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## Tikkun Detroit: A Case Study in Community Efforts to Confront Poverty

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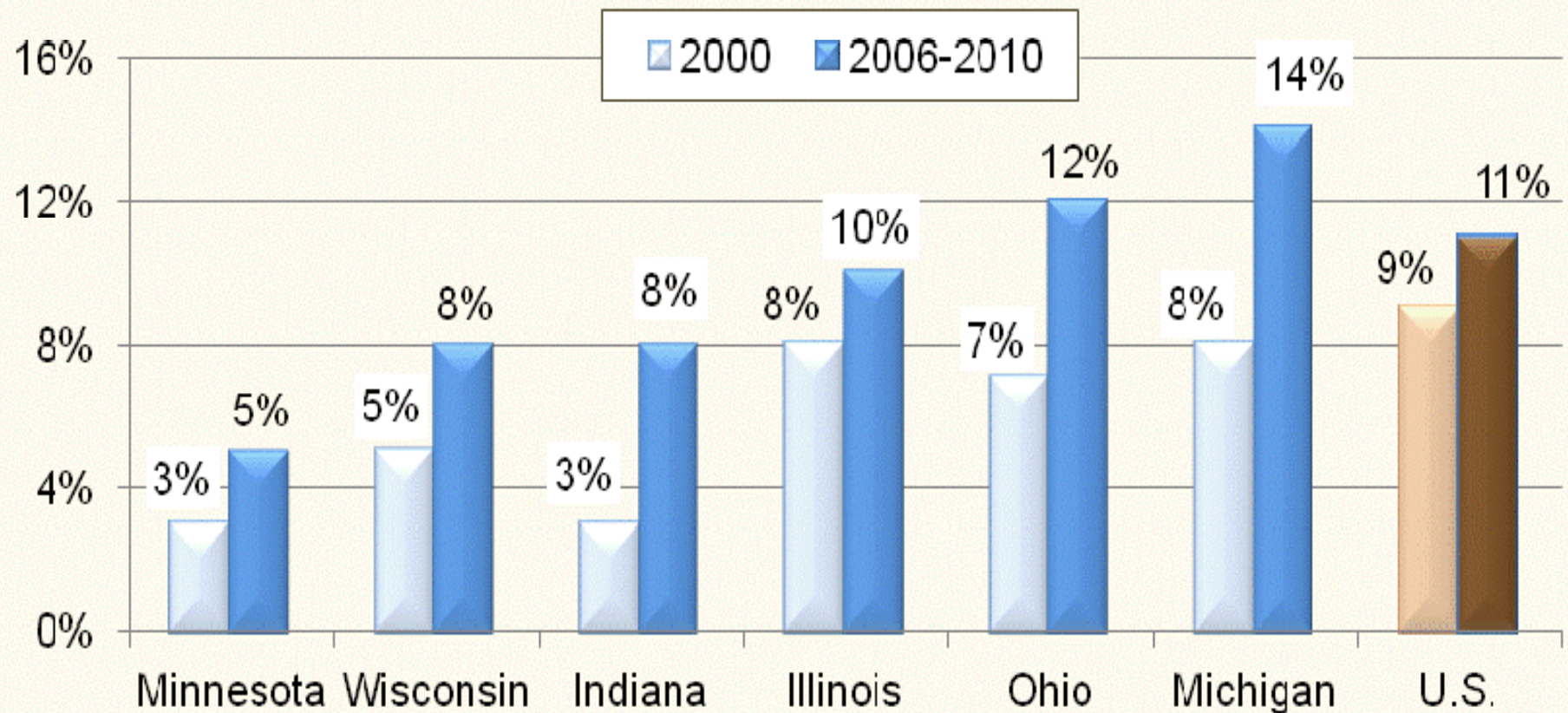
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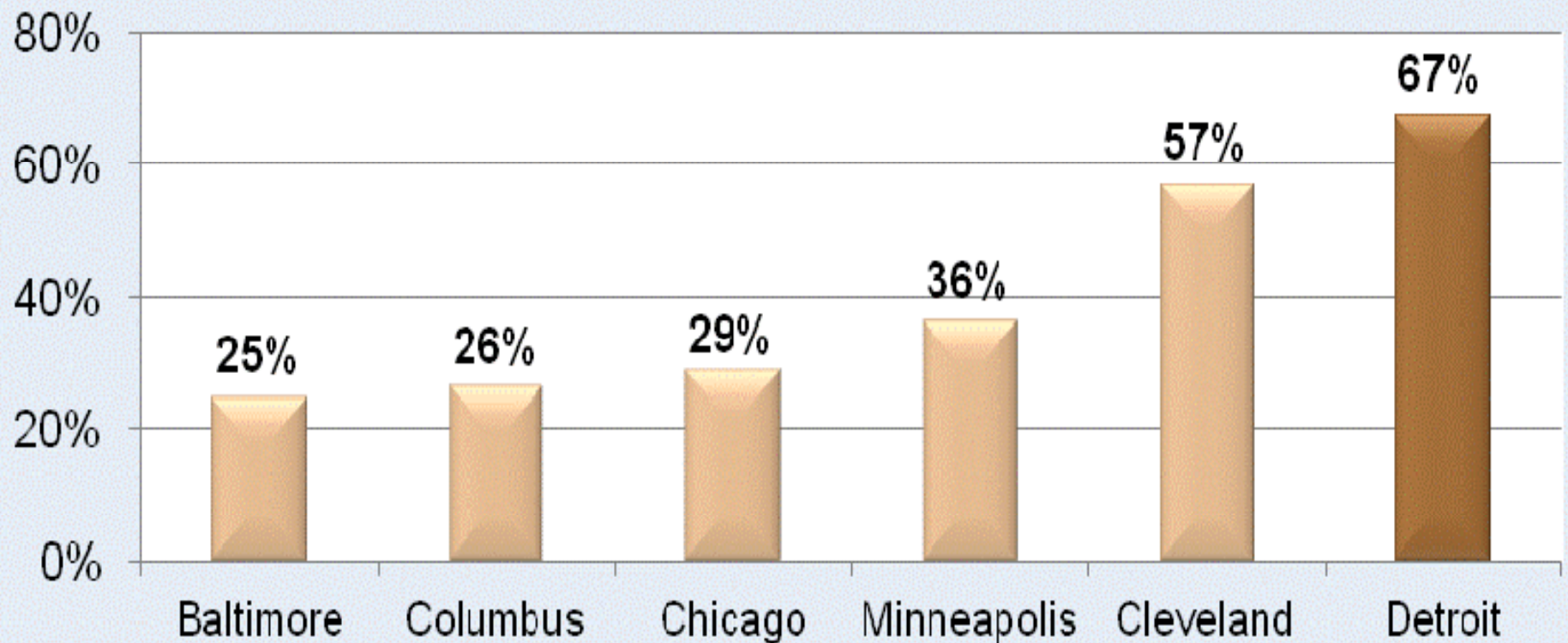


