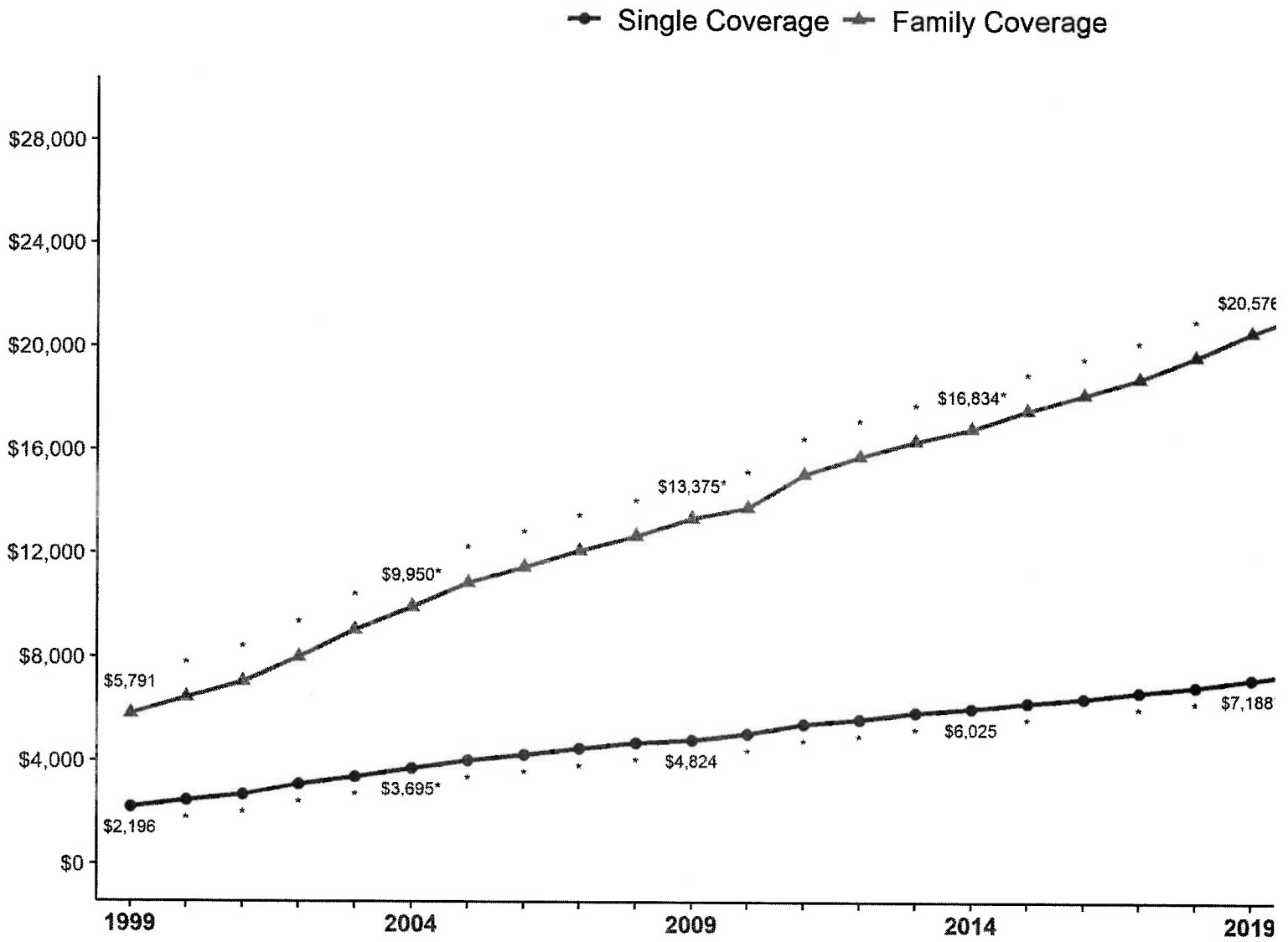


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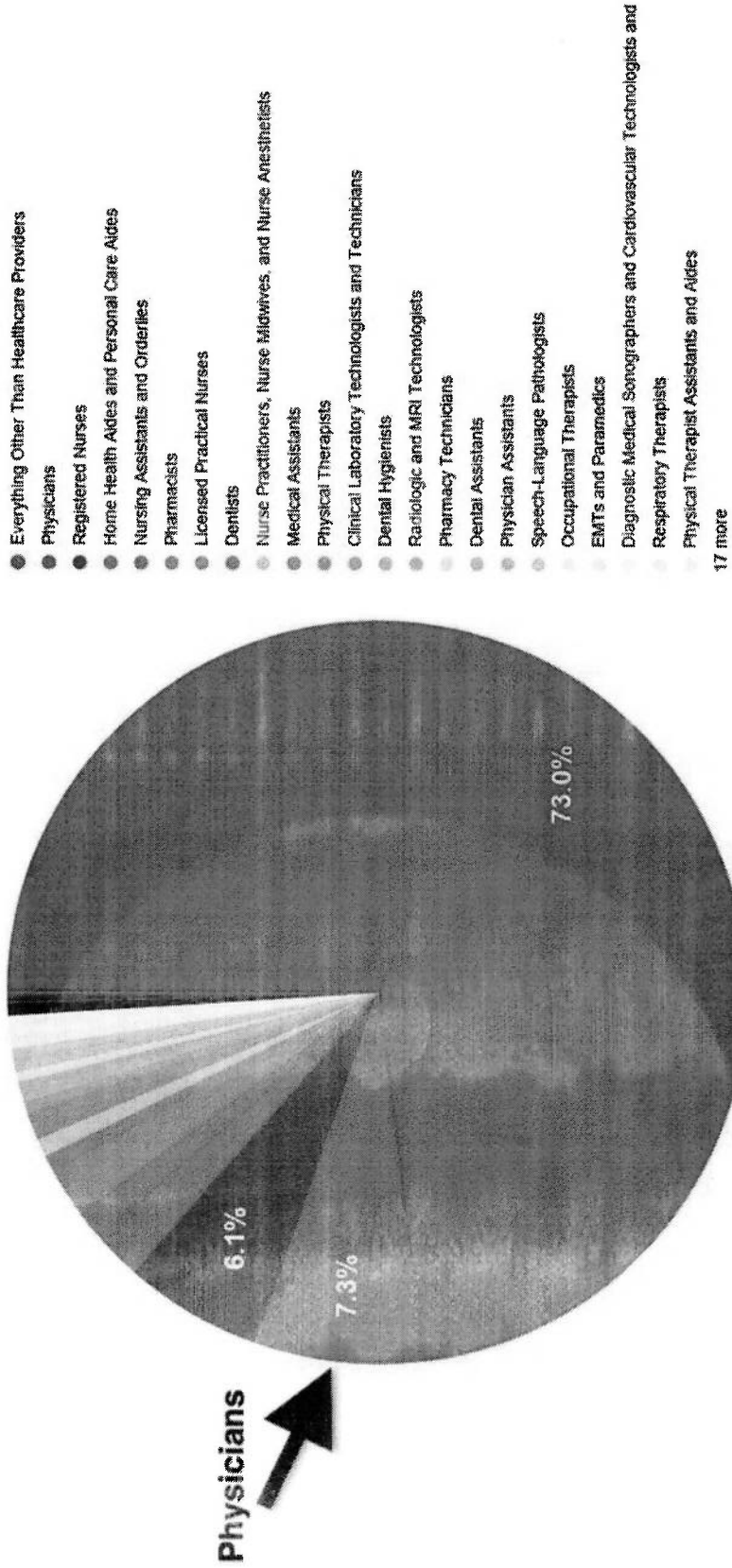
**Average Annual Premiums for Single and Family Coverage, 1999-2024**



\* Estimate is statistically different from estimate for the previous year shown ( $p < .05$ ).

SOURCE: KFF Employer Health Benefits Survey, 2018-2024; Kaiser/HRET Survey of Employer-Sponsored Health Benefits, 1999-2019

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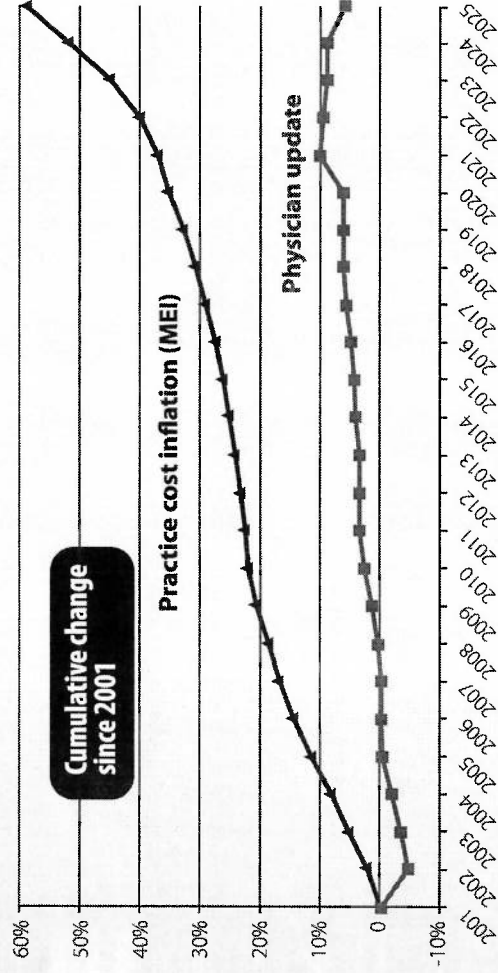
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# Medicare physician payment continues to fall further behind practice cost inflation.

**Medicare updates compared to inflation in practice costs (2001–2025)**

Adjusted for inflation in practice costs, Medicare physician payment **declined 33%** from 2001 to 2025.



Sources: Federal Register, Medicare Trustees Reports, Bureau of Labor Statistics, Congressional Budget Office.

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