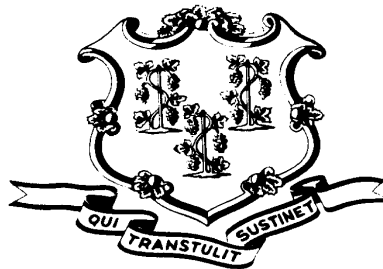


# Criminal Justice

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## Juvenile Crime in Connecticut and Governor Malloy's Crime Proposals



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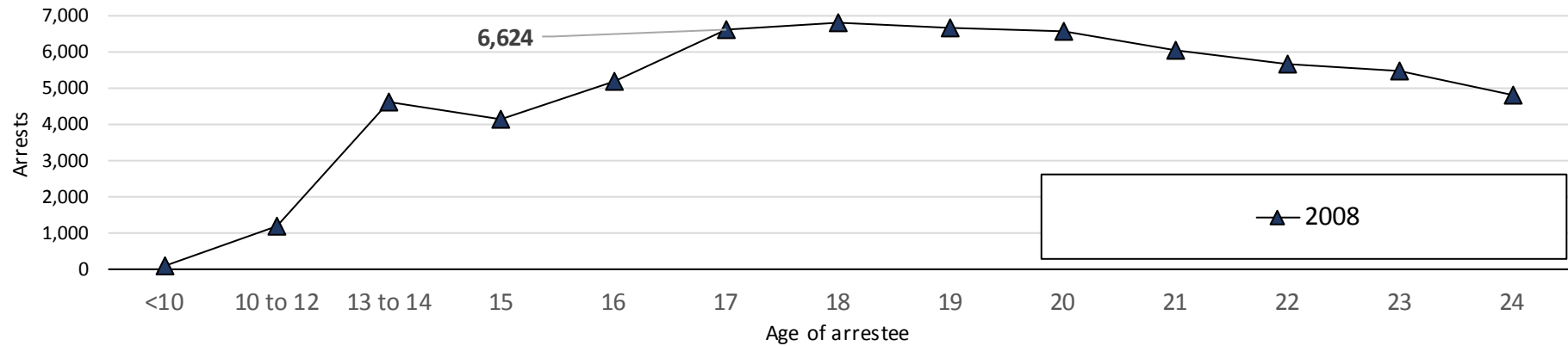
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## Significant changes in arrests and incarcerations since 2008

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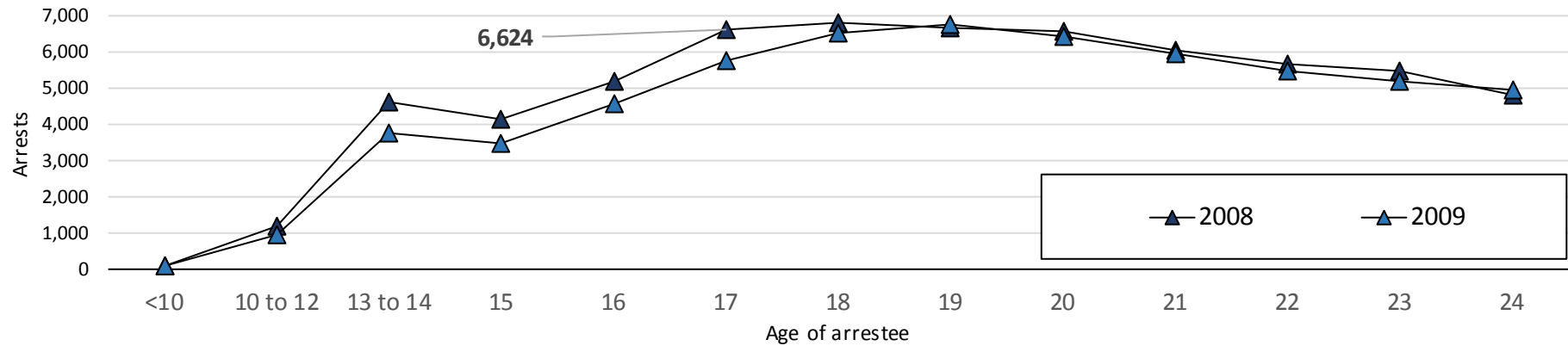
- **On January 1, 2016 Connecticut had 962 inmates aged 18-21, down from 2,067 on July 1, 2009, a 54% Decrease**
- **Inmates under the age of 18 has dropped from 332 in 2009 to 82 in 2015, a decrease of 75%. Much of this is due to the “Raise the Age” initiative that took full effect in July, 2012.**
- **The decline in younger adult inmates tracks the decline in the number of arrests of persons 18-21. Between 2008 and 2014, the last year we have complete data for arrest by age, the drop was 44%.**

