



# Arkansas Parole Board

FISCAL YEAR 2020-2021

ANNUAL REPORT

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# Arkansas Parole Board

Public Service with Fairness and Integrity



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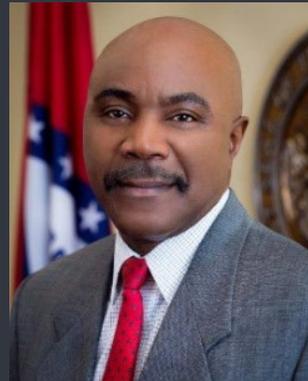
Wendy Ryals  
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Commissioner

# OUR VISION

Making data-driven 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;

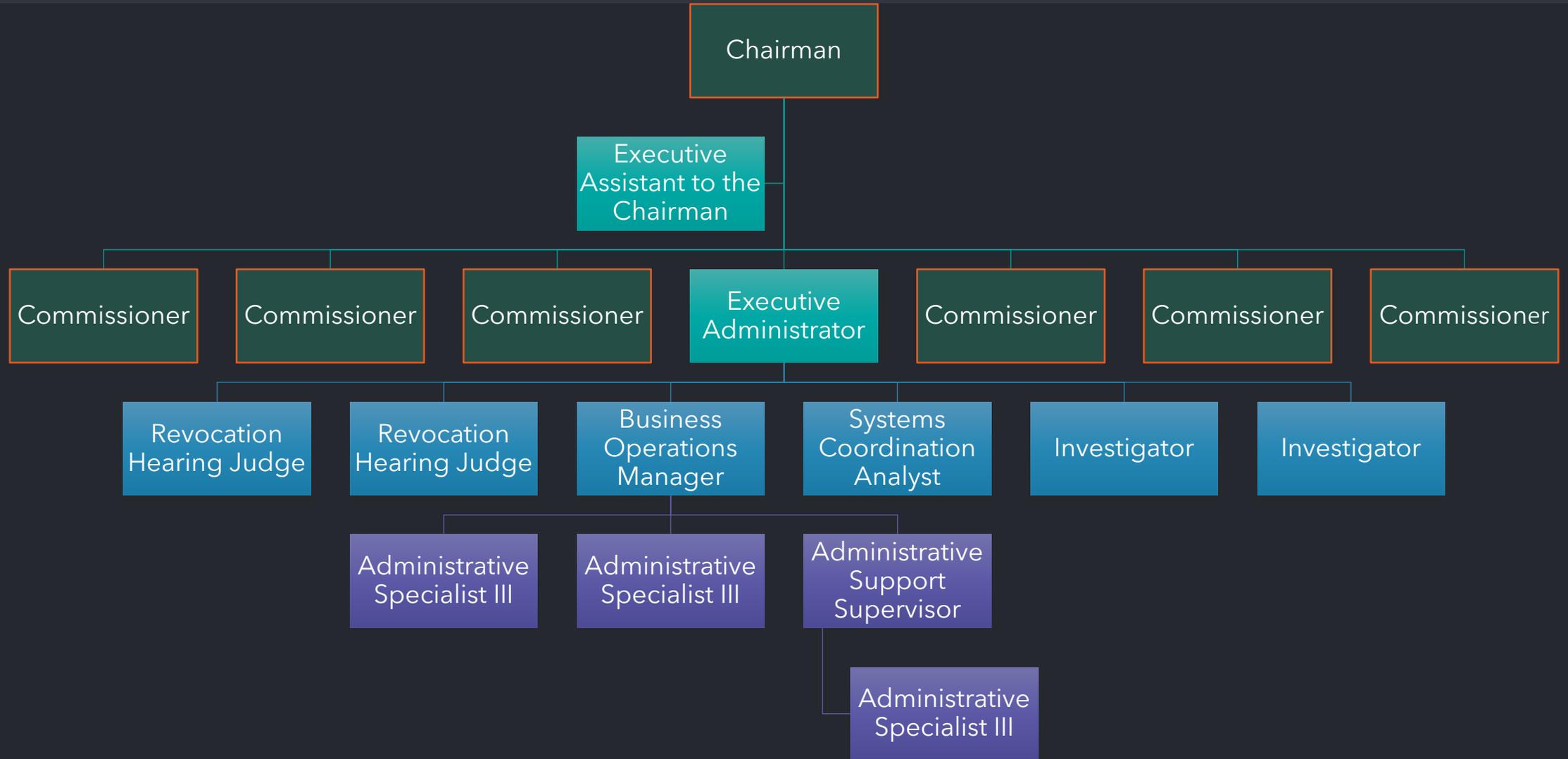
Collaborating with stakeholders on policies, programs, and processes; and

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

# OUR MISSION

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.

# Organizational Chart



# Parole Board Staff Members

(as of June 30, 2021)

Brooke Cummings, Executive Administrator

Carol Bohannan, Revocation Hearing Judge

Jack Bell, Revocation Hearing Judge

Christie Goldman, Business Operations Manager

Hollie Wellborn, Executive Assistant to the Chairman

Scott Howard, Investigator

Felicia Bentley, Investigator

William Bowman, Systems Coordination Analyst

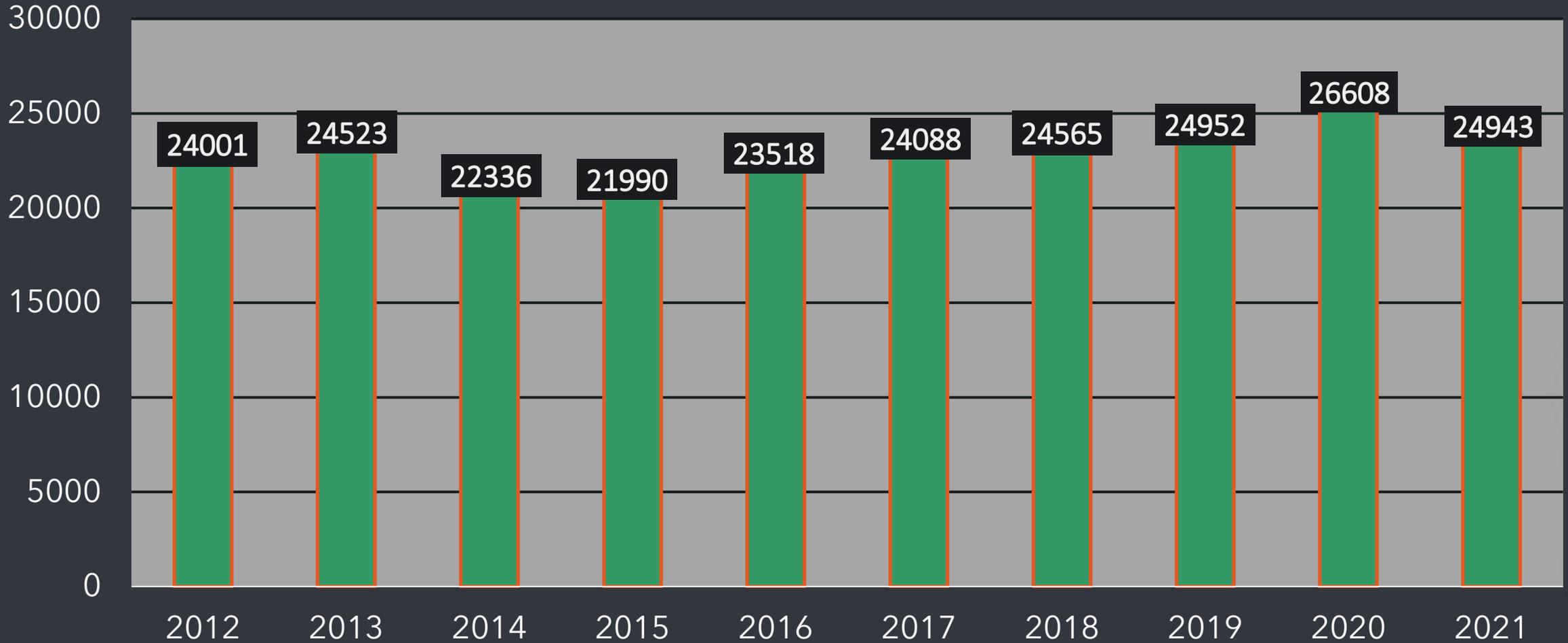
Tamara Salaam, Administrative Support Supervisor

