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# Health Inequalities in Latvia

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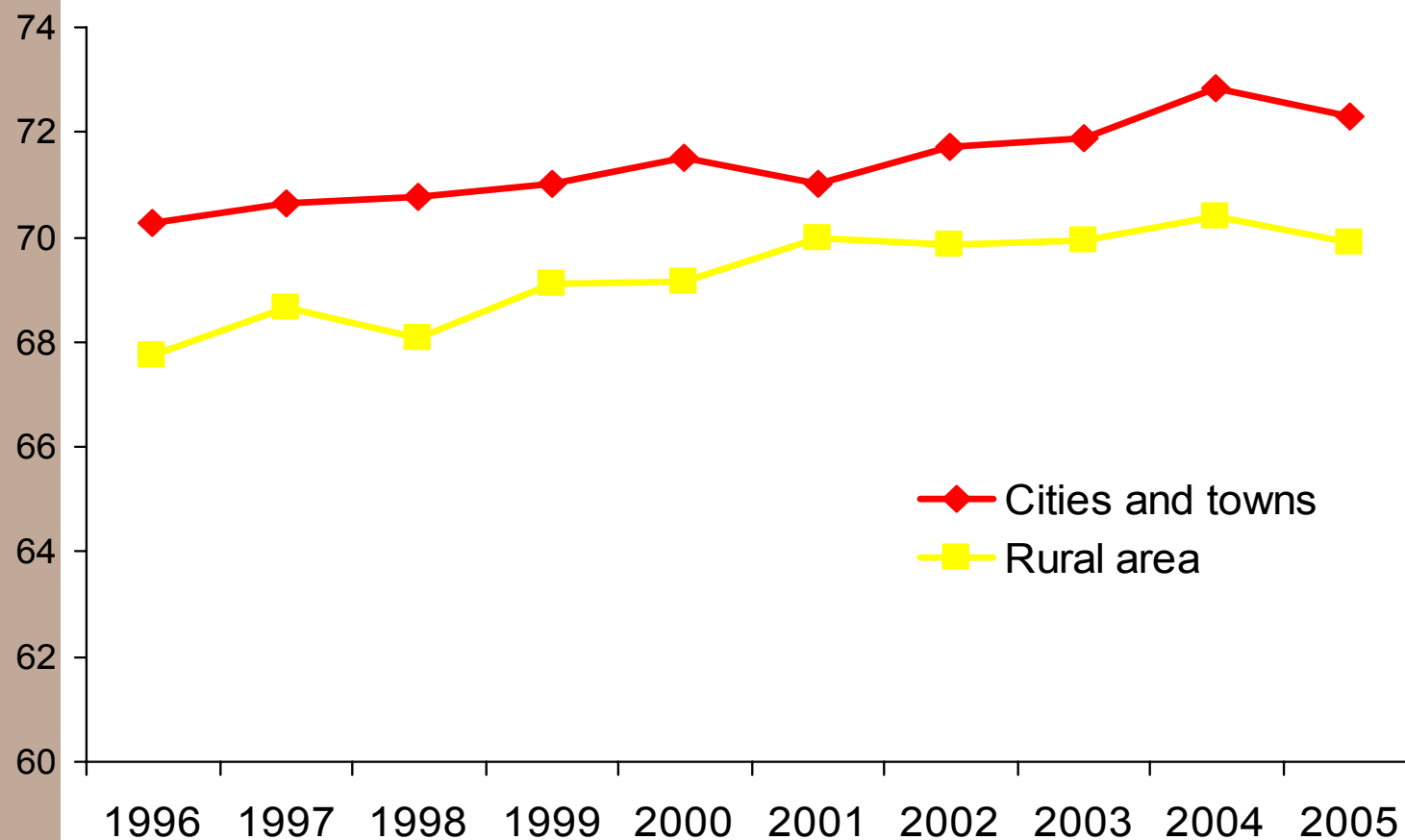
# Current Situation

1. Public Health Strategy (2001)
  - 2nd goal – Fairness and Solidarity
2. Public Health Strategy's Implementation Action Program 2004 – 2010 (2004)
3. Monitoring Survey on Achieving the Public Health Strategy's Goals (2005):
  - 1st goal – Life Expectancy;
  - 3rd goal – Healthy Start of Life;
  - 4th goal – Health of School-Aged Children;
  - 6th goal – Mental Health.



