Juvenile Justice Policy and Data Board

Data Subcommittee

Virtual Meeting October 15, 2020 1pm – 2:30pm



Agenda

- Welcome and Introductions
 - Virtual Meeting Guidelines
- Review/Approval of September meeting minutes
- Final Review: Data Reporting Standards Recommendation
- Presentation/Discussion re: FY20 data



Data Reporting Standards

Suggested edits received during review period:

Note importance of looking at combinations (e.g. gender x race):

Further, the Subcommittee recognizes that disparities can also exist for specific combinations of identities – such as gender and race – making this an important factor to consider in analysis, as well. Although this document focuses on reporting recommendations for individual variables, the Subcommittee recommends government entities also examine and report data looking at various combinations, when possible.



Data Reporting Standards

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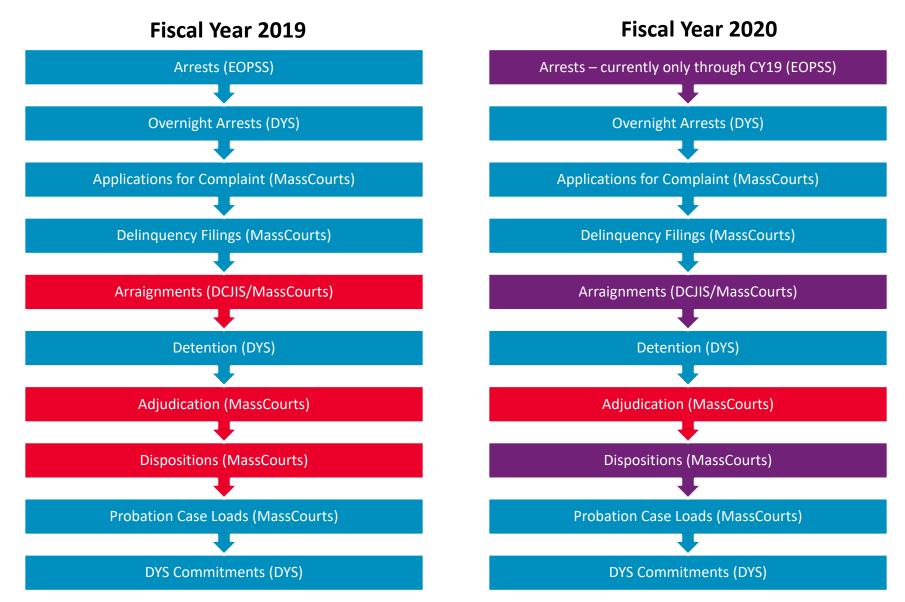
2) Clarify use of observation data:

Observation (staff-report) data should only be used when there is no other option, and never be used for collecting transgender status, intersex status, or sexual orientation.

3) Minor grammatical/technical edits (no change to content)



System Metrics



First Cut at Data Analysis

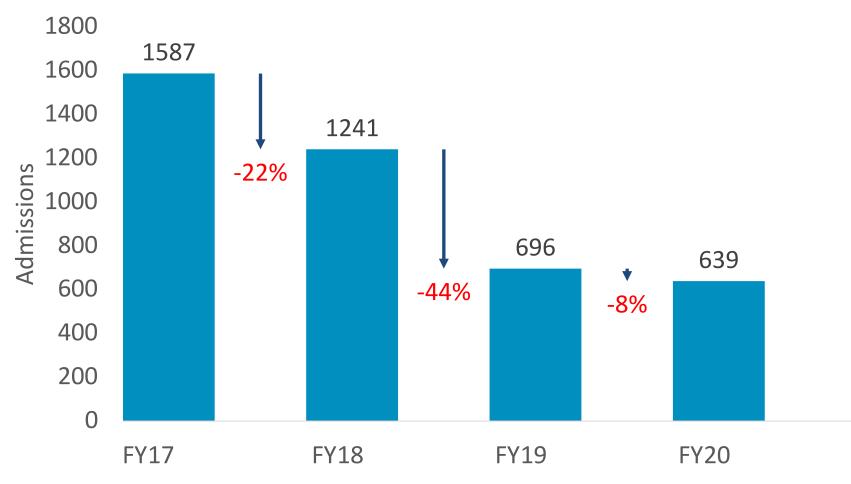
- Please note: this is a first cut at data analysis
- Numbers <u>should not be considered "final"</u> until they appear in 2020 report



