



Region VII Juvenile Services Long Term Trends: Calvert, Charles, St. Mary's and Prince George's Counties

FY 2012 – FY 2021

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Regional Restructuring and Trend Data

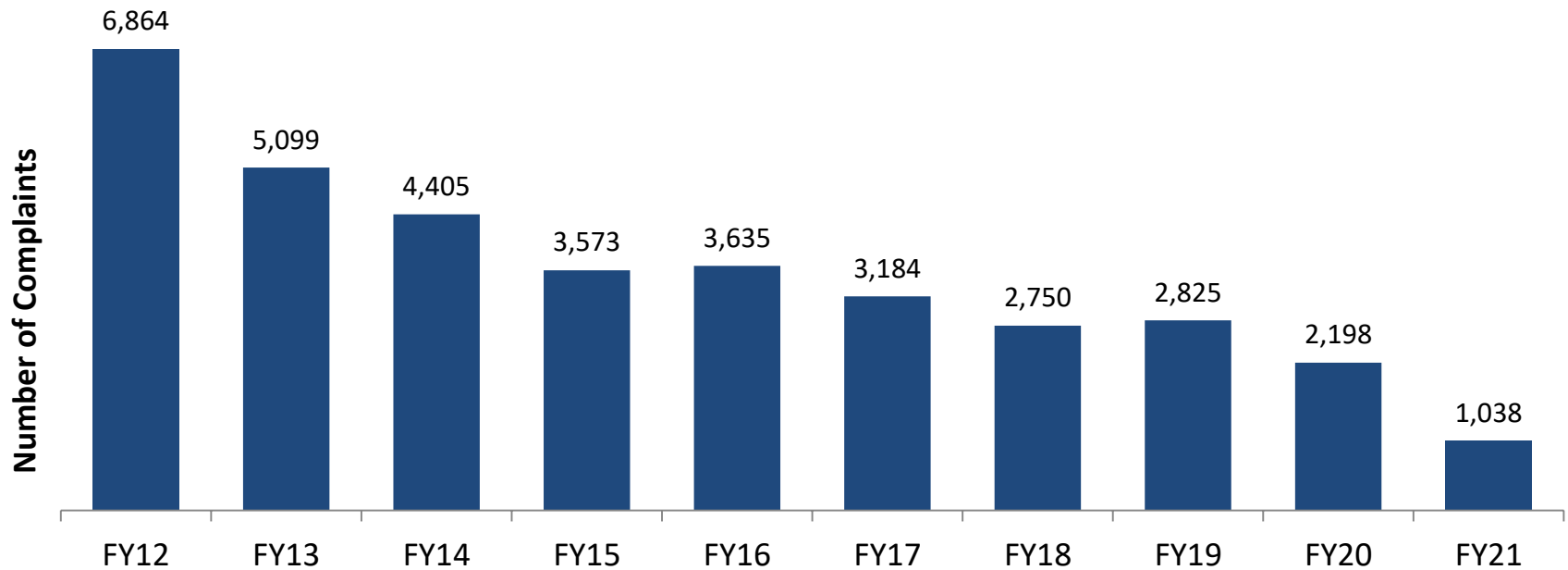
- On July 1, 2021, DJS restructured its regional community structure to align directly with the Maryland Judicial Circuits, moving from six operational regions to eight. All trends data for past years have been aggregated to align with this new structure.
- The new regional structure is as follows:
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

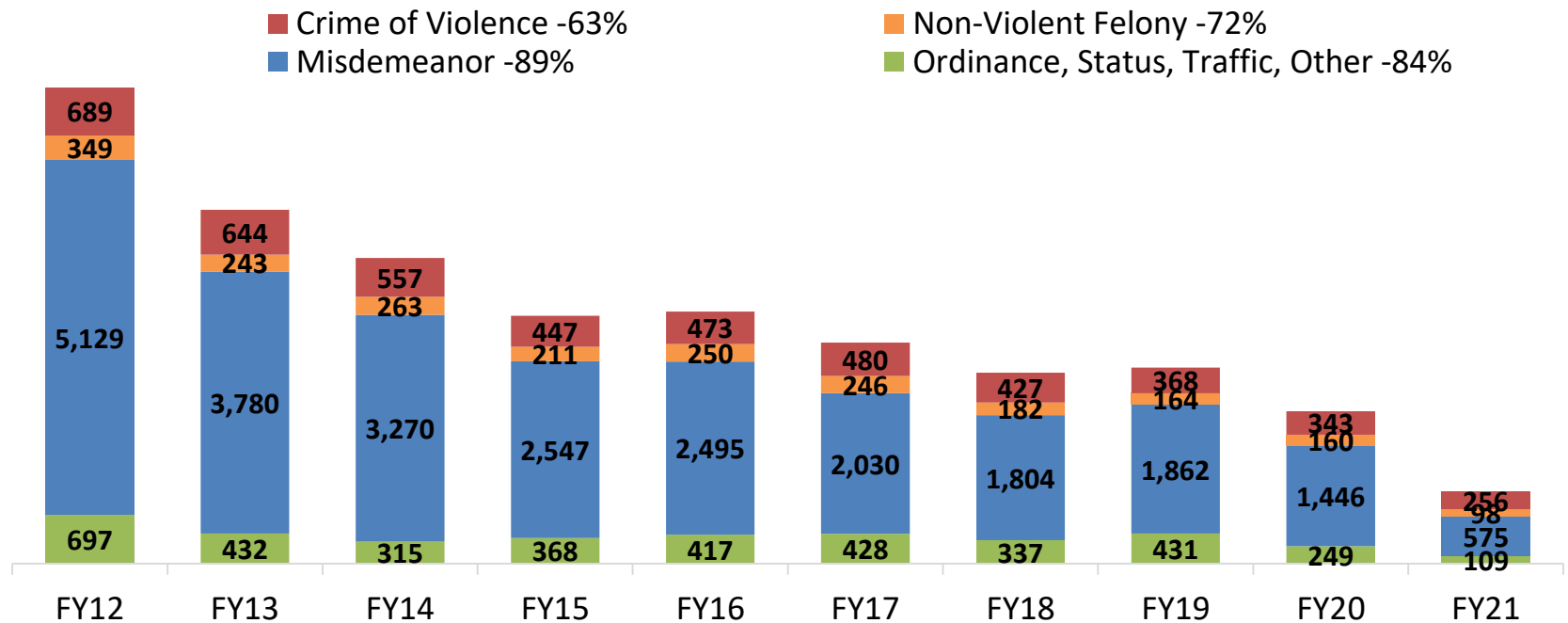
Region VII Juvenile Complaints Drop 85 Percent

- Region VII complaints referred to DJS Intake declined 84.9% from FY12 to FY21.
- Statewide complaints declined 78.4% over the same period.



