



# *An Overview of the Division of Youth Corrections\**

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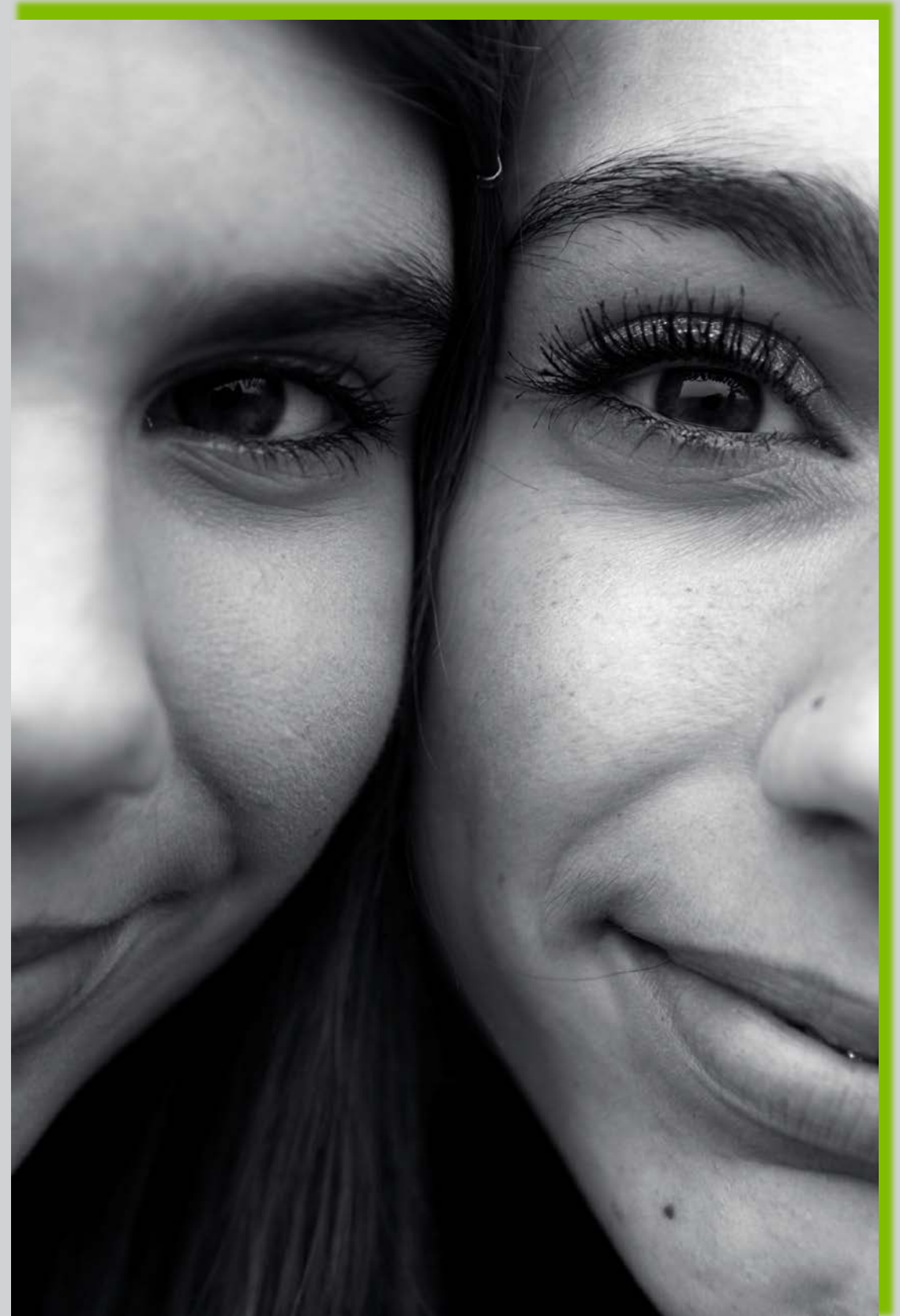
Division of Youth Corrections

**Presentation to the Colorado Commission on Criminal and Juvenile Justice**

\* The Division of Youth Corrections is pending a name change to the Division of Youth Services at the time of this presentation, pursuant to HB17-1329.

To protect, restore, and improve public safety utilizing a continuum of care that provides:

- Effective supervision,
- Promotes accountability to victims and communities, and
- Helps youth lead constructive lives through positive youth development.



# *Detention Continuum*

- Senate Bill 94 (Community Detention)
- Secure and Staff Secure Detention

# *Commitment Continuum*

- Assessment
- Residential Treatment Services
- Parole Supervision



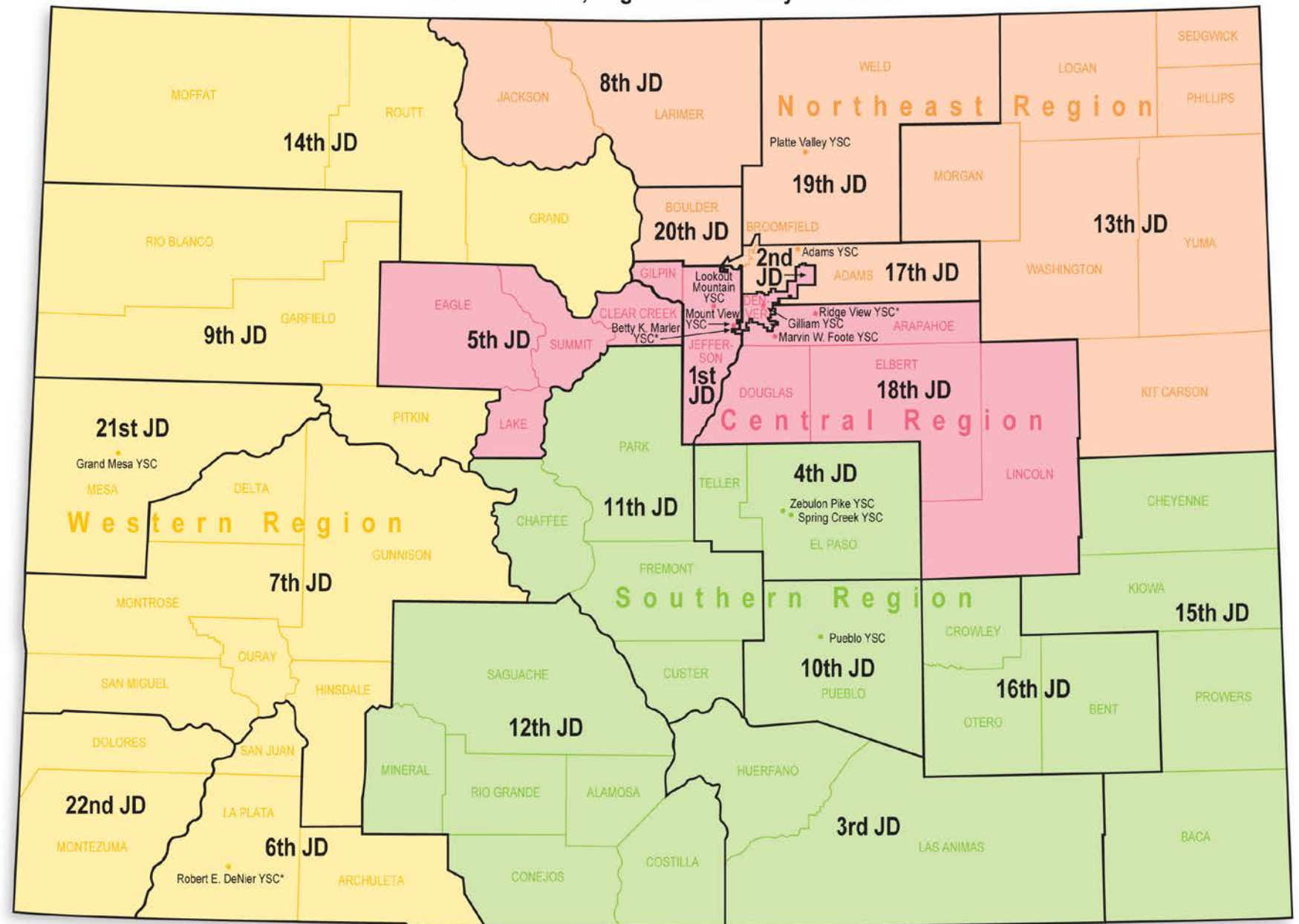


# DYC Detention Operations

■ State operated since 1973

■ DYC Regions formed around location of detention centers

Colorado Department of Human Services—Division of Youth Corrections  
Judicial Districts, Regions and Facility Locations



