

Los Angeles County

# OFFICE OF CHILD PROTECTION

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Countywide Joint Strategic Plan for Child Protection

# Stakeholder Convening

June 11, 2015

Los Angeles, California

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# Why, What, and How?

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## Why

- **The Office of Child Protection (OCP) needs your assistance in developing a County-wide strategic plan.**

## What

- **The Blue Ribbon Commission (BRC) has recommended certain systemic and non-systemic reform measures.**
- **The OCP needs to place the reform measures and other initiatives into a cohesive framework.**

## How

- **We seek your input in developing objectives to assist us in developing the plan – to supplement, not replace, the BRC recommendations.**

# OCP - The First 131 Days

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In the the early days of its existence, the OCP has set its sites on recommendations related to health and service delivery, expanded communication, and planning.

## Health & Safety Related

*Psychotropic  
medication*

*Nurse-Social Worker  
Joint Visits*

## Enhanced Communication

*Multi-departmental  
cross-training*

*Data sharing*

## Planning

*Prevention Planning*

*Strategic Planning*

# Blue Ribbon Commission on Child Protection

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**Articulate a Countywide Mission to Prioritize and Improve Child Safety**

*Three Major Milestones to Achieve this Goal –*

***Establish and  
Operationalize the  
Office of Child  
Protection***

-1-

***Adopt County  
Mission Statement  
and on Child Safety***

-2-

***Develop,  
Implement, Fund,  
and Monitor a  
Joint Strategic Plan  
for Child Safety***

-3-

# Countywide Mission Statement

## Preamble to the County Mission Statement on Child Safety:

The safety and well-being of all our children is of highest priority in the County. Consequently, County departments and agencies will work together as a team to provide the highest quality services to children and families. Broad community input and support is also critical to this mission. The County has established the Office of Child Protection to ensure the County achieves its child safety mission.



# Four Domain Areas – Working Definitions

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# System Inputs – Some Quantitative Data

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## Inputs Into DCFS – The Child Protection Component of the Child Safety Net

