



Region IV Juvenile Services Long Term Trends: Allegany, Garrett and Washington Counties

FY 2012 – FY 2021

DJS Office of Research and Evaluation, February 2022

Regional Restructuring and Trend Data

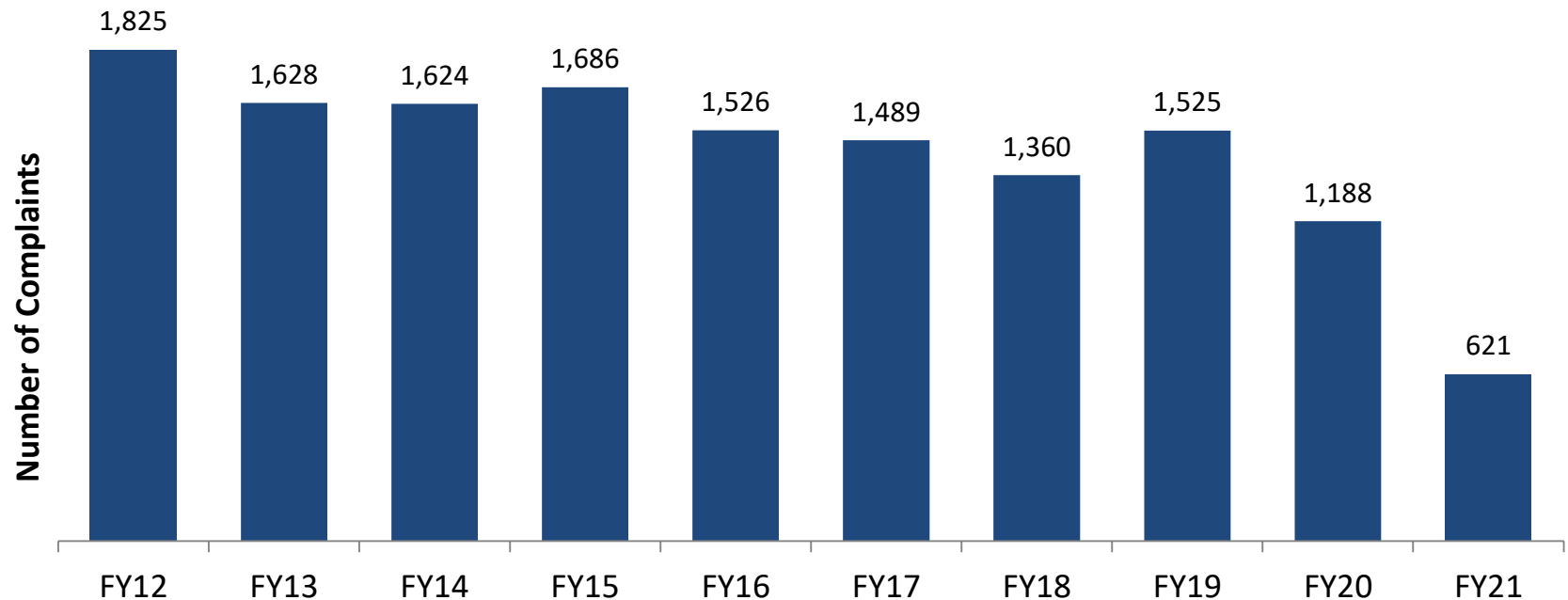
- On July 1, 2021, DJS restructured its regional community structure to align directly with the Maryland Judicial Circuits, moving from six operational regions to eight. All trends data for past years have been aggregated to align with this new structure.
- The new regional structure is as follows:
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

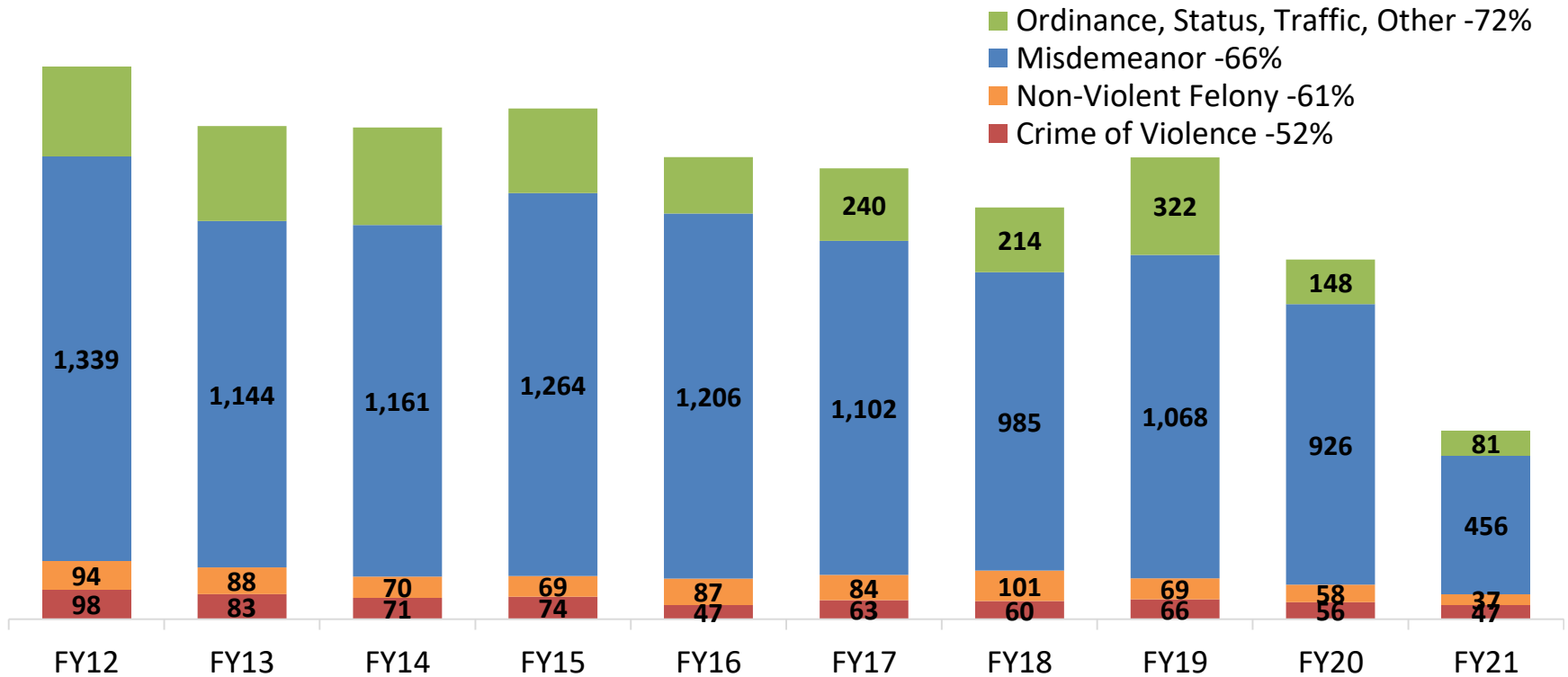
Region IV Juvenile Complaints Dropped 66% In 10 Years

- Region IV complaints referred to DJS Intake declined 66.0% between FY12 and FY21.
- Statewide complaints declined 78.4% over the same period.



