

YOUTH SERVICE BUREAUS AND JUVENILE REVIEW BOARDS

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YOUTH SERVICE BUREAUS

- 103 YSBs receive funding serving 136 communities
- Codified in state [statute](#) CGS 10-19m by Public Act No. 75-487
- A Youth Service Bureau shall be the “coordinating unit of community-based services”
- Originally placed under DCF (formerly known as DCYFS), placed under SDE in 1996, and now placed under DCF (since 2019)



YOUTH SERVICE BUREAUS

- Birth to age 18 years
- Coordination and implementation of services:
 - Prevention and Intervention programs for:
 - “Delinquent, predelinquent, pregnant, parenting and troubled youth”
- Continuum of prevention and intervention services
- Referral sources: police, schools, community agencies, parents, self referral



YOUTH SERVICE BUREAUS

- YSBs, under 10-19m, are required to conduct the Administrative Core Unit Functions based on state statute which include:
 - Management and Administration
 - Need Assessment
 - Community Resource Development
 - Community Involvement
 - Advocacy

YOUTH SERVICE BUREAUS

- State funding consists of a Base Grant and an Enhancement Grant
- 100% match requirement for the Base Grant
- Base Grant dollars constitute between 2% to 50% of YSBs' total budgets
- 76% receive less than \$30,000 in Base Grant; 30 receive the minimum Base Grant of \$14,189
- Base Grants are used primarily for Administrative functions
- Enhancement Grant is used for Direct Services
 - Contingent on available funds
 - Amounts range from \$5,668 to \$17,175 dependent on population



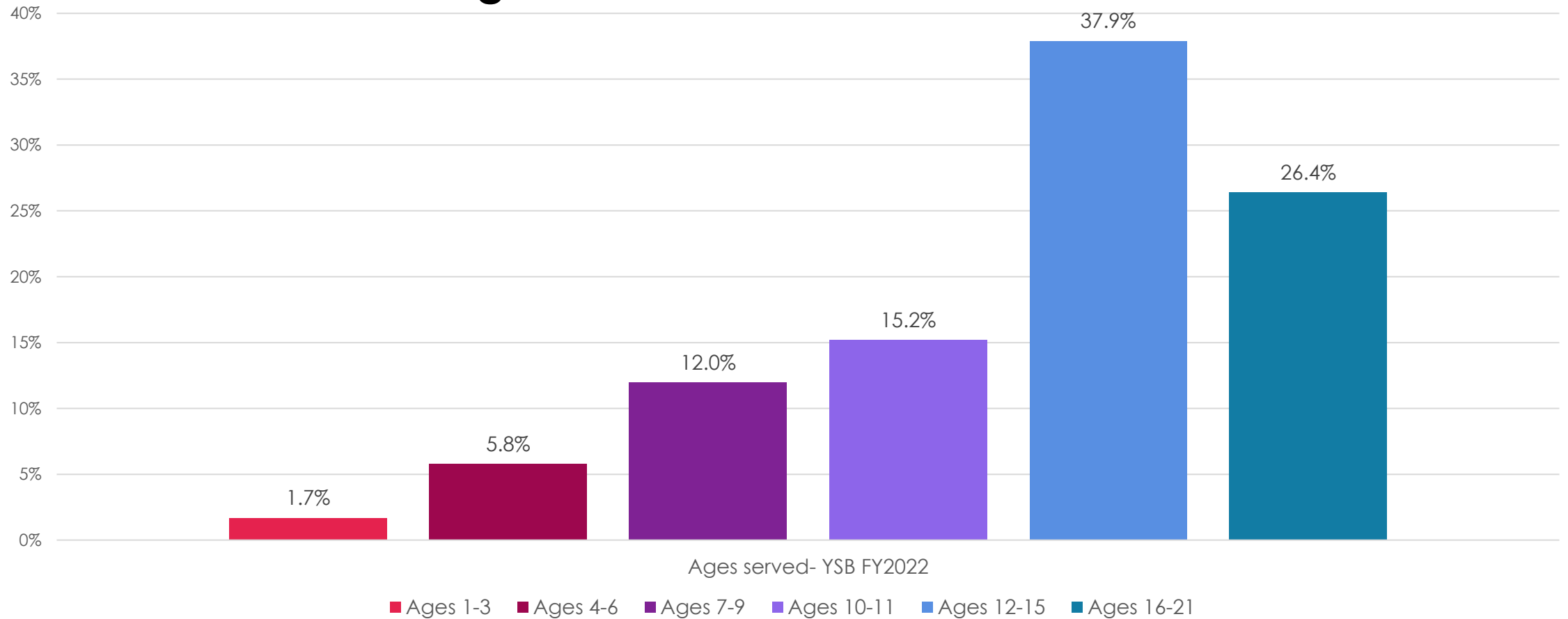
YSB DATA

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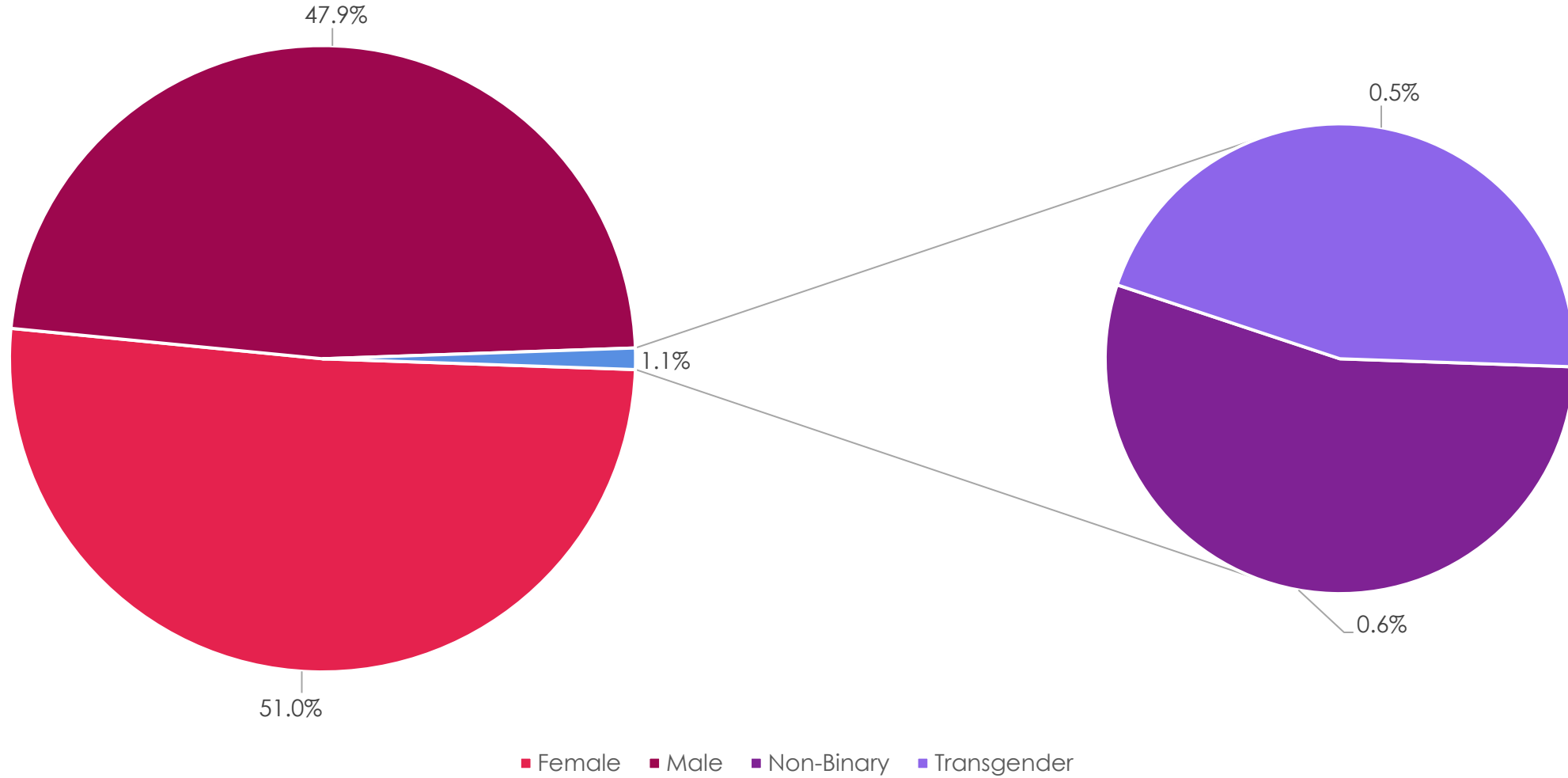
Total numbers served – YSB FY2022
15,940 (in Tier 2)

(Tier 2 is for more intensive programs lasting more than 20 hours)

