

# *Arkansas Post-Prison Transfer Board*



FISCAL 2023-2024  
ANNUAL REPORT

# *Message from the Chairwoman*

I am pleased to submit the Post-Prison Transfer Board Annual Report for Fiscal Year 2024 as required by ACA § 16-93-202. The Board proudly serves the citizens of Arkansas through its commitment to public safety and fiscal responsibility. We are a small agency with a committed staff of thirteen employees that support the Board's duties of overseeing post-prison transfers to community supervision, violations and revocations of transfer, clemency, and fiscal operations.

In addition to the regular functions of the Board, 2024 was especially productive as the agency began a comprehensive review of all existing policies, procedures, and processes to ensure compliance and implement the Protect Act as it relates to the duties and responsibilities of the Post-Prison Transfer Board.

As part of this initiative, the Board focused on strengthening partnerships across Corrections and State Government to identify areas that will help reduce recidivism. We are excited to be part of the positive and forward-thinking changes advancing the future of Arkansas in the field of Corrections.

We extend our gratitude to Governor Sanders, the General Assembly, and the entire Department of Corrections for their ongoing support and resources that enable us to fulfill our mission of providing public safety to Arkansans through fair and impartial decisions.

Respectfully,



Lona H. McCastlain  
Chairwoman, Post-Prison Transfer Board



# *Board Members*



**Brett Morgan**  
Vice-Chair



**Lona McCastlain**  
Chairwoman



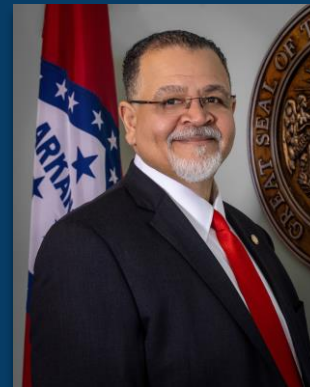
**Wendy Ryals**  
Secretary



**John Felts**  
Commissioner



**Doug Smith**  
Commissioner



**Willie Robinson**  
Commissioner



**Andy Shock**  
Commissioner

# *Parole Board Staff Members*

*(as of June 30, 2024)*

## **Administration**

Kevin Smith, Executive Administrator  
Christie Goldman, Business Operations Manager  
Hollie Wellborn, Executive Assistant to the Chair

## **Board Investigators**

Felicia Bentley  
Scott Howard

## **Hearing Services**

Tamara Salaam, Administrative Supervisor  
Vacant , Administrative Specialist III

## **Revocation Hearing Judges**

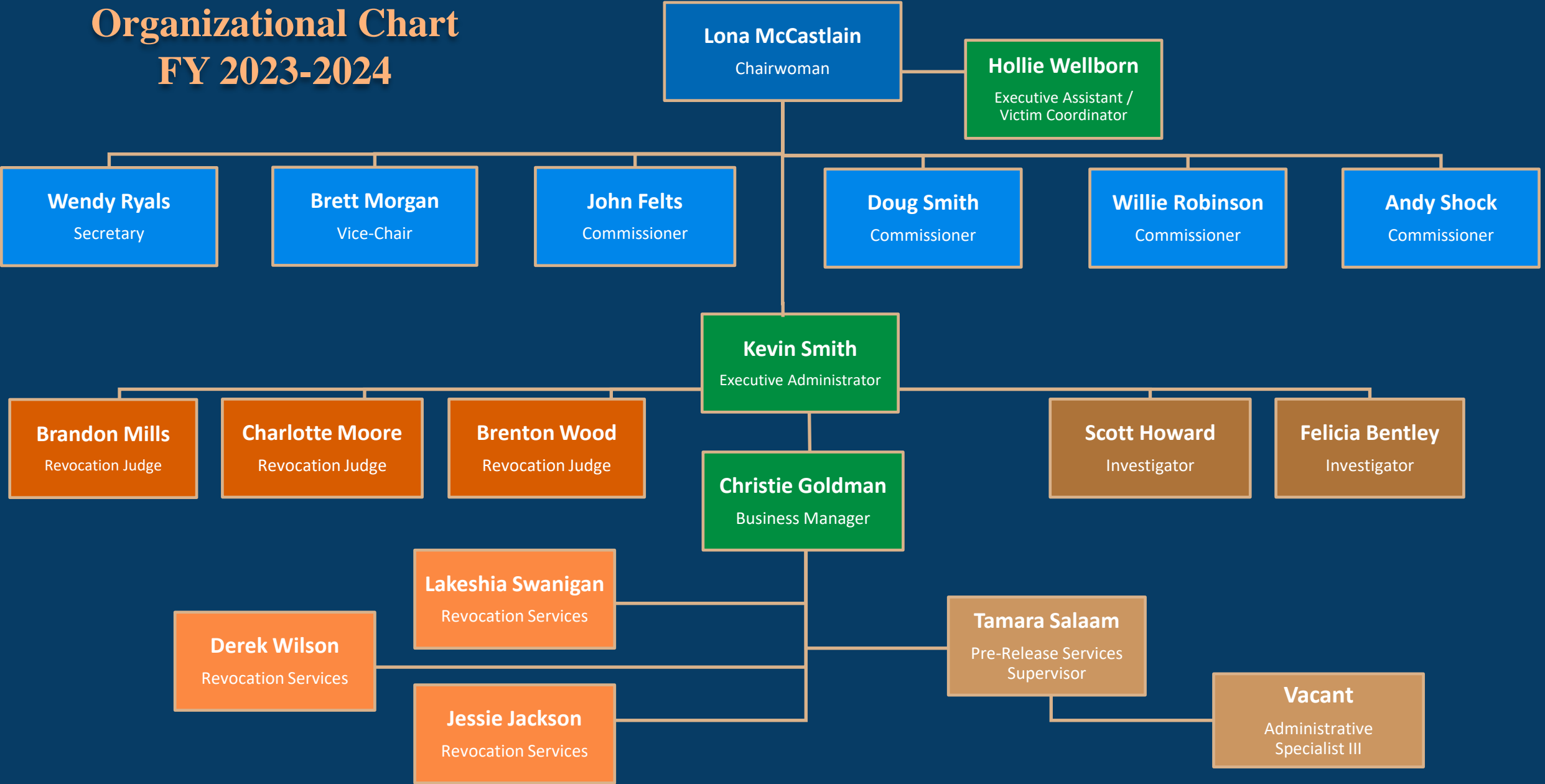
Brandon Mills  
Charlotte Moore  
Brenton Wood

## **Revocation Support Specialists**

Jessie Jackson, Administrative Specialist III  
Lakeshia Swanigan, Administrative Specialist III  
Derek Wilson, Administrative Specialist III

# Organizational Chart

## FY 2023-2024



# *Our Mission*

To protect the citizens of Arkansas through the conditional release of offenders via structured and evidence-based decision-making while ensuring offenders will be provided opportunities for positive behavior change and are held accountable for their actions upon release.