## Among Midwestern states, Michigan had the largest percentage of children living in high poverty by the end of the decade.



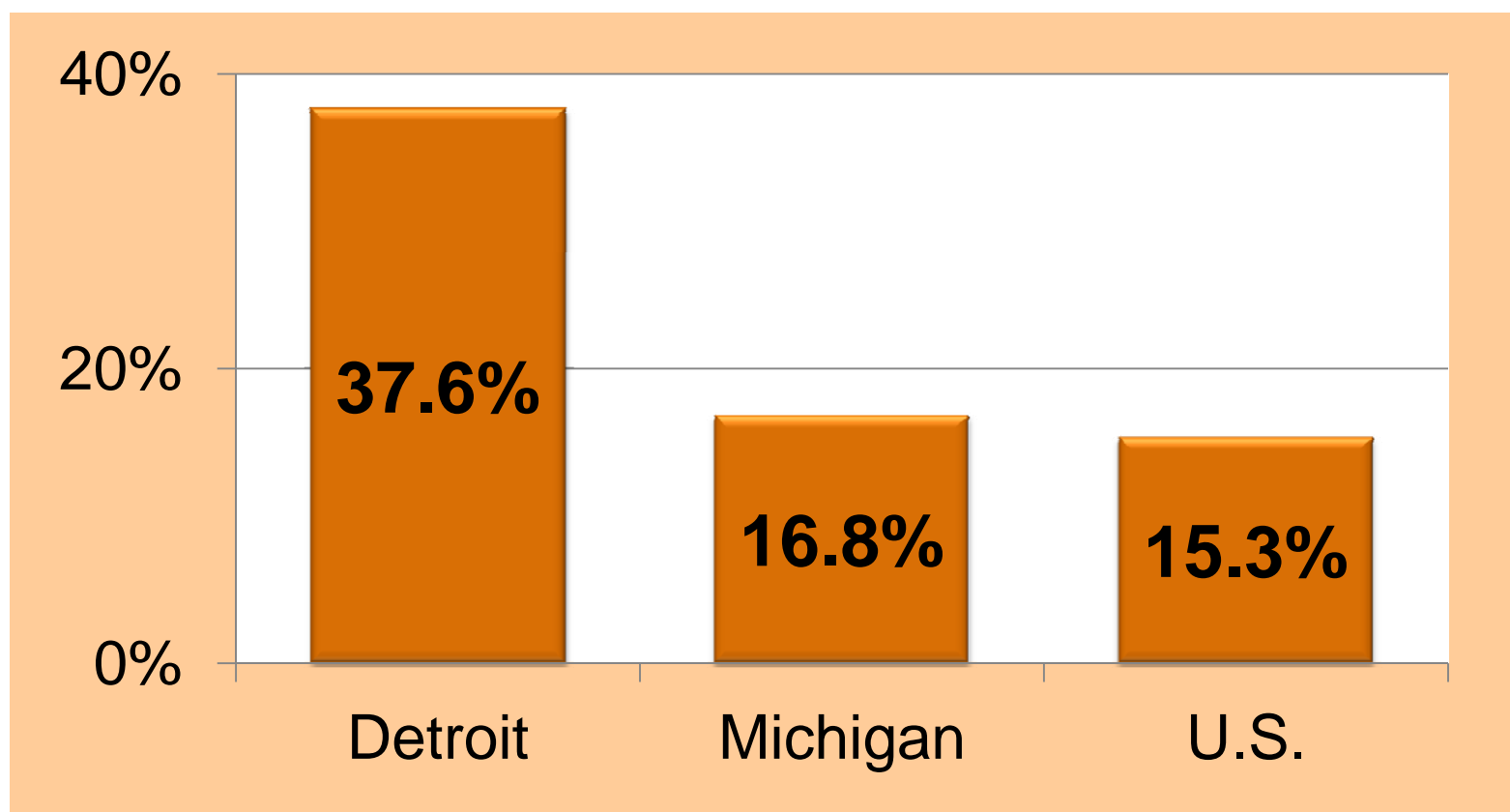
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**Among 50 largest U.S. cities, Detroit had the highest percentage of children living in high-poverty areas (2006-10).**



