

Figure 1. Rating the U.S. Health System

Scores on major dimensions of system performance

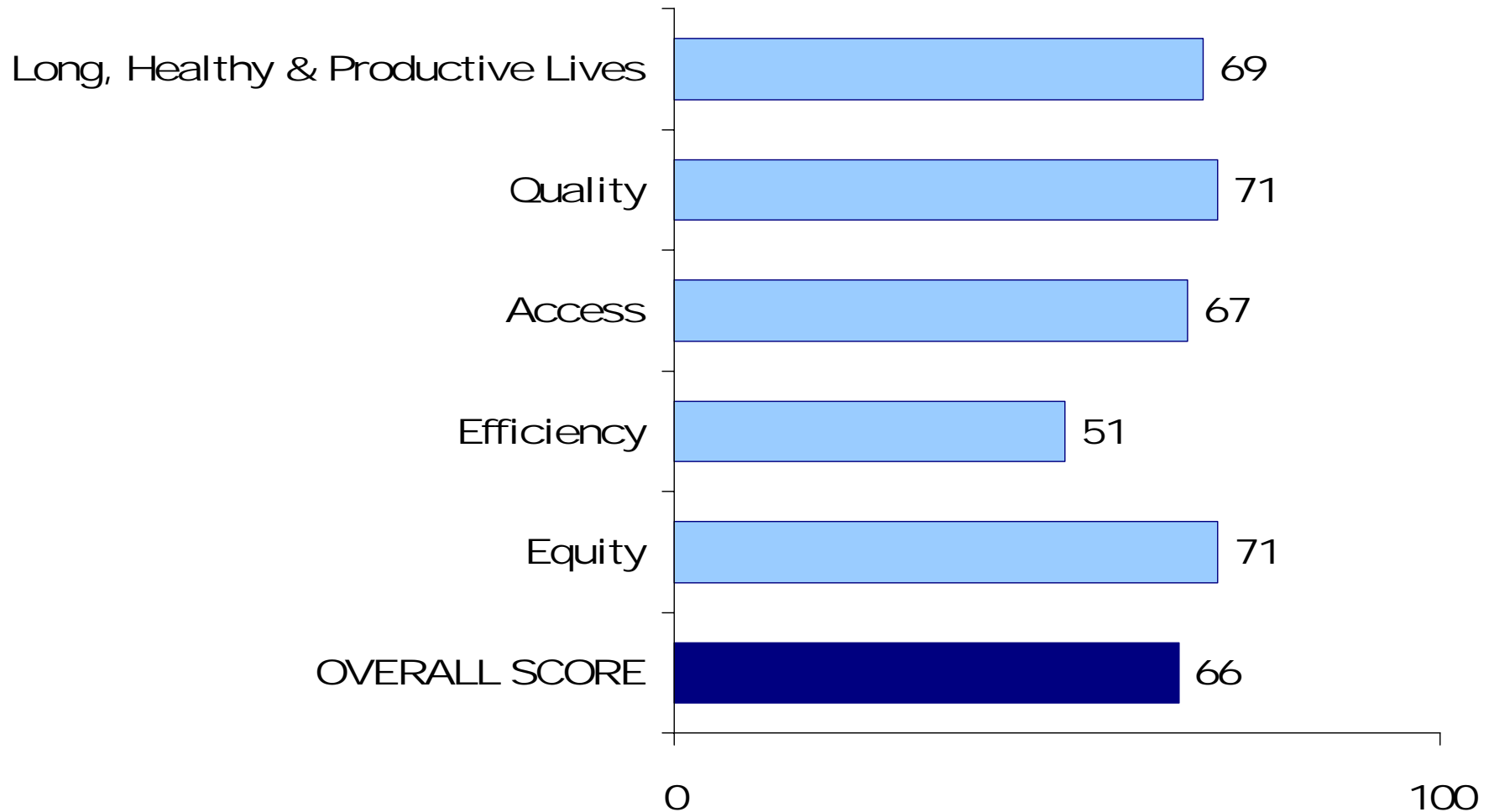
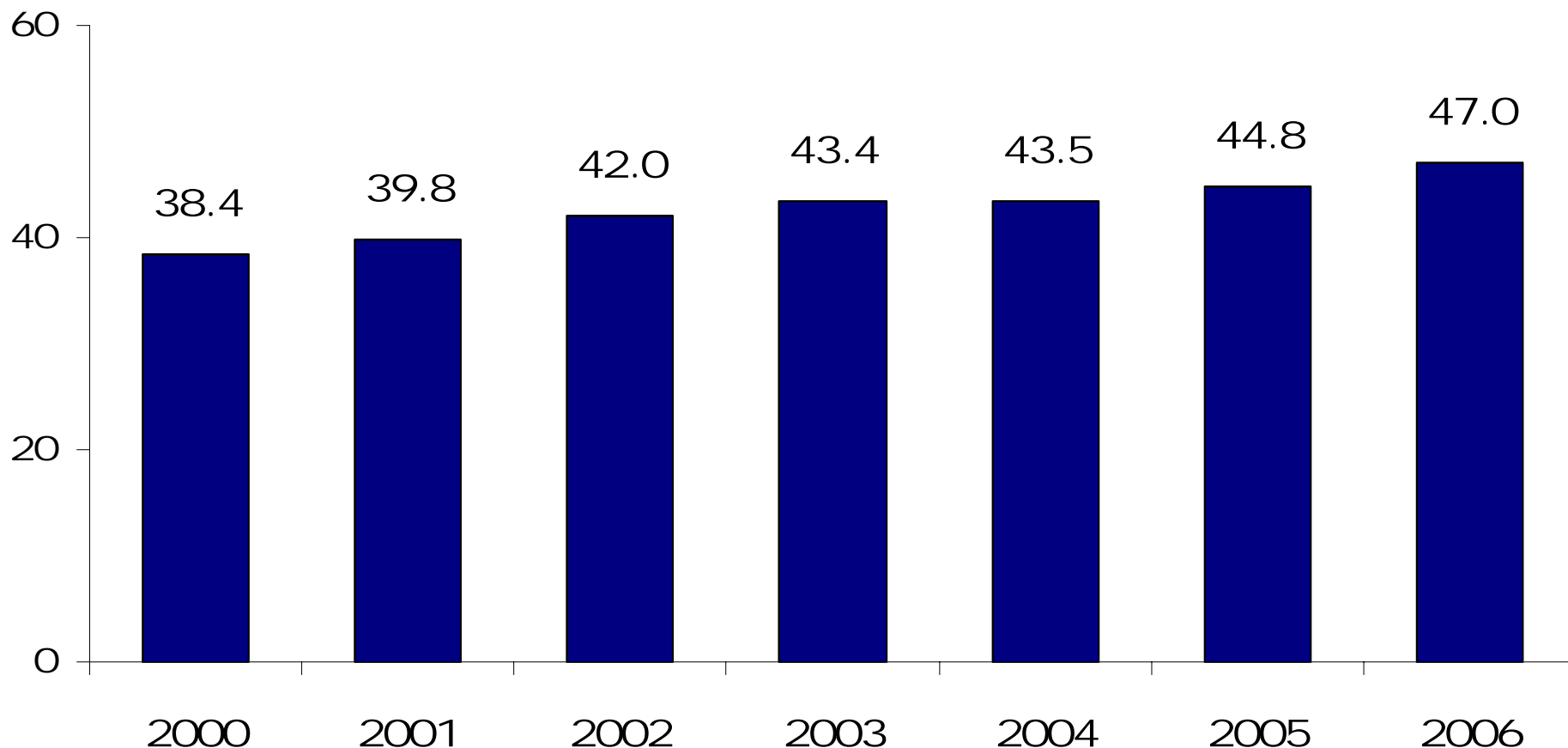


