



2022 Physician Census

Summary Report

July 2026

Physician Census In Brief

- Physicians took the census online during the 2022 Vermont license renewal
 - Survey has been conducted every two years since 1992
 - Data is self-reported
- One physician renewing their license did not complete the census

Key Takeaways

- 3,112 physicians provide patient care in Vermont
- The number of specialty care physicians has increased over time while the number of primary care physician FTEs continues to decrease
- 32% of primary care physicians are 60 or older
- 43% of physicians are female
- Physicians are concentrated in Chittenden County
- 78% of primary care physicians accept new patients

3,112 physicians provided patient care in Vermont in 2022.

- This includes 980 in telemedicine and 175 who provide patient care in Vermont less than 4 hours per week.
- This does not include physicians who maintain Vermont licenses but do not practice in Vermont, residents and fellows, and 59 working in Vermont on a locum tenens basis for less than a year.

Doctor of Osteopathy (DO)

213

7%

Medical Doctor (MD)

2,899

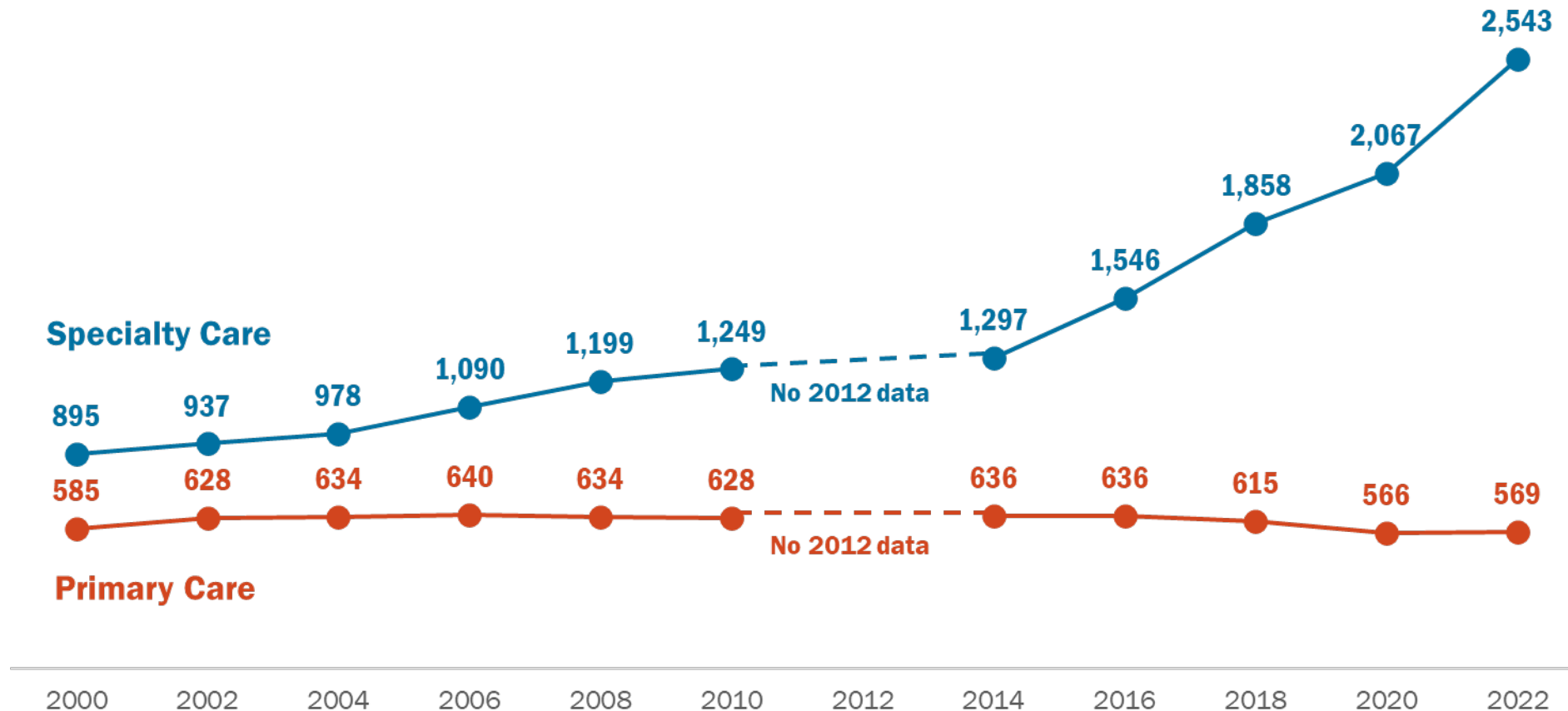
93%

Comparison of Selected Physician Data, 2000-2022

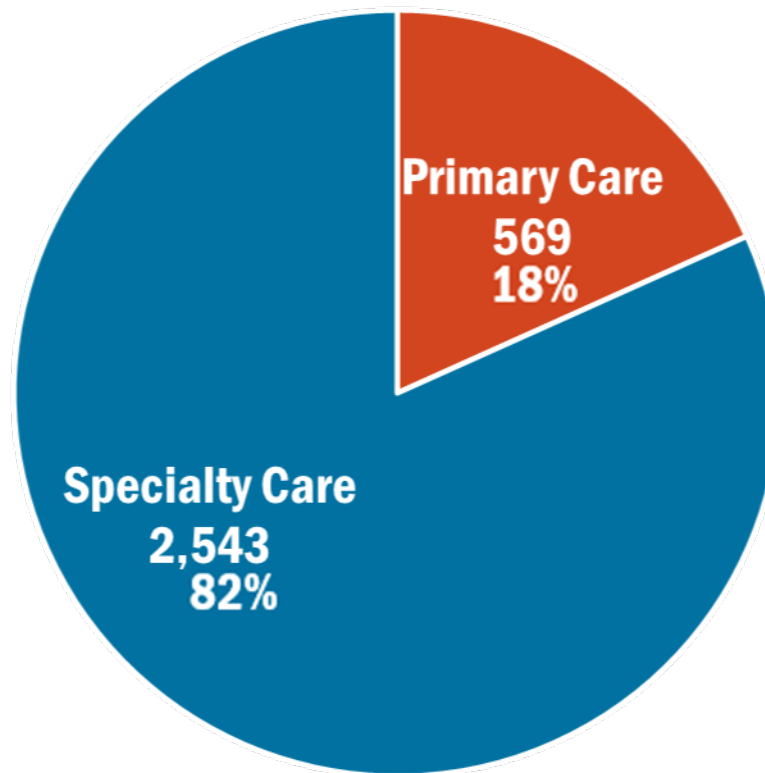
	2000	2002	2004	2006	2008	2010	2014	2016	2018	2020	2022
Total active* physicians							1,782	1,943	1,959	1,932	1,957
Percent female	26%	28%	29%	29%	31%	33%	38%	38%	39%	41%	43%
Primary care physicians	585	628	634	640	634	628	636	636	615	566	569
% accepting new patients**	80%	83%	81%	82%	80%	83%	82%	84%	81%	80%	78%
% accepting new Medicaid patients	73%	75%	70%	68%	69%	72%	76%	78%	78%	76%	75%
% accepting new Medicare patients	74%	78%	71%	71%	69%	69%	72%	75%	74%	71%	69%
Primary care physician FTEs***	472.2	492.9	478.7	503.6	498.2	492.1	476.9	468.6	435.9	426.3	406.3
PC Internal Medicine FTEs	128.5	145.5	124.5	129.7	126.5	120.7	114.3	110	93.3	90.5	83.9
PC FTEs per 100,000 population	77.6	80.1	77	80.7	80.2	78.6	76.1	75	69.6	66.4	62.8
Specialist physicians	895	937	978	1,090	1,199	1,249	1,297	1,546	1,858	2,067	2,543
Specialist physician FTEs****	621.3	722.1	656.1	736	818.1	843.7	836.1	916.6	932.1	974.2	987.2

*Providing patient care in Vermont, ** % of physicians not sites, *** 2004 FTEs may be underestimated by as much as 4%
 ***** FTEs not computed for pathology, radiology, and telemedicine, *****There is no data for 2012

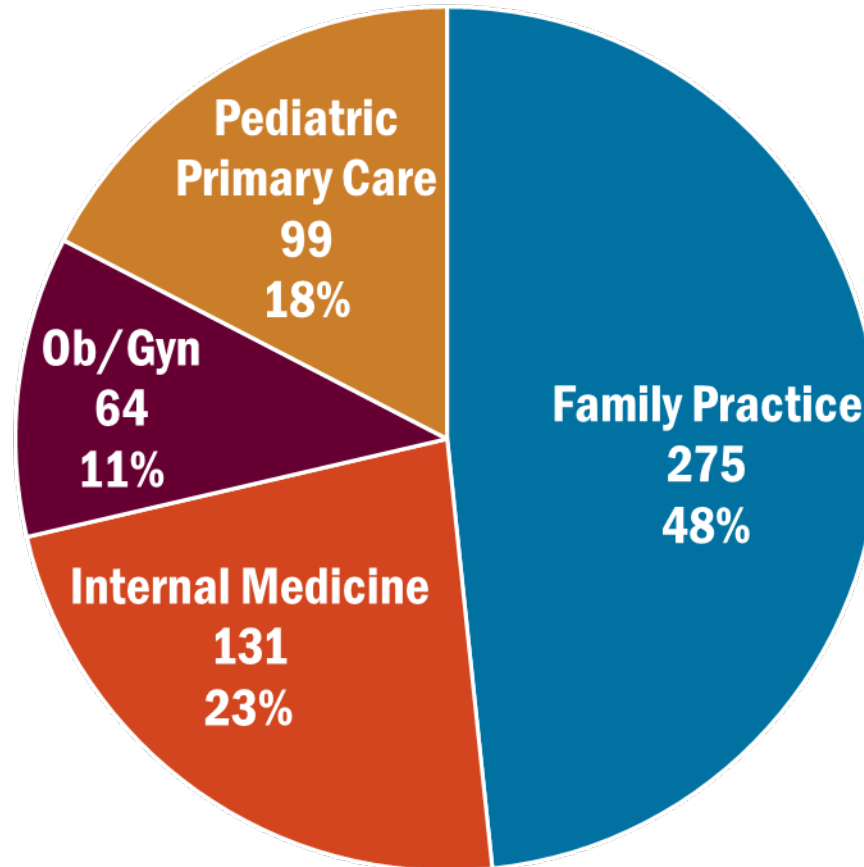
The number of specialty care physicians has had a steep incline while the number of primary care physicians has been slightly declining since 2016.



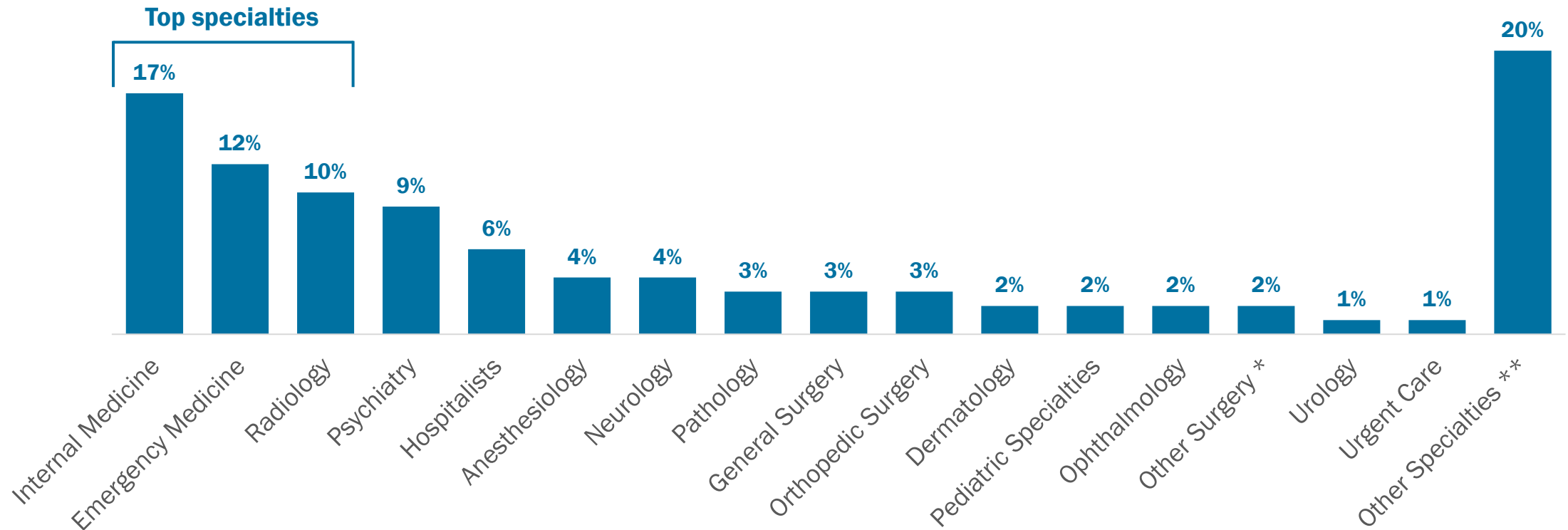
18% of Vermont physicians were primary care physicians in 2022, a decrease from 21% in 2020.



