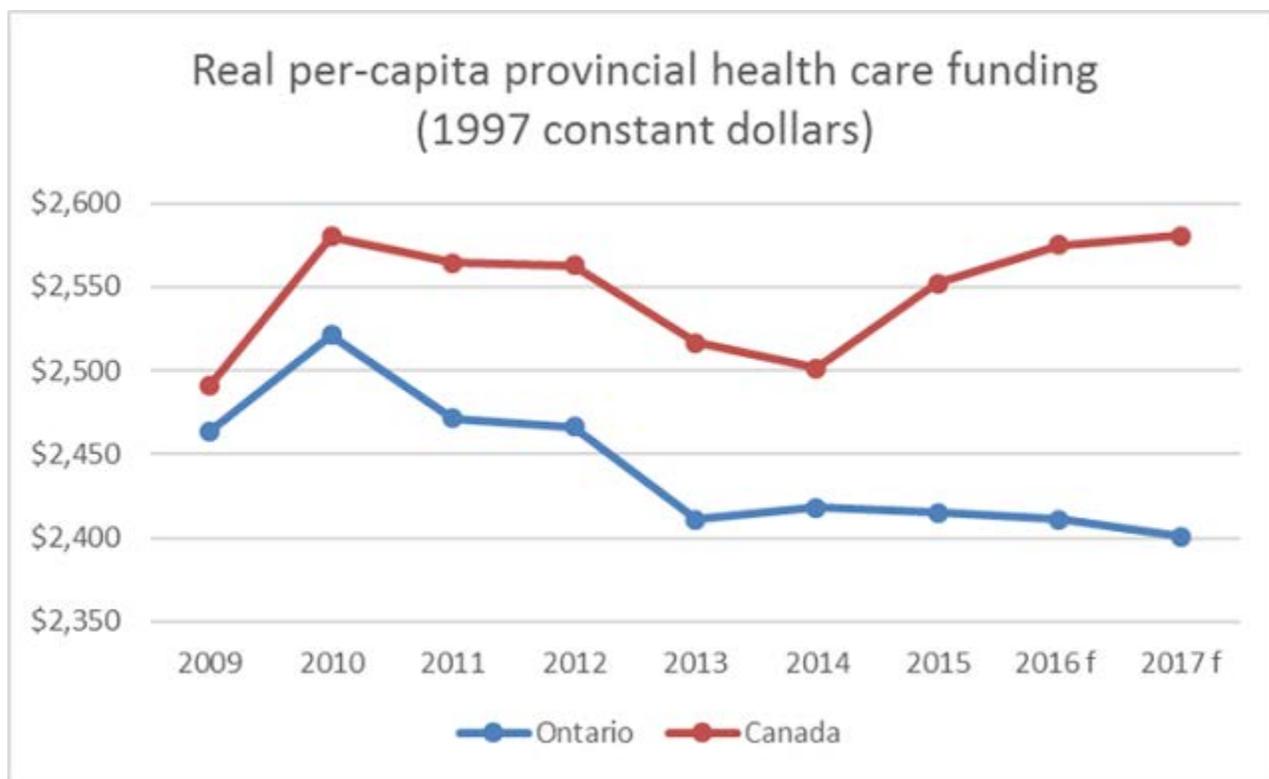


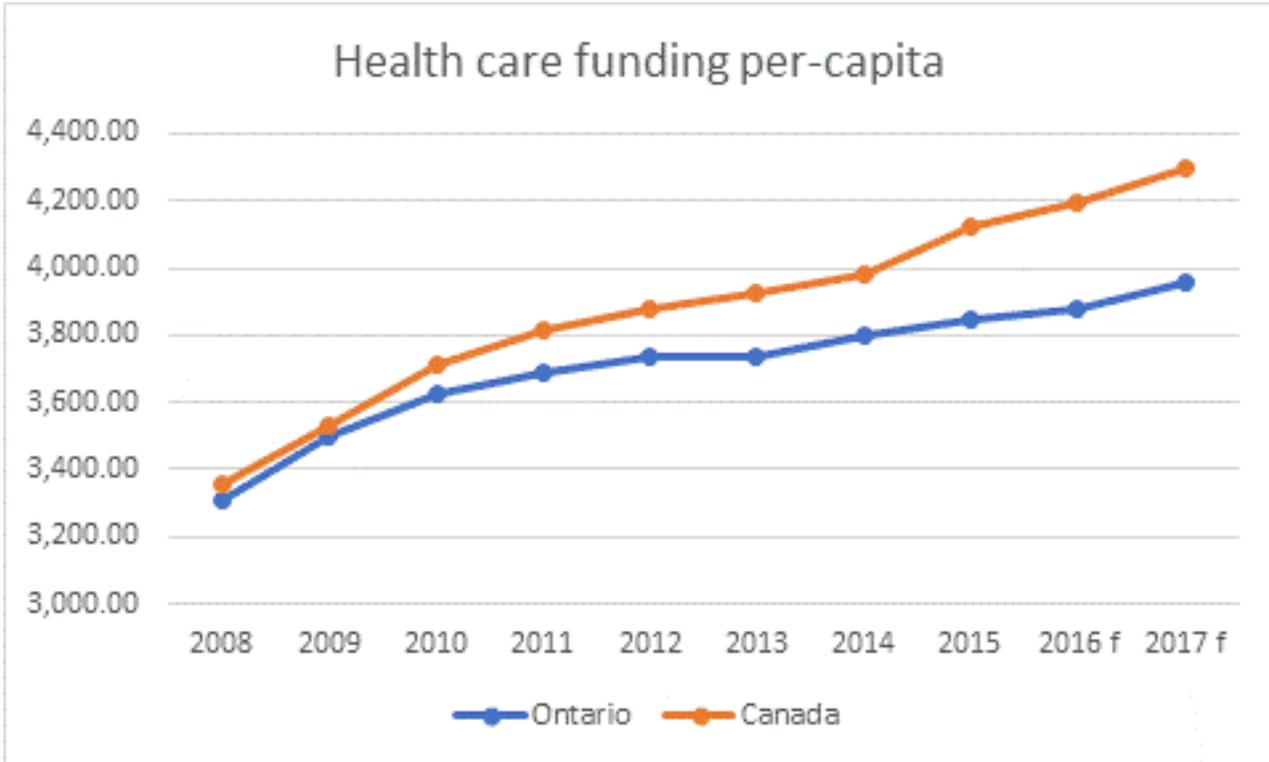
“Ontario Health Care Funding Falls, Again”

Real provincial government health care funding per-person has fallen again this year in Ontario, the third year in a row. Since 2009 real funding per-person has fallen 2.6% — \$63 per person.