\*privately operated (state owned)



- Community-Based Detention Services
- Allocation of Funds
- Planning Committees
- Collaboration
- Ongoing Evaluation
- Advisory Board

- 19-2-1201(3), C.R.S. - *Senate Bill 13-177 becomes law- Reduces the Statewide detention cap to 382*
  - Enacted as part of the State's budget reductions
  - Reduced capacity by 9.5%
  - Implemented on April 1, 2013
  
- 19-2-1202, C.R.S. - *Establishes a Working Group to perform the following duties:*
  - Allocate beds to catchment areas and judicial districts
  - Develop mechanism to borrow beds
  - Develop Emergency Release guidelines
  - Develop Placement Guidelines

- 19-2-1203, C.R.S. - *Mandates that Judicial Districts develop a plan for managing their detention bed allocation*
  - Specifies that Districts should consider Emergency Release and Placement Guidelines as tools for managing the cap
- 19-2-1204, C.R.S. - *Mandates that detention beds shall not be used for committed youth*
  - Allows committed youth to be placed in detention under certain circumstances (e.g., new charges)

- Ages 10-20, for acts committed prior to a youth's 18<sup>th</sup> birthday (19-2-909, C.R.S.)
- Ages 10-12, for Class 1, 2 or 3 felonies only
- Majority of sentences are for a determinate period of up to two years
- Those over 18 at sentencing may receive jail or community corrections (19-2-910, C.R.S.)
- All DYC commitments discharged at maximum age of 21



# Two primary types of commitment sentences:

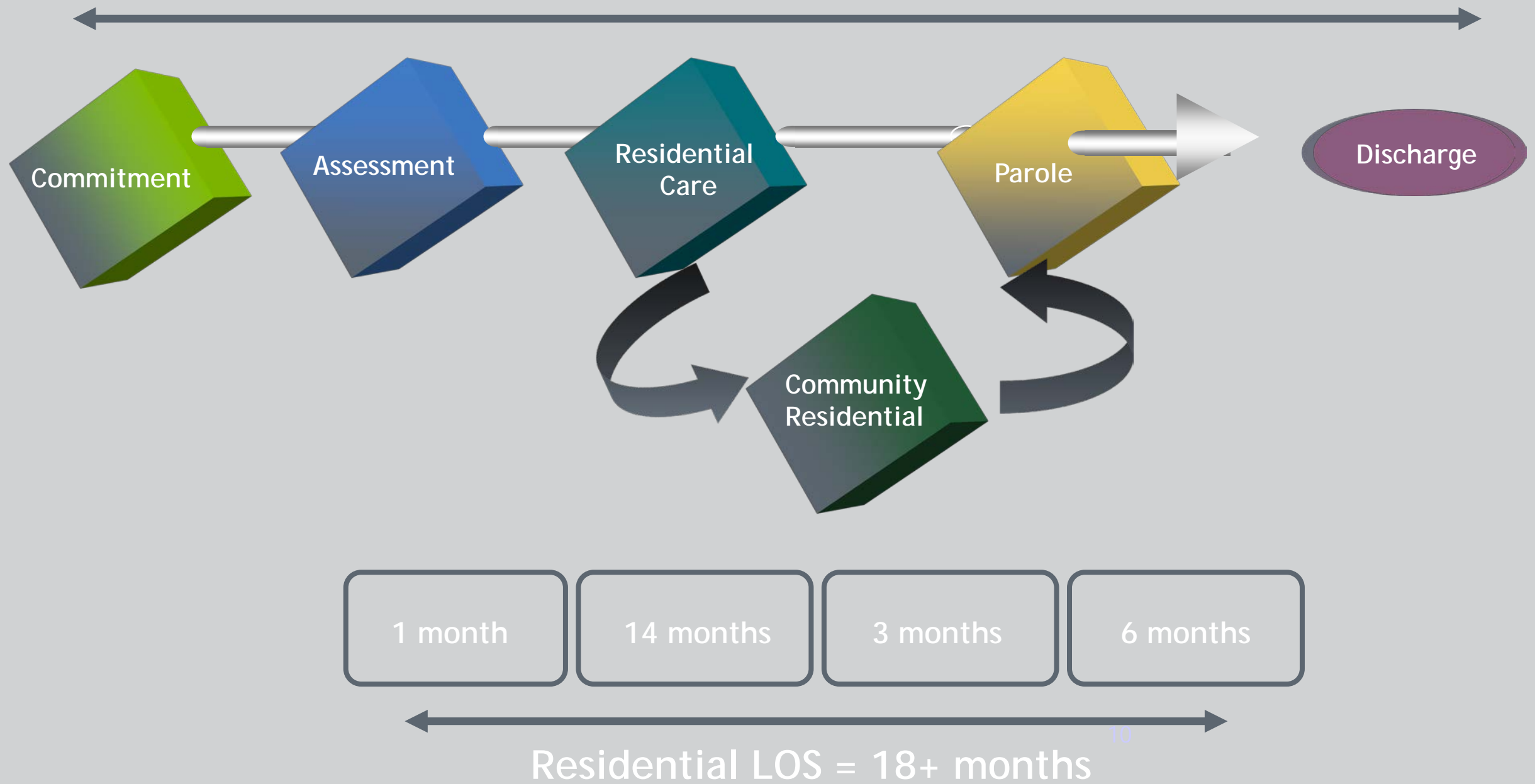
1. Non-Mandatory (Determinate)  
19-1-103 (40.5), C.R.S.