# *What We Do...*

- Conduct Transfer Screenings and Hearings
- Make Release and Revocation Decisions
- Conduct Revocation Hearings
- Make Clemency Recommendations
- Facilitate Victim Input
- Stipulate Conditions and Programs
- Collaborate with Stakeholders
- Streamline Decision-Making Processes

# *Post-Release Supervision*

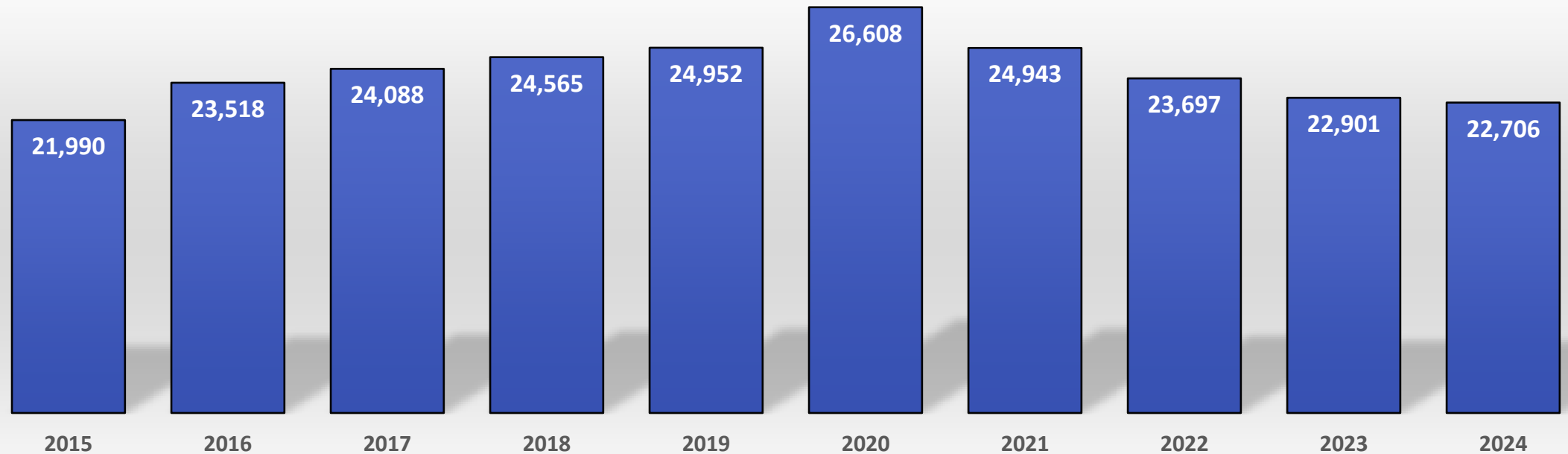
The Post-Prison Transfer Board works closely with the Division of Community Correction to provide supervision conditions that offer opportunities for successful reentry into the community.

Over the past decade, the Division of Community Correction has averaged 23,997 offenders on Post-Prison Supervision per year.



