



STUDY OF THE IMPACT OF THE AFFORDABLE CARE ACT (ACA) IMPLEMENTATION IN KENTUCKY

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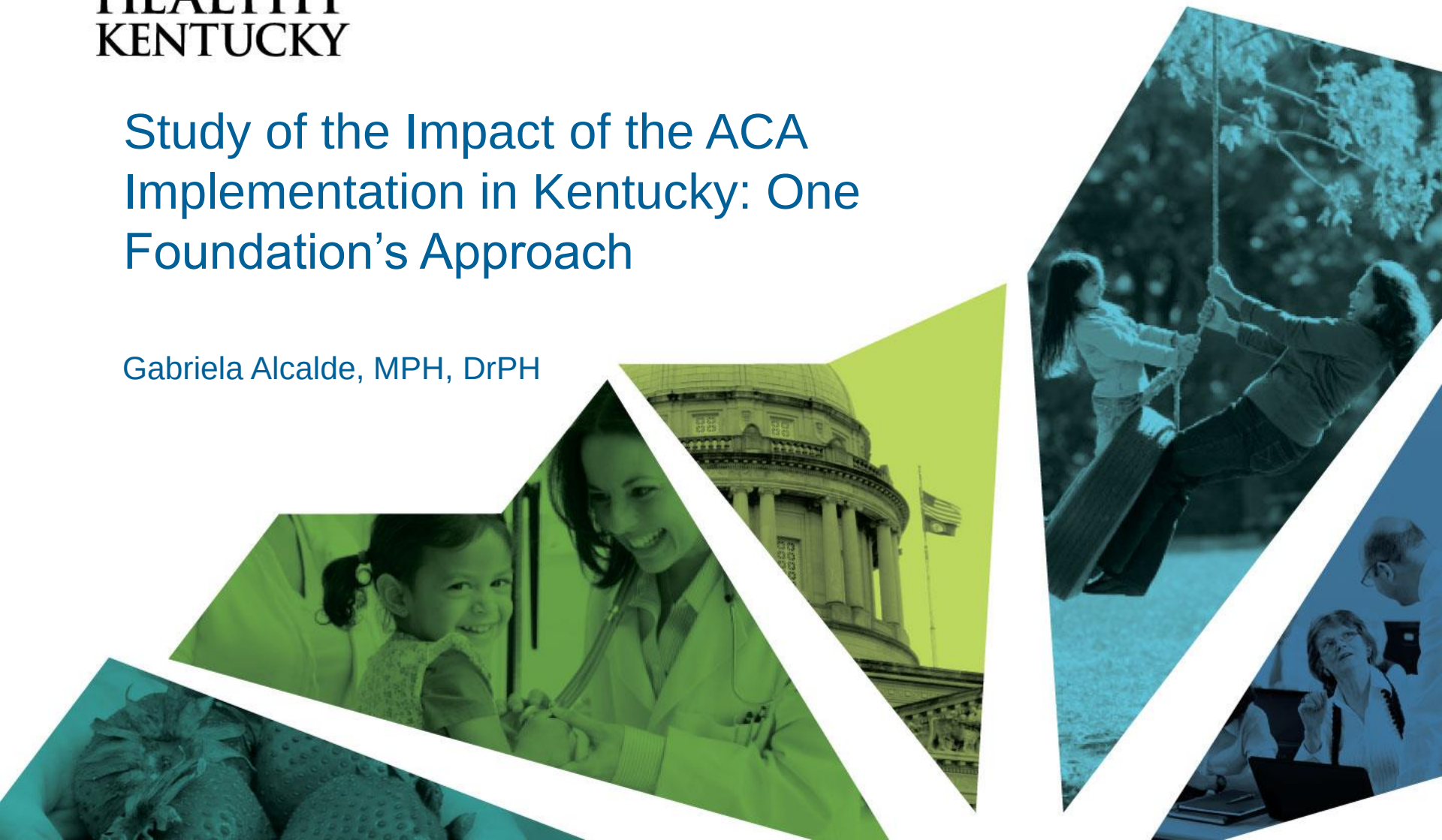
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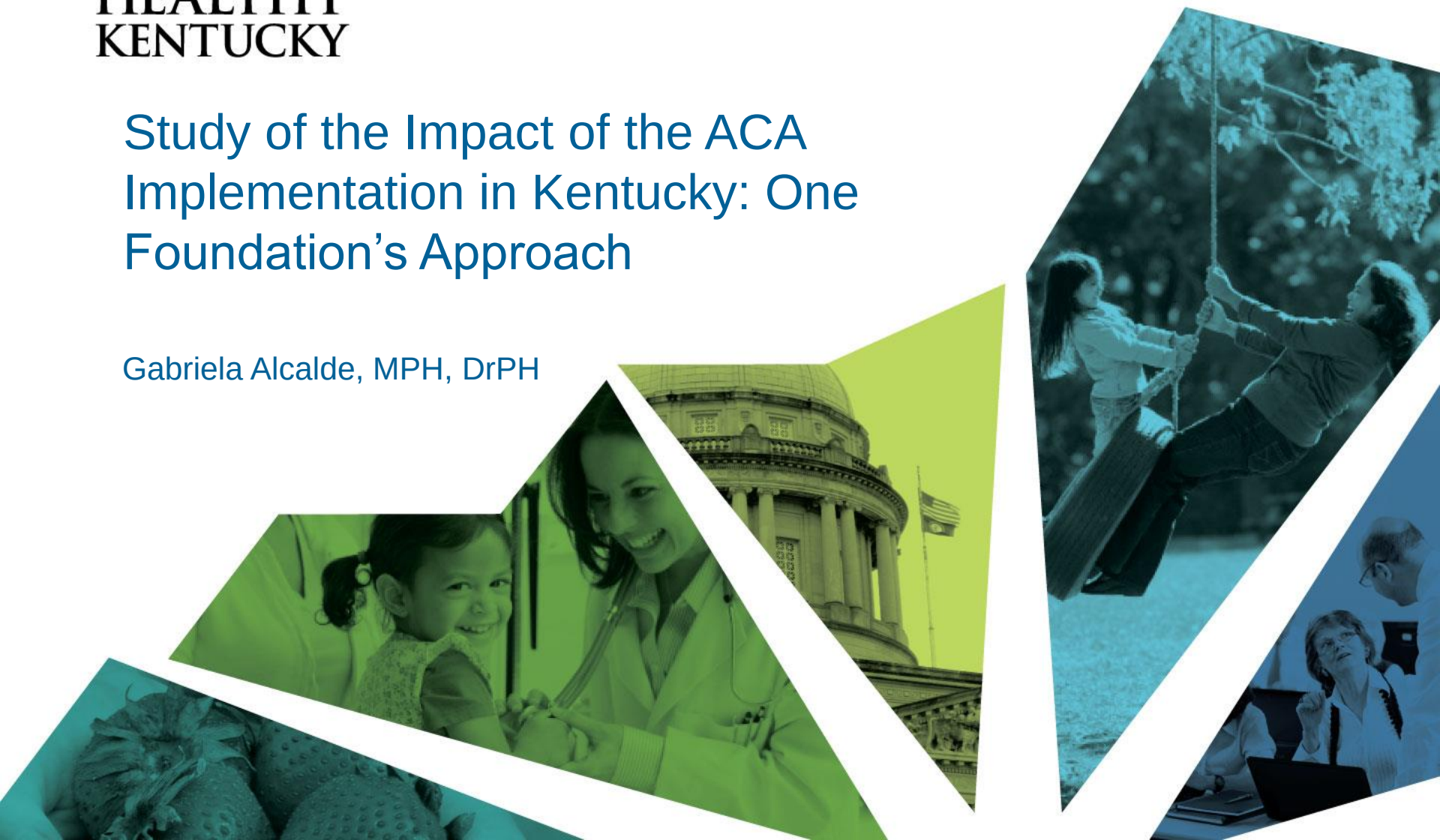




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(New) Mission and Vision

Mission

To address the unmet health needs of Kentuckians by developing and influencing policy, improving access to care, reducing health risks and disparities, and promoting health equity.

Vision

A Kentucky where every individual and community reaches their highest levels of health.

Promoting Response Health Policy (PRHP)

An initiative aimed at making public policy more responsive to the health and health care needs of the people of Kentucky, with a focus on four (4) policy priorities:

1. *Increasing access to care*
2. *Strengthening local public health*
3. *Improving children's health*
4. *Increasing the proportion of Kentuckians living in smoke-free jurisdictions*

To advance these priorities, the Foundation makes grants, invests in research and data efforts, convenes stakeholder groups in forums and meetings so they can share information and work together, and supports relationship- and capacity-building activities.

Purpose of Study

- Significant health policy change provides an unprecedented opportunity to analyze the impacts of this system change on coverage, access, cost, quality, and outcomes; particularly for historically underserved populations, during the first years of implementation.
- As the only southern state to expand Medicaid and establish a state-based health benefit exchange, Kentucky offers a unique case study.
- Plan for the study findings and reports to be made accessible to key state health policy makers and other civically engaged parties. To serve as a credible, nonpartisan expert resource for health and health care stakeholders in Kentucky.

Purpose of the Study (continued)

- To serve as a resource to other states wishing to compare and learn from other states' experiences in implementing the ACA, as well as lessons for federal level in designing health policy to be implemented by the states.
- To report knowledgeably on trends in coverage, access, quality, cost, and outcomes and to identify elements of the implementation process that were important to the identified impacts, whether positive or negative.
- To result in an objective, mixed methods study analyzing key effects of implementing the Affordable Care Act (ACA) in Kentucky, over a three-year period.

Reports and Deliverables

- Baseline report
- Special reports:
 - *Impact on Children's Coverage*
 - *High Deductible Health Insurance*
 - *Substance Use and the ACA*
 - *Emergency Department Utilization*
- Annual and semi-annual reports
- Quarterly data “snapshots”
- Final report
- All available on Foundation's website,
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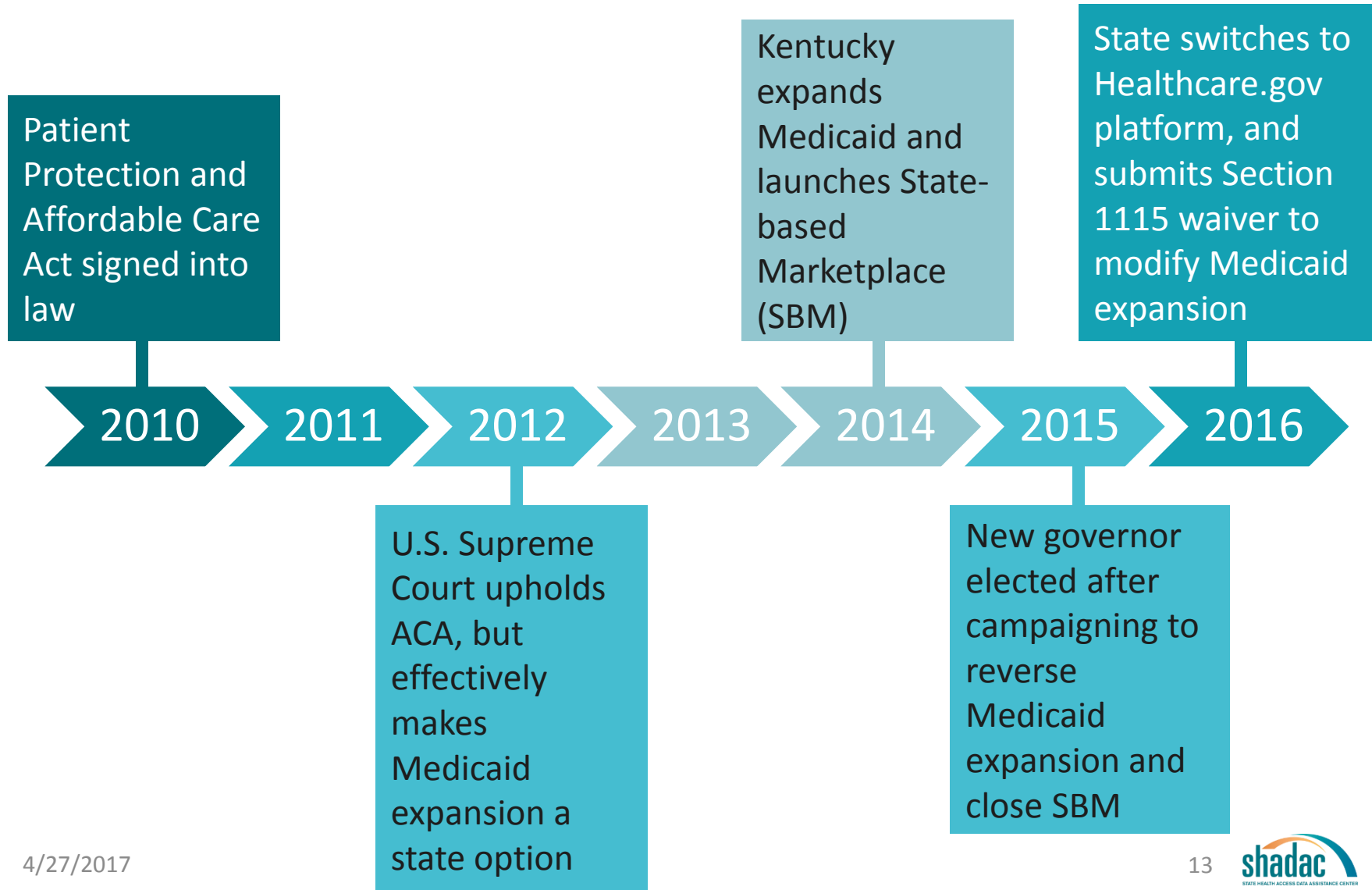
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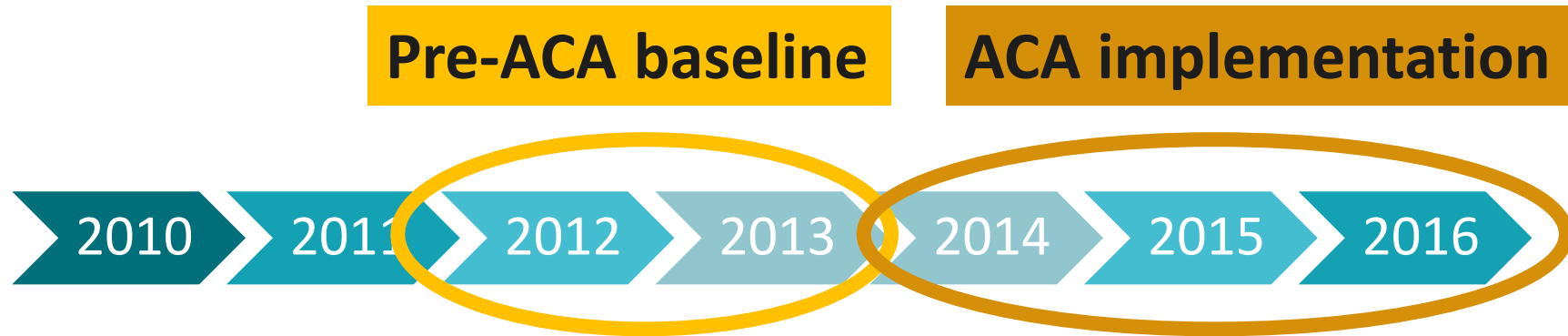


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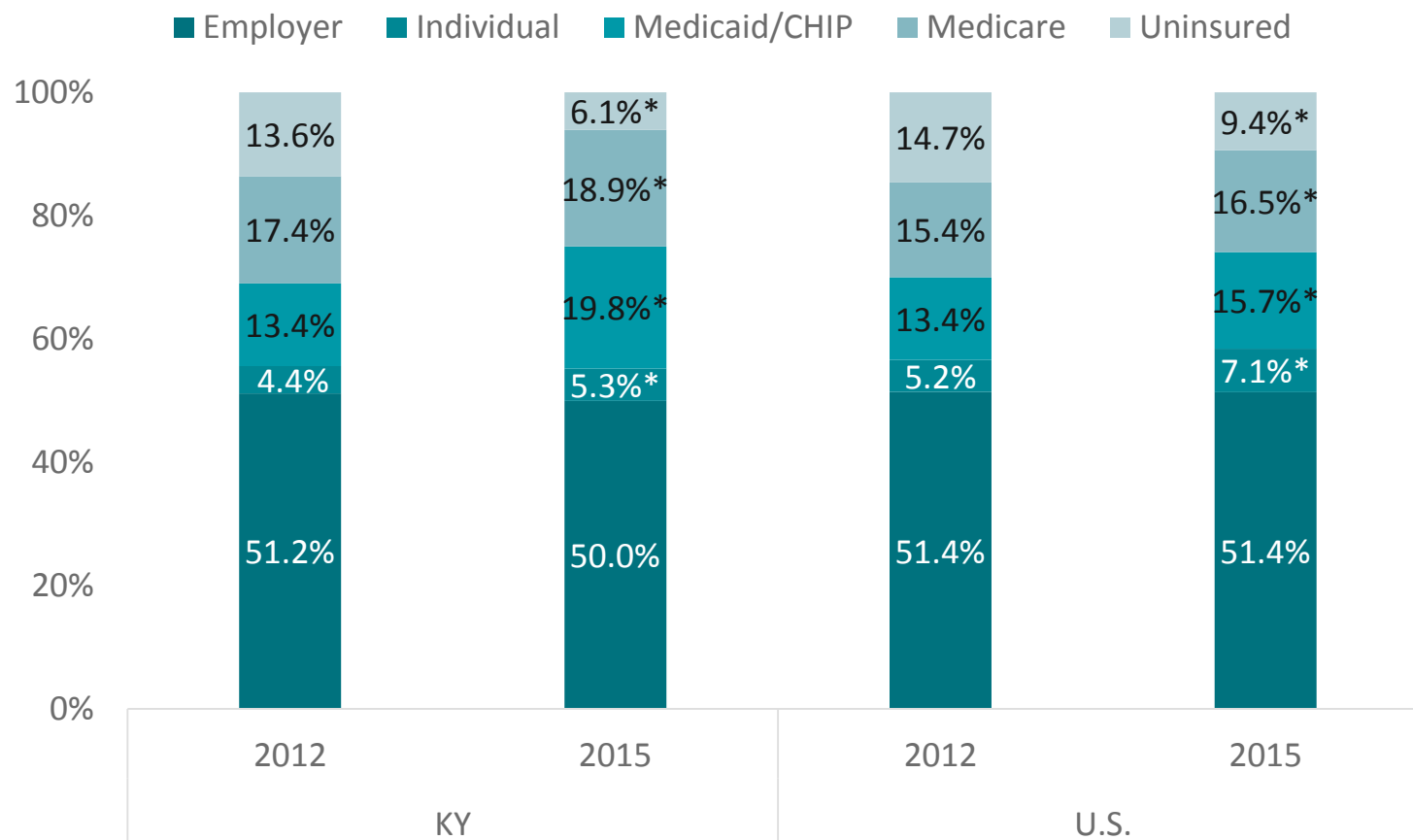
About our study

- Multi-year study of the impacts of the ACA in Kentucky
- Focused on 5 key domains:
 - Coverage
 - Access
 - Cost
 - Quality
 - Health Outcomes

Coverage

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Insurance Coverage by Type for Kentucky and the U.S., 2012 & 2015 (all ages)



