



# **Mega Trends in Workers Compensation**

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- **The Post-Crisis Economy & Workers Compensation**
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- **The New American Labor Force**
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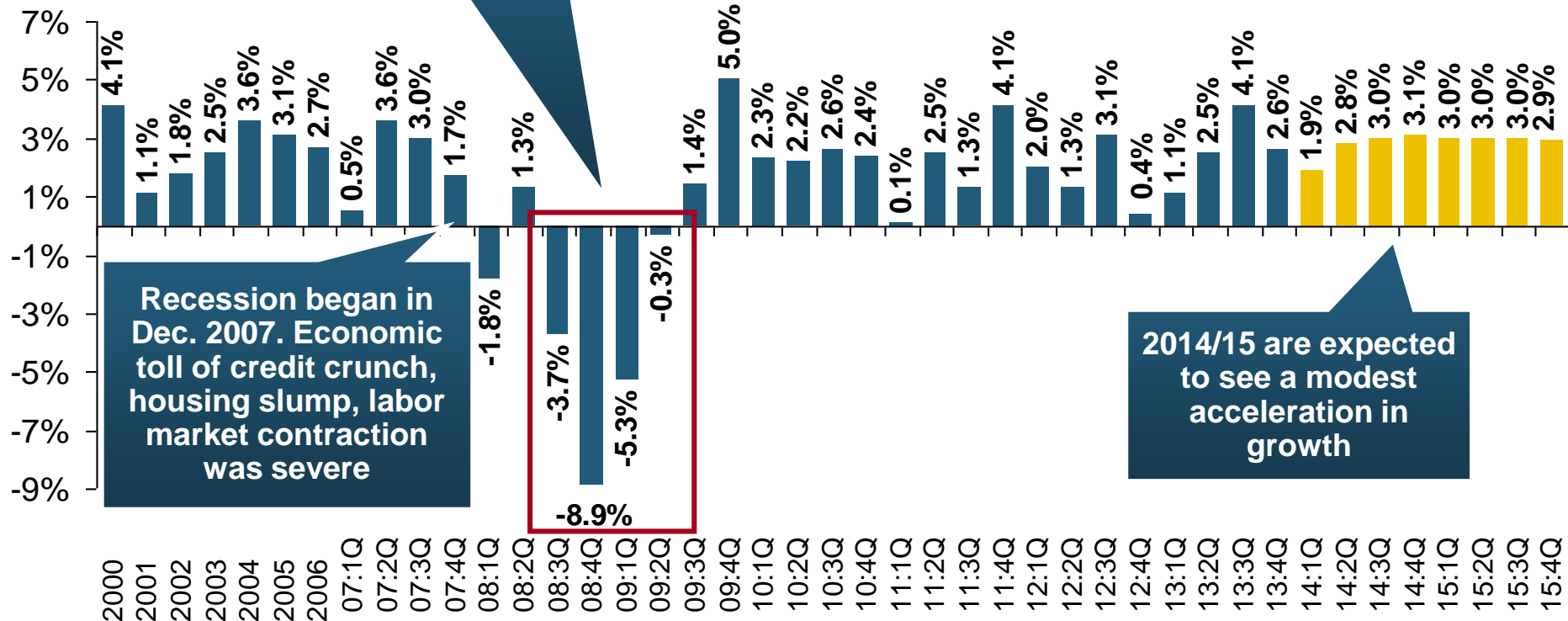
# **The Slow and Uneven Nature of the Economic Recovery Is Changing the WC Playing Field**

**Despite a Still-Sluggish Economy, there  
Are Potent Growth Drivers for Workers  
Comp and Commercial Insurers in General**

# US Real GDP Growth\*

## Real GDP Growth (%)

The Q4:2008 decline was the steepest since the Q1:1982 drop of 6.8%

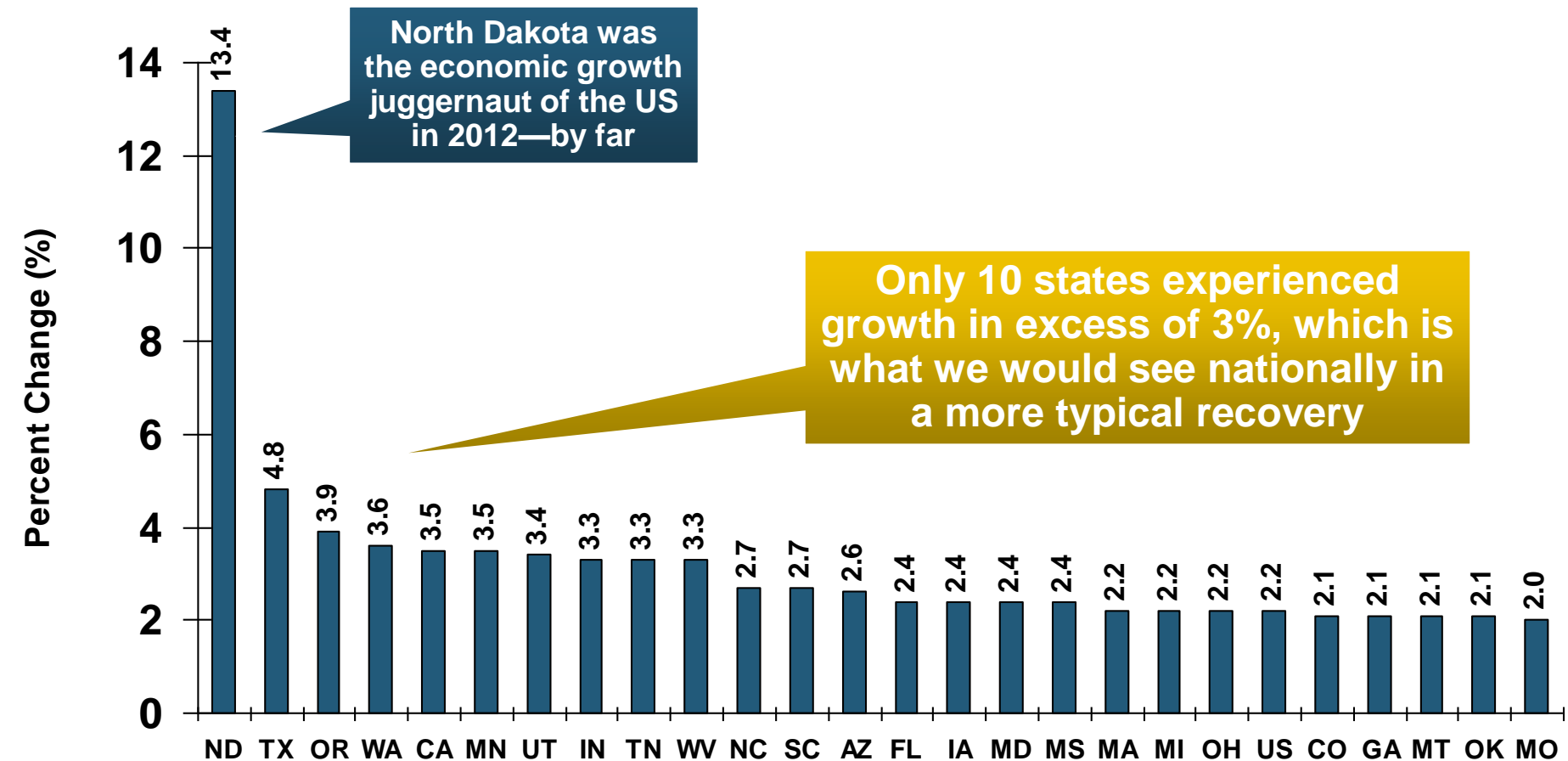


**Demand for Insurance Should Increase in 2014/15 as GDP Growth Accelerates Modestly and Gradually Benefits the Economy Broadly**

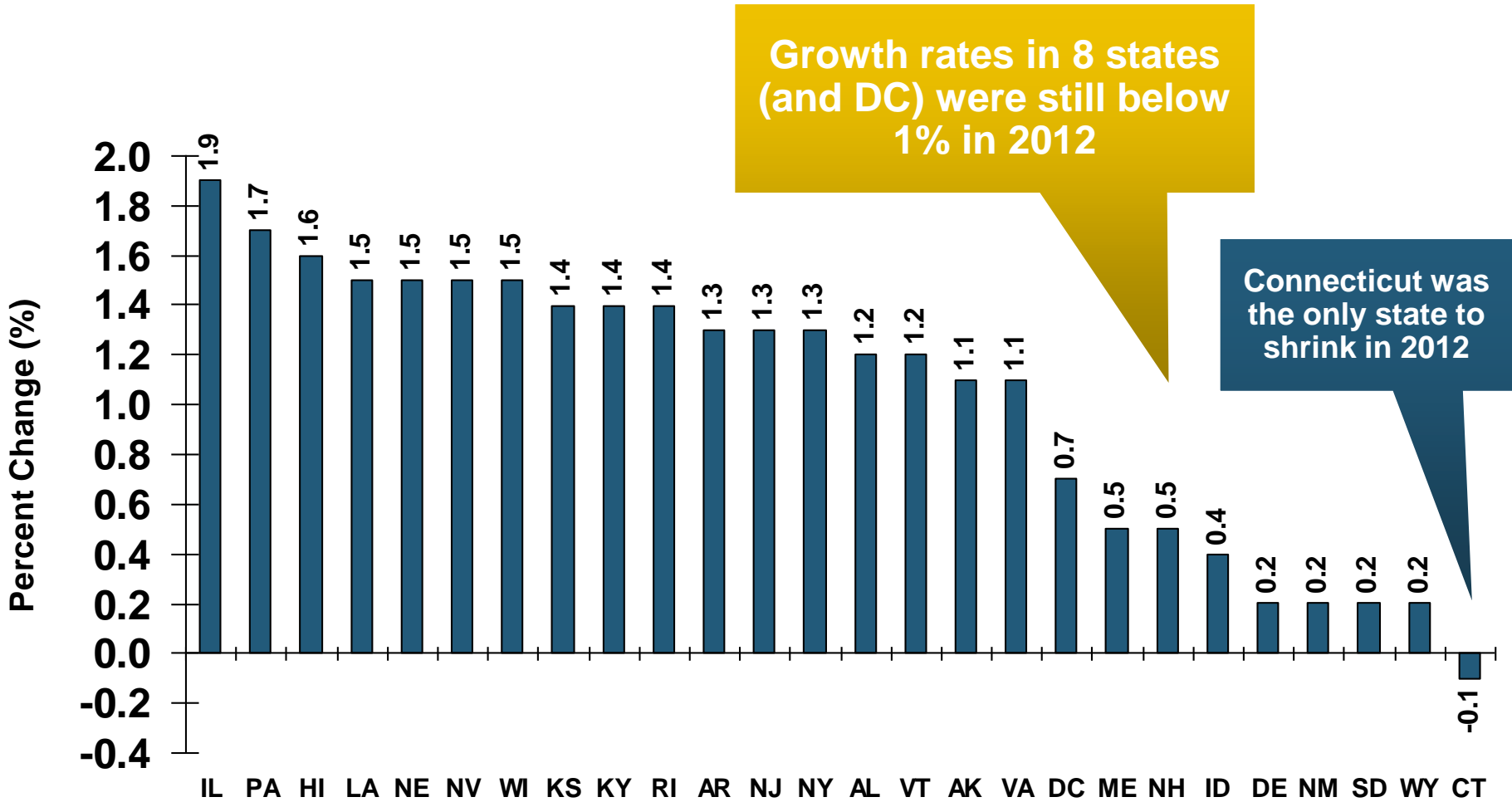
\* Estimates/Forecasts from Blue Chip Economic Indicators.

Source: US Department of Commerce, Blue Economic Indicators 3/14; Insurance Information Institute.

# Real GDP by State Percent Change, 2012: Highest 25 States

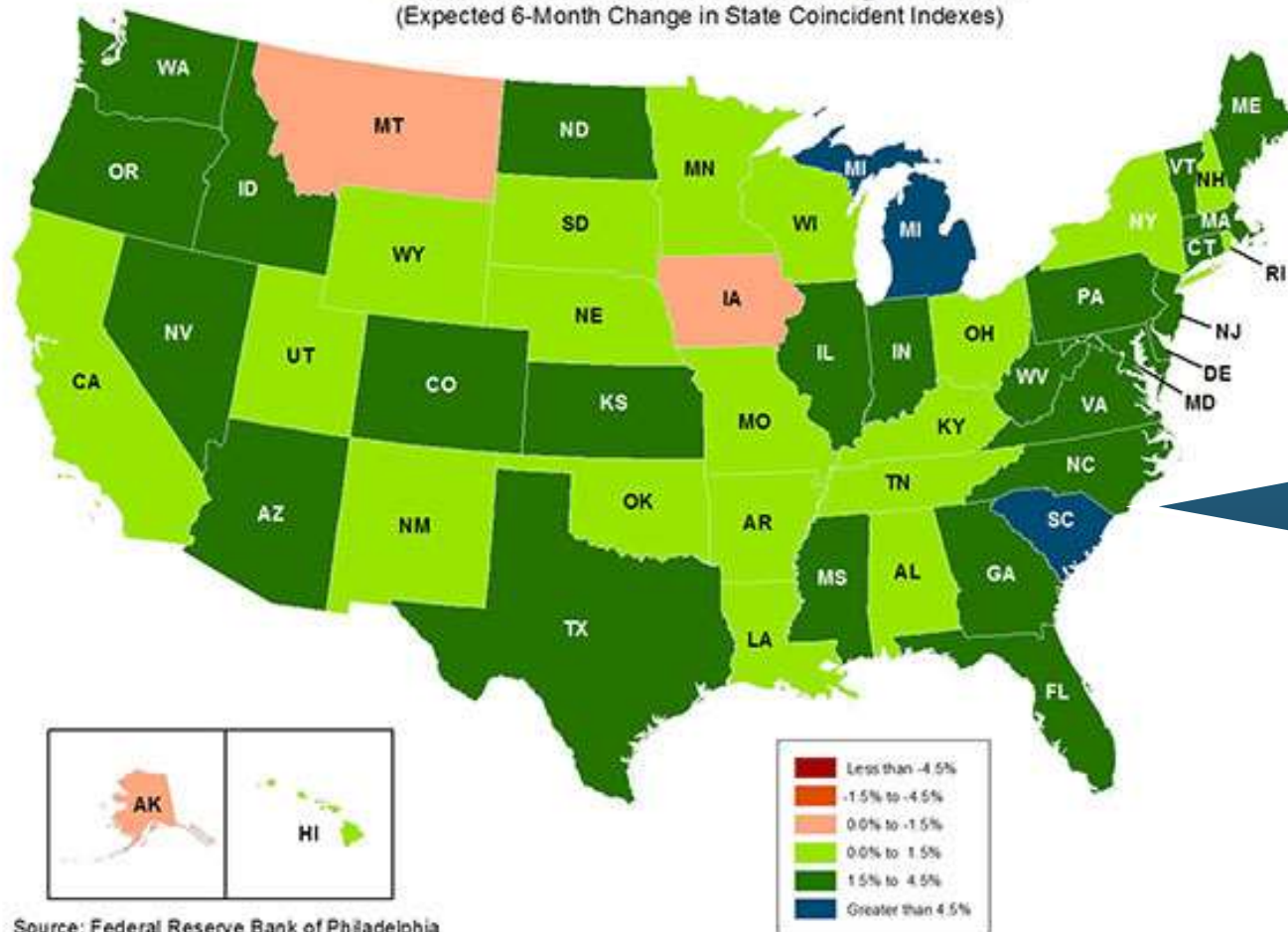


# Real GDP by State Percent Change, 2012: Lowest 25 States



# State-by-State Leading Indicators through 2014:Q2

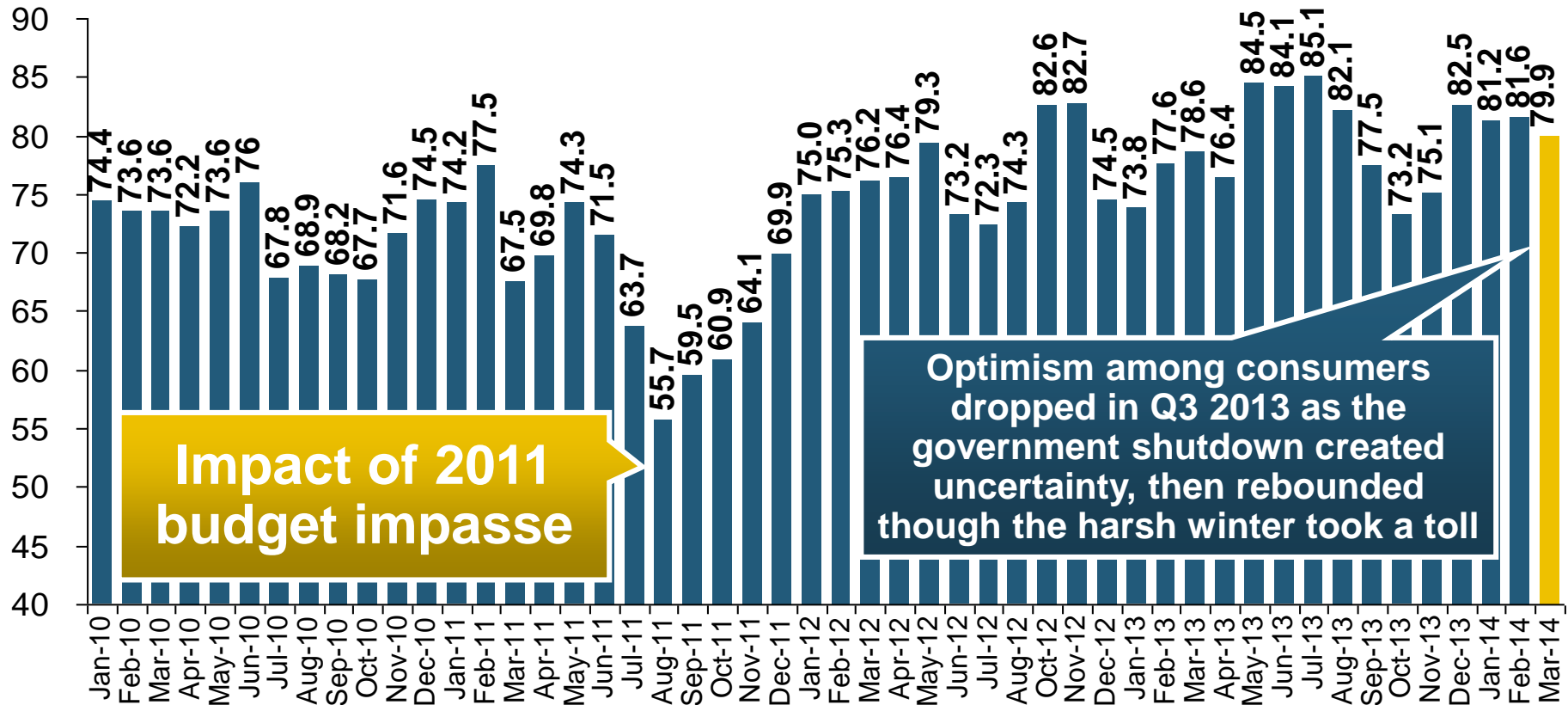
**December 2013 State Leading Indexes**  
(Expected 6-Month Change in State Coincident Indexes)



Source: Federal Reserve Bank of Philadelphia

# Consumer Sentiment Survey (1966 = 100)

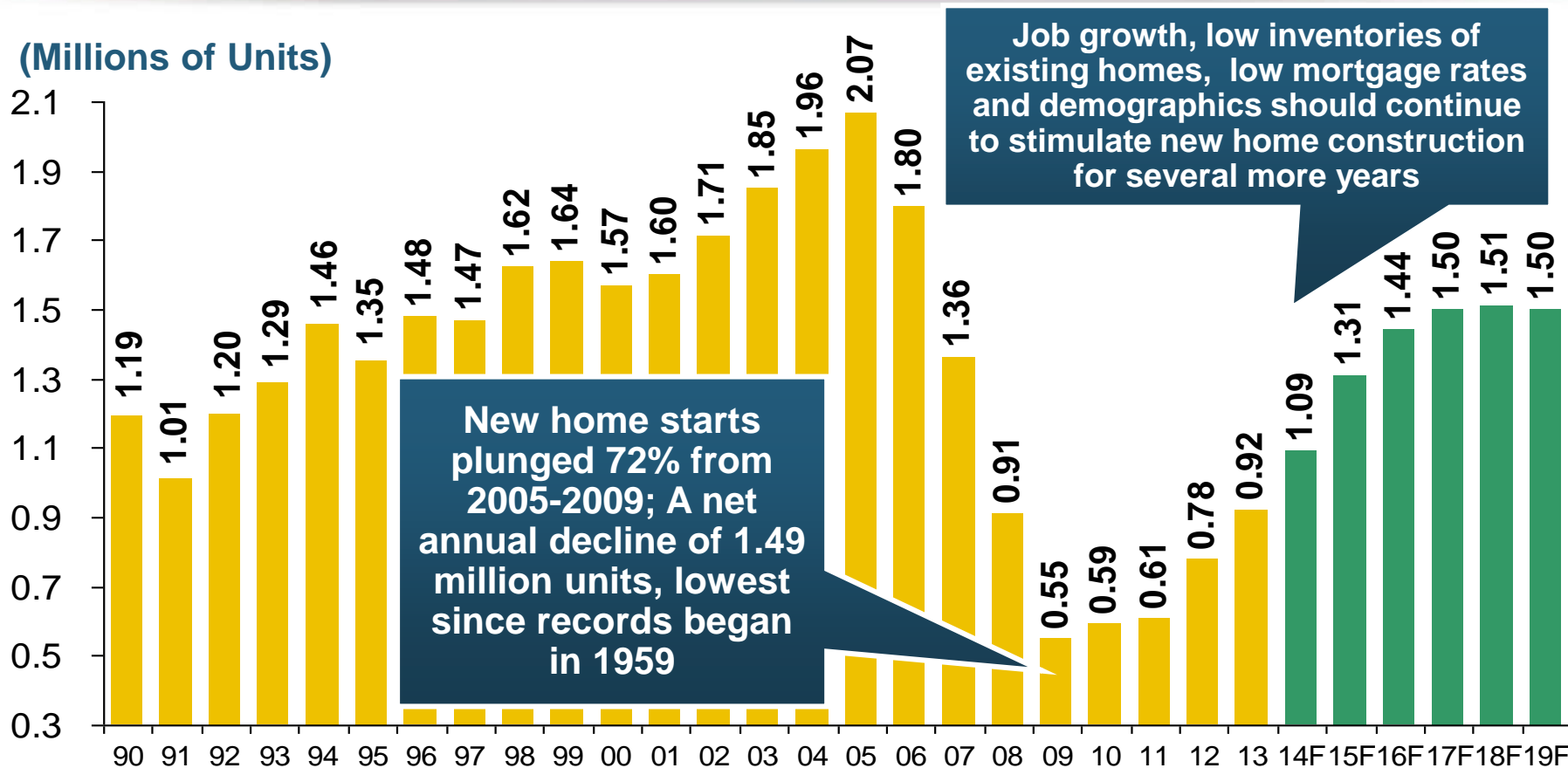
January 2010 through March 2014



**Consumer confidence has been low for years amid high unemployment, falling home prices and other factors adversely impact consumers, but improved substantially over the past 2+ years, though uncertainty in Washington sometimes takes a toll.**

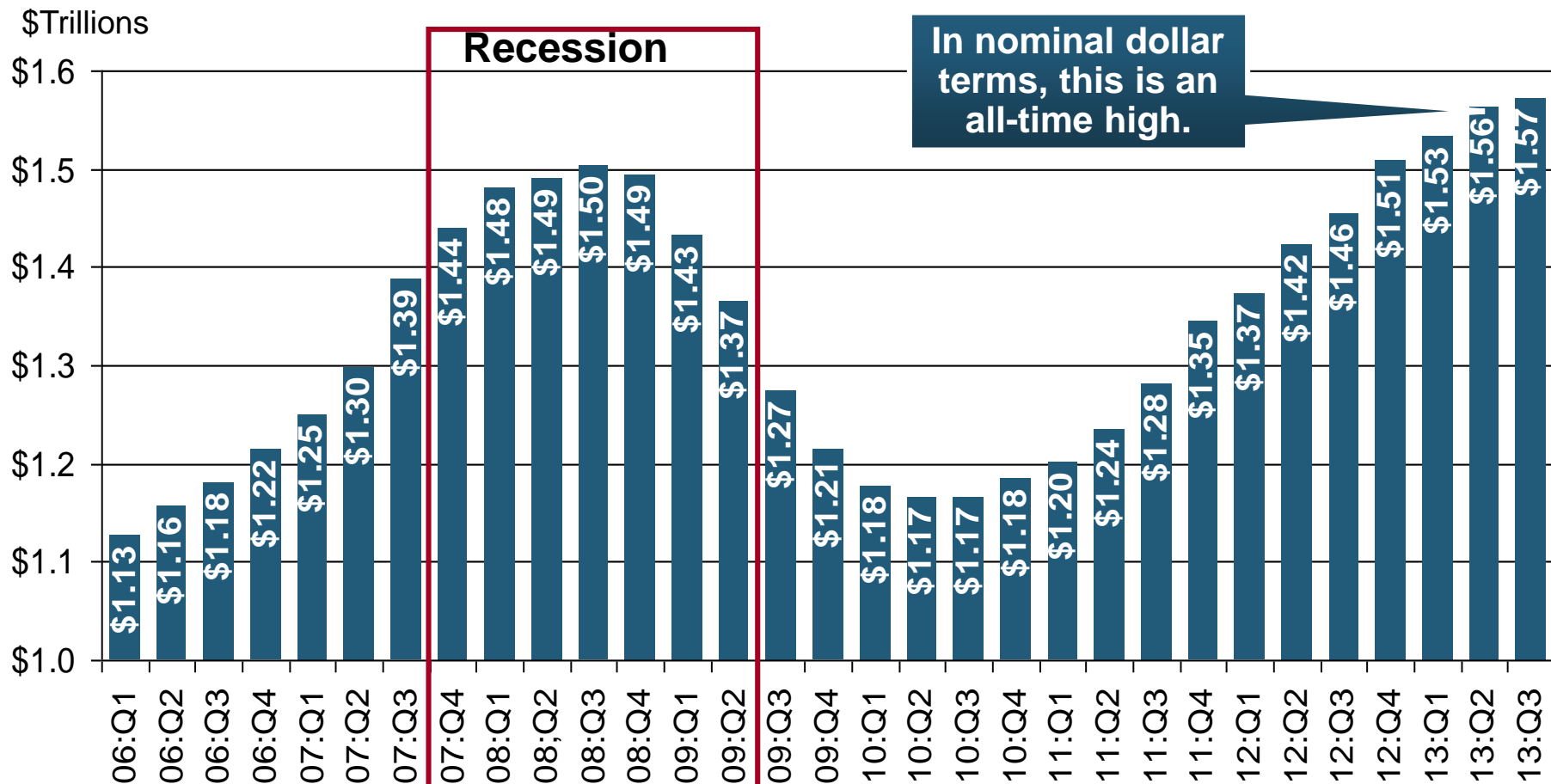


# New Private Housing Starts, 1990-2019F



**Insurers Are Continue to See Meaningful Exposure Growth in the Wake of the “Great Recession” Associated with Home Construction: Construction Risk Exposure, Surety, Commercial Auto; Potent Driver of Workers Comp Exposure**

# Commercial & Industrial Loans Outstanding at FDIC-Insured Banks, Quarterly, 2006-2013\*



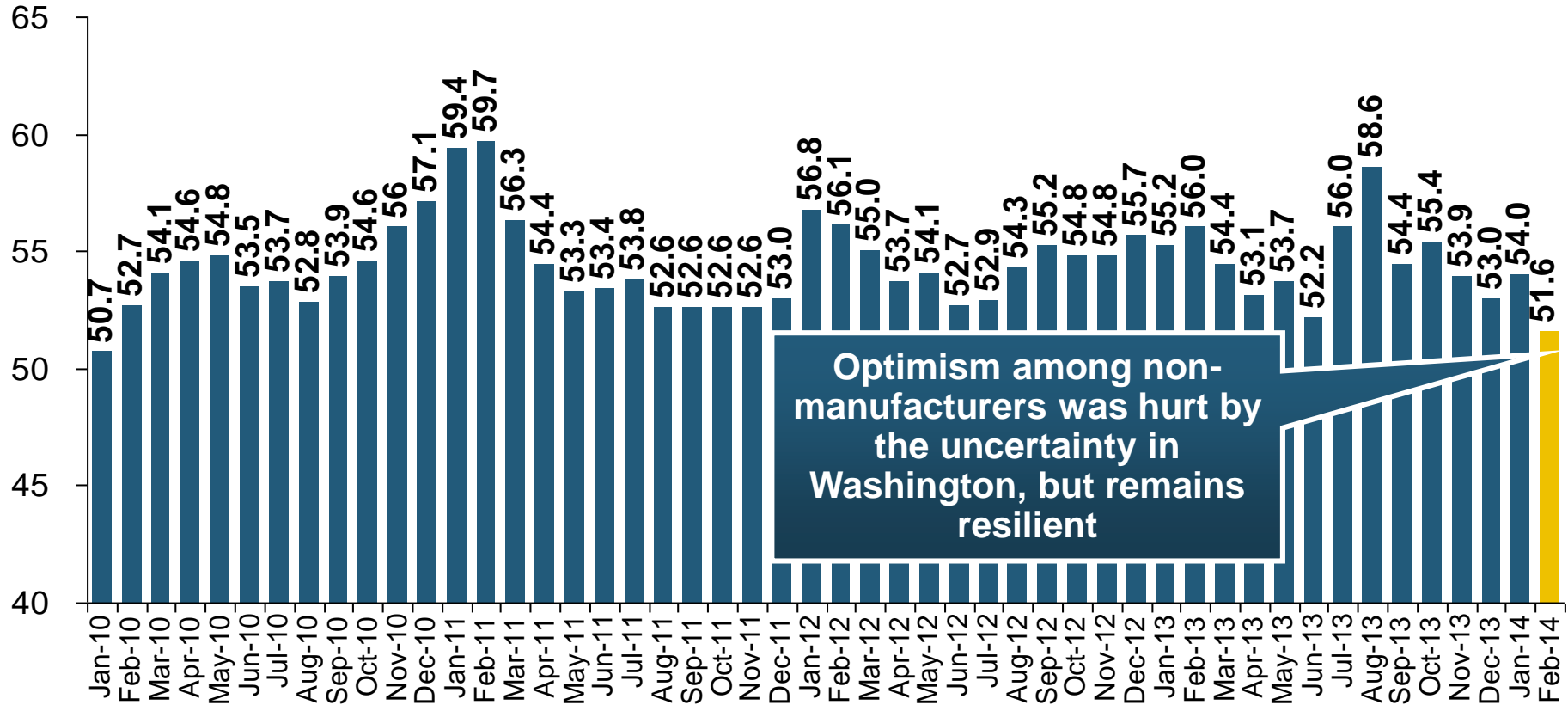
**Outstanding loan volume has been growing for over two years and (as of year-end 2012) surpassed previous peak levels.**

\*Latest data as of 2/2/2014.

Source: FDIC at <http://www2.fdic.gov/qbp/> (Loan Performance spreadsheet); Insurance Information Institute.

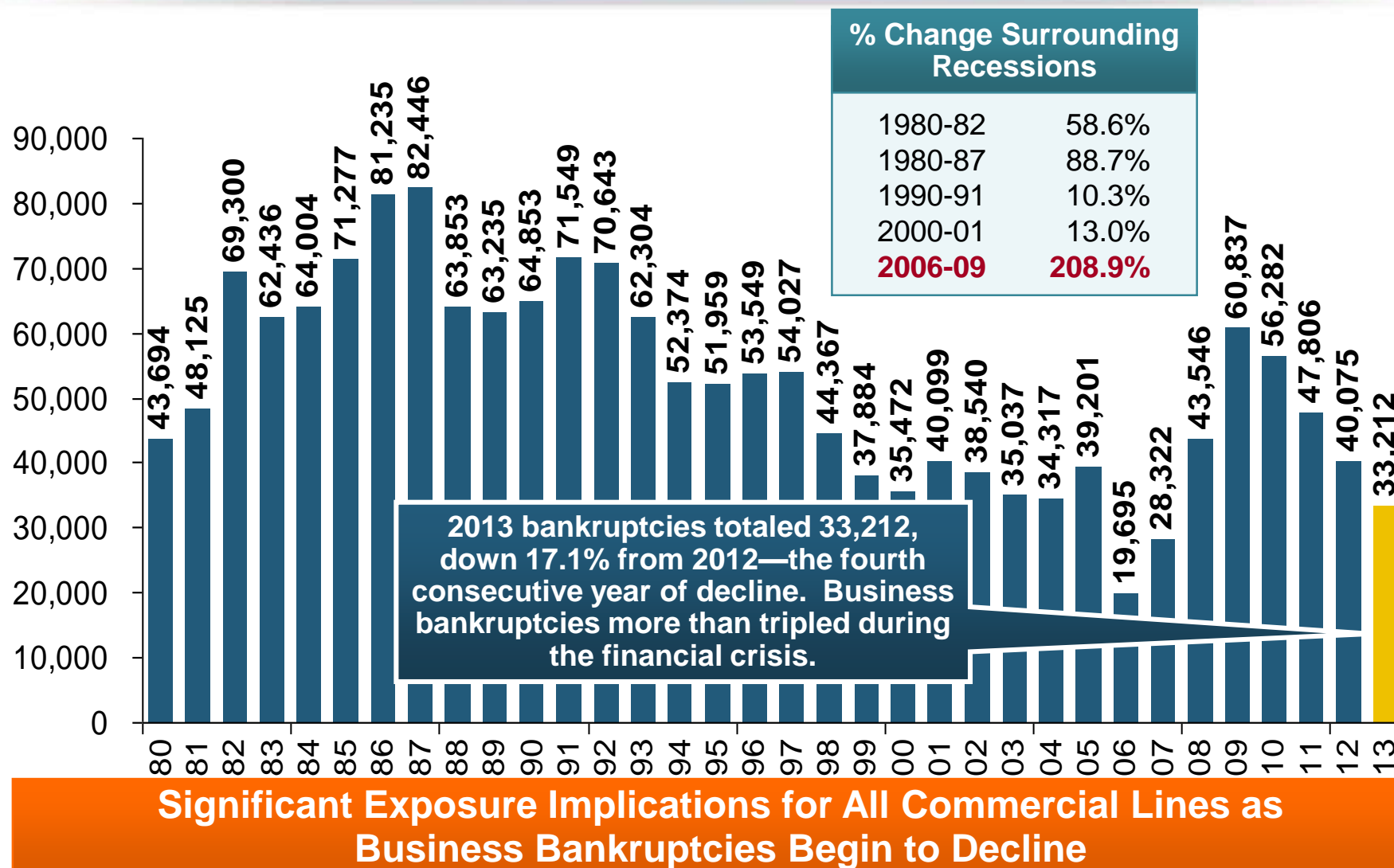
# ISM Non-Manufacturing Index (Values > 50 Indicate Expansion)

January 2010 through February 2014



**Non-manufacturing industries have been expanding and adding jobs. This trend is likely to continue through 2014.**

# Business Bankruptcy Filings, 1980-2013

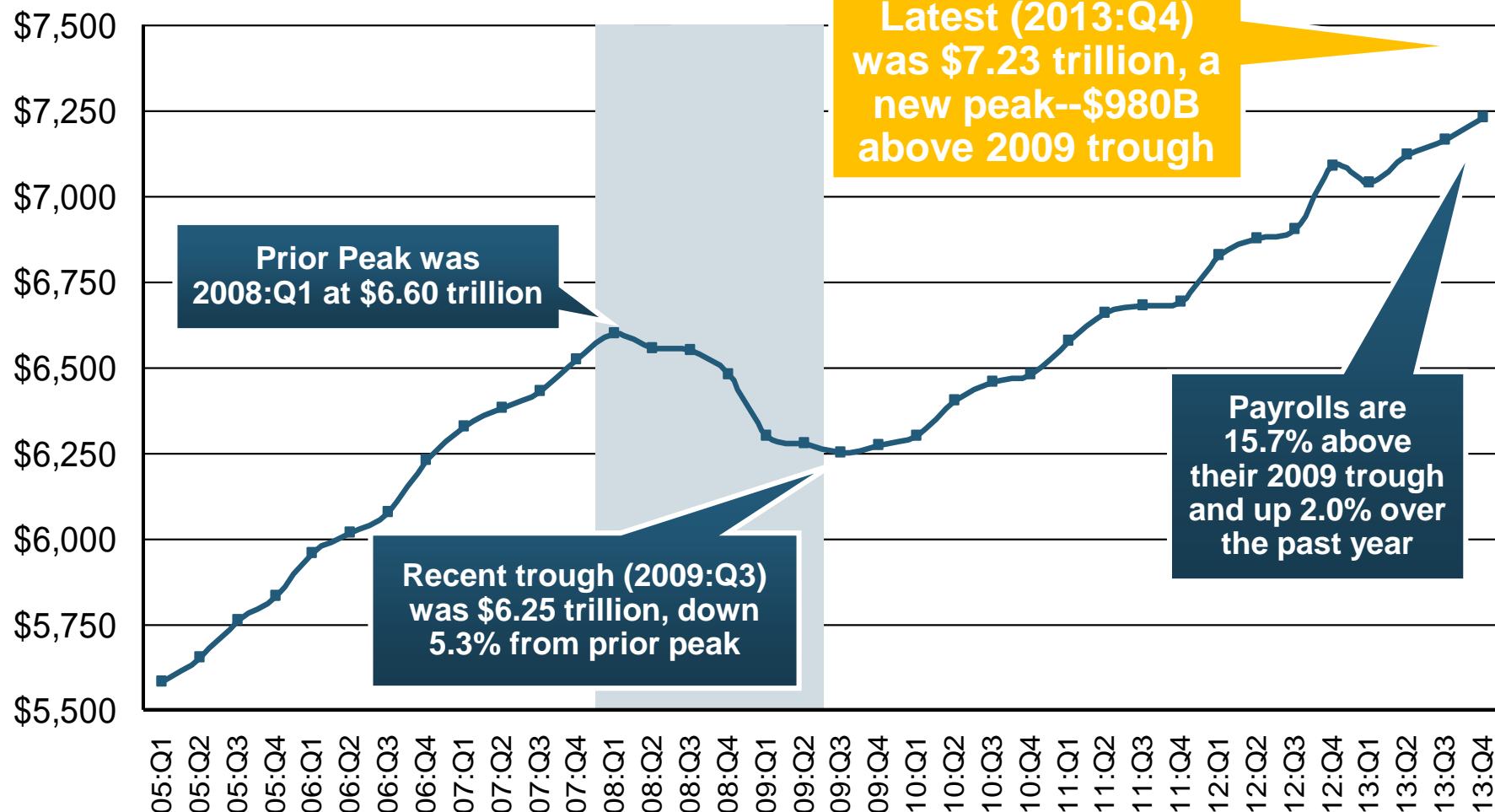


Sources: American Bankruptcy Institute (1980-2012) at

<http://www.abiworld.org/AM/AMTemplate.cfm?Section=Home&TEMPLATE=/CM/ContentDisplay.cfm&CONTENTID=61633>; 2013 data from United States Courts at <http://news.uscourts.gov>; Insurance Information Institute.

