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Kentucky Justice Reinvestment Victim/Survivor/Advocate Roundtable

WEBINAR

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Objectives

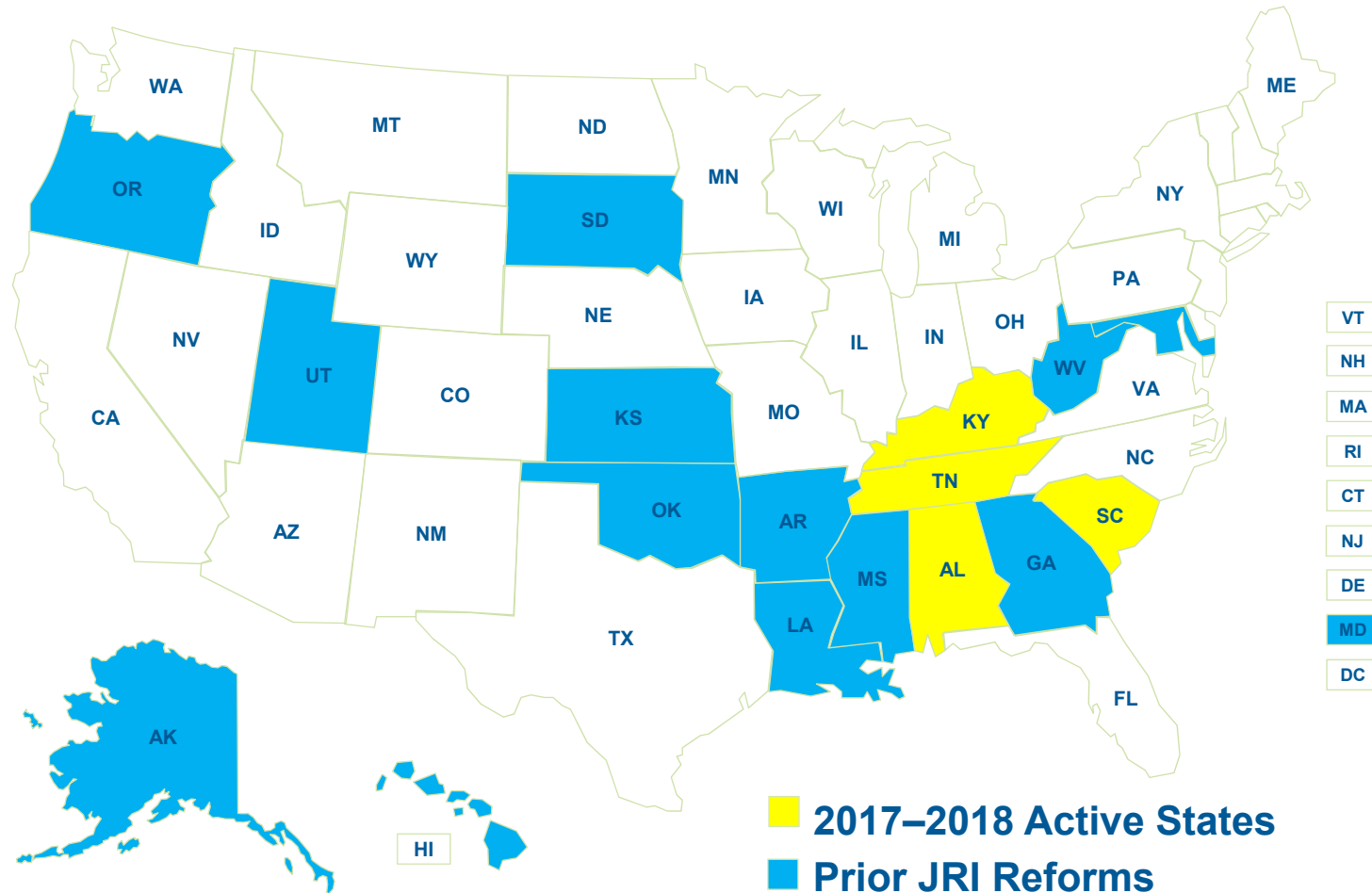
- Provide overview of the Kentucky Justice Reinvestment Work Group process & key data findings
- Describe the proactive role of crime survivors and advocates in Justice Reinvestment Initiatives
- Identify the key themes and priorities from the Kentucky Victim/ Survivor/Advocate Roundtable of November 1st
- Provide opportunity for input from webinar attendees

Technical Assistance Introduction

Who We Are: Crime and Justice Institute

- The Crime and Justice Institute (CJI) works with local, state and national criminal justice organizations to improve public safety and the delivery of justice throughout the country.
- Since 2008, CJI has collaborated with the Bureau of Justice Assistance and the Pew Charitable Trusts' Public Safety Performance Project to provide technical assistance to states in analyzing sentencing and corrections data and systems, supporting the development of policy options, and educating the public and policymakers.

