



SHELTER PARTNERSHIP, INC.



Short-Term Housing Directory of Los Angeles County

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PURPOSE

- **to compile a profile of the short-term housing programs available to homeless persons who have limited or no resources.**
- **to analyze the growth of the homeless housing system in L.A. County.**
- **to serve as a tool for understanding the short-term housing programs and resources available in L.A. County, as well identify unmet needs.**

DESCRIPTION

- **The Directory includes a description of 331 short-term housing programs providing 13,632 beds and an overview of how these programs come together to serve the needs of the homeless.**

Short-Term Housing:

- **Residential programs in which a resident's stay is for a limited, pre-defined period of time.**
- **This includes programs with a length of stay as short as one day (often defined as “emergency shelter”) and those which provide shelter up to two years (often defined as “transitional housing”).**

WHAT IS INCLUDED?

Three primary criteria were used to identify programs:

- **The program is a year-round shelter for homeless persons (therefore excluding seasonal or winter shelters).**
- **The program is short-term, ranging from one night to two years.**
- **The program is free of charge to residents, or at a cost within their limited resources.**

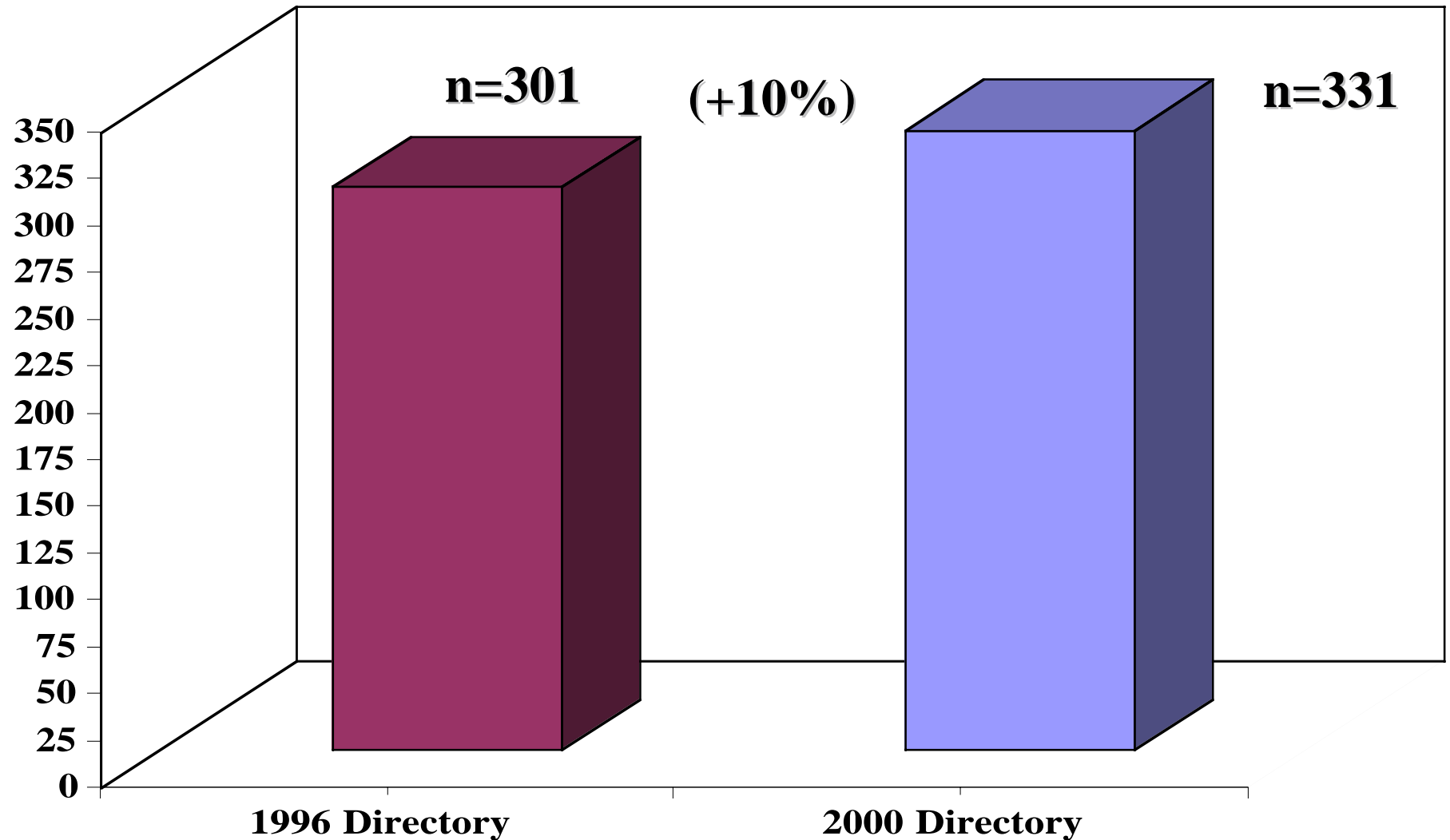
PLEASE NOTE:

- **The Directory is not intended to be used as a referral guide for case workers or homeless persons.**
- **The Directory does not contain the detailed information about services, operations, policies, and administrative requirements that one needs to make proper referrals.**

FINDINGS

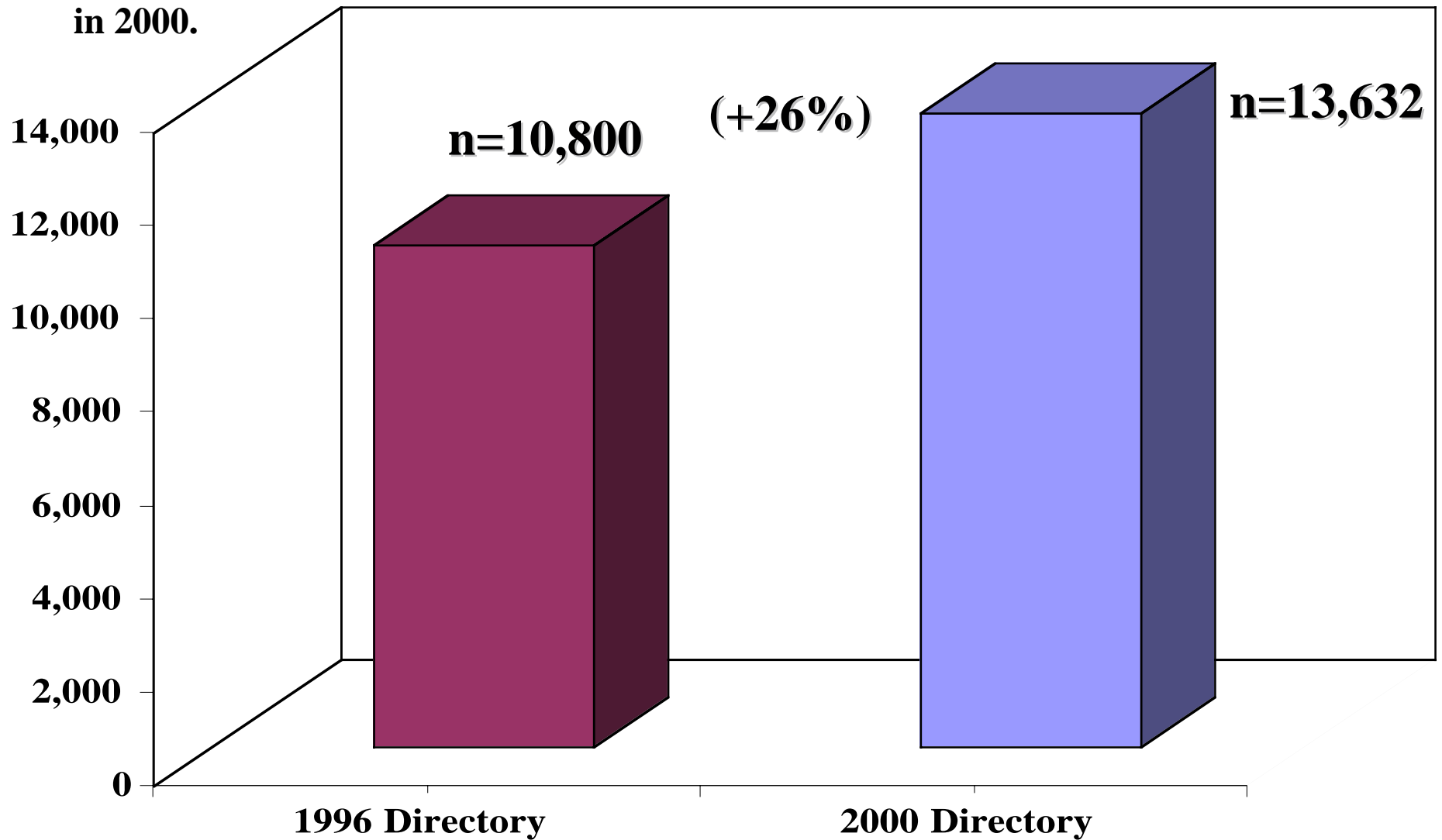
NUMBER OF PROGRAMS

- There has been a 10% increase in the number of housing programs from 301 in 1996 to 331 in 2000.



NUMBER OF BEDS

- There has been a **26% increase** in the number of beds from **10,800** in 1996 to **13,632** in 2000.



