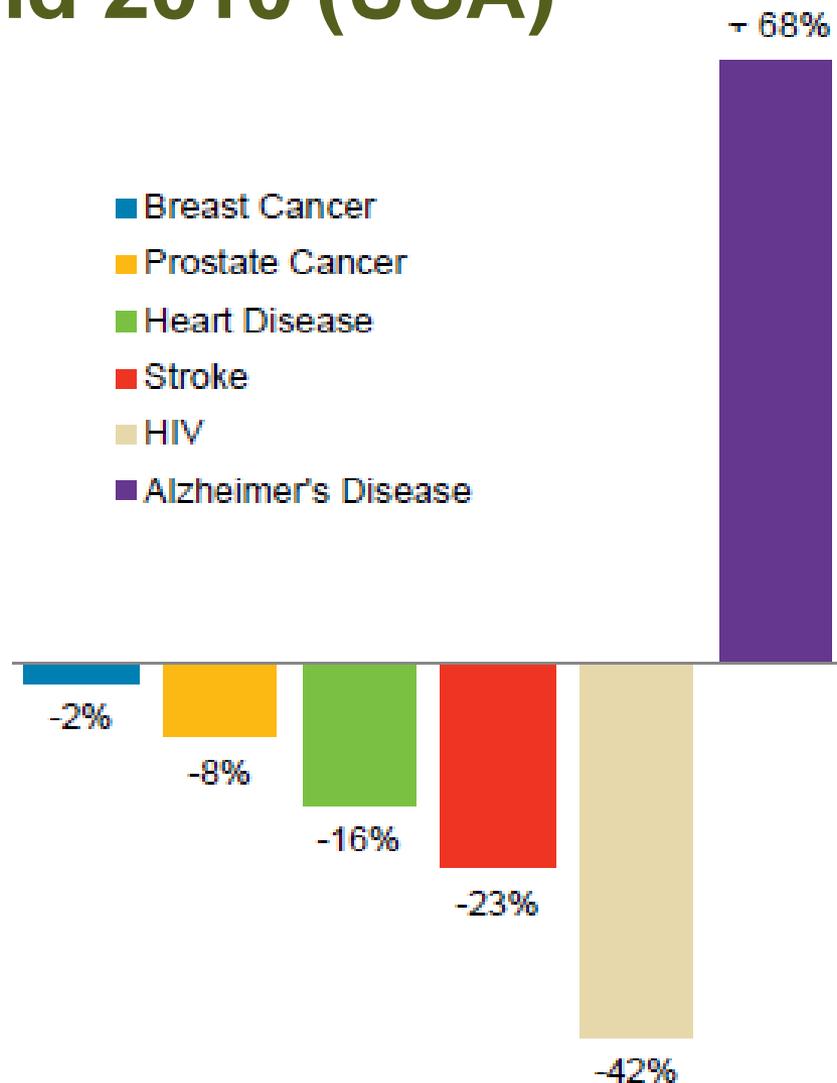


Dementia and Continuing Care in Alberta

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Change in Number of Deaths between 2000 and 2010 (USA)

