

# The Anatomy of Delaware's Senior Center Funding Formula



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# GIA Funded Senior Centers in Delaware

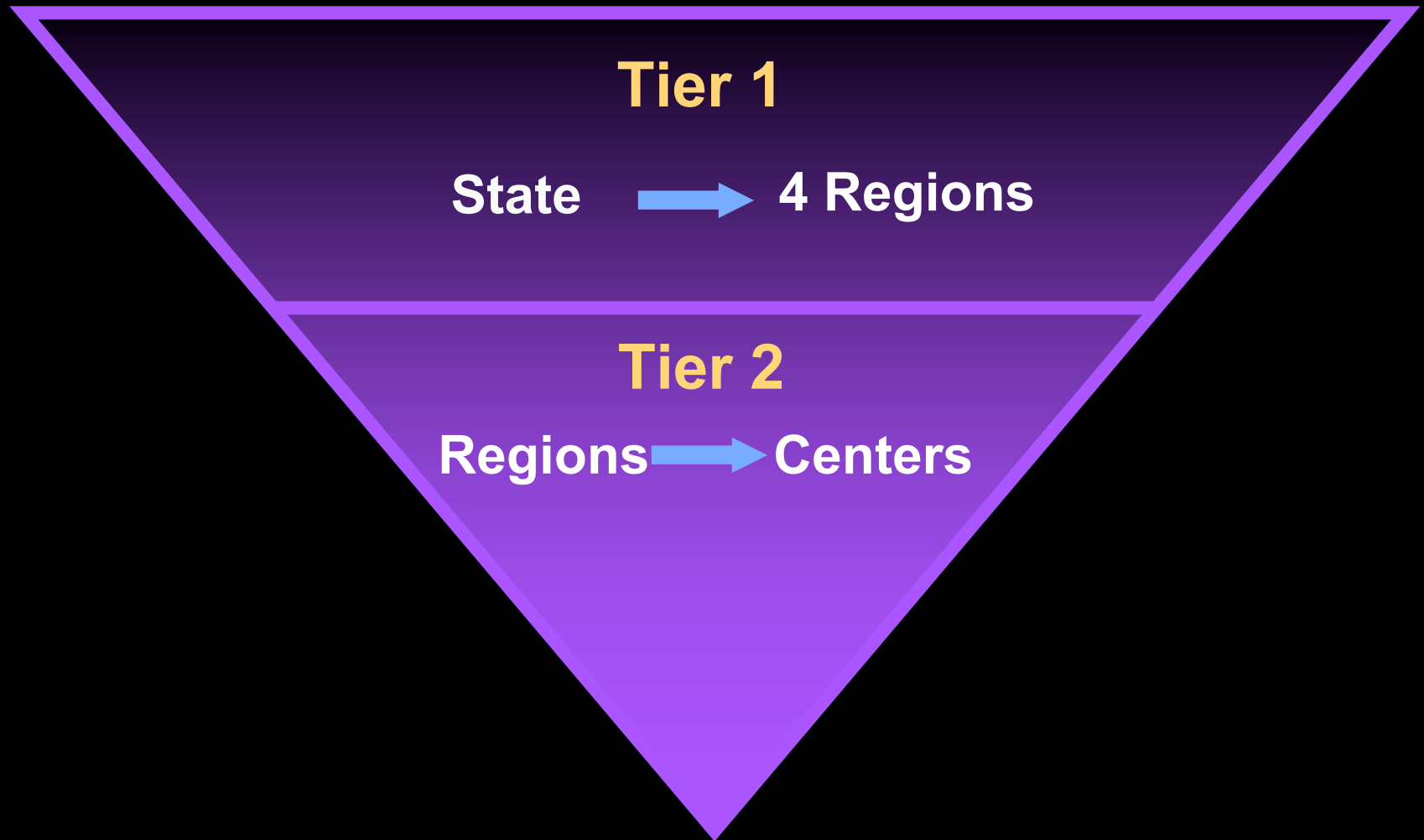
**48 centers throughout 4 regions:**

- 15 in Wilmington
- 13 in New Castle County (Remainder of NCC)
- 7 in Kent County
- 13 in Sussex County

