

OST Treatment of People with Mental and Behavioral Disorders Caused by Drug Use in Ukraine

2014-2021

Source of data: [Centre for Public Health of Ukraine](#)

OST in Ukraine

The OST program in Ukraine obtained the legal framework and support in 2012.

OST services are provided at the health care facilities:

- narcological dispensaries
- HIV/AIDS prevention centers
- anti-tuberculosis dispensaries
- psychoneurological dispensaries
- municipal and community hospitals
- primary health care centers

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Key OST Legal Framework:

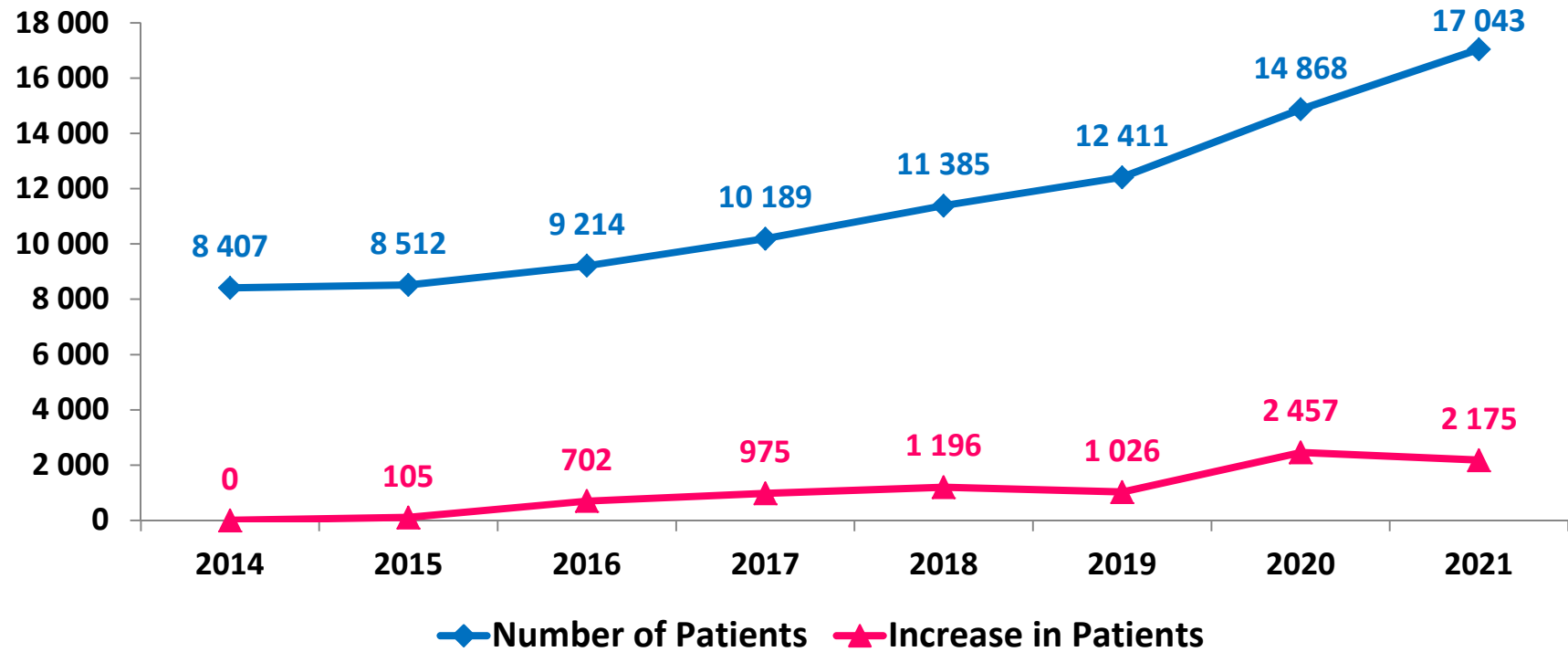
- [Law of Ukraine “On Psychiatric Care”](#)
- [Law of Ukraine “On Measures to Counter the Illicit Trafficking of Narcotic Drugs, Narcotic Substances, Precursors and their Abuse”](#)
- [Directive of the Cabinet of Ministers of 27.11.2019 No.1415-p “On Approval of the National Strategy on HIV/AIDS, Tuberculosis, Viral Hepatitis for the Period until 2030”](#)
- [Resolution of the Cabinet of Ministers of Ukraine of 13 May 2013 No. 333 “On Approval of the Procedure for Purchasing, Transporting, Storing, Selling, Using, and Disposing Narcotic and Psychotropic Substances, and Precursors in Healthcare Institutions”](#)
- [Order of the Ministry of Health No.200 of 27 March 2012 “On Approval of the Procedure for Providing Opioid Substitution Therapy to the People with Opioid-Related Mental and Behavioral Disorders”](#)
- [Order of the Ministry of Health No.360 of 19 July 2005 “On Approval of the Rules of Issuing Prescriptions for Medications and Medical Products, Procedure for Selling Medications and Medical Products in Pharmacies and their Units, Guidelines on the Procedure for Storing, Accounting and Liquidating Prescription Forms”](#)
- [Order of the Ministry of Health No.494 of 07.08.2015 “On Some Issues of Purchasing, Transporting, Storing, Selling, Using and Disposing Narcotic and Psychotropic Substances and Precursors in Healthcare Institutions”](#)

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OST service package includes:

