

The Future of Practice: Innovative Opportunities for Psychologists

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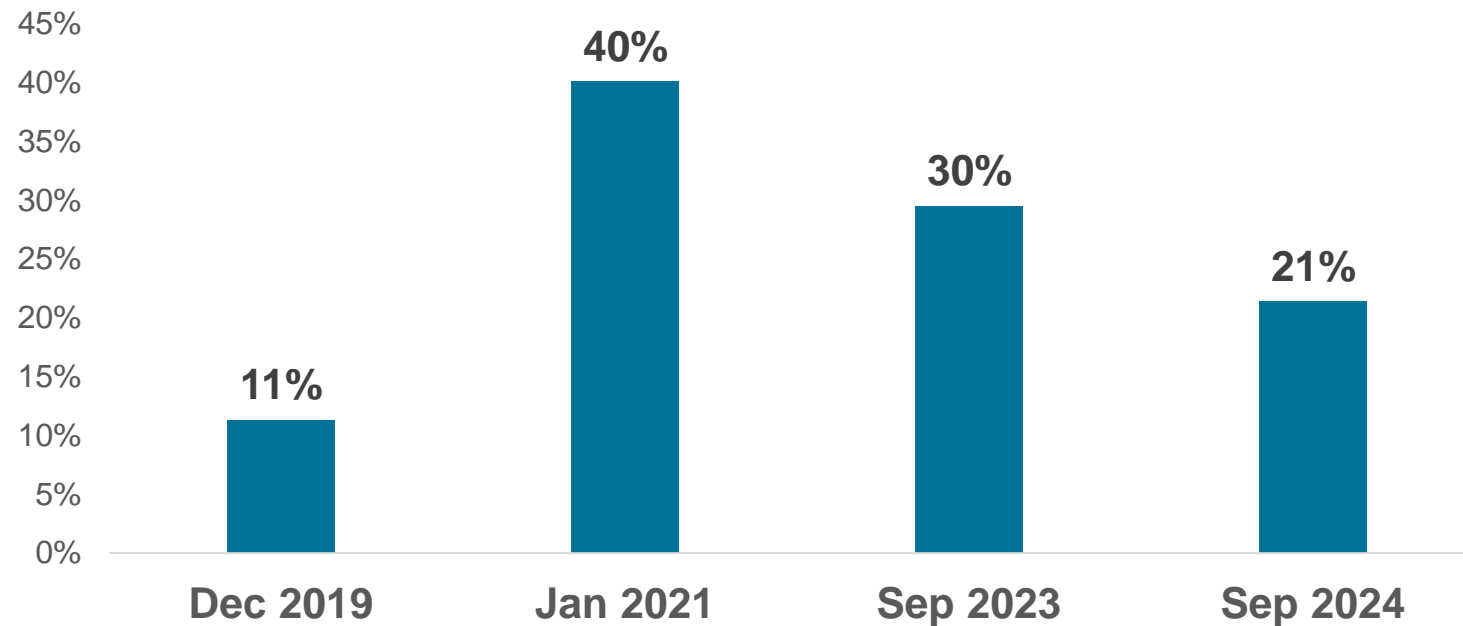
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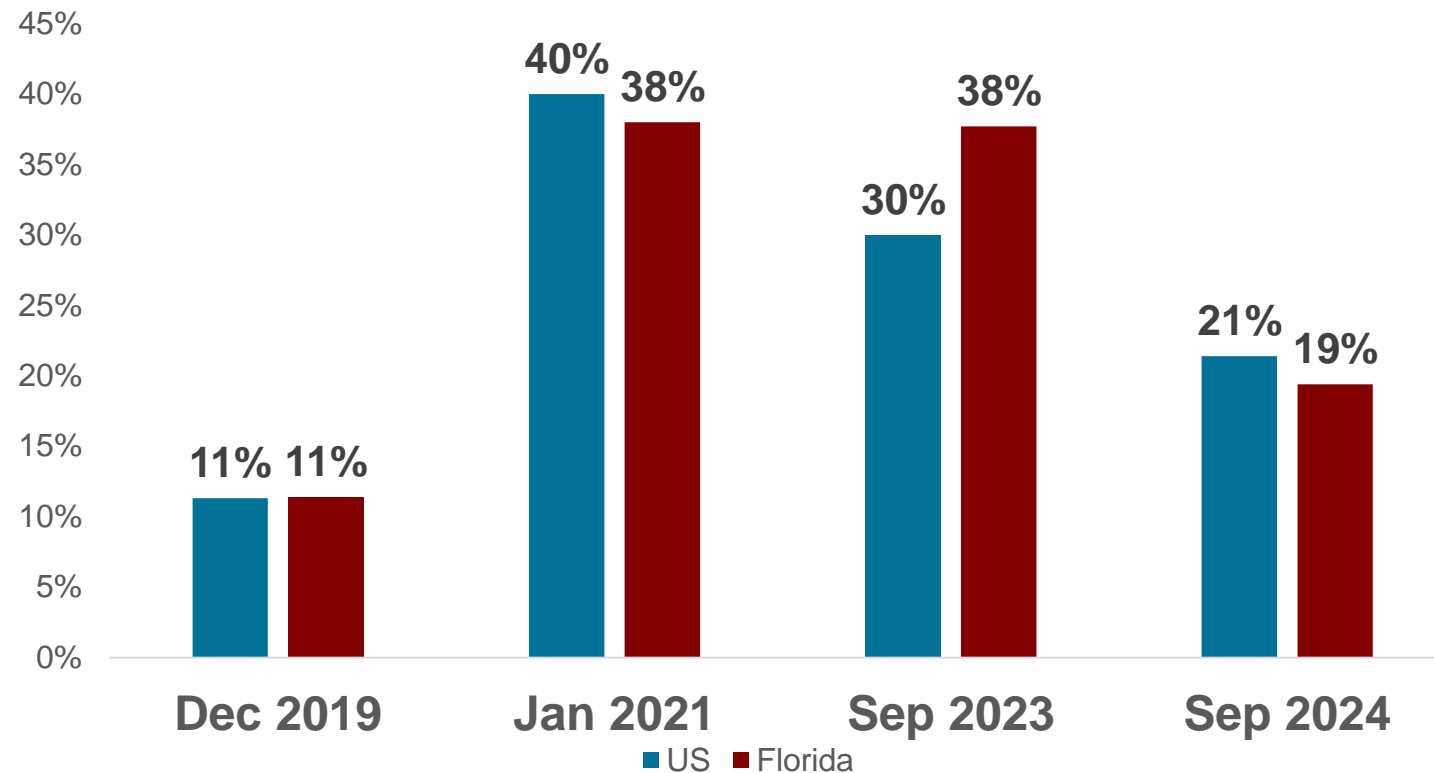
Adults reporting symptoms of Anxiety or Depression



