

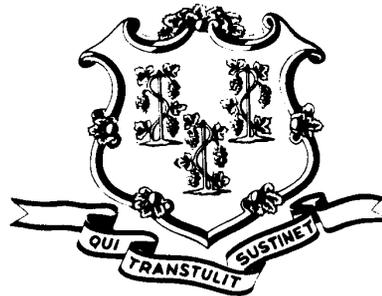
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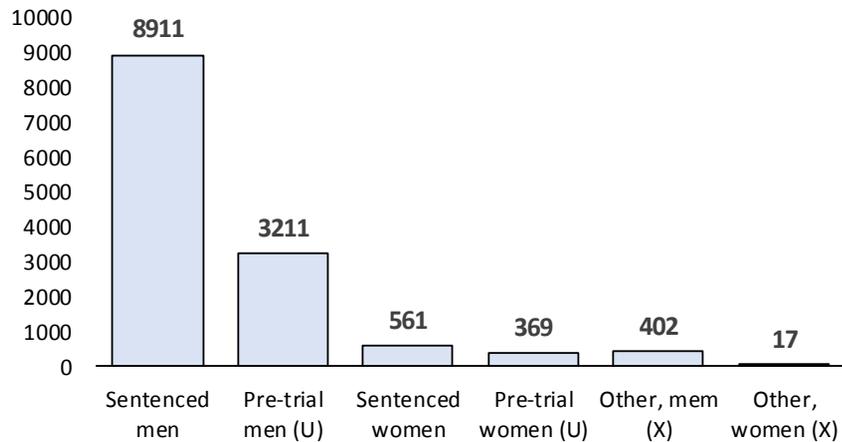
- **OPM will be circulating the draft of a report shortly to the DOC and CSSD. The report titled Women in jail in CT will be published after the internal review.**
- **The purpose of the report is to shed some light on a small component of the prison system, and of the incarcerated population, that is not well-documented or understood.**
- **The reports evaluates data on approximately 4,000 women who were admitted as pre-trial detainees to York CI in 2014 and 2017 admittees.**
- **It evaluates movements, outcomes, criminal arrest and incarceration histories, classification scores, bond spreads and other issues.**
- **The analysis was supplemented by interviews conducted at York CI this past summer.**

Some findings: Women in jail in CT

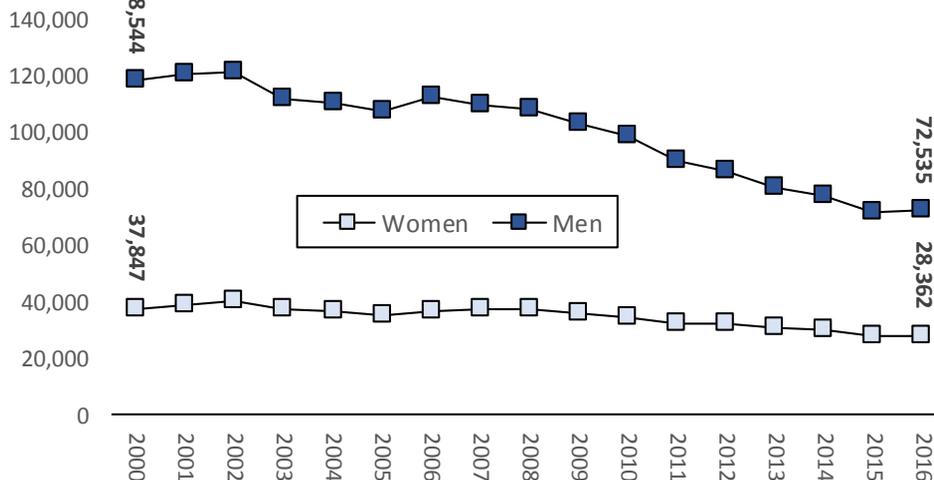
- **Almost 90% of these women had criminal arrest histories that showed at least one arrest prior to the offense that resulted in this jail admit.**
- **Almost 40% had been sentenced to prison prior to being admitted to jail for the current offense**
- **Three possible outcomes define virtually all outcomes for pre-trial admissions: the defendant 1) meets their bond 2) is released from court, or 3) transitions to sentenced-prisoner status**
- **Large numbers of pre-trial women appear to lead complicated and desperate lives marked by trauma, instability and prolonged, extensive involvement with the criminal justice system**

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Inmates by legal status



UCR arrest data - 2000 to 2016



- The pre-trial women's population represents only 2.7% of the entire DOC inmate population (Count on 9/26/2018).
- Since 2000, the number of men arrested in CT has dropped by 38.8%. For women, arrests have declined by 25.0%.
- In 2000 there were 3.1 males arrested for every female arrested. By 2016 the gap had closed to 2.6 male arrests for each female arrest.

