



Washington County  
Juvenile Crime Prevention and Advisory Committee  
April 11, 2024  
Meeting Minutes



---

**Members Present:** Alicia Gerten, Alma Hernandez, Amy Watts-Padilla, Christine Otto, Cindy Agreda, Edgar Cuellar-Rubio, Erin Calvert, Ian May, Jessica Pierce, Chair Kathryn Harrington, Leland Gilbert, Lyndi Petty, Matt Conrad, Rigoberto Garcia.

**Staff:** Amanda Godinez, Jennifer Cearley, Marco Montebello, Mateo Campos-Chavarría, Max Lopez, Miriam Meneses Rios.

---

### CALL TO ORDER

Jennifer Cearley called the meeting to order at 2:35pm.

### APPROVAL OF MINUTES

Previous meeting mins (list date) approved by Staff.

### KTS (keys to success) update- Amanda Godinez

See attached PDF of PowerPoint Presentation

### Questions:

What are some of the charges identified and brought into the Keys program? Can work with most charges. Exceptions are violent felonies, weapons/firearms charges. As long as the youth have strong substance use concerns, they are eligible. We screen youth using the Juvenile Crime Prevention Criminogenic Risk Assessment. There is a section in the assessment about substances.

If a youth in the program picks up new charges that involves one of the exceptions, are they immediately dropped from the program? No not immediately. Each case is handled individually. The court process on the new charges would be expedited and once resolved could lead to the youth no longer being eligible for the program. They would then be returned to the regular route or probation.

Washington County is one of three counties with a specialty court program. Dan Rayfield put together House Bill 4001. The first part of this bill calls for the creation of a Task Force. Being a member of this group could help provide information to help others and give information to the state to let them know what support is needed.

Are youth free to continue working with the certified recovery mentors after they have graduated from the program? Yes for 90 days.

Do you have long term data on if youth stay sober longer when utilizing a certified recovery mentor? As an institutional organization we try to step back from them when they are done to allow them to maintain

connection to the community without Juvenile Department involvement. However, if they are under 18 and recidivate those numbers fall under department recidivism tracking.

How many youths are served annually? 25 with a max number 12 to 14 youth in the program at one time.

Do you frequently have youth who can't participate due to it being full? No, usually youth are denied because they aren't eligible for the program.

Do you connect with recovery high schools? We work with Harmony Academy in West Linn. We have had several youth in the program who have found success attending this academy.

---

**Violence Prevention Collaborative- Miriam Meneses-Rios**

See attached PDF of PowerPoint Presentation

---

**Annual Data- Jennifer Cearley**

See attached PDF of PowerPoint Presentation

---

**Group Photo**

See attached photos!

---

Minutes taken by Max Lopez

# Welcome!

## April Meeting



April 11, 2024

Washington County Juvenile Services Department

[washingtoncountyor.gov](http://washingtoncountyor.gov)

# Meeting Agenda

Time	Lead	Item
20 mins	Jennifer Cearley	Introductions
15 mins	Amanda Godinez	KTS Update
30mins	Jennifer Cearley	Annual Data
20 mins	Miriam Meneses-Rios	Violence Prevention Collaborative
20 mins	Photographer	Photo of group* Participation optional
15 mins	All	Round table





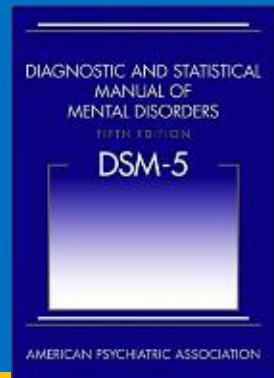
# Keys to Success

## Juvenile Drug Court Program

# What is “Keys to Success?”

- ❖ **Keys to Success is a voluntary juvenile drug court program for youth with pending legal charges and significant drug and alcohol problems.**
- ❖ **The purpose of the program is to address youth’s legal matters with intensive supervision, counseling, and support over an extended period of time while equipping youth and their families with skills to maintain a healthy, prosocial lifestyle.**
- ❖ **Successful completion of the program requires regular contact with the drug court team, compliance to program rules, and abstinence from recreational drugs and alcohol.**

# Target Population



Young people who are determined to have moderate to severe SUD



Youth with pending legal allegations (not felony violent or firearm)



Youth whose SUD is causing them problems (e.g., delinquent activity, deteriorated relationships, disconnected from school, etc.)



Medium-High Risk Youth



Youth who have continued use despite negative consequences (e.g., prior legal problems, overdose, getting kicked out etc.)

# Who is part of THE KTS Team?

**Program Coordinator** – promote best practices, coordinate policy and staffing meetings

**Oregon Judicial Department KTS Judge** – serve as leader of the team, engage youth and families, deliver swift and decisive responses

**Washington County Deputy District Attorney** – promote creative approaches to youth behaviors while maintaining community safety, ensure victim restoration

**Metropolitan Public Defender** – advocate for youth, ensure due process, promote creative approaches to address youth needs in least restrictive settings

**Washington County Juvenile Counselors** – supervise youth, report to the Court, closely collaborate with service providers, support skill building, act as communication “hub”

**Treatment Providers** – provide appropriate services and assessments, attend staffings and policy meetings to provide treatment lens in case and program decisions

**Washington County Health & Human Services Behavioral Health Liaison** – ensure treatment needs are adequately addressed, navigate behavioral health system as needed

**Washington County Health & Human Services/MHAAO Certified Recovery Mentor** – connect with youth and assist in entering sustainable recovery

**Latino Network Family Navigators & Peer Mentors** – provide culturally specific mentorship and advocacy to youth and parents in program

**Research & Evaluation Analyst** – data tracking, program analysis, grant reporting



# KTS vs. Probation

## **Shorter**

---

Possible to complete in seven months

## **Benefit**

---

Petitions are vacated with successful completion

Immediate processing of their expunction application\*

## **Intense**

---

Frequent contact with JC & intensive case management

## **Team**

---

Regular communication with the whole team (i.e., family, DDA, defense, Judge, therapist, mentors, etc.)

## **Full**

---

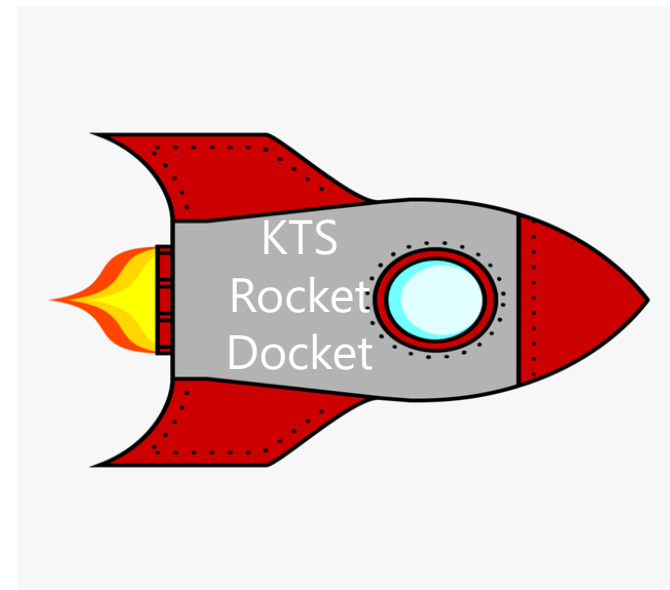
Treatment services are regularly evaluated and are comprehensive

# The KTS Program

- ❖ The Keys to Success Program uses a collaborative team approach with regular communication across members, including youth and families.
- ❖ The KTS team meets weekly to staff cases and attend KTS review hearings. Review hearings are absent the formality of delinquency hearings and youth and parent have an opportunity to present updates on their progress towards goals.
- ❖ Youth in the KTS Program progress their way through the four levels of the program by demonstrating sobriety and success in a number of areas:
  1. Treatment
  2. School
  3. Home
  4. Drug Testing
  5. Mentor/Positive Activity

# Responses to Youth Behavior

**Incentives:** Rewards for positive behaviors (verbal praise, applause in court, gift cards, weekly fishbowl drawing, snack items, incentive wheel, rocket docket)



**Interventions:** Used for behaviors that are not in line with treatment plan.

**Sanctions:** Can be received for failure to follow through with proximal expectations (dishonesty, missed UAs, missed treatment appointments). Examples include electronic monitoring/home detention program, community service, writing assignments)

**Honesty is key!**

# What are desired outcomes of the KTS Juvenile Drug Court Program?

## **Reduced Recidivism**

A study of KTS population compared to their statistical twins that were on probation showed they were less likely to recidivate

## **Decreased Substance Use**

Though the obvious goal is prolonged abstinence, the desire is to promote healthy brain development while in the program and reduce risky use (at a minimum)

## **Increased Protective Factors**

Connection to educational programs, engagement in prosocial activities, employment, improved family relationships, etc.