# Nonfarm Payroll (Wages and Salaries): Quarterly, 2005–2013:Q4

Billions



Note: Recession indicated by gray shaded column. Data are seasonally adjusted annual rates.

Sources: <http://research.stlouisfed.org/fred2/series/WASCUR>; National Bureau of Economic Research (recession dates); Insurance Information Institute.

# 12 Industries for the Next 10 Years: Insurance Solutions Needed

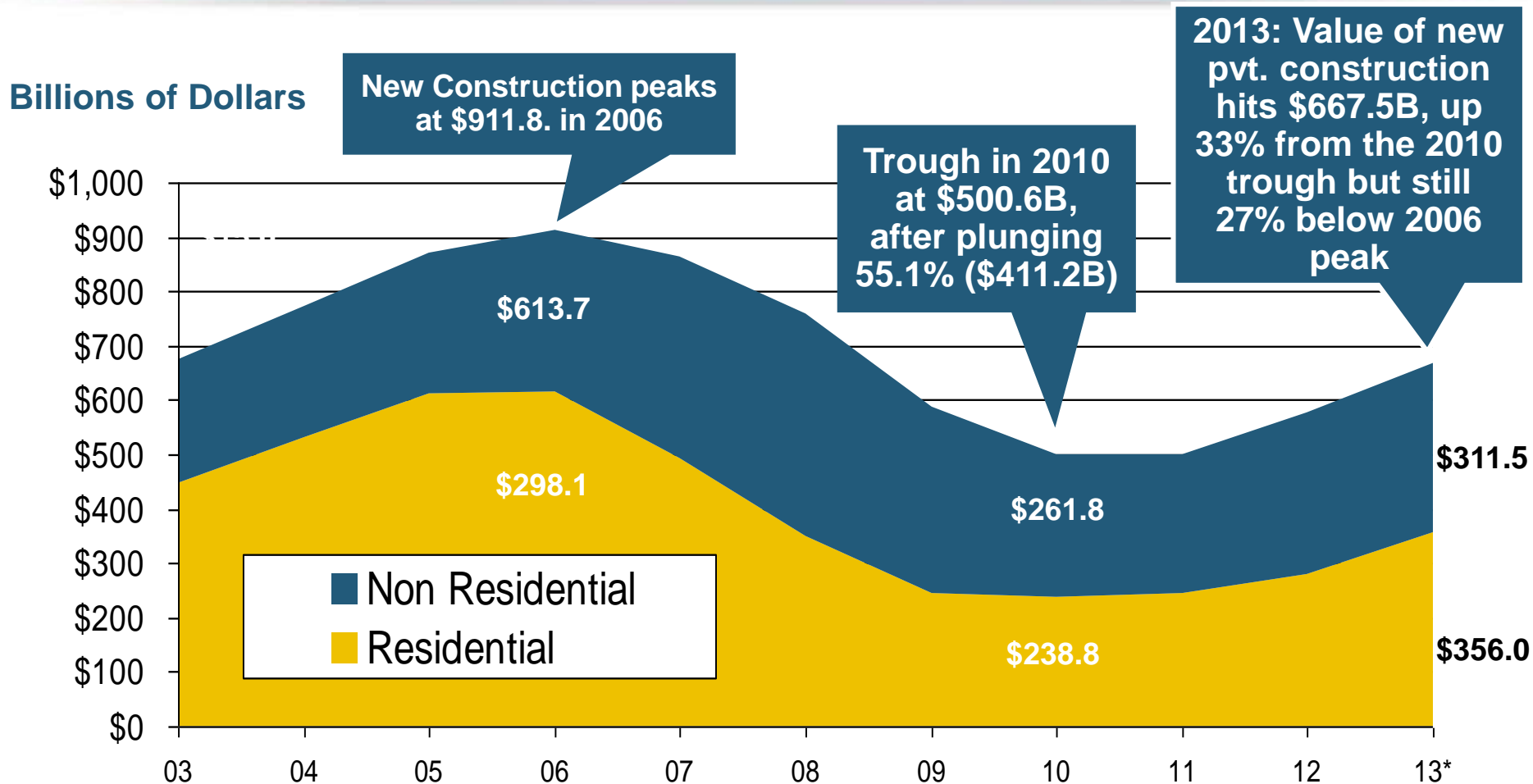
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|---|
| <b>Health Care</b>                                  |
| <b>Health Sciences</b>                              |
| <b>Energy (Traditional)</b>                         |
| <b>Alternative Energy</b>                           |
| <b>Petrochemical</b>                                |
| <b>Agriculture</b>                                  |
| <b>Natural Resources</b>                            |
| <b>Technology (incl. Biotechnology)</b>             |
| <b>Light Manufacturing</b>                          |
| <b>Insourced Manufacturing</b>                      |
| <b>Export-Oriented Industries</b>                   |
| <b>Shipping (Rail, Marine, Trucking, Pipelines)</b> |

**Many industries are poised for growth, though insurers' ability to capitalize on these industries varies widely**

# **CONSTRUCTION INDUSTRY OVERVIEW & OUTLOOK**

**The Construction Sector Is  
Critical to the Economy and  
the WC Insurers**

# Value of New Private Construction: Residential & Nonresidential, 2003-2013\*



**Private Construction Activity Is Moving in a Positive Direction though Remains Well Below Pre-Crisis Peak; Residential Dominates**

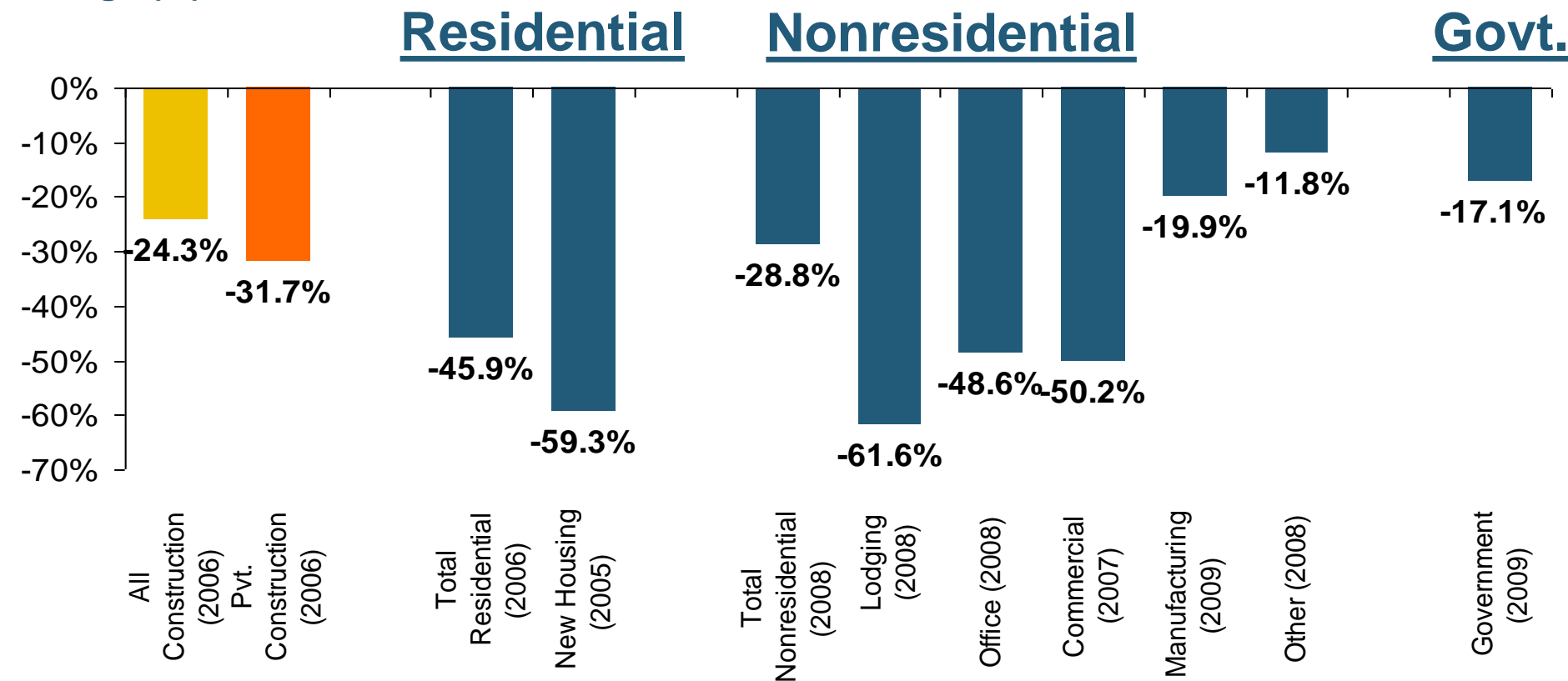
\*2013 figure is a seasonally adjusted annual rate as of December.

Sources: US Department of Commerce; Insurance Information Institute.



# Change from Peak in New Construction Expenditures to 2013\*

Change (%)



**Despite Recent Improvements, Construction Activity (and Employment) Remains Far Below Pre-Crisis Peaks**

Note: Year in parentheses is the year of peak expenditure.

\*2013 figure is a seasonally adjusted annual rate as of June.

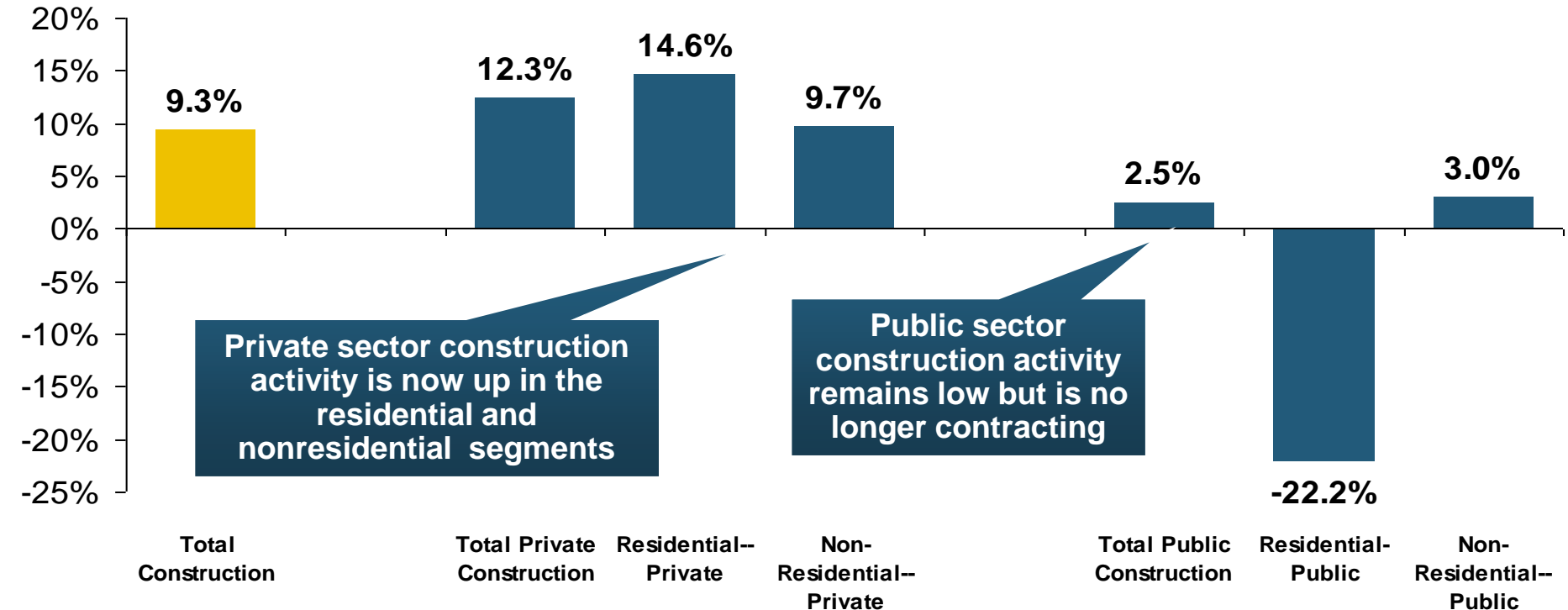
Sources: US Department of Commerce; Insurance Information Institute.

# Value of Construction Put in Place, January 2014 vs. January 2013\*

Growth (%)

Private: +12.3%

Public: +2.5%



**Overall Construction Activity is Up, But Growth Is Almost Entirely in the Private Sector as State/Local Government Budget Woes Continue**

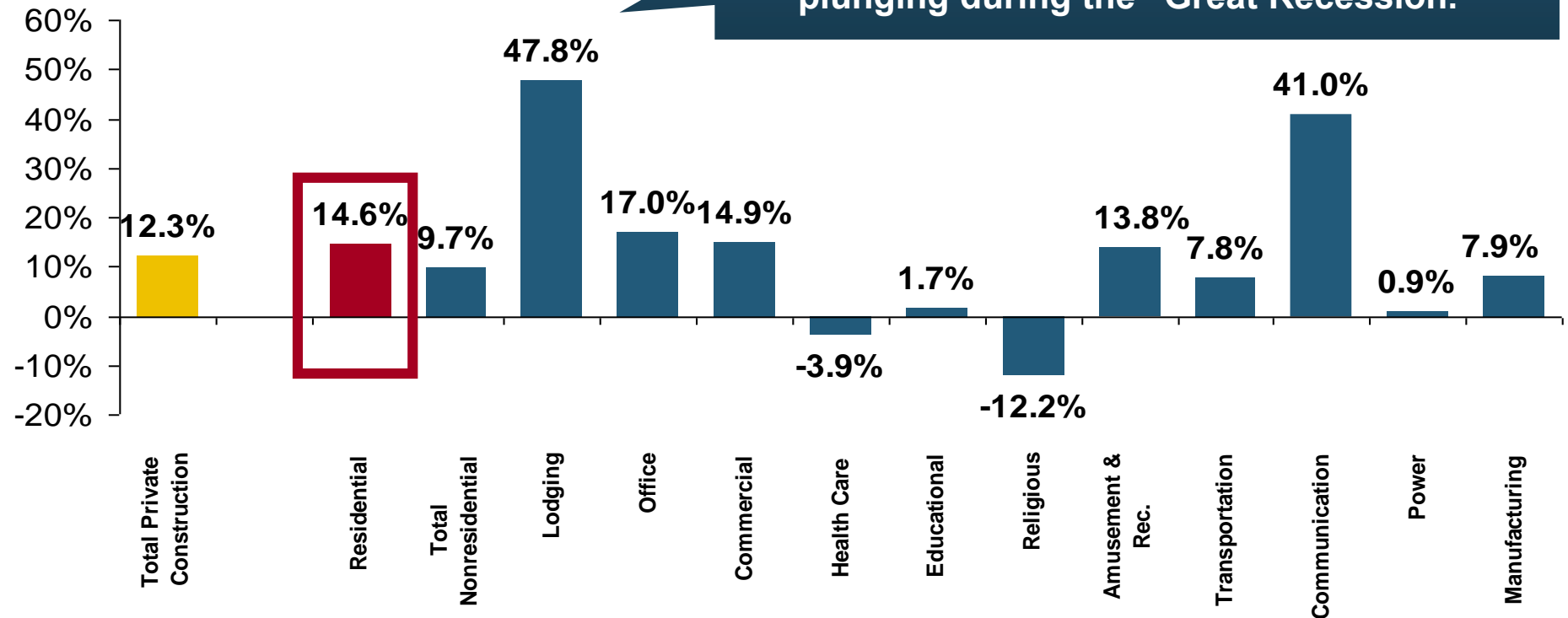
\*seasonally adjusted

Source: U.S. Census Bureau, <http://www.census.gov/construction/c30/c30index.html> ; Insurance Information Institute.

# Value of Private Construction Put in Place, by Segment, Jan. 2014 vs. Jan. 2013\*

Growth (%)

Led by the Residential Construction, Lodging, Communication and Office segments, Private sector construction activity is rising after plunging during the "Great Recession."



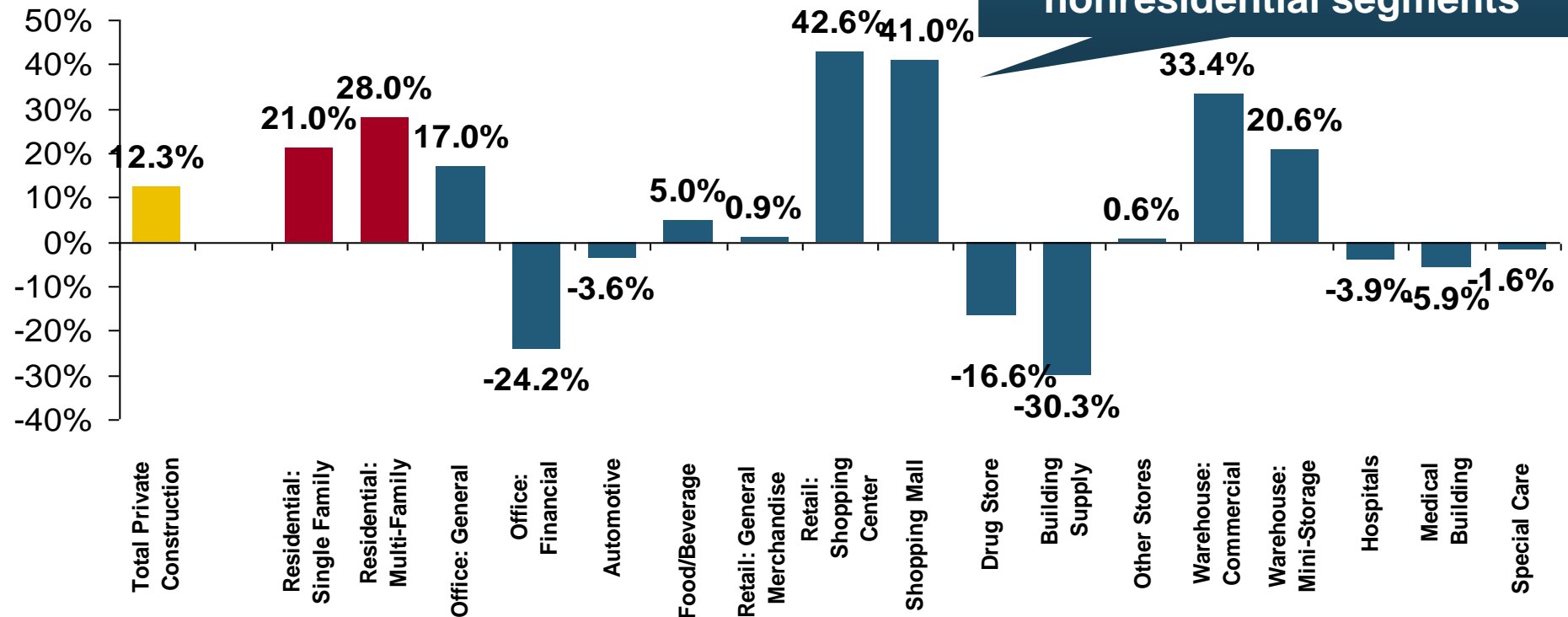
**Private Construction Activity is Up in Most Segments, Including the Key Residential Construction Sector; Bodes Well for Early 2014**

\*seasonally adjusted

Source: U.S. Census Bureau, <http://www.census.gov/construction/c30/c30index.html> ; Insurance Information Institute.

# Private Construction by Segment/Project Type, Jan. 2014 vs. Jan. 2013\*

Growth (%)



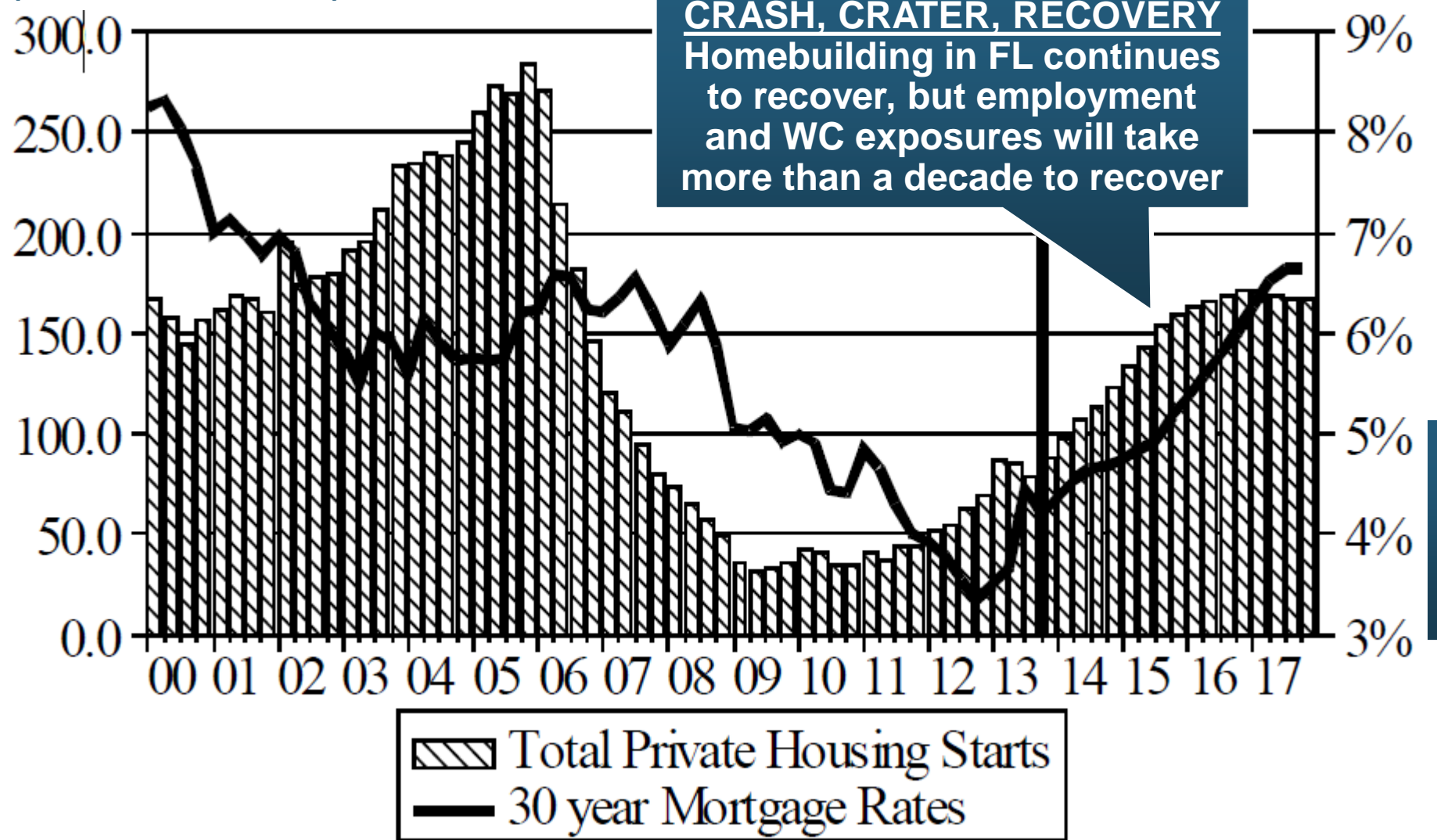
**Private Construction Activity is Up in Many Segments, Including the Key Residential Construction Sector, But Down in a Few**

\*seasonally adjusted

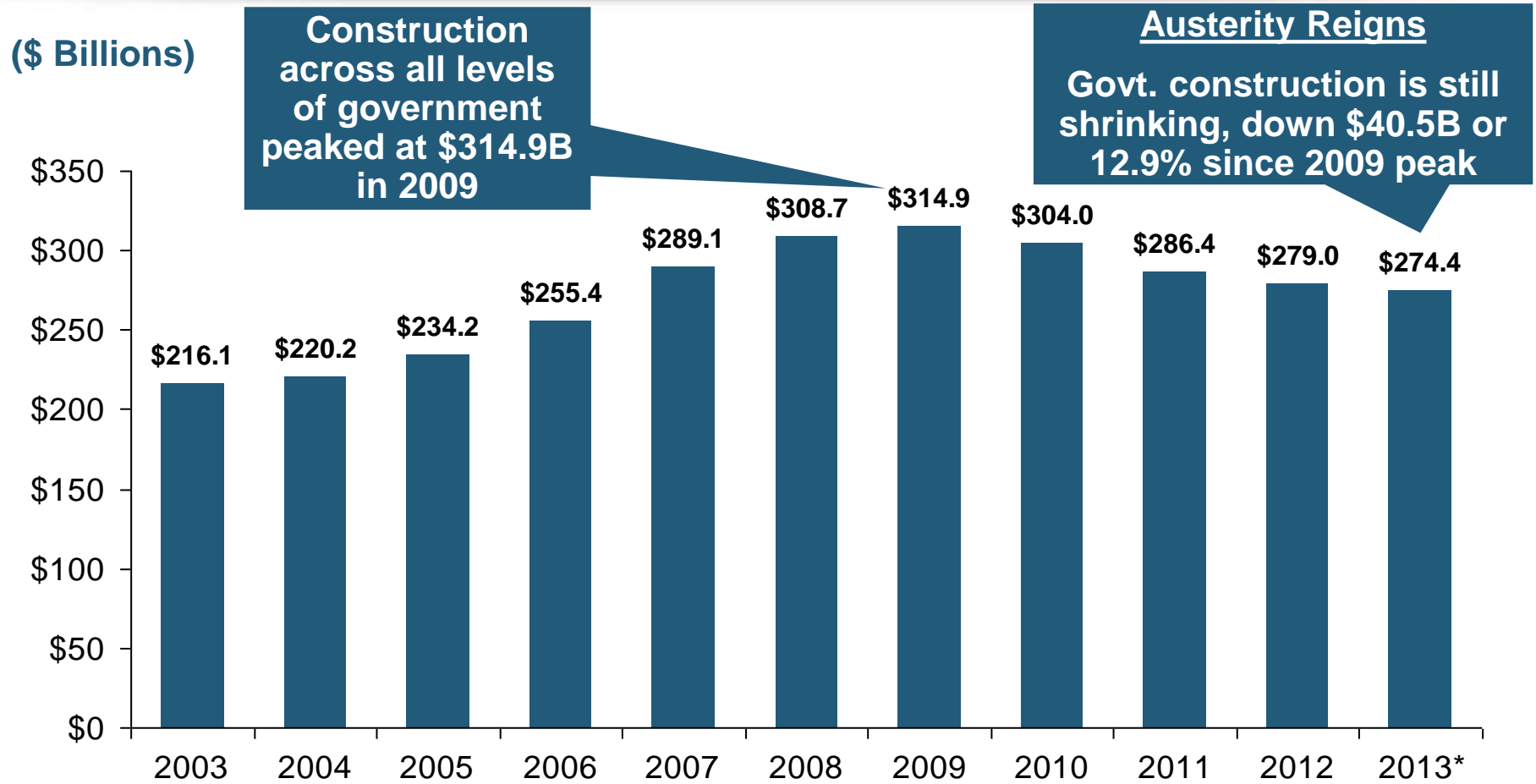
Source: U.S. Census Bureau, <http://www.census.gov/construction/c30/c30index.html> ; Insurance Information Institute.

# Florida Total Private Housing Starts, 2000 – 2017F

(Thousands of Units)



# Value of New Federal, State and Local Government Construction: 2003-2013\*



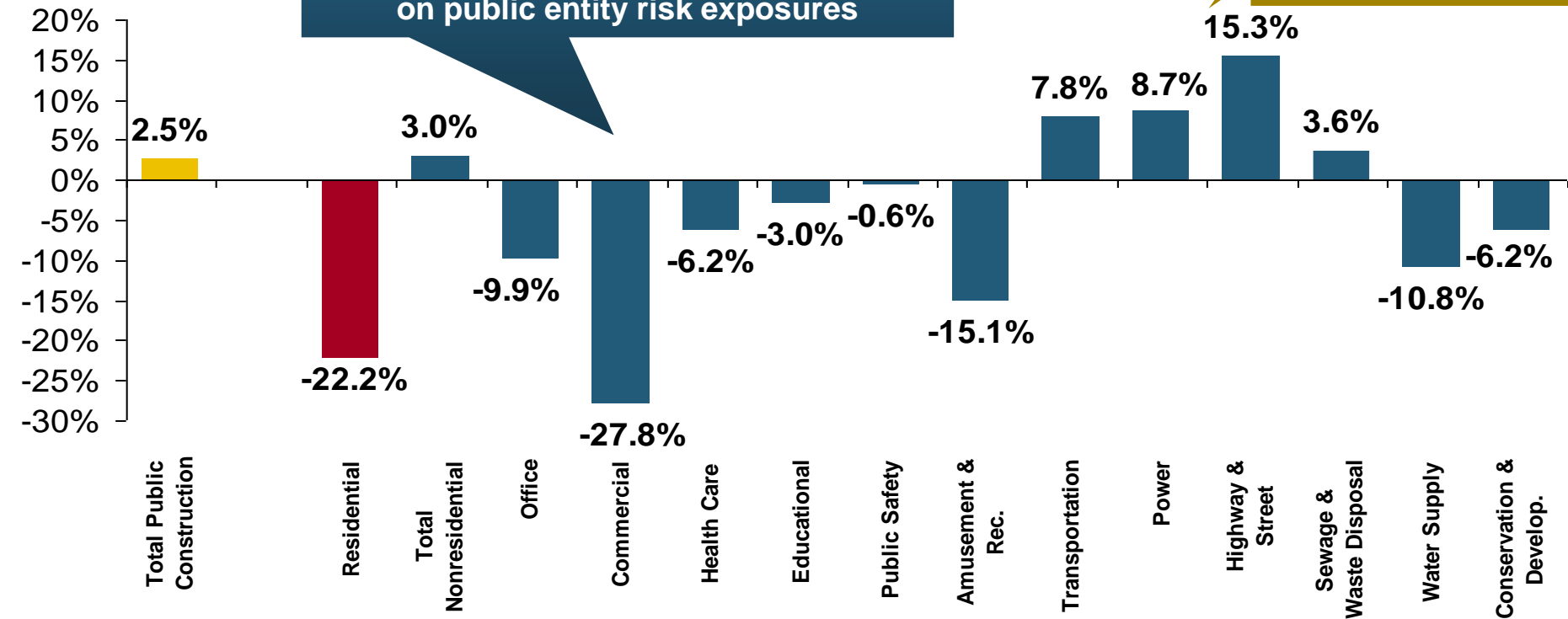
**Government Construction Spending Peaked in 2009, Helped by Stimulus Spending, but Continues to Contract As State/Local Governments Grapple with Deficits and Federal Sequestration Takes Hold**

\*2013 figure is a seasonally adjusted annual rate as of December.

Sources: US Department of Commerce; Insurance Information Institute.

# Value of Public Construction Put in Place, by Segment, Jan. 2014 vs. Jan. 2013\*

Growth (%)



**Public Construction Activity is Down in Many Segments as State and Local Budgets Remain Under Stress; Improvement Possible in 2014.**

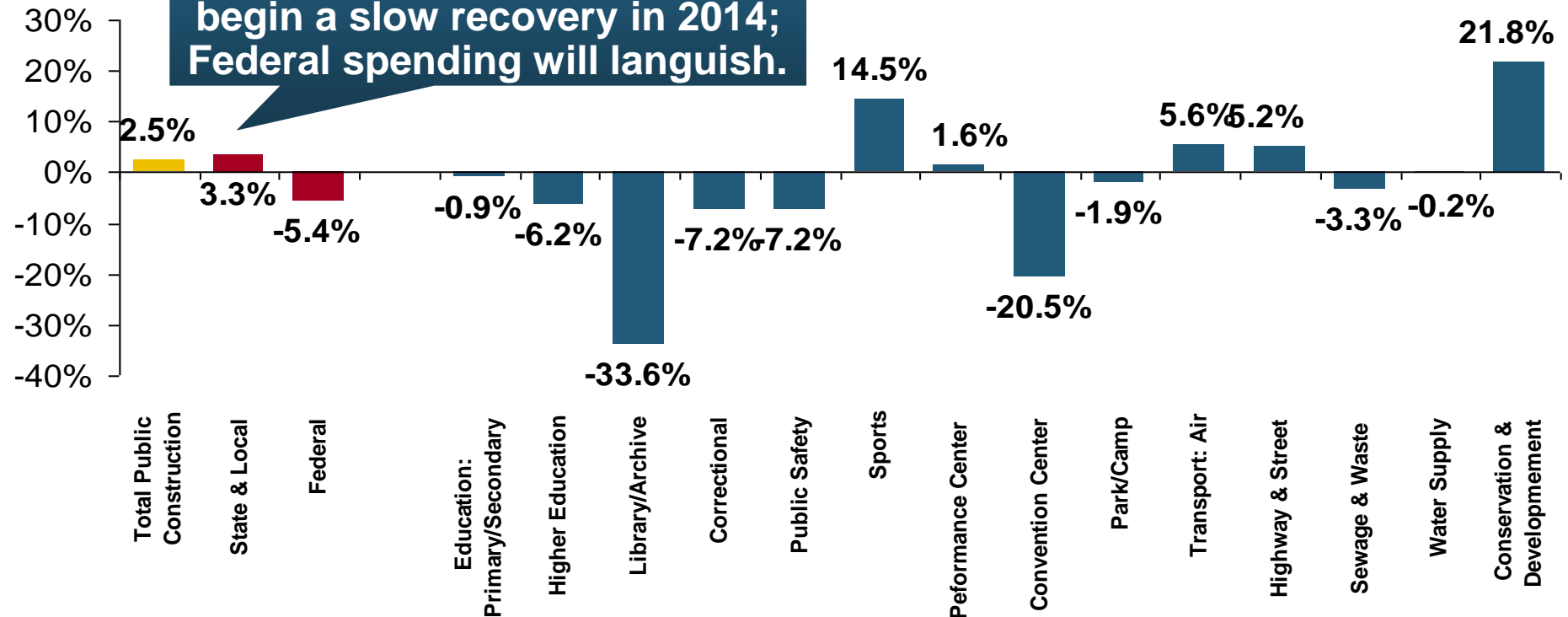
\*seasonally adjusted

Source: U.S. Census Bureau, <http://www.census.gov/construction/c30/c30index.html> ; Insurance Information Institute.

# Public Construction by Segment/Project Type, Jan. 2014 vs. Jan. 2013\*

Growth (%)

State and local public sector construction spending could begin a slow recovery in 2014; Federal spending will languish.



**Public Construction Activity is Down in Most Segments as Governments Grapple with Budget Deficits and Pension Shortfalls**

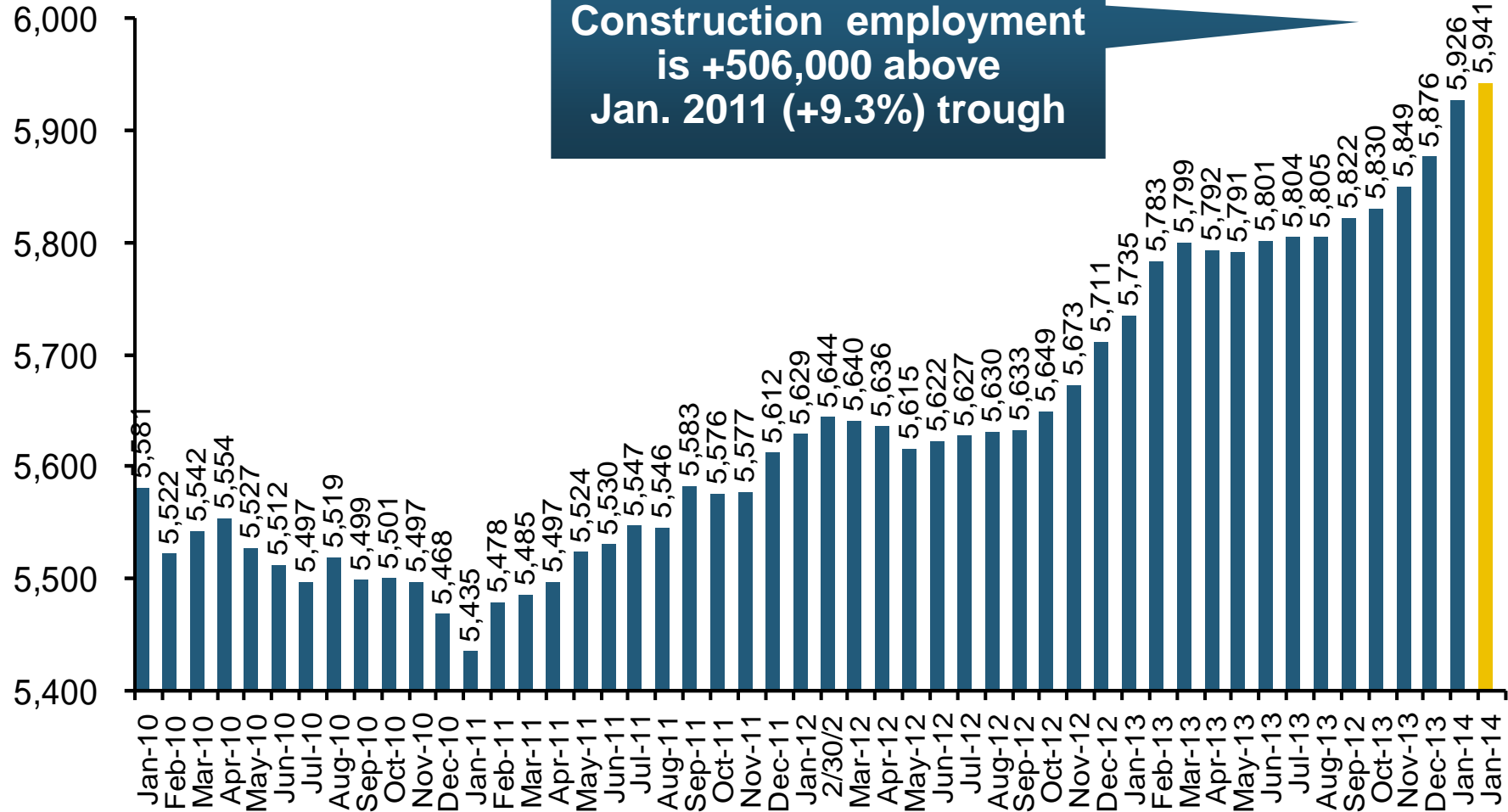
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# Construction Employment, Jan. 2010—February 2014\*

(Thousands)



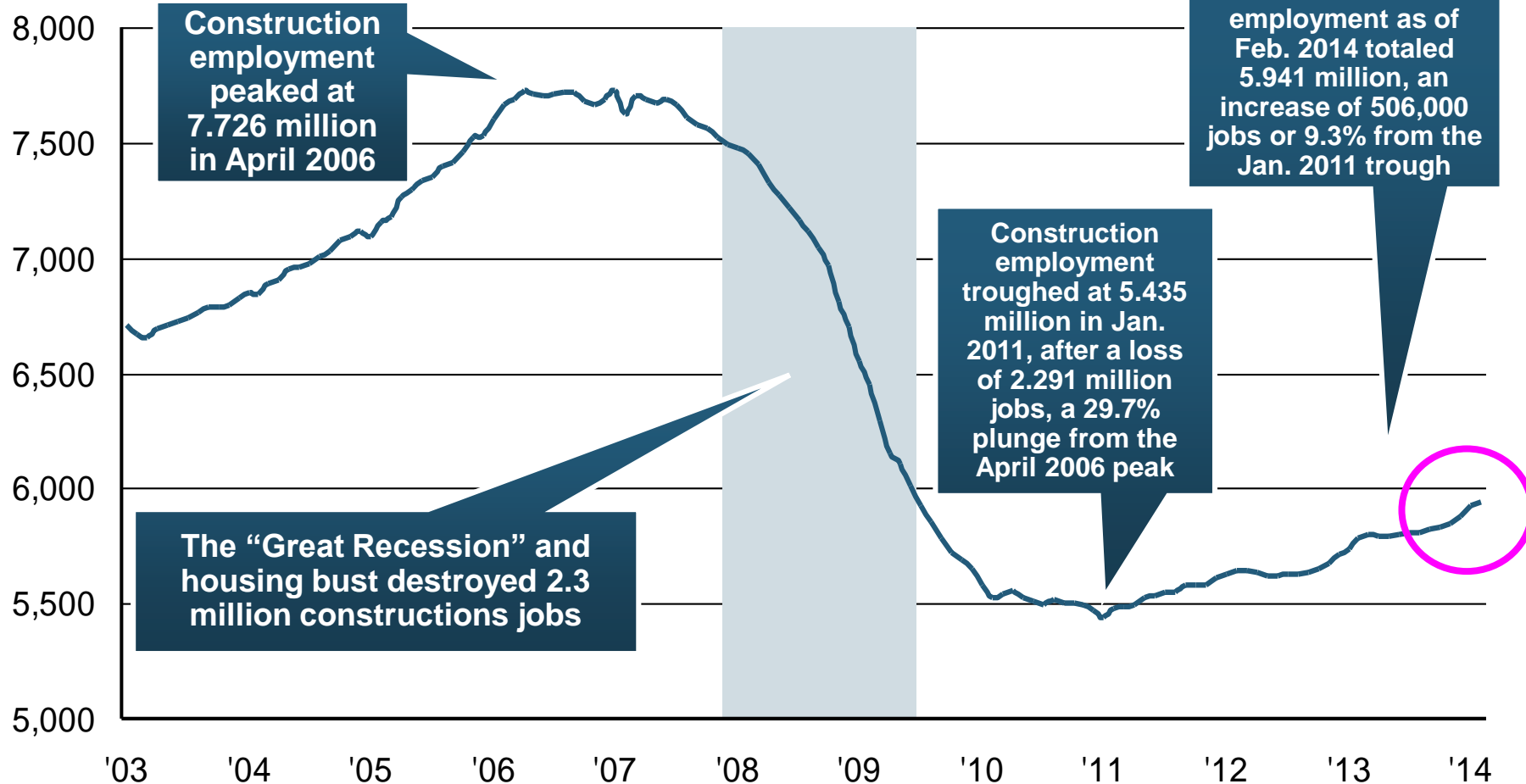
**Construction and manufacturing employment constitute 1/3 of all payroll exposure.**

\*Seasonally adjusted.