GROWTH IN BED COUNT

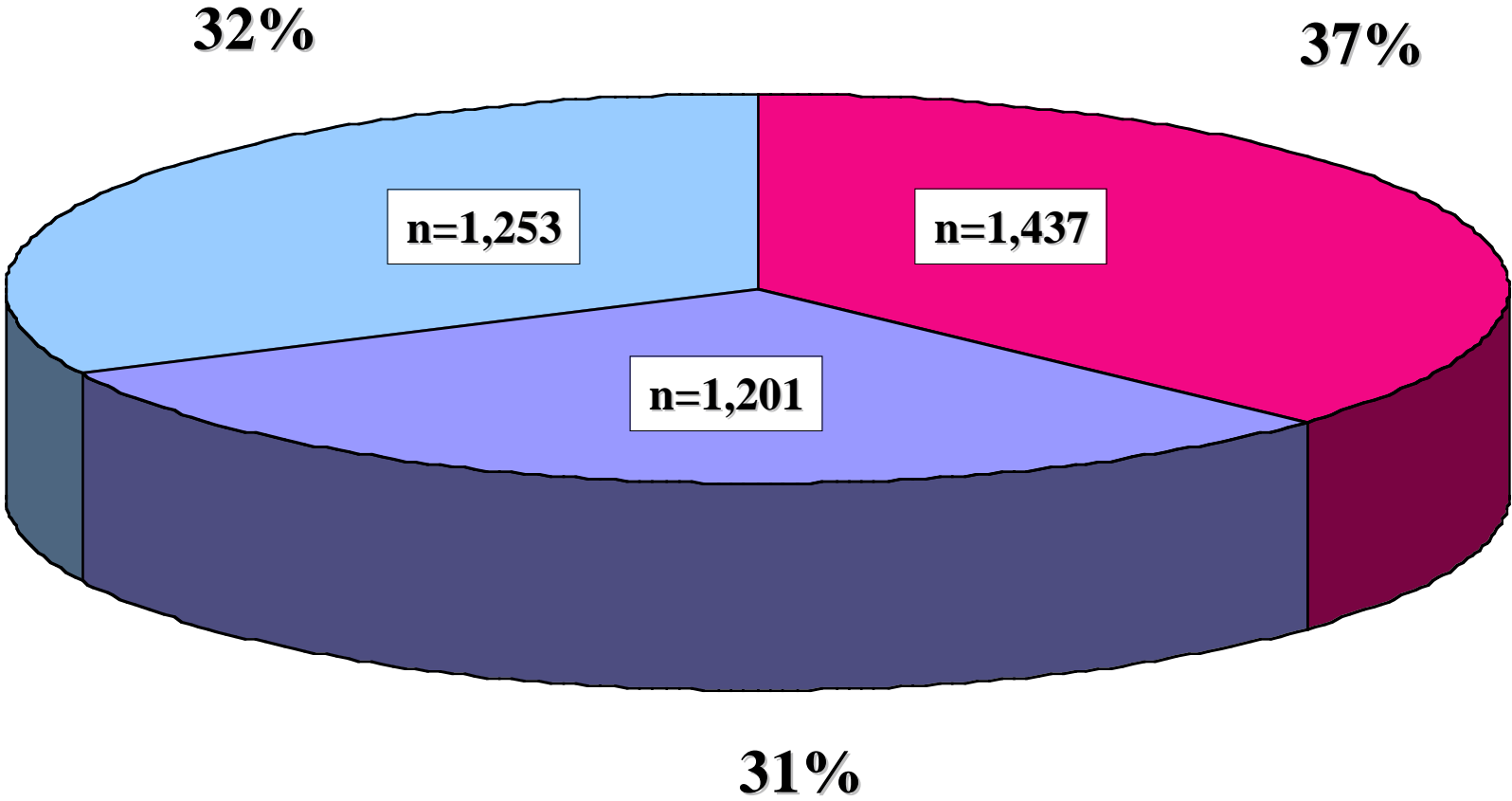
$$3,891 - 1,059 = 2,839$$

**New
Beds**

**Beds
Eliminated**

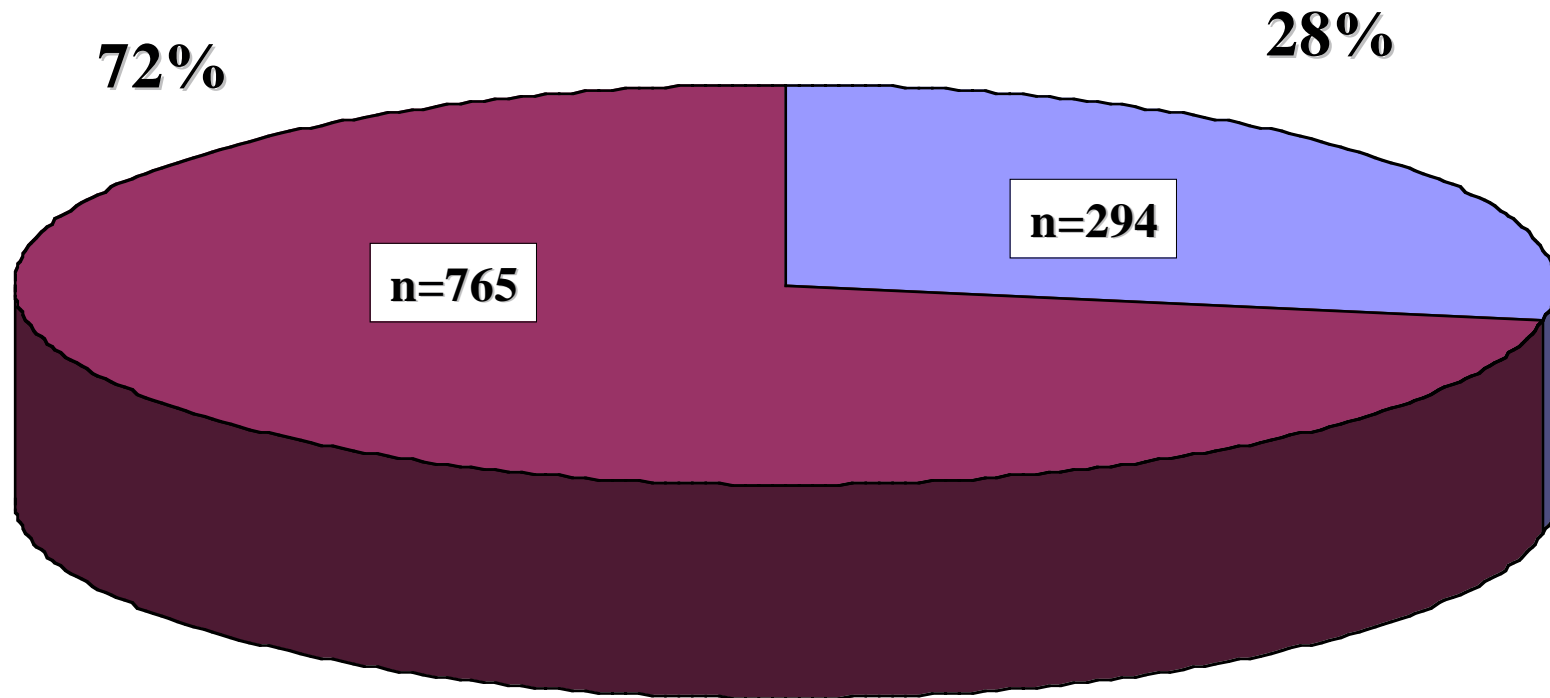
**Beds
Gained**

3,891 New Beds - Three Sources



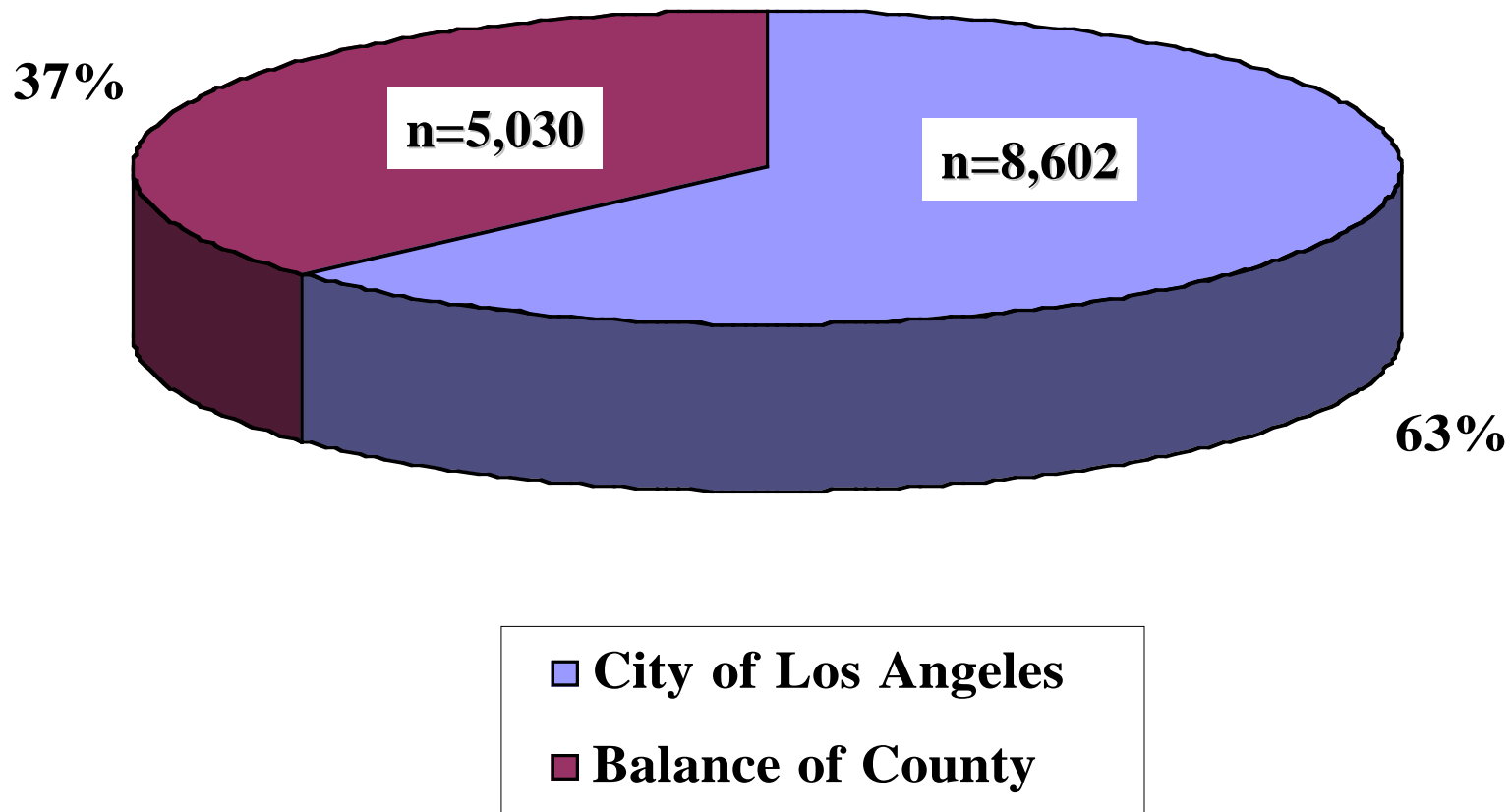
- New Agencies - New Programs
- Existing Agencies - New Programs
- Program Expansions

