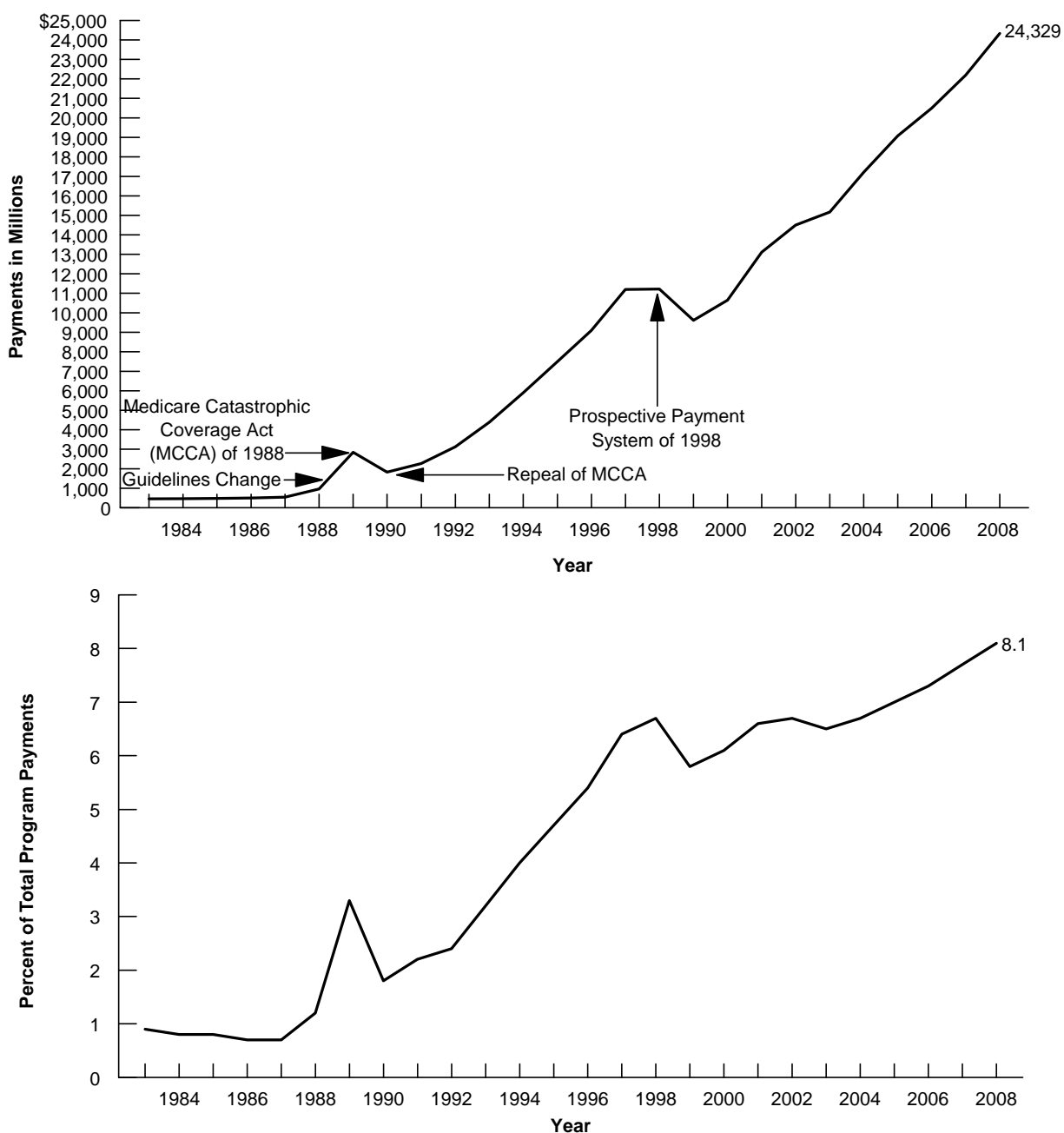


**Figure 6.1**  
**Growth in Medicare Skilled Nursing Facility**  
**Program Payments: Calendar Years 1983-2008**



SOURCE: Centers for Medicare & Medicaid Services, Office of Information Services: Data from the Medicare Data Extract System; data development by the Office of Research, Development, and Information.