2. Mandatory  
19-2-516, C.R.S.

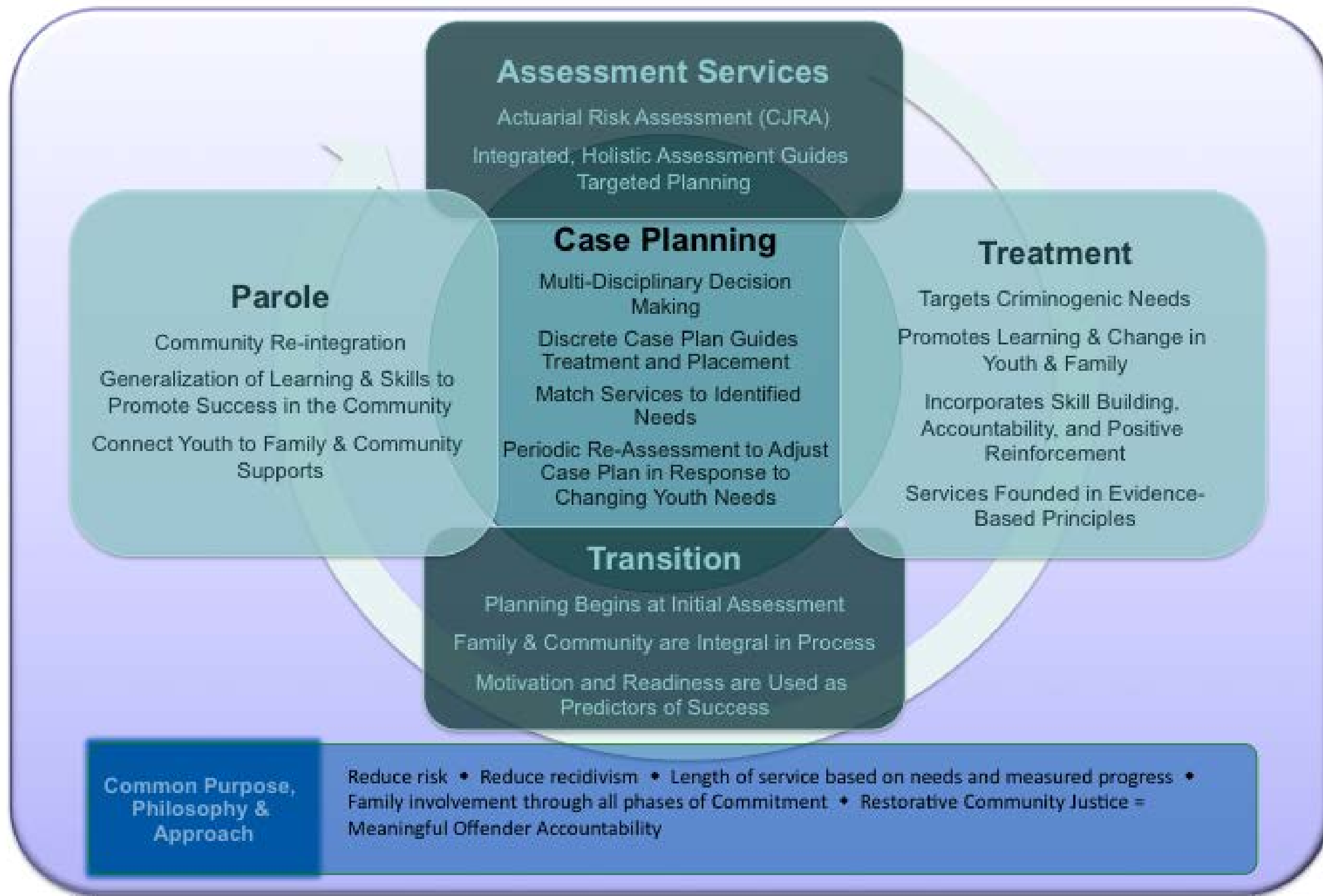
- Aggravated
- Violent
- Repeat



# Client Management



# DYC Continuum of Care



- 19-2-210, C.R.S.

Counties may create a Juvenile Community Review Board to approve DYC community-level placements

- Statute specifies information required and time frames

- 19-1-103 (69), C.R.S.

Definition, also defining membership



**State-Owned, State-Operated Facilities**

Adams YSC-Brighton  
Gilliam YSC-Denver  
Grand Mesa YSC-Grand Junction  
Lookout Mountain YSC-Golden  
Marvin W. Foote YSC-Englewood  
Mount View YSC-Denver  
Platte Valley YSC-Greeley  
Pueblo YSC-Pueblo  
Spring Creek YSC-Colorado Springs  
Zebulon Pike YSC-Colorado Springs

**State-Owned, Private Operated**

ROP Betty K. Marler-Denver  
ROP Robert E. DeNier-Durango  
ROP Ridge View-Watkins

**Private Owned, Private Operated**

Alternative Homes for Youth  
Ariel Clinical Services  
CHINS UP  
Dale House  
DAYS  
Devereux Cleo Wallace  
Gateway CPA (Commonworks)  
Gateway Residential Program- (Commonworks)  
Griffith Centers for Children  
Hand Up Homes for Youth  
Haven Corporation  
Hilltop Residential Youth Services  
Hilltop Robert A. Brown Center  
Jefferson Hills- Aurora

**Private Owned, Private Operated (cont.)**

Job Corps (Collbran)  
Kids Crossing  
Maple Star  
Mesa County Community Corrections & Work Release  
Southern Peaks  
Reflections for Youth  
Rite of Passage- Betty K. Marler  
Rite of Passage- Ridge View  
Rite of Passage- DeNier  
Rite of Passage- Q-House  
Savio  
Synergy  
Third Way- Lincoln  
Third Way- Lowry  
Third Way- Pontiac  
Third Way- Bannock  
Third Way- York  
Turning Point- Mathews  
Turning Point- Prospect  
Youthtrack- Work & Learn  
Youthtrack- San Luis Valley

Facility	State Secure		
	Com. Cap	Commitment Cap	Detention Cap
Adams	Detention only	Detention only	30
Betty K. Marler	Private Secure	41	Commitment only
Gilliam	Detention only	Detention only	64
Grand Mesa	40	40	27
Lookout Mountain	140	140	Commitment only
Marvin Foote	Detention only	Detention only	61
Mount View	65	65	41
Platte Valley	55	55	64
Pueblo	Detention only	Detention only	28
Ridge View	Staff Supervised	500	Commitment only
Robert DeNier	Private Secure	18	9
Spring Creek	Detention only	Detention only	51
Zebulon Pike	38	38	Commitment only
<b>Total</b>	<b>338</b>	<b>897</b>	<b>382</b>

■ Juvenile Parole Board

■ Supervision and Services

■ Mandatory Parole

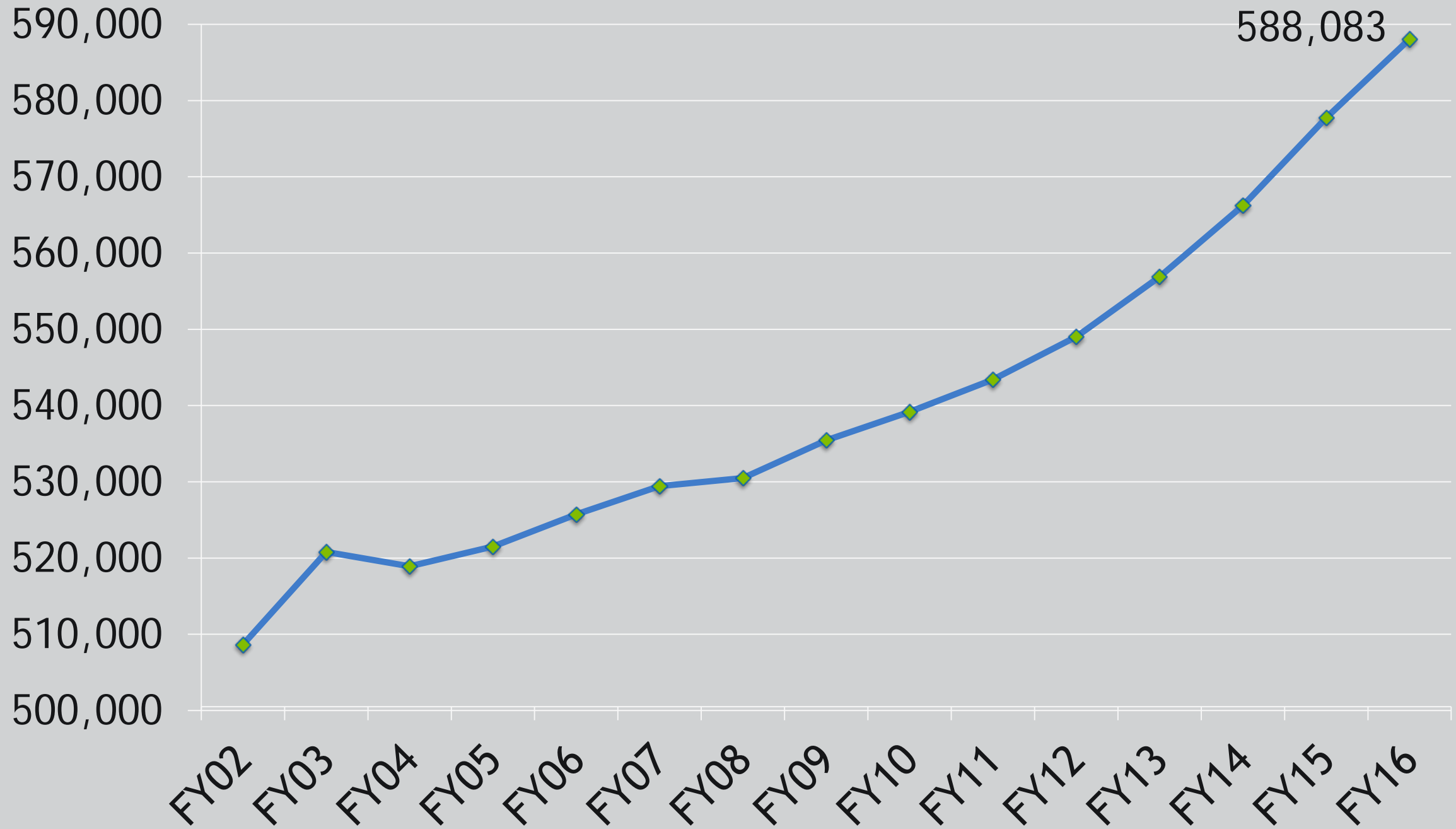


- Individualized parole plans
- Parole plan is consistent with Discrete Case Plan
- Parole Officers provide direct supervision and liaison with community resources and families
- Contract Parole Program Services
  - Treatment Services; e.g., Multi-systemic Therapy; Functional Family Therapy; Offense Specific; Drug/Alcohol
  - Tracking and Mentoring
  - Day Treatment and Day Reporting Programs
  - Community-based services; e.g., housing, employment, school, advocacy



