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HOW ARE WE DOING BY OUR KIDS?



By MICHELLE CASTILLO / CBS NEWS / May 7, 2013, 12:49 PM

U.S. has highest first-day infant mortality out of industrialized world, group reports



Associated Press
Jeremiah Harker listens as names of families cut from the Head Start program were called out during a meeting in Columbus, Ind., last week.



Published: March 13, 2013 3:00 a.m.

Strapped by sequester, Head Starts drop kids

PAMELA ENGEL | Associated Press



As Congress debates food stamp cuts, moms fret about feeding kids



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Child care cuts bleed forever



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Student Debt and the Crushing of the American Dream

By JOSEPH E. STIGLITZ

U.S. Child Poverty Is On The Rise

A big **new report** shows one in four children in America lives in poverty. We ask why and look at solutions.



Children play basketball at a park in Baltimore. (Patrick Semansky/AP)

U.S. kids exposed to high rate of violence

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CHILDREN FACE REAL CHALLENGES

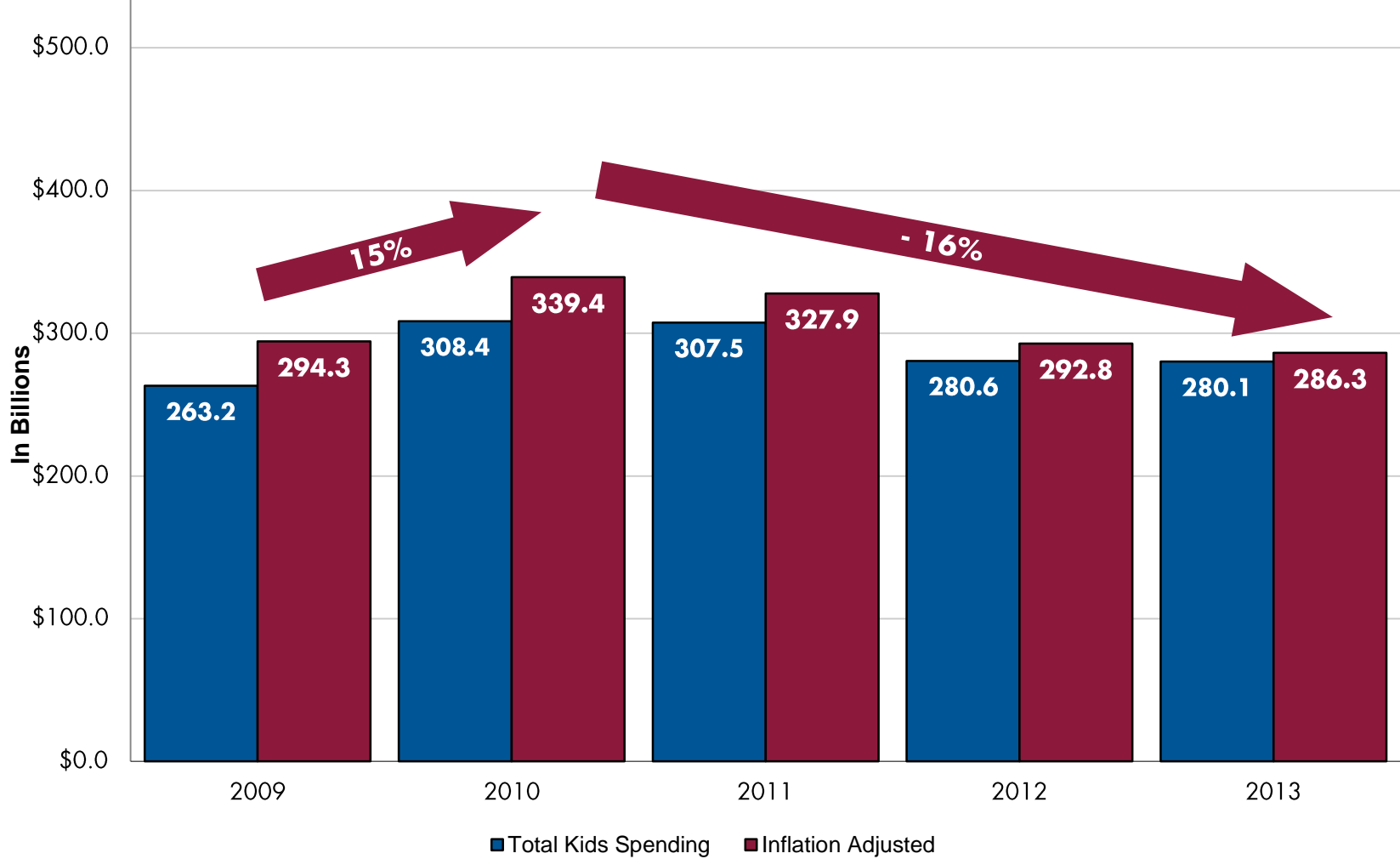


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CHILDREN'S SPENDING

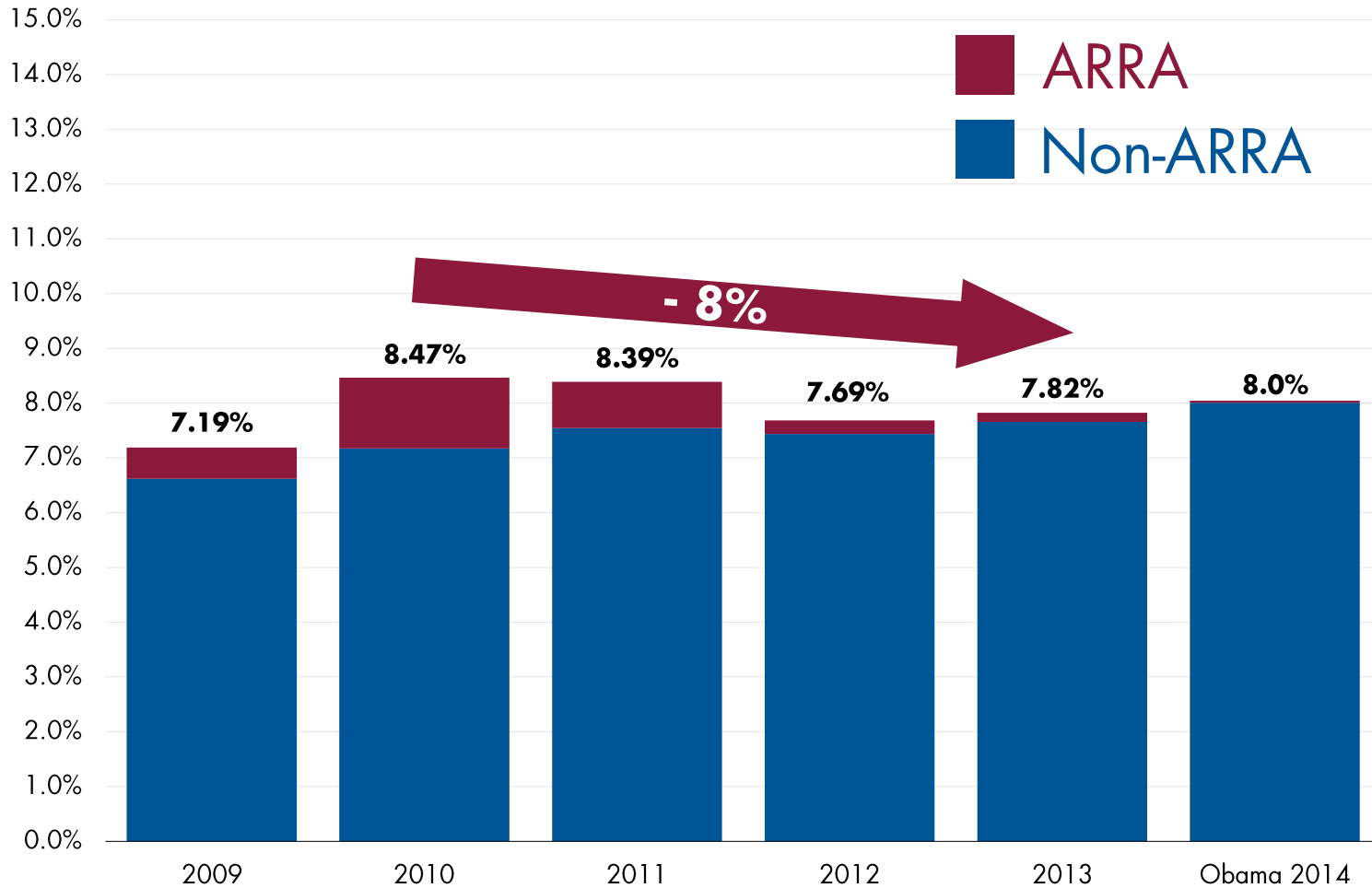
Spending on children in the federal budget declined 16% in last 3 years.





