



Working Healthy: Kansas Medicaid Buy-In Program

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The Kansas Medicaid Buy-In, *Working Healthy*

- Current enrollment of 1100+
- Eligibility:
 - Ages 16-64
 - Income up to 300% of federal poverty level
 - Payment of employment taxes
 - Assets up to \$15,000
 - Meet Social Security criteria for disability
 - PAS available through WORK



Snapshot of Participants, 2008

- Average age is 48 years
- 48% male and 52% female
- 59.9% single; 30.1% widowed; 10% married
- 10.8% have children under age 18
- 49.3% have at least some college
- Average hourly wage is \$7.98 and average hours worked per week is 19

Data Sources: Kansas Medicaid Management Information System (iMMIS) (n=1082) and Self-reported from 2008 Working Healthy Satisfaction Survey (n=381)



Primary Self-Reported Disabilities

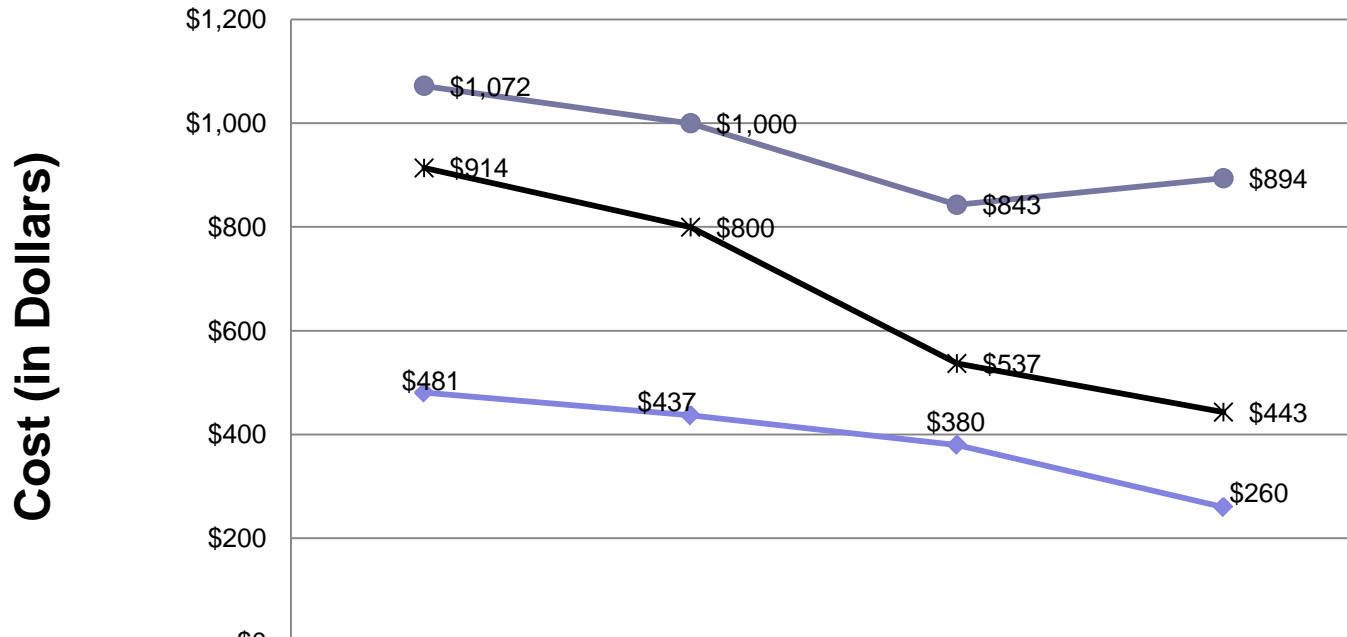
- Mental illness 44.6%
- Chronic illness 19.8%
- Physical disability 18.9%
- MR/DD 7.3%
- Sensory 3.1%
- Other 6.3%

How are enrollees faring?