Loss of 1,059 Beds - Two Sources



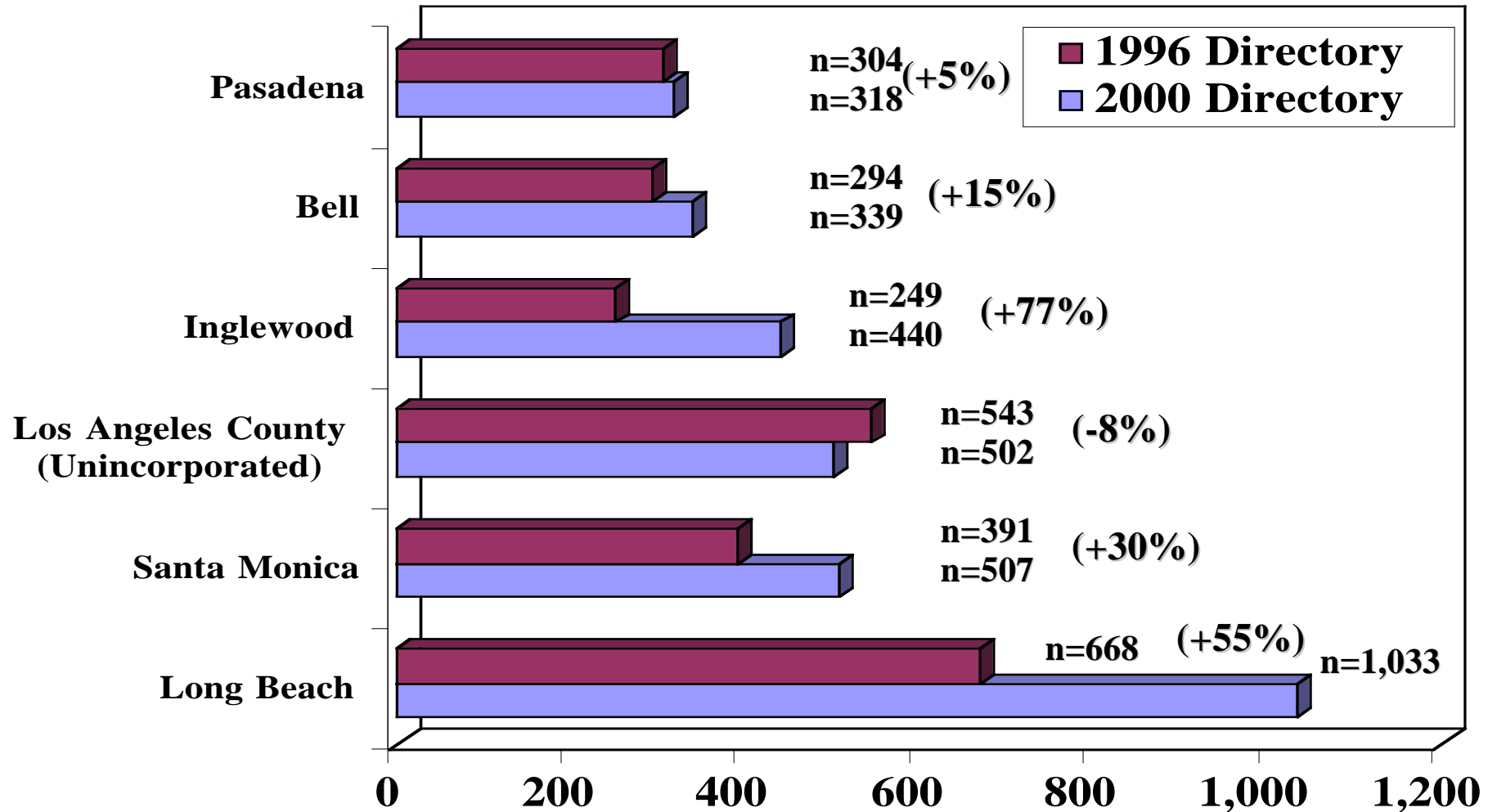
DISTRIBUTION: CITY OF LOS ANGELES VS. BALANCE OF COUNTY

- In the 2000 Directory, 63% of beds available for the homeless are located in the City of Los Angeles, while 37% are located in other parts of the County.
- In 1996, 66% were located in the City of Los Angeles and 34% in the County.



DISTRIBUTION OF BEDS

Jurisdictions with over 200 Beds

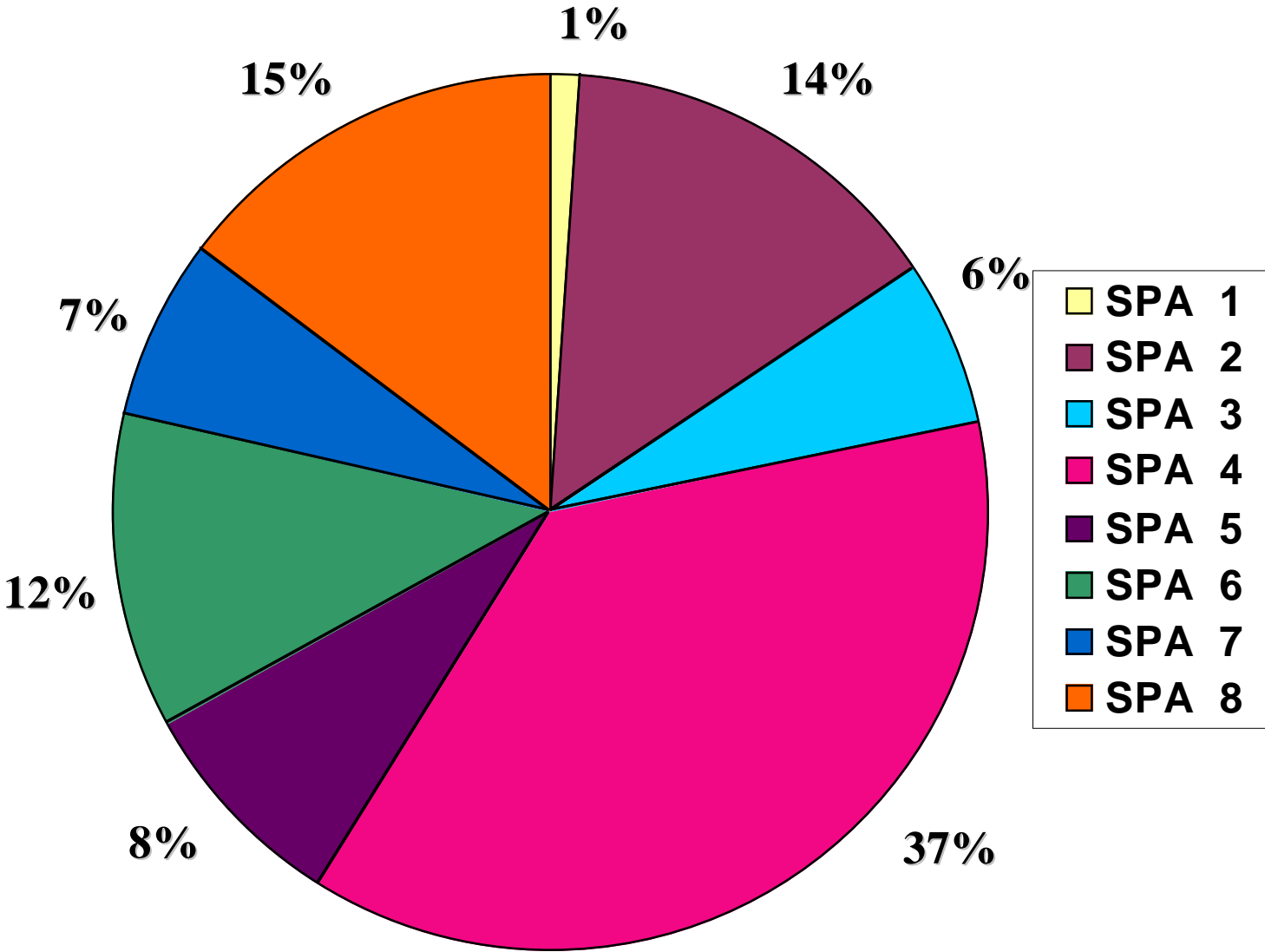


SERVICE PLANNING AREAS (SPAs)