Totals

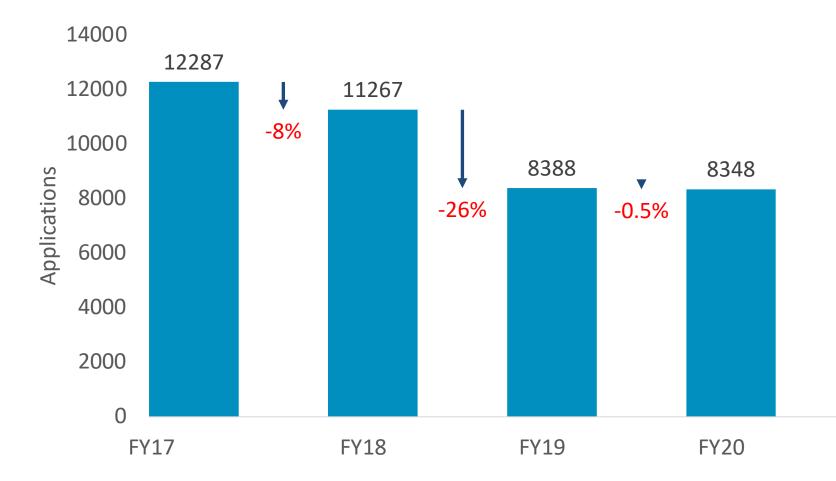


Overnight Arrest Admissions decreased 8%



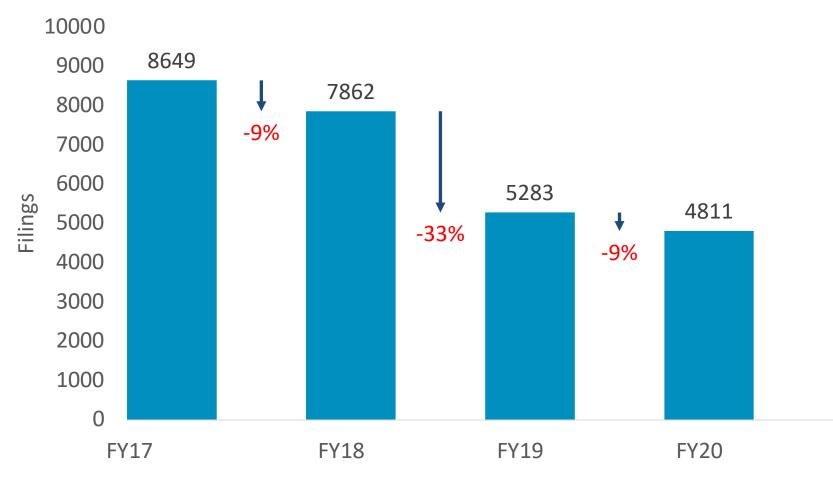


No change in number of Applications for Complaint filed from FY19 to FY20





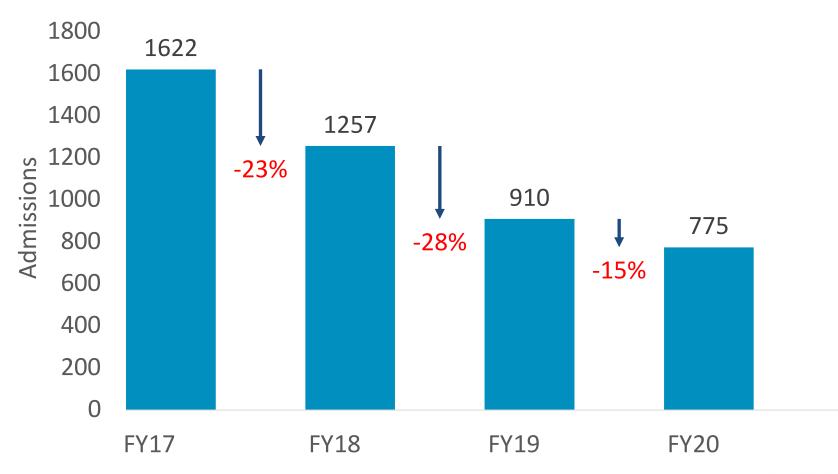
Delinquency Filings decreased by 9%





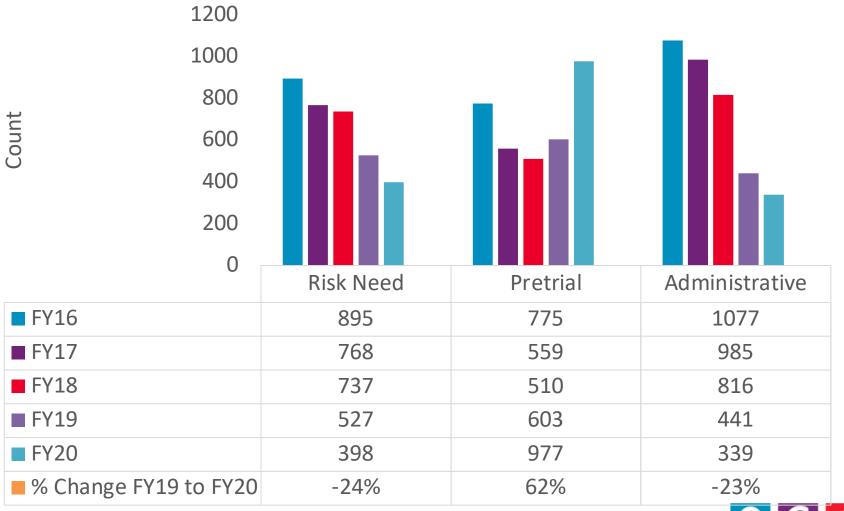
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Pre-trial Detention Admissions decreased 15%



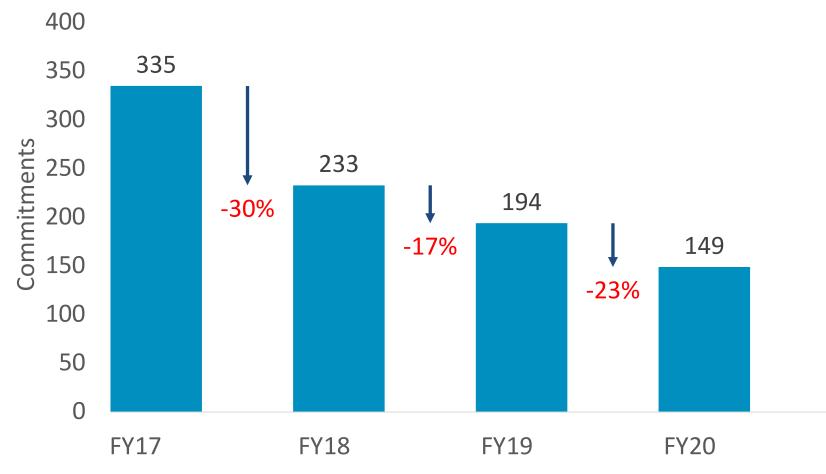


Decrease in delinquency Probation Caseloads, but large increase in use of Pre-Trial Probation



