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# Chief of Forensic Medicine State Hospital Update

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**Joint Committee on Access and Forensic Services (JCAFS)  
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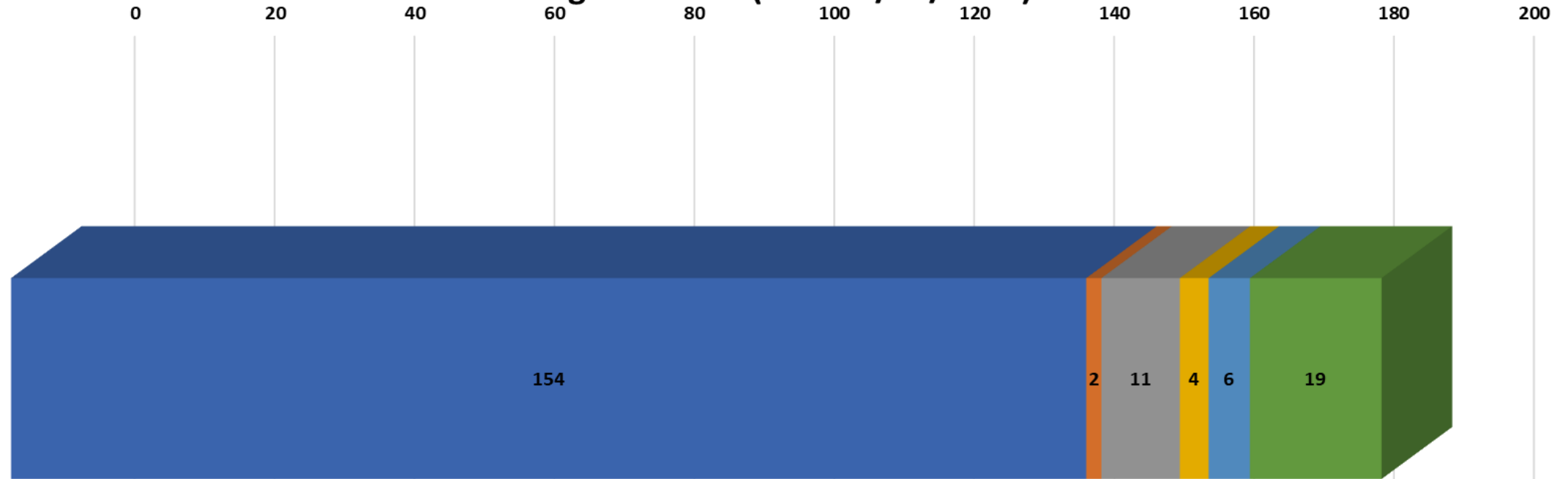
# Competency Restoration Time Frames

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# FY24 Competency Restoration Time Frames (All Commitments)

