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Assessing hospitals' financial stability and supporting access to care

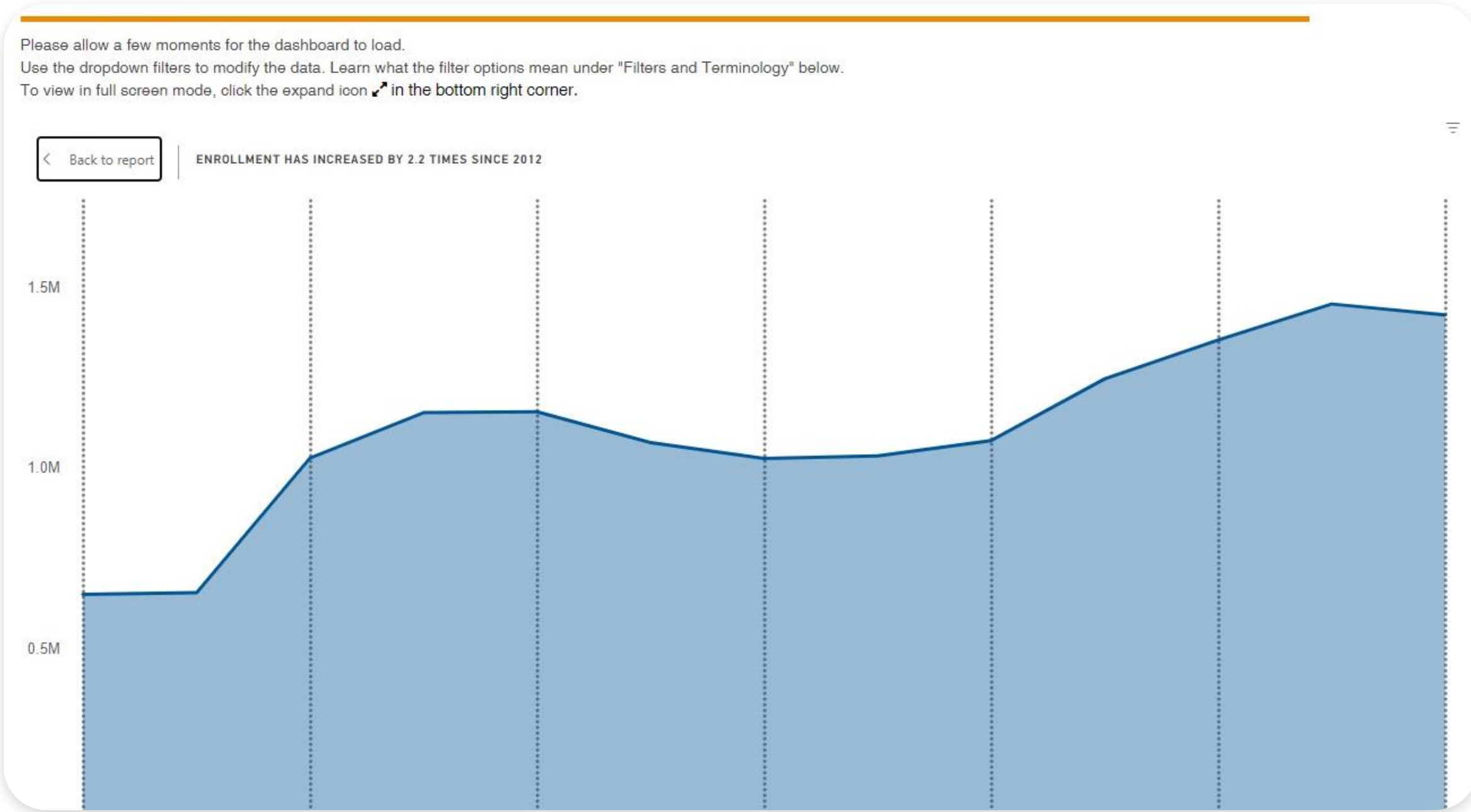
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Hospitals are anchors in the communities they serve



