

***Moving Up, Not Out:
Investing in Our Young Adults***

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Q: What's the best thing we can provide for young people in Michigan?

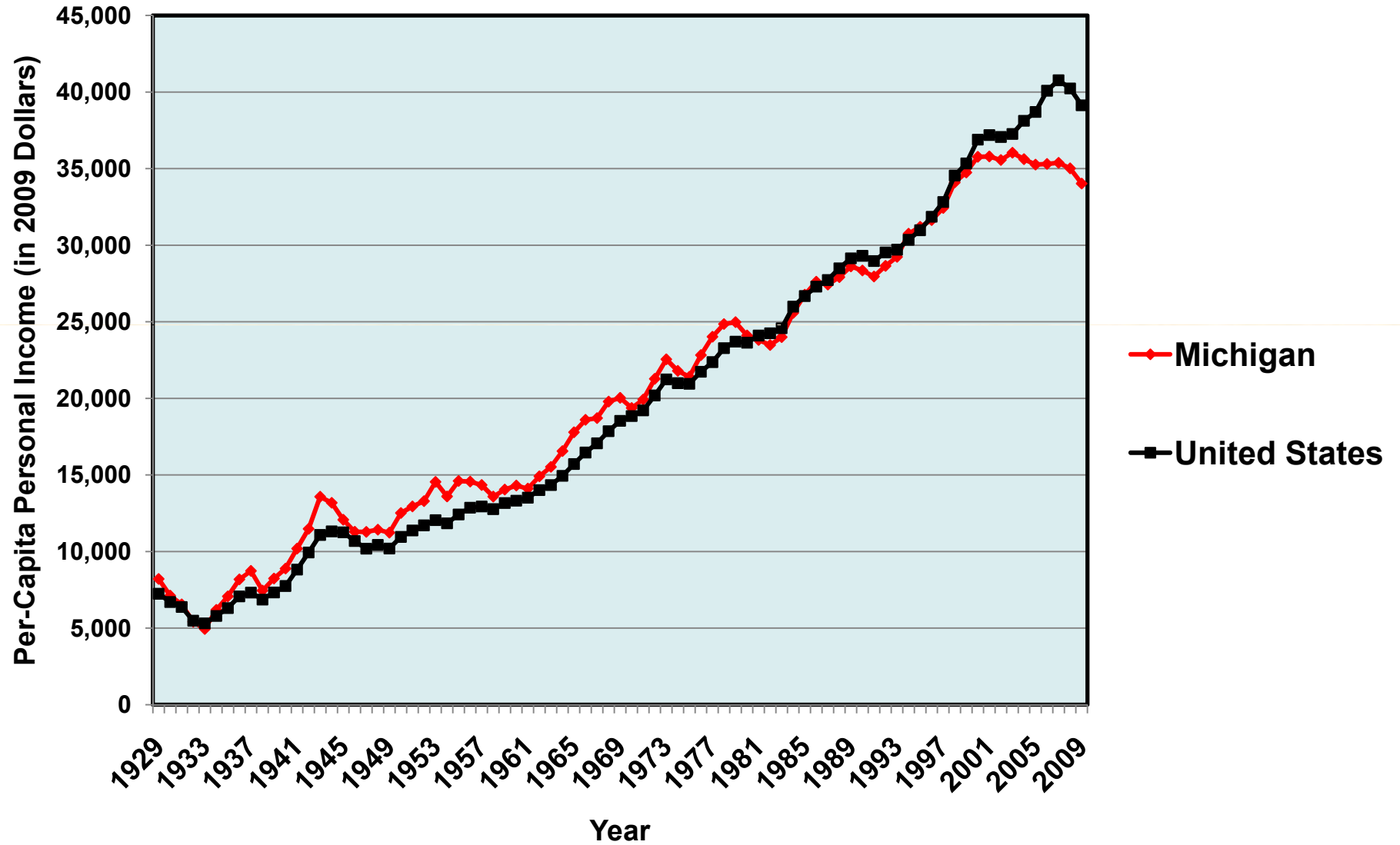
A: An educational system, and a system of education finance, under which they get to age 22:

- **WITH the skills they need to get a good job;**
- **WITHOUT a mountain of student-loan debt.**

Despite the struggles of the last decade, Michigan is not a poor place.

