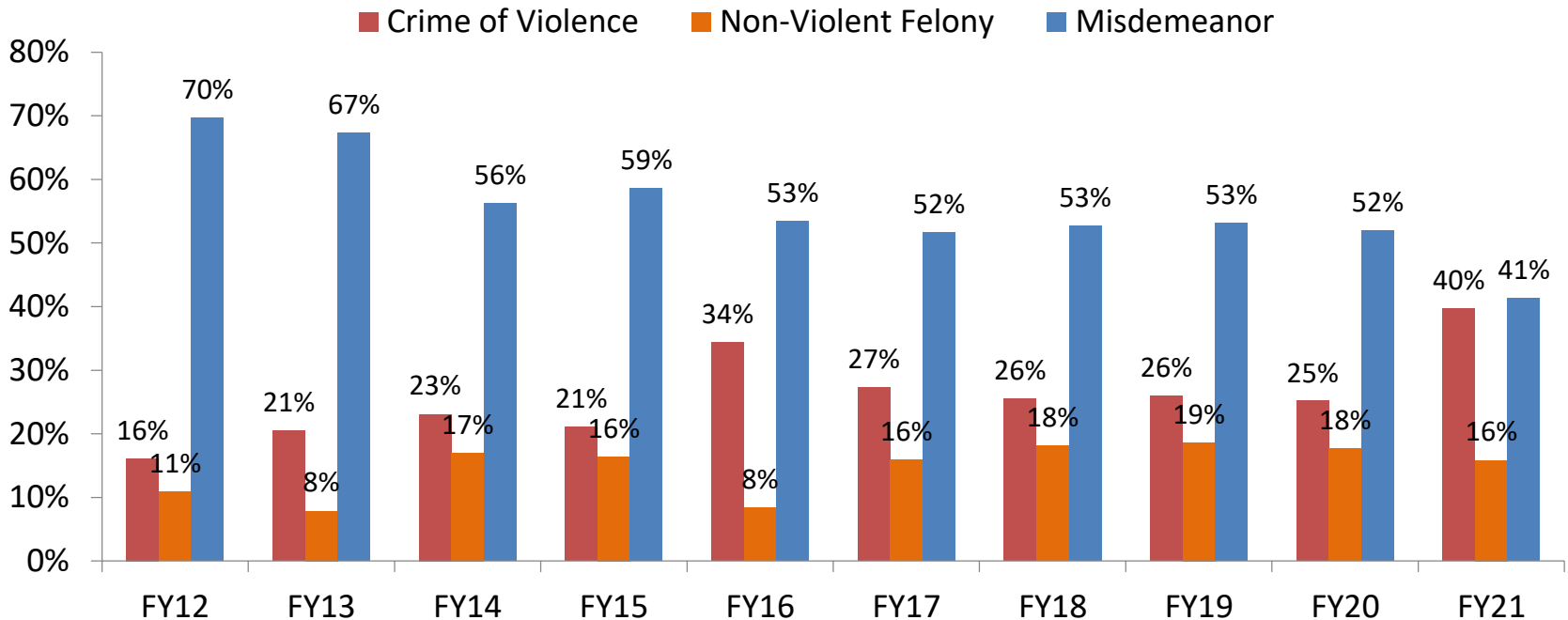
- Youth detained pending disposition for crimes of violence have decreased 66% from FY12 to FY21.
- Youth detained pending disposition for misdemeanors, and non-violent felonies have decreased 92% and 80% respectively, over the same period.