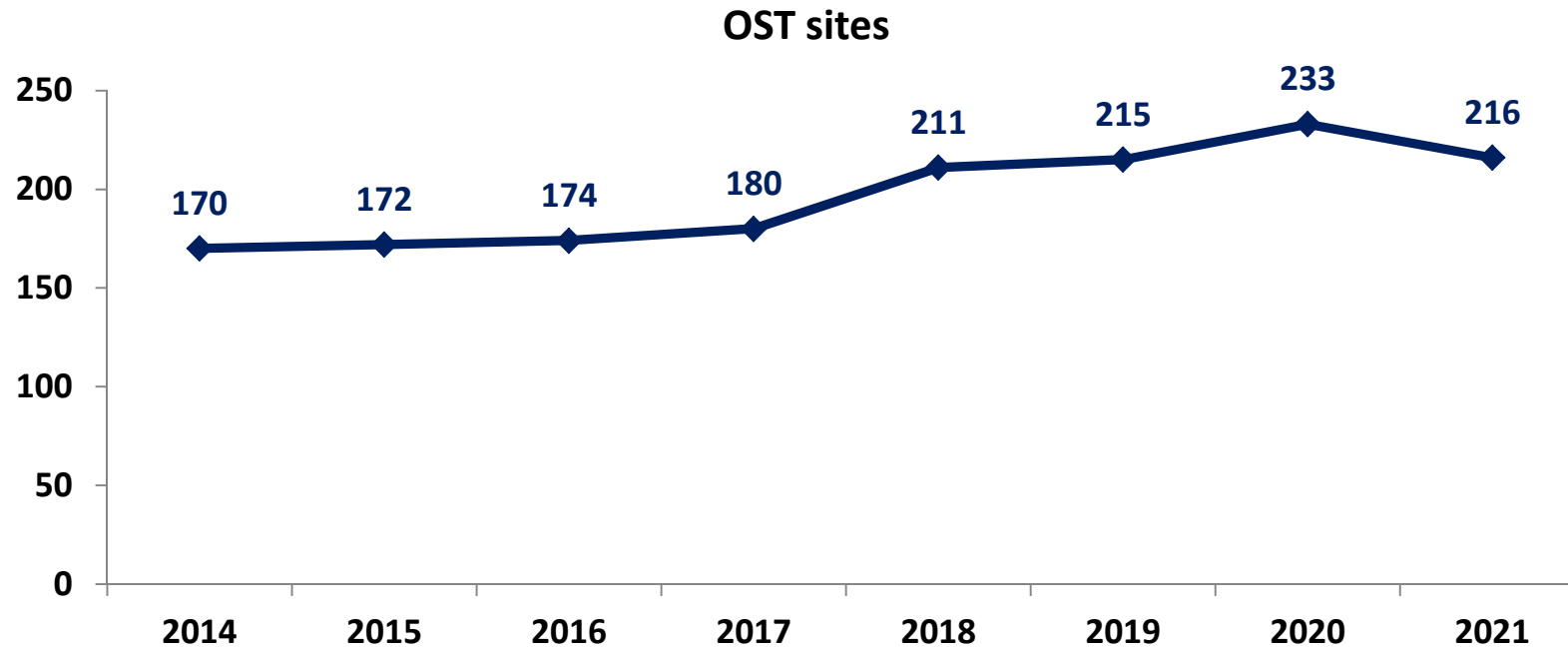
- prescribing and dispensing OST drugs;
- shaping a plan of support and treatment;
- treatment monitoring;
- screening of individual mental disorders;
- TB screening and/ or HIV and VHB/VHC screening, as well as directing a patient for diagnosis and treatment when required;
- counseling and informing on HIV, VHB/VHC, STIs prevention, overdoses and risks associated with the use of substances;
- Redirecting a patient to other facilities, institutions, organizations in order to get provided with other services.

Total Number of OST Patients



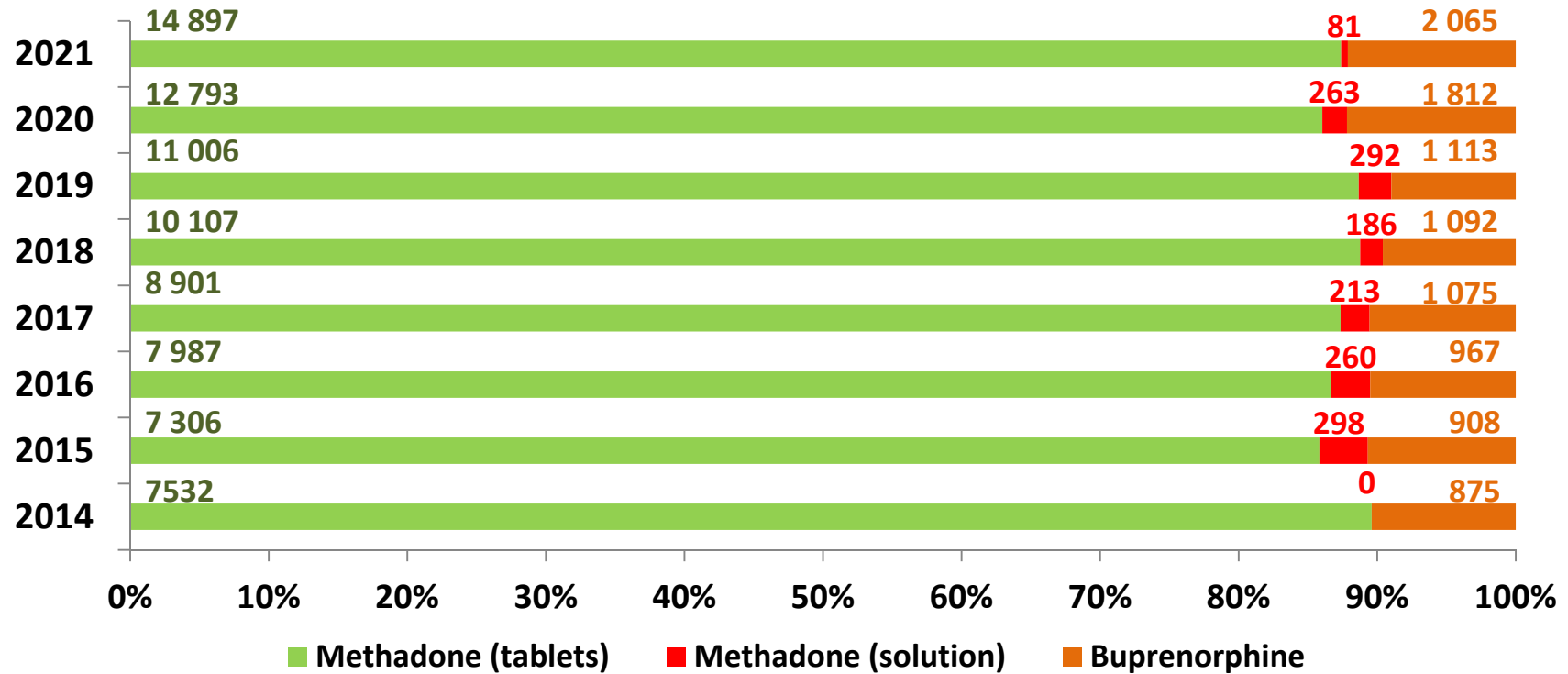
The number of OST patients has been increasing from year-to-year

