

# Avoiding the School to Prison Pipeline

**WHY WE KNOW SUCCESS  
IS POSSIBLE:**

**THE JDAI CONTEXT**

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# JDAI VISION & MISSION

## Vision

- Youth involved in the juvenile justice system will have opportunities to develop into healthy adults.

## Mission

- To demonstrate that jurisdictions can establish more effective and efficient systems to accomplish the purpose of juvenile detention.

# JDAI OBJECTIVES



**Eliminate inappropriate or unnecessary use of secure detention.**

**Minimize failures to appear and delinquent behavior pending final case disposition.**

**Redirect public finances to successful reform strategies.**

**Improve conditions in secure detention.**

**Improve the juvenile justice system overall.**

# JDAI'S 8 CORE STRATEGIES

Collaboration & Leadership

Reliance on Data

Detention Alternatives

Special Populations: VOPs & FTAs

Risk Screening Tool

Timely Case Processing & Length of Stay

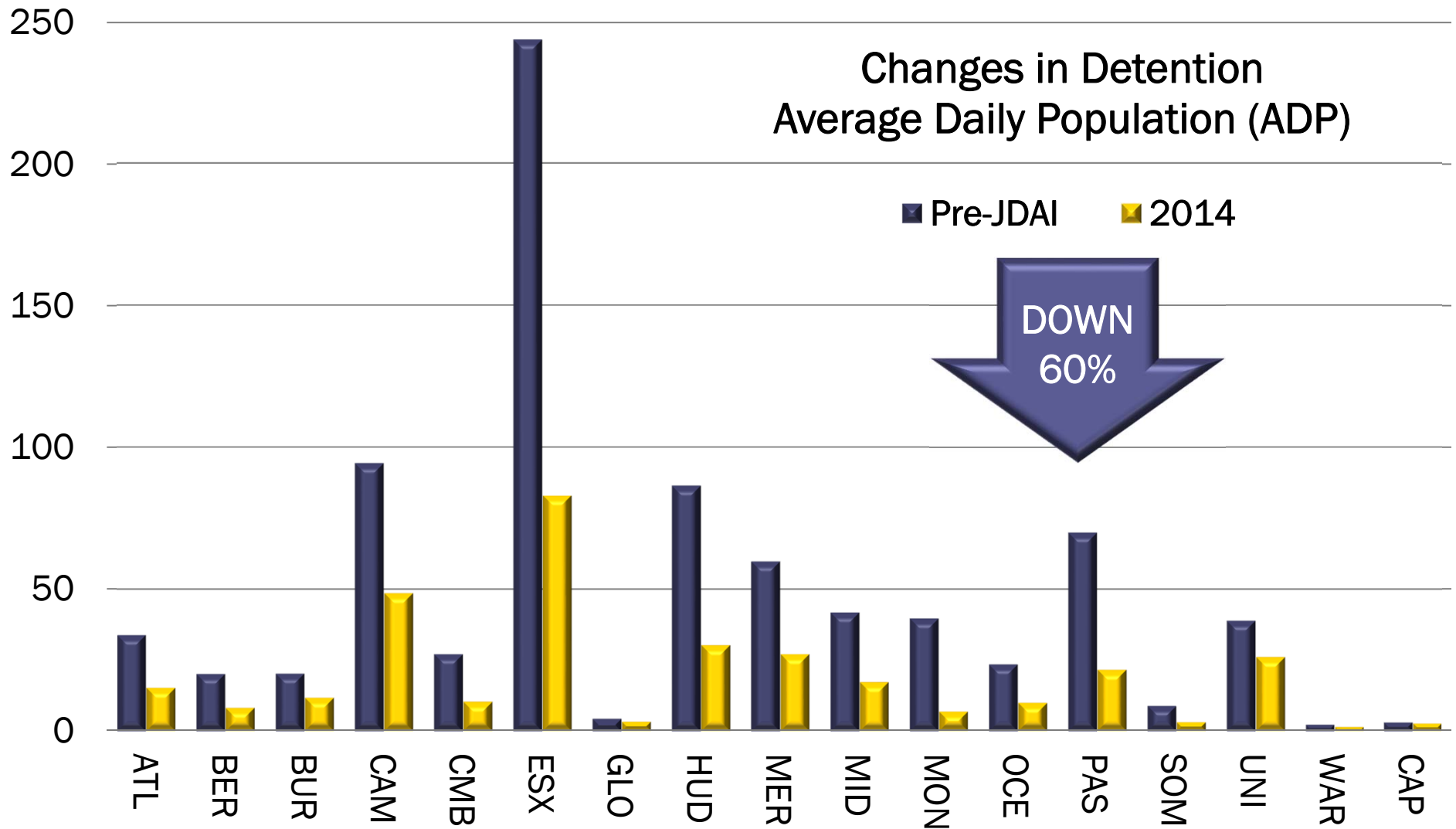
Eliminating Racial/Ethnic Disparities

Improving Conditions of Confinement

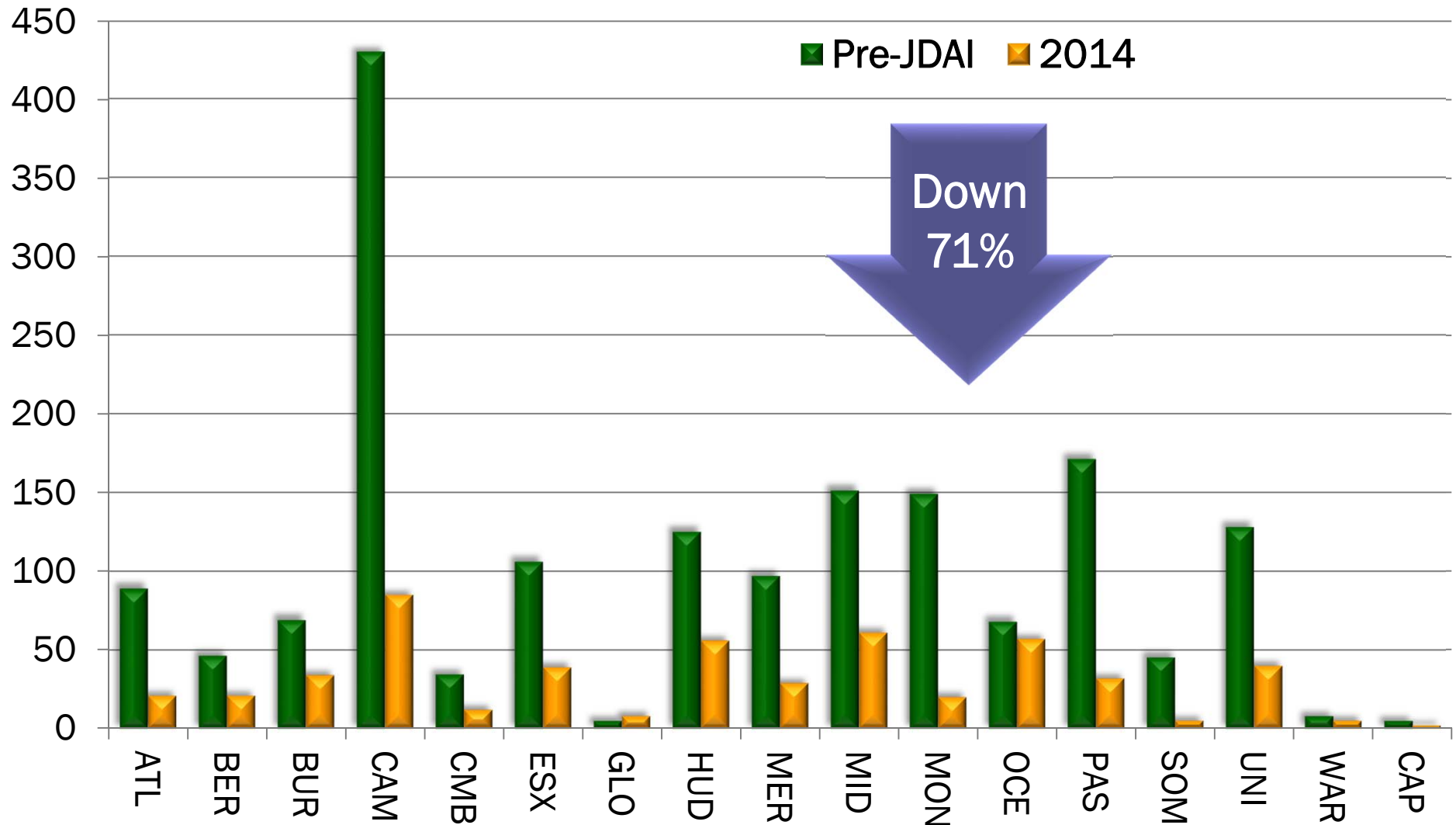
# NJ TRENDS: 1993-2002 (pre-JDAI)