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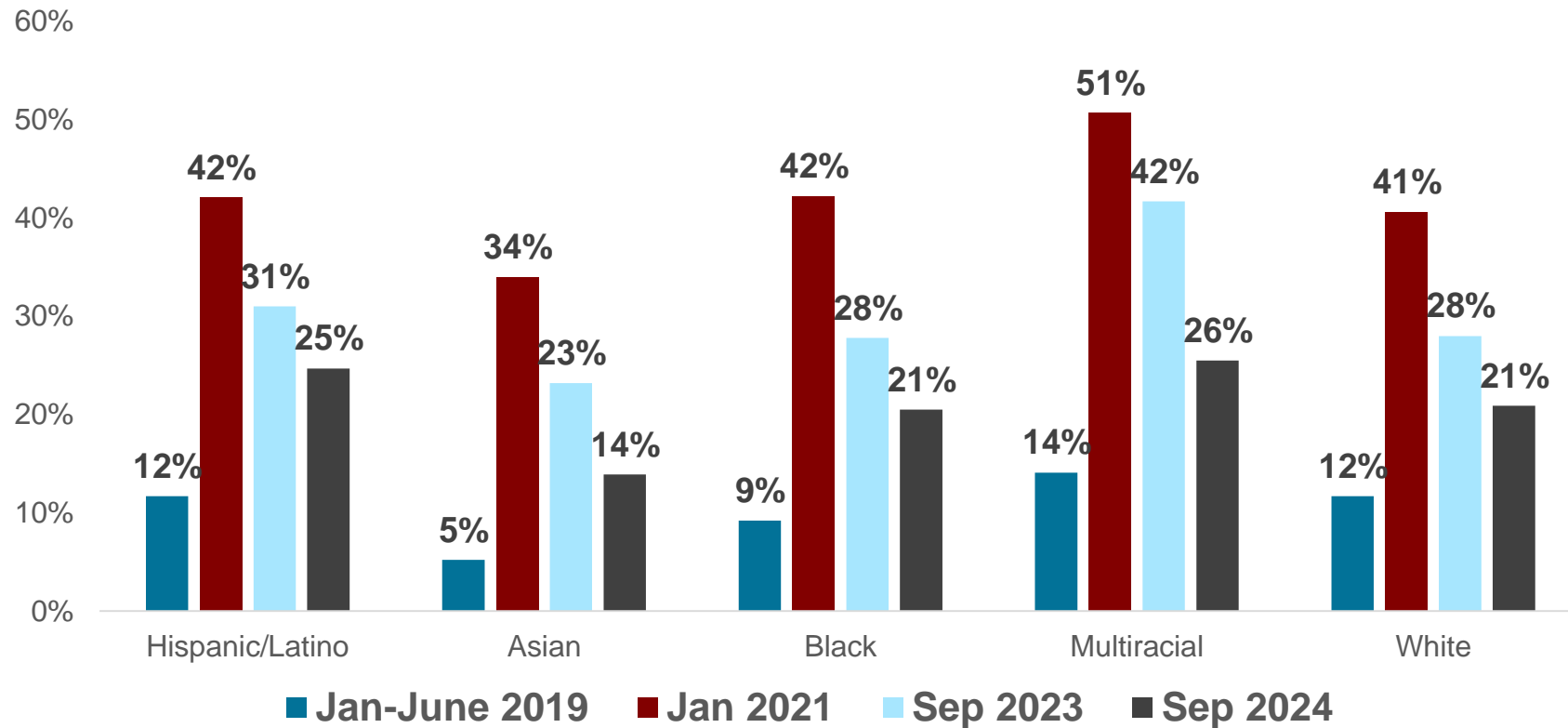