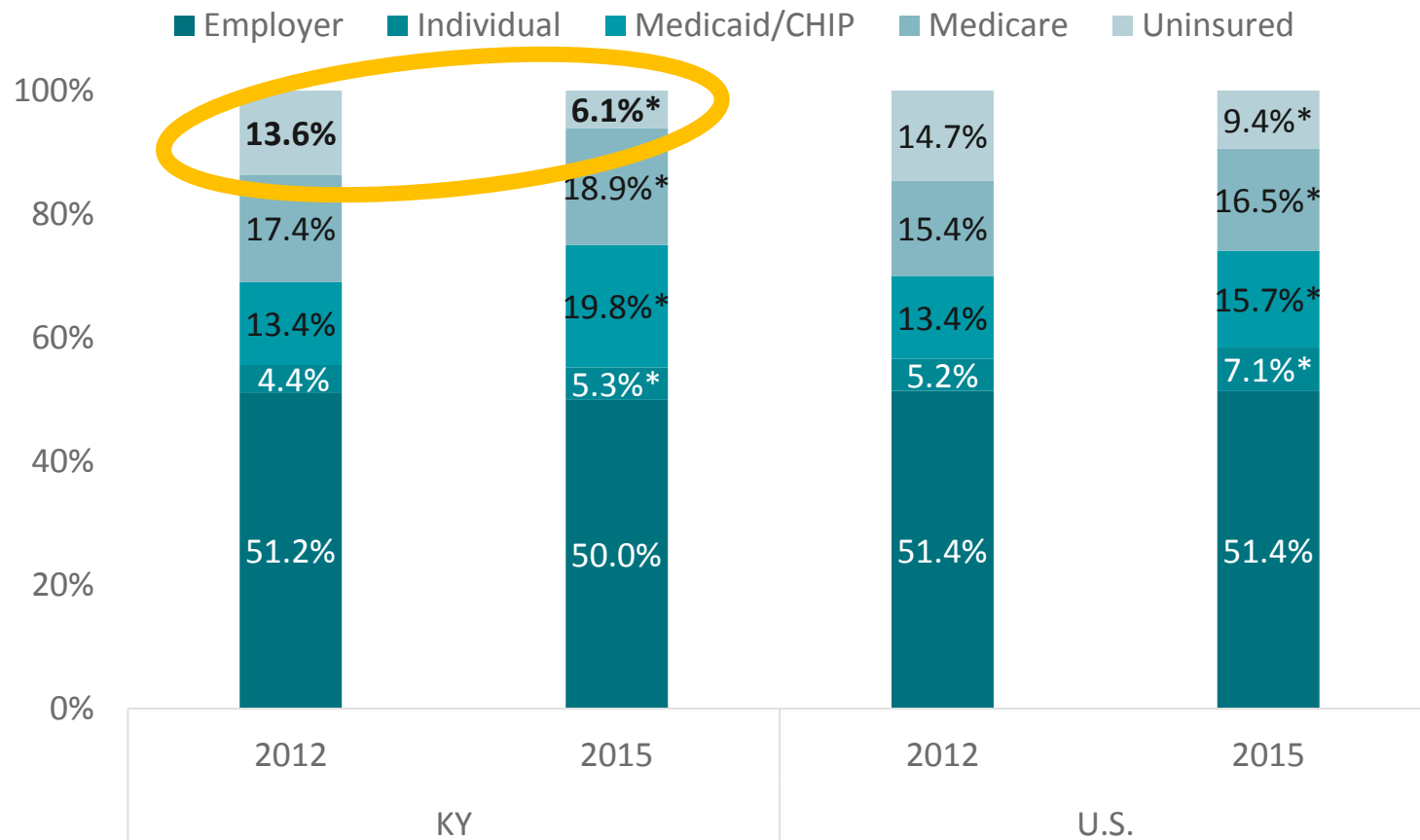
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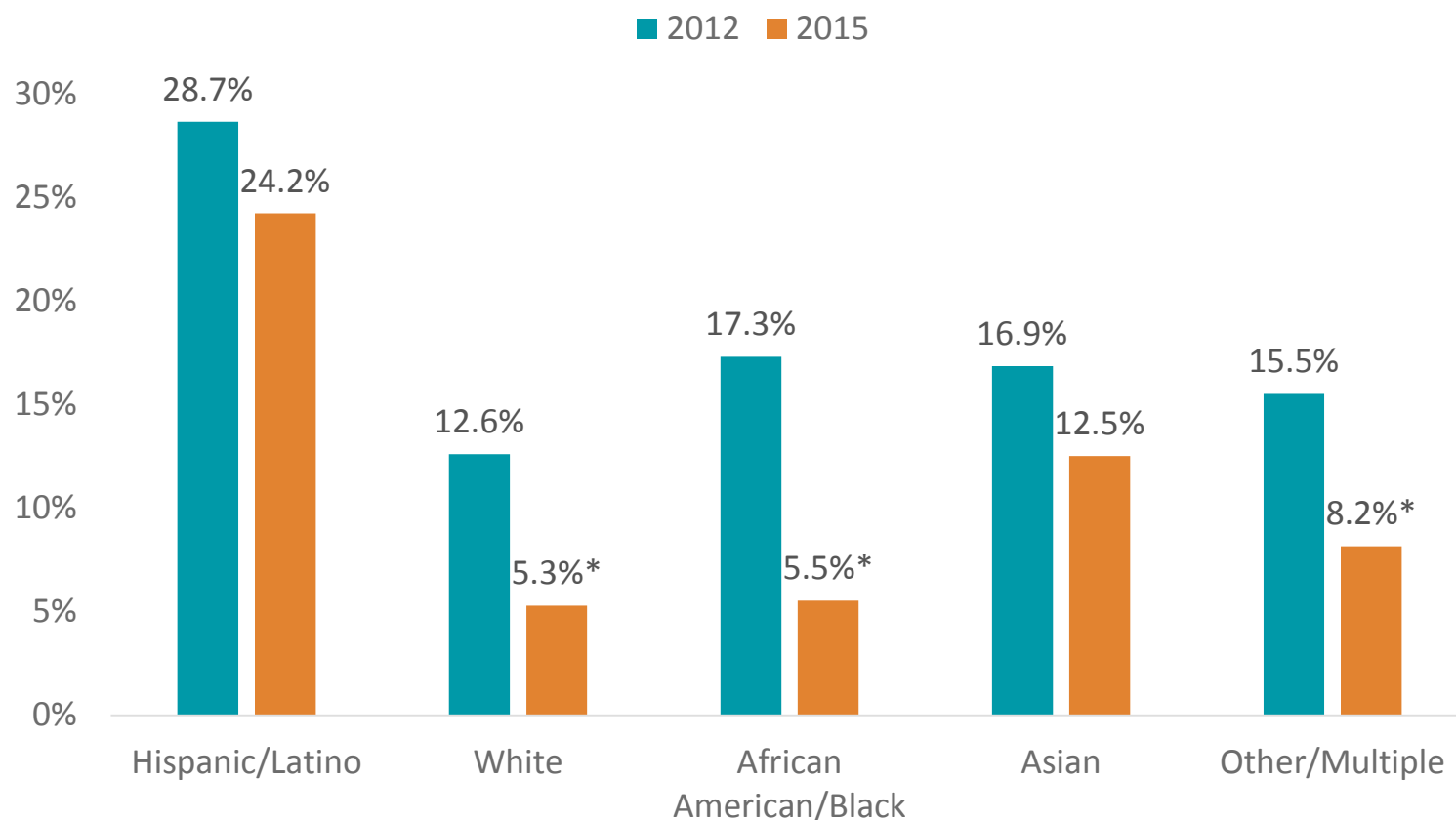
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Uninsurance dropped among whites, African Americans

Uninsured Rates by Race/Ethnicity for Kentucky, 2012-2015 (all ages)



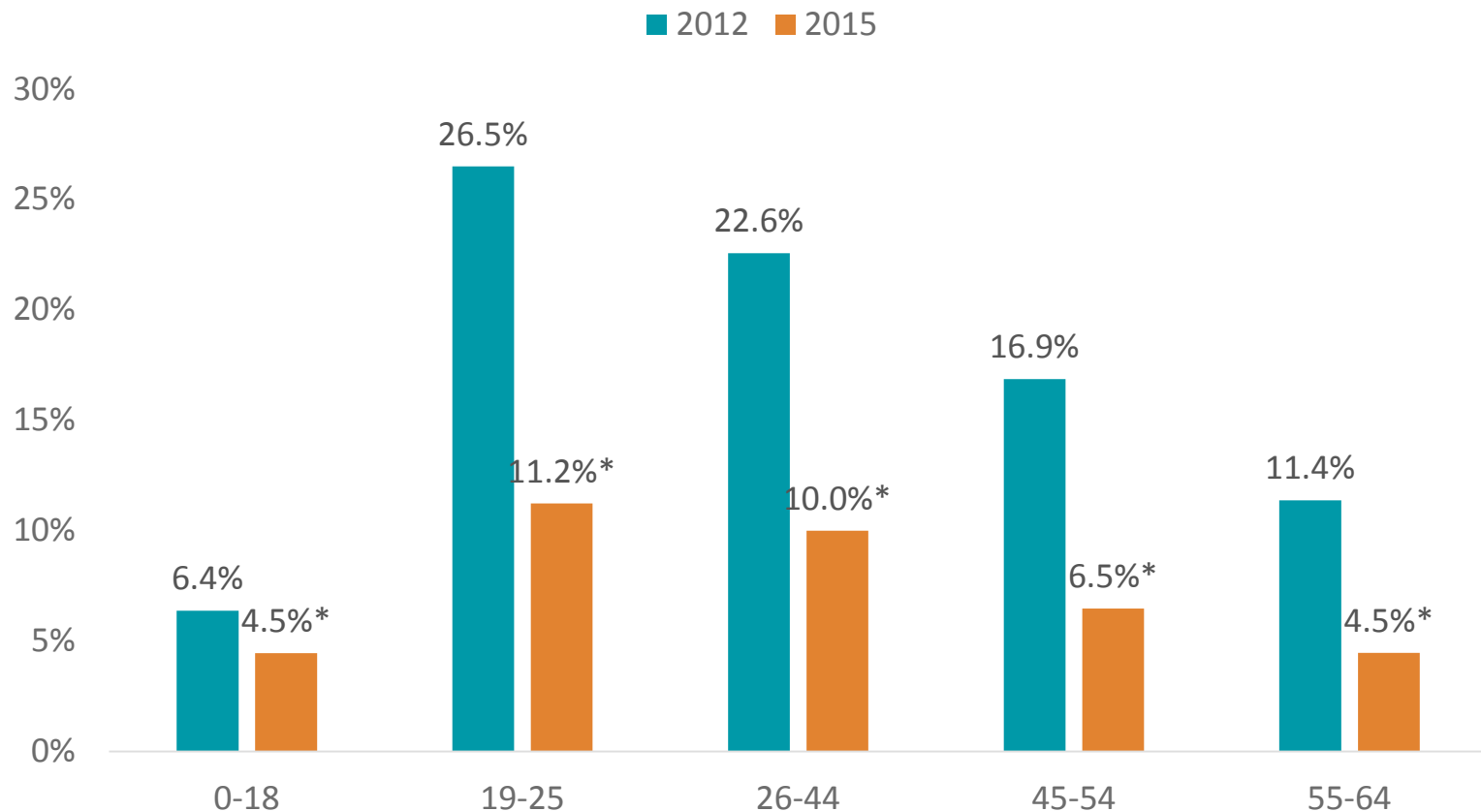
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Uninsurance declined significantly among all ages

Uninsured Rates by Age Category for Kentucky, 2012-2015 (ages 0-64)



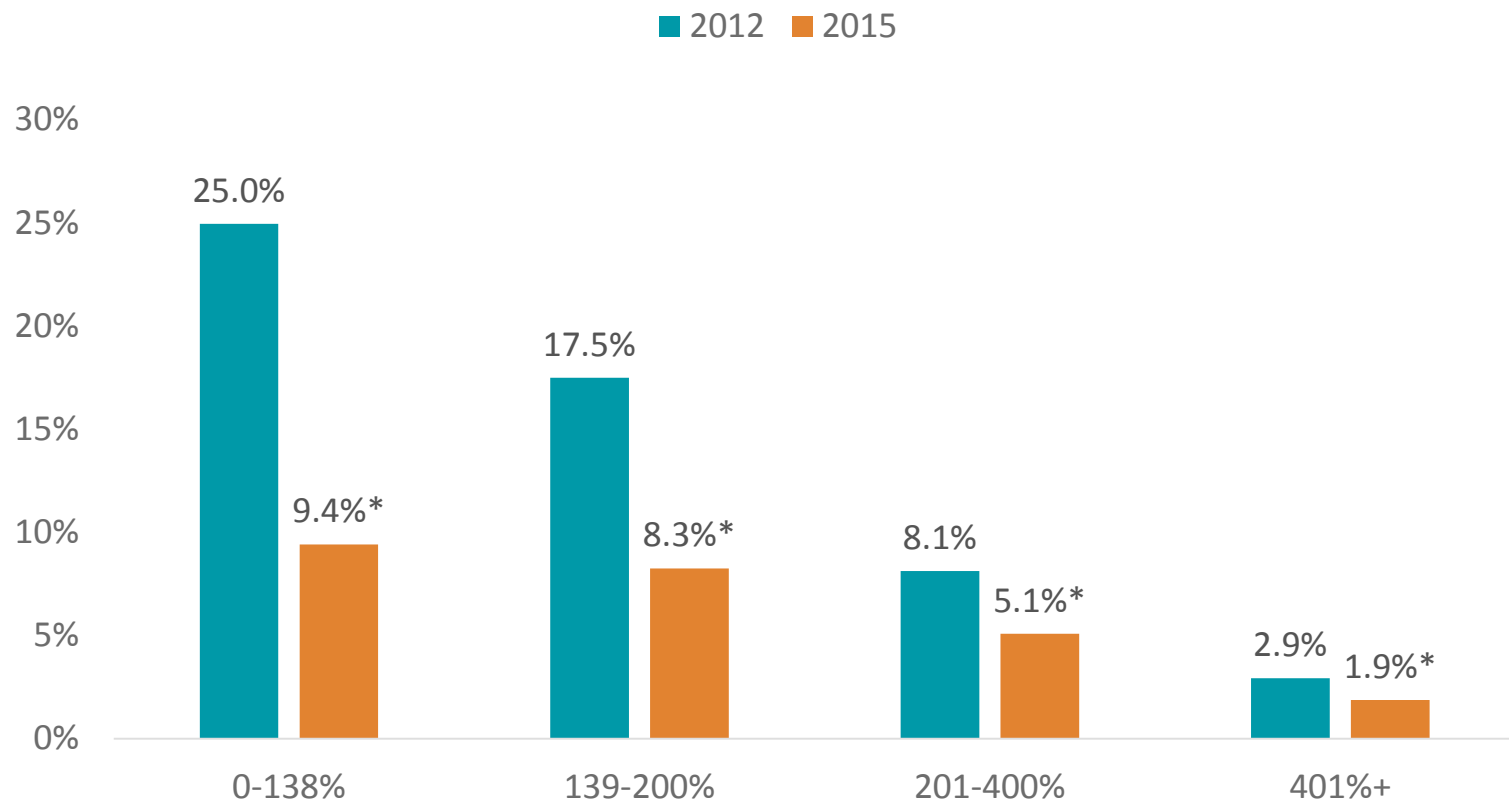
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All income categories saw declines in uninsurance

Uninsured Rates by Income as Percent of Federal Poverty Guidelines for Kentucky, 2012-2015 (all ages)



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Cost cited as most common reason for being uninsured

Main Reason Cited for Being Uninsured, 2016

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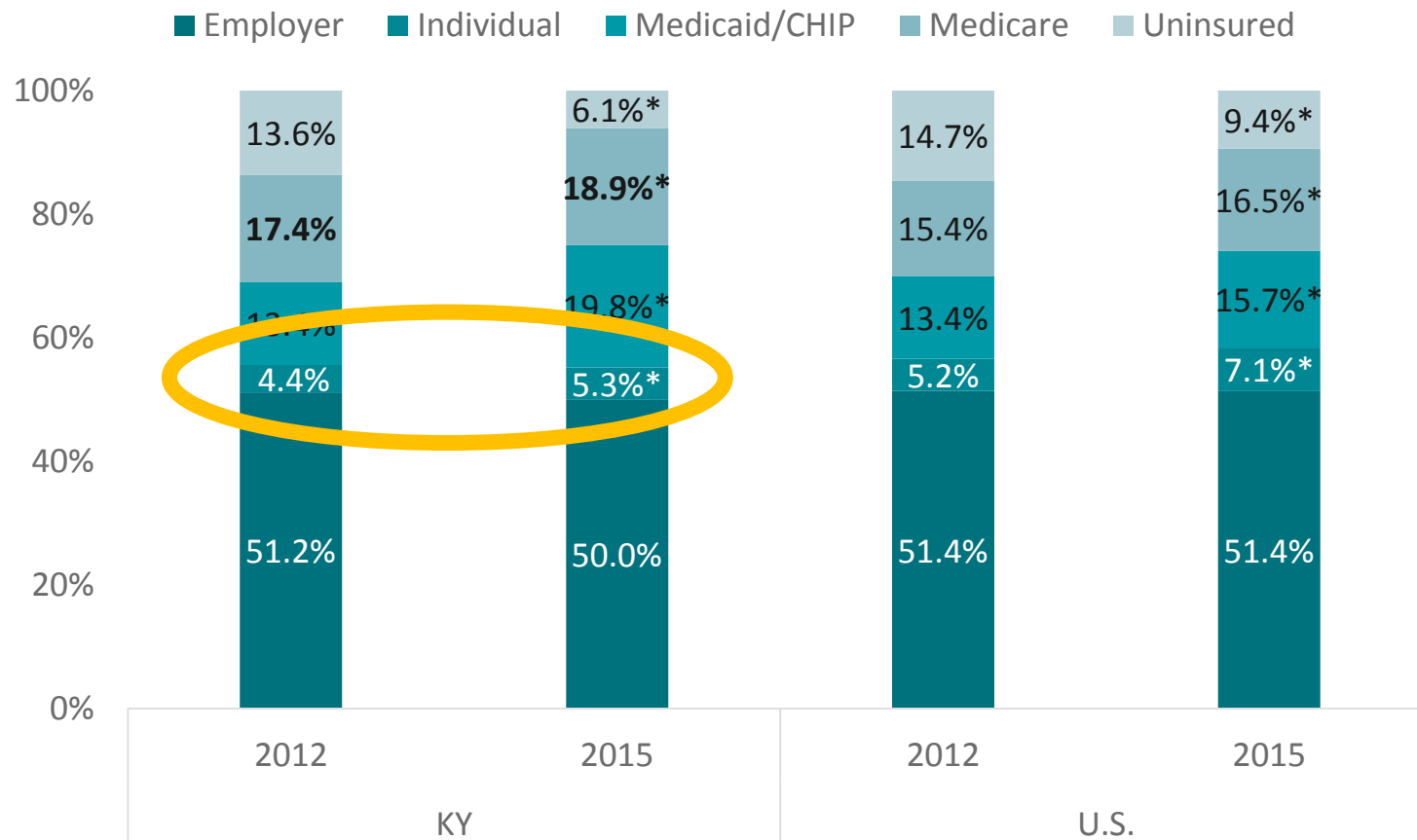
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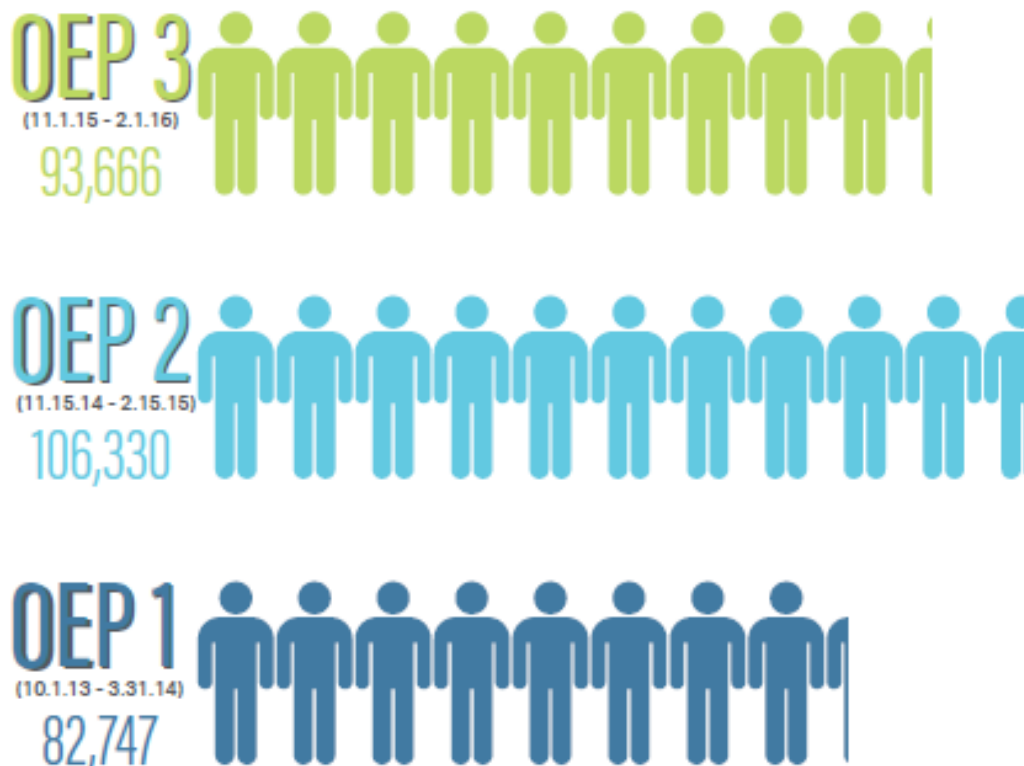
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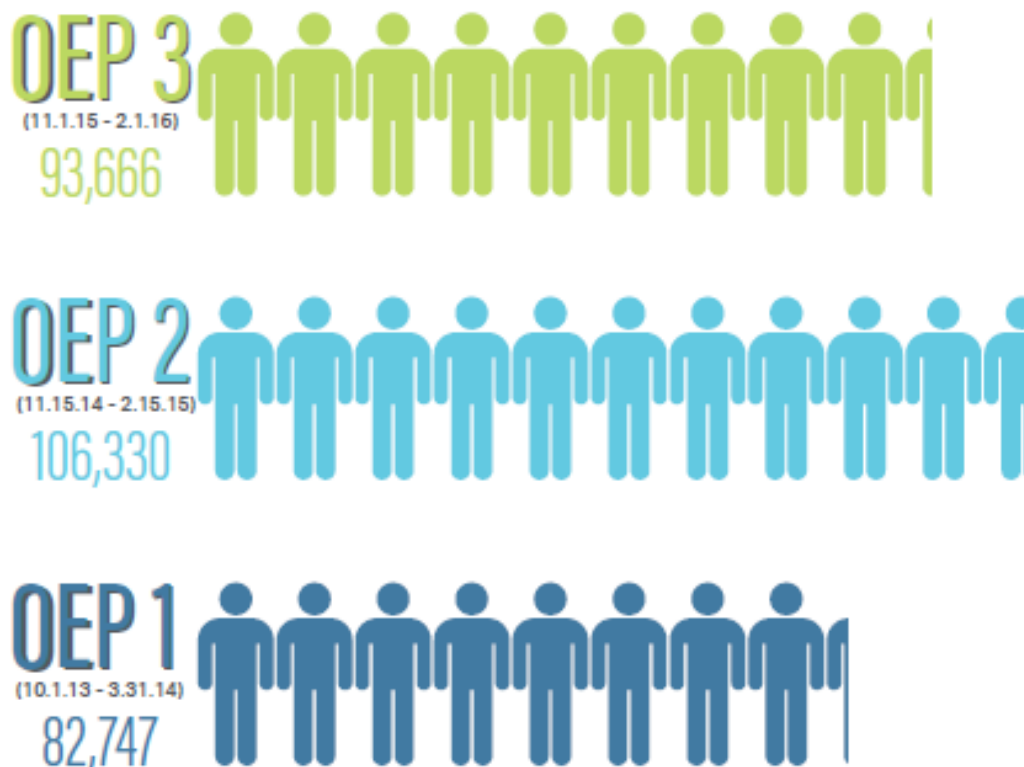