CJI-Pew Justice Reinvestment Collaboration



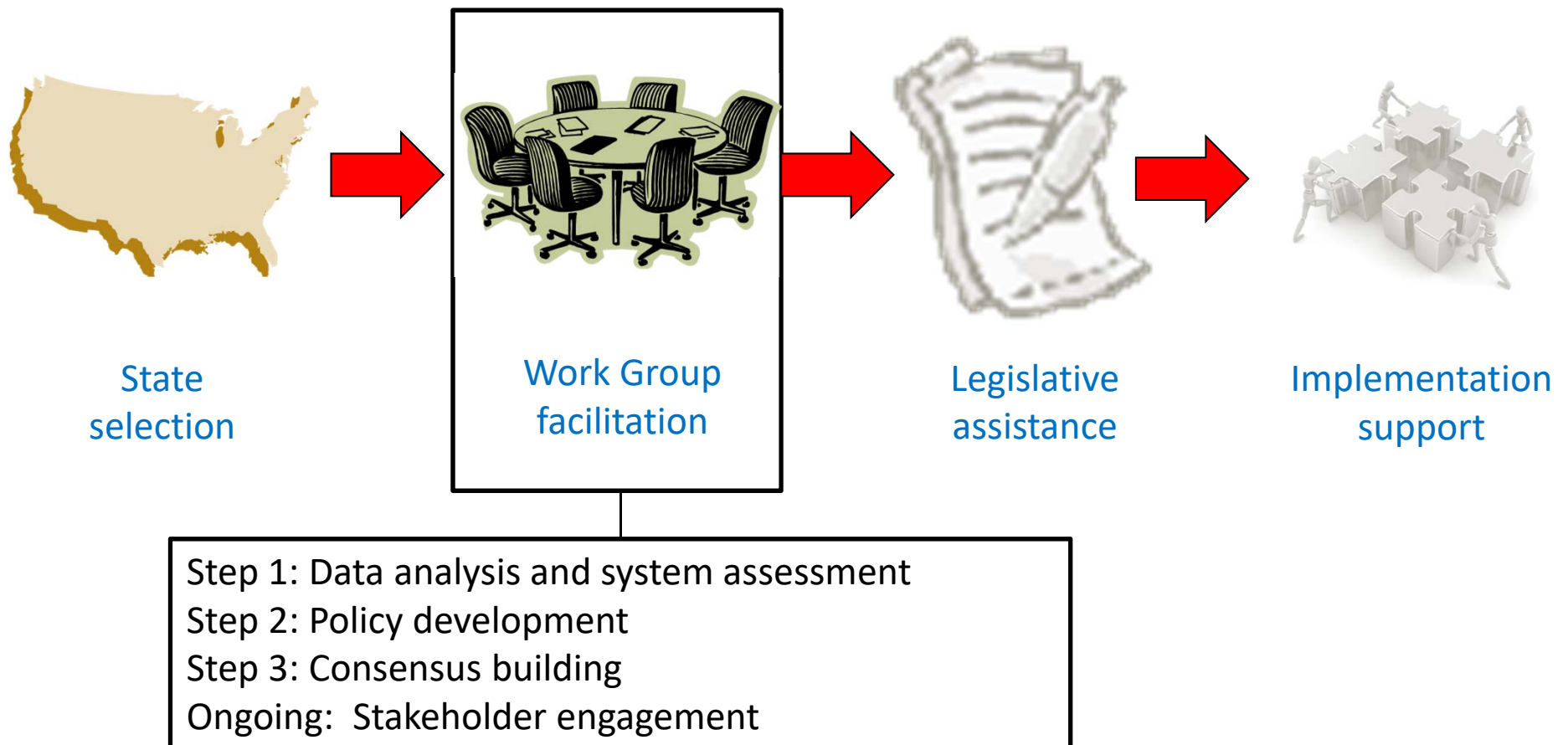
Kentucky Justice Reinvestment Work Group Process

Justice Reinvestment Work Group Charge

- State leadership has charged the work group with:

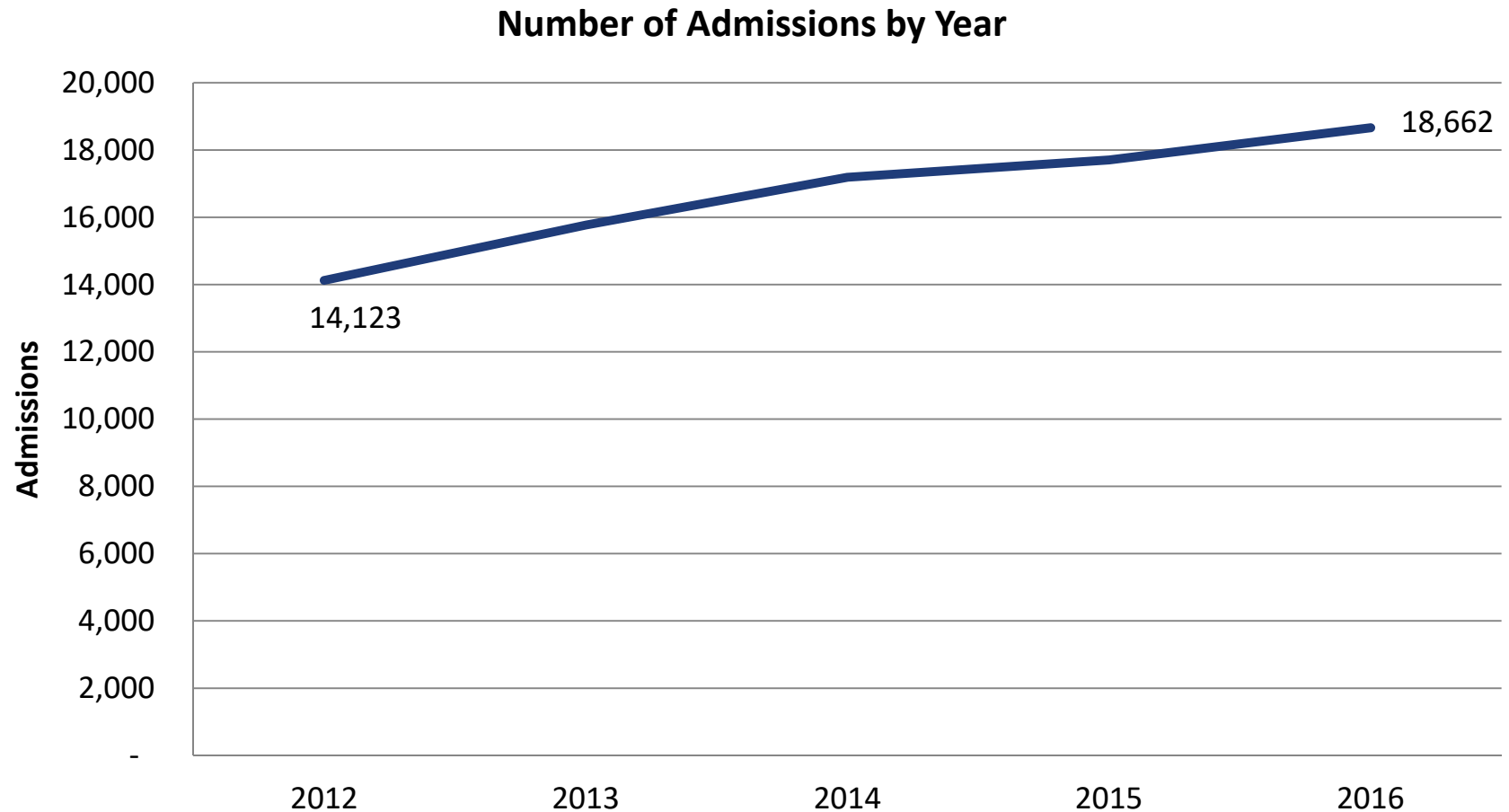
“Developing fiscally-sound, data-driven criminal justice policies that protect public safety, hold offenders accountable, reduce corrections populations, and safely reintegrate offenders back into a productive role in society.”