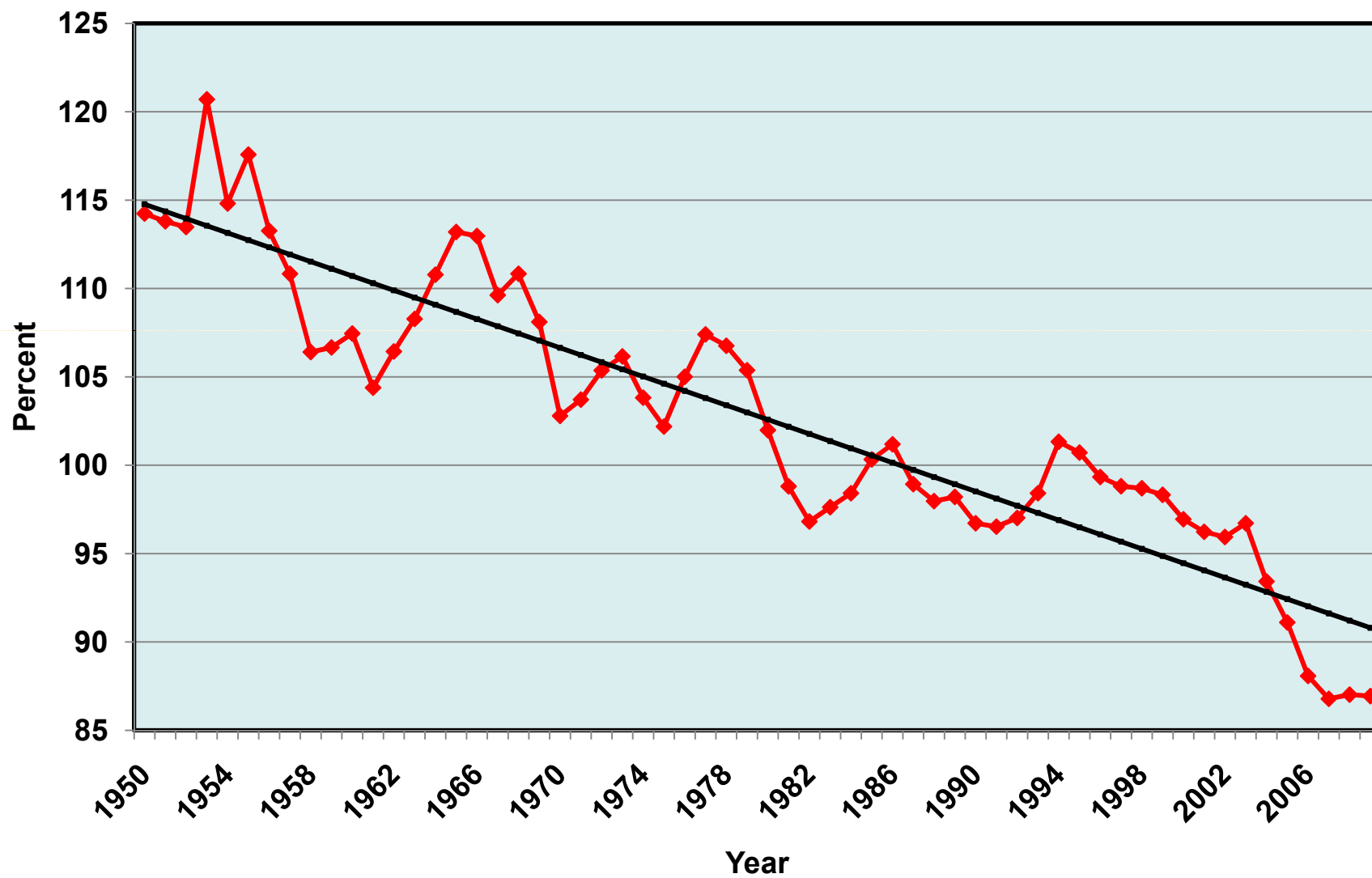
If we want to educate our children properly, and provide other public services, the resources are there.

