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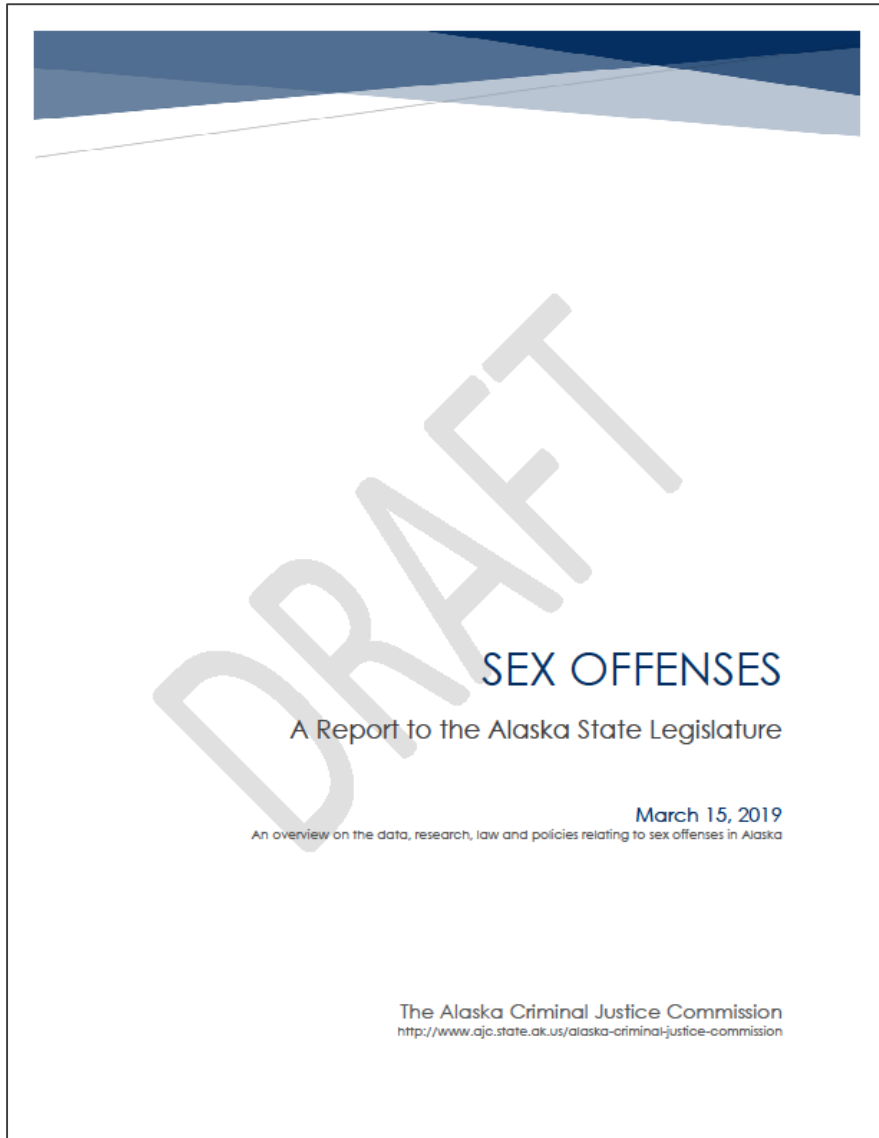
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- Information about sex offense cases
- Trends for supervision violators
- Crime trends
- Trends in pretrial outcomes



SEX OFFENSES

VICTIMIZATION, REPORTING TO LAW ENFORCEMENT, PROSECUTION, CONVICTION & BEYOND



Forthcoming Alaska Criminal Justice Commission Report to the Legislature

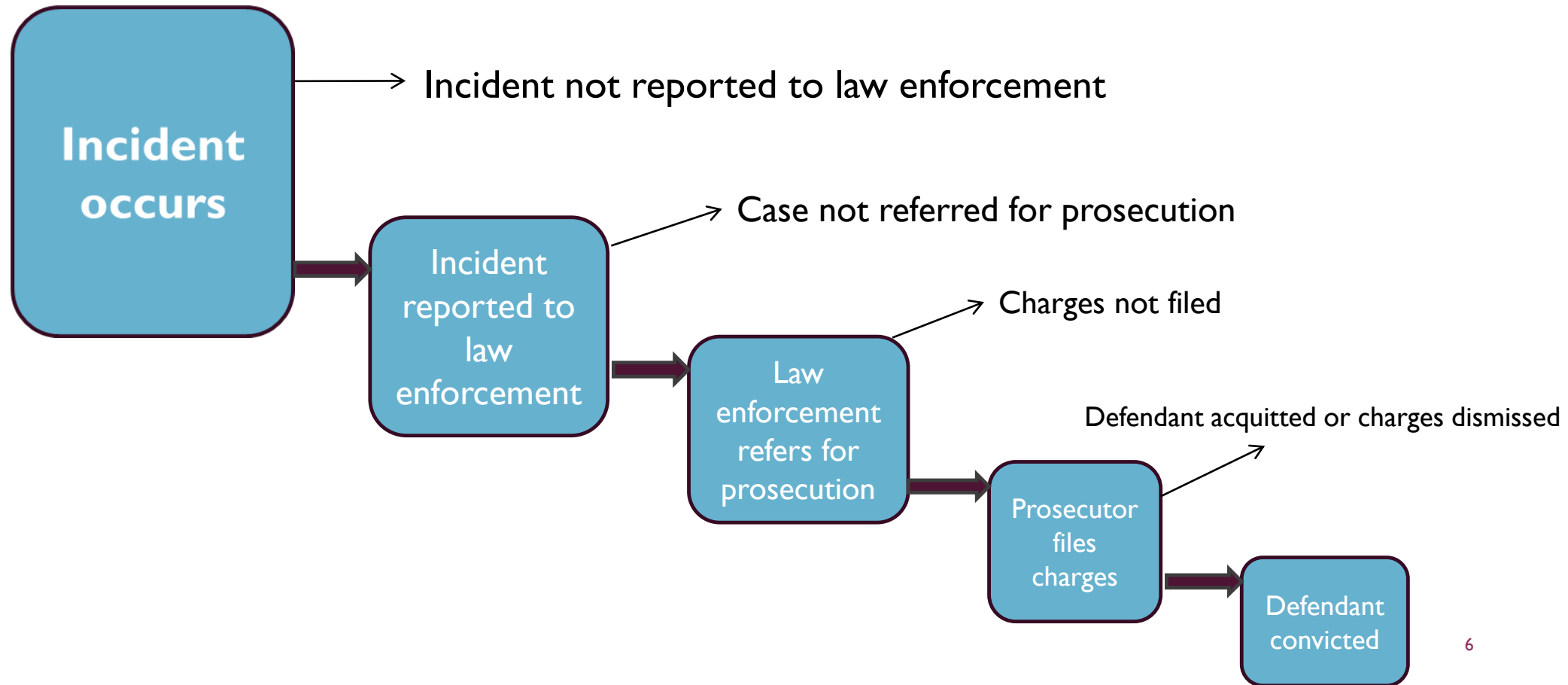
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SEX OFFENSES REPORT – DATA LIMITATIONS

- Exact figures on victimization are impossible, but victimization surveys indicate that sexual violence is pervasive in Alaska
- No one study has followed all sex offenses in Alaska from report through to disposition
- Existing data indicate that many people who commit sex offenses are not reported, arrested, or prosecuted
 - Many reasons for this, including societal pressure not to report and standard of proof required for criminal cases

SEX OFFENSES – CASE PROCESSING

Criminal case processing—and reasons why a suspect may not be charged or convicted



ESTIMATES OF INCIDENTS OF “SEXUAL VIOLENCE”

2015 Alaska Victimization Survey

- 2.9% of the women surveyed said they had experienced sexual violence* within the previous year;
- Using Department of Labor population estimates, 2.9% of adult women in Alaska equates to about 7,136 individuals in 2015;
- Reported experiences may not be crimes;
- Some populations excluded from survey.

