



2024 Physician Census

Summary Report

August 2026

Physician Census In Brief

- Physicians took the census online during the 2024 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

* In a change from past reports, 970 physicians providing telemedicine services only and 229 physicians reporting less than four hours a week of clinical care are excluded from this report.

Key Takeaways

- 2,028* physicians provide patient care in Vermont
- The number of specialty care physician FTEs has increased over time while the number of primary care physician FTEs continues to decrease
- 31% of primary care physicians are 60 or older
- 45% of physicians are female
- Physicians are concentrated in Chittenden County
- 78% of primary care physicians accept new patients

Change in methodology

- This report includes data reported by 2028 physicians providing patient care in Vermont.
- In a change from past reports, 970 physicians providing telemedicine services only and 229 physicians reporting less than four hours a week of clinical care are excluded.
- This change impacts numbers of physicians more than FTEs of physicians, since FTEs have never been calculated for providers practicing via telemedicine who could not indicate how much of their care was provided to Vermonters specifically.
- Unless otherwise noted, in any comparisons to previous census years in this report, telemedicine non-specific to Vermonters and physicians practicing less than four hours per week will also be dropped from the previous year's data, so that differences due to this change in analysis will not be highlighted.
- For more information, see [Change in Methodology to Physician Reporting](#)

2,028 physicians provided patient care in Vermont in 2024.

- This does not include 970 in telemedicine non-specific to Vermonters and 229 who provide patient care in Vermont less than four hours per week (a change from previous reports).
- This does not include physicians who maintain Vermont licenses but do not practice in Vermont, residents and fellows, and 57 working in Vermont on a locum tenens basis for less than a year.

Doctor of Osteopathy (DO)

135

7%

Medical Doctor (MD)

1,893

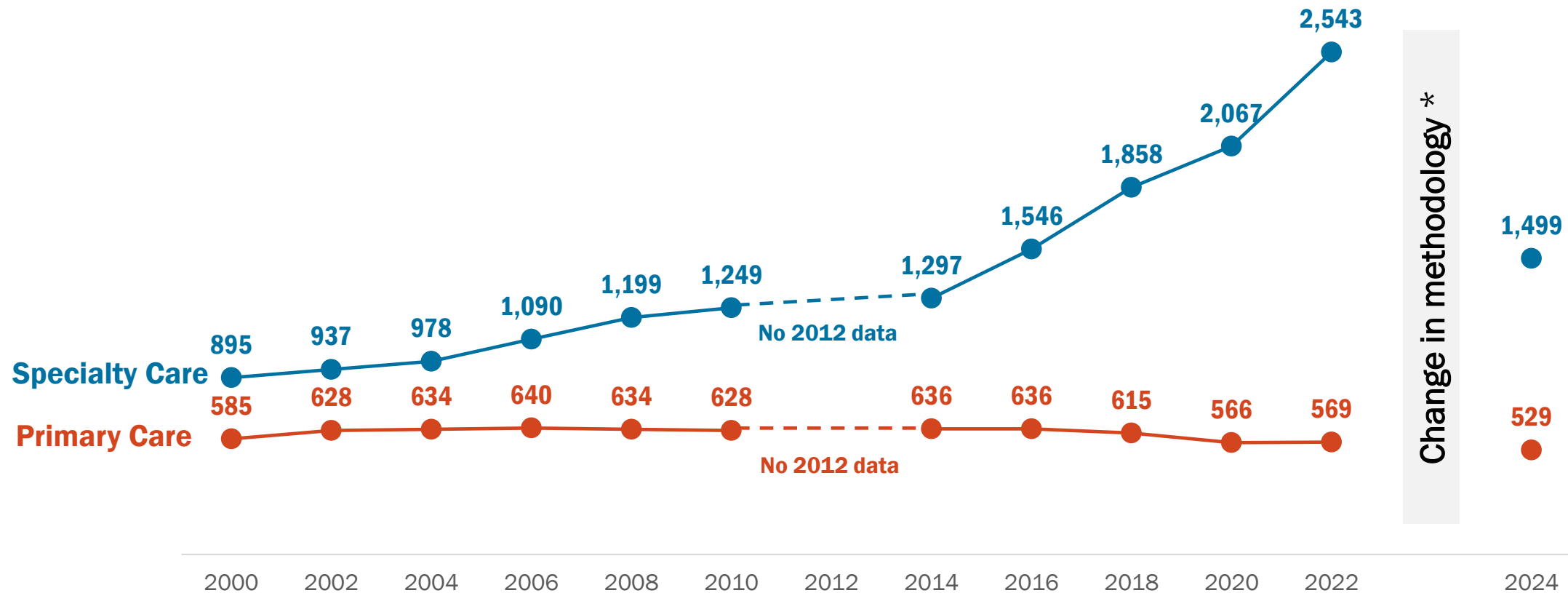
93%

Comparison of Selected Physician Data, 2000-2024

	2000	2002	2004	2006	2008	2010	2014	2016	2018	2020	2022		2024
Total active* physicians							1,782	1,943	1,959	1,932	1,957	Change in methodology *****	2,028
Total active physicians, including telemedicine and low hours	1,480	1,565	1,612	1,730	1,833	1,877	1,933	2,182	2,473	2,633	3,112		3,227
Percent female	26%	28%	29%	29%	31%	33%	38%	38%	39%	41%	43%		45%
Primary care physicians	585	628	634	640	634	628	636	636	615	566	569		529
% accepting new patients**	80%	83%	81%	82%	80%	83%	82%	84%	81%	80%	78%		78%
% accepting new Medicaid patients	73%	75%	70%	68%	69%	72%	76%	78%	78%	76%	75%		74%
% accepting new Medicare patients	74%	78%	71%	71%	69%	69%	72%	75%	74%	71%	69%		70%
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		402.1
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		80
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		62
Specialist physicians	895	937	978	1,090	1,199	1,249	1,297	1,546	1,858	2,067	2,543		1,499
Specialist physician FTEs****	621.3	722.1	656.1	736	818.1	843.7	836.1	916.6	932.1	974.2	987.2		1024.8

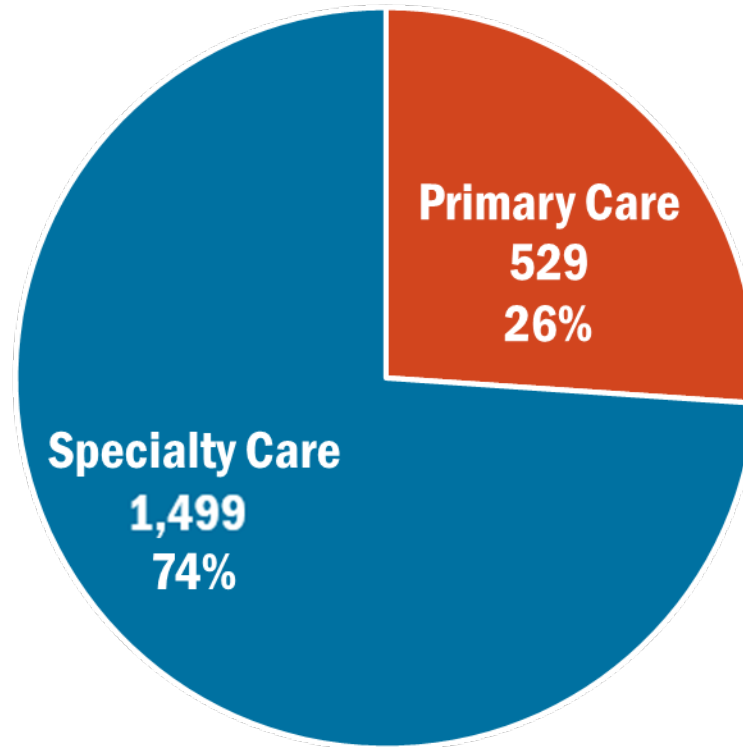
*Providing patient care in Vermont, excluding physicians providing telemedicine services only and physicians reporting less than four hours a week of clinical care; ** % of physicians, not sites; *** 2004 FTEs may be underestimated by as much as 4%; **** FTEs not computed for pathology, radiology, and telemedicine; *****There are no data for 2012; ***** Starting in 2024, physicians providing telemedicine services only and physicians reporting less than four hours a week of clinical care are excluded but data from prior years includes them

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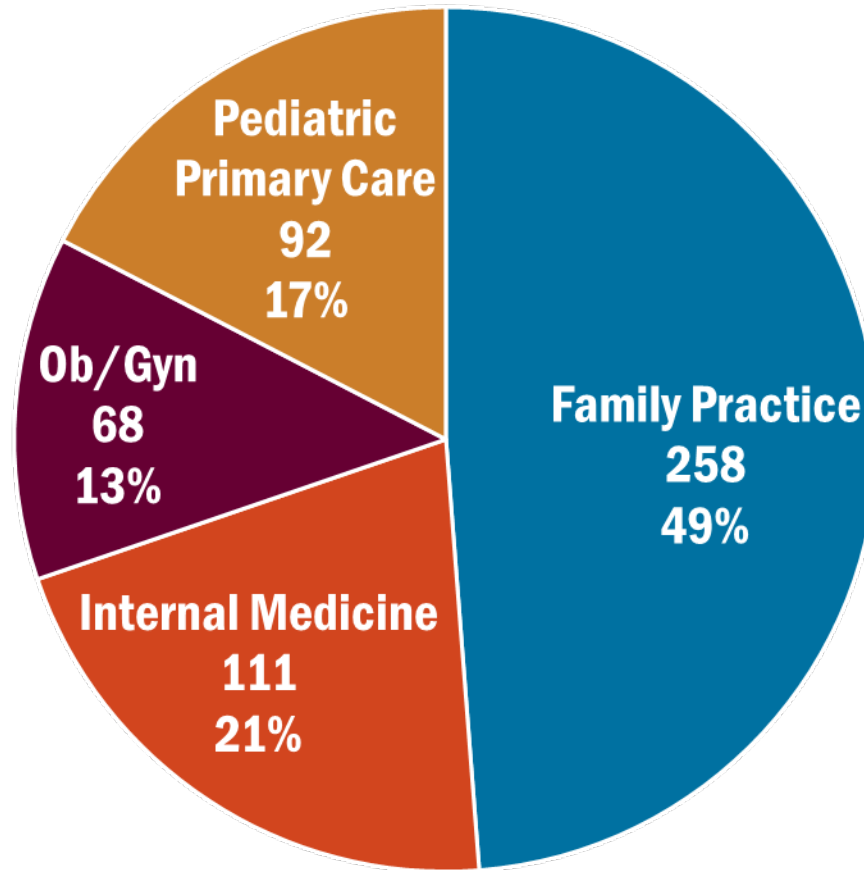


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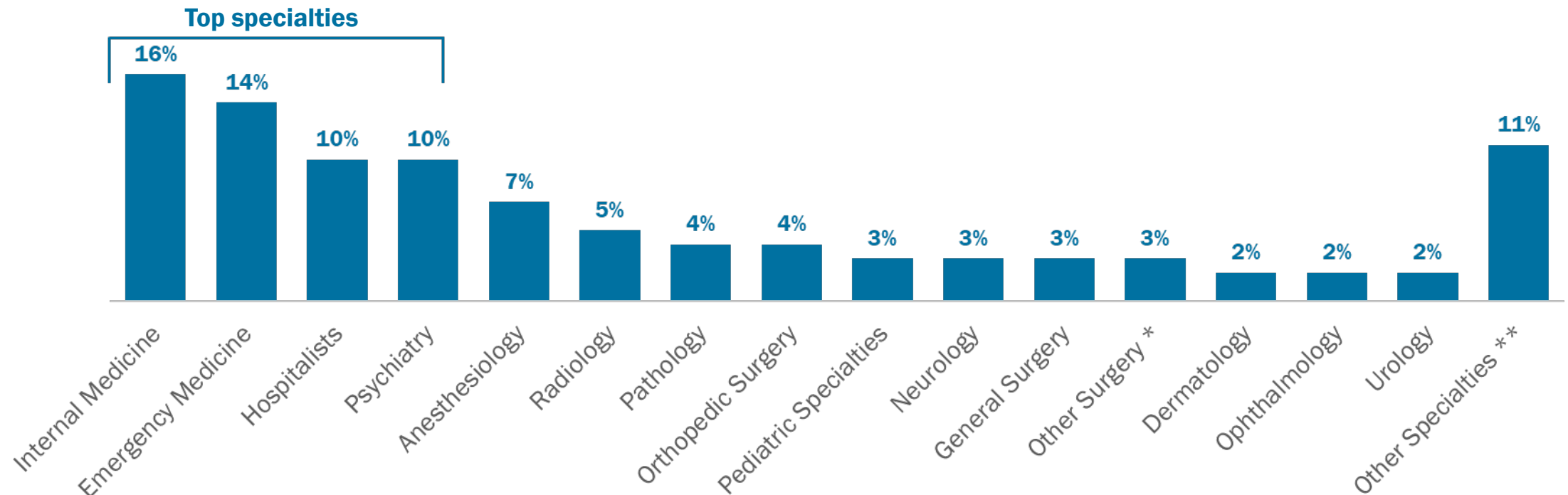
26% of Vermont physicians are primary care physicians.