Justice Reinvestment Initiative Technical Assistance: Key Components



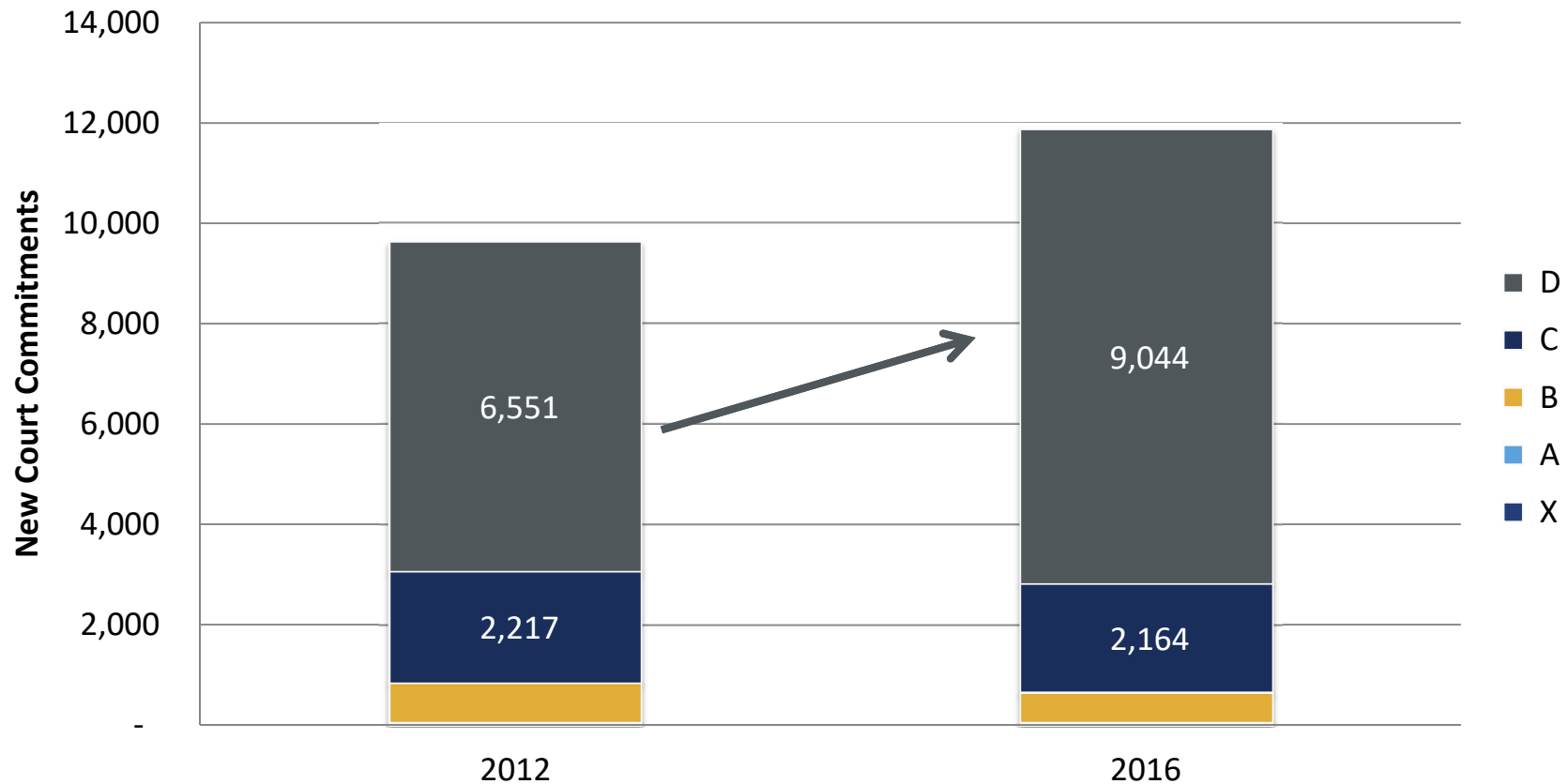
Kentucky Justice Reinvestment Work Group Findings

