



Region VI Juvenile Services Long Term Trends: Frederick and Montgomery Counties

FY 2012 – FY 2021

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Regional Restructuring and Trend Data

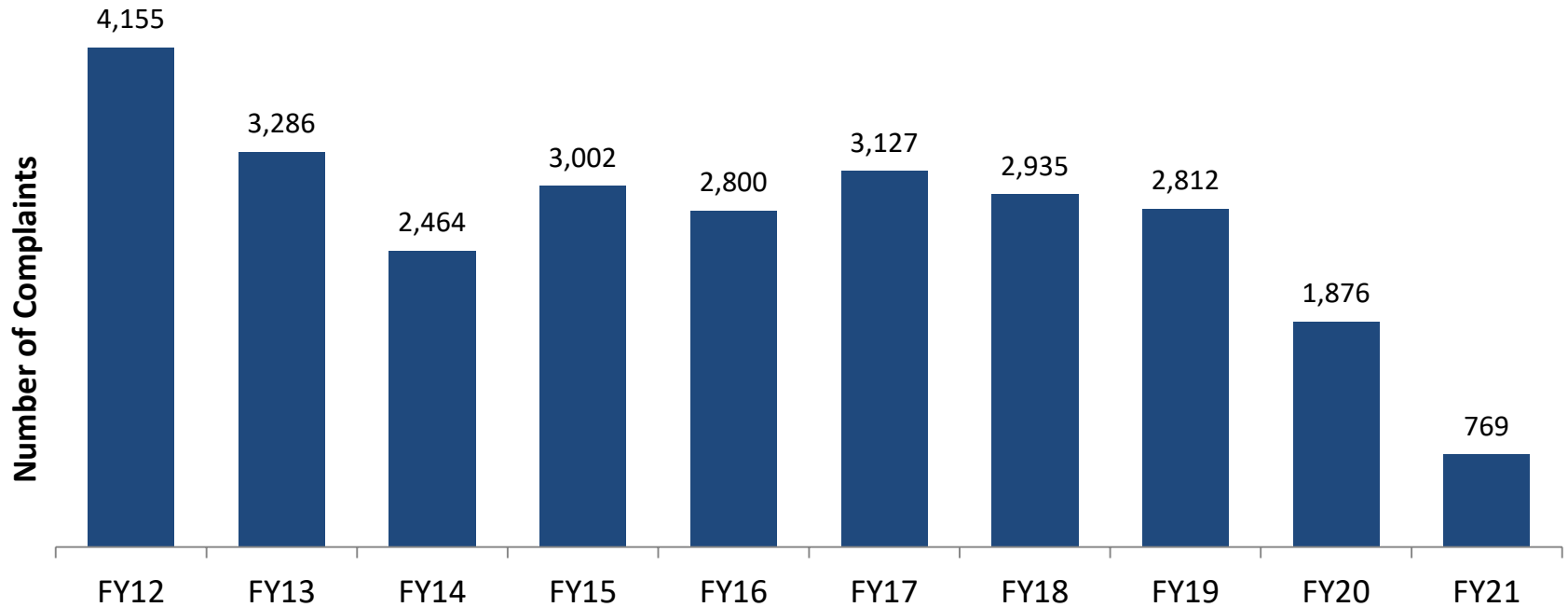
- On July 1, 2021, DJS restructured its regional community structure to align directly with the Maryland Judicial Circuits, moving from six operational regions to eight. All trends data for past years have been aggregated to align with this new structure.
- The new regional structure is as follows:
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

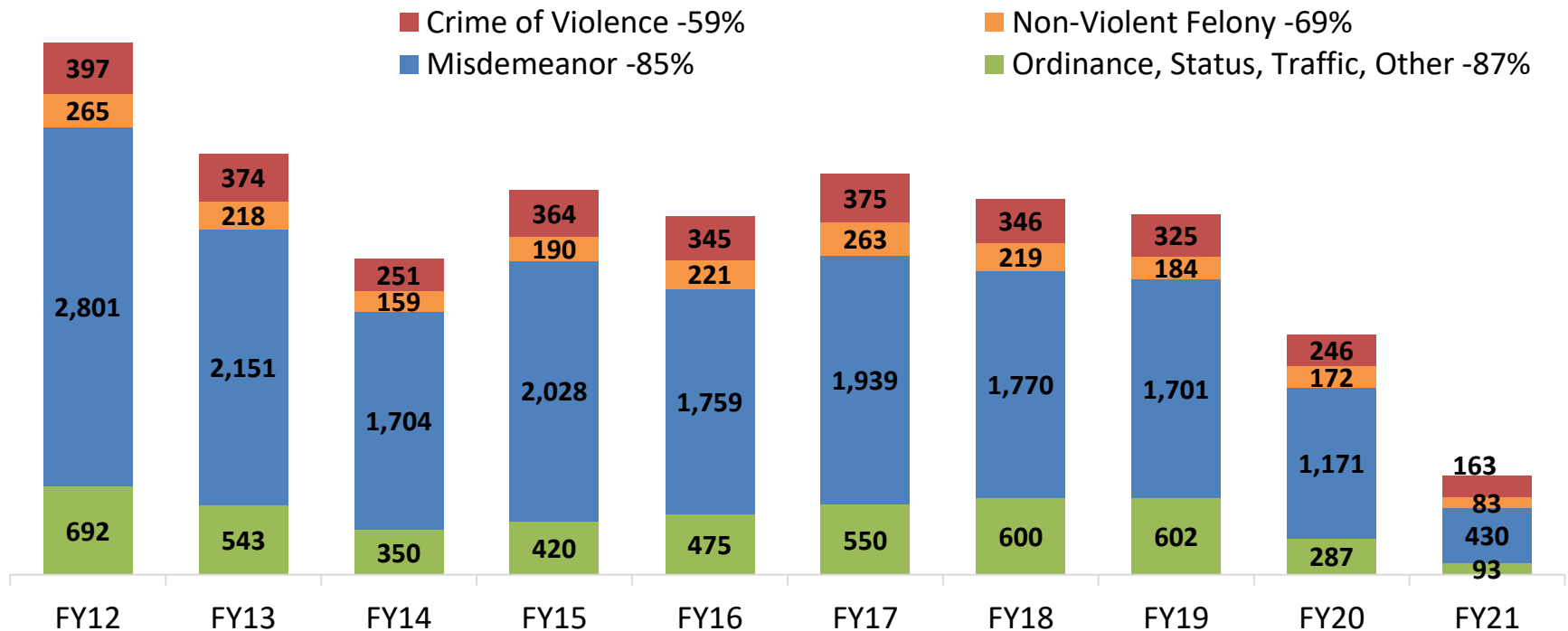
Region VI Juvenile Complaints Down More Than 80%

- Region VI complaints referred to DJS Intake declined 81.5% from FY12 to FY21.
- Statewide, complaints declined 78.4% over the same period.



