



Dispute Resolution Summary FY23

through Feb 28, 2023

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State Complaint Data Overview



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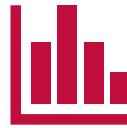
State Complaint Overview FY23

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Complaint Totals

111 Received
23 Did not qualify
12 Withdrawn
69 Reports issued



Complaint Origin

85% District
40% Elementary
28% HS
95% Filed online



Allegations

Top 3:
Service Delivery
IEP Review
Evaluation Request

§ 300.153 contains the regulations for accepting a state complaint



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Top 3 Allegations: FY21 - FY23

FY 21

- Service Delivery
- Accommodations
- IEP Review

FY 22

- Service Delivery
- Evaluation Request
- IEP Review

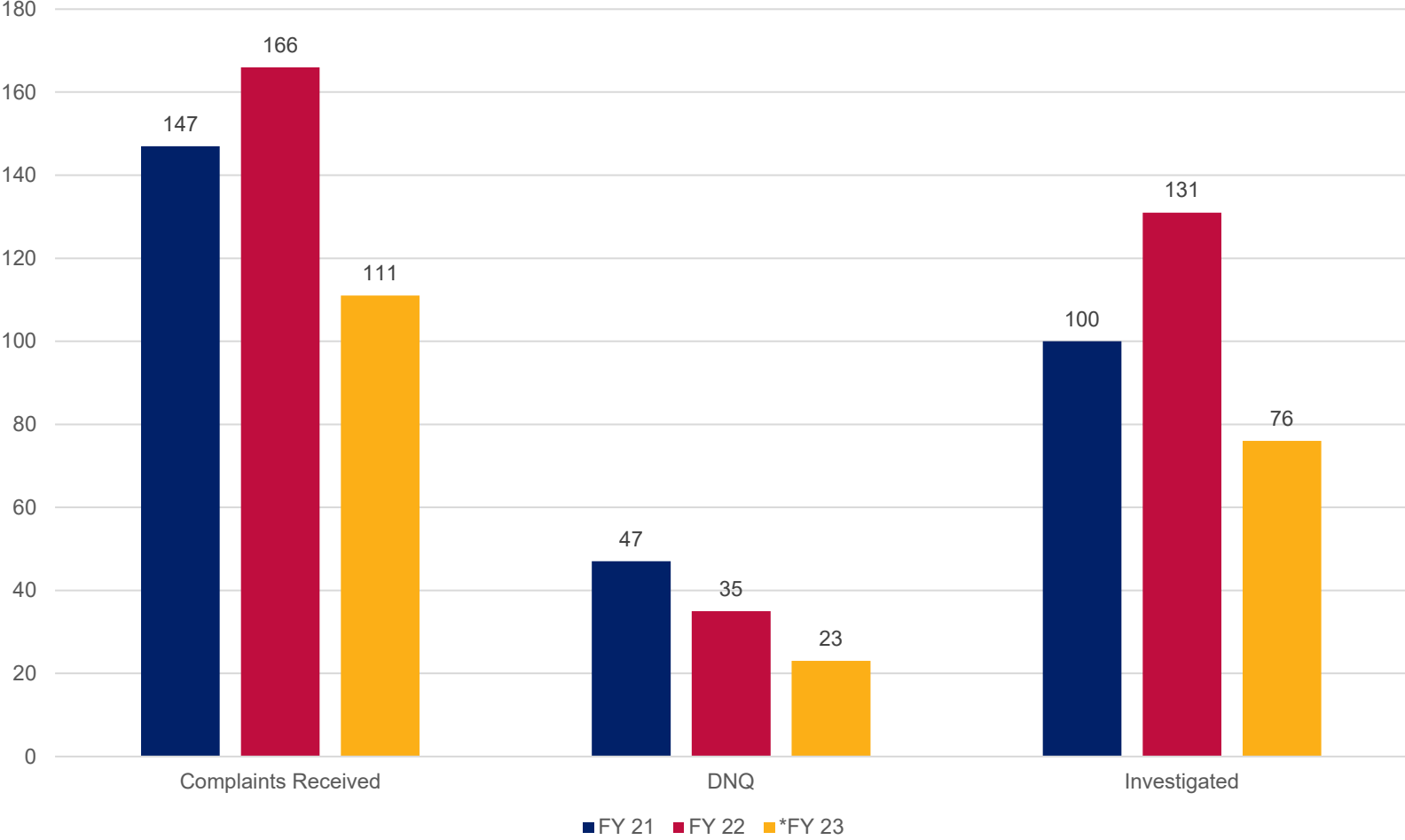
FY 23* (to 2/28)

