Evaluating A.C.S. Multi-Year Estimates

For Sub-County Areas in the Bronx

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Previous Research Focused on Five-Year Estimates for Small Areas

- ✓ Census tract data were generally not reliable for the Bronx
- ✓ Neighborhoods as census tract aggregates were more reliable
- ✓ Neighborhood-level data demonstrated a fair measure of validity when compared with administrative data

Current Research

- Examines change in *neighborhoods* using the five year estimates, the only data available
- Examines the utility of one, three, and five year estimates for selected attributes *within* individual PUMAS
- Examines the utility of one, three, and five year estimates for selected attributes *across* PUMAS

Data User Issues

- What to do when the five year estimates are the *only* source of data

- ***Case in point: Measuring Change at the Neighborhood Level***

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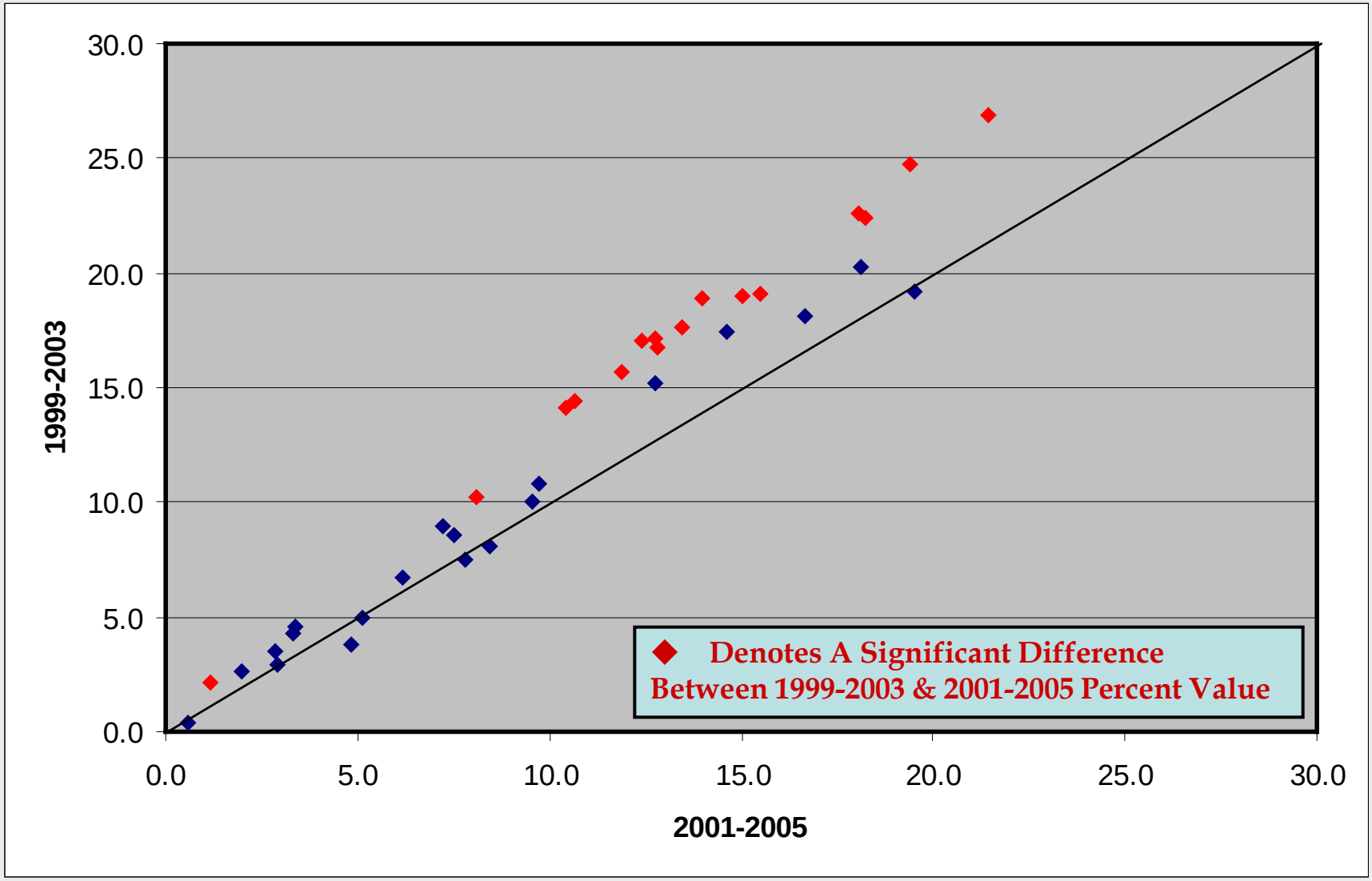
Percent of Households Receiving Public Assistance: Bronx Neighborhoods, 1999-2003 and 2001-2005



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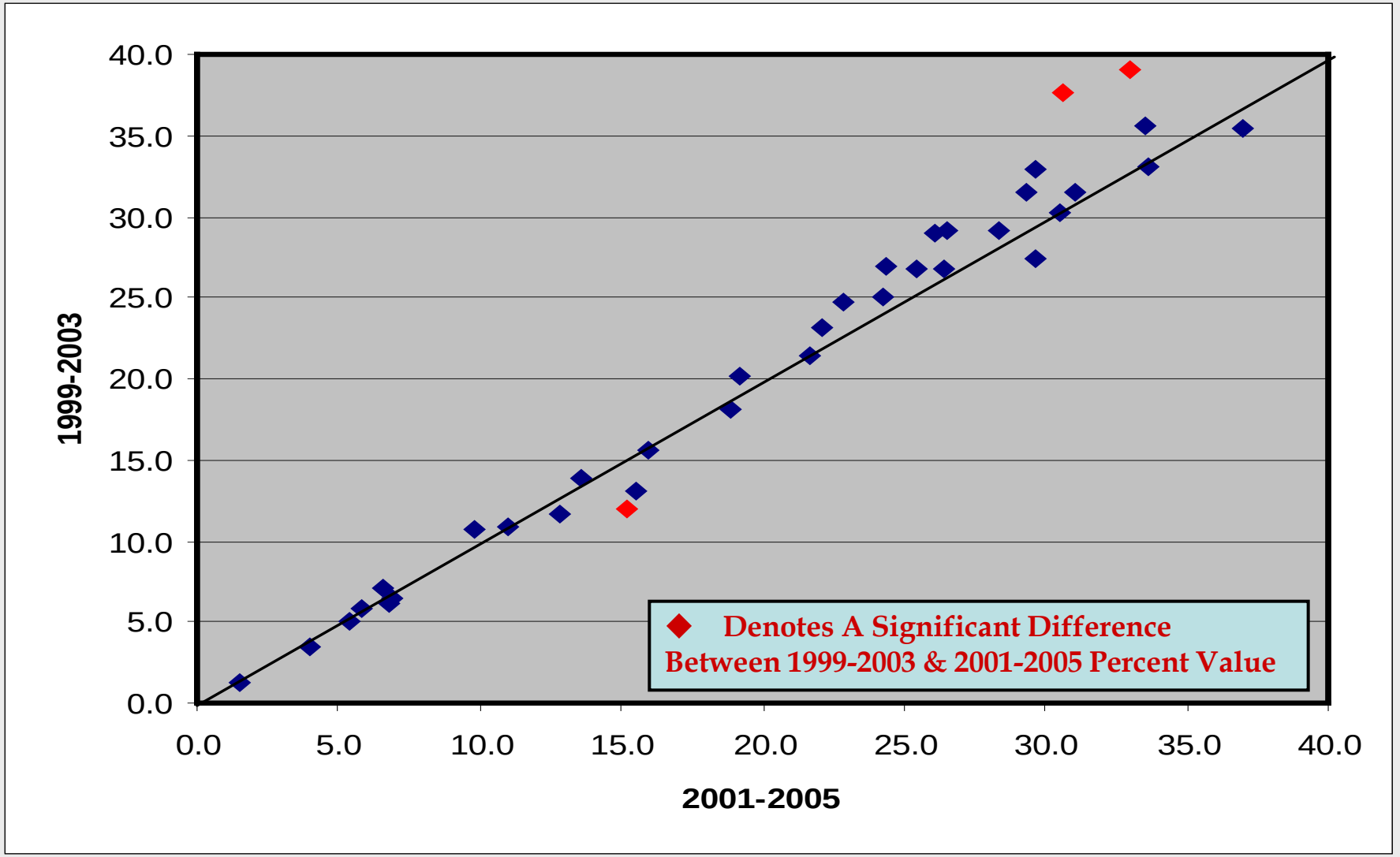