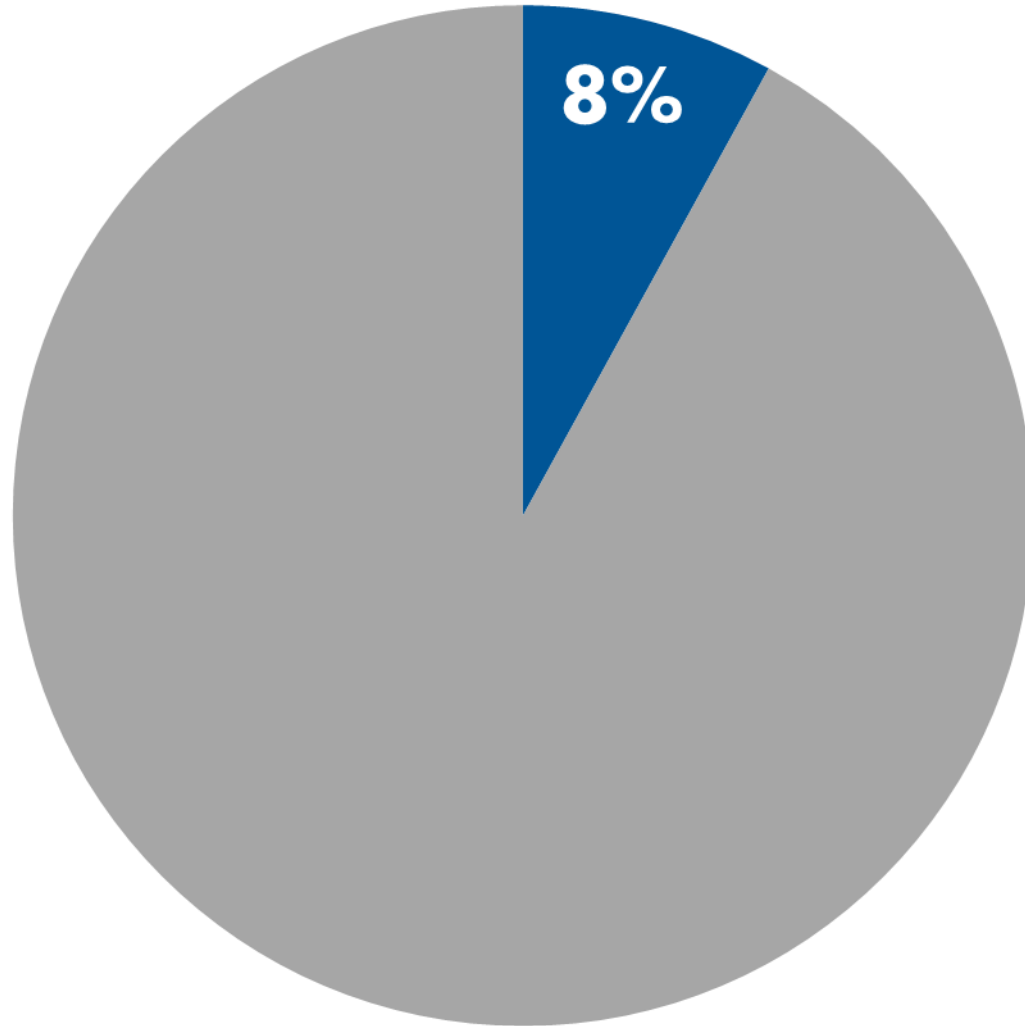
SHARE OF TOTAL FEDERAL SPENDING

The share of the federal budget in 2013 for children fell nearly 8% from 2010.





