



Presentation  
and Update to  
the Ohio  
Criminal  
Sentencing  
Commission

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# Mission and Vision

- ▶ Mission: To improve Ohio's future by habilitating youth and empowering families and communities
- ▶ Vision: A safer Ohio: one youth, one family and one community at a time



# Reaching Youth in Ohio

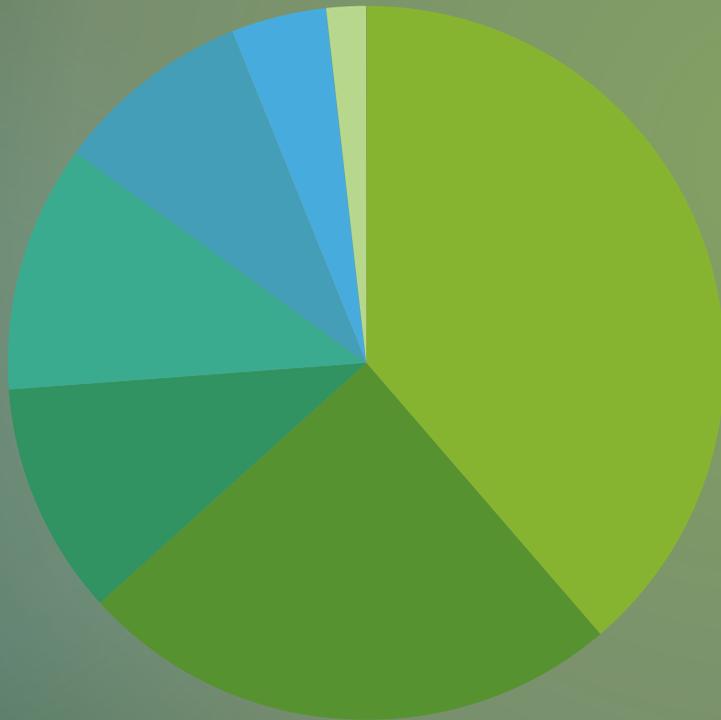


- ▶ 3 Juvenile Correctional Facilities
- ▶ 5 alternative placement options
- ▶ 5 Regional Parole Offices
- ▶ 12 Community Corrections Facilities
- ▶ DYS funds and supports 600 community programs throughout the state serving 80,000 youth (based on annual program admissions)

# Budget Overview



**FY 15 - \$248,005,930**



- Facilities
- Court Subsidies & Grants
- Admin. Support
- Debt Service
- CCFs
- Parole
- Alt. Placements