REPORTS TO LAW ENFORCEMENT

Victim responses to sexual violence are varied:

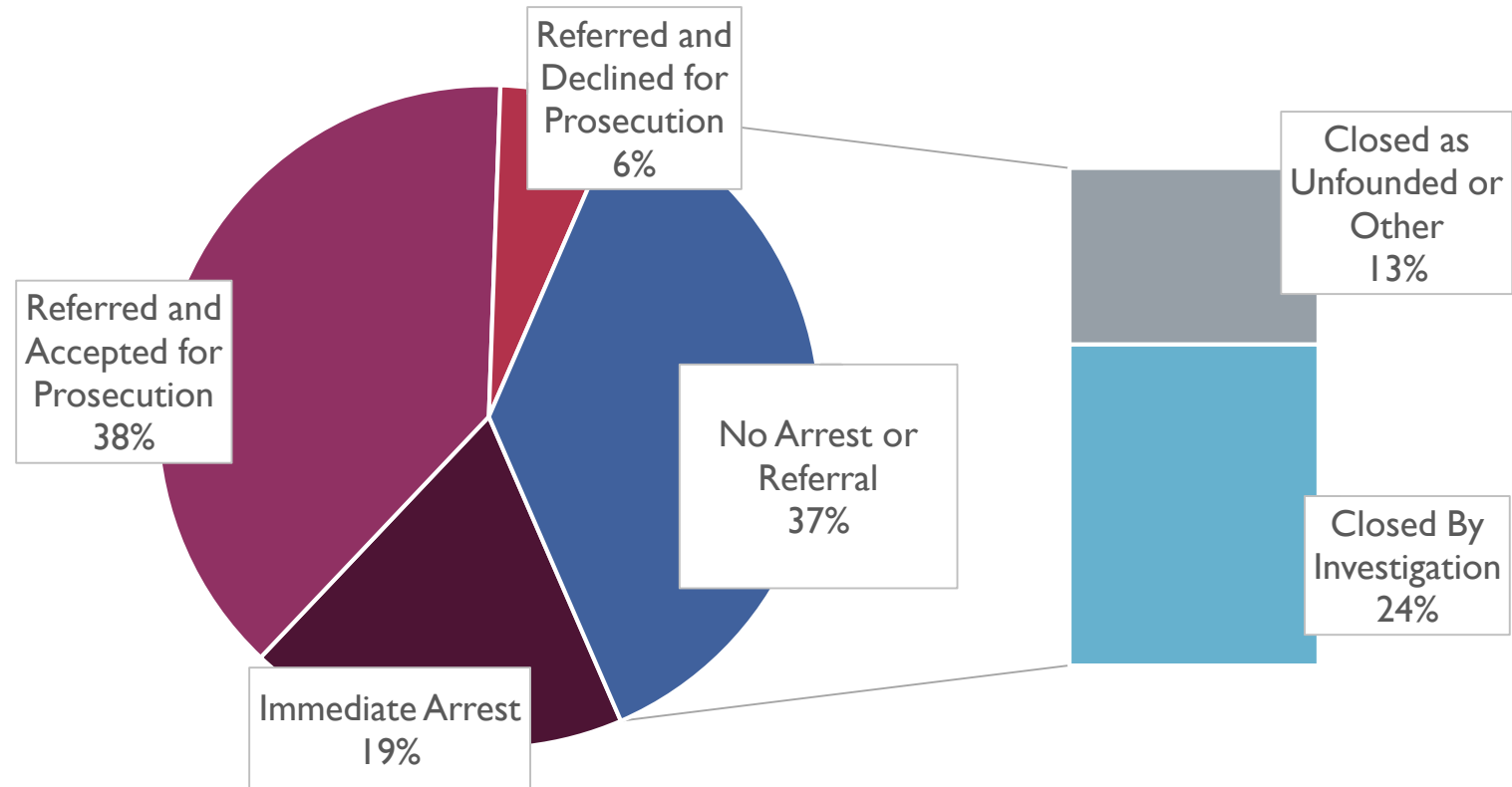
- Some victims disclose to someone else;
- Some victims do not disclose to anyone;
- The closer the relationship between the victim and the attacker, the less likely the victim will report to police*;
- In 2017, 1,475 felony sex offenses were reported to Alaska law enforcement.

*Rennison, C., *Rape and Sexual Assault: Reporting to Police and Medical Attention, 1992-2000*, Bureau of Justice Statistics, Office of Justice Programs, U.S. Department of Justice, August 2002, p 3.

DISPOSITION OF REPORTS TO TROOPERS

Disposition of Reports to the Alaska State Troopers,
2008-2011

- Reports to troopers: troopers may arrest immediately, but may also refer the case to a prosecutor



Source: Myrstol, B.A. & Parker, K. L., *Alaska Domestic Violence and Sexual Assault Case Processing Project*. University of Alaska Anchorage, Alaska Justice Statistical Analysis Center, 2015.

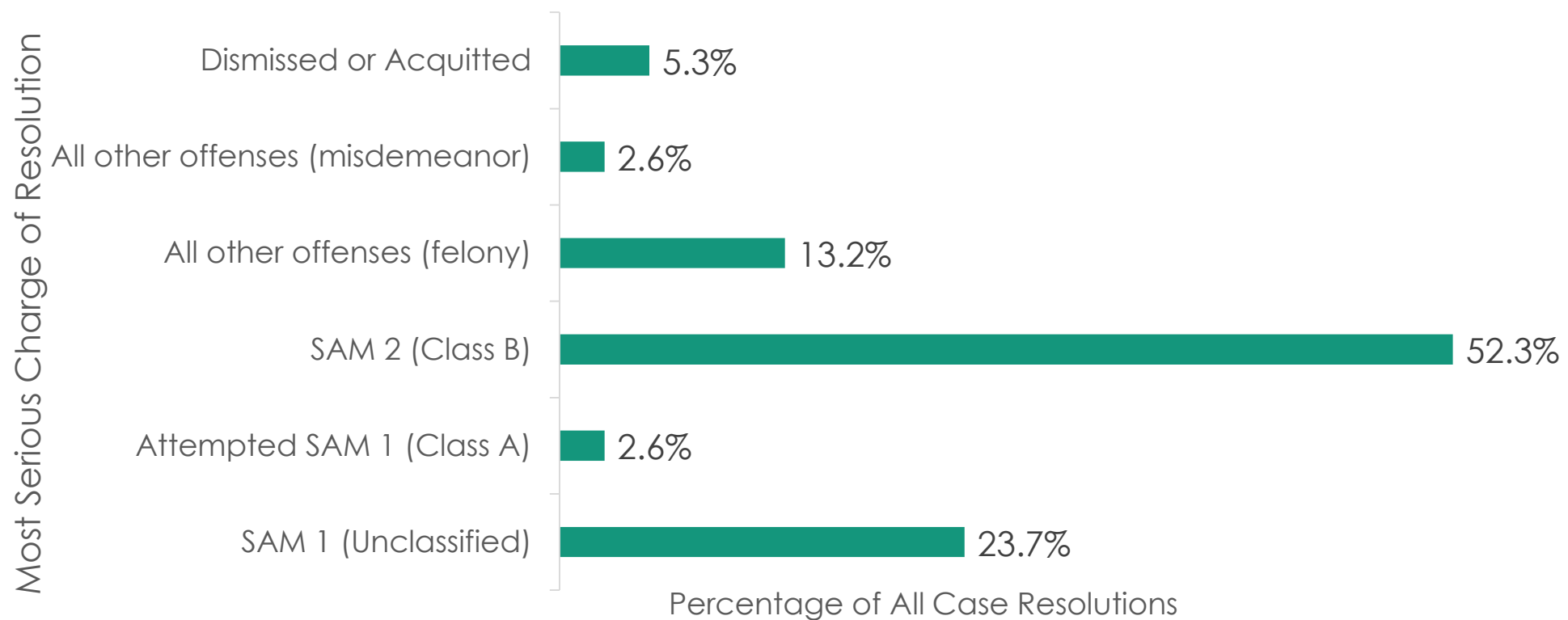
OUTCOMES OF ARRESTS BY ALL LAW ENFORCEMENT AGENCIES COMBINED