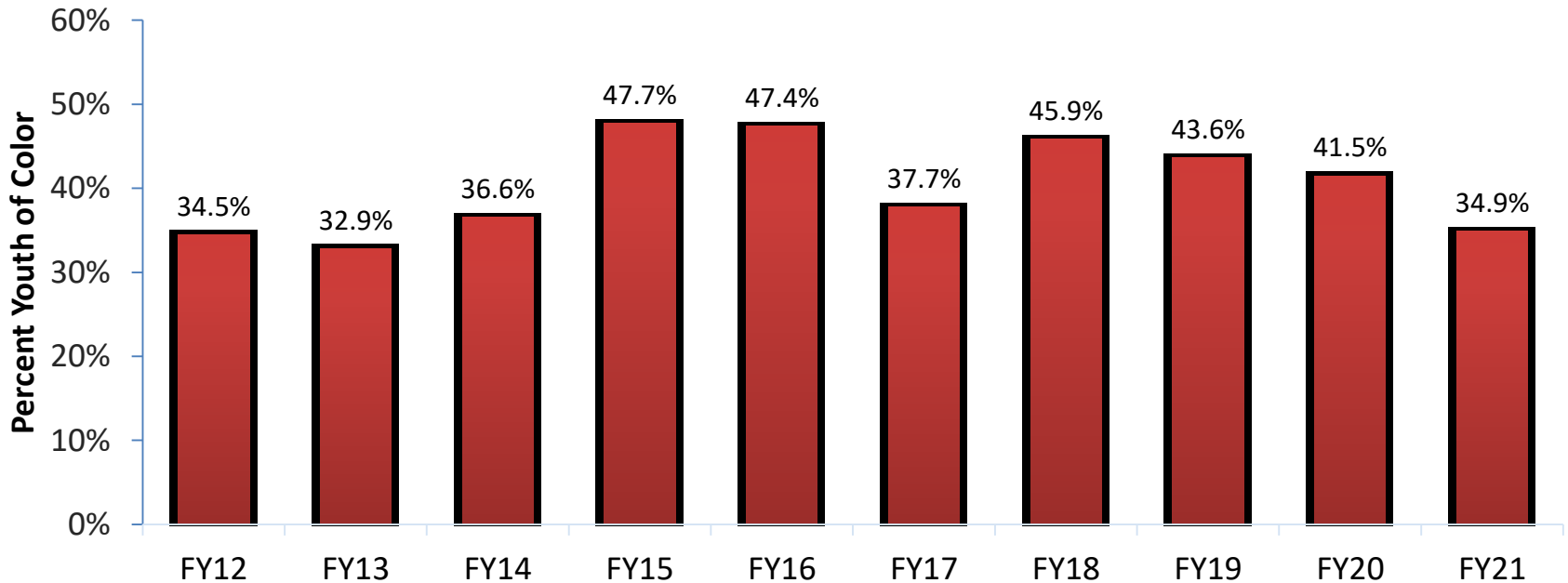
Region IV Juvenile Complaints Have Declined For All Offense Categories

- Complaints for crimes of violence declined 52% in 10 years.
- Misdemeanors complaints decreased by 66%, and non-violent felonies decreased by 61% over 10 years.



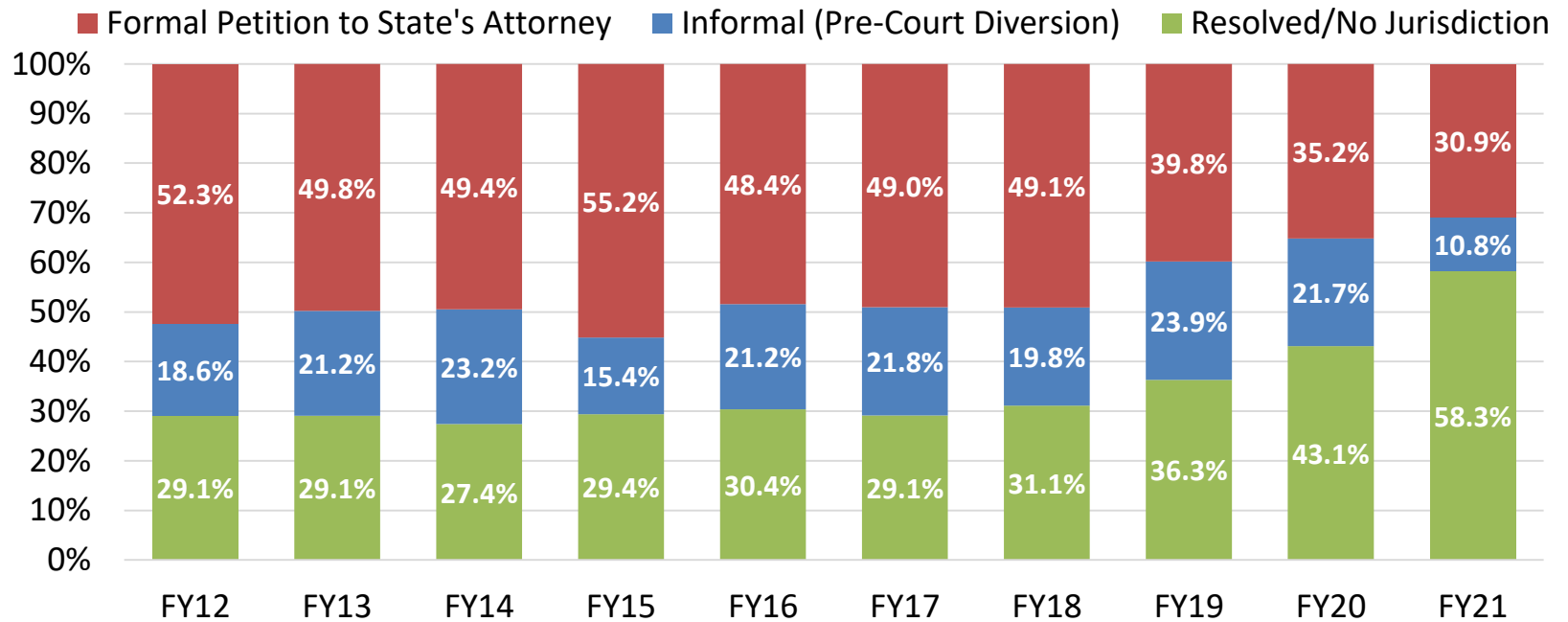
Youth of Color Overrepresented in Region IV Juvenile Complaints

- Youth of color represented 34.9% of complaints in FY21. Statewide, Youth of color (YOC) made up 67.0% of all complaints.
- In FY21, Youth of Color represented 26.1% of the youth population (ages 11-17) in Region IV.