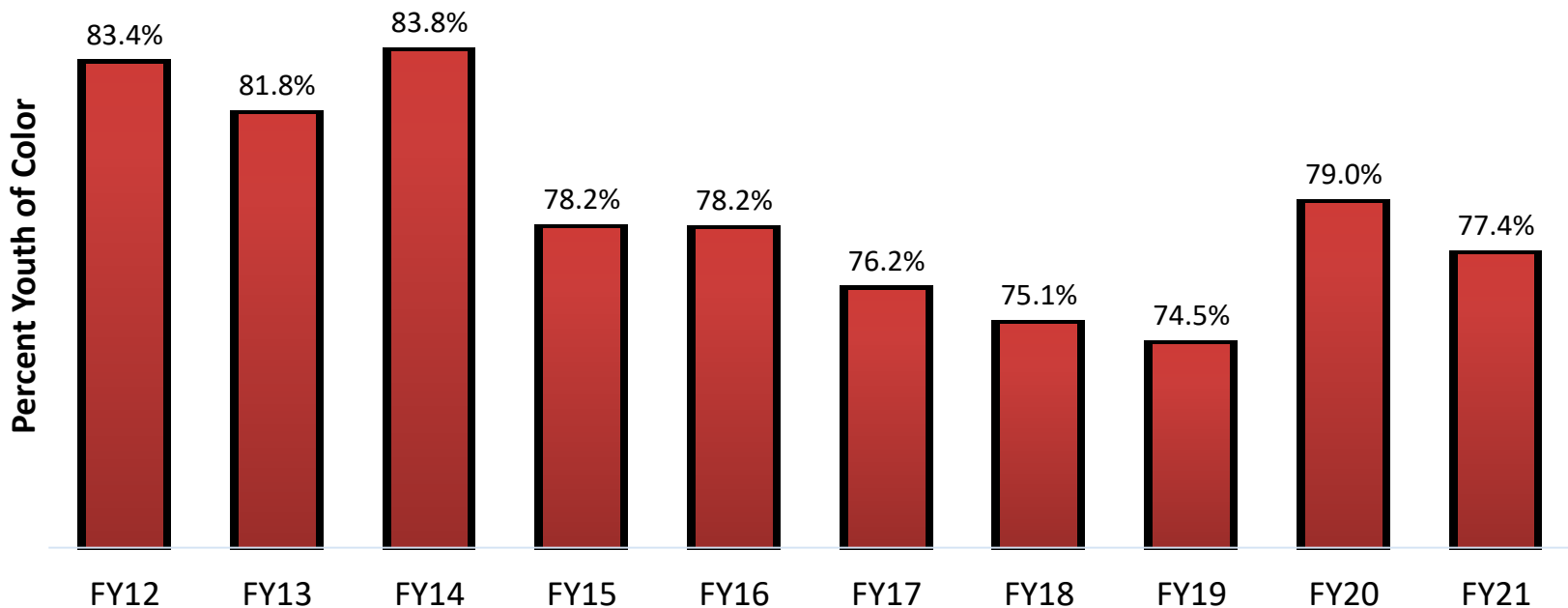
Region VII Juvenile Complaints Have Declined In All Categories

- Region VII complaints for crimes of violence declined 63% in 10 years.
- Non-violent felonies decreased by 72%, and misdemeanors decreased by 89% over 10 years.



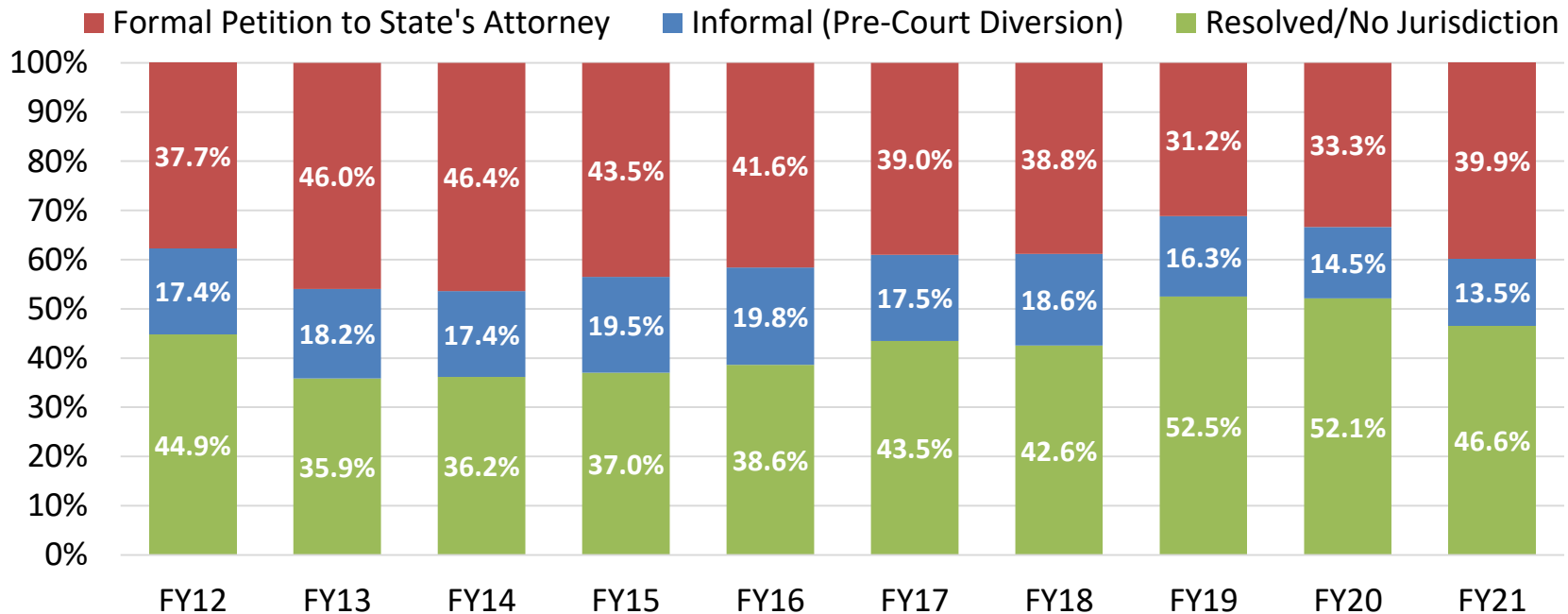
Youth of Color Down as a Share of Region VII Juvenile Complaints

- Youth of color (YOC) represented 77.4% of Region VII complaints in FY21, while making up 77.8% of the youth population (ages 11-17).
- Statewide, YOC made up 67.0% of all complaints in FY21.