### 2012

- 200,082 calls
- 157,720 children
- 10,730 removals
- 6.8% rate

### 2013

- 204,522 calls
- 151,944 children
- 11,069 removals
- 7.3% rate

### 2014

- 221,201 calls
- 175,276 children
- 12,058 removals
- 6.9% rate

# Key Child Welfare Outcome Trends in Los Angeles County: Challenges and Opportunities in the Road Ahead

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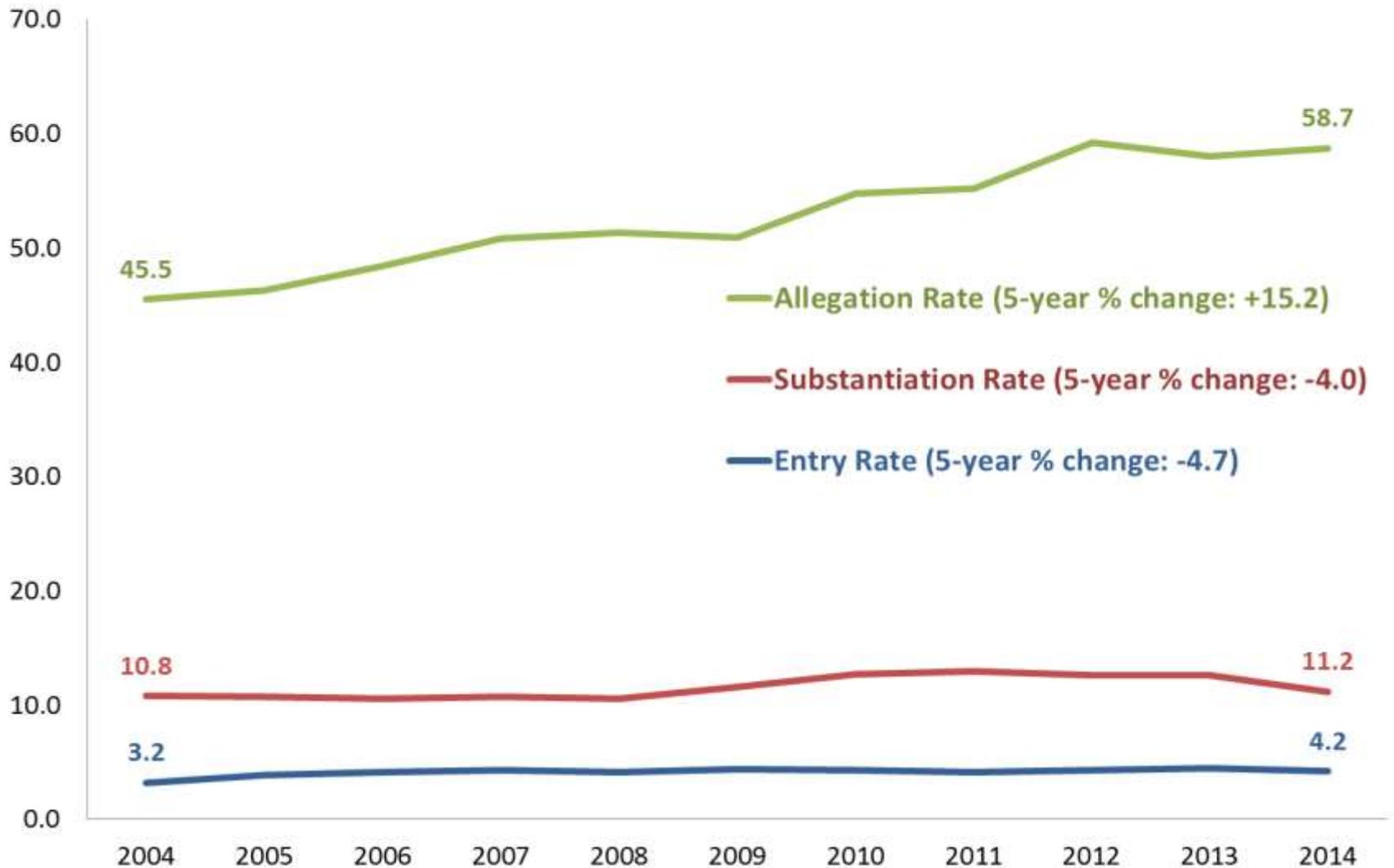
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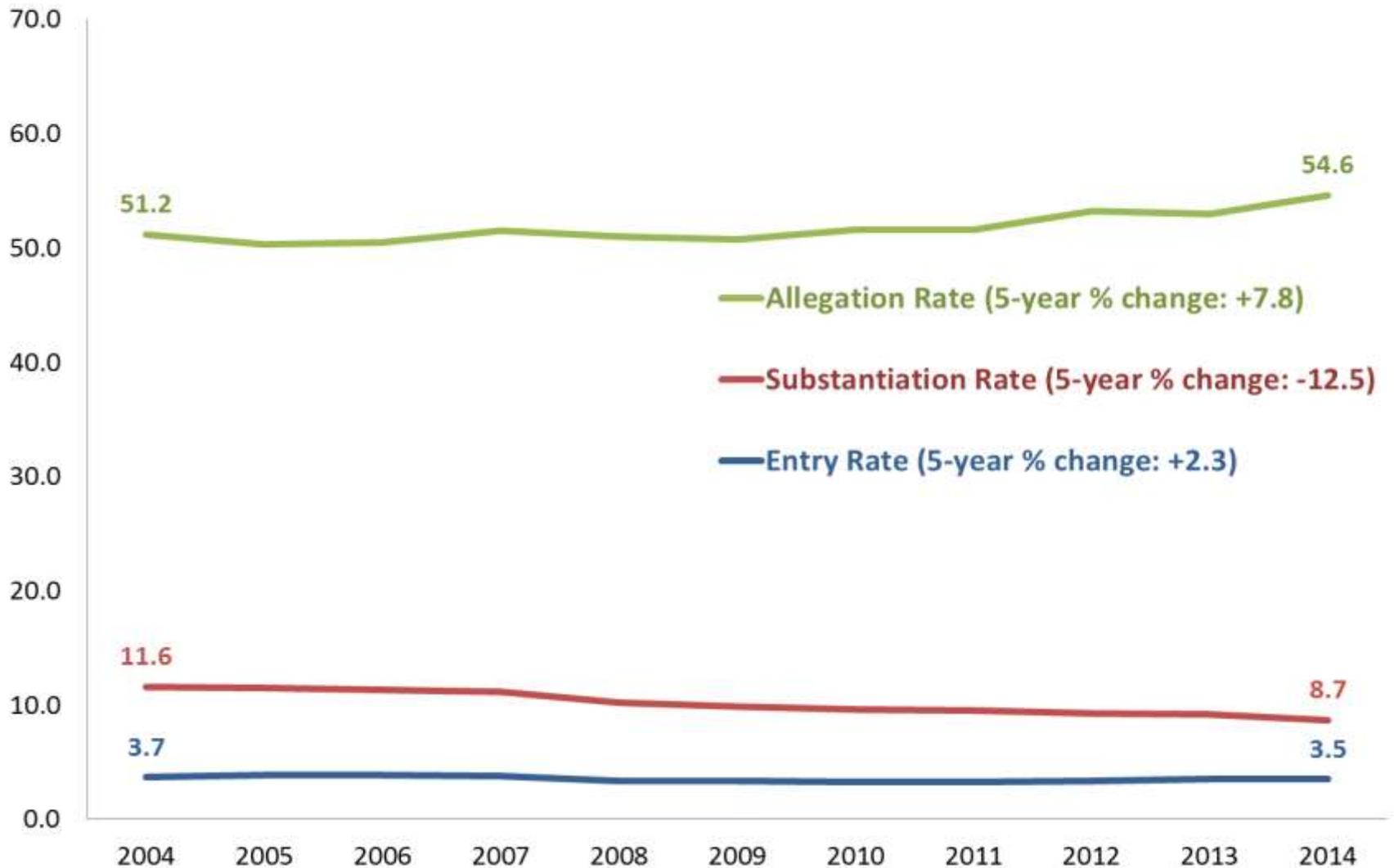
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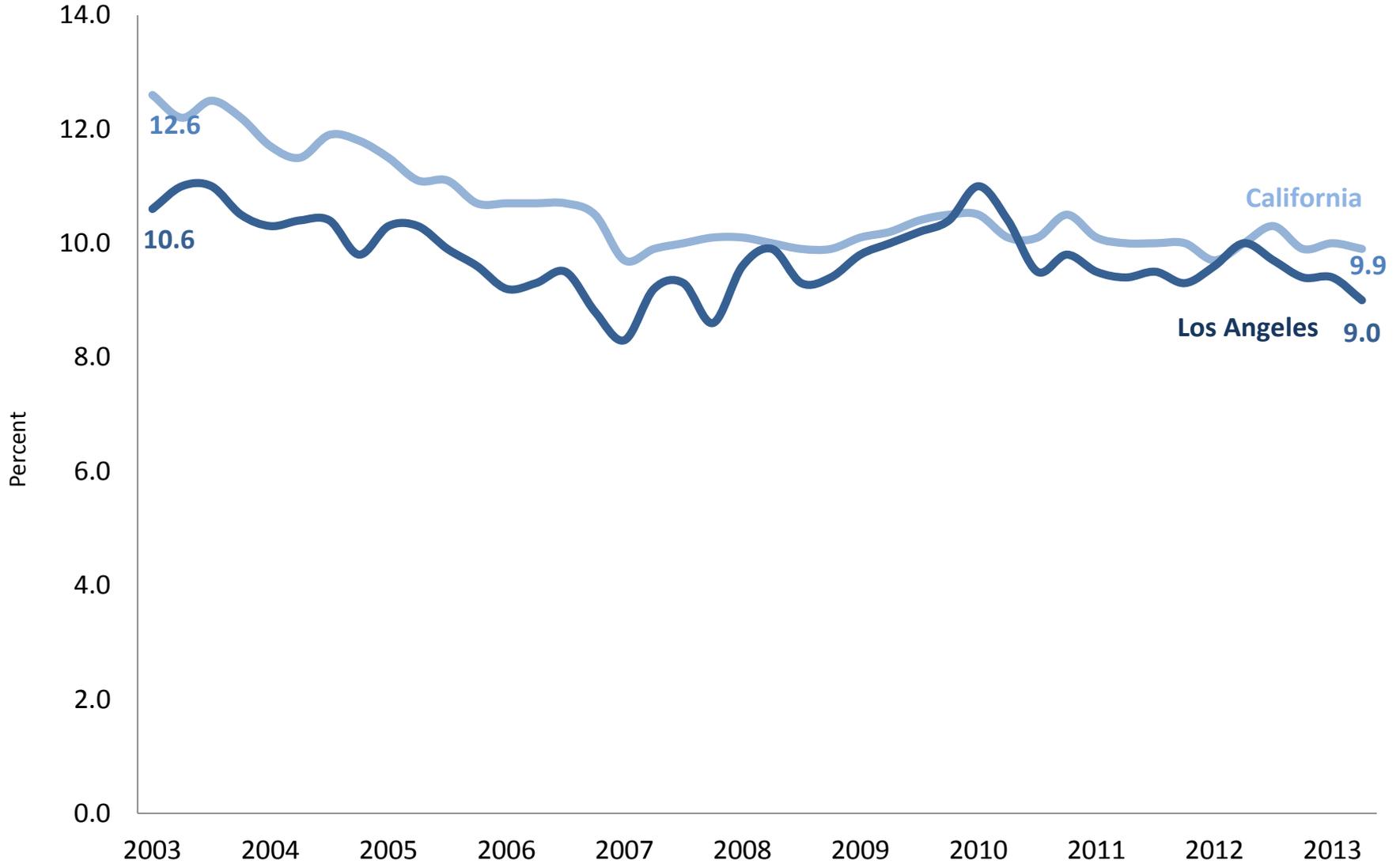
