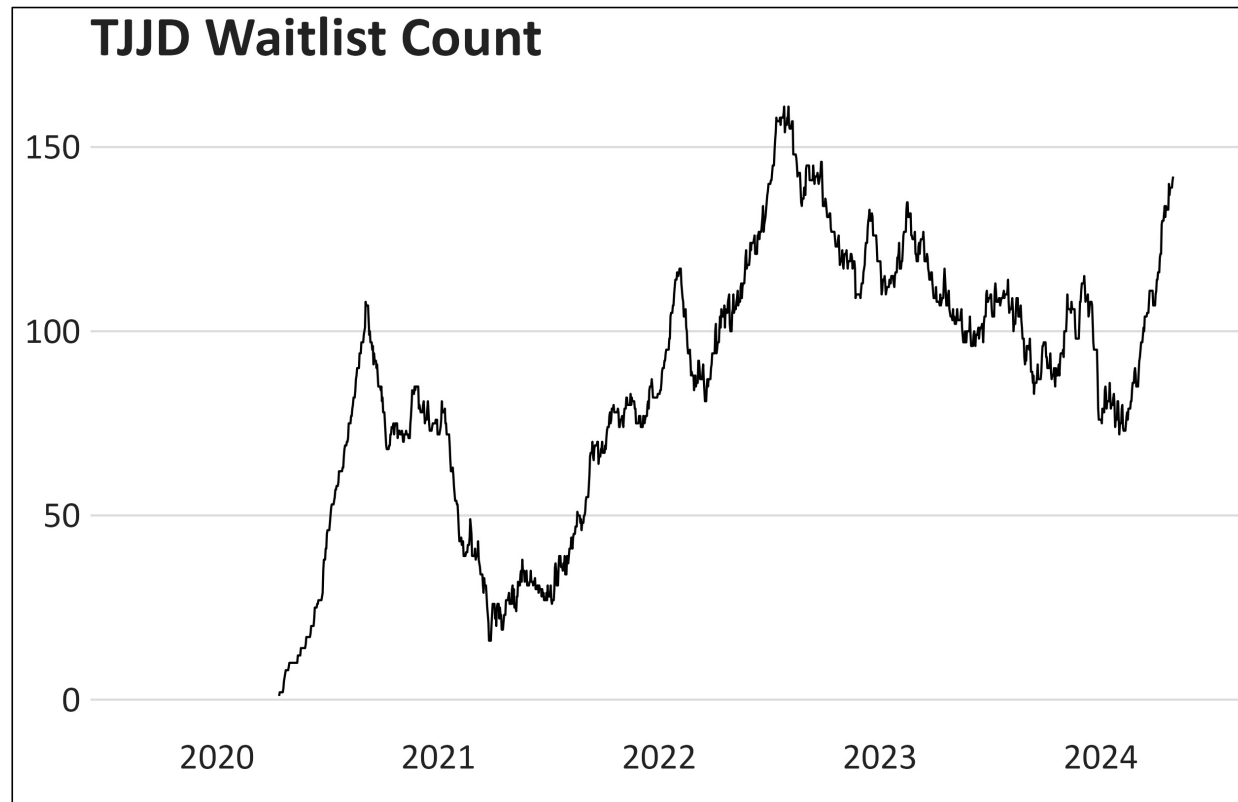




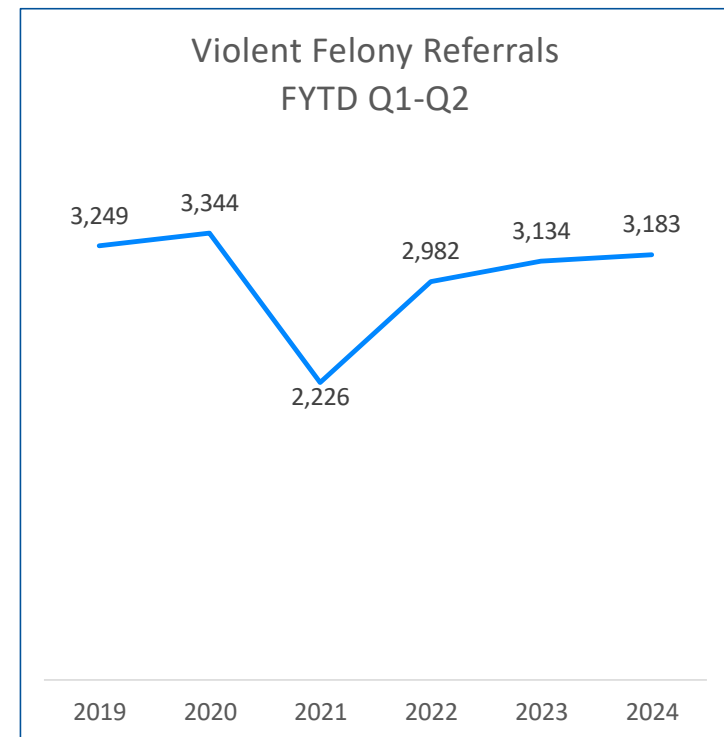
