

# Arkansas Parole Board

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ANNUAL REPORT

FISCAL YEAR 2019-2020

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# Arkansas Parole Board

Public Service with Fairness and Integrity

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# Our Mission

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To effectively and efficiently serve the citizens of Arkansas through the conditional release of offenders via structured and evidence-based decision-making; thereby ensuring the public's safety, empowering victims, and making certain that offenders will be provided opportunities for positive behavior change and held accountable for their actions upon release.

# Our Vision

The Arkansas Parole Board will strive to become a national model for releasing authorities by:

Making data-drive parole decisions through: (1) the consistent application of nationally recognized evidenced-based approaches, (2) the consideration of all available case information, and (3) the application of appropriate decision criteria;

Stipulating programs, conditions, and services in a manner that enhances the reentry of offenders into the community;

Responding to parole violations appropriately and effectively by utilizing evidence-based approaches and taking into account the severity of the violation and the risks posed by the offender;

Providing victims of crime with opportunities to give input and with timely information regarding the decision-making process;

Collaborating with stakeholders on policies, programs, and processes; and

Streamlining the decision-making process through innovative policies, programs, and technologies.

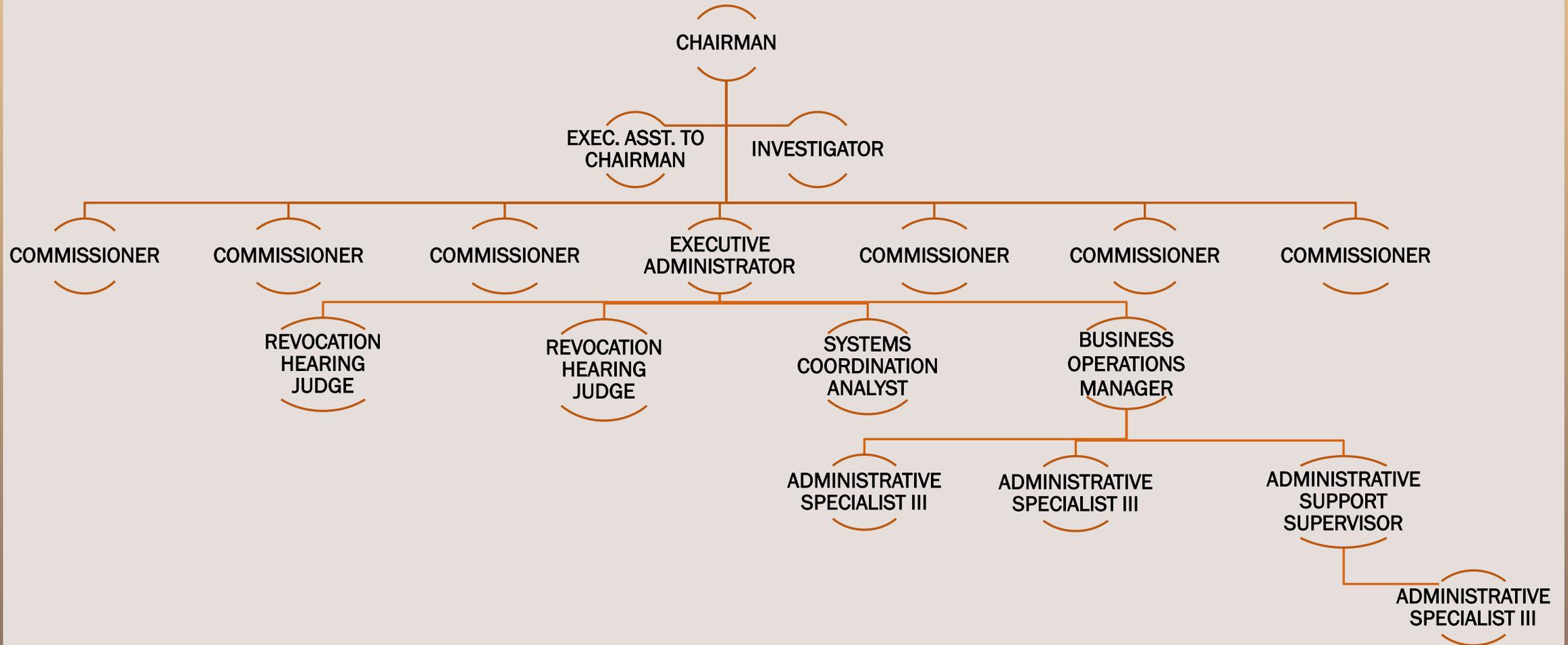
# Arkansas Parole Board Staff Members

as of June 30, 2020

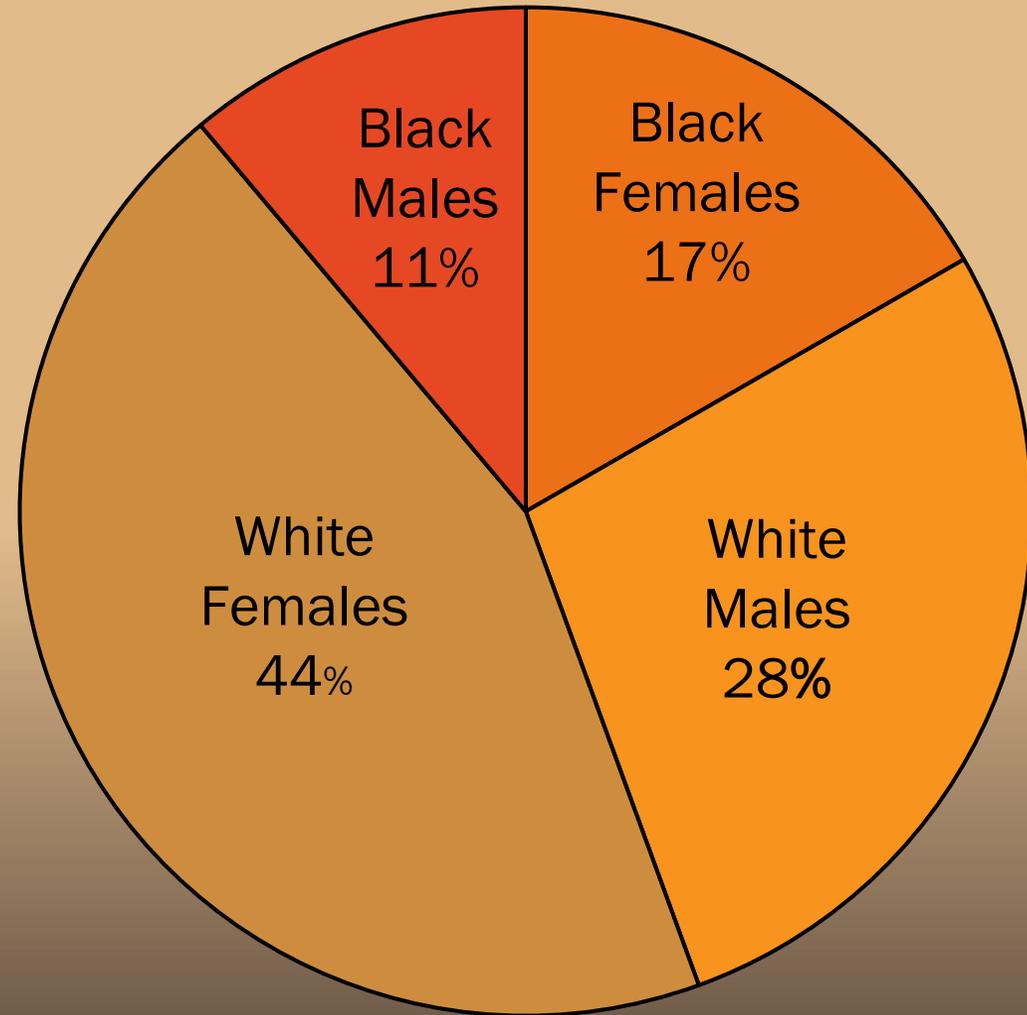
Brooke Cummings, Executive Administrator  
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# Organizational Chart