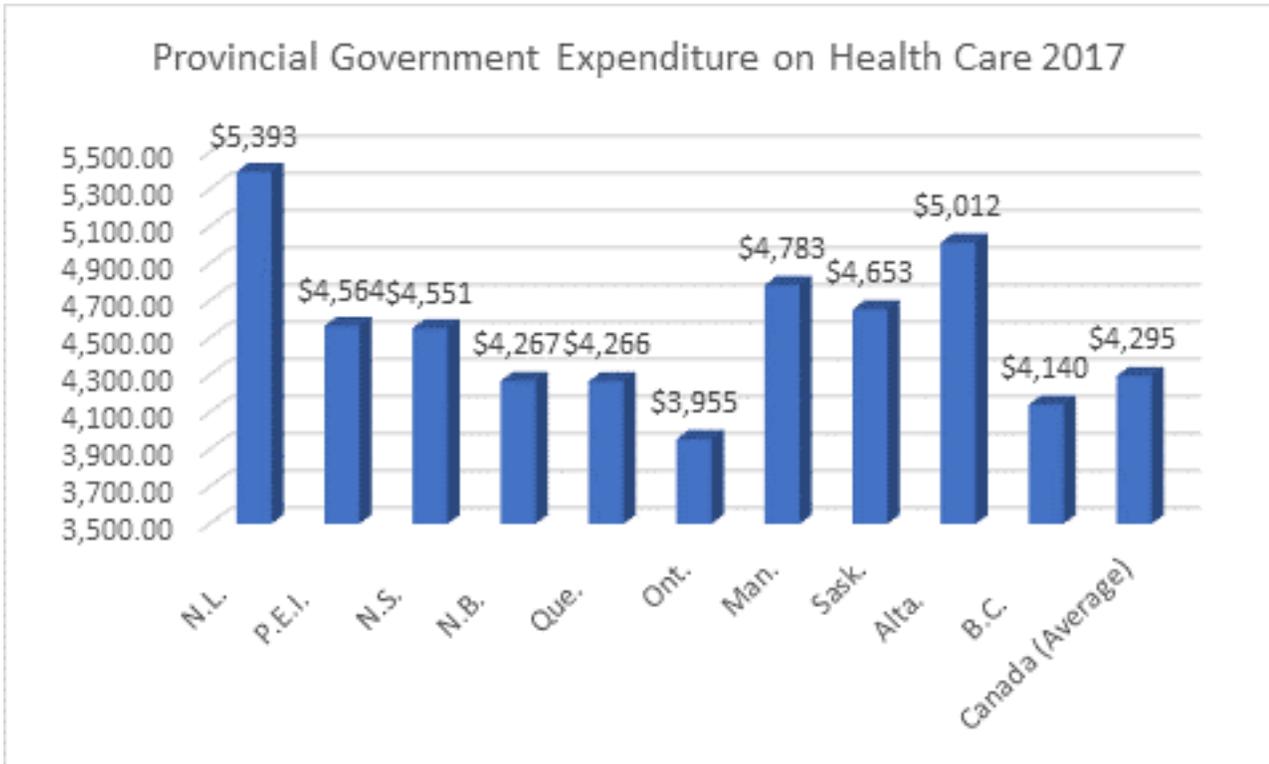


Across Canada real per person funding is in its fourth consecutive year of increase. Since 2009, real provincial funding across Canada is up \$89 — 3.6%.