Sources: US Bureau of Labor Statistics at <http://data.bls.gov>; Insurance Information Institute.

# Construction Employment, Jan. 2003–February 2014

(Thousands)



**The Construction Sector Could Be a Growth Leader in 2014 as the Housing Market, Private Investment and Govt. Spending Recover. WC Insurers Will Benefit.**

Note: Recession indicated by gray shaded column.

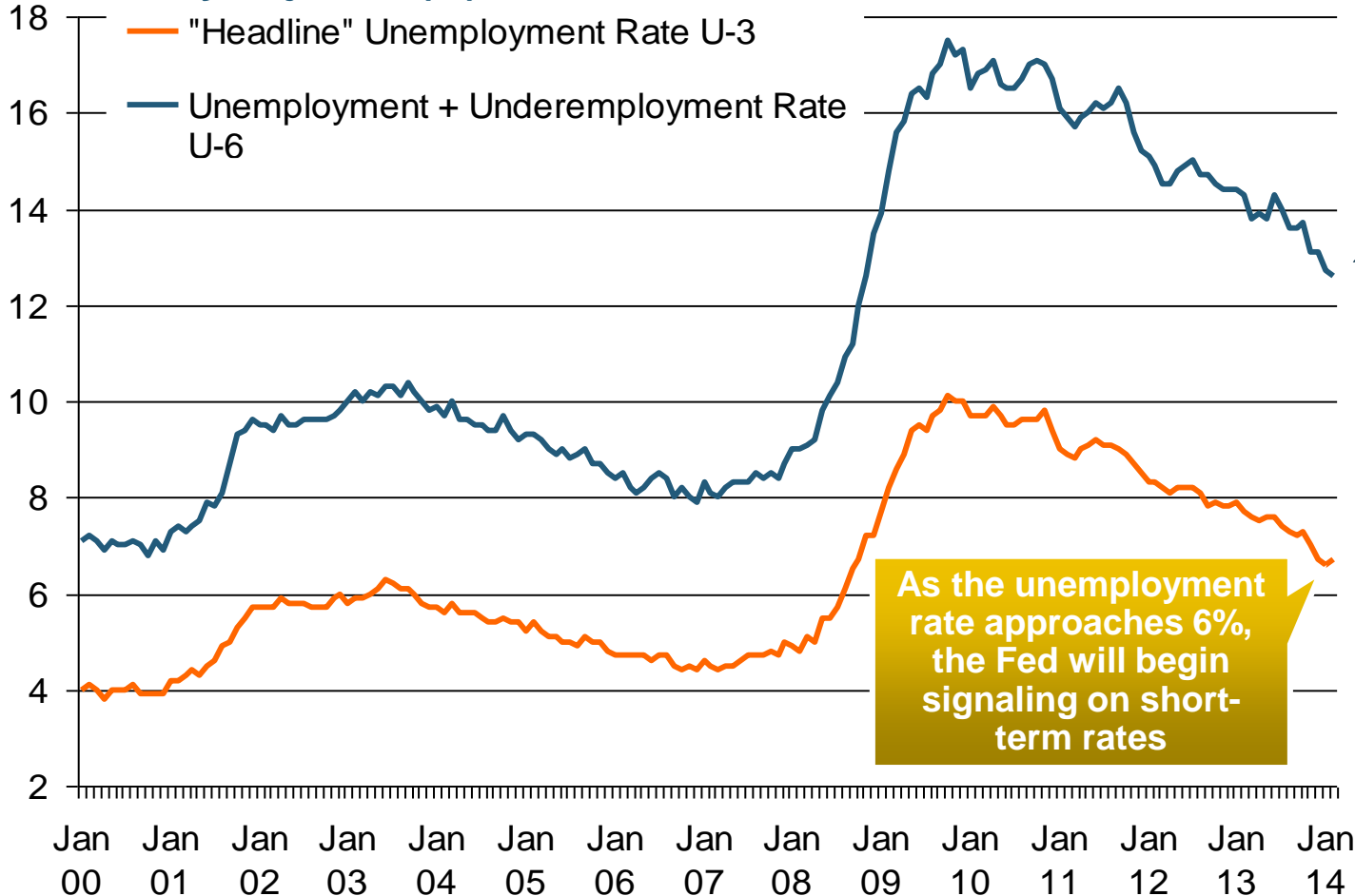
Sources: U.S. Bureau of Labor Statistics; Insurance Information Institute.

# **The New American Labor Force**

**The Recovery's Winners and Losers  
Are Reshaping the Sources of WC's  
Payroll Exposure Base**

# Unemployment and Underemployment Rates: Still Too High, But Falling

January 2000 through February 2014,  
Seasonally Adjusted (%)



U-6 went from 8.0% in March 2007 to 17.5% in October 2009; Stood at 12.6% in Feb. 2014. 8% to 10% is "normal."

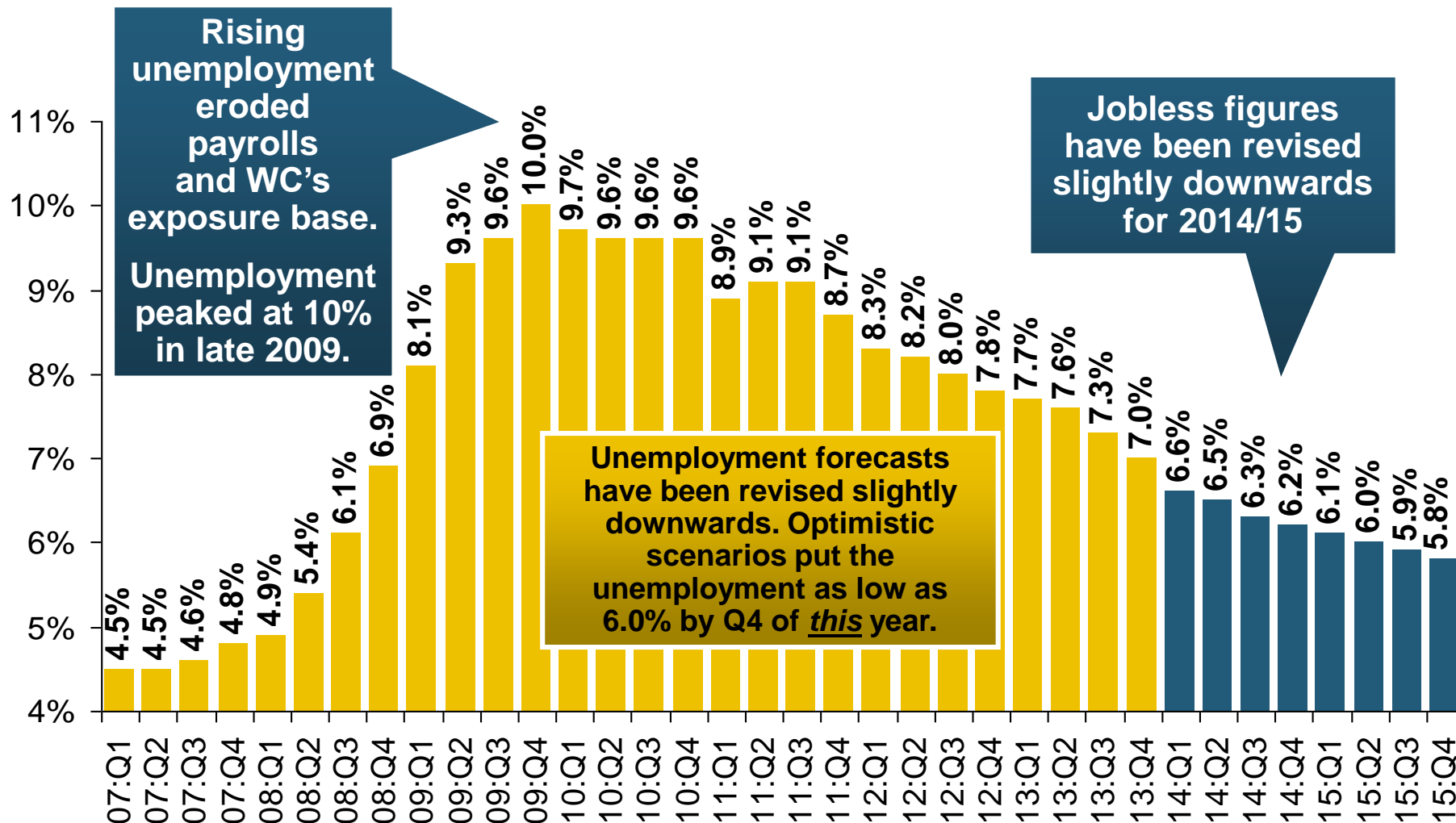
As the unemployment rate approaches 6%, the Fed will begin signaling on short-term rates

"Headline" unemployment was 6.7% in February 2014. 4% to 6% is "normal."

**Stubbornly high unemployment and underemployment constrain overall economic growth, but the job market is now clearly improving.**

# US Unemployment Rate Forecast

2007:Q1 to 2015:Q4F\*

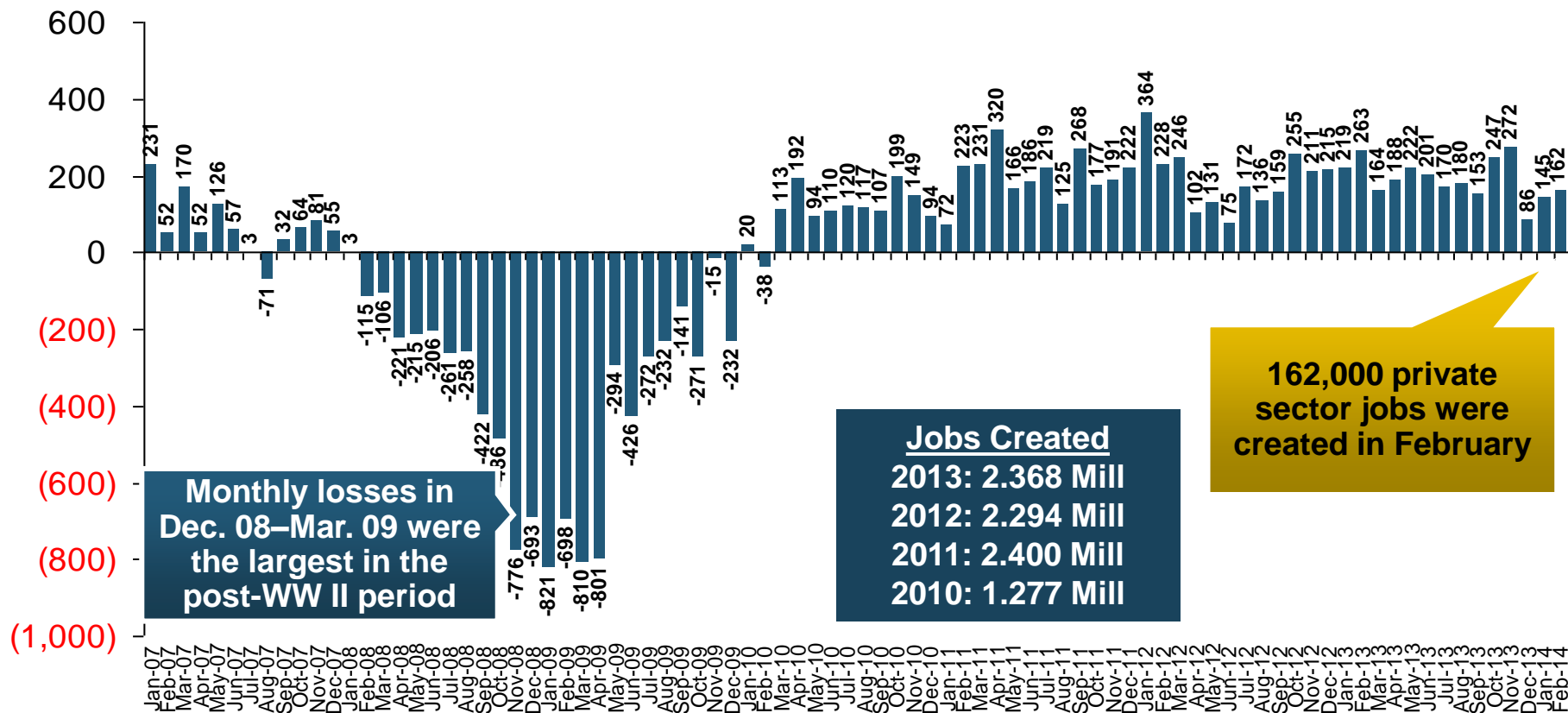


\* ■ = actual; ■ = forecasts

Sources: US Bureau of Labor Statistics; Blue Chip Economic Indicators (3/14 edition); Insurance Information Institute.

# Monthly Change in Private Employment

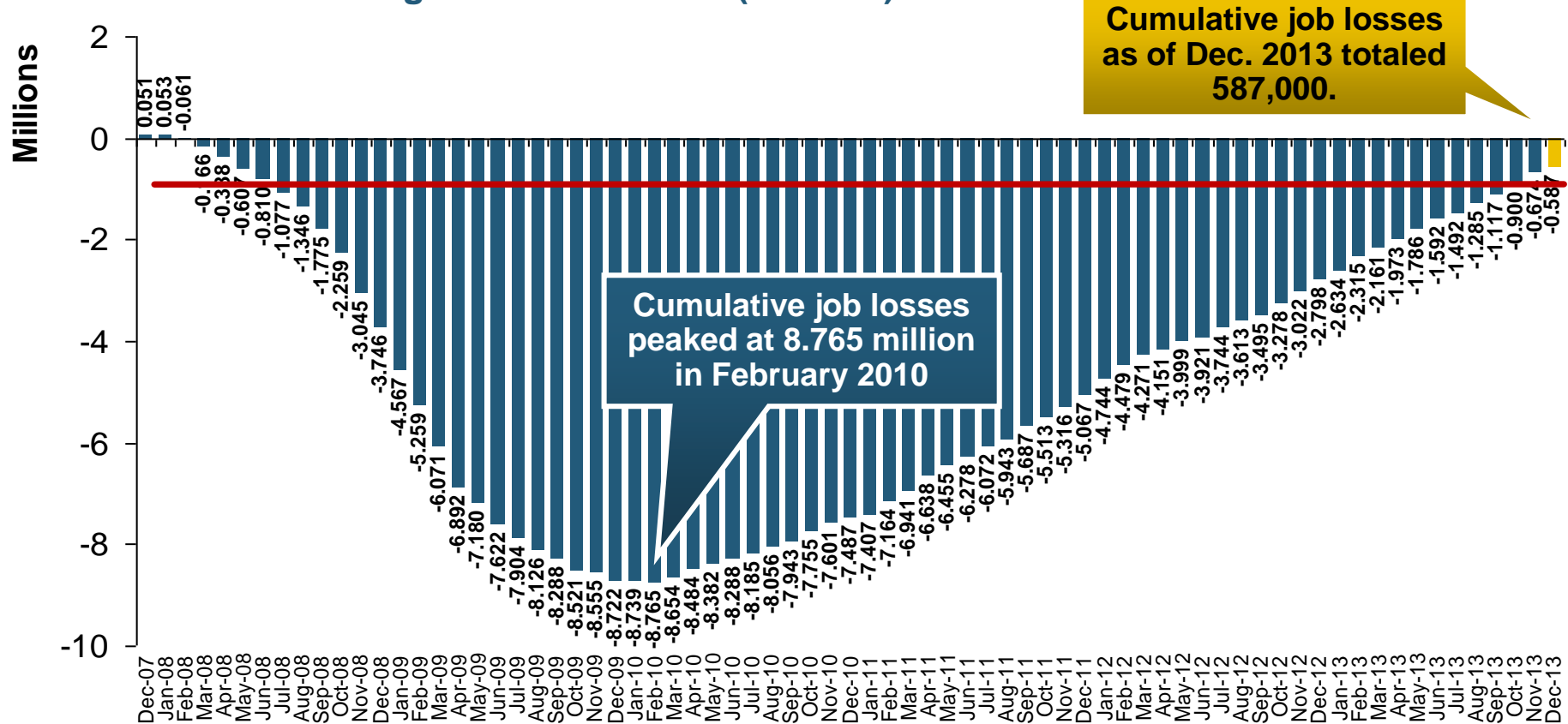
January 2007 through February 2014 (Thousands, Seasonally Adjusted)



**Private Employers Added 8.34 million Jobs Since Jan. 2010 After Having Shed 5.01 Million Jobs in 2009 and 3.76 Million in 2008 (State and Local Governments Have Shed Hundreds of Thousands of Jobs)**

# Cumulative Change in Private Employment: Dec. 2007—Dec. 2013

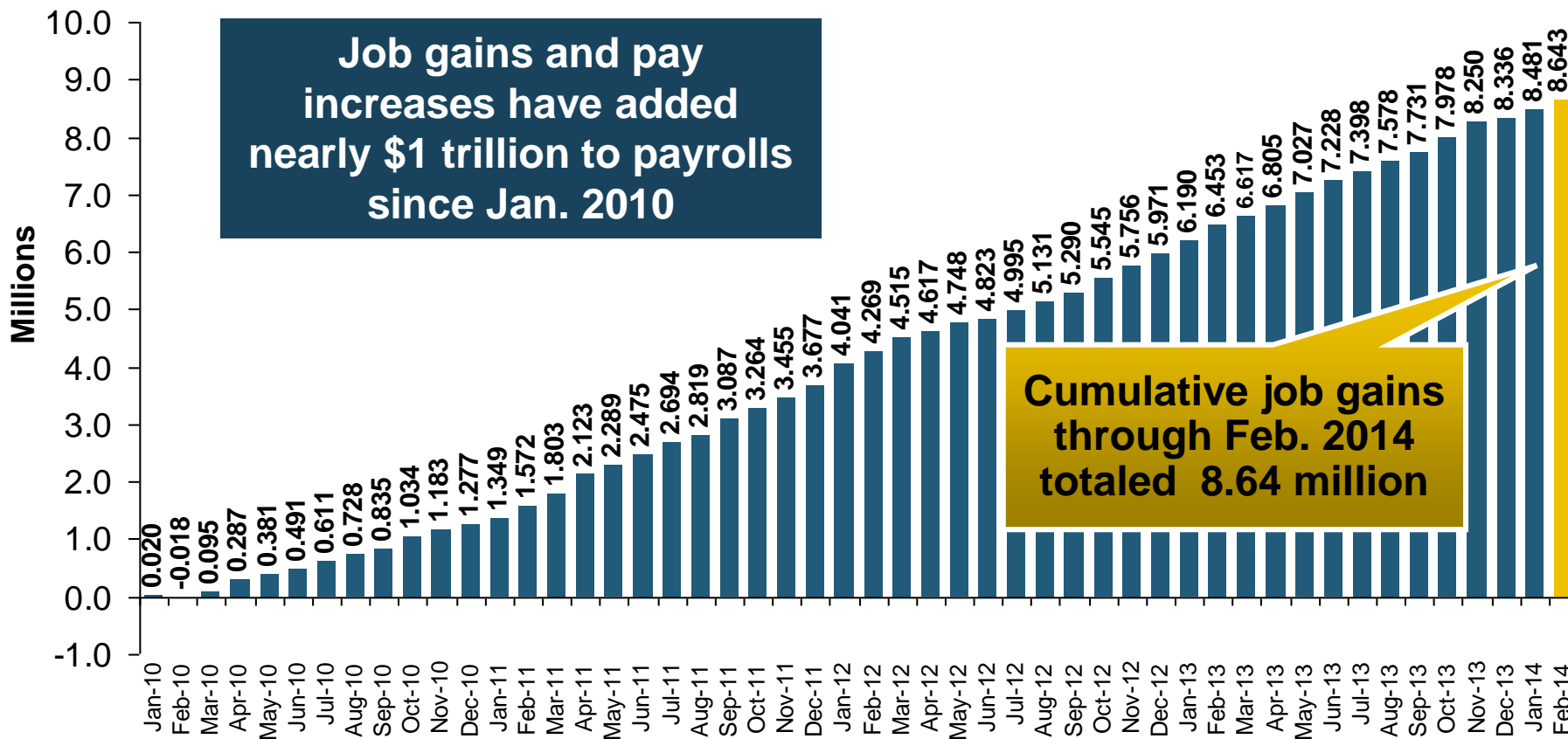
December 2007 through December 2013 (Millions)



**Private Employers Added 8.14 million Jobs Since Jan. 2010 After Having Shed 4.98 Million Jobs in 2009 and 3.80 Million in 2008 (State and Local Governments Have Shed Hundreds of Thousands of Jobs)**

# Cumulative Change in Private Sector Employment: Jan. 2010—Feb. 2014

January 2010 through February 2014\* (Millions)



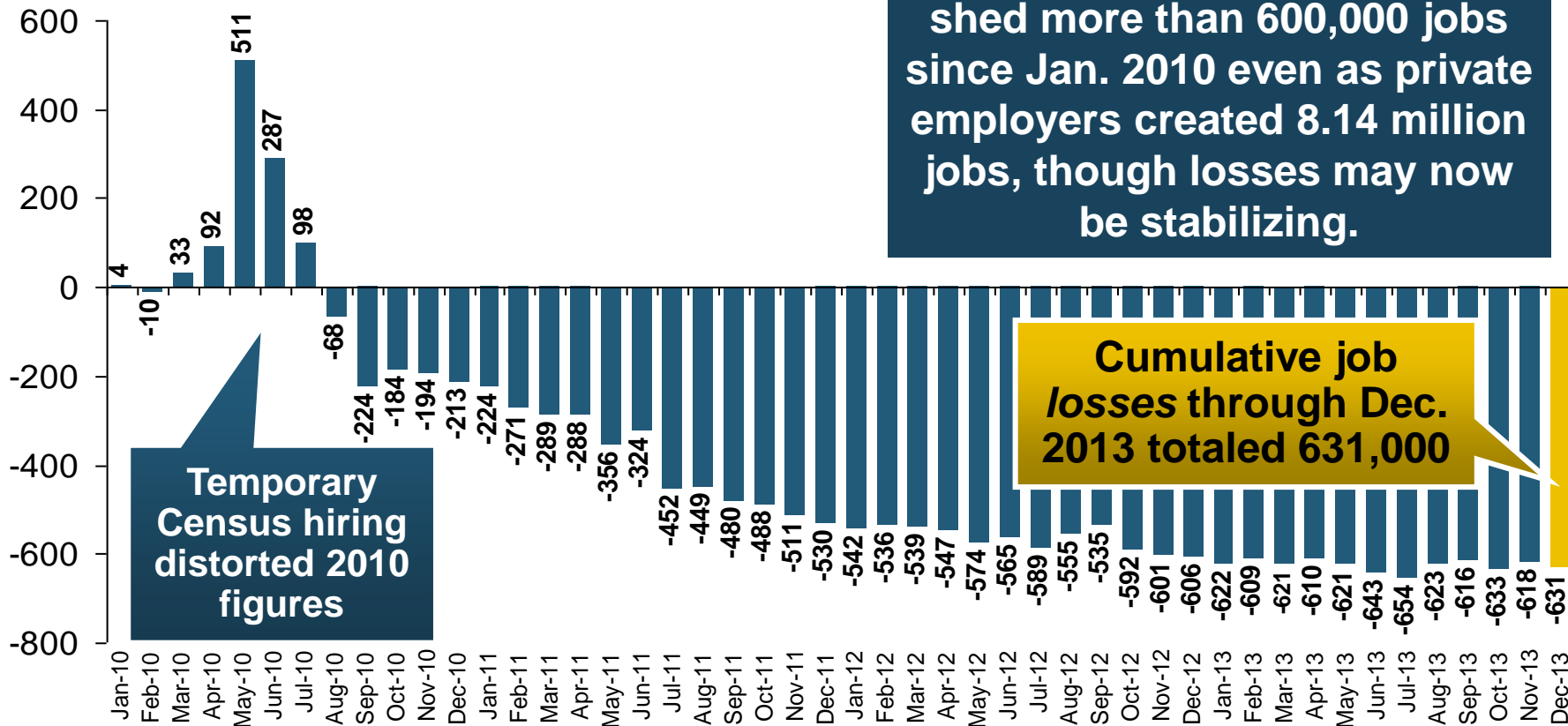
**Private Employers Added 8.64 million Jobs Since Jan. 2010 After Having Shed 4.98 Million Jobs in 2009 and 3.80 Million in 2008 (State and Local Governments Have Shed Hundreds of Thousands of Jobs)**



# Cumulative Change in Government Employment: Jan. 2010—Dec. 2013

January 2010 through Dec. 2013\* (Millions)

**Government at all levels has shed more than 600,000 jobs since Jan. 2010 even as private employers created 8.14 million jobs, though losses may now be stabilizing.**

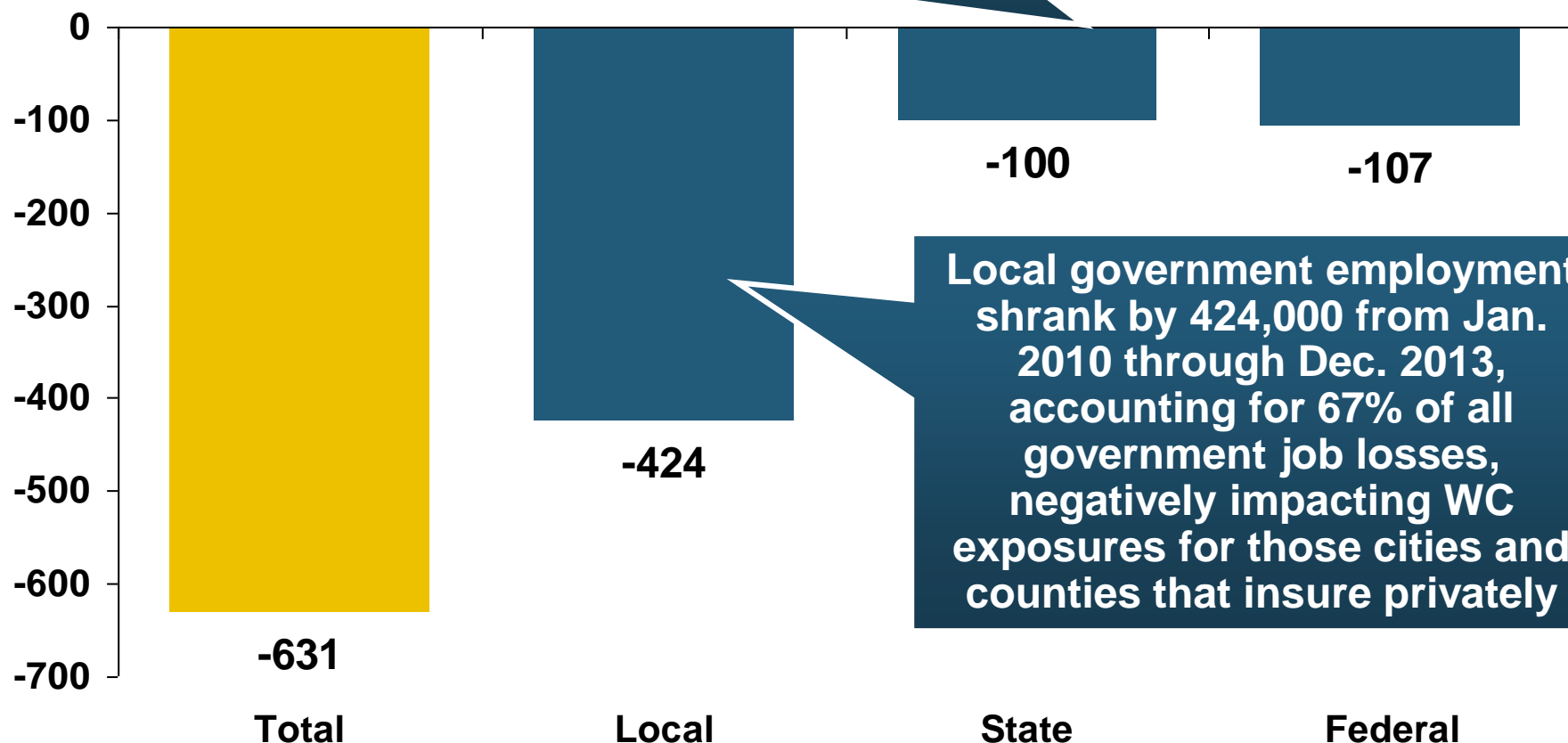


**Governments at All Levels are Under Severe Fiscal Strain As Tax Receipts Plunged and Pension Obligations Soared During the Financial Crisis: Sequestration Will Add to this Toll**

# Net Change in Government Employment: Jan. 2010—Dec. 2013\*

(Thousands)

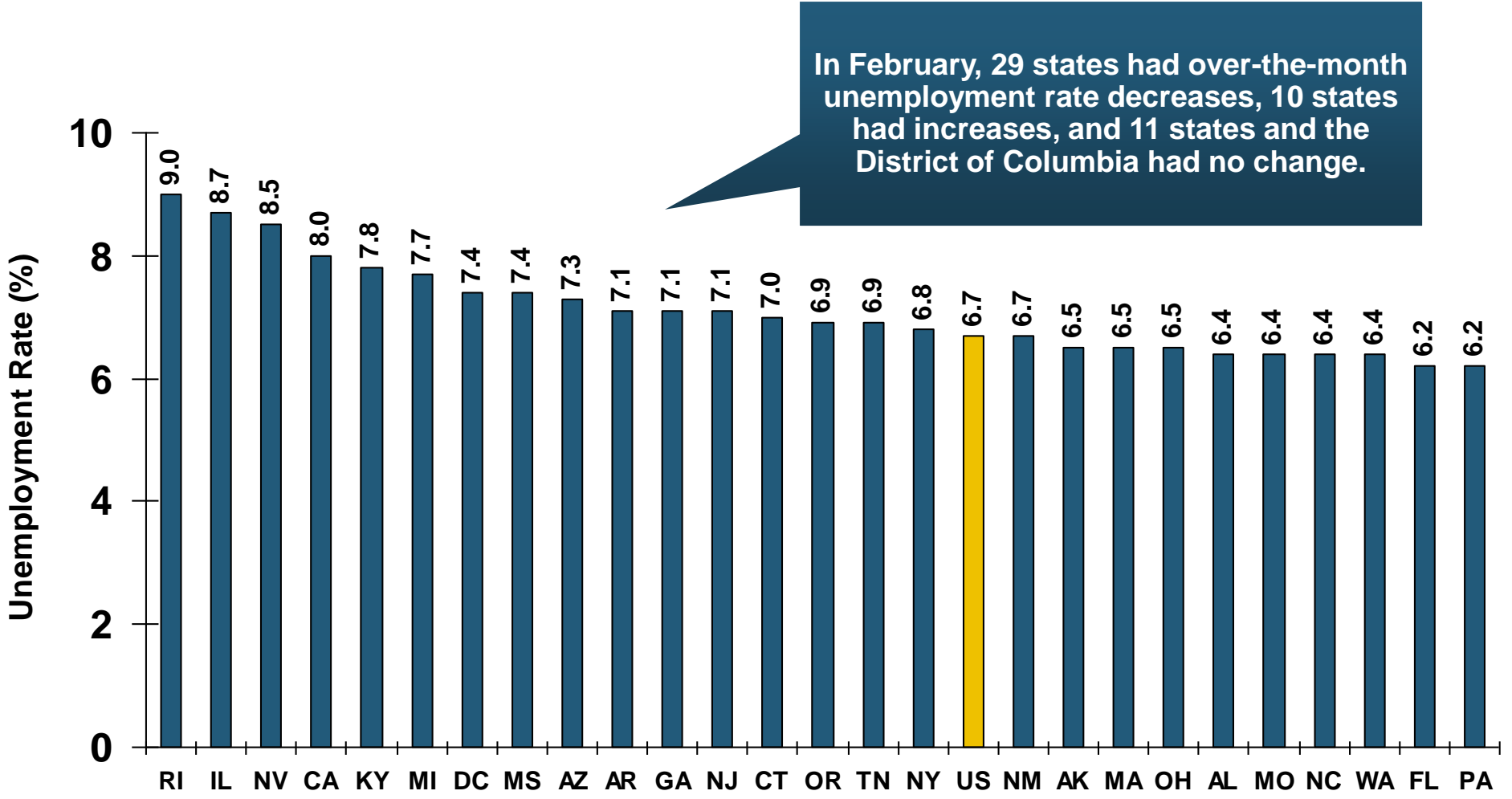
State government employment fell by 1.9% since the end of 2009 but is recovering while Federal employment is down by 3.8% and deteriorating



\*Cumulative change from prior month; Base employment date is Dec. 2009.

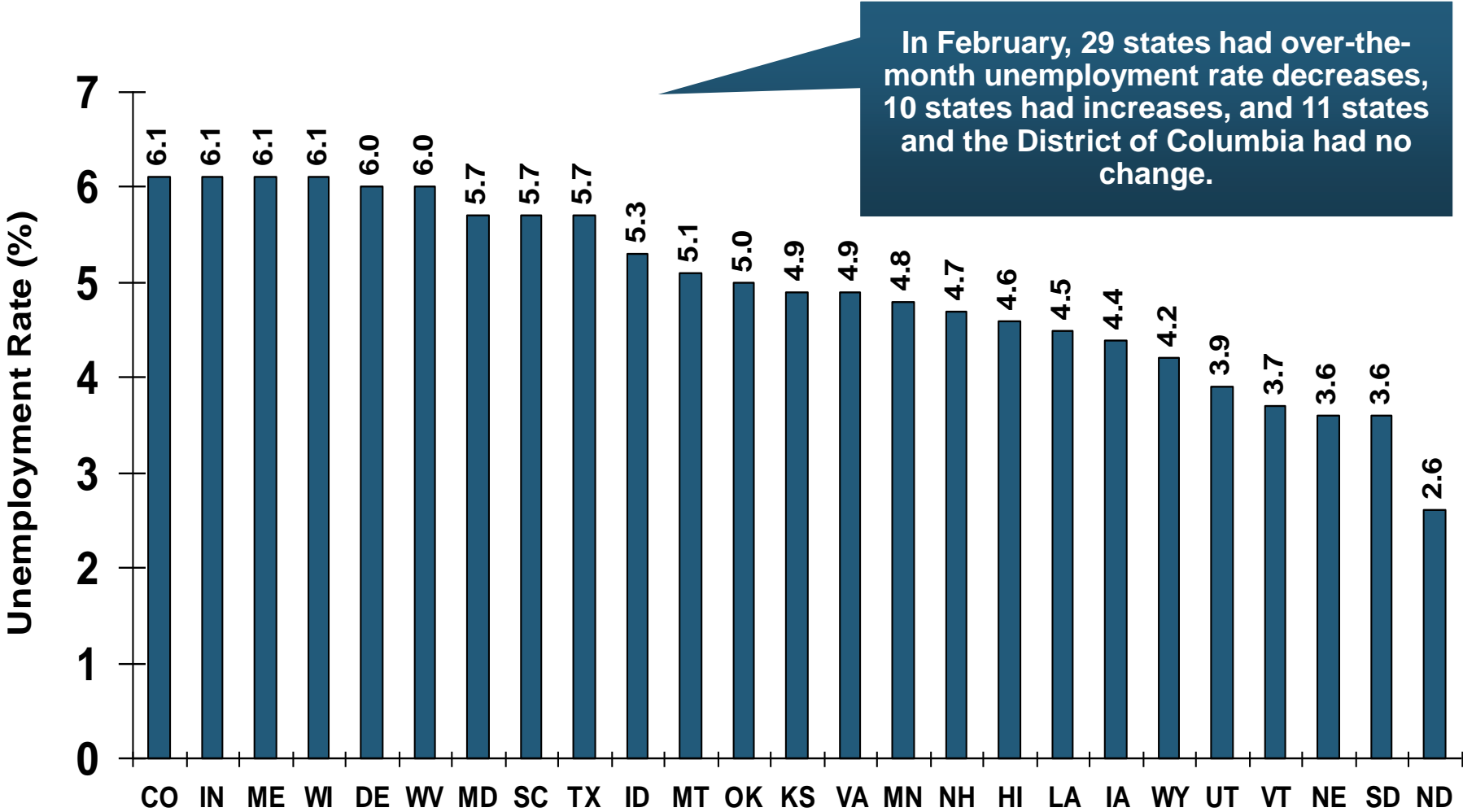
Source: US Bureau of Labor Statistics <http://www.bls.gov/data/#employment>; Insurance Information Institute

# Unemployment Rates by State, February 2014: Highest 25 States\*



\*Provisional figures for February 2014, seasonally adjusted.  
Sources: US Bureau of Labor Statistics; Insurance Information Institute.

