

*SB 68:*

*Expedited Health & Medical  
Professional License  
Endorsement for Nevada*

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*Nevada Governor's Office of*

**ECONOMIC DEVELOPMENT**

# *SB68*

- Authorizes Health Licensing Boards in various Chapters of NRS to expedite health & medical professional licensure for applicants seeking a professional license to practice in Nevada.
- Implements a suggested 60 day timeline and suggests requirements for expedited licensure for health & medical professionals in allopathic and osteopathic medicine and several other professions in health care.

# *The Problem*

- Nevada has significant shortage gaps in the fields of various health and medical care professionals.
- Health Workforce in Nevada, 2013
  - Dr. John Packham, UNSOM Health Policy Report
- In-state education & pipeline medical programs are not going to be enough to satisfy these shortage areas.

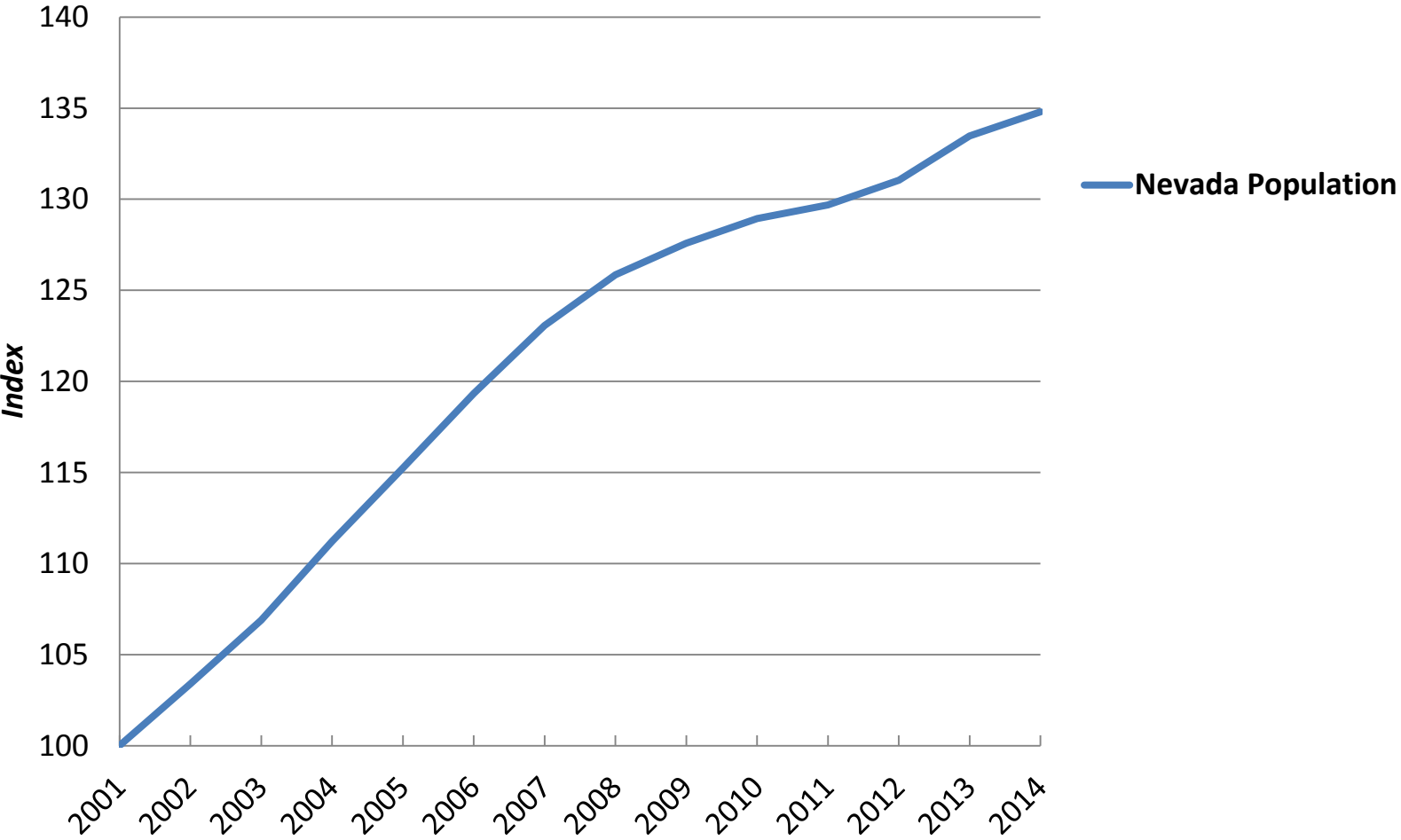
# *The Shortage*

- At current pace, it would take approximately 10 years to produce enough physicians to treat our population, provided there is no further population growth.
- The recruitment of health and medical professionals to Nevada requires a significant focus, given proposed expansions to higher education and expanded medical residencies throughout the state.

