

State of Vermont

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Vermont Department of Disabilities, Aging
and Independent Living



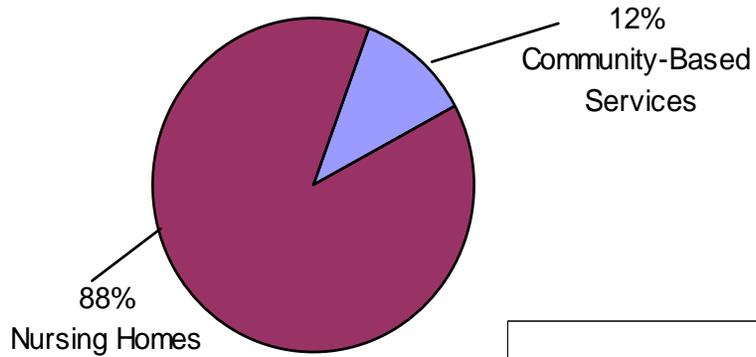
Shifting the Balance Act 160

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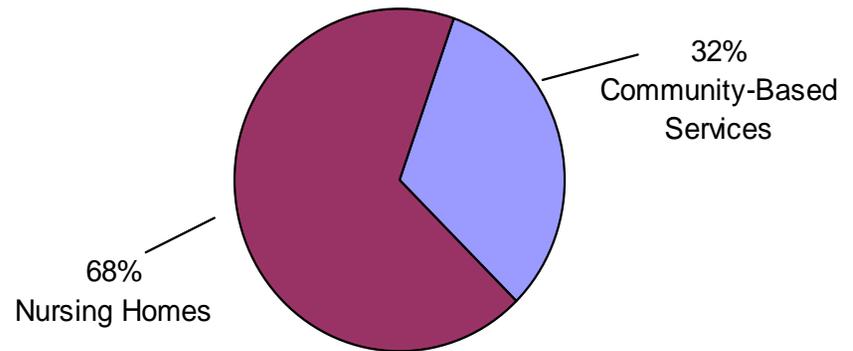
The reductions required in subsection (a) of this section shall be redirected in fiscal year 1997 to fund home and community-based services. For fiscal year 1998 and thereafter, the reductions required in subsection (a) of this section shall be redirected in that fiscal year to fund both home and community-based services and any programs designed to reduce the number of nursing home beds. **Any general funds that are redirected but not spent during any fiscal year shall be transferred to the long-term care special administration fund which is hereby created.**