## Arrests by age – 2008 through 2014



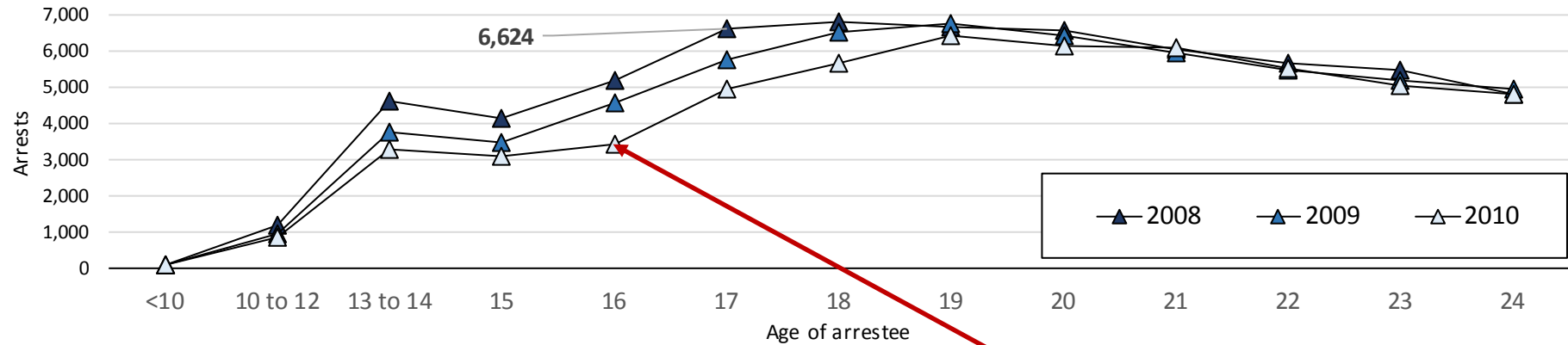
- **Statewide arrests (adult and juvenile) by age in 2008**
- **Source: Crime in Connecticut, annual reports by the CT State Police**
- **Most 15-year olds arrested in 2008 were born in 1993**

## Arrests by age



- **In 2009, arrests among youth under 18 were down significantly**

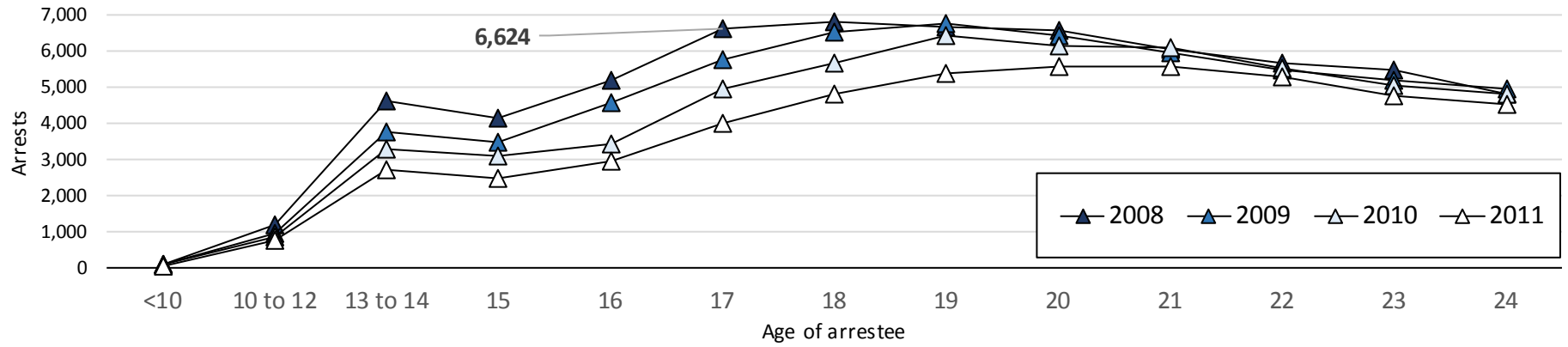
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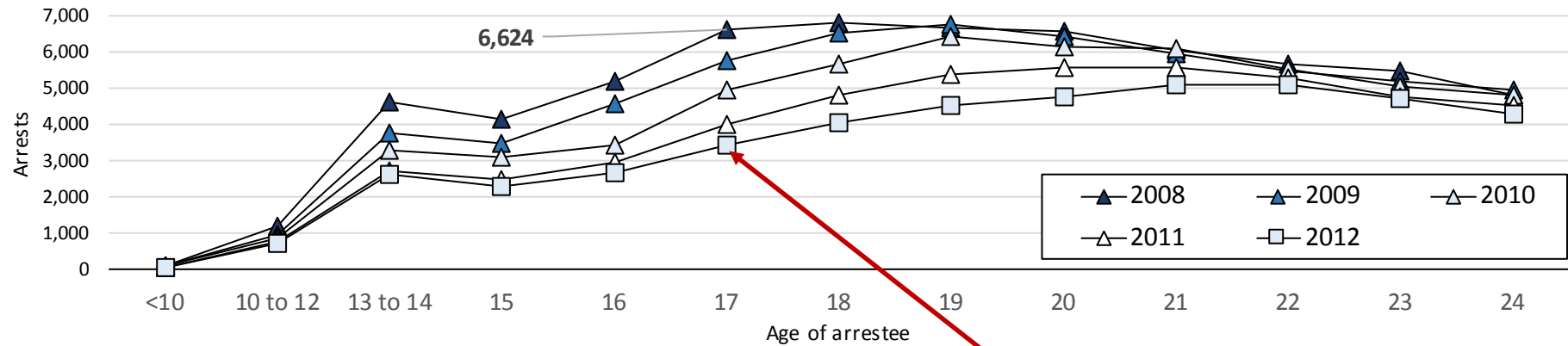
**Raise the age: 16 year olds January 1, 2010**