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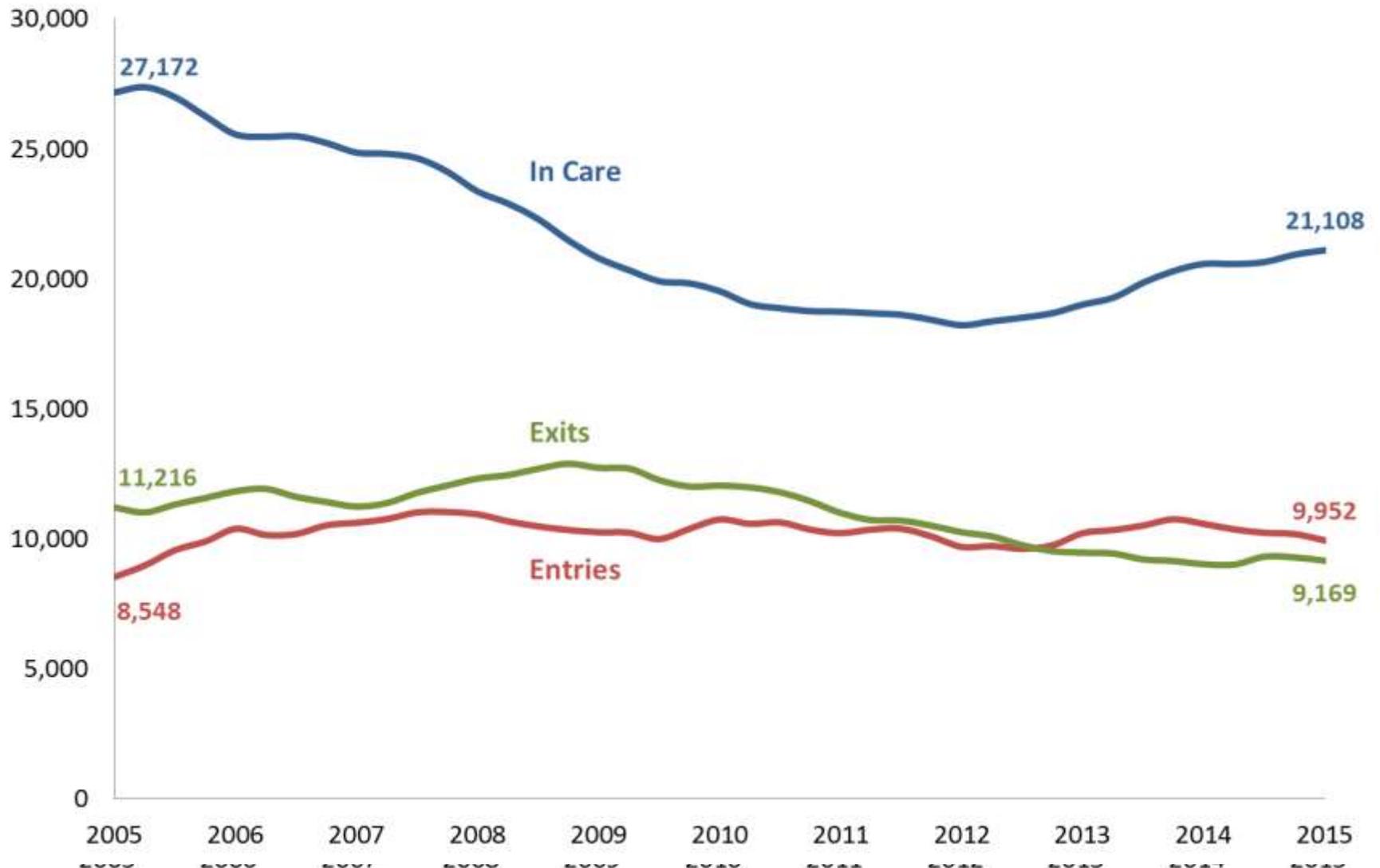
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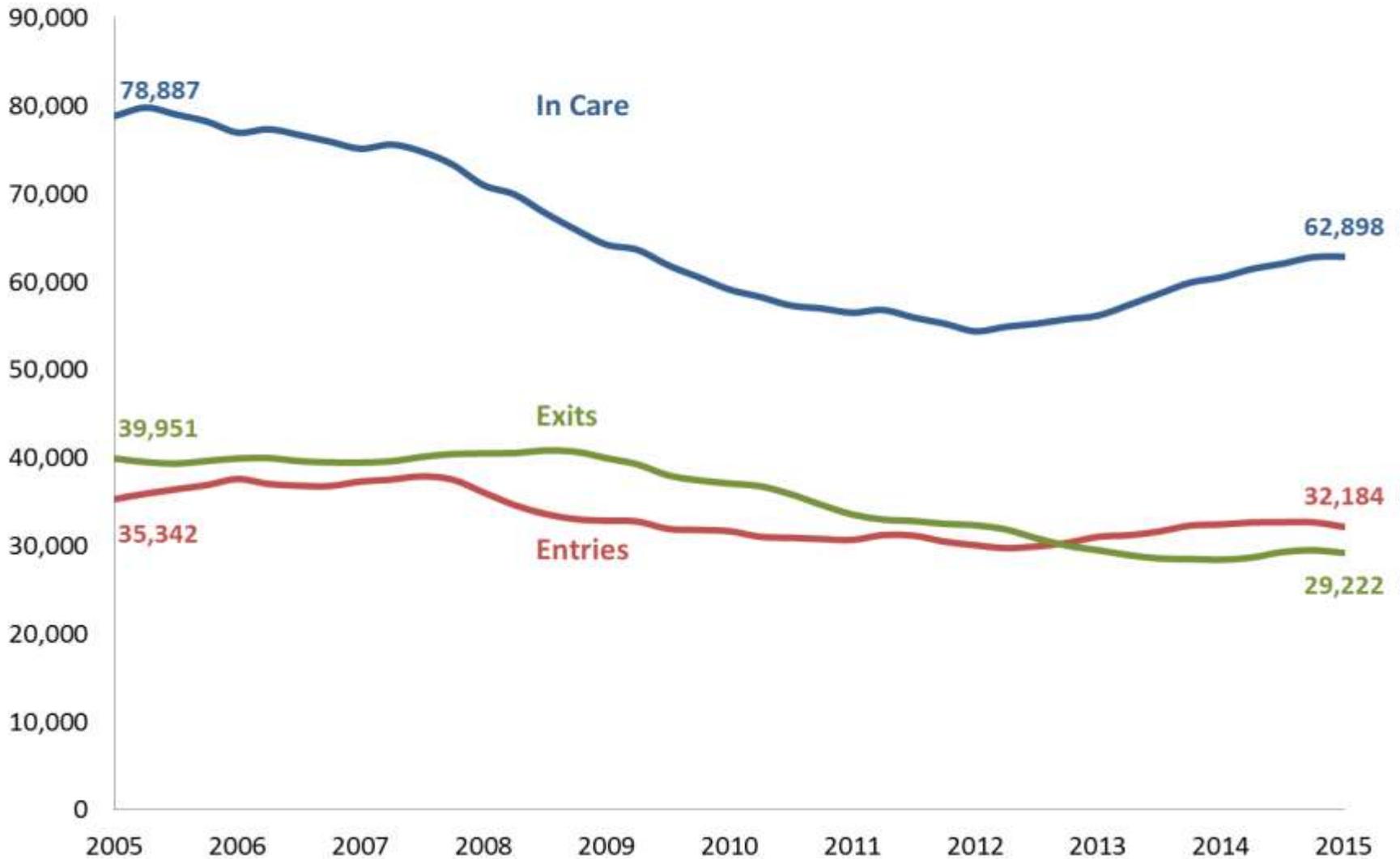
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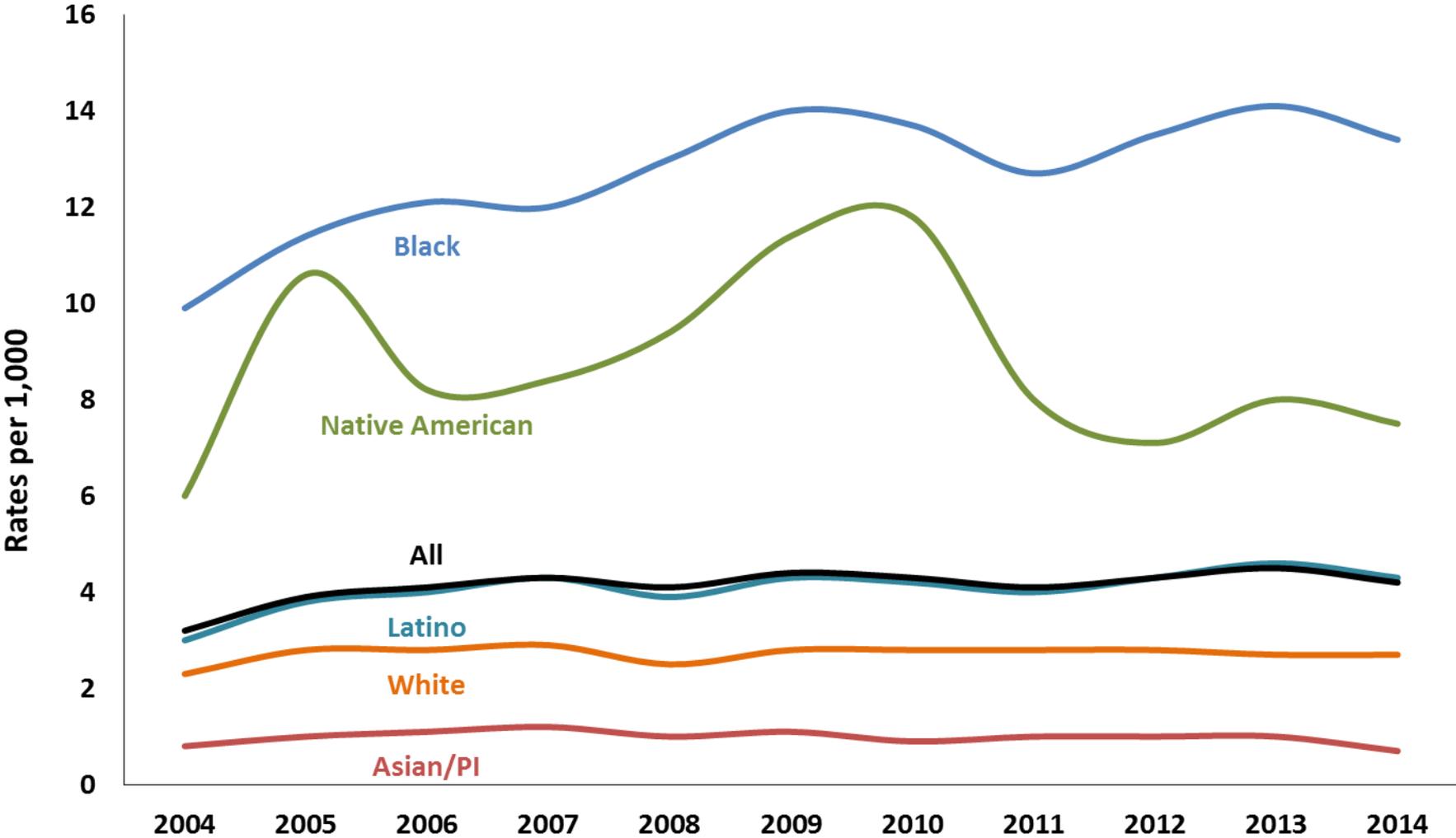