Public Expenditures for Long Term Care

FY 1996

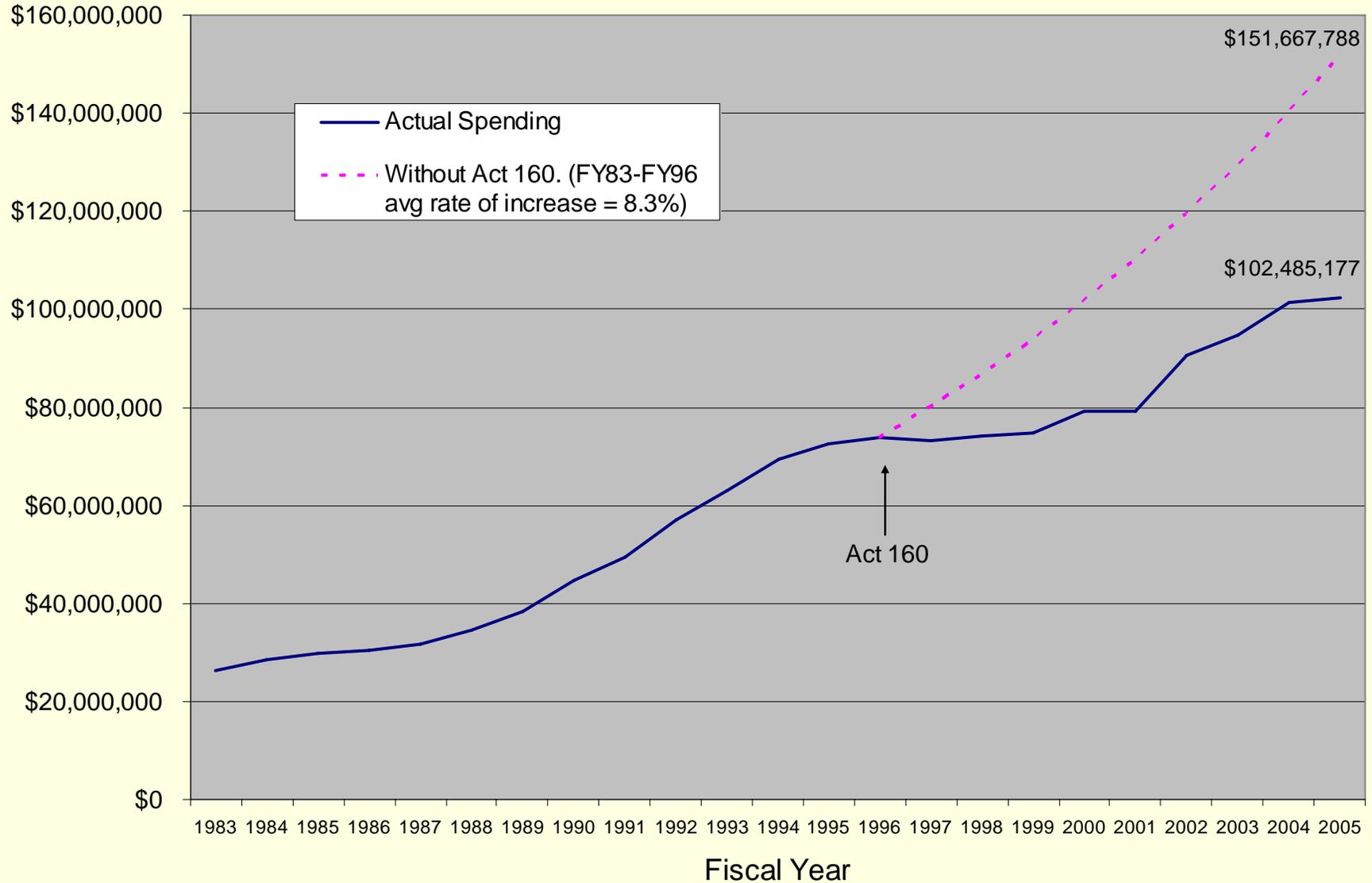


FY 2005

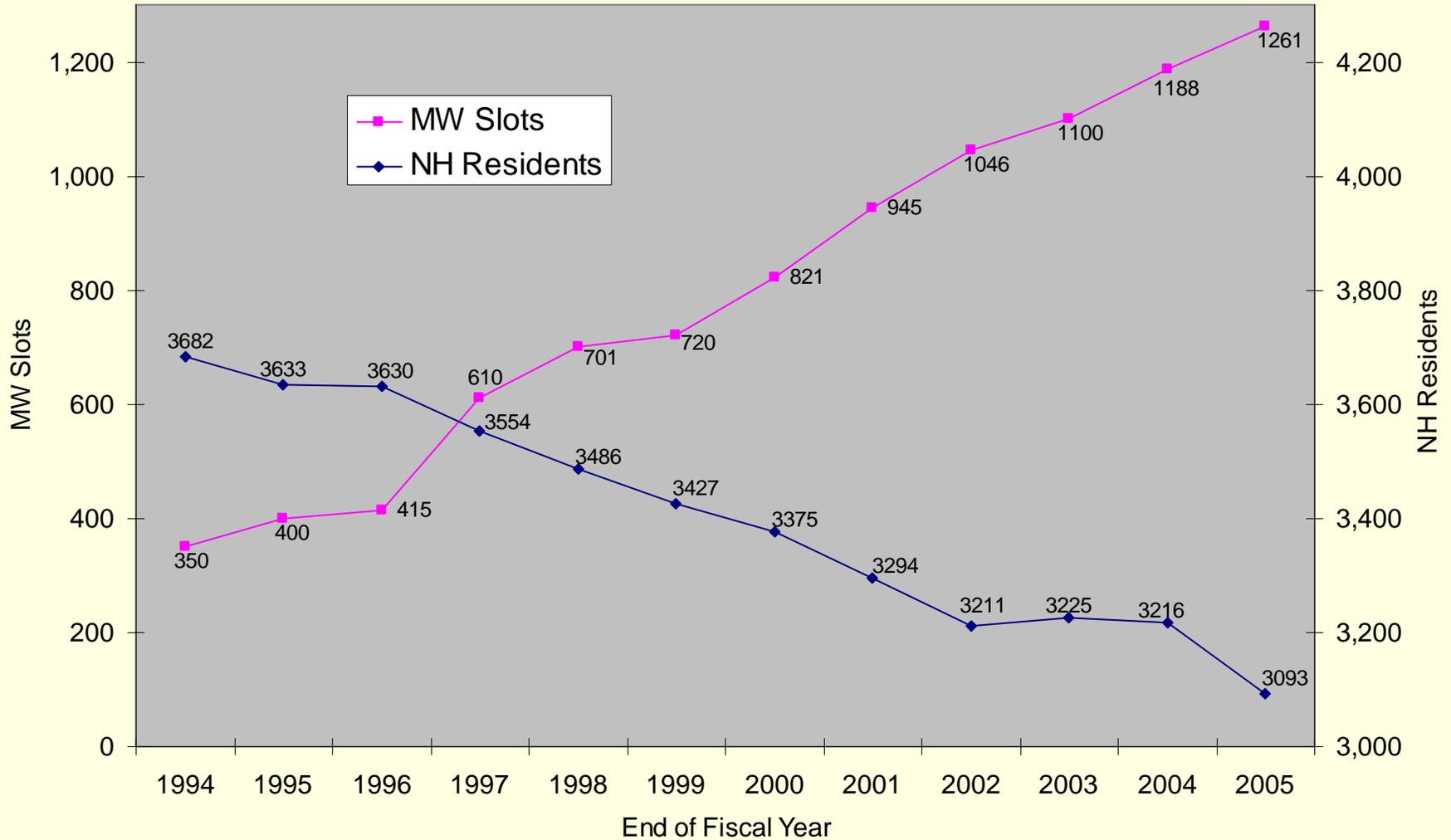