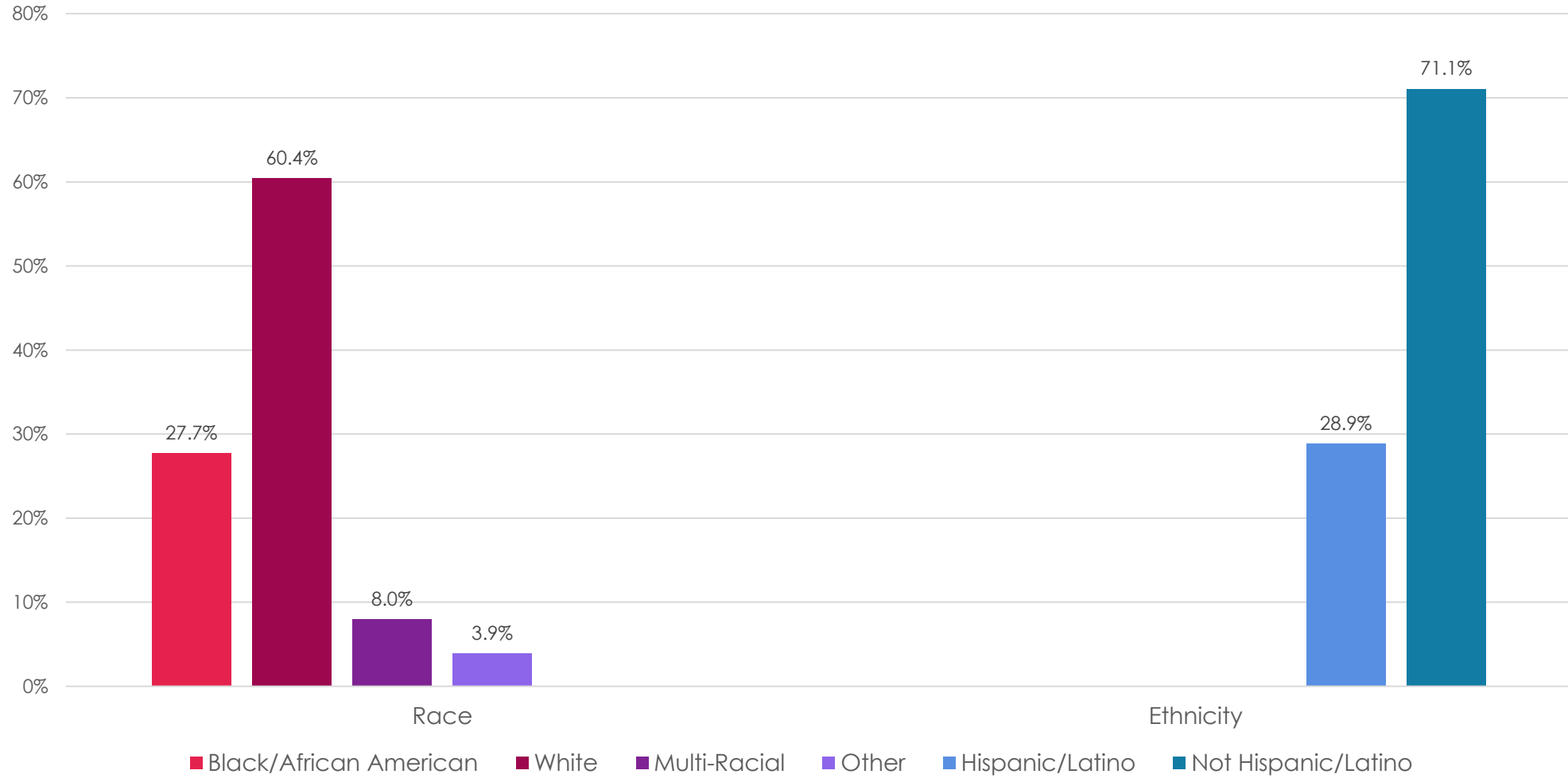
YSB - Age Breakdown-Youth Served FY2022



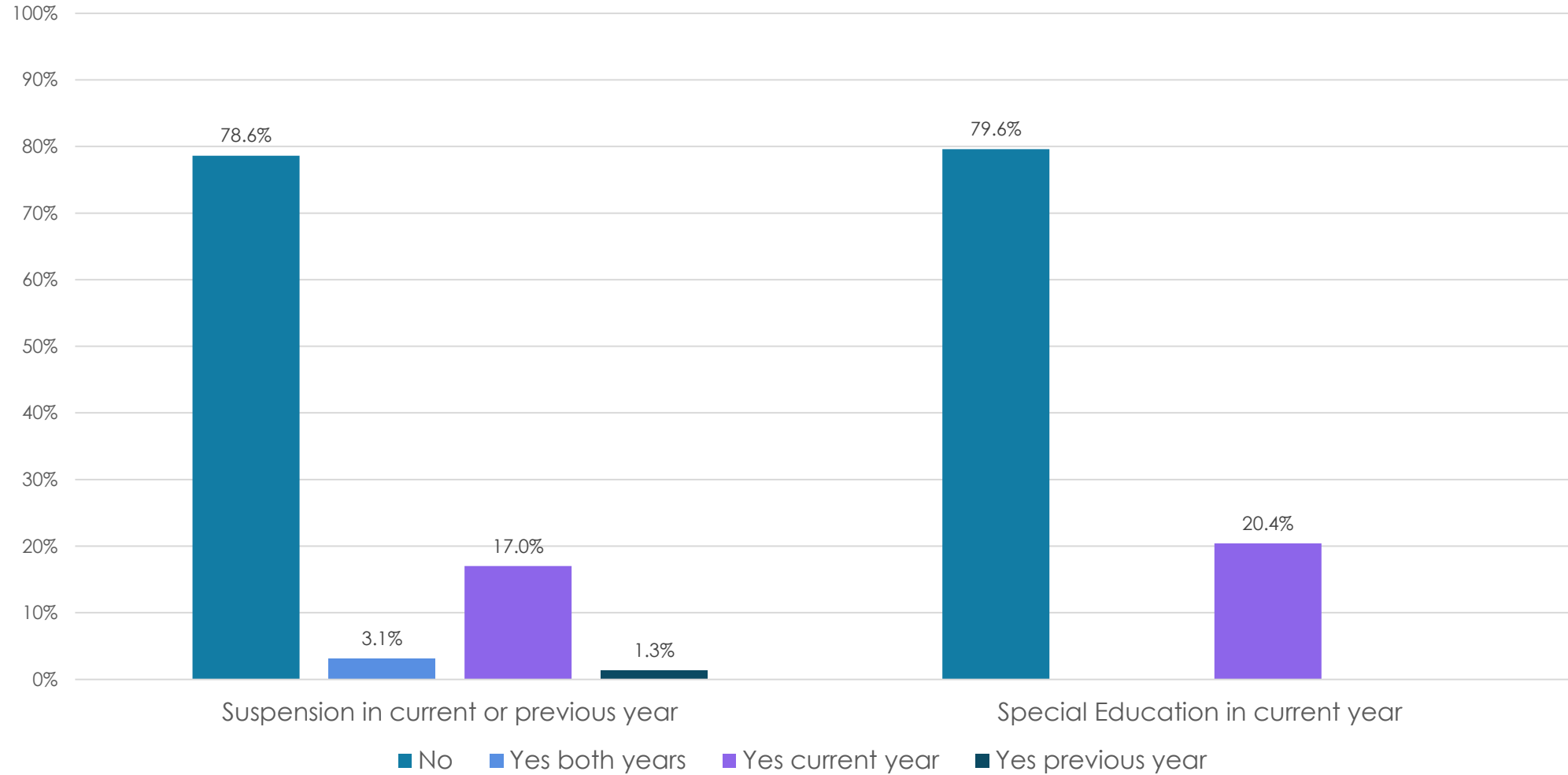
Gender-YSB FY2022



Race/Ethnicity-YSB FY2022



Suspensions and Special Education-YSB FY2022



JUVENILE REVIEW BOARDS

- A Juvenile Review Board (JRB) is a community-based diversion program for youth who may otherwise be referred to the Juvenile Court for minor violations of the law. The Youth Service Bureau (YSB) model has been successfully used for the past 50+ years in Connecticut
- The purpose of diversion is **to redirect youth from involvement in the formal juvenile court system** in an effort to hold youth accountable for their behavior without resorting to legal sanctions, court oversight, or the threat of confinement to mitigate future risk and subsequent delinquent behavior
- The first JRB was created in Enfield, CT in 1968
- There are approximately 90 JRBs serving over 135 communities
- Most JRBs fall under the umbrella of the YSB and only 10% are run by other entities

JUVENILE REVIEW BOARDS

- Amount of funding for JRBs varies greatly
- More than half of JRBs are not funded but may use a portion of their YSB grant
- 3 JRBs (Bridgeport, Hartford, New Haven) are fully funded by DCF
- Approximately 34 JRBs in FY 20 received smaller amounts of funding from DCF for Support and Enhancement (ranging from \$1,725 to \$31,650)
- In FY 2022, 10 more JRBs were identified to apply for Support and Enhancement dollars for their JRB (28 currently funded through CYSA with DCF dollars and 10 more now eligible; and several more in the Waterbury region are funded with additional DCF dollars outside of CYSA)