# Funding Sources

## **Office of Juvenile Justice and Delinquency Prevention (OJJDP)**

- Current grant awarded FY21-25
- Training and technical assistance provided to support action planning, site visits
- Supports additional services (e.g., some treatment costs, training, program incentives)

## **Oregon Criminal Justice Commission (CJC)**

- Longest running source of external funding
- Requires reapplication every two years (currently funded FY23-25)
- Continued funding requires demonstration of improvements per commissioners

## **Washington County Funds**

- Amount of funds can change substantially depending on budget
- Funds typically cover the most critical components (i.e., FTE)
- In kind partnerships from Washington County HHS

# KTS Program Updates

- Site visit from the Criminal Justice Commission
- Participation in the Adolescent Recovery Oriented Systems of Care (AROSC) Project.
- Continued work with NPC Research
- ALLRISE2024 Training

# Questions?

Amanda Godinez

[Amanda\\_Godinez@washingtoncountyor.gov](mailto:Amanda_Godinez@washingtoncountyor.gov)

# Violence Prevention







**VIOLENCE PREVENTION  
COLLABORATIVE**



- Timeline
- Goals of Community Forums
- Looking Ahead: Forum 3
- Reflections of the Group
- Outcomes of the Violence Prevention Collaborative
- Collaborative Partners

# TIMELINE

- **June 21, 2023 – HSD Safety Summit**
  - A different outlook while still meeting the needs of youth
  - keeping community safety at the forefront.
- **July 12, 2023 - Violence Prevention Collaborative # 1**
  - Strength, Weaknesses, Opportunities, Threats (SWOT)
- **August 09, 2023 - Violence Prevention Collaborative # 2**
  - How do we continue to bring partners to the table
  - Juvenile should not be the holder of all the resources
  - How do we elevate the voices of parents and youth? They are the experts
- **September 27, 2023 - Violence Prevention Collaborative # 3**
  - Hillsboro Admin nuts and bolts session
- **November 30, 2023- Violence Prevention Collaborative # 4**
  - Working groups to brainstorm 3-part series forum ideas
  - Community at the center:
    - HSD surveyed youth & families about interests and topics they had interest in

# GOALS OF COMMUNITY FORUMS

- **Inter-agency collaborative presentations:**
  - **Create open channels of communication**
  - **Sharing of information among agencies**
  - **Positive impact of community organizations in schools**
  - **Outreach to our community & family engagement are key**
  - **Regional approach to addressing and supporting our youth**

HILLSBORO SCHOOL DISTRICT & WASHINGTON COUNTY JUVENILE DEPARTMENT  
INVITE YOU TO JOIN US FOR A COMMUNITY FORUM SERIES



## COMMUNITY FORUM #1: A Safer Community for All

Thursday, January 18th  
6:00-7:30

Join us for a series to discuss high-risk behaviors and actionable steps families and caregivers can take to prevent pathways to violence.

This session will explore how families and caregivers can actively engage and partner with the school and community to contribute to a safer environment.

Washburn University Center  
Pacific University, Forest Grove  
Multipurpose Room  
2043 College Way, Forest Grove, OR 97116

Spanish Translation | Child Care | Light Snacks | Raffle Prizes

For a language other than Spanish, call 503.844.1429 or email [language liaisons@hsd.k12.or.us](mailto:language liaisons@hsd.k12.or.us) (72 hrs before the event)

# COMMUNITY FORUM #1: A SAFER COMMUNITY FOR ALL

Focus: High Risk Student Behaviors and  
Community/School Support Services

- Behaviors of concern
- What to look for
- Ask questions/ have communication with youth
- Resources in Washington County
- Hillsboro School District Resources
- Do you know your Youth Services Officer (YSO)

- Forum #2: Centered around fentanyl awareness day
  - Guest Speaker Jennifer Epstein from Song For Charlie- nonprofit charity that helps young people chose healthy coping strategies over self medication
  - Open to all Washington County Schools
  - Inviting mental health/drug and alcohol agencies to May 7<sup>th</sup> event
- Goal: give families information and introduce them to agencies in the community

# COMMUNITY FORUM #2:

## THE NEW DRUG TALK

WASHINGTON COUNTY SCHOOLS, RESOURCES, AND PARTNERS INVITE YOU TO JOIN US FOR A COMMUNITY FORUM SERIES

OPEN TO ALL WASHINGTON COUNTY SCHOOLS

**SONG FOR CHARLIE**

**MAY 7 NATIONAL FENTANYL AWARENESS DAY**



Join us for a series to discuss high-risk behaviors and actionable steps families and caregivers can take to prevent pathways to drug abuse and raise awareness of the impact of fentanyl/fake pills on youth.

This session will explore how families and caregivers can actively engage and partner with the school and community to get accurate information about fentanyl, know the risks, and hold conversations with confidence. Learn the facts and trends behind this hazardous substance. Join us for a screening of “The New Drug Talk” film, a panel discussion, and Q&A.

**TUESDAY, MAY 7TH**

**6:00-8:00**

PCC Willow Creek  
241 SW Edgeway Dr,  
Hillsboro, OR 97006

Featuring  
Washington County  
Resources & Partners

Spanish Translation  
Light Snacks  
Childcare • Raffle



For a language other than Spanish, call 503.844.1429 or email [language liaisons@hsd.k12.or.us](mailto:language liaisons@hsd.k12.or.us) (72 hrs before the event)



## FORUM 3: FALL EVENT

- Larger community resource fair
- Making it welcoming & youth centered: How can they have fun while learning about resources
- Hoping to set a THPRD location-family accessible
- Looking for community partners interested

# REFLECTIONS



- **Topics & Logistics:**
  - More targeted conversations around mental health
  - Spanish and English sessions continued; potential logics switched
  - Elementary Age Conversations
    - Prevention for Intermediate Grade Levels
  - Bullying and High-Risk Student Behaviors
  - Guiding Parents on Difficult Conversations
  - Updates on Drugs
  - Social Media Safety
  - Earlier Communications and Social Media with print media, ex. Postcards
- **Train the Trainers**
  - Multiple on-site locations (ex. Apartment complexes, what about rural communities in Washington County)
  - Cross training



# OUTCOMES OF THE VIOLENCE PREVENTION COLLABORATIVE

- **Hillsboro School District student & Family Investments:**
  - **ROSA (Resiliency through Opportunities and Success for Adolescents):** Latino Network, middle school level
  - **POIC (Portland Opportunities Industrialization Center):** Finalizing Contract, high school level, HHS to start
  - **Sneak Previews/In the works:**
    - **REAP: a year-round multicultural youth leadership program committed to empowering the next wave of leaders.**
    - **Screening, Brief Intervention, Referral to Treatment (SBIRT)**

# OUTCOMES OF THE VIOLENCE PREVENTION COLLABORATIVE

- **Washington County Juvenile Department:**
  - **Sharing the love of resources**
    - Introduction of community agencies we partner with to our school districts
  - **Connection & Strengthening of partnerships affected during COVID**
    - Meeting with YSO every Wednesday
    - Understanding of roles with YSO and community agencies
      - How can we work together even when we must respond based on our agency's protocols.
  - **Working with Beaverton School District (BSD)**
    - Building best practices to support the re-integration of youth after being removed from the community (setting up for success based on the need of each youth)
      - Students on IEP's when youth at Harkins House
      - Collaborative Alternative Solutions to Exclusion (CASE) Coordinator
  - BSD working on planning their first forum