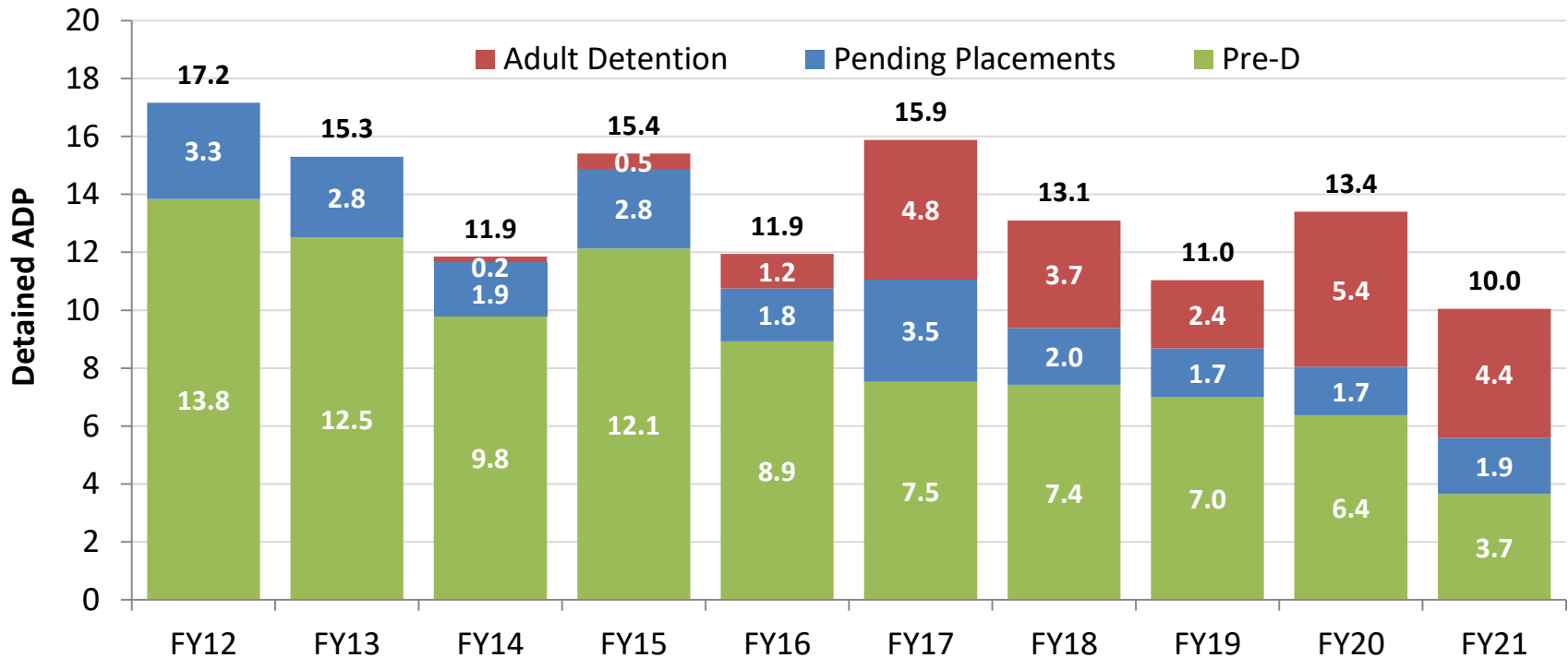
The Percentage of Resolved Cases Doubled Between FY12 and FY21

- 30.9% of Region IV complaints were referred to court by DJS Intake in FY21, 21.4 percentage points less than in FY12. Statewide, 41.3% were referred to court.
- 10.8% of complaints were diverted to an informal DJS pre-court case. Statewide, 11.5% were diverted.



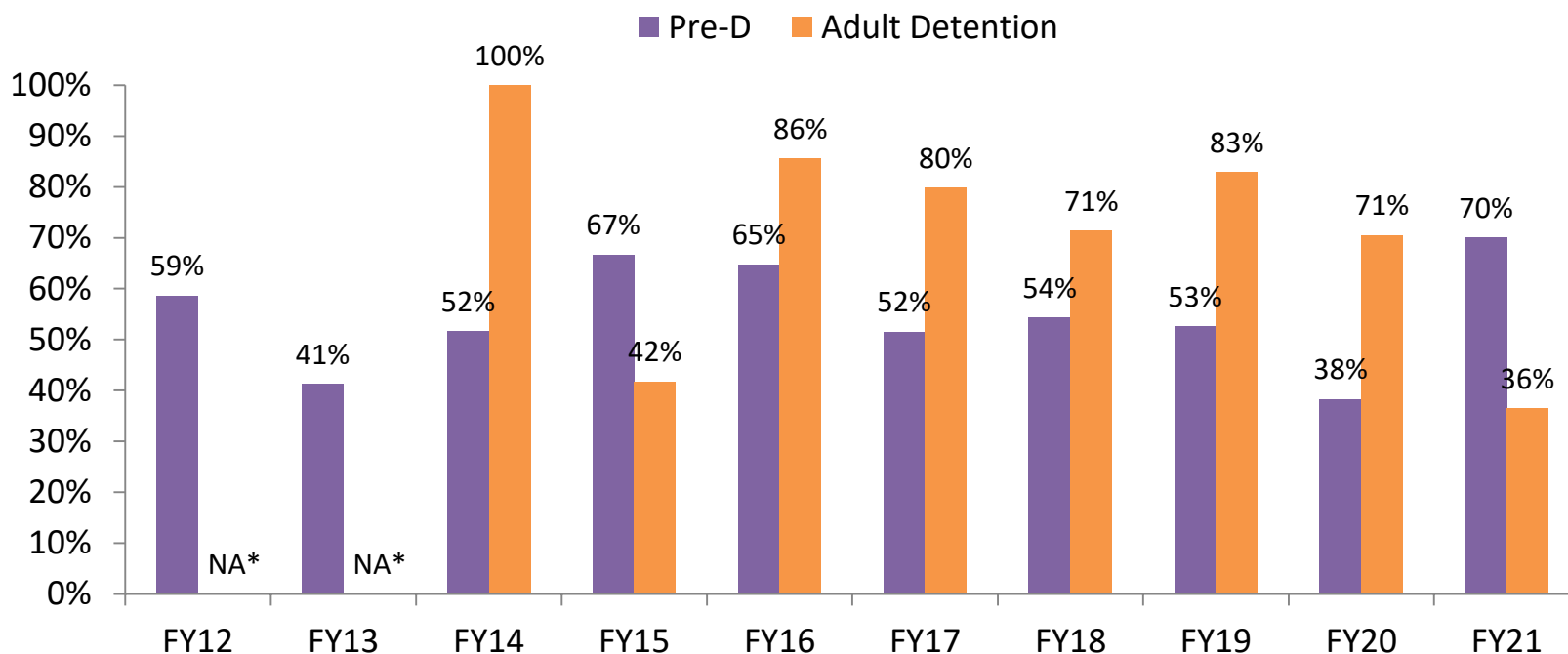
Region IV Detention Population Has Declined

- Region IV daily population in DJS detention declined 41.9% in 10 years, to 10.0 in FY21. The statewide detention population declined 64.3% over the same period.
- Cases detained for the adult court made up 44.0% of the DJS detained population in Region IV in FY21.



Youth of Color Represent a High Proportion of Detention ADP in Region IV

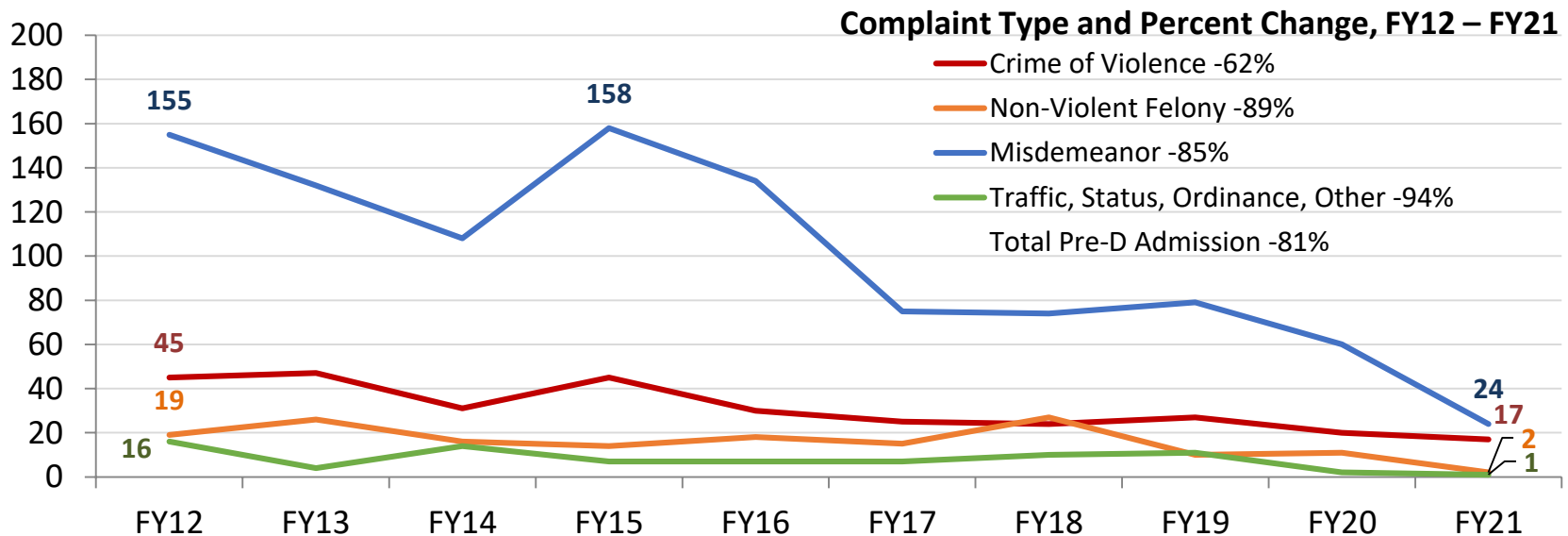
- The proportion of Pre-D detention youth that were youth of color shot up to 70% in FY21, from just 38% in FY20. Youth charged as adults who were youth of color decreased to 36% in FY21.