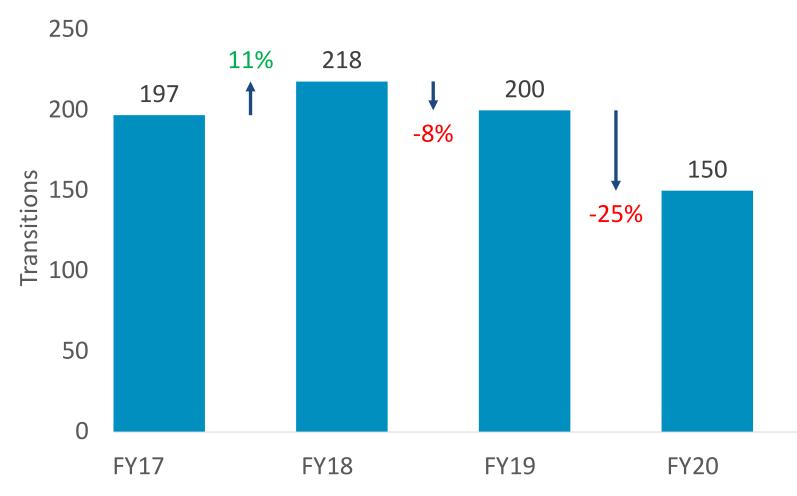


First-time Commitments to DYS decreased 23%





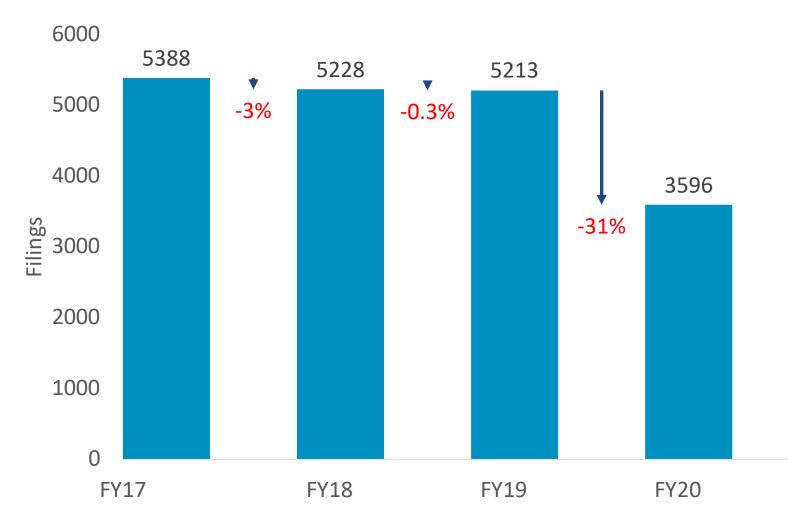
YES Transitions decreased 25%





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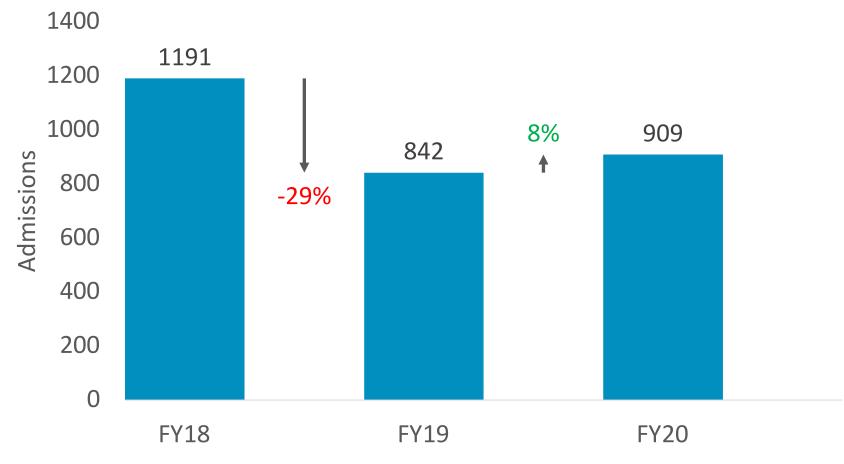
CRA Filings decreased 31%





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BSAS Admissions increased 8%





Key Takeaways

- After big drop in FY19 following passage of Criminal Justice Reform Bill, numbers at early process points have generally steadied.
 - Small to no change in ONAs, Complaints and Delinquency Filings
- More substantial decreases at deeper end of the system (detentions, commitments), continuing multi-year trend
- Significant increase in use of pre-trial probation



Impact of Pandemic?

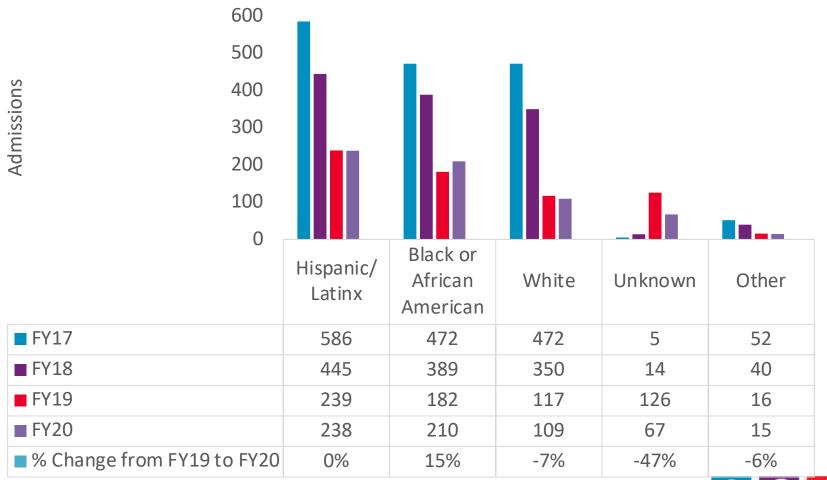
- Ultimately, unclear without quarterly totals
- Impact on CRA filings: due to changes in court practice on CRAs during pandemic, seems likely the large decrease in CRAs is pandemic-related
 - CRA filings were steady previous three years
- Impact on Detentions and Commitments:
 - Drops in Detentions and Commitments consistent with longer-term patterns
 - Public discussion re: reducing placement of youth in congregate settings during COVID – borne out in data?
- Impact on Applications and Filings:
 - If there was a pandemic-related drop in complaints/filings in Q4, that would mean there was an increase in Q1 Q3
 - Public narrative suggested decrease in criminal activity in early months of pandemic – borne out in data?



