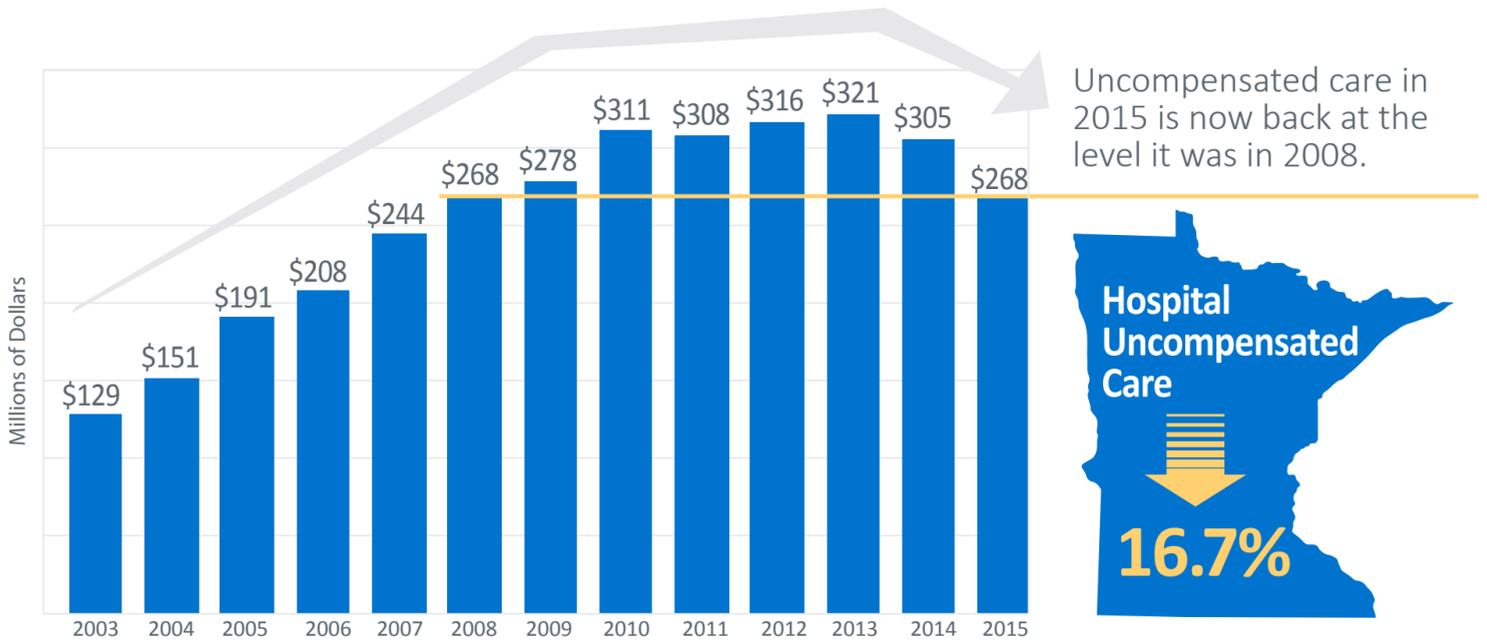


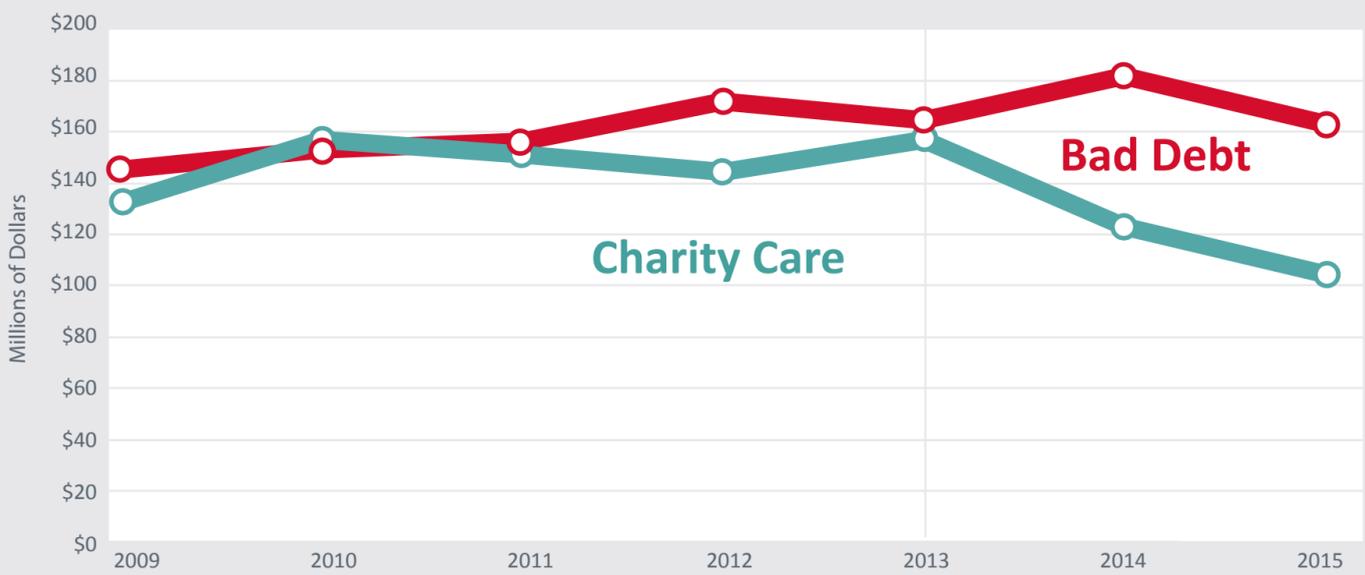
Uncompensated Care at Minnesota Hospitals Drops for the Second Year in a Row