Nursing Home Medicaid Expenditures

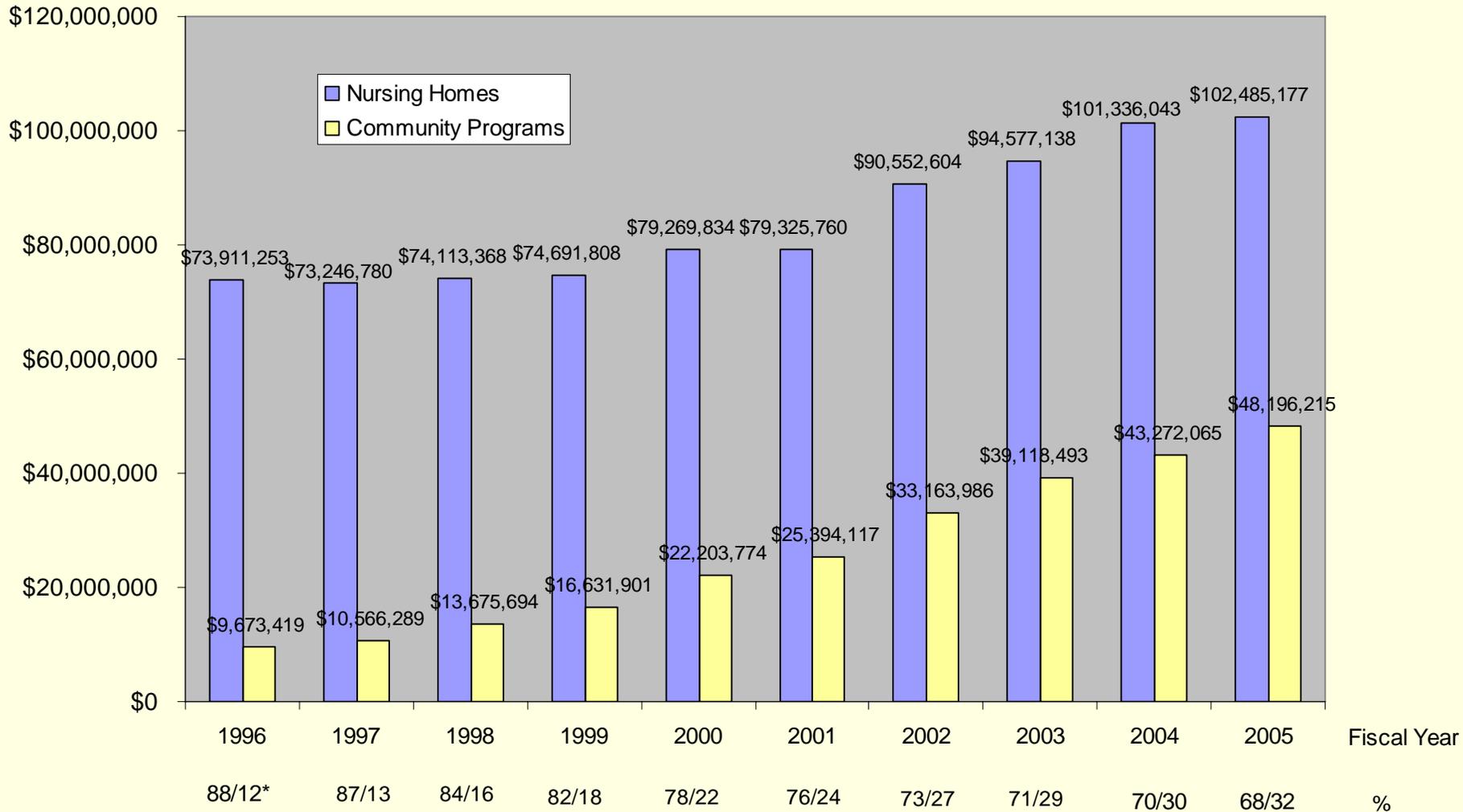
Actual vs "Without Act 160" *



