

KENTUCKY JUDICIAL COMMISSION ON **MENTAL HEALTH**



Judicial Considerations for KRS 202C

Judge Lisa Jones, 1st Appellate District, Division 2, Kentucky Court of Appeals

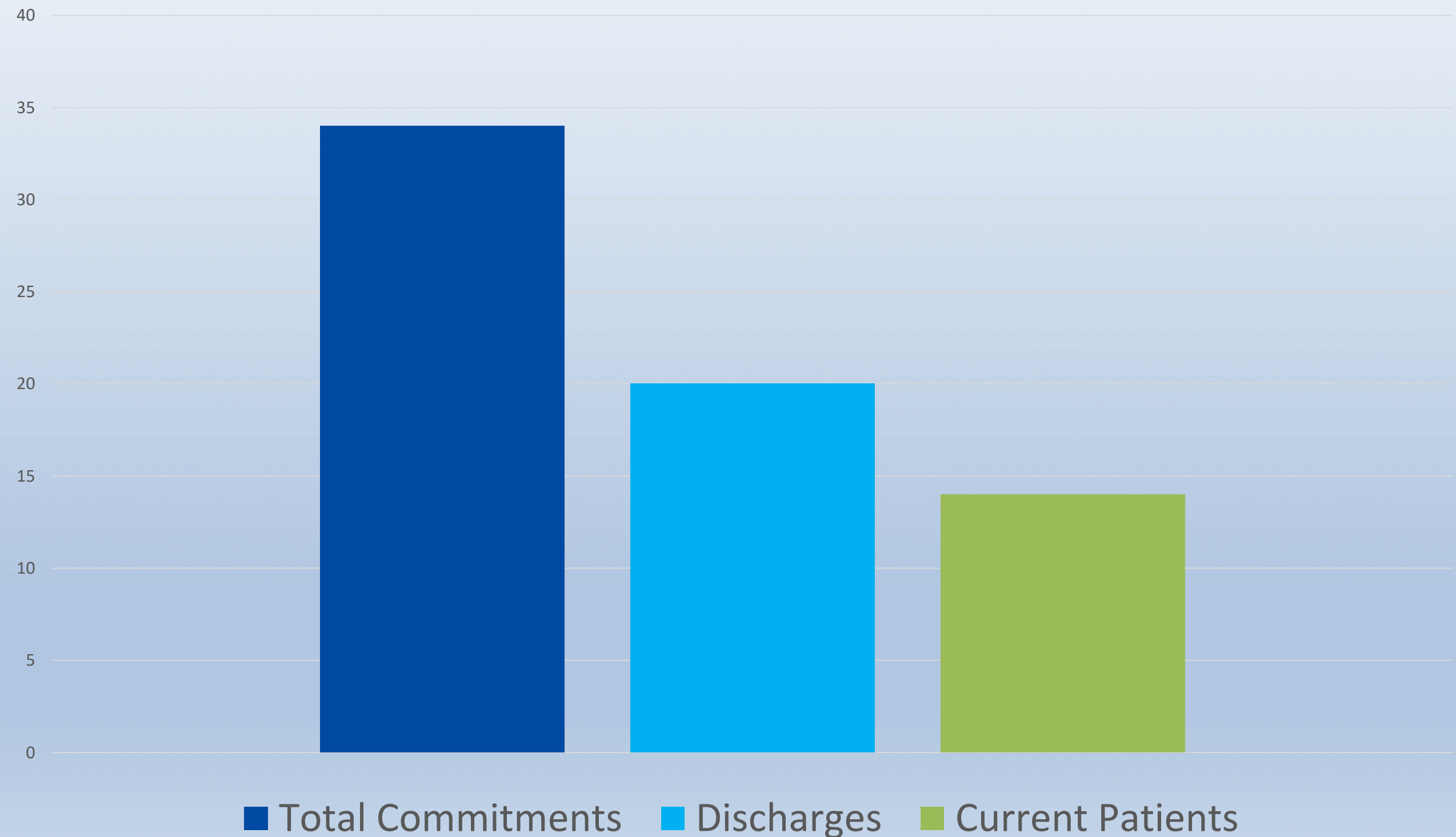
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KRS 202C



**Prior to 2021,
there were
gaps in the
system**

202C Commitments and Discharges



*Data provided by the Kentucky
Correctional Psychiatric Center

Judicial Considerations



- **Timeline Challenges**
- **The Role of the GAL**
- **Burden of Proof**
- **Insanity Defense**
- **Lack of Clear Appellate Process**
- **Discharge Planning**



Kentucky Judicial Commission on Mental Health



- **Created by the Kentucky Supreme Court**
- **Brings courts and behavioral health together**
- **10 Workgroups with 400+ participants**
- **Focused on improving court response and treatment access**
- **Currently reviewing the 202C process through a dedicated focus group**



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