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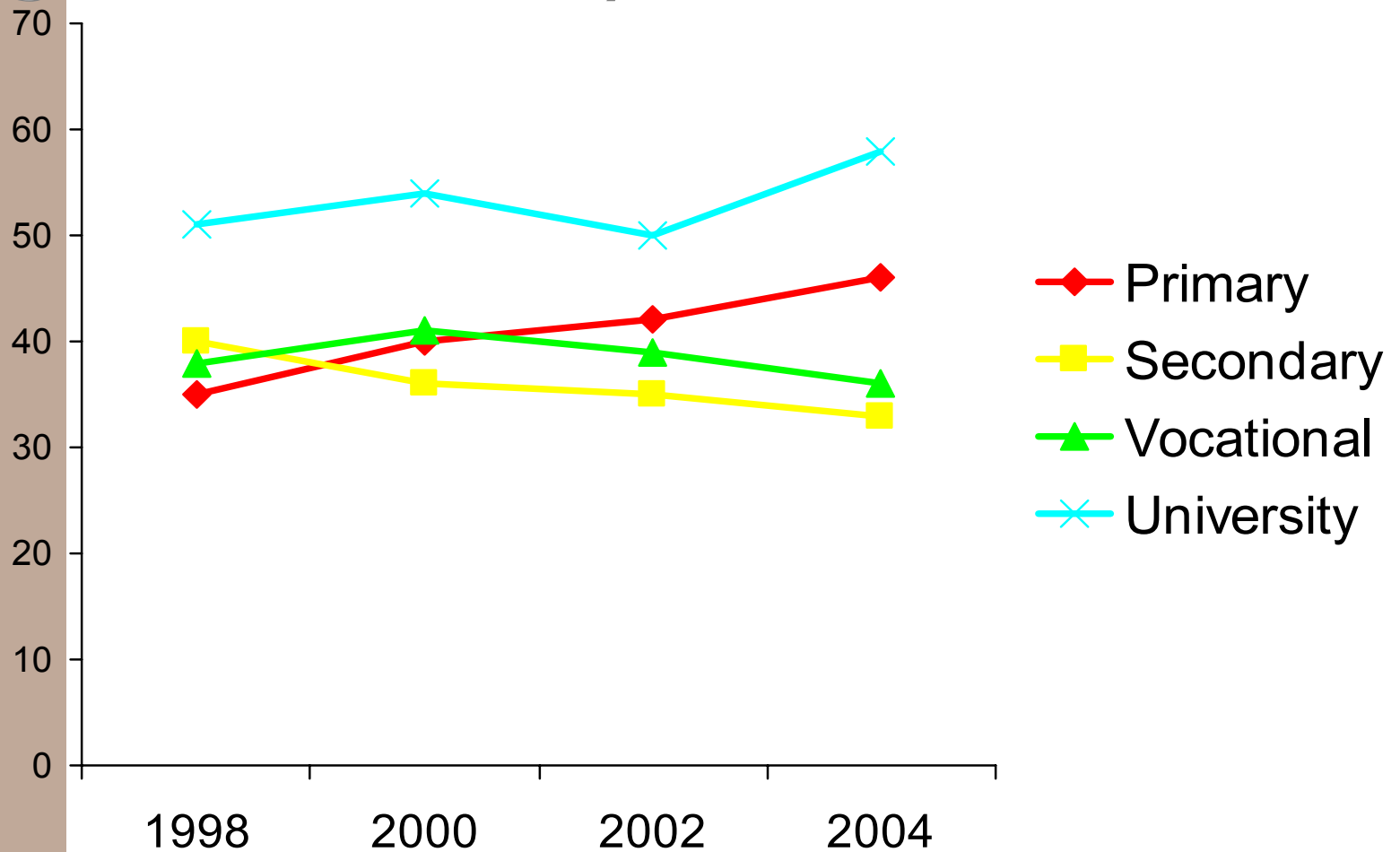
# Average Life Expectancy at Birth According to Residence





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# Proportion of persons (%) who evaluate their health status as good or fair by education level





# What we have done?

## 1. Approved indicators:

- Morbidity, disability and death rate (urban and rural areas, socioeconomic status)
- Number of ambulatory visits per person
- Number of family doctors per 100 000 inhabitants
- Proportion of public buildings accessible to disabled people
- Proportion of unemployed (place of residence, sex, age, education level)
- The poverty risk index (amount of residents living below the relative poverty line, %)
- Gini coefficient etc.



# What we have done?

2. Carried out monitoring on 1st, 3rd, 4th and 6th goal
3. Participated in several working groups:
  - Expert Group on Social Determinants of Health Inequalities
  - Within Ministry of Welfare – working group on Reduction of Poverty and Social Exclusion
  - Capacity Building project group – represented by Ms.I.Zirina (Health Promotion State Agency)
4. Participated in several projects (*Capacity Building, Closing the Gap*)
5. Health Care Reform
6. Developed National Health and Long-term Care Strategy



# Future

1. Monitoring of 2nd goal of the Public Health Strategy (2007?)
2. Periodical assessment of situation
3. Cooperation with other institutions working in the field
4. Participation in working groups, projects
5. Building capacity of state institutions, including MoH
6. Continue to implement the Development Program of the Ambulatory and Stationary Healthcare Services
  - Health care facilities unions



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Thank you for attention!



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