- Service Delivery
- IEP Review
- Evaluation Request

***PEAs have been found in compliance 75% of the time so far for FY 23.**



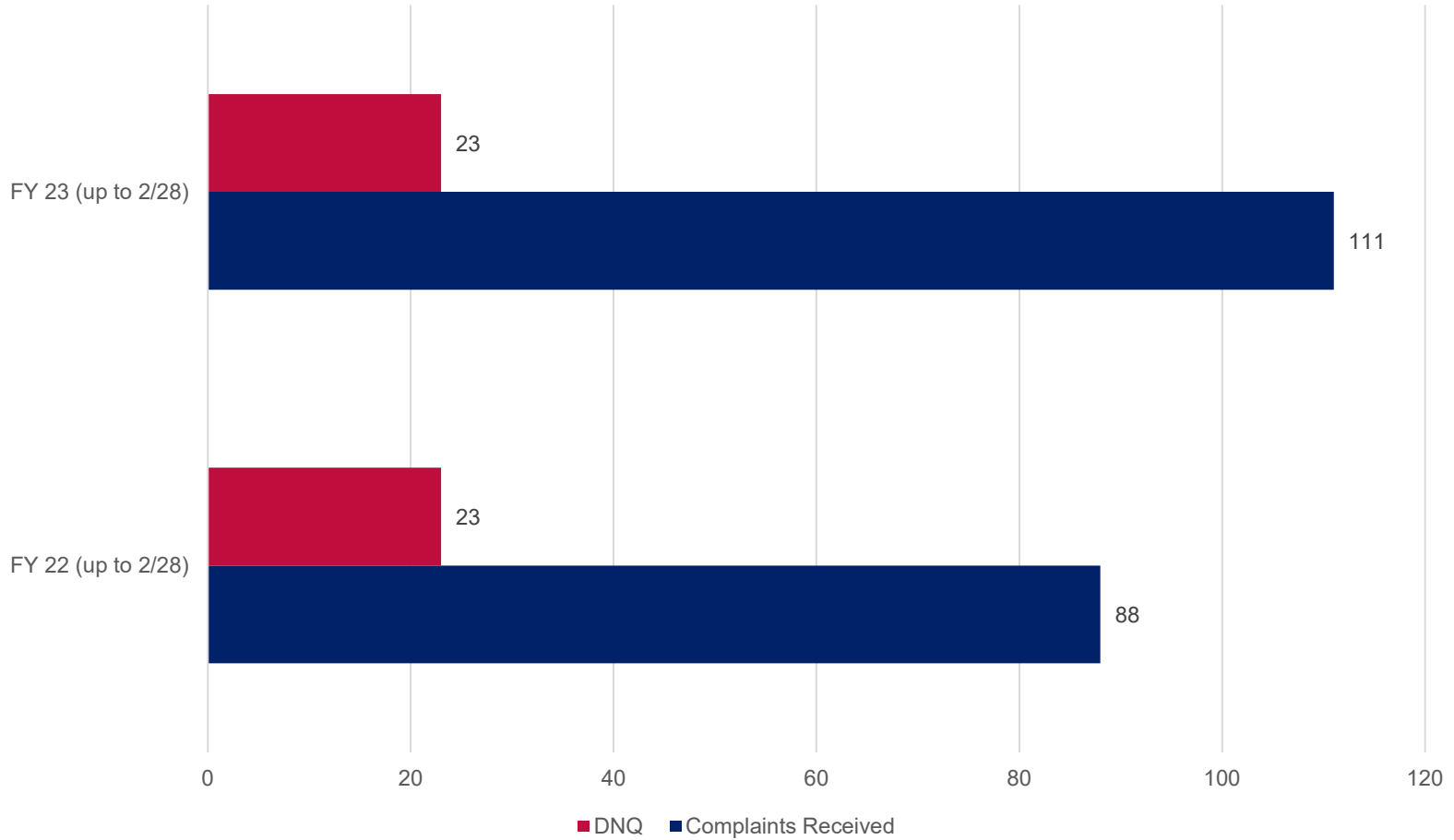
Complaints by FY



*FY 23 through 2/28 only



Data Comparison Up to 2/28