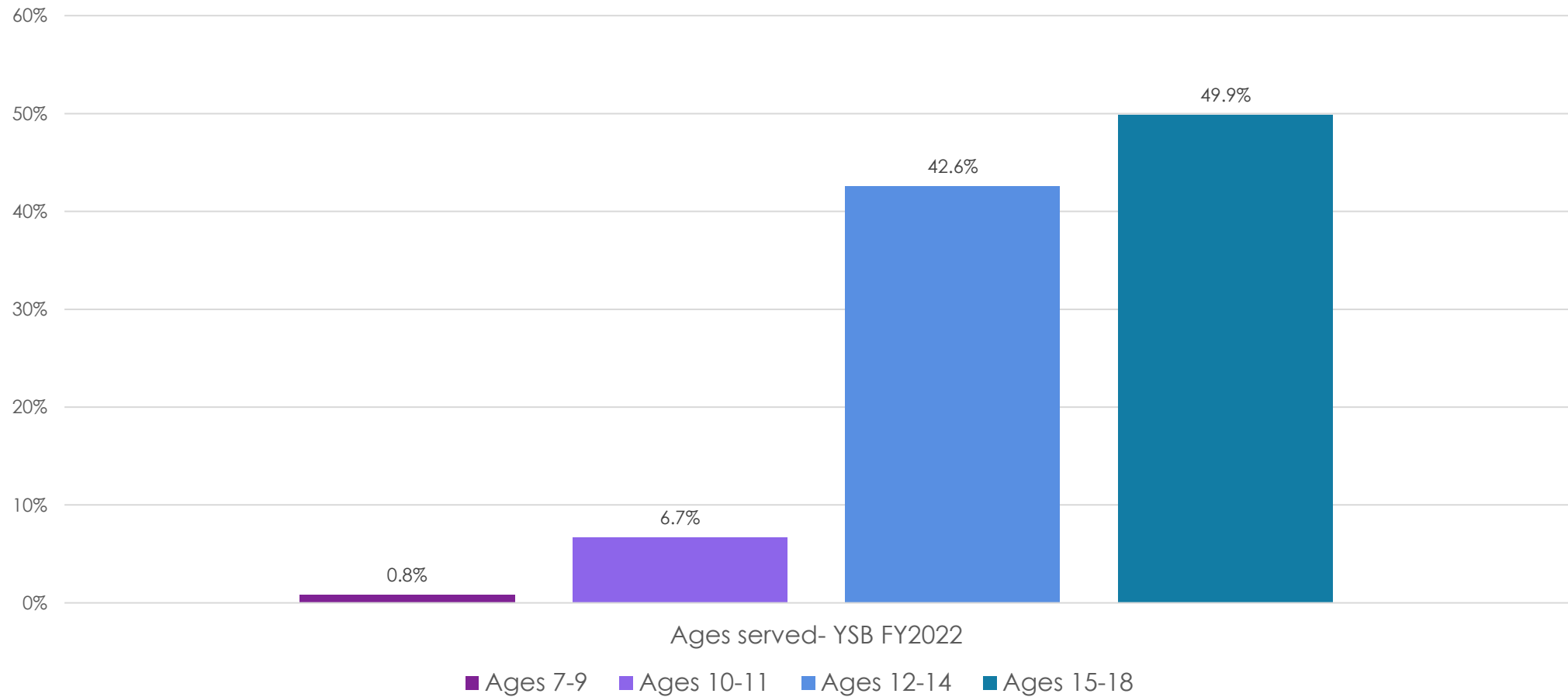


JRB DATA

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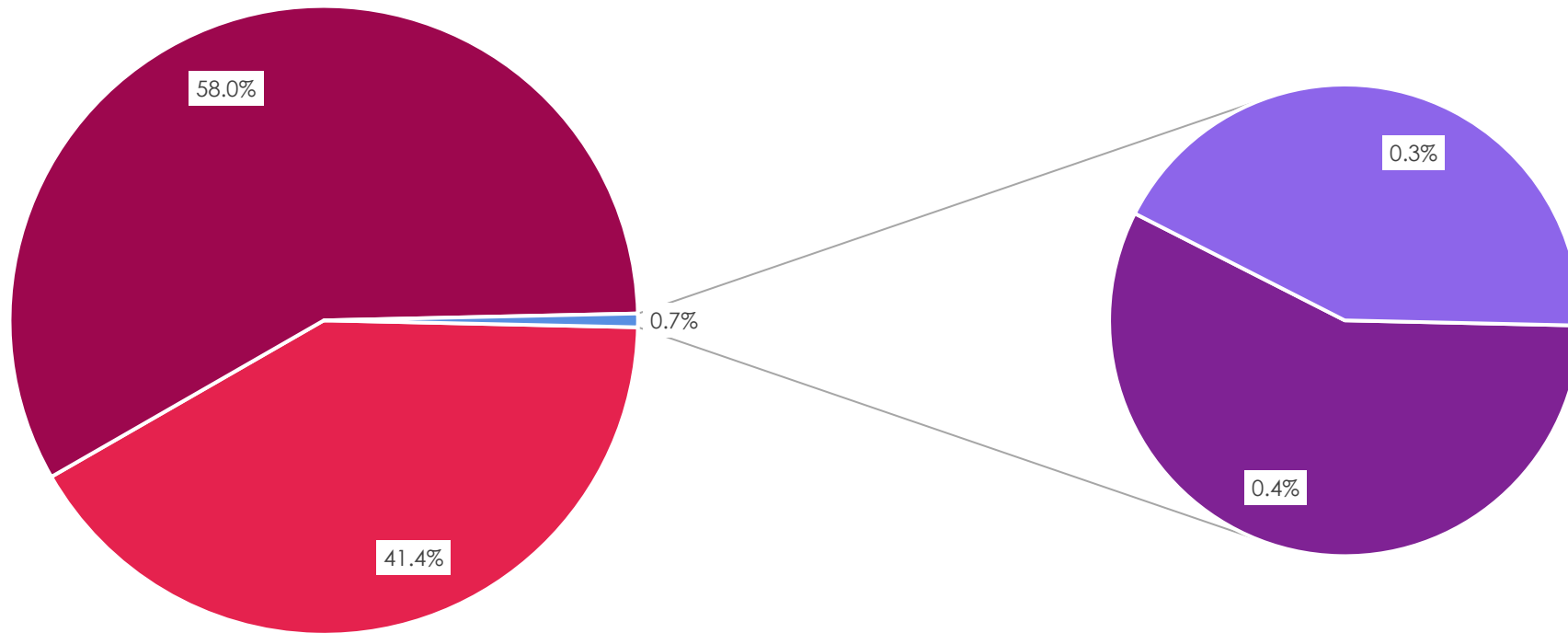
Total numbers served –1,903
(JRB FY2022)

JRB AGE BREAKDOWN-YOUTH SERVED FY2022



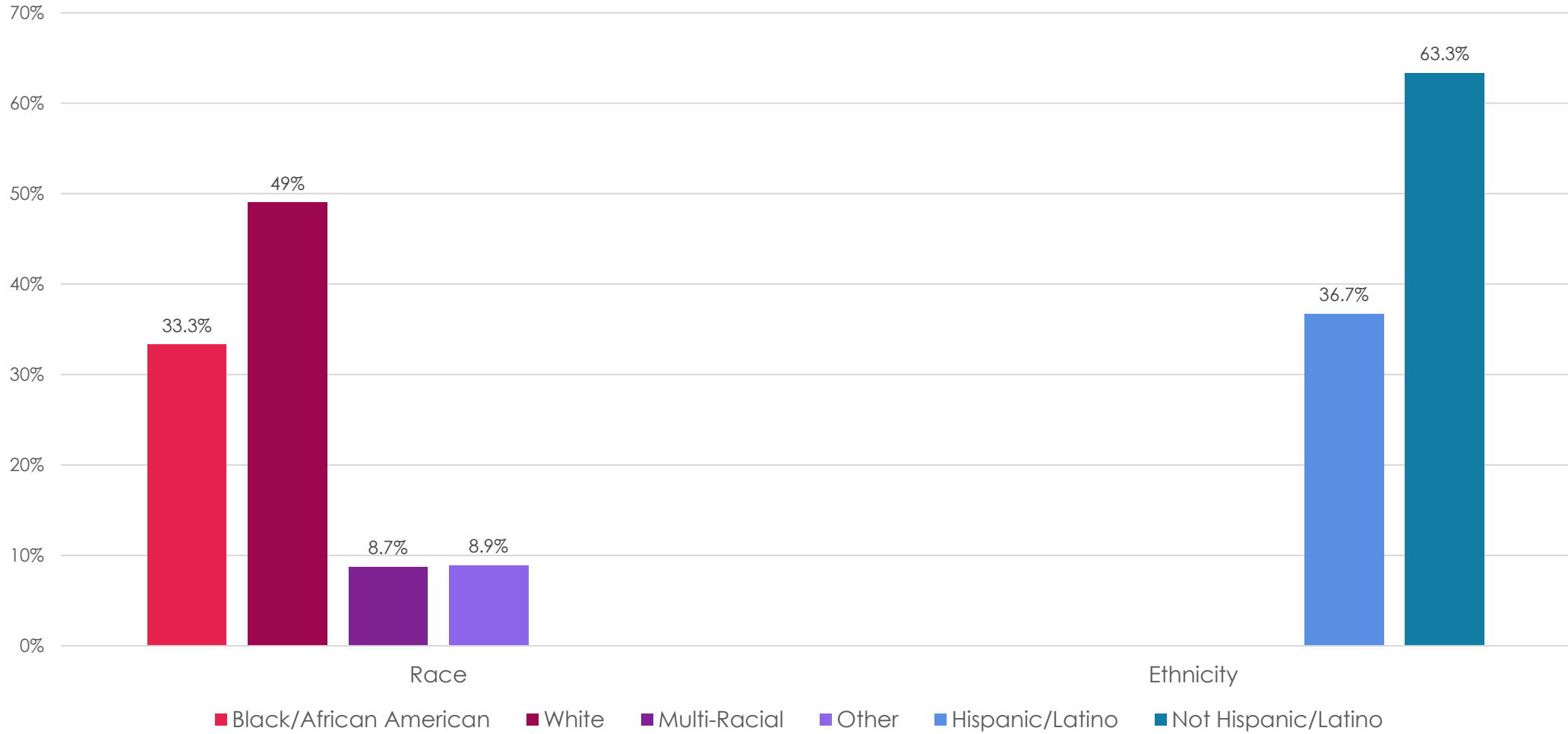
****MOST COMMON AGE FOR JRB – Age 15 at 19.5% of all ages**

