



## House Health and Social Services Finance Subcommittee

# Alaska Pioneer Homes Budget Overview

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# Alaska Pioneer Homes

**Mission:** Providing elder Alaskans a home and community, celebrating life through its final breath.

**Locations:**

Sitka - opened **1913**

Fairbanks - opened **1967**

Palmer - opened **1971**

Anchorage - opened **1977**

Ketchikan - opened **1981**

Juneau - opened **1988**

**Staff:** 426 Full Time Positions

**Capacity:** 506 residents

**FY2026 Budget:** \$112,906.0 \*dollars in thousands



# Alaska Pioneer Homes: Occupancy\*

Current Census as of February 7, 2025: 435

	FY2023	FY2024	FY2025**
<b>Division Wide</b> (506 beds)	90%	91%	86%
<b>Anchorage Pioneer Home</b> (177 beds)	83%	88%	86%
<b>Alaska Veterans Pioneer Home</b> (79 beds)	96%	94%	89%
<b>Fairbanks Pioneer Home</b> (91 beds)	90%	82%	64%
<b>Juneau Pioneer Home</b> (49 beds)	98%	98%	100%
<b>Ketchikan Pioneer Home</b> (45 beds)	96%	96%	98%
<b>Sitka Pioneer Home</b> (65 beds)	93%	97%	95%

\* All occupancy information reflects fiscal year average

\*\* FY2025 data as of February 7<sup>th</sup>

# Alaska Pioneer Homes: Number of Elders Served

	FY2023	FY2024	FY2025*
<b>Total Elders Served</b>	614	587	512
<b>Elders Served Aged 60 to 64</b>	20	16	18
<b>Percentage of Elders Served by Level of Care</b>	Level I: 8% Level II: 25% Level III: 16% Level IV: 49% Level V: 2%	Level I: 10% Level II: 24% Level III: 19% Level IV: 46% Level V: 1%	Level I: 7% Level II: 26% Level III: 21% Level IV: 44% Level V: 2%
<b>Veterans Served</b>	157 (56 resided at Alaska Veterans & Pioneers Home)	143 (55 resided at Alaska Veterans & Pioneers Home)	122 (42 resided at Alaska Veterans & Pioneers Home)
<b>Percentage of Elders Served ADRD**</b>	59%	58%	61%

\*FY2025 data as of February 7<sup>th</sup>

\*\*Alzheimer's Disease and Related Dementias (ADRD)

# Alaska Pioneer Homes: Payment Types

	FY2023	FY2024	FY2025*
<b>Medicaid Waiver</b>	29%	29%	29%
<b>Private Pay (includes long-term care insurance)</b>	38%	35%	26%
<b>Payment Assistance</b>	34%	36%	45%

\*FY2025 data as of February 7, 2025

Alaska Veterans &  
Pioneers' Home

**79**  
beds

**30**  
residents receive  
Veterans Affairs  
funding

## Three levels of funding from Veterans Affairs

- Domiciliary - \$62.59/day
- Nursing Home Level of Care - \$144.10/day
- Service Connected - \$650/day

# Alaska Pioneer Homes: Waitlists

## Active Waitlist

An applicant with a desire to move into a home within 30 days is placed on the Active List.

❖ All applications are ordered by date received

## Inactive Waitlist

An applicant who desires to move into a home at a later date is placed on the Inactive List.

When an inactive applicant chooses to activate, they are placed on the Active List based on their original inactive application date.

	FY2023	FY2024	FY2025*
<b>Active</b>	243	286	392
<b>Inactive</b>	6,177	6,377	6,302
<b>Total</b>	6,420	6,663	6,694

\*FY2025 data as of February 7<sup>th</sup>

# Alaska Pioneer Homes: Achievements

- Expanded training in dementia care, stigma, person-centered care and geriatric care
- Implemented a new nurse call system in three of the homes
- Implemented a new Electronic Health Record
- Created and implemented online waitlist application
- Maintenance and upgrades:
  - Ketchikan Pioneer's Home finished seismic upgrade
  - Juneau Pioneer's Home started courtyard project
  - Sitka Pioneer's Home updated bathing rooms
  - Alaska Veteran's and Pioneer's Home remodeled bathrooms and received VA funding for roof
- Pharmacy:
  - Provides medications to Pioneer Home residents
  - Clinical services:
    - Biannual chart reviews for general population
    - Monthly clinical and Centers for Medicare and Medicaid Services adherence reviews for Skilled Nursing Facility Provider Consultations on request
  - Provided all six Division of Juvenile Justice facilities with medications since June 2022
  - Provided clinical placement for 11 pharmacy students in FY2023
  - Moving to Cloud hosting for FY2026



