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Corrections Populations Forecasts

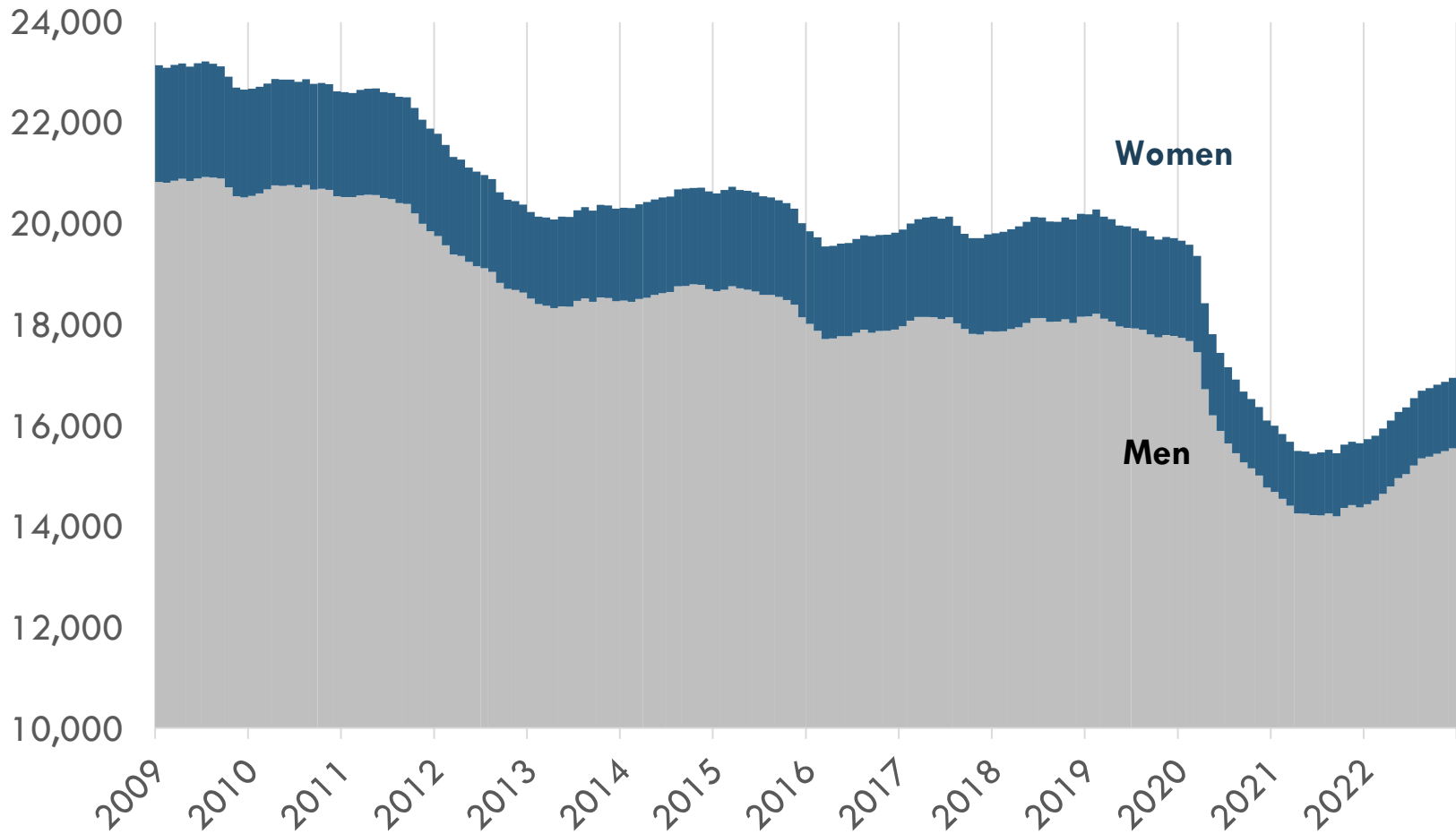
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Adult Corrections Populations