49% of physicians who provide primary care are in family practice.



Internal medicine sub-specialties, emergency medicine, hospitalists and psychiatry are the top specialties among Vermont specialty care physicians.

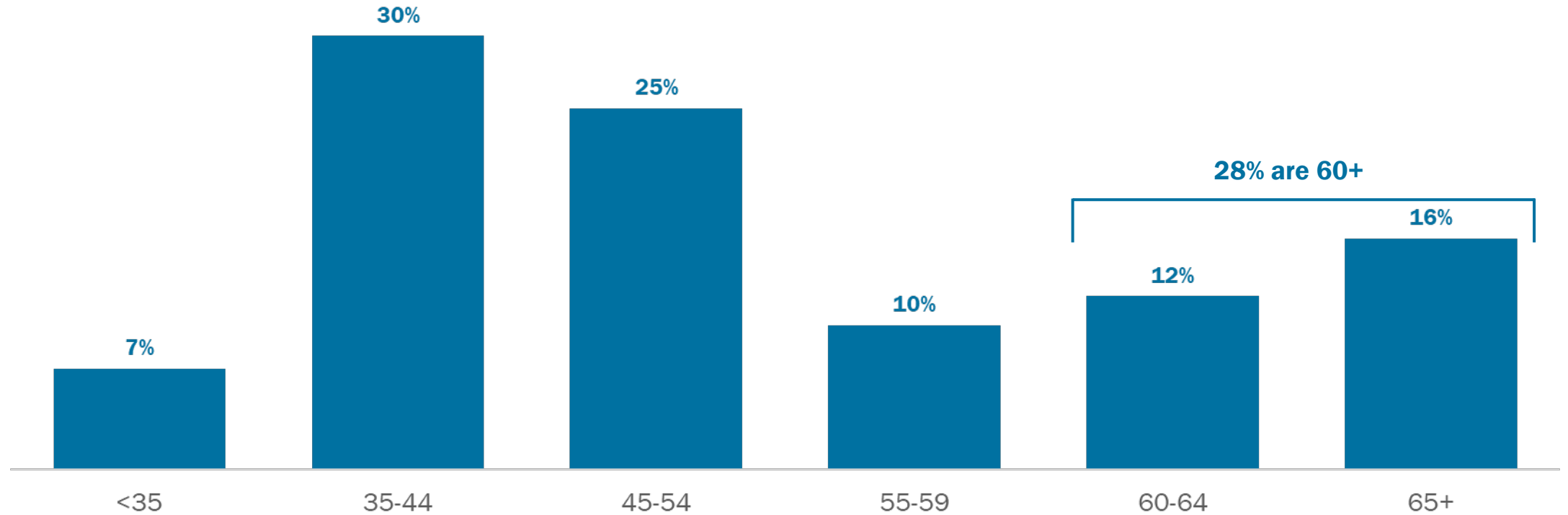


*Other surgery includes most other surgical specialties, such as vascular surgery, abdominal surgery, colon and rectal surgery, neurological surgery, oral and maxillofacial surgery, pediatric surgery, surgical critical care, and thoracic surgery.

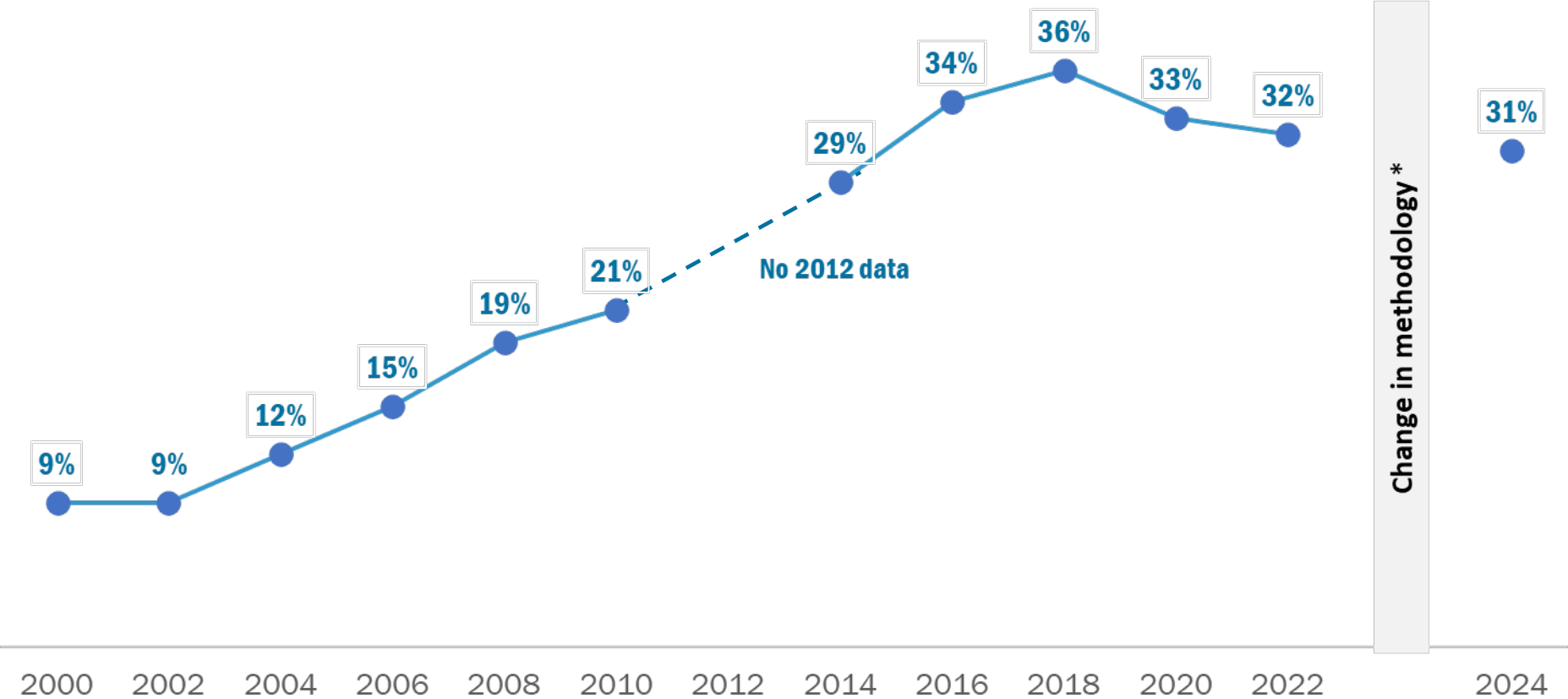
**Other specialties includes all specific specialties that are not included in the specialty groups listed above.

Age, Gender, Ethnicity and Race of Physicians

28% 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.



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

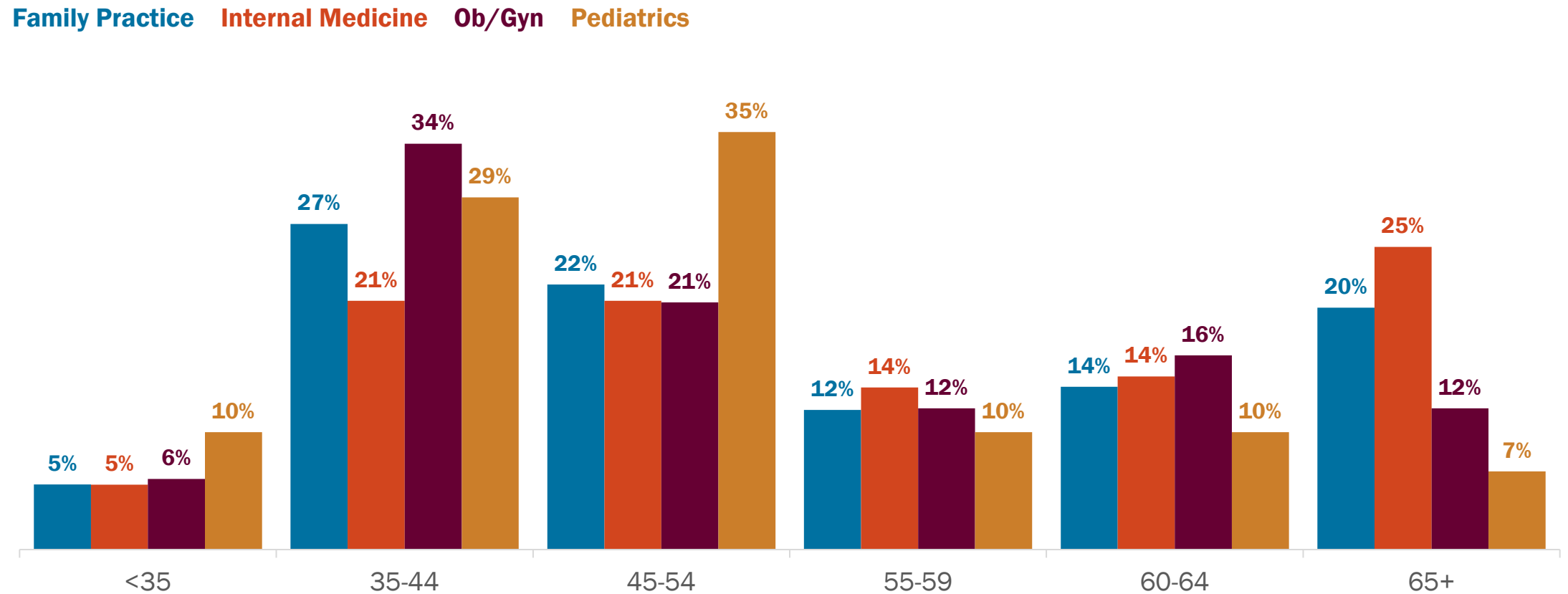
31% (165) of primary care physicians are 60 years or older, including...

