

YOUTH JUSTICE IN THE TIME OF COVID-19

A Look at the National Picture

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TIME

'A Threat to Her Mother!' Michigan Judge Won't Release Teen Detained for Failing to Complete Online Schoolwork

The New York Times

Virus-Driven Push to Release Juvenile Detainees Leaves Black Youth Behind

 **NEWS**

Teenage girl jailed after not doing homework ordered released

The Black student's case highlights racial disparity in the justice system, critics say.

VICE NEWS

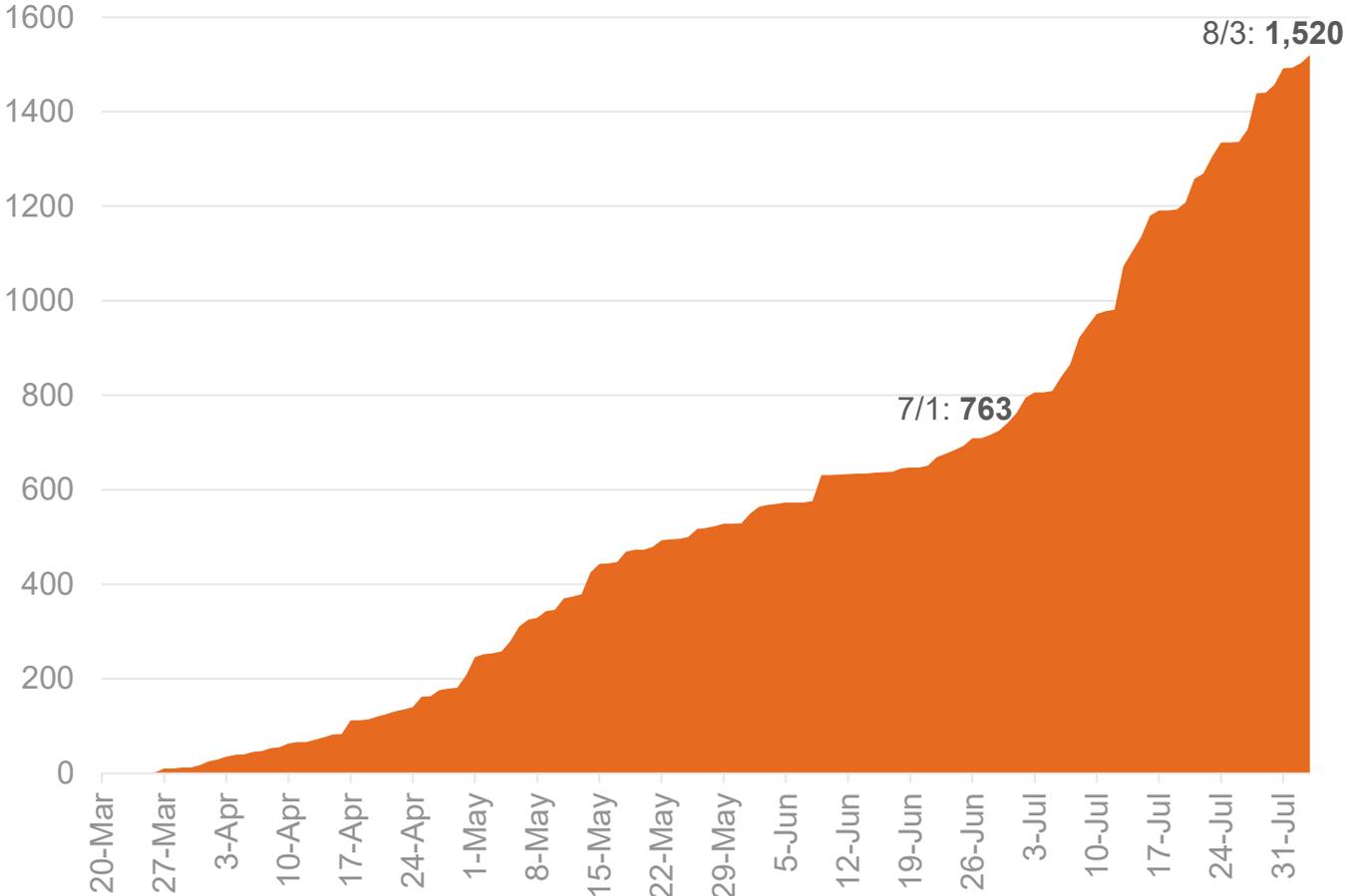
Dangerous Restraints Were Routine at This Youth Home. Then a Black Teen Died.