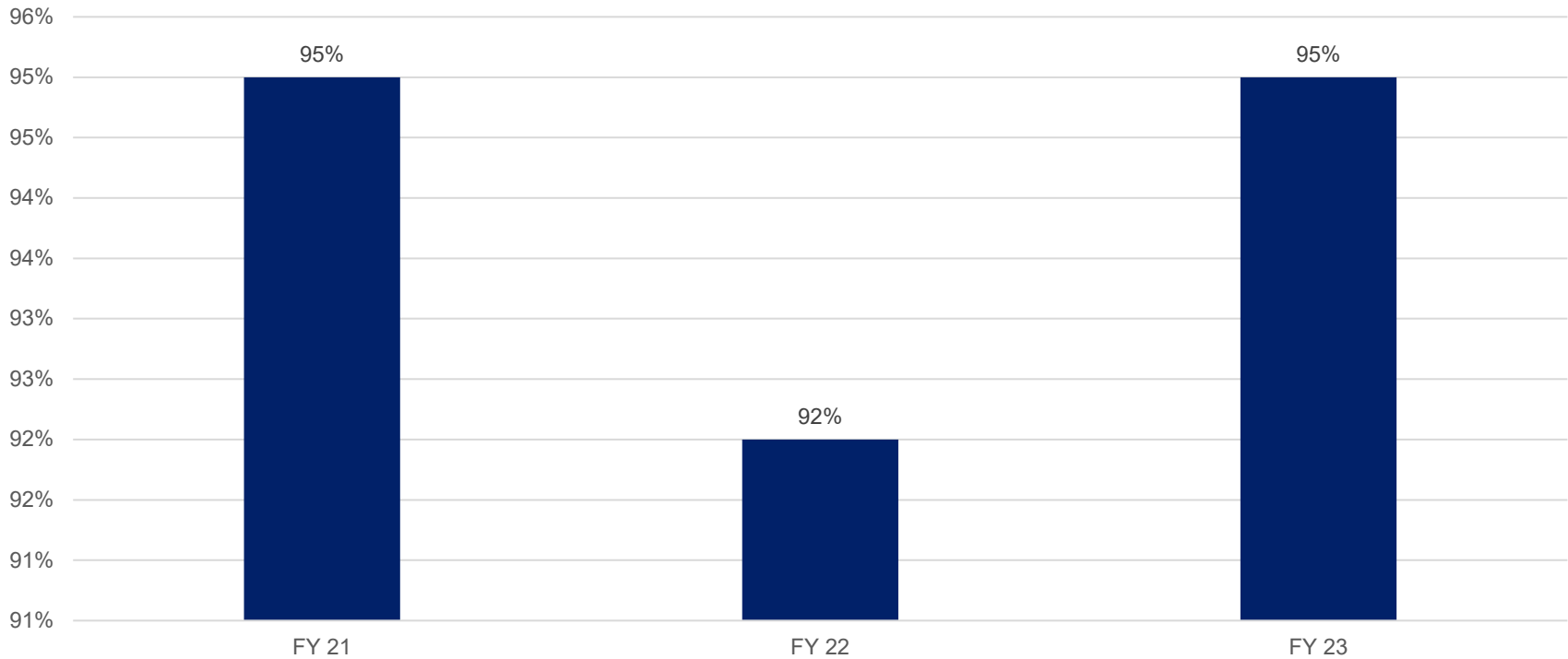


***As of 2/28, state complaints are up 26% when compared to the same time period from FY 22. Complaints that did not qualify show no change.**



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Complaint Online Submissions by Fiscal Year