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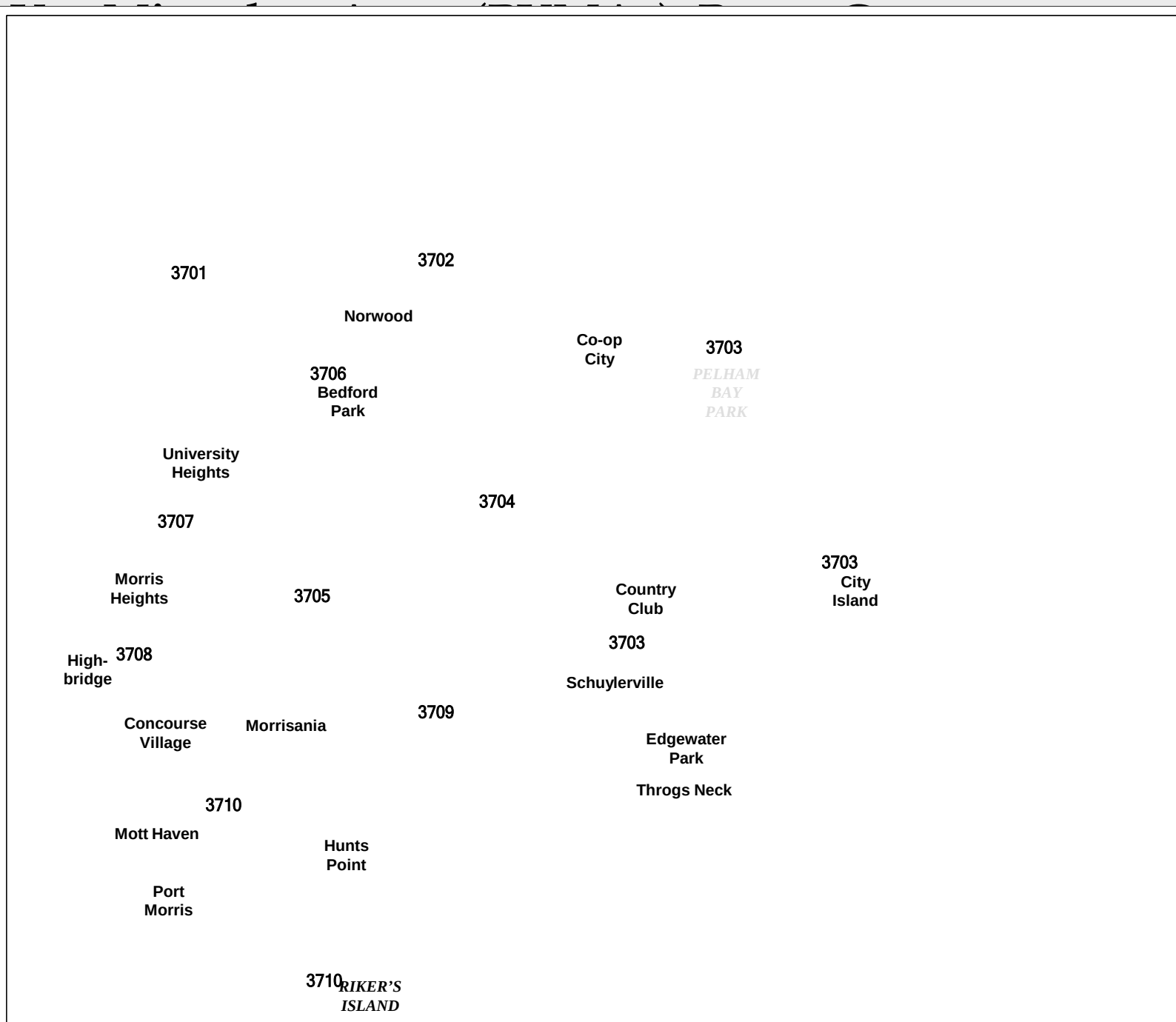
- ***Case in point: Optimizing reliability of PUMA level data***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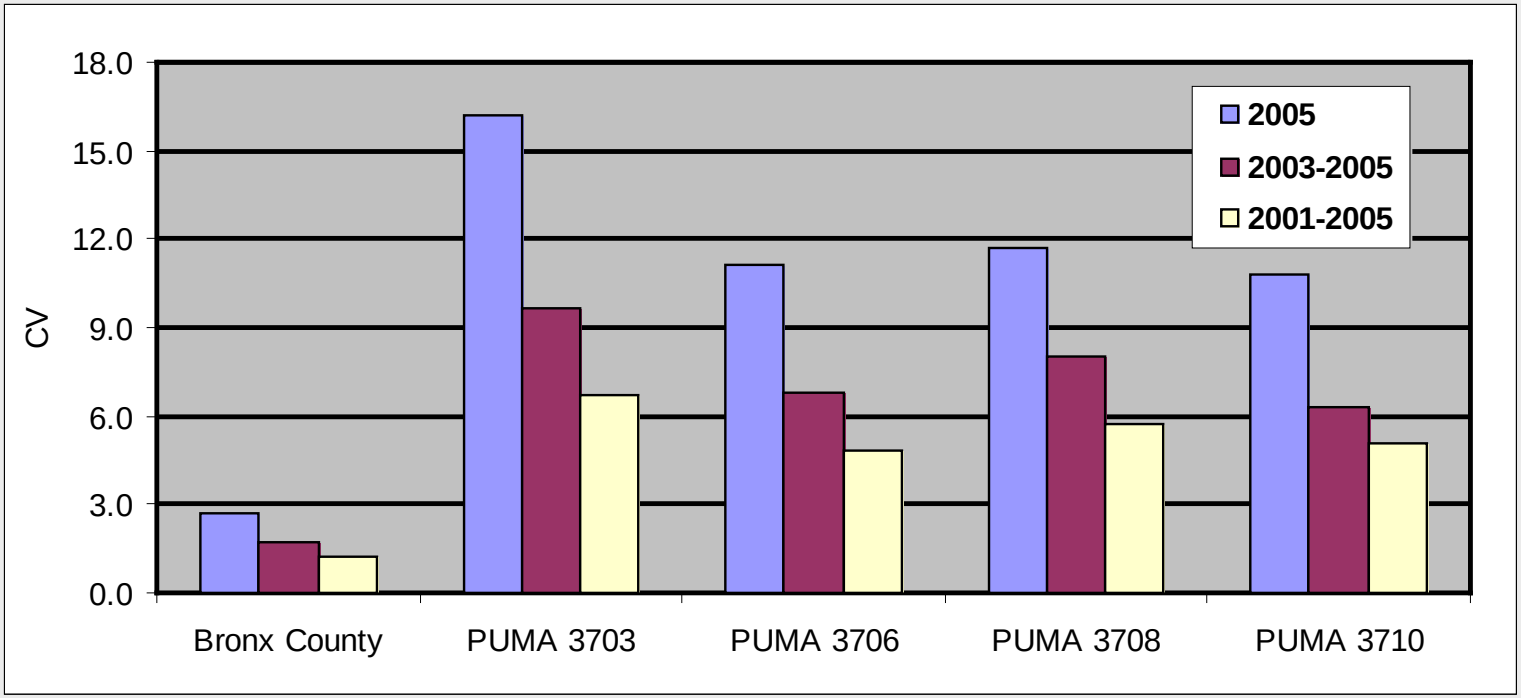
Mean CV of 12 Variables Measuring Economic Stress: Bronx County and Selected PUMAs



	1 Yr Est.	3 Yr MYE	5 Yr MYE
Bronx	**2.7**	**1.7**	**1.3**
3703	16.2	9.7	6.7
3706	11.1	6.8	4.8
3708	11.7	8.0	5.7
3710	10.8	6.3	5.1

Improvement When Including More Years

1 to 3 Year	*1 to 5 Year*	*3 to 5 Year*
35.0	**53.5**	**28.4**
40.2	58.6	30.8
39.2	56.5	28.5
31.6	51.1	28.5
41.4	53.0	19.7

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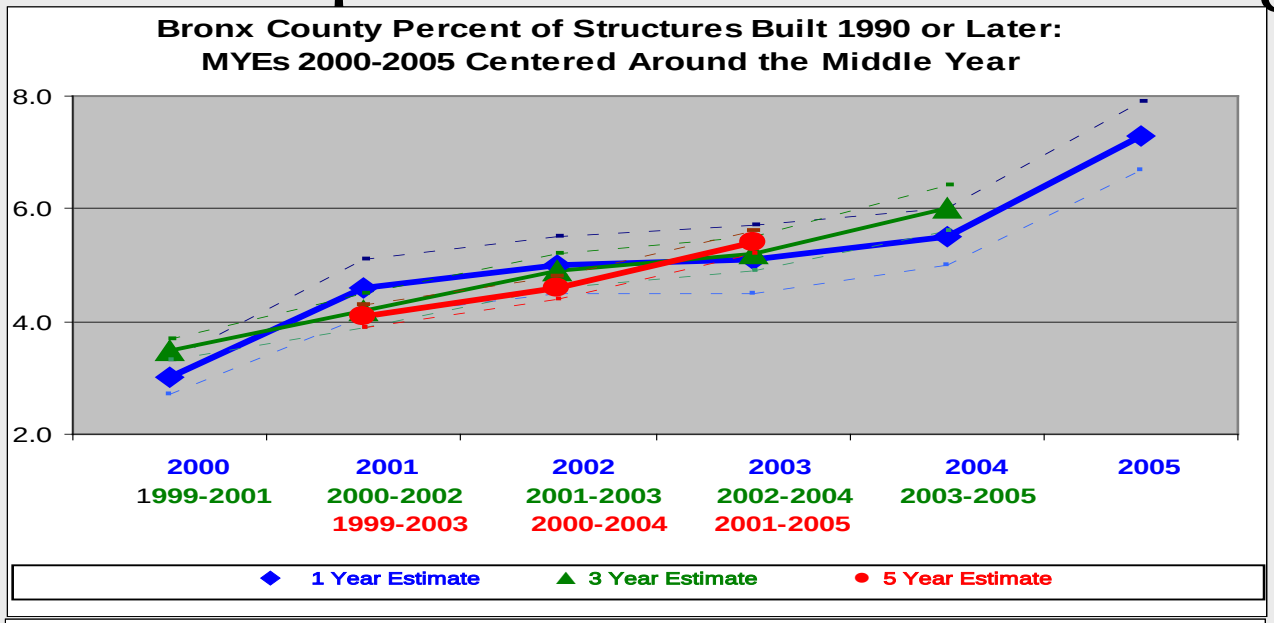
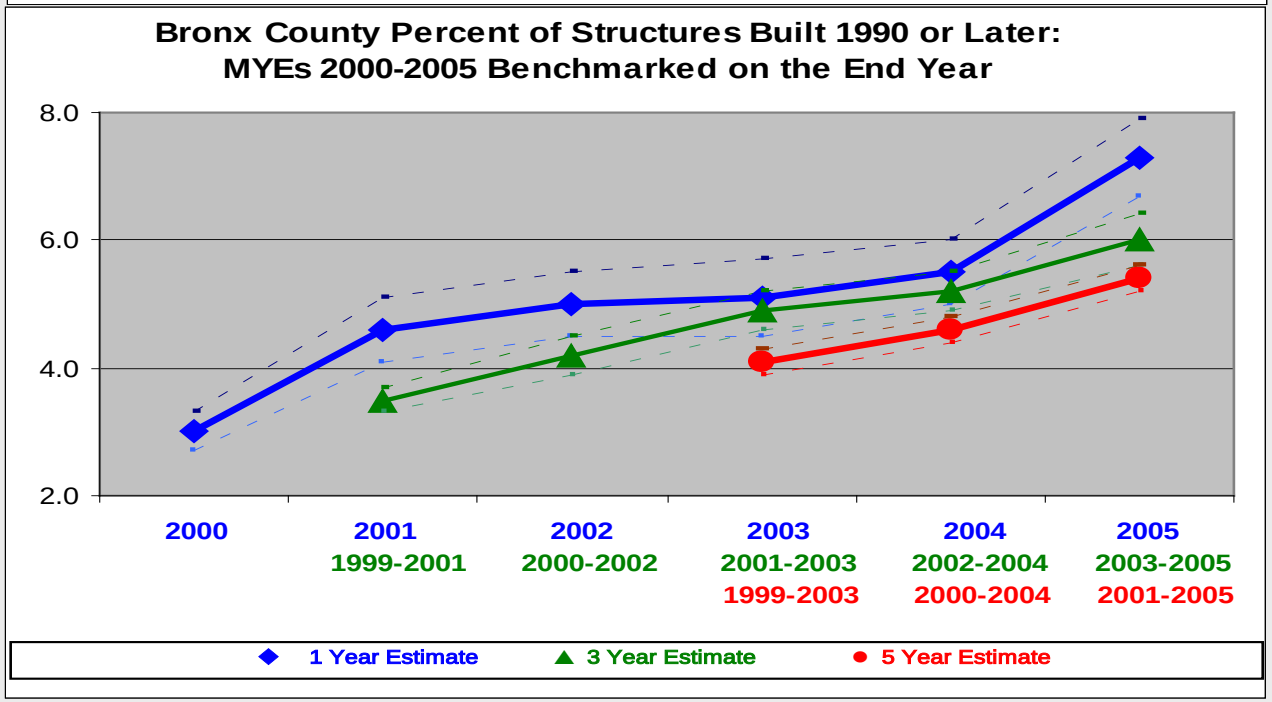
Visual Representations of Change