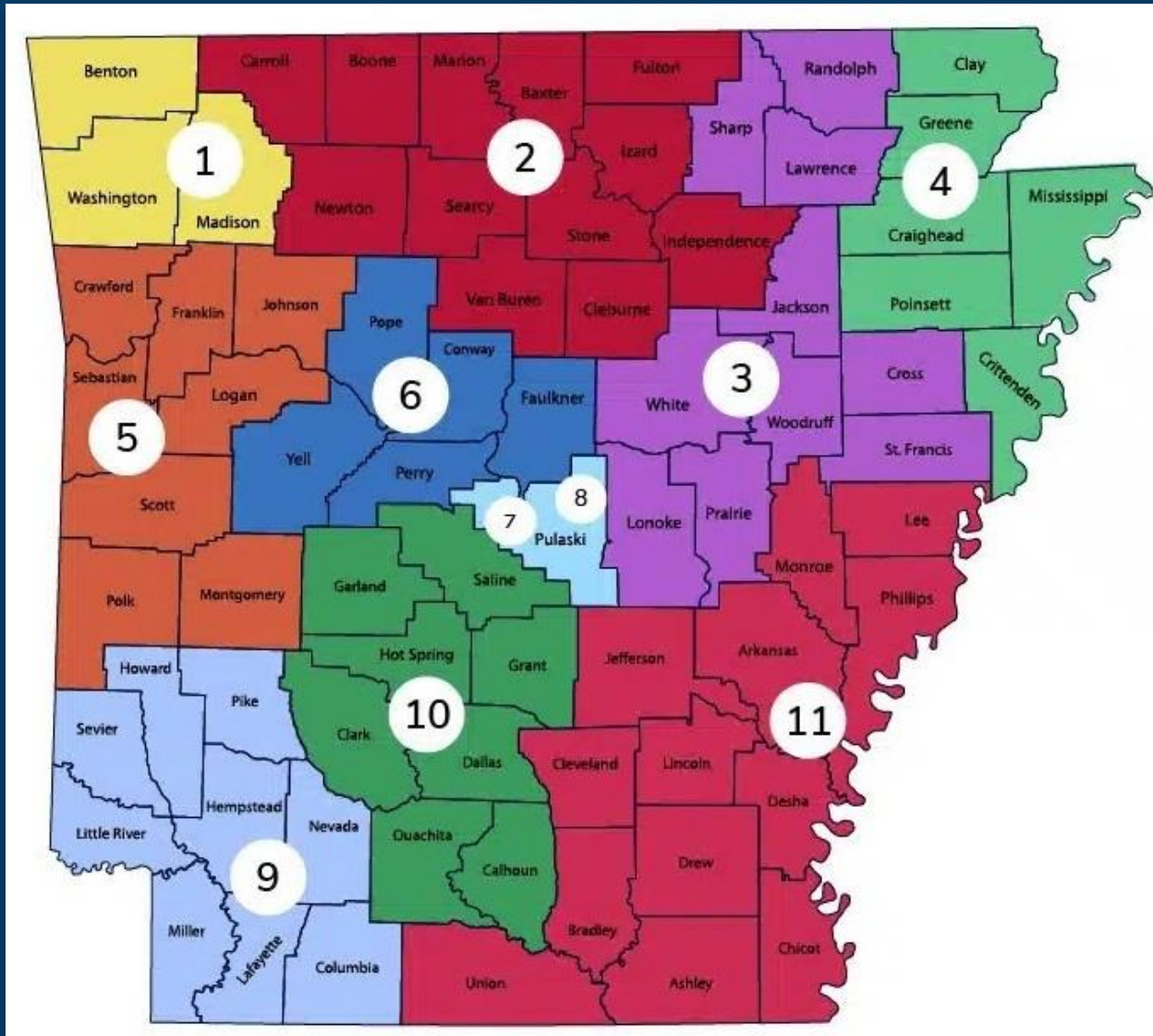
# *Post-Release Supervision Population*

Fiscal 2015 through Fiscal 2024



■ Number of Offenders on Post-Release Supervision

# Post-Release Supervision Population by Area – Fiscal 2024



Area 1	Fayetteville	2,062
Area 2	Mt. Home	1,377
Area 3	Searcy	1,688
Area 4	Jonesboro	1,476
Area 5	Ft. Smith	2,240
Area 6	Conway	1,424
Area 7	Little Rock (Probation Only)	N/A
Area 8	Little Rock	4,117
Area 9	Texarkana	1,819
Area 10	Hot Springs	2,451
Area 11	Pine Bluff	2,215
Interstate Compact	Out of State	1,837
	<b>TOTAL</b>	<b>22,706</b>

# *Transfer Hearings*

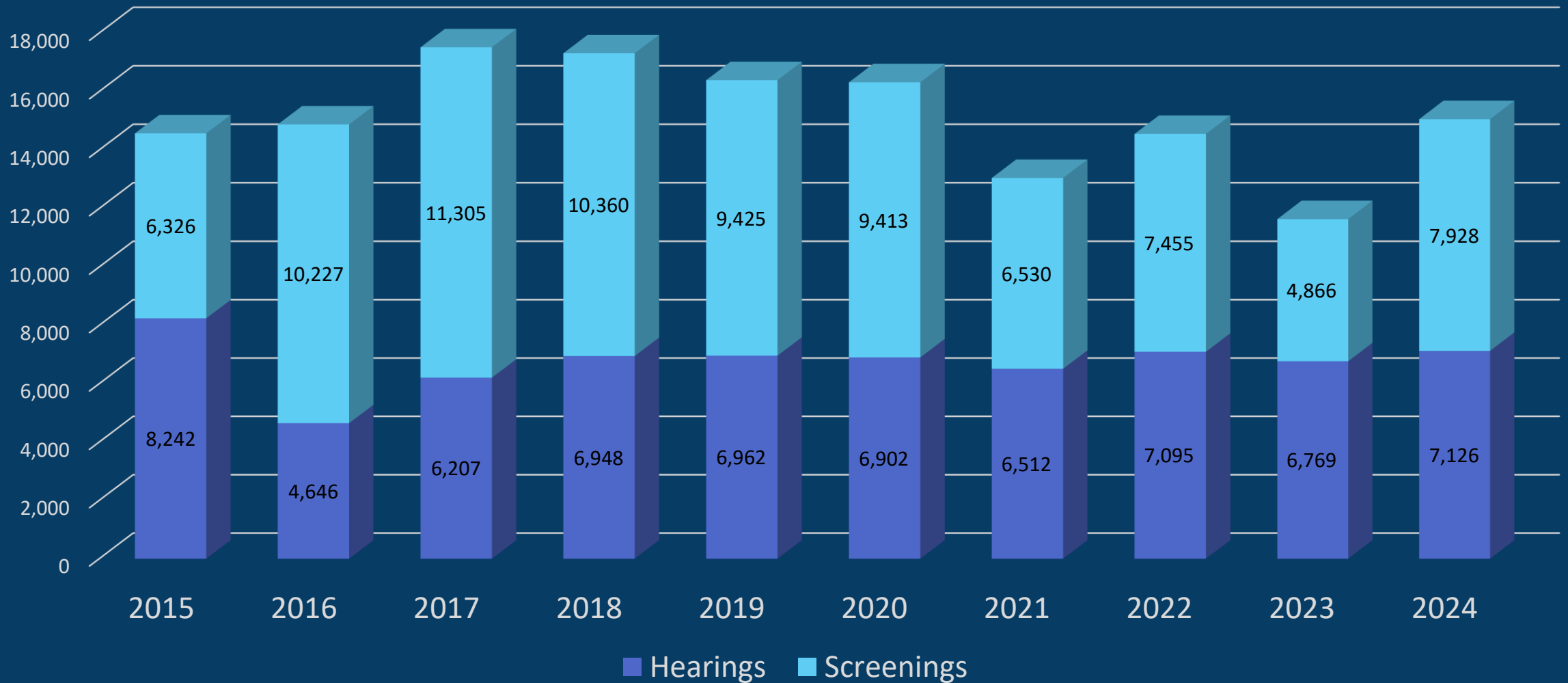
The Post-Prison Transfer Board hearings are scheduled based on eligibility criteria pursuant to statute.

The Board makes transfer decisions through applying nationally recognized evidenced-based approaches.

The Board conducted 15,054 hearings and screenings during fiscal year 2024.