Prior arrests – criminal dockets

Distribution by prior docketed cases

	2014	2017
1 docket	212	195
2 dockets	154	162
3 to 5 dockets	426	430
6 to 12 dockets	756	681
13 to 20 dockets	390	413
21 or more dockets	288	306
No CSSD info	10	9
Cohort size	2,236	2,196
1 docket	9%	9%
2 dockets	7%	7%
3 to 5 dockets	19%	20%
6 to 12 dockets	34%	31%
13 to 20 dockets	17%	19%
21 or more dockets	13%	14%
No CSSD info	0%	0%

- **Fewer than 10% of women admitted to York CI on pre-trial status were entering jail with an arrest history containing only one criminal docket.**
- **Slightly more women had arrest histories involving 21 or more separate dockets.**

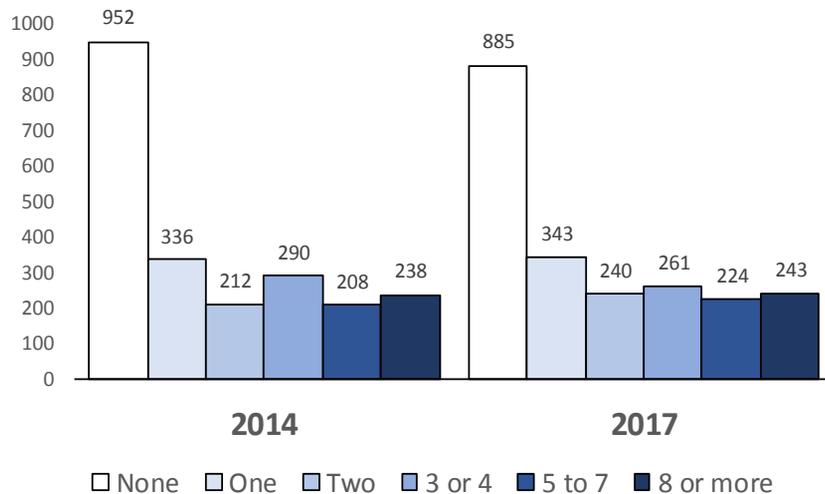
Prior arrests – criminal dockets

Aggregated arrest charges by cohort

	2014	2017	2017, %
Cohort size	2226	2196	
Prior charges			
VOP, FTA	1774	1735	79%
Public order	1742	1717	78%
Theft/Fraud/Larceny	1538	1532	70%
Drug related	1173	1204	55%
Assault MISD	973	1027	47%
Trespass/strangle/harrass	940	966	44%
OP under susp	768	814	37%
Property crime	698	703	32%
Risk of injury	587	569	26%
Viol. prot./restrain order	518	581	26%
DUI	456	484	22%
Assault felony	401	363	17%
Burglary related	366	362	16%
Prostitution	304	261	12%
Robbery-related	250	250	11%
Weapons charge	236	217	10%
MV theft	121	142	6%
Sex crime	81	102	5%
Kidnap/unlawRestr	75	81	4%
Murder/Mans	30	17	1%

- We were able to match complete arrest histories for most of the women in the 2014 and 2017 cohorts.
- We aggregated all arrest charges to examine the types of offenses that were applied most frequently.
- Almost 80% of women had been charged with Violation of Probation or Failure to Appear at some point
- Most women had arrest histories with several offense types.