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



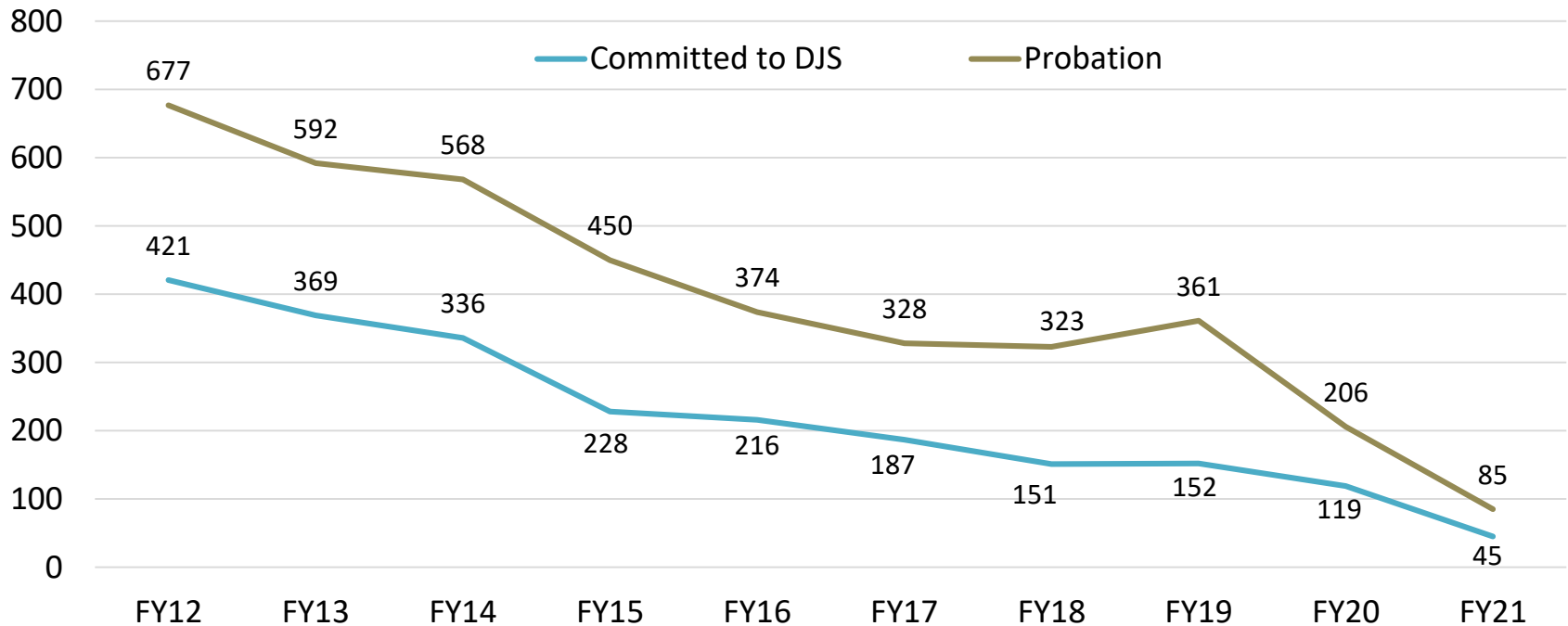
Region V Pre-D Detention Population*

- Pre-D detention for crimes of violence increased 24 percentage points from FY12 to FY21.
- Pre-D detention for non-violent felonies increased 5 percentage points, and misdemeanors decreased 29 percentage points, respectively, over the same period.



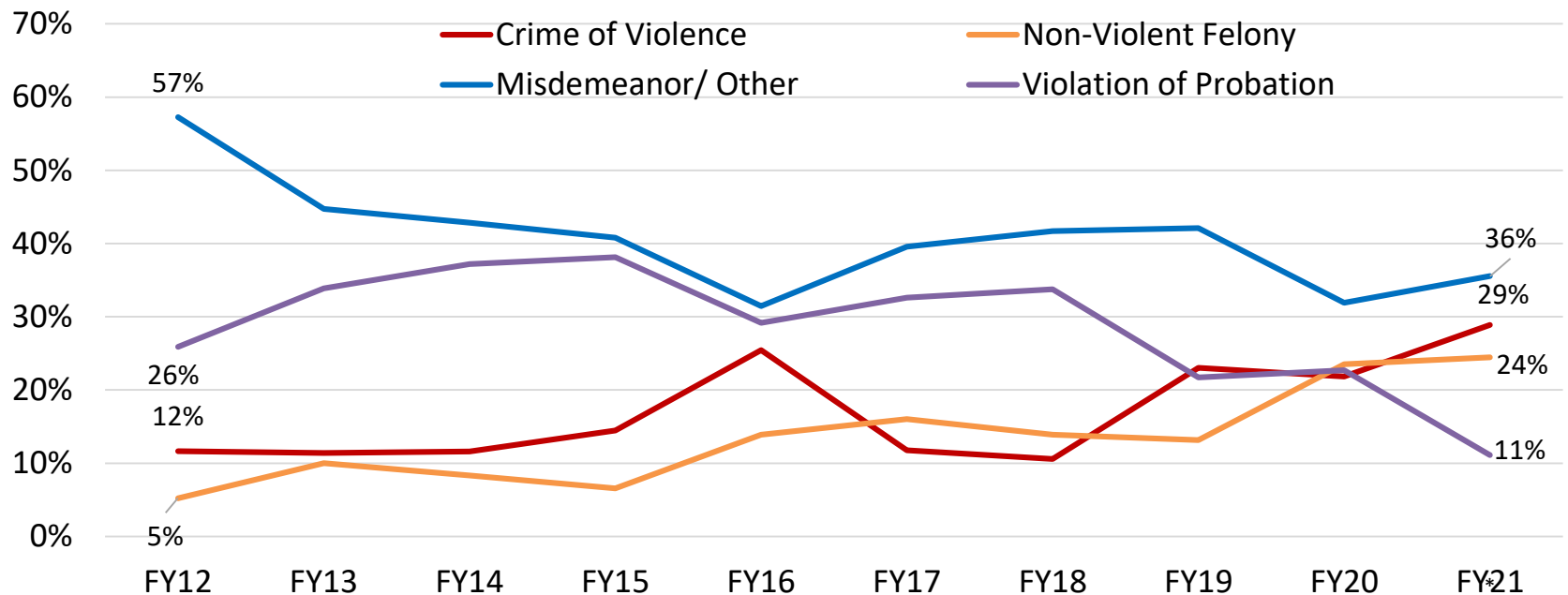
Region V Juvenile Probation and Commitment Orders Have Declined*