- In 2010, arrests kept declining particularly among 16-, 17- and 18-years olds.

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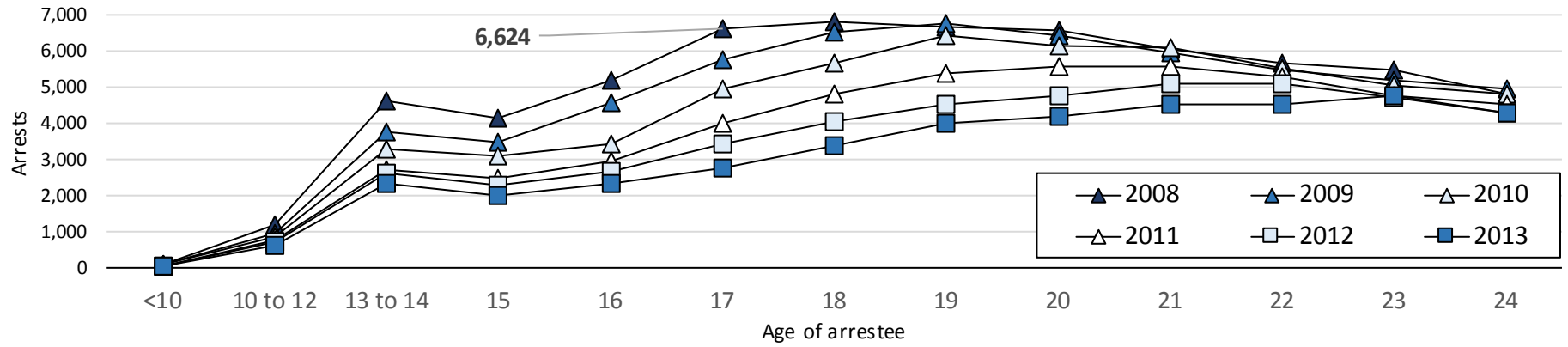


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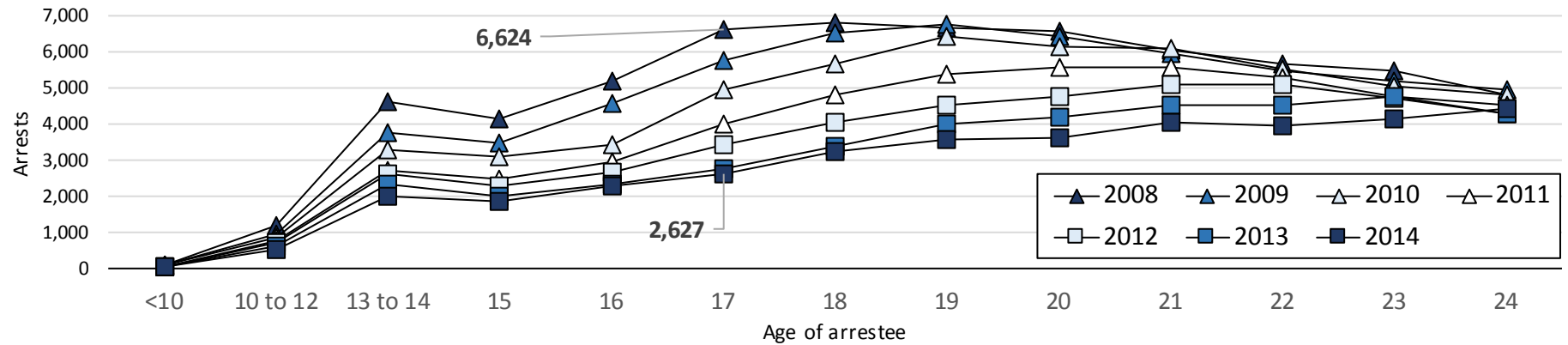
- By 2012, arrests among youth aged 18-, 19- and 20-year old were down significantly