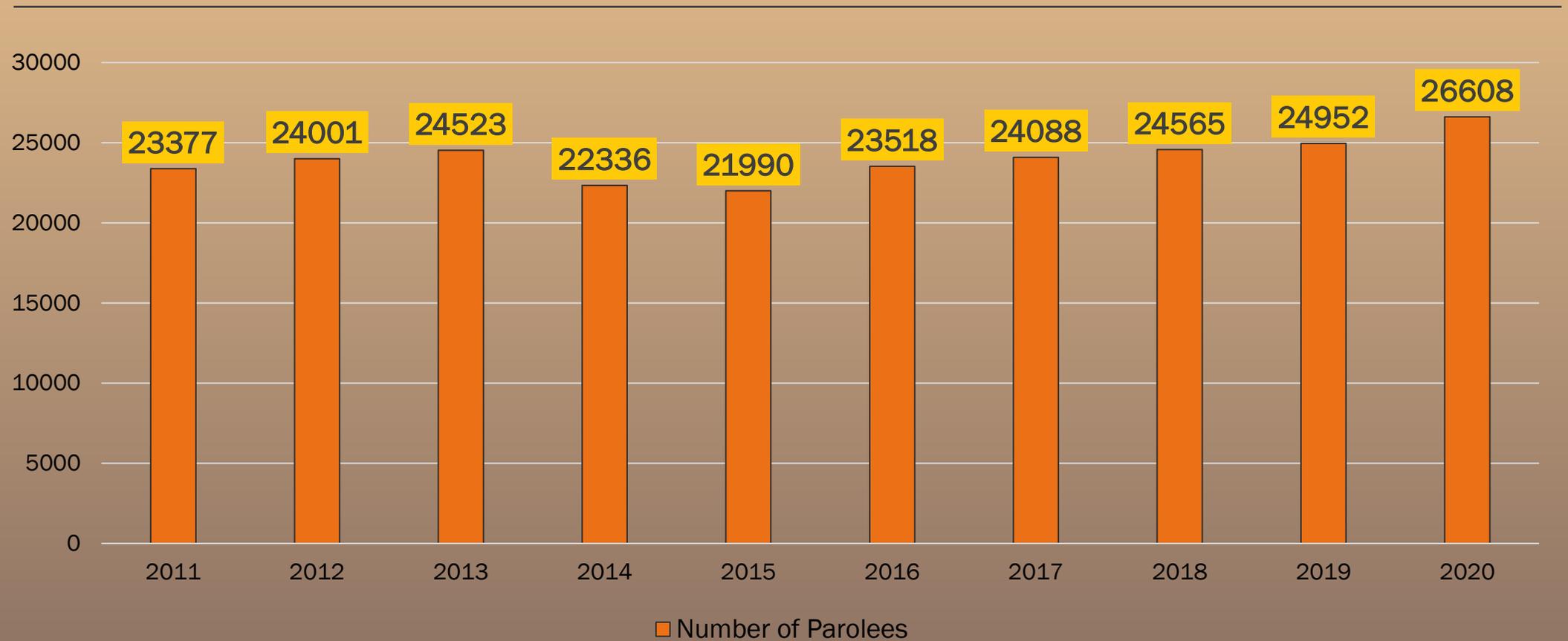


# Employee Demographic Summary



# Parole Population

## FY11 through FY20



# Parole Population by DCC Area Office

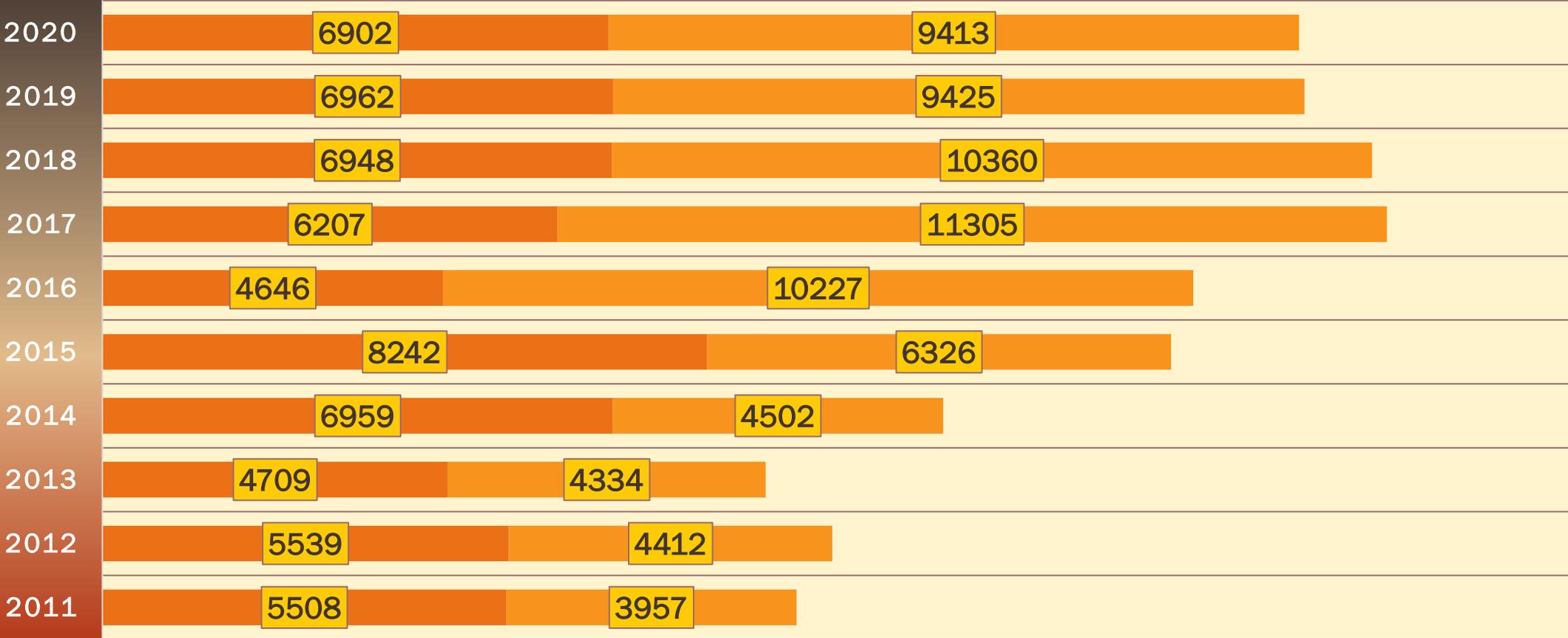


AREA OFFICE	POPULATION	
	FY19	FY20
Fayetteville	2591	2603
Mountain Home	918	962
Searcy	1982	2185
Jonesboro	1348	1453
Fort Smith	2530	2573
Conway	1566	1674
Little Rock	4113	4754
West Memphis	1024	978
Hot Springs	2045	2291
Pine Bluff	2003	2067
Texarkana	1729	1811
El Dorado	1151	1193
Interstate Compact	1952	2064
<b>TOTAL</b>	<b>24952</b>	<b>26608</b>