Inflation-Adjusted Per-Capita Personal Income, In Michigan and the United States, 1929-2009



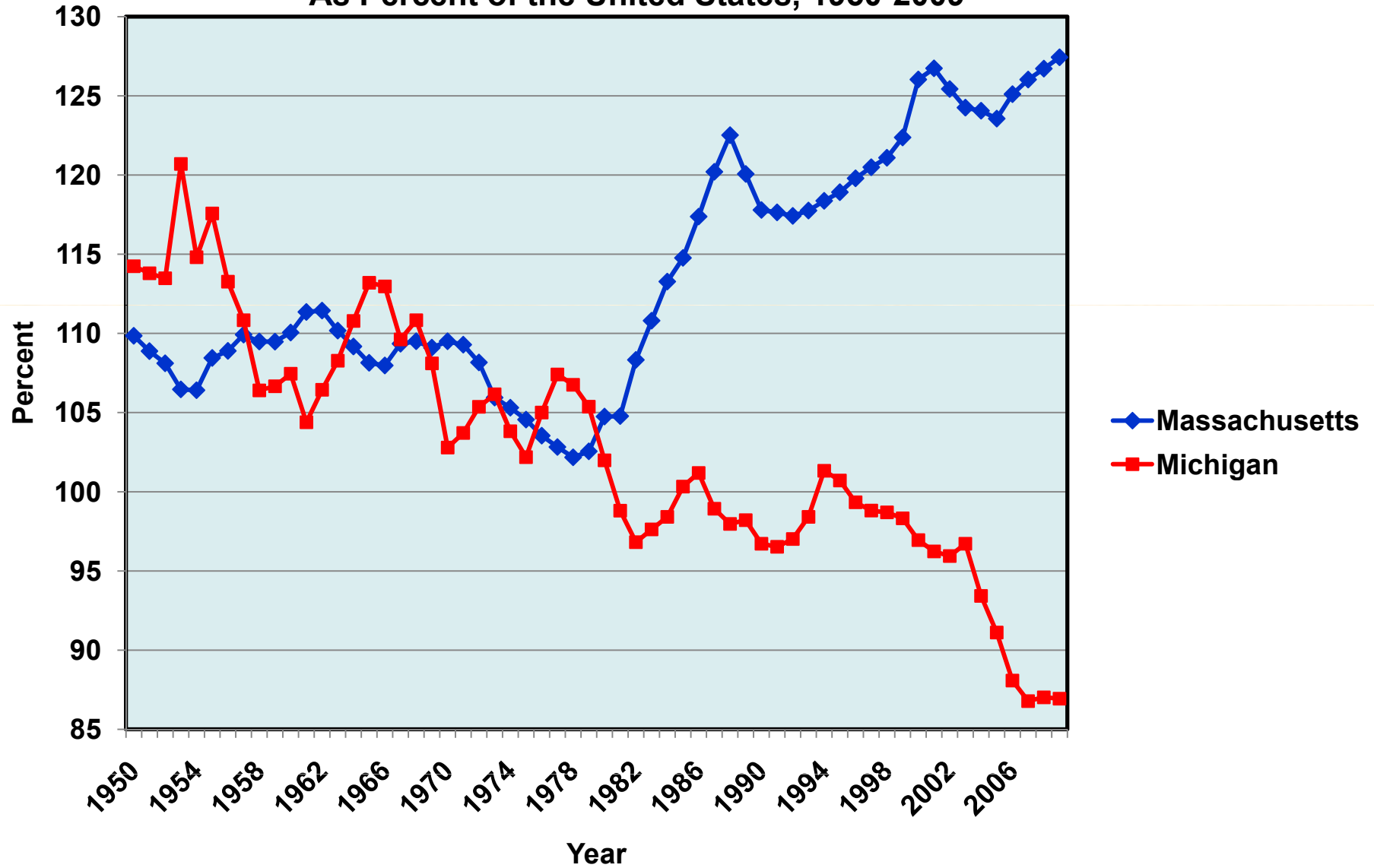
However, although Michigan is not a poor place, our economy has not grown as fast as the national average.

**Per-Capita Personal Income:
Michigan As Percent of the United States, 1950-2009**



Many of the most successful states have been those with high levels of educational attainment.

