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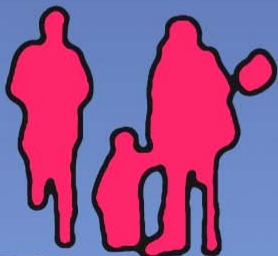


Disability trends

A closer look

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Investigating 3 major trends

- **Population data**
 - Growth in the number of people with disability
- **Income support**
 - Growth in the number of Disability Support Pension recipients
- **Disability services**
 - Growth in the number of people receiving specialist services

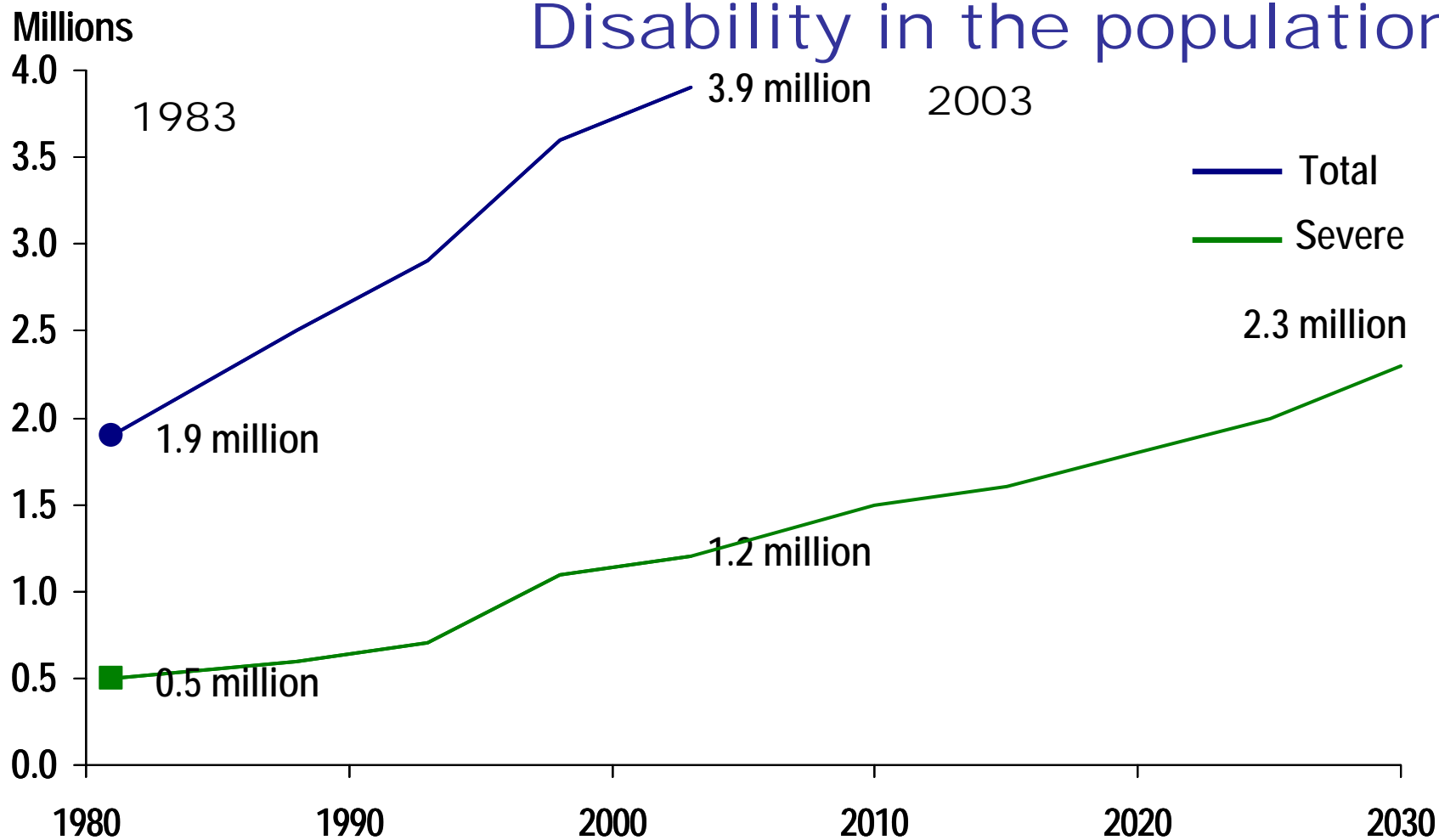


Disability in the population

- Growth in the number of people with disability
 - Long-term condition that impairs functioning, limits activities or restricts participation



