

# **Session 3: Reforms for the Future**

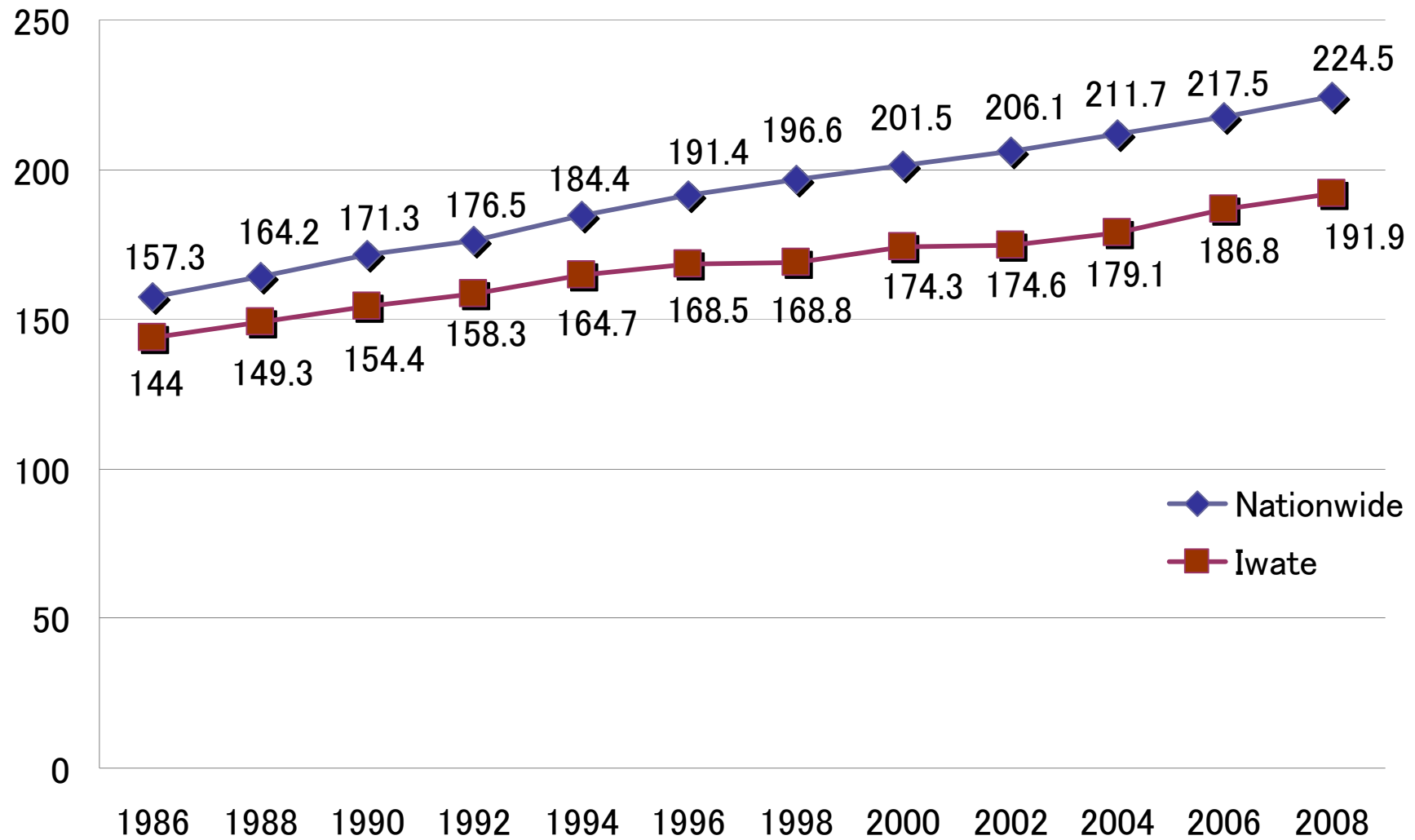
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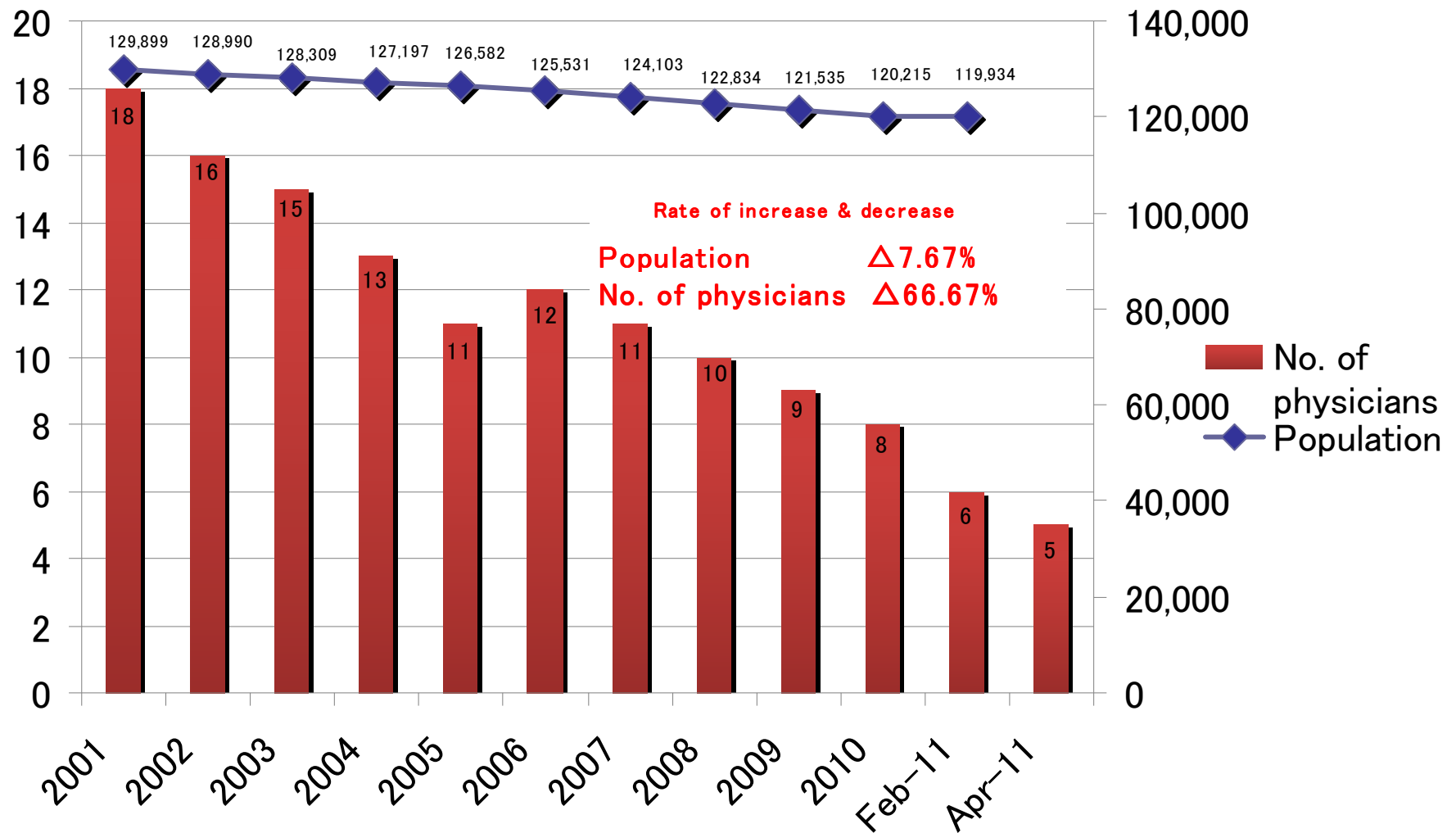
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# Number of Physicians in Iwate