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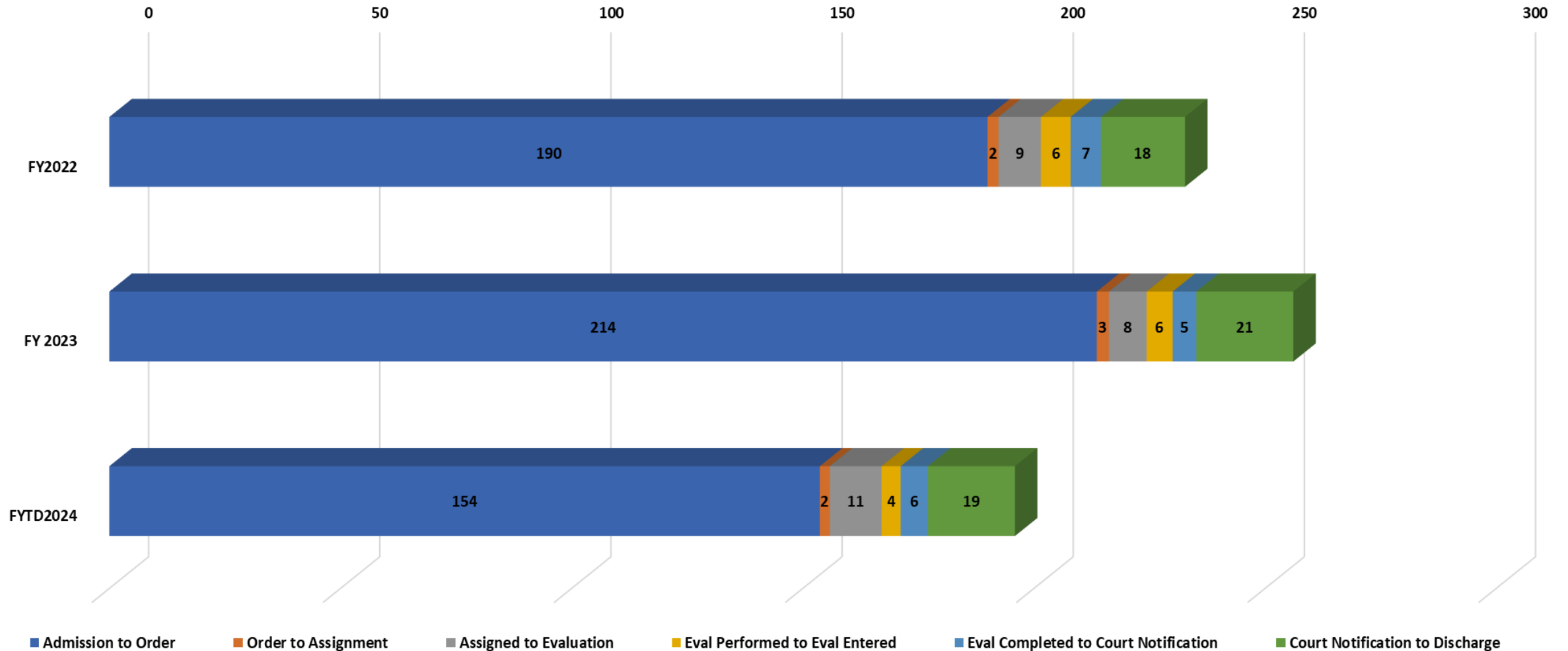
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■ Admission to Order ■ Order to Assignment ■ Assigned to Evaluation ■ Eval Performed to Eval Entered ■ Eval Completed to Court Notification ■ Court Notification to Discharge