Disability in the population



Trends in disability prevalence

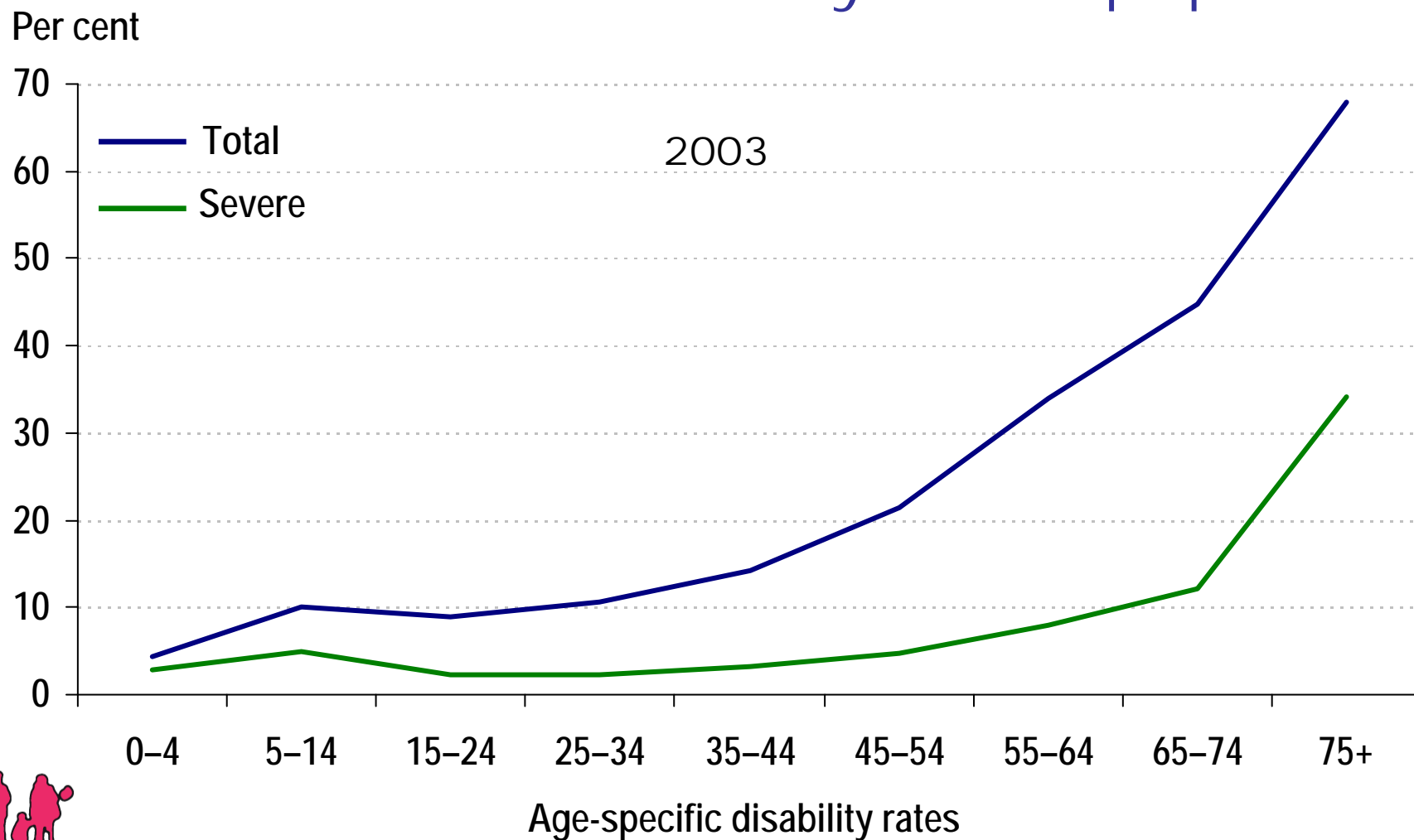


Disability in the population

- Disability rates are highest among older people



Disability in the population



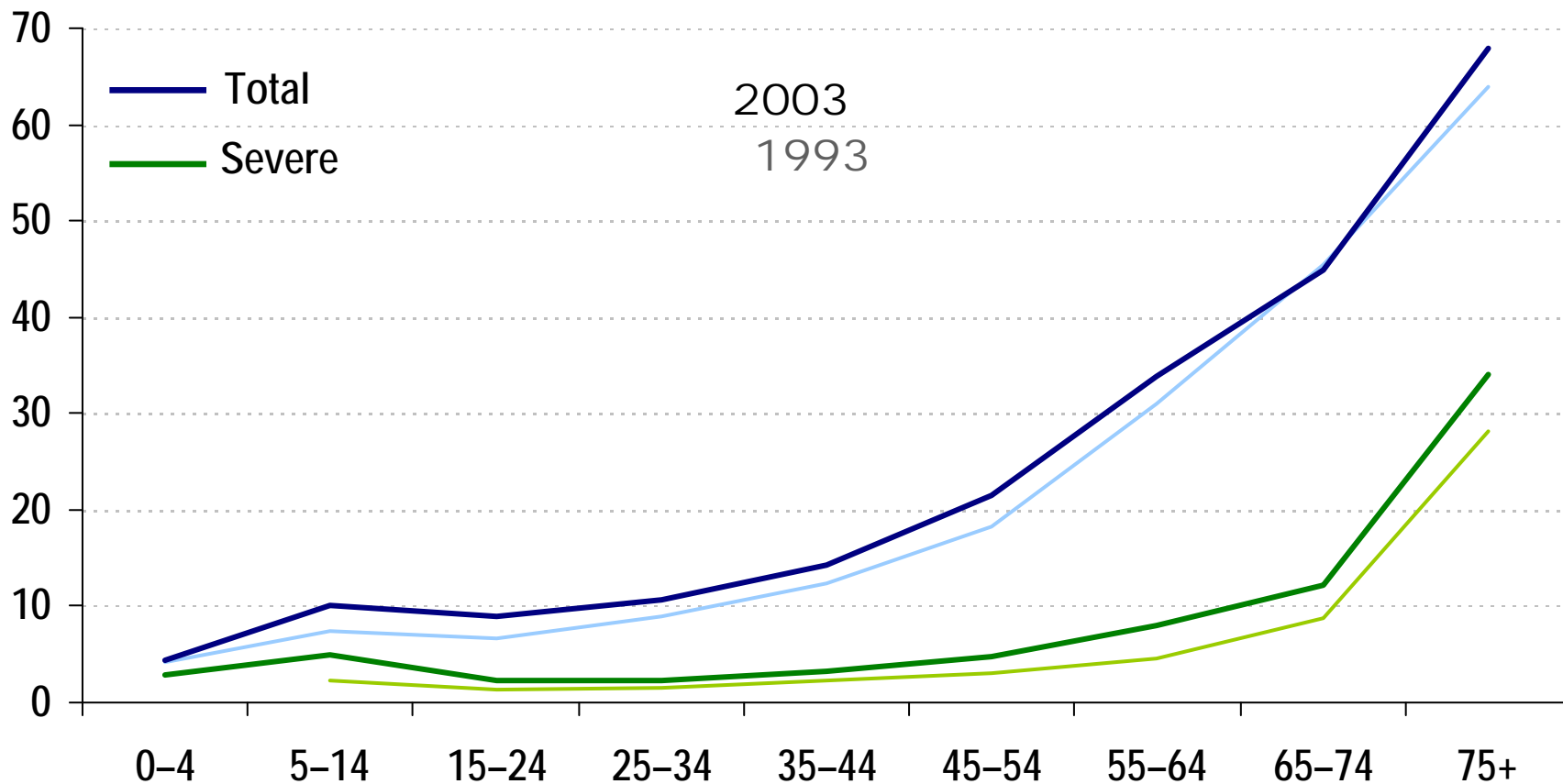
Disability in the population

- Disability rates are highest among older people
- And fairly stable over time



