

Criminal Justice

Policy & Planning Division

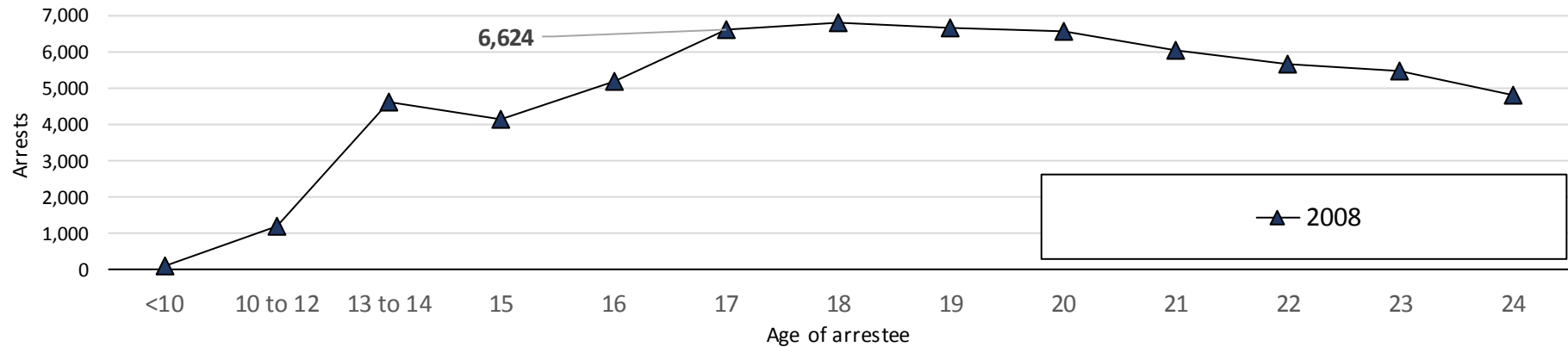


Effects of Raising the Age in the Juvenile Justice System



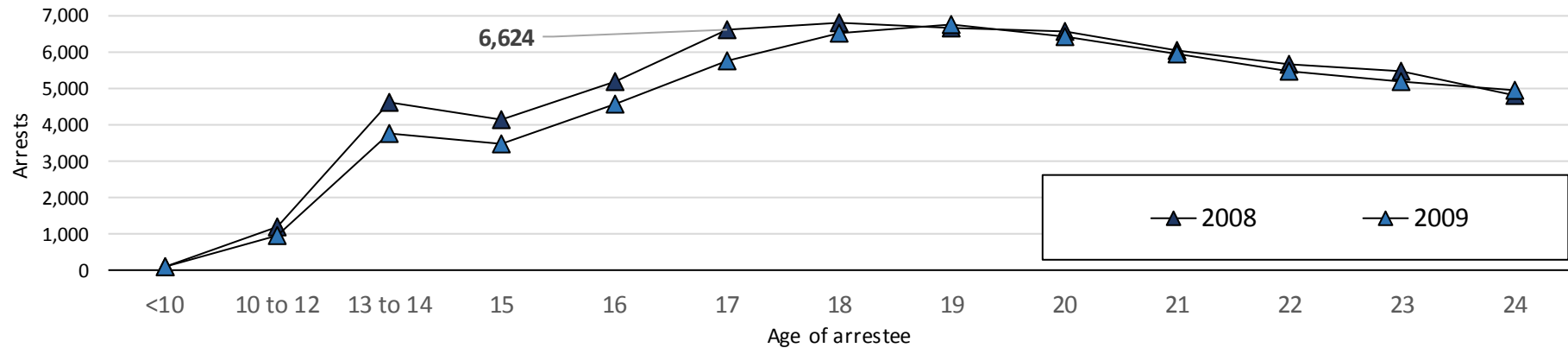
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Arrests by age – 2008 through 2014



