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Euphemisms “assisted dying”, “natural death”, “quality of life”, “end-of-life choice”, “death with dignity”, “death on demand”.

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- **Death is not the end for Christians:** "... whoever lives by believing in me will never die." John 11:25

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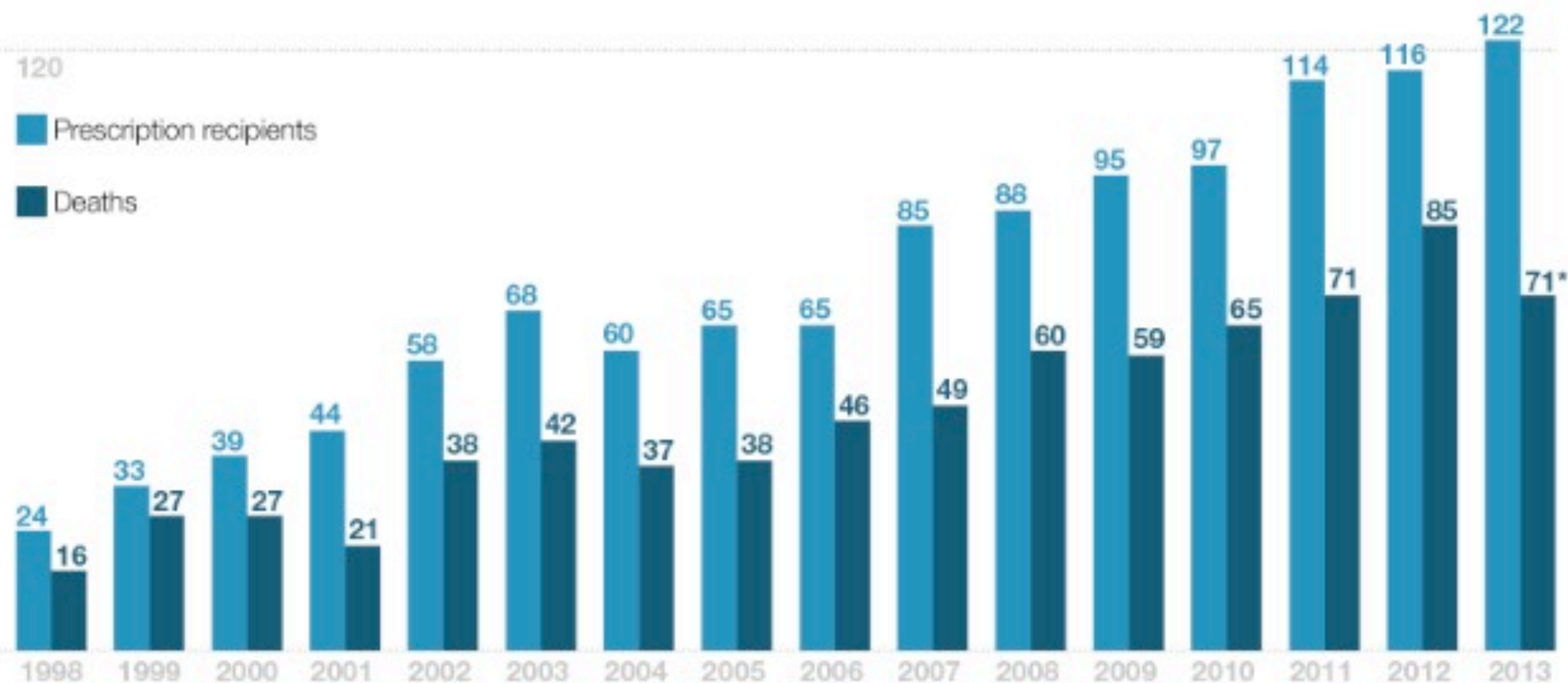
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- **Compassionate care trumps the need for PAS.**

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- The patient must be a resident of Oregon.
- The patient must make a written request to a licensed physician.
- The physician must certify the illness is terminal.
- The physician must determine the request was made voluntarily.
- The physician must inform the patient of the diagnosis, and alternative treatments.
- Another physician must be consulted to confirm the diagnosis.
- Psychiatric consultation must be obtained.
- There must be a 48 hrs. waiting period between the written request and prescribing medication.
- The act also states insurance policies will not be affected.

Oregon Death with Dignity Act prescription recipients and deaths*, 1998-2013



Source: Oregon Health Authority

* as of January 22, 2014

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