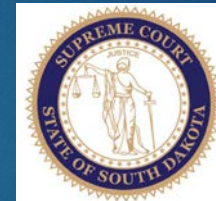


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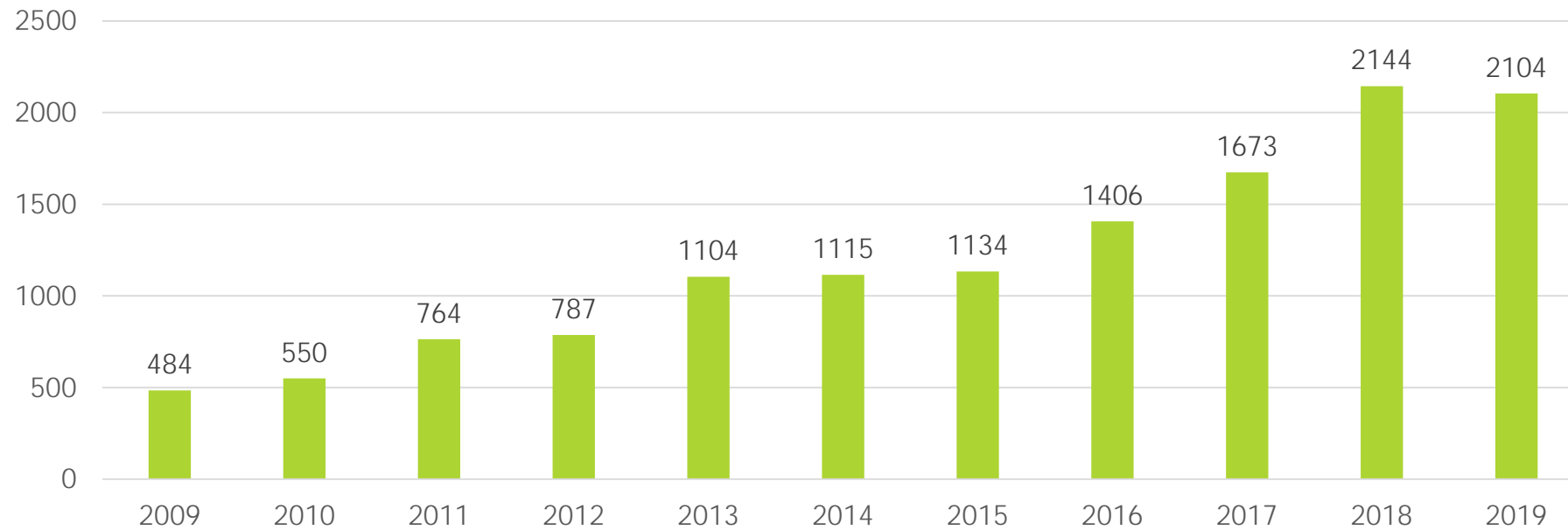
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Drug Related Convictions Data

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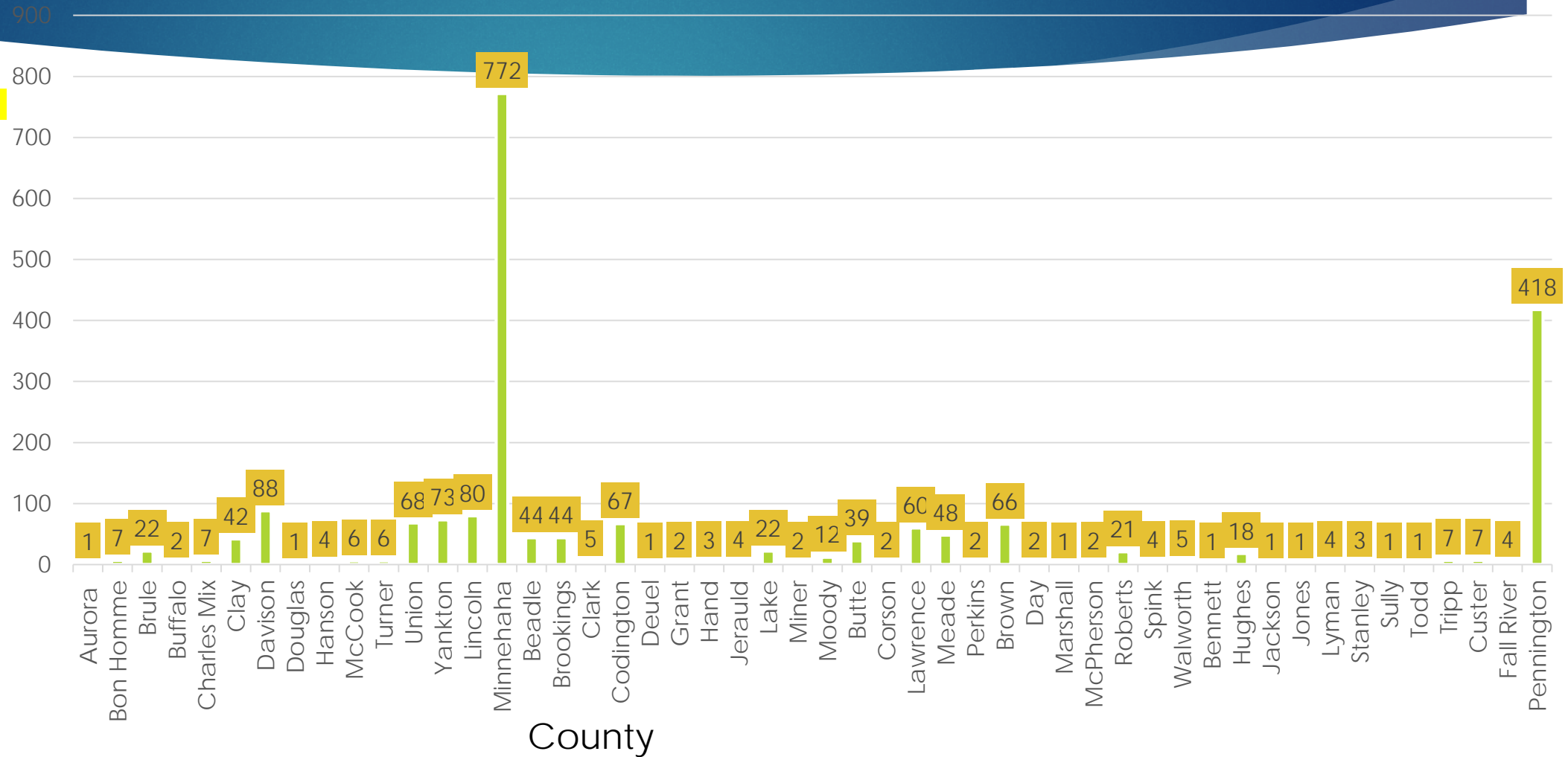
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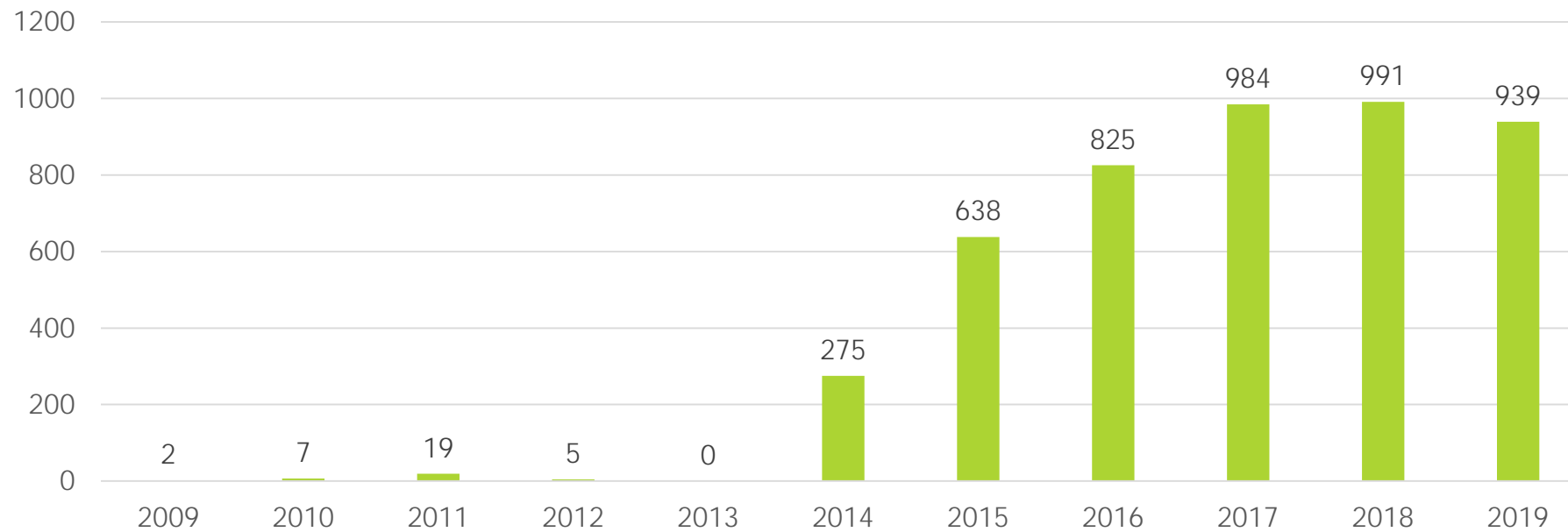