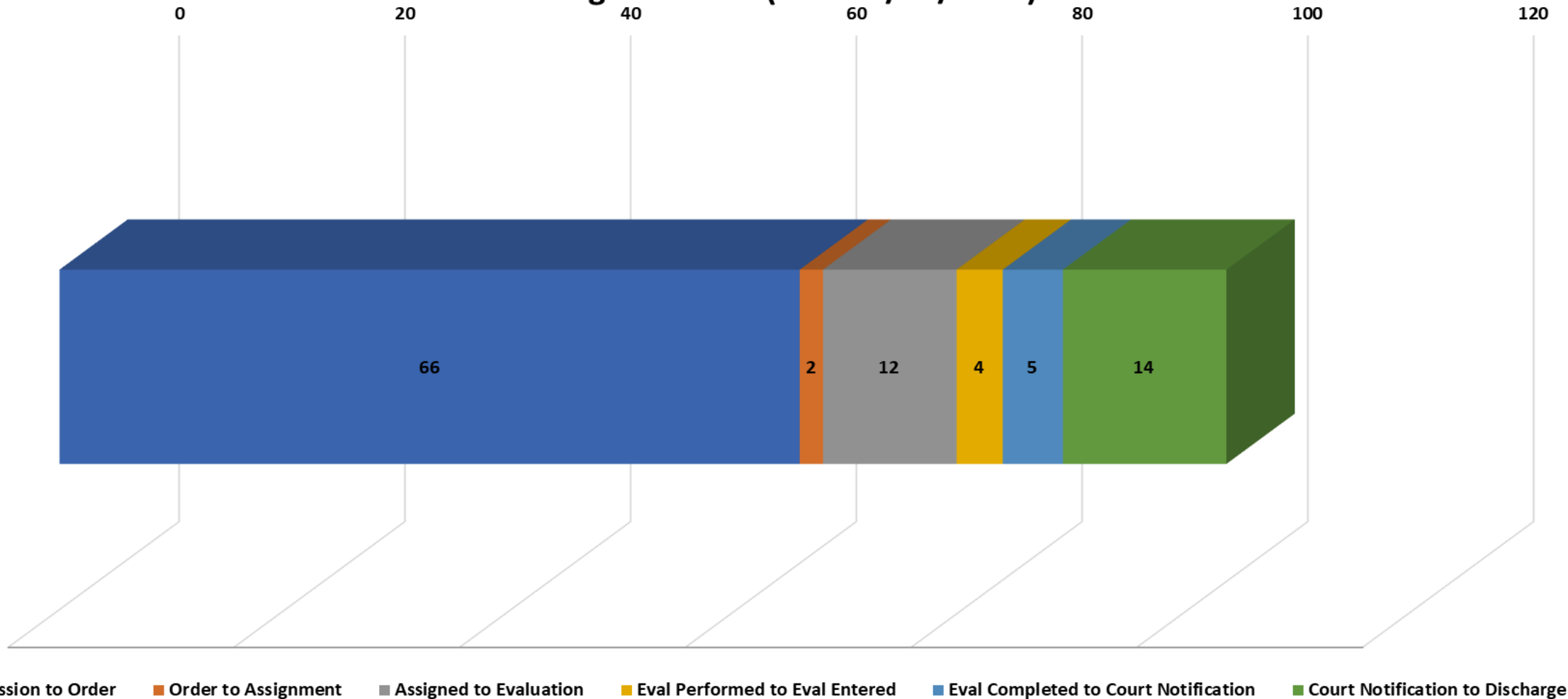
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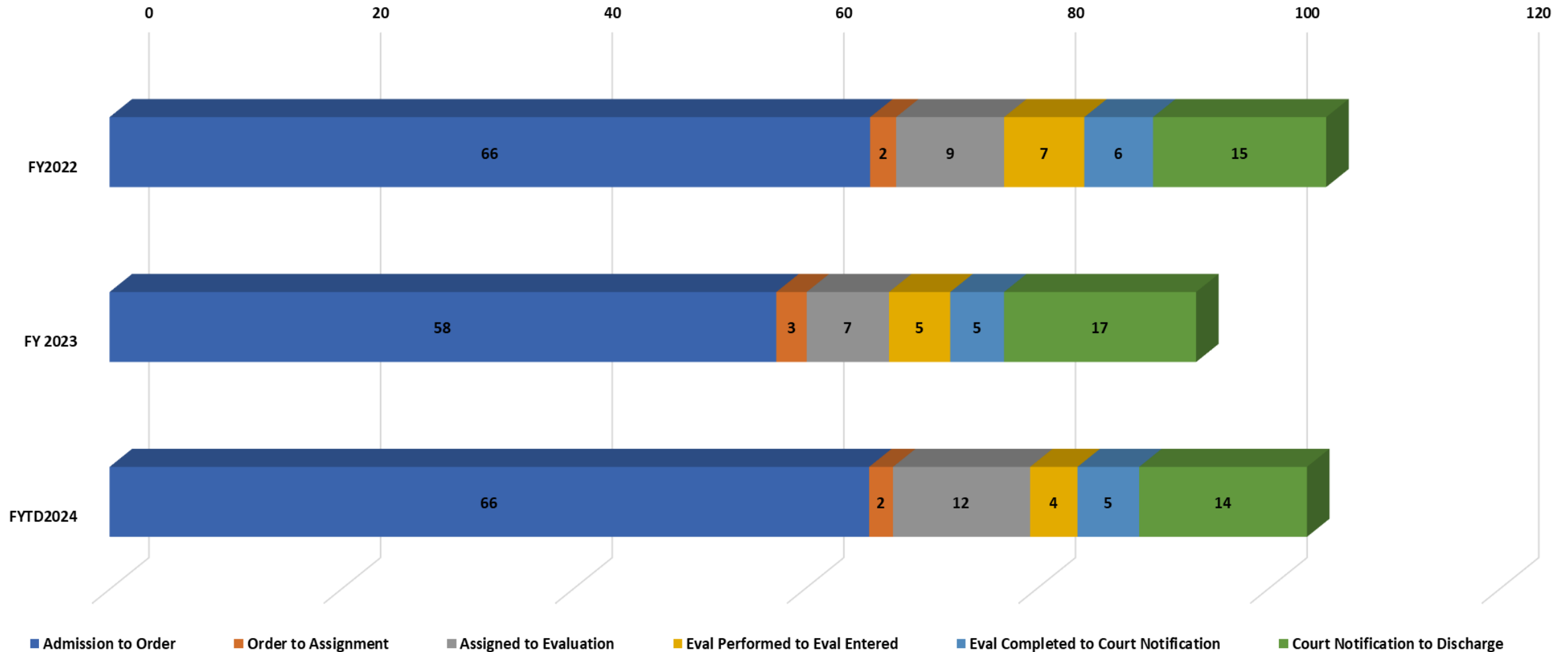
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