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Spending to Save: Health Financing and Regulation for the Future



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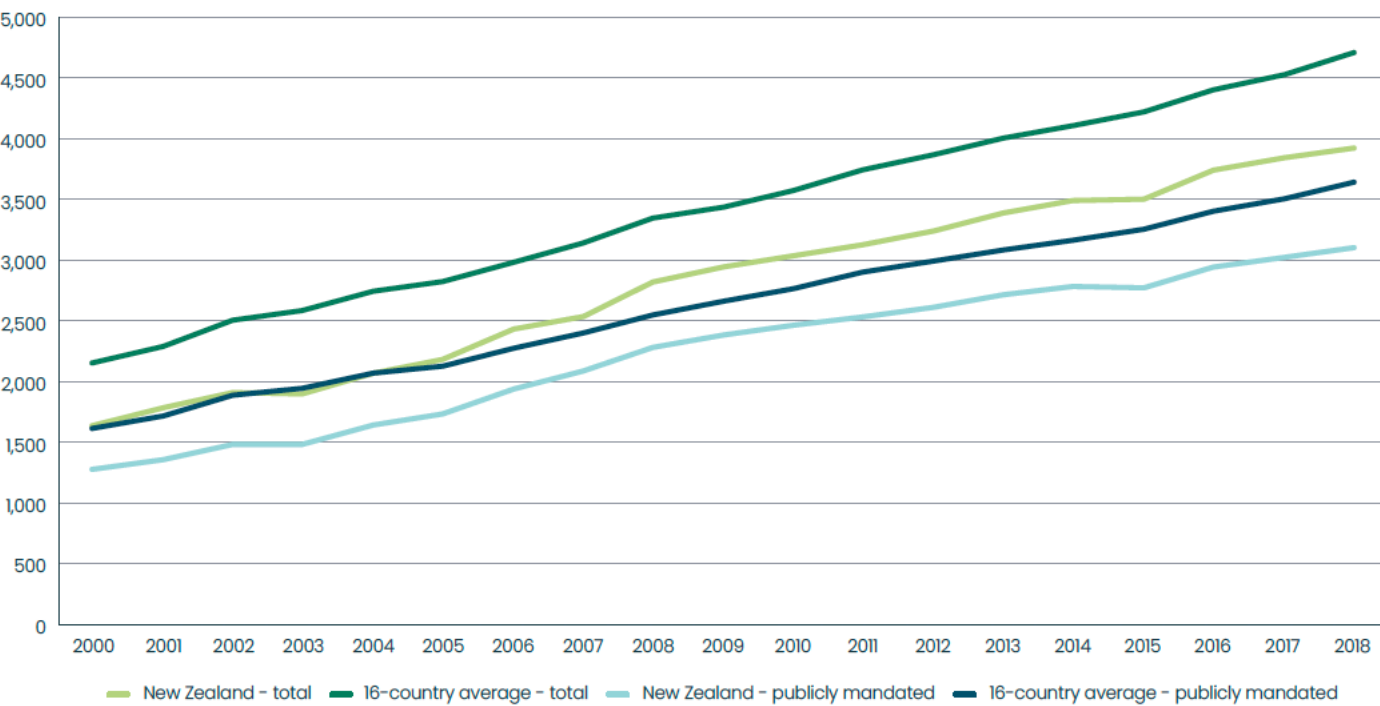
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INTEGRATED DYNAMIC HEALTH SYSTEM



Figure 7: Total and publicly mandated health expenditure: \$USD PPP per capita, 2000–2018