Race/Ethnicity

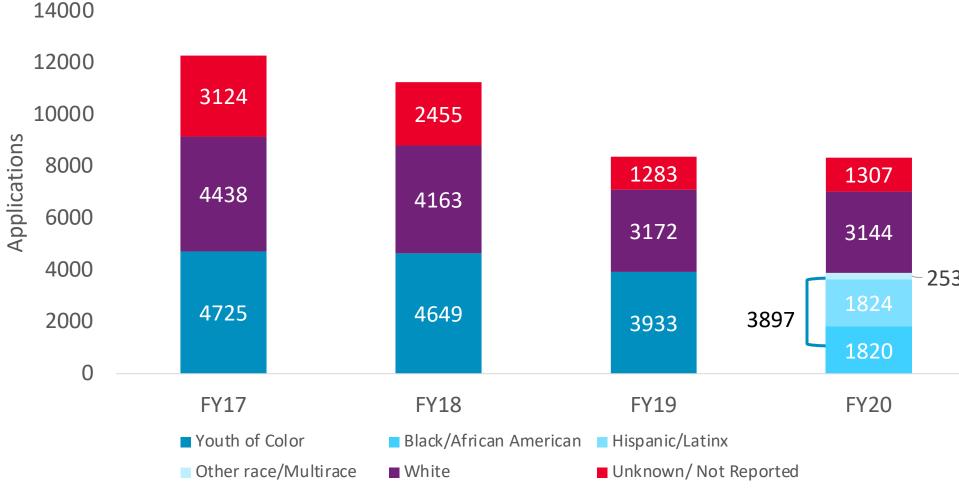


Overnight Arrest Admissions increased 15% for Black youth – but picture complicated by large drop in "Unknown"

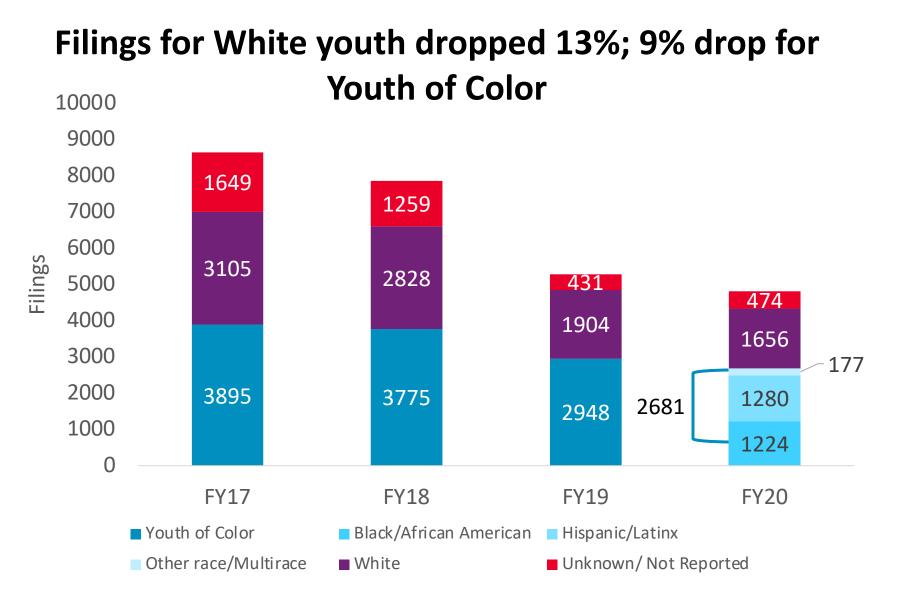




Applications for Complaint remained stable across race categories

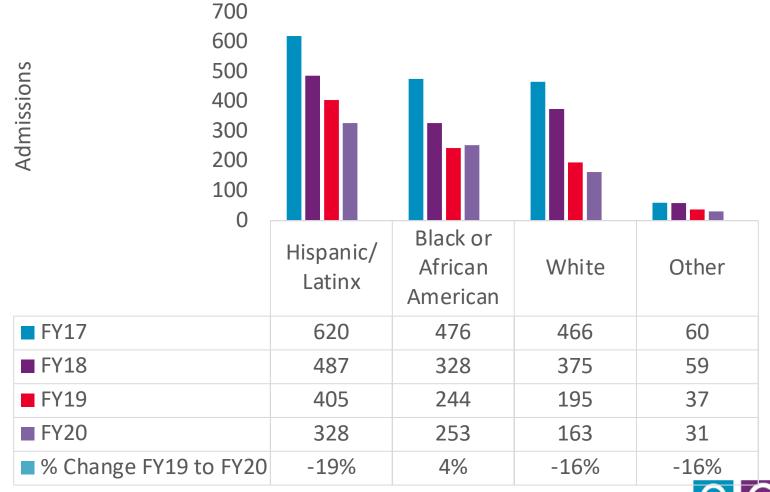








Detention Admissions decreased by 19% for Latinx Youth, increased 4% for Black youth



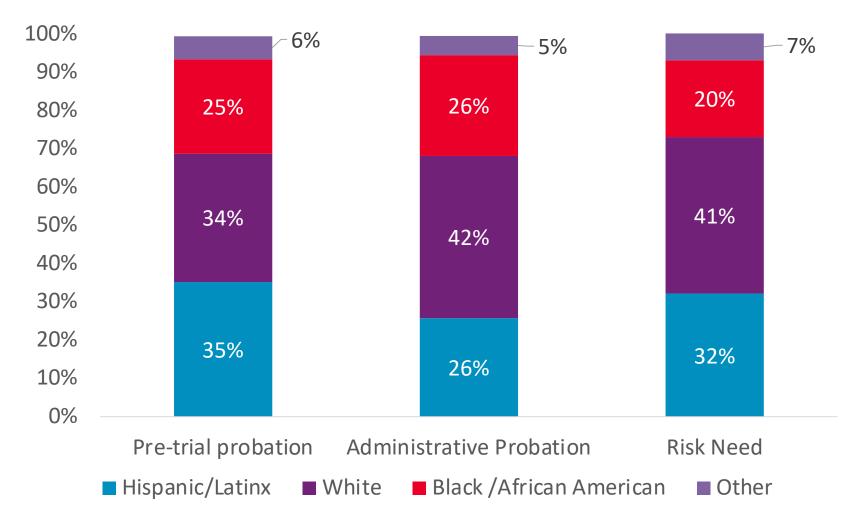


Largest decrease in Risk Need Probation for White youth

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U	White	Hispanic	Black / African American	Other Race / Multi- Race	Asian	Not known / Not reported	American Indian/Al aska Native
FY16	241	299	110	6	6	6	1
FY17	208	276	142	7	2	3	0
FY18	285	232	138	9	9	5	0
FY19	248	179	99	17	7	7	2
FY20	163	128	80	13	10	4	0
% Change FY19 to FY20	-34%	-28%	-19%	-24%	43%	-43%	-100%