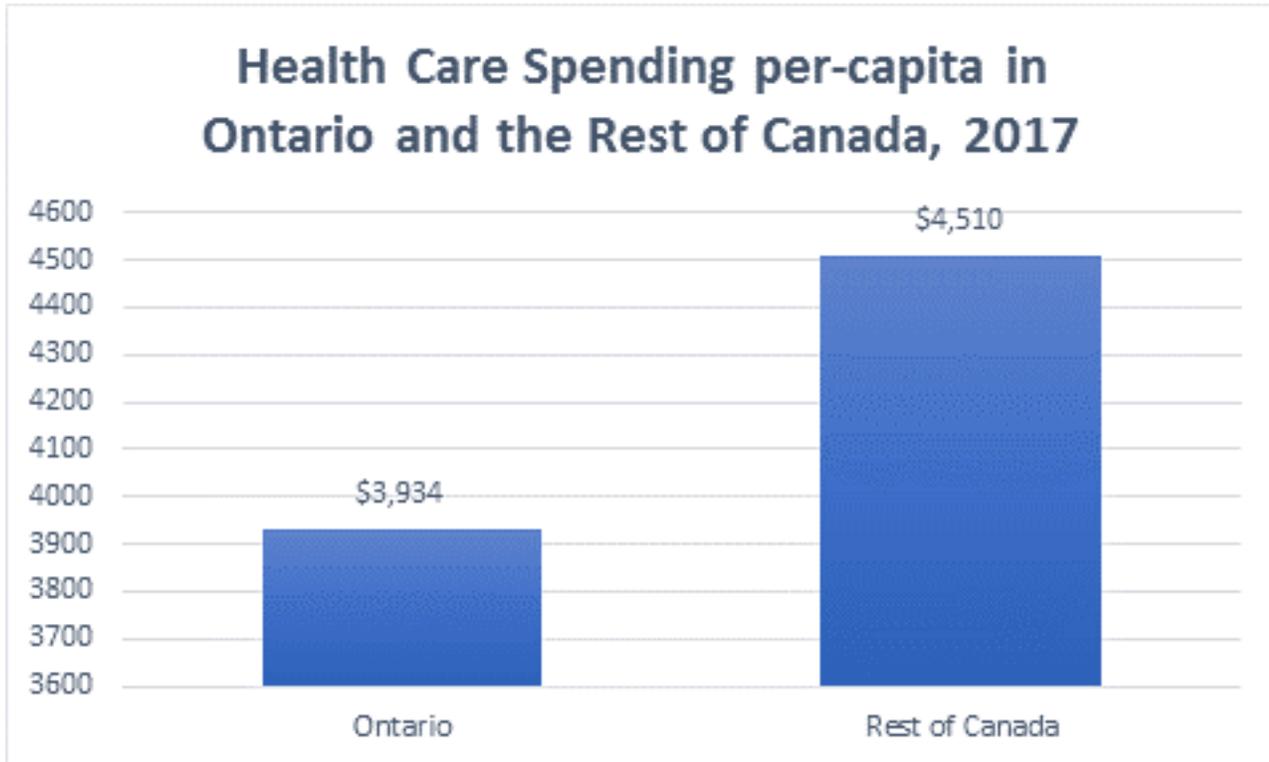
In fact, the funding gap between Ontario and Canada as a whole has grown consistently for years.



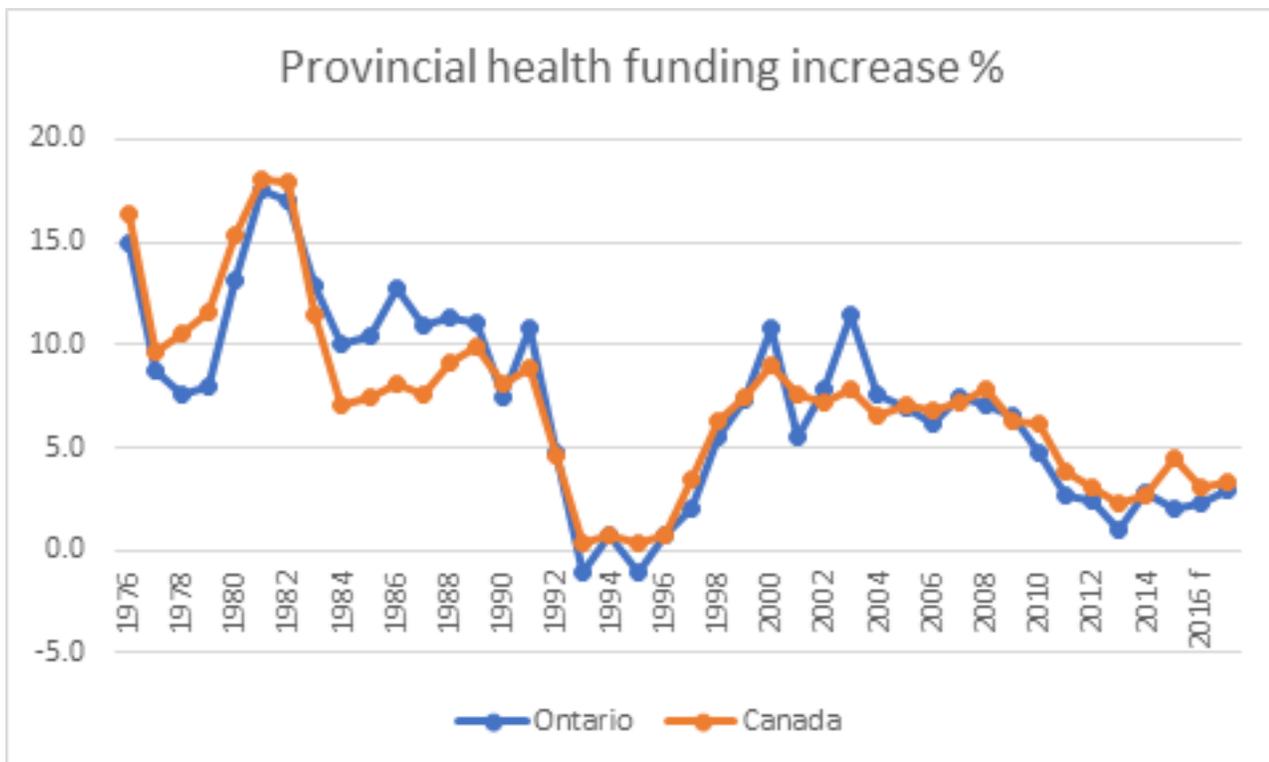
Ontario funds health care less than any other province — indeed, the province that funds health care the second least (B.C.) provides \$185 more per person per year, 4.7% more.