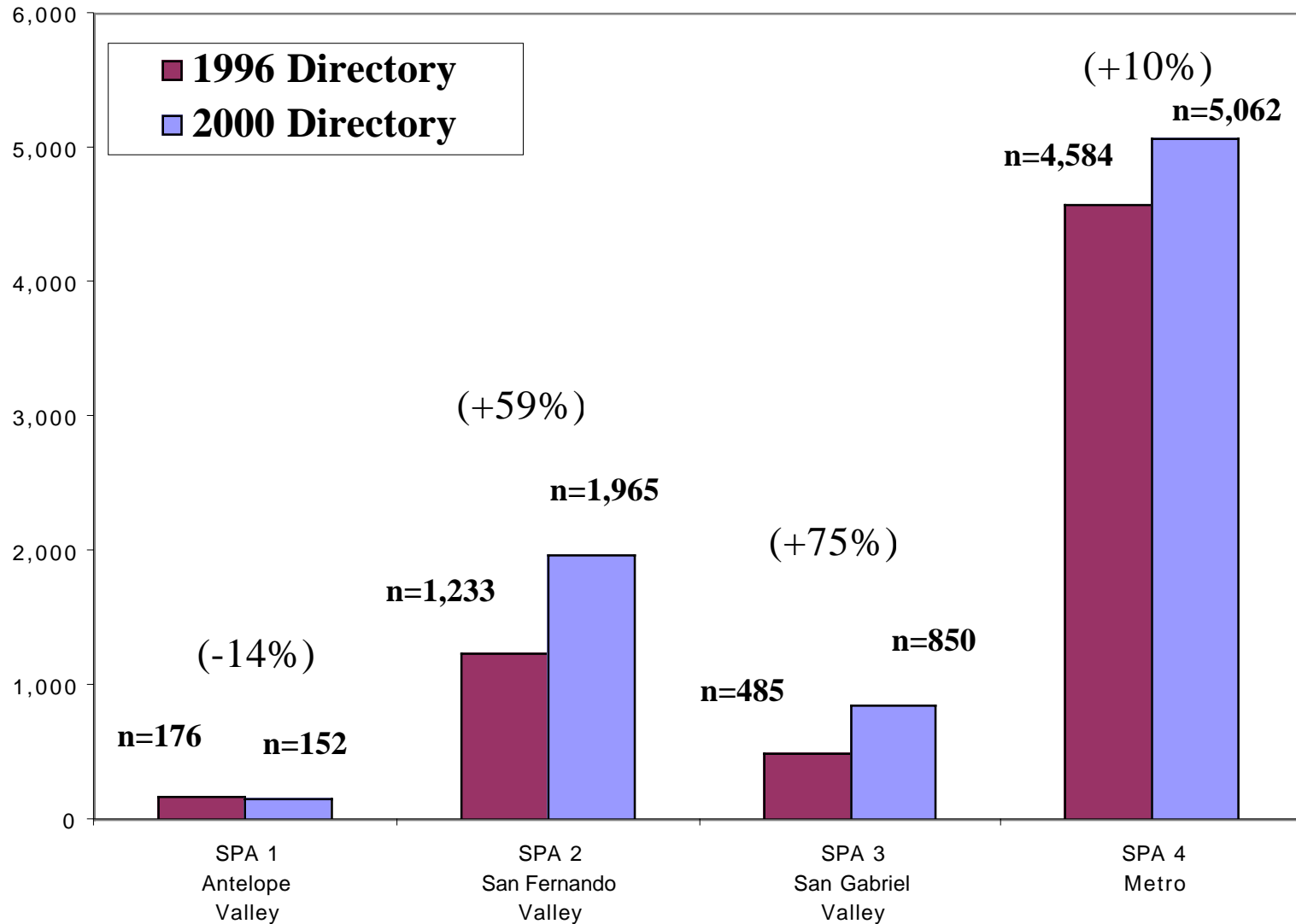
- **The Directory analyzed program distribution in eight service planning areas. These areas have been adopted by the L.A. County Board of Supervisors for social planning purposes.**
- **The number of beds in each SPA can be used to examine changes in the number of housing programs in specific areas of the county:**

In 1996, the largest concentration of beds is in SPA 4 (Metro). However, the proportion of beds in SPA 4 has declined from 42% in 1996 to 37% in 2000.

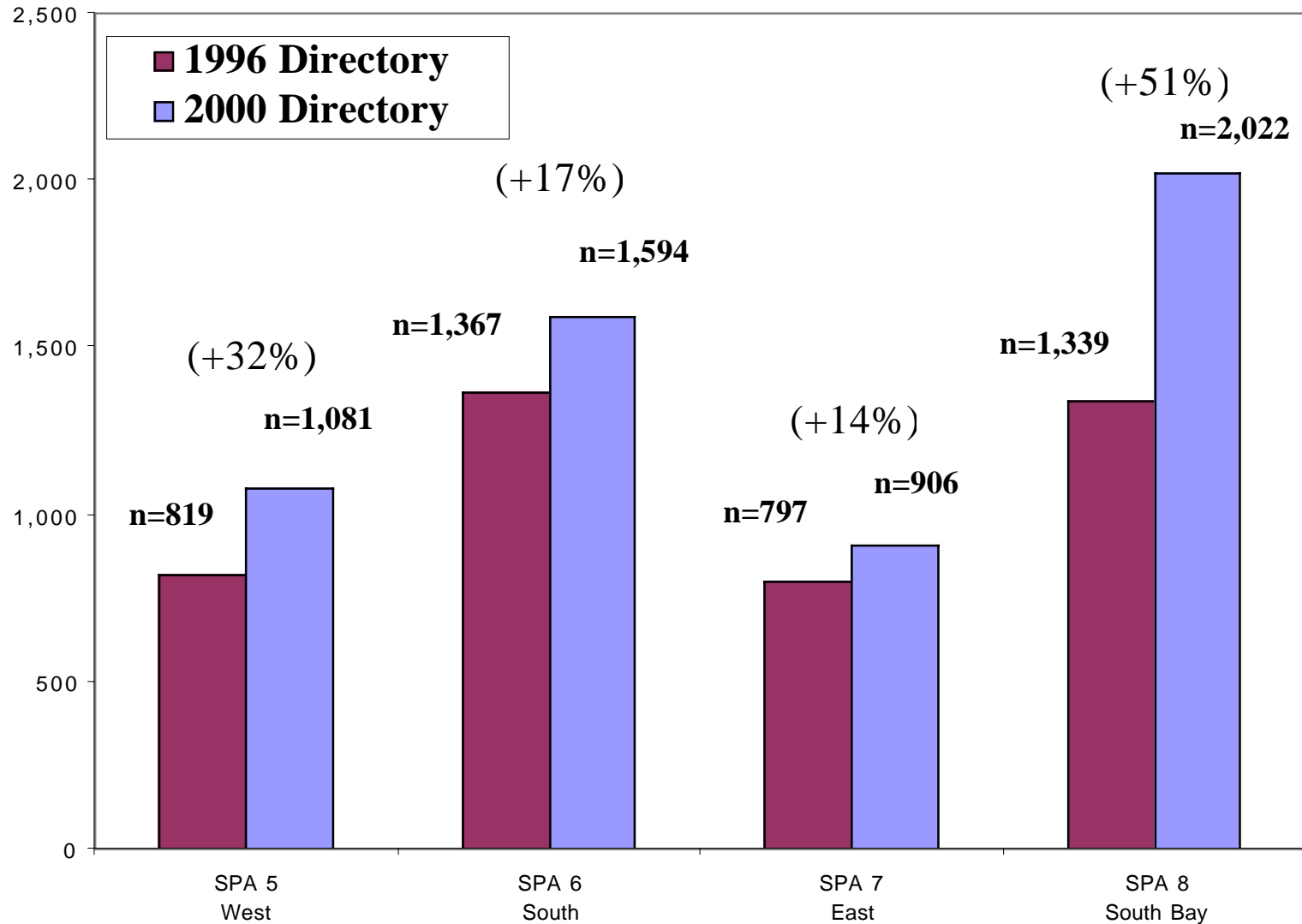
DISTRIBUTION OF BEDS BY SPA - 2000



CHANGES IN DISTRIBUTION OF BEDS BY SPA



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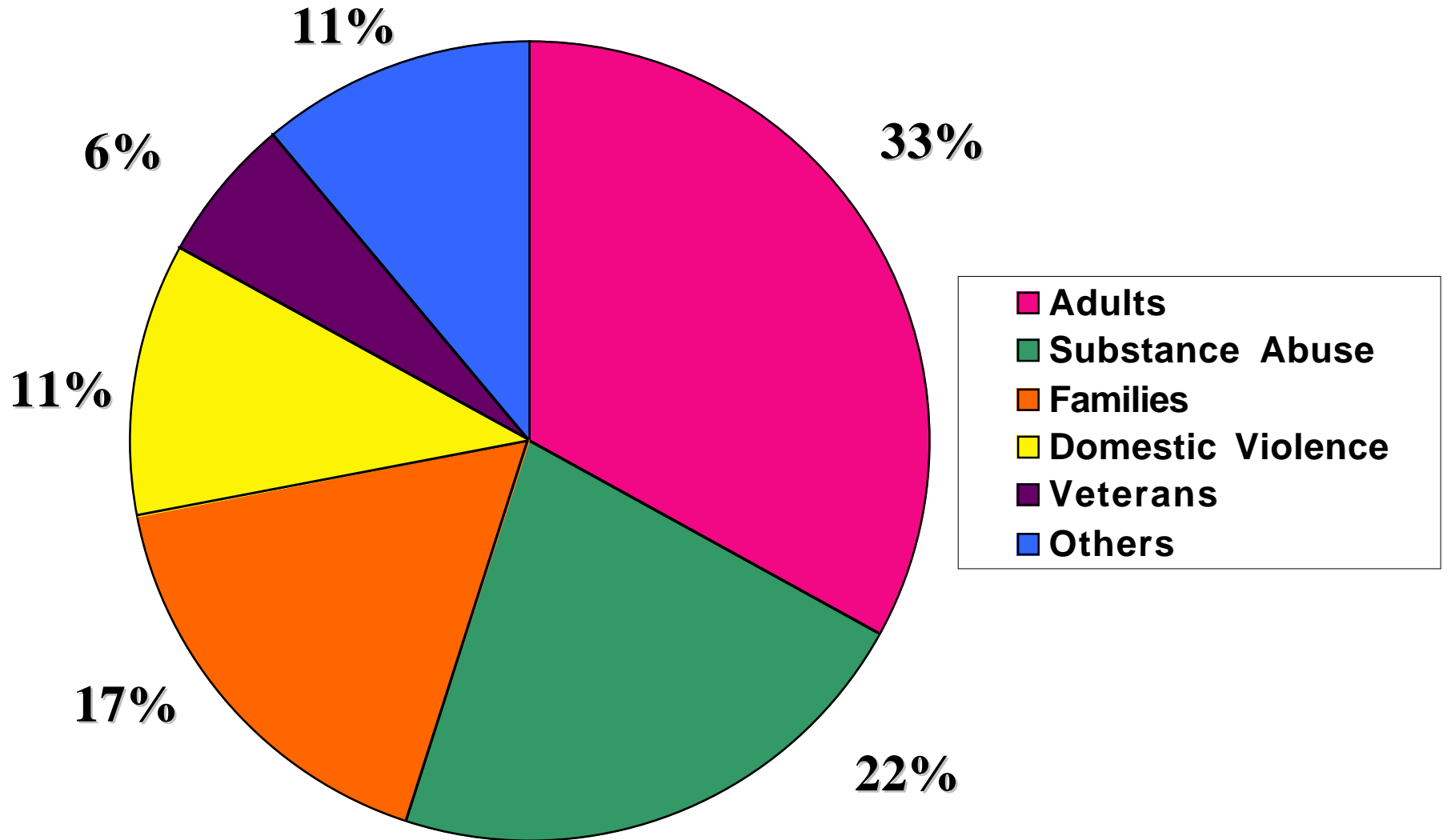