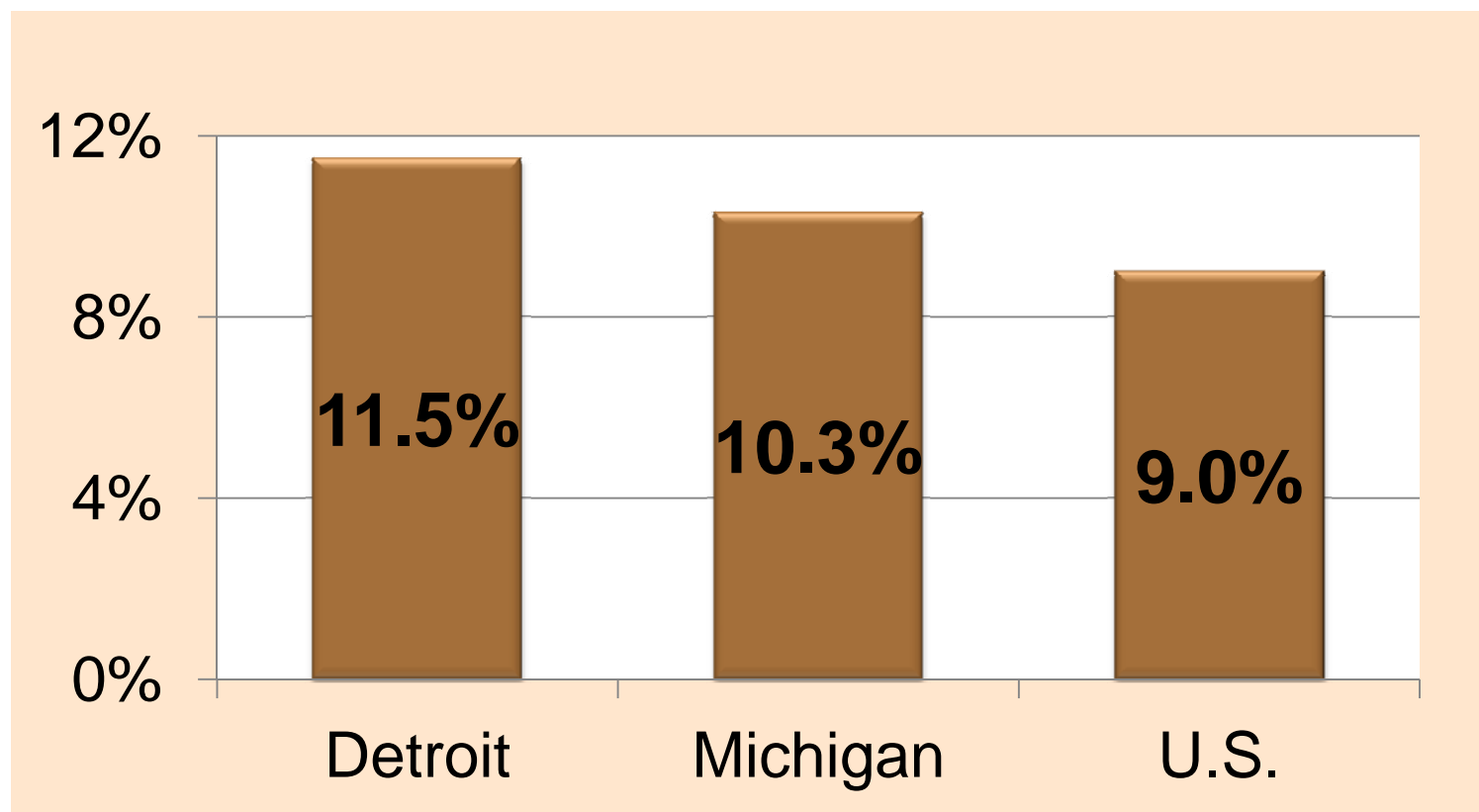
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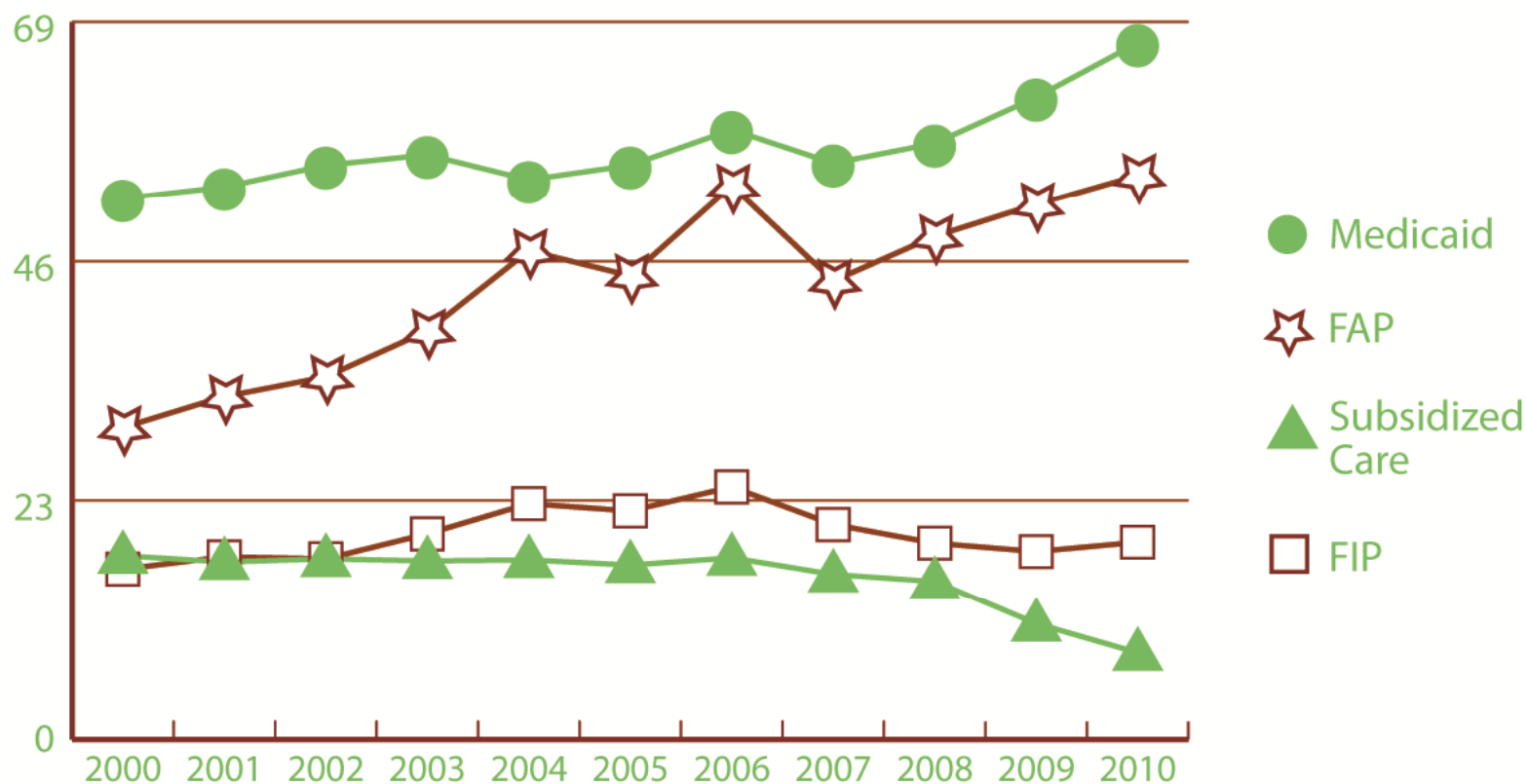
Source: U.S. Census Bureau Current Population Survey, Annual Social and Economic Supplement, 2010.

