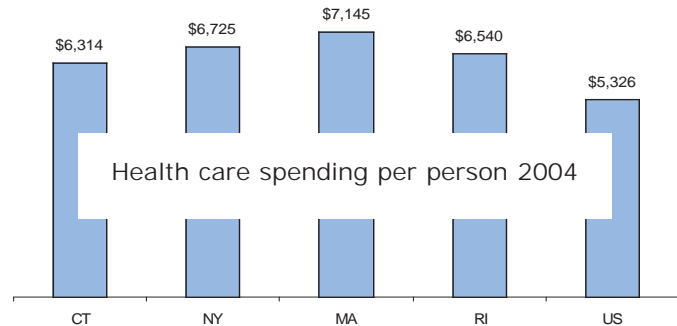
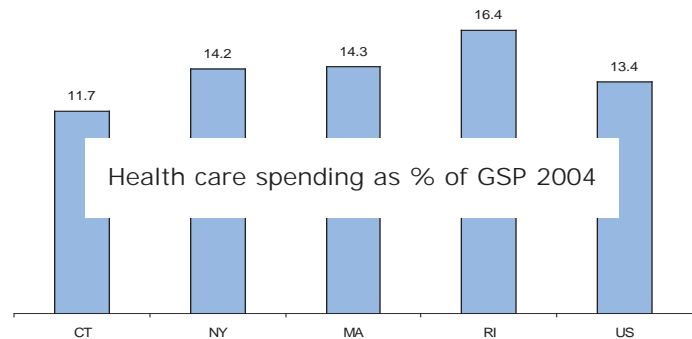


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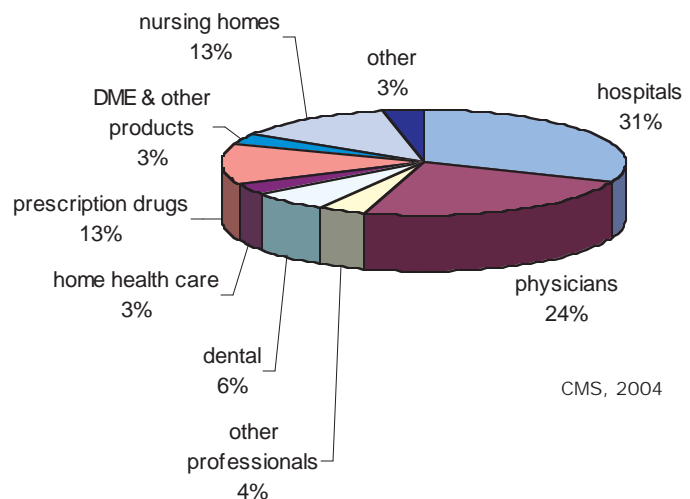
In 2004, Connecticut residents spent just under \$22 billion on personal health care services. That is \$6,314 per person, above the US average of \$5,326 but below our surrounding states.



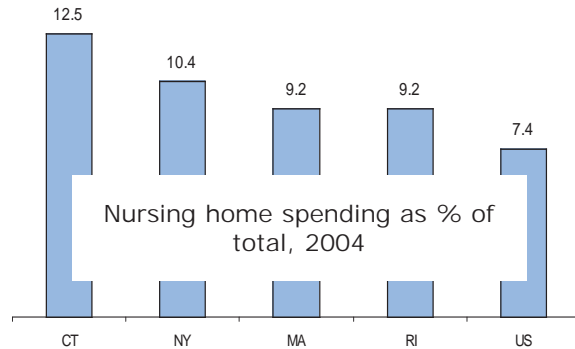
However, we spent less of our total economy (Gross State Product) on health care than other states. Our average rate of growth over the last 25 years is approximately the same as the US and neighboring states' averages.