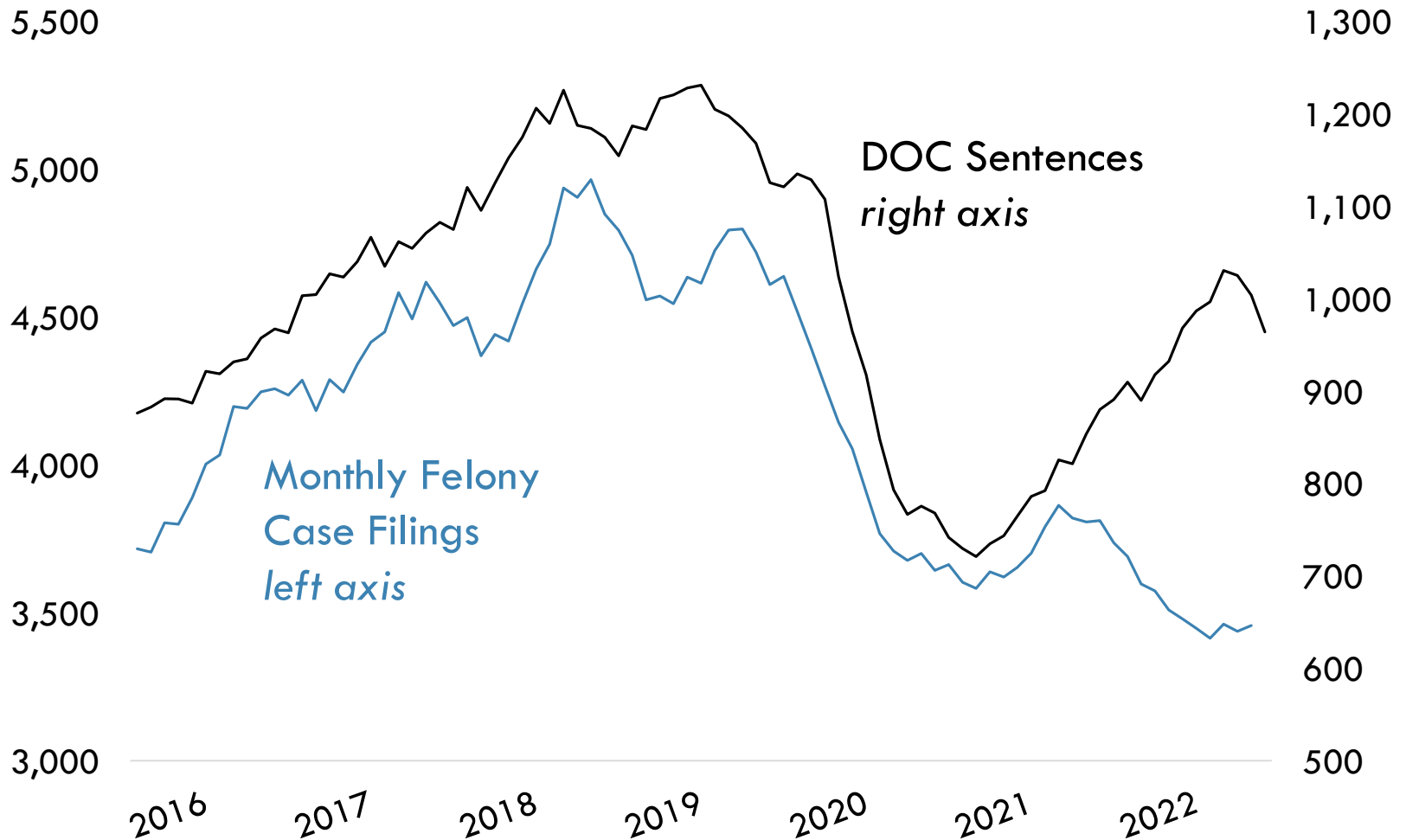


The prison population increased by 6.0 percent in FY 2021-22, the largest percentage increase since FY 2005-06