# Annual Unemployment Rates, 2011



Source: U.S. Department of Labor, Bureau of Labor Statistics, Local Area Unemployment Statistics.

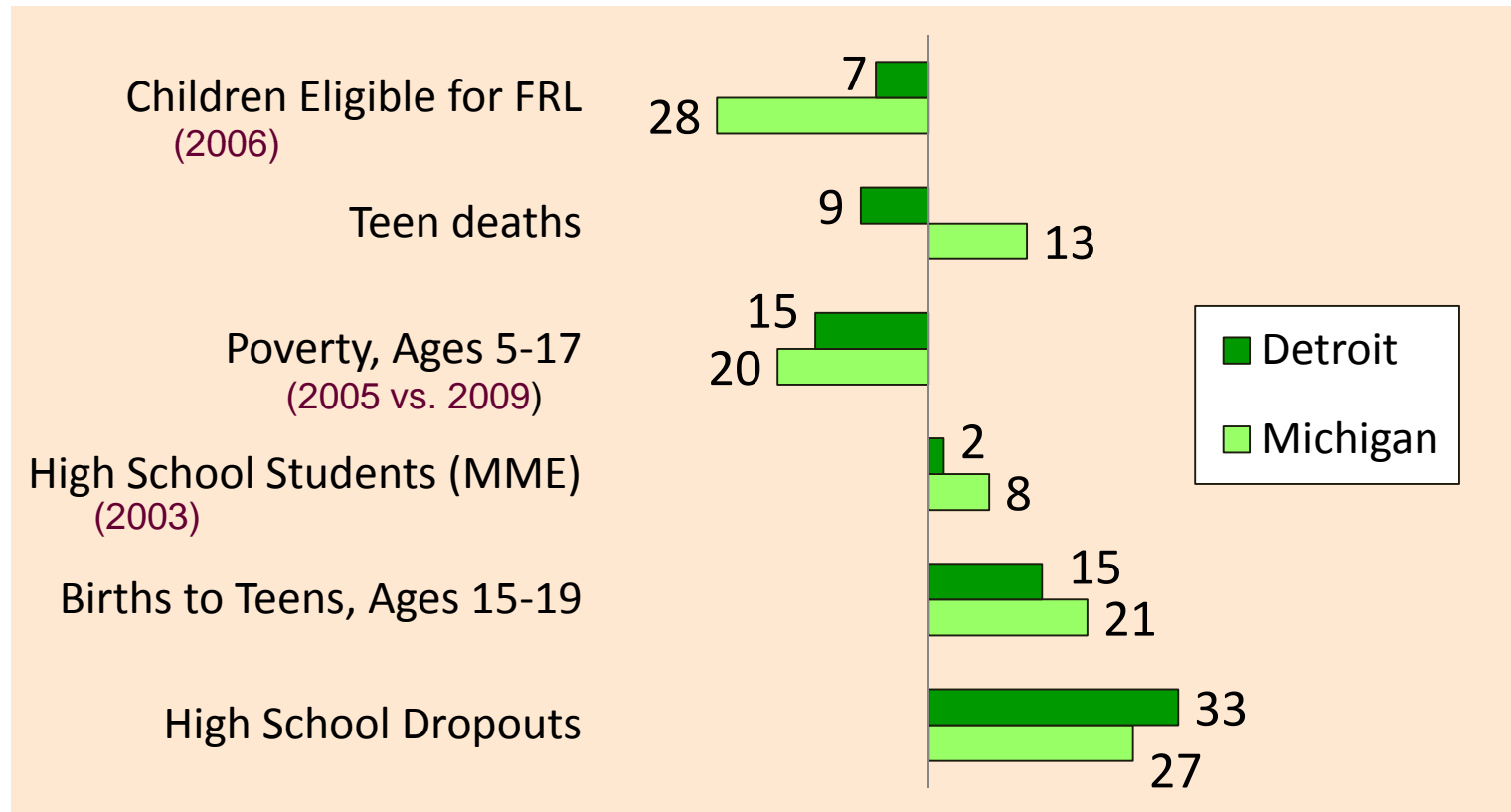
# Percent of children, ages 0-17, receiving assistance in Detroit



