



Maryland Juvenile Services Long-Term Trends

FY 2012 – FY 2021

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Regional Restructuring and Trend Data

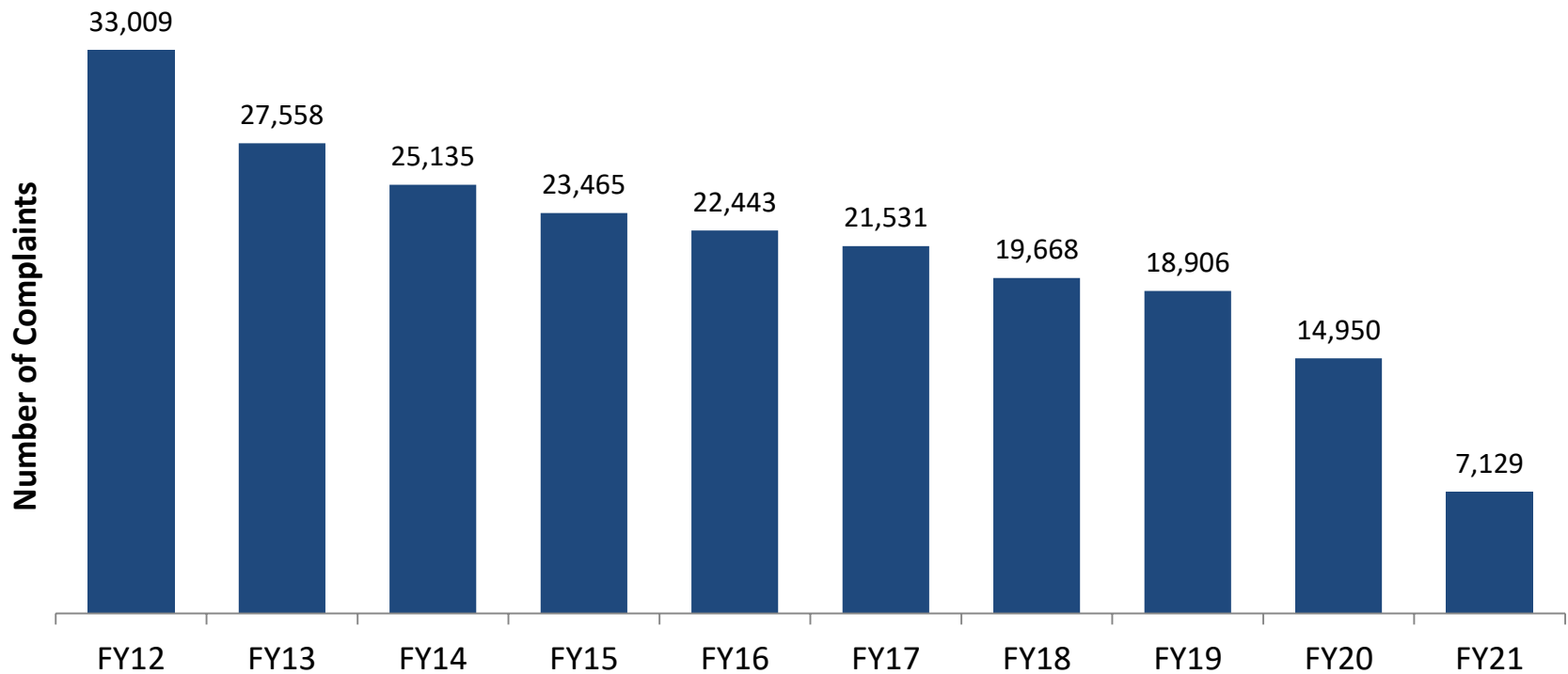
- On July 1, 2021, DJS restructured its regional community structure to align directly with the Maryland Judicial Circuits, moving from six operational regions to eight. All trends data for past years have been aggregated to align with this new structure.
- The new regional structure is as follows:
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

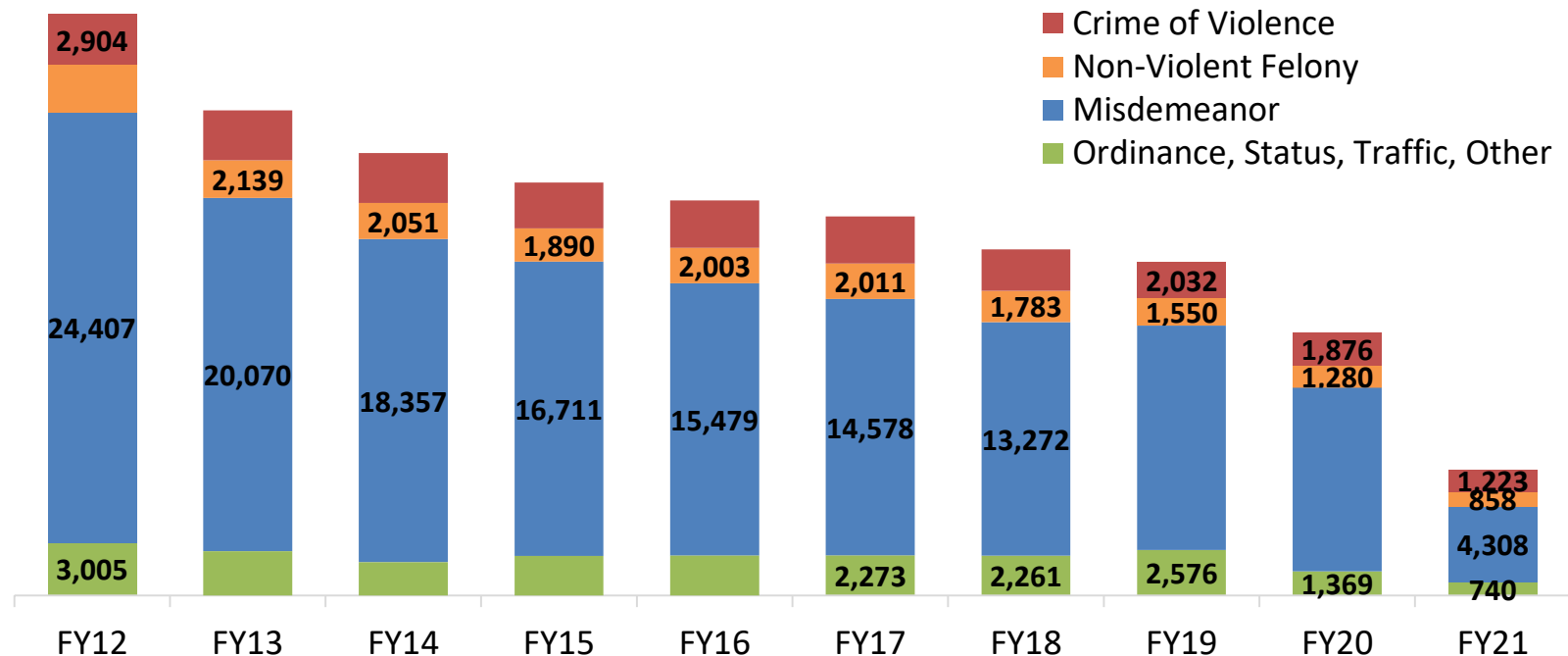
Maryland Juvenile Complaints Down Nearly 80%

- Complaints referred to DJS Intake declined 78.4% over 10 years.