Figure 2. 47 Million People Were Uninsured in 2006, an Increase of 8.6 Million Since 2000

Number of uninsured, in millions

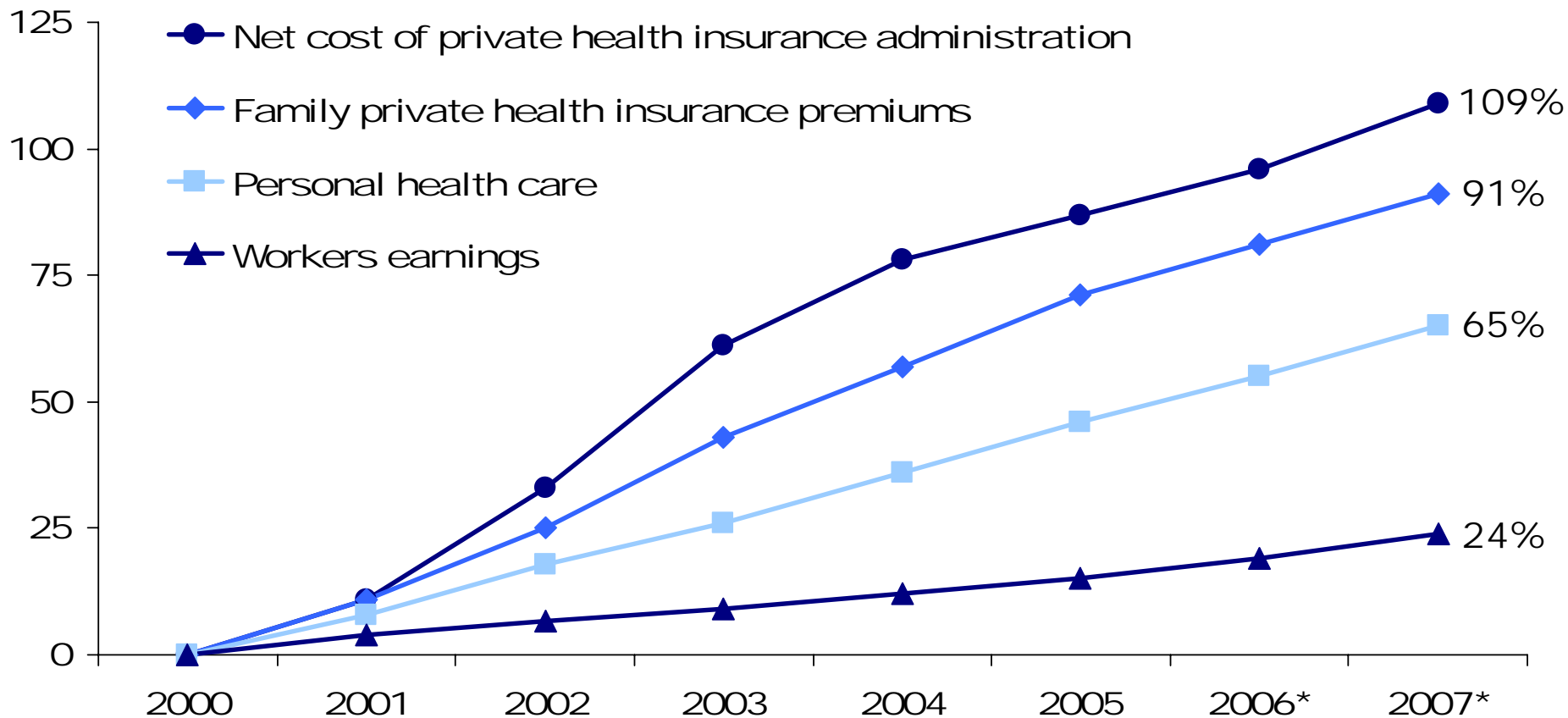


Note: 2000–2006 estimates reflect the results of follow-up verification questions and implementation of Census 2000-based population controls.

Source: U.S. Census Bureau, March Current Population Survey, 2000–2007.

