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Long COVID and ME/CFS prevalence and cost in Germany modelled for the period 2020—2025



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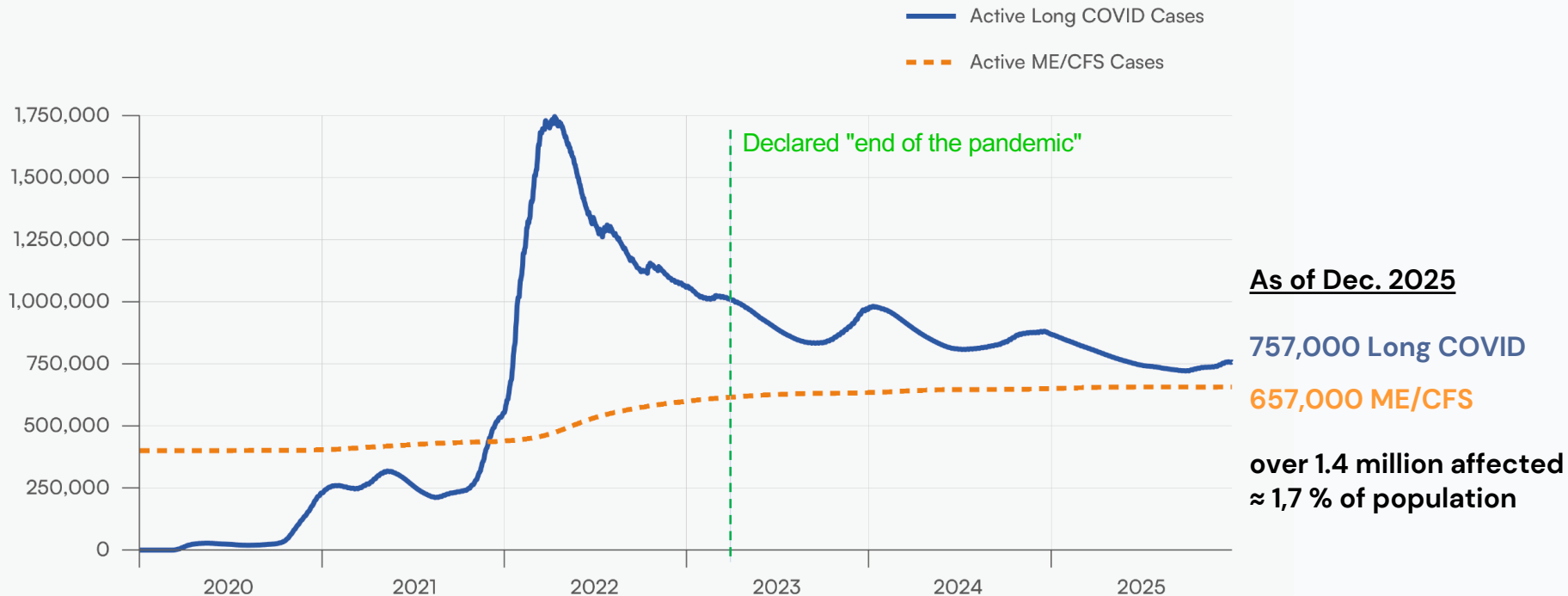
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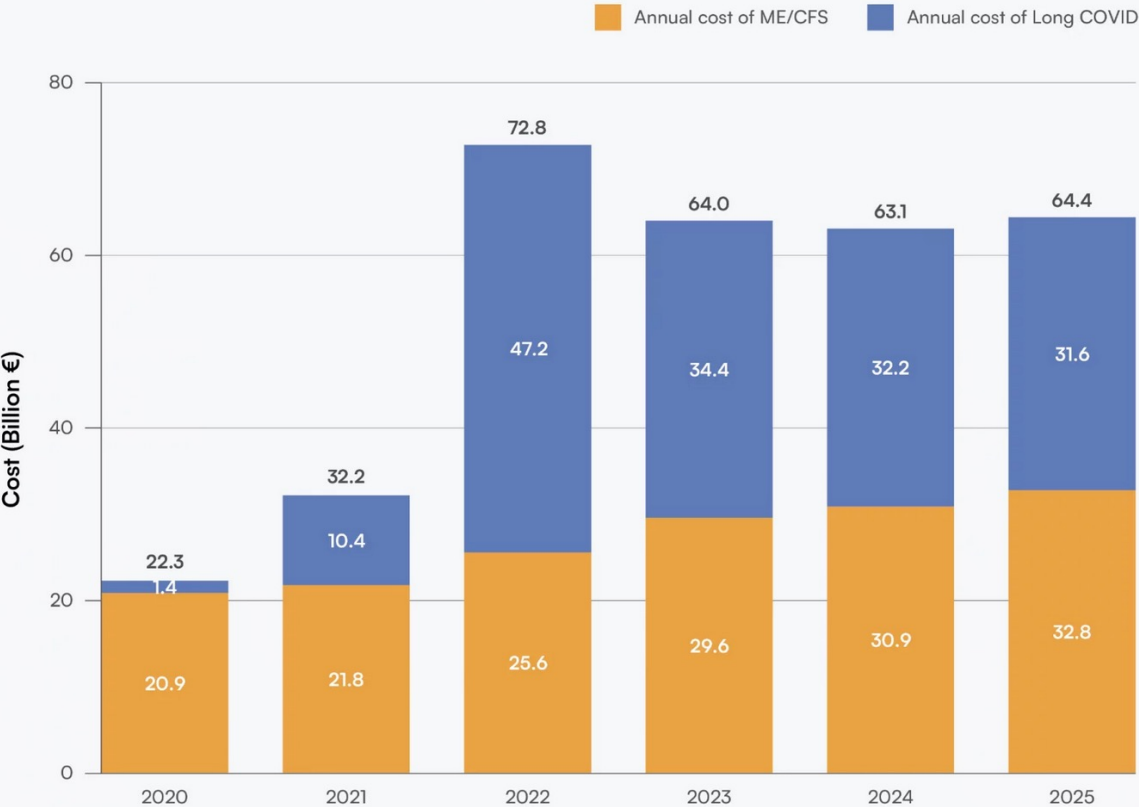
Long COVID and ME/CFS prevalence is sustained at a high level – driven by ongoing SARS-COV2 infections

Active Long COVID and ME/CFS cases in Germany over time



Long COVID and ME/CFS – an enormous “hidden” burden for patients and society

Annual costs of Long COVID and ME/CFS in Germany



€64.4 billion in costs per year
= 1.44% of GDP (Gross Domestic Product)

€31.6 billion Long COVID

€32.8 billion ME/CFS

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2026 update **Facts & resources**

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Research Funding Programme 2026



33 proposals from many German universities
focus: disease mechanisms, biomarkers, treatment
at least € 2 million funding, to start July-Sept