



Age of Delinquency March 2026

Lawrence Dickens,
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Current

Age of Delinquency 10 years old



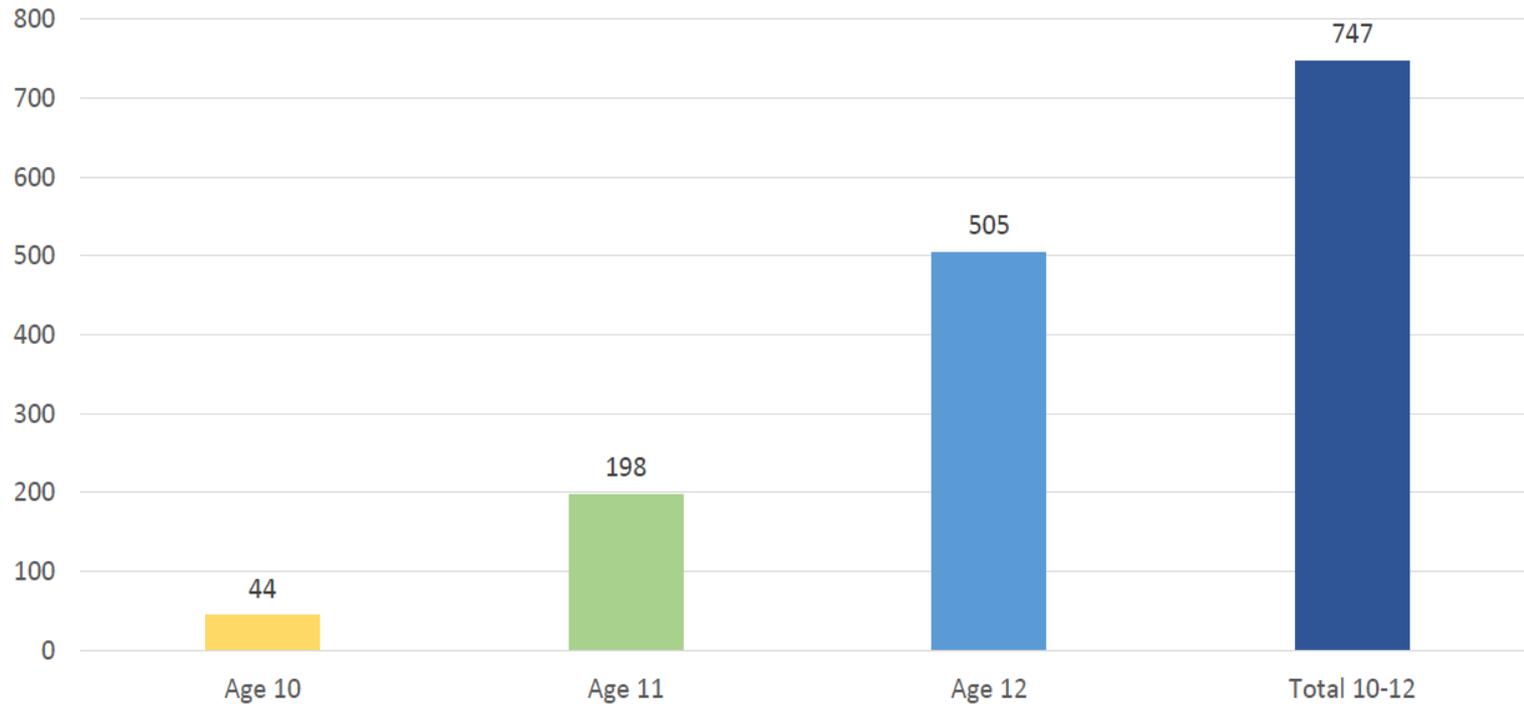
Effective August 1, 2026

Age of Delinquency 13 years old

Reduce involvement of young children ages 10-12 in the juvenile justice system:

- Youth ages 10-12 would receive intervention through the child welfare system
- Youth would no longer face prosecution by the justice system