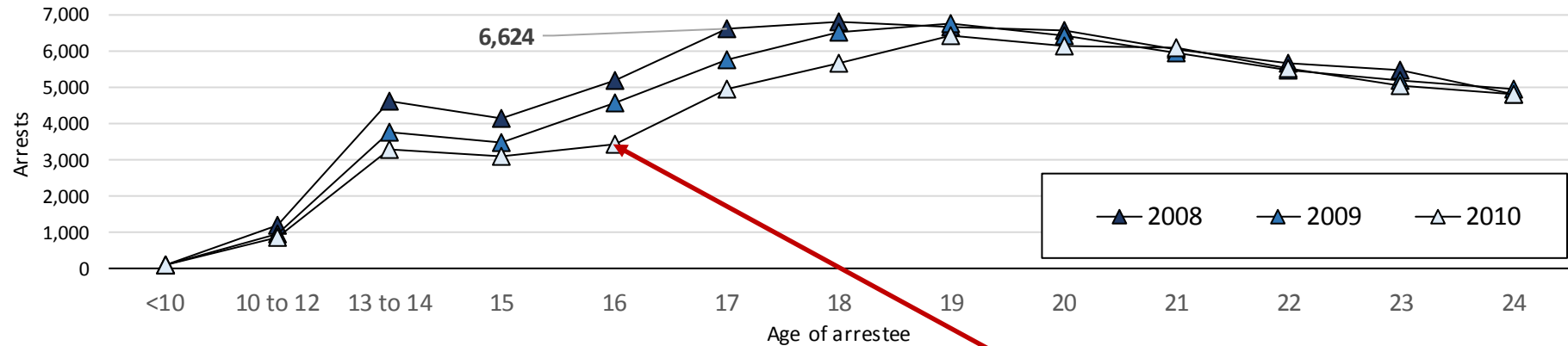
- **Statewide arrests (adult and juvenile) by age in 2008**
- **Source: Crime in Connecticut, annual reports by the CT State Police**
- **Most 15-year olds arrested in 2008 were born in 1993**

Arrests by age



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

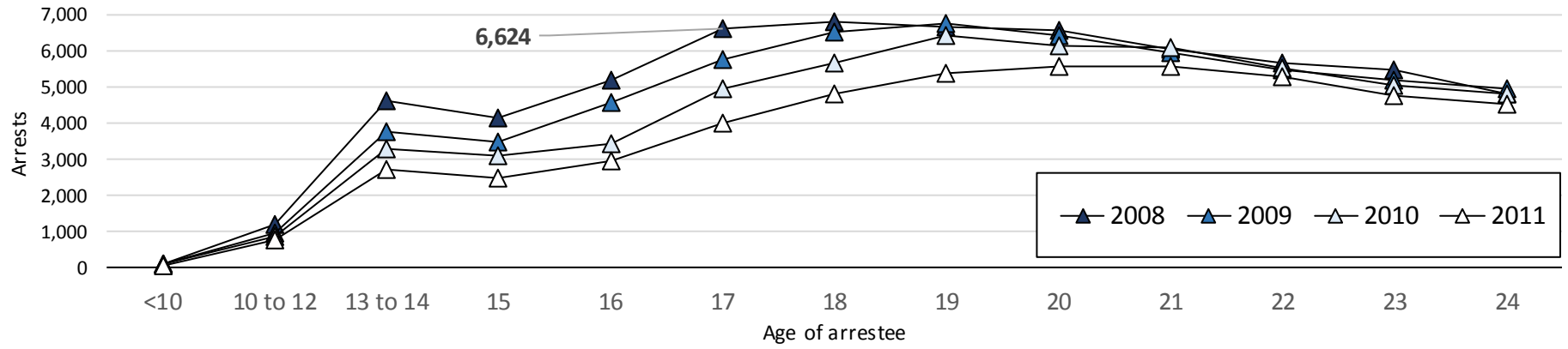
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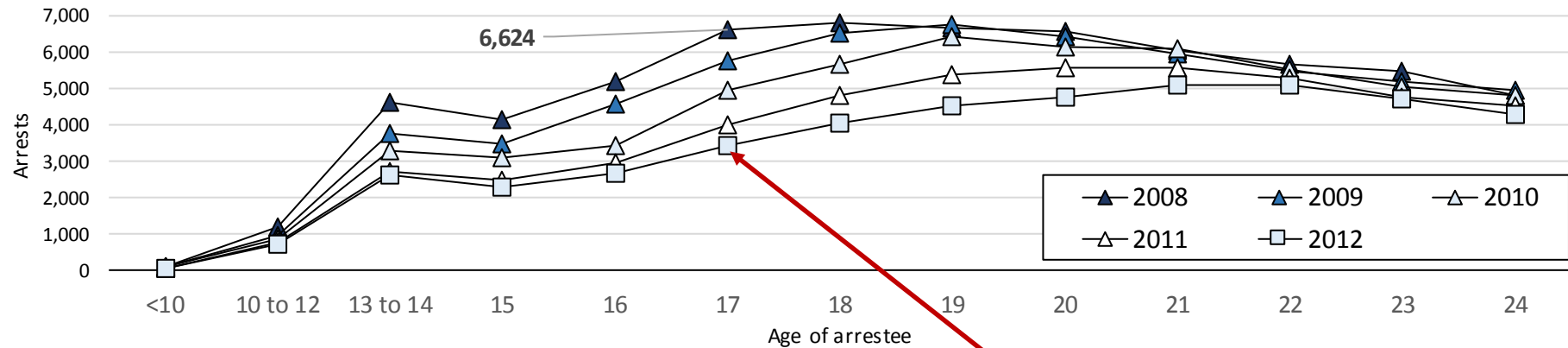
Raise the age: 16 year olds January 1, 2010