 **USA TODAY**

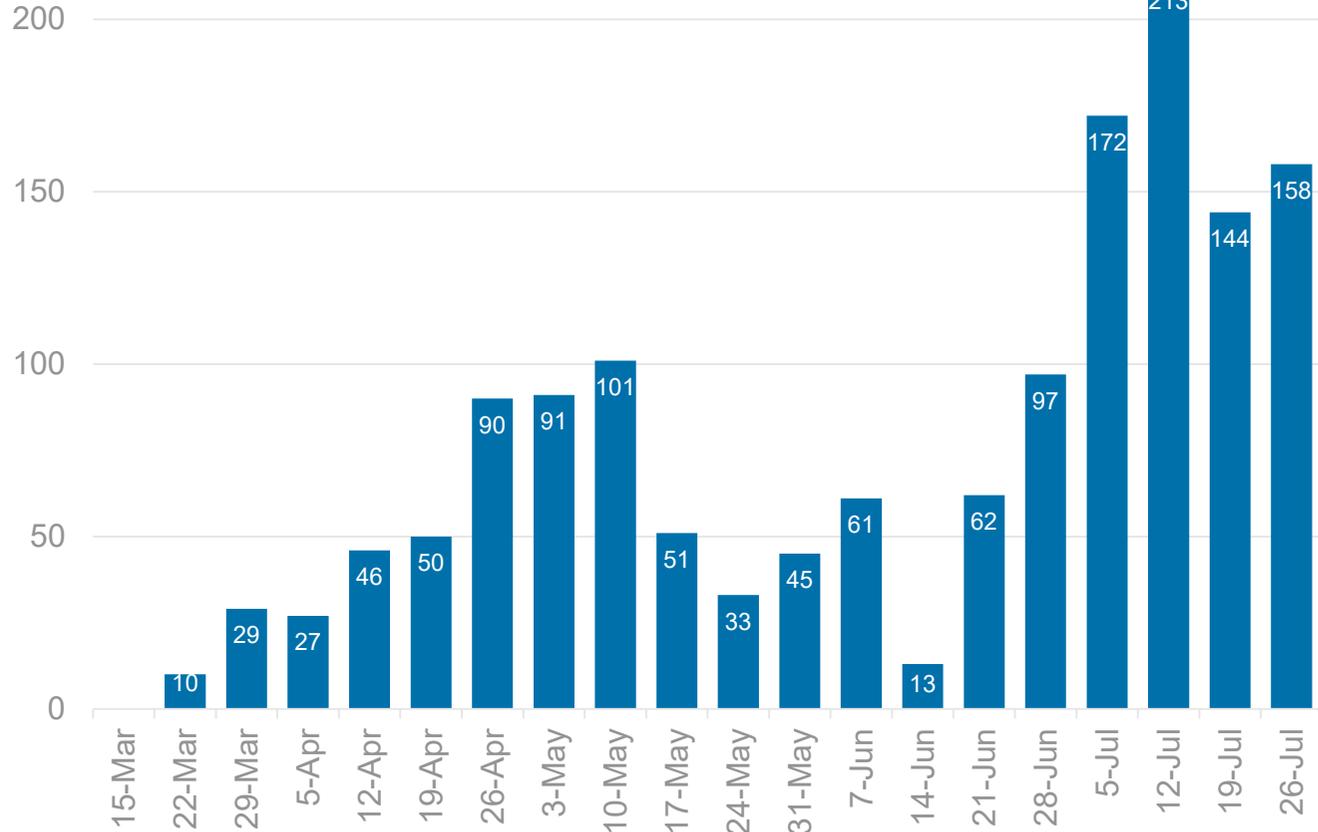
Isolated and scared: The plight of juveniles locked up during the coronavirus pandemic

