

SMART Act Presentation to the Joint Judiciary Committee

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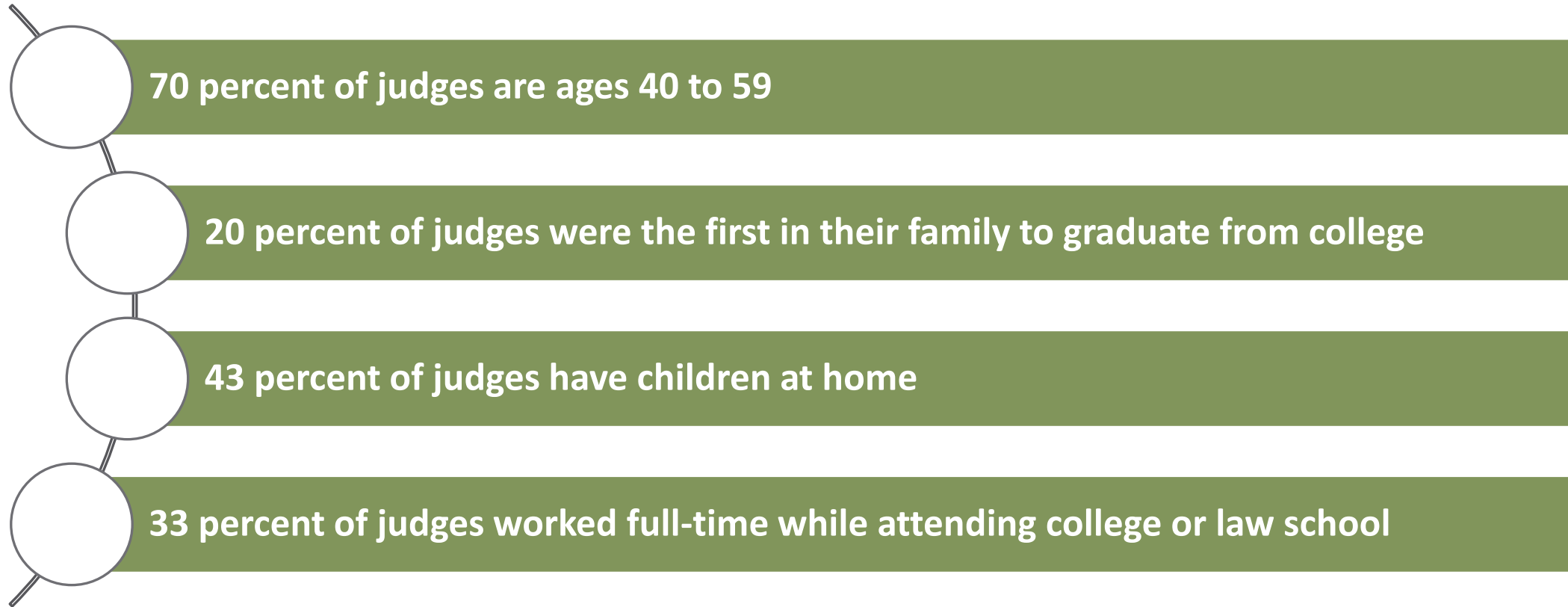
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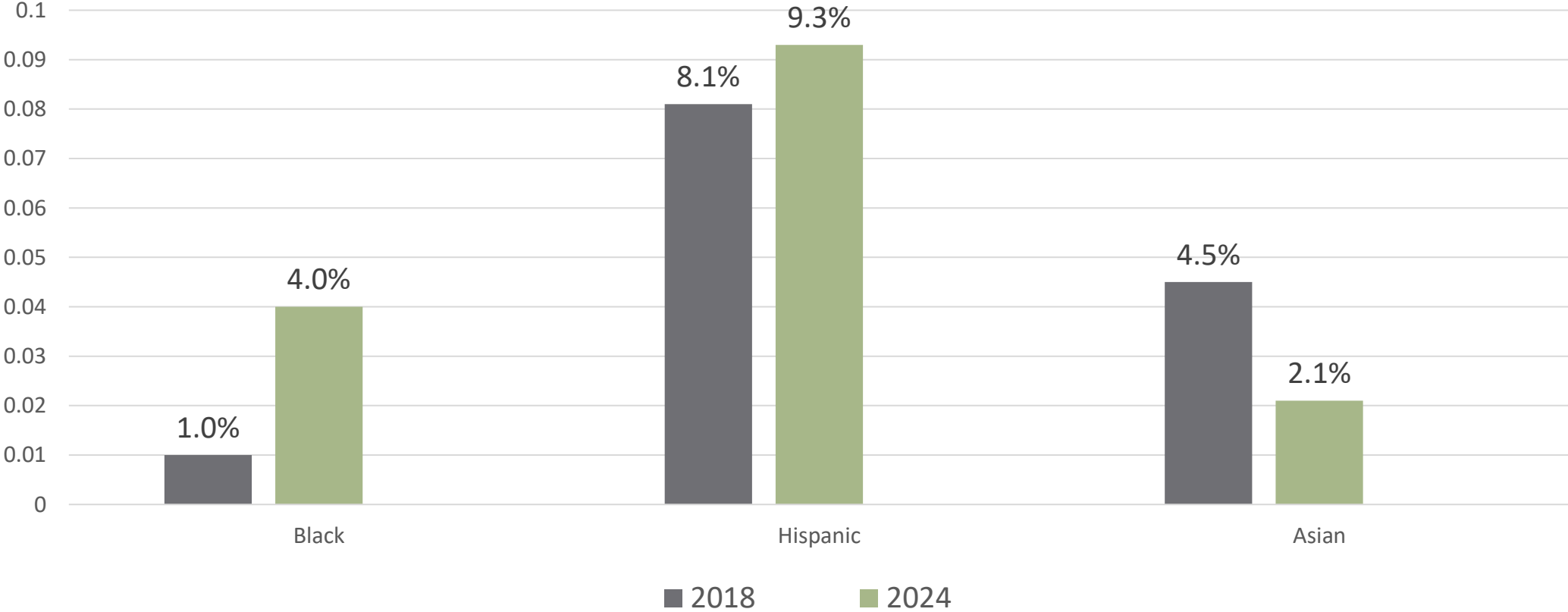