# Parole Considerations

## HEARINGS AND SCREENINGS

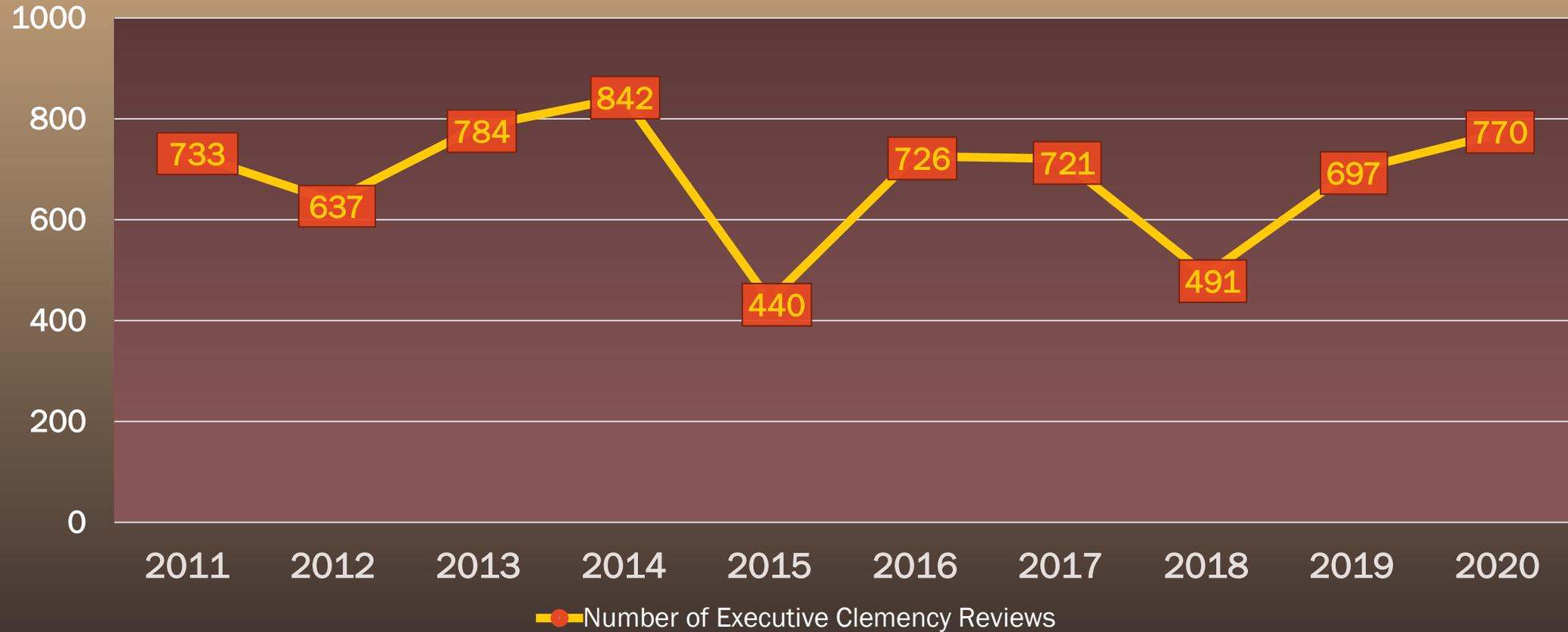
Hearings Screenings



# Executive Clemency

## Pardons and Commutations

Executive Clemency Considerations



# FY20

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## VICTIM INPUT HEARING OVERVIEW

Month	Scheduled	Conducted	Parole Approved		Parole Denied		Outcome Deferred	
			Count	Percentage	Count	Percentage	Count	Percentage
JUL	23	23	4	17%	16	70%	3	13%
AUG	3	3	1	33%	2	67%	0	0%
SEP	11	9	1	9%	10	91%	0	0%
OCT	22	19	2	9%	20	91%	0	0%
NOV	17	15	10	59%	6	35%	1	6%
DEC	5	5	2	40%	2	40%	1	20%
JAN	13	12	1	8%	12	92%	0	0%
FEB	12	10	2	17%	8	66%	2	17%
MAR	13	11	1	8%	12	92%	0	0%