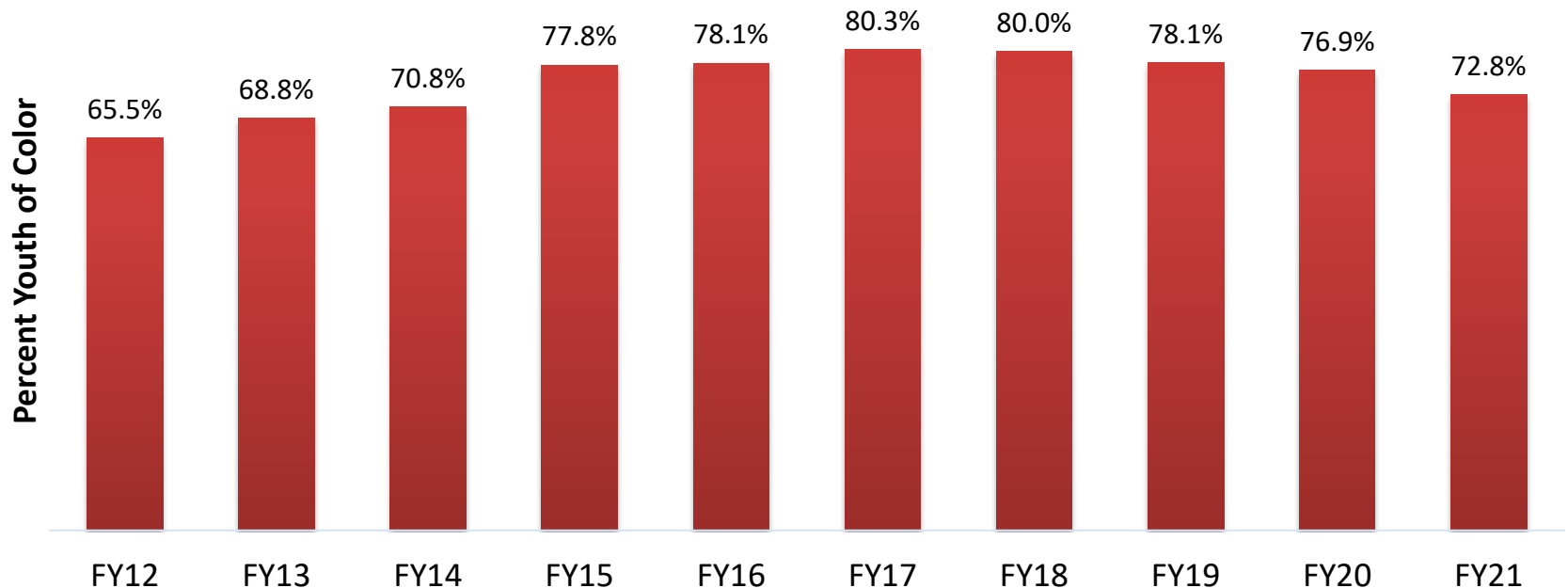
Region VI Juvenile Complaints Have Declined In All Categories

- Complaints for crimes of violence declined 59% over the last 10 years.
- Complaints for non-violent felonies and misdemeanors have decreased 69% and 85% respectively, during the same time period.



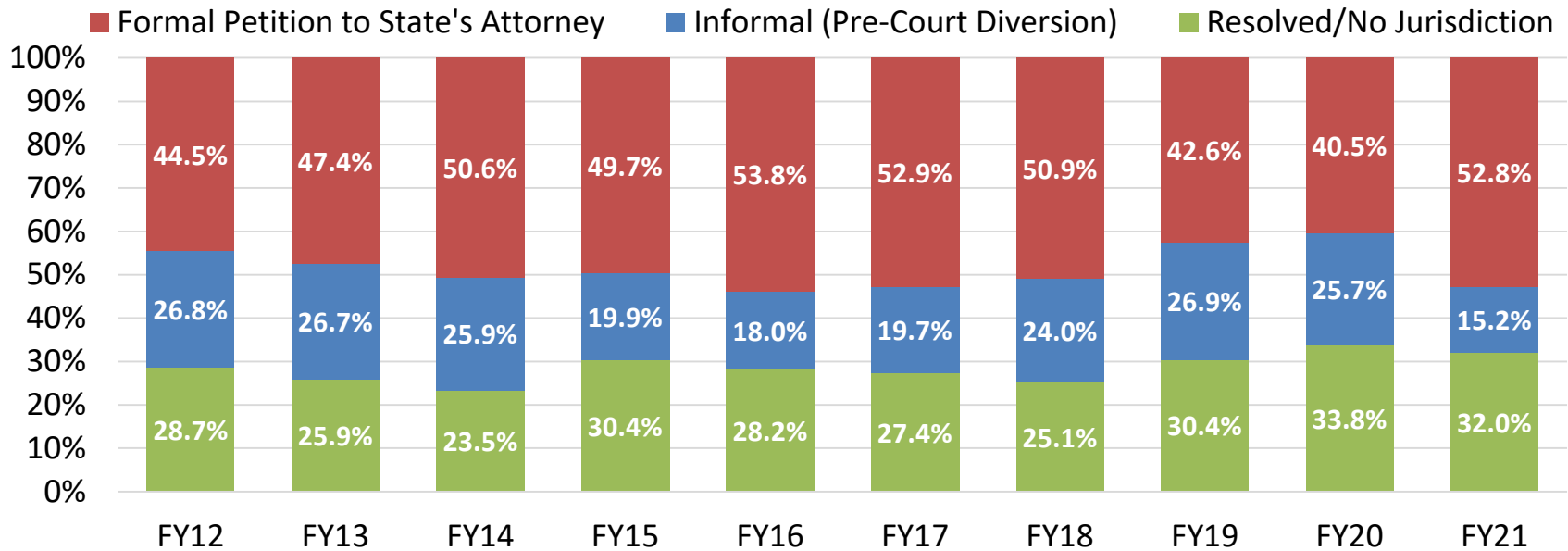
Youth of Color Increased as a Percentage of Juvenile Complaints in Region VI

- In FY21, youth of color (YOC) represented 72.8% of complaints in Region VI. Statewide, Youth of color (YOC) made up 67.0% of all complaints.
- YOC represent 63.7% of Region VI youth population (ages 11-17) that year.



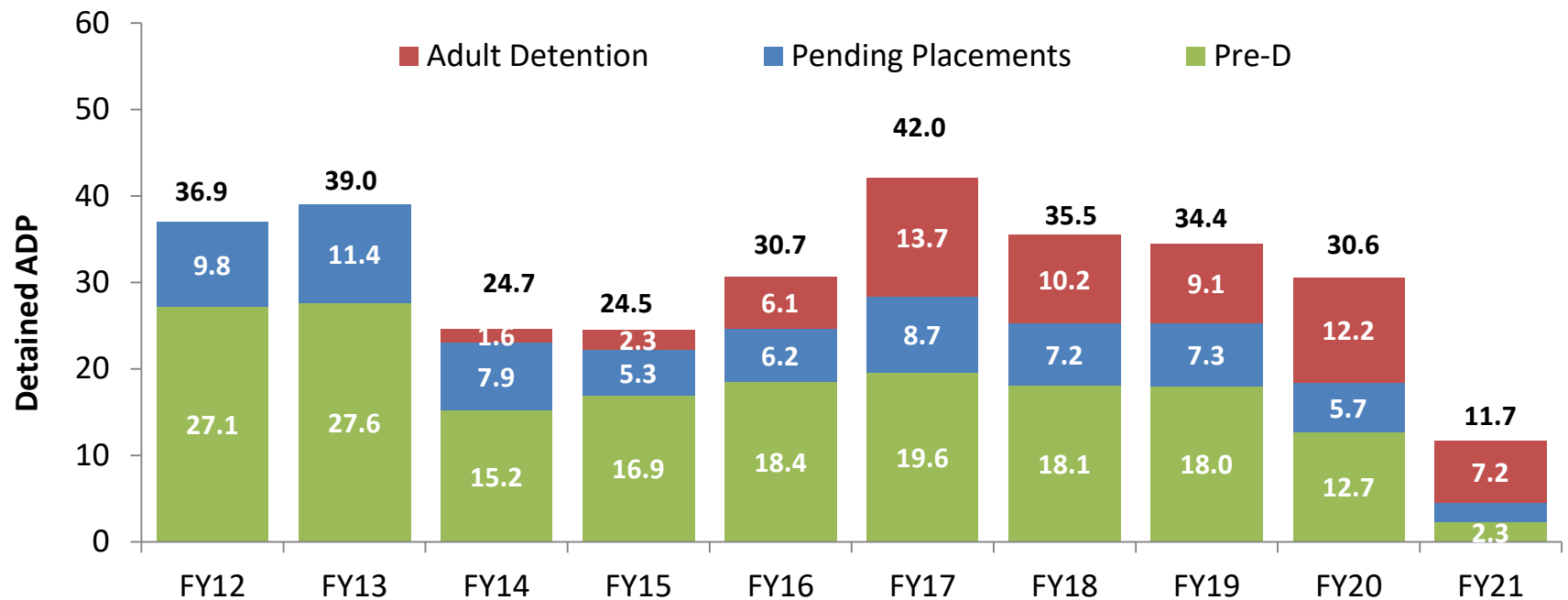
Greater Percentage of Cases Referred to Juvenile Court