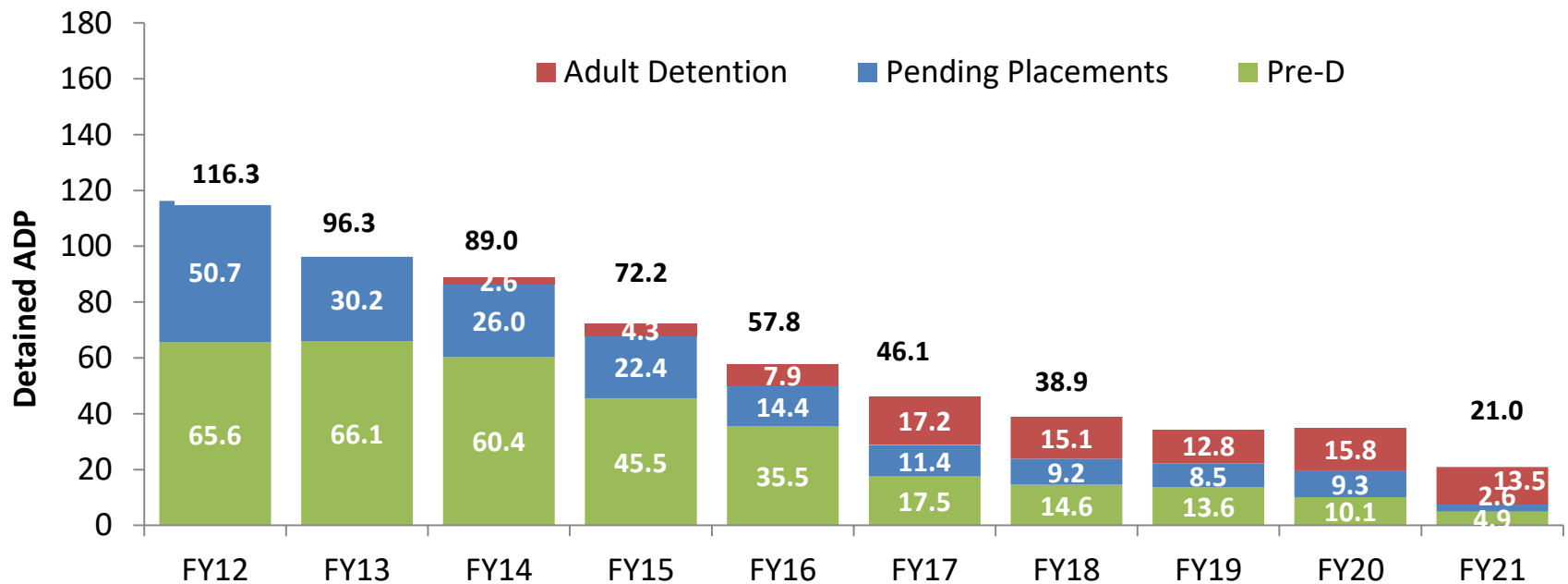
Percent of Cases Referred to Juvenile Court Up Slightly In Region VII

- 39.9% of Region VII complaints were referred to court by DJS Intake in FY21, 2.2 percentage points more than in FY12. Statewide 41.3% were referred to court.
- 13.5% of complaints were diverted to an informal DJS pre-court case. Statewide, 11.5% were diverted.



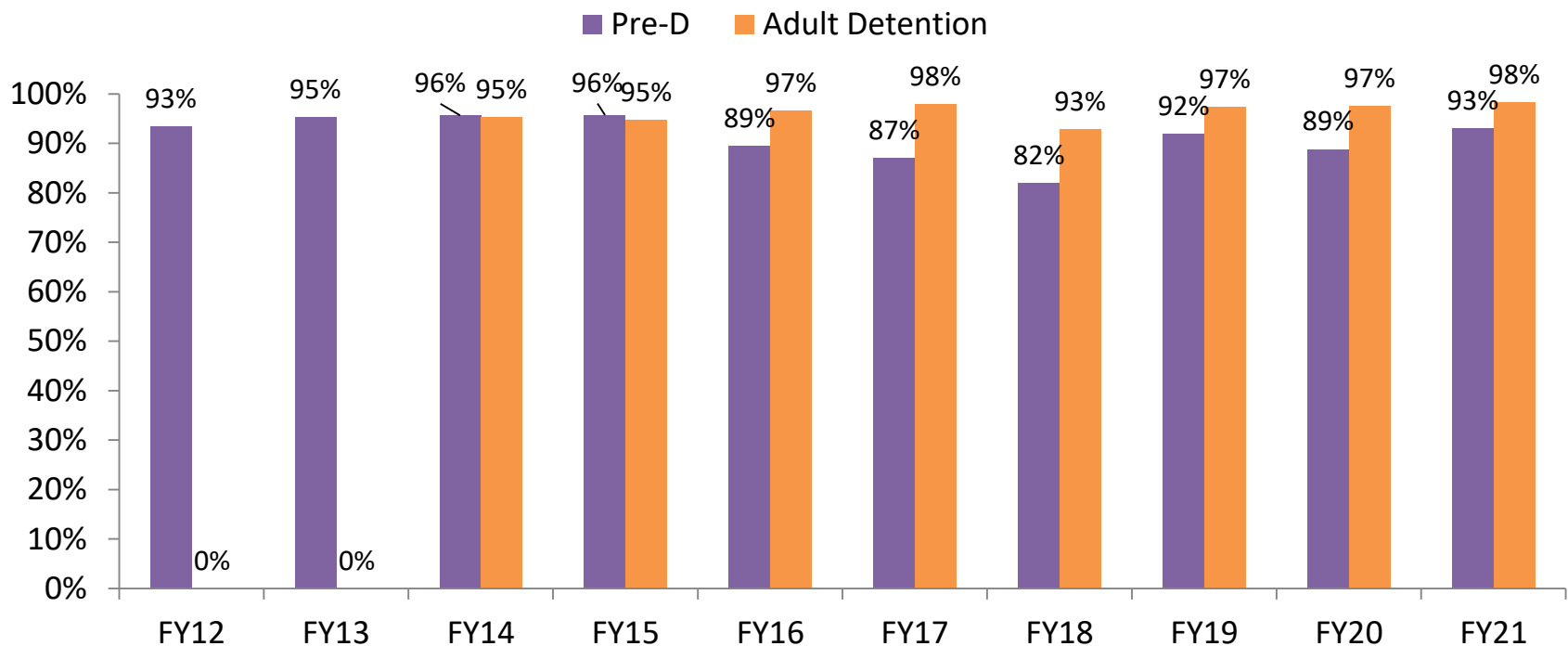
Region VII Detention Population Down 82 Percent

- Region VII daily population in DJS detention declined 82.0% in 10 years, to 20.9 in FY21. The statewide detention population declined 64.3% over the same period.
- Cases detained for the adult court now make up 64.6% of the DJS detained population in Region VII in FY21.



Youth of Color Represent Majority of Detention ADP in Region VII

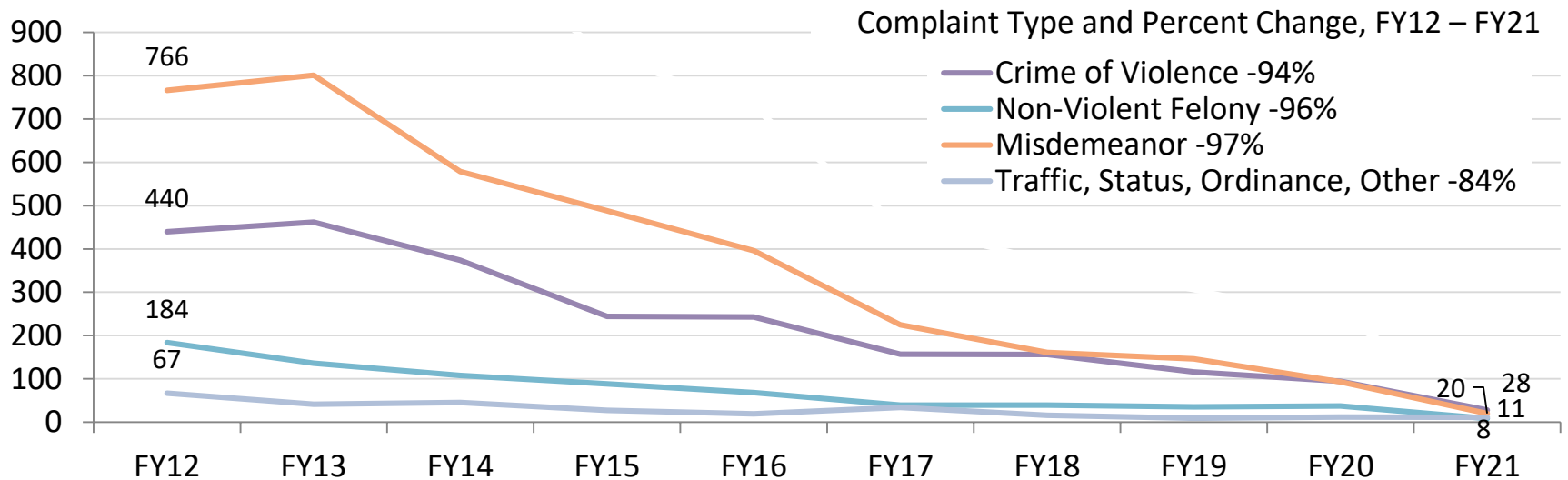
- The proportion of youth of color in Pre-D detention stood at 93% in FY21. Youth charged as adults have remained relatively stable, at 98% in FY21.