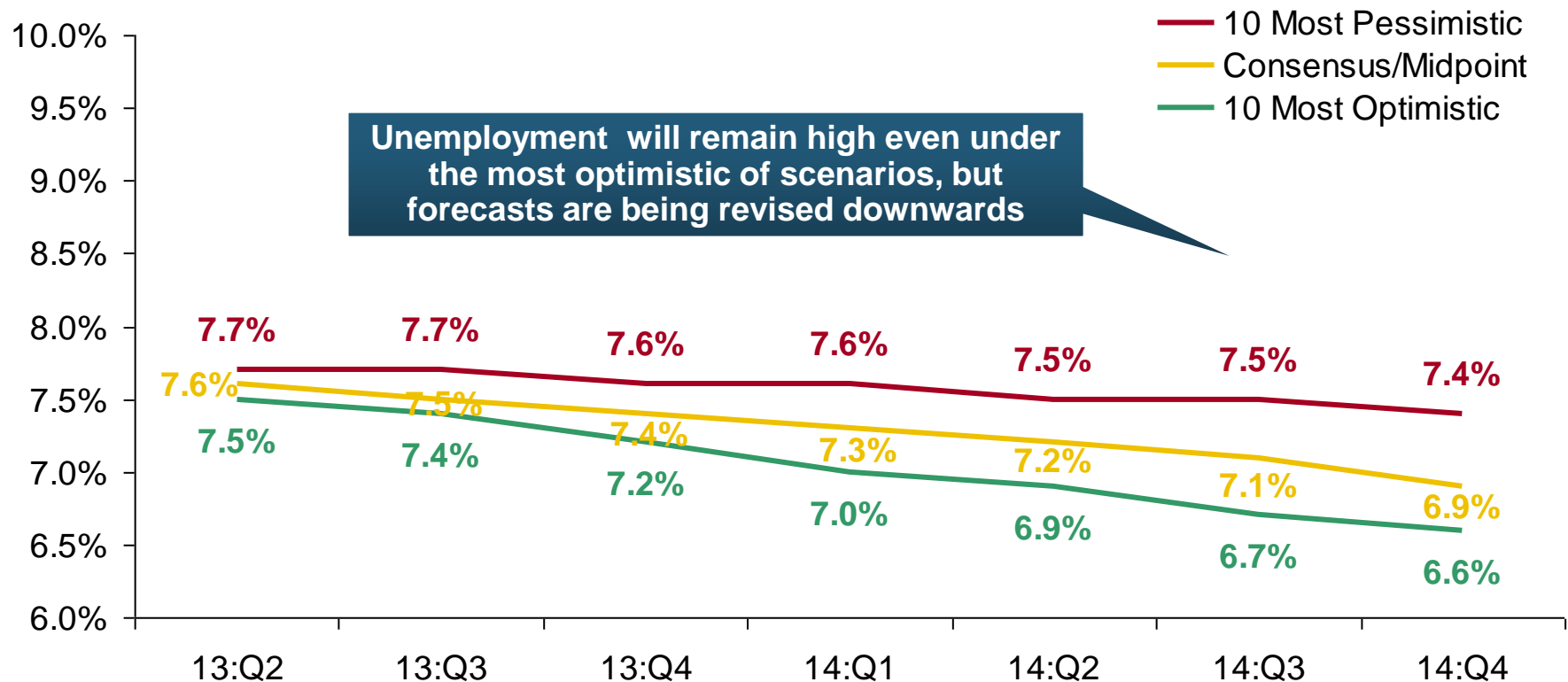
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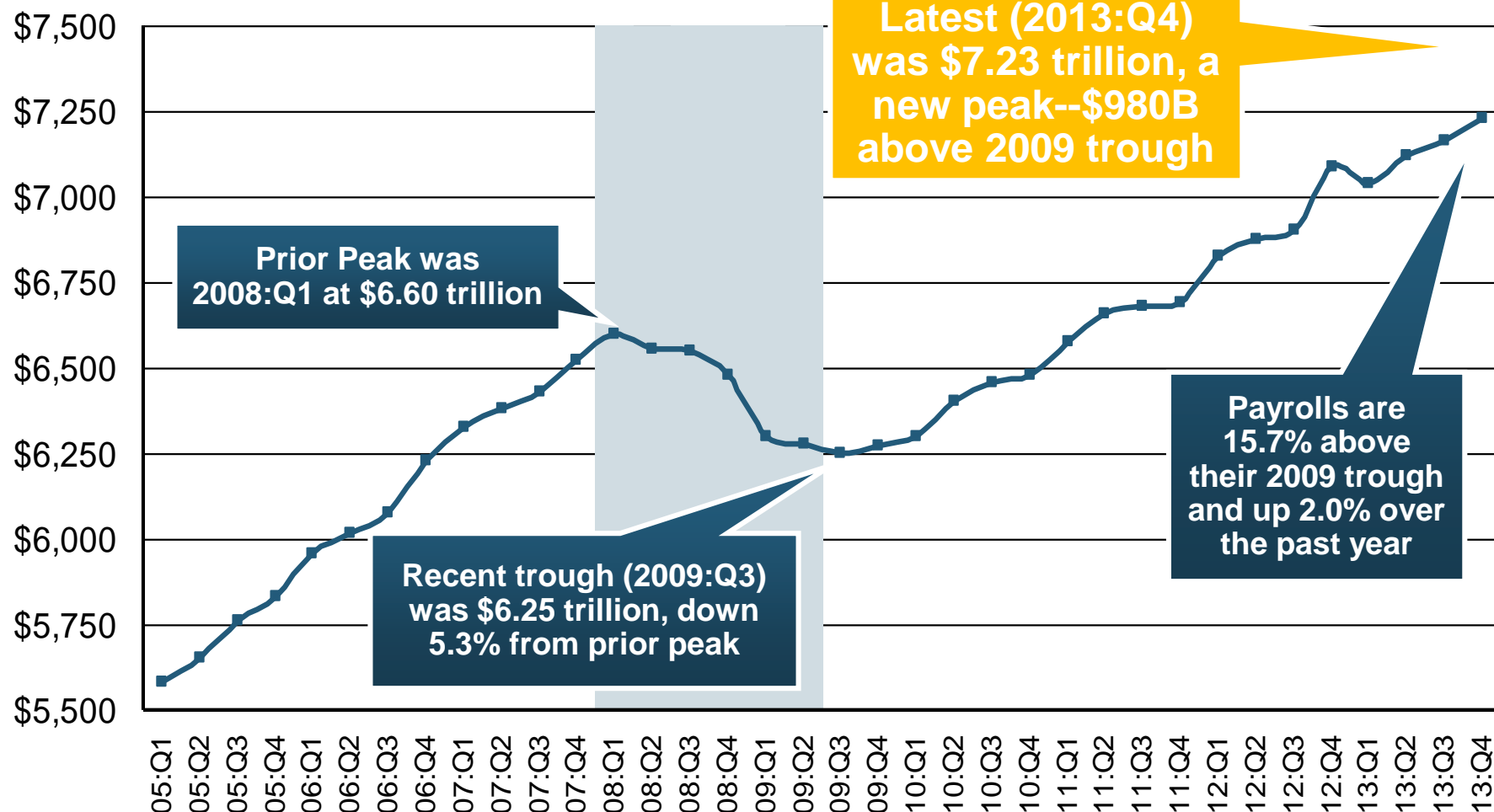
# US Unemployment Rate Forecasts

Quarterly, 2013:Q1 to 2014:Q4



# Nonfarm Payroll (Wages and Salaries): Quarterly, 2005–2013:Q4

Billions



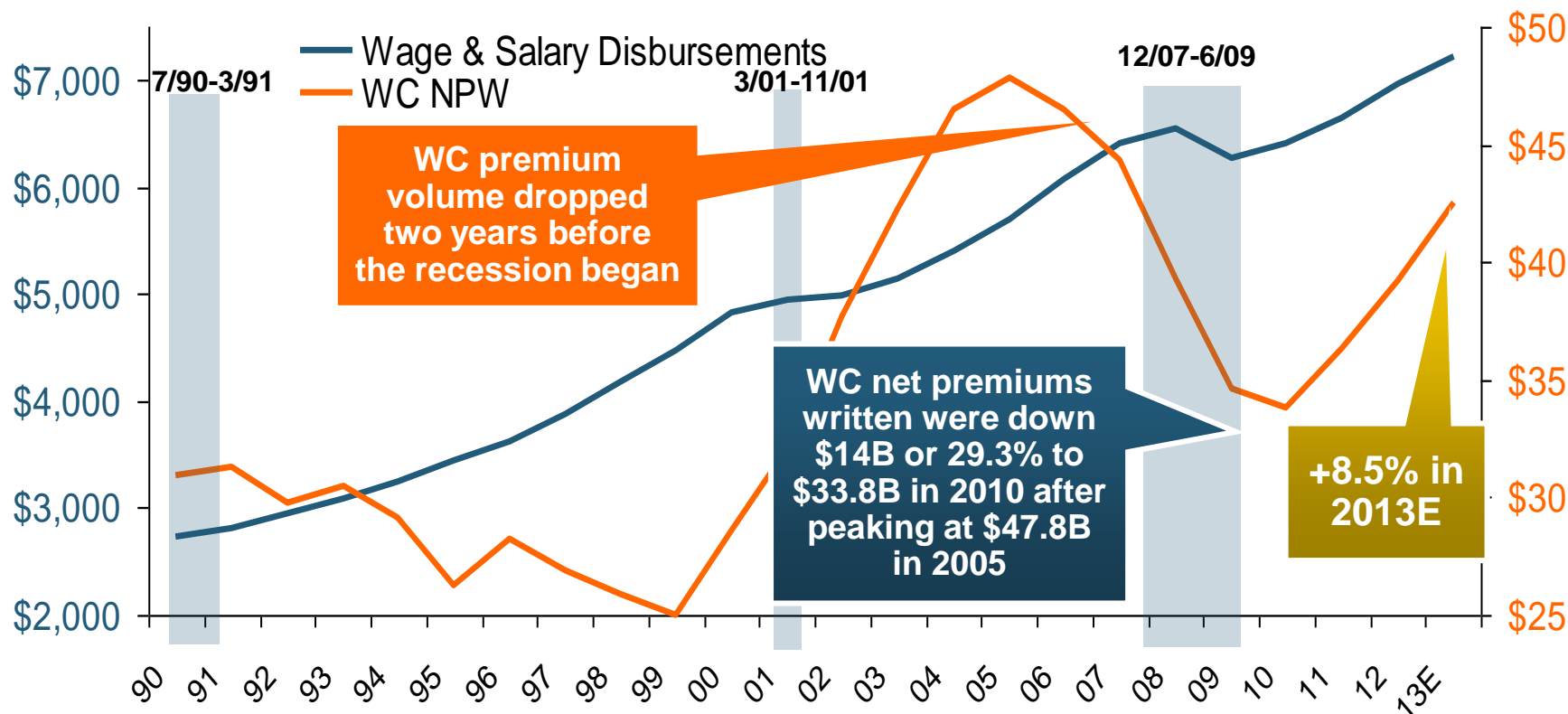
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# Payroll vs. Workers Comp Net Written Premiums, 1990-2013E

**Payroll Base\***  
**\$Billions**

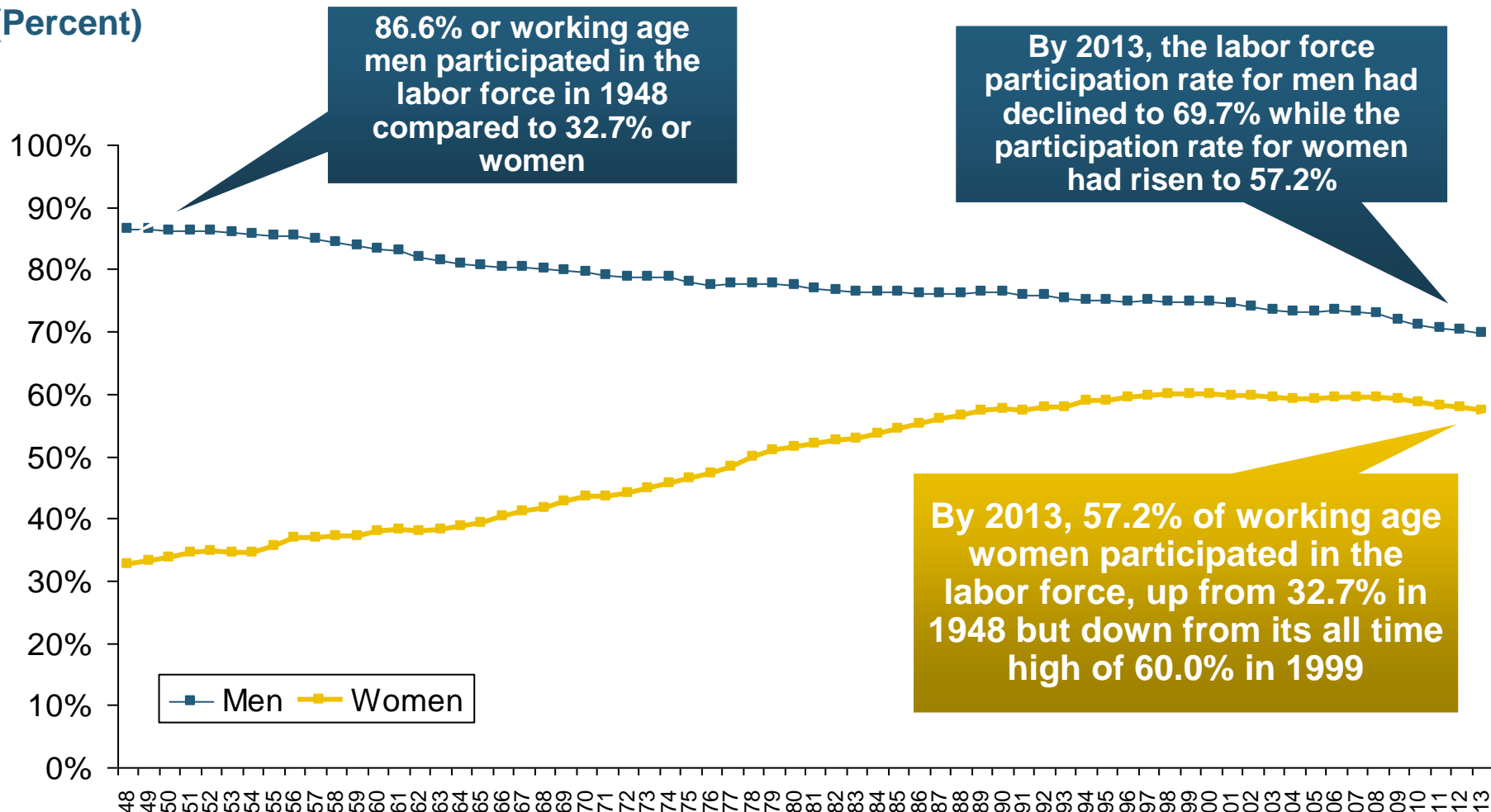
**WC NWP**  
**\$Billions**



**Continued Payroll Growth and Rate Increases Suggest WC NWP Will Grow Again in 2014; +8.6% Growth Estimated for 2013**

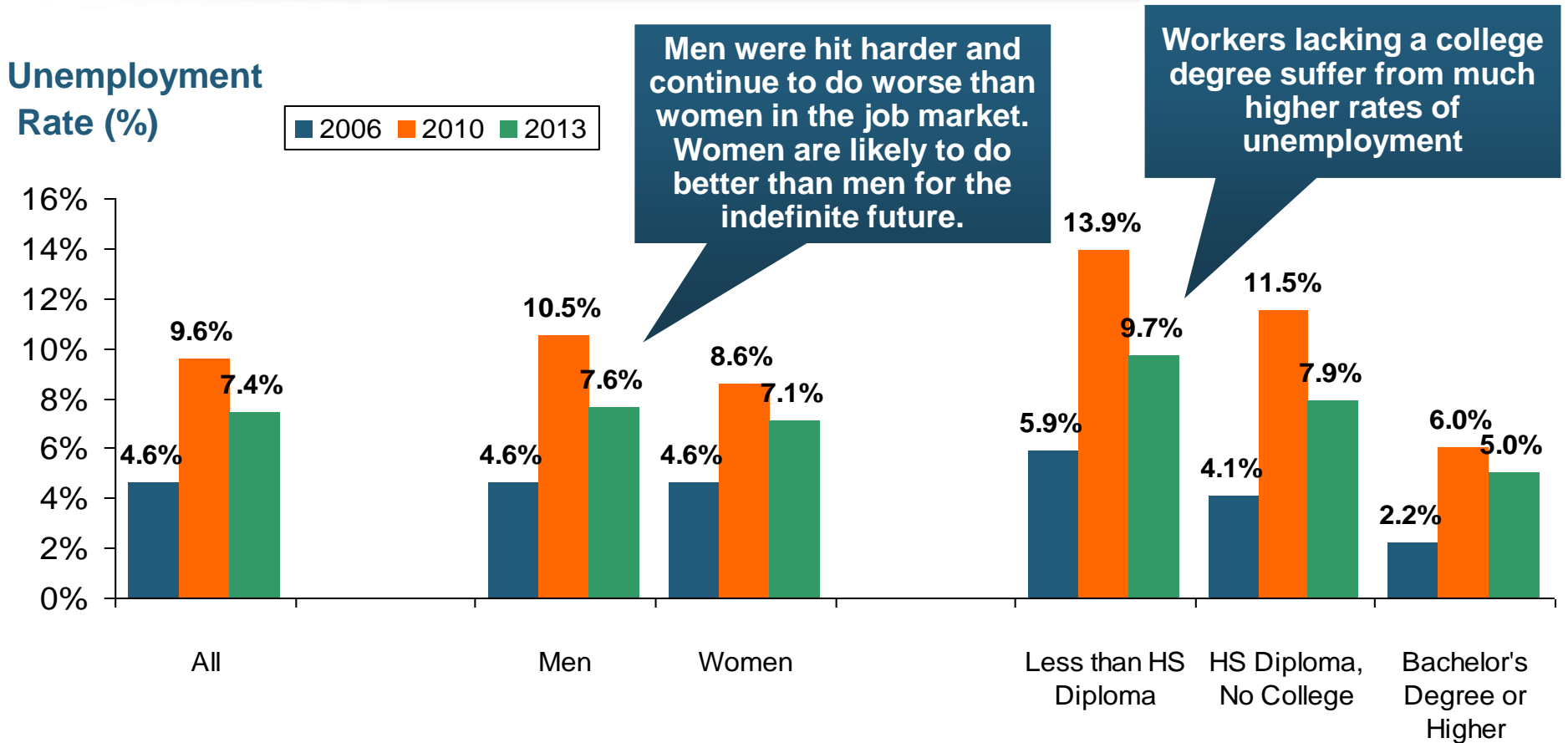
# Labor Force Participation Rate by Gender, 1948—2013

(Percent)



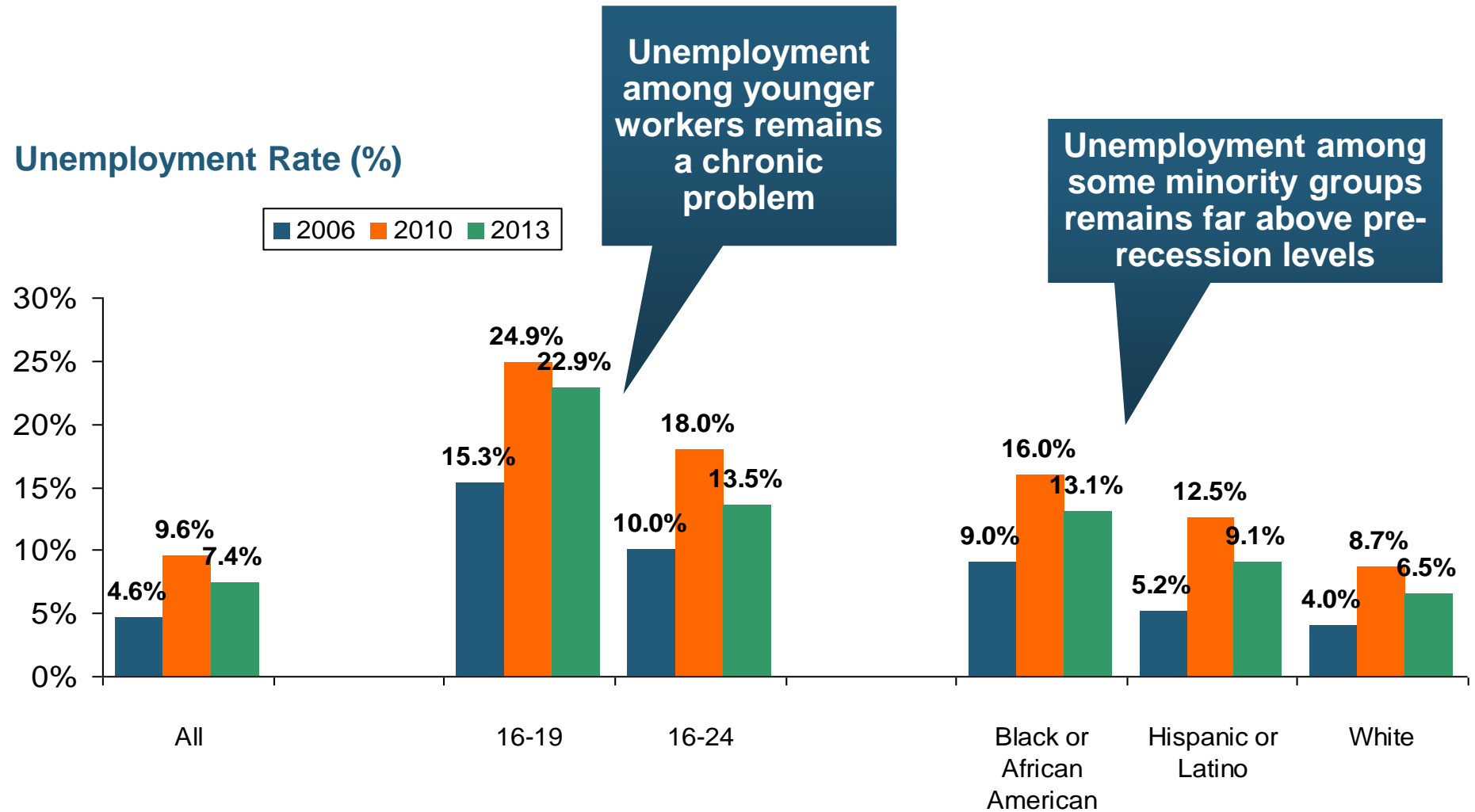


# Labor Force Participation by Sex and Education through the Crisis: 2006, 2010 and 2013



**The composition and character of the U.S. labor force is changing rapidly. Winners and losers have clearly emerged. What does this mean for WC?**

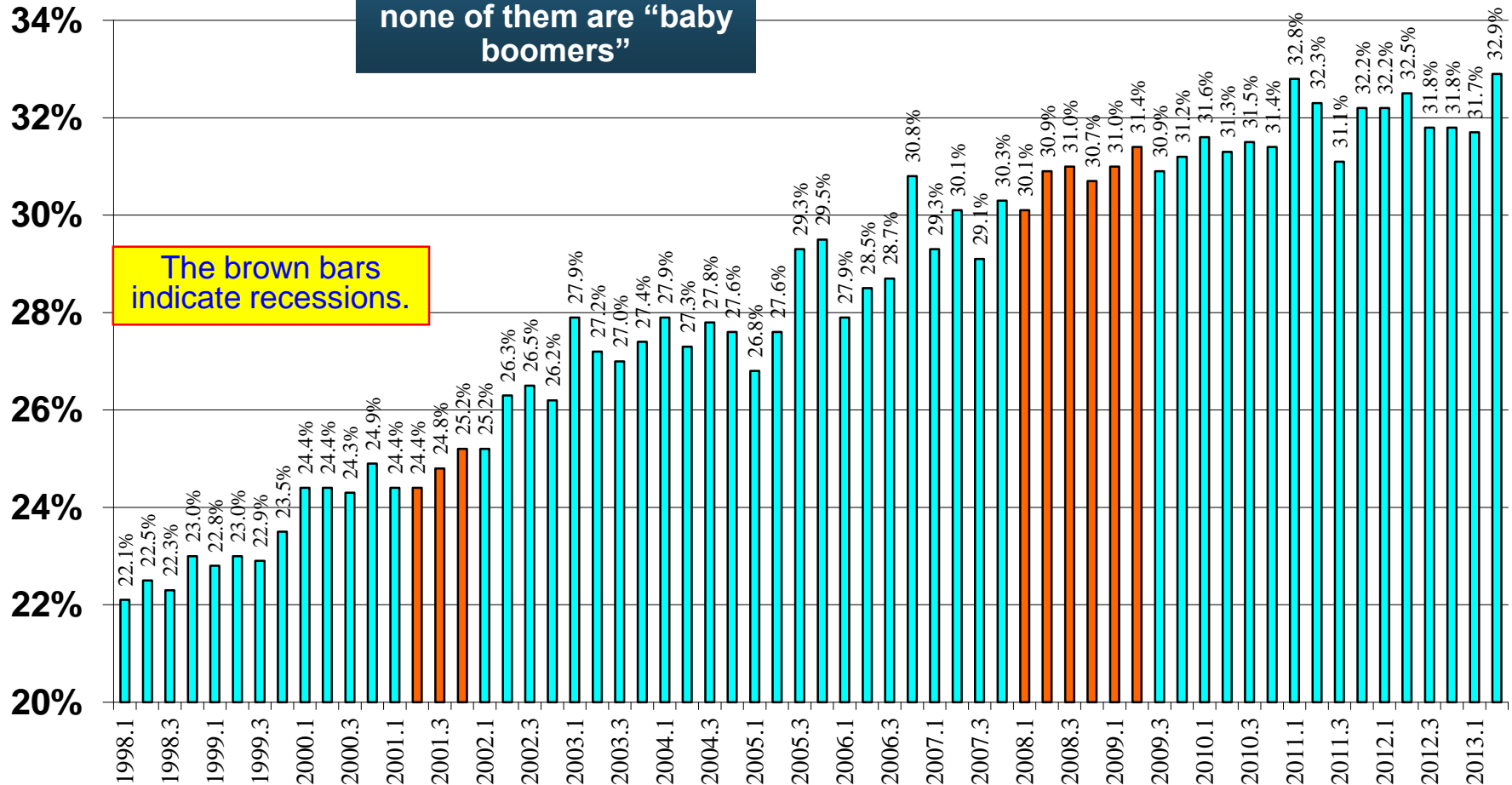
# Unemployment Rates by Age and Race: 2006, 2010 and 2013



# Labor Force Participation Rate, Ages 65-69, Quarterly, 1998:Q1-2013:Q2

Labor Force participation rate

1 in 3 in this age group are working. Virtually none of them are “baby boomers”



The labor force participation rate for workers 65-69 might grow even faster in the future as seniors find they can't fully retire on their meager retirement savings.

# Labor Force Participation Rate, Ages 70-74, Quarterly, 1998:Q1-2013:Q2

Labor Force  
participation rate

21%

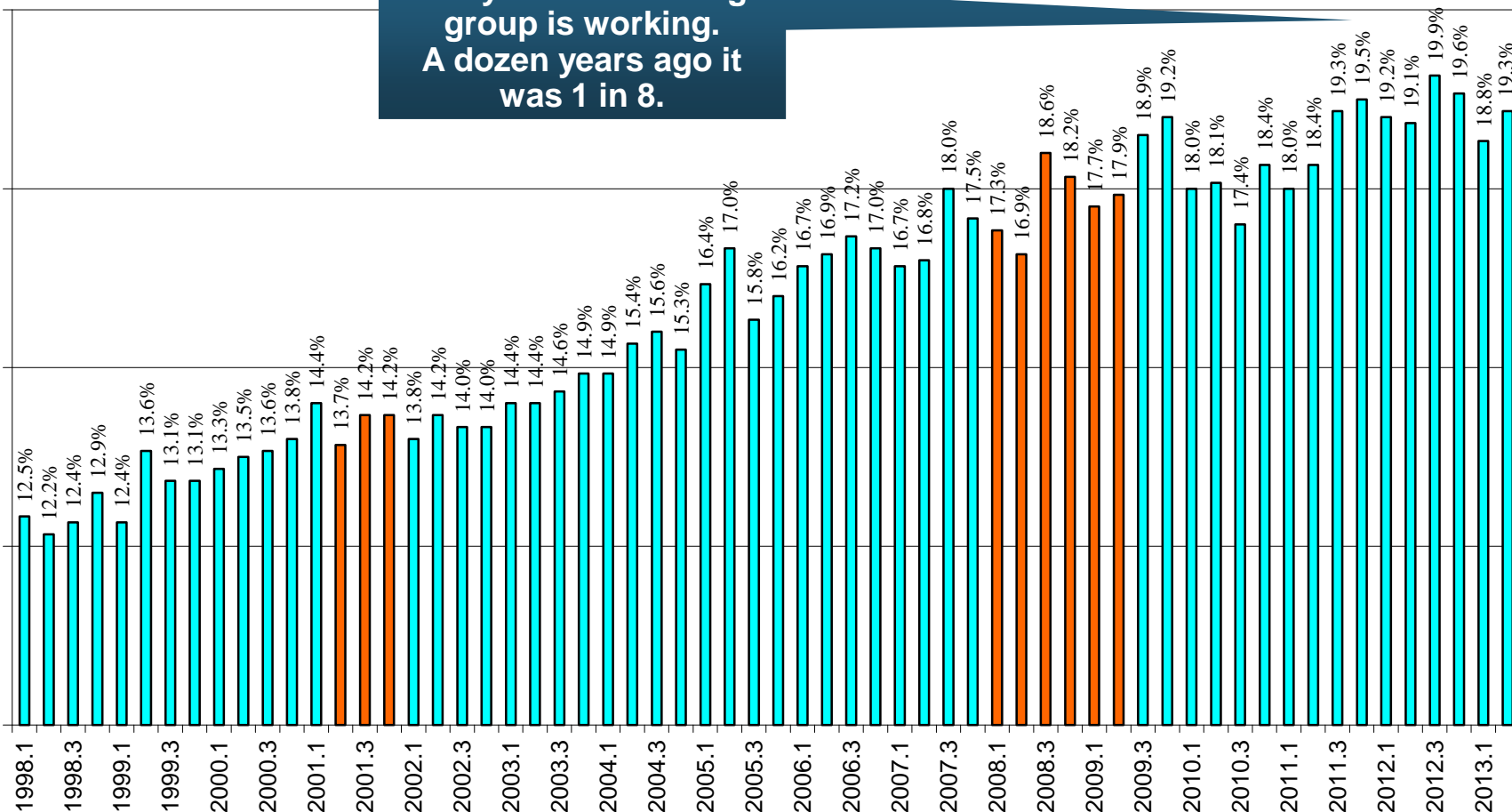
Nearly 1 in 5 in this age group is working.  
A dozen years ago it was 1 in 8.

18%

15%

12%

9%



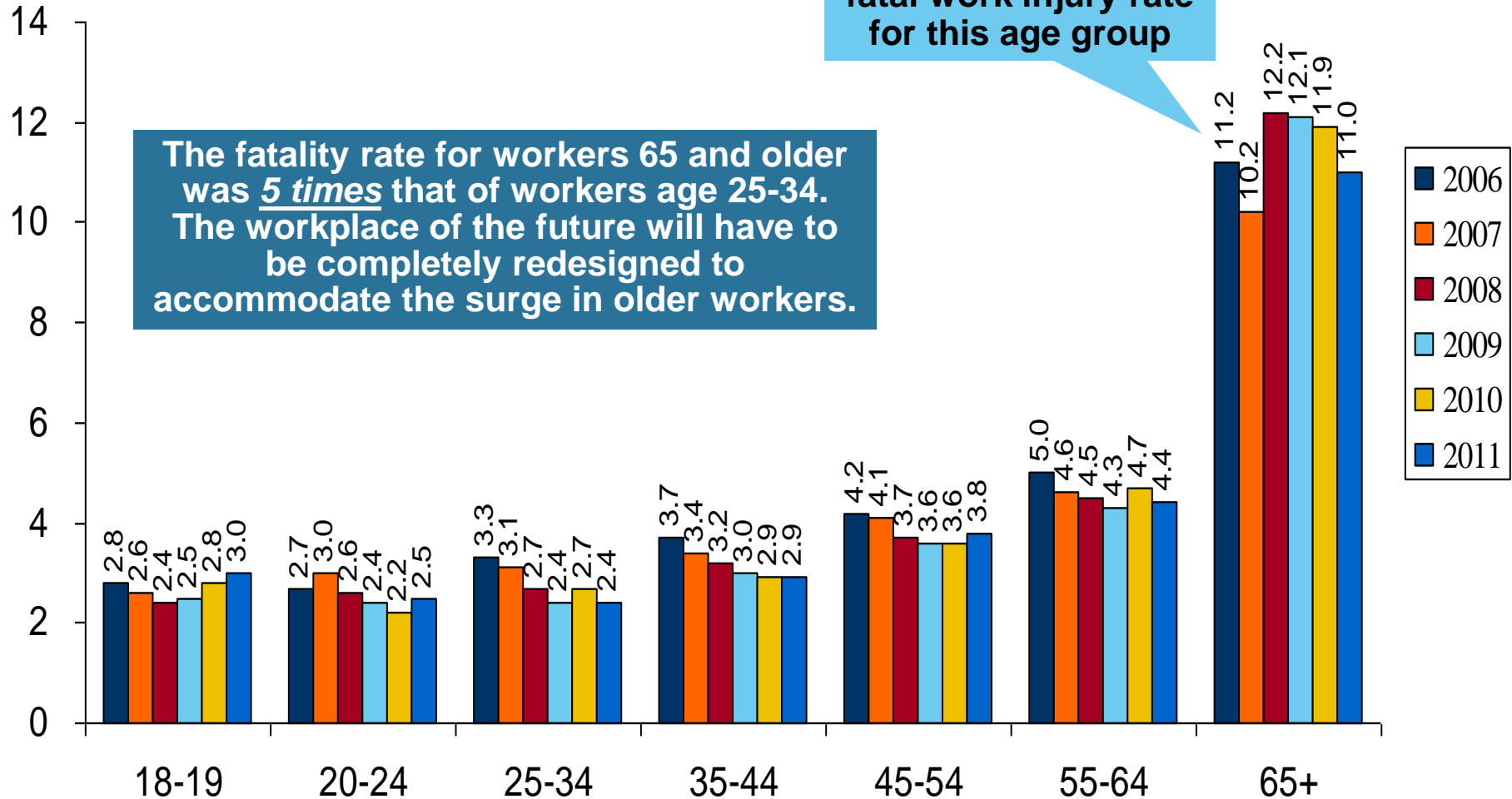
The labor force participation rate for workers 70-74 grew by about 50% since 1998.  
Growth stalled during and after the Great Recession but has since resumed.