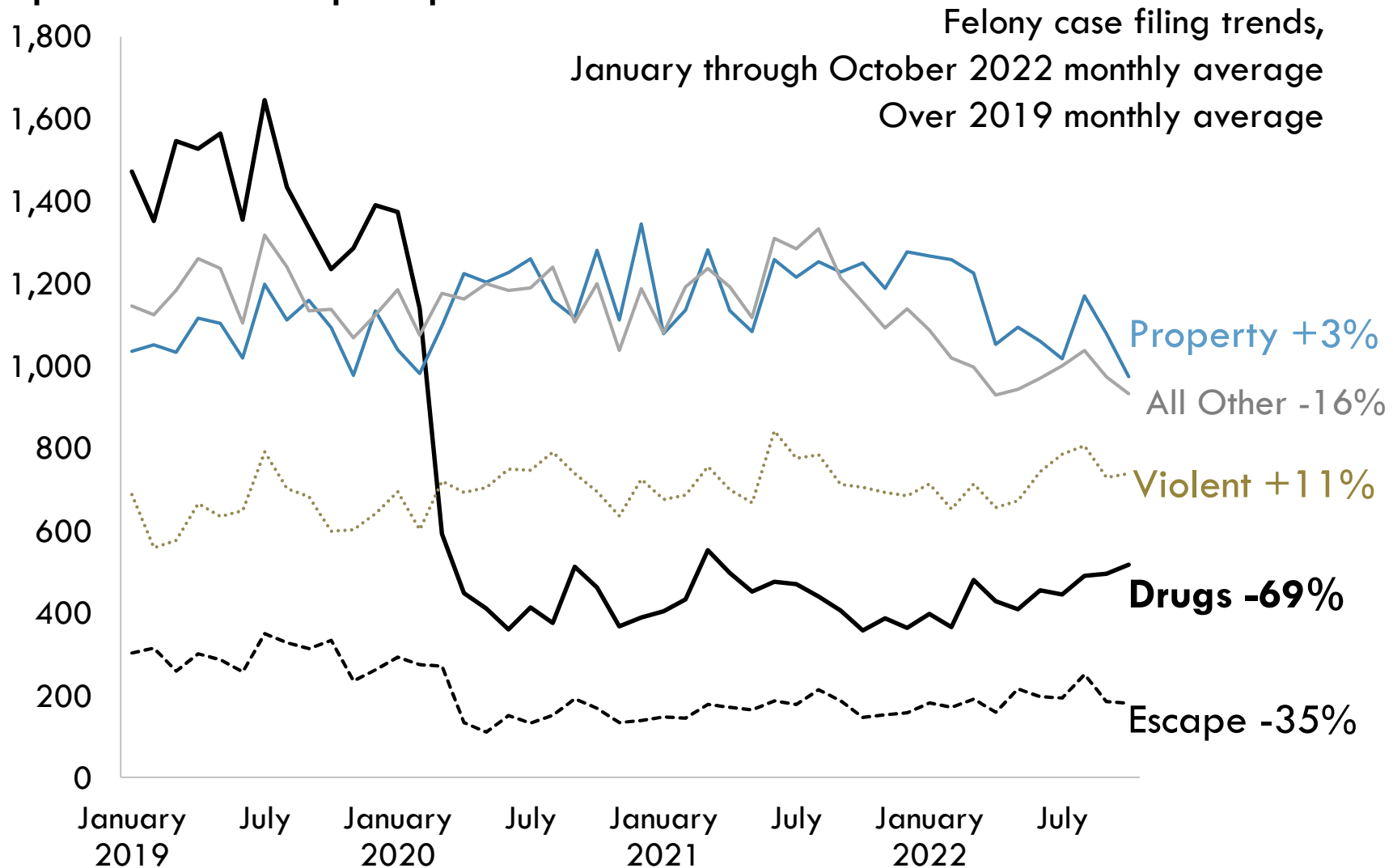
Source: Department of Corrections, Office of Planning and Analysis. Monthly data through December 2022.