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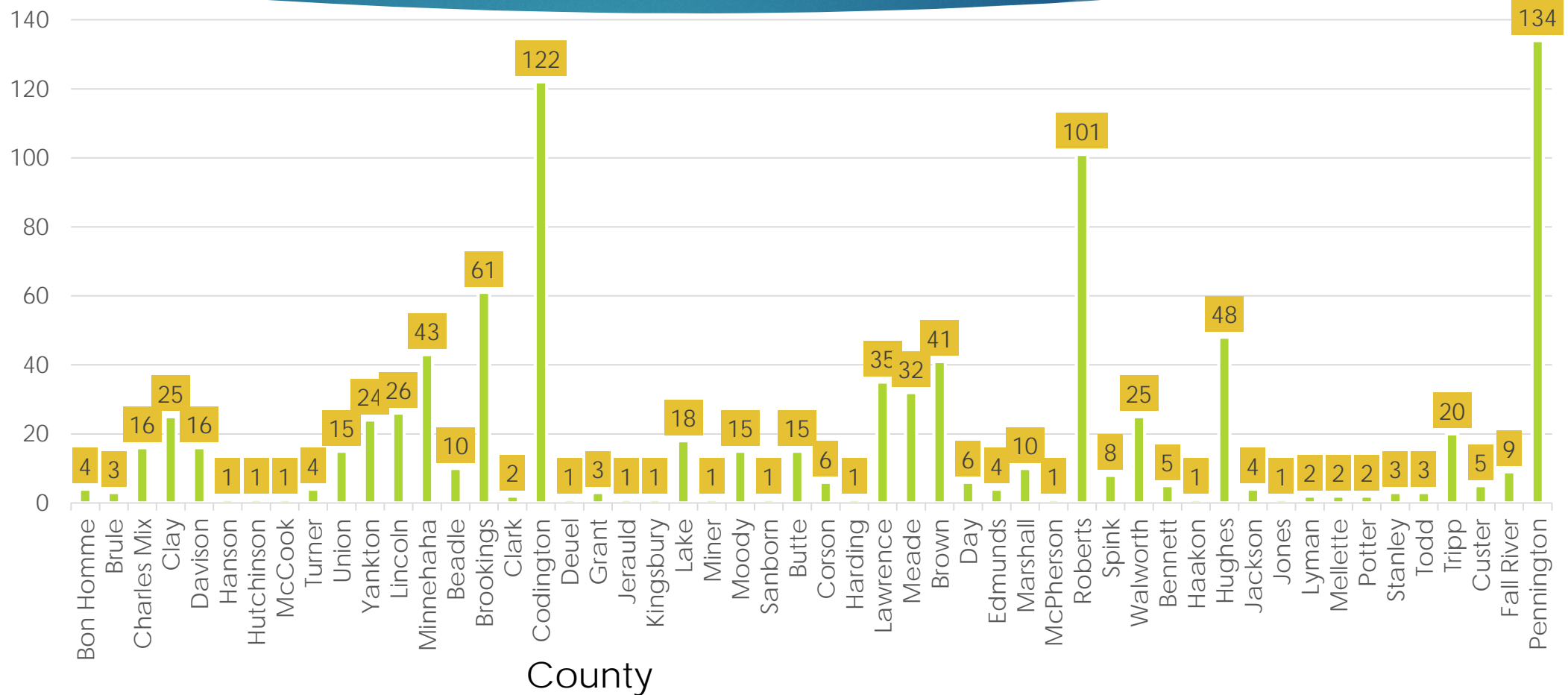
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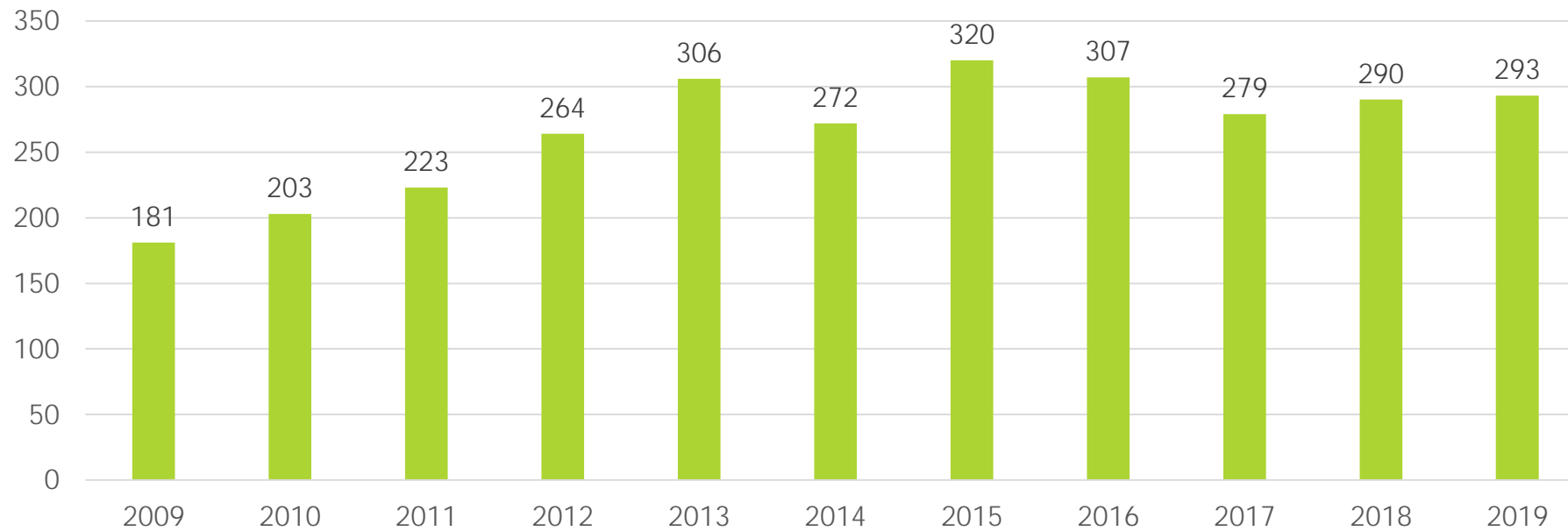
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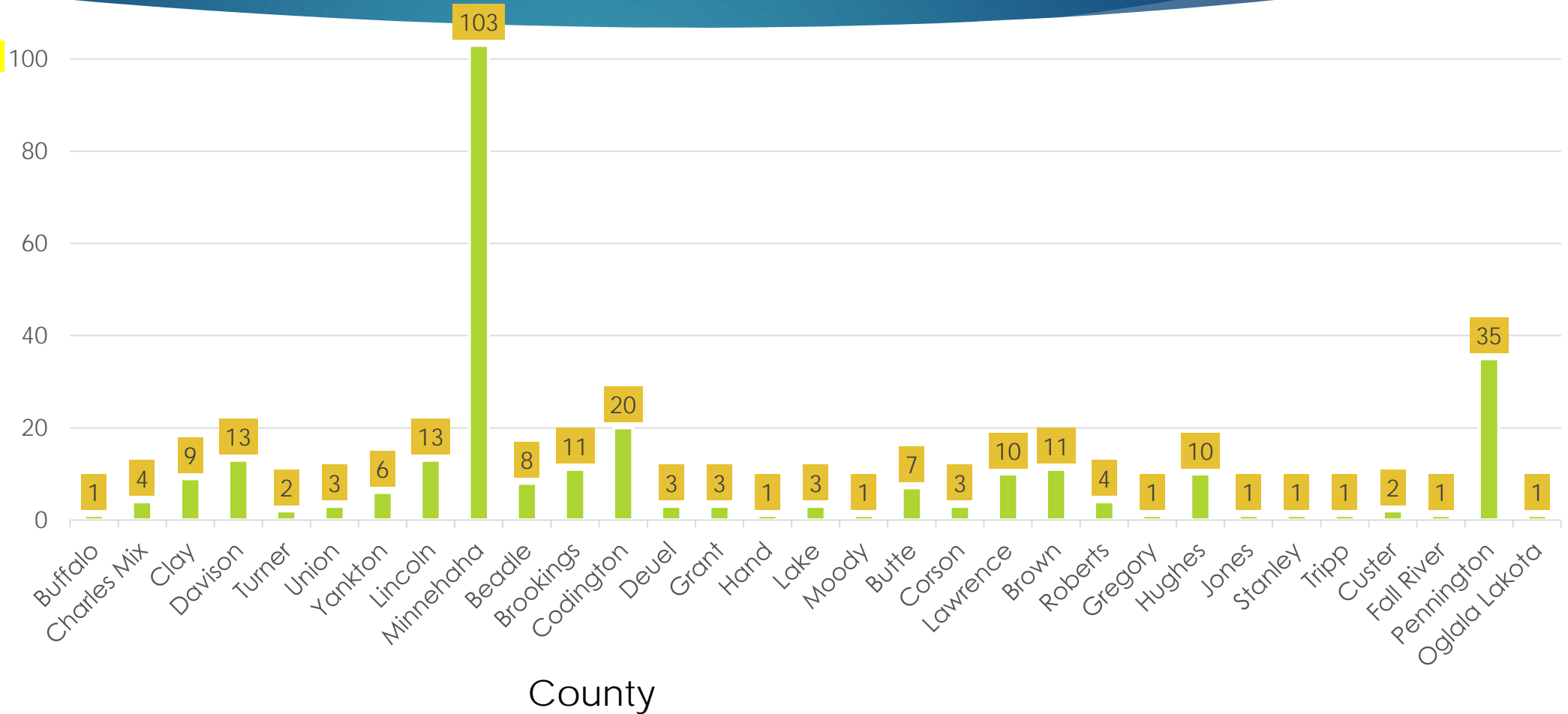
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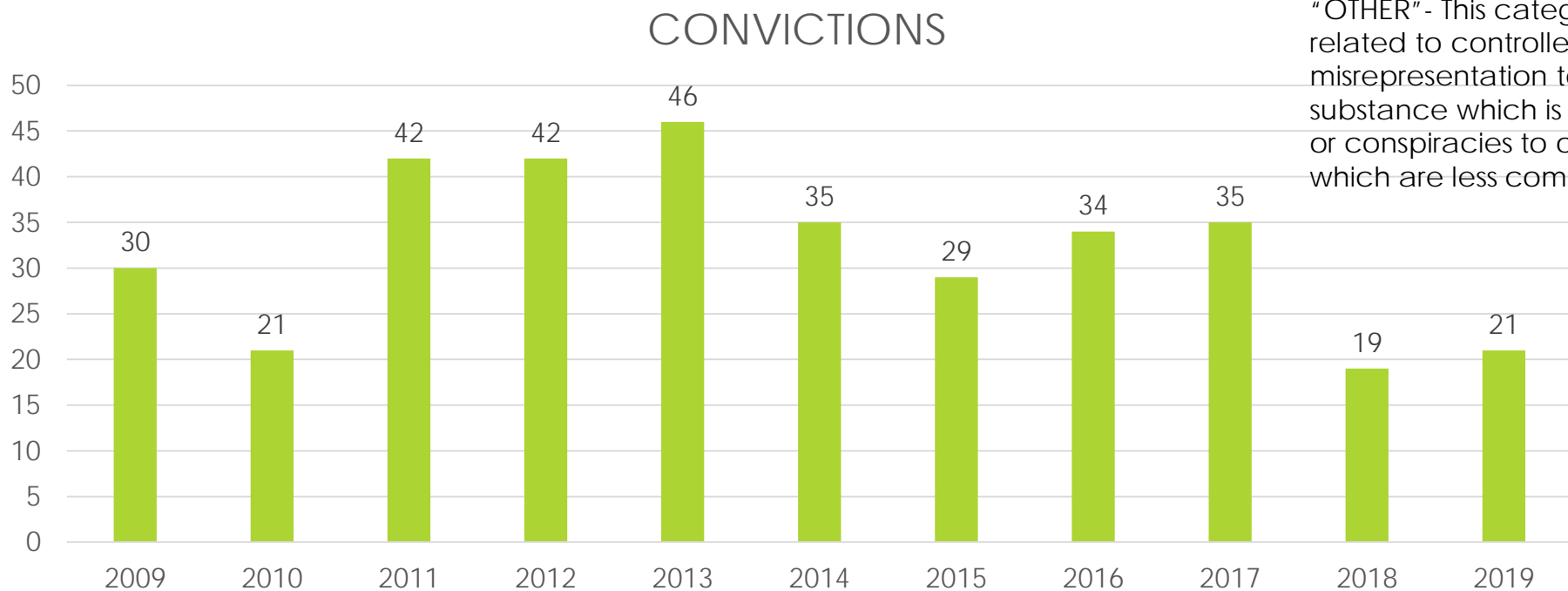