Figure 4. Cumulative Changes in Annual National Health Expenditures, 2000–2007

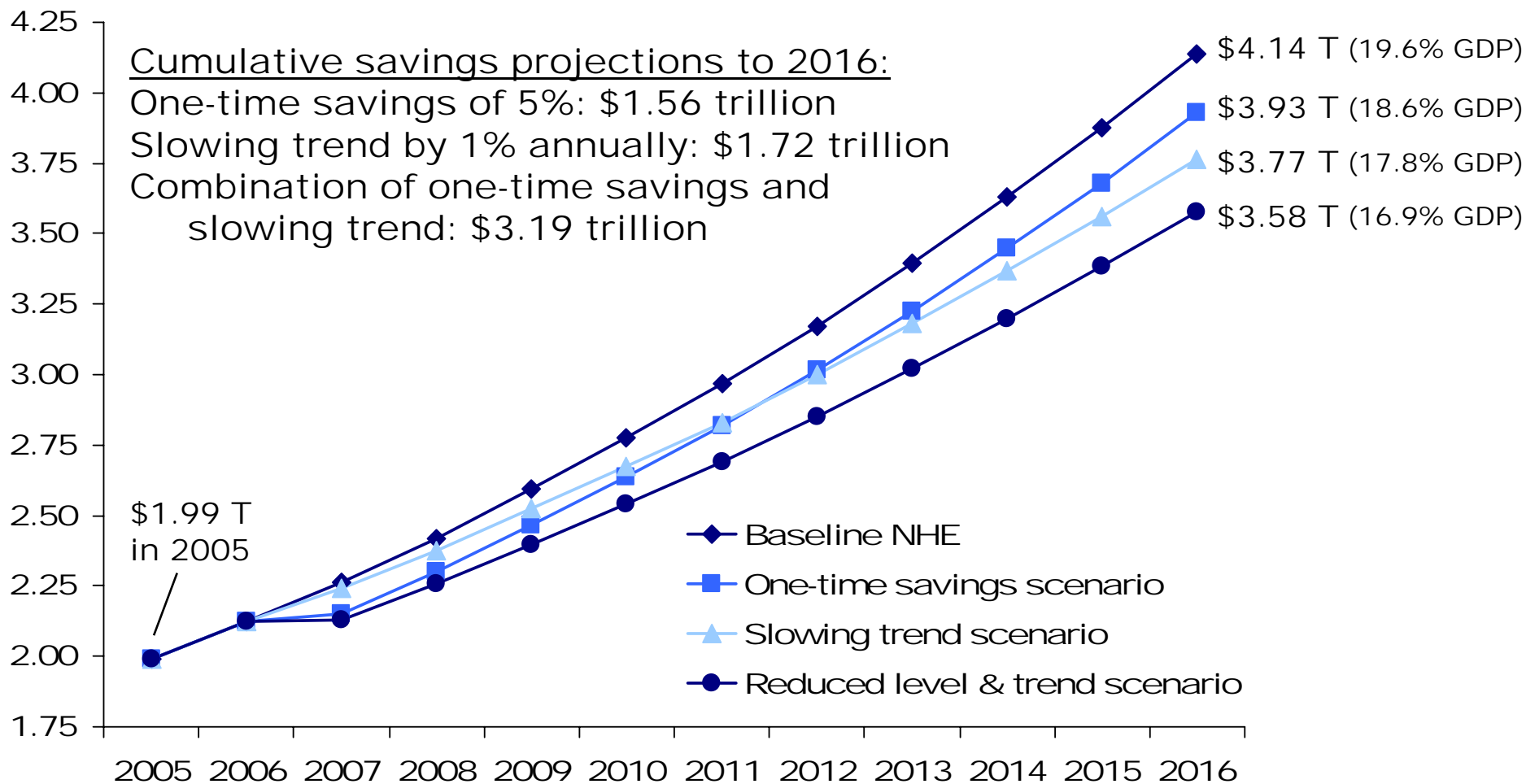
Percent



Notes: Data on premium increases reflect the cost of health insurance premiums for a family of four/the average premium increase is weighted by covered workers. * 2006 and 2007 private insurance administration and personal health care spending growth rates are projections.