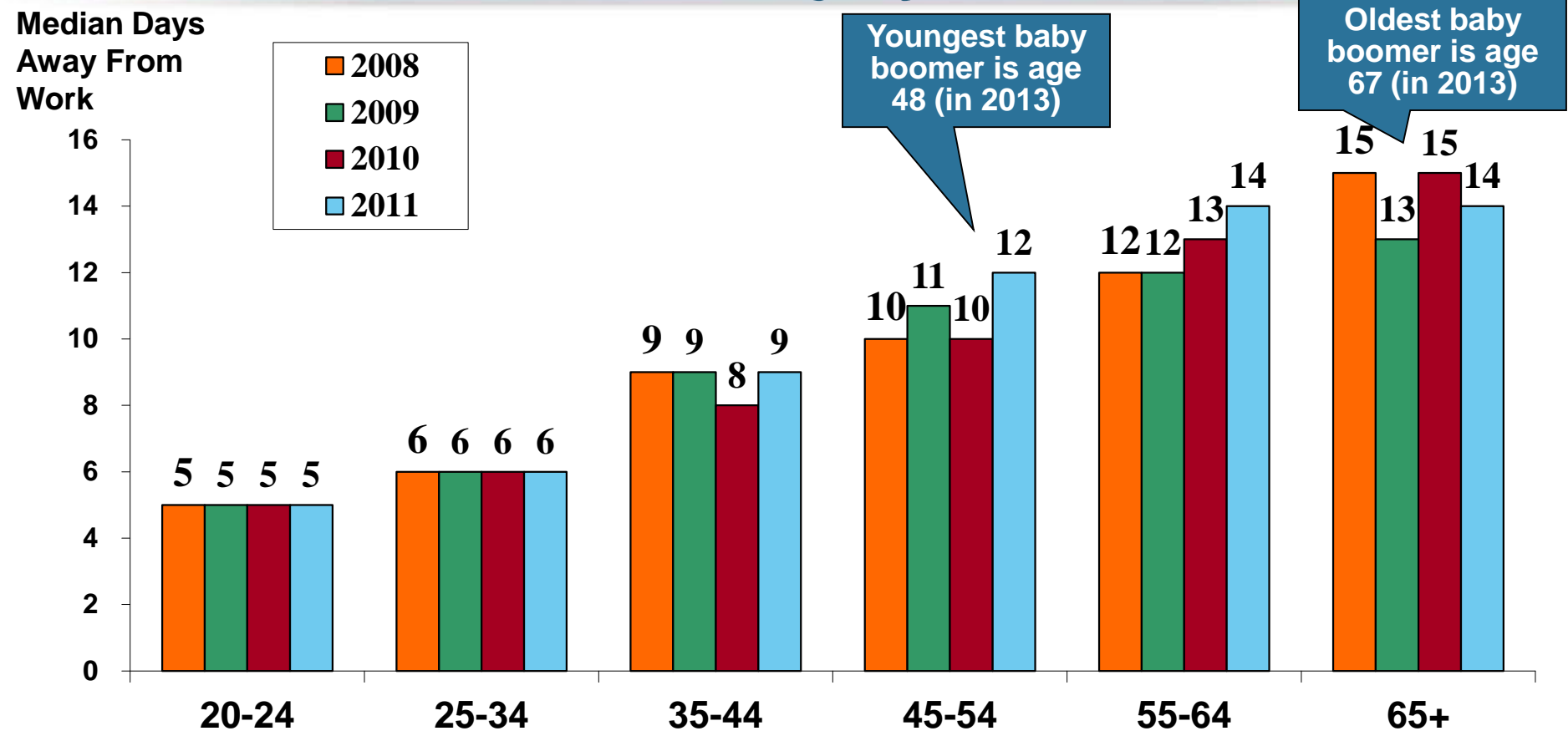
# The Aging Workforce

# Fatality Rates Improved Slightly Since 2006 but Still Climb Sharply With Age

Fatal Work Injury Rate per 100,000  
full-time-equivalent workers



# Older Workers Lose More Days from Work Due to Injury or Illness



**Median lost time of workers age 65+ is 2-3X that of workers age 25-34**

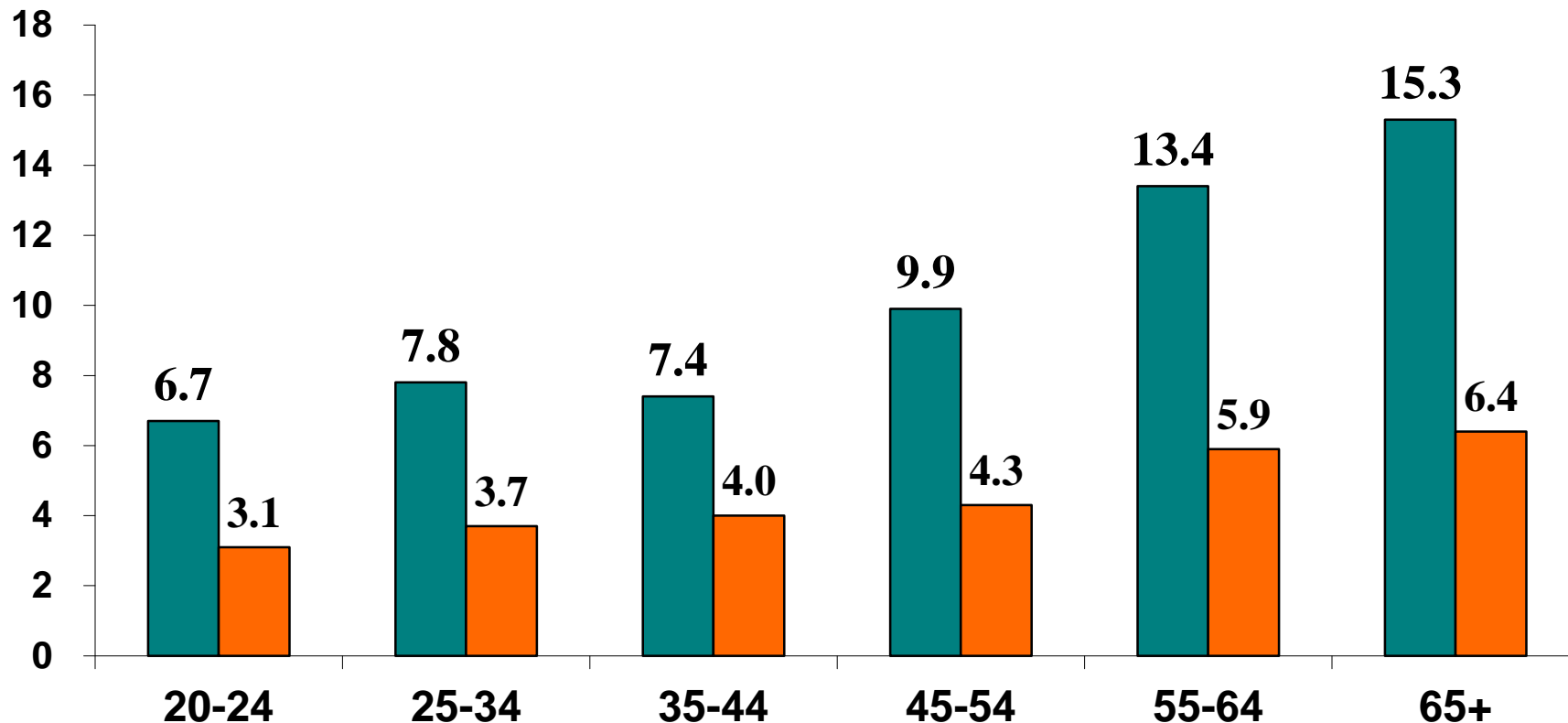
Source: US Bureau of Labor Statistics, *Nonfatal Occupational Injuries and Illnesses Requiring Days Away From Work, 2011* (Table 10), released November 8, 2012.

# Older Workers Are Much More Likely to Break a Bone

Incidence  
Rate\* (2011)

■ Fractures

■ Multiple Traumatic Injuries



\*per 10,000 full-time-equivalent workers

Source: US Bureau of Labor Statistics, US Department of Labor at <http://www.bls.gov/news.release/pdf/osh2.pdf> Table 14



# Older Workers Are More Likely to Slip When Walking, but Less Likely to Overexert Themselves

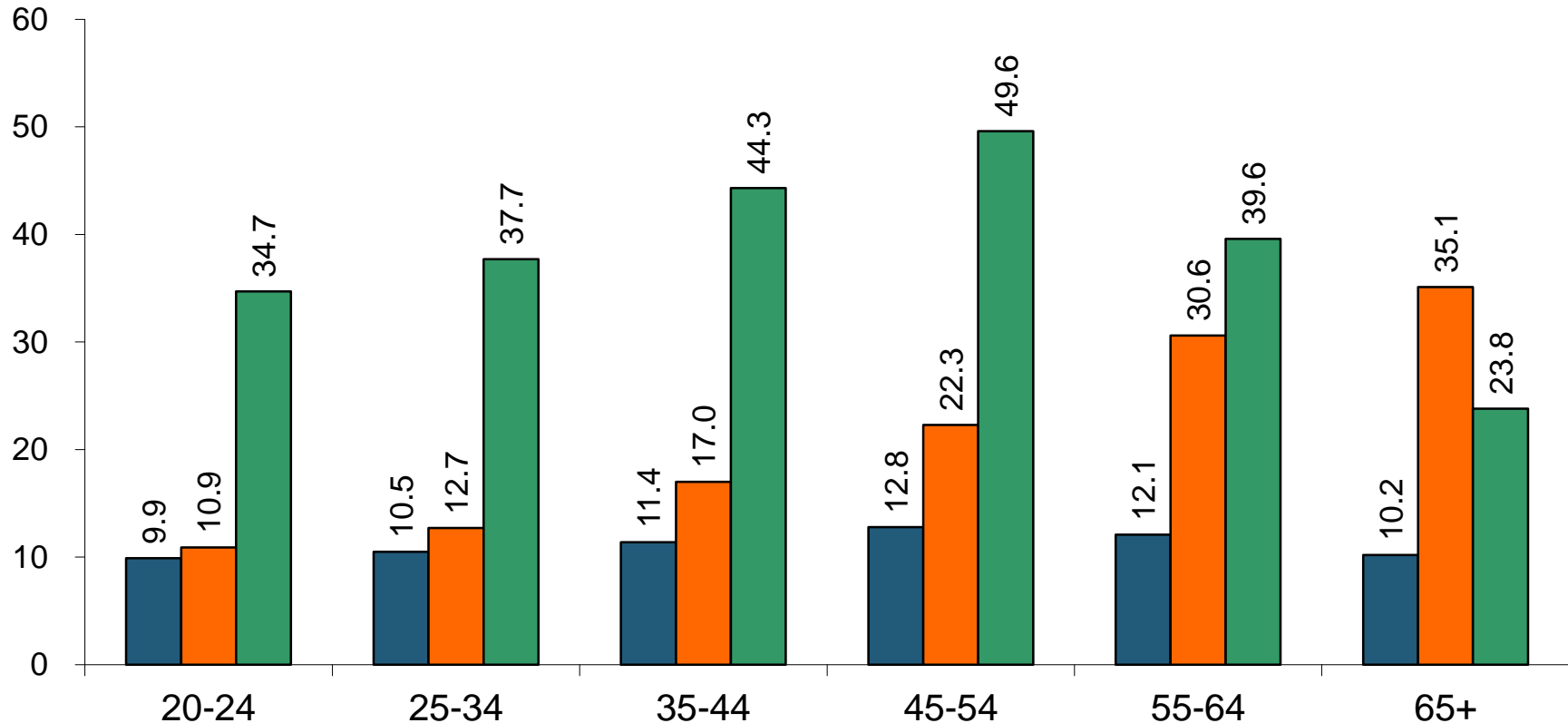
**Incidence  
Rate (2011)**

Source/Nature of Injury:

■ Vehicles

■ Floors, Walkways, etc.

■ Overexertion



# **The Reindustrialization of America**

**American Industrial Might Is  
Making a Comeback**

**A Golden Opportunity for  
Workers Comp Insurers?**

# Dollar Value\* of Manufacturers' Shipments Monthly, Jan. 1992—Dec. 2013

\$ Millions

\$500,000

\$400,000

\$300,000

\$200,000

The value of Manufacturing Shipments in Dec. 2013 was \$492.7B—a near record high.

Jan-92 Jan-93 Jan-94 Jan-95 Jan-96 Jan-97 Jan-98 Jan-99 Jan-00 Jan-01 Jan-02 Jan-03 Jan-04 Jan-05 Jan-06 Jan-07 Jan-08 Jan-09 Jan-10 Jan-11 12-Jan 13-Jan

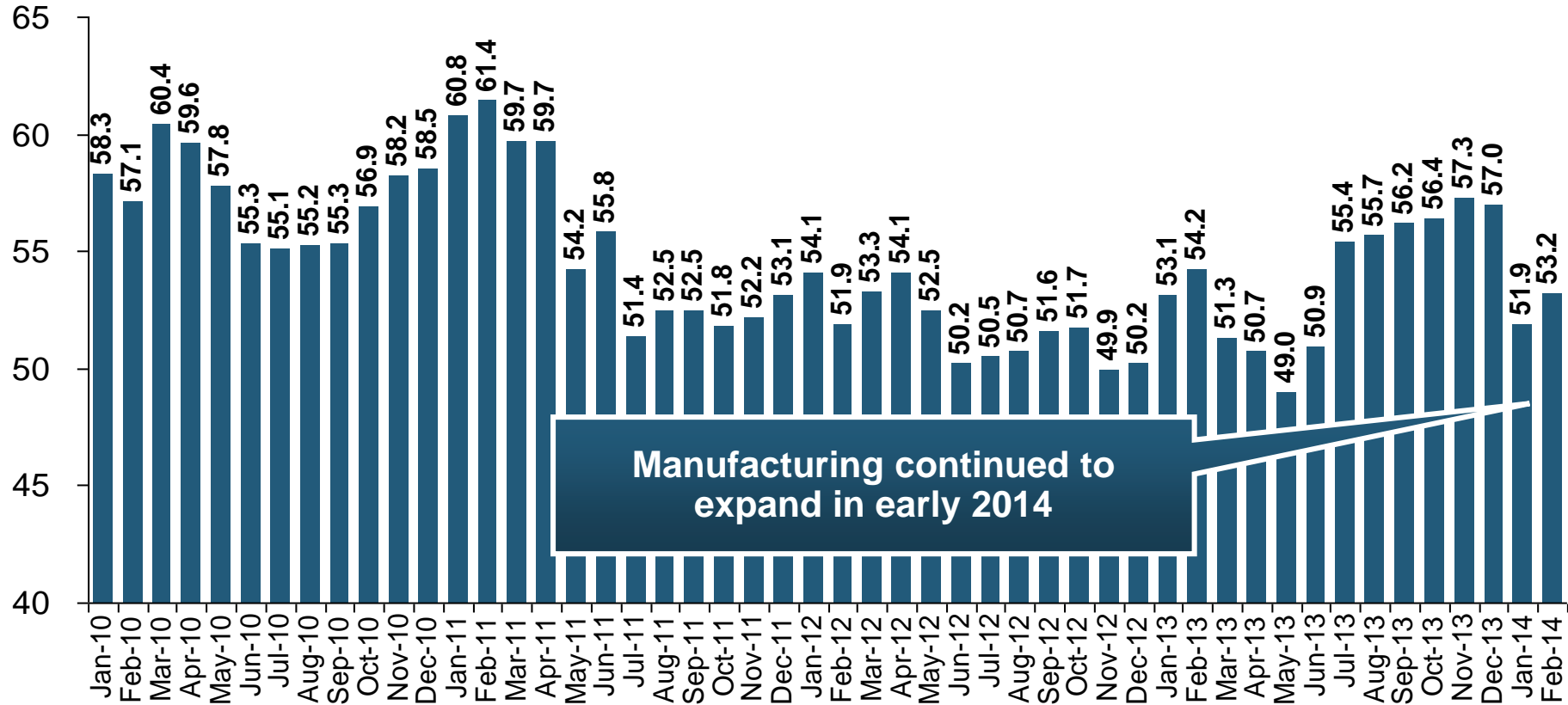
**Monthly shipments in Dec. 2013 exceeded the pre-crisis (July 2008) peak. Manufacturing is energy-intensive and growth leads to gains in many commercial exposures: WC, Commercial Auto, Marine, Property, and various Liability Coverages.**

\*seasonally adjusted; Dec. 2013 is preliminary; data published February 4, 2014.

Source: U.S. Census Bureau, *Full Report on Manufacturers' Shipments, Inventories, and Orders*, <http://www.census.gov/manufacturing/m3/>

# ISM Manufacturing Index (Values > 50 Indicate Expansion)

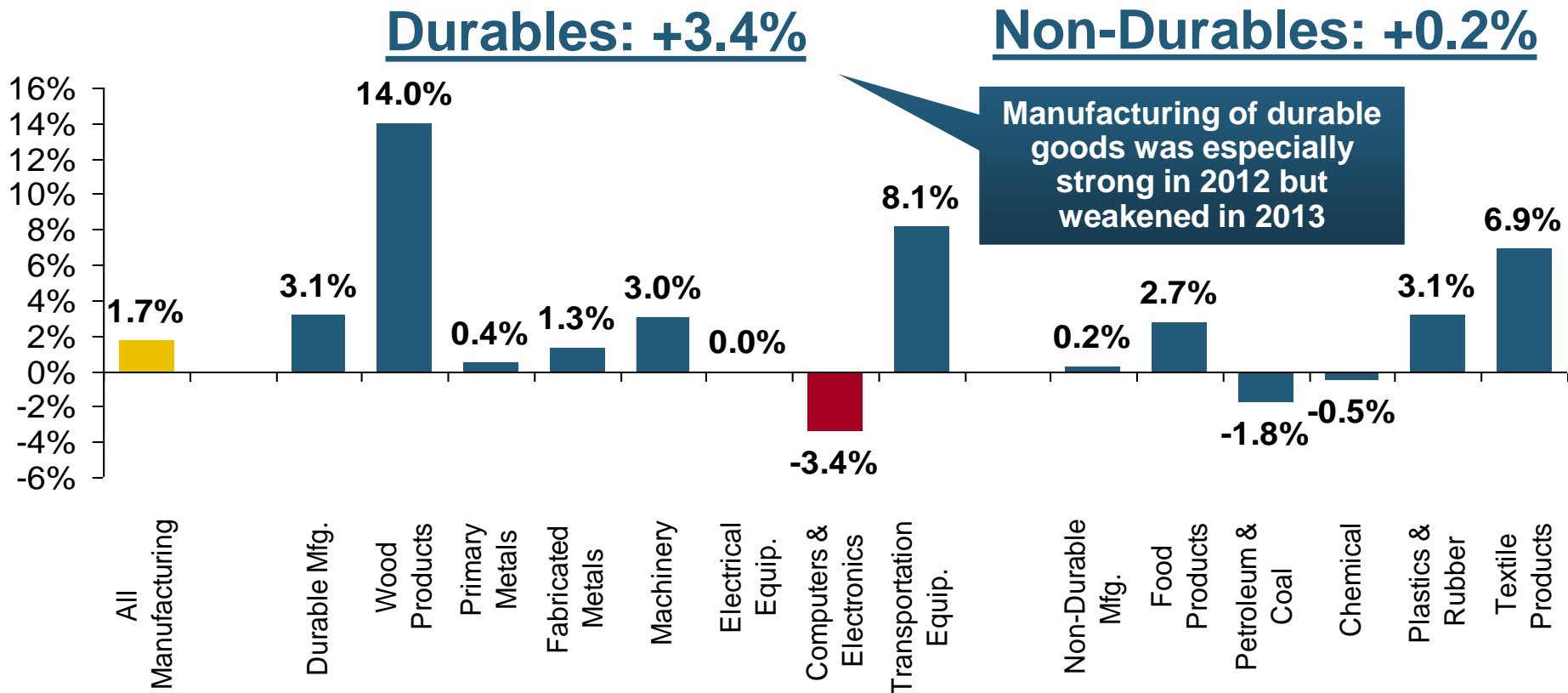
January 2010 through February 2014



**The manufacturing sector expanded for 48 of the 50 months from Jan. 2010 through February 2014. Weakness in early 2014 stems largely from harsh winter weather and weakness in China.**

# Manufacturing Growth for Selected Sectors, 2013 vs. 2012\*

Growth (%)

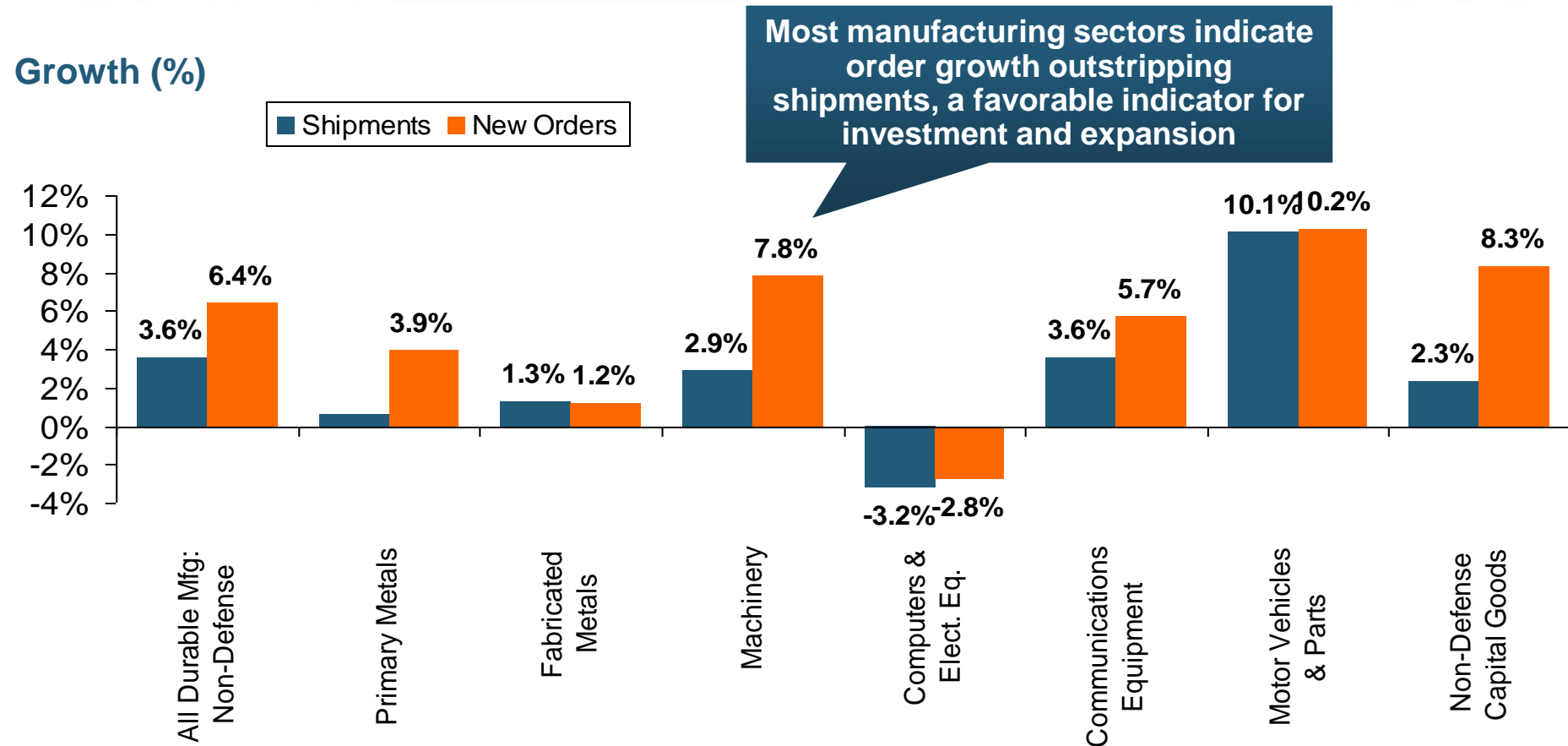


**Manufacturing Is Expanding—Albeit Slowly—Across a Number of Sectors that Will Contribute to Growth in Insurable Exposures Including: WC, Commercial Property, Commercial Auto and Many Liability Coverages**

\*Seasonally adjusted; Date are YTD comparing data through November 2013 to the same period in 2012.

Source: U.S. Census Bureau, *Full Report on Manufacturers' Shipments, Inventories, and Orders*, <http://www.census.gov/manufacturing/m3/>

# Durable Manufacturing: New Order Growth and Shipments, 2013



**Manufacturing Is Expanding: New orders exceed shipments which suggests the industry is in an expansionary phase**

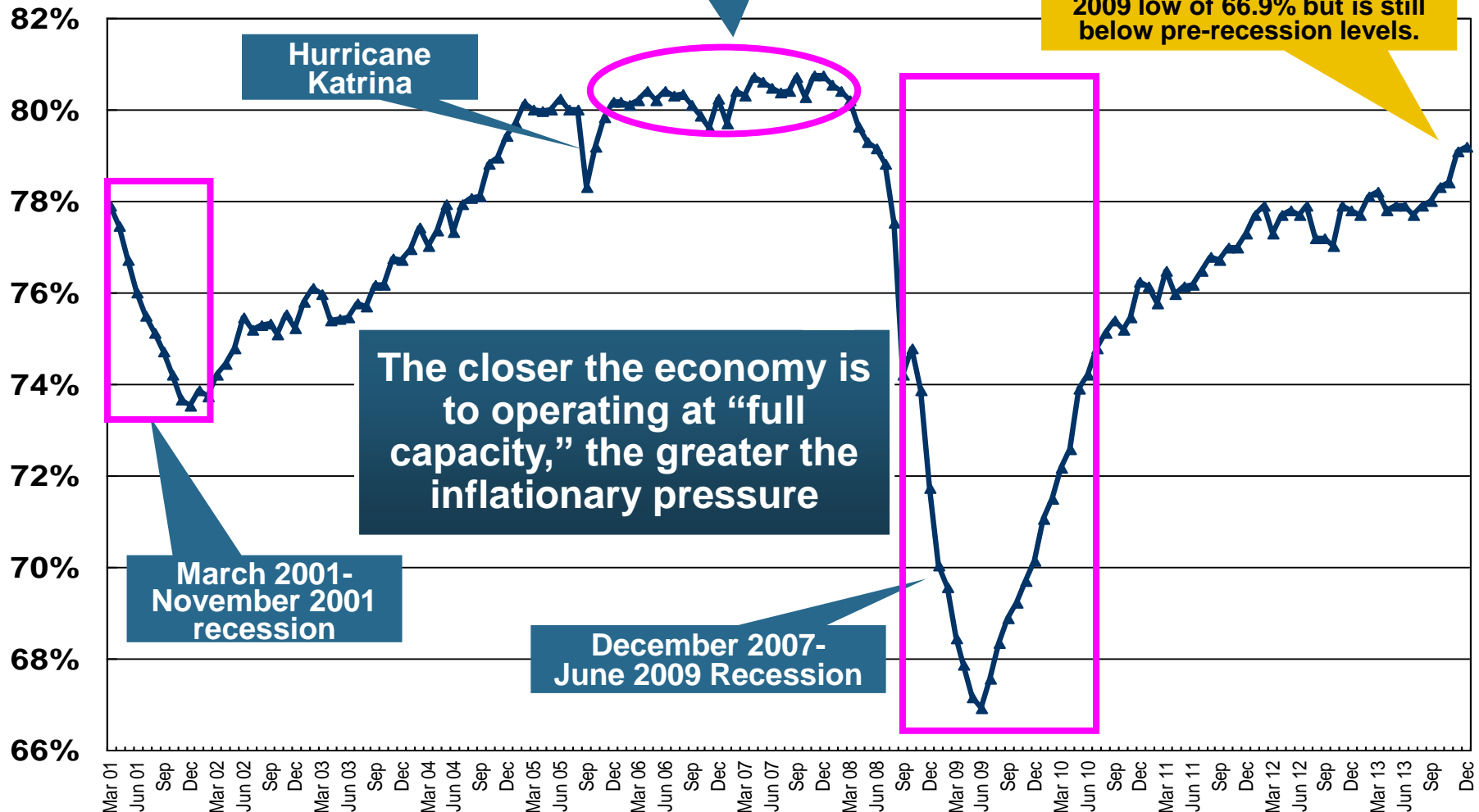
\*Seasonally adjusted; Date are advance report YTD data comparing data through December 2013 to the same period in 2012.

Source: U.S. Census Bureau, *Full Report on Manufacturers' Shipments, Inventories, and Orders*, <http://www.census.gov/manufacturing/m3/>

# Recovery in Capacity Utilization is a Positive Sign for Commercial Exposures

March 2001 through December 2013

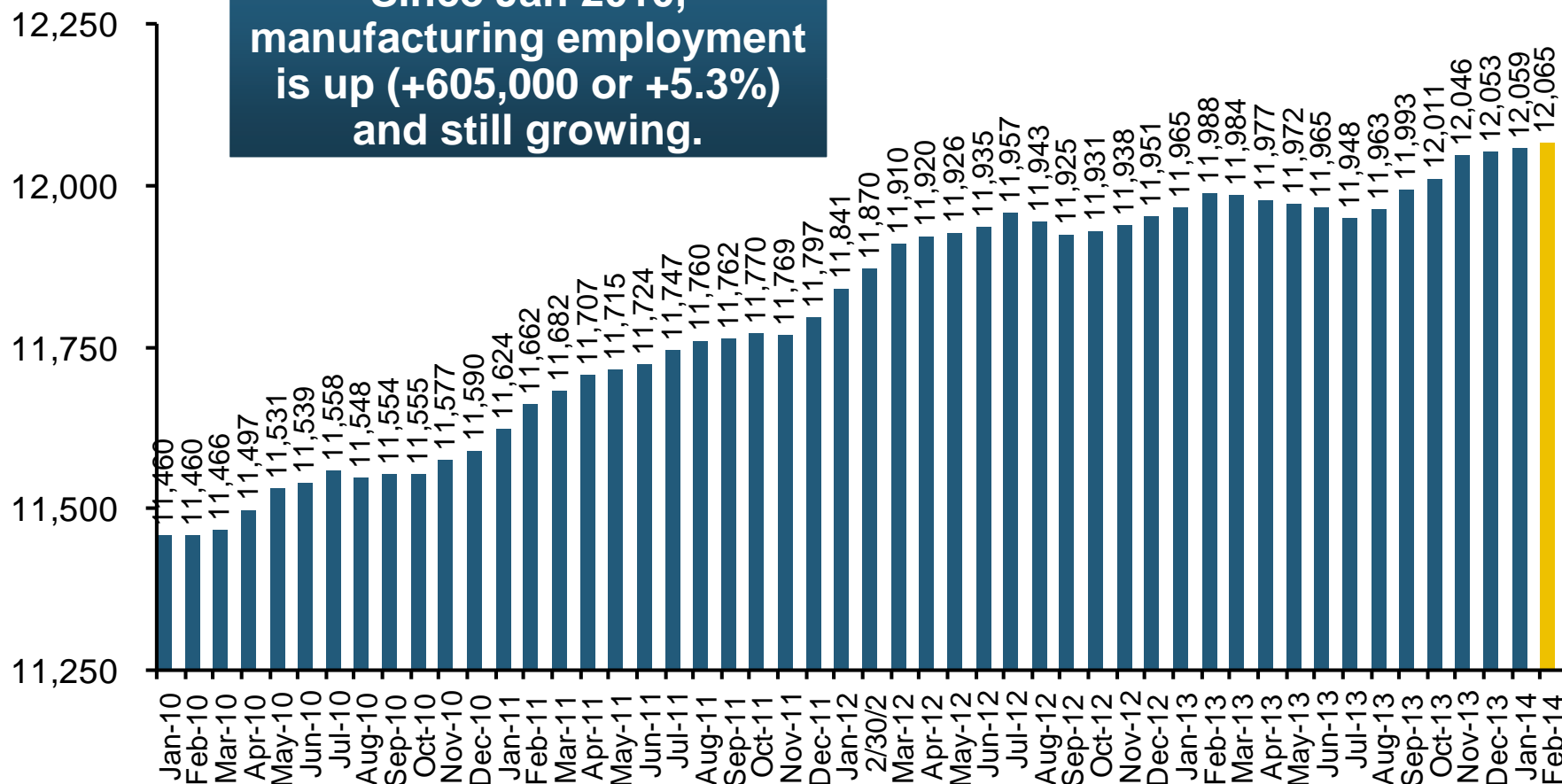
Percent of Industrial Capacity



Source: Federal Reserve Board statistical releases at <http://www.federalreserve.gov/releases/g17/Current/default.htm>.

# Manufacturing Employment, Jan. 2010—February 2014\*

(Thousands)



**Manufacturing employment is a surprising source of strength in the economy. Employment in the sector is at a multi-year high.**

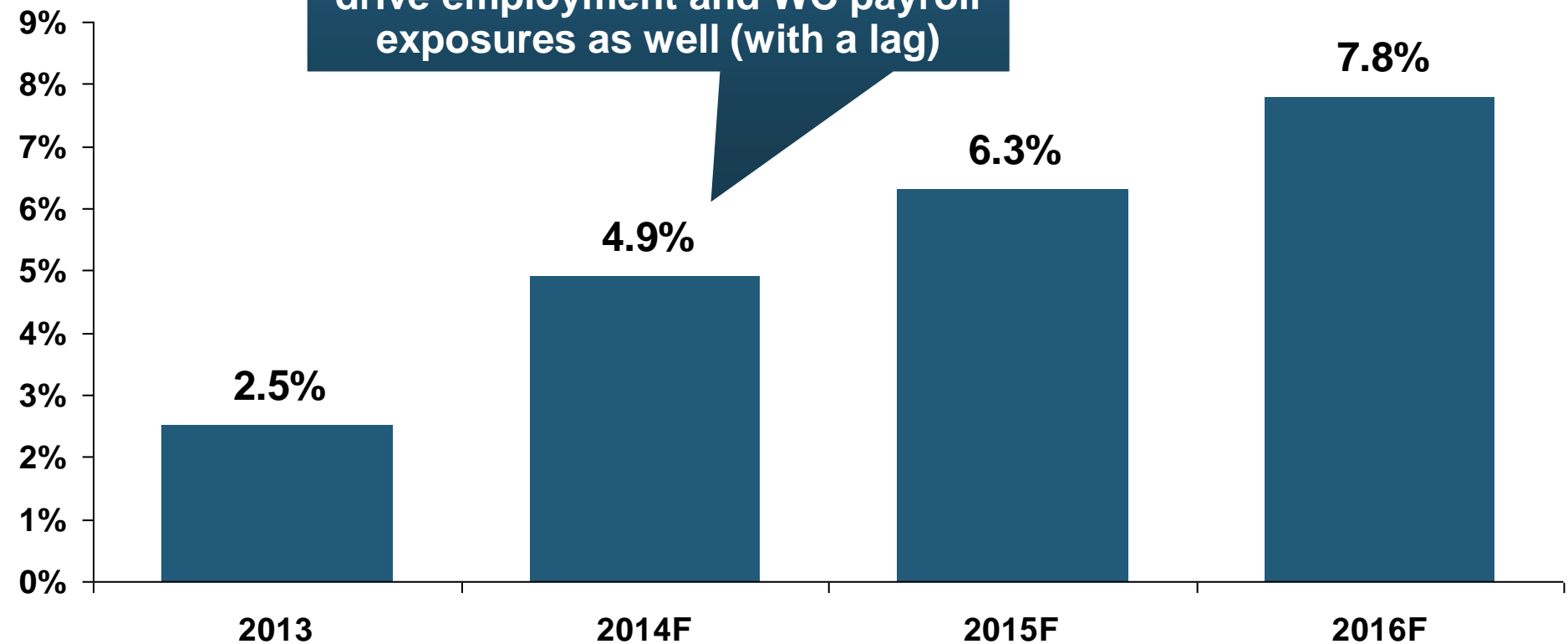
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Sources: US Bureau of Labor Statistics at <http://data.bls.gov>; Insurance Information Institute.



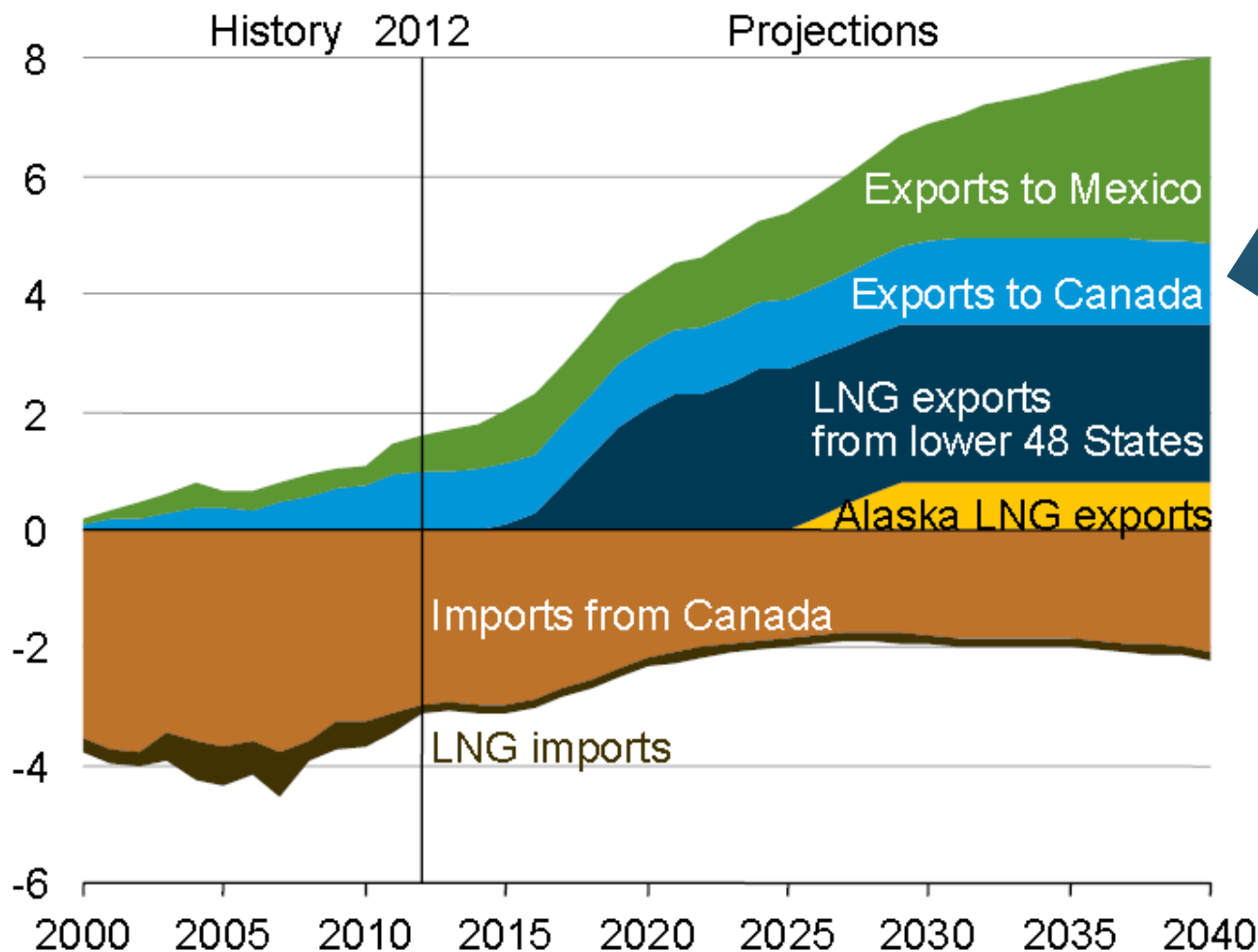
# Business Investment: Expected to Accelerate, Fueling Commercial Exposure Growth

Accelerating business investment will be a potent driver of commercial property and liability insurance exposures and should drive employment and WC payroll exposures as well (with a lag)



# U.S. Natural Gas Imports and Exports, 1990 - 2040

Trillions of Cubic Feet



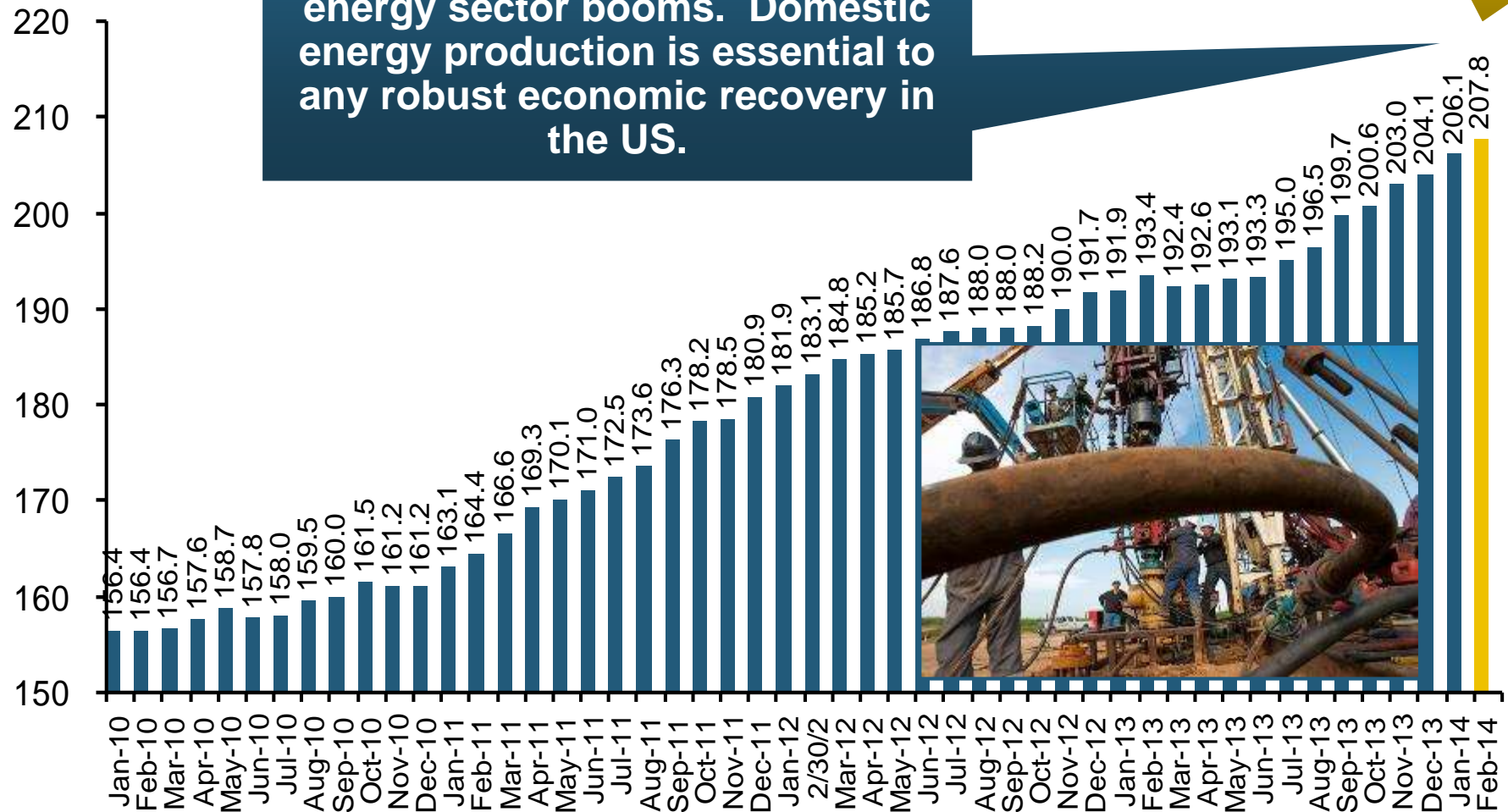
**The US is now the largest gas producer in the world, though Russia is the largest exporter. The US needs to invest in its pipeline and LNG infrastructure and expedite regulatory approval to realize its full export potential**

# Oil & Gas Extraction Employment, Jan. 2010—Feb. 2014\*

(Thousands)

Oil and gas extraction employment is up 32.9% since Jan. 2010 as the energy sector booms. Domestic energy production is essential to any robust economic recovery in the US.