48% of physicians who provide primary care are in family practice.



Internal medicine sub-specialties, emergency medicine, and radiology are the top specialties among Vermont physicians.

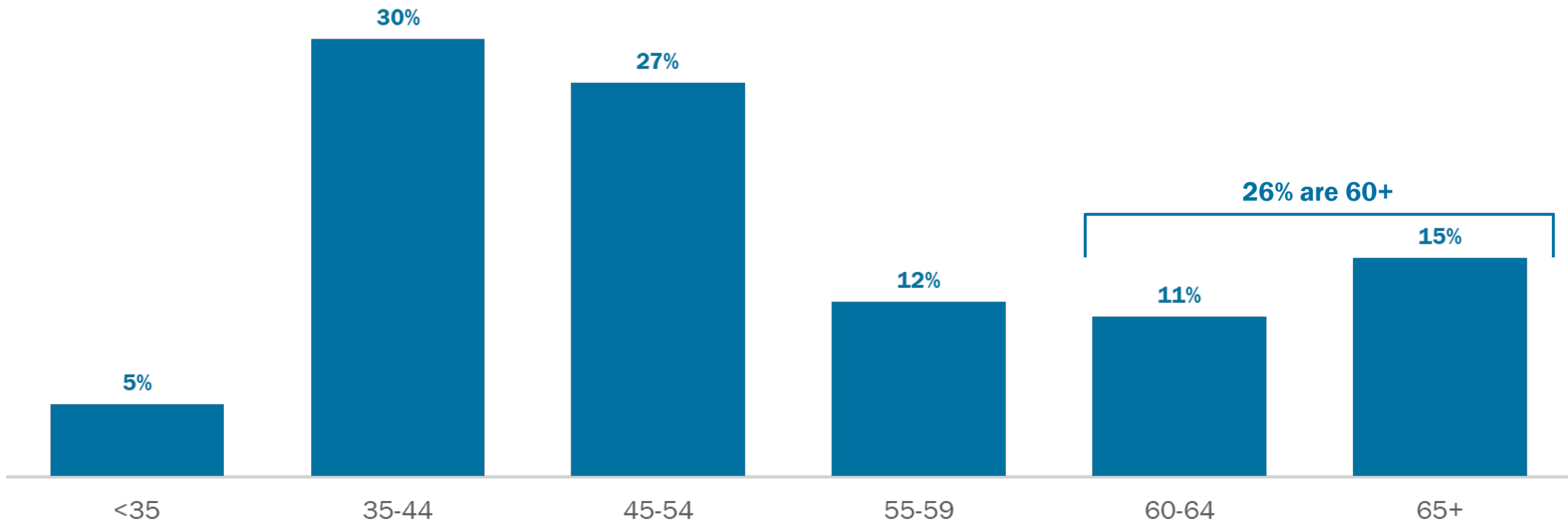


*Other surgery includes most other surgical specialties, such as vascular surgery, abdominal surgery, colon and rectal surgery, neurological surgery, oral and maxillofacial surgery, pediatric surgery, surgical critical care, and thoracic surgery.

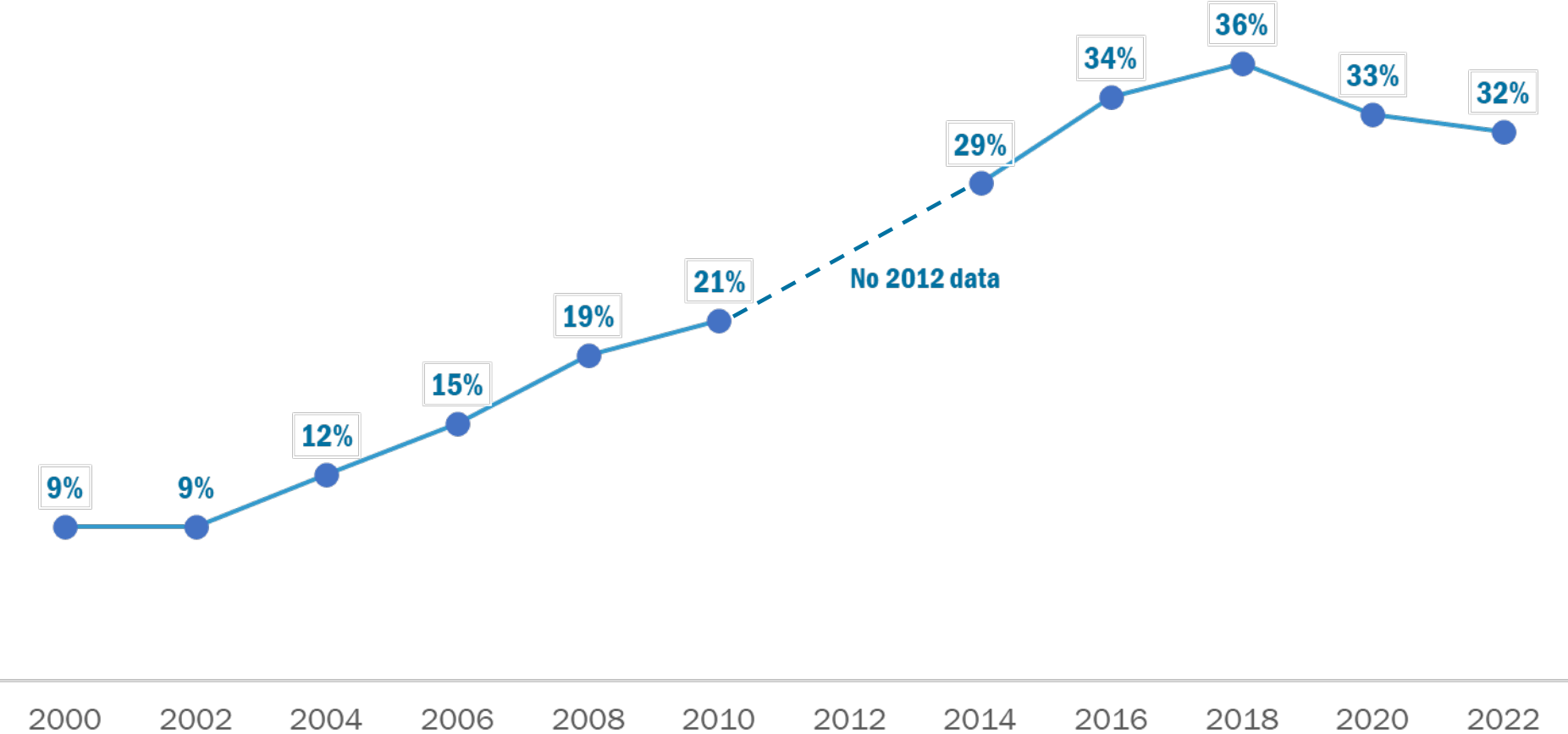
**Other specialties includes all specific specialties that are not included in the specialty groups listed above.

Age and Gender of Physicians

26% of all physicians are 60 or older.



The percentage of physicians over age 60 increased from 9% in 2000 to 36% in 2018 and has slowly decreased since then.



More primary care physicians are over 60 years old than specialty care physicians.

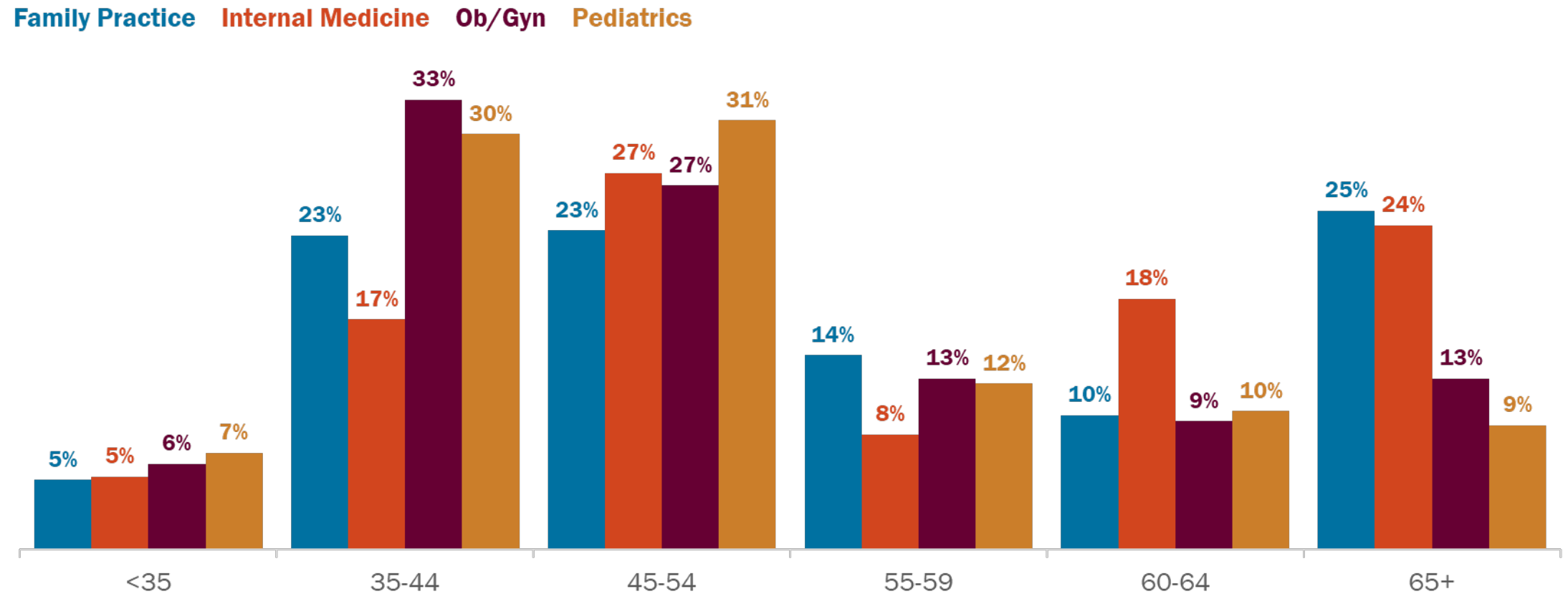
32% (183) of primary care physicians are 60 years or older, including...