## COLLABORATIVE PARTNERS

- **Representatives from Hillsboro Police Department**
- **Latino Network**
- **POIC - Portland Opportunities Industrialization Center**
- **Beaverton School District**
- **Representatives from Washington County Sheriff's**
- **Forest Grove School District**
- **Positive impact of community organizations in schools**
- **Center for Mediation and Dialogue**
- **Working Theory Farm**
- **Washington County McKinney Vento Education Network**
- **Washington County Juvenile: Miriam, Supervisors Mateo Campos-Chavarria & Amanda Godinez, Senior Marco Monteblanco**
- **Recent invites: Hawthorn Clinic**



**QUESTIONS**



**THANK YOU**

**MIRIAM MENESES-RIOS  
DIVISION MANAGER OF COMMUNITY SUPERVISION TEAMS  
503-805-7587  
MIRIAM\_MENESES-RIOS@WASHINGTONCOUNTYOR.GOV**

# Annual Data

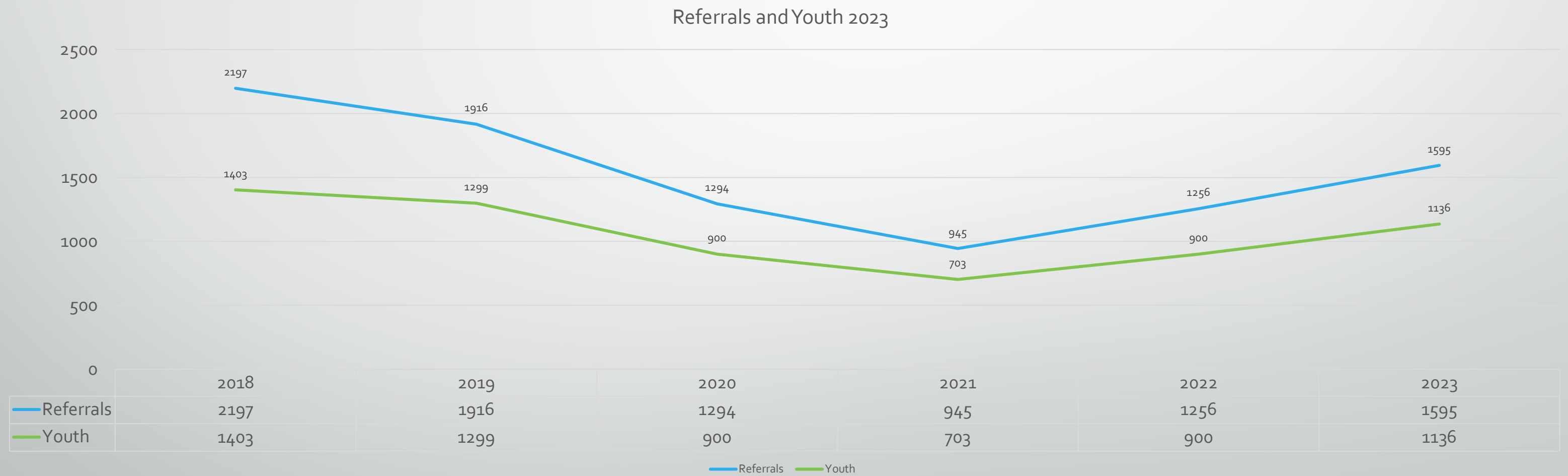




# Washington County Juvenile Services Department

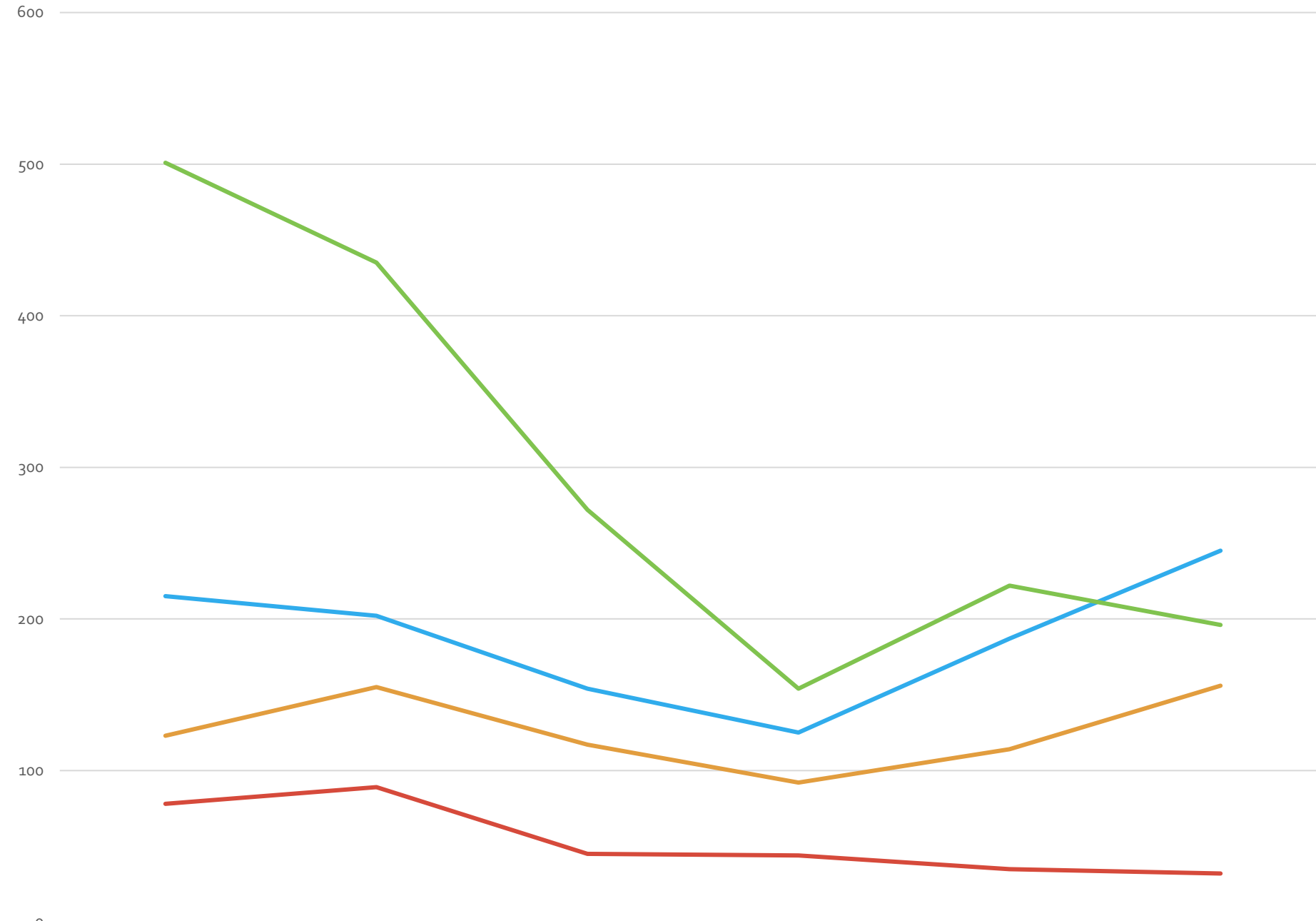
Annual Data 2023

# Referrals





### Disposition 2023



	2018	2019	2020	2021	2022	2023
Divert and Close	215	202	154	125	187	245
Informal Supervision	501	435	272	154	222	196
Probation	123	155	117	92	114	156
FAA	78	89	45	44	35	32