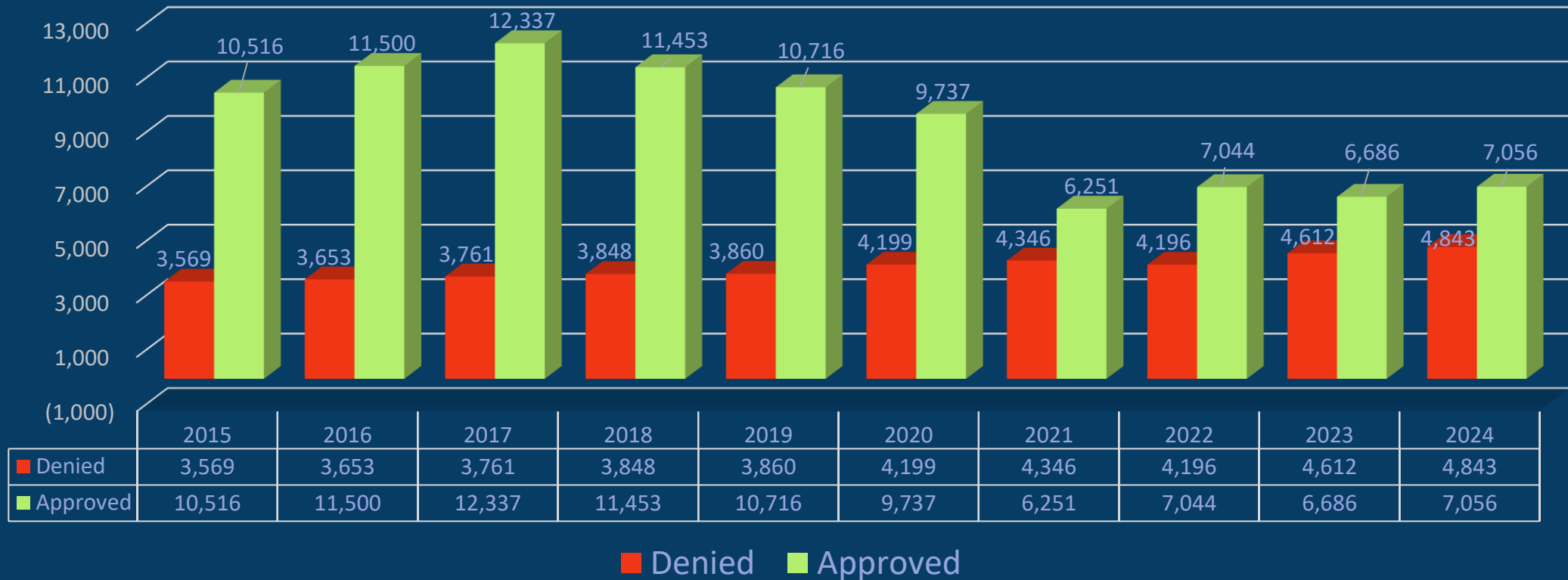
# *Transfer Considerations*

Hearings and Screenings Conducted – FY24



# Transfer Decisions

## Hearings and Screenings – FY24



*\* These figures exclude hearings not resulting in a denial or approval, such as rescheduled or deferred outcomes.*

# *Victim Input*

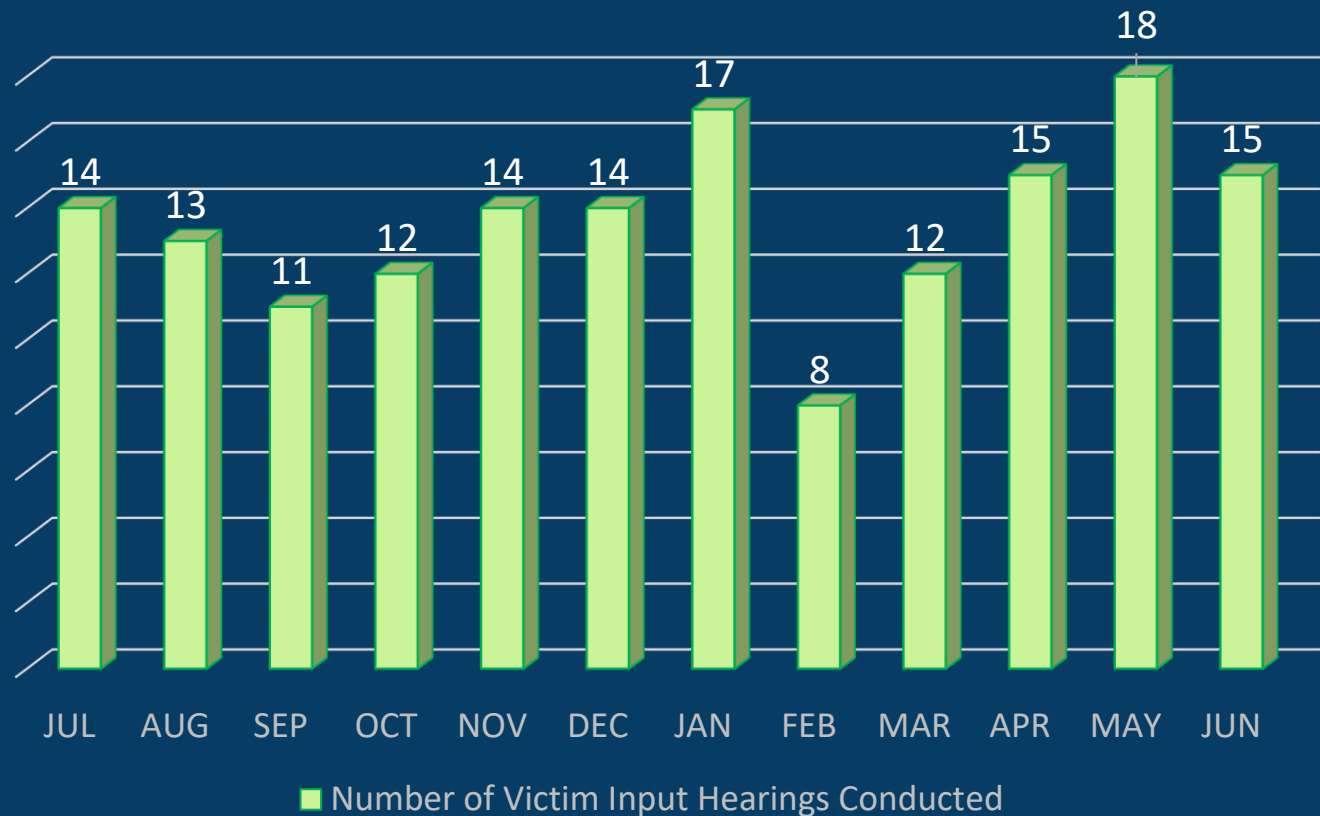
During fiscal year 2024, the Board conducted 163 victim input hearings providing victims dedicated opportunities to share their experiences through oral testimony and written impact statements, ensuring their voices remain integral to the Board's process of deliberation.