# DYS Population

## ■ DYS

■ June 2000:	2,183	youth
■ June 2007:	1,848	youth
■ June 2014:	501	youth



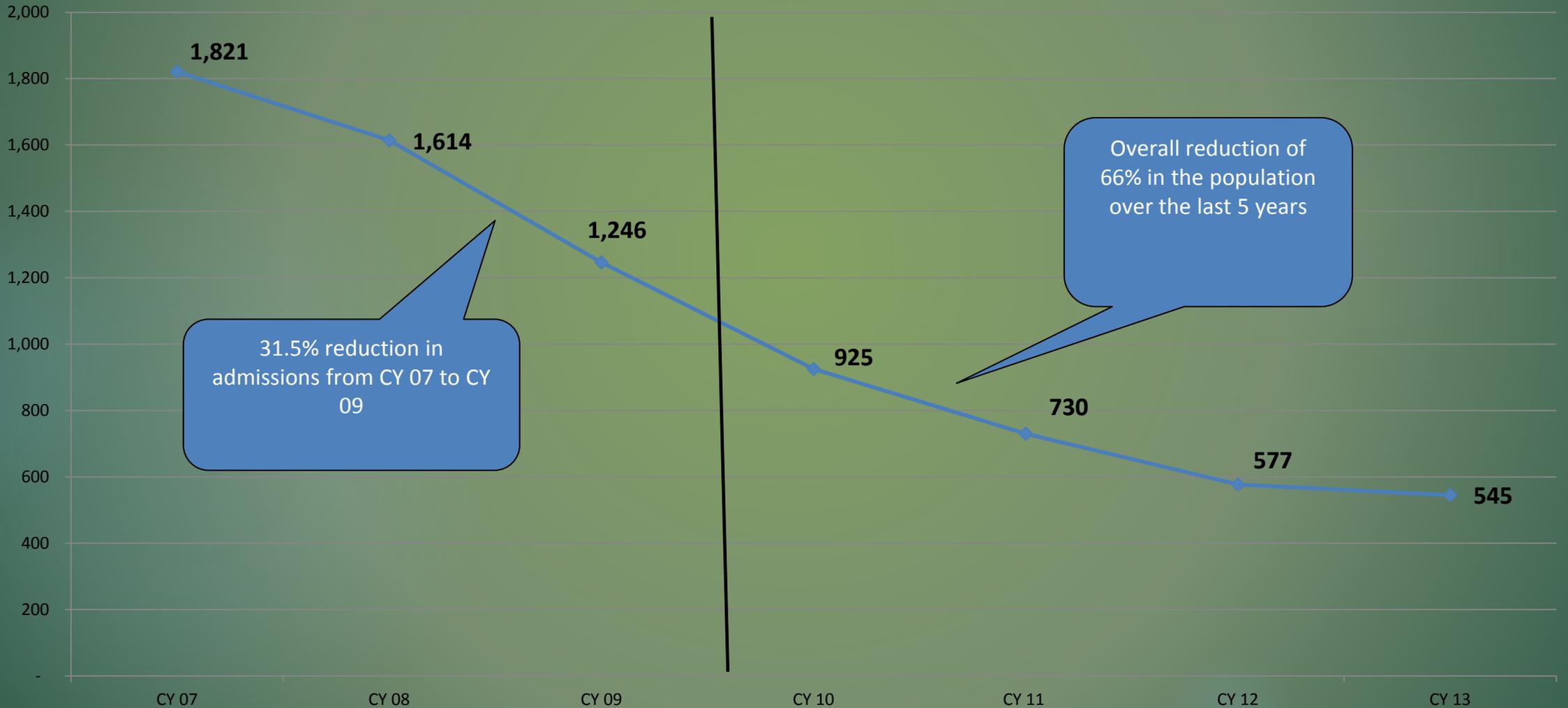
## ■ Parole

■ June 2000:	2,013	youth
■ June 2007:	1,446	youth