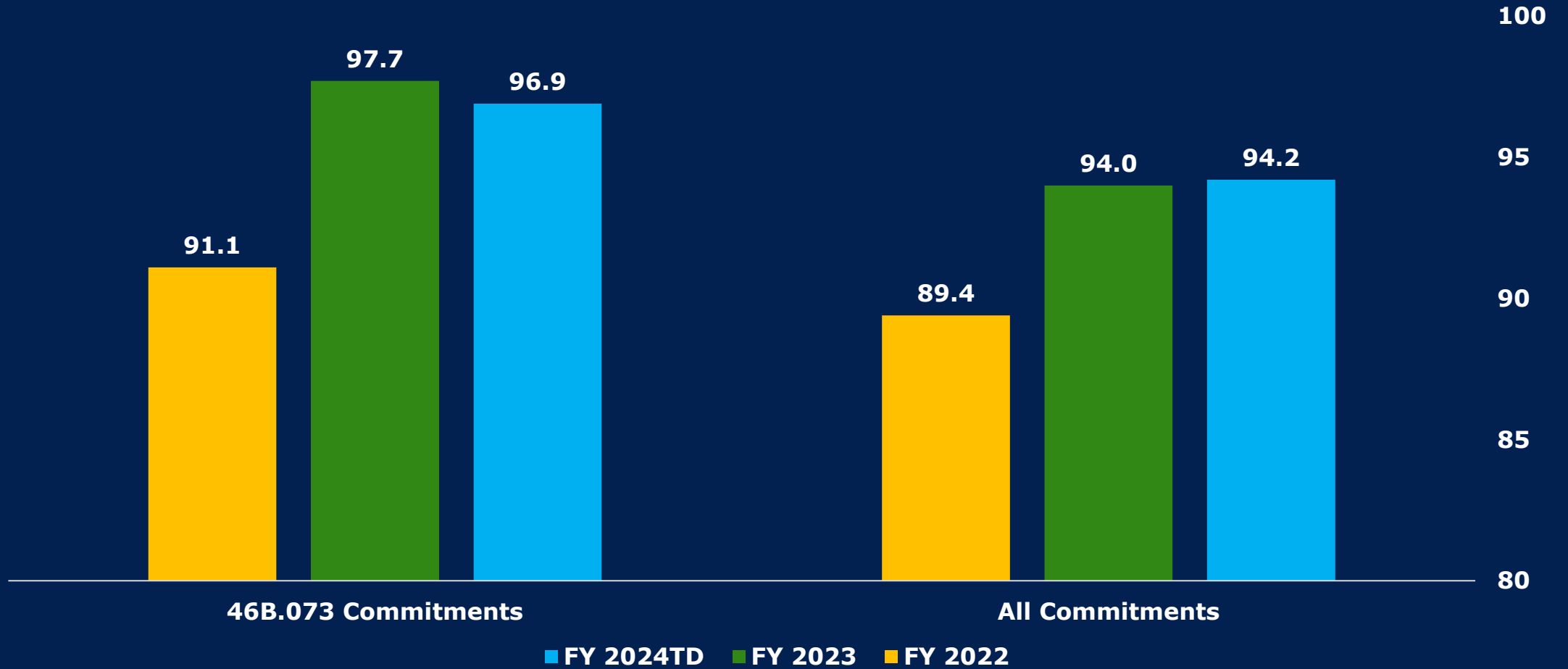
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# Competency Restoration Rates over Time