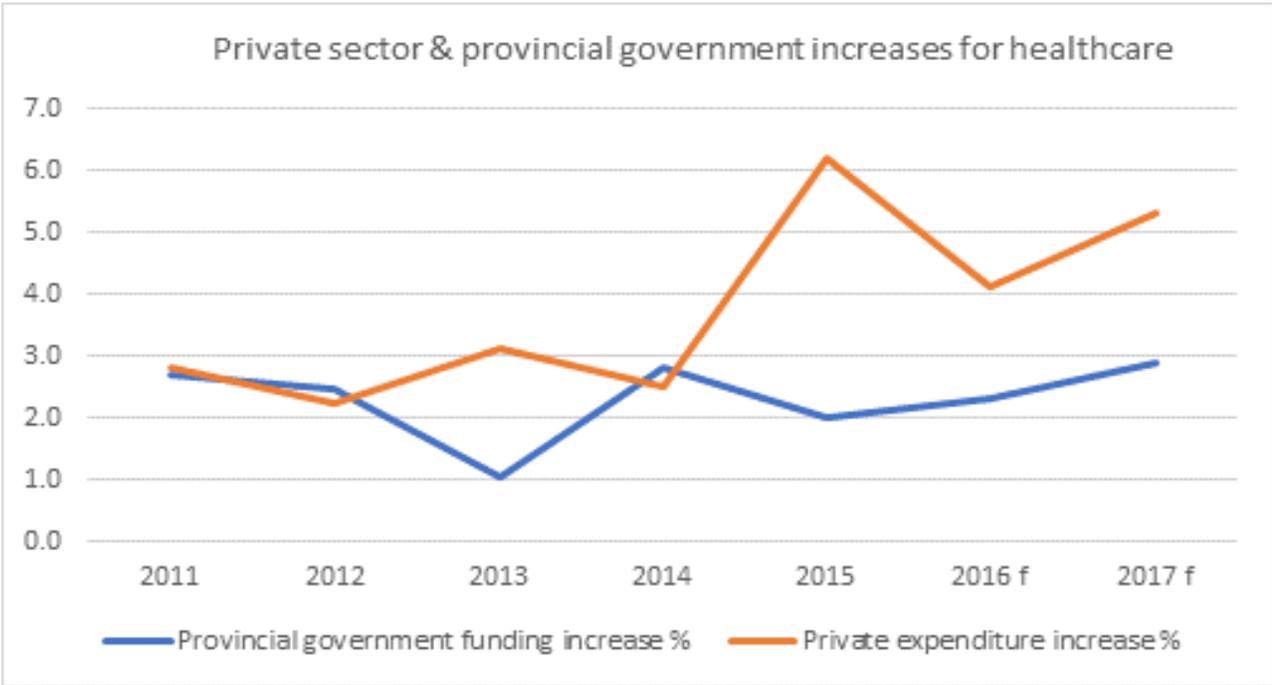
Provincial health care spending in the rest of Canada (excluding Ontario) is now \$574 higher per person annually than in Ontario.