Nationally, COVID-19 cases have increased rapidly in youth justice facilities over the last month

Youth COVID-19 Cases in Juvenile Justice Facilities*
Total Reported by Date

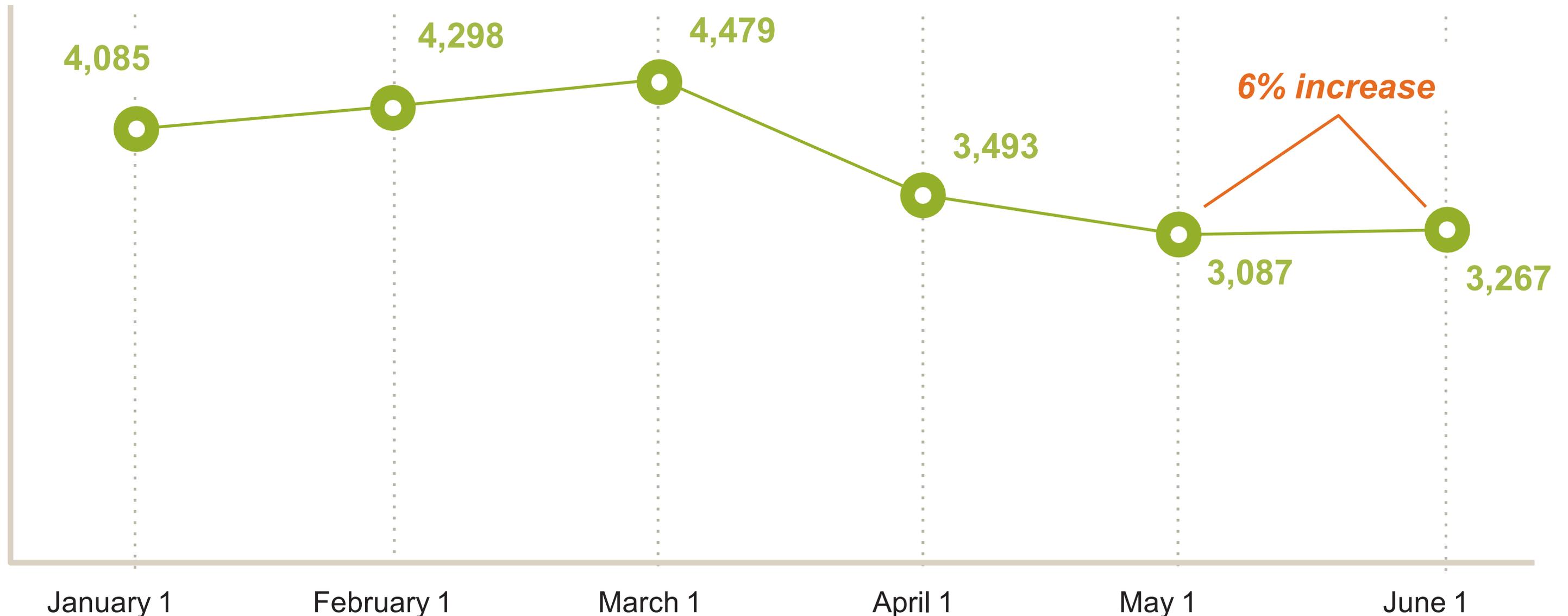


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Weekly Subtotals



