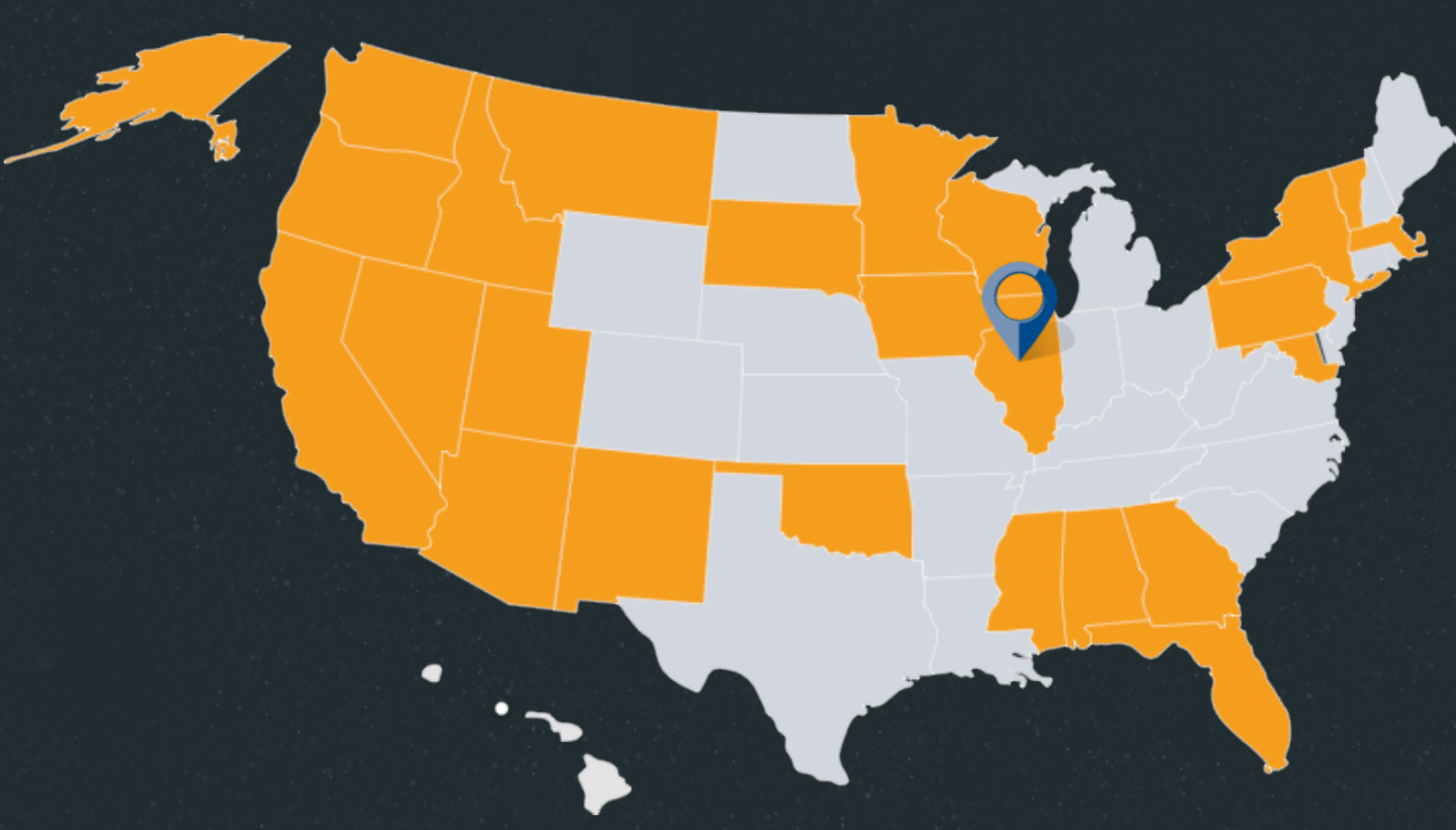


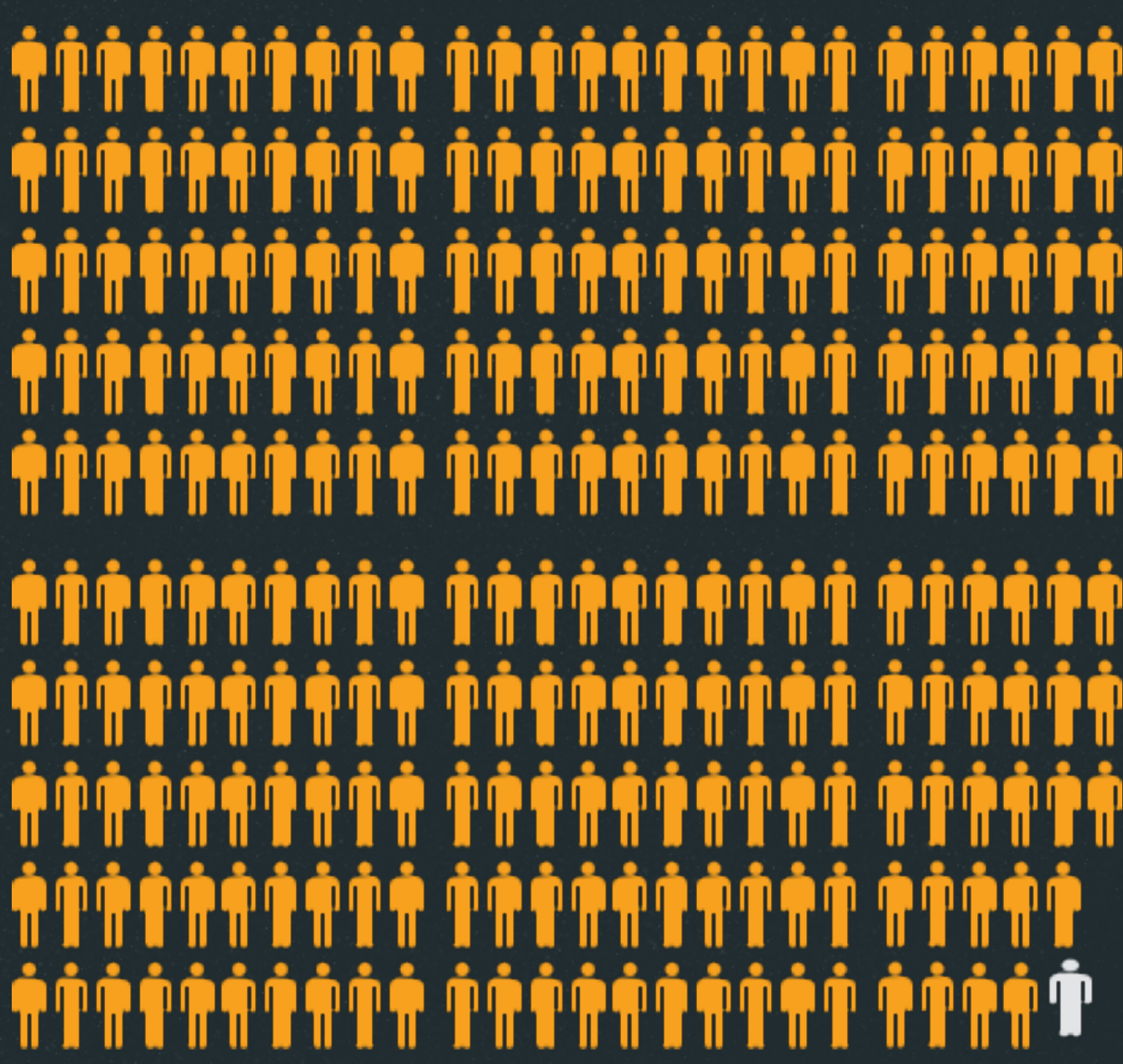