- A majority of enrollees report:
 - Improved mental health since enrolling in the Buy-In (53.4%)
 - Improved financial status since enrolling in the Buy-In (59.3%)
 - An increased level of independence since enrolling in the Buy-In (59.9%)
- Overall medical expenditures are decreasing while overall earnings are increasing

Medicaid Expenditure Trends

Outpatient per Member per Month Costs



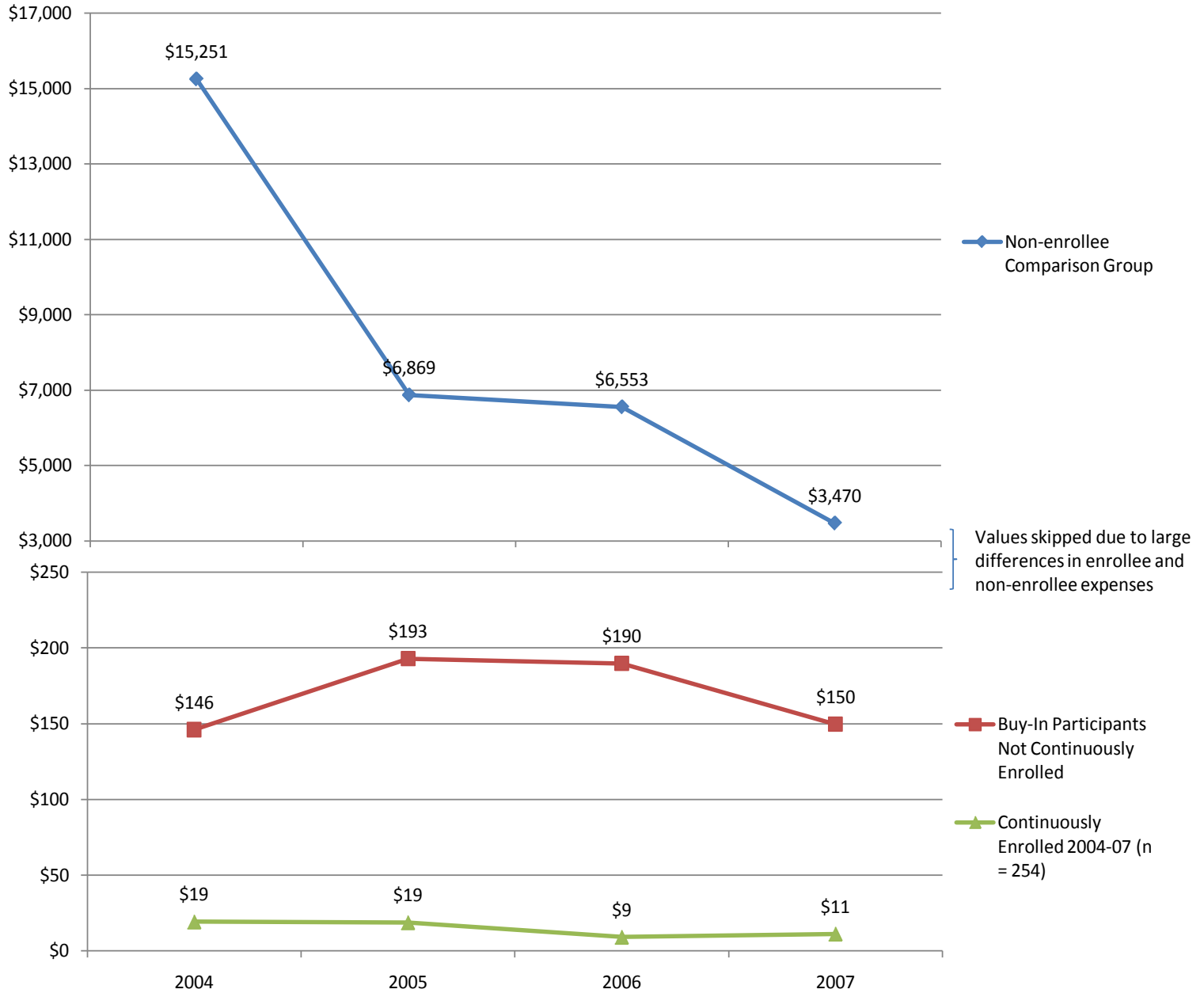
	2004	2005	2006	2007
● Non-enrollee Comparison Group*	\$1,072	\$1,000	\$843	\$894
* All Buy-In Enrollees**	\$914	\$800	\$537	\$443
◆ Continuously Enrolled 2004-07***	\$481	\$437	\$380	\$260