- Region V juvenile probation orders declined 87.4% from FY12 to FY21. Statewide probation orders declined 82.2% over the same period.
- Region V juvenile commitments declined 89.3% in 10 years. Statewide commitments declined 82.5% over the same period.



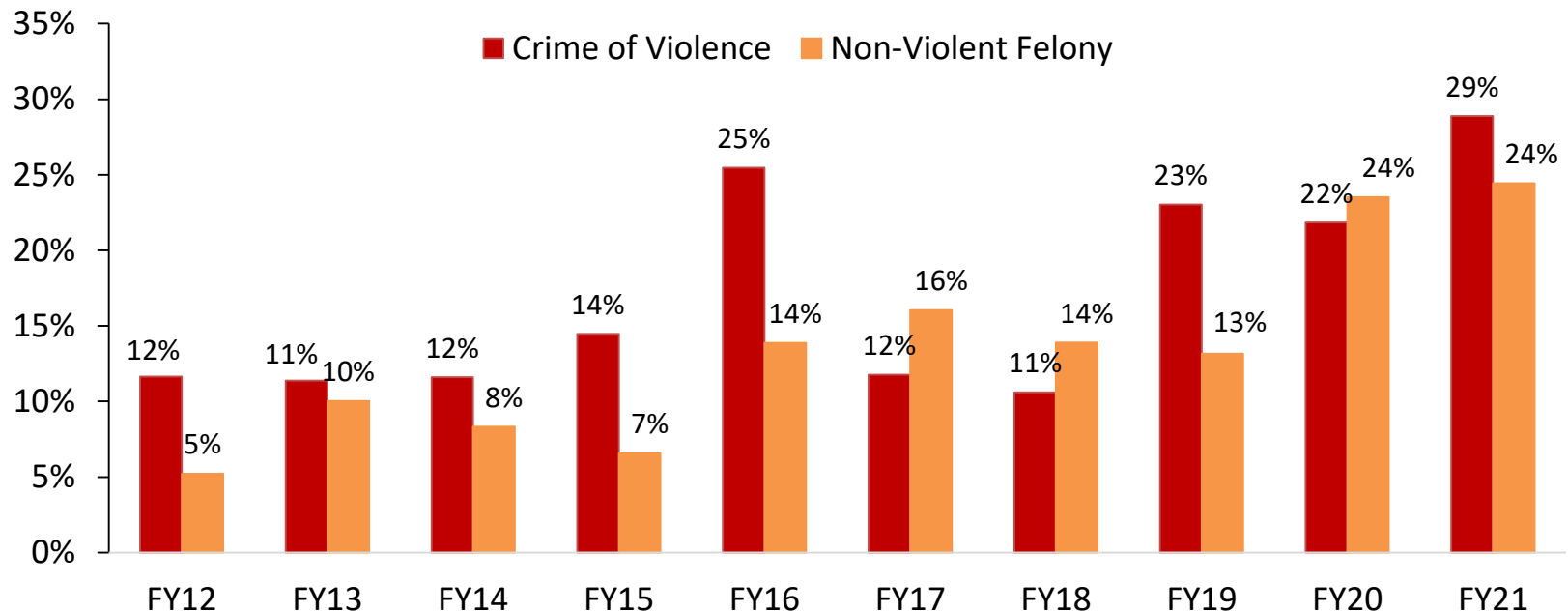
Commitments for Crimes of Violence and Non-Violent Felonies Have Increased*

- The percentage of committed dispositions for crimes of violence and non-violent felonies increased by 17 and 19 percentage points, respectively, from FY12 to FY21.
- The proportion of committed dispositions for misdemeanor and other low-level offences declined 21 percentage points over the same period.



