U.S. Immigration and Customs Enforcement

FY 2021 Segregation Metrics

DMC Quarterly Meeting

October 2021

Key Takeaways

- Detainees serving one or more days in the Special Management Unit[1] (SMU) **decreased** by **34.7%** in FY21 (2441) compared to FY20 (3740).
  - SMU distinct placements[2] in FY21 (2227) **decreased** by **34.4%** compared to FY20 (3396).
- The Average Length of Stay (ALOS) for all detainees spending one or more days in the SMU **decreased** by **5.76 days (17.16%)** from FY 2020 (33.6 Days) to FY 2021 (27.8 Days).
- The Average Daily Population (ADP) in Segregation **decreased** by **41.75%** in FY21 (155.3) compared to FY20 (266.6).
- Detainees serving one or more days in the SMU with one or more special vulnerabilities **decreased** by **62.4%** from FY 2020 (1820) to FY 2021 (685).
  - Detainees serving one or more days in the SMU who identify as Transgender **decrease** by **68.1%** in FY21 (15) from FY20 (47).

Updates and Improvements

- Audits/Investigations – CRCL and OIG
- Updates to SRMS (Enhanced Compliance Checks; Updated Placement Reasons)
- Conducted SRMS and Segregation Refresher Training to the New Orleans, Washington, Phoenix, El Paso and San Diego Field Offices and to IHSC HQ personnel.

[1] Detainees spending one or more days in the SMU during the reporting period may be placed in the SMU during a prior reporting period, but their length of stay extended into the current reporting period.
[2] Detainees distinct placements indicate a detainee who was placed into the SMU during the reporting period.

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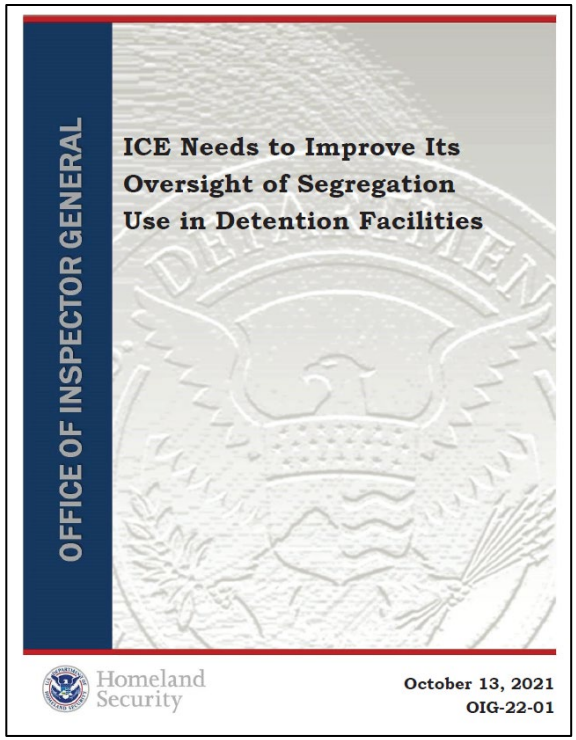
OIG Report (OIG-22-01)

OIG's report, *ICE Needs to Improve its Oversight of Segregation Use in Detention Facilities*, included three recommendations to improve ICE's oversight and reporting the use of segregation at detention facilities:

- **Recommendation 1:** Custody Management and Field Operations should update ICE policy and guidance and track all segregation placements to better ensure that facilities' use of segregation is necessary and in compliance with detention standards.

- **Recommendation 2:** Custody Management and Field Operations should require all detention facilities to collect and track standardized information for all segregation placements and provide this information to ICE for entry in to the official system of record (i.e., SRMS).