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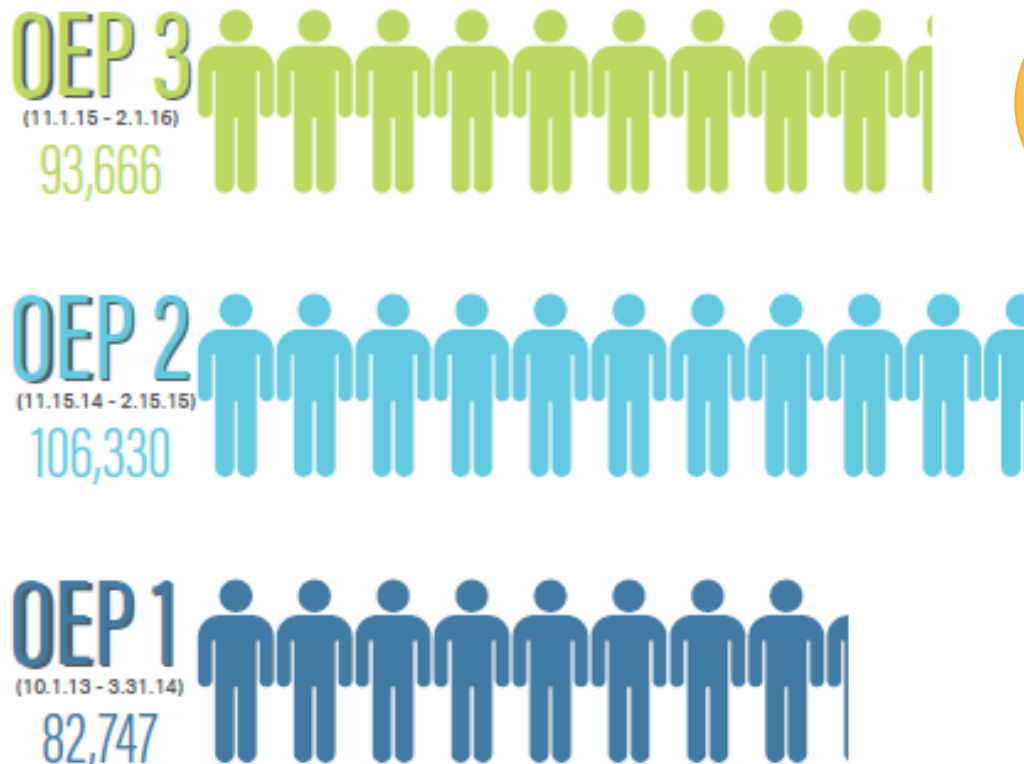
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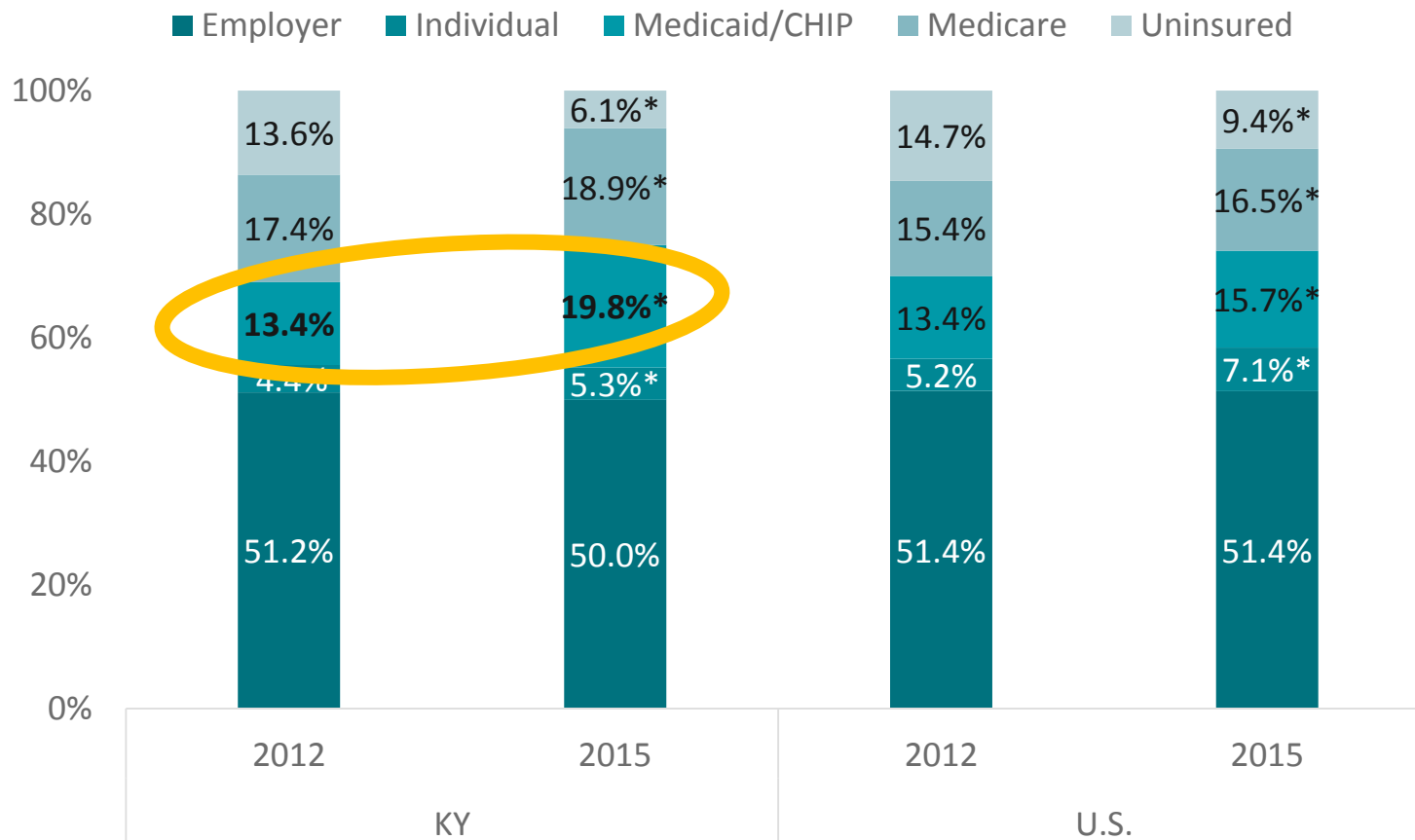


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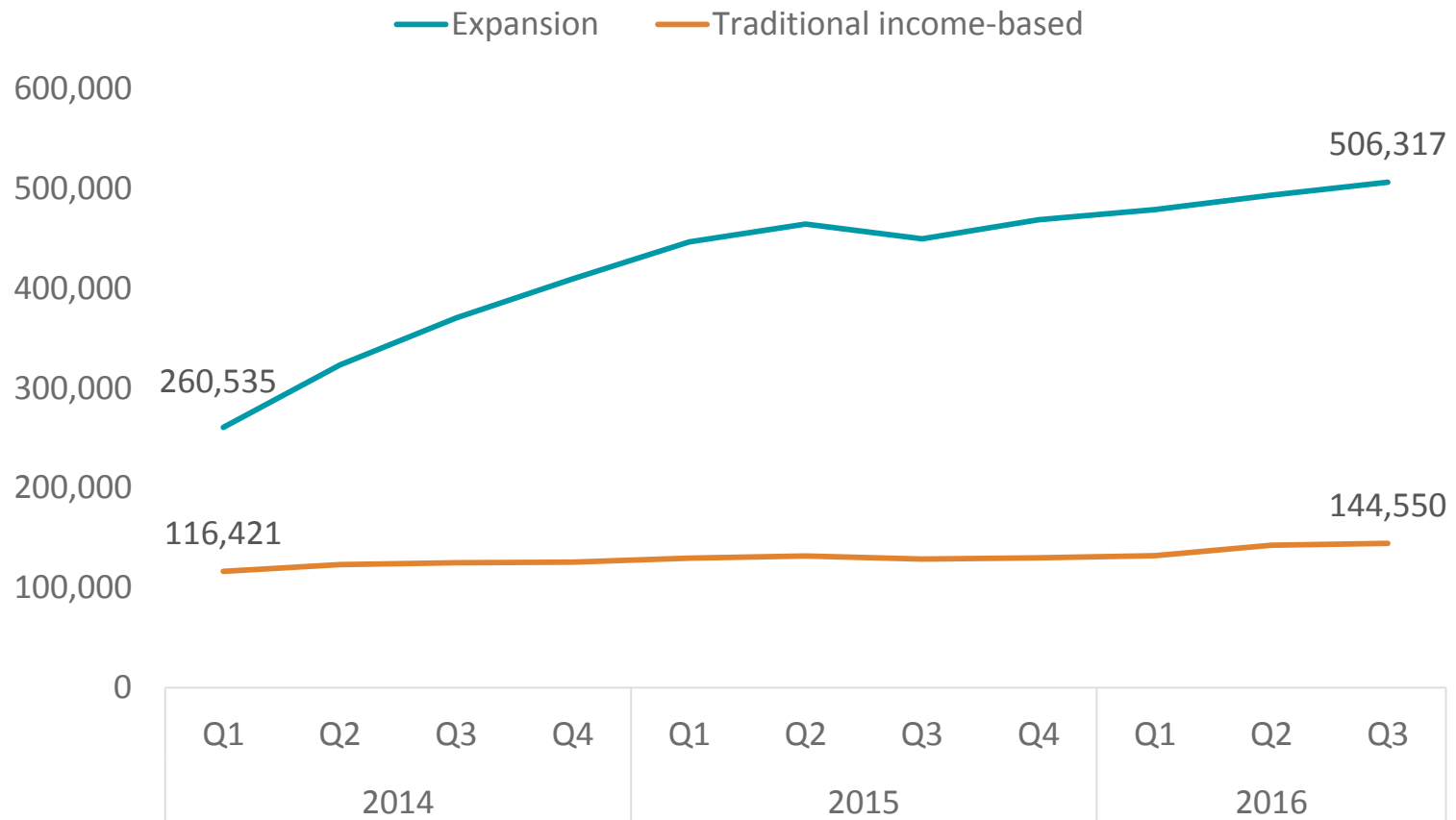
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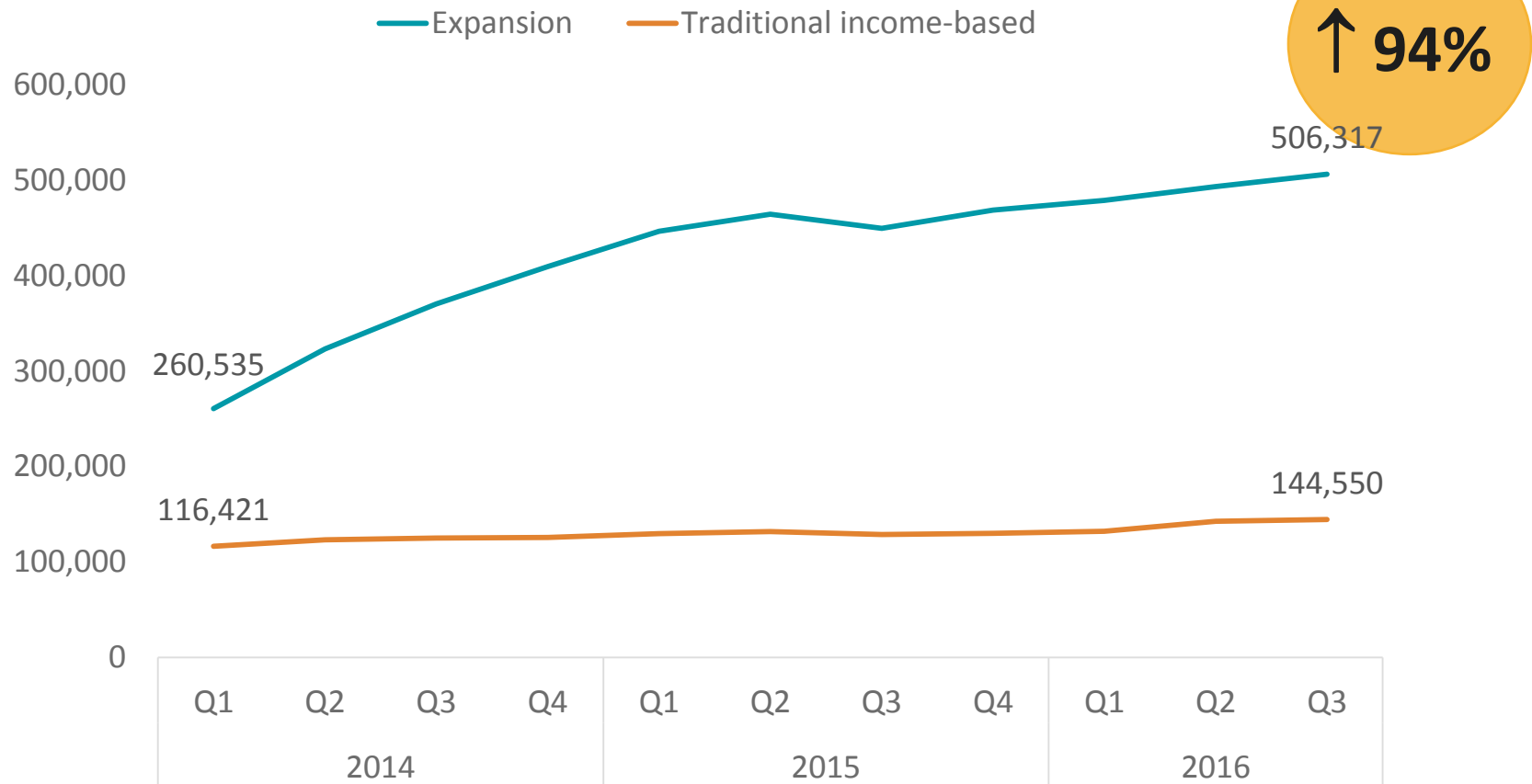


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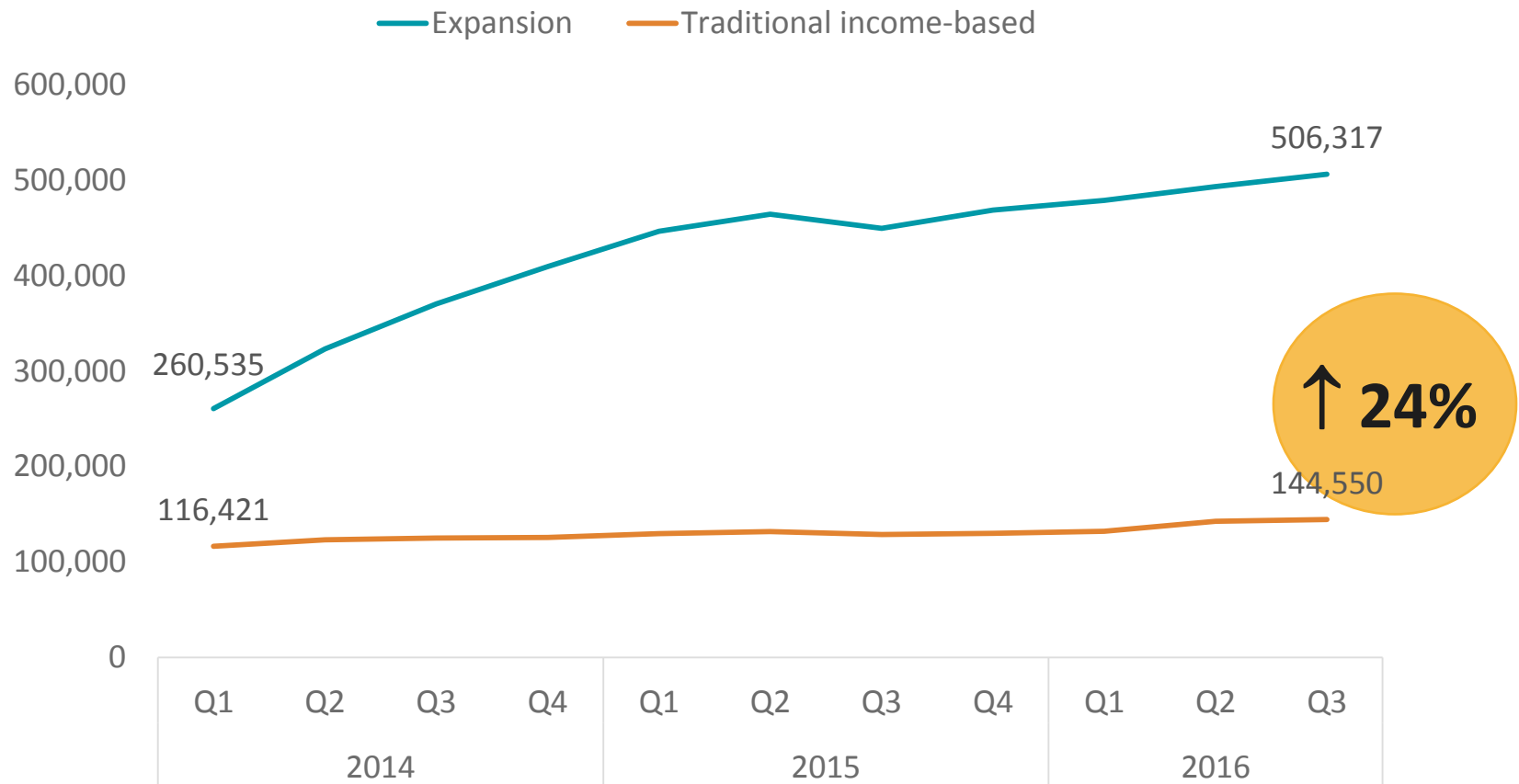


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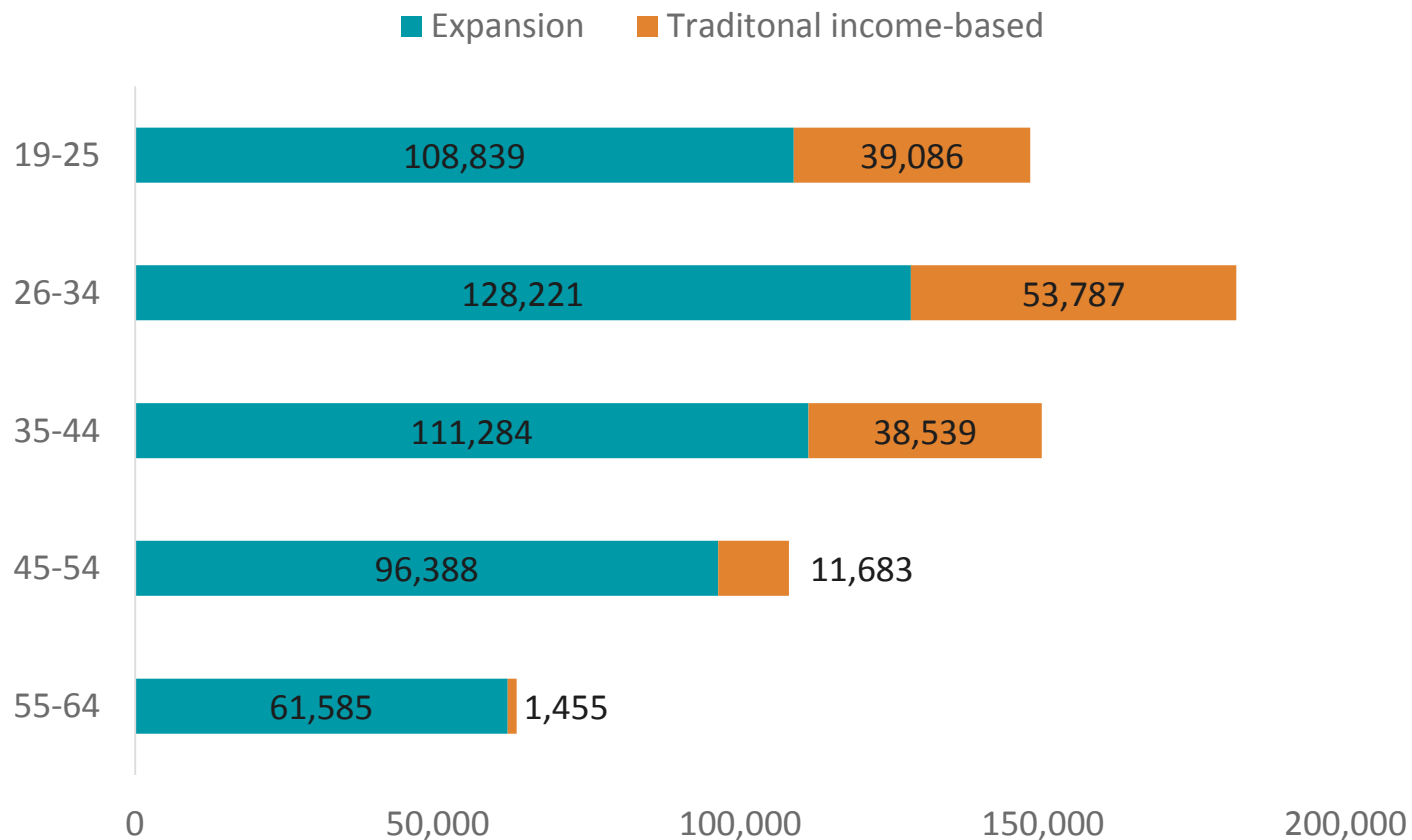


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Younger adults lead Medicaid enrollment