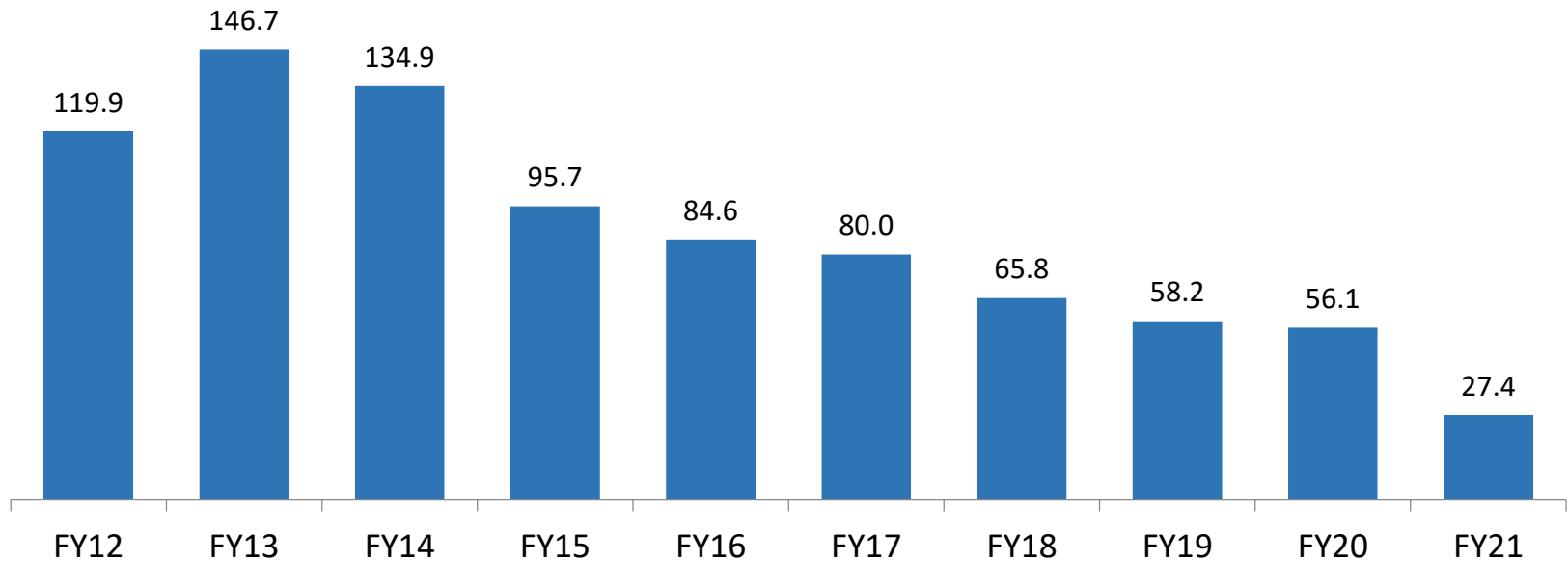
The Rate of Juveniles Committed for Non-Violent Felonies Has Increased in Region V*

- Crimes of violence made up 29% of committed dispositions in FY21.
- The rate of juveniles committed for Non-Violent Felonies increased by 19 percentage points since FY12.



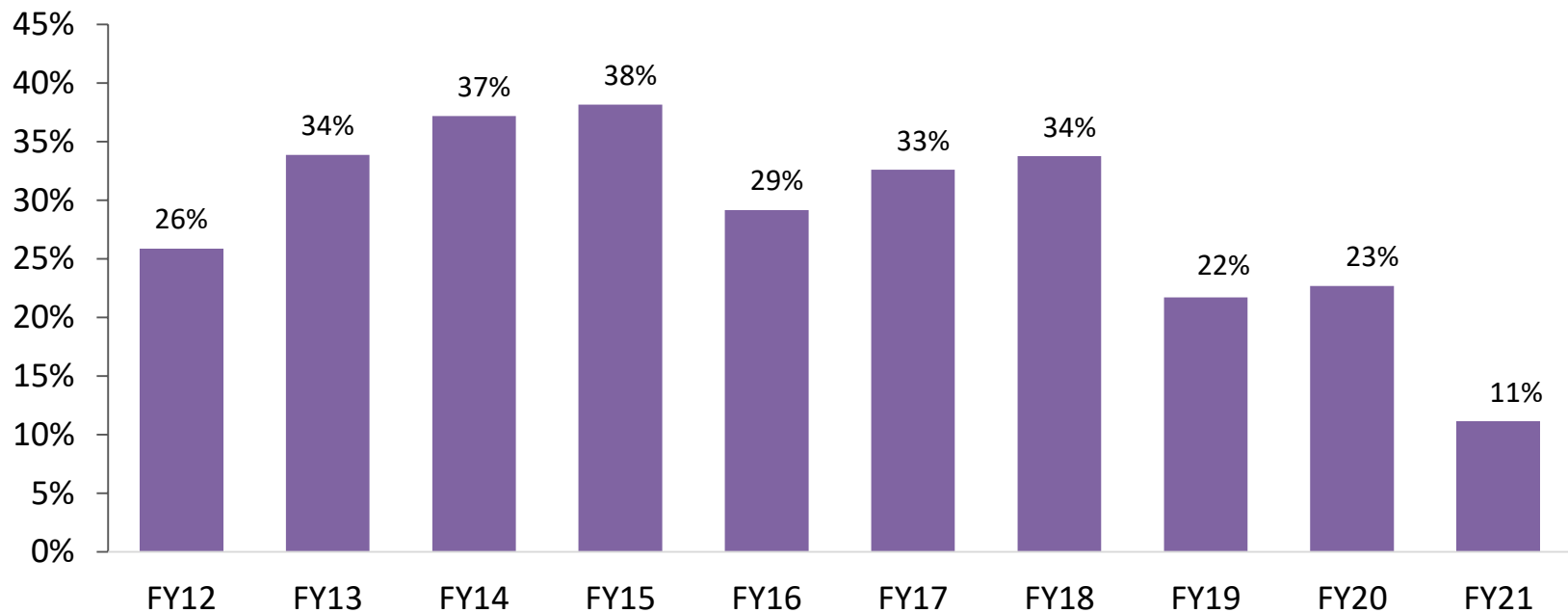
Average Committed Out-of-Home Population Down More Than 75% in Region V