- Sex offense arrests by all law enforcement agencies in Alaska, 2008-2011
 - 1,460 arrests
 - 97.1% of these arrests led to prosecution.

Source: Myrstol, B.A., Rivera, M. & Parker, K. L. *Alaska Sex Offender Recidivism and Case Processing Study*, University of Alaska Anchorage, Alaska Justice Statistical Analysis Center, 2016

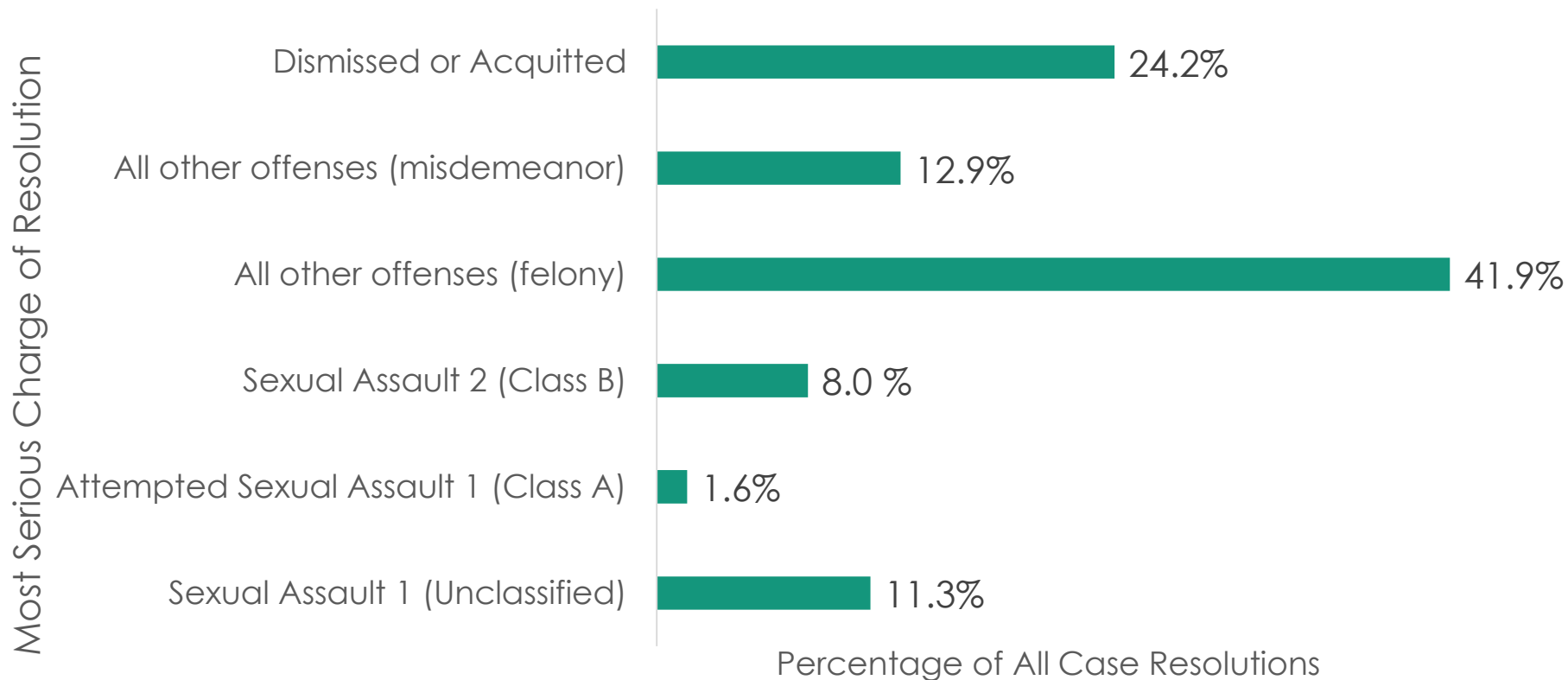
PROSECUTION: CHARGING TO DISPOSITION

Court Cases Disposed in 2017: Most Serious Initial Charge was 1st Degree Sexual Abuse of a Minor



