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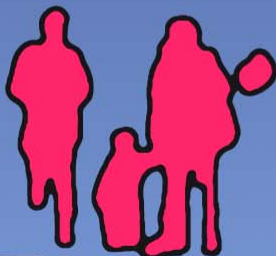
# Australia's Welfare 2009

## Aged Care Chapter

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Older people in the 1950s!



Older people in 2009!



## Older people in the 21<sup>st</sup> Century



Ruth Frith, 100 earlier this year and is trying to break her own world records at an athletics meet!

At 97, Errie Ball still plays Golf!

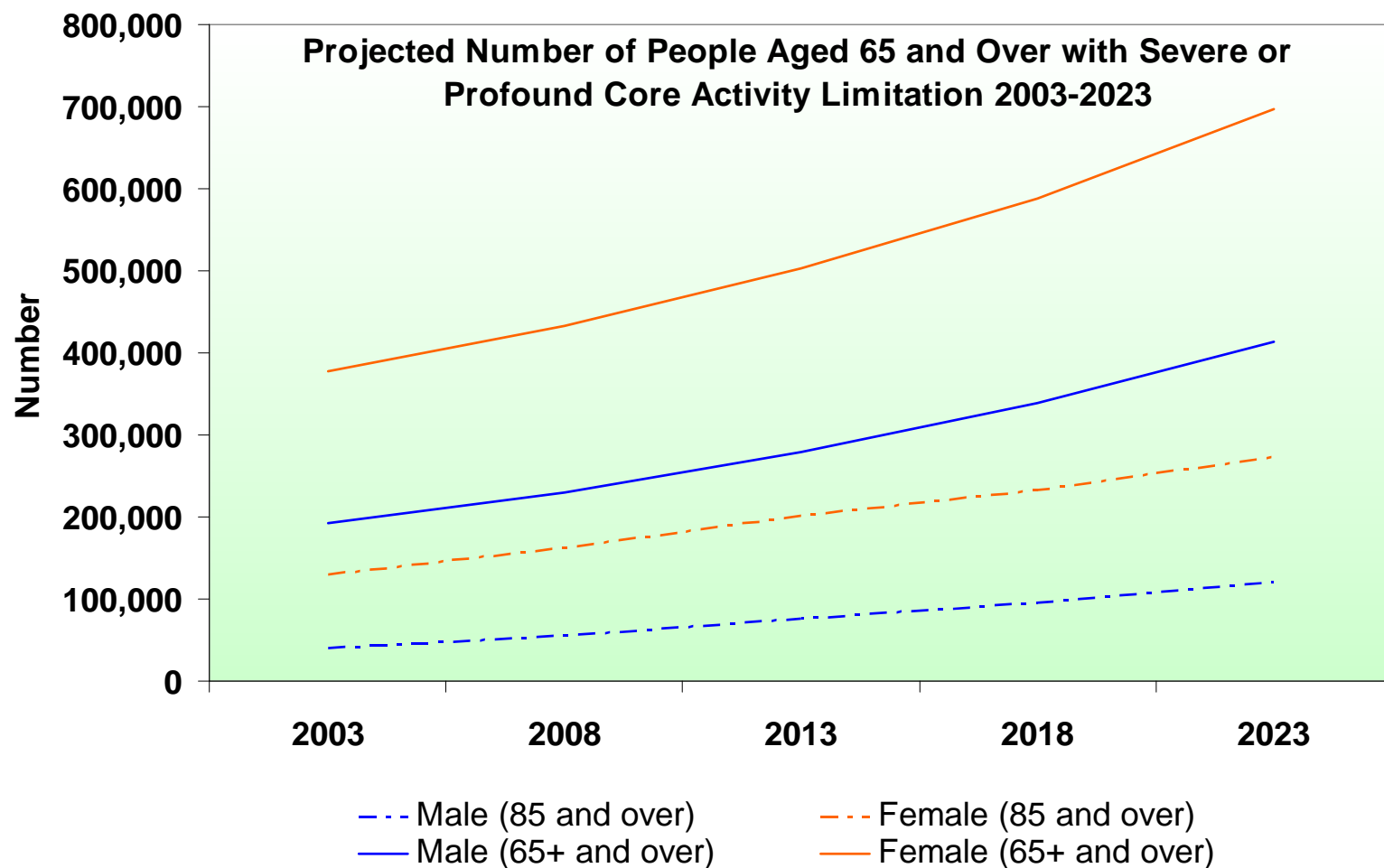


# Overview

- Ageing Population and Aged Care Services
- Client needs
- How well these needs are met
- Pathways through the aged care system (PIAC)