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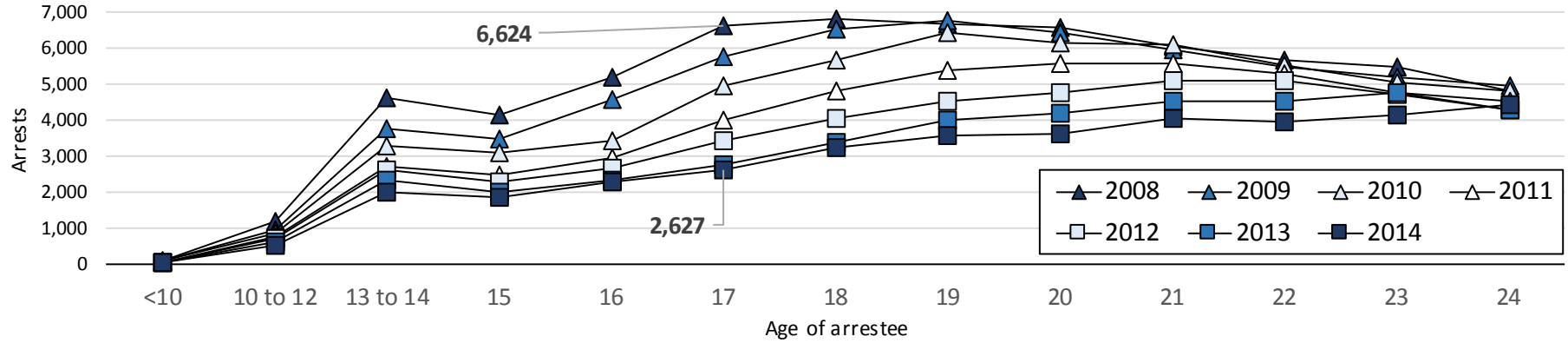
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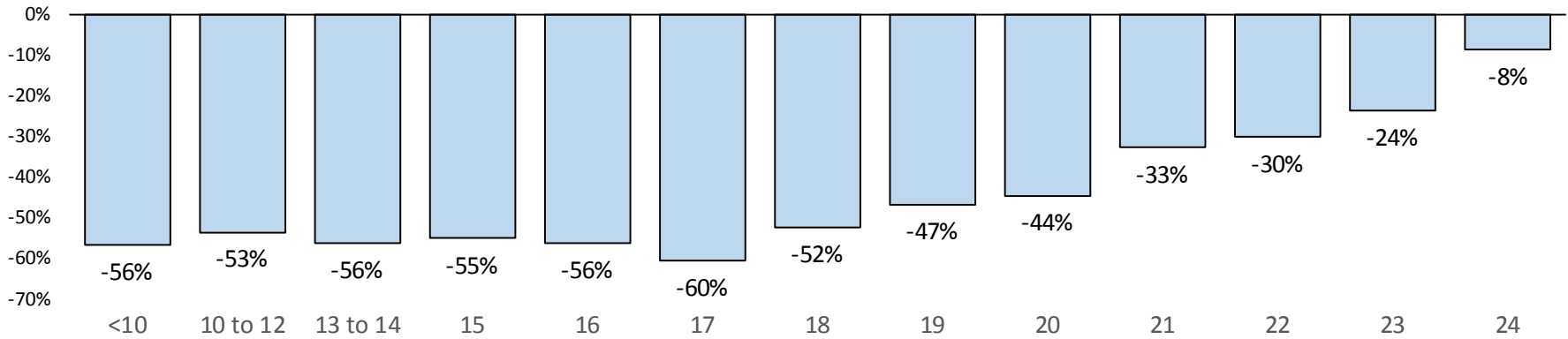
- **By 2014, the drop in arrests was edging towards older youth.**

