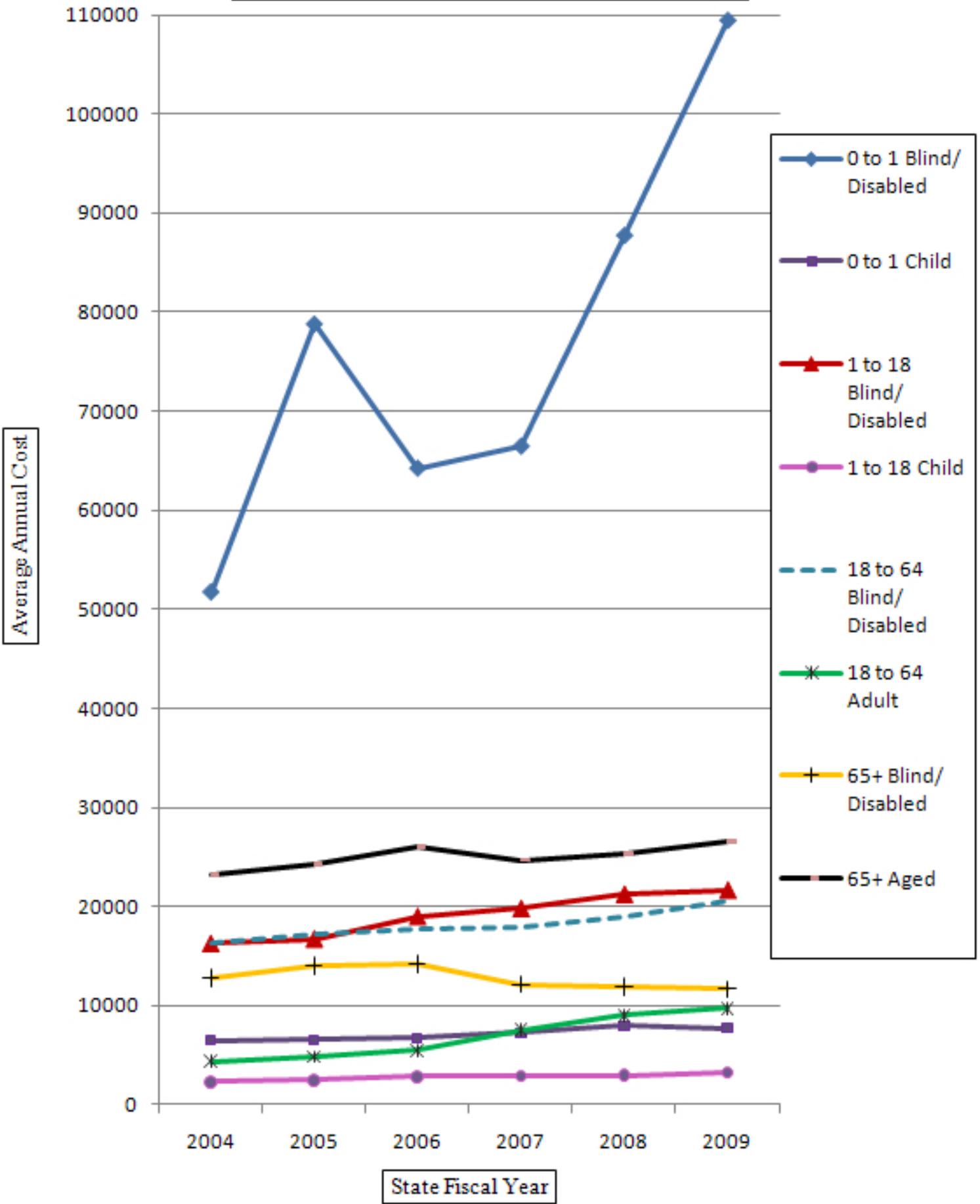


Average Annual Cost Per Medicaid Enrollee by Disability and Age from FY 2004 to FY 2009



This chart shows the average annual cost per person enrolled in Medicaid by age and disability level over a number of fiscal years. The highest annual cost is for a blind/disabled child from 0 to 1 year at \$110,000 in FY 2009. The cost variability for this group is related to the small number of enrollees – (69-79 annually). One or more high cost cases materially affect the average cost for the small number of enrollees. Except for persons over 65, the average cost for a disabled person of the same ages is higher than the average cost for a nondisabled person. The average cost for serving a person over 65 is elevated due to nursing home care. Some persons over 65 are eligible for both Medicare and Medicaid. Implementation of Medicare drug coverage reduced Medicaid costs for this population and is one of the reasons that the average cost for this group show some moderation over the last several years. The Department of Public Health and Human Services provided the cost data used to create the chart.