- The total daily population of Region V youth committed by the juvenile court to out-of-home placement decreased 77.1% over 10 years, from 119.9 in FY12 to 27.4 in FY21.
- Statewide average committed population declined 84.8% over the same period.



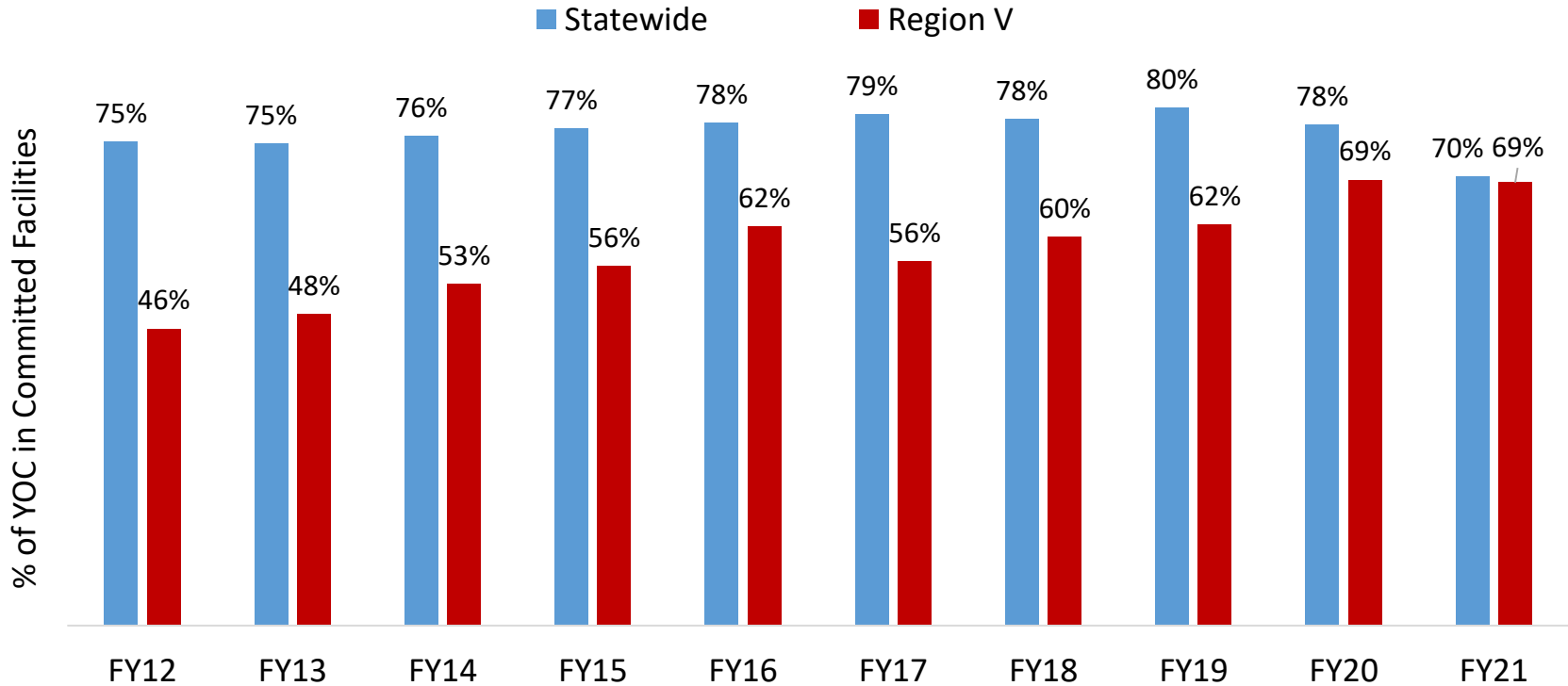
The Rate of Juveniles Committed for Violations of Probation Has Continued to Decreased

- The rate of committed dispositions for violations of probation has continued to decrease in Region V, from a peak of 38% in FY15 to 11% in FY21.