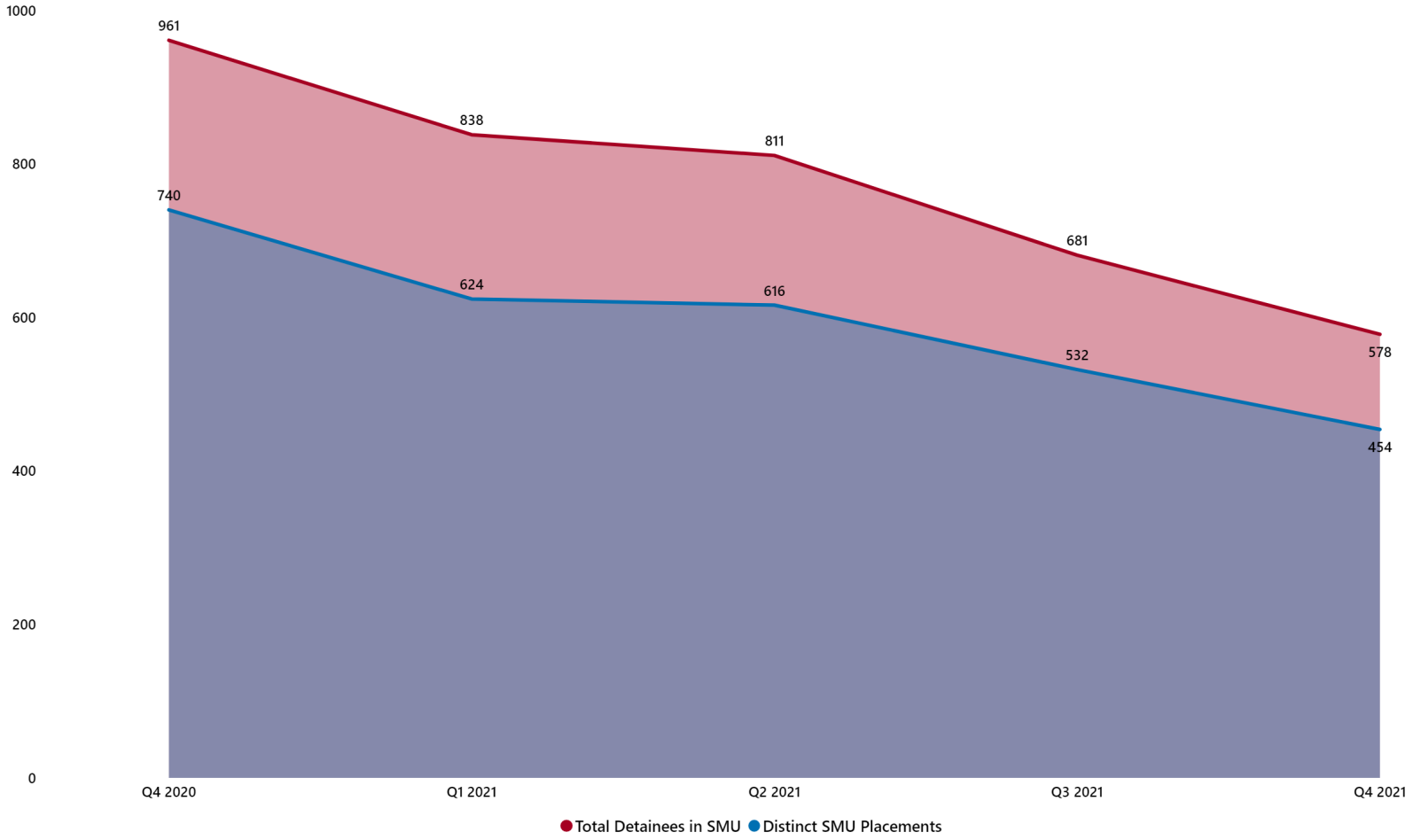
- **Recommendation 3:** ICE Records, in conjunction with ERO, should update all policies, guidance, and contracts for detention facilities to ensure compliance with the National Archives and Records Administration's record retention schedules.



