



Treatment demand for opioids in the Netherlands a disappearing problem?

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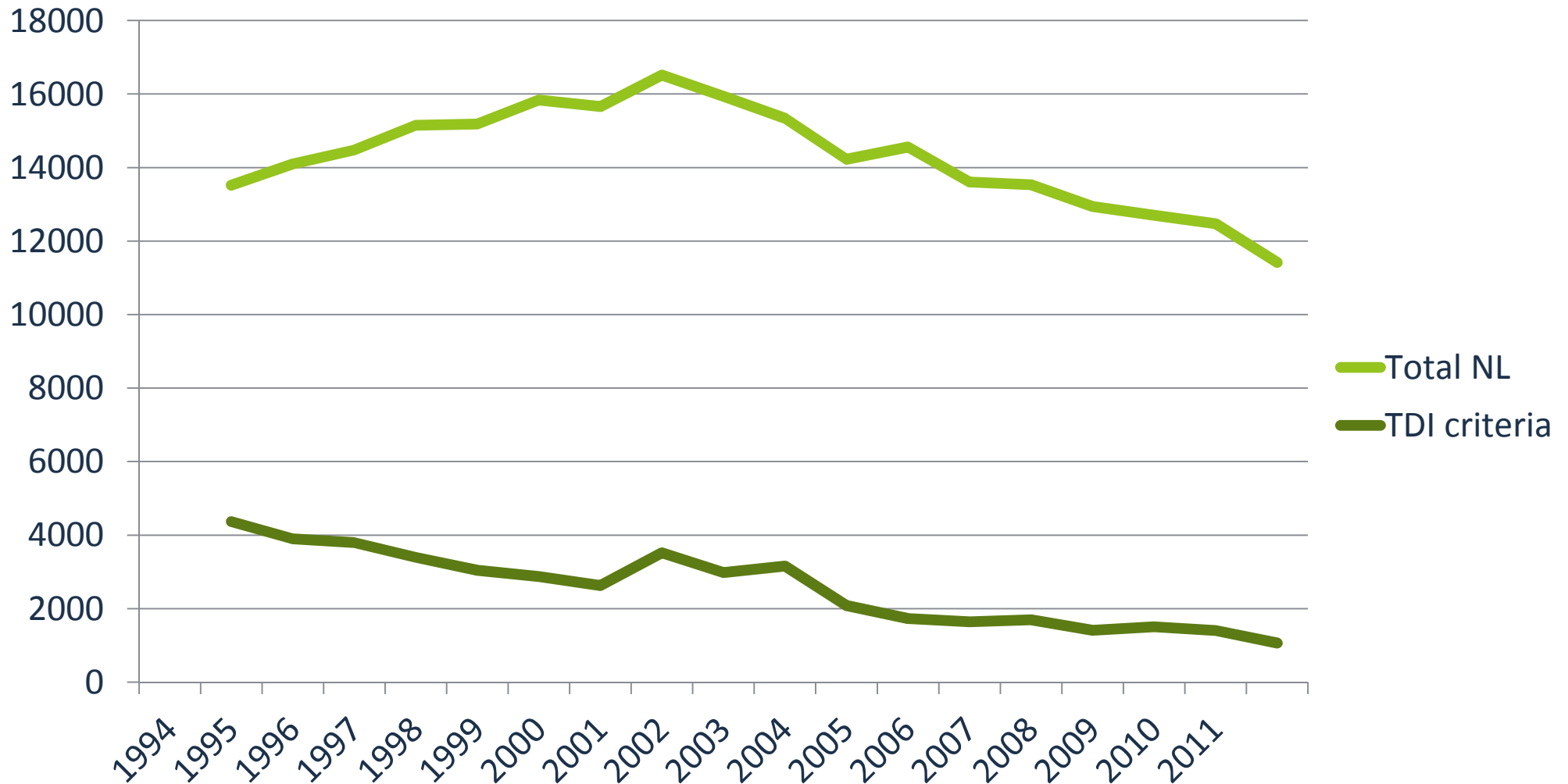
“Treatment demand for opioids is a disappearing problem in the Netherlands”

- Low and decreasing incidence rates
- Decreasing number in treatment
- Generation in Chronic care