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

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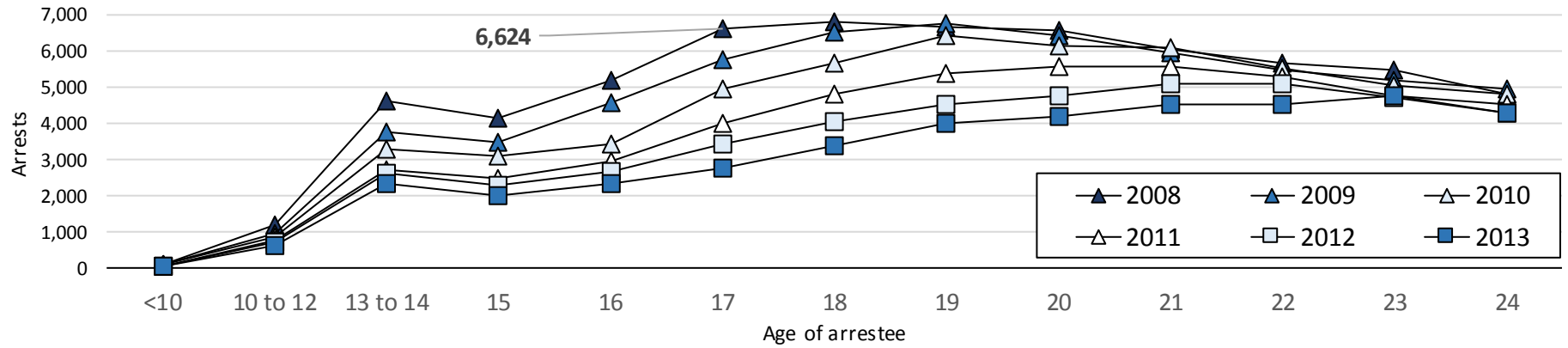
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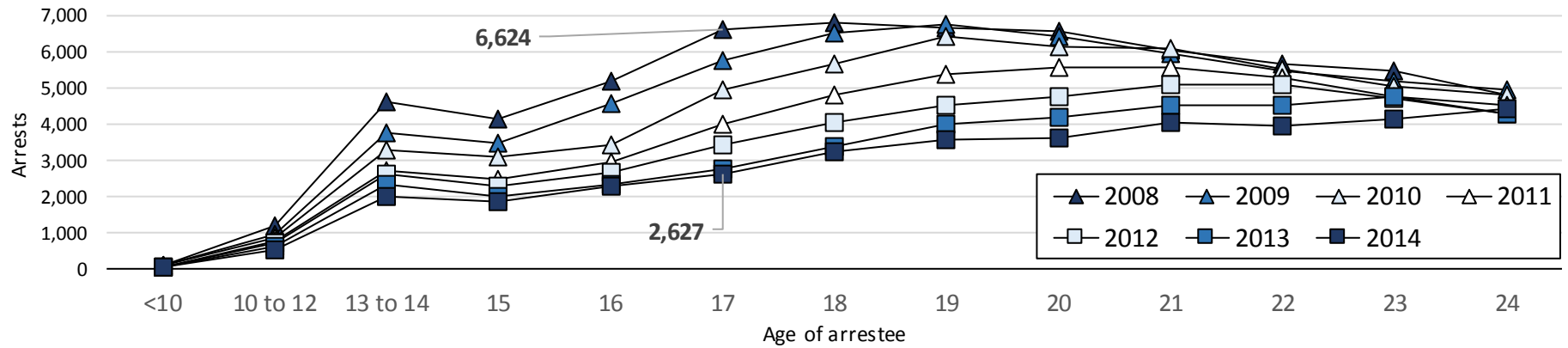
Raise the age: 17-year olds July 1, 2012

