

PROGRAM DESCRIPTION

Department: Social Services

HB Section(s): 11.405

Program Name: Division of Youth Services (DYS)

Program is found in the following core budget(s): Youth Services Treatment

1a. What strategic priority does this program address?

Productively involved youth and safer communities

1b. What does this program do?

The Division of Youth Services (DYS) treatment core provides funding for all treatment related and educational services for the youth committed to DHS. Included within this appropriation are the personal services and expense and equipment for the day-to-day operation of all residential facilities and day treatment programs. In addition, this appropriation also covers the cost of providing case management services to DHS youth, training for staff and programs that promote family engagement.

Program Goals and Objectives:

- To provide a safe and secure environment for youth in the Division of Youth Services.
- To provide a Department of Elementary and Secondary Education approved education to youth in residential care and community placements.
- To help youth achieve productive community involvement and improve “wellbeing”.
- To improve family relationships.

Services Provided:

Youth Treatment Program components include: residential, aftercare, and specialized services available in both residential and aftercare programs.

- Residential Care – provided for youth who, by past behavior or offense, have demonstrated an inability to function satisfactorily in a community setting, and providing safety and security to the community while meeting individual treatment needs of committed youth. The division operates three levels of residential programs:
 - Secure Care (4) – highly structured secure programs in fenced facilities for youth with the highest scores in risks, seriousness, and treatment needs.
 - Moderate Care (14) – moderate level of structure for youth assessed in the moderate range for risks, seriousness, and treatment needs.
 - Group Homes (3) – least restrictive environment for youth with the lowest assessed risk, seriousness, and treatment needs.
- Dual Jurisdiction – blended sentence alternative in which the court may dually commit a certified youth offender in both the Division of Youth Services and the Department of Corrections. These youth are largely served at our secure residential facilities.
- Contractual Residential Services – placement may include private residential care, alternative independent living, or foster care.

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- Aftercare – provides resources to assist youth with successful and sustainable transitions from residential treatment to the community.
 - Day Treatment/Resource Centers (6) – while living in the community, youth may attend a structured program to continue their education and treatment and participate in positive recreation activities to help ensure a successful transition from residential care. This programming is also available to court referred youth as a “diversion” intervention.
- Specialized Services available to both Residential Programs and Aftercare Programs
 - Case Management – planning and service delivery process administered by the division’s service coordinators to determine needs and risk of each youth committed to the division. These staff facilitate and lead discussions associated with treatment and community safety; plan and coordinate treatment; work with the family and community to develop resources and supports; monitor progress on goals and objectives; and coordinate the transition of youth back to the community and productive citizenship.
 - Blended Education – DYS youth are required to participate in education or career preparation activities as a condition of release and community placement. DYS offers a variety of DESE approved educational environments ranging from residential care, day treatment centers, and a distance learning academy.
 - Family Specialist – provide training, consultation and assistance to other DYS and community programs regarding family involvement, family strengthening interventions and re-integration of the youth into their families.
 - Jobs Program – provides DYS youth opportunities to develop job readiness skills, gain actual work experience, and/or prepare to successfully pass the High School Equivalency Test (HiSET) examination.
 - Families and Schools Together (FAST) - strengthens family engagement efforts by providing eight week multi-family meetings designed to address three problems: alcohol and drug abuse, delinquency and school retention. FAST is an evidence based program that introduces families to social support networks and resources in the community.
 - Intensive Case Monitoring – provides community mentors to keep in close contact with youth committed to DYS. Community mentors serve as a role model and ensure youth are abiding by the program conditions, such as attending school and being home by curfew. In addition, community mentors may provide tutoring and help with job search activities.

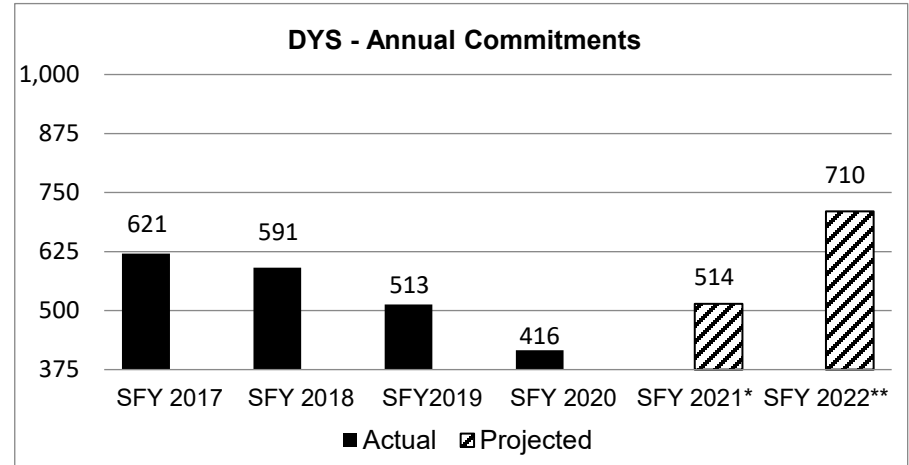
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2a. Provide an activity measure(s) for the program.

