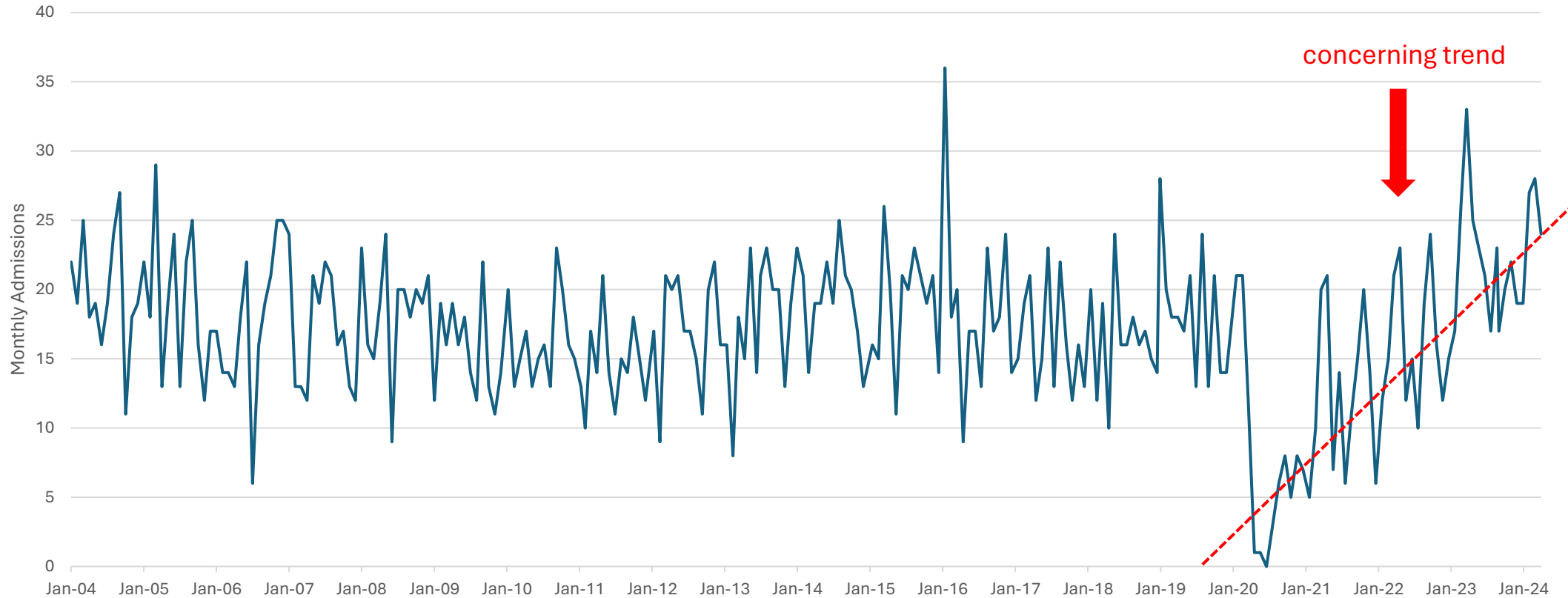


Competency to Stand Trial in Connecticut: May 2024 Update

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Whiting CST Restoration Admissions, 2004-2024