Arrests of Youth Aged 10-12, CY 2023

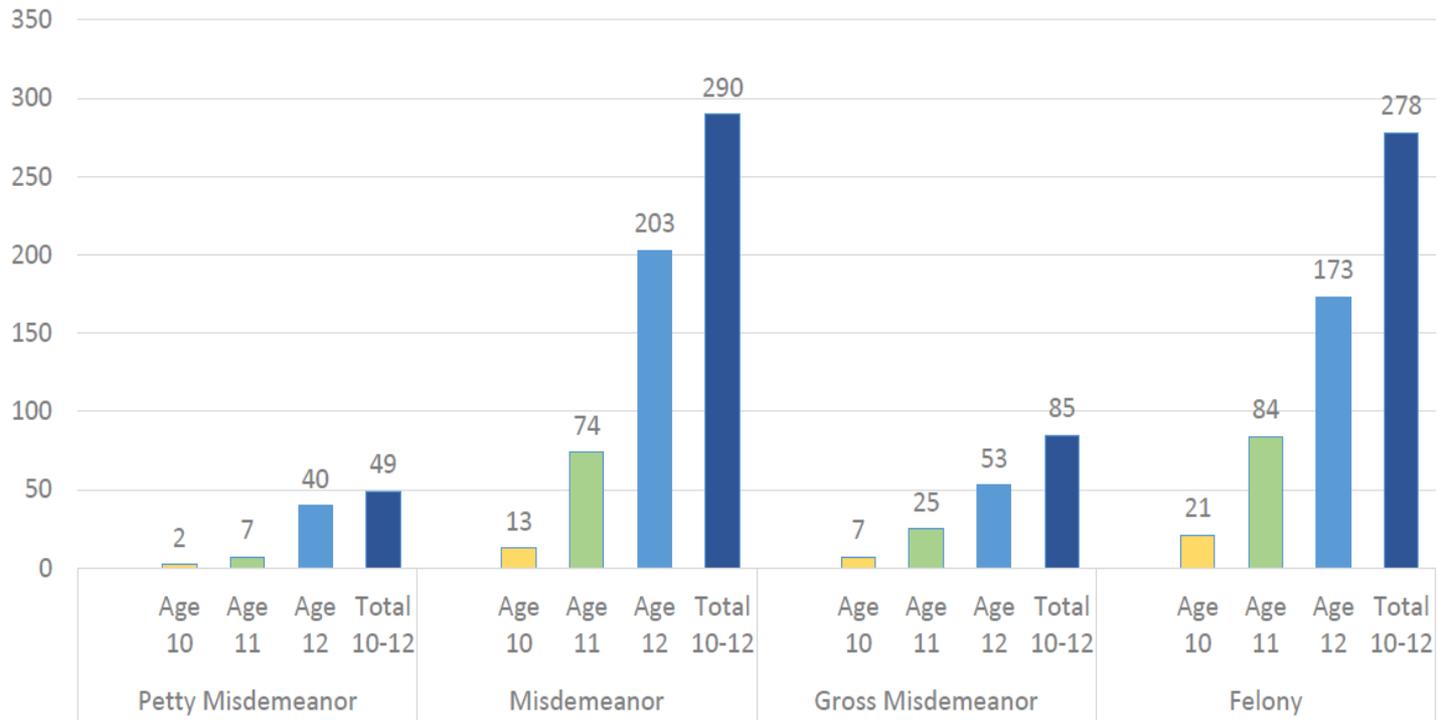


Source: Bureau of Criminal Apprehension (BCA), MN Department of Public Safety

State Data 2023 (continued)



Arrests of Youth Aged 10-12, CY 2023 (highest level of offense)