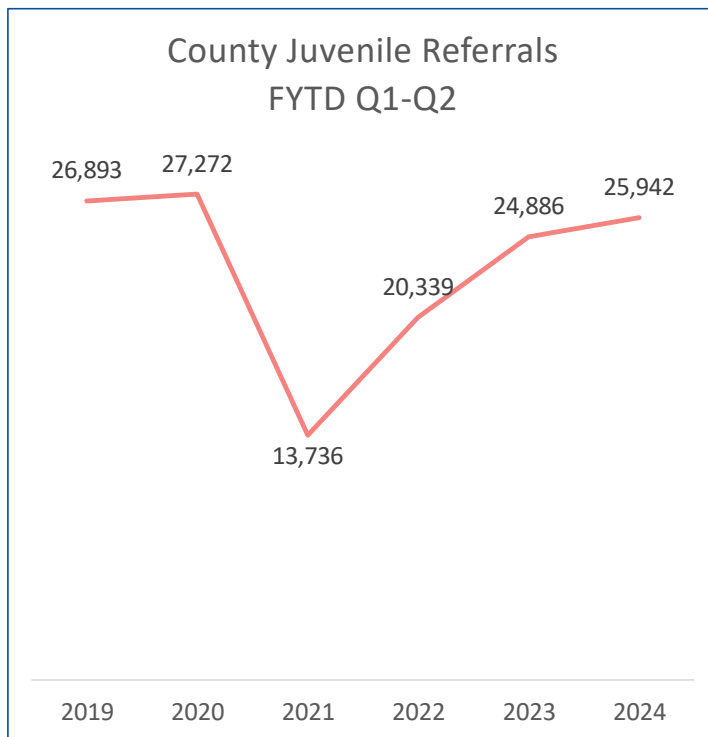
**TJJD Waitlist
Causes and Options
May 2024**

What happened in 2024?