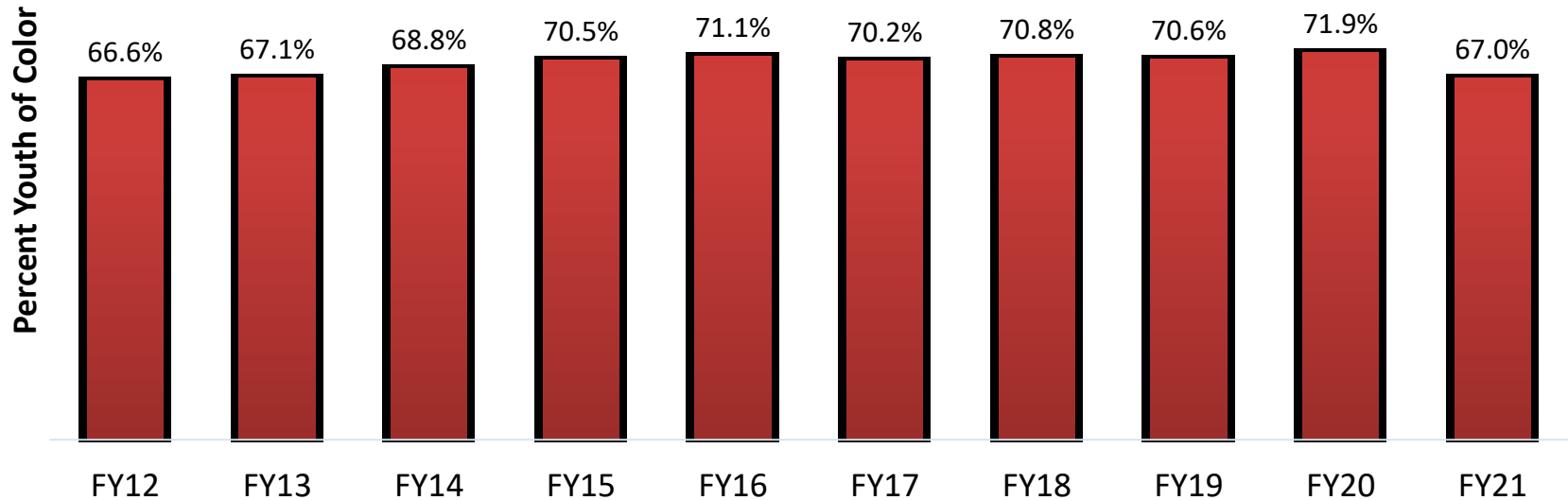
Juvenile Complaints Down in All Categories

- In 10 years, complaints for non-violent felonies and misdemeanors have dropped by more than two-thirds, a decrease of 68.1% for non-violent felonies and 82.3% for misdemeanors.
- Complaints for crimes of violence have also decreased by 57.9% in 10 years.



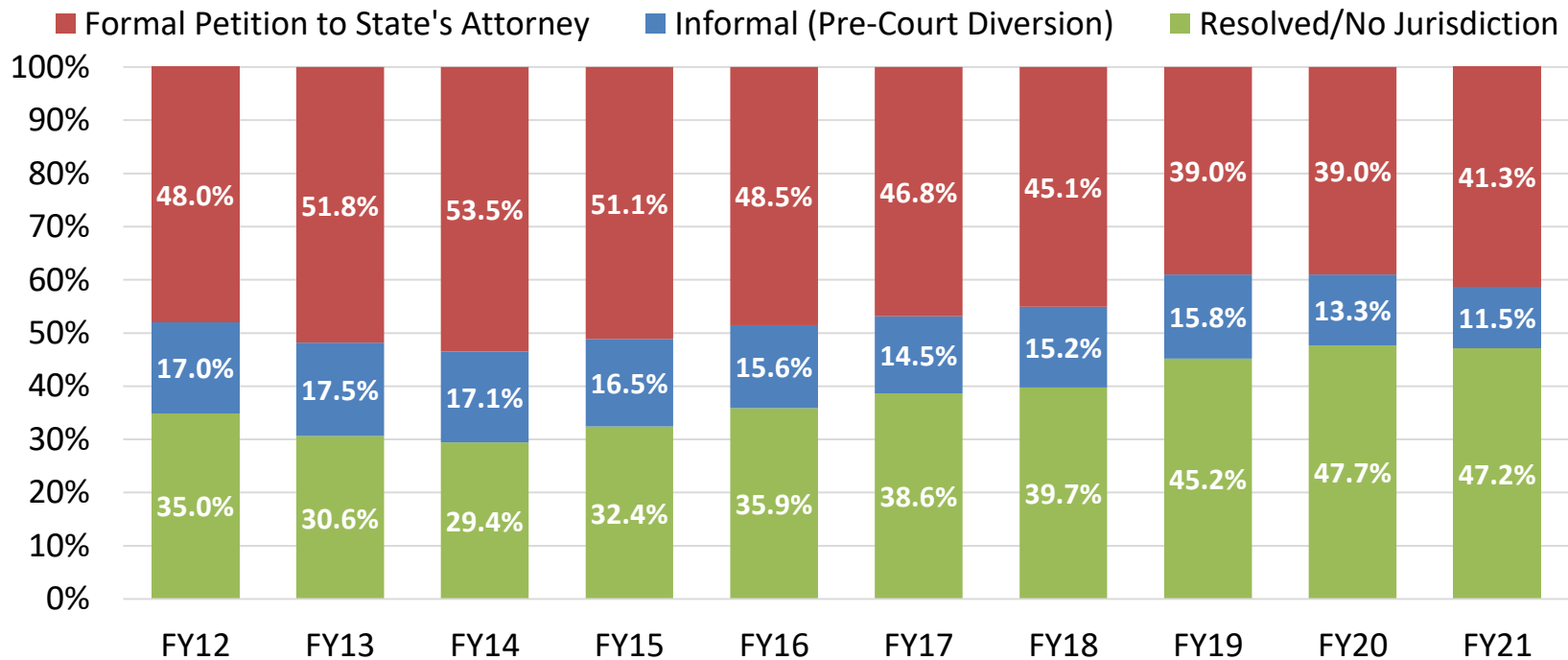
Youth of Color Remain a Higher Proportion of Overall Juvenile Complaints

- Although the number of complaints has decreased overall, youth of color have remained a higher proportion of overall complaints.
- The proportion of complaints involving youth of color has fallen since FY 2020.



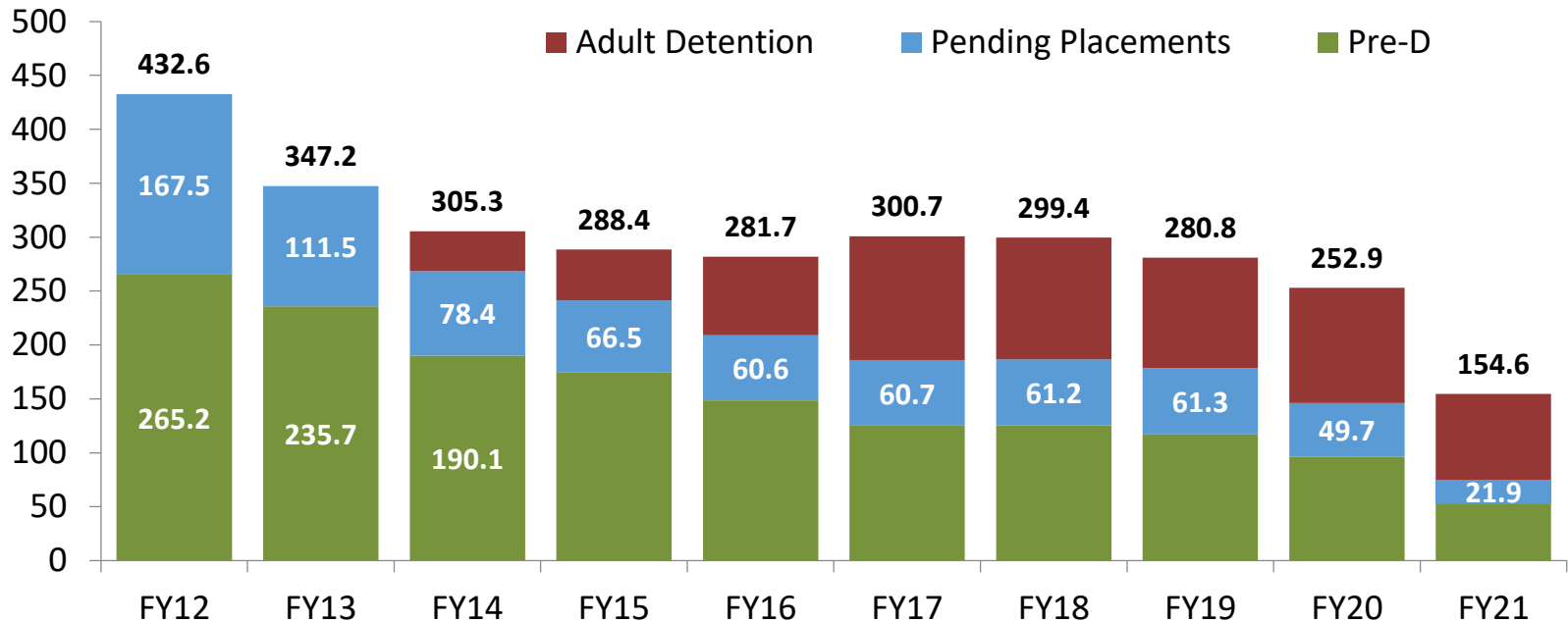
The Percent of Cases Referred to Juvenile Court Decreased Since FY12

- 41.3% of complaints were referred to court by DJS Intake in FY 2021, down from 48.0% in FY 2012.
- In FY 2021, 11.5% of complaints were diverted to an informal (pre-court) DJS case, and 47.2% were resolved or determined to have no juvenile court jurisdiction.