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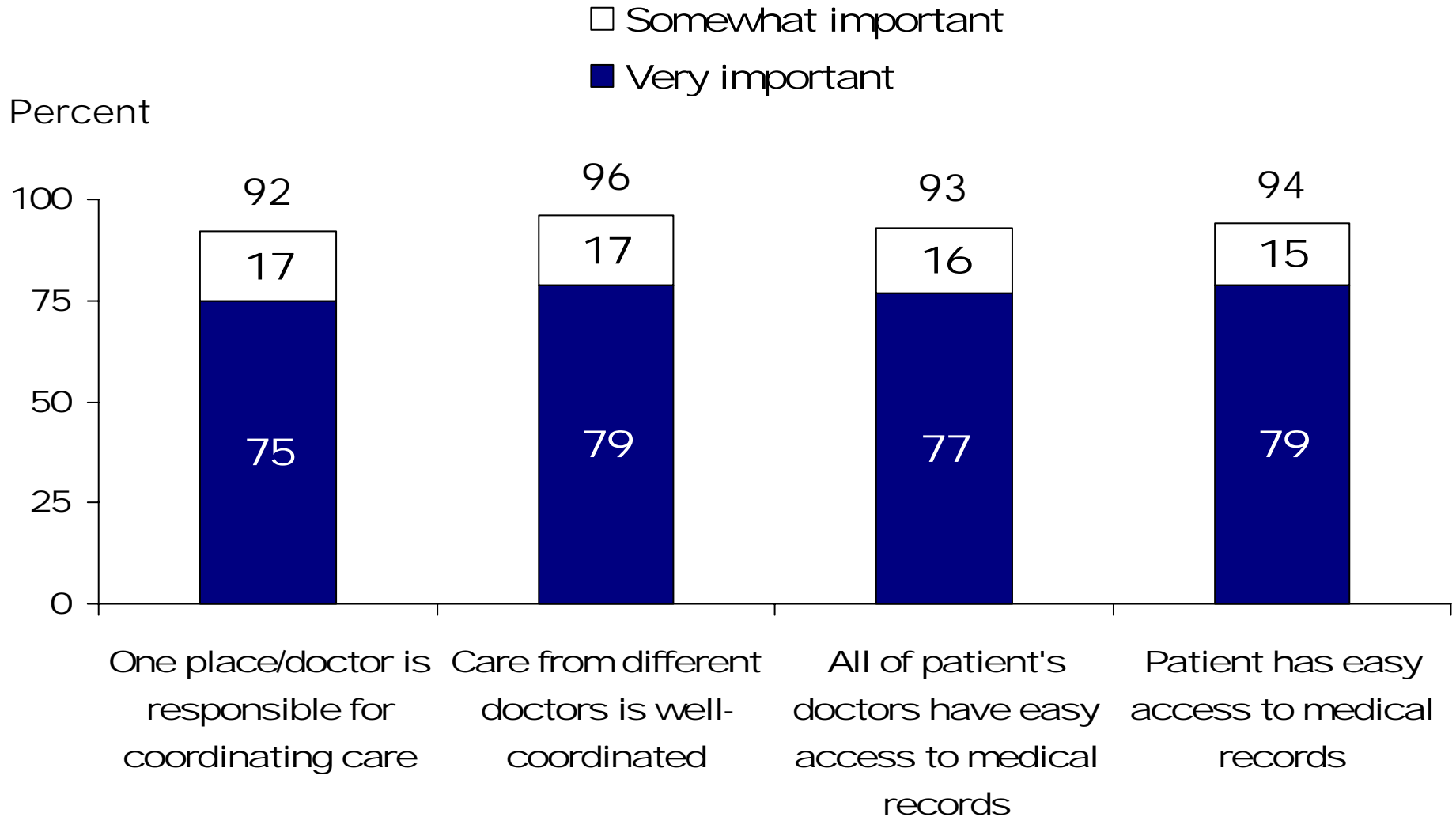
Figure 5. Growth in National Health Expenditures Under Various Scenarios

National health expenditures (NHE), in trillions of dollars



Source: Authors' analysis of data from J. A. Poisal, C. Truffer, S. Smith et al., "Health Spending Projections Through 2016: Modest Changes Obscure Part D's Impact," *Health Affairs* Web Exclusive (Feb. 21, 2007):w242-w253.