Adults reporting Depression and Anxiety in the **US** and **Florida**



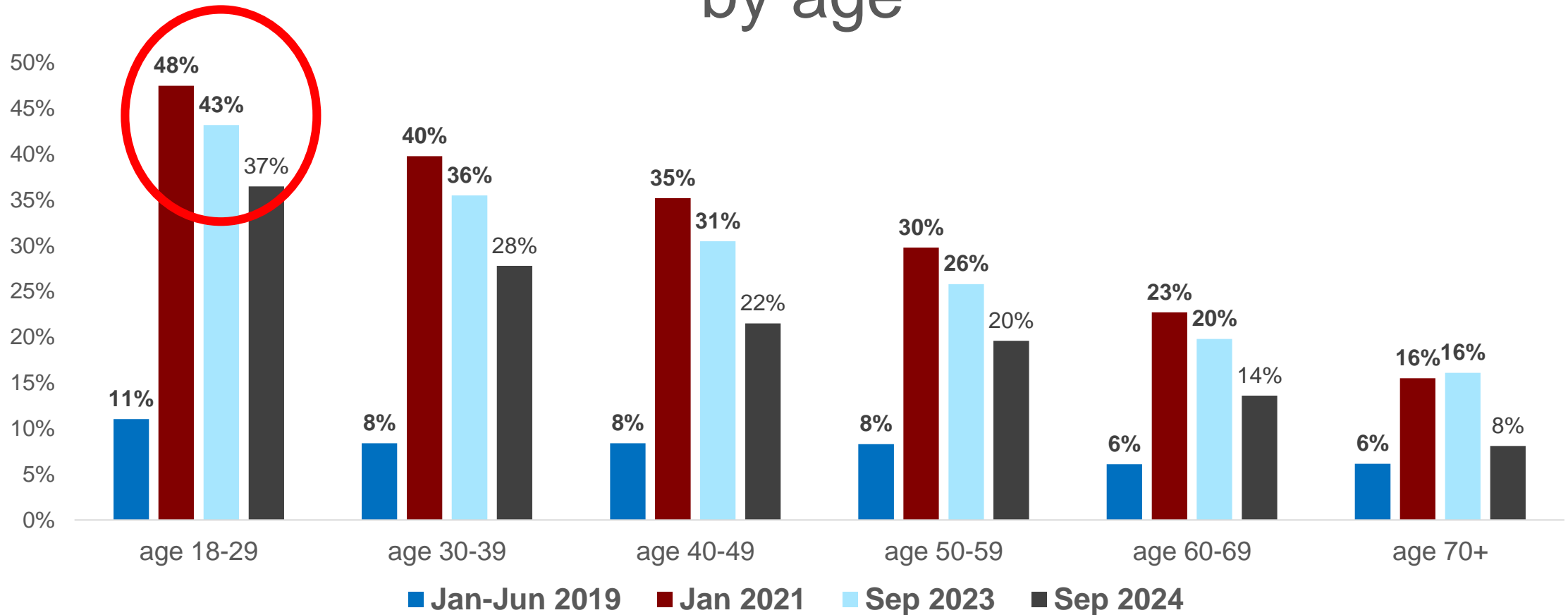
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Adults reporting Depression and Anxiety by race



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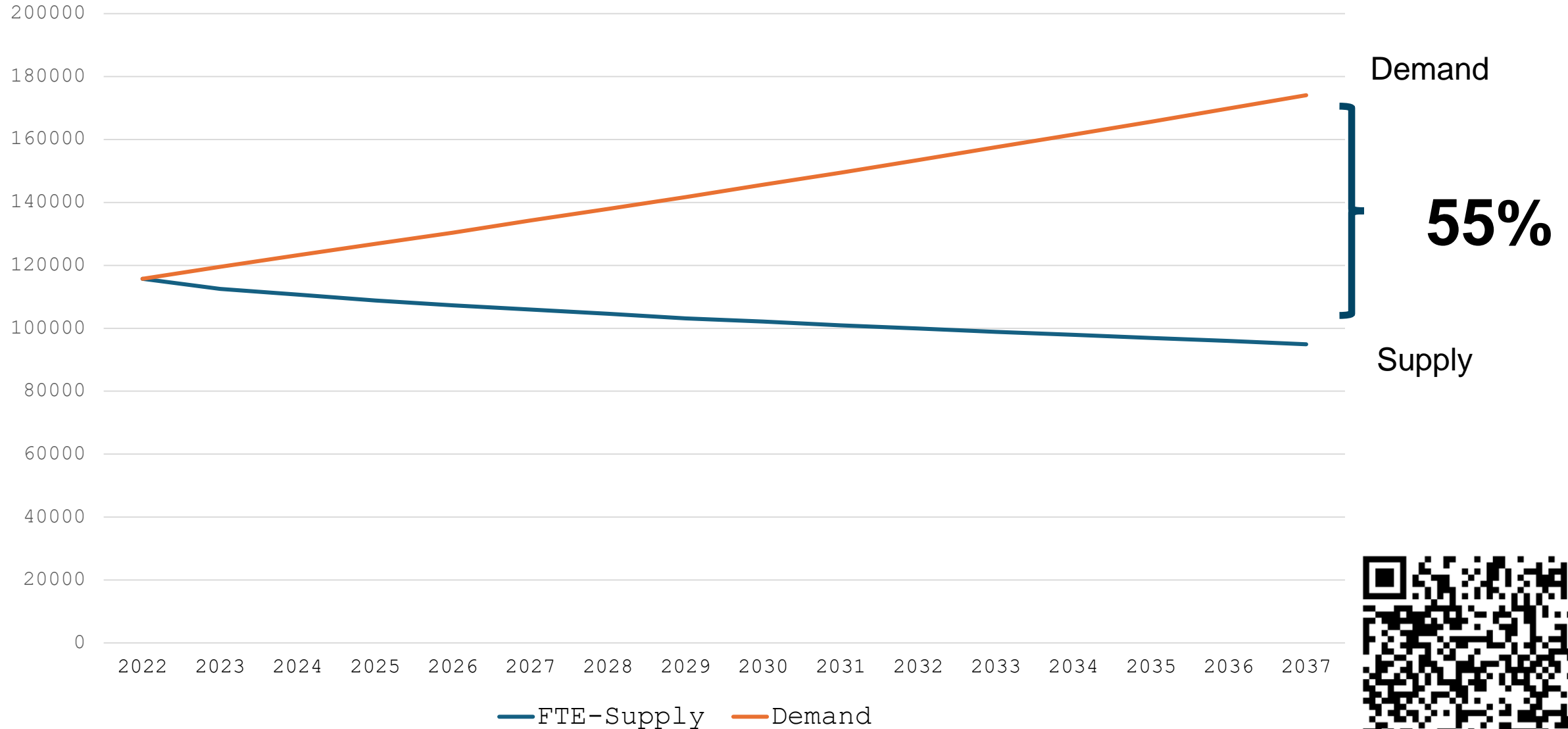