32% Growth in Admissions Over Five Years



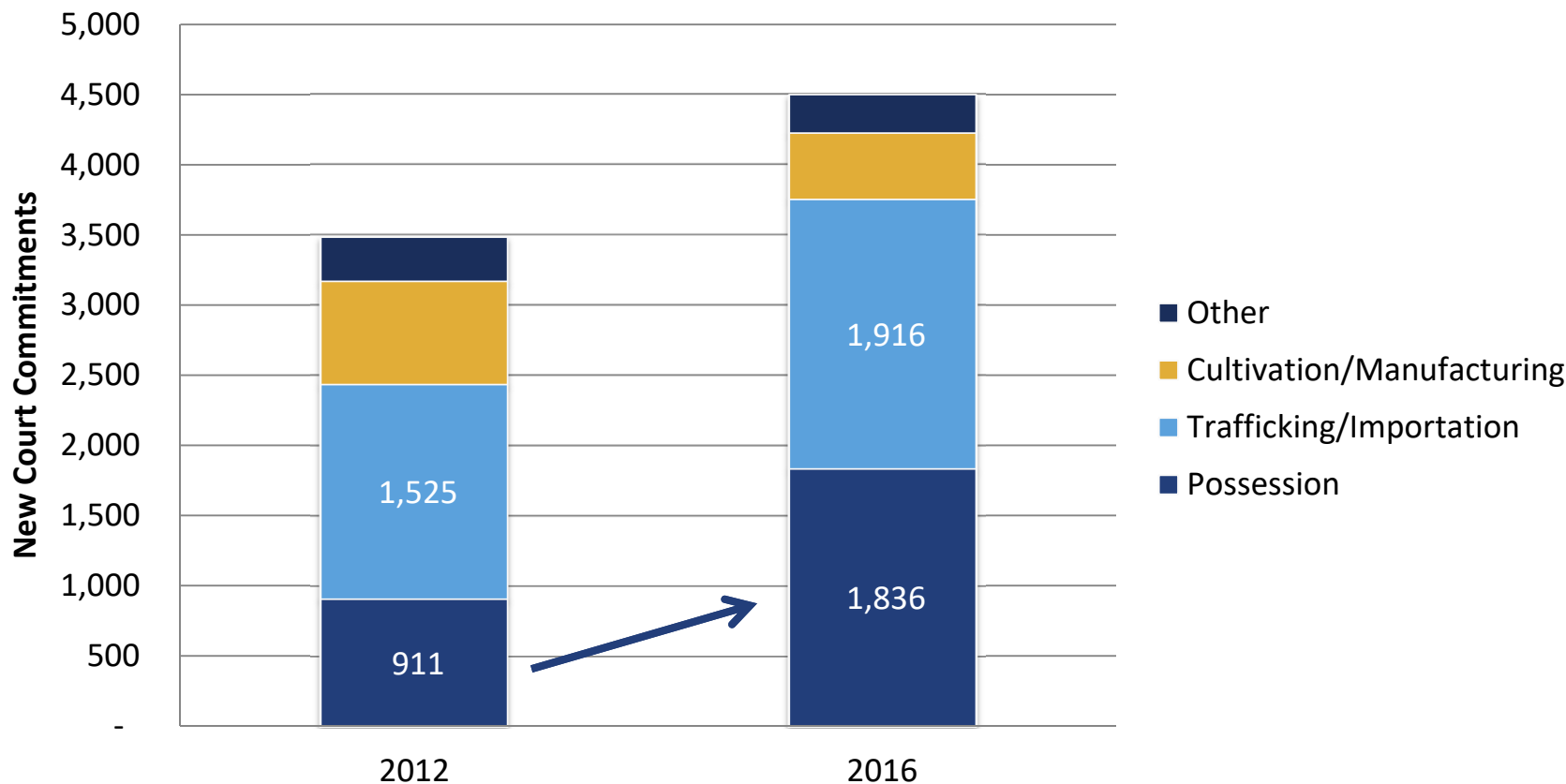
Class D Admissions Rose 38%, All Other Classes Declined

New Court Commitments by Felony Class, 2012 vs 2016



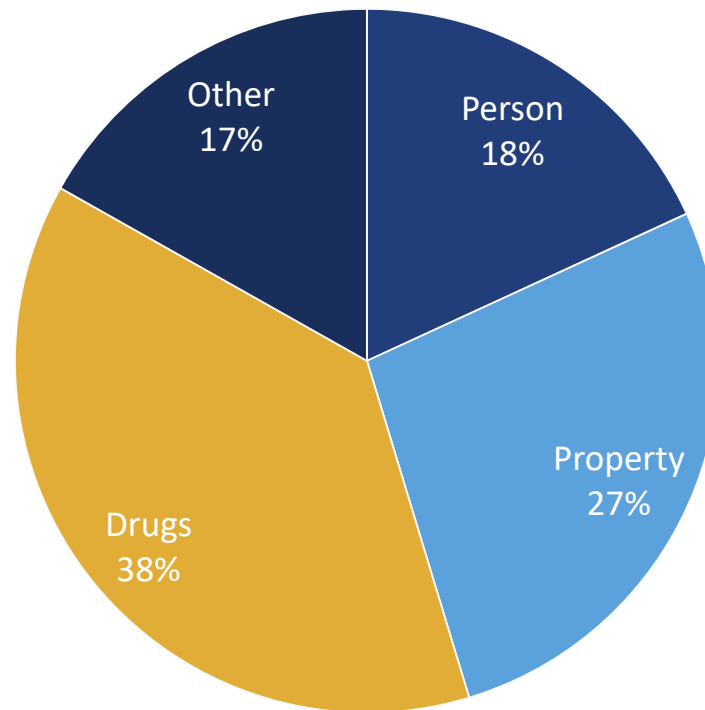
Number of People Sent to DOC for Possession Offenses Doubled in Five Years