**Per-Capita Personal Income in Massachusetts and Michigan,
As Percent of the United States, 1950-2009**

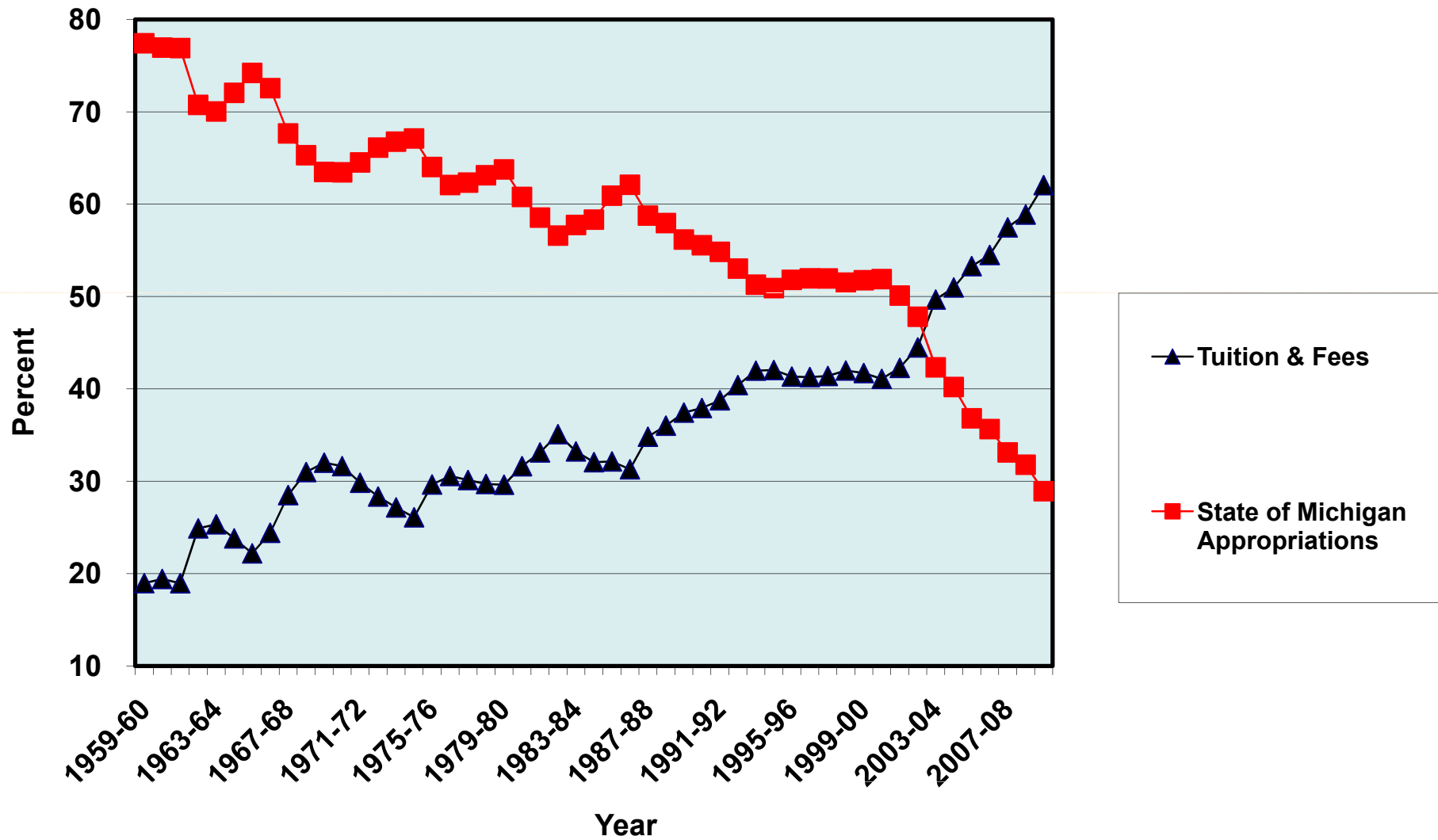


**Average Earnings in the U.S. in 2009,
For Those Aged 45-54
Who Worked Full-Time Year-Round**

	<u>Men</u>	<u>Women</u>
• Professional Degree	\$178,064	\$130,016
• Master's Degree	\$116,378	\$ 79,594
• Bachelor's Degree	\$ 95,787	\$ 60,266
• Associate's Degree	\$ 62,000	\$ 47,716
• Some College (No Degree)	\$ 61,072	\$ 42,068
• High-School Graduate	\$ 48,224	\$ 34,145
• Some H.S. (No Diploma)	\$ 36,239	\$ 23,987
• Less Than 9th Grade	\$ 28,067	\$ 19,591

**At a time when education is
so crucial to our future,
Michigan has pursued a
policy of systematic
disinvestment in education.**

Sources of Funds for Michigan State University,
1959-60 to 2009-10



In order to be equivalent to the real budget reductions of the last eight years, we would have to cease state support for:

**Eastern Michigan,
Ferris State,
Grand Valley State,
Lake Superior State,
Michigan Tech,
Northern Michigan,
Oakland,
Saginaw Valley State,
UM-Dearborn, and
UM-Flint.**