# *Victim Input Hearings By Month*

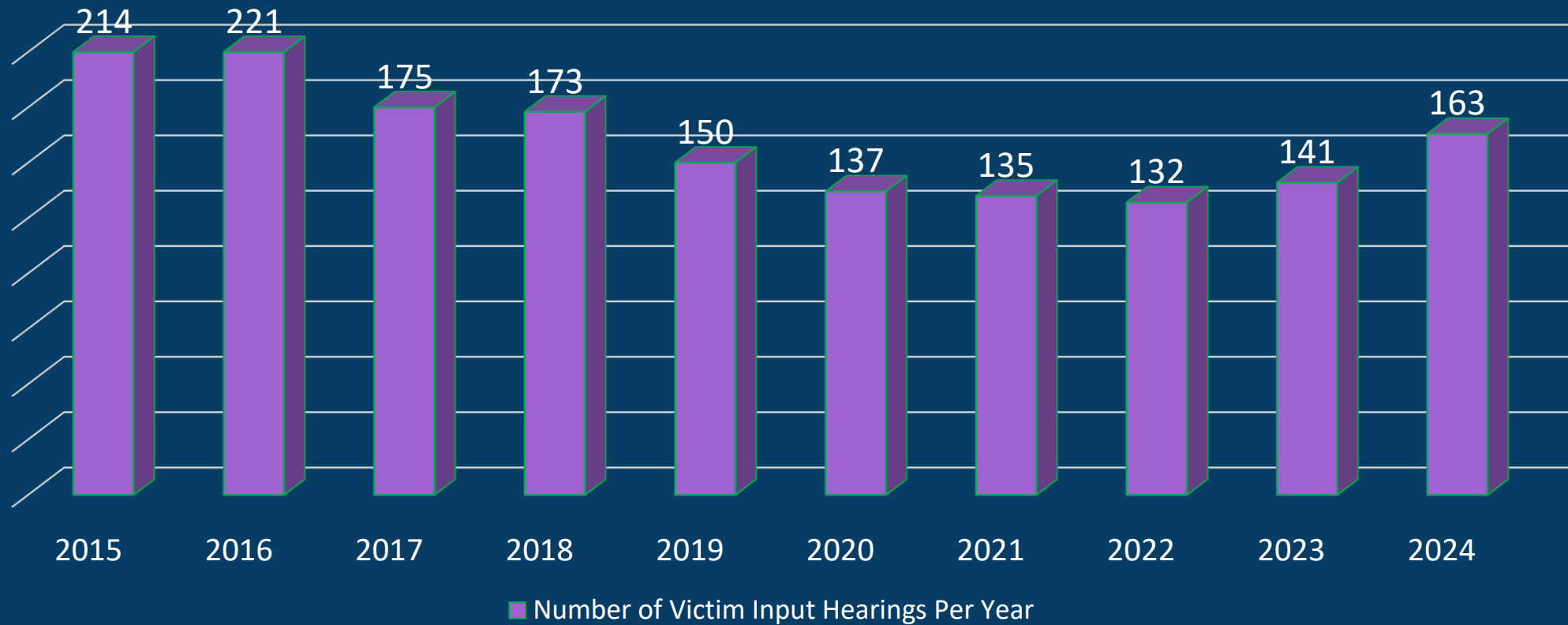
Hearings Conducted Each Month– FY24

FY 2024	SCHEDULED	CONDUCTED
JUL	15	14
AUG	14	13
SEP	14	11
OCT	12	12
NOV	16	14
DEC	15	14
JAN	18	17
FEB	8	8
MAR	12	12
APR	15	15
MAY	19	18
JUN	17	15
TOTAL	175	163