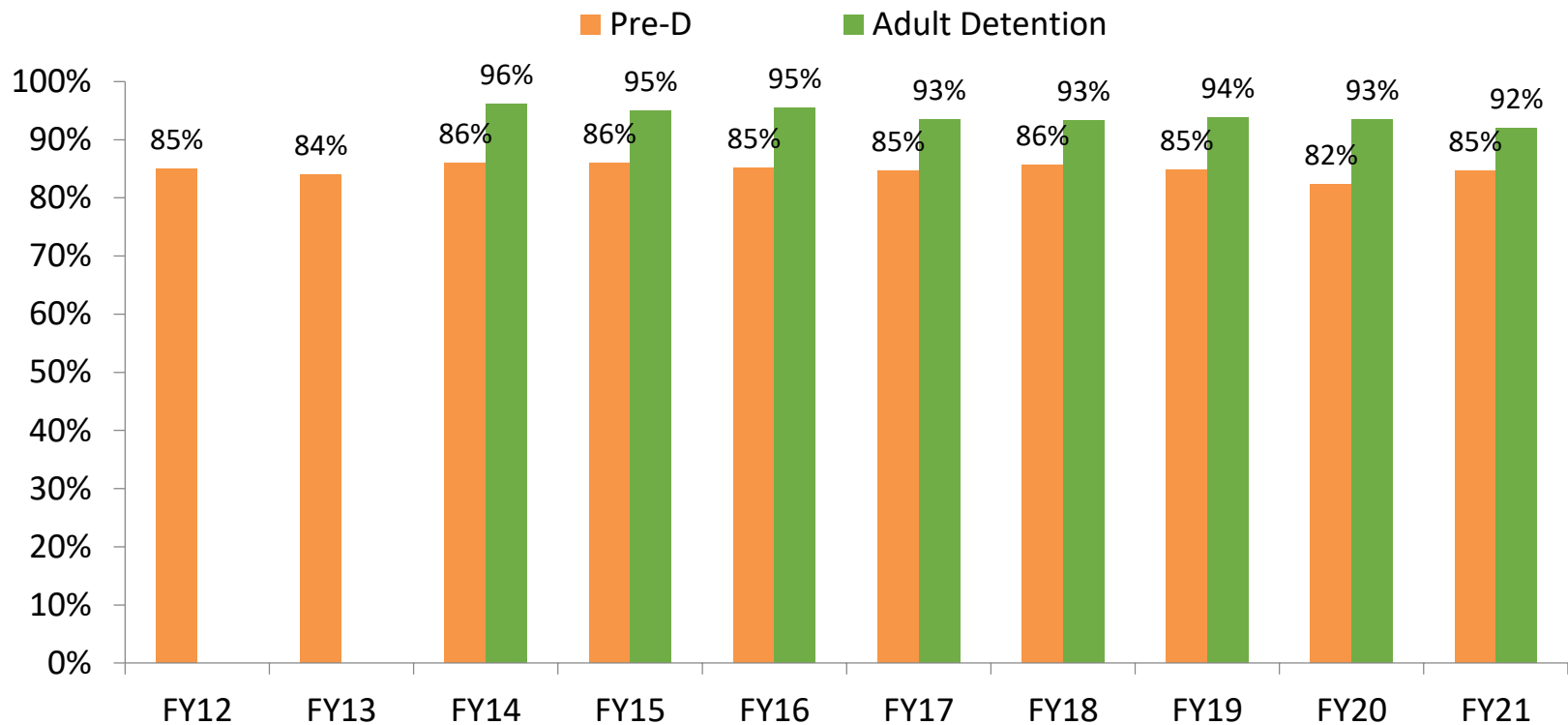
Maryland Juvenile Detention Population Declined Significantly

- The average daily population (ADP) in DJS detention declined 64.1% over 10 years.
- Pre-Disposition ADP declined 79.9% in 10 years to 52.8 in FY 2021.
- Cases detained for the adult court* now make up 51.6% of the DJS detained population.



Youth of Color Flat as Proportion of Detention ADP

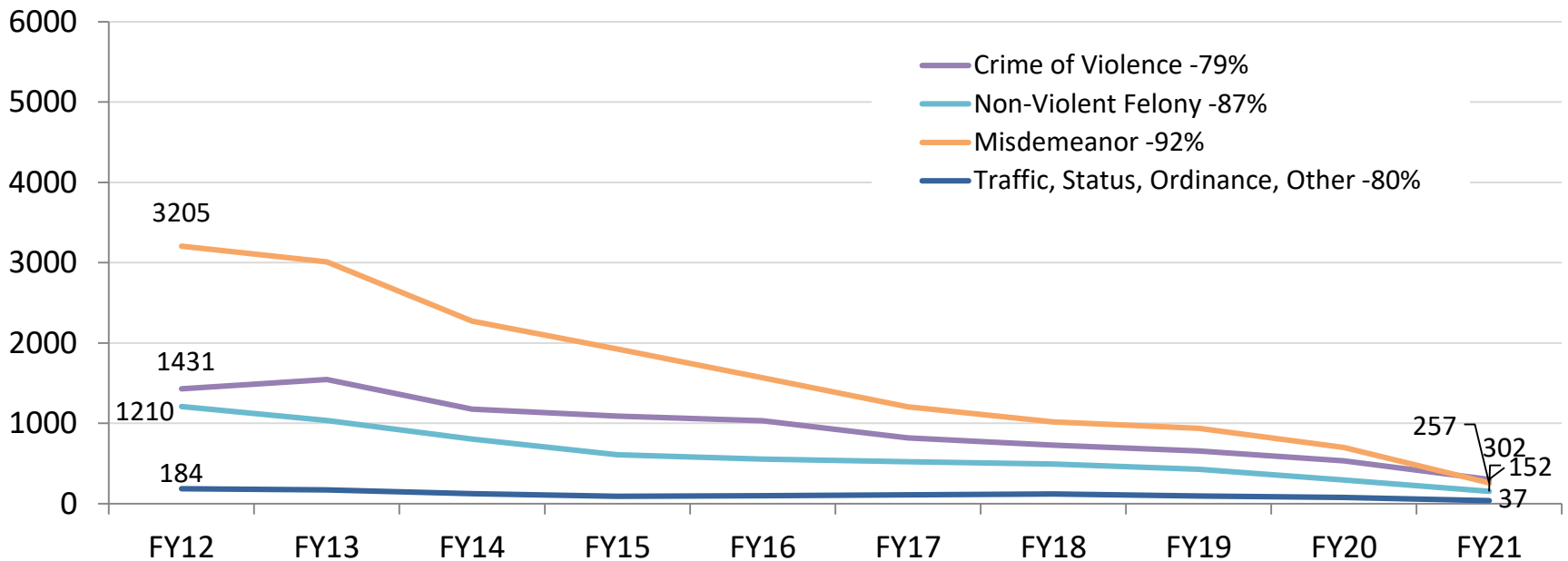
- Youth of color in Pre-D detention remained relatively stable as a proportion of overall detention ADP. The proportion of youth charged as adults decreased.