Lakeshia Swanigan, Administrative Specialist III

Jessie Jackson, Administrative Specialist III

# PAROLE POPULATION

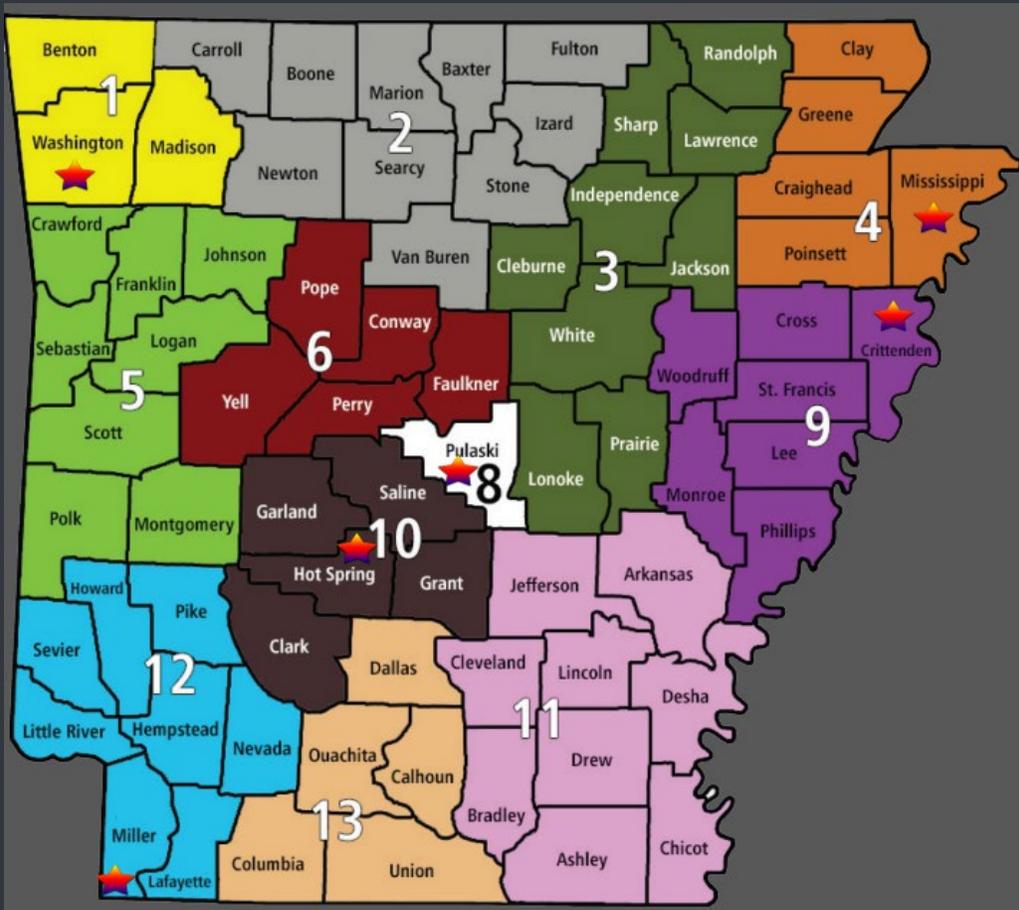
FY12 through FY21



Number of Parolees

# PAROLE POPULATION

## By Area Office



| AREA OFFICE  | FY20         | FY21         |
|--------------|--------------|--------------|
| Fayetteville | 2603         | <b>2318</b>  |
| Mt. Home     | 962          | <b>935</b>   |
| Searcy       | 2185         | <b>2016</b>  |
| Jonesboro    | 1453         | <b>1382</b>  |
| Ft. Smith    | 2573         | <b>2394</b>  |
| Conway       | 1674         | <b>1529</b>  |
| Little Rock  | 4754         | <b>4662</b>  |
| W. Memphis   | 978          | <b>917</b>   |
| Hot Springs  | 2291         | <b>2148</b>  |
| Pine Bluff   | 2067         | <b>1892</b>  |
| Texarkana    | 1811         | <b>1739</b>  |
| El Dorado    | 1193         | <b>1159</b>  |
| ICOTS        | 2064         | <b>1852</b>  |
| <b>TOTAL</b> | <b>26608</b> | <b>24943</b> |