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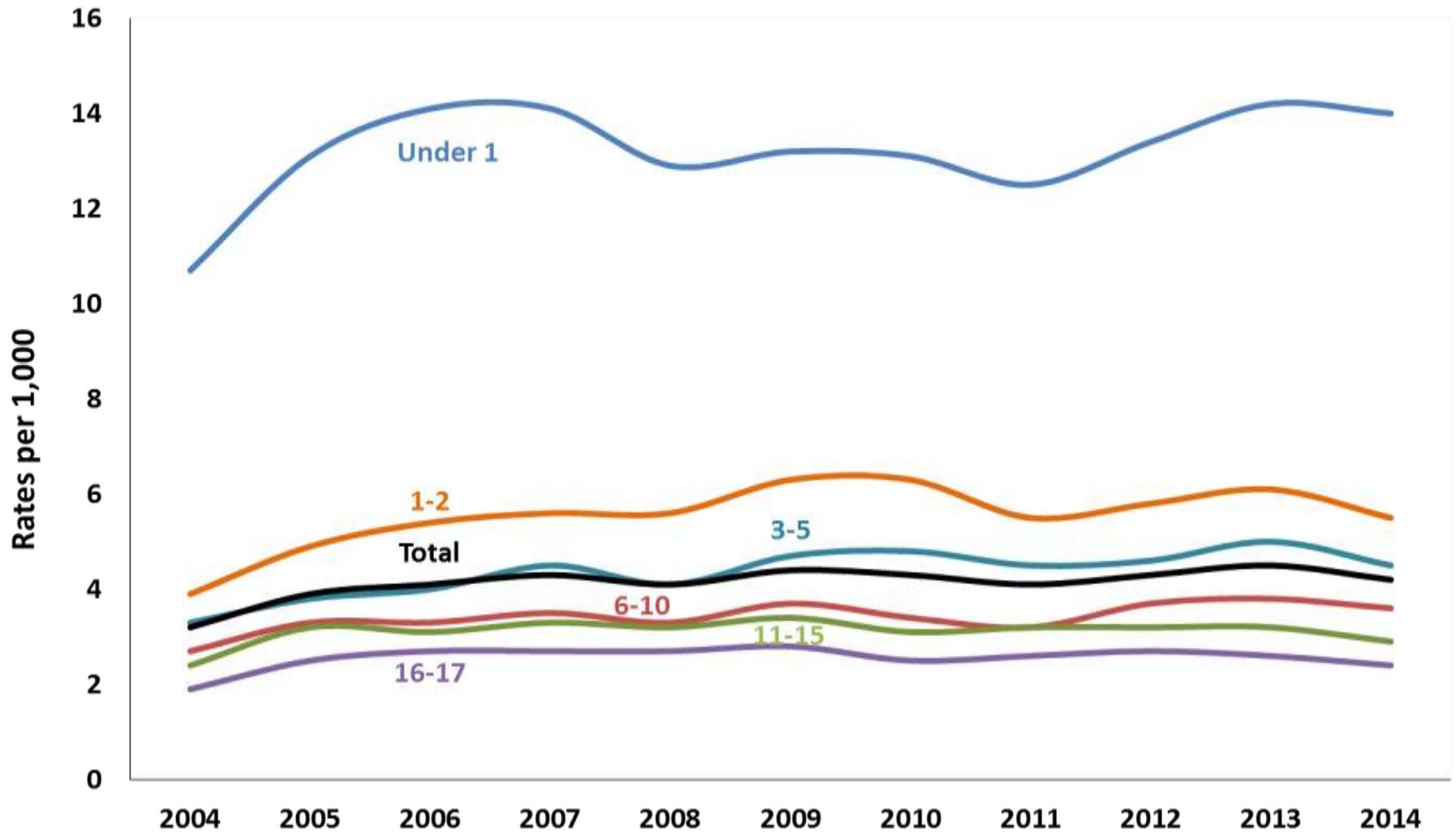
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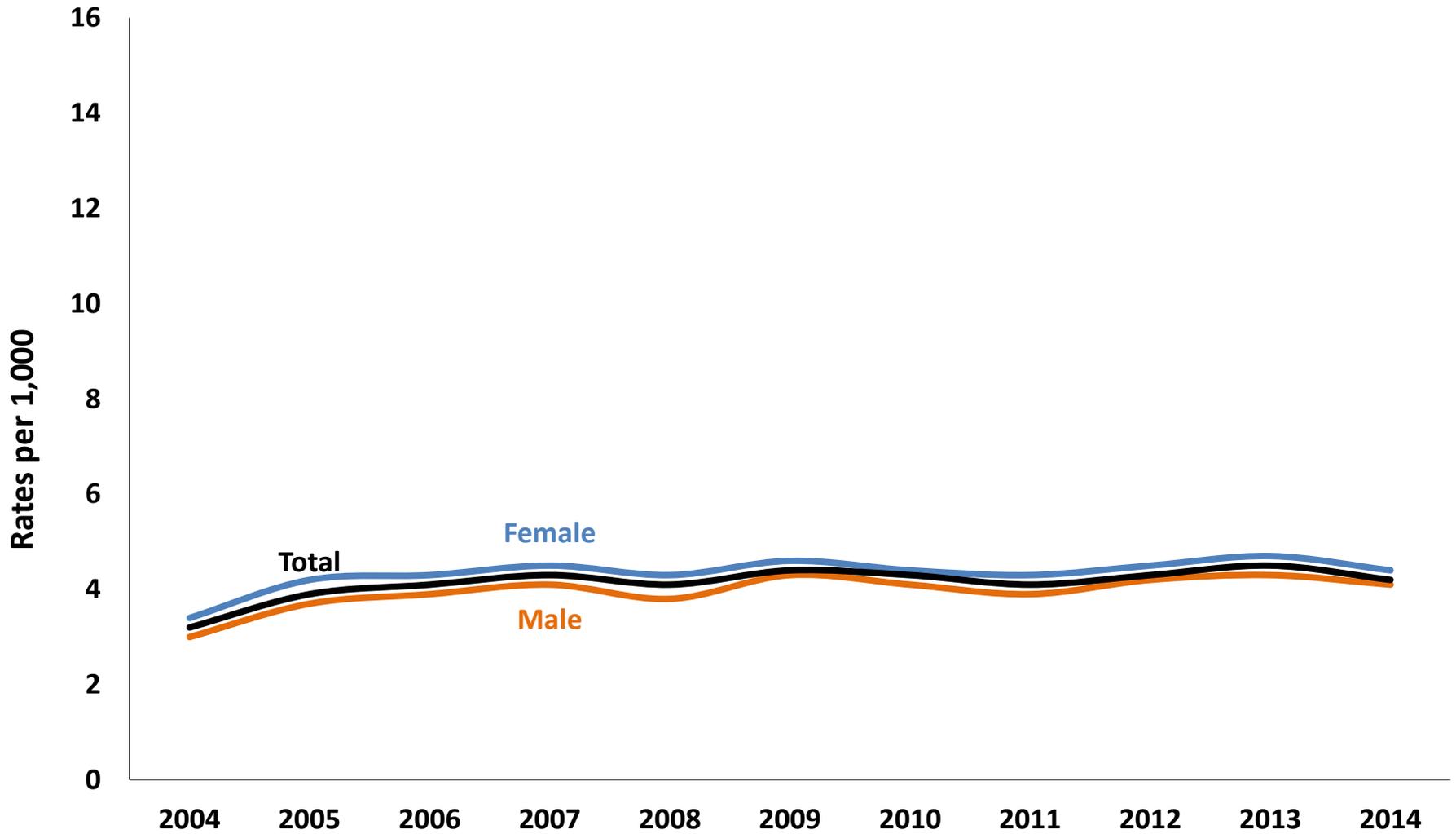
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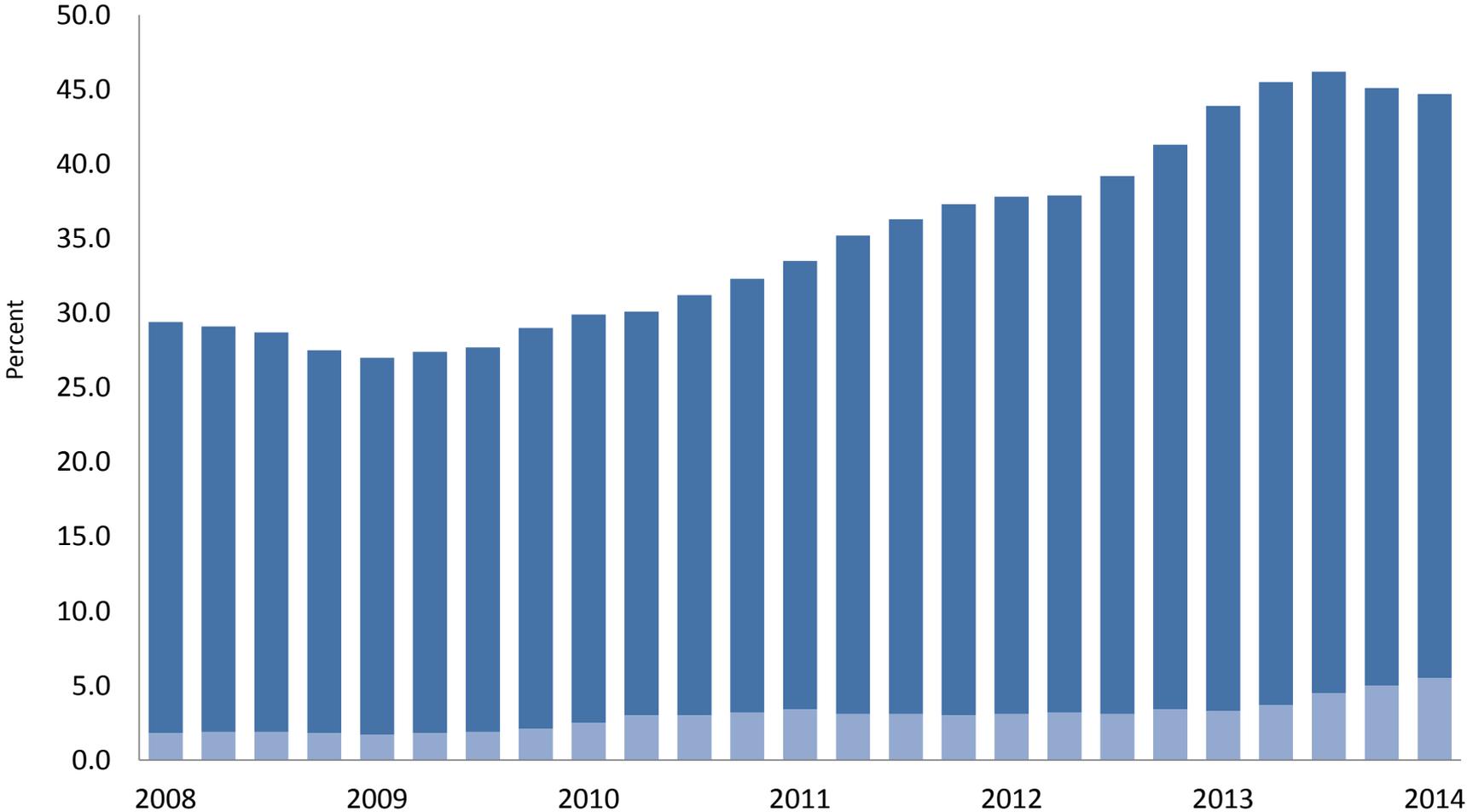
# Los Angeles: Entry Rates Over Time (per 1,000), *by gender*