Figure 6. Nine of 10 Americans Support Well-Coordinated Care

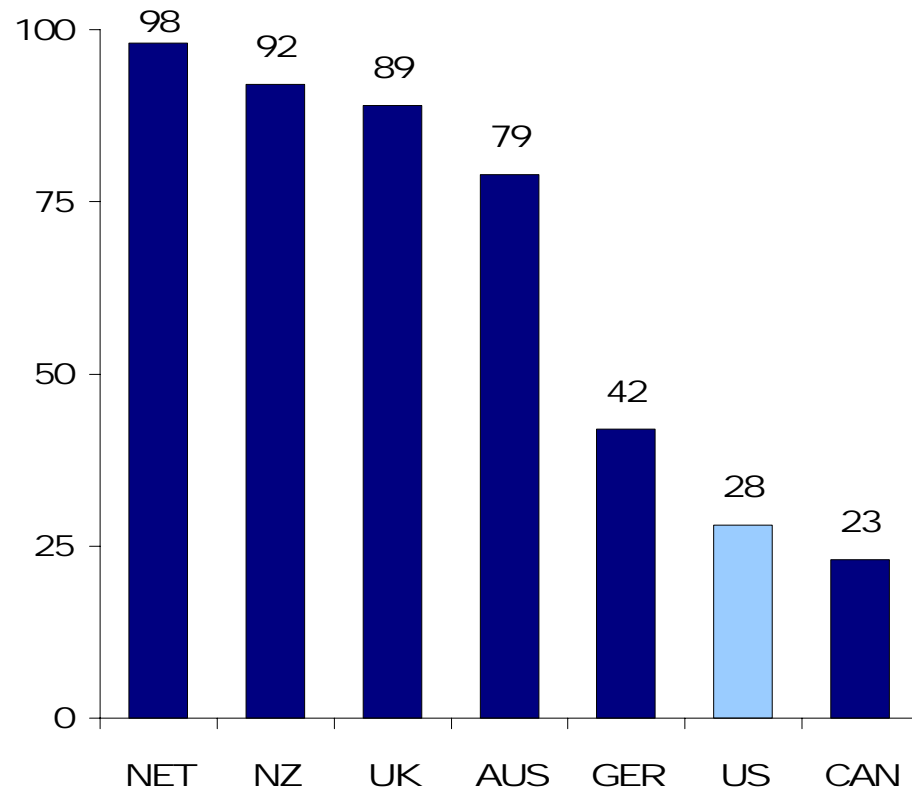


Source: Commonwealth Fund Survey of Public Views of the U.S. Health Care System, 2006.

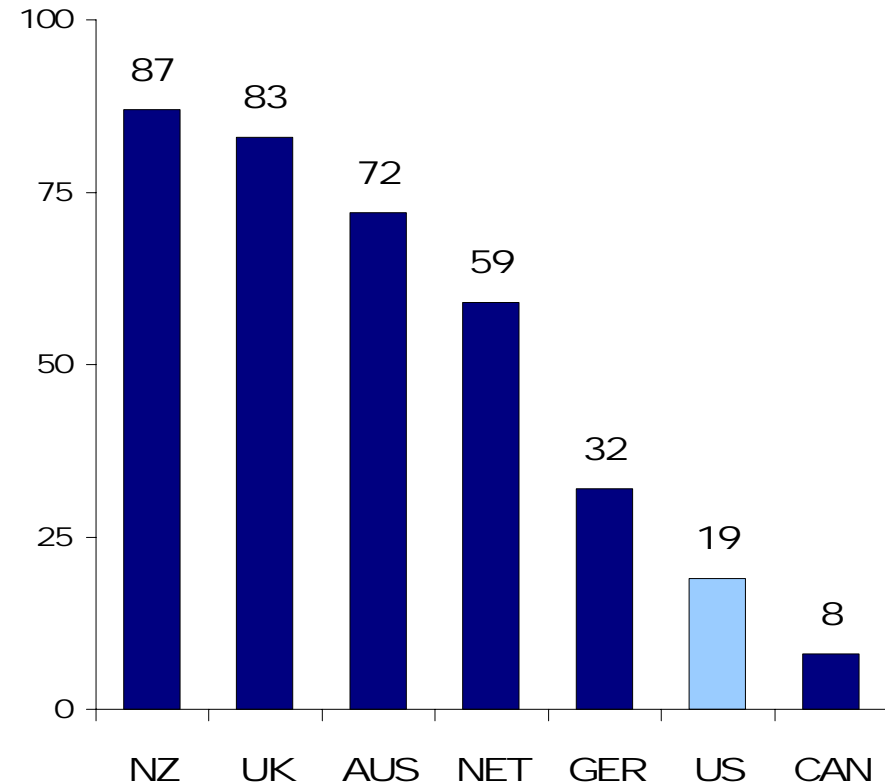
Figure 7. Where Is the U.S. on Health IT?

Only 28% of U.S. primary care physicians have electronic medical records (EMRs), and only 19% have advanced IT capacity

Percent reporting EMR



Percent reporting seven or more of 14 IT functions*



* The 14 functions are: EMR, EMR access other doctors, outside office, patient; routine use electronic ordering tests, prescriptions, access test results, access hospital records; computer for reminders, Rx alerts, prompt test results; easy to list diagnosis, medications, patients due for care.