Total Commitments by Age and Gender*				
	Age	Male	Female	Total
SFY17	15 and younger	273	64	337
	16 and older	240	44	284
	SFY17 TOTAL	513	108	621
SFY18	15 and younger	256	67	323
	16 and older	231	37	268
	SFY18 TOTAL	487	104	591
SFY19	15 and younger	241	41	282
	16 and older	195	36	231
	SFY19 TOTAL	436	77	513
SFY20	15 and younger	189	39	228
	16 and older	168	20	188
	SFY20 TOTAL	357	59	416



*SFY 2021 - includes half of the projected number of youth (196) due to Raise the Age legislation that passed in 2018.
 **SFY 2022 - includes the full number of youth projected due to Raise the Age legislation that passed in 2018.

*Includes recommitments and dual jurisdiction

Youth Served in Residential Programs		
State Fiscal Year	Projected	Actual
2015	1,794	1,575
2016	1,575	1,526
2017	1,526	1,437
2018	1,437	1,338
2019	1,338	1,216
2020	1,216	1,018
2021*	1,116	

Youth Served in Day Treatment Programs		
State Fiscal Year	Projected	Actual
2015	486	478
2016	478	426
2017	426	400
2018	400	415
2019	415	450
2020	450	376
2021*	403	

Youth Receiving Case Management		
State Fiscal Year	Projected	Actual
2015	2,160	2,022
2016	2,022	1,855
2017	1,855	1,775
2018	1,775	1,605
2019	1,605	1,508
2020	1,508	1,491
2021*	1,589	

*Increase due to Raise the Age Legislation

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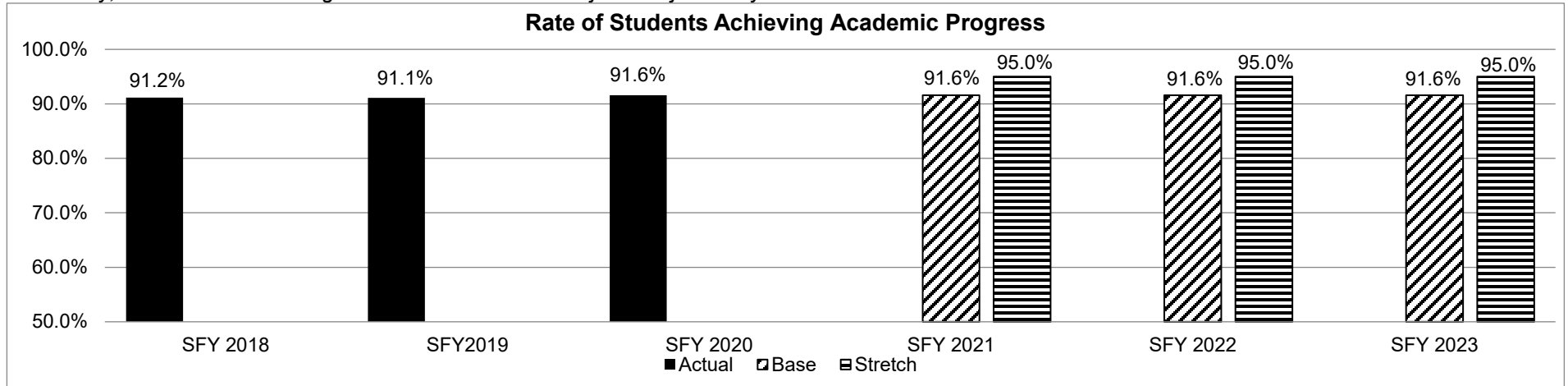
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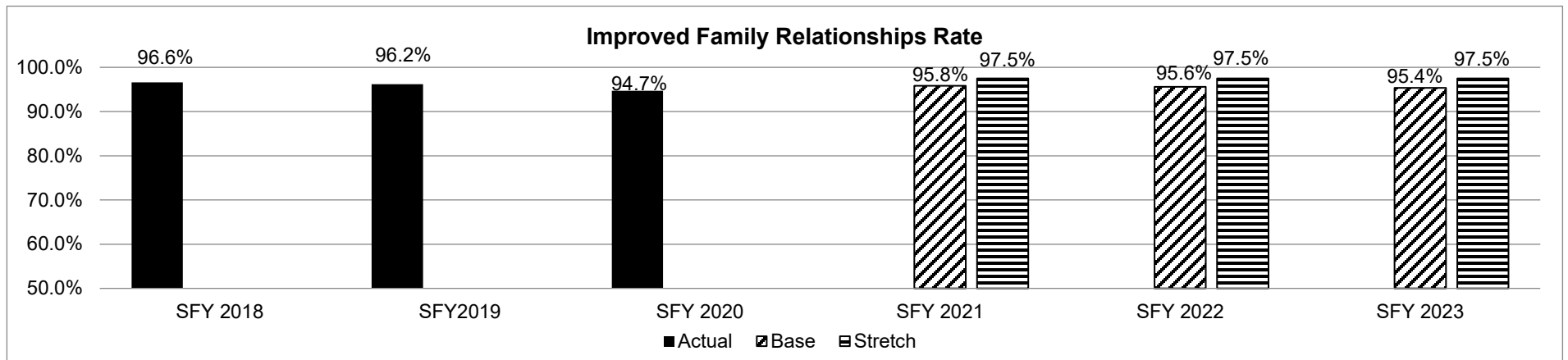
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2b. Provide a measure(s) of the program's quality.