Total Number of OST Sites



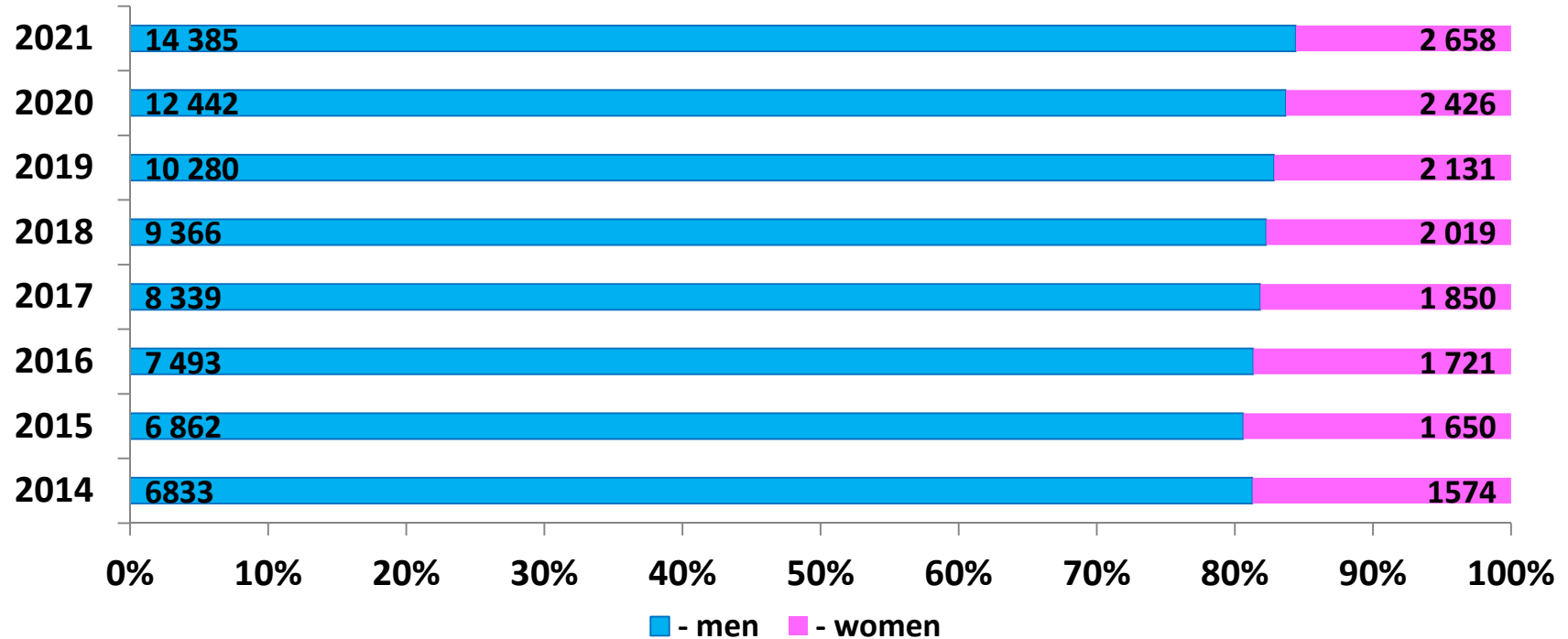
The largest number of patients receive SMT services at OST sites set up at narcological dispensaries

