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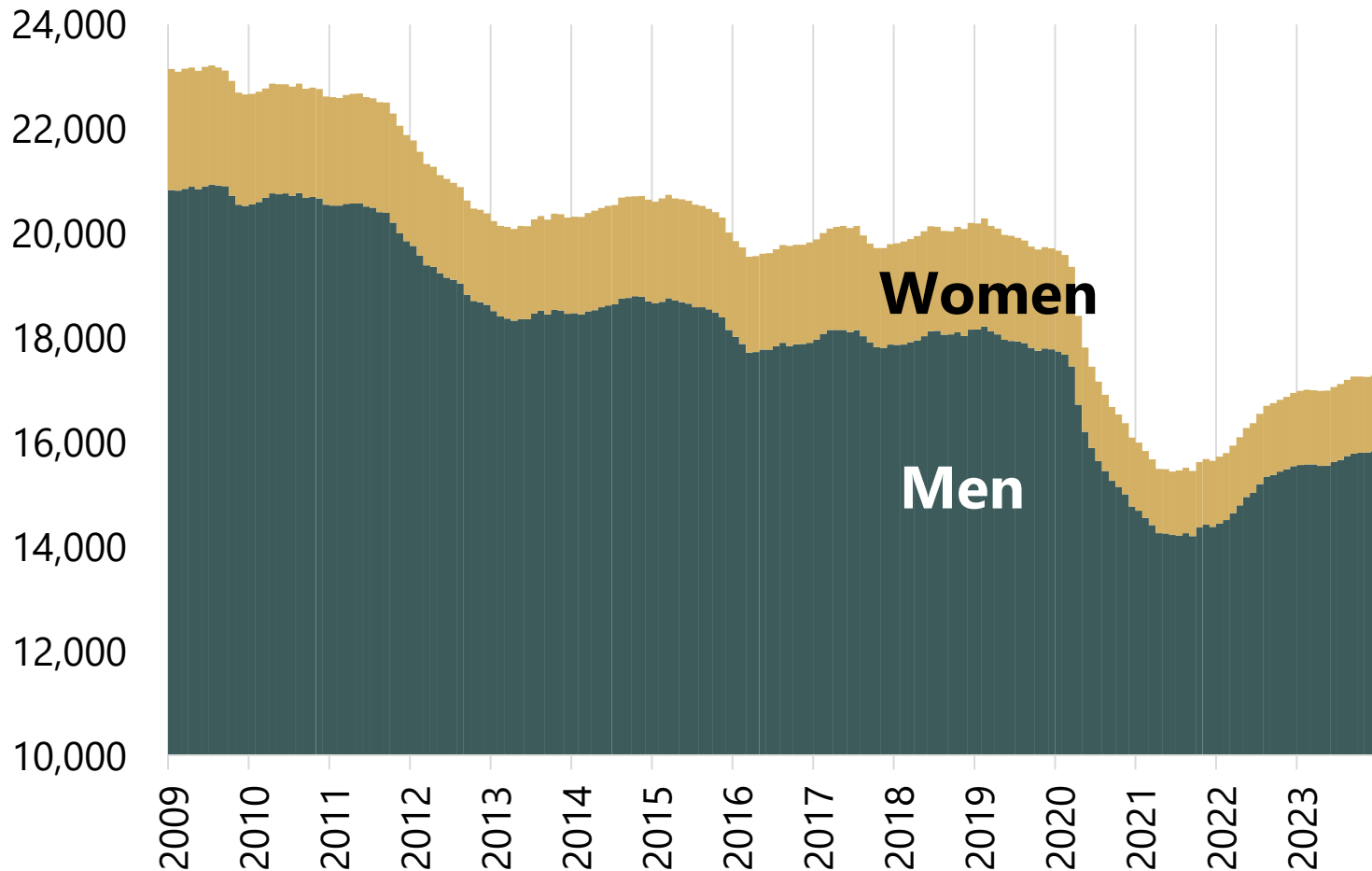
Corrections Populations Forecasts