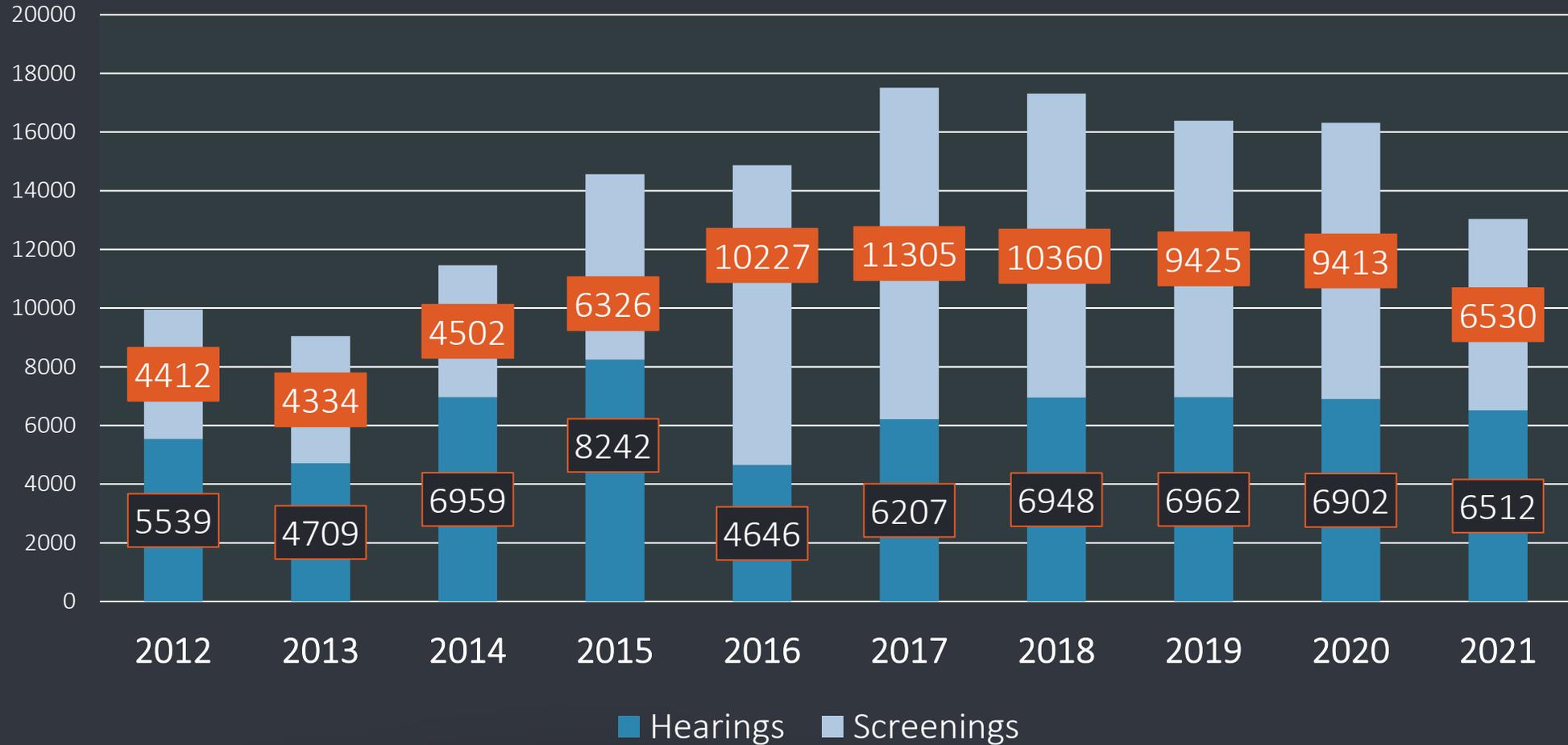


# Parole Consideration

HEARINGS, SCREENINGS, &  
VICTIM INPUT

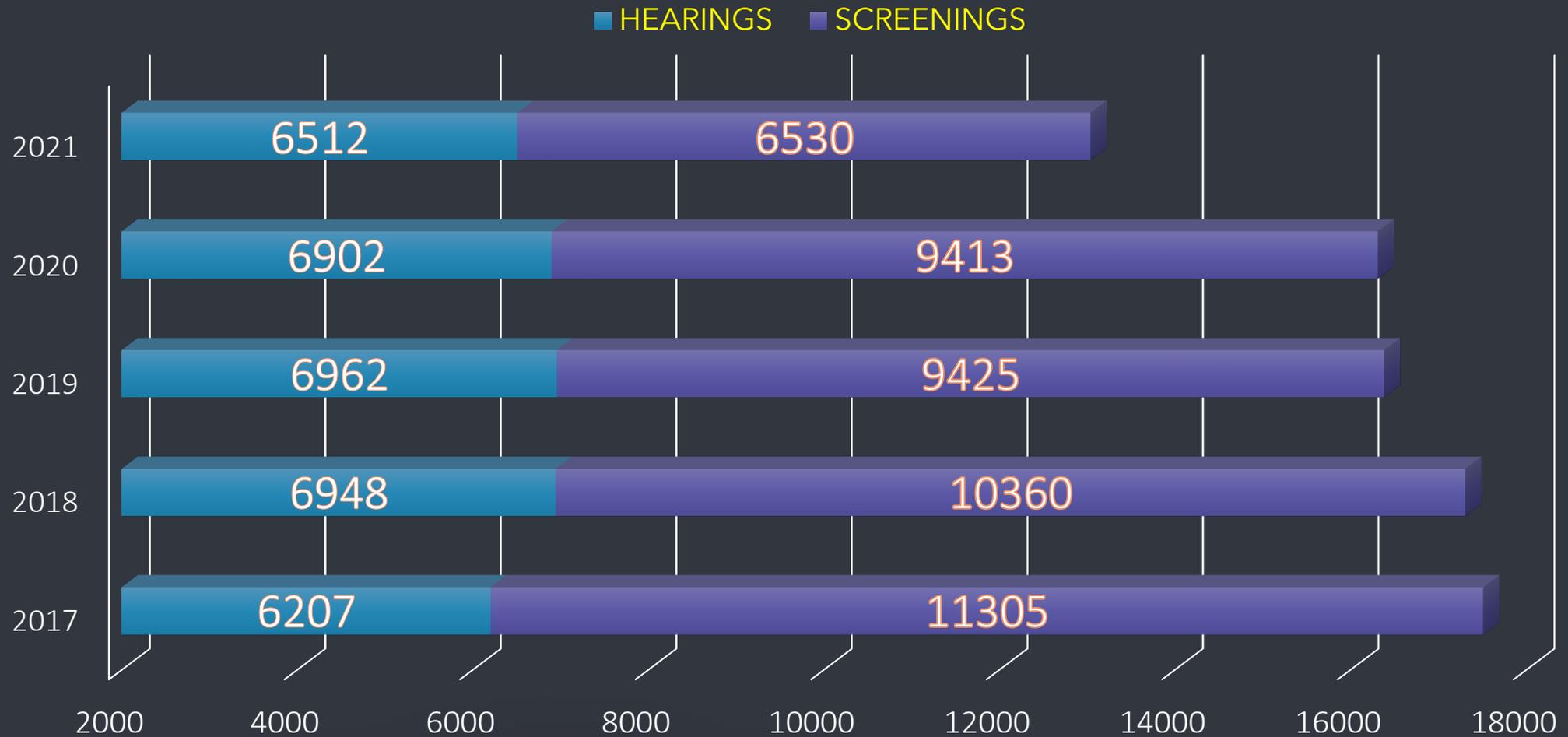
# PAROLE CONSIDERATION

## Hearings and Screenings



# PAROLE CONSIDERATION

FY17 through FY21



| Month | Scheduled | Conducted | Parole Approved |            | Parole Denied |            | Outcome Deferred |            |
|-------|-----------|-----------|-----------------|------------|---------------|------------|------------------|------------|
|       |           |           | Count           | Percentage | Count         | Percentage | Count            | Percentage |
| JUL   | 7         | 7         | 2               | 29%        | 5             | 71%        | -                |            |
| AUG   | 11        | 11        | -               |            | 11            | 100%       | -                |            |
| SEP   | 21        | 21        | 1               | 5%         | 20            | 95%        | -                |            |
| OCT   | 13        | 12        | 1               | 8%         | 11            | 92%        | -                |            |
| NOV   | 6         | 6         | -               |            | 6             | 100%       | -                |            |
| DEC   | 8         | 8         | 1               | 12.5%      | 7             | 87.5%      | -                |            |
| JAN   | 10        | 10        | 1               | 10%        | 9             | 90%        | -                |            |
| FEB   | 10        | 10        | 1               | 10%        | 9             | 90%        | -                |            |
| MAR   | 10        | 10        | 1               | 10%        | 8             | 80%        | 1                | 10%        |
| APR   | 18        | 17        | 4               | 23.5%      | 12            | 70.5%      | 1                | 6%         |
| MAY   | 11        | 11        | -               |            | 11            | 100%       | -                |            |
| JUN   | 14        | 12        | 2               | 17%        | 9             | 75%        | 1                | 8%         |
| TOTAL | 139       | 135       | 14              | 10%        | 118           | 87%        | 3                | 2%         |