APR	14	14	1	7%	13	93%	0	0%
MAY	4	4	0	0%	4	100%	0	0%
JUN	12	12	1	8.3%	10	83.3%	1	8.3%
<b>TOTAL</b>	<b>149</b>	<b>137</b>	<b>26</b>	<b>18%</b>	<b>115</b>	<b>77%</b>	<b>8</b>	<b>5%</b>

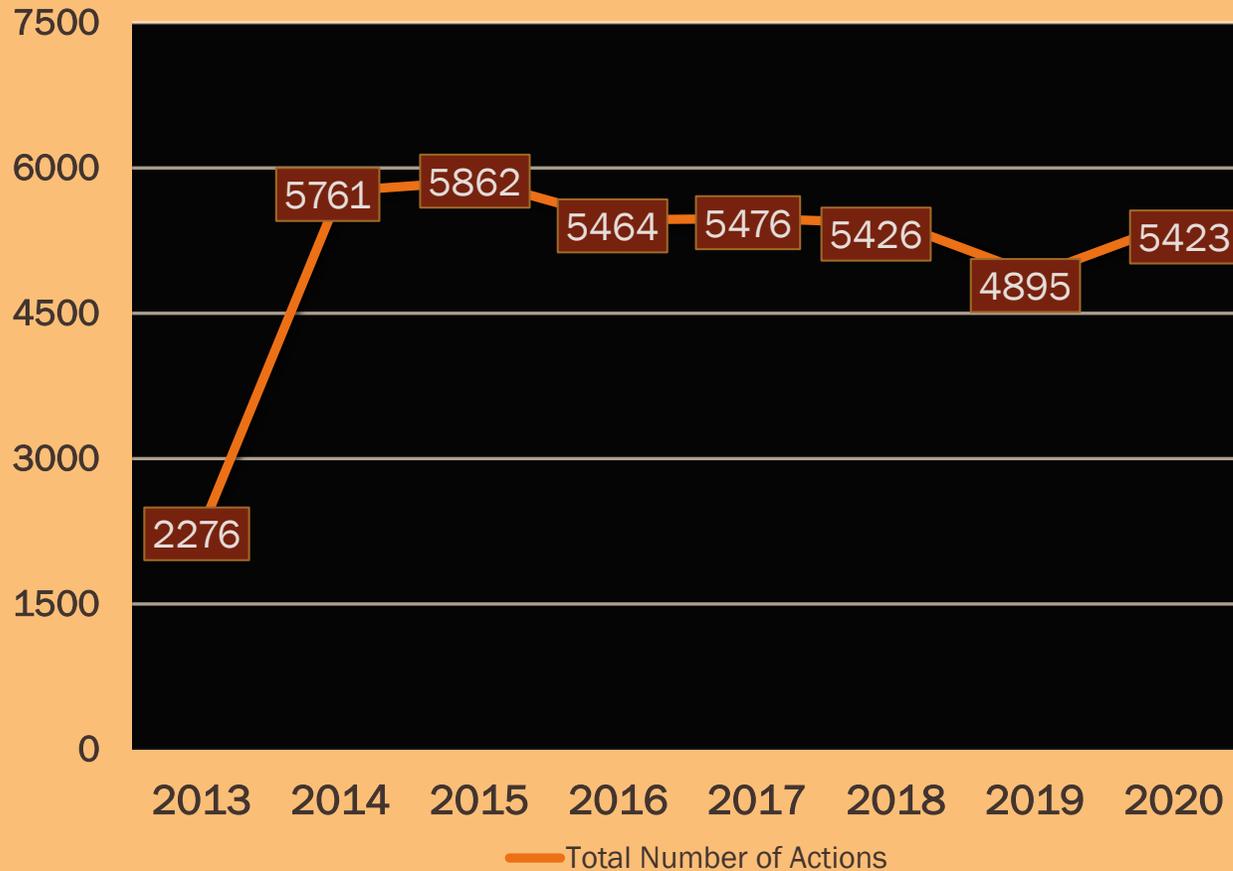
# Parole Revocation

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HEARINGS, WAIVERS, &  
ADMINISTRATIVE REVOCATIONS

# Parole Revocation Actions

Parole Revocation Action Year-End Totals



- **2551** Revoked for  $\geq 6$  months
  - 451 WAIVERS (17%)
  - 1069 ADMINISTRATIVE REVOCATIONS (42%)
  - 352 REVOKED AT HEARING (14%)
  - 679 REMOVED FROM 90 DAY STRP (27%)
- **2872** Offenders successfully completed the 90 Day STRP