Number and Proportion of OST Patients by Prescribed Drug



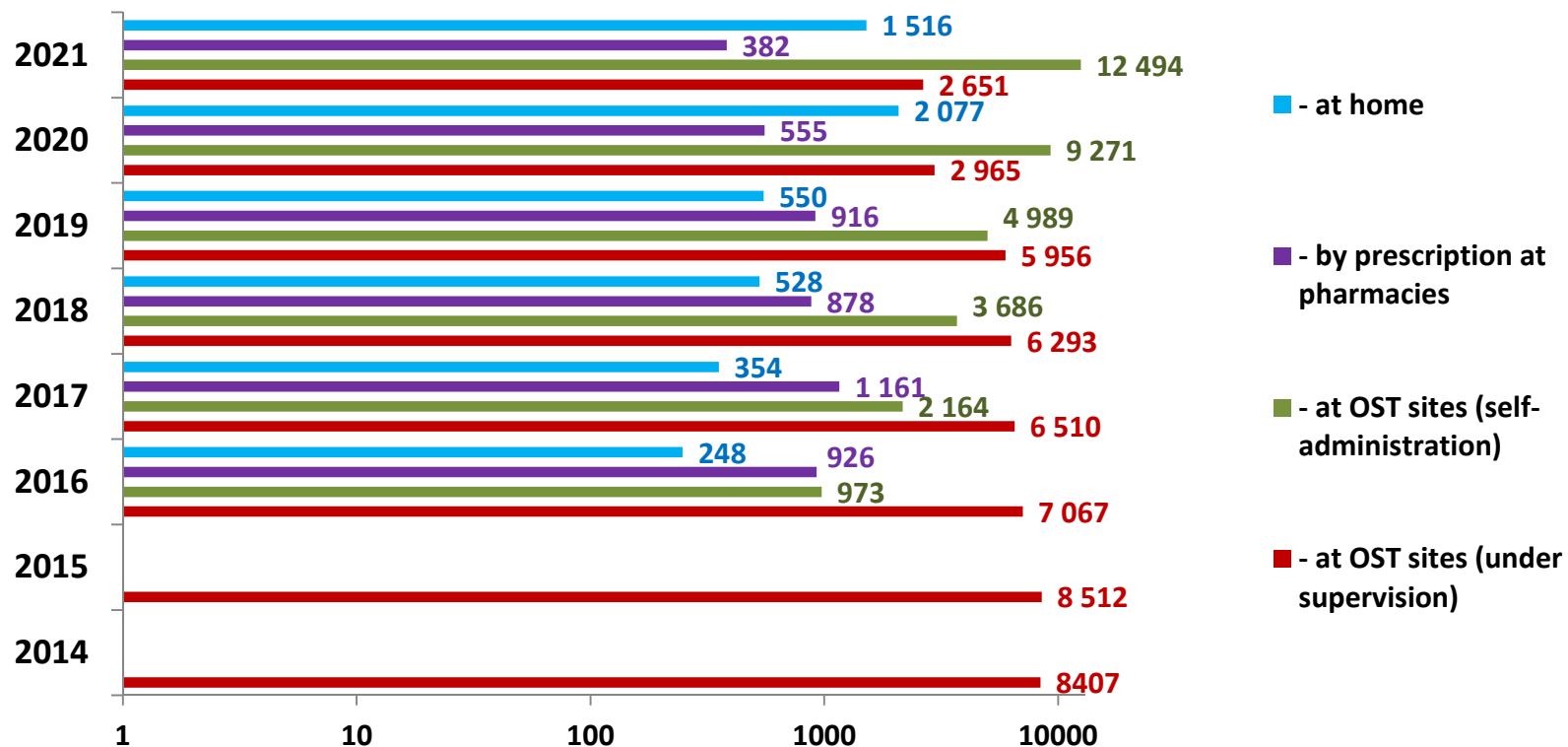
Over 85% of medications used in OST are methadone in tablets

Number and Proportion of OST Patients by Gender



Over 80% of OST patients are men

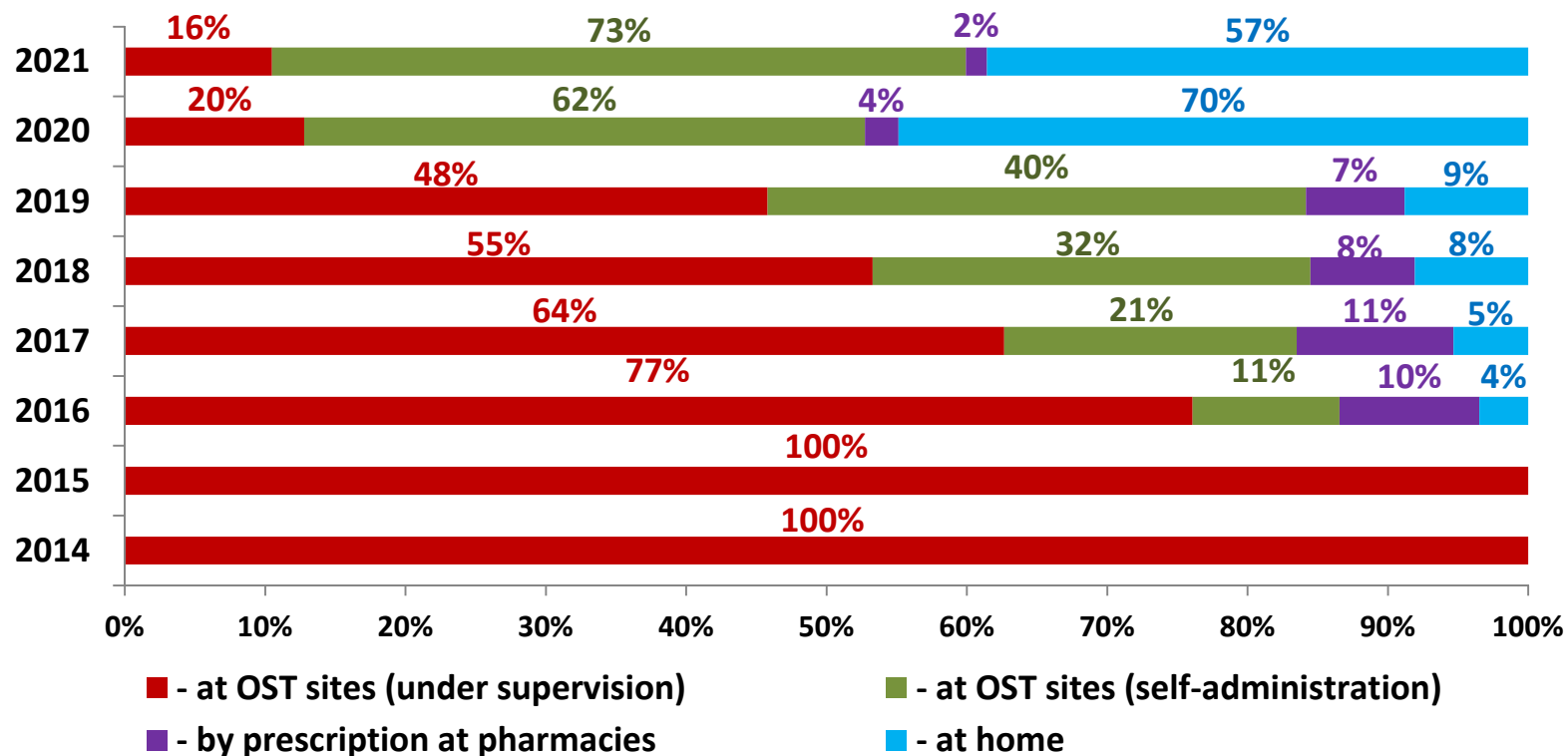
Number of OST Patients by Drug Administration Form