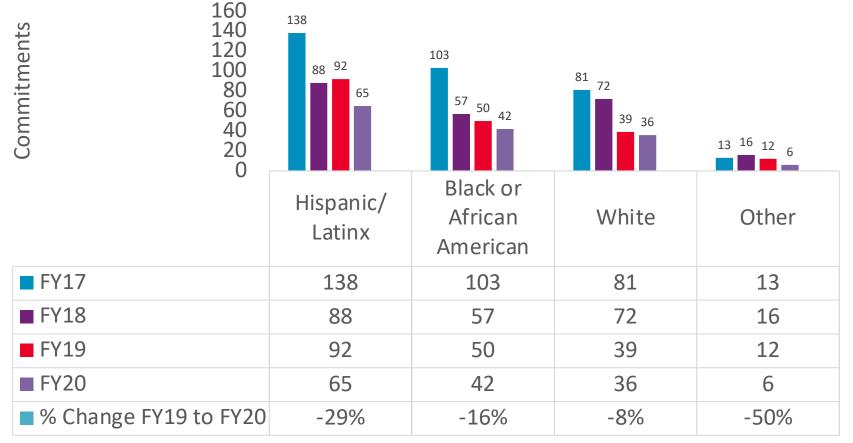


Hispanic/Latinx youth make up most of the PTP caseload, White youth make up most of the Admin & RN Caseload



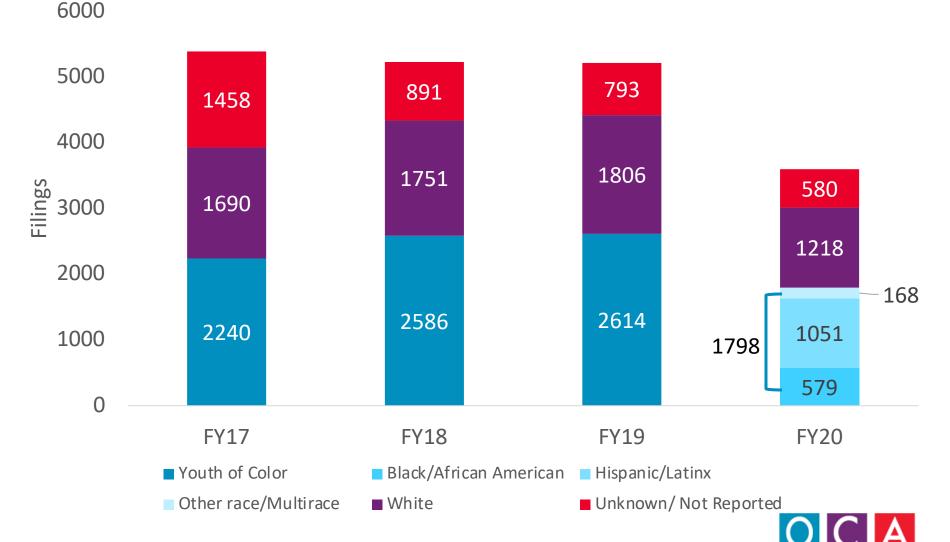


First-Time Commitments decreased for all youth in FY20; biggest decrease for Latinx youth





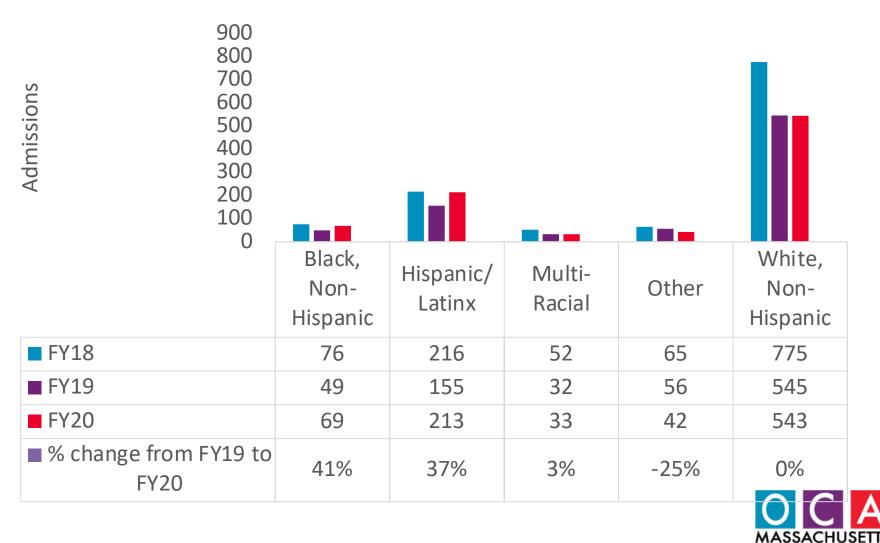
CRA Filings decreased 33% for White Youth; 21% for Youth of Color



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Increase in BSAS Admissions driven by increases for Black & Latinx Youth



