

# Juvenile Justice Policy and Data Board

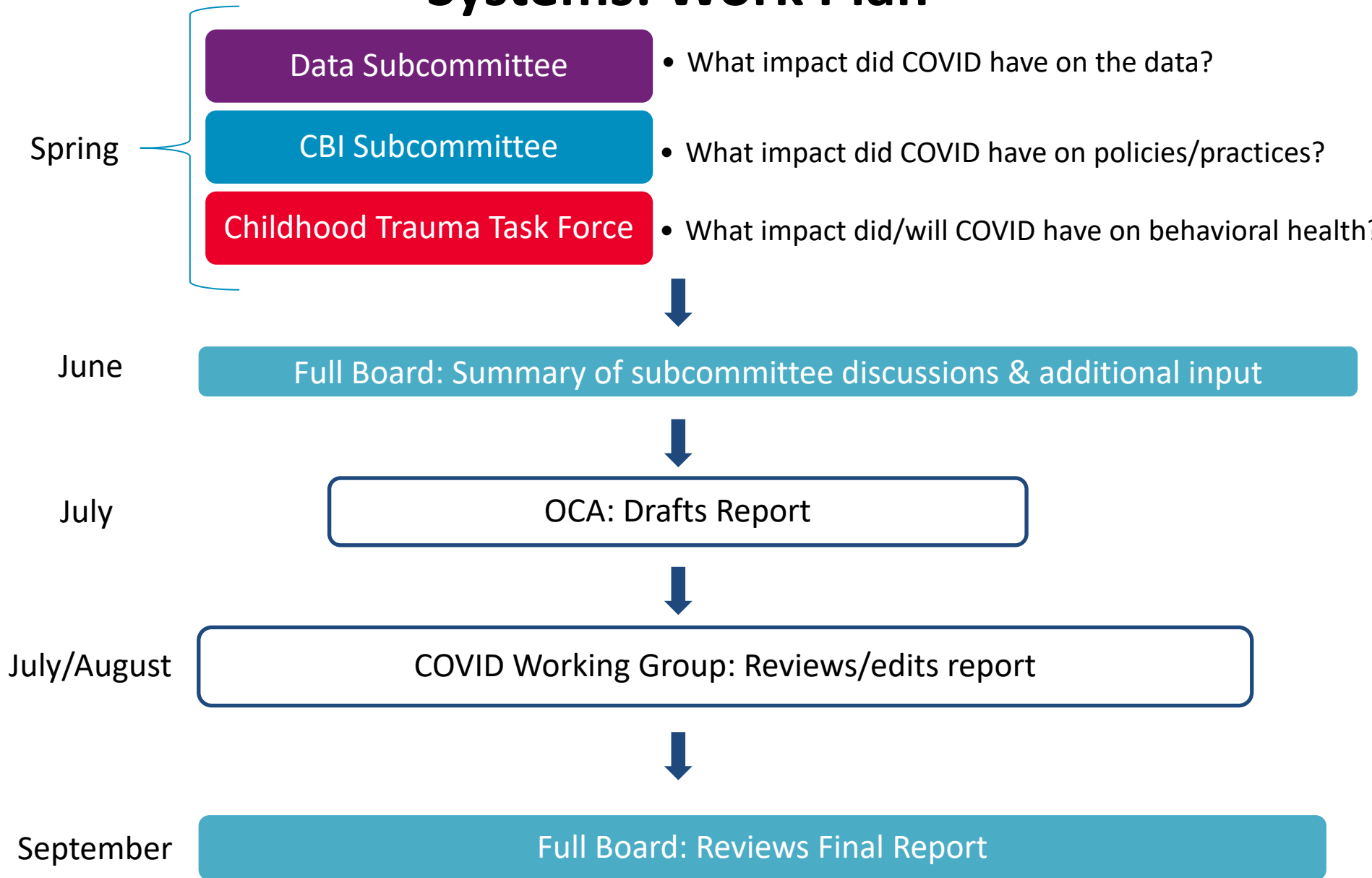
Data Subcommittee

Virtual Meeting  
May 13, 2021  
10:30am – 12:00pm

# Agenda

1. Welcome and Introductions
2. Approval of April meeting minutes
3. COVID-19 Data Conversation
4. Data Availability Report Update