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# The Two-Tiered Formula

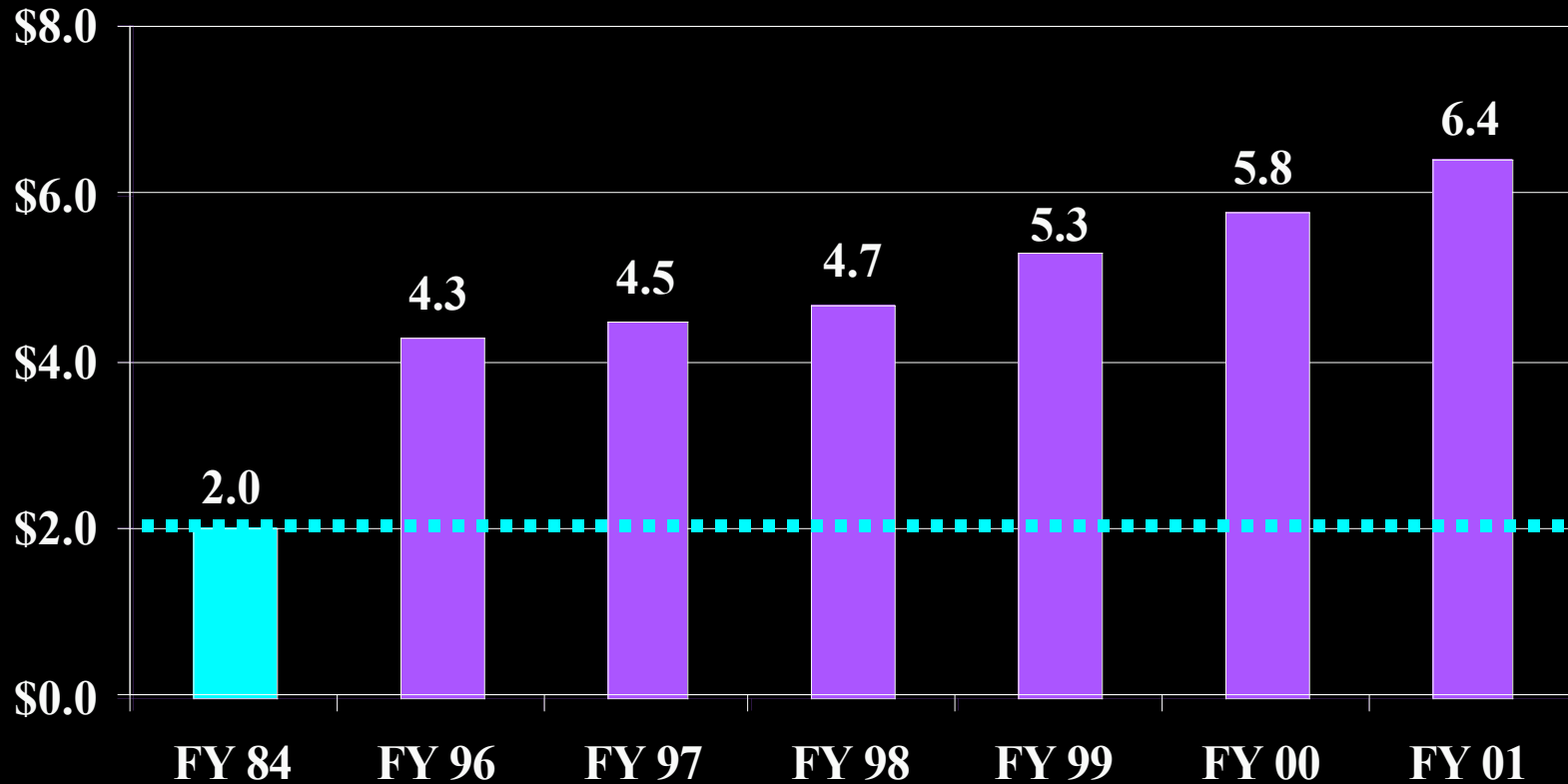


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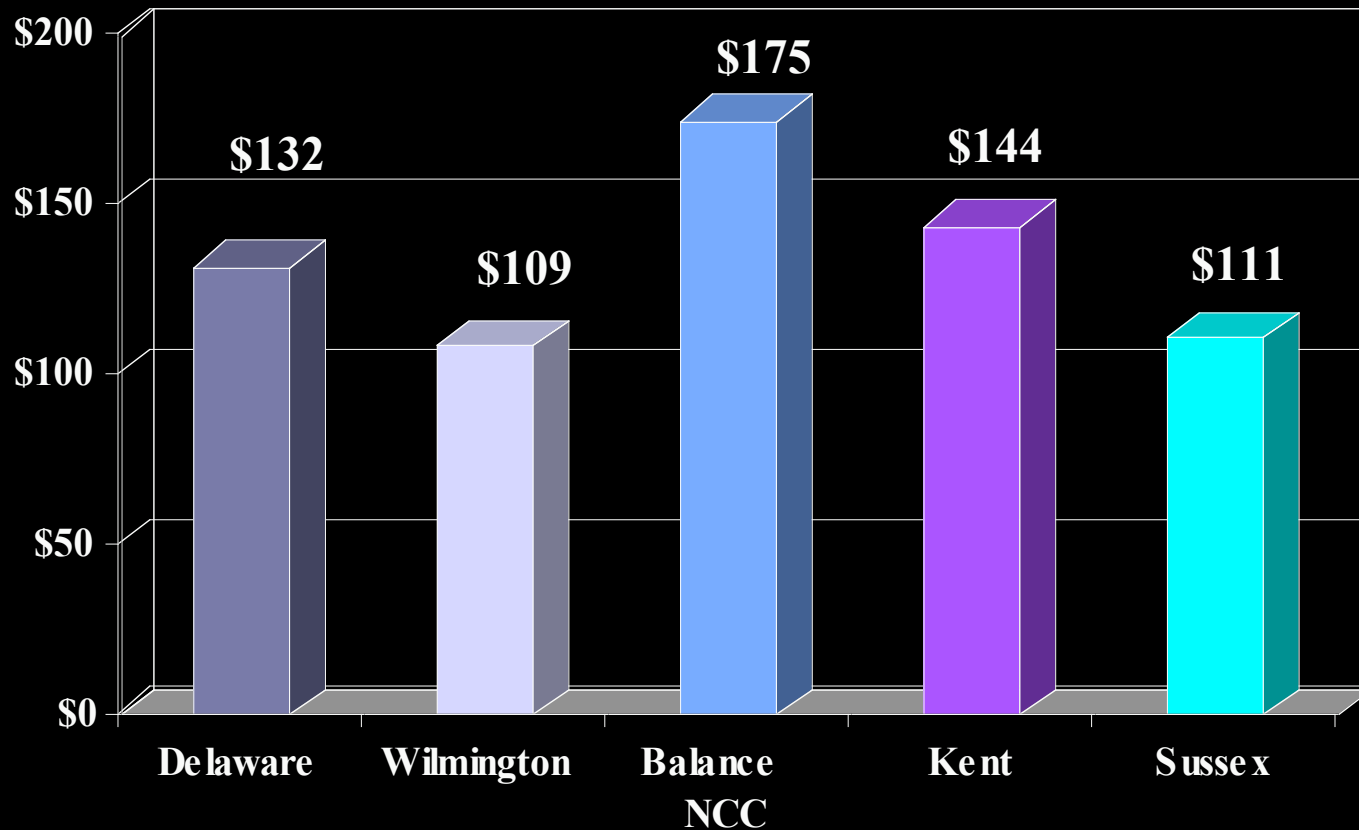
# Senior Center Appropriations

(\$ millions)



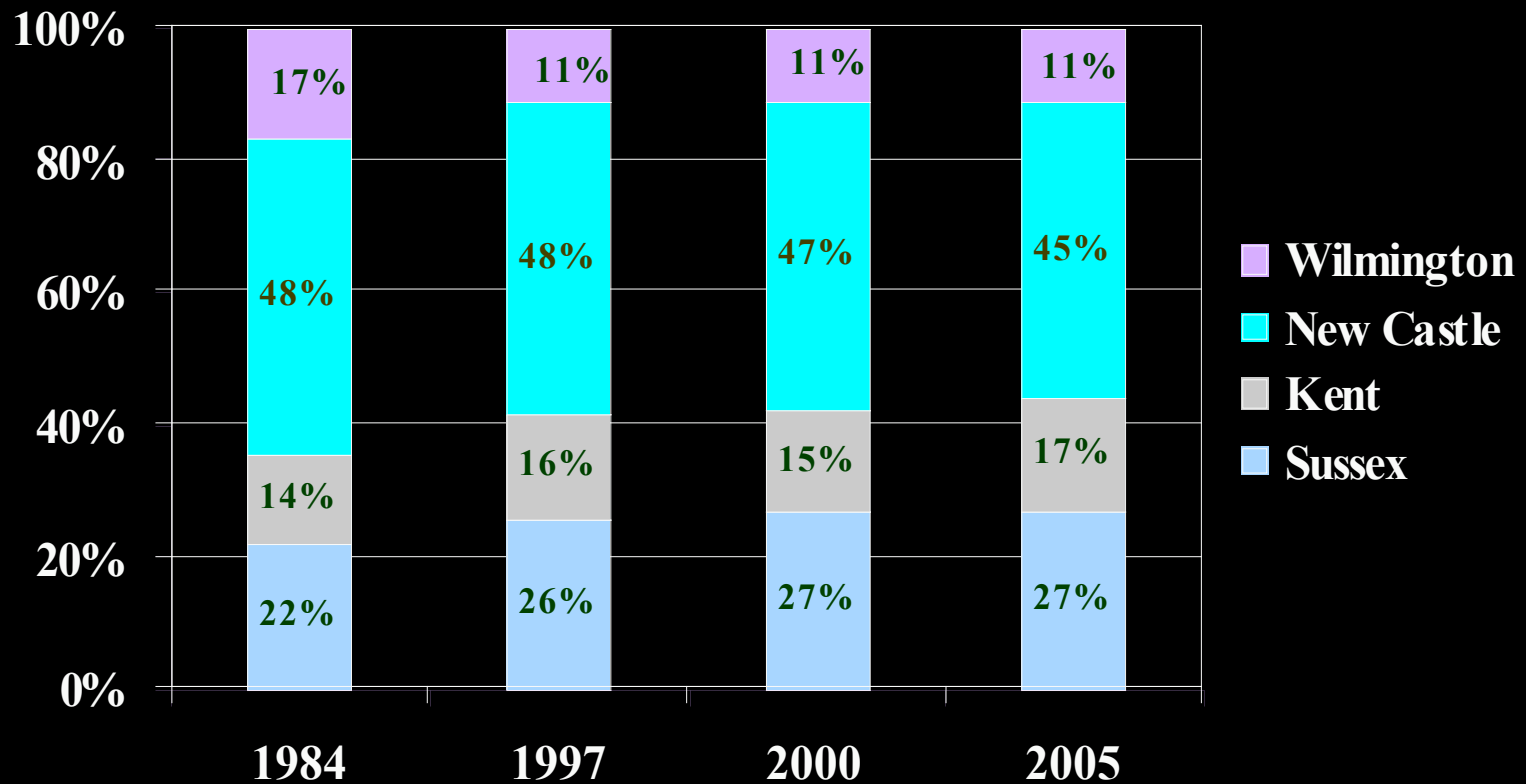
# Average GIA Allocation per Senior Center by Region, FY 2001

(\$ thousands)



# Where Do Seniors Reside?

Distribution of Seniors by Region: 1984-2005





# The First Tier

- **Allocates funds from the state to the four regions based on three demographic factors**
  - ✓ Population 60+ (weight = 0.45, or 45%)
  - ✓ Population 60+ below poverty level (weight = 0.45, or 45%)
  - ✓ Population 75+ (weight = 0.10, or 10%)

# The Second Tier

- **Allocates funds internally within a region to each center based on two variables**
  - ✓ Center's average daily attendance category (0-49, 50-99, 100-149, ...)
  - ✓ Center's service level category (SL1 – SL6)

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# Senior Center Funding Formula

State of Delaware - GIA



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State of Delaware - GIA



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**Tier 1 Criteria**

- Geography
- Demography

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City of  
Wilmington

Remainder of  
New Castle Co.