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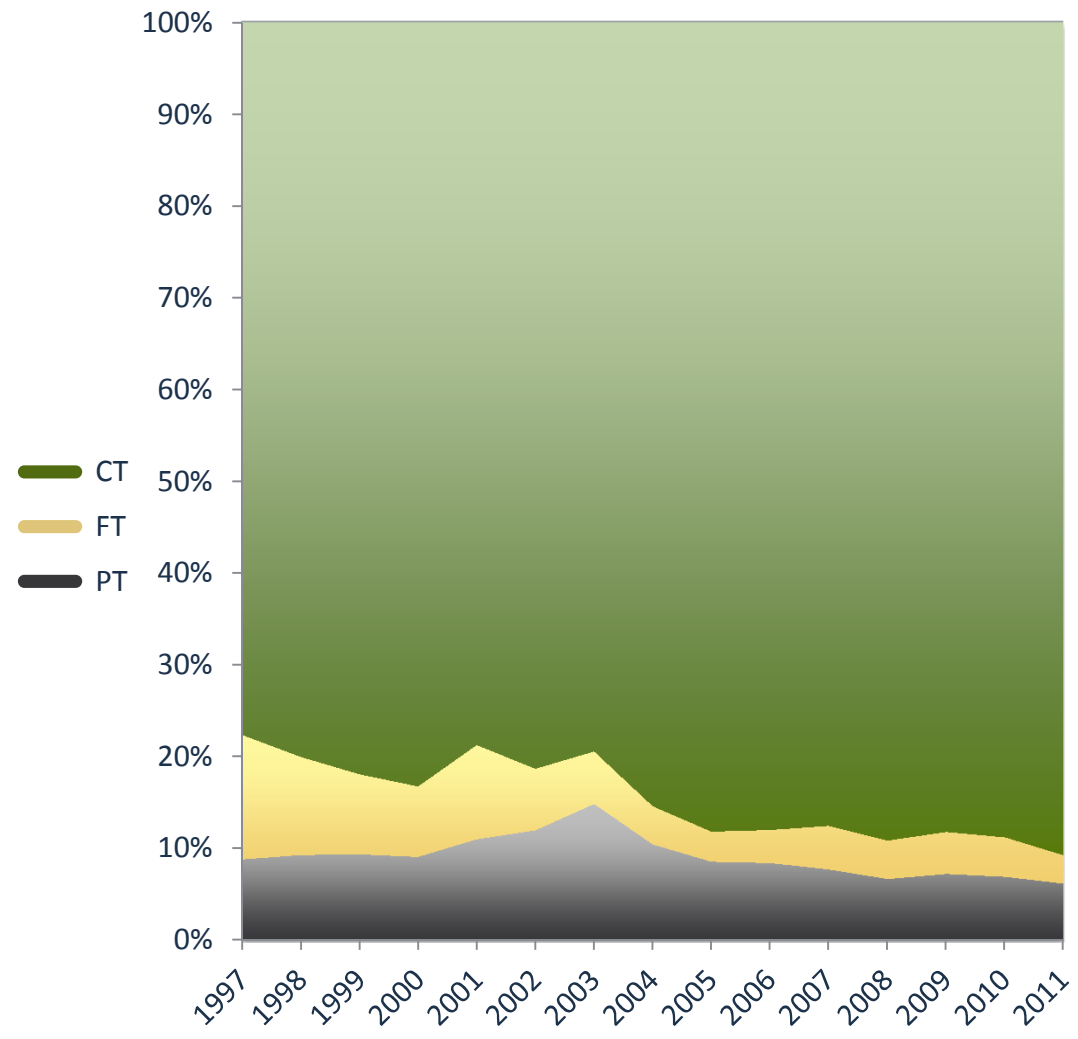
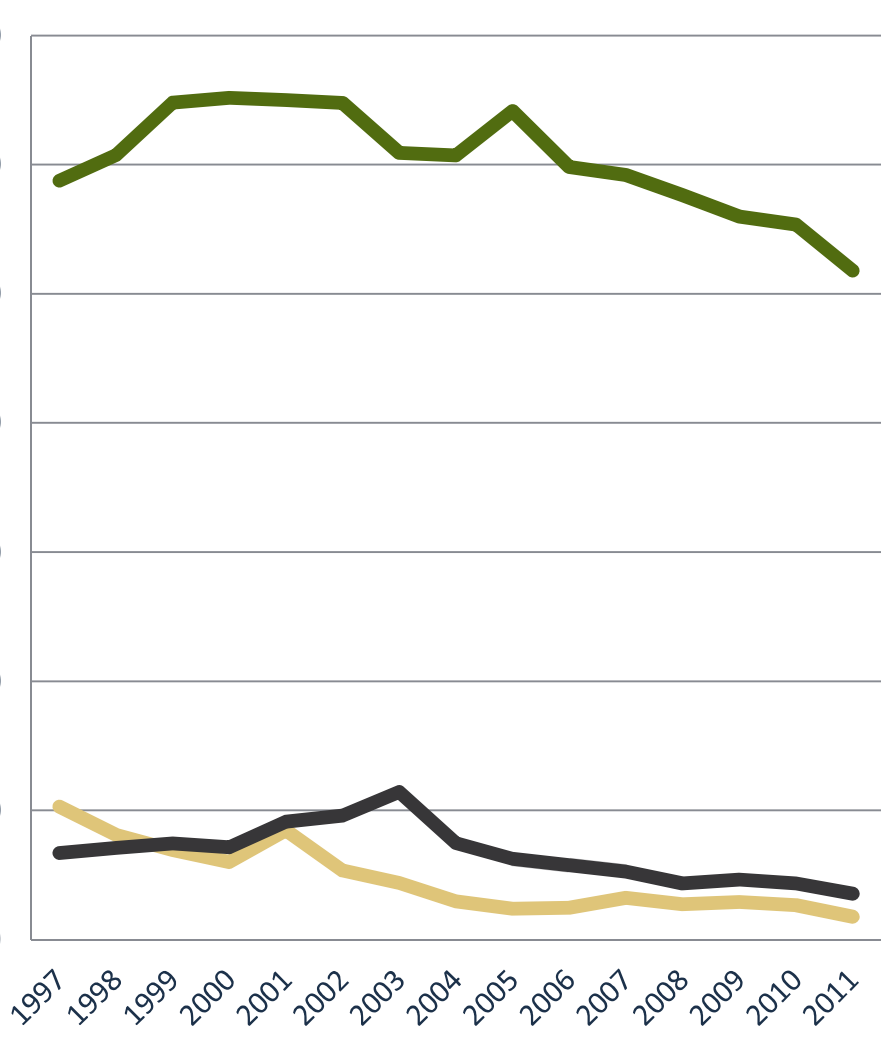
Trend 1997-2011