Total Revocation Actions: **5423**

# Revocation Consideration

## Outcomes and Violation Types

FINAL ACTION	VIOLATION TYPES				TOTAL ACTIONS		TOTAL REVOKED
	Laws and Technical	Laws Only	No Violations Noted	Technical Only			
Revoked	290	45	-	17	352	494 <sup>1</sup>	352
Deferred	13	5	19	7	44		
Reinstated	58	18	5	17	98		
Administrative Revocation	-	1069	-	-	1069	1520 <sup>2</sup>	1520
Waived	394	39	-	18	451		1872
<b>TOTAL</b>	<b>755</b>	<b>1176</b>	<b>24</b>	<b>59</b>	<b>2014</b>		(Not inclusive of offenders sent to the 90 day STRP)

<sup>1</sup> Hearing Held

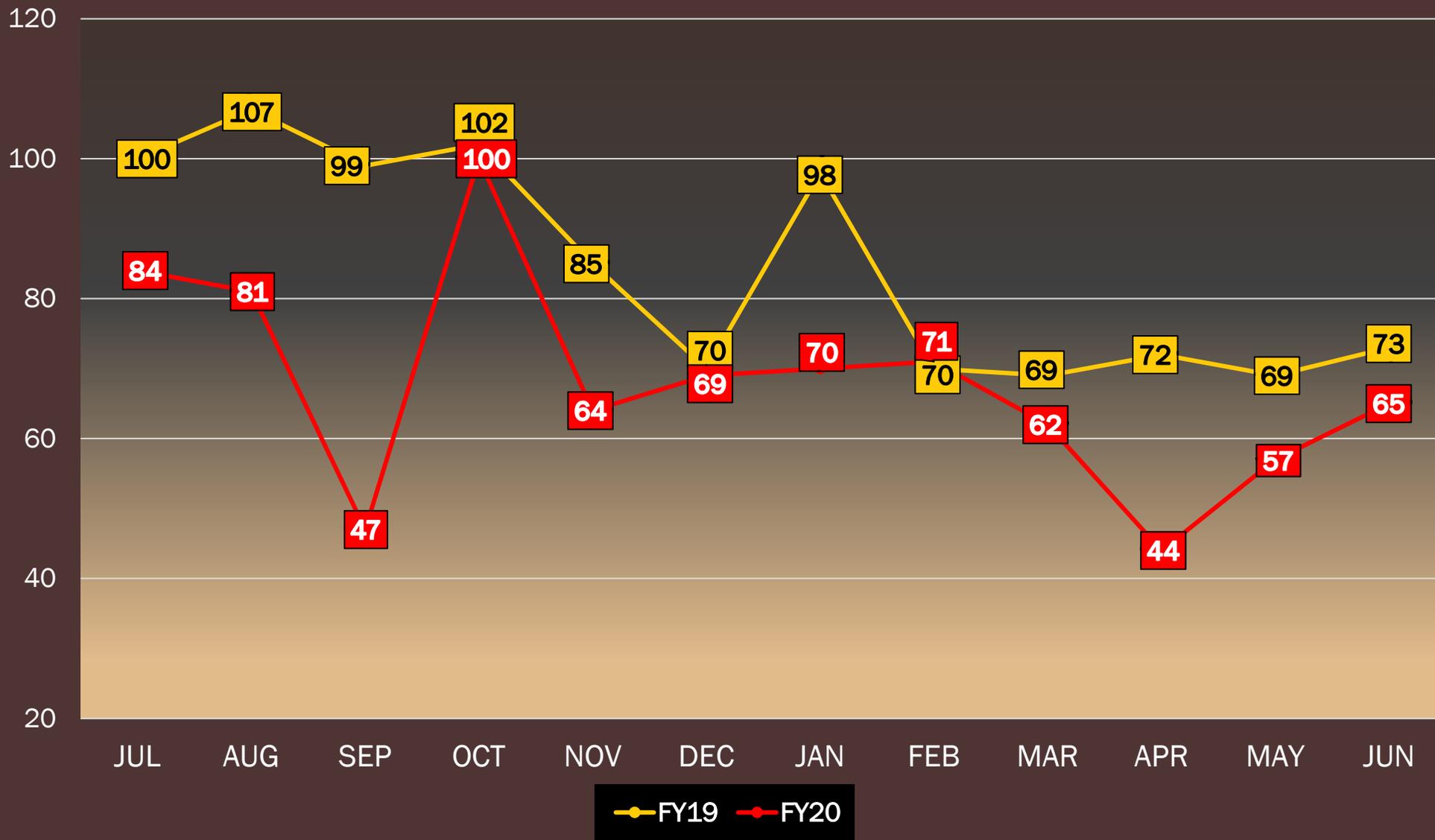
<sup>2</sup> No Hearing

# Revocation Hearings

Parolees Revoked  
to ADC  
For  $\geq 6$  Months

	Revoked $\geq 6$ mos	
	FY19	FY20
JUL	100	84
AUG	107	81
SEP	99	47
OCT	102	100
NOV	85	64
DEC	70	69
JAN	98	70
FEB	70	71
MAR	69	51
APR	72	44
MAY	69	57
JUN	73	65
Total	1014	803