Region VII Pre-Disposition Detention Placements Down Across Complaint Types

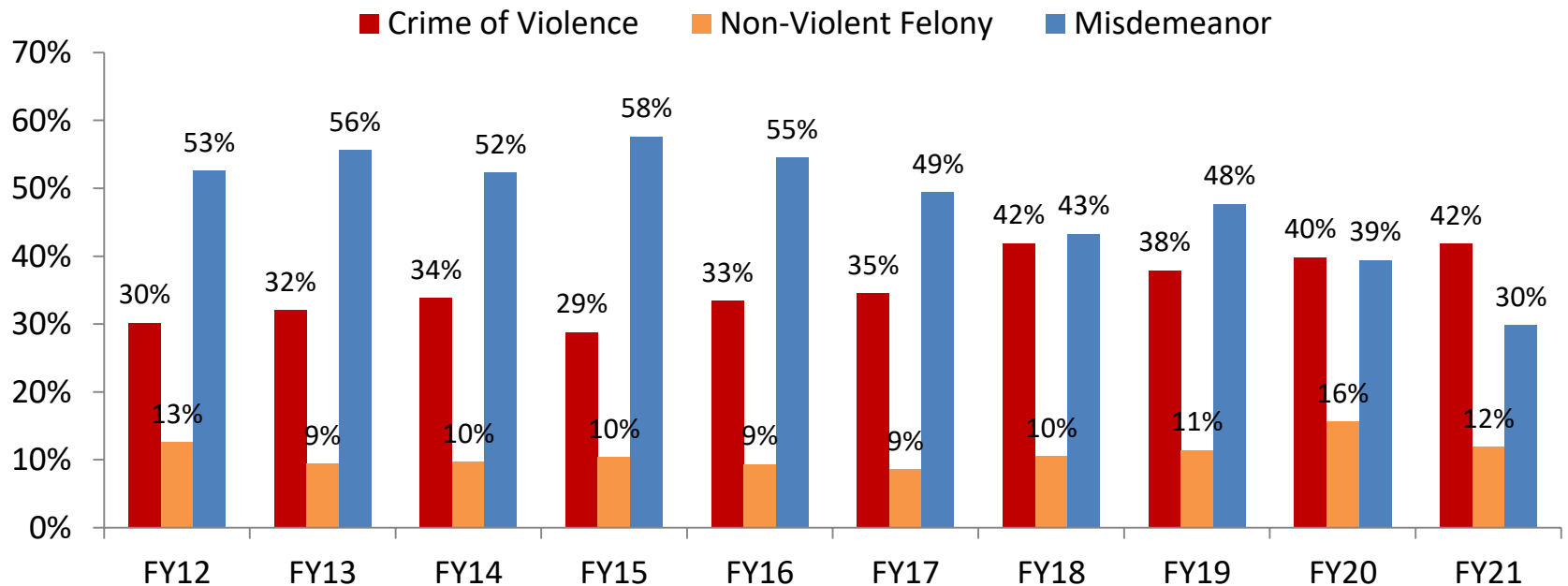
- Youth detained pre-disposition for misdemeanors, and for non-violent felonies decreased 97% and 96% between FY12 and FY21.
- Youth detained pre-disposition for crimes of violence decreased 94% over the same period

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



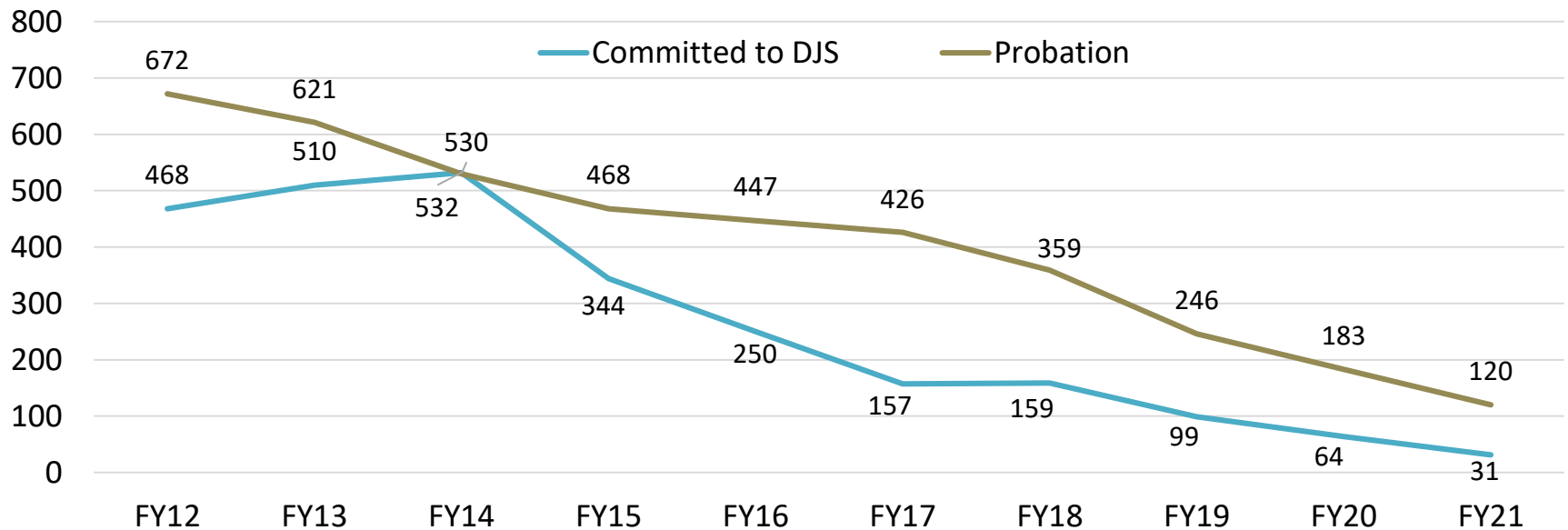
Youth Detained for Violent Offenses Represent Growing Share of Pre-D Detention Population*

- Pre-D detention for violent crimes increased 12 percentage points from FY12 to FY21.
- Pre-D detention for misdemeanors decreased 23 points during the same period.
- These are positive trends, as detention should be used only for the most serious cases.