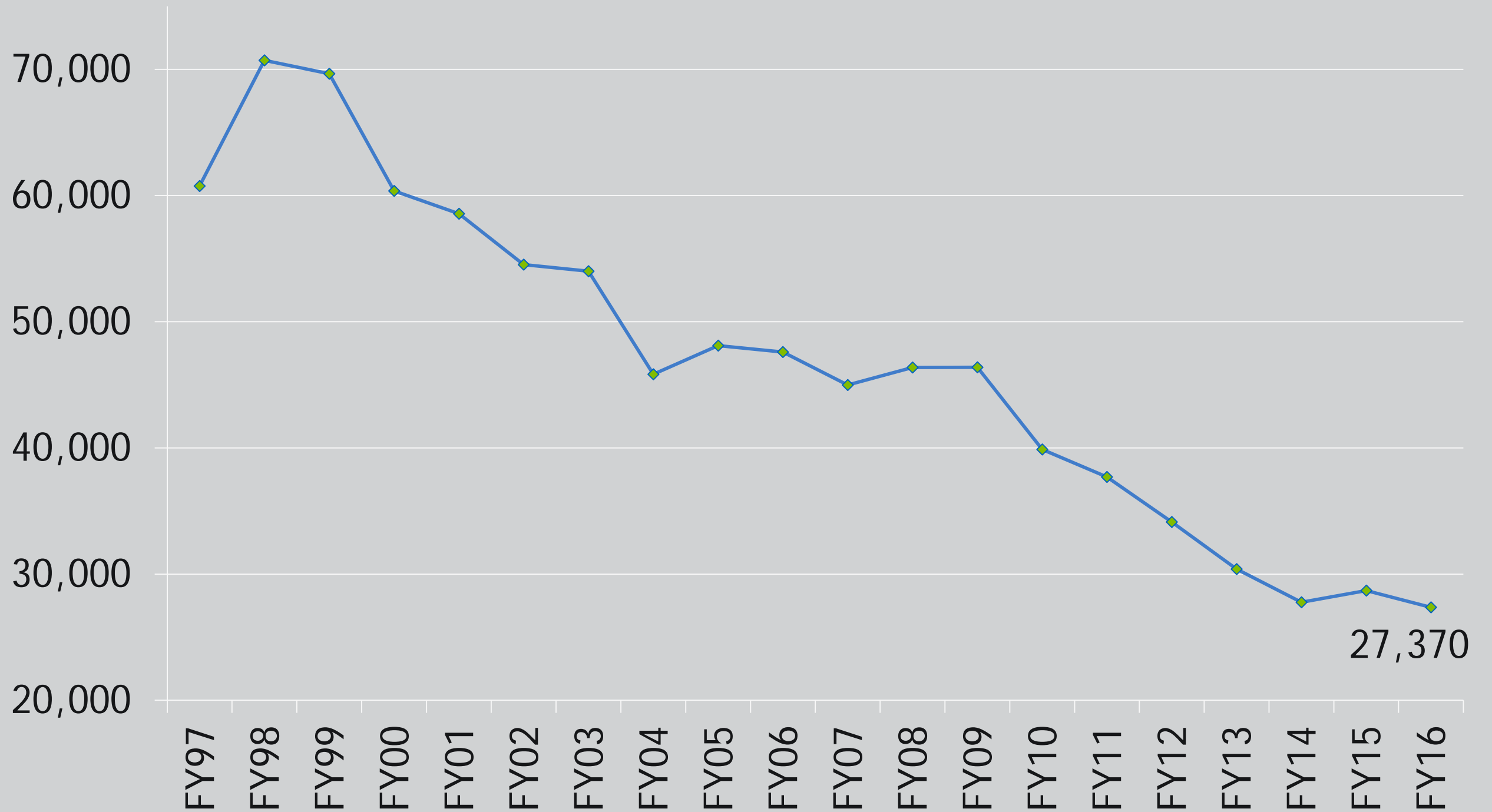
- Mandatory parole enacted in 1996, 19-2-909(b), C.R.S.
- Currently six months minimum for all youth
- May be extended an additional 15 months by Juvenile Parole Board
- Parole Board may suspend or revoke parole
- Jurisdiction ends at age 21

# Juvenile Population Trends



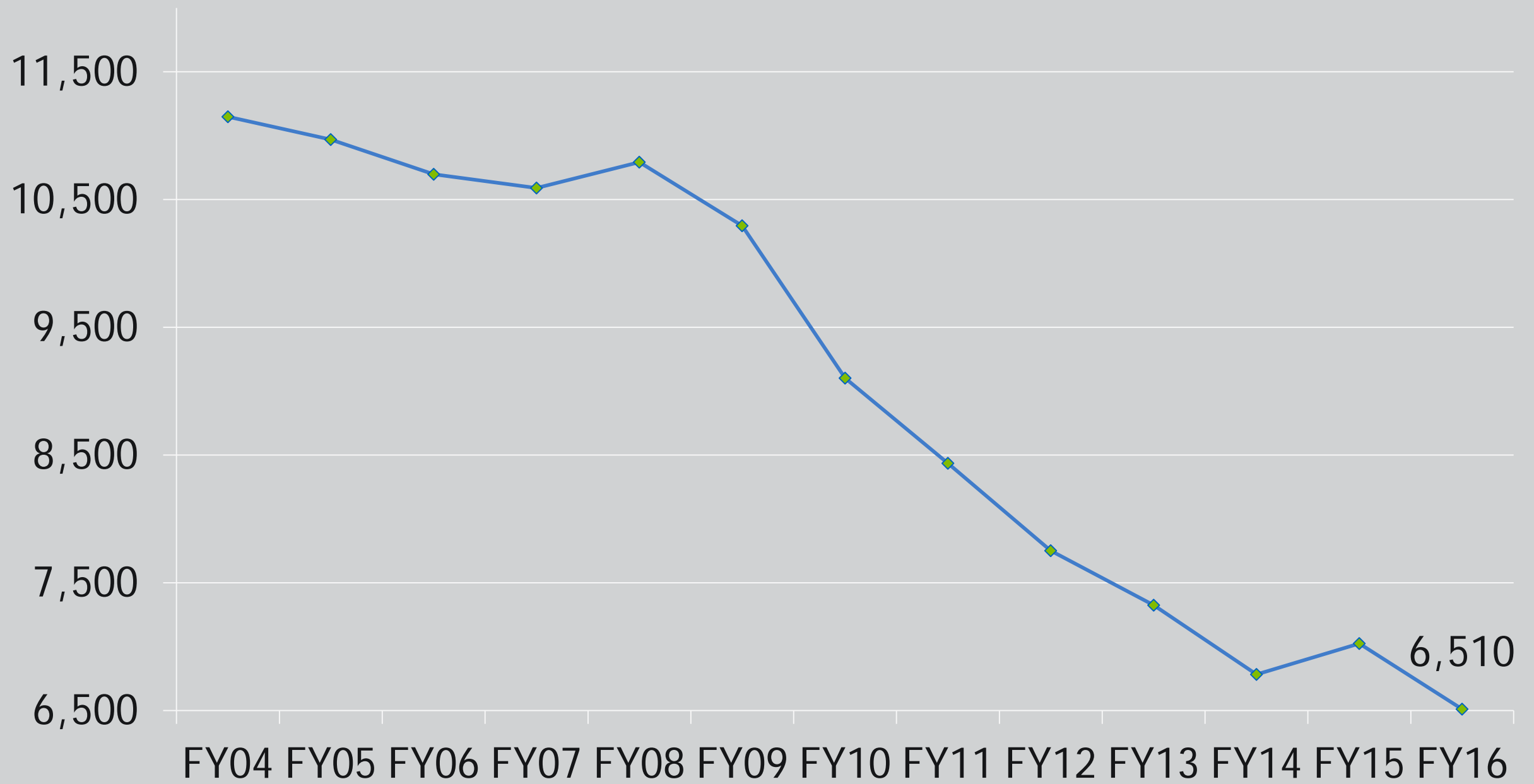
Source: Colorado Department of Local Affairs, Demographers Office

