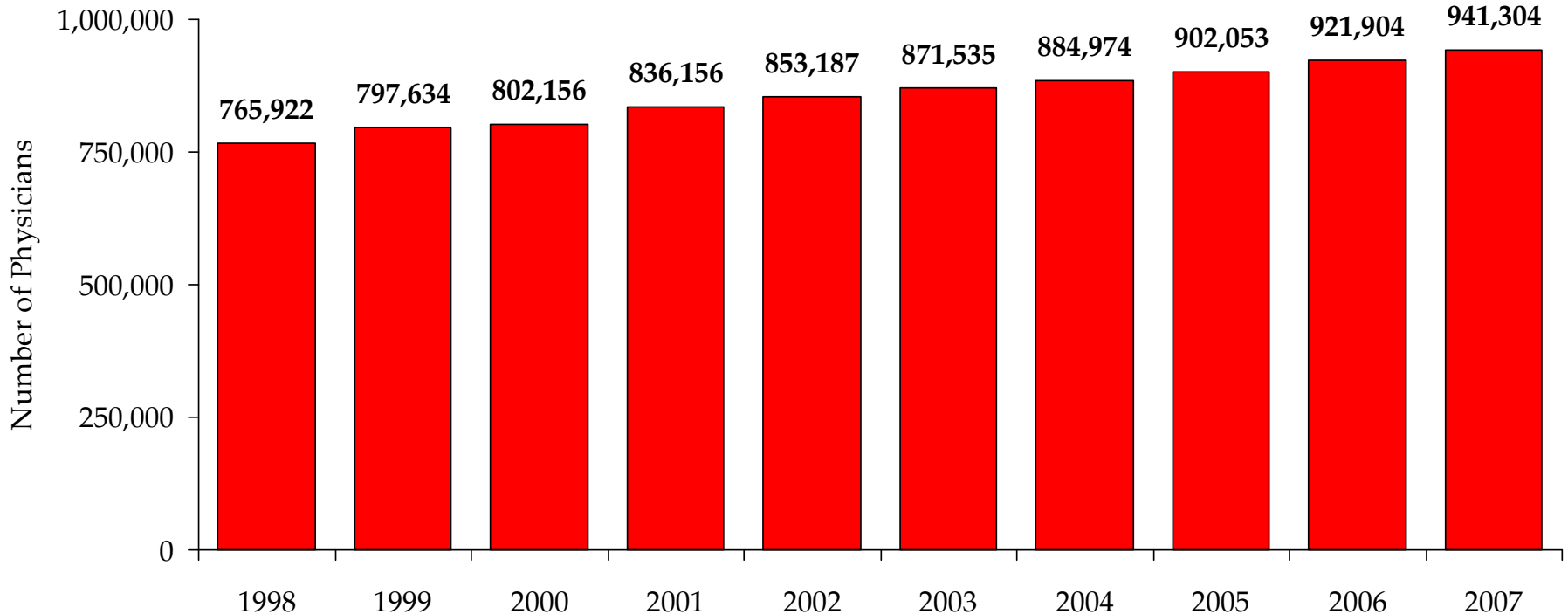


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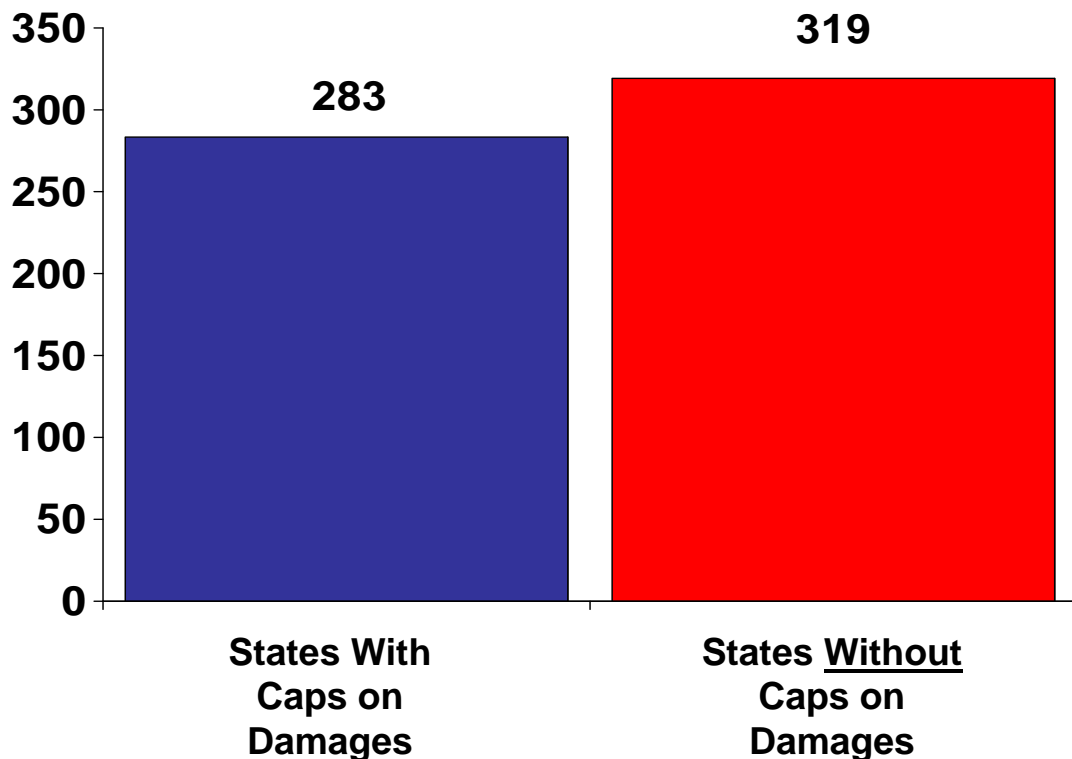
Number of Physicians in the U.S.: 1998 to 2007



Source: Physician Characteristics and Distribution in the U.S., Various Editions, American Medical Association

Are Doctors Really Closing Their Doors?

Number of Physicians Per 100,000 Population: 2007



In 2007, there were 13% more physicians per 100,000 population in states without caps than there were in states with caps.

A state is classified as having a cap when the state has enacted either a general non-economic damage cap that affects medical malpractice cases or a medical malpractice specific cap on non-economic and/or compensatory damages. Caps that affect one area of medical malpractice (e.g. just wrongful death cases) or punitive damage caps are not counted since these represent a small number of cases. Physician numbers from "Physician Characteristics and Distribution 2009, American Medical Association.