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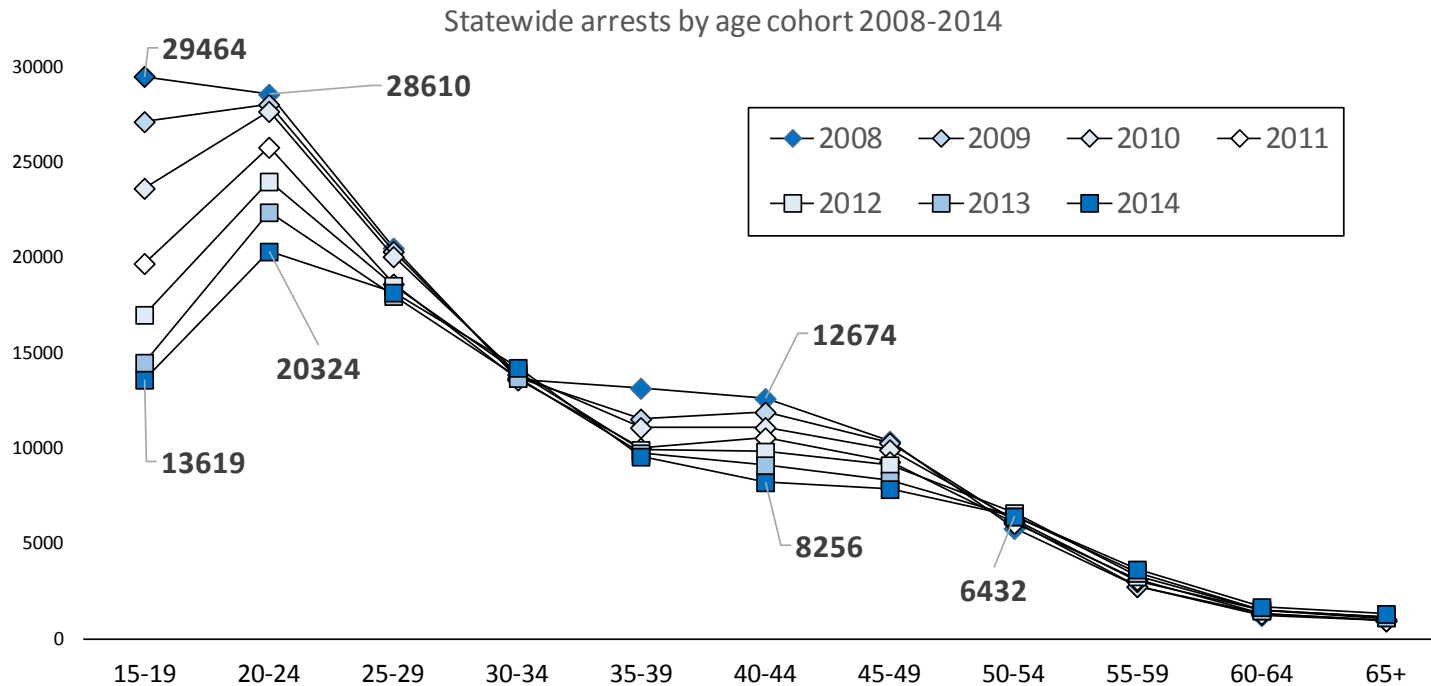
Change in statewide arrests by age 2008 to 2014