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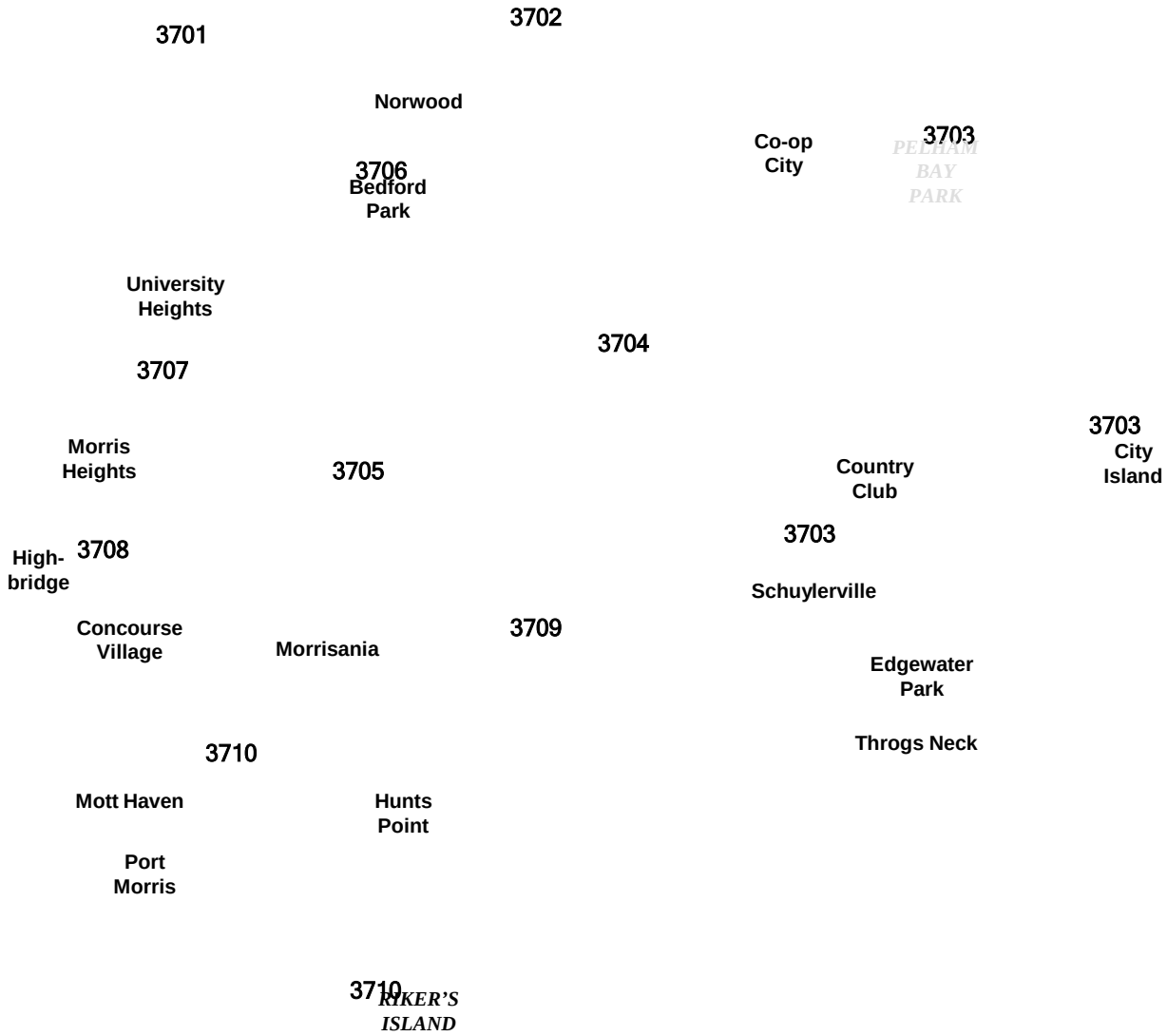
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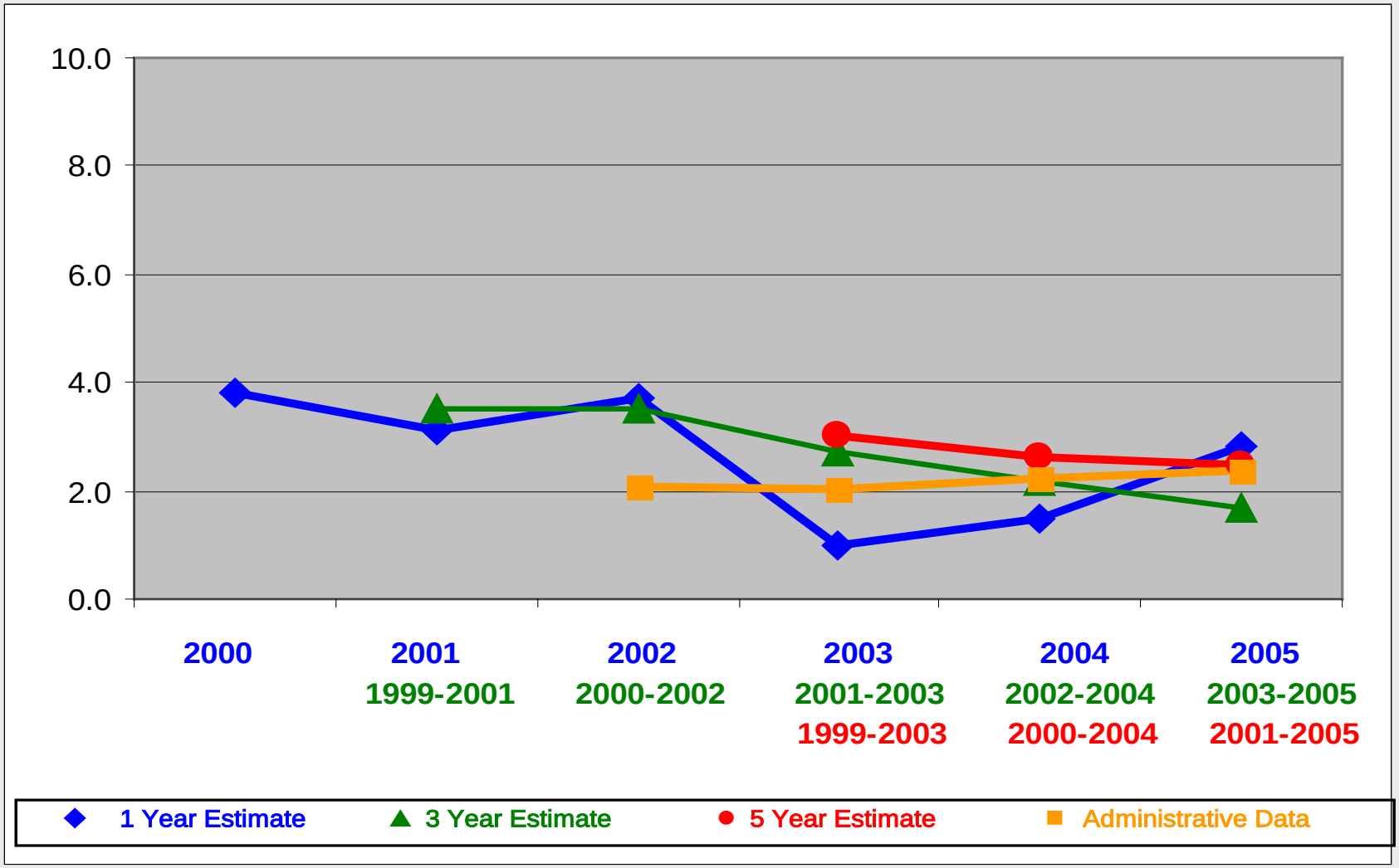

