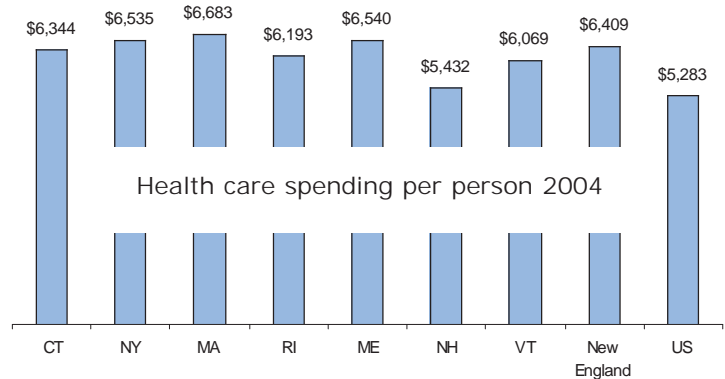
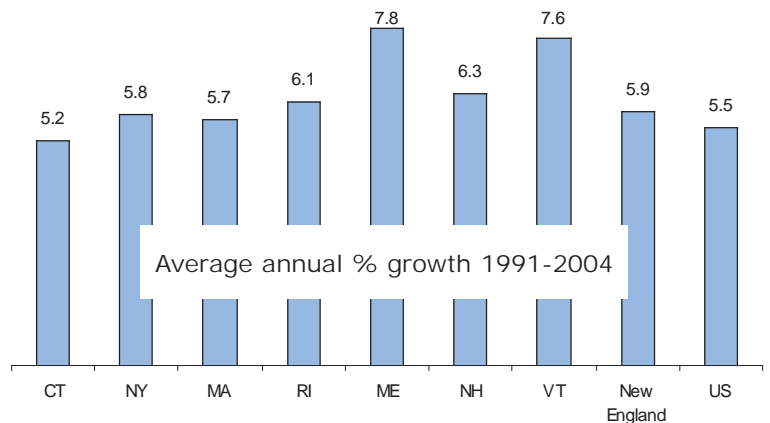


Connecticut Health Care Spending – an update

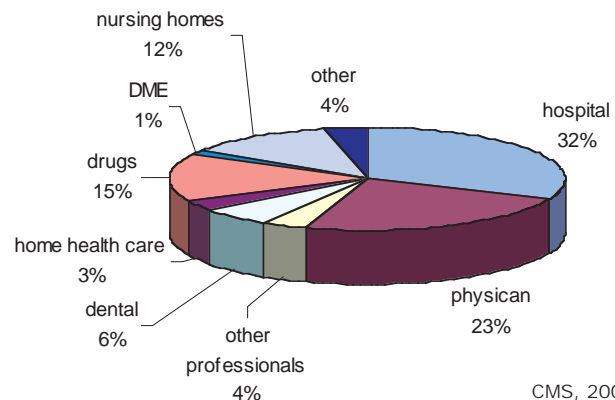
In 2004, Connecticut residents spent just over \$22 billion on personal health care services. That is \$6,344 per person, above the US average of \$5,283 but below our surrounding states.



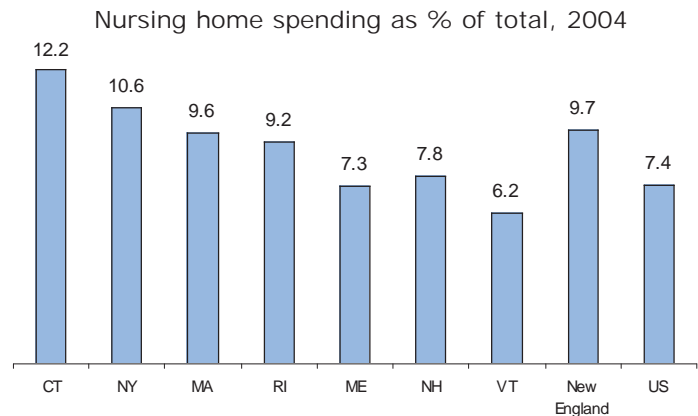
Personal spending on health care has also been growing more slowly in Connecticut than in other states.



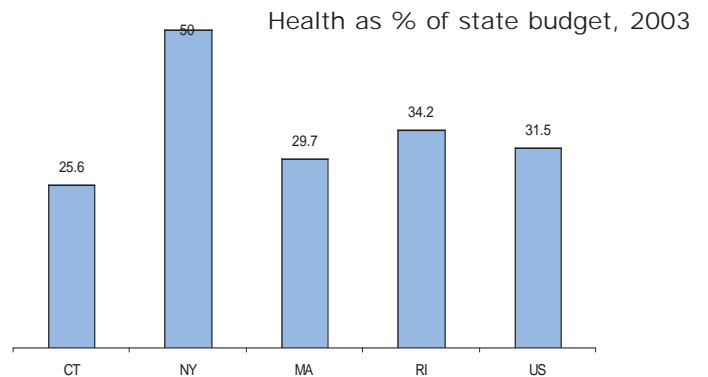
Like most other states, Connecticut spends most of our health care dollars on physicians and hospitals.