Percent change in statewide arrests by age 2008 to 2014



## Arrests by age, 15-19 through 65+

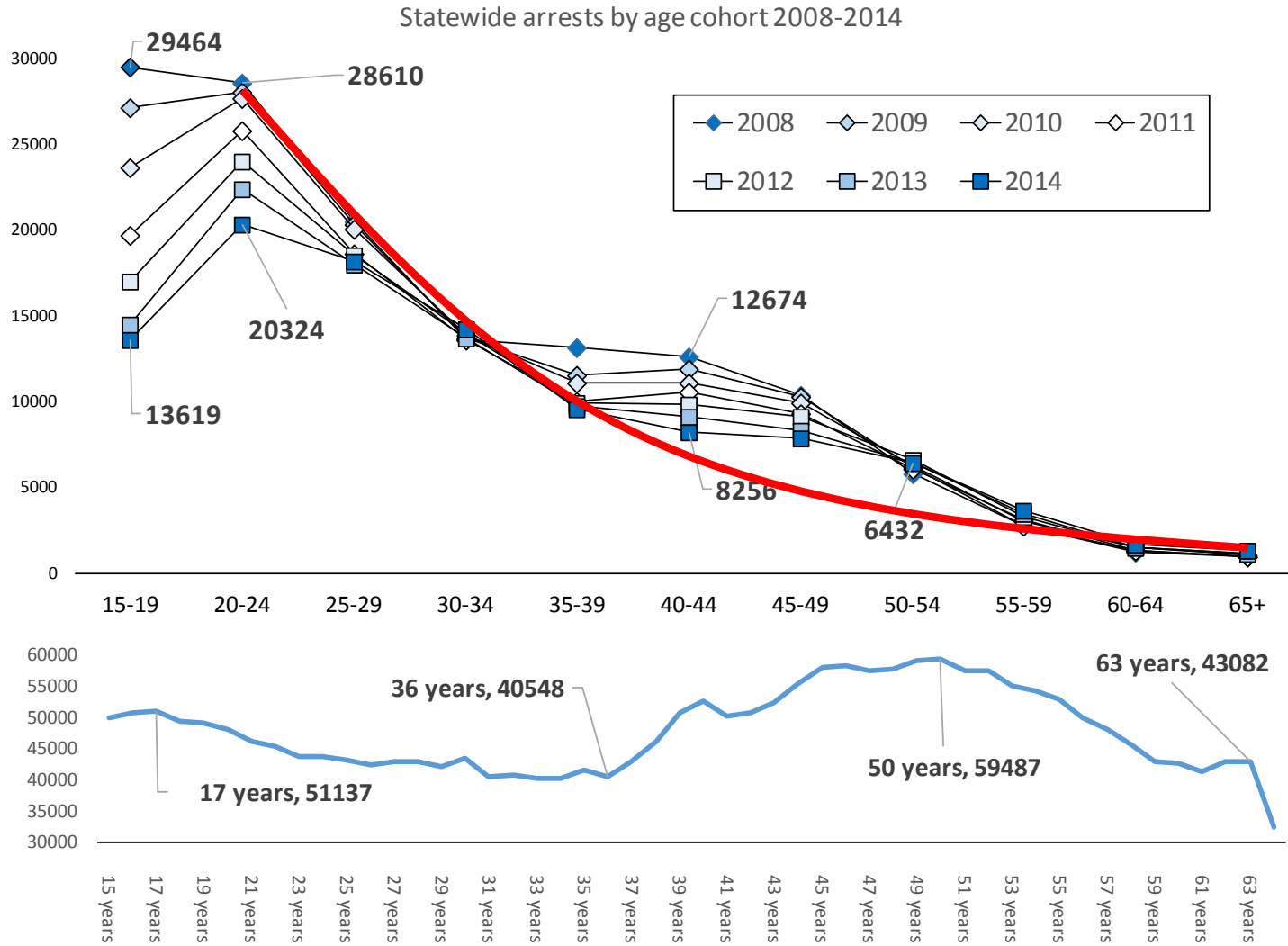


**We observed that arrests among younger, offender cohorts declined most. Older age cohorts, actually, grew.**

15-19	20-24	25-29	30-34	35-39	40-44	45-49	50-54	55-59	60-64	60+
-54%	-29%	-11%	5%	-28%	-35%	-24%	10%	32%	34%	30%

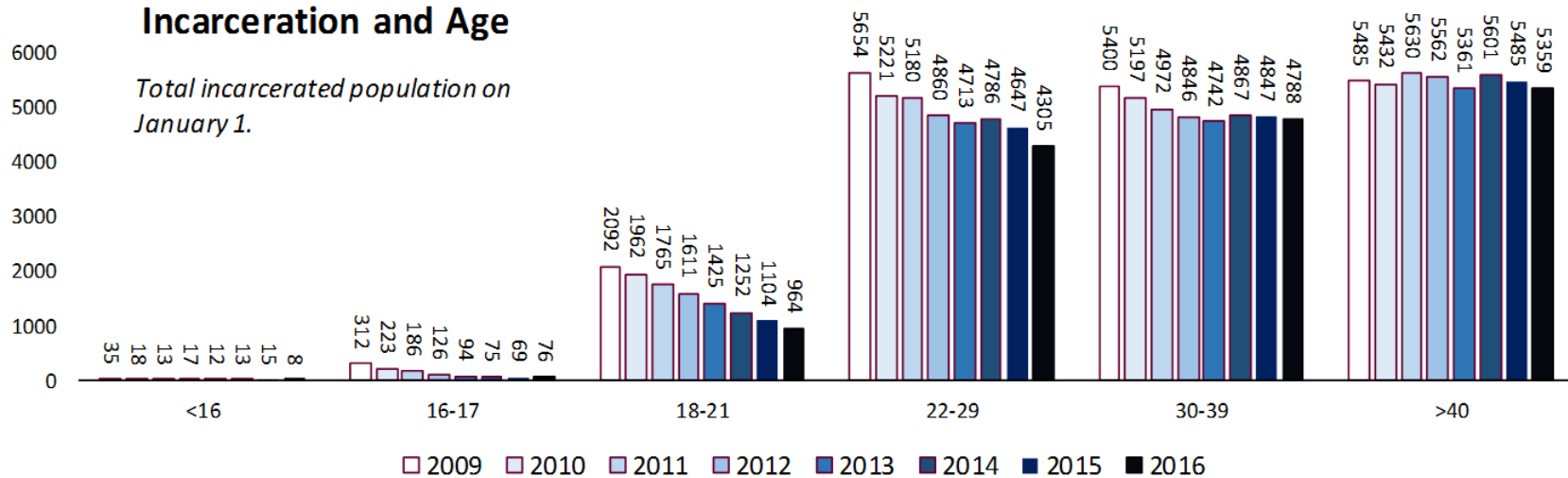
**.. and then we observed a spread among those aged 35 to 50.**