TARGET POPULATIONS

Programs in the Directory are classified according to twelve target populations:

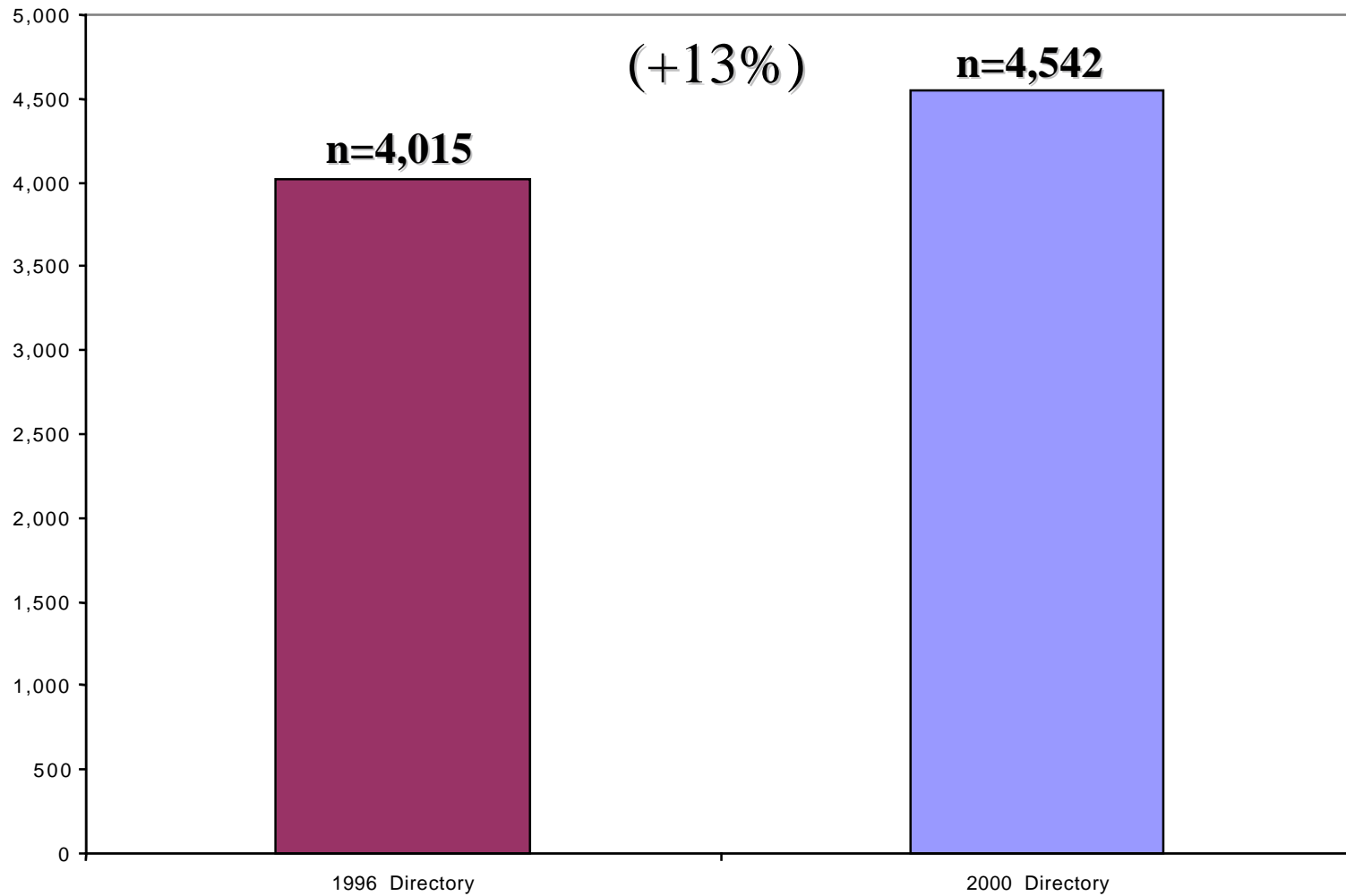
- **Adults**
- **Victims of Domestic Violence**
- **Emancipated Foster Youth**
- **Families**
- **Mentally Ill**
- **Multi-Diagnosed**
- **Persons Living with HIV/AIDS**
- **Post-Incarcerated**
- **Pregnant Women & Teens**
- **Persons with Substance Abuse Problems**
- **Unaccompanied Youth**
- **Veterans**