# Analysis of COVID-19's Impact on Youth in Our Systems: Work Plan



# Arrests & Overnight Arrests

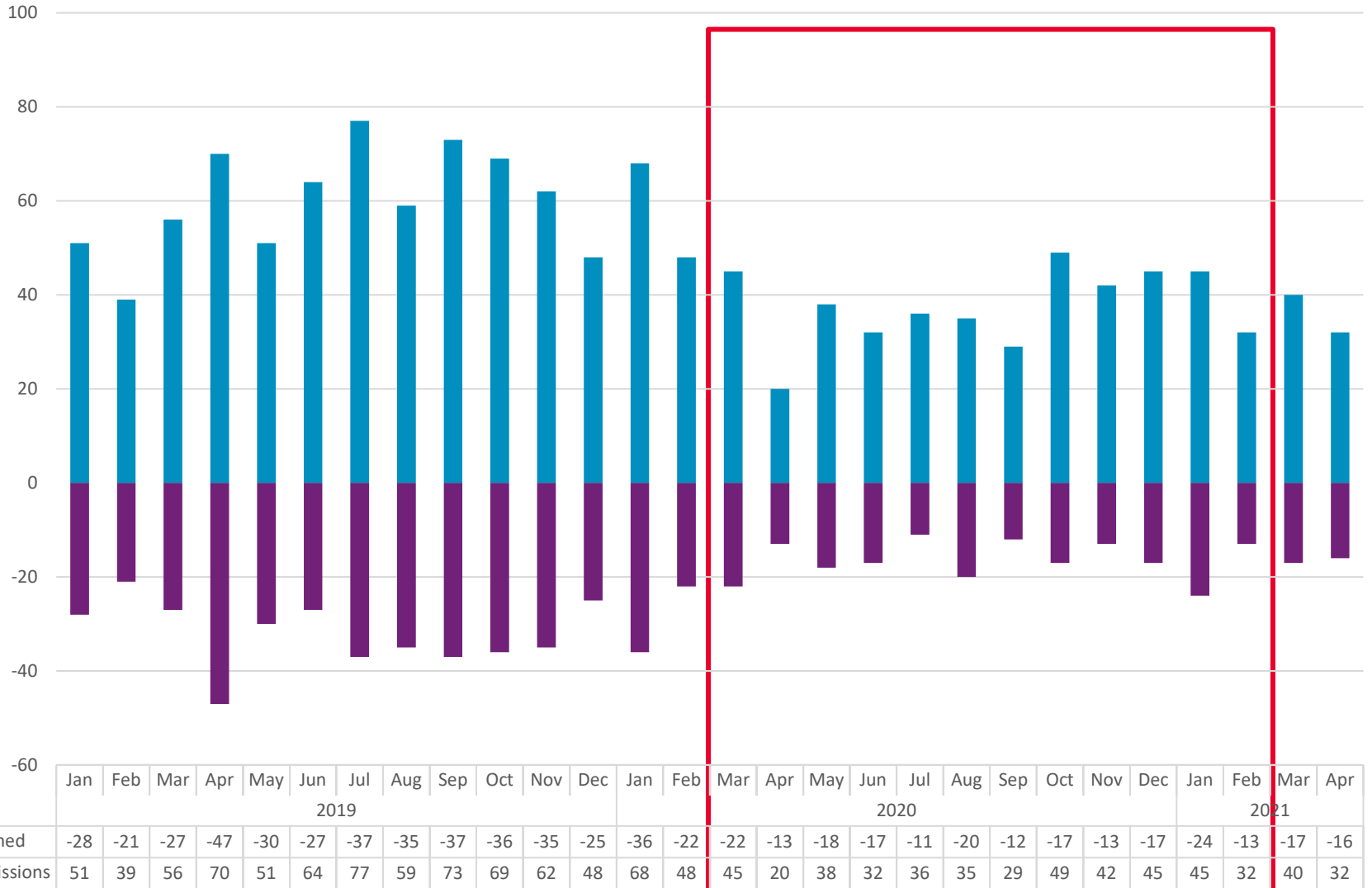
## Changes to policy/practice:

- Increasing use of summons and limiting on-sight arrests
- Shifting processes to conference call or video.

## FY21 Data Trends:

- Overall decrease in ONA admissions

# 40% decrease in average monthly ONA admissions during first year of pandemic (March 2020- February 2021)



**Draft Analysis**

# Arrests & Overnight Arrests

## Changes to policy/practice:

- Increasing use of summons and limiting on-sight arrests
- Shifting processes to conference call or video.

## FY21 Data Trend Hypotheses:

- Decrease in custodial arrests
- Increased % of cases that come in via summons compared to prior years
- Geographic disparities based on PD policy
- Higher offense severity levels for youth who did have an ONA

*Any other hypotheses for FY21? Any reason to believe these policies will impact data by race, gender, age, geography?*

# Juvenile Court Case Processing

## Changes to policy/practice:

- *Emergency hearings* were prioritized for in-person hearings (June 1, 2020- January 11, 2021):
  - CRA Runaway applications
  - Arraignments and dangerousness hearings for detained youth
  - Substance/ alcohol use disorder, mental health, and harassment prevention proceedings

## FY21 Data Trend Hypotheses:

- Overall \_\_\_?\_\_\_ in Applications for Complaint, Delinquency Filings, Arraignments
  - Higher % of arraignments (and maybe all cases) for more serious offense types
- Overall decrease in CRAs
  - CRA Runaways to make up larger percentage of CRA caseload (?)
  - Decrease in school-based CRAs