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293 Manufacture/
Distribution of a
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Statewide



"OTHER" CONTROLLED SUBSTANCE CONVICTIONS



"OTHER" - This category includes all other charges related to controlled substances such as misrepresentation to obtain a controlled substance which is the most common; or attempts or conspiracies to obtain controlled substances which are less common.

Data Trends

- ▶ Convictions for possession of a controlled substance have increased every year since 2009 except in 2019 which dropped slightly.
- ▶ Between 2009 and 2019 convictions for possession of a controlled substance increased 125%.
- ▶ Convictions for ingestion of a controlled substance only became relevant following the changes in 2014's Public Safety Improvement Act (otherwise known as SB 70).
- ▶ From 2014 to 2019 convictions for ingestion of a controlled substance increased 109%.
- ▶ Convictions for the manufacture and distribution of a controlled substance have remained fairly steady over the last several years.

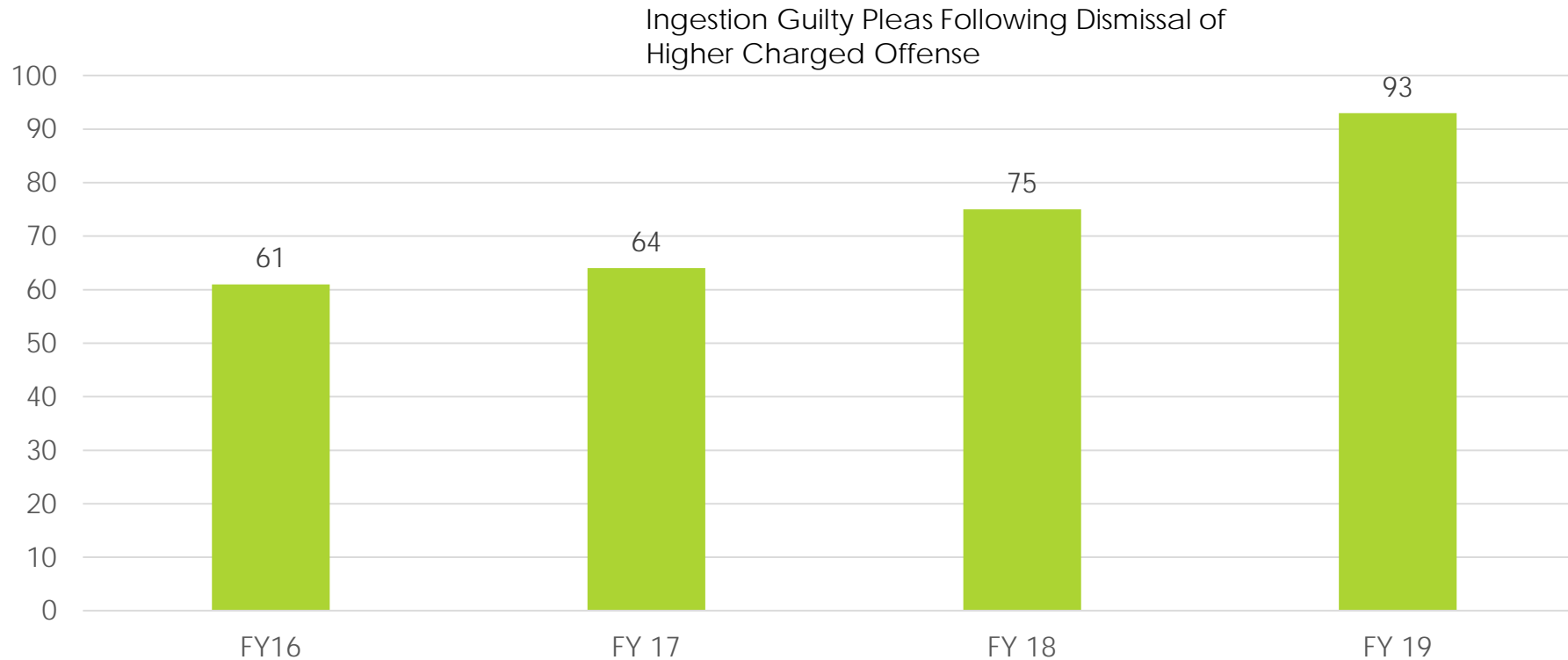
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- ▶ The Following Data Set Represents Cases Where Ingestion of a Controlled Substance Was **NOT** the Highest Charged Offense on a Case **BUT** the Defendant Ultimately Pled Guilty to Ingestion of a Controlled Substance and the Higher Offense was **DISMISSED**.