Kent County

Sussex County

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State of Delaware - GIA



**\$1000**

Tier 1 Criteria

- Geography
- Demography

**\$192**

**\$393**

**\$182**

**\$233**

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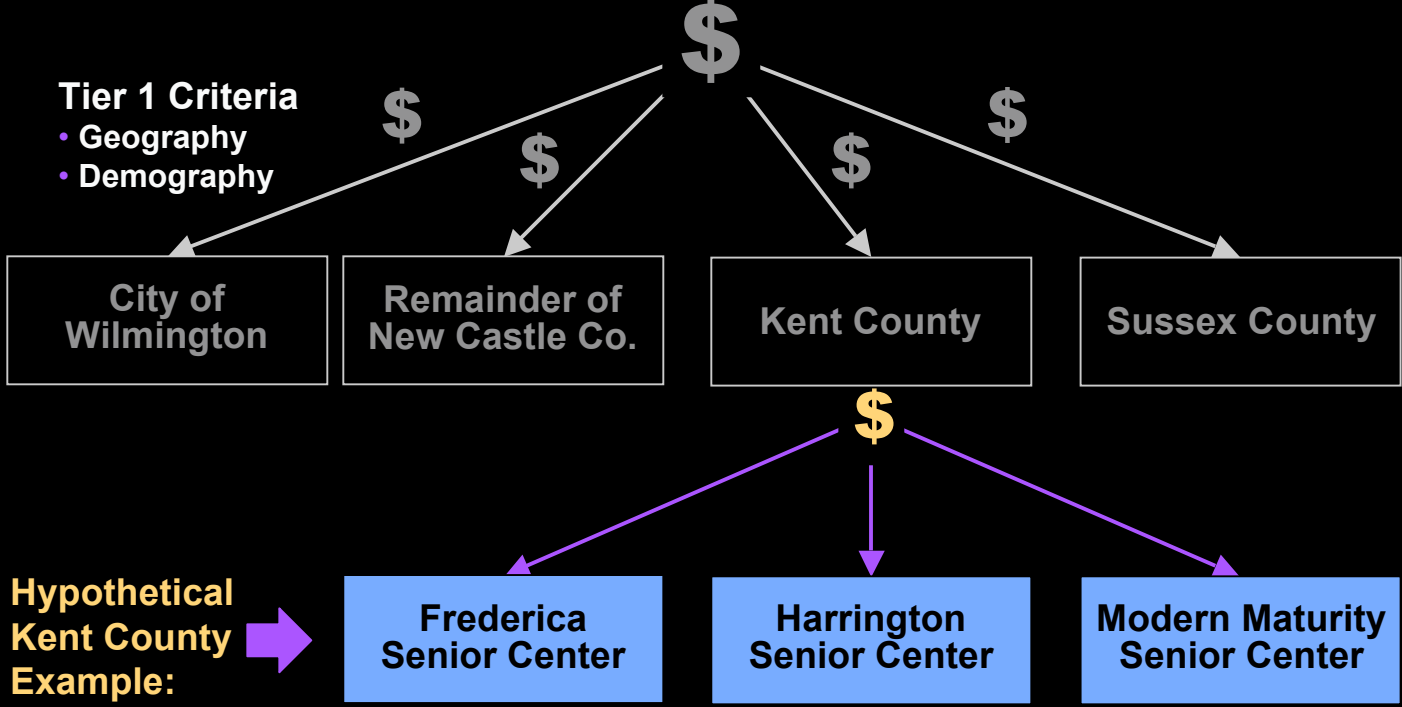