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# Pretrial Proceedings

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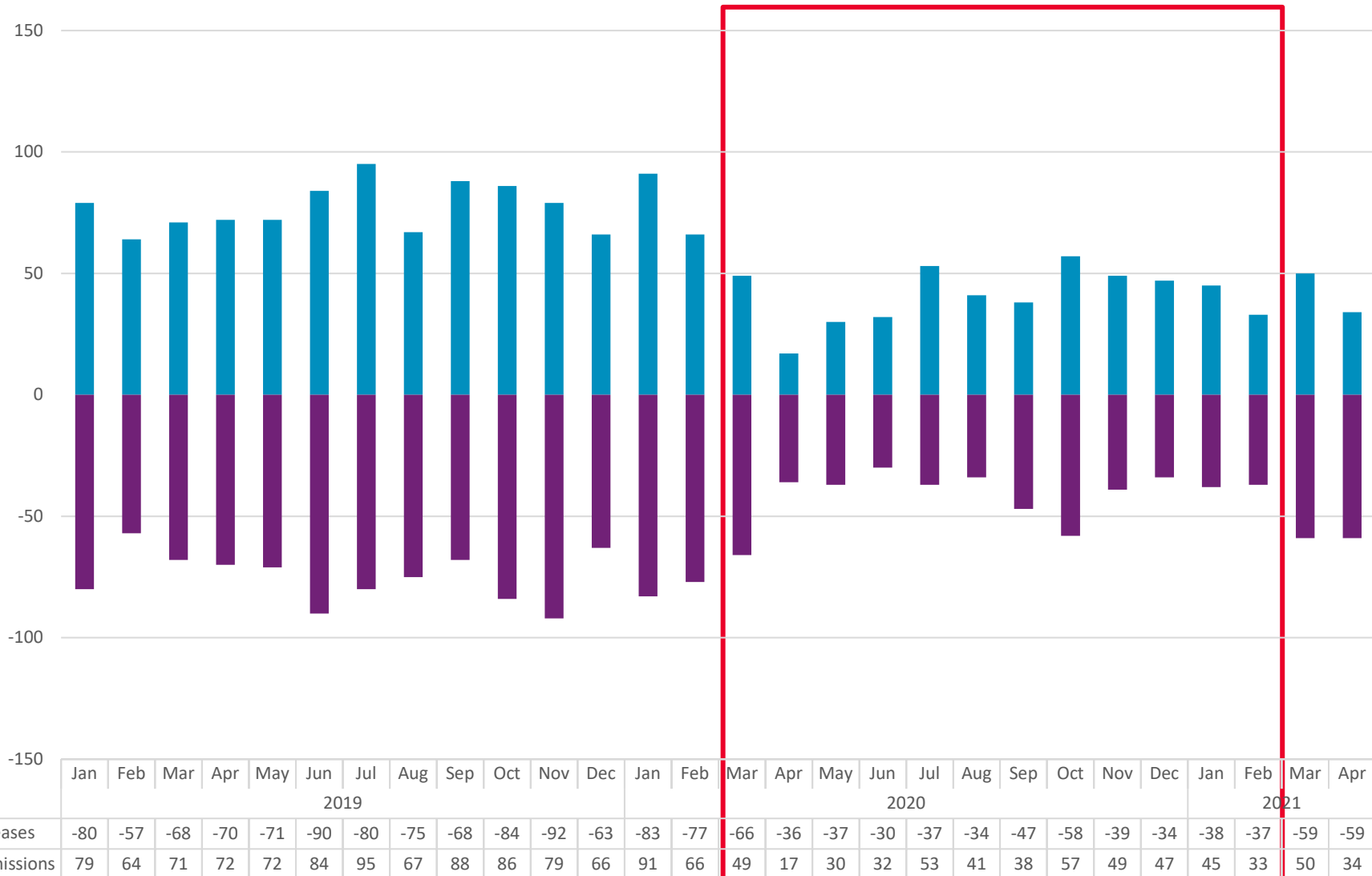
- Motions for reconsideration of bail, bail revocation, & probation violation detainer hearings were prioritized as *emergency hearings* (until January 11, 2021).
- Collaborative efforts to identify **youth who were eligible for release from detention.**
  - Youth with specific health considerations or who were being held on low bail amounts were prioritized.