Total Enrollment by Age, Quarter 3 of 2016

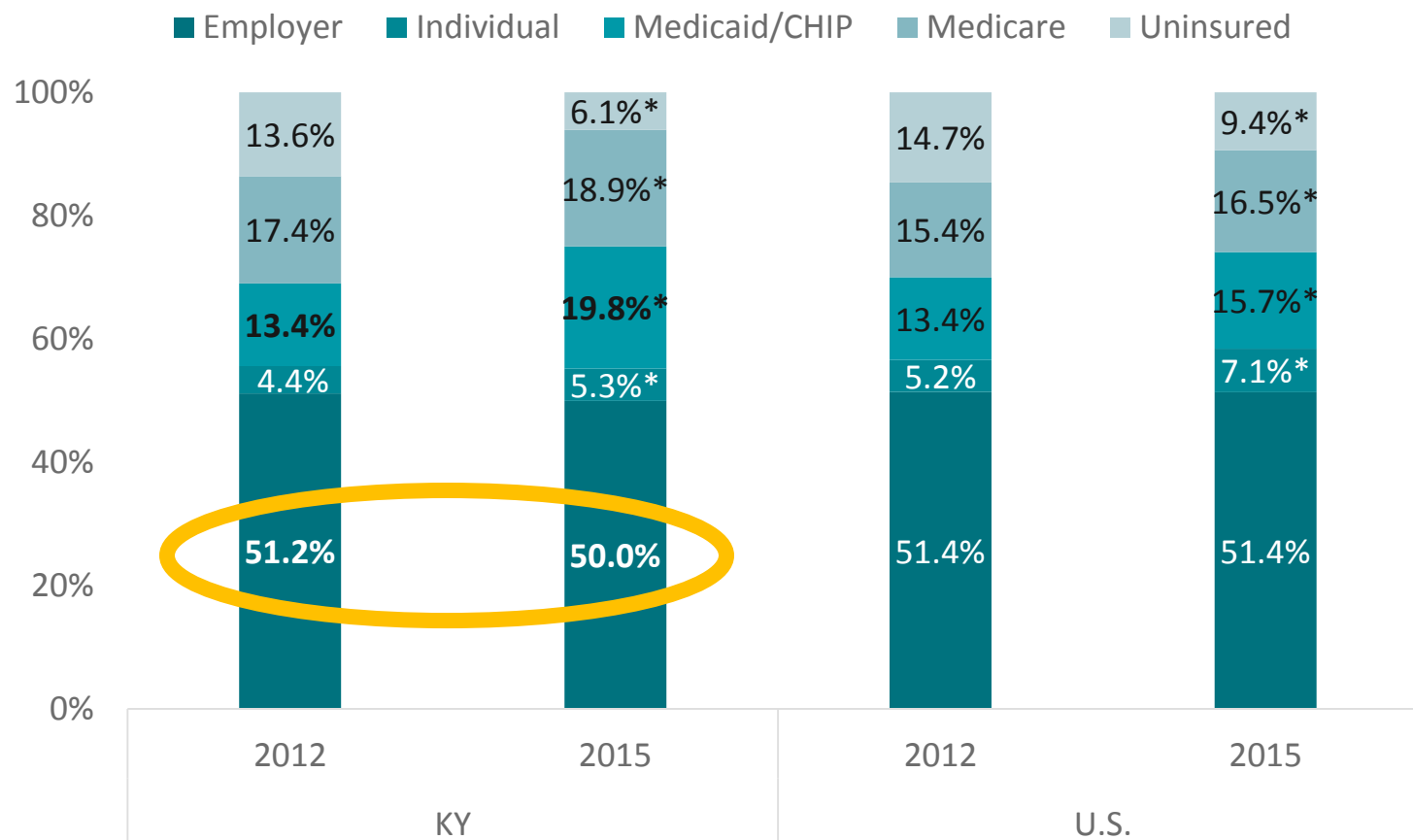


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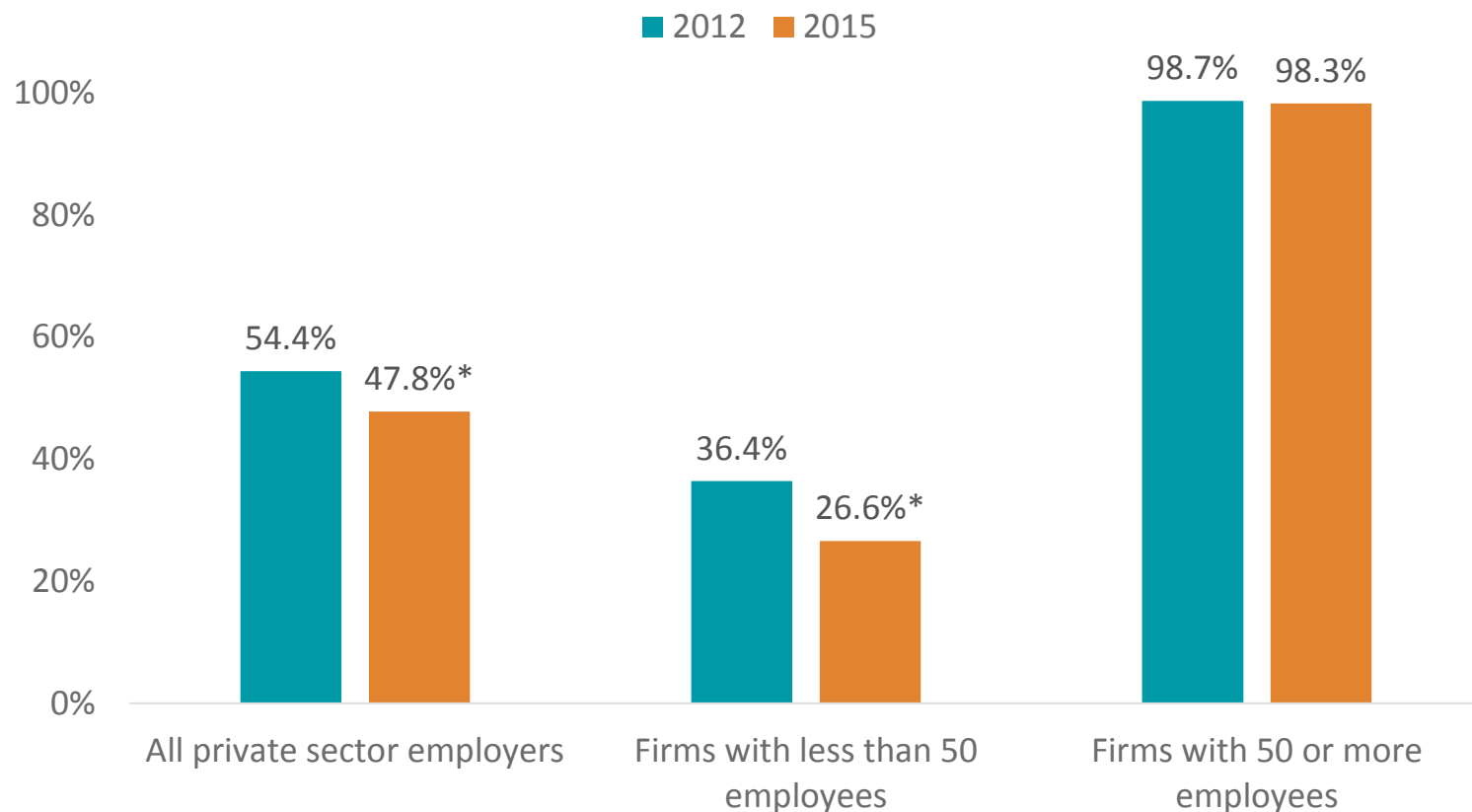
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Drop in employers offering coverage driven by small firms

Employer Offer Rates by Private Sector Employers for Kentucky, 2012-2015



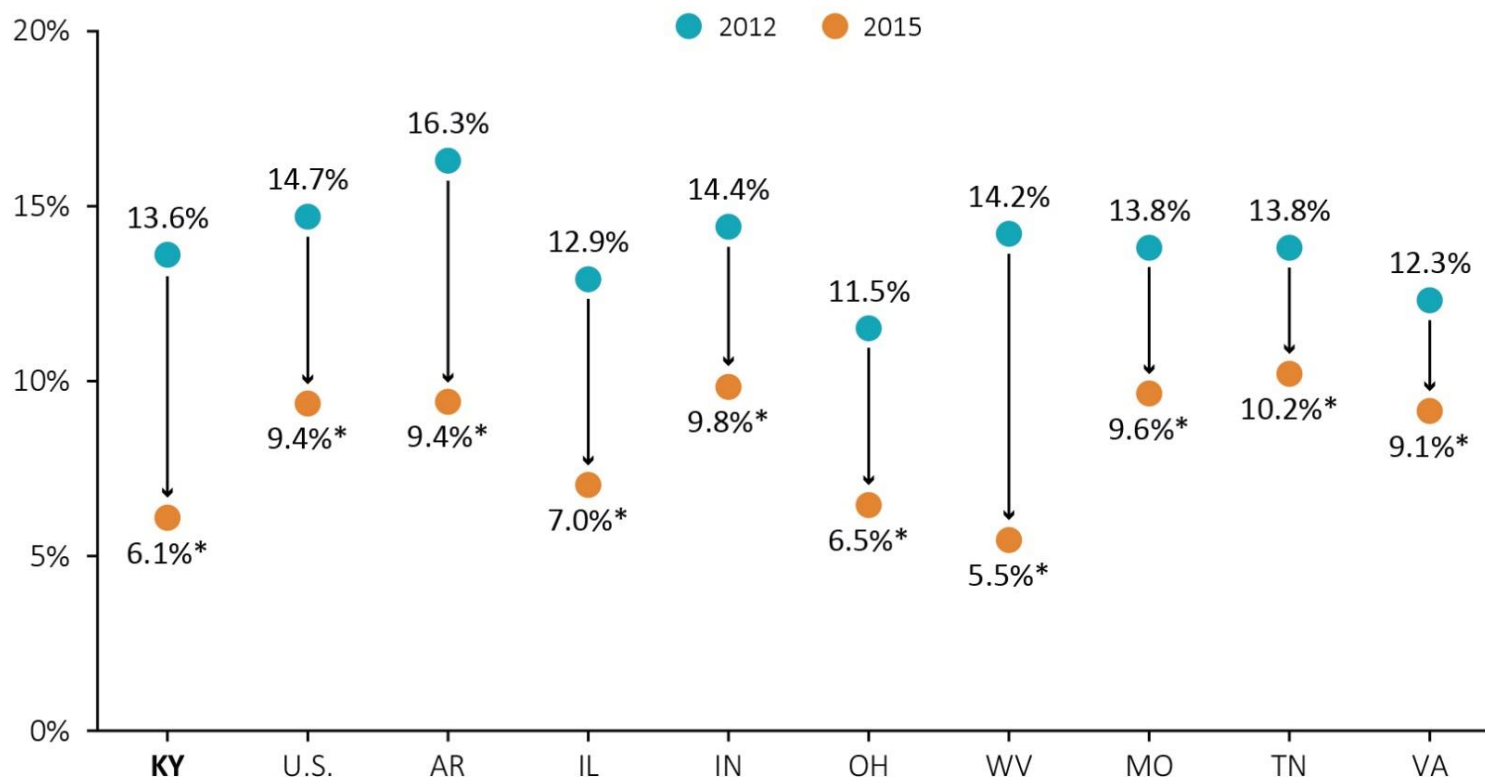
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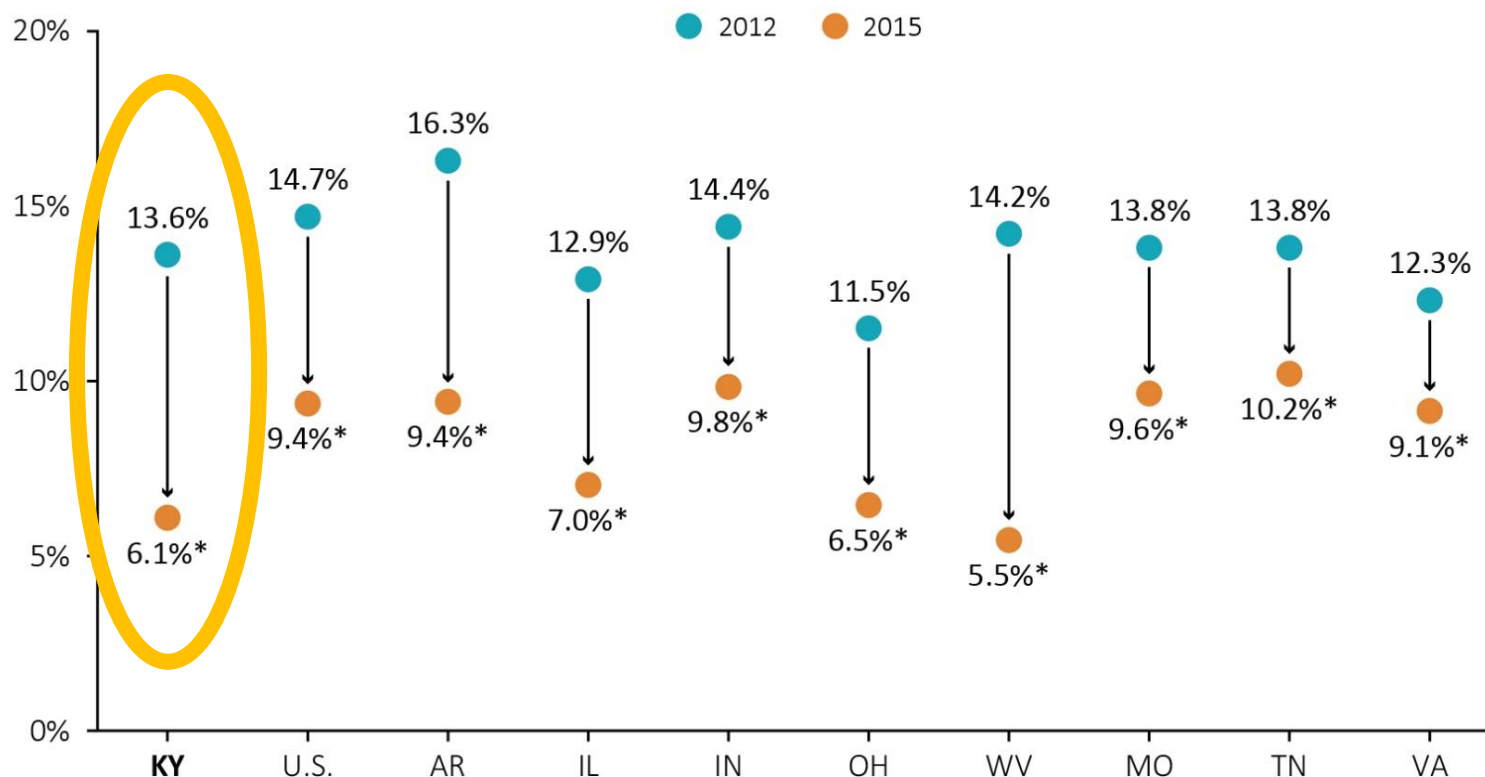
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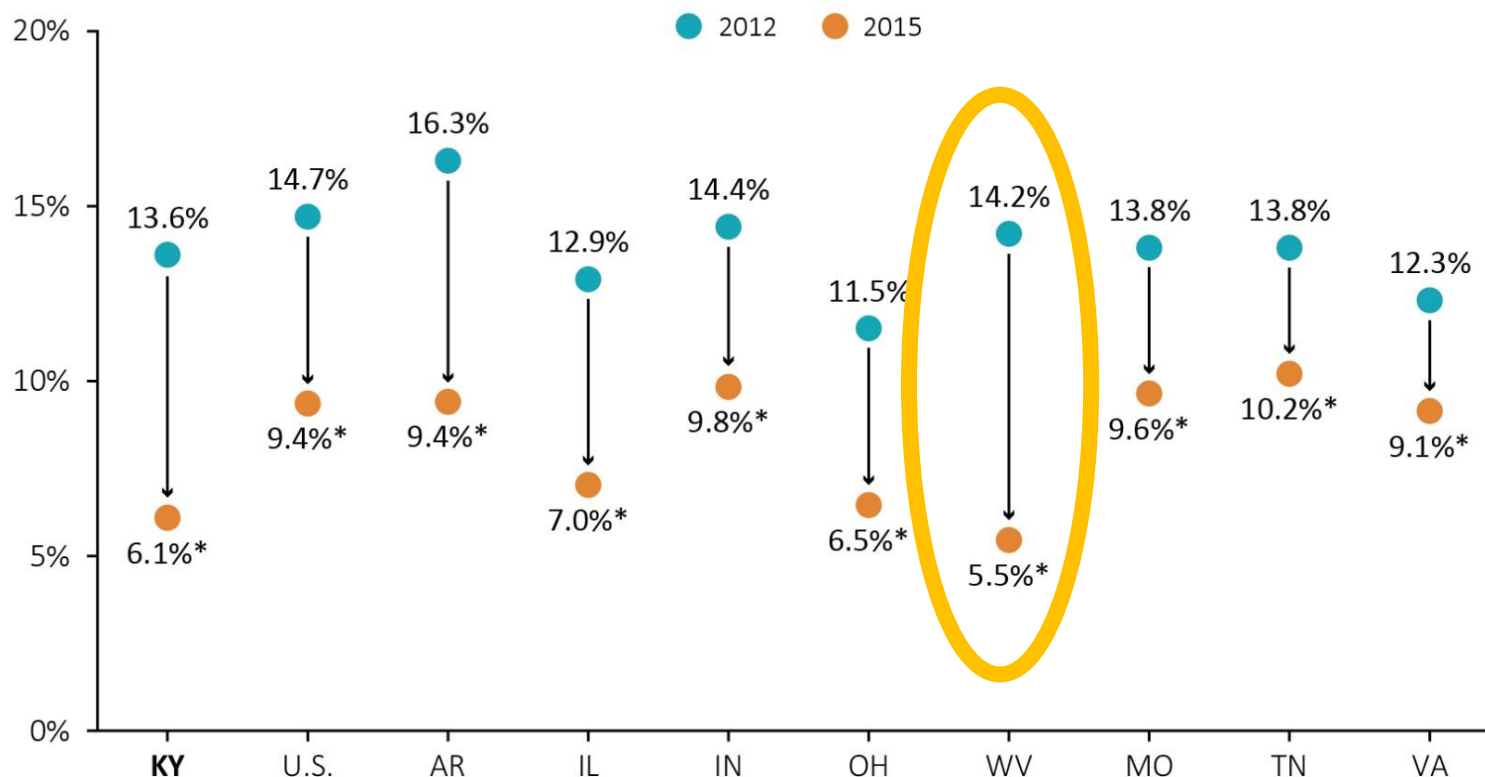
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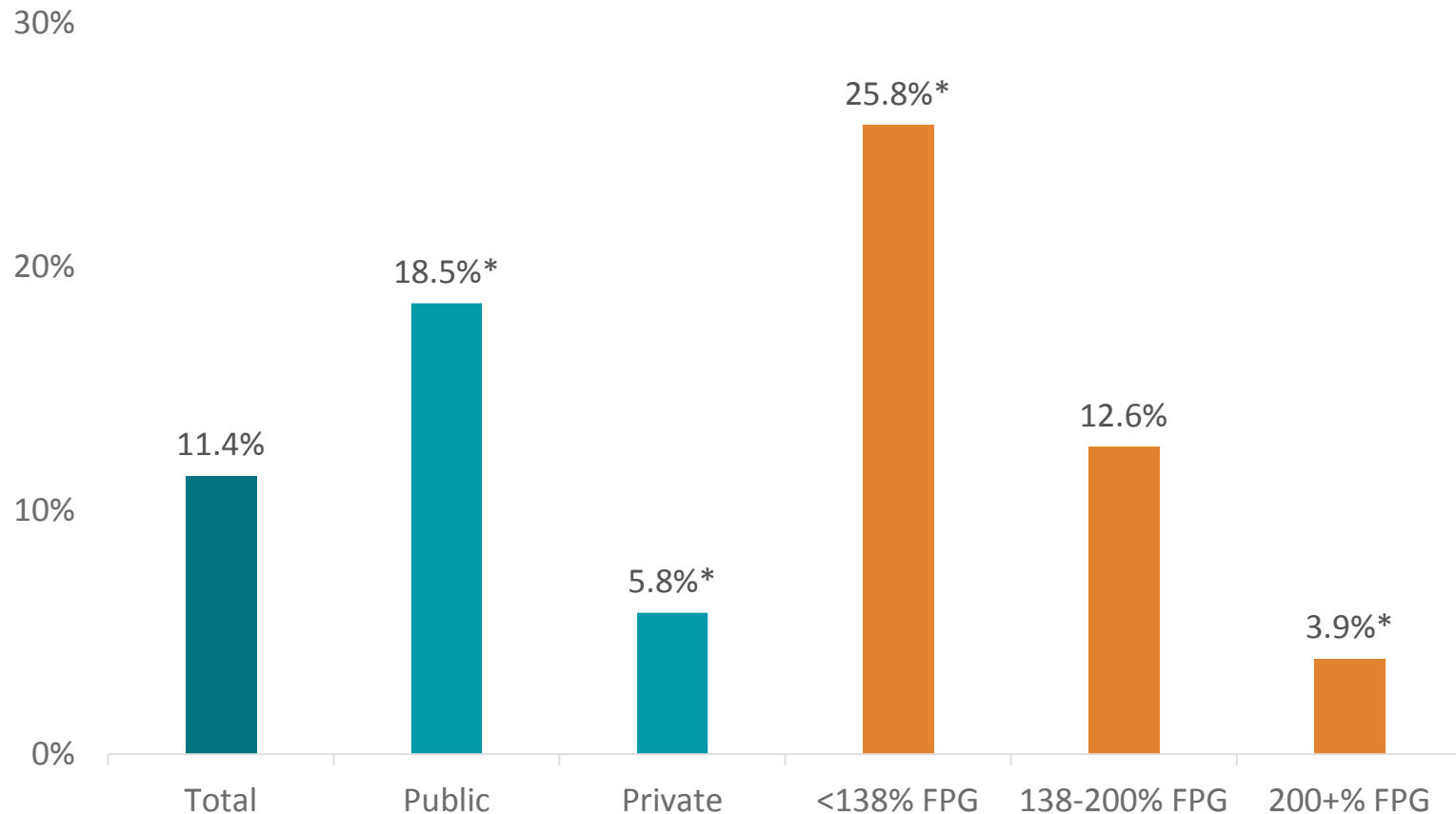
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More low-income concerned about losing coverage