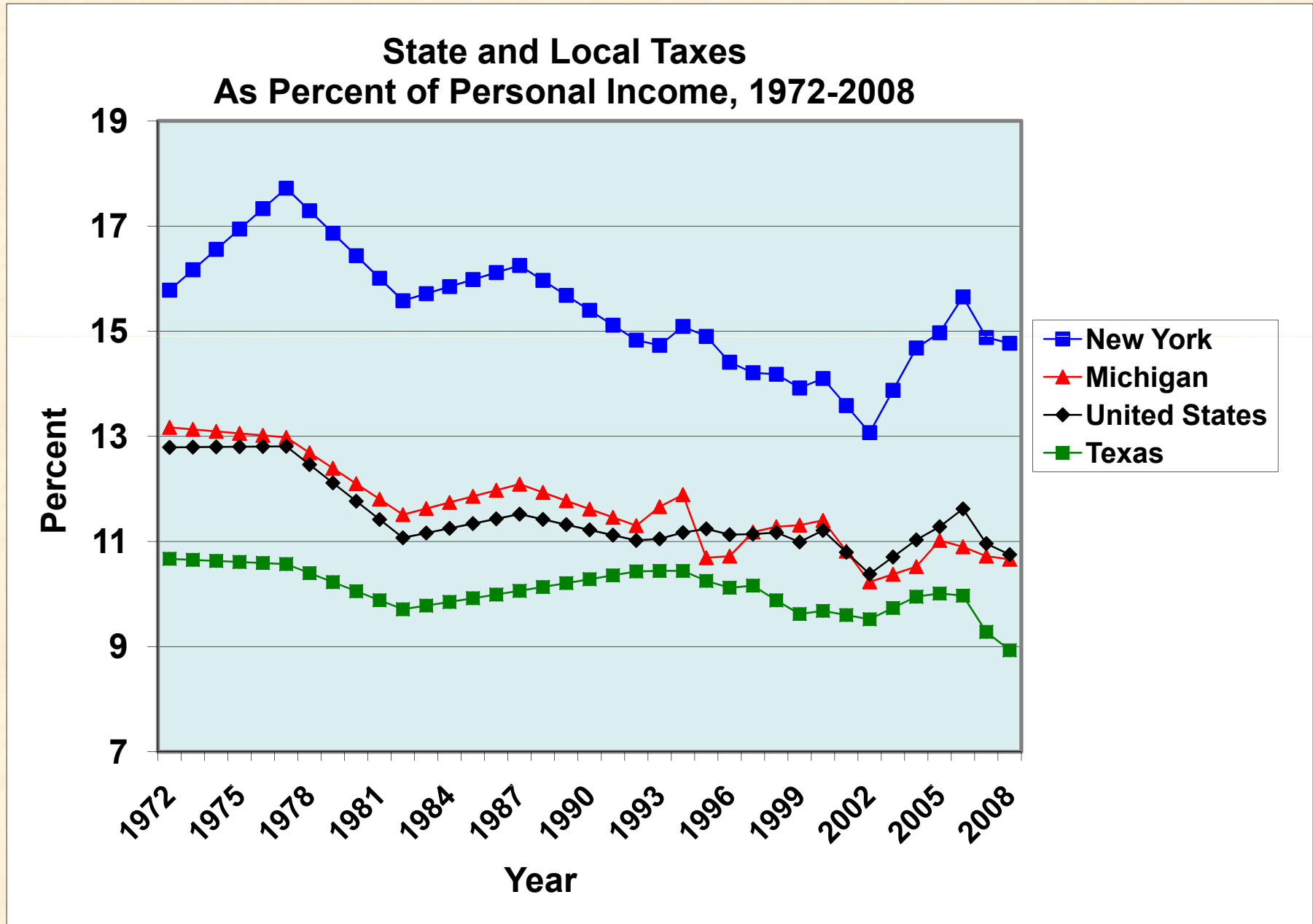
- **Michigan is Underinvested in Education, Training, and Skill, From Pre-School to Ph.D.**
- **In addition to the big premium for a Bachelor's degree, the social returns are very large for**
 - (1) early-childhood education, and**
 - (2) high-school completion.**

As long as we stick with a nineteenth-century school year of only 180 classroom days, we simply cannot claim that we are serious about preparing for the workforce needs of the future.