Prior DOC admissions

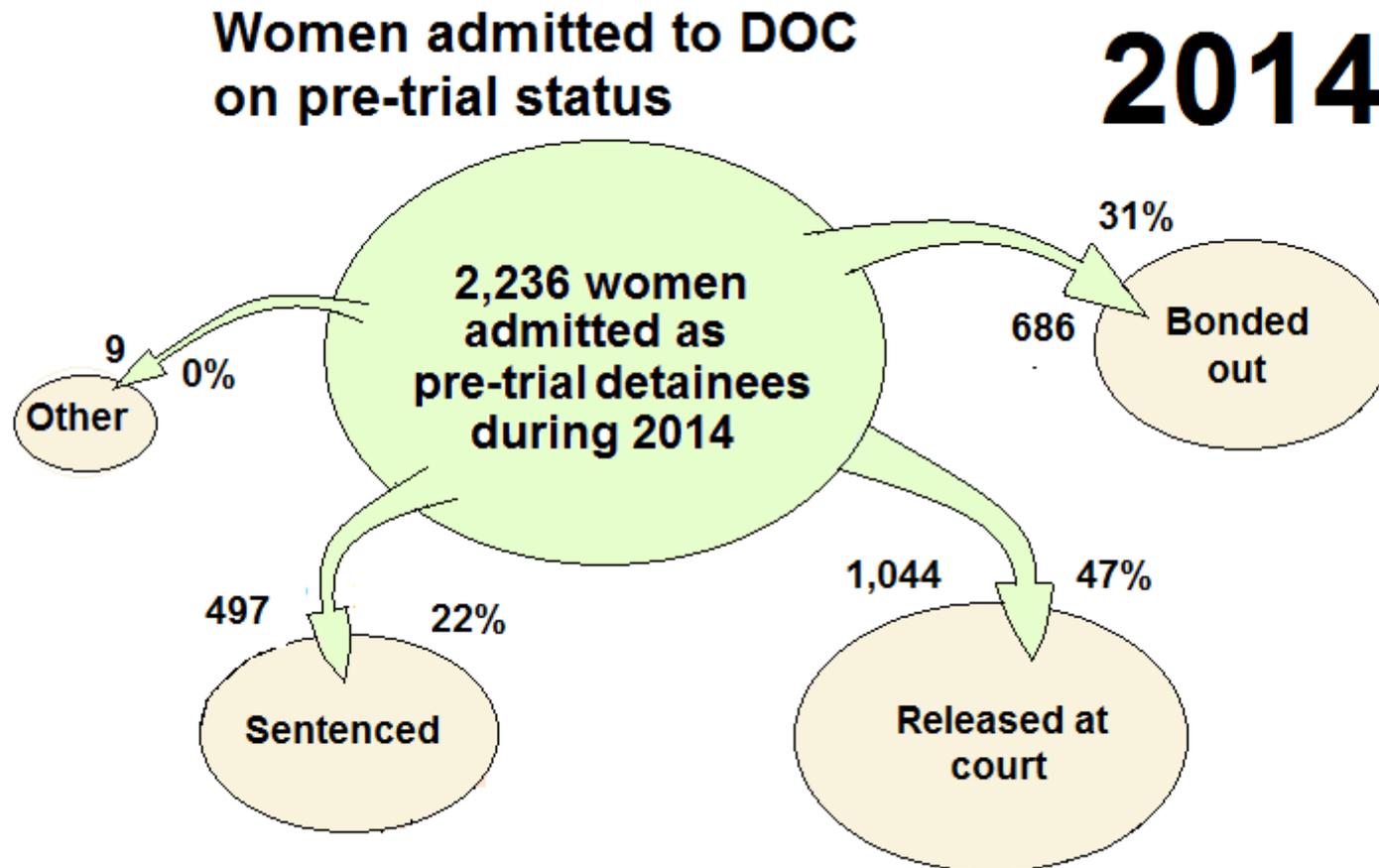


Prior admits, aggregated

Prior DOC admits	2014	2017	2017, %
None	952	885	40%
One	336	343	16%
Two	212	240	11%
3 or 4	290	261	12%
5 to 7	208	224	10%
8 or more	238	243	11%
Cohort	2,236	2,196	100%

- **Less than half of the women admitted to DOC on pretrial status in 2014 or 2017 were new to the system.**
 - **42% in 2014**
 - **40% in 2017**
- **This compares with a 25% rate for men.**
- **21% of women, admitted in 2017, had been admitted to CT DOC at least five times.**

Pre-trial outcomes



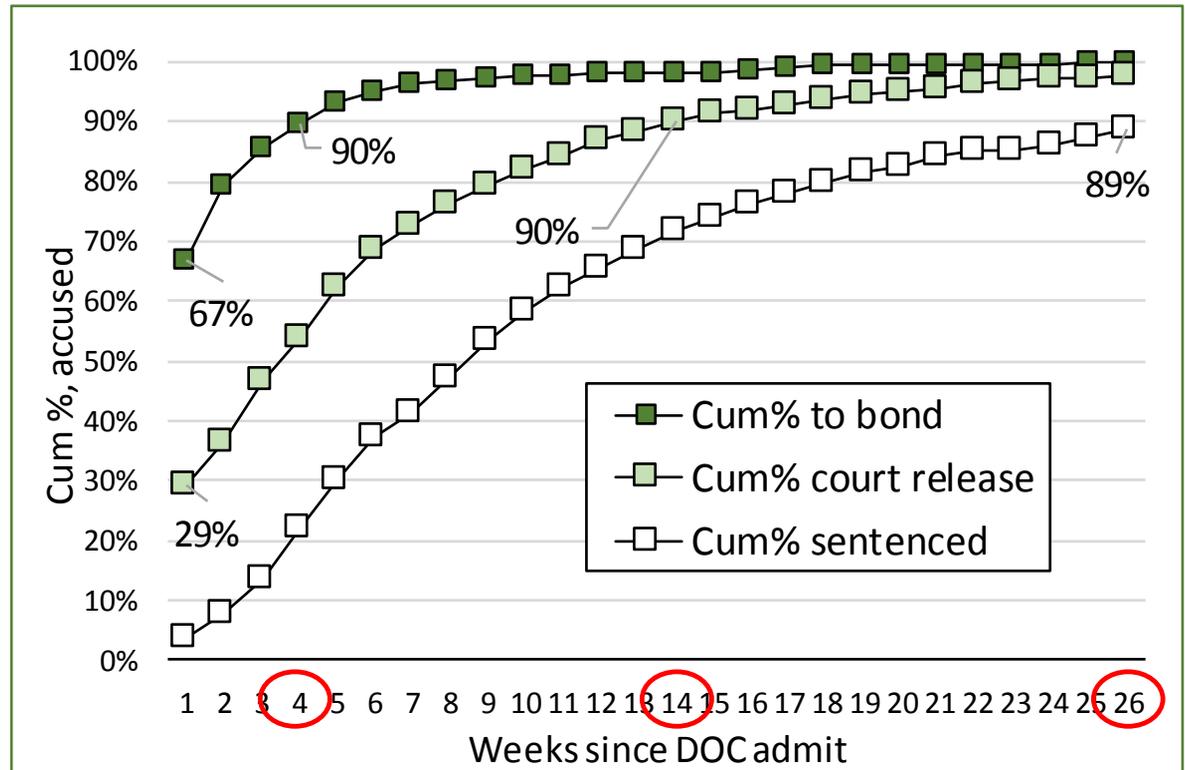
In terms of movement through the pre-trial system, the 2014 and 2017 cohorts were remarkably similar.