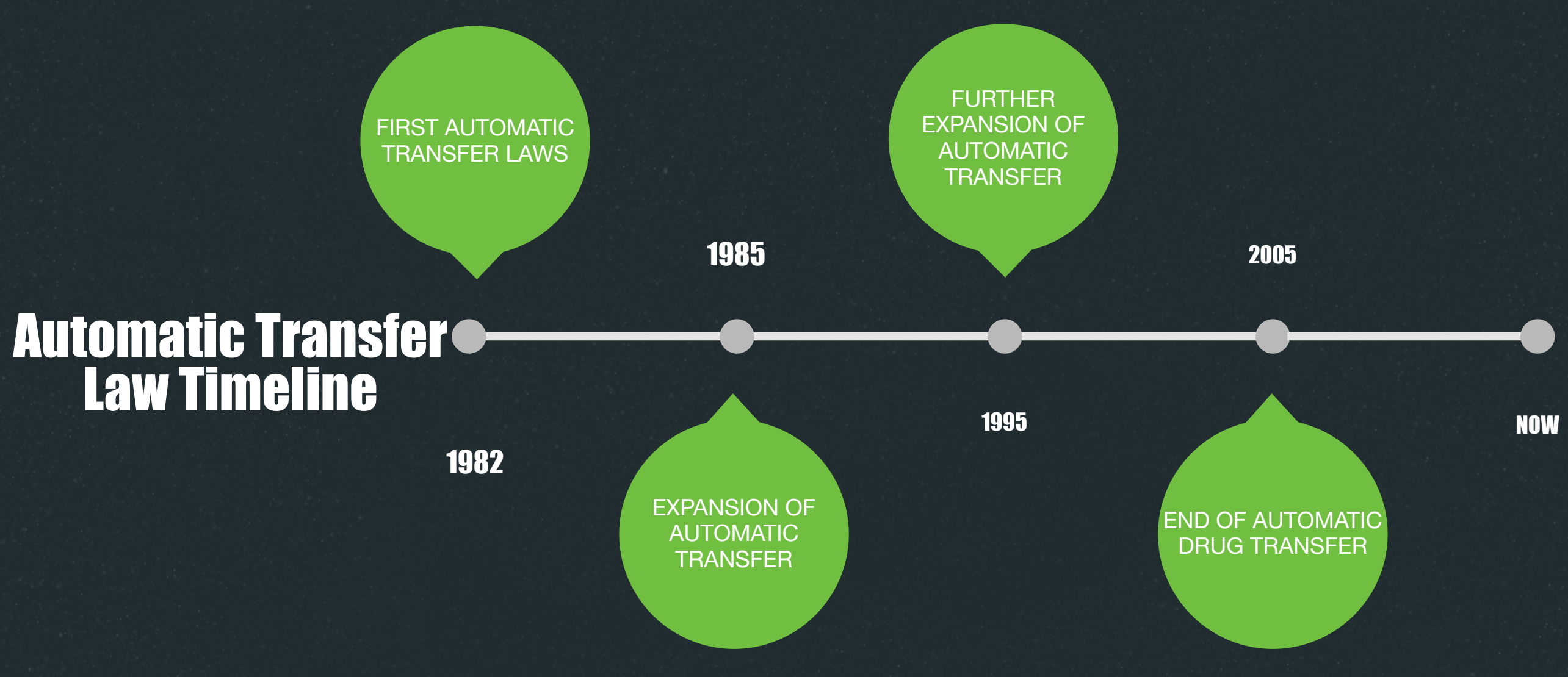
# AUTOMATIC ADULT TRIAL OF YOUTH IN COOK COUNTY, ILLINOIS, 2010-2012