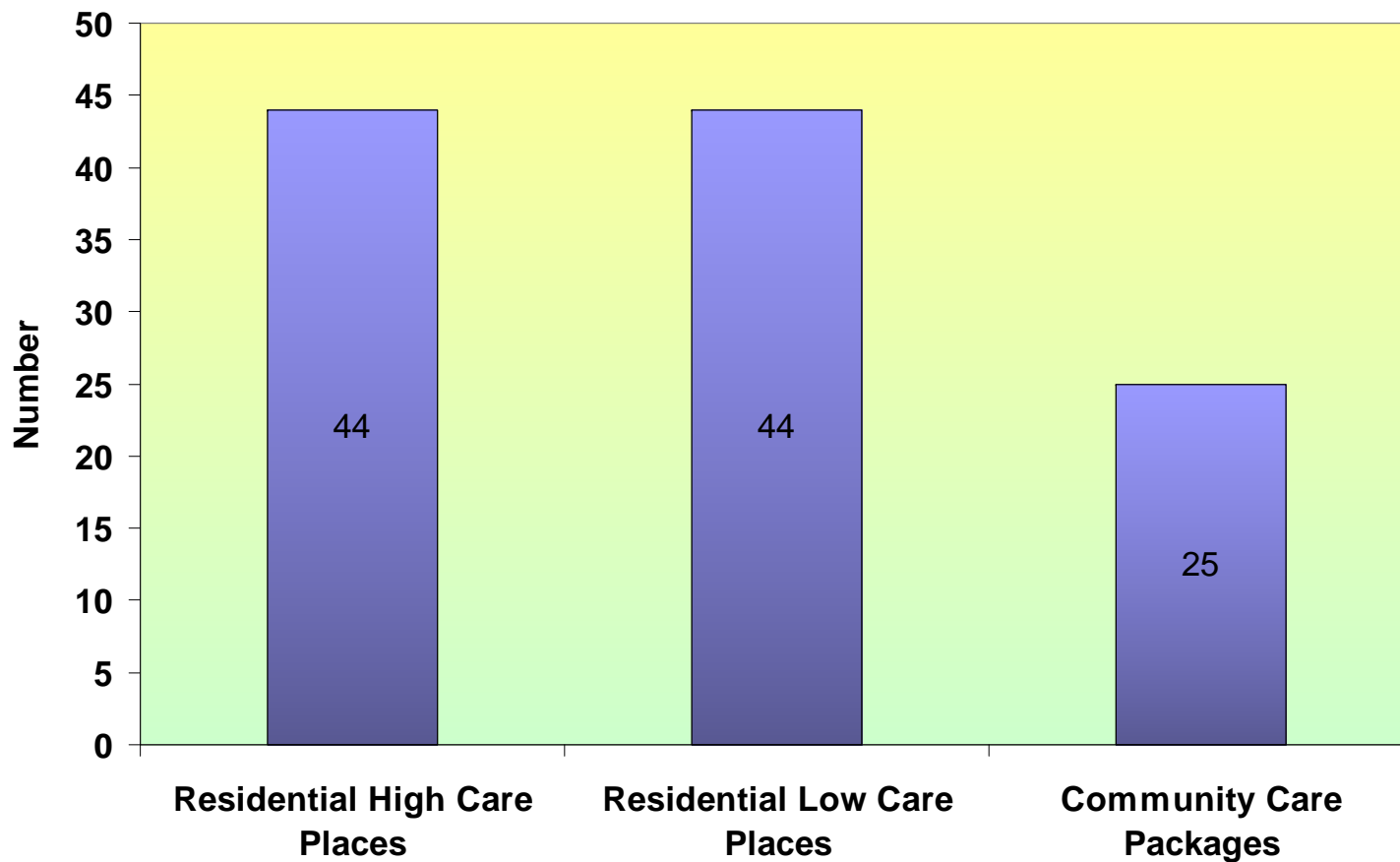


# Ageing Population and Need for Care





# Government Targets for June 2011 per 1,000 aged 70+



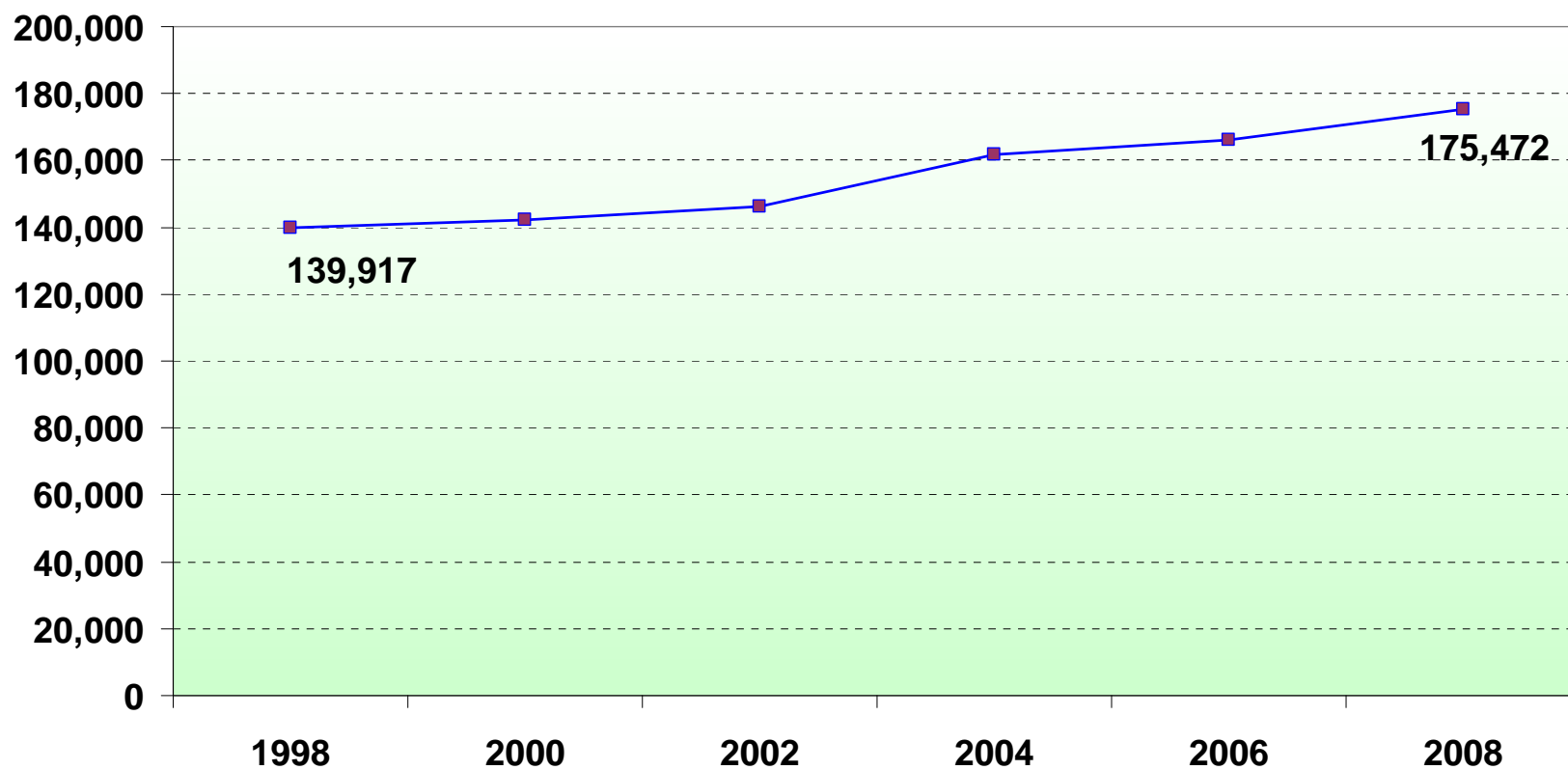
# Aged Care Assessment Program

Aged Care Assessment Team (ACAT) assessments are required for:

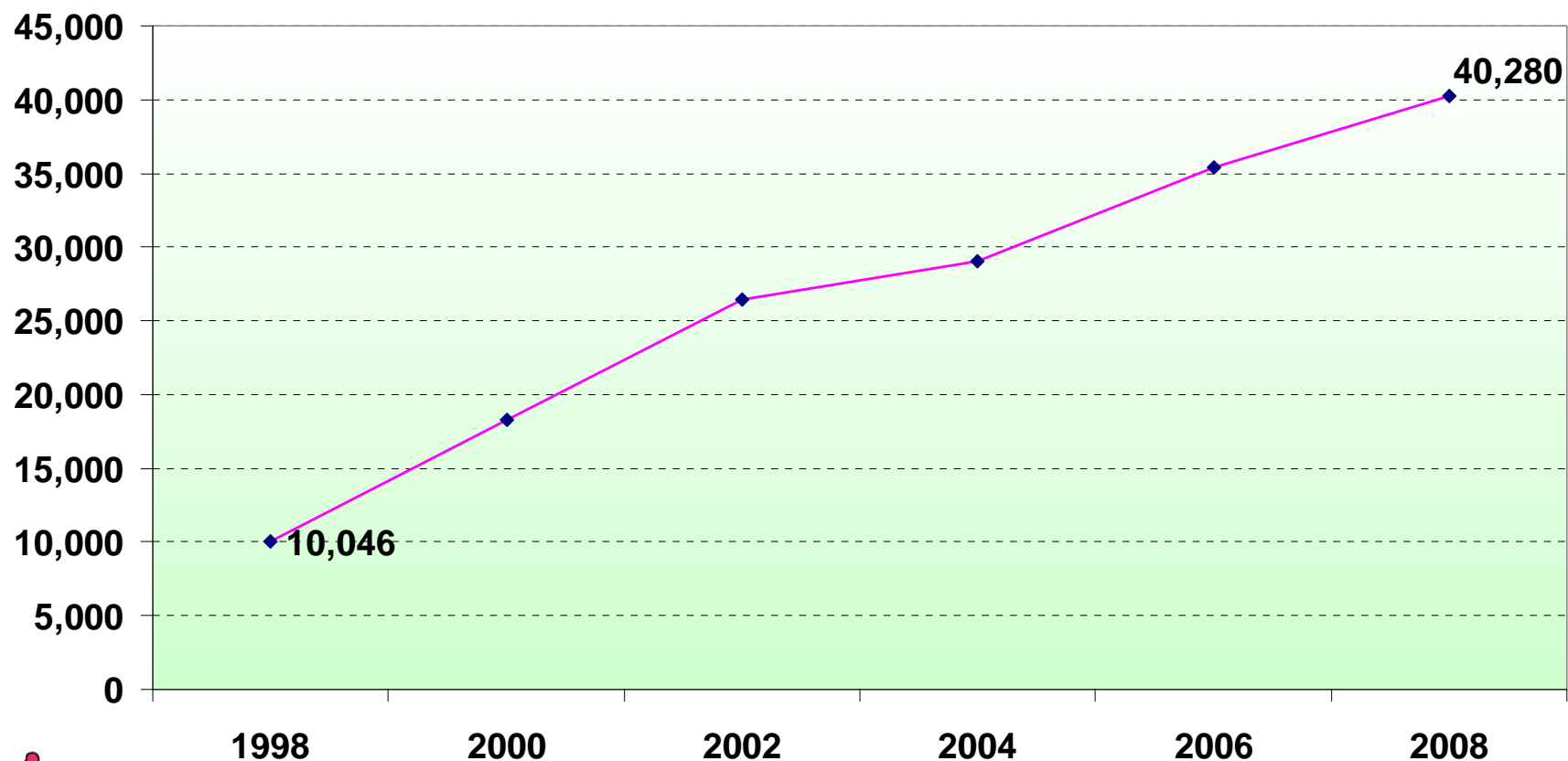
- Residential aged care (permanent and respite care)
- Community Aged Care Packages (CACPs)
- Extended Aged Care at Home packages (EACH)
- EACH Dementia (EACHD) packages
- Transition Care