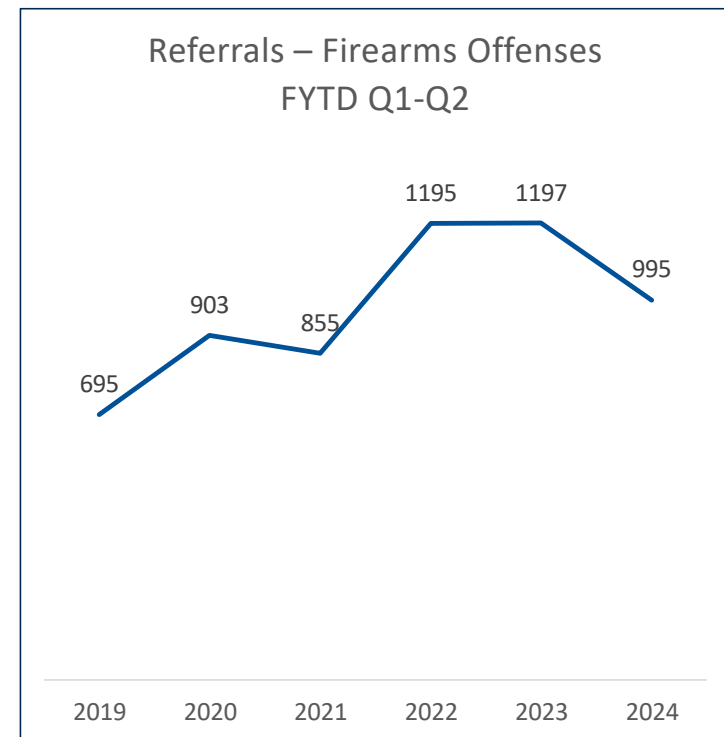
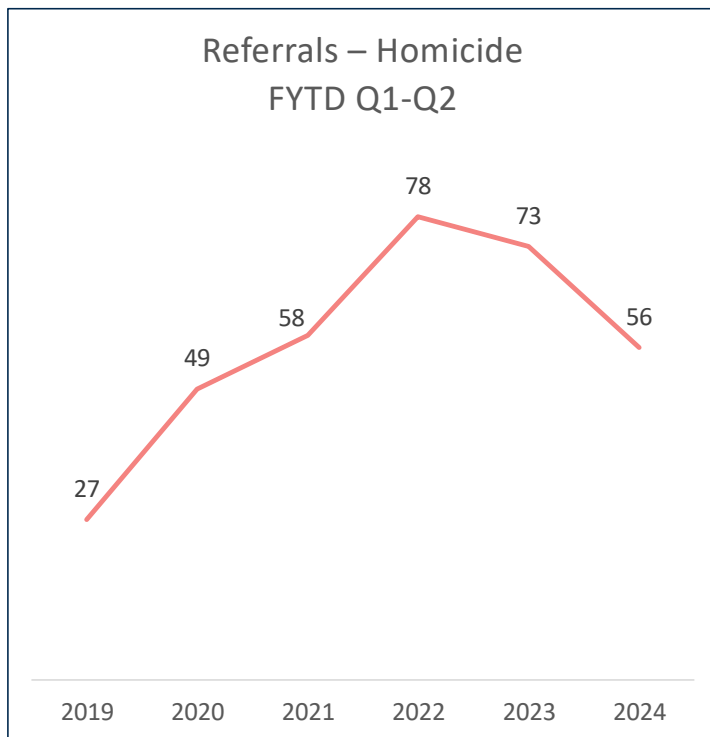


Probation data comparisons are fiscal year-to-date for the first and second quarter (9/1/2023 – 2/29/2024, or the first half of FY24)

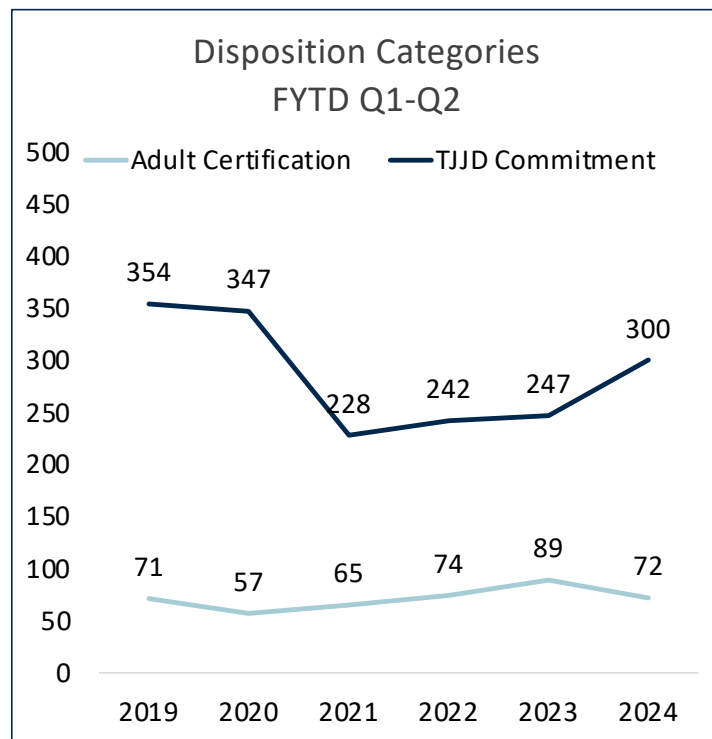
FY24 seems on track to norm of pre-pandemic referral levels