- 35% of family practice physicians
- 42% of internal medicine physicians
- 22% of ob/gyns

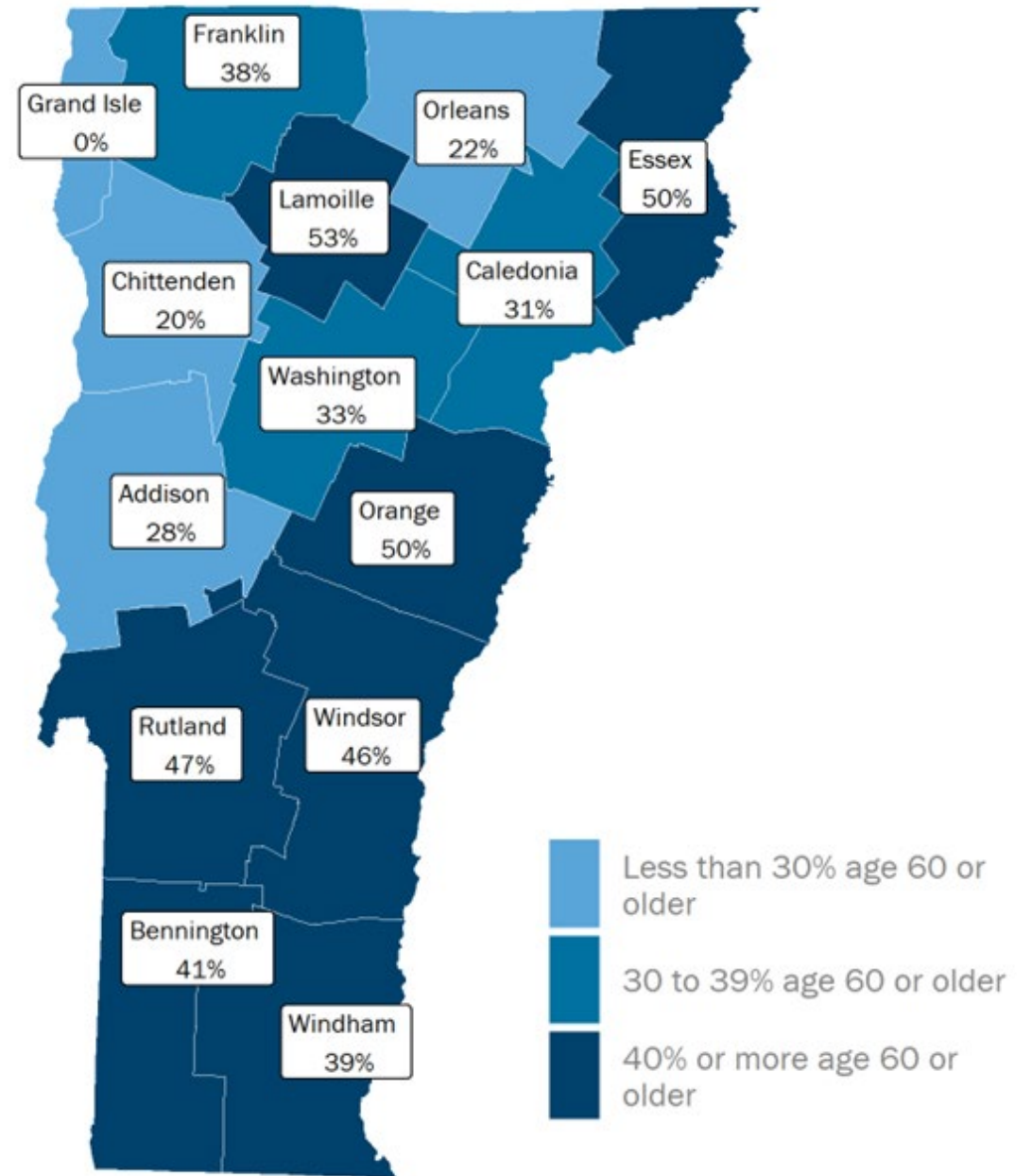
25% (630) of specialty care physicians are 60 years or older, including...

- 36% of psychiatrists
- 33% of urgent care physicians
- 28% of internal medicine physicians
- 28% of orthopedic surgeons

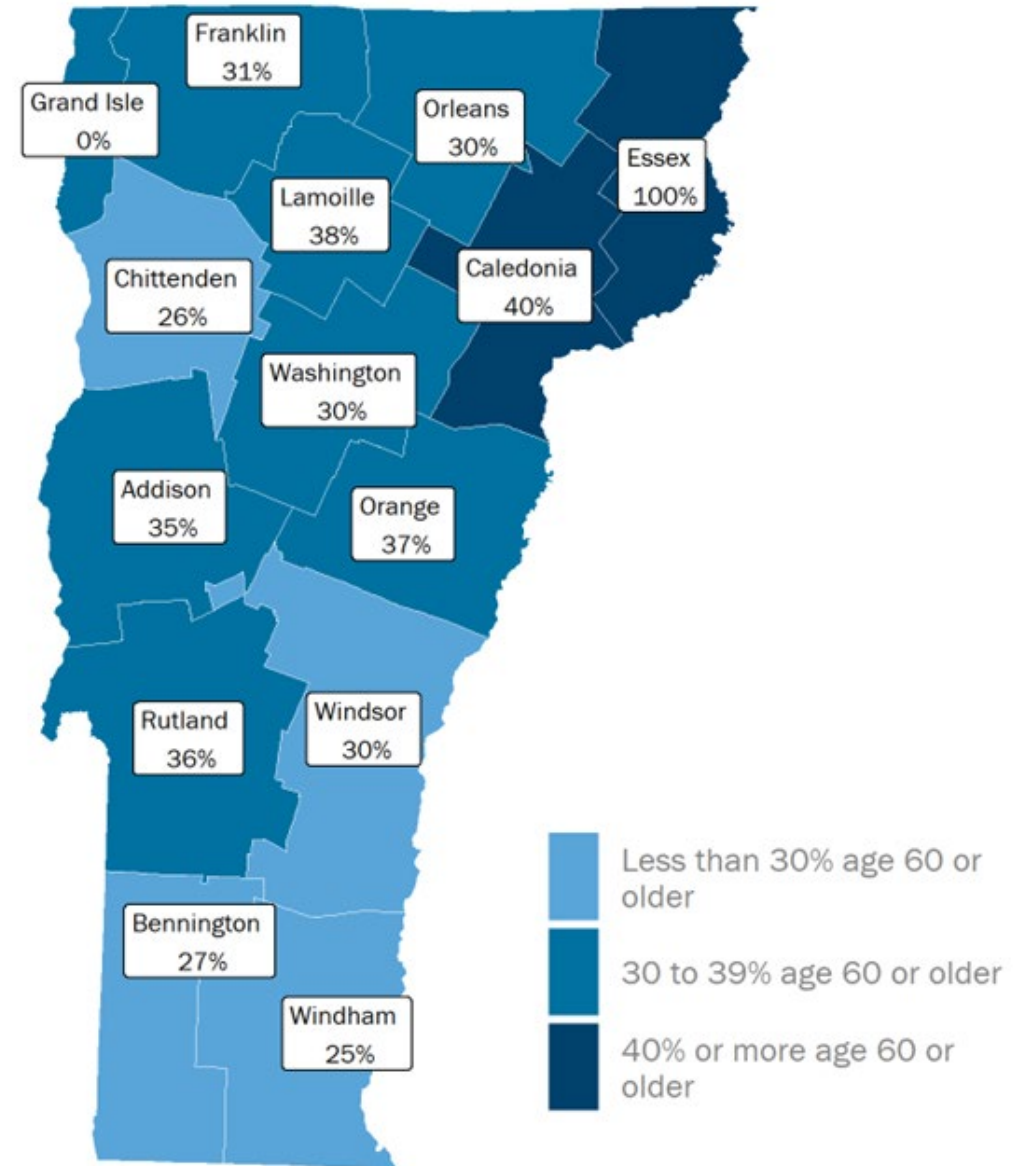
Family Practice and Internal Medicine Physicians are older than other primary care physicians



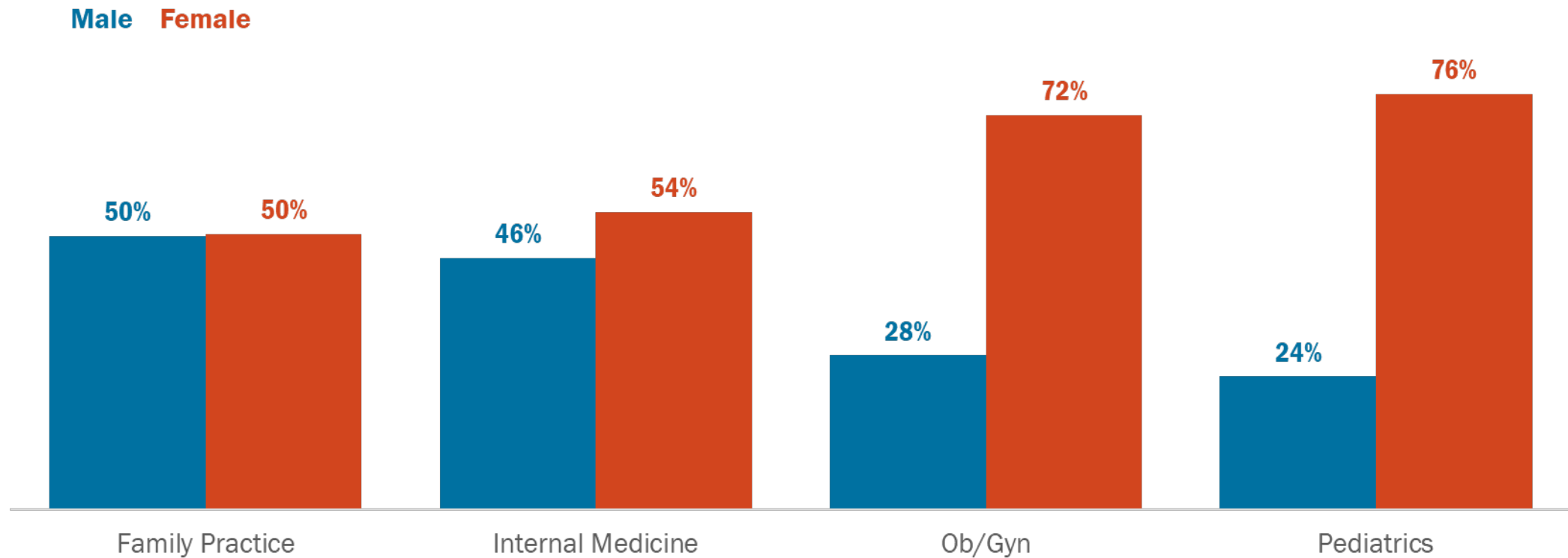
40% or more of primary care physicians are age 60+ in 7 counties.



Distribution of specialty care physicians age 60+ varies throughout Vermont.

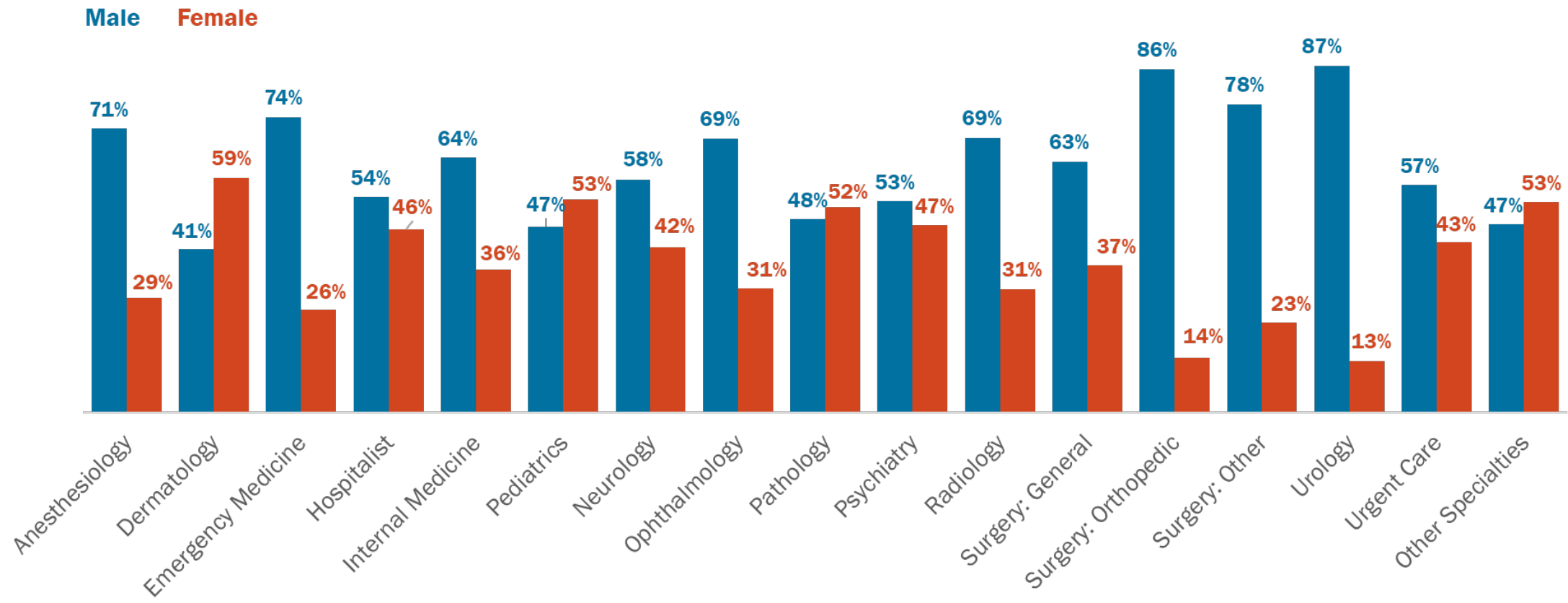


43% of all Vermont physicians including 58% of primary care physicians, are female.