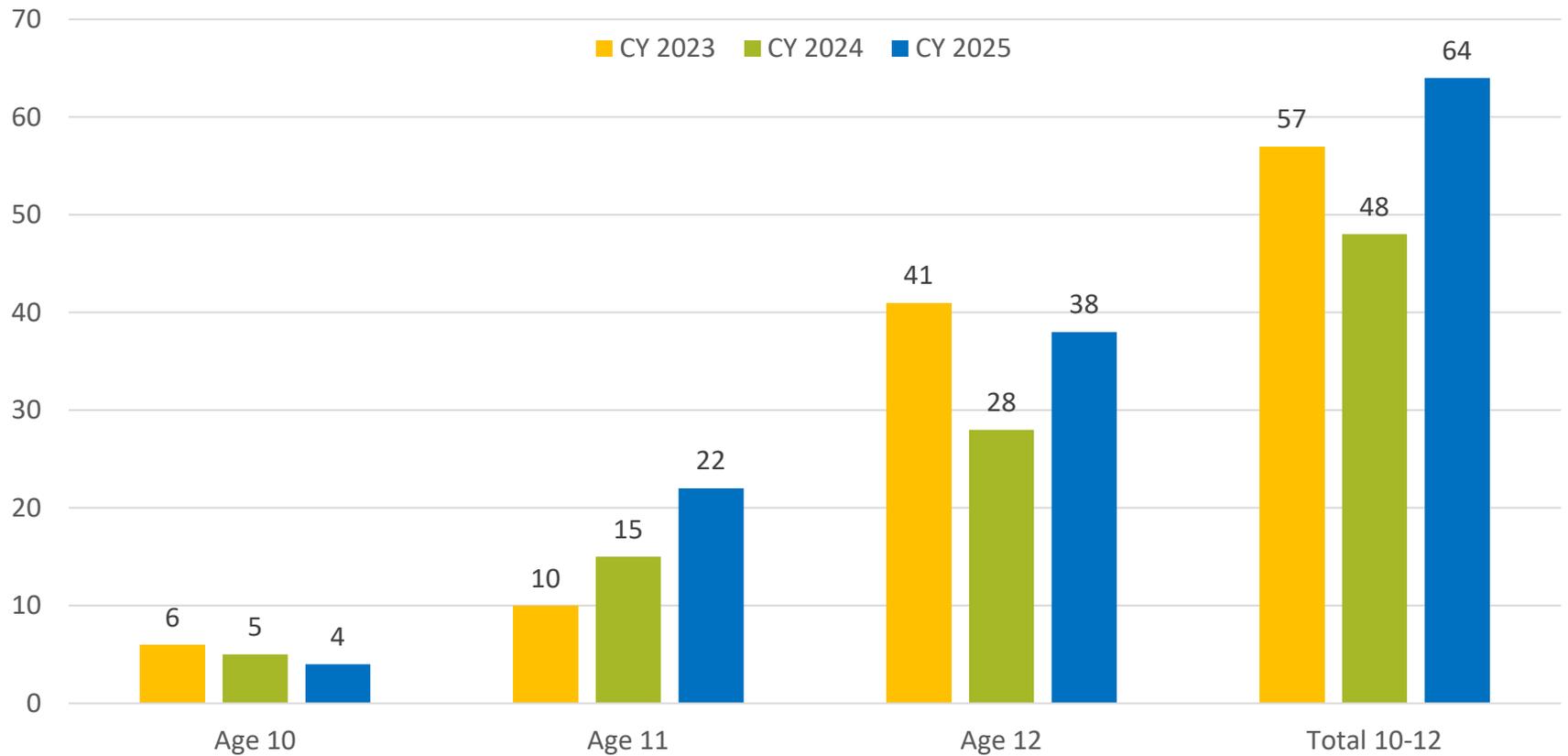


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Dakota County Data



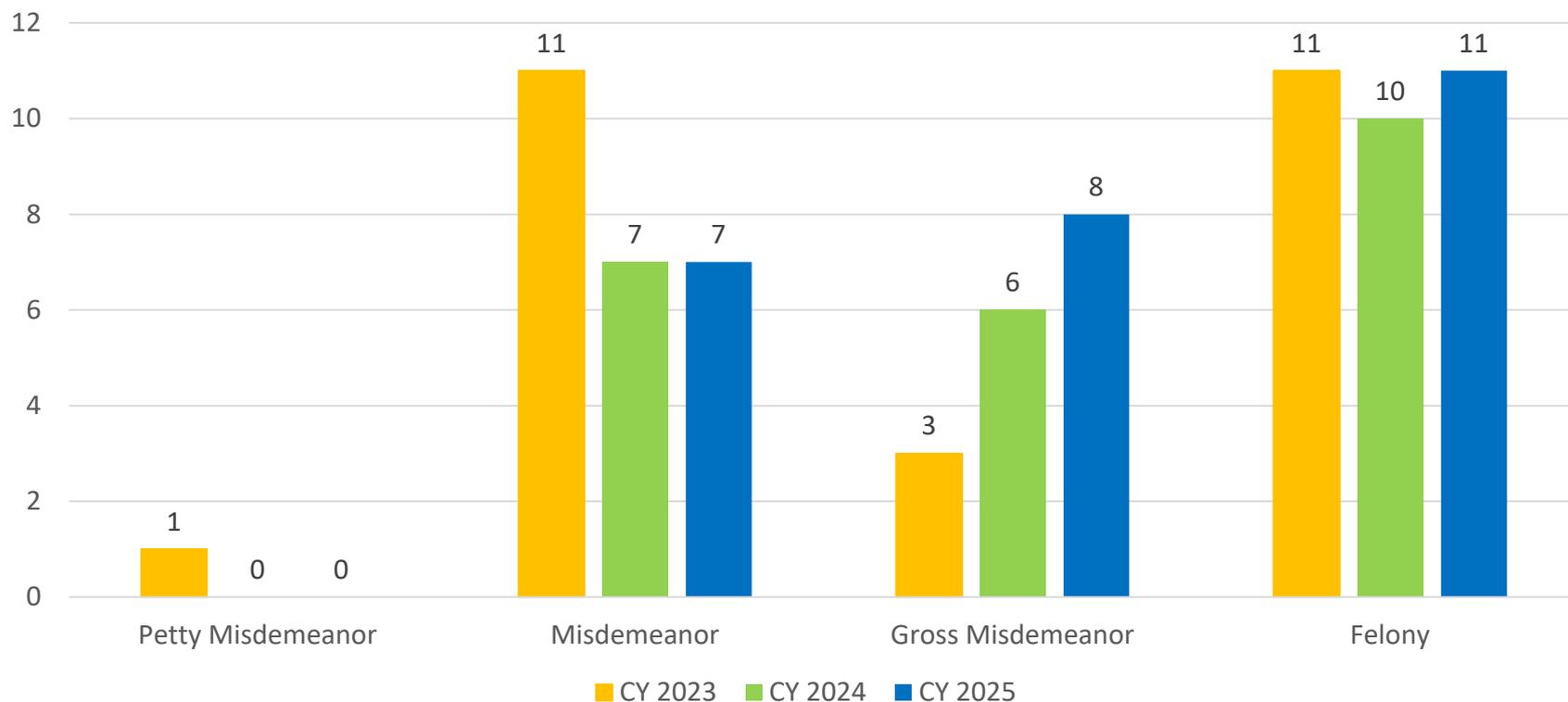
Delinquency Charges of Youth Aged 10-12, CY 2023 - 2025



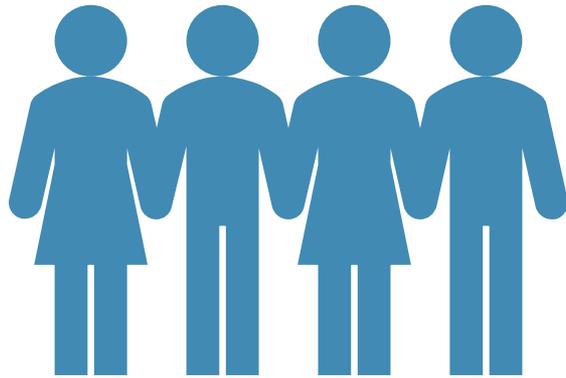
Dakota County Data (continued)



Delinquency Petitions Filed on Youth Aged 10-12, CY 2023 - 2025
(highest level of offense)



System and Resource Considerations



- Staff Capacity and Training
- Legal Consultation
- Community Based Resources
- Placement Capacity and Fit

Partnership



Legislative Update

Currently effective
August 1, 2026

Delay start date to
August 1, 2027



Questions?