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

- Youth detained pre-disposition for misdemeanors and for non-violent felonies decreased 85% and 89%, respectively, from FY12 to FY21.
- Youth detained pending disposition for crimes of violence decreased 62% over the same period.

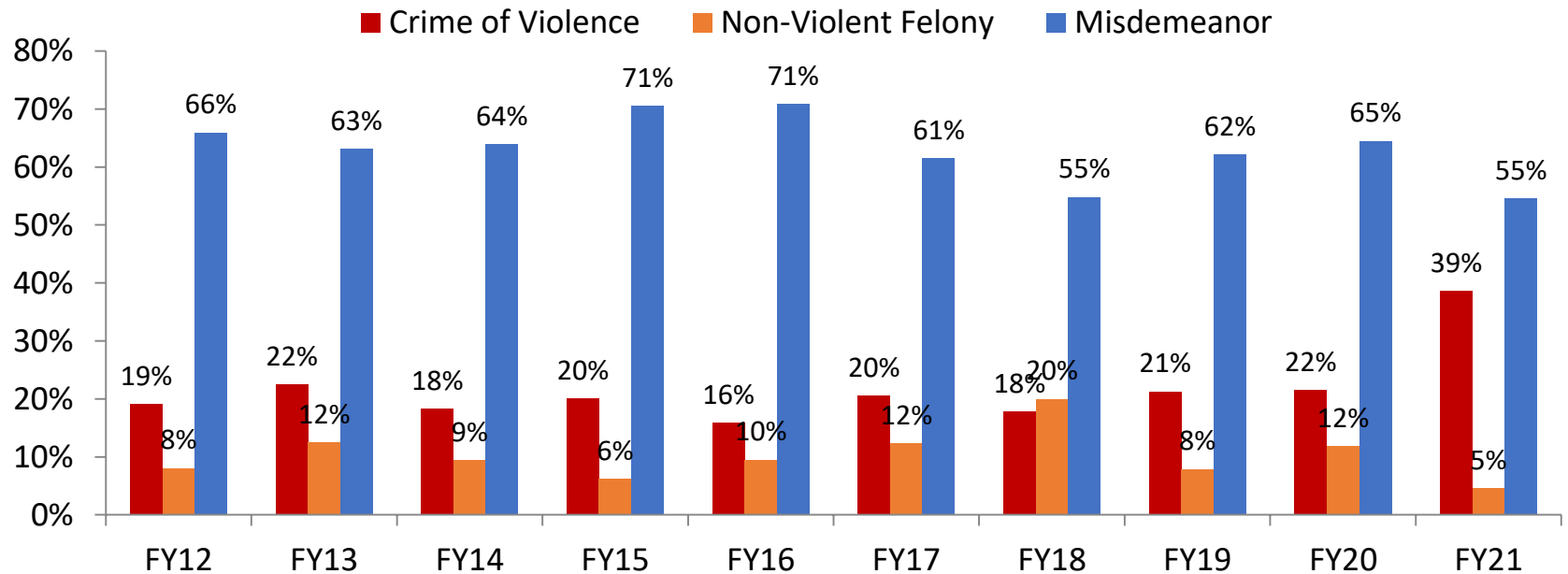
Pre-D Detention Admissions by Complaint Type, FY12 – FY21



*Please note that offense may not be the reason for detention admission.

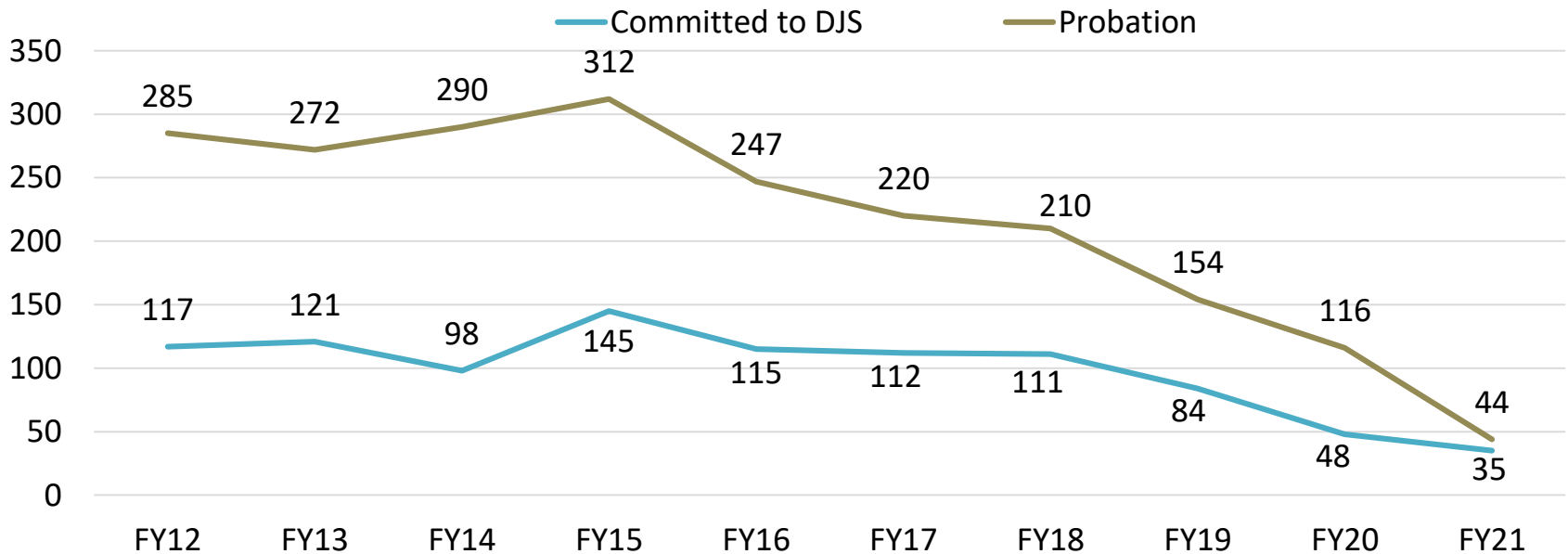
Violent Offenses Represent Growing Proportion of Pre-D Detention Admissions*

- Violent crimes as a share of all detentions increased by 20 percentage points from FY12 to FY21. Detention for misdemeanors and non-violent felonies decreased during the same period.
- These are positive trends, as detention should be used only for the most serious cases.