Colorado Supreme Court

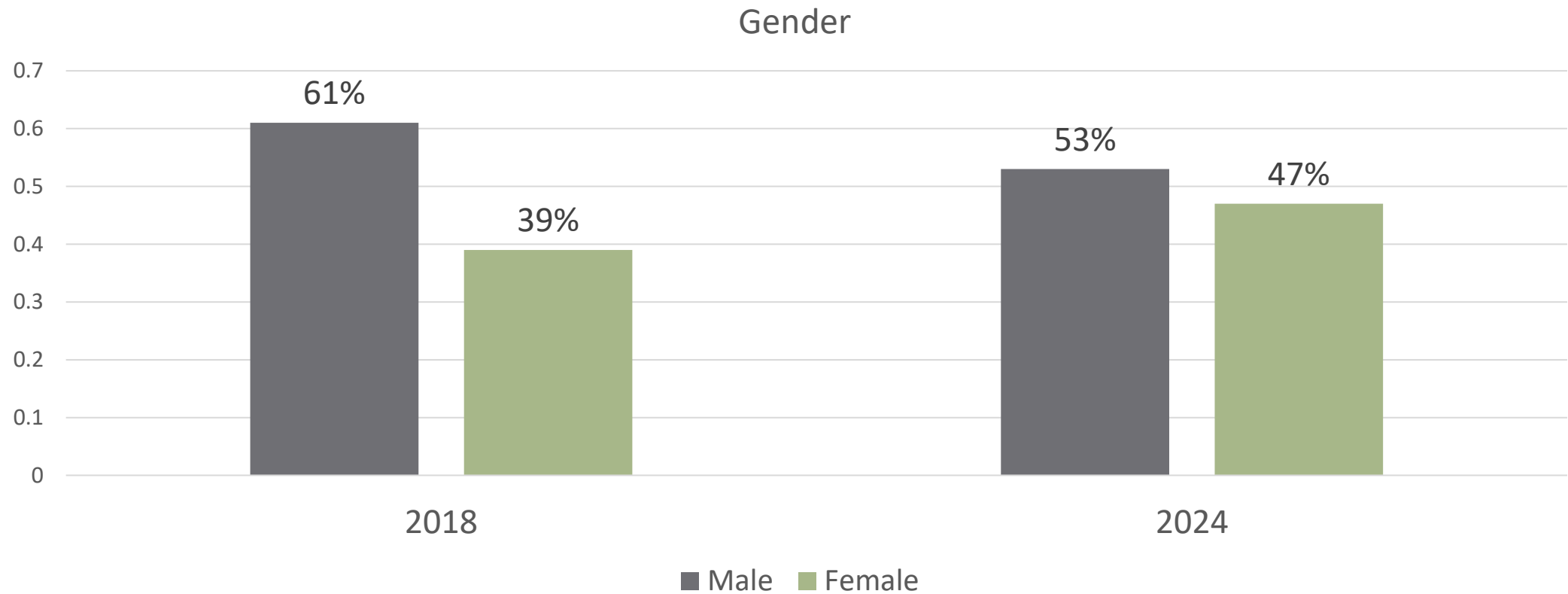
Demographics of the Bench



Diversifying Colorado's Bench



Gender balance



New Trial Court Filings, FY 2023-24

County Court	
Civil	135,607
Traffic	84,984
Infraction	74,769
Misdemeanor	64,441
Felony	16,713
Small Claims	5,342
Total	381,856