# Parolees Revoked for ≥ 6 Months

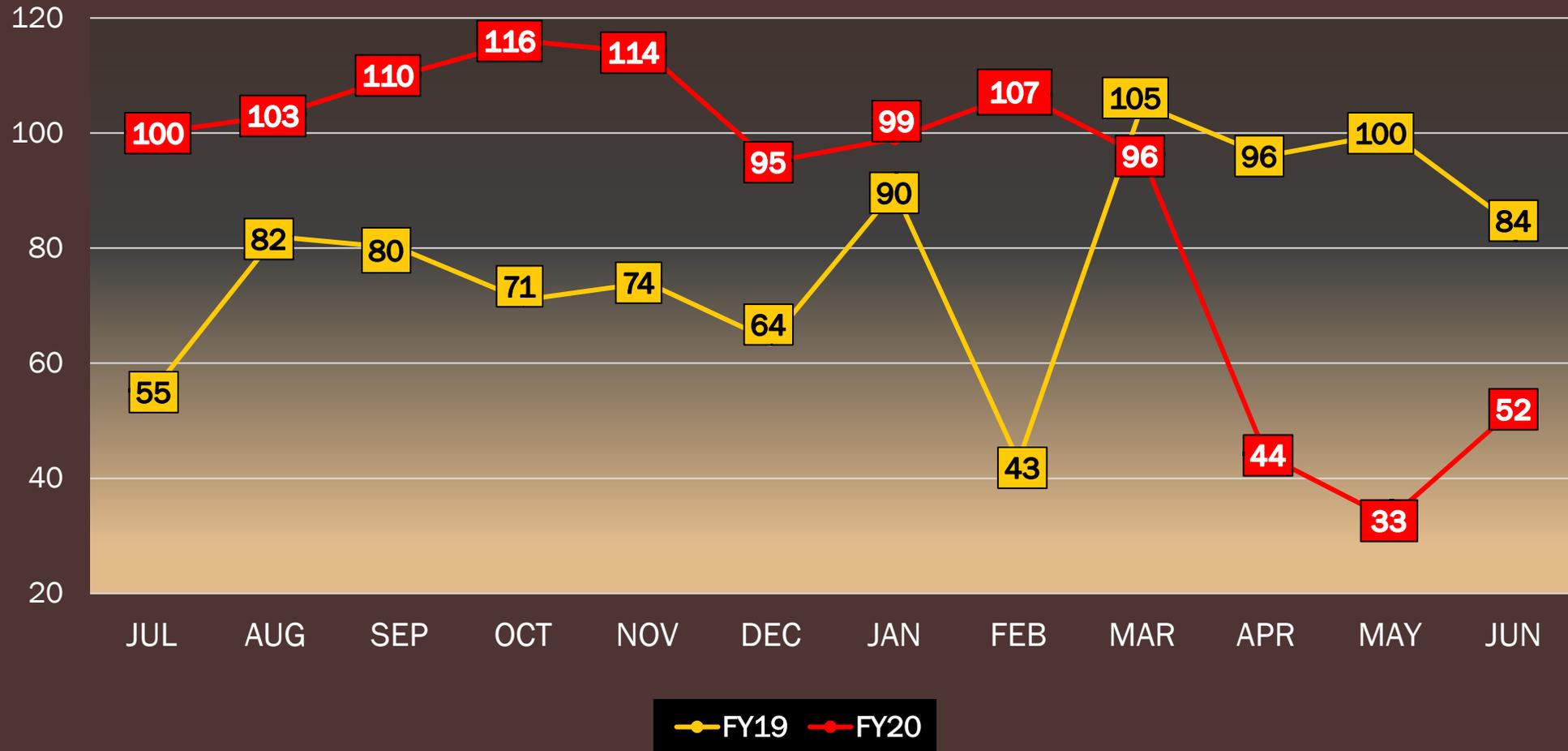


# Administrative Revocations

An Administrative Revocation occurs when a parolee receives a new sentence while on parole and he/she is committed to the Arkansas Division of Correction or Community Correction.

	Administrative Revocations	
	FY19	FY20
JUL	55	100
AUG	82	103
SEP	80	110
OCT	71	116
NOV	74	114
DEC	64	95
JAN	90	99
FEB	43	107
MAR	105	96
APR	96	44
MAY	100	33
JUN	84	52
Total	944	1069

# Parolees Administratively Revoked Monthly Breakdown FY19 & FY 20 Comparison



# Short-Term Revocation Program

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90 DAY STRP

## Eligibility Requirements

A parolee alleged to have violated the conditions of his/her parole may waive a Revocation Hearing and be sent to the 90 Day Short-Term Revocation Program if he/she:

- Does not have a pending charge involving an Act 1029 offense
- Is not on active supervision for a violent crime involving a firearm and alleged to have violated the conditions of parole by possessing a firearm
- Is not on active supervision for an Act 1029 offense
- Has been incarcerated in the program within the last ninety (90) days

## Reasons for Removal

A parolee will be removed from the 90 Day Short-Term and revoked to the Arkansas Division of Correction for no less than six (6) before being considered for parole if he/she:

- Fails to obtain a home plan at the expiration of 90 days;
- Fails to maintain good behavior while incarcerated in the 90 day program; and/or
- Receives a new conviction and being sentenced to the Division of Correction

# Eligibility Requirements

- ❖ Cannot have a pending charge involving an Act 1029 offense
- ❖ Cannot be under active supervision for a violent crime involving a firearm and alleged to have violated the conditions of parole by possessing a firearm
- ❖ Cannot be under active supervision for an Act 1029 offense
- ❖ Cannot have been incarcerated in the program within the last ninety (90) days