Presentation to the Joint Judiciary Committee
January 31, 2024

Adult Corrections Populations

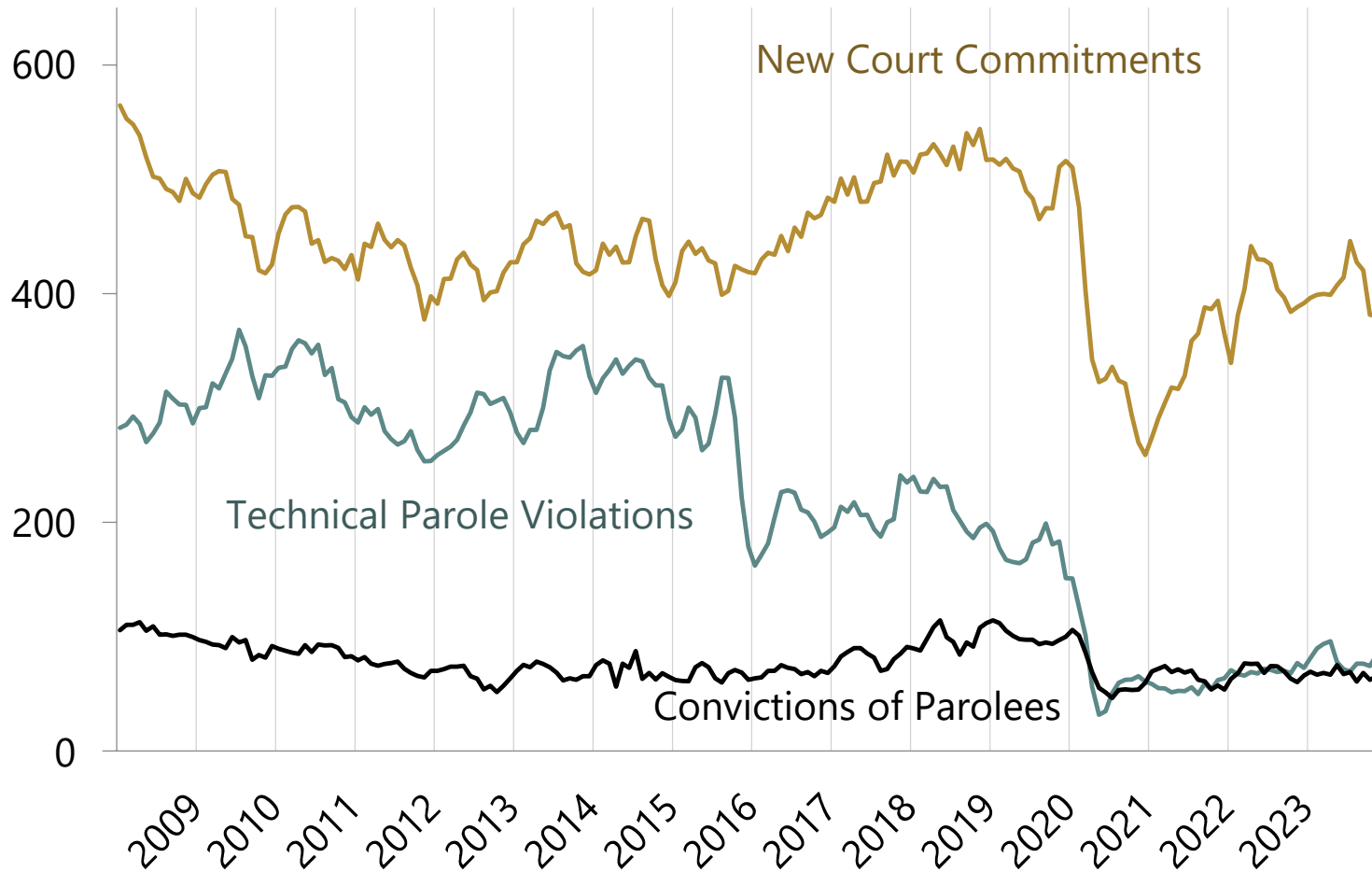


Prison population growth slows to 4.2 percent in FY 2022-23, down from 6.0 percent in FY 2021-22