Physicians who self-described or chose not to answer the question on gender are not included in the graph above.

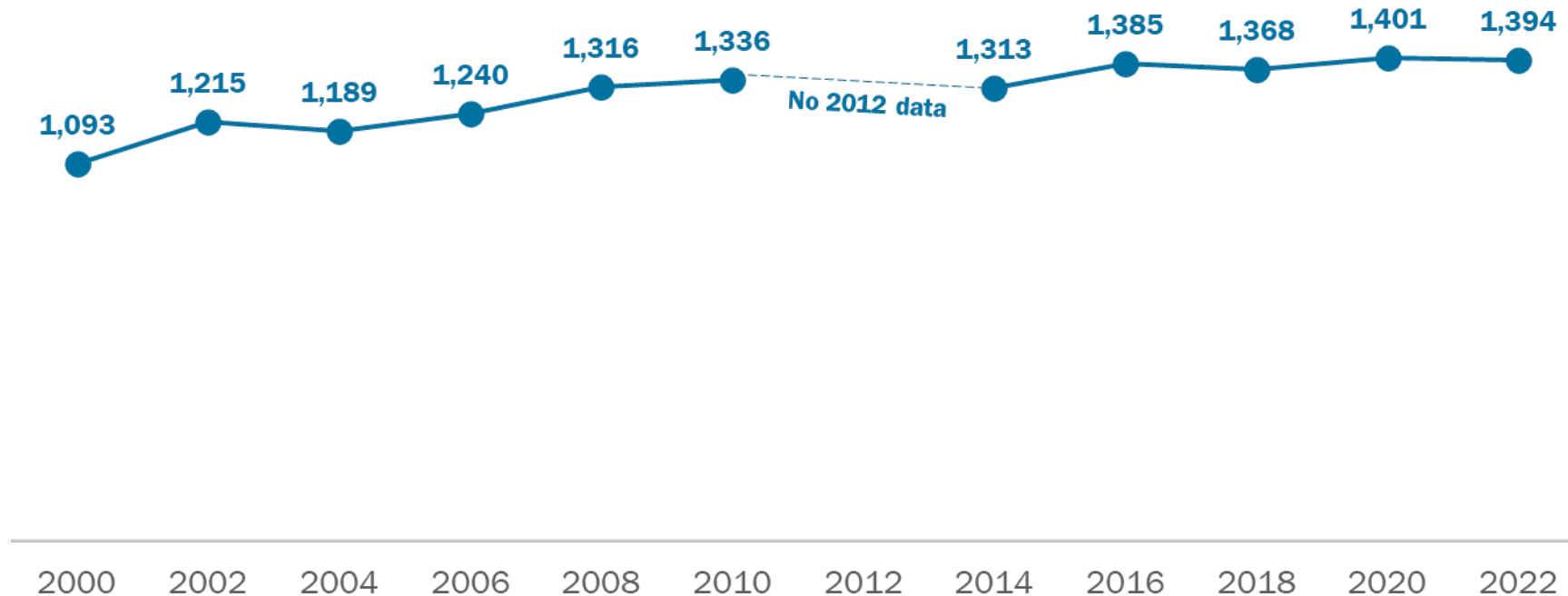
Most specialty care physicians are male.



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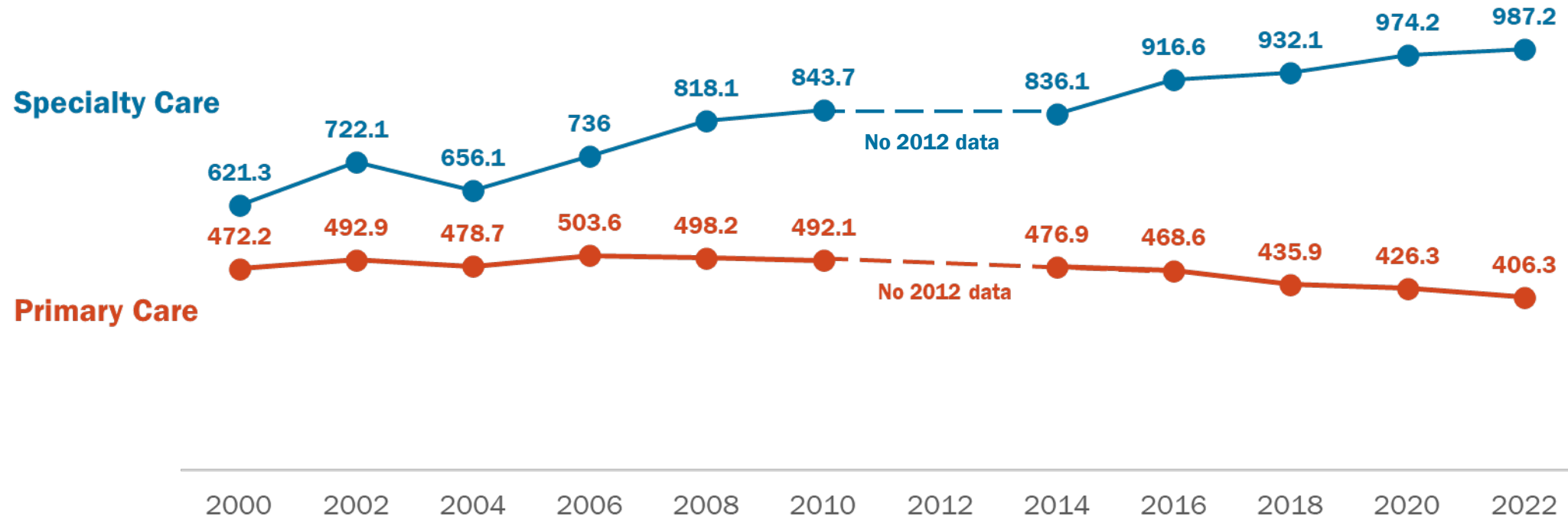
Trends and Distribution of Full Time Equivalents (FTEs)

Total physician FTEs have increased slowly over time with decreases in 2014, 2018, and 2022.



*The 2012 census was incomplete.

Specialty care FTEs have grown rapidly over time while primary care FTEs have slowly declined.

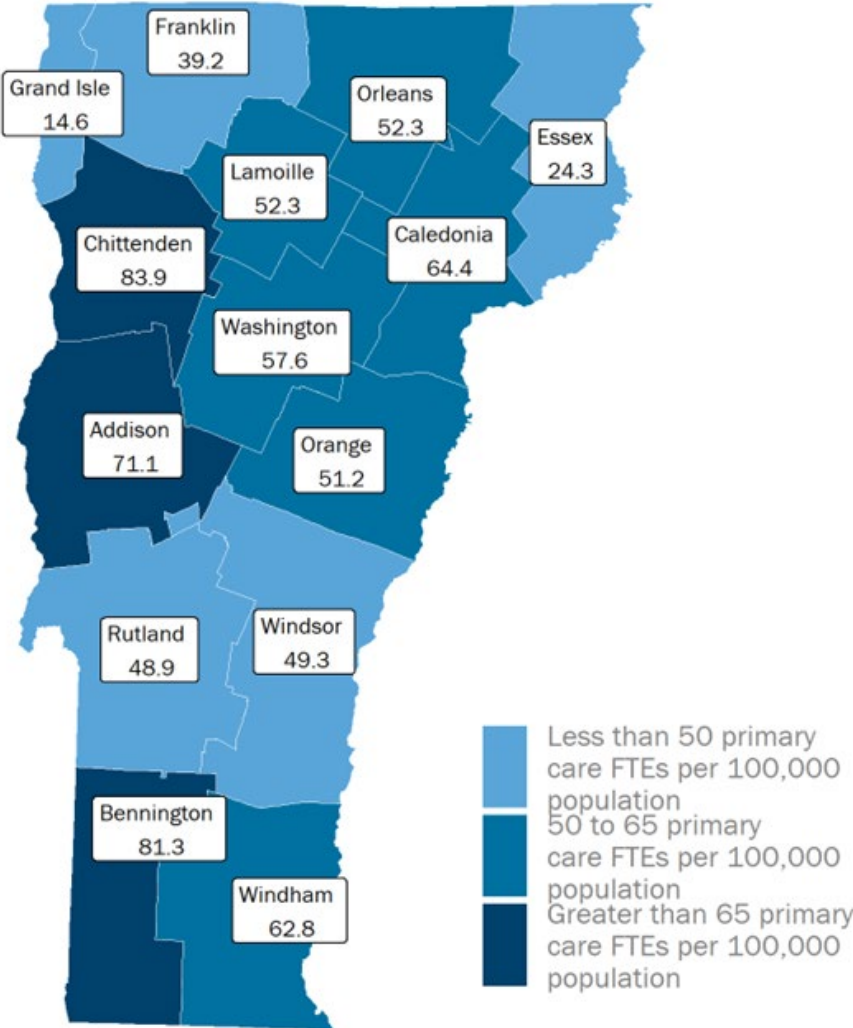


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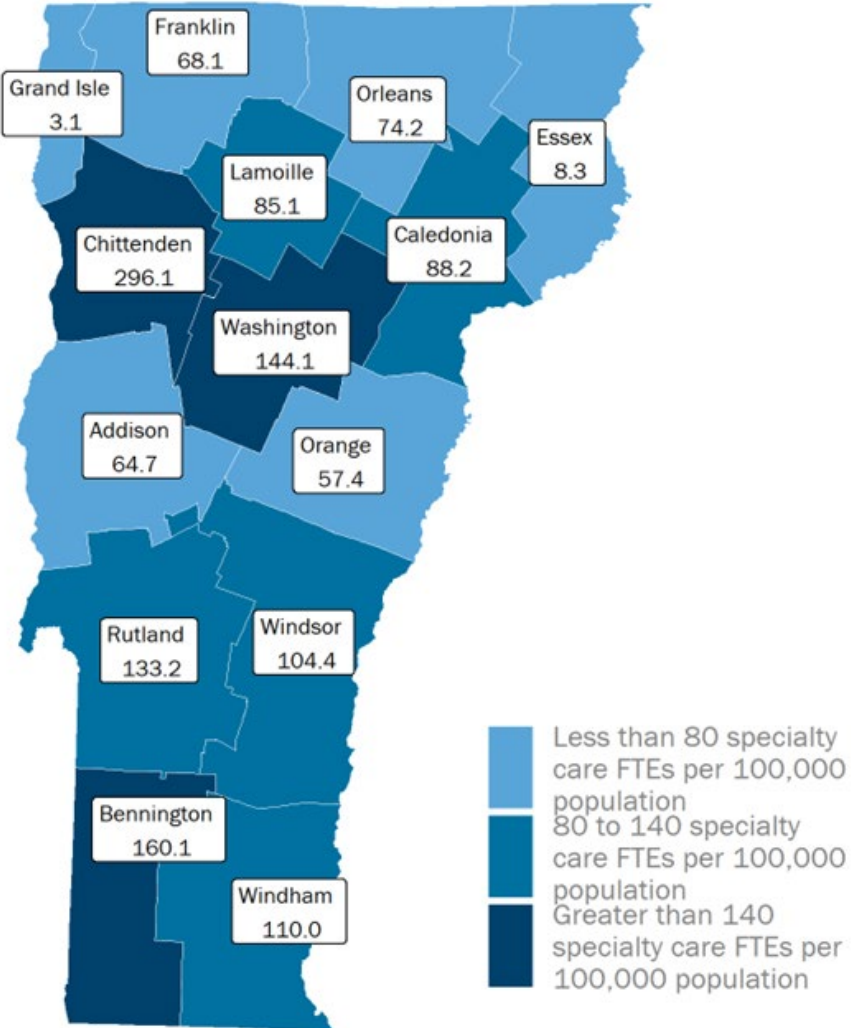
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Primary and Specialty care FTEs per 100,000 population