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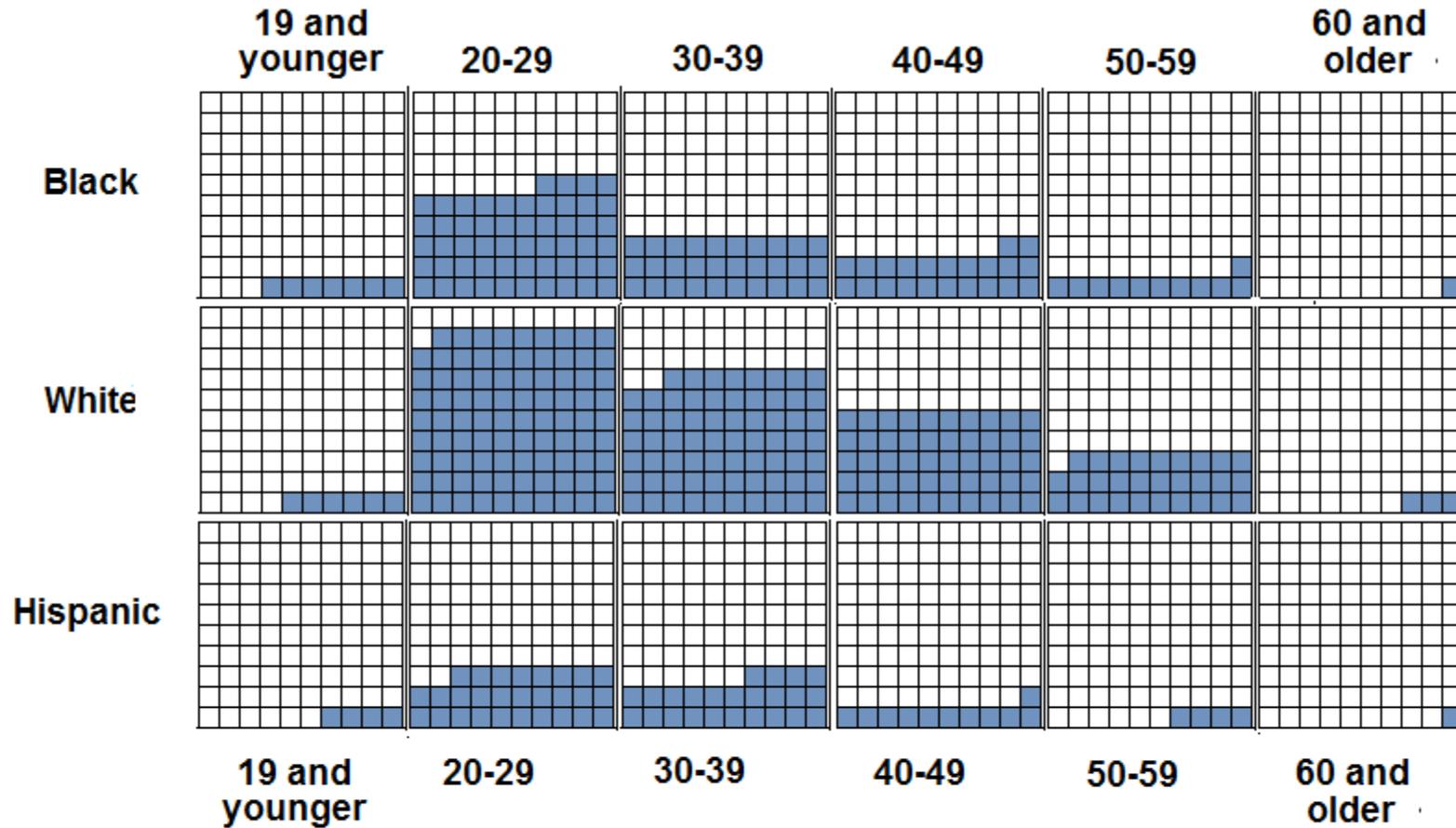
Outcomes for pre-trial admits

	2014	2017
Women admitted	2,236	2,196
Total bonding out	686	619
within week 1	455	413
within week 1, %	66%	67%
w/in 4 weeks	619	555
w/in 4 weeks, %	90%	90%
w/in 18 weeks	682	616
w/in 18 weeks, %	99%	100%
Released from court, total	1,044	1,023
within week 1	246	301
within week 1, %	24%	29%
w/in 4 weeks	544	550
w/in 4 weeks, %	52%	54%
w/in 18 weeks	984	960
w/in 18 weeks, %	94%	94%
Sentenced, total	497	524
within week 1	24	21
within week 1, %	5%	4%
w/in 4 weeks	118	115
w/in 4 weeks, %	24%	22%
w/in 18 weeks	382	418
w/in 18 weeks, %	77%	80%