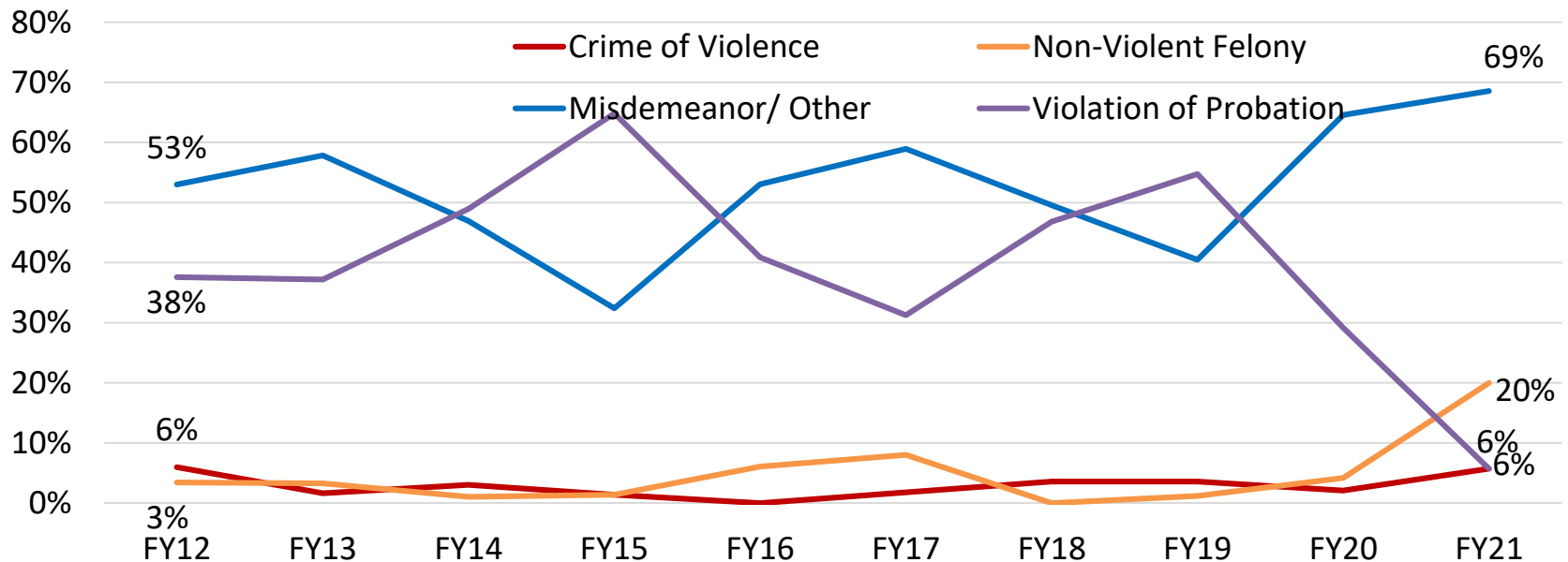
Juvenile Probation and Commitment Orders Have Declined*

- Region IV Juvenile probation orders declined 84.6% in 10 years. Statewide probation orders declined 82.2% over the same period.
- Region IV juvenile commitments declined 70.1% in 10 years. Statewide commitments declined 82.5% over the same period.



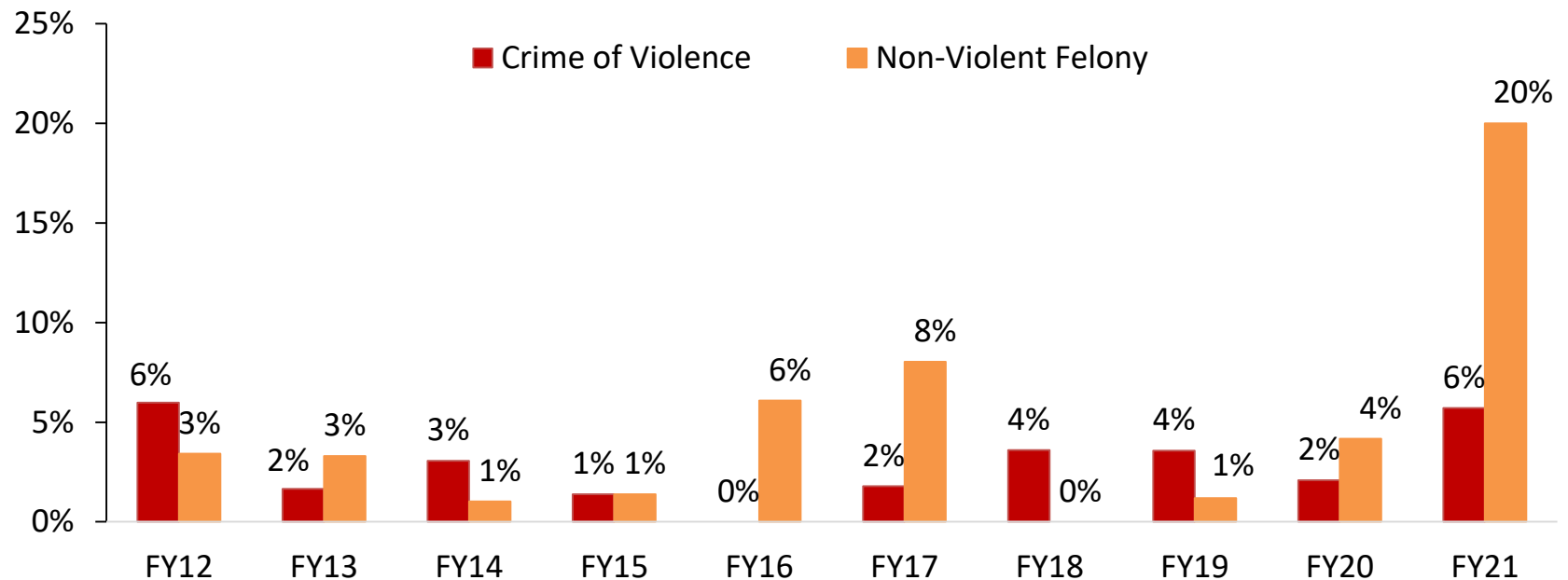
The Rates of Juveniles Committed for Misdemeanors Has Increased, VOPs Declined*

- The proportion of commitments for crimes of violence was the same in FY21 as in FY12.
- The commitment rate for misdemeanors and other low-level offenses has fluctuated, but is up 16 percentage points overall since FY12.
- Commitments for Violations of probation declined 32 points over the same period.



