

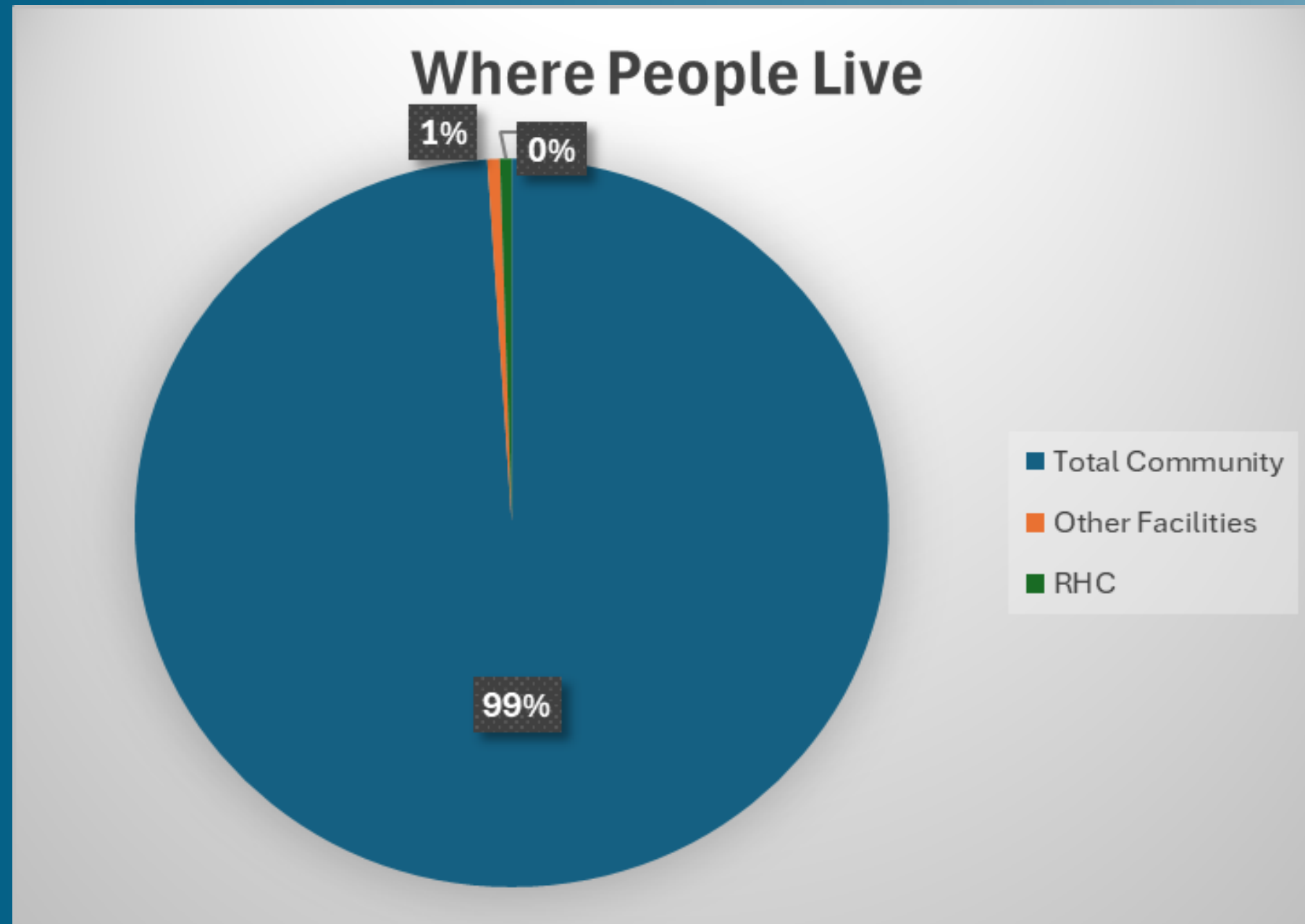


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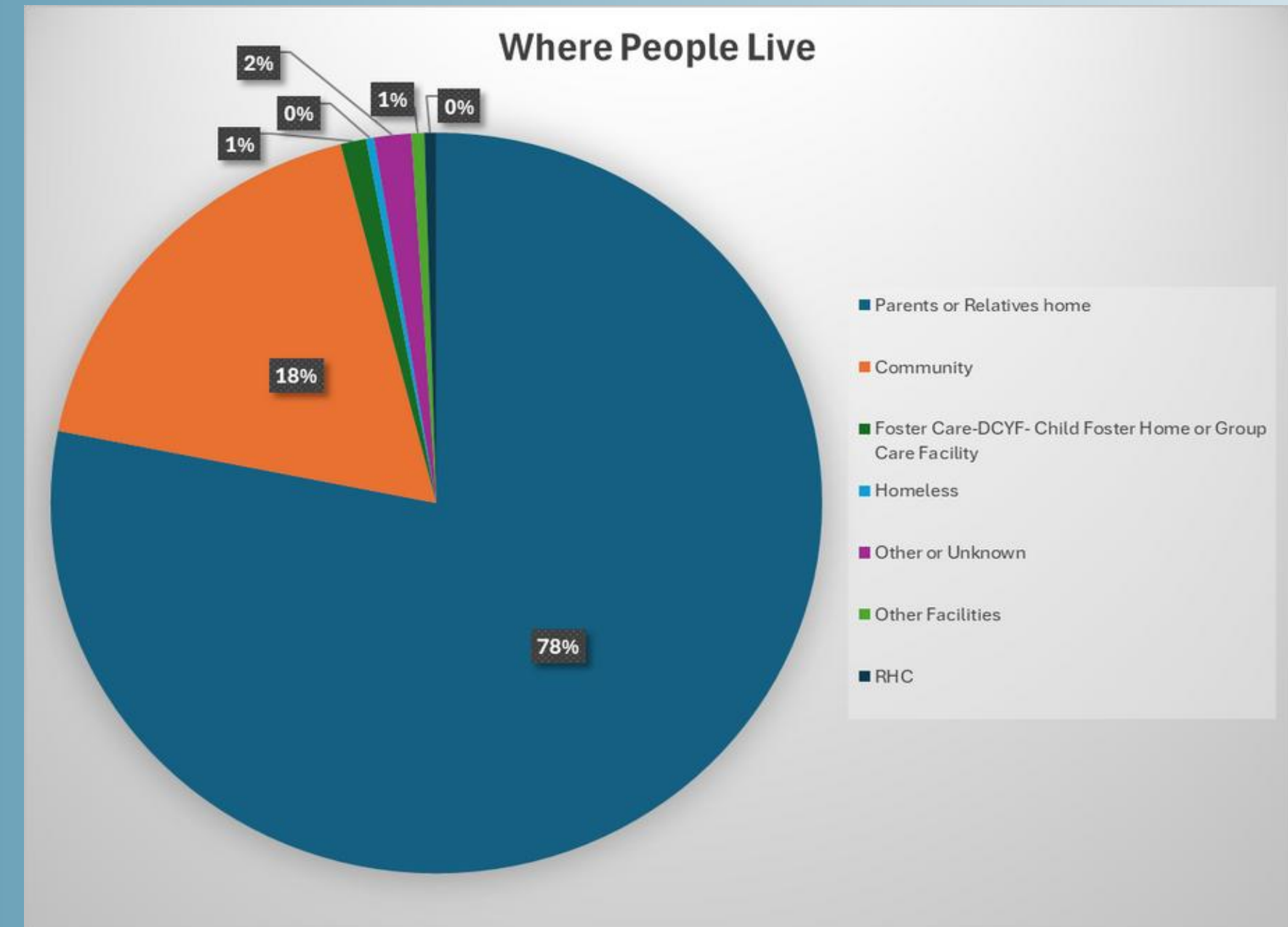
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For People with Intellectual and Developmental Disabilities