90 Day STRP Outcomes		
Month	FY19	FY20
JUL	276	287
AUG	279	322
SEP	189	248
OCT	203	295
NOV	181	229
DEC	202	279
JAN	252	388
FEB	253	346
MAR	289	296
APR	262	184
MAY	274	302
JUNE	277	375
Total	2973	3551

# Reasons for Removal from the STRP

- ❖ Failure to obtain a home plan at the expiration of 90 days
- ❖ Failure to maintain good behavior while incarcerated in the 90 day program
- ❖ Receiving a new conviction and being sentenced to the Division of Correction

90 Day STRP Removals		
Month	FY19	FY20
JUL	45	73
AUG	41	57
SEP	39	58
OCT	45	64
NOV	36	63
DEC	53	66
JAN	61	70
FEB	69	71
MAR	64	40
APR	56	27
MAY	74	39
JUNE	42	51
Total	625	679

# 90 Day Short-Term Revocation Program

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	FY19	FY20
Entered the Program	2937	3551
Removed	625 (21%)	679 (19%)
Successfully Completed	2312 (79%)	2872 (81%)

**81%** of parolees who entered the Short-Term Revocation Program in FY20 adhered to the terms of the program and were released without having their parole revoked resulting in a return to the ADC.

# Parole Revocation Warrants

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VIOLATION REPORT REVIEWS

ACC parole supervision officers utilize violation reports to provide the information necessary for the Parole board to determine if a technical warrant should be issued. When a parolee has committed a violation that results in the submission of a violation report, a warrant is issued when the parolee's presence in the community, pending disposition of a Revocation Hearing, would present unreasonable risk to public or individual safety or when it is likely that the parolee will abscond.

# Violation Report Reviews

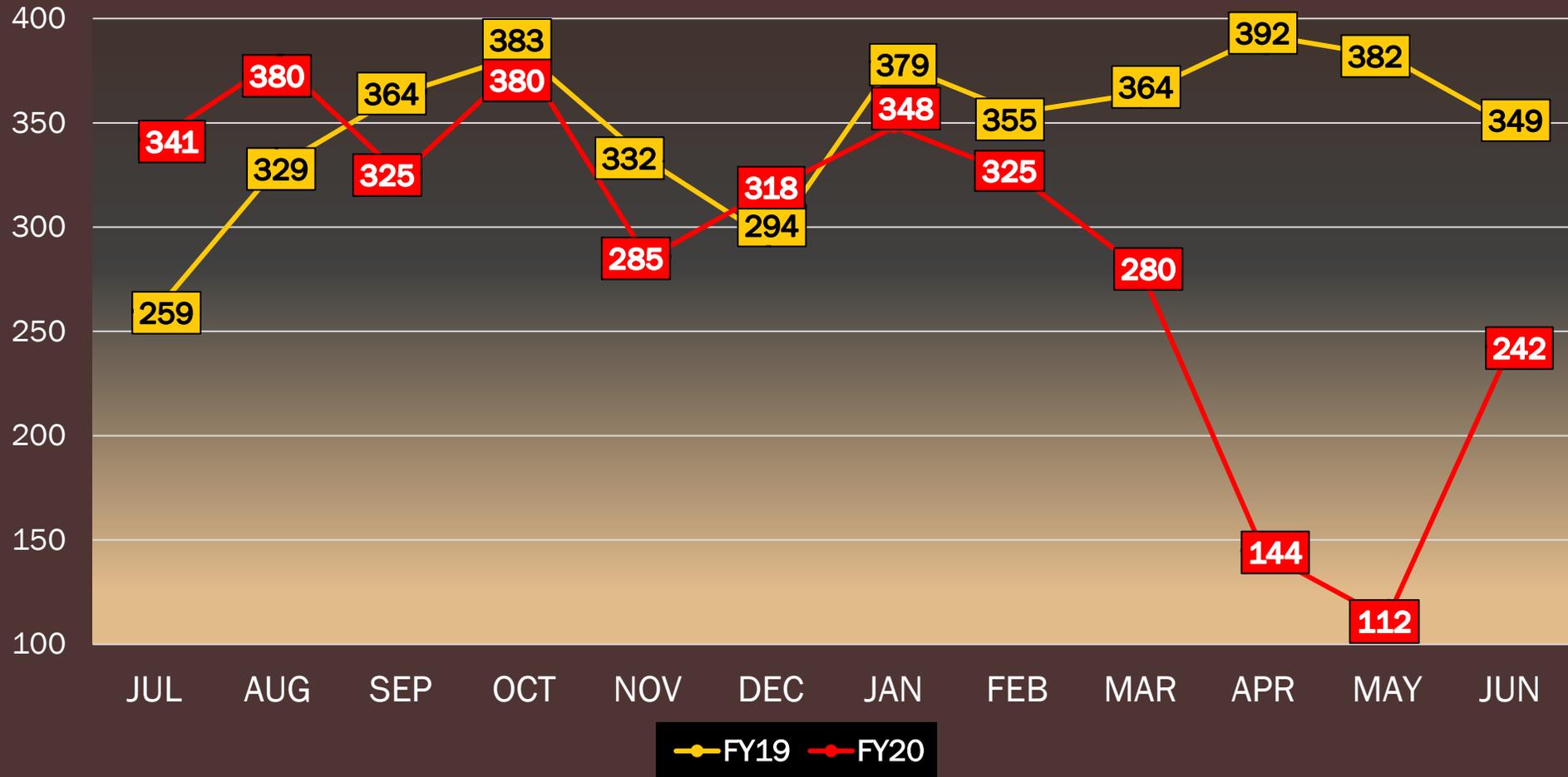
## Technical Warrants Requests & Outcomes