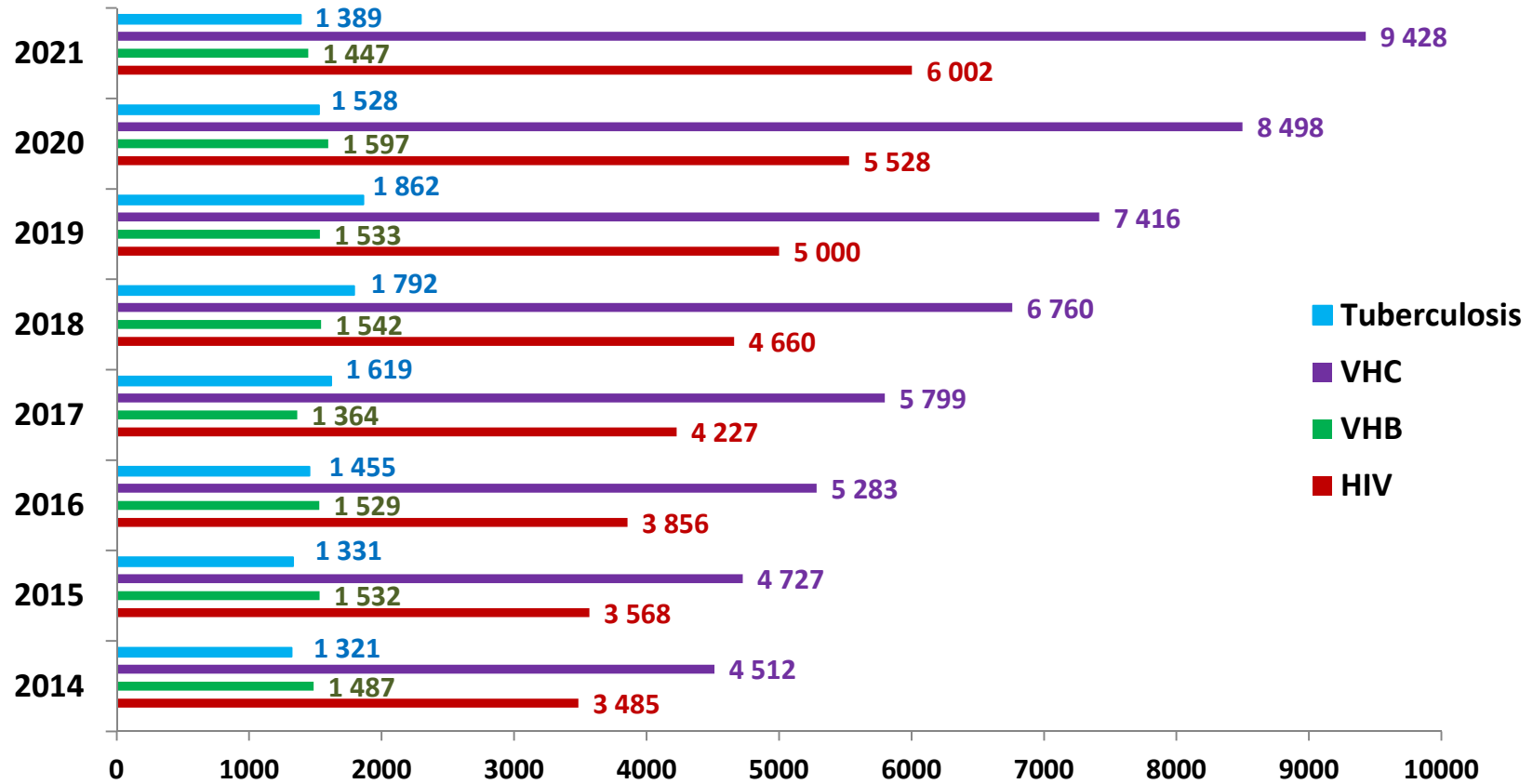
Increasing self-administration of OST medications

