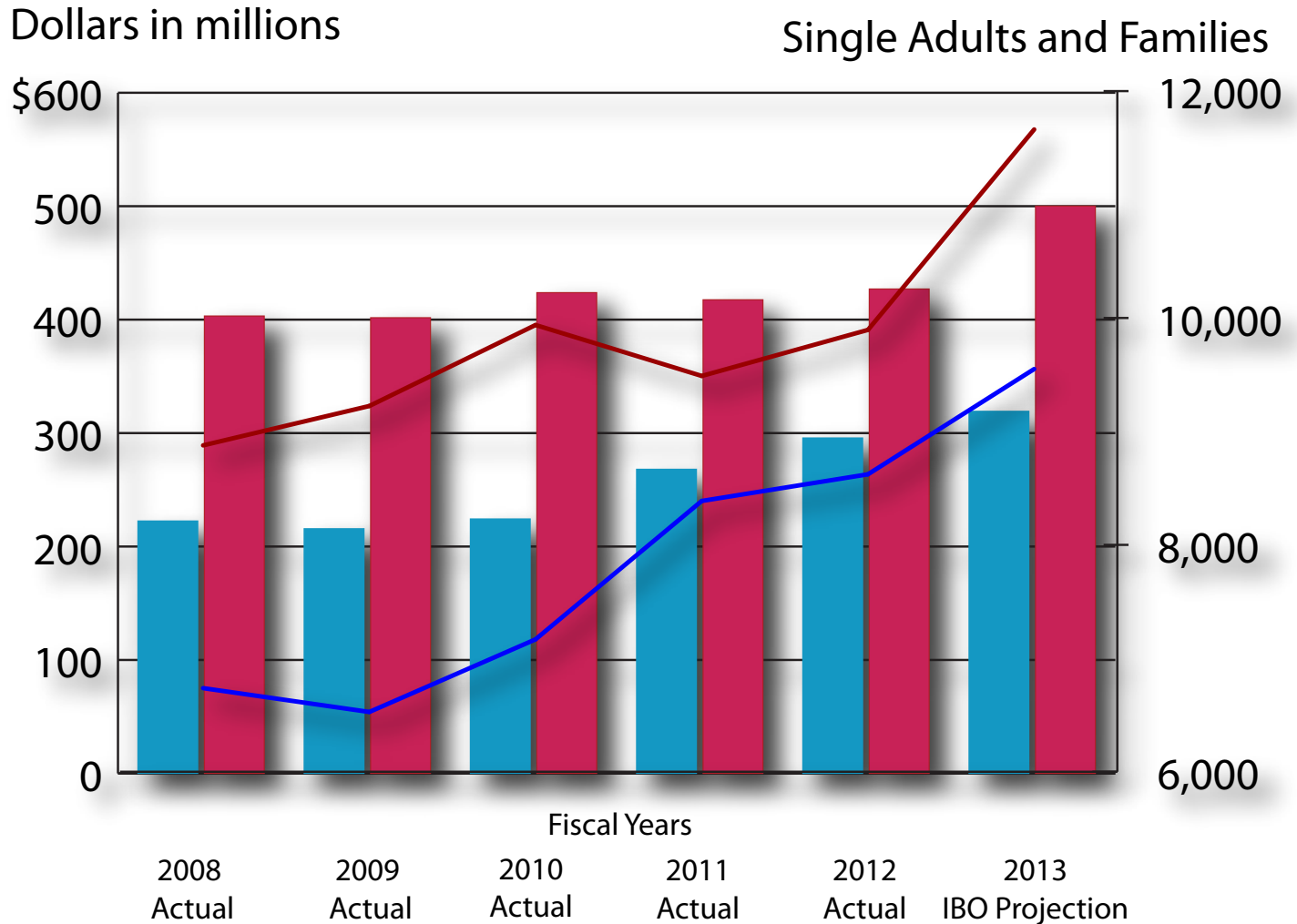
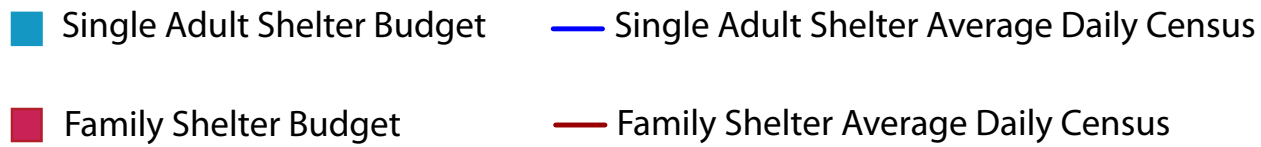


With the Rise in the City's Homeless Shelter Population, How Much Has Shelter Spending Increased?



- On March 5, there were 10,129 families and 9,821 single adults in the city's homeless shelters—a total population of 48,577.

- In 2008, total shelter costs were \$625.5 million—\$403.2 million for family shelter and \$222.3 million for single adults. We project this year's total costs will be \$819.3 million—\$500.1 million for families and \$319.2 million for single adults.

SOURCE: Department of Homeless Services

NOTES: The Advantage Rental Assistance Program, which subsidized rental payments for up to two years to help single adults and families leave the shelter system, was in place from fiscal year 2008 through most of fiscal year 2011.

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