## FY21 Data Trends:

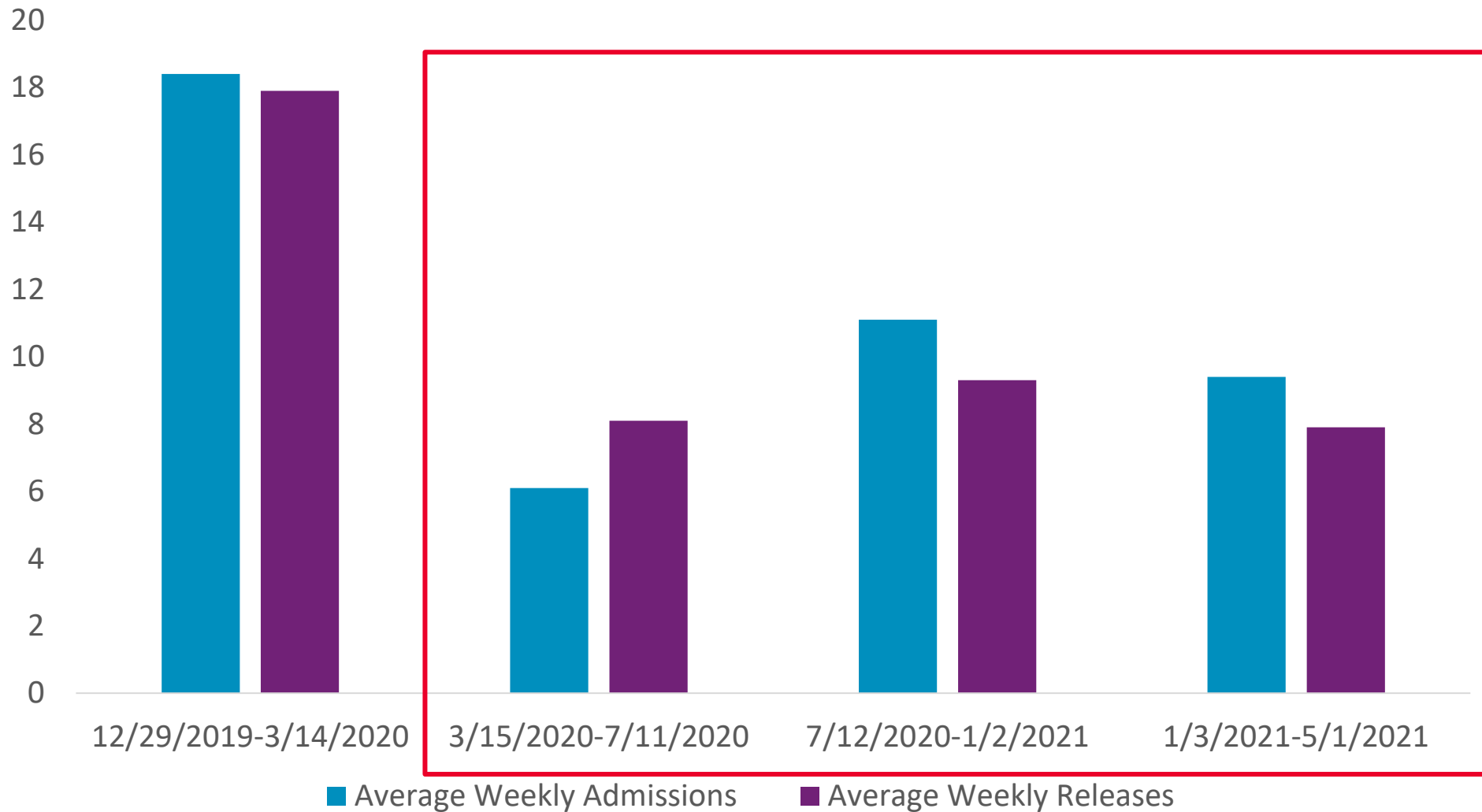
- Overall, decrease in detentions
  - Longer length of stays in detention for youth who remained detained
- Small increase in pretrial probation caseload



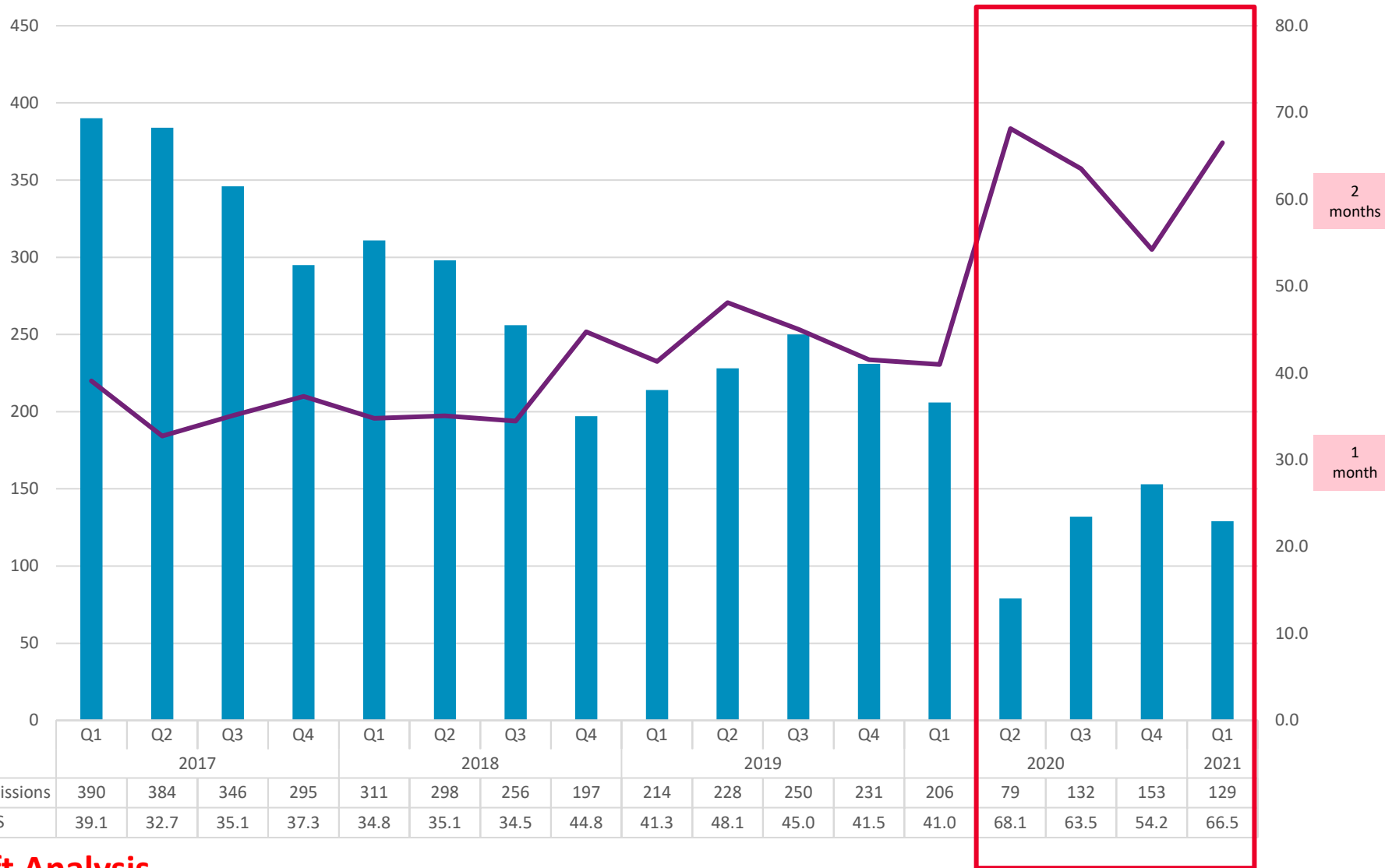
# 48% decrease in average monthly detention admissions during first year of the pandemic