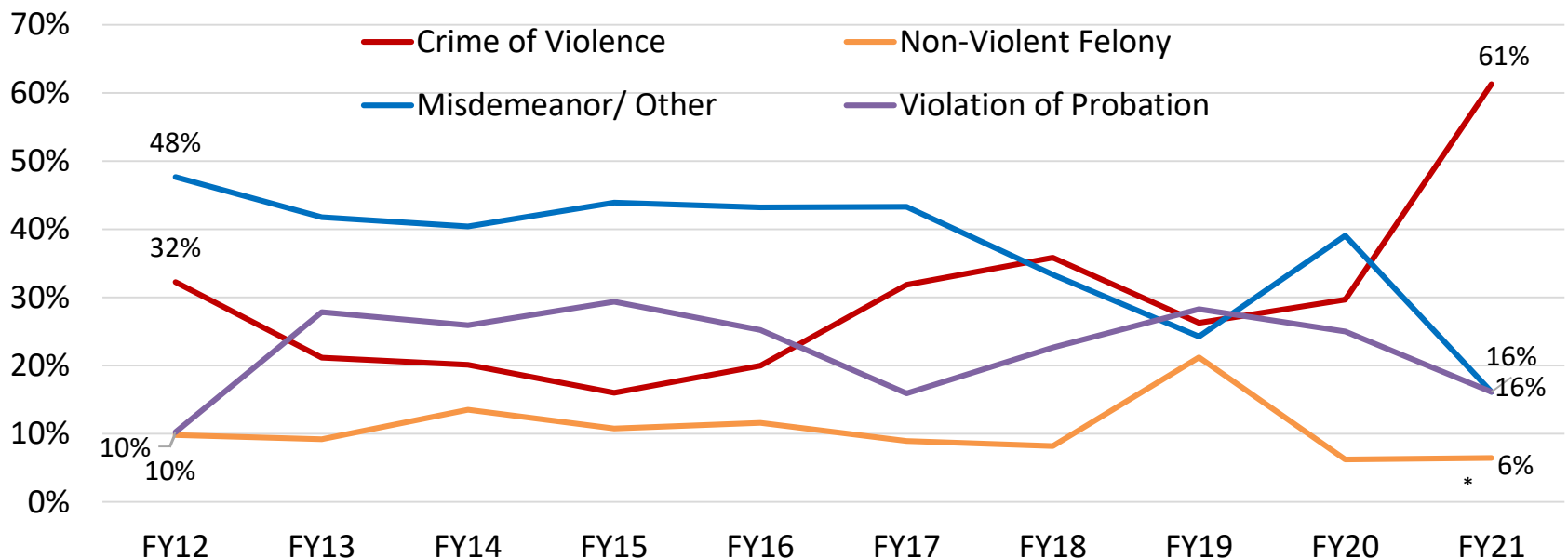
Juvenile Probation and Commitment Orders Down Sharply*

- Region VII juvenile probation orders declined 82.1% in 10 years. Statewide probation orders declined 82.2% over the same period.
- Region VII juvenile commitments declined 93.4% in 10 years. Statewide commitments declined 82.5% over the same period.



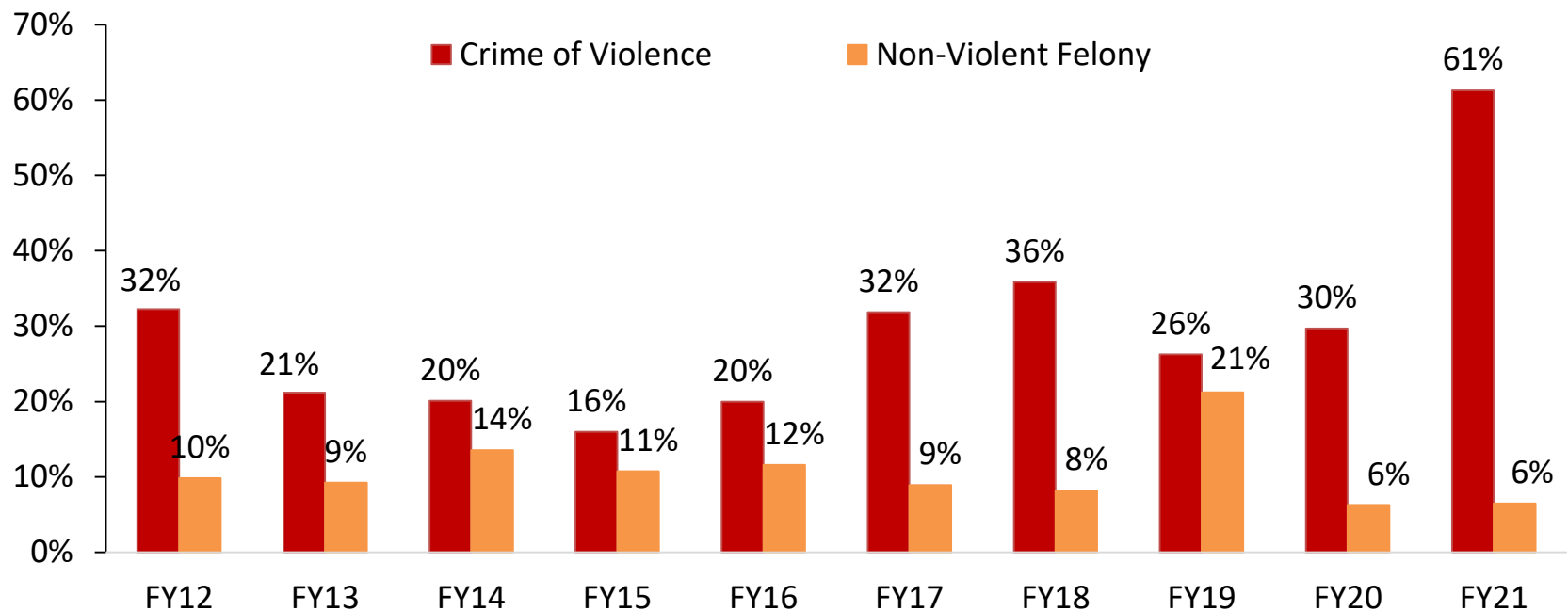
The Rate of Juveniles Committed for Low-Level Offenses Has Declined

- Commitments for misdemeanors declined by 32 percentage points from FY12 to FY21, while commitments for crime of violence increased by 29 percentage points over the same period.
- These are positive trends; commitment should be used for the most serious offenses, rather than low-level misdemeanors.