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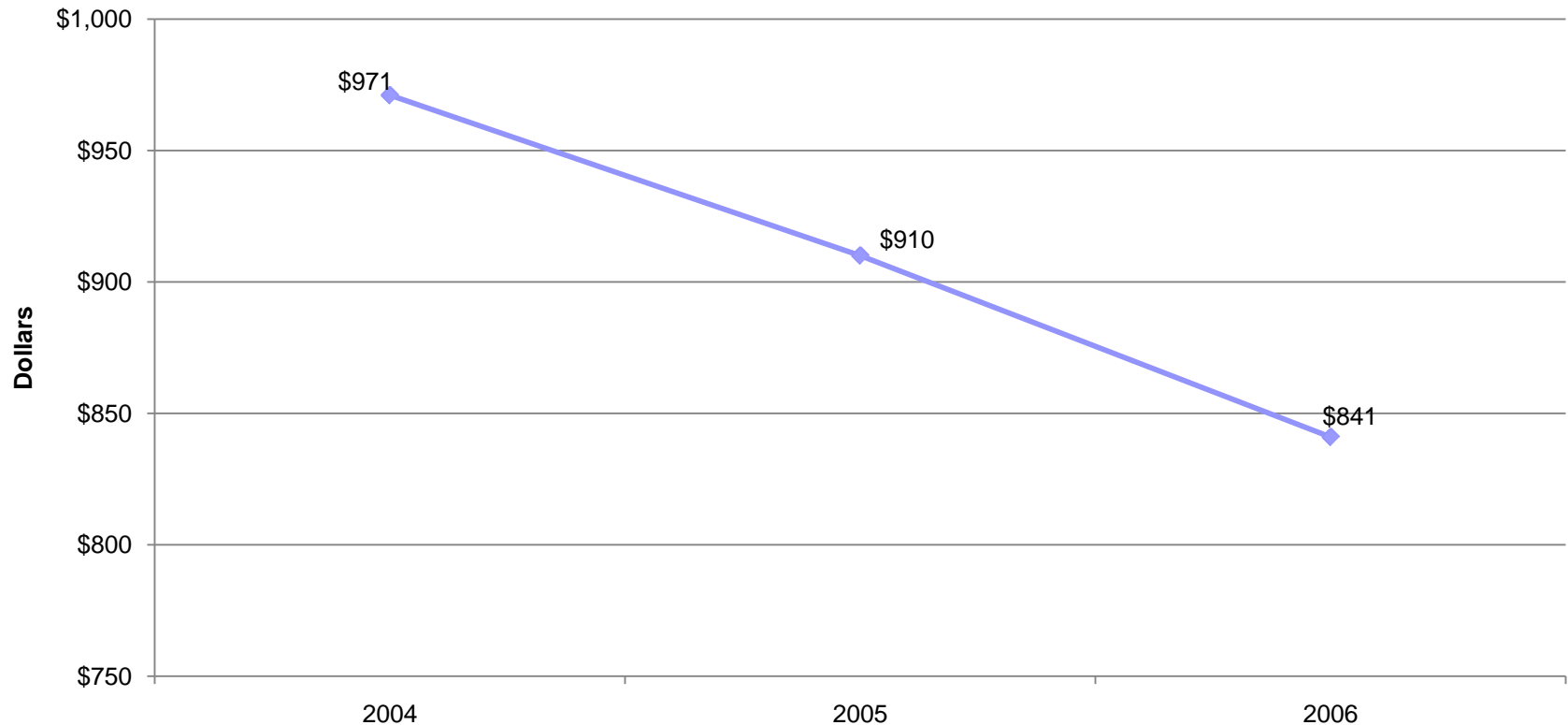
Note: Expenditures were adjusted to 2007 prices using the Consumer Price Index for medical care.