Primary Care

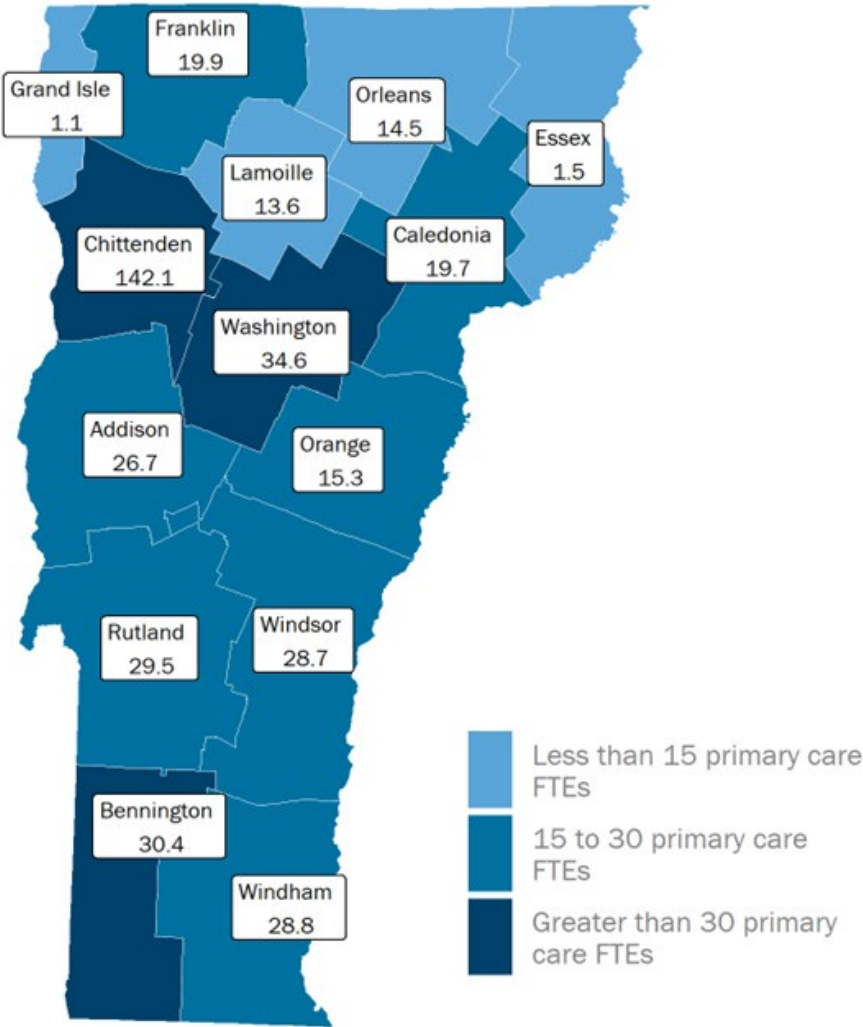


Specialty Care

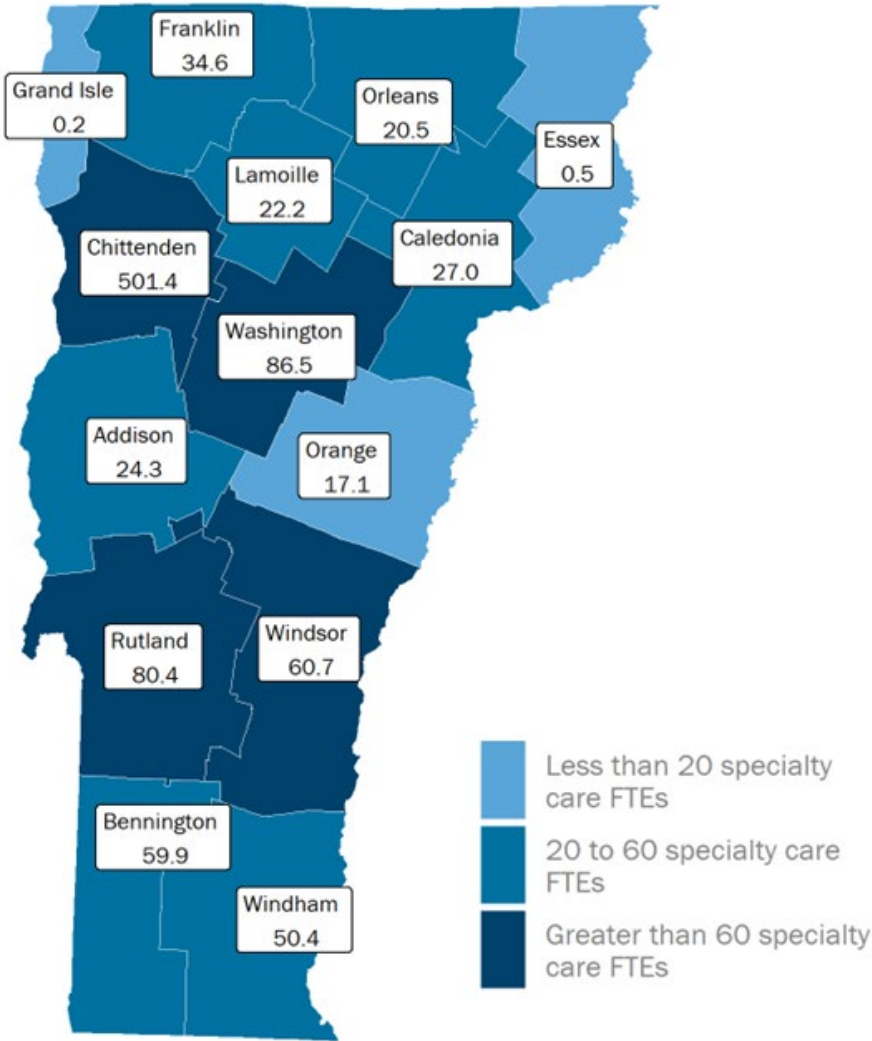


Number of FTEs by county

Primary Care

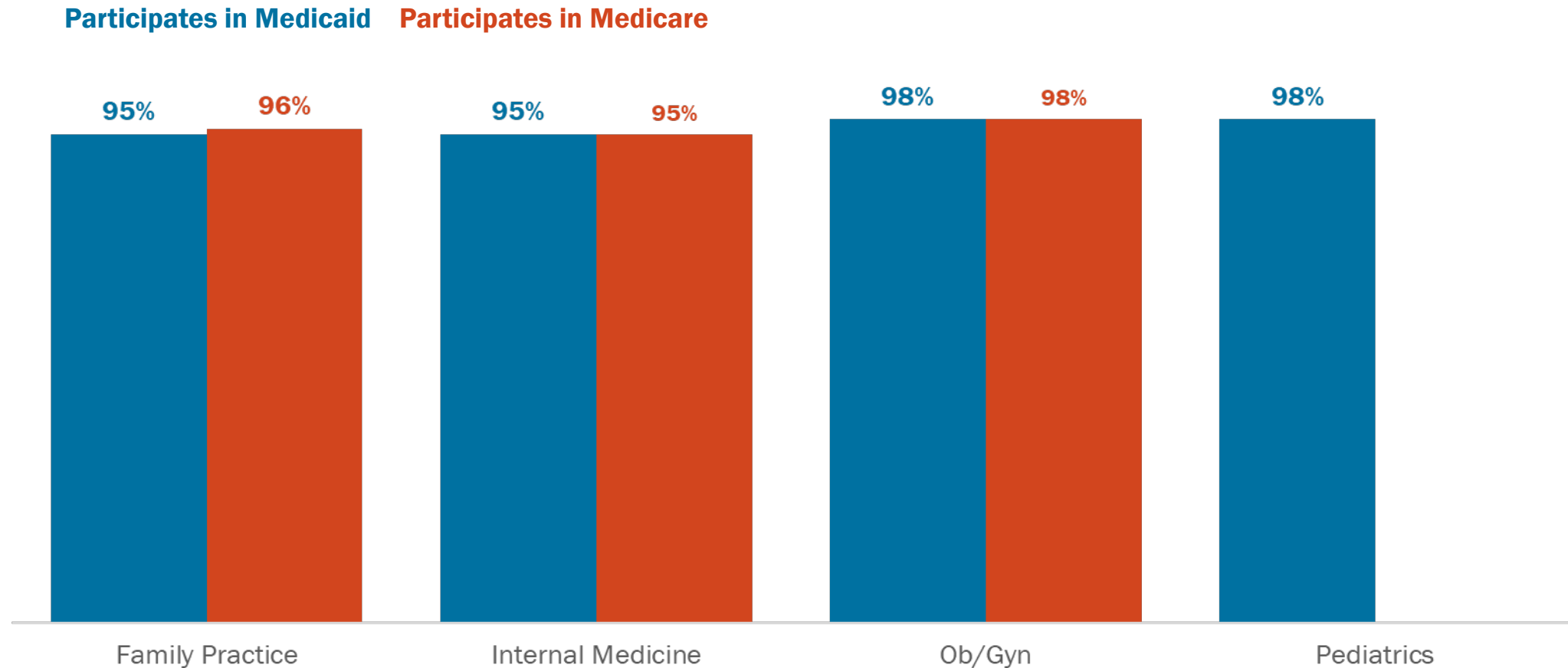


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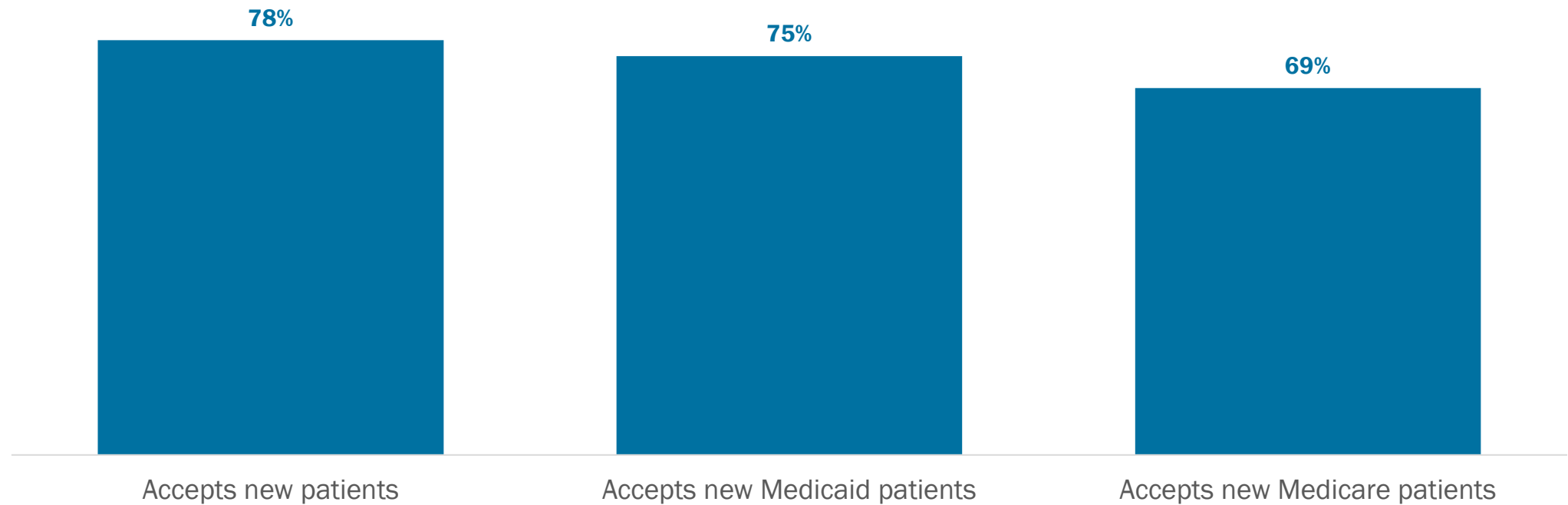
Practice Availability

96% of all primary care physicians participate in Medicaid and Medicare.