# Juvenile Arrest Trends



Source: Colorado Bureau of Investigations

# DYC Detention - New Admissions

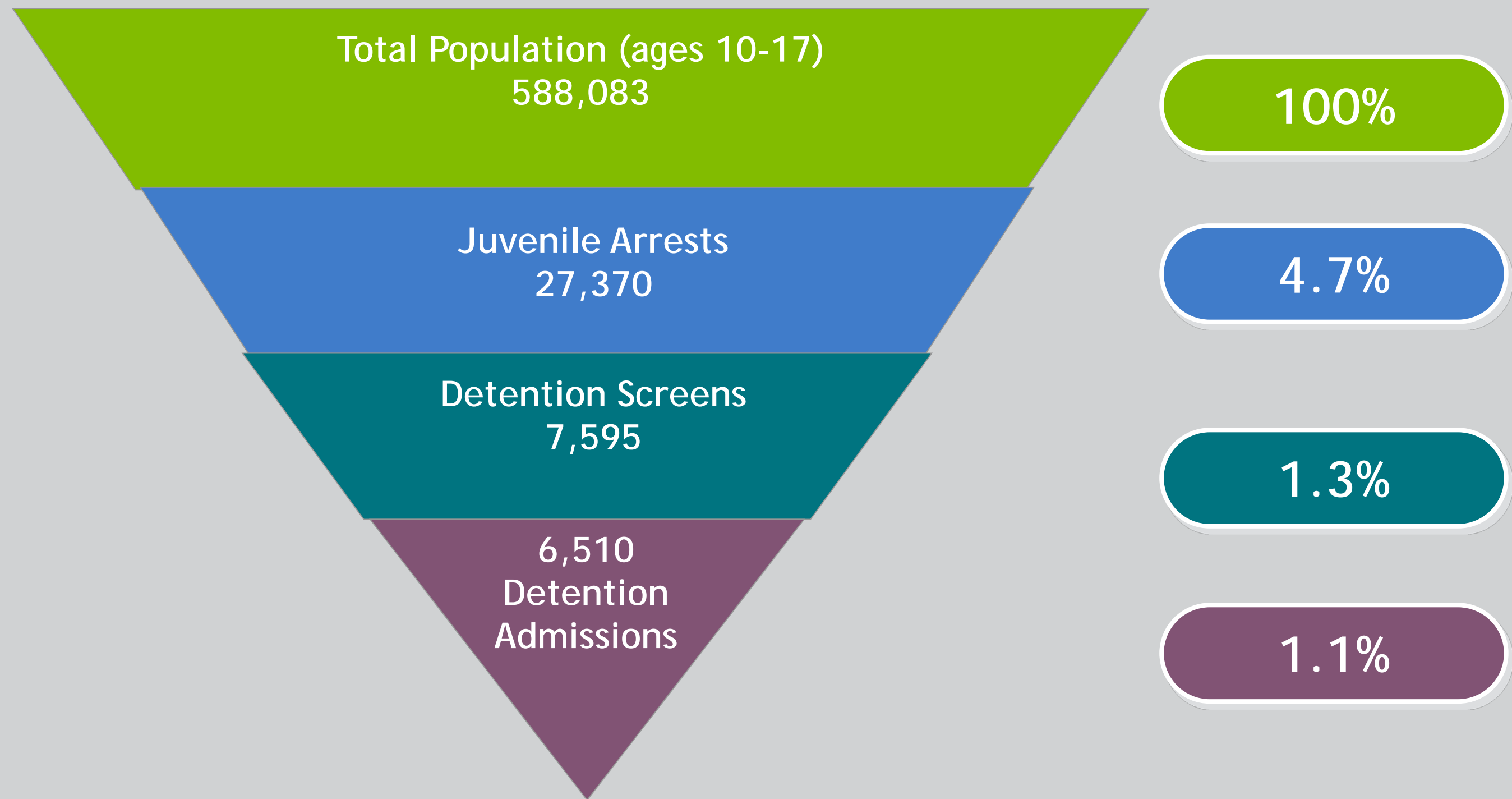


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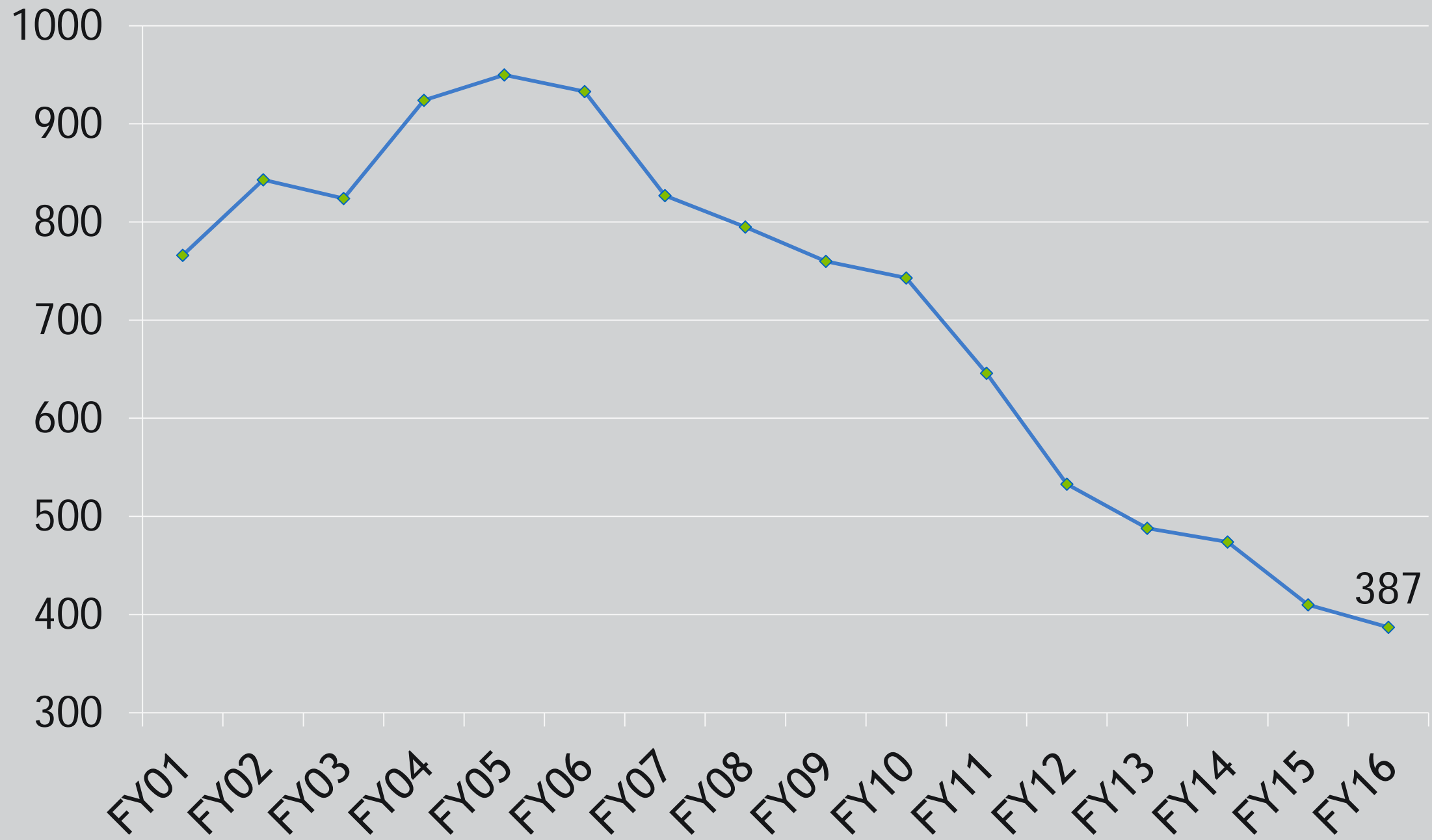