Time to clear 90% of admittees, 2017



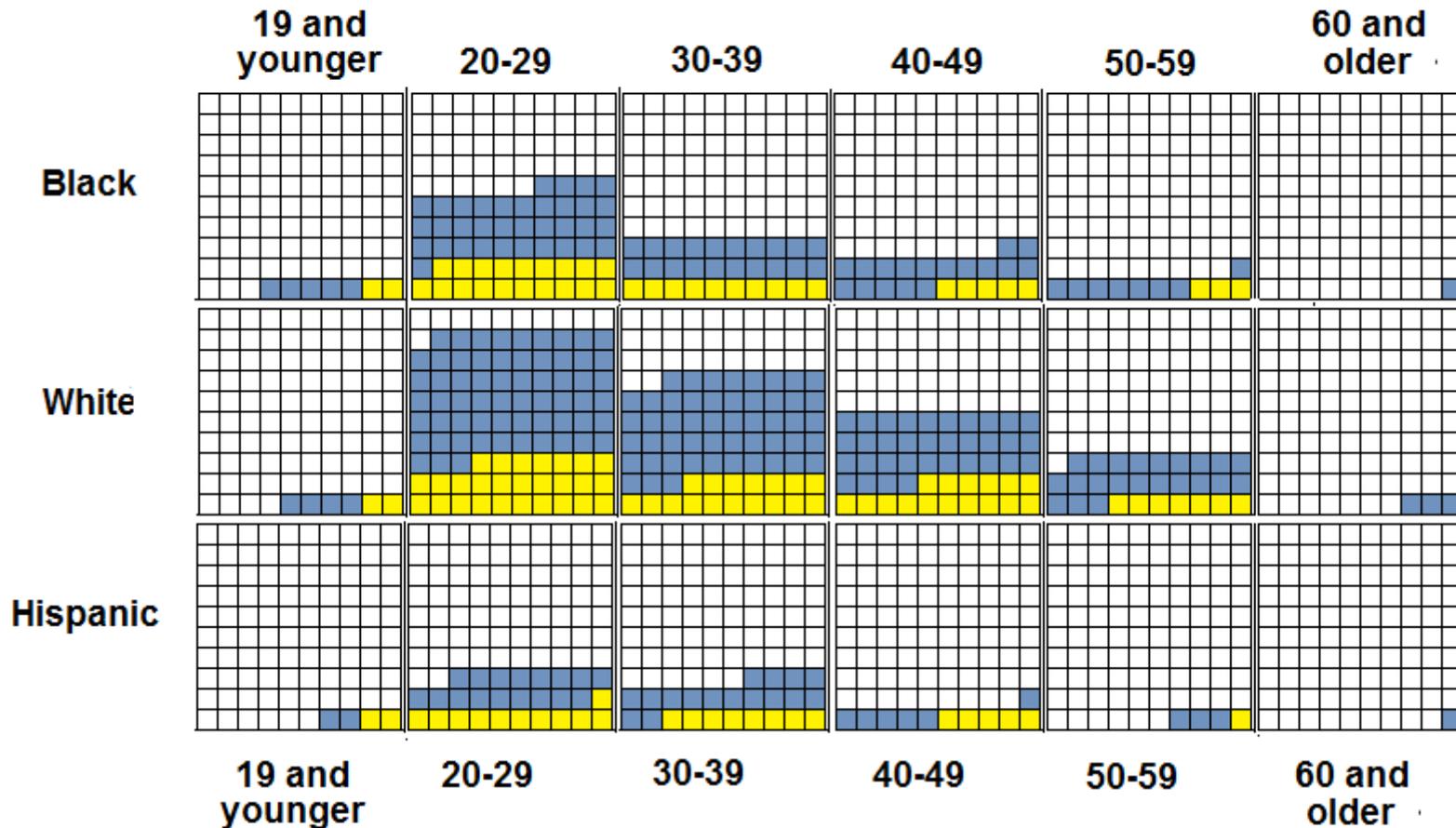
Population distribution - age & race/ethnicity



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2014 Cohort - 2,236 women

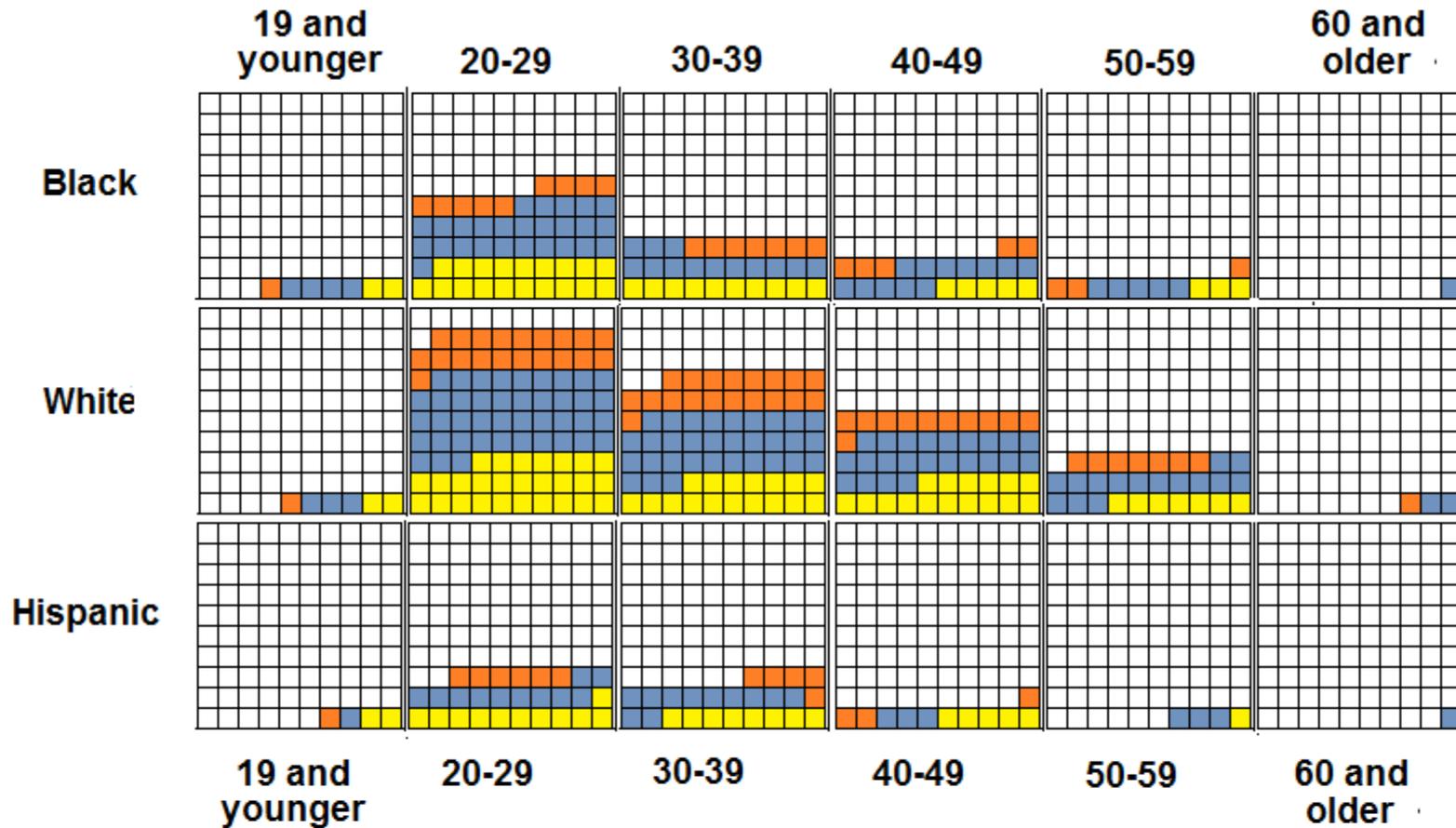
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- 5 female pre-trial admittees
- 5 female pre-trial admittees who bonded out from jail