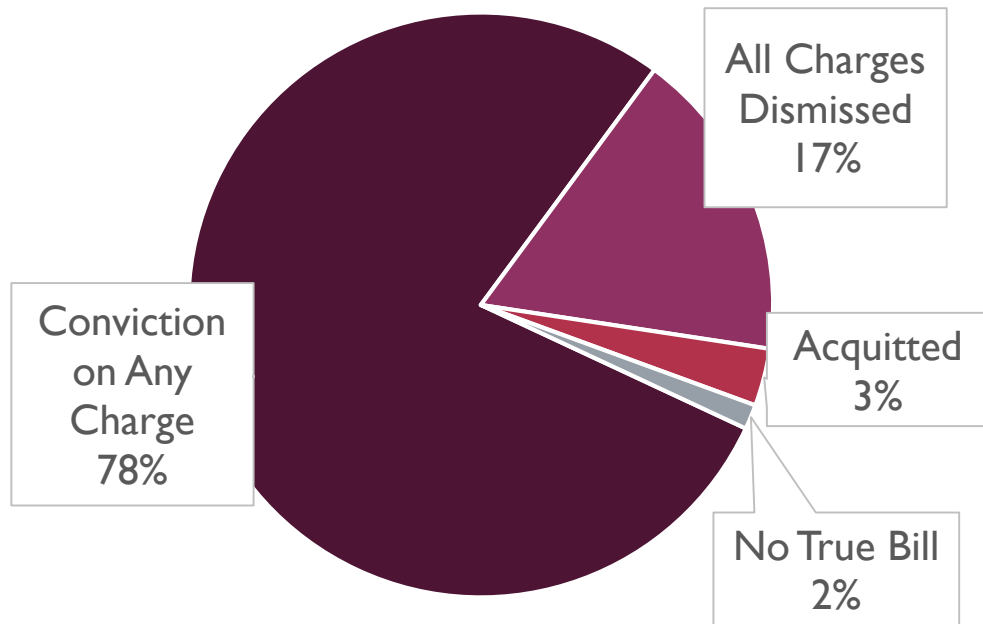
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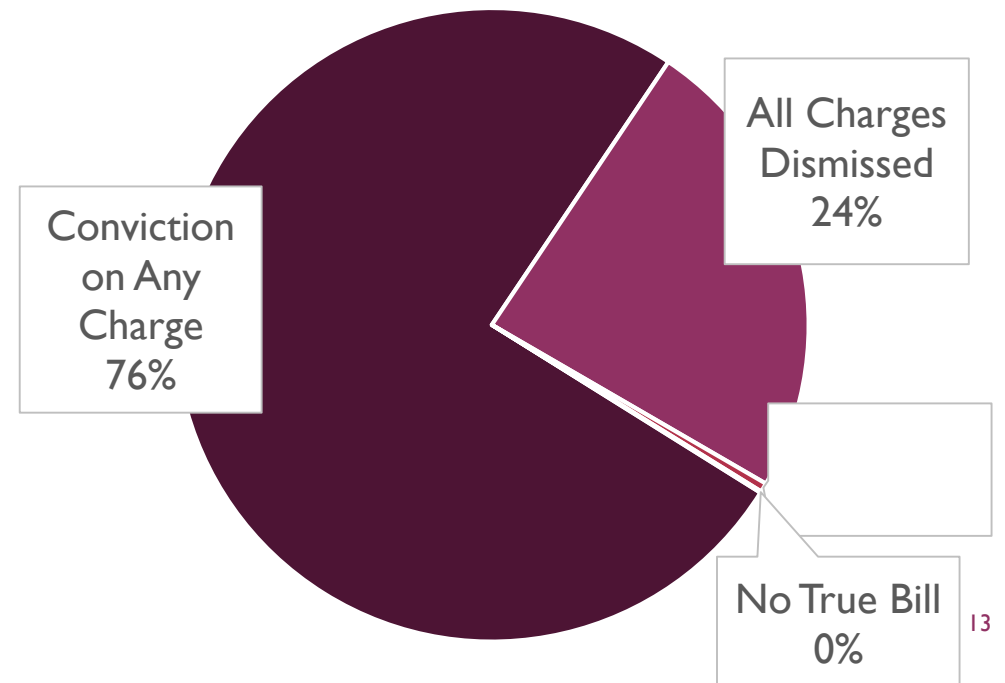


CASE RESOLUTIONS FOR FELONY SEX OFFENSES COMPARED TO FELONY ASSAULTS

Felony Sex Offense Case Resolutions, 2017
N=220



Felony Assault Case Resolutions, 2017
N= 1747



AFTER CONVICTION

- Virtually all defendants convicted of a sex offense receive a sentence of incarceration;
- Once released from prison, sex offenders are monitored closely by probation officers (containment model) for extended periods of time;
- Sex offenders are less likely than other felony offenders to be convicted of a new crime after being released from prison;
- Sex offenders are infrequently convicted of new sex offenses after being released from prison.

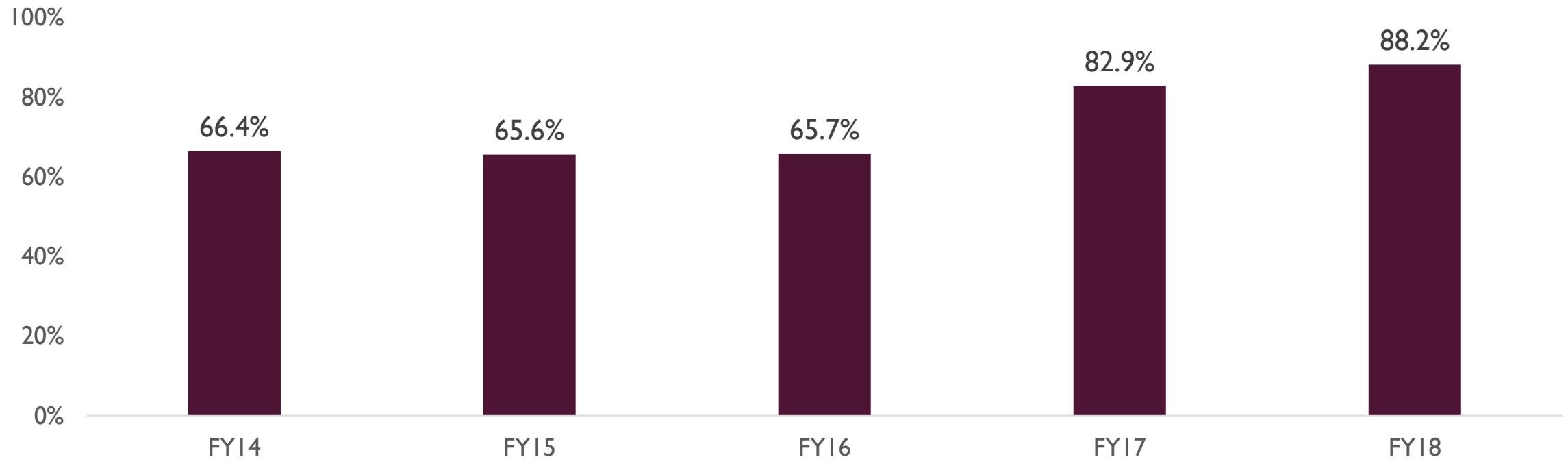


TRENDS IN CRIMINAL JUSTICE

PROBATION & PAROLE

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Successful Probation and Parole Discharges, FY14-FY18