SHARE OF TOTAL FEDERAL SPENDING





HOW DID WE GET HERE – SEQUESTRATION

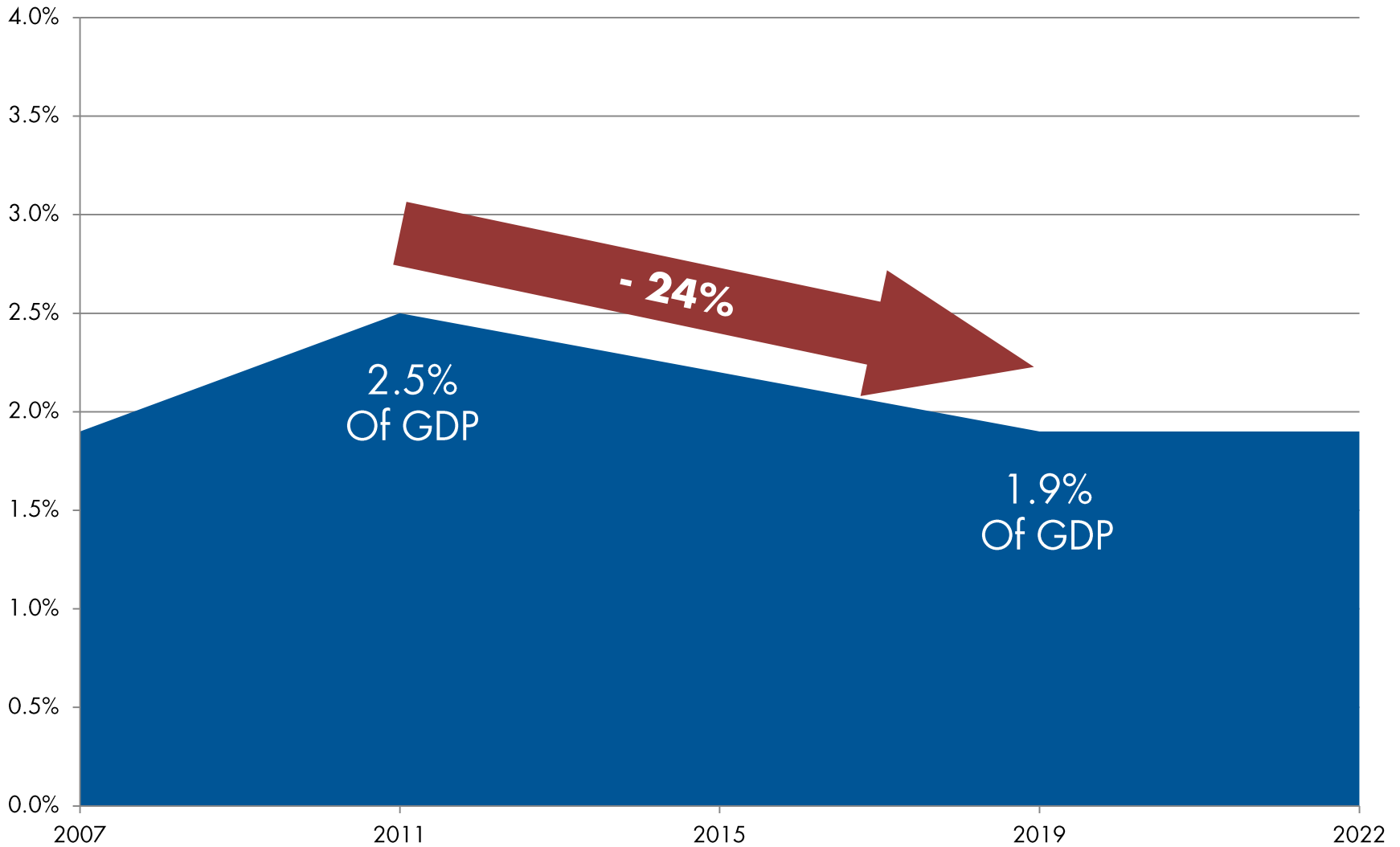
Real World Impacts:

- Nearly 7.4 million students affected
- 58,000 kids lost after school supports
- 65,000 fewer Head Start slots
- 100,000 families could face homelessness
- 5 days of furloughs for DoD Schools
- Thousands of teachers, support staff, and education jobs lost

Education	\$2.1B
Early Childhood	\$596M
Housing	\$588M
Nutrition	\$354M
Health	\$243M
Military Education	\$159M
Child Welfare	\$124M
Safety	\$37M
Total	\$4.2B