## WHAT HAPPENS TO YOUTH TRIED AS ADULTS?

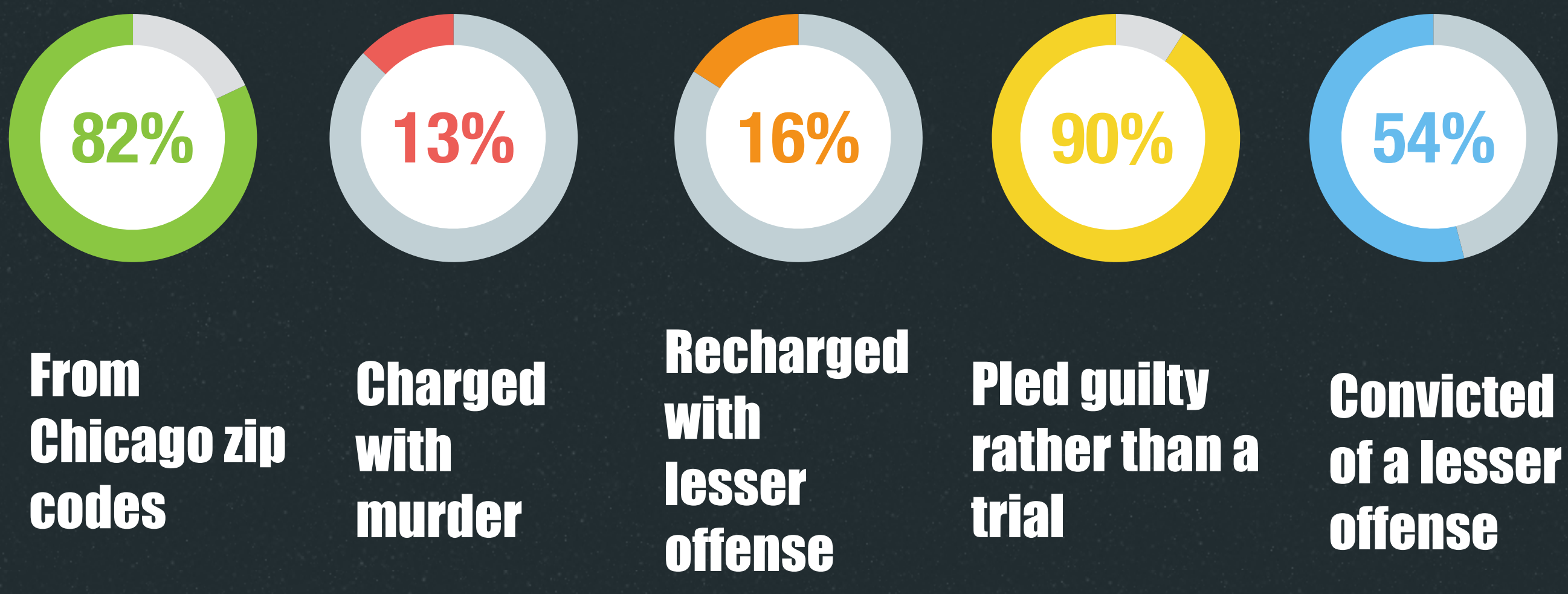
Children are not small adults - the teenage brain is undergoing dramatic changes and teenagers are more amenable to rehabilitations. 257 children were automatically prosecuted as adults over a course of 3 years in Cook County, Illinois.



**29 states including Illinois have a system to automatically prosecute youth as adults. Other states or nations prohibit automatic adult trials of youth.**



**Out of 257 youth, there was only one white child.**



### Youth prosecuted as adults:

- Are at high risk of committing suicide, suffering from a mental health problem, and being a victim of violence in prison
- Are more likely to commit a more serious crime
- Receive fewer mental health and educational services

**Bring a case to juvenile court!**



**Mental Health Services**



**Better Health**



**Juvenile Court**



**Rehabilitation**



**Education**

All the numbers are based on the JJI report Automatic Adult Trial of Children in Cook County, IL.

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