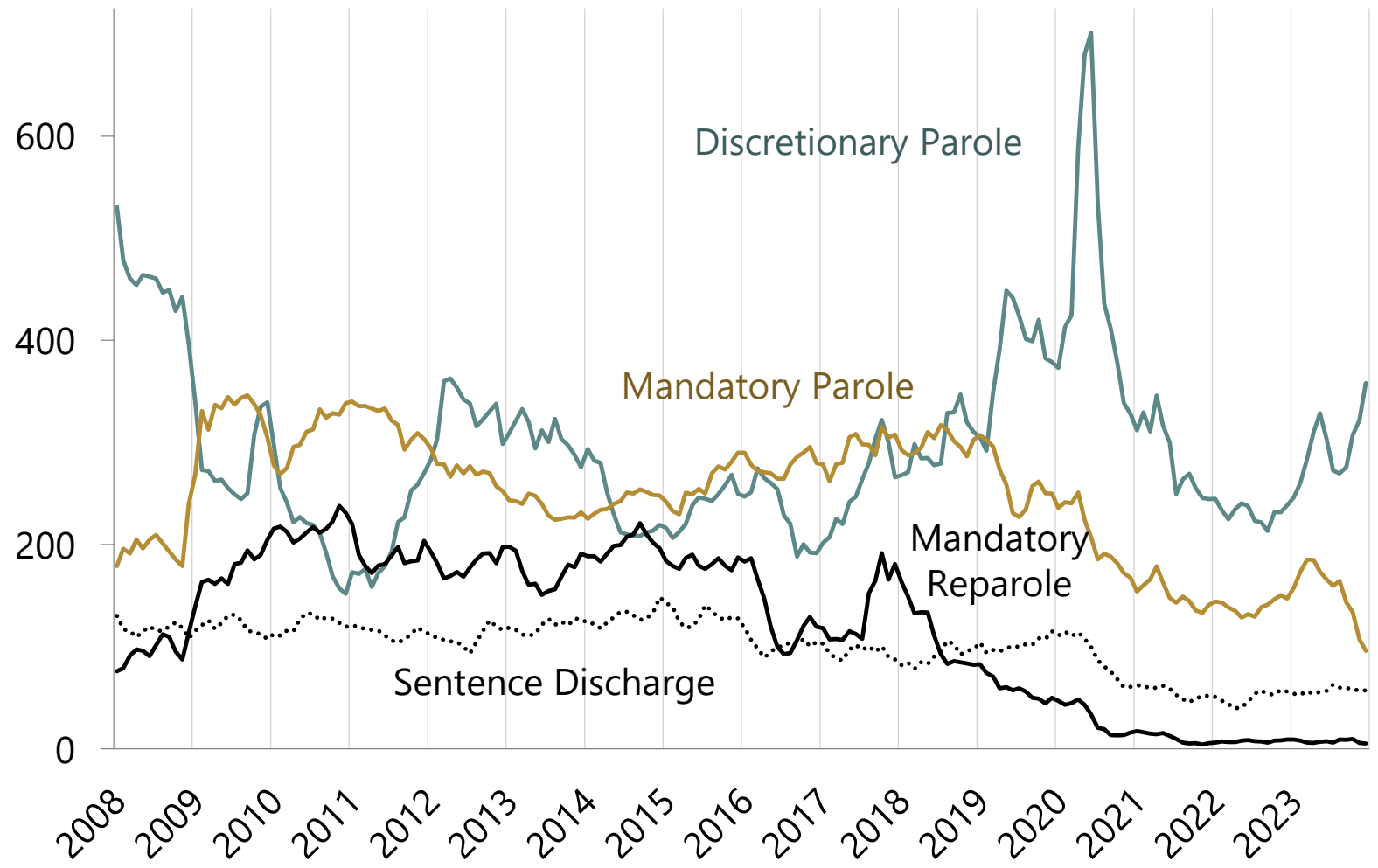
Source: Department of Corrections, Office of Planning and Analysis. Monthly data through December 2023.

New court commitments have risen, but remain below pre-pandemic levels; other admissions remain suppressed.