# No. of Full-time Physicians at Senmaya Hospital & Population



# 【 Personal Remark: Specialist Training System 】

- All **physicians** completing clinical training after graduating medical schools to receive training in 18 basic areas of specialty
- Primary care physicians and generalists to compose the 19<sup>th</sup> area of basic specialty
- Number of admission to training program to be decided by a neutral third-party organisation (☒) for each of the 19 areas and each “community”
- Generalists to compose approx. 20-30% of all clinicians
- Naming: Accredited physician
- Flexible operation of the system for some time

## Neutral Third-party Organisation (✘)

- To make final decision on clinical and specialist training
- To be composed not only of members of medical associations and communities and other medical personnels, but also those from self-help patient groups, intellectuals, journalists, the elderly, and young physicians.
- Must be composed of members trusted by the public

# **【Personal Remark: Flexible Operation of Specialist Training System】**

- (1) This specialist training system to be applicable starting some time after fiscal 2015 to physicians completing clinical training after graduating medical schools.
- (2) However, in the case physicians not fulfilling (1), application of the system to be flexible:  
“For those already practicing as primary care or generalists in community healthcare, or have similar level experience as physicians, may be accredited after participating in specific seminars, etc.”
- (3) Hence, physicians graduating after fiscal 2015 and wishing to set up practice must complete accreditation training program for primary care and generalists and must be qualified as accredited physicians.

## 【Ensuing Subspecialty】

- Not all physicians are required to select a subspecialty (left to own discretion)
- Framework for each field and “community” to be decided by a neutral third-party organisation (⌘)
- Naming: Medical specialists