Roughly 30% of women bonded out across all categories

Population distribution - age & race/ethnicity



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- 5 female pre-trial admittees who bonded out from jail
- 5 female pre-trial admittees who became sentenced

About 20-% transitioned to sentenced-prisoner status.

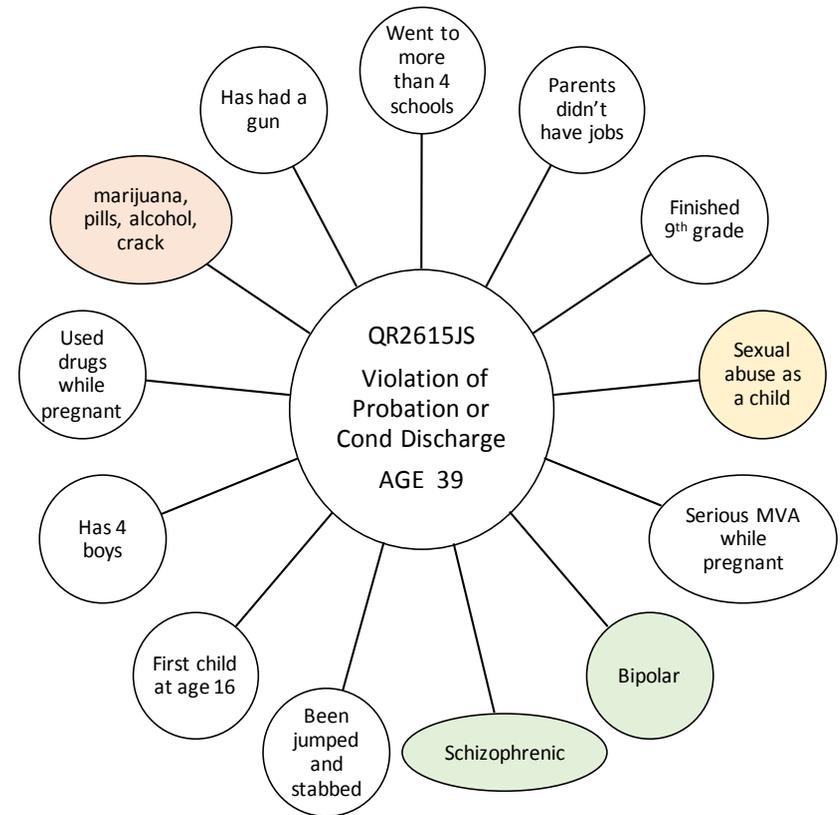
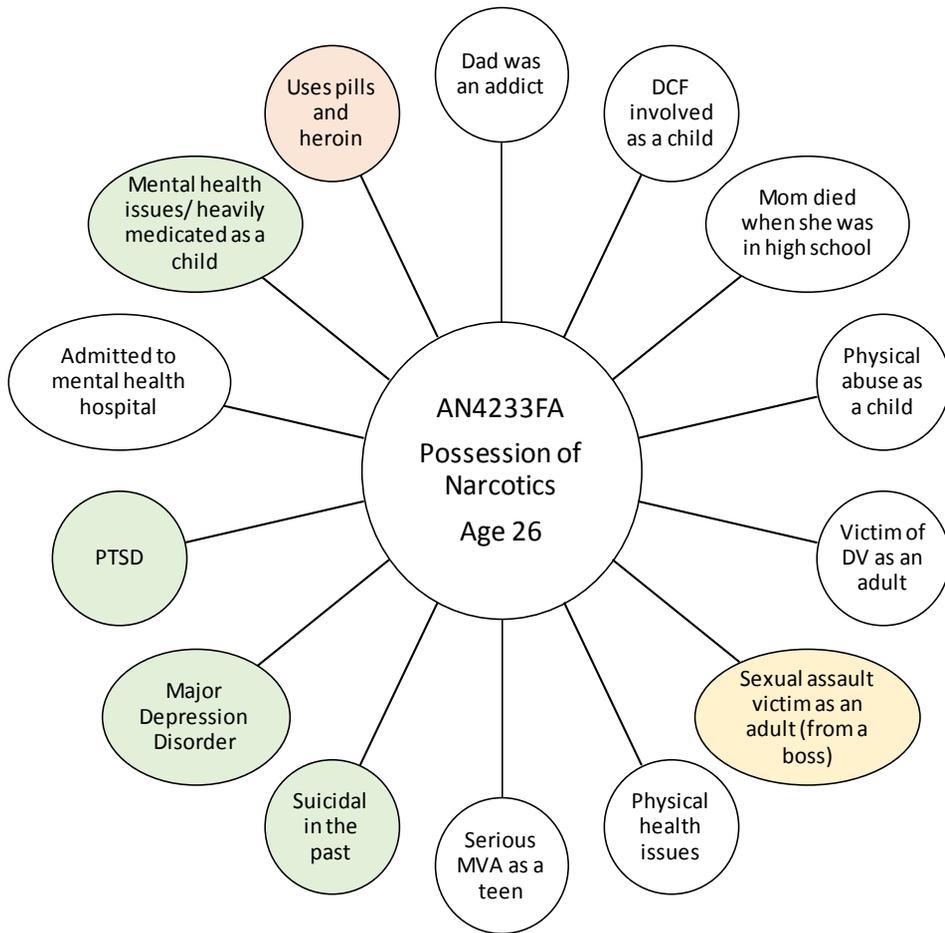
Trauma and life: interviews at York CI