Hospital uncompensated care has decreased 16.7% in the first two years of full implementation of the ACA.

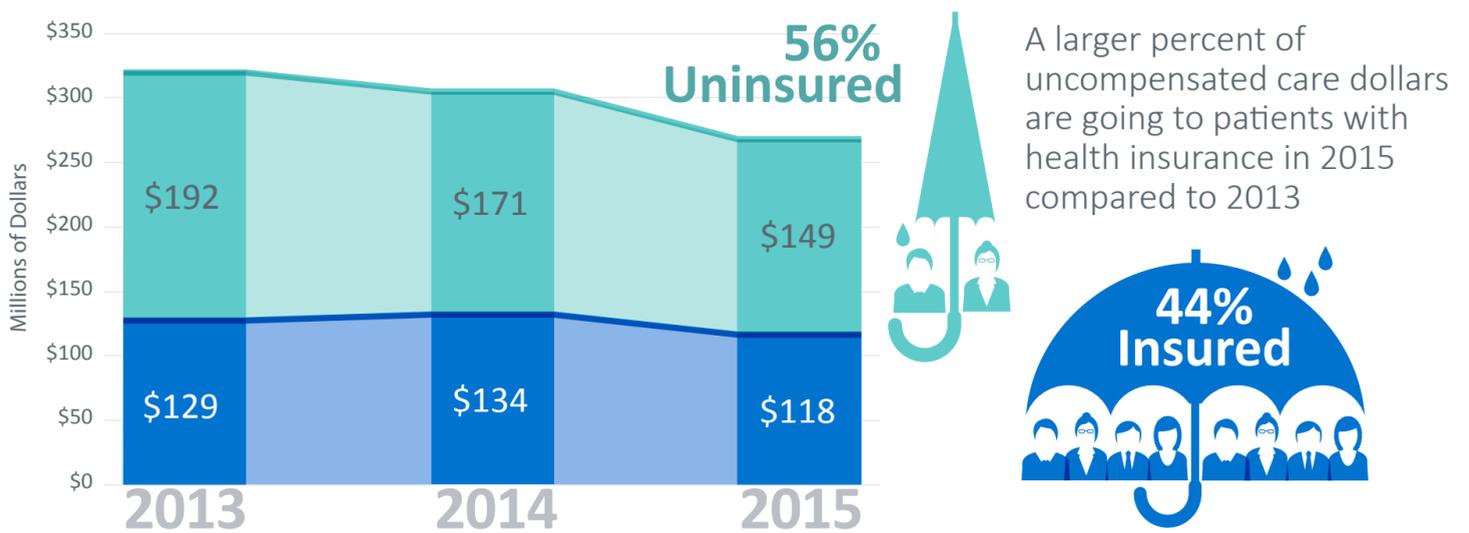


Both charity care and bad debt declined in 2015

Bad debt increased in the first year of the ACA but now has declined in the second year of the program.



In 2015 uncompensated care decreased for both insured and uninsured patients at Minnesota hospitals



Source: Minnesota Department of Health analysis of Hospital Annual Reports, including preliminary Hospital Annual Reports from 2015.

Definitions:

Hospital uncompensated care: Care provided to patients by hospitals which they do not receive payment for. Uncompensated care has two components, charity care and bad debt.

Charity care: Care for which no payment is expected because patients are eligible for free or discounted care based on their income

Bad debt: Care for which payment was expected, but not received