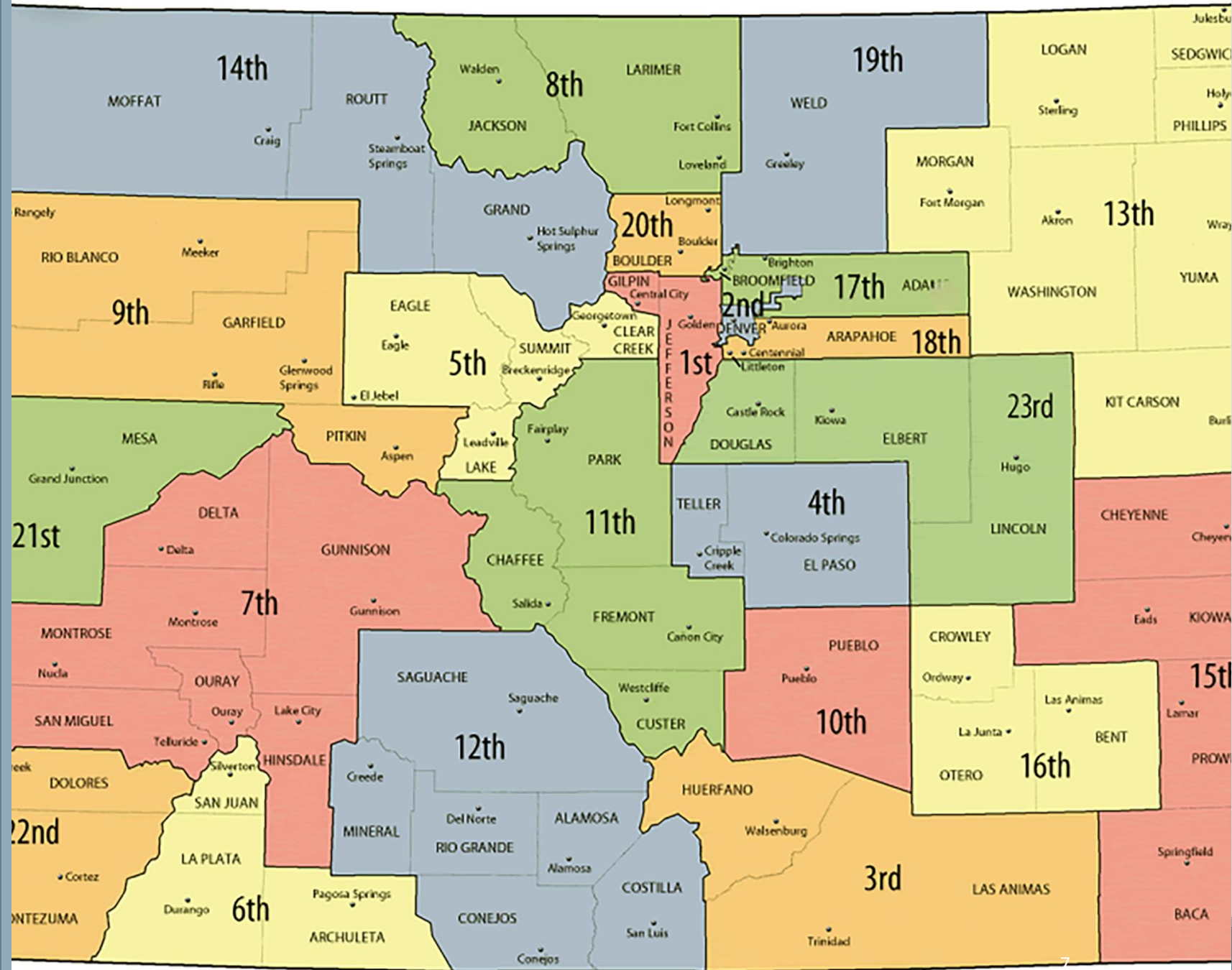
District Court	
Civil	93,083
Criminal	39,621
Domestic Relations	31,081
Probate	17,939
Juvenile	16,555
Mental Health	7,648
Total	205,927