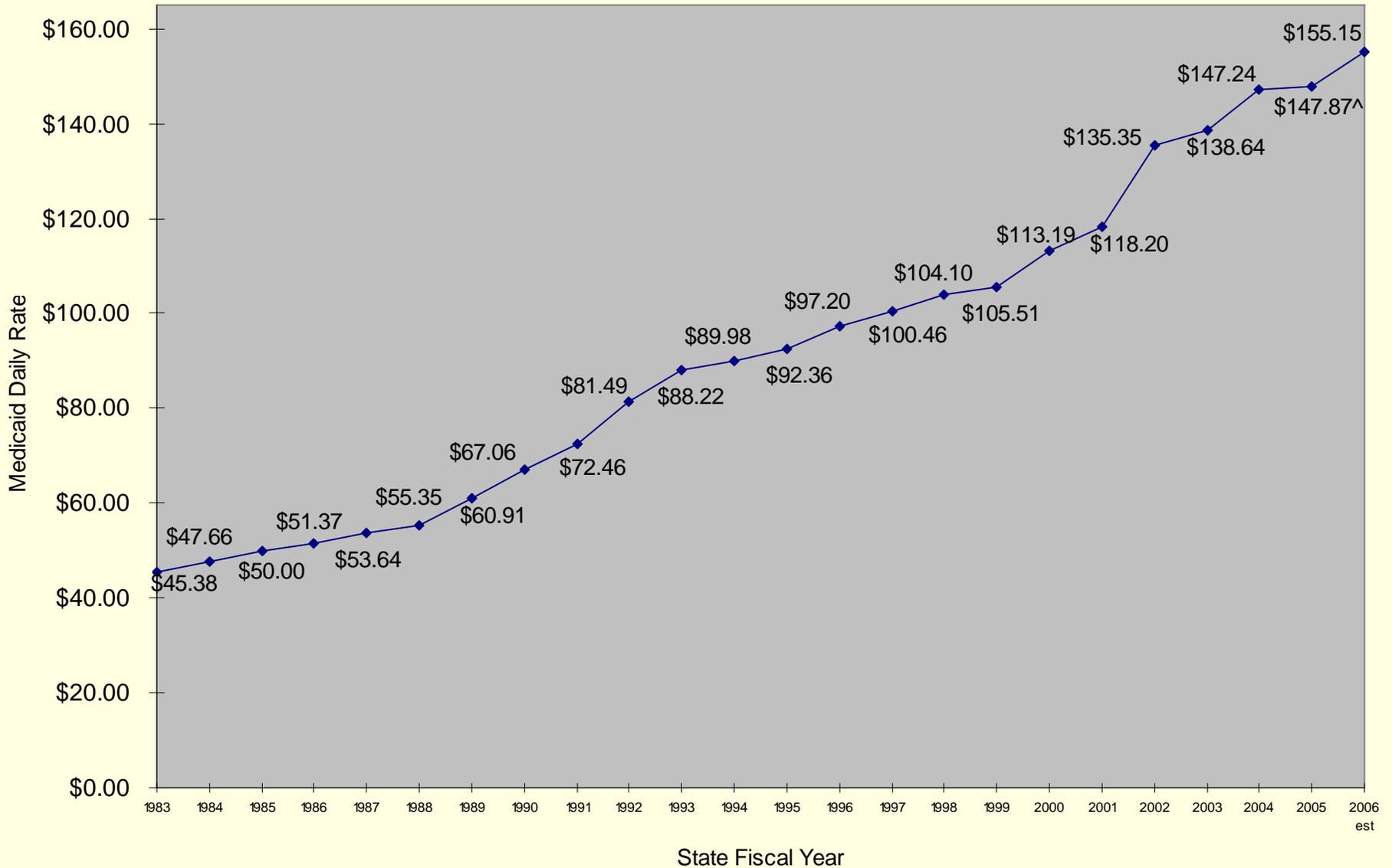
Decline in Vermont's Nursing Home Residents vs Growth in H&CB* Medicaid Waiver Slots