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

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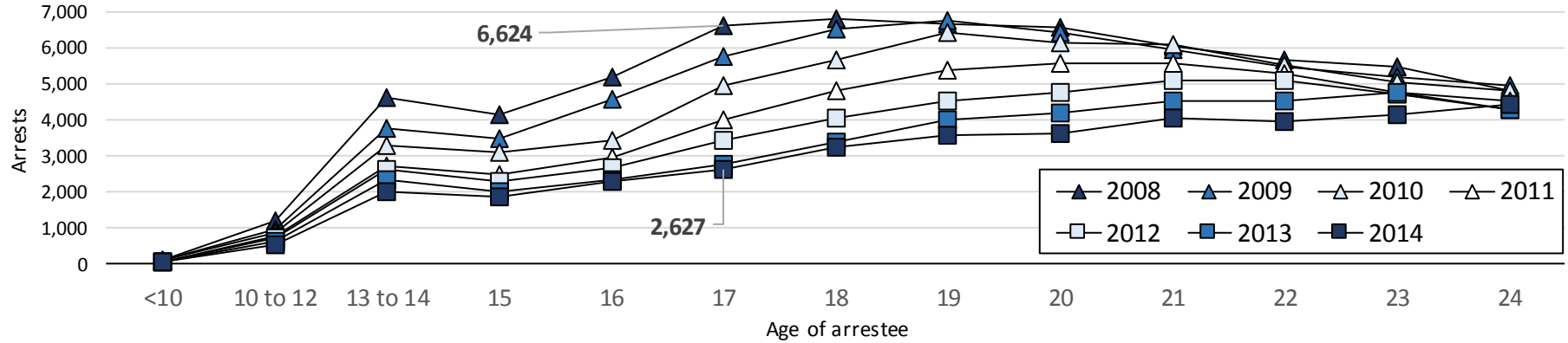
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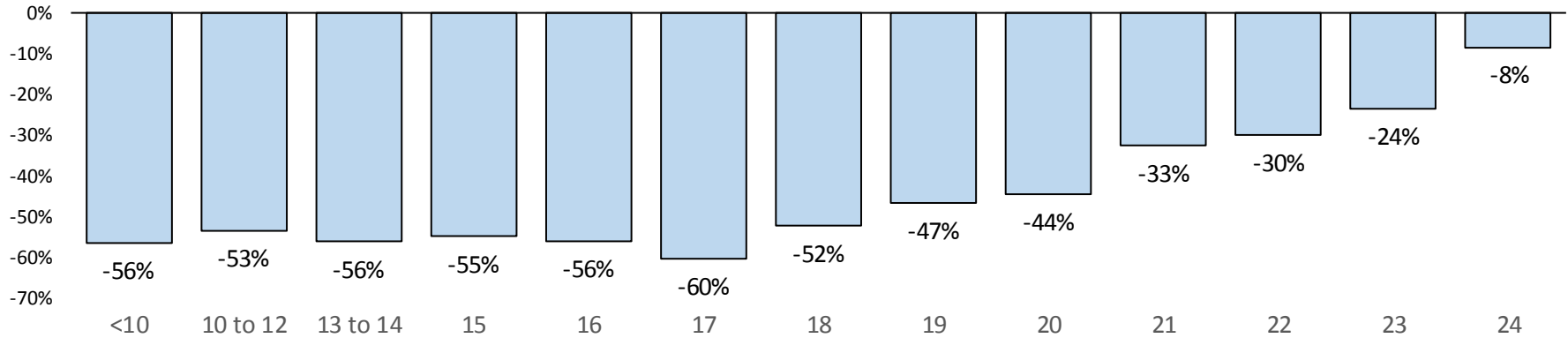
- **By 2014, the drop in arrests was edging towards older youth.**

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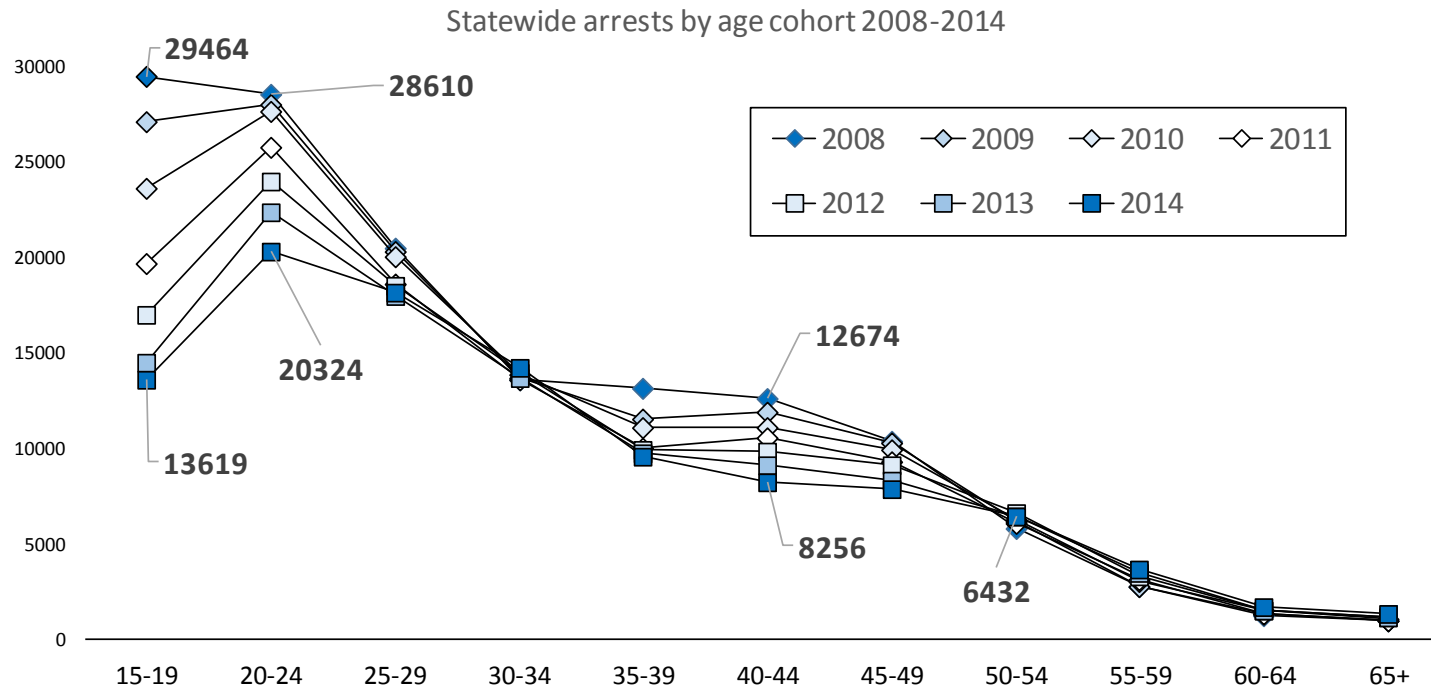
Change in statewide arrests by age 2008 to 2014