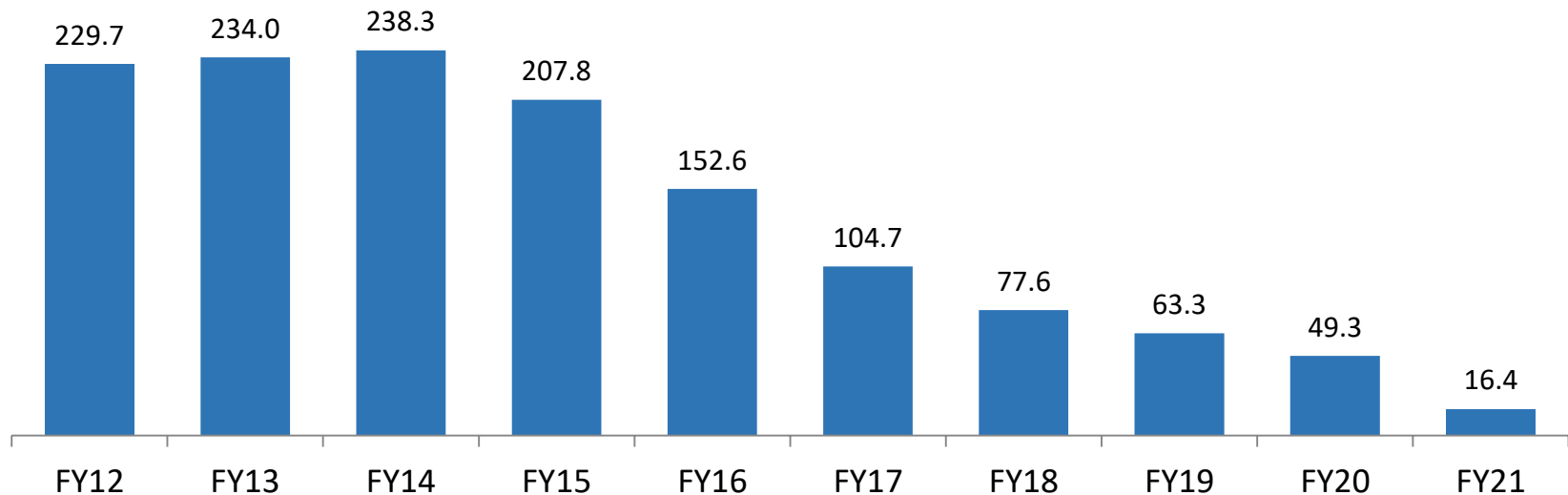
The Rate of Juveniles Committed for Crimes of Violence Has Increased*

- Crimes of Violence made up 61% of new commitments in FY21 in Region VII.
- The rate of juveniles committed for Non-Violent Felonies has decreased by 4 percent points since FY12.



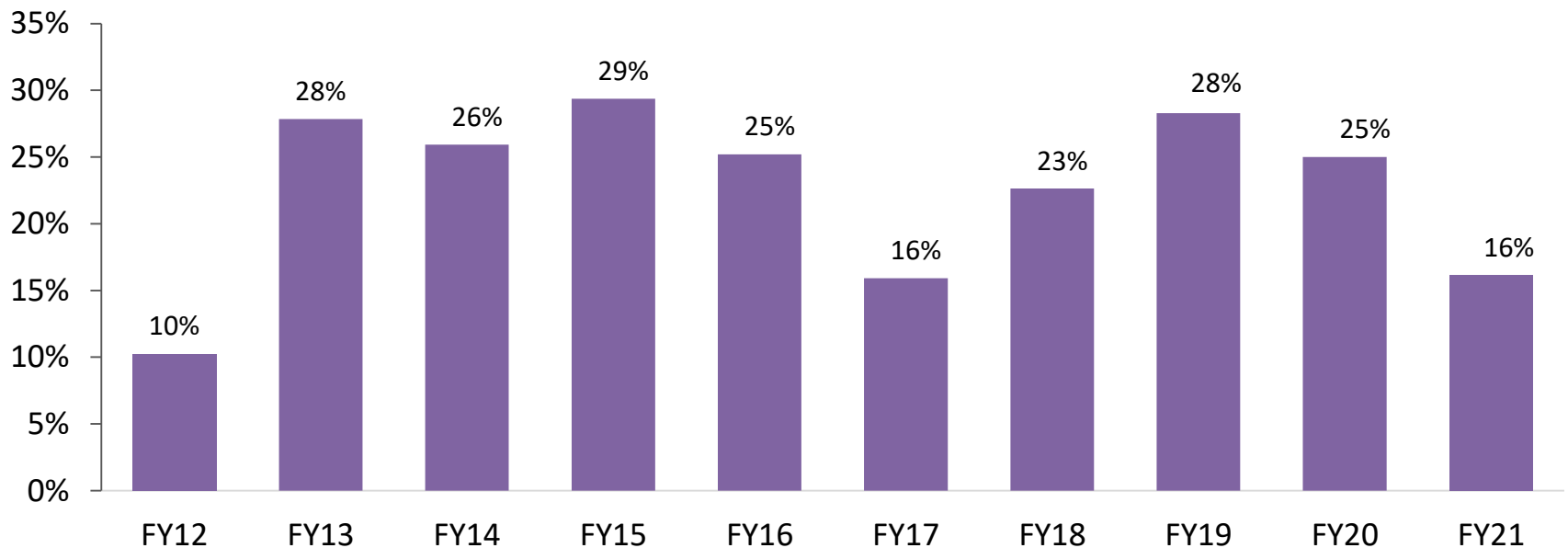
Average Committed Out-of-Home Population Declined Significantly in Region VII

- The overall daily population of Region VII youth committed by the juvenile court to out-of-home placement declined 92.9%, from 229.7 in FY12 to 16.4 in FY21.
- Statewide average committed population declined 84.8% over the same period.



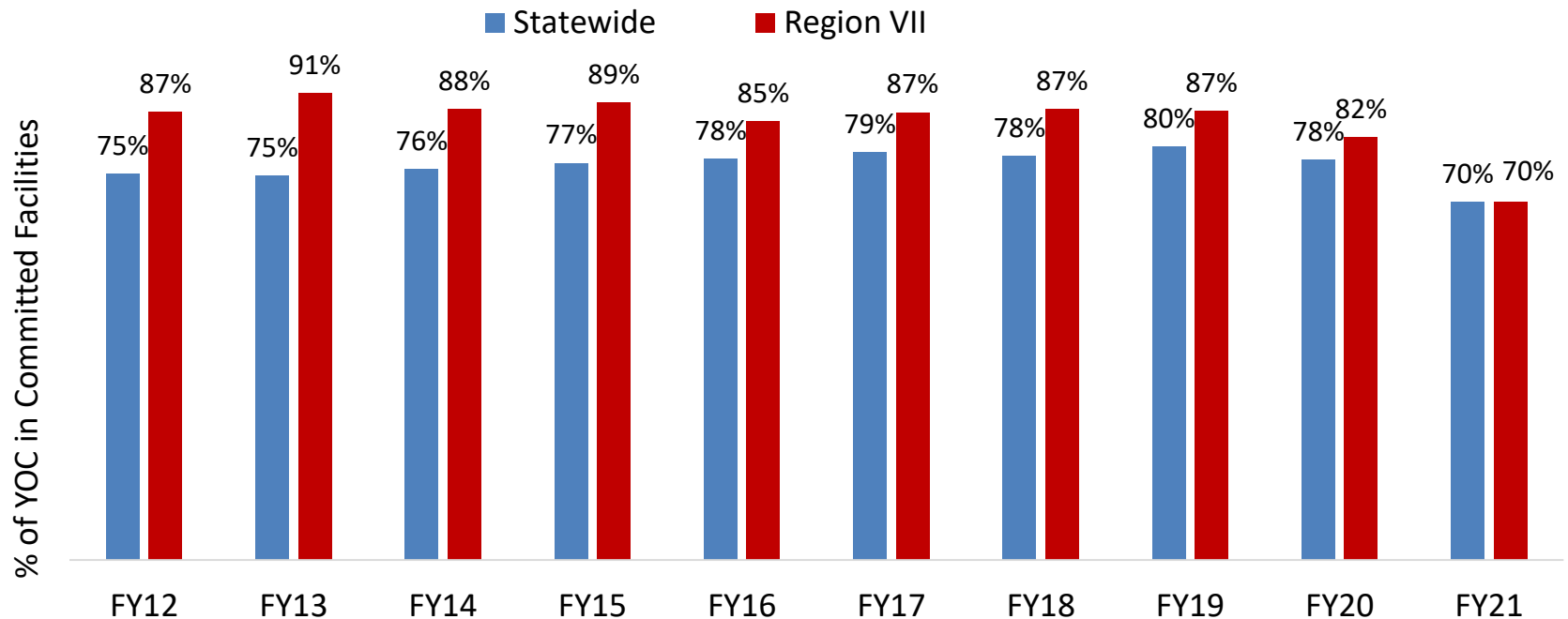
The Rate of Juveniles Committed for Violations of Probation Up 6 Points

- The rate of committed dispositions for violations of probation increased by 6 percentage points in 10 years to 16% in FY21.
- Statewide, the rate of such commitments was 16% in FY21.