■ June 2014:	372	youth



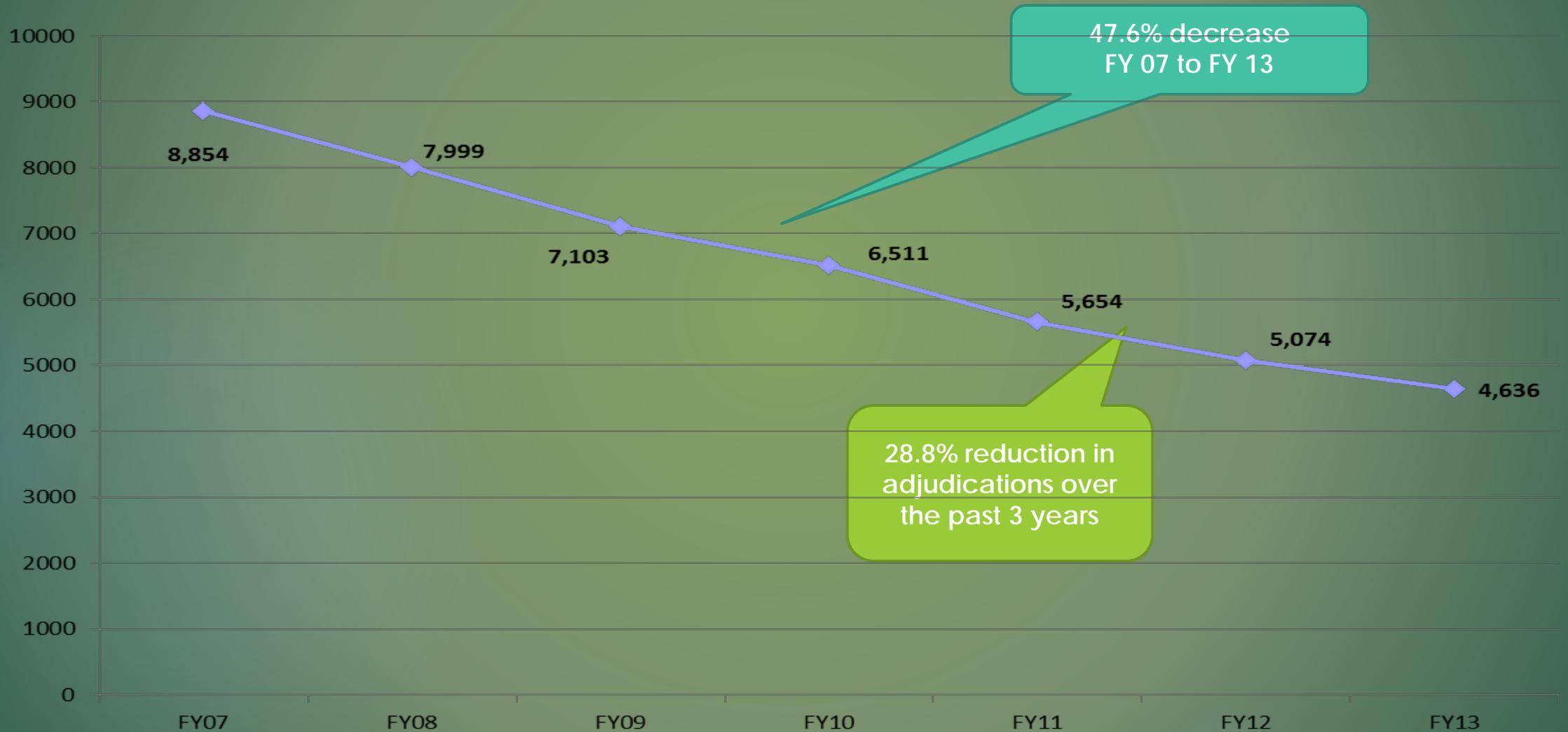
# Total DYS Admissions

CY 2007 to CY 2013



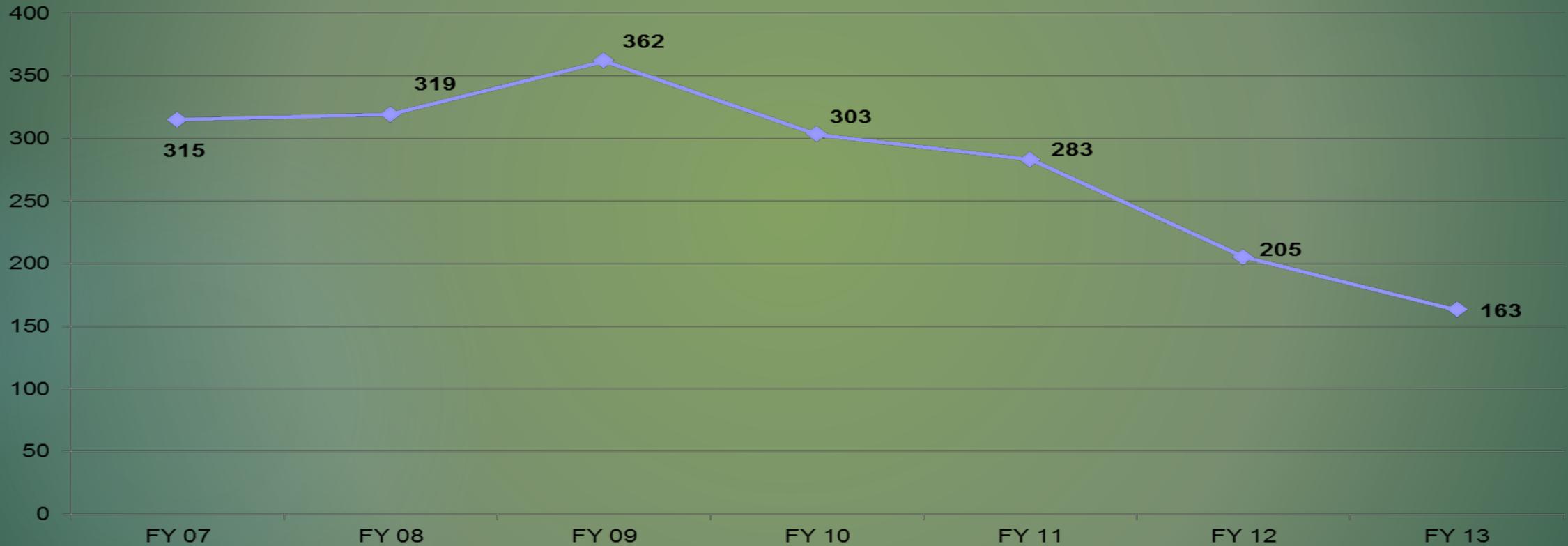
# Youth Adjudicated for Felonies

FY 2007 to 2013