# Average weekly detention admissions have decreased as much as 66% during the pandemic

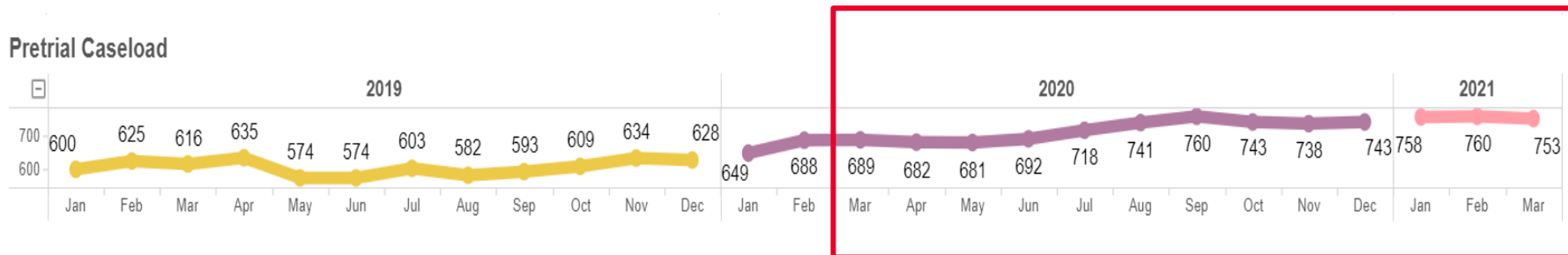


# On average, youth remained in detention 20 days longer than the average length of pre-pandemic detention stays



**Draft Analysis**

# Pretrial supervision cases have increased 9% since March 2020



- Pretrial supervision cases made up 62% of probation's March caseload, compared to 42% in March 2020, and 37% in March 2019.

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## FY21 Data Trend Hypotheses:

- Higher offense severity levels for youth who were detained?

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# Dispositions & Ongoing Case Management

## Changes to policy/practice:

- Probation conducted virtual visits
- New limits around use of GPS
- Limited violation of probation notices to youth **who were re-arrested** for a new crime or whose violations posed an **imminent threat to others**.
- DYS identified commitment cases to determine which **youth were eligible for release from a residential setting**.

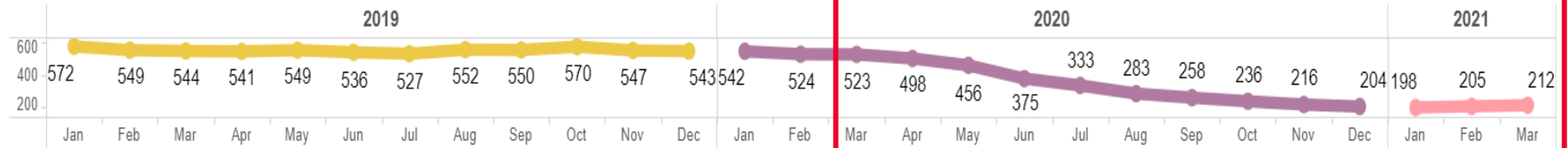
## FY21 Data Trends:

- Overall, decrease in new commitments
- Decrease in Risk Need and Admin Probation Starts
- Decrease in probation violations

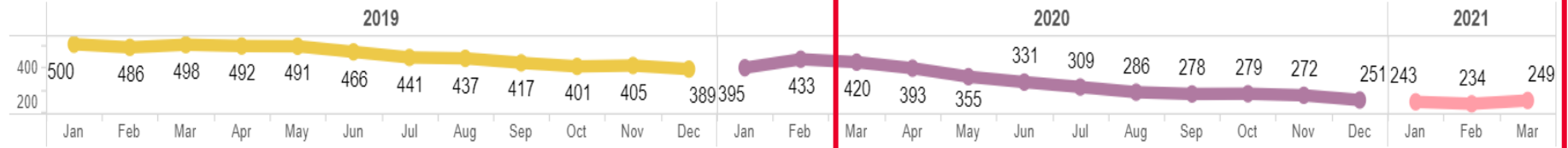
# Risk/Need Probation and Administrative Probation cases decreased 60% and 42% respectively