Decreasing administration of OST medications under doctors' supervision

Proportion of OST Patients by Drug Administration Form

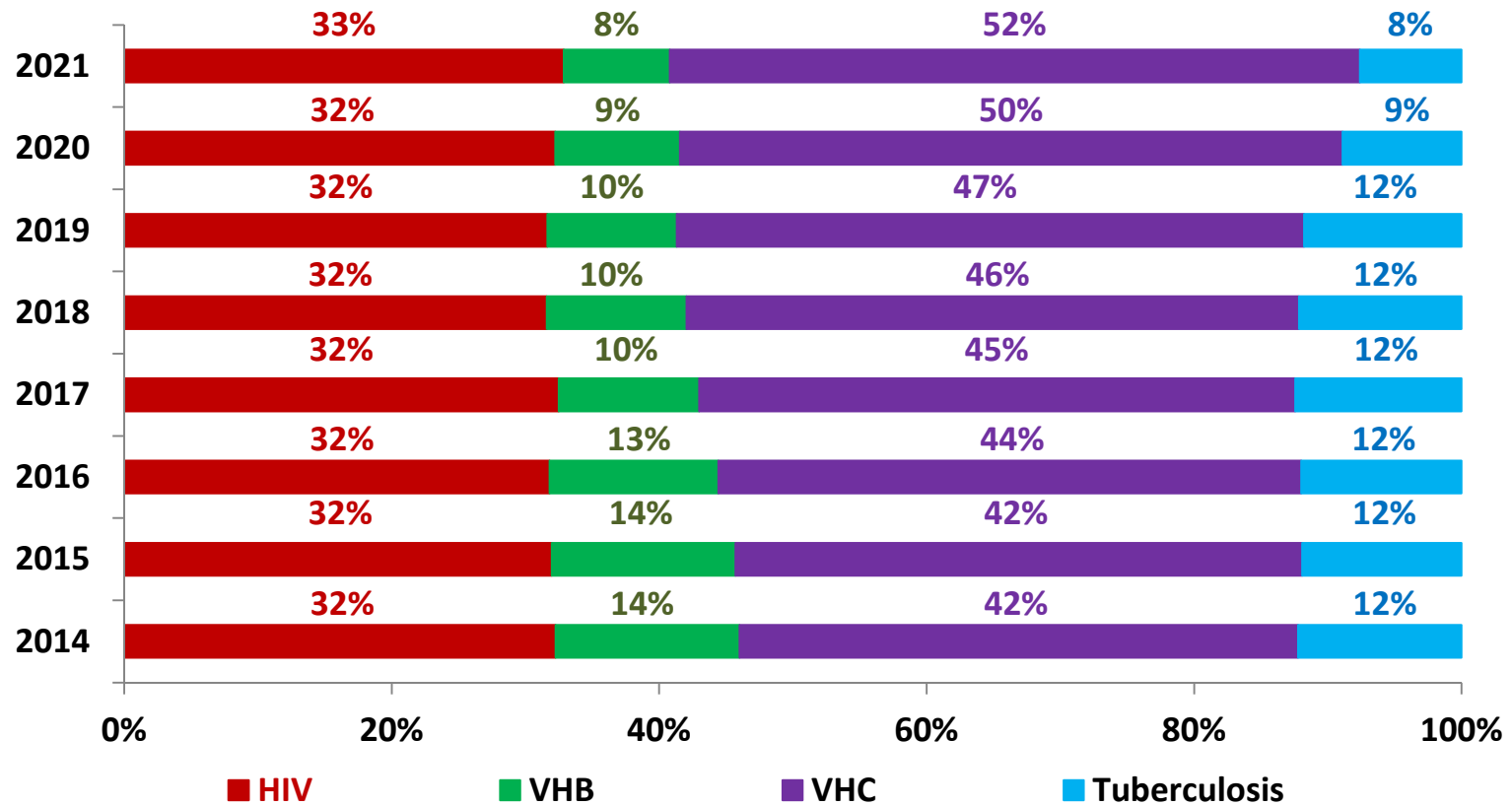


Number of OST Patients with Co-Infections