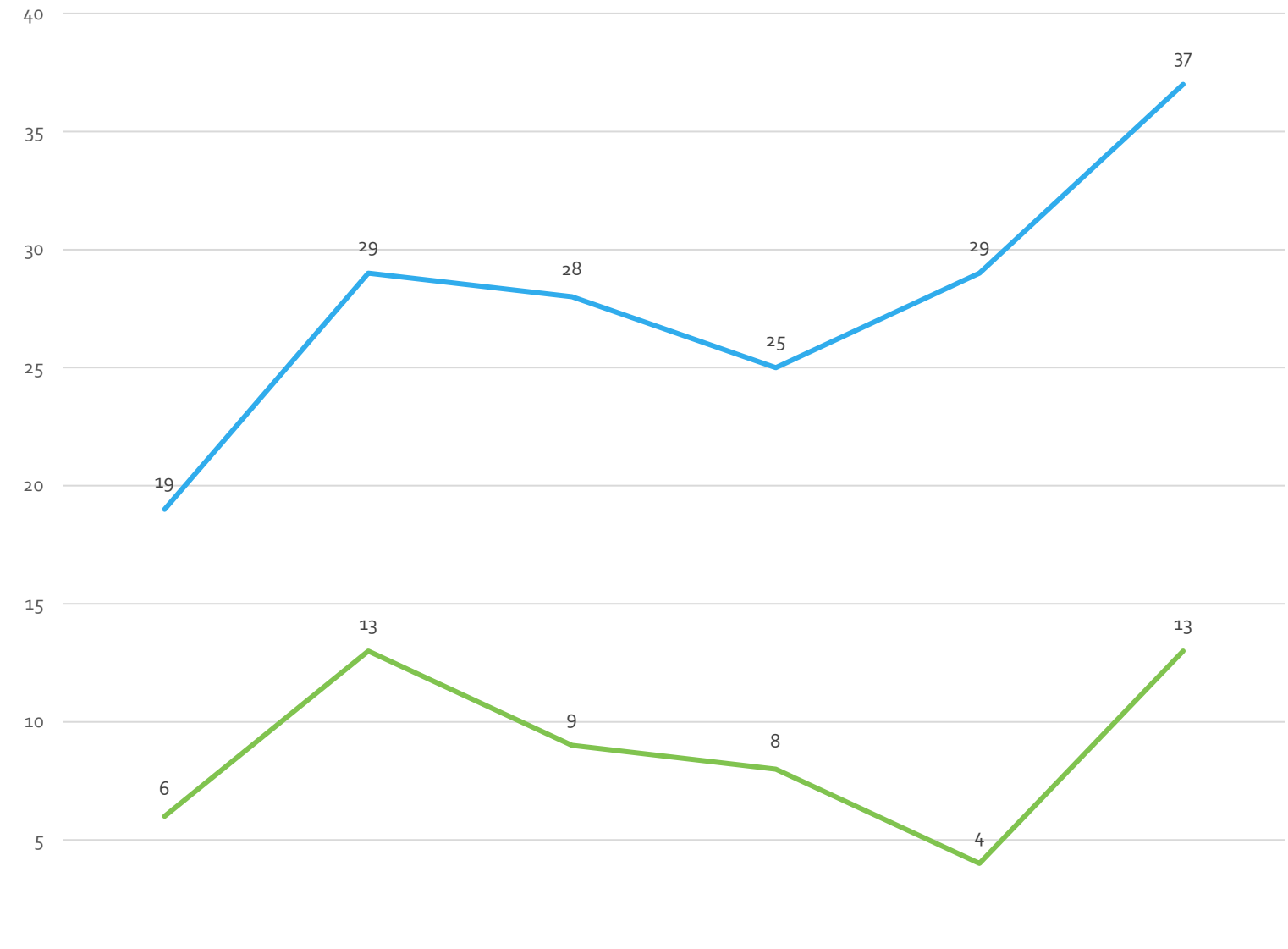
— Divert and Close — Informal Supervision — Probation — FAA

# Disposition



# OYA Commitments

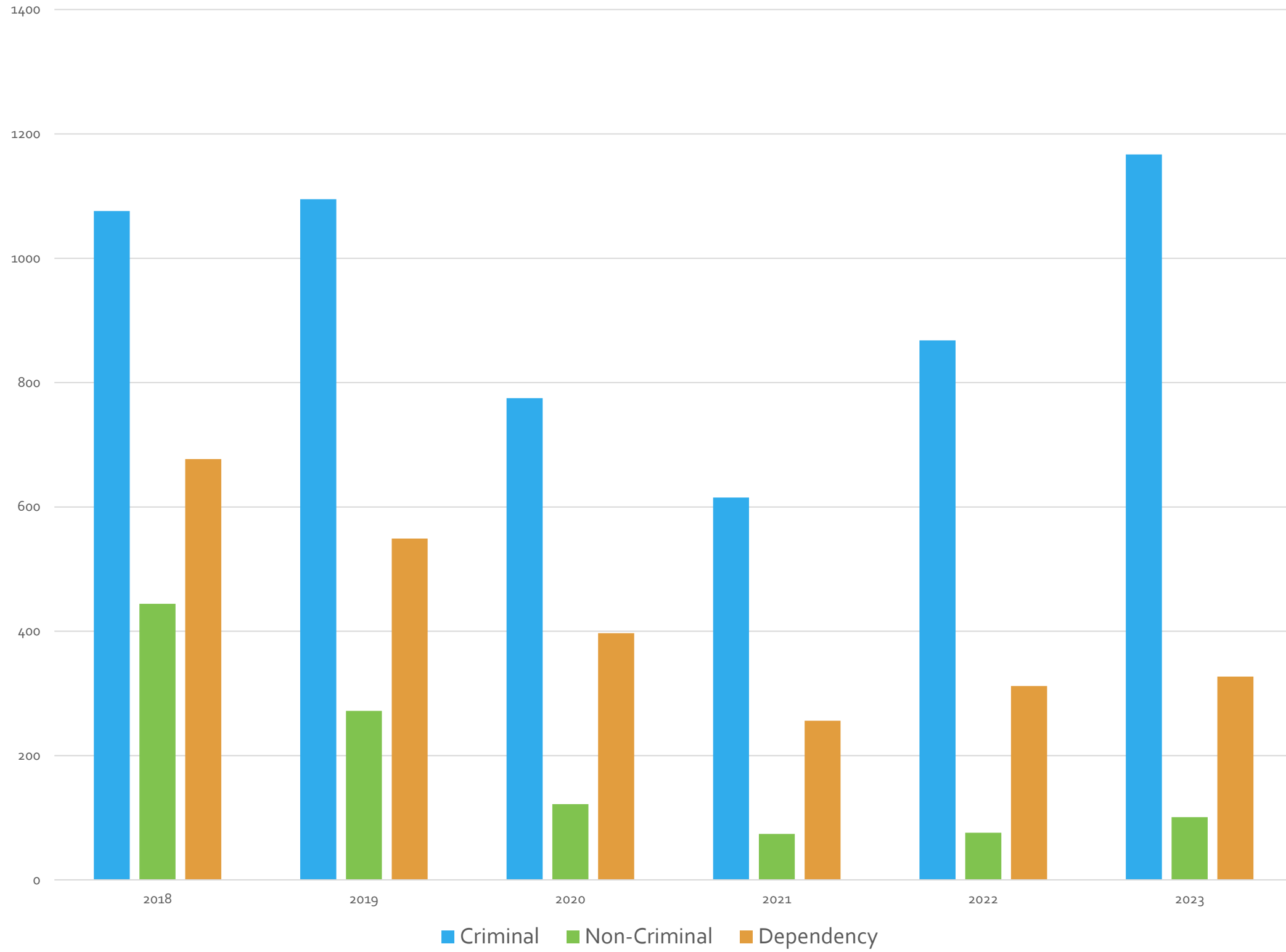
OYA Commitments 2023



	2018	2019	2020	2021	2022	2023
OYA YCF	19	29	28	25	29	37
OYA Community Placement	6	13	9	8	4	13