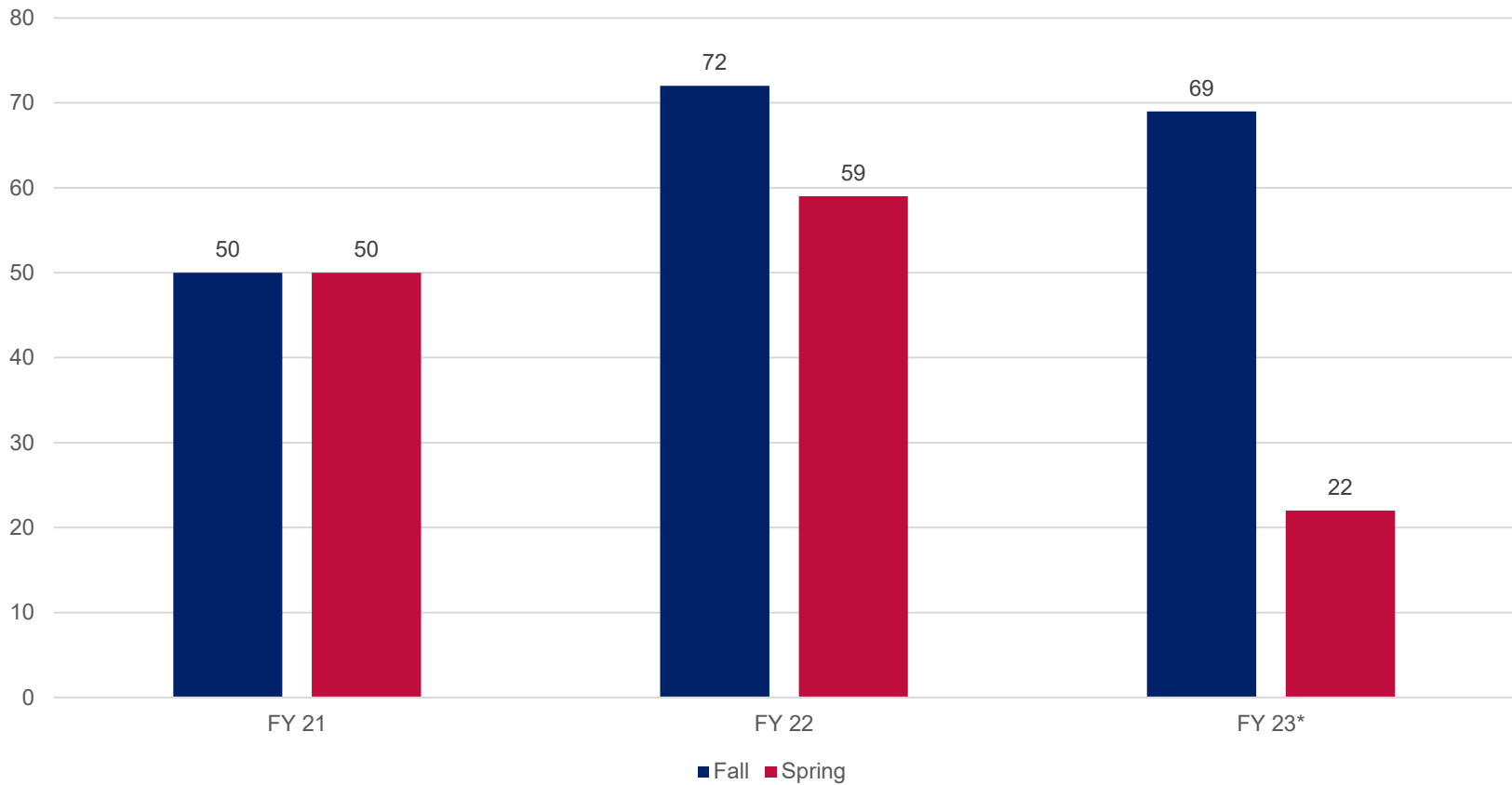


***Online submissions have been steady over time.**



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Complaints Investigated By Fiscal Year (Fall/Spring)



*FY 23 through 2/28 only



IDEA Allegations Investigated FY 23* (to 2/28)