Concern About Losing Current Coverage by Type and Income, 2016



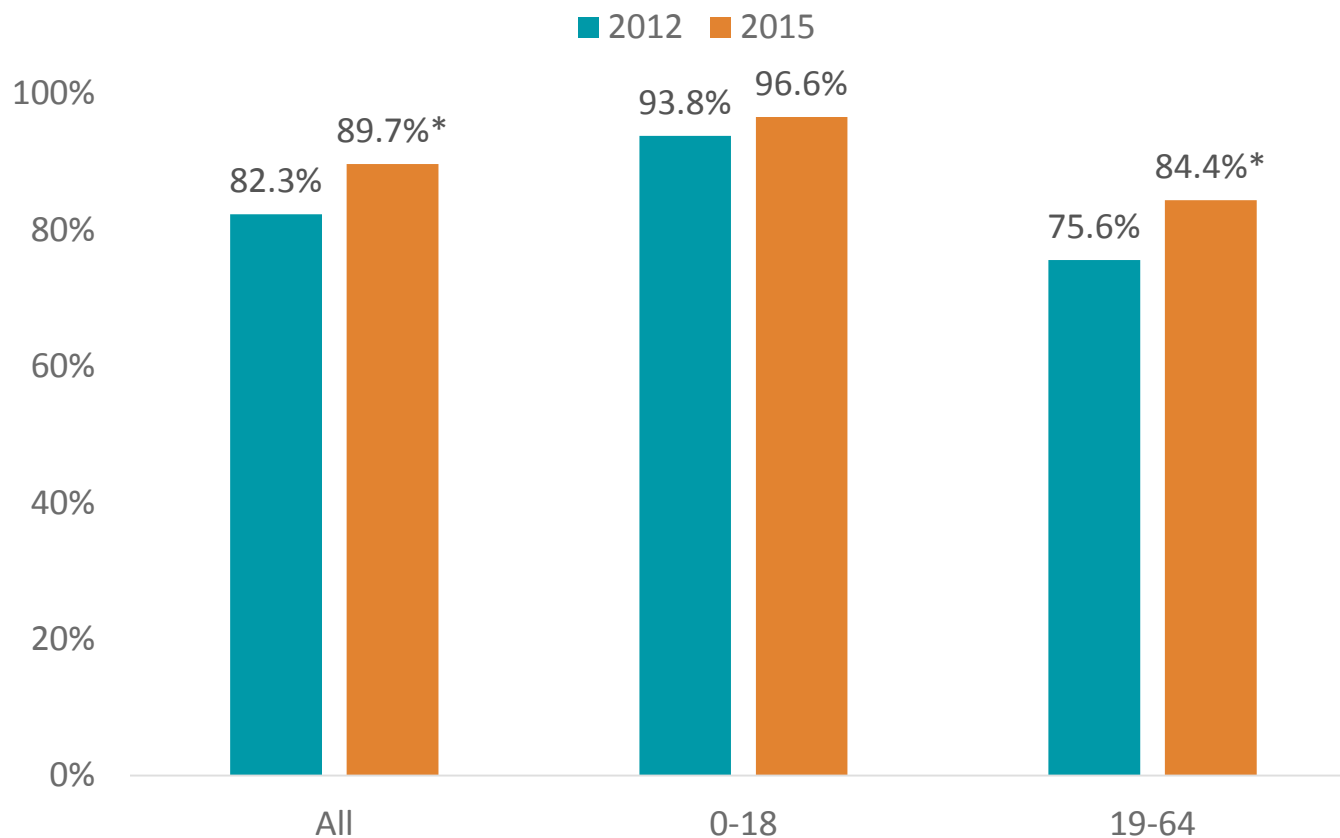
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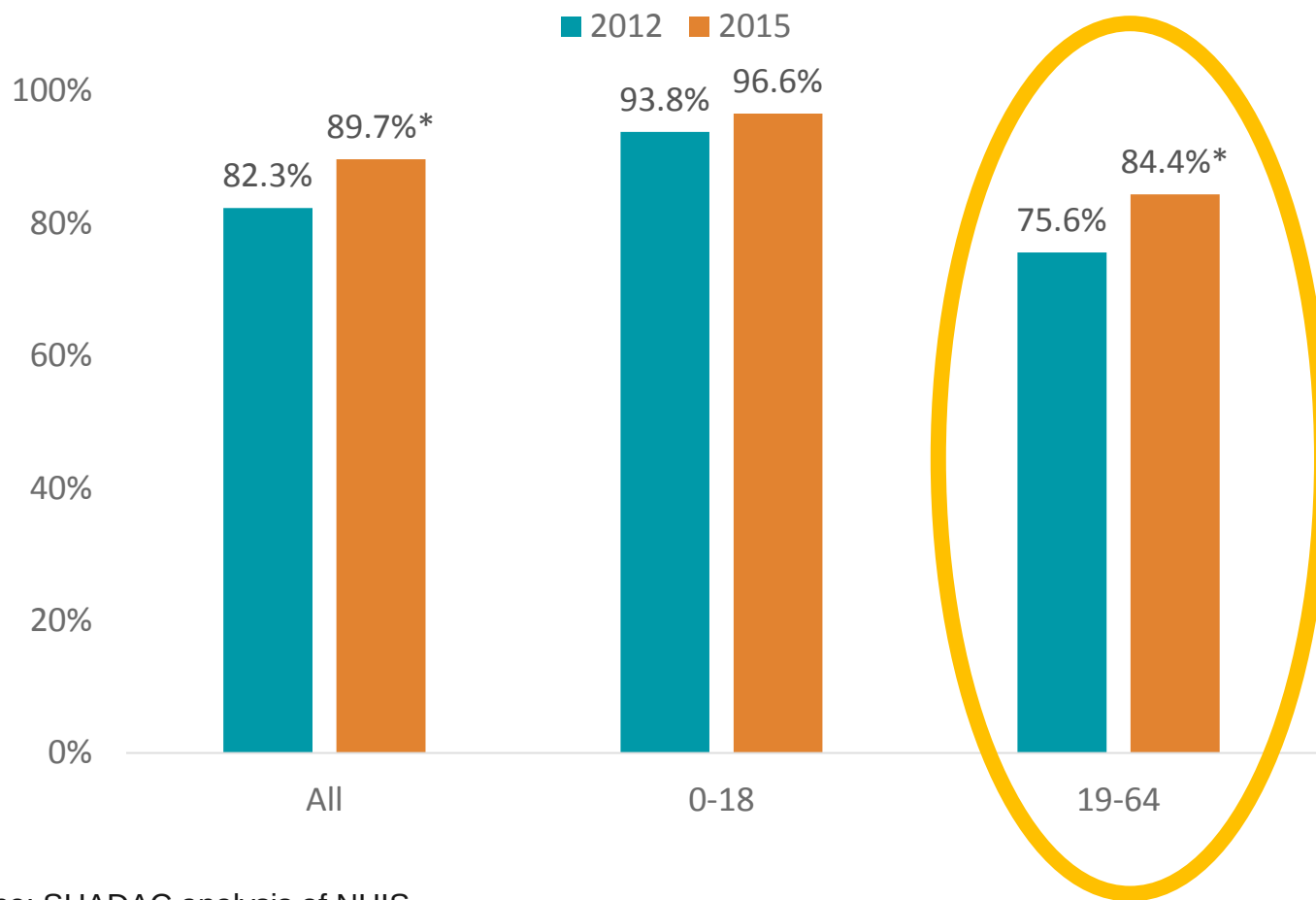
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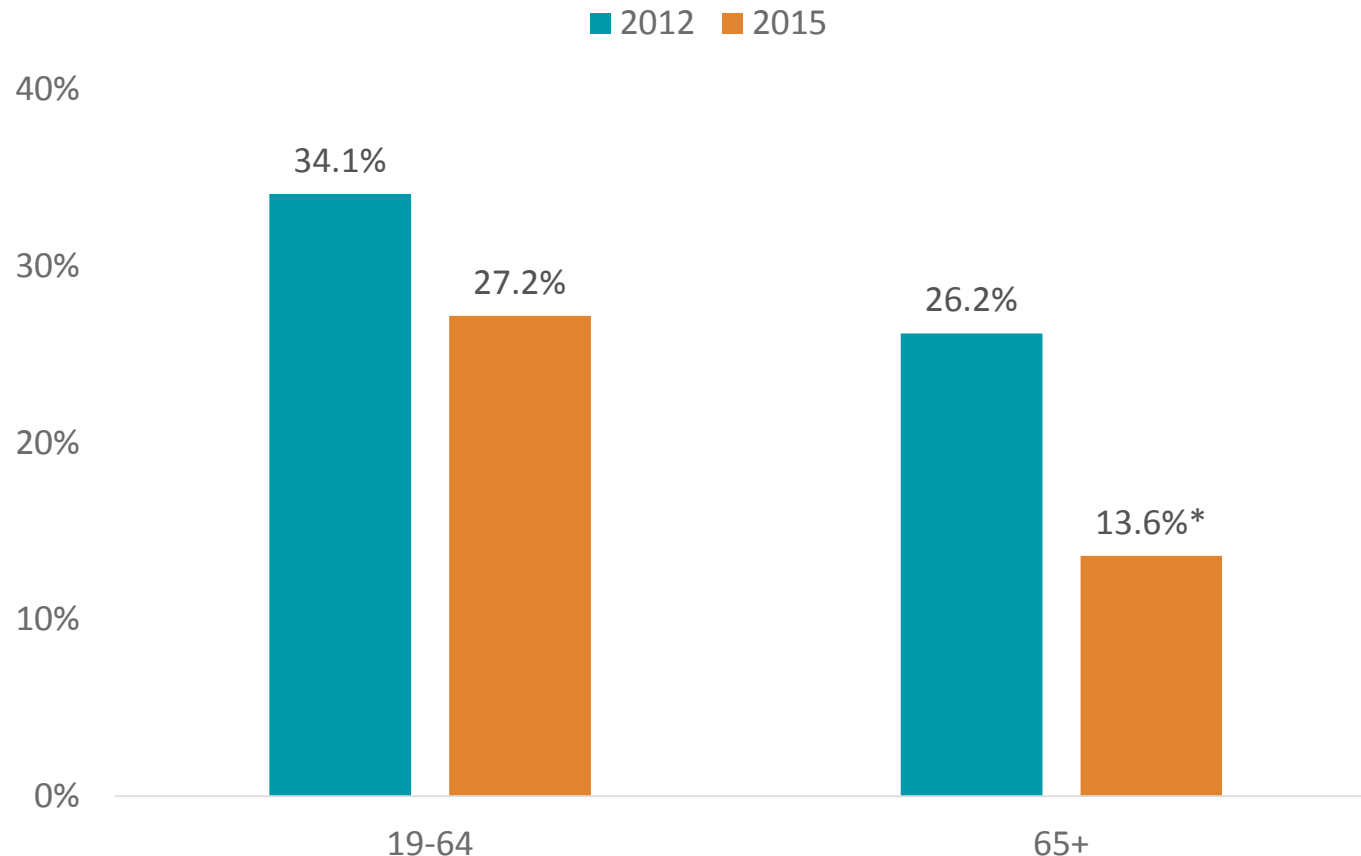
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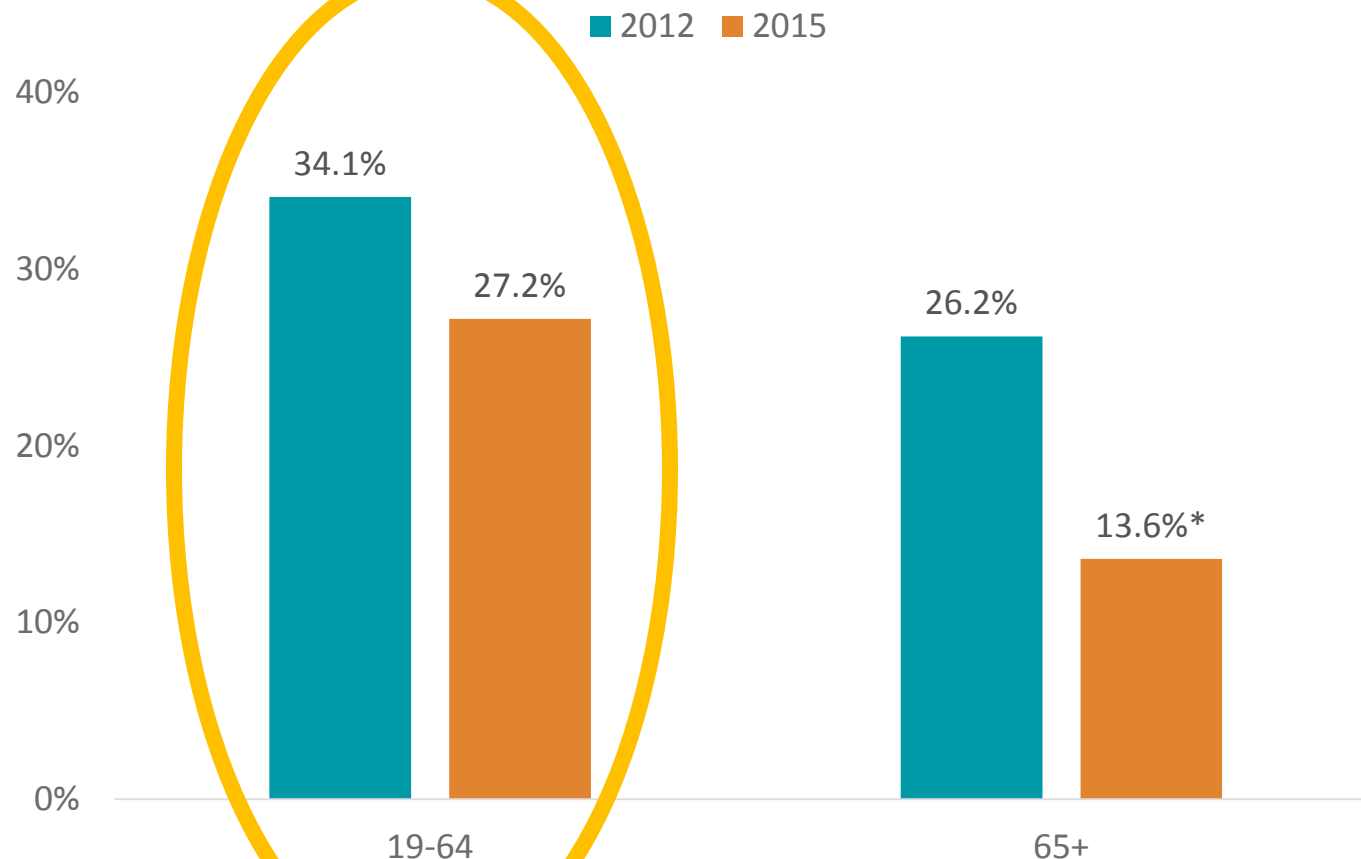
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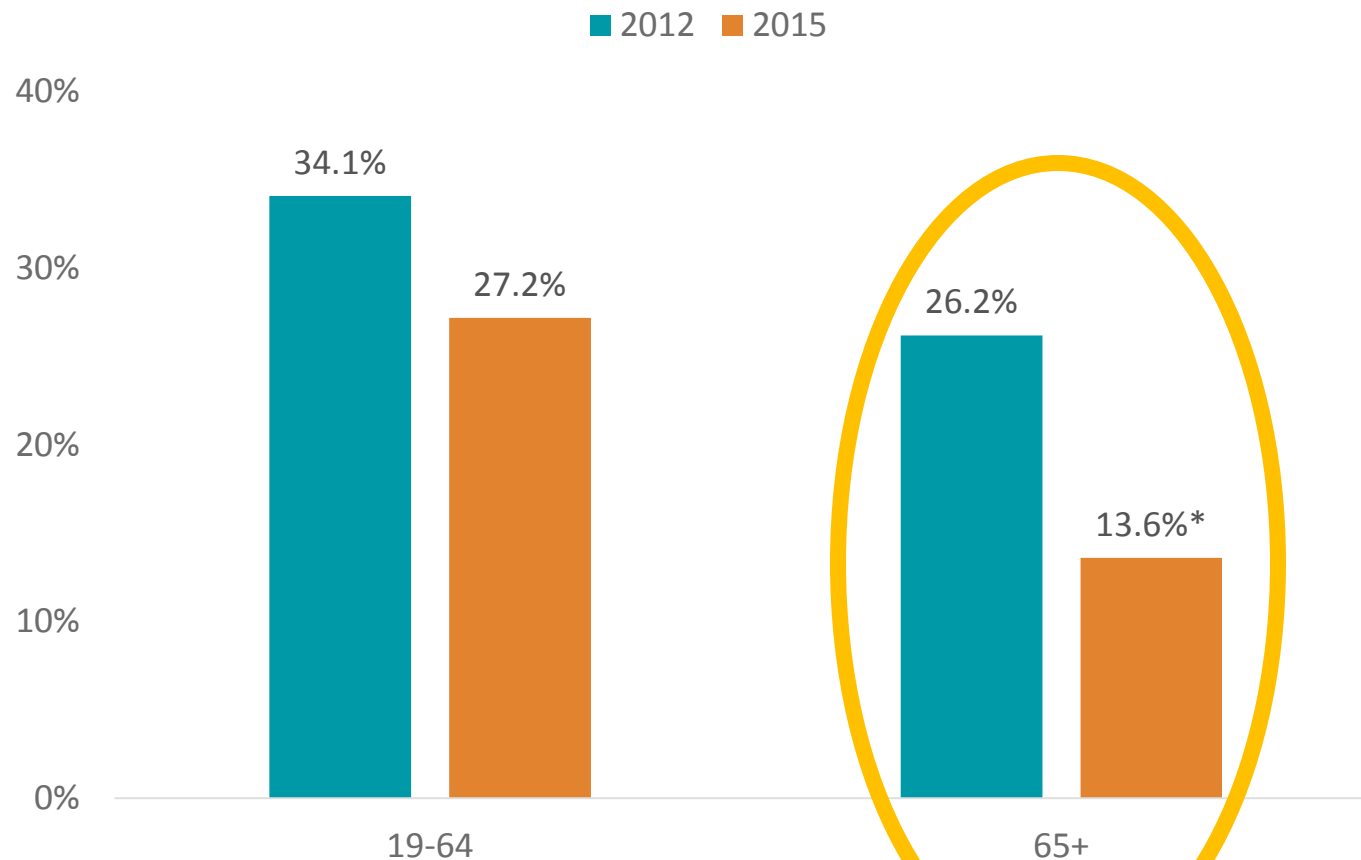
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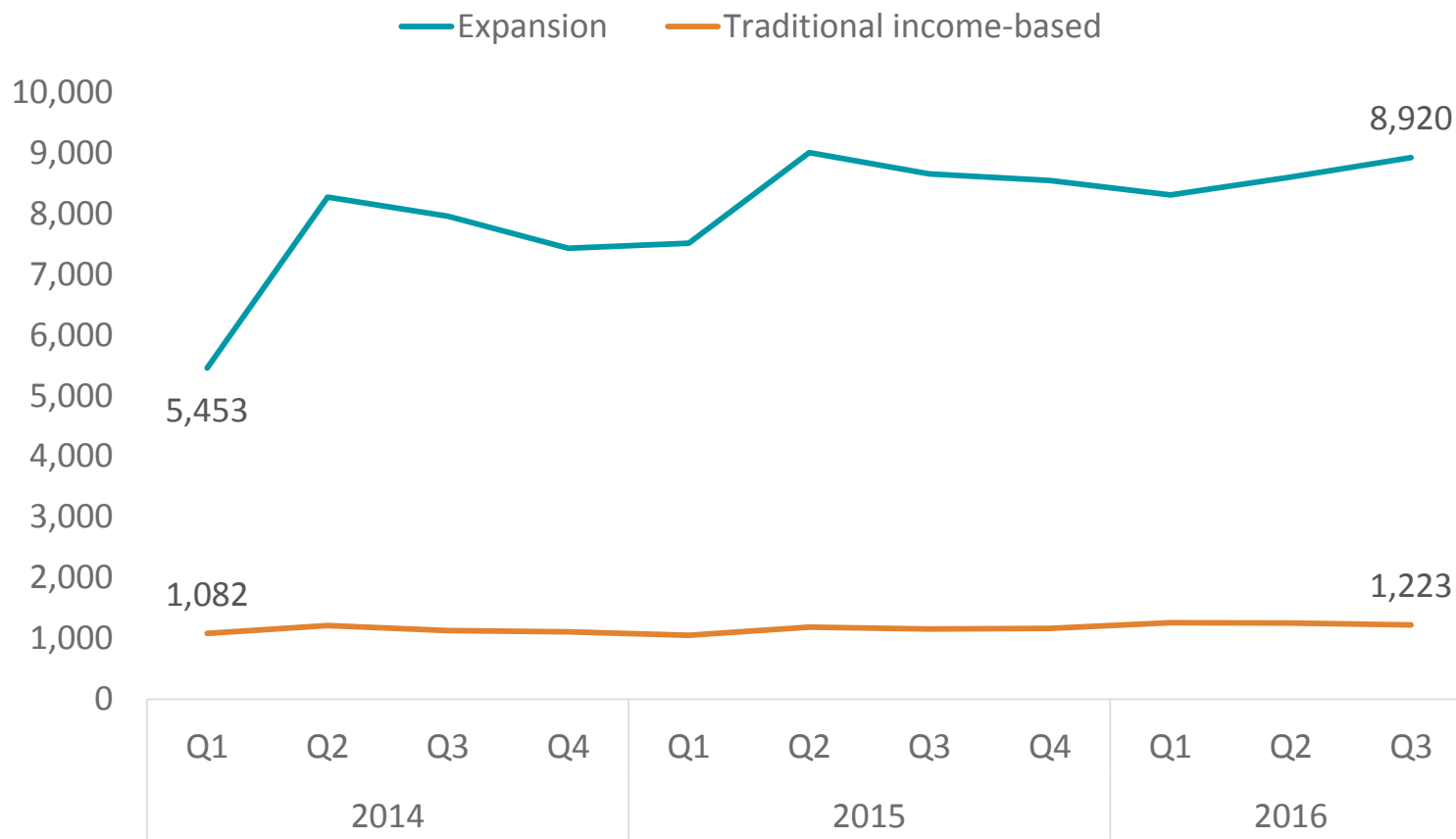
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Breast cancer screenings covered by Medicaid have continued to increase since 2014

Quarterly Breast Cancer Screenings, 2014-2016

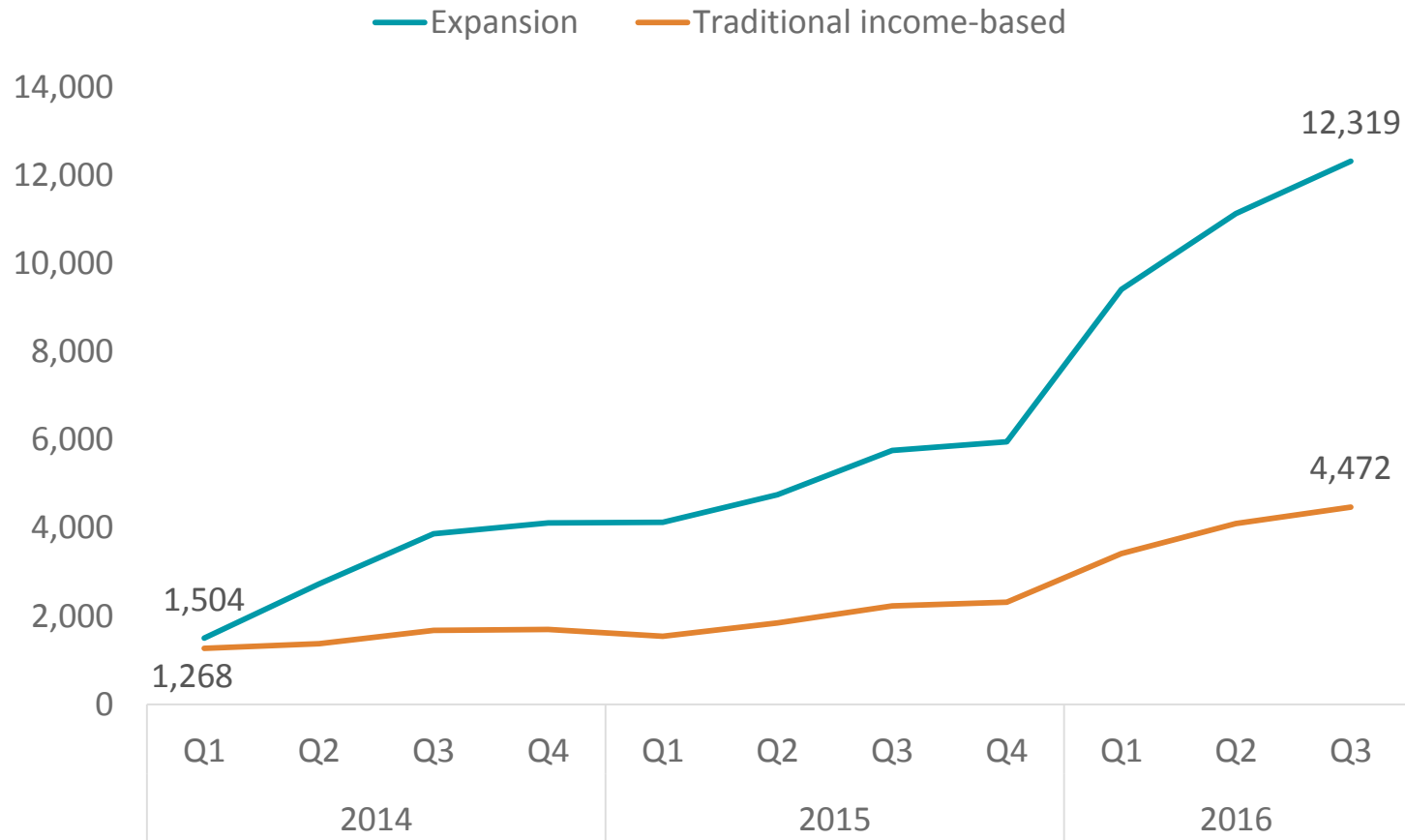


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Substance use treatment services increased for traditional and expansion Medicaid enrollees