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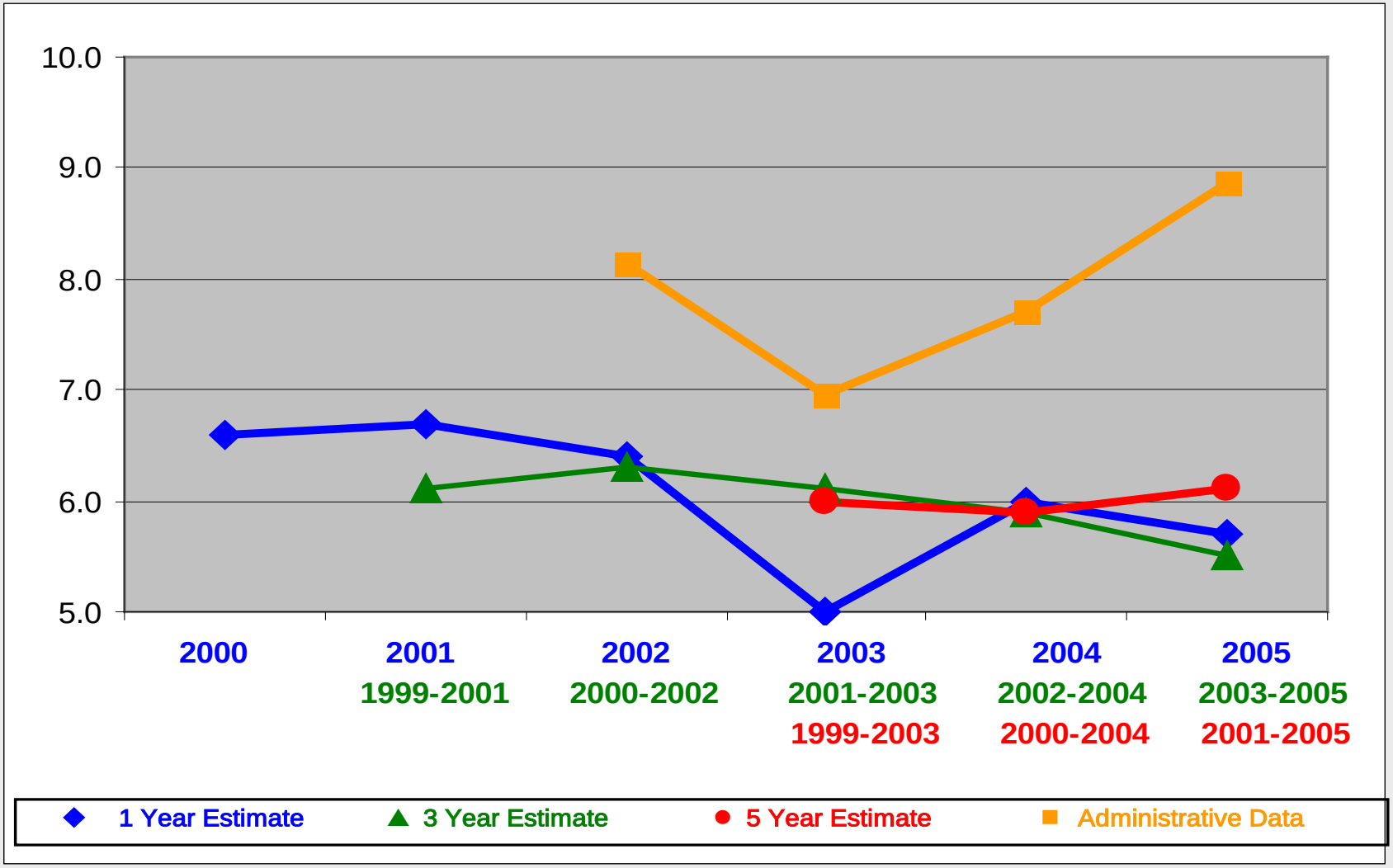

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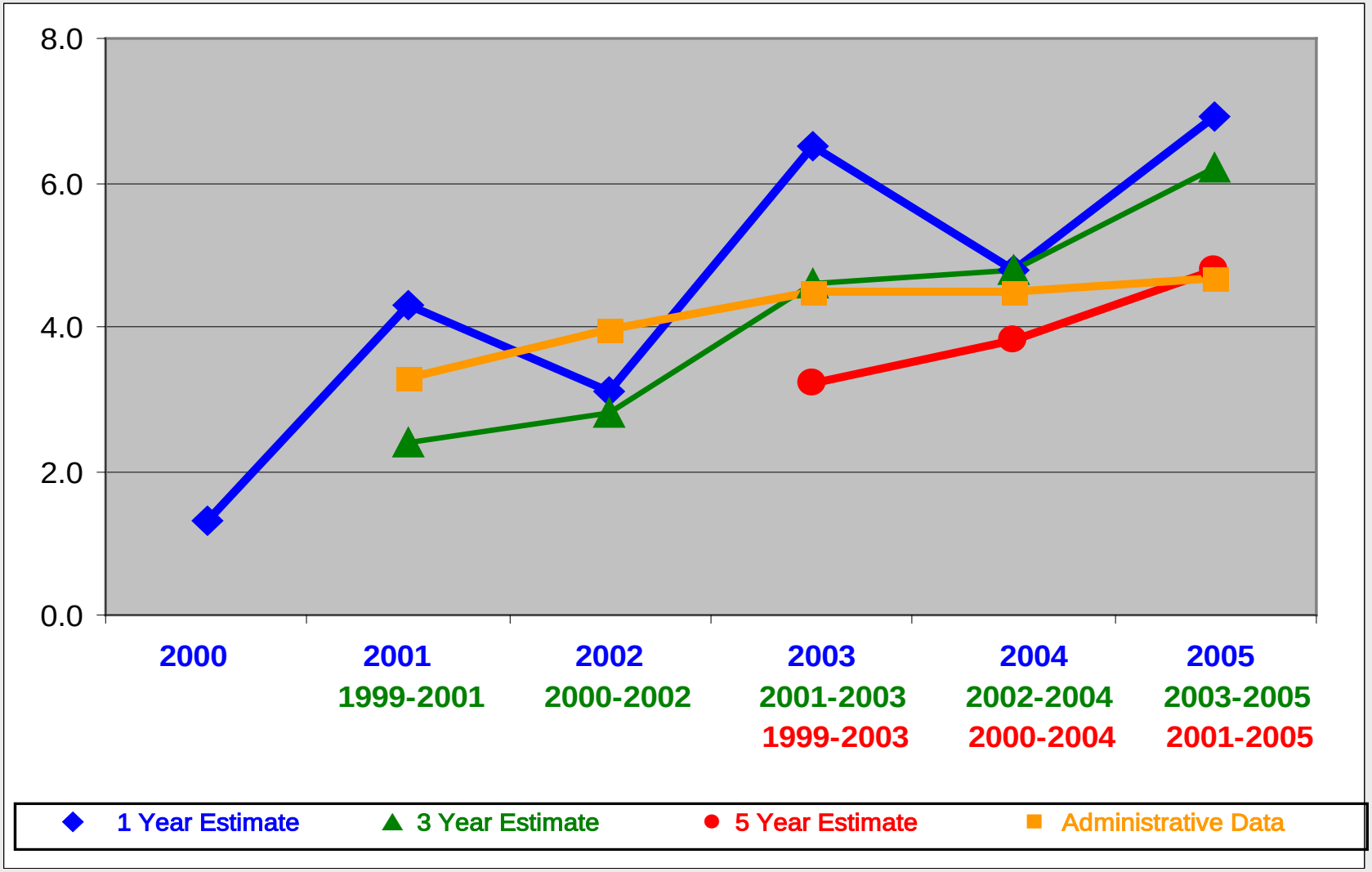

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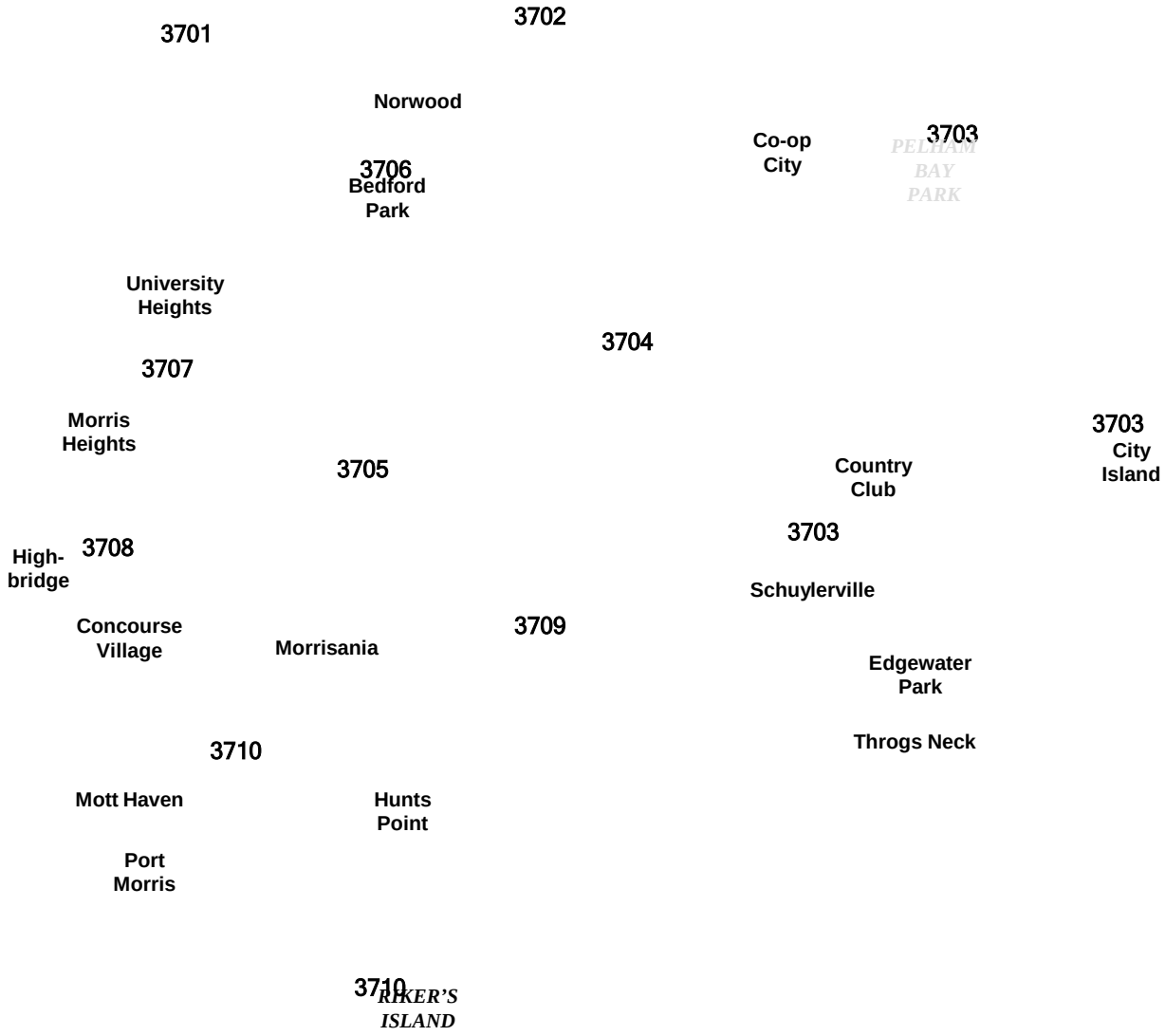
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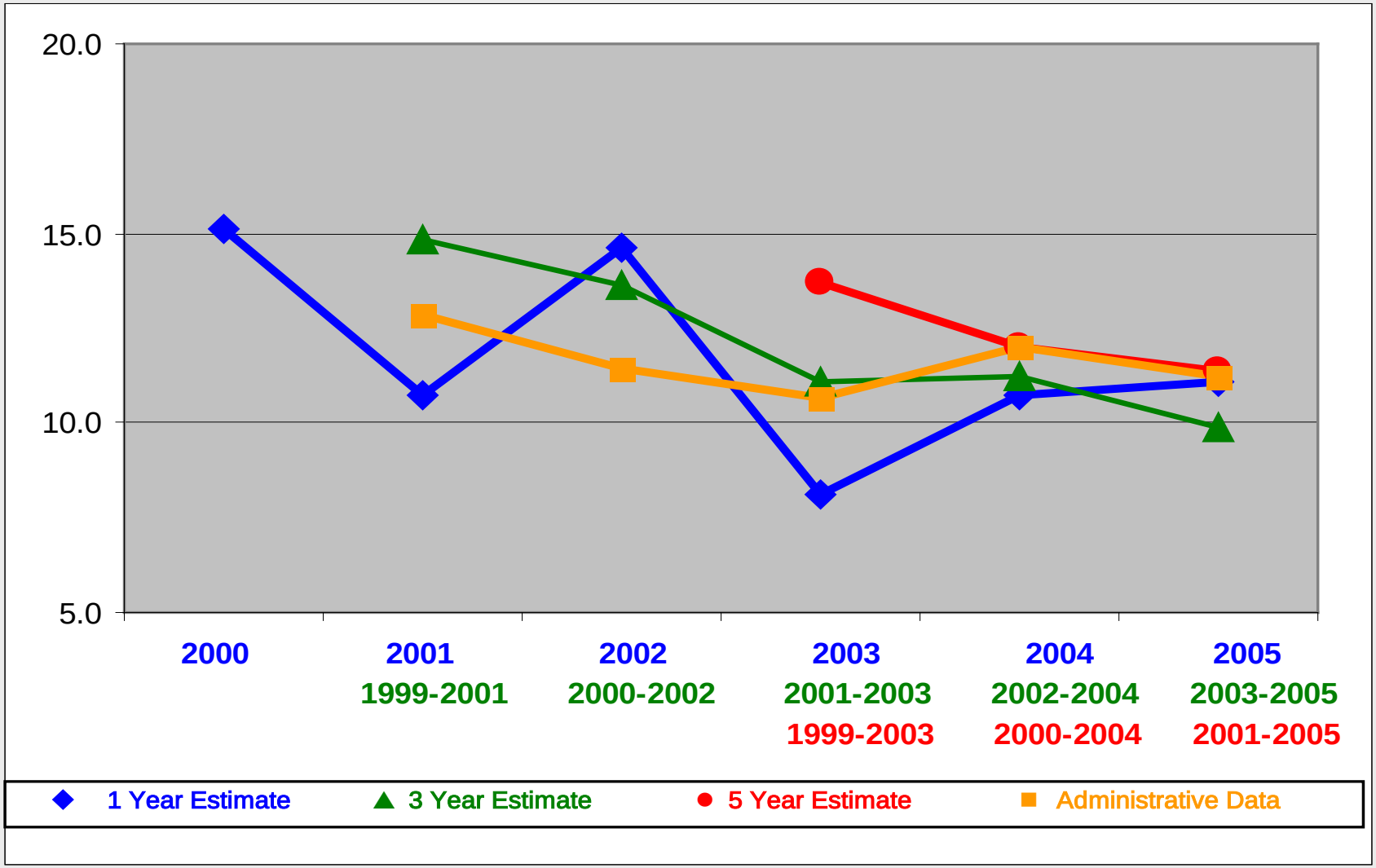