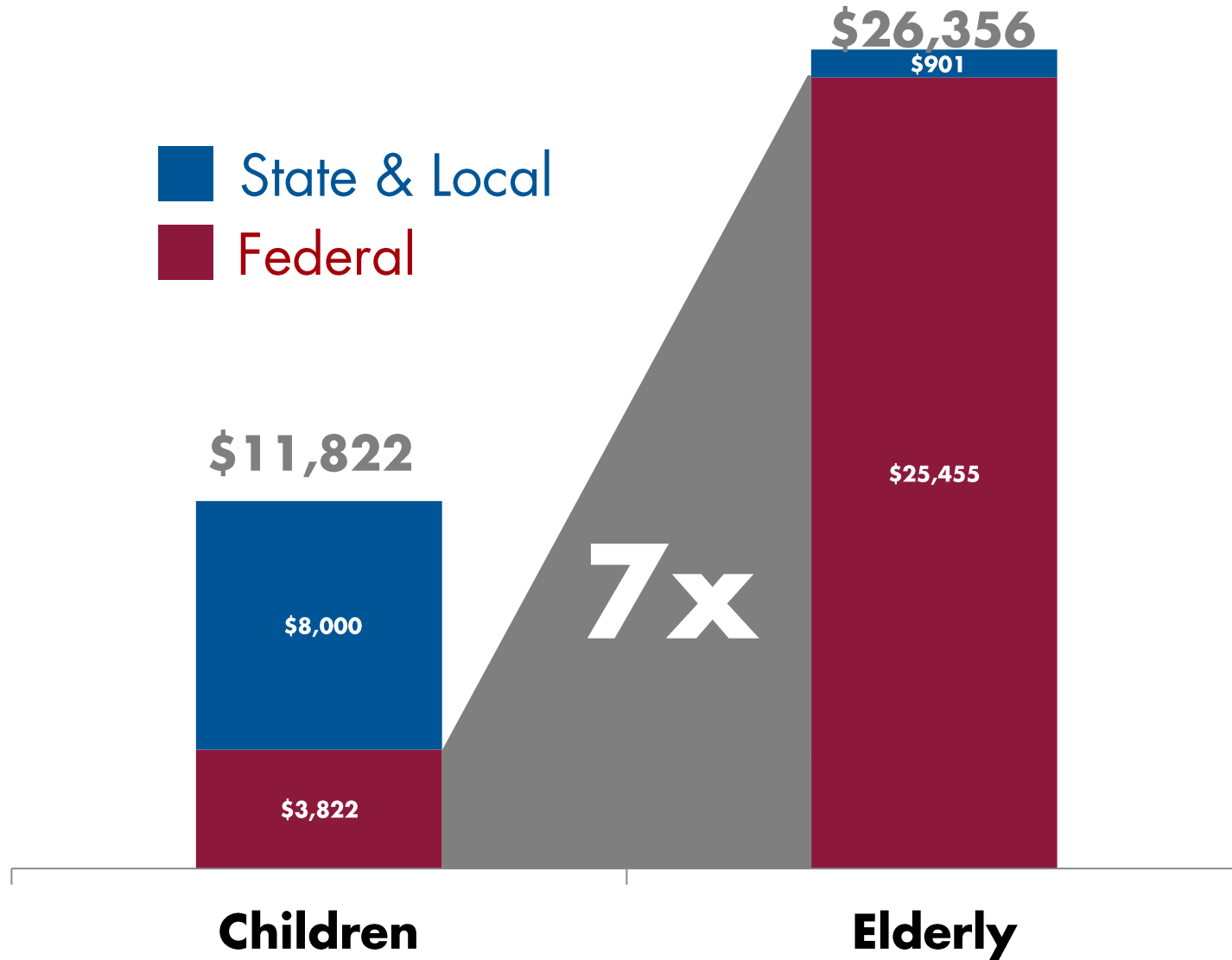
LONG-TERM DISINVESTMENT IN KIDS



Source: Kids Share

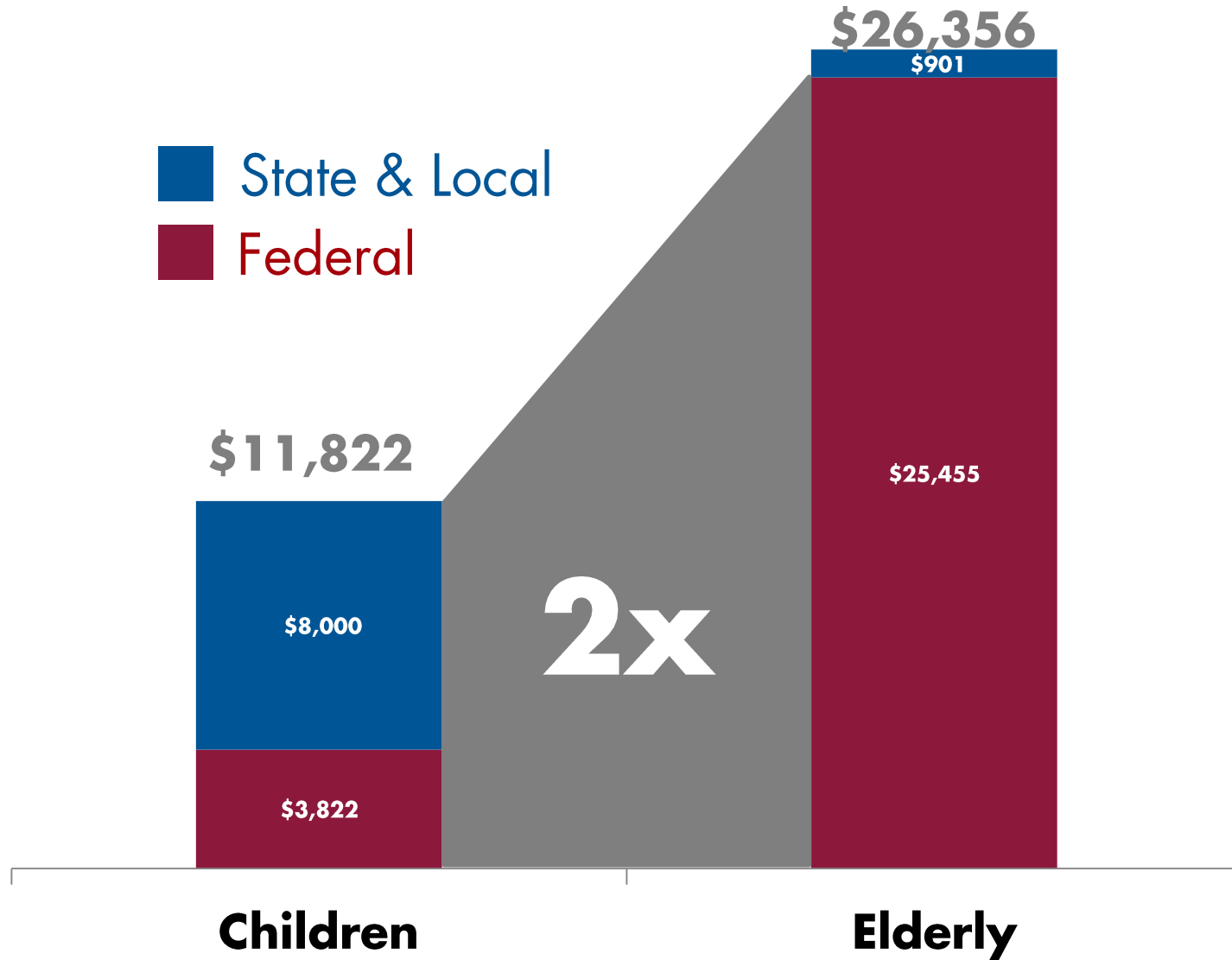


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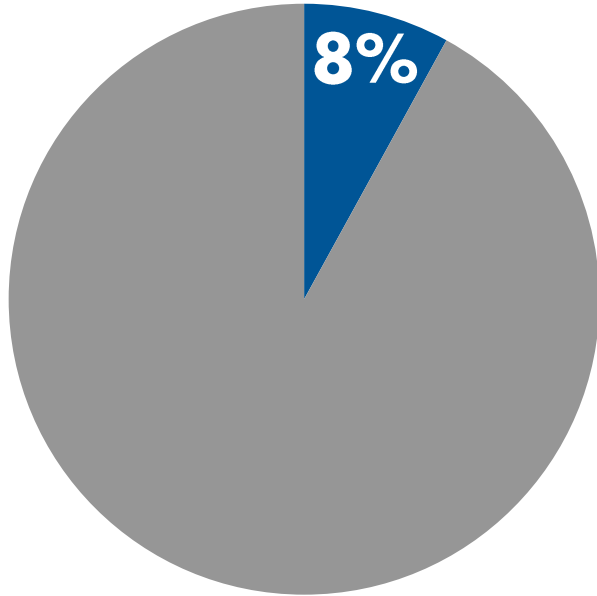
A majority say the last decade has not been beneficial to children.

“Compared to ten years ago, do you think the lives of American children have gotten better, gotten worse, or not changed?”

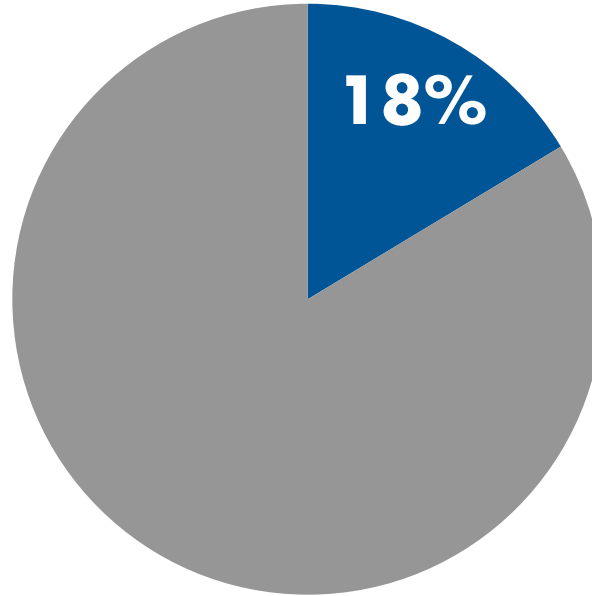




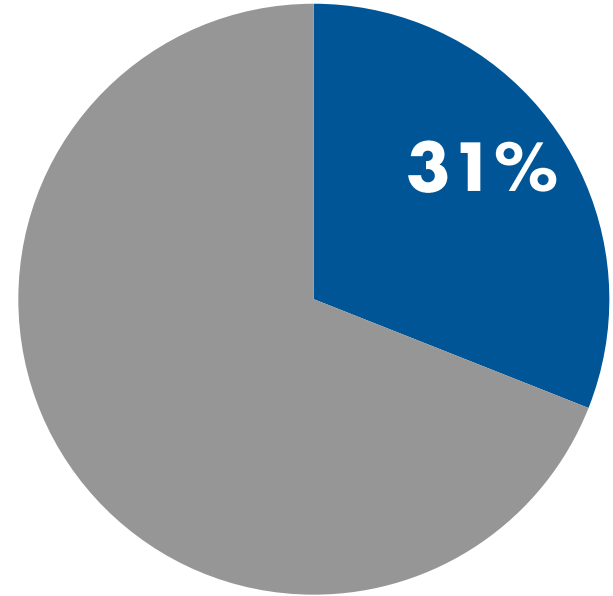
VOTERS WANT TO INVEST IN KIDS



Kids' Share



**What
Voters Think**



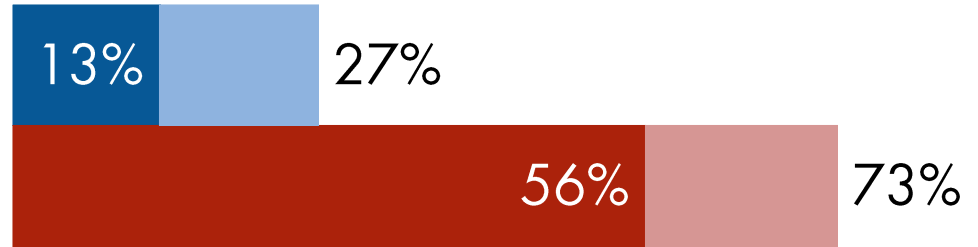
**What
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INTENSITY IS ALL ONE SIDED — NO TO CUTS IN THESE PROGRAMS