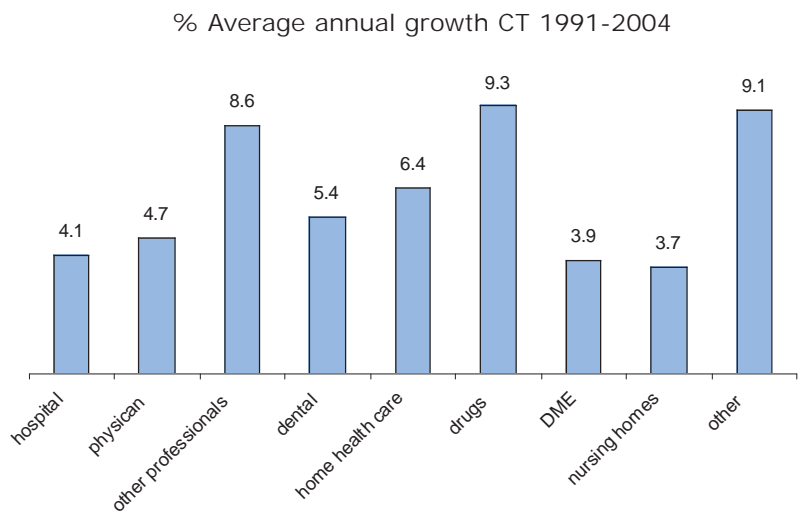
However, we spent 12.2 cents of every health care dollar on nursing home care in Connecticut in 2004, while neighboring states spent far less. 13% of Connecticut residents are over age 65, virtually the same as the US and our neighboring states.



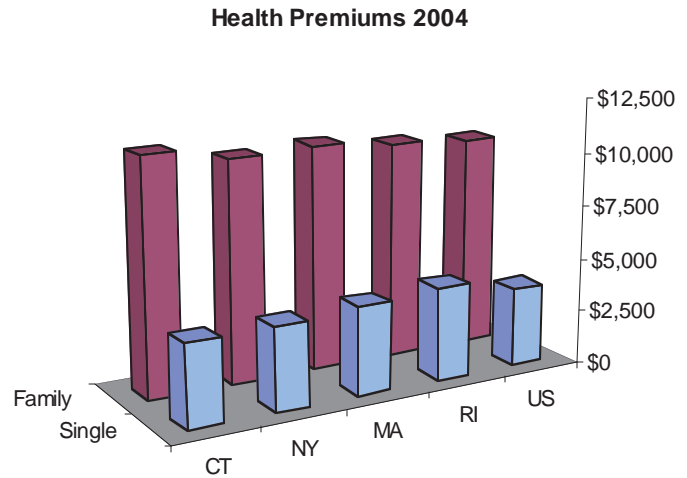
We spent significantly less of our state budget on health than most states.



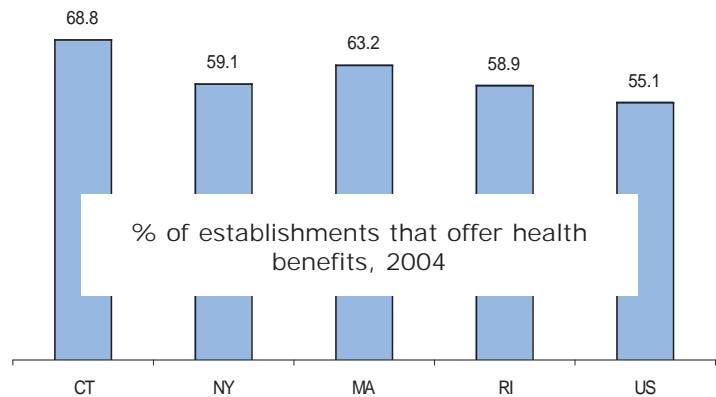
Drugs, other professional services and other services are growing faster than the rest of Connecticut's health care spending.



Single health insurance premiums are approximately the same in Connecticut as our neighboring states, but family coverage is significantly more expensive.



Most private companies in Connecticut offer health benefits to workers. Professional service companies are the most likely to offer benefits; agriculture, fishing, forestry and construction firms are least likely.



Sources: 2004 National Health Accounts -- Updated September 2007, US Centers for Medicare and Medicaid, www.cms.hhs.gov, 2002-2003 State Health Expenditure Report, Millbank Memorial Fund & National Assoc. of State Budget Officers, www.milbank.org/reports/05NASBO, 2004 Medical Expenditure Panel, US Agency for Healthcare Research and Quality, www.meps.ahrq.gov