Highest since Aug. 1986

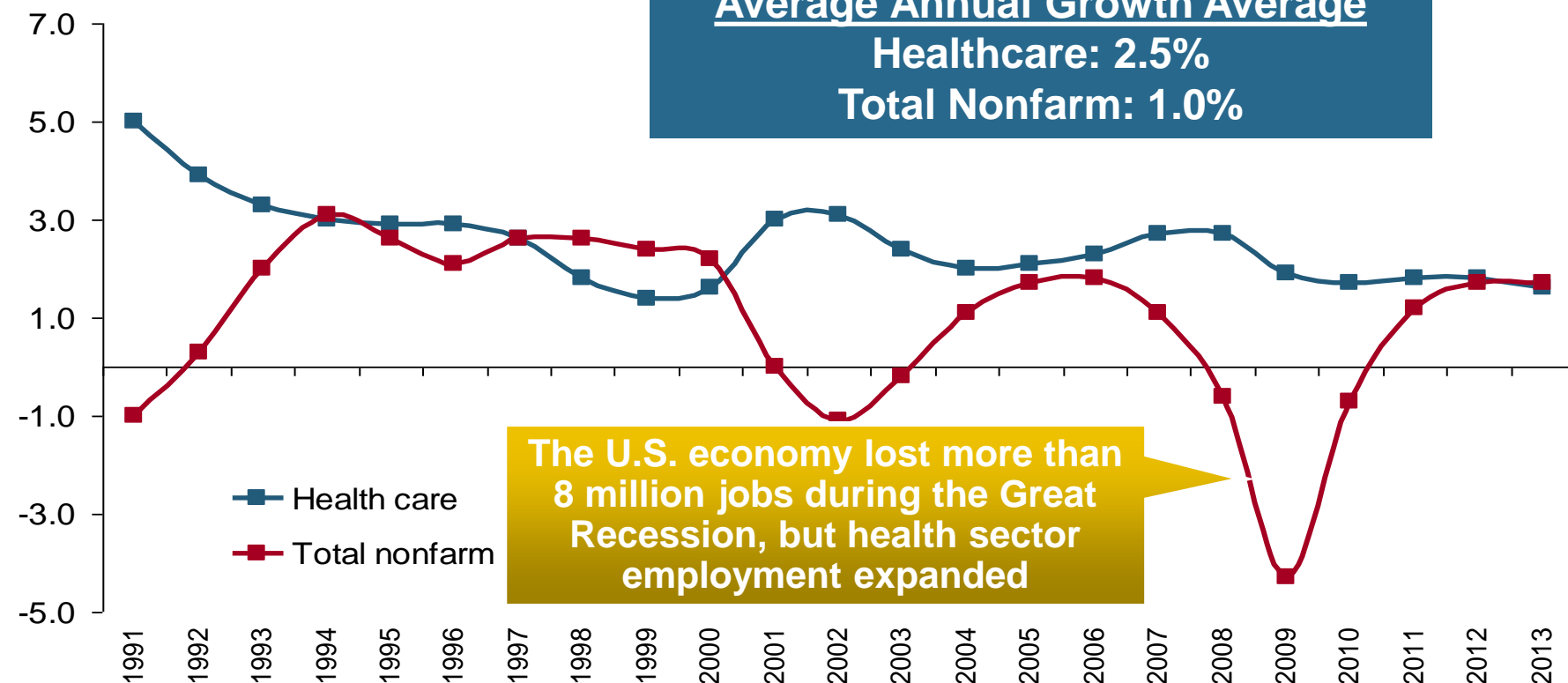


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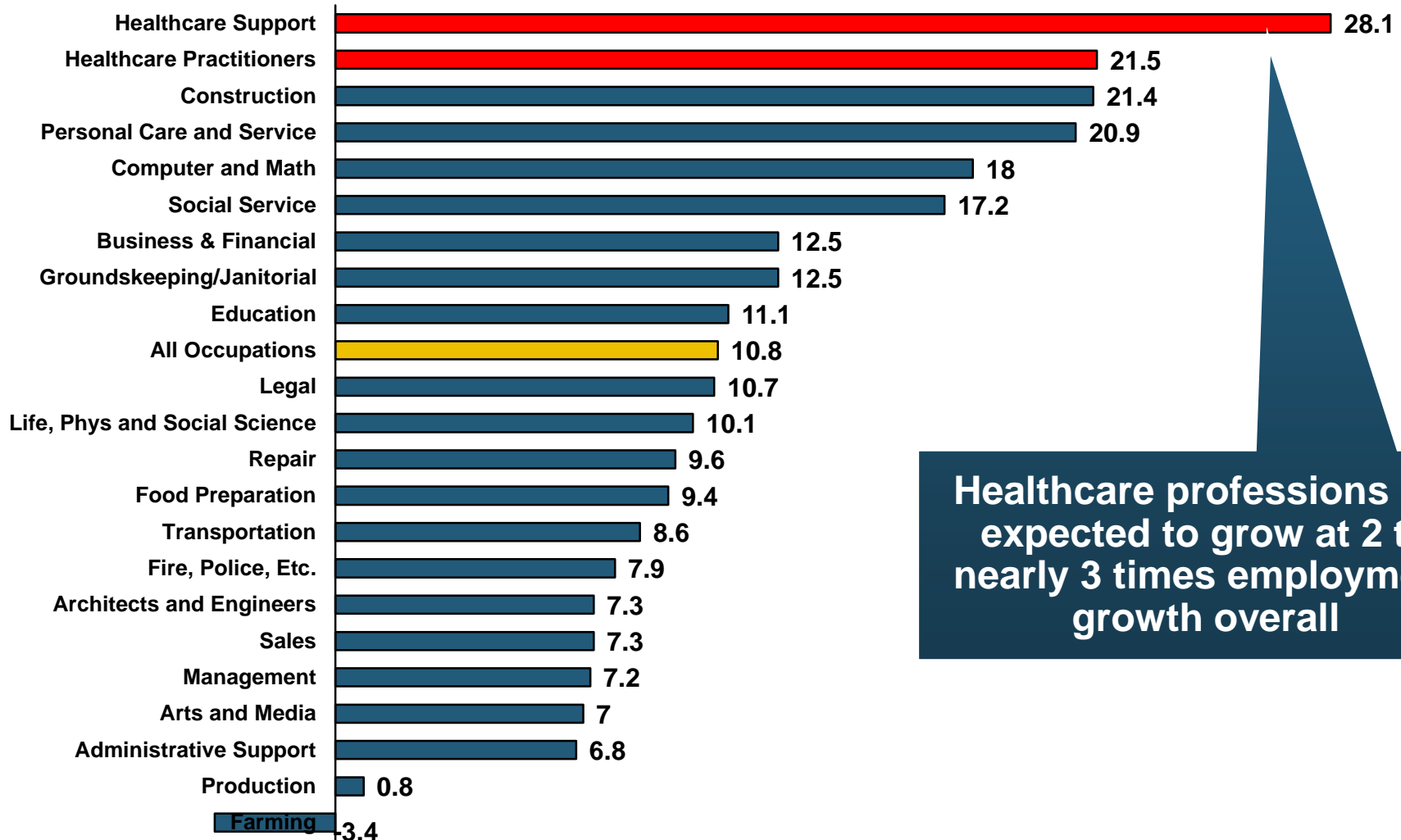
# Growth in Health Professions, 1991-2013

(Percent Annual Change)



**Healthcare employment has continued to grow in good times and bad - including the Great Recession.**

# Occupations Ranked by Projected Percentage Growth, 2012-2022F (Millions)



**Healthcare professions are expected to grow at 2 to nearly 3 times employment growth overall**



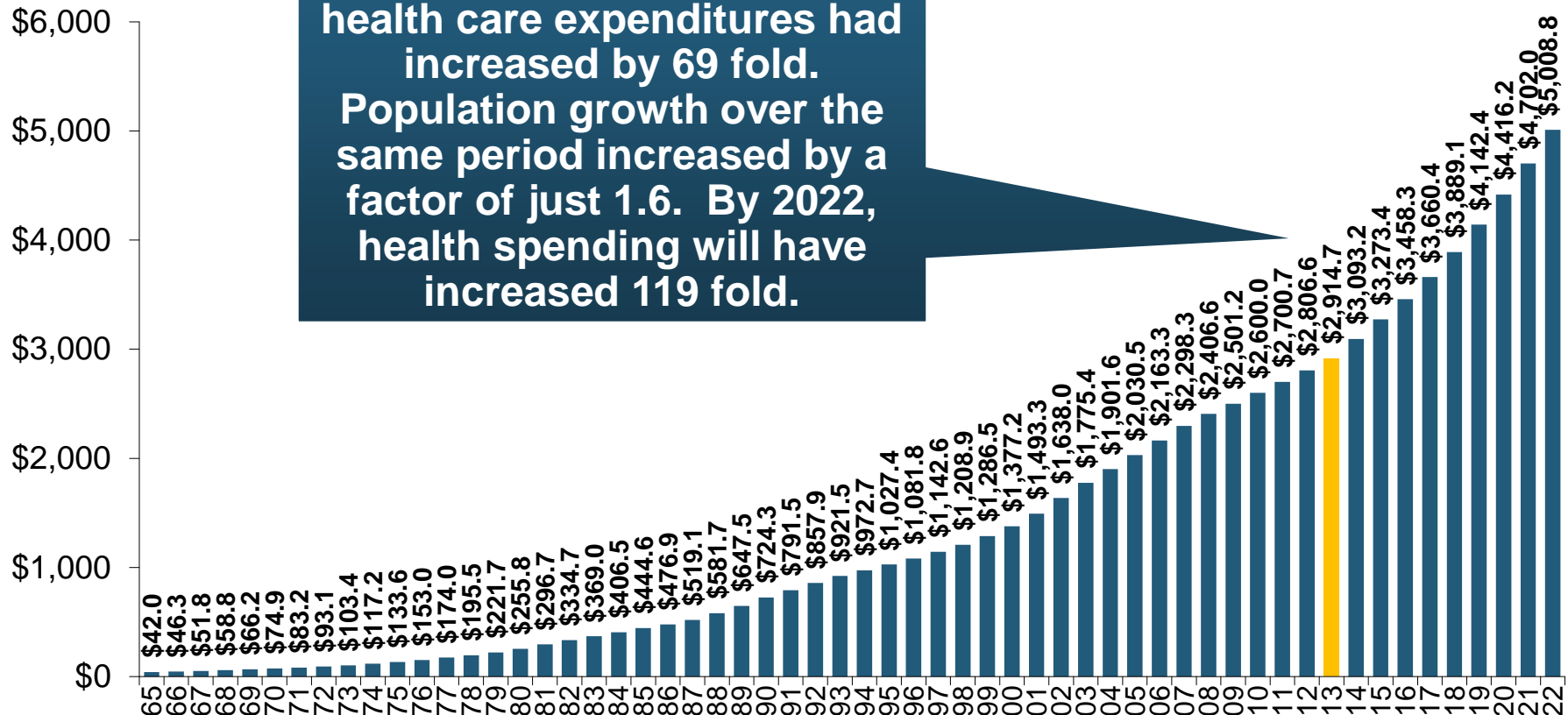
# **The Future of Healthcare in America**

**Workers Comp Is Increasingly  
Along for the Ride in the  
American Health Care Saga**

# U.S. Health Care Expenditures, 1965–2022F

\$ Billions

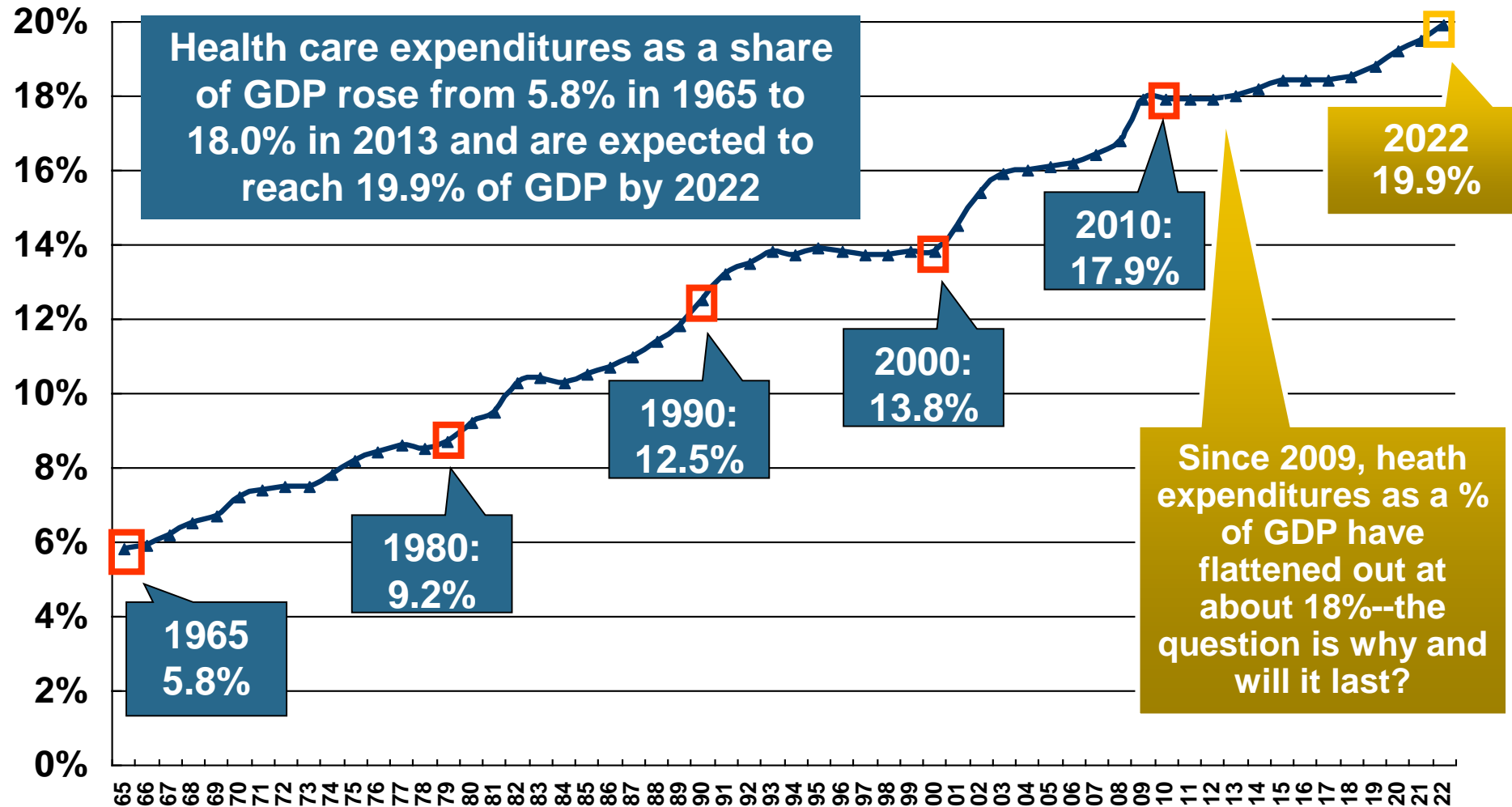
From 1965 through 2013, US health care expenditures had increased by 69 fold. Population growth over the same period increased by a factor of just 1.6. By 2022, health spending will have increased 119 fold.



**U.S. health care expenditures have been on a relentless climb for most of the past half century, far outstripping population growth, inflation of GDP growth**

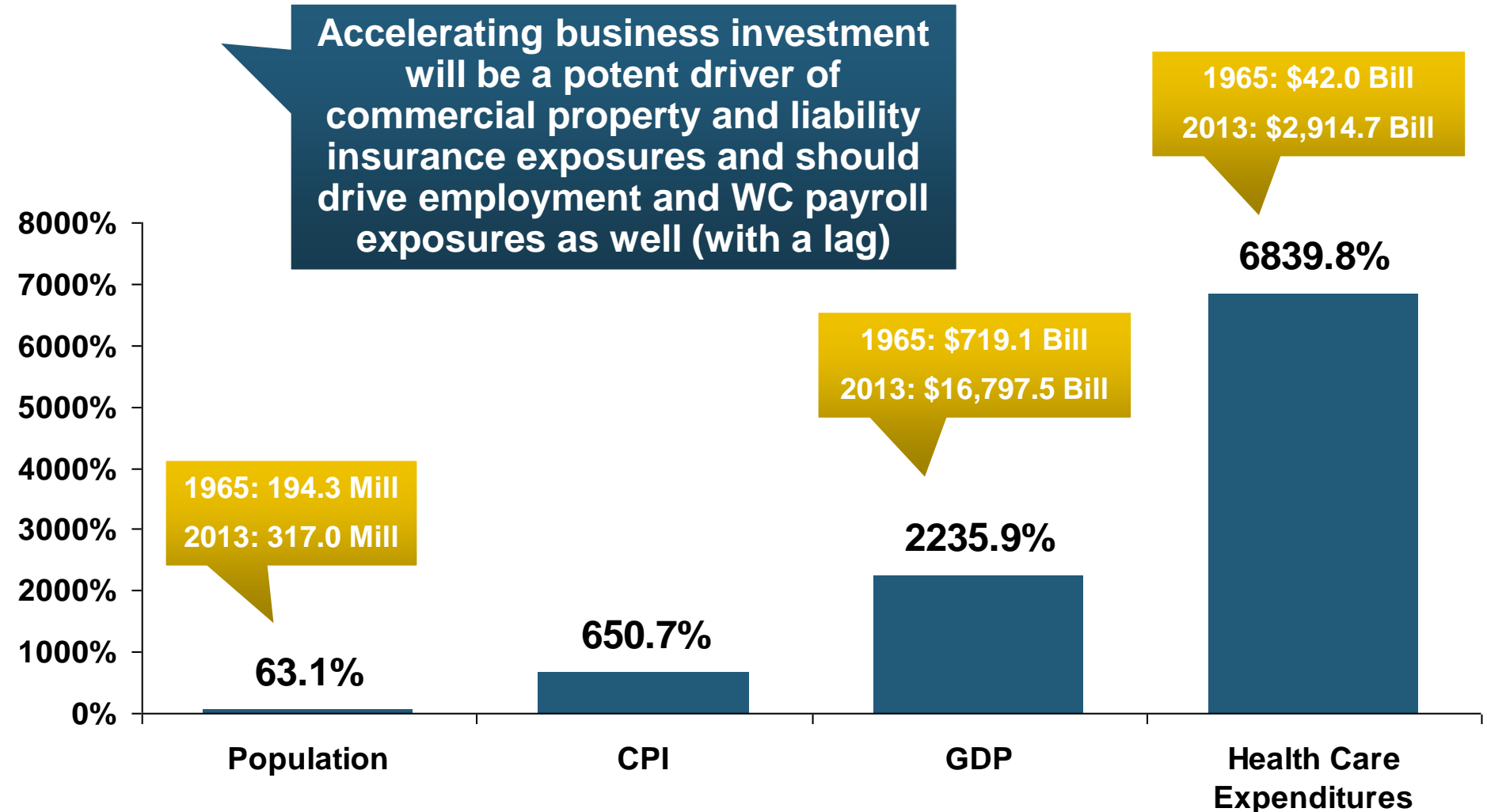
# National Health Care Expenditures as a Share of GDP, 1965 – 2022F\*

% of GDP

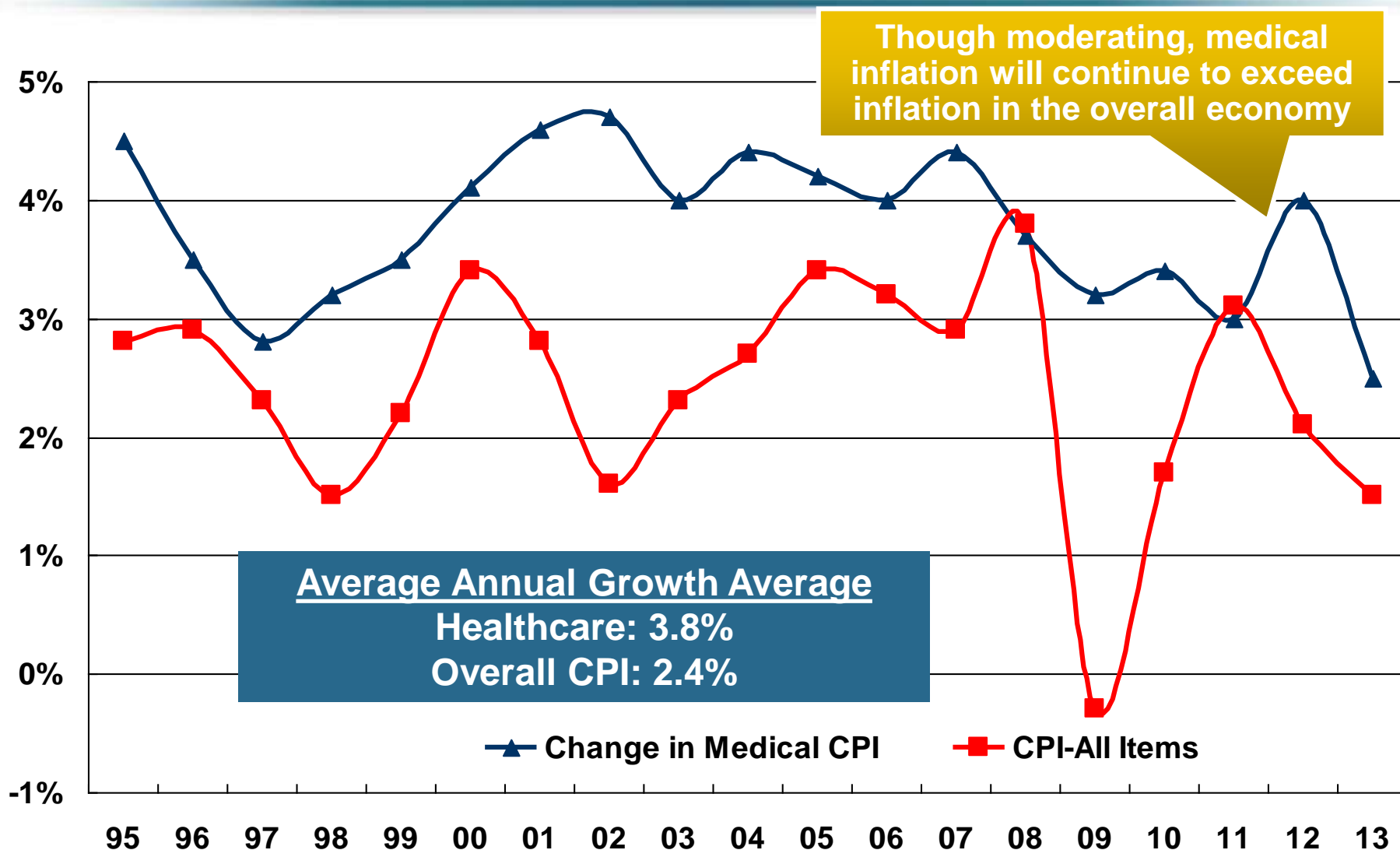




# Rate of Health Care Expenditure Increase Compared to Population, CPI and GDP

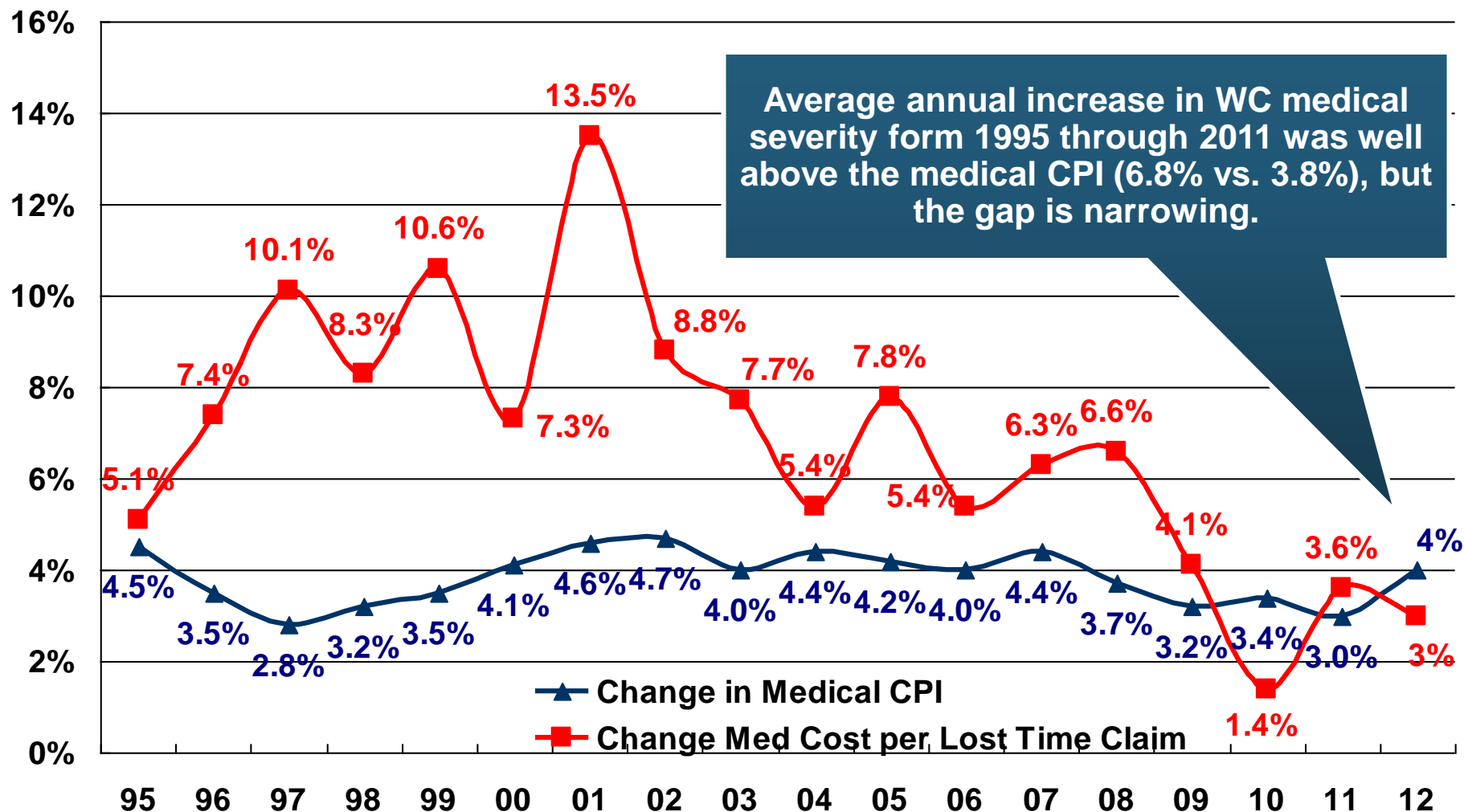


# Medical Cost Inflation vs. Overall CPI, 1995 - 2013



# **Possible Effects of the Affordable Care Act ("ObamaCare") on Workers Compensation**

# WC Medical Severity Generally Outpaces the Medical CPI Rate

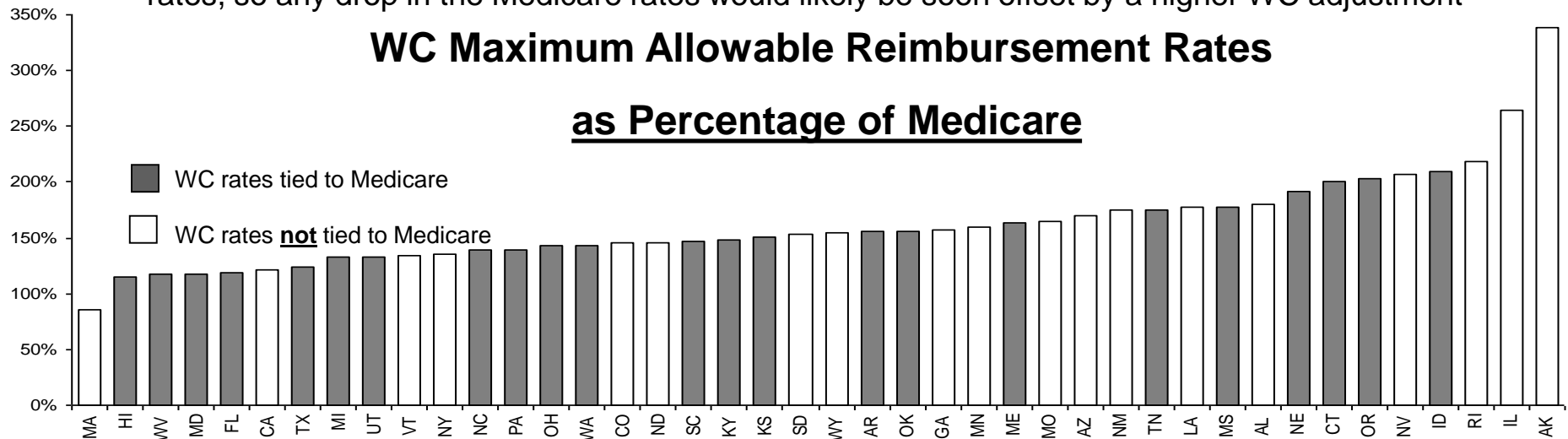


# A Few Potential Impacts of the ACA on Workers Compensation

| Issue  | Concern   | Contravening Argument   |
|--|---|---|
| <b>Surge in People Covered by Health Insurance</b> | <ul style="list-style-type: none"><li>• System is overwhelmed</li><li>• MD shortage</li><li>• Patient care adversely impacted</li></ul> | <ul style="list-style-type: none"><li>• Over time, people will have access to preventative care, improving the general health of the population</li><li>• Greater use of PA's, etc.</li></ul> |
| <b>Electronic Health Records</b>                   | <ul style="list-style-type: none"><li>• Cost</li></ul>  | <ul style="list-style-type: none"><li>• Computerization of patient data could help flag issues and improve risk management and improve patient outcomes</li></ul>                             |
| <b>Claim Shifting</b>                              | <ul style="list-style-type: none"><li>• Provider/patient may prefer claim handled via WC system</li></ul>                               | <ul style="list-style-type: none"><li>• Reduction in uninsured population reduces shifting</li></ul>  |

# ACA Impact on WC May Occur via Changes in Rates Set by State Regulators

- WC rates often tied to WC but can change for reasons independent of this link
- There could be both positive and negative effects of a cut in Medicare rates on WC performance in states which tie reimbursement to Medicare
  - WC reimbursement rates would go down
  - Doctors may be unwilling to see WC patients:
    - 64% of Dr.'s surveyed said they would stop accepting new Medicare patients if planned rate cuts go through; some of these same doctors may also refuse WC patients if WC rates also decrease
- These effects would likely be short lived
  - All states which tie their fee schedules to Medicare already increase the Medicare rates to set WC rates, so any drop in the Medicare rates would likely be soon offset by a higher WC adjustment

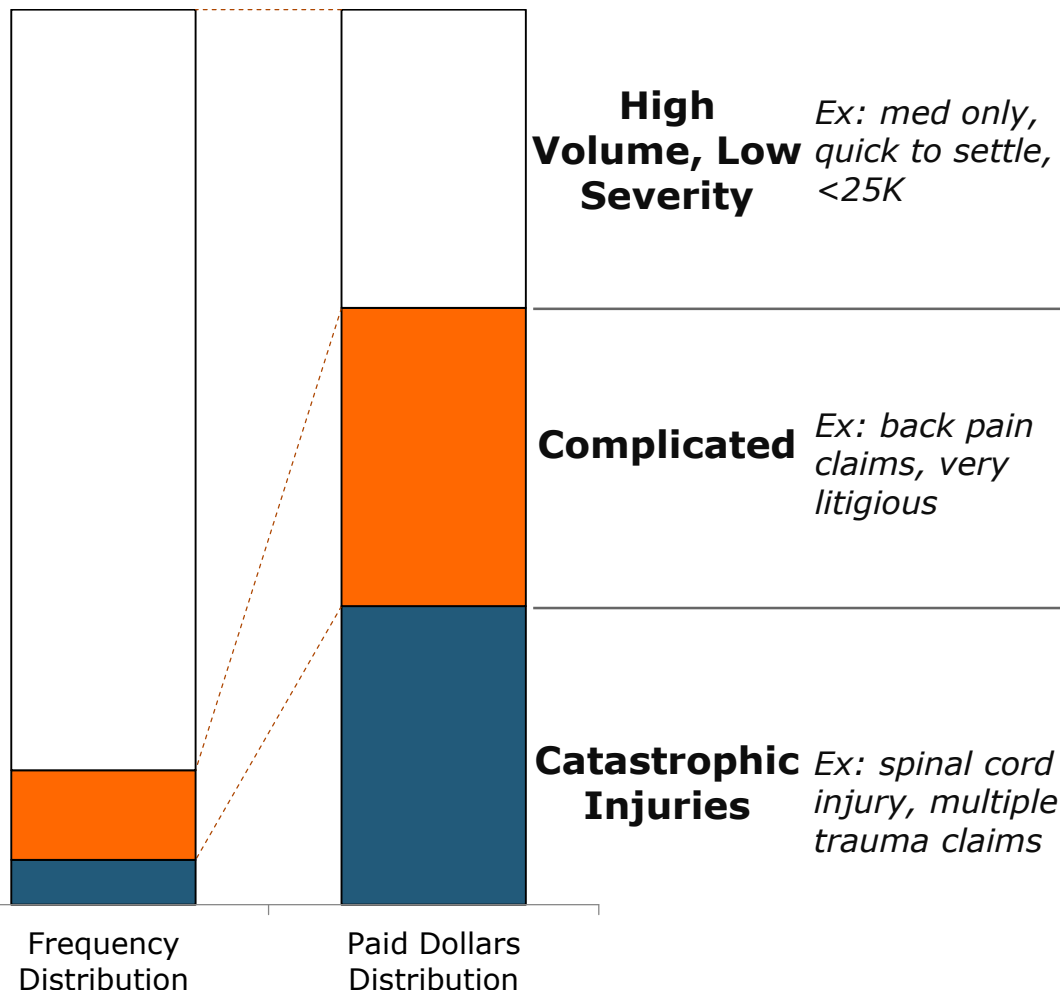


SOURCE: NCCI Annual Issues Symposium 2009, Medicare's Impact on Workers' Compensation, AMA: "Physicians' reactions to the Medicare physician payment cuts" from 3/13/13 presentation by Christopher Cuniff, FCAS, of Liberty Mutual.

# PPACA May Have Distinct Impacts on WC Depending on Claim Frequency/Severity

## Industry Portfolio by Claim Type

(Relative Volume by Claim Frequency & Paid Dollars)



## Potential ACA Impact

- Expanded coverage may shift some small claims to the health insurance system (+)
- Physician access problems could lead to indemnity increases and may bleed into the complicated cases (-)
- Preventative care and early record keeping decreases WC comorbidities (+)
- Soft tissue treatments, a large portion of "slow burn claims," may decrease in cost (+)
- No significant impacts

## 1. Could slow the growth in WC medical care costs

- IPAB recommendations and PCORI reports, plus Medicare changes, could have beneficial effects on cost and treatment effectiveness

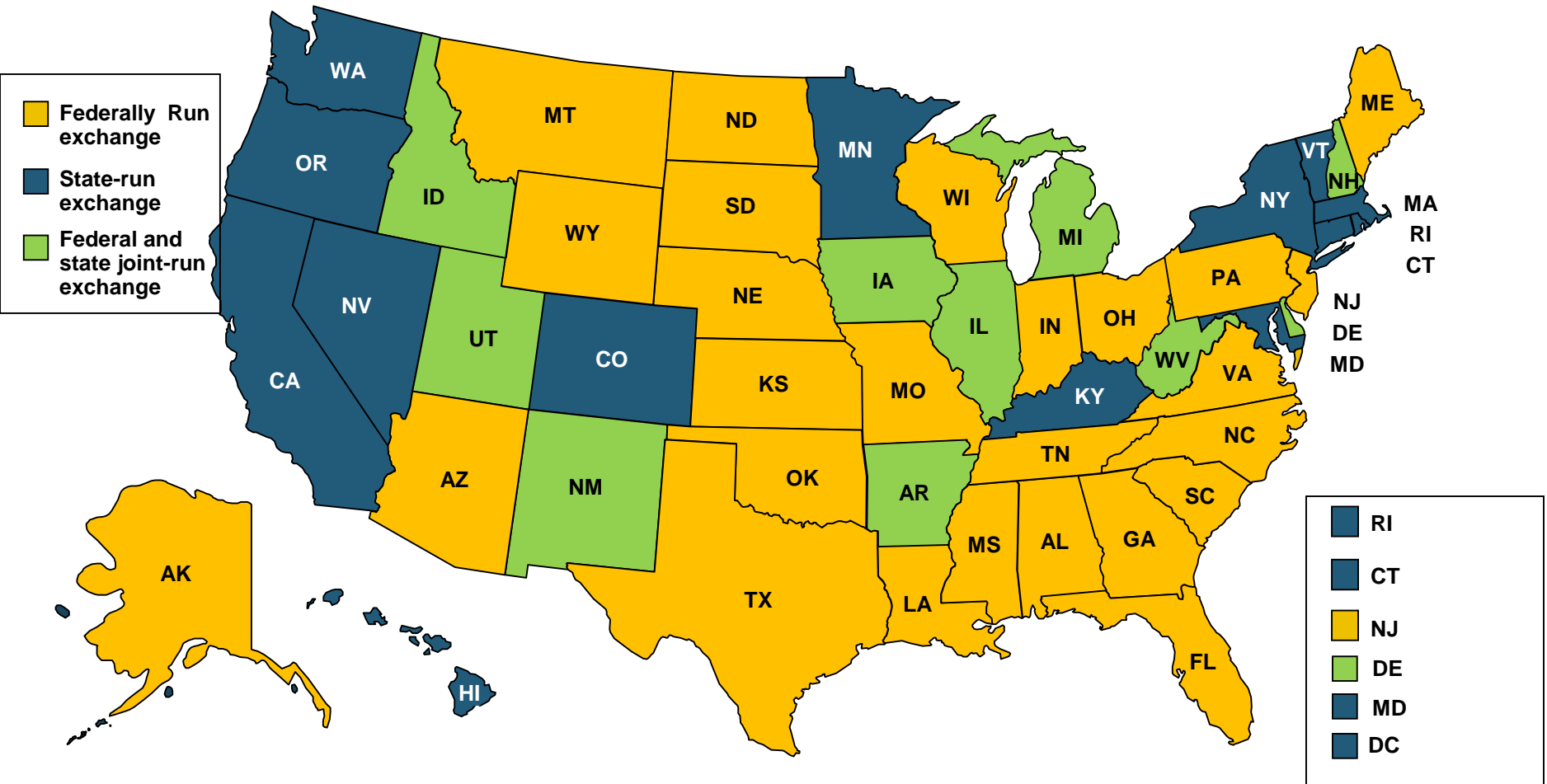
## 2. Could ACA be first step in federal regulation of insurance products and markets?