- ▶ **DISCLAIMER:** This only represents court data so charging decisions made before the case was filed with the court would be outside of the scope of the UJS data.

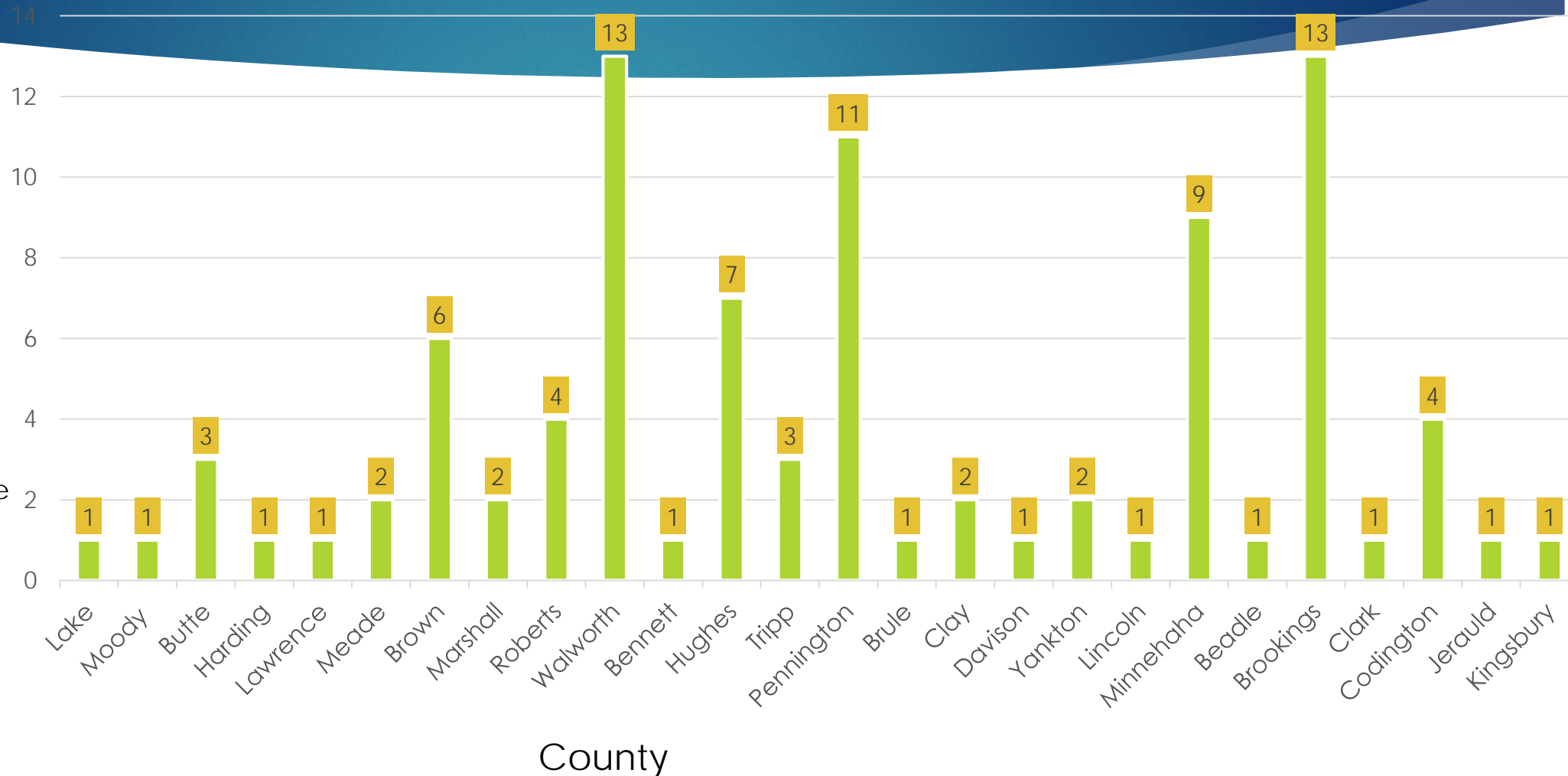
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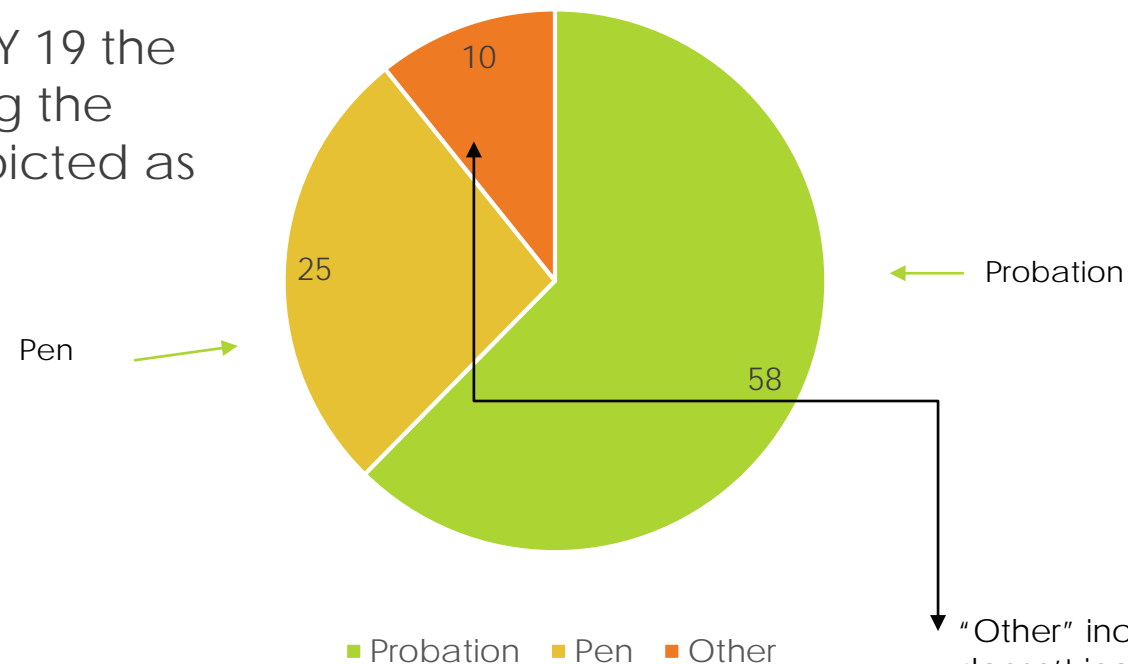
93 Cases
Statewide Where
Ingestion of a
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of a Controlled
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Dispositions

Sentences for Pled Cases

- ▶ For those 93 cases statewide during FY 19 the sentences following the guilty plea are depicted as follows:



"Other" includes cases where the sentence doesn't include probation or penitentiary supervision such as a county jail sentence or fine.

QUESTIONS