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Key Takeaways

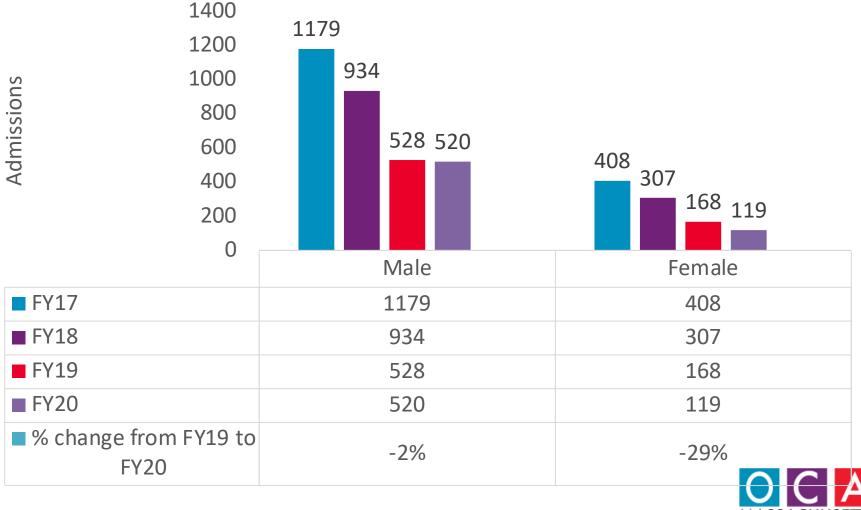
- No real change in racial/ethnic disparities at front-end of system
- Some improvement on disparities at deeper end of system particularly for Latinx youth
- Potential concern re: increase in Pre-Trial Probation given race/ethnic composition – area for further study?



Gender



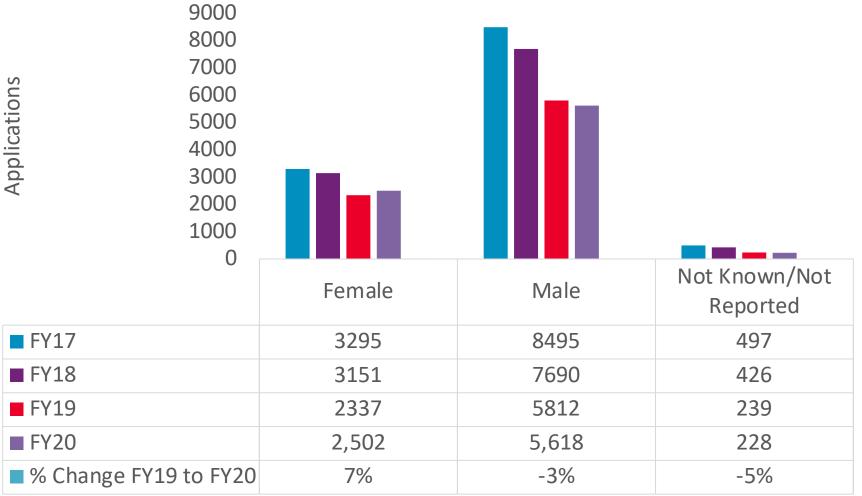
Overnight Arrest Admissions decreased 29% for females



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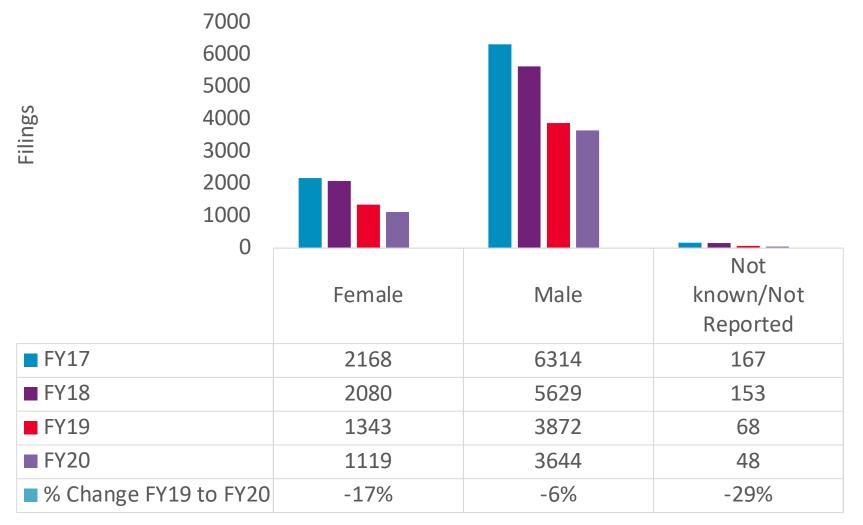
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Applications for Complaint remained consistent across all genders, with slight increase in Complaints against females