122 Allegations Investigated

75% Found in Compliance

Top 3 Issues Investigated

Service Delivery: 28%

IEP Review: 11%

Evaluation Request: 6%

Top 2 Non-Compliance Findings

Service Delivery

IEP Review



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Other Areas Not Investigated FY 23* (to 2/28)

115 Allegations Not Investigated

Guidance Provided to Complainant

43% Local Level Issues

18% IEP Team Decisions

7% Inaccurate Information

6% Hypothetical or Future Violations

4% Other

4% Discrimination

3.5% Not IDEA

3.5% Allegations Older than 1 Year

3% Unprofessional or Immoral Conduct

3% 504 Plans

3% Bullying

2% Restraint and Seclusion



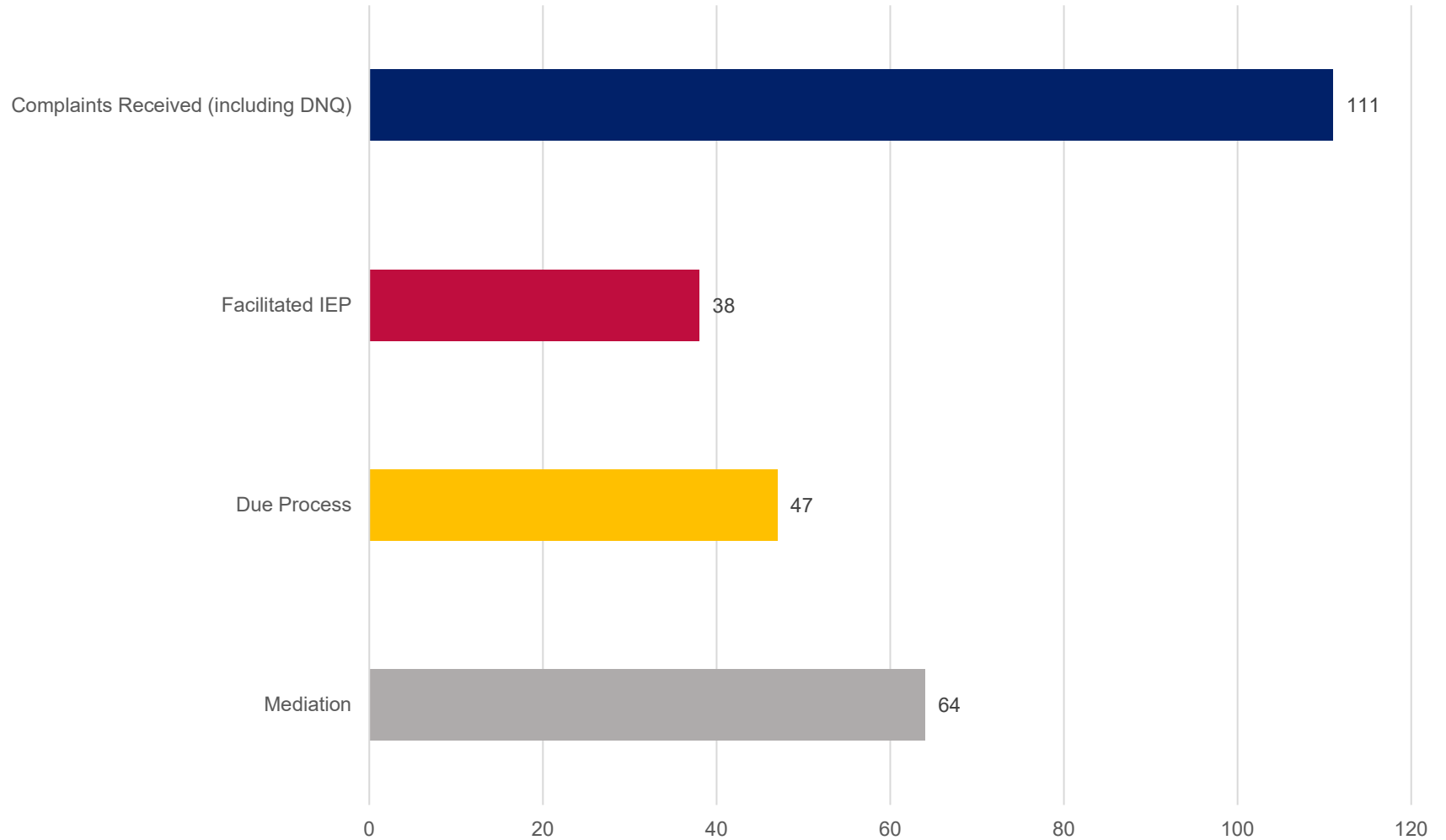


All Dispute Resolution Options Data Overview

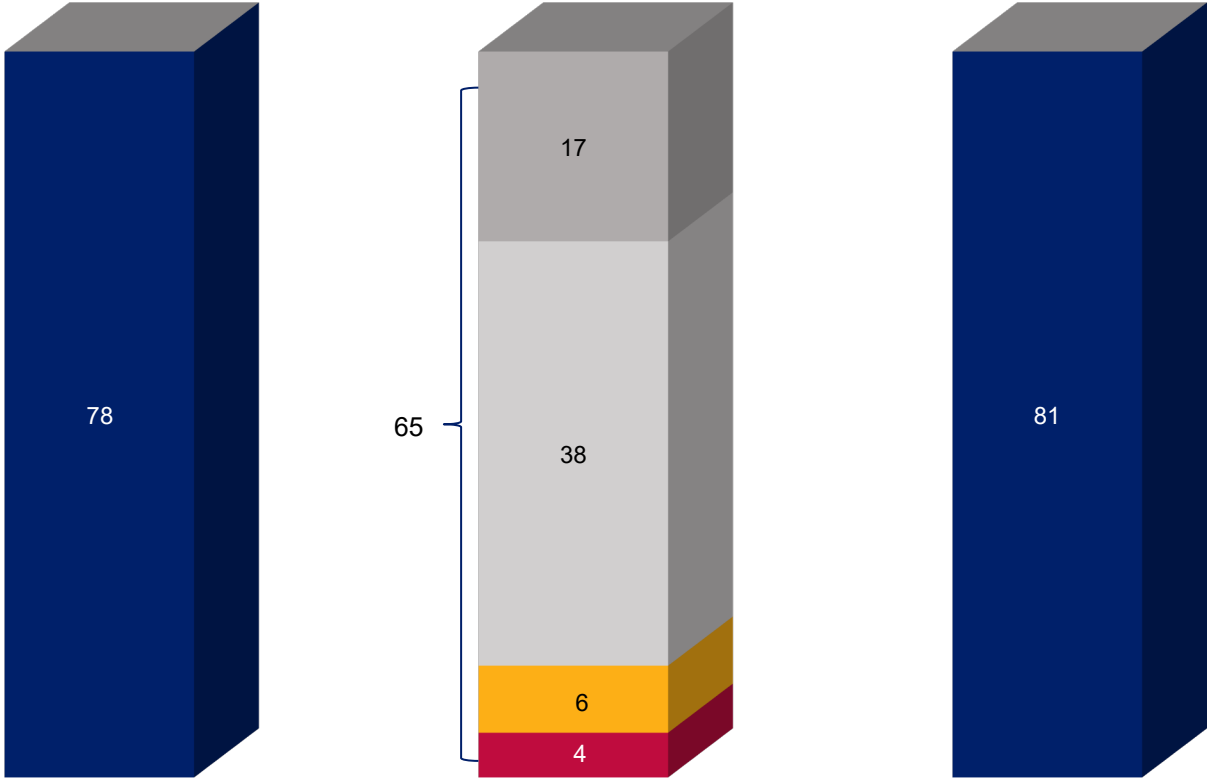


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Dispute Resolution Options FY 23* (to 2/28)