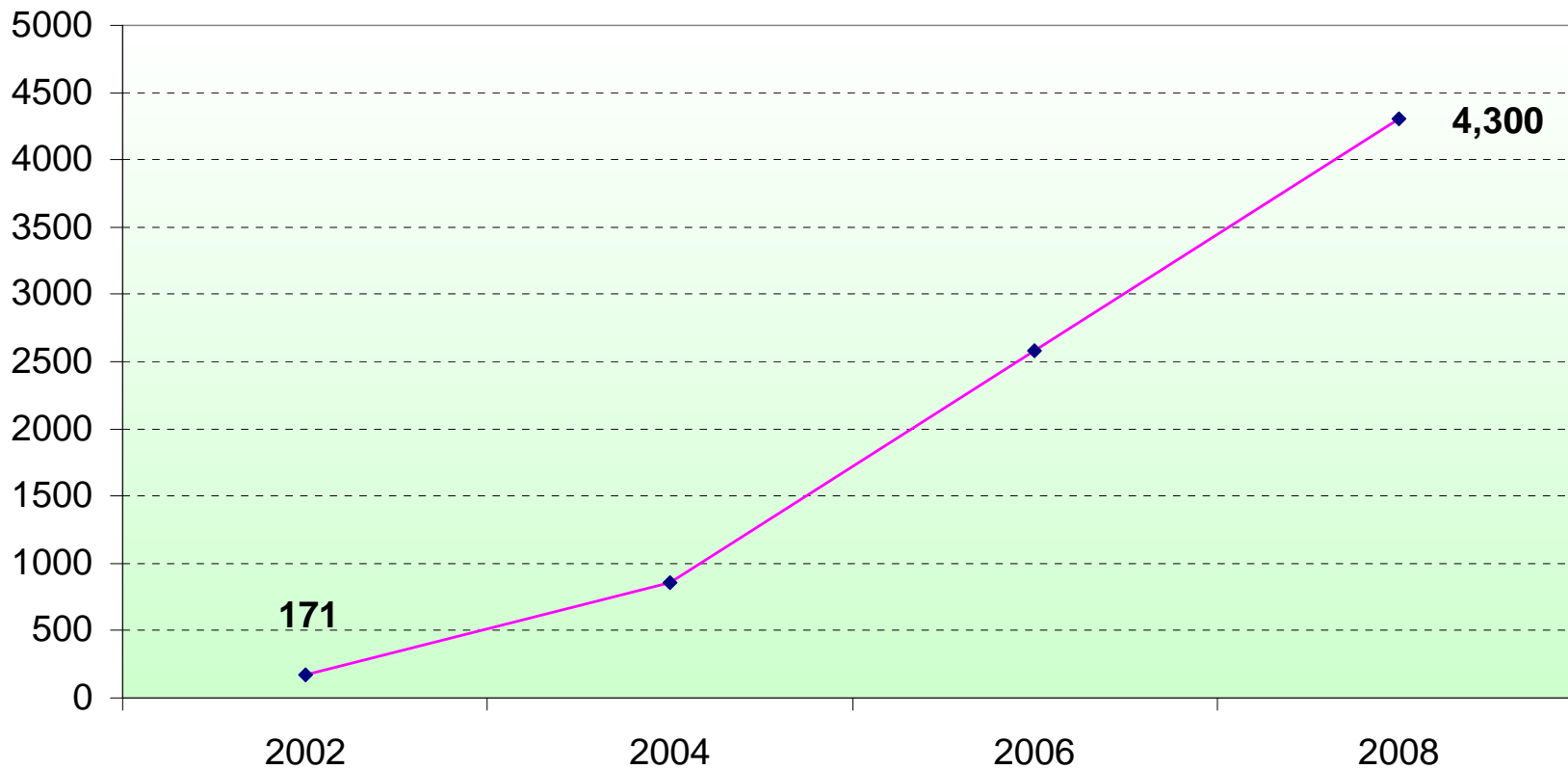
## Residential Aged Care - Operational Places 1998 to 2008



## CACP Program - Operational Places 1998 to 2008



## EACH Program - Operational Places 2002 to 2008



## EACHD Program - Operational Places 2006 to 2008



# Transition Care program

- In 2007-08 over 10,000 people used this program which provided:
  - Case management
  - Nursing and medical support
  - Low intensity therapy or rehabilitation
  - Personal support



# Home and Community Care

At 30 Jun 08:

- 3,300 HACCC agencies provided services to over 600,000 people aged 65 and over

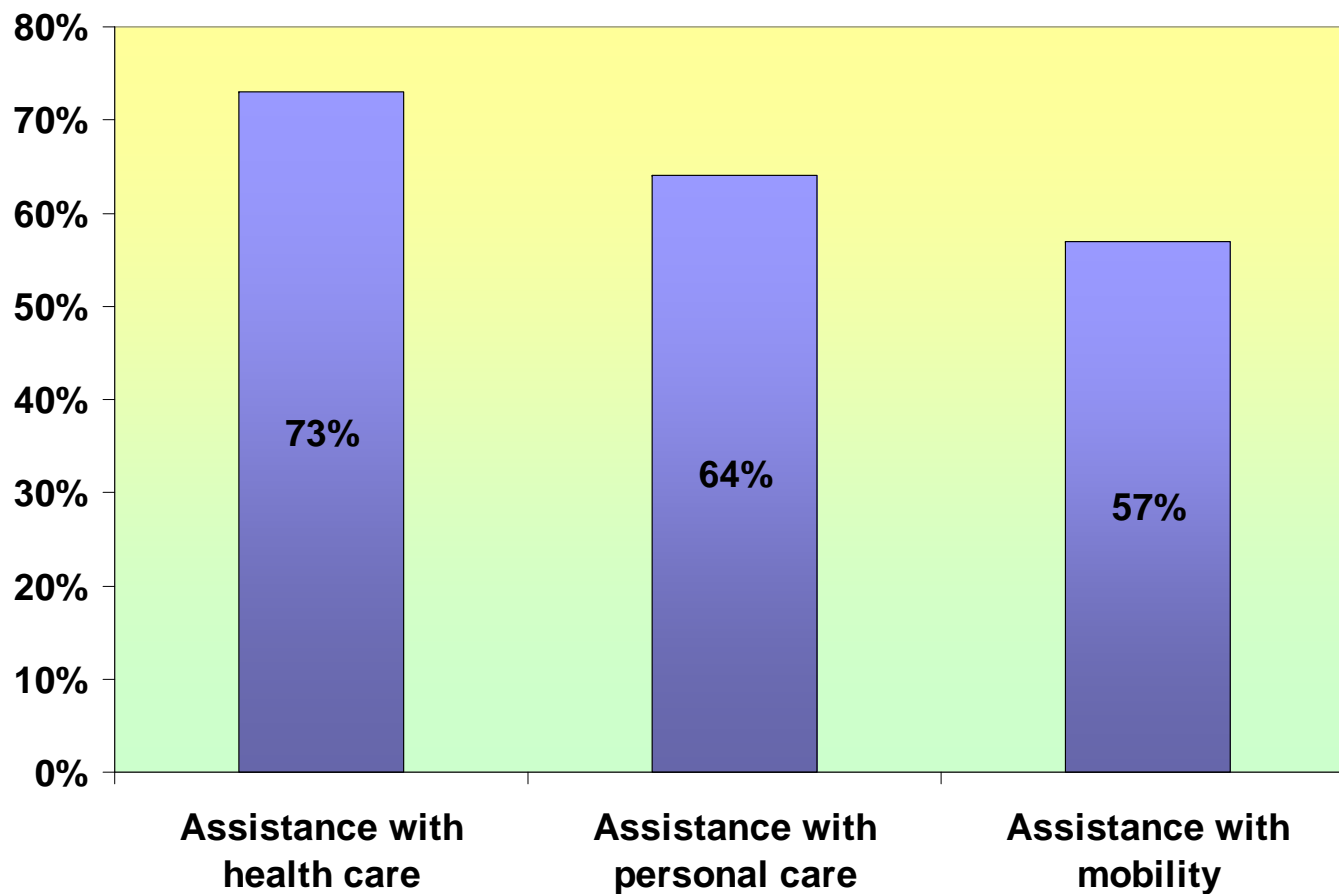


## Client Diversity

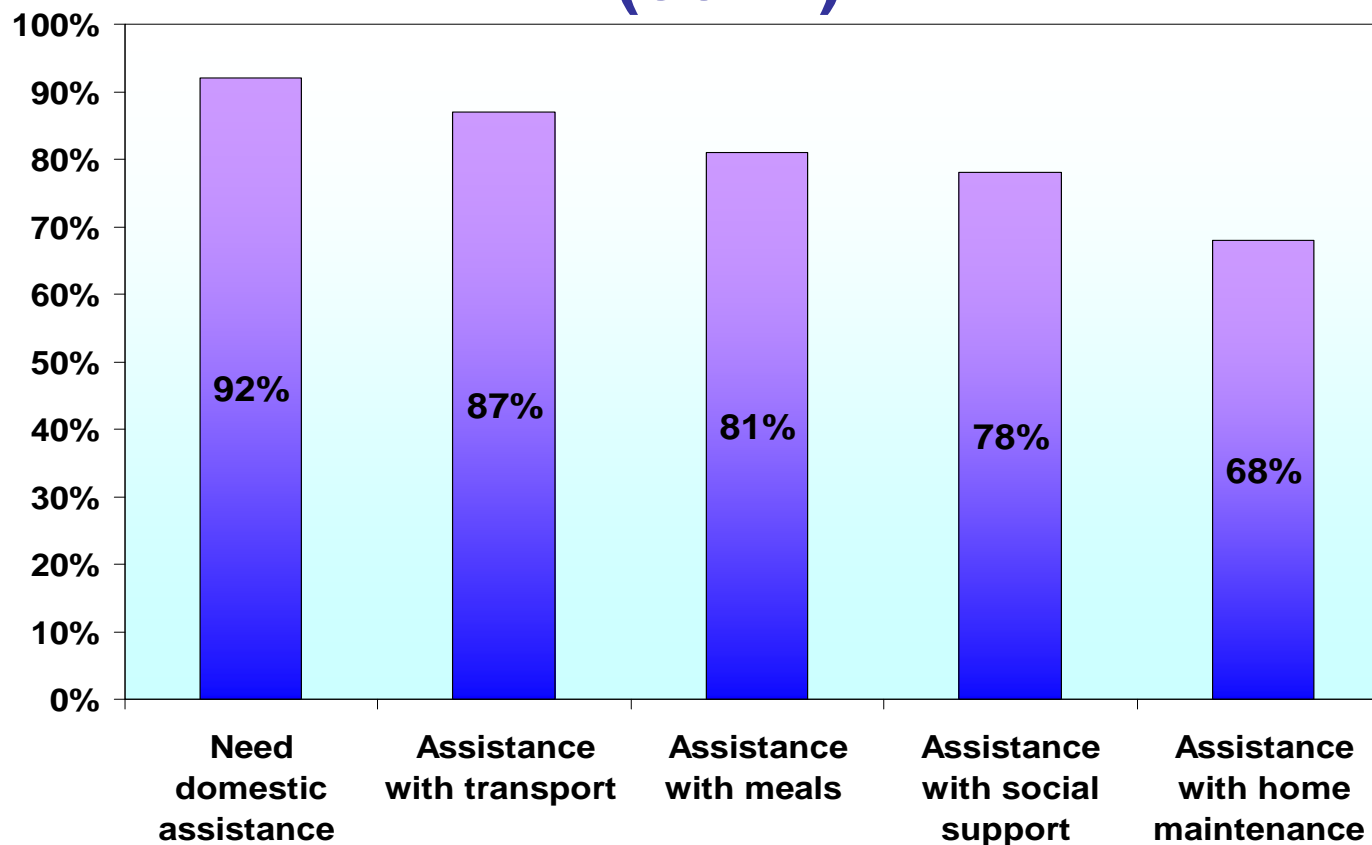
- Health needs
- Economic circumstances