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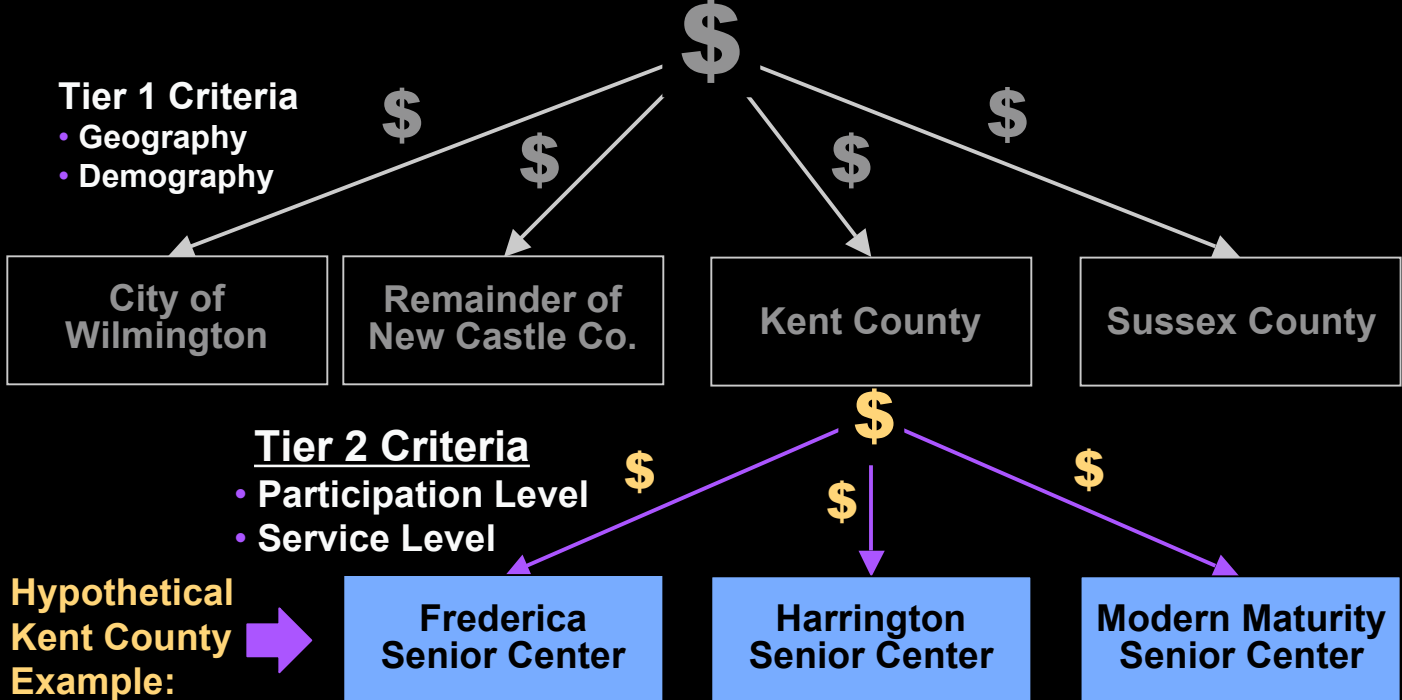
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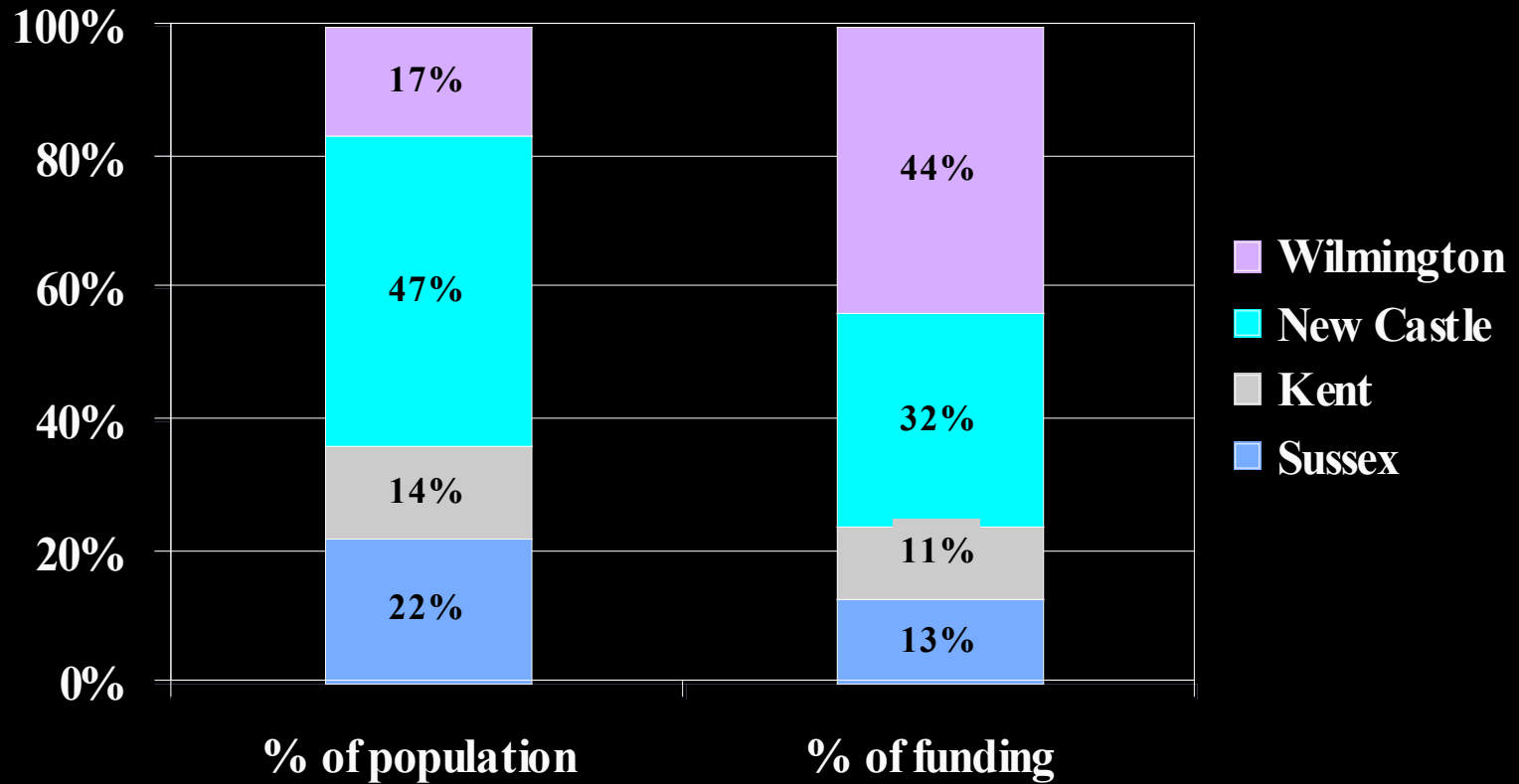
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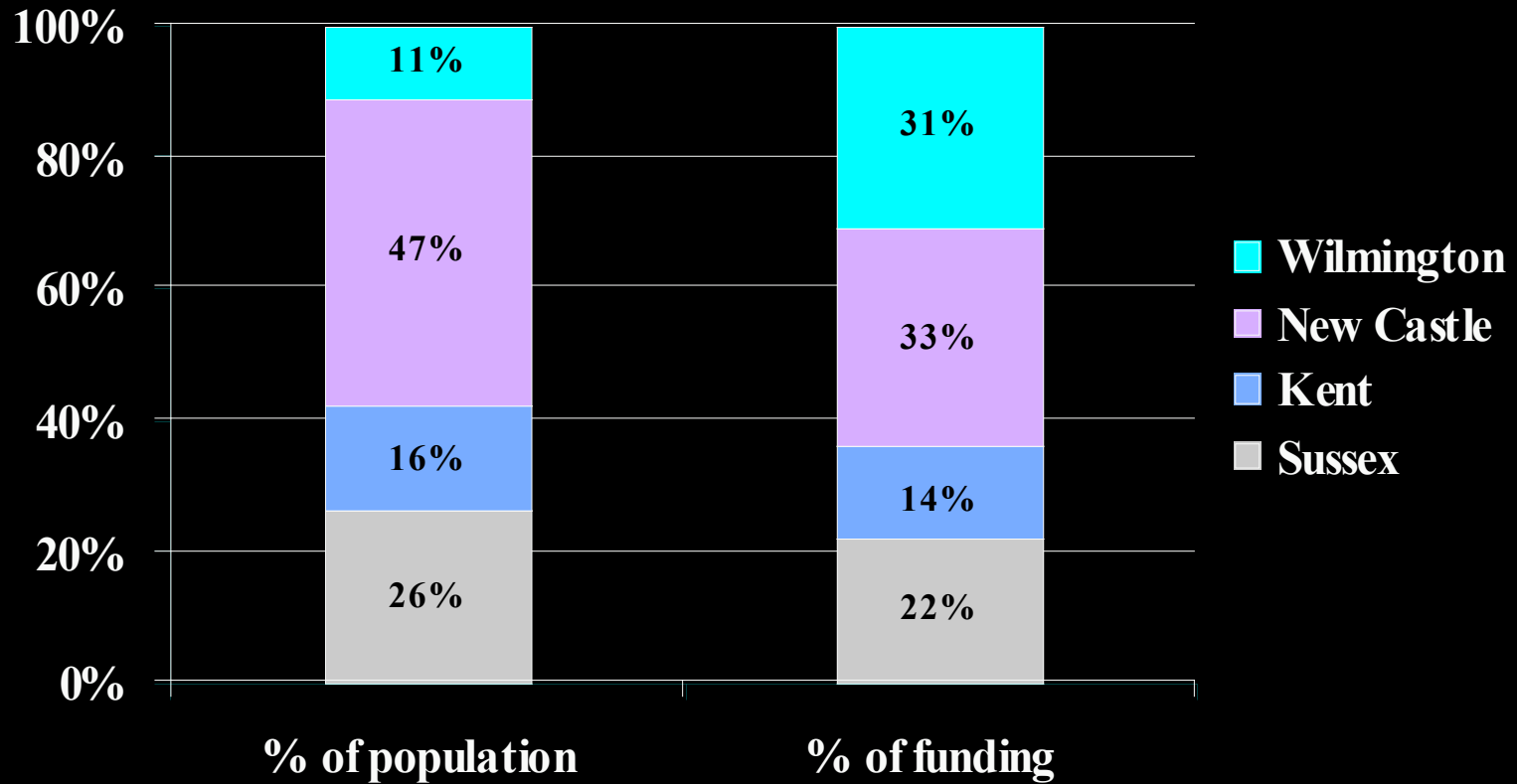