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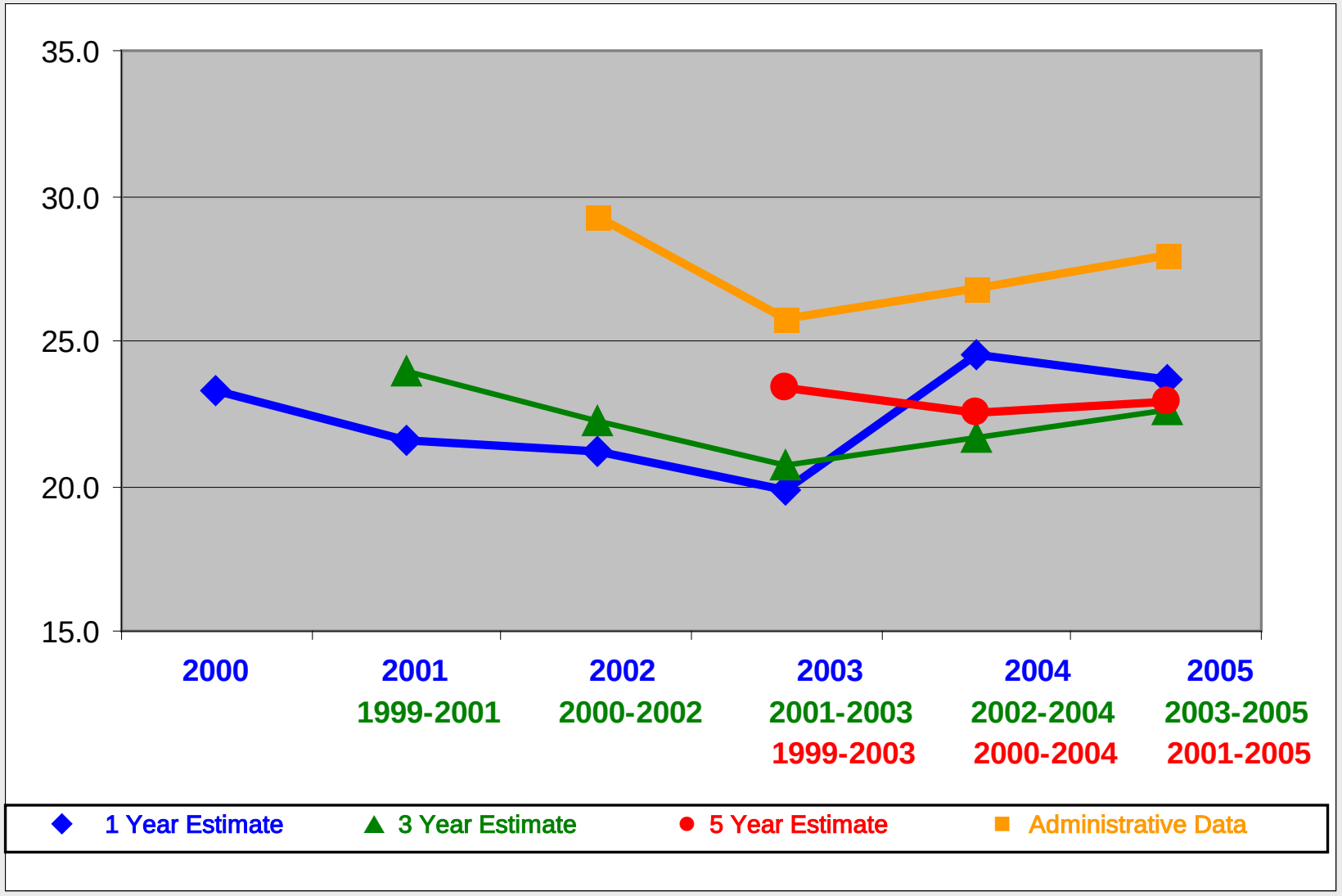

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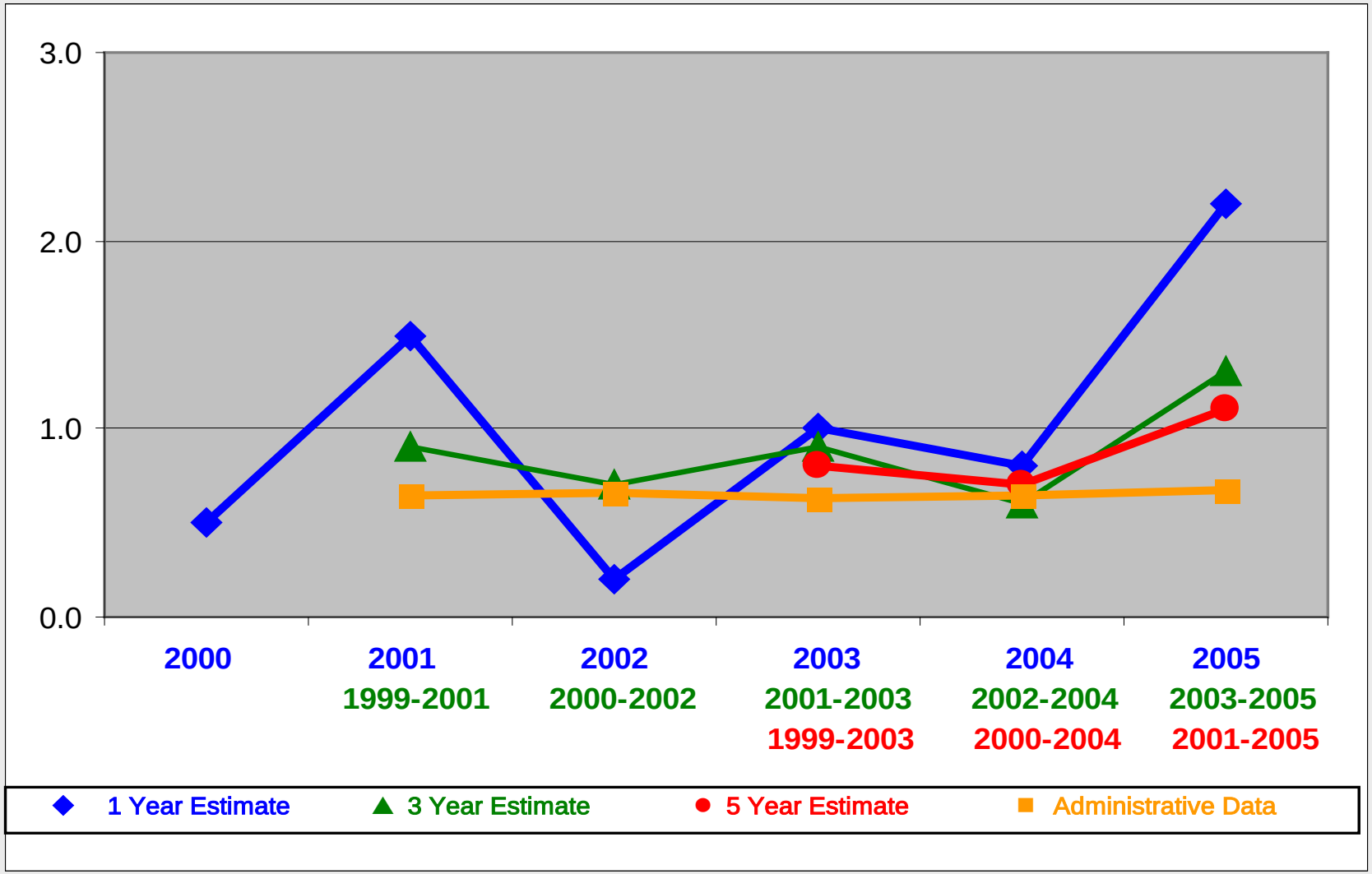

