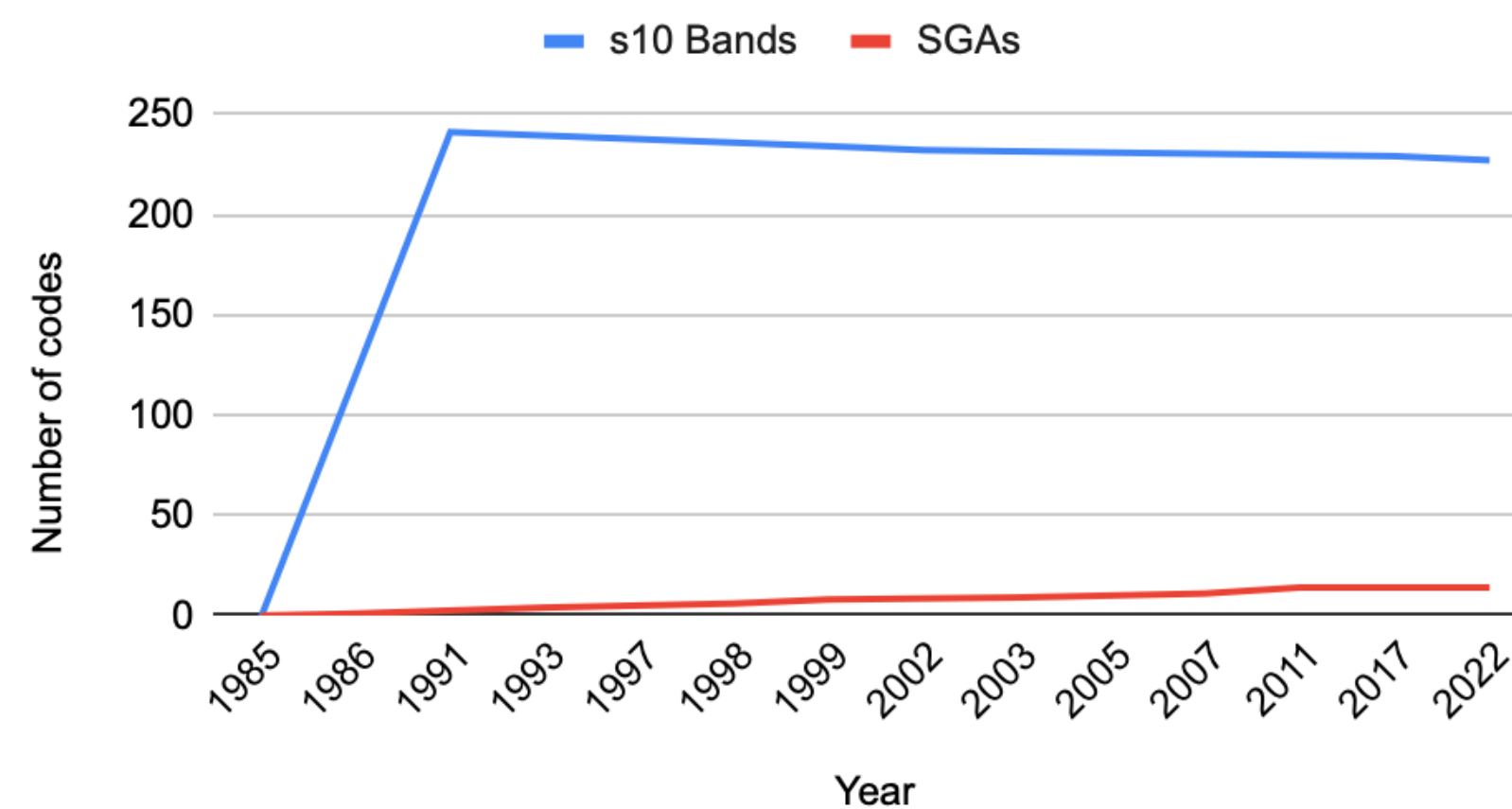


A note on the number of section 10 bands

Since 1987, 241 section 10 band membership codes have been approved by the Canadian federal government. However, this total has decreased over time. From its 241 peak in the 1990s (Clatworthy, 6-7), the total number dropped to 234 by 1999 (Furi and Wherrett). By 2003, 232 First Nations were still applying section 10 membership codes (Clatworthy, 8-9), and by 2017 the number was further reduced to 229 (Segel-Brown, 4). The main reason for these decreases is the fact that some First Nations have concluded self-governance agreements (SGA), which include citizenship criteria that replace section 10 codes where enacted. As of 2022, fourteen of the original 241 section 10 First Nations have transitioned to self-governance agreements, meaning that 227 section 10 membership codes remain in active use today.

Number of s10 First Nations and SGAs



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