## Monthly Report of Probation Activity: Juvenile Court Department

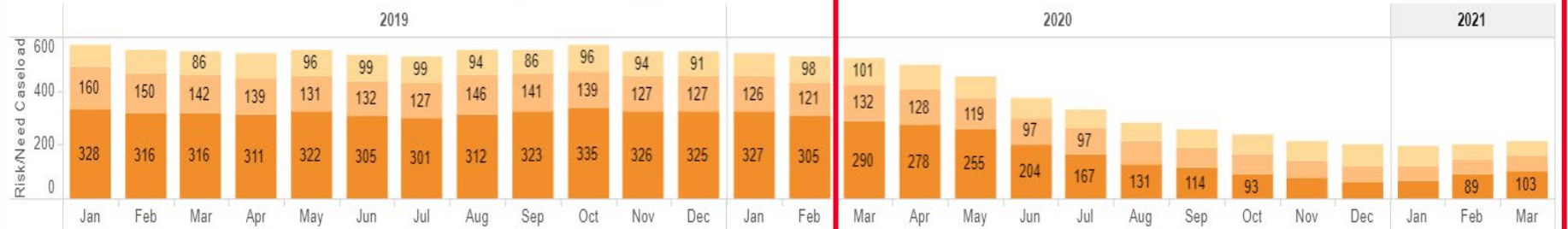
### Risk/Need Caseload



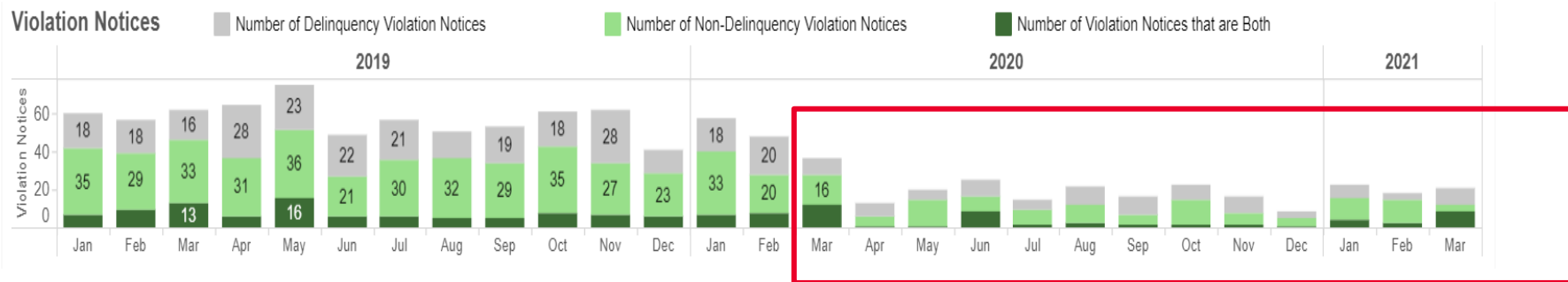
### Administrative Caseload



### Level of Risk/Need Supervision



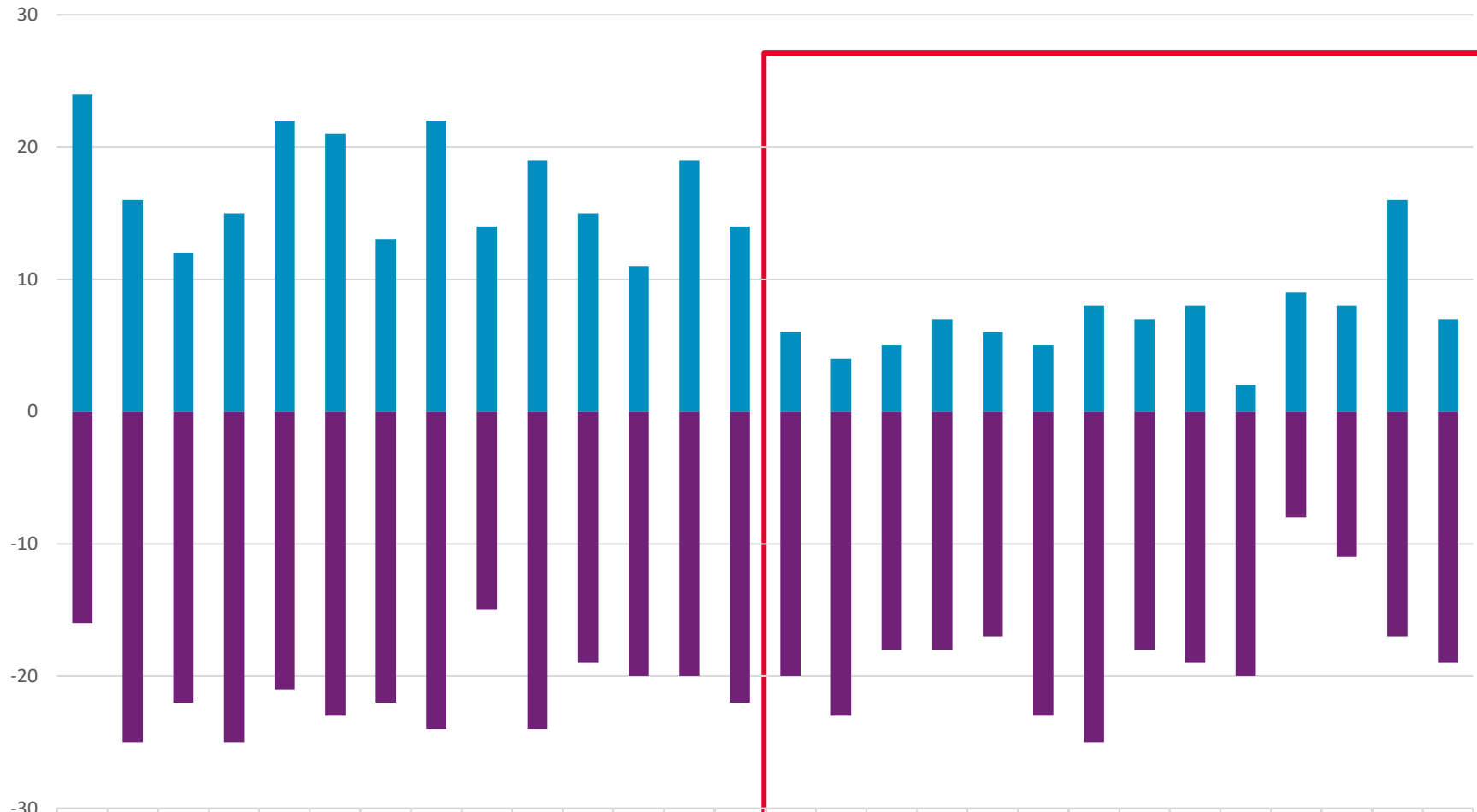
# Average monthly VOP notices dropped by 65% during the pandemic