Shifting relationship between case filings and sentences

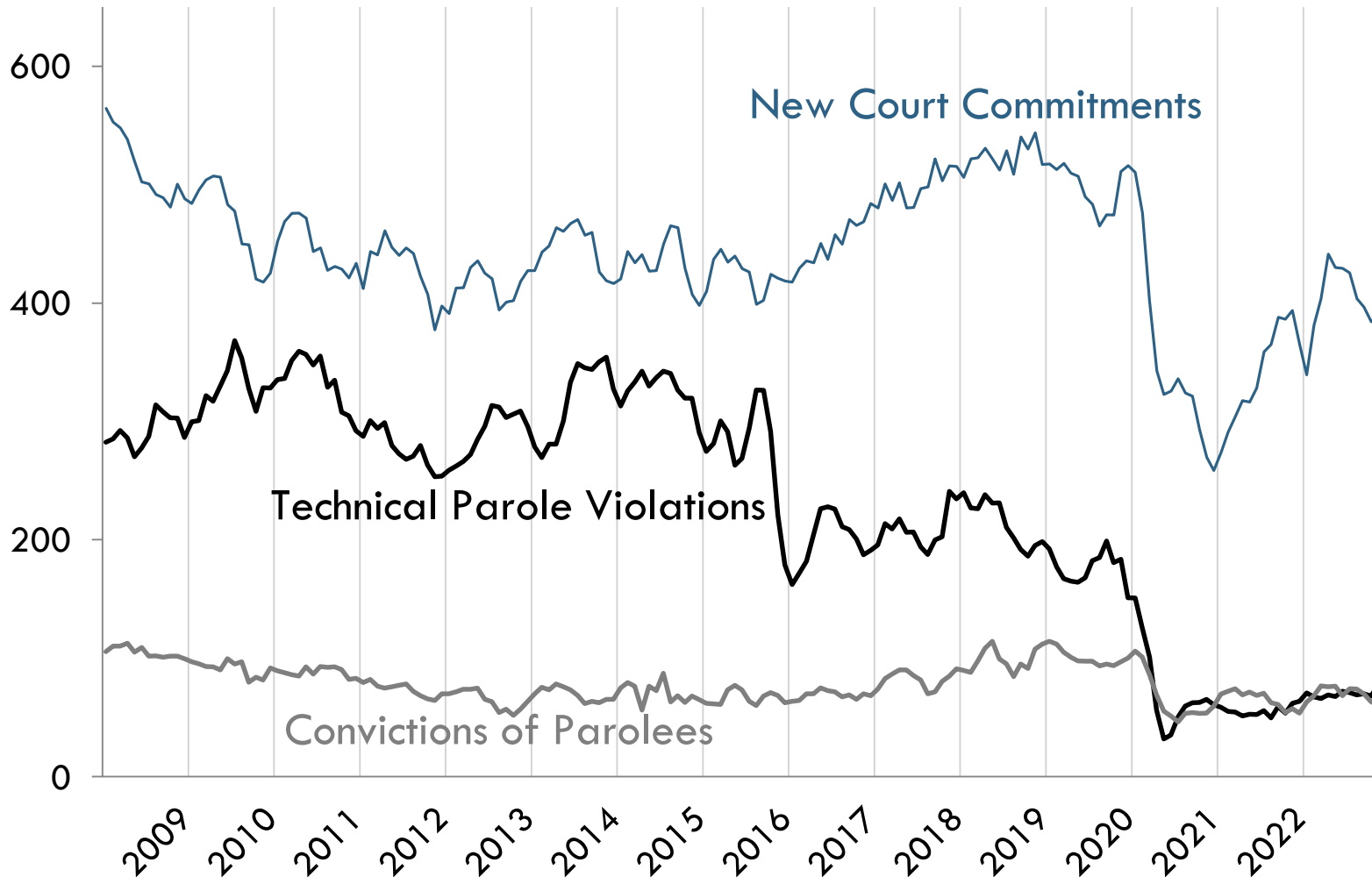


Source: Office of the State Court Administrator. Monthly data; both series shown as six-month moving averages through October 2022.

State district court drug felony case filings are down 69 percent from pre-pandemic levels