- 52.8% of Region VI complaints were referred to juvenile court in FY21, an 8.3-point increase from FY12. Statewide, 41.3% were referred to court.
- 15.2% complaints were handled through informal DJS pre-court case. Statewide, 11.5% were diverted.



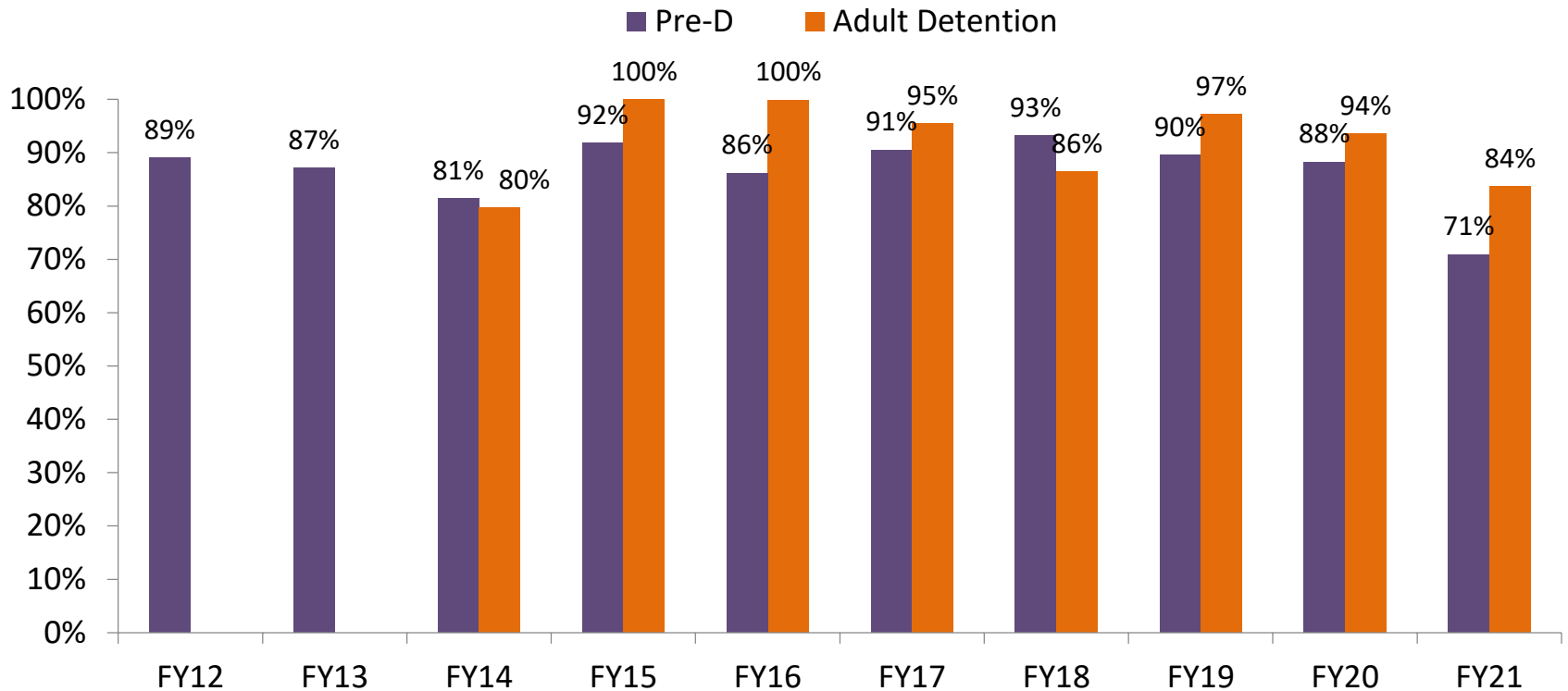
Region VI Detention Population Declines Nearly 65 Percent

- Region VI daily population in DJS detention declined 64.8% in 10 years, to 11.7 in FY21. Statewide, detention population fell 64.3% over the same period.
- Cases detained for the adult court now make up 61.5% of DJS ADP in Region VI in FY21.



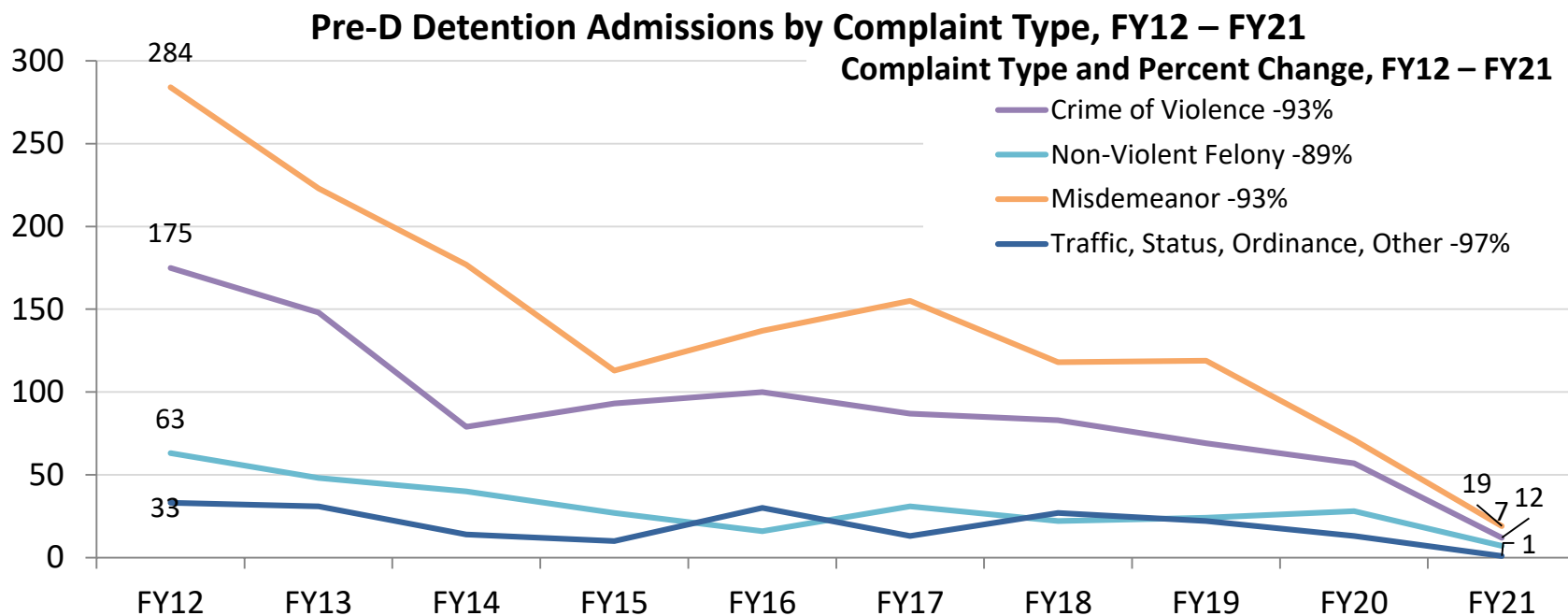
Youth of Color Decline as a Share of Pre-D Detention ADP in Region VI*

- The proportion of youth of color in Pre-D detention has continued to decline, from a peak of 93% in FY18 to 71% in FY21.