Treatment demand primary problem opioids



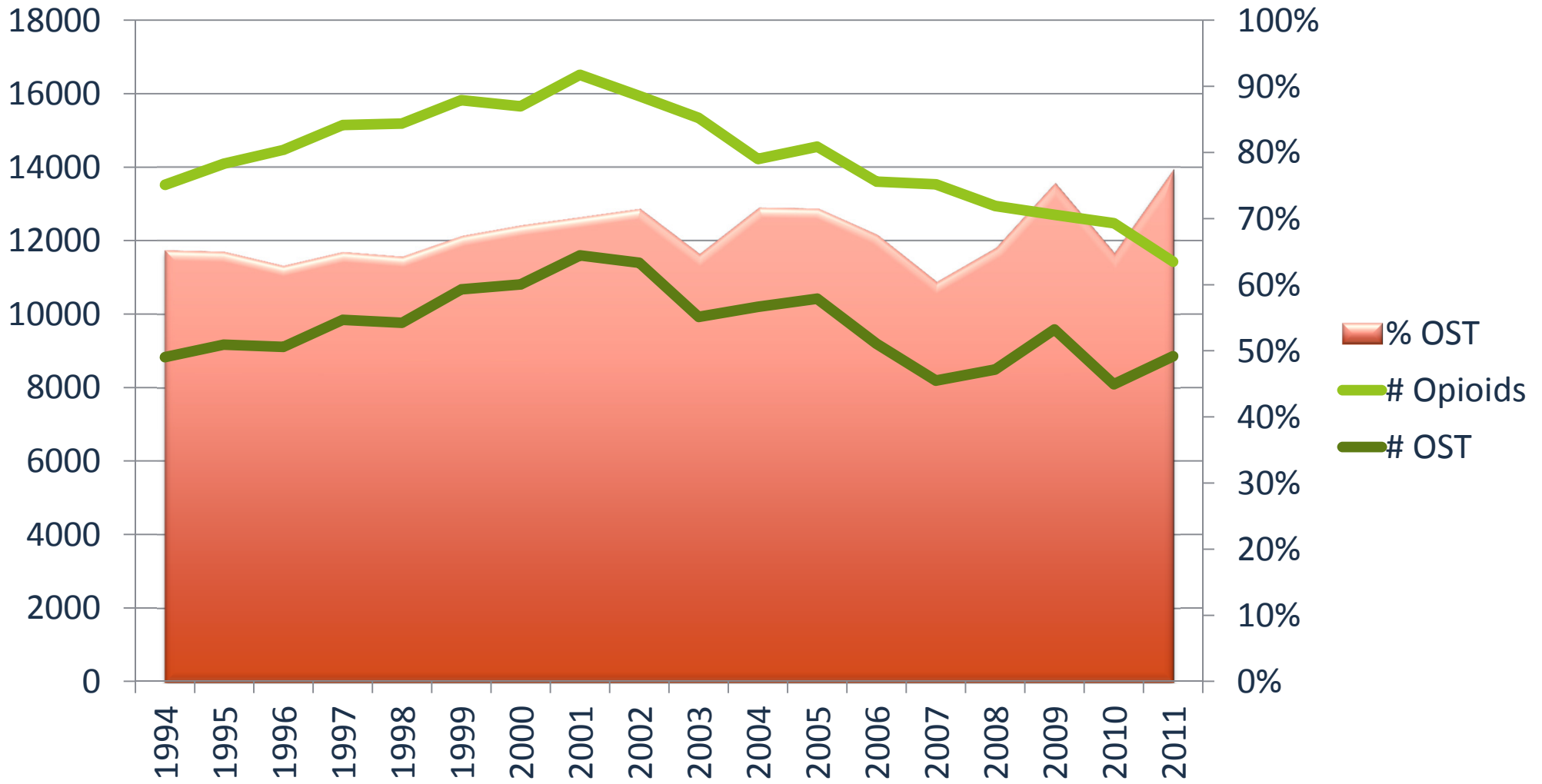
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Continuous, First, Previous Treatment