OYA YCF OYA Community Placement

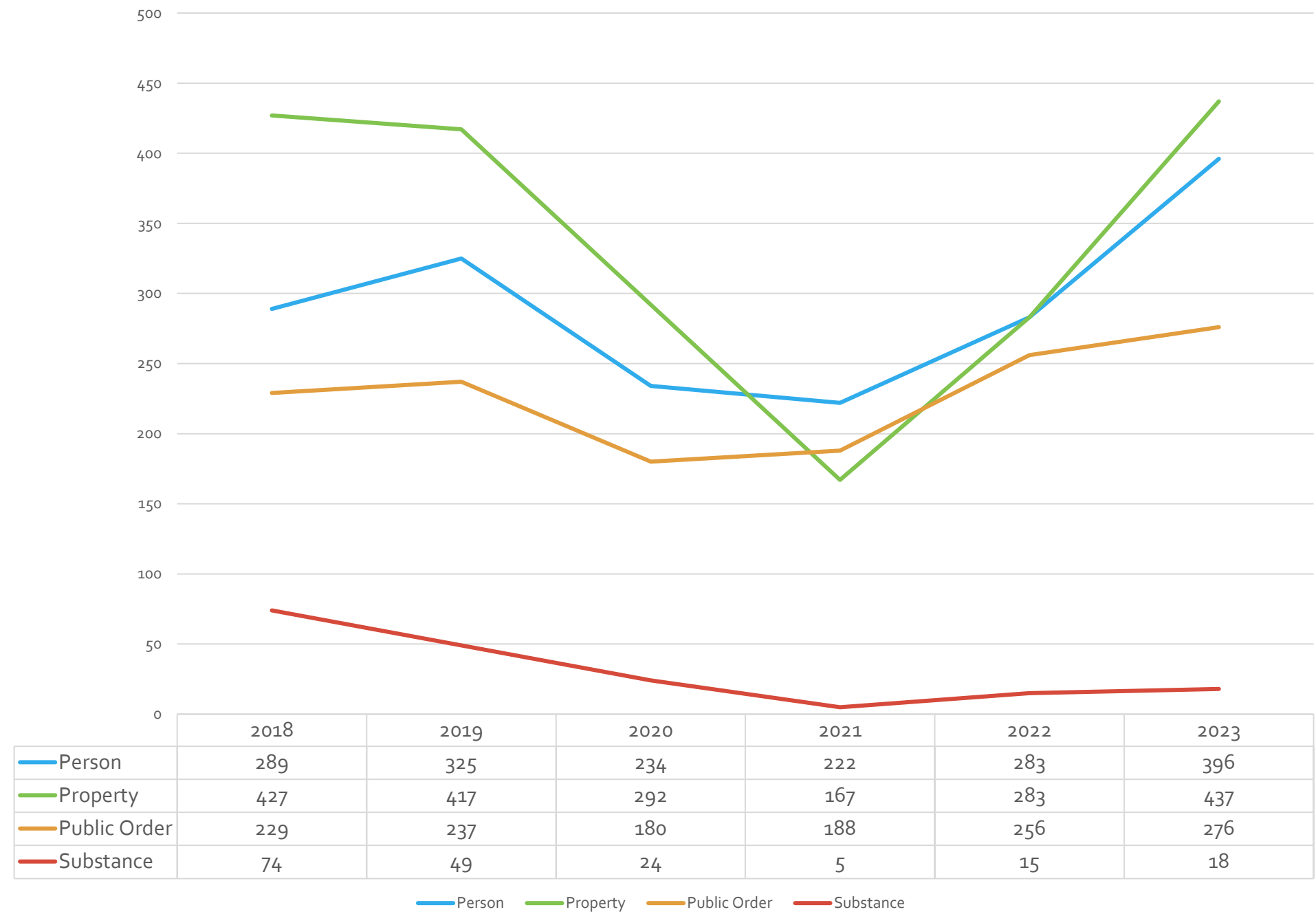
Type of Referral



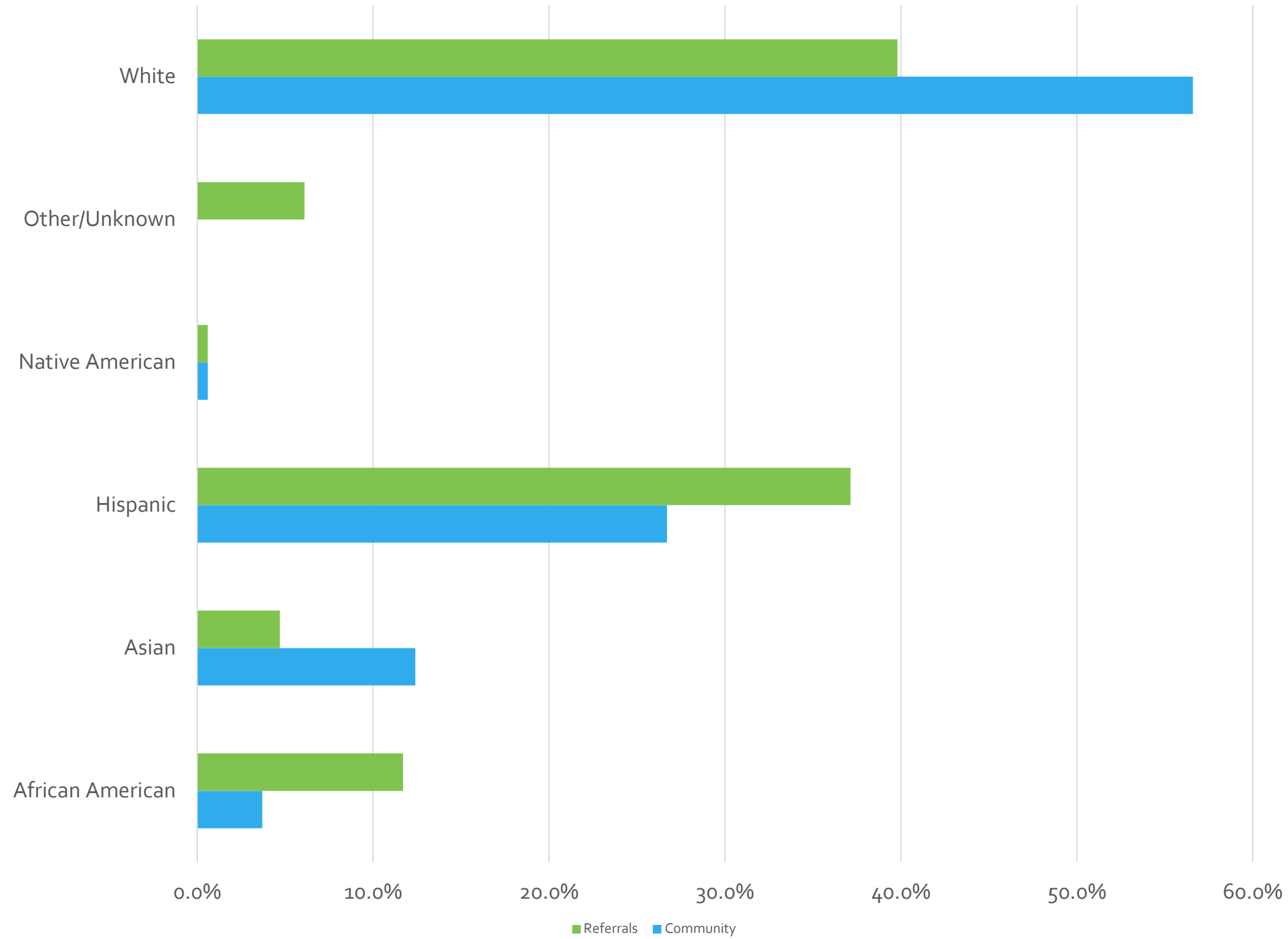
Referral  
Type

# Criminal Referrals by Crime Type

Criminal Referrals by Crime Type