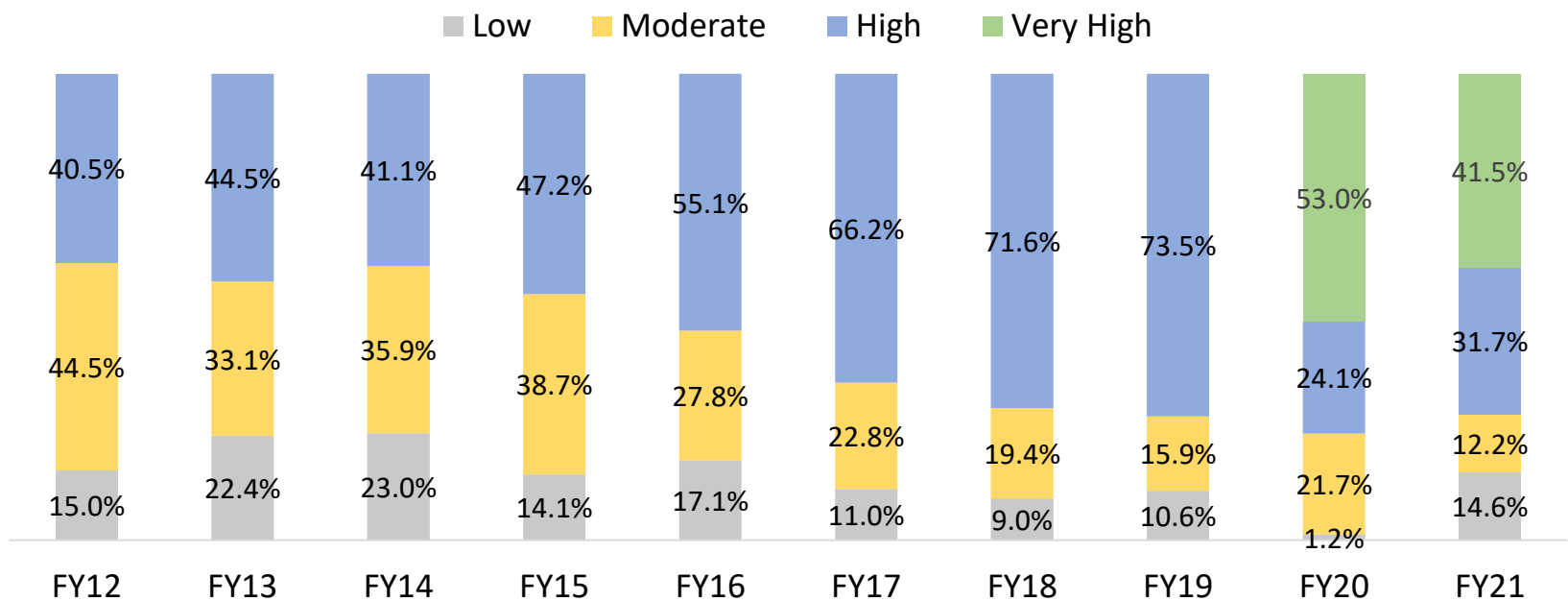
Proportion of Youth of Color Among Region V Youth in Commitment Has Continue to Rise

- Youth of color make up 69% of Region V youth in committed facilities in FY21, an increase of 23 percentage points from FY12.