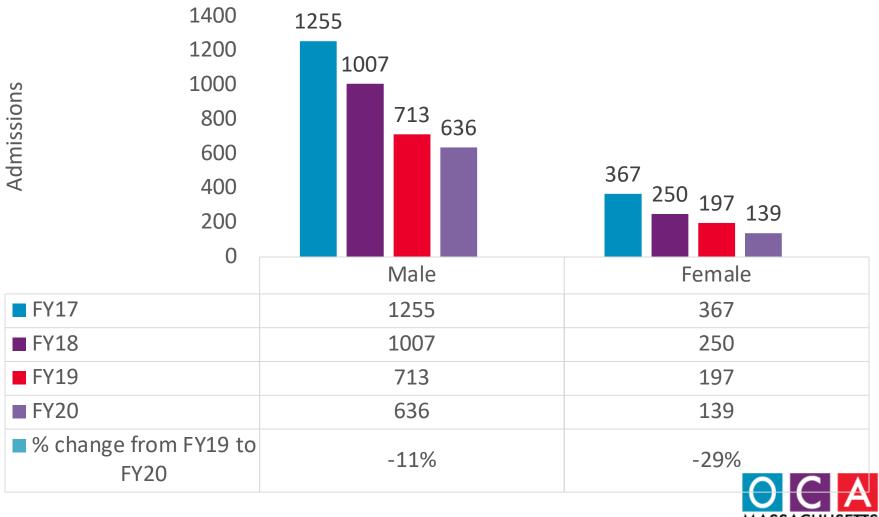


Delinquency Filings decreased 17% for females, 6% for males





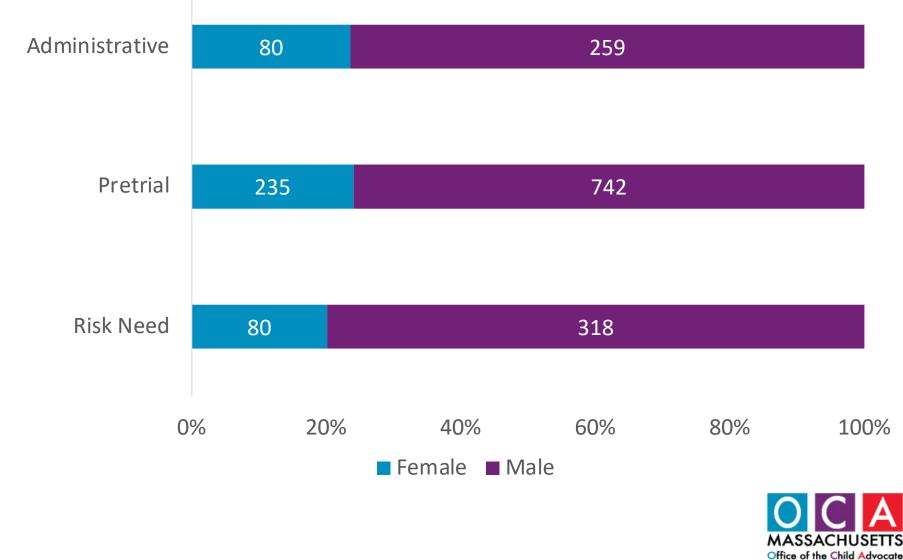
Detention Admissions decreased 29% for females, 11% for males



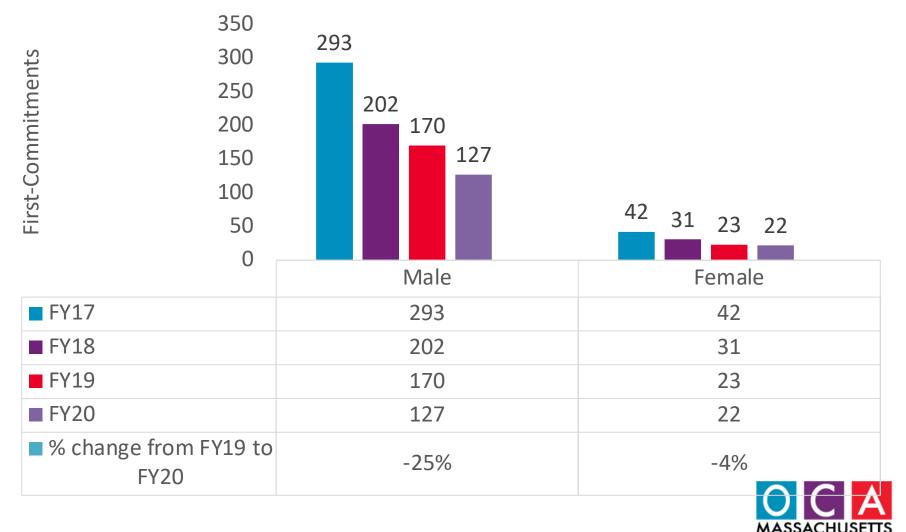
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Females represent about 20% of all Delinquency probation caseloads

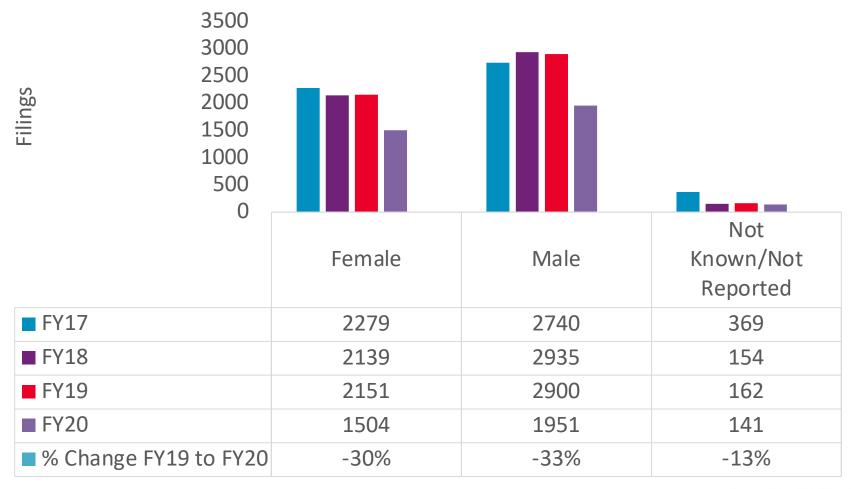


First-Time Commitments for males decreased 25%



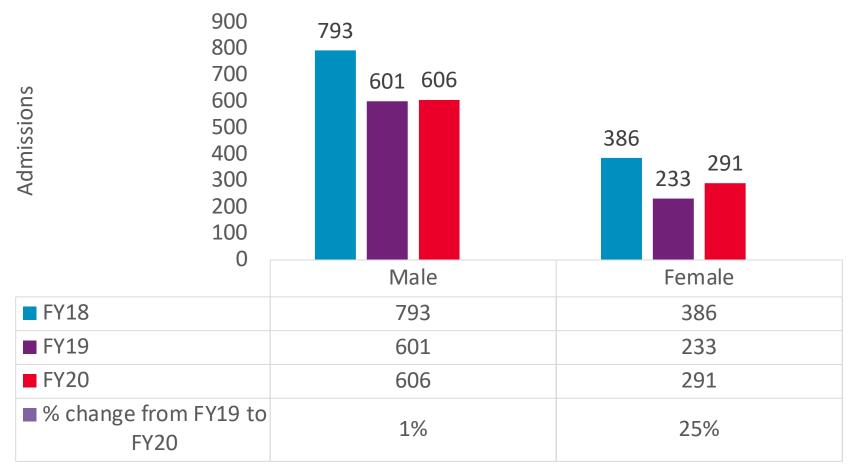
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CRA Filings decreased about 30% for both females and males