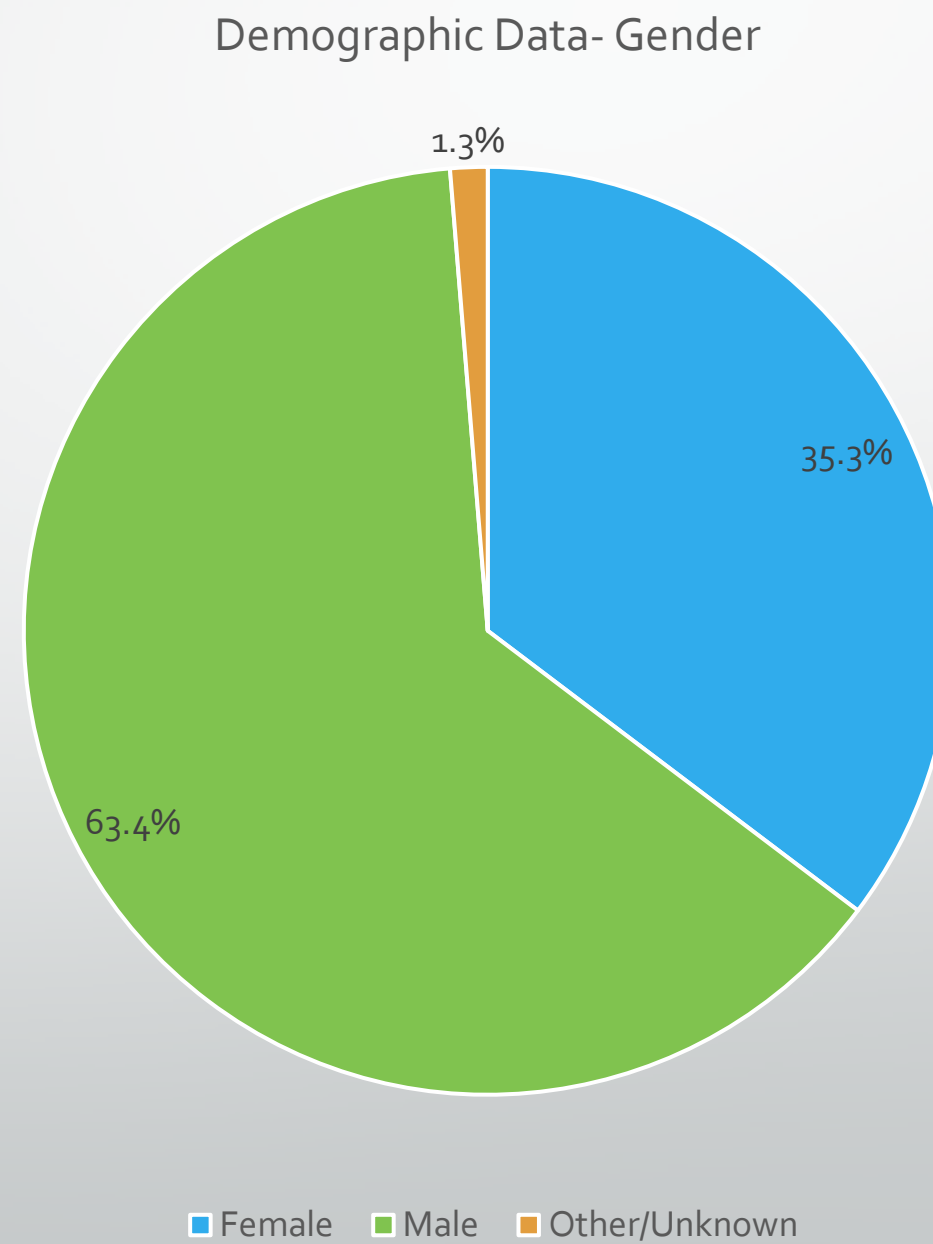


Demographic Data

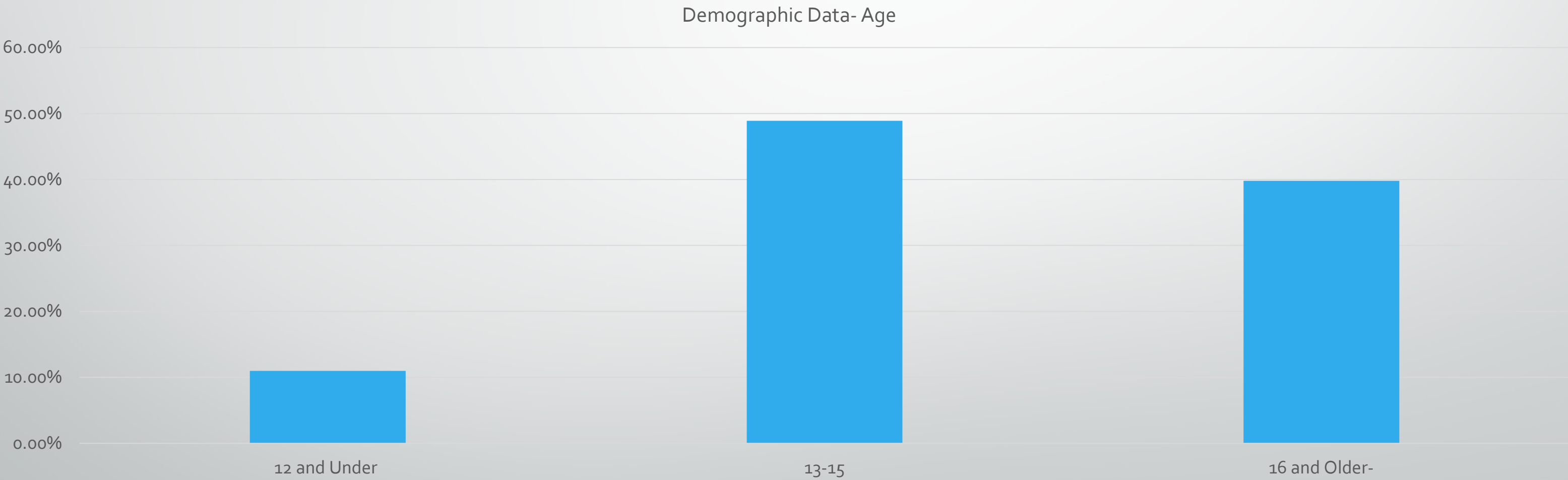


Demographic  
Data

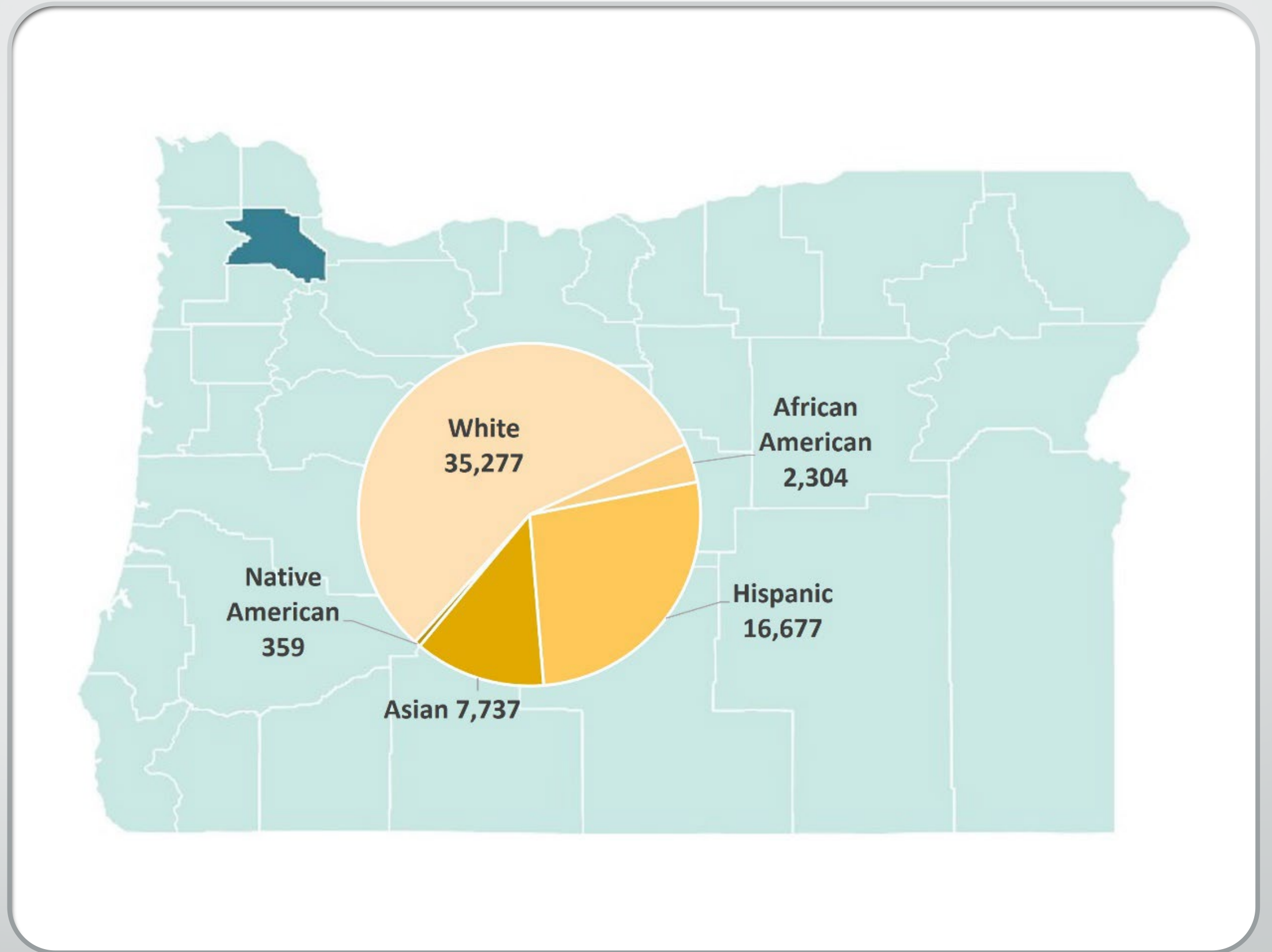
# Demographic Data- Gender



# Demographic Data- Age



# Relative Rate Index