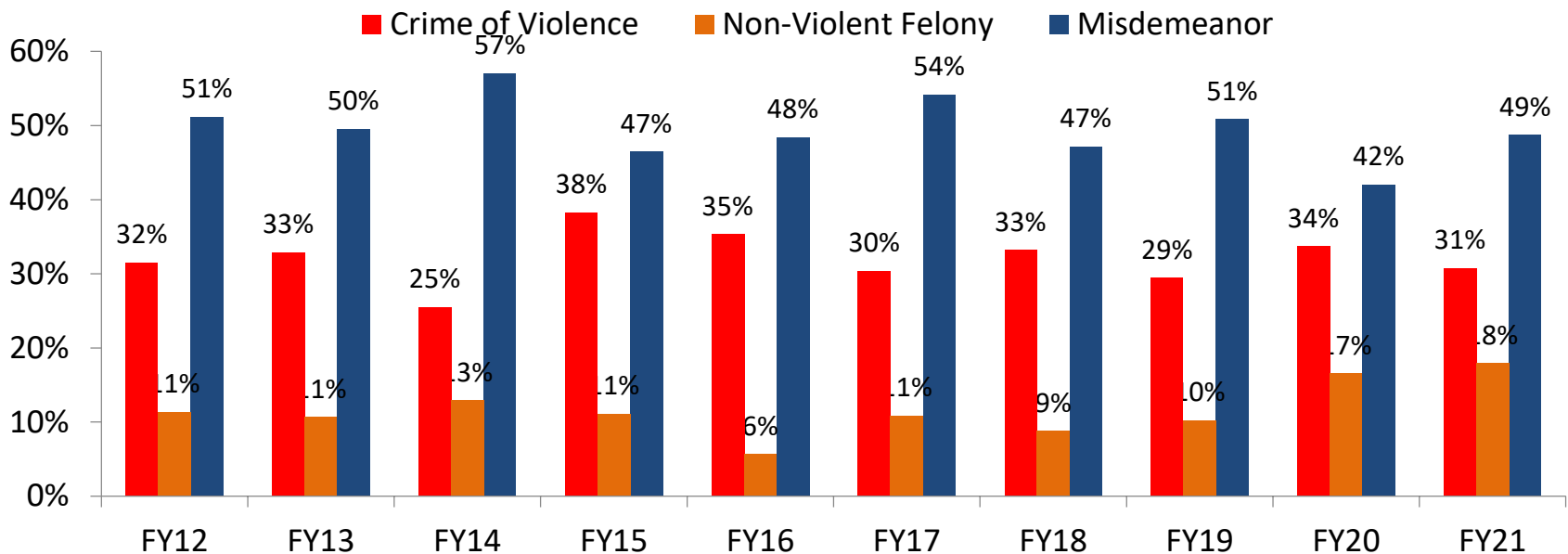
Region VI Pre-D Detention Admissions Have Decreased for All Complaint Types*

- Youth detained pre-disposition for misdemeanors and for non-violent felonies decreased 93% and 89%, respectively, from FY12 to FY21.
- Youth detained pending disposition for crimes of violence decreased 93% over the same period.



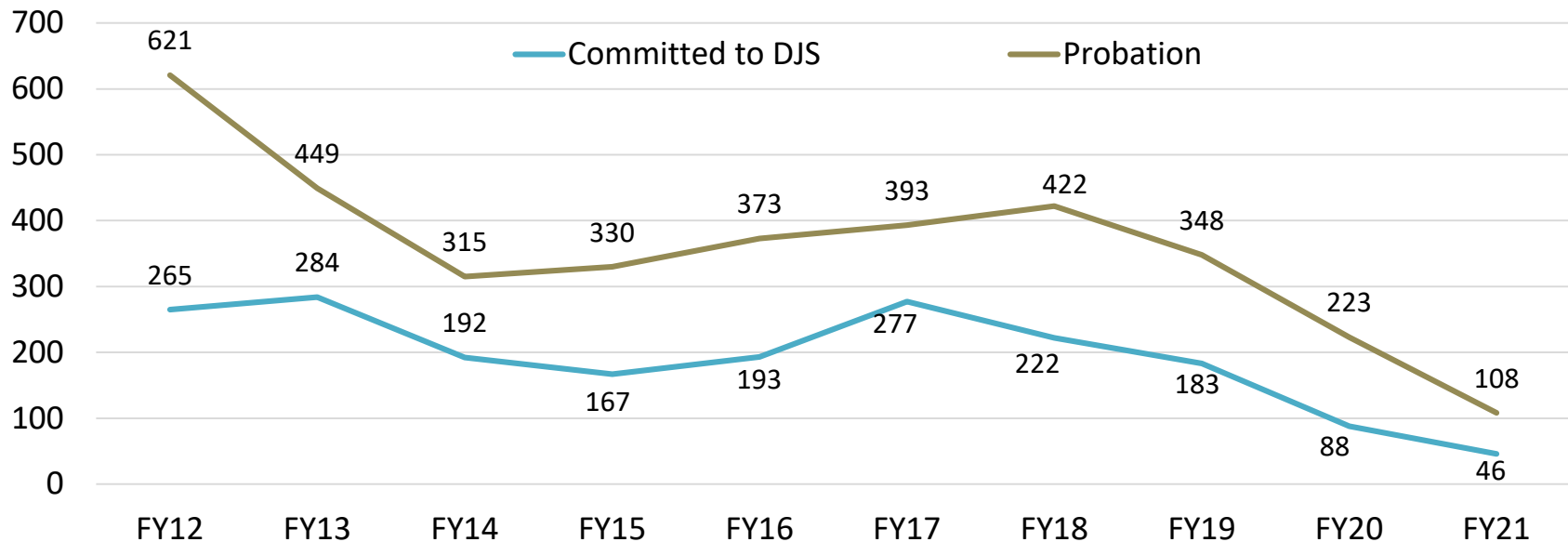
Misdemeanors Down Slightly as Share of Region VI Pre-D Detention*

- Pre-D detention for misdemeanors has decreased 2 percentage points from FY12 to FY21. Detention for crimes of violence decreased 3 percent point over the same period.
- Detention for non-violent felonies has increased 7 percentage points since FY12.