Homicide referrals and firearms offenses down 20% compared to FY22-FY23 highs, but have yet to return to pre-pandemic lows



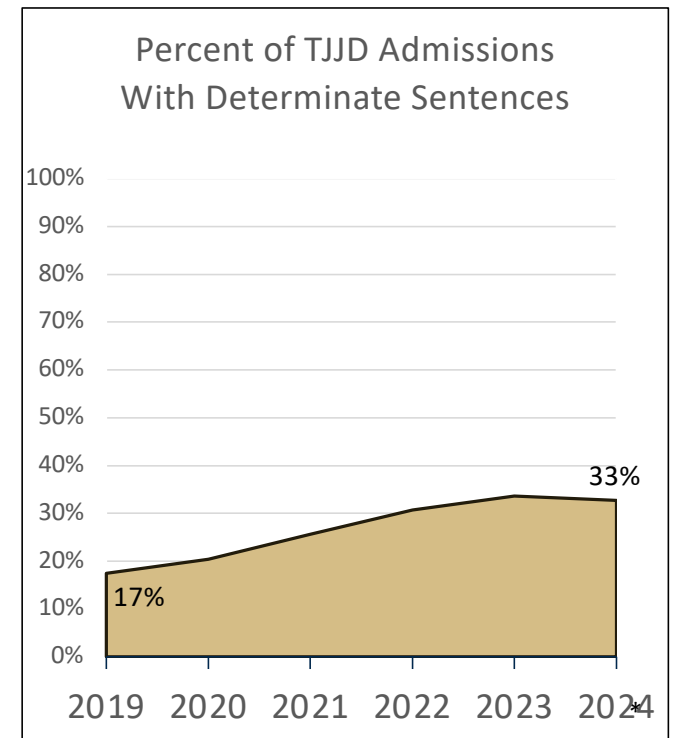
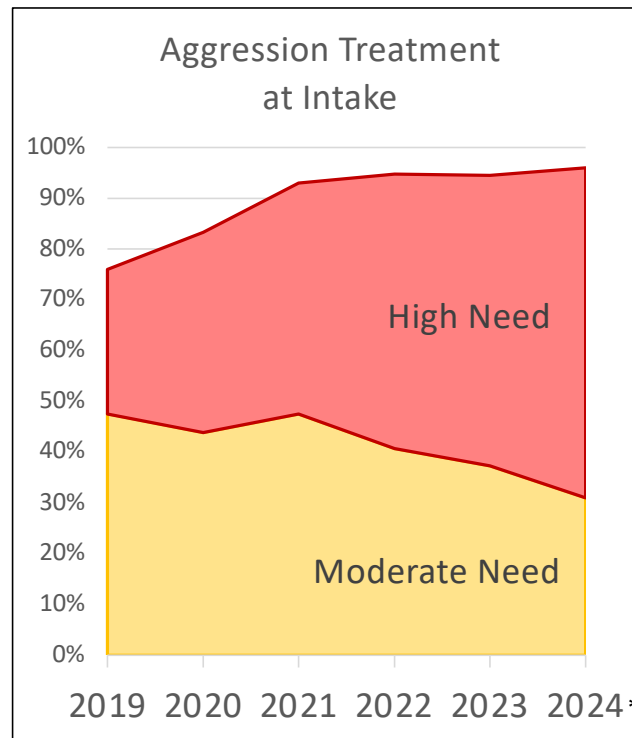
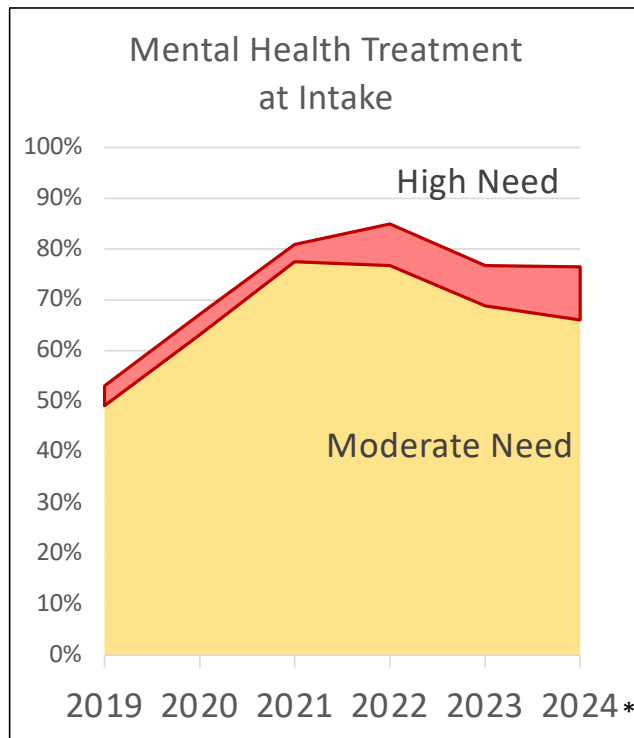
TJJD Commitments are up 21% from last year, Adult Certifications down 19%, Regional Diversion Placements down 17%