New Court Commitments by Drug Offense Type, 2012 vs 2016

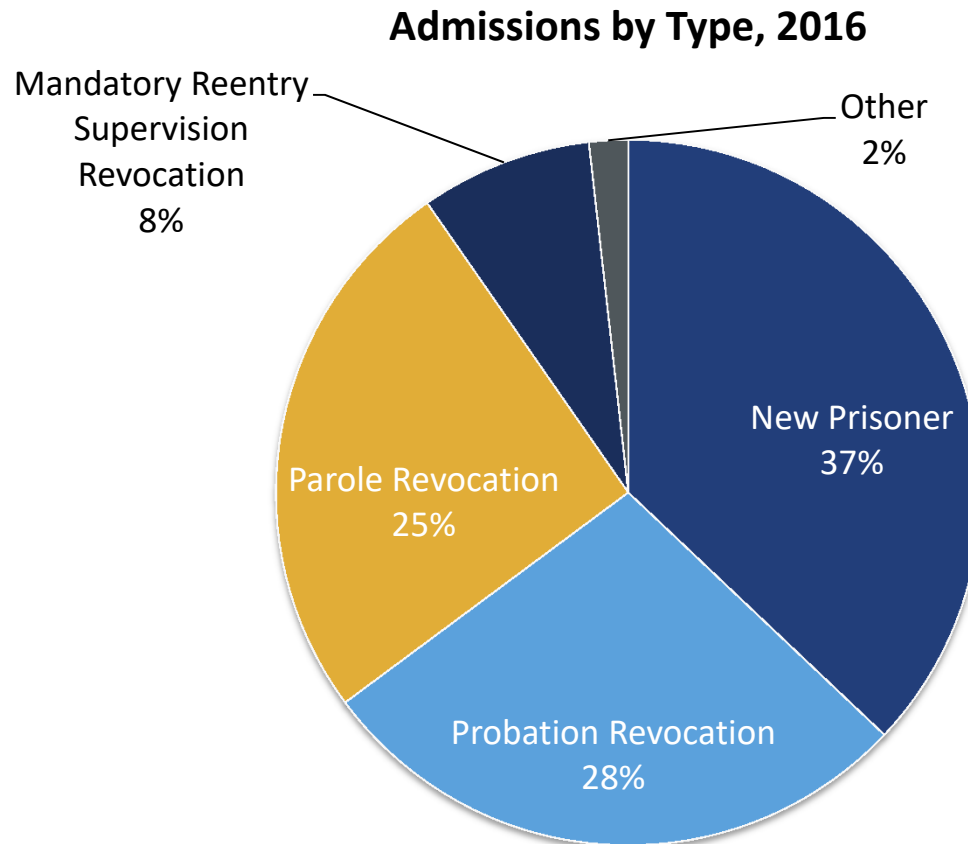


65% of Admissions Sentenced for Drug and Property Offenses

New Court Commitments by Offense Type, 2016