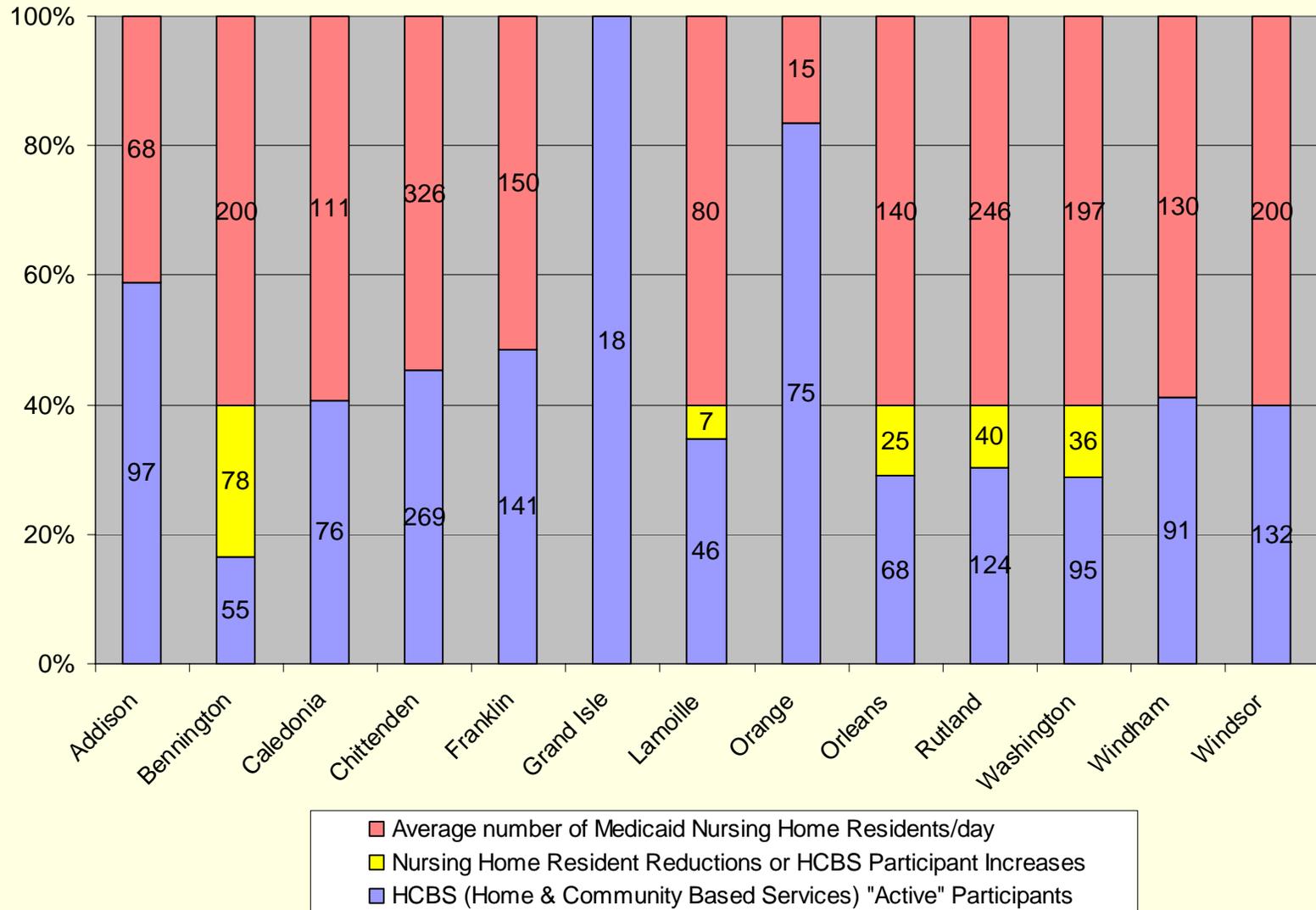
Comparison of Public Expenditures for Nursing Homes and Home & Community-Based Programs FY 1996--FY 2005



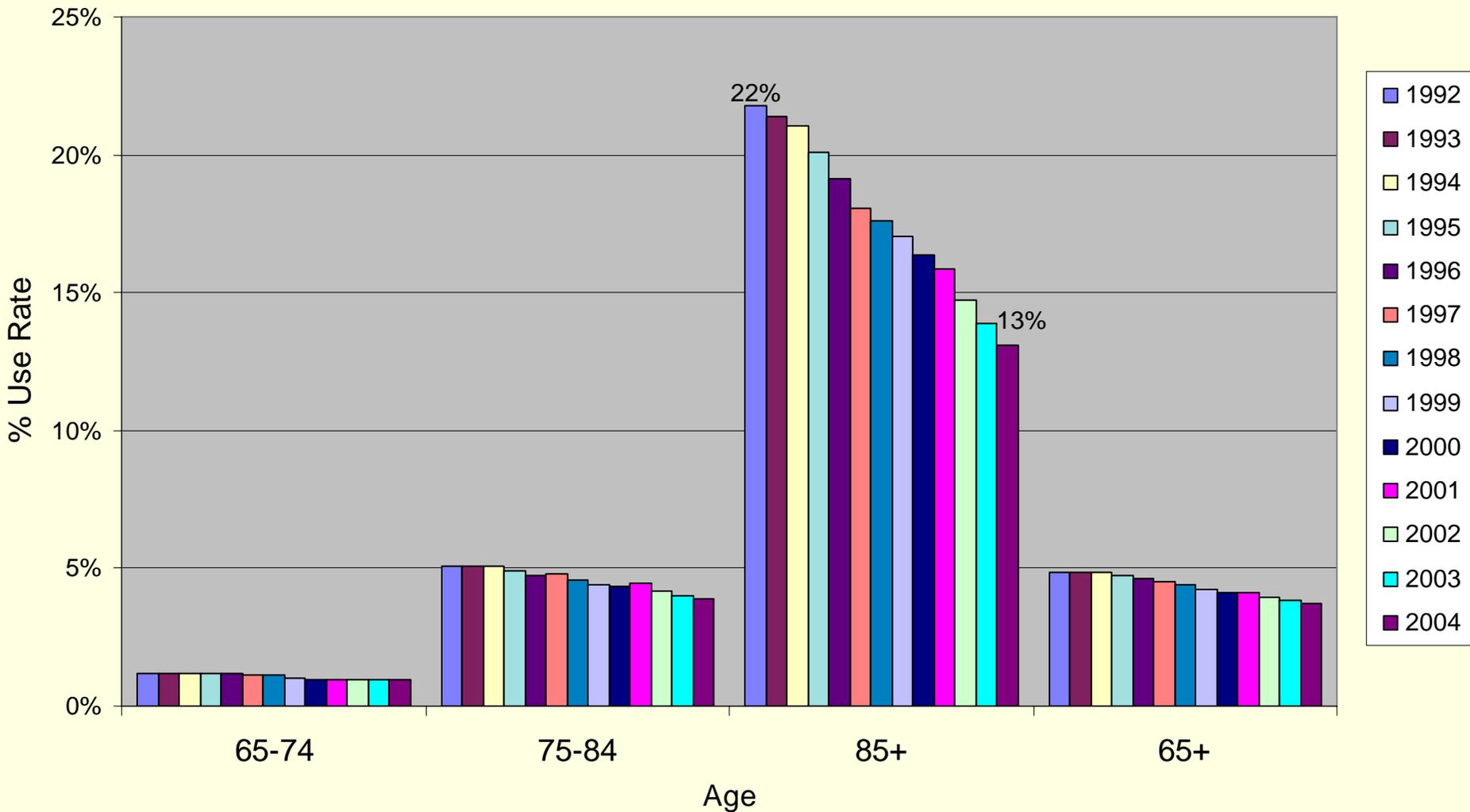
Average Medicaid Daily Rate* for VT Nursing Home Beds