* For 2004-2007, n=1200 ** Due to increasing Buy-In enrollment each year, for 2004 n=1025, for 2005 n=1230, for 2006 n=1275, and for 2007 n=1303 *** For 2004-2007, n=254

Medicaid Inpatient Expenses



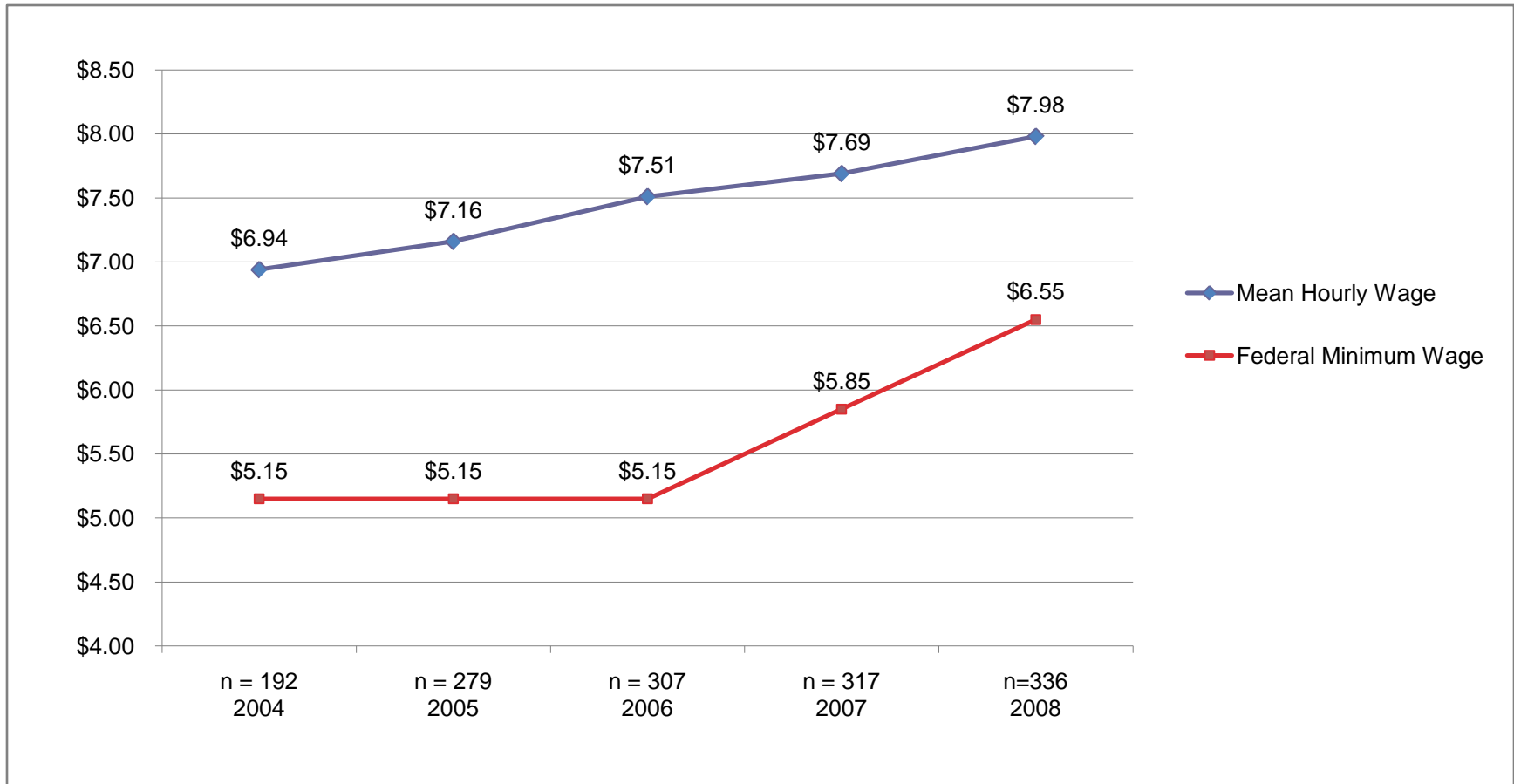
Total Medicaid & Medicare Inpatient and Outpatient Expenditure Trends, Continuously Enrolled Group



Data Sources: Centers for Medicare & Medicaid Services Standard Analytical Files (SAF) and Kansas Medicaid Management Information System (iMMIS).