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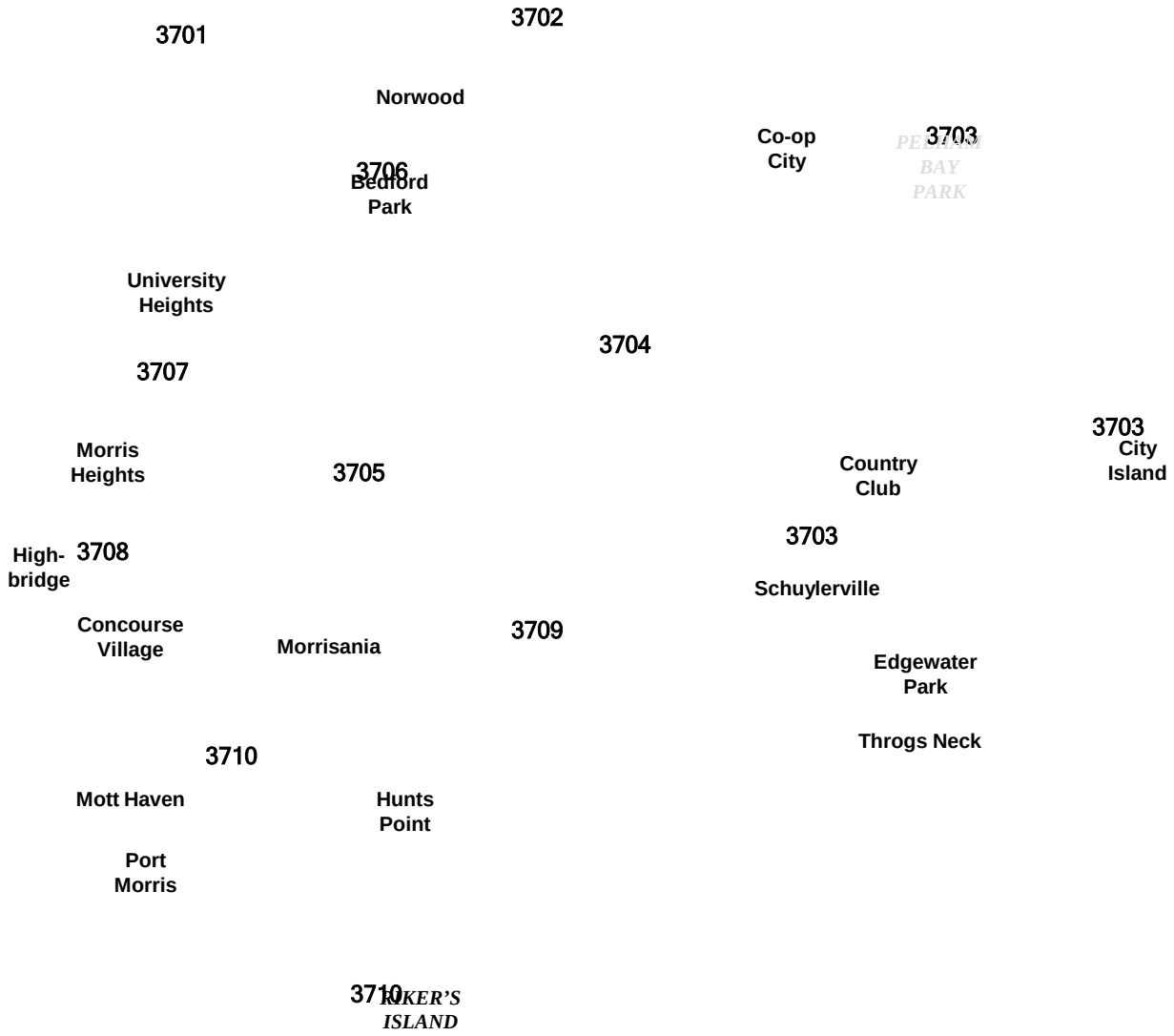
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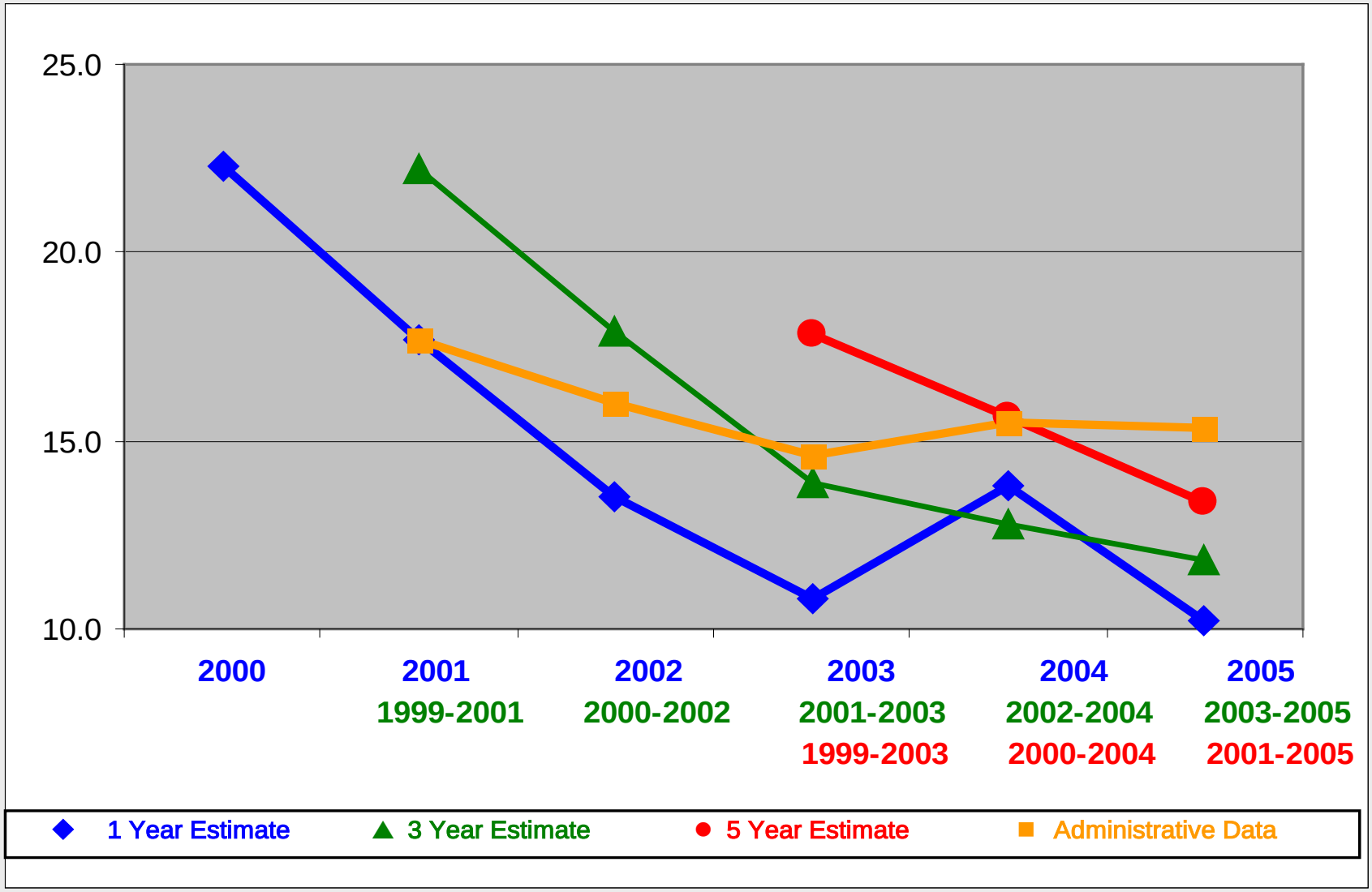

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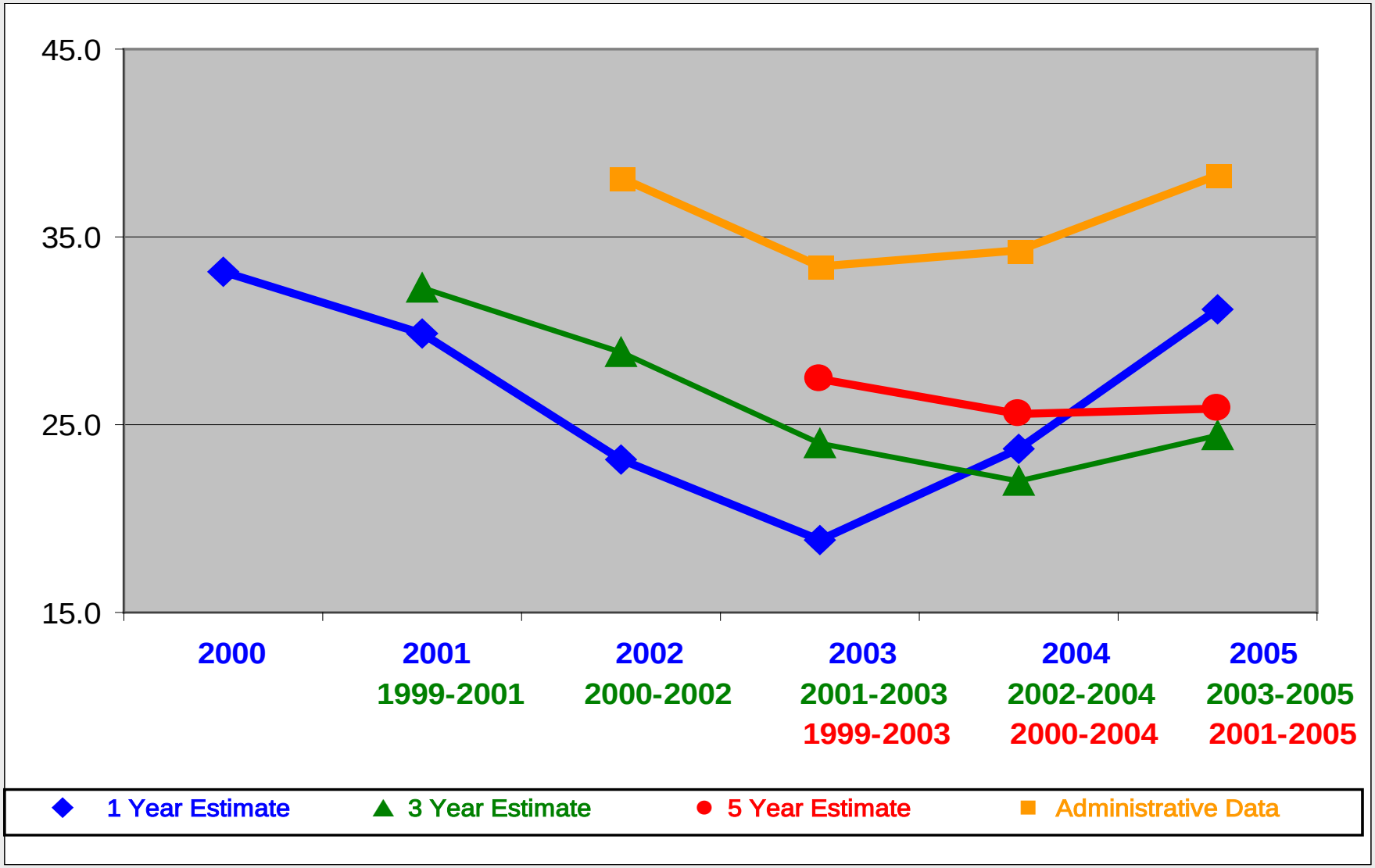