Policy changes during the pandemic led to a needed expansion of Medicaid coverage



Between 2020 and 2024, enrollment grew 32%

Medicaid underpayments are impacting Oregon hospitals



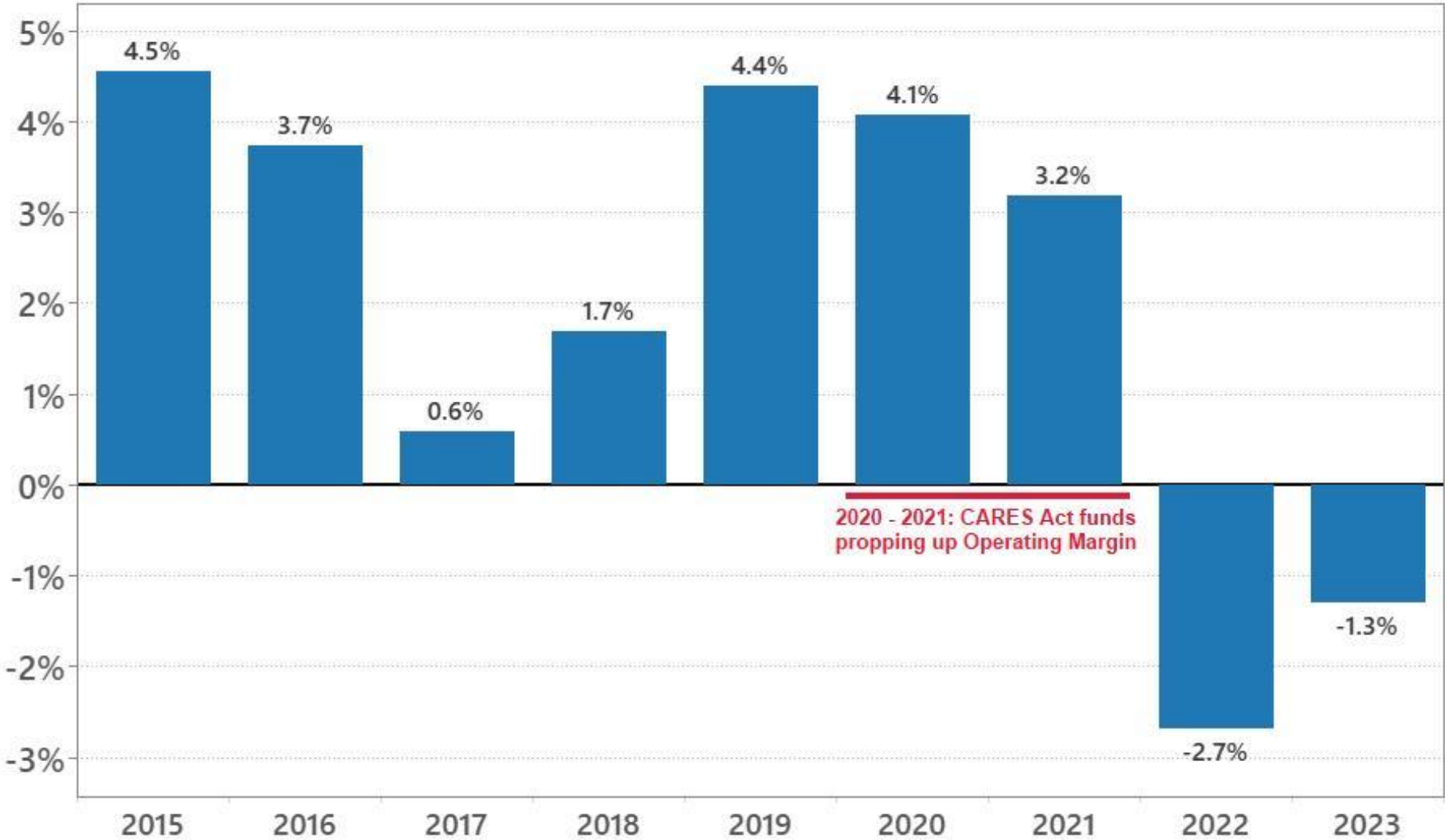
Oregon hospitals received payment of only **70 cents** for every dollar they spent caring for Medicaid patients in 2022.