Maryland Juvenile Pre-D Detention Admissions* Have Decreased for All Complaint Types

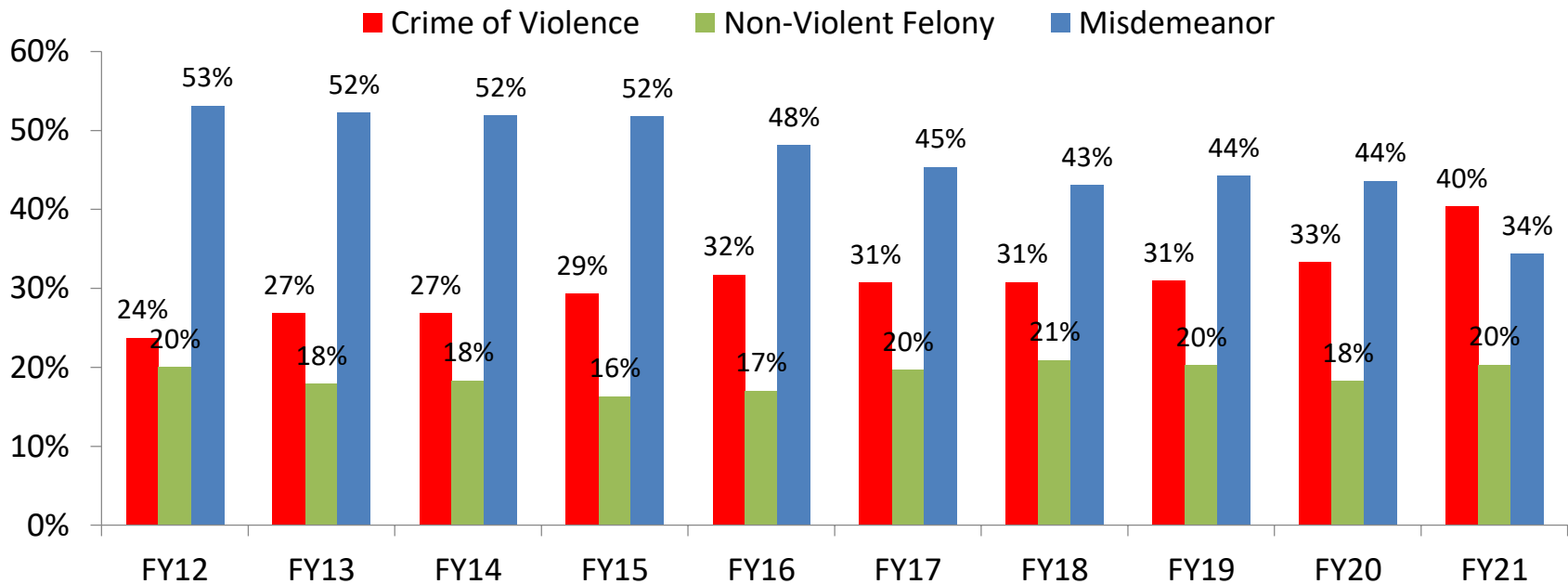
- Youth detained for misdemeanors has decreased 92% over 10 years.
- Youth detained pre-disposition for crimes of violence has decreased 79% over 10 years.

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



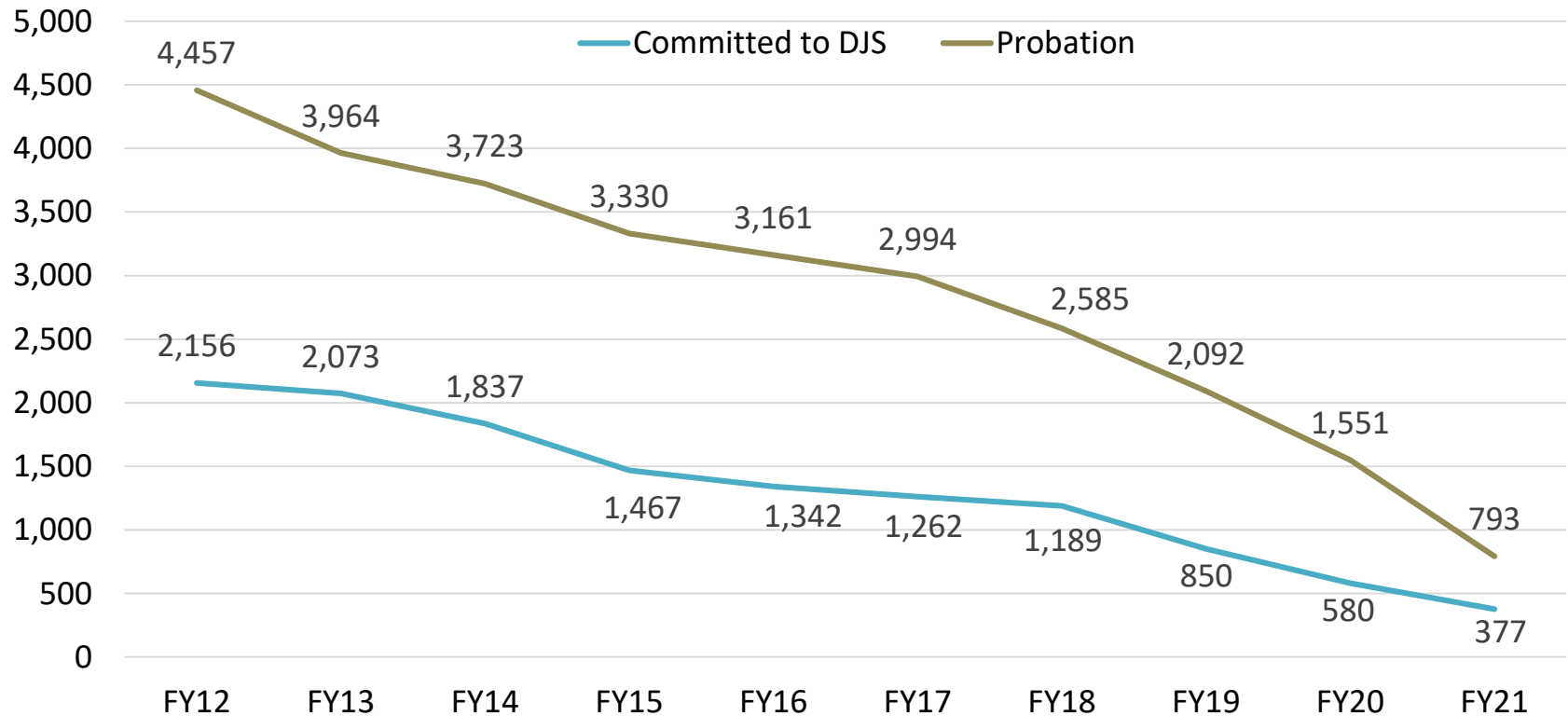
Statewide Pre-D Detention Admissions*

- Youth detained pre-D for Crimes of Violence increased 16 percentage points over 10 years. In FY21, for the first time, crimes of violence accounted for the largest proportion of detention admissions.
- Pre-D detention for misdemeanors decreased 19 percentage points over 10 years.
- These are positive trends, as detention should be used only for the most serious cases.



