



Oregon Youth Authority

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Mission and Vision



Mission: To protect the public and reduce crime by holding youth accountable and providing opportunities for reformation in safe environments.

Vision: That youth who leave OYA go on to lead productive, crime-free lives.



Oregon's Juvenile Justice System (to scale)



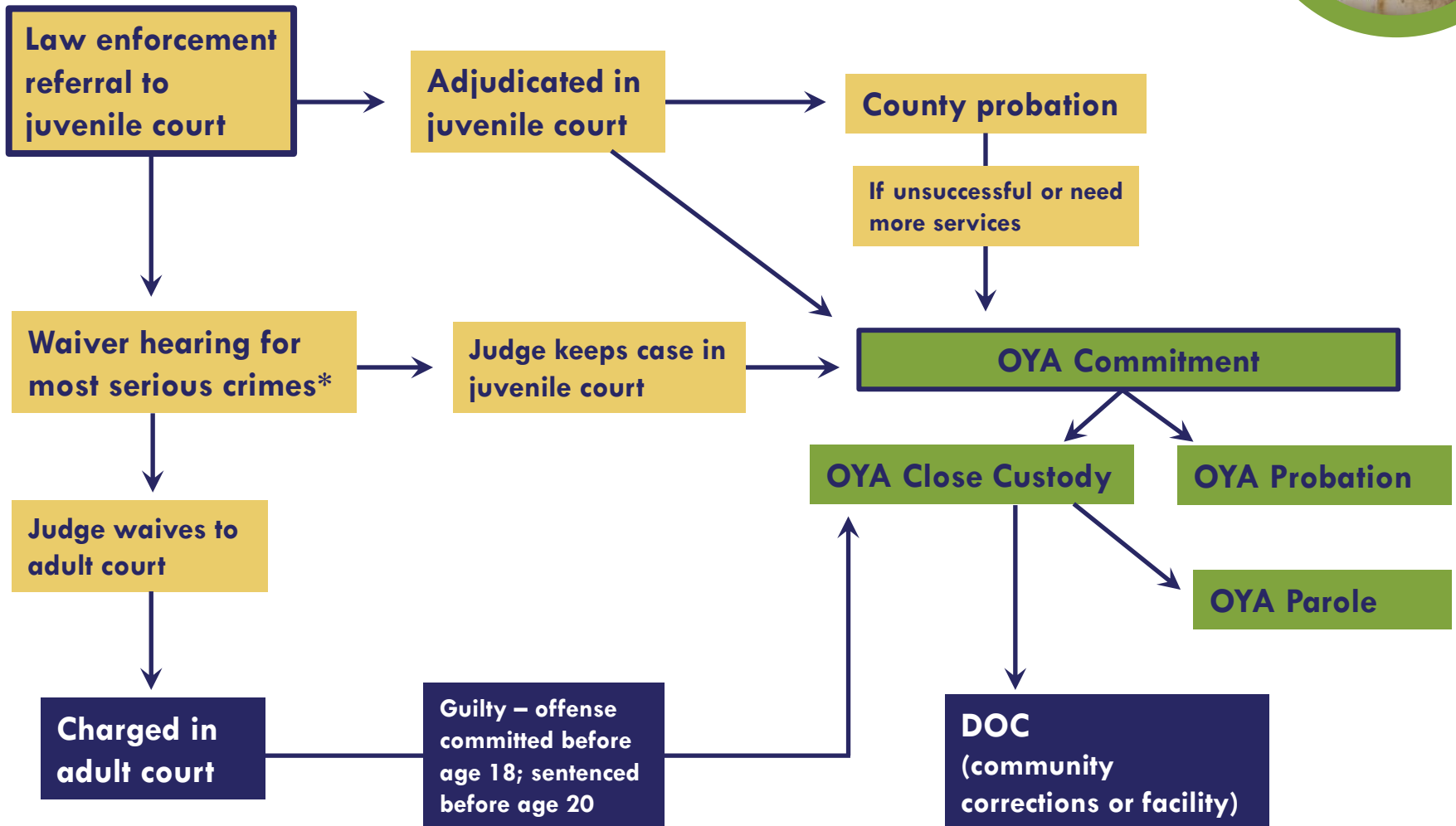
299,454
youth ages
12-17 in
Oregon

2,157 youth
on county
supervision

543 youth
on OYA
parole and
probation

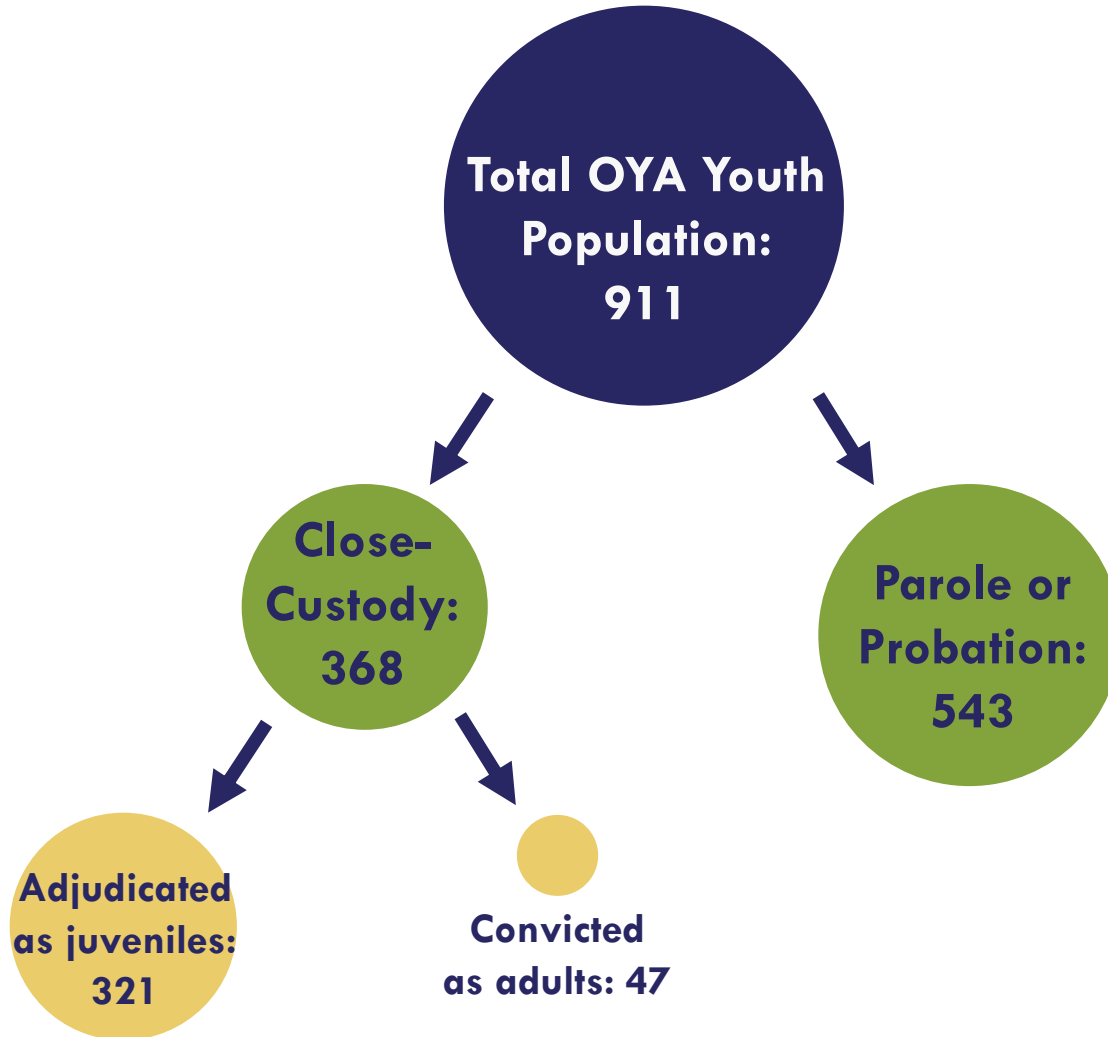
368 youth in
OYA close
custody

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*Waiver hearings only happen if requested by prosecutor