- ∞ Juvenile Arrests **DOWN 25%**
- ∞ Juvenile Index Arrests **DOWN 45%**
- ∞ Detention Population **UP 38%**
- ∞ Overcrowding: in 1996, operating at 166% of capacity
- ∞ By 2002, added 349 beds, but still half the centers were overcrowded, with the most crowded at 223% of capacity
- ∞ A majority detained for violations or non-violent offenses

# Changes in Detention ADP: 17 Sites Active in 2014

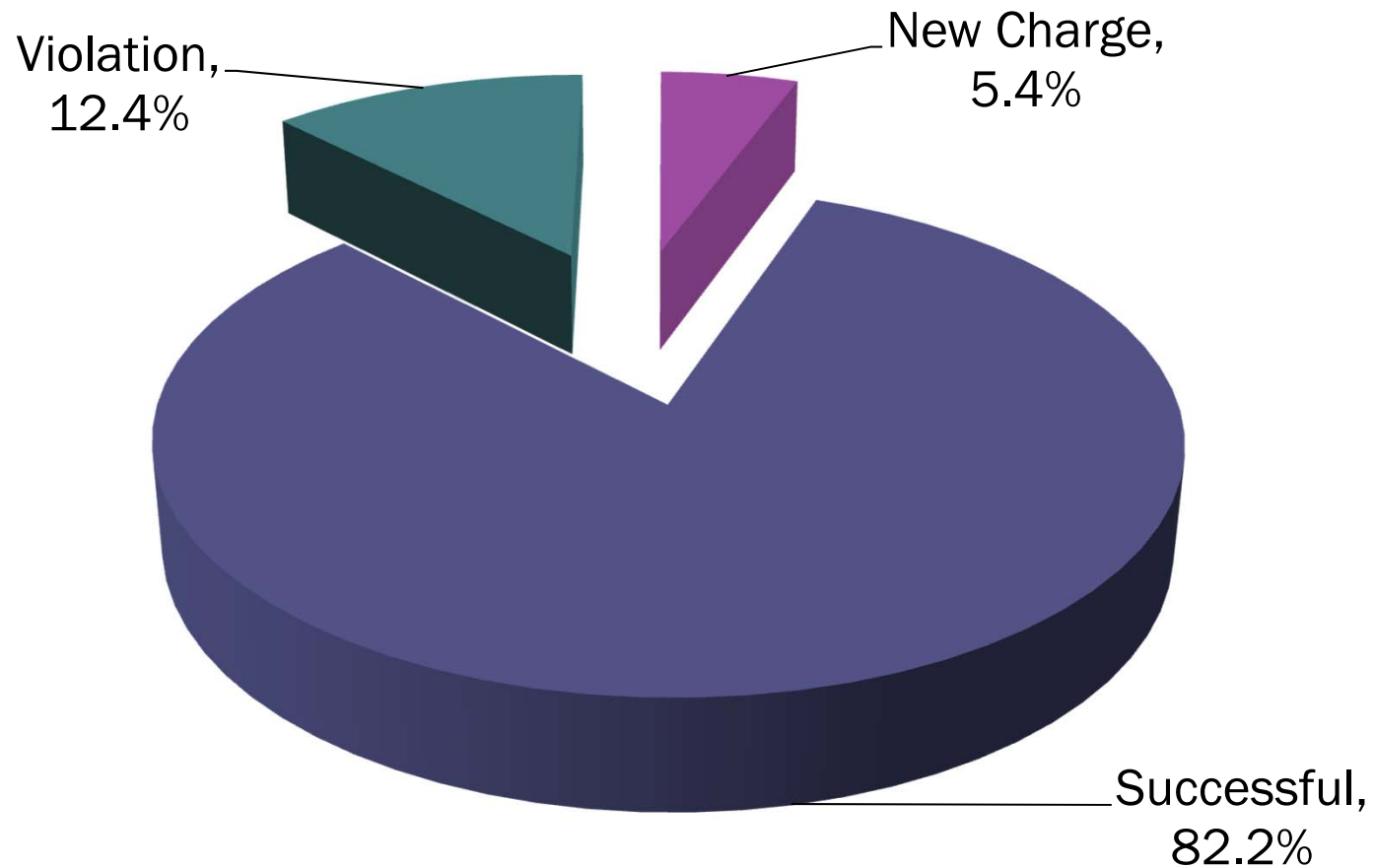


# Admissions to Detention for Violations of Probation



# Effective Use of Detention Alternatives

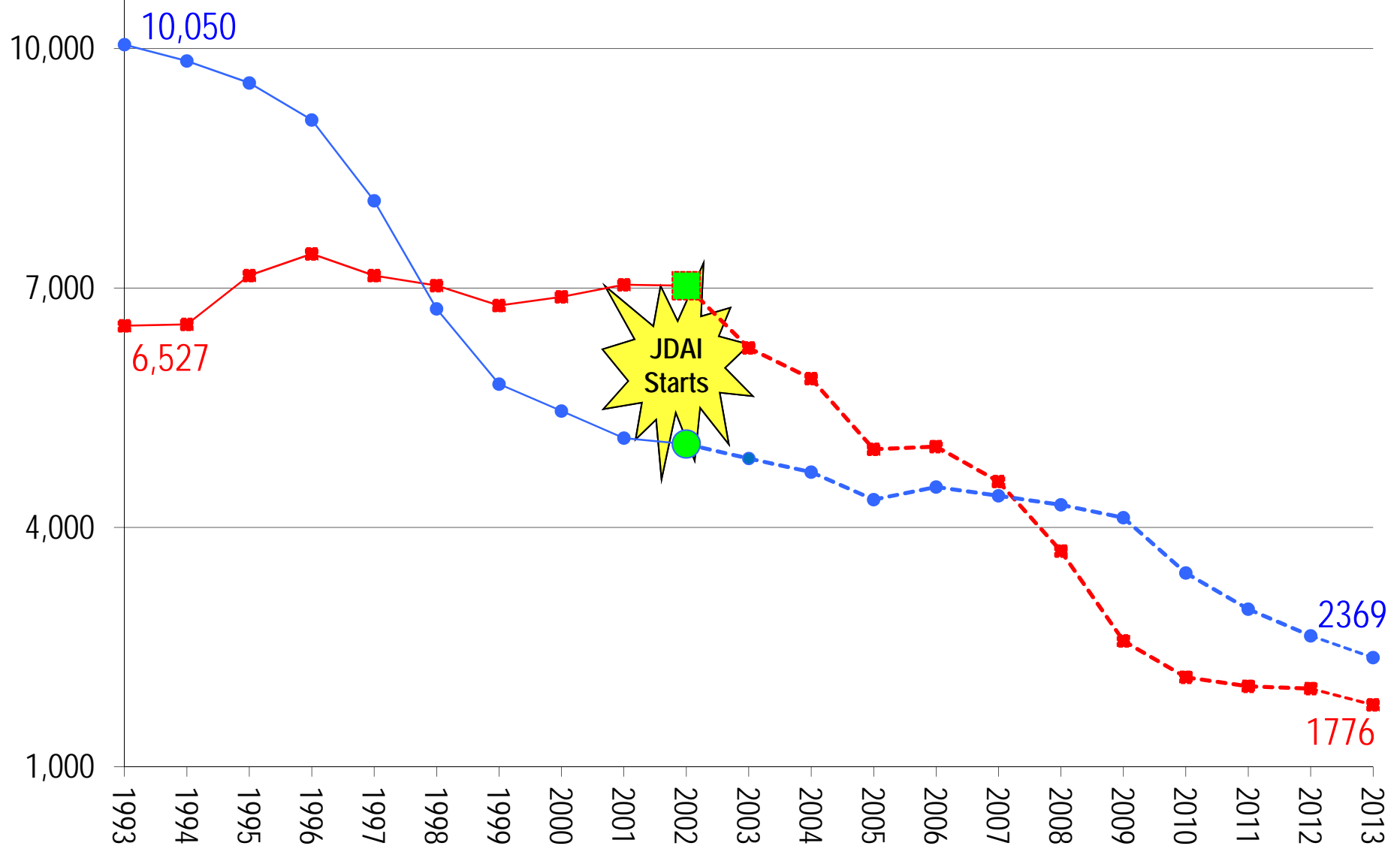
Alternative Outcomes: 17 Sites Active in 2014





# Original 5 JDAI Sites

Admissions ■ vs. Juvenile Index Arrests ● - 1993-2013



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