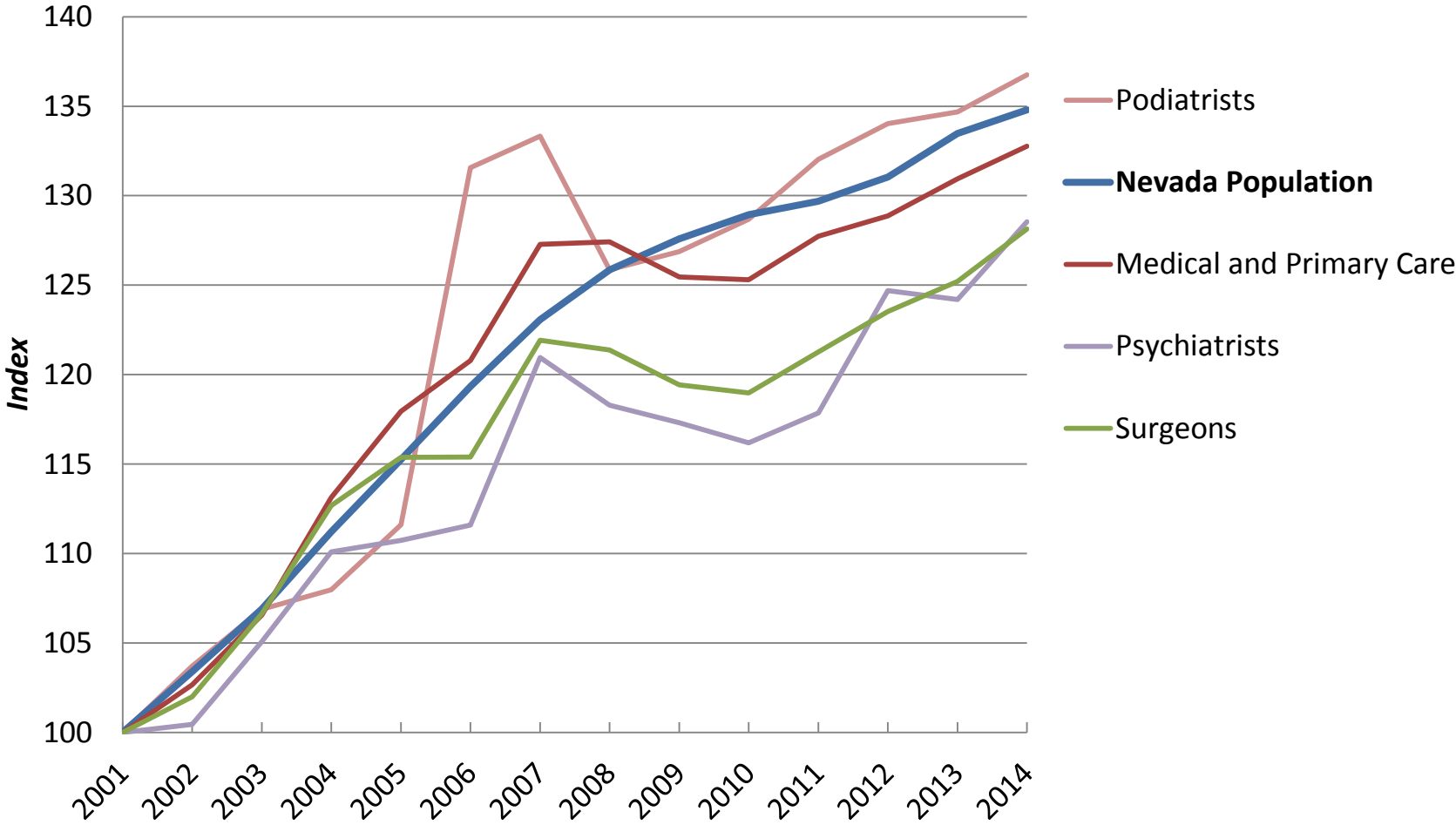
# *Impact of the Affordable Care Act*

- As of February 22, 2015, approximately 73,500 Nevadans enrolled in private plans under the Affordable Care Act; more than double the enrollment of 2014.
- Nevada's Medicare population will see a steady increase of seniors (age 65+) over the next 20 years.
- Additional measures are aided by expedited licensure to recruit health & medical professionals to address our growing needs.