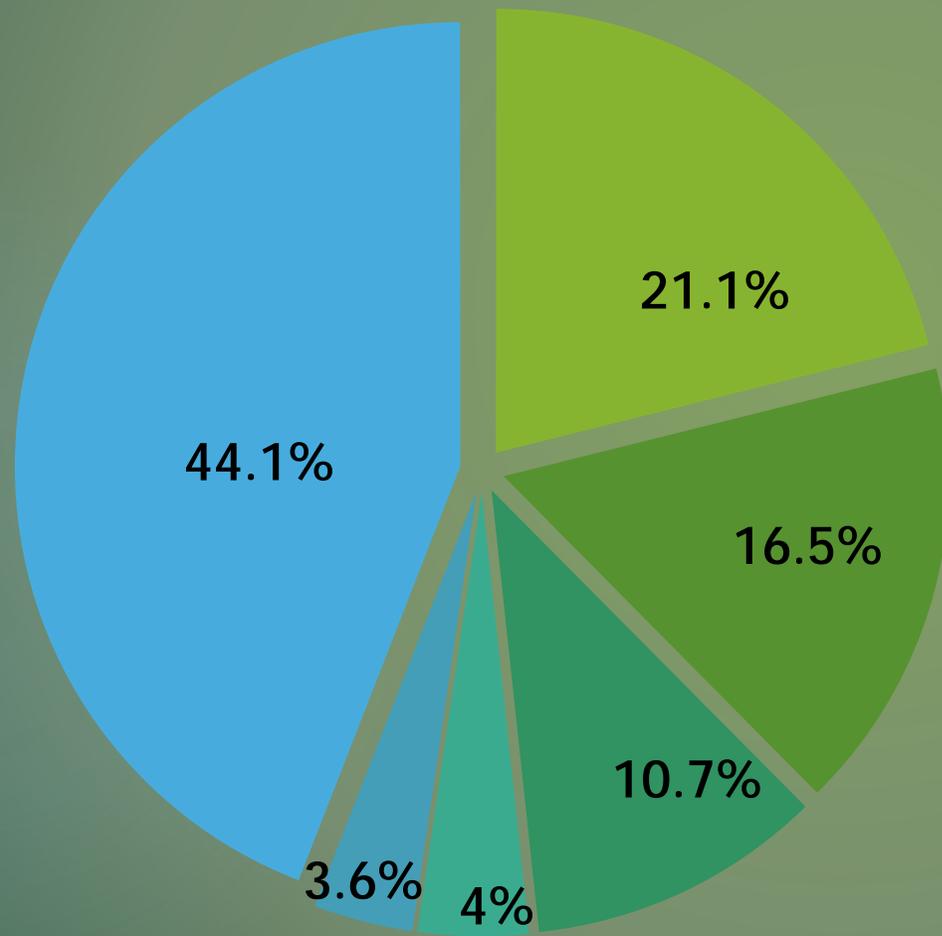
# Juvenile Transfers to Adult Court

FY 2007 to 2013



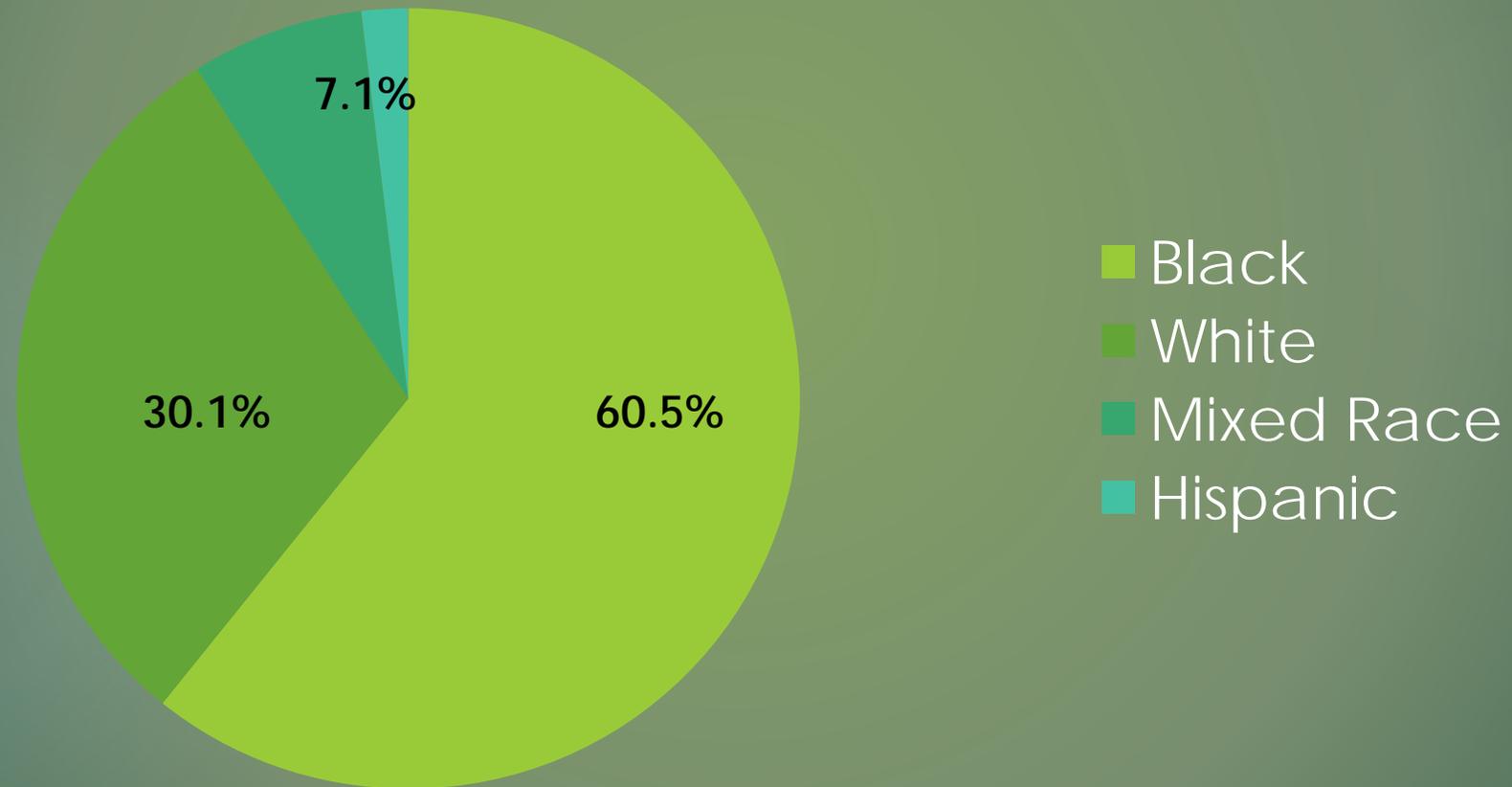
10 year average = 277; 10 year high = 362; 10 year low = 163