# Alaska Pioneer Homes: Looking Forward



## IMPROVE TECHNOLOGY

- Complete install of call light system
- Move Pharmacy to cloud hosting
- Increase home internet capacity



## INCREASE CENSUS

- Help elders to easily apply to the waitlist
- Provide information to communities about our services
- Streamline internal processes to quickly move elders in



## INCREASE TRAINING

- Stigma, mental health, and substance use training for all staff
- Add more Positive Approach to Care trainers, and dementia care specialists
- Explore new training funding and opportunities



# Q & A

Any questions?

This concludes information  
regarding Alaska Pioneer Homes

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### Division of Juvenile Justice Budget Overview (DJJ)

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# Division of Juvenile Justice

## **Mission:**

- Hold juvenile offenders accountable for their behavior.
- Promote the safety and restoration of victims and communities.
- Assist offenders and their families in developing skills to prevent crime.

## **Facilities / Offices / Staff:**

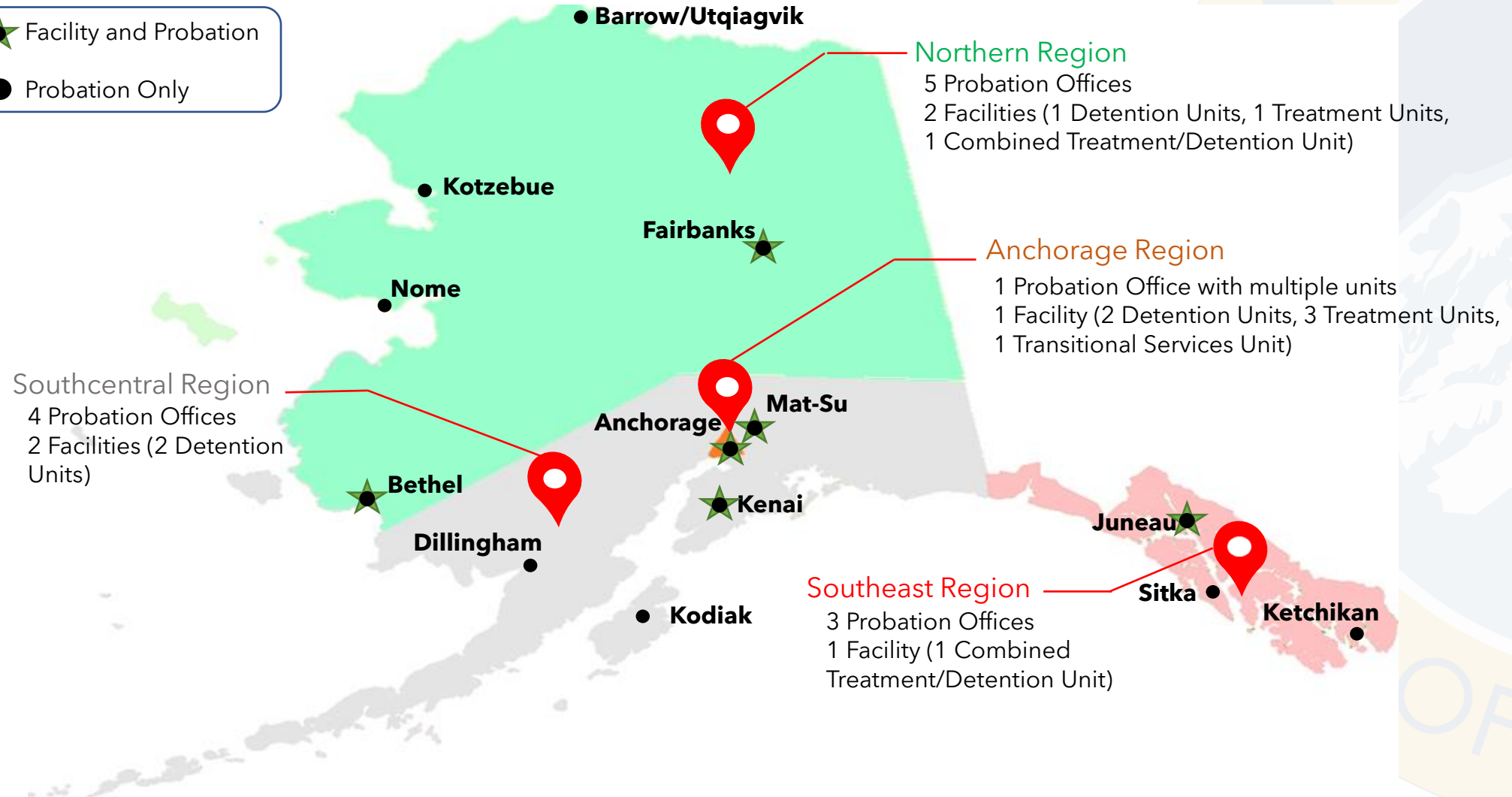
- 6 Youth Facilities
- 13 Probation Offices
- 421 Full Time Positions