In 2022, Medicaid underpayments totaled **\$1.1 billion,** which was 20% higher than the year before.

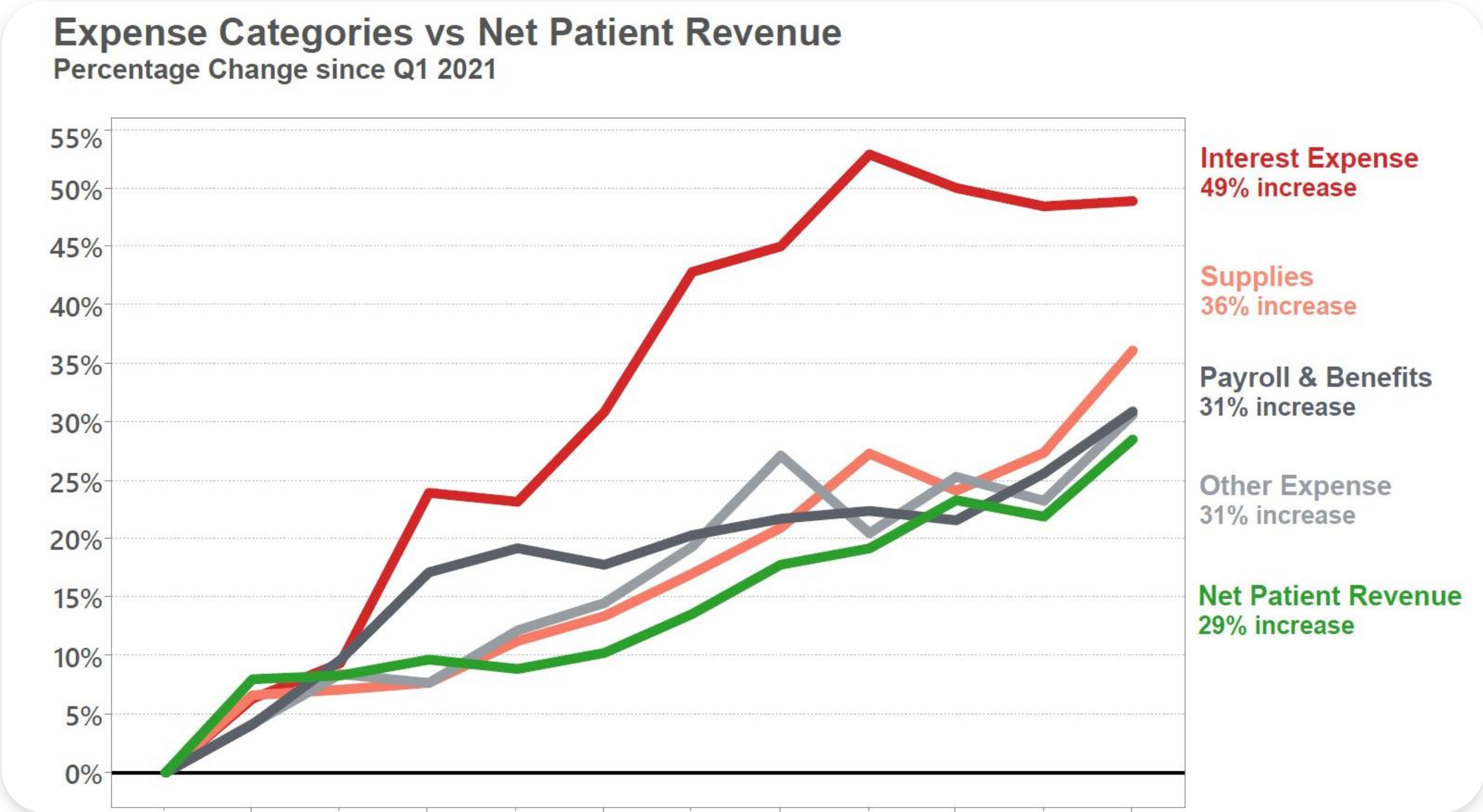
Hospitals have seen negative operating margins the last two years

