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# Alaska Prison Growth Drivers and Costs

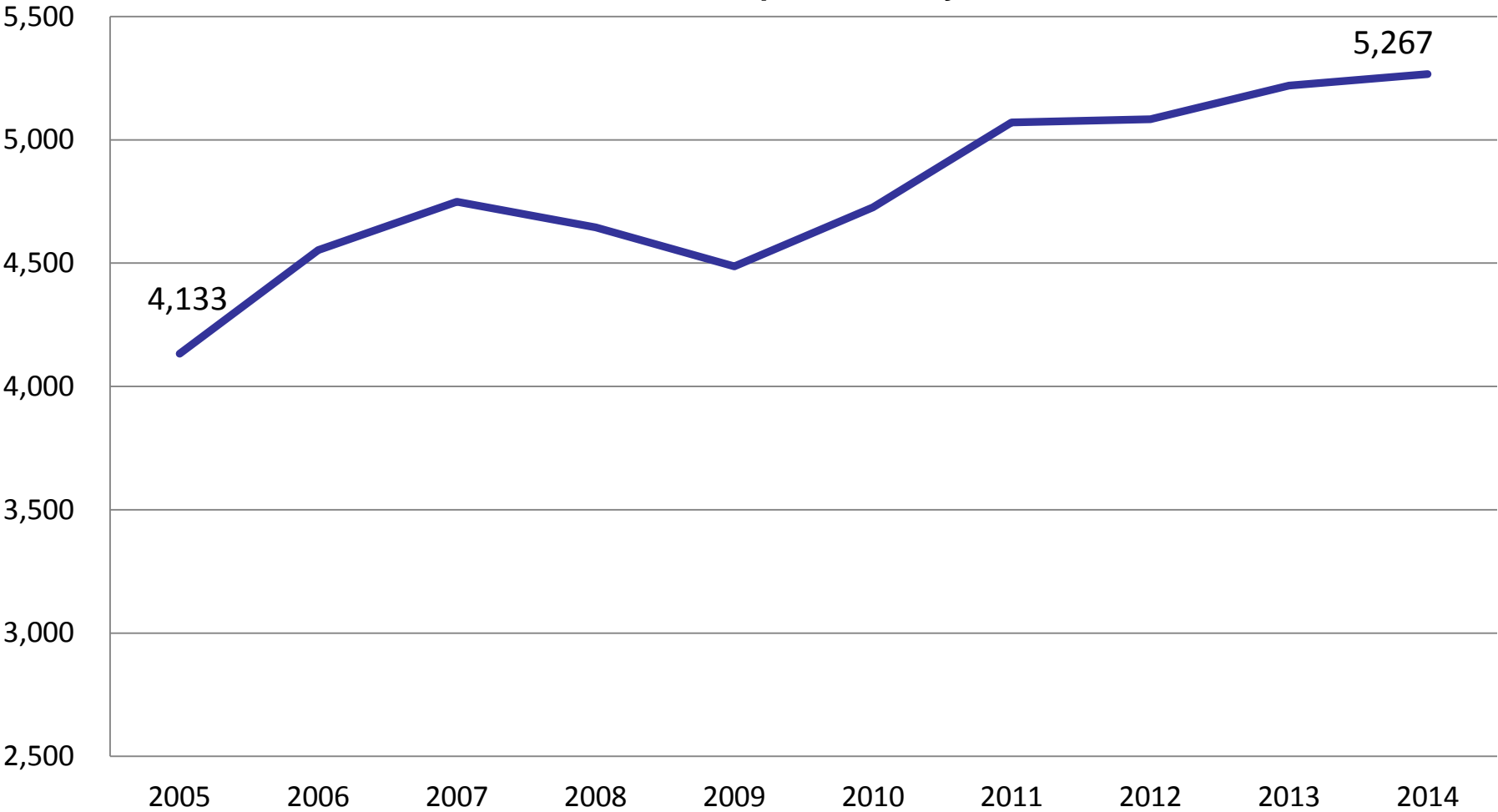
Joint House and Senate Judiciary Committees

Anchorage, Alaska

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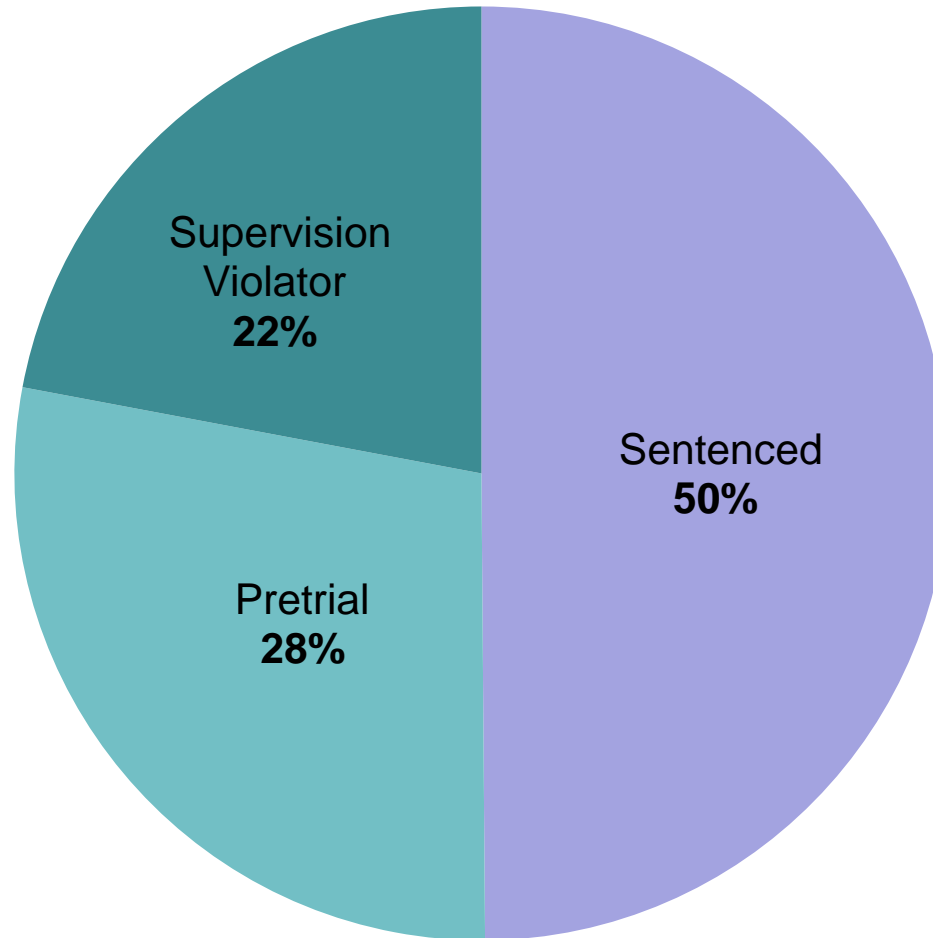
# Prison Population Up 27% in Last Decade