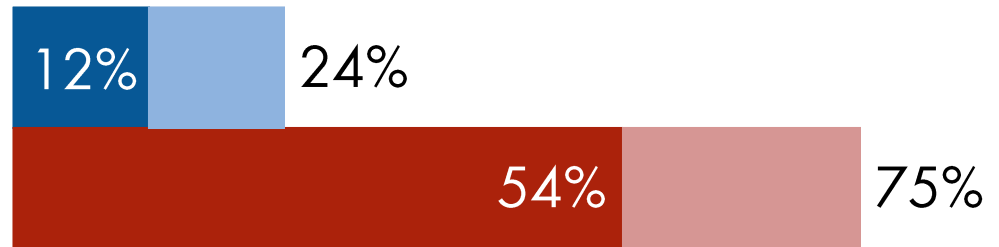
Medicaid, which provides health care to lower income seniors, the disabled, and children

AV: 26-71



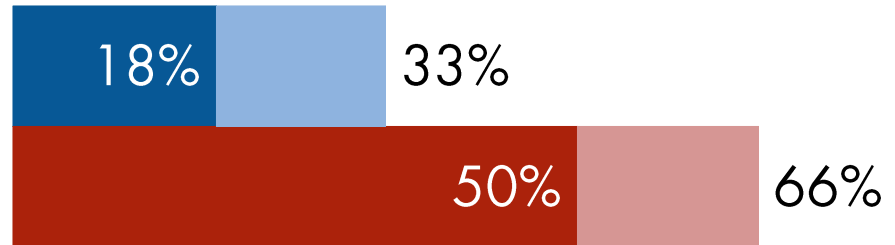
Education programs aimed at kindergarten to twelfth grade

AV: 23-74%



Programs to prevent child abuse and neglect

AV: 18-77%



Strongly Approve

Total Approve

Strongly Disapprove

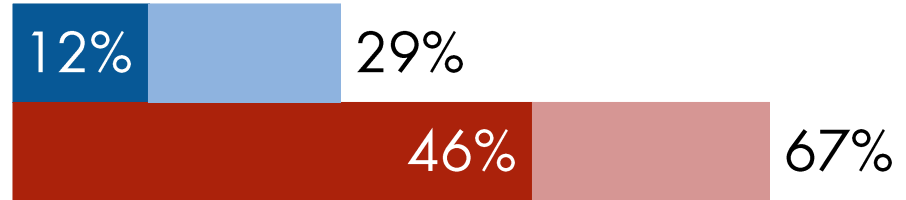
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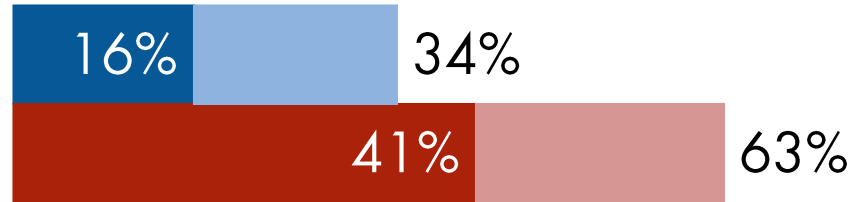
The Children's Health Insurance Program or CHIP

AV: 21-67%



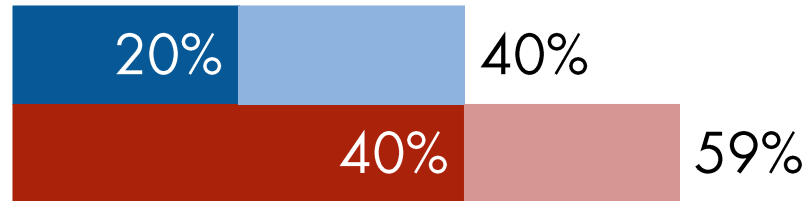
Tax credits for working families with children, like the Child Tax Credit and the Earned Income Tax Credit

AV: 26-68%



Head Start programs for pre-school children

AV: 31-64%



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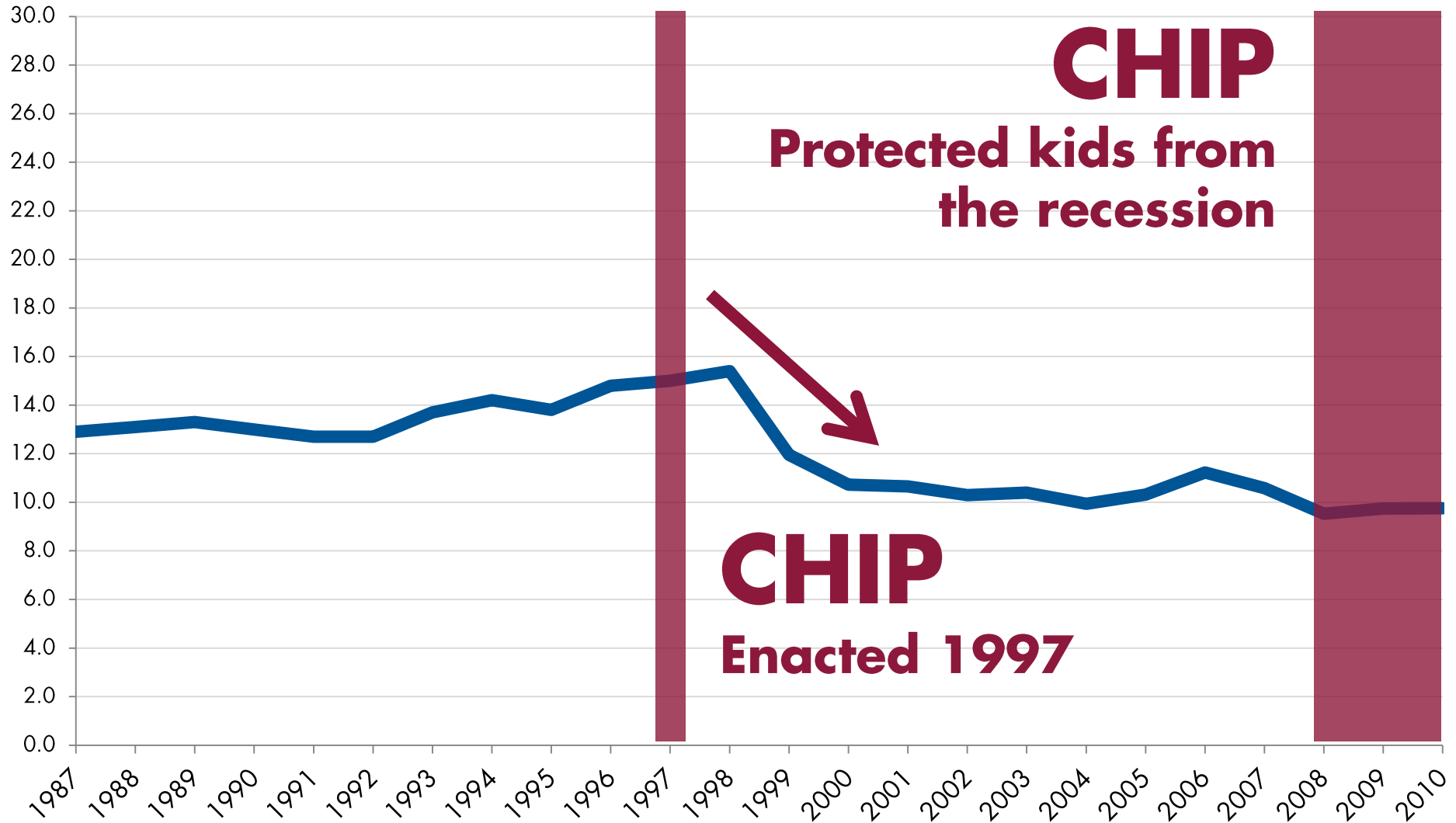