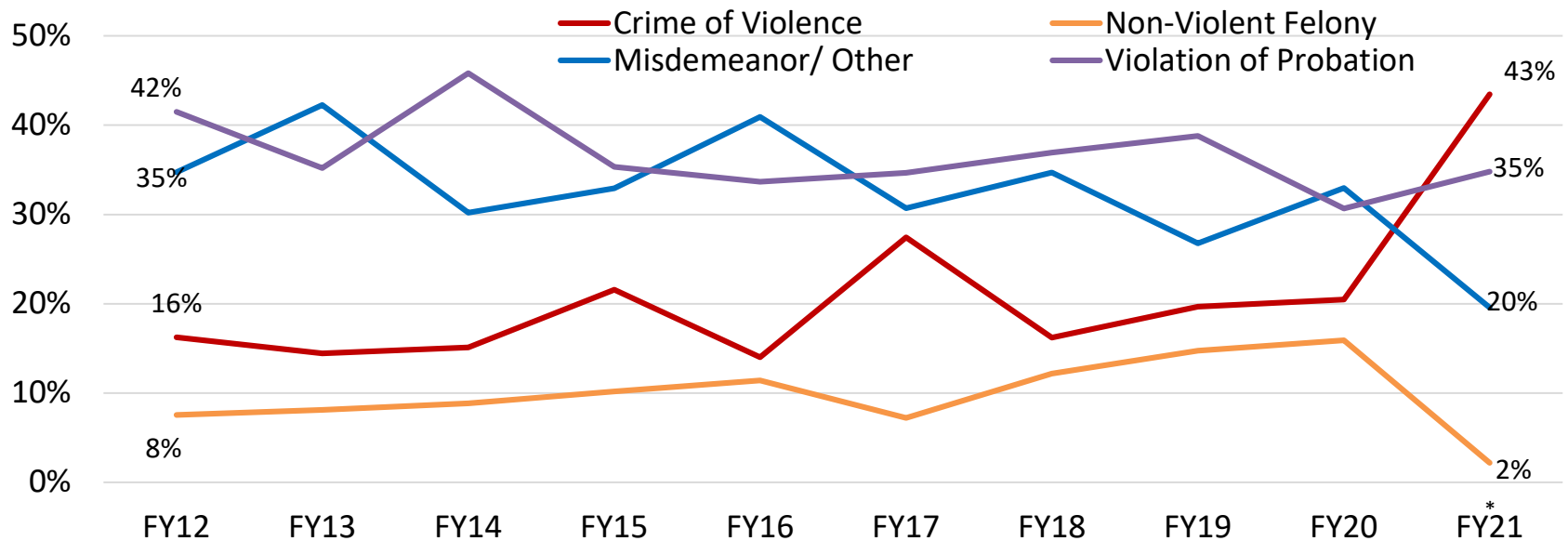
Juvenile Probation and Commitment Orders Down More Than 80 Percent

- Region VI Juvenile probation orders declined 82.6% in 10 years. Statewide probation orders declined 82.2% over the same period.
- Region VI juvenile commitments declined 82.7% in 10 years. Statewide commitments declined 82.5% over the same period.



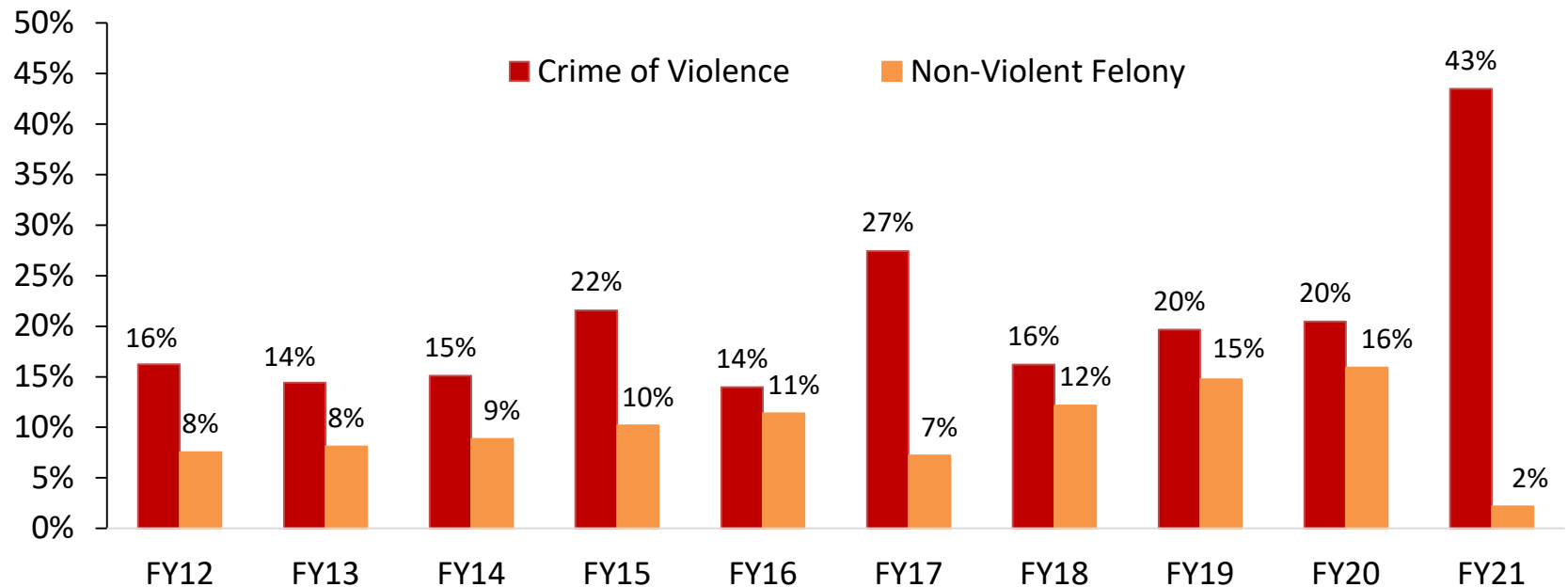
The Rate of Commitments for Low-Level Offenses Has Declined*

- Commitments for misdemeanor and other low-level offenses declined 15 percentage points over 10 years.
- Commitments for crimes of violence increased 27 percentage points over the same period.
- These are positive trends, as commitment should be used for the most serious offenses.