Percent change in statewide arrests by age 2008 to 2014



Arrests by age, 15-19 through 65+

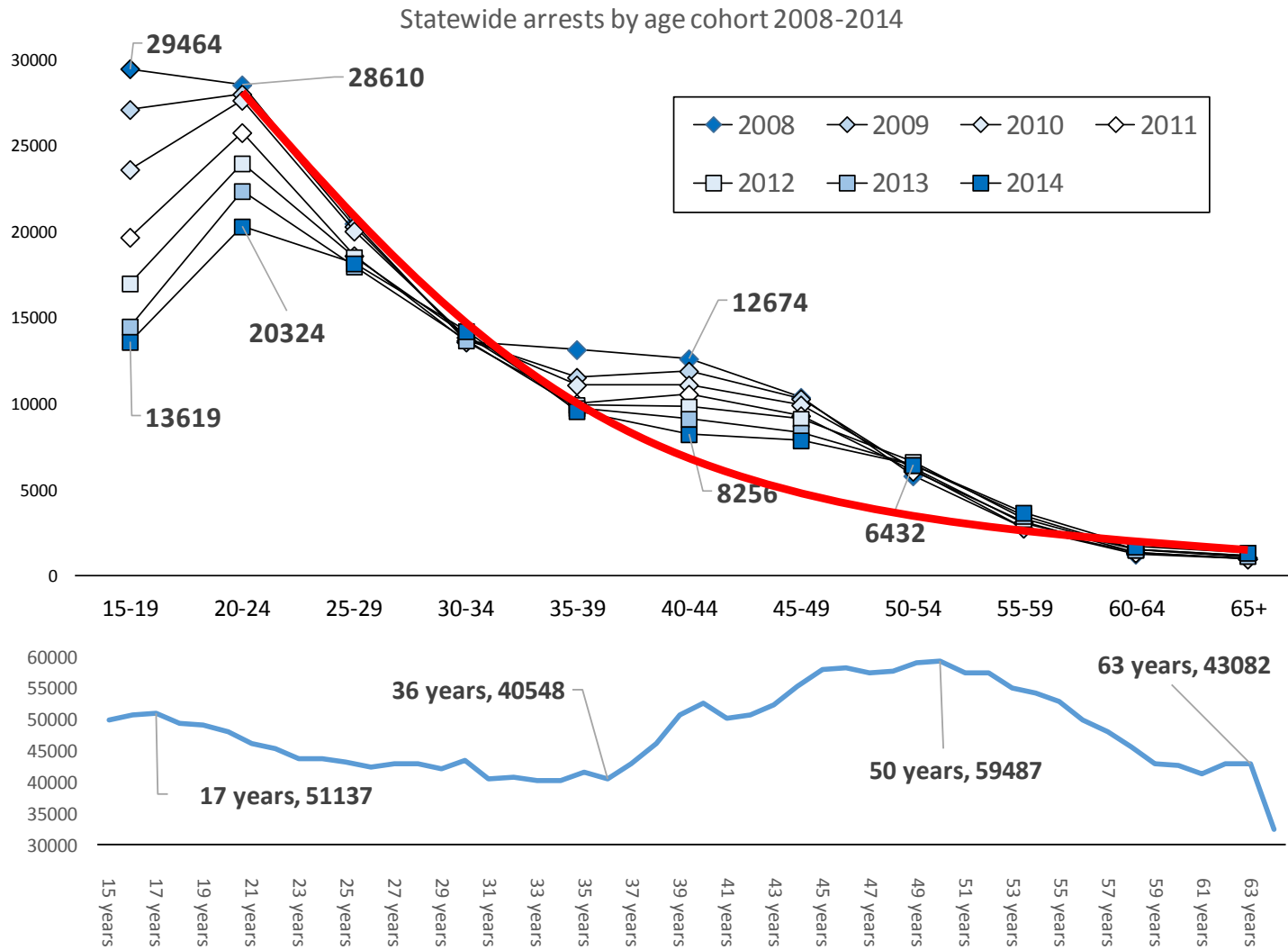


We observed that arrests among younger, offender cohorts declined most. Older age cohorts, actually, grew.