Disability in the population

Per cent



Age-specific disability rates

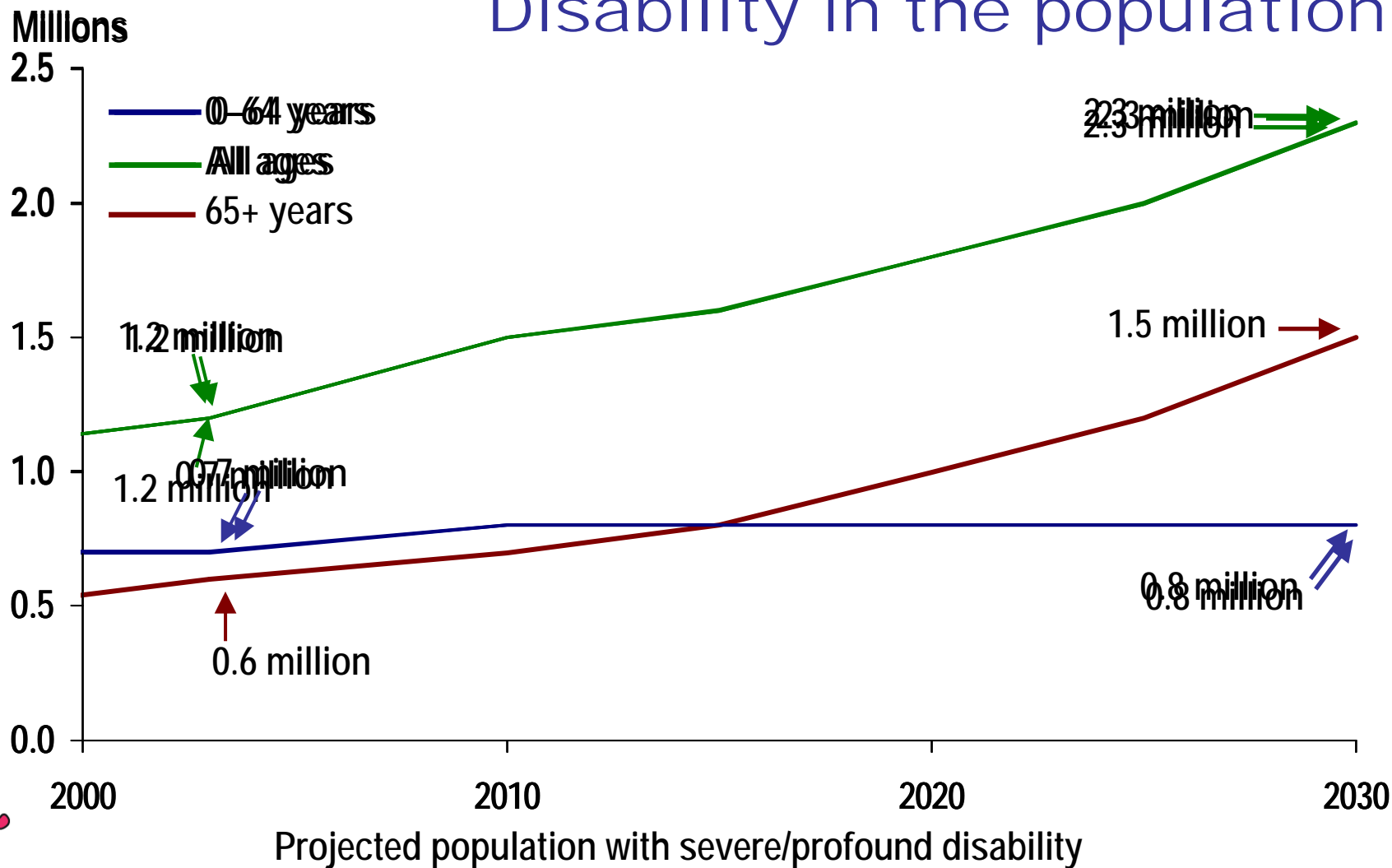


Disability in the population

- Population ageing drives projected growth in severe disability



Disability in the population

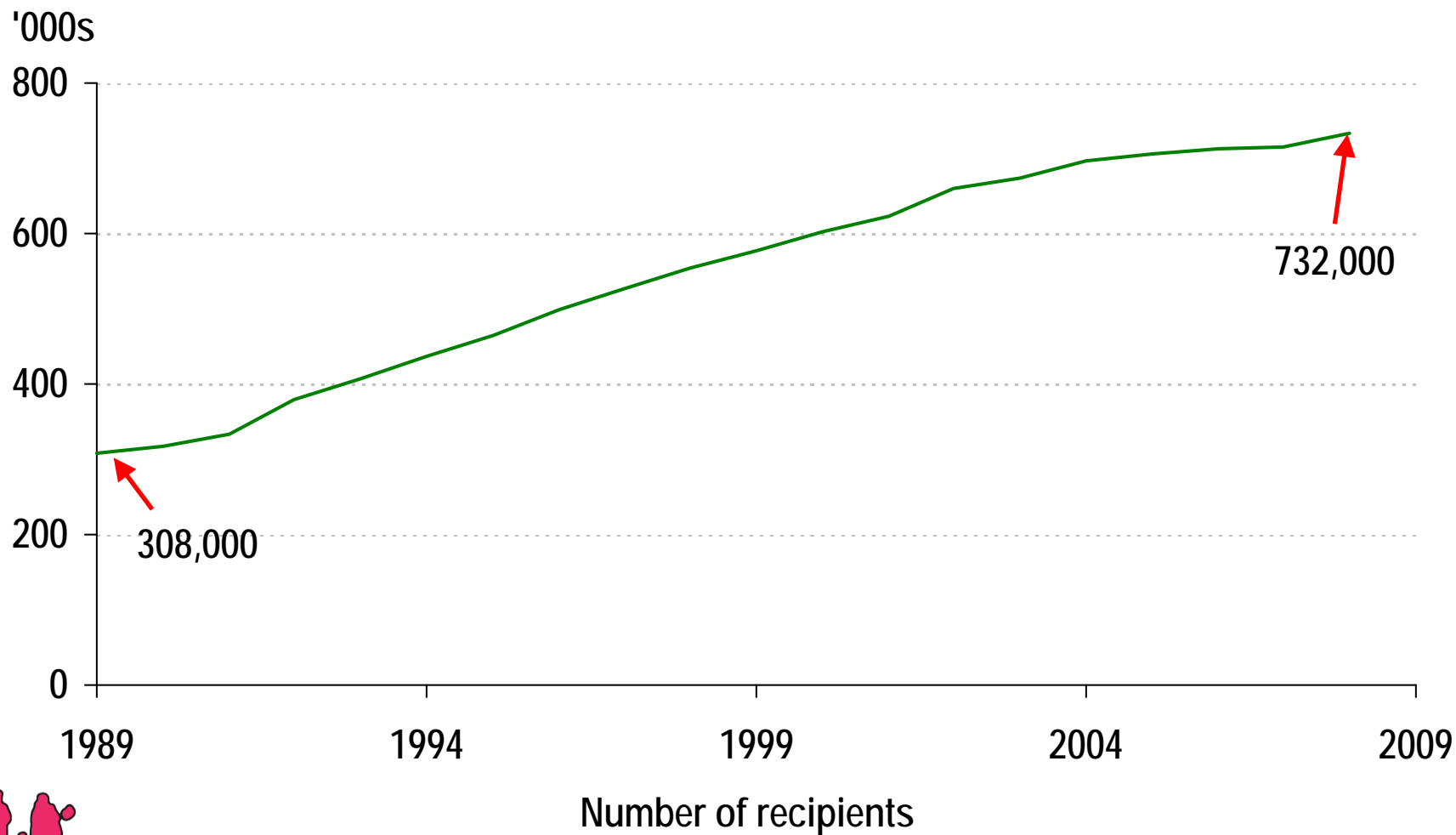


Income support

- Growth in the number of people with disability receiving the Disability Support Pension (DSP)