Twenty-Three Judicial Districts

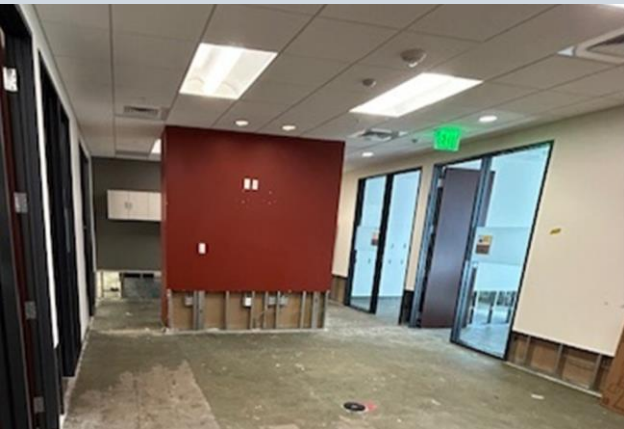
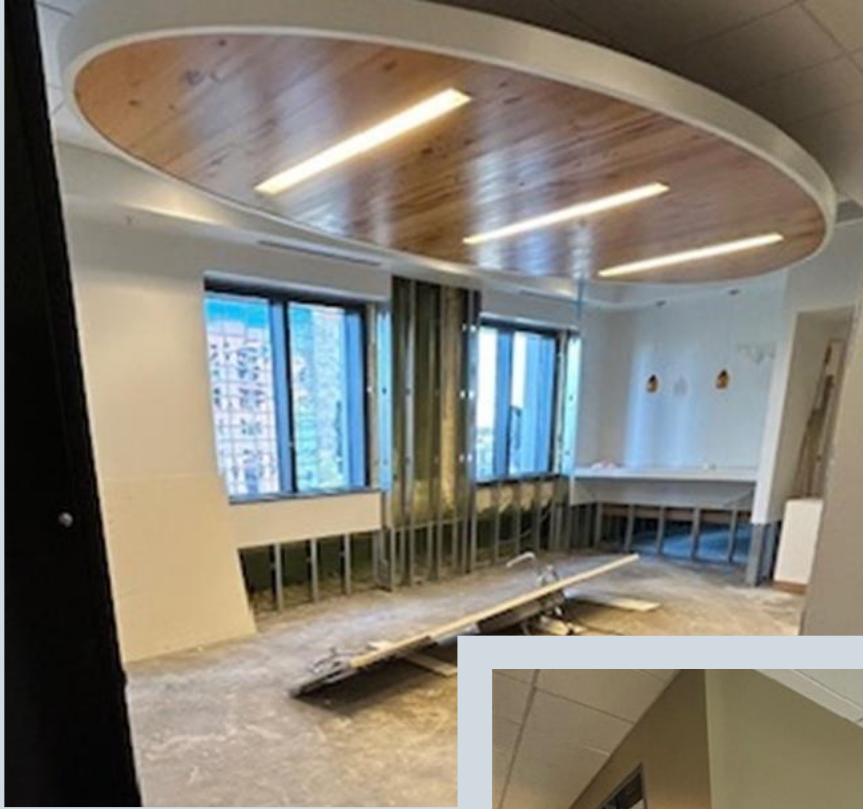
23rd Judicial District goes live tomorrow

Partnered with counties, DAs, PDs, and others

One final legislative clean-up needed



Ralph Carr Judicial Center Update



Amendment H

Working with the Judicial Discipline Commission and Governor's Office

Appointments made to new Rulemaking Committee

Appointments made to new Adjudicative Board



Workplace Culture Initiative

- Embedding Mission, Vision, Values
- Launched Employee Well-Being Committee
- Overhauled CJD 95-01 (chief judge responsibilities)
- Developing evaluation/feedback process for chief judges
- Launching Safe Reporting System

Judicial Education Initiative

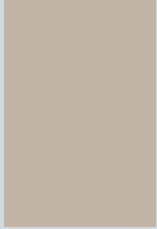
Onboarding

Ongoing Training/Transitions to New Docket Assignments

Professional Development/Mentoring

Retention Evaluation Support

Well-being Support



2025 Legislative Agenda

SB25-024 Judge Bill: The Drivers

Increasing case complexity

Virtual proceedings

Review of police body camera footage

Implementation of legislative reforms

Aurora domestic violence cases

Growing contention among litigants

SB25-024 Judge Bill: The Scope

Two-year plan, 29 positions:

- 18 judges in FY25-26
- 11 judges FY26-27

18 District Court judges

8 County Court judges

1 Court of Appeals panel

\$9.3M in first year, \$6.3M in second year

SB25-024
Judge Bill:
The Scope

Request based on workload model

All counties engaged regarding space

New docket assignments will vary by district

14 of the trial court judges will hear criminal cases

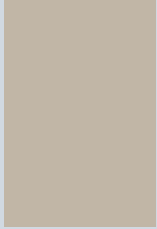
Court Security Reauthorization

SB24-187 GA granted temporary
POST status to new positions


POST Board endorsed the expansion
of positions

POST Board called for limits on court
security officers' roles

Reauthorization necessary



FY26 Budget Request





Extend the Case Management System project another year

Discovery and planning phase,
through Summer 2025 to 2026

Design phase, through 2026 to 2027

Development phase, into early 2027
to 2028

Testing phase, spring and summer
2028



Courtroom disruptors

25,000 virtual hearings per month in
500 virtual rooms

Need a modern virtual court solution

Combine virtual, livestream, and
recording systems into single platform

Probation
officers to
respond to
Aurora DV

Aurora decided to stop handling
domestic violence cases in muni court

Approx. 850 new probation cases
expected this year

Adams and Arapahoe counties
affected

\$2.9M for 24 probation staff needed

Collections program

Statutory changes and static have made the collections' program funding unsustainable

\$3M needed to correct the funding model

Programs affected:

Restitution for victims, \$36M annually

Victims' services, \$20M annually

HUTF, \$8M annually

Variety of funds in other agencies, \$17M

Performance Measures: Courts

Question	Average Rating	Agree or strongly agree	Responses
Did you find the webpage you needed quickly?	4.04	74.0%	622
Were you treated fairly?	3.95	69.6%	7,646
Did the judge listen to your side of the story?	3.87	67.4%	4,522
Do you trust the courts to handle business you may have in the future?	3.75	66.8%	8,078

Court User Survey

Online survey on a five-point scale

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Question	Average Rating	Agree or strongly agree	Responses
Was it easy to use Webex?	4.53	87.7%	1,953
Did you receive the language resources you needed?	4.25	79.3%	299
Did you receive prompt help?	4.21	77.9%	7,514
Did staff understand your needs?	4.14	75.8%	7,566
Were the resources you needed available to you?	4.12	74.7%	7,503

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District Court time standards

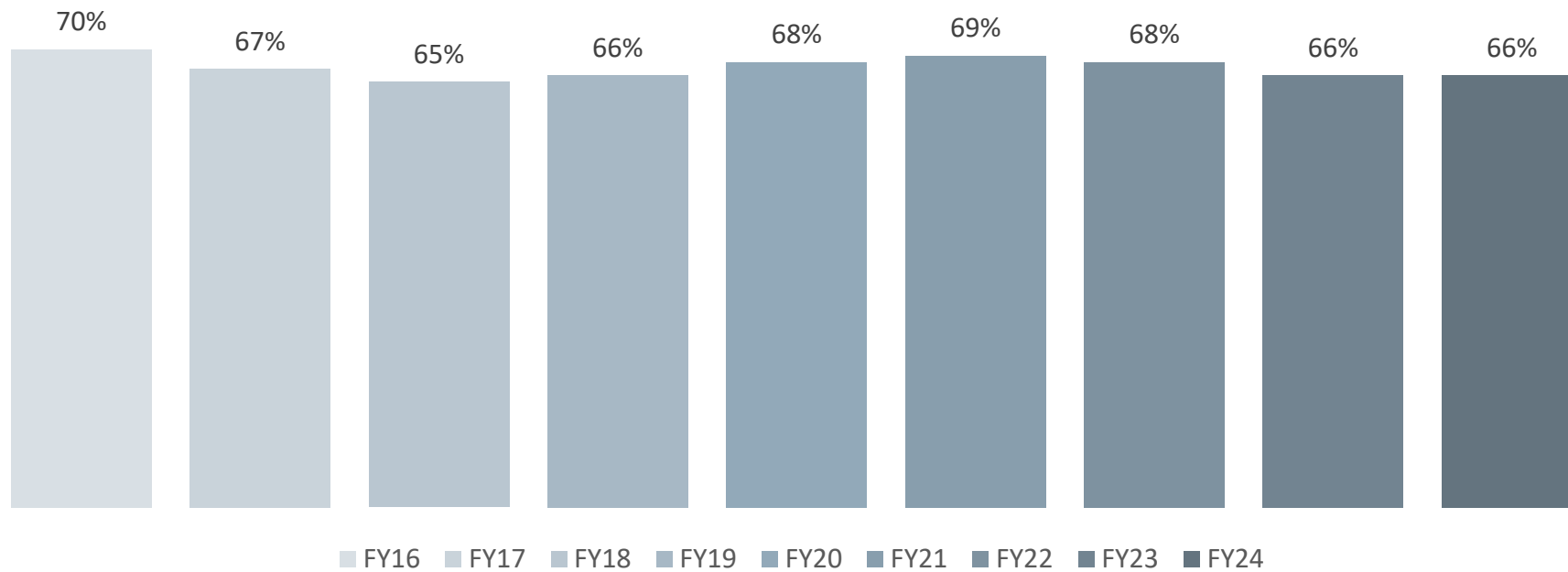
TYPE	TARGET	2024
Civil (<i>cases open more than 1 year</i>)	10%	15.6%
Criminal (<i>cases open more than 1 year</i>)	5%	9.0%
Domestic (<i>cases open more than 1 year</i>)	5%	7.8%
Juvenile Delinquency (<i>cases open more than 1 year</i>)	5%	6.0%
D&N (<i>cases open more than 18 months</i>)	5%	10.9%
Expedited Permanent Placement (<i>cases open more than 1 year</i>)	10%	12.9%