- Will regulation like that requiring products to be priced to meet Medical Loss Ratios be applied to WC?
- Will cost-control mechanisms such as the Independent Payment Advisory Board be developed for WC?
- Will WC insurers lose their limited exemption from anti-trust laws that they have had under McCarran-Ferguson since 1945?



# States of Play | Management of Health-Insurance Exchanges & ObamaCare

Some states are running new health-insurance exchanges on their own. Other are leaving some or all of the task to the federal government.

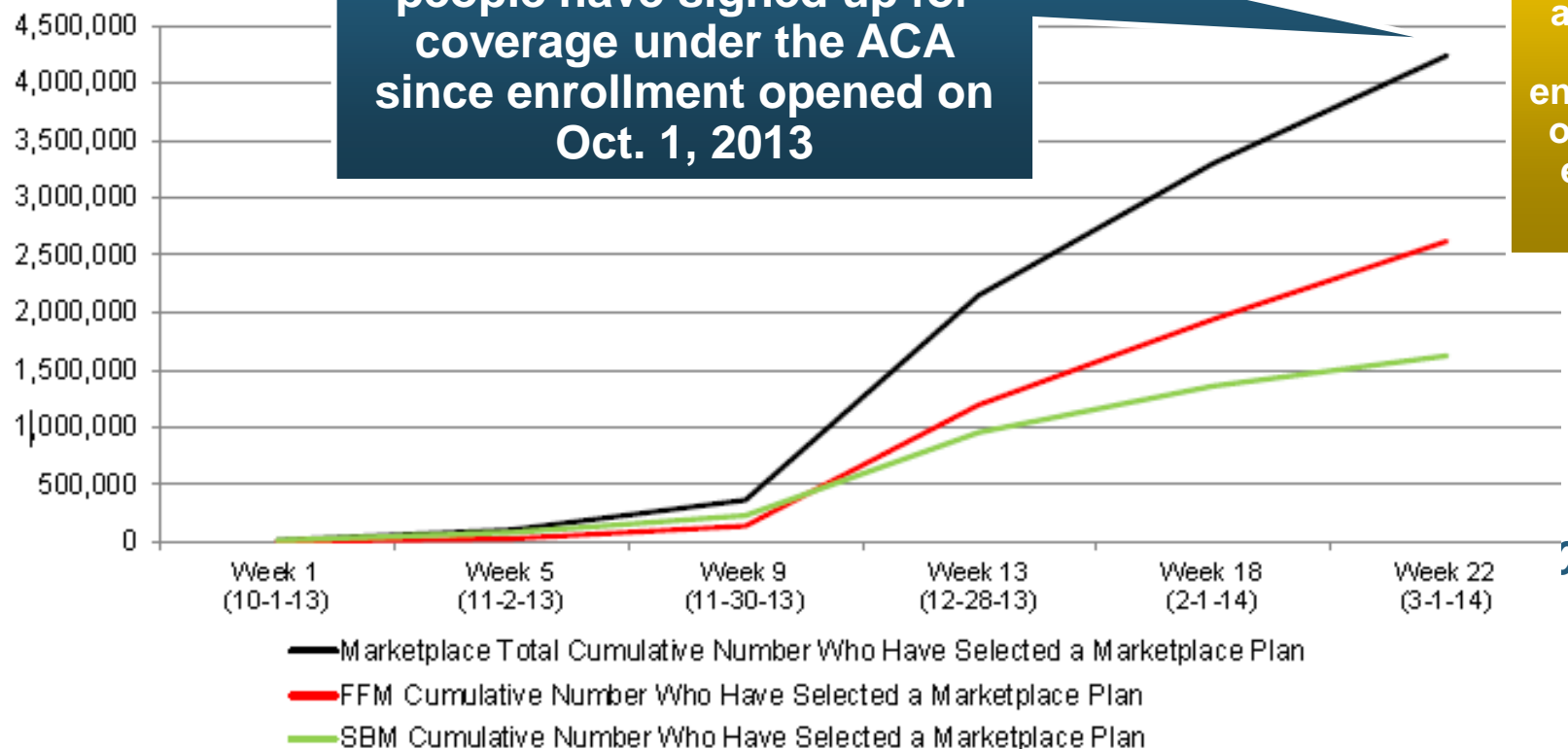


# Number of People Signed Up for Health Care Under the ACA, Oct. 1 – March 1

**As of March 1, 4.2 million people have signed up for coverage under the ACA since enrollment opened on Oct. 1, 2013**

## UPDATE

HHS announced that enrollment as of 3/16 now exceeds 5 million



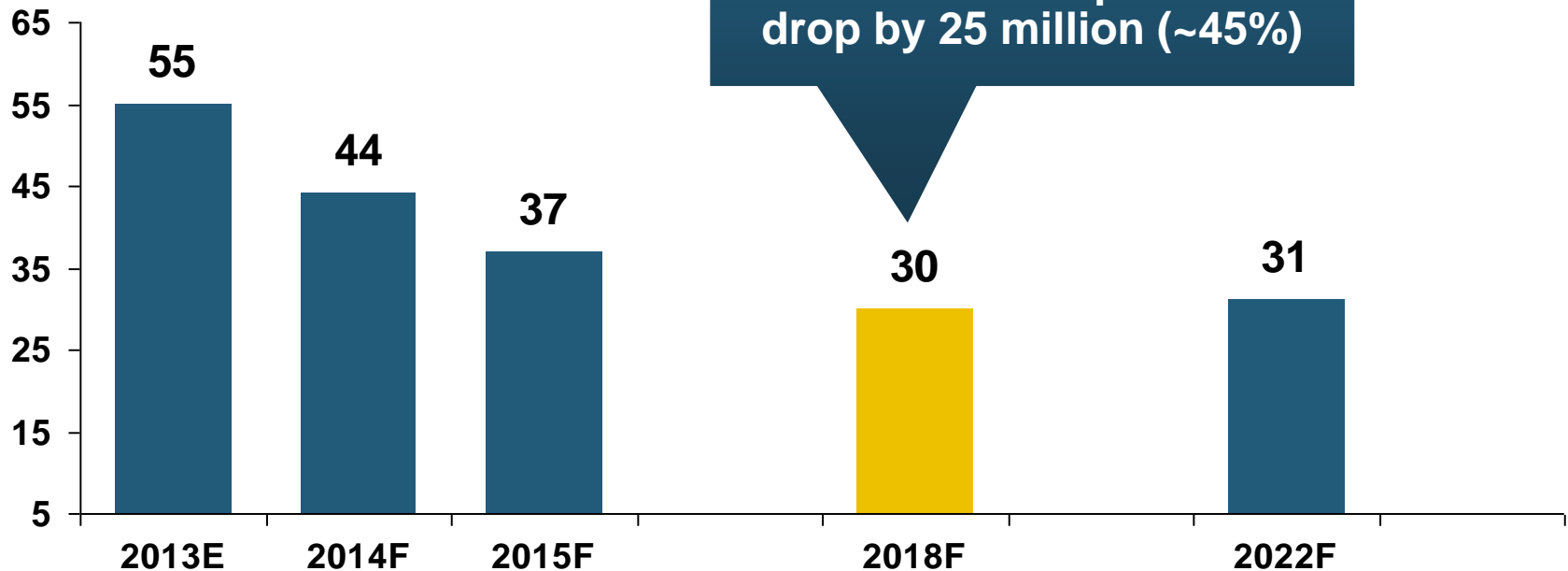
Notes: Represents cumulative monthly sums of data on the number of unique individuals who have been determined eligible to enroll in a plan through the FFM, and have selected a plan (with or without the first premium payment having been received by the issuer).

Source: Centers for Medicare and Medicaid as of March 7, 2014:

[http://aspe.hhs.gov/health/reports/2014/MarketPlaceEnrollment/Mar2014/ib\\_2014mar\\_enrollment.pdf](http://aspe.hhs.gov/health/reports/2014/MarketPlaceEnrollment/Mar2014/ib_2014mar_enrollment.pdf)

# Projected Number of People with No Health Insurance, 2013—2022\*

Millions



The projected decline in the uninsured population is very sensitive to the enrollment rate under the Affordable Care Act

\*Under age 65.

Sources: Centers for Medicare & Medicaid Services, Office of the Actuary at <http://www.cms.gov/Research-Statistics-Data-and-Systems/Statistics-Trends-and-Reports/NationalHealthExpendData/NationalHealthAccountsProjected.html> accessed 3/14/14; Insurance Information Institute.

# **Will Skill Shortages in the Medical Field Adversely Impact WC?**

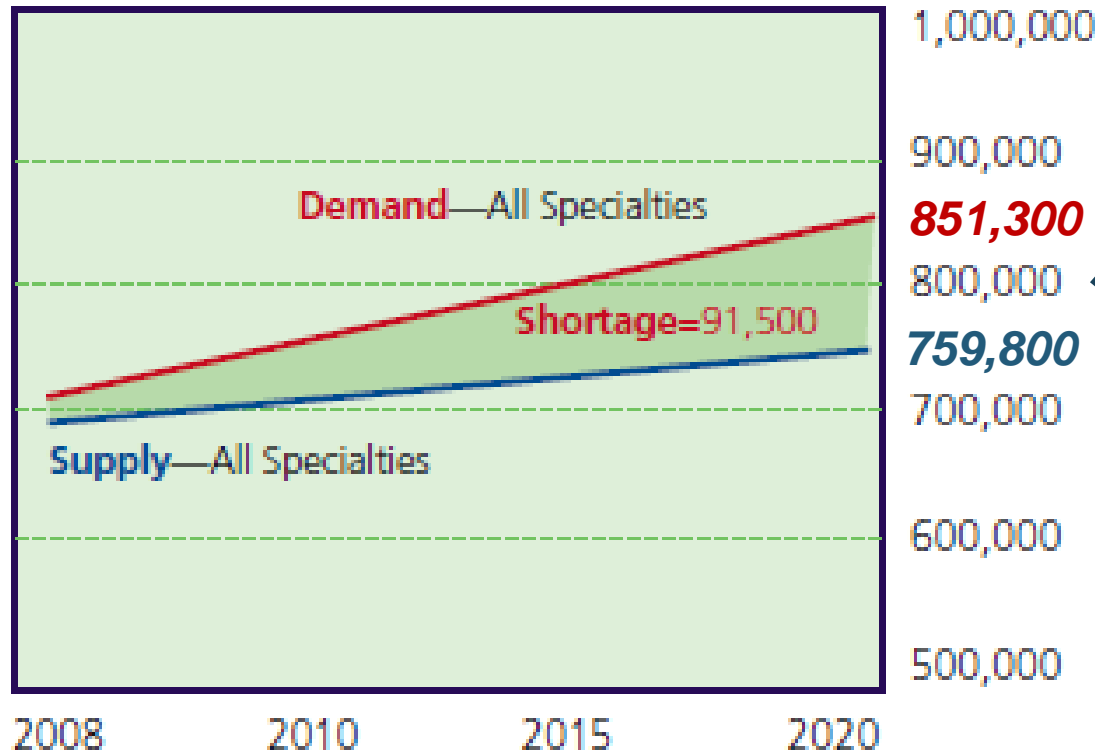
**Concern that the ACA Will  
Overwhelm the Healthcare  
Delivery System, Harming  
Outcomes**

# Physician Supply and Demand, 2008–2020

| Year | Physician Supply<br>(All Specialties) | Physician Demand<br>(All Specialties) | Physician Shortage<br>(All Specialties*) | Physician Shortage<br>(Non-Primary Care<br>Specialties) |
|------|---------------------------------------|---------------------------------------|--|---|
| 2008 | 699,100                               | 706,500                               | 7,400                                    | None  |
| 2010 | 709,700                               | 723,400                               | 13,700                                   | 4,700   |
| 2015 | 735,600                               | 798,500                               | 62,900                                   | 33,100  |
| 2020 | 759,800                               | 851,300                               | 91,500                                   | 46,100  |
| 2025 | 785,400                               | 916,000                               | 130,600                                  | 64,800  |

**A potential large and growing physician gap looms over the next decade, with potential for users of health care**

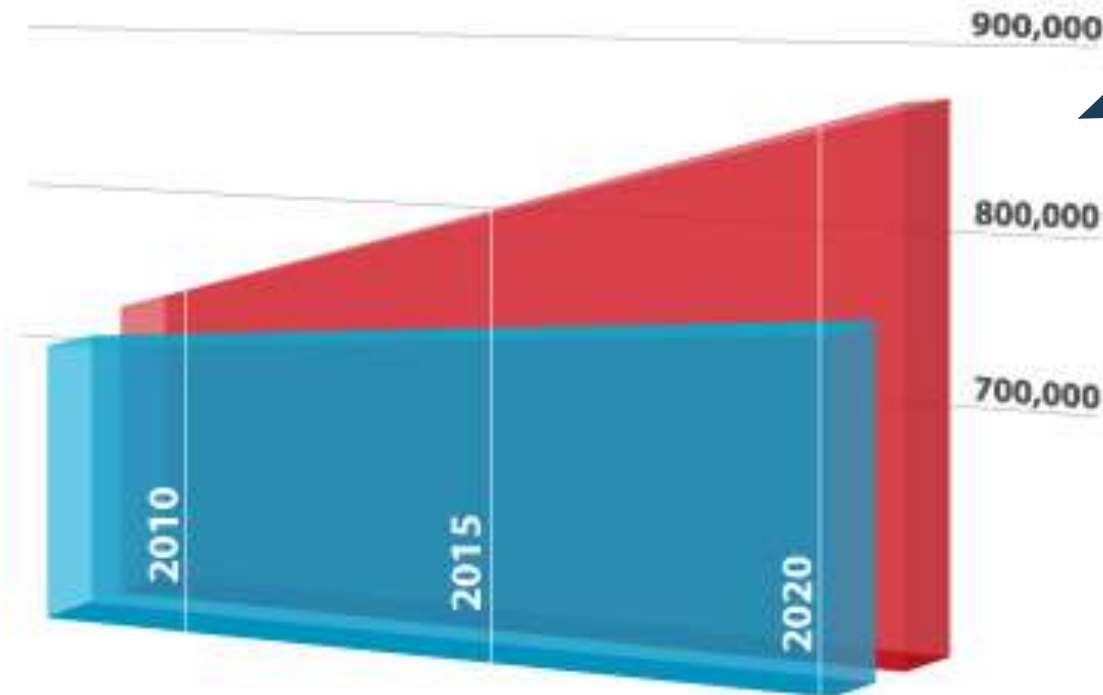
# Projected Physician Supply and Demand, 2008–2020



A potential large and growing shortage of physicians looms. Estimates suggest a shortage of 91,500 physicians by 2020—a gap 12% gap.

*Will this be a negative for MPL?*

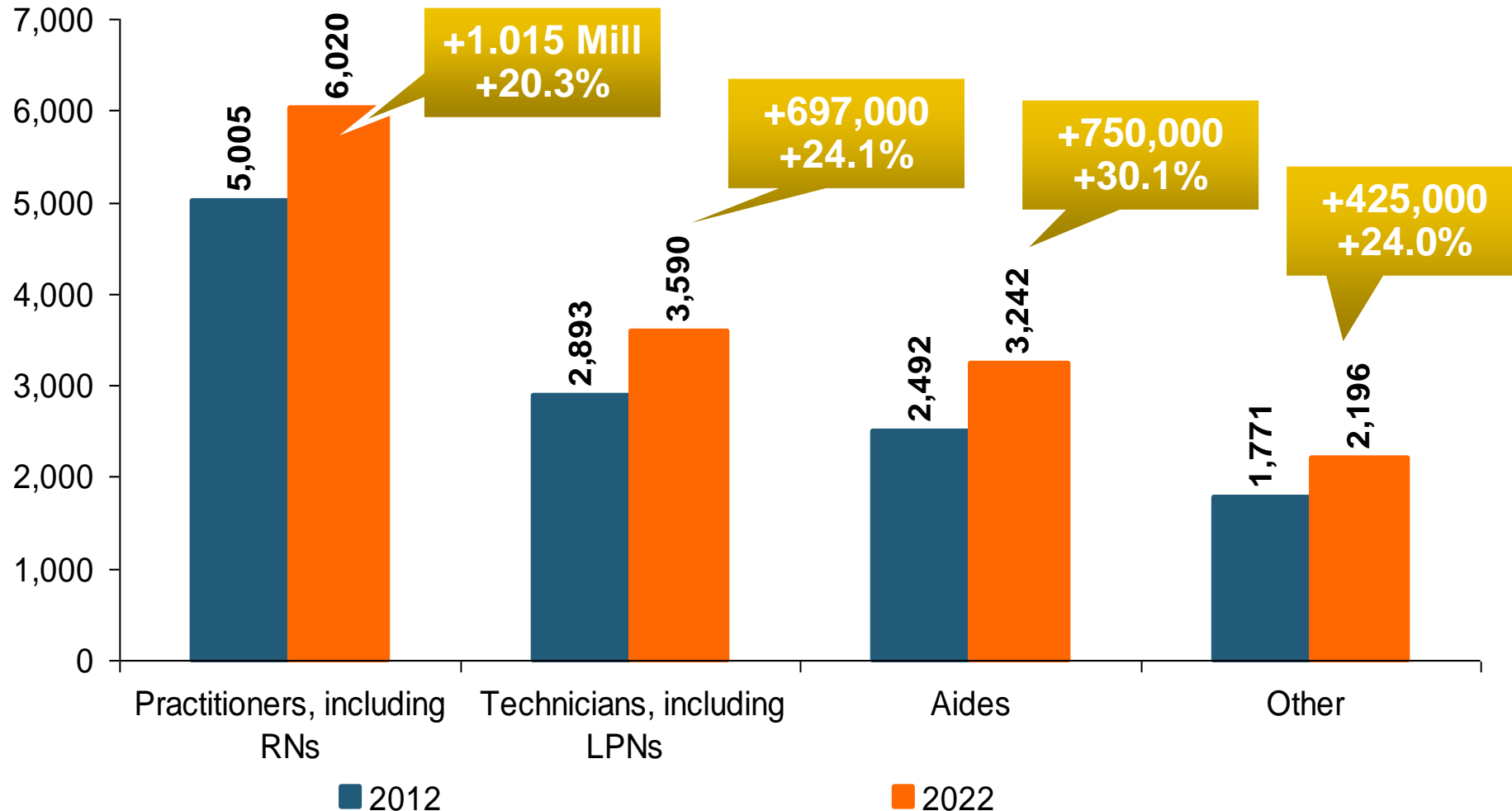
# Physician Supply and Demand, 2008–2020



**Demand for physicians is expected to outstrip supply through 2020 by a wide margin**

# Growth in Healthcare Profession by Skill Level, 2012 – 2022F

(Thousands of Jobs)

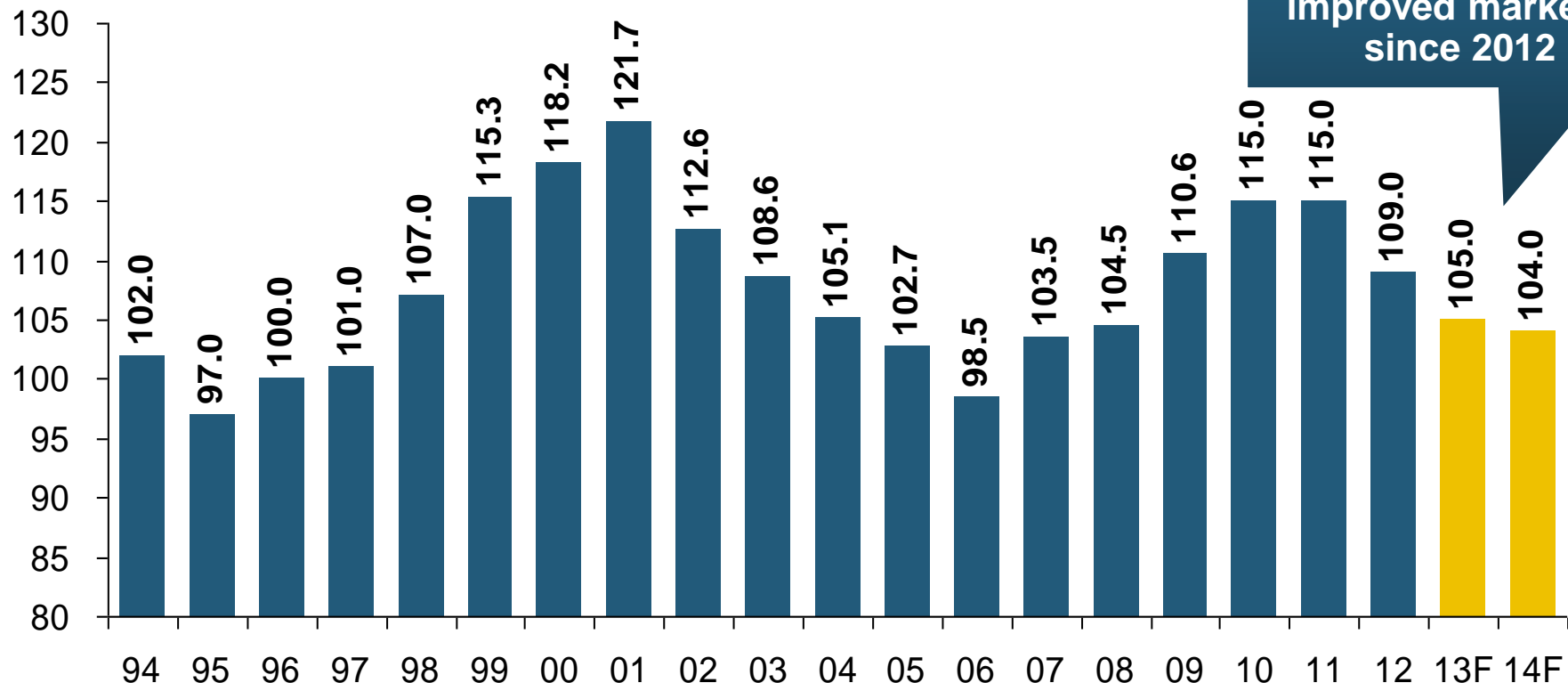




# **Workers Compensation Operating Environment**

**The Weak Economy and Soft Market Have  
Made the Workers Comp Operating  
Increasingly Challenging**

# Workers Compensation Combined Ratio: 1994–2014F

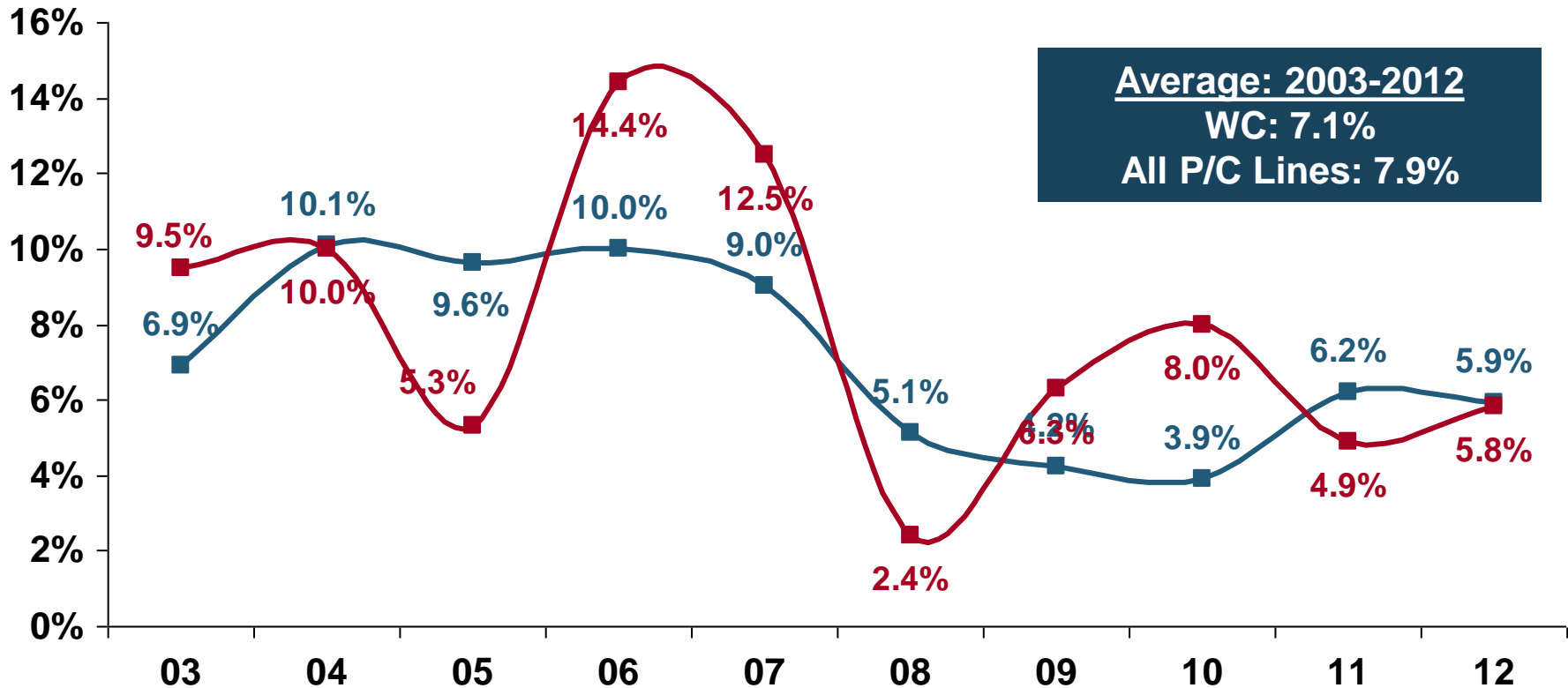


**Workers Comp Results Began to Improve in 2012.  
Underwriting Results Deteriorated Markedly from 2007-  
2010/11 and Were the Worst They Had Been in a Decade.**

# Return on Net Worth, 2003-2012, Workers Comp vs. All P/C Lines

(Percent)

■ US WComp ■ US All P/C Lines

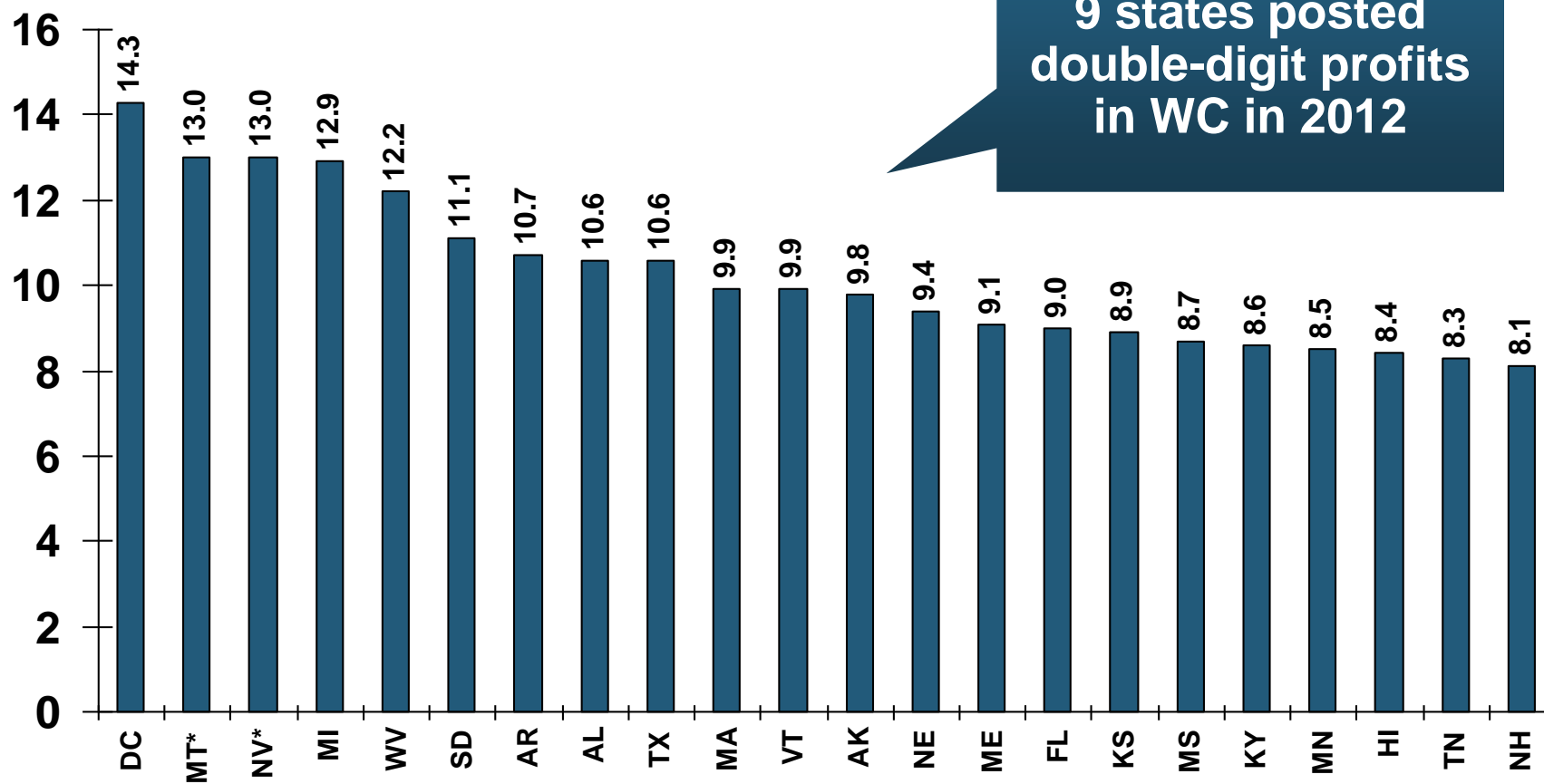


**WC Has Been Marginally Less Profitable than the P/C Insurance Industry Overall**

# Workers Comp Return on Net Worth, 2012

Percent

## Top 25 States



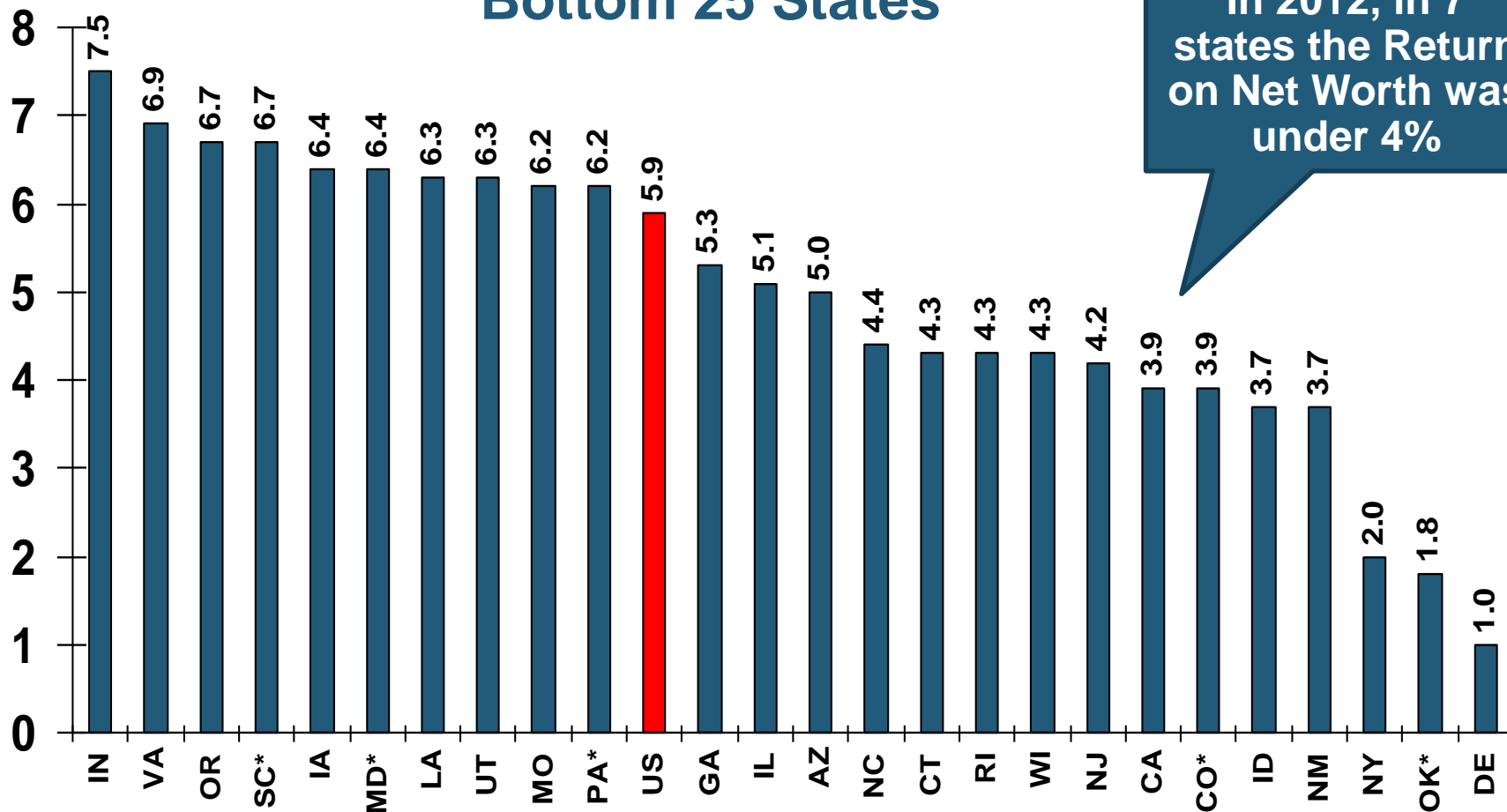
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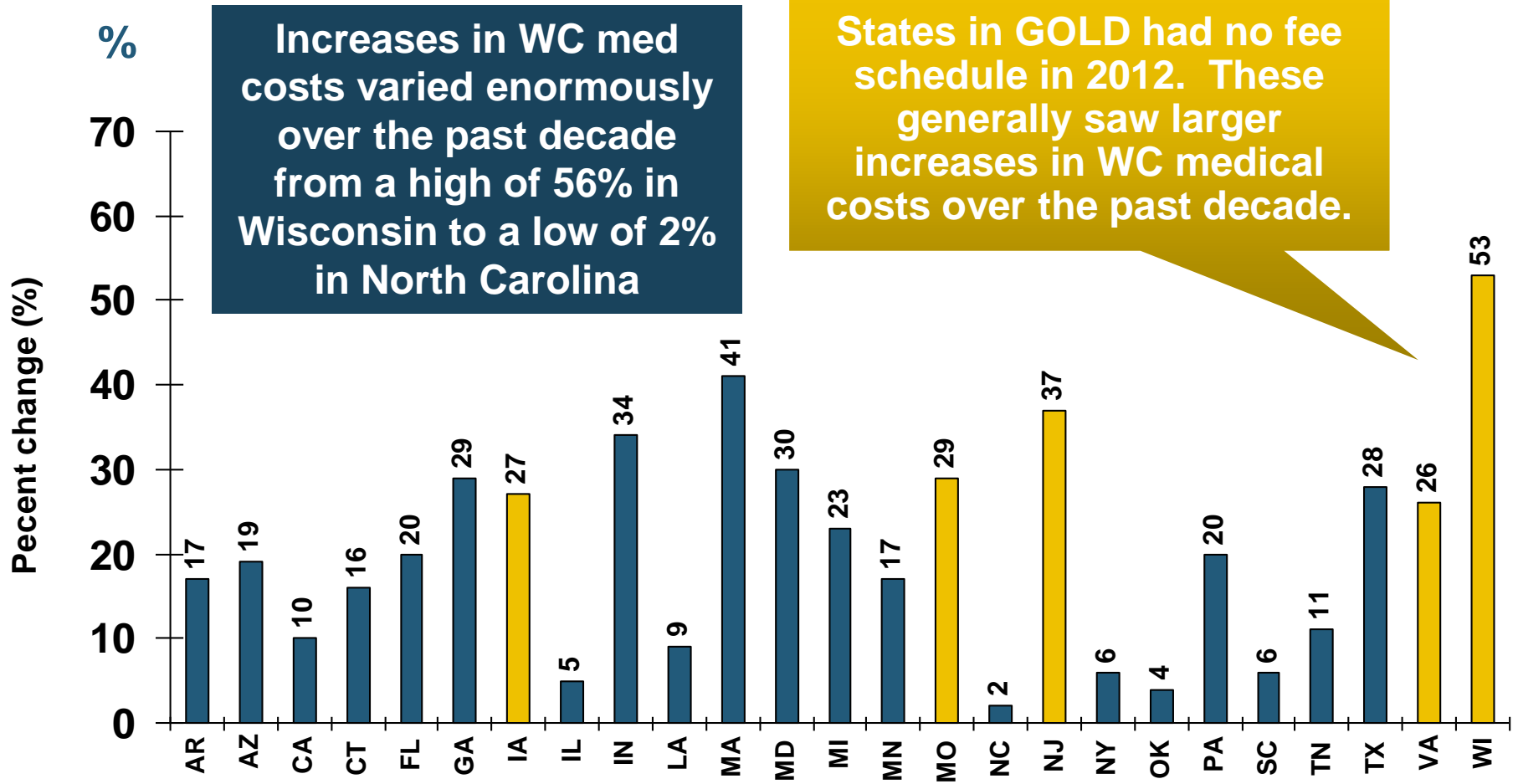


In 2012, in 7 states the Return on Net Worth was under 4%

Sources: NAIC; Insurance Information Institute

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# Change in Price Paid for Medical Professional Services in WC, 2002-2012\*



\*Data are preliminary as of 6/30/12.

Sources: Workers Compensation Research Institute, *WCRI Medical Price Index for Workers Compensation, 5<sup>th</sup> Edition*; Ins. Info. Institute.