# Los Angeles: Placement Type at First Entry Kinship/Guardianship vs. Congregate Care

*(Other placement types excluded)*

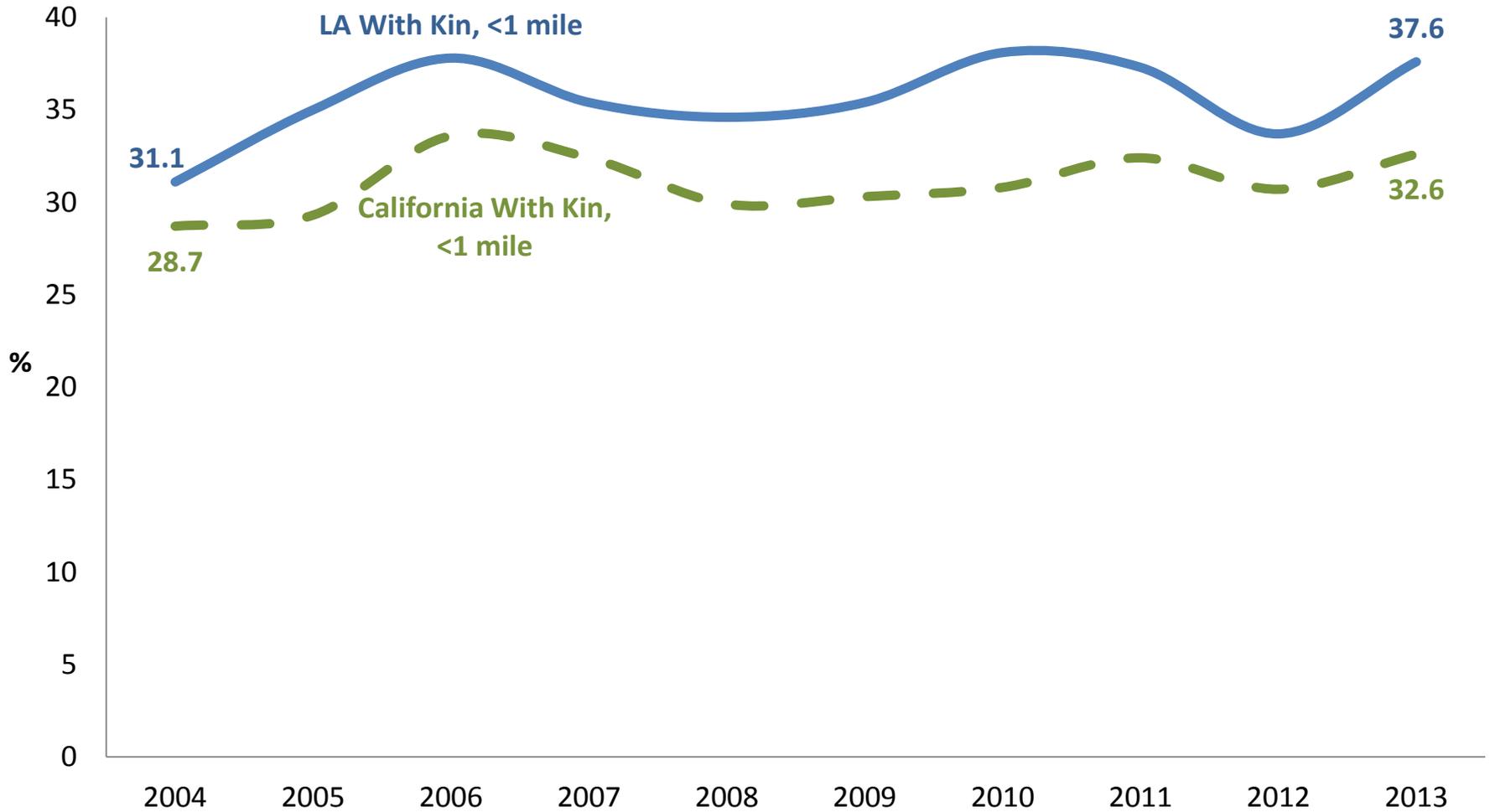
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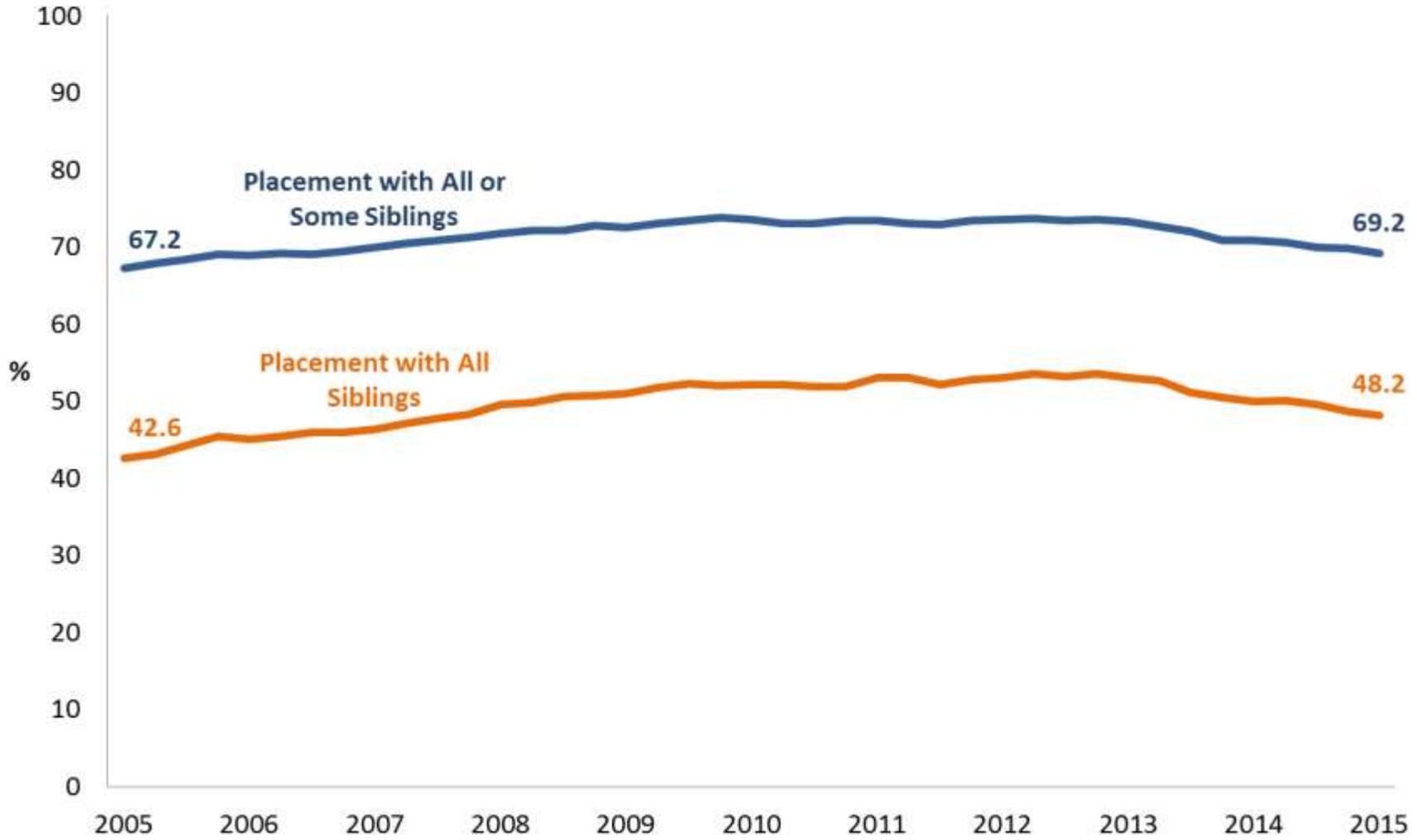


