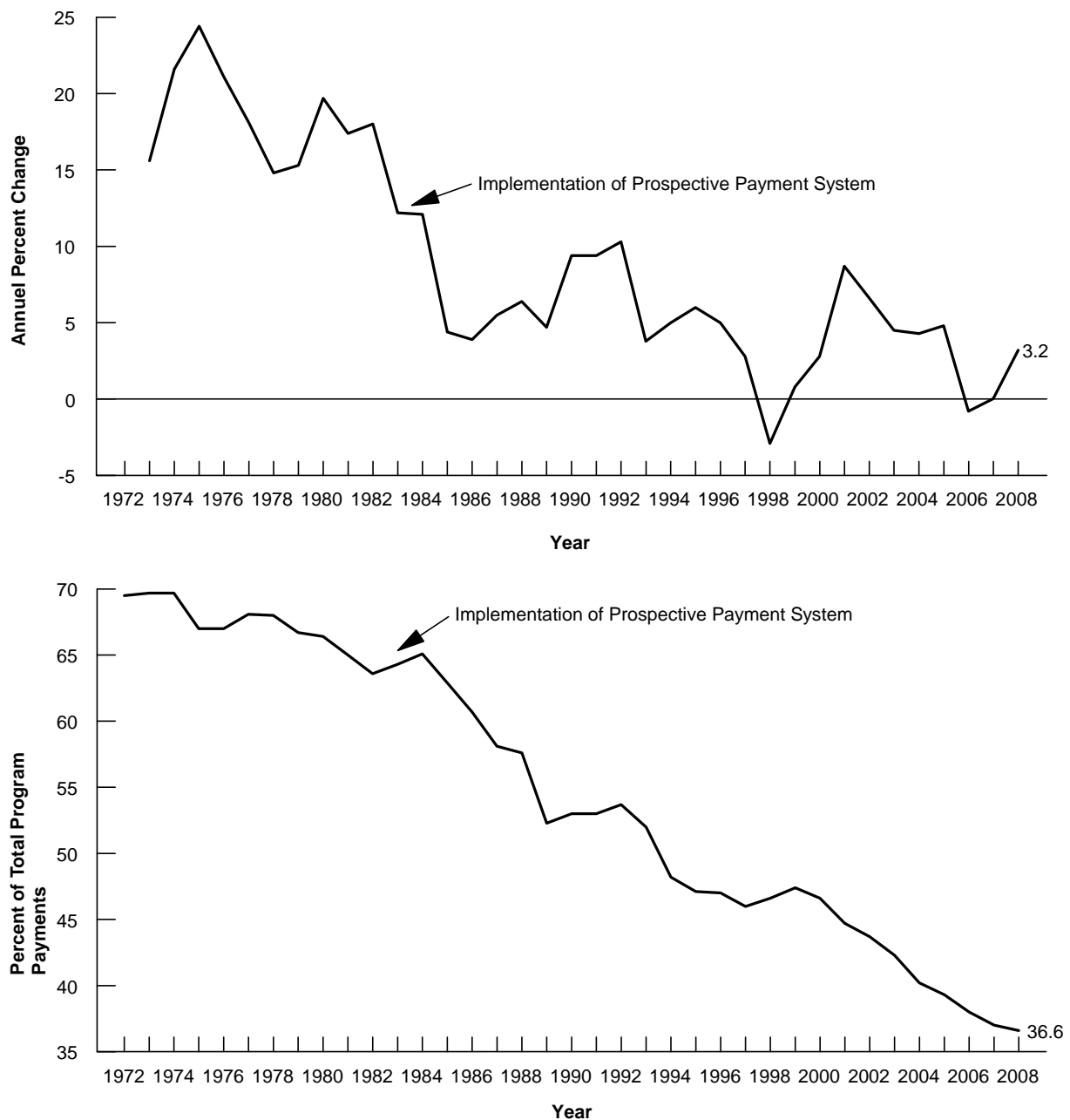


**Figure 5.1**  
**Changes in Medicare Short-Stay Hospital Program**  
**Payments: Calendar Years 1972-2008**



NOTE: The Medicare short-stay hospital prospective payment system was phased in by providers' fiscal years beginning on or after October 1, 1983.

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.