# Juvenile Justice Filtering Process to Detention

FY 2015-16



# New Commitments



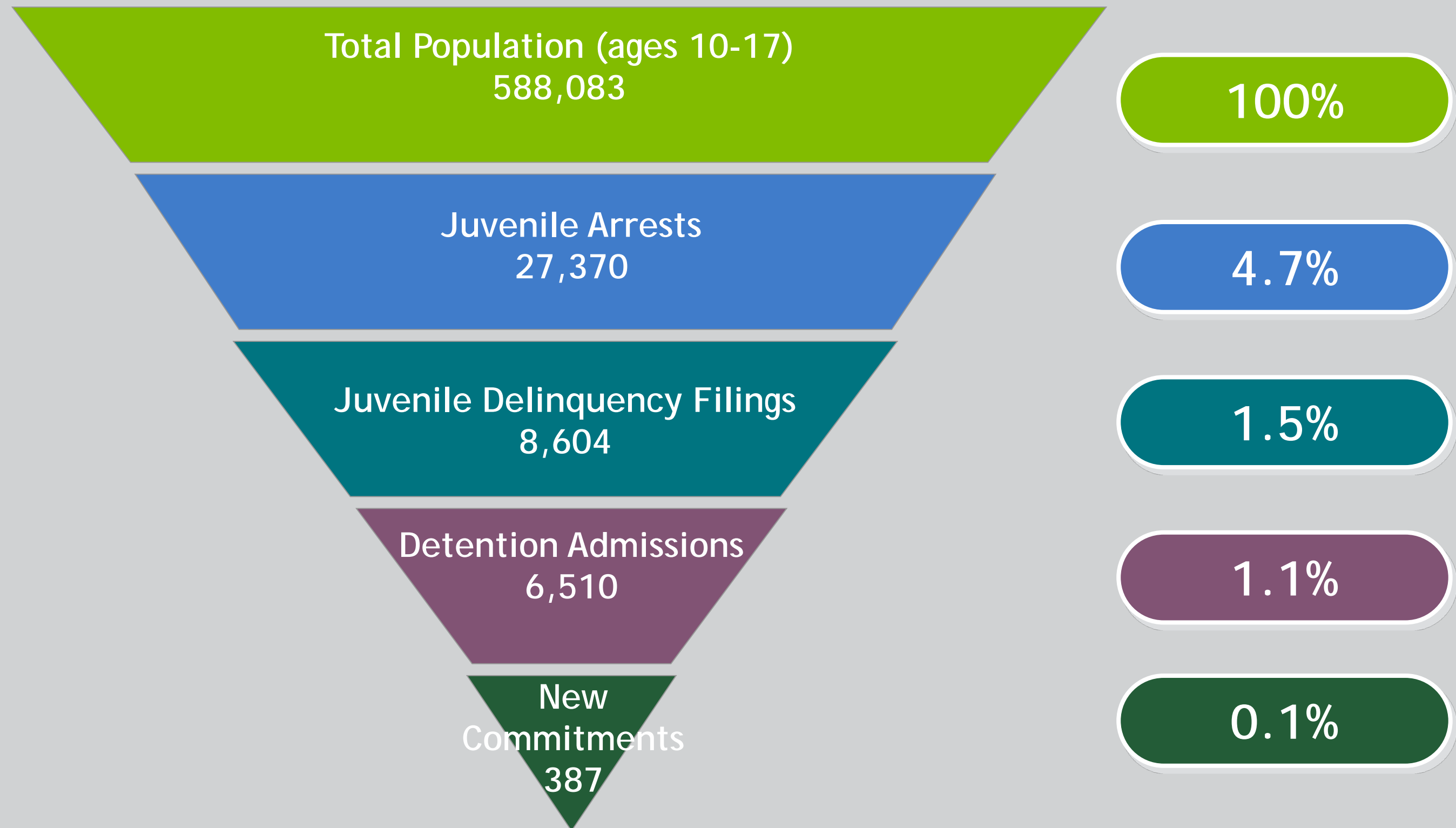
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# *FY 2015-16*

■ Total New Admissions	6,510
■ Number of Clients Served	3,808
■ Average Length of Stay	15.4 days
■ Average Daily Population	275.0

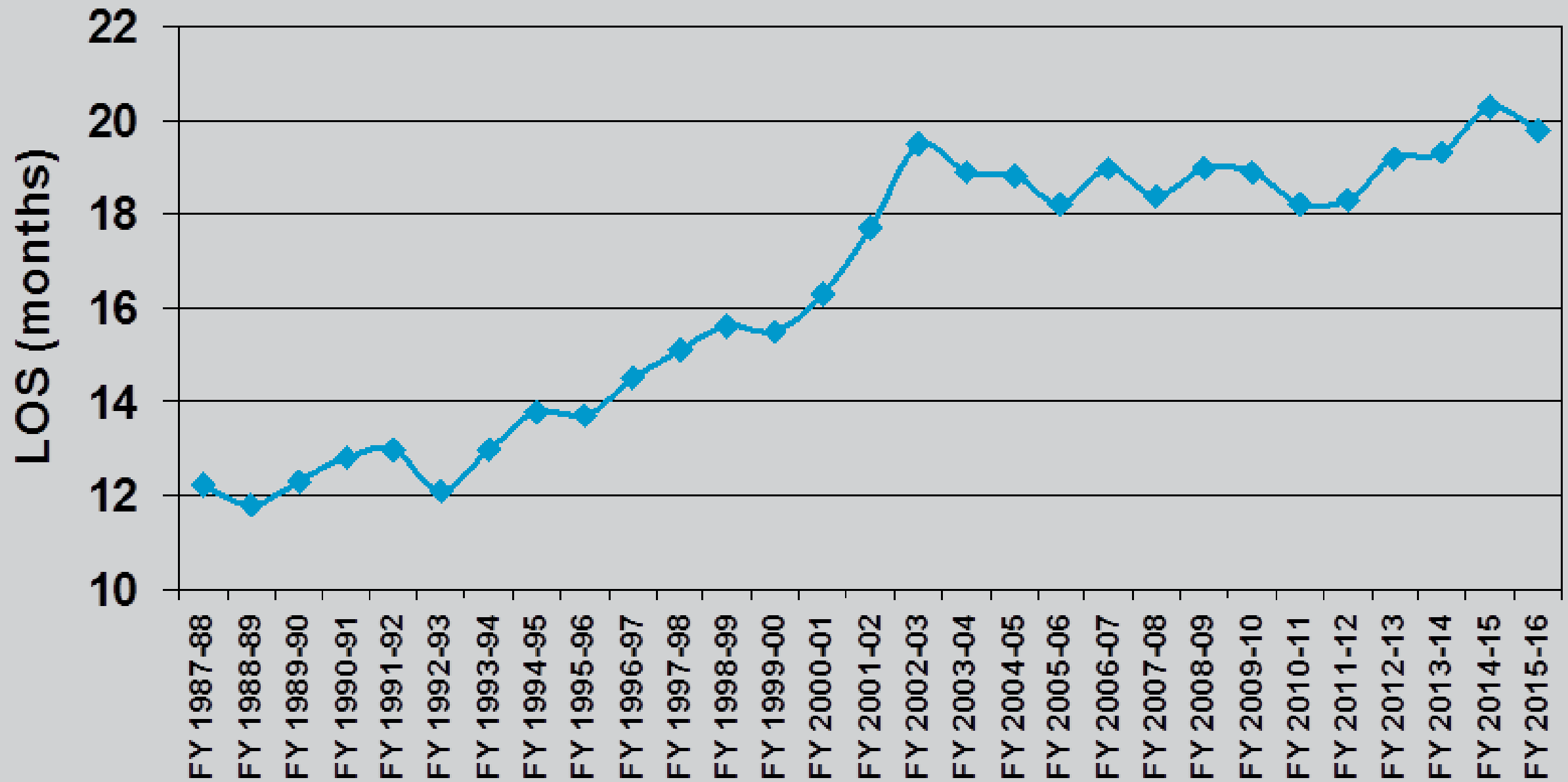
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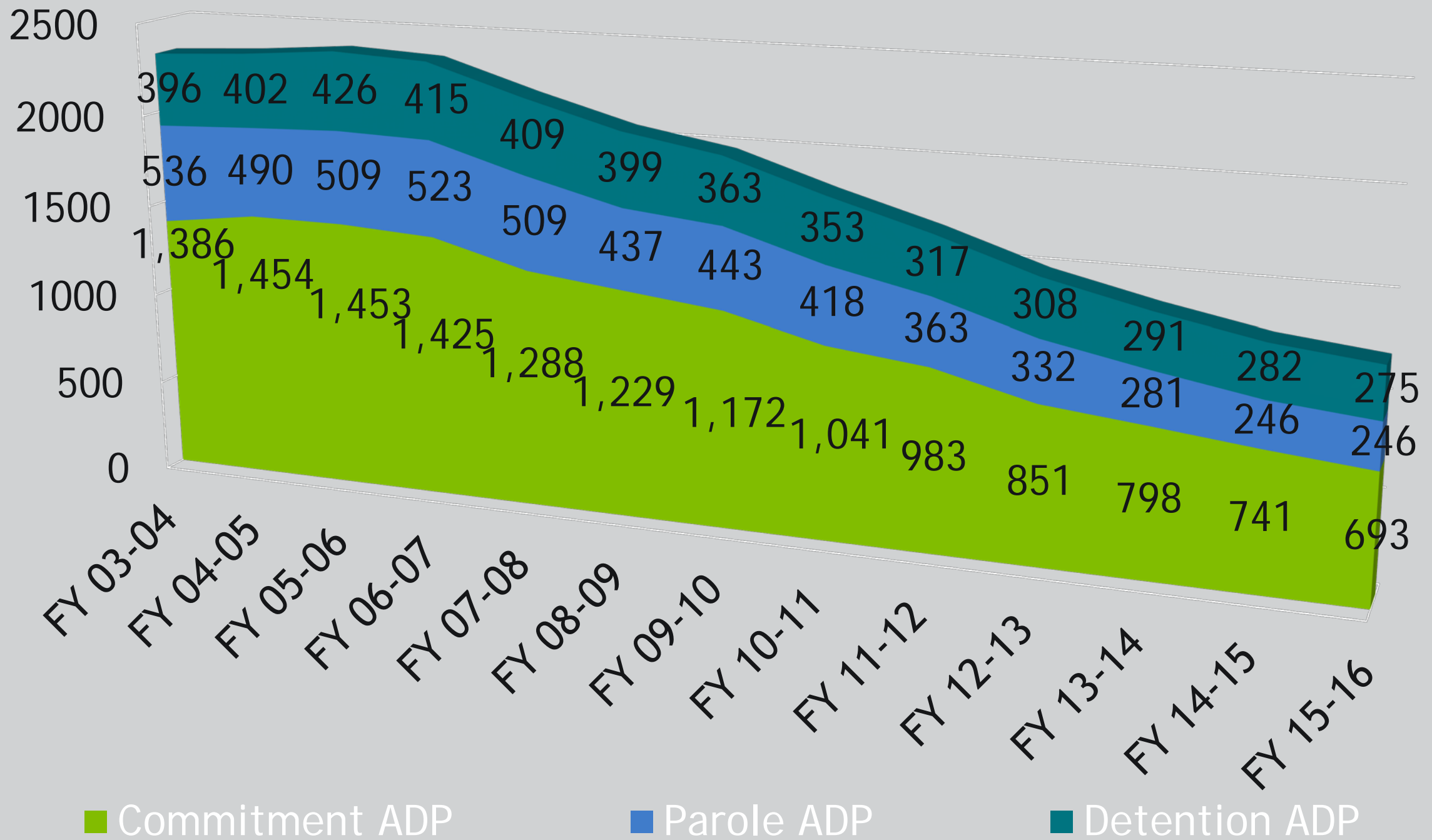