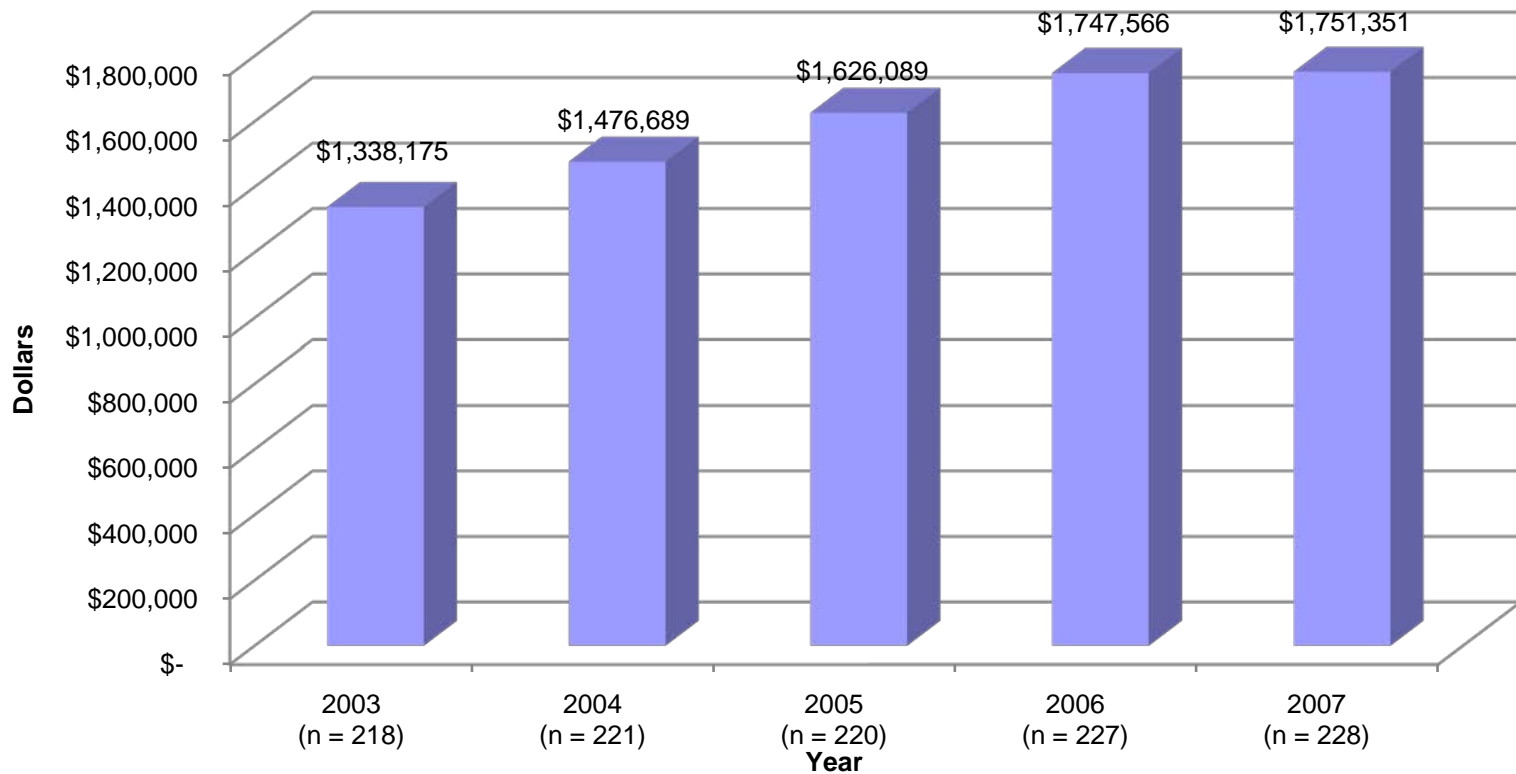
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Enrollees' Self-Reported Hourly Wages, 2004-2008