Alaska Prison Population, July 1, 2005-2014

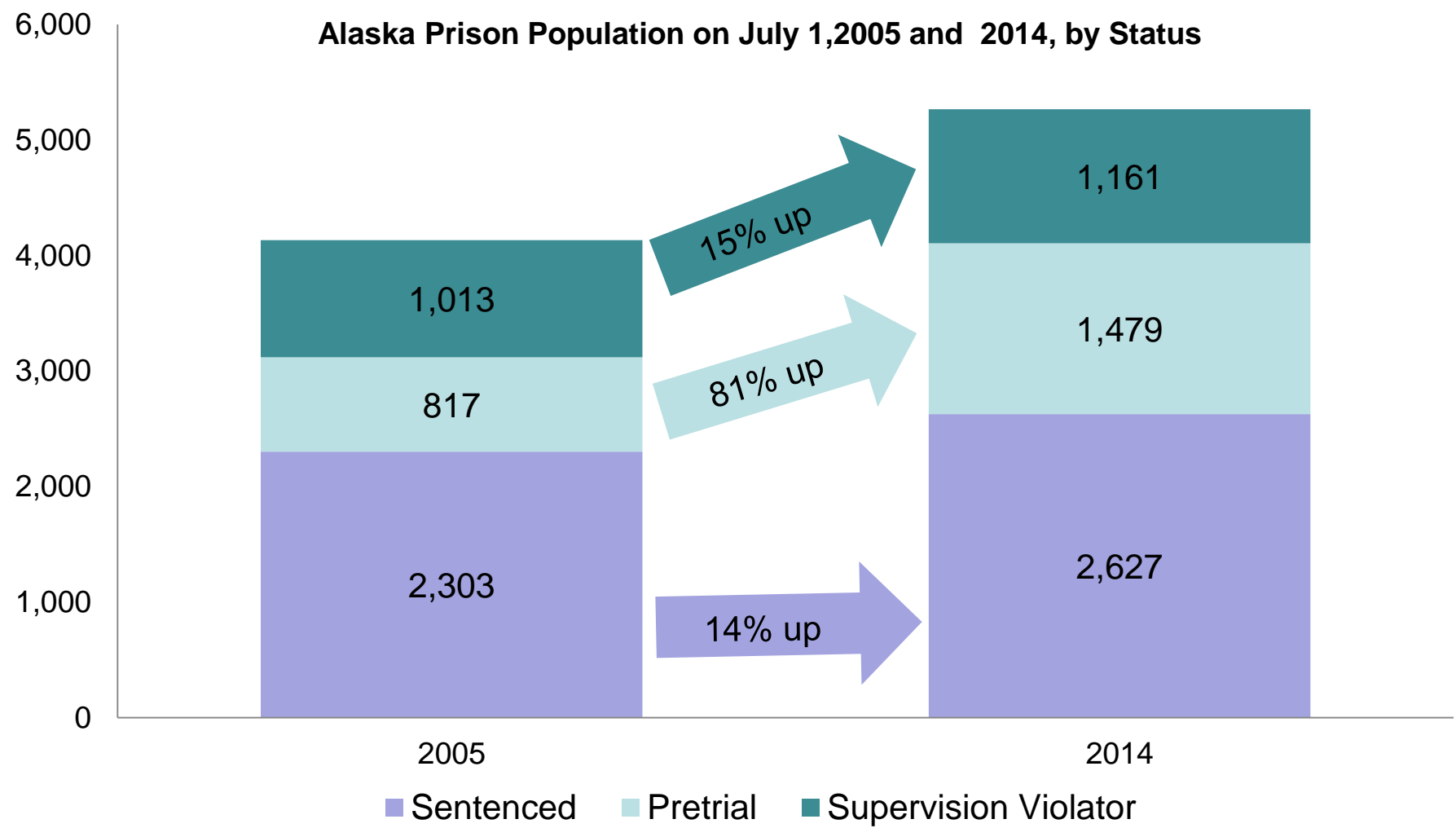


# Prison Population is Half Sentenced Offenders, Half Supervision Violators and Pretrial Defendants

Prison Population on July 1, 2014, by Status

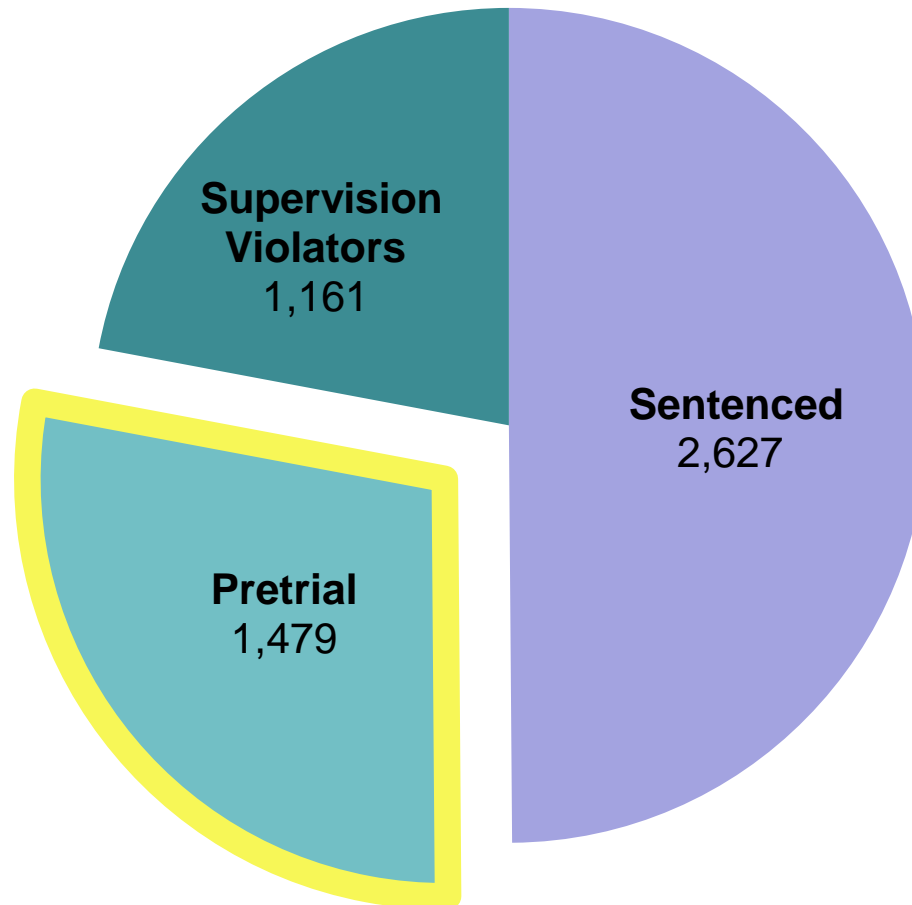