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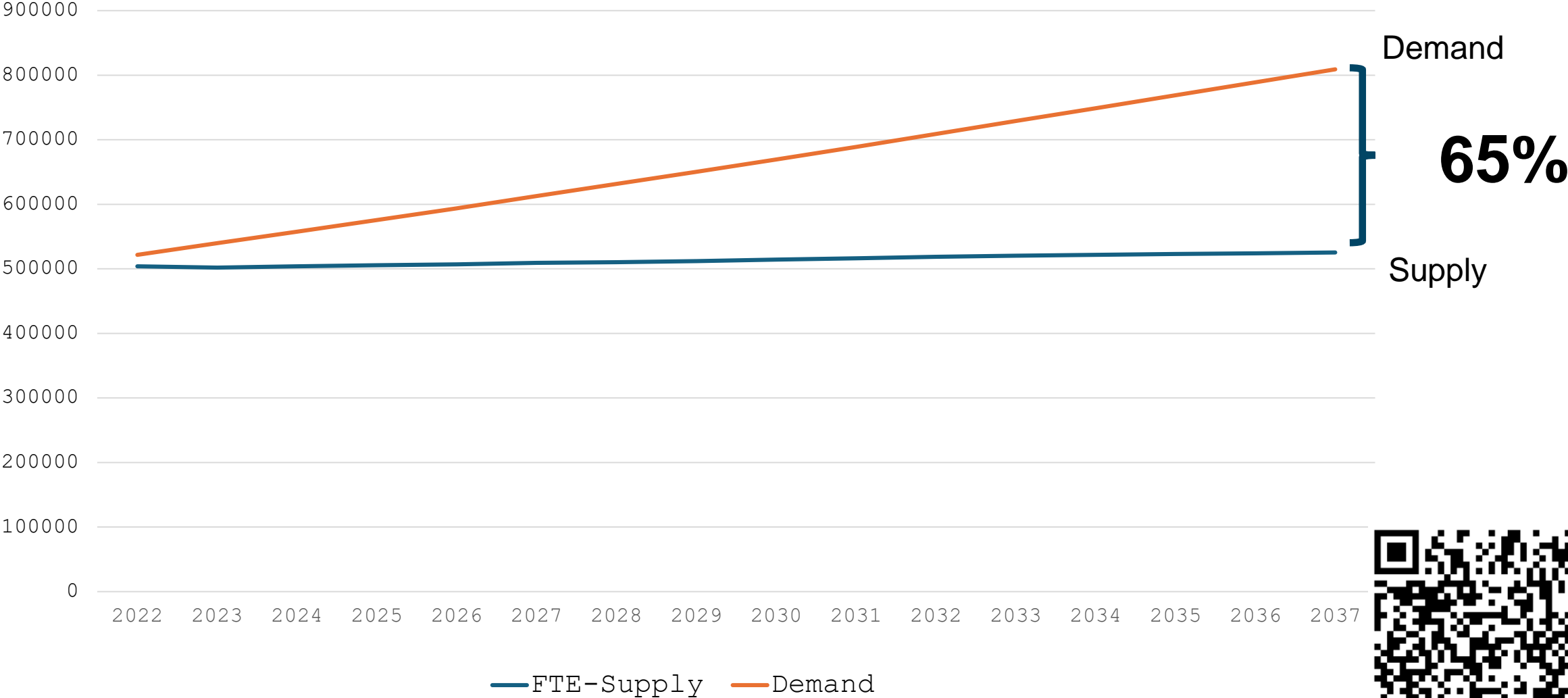
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SUPPLY & DEMAND: Licensed Psychologists



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Stress & anxiety



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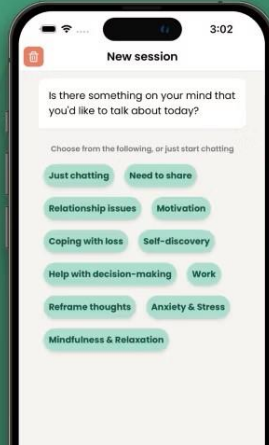


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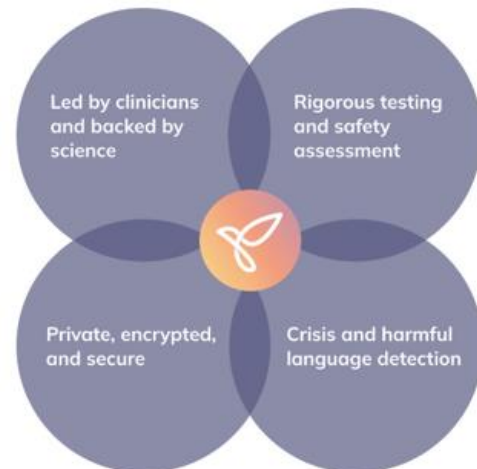
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About Psychologist

Psychologists study cognitive, emotional, and social processes, helping people improve their behaviors and relationships. They're mental health specialists.