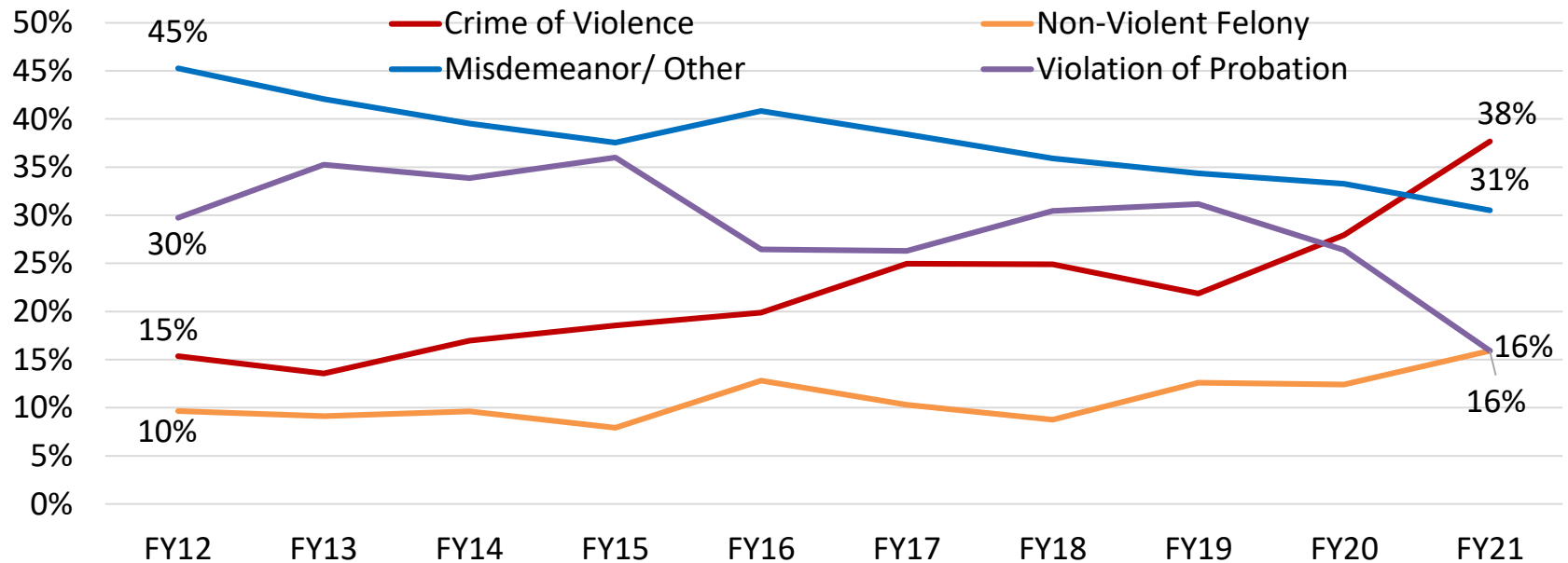
Juvenile Probation and Commitment Dispositions* Have Declined

- Maryland juvenile probation orders declined 82.2% in 10 years.
- Juvenile committed dispositions declined 82.5% in 10 years.



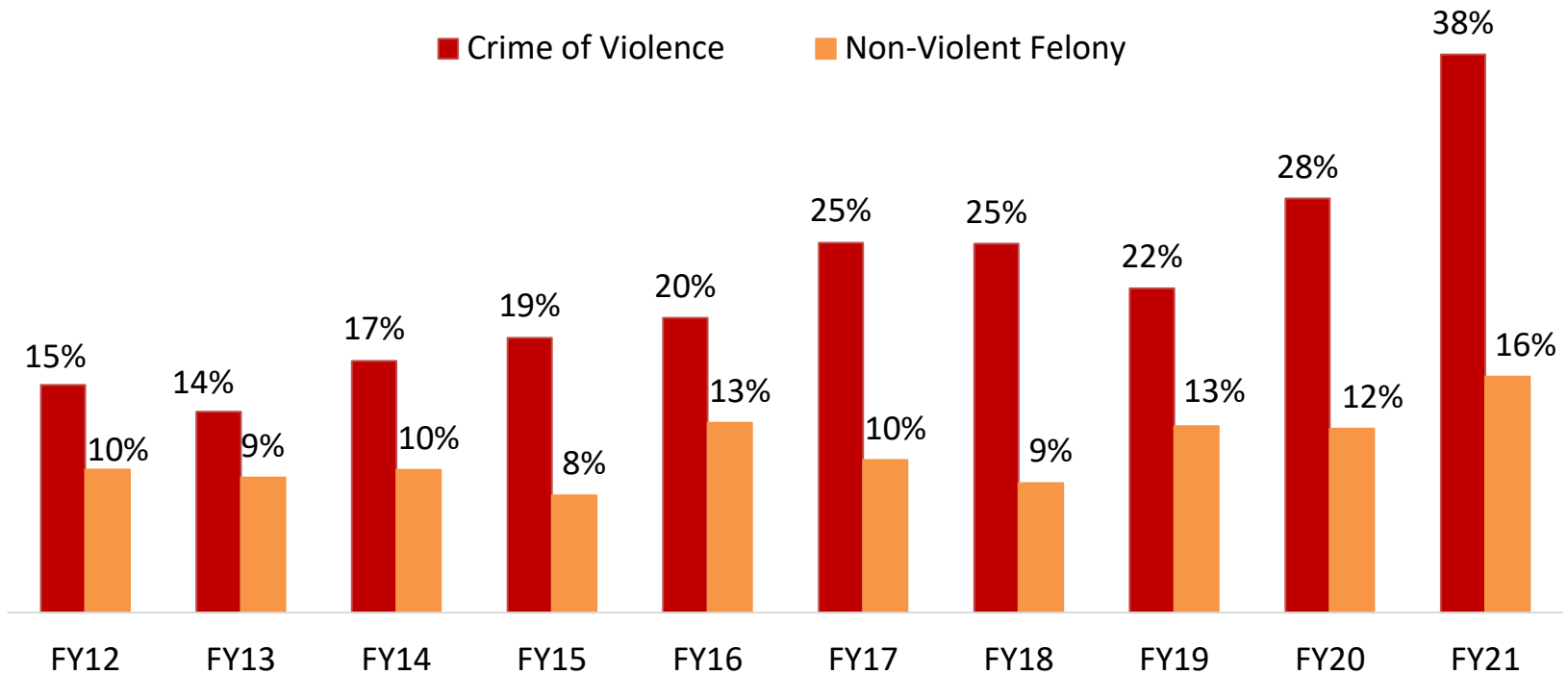
The Rate of Juveniles Committed* for Low-Level Offenses Has Declined

- The proportion of committed dispositions for misdemeanor and other low-level offenses declined 14 percentage points over 10 years.
- The proportion of committed dispositions for crimes of violence increased 23 percentage points over 10 years.
- These are positive trends, as commitment should be used for the most serious offenses, rather than lower-level misdemeanors.



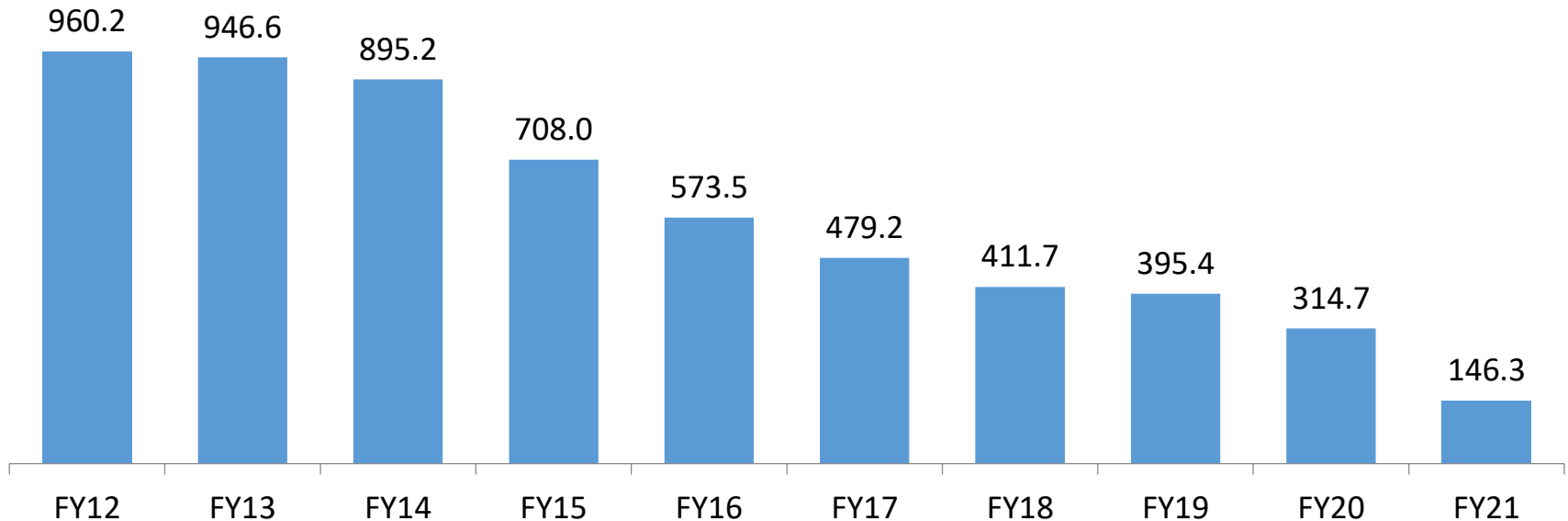
The Rate of Juveniles Committed* for Crimes of Violence More Than Doubled

- Crimes of Violence made up nearly 40% of committed dispositions in FY 2021.
- The rate of juveniles committed for Non-Violent Felonies has increased 6 percentage points from 10 years ago.