DISTRIBUTION OF BEDS BY TARGET POPULATION IN 2000



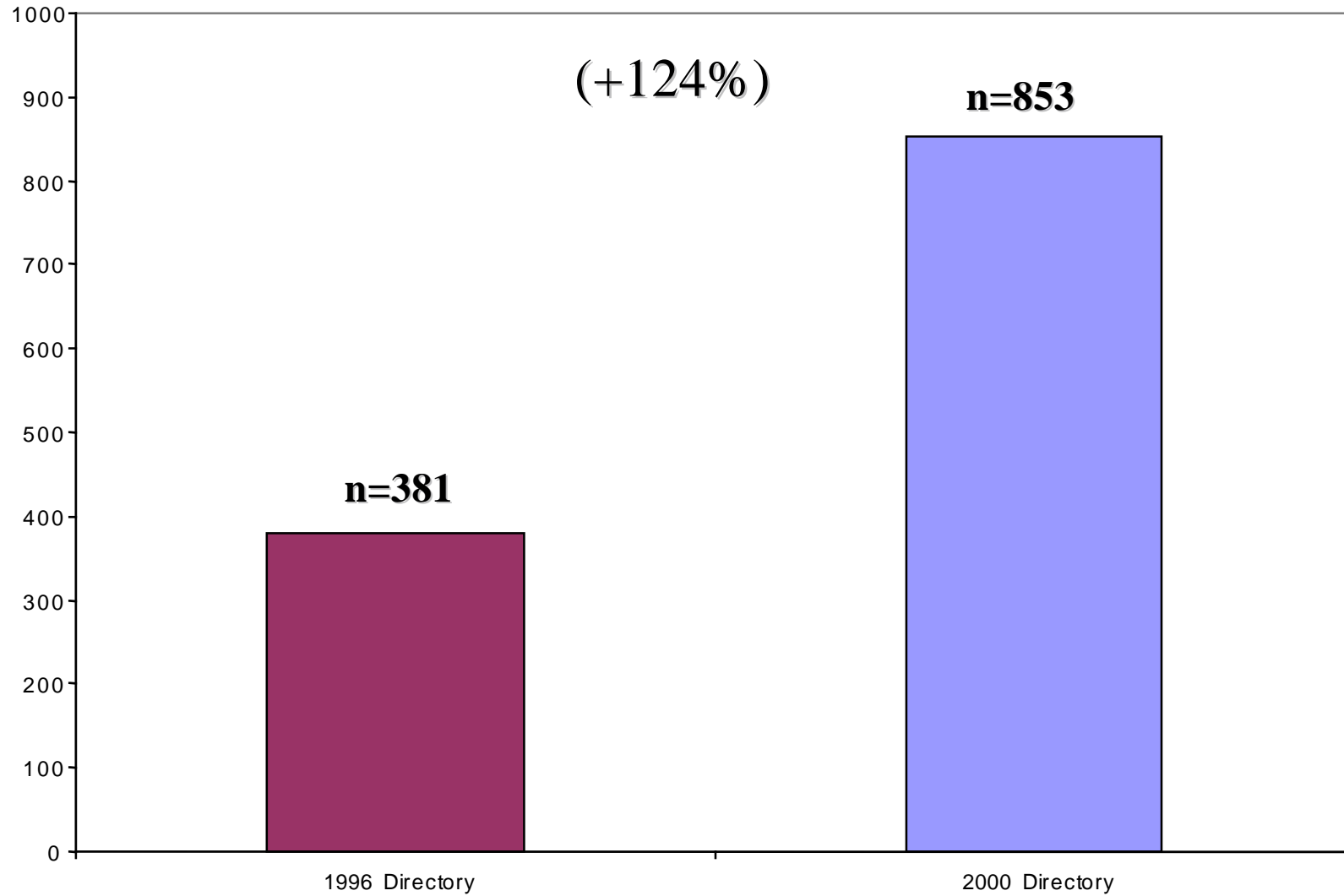
BEDS FOR ADULTS

Change from 1996 to 2000



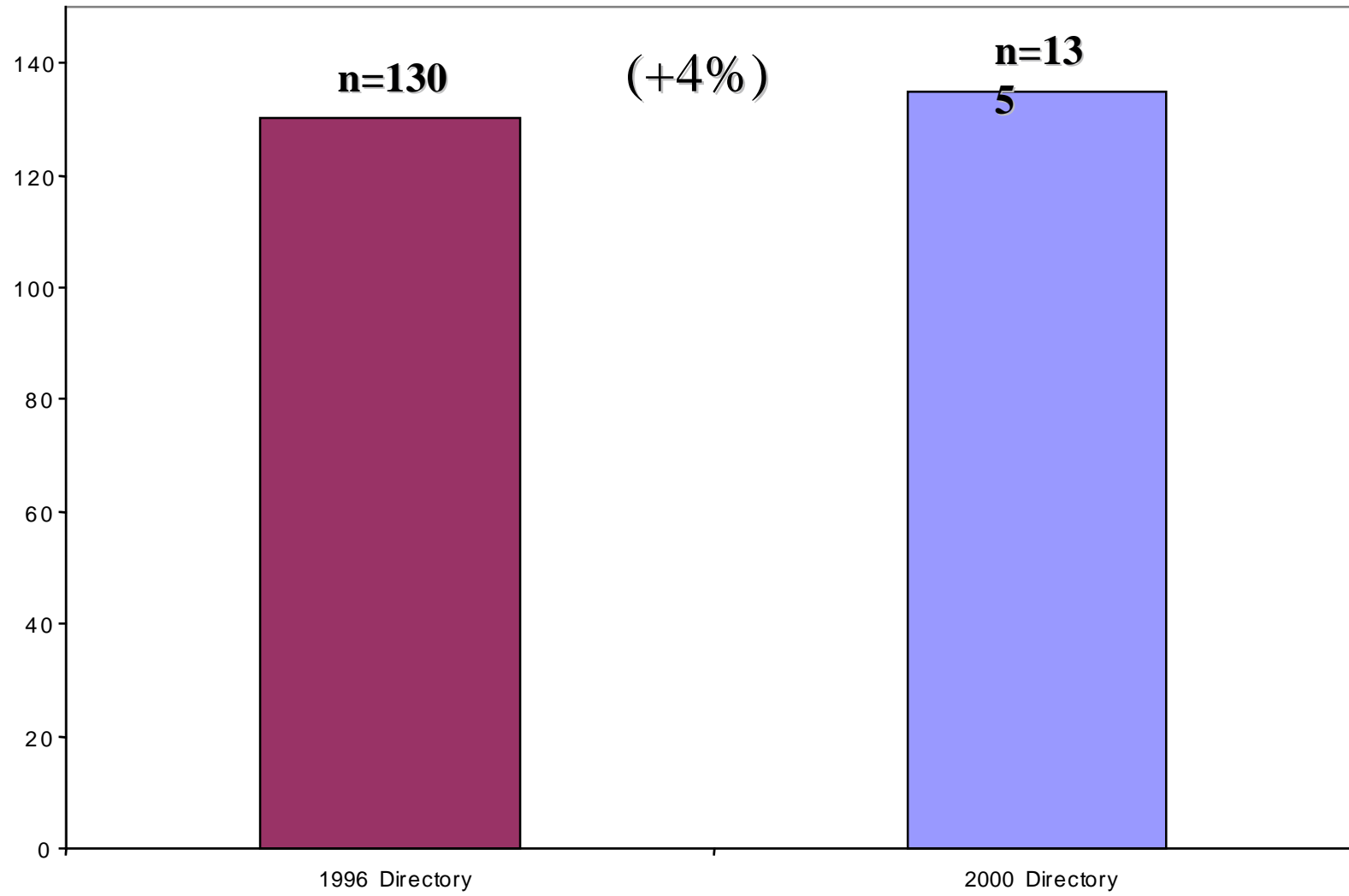
BEDS FOR VETERANS

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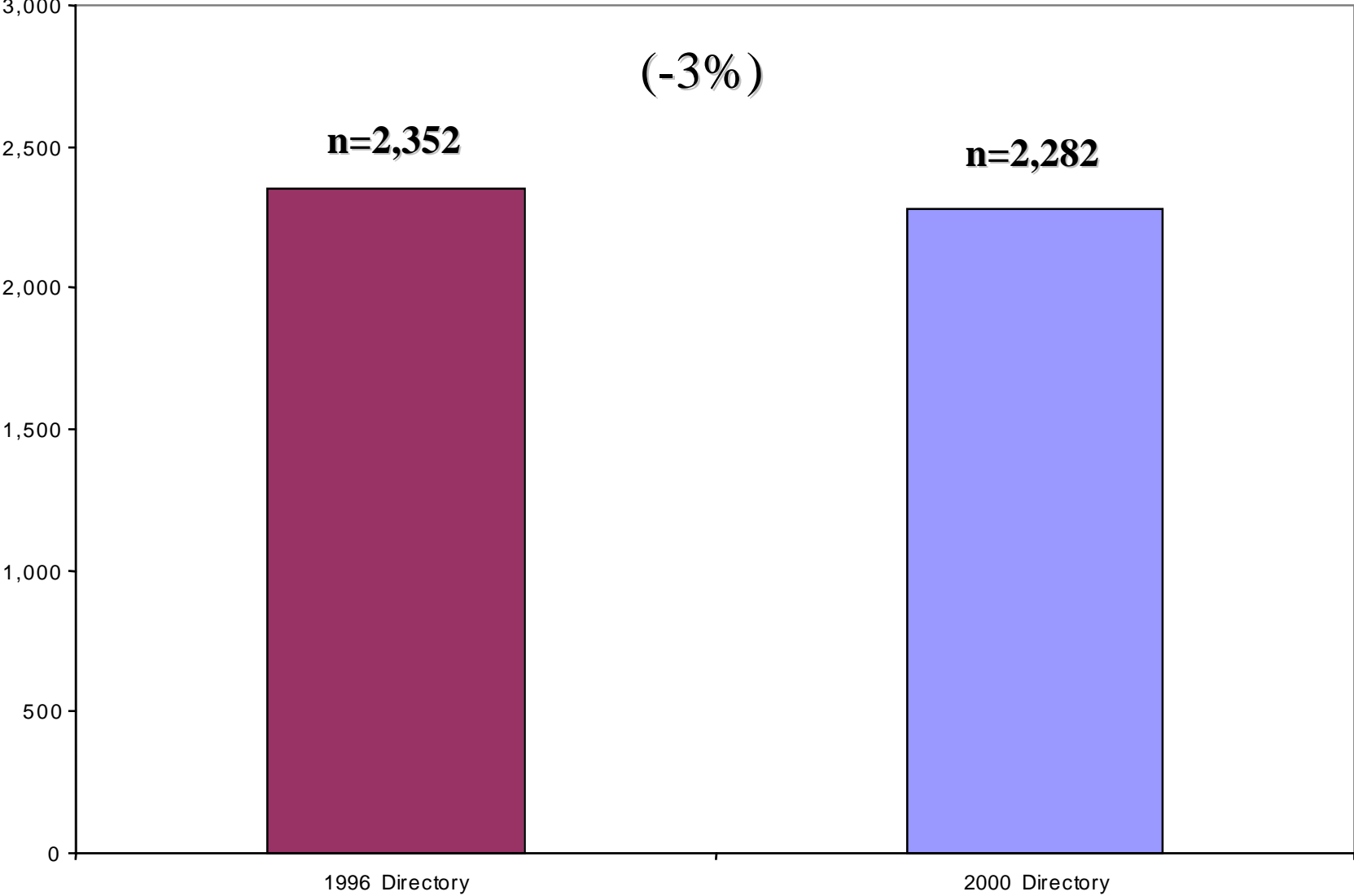
BEDS FOR POST-INCARCERATED

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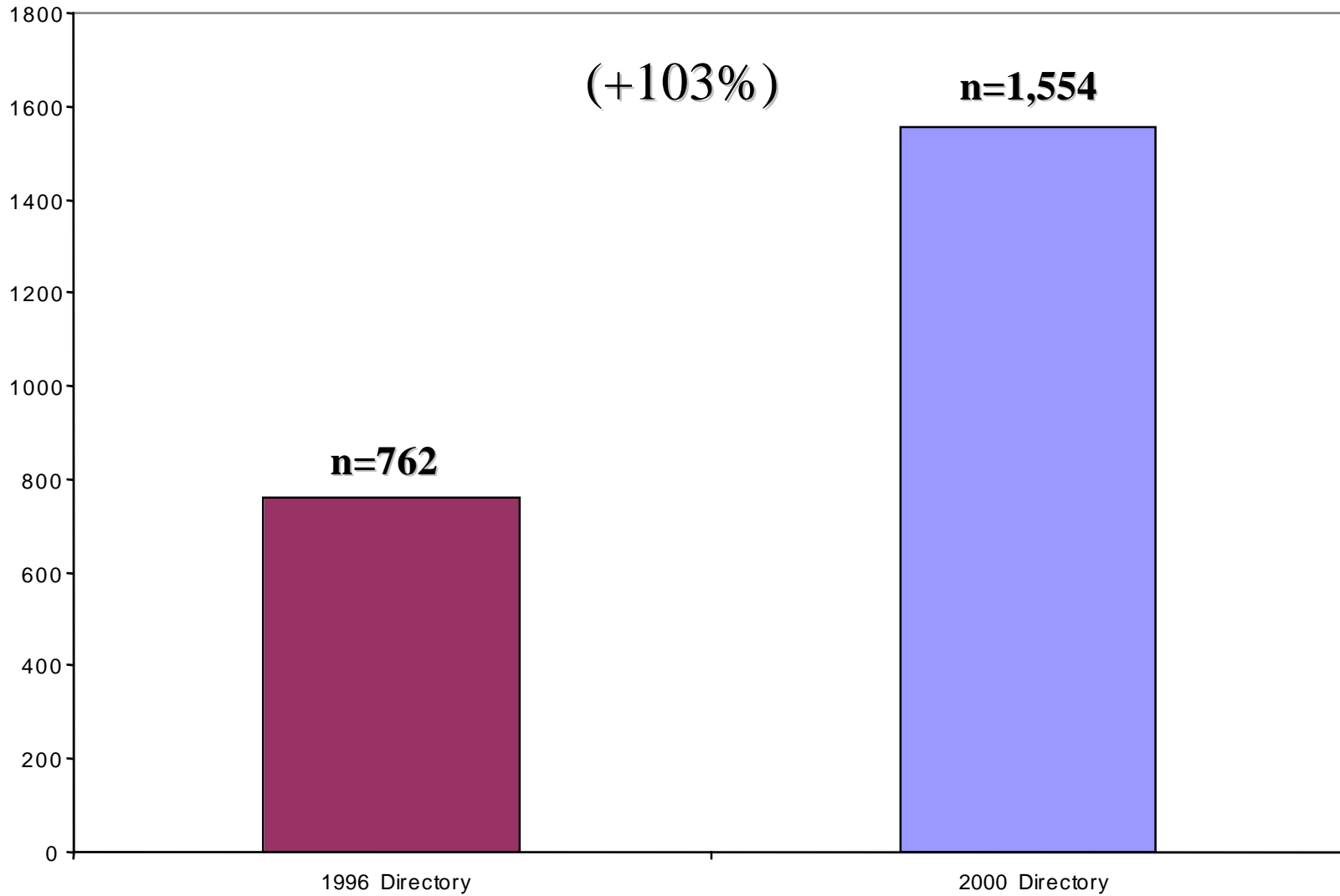
BEDS FOR FAMALIES