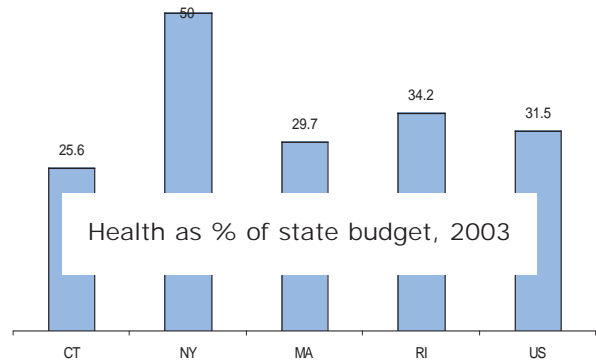
Like most other states, Connecticut spent most of our health care dollars on physicians and hospitals.



However, we spent 12.5 cents of every dollar on nursing home care, while neighboring states spent far less. 13% of Connecticut residents are over age 65, virtually the same as other states.

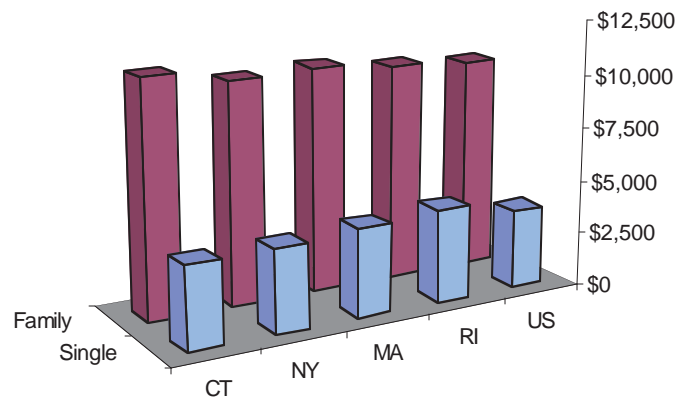


We spent significantly less of our state budget on health than most states.

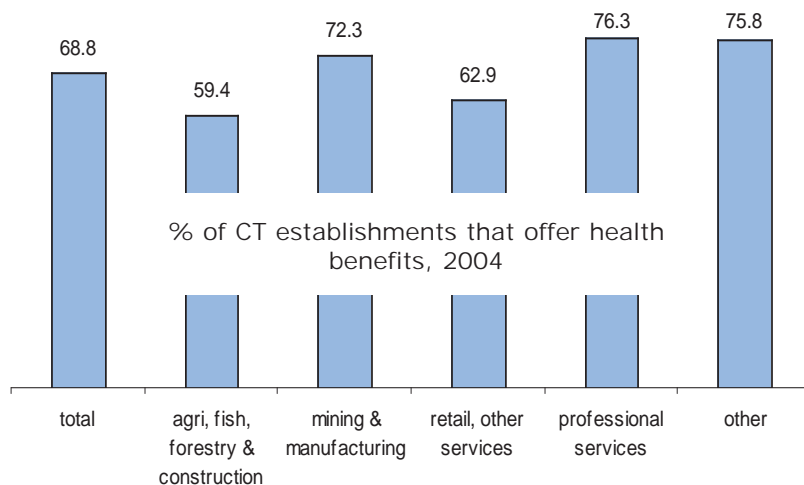
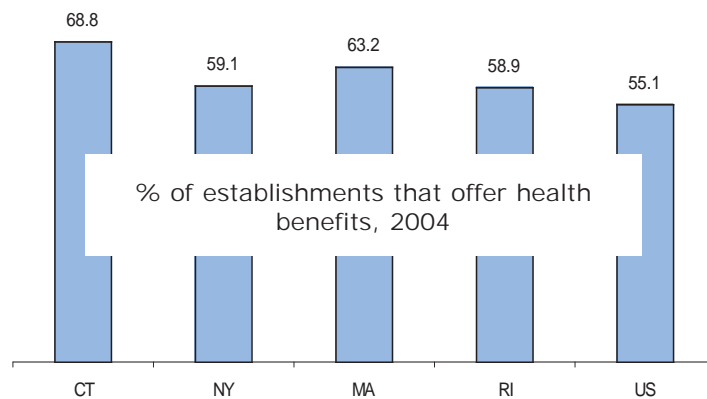


Single health insurance premiums are approximately the same in Connecticut as our neighboring states, but family coverage is significantly more expensive.

Health Premiums 2004



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, 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