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# Brief overview of primate research in the US

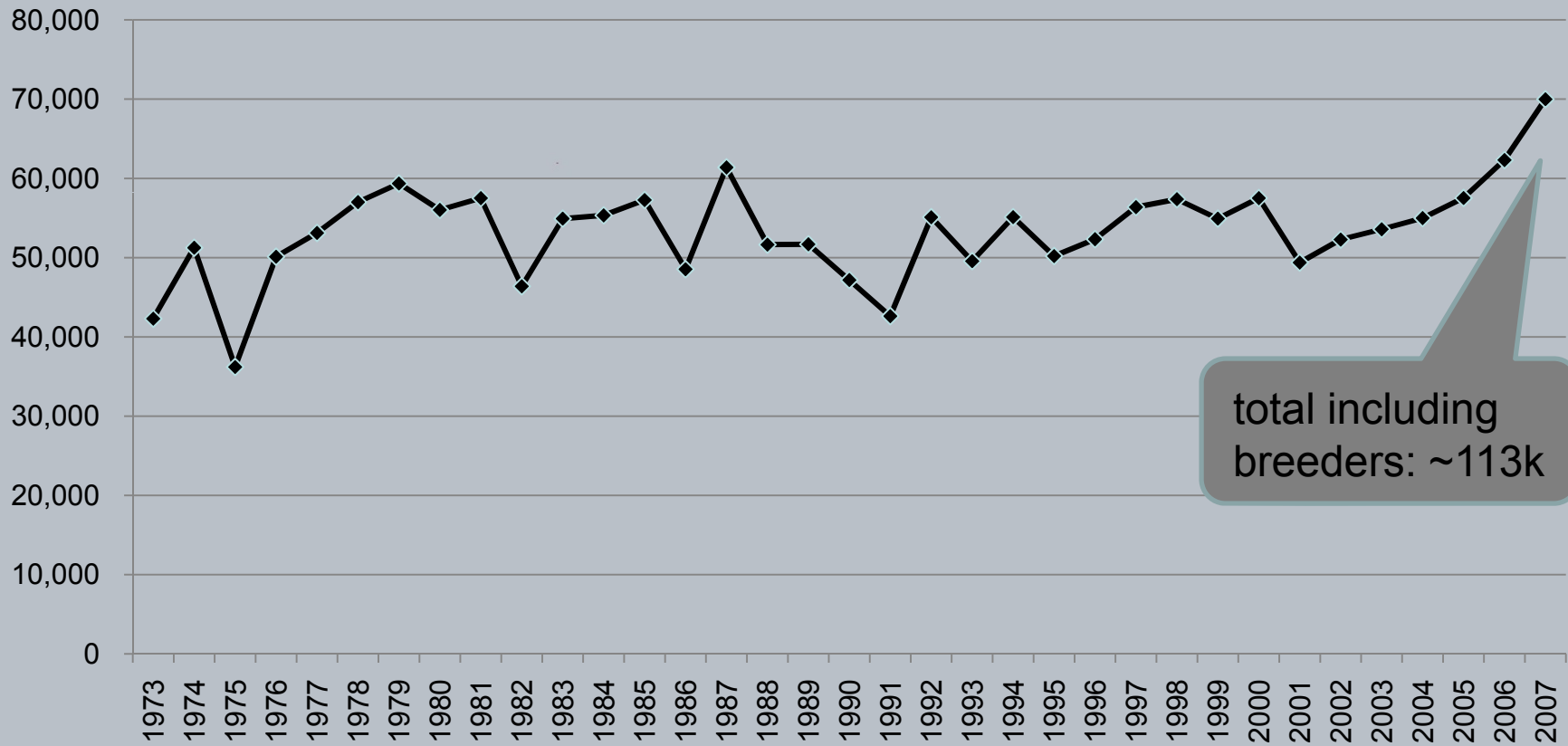


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## Number of NHPs reported to USDA



total including breeders: ~113k



## Psychological Well-Being (PWB)

- 1985: AWA amendments: “a physical environment adequate to promote the [PWB] of primates”
- 1991: Regulations (social needs, enrichment of physical environment, special considerations for infants)
- 1999: *Final Report* and draft policy (public comment)
  - Research community opposed;
  - Animal protection organizations sue
- 2004: Lawsuit dismissed
- 2006: Booklet series published by animal users
  - Regulations remain vague and unenforceable
- 2009: HSUS investigation reveals serious failures of current regulations. Pressure USDA to:
  - Adopt the *Final Report* and draft policy immediately as guidance documents
  - Adopt the *Final Report* and draft policy as formal USDA policy