- 34% of family practice physicians
- 40% of internal medicine physicians
- 28% of ob/gyns

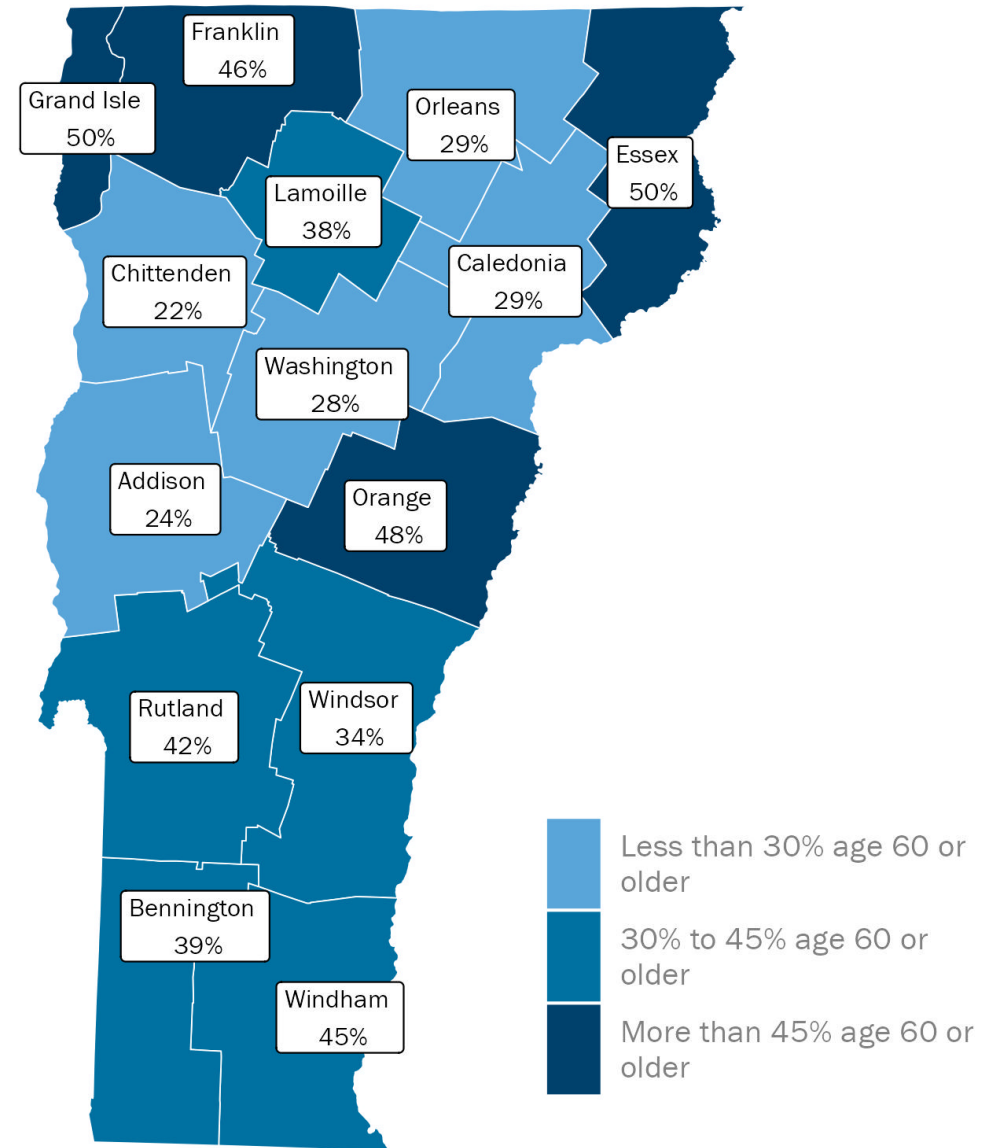
27% (398) of specialty care physicians are 60 years or older, including...

- 35% of internal medicine physicians
- 27% of orthopedic surgeons
- 32% of psychiatrists
- 37% of urologists.

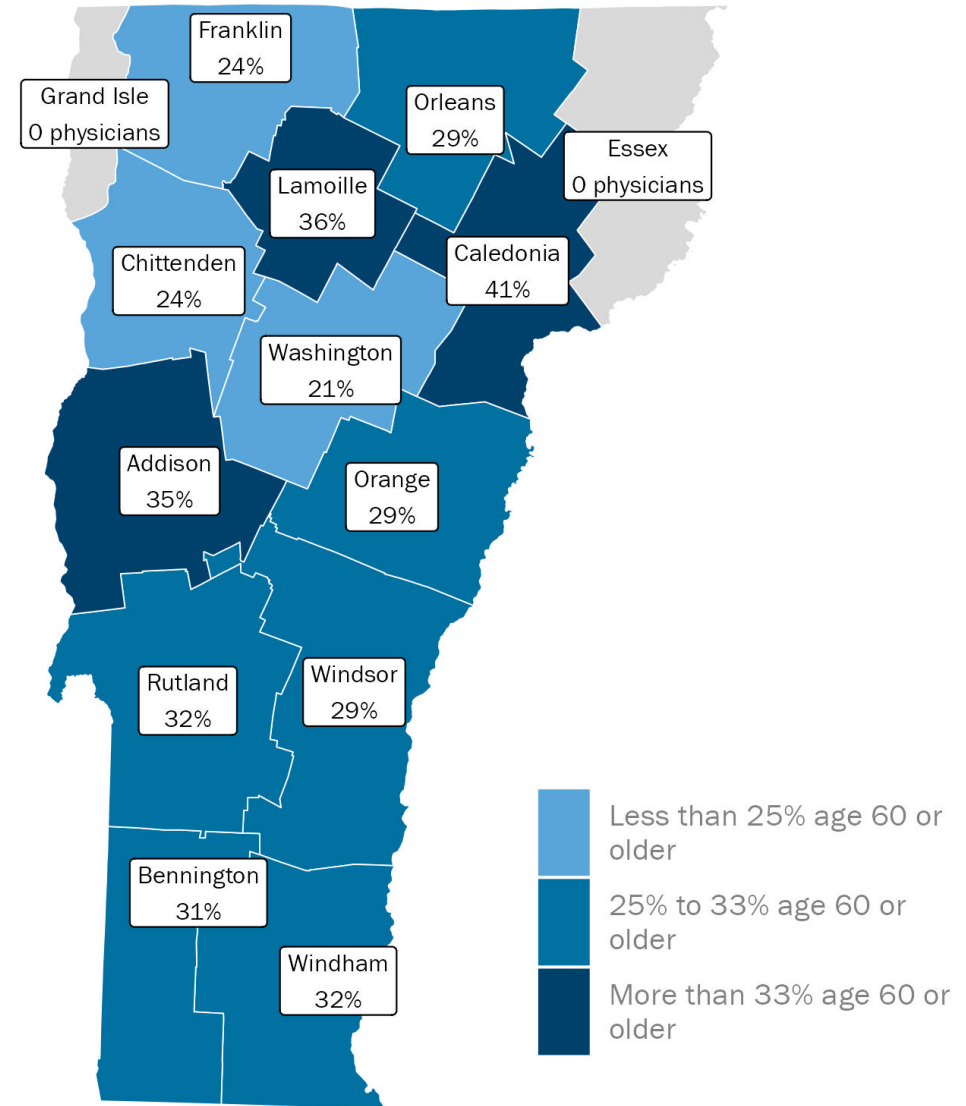
Family Practice and Internal Medicine Physicians are older than other primary care physicians



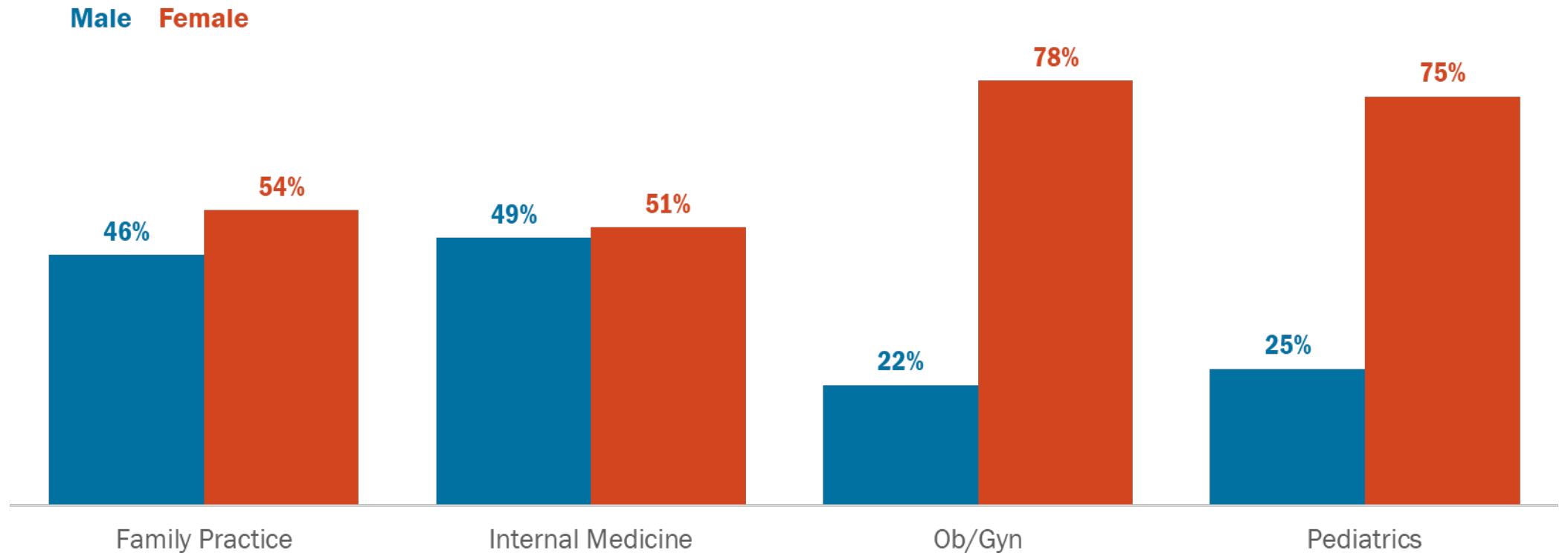
30% or more of primary care physicians are age 60+ in 9 counties.



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

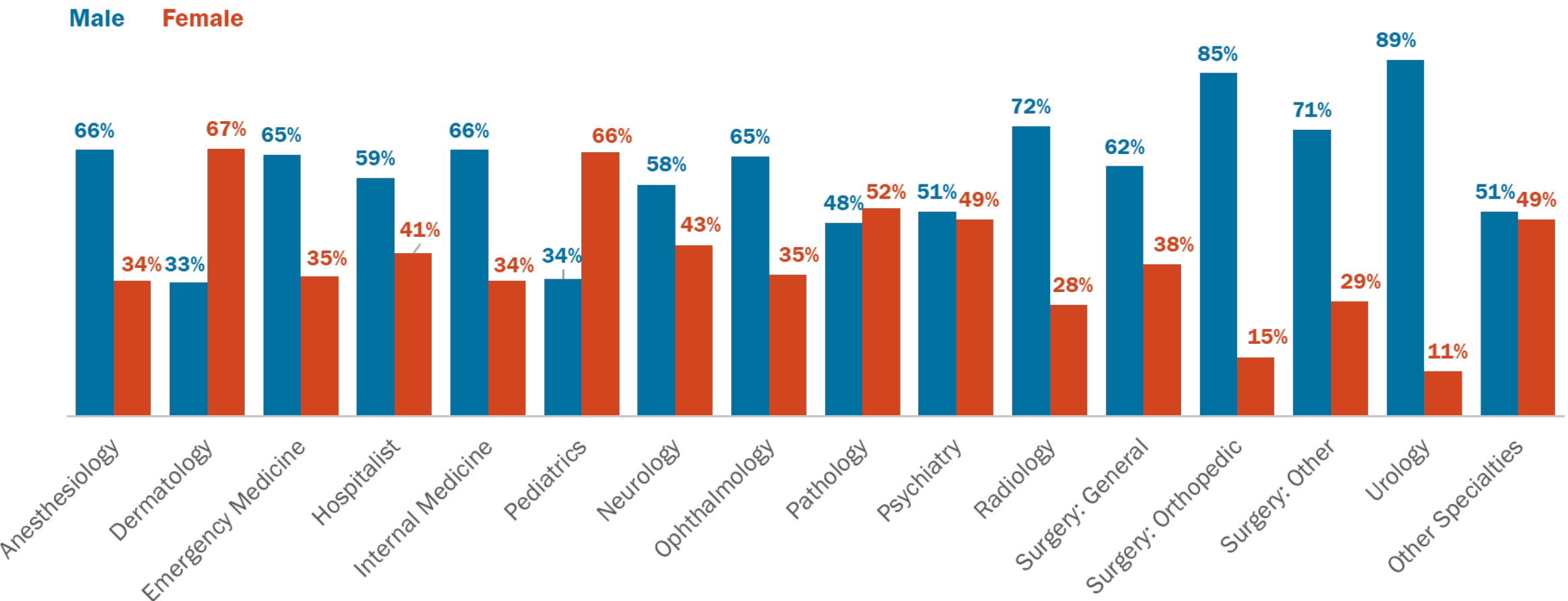


45% of all Vermont physicians including 60% of primary care physicians, are female.