Where People Live



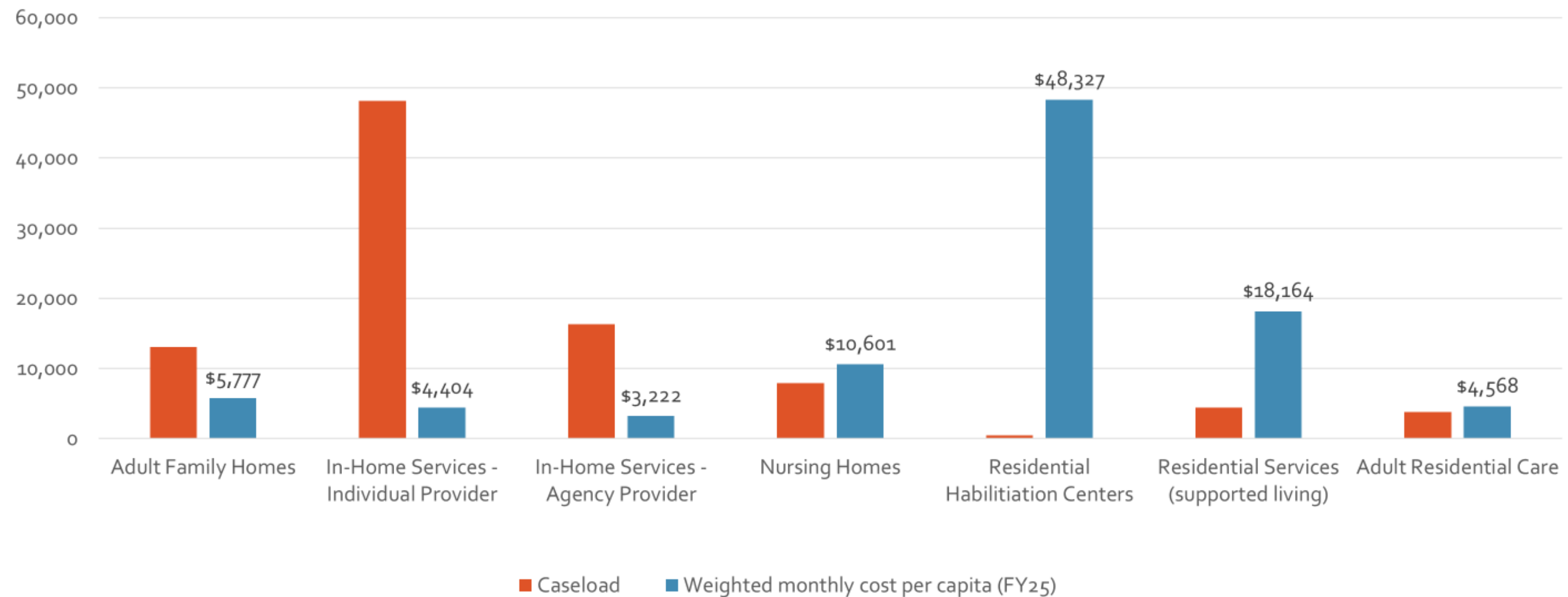
99% of DDCCS Clients live in the Community