# VICTIM INPUT HEARINGS OVERVIEW

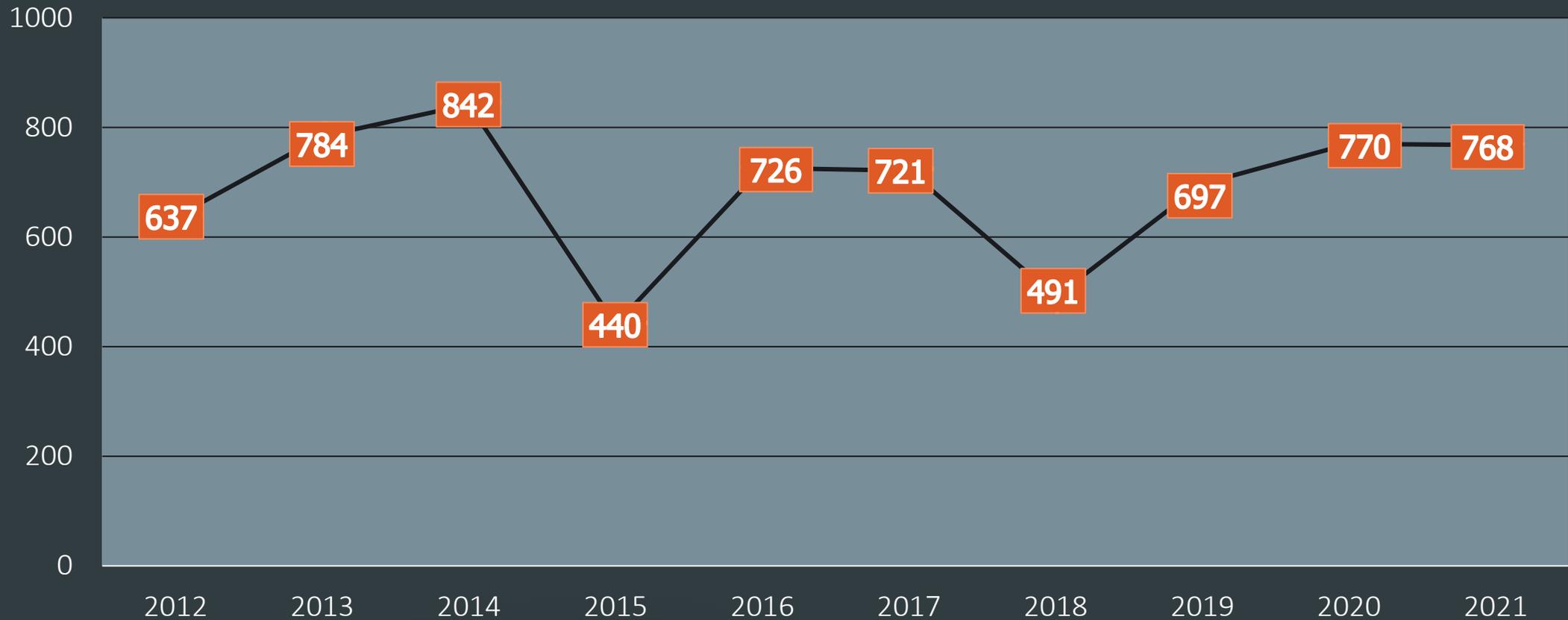


# Executive Clemency

# EXECUTIVE CLEMENCY

## Pardons and Commutations

Executive Clemency Considerations





# Parole Revocation

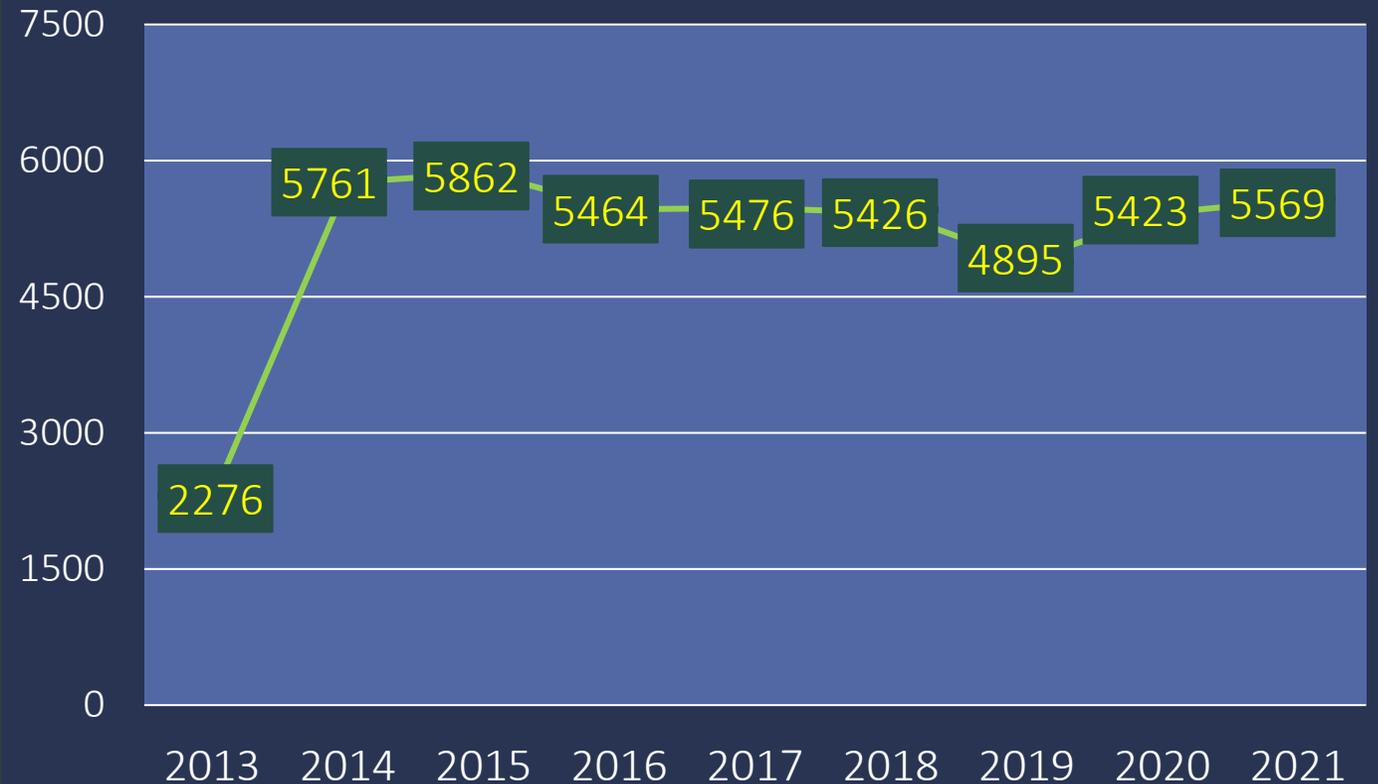
HEARINGS, WAIVERS, &  
ADMINISTRATIVE REVOCATIONS

# Parole Revocation Actions

- **2174** Revoked  $\geq 6$  months
  - **559** WAIVERS (26%)
  - **678** ADMINISTRATIVE (31%)
  - **377** HEARINGS (17%)
  - **560** STRP REMOVALS (26%)
- **3395** Successful 90 Day STRP Completions

Total Revocation Actions: **5569**

Parole Revocation Action Year-End Totals



# REVOCACTION CONSIDERATION

## Outcomes and Violation Types

| FINAL ACTION             | VIOLATION TYPES    |            |                     |                | TOTAL ACTIONS |      | TOTAL REVOKED |
|--------------------------|--------------------|------------|---------------------|----------------|---------------|------|---------------|
|                          | Laws and Technical | Laws Only  | No Violations Noted | Technical Only |               |      |               |
| Revoked                  | <b>288</b>         | <b>78</b>  | -                   | <b>11</b>      | <b>377</b>    | 629  | <b>377</b>    |
| Deferred                 | 62                 | 37         | 8                   | 4              | 111           |      |               |
| Reinstated               | 73                 | 47         | -                   | 21             | 141           |      |               |
| Administratively Revoked | -                  | <b>678</b> | -                   | -              | <b>678</b>    | 1237 | <b>678</b>    |
| Waived                   | <b>477</b>         | <b>71</b>  | -                   | <b>11</b>      | <b>559</b>    |      | <b>559</b>    |
| TOTAL                    | 900                | 911        | 8                   | 47             | 1866          |      | <b>1614</b>   |

# REVOCAION HEARINGS & WAIVERS

Parolees  
Revoked to  
ADC for  $\geq 6$   
Months

|                         | MONTH | FY19 | FY20 | FY21       |
|-------------------------|-------|------|------|------------|
| REVOKED $\geq 6$ MONTHS | JUL   | 100  | 84   | <b>82</b>  |
|                         | AUG   | 107  | 81   | <b>61</b>  |
|                         | SEP   | 99   | 47   | <b>72</b>  |
|                         | OCT   | 102  | 100  | <b>74</b>  |
|                         | NOV   | 85   | 64   | <b>75</b>  |
|                         | DEC   | 70   | 69   | <b>92</b>  |
|                         | JAN   | 98   | 70   | <b>66</b>  |
|                         | FEB   | 70   | 71   | <b>60</b>  |
|                         | MAR   | 69   | 51   | <b>82</b>  |
|                         | APR   | 72   | 44   | <b>108</b> |
|                         | MAY   | 69   | 57   | <b>78</b>  |
|                         | JUN   | 73   | 65   | <b>86</b>  |
| TOTAL                   |       | 1014 | 803  | <b>936</b> |

# ADMINISTRATIVE REVOICATIONS

Parolees  
Sentenced to  
New Time at ADC

|                             | MONTH | FY19 | FY20       | <b>FY21</b> |
|-----------------------------|-------|------|------------|-------------|
| ADMINISTRATIVE REVOICATIONS | JUL   | 55   | 100        | <b>39</b>   |
|                             | AUG   | 82   | 103        | <b>35</b>   |
|                             | SEP   | 80   | 110        | <b>52</b>   |
|                             | OCT   | 71   | 116        | <b>65</b>   |
|                             | NOV   | 74   | 114        | <b>51</b>   |
|                             | DEC   | 64   | 95         | <b>56</b>   |
|                             | JAN   | 90   | 99         | <b>48</b>   |
|                             | FEB   | 43   | 107        | <b>40</b>   |
|                             | MAR   | 105  | 96         | <b>76</b>   |
|                             | APR   | 96   | 44         | <b>77</b>   |
|                             | MAY   | 100  | 33         | <b>61</b>   |
|                             | JUN   | 84   | 52         | <b>78</b>   |
|                             | TOTAL |      | <b>944</b> | <b>1069</b> |



# Short-Term Revocation Program

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; and/or
- Has not been incarcerated in the program within the last ninety (90) days.

# 90 DAY Short-Term Revocation

## Program Participants

| 90 DAY SHORT-TERM REVOCATIONS | MONTH | FY19 | FY20        | FY21       |
|-------------------------------|-------|------|-------------|------------|
|                               | JUL   | 276  | 287         | <b>361</b> |
|                               | AUG   | 279  | 322         | <b>345</b> |
|                               | SEP   | 189  | 248         | <b>334</b> |
|                               | OCT   | 203  | 295         | <b>344</b> |
|                               | NOV   | 181  | 229         | <b>248</b> |
|                               | DEC   | 202  | 279         | <b>325</b> |
|                               | JAN   | 252  | 388         | <b>309</b> |
|                               | FEB   | 253  | 346         | <b>244</b> |
|                               | MAR   | 289  | 296         | <b>349</b> |
|                               | APR   | 262  | 184         | <b>380</b> |
|                               | MAY   | 274  | 302         | <b>366</b> |
| JUN                           | 277   | 375  | <b>350</b>  |            |
| TOTAL                         | 2973  | 3551 | <b>3955</b> |            |

## Reasons for Removal

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

- Fails to obtain an approved home plan by the expiration of the 90 day period;
- Fails to maintain good behavior while incarcerated in the program; and/or
- Receives a new conviction and is sentenced to new time in the Division of Correction.