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# **Maximum-Security Unit (MSU) Clinical Security Review**

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# MSU Clinical Review (FY24TD)



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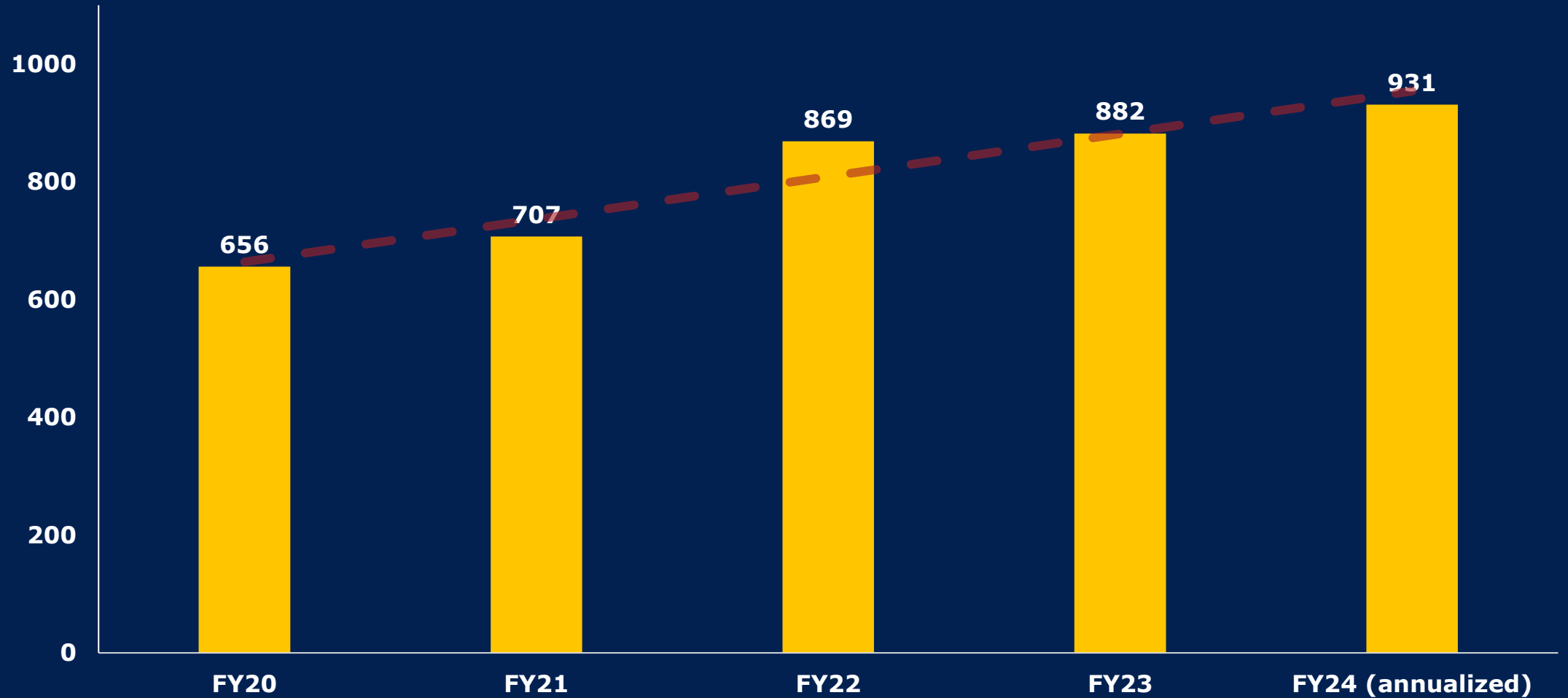
Commitment Type	#	%	Review Level	Outcome	#	%
<b>46B.073</b>	713	91.88%	<b>1st (FSM Team)</b>	<b>MSU Waiver Consideration</b>	<b>99</b>	<b>16.42%</b>
<b>46C.251</b>	38	4.90%				
<b>46C.256</b>	0	0%				
<b>46B.102</b>	20	2.58%				
<b>46B.103</b>	5	0.64%				
<b>Chapter 55</b>	0	0%				
<b>Total Packets Received</b>	<b>776</b>					
<b>Packets Reviewed for CSR</b>	<b>603</b>	77.71%	<b>2nd (CFM)</b>	<b>MSU Waiver Recommendation</b>	<b>97</b>	<b>97.98%</b>
<b>Packets Removed prior to CSR</b>	<b>25</b>	3.22%		<b>Waiver Not Recommended</b>	2	2.02%
<b>CSR On Hold</b>	2	0.26%		<b>Decision Pending</b>	0	0%
<b>Total Packets Processed</b>	<b>630</b>	81.19%	<b>3rd (AC)</b>	<b>MSU Waiver Approval</b>	<b>92</b>	<b>94.85%</b>
<b>Total 46B</b>	738	95.10%		<b>Waiver Denied</b>	1	1.03%
<b>Total 46C</b>	38	4.90%		<b>Decision Pending</b>	4	4.12%
			<b>Total Alternate Dispositions</b>		30	4.76%
			<b>Approved MSU Waiver &amp; Referred to SSLC</b>		4	4.35%

Through 07/01/2024



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# MSU Commitment Orders by Fiscal Year





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**System Improvement Initiatives and Projects**



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# Competency Restoration Curriculum

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# Forensic Treatment Planning

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# **Dangerousness Review Board Process Re-Structuring**

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# Jail In-Reach Learning Collaborative