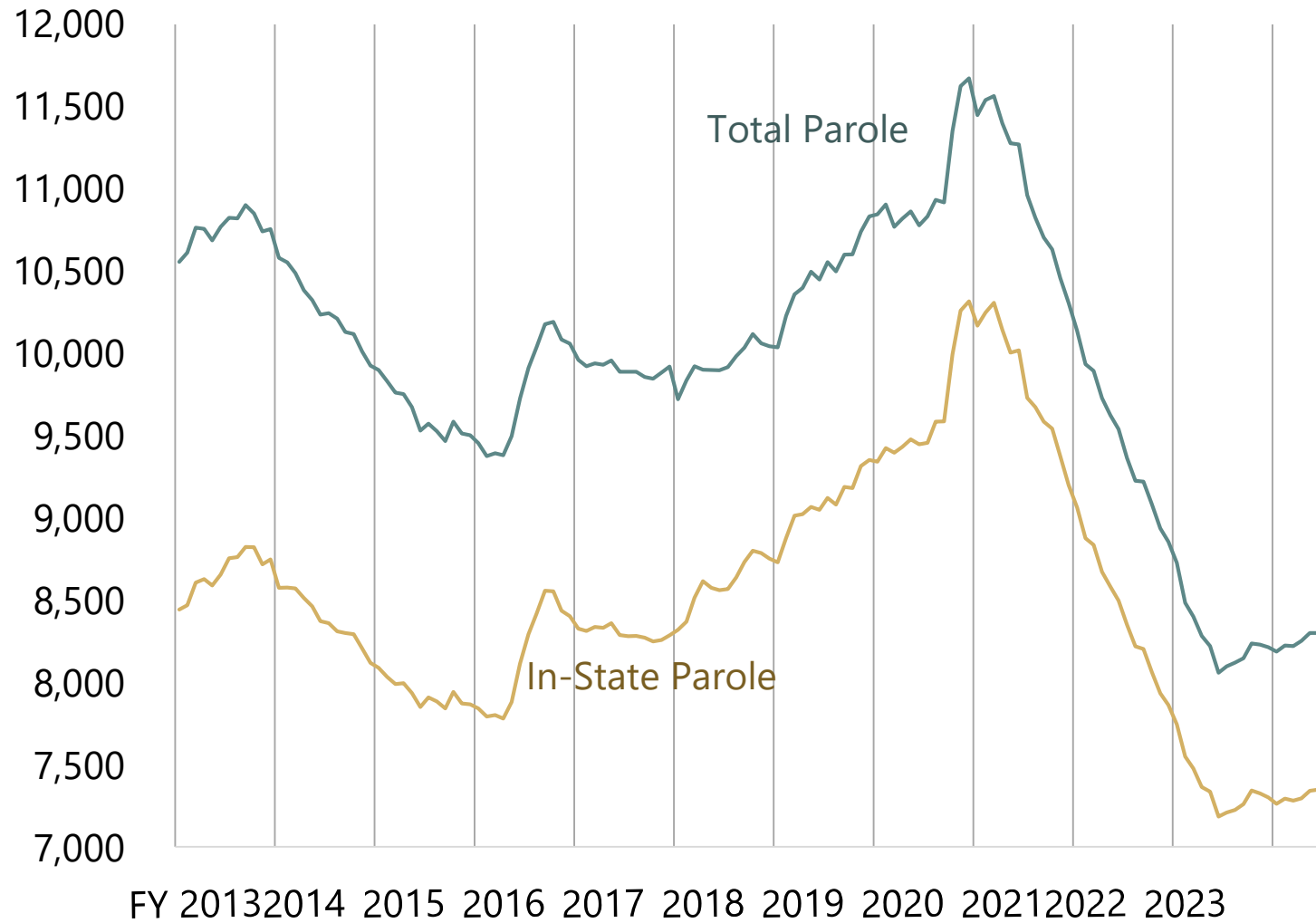
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Discretionary releases on the rise, offset by mandatory releases



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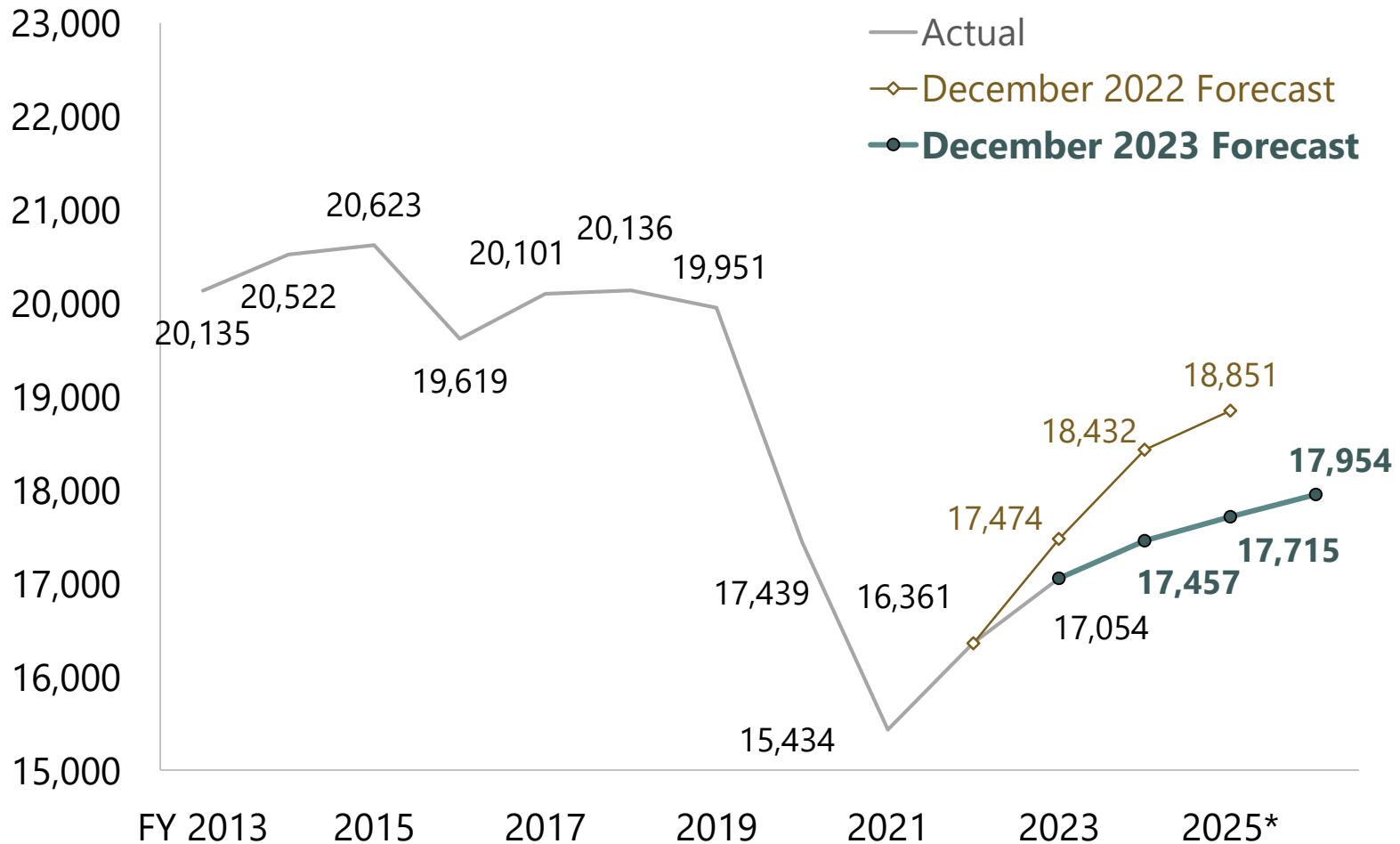
Parole population rising slightly