# Admissions by County

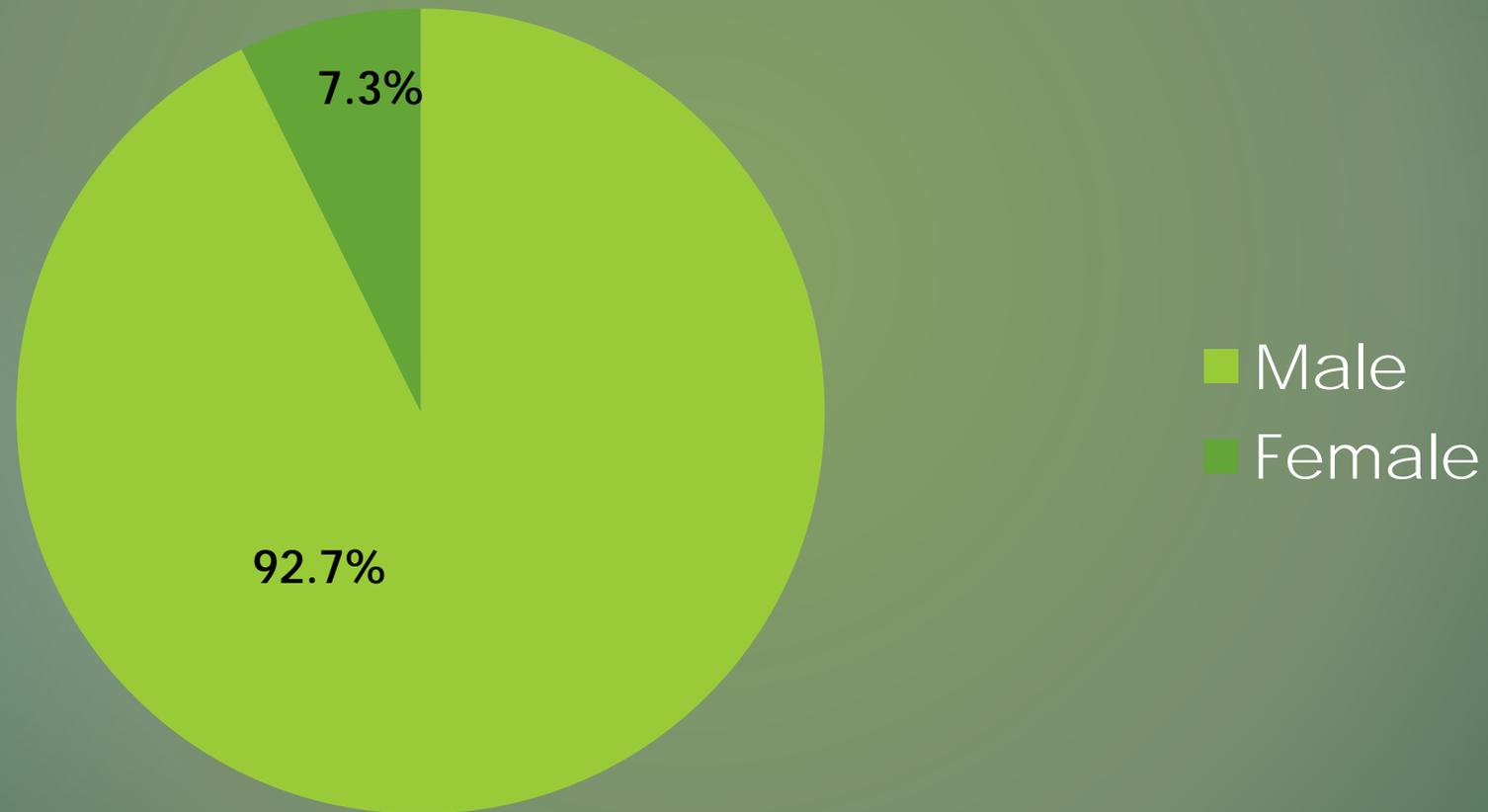


- Cuyahoga
- Franklin
- Hamilton
- Lorain
- Montgomery
- Other

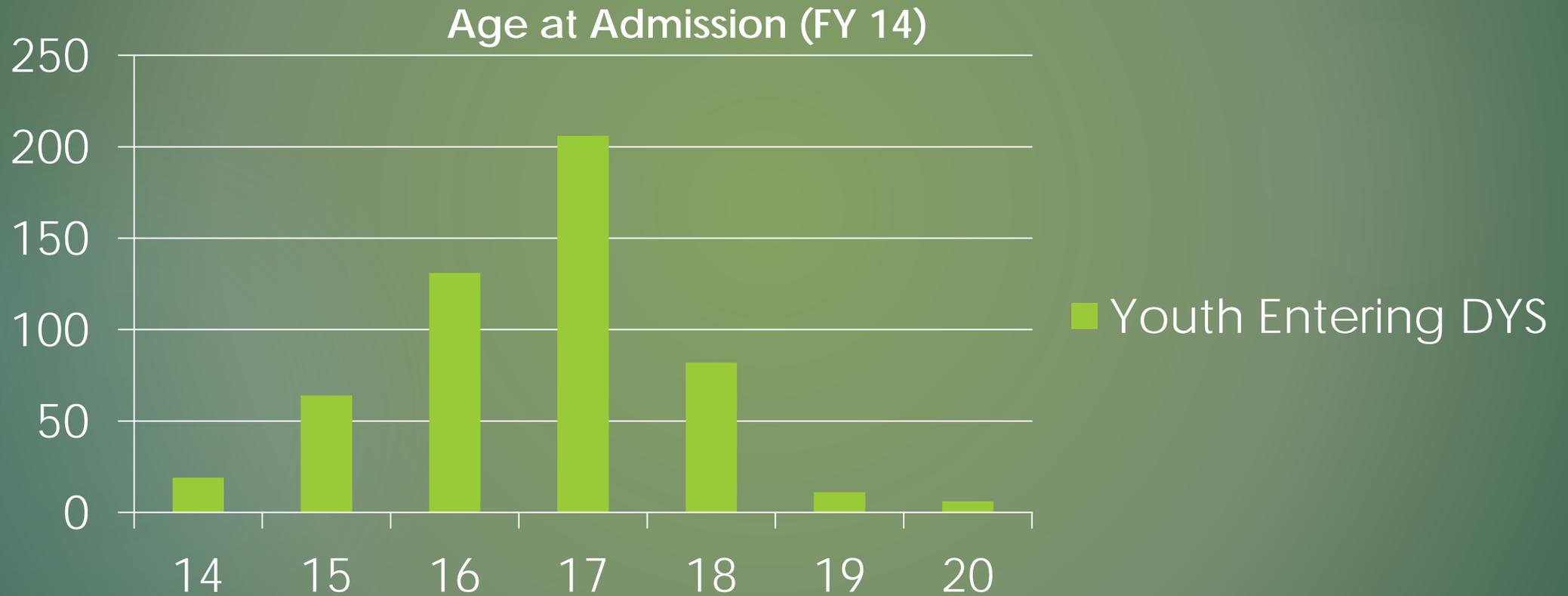
# Admissions by Race



# Admissions by Gender



# Admissions by Age



# Admissions by Offenses



## Committing Offenses (FY 14)



# Services for Victims

- ▶ January 2015
  - ▶ Youth with opted-in victims: 511
  - ▶ Youth impact statements on file: 140
  - ▶ Victim apology letters on file: 393

# Serious Youthful Offenders (SYOs)

- ▶ Youth classified as “SYOs” have cases that remain in juvenile court but are subject to a blended juvenile-adult sentence if found delinquent
- ▶ DYS takes the issue of requesting the invocation of the adult portion of the sentence seriously
- ▶ Because an adult sentence is involved, these youth must be indicted by a grand jury, and they are entitled to a jury trial