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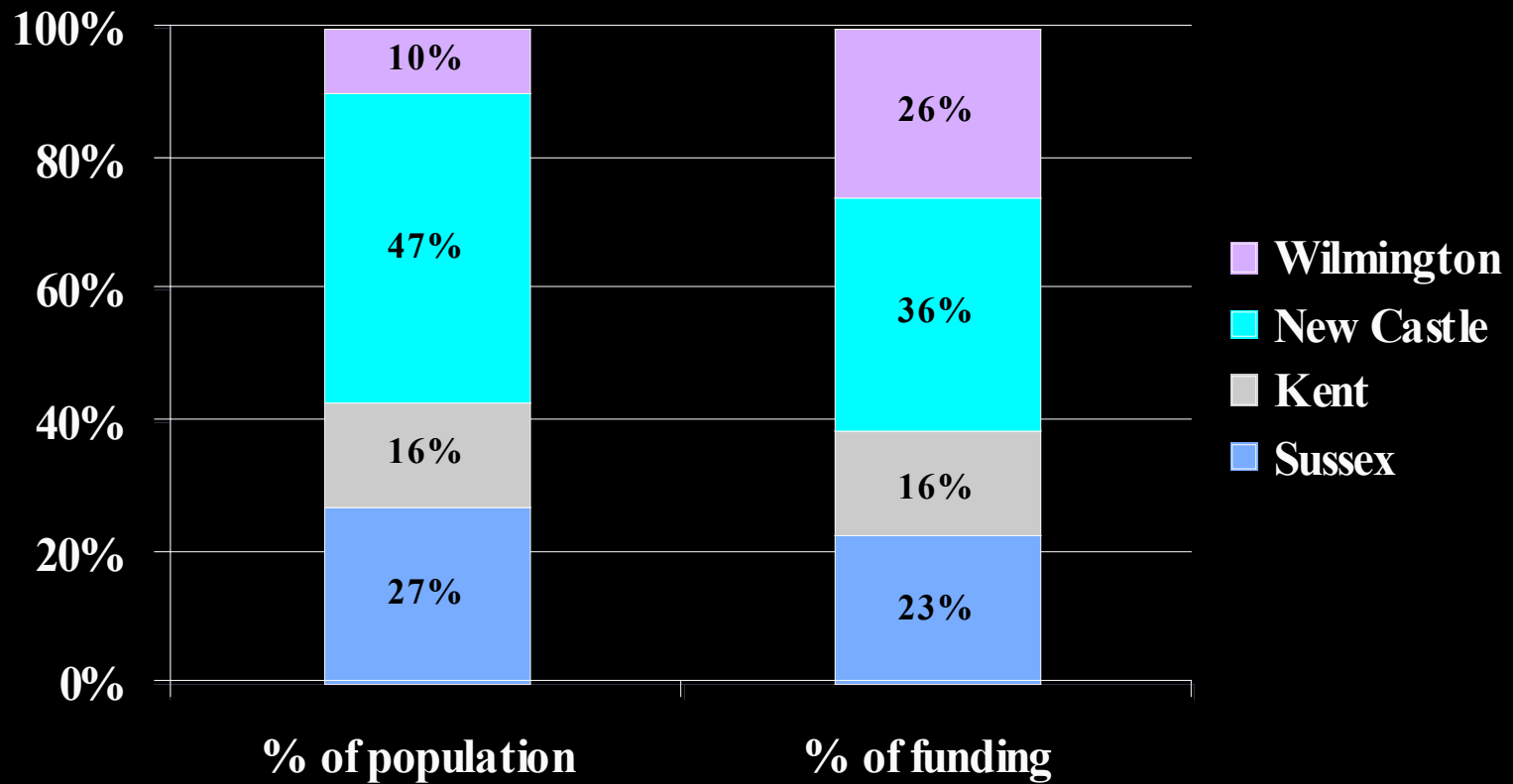
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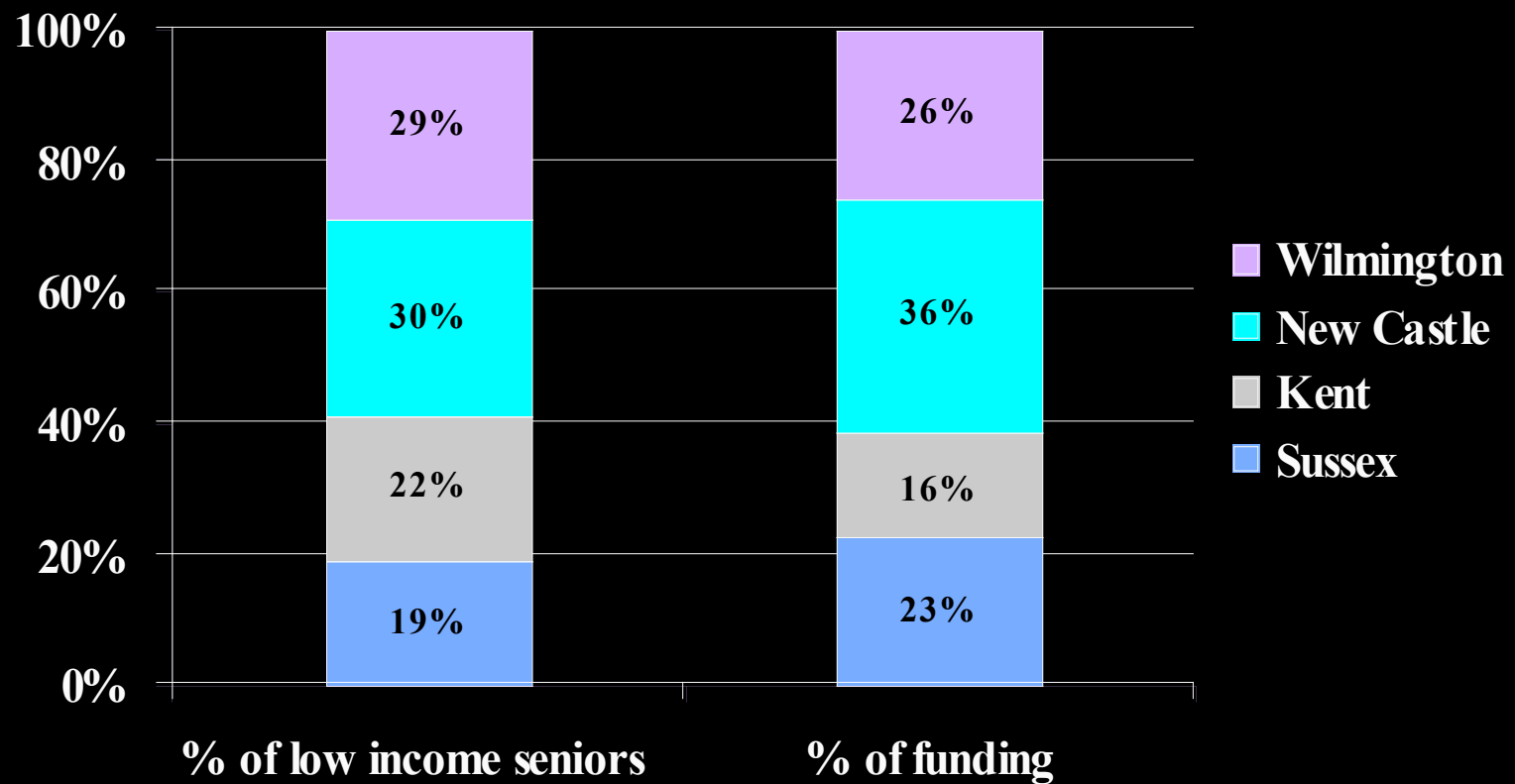
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# Funding vs. Low Income Seniors by Region\*