Median Operating Margin Percentage by Year
2015 - 2023



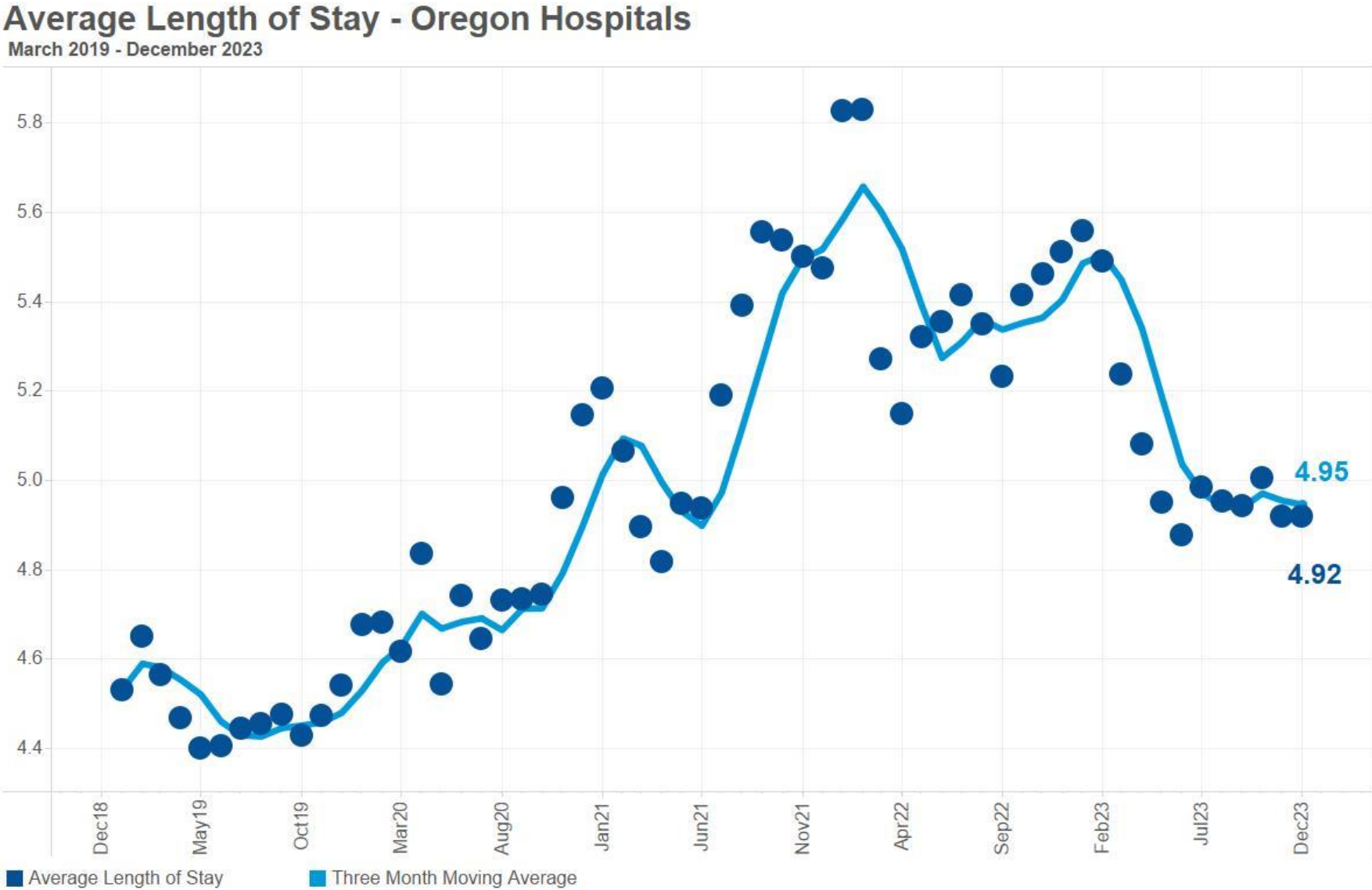
Without federal funds, Oregon hospitals would have seen negative operating margins four years in a row