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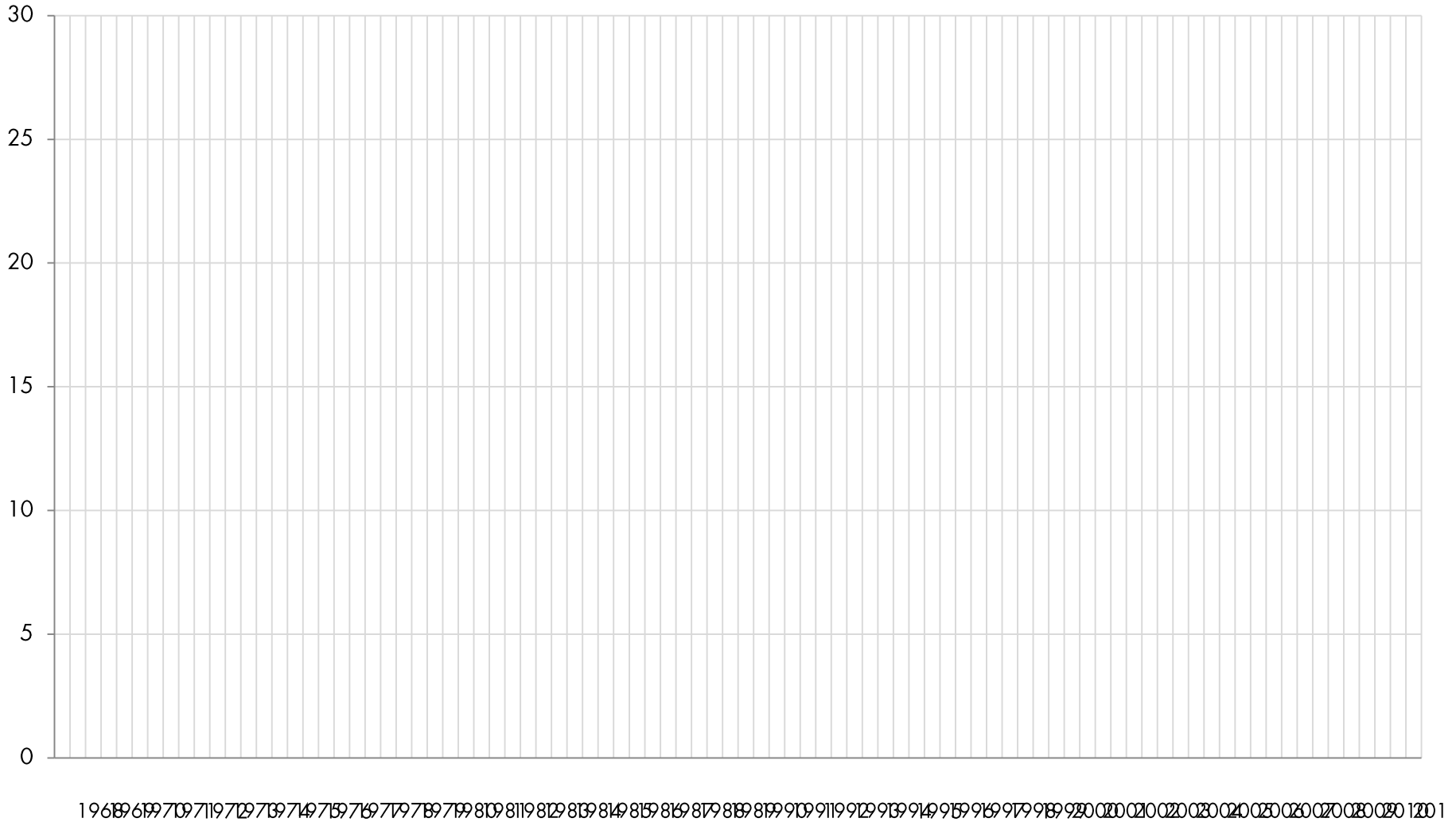
WE CAN DO IT – CHIP & MEDICAID

Percent of Uninsured Children





POVERTY RATES BY AGE (1968-2011)