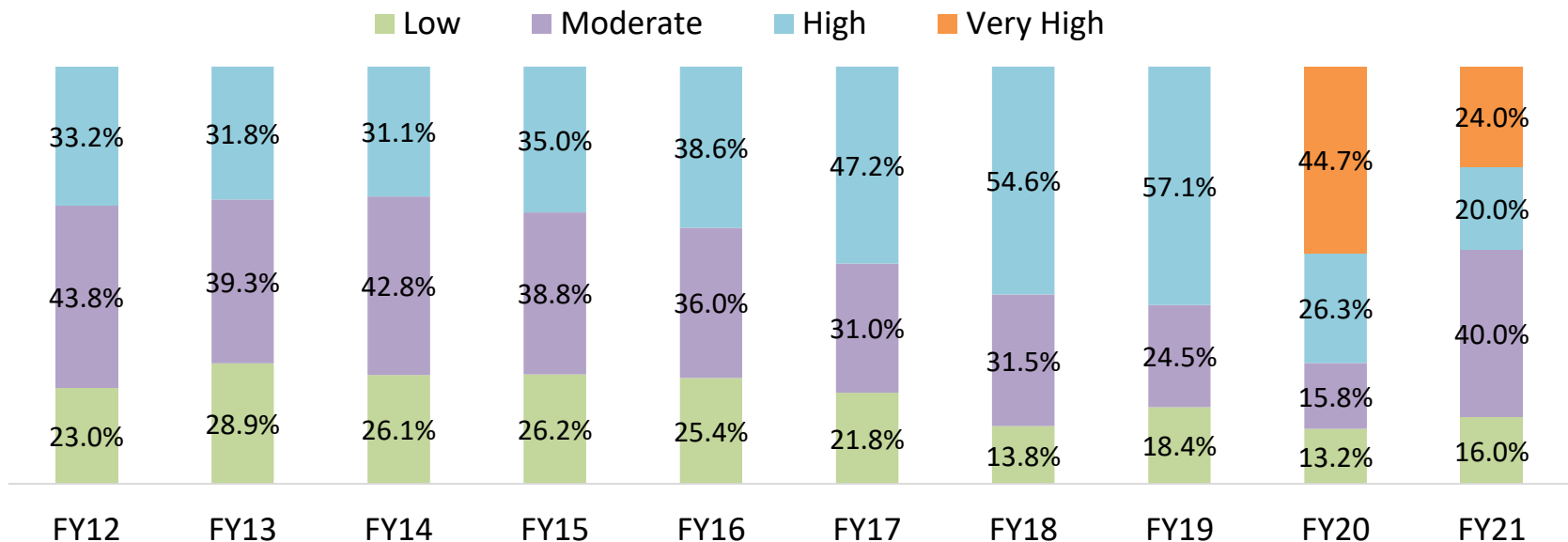
Proportion of Youth of Color Decreased in Committed Treatment Facilities

- The proportion of committed youth from the Region VII who are youth of color decreased 17 percentage points across the period spanning FY12 to FY21.



Less Than 50% of Committed Placements Demonstrate High Risk of Recidivism

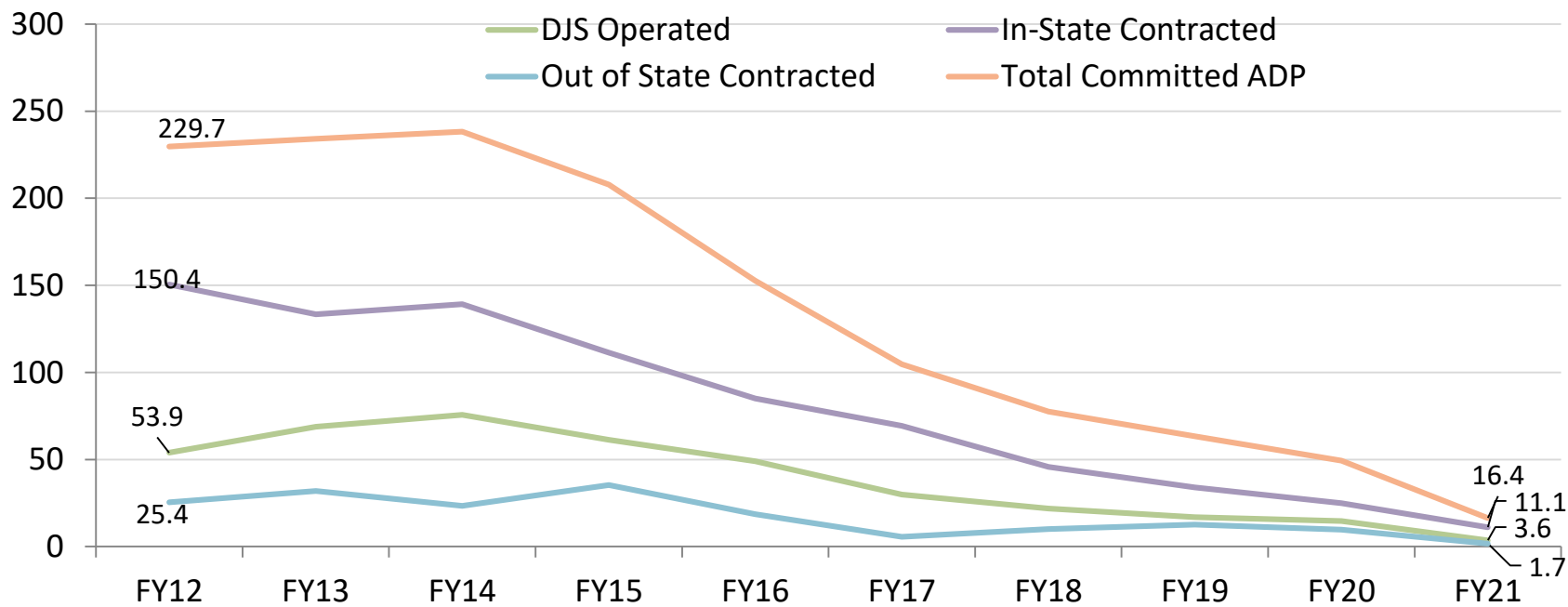
- The rate of committed placements from Region VII with an assessed Maryland Comprehensive Assessment and Service Planning (MCASP) Risk Level of High or Very High has risen by 10.8 percentage points from FY12 to FY21.
- 44% of new commitments in FY21 were at High or Very High risk.