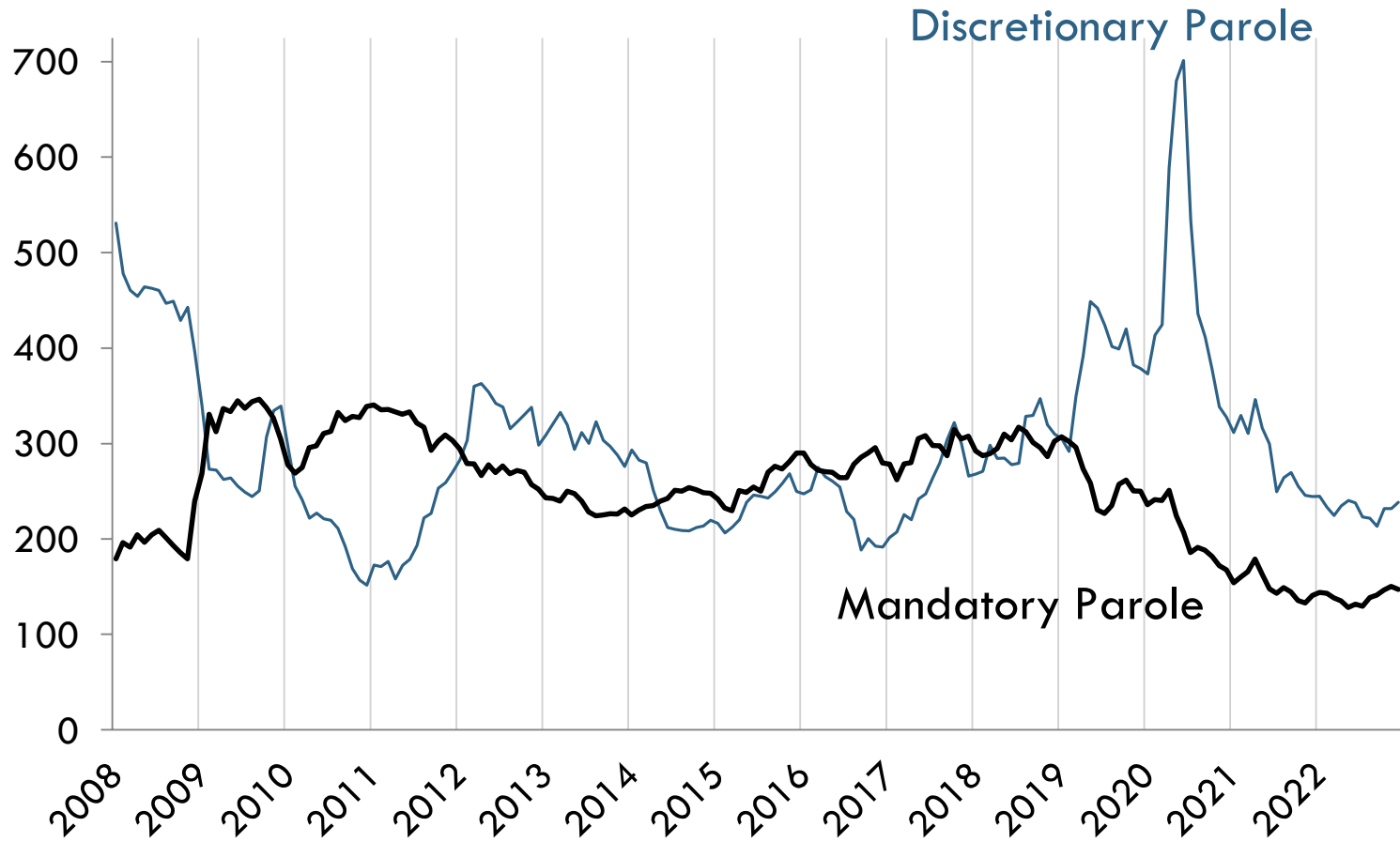


New court commitments have risen; other admissions remain suppressed

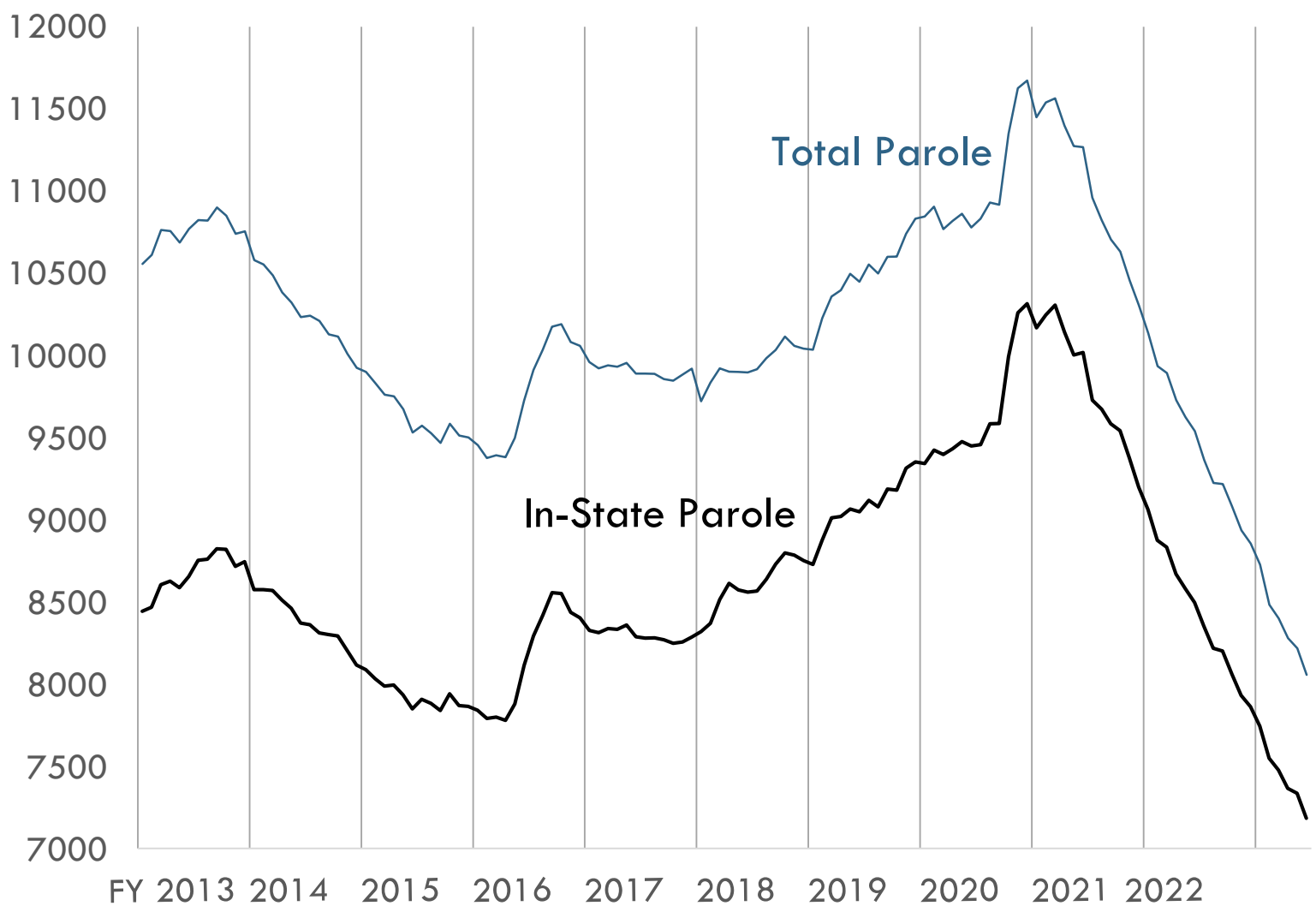


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Releases