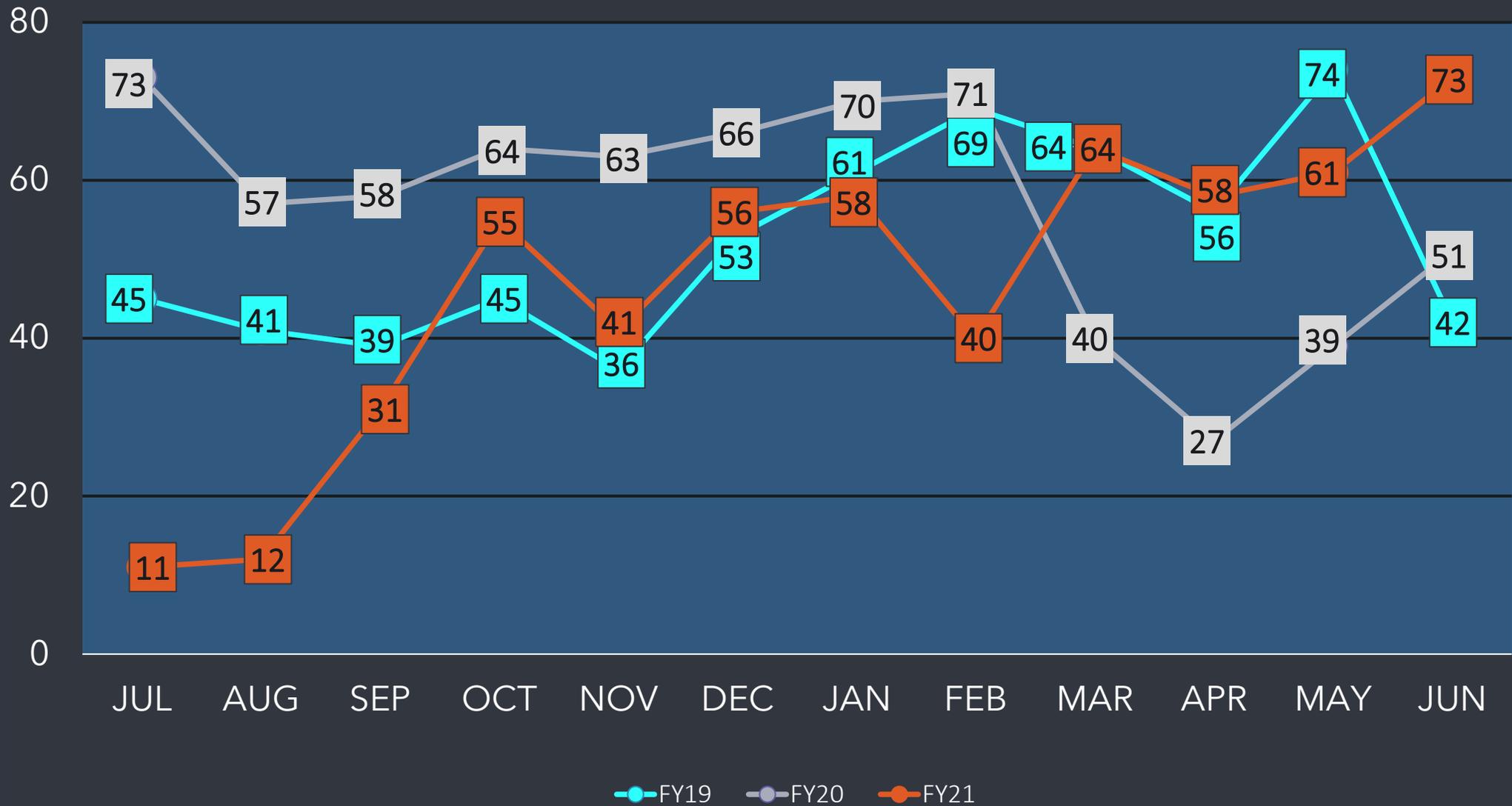
# 90 DAY Short-Term Revocation

# Program Removals

| 90 DAY STRP REMOVALS | MONTH | FY19 | FY20       | <b>FY21</b> |
|----------------------|-------|------|------------|-------------|
|                      | JUL   | 45   | 73         | <b>11</b>   |
|                      | AUG   | 41   | 57         | <b>12</b>   |
|                      | SEP   | 39   | 58         | <b>31</b>   |
|                      | OCT   | 45   | 64         | <b>55</b>   |
|                      | NOV   | 36   | 63         | <b>41</b>   |
|                      | DEC   | 53   | 66         | <b>56</b>   |
|                      | JAN   | 61   | 70         | <b>58</b>   |
|                      | FEB   | 69   | 71         | <b>40</b>   |
|                      | MAR   | 64   | 40         | <b>64</b>   |
|                      | APR   | 56   | 27         | <b>58</b>   |
|                      | MAY   | 74   | 39         | <b>61</b>   |
| JUN                  | 42    | 51   | <b>73</b>  |             |
| TOTAL                | 625   | 679  | <b>560</b> |             |

# ARKANSAS PAROLE BOARD

## REMOVALS FROM THE 90 DAY STRP



# 90 Day Short-Term Revocation Program

FY19 through FY21 Comparison

|                        | FY19          | FY20          | FY21                        |
|------------------------|---------------|---------------|-----------------------------|
| Entered the Program    | 2937          | 3551          | <b>3955</b>                 |
| Removed                | 625<br>(21%)  | 679<br>(19%)  | <b>560</b><br><b>(14%)</b>  |
| Successfully Completed | 2312<br>(79%) | 2872<br>(81%) | <b>3395</b><br><b>(86%)</b> |

86% of parolees who entered the Short-Term Revocation Program in FY21 adhered to the terms of the program and were released without having their parole revoked resulting in a return to the ADC.