- Physical abilities
- Family arrangements
- Geographical location
- Social background
- Cultural/linguistic diversity
- Other



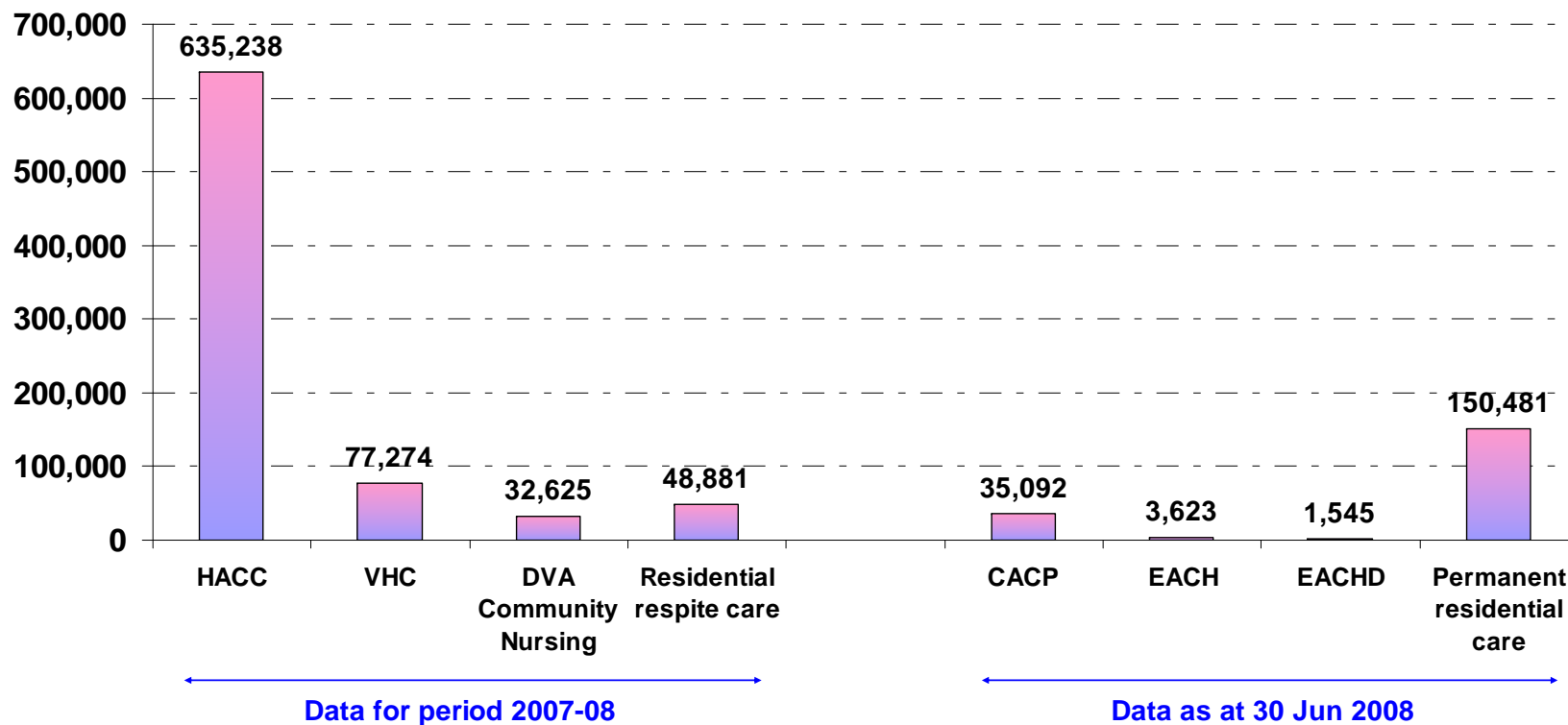
## Needs of Clients of Aged Care Programs, 2006-07