Regional Diversion Placements, FYTD through 4/30

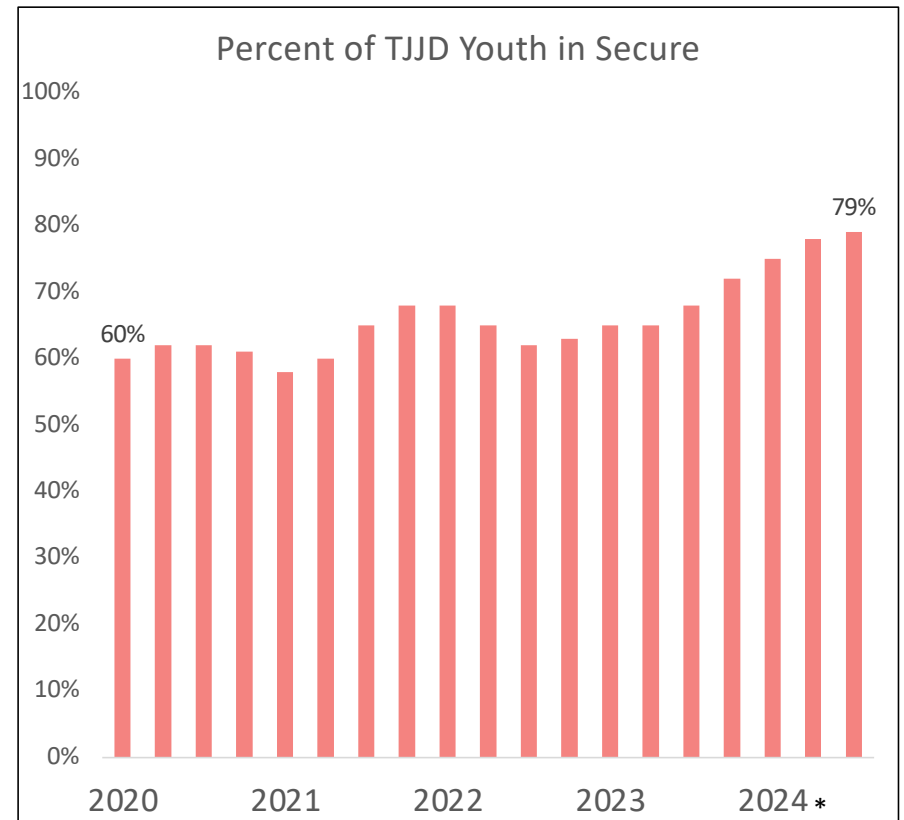
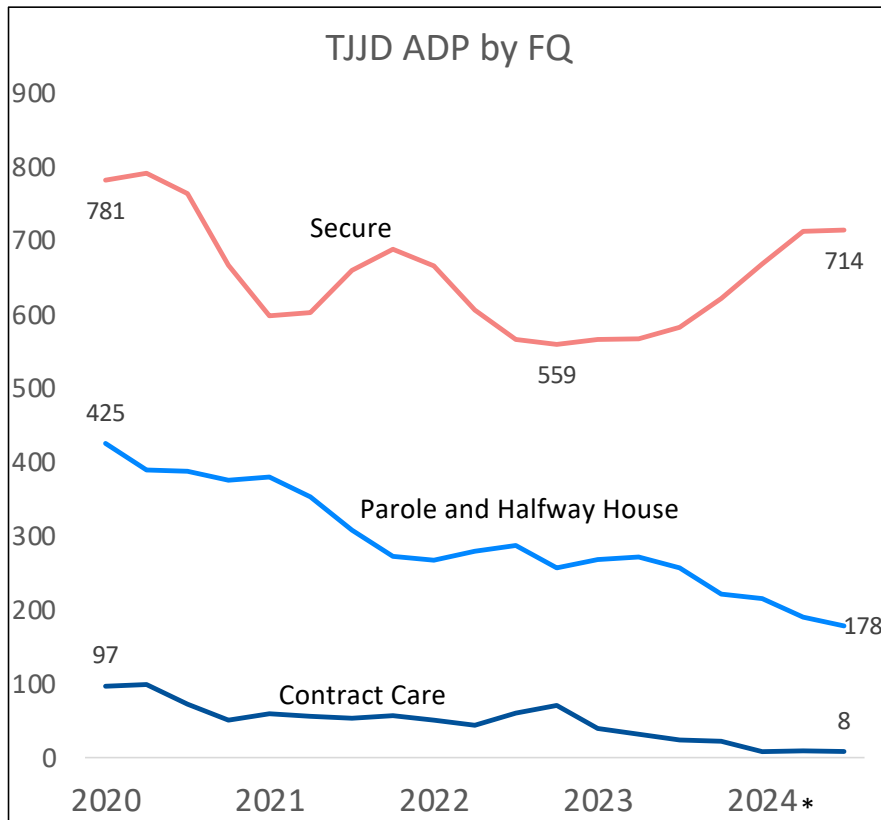
FY23	FY24	Change
190	158	-17%