to parole show signs of flattening



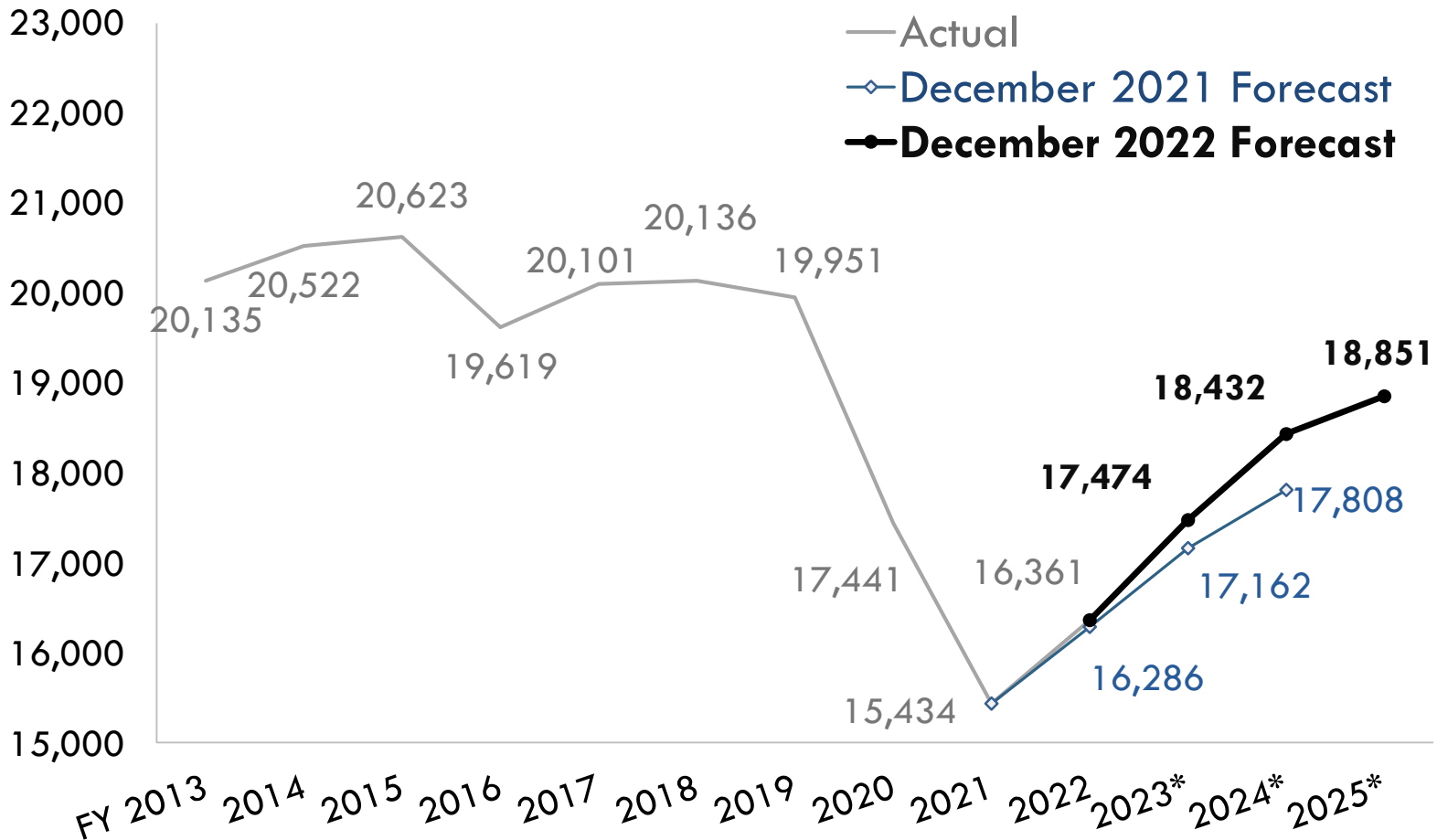
After spiking in 2020, parole population plummeted



Source: Department of Corrections. Data through December 2022.