Percent Agreement by Dispute Resolution Option FY 23



Mediation

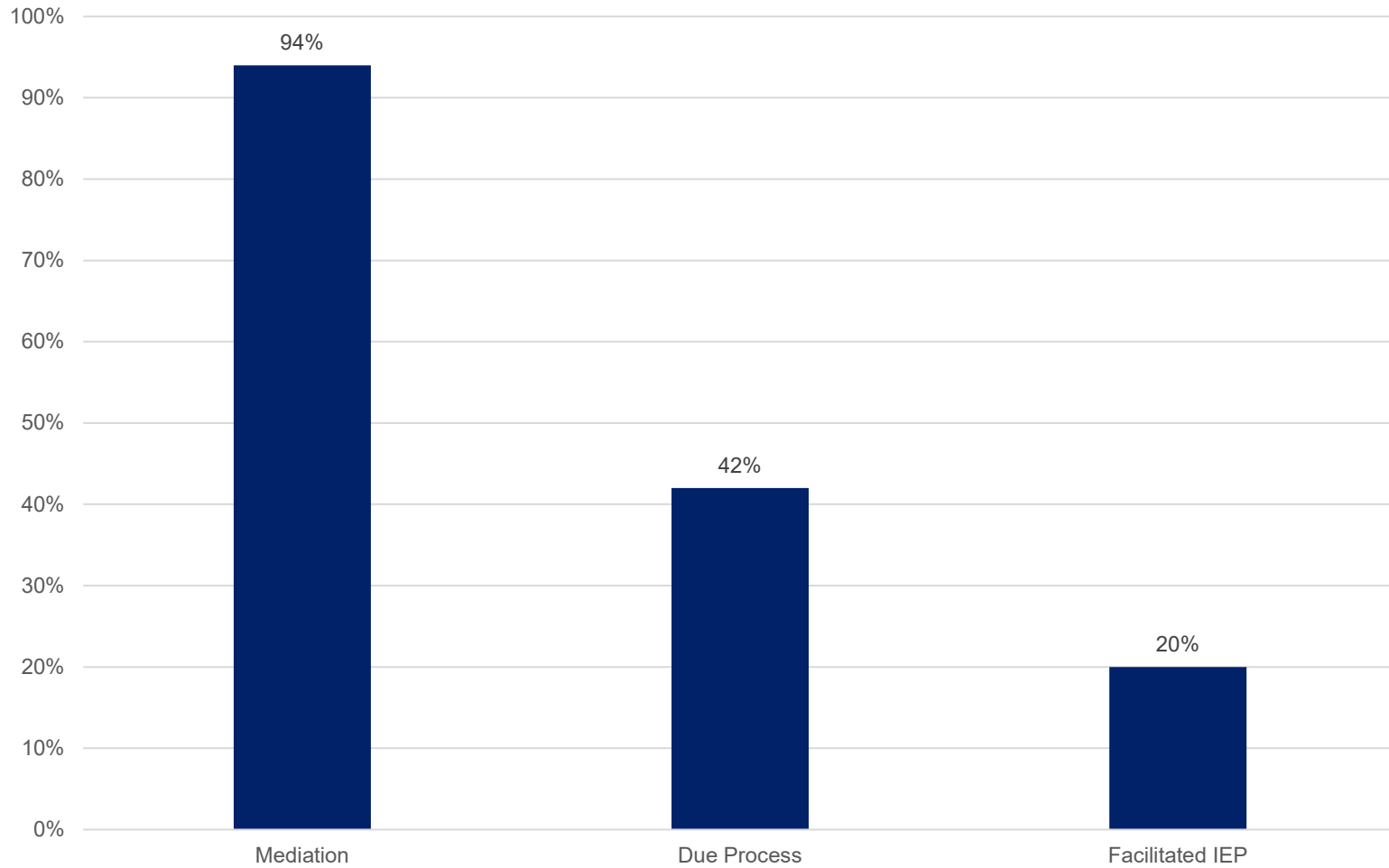
Due Process

Facilitated IEP

■ Resolution Session ■ Mediation ■ Private Settlement ■ Withdrawn/Dismissed



Percent Increase Comparing FY 22 to FY 23 (both up to 2/28)



Dispute Resolution Options FY23* (to 2/28)

Mediation

- 81% from Districts
- 67% male students
- 39% ELE, 37% HS
- Ave 25 days to close

Due Process

- 70% from Districts
- 53% male students
- 49% ELE, 35% HS
- Ave 43 days to close

Facilitated IEP

- 75% from Districts
- 56% male students
- 47% ELE, 22% HS
- Ave 34 days to close





Contact Us—Dispute Resolution

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