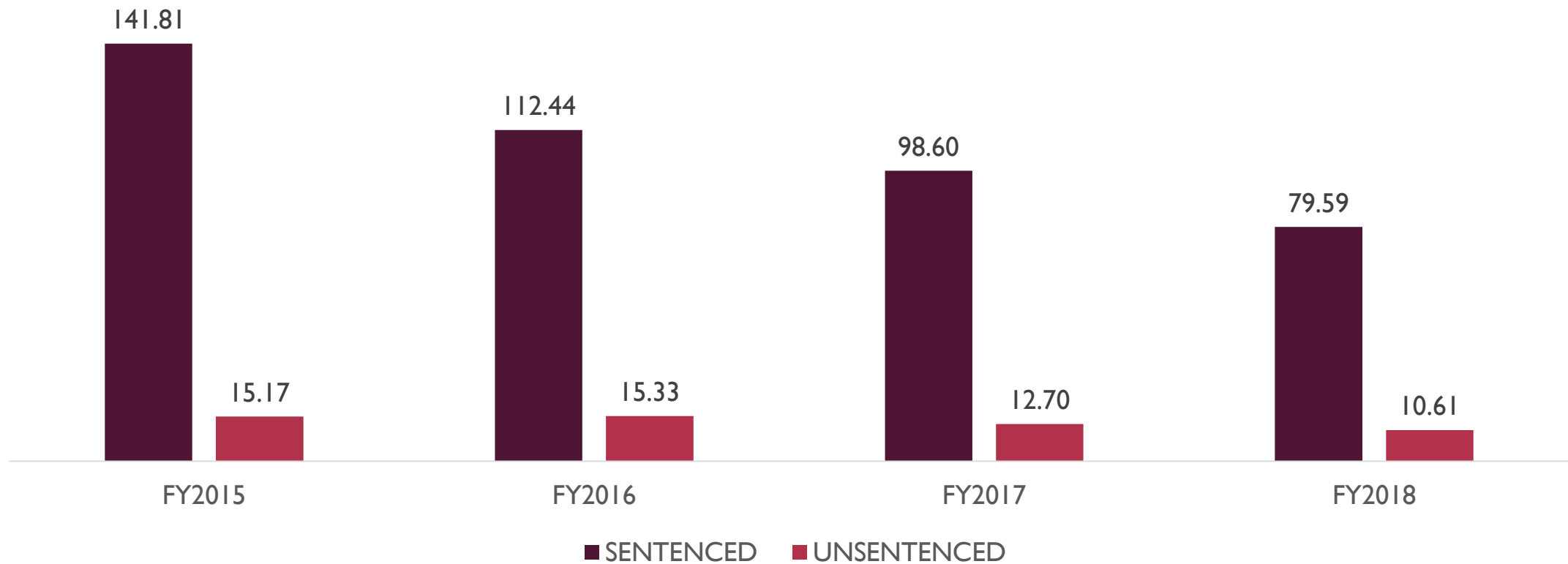
SUPERVISION VIOLATORS

Swift, Certain & Proportional Sanctions

Remands for Petitions to Revoke Probation Admission to DOC between 1/1/17 and 12/31/18	
PTRP Count	Number
1	1426
2	630
3	366
4	180
5	84
6	58

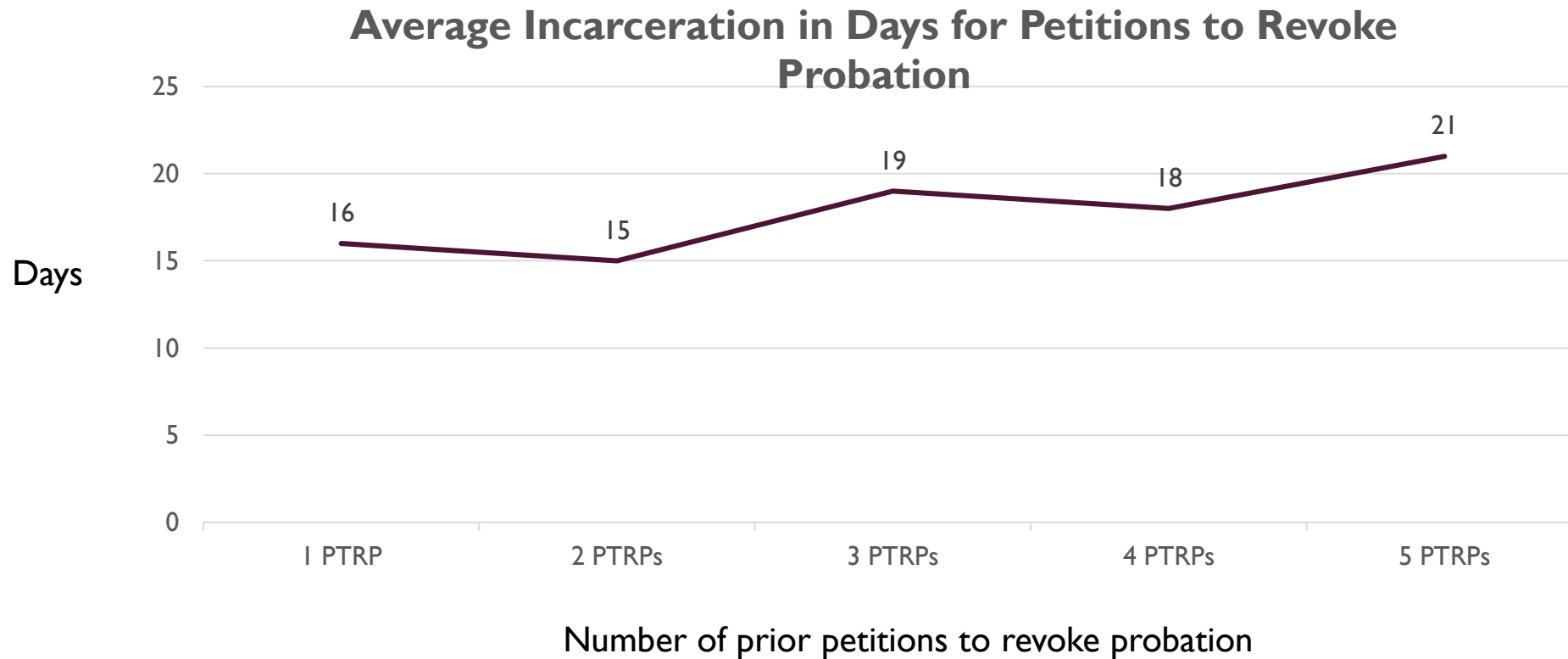
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Average Length of Stay for Probation/Parole Violations,
Sentenced and Unsentenced, in Days



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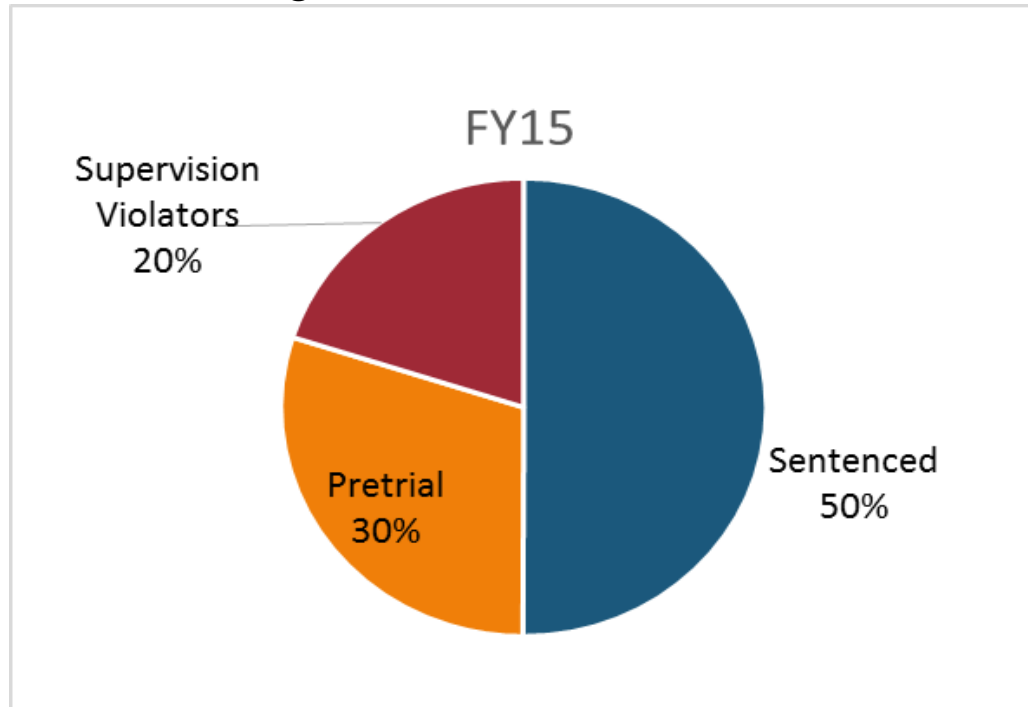
Admissions to DOC for Probation Violations Jan. 1, 2017 – Dec. 10, 2018