County Court time standards

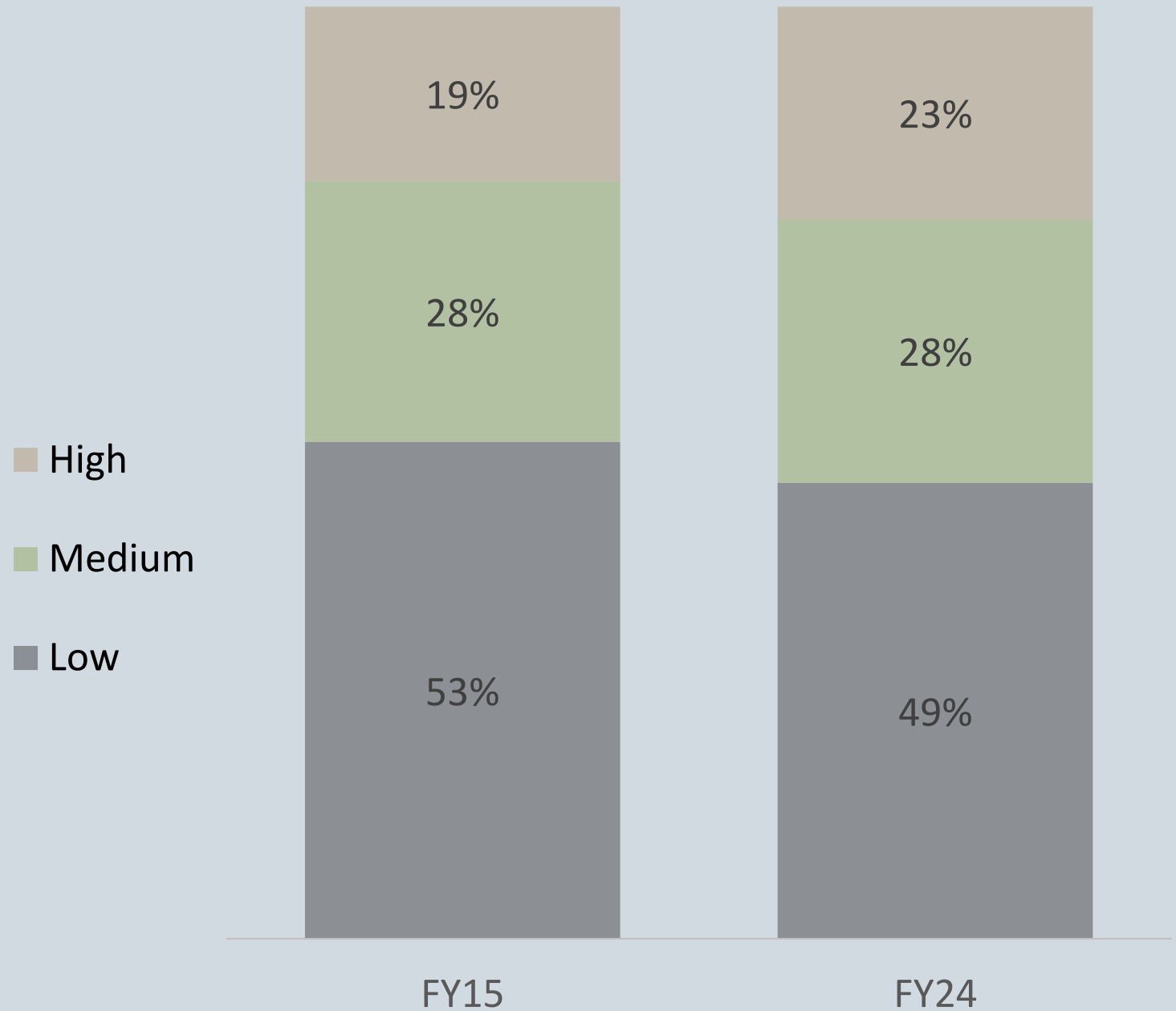
Type	Target	2024
Civil (<i>cases open more than 6 months</i>)	5%	5.6%
Misdemeanor (<i>cases open more than 6 months</i>)	10%	18.7%
Small Claims (<i>cases open more than 6 months</i>)	1%	11.8%
Traffic (<i>cases open more than 6 months</i>)	5%	13.2%
DUI (<i>cases open more than 7 months</i>)	20%	17.1%