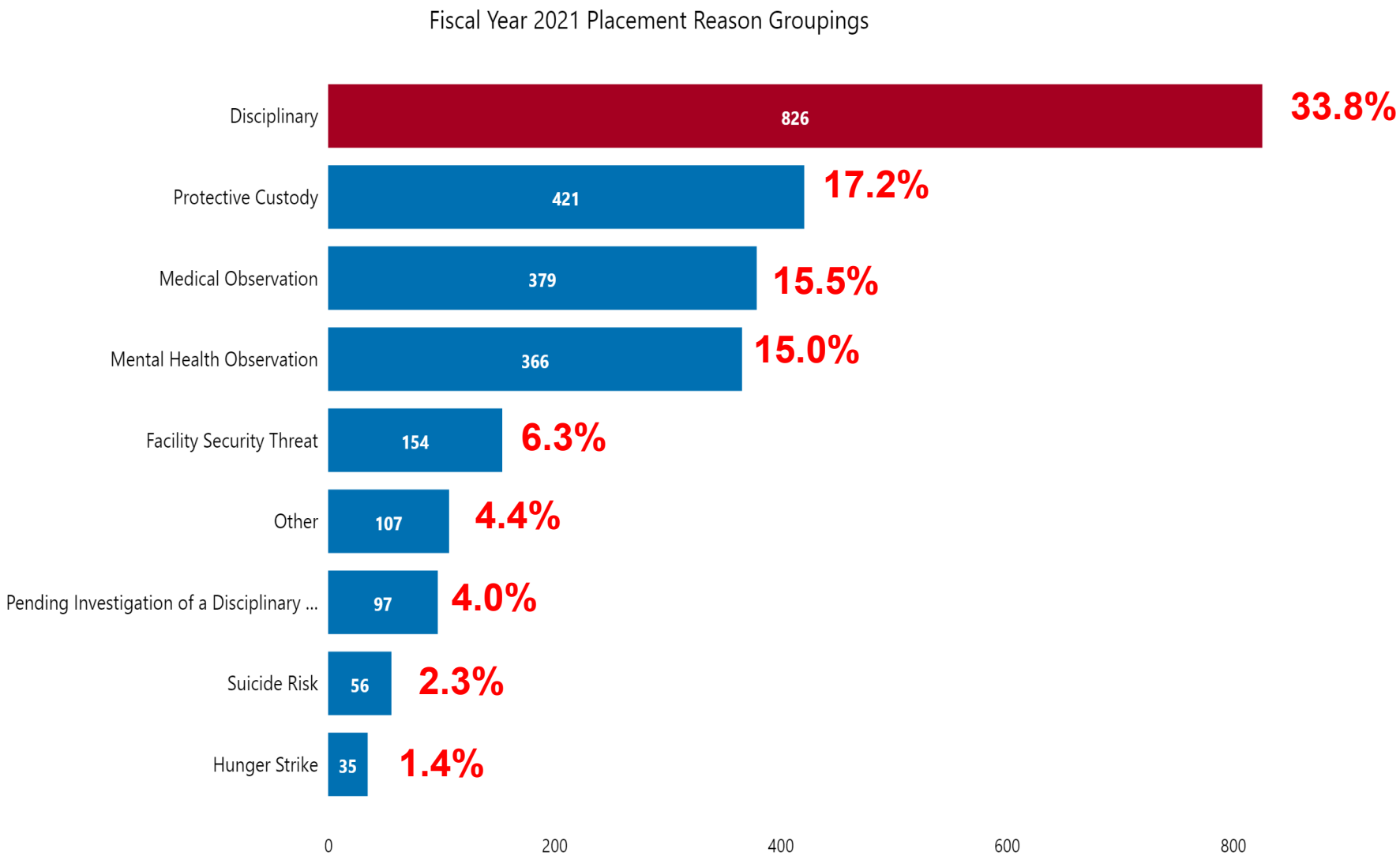
FY2021 SMU Placements

- 2440 detainees spent one or more days in the SMU, which represents a **33.8% decrease** from FY20.
- 2227 distinct SMU placements were recorded during FY21 , which represents a **34.4% decrease** from FY20.