Medicaid *Choices for Care*: Nursing Home Residents and Home & Community-Based Participants--May 2006 Changes (Yellow) Needed to Achieve 60/40 Balance



Percent of Vermont Elders Residing in Nursing Homes--By Age 1992-2004



Saving a Nursing Home

Problem:

- 120 beds
- 30-40 empty beds
- Losing \$500,000 per year
- Needed some, not all of the beds

What We Did:

- Right size to 80 beds
- Increase rate to cover fixed costs
- Used some savings for additional slots
- Home is fine, 98% full and making a small profit

Vermont's 1115 Long-Term Care Waiver Proposal

Choices for Care



“Services Consumers Prefer”

Goals for this Proposal

- Provide choice and equal access
- Serve more people
- Manage the costs of long term care
- Improve the system
- Create a balanced system
- Prevention

Keys to Success

- Expand, but manage entitlement to both nursing home care and home-based care
- Give consumers choice and equal access
- Serve more people as funds become available

EXISTING SYSTEM

High

Nursing Home

Home & Community-Based Waiver

Enhanced Residential Care Waiver

**Eligibility
threshold**

Acuity

Not Nursing Home Level of Care

Low

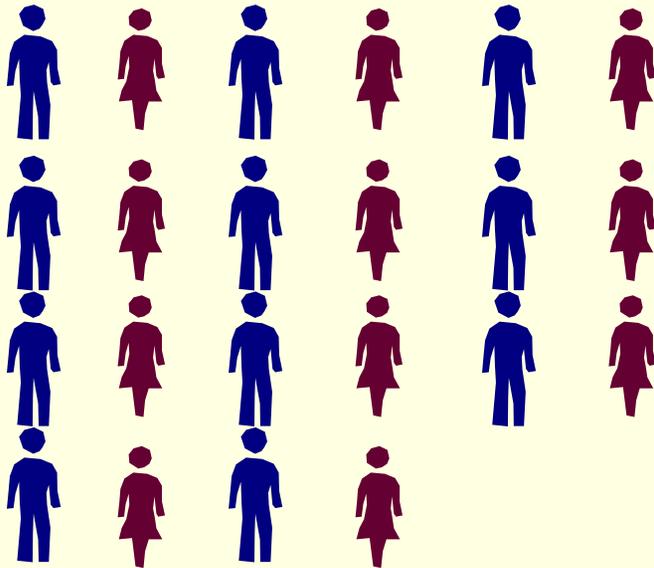


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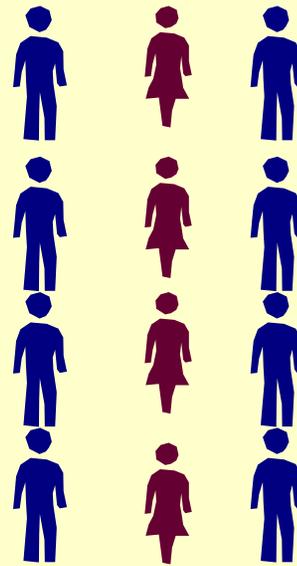