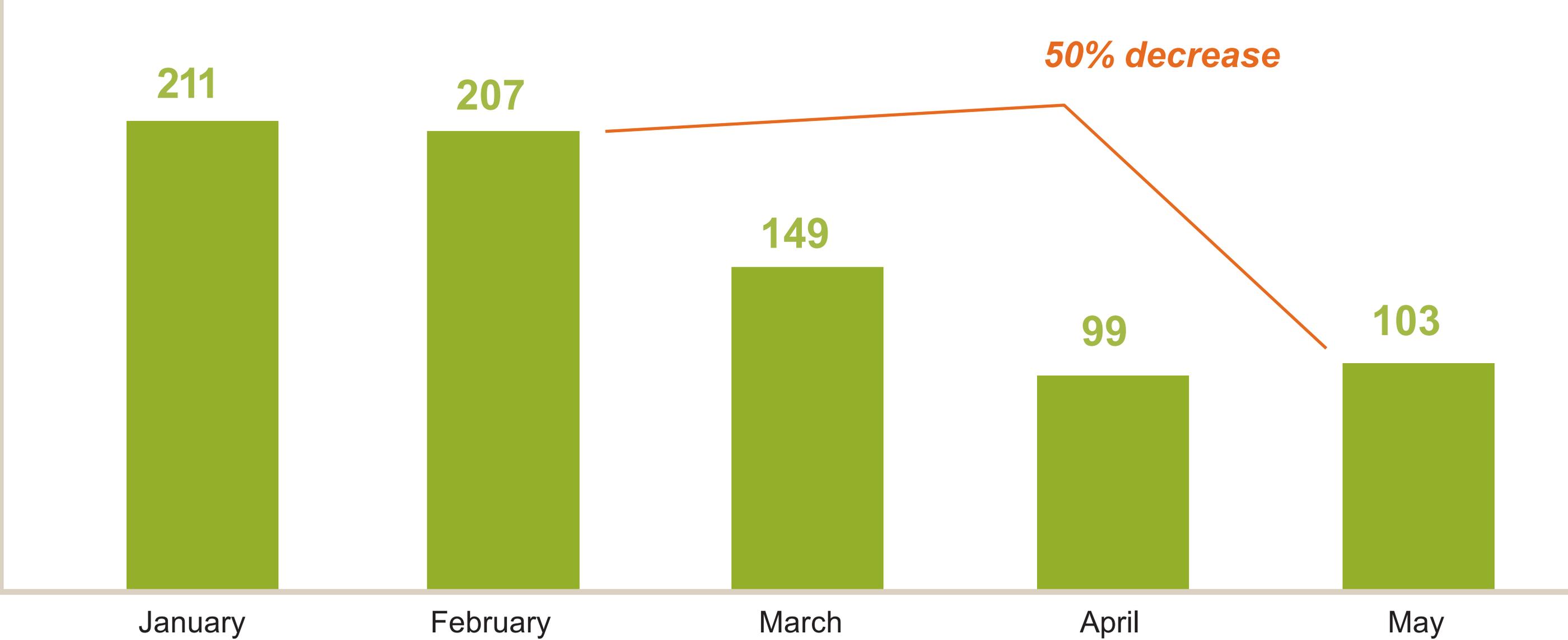
*COVID-19 data aggregated by The Sentencing Project from available state and local public data sources and media reports.

The detention population decreased by 27% between March 1 and June 1. There was a month-to-month uptick from May 1 to June 1.