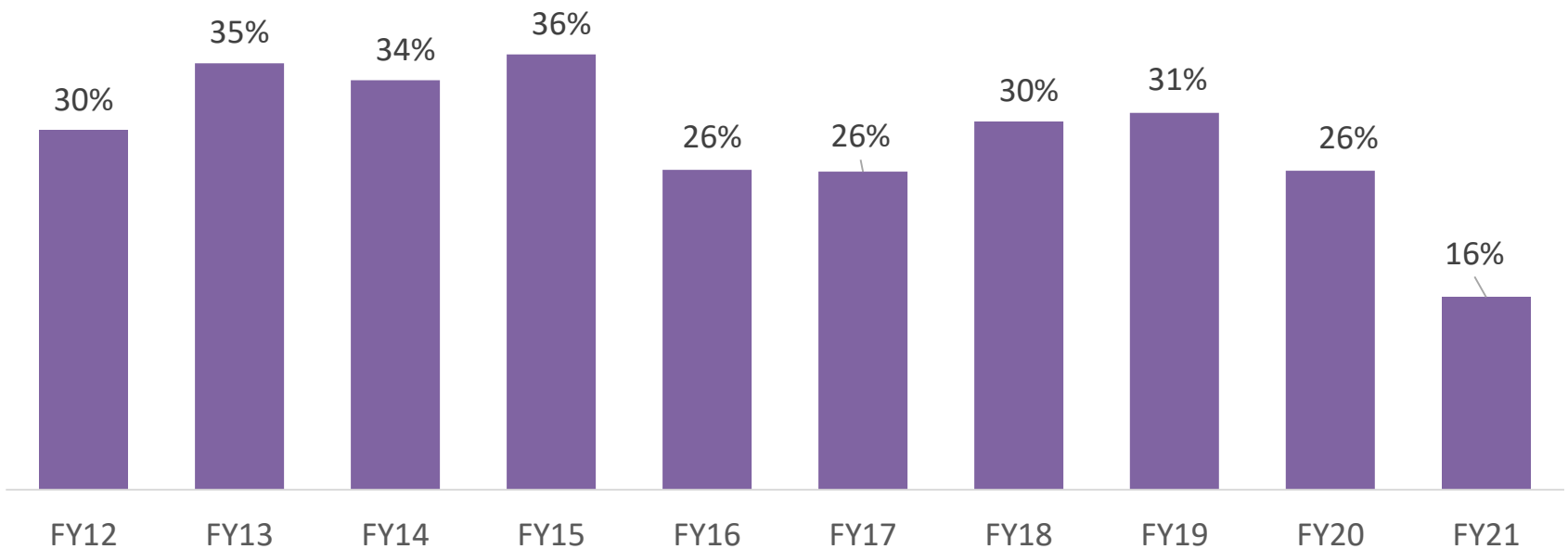
Committed Youth Population Down Sharply

- The total average daily population (ADP) of Maryland youth committed by the juvenile court to out-of-home placement declined 84.8% over 10 years, from 960.2 in FY 2012 to 146.3 in FY 2021.
- The COVID-19 pandemic accelerated committed population declines in FY20 and FY21.



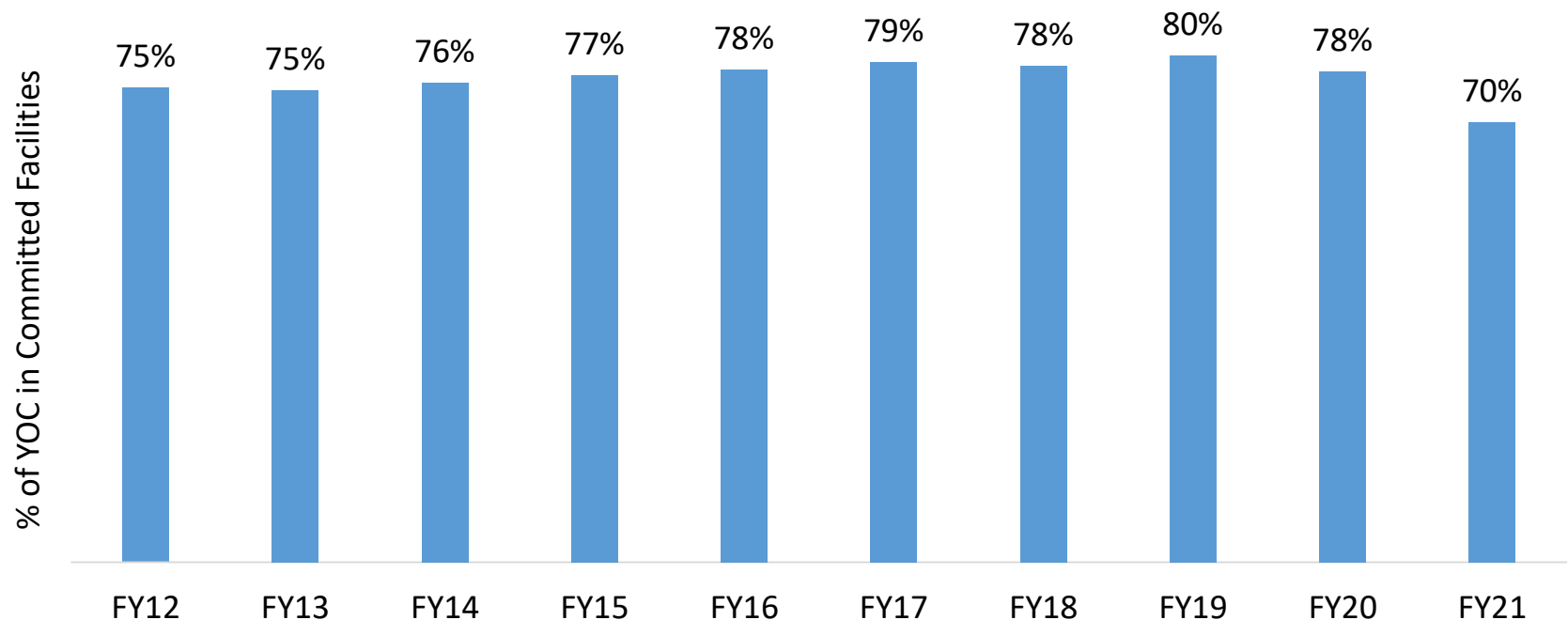
The Rate of Juveniles Committed* for Violations of Probation Dropped 14 Points

- The rate of committed dispositions for violations of probation decreased 14 percentage points in 10 years, from 30% in FY 2012 to 16% in FY 2021.