Source: OECD Health data

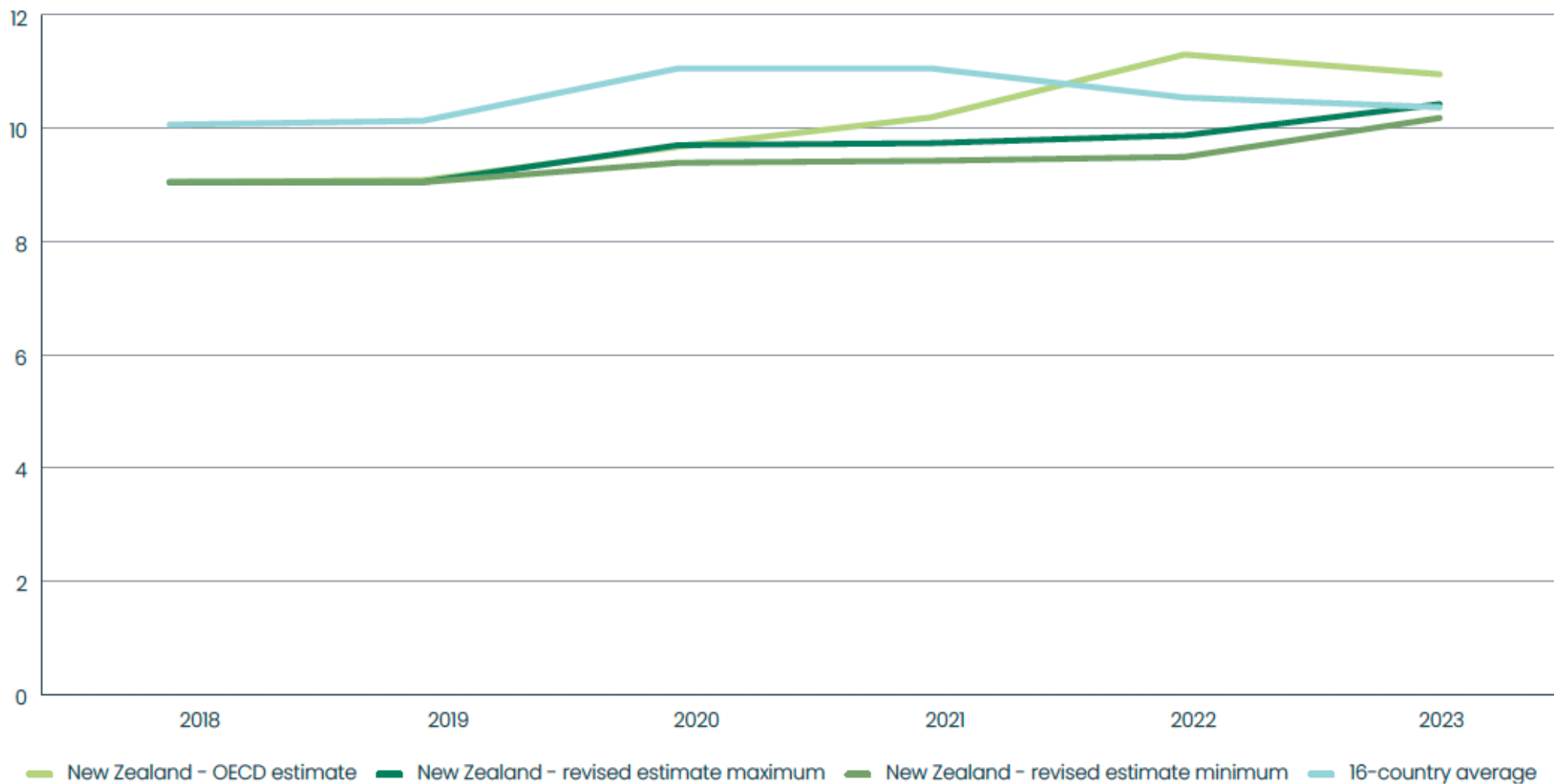
Table 8: Increases in \$USD PPP per capita 2000–18 – total and publicly mandated