Mental health treatment needs are down slightly so far, but aggression treatment needs as a percent of population are at all-time agency highs. (TJJD data through 4/30/2024)



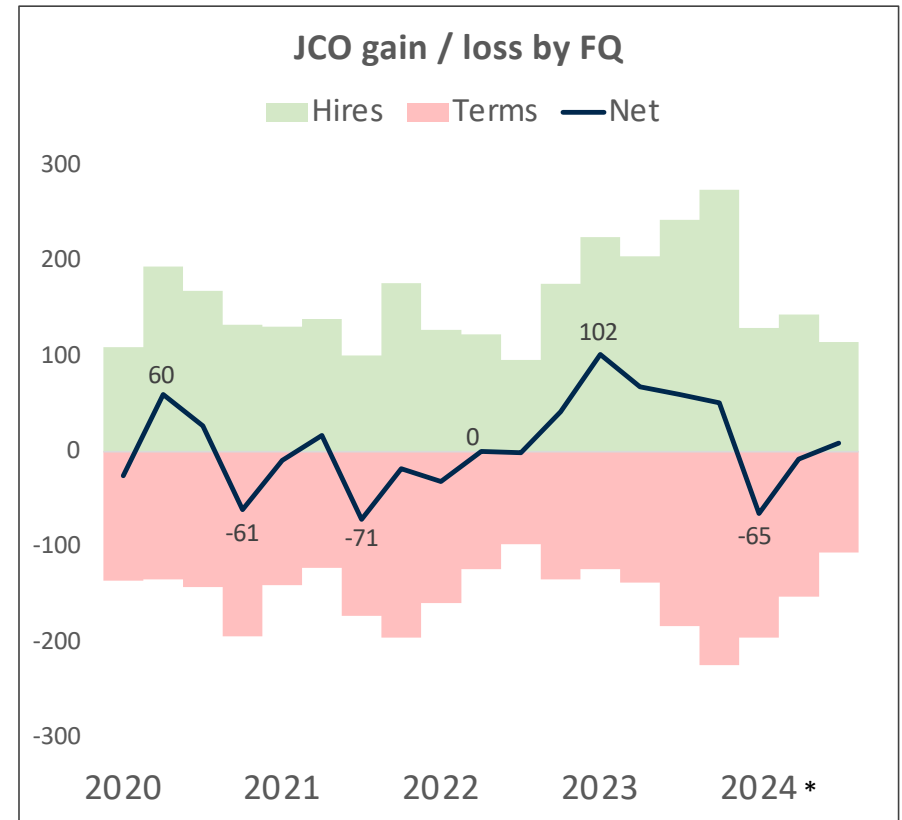
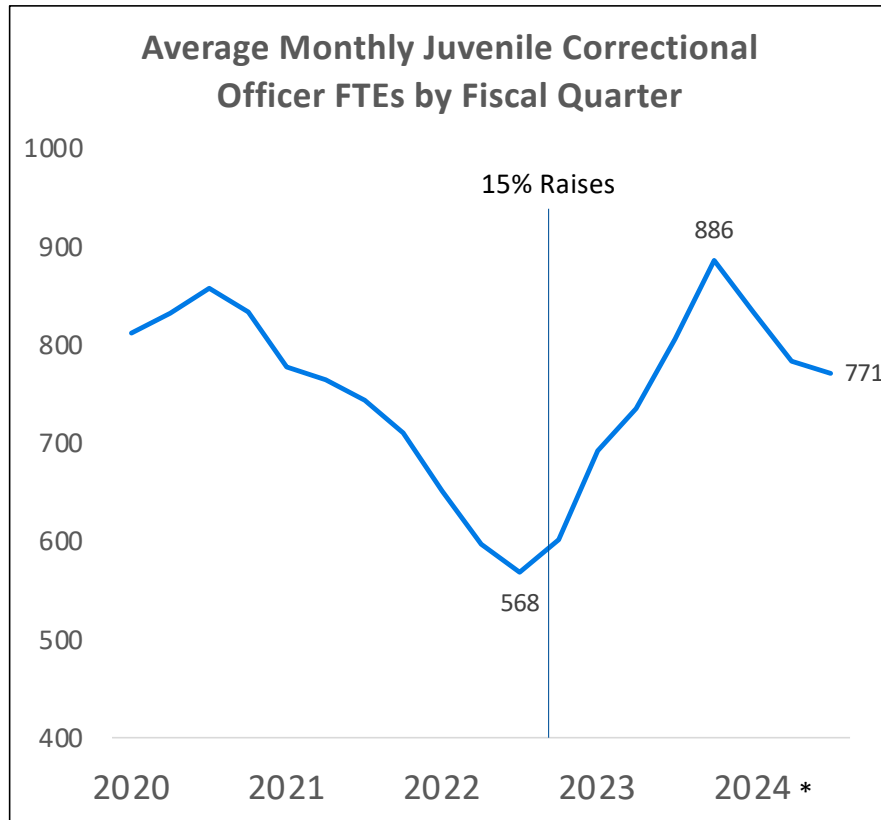
* FY24 = 9/1/2023 - 4/30/2024

Existing release and placement rules were designed in 2007 for a lower-risk and more indeterminate population, making it harder to place these youth in secure alternatives.



FY24 = 9/1/2023 - 4/30/2024

TJJD recouped severe crisis-era losses in FY23 with record hiring, which has since ended.



FY24 = 9/1/2023 - 4/30/2024

Summary

- County commitments to TJJD are up +
- Facility capacity is not increasing or decreasing +
- Releases are down (lowest in agency history) =

Ballooning waitlist

How to reduce waitlist?

Waitlist Reduction Method
Reduce Commitments
Increase Capacity
Increase Transfer / Release

- We are exhausting unilateral options
- **Most options require partnership**
(legislature, counties, other stakeholders)

Most options for managing waitlist require partnership, collaboration

(presence on list does not imply endorsement)

Waitlist Reduction Method	Options Requiring Partnership
Reduce Commitments	<ul style="list-style-type: none">• <i>Further increase diversion options and commitment alternatives (in progress, long-term)</i>• Develop county “self-commitment”• Expand options for adult certifications when appropriate• Allow direct TDCJ transfers from county for DSO youth• Pursue risk-based sentencing reform
Increase Capacity	<ul style="list-style-type: none">• <i>Build new facilities in population centers (in progress, long-term)</i>• <i>Increase salaries and retention pay (planned for LAR)</i>
Increase Transfer / Release	<ul style="list-style-type: none">• Expand options for TDCJ transfer requests• Update TJJD release processes