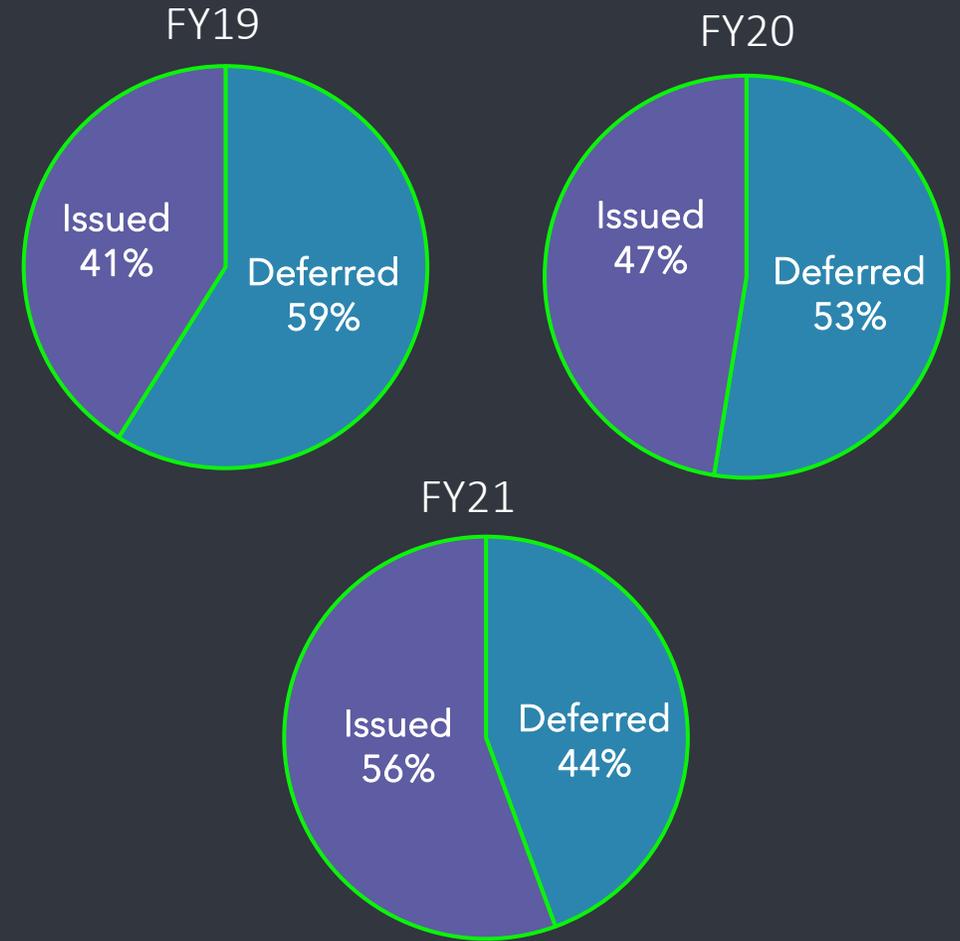
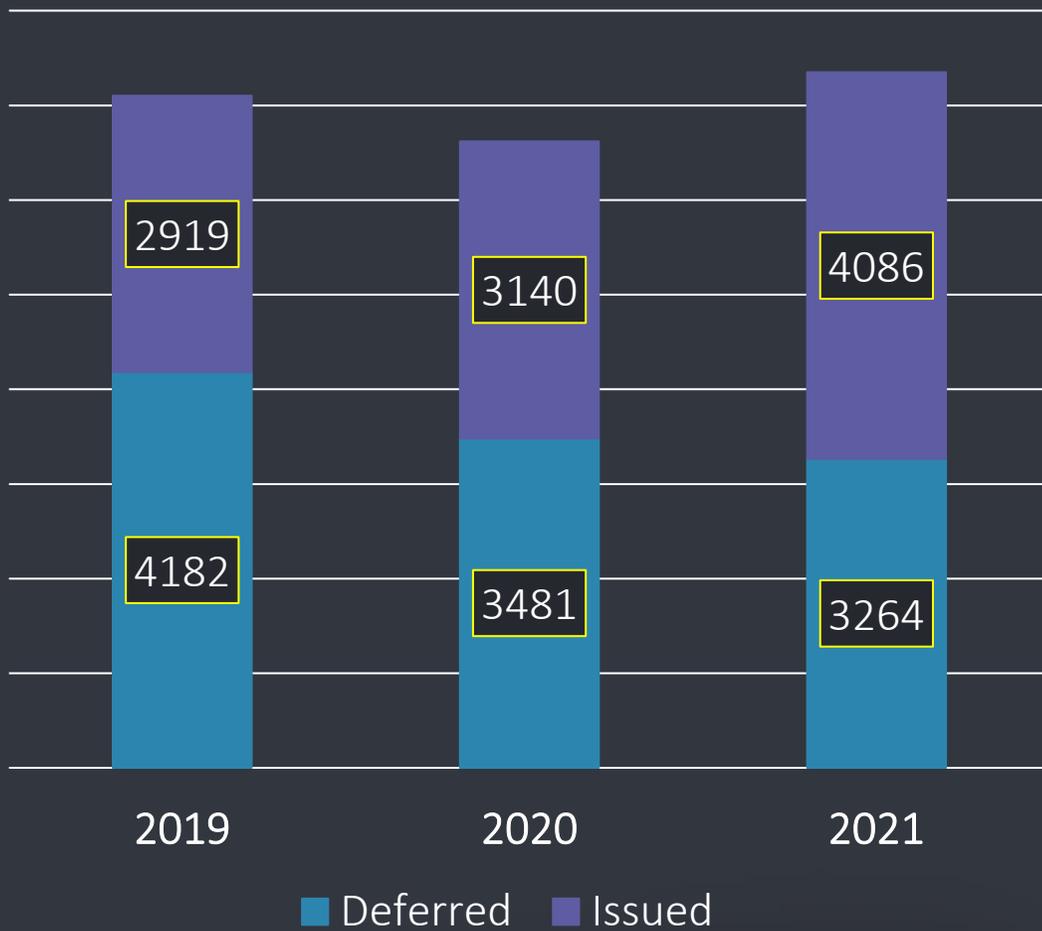
# Parole Revocation Warrants

VIOLATION REPORT REVIEWS

The Division of Community Correction utilizes Violation Reports to provide the information necessary for the Parole Board to make decisions regarding the issuance of Technical Warrants. 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 the public or individual safety or when it is likely that the parolee will abscond.