The prison population will increase in 2022

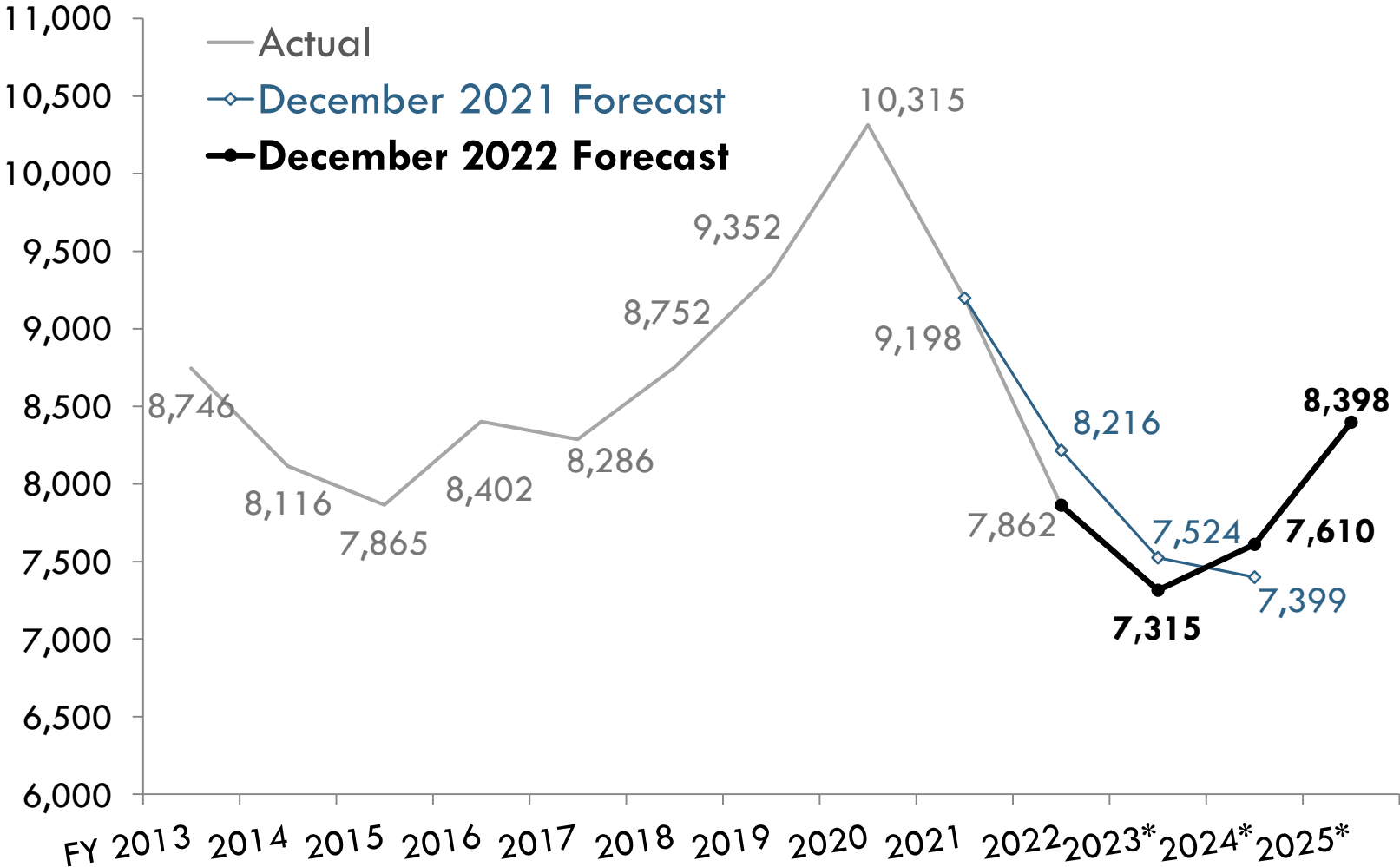
Adult Inmate Population Forecasts as of June 30



Source: Department of Corrections and *Legislative Council Staff December 2022 forecast.

Parole caseload has declined since June 2020, expected to rise again starting in FY 2023-24.

Adult Parole Caseload Forecasts as of June 30



Source: Department of Corrections and *Legislative Council Staff December 2022 forecast.