Source: Department of Corrections, Office of Planning and Analysis. Data through December 2023.

The prison population will increase through FY 2025-26

Adult Inmate Population Forecasts as of June 30



Source: Department of Corrections, Office of Planning and Analysis and *Legislative Council Staff
December 2023 forecast.

Parole caseload has begun to rise, expected to rise further.

Adult Parole Caseload Forecasts as of June 30



Source: Department of Corrections, Office of Planning and Analysis and *Legislative Council Staff December 2023 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 2022 forecast is 2.5 percent, or 420 inmates in June 2023

- **New patterns have emerged, but risk remains**

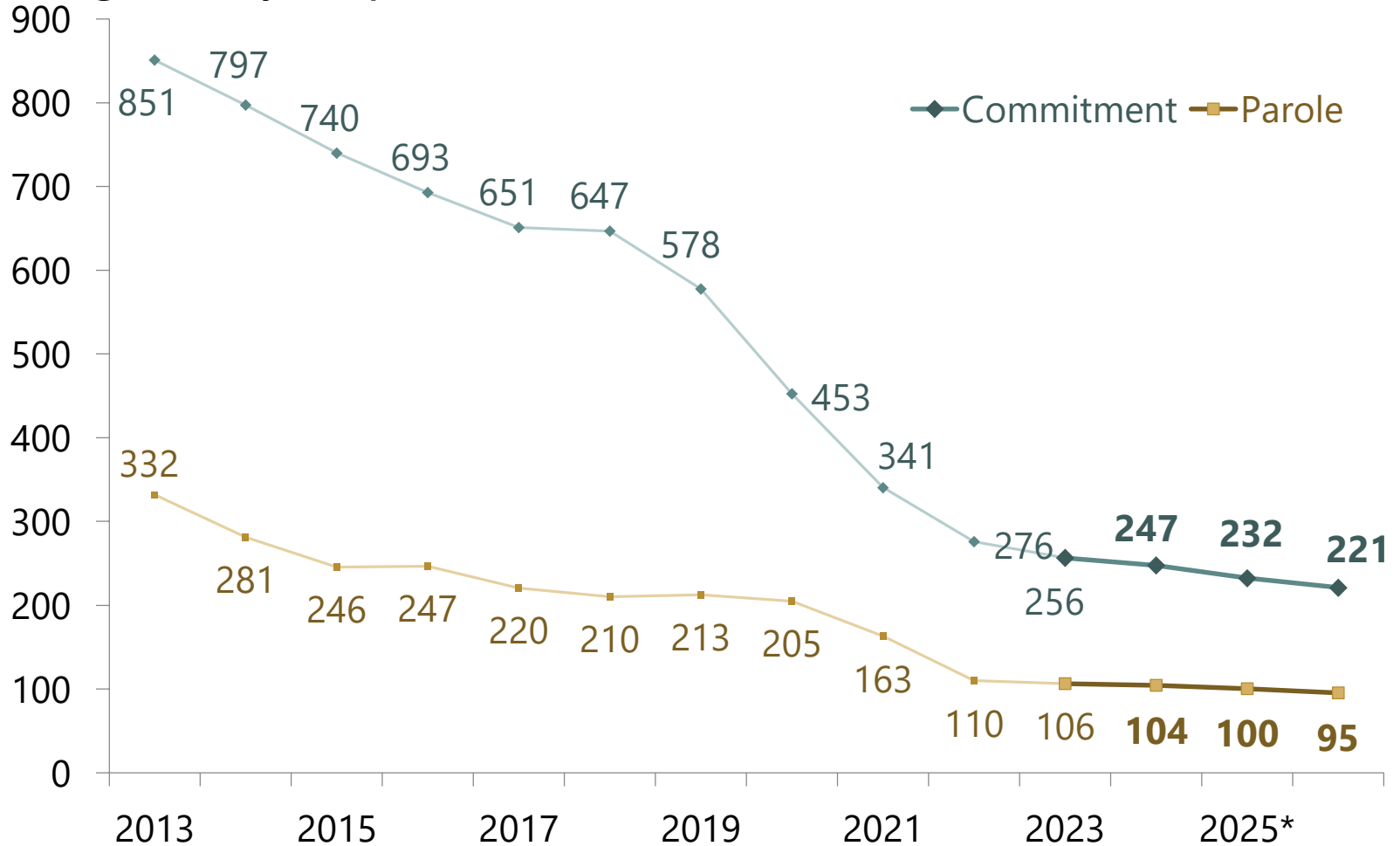
- Longer term impacts of legislative changes are emerging more clearly as pandemic-related impacts have mostly abated
- The possibility of further transition elevates uncertainty
- Small deviations in the timing and extent of assumed adjustments can contribute to large population changes