# SYO Statistics



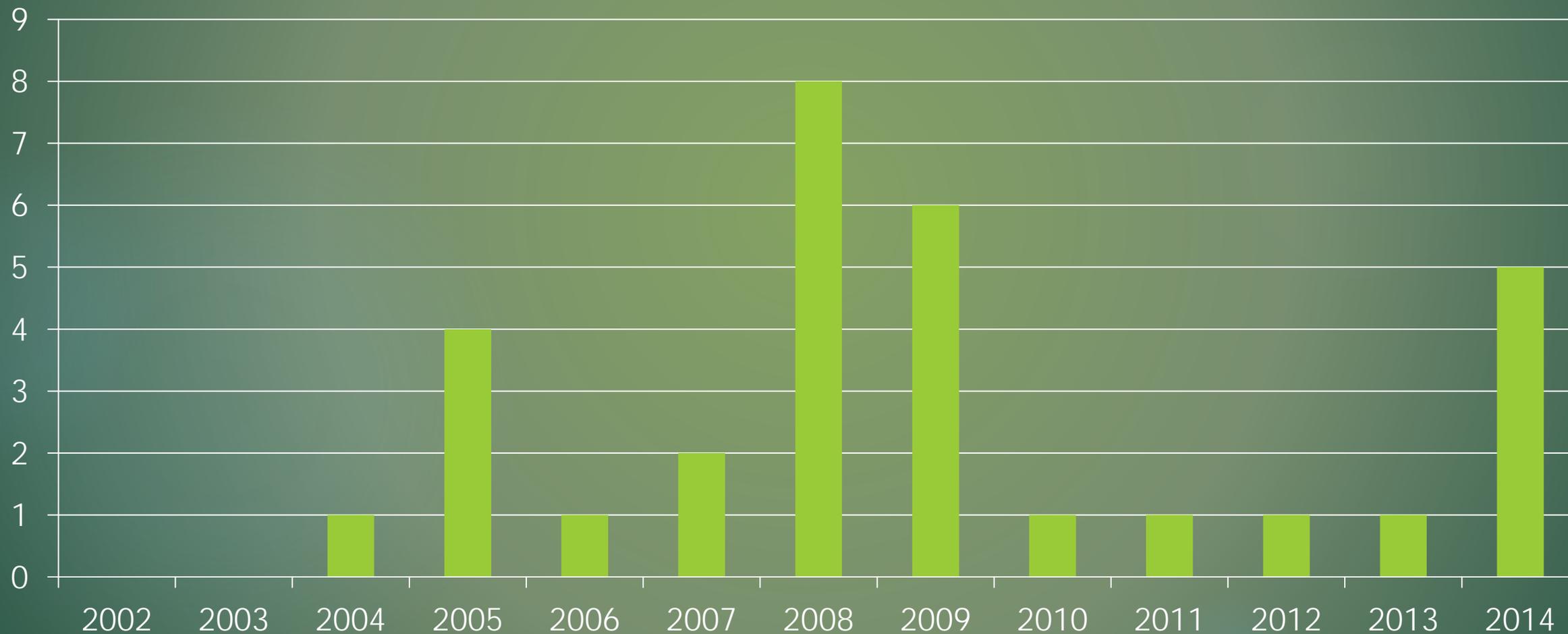
# Youth Committed to DYS as an SYO



# SYO Statistics



# of youth who had the adult portion of the sentence invoked



# Mandatory Sentences

## ORC 2152.17

- ▶ 2941.141 Firearm on or about offender's person or under control specification
- ▶ 2941.142 Criminal gang participation specification
- ▶ 2941.144 Automatic firearm or firearm muffler or silencer specification
- ▶ 2941.145 Firearm displayed, brandished, indicated that offender possessed the firearm or used it to facilitate offense specification
- ▶ 2941.146 Firearm discharged from motor vehicle specification
- ▶ 2941.1412 Discharged firearm at peace officer or corrections officer specification
- ▶ 2941.1414 Peace officer victim of aggravated vehicular homicide specification
- ▶ 2941.1415 Multiple OVI violations specification