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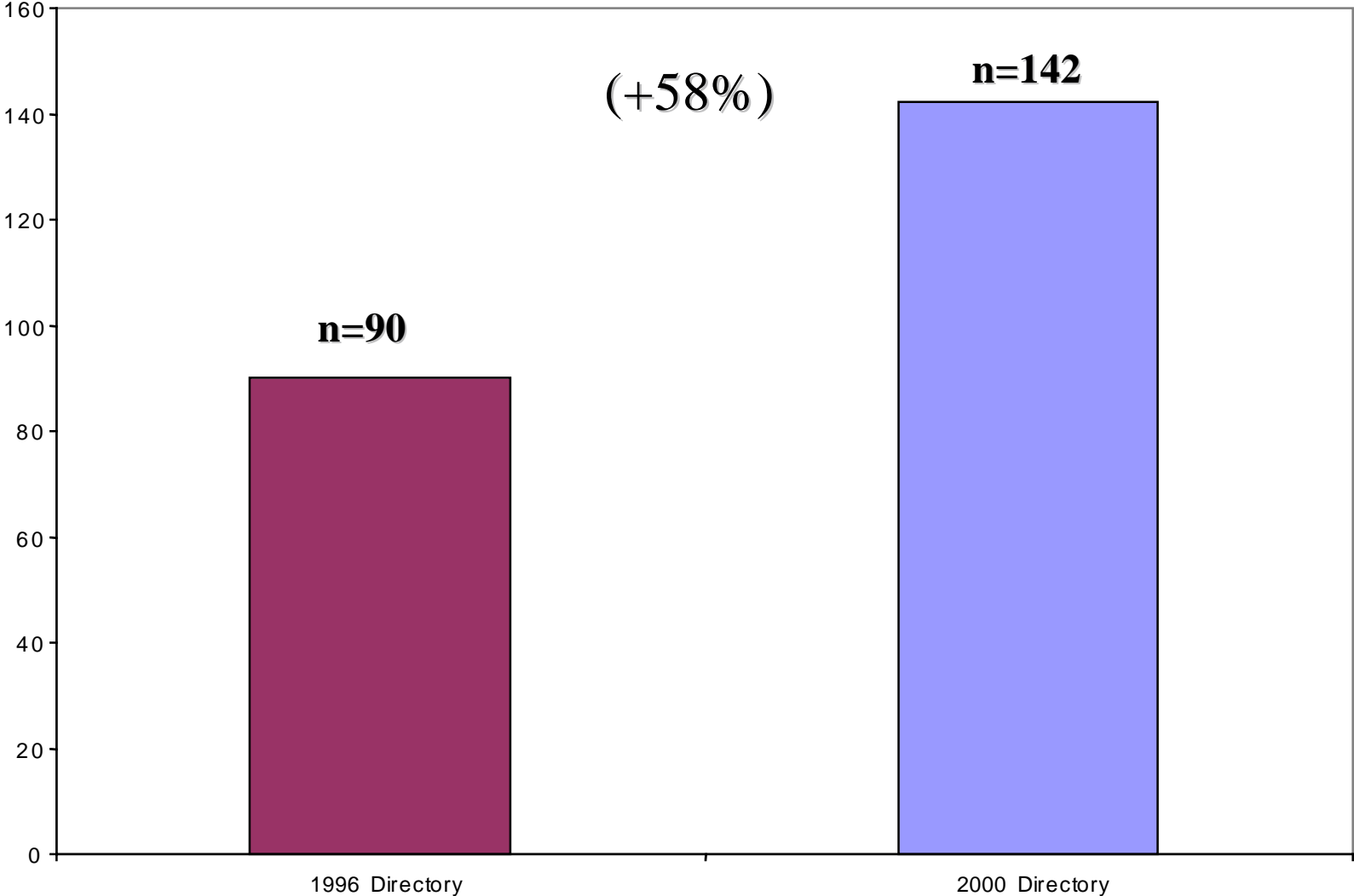
BEDS FOR DOMESTIC VIOLENCE

Change from 1996 to 2000



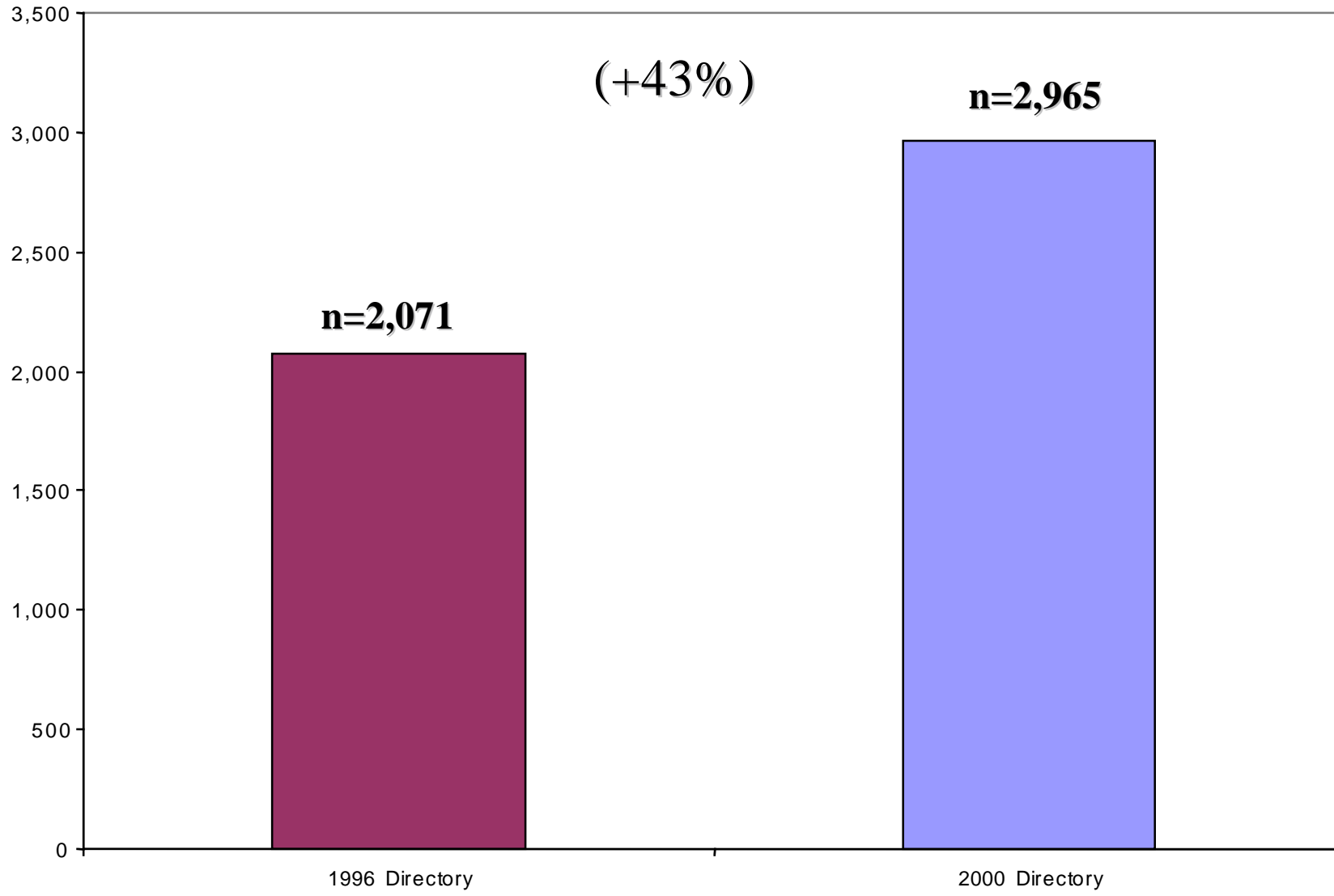
BEDS FOR PREGNANT WOMEN/TEENS

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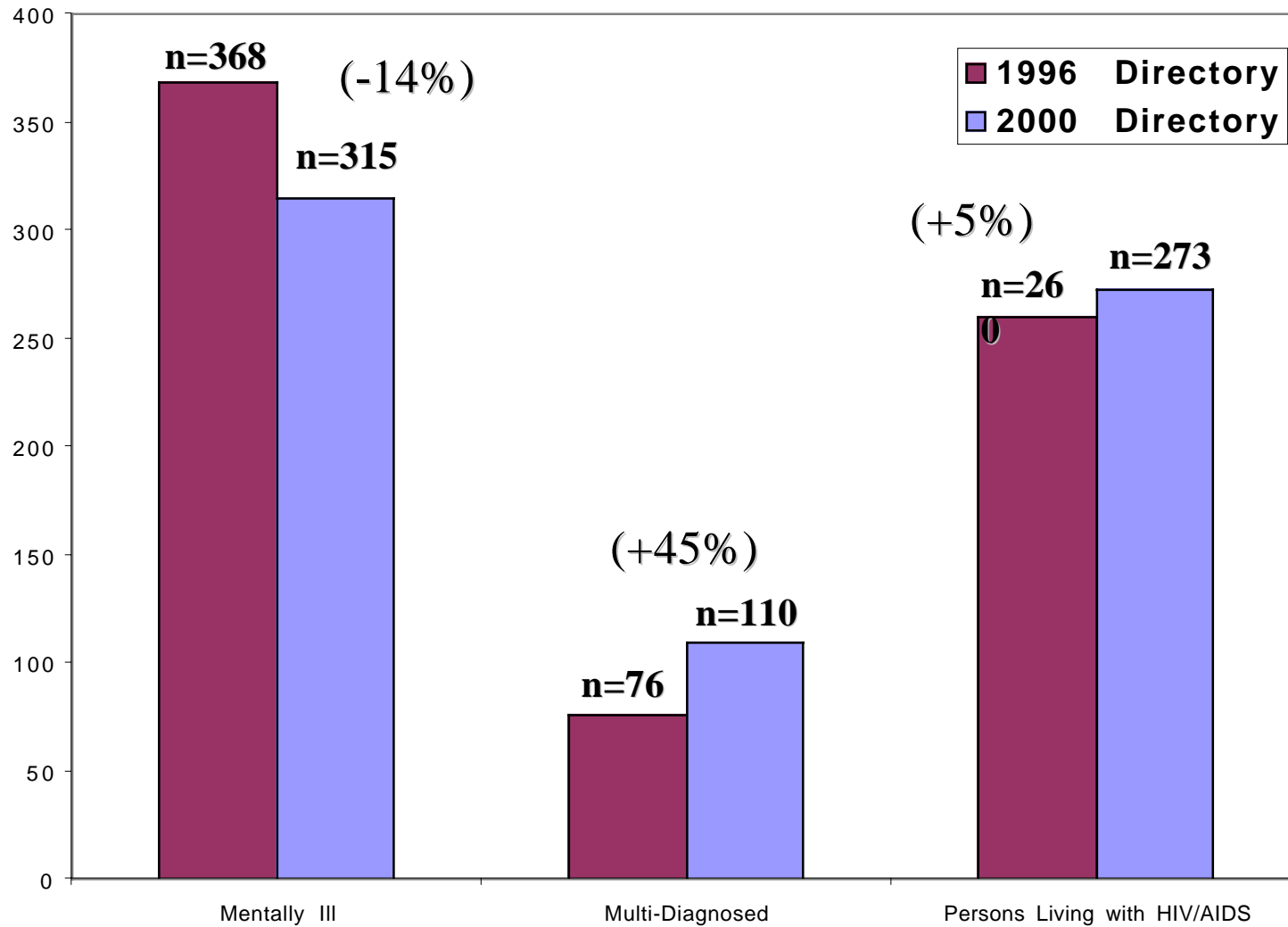
BEDS FOR SUBSTANCE ABUSERS