Possible Explanations



Increased number of CST orders from courts



Higher percentage of NC-R findings



Higher percentage of inpatient restoration recommendations

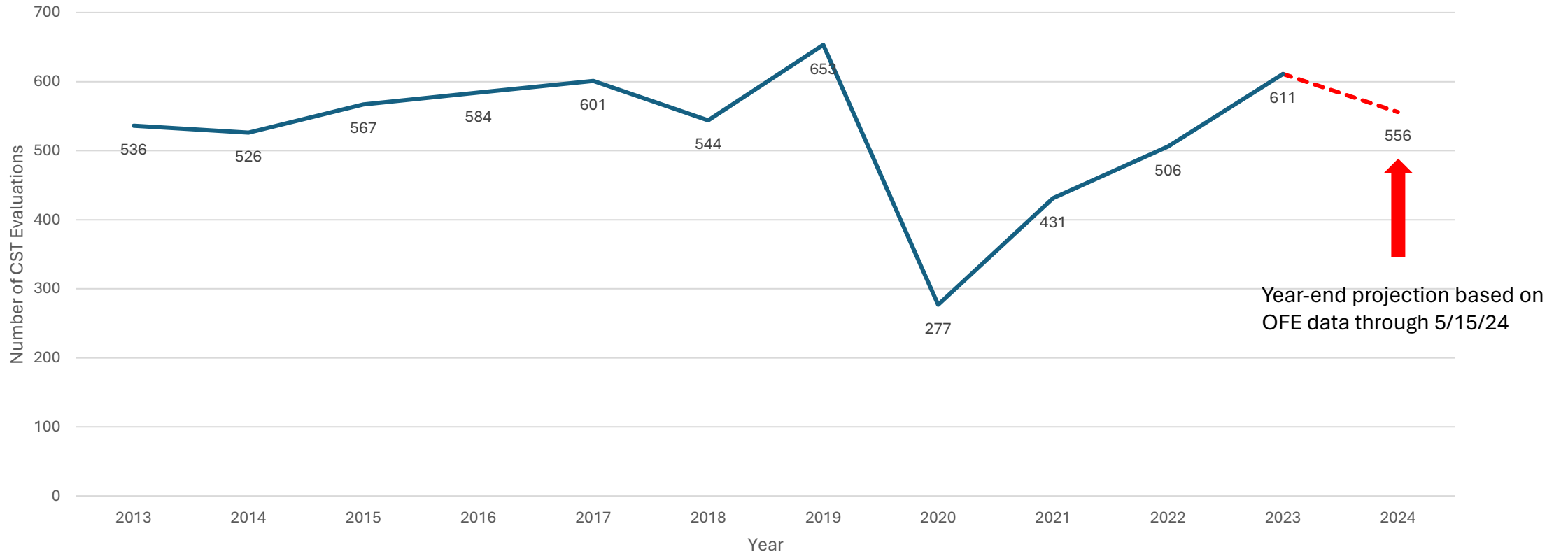


Longer lengths of stay at WFH for restoration



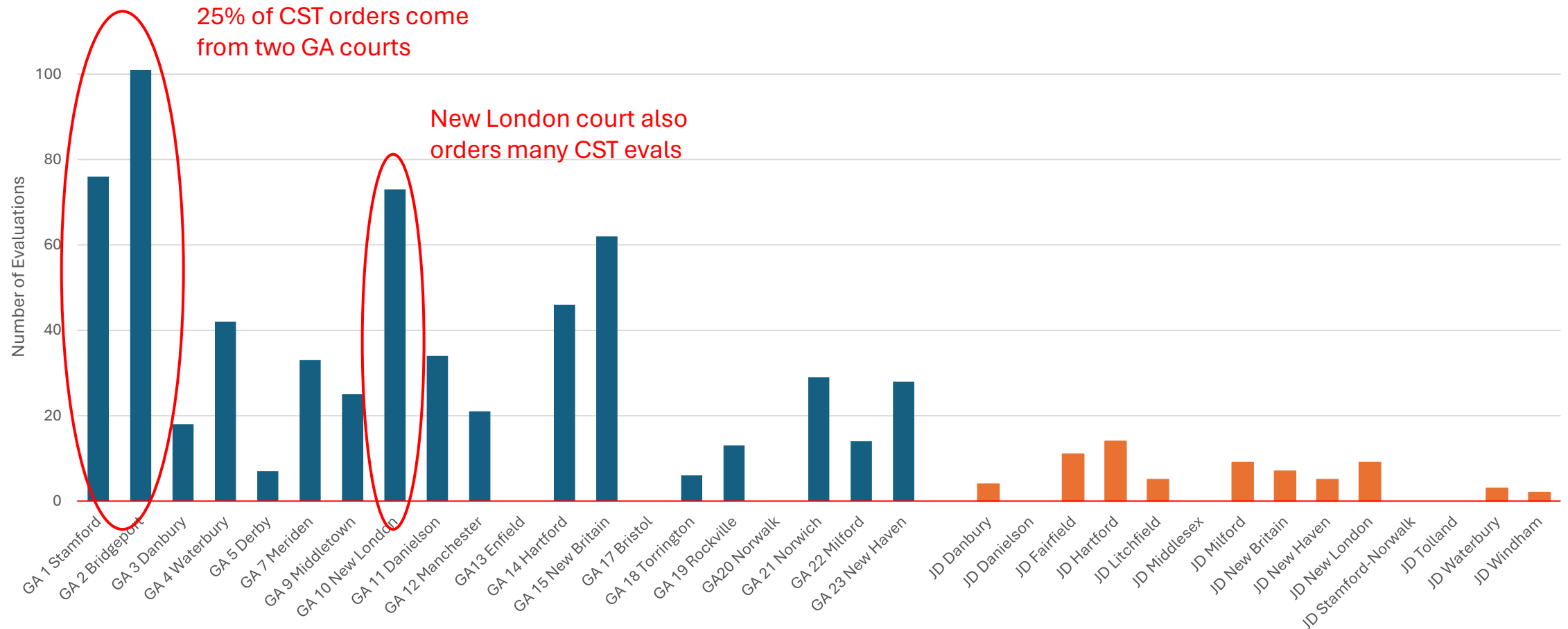
Increased number of civil commitments for NC-NR defendants