Performance Measures: Probation

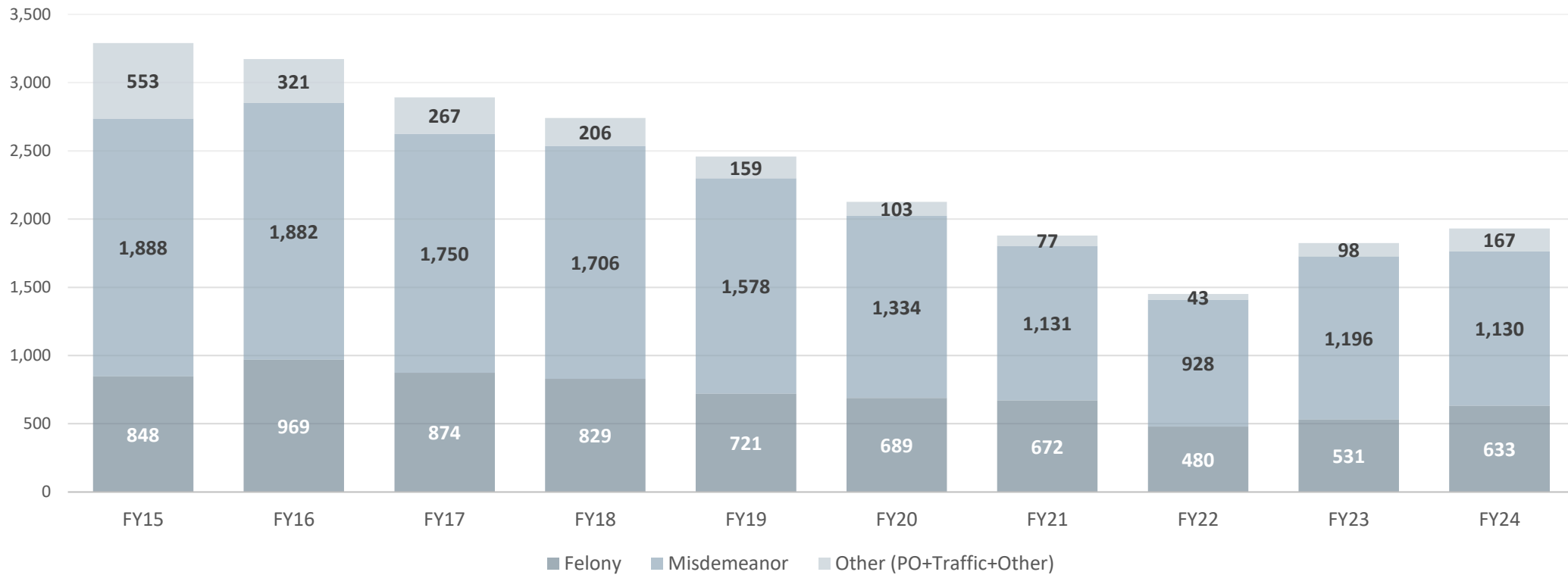
Probation Success Rates



Adult probation risk level : 10-year comparison



Juvenile Probation Population Creeping Up



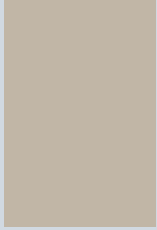
Probation Fees

HB24-1445

Total persons assessed: 51,835

Monthly Supervision Fee Assessed: \$50

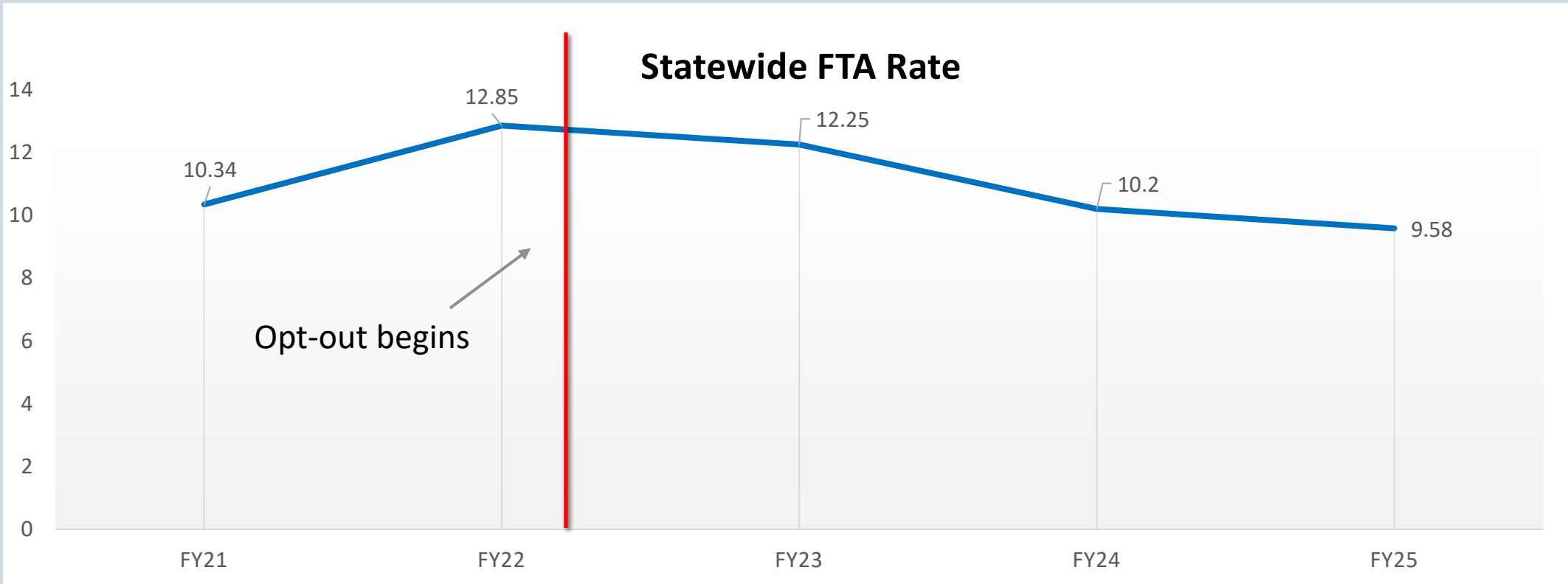
Total Receipts: \$19,915,906



Other reporting requirements

Child Family Investigators and Parental Responsibility Evaluators

	CFIs	PREs
Appointments	1,699	207
Eligibility Roster	132	60
Complaints	37	7
Pending	2	0
Dismissed	32	4
Unfounded	2	0
Founded	1	2
Sanctions	1	1



Text Reminder Program

Eviction data dashboard

data from 7/1/24 to 12/31/24

Total closed cases: 31,592

Total cases filed due to non-payment: 18,160

Cases filed due to lease violation: 9,519

Cases where the defendant filed an answer: 5,022

Not filed an answer: 27,496

Eviction data dashboard

data from 7/1/24 to 12/31/24

Closed cases with plaintiff represented, defendant not represented: 21,125

Closed cases with both plaintiff and defendant represented: 8,393

Closed cases with defendant represented by not plaintiff: 70

Closed cases with neither party represented: 2,217

Mediation in eviction cases

- Mandatory mediation in certain cases involving people who receive public benefits
- June 2023 to October 2024

	Total	Monthly Avg
Sessions	1,576	92.7
Full Agree	649	38.2
Ongoing	167	9.8
Full agree success rate	42%	42%
Overall success rate	52%	52%

Extreme Risk Protection Orders

7/1/23-6/30/24

HB19-1177 requires reporting on TERPOs and ERPOs

168 cases filed statewide

147 filed as TERPOs

121 TERPOs issued

25 TERPOs denied

98 ERPOs issued

21 ERPOs denied

20 criminal cases filed within 30 days of an ERPO or
TERPO

Thank You

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