Quarterly Substance Use Services, 2014-2016

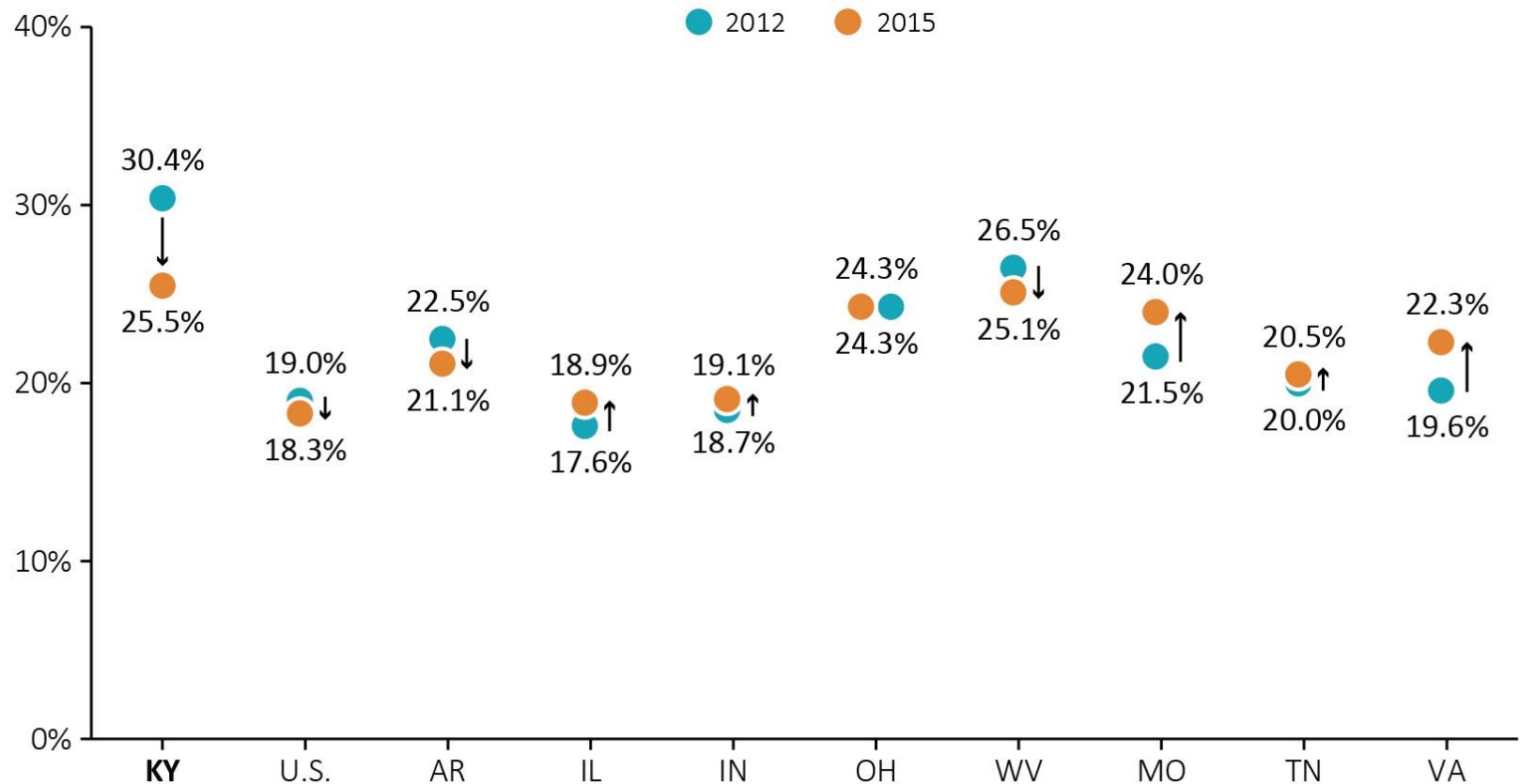


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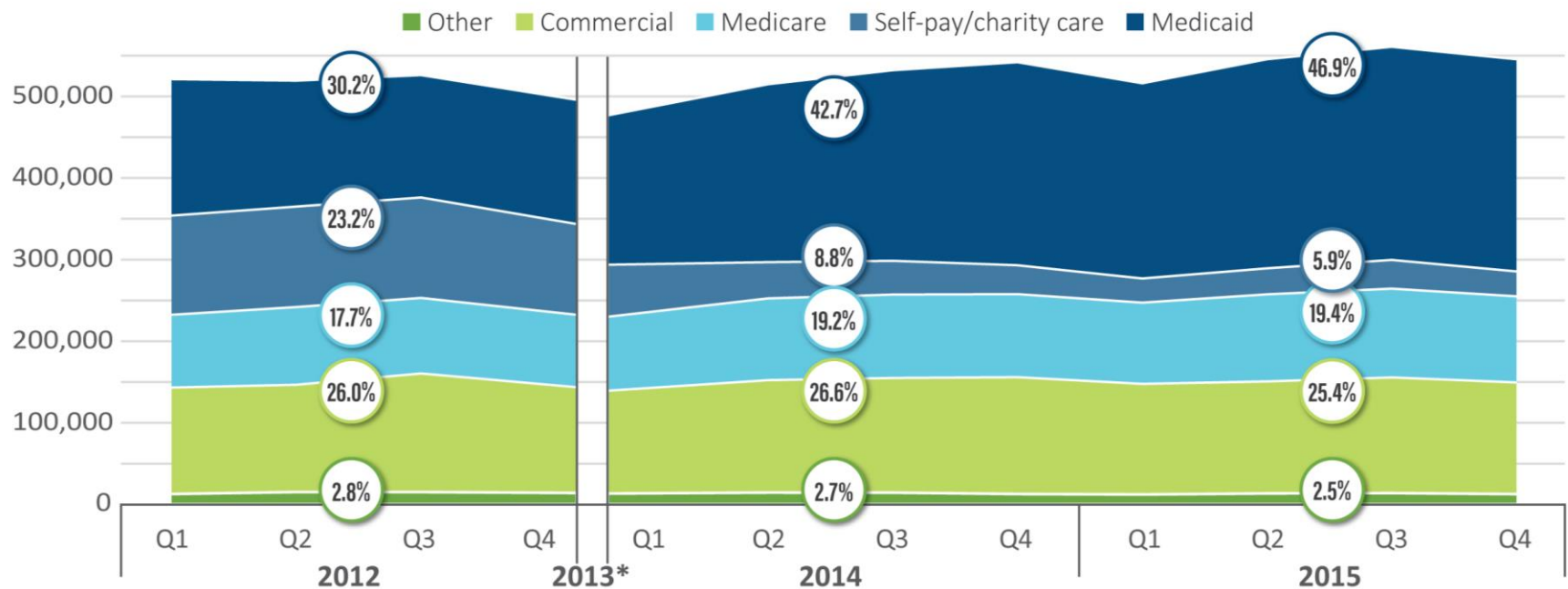
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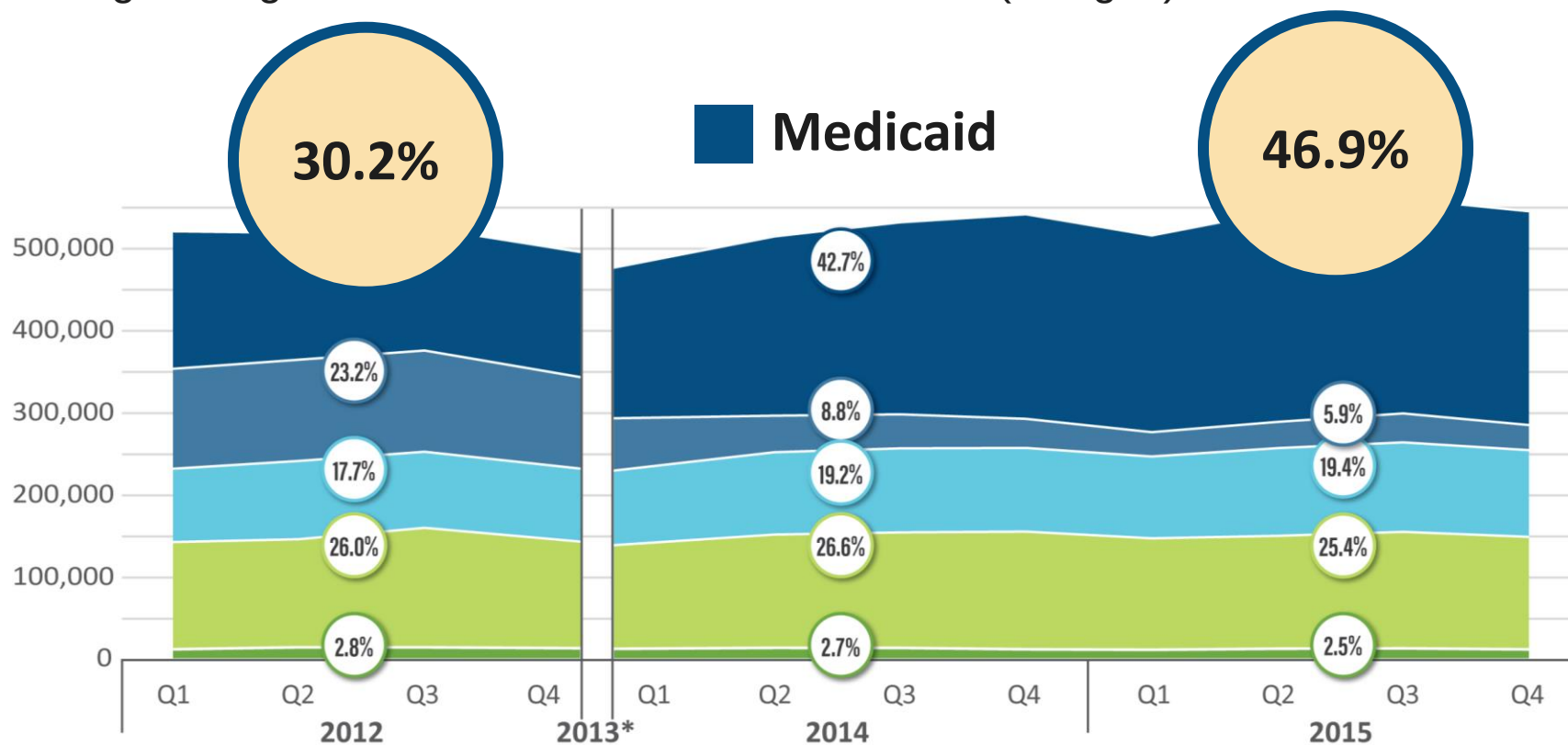
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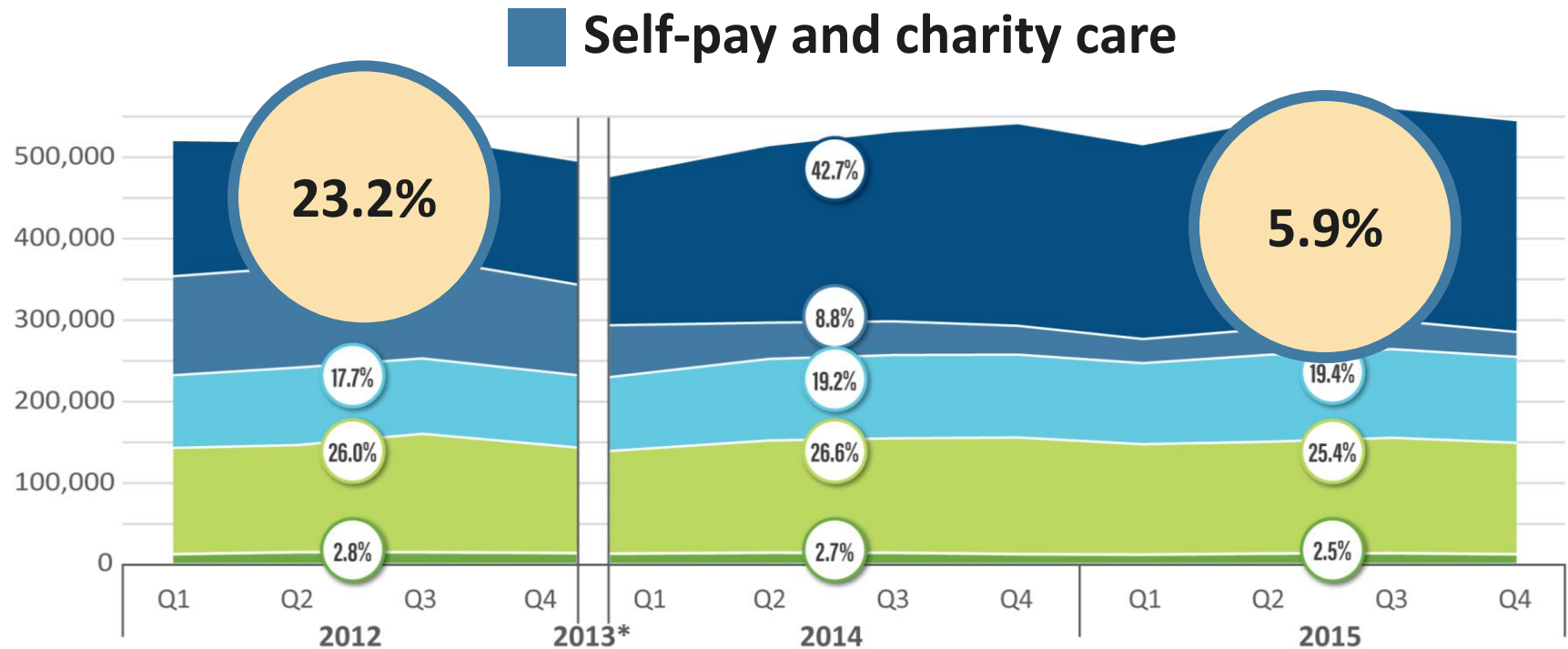
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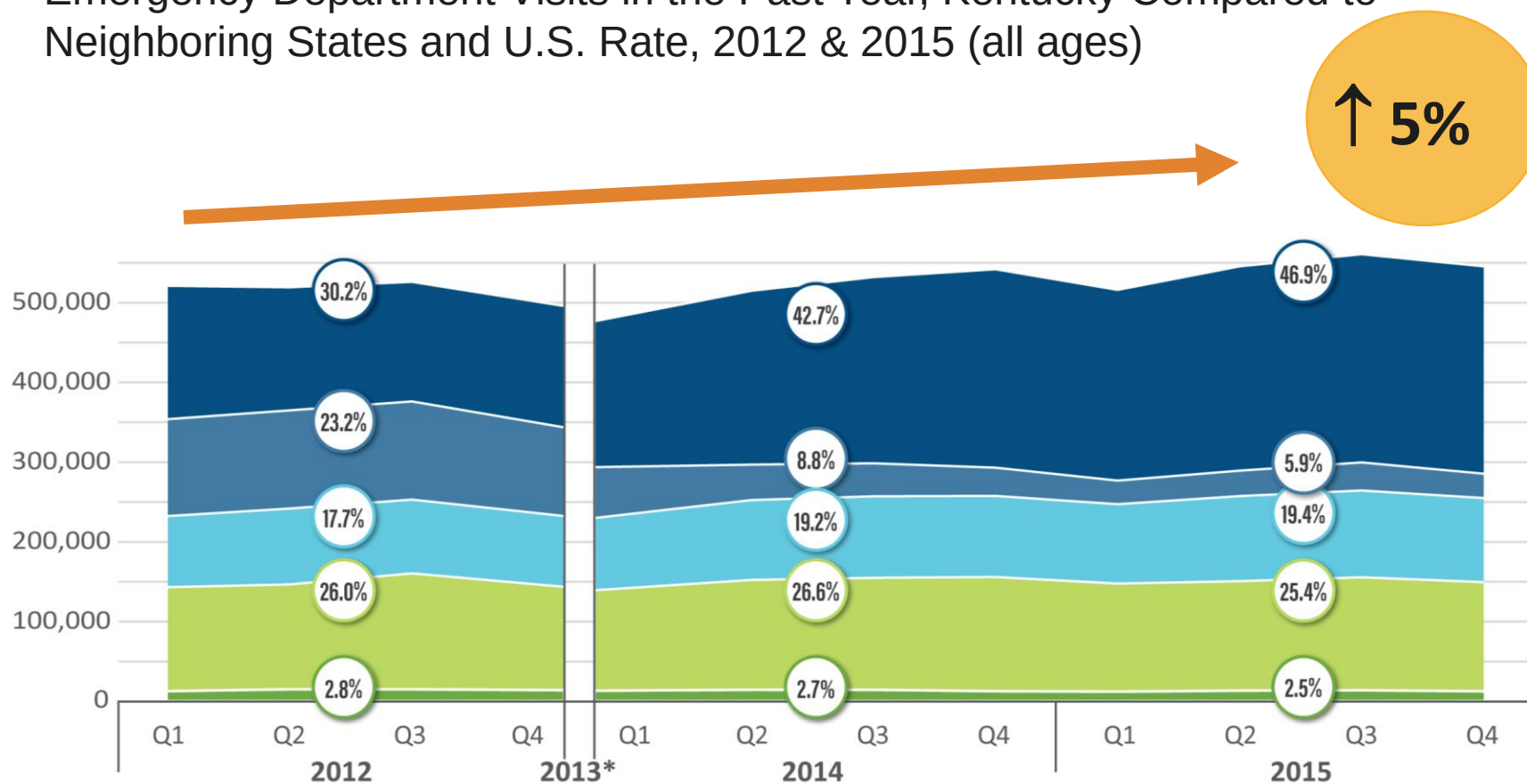
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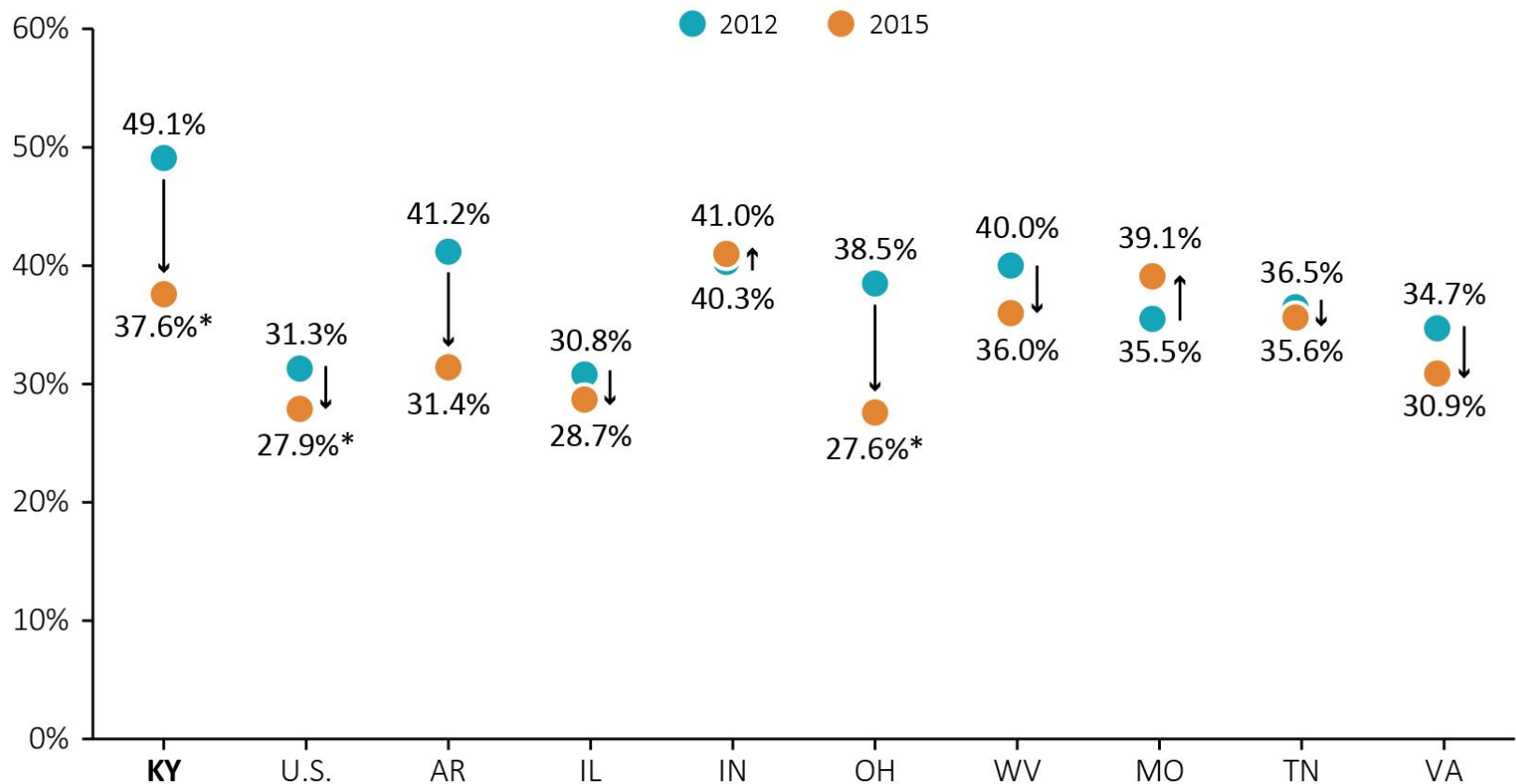
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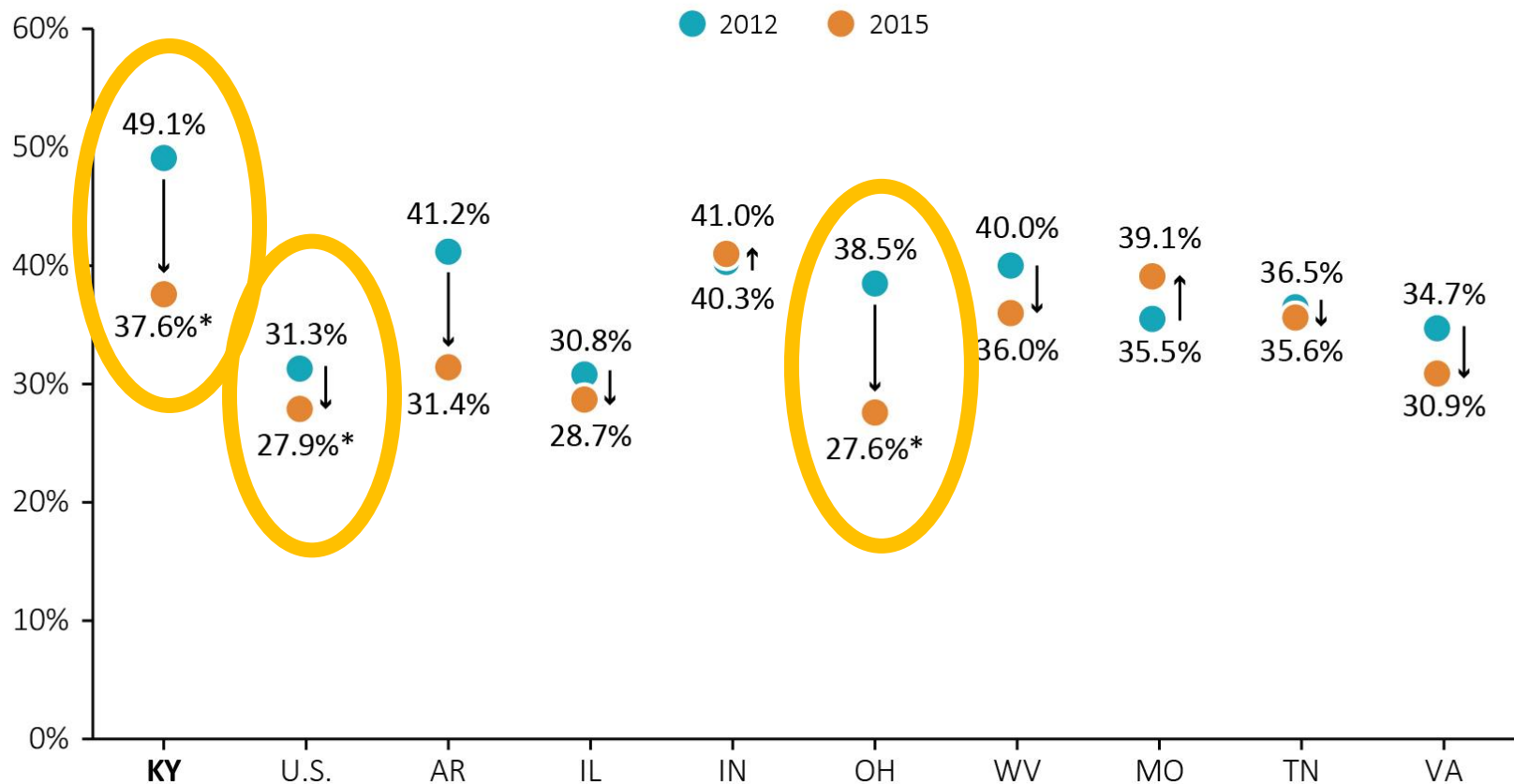
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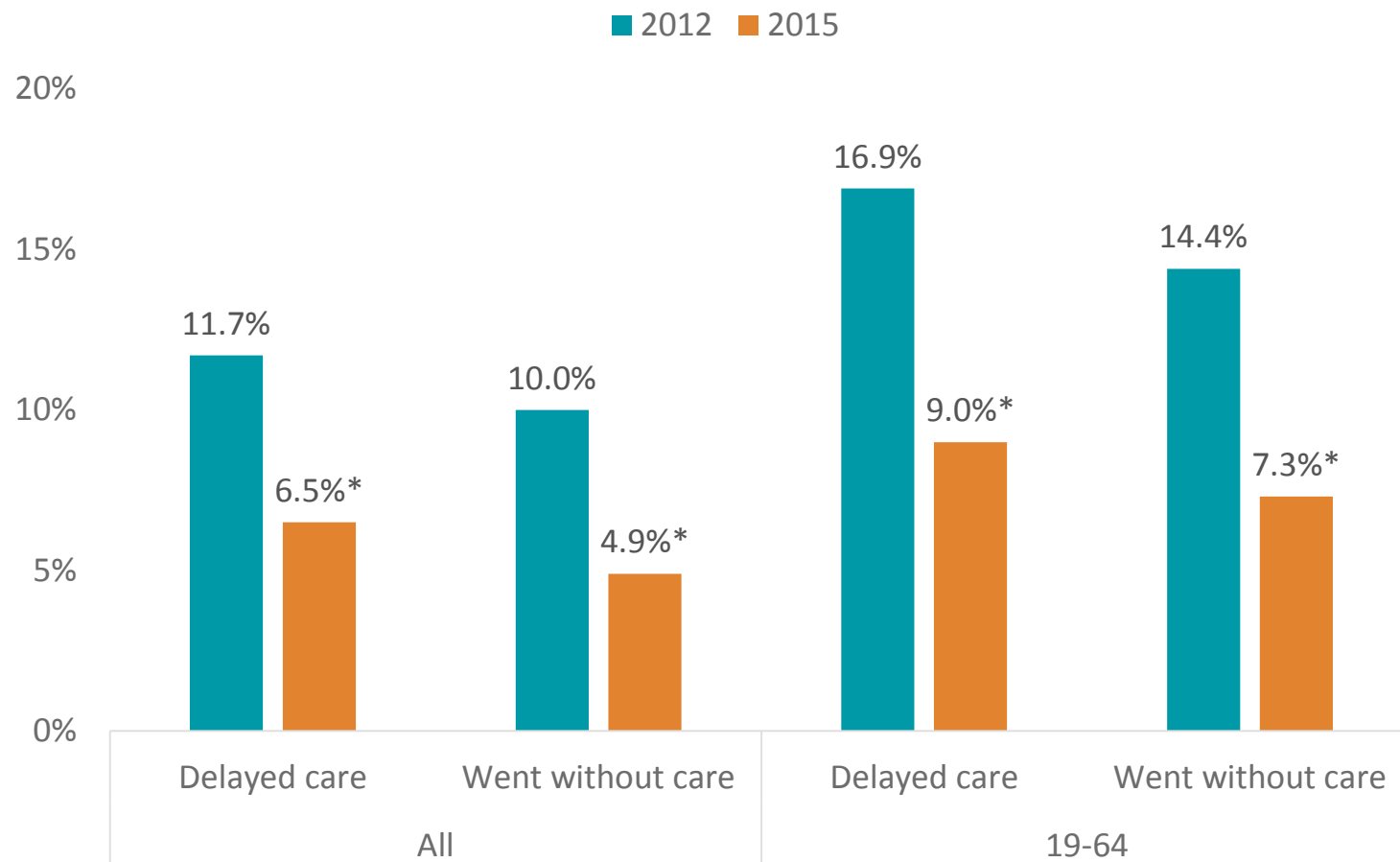
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Delayed or Went Without Needed Care Due to Cost by Age Category, Kentucky, 2012-2015