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Student demonstrates progress academically by attaining a high school diploma or equivalent, bettering Woodcock Johnson scores and/or attempting the HiSET. The Woodcock Johnson Assessment measures student skill levels in Reading, Math, and Writing, as well as measuring Cognitive abilities. It tracks improvement (pre/post testing), proficiency, as well as being an interval measurement of academic achievement. The base projection is the highest of the last three state fiscal years.



Percentage of youth and guardians who report improved family relationships via completed customer satisfaction surveys upon release. The base projection is the average of the three prior state fiscal years.

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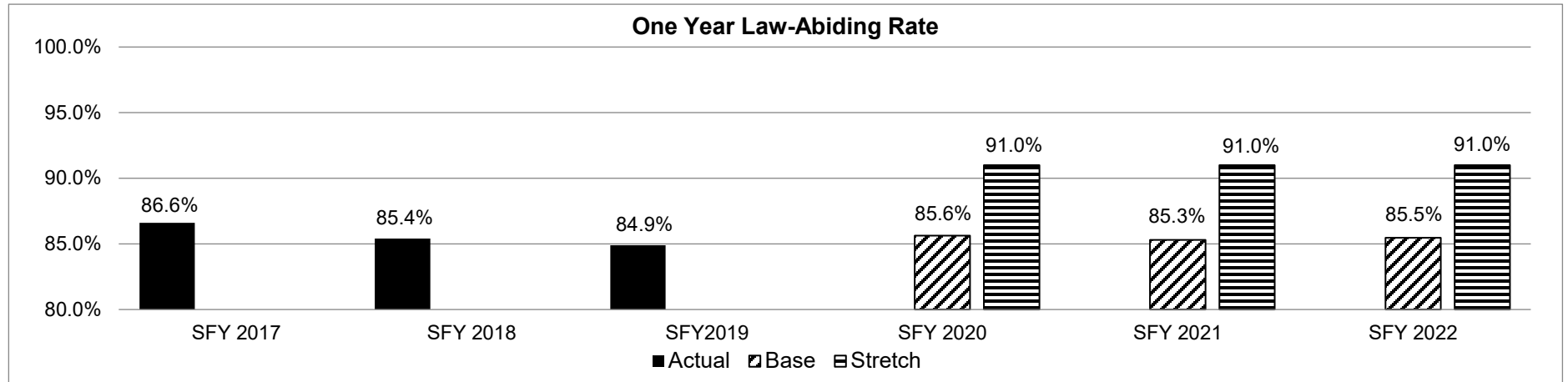
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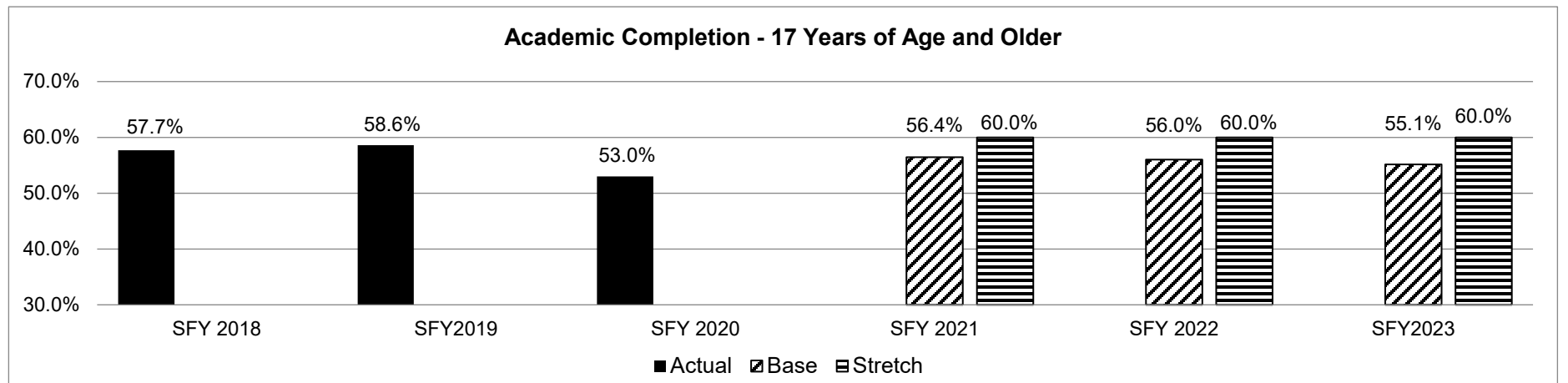
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2c. Provide a measure(s) of the program's impact.