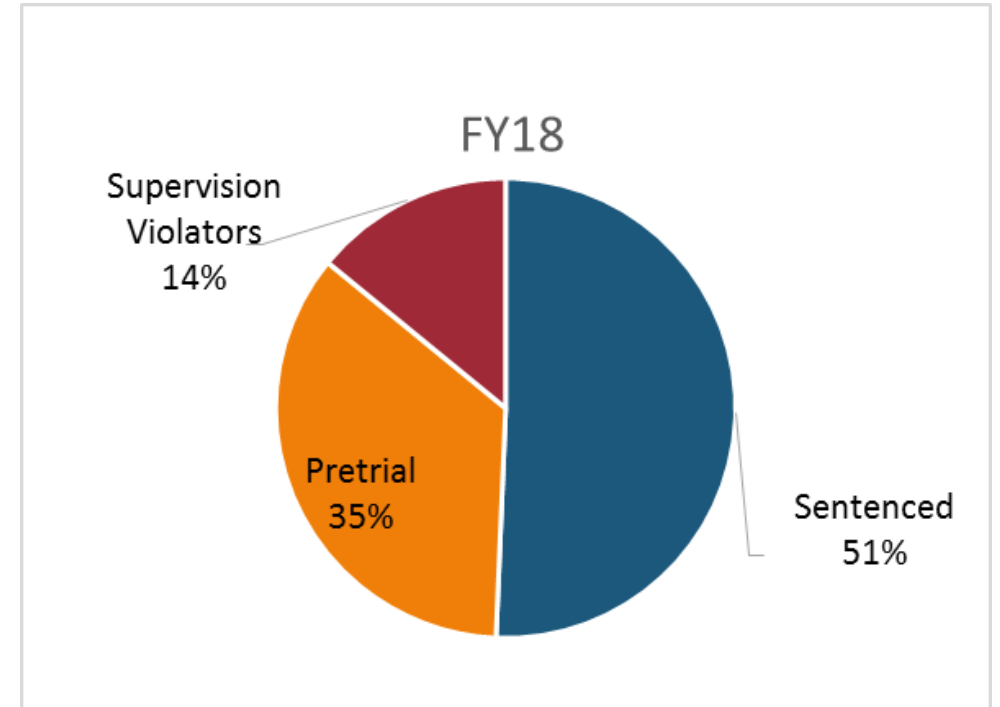
SUPERVISION VIOLATORS IN PRISON

Legal Status of Inmates on a Snapshot Day

Legal Status: FY15



Legal Status: FY18



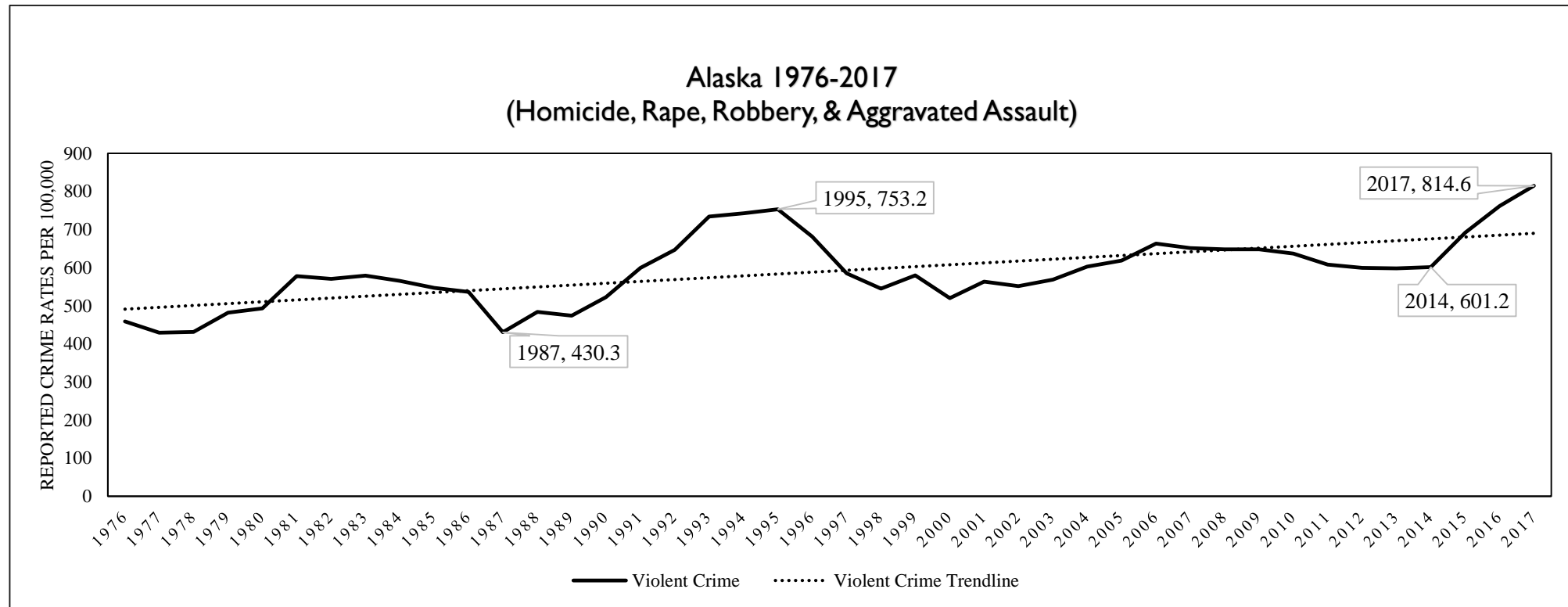


CRIME TRENDS

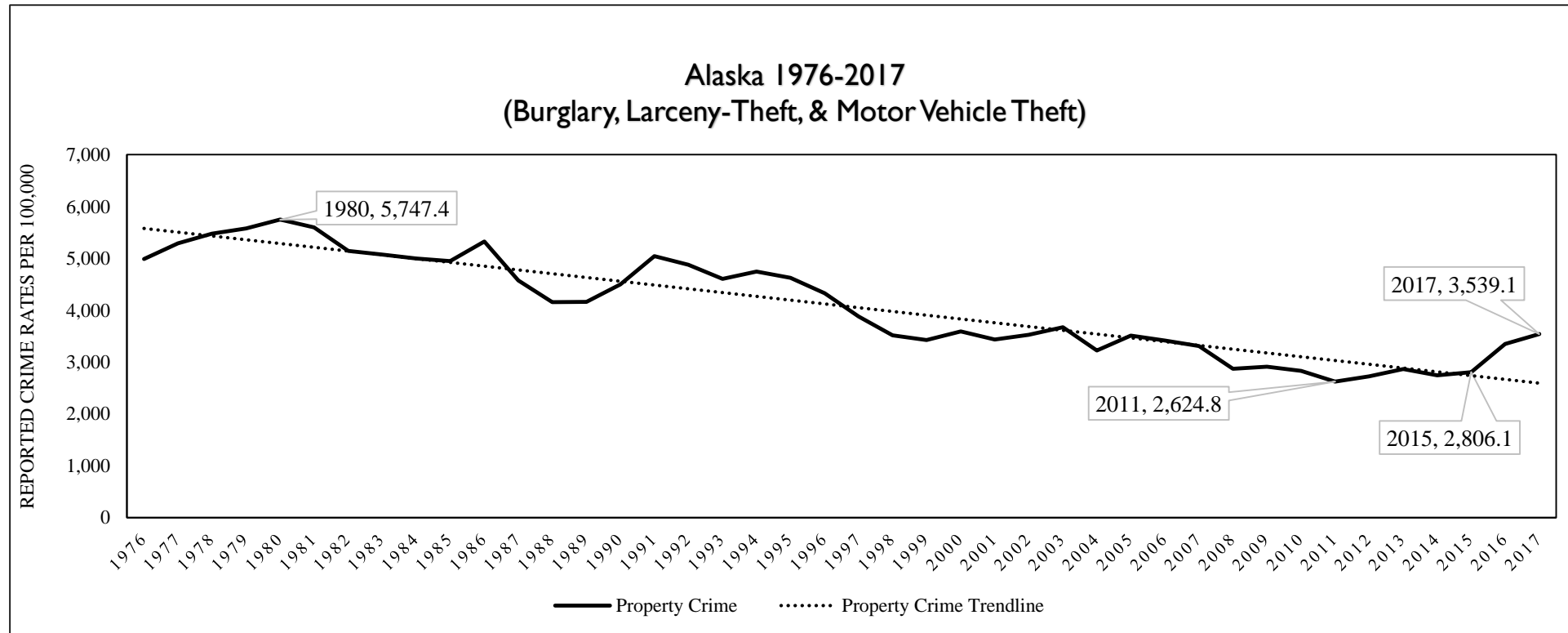
LONG TERM, BY LOCALITY, AND REPORTS VERSUS ARRESTS