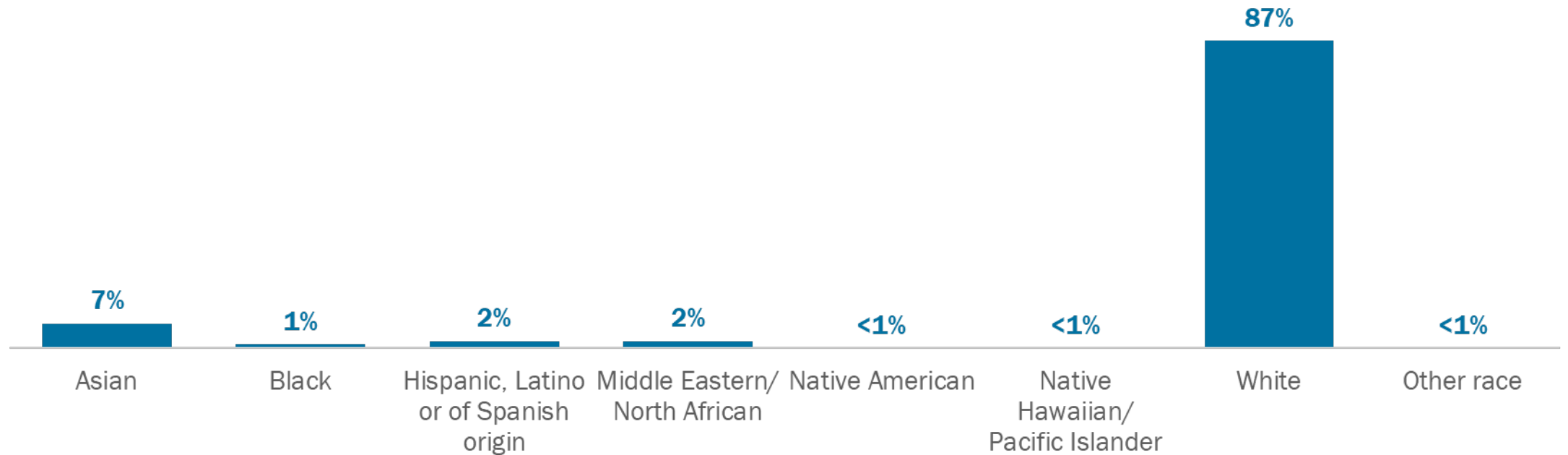
Physicians who self-described or chose not to answer the question on gender are not included in the graph above.

Most specialty care physicians are male (61%).



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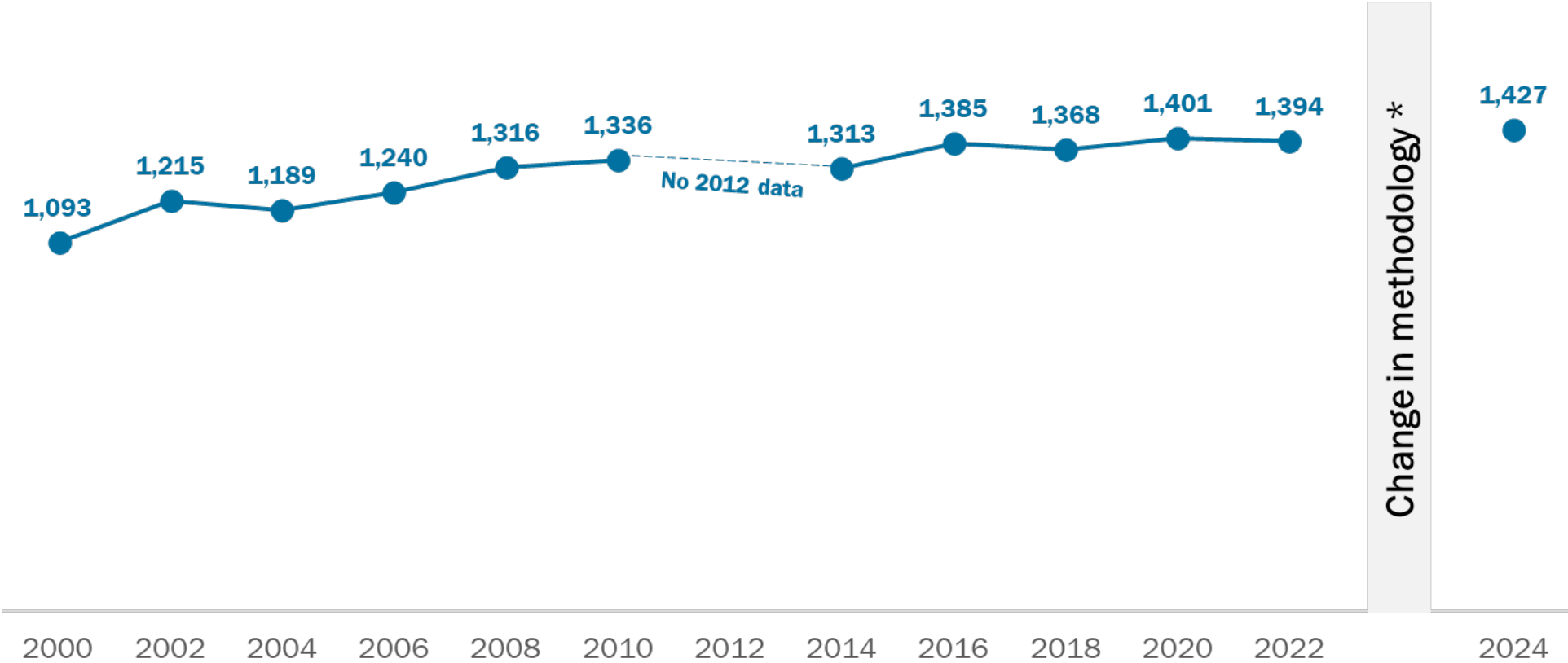
87% of Vermont physicians identify as white, 7% as Asian, 2% as Hispanic, Latino or of Spanish origin and 2% as Middle Eastern/ North African.



161 physicians (8%) chose not to answer the questions on race and ethnicity and are not included in the graph above.

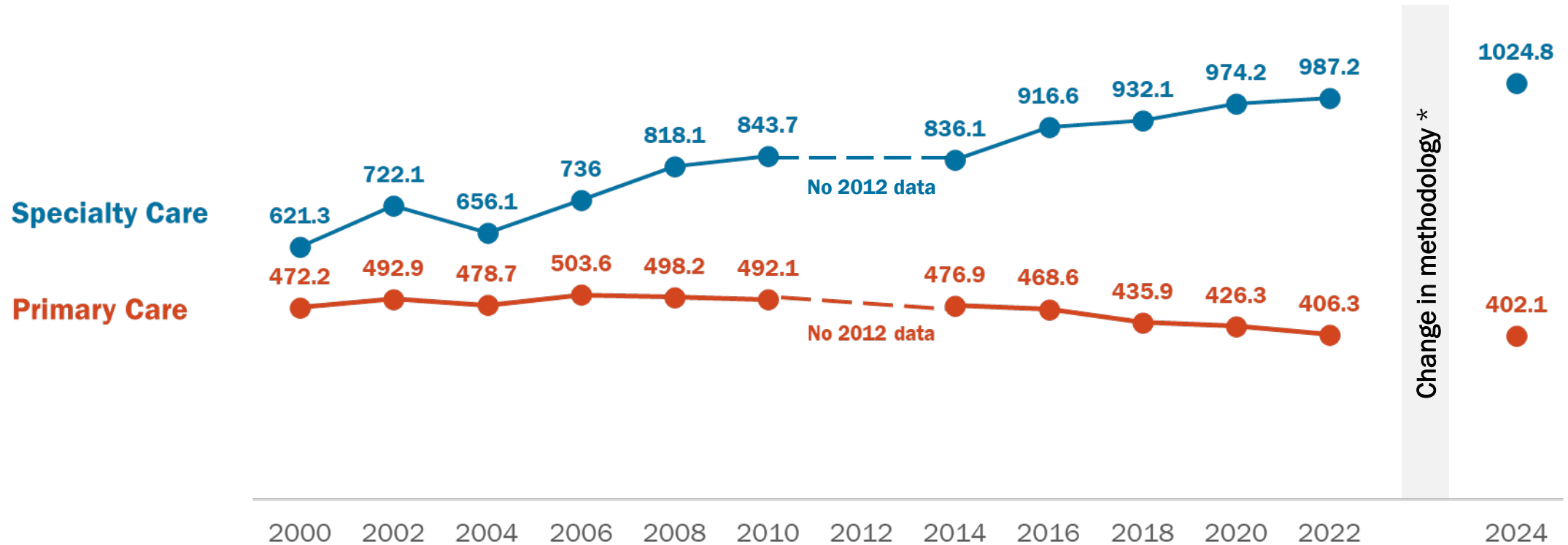
Trends and Distribution of Full Time Equivalents (FTEs)

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



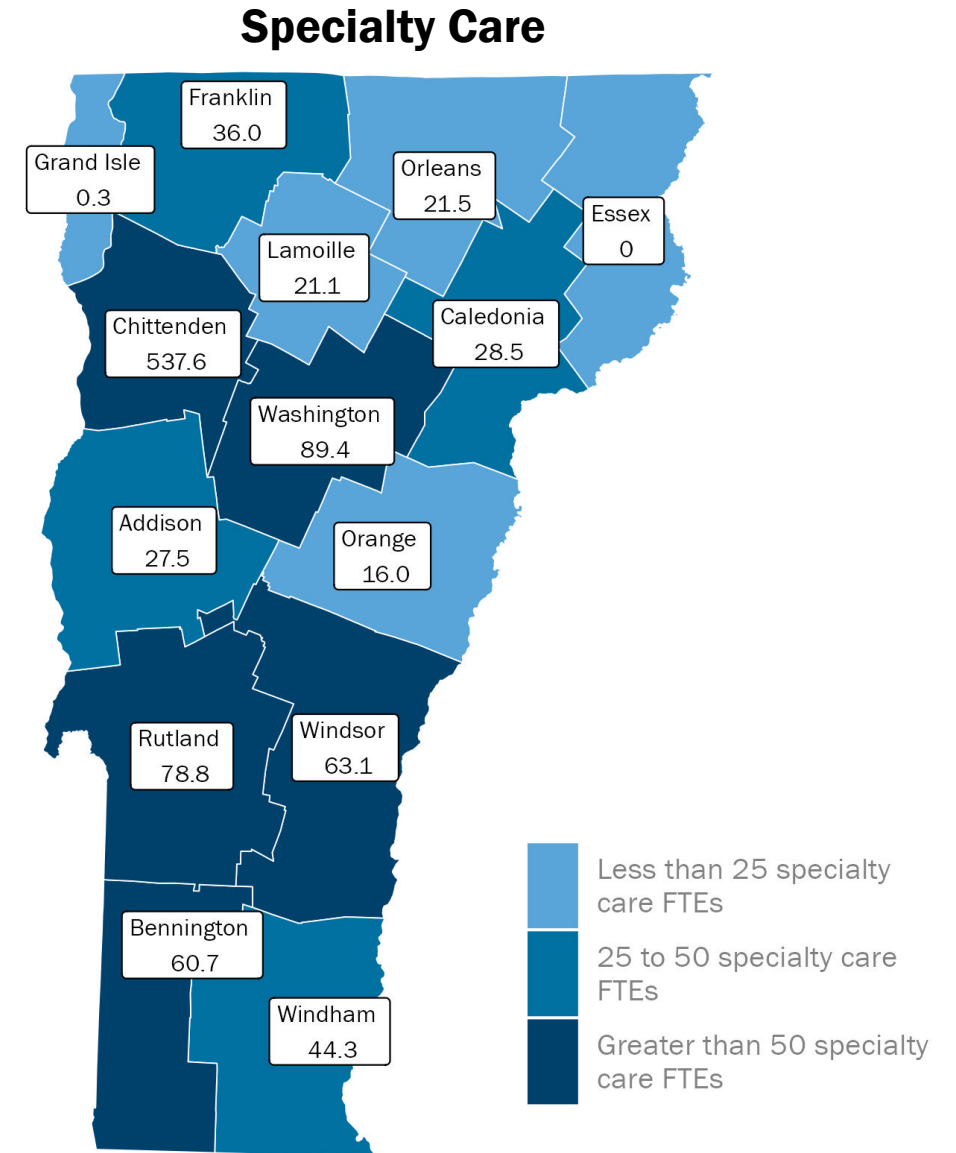
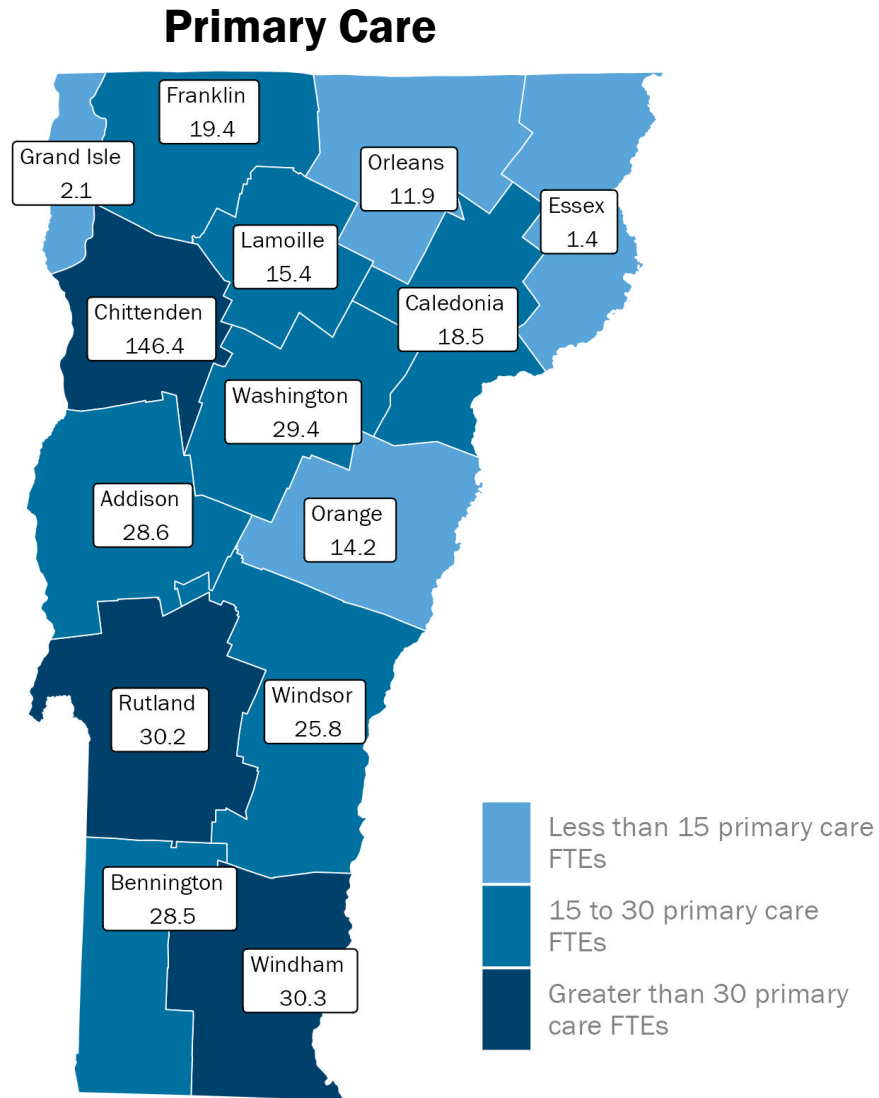
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Specialty care FTEs have grown rapidly over time while primary care FTEs have slowly declined.