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%

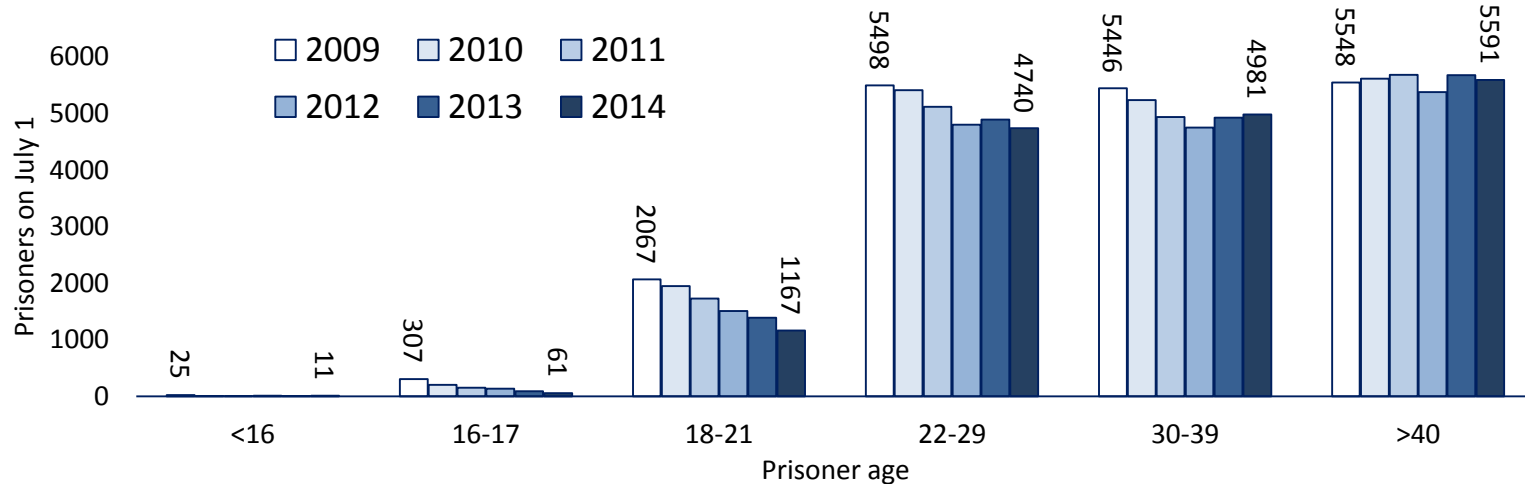
.. and then we observed a spread among those aged 35 to 50.