78% of DDCCS Clients live with a parent or relative

HCBS is extremely popular & saves the State money

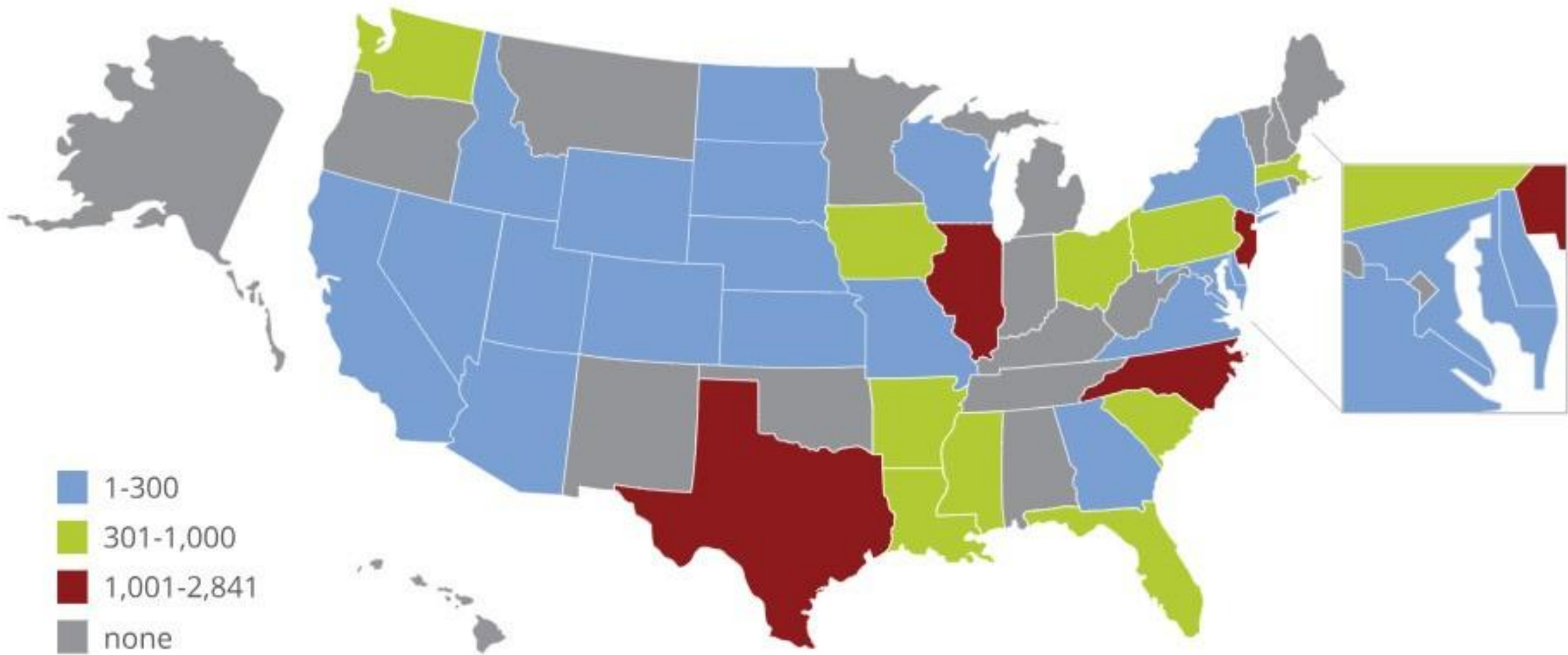
Caseload and weighted average monthly cost for LTSS services in Washington state



Source: own elaboration with information from DSHS - ALTSA & DDA Per Capita Costs Winter 2024 Forecast