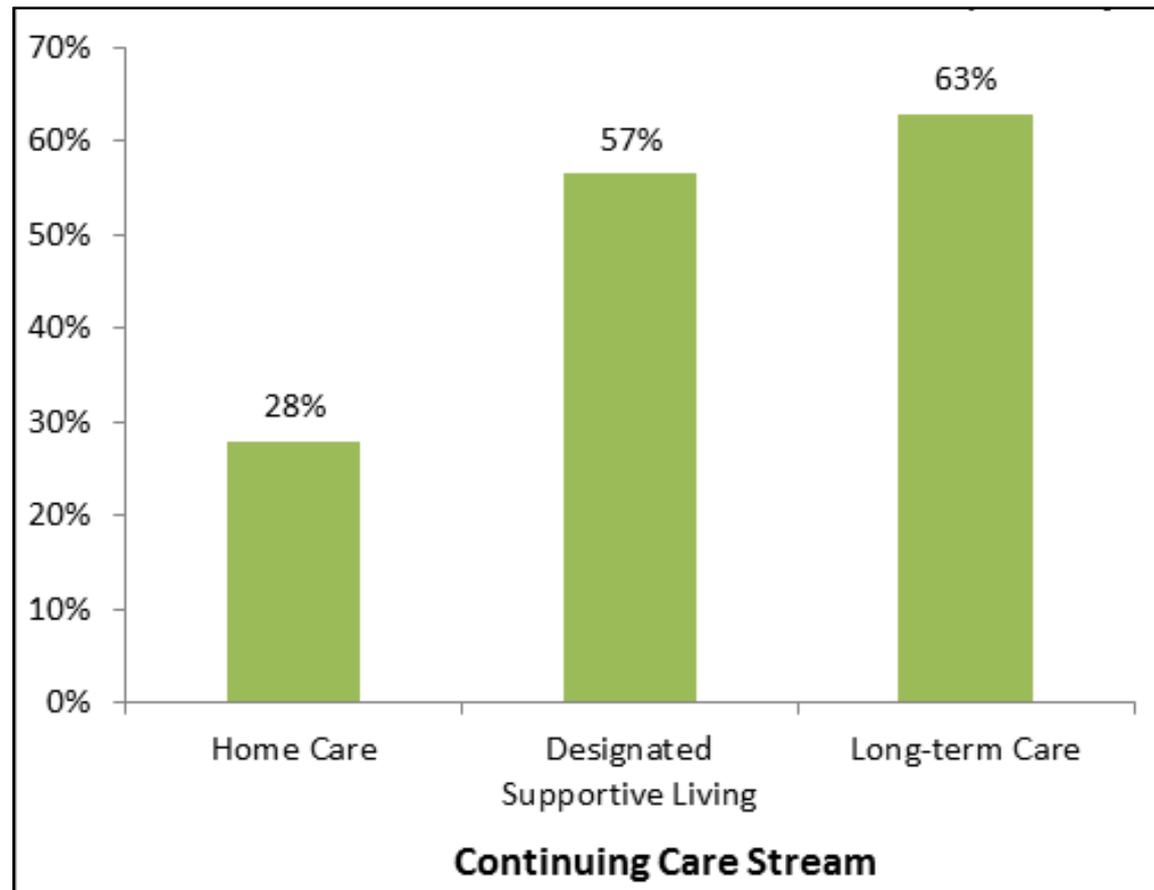


Alberta Snapshot

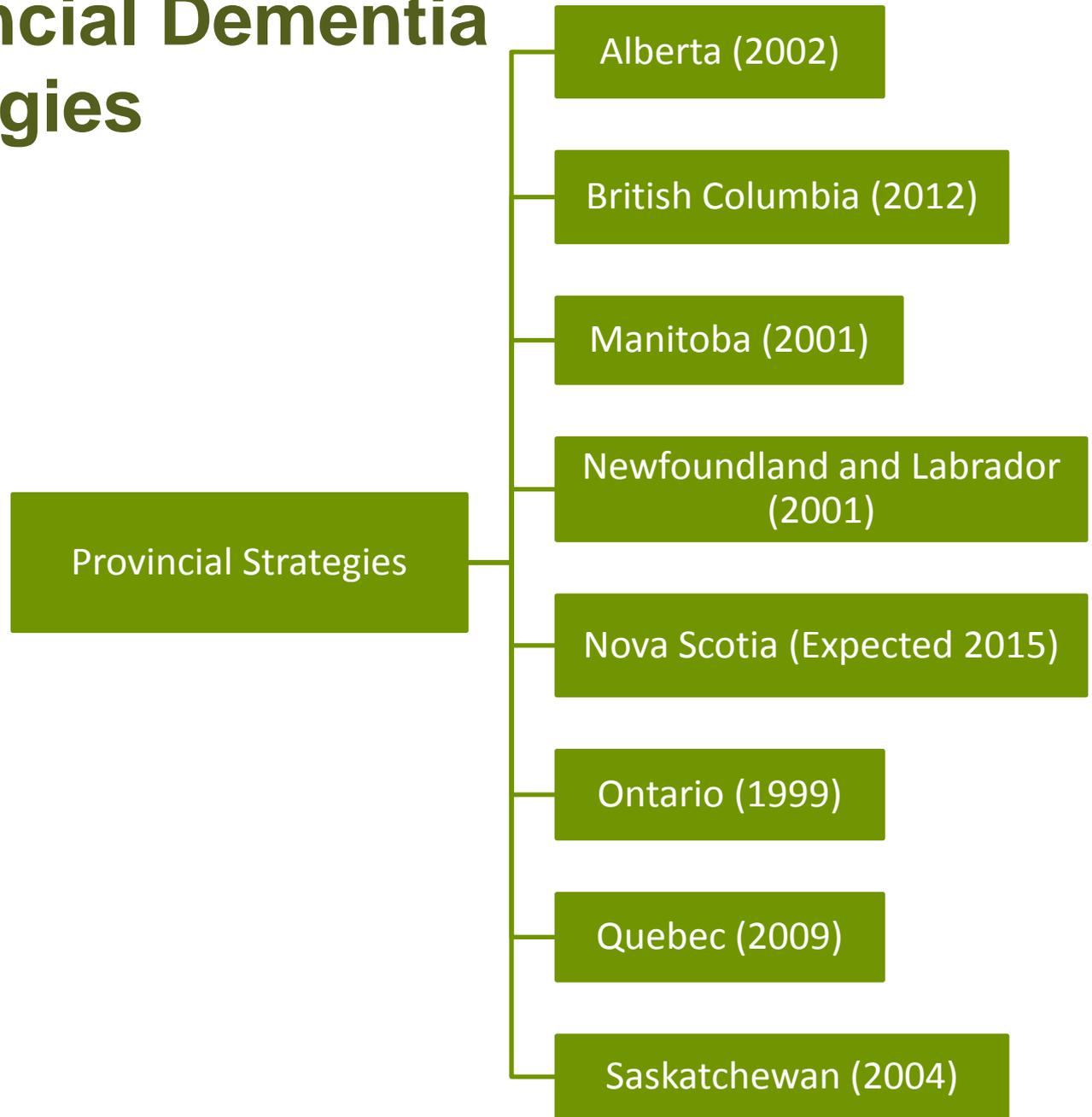
- In 2008, approximately 40,000 Albertans were estimated to have dementia, with over 8,100 new cases diagnosed among seniors aged 65 years and older per year.
- By 2038, about one in 10 Albertans over the age of 65 and nearly half (47.5%) over age 90 are expected to be living with dementia.
- Economic burden of dementia in Alberta was over \$1.2 billion (2008 estimates).
- Within the next 30 years, economic burden of dementia is estimated to be over \$75.6 billion dollars (2008 present value terms).

Prevalence of Dementia and Alzheimer's Disease in Continuing Care in Alberta

Percentage of Continuing Care Clients Diagnosed with Alzheimer's Disease or Dementia, 2011/2012



Provincial Dementia Strategies



International Strategies

Select International Strategies



Australia(2005)

Denmark (2010)

England (2009)

France (2008)

Norway (2011)

Scotland (2010)

United States
(Updated 2014)

Wales (2011)

Momentum and Urgency

- **International attention – events such as the G8 Summit on Dementia bringing countries together to commit to joint efforts**
- **Focus in Canada – e.g.**
 - Calls for Pan Canadian strategy on dementia
 - Premiers identifying dementia as one of their priority areas for the Ministers of Health to work on together (HCIWG co-led by Alberta)
- **Priority in Alberta – e.g.**
 - Seniors Health SCN identifying Aging Brain Care as one of their key pillars
 - Campus Alberta Neuroscience initial research focus on Healthy Brain Aging and Dementia
 - Behavioural Supports Alberta network

The Rationale and Plan: Proposed Strategy for Alberta

- **The Government of Alberta and Alberta Health Services, working with our partners, plan to develop a dementia strategy that:**
 - Supports other initiatives in the province that address the challenges of an aging population;
 - Is based on input from Albertans regarding their concerns and priorities;
 - Identifies current policy and program context, specific targets and a timeline for achieving those targets; and,
 - Builds upon prior efforts and the learnings from other jurisdictions.

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- **It is anticipated that this strategy could address:**
 - the continuum from disease prevention to end of life care;
 - the impact on Albertans with dementia and on their caregivers, family and the province;
 - key issues faced by programs and services (e.g. access to supportive housing; end of life care; workforce development; education);
 - the opportunity to create/enhance partnerships; and
 - the creation of a provincial dementia research strategy to address gaps in knowledge and align with national and international efforts.