Disability Support Pension

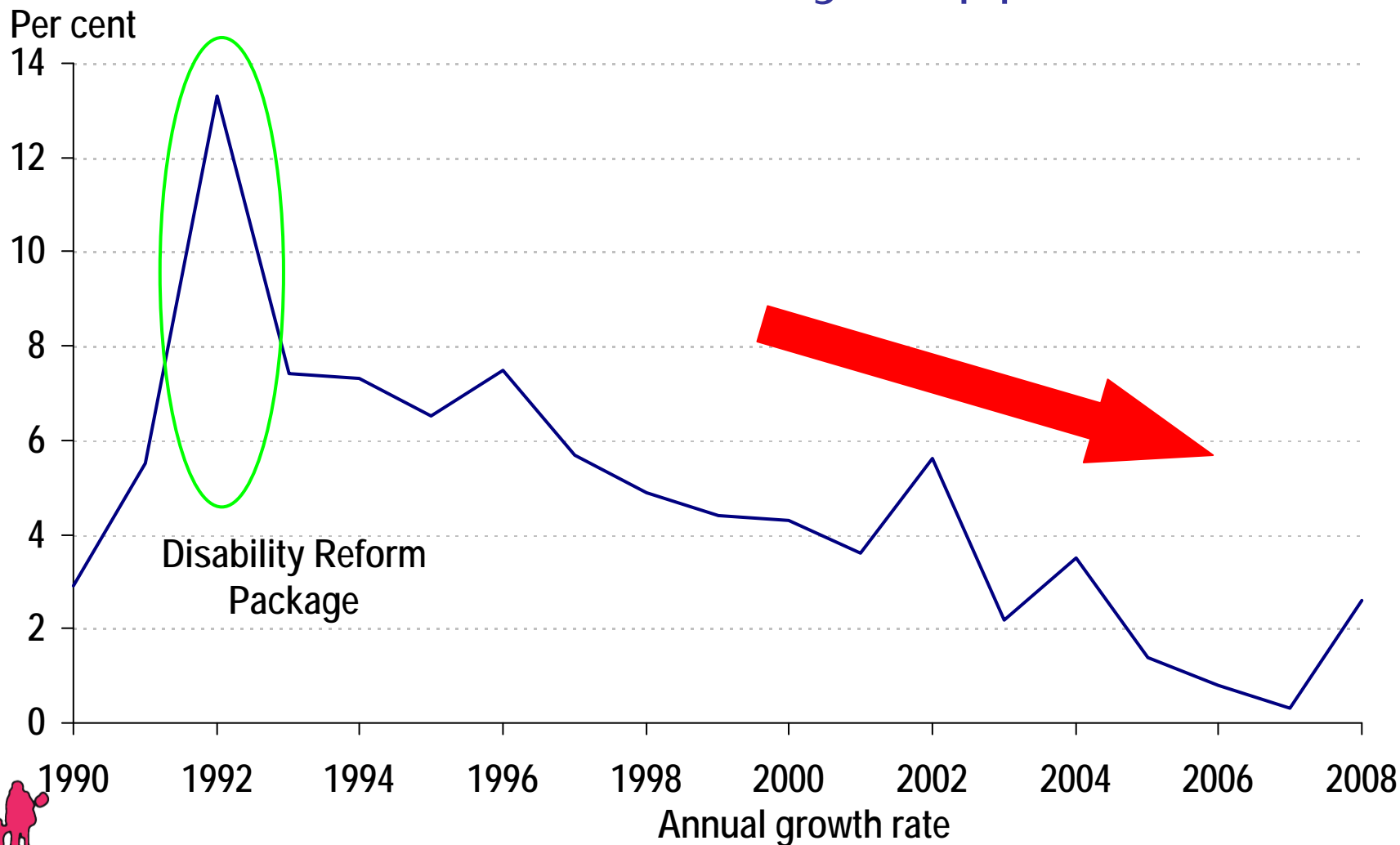


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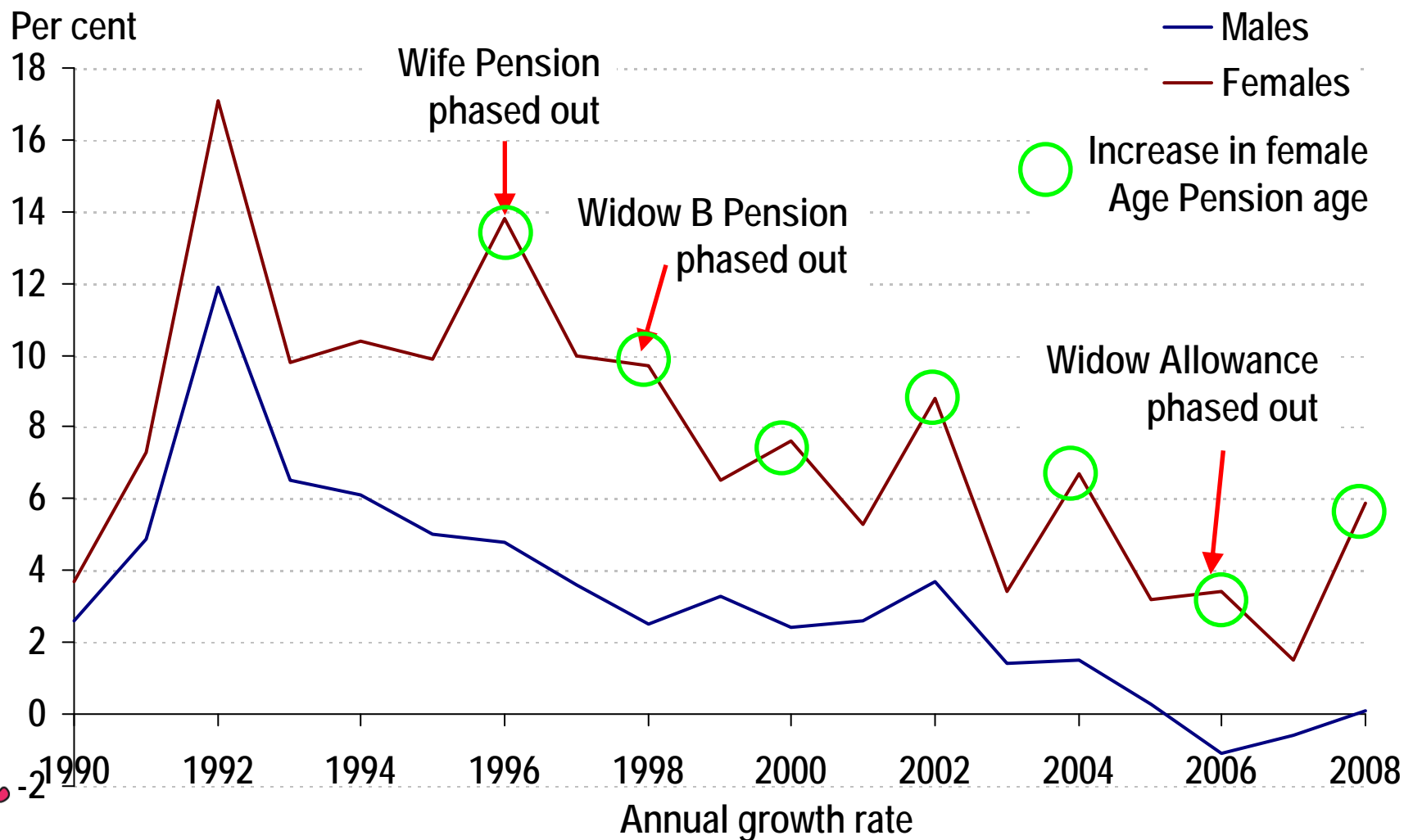
140% increase in 20 years
= 7% annual growth rate?



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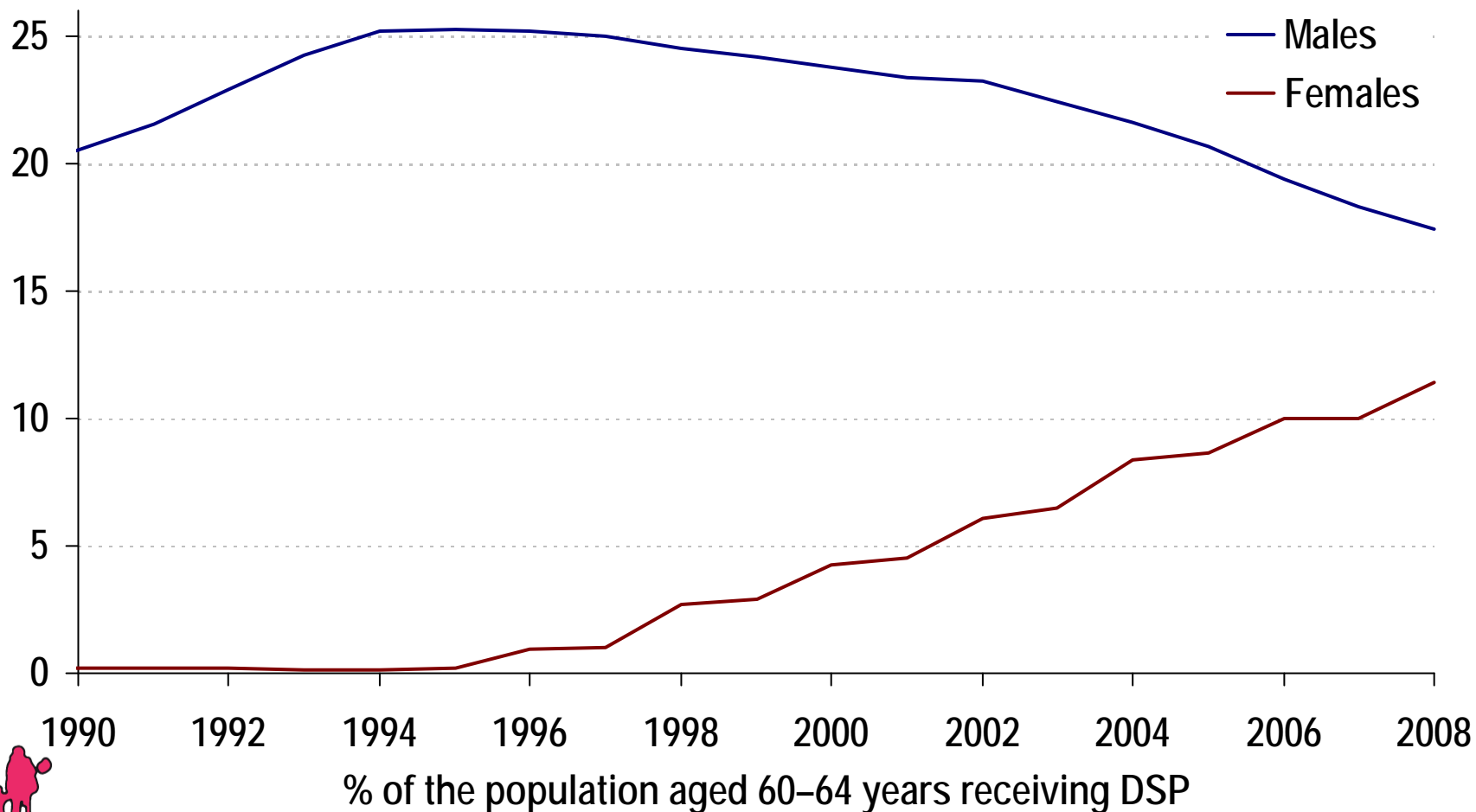