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Percentage of youth released from DYS custody that do not return to DYS or become involved in the adult correctional systems within 12 months. The base projection is the average of the three prior state fiscal years. SFY 2020 actual data will not be available until SFY 2022.



Percentage of youth 17 years and older who have obtained a high school diploma or equivalent prior to discharge. The base projection is the average of the three prior state fiscal years.

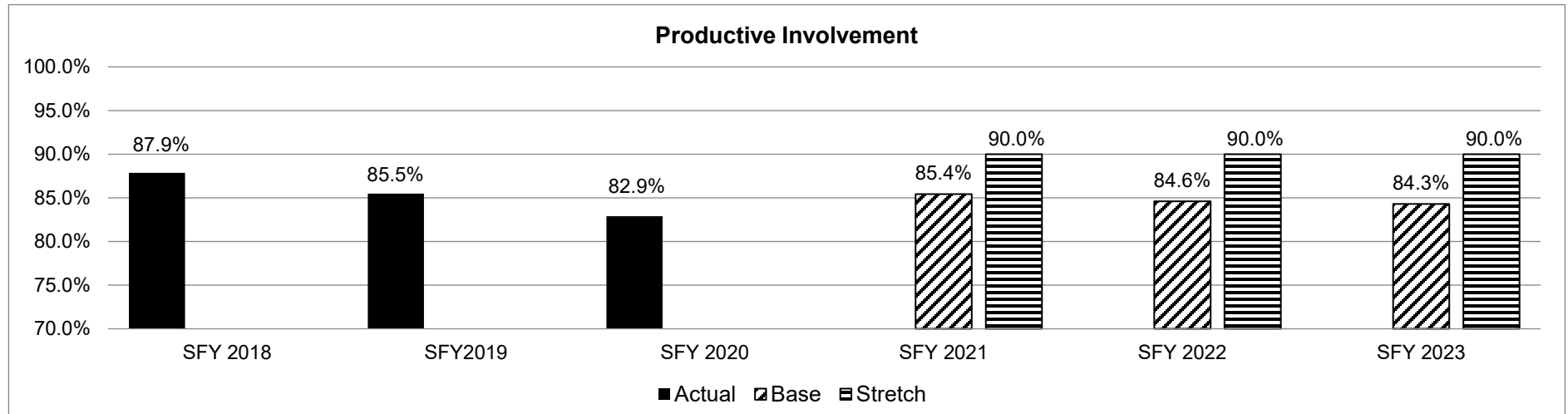
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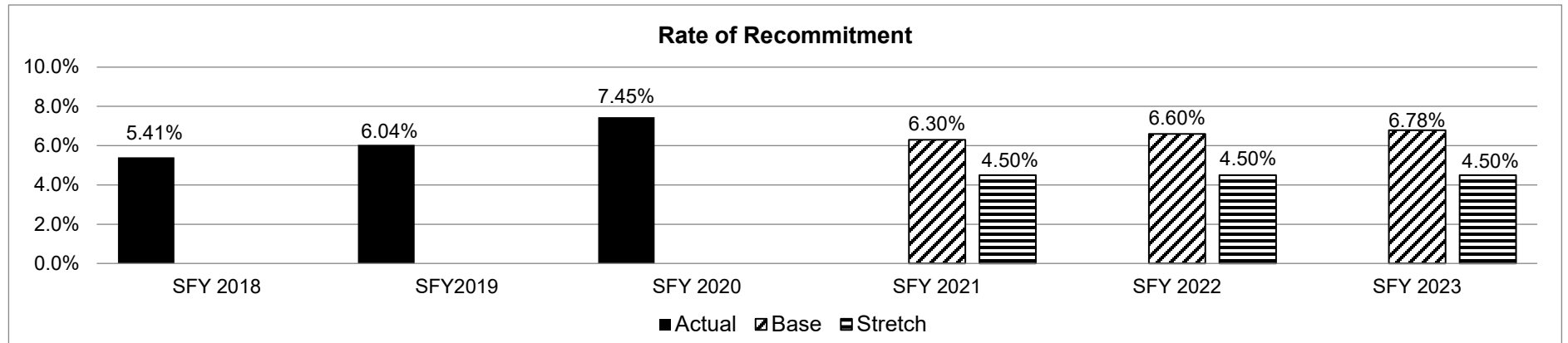
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Percentage of productively involved youth at the time of discharge (defined as working, actively seeking employment, and/or enrolled in education). The base projection is the average of the three prior state fiscal years.