FTEs for 2004 may be underestimated by as much as 4% overall; FTEs not computed for pathology, radiology, and all telemedicine
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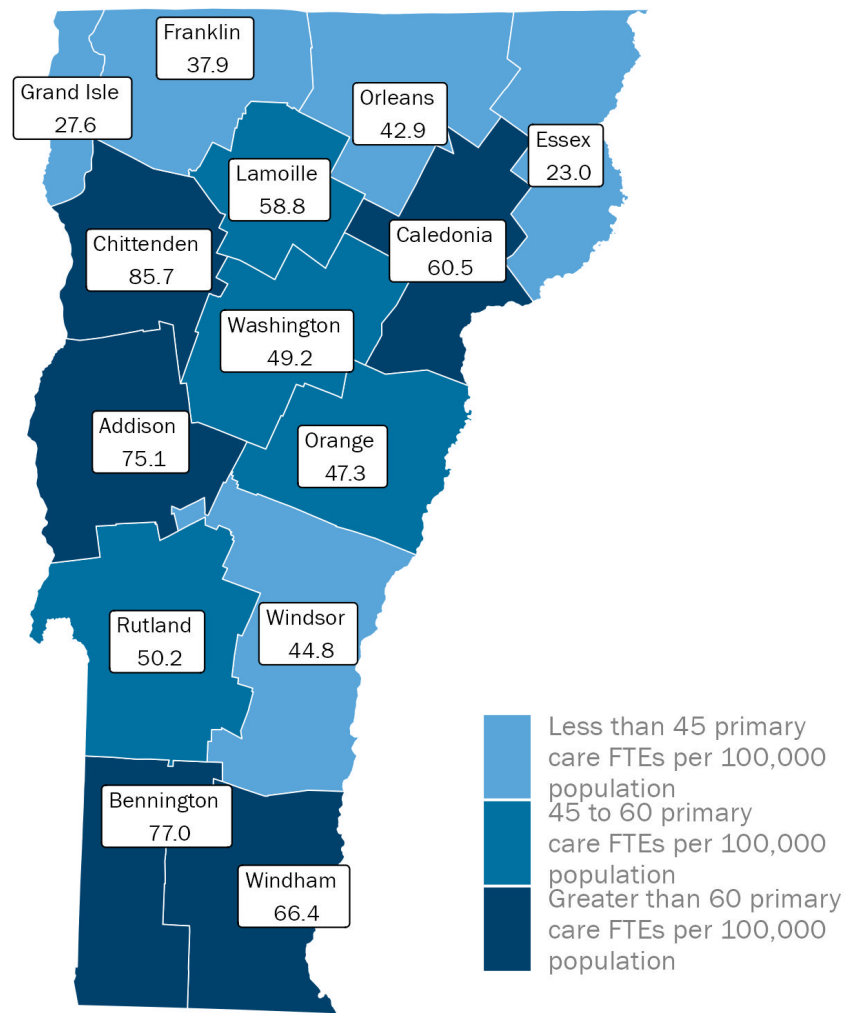
Number of FTEs by county



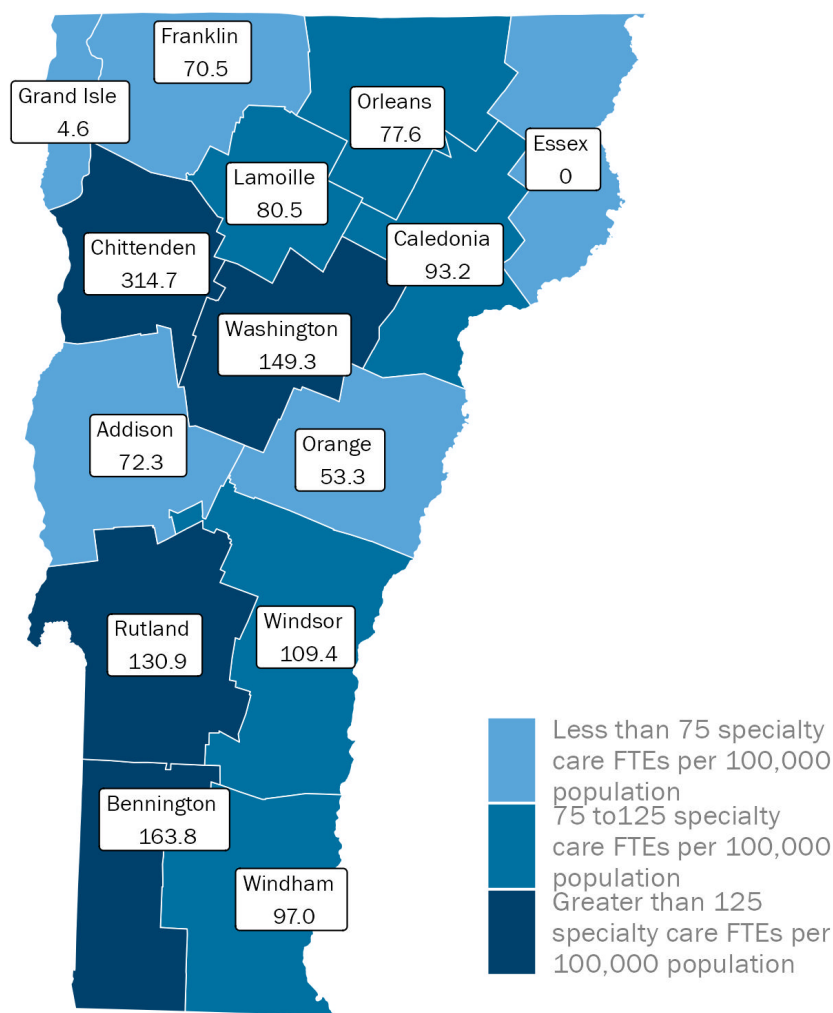
Primary and Specialty care FTEs per 100,000 population.

FTEs show the number of FTEs in an area while population ratios show that in relation to the population that they serve.