Youth Corrections Population Forecast



DYS commitment and parole populations declining

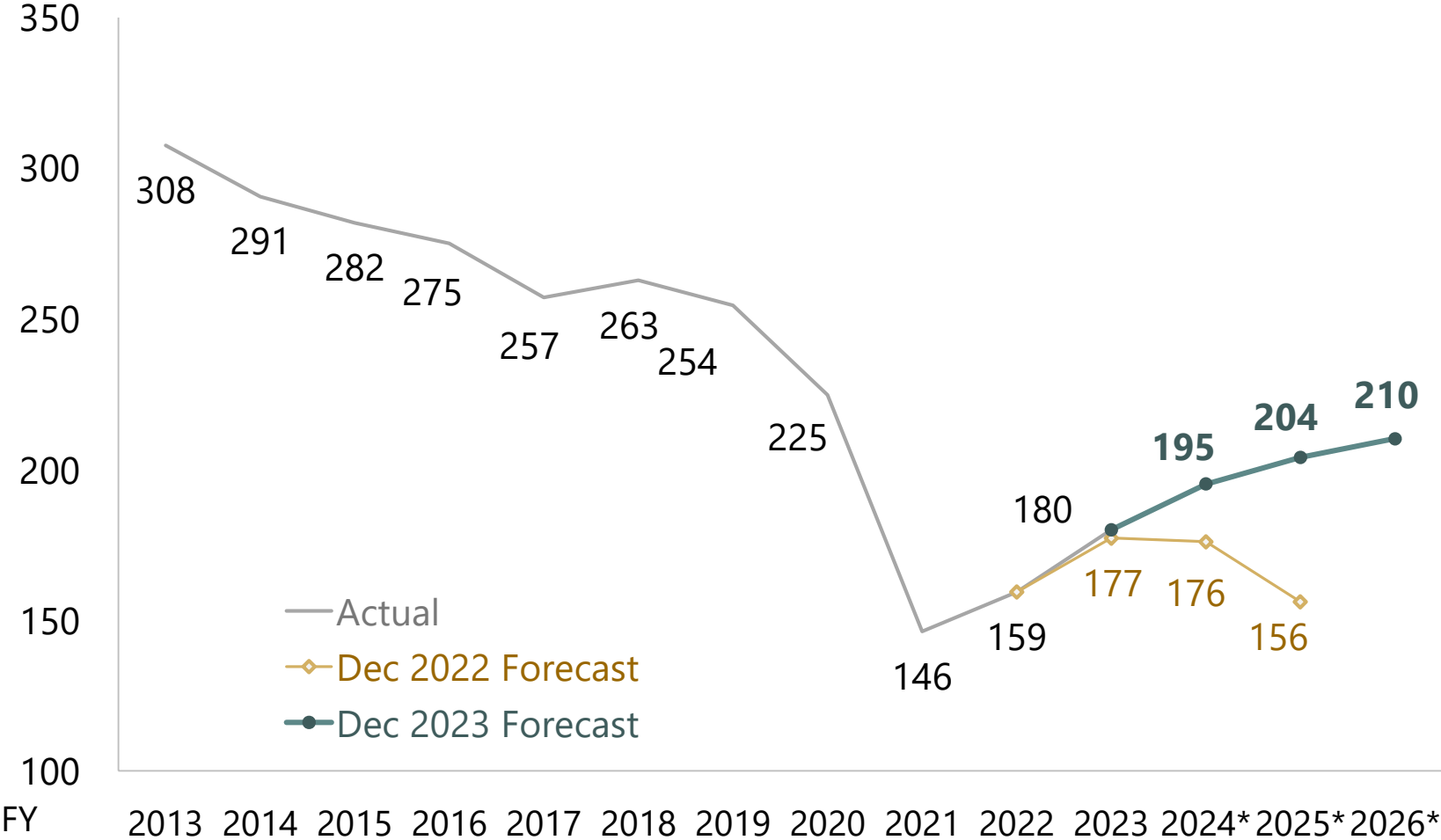
Average Daily Populations



Source: CDHS Division of Youth Services and *Legislative Council Staff December 2023 forecast.