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Cohort 3 → 4

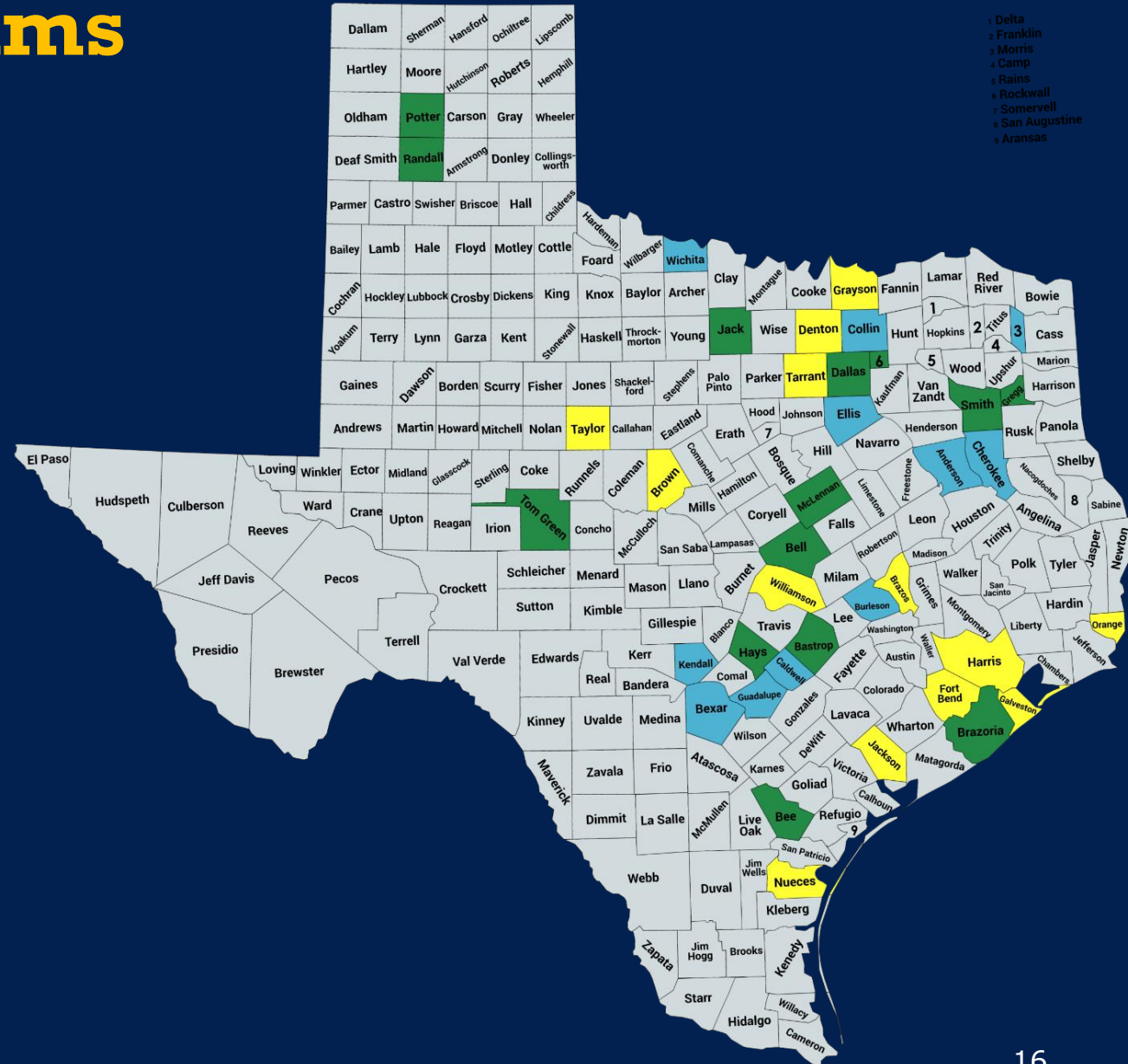
# JIRLC Forensic Teams

38 Counties Strong



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Cohort 1	Cohort 2	Cohort 3
Brazos	Bastrop	Anderson
Brown	Bee	Bexar
Denton	Bell	Cherokee
Fort Bend	Brazoria	Burleson
Galveston	Dallas	Caldwell
Grayson	Gregg	Collin
Harris	Hays	Ellis
Jackson	Jack	Guadalupe
Nueces	McLennan	Kendall
Orange	Potter	Morris
Smith	Randall	Wichita
Tarrant	Rockwall	
Taylor	Smith	
Williamson	Tom Green	



- 1 Delta
- 2 Franklin
- 3 Morris
- 4 Camp
- 5 Rains
- 6 Rockwall
- 7 Somervell
- 8 San Augustine
- 9 Aransas