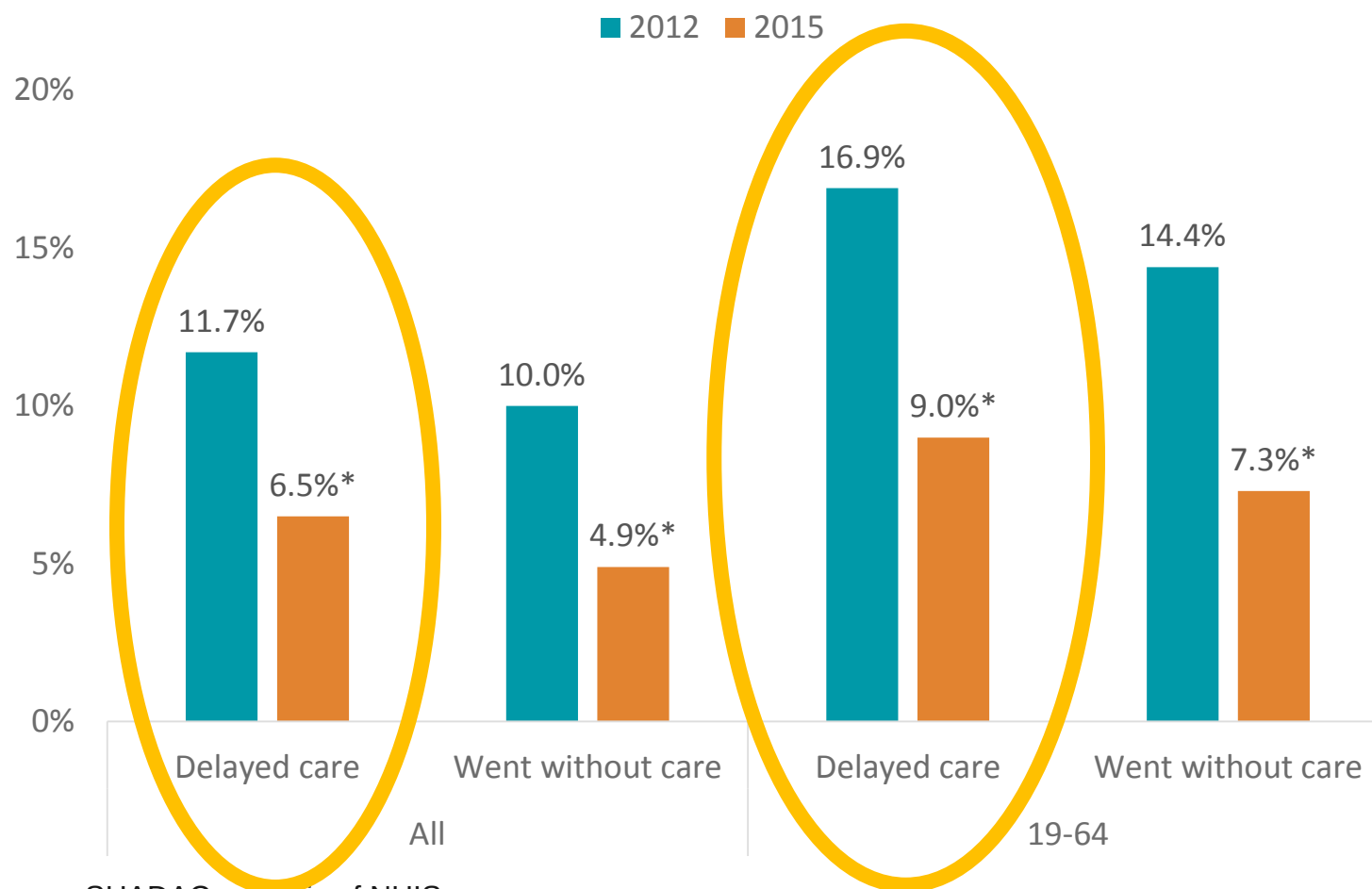
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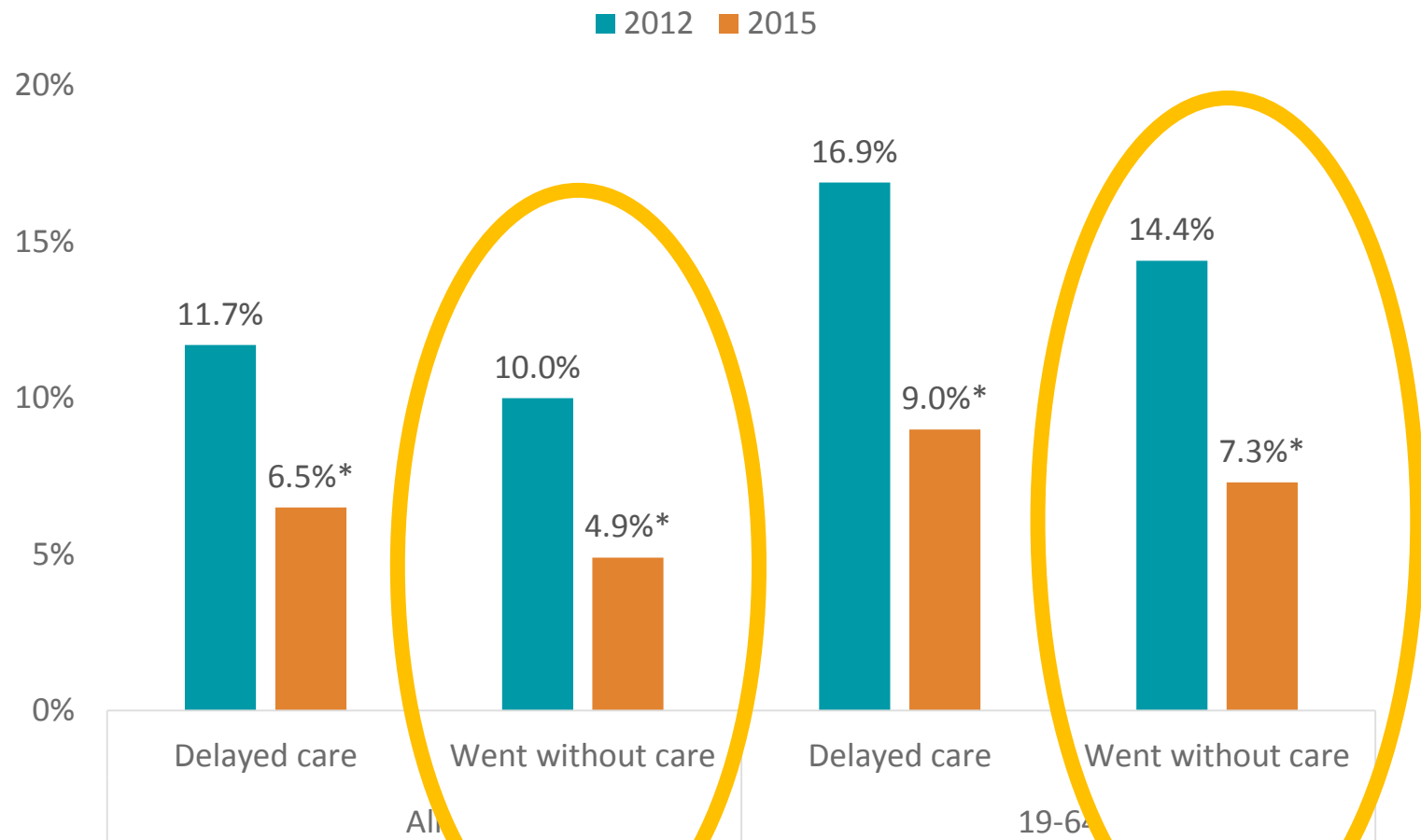
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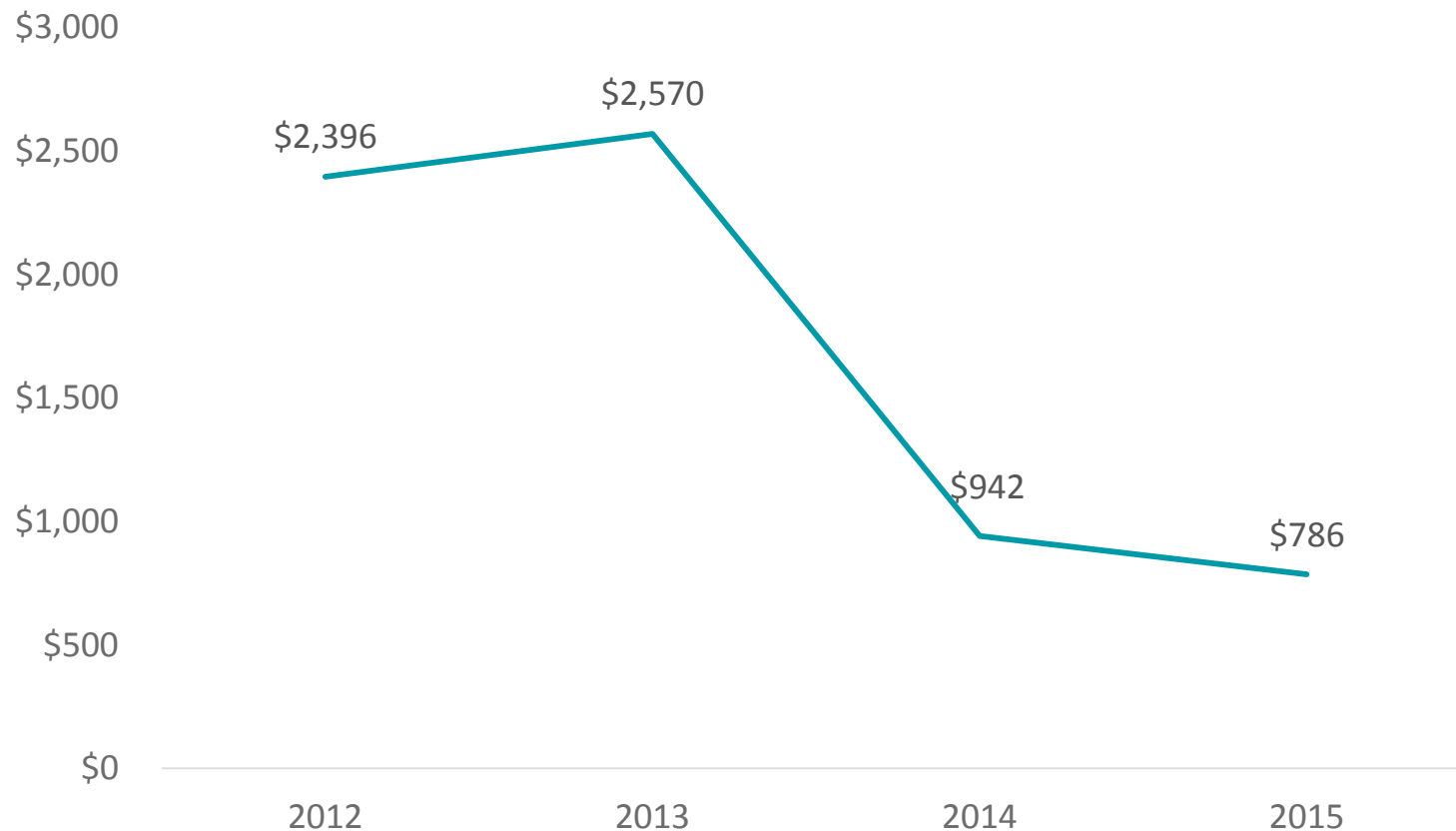
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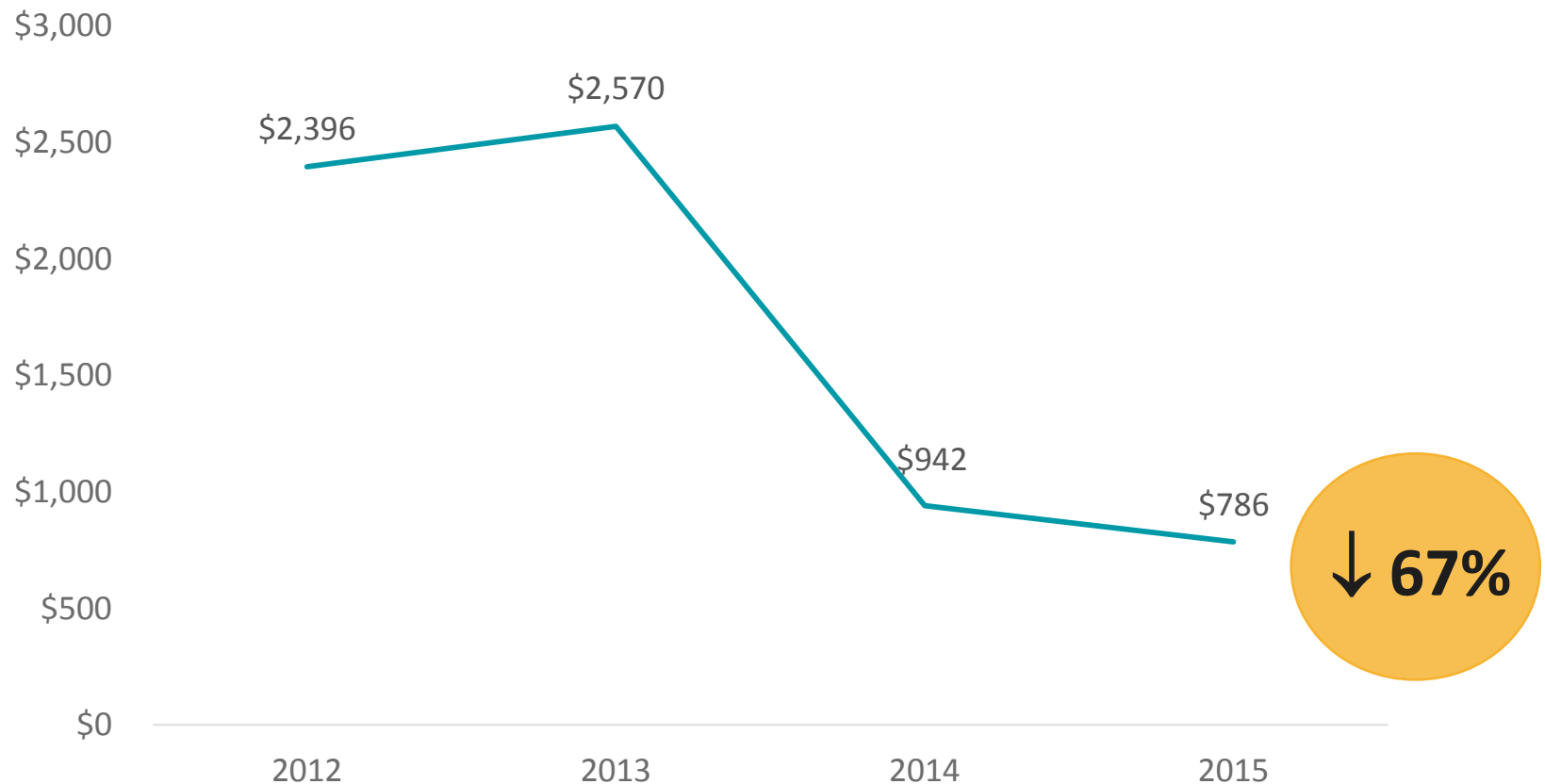