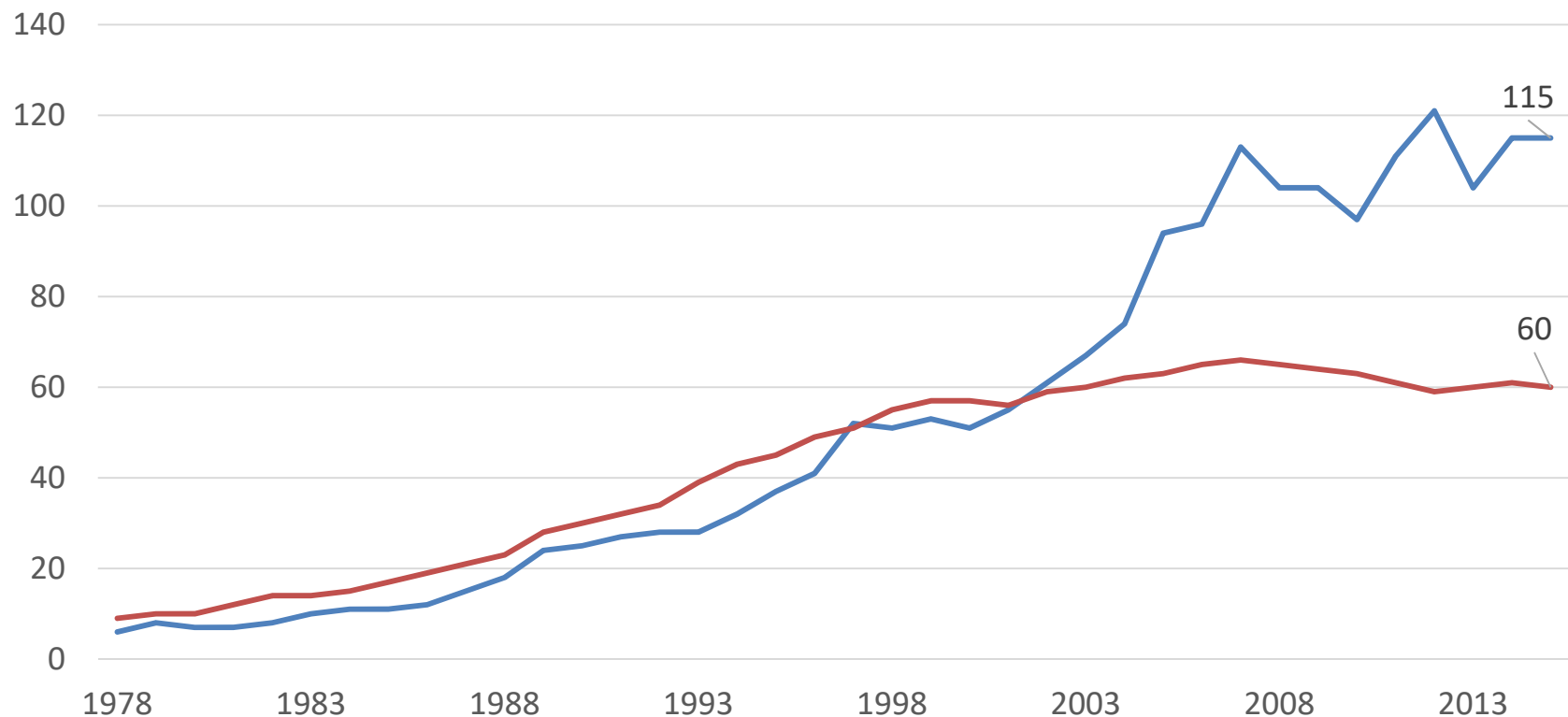


61% of Admissions Revocations from Community Supervision



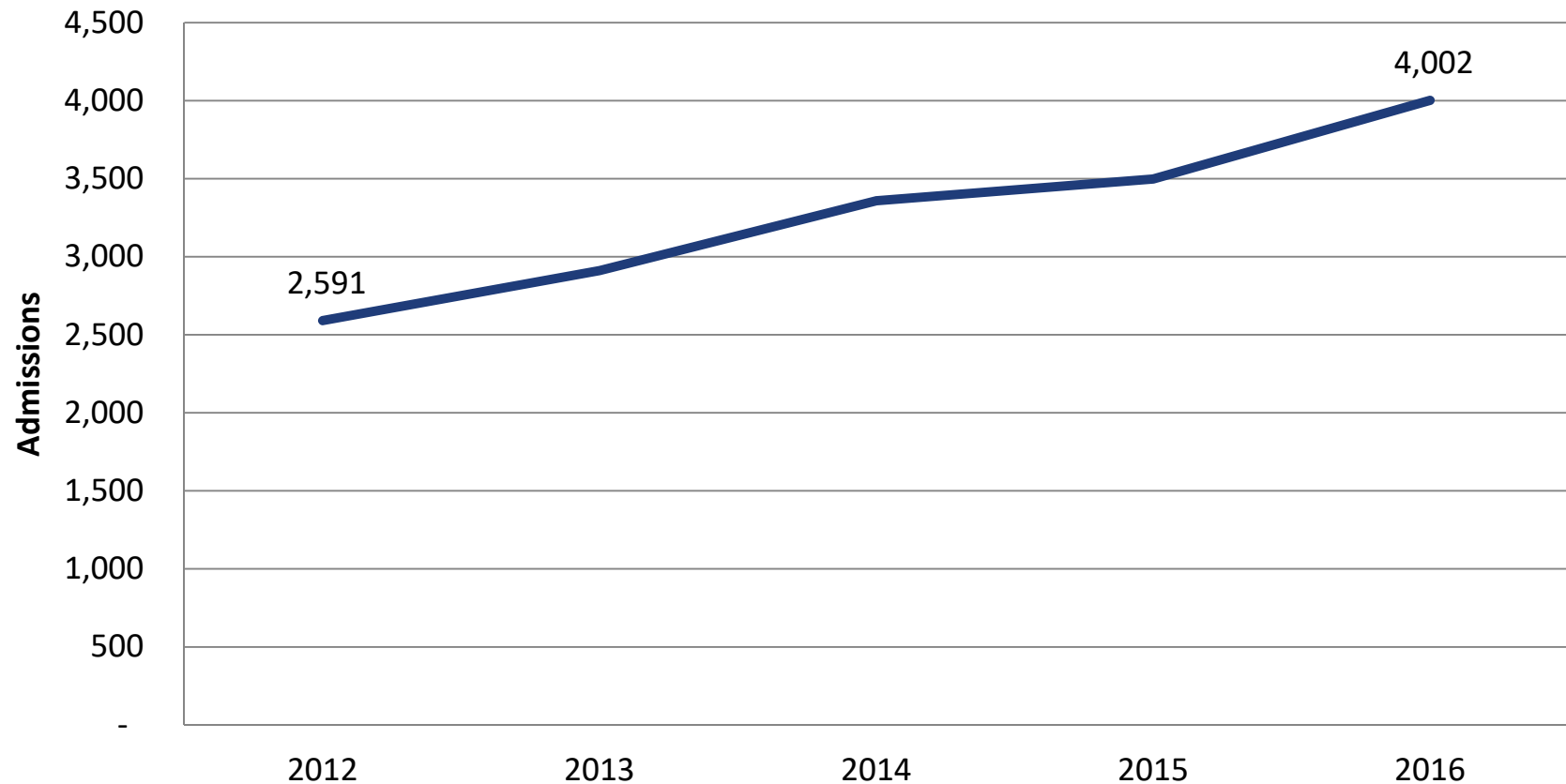
Kentucky Has Fifth Highest Female Imprisonment Rates, Almost Twice as High National Average