Primary Care

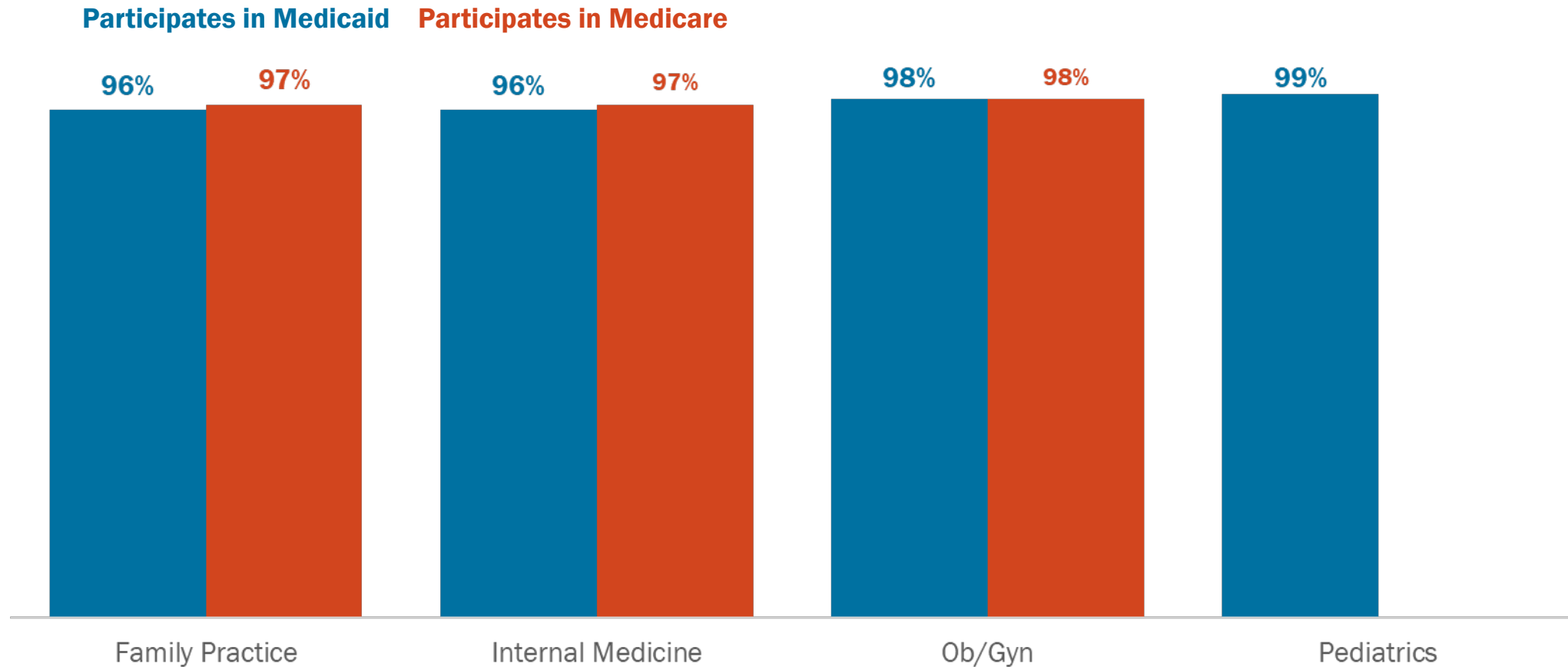


Specialty Care



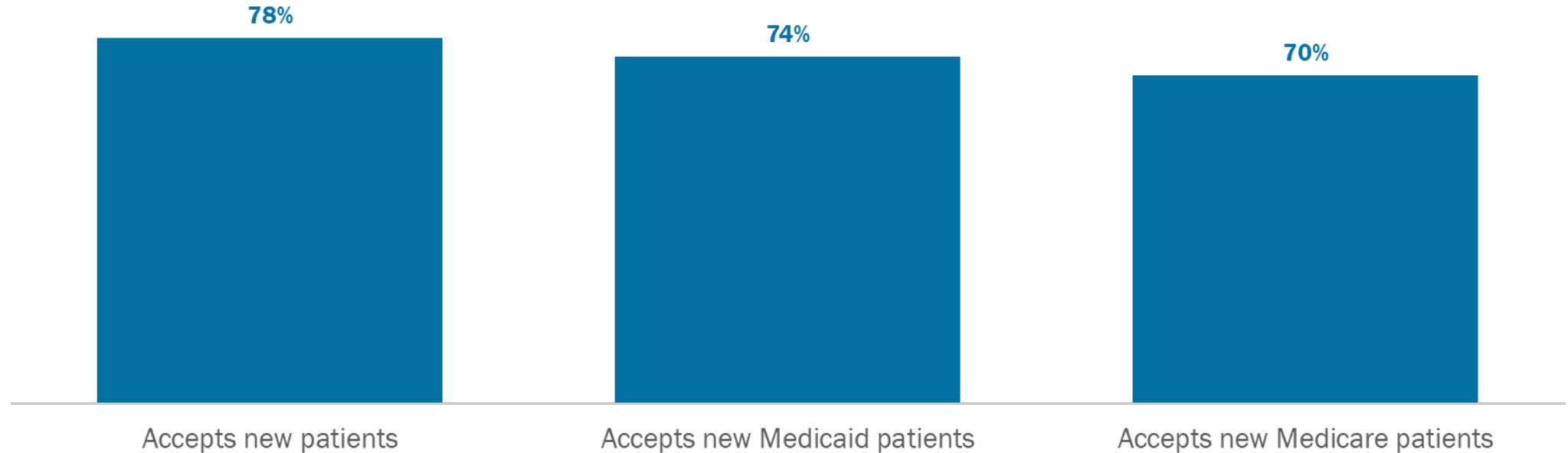
Practice Availability

96% of all primary care physicians participate in Medicaid and 97% participate in Medicare.



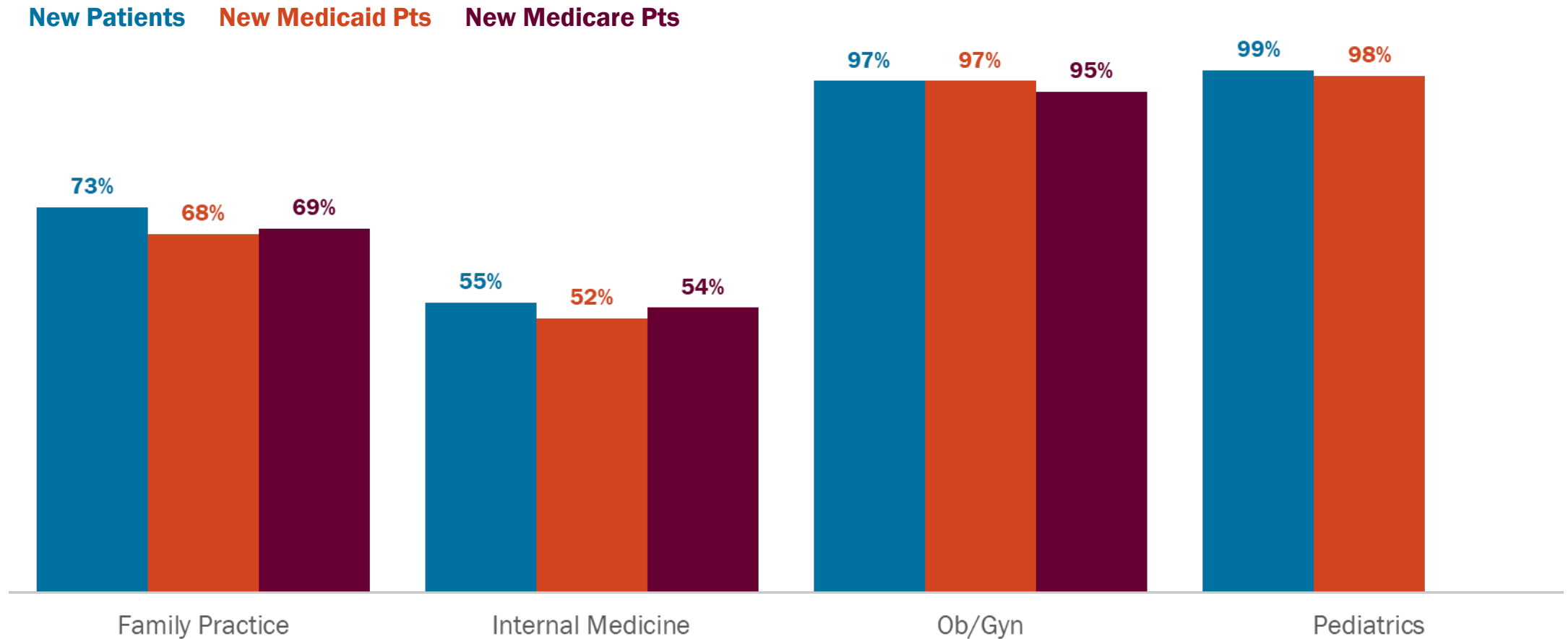
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78% of primary care physicians accept new patients, 74% accept new Medicaid patients, and 70% accept new Medicare patients.



The following specialties are excluded from the “accepts Medicare patients” percentage: all pediatric specialties and subspecialties (including adolescent medicine), maternal and fetal medicine, reproductive endocrinology, child neurology and child and adolescent psychiatry.

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

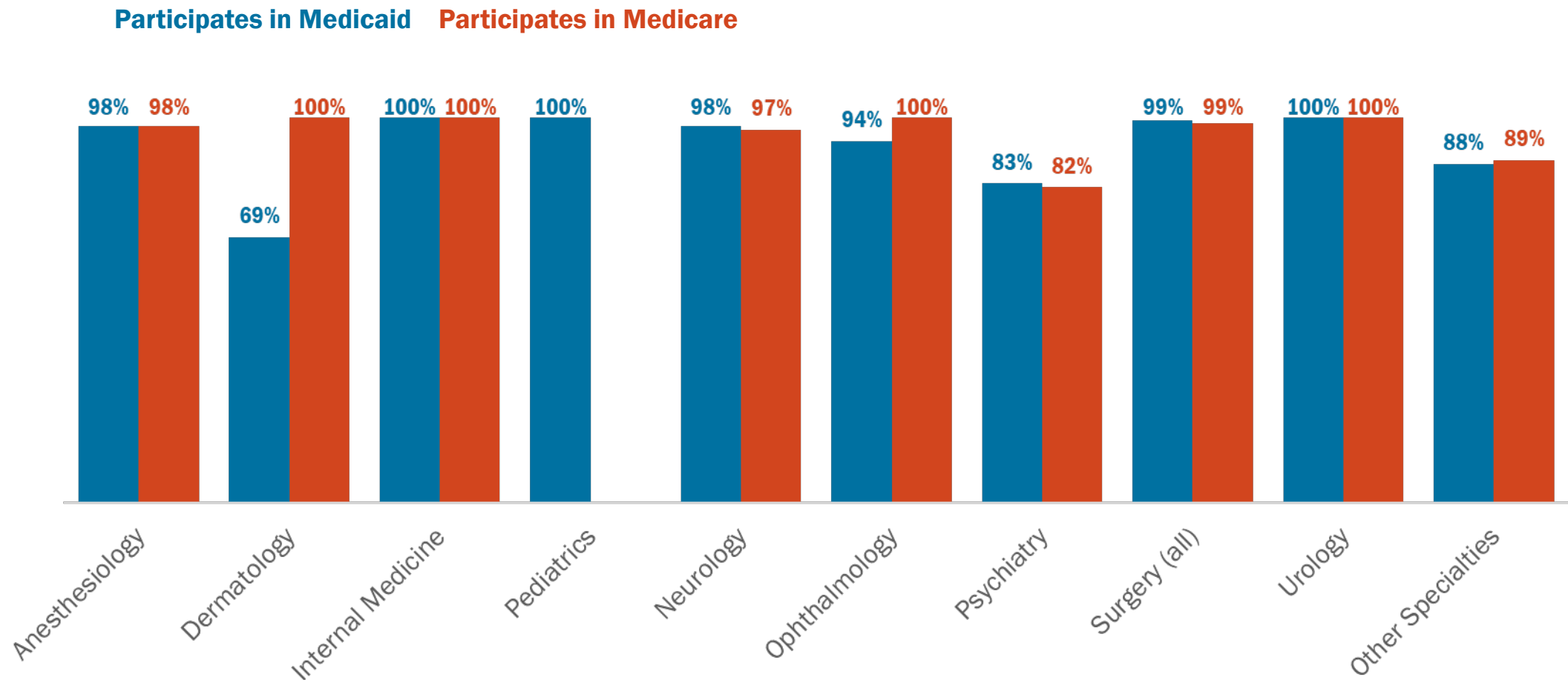


Primary care acceptance of new patients varies by county.

- Chittenden County has the lowest new patient acceptance rates.
- Essex, Grand Isle, Lamoille, and Orleans Counties have the highest rates of new patient acceptance, new Medicaid patient acceptance, and new Medicare patient acceptance.

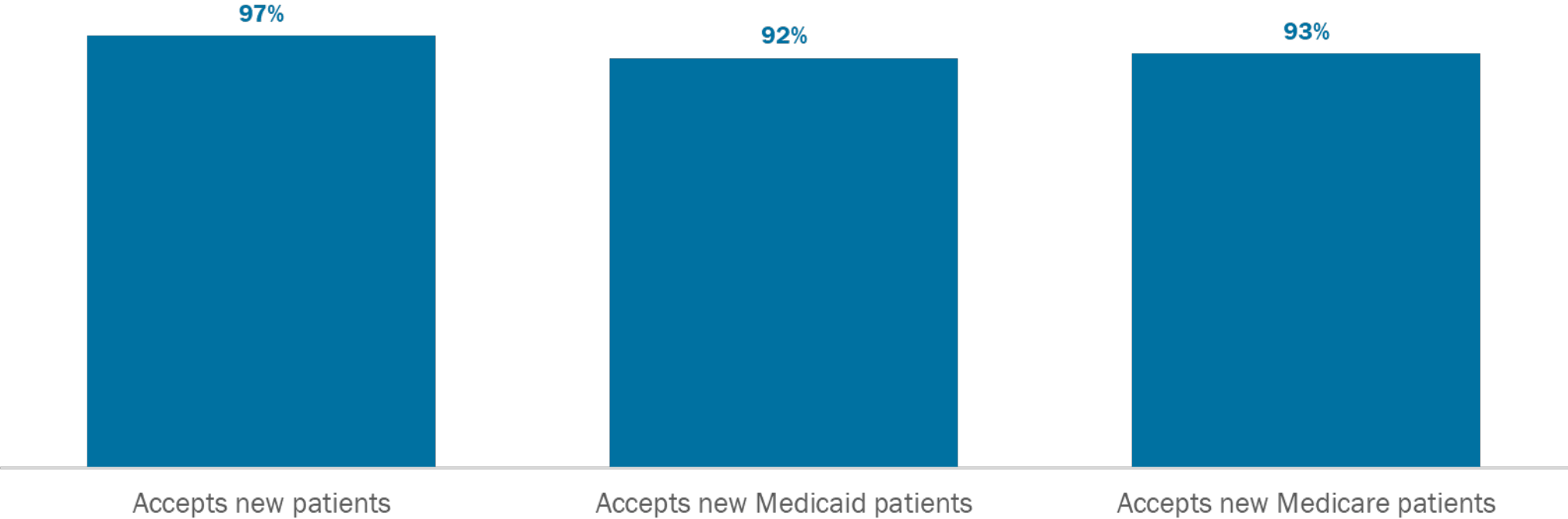
	New Patients	New Medicaid Patients	New Medicare Patients
Addison	81%	76%	74%
Bennington	85%	78%	77%
Caledonia	90%	84%	76%
Chittenden	67%	62%	54%
Essex	100%	100%	100%
Franklin	85%	85%	72%
Grand Isle	90%	90%	90%
Lamoille	92%	92%	91%
Orange	91%	90%	87%
Orleans	100%	100%	100%
Rutland	86%	85%	85%
Washington	88%	88%	90%
Windham	83%	78%	79%
Windsor	80%	73%	74%

