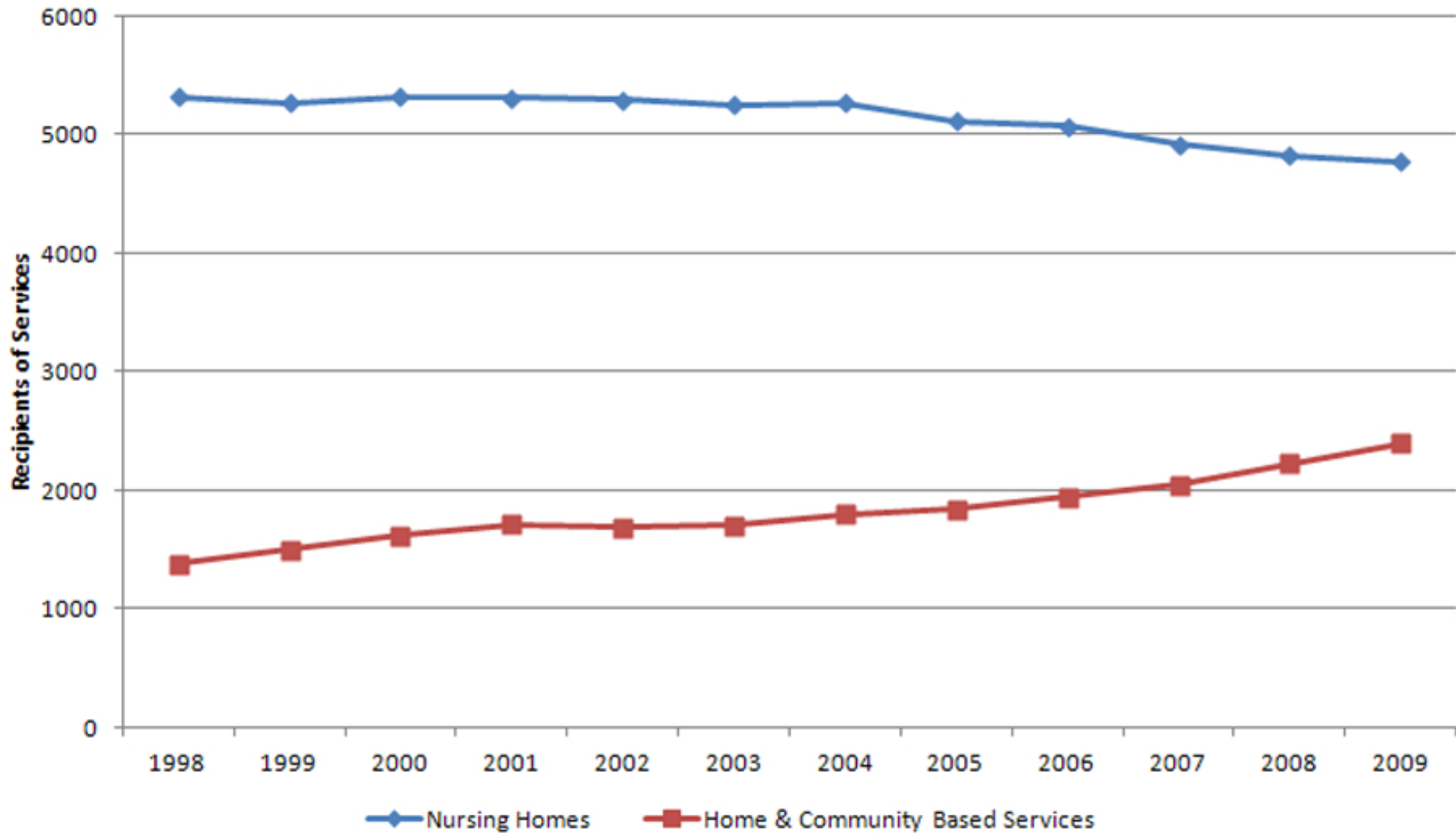


Medicaid Recipients in Nursing Homes and Home & Community Based Services



Last week we saw that the population of Montana is aging, and that the “over 65” and “over 85” populations have been increasing, but that we expect to see steeper increases in the coming years. Medicaid services we would logically expect to be utilized by this population include Nursing Homes as well as medical services that are provided in the home or community.

Of note is the fact that while aged populations have been growing, Nursing Home utilization has not. Home & Community Based Services however, have seen consistent increase in utilization. Federally approved Medicaid Waivers have allowed services to a certain number of participants outside the traditional Nursing Home setting, with the agreement that these services do not result in increased costs to the Medicaid system.