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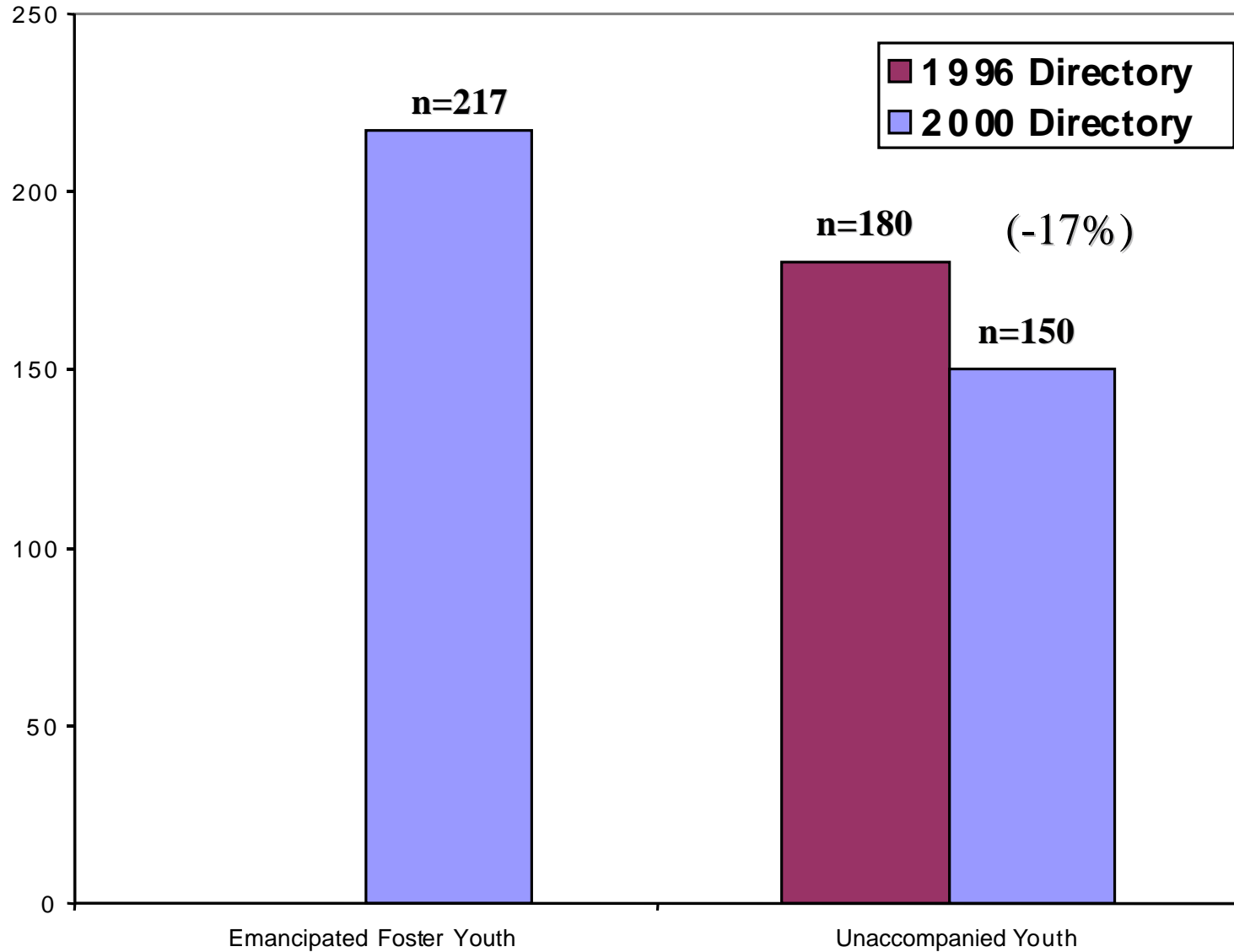
BEDS FOR MENTALLY ILL, MULTI-DIAGNOSED, HIV

Change from 1996 to 2000



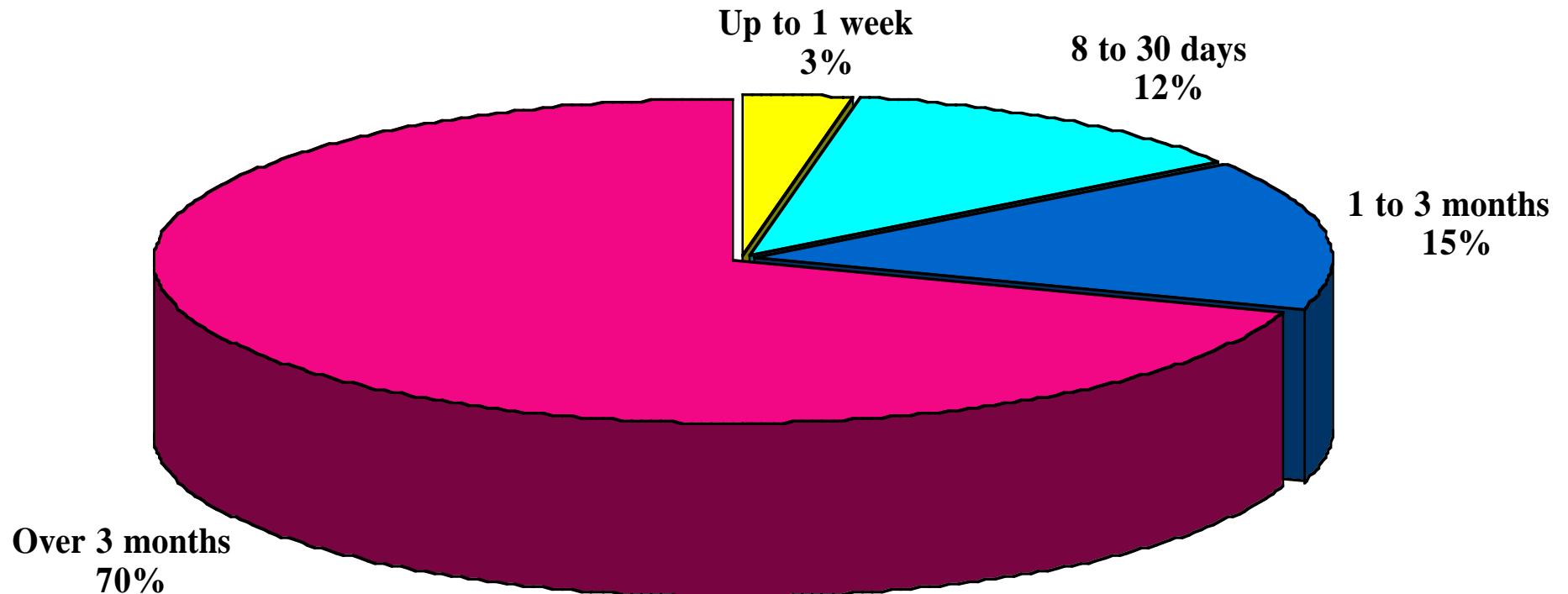
BEDS FOR EMANCIPATED FOSTER YOUTH AND UNACCOMPANIED YOUTH

Changes from 1996 to 2000



LENGTH OF STAY

- In 2000, we identified an increase in the number of programs offering stays of over three months.
- Seventy percent of programs offer stays over three months in 2000, as compared to 1996, when 56% of programs offered stays over three months.



SUPPORTIVE SERVICES

- **Nineteen services were examined in our 2000 Directory.**
- **We looked at services provided to help people increase their income, raise their quality of life, and improve their self-sufficiency skills.**
 - **Alcohol Recovery**
 - **Case Management**
 - **Child Care Services**
 - **Children's Services**
 - **Counseling**
 - **Drug Recovery**
 - **Education/Training**
 - **Finance/Budgeting**
 - **Follow-up Services**
 - **Food and/or Meals**
 - **Housing Placement**
 - **Job Placement**
 - **Legal Assistance**
 - **Living Skills**
 - **Medical Care**
 - **Mental Health Services**
 - **Parenting Services**
 - **Transportation Services**
 - **Welfare & Income Assistance**

SUPPORTIVE SERVICES con't.

- **The analysis looked at services offered both on and off-site:**

On site: Offered by the program at their facility.

**Off-site: Residents are referred to other
agencies.**

- **Many programs offer the same services both on and off-site, or not at all.**

ON-SITE/OFF-SITE COMPARISON

- On-site, the supportive services offered most often include:

Food and/or Meals:	92% of
programs	
Case Management:	88%
Counseling:	84%
Living Skills:	81%
Transportation Services:	78%
Follow-up Services	75%
Finance/Budgeting	74%
Housing Placement	64%

ON-SITE/OFF-SITE COMPARISON

- Off-site, the supportive services offered most often include-

Medical Services:	76% of
programs	
Legal Assistance:	74%
Mental Health Services:	67%
Alcohol Recovery:	59%
Drug Recovery:	59%
Job Placement	56%
Education/Training	53%

SOME CONCLUDING REMARKS

- **The system is growing...more beds, programs, and options are available then before.**
- **The Directory is a living database, constantly updated as new programs come on-line and old ones relocate or close.**
- **Shelter Partnership also publishes a Permanent Housing Directory of programs offering stays of over two years. It was last published in 1999.**

TO ORDER:

Send a check for \$15.00 to:

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Request a copy of the Short-Term Housing Directory