	March 2019-Feb. 2020 Monthly Average	March 2020-Feb. 2021 Monthly Average	% Change
Delinquency VOP	20	7	65%
Non-delinquency VOP	29	9	69%
VOPs with Both Delinquent & Non- delinquent	8	4	50%
<b>Total VOP</b>	<b>57</b>	<b>20</b>	<b>65%</b>



# 62% decrease in average monthly new commitments during first year of the pandemic



	Jan	Feb	Mar	Apr	May	Jun	Jul	Aug	Sep	Oct	Nov	Dec	Jan	Feb	Mar	Apr	May	Jun	Jul	Aug	Sep	Oct	Nov	Dec	Jan	Feb	Mar	Apr
	2019												2020												2021			
Age Outs	-16	-25	-22	-25	-21	-23	-22	-24	-15	-24	-19	-20	-20	-22	-20	-23	-18	-18	-17	-23	-25	-18	-19	-20	-8	-11	-17	-19
New Commitments	24	16	12	15	22	21	13	22	14	19	15	11	19	14	6	4	5	7	6	5	8	7	8	2	9	8	16	7

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## FY21 Data Trends Hypotheses:

- Decrease in residential commitment caseload vs. increase caseload rate of community commitments

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# DMH/Court Clinics & DPH/BSAS

## Changes to polices/practice:

- Juvenile court clinicians conducted **virtual visits** with youth for assessments and sessions.
- DPH Providers used **virtual platforms** to conduct family therapy sessions & visits
- Reduced **bed capacity** for BSAS facilities to provide individual rooms to clients.

## FY21 Data Trends Hypotheses:

- Decreased admissions to BSAS inpatient services
- Fewer youth referred to Juvenile Court Clinics
- ? youth applications for DMH services
- Increasing MH/SUD needs

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# What data do we need to understand the pandemic's impact on FY21 data?

**Standard** data requests ask for FY totals by:

- Age
- Race/ethnicity
- Gender and SOGI
- County
- Offense Type
- Offense Severity

**New/ Different** Considerations for FY21 Data Requests:

- Quarterly Data
- Length of time data
- Averages, Ranges and Medians
- **Other Ideas?**

# COVID-19 Report: Next Steps

- OCA will compile feedback into a presentation for the JJPAD Board's June meeting.
- OCA will draft the COVID-19 report and obtain feedback from JJPAD Subcommittees this summer.
- Report to issue sometime Fall 2021
- Will also provide context to FY21 Annual Report

# Data Availability Report: 2021 Updates

1. Review of 2019 Findings & Recommendations
2. Progress made since 2019
3. Remaining gaps in data availability
  - JJ system decision points (update from 2019)
  - Long-term outcomes
  - Crossover Youth
4. Remaining data reporting challenges
5. Discussion & Next Steps

# Data Availability Report: Legislative Charge

The Legislature asked the JJPAD Board to issue a report by June 30<sup>th</sup>, 2019, on the following topic:

*“The board shall analyze and make a recommendation on the feasibility of the child advocate **creating and annually updating an instrument to record aggregate statistical data for every contact a juvenile has with: (i) criminal justice agencies; (ii) any contractor, vendor or service-provider working with said agencies; and (iii) any alternative lock-up programs.** The data to be recorded on the instrument shall include, without limitation, **age, gender, racial or ethnic category and type of crime.** The recommendation shall include a **study of the feasibility** of all offices and departments subject to this section using the instrument to record a juvenile’s contact. The board shall determine the best practices for departments to submit data to the child advocate.”*

# Data Availability Report: 2019 Findings

1. Lack of available data often impedes our ability to make data-informed decisions about policy and practice
2. There is a need for increased coordination of aggregate statistical data collection and reporting
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# Data Availability Report: Progress Made (2019-2021)

- **Increased data availability** between FY19 Annual Report and FY20 Annual Report:
  - Arraignments, 58A Hearings, DYS Point-in-time, DYS Placement Type, DYS YES Transitions, Youthful Offender Data
  - Hopefully more to add for FY21
- **Increased coordination** of data collection and reporting
- **Aligning data reporting** (race/ethnicity, SOGI)
- Developing of the **juvenile justice system data website**
- Agencies have also increased their own public reporting through **online dashboards**:
  1. EOPSS's [crime statistics page](#).
  2. Trial Court's [public data dashboard](#).
  3. Probation's [Tableau](#)
  4. DPH'S [website on the Social Determinants of health](#)

Any other  
updates on  
progress  
made?