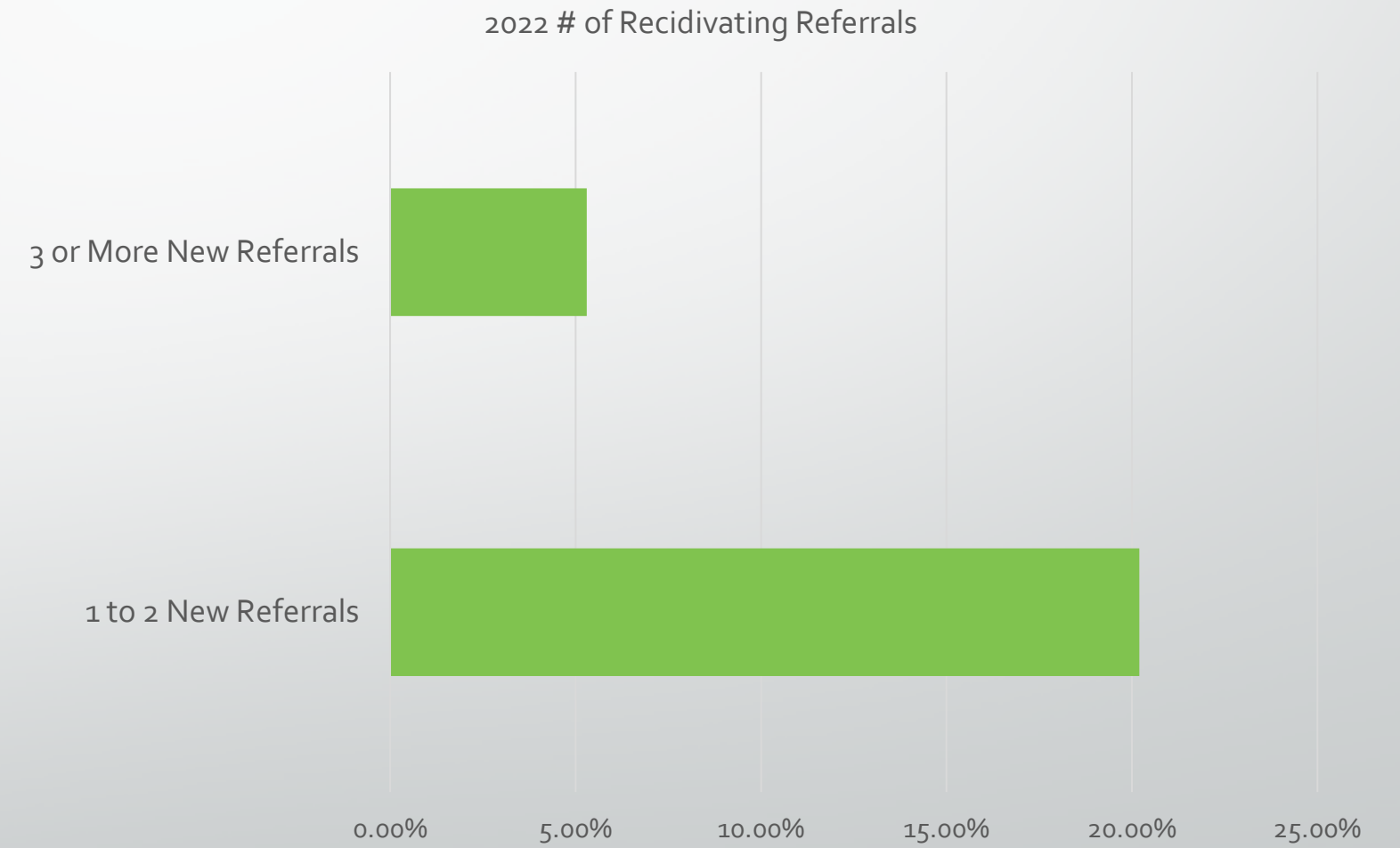
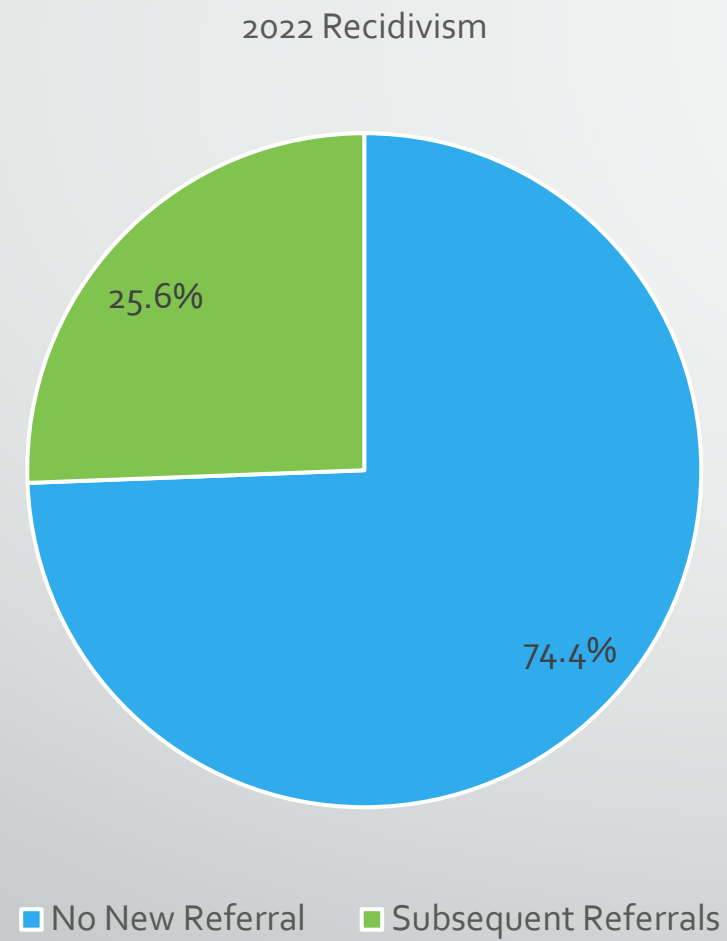


# Relative Rate Index

In comparison to white youth contacts with the juvenile justice system, other groups experience contact at the following rates:

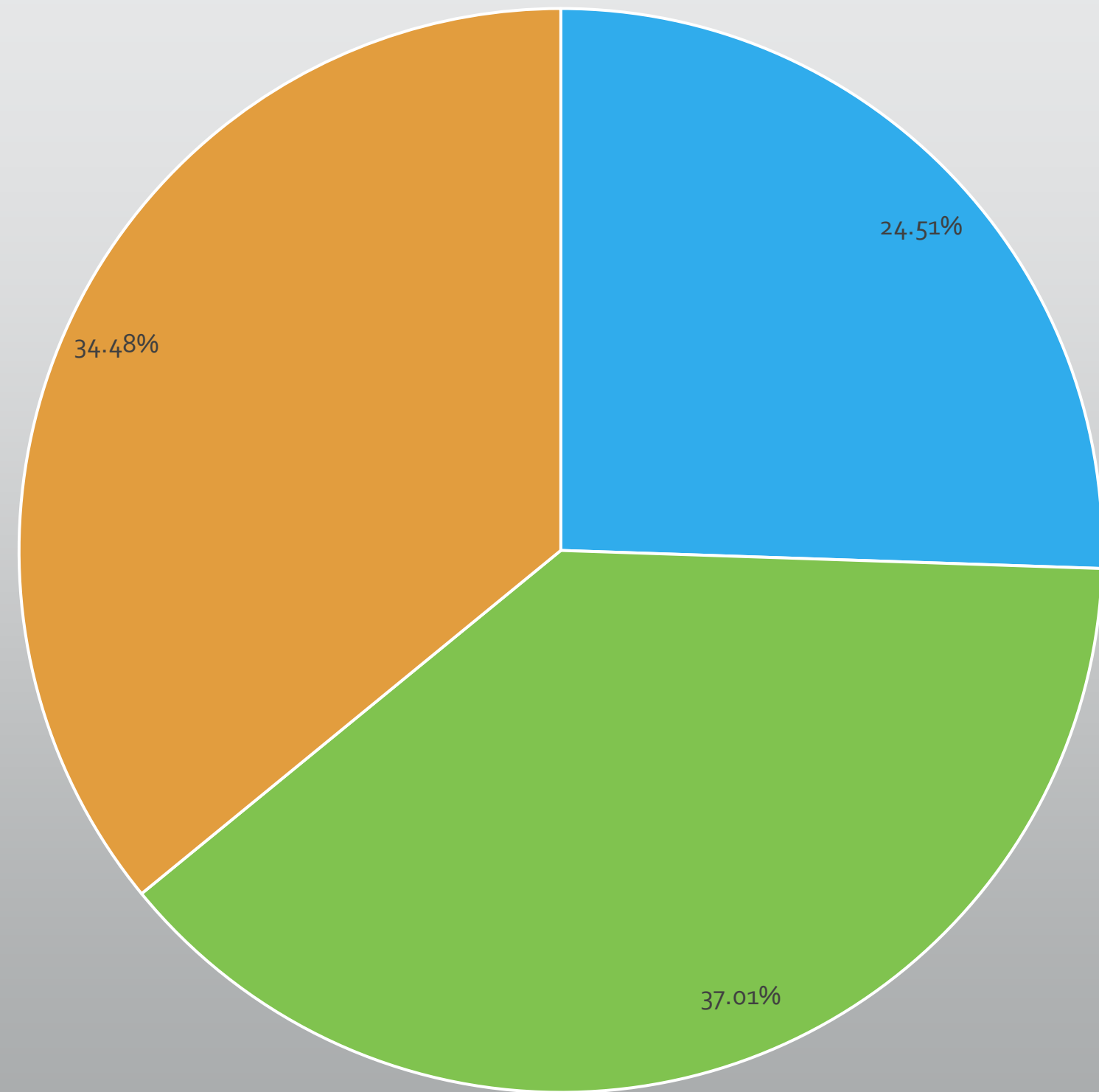
Juvenile Justice System Path Decision Point	Relative Rate Index (RRI) Compared to White Youth			
	African American	Hispanic	Asian	Native American
Referred to Juvenile Department	5.23	2.01	0.52	1.74
Cases Involving Secure Detention	1.17	1.80	0.98	*
Cases Not Petitioned	0.87	0.98	1.17	*
Cases Petitioned (Charges Filed)	0.92	1.38	*	*
Cases Resulting in Confinement	*	1.87	*	*
Cases Transferred to Adult Court	*	*	*	*

# 2022 Overall Recidivism



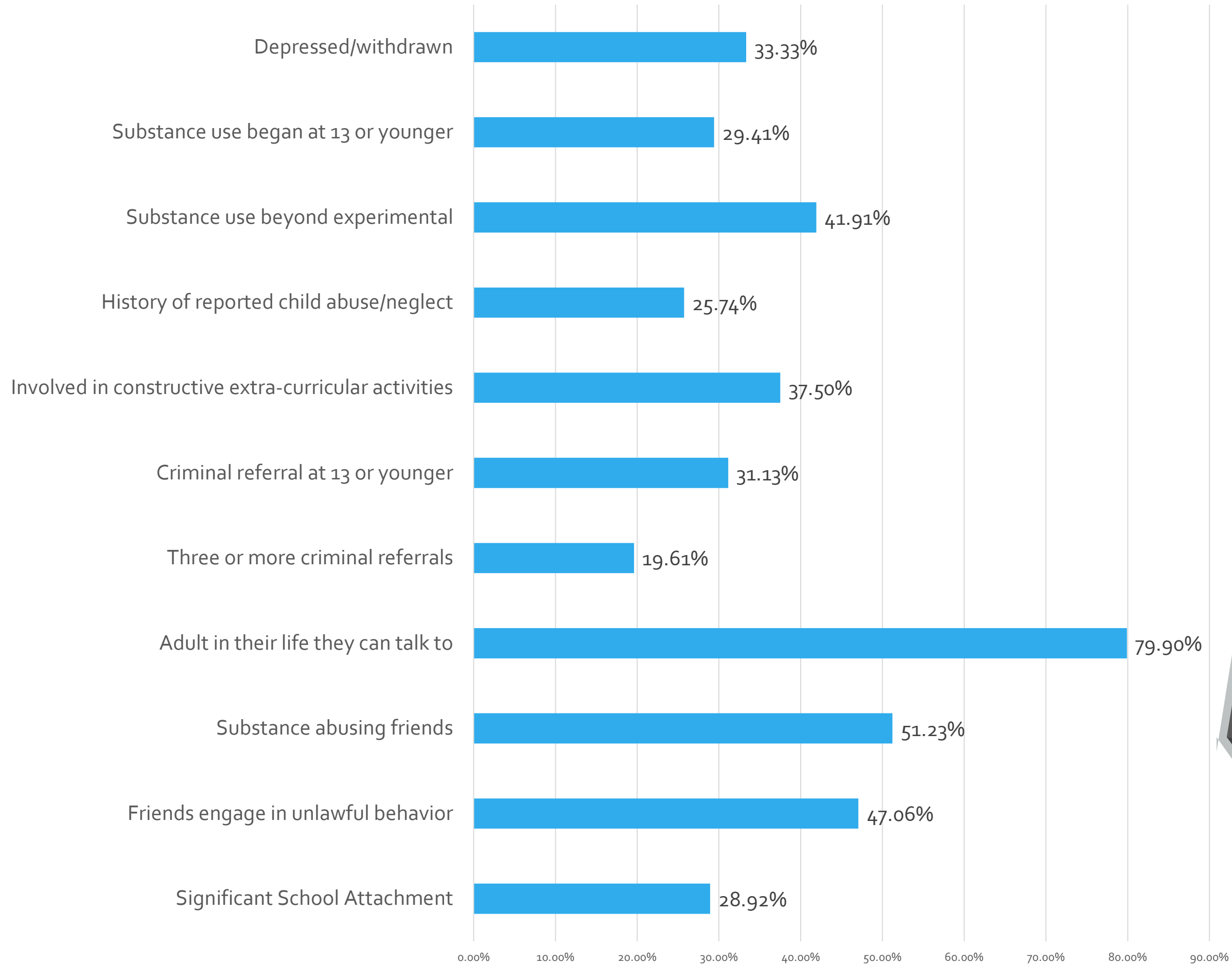
# JCP Assessments

2023 Initial JCP Risk Assessments



■ High ■ Medium ■ Low

Risk and Protective Factors



# Risk and Protective Factors

# Questions?

Jennifer Cearley

Jennifer\_Cearley@washingtoncountyor.gov

# Group Photo

























Washington County Juvenile Services Department  
[www.washingtoncountyor.gov/juvenile](http://www.washingtoncountyor.gov/juvenile)