# Outcomes – Cohort 1, 2, & 3



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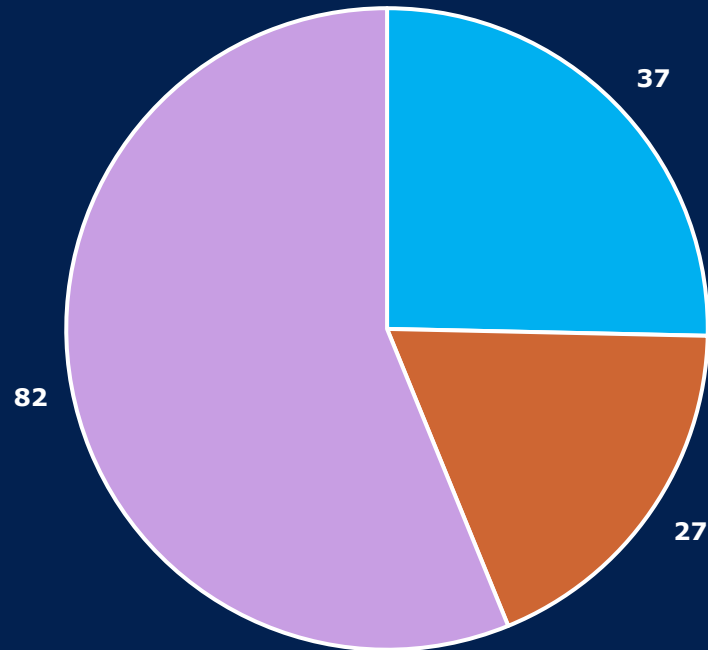
Key JIRLC Activities	# of Counties (out of 38) who Reported Activity as a Result of JIRLC
Established or expanded regular multi-disciplinary meetings to actively monitor and manage the forensic waitlist	20
Started to or increased data collection and information sharing on people found IST between jail, courts, and/or LMHAs/LBHAs	23
Strengthened relationships between members of the county forensic team	25
Strengthened relationships between county forensic team and HHSC	26
Connected with peers through JIRLC to learn about other county jail in-reach efforts	15
Utilized JIRLC resources	20
Submitted questions and requests to Jail In-Reach	22
Established or enhanced process for court-ordered medications	15
Hired a Jail In-Reach coordinator position	3
Improved utilization of an existing Outpatient Competency Restoration program	17
Improved utilization of an existing Jail-Based Competency Restoration program	12
Develop new JBCR/OCR program	11

# JIRLC Cohort 3 by the Numbers



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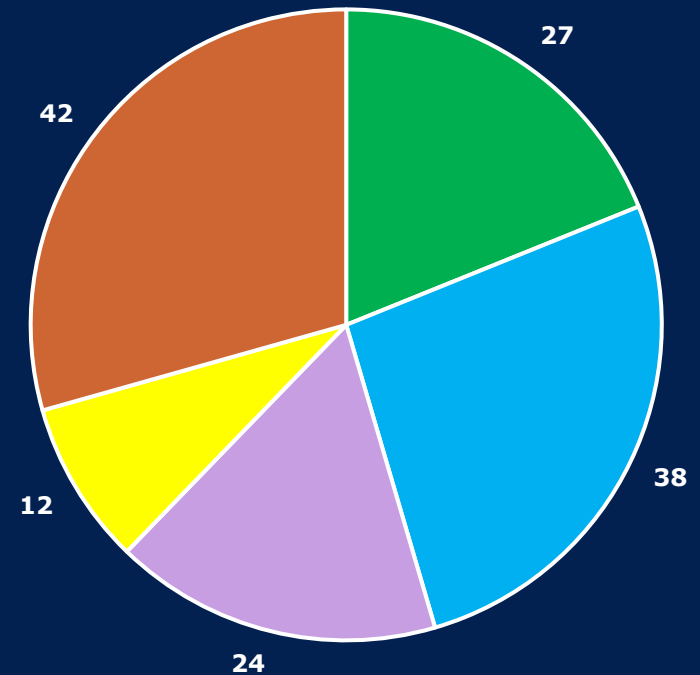
## Referrals By Cohort Participants



■ Cohort 1 ■ Cohort 2 ■ Cohort 3

There were two legal education and one clinical consultation requests

## Forensic Services Requests



■ Trial Competency Re-Examination  
■ MSU Waiver Re-Review  
■ Expedited Admission Request