**FY2025 Budget:** \$66,990.3 **FY2026 Budget:** \$67,951.9 \*dollars in thousands

# DJJ Locations

★ Facility and Probation

● Probation Only





# Probation Services

- First point of contact for minors involved with DJJ
- Conduct intake investigations
- Lead the division's participation in court processes
- Case management and community supervision

Youth  
under  
supervision

573



# Detention Services

- Temporary secure placement awaiting court processes or alternative placement
- Court-ordered to protect the youth, family, and the community
- Available in six facilities

Average  
length  
of stay

**43**  
days



# Treatment Services

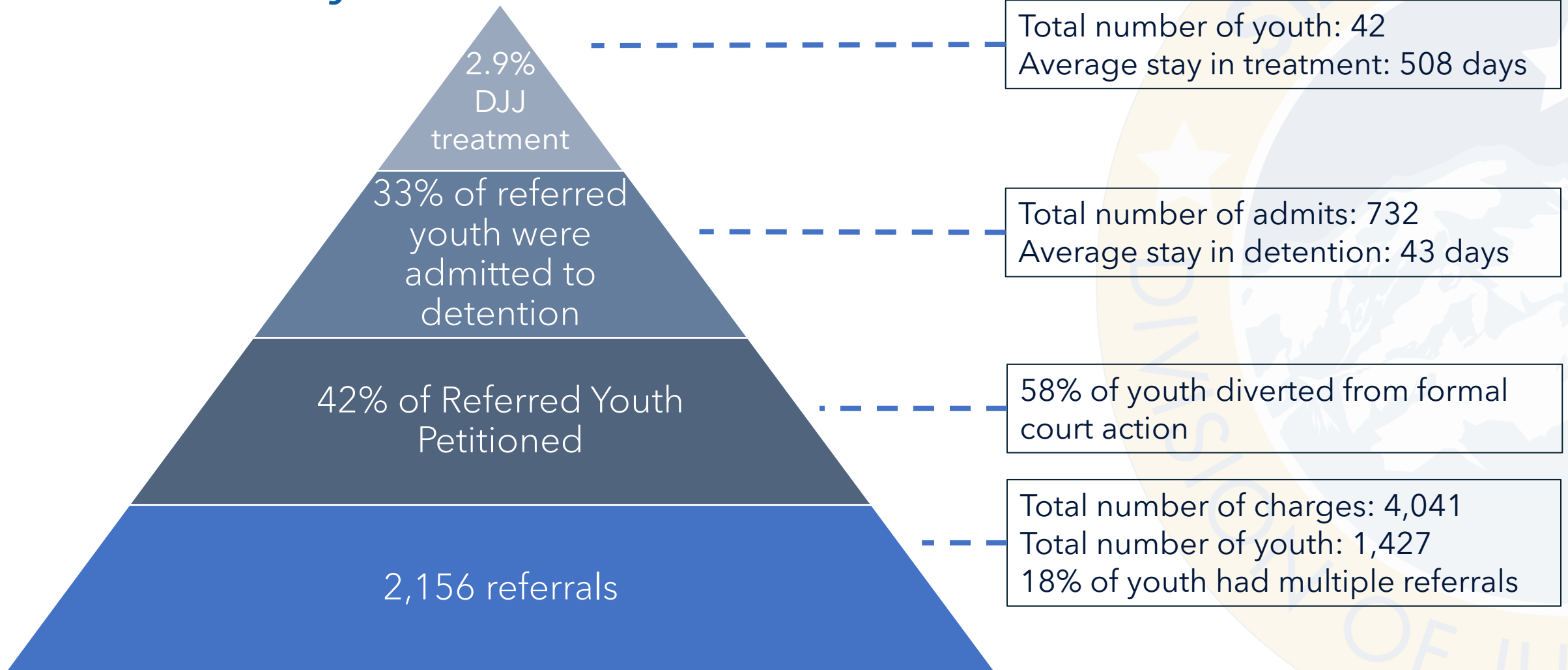
- Court ordered secure treatment
- Most serious and chronic offenders
- Treatment to address behavioral health needs with specialized units
- Available at four DJJ facilities