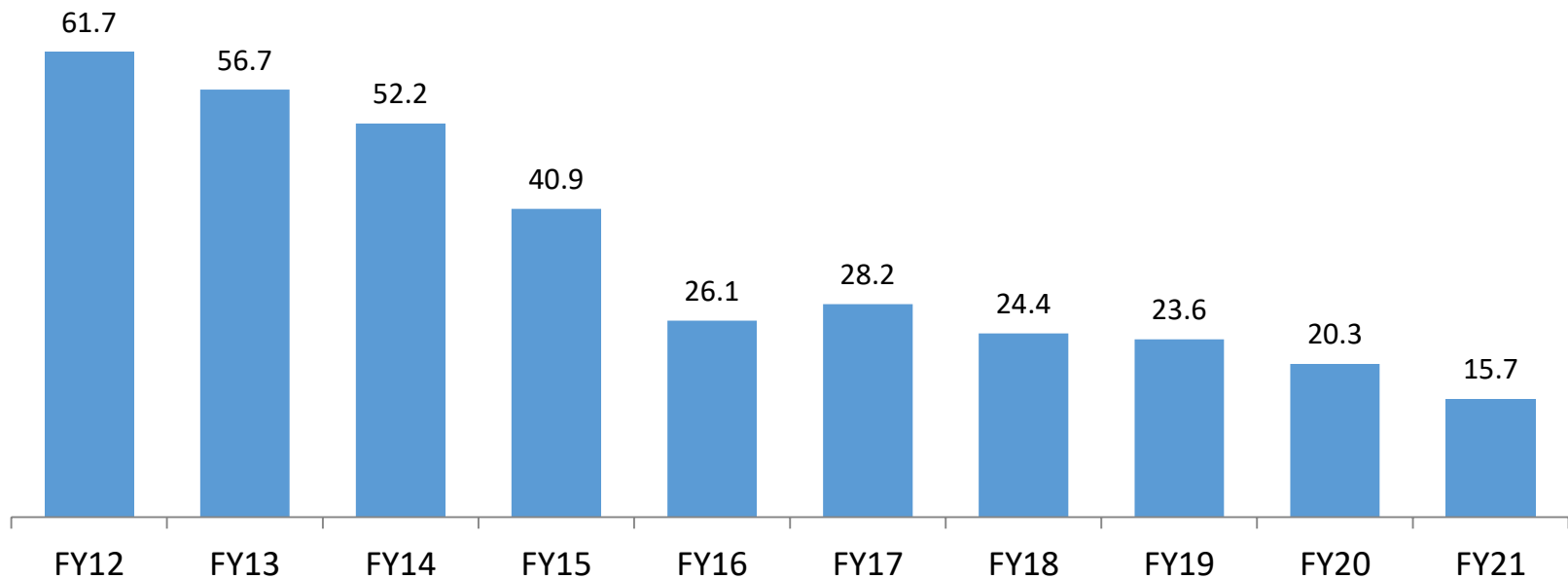
The Rate of Juveniles Committed For Nonviolent Felonies Has Increased*

- Crimes of Violence made up 6% of commitments in FY21.
- The rate of Non-Violent Felony commitments increased by 16 percentage points to its highest rate in the decade between FY20 and FY21.



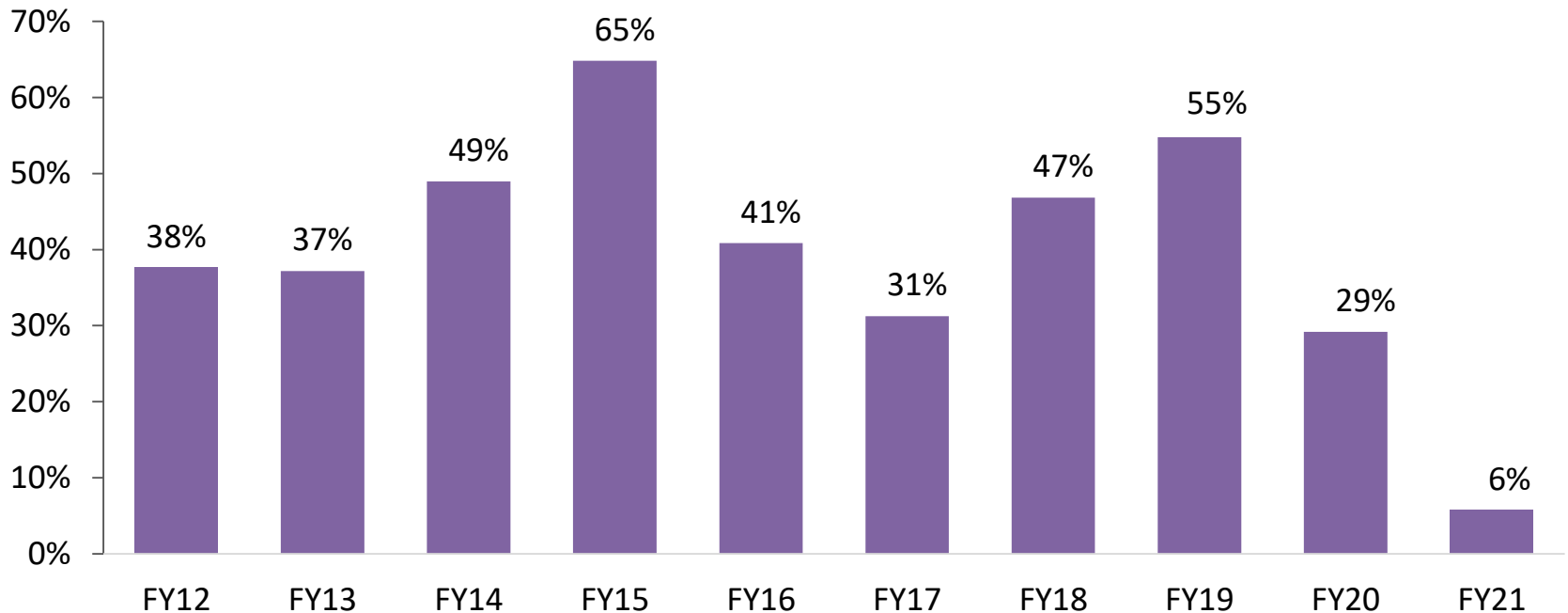
Average Committed Out-of-Home Population Down Nearly 75% In Region IV

- The average daily population (ADP) of Region IV youth committed by the juvenile court to out-of-home placement declined 74.6% from FY12 to FY21.
- Statewide average committed population declined 84.8% over the same period.



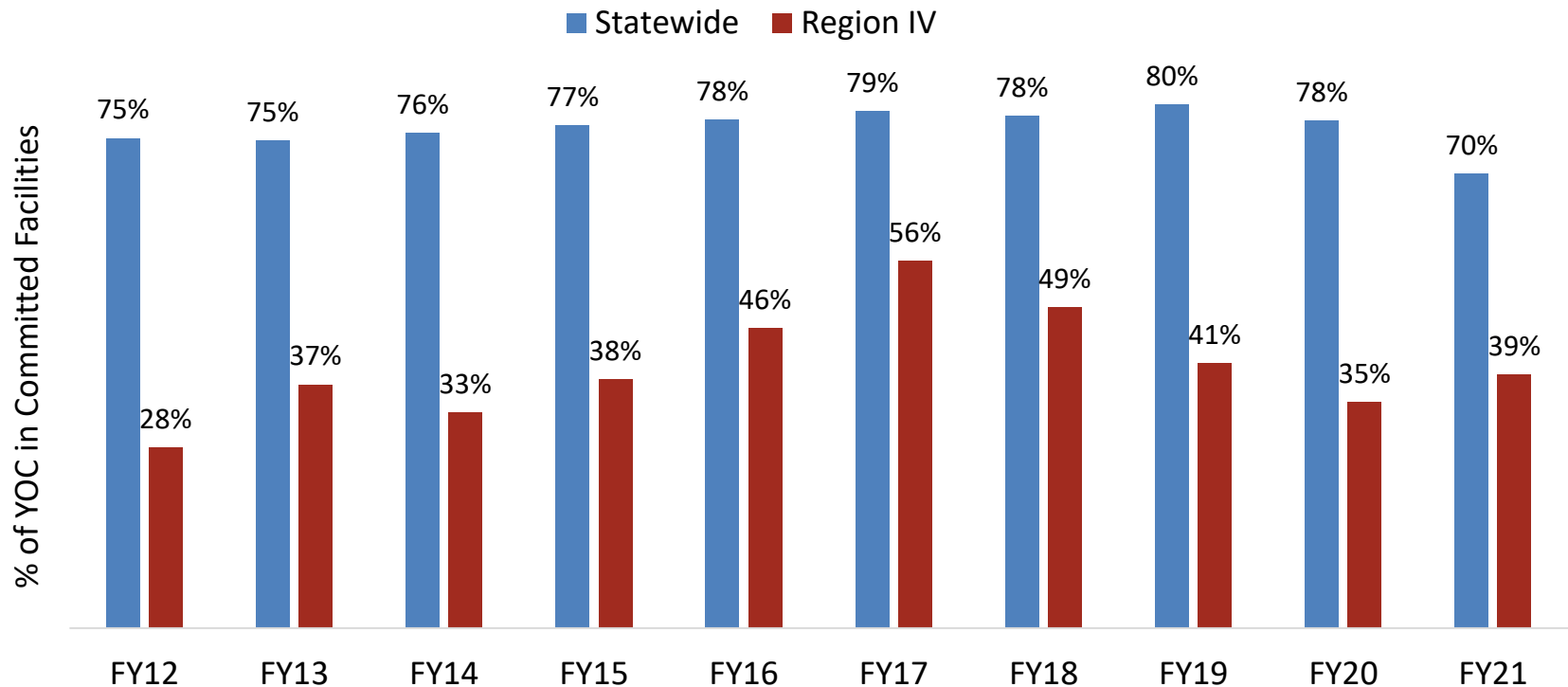
The Rate of Commitments for Violations Has Declined Significantly

