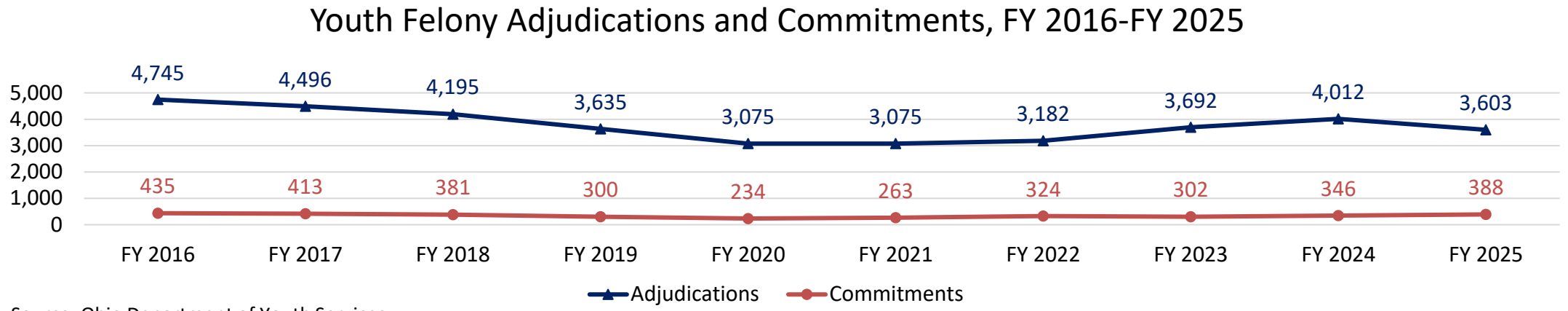
Youth felony adjudications decreased in FY 2025 while commitments continued to trend upwards



Source: Ohio Department of Youth Services

- The number of youth adjudicated delinquent for a felony-level offense in Ohio's juvenile courts decreased by 10.2%, from 4,012 in FY 2024 to 3,603 in FY 2025, marking the first statewide decrease in adjudications since FY 2020.
- During that same period, the number of commitments to the Department of Youth Services increased by 12.1%, from 346 in FY 2024 to 388 in FY 2025, continuing a longer term upward trend.
- From FY 2020 (the low point for each metric) to FY 2025, adjudications and commitments have increased by 17.2% (3,075 to 3,603) and 65.8% (234 to 388), respectively.

Adjudications and Commitments by Degree of Offense, FY 2025

Degree of Offense	Adjudications (Total: 3,603)	Commitments (Total: 388)
Aggravated murder/murder	2	1
First degree felony	270	160
Second degree felony	404	92
Third degree felony	697	67
Fourth degree felony	1,363	38
Fifth degree felony	867	29
Gun specification	--	1