Average  
length  
of stay

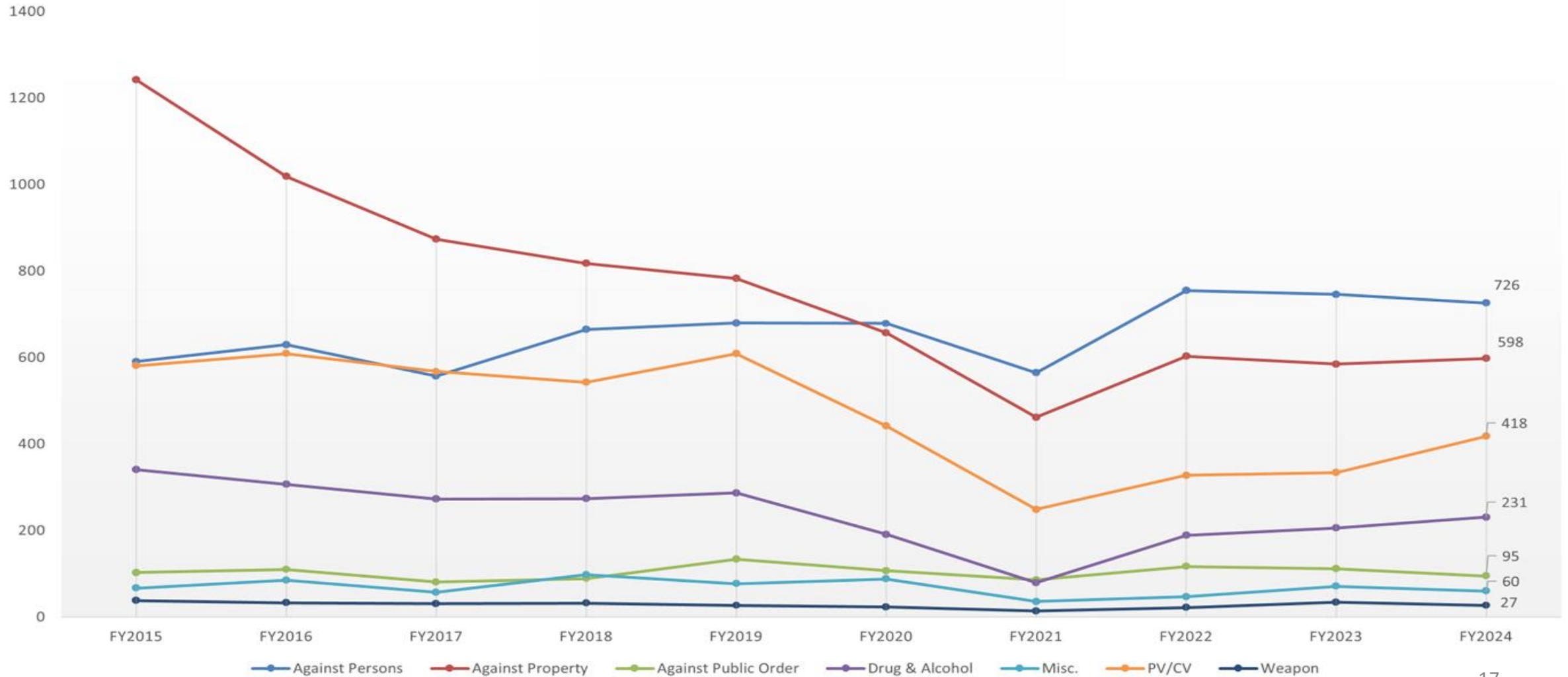
**508**  
days



# FY2024 By the Numbers

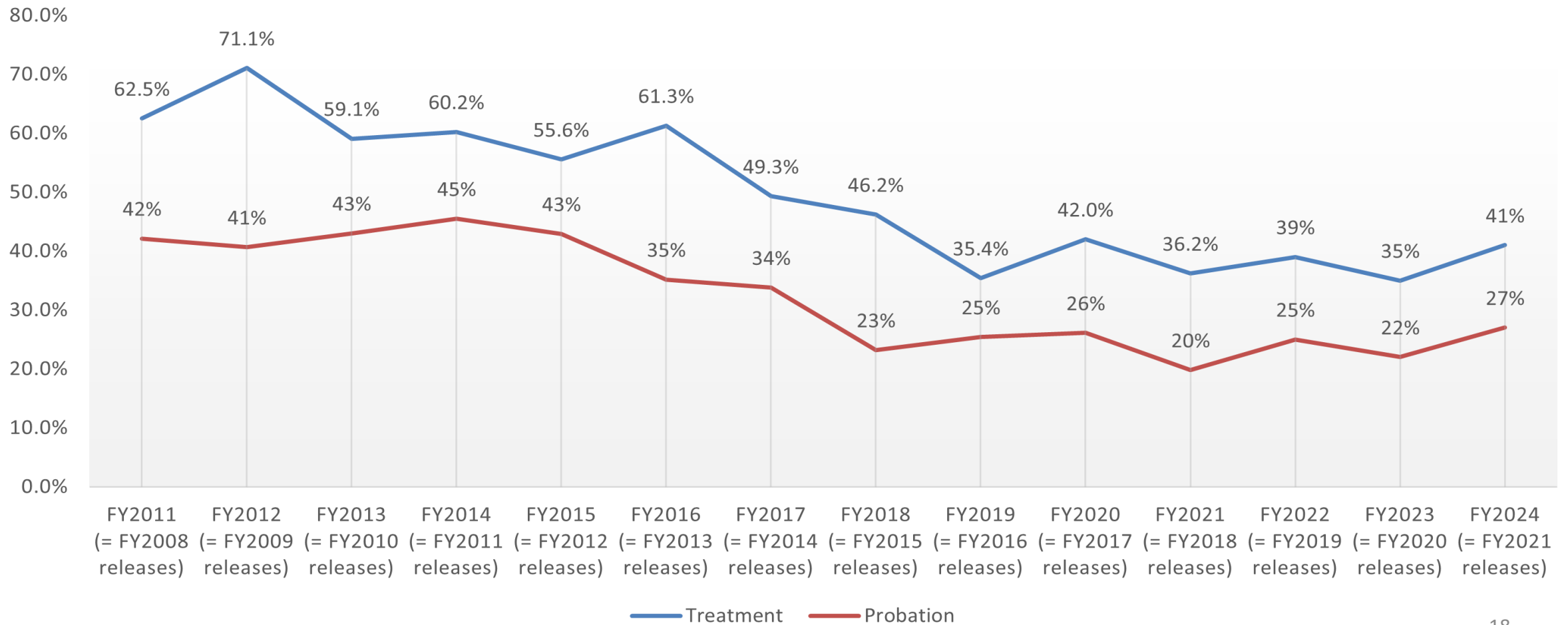


# Referral Trends, FY2015-FY2024

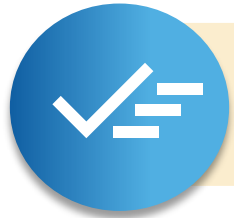


# Probation and Treatment Recidivism

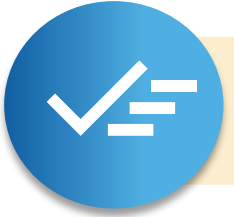
Recidivism Rates (Two Years After Release From Treatment or Formal Supervision)



## Looking Forward...



Specialized programming outcomes



Quality assurance enhancements



Continued staffing improvements



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