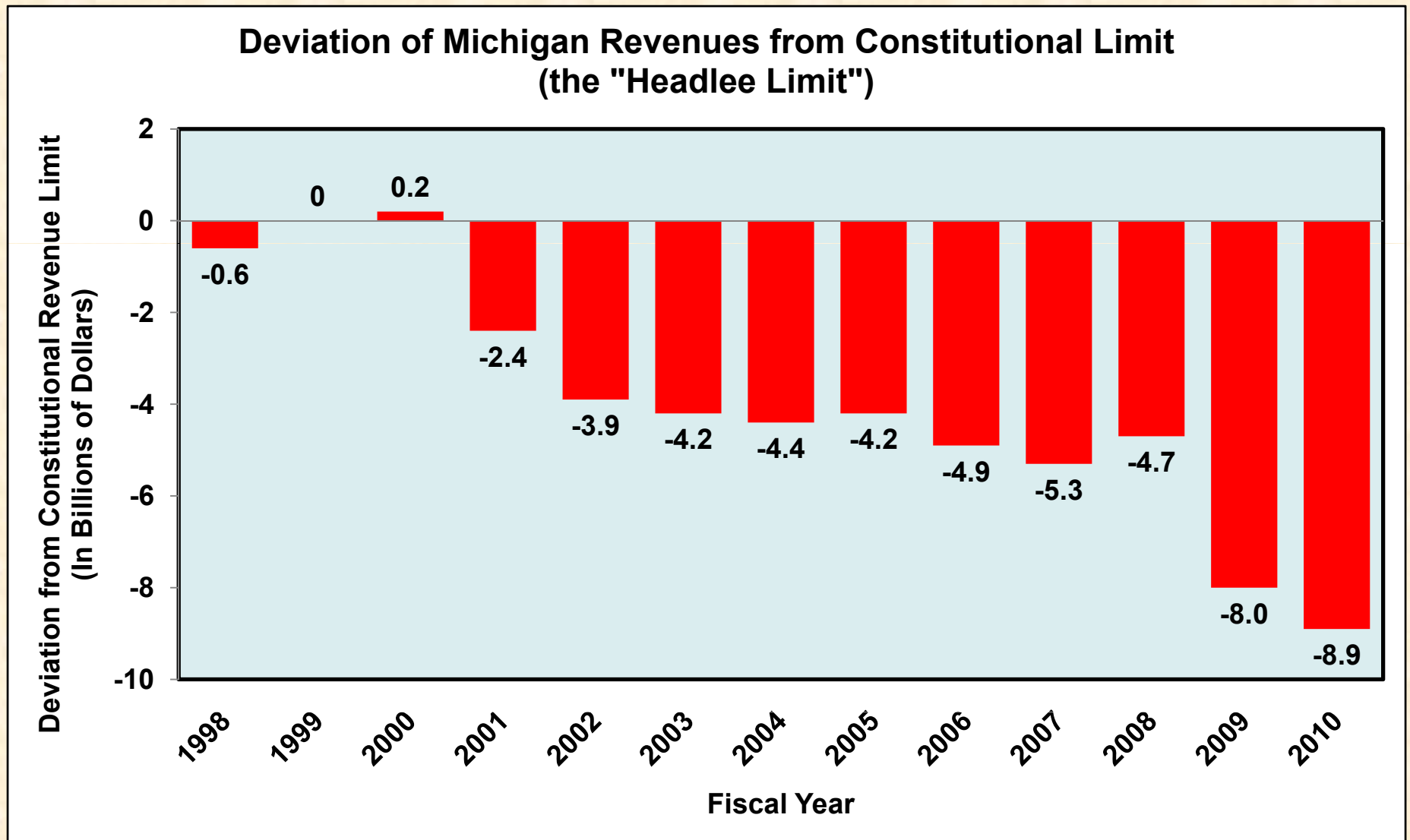
State and Local Taxes As Percent of Personal Income:

- **Michigan used to be above the national average, but is now below**
- **The national average has fallen substantially**

Tax Effort Has Reduced Substantially



State Revenues Have Fallen FAR Below the Constitutional Limit



Other Potential Sources of Tax Revenue:

- **Extend the sales tax to services and entertainments.**
- **Establish a graduated income tax, or at least raise the flat rate of the current income tax.**

In other words, to build a better future for the next generation of Michiganders (and Americans in other states),

RAISE TAXES ON PEOPLE LIKE CHARLEY BALLARD, AND CUT THEIR BENEFITS!!!!

Michigan, My Michigan

A song to thee, fair State of mine,
Michigan, my Michigan.

But greater song than this is thine,
Michigan, my Michigan.

The whisper of the forest tree,
The thunder of the inland sea,
Unite in one grand symphony
Of Michigan, my Michigan.