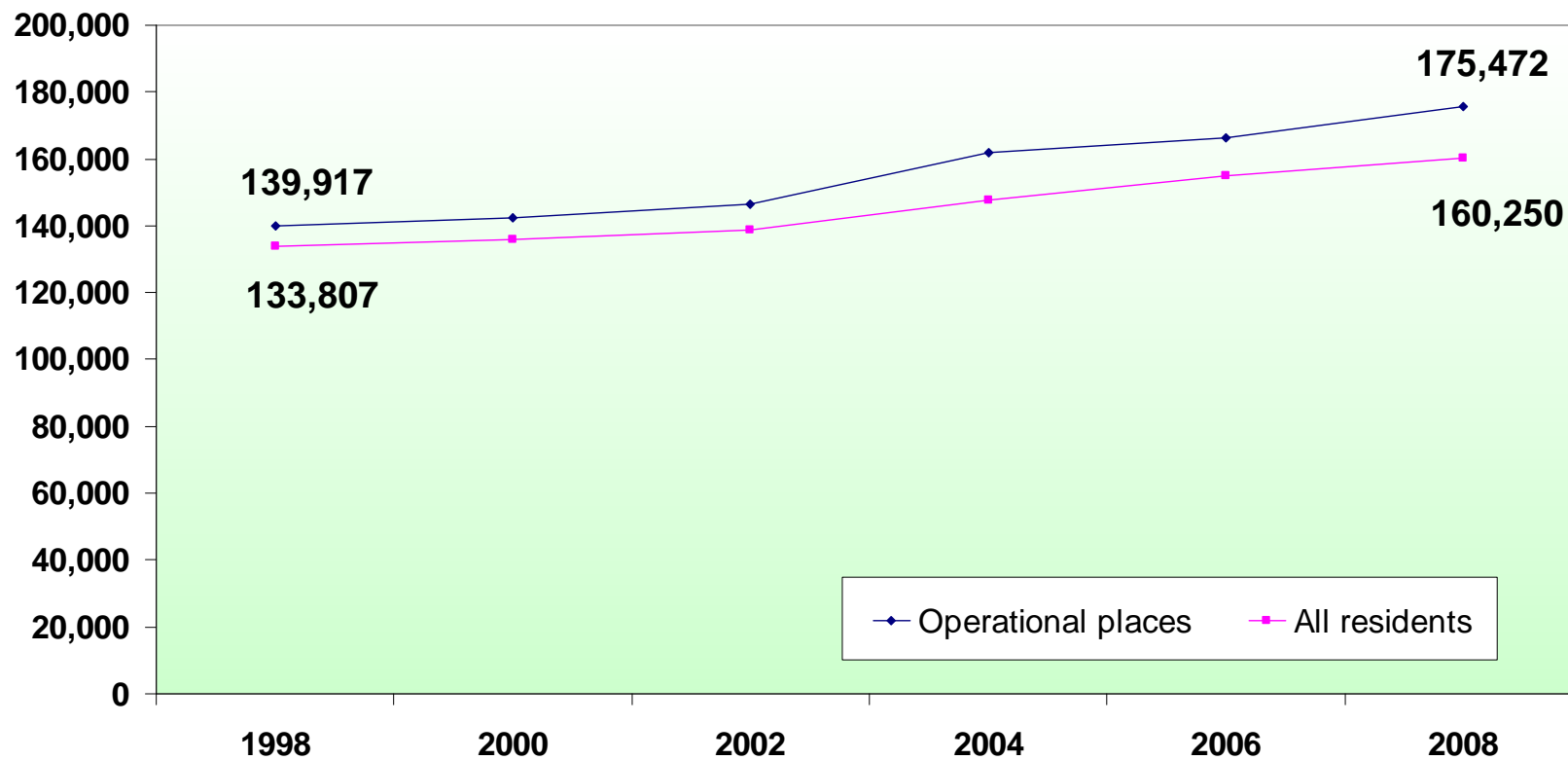
## Needs of Clients of Aged Care Programs 2006-07 (cont.)



## Service use - Total Clients of Aged Care Program (Aged 65+ and over)



## Service Accessibility - Number of Operational Places and Residents 1998 to 2008 (as at 30 June)



## Service Accessibility (cont.)

- In 2006–07, median time from referral to ‘first face-to-face contact’ with an ACAT was 9 days.




# Standard and Quality of Care

- Compliance with residential aged care standards is high
- Most agencies have high standards of care in community-based programs



# Pathways in Aged Care – The PIAC Project


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## Pathways through aged care services: a first look

**Summary**

Analysis of people's use of care services over time provides information that is useful to both policy planners and service providers alike. The Pathways in Aged Care (PIAC) study linked 2003–04 Aged Care Assessment Team (ACAT) assessment data to data sets showing use of five main aged care programs and to deaths data. The resulting linked database is a rich source for examining the diversity of client pathways through the aged care system, starting from ACAT assessment.