Female Imprisonment Rates (Prison Population per 100,000),
1978-2015



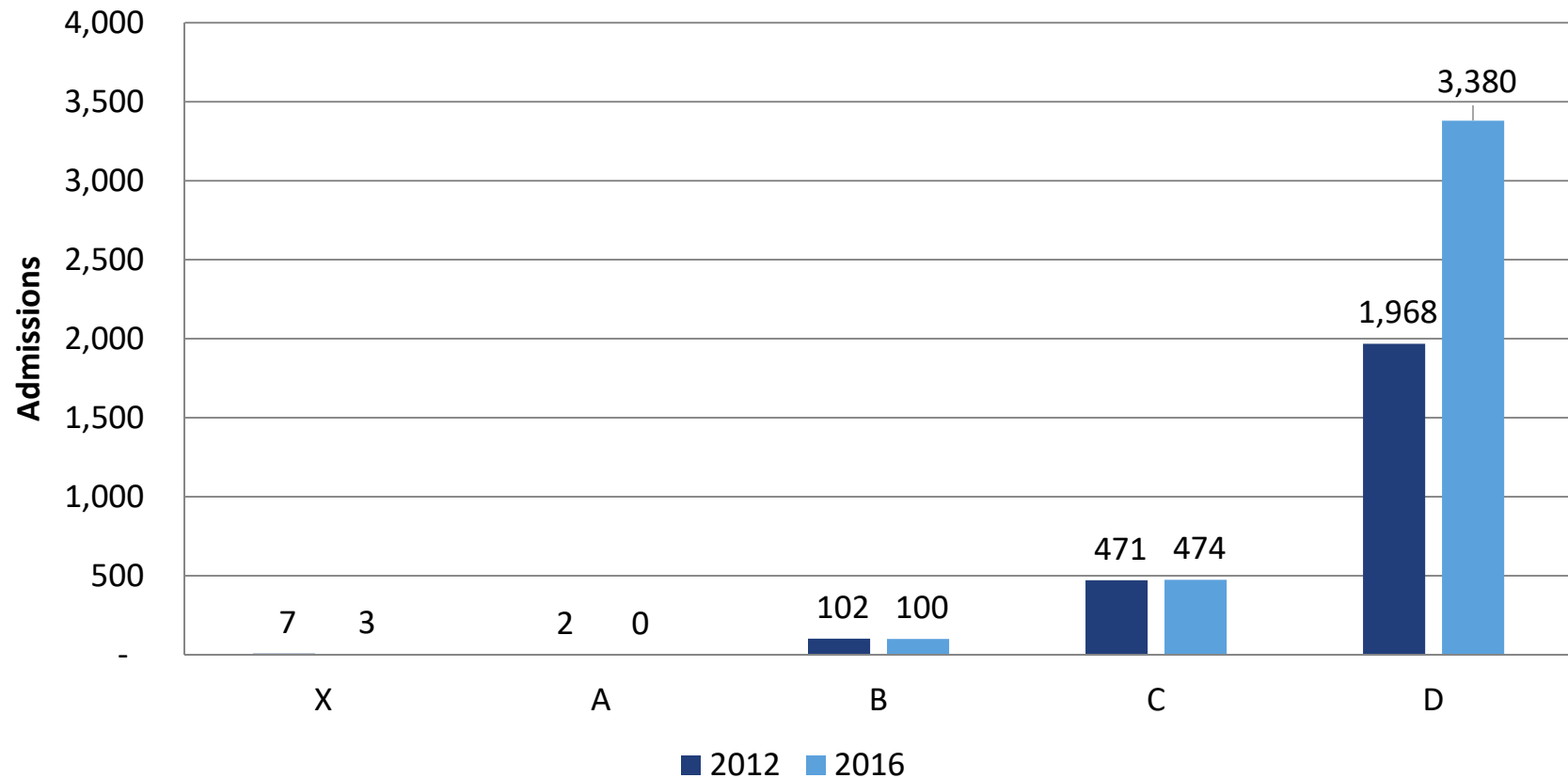
Female Admissions Up 54% Since 2012

Female Admissions, 2012-2016



Class D Felonies Account For 85% of Female Admissions, Grew 72% Since 2012

Female Admissions by Felony Class, 2012 vs 2016



Number of Females Sent to DOC for Drug Possession Grew 140% in Five Years

Offense	New Court Commitments, 2012	New Court Commitments, 2016	% Change
Possession of a Controlled Substance, Class D	264	634	140%
Trafficking/Importation of a Controlled Substance, Class D	177	332	88%
Theft By Unlawful Taking Or Disposition >\$500 And <\$10,000	82	164	100%
Trafficking/Importation of a Controlled Substance, Class C	149	118	-21%
Criminal Possession Forged Instrument-2nd Degree-Identify	127	117	-8%
Wanton Endangerment-1st Degree	32	94	194%
Flagrant Non Support	51	92	80%
Cultivation/Manufacturing of a Controlled Substance, Class D	79	81	3%
Burglary, 3rd Degree	44	79	80%
Receiving Stolen Property > \$500 And < \$10,000	40	79	98%

Recidivism Reduction Principles

- Focus on high risk offenders and target criminogenic needs
- Incorporate rewards and incentives
- Use swift, certain, and proportionate sanctions for violations
- Frontload resources
- Balance surveillance with treatment

Work Group Questions

- Who should go to prison and for how long?
- How should release decisions be made?
- How can Kentucky strengthen probation and other prison alternatives?
- How should lawmakers invest the state's limited dollars to get the best outcomes from the criminal justice system?