# Data Availability Report: Juvenile Justice Data Points

School-based arrests & law enforcement referrals

Police use of diversion

Custodial arrests

Overnight arrest admissions

Application for complaint

Complaint by initiation type (summons vs arrest)

Clerk Decision re: Filing of Complaint

Delinquency filings

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Probation violation notices

Commitment to DYS

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Data on Youth Arraigned in Adult/Trial Courts (e.g. youth charged with homicide)

Crossover youth/multisystem youth

Recidivism

Long-term/life outcomes

- **Green**-Data publicly available
- **Yellow**- Data partially available (some elements missing or other data challenges)
- **Red**- no publicly available data

# Data Availability Report: Juvenile Justice Pre-Arrest Data

School-based arrests & law enforcement referrals [Data reporting challenges]

Police use of diversion

Custodial arrests

Overnight arrest admissions

Application for complaint

Complaint by initiation type (summons vs arrest)

Clerk Decision re: Filing of Complaint [Decision but Not Reason]

Delinquency filings

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- Are these the right data points?
- Any updates to this list?

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# Data Availability Report: Juvenile Justice Pre-trial Data

Arraignments [Number but not all relevant breakdowns]

58A Hearings [Number but not outcomes or breakdowns]

Pretrial decisions re: detention & bail, conditions, revocation, competency hearings, 72A hearings

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Adjudication

Disposition

Post-disposition probation cases

Probation violation notices [Number but not breakdowns]

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Crossover youth/multisystem youth [Further discussion later in pres]

Recidivism [DYS Only]

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# Data Availability Report:

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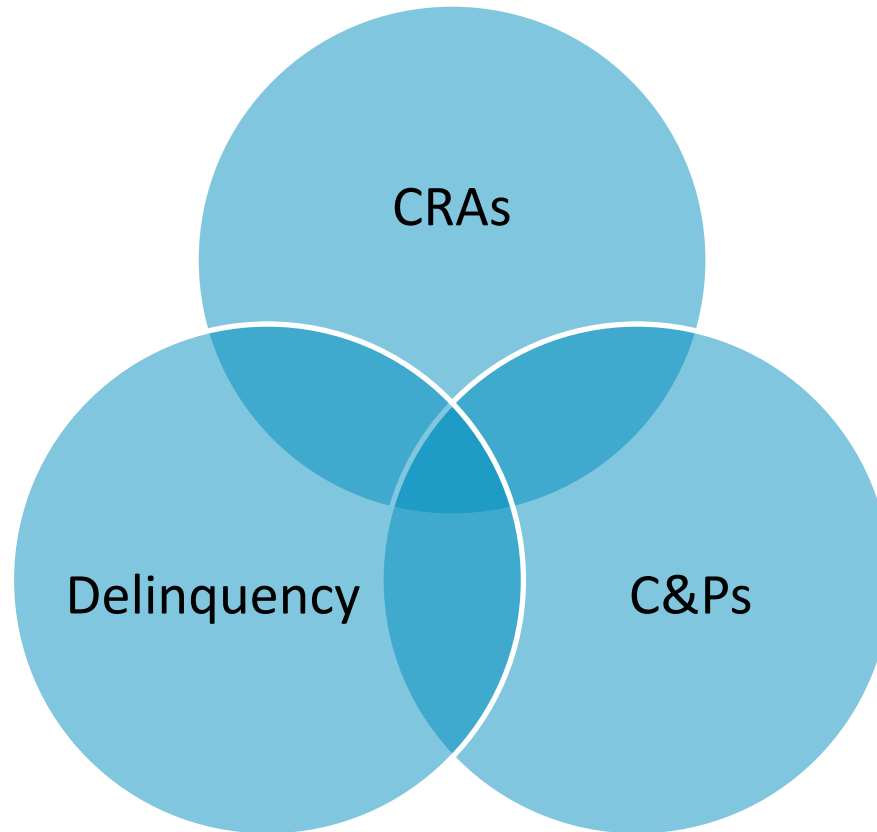
### Life Outcomes:

- Recidivism (definition TBD)
- Educational achievements
- Employment & earnings
- Perceptions of opportunities
- Use of public benefits (e.g. unemployment, SNAP/WIC)
- Mental health diagnoses & services (Inpatient/outpatient)
- Substance Use Disorder
- Hospitalizations
- Exposure to violence (as a witness or victim)
- Peer associations

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# Data Availability Report:

## New Section: Crossover Youth Data





# Data Availability Report:

## Remaining Data Reporting Challenges

1. Missing data types (as described above)
2. Ability to examine data through intersectional lens (e.g. race by gender)
3. Ability to look at a variety of timeframes (e.g. FY vs. CY vs. Quarterly)
4. Offense details (severity, specific charges)
5. Longitudinal data

Report will include similar contextual information as 2019 report re: resources, technology, privacy statutes

**Anything else to add?**

# Data Availability Report: Next Steps

- OCA will incorporate feedback and update the 2019 report
- Data Subcommittee to review report again this summer
- 2021 Data Requests to be sent out by end of June and will reflect today's updates/discussion

# Next Meeting Date

June 10, 2021  
10:30am-12:00pm  
Virtual Meeting

*2021 Data Subcommittee meetings are on the  
2<sup>nd</sup> Thursday of the month 10:30am-12pm until further notice.*

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