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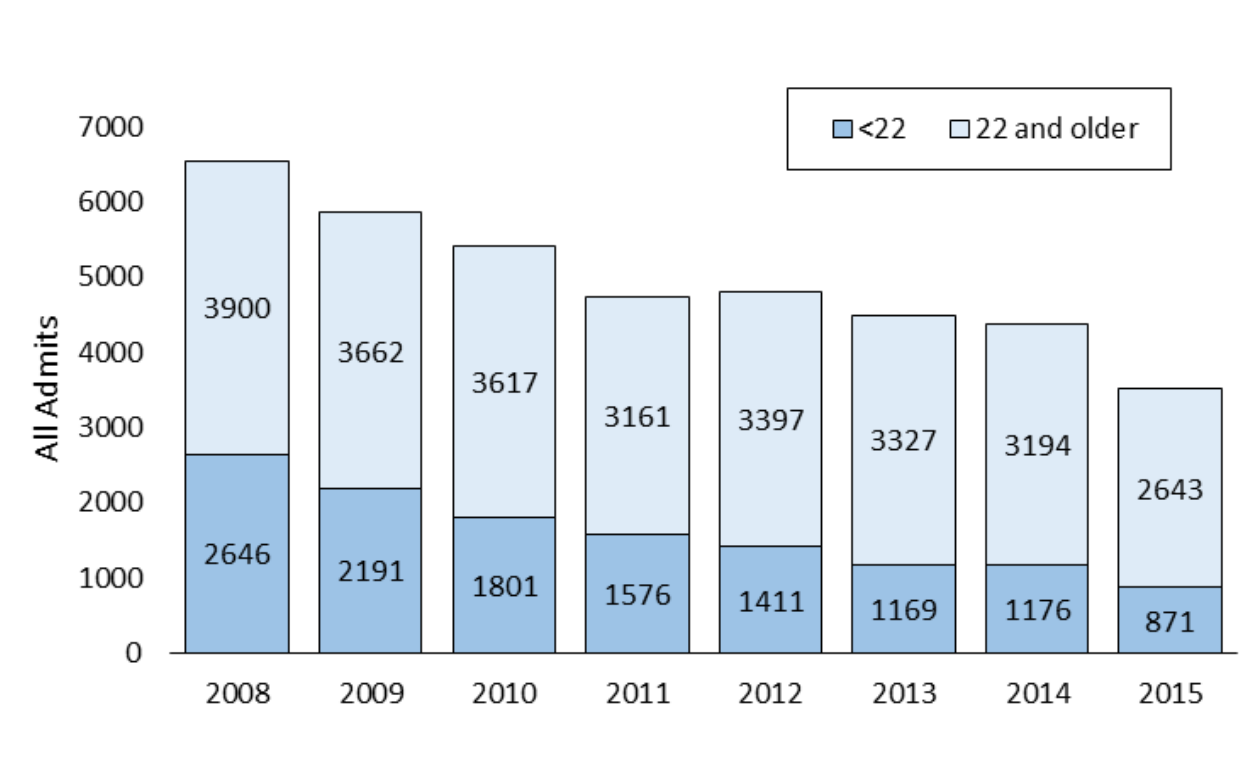
2010 Census data

# CT DOC prisoners by age group



Change in the size of the prisoner population by age group, January 1									
Age	2009	2010	2011	2012	2013	2014	2015	2016	% change, 2009 to 2016
<16	35	18	13	17	12	13	15	8	-77%
16-17	312	223	186	126	94	75	69	76	-76%
18-21	2092	1962	1765	1611	1425	1252	1104	964	-54%
22-29	5654	5221	5180	4860	4713	4786	4647	4305	-24%
30-39	5400	5197	4972	4846	4742	4867	4847	4788	-11%
>40	5485	5432	5630	5562	5361	5601	5485	5359	-2%
Total	18978	18053	17746	17022	16347	16594	16167	15500	-18%