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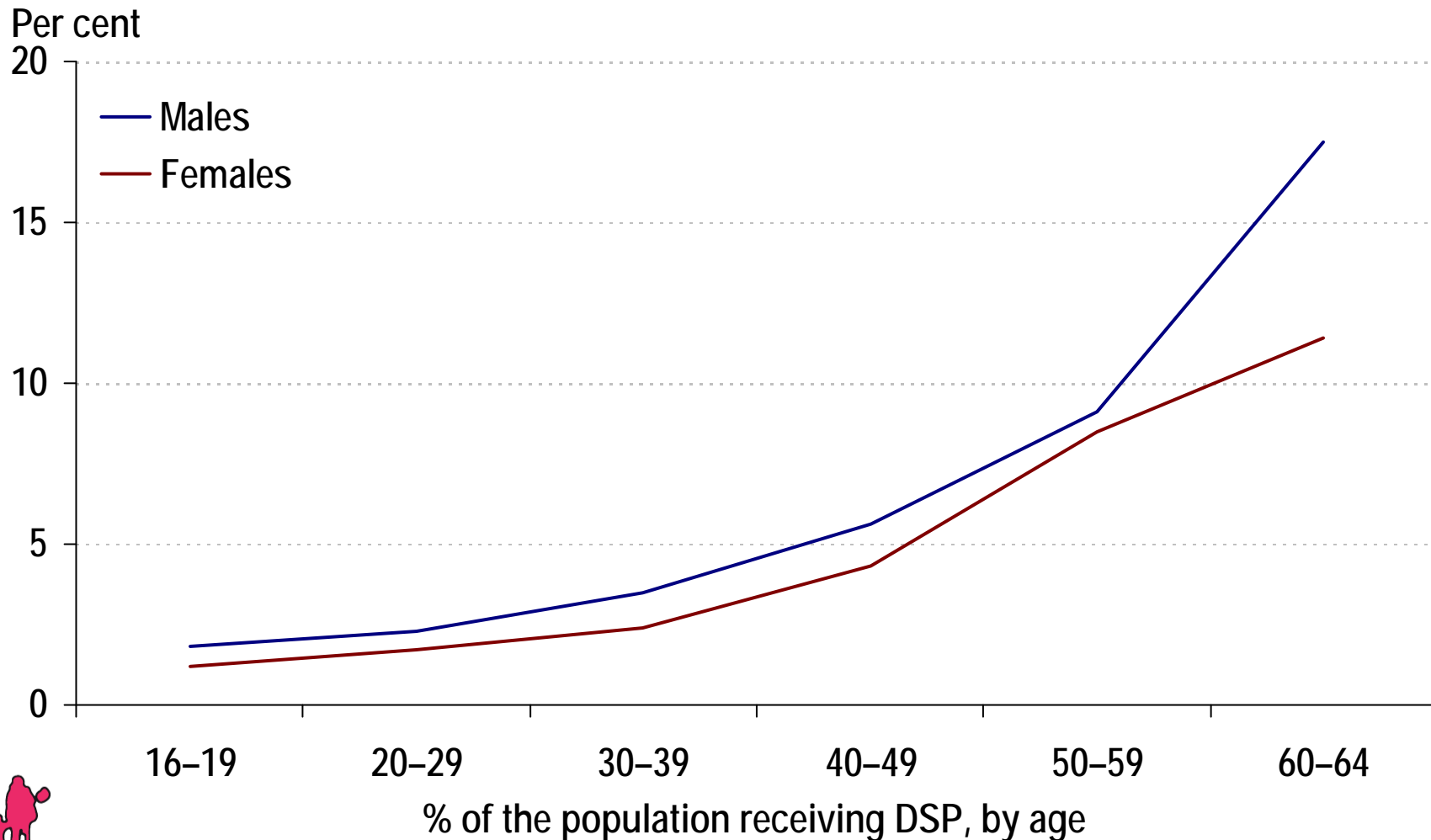


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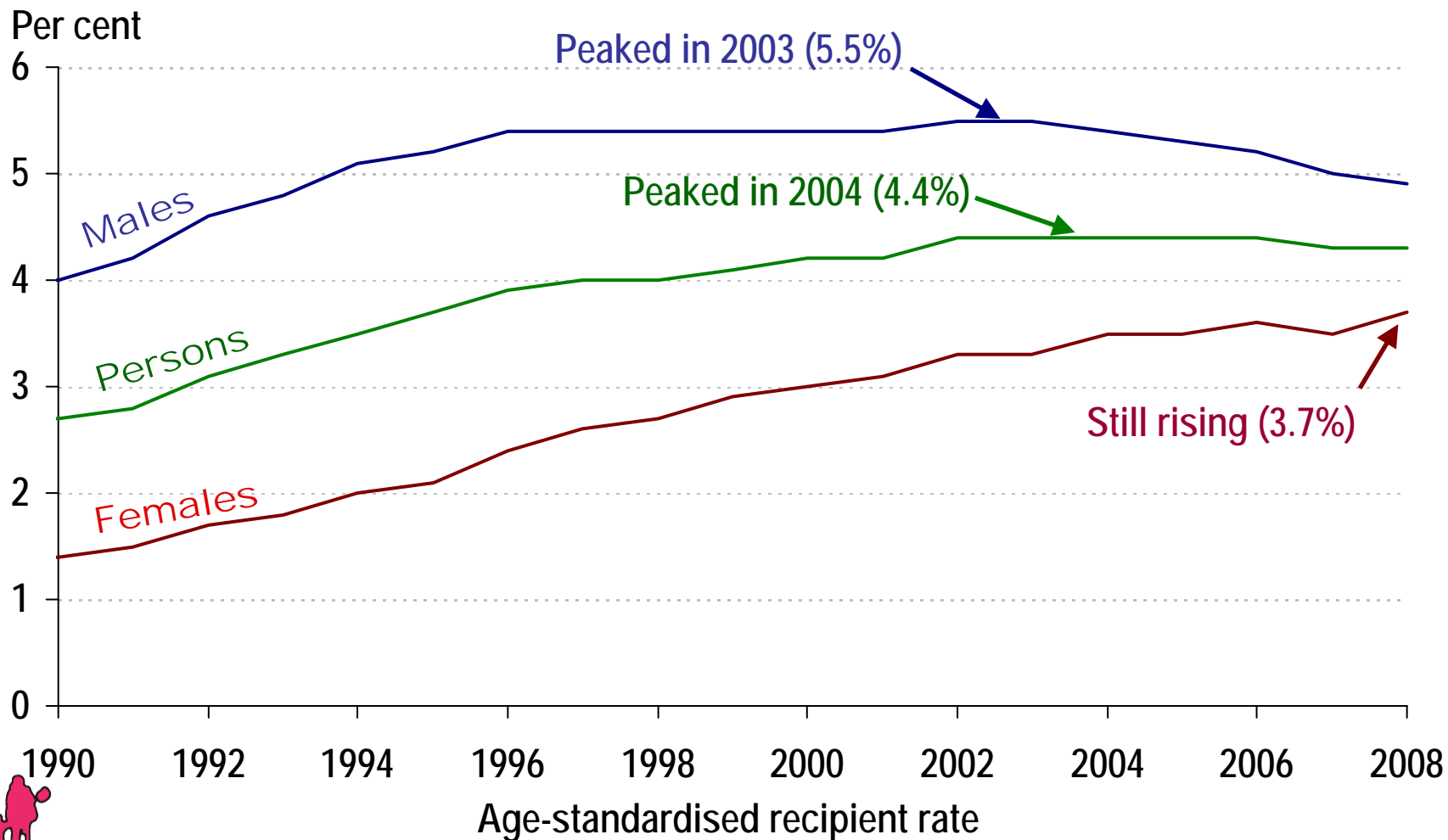
Per cent