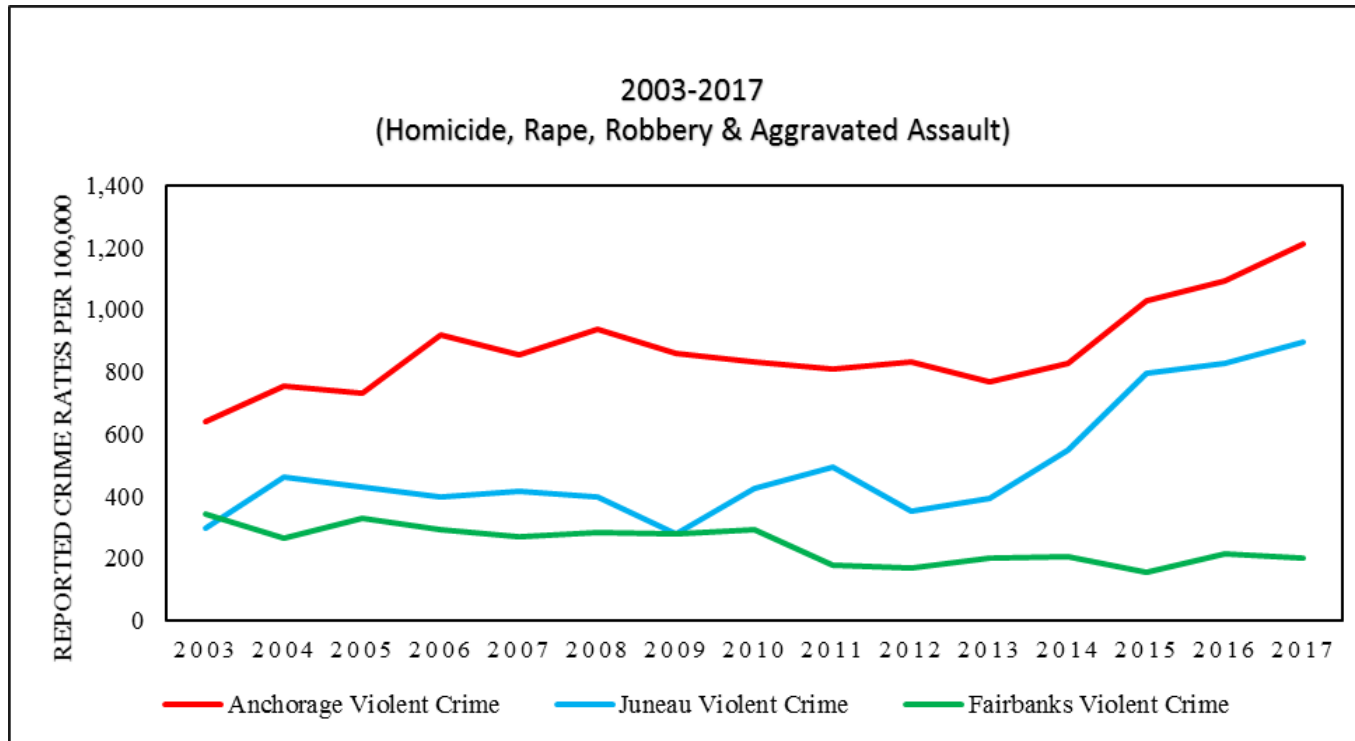
LONG-TERM VIOLENT CRIME RATE TREND



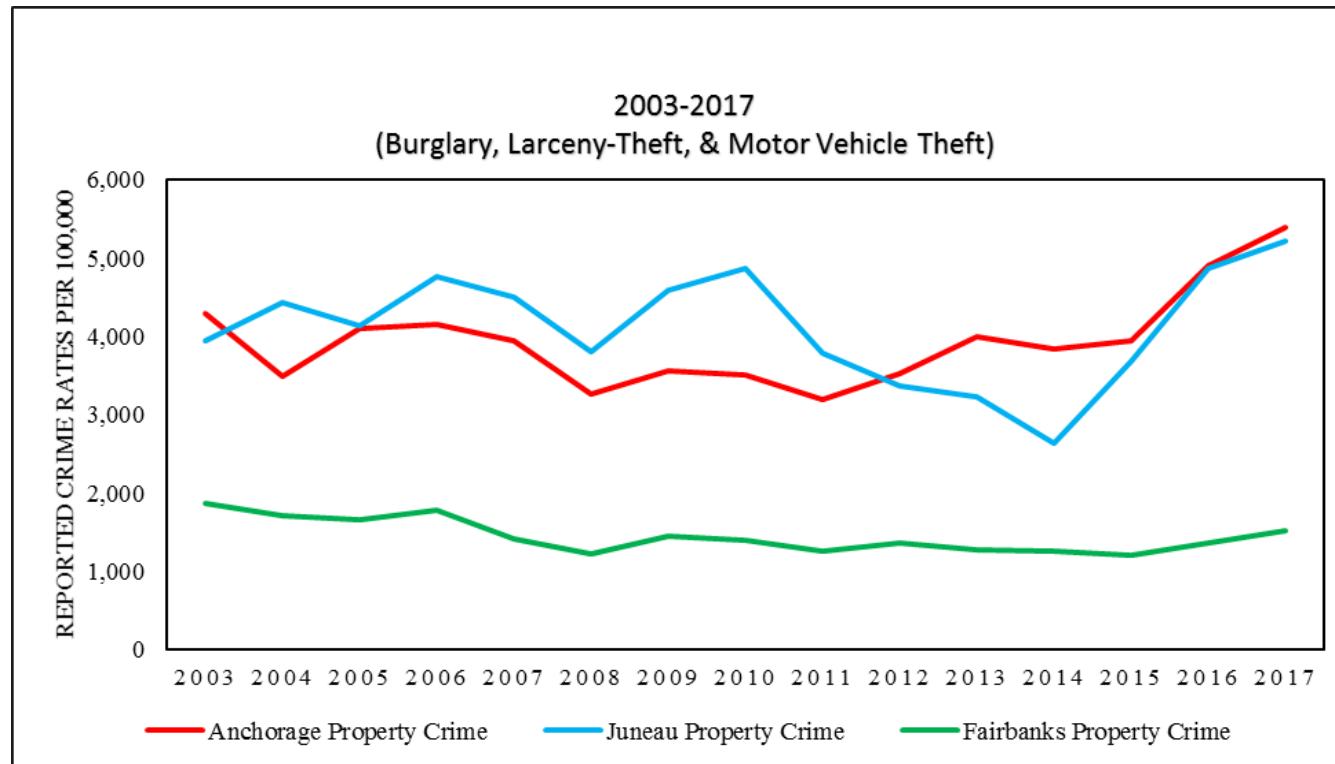
LONG-TERM PROPERTY CRIME RATE TREND



VIOLENT CRIME RATE TRENDS BY LOCATION



PROPERTY CRIME RATE TRENDS BY LOCATION





PRETRIAL OUTCOMES

BAIL, SUPERVISED RELEASE, & RACIAL DISPARITIES

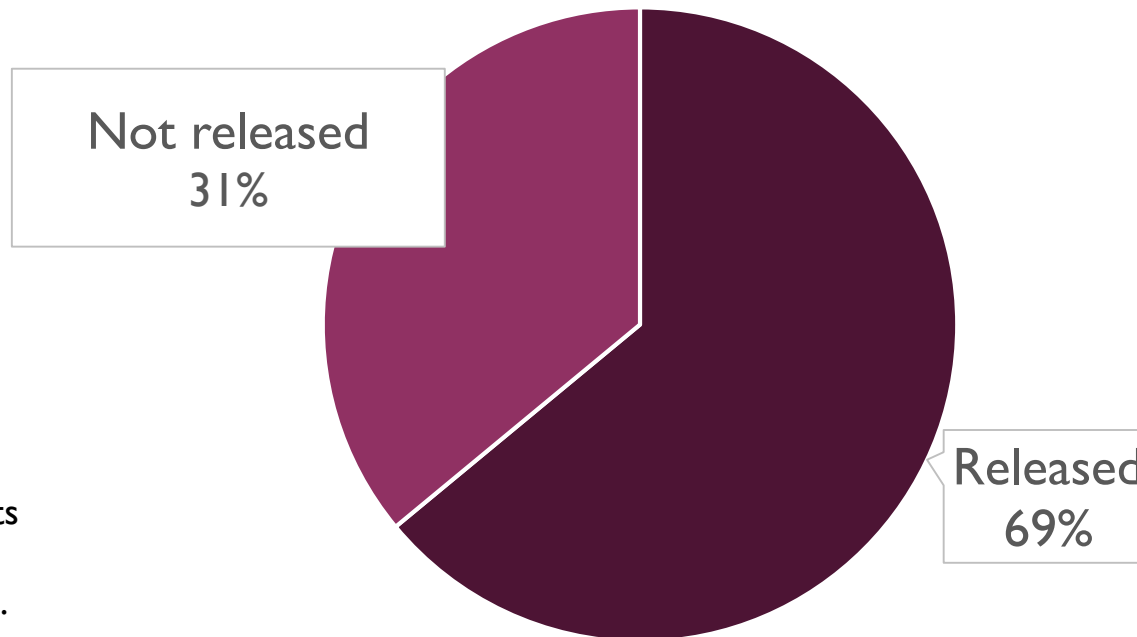
PRETRIAL OUTCOMES - 2015

2015 Alaska Pretrial Outcomes (findings from AJC court file review)

- A 2015 study showed about half of all defendants were detained pending disposition of their cases;
- Most defendants were given third party custodian and/or money bond conditions
- Alaska Natives were more likely than Caucasians to be detained pretrial (about twice as likely).

PRETRIAL OUTCOMES - 2018

Defendants released before case disposed – 2018 Study