# Largest Growth Among Pretrial Inmates

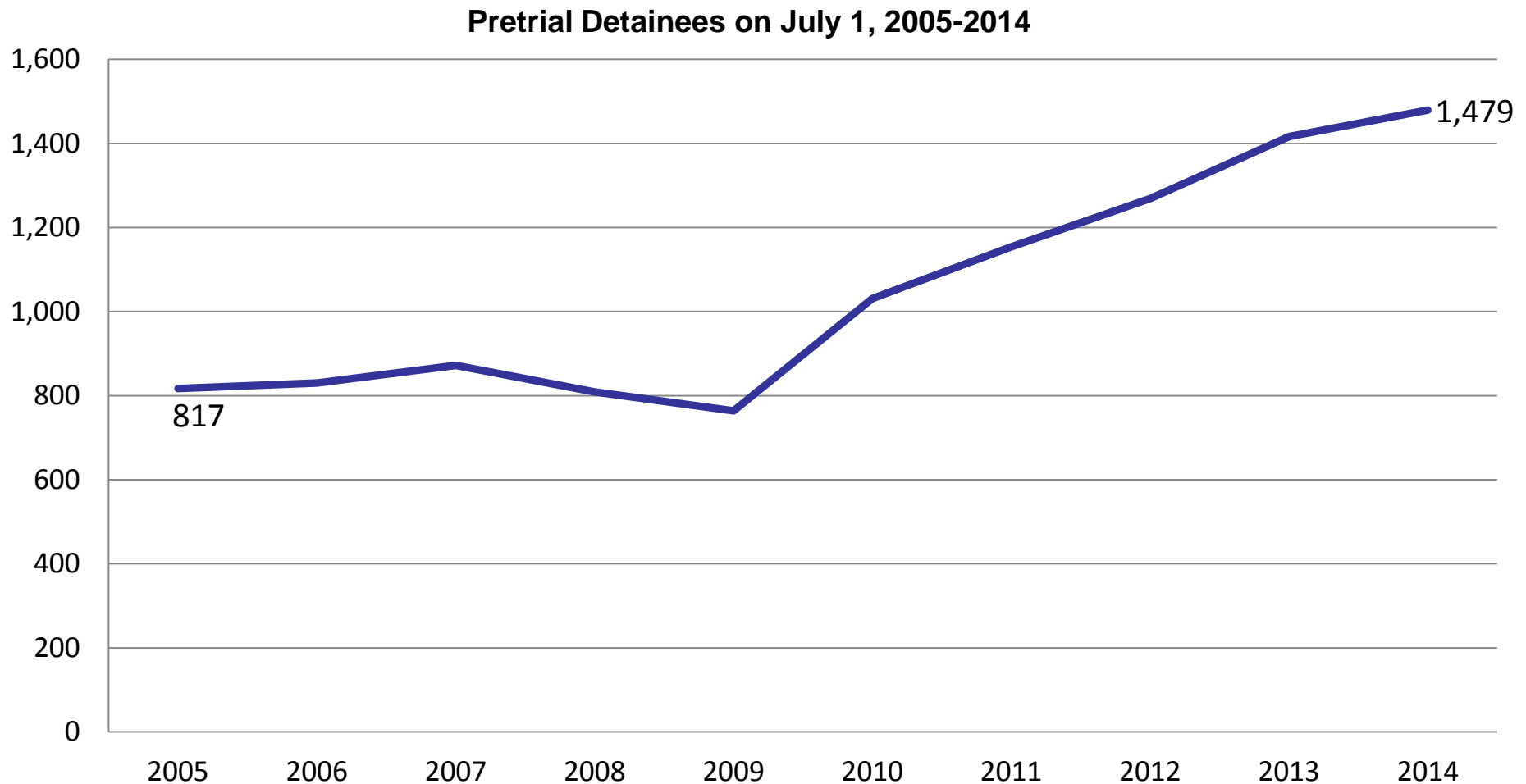


## Pretrial Defendants Make Up 28% of Alaska's Prison Population

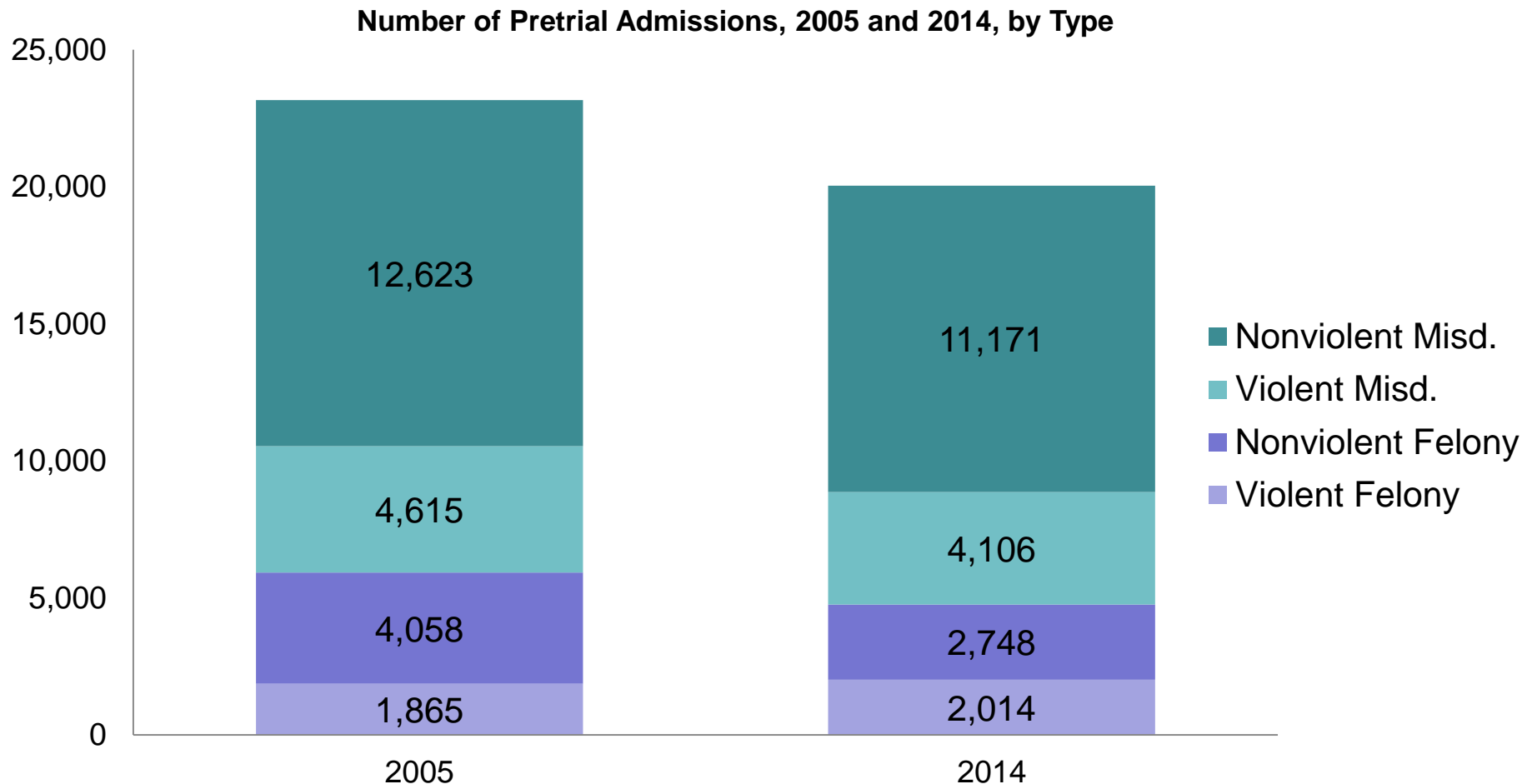
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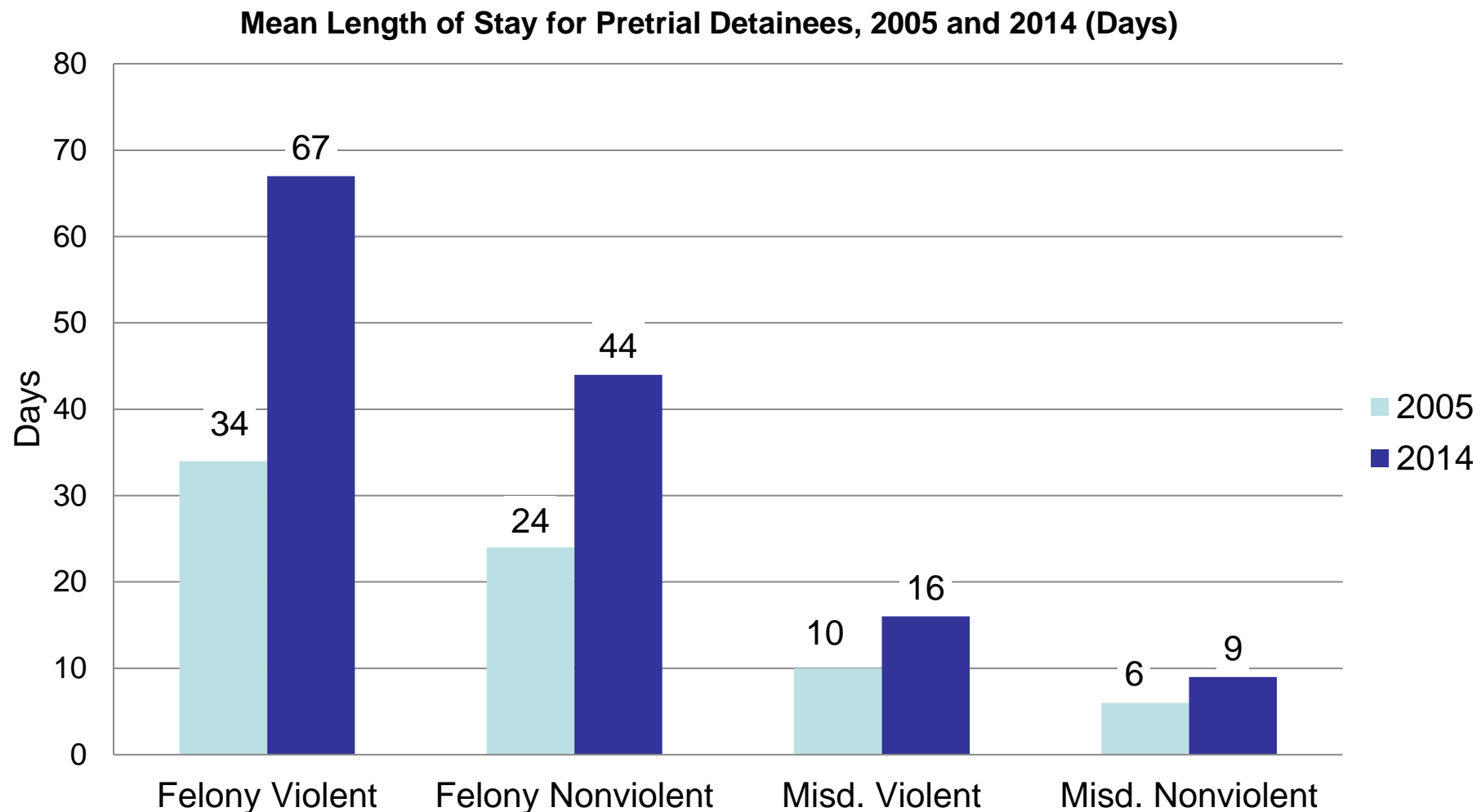
## Number of Pretrial Defendants Up 81% in Last Decade