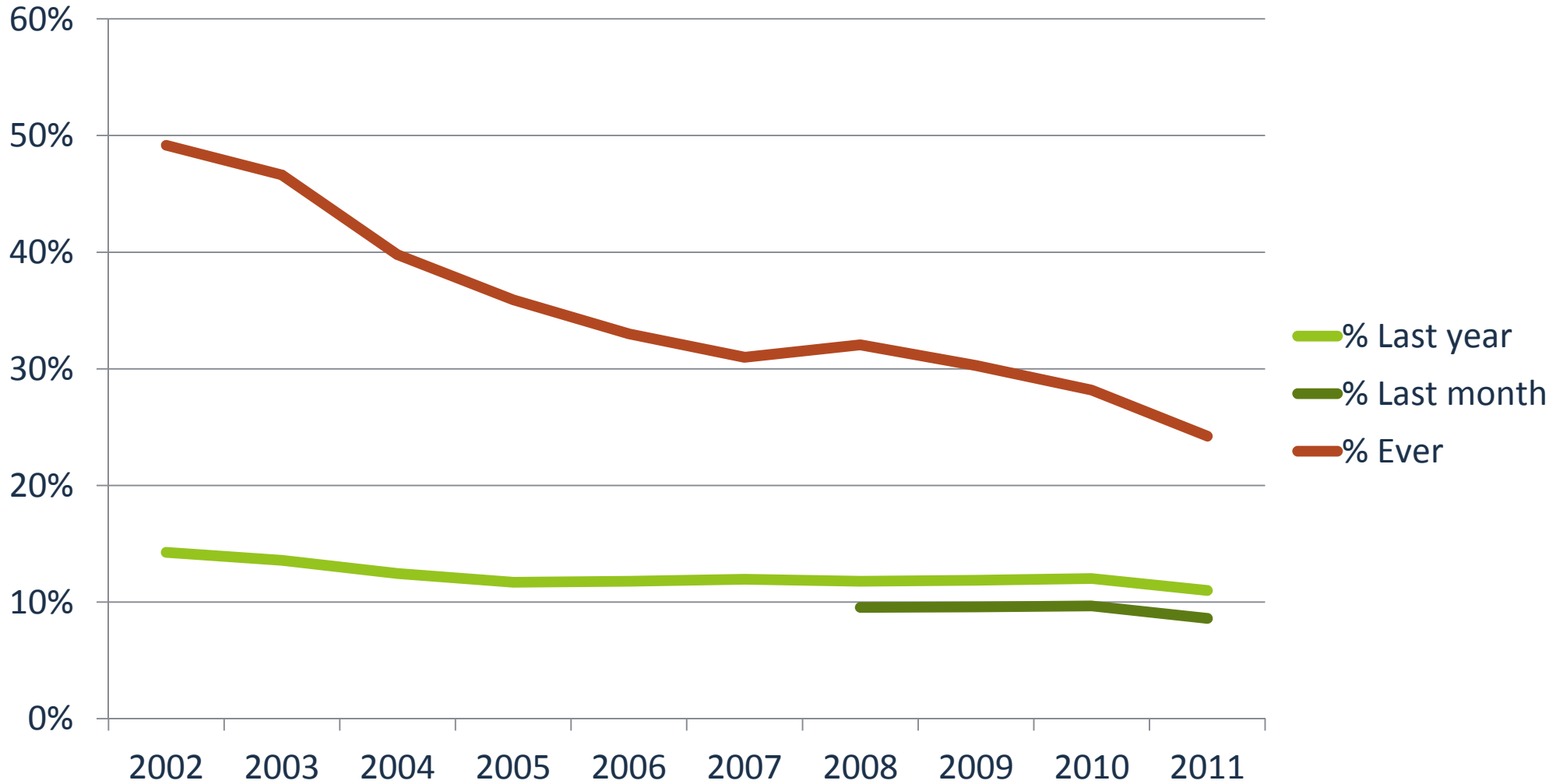
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Opiates Substitution Treatment



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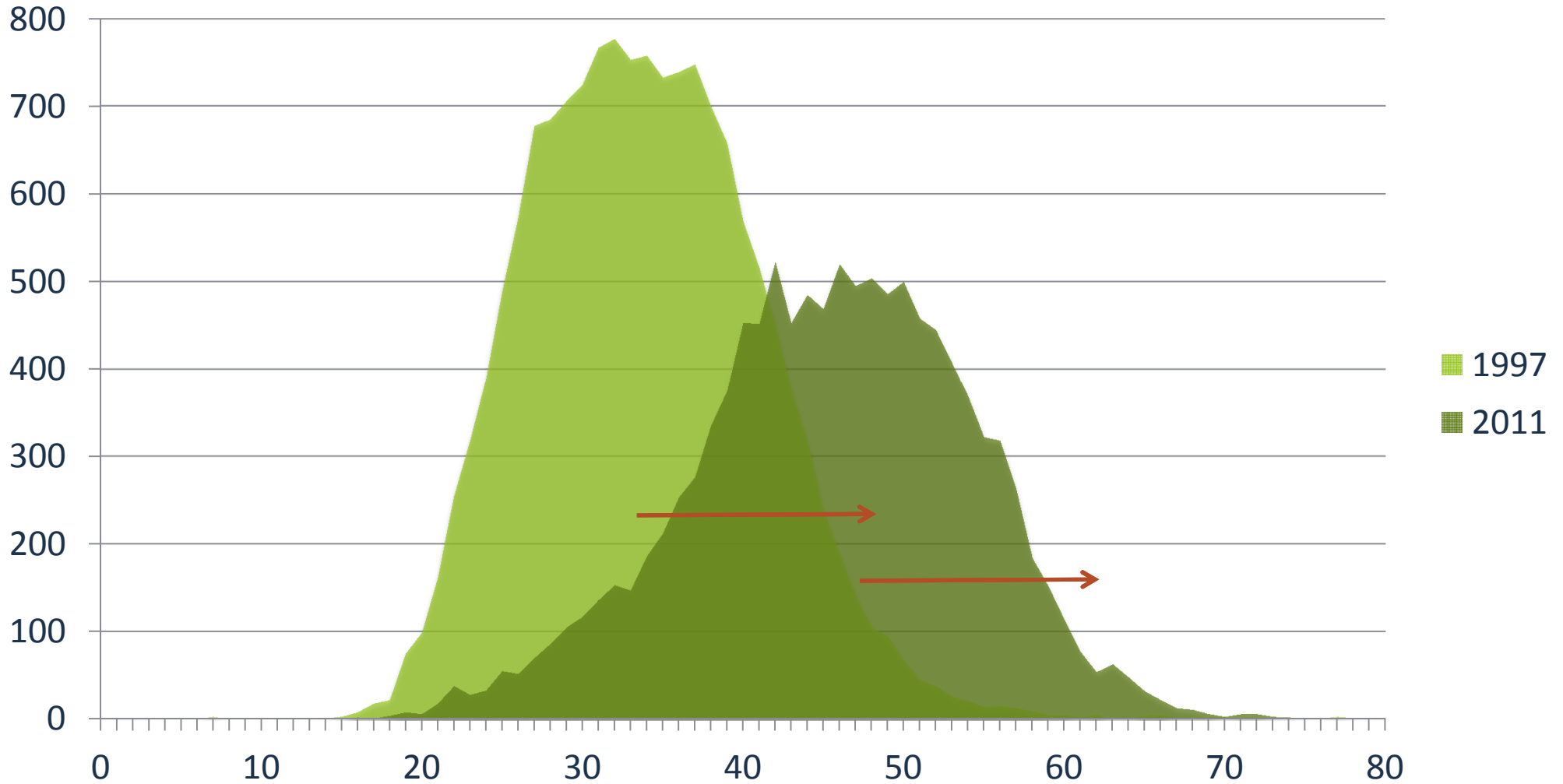
Injecting behaviour