# Children Still in Care 12 Months After Entry Placement Distance from Home

*(missing distances excluded from the percent calculation)*

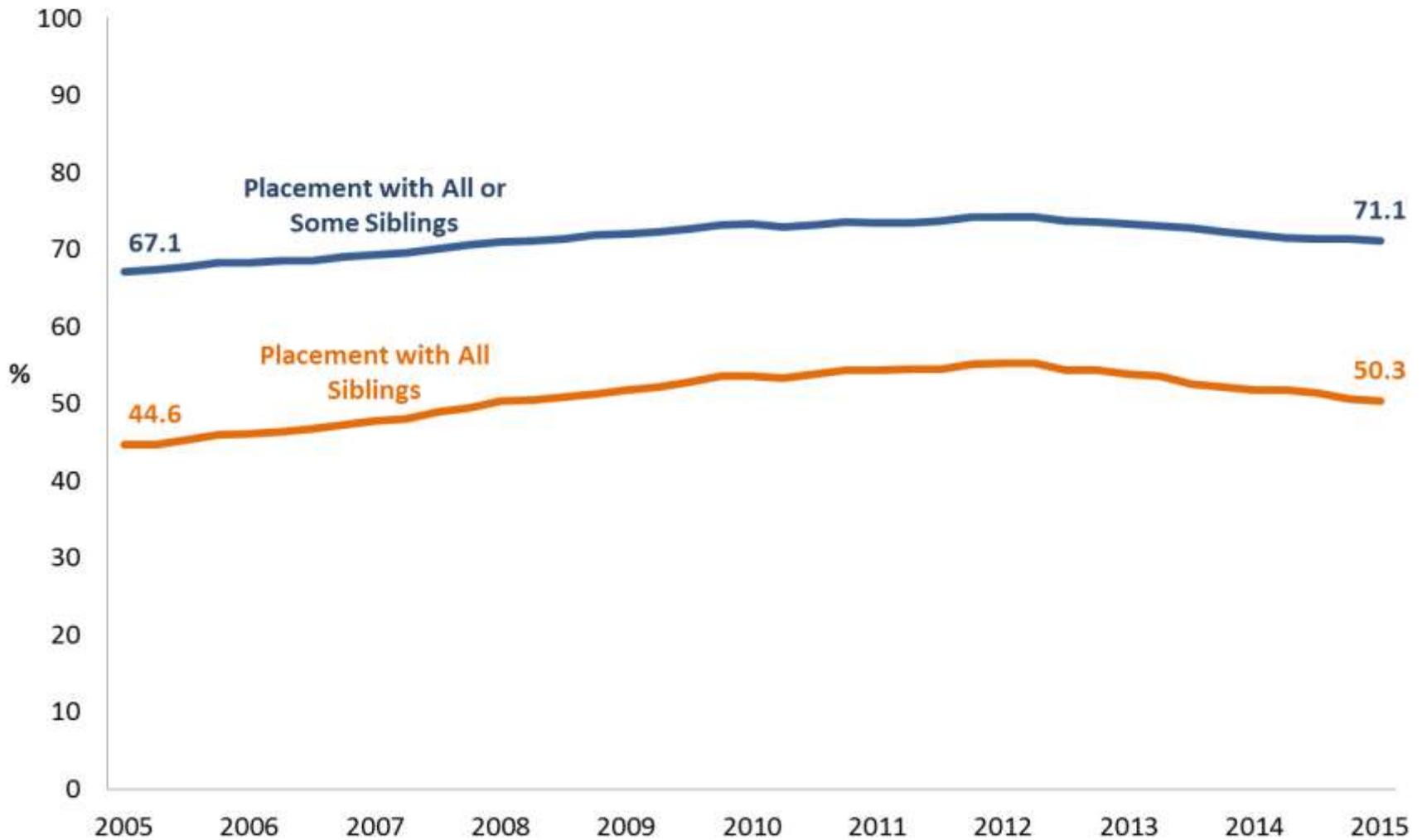


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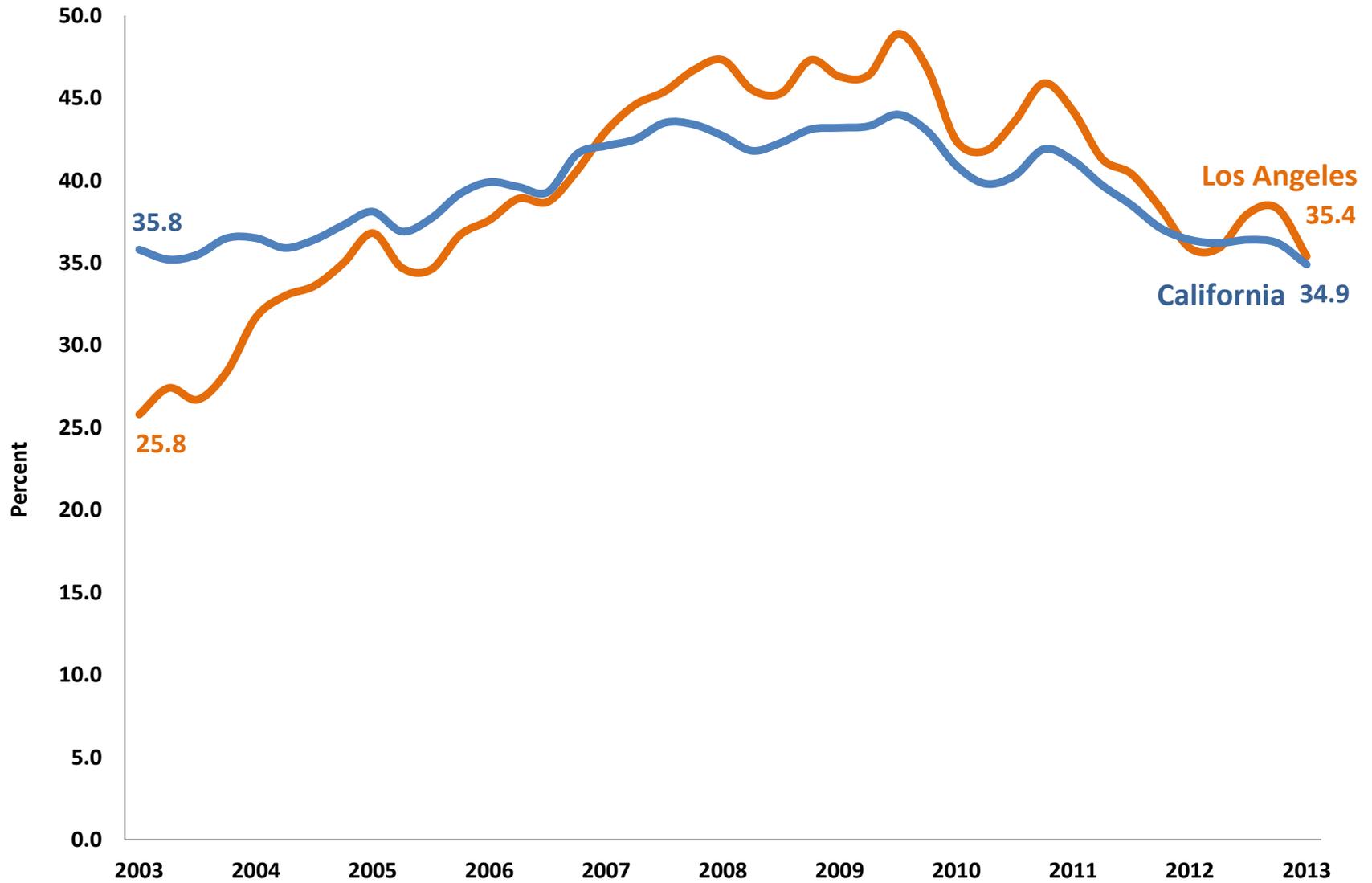


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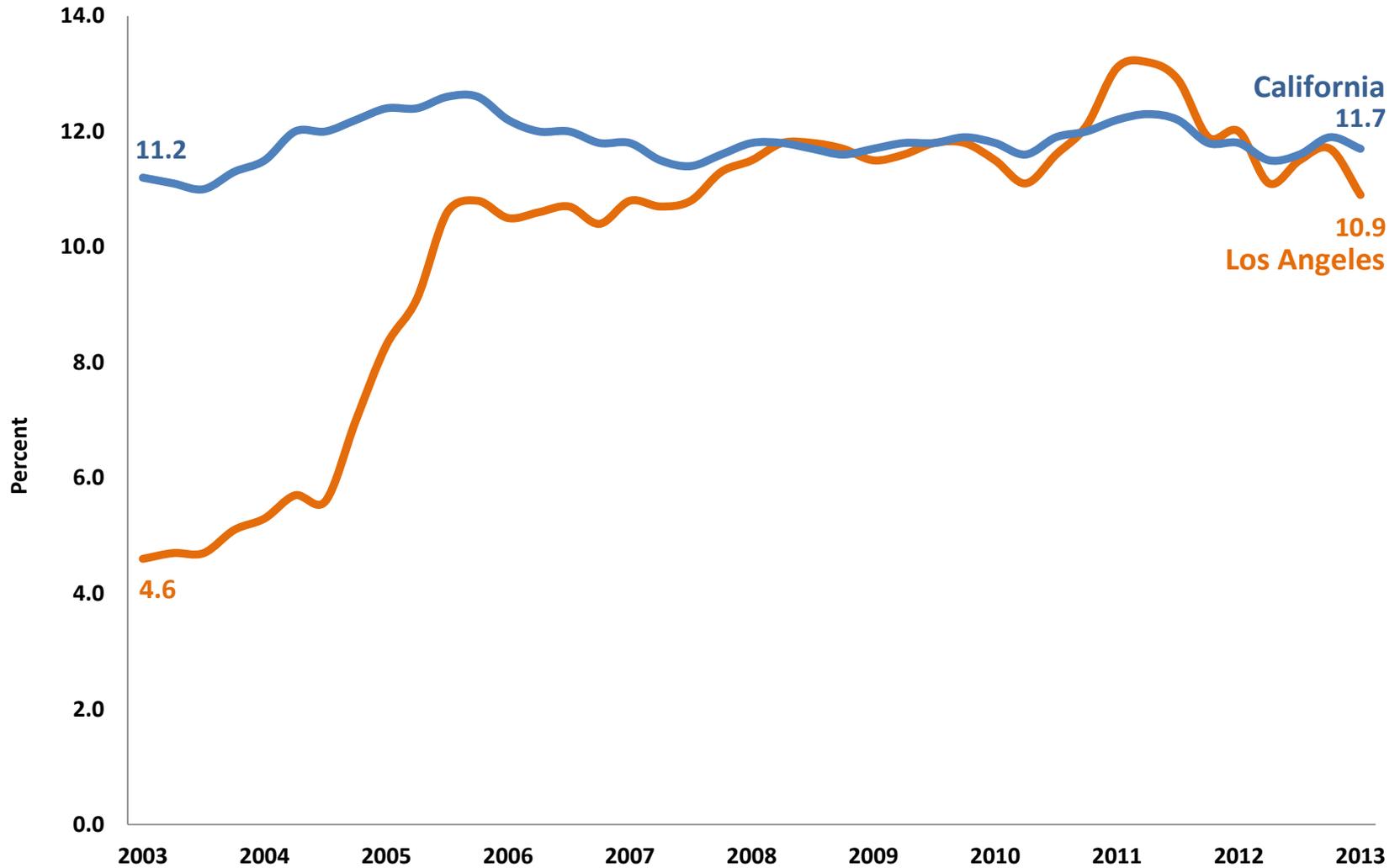
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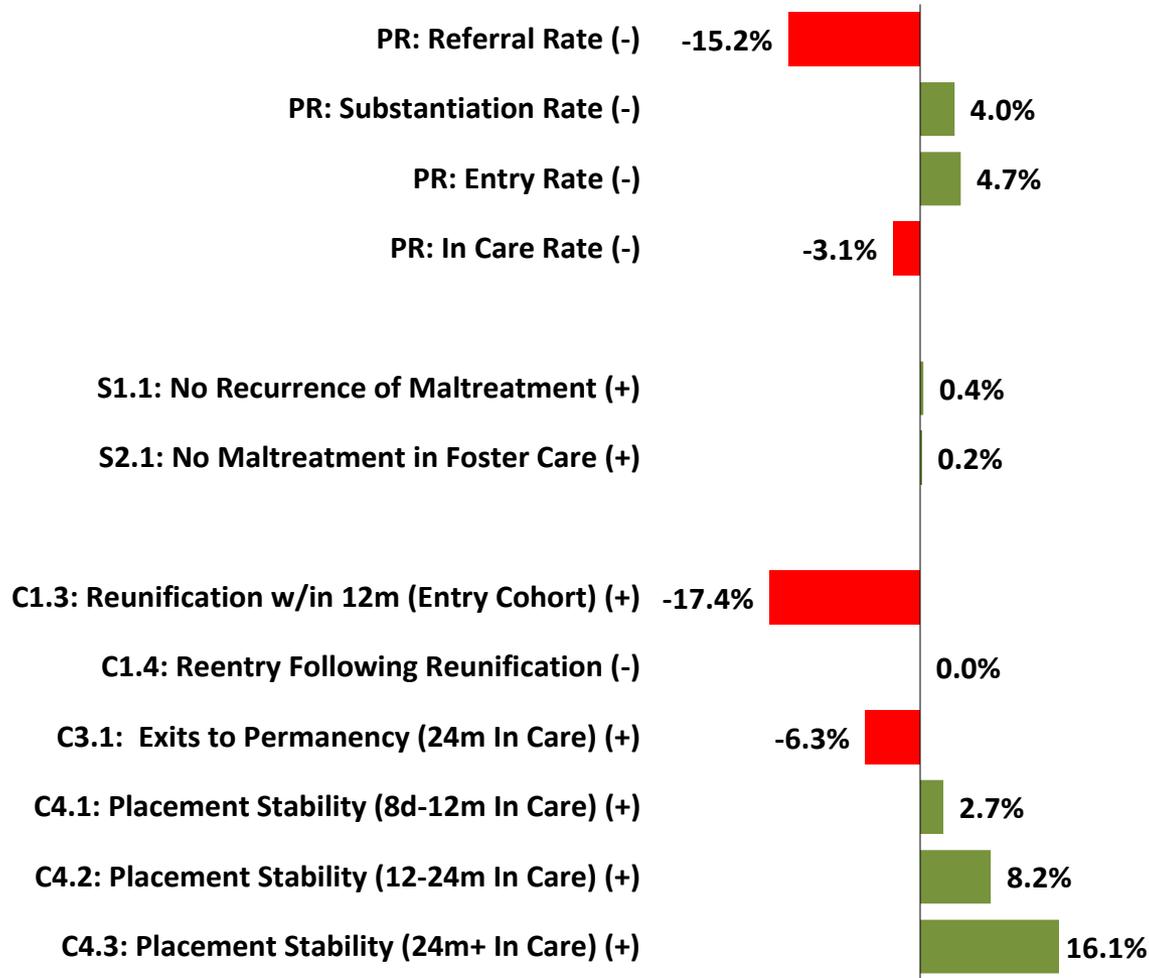
# Entries to Care: Reunification within 12 Months