Gender-JRB FY2022

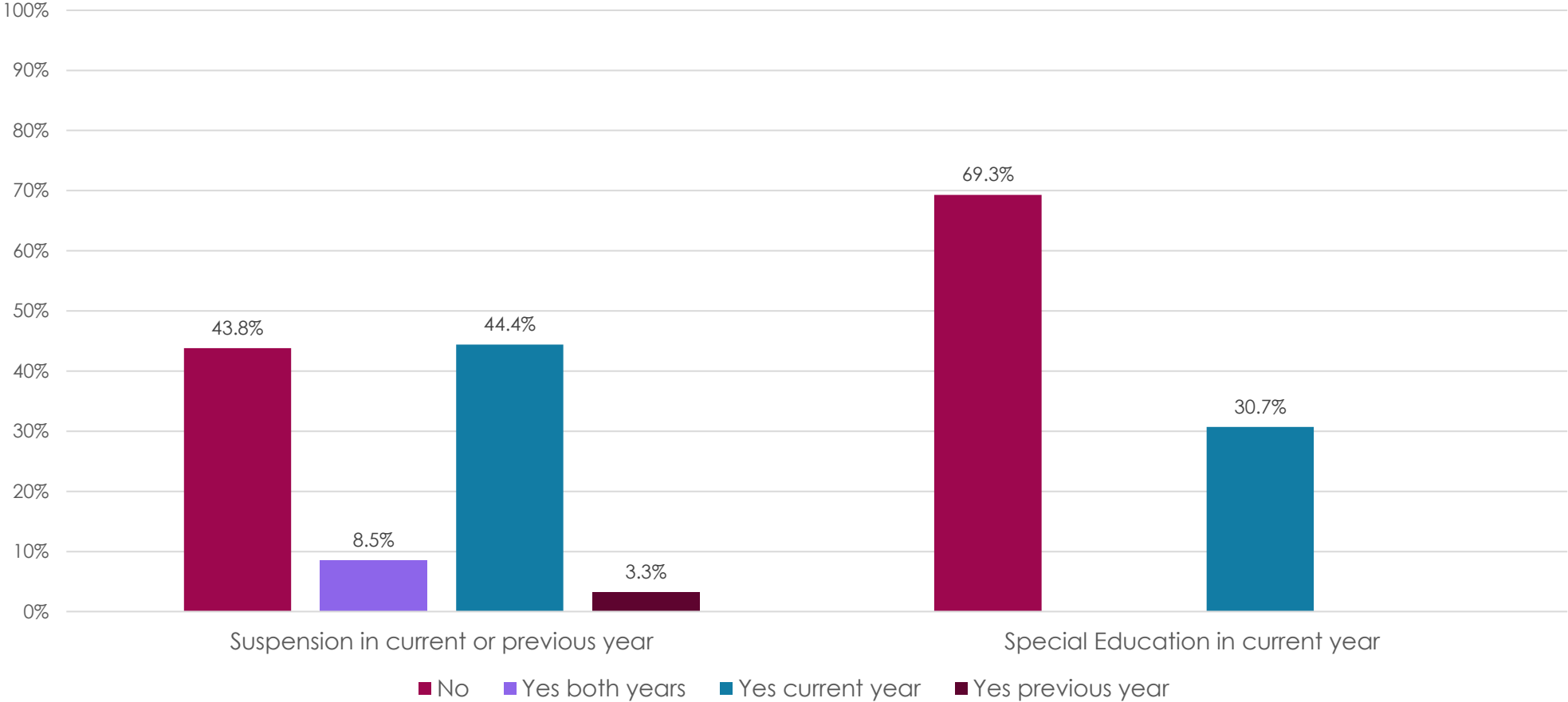


■ Female ■ Male ■ Non-Binary ■ Transgender

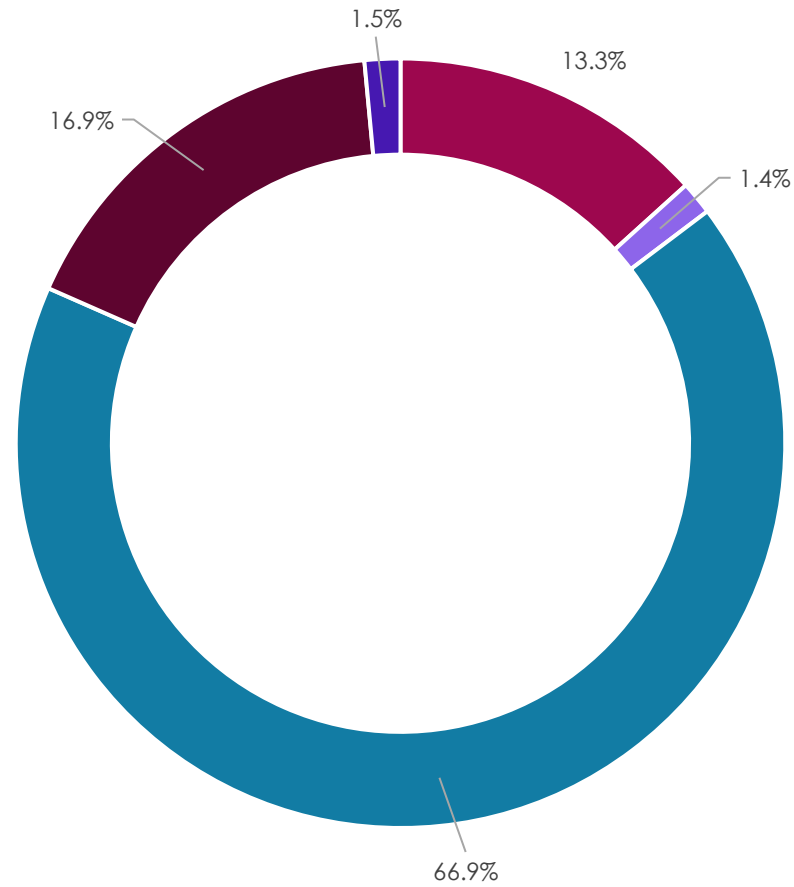
Race/Ethnicity-JRB FY2022



Suspensions and Special Education-JRB FY2022

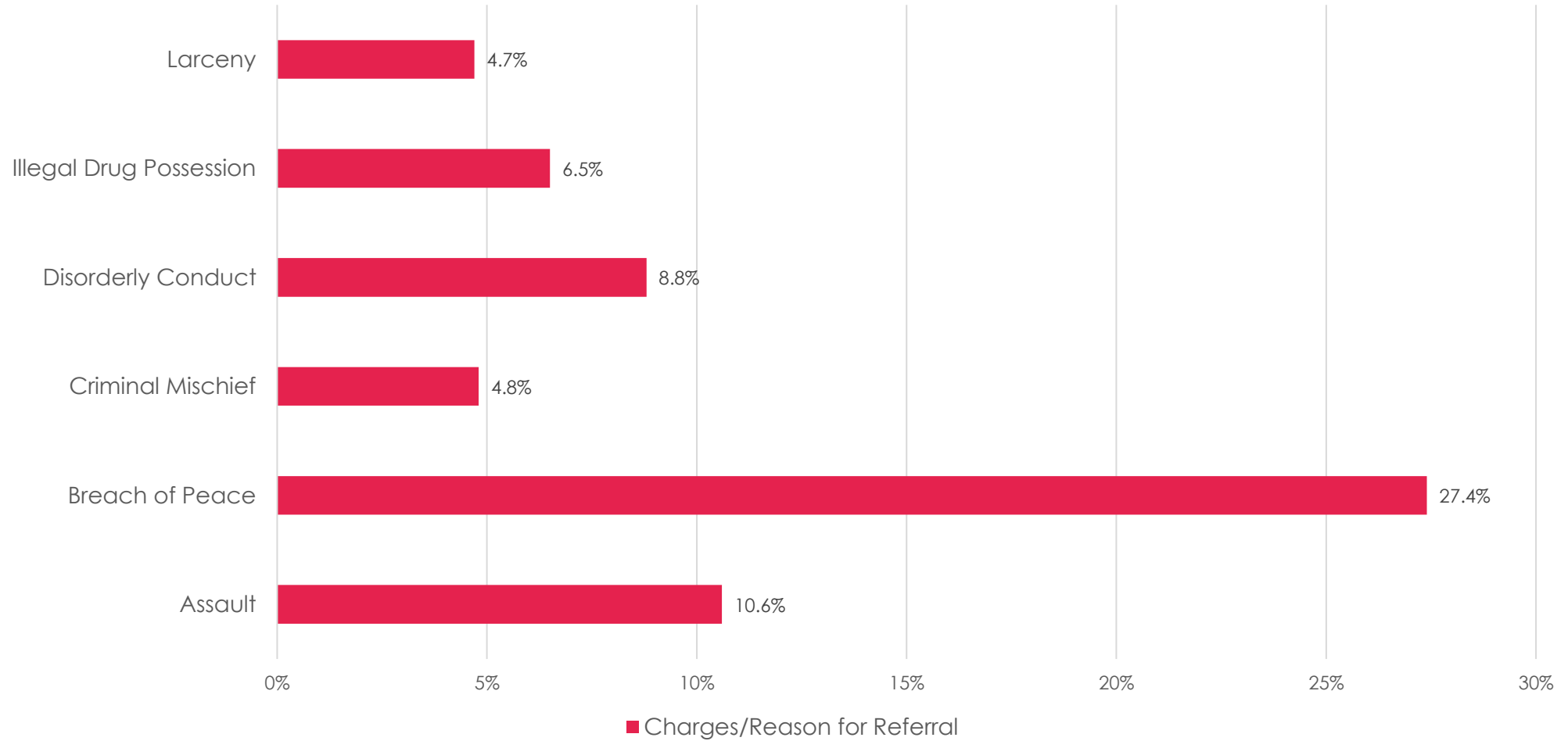


Referral Source - JRB FY2022

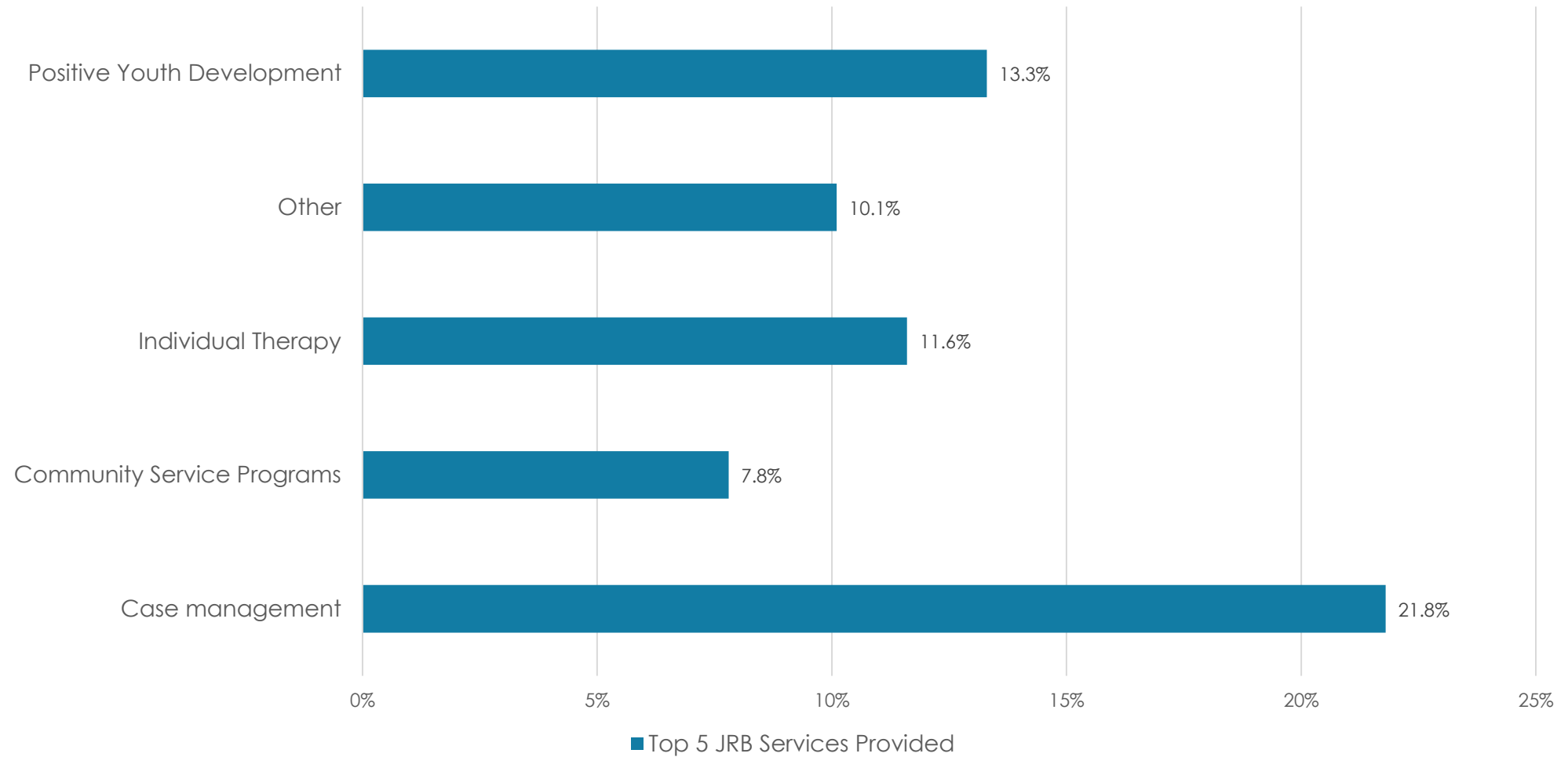