Hospitals' expenses are rising faster than their revenue



Salaries and benefits have increased 31% since Q1 2021

Patients are staying in hospitals longer due to discharge challenges



A patient's average length of stay in the hospital is five days

Health insurers' practices are driving up hospitals' expenses

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St. Charles will no longer accept Medicare Advantage plans from Humana, HealthNet and WellCare

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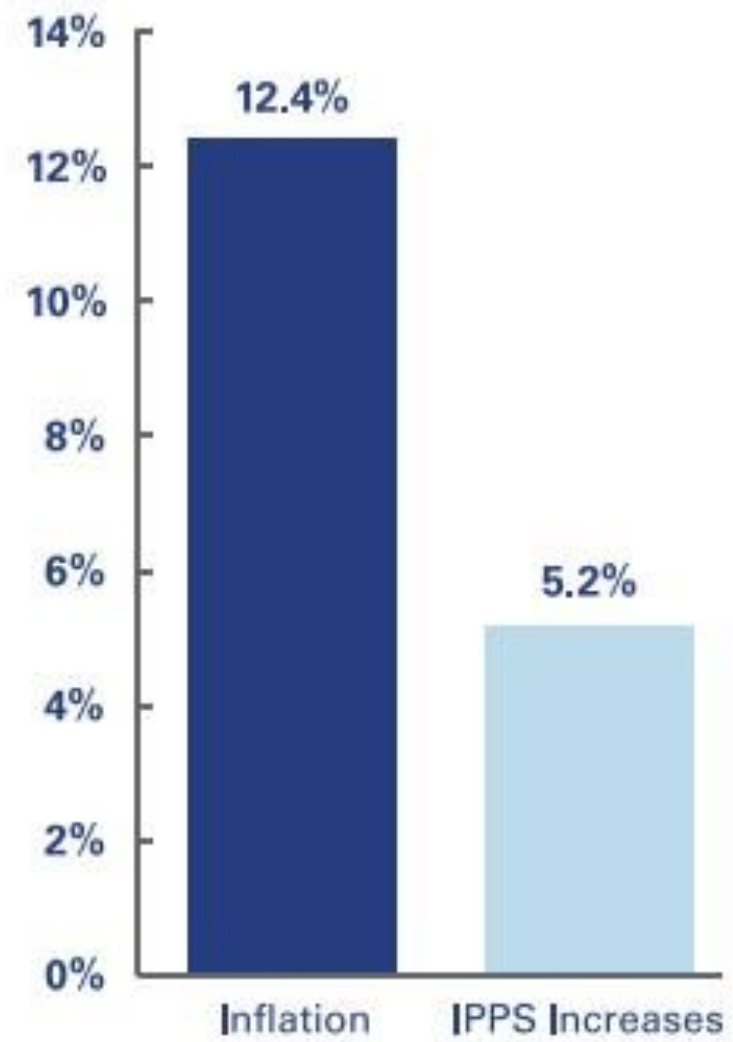


An entrance of St. Charles Bend seen here in 2020.
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Inflation grew faster than Medicare payments

Figure 2. Inflation growth was more than double the growth in IPPS reimbursement, 2021 - 2023



Protecting access to care



Financial stability



Insurer accountability



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