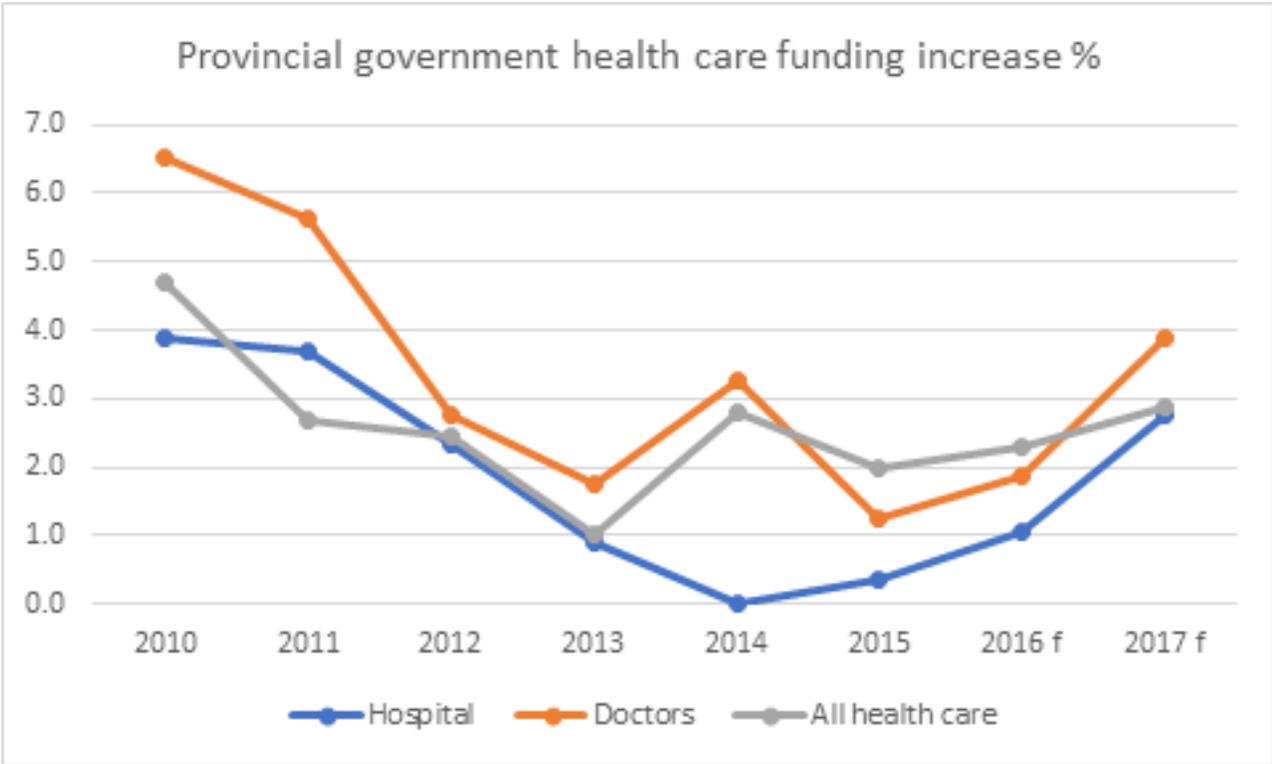
Ontario has not always provided lower than average health care funding increases — but that has been the general pattern since 2005.



Private expenditures on health care have exceeded Ontario government increases for the last three years. Since 2011, private expenditures on health have increased 3.9% annually, while provincial expenditures increased 2.3% annually in nominal dollars.