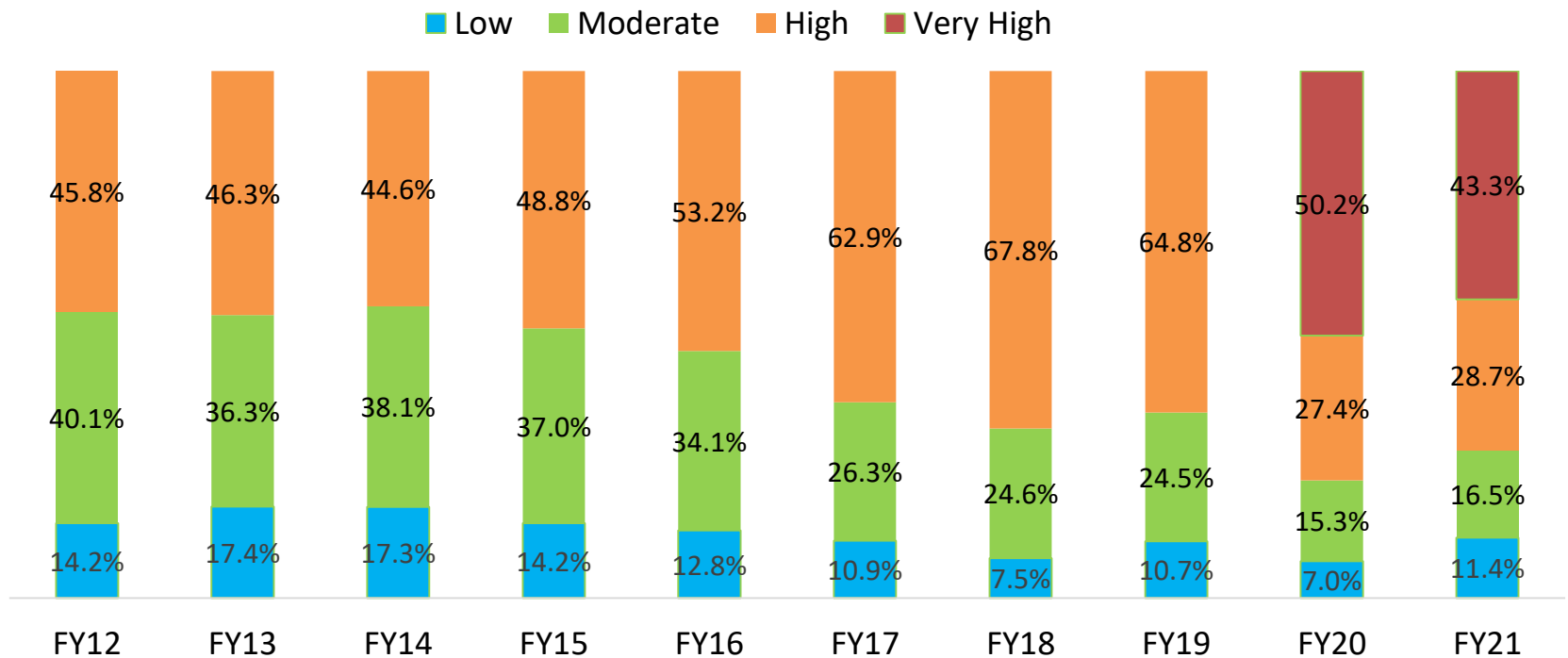
Proportion of Youth of Color in Committed Treatment Facilities Drops to New Low

- The proportion of youth of color in committed treatment facilities statewide has decreased to its lowest level in 10 years.



Most Committed Placements Show High MCASP Levels of Risk

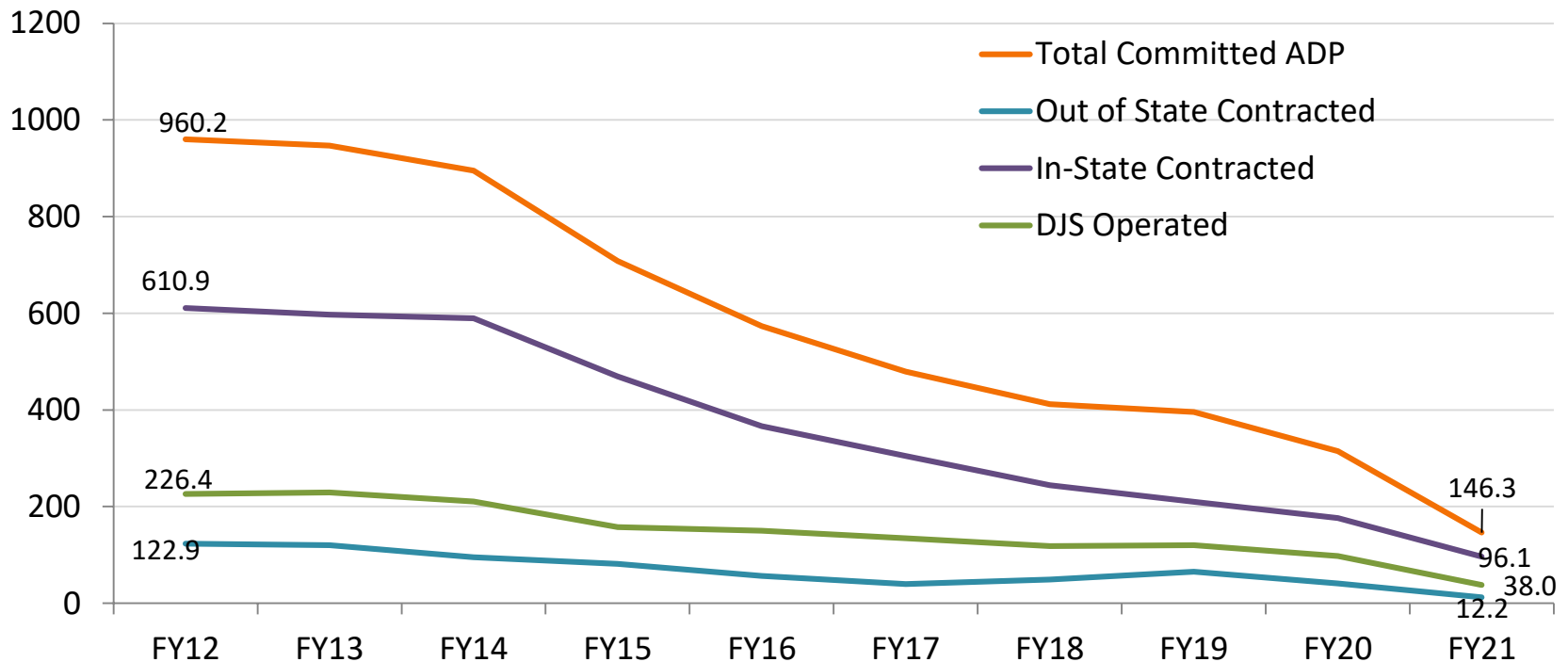
- Nearly three-fourths of committed placements had an assessed MCASP Risk Level of High or Very High in FY21.*



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

Committed Population Has Declined for All Facility Types

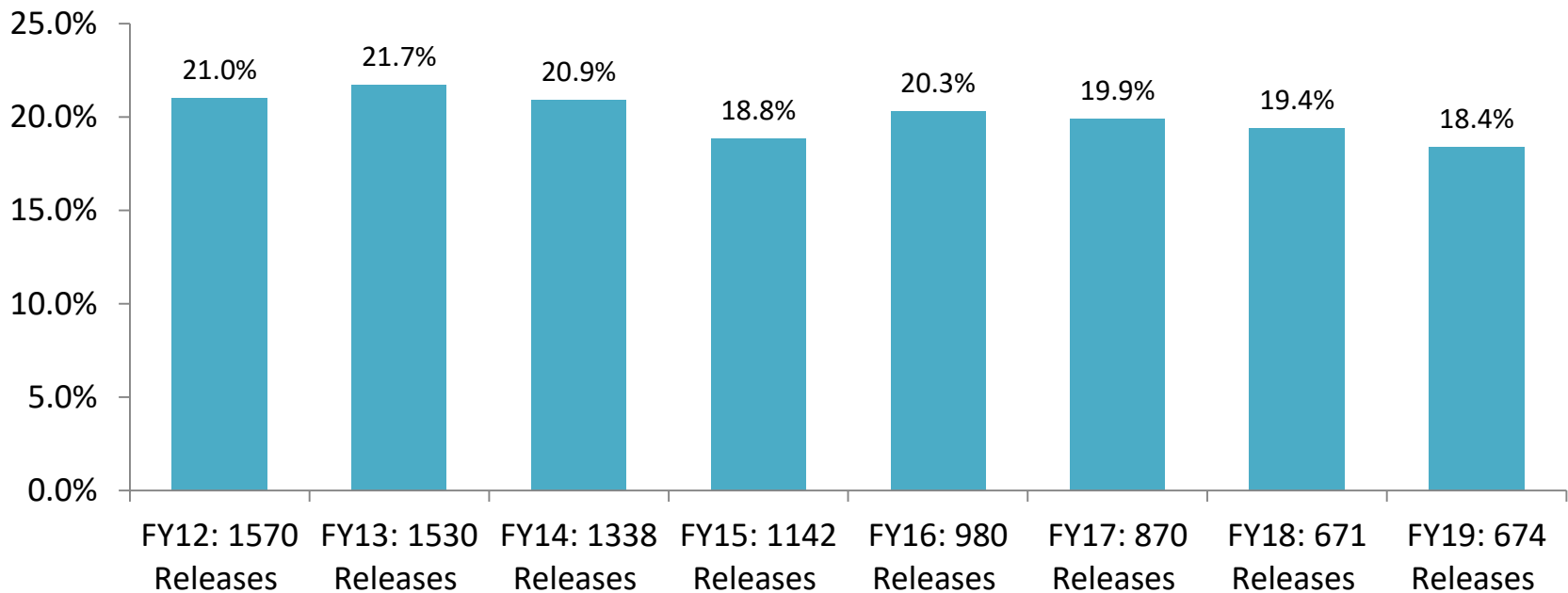
- Overall committed out-of-home population has declined 84.8% since FY12.
- DJS-Operated ADP decreased 83.2%, and Private In-State has declined 84.2% since FY12.
- Out-of-State committed average daily population in FY21 was at 12.2.