Source: Commonwealth Fund 2006 International Health Policy Survey of Primary Care Physicians.

Figure 8. Aiming Higher: The National Committee for Quality Assurance Experience

Beta-blocker treatment following heart attack

Percent of patients

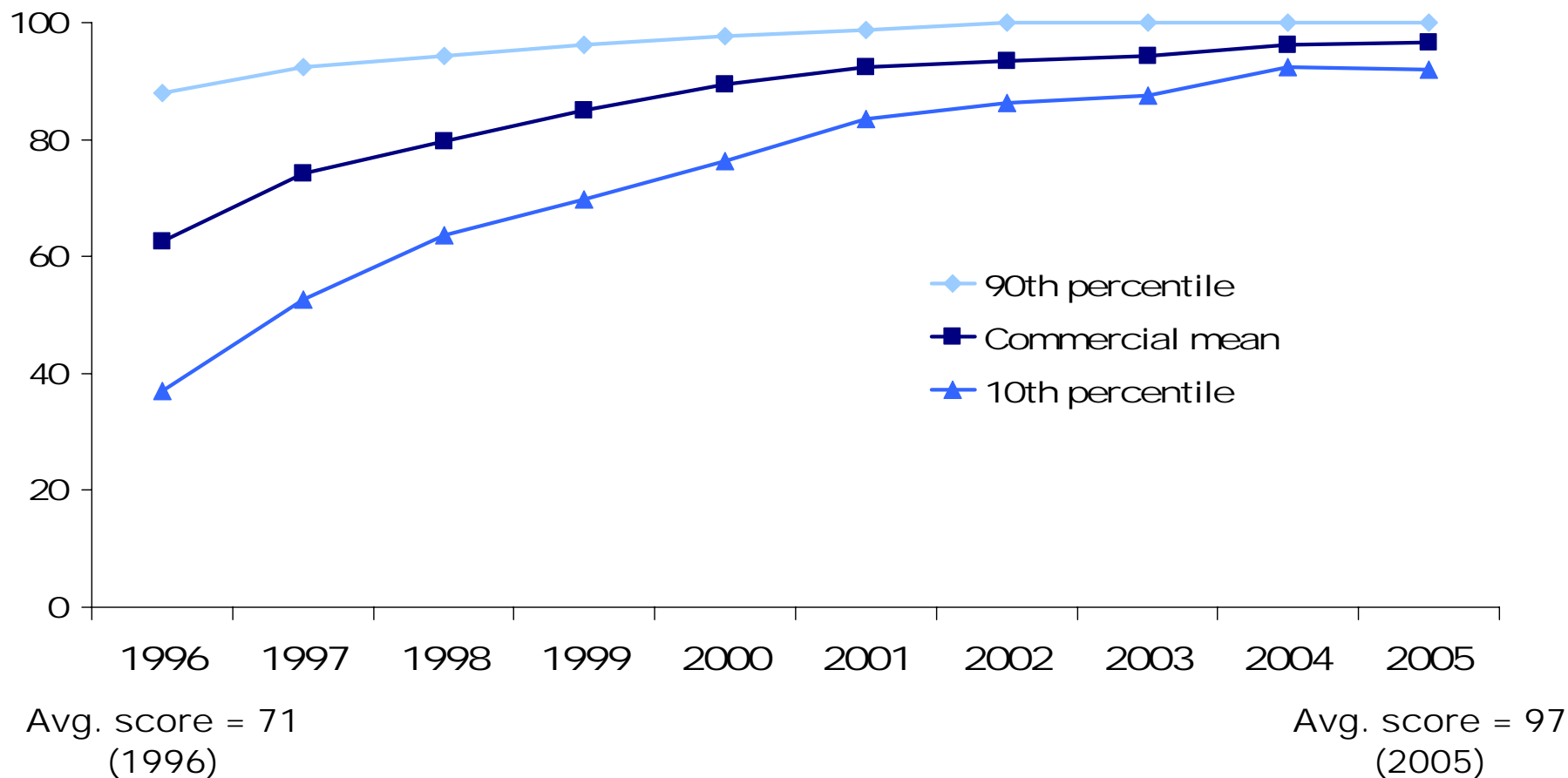
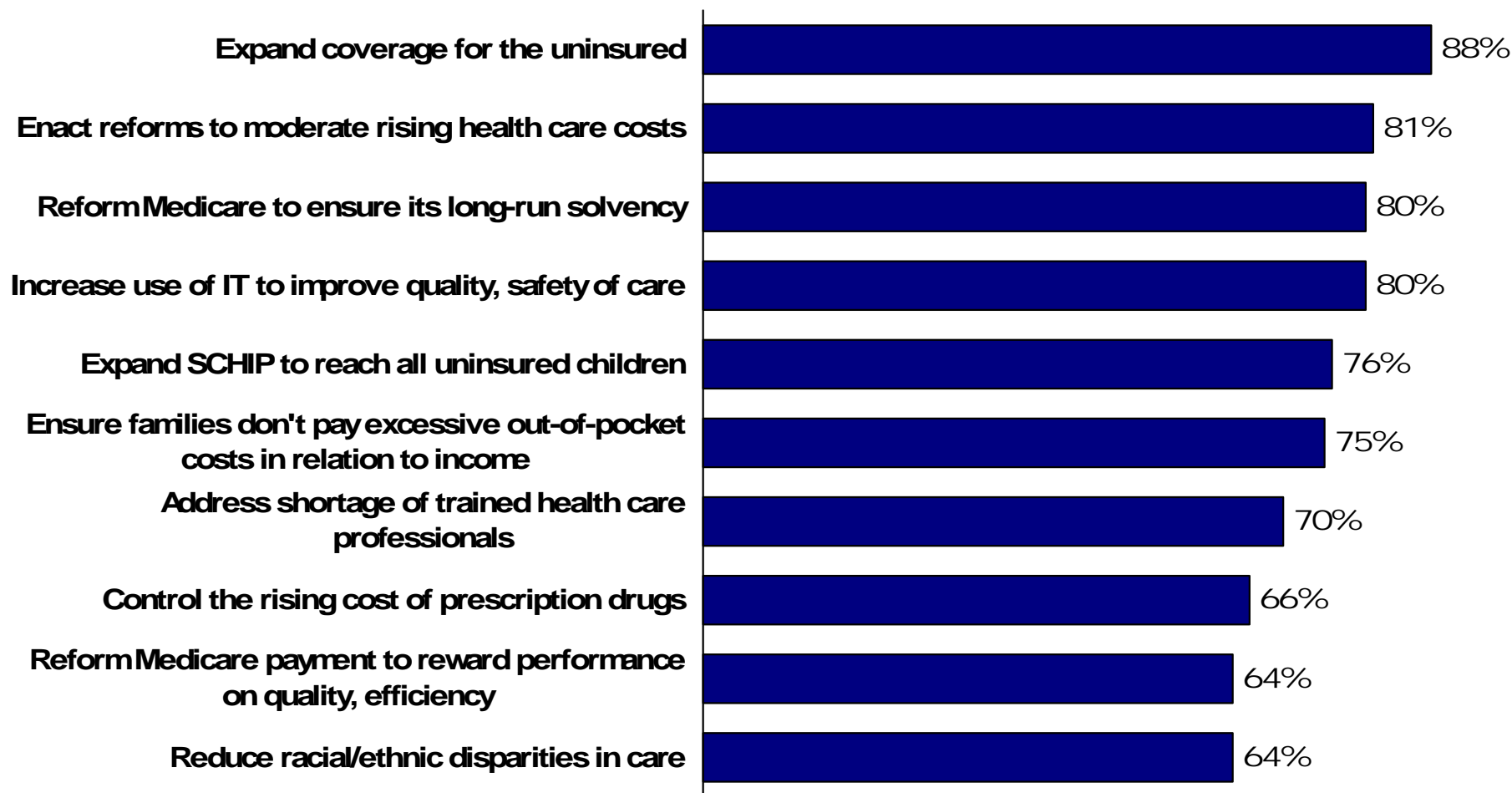


Figure 9. Health Policy Priorities for Congress, According to Health Care Opinion Leaders

“How important do you think the following health care issues are for Congress to address in the next five years?”

Top 10 Issues: Percent responding “absolutely essential” or “very important”



Note: Based on a list of 17 issues.

Source: The Commonwealth Fund Health Care Opinion Leaders Survey, Jan. 2007.