■ Court ■ Parent/Guardian ■ Police ■ School ■ Other

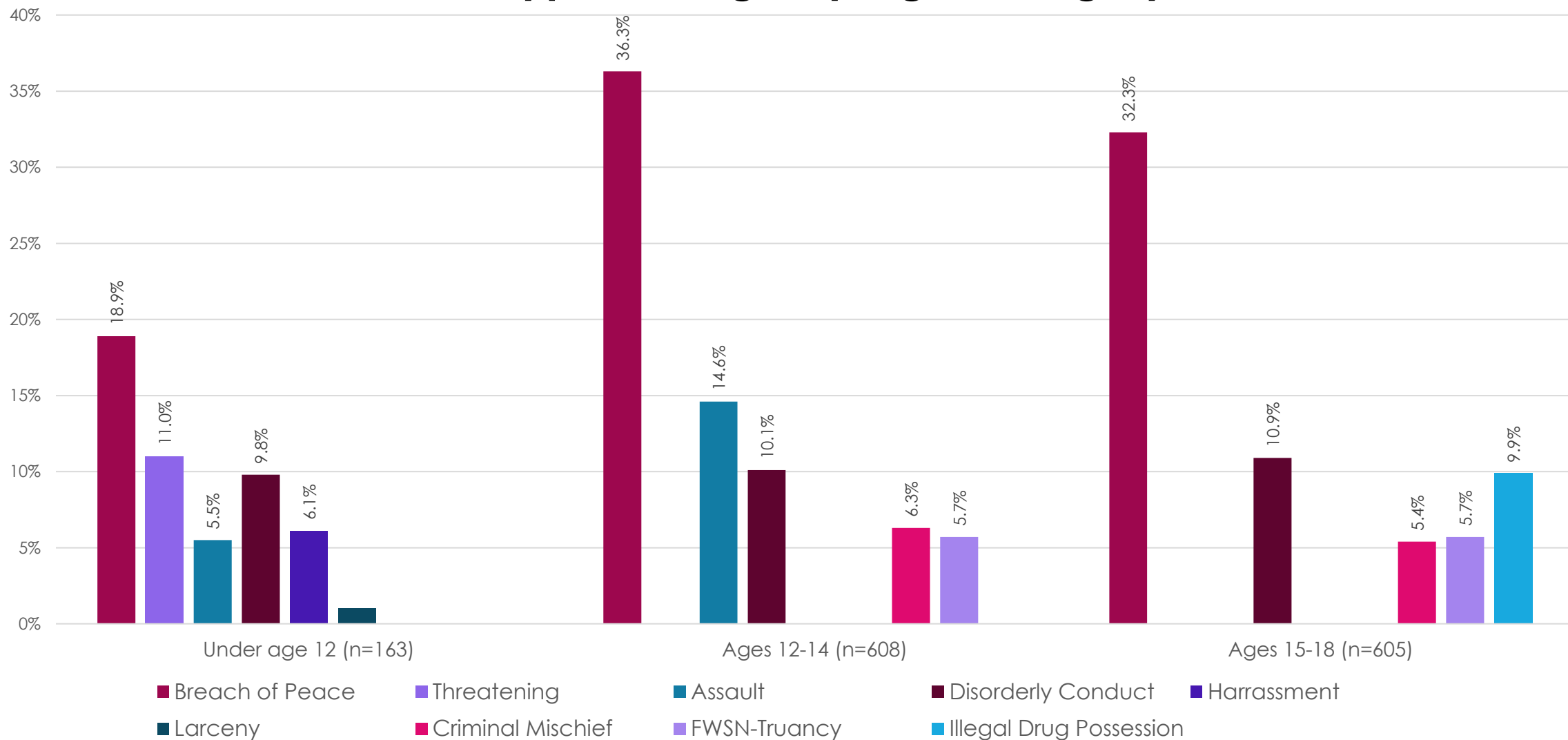
Top 6 Charges/Incident Type Referrals - JRB FY2022



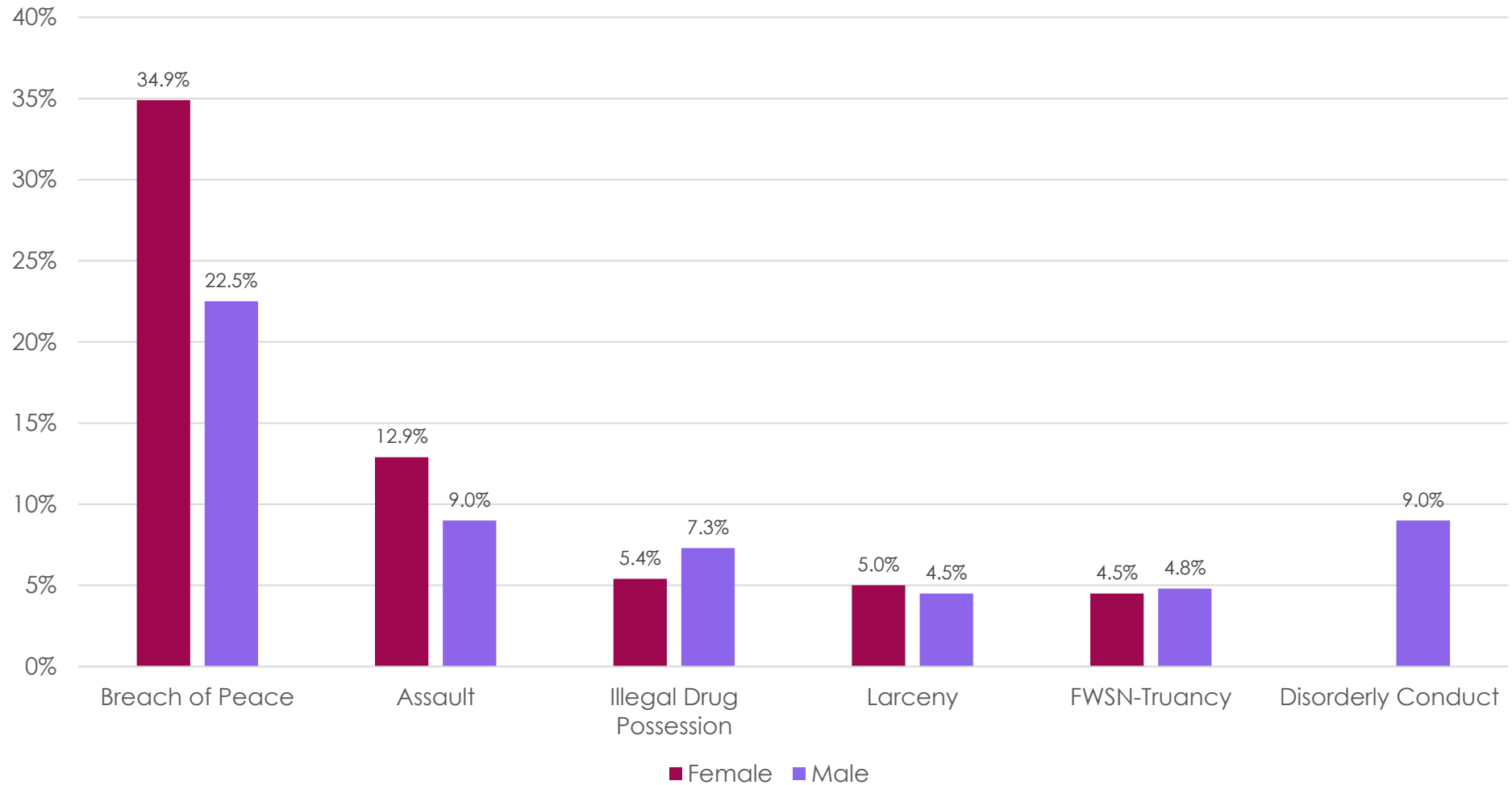
Top 5 JRB Services Provided-FY2022



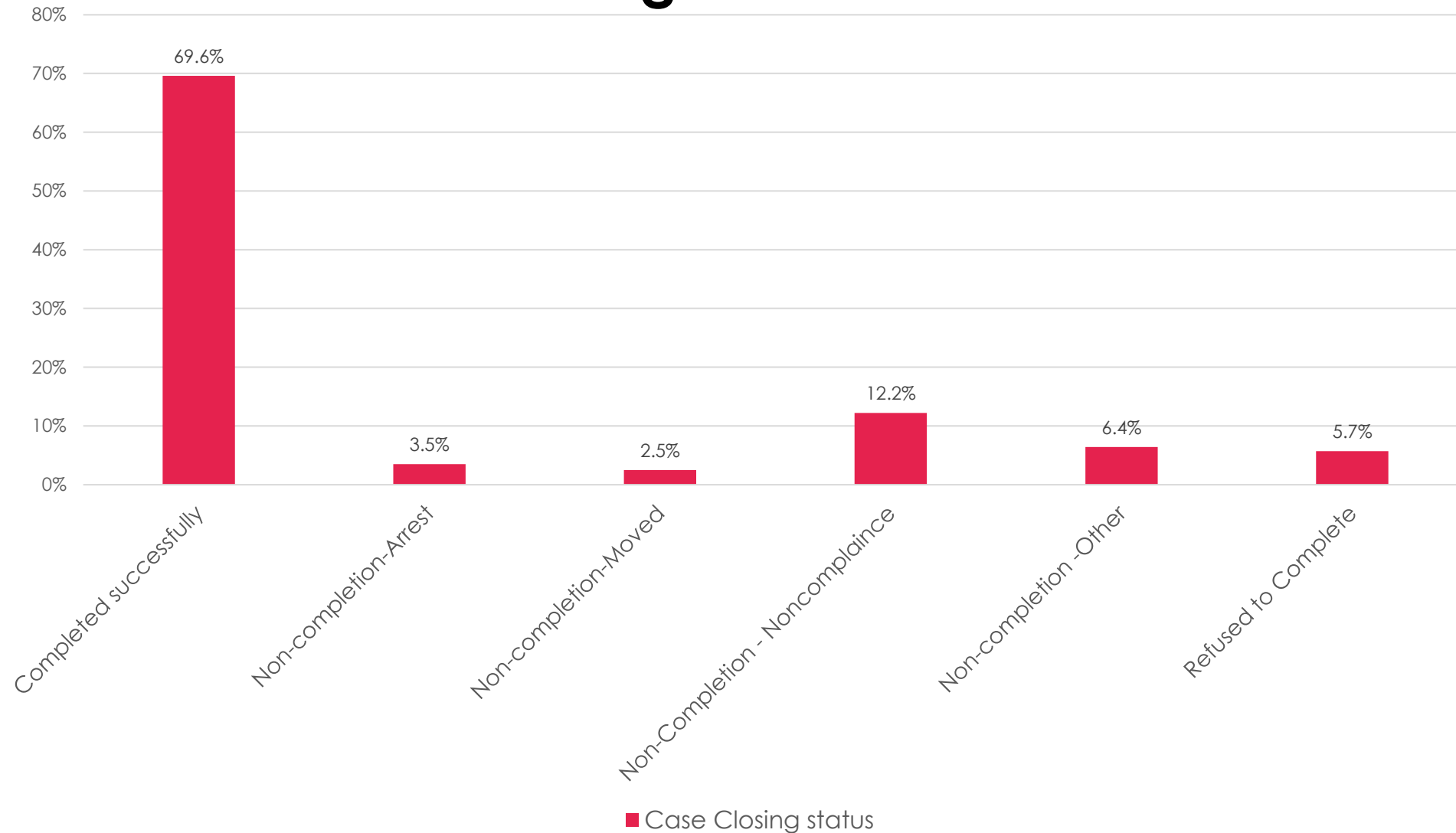
Incident Type/Charge by Age Category-JRB FY2022