Psychologist's Area of Expertise

Empathy, active listening, and reflective statements to help with life's challenges.

I geek out on...

The human mind and its complexities. It's fascinating!

AI that feels alive...

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American Psychological Association sounds alarm over certain AI chatbots

The APA asked the Federal Trade Commission to investigate.

By [Rebecca Ruiz](#) on January 10, 2025



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VIA EMAIL AND FIRST-CLASS MAIL

The Honorable Lina M. Khan, Chair
Commissioner Rebecca Kelly Slaughter
Commissioner Alvaro M. Bedoya
Commissioner Melissa Holyoak
Commissioner Andrew Ferguson
Federal Trade Commission
600 Pennsylvania Avenue, NW
Washington, DC 20580

Dear Commissioners:

On behalf of the American Psychological Association and its companion organization APA Services, Inc. (APA/APASI)¹, I am writing to convey our concerns about the perils and unintended consequences to the public, especially vulnerable populations like children and adolescents, resulting from the underregulated development and deceptive deployment of generative AI or enabled technologies.



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Randomized trial of a generative AI chatbot for mental health treatment *NEJM (3/27/2025)*

Randomized Clinical Trial (RCT)

N = 210 (assigned to Tx group or Cntrl group)

Tx = Therabot intervention

Cntrl= waitlist control (no tx)

Measured=symptom change at 4 & 8 weeks

Also measured therapeutic alliance



Sure. I feel this way a lot at work

Great. Could you walk me through what happens and what thoughts are going through your mind as this happens?

Digital Therapeutics



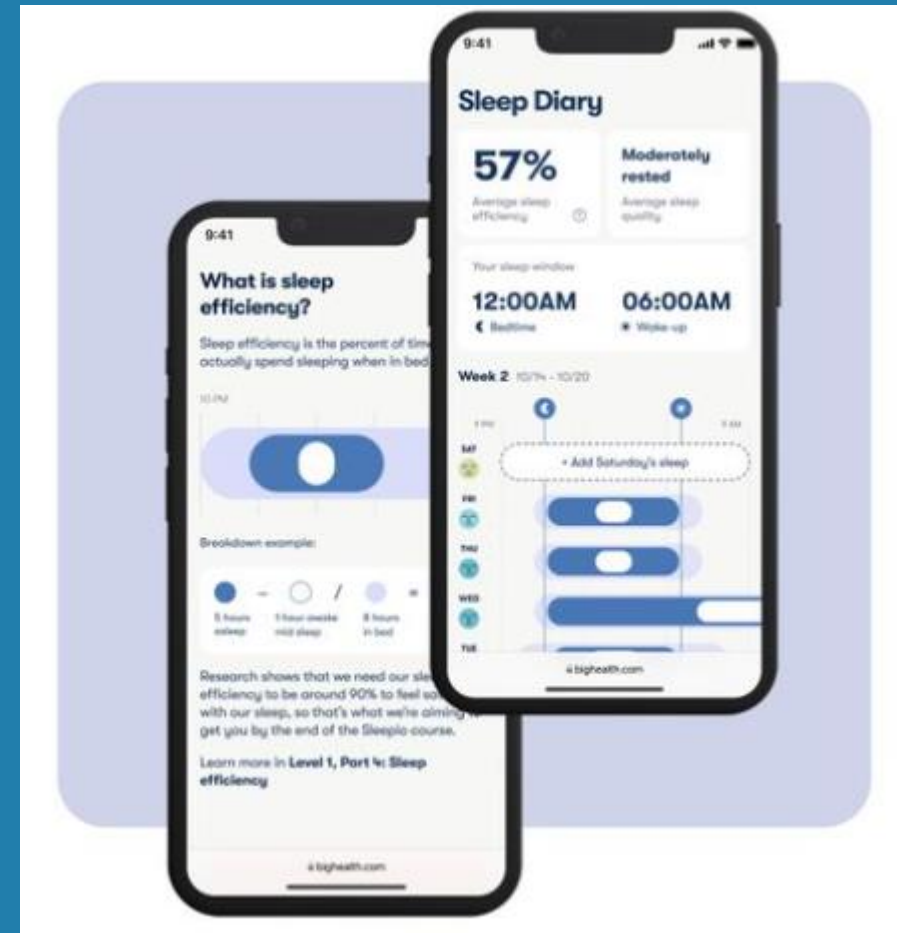


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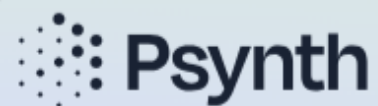


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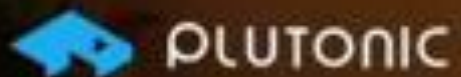


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Ethical concerns for Generative AI in practice

- Confidentiality, privacy and security of data
- Informed consent
- Perpetuation of bias
- Safety concerns without clinical oversight
- Current regulations cannot keep up with innovations



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- Technology is advancing at an exponential pace
- The world is shrinking



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Culturally sensitive mental health resources utilizing community resources and evidence-based practices to ensure the best outcomes.