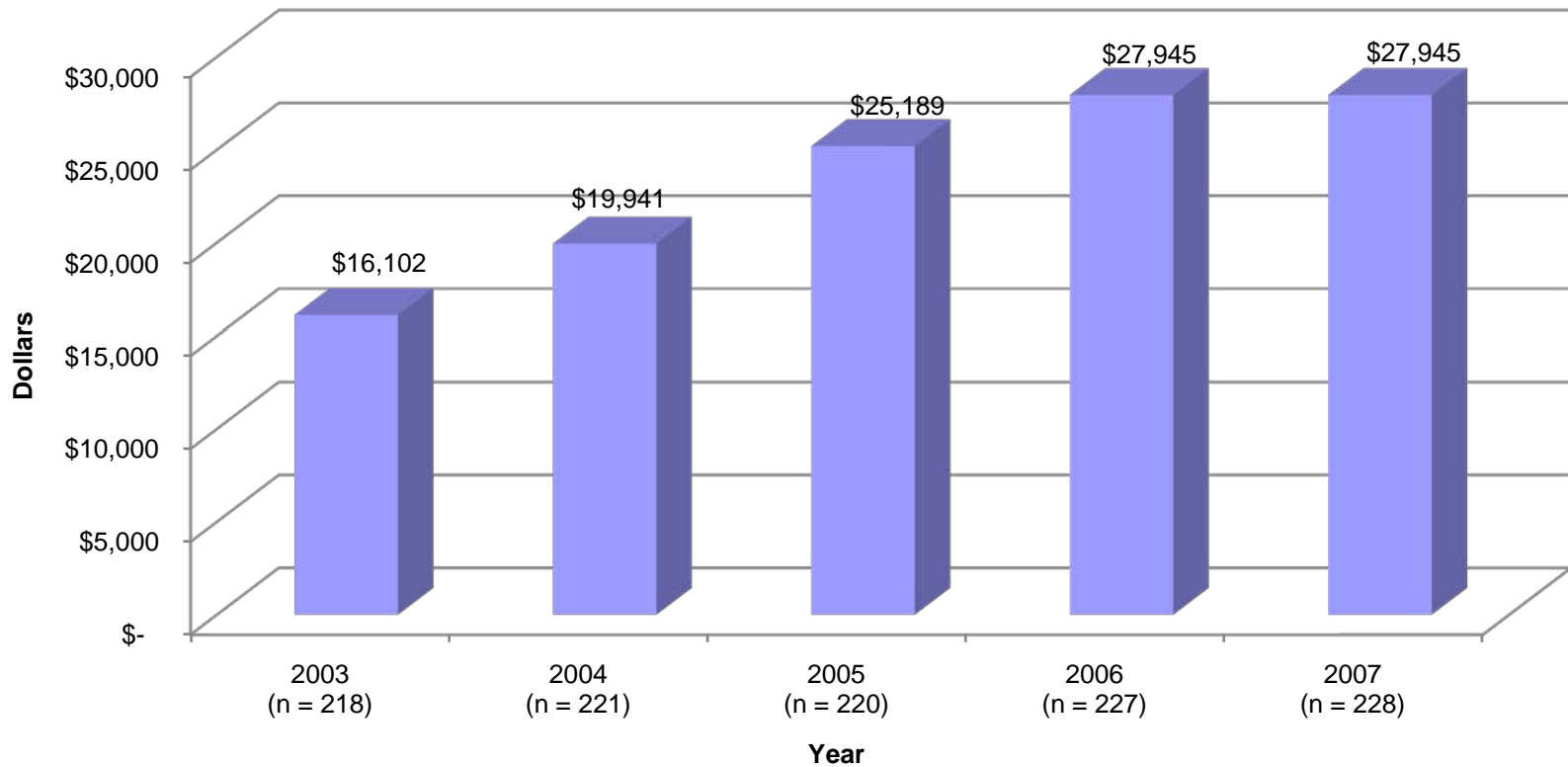
Data Source: Annual participant satisfaction surveys