# Reentry to Care 12 Months After Reunification



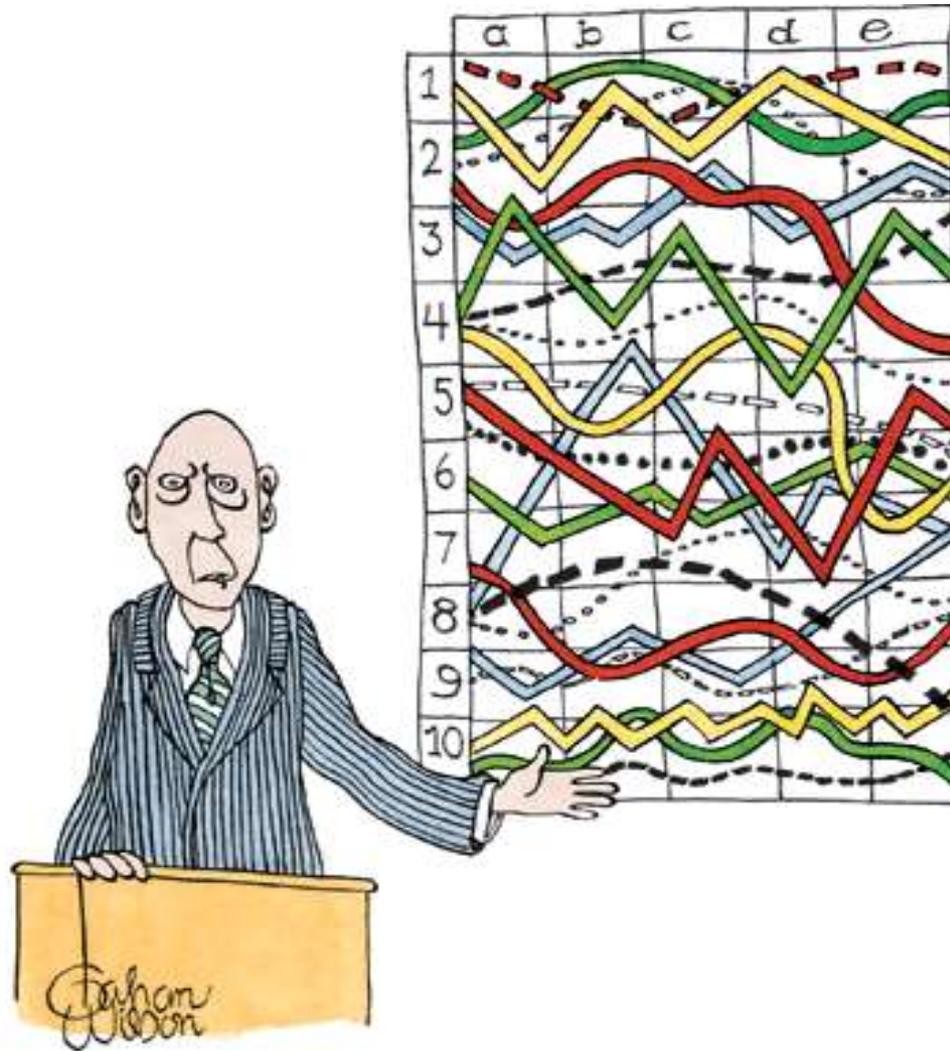
## Los Angeles CWS Outcomes System: Selected Outcome Measures, 5-Year % **IMPROVEMENT/DECLINE** *(+) or (-) indicates direction of desired change*



# Key Thoughts Moving Forward

- LA is not alone in the challenges it faces
- *Data Are Your Friends !*
- No time like the present for system improvement
- Child welfare and other stakeholders working together can make a difference

# Questions ?



*"I'll pause for a moment so you can let this information sink in."*

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# Objectives To Support Domain Areas

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## Objectives Defined:

### Definition:

- An objective is a statement that describes a future state or future condition and the necessary action or required change to achieve the future state or condition.

### Objective Example:

- By this time next year, lose 15 pounds by walking more and eating less.

### Activity Example:

- Lose weight
- Walk more

# S.M.A.R.T. Objectives

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## Specific

- What is to be achieved? Be concrete.

## Measurable

- On its face, worded to allow measurement

## Achievable

- If not – its aspirational

## Realistic

- Doable in your lifetime

## Time-limited

- On its face, worded to include a timeframe

# Objective Exercises

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**Each table will develop an objective in one of the domain areas.**

- Each table will be assigned a domain to work in.
- Each person will develop an objective in the assigned domain and record the objective on a white index card.
- After listening to everyone's objective, the group will develop a single objective – through consensus.
- Upon reaching consensus, record the objective on the colored index card.
- Write the group objective on the flip chart provided.
- Before lunch we will vote on the posted objectives.

# Domain Area Assignments

**Find your table number and your two assigned domain areas.**

<b>1</b>	<b>Prevention</b>	<b>Well-Being</b>
<b>2</b>	<b>Safety</b>	<b>Permanency</b>
<b>3</b>	<b>Permanency</b>	<b>Safety</b>
<b>4</b>	<b>Well-Being</b>	<b>Prevention</b>
<b>5</b>	<b>Prevention</b>	<b>Well-Being</b>
<b>6</b>	<b>Safety</b>	<b>Permanency</b>
<b>7</b>	<b>Permanency</b>	<b>Safety</b>
<b>8</b>	<b>Well-Being</b>	<b>Prevention</b>
<b>9</b>	<b>Prevention</b>	<b>Well-Being</b>
<b>10</b>	<b>Safety</b>	<b>Permanency</b>
<b>11</b>	<b>Permanency</b>	<b>Safety</b>
<b>12</b>	<b>Well-Being</b>	<b>Prevention</b>
<b>13</b>	<b>Prevention</b>	<b>Well-Being</b>
<b>14</b>	<b>Safety</b>	<b>Permanency</b>
<b>15</b>	<b>Permanency</b>	<b>Safety</b>