## Admits to the CT DOC by age group



**Percent change in the number of persons admitted to DOC, 2008 to 2015:**

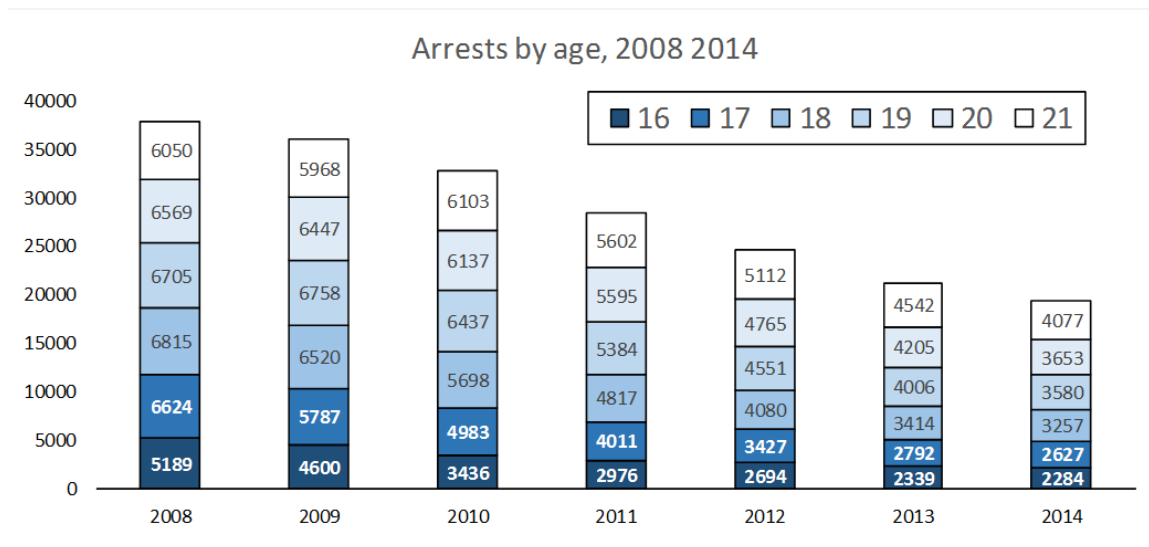
**All persons: -46% (6,546 to 3,514)**

**Persons under 22: -67% (2,646 to 871)**

**Persons 22 and older: -32% (3,900 to 2,643)**

# Raise the Age, Impact Analysis

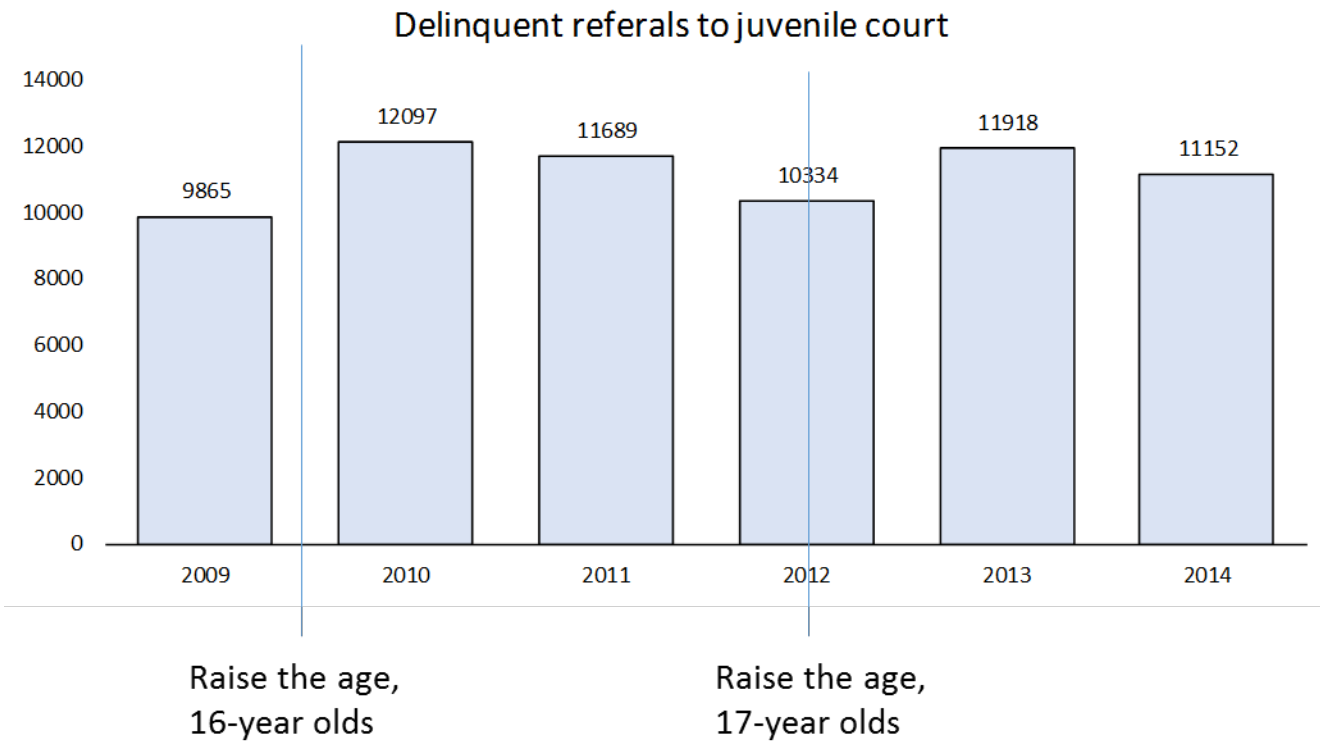
## Arrests by age, CT – (Source: CT UCR data)



Age at arrest	2008	2009	2010	2011	2012	2013	2014	2015*
16	5189	4600	3436	2976	2694	2339	2284	
17	6624	5787	4983	4011	3427	2792	2627	
18	6815	6520	5698	4817	4080	3414	3257	
19	6705	6758	6437	5384	4551	4006	3580	
20	6569	6447	6137	5595	4765	4205	3653	
21	6050	5968	6103	5602	5112	4542	4077	
total	37952	36080	32794	28385	24629	21298	19478	

- The number of young people, those between the ages of 16 and 21, being arrested in CT, on an annual basis, has been dropping consistently
- To determine the impact of Raise the Age (RTA) in the coming years, the following analysis is based on several assumptions.
  - 2015 estimates of arrests of 18-, 19- and 20 -year olds will assume no drop from 2014. Given the existing trends, this makes our projection very conservative.
  - 2015 estimates for juvenile court referrals (<18) will also reflect 2014 figures.

# Raise the Age, Impact Analysis



- **Following expansions of RTA, the number of juvenile court referrals increased temporarily.**
- **Even with the addition of 16 and 17 year olds, juvenile court referrals declined.**
  - **In this analysis, the 2015 estimates for juvenile court referrals will reflect 2014 figures.**