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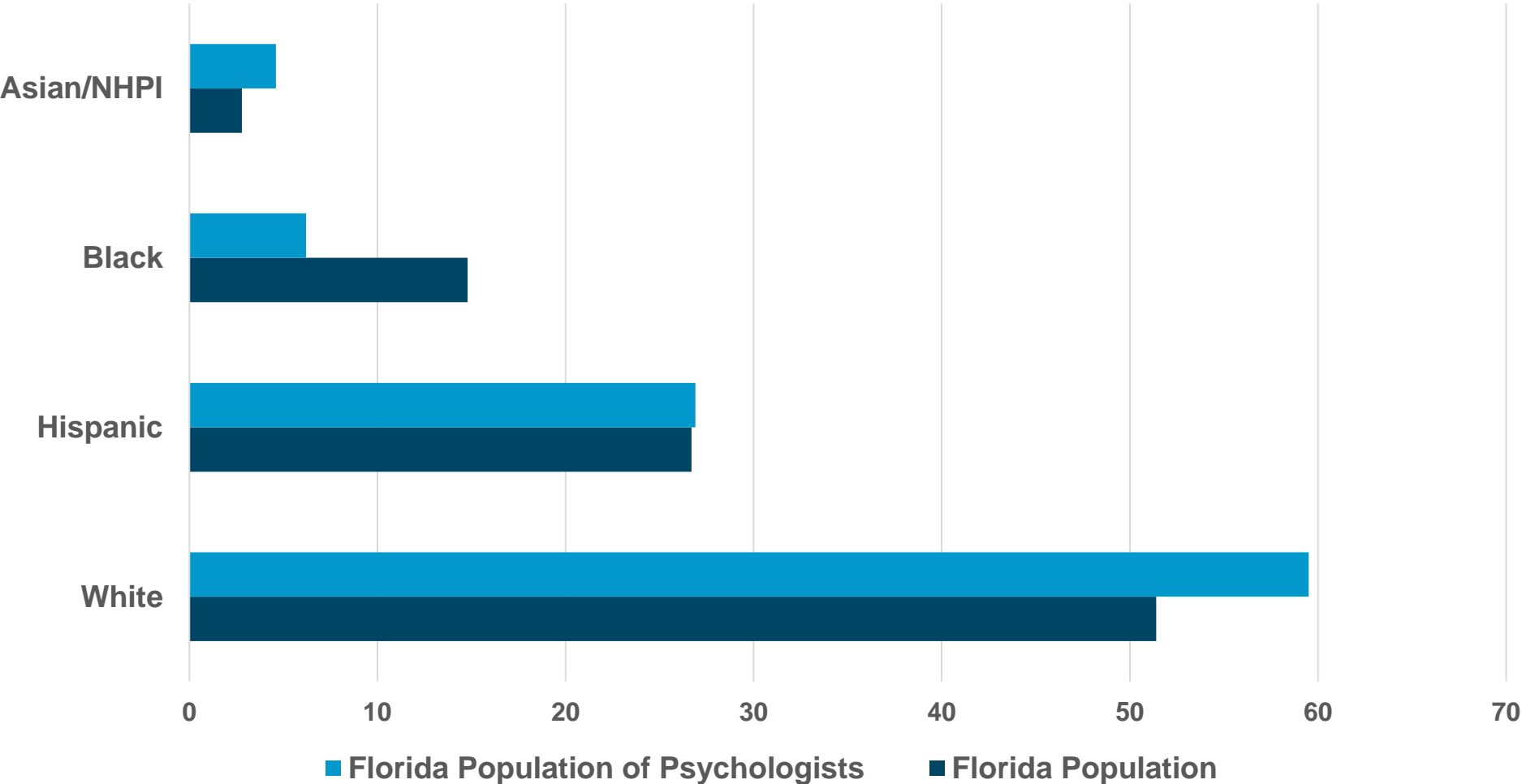
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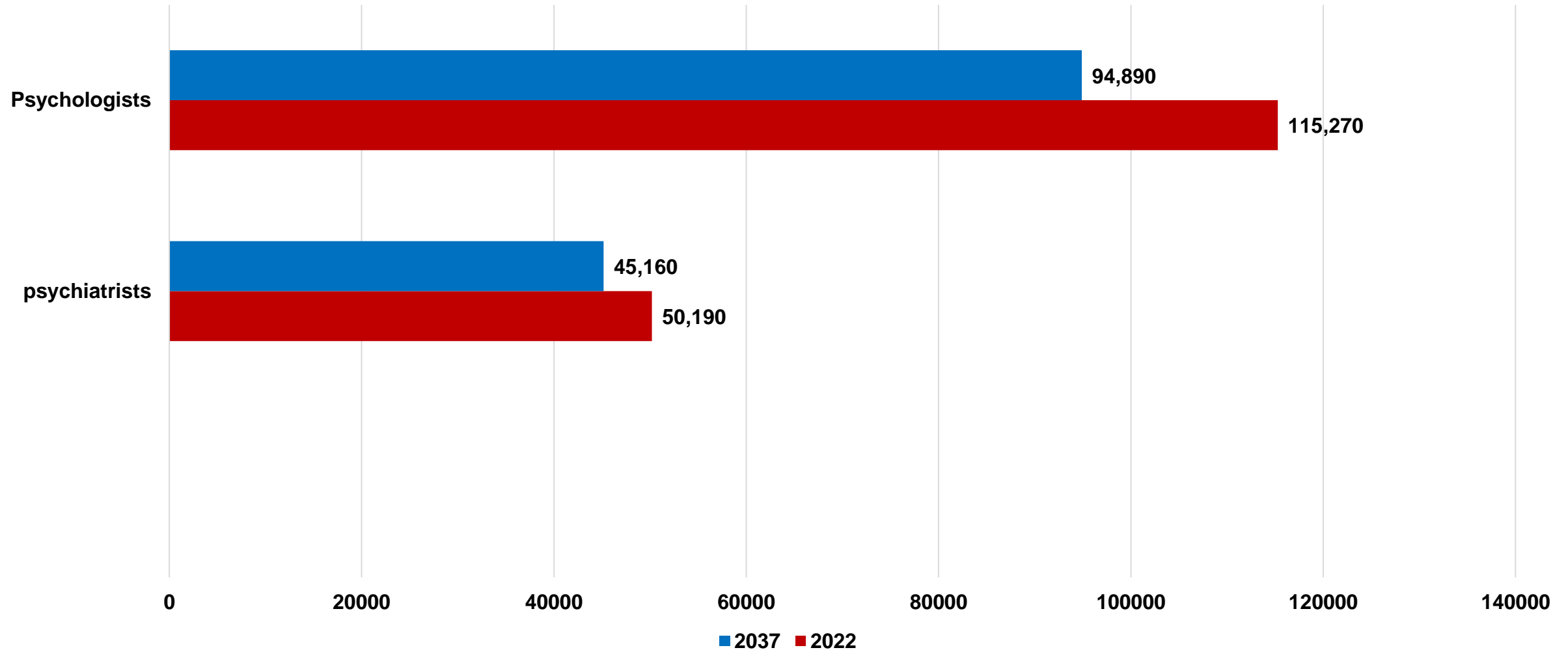