\*2001 Funding Levels, % Low Income Seniors from 1999 CHEP Estimates



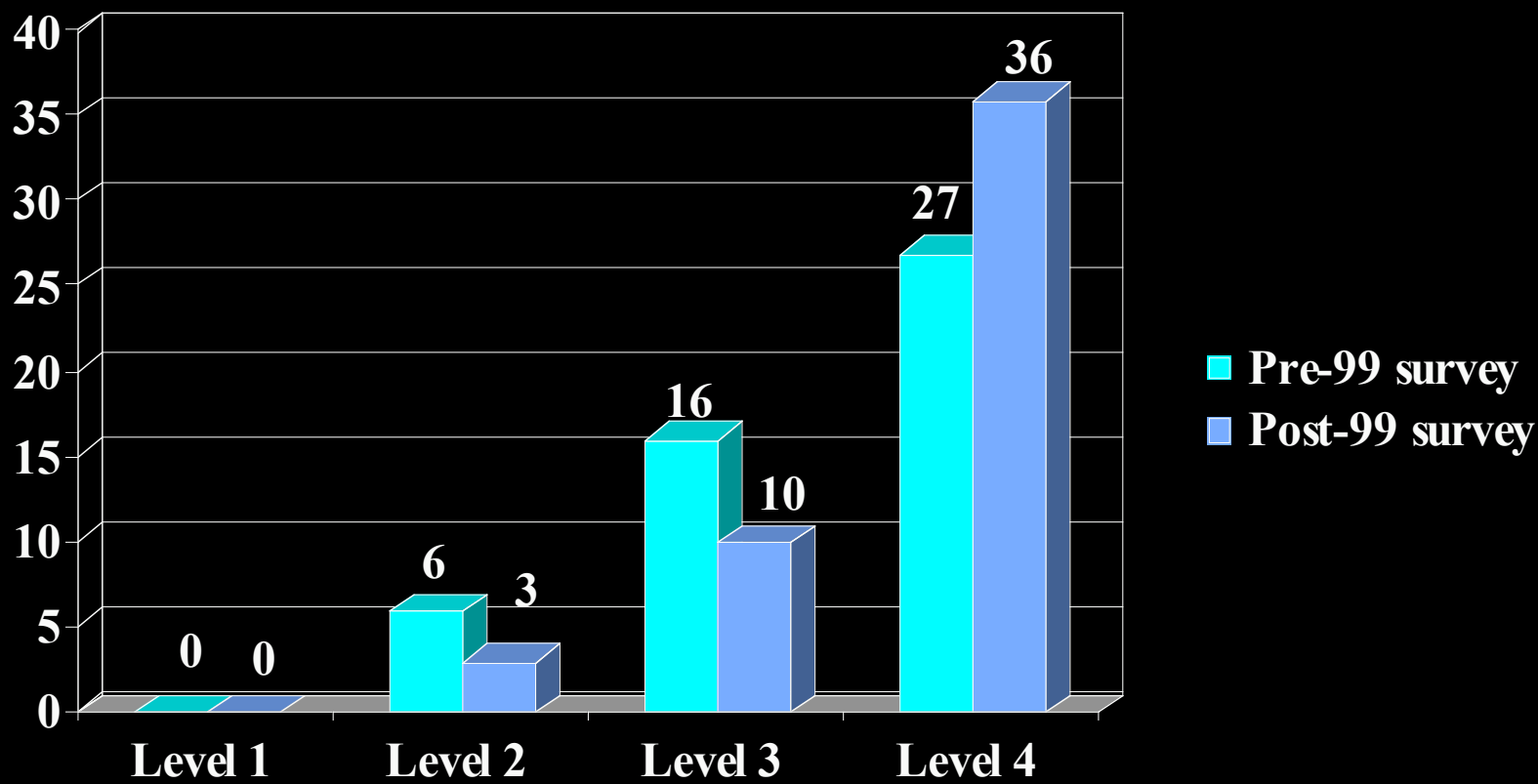
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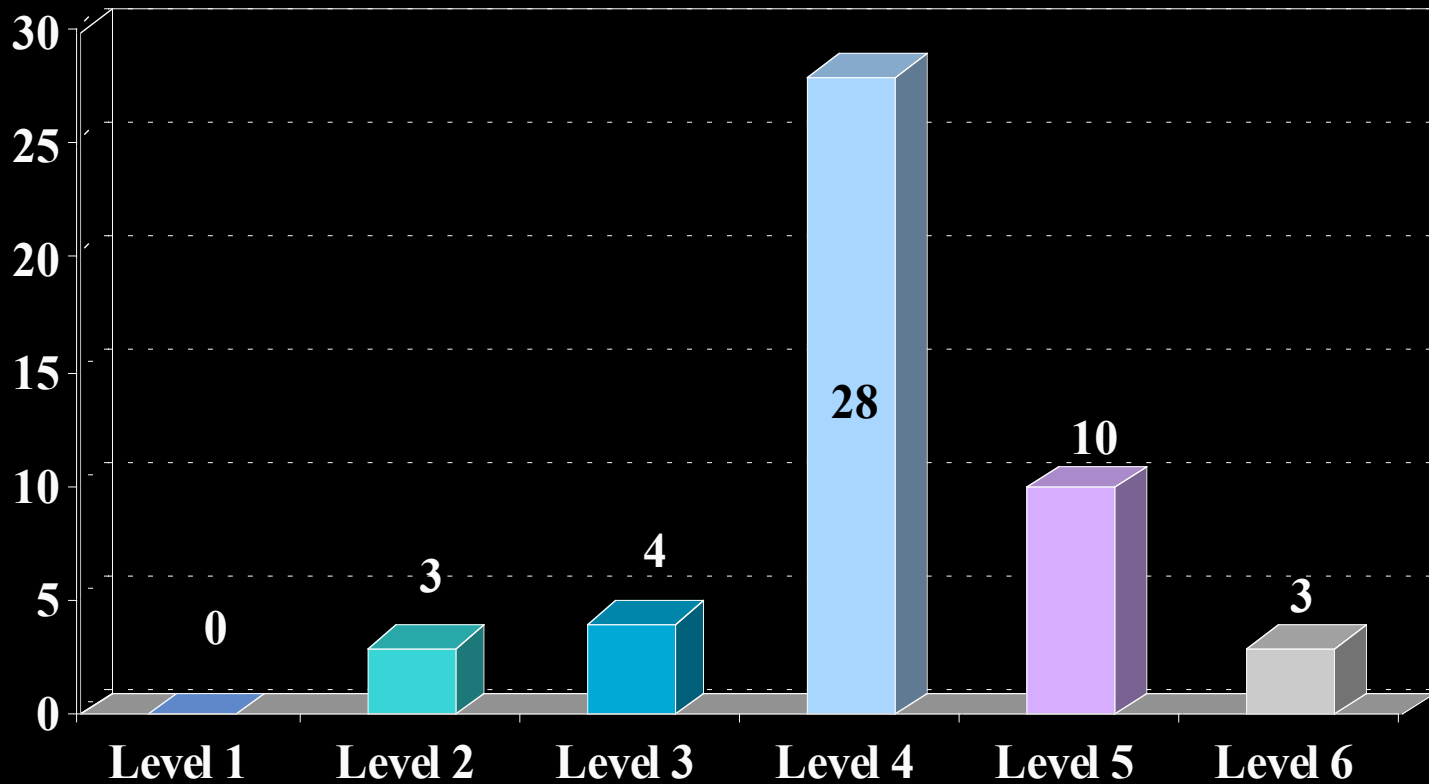
# 1999-2000 Updates of Service Data: Revised Service-Level Distributions