Committed Recidivism Has Continued to Decline

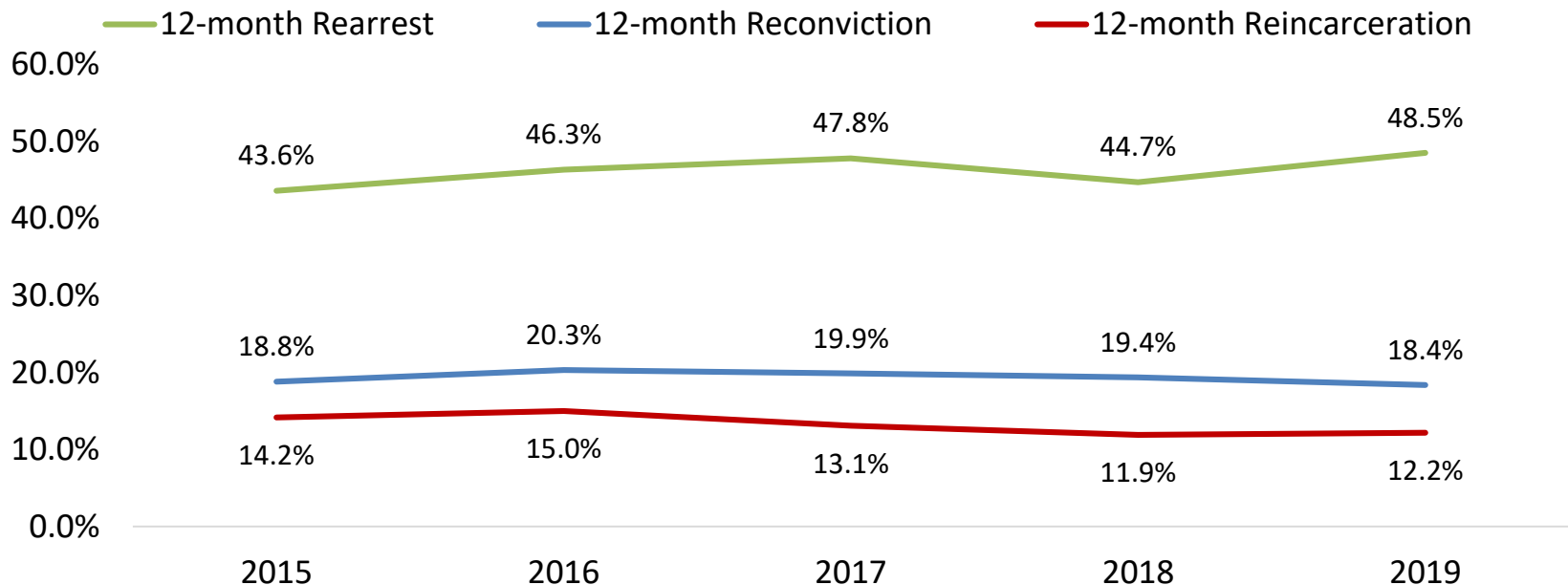
- Since FY 2012, the rate of youth released from all committed treatment programs who received a new juvenile adjudication or adult conviction within 1 year decreased 2.6 percentage points, from 21.0% in FY 2012 to 18.4% in FY 2019.

One Year Re-Adjudication/Conviction Rate for Treatment Programs*



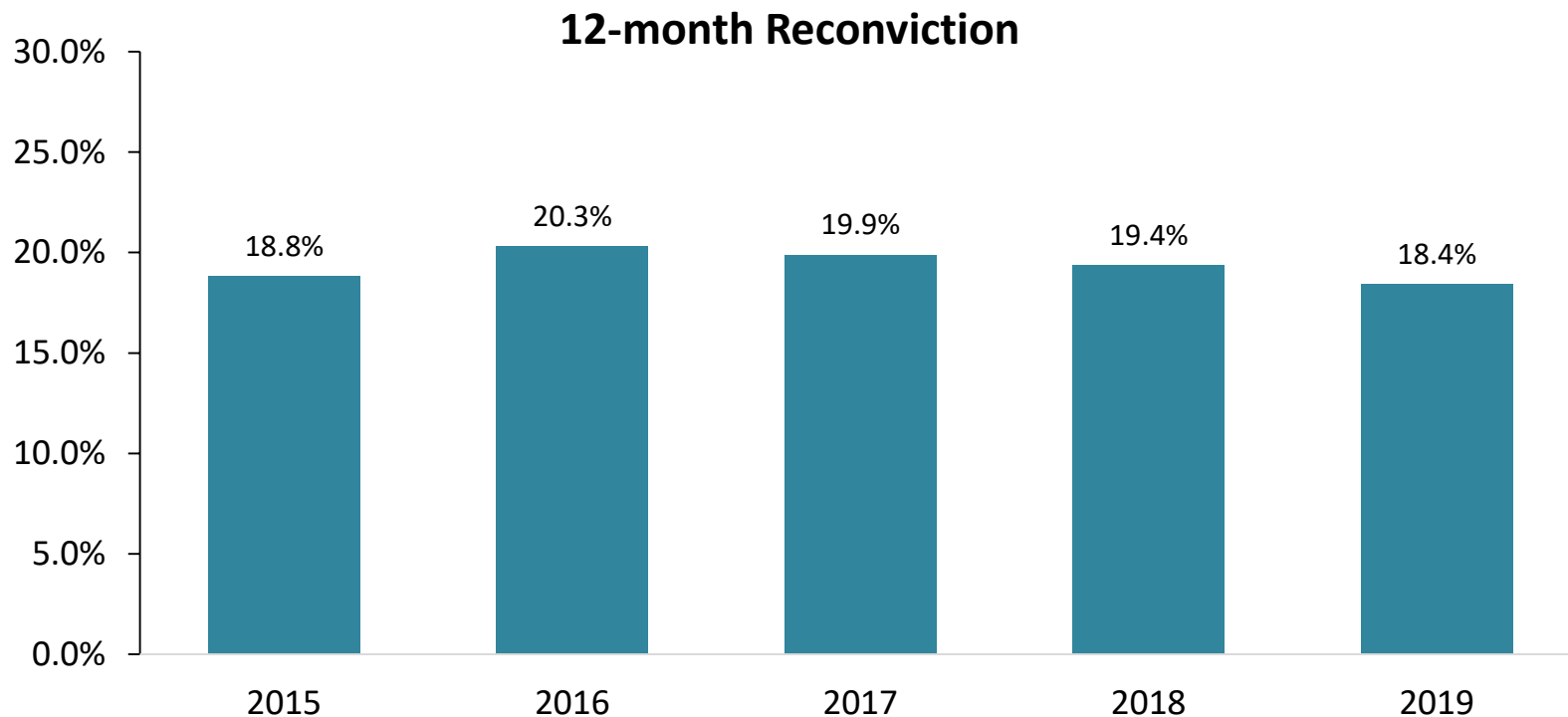
Most Measures of Recidivism* Have Declined, But Rearrests Have Increased

- Since FY 2015, the rate of new arrests (juvenile or adult) one year from release increased 4.9 percentage points.
- New resulting delinquent adjudications/convictions declined 0.4 percentage points, and new resulting commitment or incarceration declined 2 points.



Recidivism For DJS Committed Treatment Facilities Has Declined In Recent Years

- Since FY 2012, the rate of youth released from DJS committed treatment facilities who received a new delinquent juvenile adjudication or adult conviction within 1 year dropped 2 percentage points.



Recidivism* For Probation Cases Down Nearly 4 Points

- Since FY 2014, the rate of new delinquent juvenile adjudications or convictions one year from probation placement decreased 3.8 percentage points.

