



STATISTICAL OVERVIEW OF THE HEALTH CARE AND PROTECTION SYSTEM

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Abstract: The health care network and the health protection system play a fundamental role in ensuring the population's access to quality medical services, in preventing illnesses, and in contributing to the increase of life expectancy. The present paper aims to present, from a statistical and analytical perspective, the activity of Romania's health care network, based on data provided by various official sources.

• Introduction

The Romanian health and healthcare network includes all institutions, organizations and medical units that aim to protect and improve the health of the population.

Relations between the public and private health sectors have been strengthened, which has led to a diversification of the service offer and a better coverage of medical needs.

The collaboration between medical institutions, public authorities and non-governmental organizations has as its ultimate goal the improvement of the general health status of the population, the increase of the quality of life.

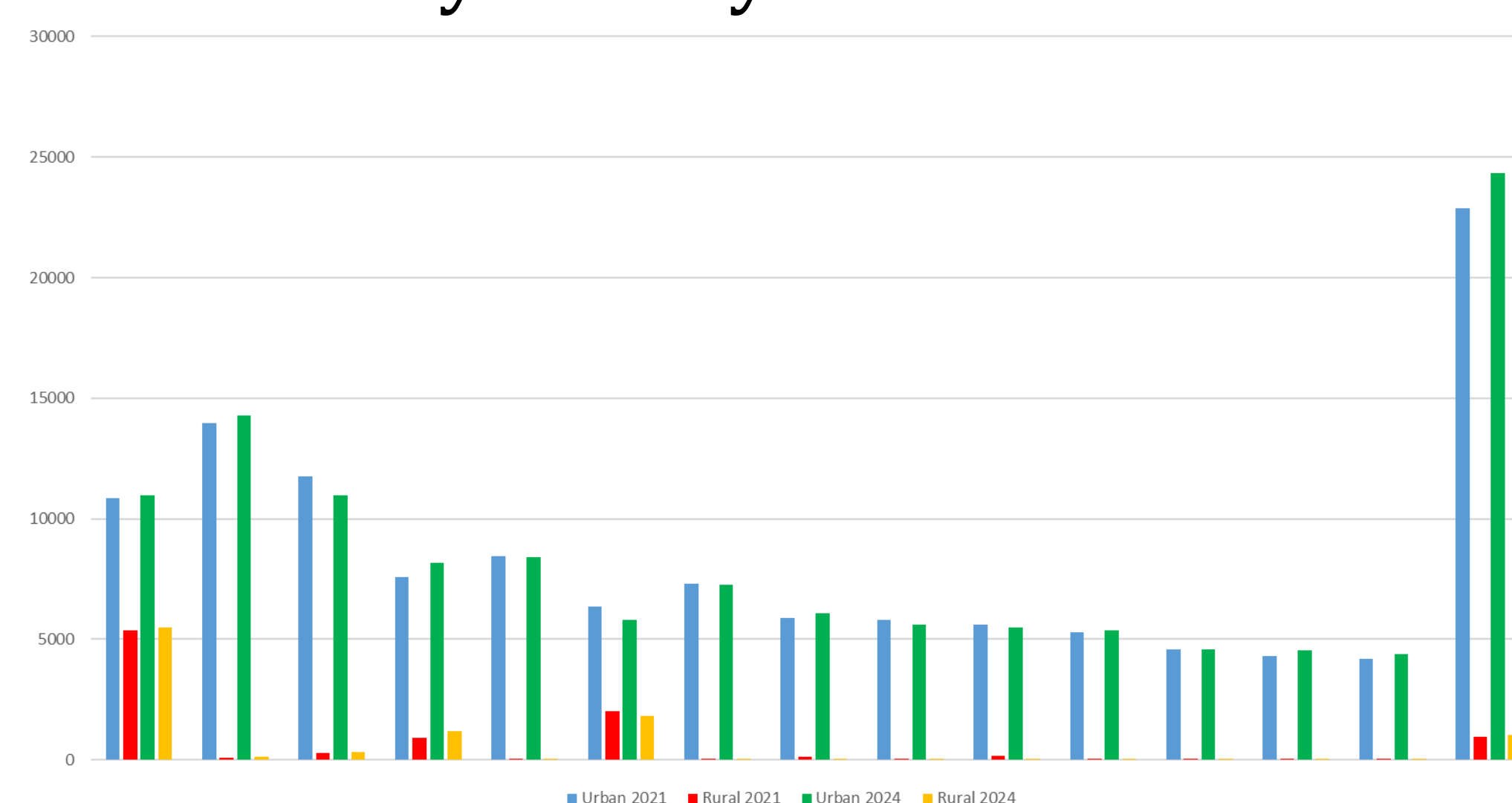
• Material and method

The data analyzed and interpreted in the paper refer to the structure and dynamics of medical units, the evolution of the number of beds for continuous hospitalization, their distribution by specialties and residence environments, as well as the structure of medical personnel.