# Commitment Length of Service Trends



# Average Daily Population (DYC Populations)



Source: Colorado Department of Human Services

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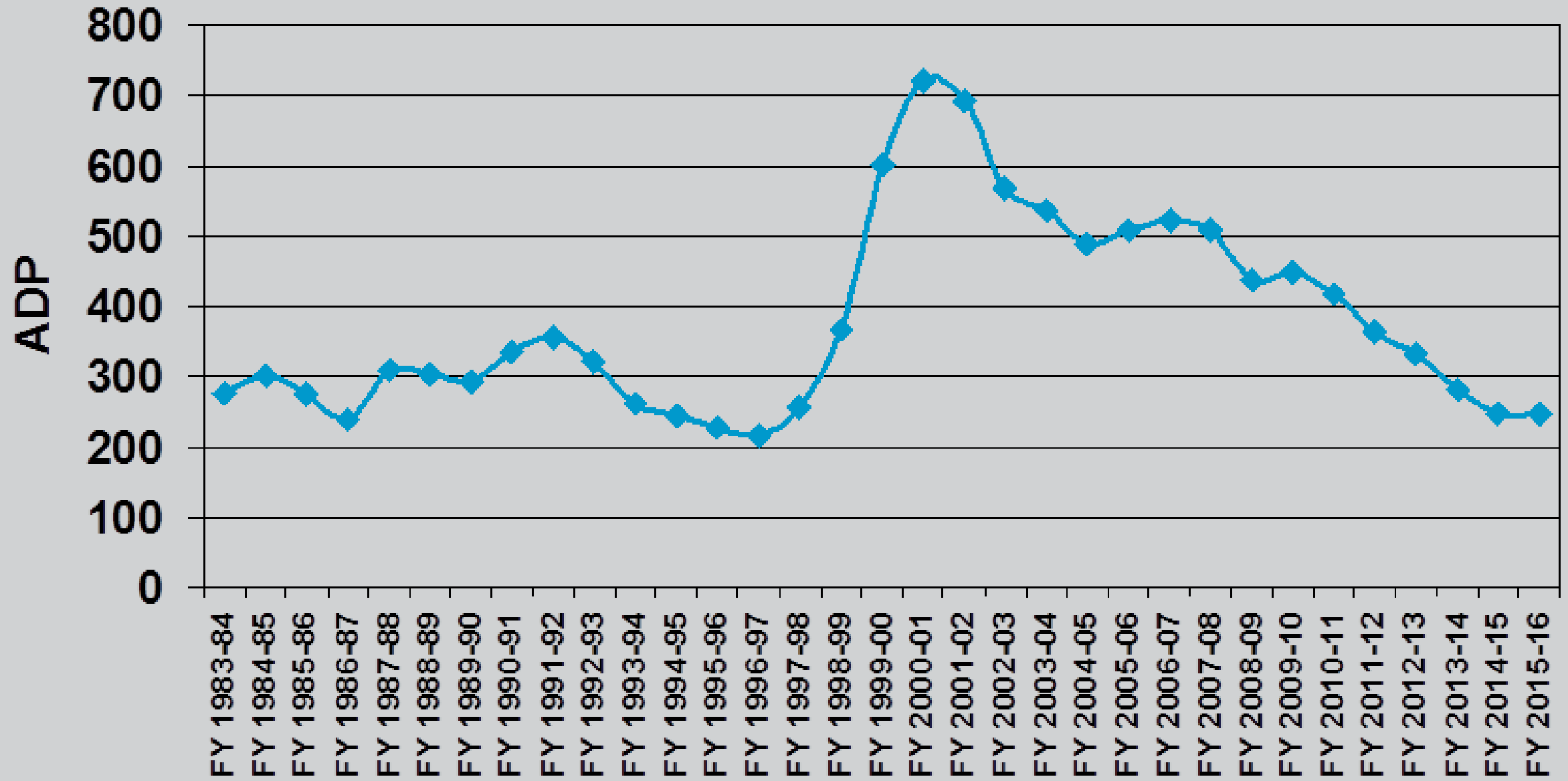
■ New Commitments	387
■ Number of Clients Served	1,362
■ Average Length of Service (months)	19.8
■ Average Daily Population	692.9
■ State Secure Committed ADP (incl. assess.)	382.1
■ Staff Supervised/Contract Secure ADP	221.0
■ Community / Other Residential ADP	89.7

# *FY 2015-2016*

- Number of Clients Served:  
690
- Average Length of Stay:  
7.0 Months
- Average Daily Population:  
246.3