2d. Provide a measure(s) of the program's efficiency.

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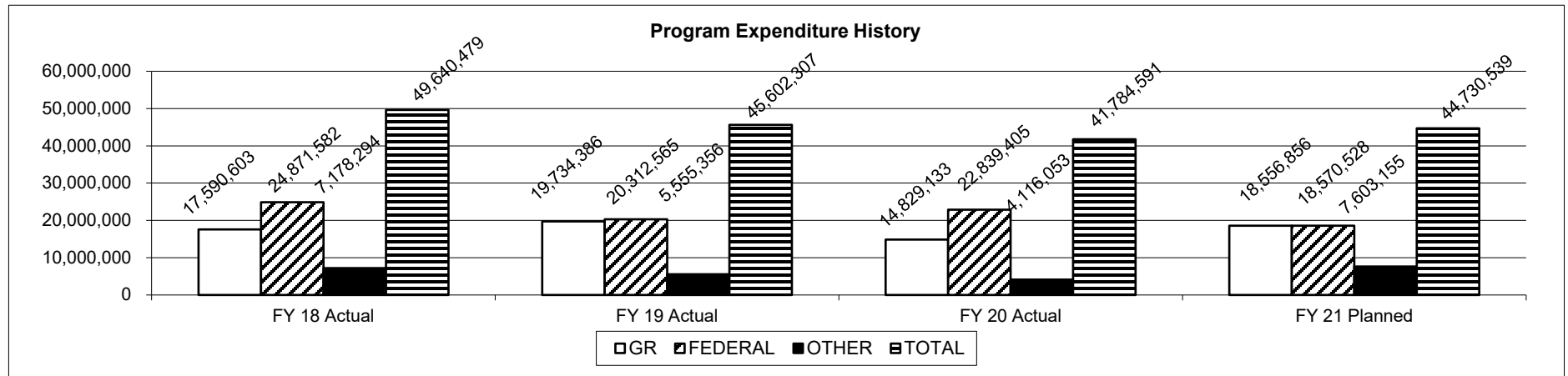
Percentage of youth released from DYS custody that are recommitted into DYS custody prior to reaching 18 years of age. The base projection is the average of the three prior state fiscal years.

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3. Provide actual expenditures for the prior three fiscal years and planned expenditures for the current fiscal year. (Note: Amounts do not include fringe benefit costs.)



Planned FY2021 expenditures are net of restricted, reserves and reverted.

4. What are the sources of the "Other" funds?

Health Initiatives Fund (0275)
 DOSS Educational Improvement Fund (0620)
 Youth Services Product Fund (0764)

5. What is the authorization for this program, i.e., federal or state statute, etc.? (Include the federal program number, if applicable.)

State Statute: Sections 219.011 – 219.096, RSMo

6. Are there federal matching requirements? If yes, please explain.

Certain program components in non-secure care facilities, day treatment, and aftercare earn Title XIX (Medicaid) at FMAP rate. Other program expenditures are claimed to Temporary Assistance for Needy Families block grant (TANF). Expenditures from other programs also provide state maintenance of effort required to earn the TANF block grant.

7. Is this a federally mandated program? If yes, please explain.

No

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