Source: U.S. Census Bureau



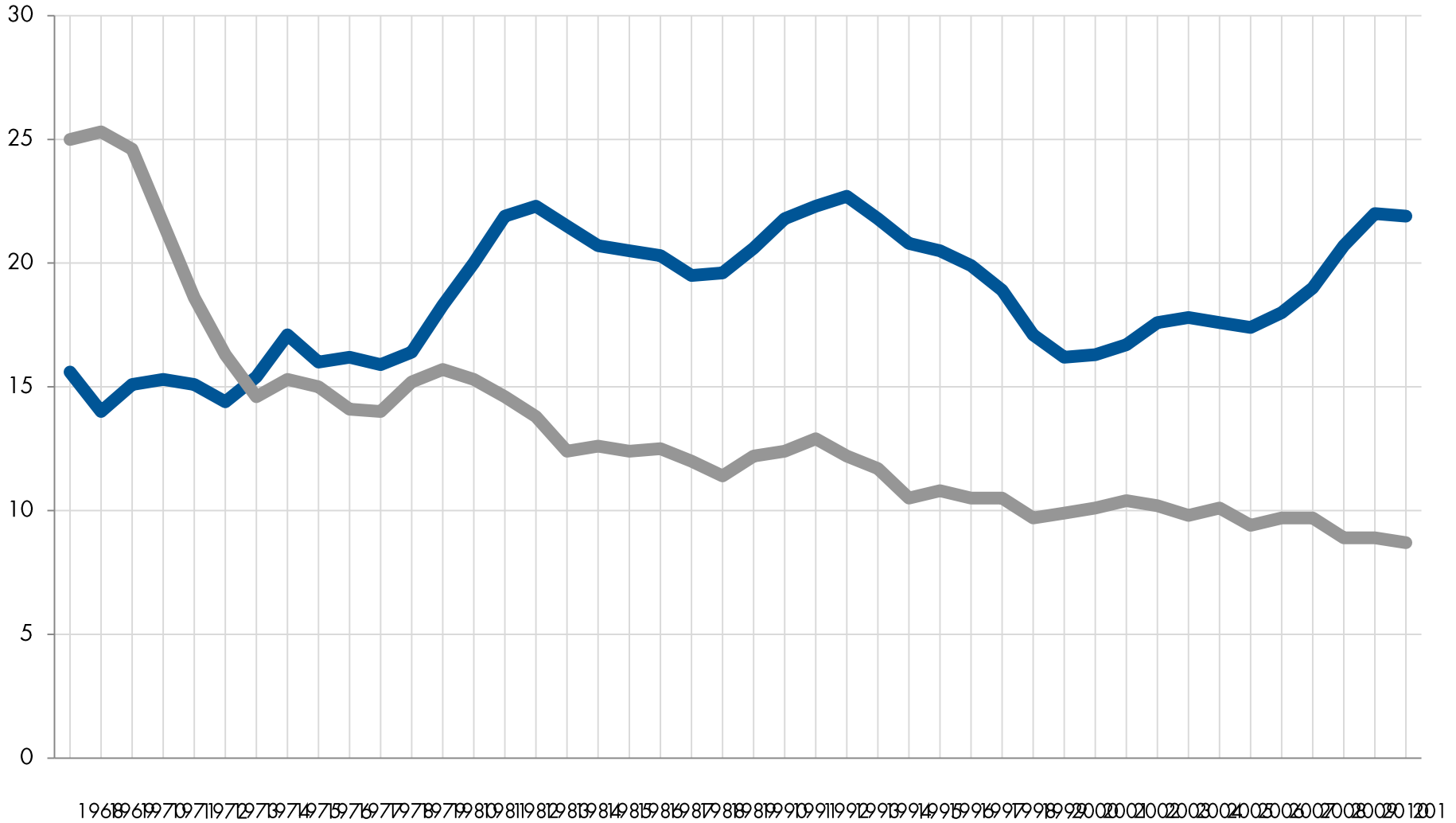
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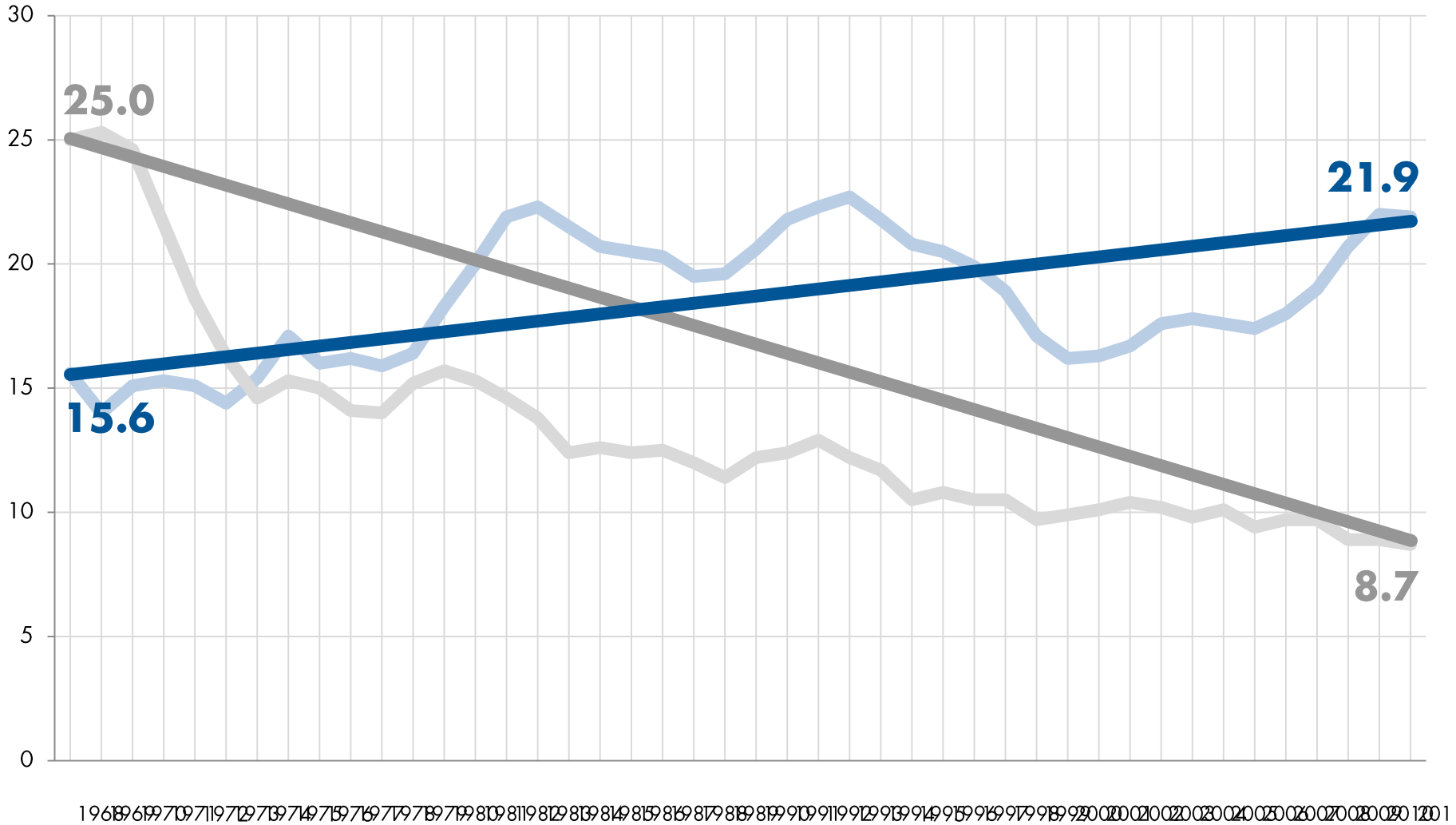
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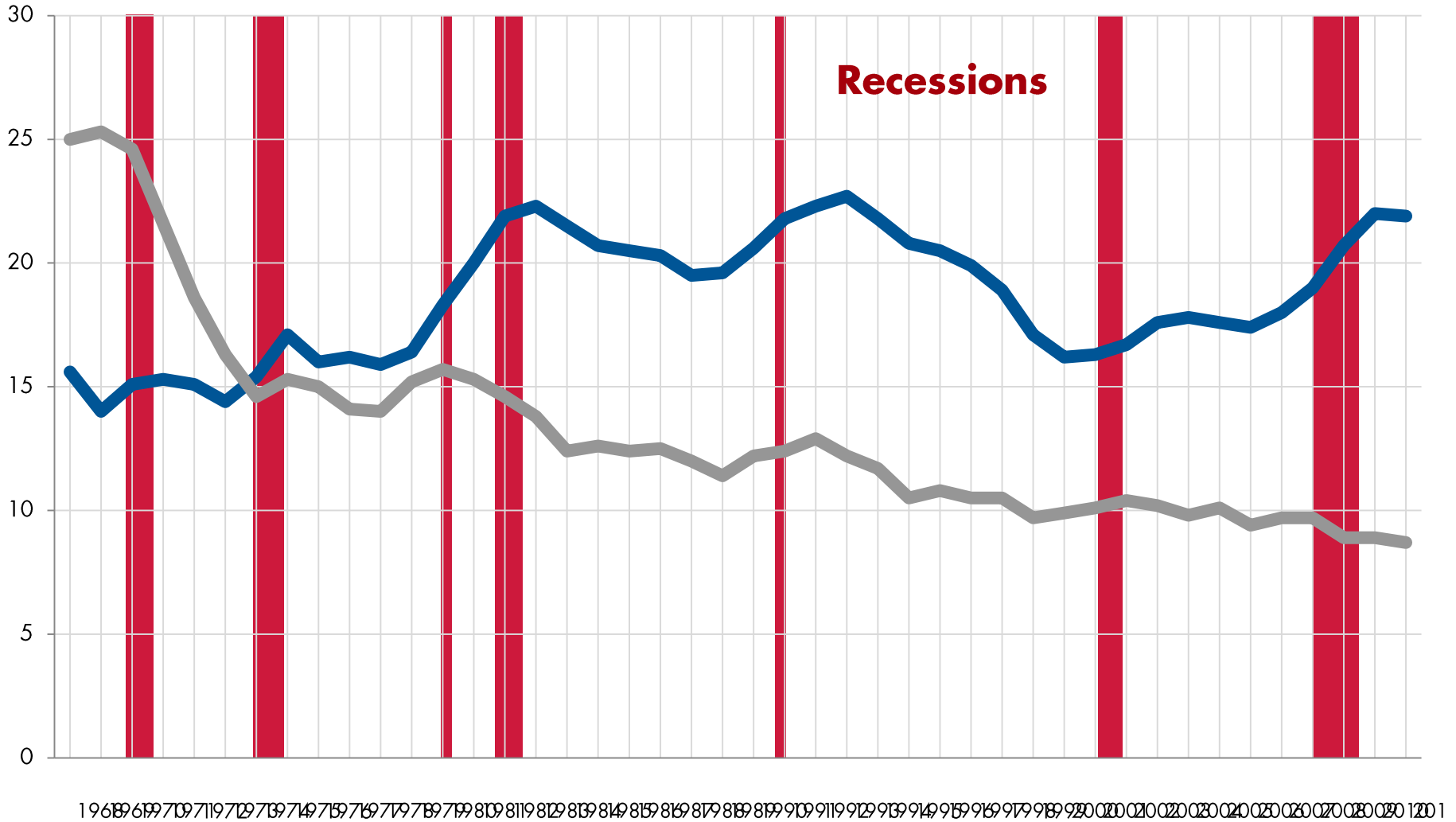
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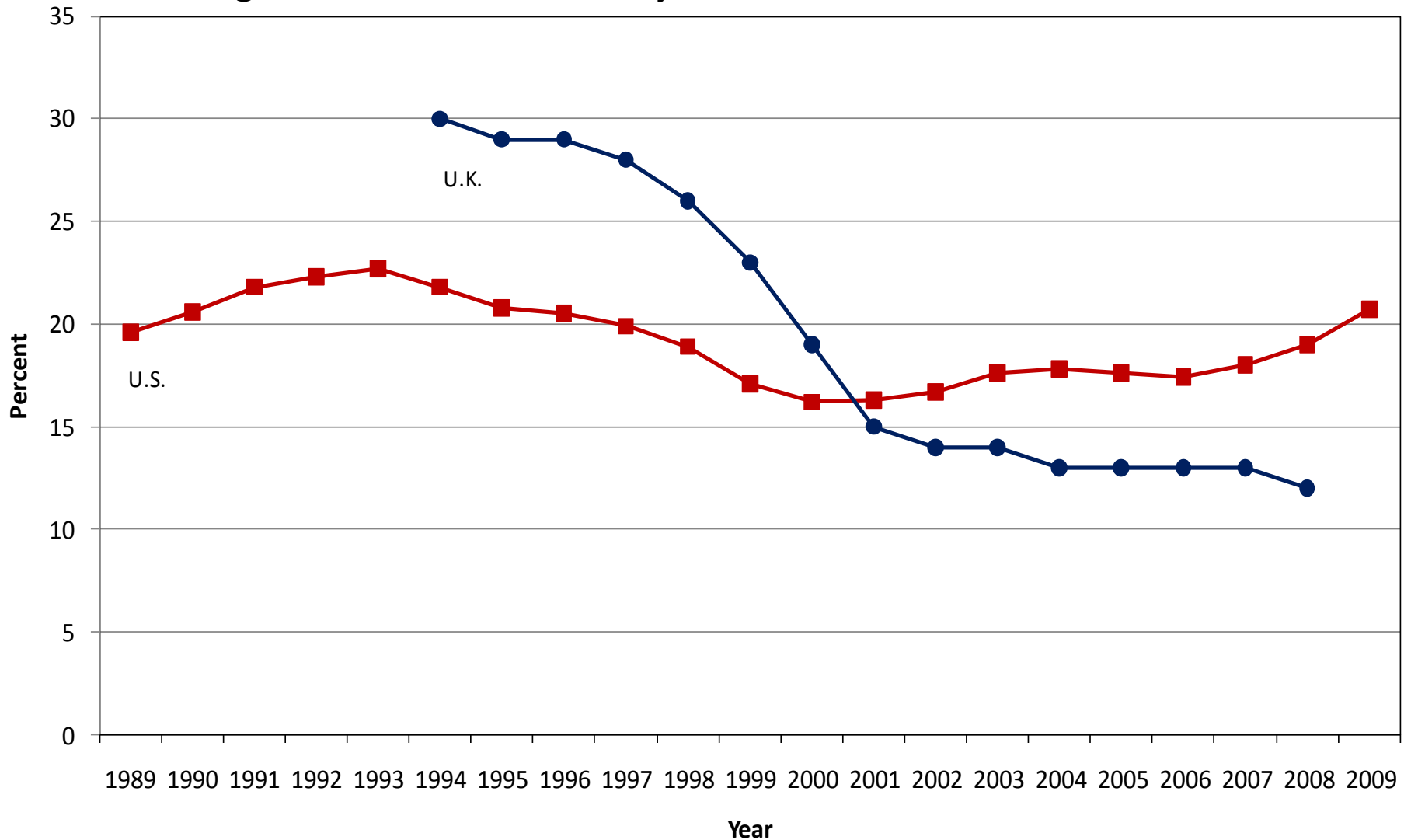


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Figure 1: Absolute Poverty in the U.S. & U.K. 1989–2009



■ U.S.: Percent all persons under 18 years below official US Poverty Line, 1989-2009 (about 35 percent of median income in 2000)

● U.K.: Percent of U.K. children below the absolute poverty threshold, 1989-2008 (about 60 percent of median income in 1998-99)



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