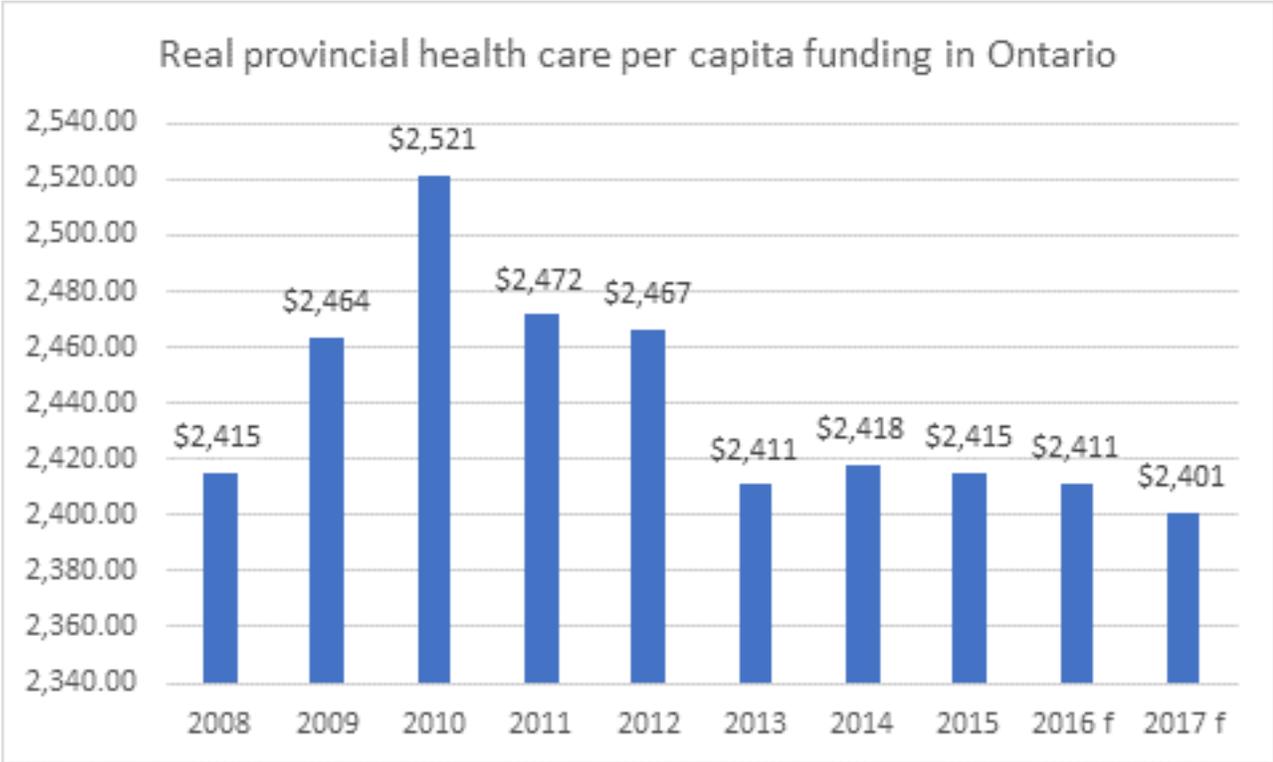


Starting in 2010, provincial government health care funding increases in Ontario began to fall, hitting just 1% in 2012. Hospital funding increases continued downward in 2013 hitting just above 0% in 2013, recovering somewhat in 2014 and 2015. Funding increases for doctors were quite a bit higher, despite the alleged attack on their incomes.



Here is a chart with the provincial government per person dollar funding since 2008 in real dollars (constant 1997 dollars). In 2017, funding was still less than in 2008 although the Ontario economy is about 17% larger than it was in 2008.

The hysteria from the right about runaway health care cost is just that — hysteria.



The provincial government has promised a 4.5% health care funding increase for 2018/19. That should result in at least a one-year real per-person funding increase for 2018. But it is not enough to reverse the decline of recent years. Moreover, the government also notes that it will revert to a lower increase in 2019/20 — once the election is over.