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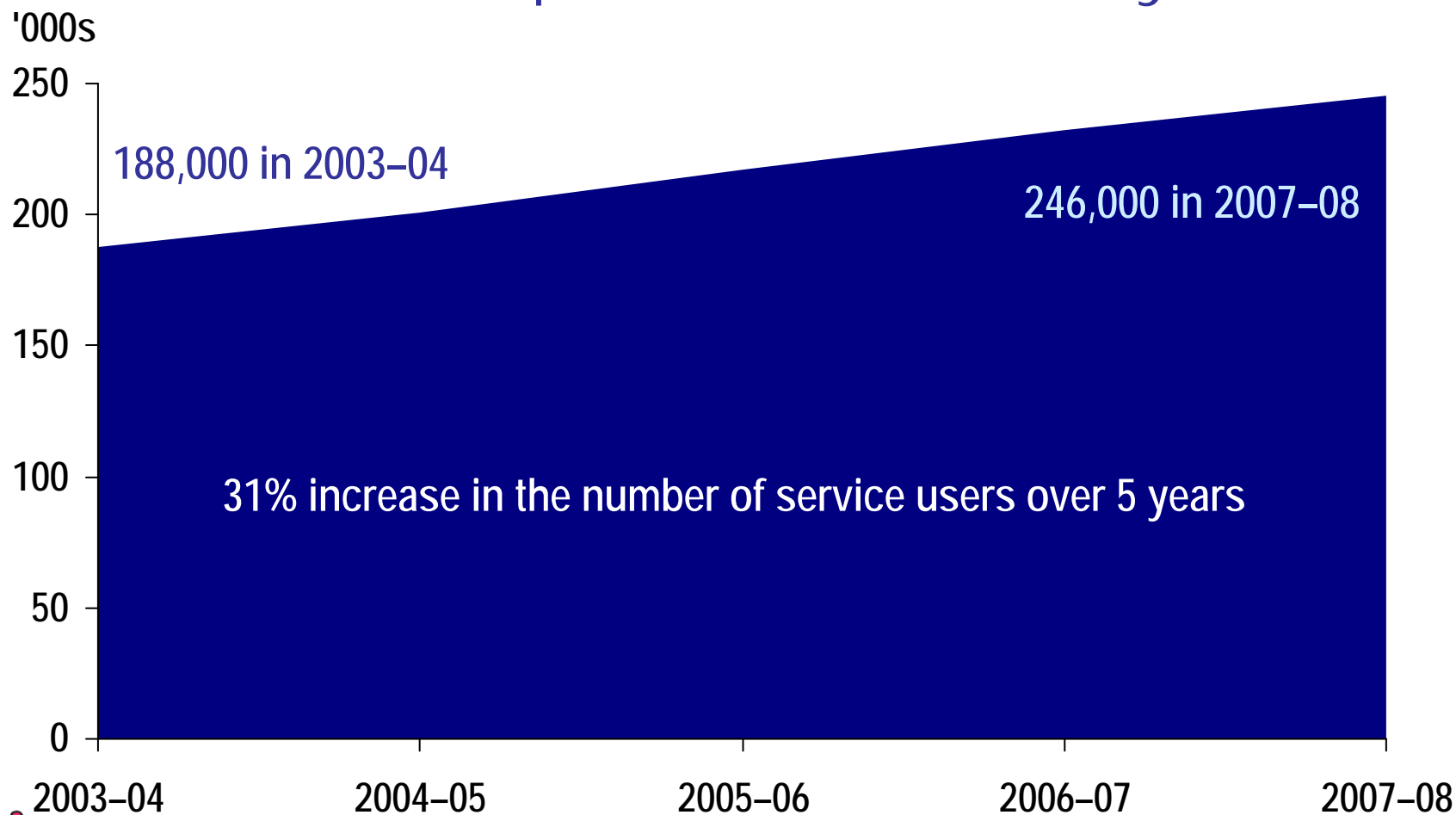


Specialist disability services

- Growth in the use of 'specialist' services
 - Accommodation support
 - Community support
 - Community access
 - Respite
 - Employment



Specialist disability services



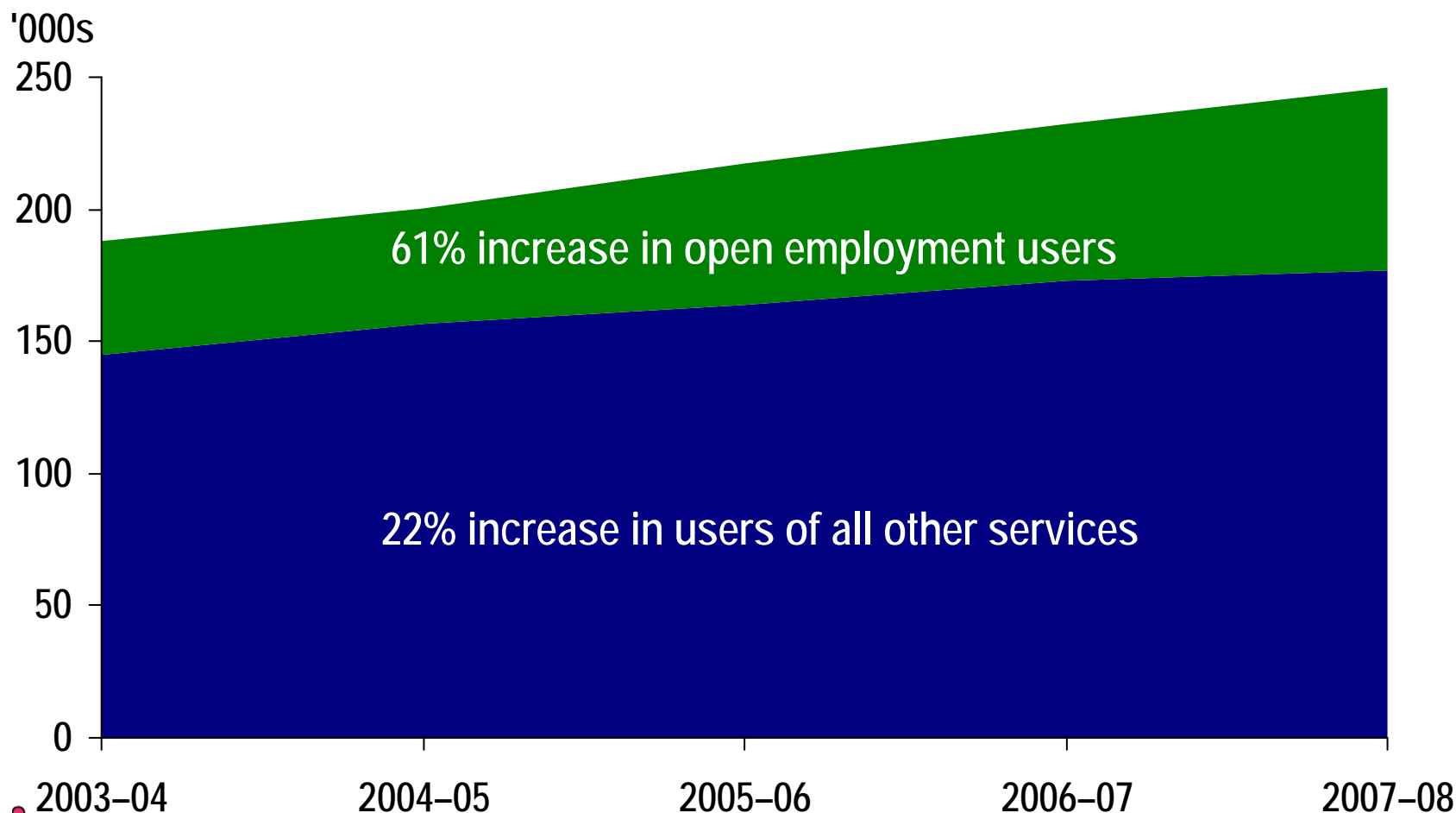
Growth in the number of specialist disability service users

New services or new service users?