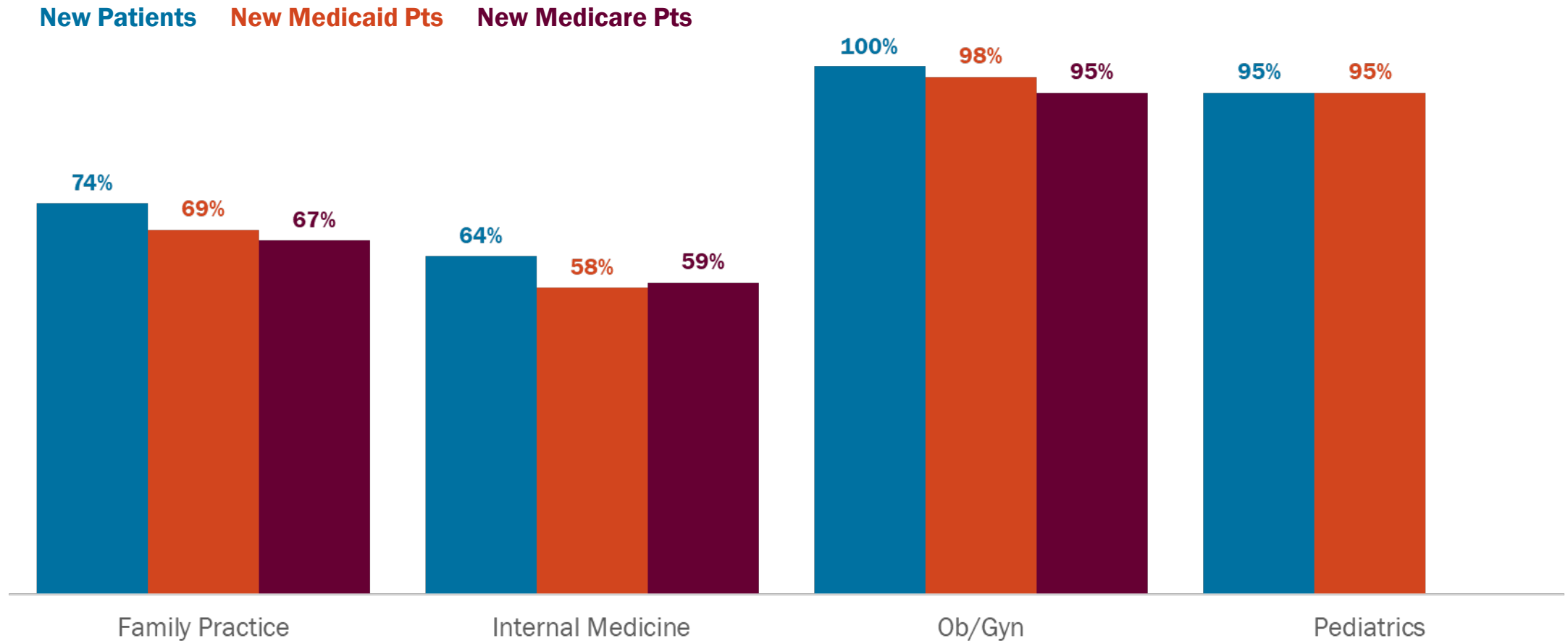


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78% of primary care physicians accept new patients, 75% accept new Medicaid patients, and 69% accept new Medicare patients.



Some primary care physicians, especially internists, are not accepting new patients.

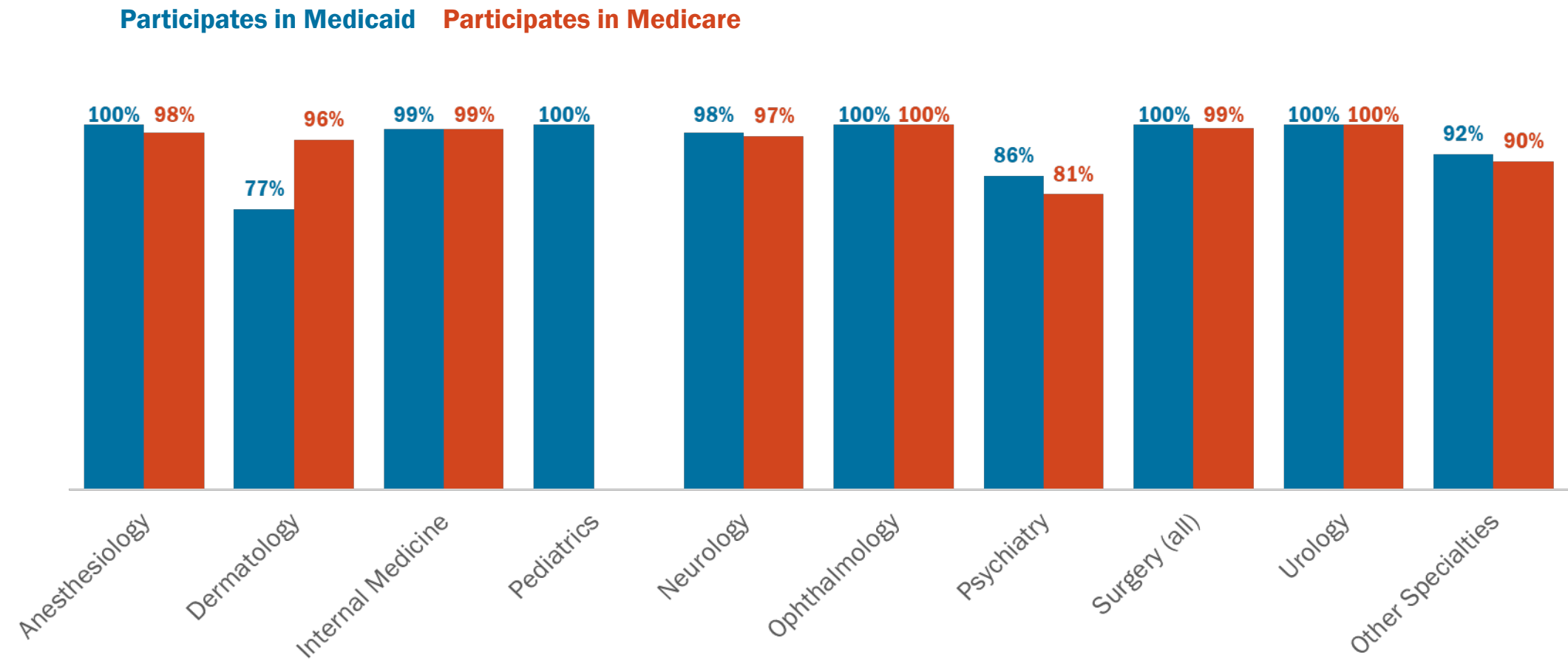


Primary care acceptance of new patients varies by county.

- Essex, Orleans, and Grand Isle Counties have the highest rates of new patient acceptance.
- Essex, Orleans, and Grand Isle Counties have the highest rates of new Medicaid patient acceptance.
- Orleans, Grand Isle, and Washington Counties have the highest rates of new Medicare patient acceptance.

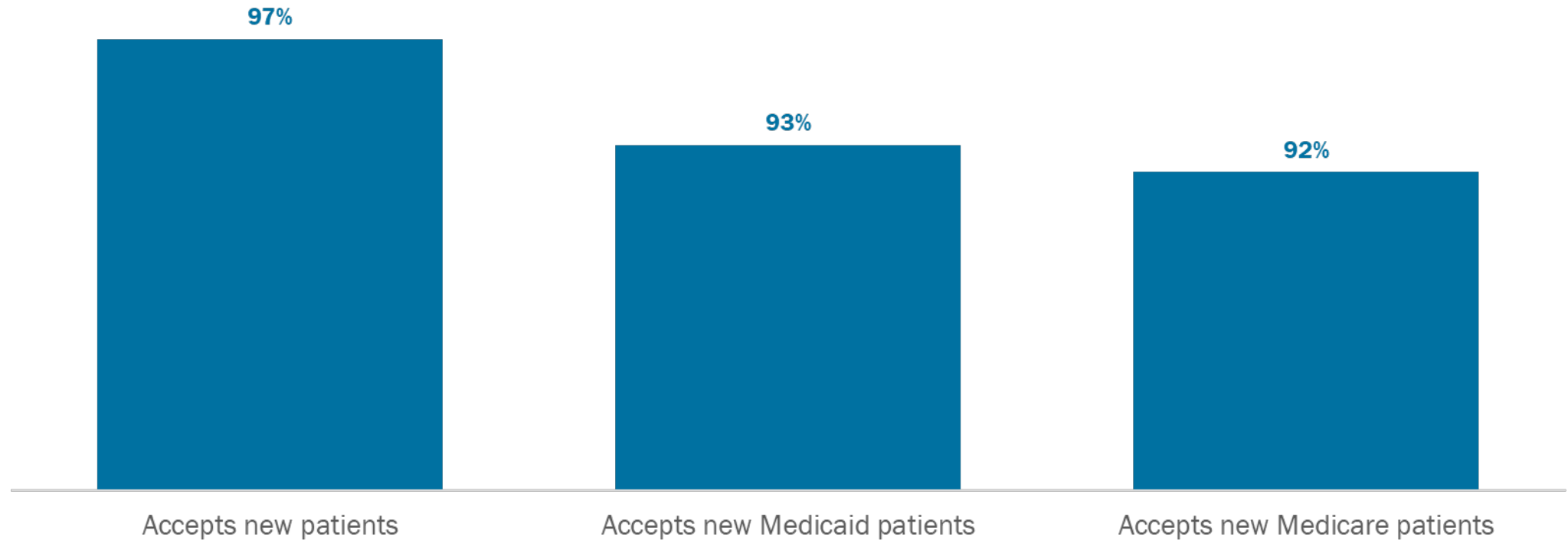
	New Patients	New Medicaid Patients	New Medicare Patients
Addison	82%	75%	73%
Bennington	60%	54%	43%
Caledonia	76%	74%	67%
Chittenden	78%	74%	69%
Essex	100%	100%	39%
Franklin	87%	87%	74%
Grand Isle	98%	98%	98%
Lamoille	92%	92%	91%
Orange	92%	91%	87%
Orleans	99%	99%	99%
Rutland	90%	90%	77%
Washington	89%	89%	94%
Windham	74%	72%	68%
Windsor	82%	72%	64%