Majority of Commitments from Region V Show High Risk of Recidivism

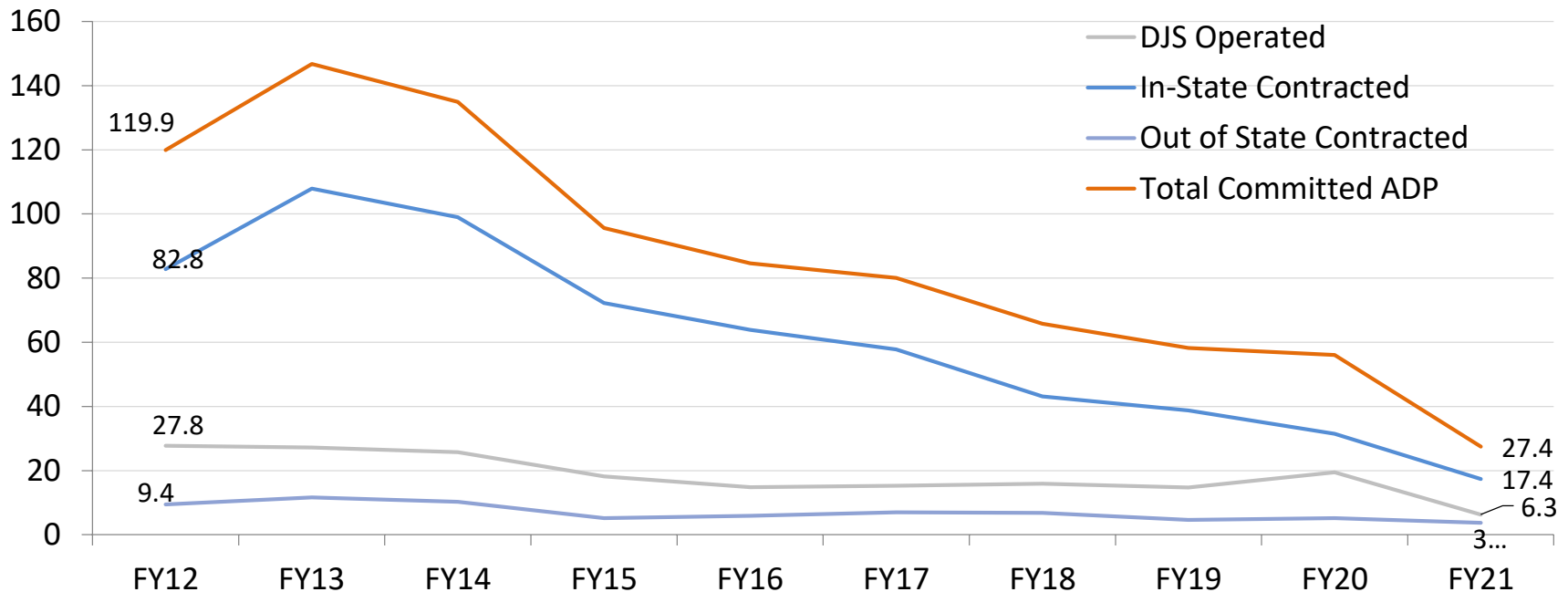
- 73.2% of committed placements from Anne Arundel County had an assessed Maryland Comprehensive Assessment and Service Planning (MCASP) Risk Level of High or Very High in FY21.*



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

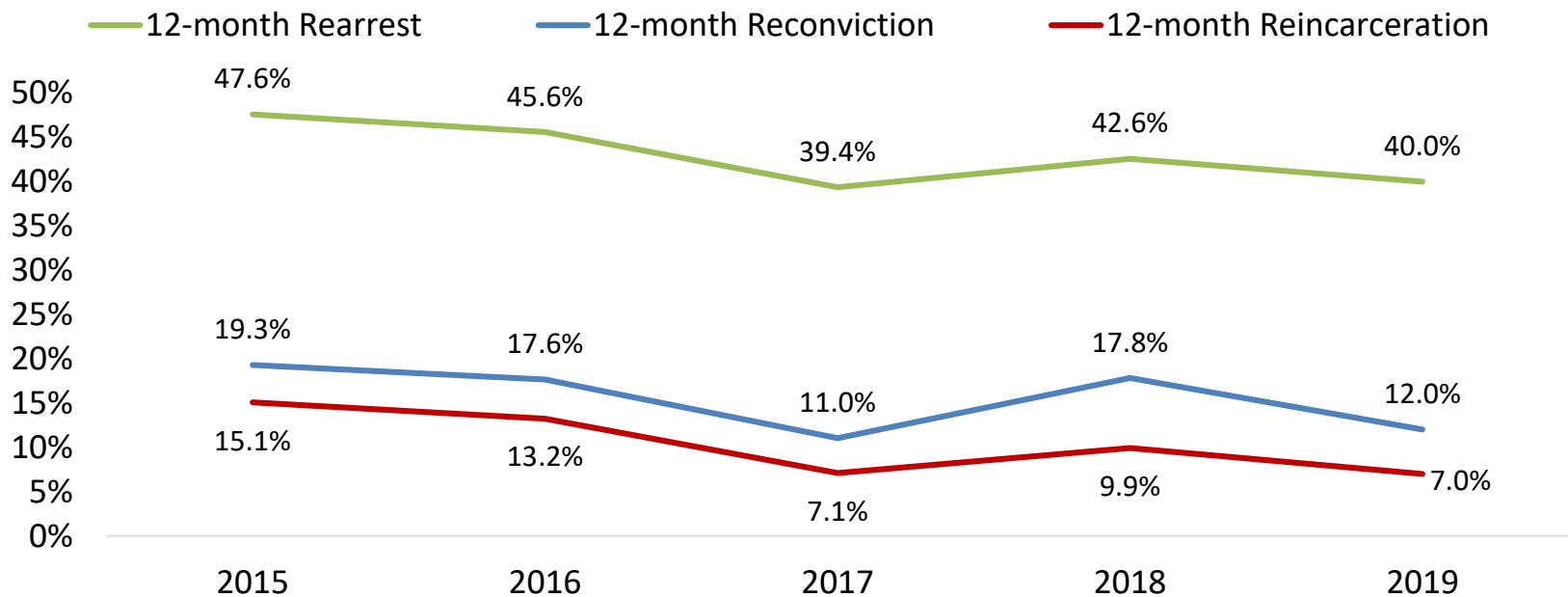
Region V Committed Youth Population Has Decreased for All Facility Types

- Overall committed Out-of-Home population has decreased 77.2% since FY12.
- DJS-operated average daily population (ADP) decreased 77.3%, and contracted in-state decreased 79.0% since FY12.
- Out-of-State committed ADP declined to 3.7 in FY21.