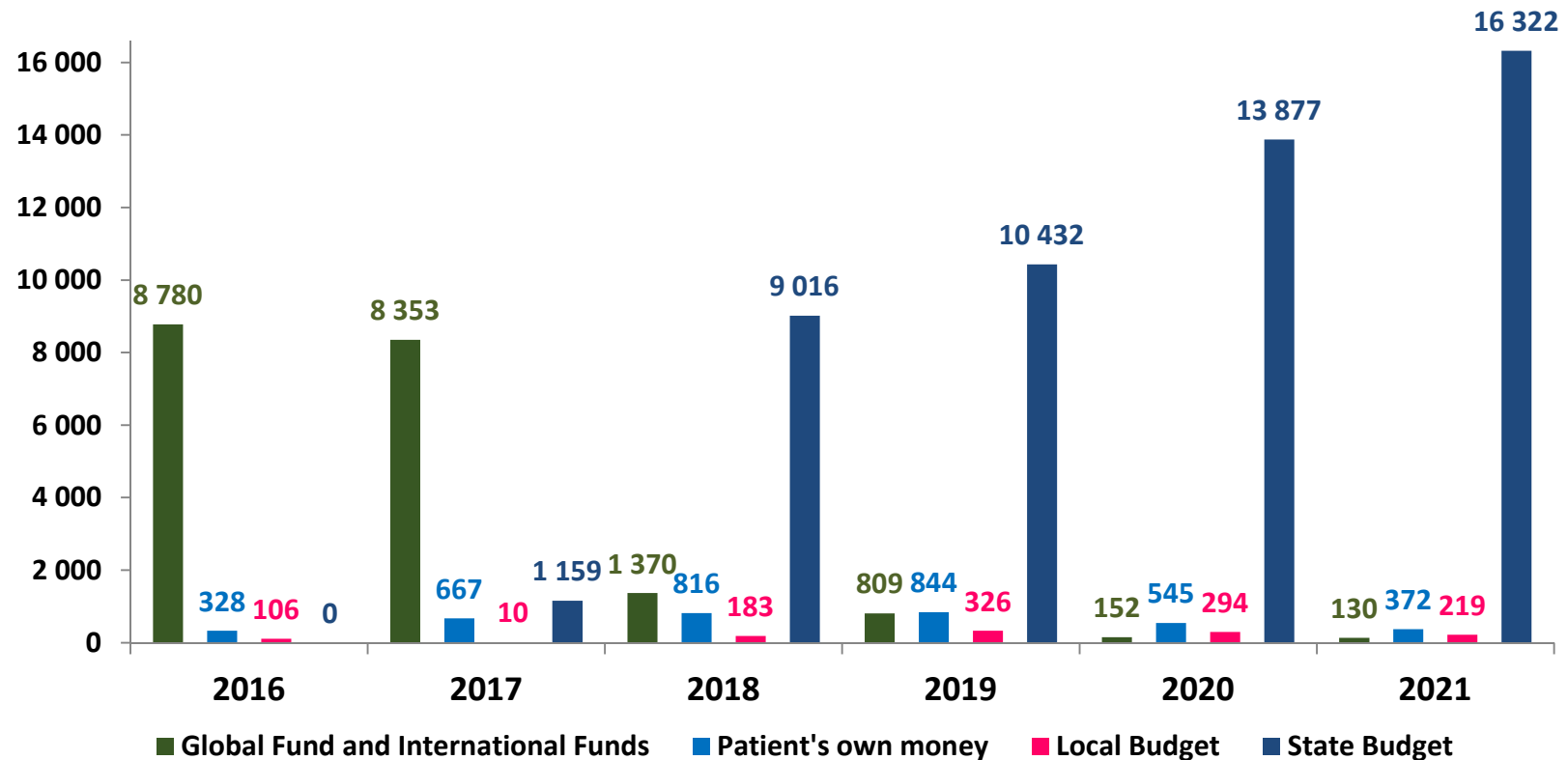


Viral hepatitis C remains the most common infectious disease among OST patients

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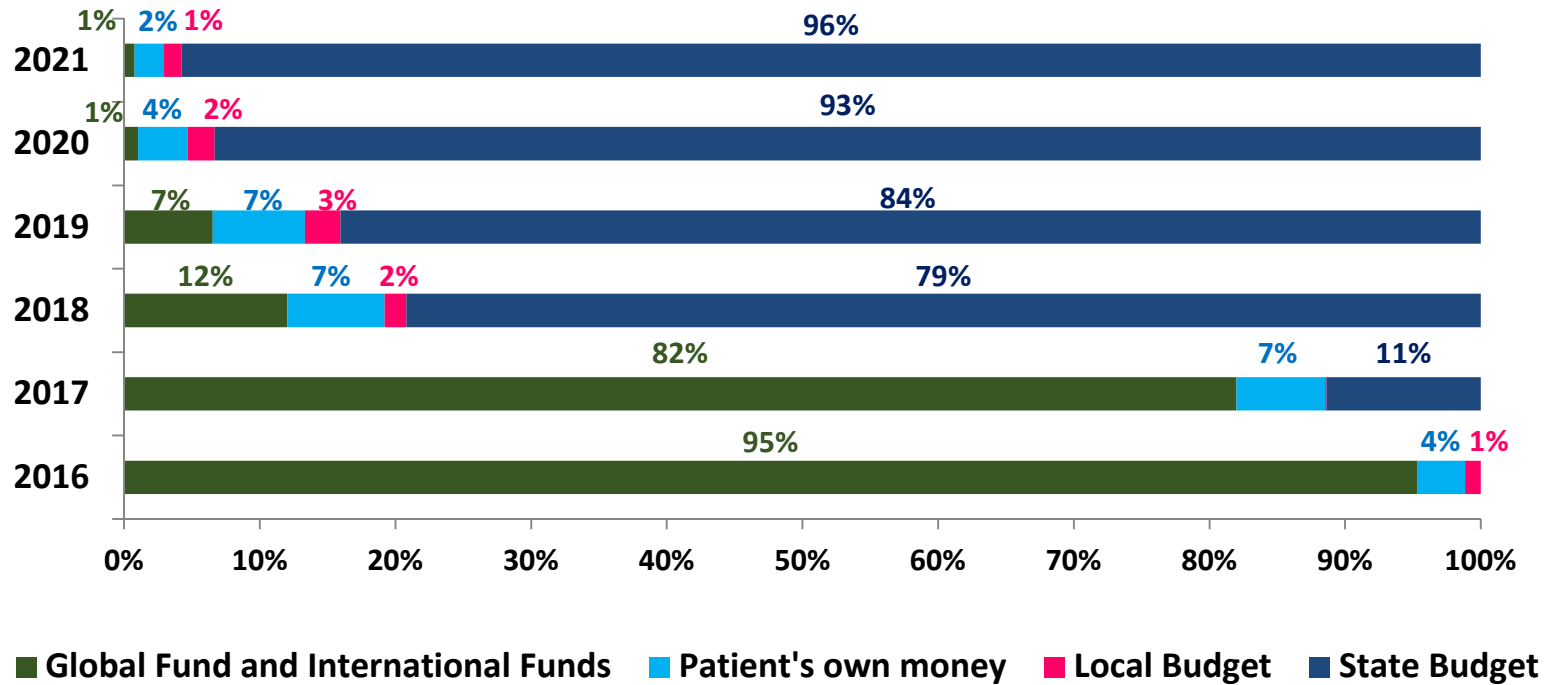