	DEFERRED		ISSUED		TOTAL	
	FY19	FY20	FY19	FY20	FY19	FY20
JUL	259	341	226	280	485	621
AUG	329	380	255	296	584	676
SEP	364	325	215	203	579	528
OCT	383	380	224	292	607	672
NOV	332	285	191	216	523	501
DEC	294	318	198	253	492	571
JAN	379	349	268	378	647	727
FEB	355	325	276	254	631	579
MAR	364	280	267	242	631	522
APR	392	144	289	231	681	375
MAY	382	112	251	130	633	242
JUN	349	242	259	365	608	607
TOTAL	4182	3481	2919	3140	7131	6621
	59%	53%	41%	47%		

# Warrant Deferrals

## Monthly Breakdown

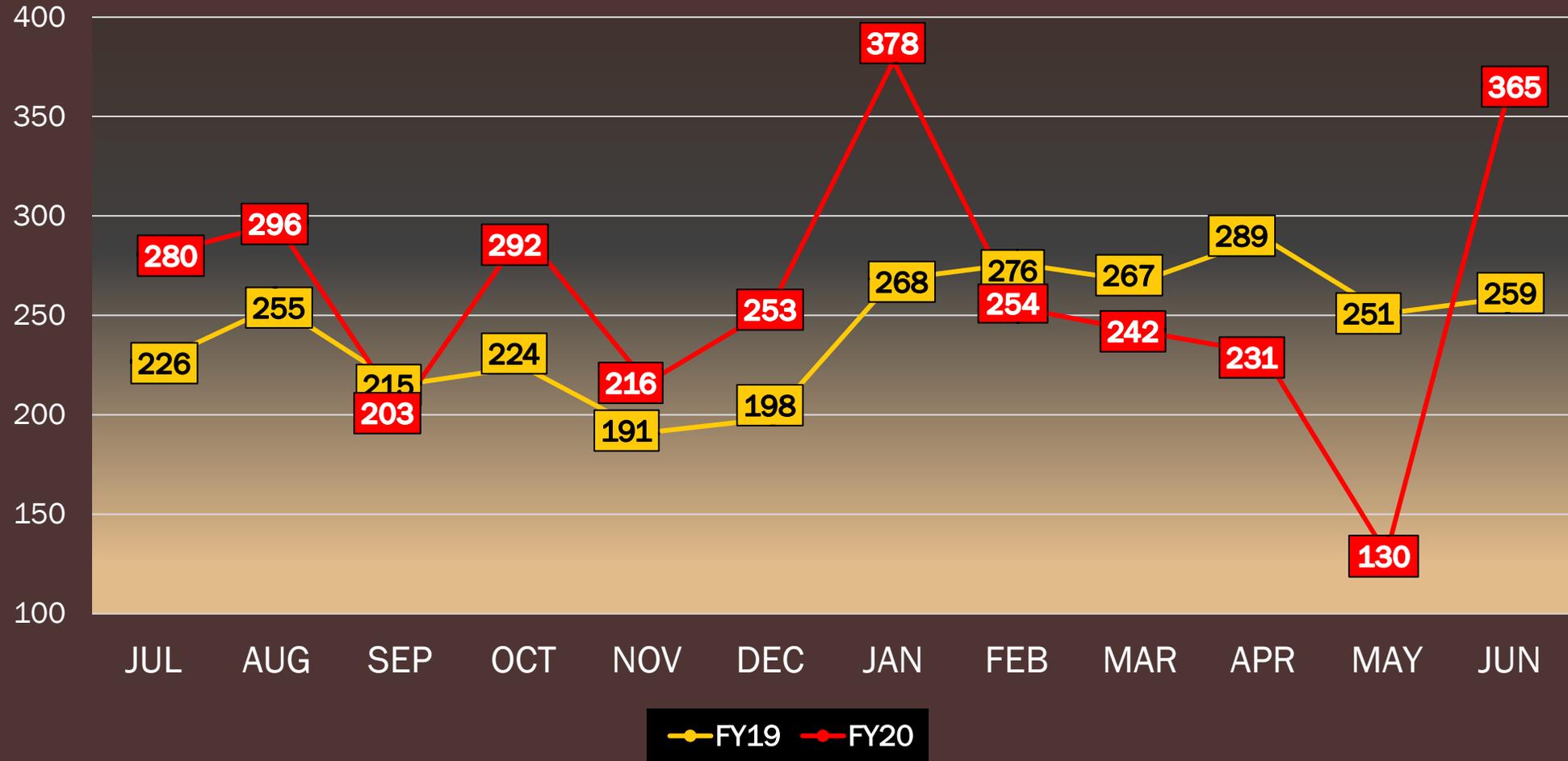
### FY19 & FY20 Comparison



# Warrants Issued

## Monthly Breakdown

### FY19 & FY20 Comparison



# Fiscal Year 2020 Revenue and Expenditures

Funding Source	FY20 COI	Revised
General Revenue	\$2,367,727	\$2,273,139
Federal Revenue	\$52,259	\$52,259
<b>Total</b>	<b>\$2,419,986</b>	<b>\$2,325,398</b>

Expenditures for General Revenue			
COMMITMENT ITEM	REVENUE	EXPENSED	BALANCE
Regular Salaries	\$1,335,589	\$1,333,539	\$2,050
Personal Services Matching	\$426,000	\$425,981	\$19
Maintenance & Operations	\$266,000	\$260,161	\$5,839
Conference & Travel	\$8,411	\$3,119	\$5,292
Professional Fees	\$80,000	\$79,084	\$916
<b>TOTAL</b>	<b>\$2,116,000</b>	<b>\$2,101,884</b>	<b>\$14,116</b>

Expense Comparison