This bulletin presents the first results from analyses using the PIAC data, concentrating on the cohort of 77,000 people who had an ACAT assessment in 2003–04 and who had not previously used aged care services that required an ACAT assessment for access. The main findings are:

- Over half of the cohort had previously used two key community care programs that did not require an ACAT assessment (Home and Community Care and Veterans' Home Care).
- Although approval for program use from an ACAT assessment is valid for 12 months, reassessment within that period is common: nearly one-third of the cohort had a reassessment within 12 months, and half of these had no intervening program use.

*(Summary continued overleaf)*

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## The PIAC Project (cont.)

- Study linked 2003-04 Aged Care Assessment Team (ACAT) assessment data to 5 aged care programs data sets and to deaths data.
- Study population: 77,437 clients who had a completed ACAT assessment in 2003-04 and no previous use of ACAT approved services
- <http://www.aihw.gov.au/publications/index.cfm/title/10781>

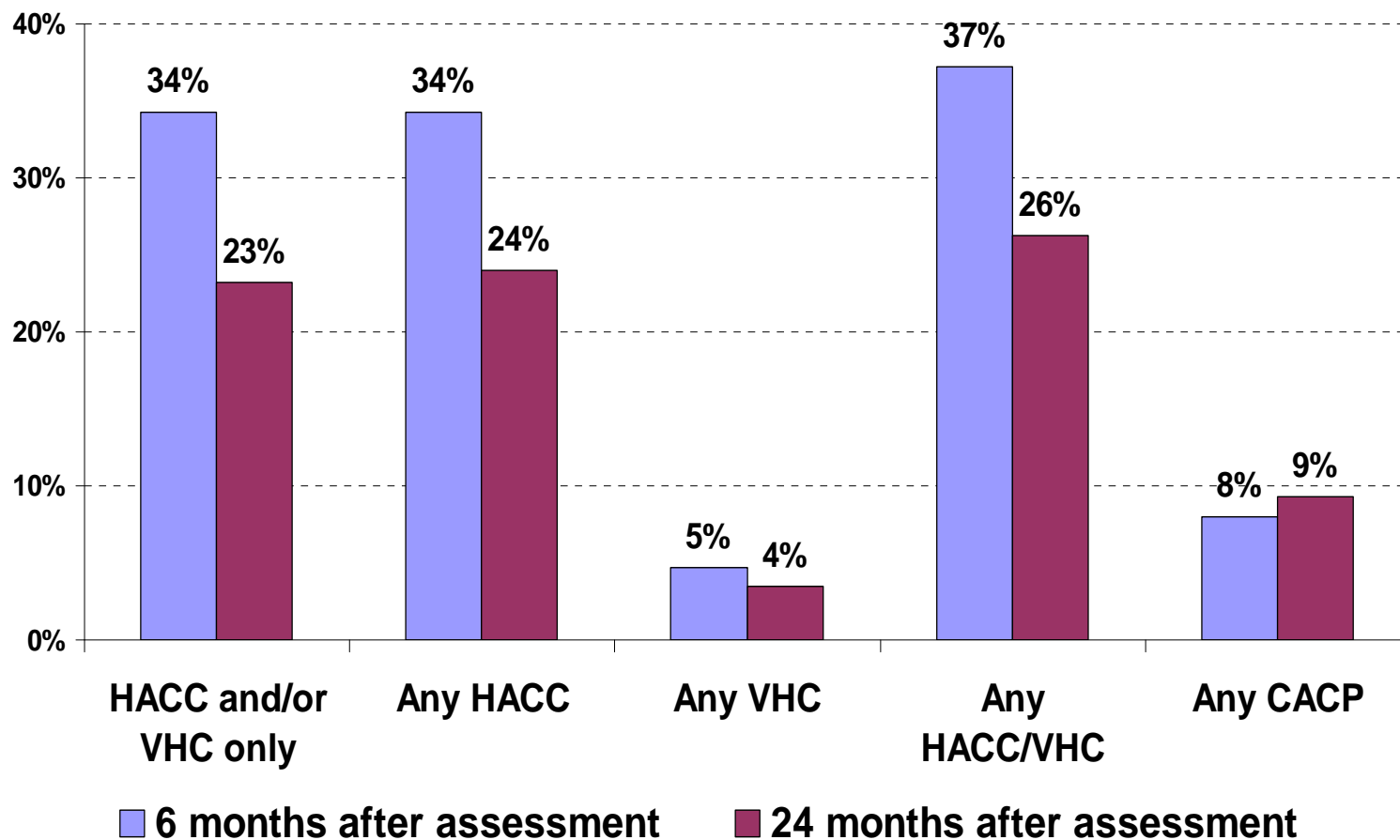


## The PIAC Project (cont.)

- Over half the PIAC cohort had previously used 2 key community care programs that did not require an ACAT assessment:
  - HACC
  - Veterans Home Care



# PIAC Cohort: Concurrent Use of Care Programs



# The PIAC Project (cont.)

<b>Path No.</b>	<b>First Change</b>	<b>Second Change</b>	<b>Third Change</b>	<b>Total with Path</b>	<b>%</b>
1 & 5	No Care or No Change in Care			18,570	24
3 & 8	HACC/VHC	Death	—	11,121	14
2 & 4	Perm. RAC	Death	—	16,893	22
6,10,11	Respite RAC	Perm. RAC	Death	8,310	11
7 & 14	CACP	HACC/VHC		2,313	3
<b>Total PIAC Cohort</b>				<b>77,348</b>	<b>100</b>



## Older people in 2009!



***FINIS!***