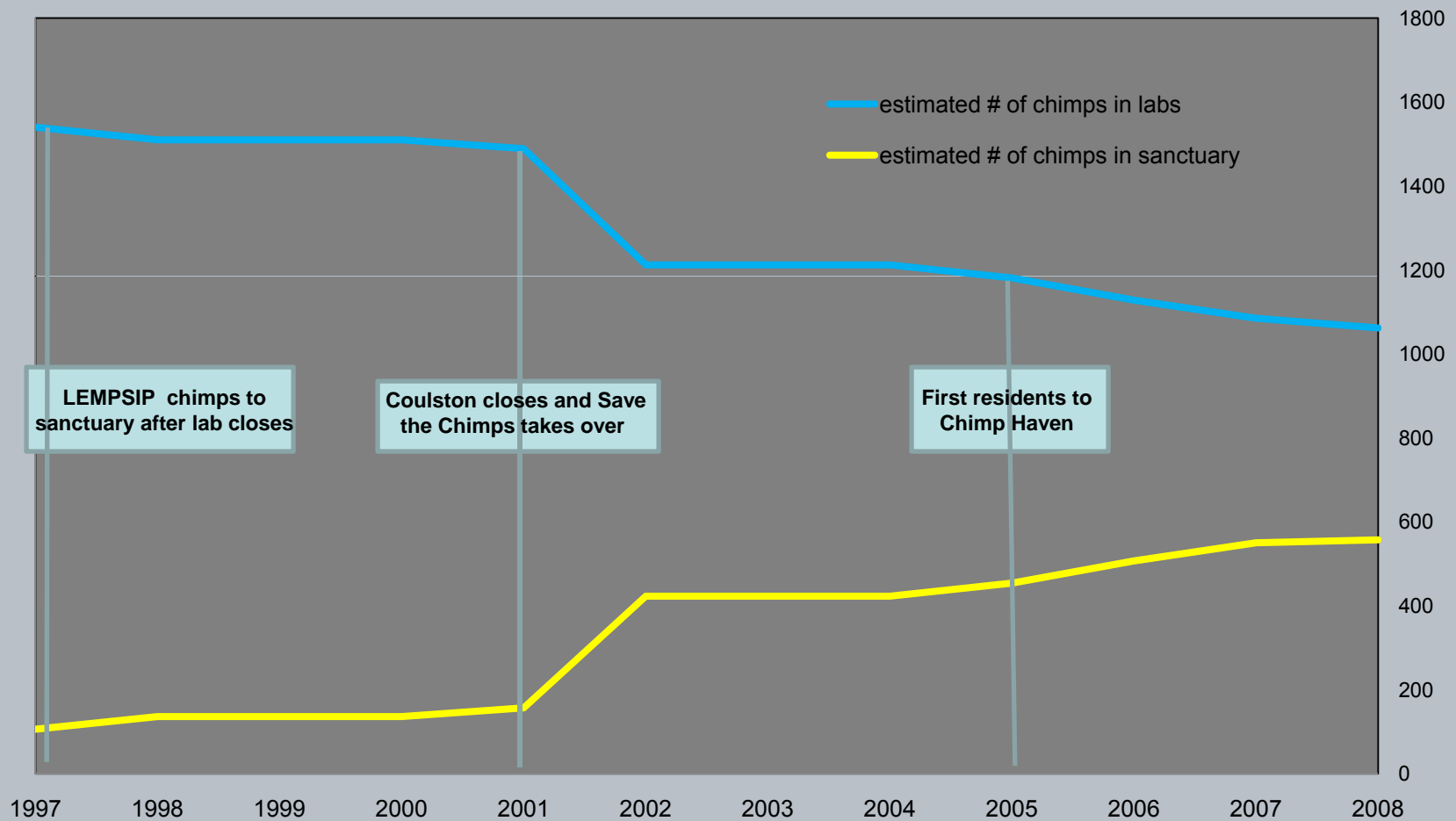
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# Focus on Chimpanzees





Currently: 33% elderly (♂ > 25 yrs ♀ > 30 yrs)



## Four main reasons to end chimp research

- Economics
- Science
- Welfare
- Public concern







## Sanctuary efforts

- Animal protection orgs and great ape sanctuaries working to:
  - Create a roadmap for retirement of chimps in labs, entertainment and as pets
  - Increase sanctuary capacity
  - Improve cooperation and coordination
- Global Federation of Animal Sanctuaries
- Funding from animal groups





## New Iberia Research Center (NIRC) Undercover Investigation

### Overview:

- > 6000 monkeys; world's largest chimpanzee colony (325)
- 9-month HSUS undercover investigation

### Reforms and actions

- Great Ape Protection Act - 63 cosponsors in House
  - 3-year phase out
  - end breeding
  - retire gov't owned chimps
- USDA
  - action against NIRC pending
  - PWB of primates
- NIH
  - End funding and breeding
- Retirement of 26 wild-caught elders







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