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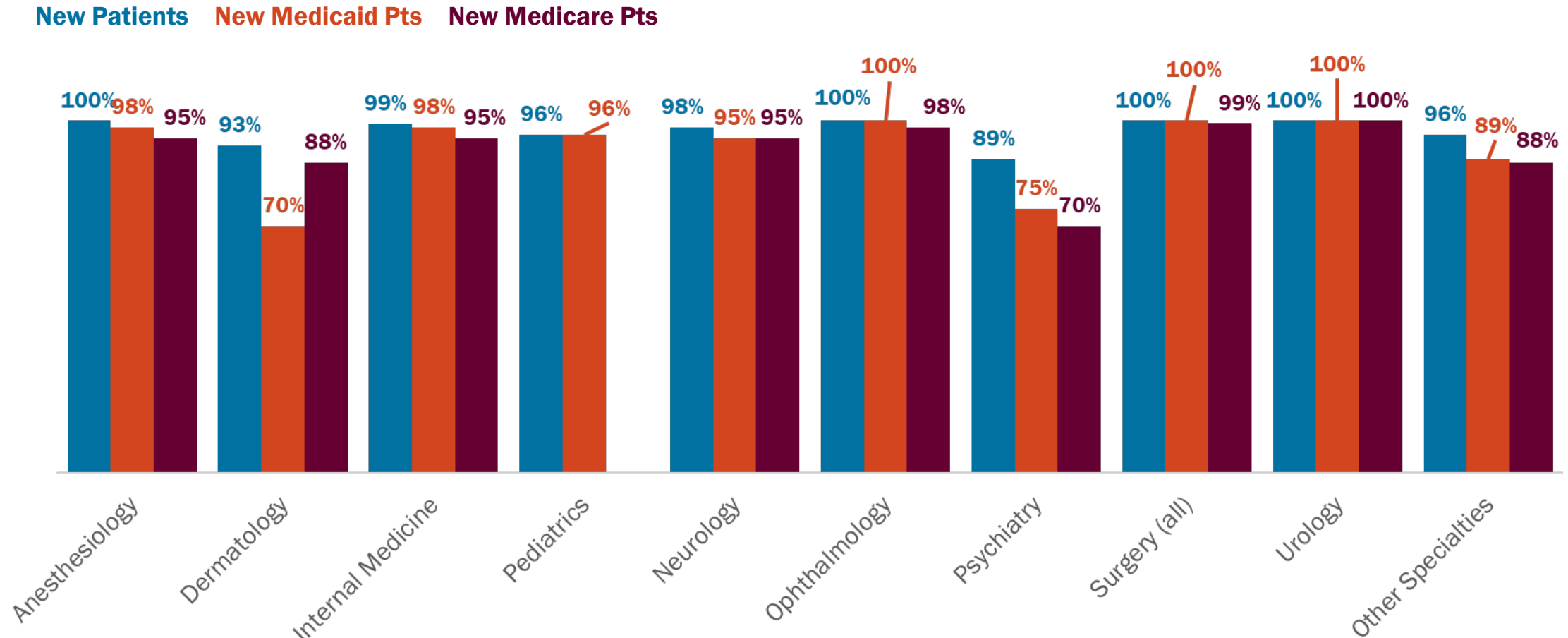


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97% of specialty care physicians accept new patients, 93% accept new Medicaid patients, and 92% accept new Medicare patients.



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Most specialty care physicians are accepting new patients.

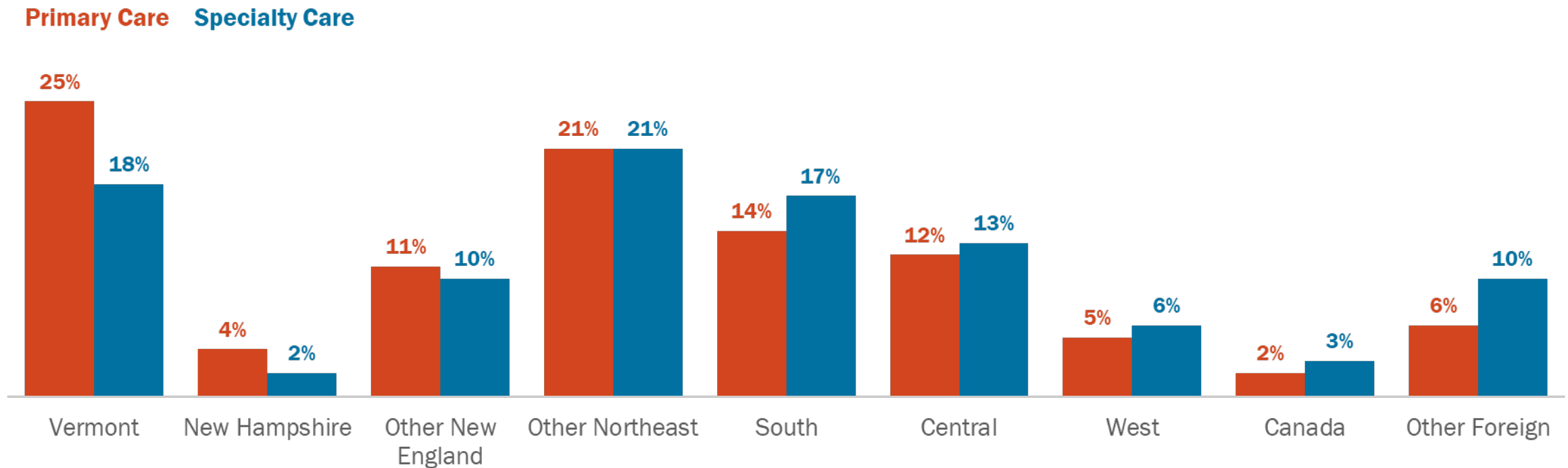
- Nine counties: Caledonia, Essex, Franklin, Grand Isle, Orange, Orleans, Rutland, Windham, and Windsor, are accepting 100% of new patients.
- 89% or more of new Medicaid patients are accepted across most counties.
- More than 90% of new Medicare patients are accepted in nine counties.
- Overall specialty care physicians have a higher acceptance rate than primary care physicians for all patients.

	New Patients	New Medicaid Patients	New Medicare Patients
Addison	97%	91%	82%
Bennington	97%	91%	91%
Caledonia	100%	98%	95%
Chittenden	98%	96%	95%
Essex*	100%	0%	0%
Franklin	100%	100%	95%
Grand Isle*	100%	100%	0%
Lamoille	99%	93%	76%
Orange	100%	96%	97%
Orleans	100%	100%	100%
Rutland	100%	97%	100%
Washington	95%	89%	91%
Windham	100%	98%	98%
Windsor	100%	76%	81%

* < 1 FTE

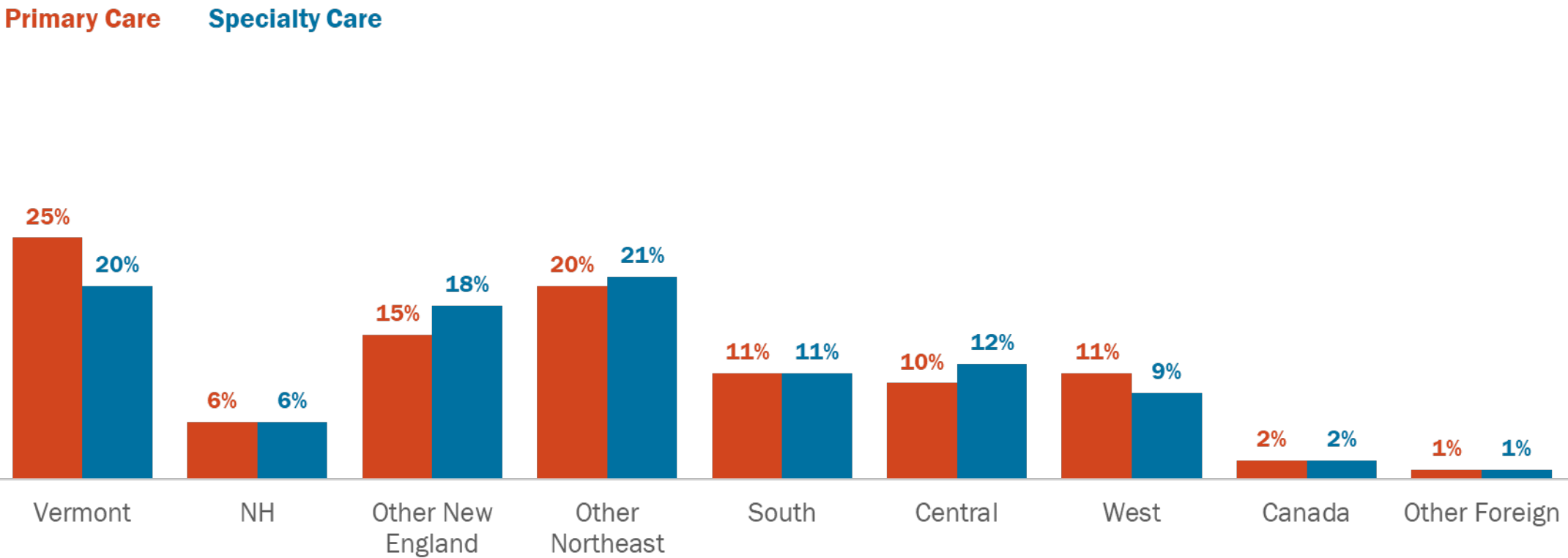
Education, Training, and Future Plans

Primary care physicians were more likely to have graduated from medical school in Vermont than specialty care physicians.

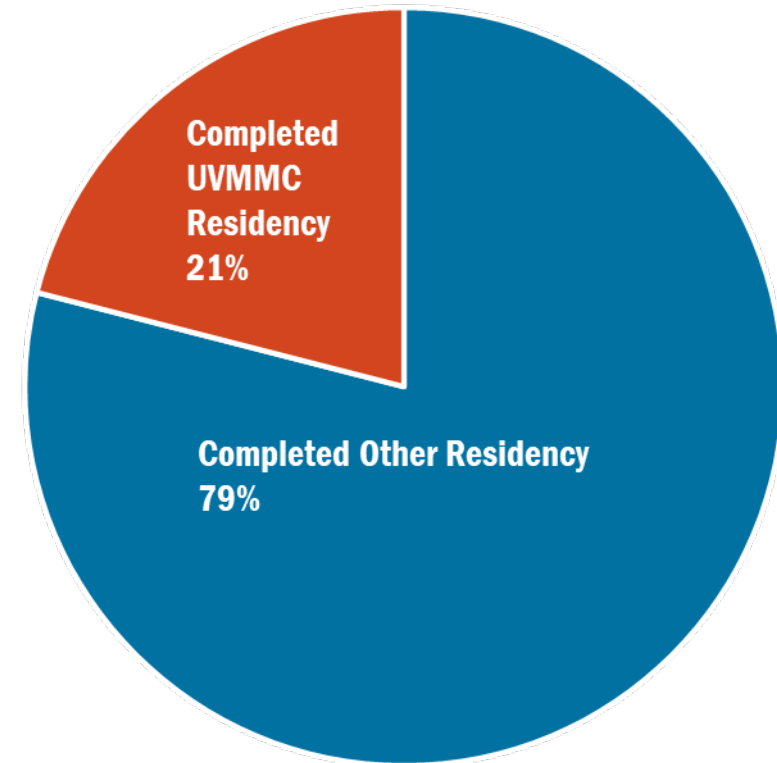
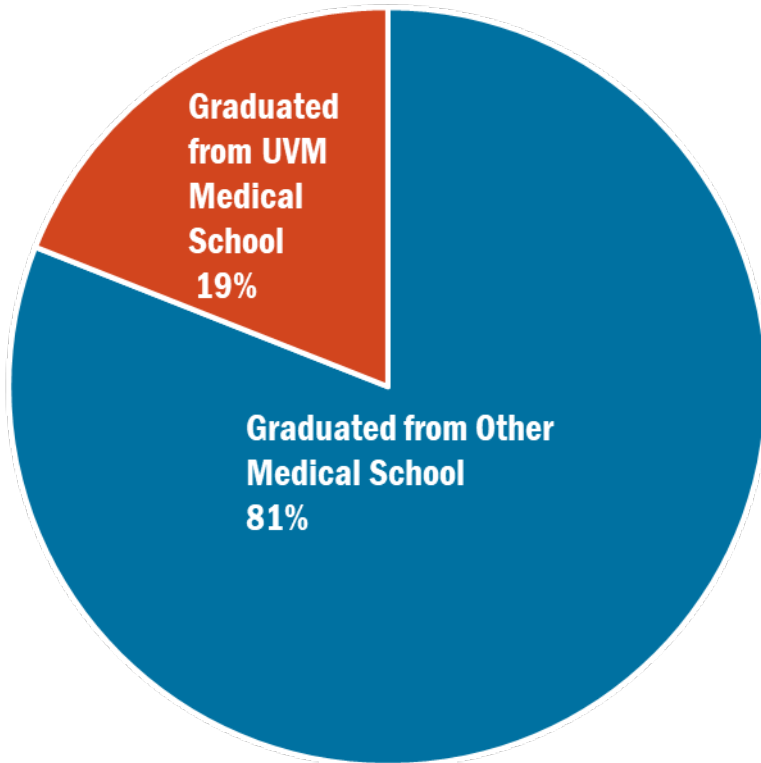


*State of medical school is not known for 8 primary care physicians and 15 specialty care physicians.