Work Group Timeline

- July – September: System assessment and data collection
- September: Data and research presentations
- October – November: Policy development
- December: Final Work Group recommendations released

Kentucky Victim/Survivor/ Advocate Roundtable

Victims/Survivors & Advocates

Thoughts on Criminal Justice Reform:

- 2016 National Survey
- Experiences from Other States

What Do Victims Want from CJ Reform?

- More than half of victims—6 in 10—would prefer a system that dealt shorter prison sentences and invested more resources in prevention and rehabilitation programs. This is true even among survivors of serious violent crime.
- Another 6 in 10 want prosecutors to consider victims' input on what would help them recover, even when that doesn't include a long prison sentence.
- By a margin of about 3 to 1, victims want to hold people accountable not just through prison, but also through rehabilitation, mental health treatment, drug treatment, community supervision, and community service.

National Survey on Victims' Views of Safety and Justice, 2016

<http://www.allianceforsafetyandjustice.org/CrimeSurvivorsSpeak>

Victims and Survivors Play an Important Role in Justice Reinvestment

Oregon Justice Reinvestment, 2013

Mail Tribune

Will the Legislature protect women in danger?

“There is a better way. The Legislature can pass a package of reforms known as House Bill 3194. It would curb the rapid growth of state prisons and **reinvest savings into local programs proven to reduce crime and protect victims.**”

- Christine Mallette, Wanda Powless, & Krisanna Albrecht
Victim service providers, *April 30, 2013*

Victims and Survivors Play an Important Role in Justice Reinvestment

Alaska Justice Reinvestment, 2015



Justice reform scary, but necessary

“There was no magic behind sending someone to prison for 28 months instead of 24 months. People were still re-offending at high rates...

[These bills] are not just criminal justice reform for offenders. They are a reform for all of us. It’s tailor-made to fit Alaska, **moves away from the practices that aren’t evidence-based, and toward those that are most likely to result in less crime and recidivism.**”

- Brenda Stanfill

Victim advocate, *April 1, 2016*

Victims and Survivors Play an Important Role in Justice Reinvestment

Louisiana Justice Reinvestment, 2016

THE ADVOCATE

Victim in New Orleans Mother's Day shooting: No anger, just 'sad' for lack of prison alternatives

“Louisiana stands ready to **advance criminal justice reforms that will keep more families whole, invest in supports for victims of crimes, and reduce recidivism.** And I stand ready to support those efforts wholeheartedly.”

- Deb Cotton

Crime survivor and advocate, *May 21, 2017*

How Are Crime Survivors and Advocates Engaged?

- Often membership on state JRI Commissions (i.e., Eileen Recktenwald in KY)
- Initial outreach to state leaders (VOCA, VAWA, victim compensation, coalitions, etc.)
- Education about JRI and the vital role of victims, survivors and advocates
- Identify victim data that may be helpful to identify gaps in victim services and other challenges
- Partner to plan and implement Victim/ Survivor/Advocate Roundtables in each state

Kentucky Justice Reinvestment Work Group Victim/Survivor/Advocate Roundtable

- Held on November 1, 2017 at Kentucky Association of Sexual Assault Programs
- 22 crime survivors and victim advocates joined the Roundtable
- Facilitated by national crime victim advocate Anne Seymour

Goals of the Roundtable

1. Provide an overview of the state's JRI and initial findings
2. Identify participants' issues, concerns, and opinions about victims' needs, rights, and services within the context of justice reinvestment, sentencing and corrections reforms
3. Develop a *Summary Report* and priorities for review by the JRI oversight body

Victim/Survivor/Advocate Roundtable

Ten Themes and Priorities

- Kentucky needs additional data on:
 - Recidivism rates for people who receive treatment while incarcerated versus those who don't receive any treatment
 - Crime victims'/survivors:
 - Barriers to accessing services
 - Levels of satisfaction with implementation of their statutory rights, and victim services provided
- Models from other states that have gone through JRI should be examined to determine best practices in offender management, treatment and programming in the community

Victim/Survivor/Advocate Roundtable Themes and Priorities (*continued*)

- Substance use disorders (SUDs) among female victims should be addressed to:
 - Prevent SUDs that occur as a result of chronic trauma and victimization
 - Recognize SUD as a correlating factor in violence against women

Victim/Survivor/Advocate Roundtable Themes and Priorities (*continued*)

- Criminal justice agencies in Kentucky should reflect and respect cultural and gender diversity
- Violation of protective orders should be an enhance-able offense
- Greater consistency is needed across the Commonwealth in prosecutors explaining potential outcomes of court decisions, i.e., plea agreements, what offenses are considered “violent” by statute

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Themes and Priorities (*continued*)

- Research is needed to demonstrate the *value of victim advocates* to law enforcement and justice processes and create a *best practice* for system-based victim advocacy
- Greater consistency is needed in the use of victim impact statements and their consideration in sentencing
- Prosecutors and judges should receive training on victim sensitivity and victims' rights
- There is a lack of funding for basic training for system-based victim advocates

We'd Like to Hear from YOU!...

- Do you have thoughts about the themes and priorities from the Victim/Survivor/Advocate Roundtable?
- Do you have additional thoughts or issues of which you would like the Kentucky Justice Reinvestment Work Group to be aware?

If so, please email Anne Seymour at:

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by Friday, November 10 so your input can be included
in the

Summary Report for the KY JR Work Group