Senior Centers Per Service Level



# Service-Level Distribution Using the New Service Levels

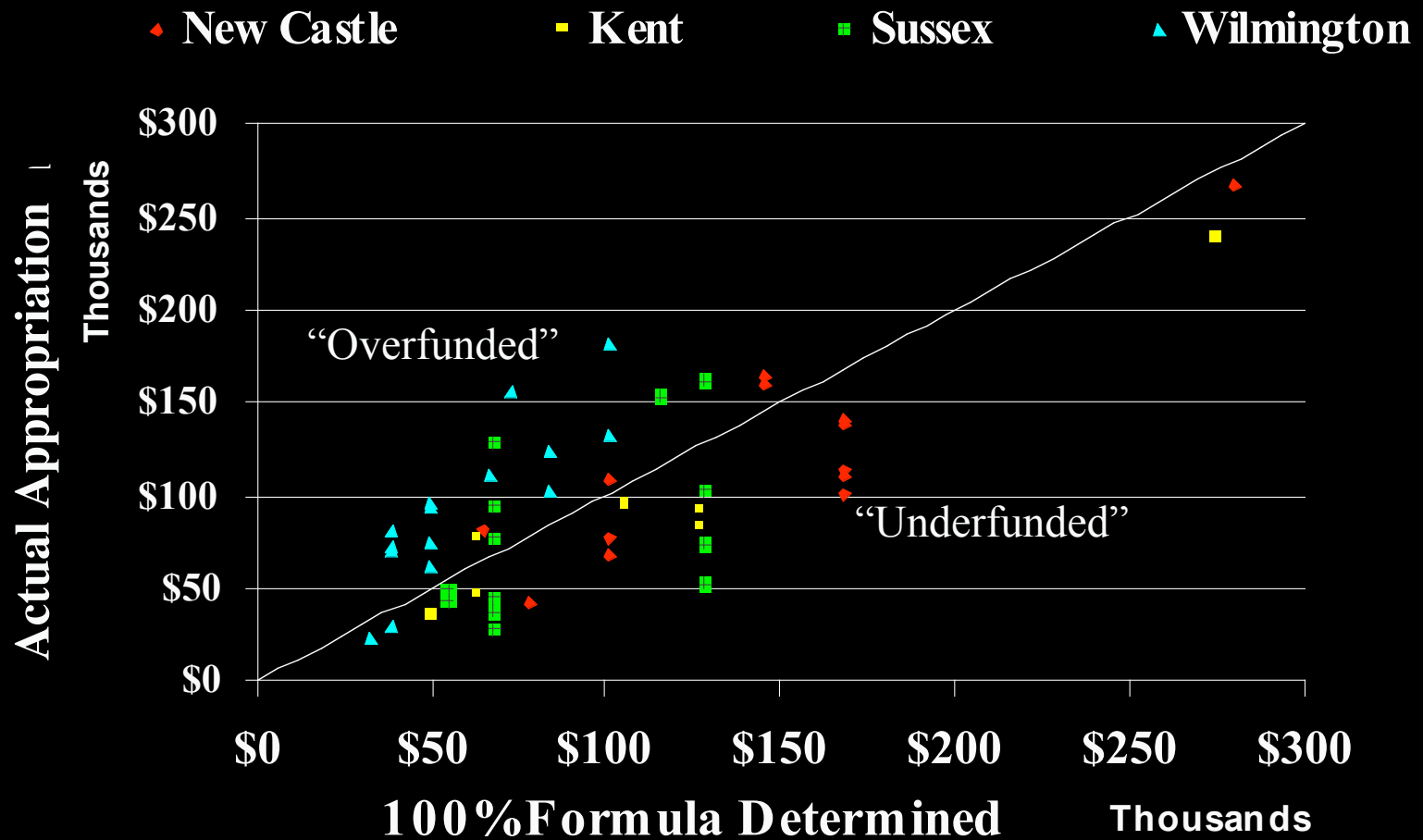
Distribution Including Service Level 5 and 6



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- **In FY 1999 - FY 2001, extra formula-determined funding. A portion of this funding target to “underfunded” centers.**

# FY 1998 Senior Center Funding: Appropriations vs. Formula Allocations





# FY 2000 Senior Center Funding: Appropriations vs. Formula Allocations

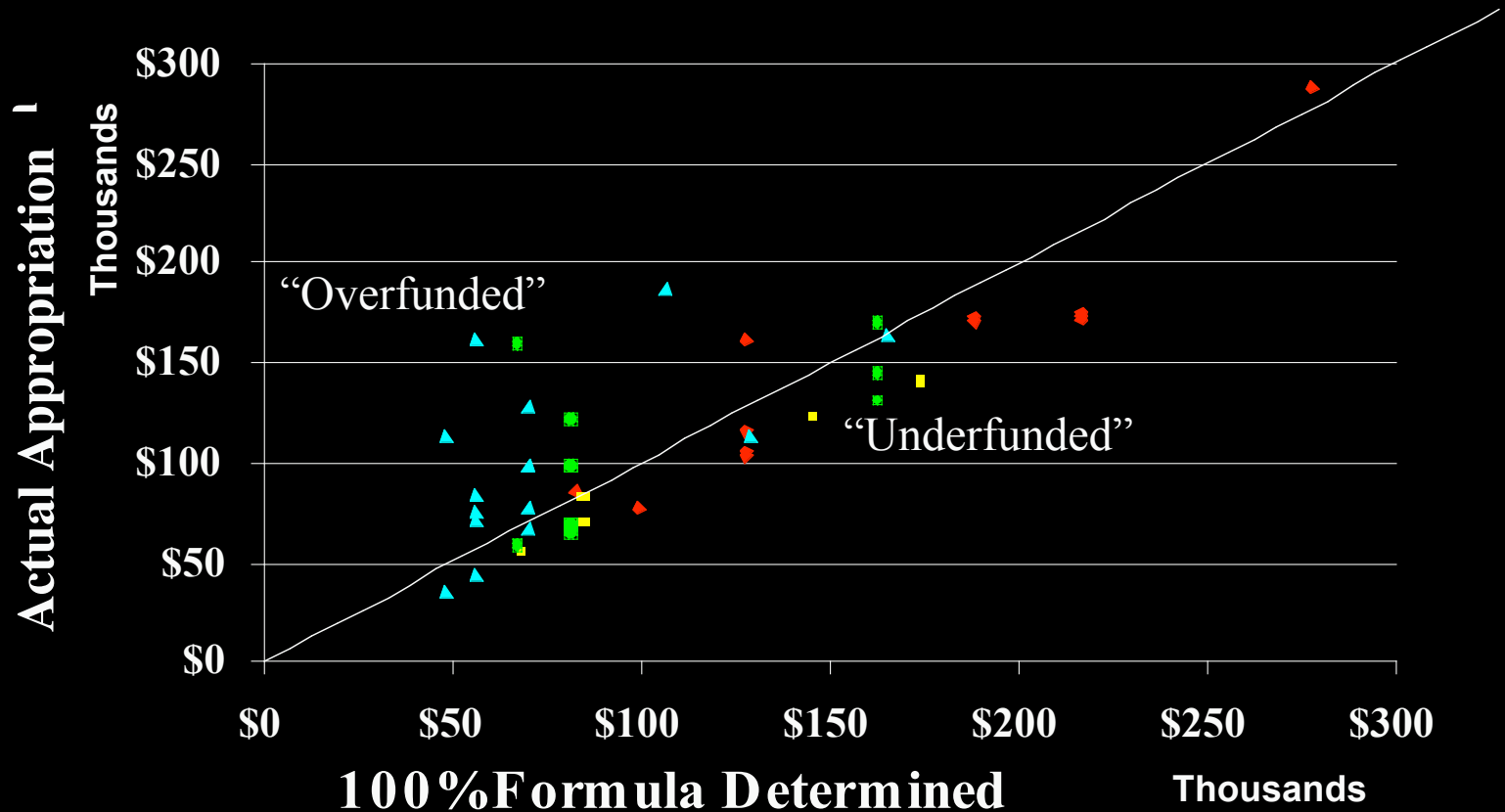
Additional funding for "underfunded" centers