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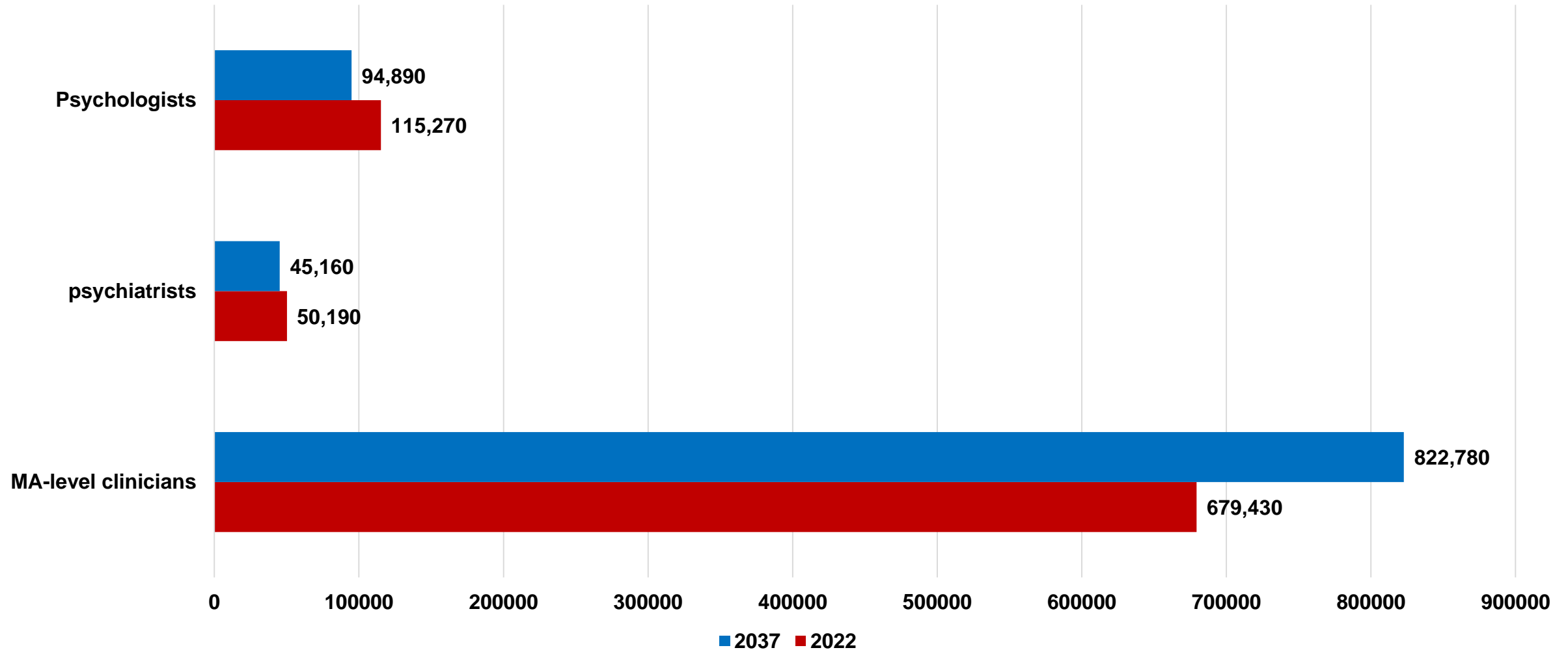
Florida Population Diversity for Psychologists