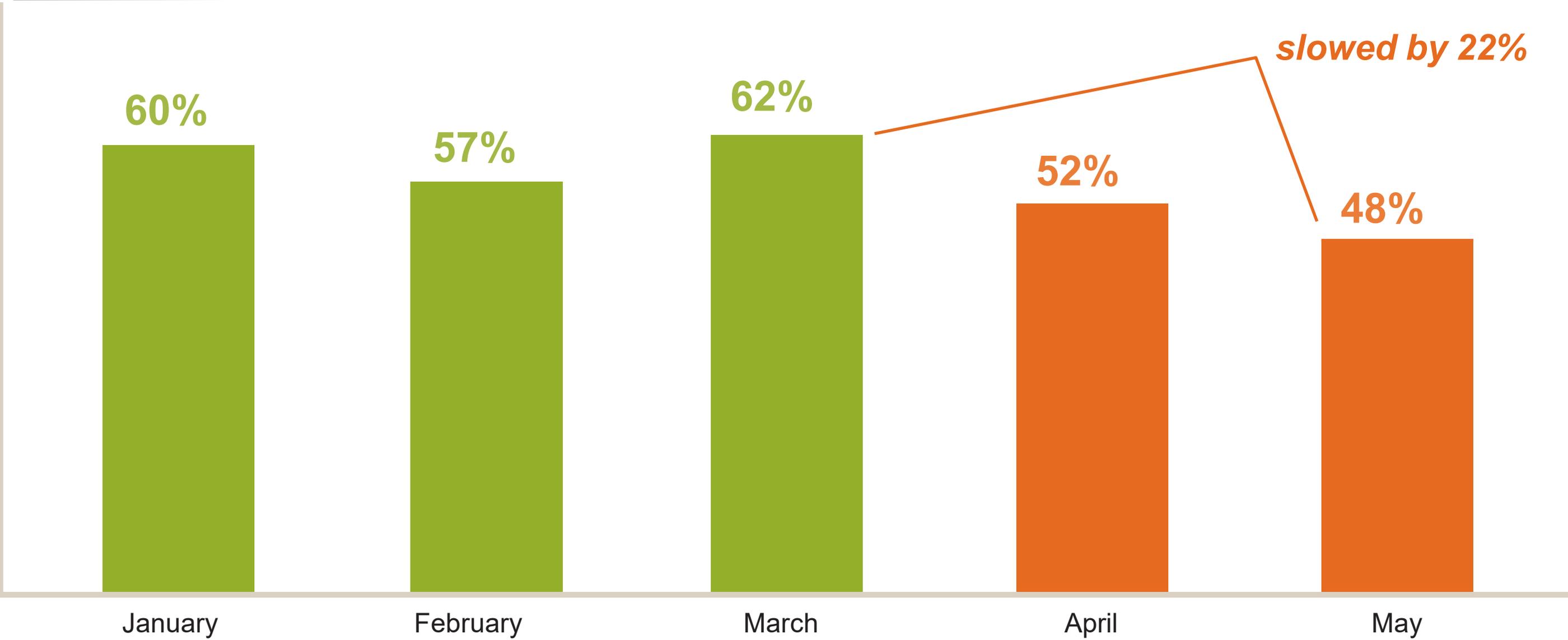
*Data in the rest of the presentation taken from Annie E. Casey Foundation monthly survey of state and local juvenile justice systems. Jurisdictions included cover 35% of nation's youth population.