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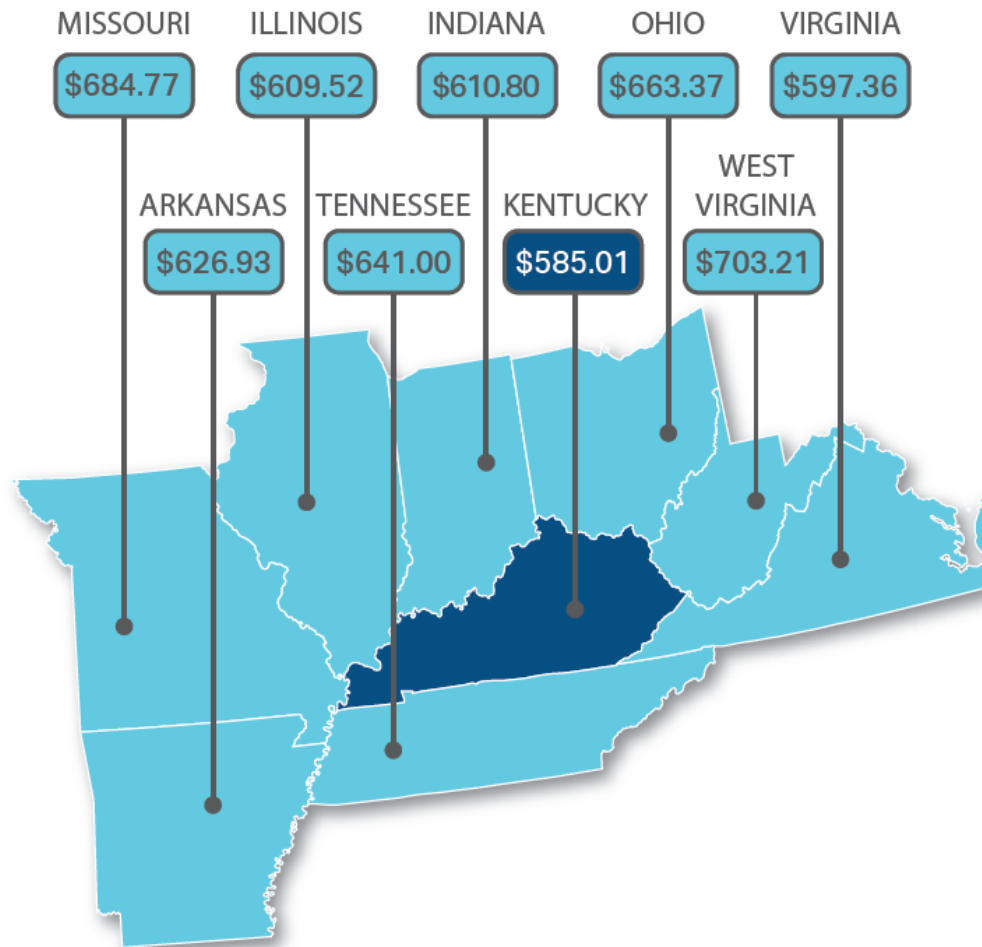


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Lower 2016 Marketplace Plan Costs Than Neighbors

Median Silver Plan Premium for 30-year-old Couple with Two Children, 2016

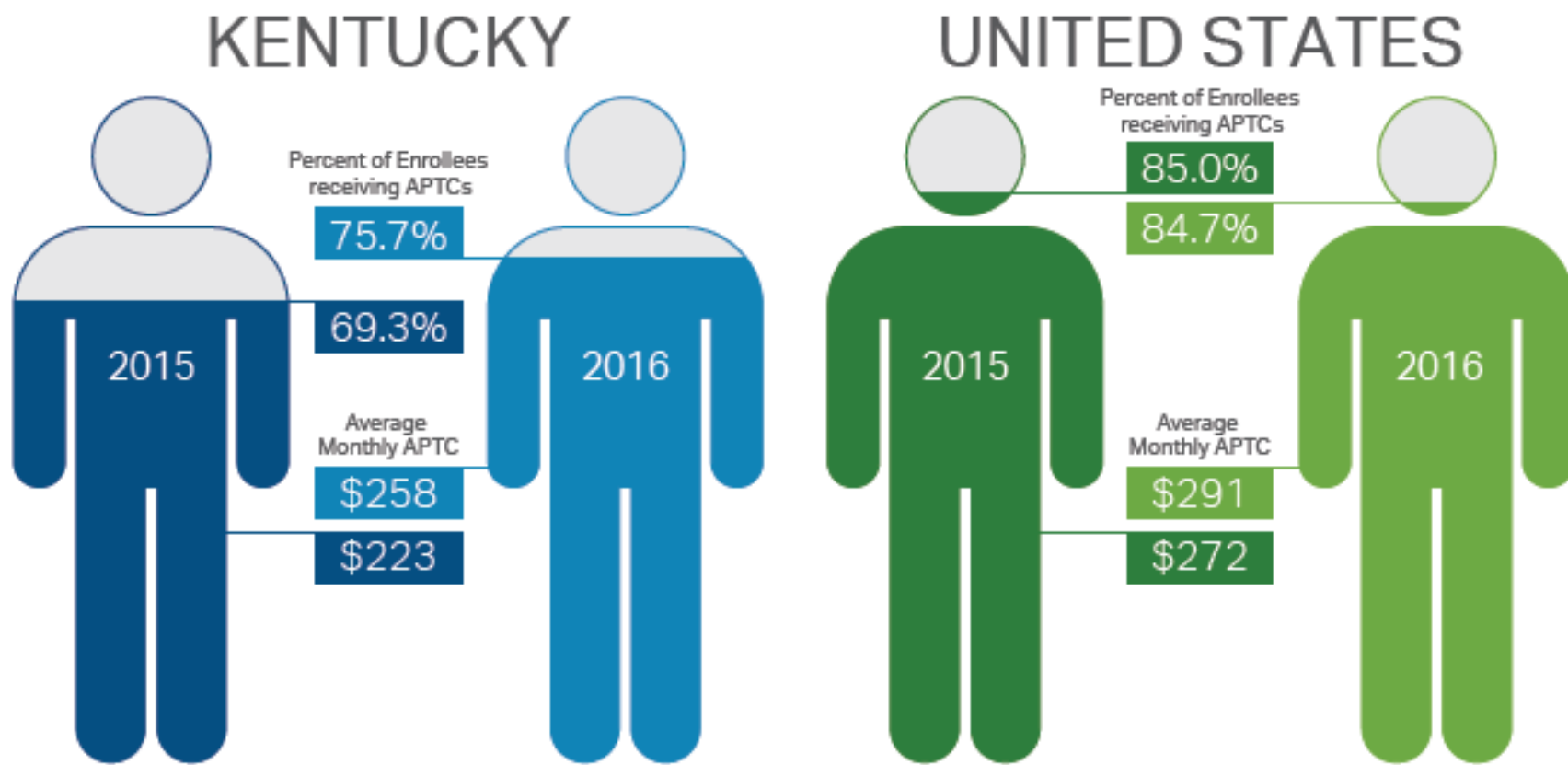


Source: SHADAC analysis of Robert Wood Johnson Foundation and Manatt, Phelps & Phillips' "HIX Compare 2015 – 2016"

Cost

Kentucky APTCs Were Smaller, Fewer Received Them

Percentage of Marketplace Enrollees Receiving Advanced Premium Tax Credits (APTCs) and Average Monthly APTC, U.S. and Kentucky, 2015 & 2016

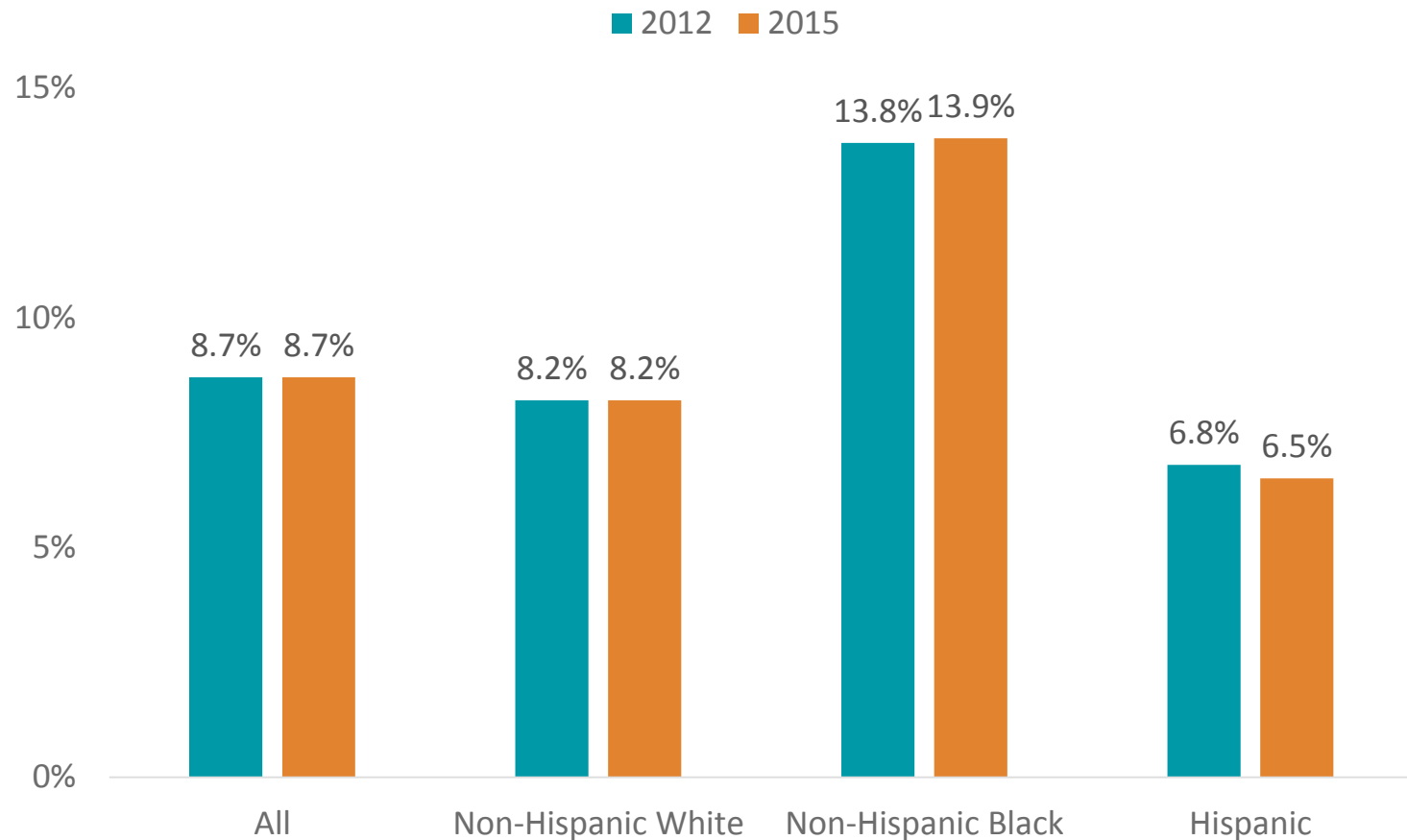


Source: CMS Effectuated Enrollment Snapshots, 2015 & 2016

Quality

Racial disparities continued in low birth weight

Low Birth Weight for Births by Race/Ethnicity, Kentucky, 2012-2015 (all births)

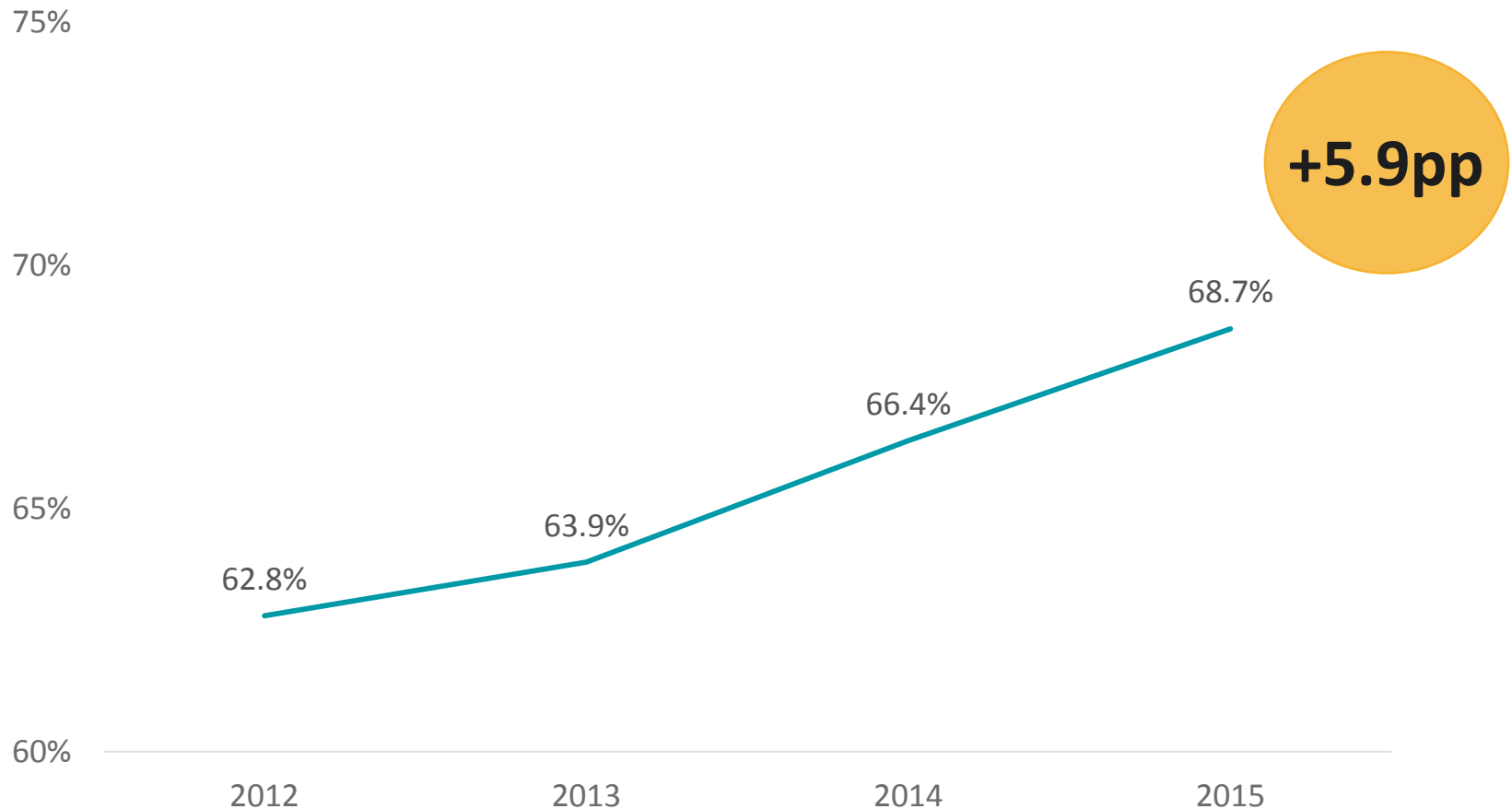


Source: National Vital Statistics Reports

Quality

Breastfeeding grew to more than two-thirds of births

Breastfeeding Initiation Rates, Kentucky, 2012-2015 (newborn infants)



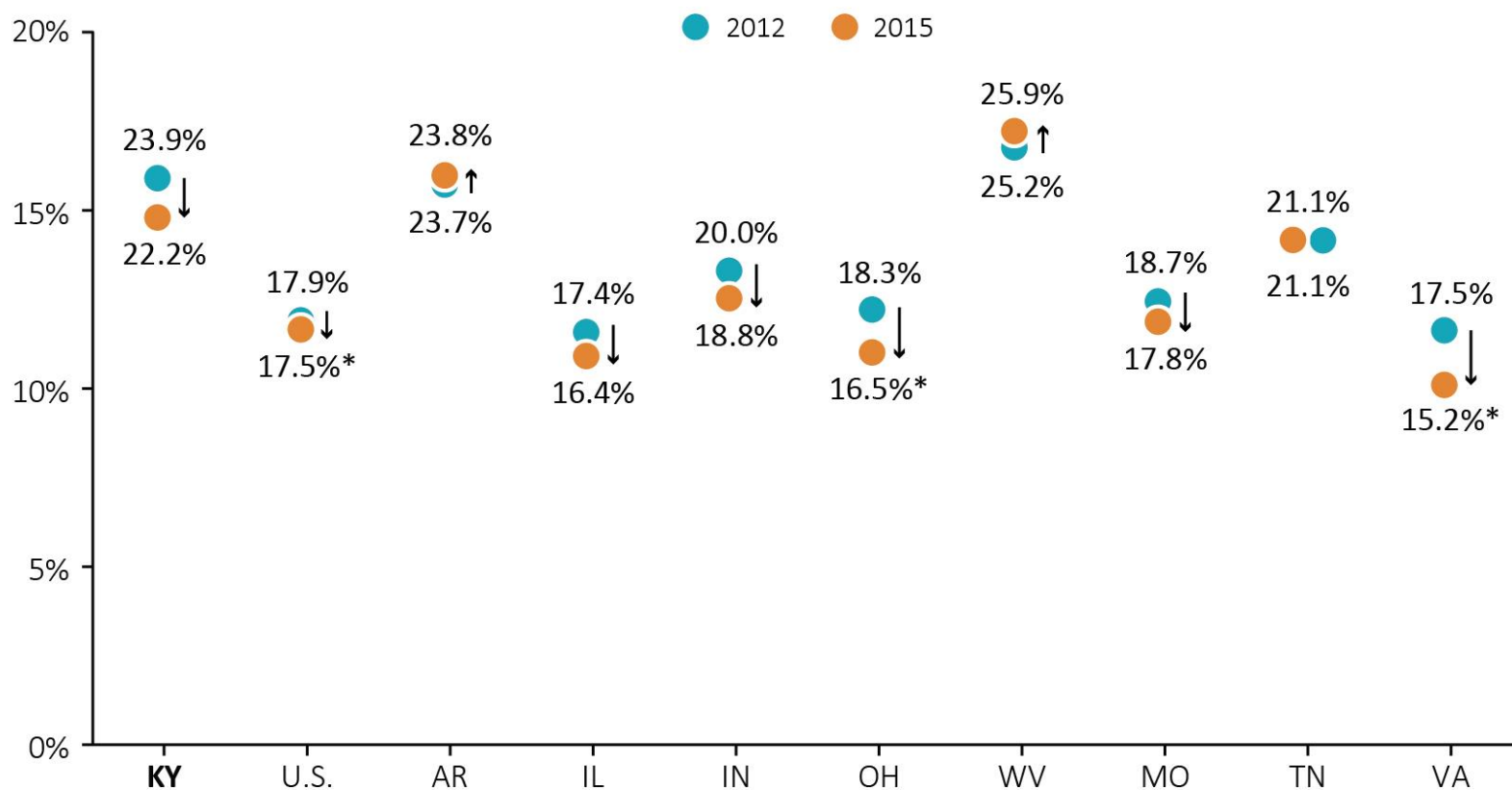
Source: Kentucky Department for Public Health

Note: Data are still preliminary for 2014 and 2015.

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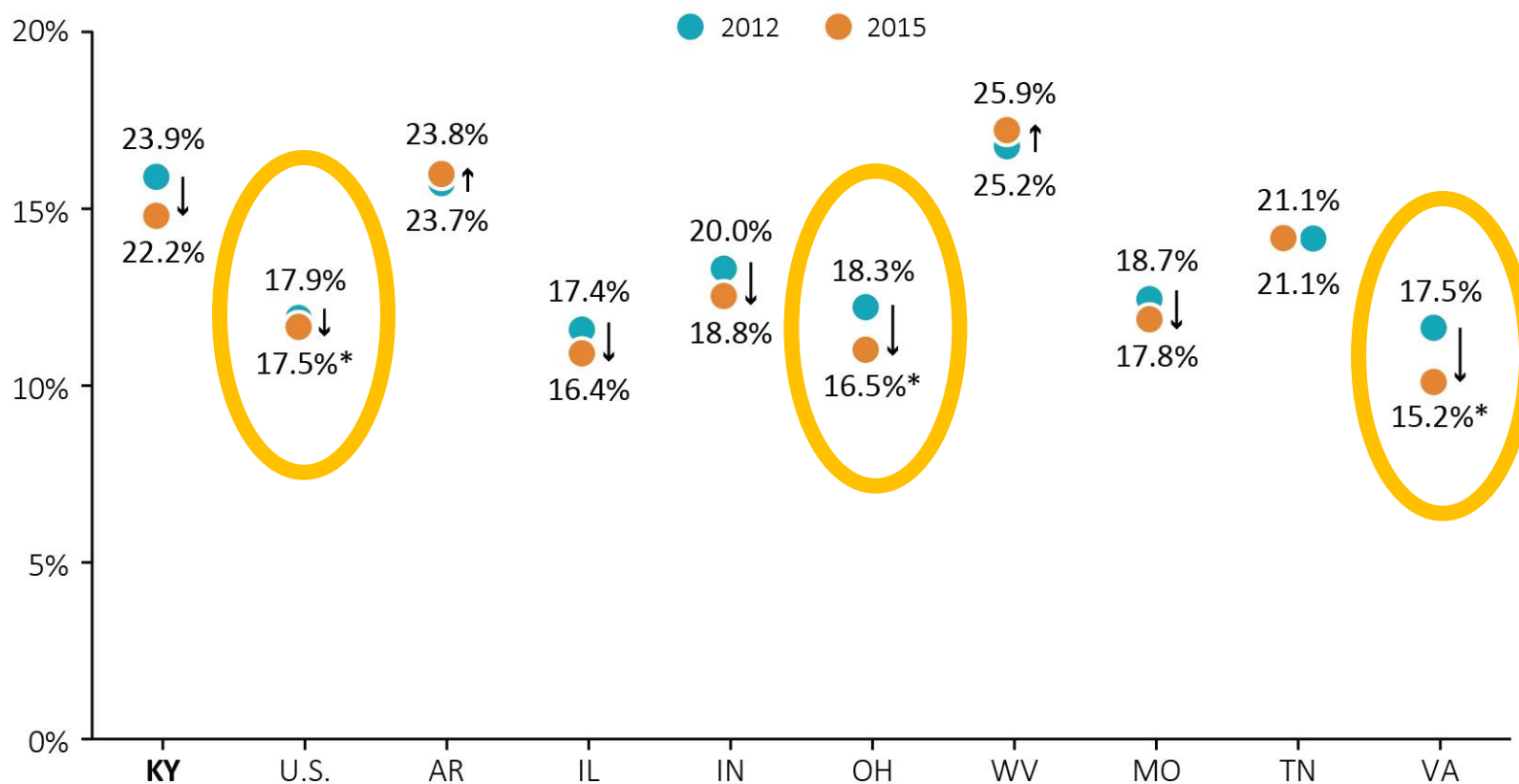
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- Commonwealth has experienced clear improvements in coverage since before ACA
- Some improvements seen in access and cost domains
- Quality and health outcomes have remained largely stable

THANK YOU!

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