Youth Served by OYA

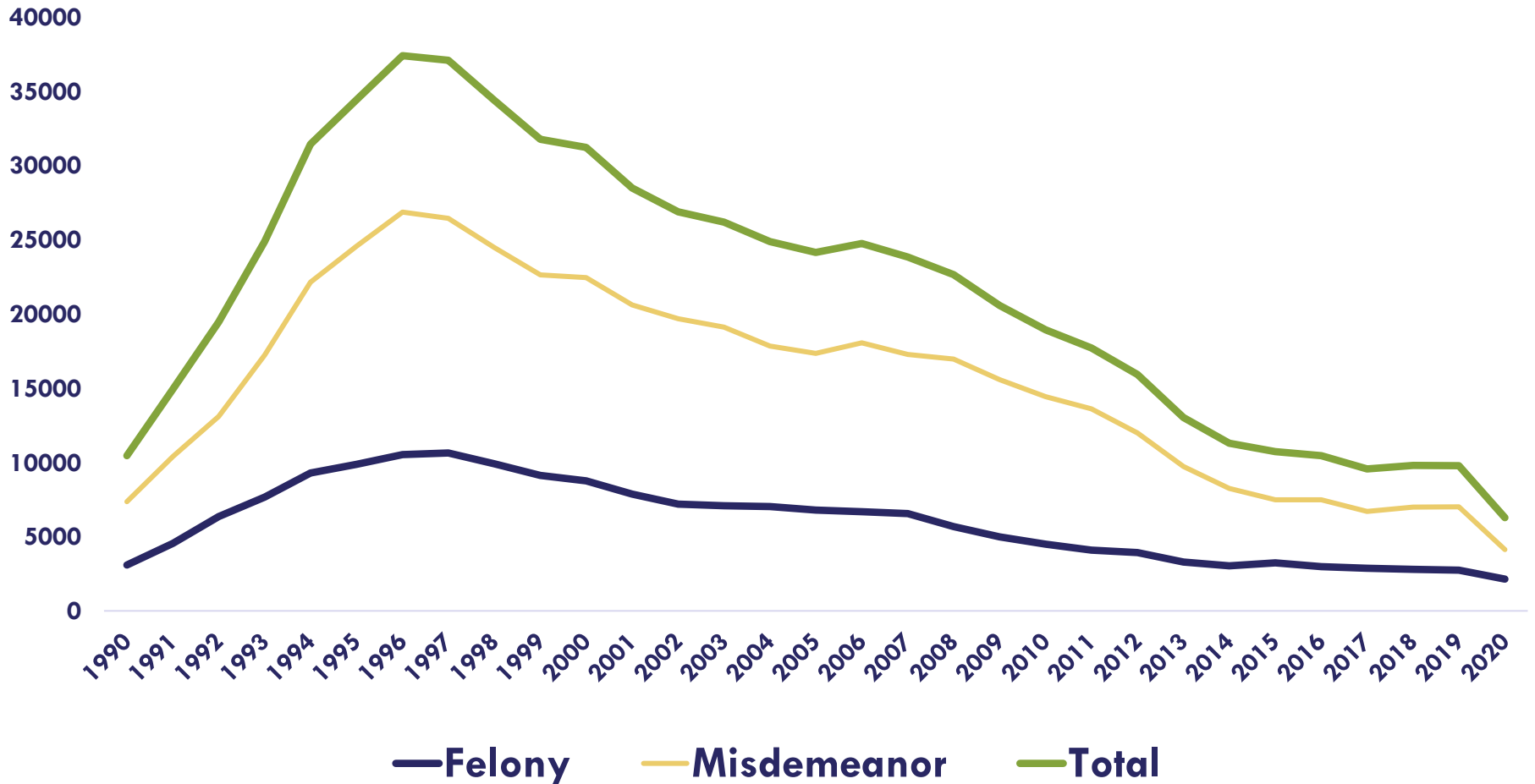


Source: OYA Quick Facts, January 2023

Oregon Juvenile Referrals (Criminal) 1990-2017



Juvenile Referrals in Oregon (Criminal) by Calendar Year



Source: Adapted from JJIS Report 00258b; Oregon Youth Authority, Research Team

Youth Served by OYA

Social Characteristics



	Male	Female
Substance abuse or dependence	61%	68%
Parent used alcohol or drugs	66%	78%
Diagnosed mental health disorder(s)	78%	89%
Diagnosed conduct disorder	48%	39%
Experienced sexual abuse	14%	39%
Special education needs	37%	30%
Past suicide behavior	12%	30%
Youth is a parent	13%	13%

Source: OYA Quick Facts July 2022

Youth Served by OYA

Race & Ethnicity



Race/Ethnicity	All Oregon Youth	OYA Youth		OYA Staff
		Community Supervision	Close-Custody Facilities	
African American	4%	10%	15%	6.6%
Asian/Pacific Islander	6%	3%	4%	4.5%
Latino/a	22%	23%	25%	13.4%
Native American	1%	5%	7%	4.0%
White	67%	55%	48%	67.9%
Other/Unreported	—	4%	2%	1.3%

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