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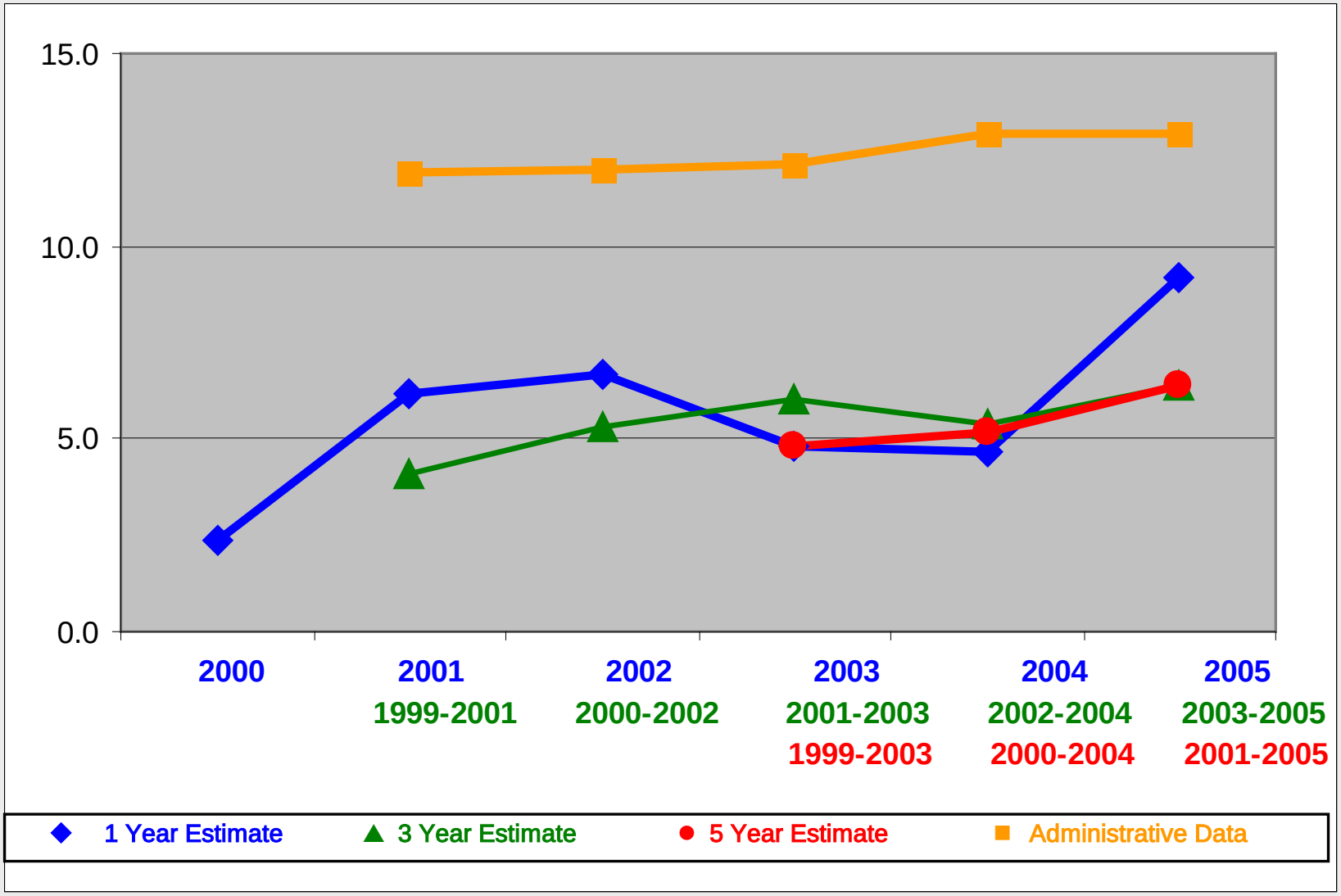

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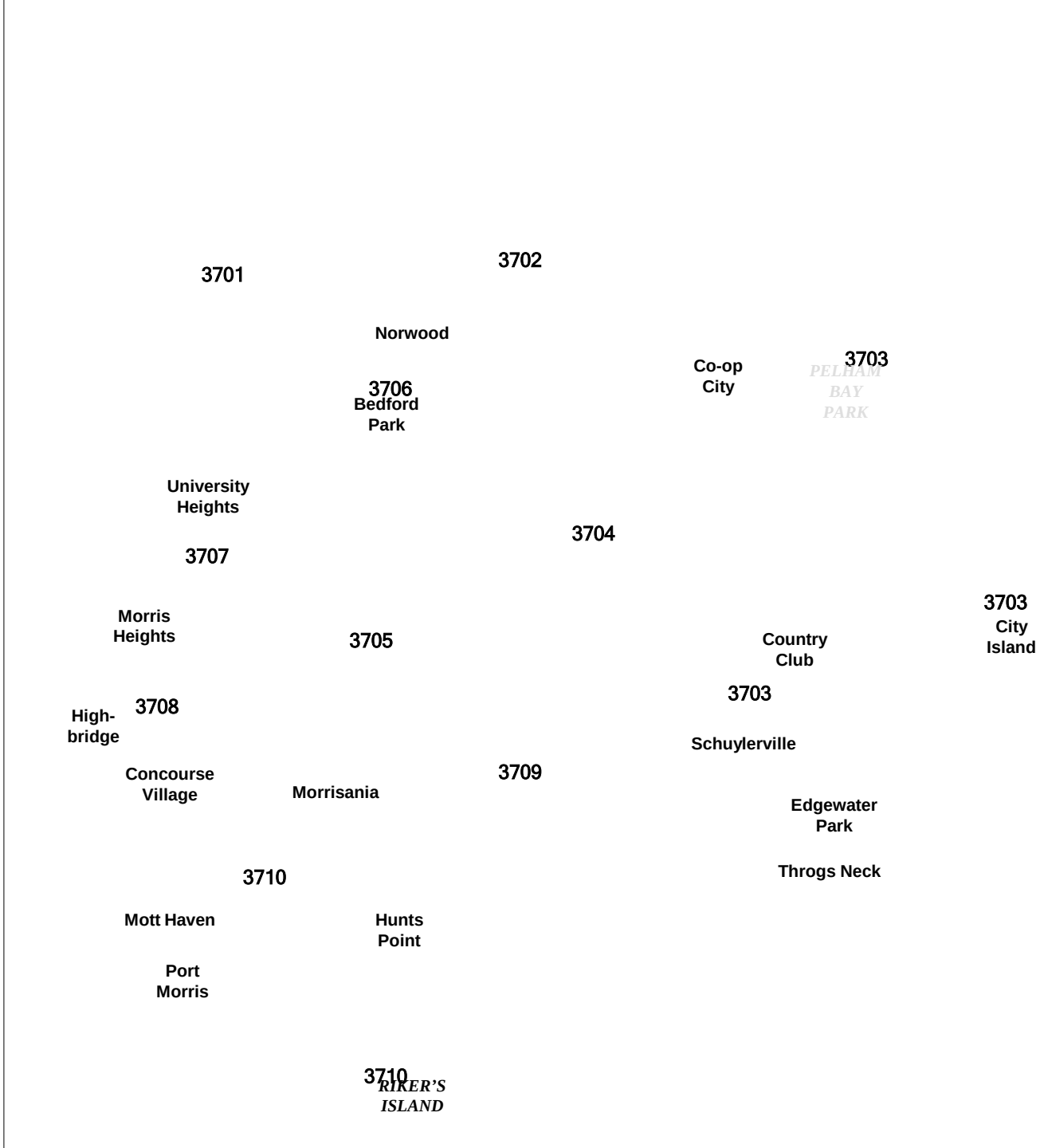
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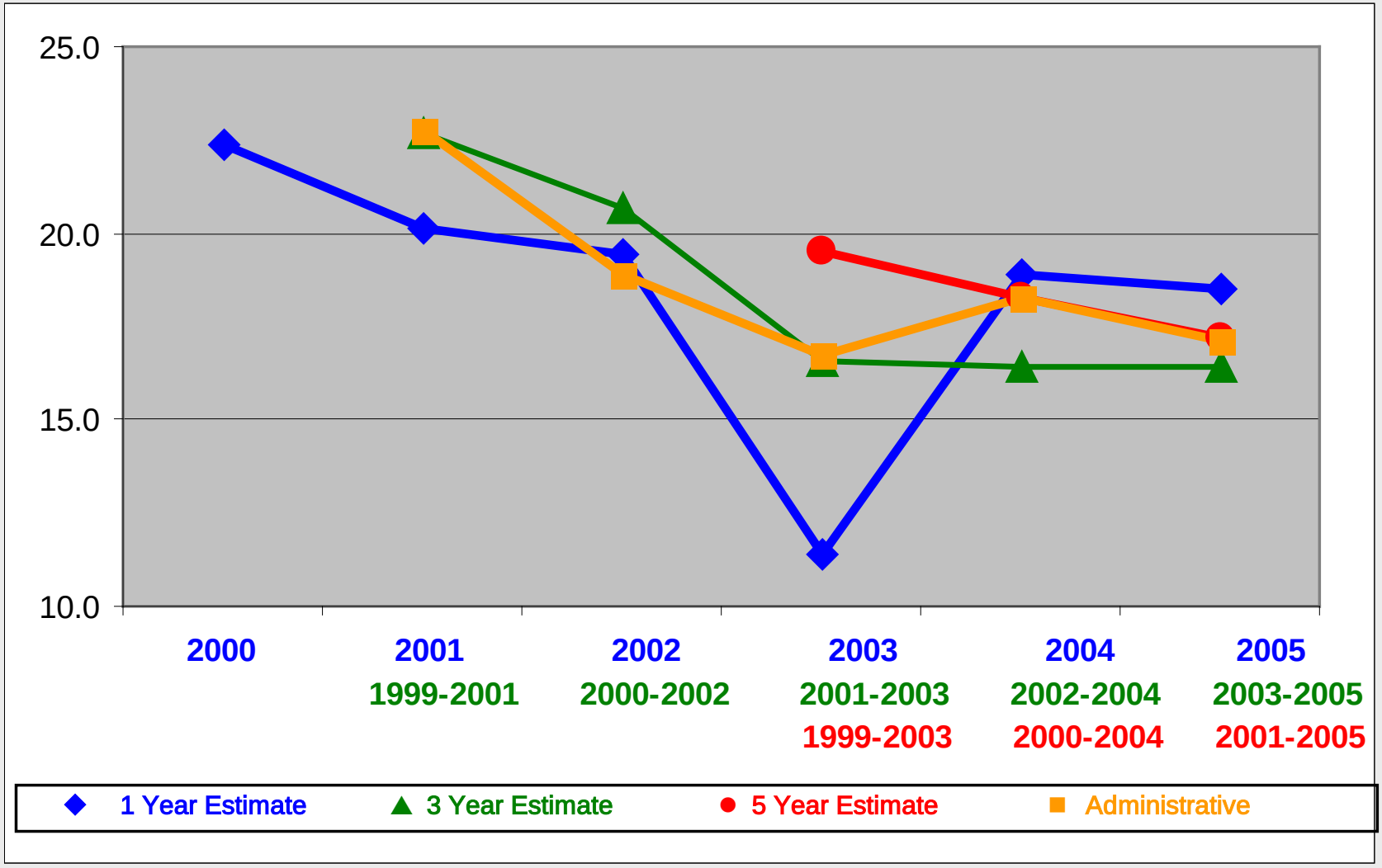