# TECHINICAL WARRANTS

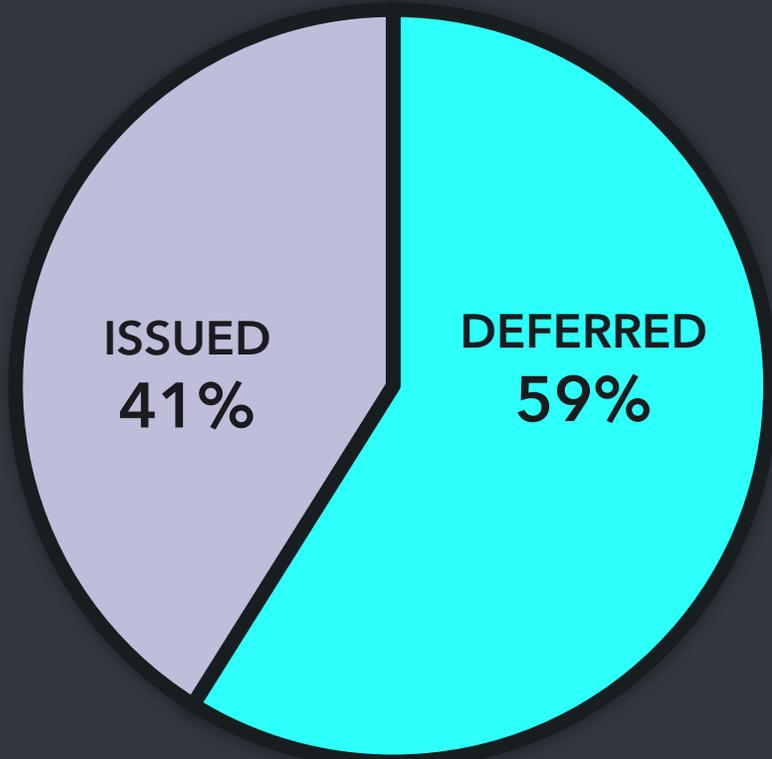
## Violation Report Review Outcomes



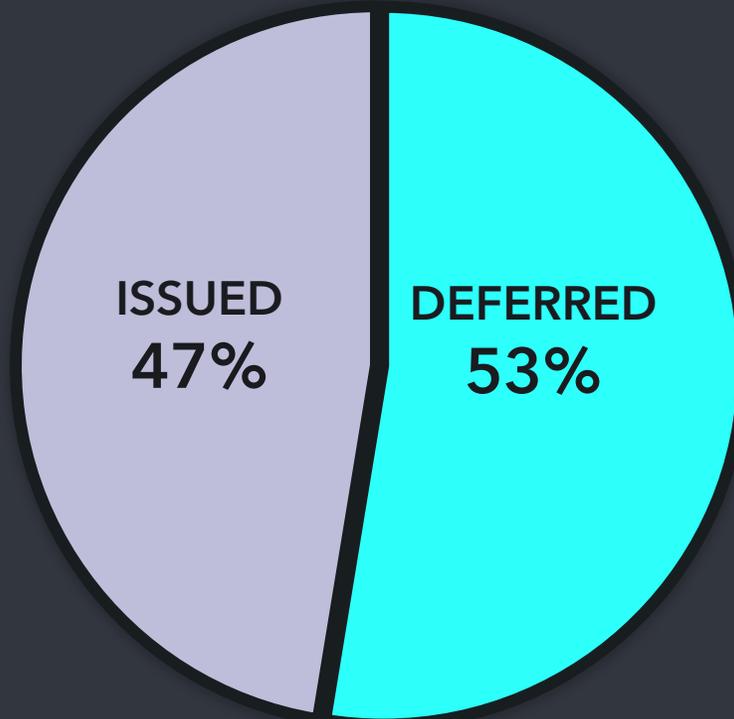
# TECHINICAL WARRANT

Violation Report Review Outcomes

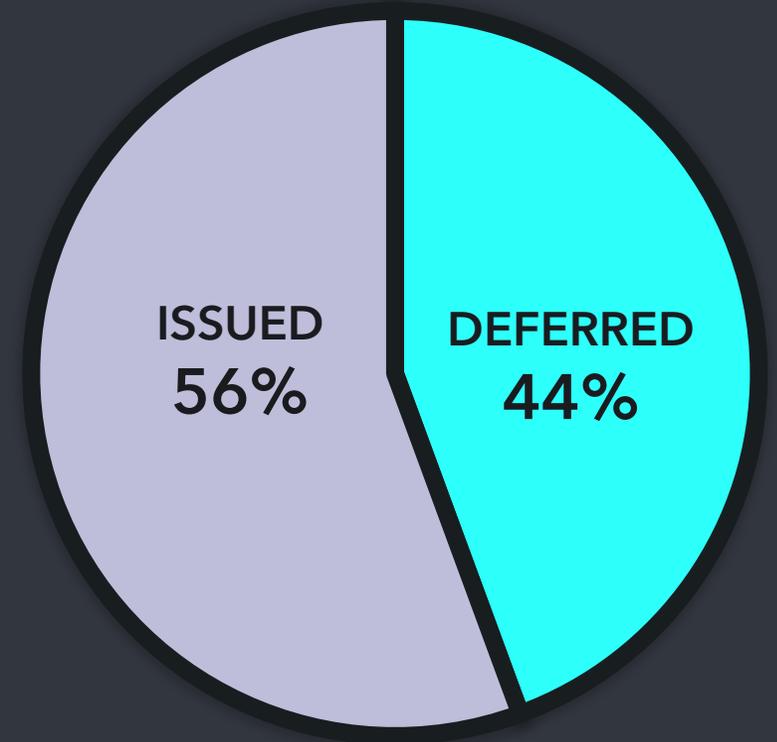
Issued vs. Deferred



FY19



FY20



FY21

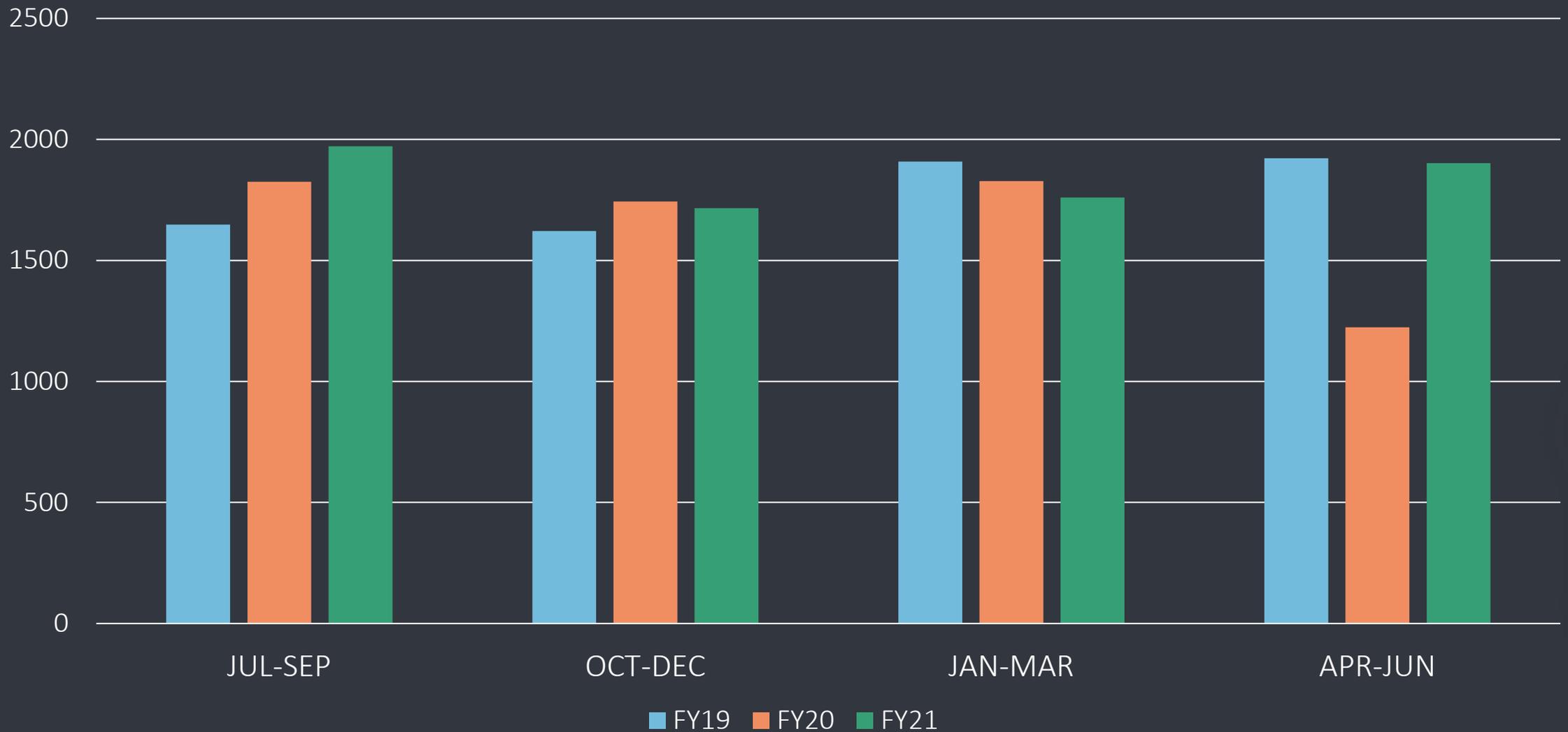
# VIOLATION REPORT REVIEWS

Requests for  
Technical Warrants

TOTAL  
VR REVIEWS

|       | TOTAL VR REVIEWS |             |             |
|-------|------------------|-------------|-------------|
|       | FY19             | FY20        | FY21        |
| JUL   | 485              | 621         | <b>641</b>  |
| AUG   | 584              | 676         | <b>650</b>  |
| SEP   | 579              | 528         | <b>681</b>  |
| OCT   | 607              | 672         | <b>593</b>  |
| NOV   | 523              | 501         | <b>542</b>  |
| DEC   | 492              | 571         | <b>581</b>  |
| JAN   | 647              | 727         | <b>571</b>  |
| FEB   | 631              | 579         | <b>471</b>  |
| MAR   | 631              | 522         | <b>718</b>  |
| APR   | 681              | 375         | <b>657</b>  |
| MAY   | 633              | 242         | <b>603</b>  |
| JUN   | 608              | 607         | <b>642</b>  |
| TOTAL | <b>7131</b>      | <b>6621</b> | <b>7350</b> |