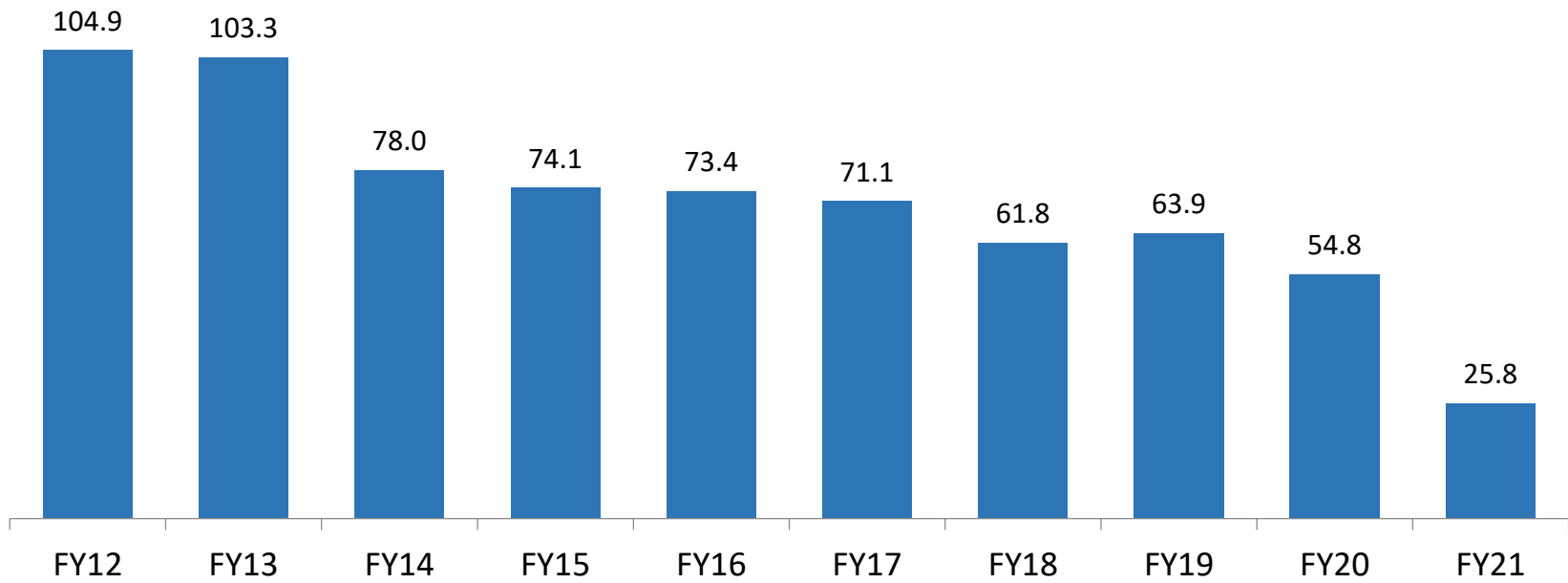
Rate of Commitments For Crimes of Violence Increased in Region VI*

- The rate of committed dispositions for Crimes of Violence has increased since FY12, reaching 43% in FY21 .
- The non-violent felonies commitment rate fell sharply in FY21, dropping from 16% the previous year to 2%.



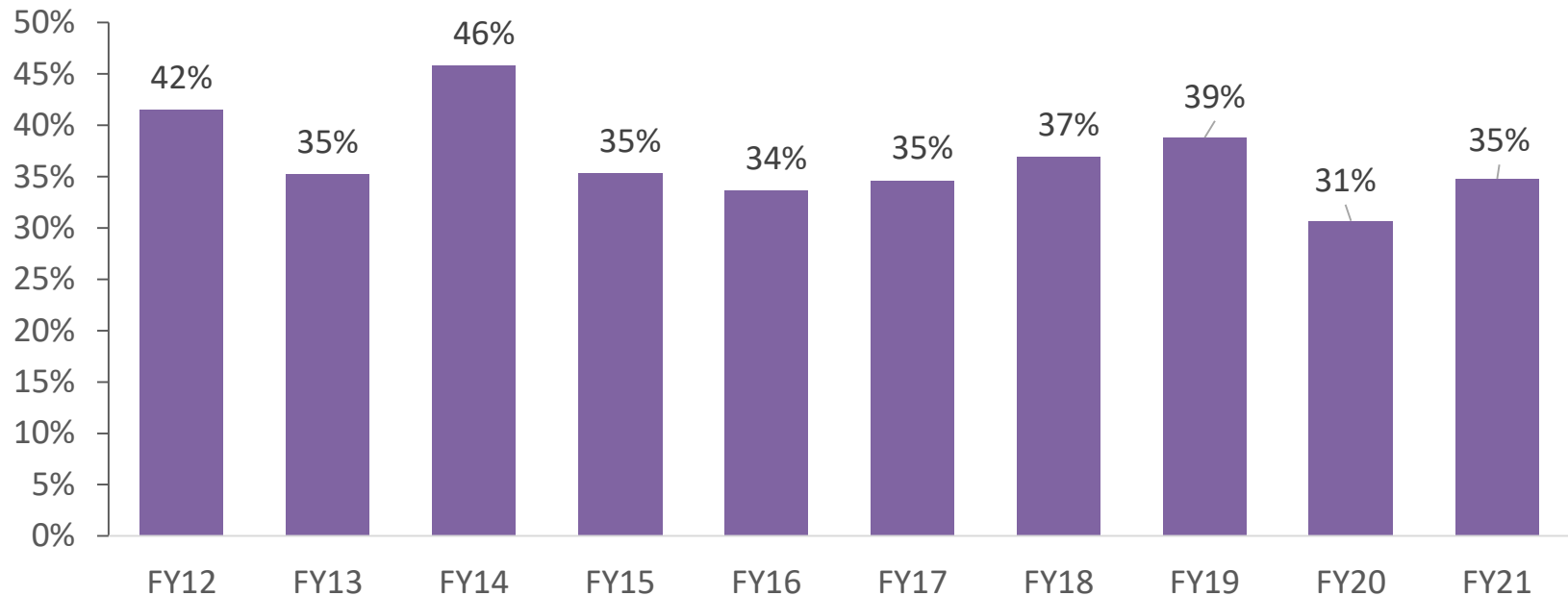
Average Committed Out-of-Home Population Down 75 Percent For Region VI

- The average daily population (ADP) of Region VI youth committed by the juvenile court to an out-of-home placement decreased 75.4% over 10 years.
- Statewide average committed population declined 84.8% over the same period.



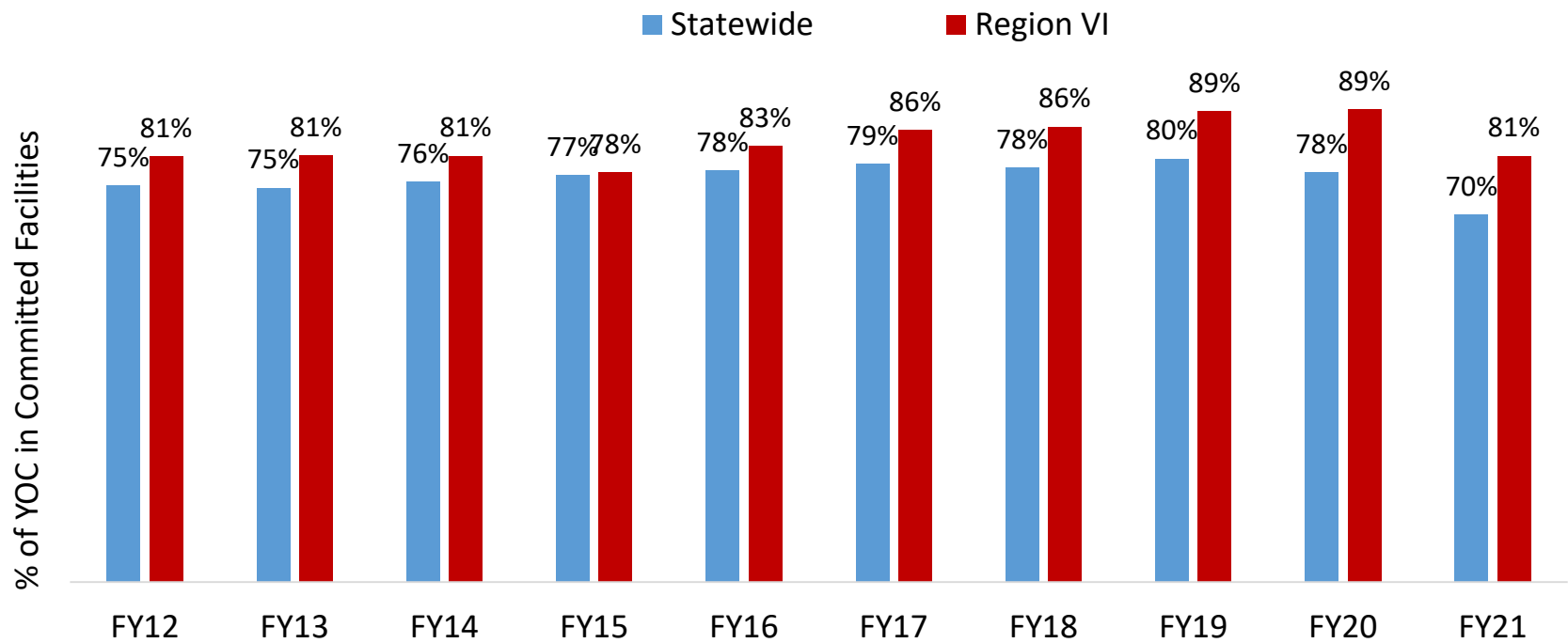
The Rate of Juvenile Commitments for Violations of Probation Down 7 Points

- The rate of committed dispositions for violations of probation decreased 7 percentage points from 42% in FY12 to 35% in FY21.
- The statewide rate of committed dispositions for violations was 16% in FY21.