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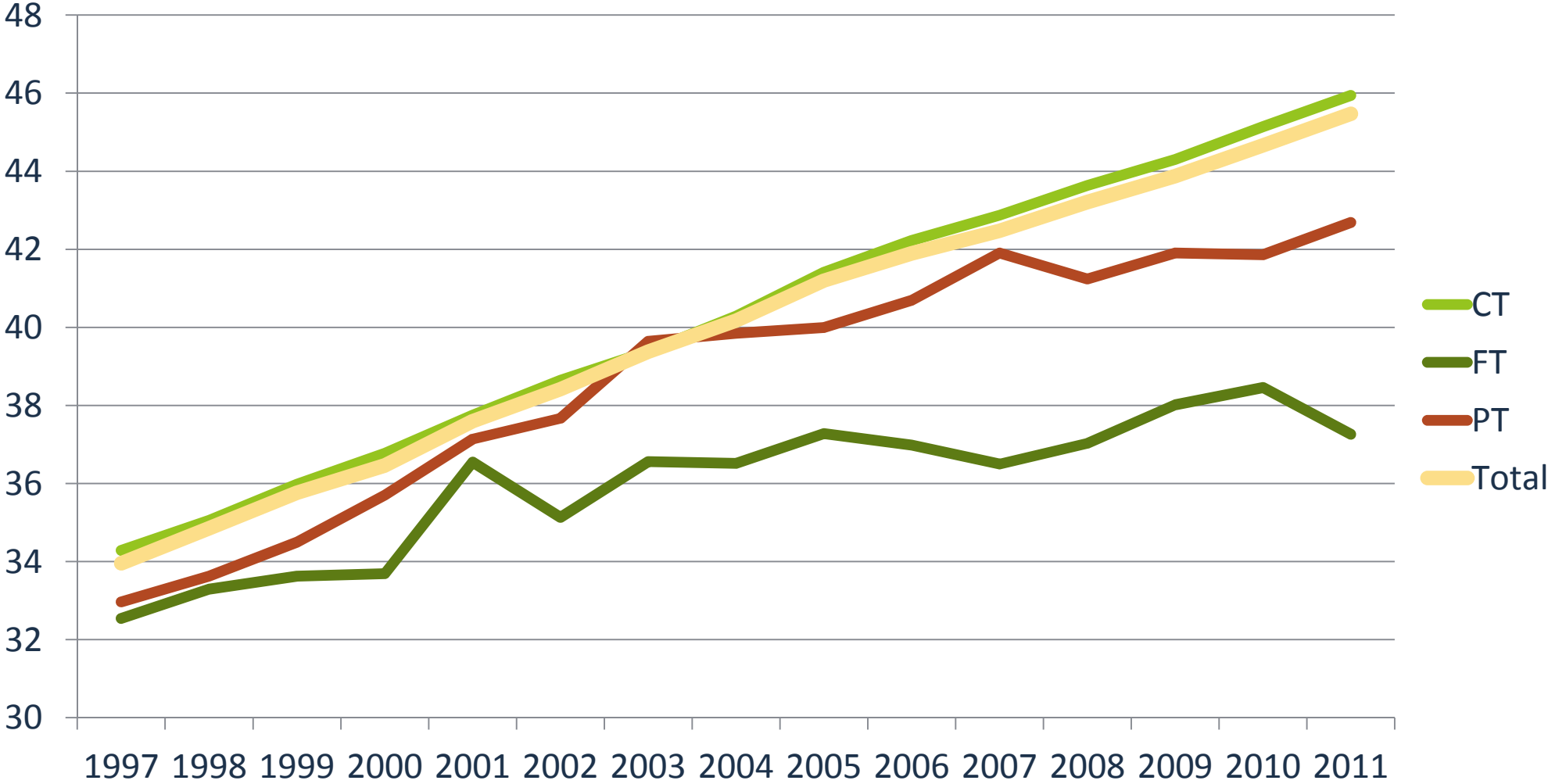
Generation