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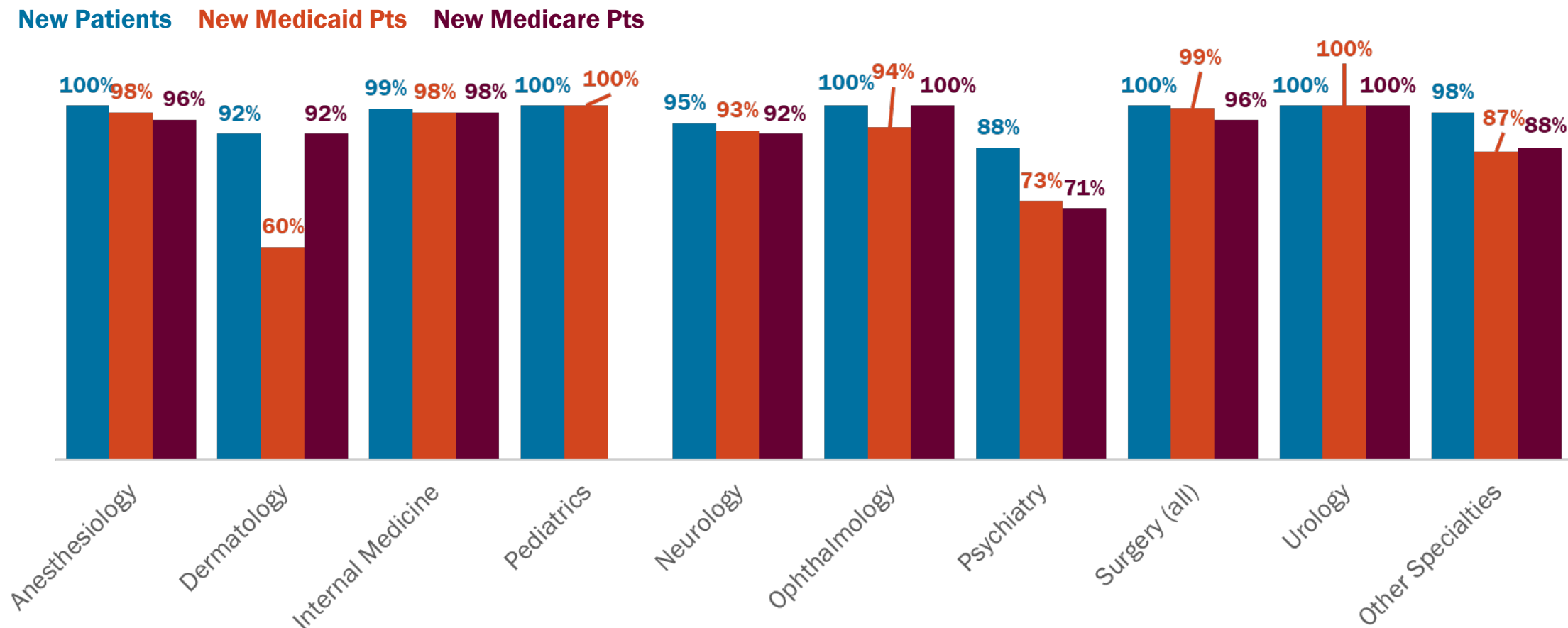
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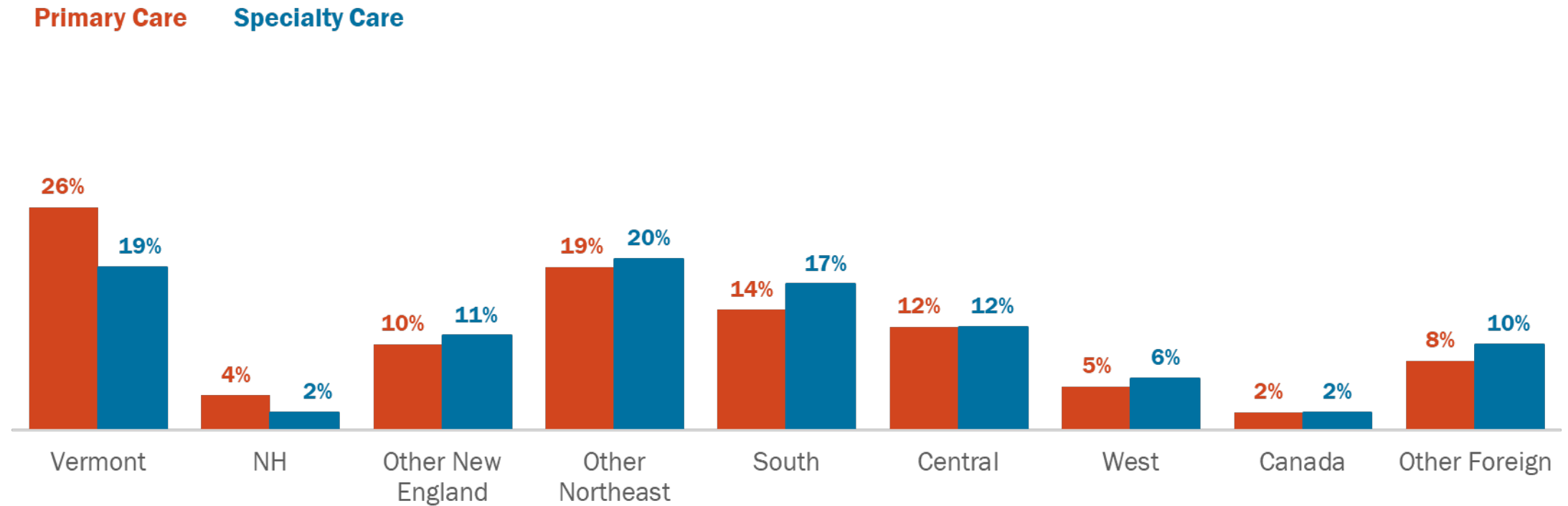
Some specialty care physicians are not accepting new patients, or new Medicaid or Medicare patients.



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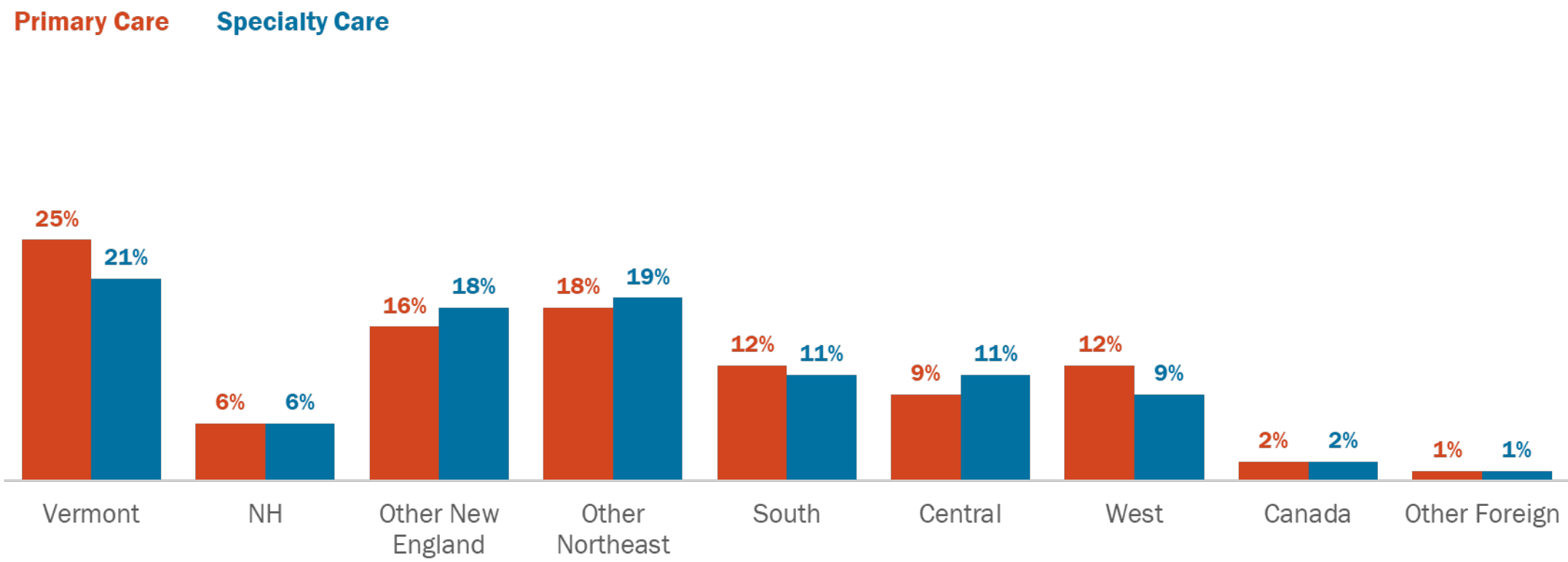
Education, Training, and Future Plans

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

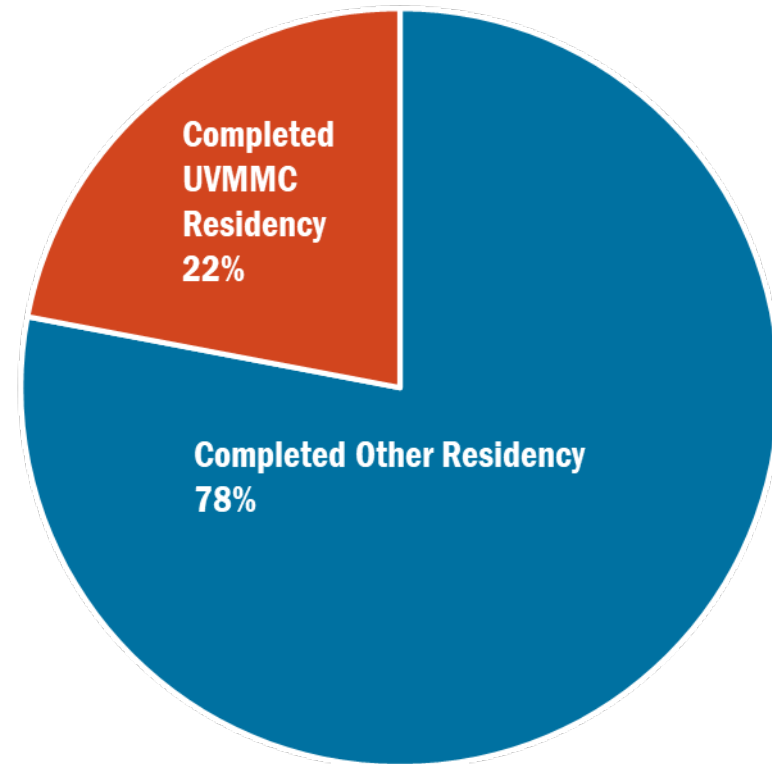
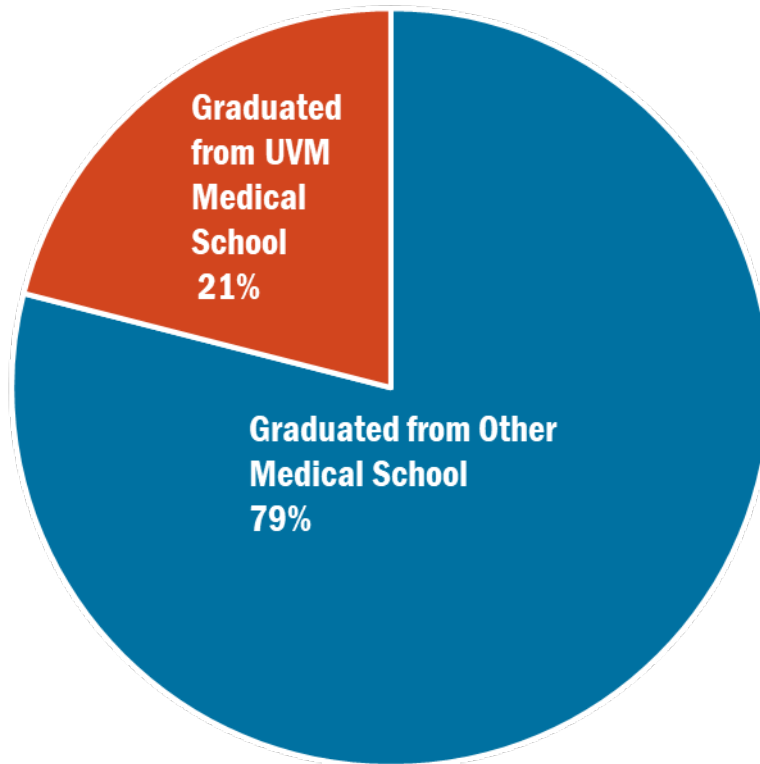


*State of medical school is not known for 5 specialty care physicians.