## Pretrial Admissions Down 13%, But Still High Numbers of Nonviolent Misdemeanor Admissions



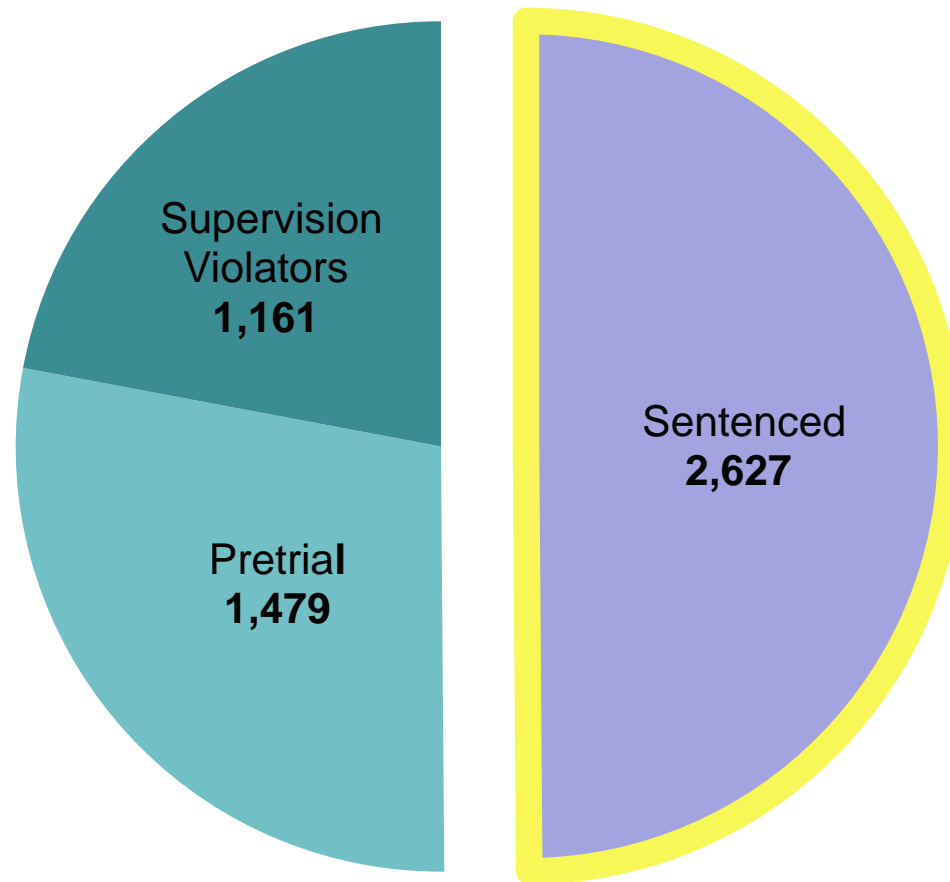
## Average Pretrial Length of Stay Up





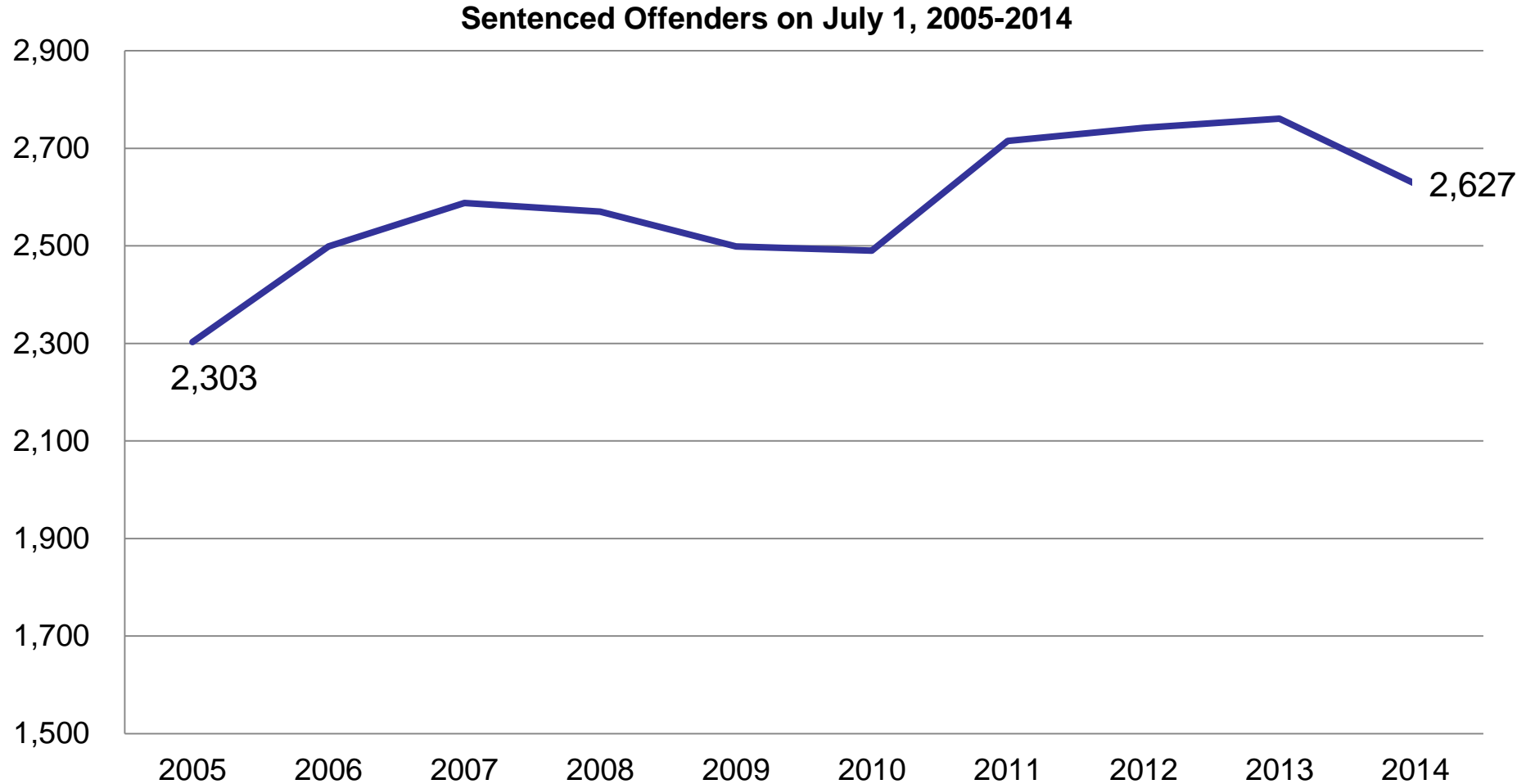
## Sentenced Offenders Make Up 50% of Alaska's Prison Population