Detainees in Special Management Unit by Fiscal Year Quarter

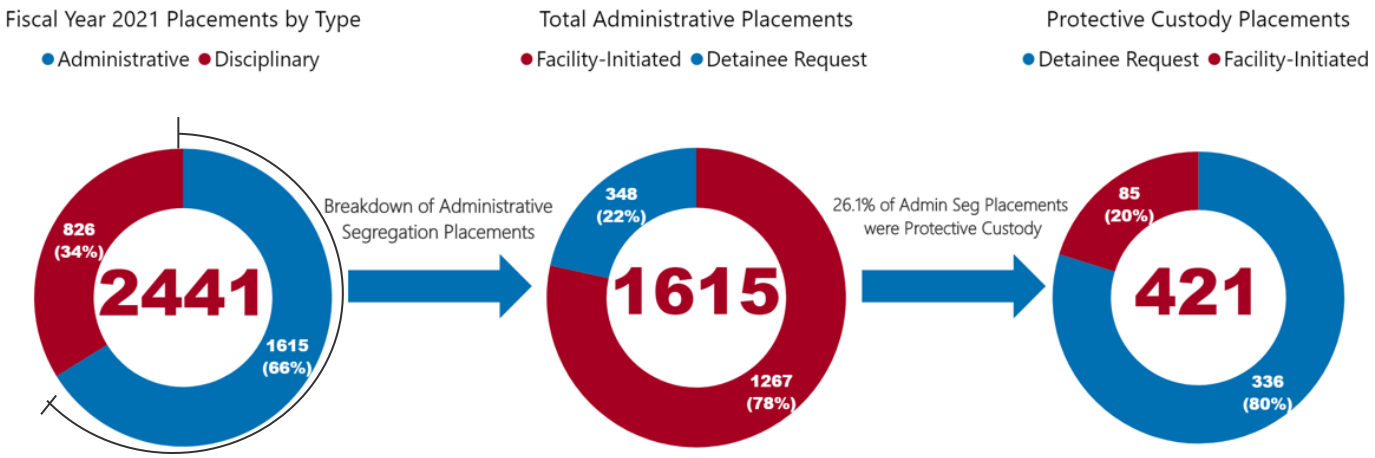


FY21 Placement Reason by Groups



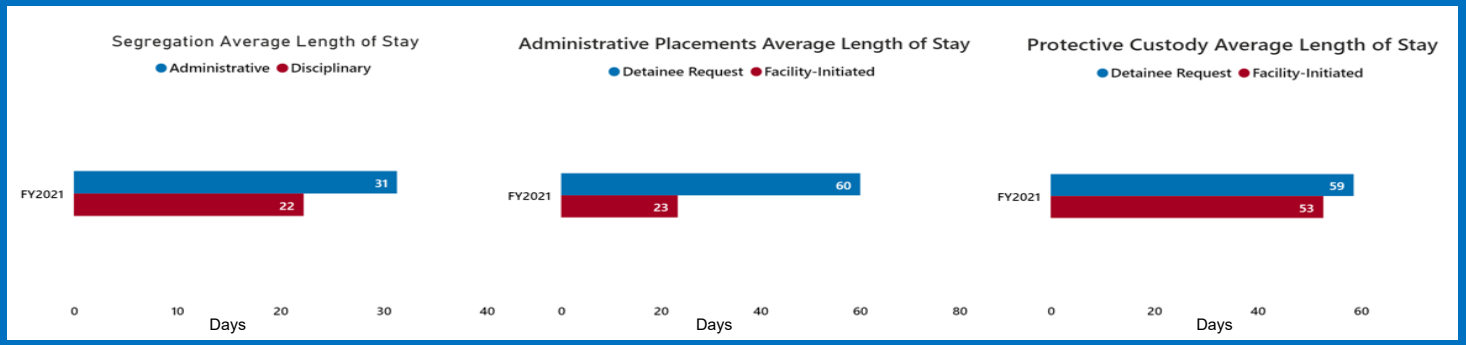
FY21 Placement Type Counts and Average Length of Stay