47% of primary care physicians and 45% of specialty care physicians received their residency training in New England.

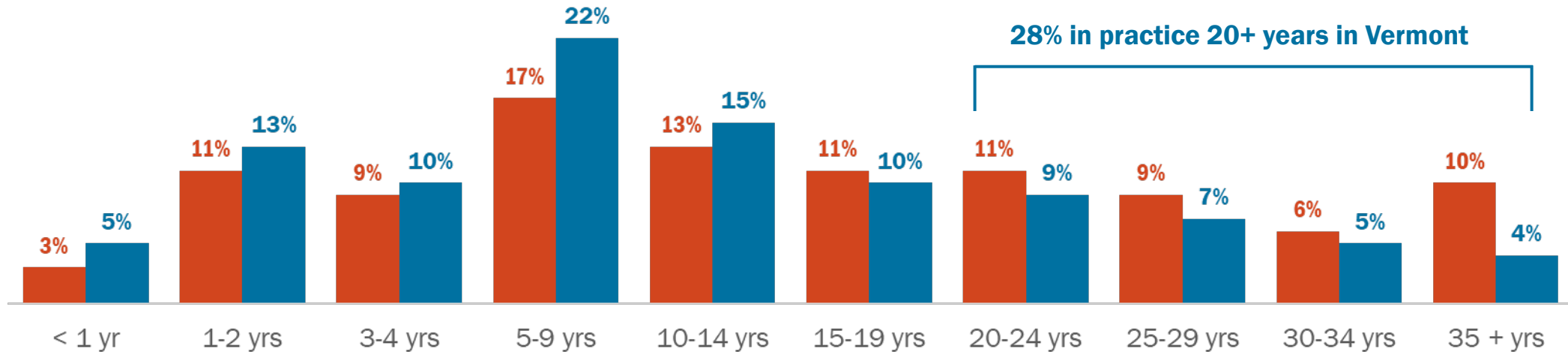


34% of physicians attended medical school and/or completed residency training at the University of Vermont.



36% of primary care and 25% of specialty care physicians have been in practice 20 years or more in Vermont.

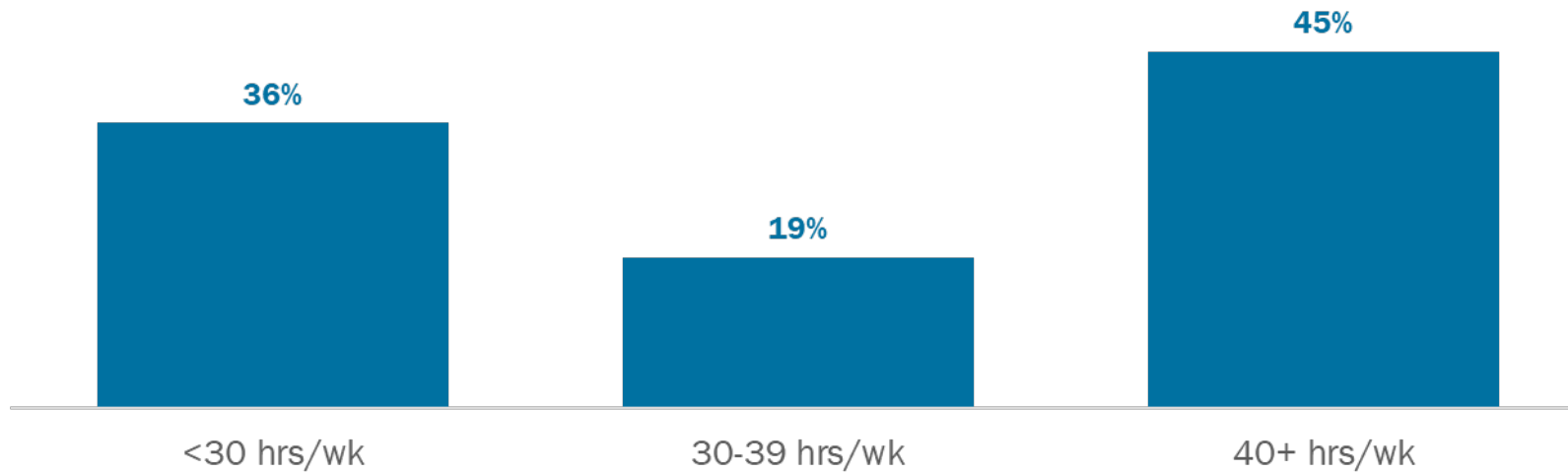
Primary Care Specialty Care



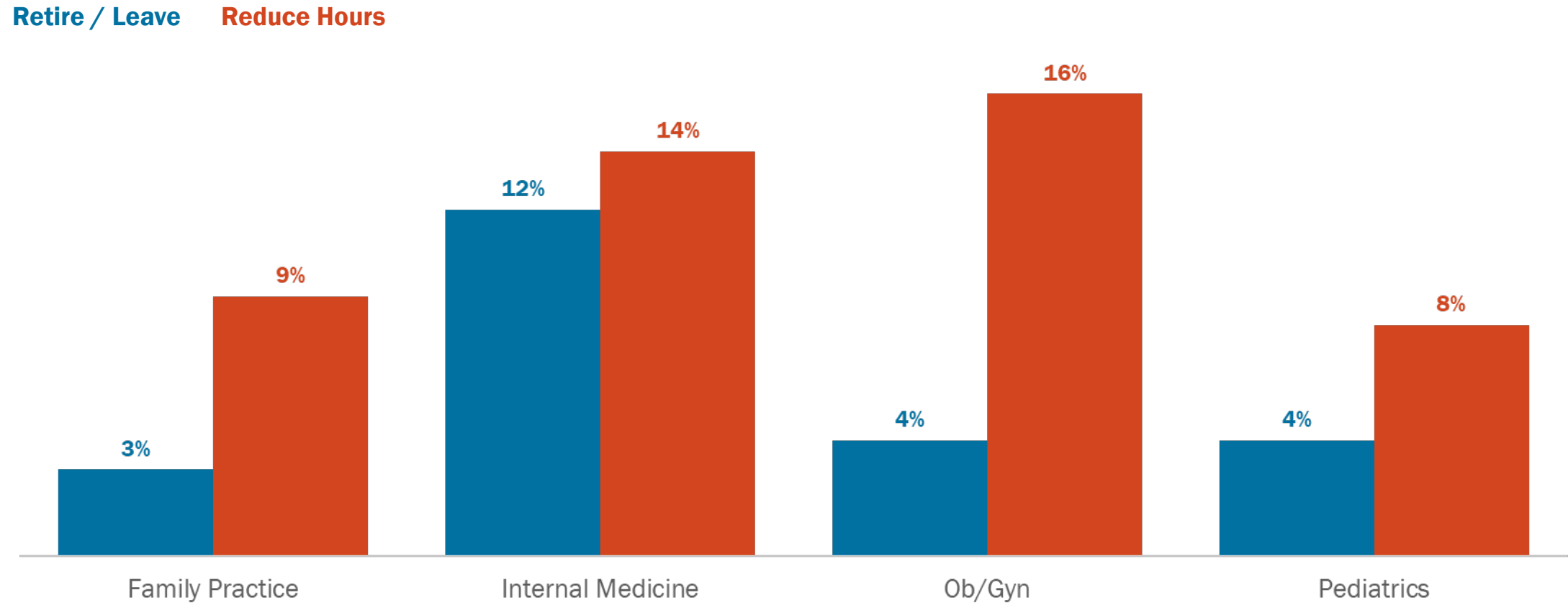
* X axis bars do not all cover an equal time period

* Excludes all telemedicine

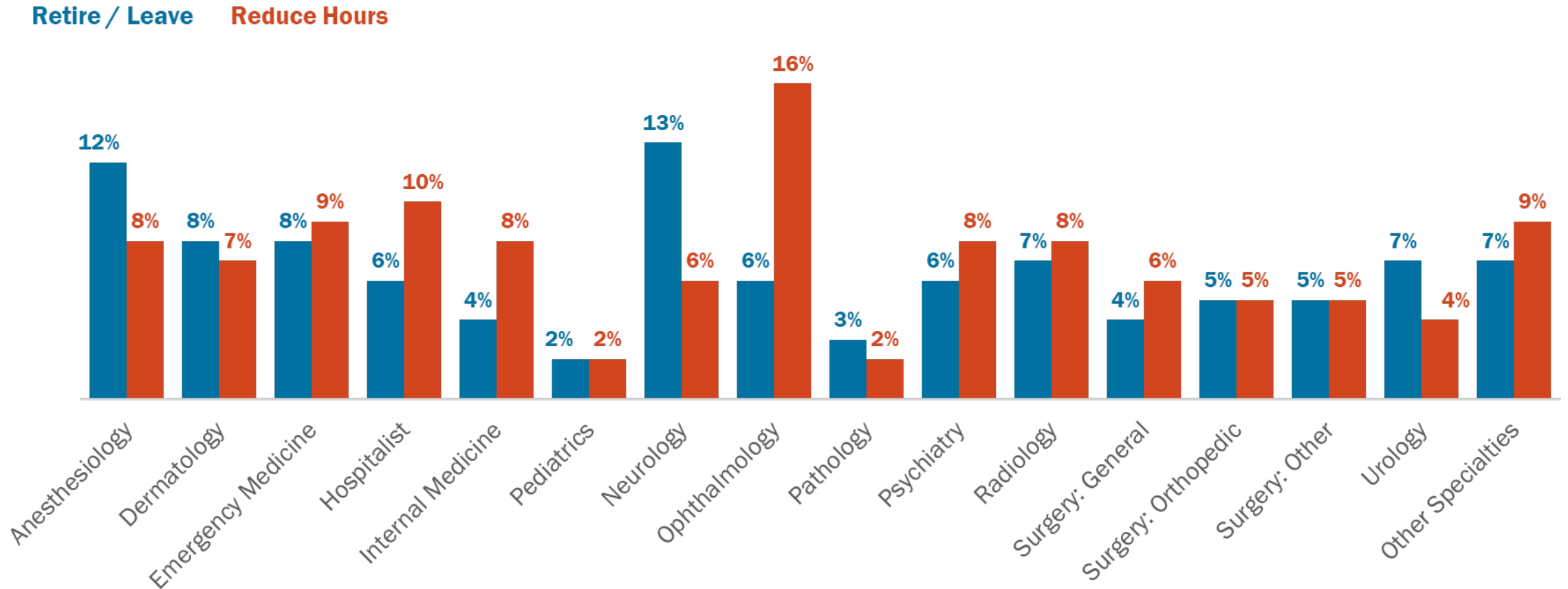
55% of physicians work 30+ hours per week in direct patient care. Average hours per week is 34 hours, average hours for ages 65+ is 26 hours.



17% of primary care physicians are planning to retire or reduce hours in Vermont within 12 months.



14% of specialty care physicians are planning to retire or reduce hours in Vermont within 12 months.



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