

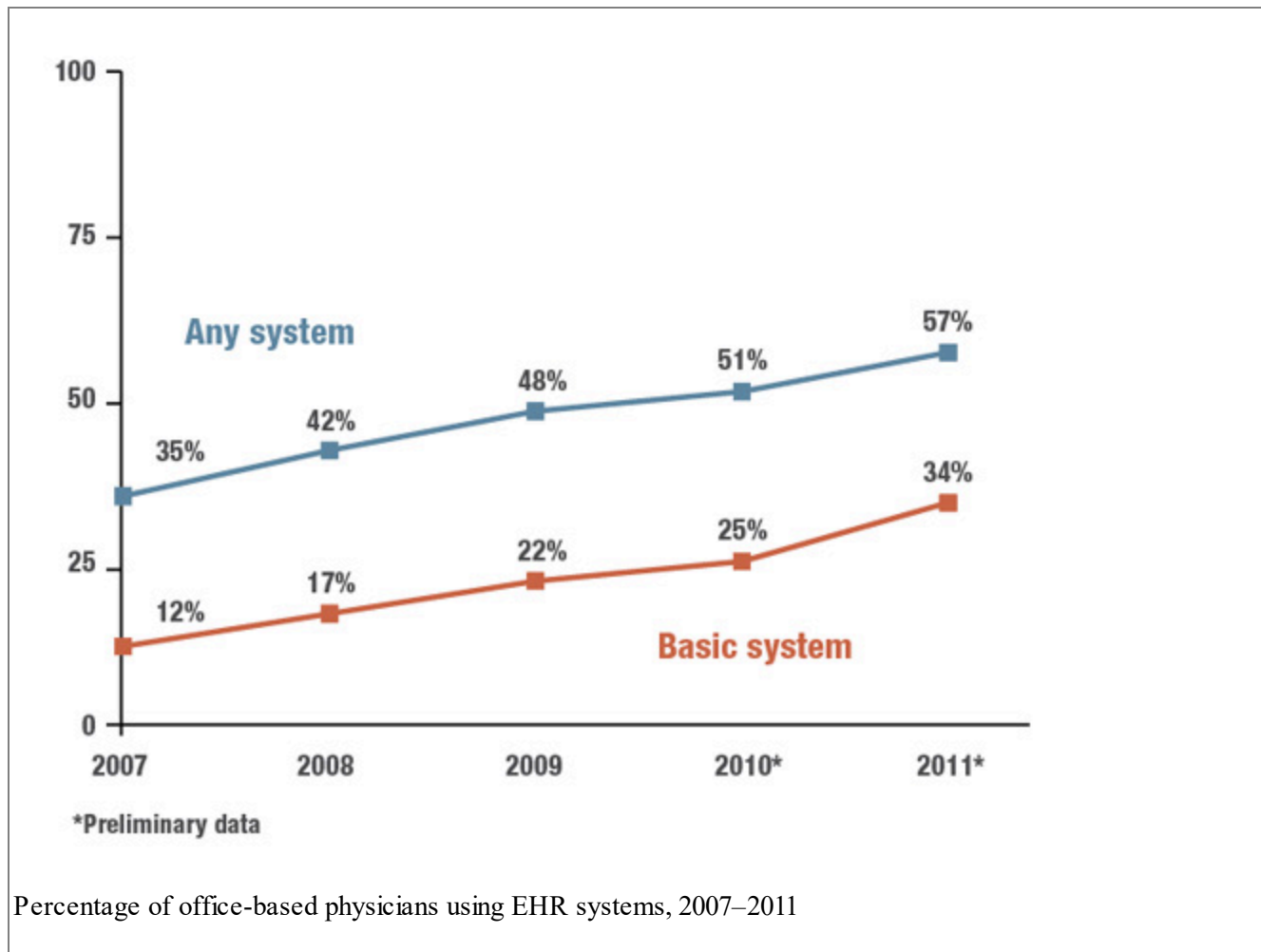
Steady Growth: More Than Half of Office-Based Physicians Now Use EHR Systems

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Fifty-seven percent of office-based physicians used some sort of EHR system in 2011, according to preliminary survey results from the Centers for Disease Control and Prevention. That share is up from approximately 51 percent in 2010 and 18 percent 10 years earlier.

Top States for EHRs, 2011

State	Any System	Basic System
North Dakota	84%	58%
Utah	81%	49%
Minnesota	78%	61%
Wisconsin	76%	60%
Washington	76%	54%
Oregon	75%	54%
Iowa	73%	48%
Massachusetts	71%	44%
Hawaii	71%	46%
New Hampshire	69%	40%
Vermont	67%	36%
US average	57%	34%



Physicians counted as using "any EMR/EHR system" were those who answered yes to the question "Does this practice use electronic medical records or electronic health records (not including billing records)?"

About one-third of physicians reported using a "basic" system, defined in the survey as one that included the following functionalities: patient history and demographics, patient problem list, physician clinical notes, comprehensive list of patient's medications and allergies, computerized orders for prescriptions, and ability to view laboratory and imaging results electronically.

Use of any system by state varied widely, from a low of 40 percent in Louisiana to a high of 84 percent in North Dakota. Other states at the top of the list included Utah (81 percent), Minnesota (78 percent), Wisconsin (76 percent), and Washington (76 percent).

Half of all respondents in 2011 (52 percent) said they were intending to apply for meaningful use EHR incentive payments, up from 41 percent in 2010.

Results come from the National Ambulatory Medical Care Survey, available at www.cdc.gov/nchs/data/databriefs/db79.htm.

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