Aggregated life histories, York CI interviews

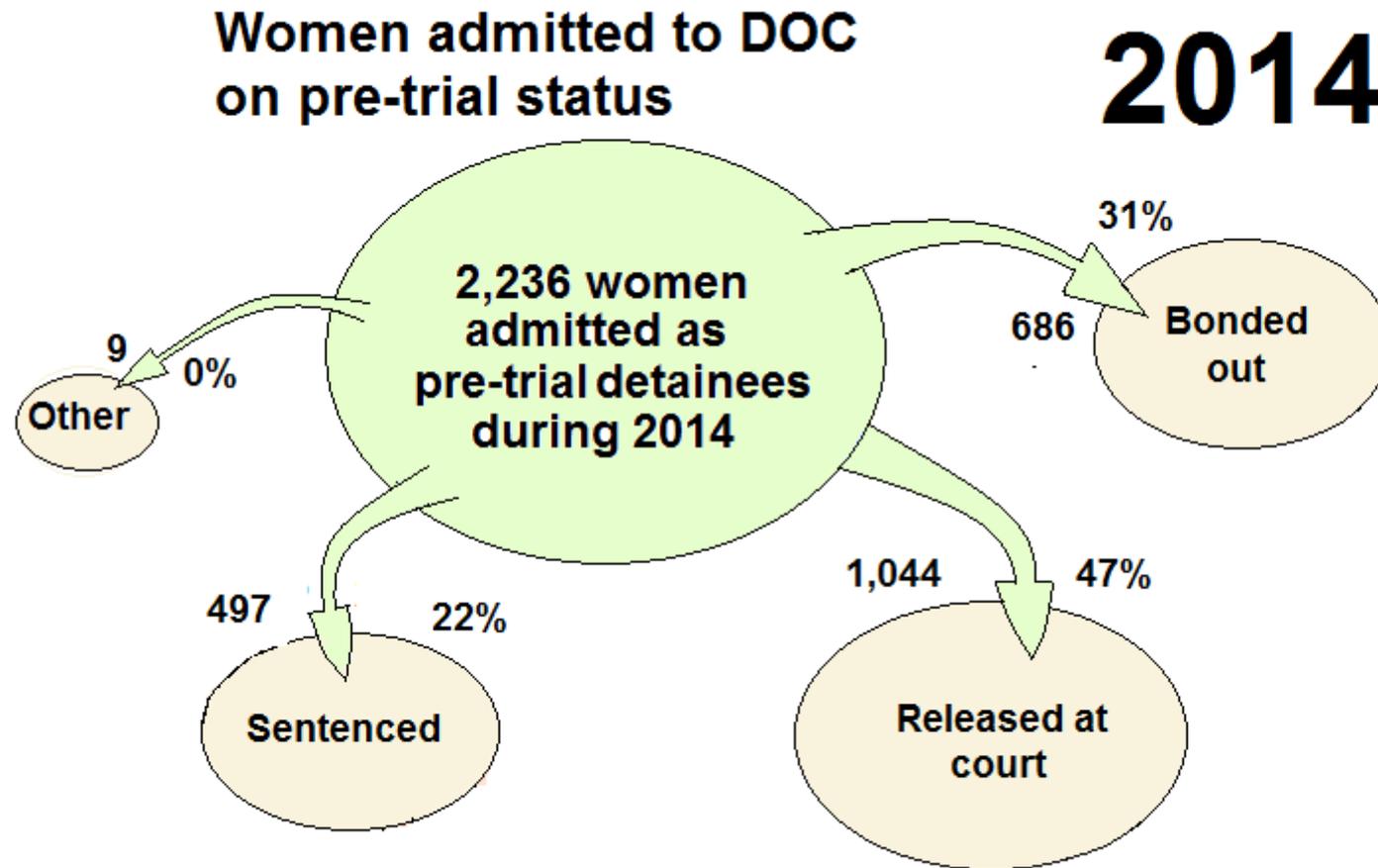
	Asked	Responding yes	Responding yes, %
Previously incarcerated?	29	25	86%
Been pregnant?	30	29	97%
Do you have children?	32	26	81%
Mental health issues?	26	21	81%
Ever used heroin?	27	12	44%
Ever used cocaine/crack?	30	22	73%
Ever used marijuana?	23	18	78%
Ever homeless?	25	16	64%
Violence in home as a child?	24	15	63%
Ever physically abused?	28	21	75%
Ever sexually abused	28	24	86%
...if yes, age 16 or less?	24	18	75%
Criminal case as juvenile?	17	7	41%
Ever evicted?	19	9	47%
Ever shot?	20	2	10%
Ever stabbed?	20	4	20%