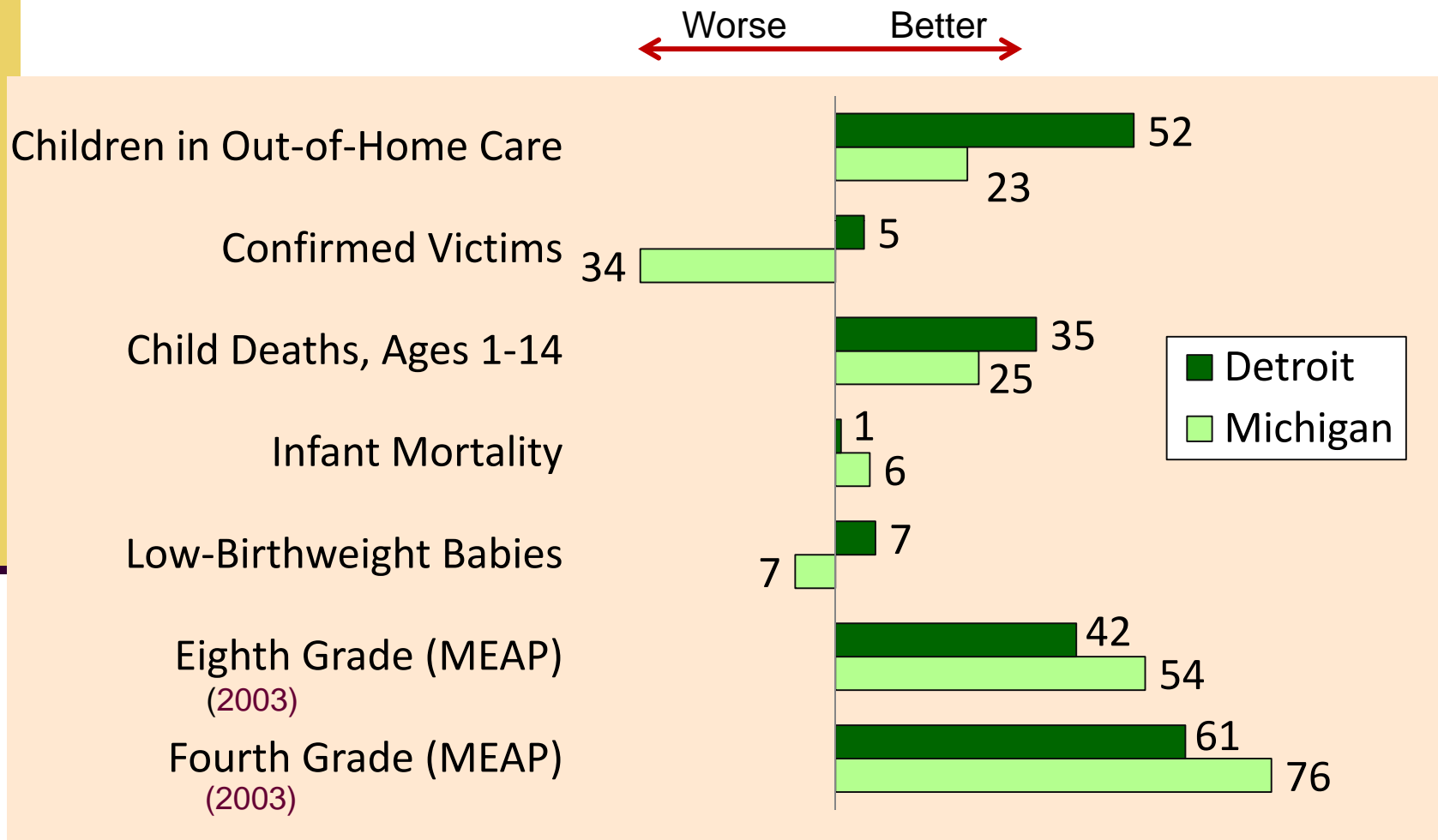


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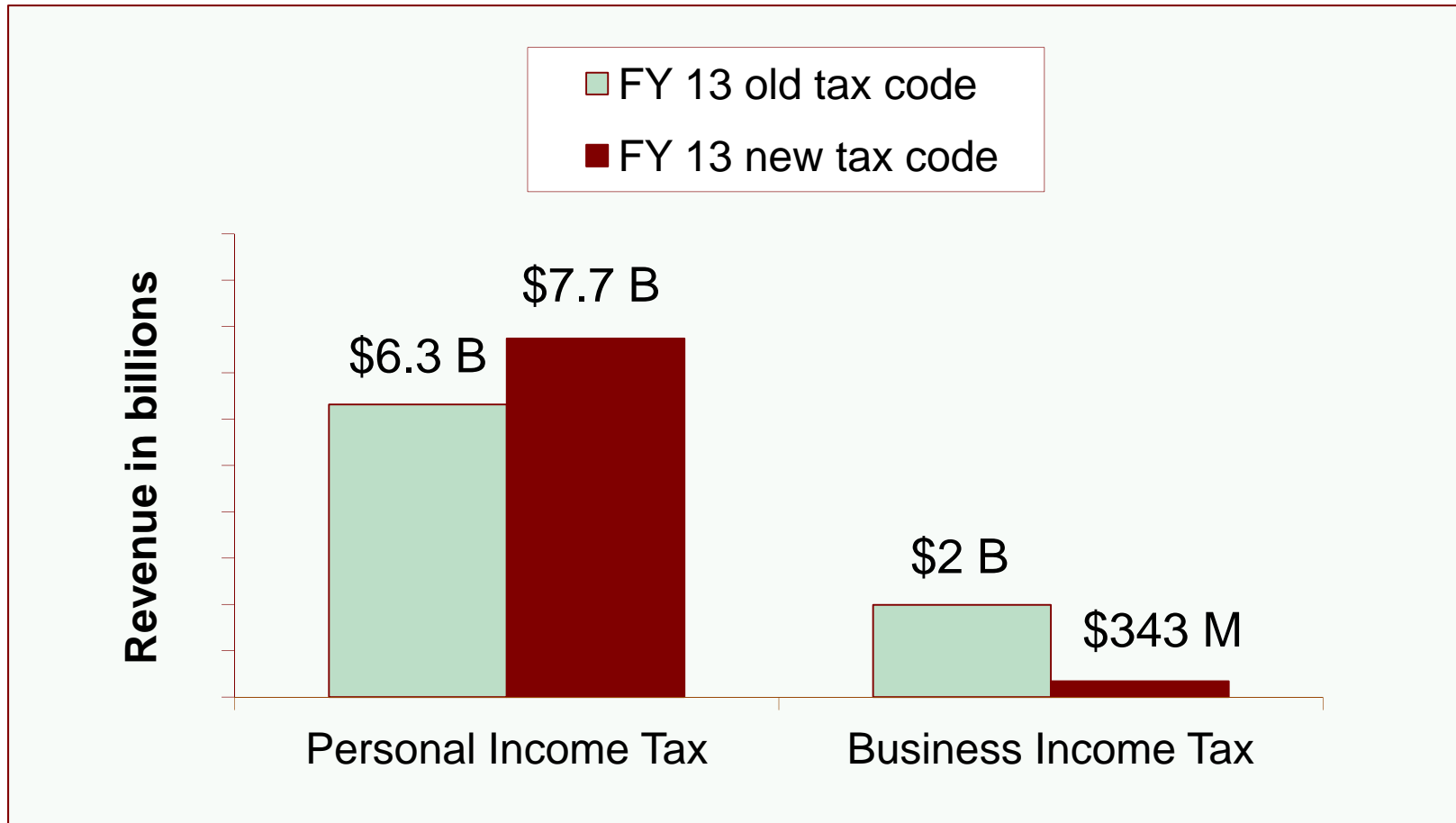
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# Taxes on individuals skyrocket as state revenues from businesses dwindle



Source: Data from House Fiscal Agency



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## In the next year...

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- 3,300 families will lose Medicaid health coverage for the parents in the family
- 78,000 families will see a 15 percent reduction in the child care assistance hourly grant amount
- 800,000 working families will lose approximately \$294 in EITC funds

## More harm for economic security

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- 124,000 low-income children will no longer receive a clothing allowance
- 1,000 adults will lose mental health services
- State Disability Assistance for new cases cut by 25 percent – affecting 5,000 in Michigan with disabilities
- 1,200 adults will lose substance abuse treatment

# Cash assistance limits



# Food asset test

- 37 states do not have asset tests for food assistance
- Michigan limiting assets to \$5,000, now excluding one car
- Diverts federal dollars and puts state dollars at risk



# Recent fights we have won

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- EITC
- Changing food asset test







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