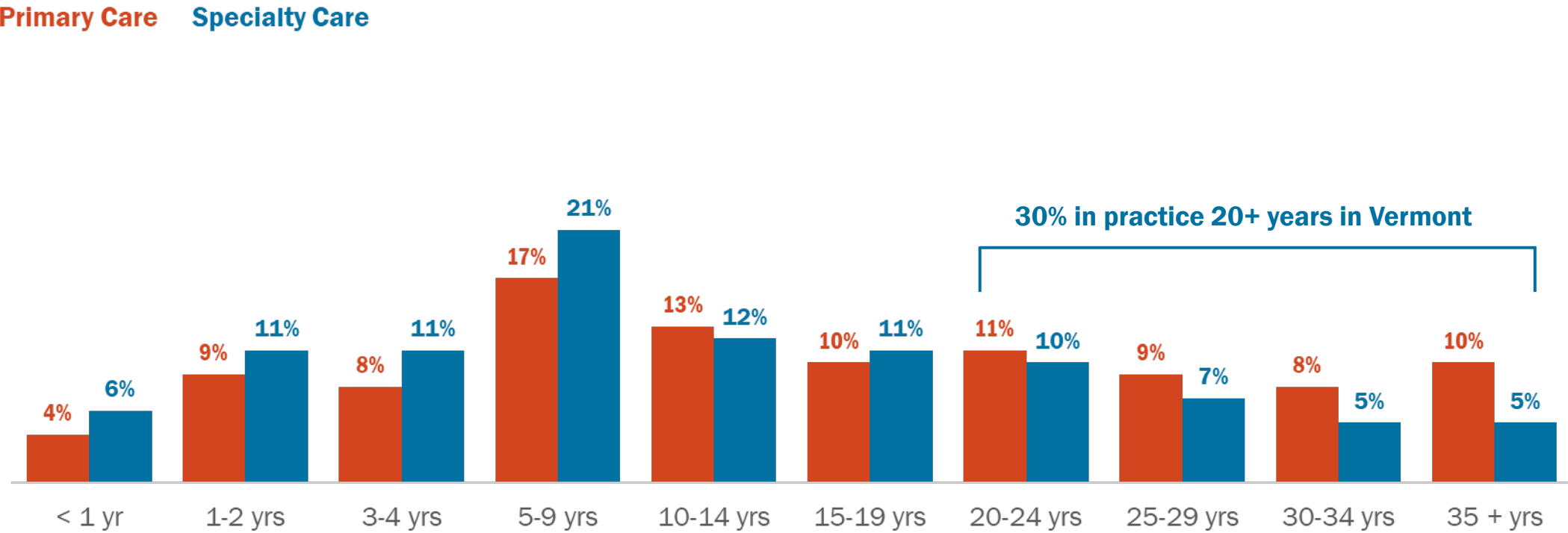
46% of primary care physicians and 44% of specialty care physicians received their training in New England.



32% of physicians attended medical school and/or completed residency training at the University of Vermont.

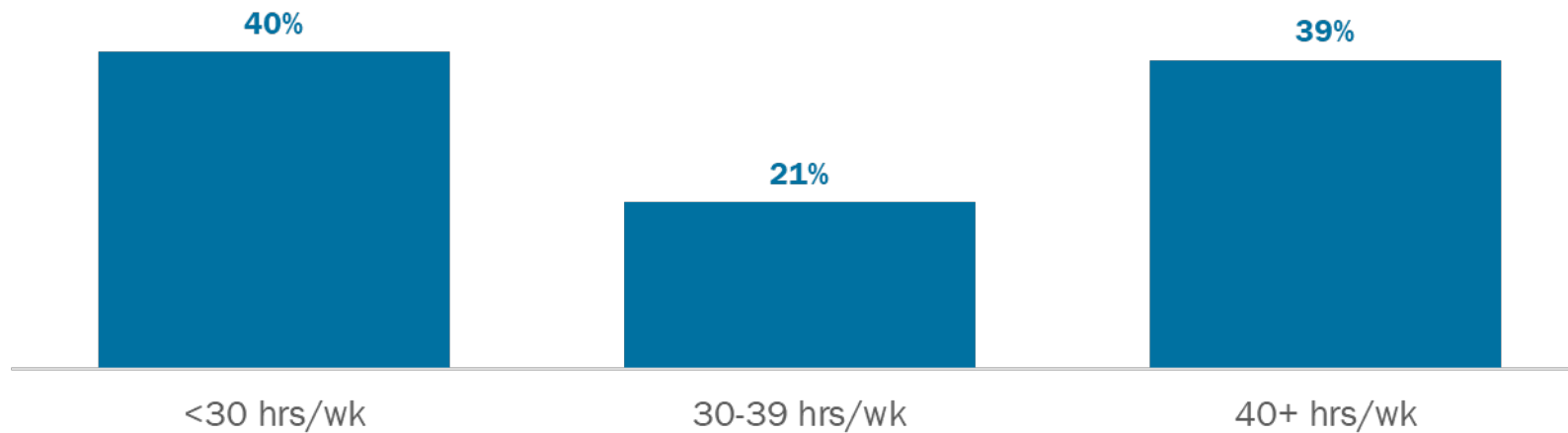


38% of primary care and 27% of specialty care physicians have been in practice 20 years or more in Vermont.

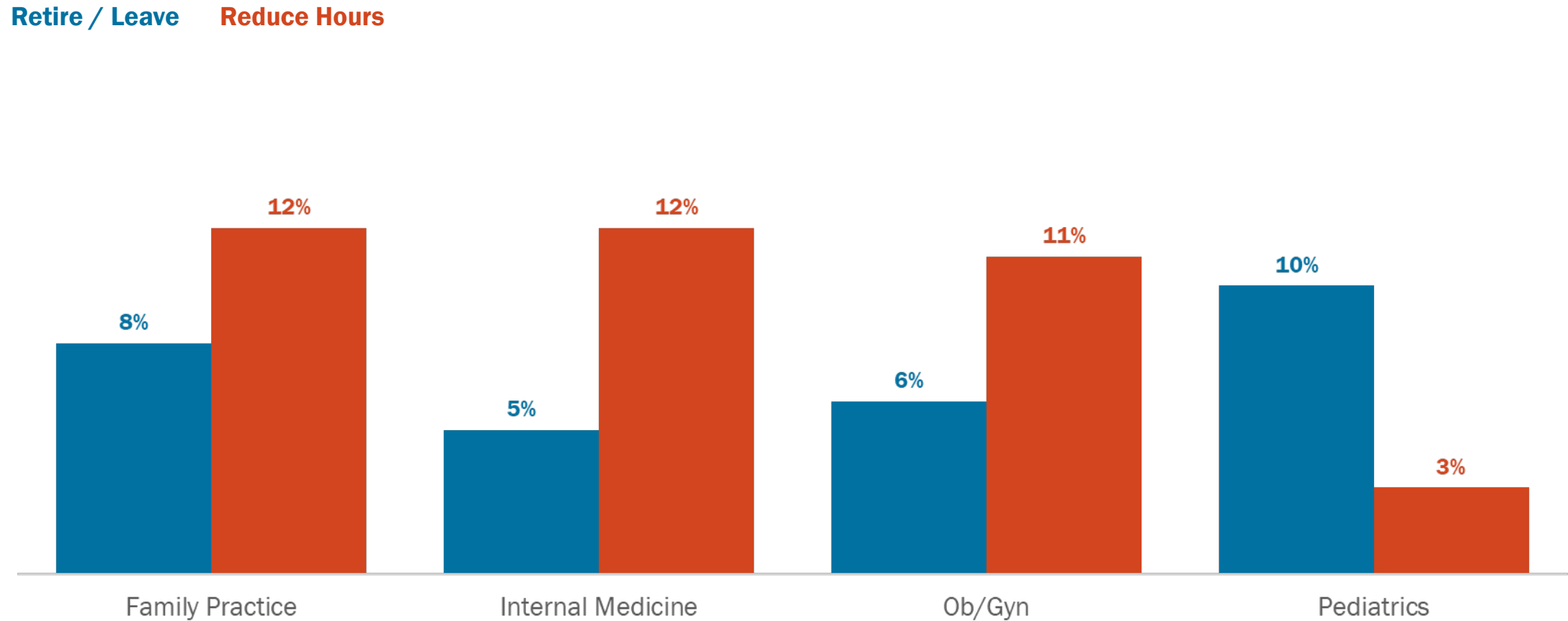


* X axis bars do not all cover an equal time period
* Excludes all telemedicine

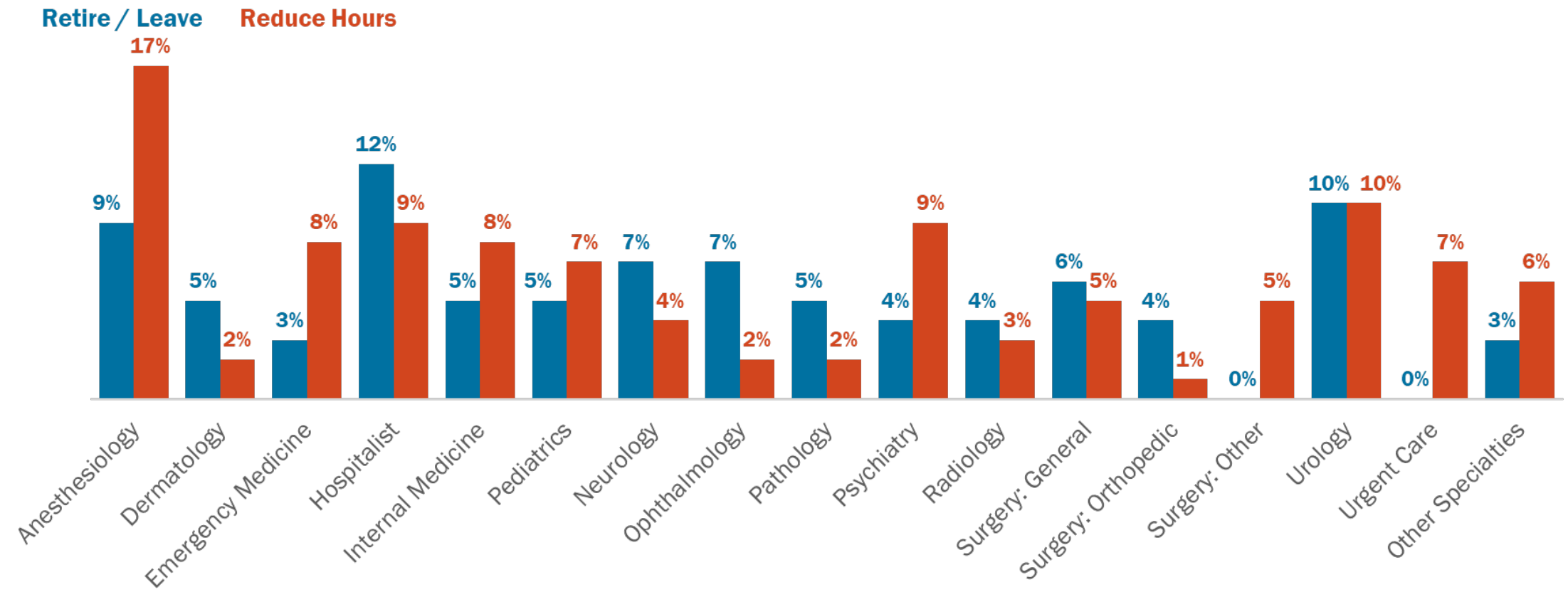
60% of physicians work 30+ hours per week. Average hours per week is 32 hours, average hours for ages 65+ is 24 hours.



19% of primary care physicians are planning to retire or reduce hours in Vermont within 12 months.



12% of specialty care physicians are planning to retire or reduce hours in Vermont within 12 months.



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