Detention population reverses long-term decline

Average Daily Population

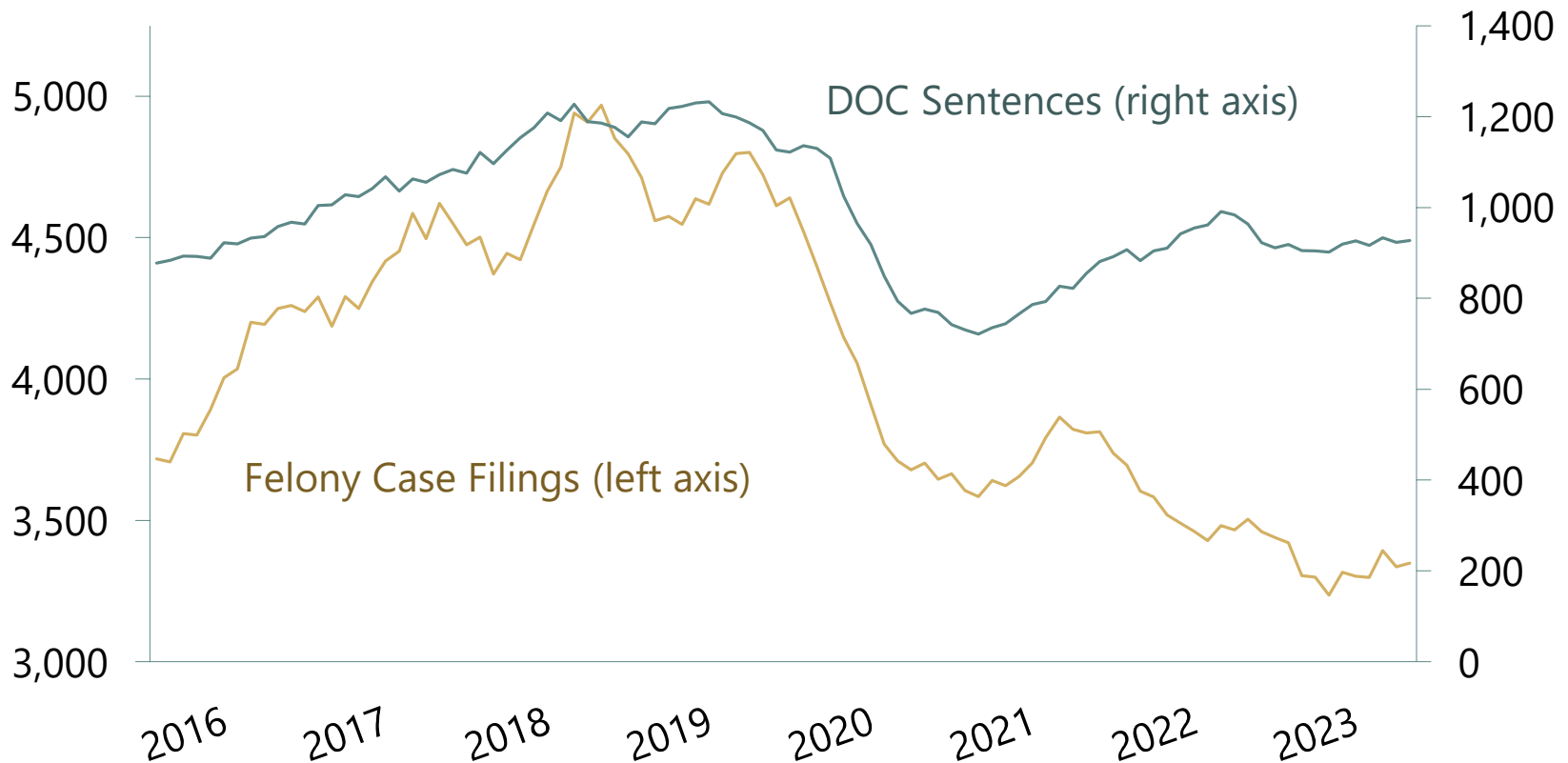


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Adult Corrections Populations Supplemental Slides