The percentage decline in admissions to juvenile detention in May 2020 remained at half its pre-coronavirus level



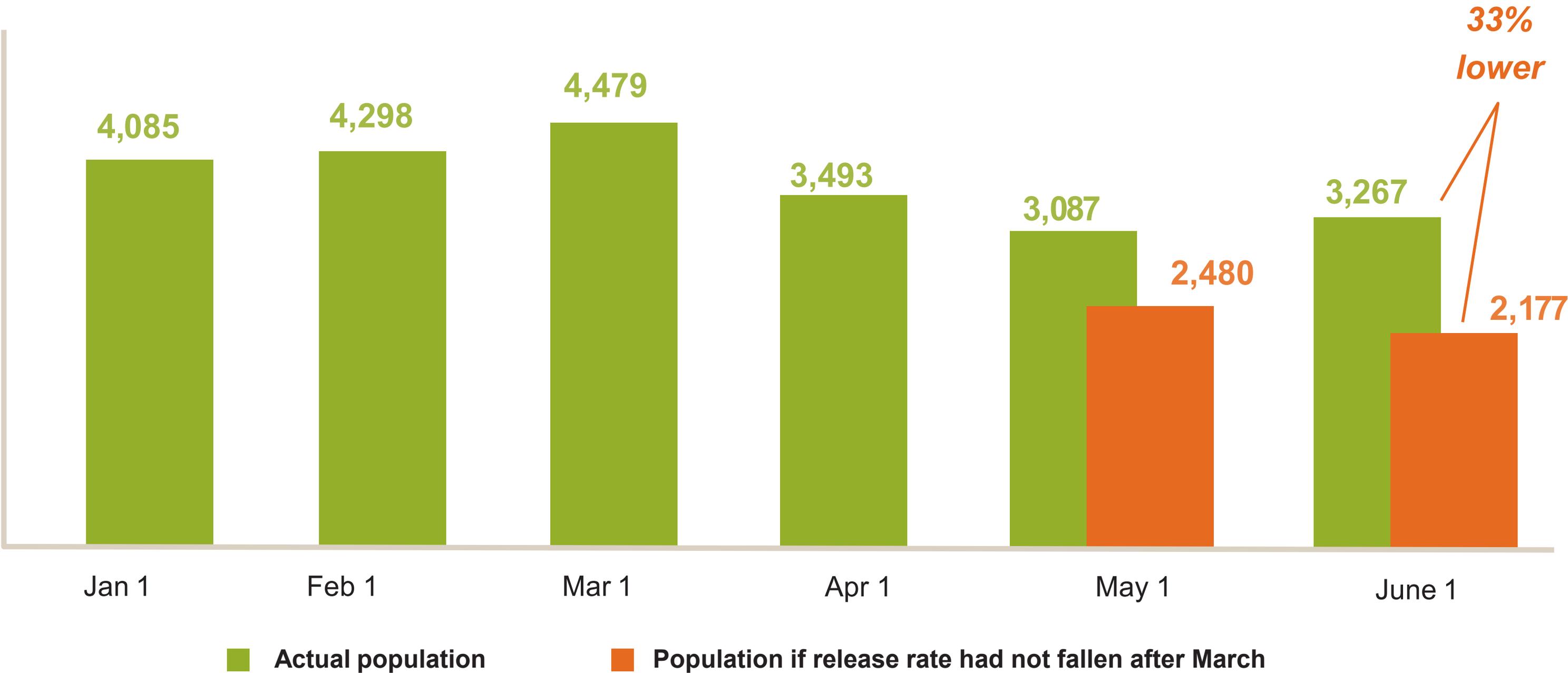
Displaying admissions per day to account for a shorter month of February.