Based on interviews with 34 pre-trial women who agreed to be interviewed during the summer of 2018 at York CI.

Life constellations

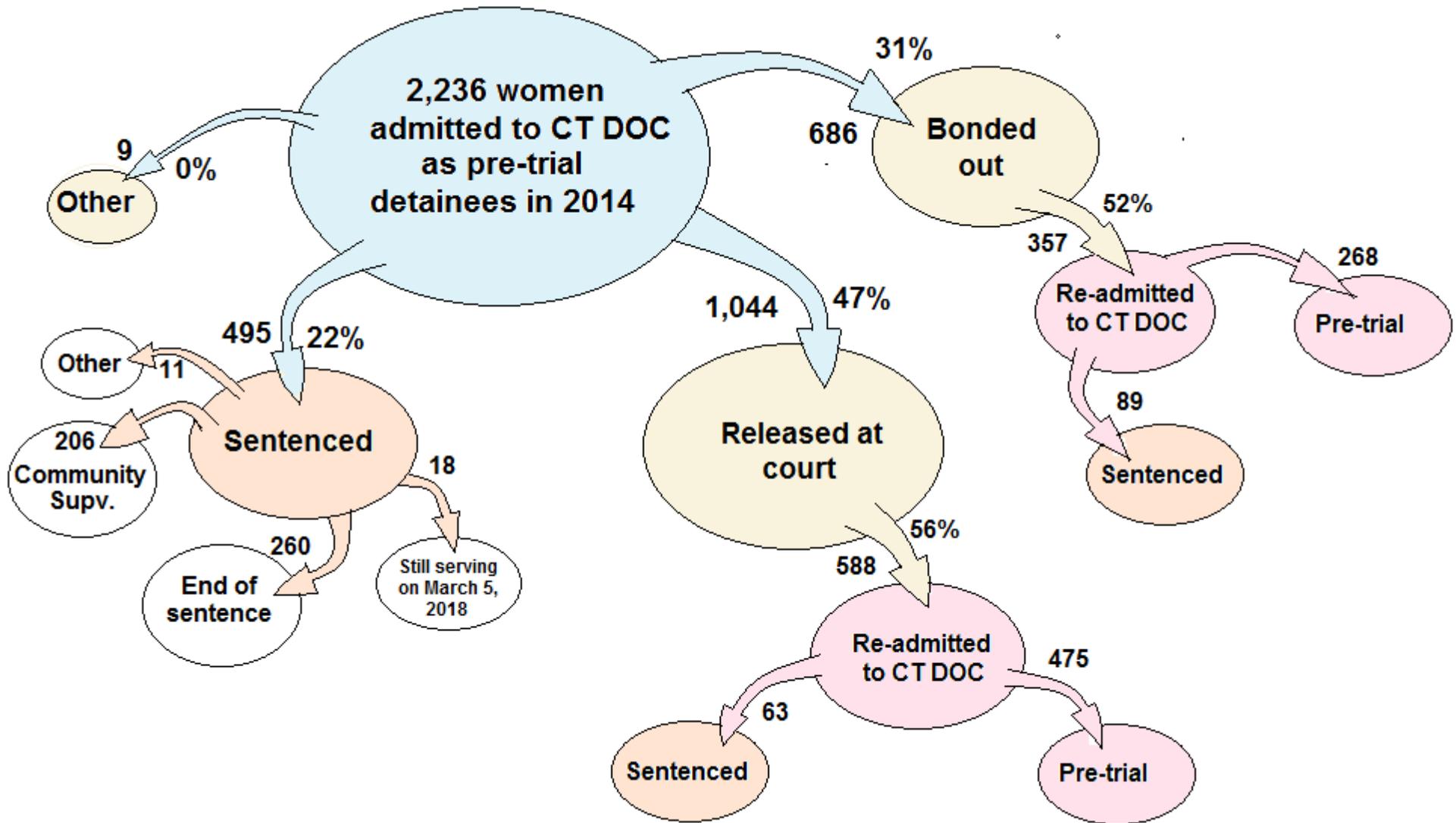


A last look at outcomes – move 1



Where women ended up after admission in 2014

Pre-trial outcomes – 2 moves out



Where women ended up within three years

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