◆ New Castle

■ Kent

■ Sussex

▲ Wilmington



# Examples of Factors that Increase a Center's Funding

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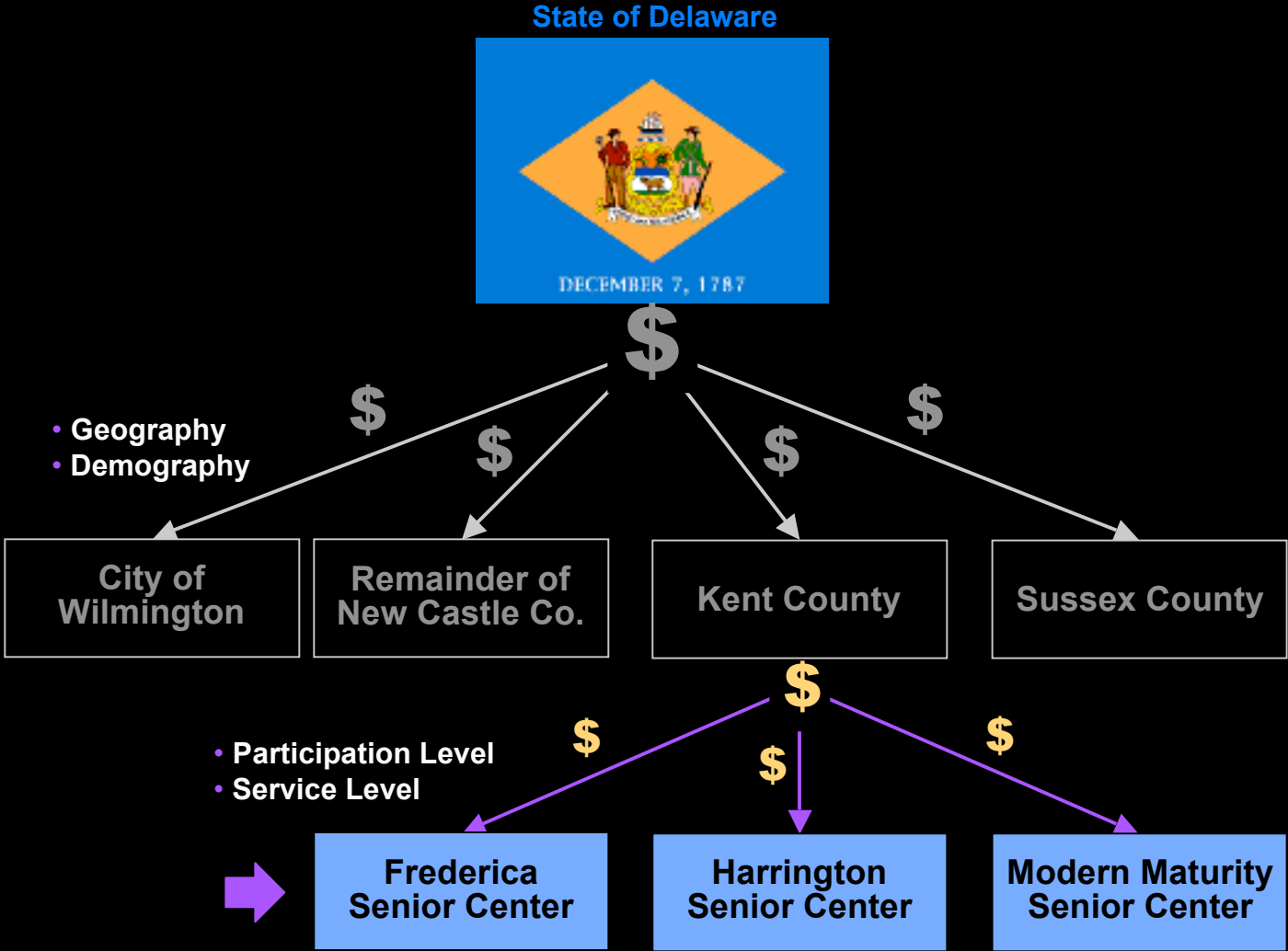
1. Additional funding applied to the GIA formula.
2. Increase in your region's senior population relative to the other 3 regions.
3. Increase in your center's avg. daily attendance - into a higher attendance category.
4. Increase in your center's services to a higher service-level category.
5. Coordination of services with other centers.
6. Fewer centers funded in your region.

# Examples of Factors that Decrease a Center's Funding

*(holding everything else constant)*

1. Fewer new funds applied to the GIA formula.
2. Decreases in your region's senior population, or decreases in your either your center's avg. daily attendance or service level.
3. Larger increases in the senior population of the other 3 regions.
4. Increase in the avg. daily attendance or service level of other centers in your region.
5. More centers funded in your region.

# Senior Center Funding Formula



# The UD Review Process

## Step 1: Grant-in-Aid Application

January  
mailed to senior  
centers

March  
returned to Controller  
General's Office

## Step 2: Attendance Count Sheets

August  
forms mailed to senior  
centers

September  
forms completed and  
returned to IPA

## Step 3: Senior Center Visits and Supplemental Information Gathered

October  
visits begin

January  
visit completed and  
information gathered

## Step 4: Allocations Determined

February  
participation- and service-  
level assignments

June  
formula calculations and  
allocation recommendations

# Recent Data Updates and Purpose of IPA Visits to Your Center

- 1998-1999: Focus on updating **attendance data** (attendance categories, 2 weeks of center self-reporting, black-out days, match counts by day/time, follow-up visits)
- 1999-2000: Focus on updating **service-level** data
- 2000-2001: New GIA application form

*Treating you in a professional, fair, and courteous manner, our goal is to verify the formula-related information submitted by your center.*

# New Visitation Schedule

<b>Group A</b>	<b>Group B</b>
<b>2001</b>	<b>2002</b>
<b>2003</b>	<b>2004</b>
<b>2005</b>	<b>2006</b>
<b>2007</b>	<b>2008</b>
<b>2009</b>	<b>2010</b>

# Step 1: Grant-in-Aid Application

## 2001 Revised Application

- Section 1: Board of Directors and Officer Information Worksheet
- Section 2: Audit Information and Staff Salary Worksheet
- Section 3: Program Planning
- Section 4: Senior Center Agreement



# Step 2: Attendance Counts

## Participation Levels

- **Participation Forms**
  - ✓ Form A: Senior Center Background Information
  - ✓ Forms B & C: Attendance Counts

# Step 3: Senior Center Visits

## Supplemental Information Gathered

- **Participation Level**
  - ✓ 8 participation ranges
- **Service Level**
  - ✓ 1984: 4 criteria and 4 service levels
  - ✓ 2001: 9 criteria and 6 service levels

# 1984 Criteria and Service Levels

1984 Criteria	1984 Service Levels			
	1	2	3	4
Transportation	X	X	X	X
Nutrition		X	X	X
Social/ Recreational			X	X
Other				X

# 2001 Criteria and Service Levels

2001 Criteria	2001 Service Levels					
	1	2	3	4	5	6
Transportation	X	X	X	X	X	X
Nutrition		X	X	X	X	X
Social/Recreational			X	X	X	X
Adult Day Care				X		X
Physical Fitness					X	X
Pool or transportation to a pool						X
Outreach, Reference, or Economic Security Services					X	X
Computer and/or Language Classes						X
Support Groups and/or Intergenerational Programs				X	X	X

# Example: Senior Center A

- **Achieved a Service Level 5**
  - ✓ Provides transportation to and from the center.
  - ✓ Provides lunch daily and hosts a “Meals on Wheels” program.
  - ✓ Has a ceramics/craft room and offers weekly classes.
  - ✓ Has a small fitness center and has a certified fitness instructor who volunteers 3 days a week.
  - ✓ Provides transportation two times per week to the local YMCA pool and on one of those days, there is a water aerobics class offered.
  - ✓ Has an intergenerational program where seniors help tutor high school students.

# Example Continued...

- **What validation did we use to determine this center was a Service Level 5?**
  - ✓ What did we look for on the tour?
  - ✓ What kinds of questions did we ask the Director?
  - ✓ What supplemental information did we ask for?