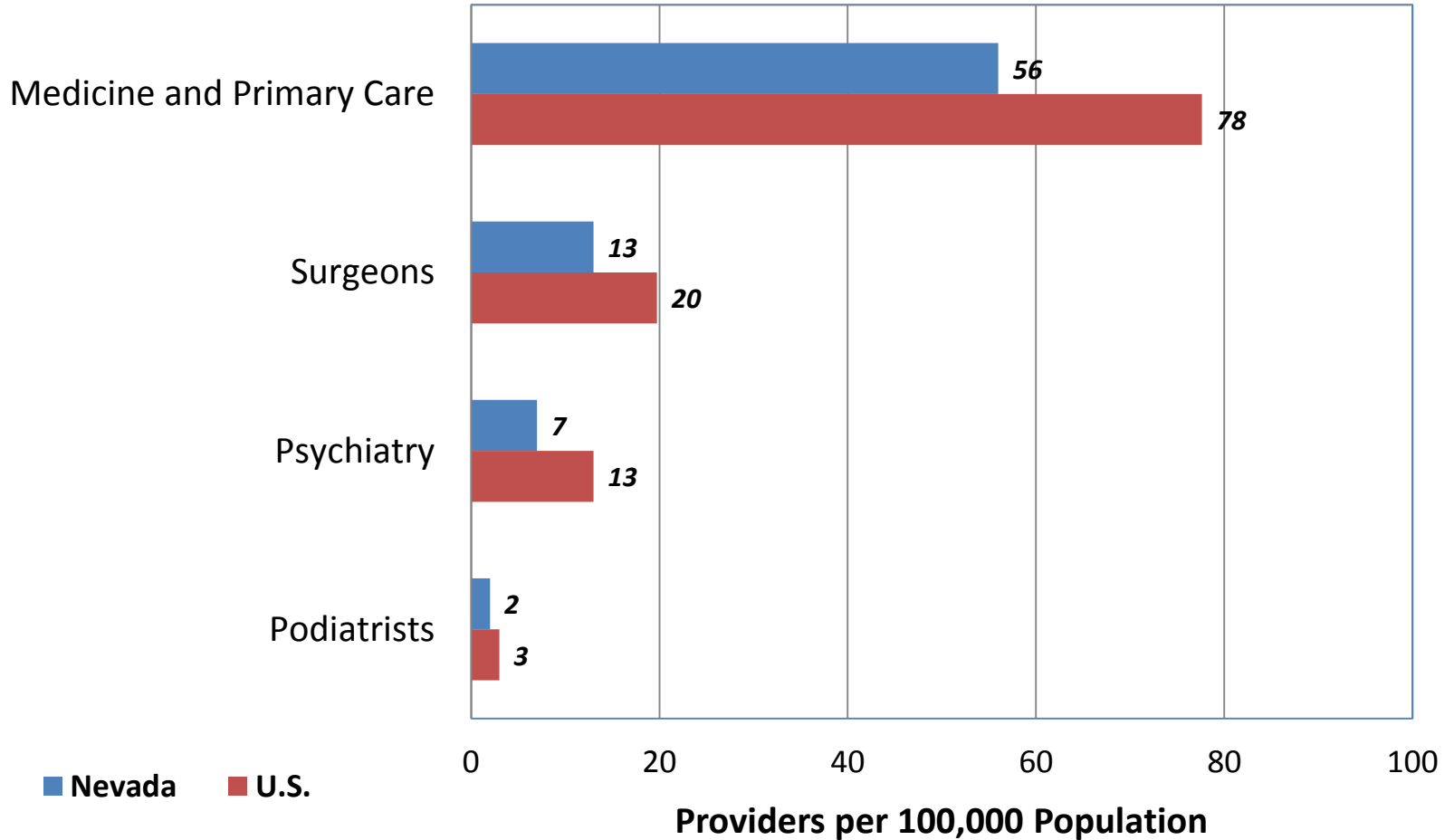
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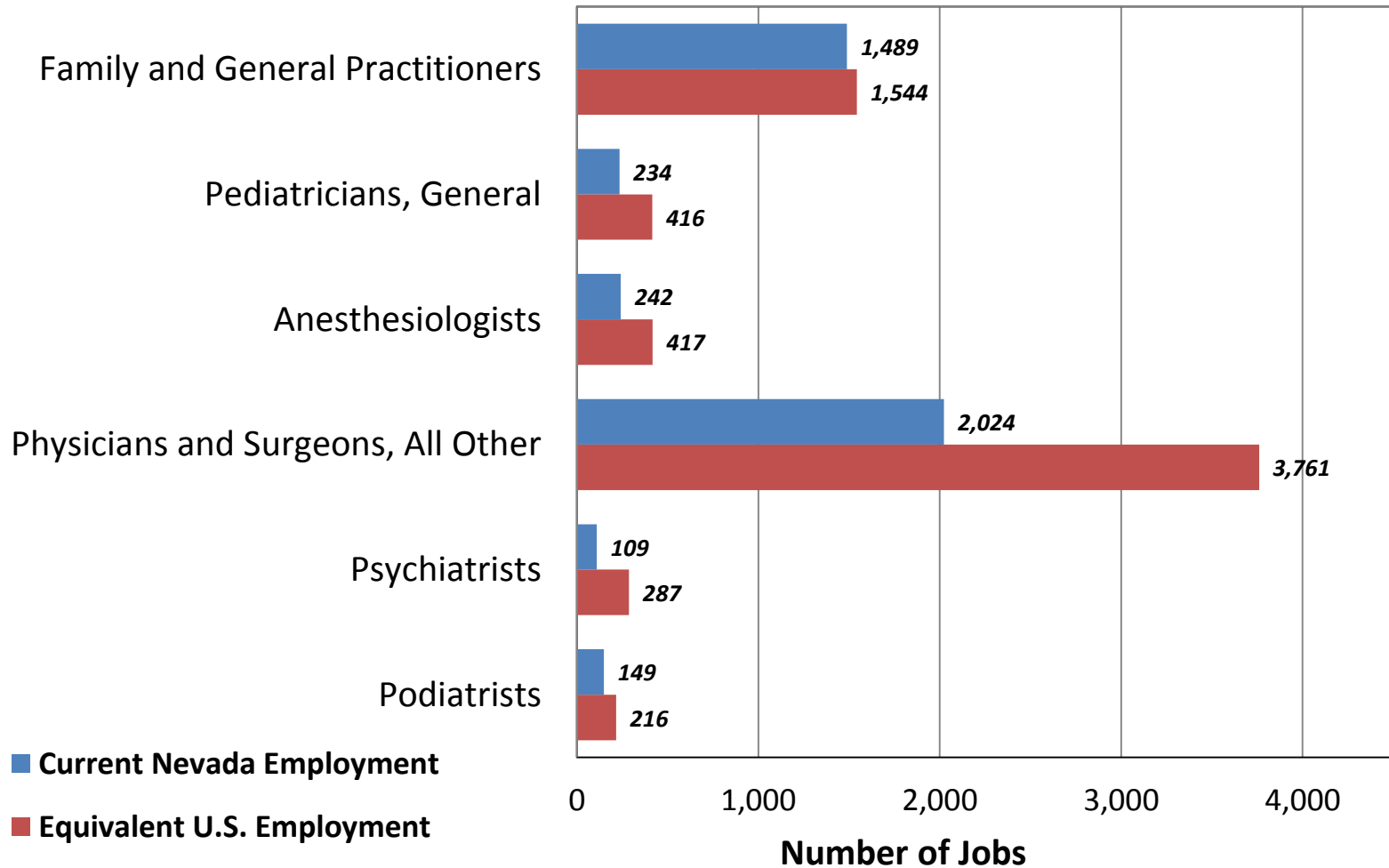


## Nevada and U.S. Providers per 100,000 Population





## Number of Jobs in Nevada's Health and Medical Sector



# *Health Professional LQs*

<u>Profession</u>	<u>L. Quotient</u>	<u># of Jobs</u>
Psychiatrists	0.38	178
Clinical Counselors/School Psychologists	0.60	314
Psychologists	0.60	42
Social Workers	0.42	150
Nurse Practitioners	0.46	258
Mental Health Counselors	0.67	175
Rehabilitation Counselors	0.38	250

# *Solutions*

- Create new provisions for granting Nevada health and medical professional licensure with expedited timelines within 60 days among identified Nevada Health and Medical Licensing Boards.

# *Supporters*

Nevada Allopathic Medical Licensing Board

Nevada Osteopathic Medical Licensing Board

UNR School of Medicine

Roseman University of Health Sciences

Comprehensive Cancer Centers of Nevada

Nevada Hospital Association

Las Vegas HEALS

Nevada Healthcare Association

Touro University College of Osteopathic Medicine