# *Victim Input Hearings by Year*

Hearings Conducted Each Year – Fiscal 2015 to 2024



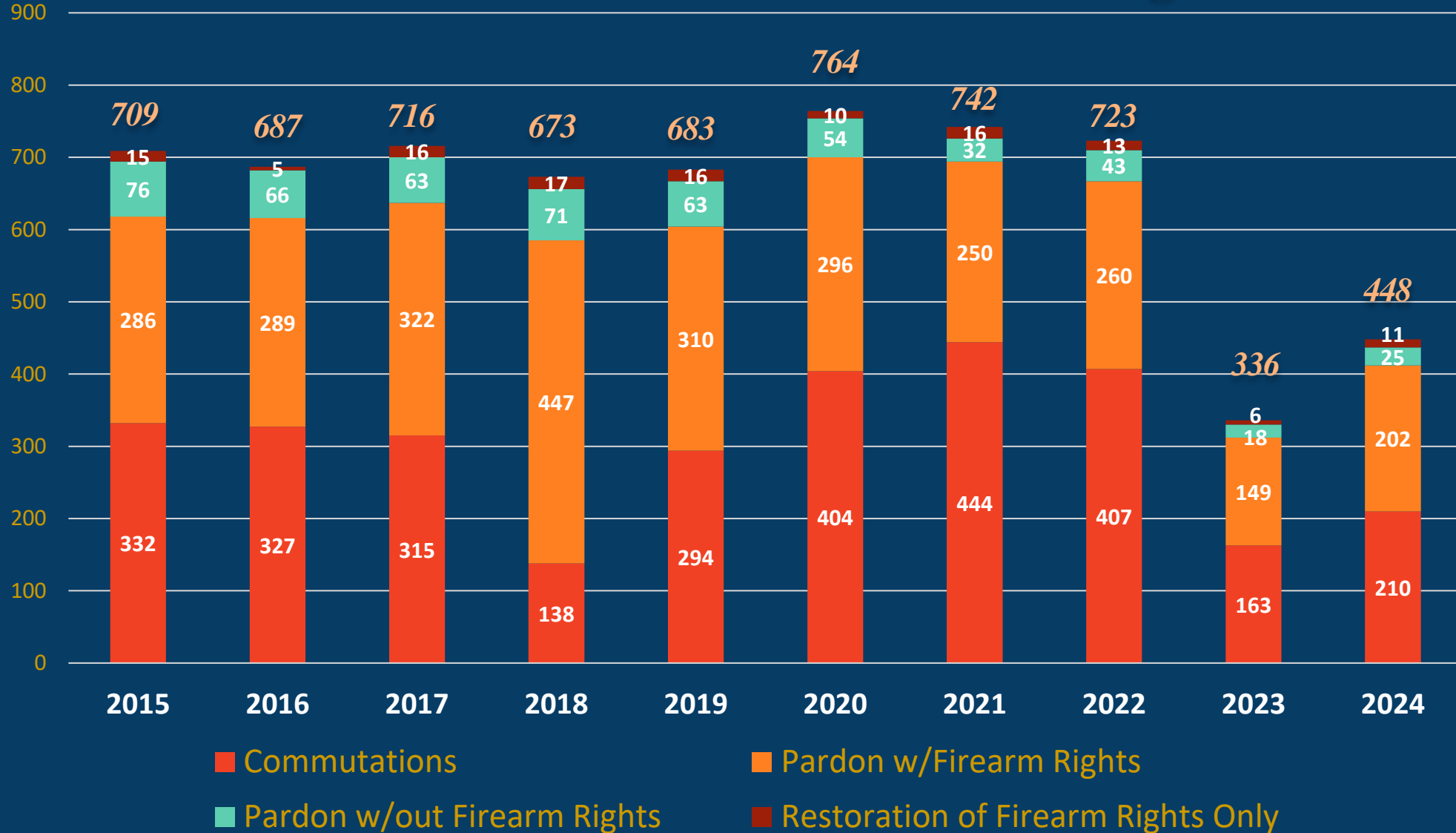
# *Executive Clemency*

Beyond its role in post-prison supervision, the Board researches and reviews clemency applications, conducts clemency screenings and hearings, and submits non-binding recommendations to the Governor's Office.

The Board submitted 448 clemency case files with recommendations to the Governor during fiscal year 2024.

# *Clemency Recommendations by Year*

## Submitted to the Governor Fiscal 2015 through 2024



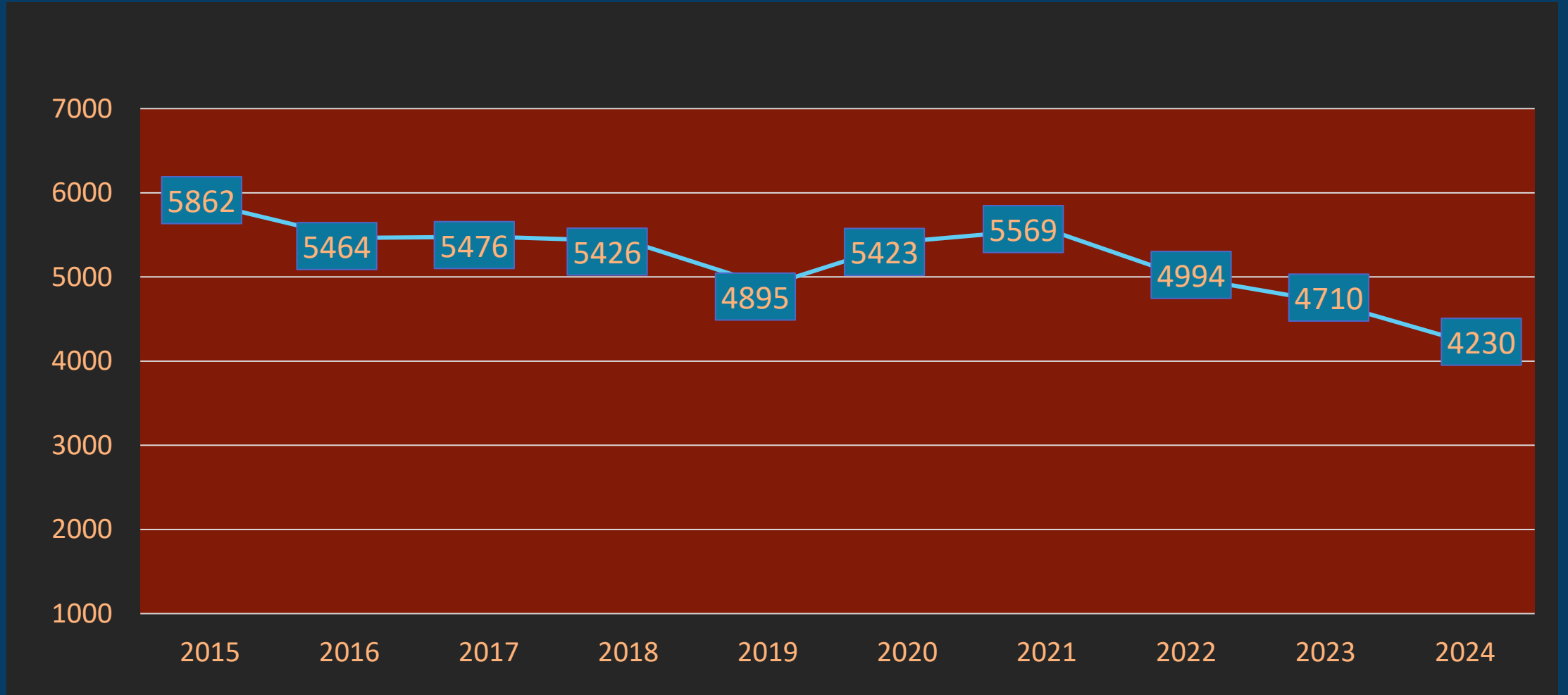
# *Revocation*

Violations of conditions of release prompt warrant issuance and revocation proceedings. Offenders are evaluated and sanctioned according to the severity of the violation and risks posed.