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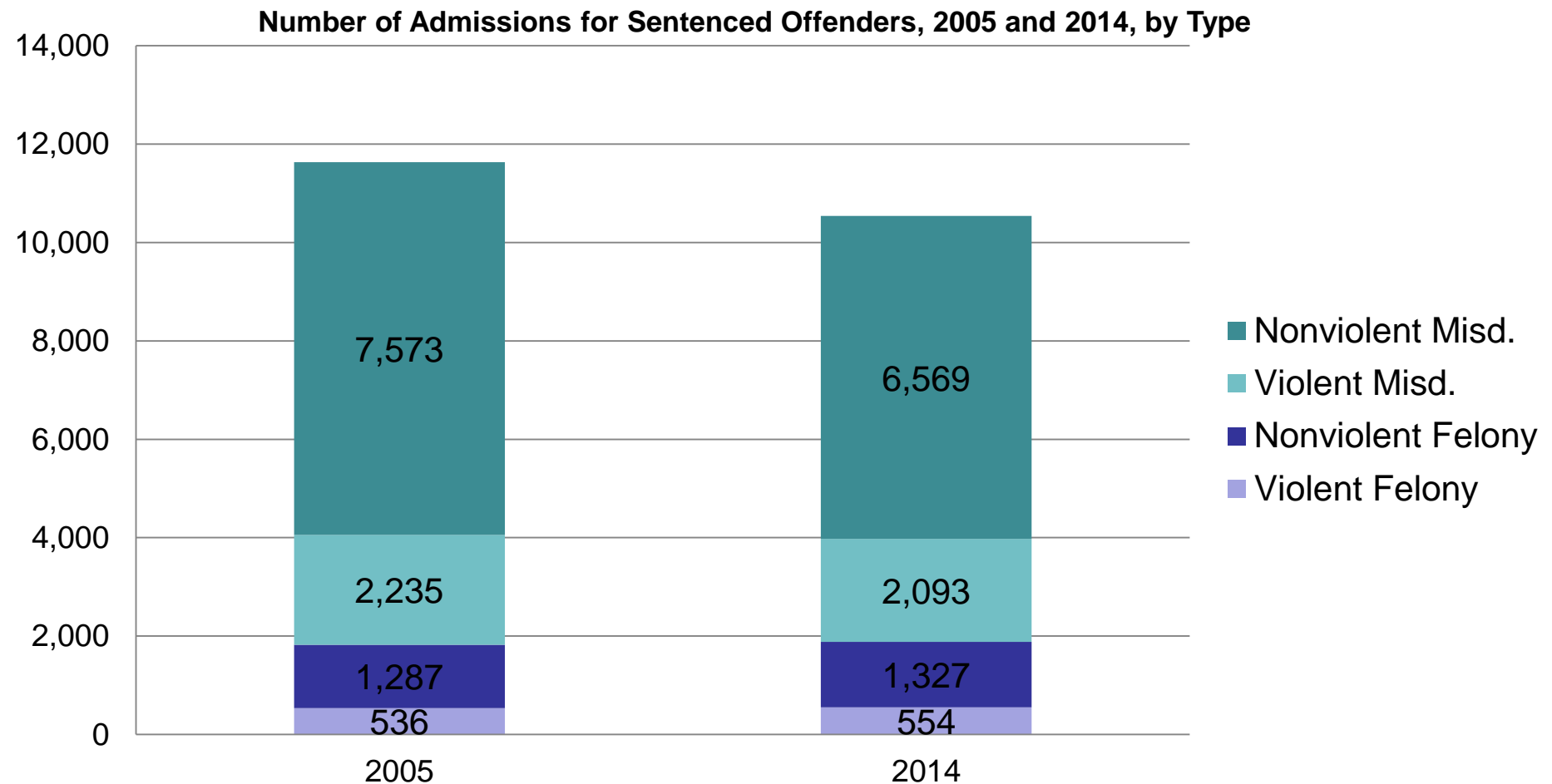


# Sentencing

## Number of Sentenced Inmates Up 14% in Last Decade

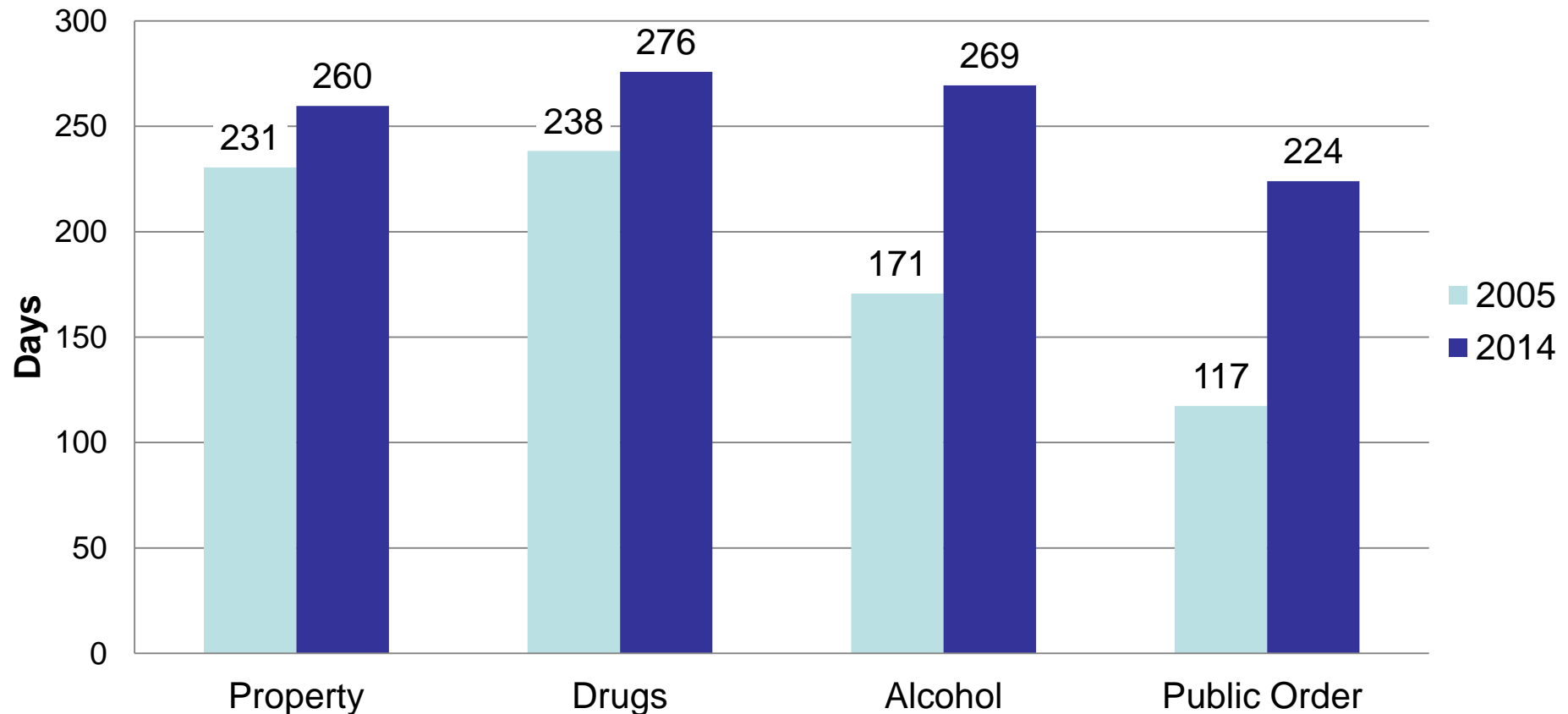


## Despite Declines, 82% of Prison Admissions Are Misdemeanants



## Felony Length of Stay Up Across Nonviolent Offense Categories

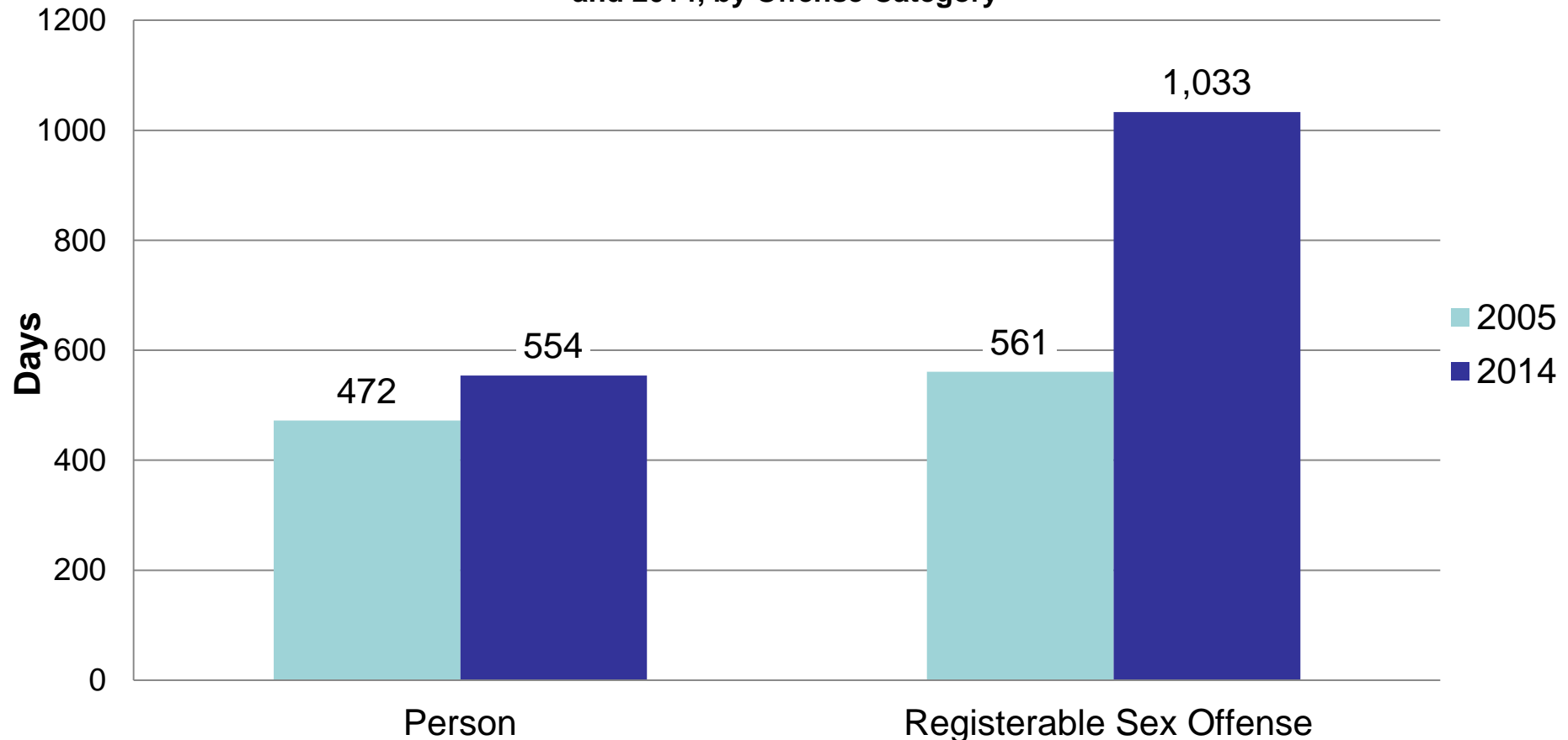
Mean Length of Stay for Sentenced Offenders Convicted of Nonviolent Felony Charges, 2005 and 2014, by Offense Category



