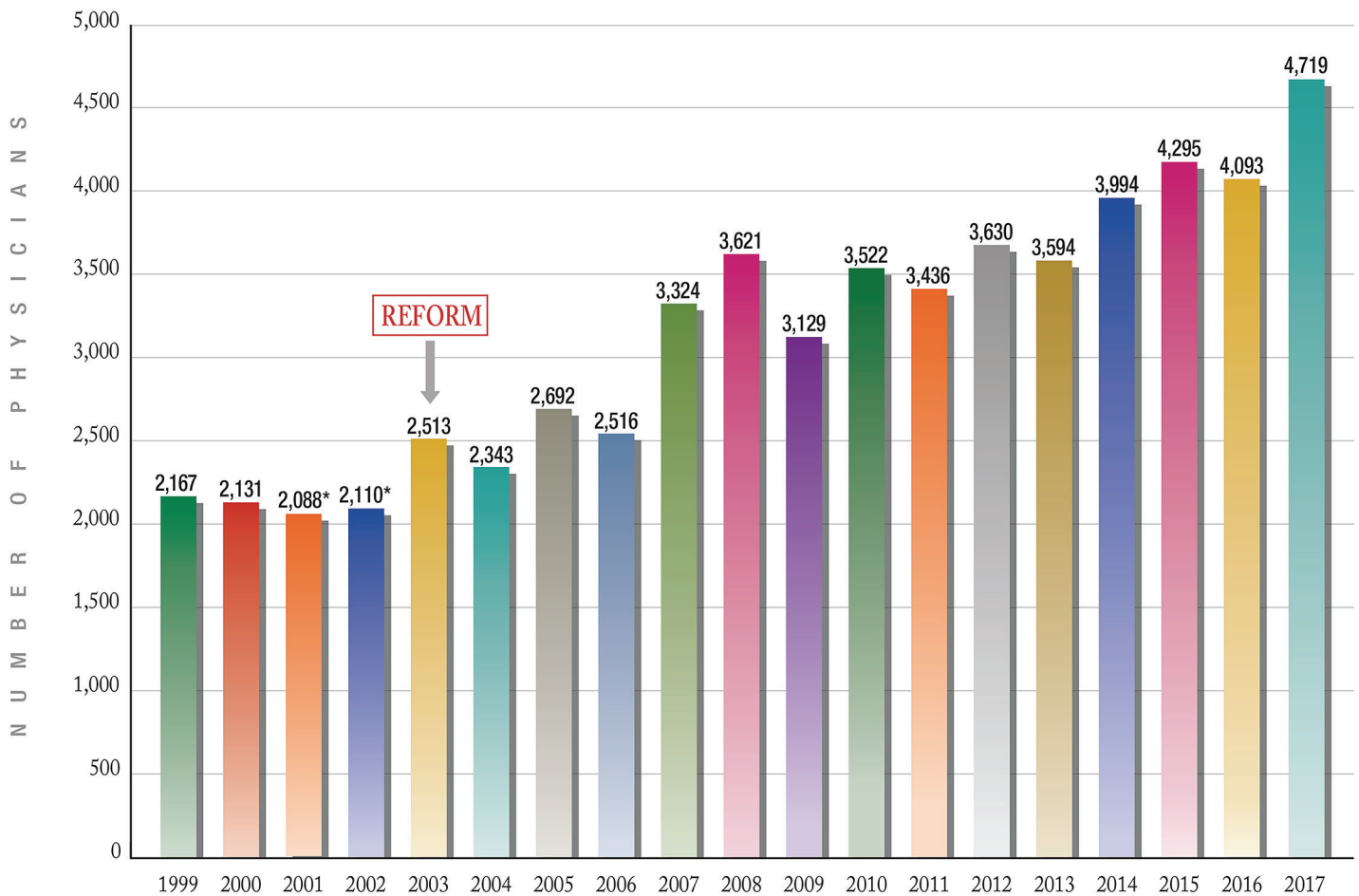


Texas continues to attract large numbers of new physicians

The Texas Medical Board licensed a record 4,719 new physicians for the fiscal year that ended last month. This year's total is nearly 10% greater than the previous historic high of 4,295 set two years ago.

Texas has licensed 48,908 new physicians since the passage of lawsuit reforms 14 years ago. This equates to 1,283 more new licensees per year than occurred during the medical liability crisis years of 2000-2003.

NEWLY-LICENSED TEXAS PHYSICIANS
(1999 - 2017)



Source: Texas Medical Board
Medical Education Department, Texas Medical Association

** In FY 2001, the Texas Medical Board meeting scheduled for late August was postponed until September 2, 2001, moving it to FY 2002. At that meeting, 701 initial licensees were issued and 17 licensees were reissued. The statistics have been adjusted based on the assumption that the group licensed in September (FY 02) would have been licensed in August (FY 01).*

“The trends are irrefutable,” said Austin internist Howard Marcus, chairman of Texas Alliance for Patient Access. “The number of licenses granted continues at record levels,” he said. “Physicians per capita continue to show significant gains which is no easy accomplishment given our fast-growing population.”

The clear majority of physicians applying for a Texas license come from out of state,” Dr. Marcus noted. “Both the Texas Medical Board data as well as physician testimonials underscore the importance of tort reform in choosing a practice location,” he said.

Over the past six years, Texas has ranked twentieth nationally in active patient care physicians per capita.