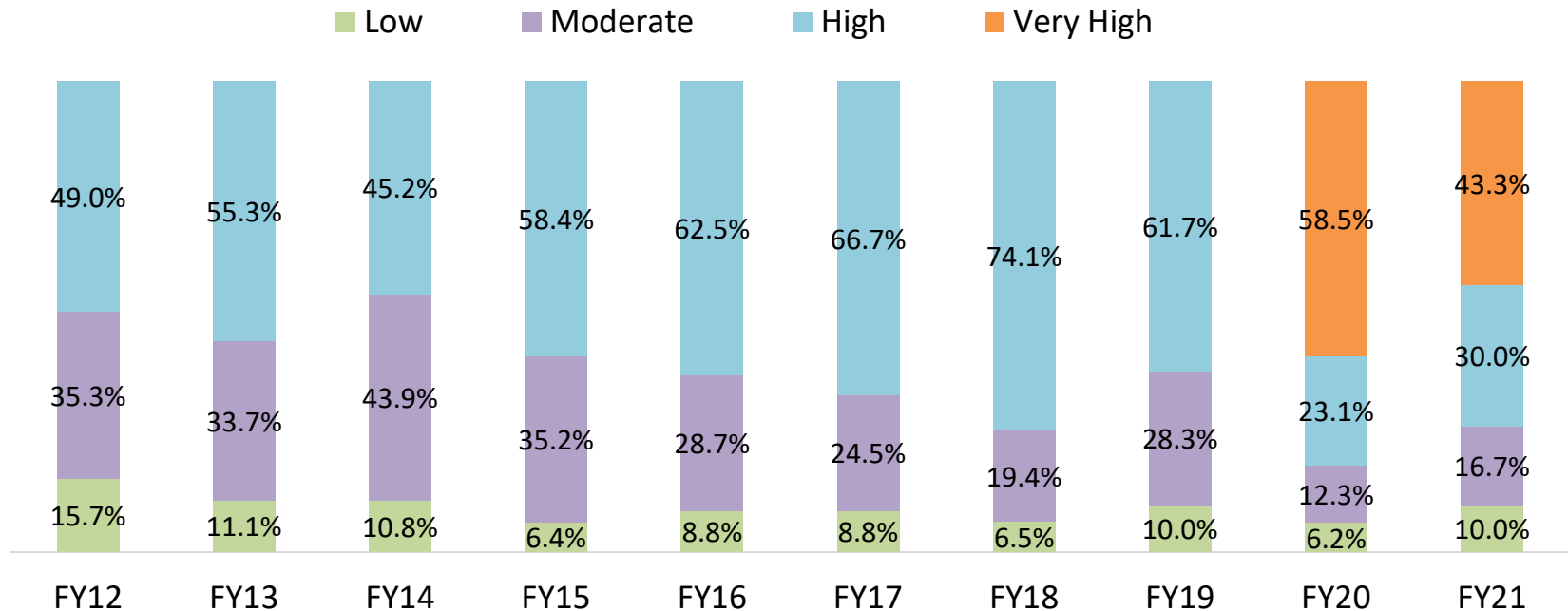
Proportion of Youth of Color In Committed Treatment Facilities Exceeds 80%

- The percentage of Region VI youth in committed treatment facilities who were youth of color was 81% in FY21.



Most Committed Placements In Region VI Demonstrated High/Very High Risk on MCASP

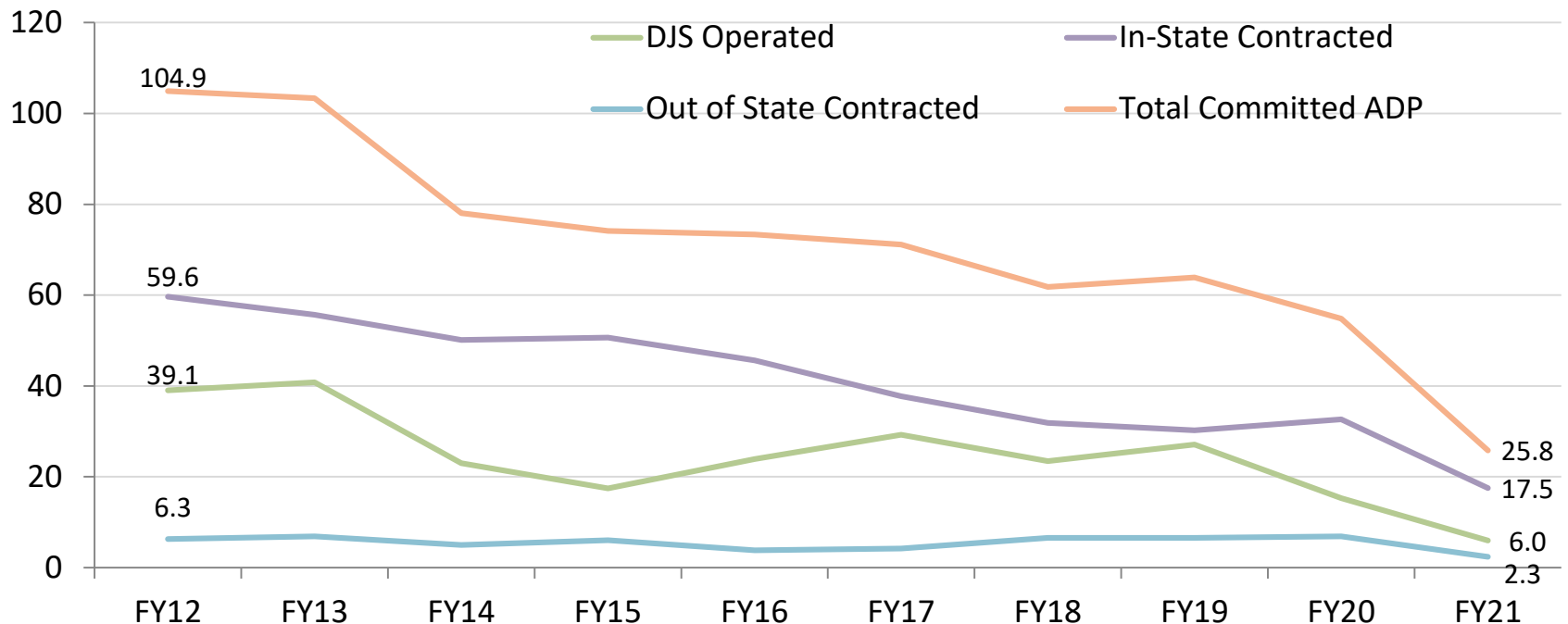
- The proportion of committed placements from Region VI with an assessed Maryland Comprehensive Assessment and Service Planning (MCASP) Risk Level of High/Very High has risen by 24.3 percentage points since FY12.