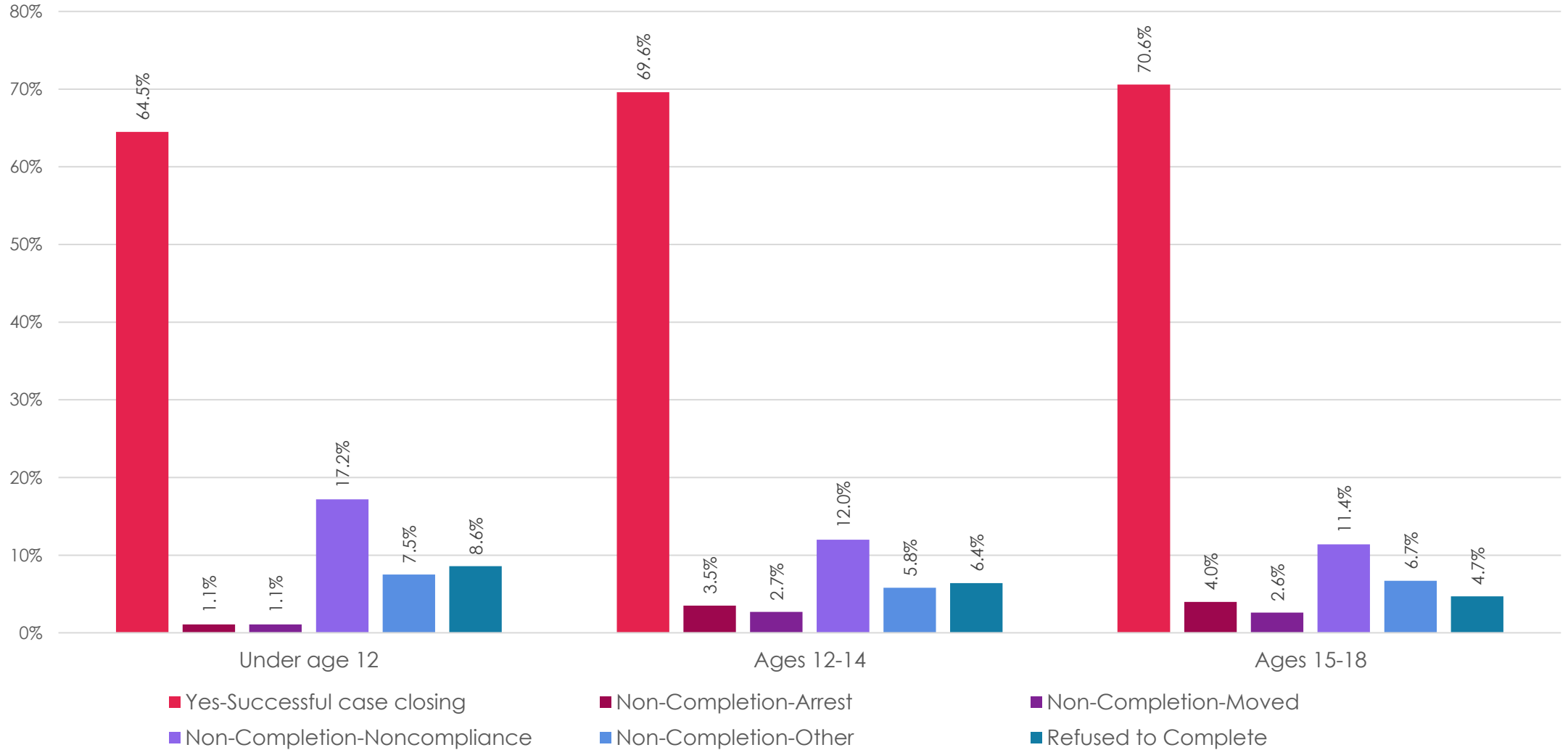
Incident Type by Gender - JRB FY2022



Case Closing Status-JRB FY2022



Case Closing Status-By Age Category -JRB FY2022

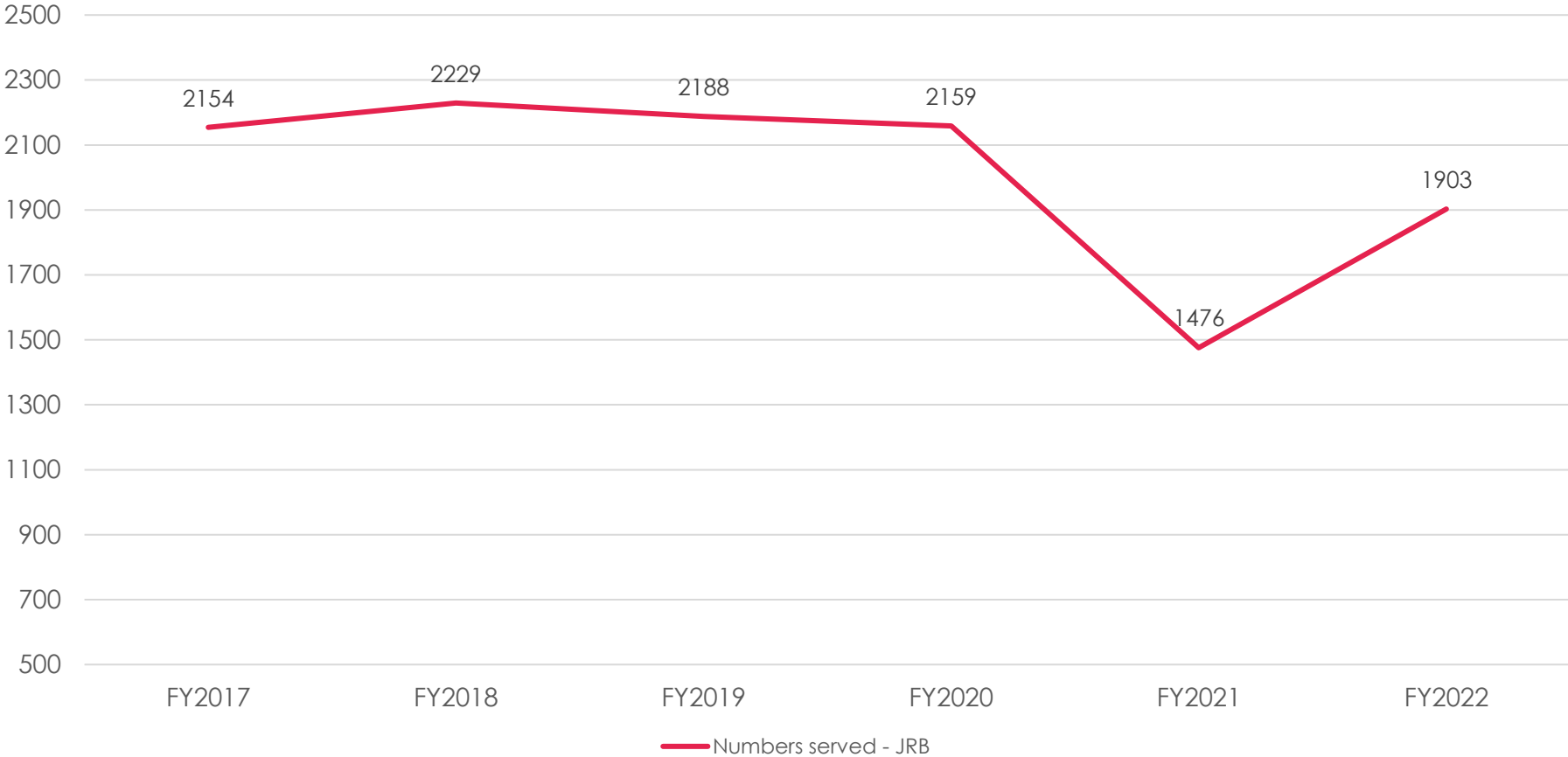




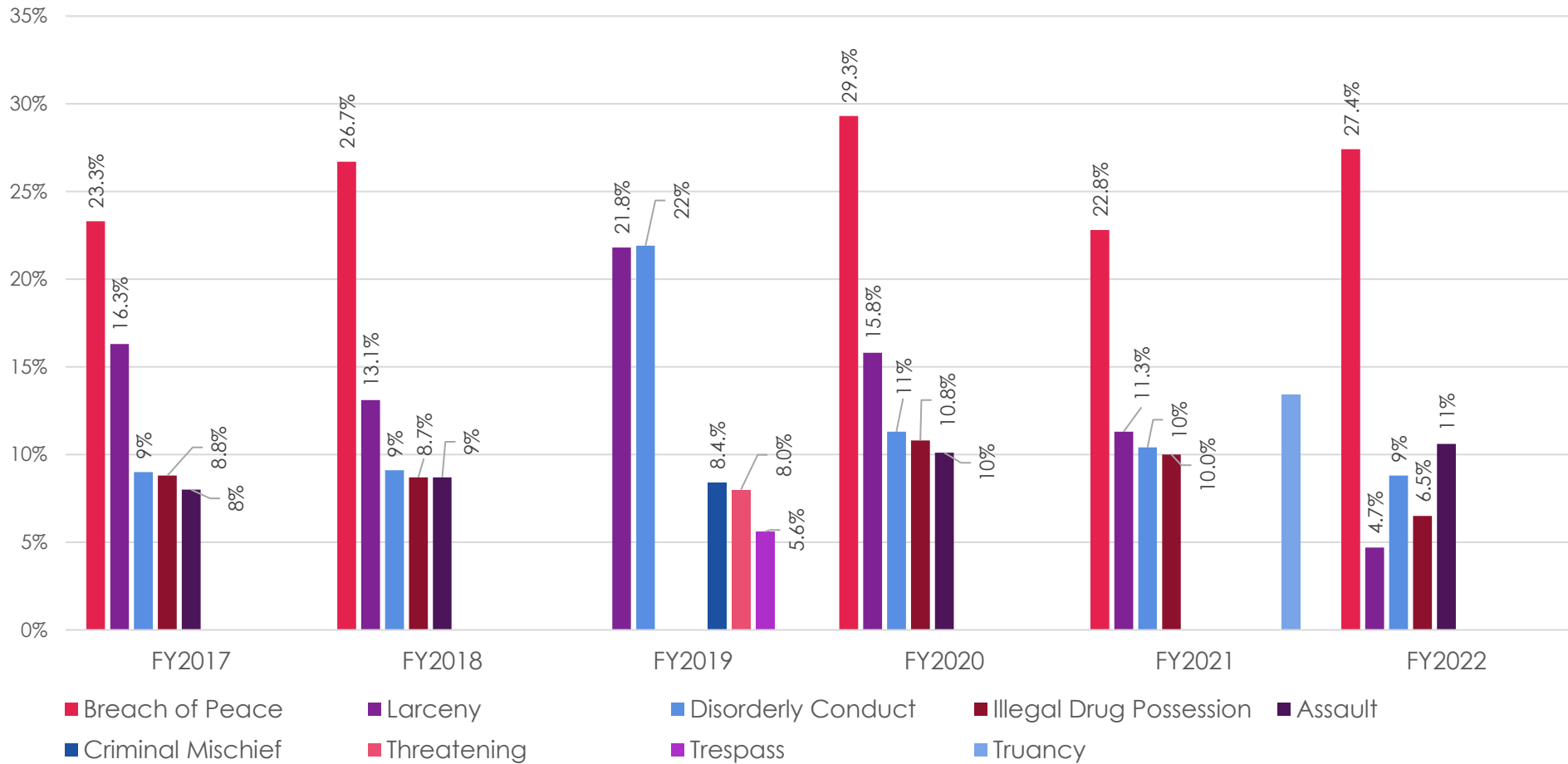