Federal Adjusted Gross Income - Continuously Enrolled Participants



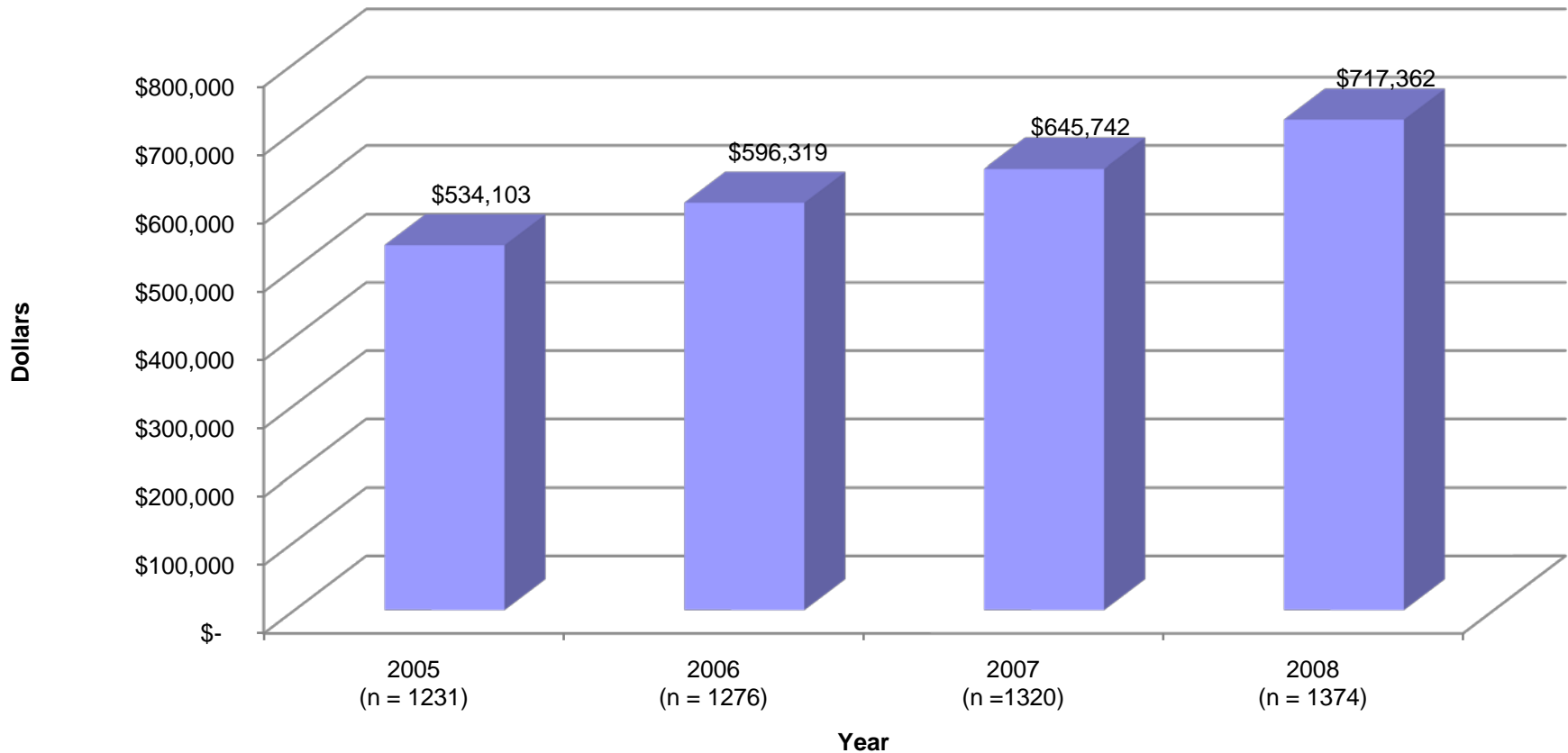
Data Source: Kansas Department of Revenue Income Tax Data

Aggregate state taxes paid – Continuously enrolled participants



Data Source: Kansas Department of Revenue Income Tax Data

Premiums Paid – All Enrollees



Data Source: Kansas Automated Eligibility Child Support Enforcement System (KAECSES)



From Participants:

- I don't feel useless, and I take pride in being a tax payer again.
- Being able to work gives me a sense of accomplishment and self worth. I strive not to be a bigger burden on my family than already am.
- My health has improved. My outlook on life has improved.
- I am able to take meds as prescribed rather than trying to make them last longer.

Additional information

- The *Working Healthy* website has information about the program, including Policy Briefs and the Chartbook:
www.workinghealthy.org
- Working Healthy toll-free hotline (V/TTY):
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