All Measures of Committed Recidivism Have Declined For Region V*

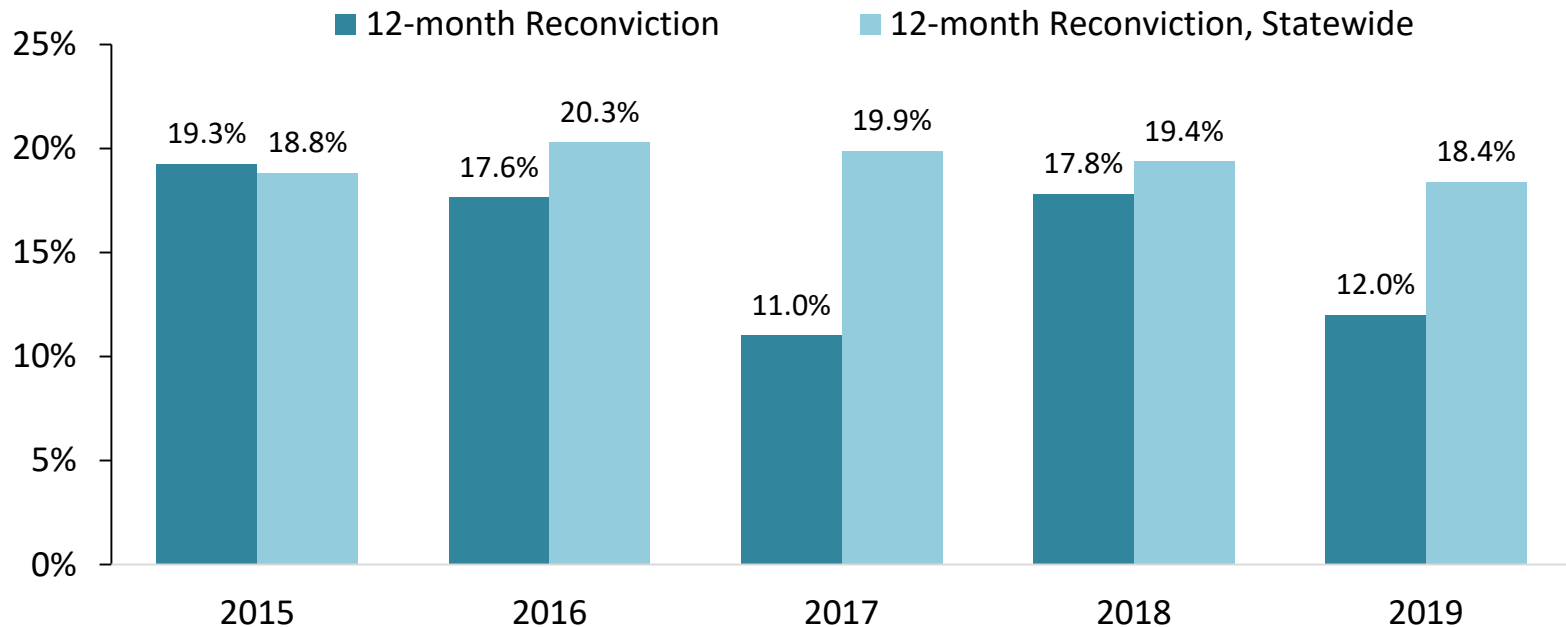
- The rate of new arrests (juvenile or adult) one year from release declined 7.6 percentage points from FY15 to FY19 in Region V.
- New resulting delinquent adjudications or convictions declined 7.3 percentage points, and new commitment or incarceration declined 8.1 percentage points.



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

Rate of Recidivism* For Region V DJS Committed Youth Has Dropped in the Last Year

- 12.0% of Region V youth released from committed programs who had a new delinquent adjudication or criminal conviction within a year decreased 5.8 percentage points from FY15 to FY19.
- The statewide rate fell 0.4 percentage points during the same period.



Recidivism Rates for Region V Probation Youth Have Increased*

- 17.2% of Region V youth placed on probation in FY19 had a new offense within a year that resulted in a delinquent adjudication or criminal conviction, an increase of 3.1 points from FY18.
- The Statewide rate was 16.2% in FY19, down 2.2 points from FY18.