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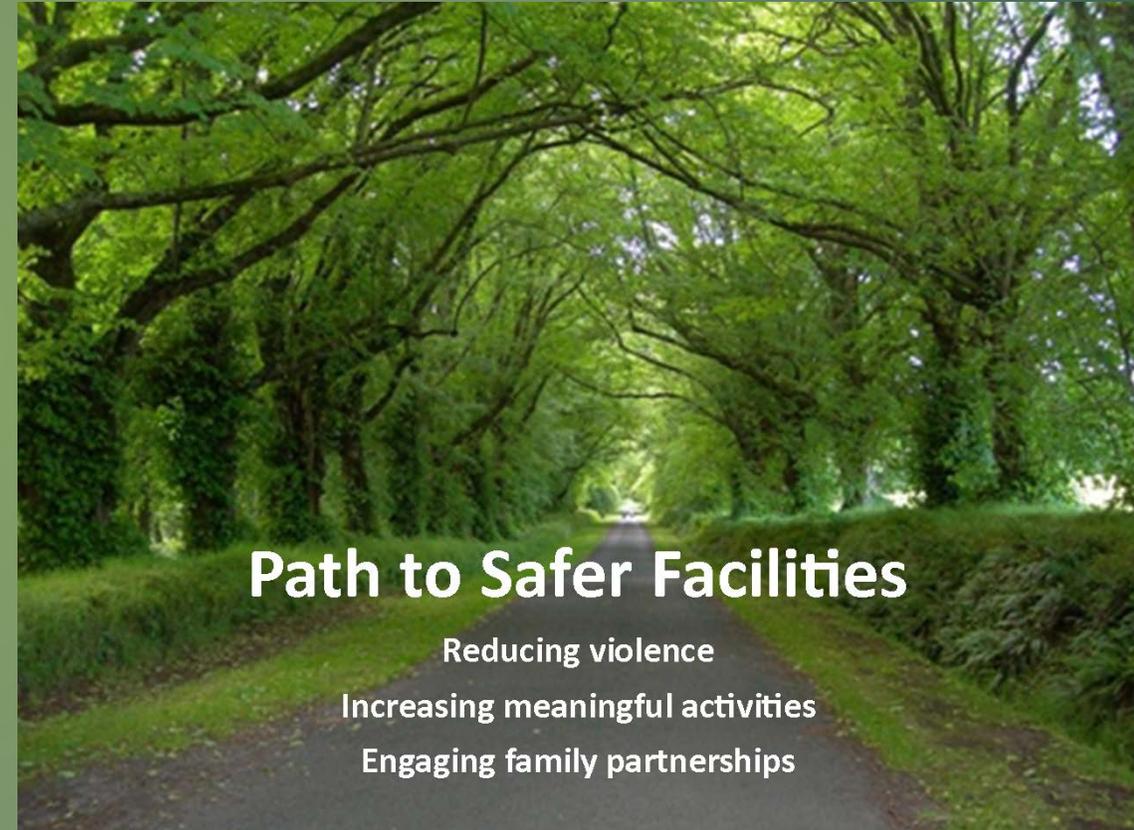
- ▶ As of 1-7-15, DYS had a total of 163 youth that had a mandatory sentence (35% of the population) – nearly all are for firearm specifications
  - ▶ 133 youth - 2941.145 Firearm displayed, brandished, indicated that offender possessed the firearm or used it to facilitate offense specification
  - ▶ 22 youth - 2941.141 Firearm on or about offender's person or under control specification
  - ▶ 8 youth fall into the other categories

# Early Releases

- ▶ 522 releases in 2014
  - ▶ Judicial release to parole: 95
  - ▶ Judicial release to probation: 37
    - ▶ TOTAL: 132 youth (25.3% of all youth released from DYS)

# Challenges and Strategies

Challenge	Strategy
Diverse needs	Individualizing services for youth
Violence	Path to Safer Facilities
Gangs	Community Model Approach to Gangs
Idleness	Quality structured programming
Separation	Family engagement and volunteers