JRB LONGITUDINAL DATA

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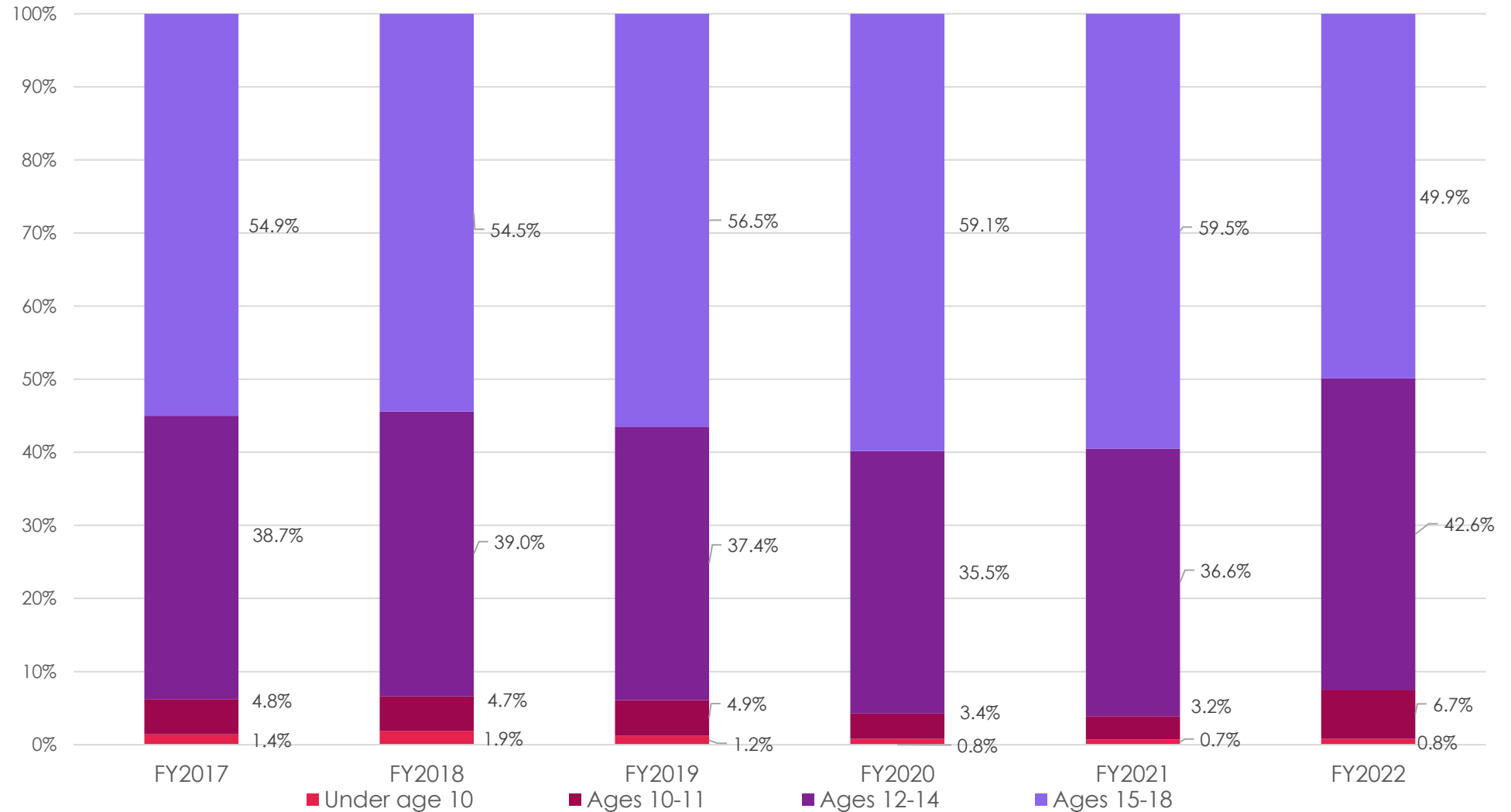
Longitudinal Numbers Served - JRB FY2017-FY2022



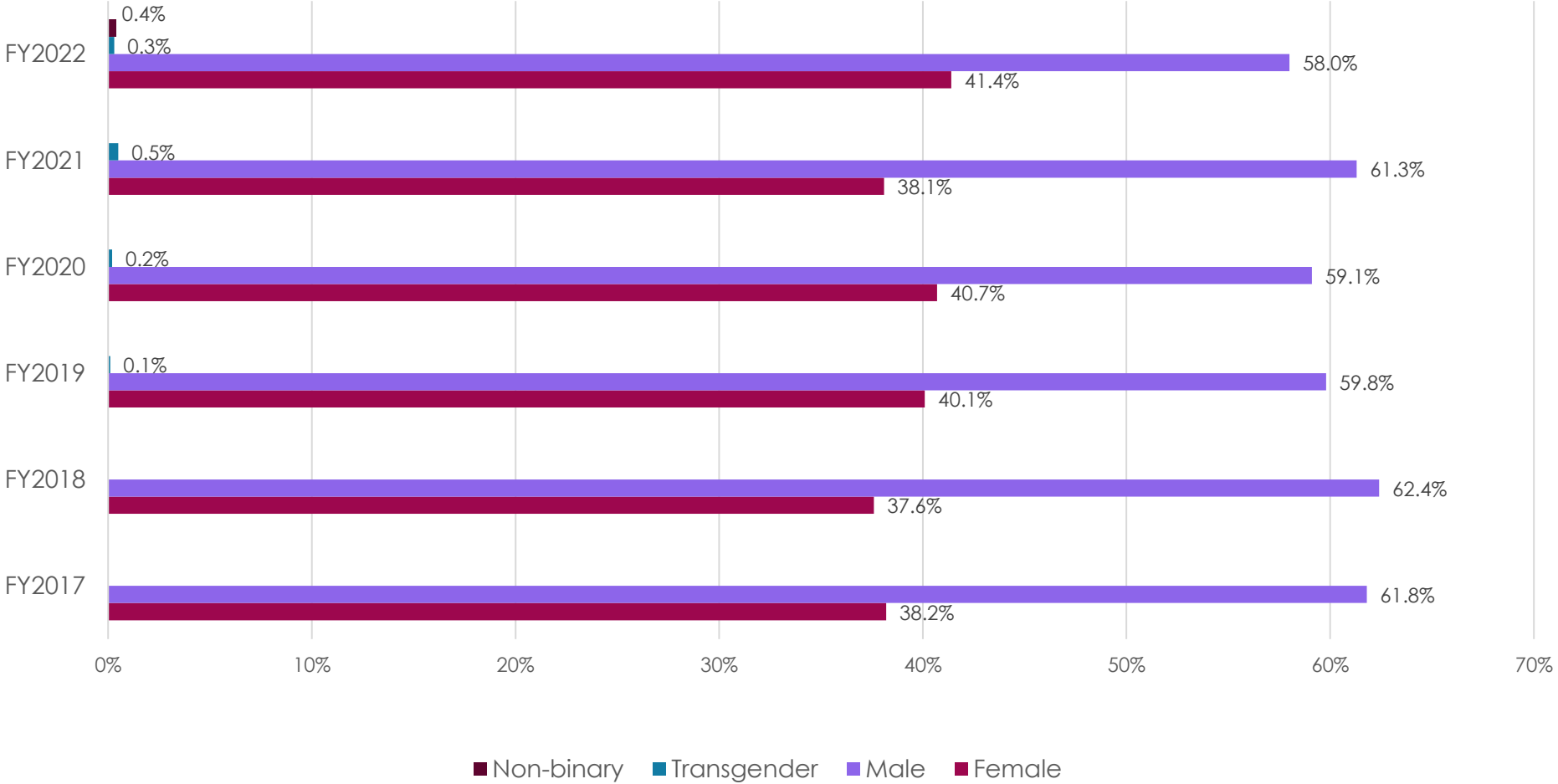
Longitudinal JRB Data-TOP 5 Charges by Year FY2017-FY2022