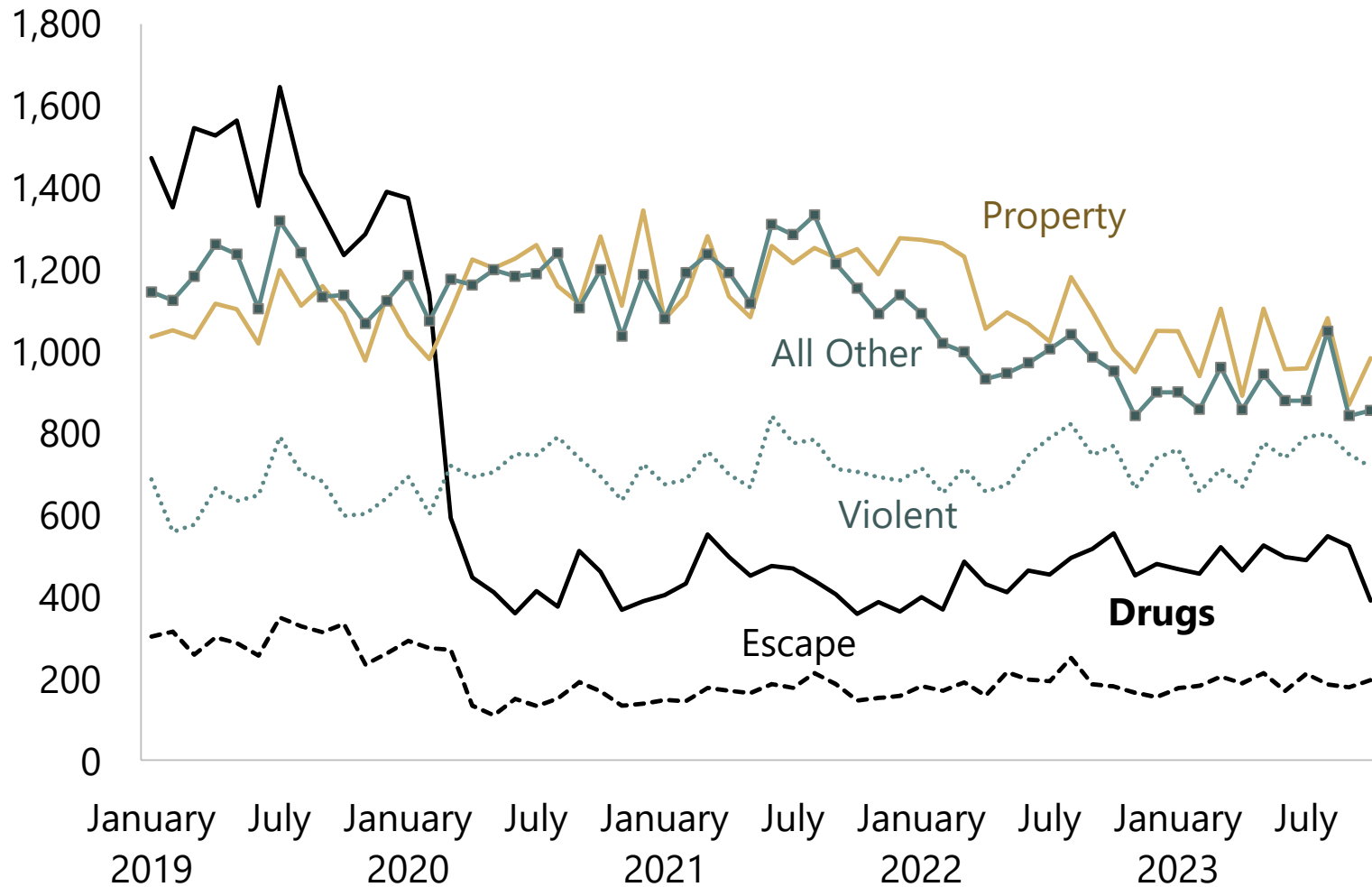


Continued shift in relationship between state district court felony case filings and DOC sentences



Source: Office of the State Court Administrator. Monthly data; both series shown as six-month moving averages through October 2023.

State district court drug felony case filings still down from pre-pandemic levels



Source: Office of the State Court Administrator and Legislative Council Staff Calculations. Data through October 2023.