Age distribution 1997 vs. 2011



Generation

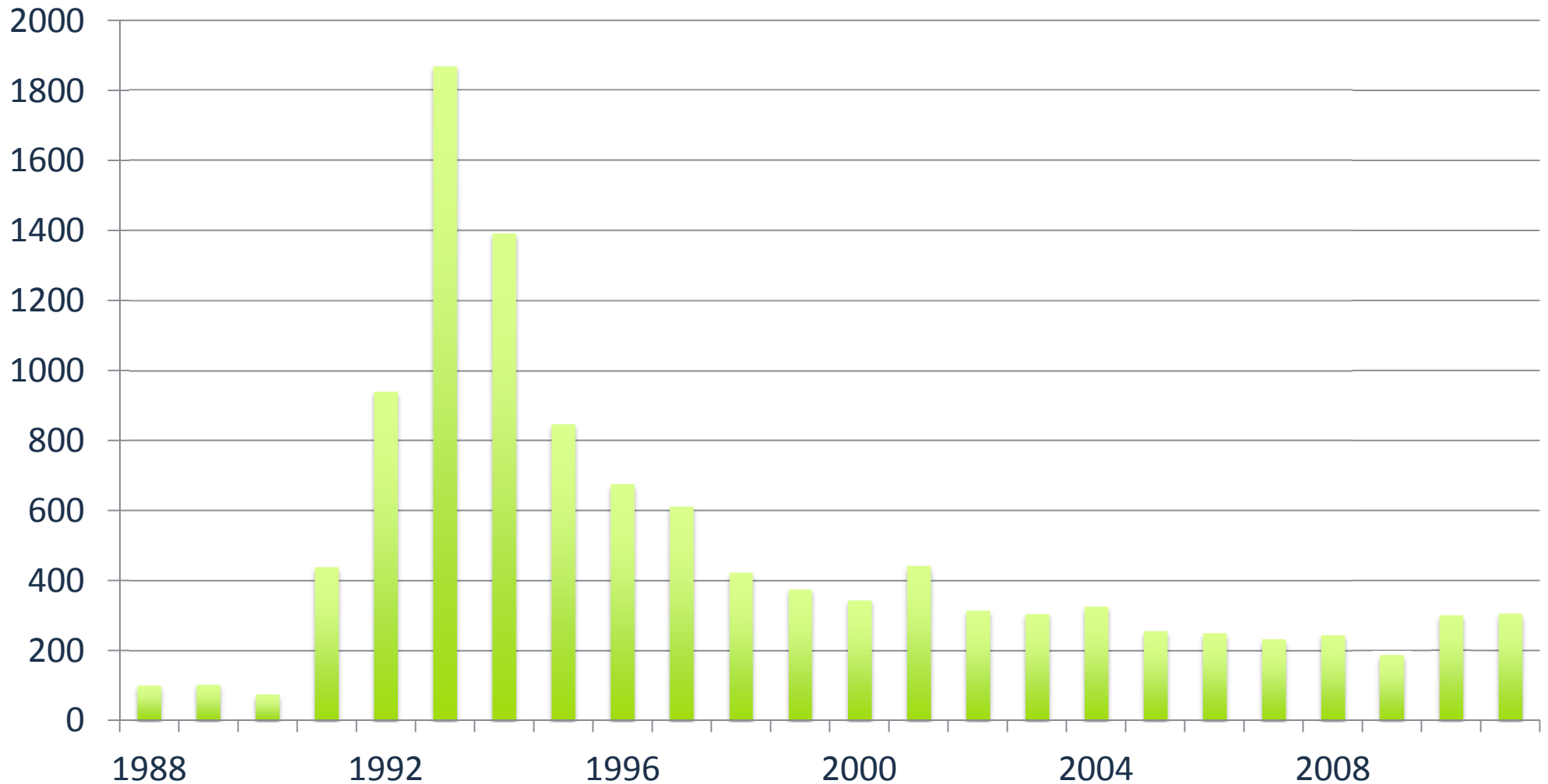
Mean age 1997-2011



Generation

Year first admission in addiction care

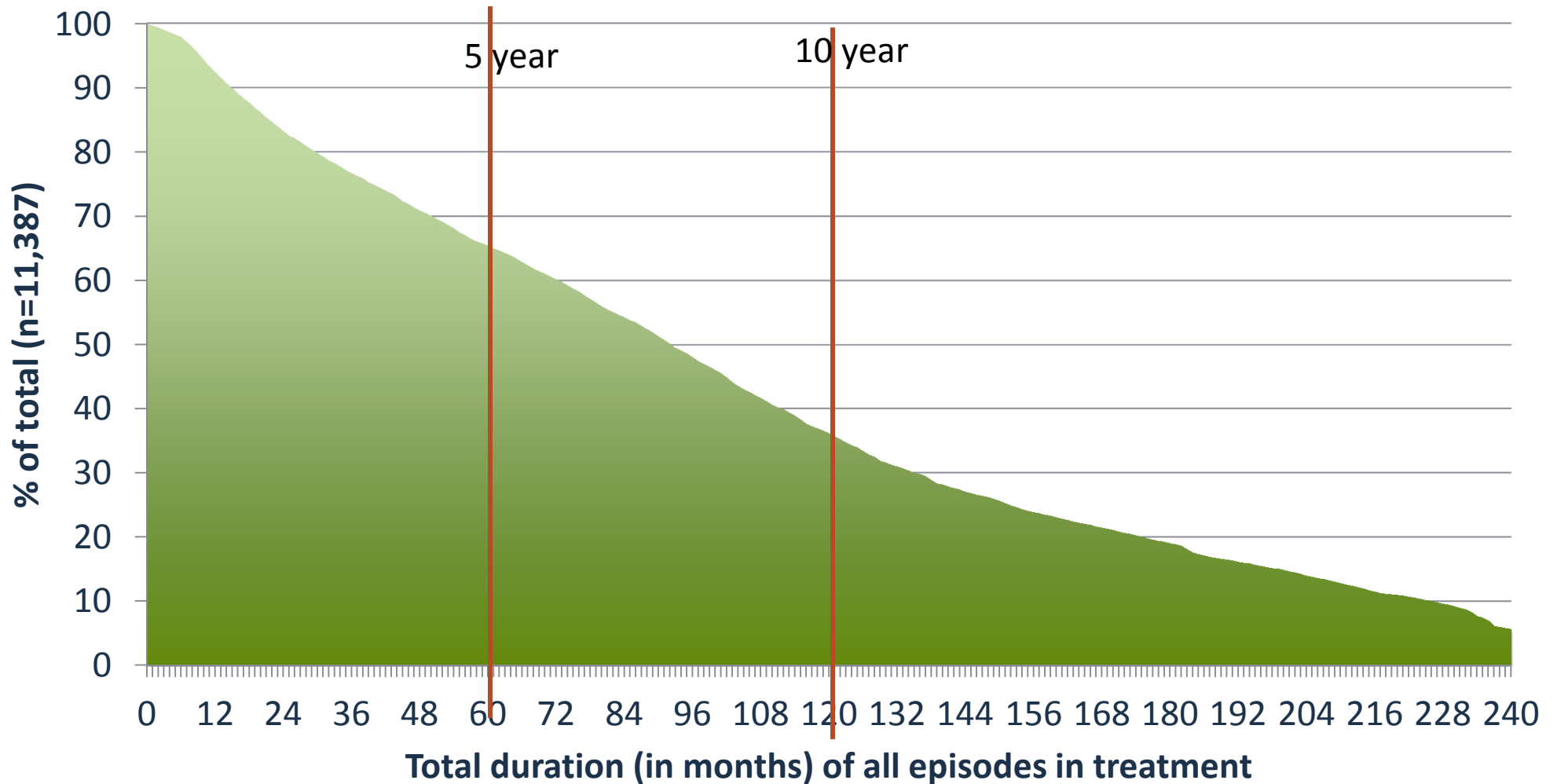
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Generation