Segregation Placements by Segregation Type

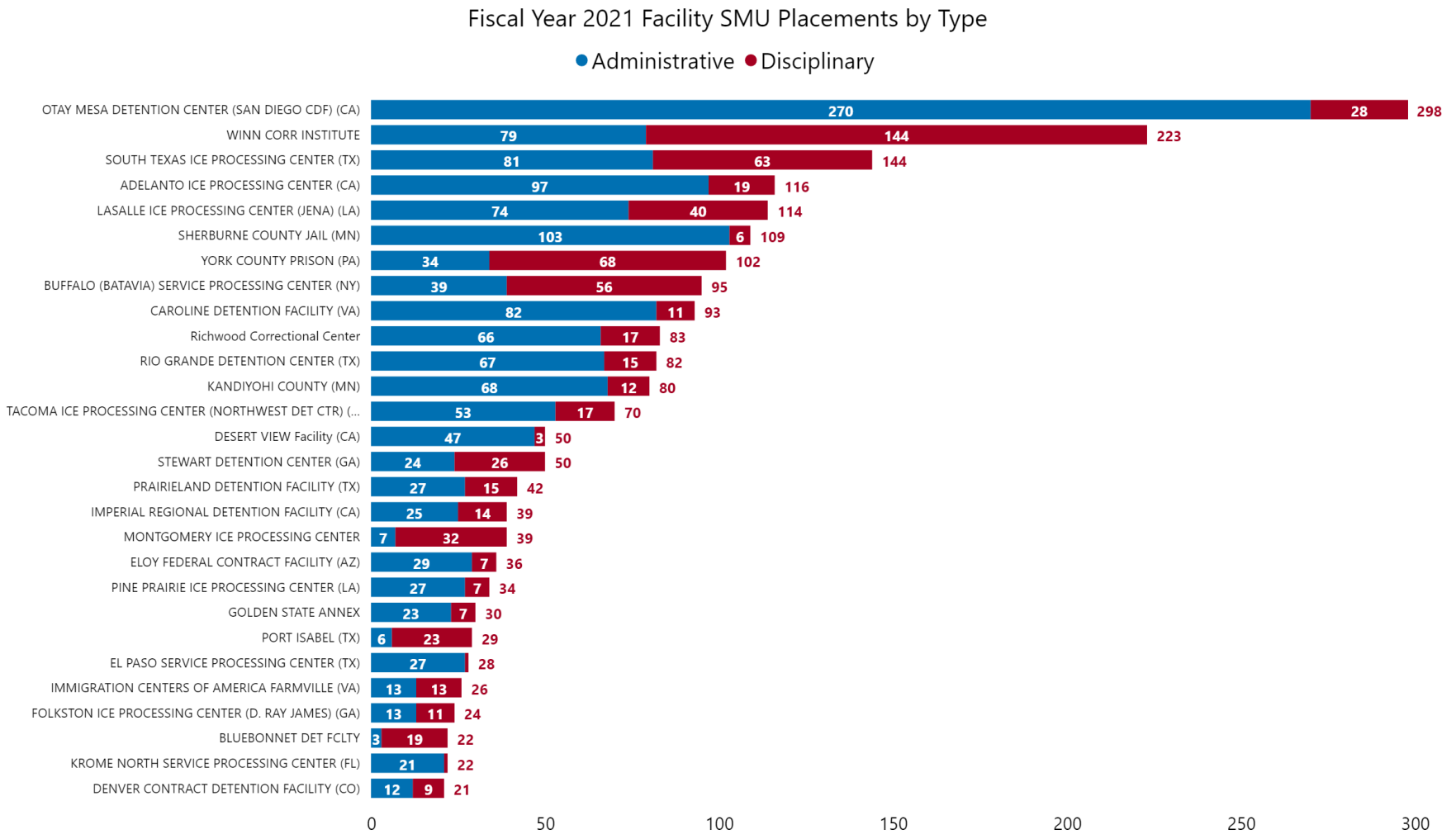


Average Length of Stay – 28 Days

- The ALOS **decreased by 5.76 days (23.1%)** from FY2020 (33.6 Days) to FY 2021 (27.8 Days).