# Sentencing

## Felony Length of Stay up 17% for Person Offenders; 86% for Sex Offenders

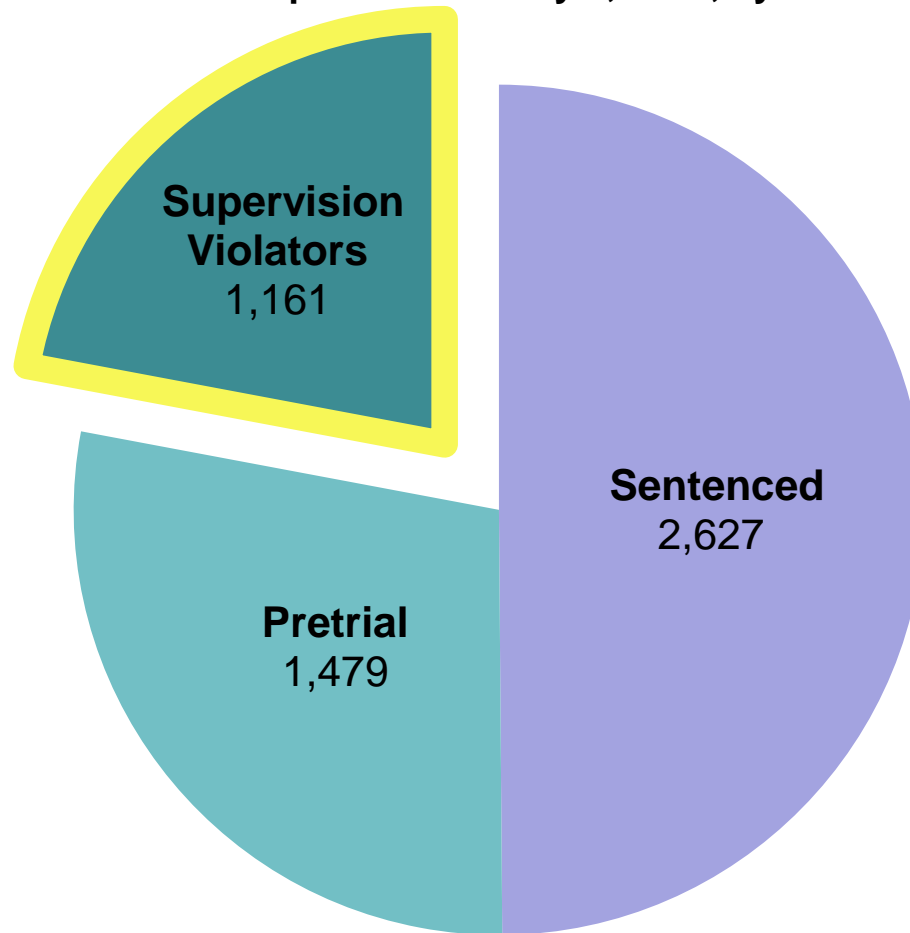
Mean Length of Stay for Sentenced Offenders Convicted of Violent Felony Charges, 2005 and 2014, by Offense Category



# Supervision Violators

## Supervision Violators Make Up 22% of Alaska's Prison Population

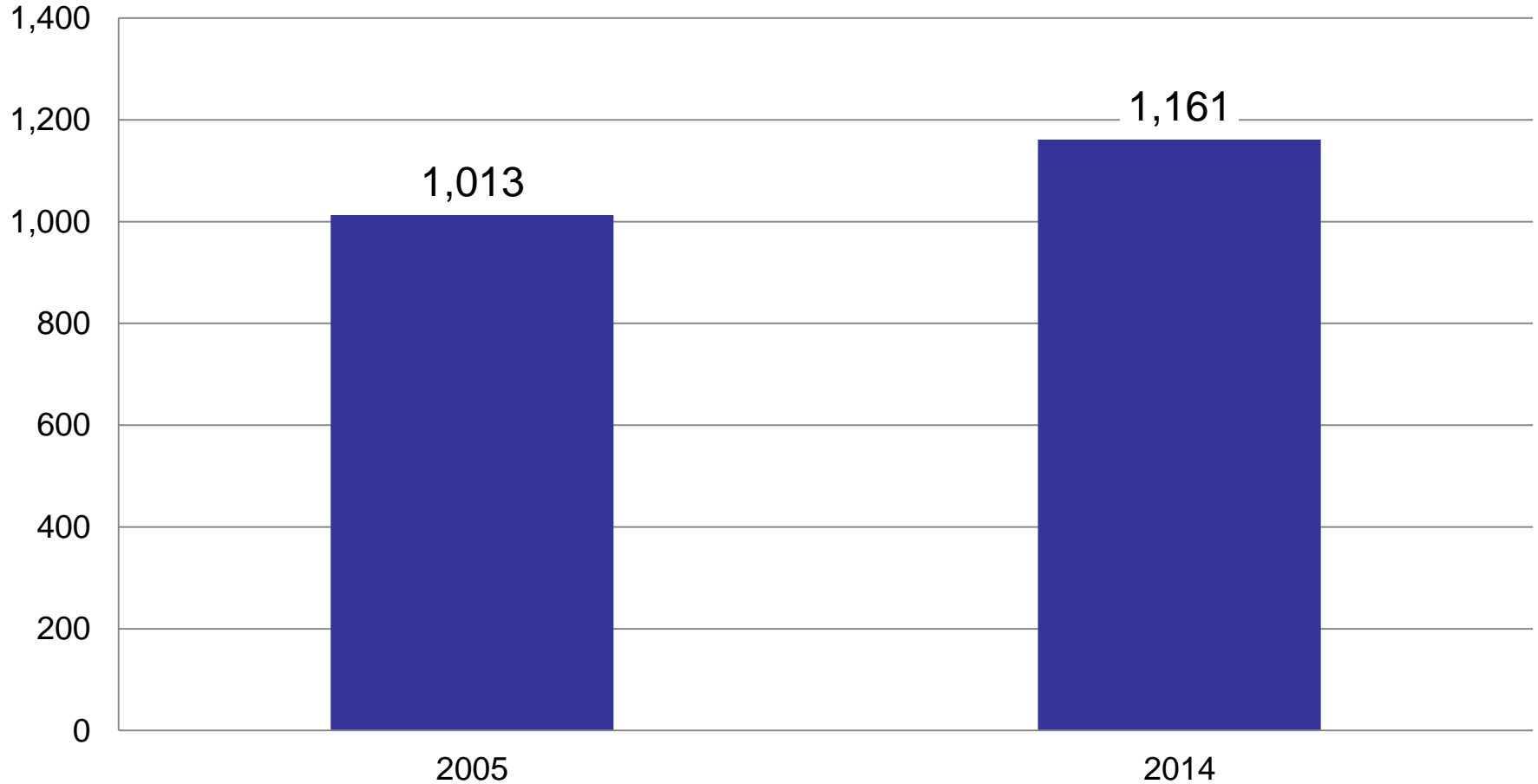
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## Number of Supervision Violators Up 15% in Last Decade