Arrests by age, 15-19 through 65+



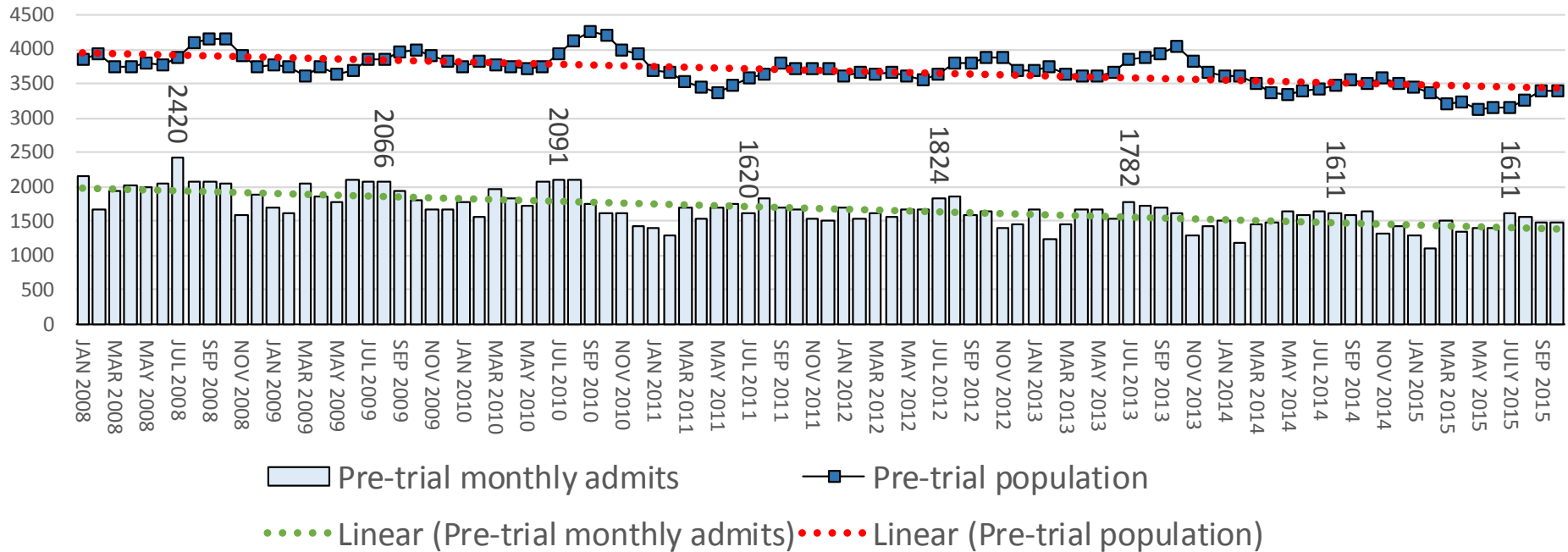
2010 Census data

CT DOC prisoners by age group



Change in the size of the prisoner population by age group, July 1							
Age	2009	2010	2011	2012	2013	2014	% change, 2009 to 2014
<16	25	10	9	15	8	11	-56%
16-17	307	207	152	136	92	61	-80%
18-21	2067	1952	1732	1510	1391	1167	-44%
22-29	5498	5413	5120	4802	4894	4740	-14%
30-39	5446	5235	4937	4750	4927	4981	-9%
>40	5548	5614	5681	5378	5676	5591	1%
Total	18891	18431	17631	16591	16988	16551	-12%

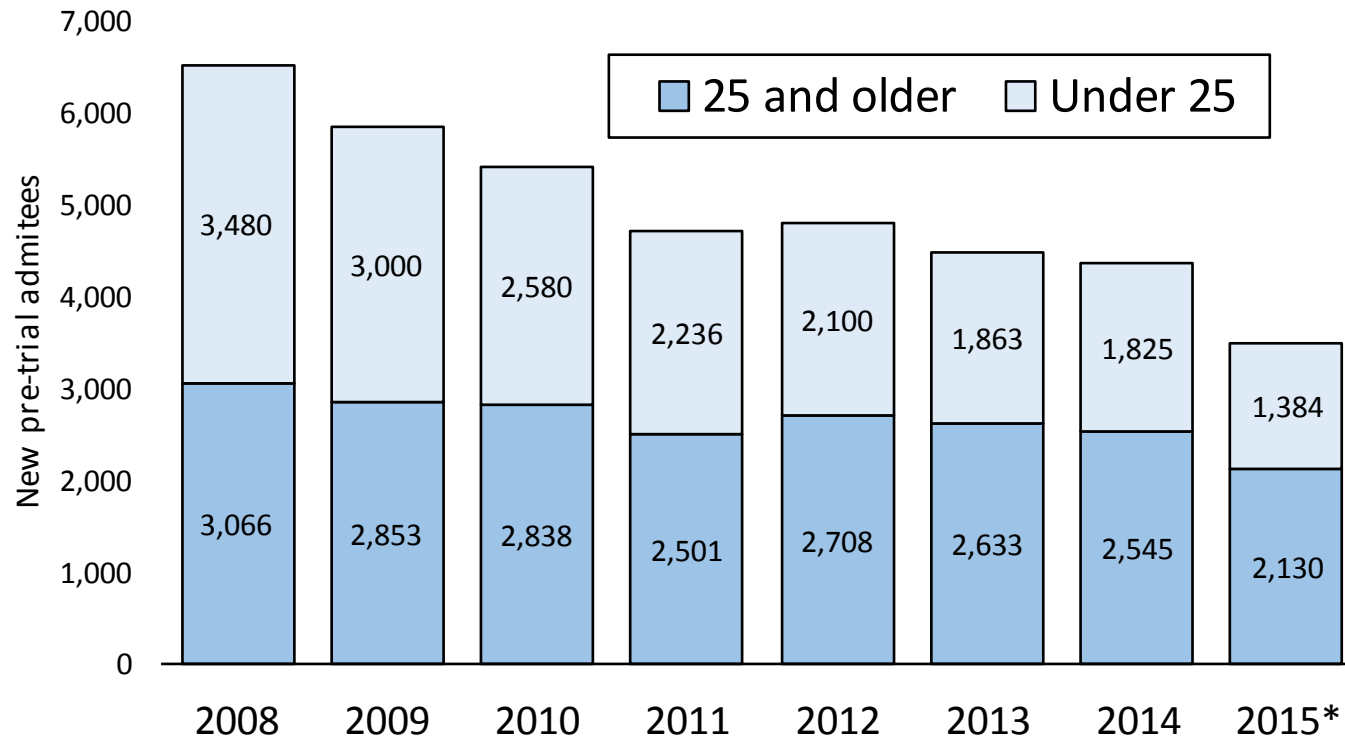
CT DOC: Monthly pre-trial admissions and pre-trial population



Discounting seasonal variations, the pre-trial, prison population and the number of persons admitted to prison on a pre-trial basis has been declining steadily since 2008.