Forecast uncertainty remains elevated

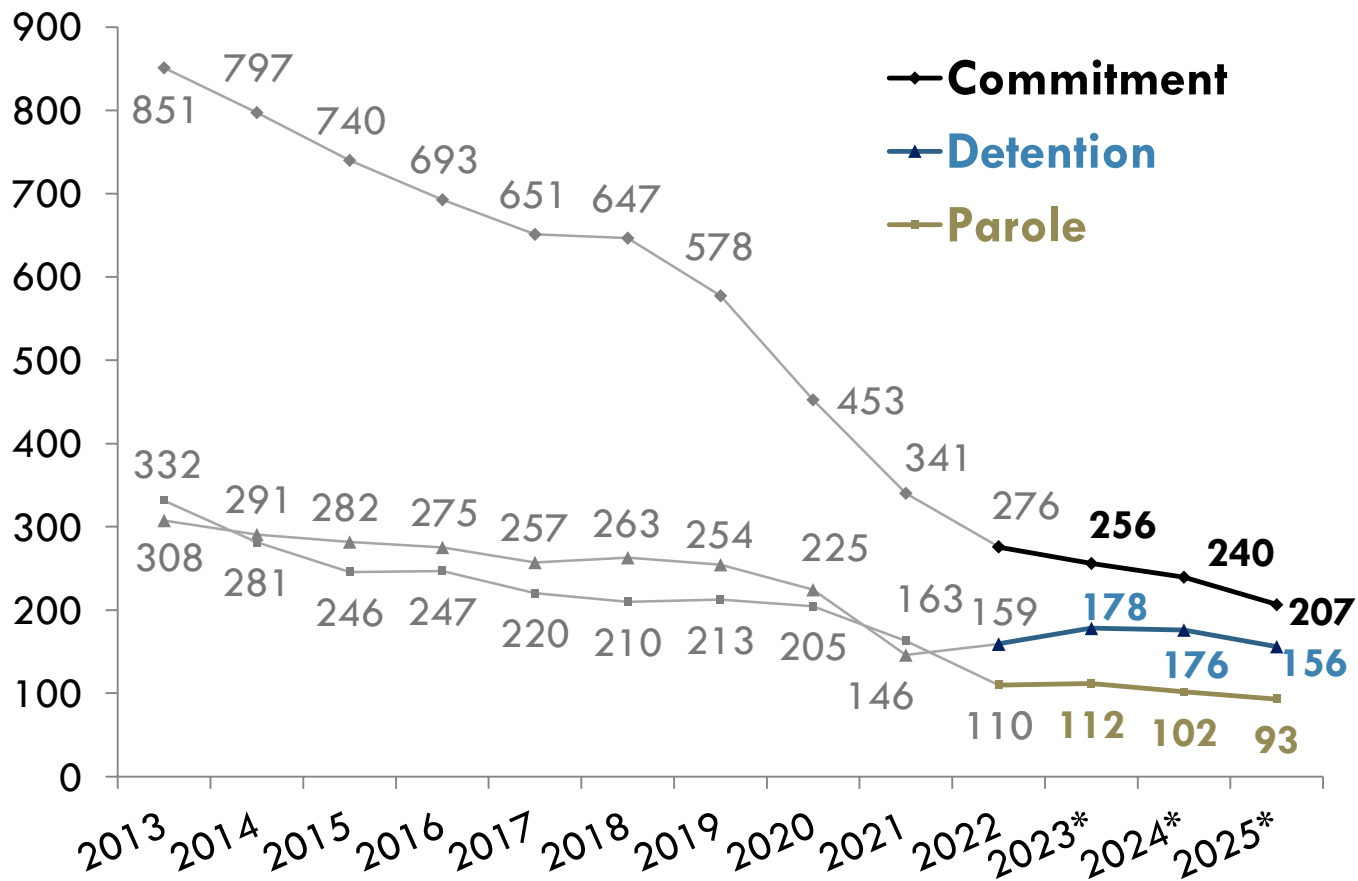
- This forecast always contains (bidirectional) error
 - Before 2020, current year forecast error averaged about 1.7 percent, or 328 inmates
 - Current year forecast error from the 2021 forecast is 0.5 percent, or 75 inmates in June 2022
- Relative to last year, risks are lower, but remain elevated
 - Longer term impacts of legislative changes are emerging more clearly
 - Uncertainty remains elevated as the system is in transition
 - Small deviations in the timing and extent of assumed adjustments can contribute to large population changes
 - A key risk is staffing shortages and turnover affecting operations throughout the criminal justice system

Youth Corrections Population Forecast



DYS Populations falling with some fluctuations in the forecast period

Average Daily Populations



Source: CDHS Division of Youth Services and *Legislative Council Staff December 2022 forecast.

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Questions?

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