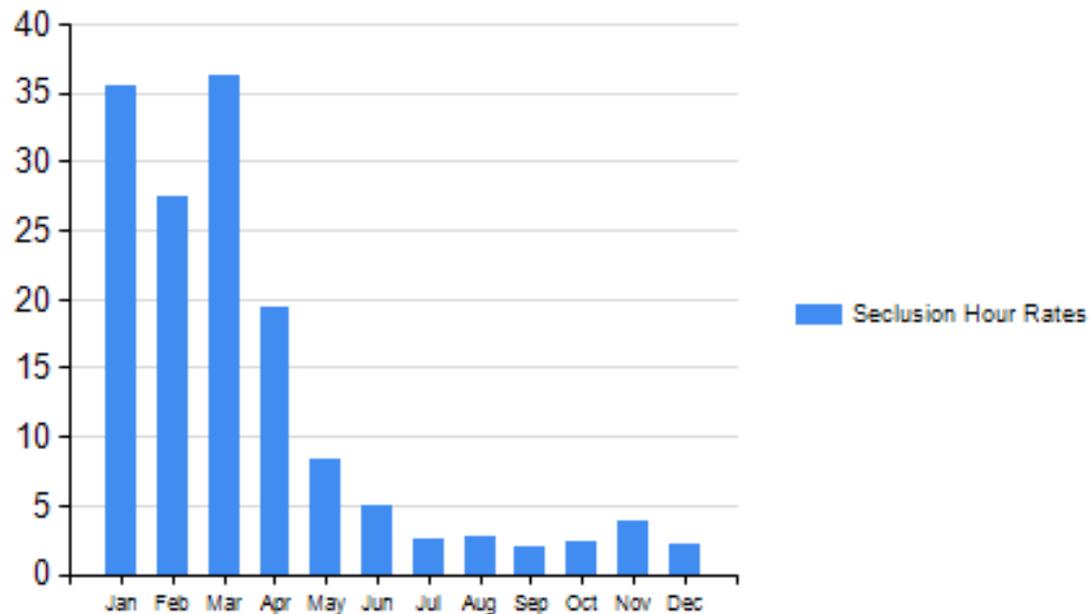


## Path to Safer Facilities

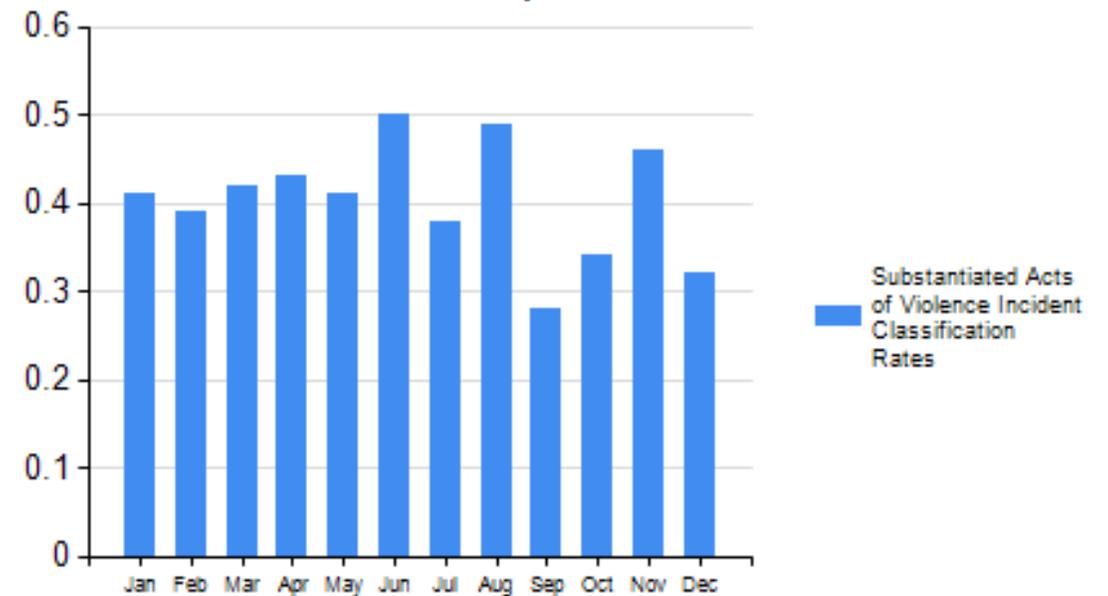
- Reducing violence
- Increasing meaningful activities
- Engaging family partnerships

# Moving Away from Using Seclusion as a Punishment

2014 DYS Seclusion Hourly Rates per Youth



2014 DYS Substantiated Acts of Violence Incident Classification Rates per Youth



# Buckeye United School District

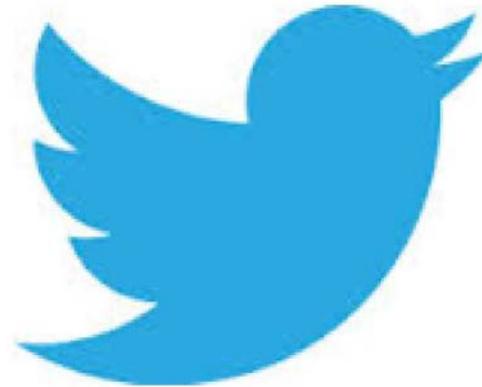


- ▶ Fiscal Year 2014
  - ▶ Served 727 students
  - ▶ 86 youth received **GEDs**
  - ▶ 26 youth obtained high school **diplomas**
  - ▶ Awarded 346 **career certificates** were awarded
- ▶ Nearly half of all student receive special education services
- ▶ Apprenticeships

# Questions?



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