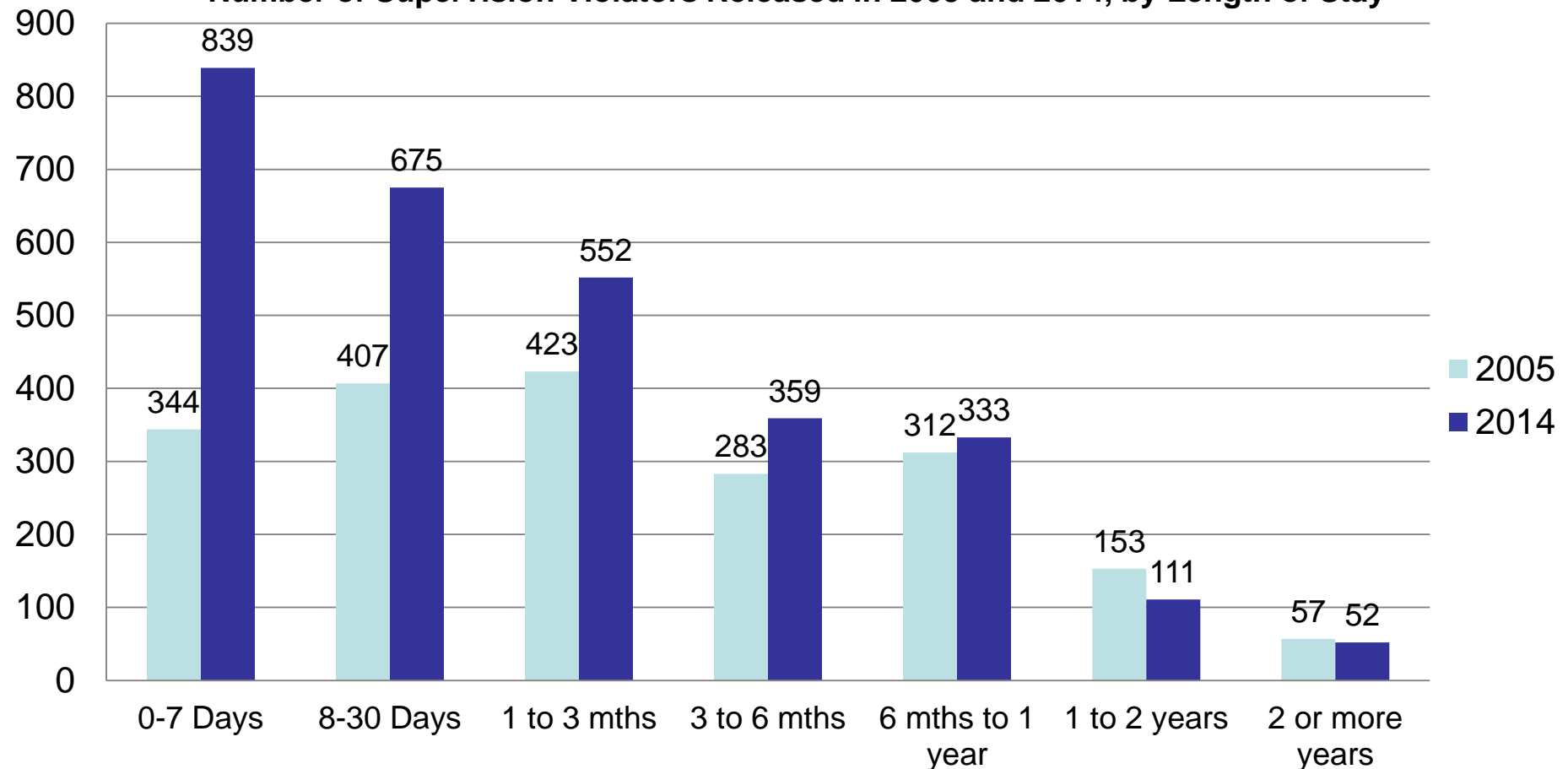
Number of Supervision Violators, July 1, 2005 and 2014



# Supervision Violators

## Nearly Half Of Revocations Staying More Than One Month; 29% More Than Three Months

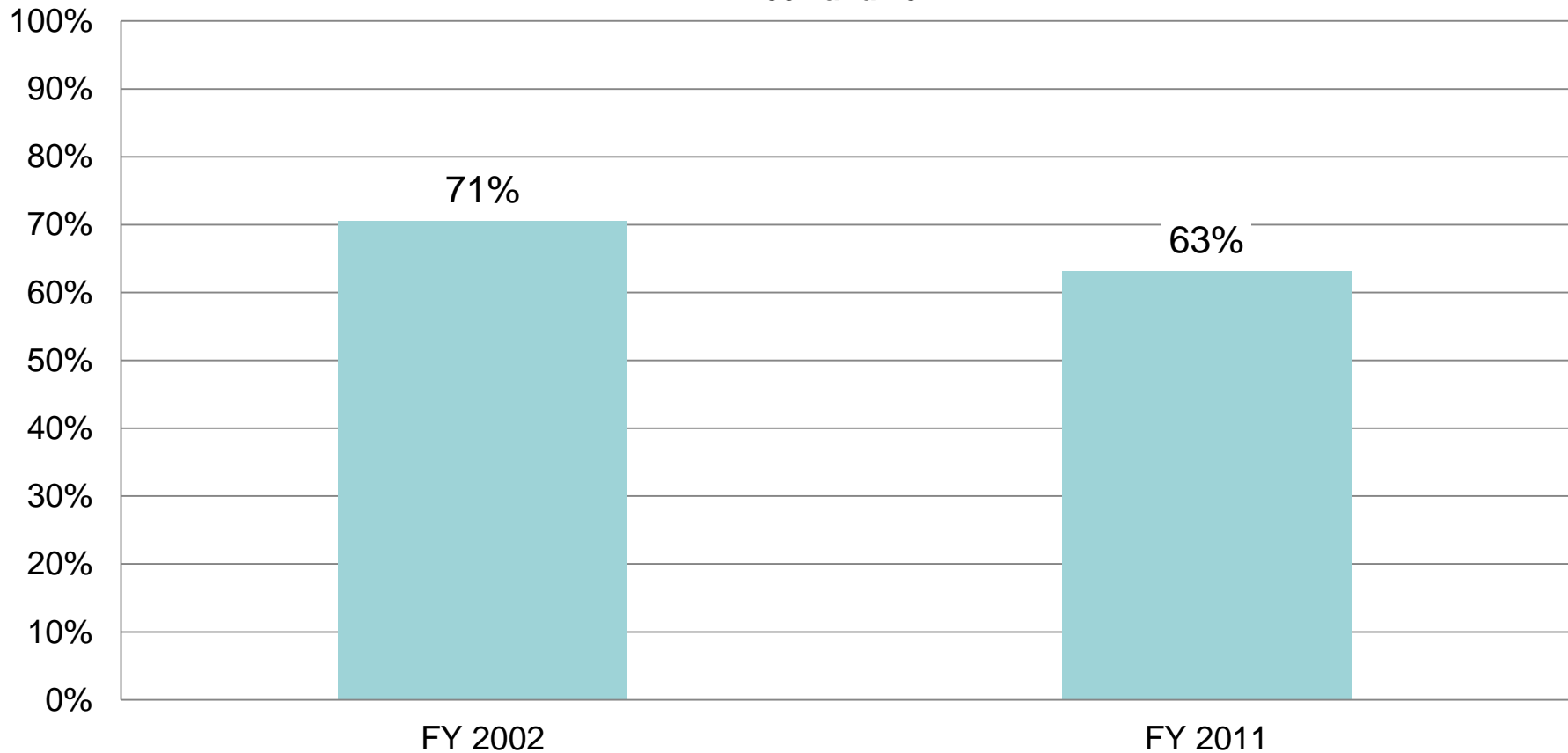
Number of Supervision Violators Released in 2005 and 2014, by Length of Stay