The Board revoked 4,230 cases and reinstated 194 cases in fiscal year 2024, ensuring accountability and compliance with supervision requirements.

# *Parole Revocation Action Year-End Totals*

## Fiscal 2015 through 2024

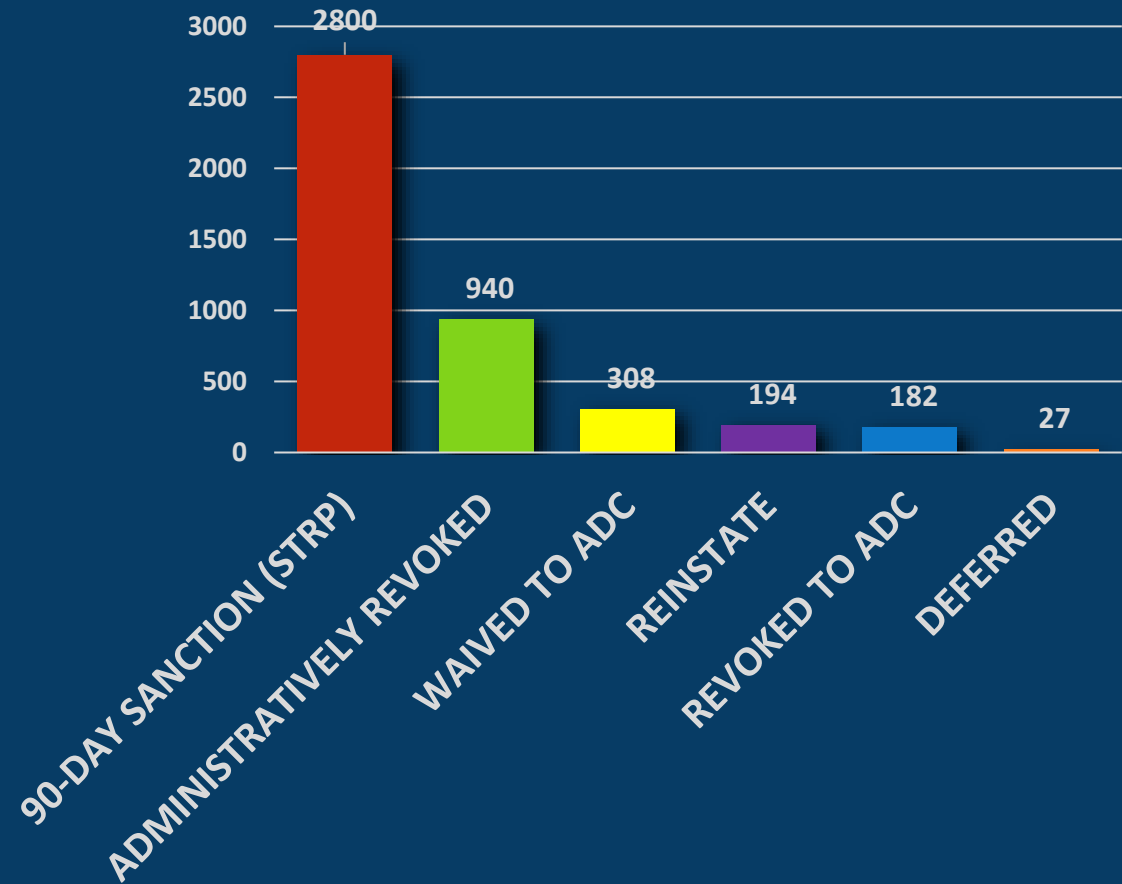




# *Revocation Outcomes*

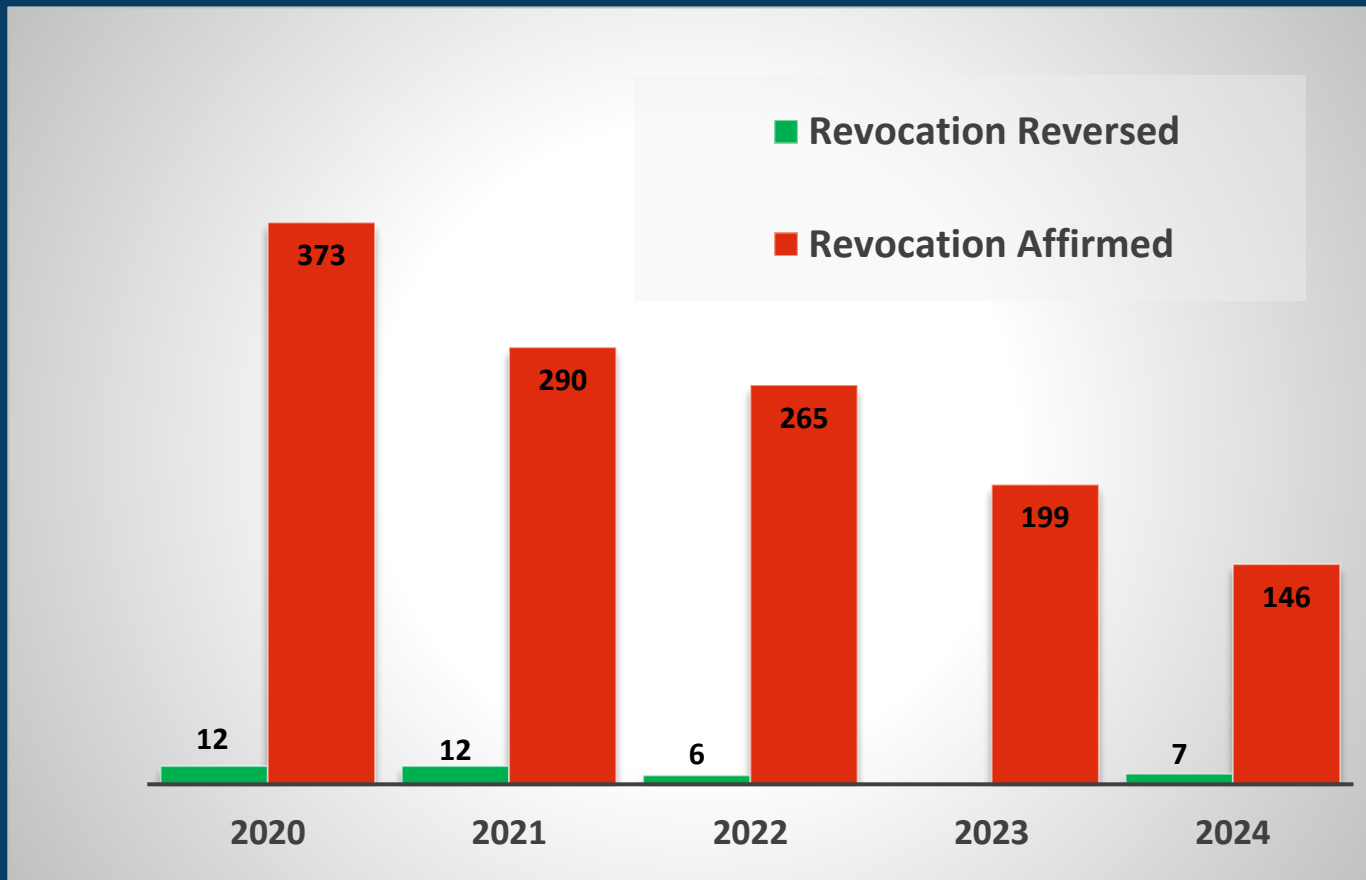
Fiscal 2024

Revocation proceedings may result in a revocation to the Arkansas Division of Correction via hearing or waiver, a 90-day sanction, or a reinstatement. In some instances, hearings may be deferred pending the outcome of pending charges.



# *Revocation Appeals*

## Fiscal 2020 through 2024 Comparison

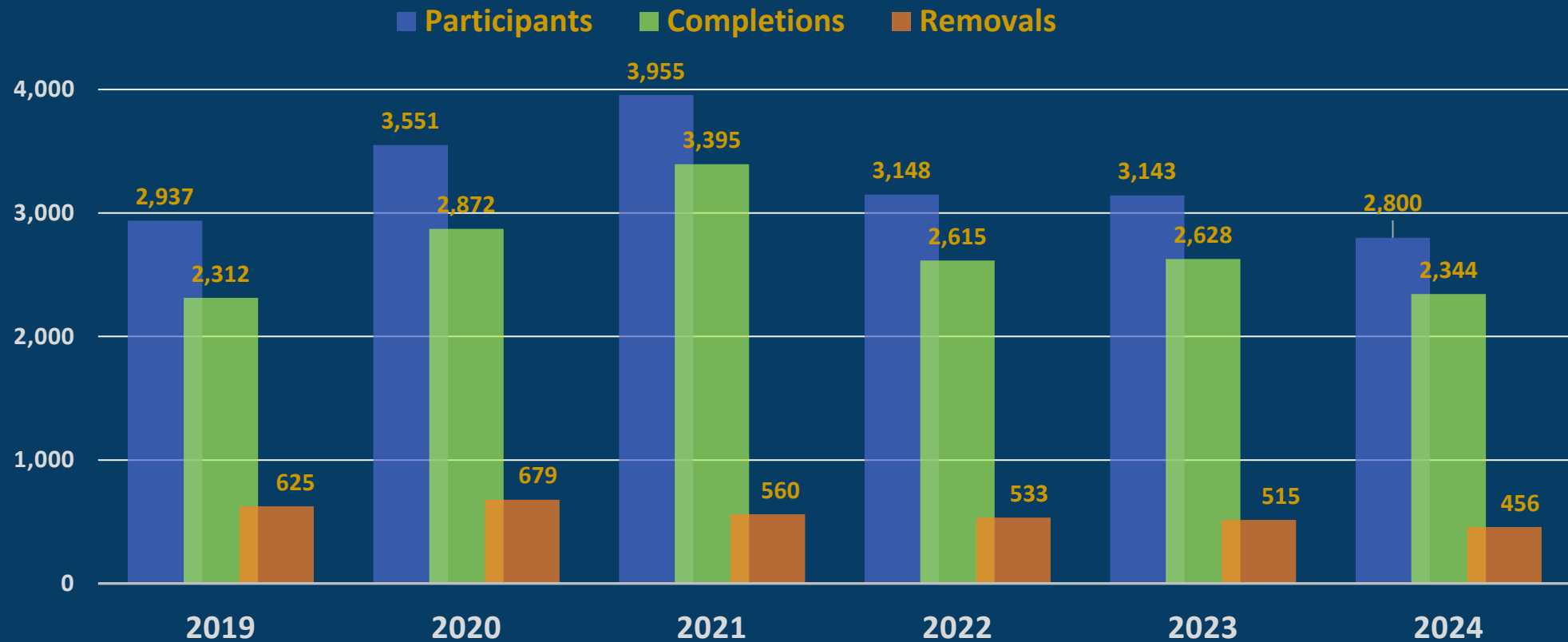


Commissioners serve as the appellate authority for revocation appeals.

The Board decided 153 revocation appeal cases in fiscal year 2024.

# *90-Day Short-Term Revocation Program (STRP)*

## FY19 through FY24 Comparison



# *Revenue & Expenditures*

# *FISCAL YEAR 2024 EXPENDITURES*

## Business Area 0323 Expenditure Analysis

COMMITMENT ITEM	FUNDED (Including Adjustments)	EXPENSED	BALANCE
Regular Salaries	\$ 1,608,207.00	\$ 1,515,015.39	\$ 93,191.61
Personal Services Matching	\$ 539,689.00	\$ 498,244.14	\$ 41,444.86
Maintenance & Operations	\$ 234,000.00	\$ 225,238.51	\$ 8,761.49
Conference & Travel	\$ 10,711.00	\$ 7,570.06	\$ 3,140.94
Transfer to DOC Shared Services	\$ 152,460.00	\$ 152,460.00	\$ 0.00
TOTAL	\$ 2,545,067.00	\$ 2,398,528.10	\$ 146,538.90