- More than 1 in 3 new service users access open employment



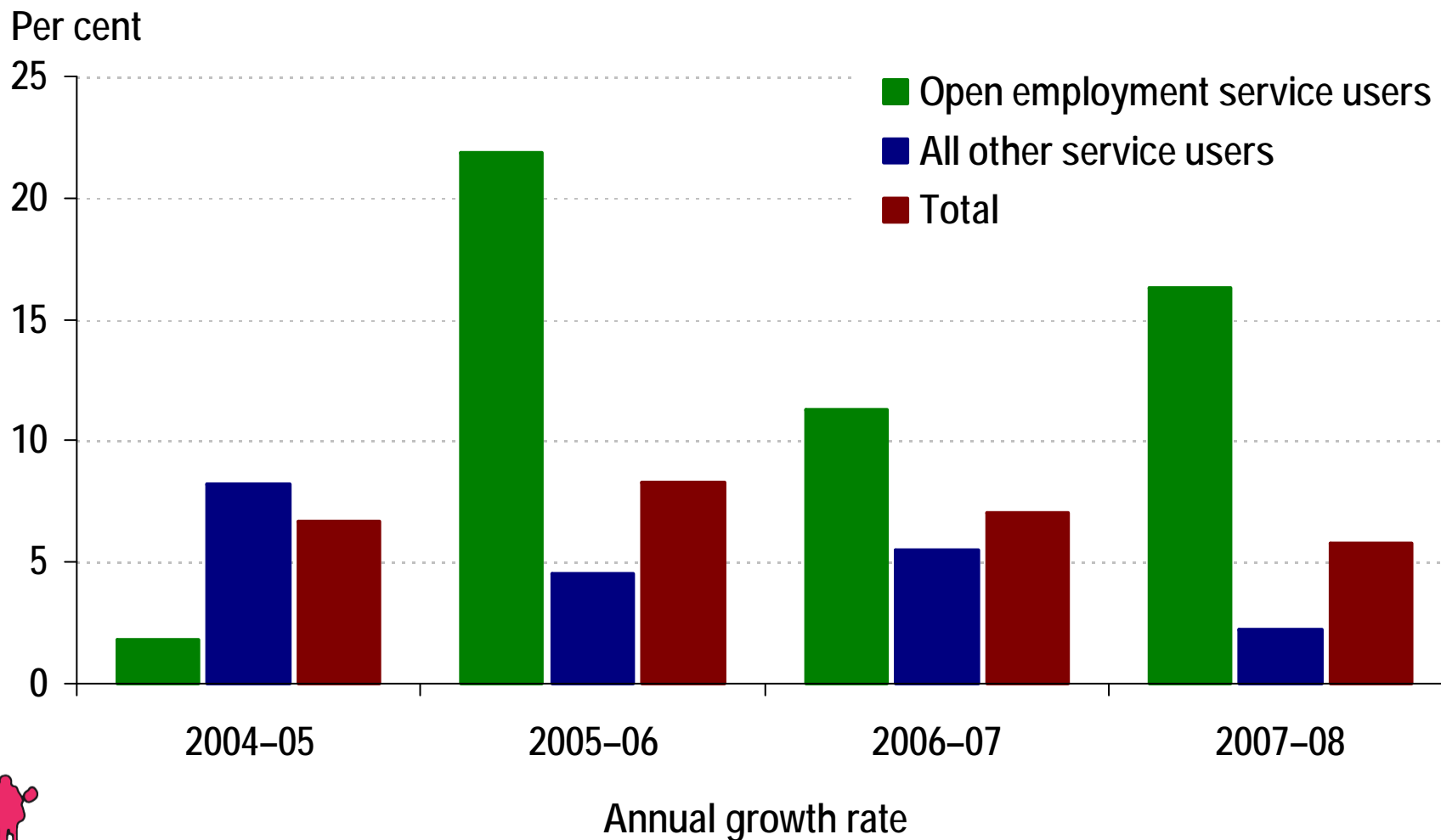
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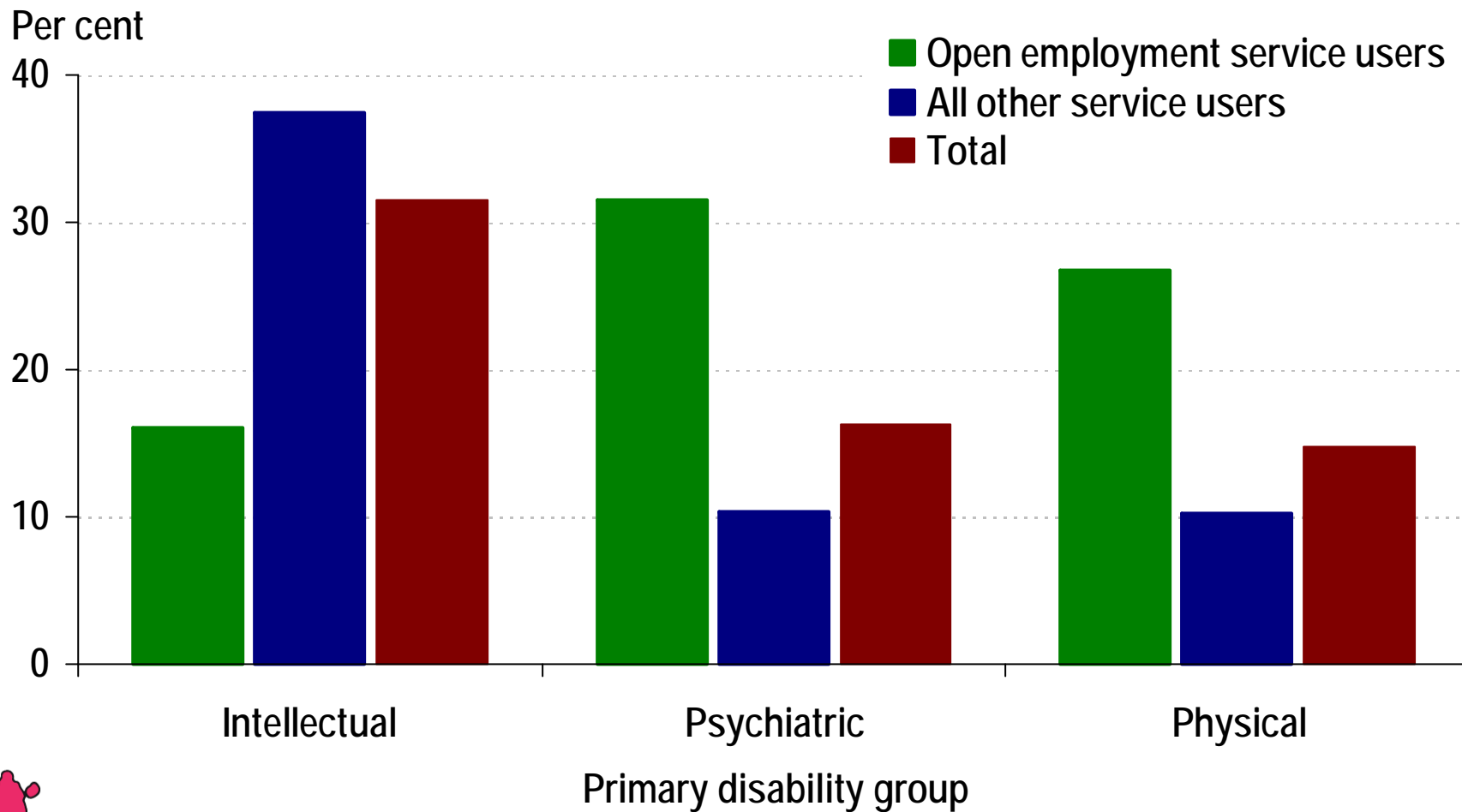
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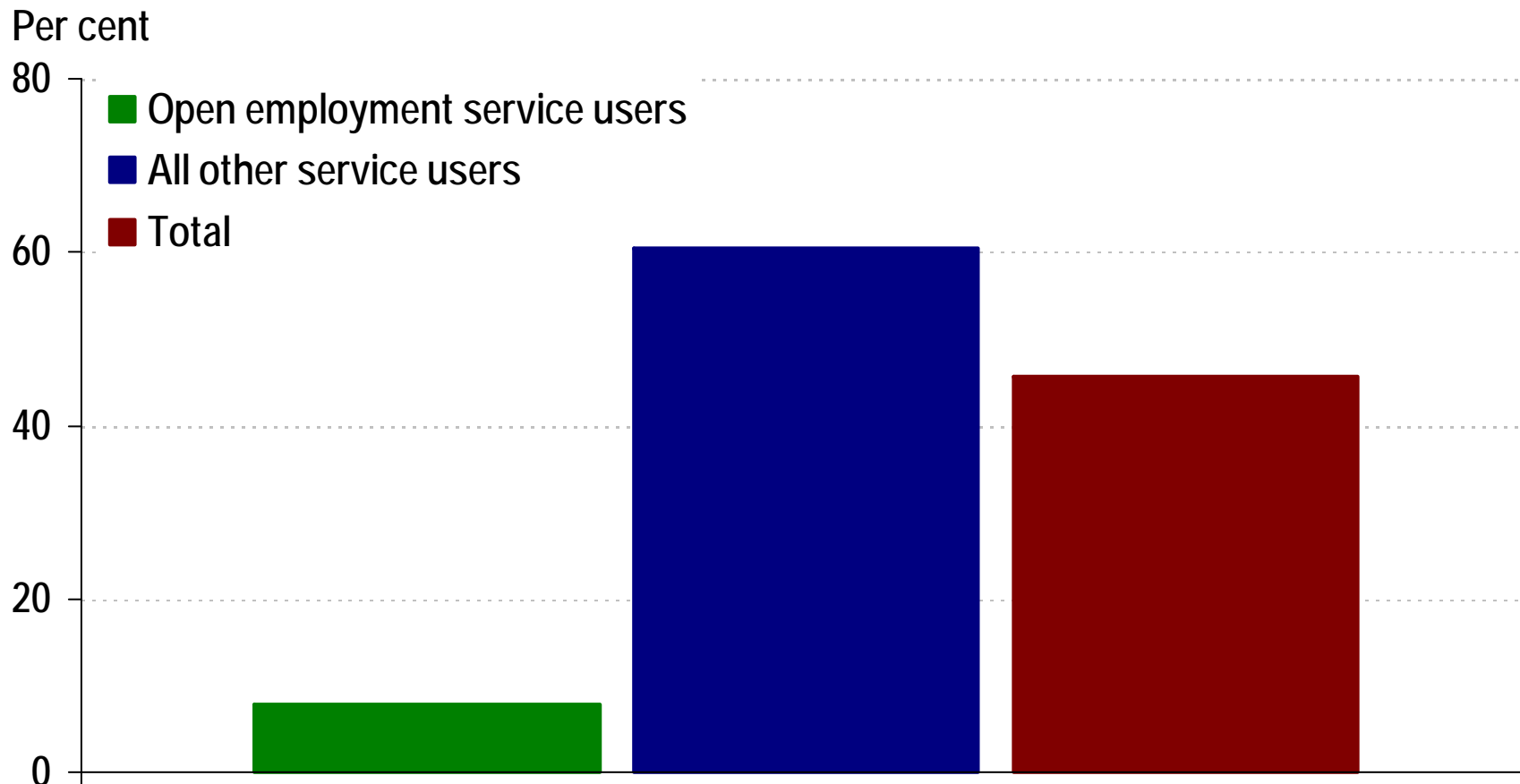