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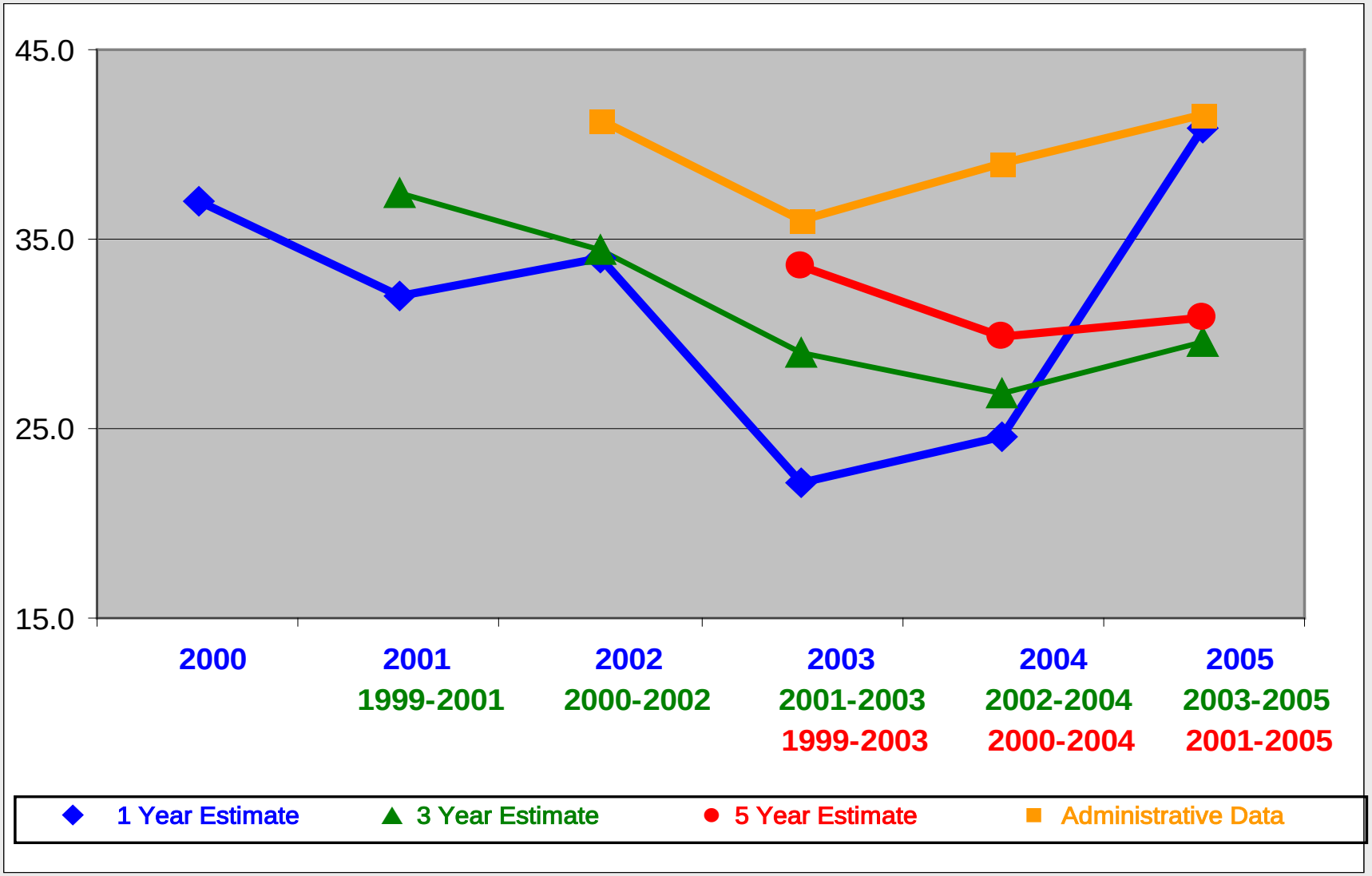

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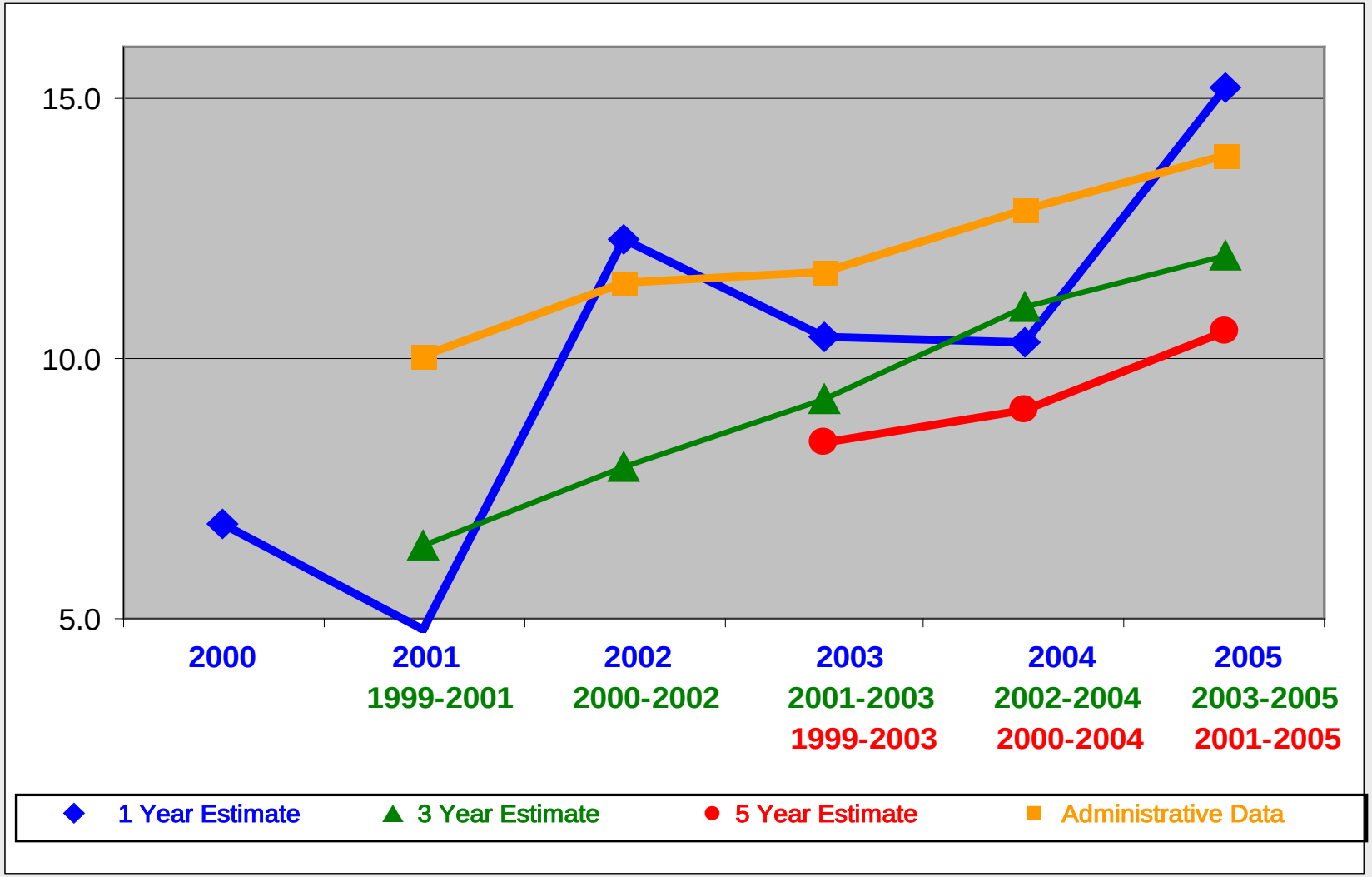

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- Comparing MYEs *across* geographic areas during the "same" time

Identifying Areas in Transition Using Different Multi-Year Estimates