Initial CST Evaluations, 2013-2024



Number of CST Evaluations per Court

January 1, 2023 – March 18, 2024

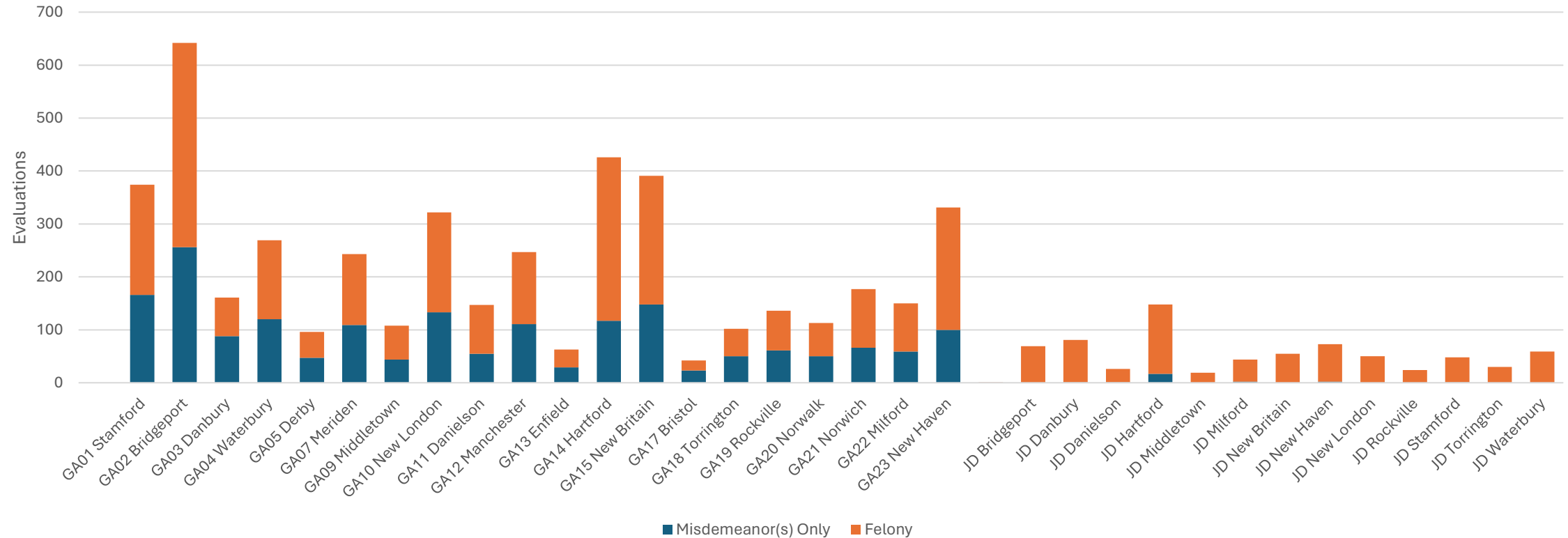


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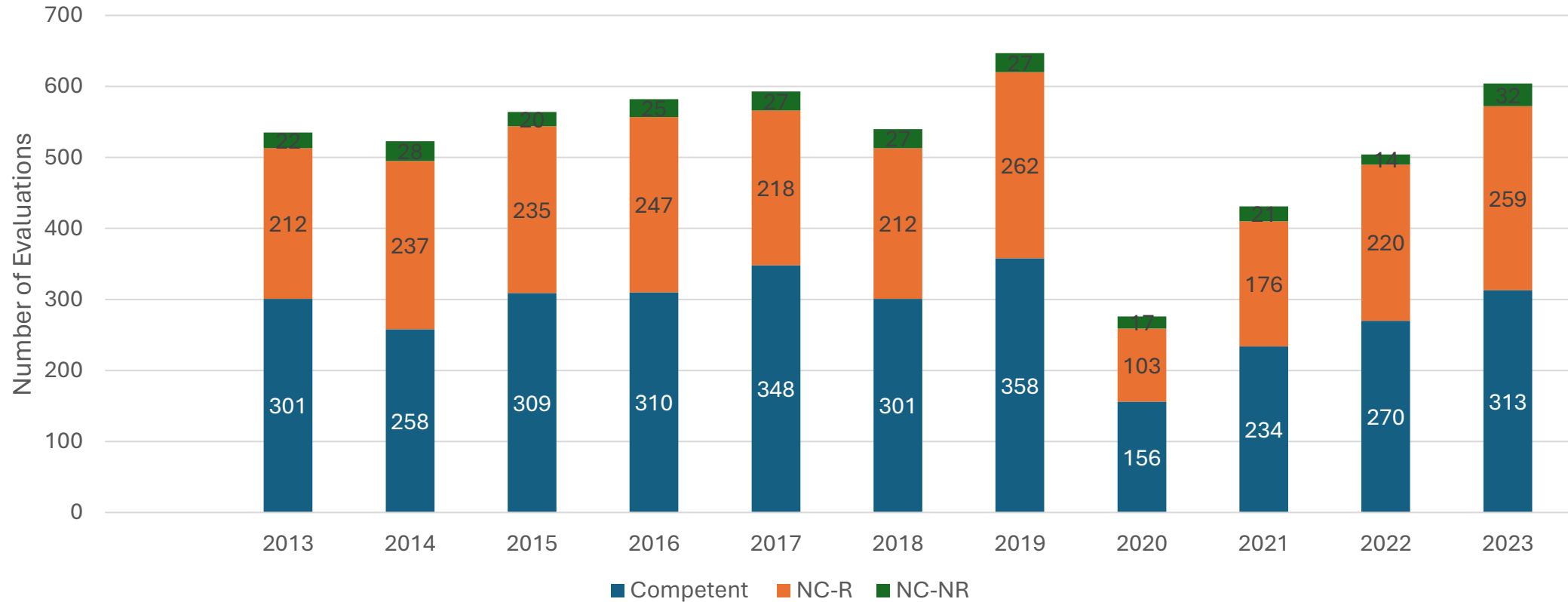
CST Evals: Seriousness of Charges