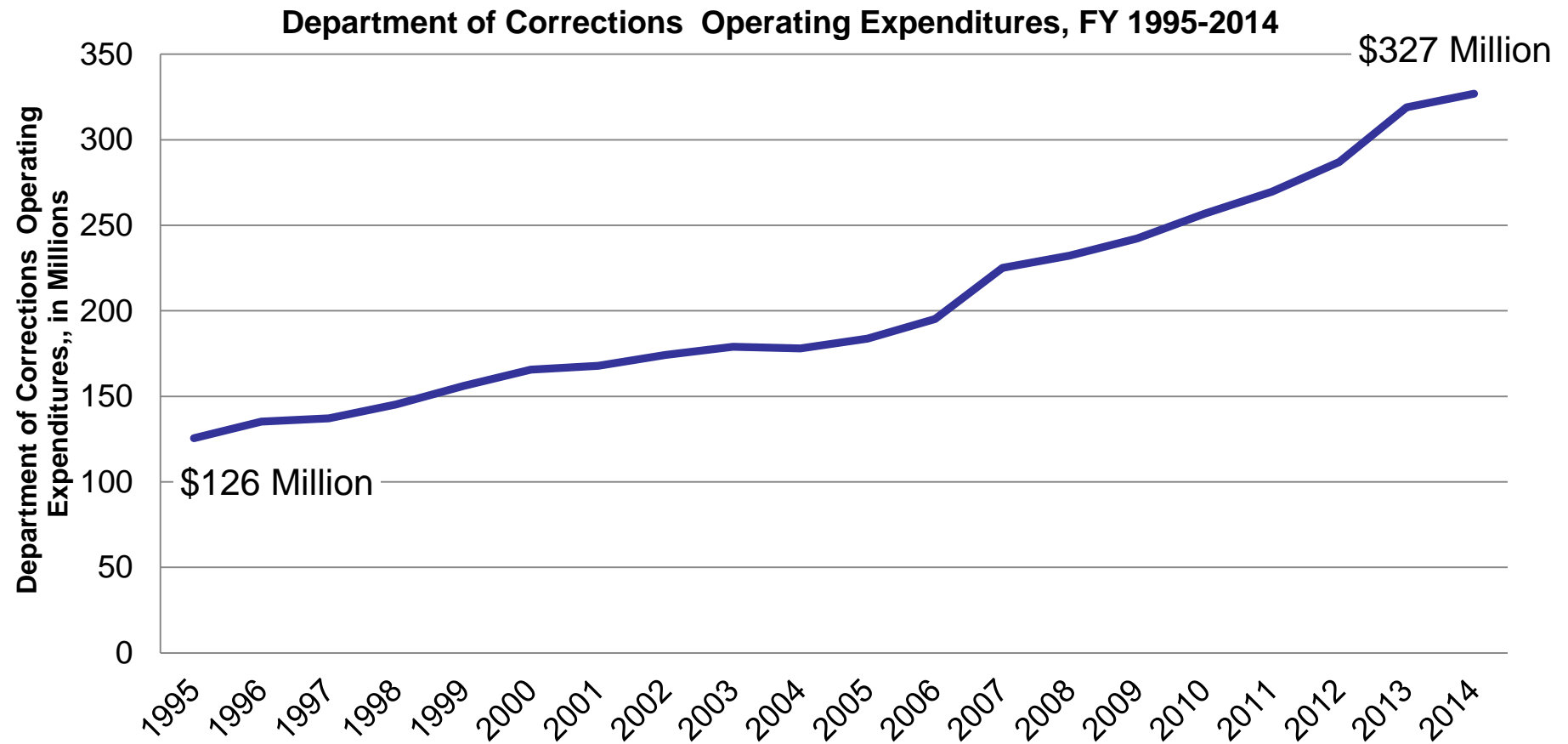
## Almost Two-Thirds of Offenders Released Return to Prison Within Three Years

Percentage of Offenders Released Who Return to Prison Within 3 Years,  
FY 2002 and 2011



## Projected Growth and Costs

# Spending on Corrections Up 60% Over Past 2 Decades

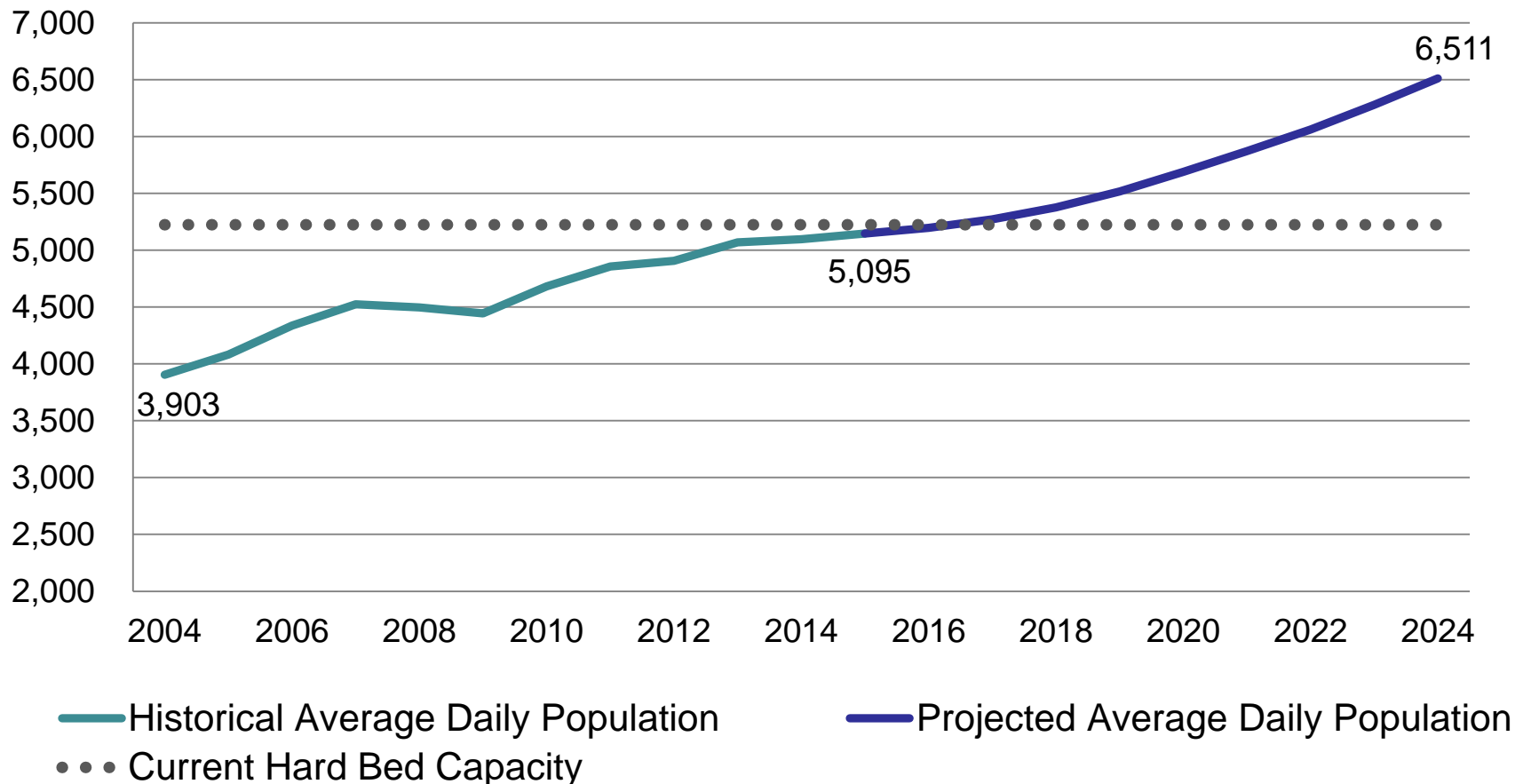


\*Figures do not include capital expenditures; 60% based on inflation-adjusted numbers

## Projected Growth and Costs

# Absent Further Reform, Prison Population Projected to Grow 27%, Costing At Least \$169 Million

Historical and Projected Prison Growth, 2004-2024



# Next Steps

- Alaska Criminal Justice Commission policy development meetings
  - Sept. 9-10
  - Oct. 14-15
  - Nov. 18-19
- Report and recommendations from the Commission
  - Dec. 10

# Questions?

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