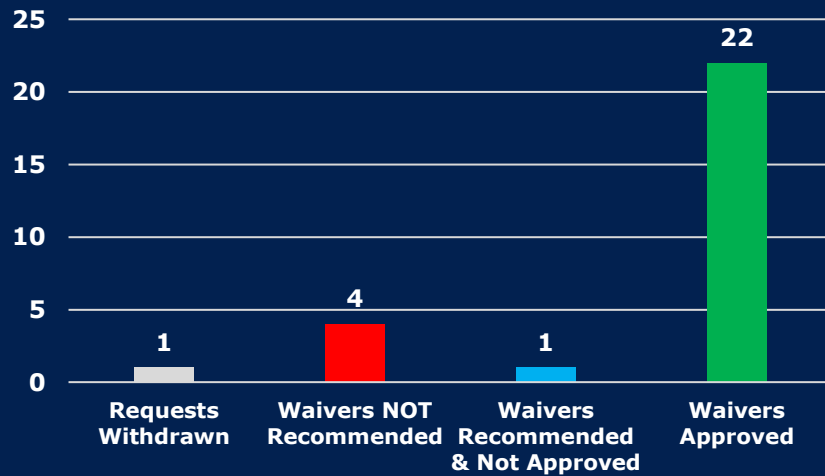
■ Trial Competency Quick Screen  
■ Potential Alternate Disposition

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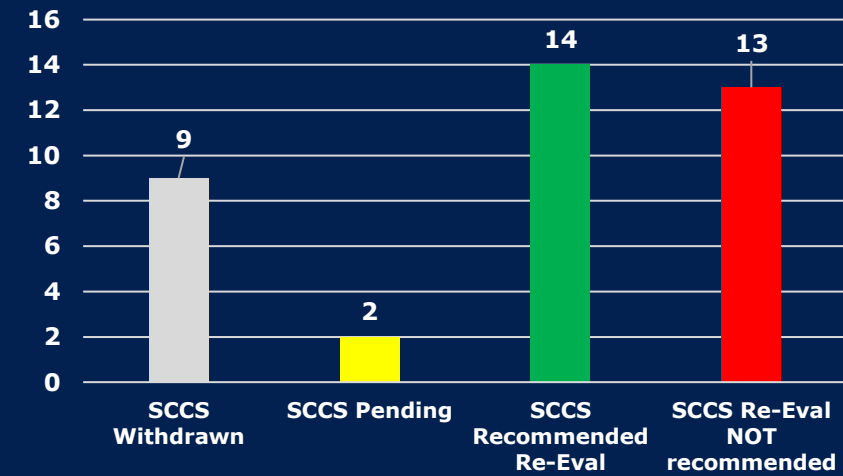
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### MSU Waivers Re-Reviews\*

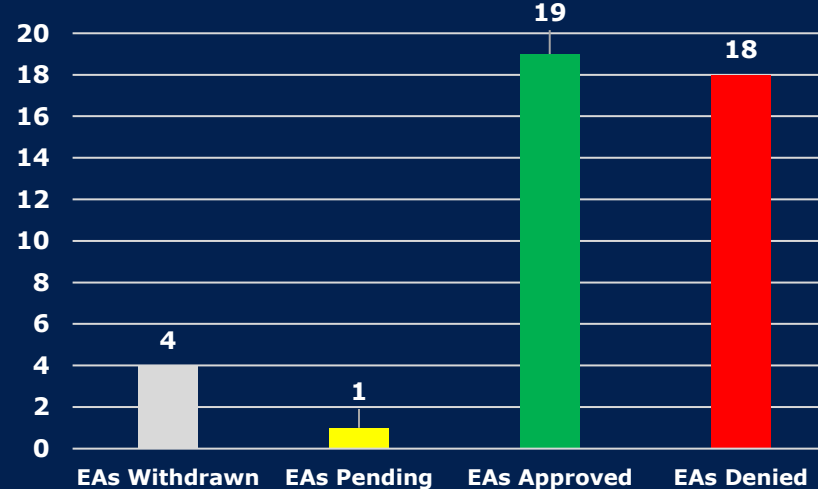


\* includes clinical security reviews completed by the Chief of Forensic Medicine Team outside of a formal re-review request when waiver consideration arose in the course of another matter

### SCCS (Quick Screens)



### Expedited Admissions



# JIRLC Cohort 4 Schedule



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Application Go-Live: August 1, 2024  
Application Closes: September 5, 2024

Welcome Emails: Week of September 9, 2024

Training Sessions:  
Wednesdays 2 PM to 4 PM via Microsoft Teams

- September 18
- September 25
- October 2
- October 9

Monthly Technical Assistance Calls (group/individual)

- October 2024 to May 2025





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# Thank you

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