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

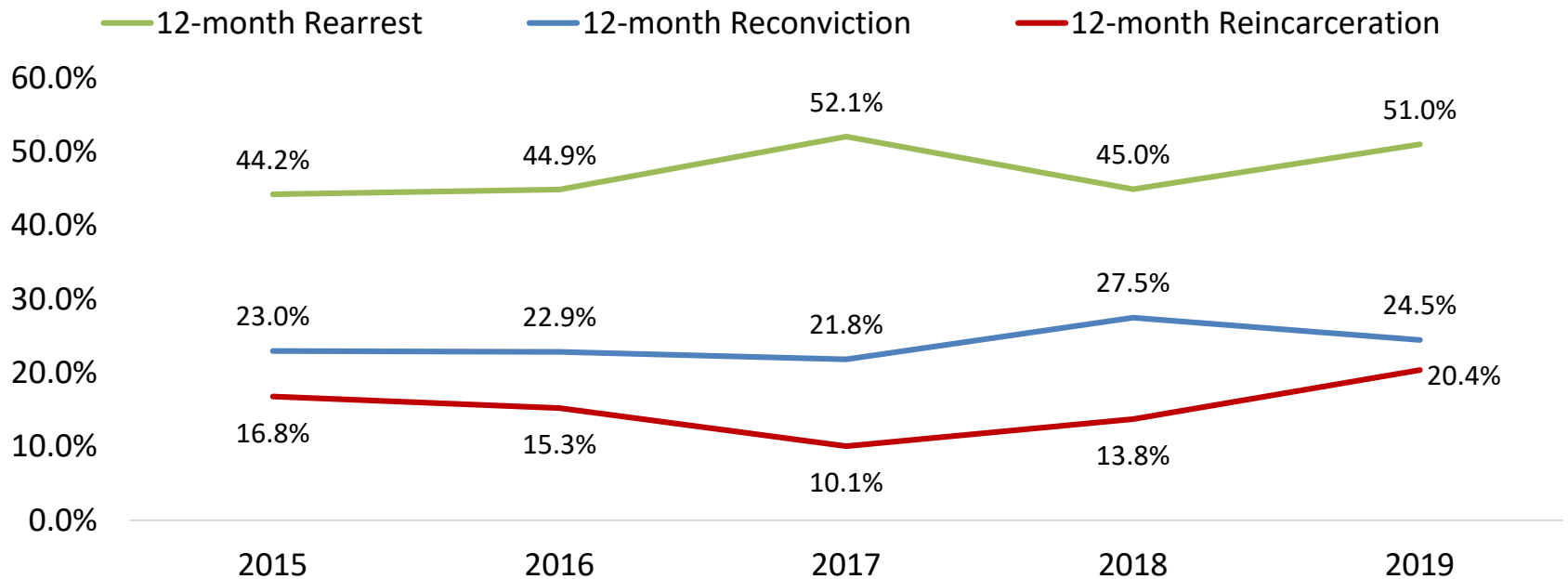
Region VI Committed Youth Population Has Decreased for All Facility Types

- Overall, committed out-of-home ADP decreased 75.4% since FY12.
- DJS-Operated ADP decreased 84.7%, and Contracted In-State decreased 70.6% during the same time period.
- Out-of-State committed ADP declined from 6.3 in FY12 to 2.3 in FY21.



All Measures of Committed Recidivism in Region VI* Show Increases

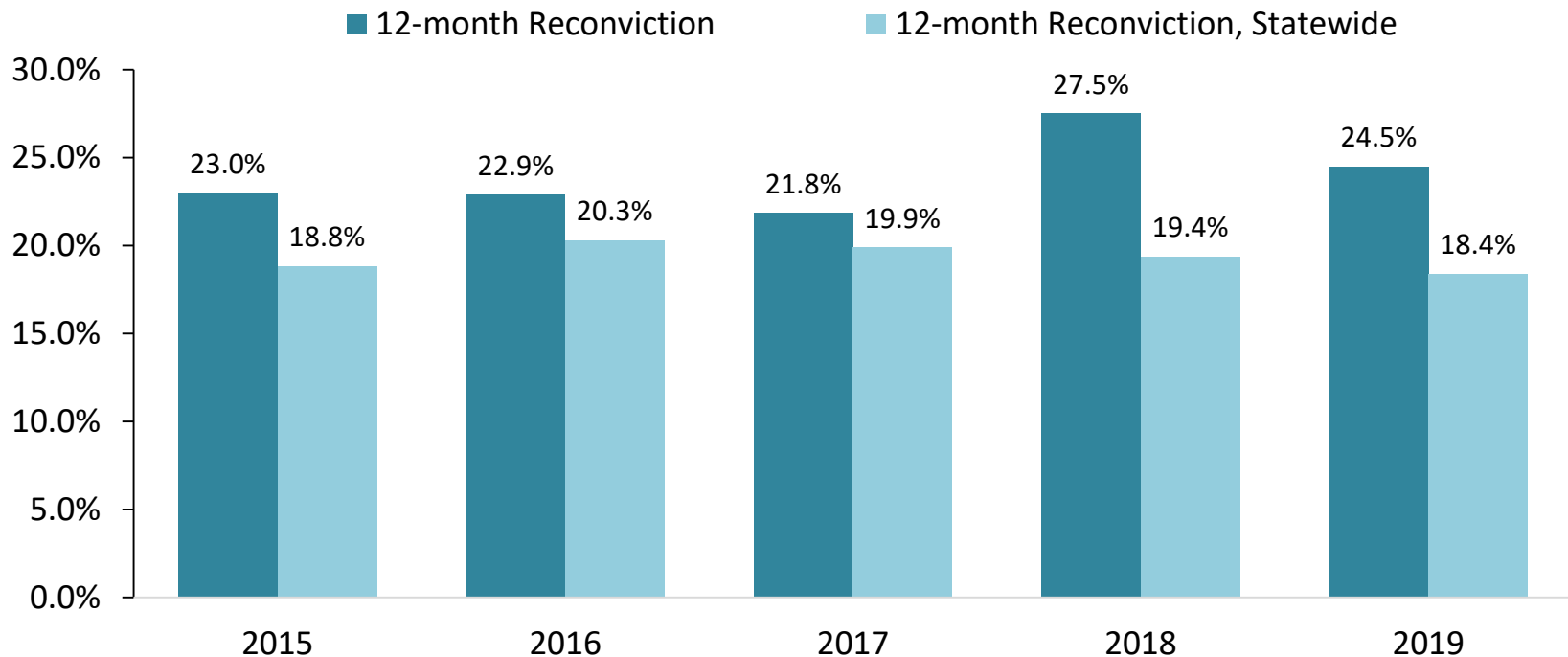
- The rate of new arrests (juvenile or adult) one year from release increased 6.8 percentage points from FY15 to FY19.
- New convictions increase 1.5 percentage points, and new commitments or incarcerations increased 3.6 percentage points over the same period.



* 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 VI Committed Youth*

- 24.5% of 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 1.5 percentage points from FY15.
- The statewide rate in FY19 was 18.4%.



Probation Recidivism Rate Down Slightly For Region VI*

- 20.2% of Region VI 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 0.5 percentage points from FY15.
- The Statewide rate was 16.2% in FY19, down 4.4 percentage points from FY15.