EXISTING SYSTEM

Nursing Home Entitlement
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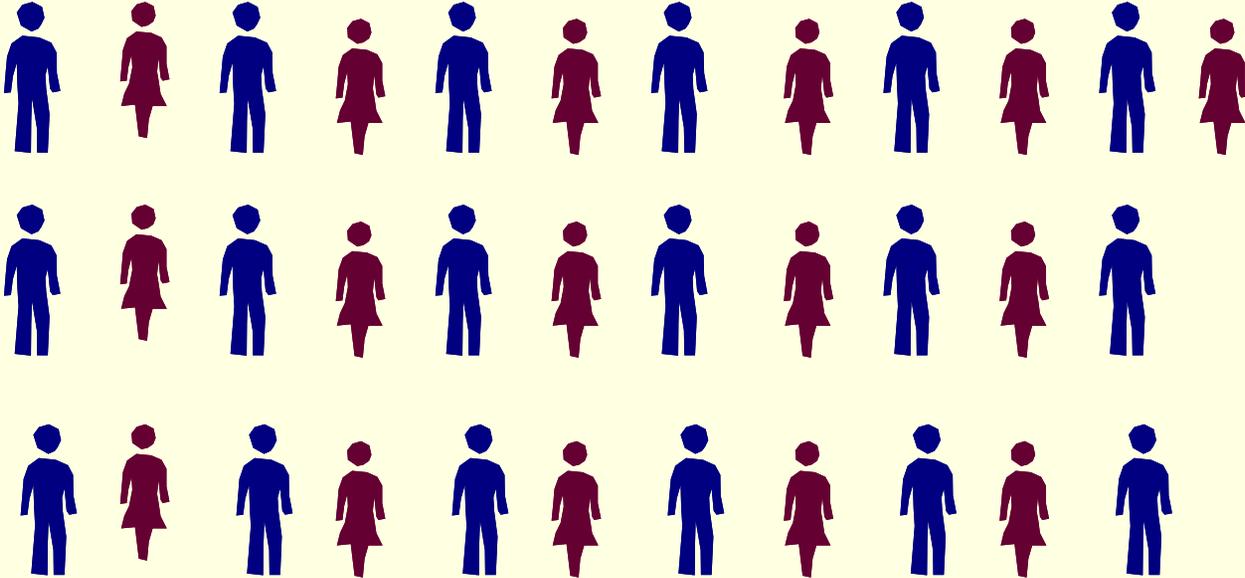


Waiver Services
1200 Eligible but not Entitled



1115 PROPOSAL

Highest Need (Entitlement)



High Need Group



Moderate Need Group



Important Elements

- Increase Public Information
- Increase Quality Assurance
- Community Ombudsman
- Cash and Counseling

Important Elements

- Preventive services for Moderate Needs Group
- Expand Resource Limit to \$10,000 for home-based care – with cost sharing
- Promote Long-Term Care Insurance

Demonstration Elements

- Predictors of Institutional Placement?
- Cost Effectiveness?
- Prevention and delay of institutional care?
- Improved customer satisfaction

Demonstration Elements

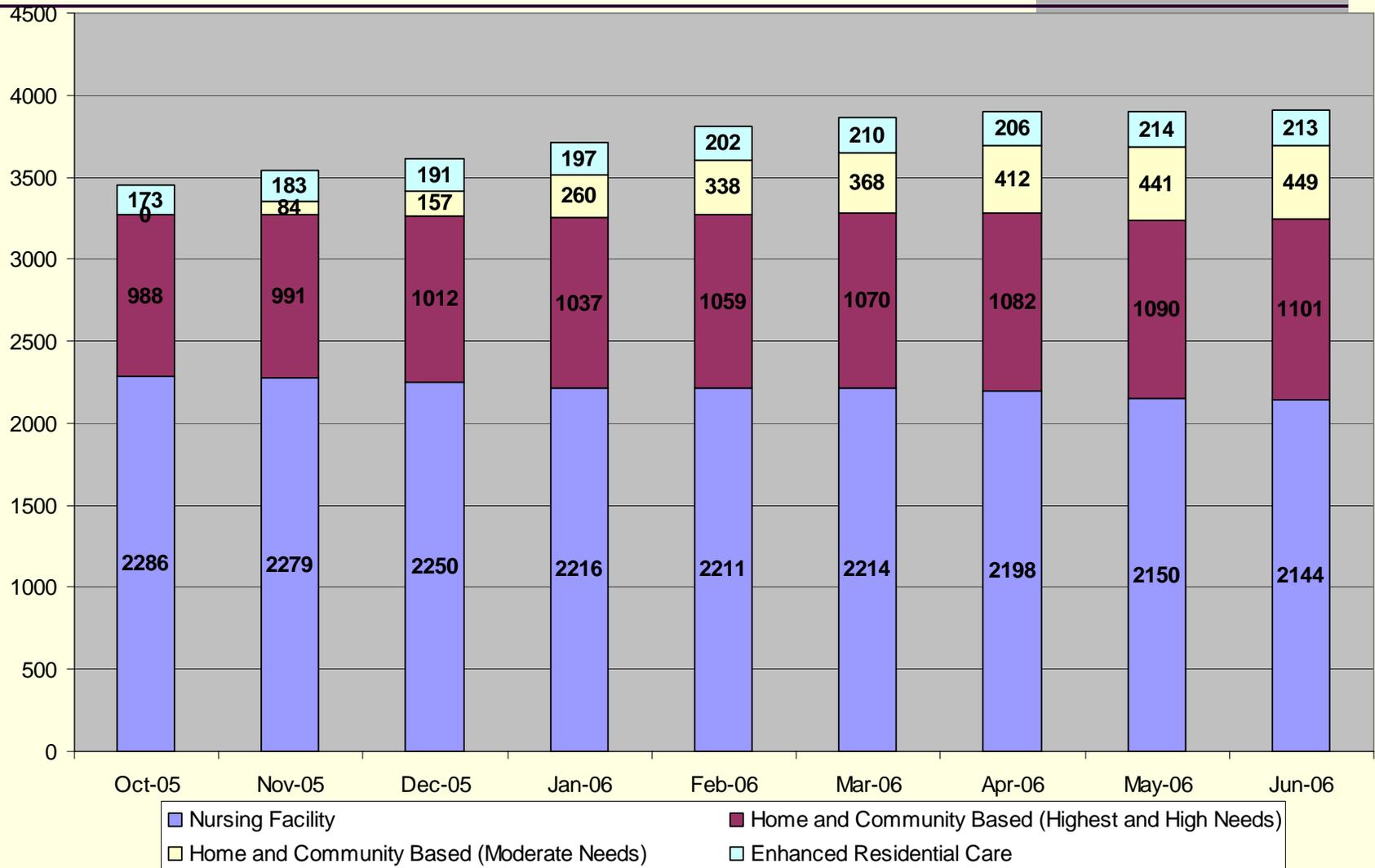
- Improved service array and system capacity?
- Impact on nursing home acuity and census?
- Impact of educational programs?