Increase in BSAS Admissions driven by increase for females





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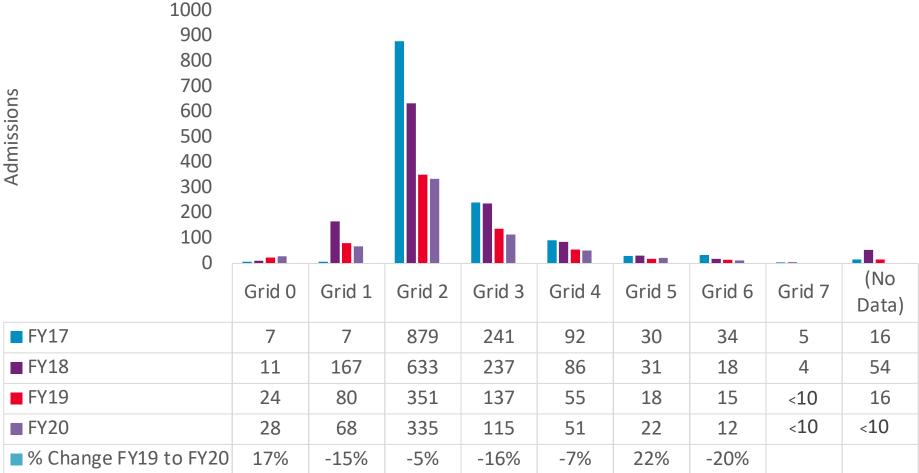
- No clear patterns by gender
- Large drop in ONA and detention admissions for females
- Large drop in commitments for males



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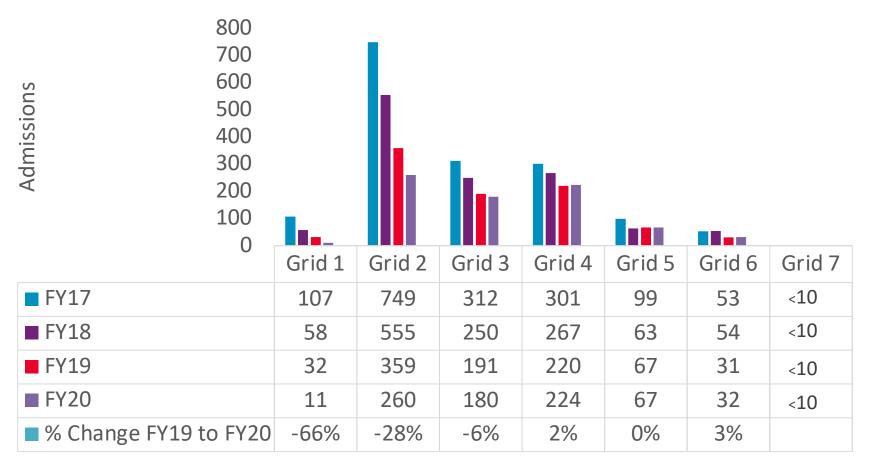


Following big drop in FY19, ONA rates generally leveling out



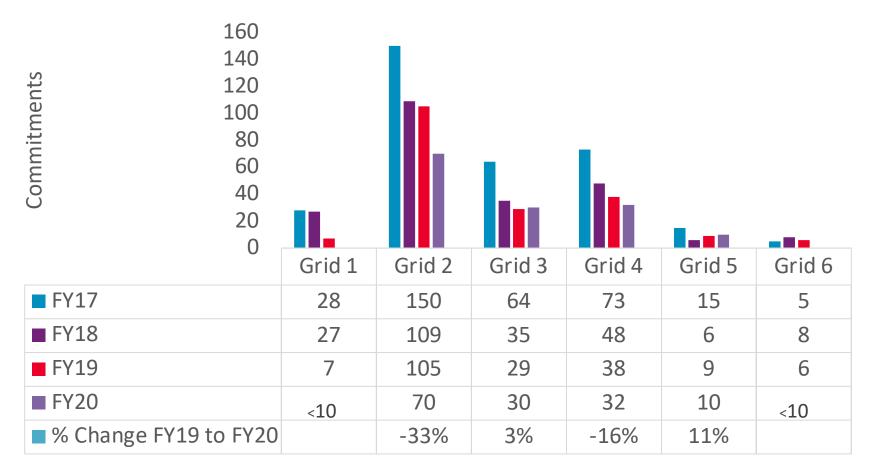


Decrease in Detention Admissions Driven by Lower Grid Levels



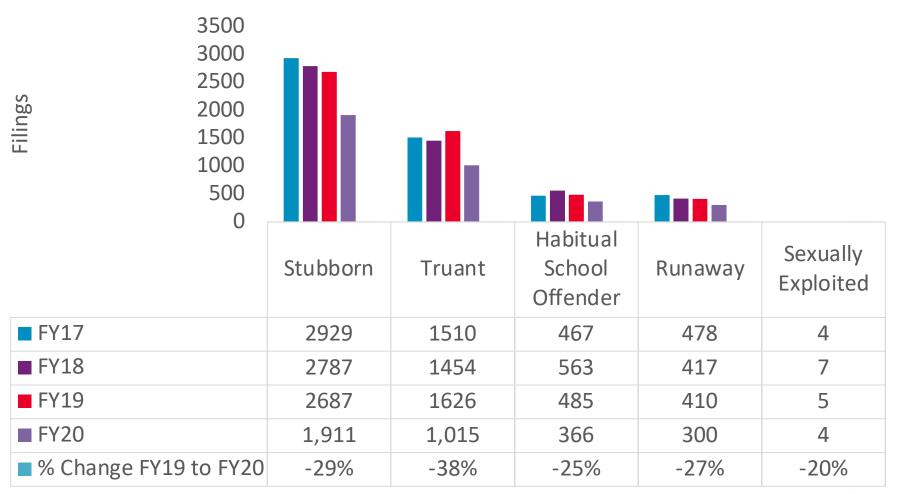


Decrease in First-time Commitments Driven by Drop in Grid Level 2





CRA Filings decreased for all filing case types, but most significant decreases in Truancy and Stubborn Child cases





Key Takeaways

- Decreases in deep-end of the system driven by decrease in utilization for less serous offenses
- Will add offense category breakdowns for court data for next meeting



Where we're headed...

Date	Meeting objectives	Post-meeting product
November 10, 2020	 Review/edit data report draft 	 Final data trends to Full Board



Next Meeting Date

November 10, 2020 1:00-2:30pm Virtual Meeting



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