January 1, 2013 – December 31, 2022

Competency Evaluations by Courthouse



CST Evaluations and Findings, 2013-2023



CST Findings in Feb-March 2023, 2024

YEAR	COMPLETED CSTs	% COMPETENT
2024	98	39%
2023	104	38%
2022	100	46%
2021	78	52%
2020	99	50%
2019	111	55%
2018	94	57%

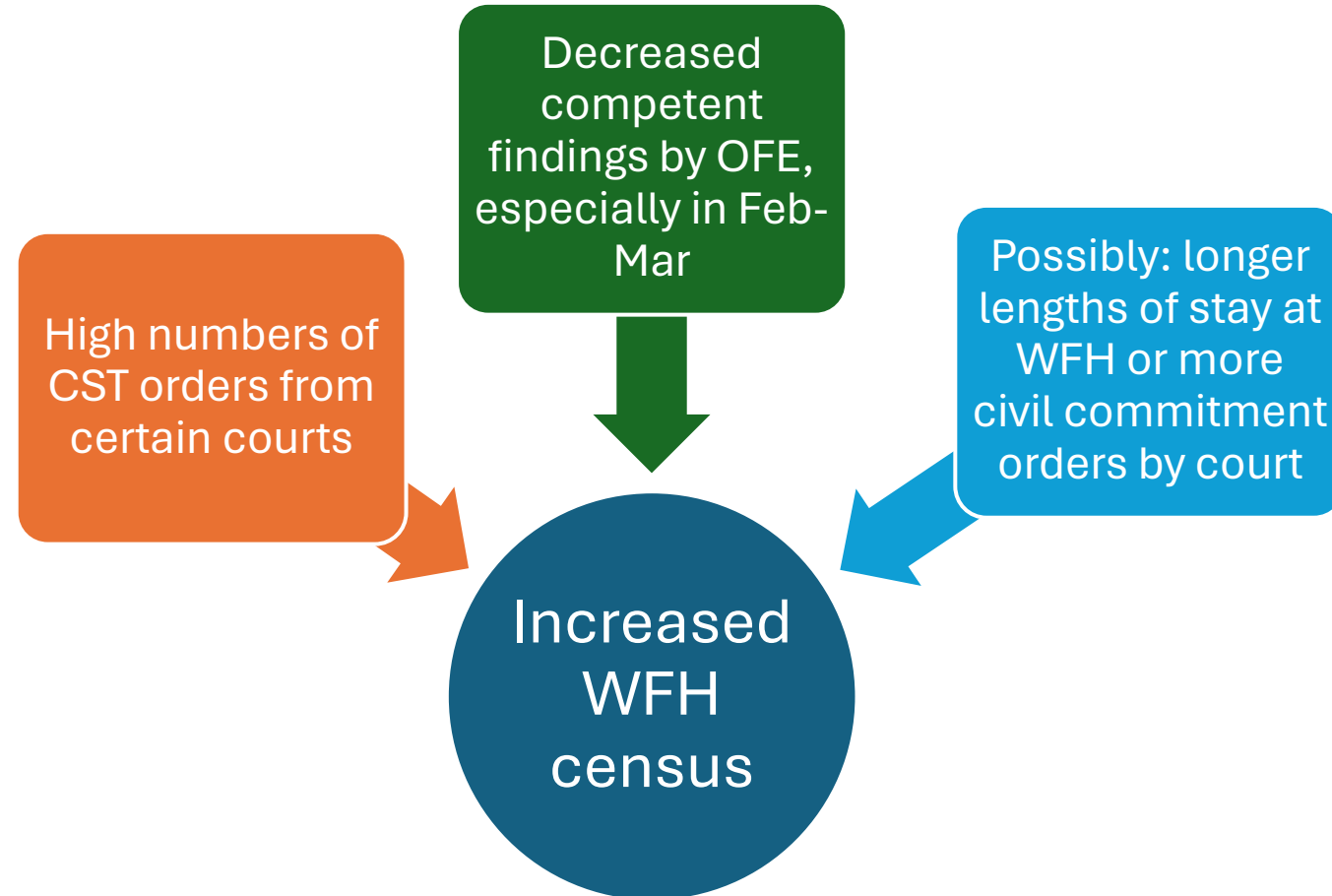
WFH Restoration Factors

- Length of stay
- % restored
- Timely availability of discharge plans
- % ordered by court for civil commitment

- Have not yet analyzed these data for 2023-2024



Contributing Factors (so far)



Next Steps

Ask partners in Judicial Branch to investigate court trends

Consider alternatives to CST evaluations and inpatient restoration, especially for misdemeanor cases

- Changes to court process mandated by HB 5500
- Education for judges and attorneys?
- Education for OFE staff

Enhanced Forensic Respite Bed program

- Available now for New Haven and Bridgeport courts and for WFH discharges
- Statewide referrals accepted later this year

Outcomes from EFRB Pilot Study

UConn Research Study, May 2022 to December 2023

For the first 28 clients referred to EFRB:

Outcome	N	%
Discharged	26	92.9
Completed Legal Requirements	21	80.8
Completed Treatment Goals	24	92.3
Terminated from program	2	7.1
Left against staff advice	1	3.6
Referred to higher level of care	1	3.6



Thank you!

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