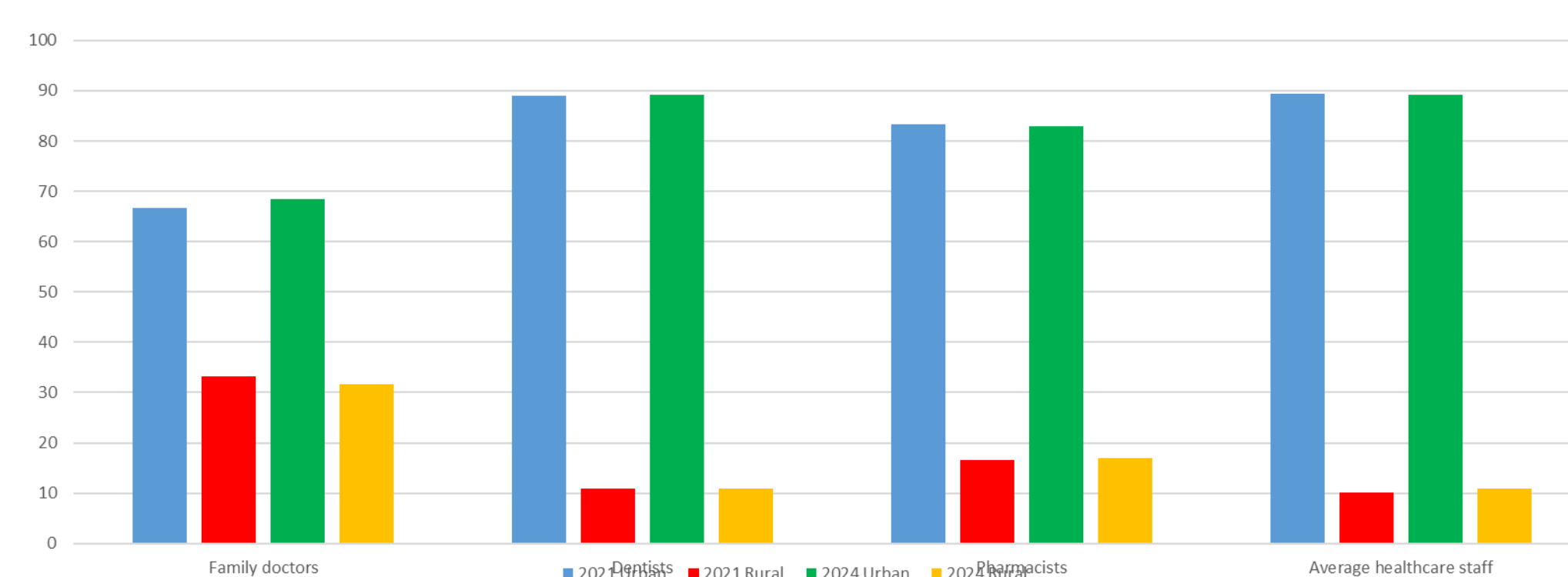
The information is structured so as to highlight: the existing situation in the reference years 2021 and 2024, the numerical developments at the level of unit category and specialty, the territorial distribution of units and medical personnel. The source of the data is the newsletters and press releases of the National Institute of Statistics regarding the activity of health and health care units.

• Results and discussions

In 2021, medical activity was strongly influenced by the effects of the COVID-19 pandemic. The implementation of the National Health Strategy 2023–2030 (GD no. 1004/2023), correlated with the main investment policy of the European Union - Cohesion Policy 2021–2027 - led to a progressive recovery of the national healthcare system by 2024.



Number of beds for continuous hospitalization in hospitals



Structure of the main categories of medical personnel - by residency environment

• Conclusions

The national healthcare network expanded between 2021–2024, with a focus on urban facilities

The total number of beds and medical units shows a slight increase, but the geographical distribution remains unbalanced

The rural environment continues to be disadvantaged in terms of infrastructure and medical human resources