Total duration of all episodes in treatment

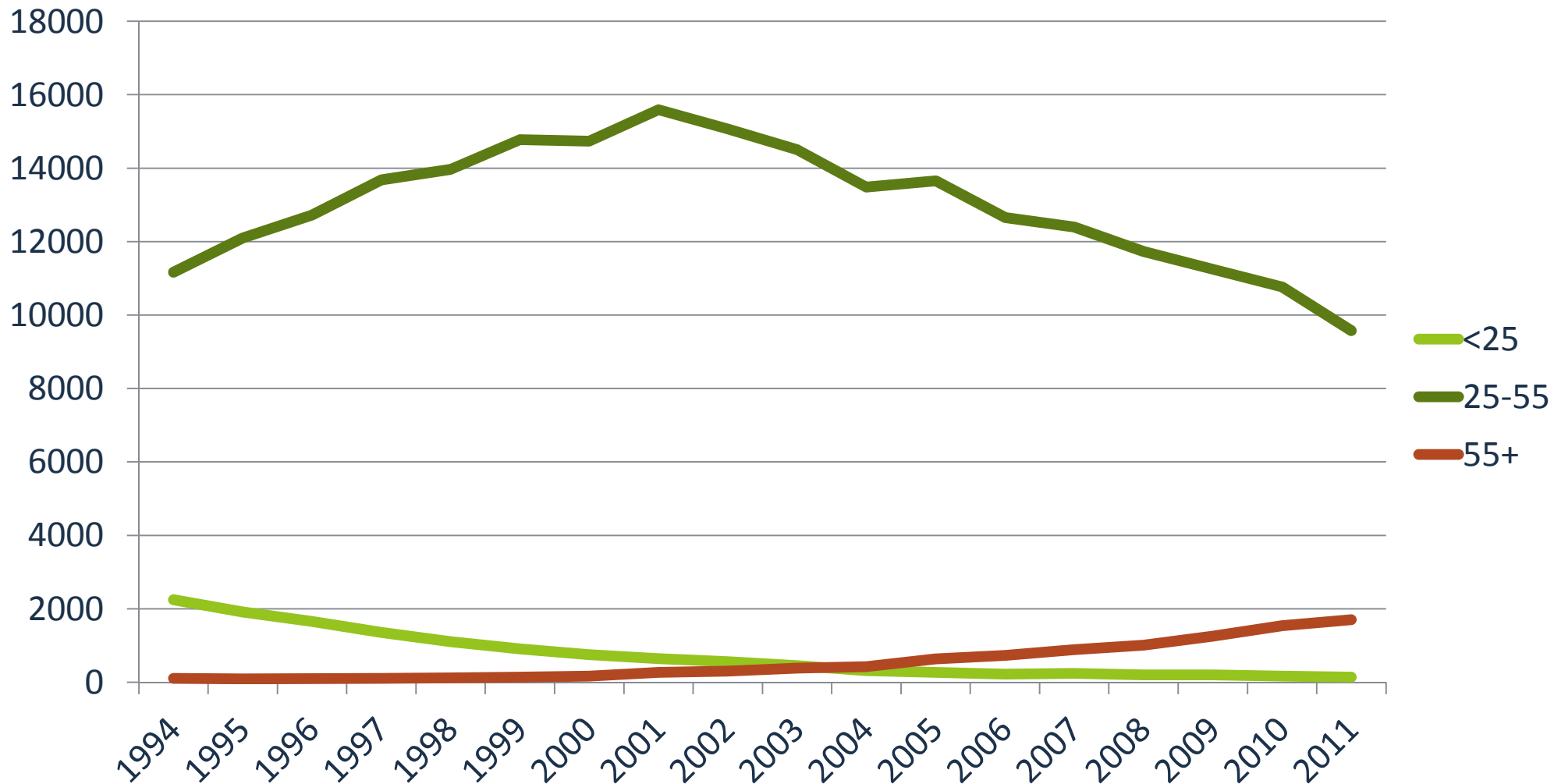
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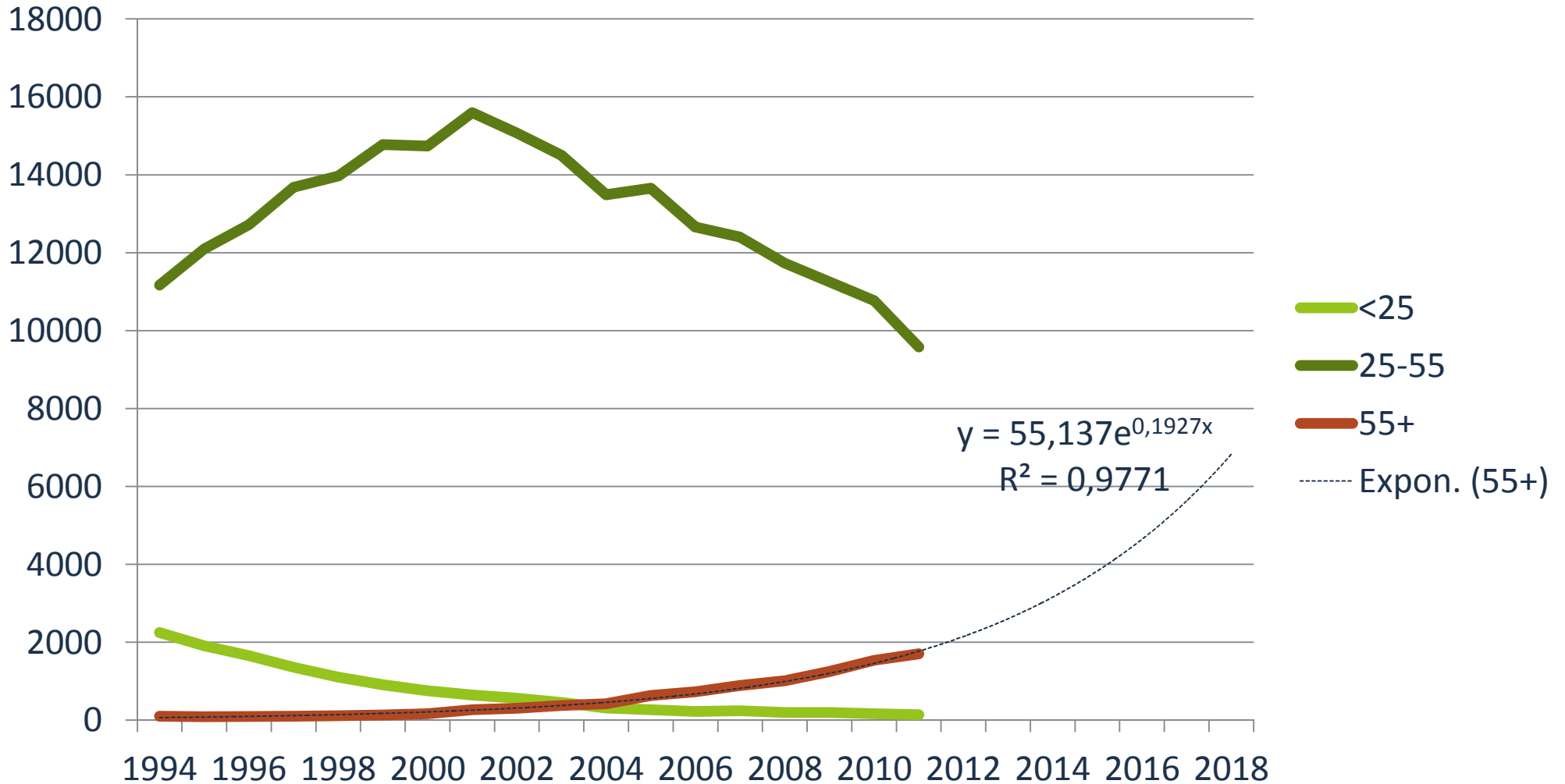
Aging

Trend 3 age categories



Aging

Extrapolation trend 55+



Conclusions

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On the long term with ongoing observed trends **Yes:**

- The TD for opioids is declining since 2000.
- Use in general population stable
- The incidence numbers are very small and decreasing; no new groups (so far)
- Generation in treatment is aging and will at long last extinct

BUT

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For the coming years: NO

- The number of elderly clients is rapidly growing together with related elderly problems

Policy questions:

- Existing care sufficient for extraordinary elderly group?
- Need for specialized elderly homes?

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Summery

- Ongoing decrease of total TD for opioids in the Netherlands
- Increase in age 55+

More care for less people

Thank you for your attention

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