Of persons admitted to prison in pre-trial status each month only about 25% are new to the prison system.

New persons admitted to the CT DOC on pre-trial status



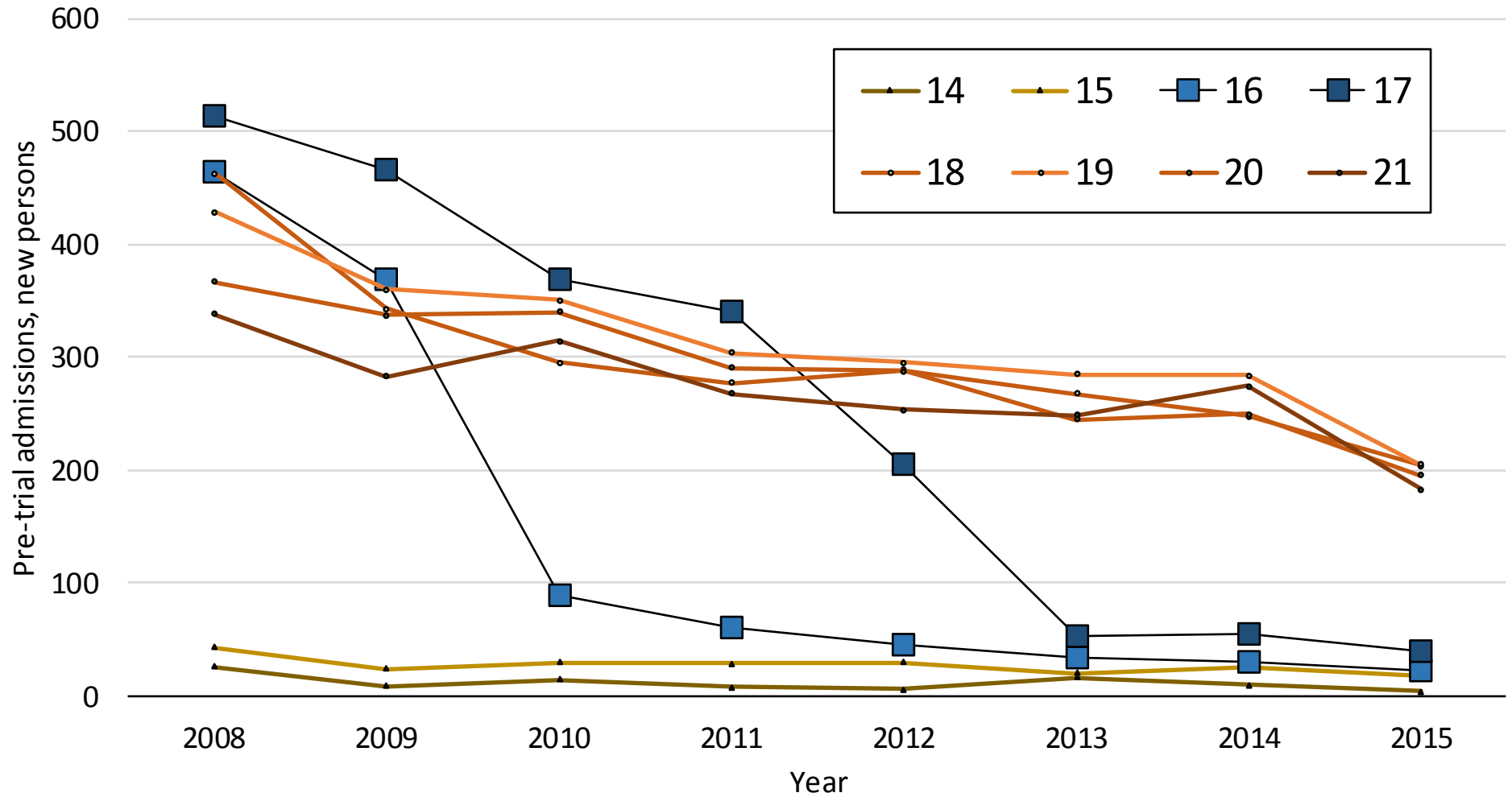
Percent change in the number of new persons admitted to DOC on pre-trial status, 2008 to 2014:

All persons: -33% (6,546 to 4,370)

Persons under 25: -48% (3,480 to 1,825)

Persons 25 and older: -17% (3,066 to 2,545)

New persons admitted to the CT DOC on pre-trial status by age at admit



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