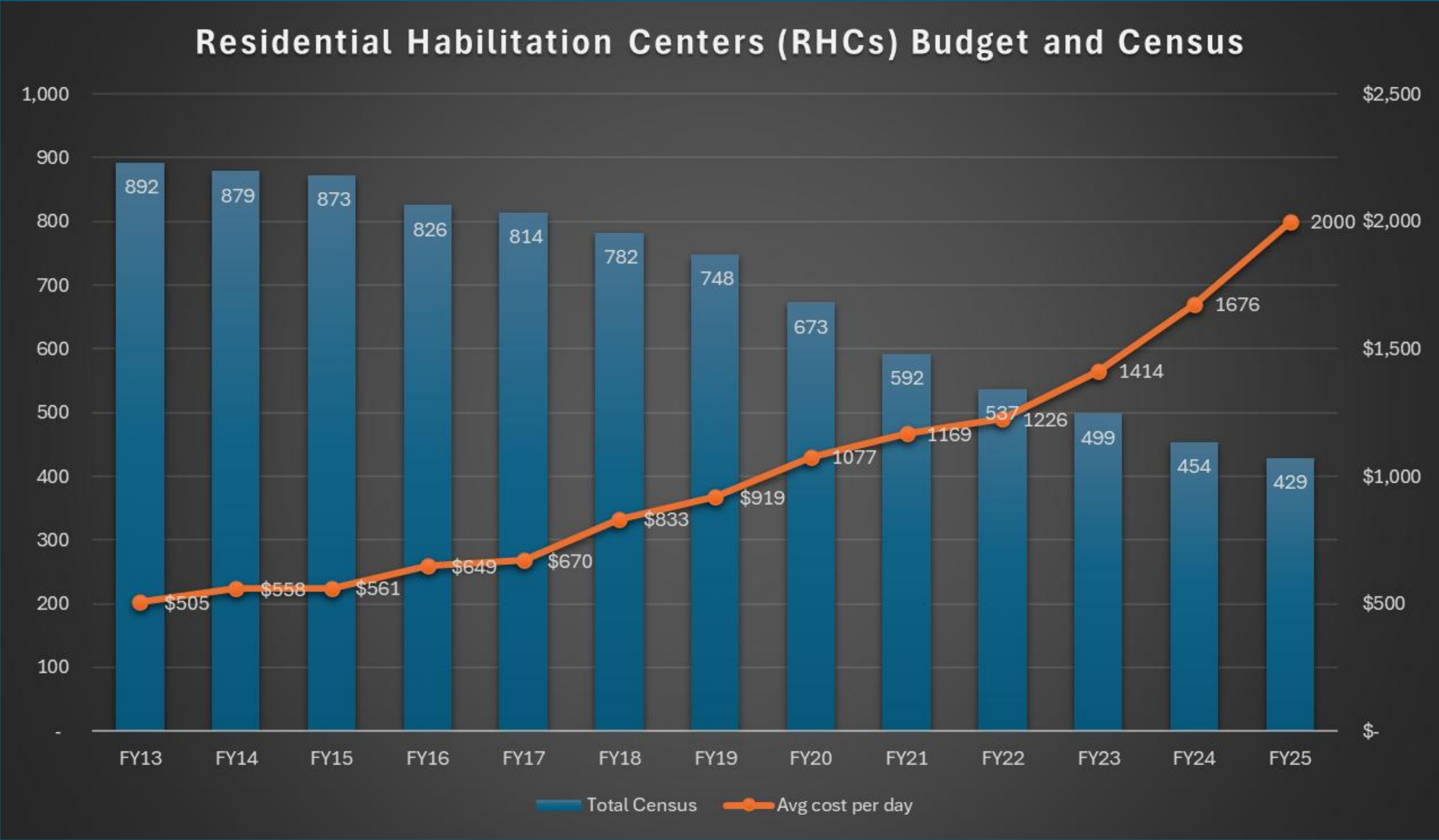
18 States have Completely Eliminated RHCs

On June 30, 2020, 15,322 people lived in state-run IDD facilities serving 16 or more people.



By 2020, there were 15,322 people with IDD living in 103 state-run facilities in 33 states.

In the last 12 years the number of people at RHCs has dropped by more than **half**, while the cost has more than **tripled**



WASHINGTON STATE RANKS 38TH IN PER CAPITA SPENDING FOR I/DD SERVICES

**Almost one-third of
DDCS clients
receive no paid
services (22,964)**





Challenges Ahead

Lack of Capacity
Workforce Shortage
Insufficient Housing
Inadequate Family Supports
Access to Inclusive Education
Limited Reliable Transportation

Lack of Capacity Leads to Crisis

- **Individuals**

- Don't get the care they need
 - End up isolated
 - End up in the hospital or jail

- **Families**

- Have to quit work
 - Go into financial crisis
 - Are separated

- **Provider Agencies**

- Can't adequately serve new people
 - Go out of business

- **Disabled Students**

- Don't get an appropriate education
 - Are isolated and/or restrained
 - Get sent out of state



Insufficient Housing



There isn't enough Safe, Affordable, Accessible, Inclusive Housing

- People with I/DD are considered extremely low income (SSI= \$967 a month)
- \$2000 asset limit
- **Projected need for 39,000 units in WA**
- Housing Trust Fund has 1,382 DD Set aside units
- There is NO housing market in the US where you can rent an apartment solely on SSI



Families Need.....



- Affordable, Accessible, Reliable Childcare and after school programs
- An Occasional break from caregiving (respite)
- A reliable network of well trained, care providers
- Timely and easy -to -access services
- Accurate information & culturally responsive support
- Assistance navigating systems
- Adequate funding for supports that give individuals meaningful things to do while family members work, which provides financial stability to the family



Community services are **not** optional - they are lifelines.



Equal cuts across state agencies is **not equitable** for people with IDD

The state has a **moral obligation** to ensure people with IDD are cared for.

Protect DD Services