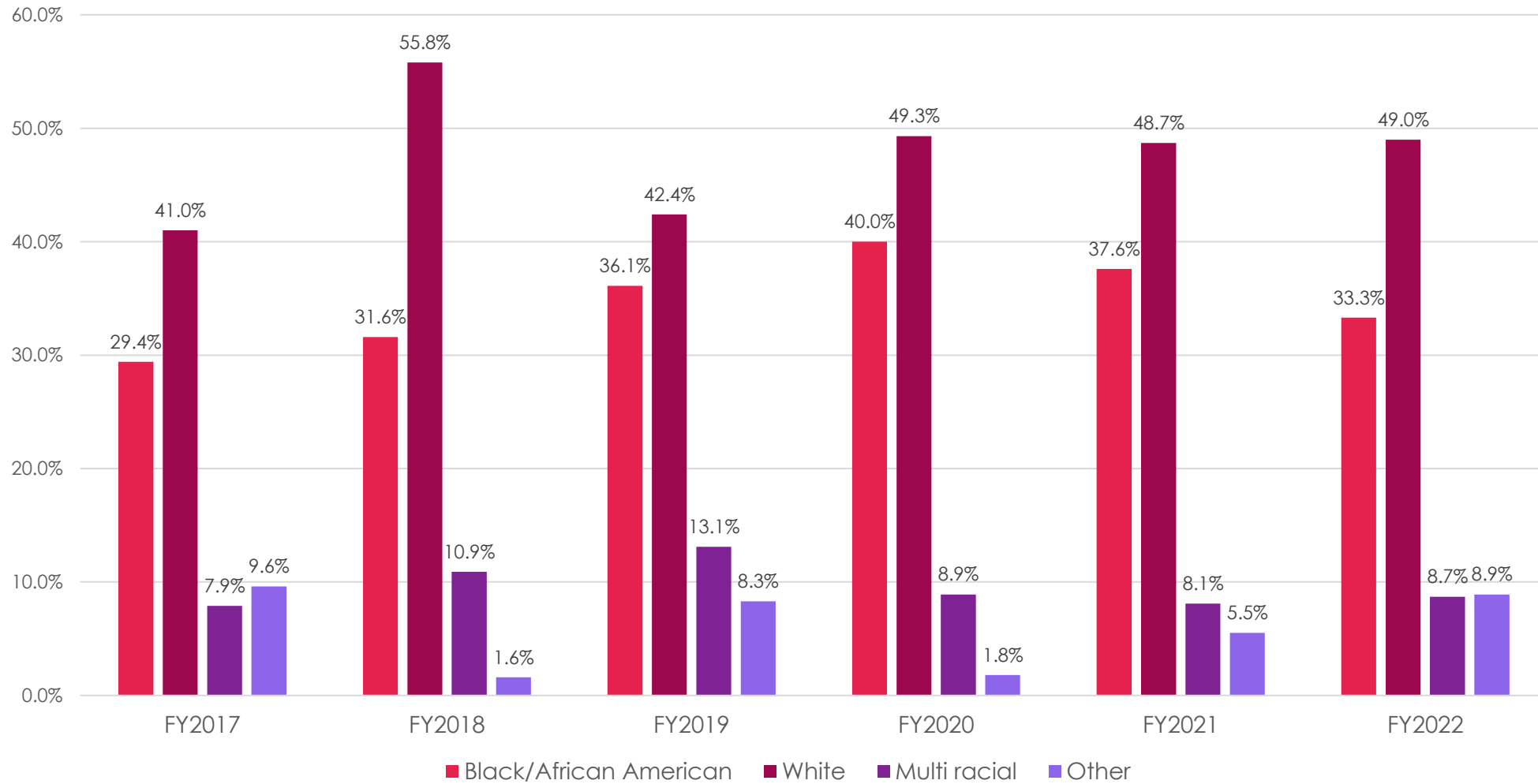
Longitudinal Age Breakdown - JRB FY2017-FY2022



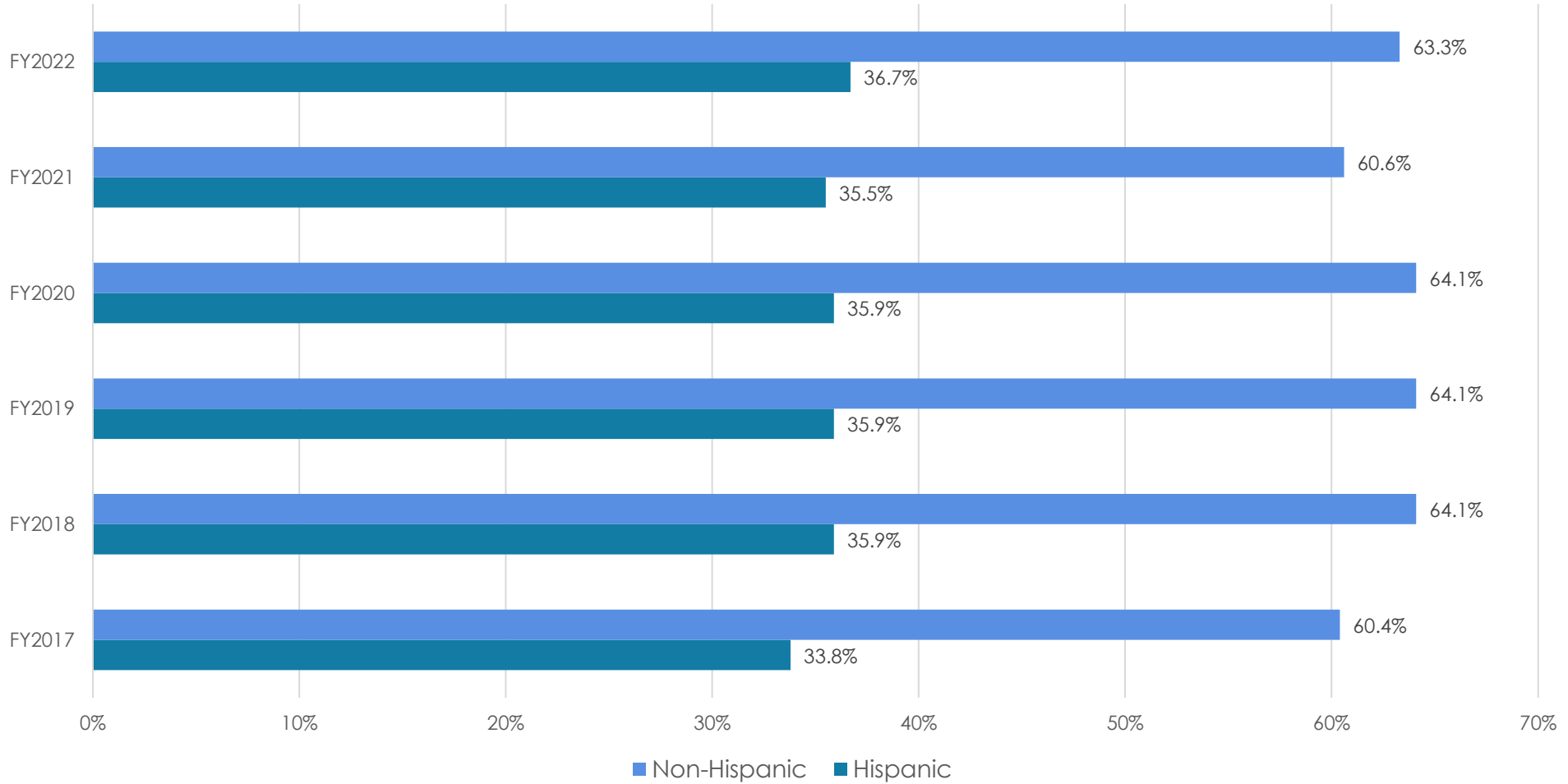
Longitudinal Gender Breakdown - JRB FY2017- FY2022



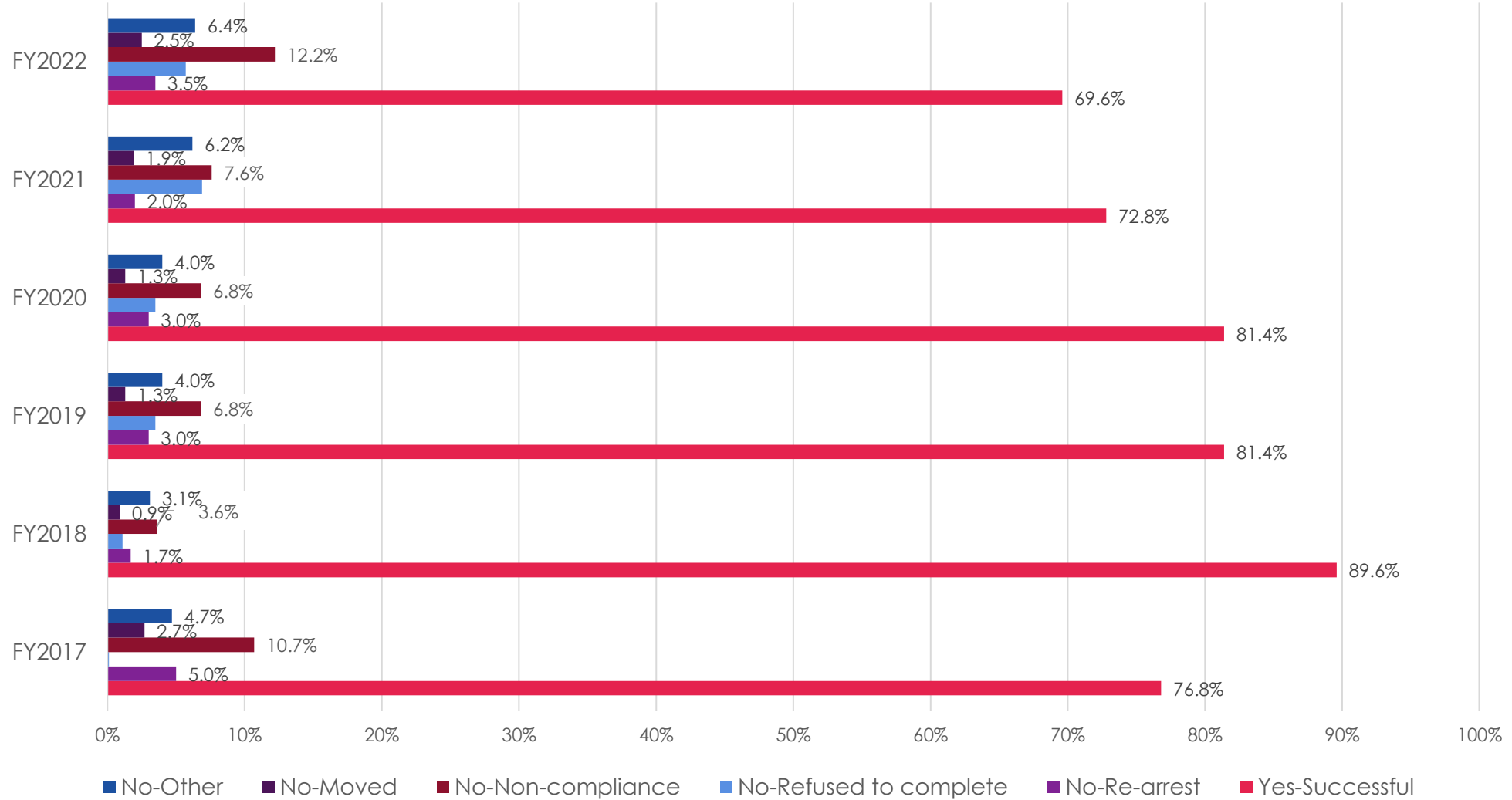
Longitudinal Race Breakdown - JRB FY2017-FY2022



Longitudinal Ethnicity Breakdown FY2017-FY2022



Longitudinal Case Closing Status-JRB FY2017-FY2022



JRB PILOT PROJECT (UPDATE)

- Pilot project began in September 2022
- Sites and Selection
- Membership on Advisory Group
- Youth and Parent involvement – Listening Sessions
- 6 main topic areas of discussion:
 - Referrals, Screening, Services, Restorative Justice, Family Engagement, Outcome measures
- Focus on a Restorative Justice foundation and core diversion elements
- Edits to Protocols and Procedures
- Implementation – Jan/Feb 2023
- Data collection
- Recommendations and statewide roll-out of updated process



QUESTIONS?

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