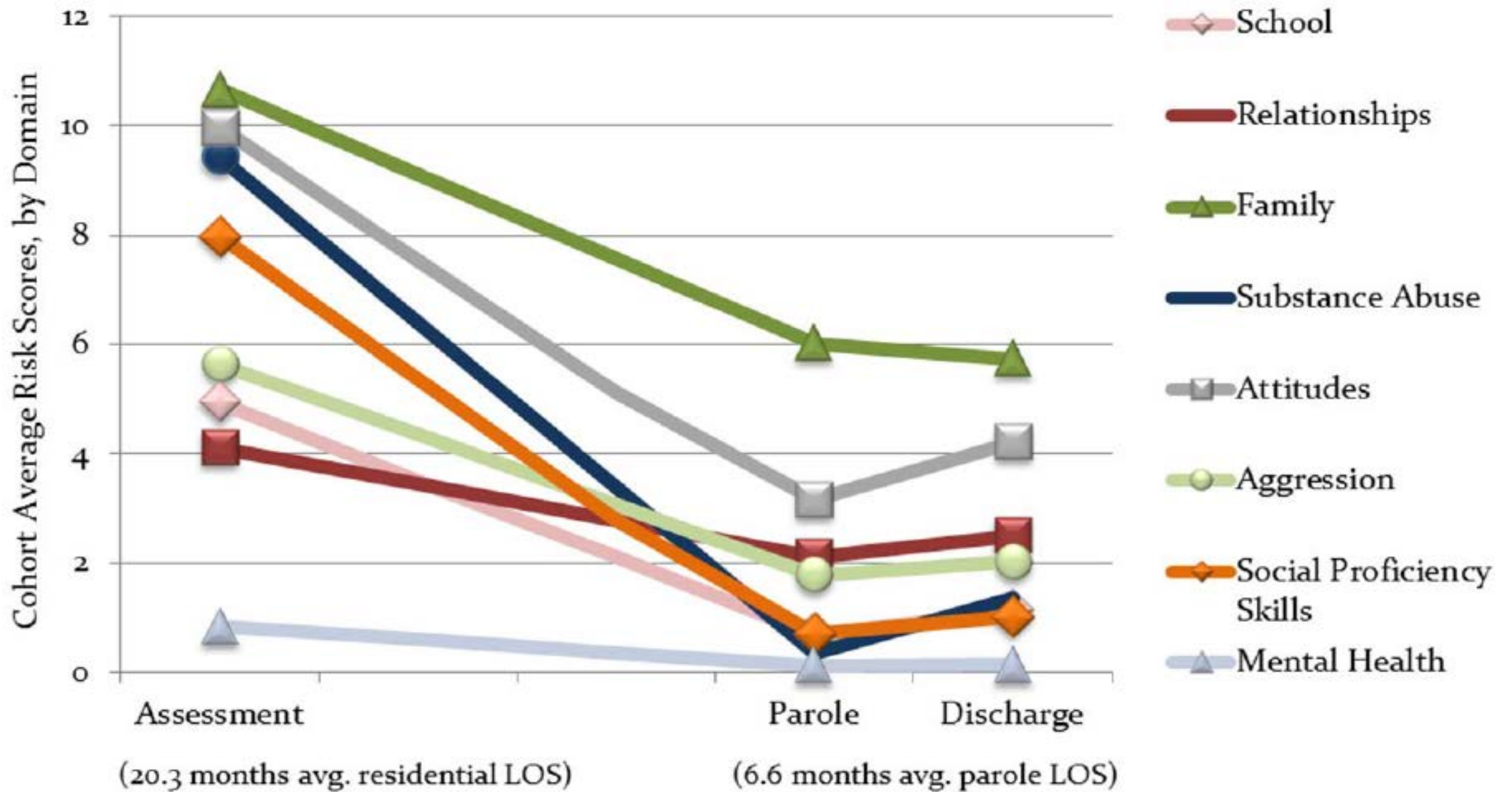


# Parole Population Trends



# Changes in Risk to Re-Offend

Change in Individual CJRA Domain Risk Scores over Time (FY 2014-15 Discharges)

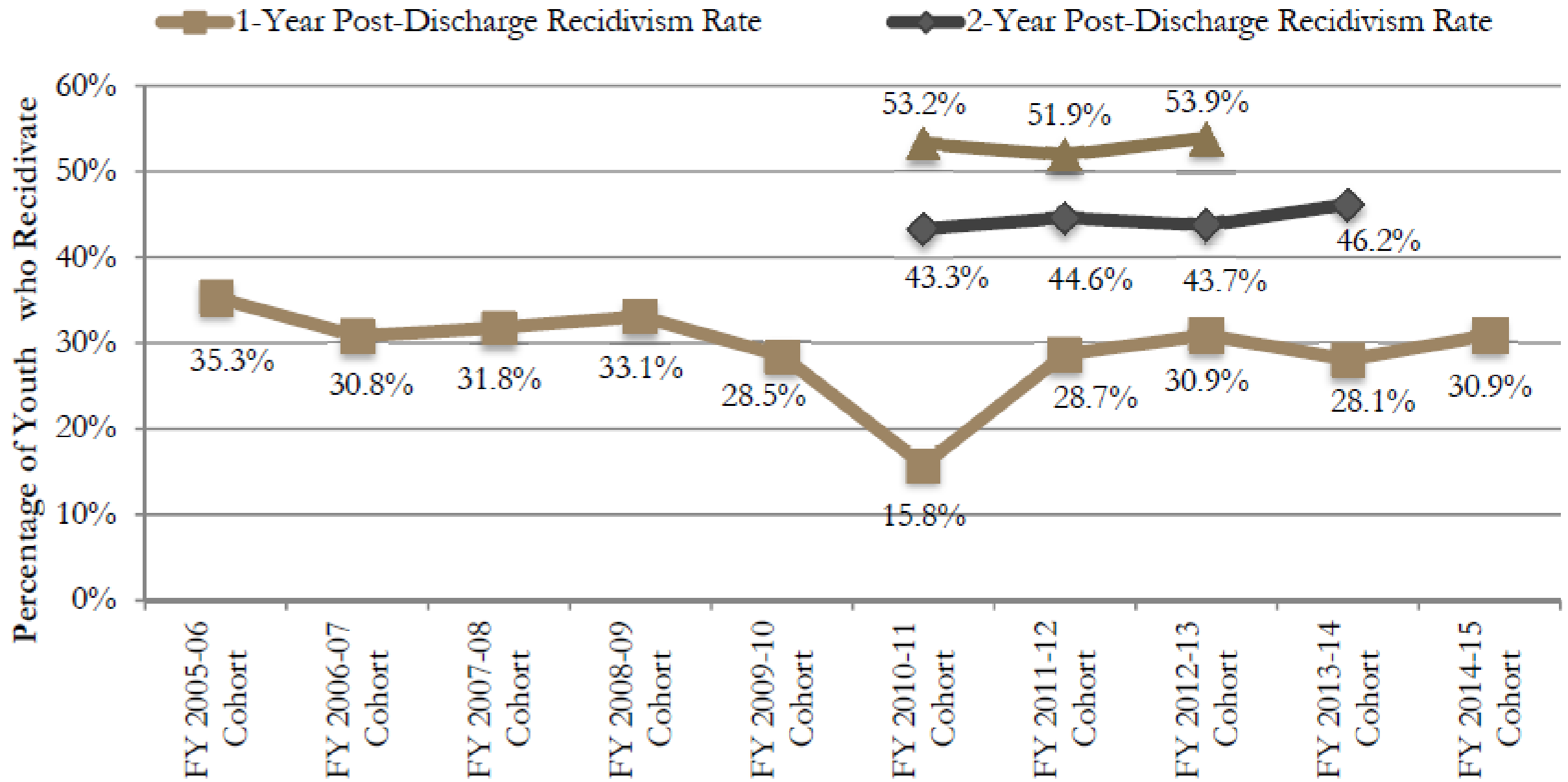


Source: Jan 2017 Recidivism Report (Committed Youth Discharged in Fiscal Year 2014-15): page 34, Figure 12



# Recidivism Trends

## Recidivism Rates Over Time



Source: Jan 2017 Recidivism Report (Committed Youth Discharged in Fiscal Year 2014-15): page 15, Figure 3