- The rate of new commitments for violations of probation decreased 32 percentage points in 10 years to 6% in FY21.
- Statewide, the rate of such commitments was 16% in FY21.



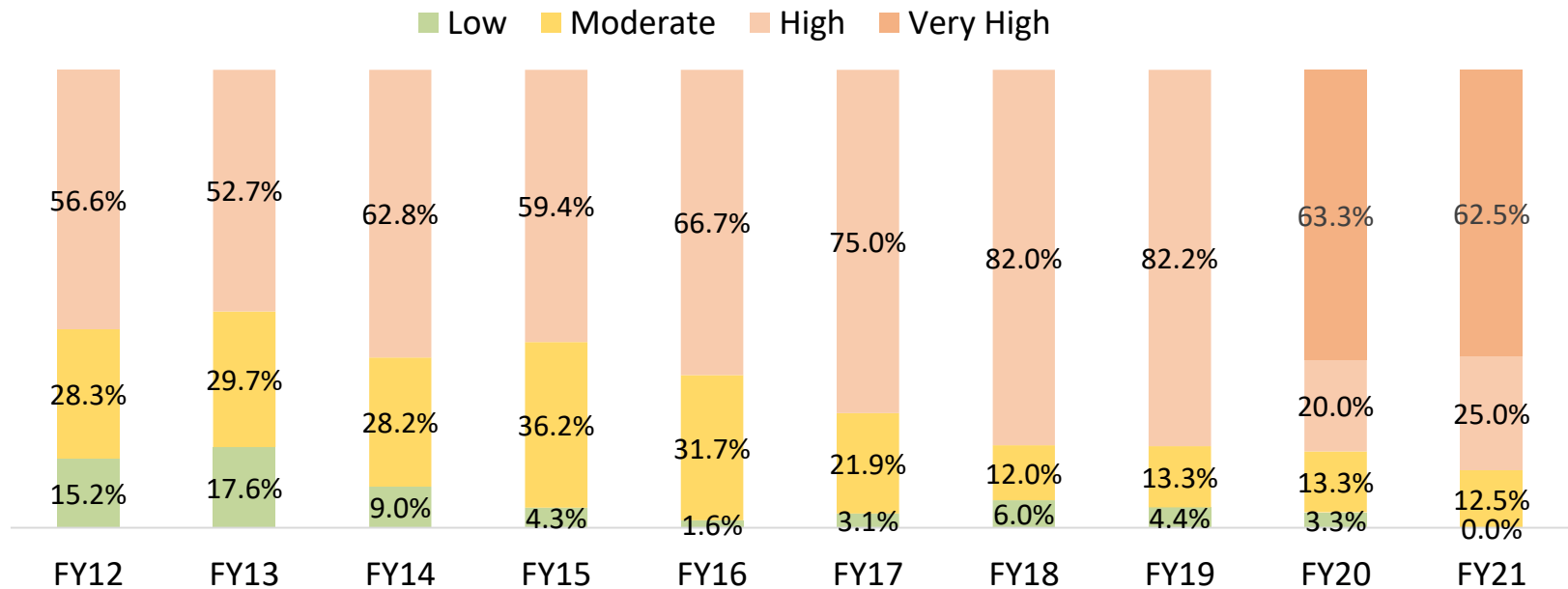
Proportion of Youth of Color in Commitment Facilities has Fluctuated

- The proportion of committed youth from Region IV who are youth of color increased 11 percentage points from FY12 to FY21.



Growing Proportion of Committed Placements Demonstrate High Risk on MCASP

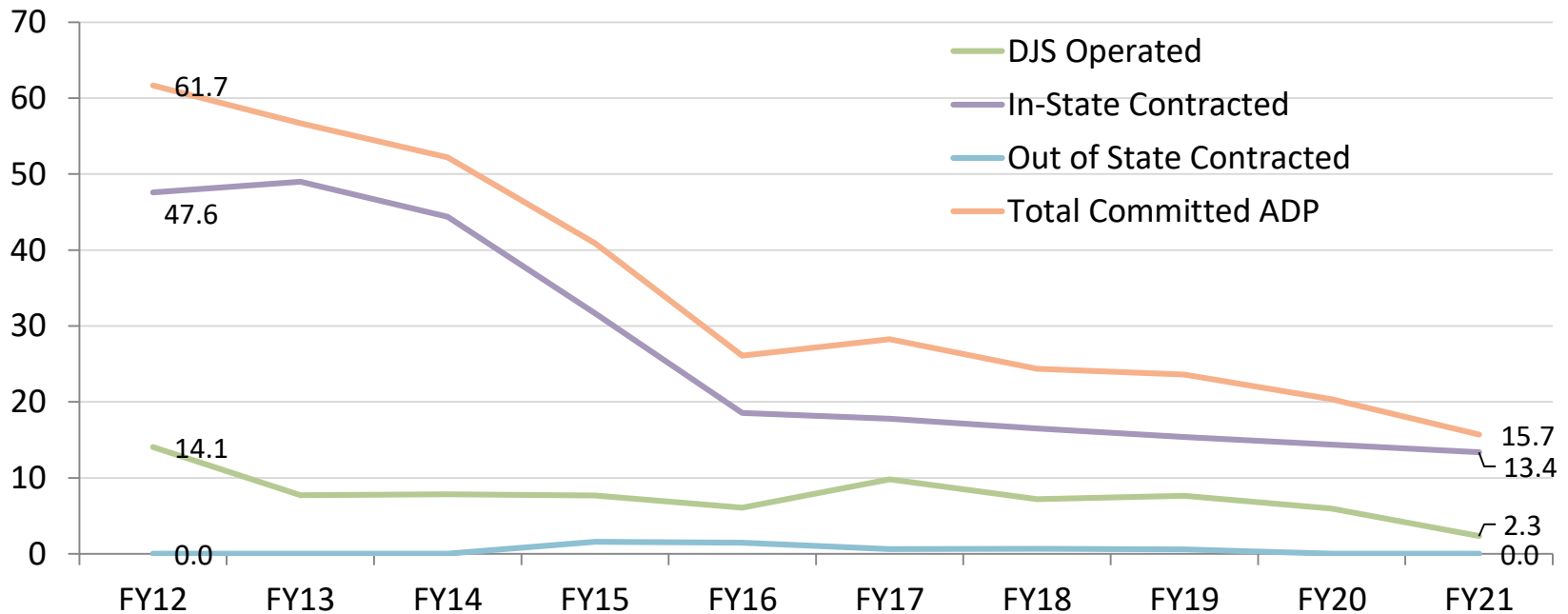
- The proportion of committed placements from Region IV with an assessed Maryland Comprehensive Assessment and Service Planning (MCASP) Risk Level of High or Very High has continued to rise.
- In FY 2021, nearly 90% of new commitments were at High or Very High risk.