Number of Persons Covered with OST Funding

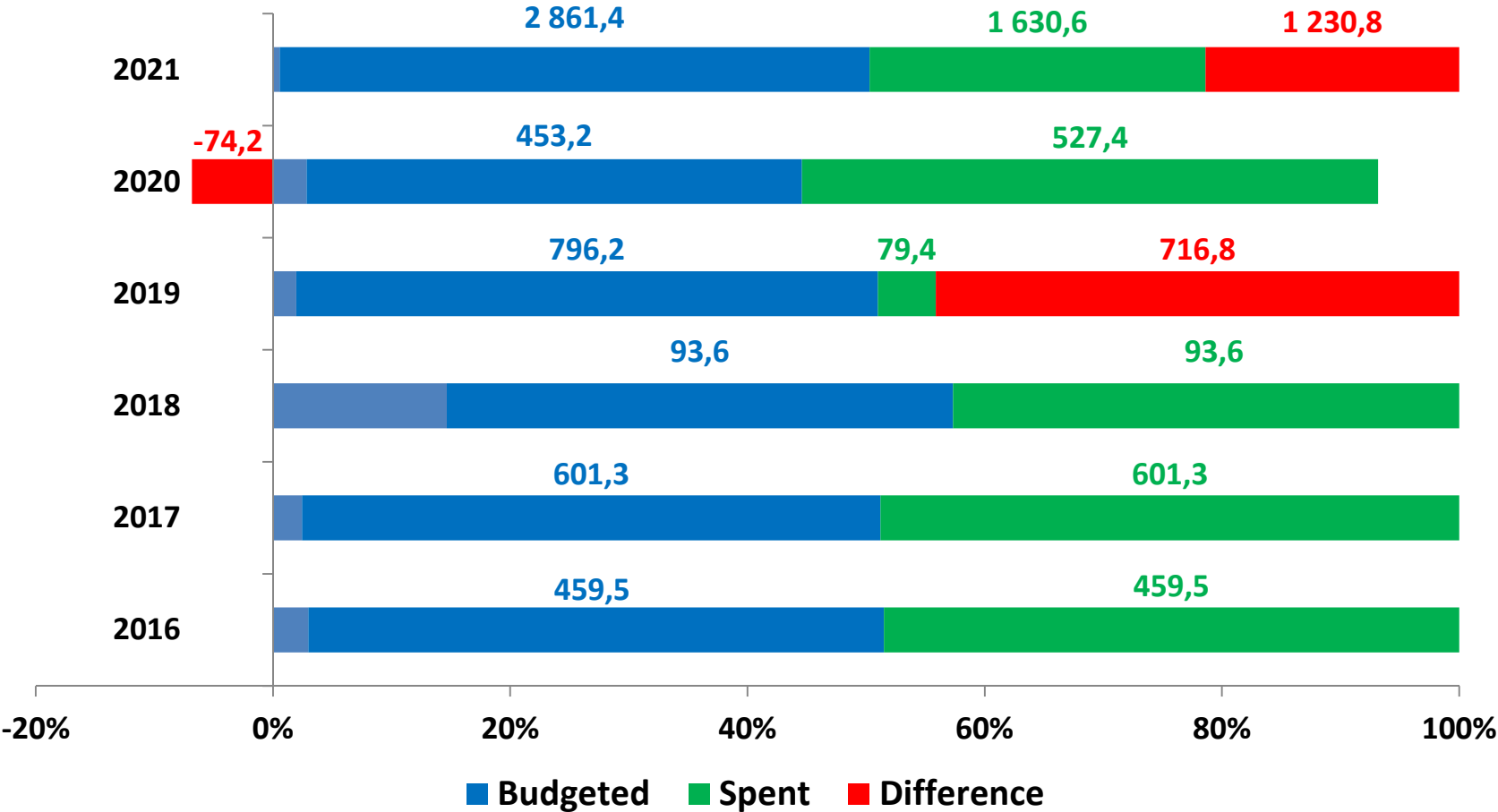


Since 2017, OST programs have been funded mainly from the State Budget which ensures not only the continuous treatment of existing patients, but also the expansion of the program.

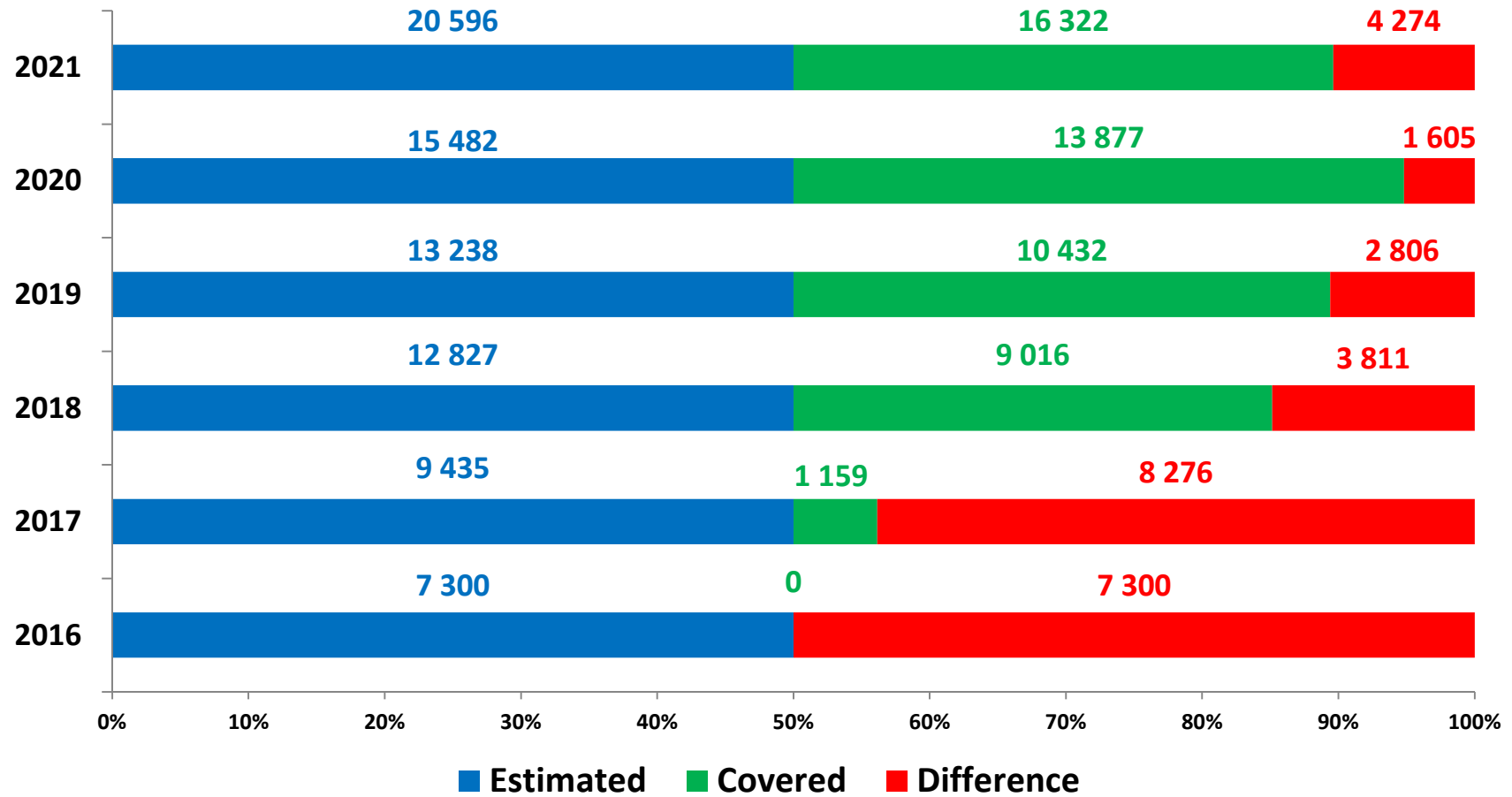
Proportion of Persons Covered with OST Funding



State Budget Funds Allocated to OST Drugs Procurement (thousand EUR)



Number of OST Patients Funded from the State Budget



Proportions of Persons Covered and Funds Allocated within the State Budget OST Program