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

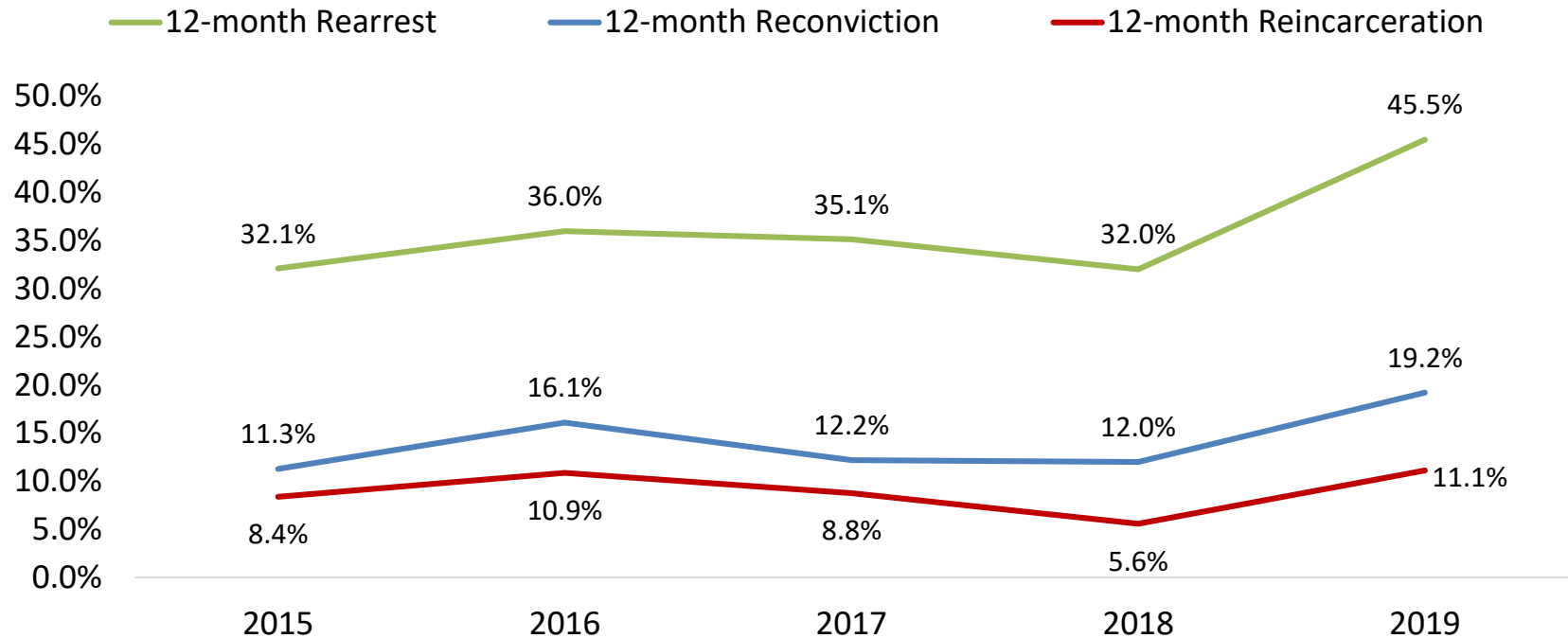
Region VII Committed Youth Population Has Declined for All Facility Types

- Overall, committed out-of-home population has declined 92.9% since FY12.
- DJS-Operated ADP decreased 93.3%, and Private In-State has declined 92.6%.
- Out-of-State committed ADP declined 93.3%, from 25.4 in FY12 to 1.7 in FY21.



All Measures of Recidivism Have Increased For Region VII*

- The rate of new arrests (juvenile or adult) one year from release increased 13.4 percentage points in Region VII from FY15 to FY19.
- New resulting convictions increased 7.9 percentage points, and new commitments or incarcerations increased 2.7 percentage points.

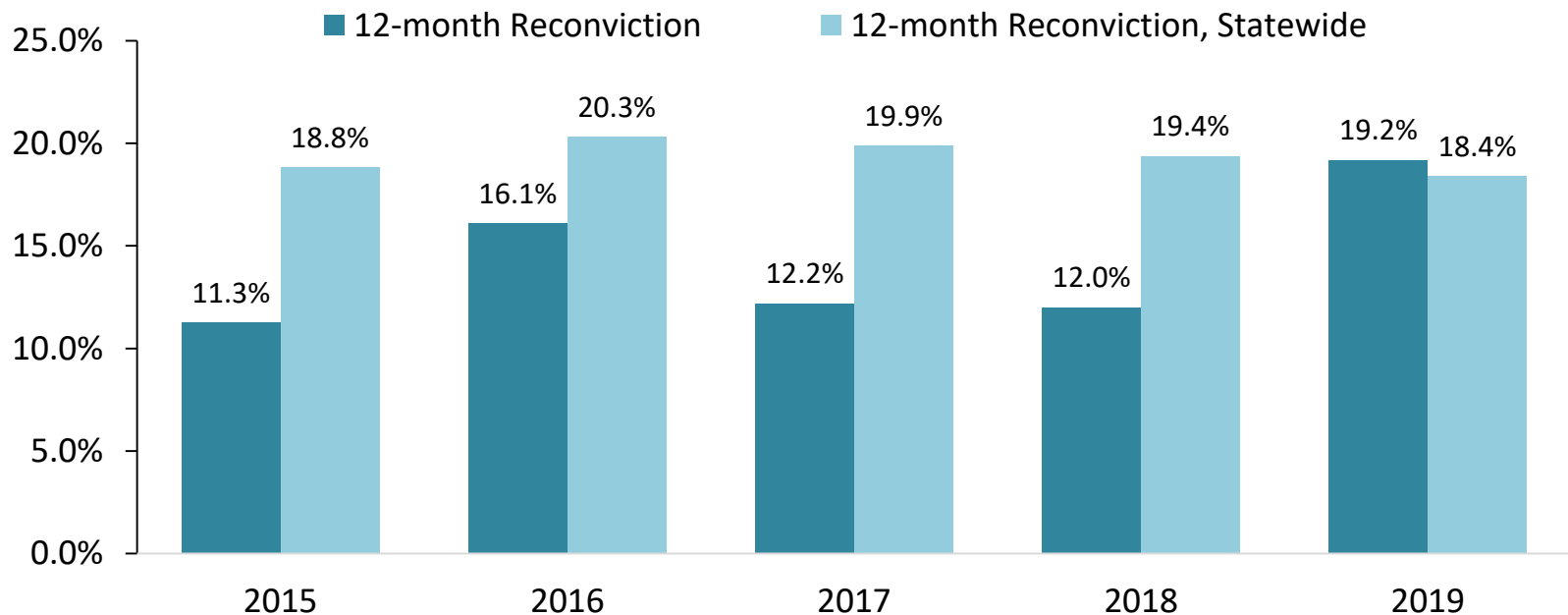


* Maryland publishes re-conviction rates with a two-year lag to allow enough time to account for often lengthy court processing.

Recidivism Rates for Region VII

Committed Youth Increased In The Last Year*

- 19.2% of Region VII youth released from committed treatment placement in FY19 had a new offense within a year that resulted in a delinquent adjudication or criminal conviction, an increase of 7.2 percentage points from FY18.
- The Statewide rate was 18.4% in FY19, down 1.0 percentage point from FY18.



Recidivism Rates for Region VII Probation Youth Have Declined*

- 9.5% of Region VII 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 3.4 percentage points from FY15.
- The Statewide rate was 16.2% in FY19, down 4.4 percentage points from FY15.