	2000	2009	2000–09 increase	2018	2009–18 increase	2000–18 increase
Total health expenditure						
16-country average	\$2,172	\$3,440	58.3%	\$4,701	36.6%	116.4%
New Zealand	\$1,659	\$2,947	77.6%	\$3,913	32.8%	135.8%
NZ as % of 16-country average	76.4%	85.7%		83.2%		
Publicly mandated health expenditure						
16-country average	\$1,634	\$2,665	63.1%	\$3,640	36.6%	122.8%
New Zealand	\$1,295	\$2,389	84.6%	\$3,100	29.7%	139.4%
NZ as % of 16-country average	79.2%	89.7%		85.2%		

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Tenbenschel and Lorgelly, New Zealand’s health financing and expenditure: A comparative and historical review 2000-2023, ASMS Report September 2025.

Figure 10: Total health expenditure as % of GDP, 2018-2023 - revised comparison



Note: The 16-country average figures for 2022 and 2023 will include the tail-end of COVID-19 pandemic expenditure.

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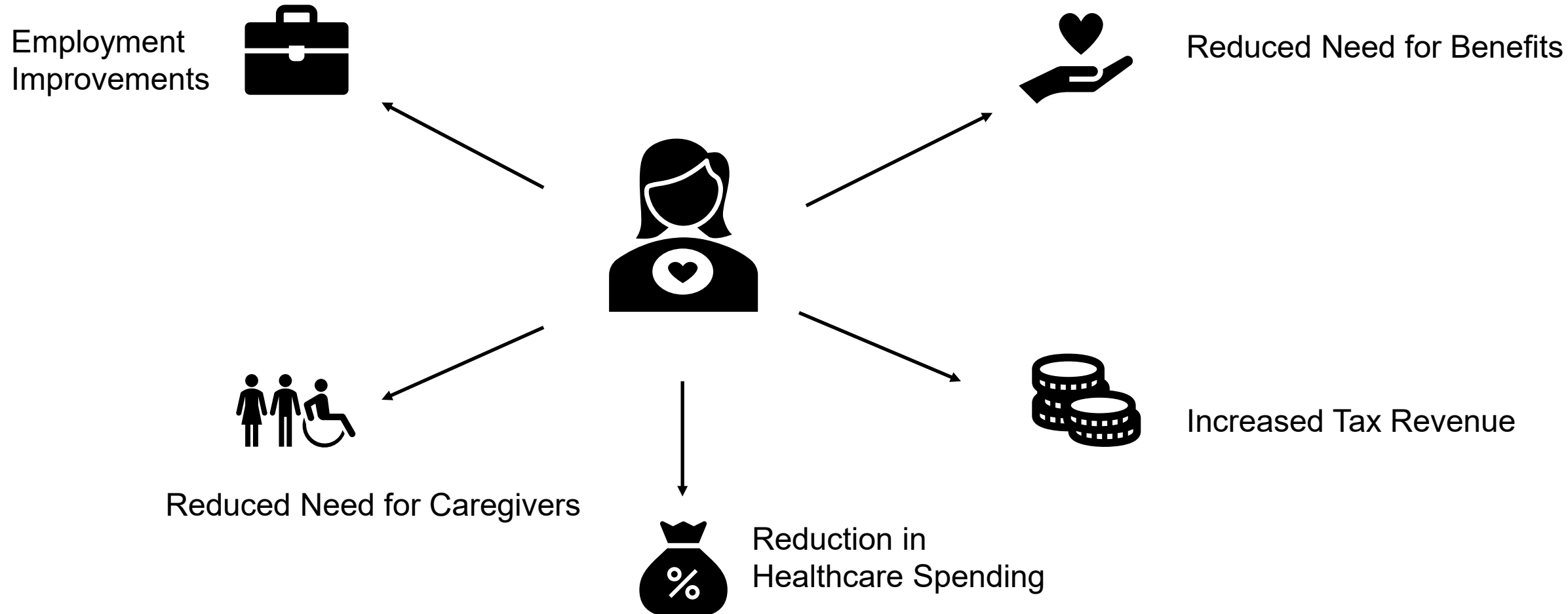
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