# FY19-FY21 Quarterly Comparison Violation Report Reviews



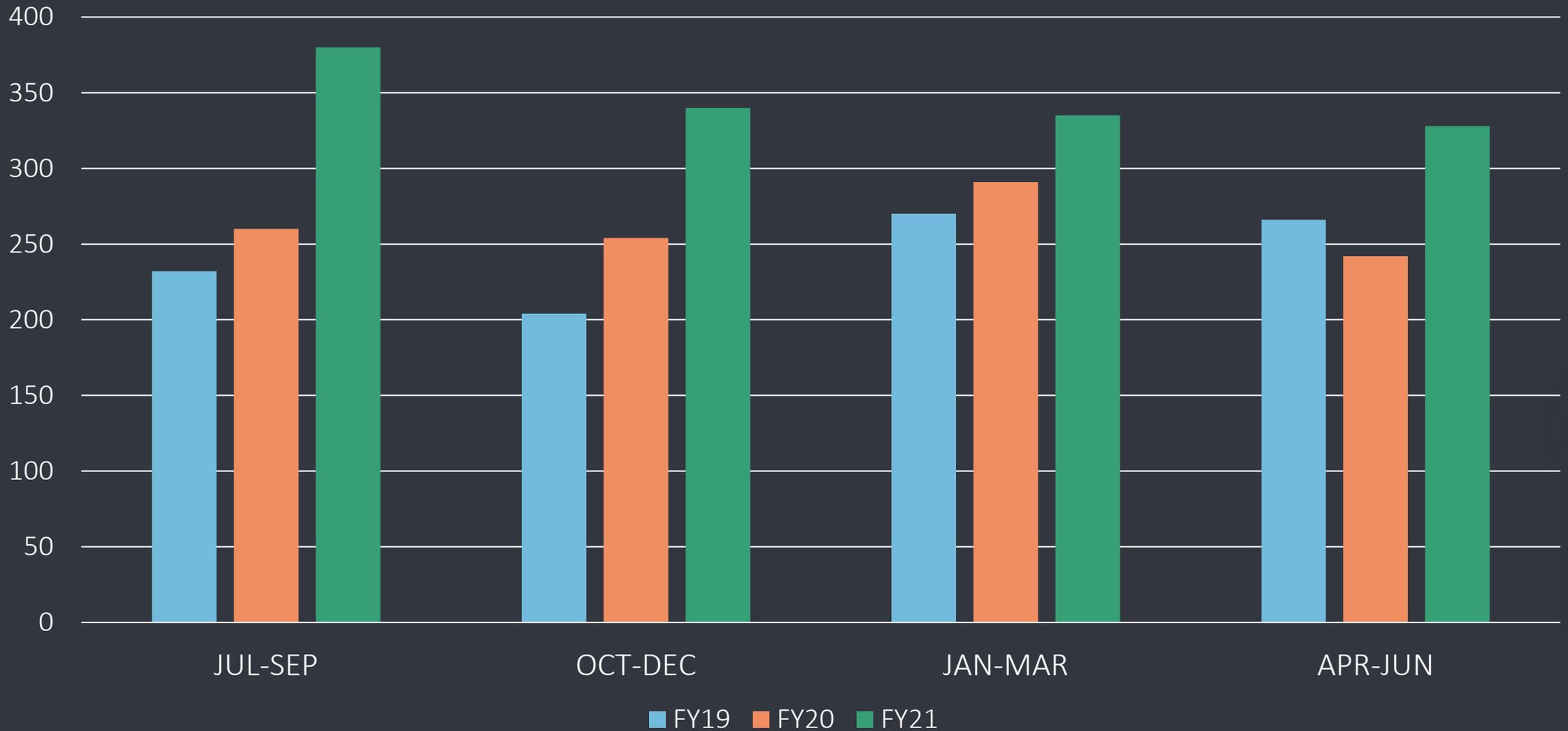
# VIOLATION REPORT REVIEWS

## Technical Warrants

ISSUED

|       | ISSUED      |             |             |
|-------|-------------|-------------|-------------|
|       | FY19        | FY20        | FY21        |
| JUL   | 226         | 280         | <b>369</b>  |
| AUG   | 255         | 296         | <b>379</b>  |
| SEP   | 215         | 203         | <b>393</b>  |
| OCT   | 224         | 292         | <b>367</b>  |
| NOV   | 191         | 216         | <b>286</b>  |
| DEC   | 198         | 253         | <b>368</b>  |
| JAN   | 268         | 378         | <b>317</b>  |
| FEB   | 276         | 254         | <b>270</b>  |
| MAR   | 267         | 242         | <b>418</b>  |
| APR   | 289         | 231         | <b>215</b>  |
| MAY   | 251         | 130         | <b>370</b>  |
| JUN   | 259         | 365         | <b>334</b>  |
| TOTAL | <b>2919</b> | <b>3140</b> | <b>4086</b> |

# FY19-FY21 Quarterly Comparison Revocation Warrants ISSUED



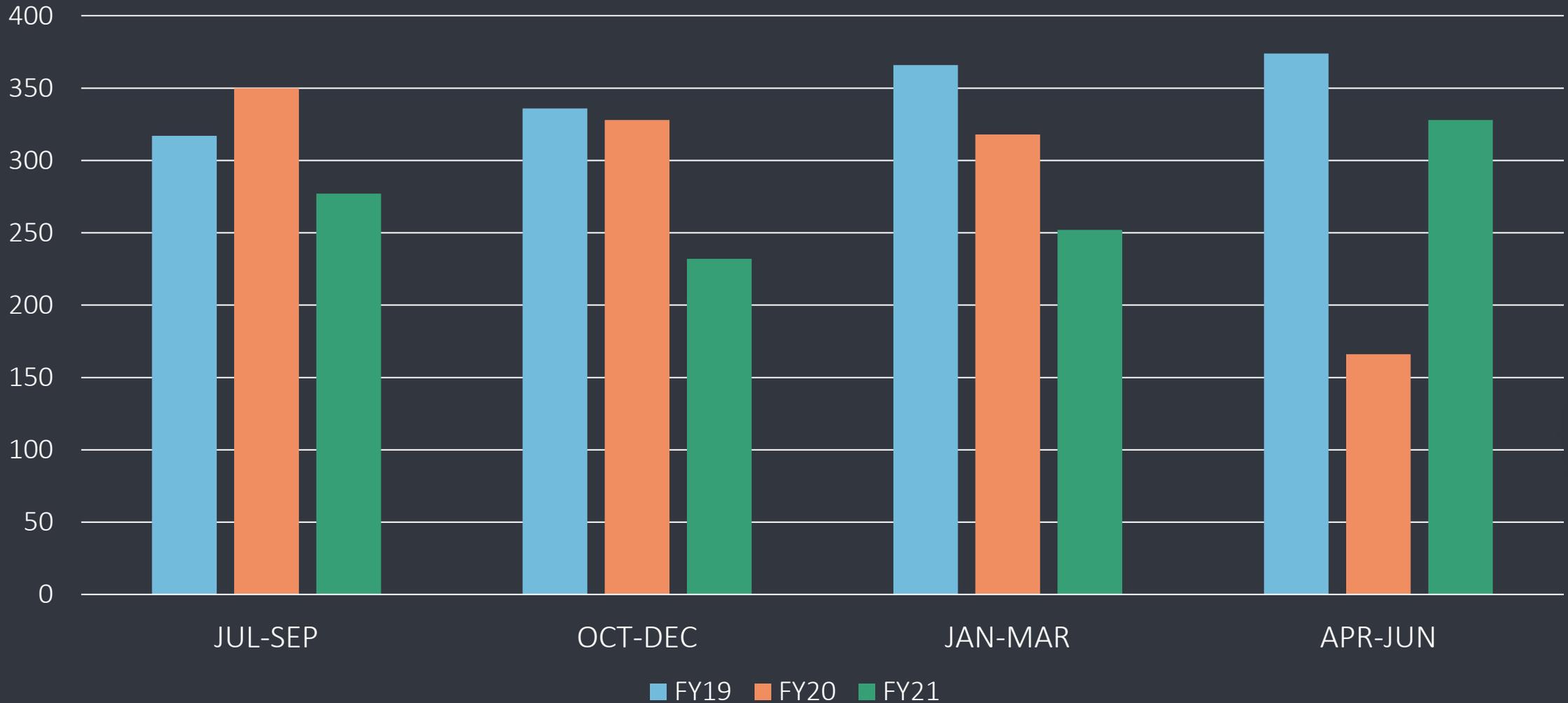
# VIOLATION REPORT REVIEWS

Technical Warrants

ISSUANCE  
DEFERRED

|       | DEFERRED    |             |             |
|-------|-------------|-------------|-------------|
|       | FY19        | FY20        | FY21        |
| JUL   | 259         | 341         | <b>272</b>  |
| AUG   | 329         | 380         | <b>271</b>  |
| SEP   | 364         | 325         | <b>288</b>  |
| OCT   | 383         | 380         | <b>226</b>  |
| NOV   | 332         | 285         | <b>256</b>  |
| DEC   | 294         | 318         | <b>213</b>  |
| JAN   | 379         | 349         | <b>254</b>  |
| FEB   | 355         | 325         | <b>201</b>  |
| MAR   | 364         | 280         | <b>300</b>  |
| APR   | 392         | 144         | <b>442</b>  |
| MAY   | 382         | 112         | <b>233</b>  |
| JUN   | 349         | 242         | <b>308</b>  |
| TOTAL | <b>4182</b> | <b>3481</b> | <b>3264</b> |

# FY19-FY21 Quarterly Comparison Revocation Warrants DEFERRED





# Parole Board Expenditures

# Fiscal Year 2021

## Revenue and Expenditures

| Expenditures for General Revenue |           |                 |         |
|----------------------------------|-----------|-----------------|---------|
| COMMITMENT ITEM                  | REVENUE   | EXPENSED        | BALANCE |
| Regular Salaries                 | 1,311,520 | 1,296,591 (99%) | 14,929  |
| Personal Services Matching       | 391,976   | 390,972 (99%)   | 1,004   |
| Maintenance & Operations         | 351,800   | 249,627 (71%)   | 102,173 |
| Conference & Travel              | 8,411     | 1,393 (17%)     | 7,018   |
| TOTAL                            | 2,063,707 | 1,938,583 (94%) | 125,124 |