Budget Neutrality

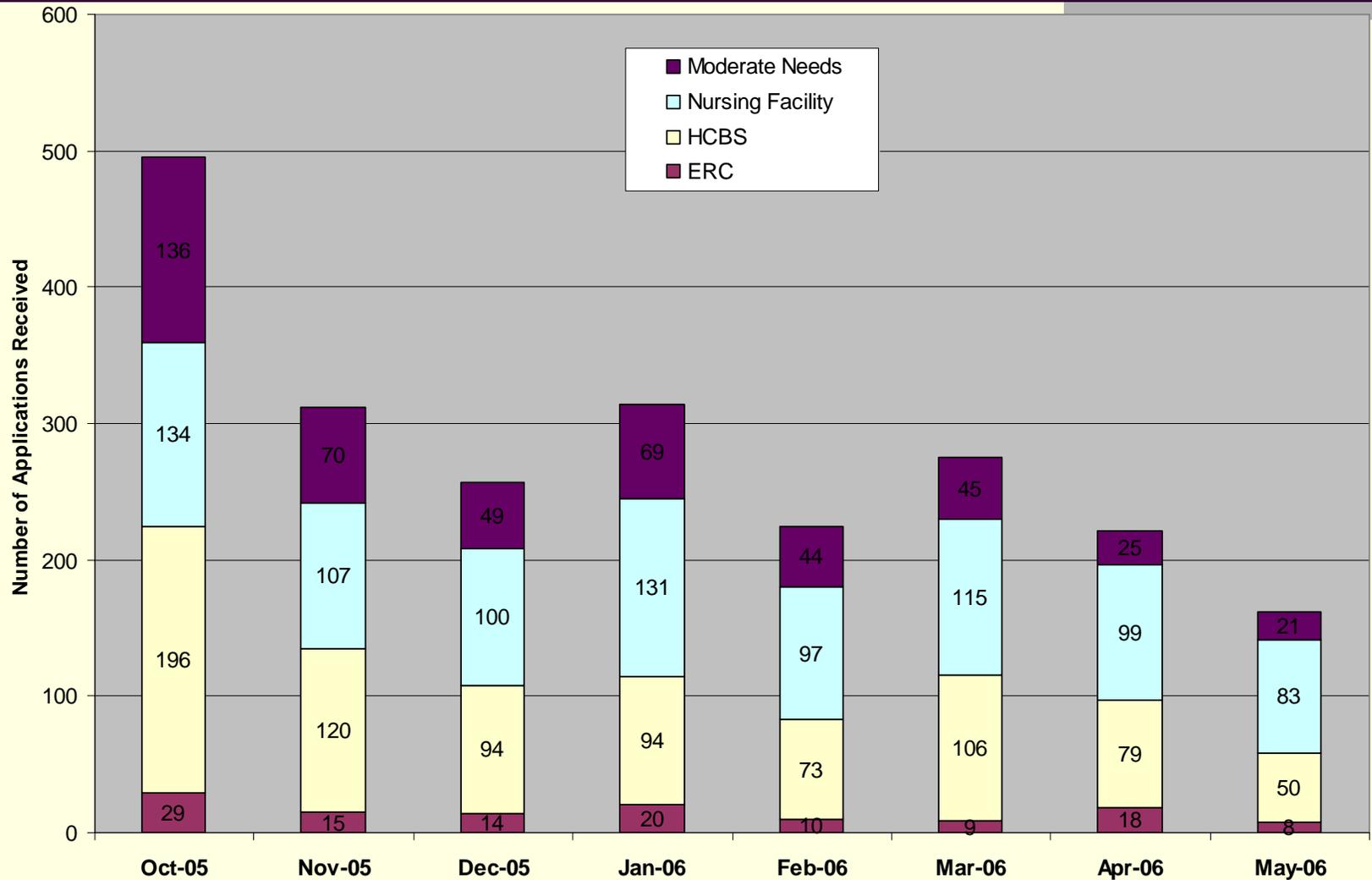
7.28% Annual Growth

- Inflation
- Case Load

Choices for Care: Total Number of Enrolled Participants October 2005 - June 2006



Choices for Care Applications Received by Month, by Service Program October, 2005 - May, 2006



Choices for Care: Average Monthly Costs of Approved Plans of Care October, 2005 - June, 2006