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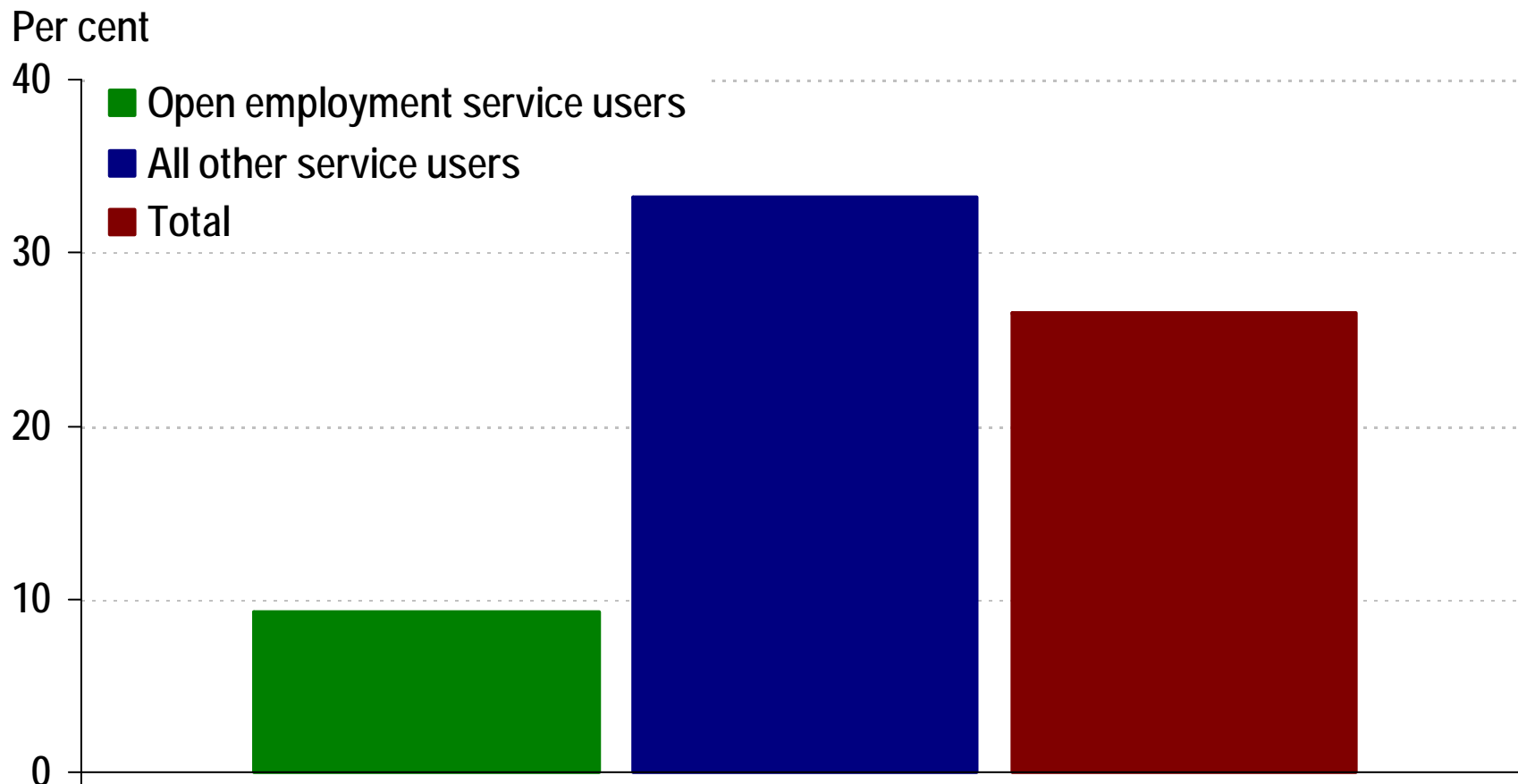
Specialist disability services



People with an informal carer



Specialist disability services



People accessing multiple service types





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