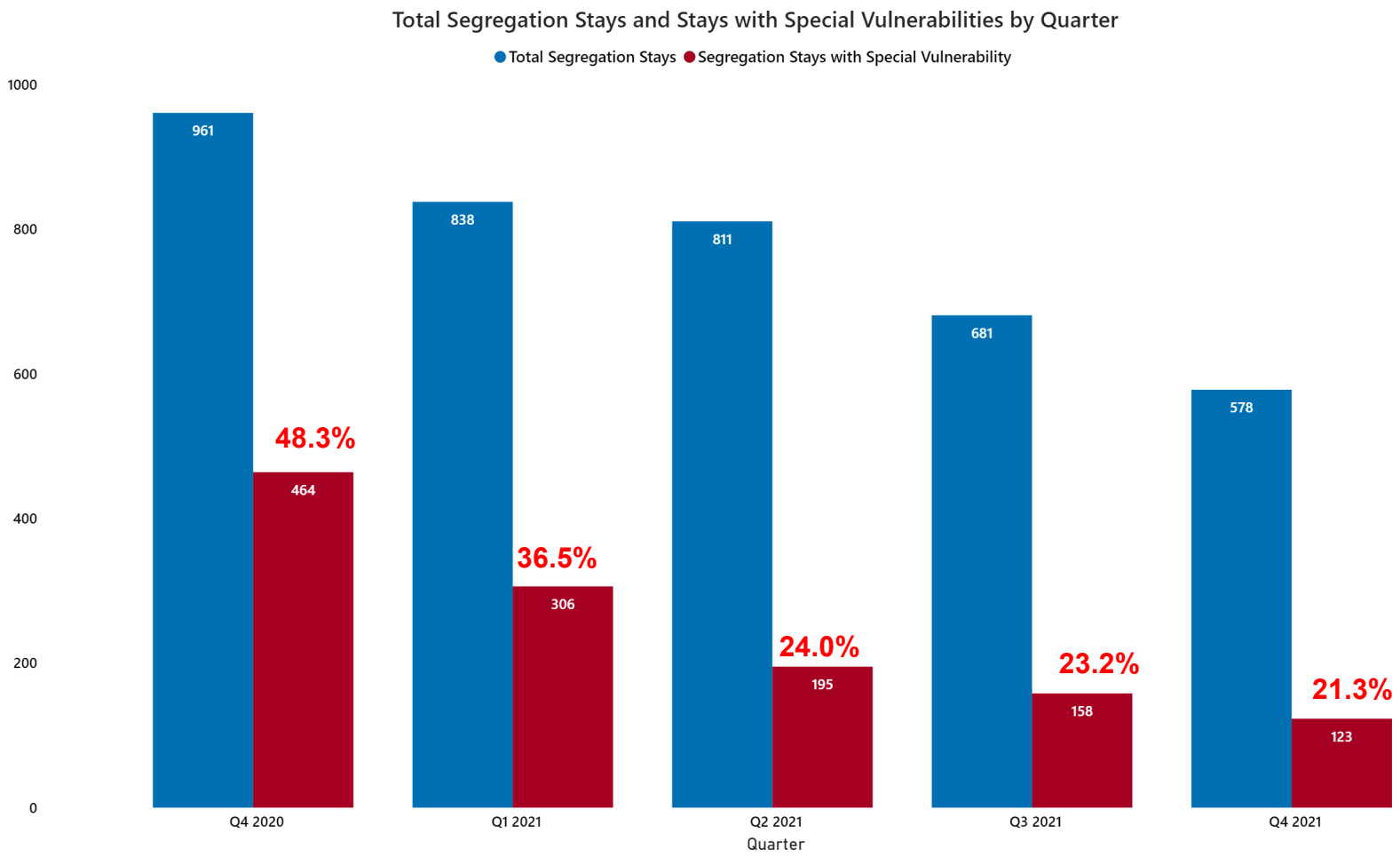


Top Facility SMU Placements in FY21



Special Vulnerability Placements by Quarter

During FY21 approximately 28.1% of total segregation stays involved a detainee with a special vulnerability, including a high of 36.5% in FY 2021 Q1 and a low of 21.3% in FY 2021 Q4.