The lower release rates from juvenile detention in April and May 2020 meant youth were staying in detention longer

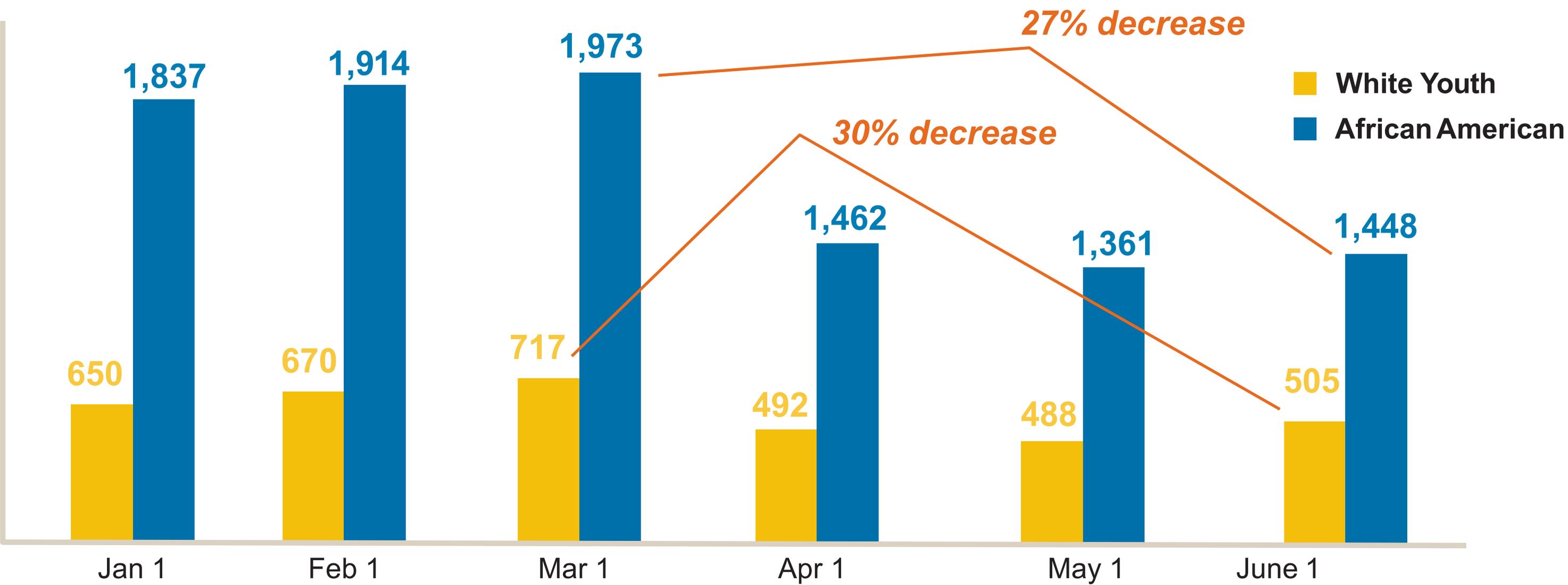


Release rate: Percentage of youth spending at least one day in detention who were released during the month.

One of every three youth in detention on June 1, 2020 would have been released if the release rate had stayed at its March level

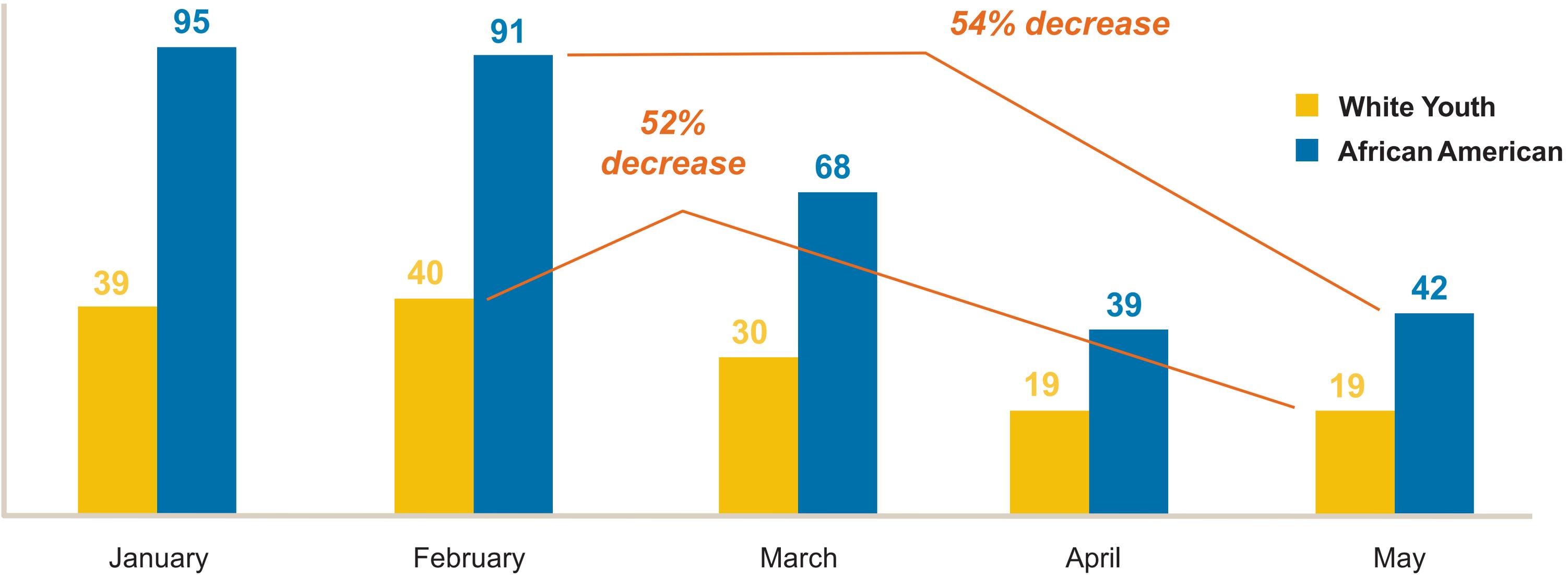


From March to June, overrepresentation of black youth got worse solely because systems released white youth at a faster rate



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Admissions to detention among black youth fell by slightly more than admissions among white youth



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