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

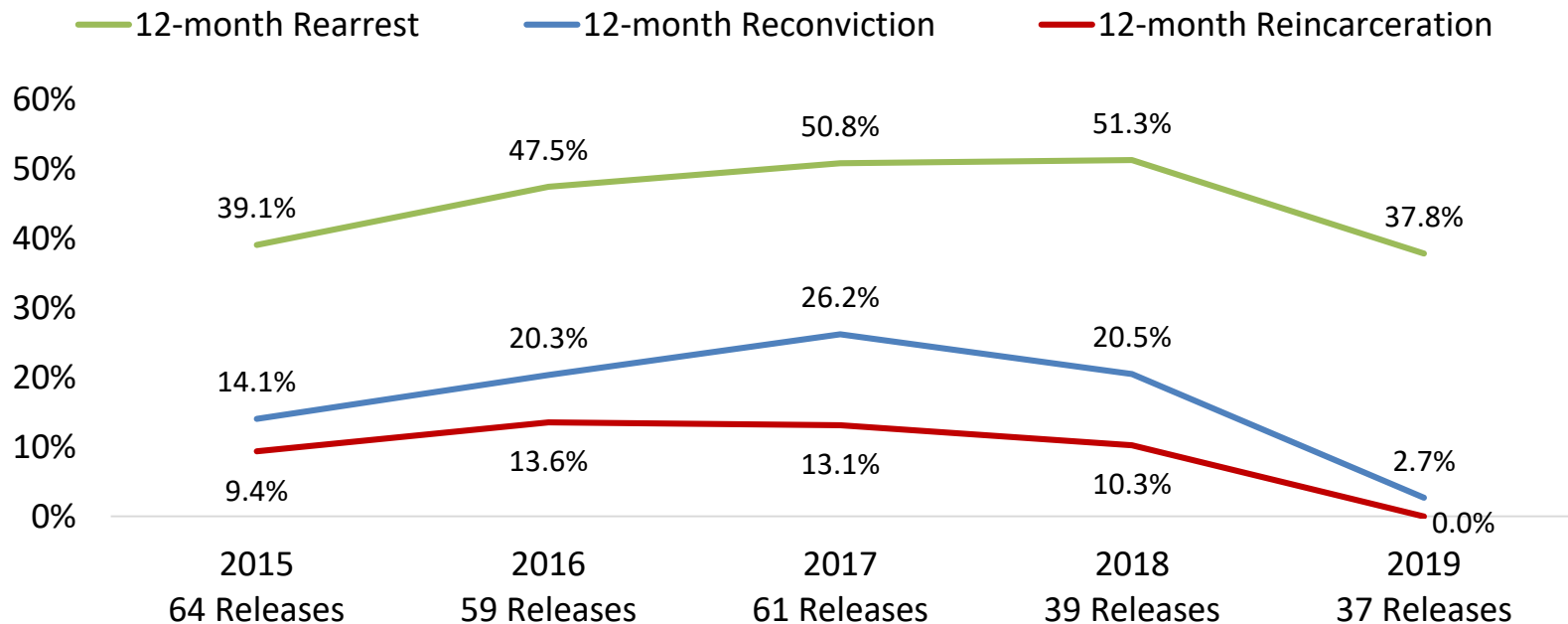
Region IV Committed Youth Population Has Declined for All Facility Types

- Overall, committed out-of-home population declined 74.6% since FY12.
- DJS-Operated ADP decreased 83.7%, and Private In-State ADP declined 71.8%.
- Private Out-of-State committed ADP was at 0 in FY12 and FY21.



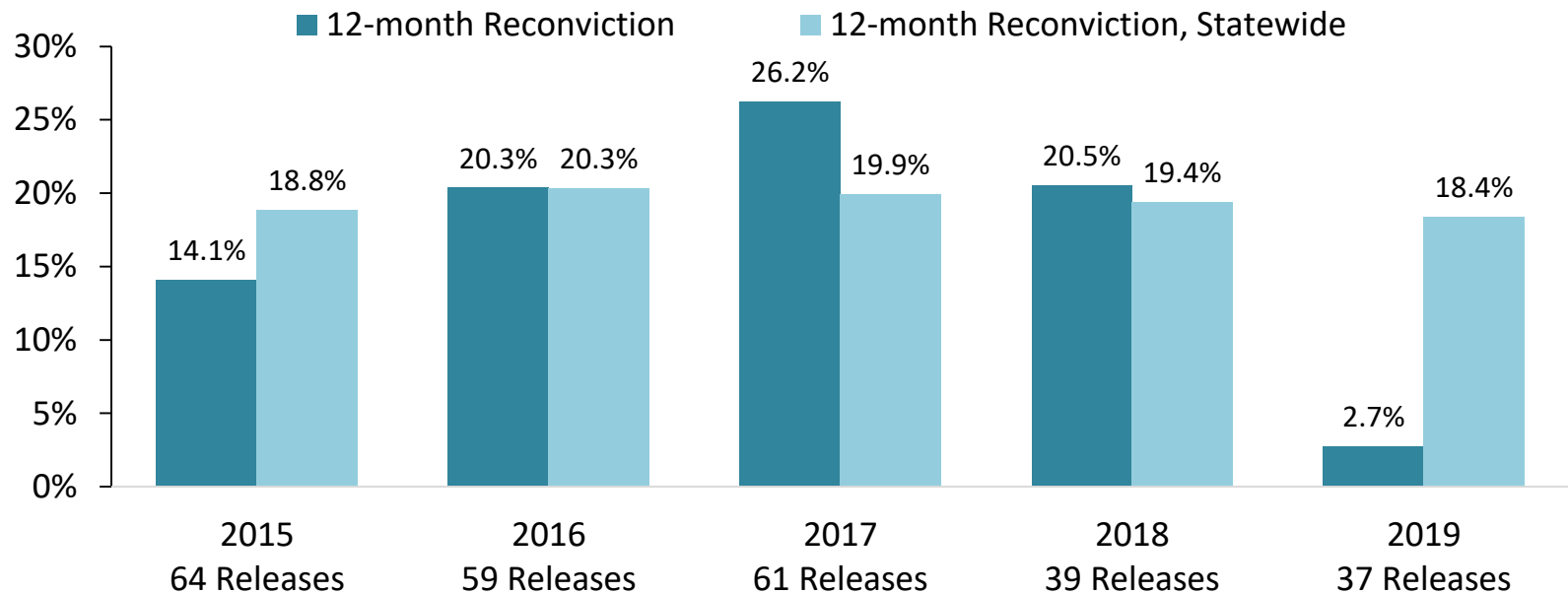
All Measures of Recidivism Have Declined For Region IV*

- The rate of new arrests (juvenile or adult) one year from release decreased 1.3 percentage points from FY15 to FY19 in Region IV.
- New convictions declined 11.4 percentage points, and new commitments or incarcerations declined 9.4 percentage points over the same period.



Recidivism Rates for Region IV Committed Youth Dropped Abruptly for 2019*

- 2.7% of Region IV 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 23.5 percentage points since FY17 and a decrease of 11.4 points since FY15.
- The Statewide rate was 18.4% in FY19.



Recidivism Rates Down for Region IV DJS Probation Youth*

- 16.7% of Region IV 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 4.8 percentage points from FY15.
- The Statewide rate was 16.2% in FY19, down 4.4 percentage points from FY15.