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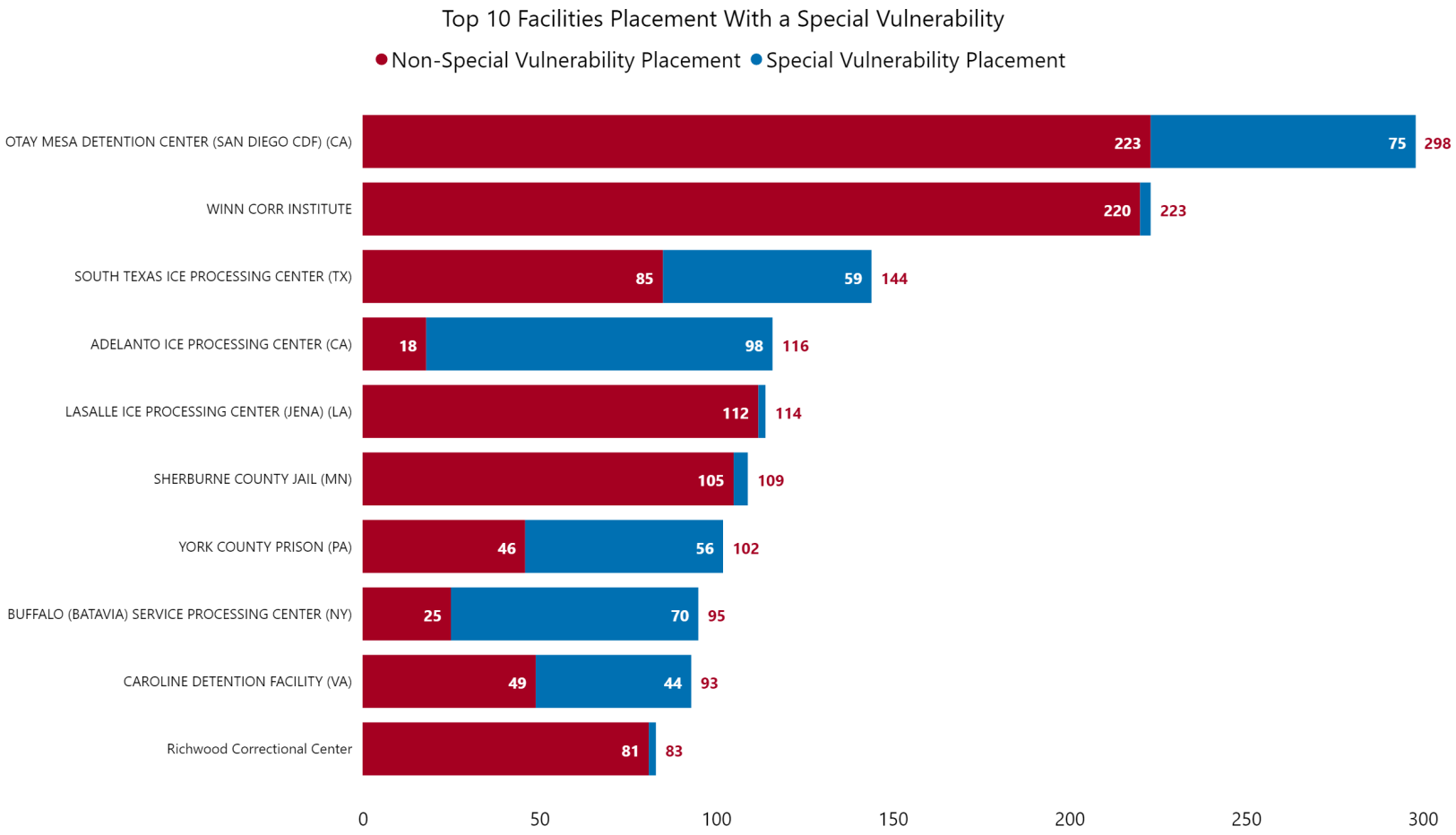
Top 10 Facilities—Placements with a Special Vulnerability



Data includes total counts of placements during FY 2021 segmented into placements of detainees with one or more special vulnerabilities, and detainees who are not documented having a special vulnerability