not including bail schedule releases*



*30% of all pretrial defendants in the 2018 sample were released on the bail schedule.

PRETRIAL OUTCOMES

Conditions of release

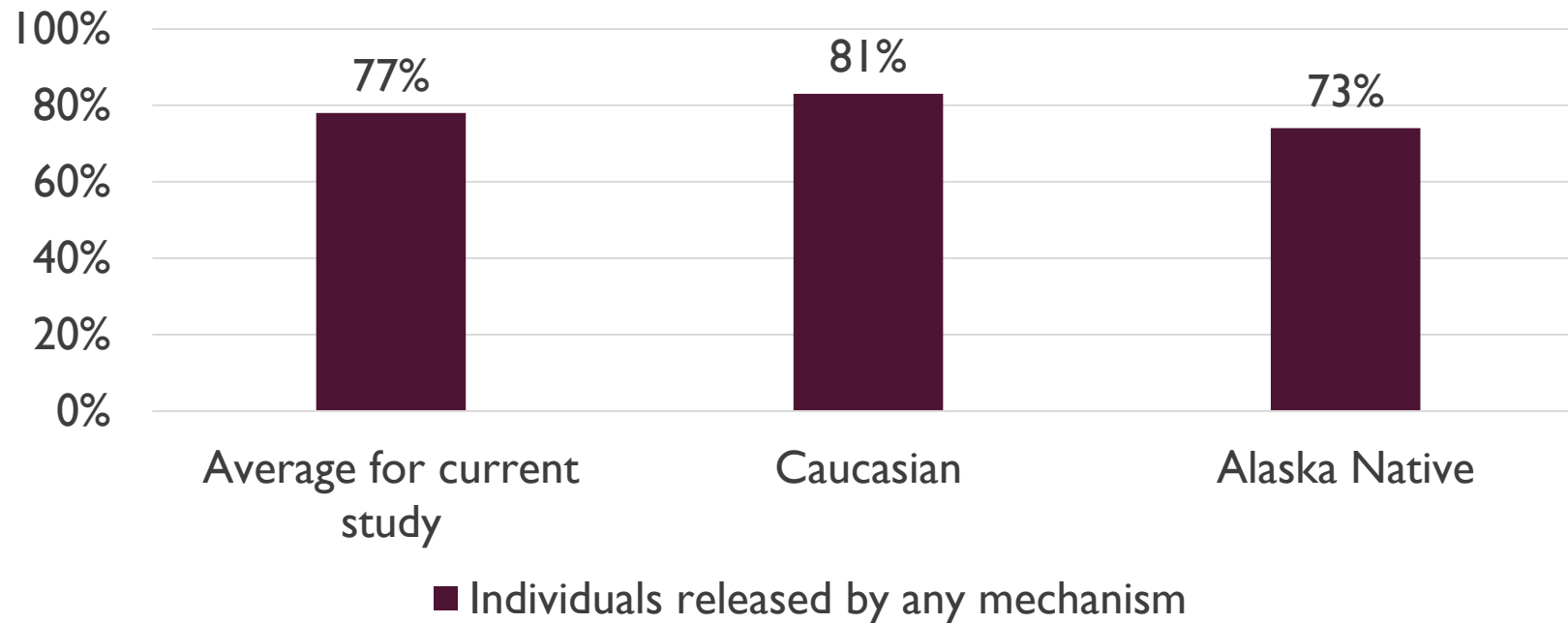
- Alcohol use/possession restrictions: 38%
- Electronic monitoring: 24%
- Drug or alcohol monitoring or testing: 21%
- About half of all defendants (released and not) had one or more of these conditions of release.

PED Supervision

- Judges ordered PED supervision for about half of the people they arraigned.
- About 78% of defendants who had a PED supervision order were released before their cases were disposed.

PRETRIAL OUTCOMES

Rates of Release by Ethnicity: 2018



Compare to 2015:

Alaska Native release rate: 24%

Caucasian release rate: 50%

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