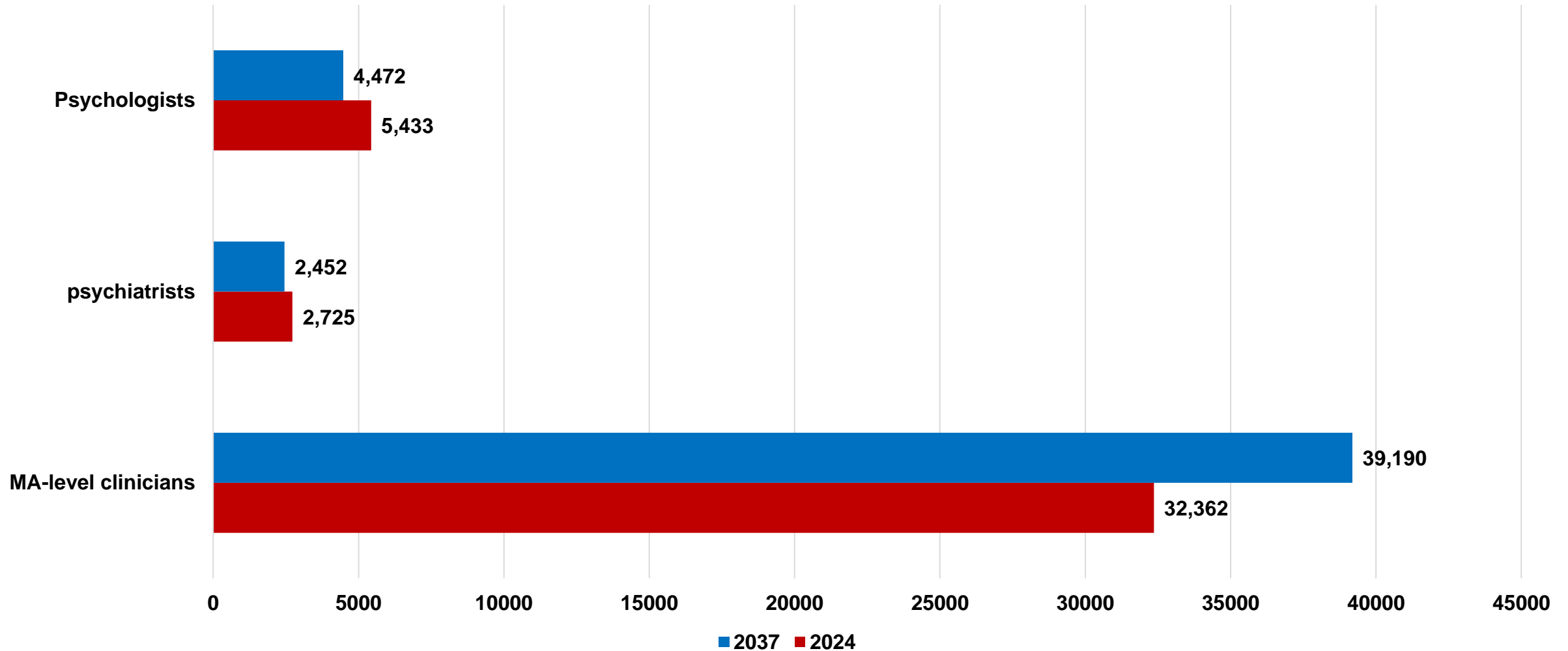
Workforce growth from 2022 to 2037



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Florida Workforce growth from 2024 to 2037



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- Value-based compensation is on the horizon

Value-Based Compensation Model

- Ties payment to quality of care
- Focus is on outcomes
- Incentivizes providers to focus on
 - Quality
 - Efficiency
 - Patient satisfaction
- Moves away from a fee-for-service model

Measurement-Based Care (MBC)

- Considered to be Evidence-Based practice using brief assessment measures

The psychologist can:

- Monitor treatment progress
- Track symptom presentation with data
- Track the therapeutic relationship
- Use data to inform treatment planning & interventions
- Course-correct when data indicates it is necessary



Prepare now for value-based payment

- Measure outcomes

ORS Feedback: Outcome Rating Scale

Measure	Score
Individually	7.5 out of 10
Interpersonally	7.4 out of 10
Socially	7.3 out of 10
Overall	7.3 out of 10
Total Score	29.5 out of 40



Prepare now for value-based payment

- Measure outcomes
- Partner & collaborate with medical providers
 - Contracted service models
 - Co-location models
 - Collaborative care models
 - Community education programming





Collaborative Care

Physical Health + Mental Health = Whole-Person Well Being

Alternative business models

- Independent practice associations
- Management services organizations
- Mergers
- GOAL: economies of scale – negotiating power



Independent Practice Association (IPA)

- Network of psychologists in independent practice
- Power of negotiation with 3rd party payers
- Contracts with 3rd party payers as a group
- Streamline administrative processes
- Coordinates care with clinical integration

Benefits of an IPA

- Maintain independent business entity
- Enhanced negotiating power
- Reduced overhead and cost sharing
- Access to advanced technologies
- Access to data analytics for Measurement-Based Care

Clinical integration in an IPA model

- Shared protocols and standards
- Integrated health record systems
- Care coordination services
- Outcomes measured and tracked

Management Services Organization (MSO)

- Administrative support
- Financial Management
- IT services
- Compliance and regulatory support
- Marketing

Benefits of an MSO

In addition to the benefits of an IPA...

- Provides back-office services (billing, coding, payroll, office management)
- Streamlines administrative processes
- May include additional business services
 - Financial management
 - IT support
 - Practice operations

Mergers

- Forming larger group practices
- Integrating systems
- Maintaining ownership control
- Division of labor on business aspects

Opportunities in the changes

- **Psychologists as Change Leaders**
- **Psychologists as Specialists**
- **Psychologists as Advocates**
- **Psychologists as Consultants**
- **Psychologists as Supervisors**





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