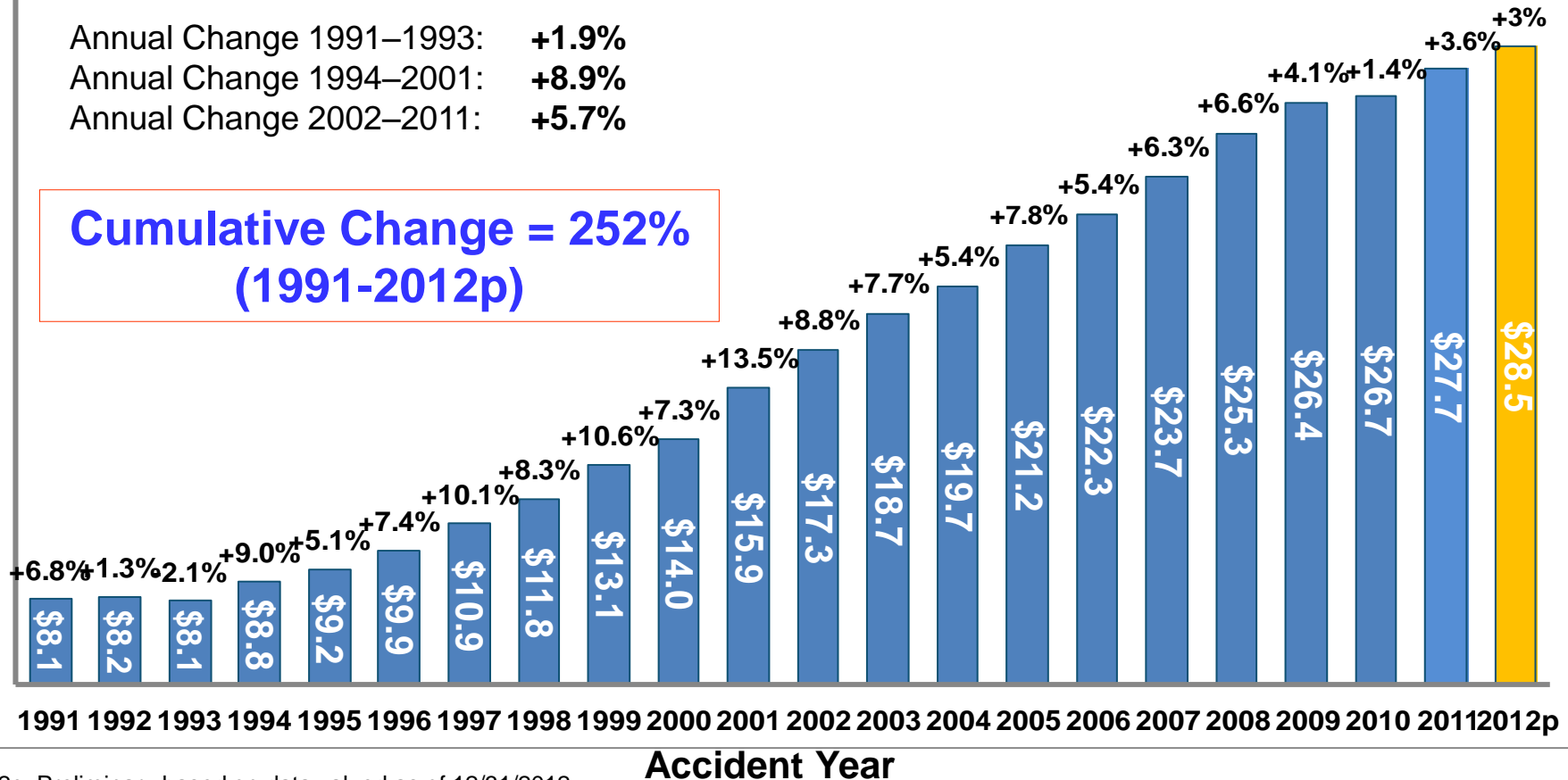
# Workers Compensation Medical Severity Moderate Increase in 2012

Medical  
Claim Cost (\$000s)

## Average Medical Cost per Lost-Time Claim

Annual Change 1991–1993: **+1.9%**  
Annual Change 1994–2001: **+8.9%**  
Annual Change 2002–2011: **+5.7%**

**Cumulative Change = 252%  
(1991–2012p)**



2012p: Preliminary based on data valued as of 12/31/2012.

1991–2011: Based on data through 12/31/2011, developed to ultimate

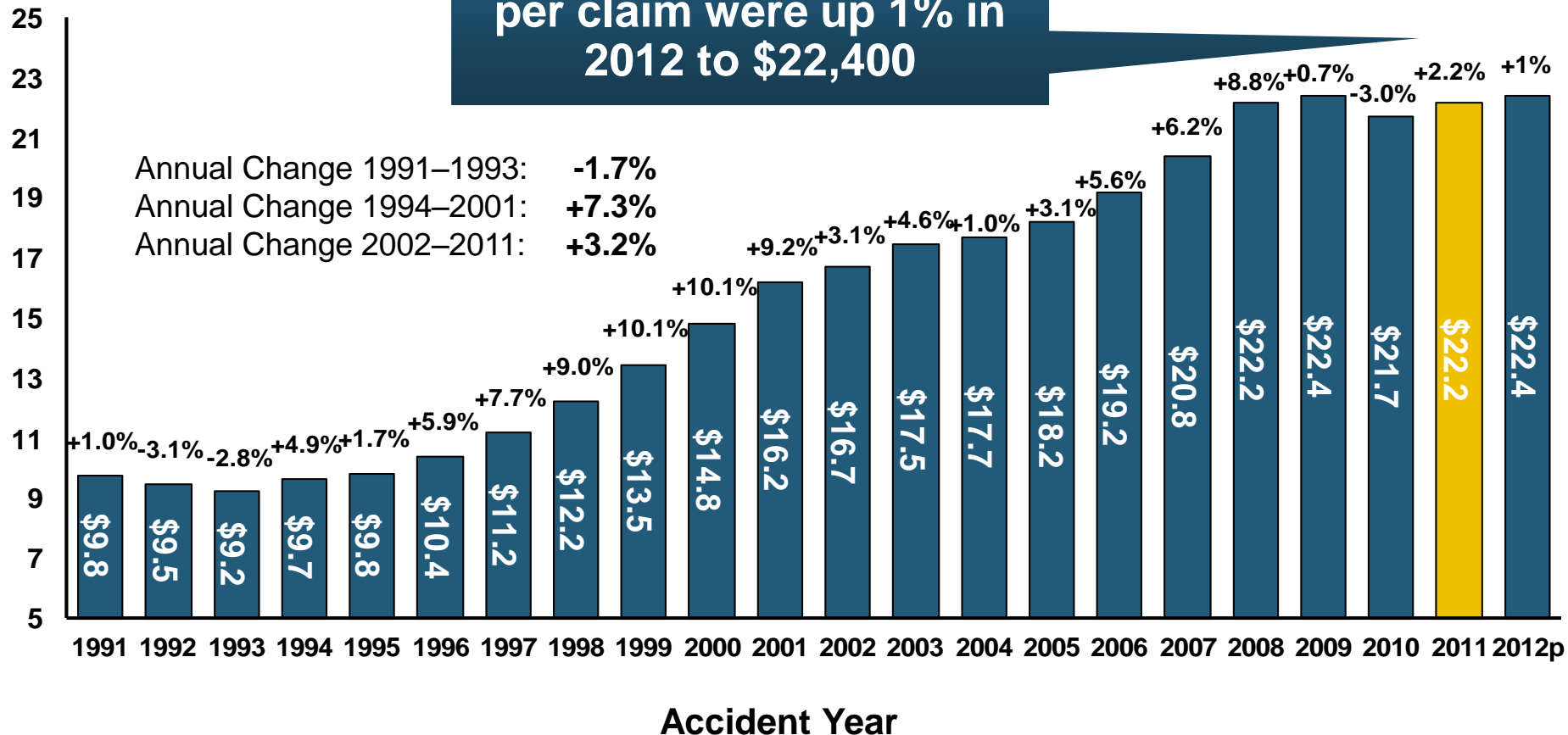
Based on the states where NCCI provides ratemaking services including state funds, excluding WV; Excludes high deductible policies.

# Workers Comp Indemnity Claim Costs: Small Increase in 2012

## Average Indemnity Cost per Lost-Time Claim

Indemnity  
Claim Cost (\$ 000s)

Average indemnity costs  
per claim were up 1% in  
2012 to \$22,400



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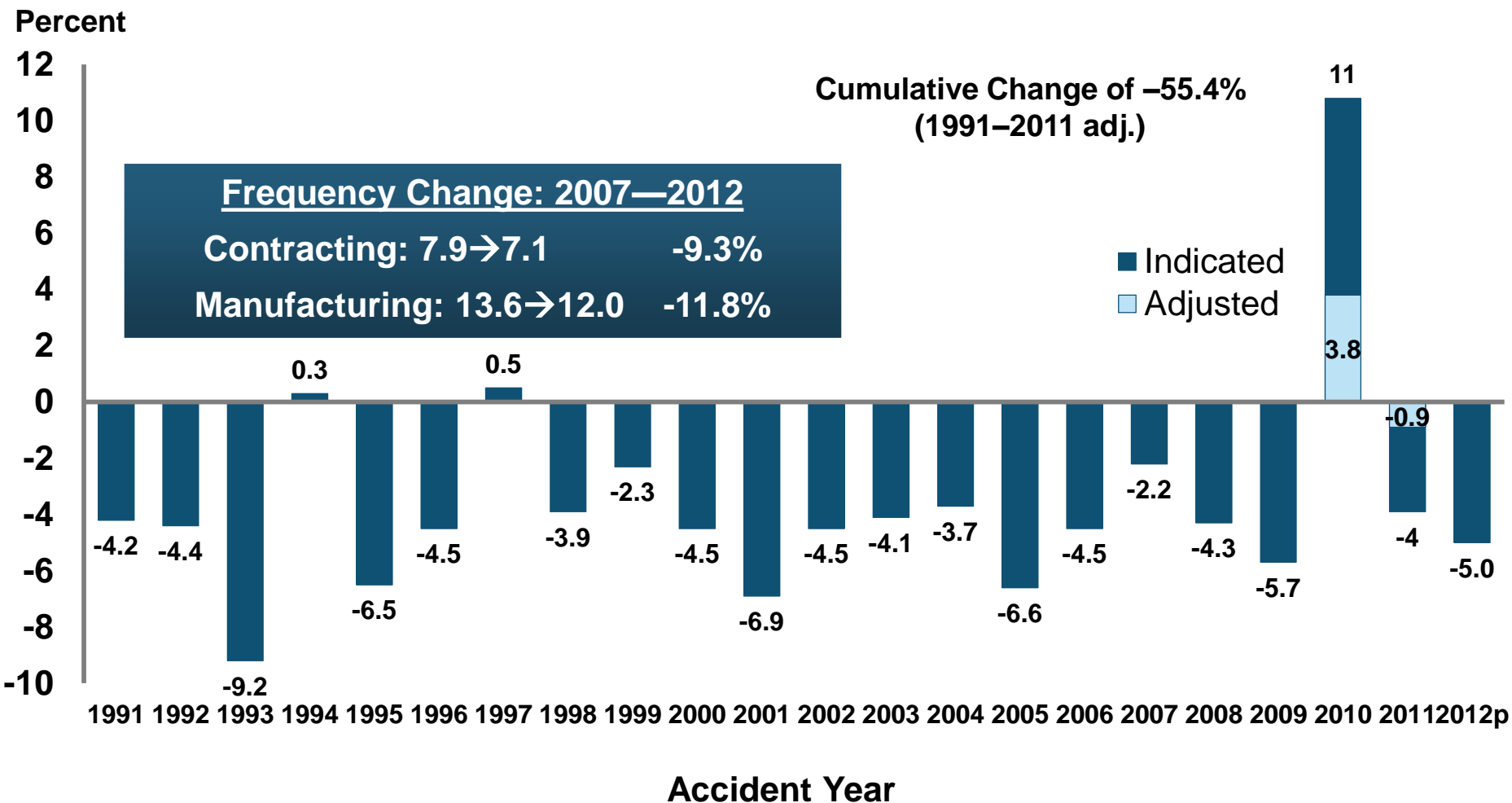
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# Workers Compensation Lost-Time Claim Frequency Declined in 2012

## Lost-Time Claims



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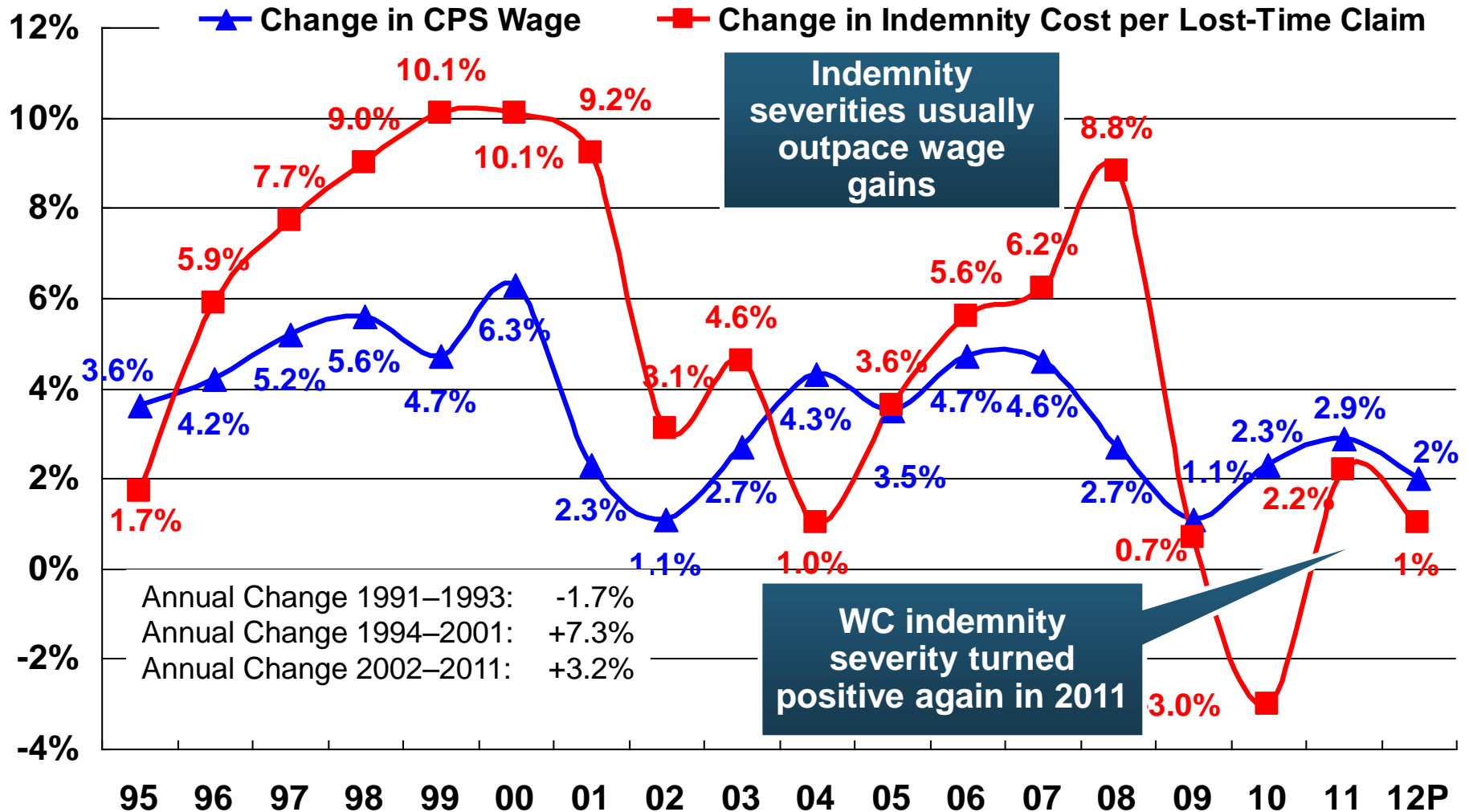
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Frequency is the number of lost-time claims per \$1M pure premium at current wage and voluntary loss cost level

# WC Indemnity Severity vs. Wage Inflation, 1995 -2012p

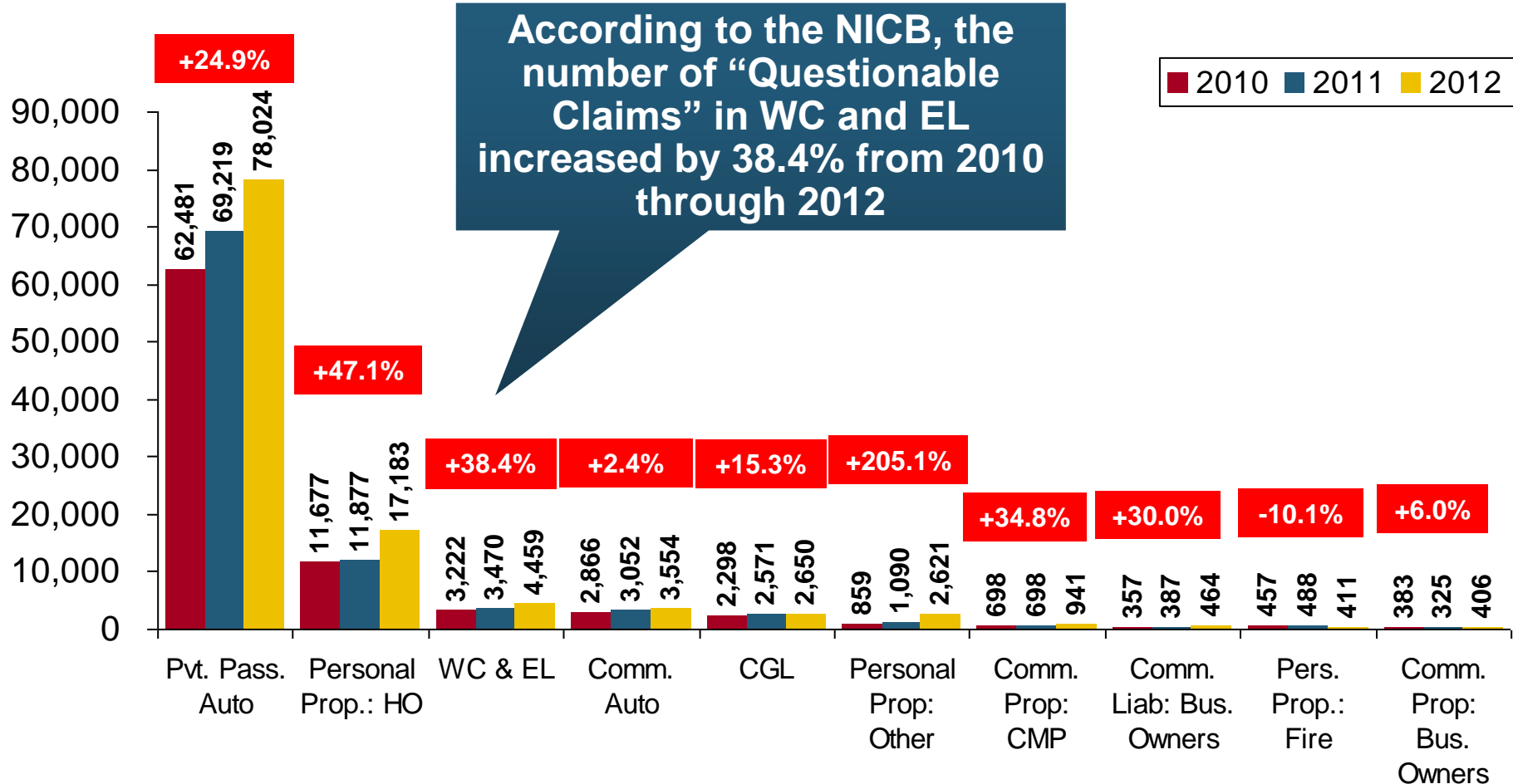


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Source: NCCI

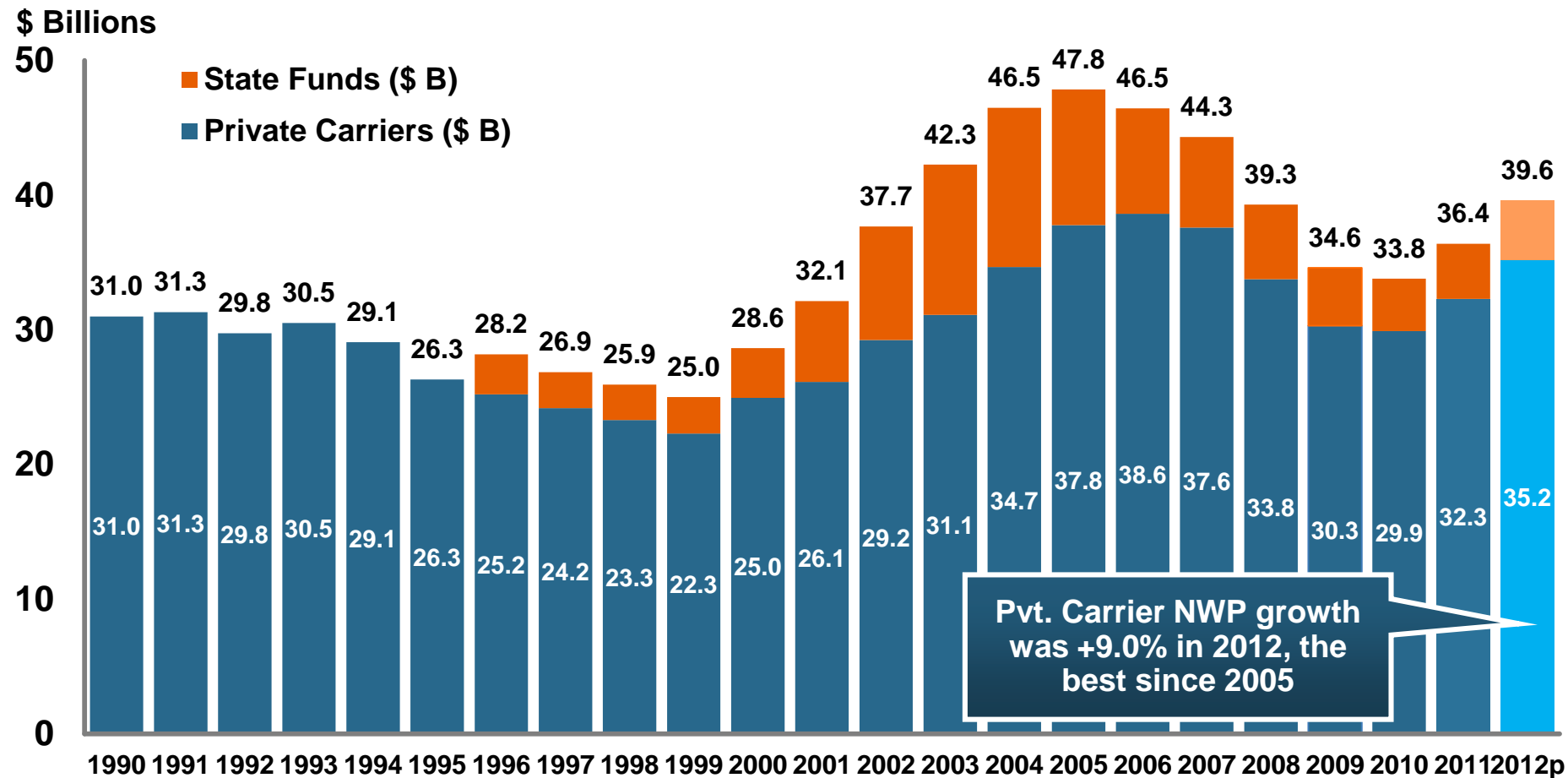
# Questionable Claims, Top 10 Policy Types: 2010–2012

(Number of  
Questionable Claims)



# Workers Compensation Premium: Second Consecutive Year of Increase

## Net Written Premium



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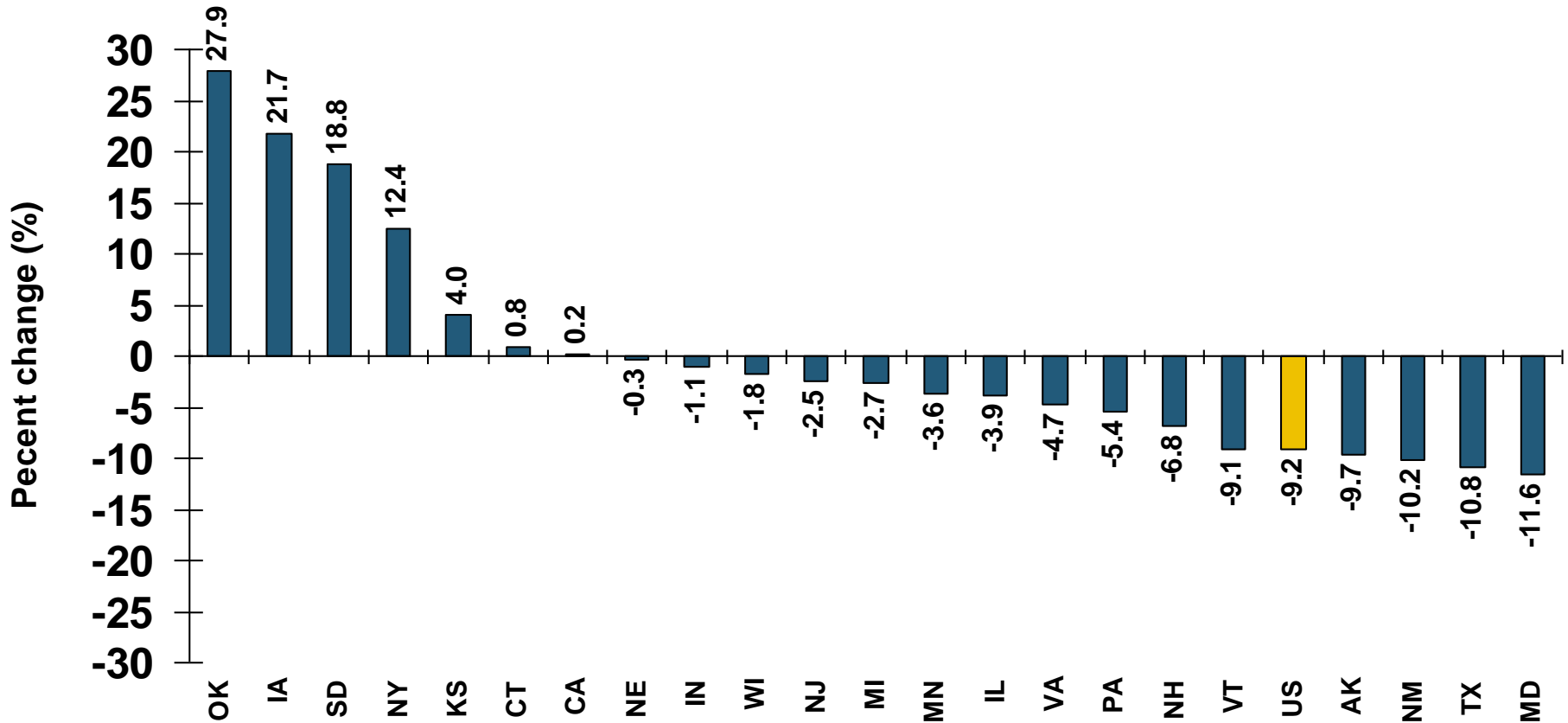
Source: 1990–20102p Private Carriers, Annual Statement Data, NCCI.

1996–2012p State Funds: AZ, CA, CO, HI, ID, KY, LA, MD, MO, MT, NM, OK, OR, RI, TX, UT Annual Statements

State Funds available for 1996 and subsequent

# Direct Premiums Written: Workers' Comp Percent Change by State, 2007-2012\*

## Top 25 States

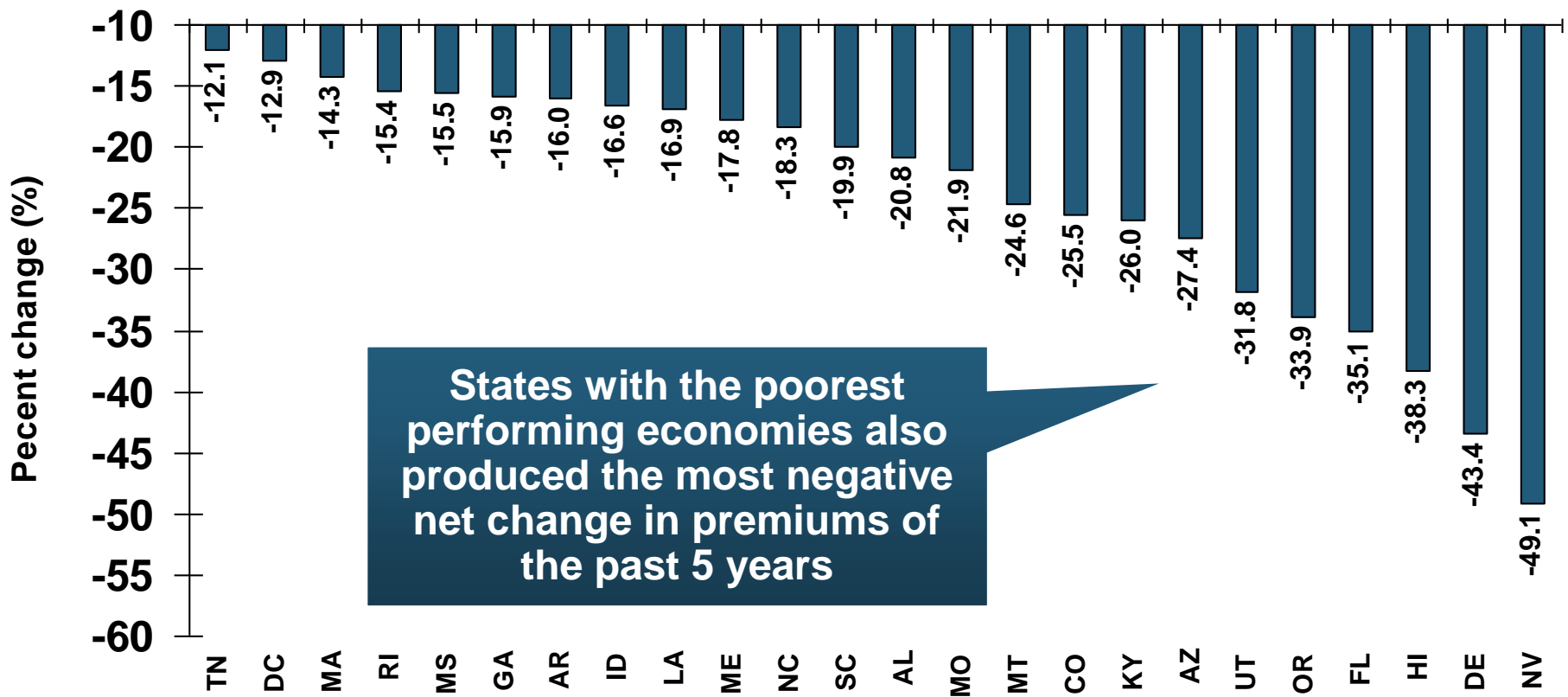


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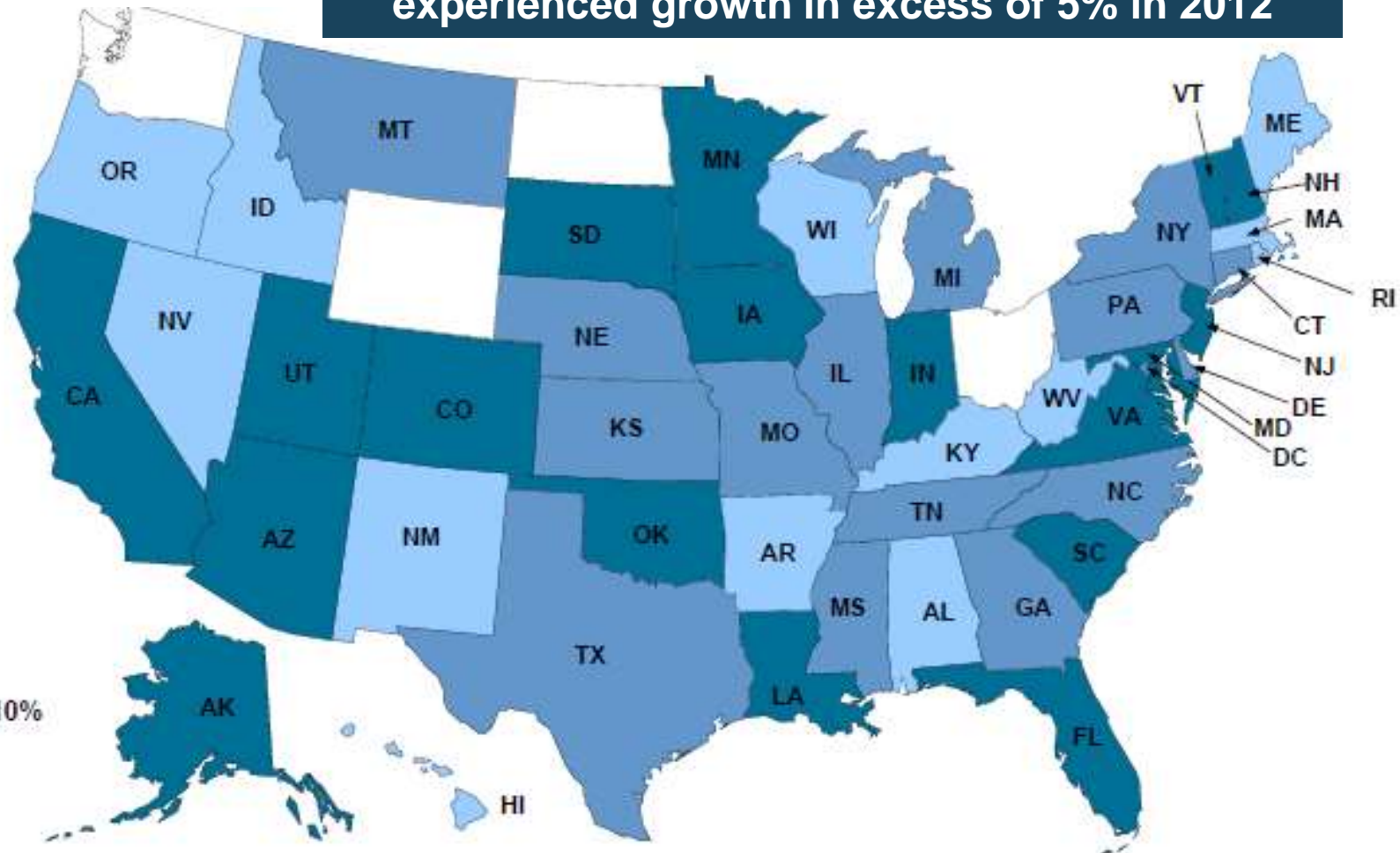
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# 2012 Workers Compensation Direct Written Premium Growth, by State\*

PRIVATE CARRIERS: Overall 2012 Growth = +9%

**While growth rates varied widely, all states experienced growth in excess of 5% in 2012**

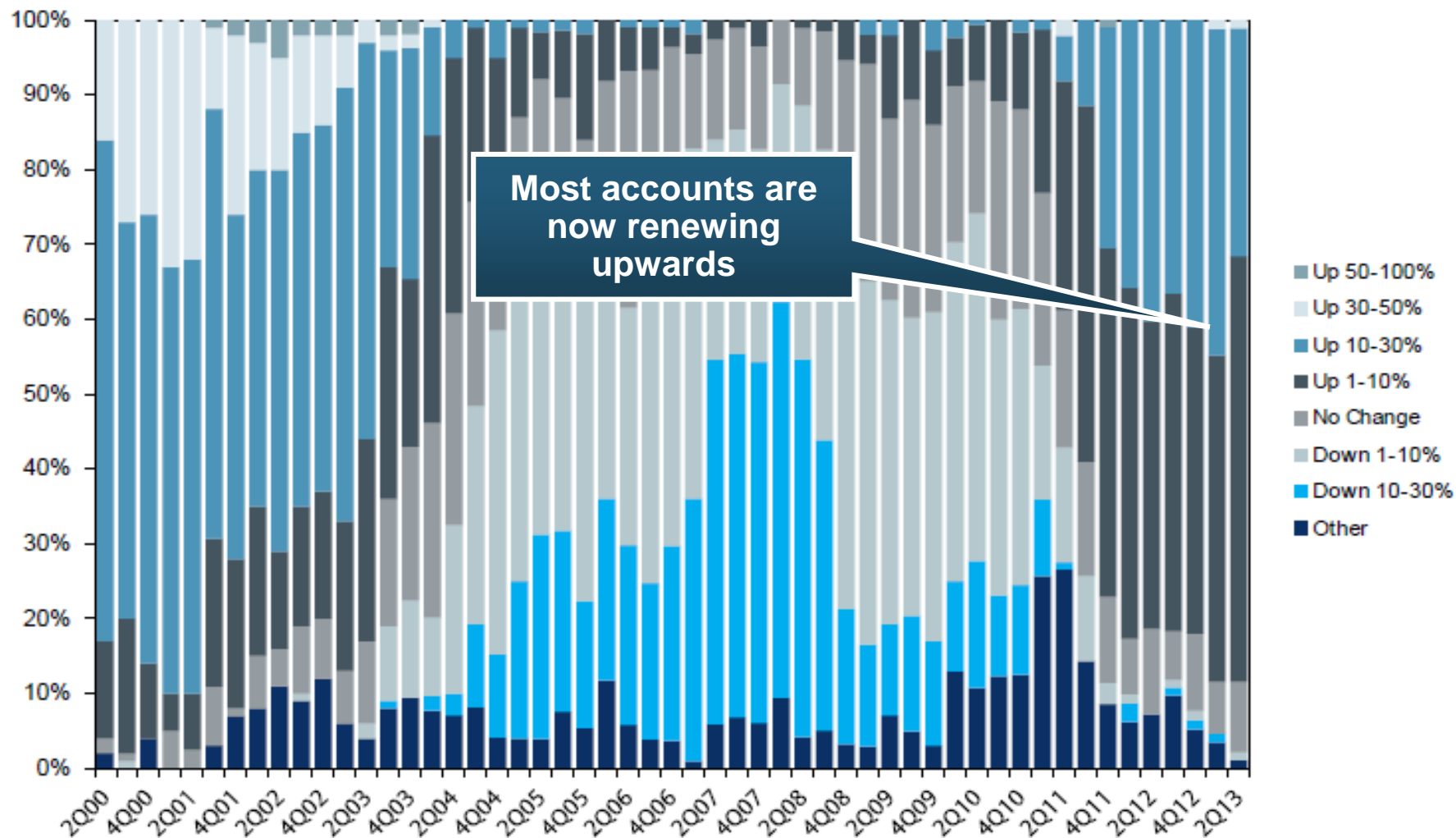


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# Workers Comp. Quarterly Rate Changes, by Line: 2000:Q1 to 2013:Q2

1999:Q4 = 100

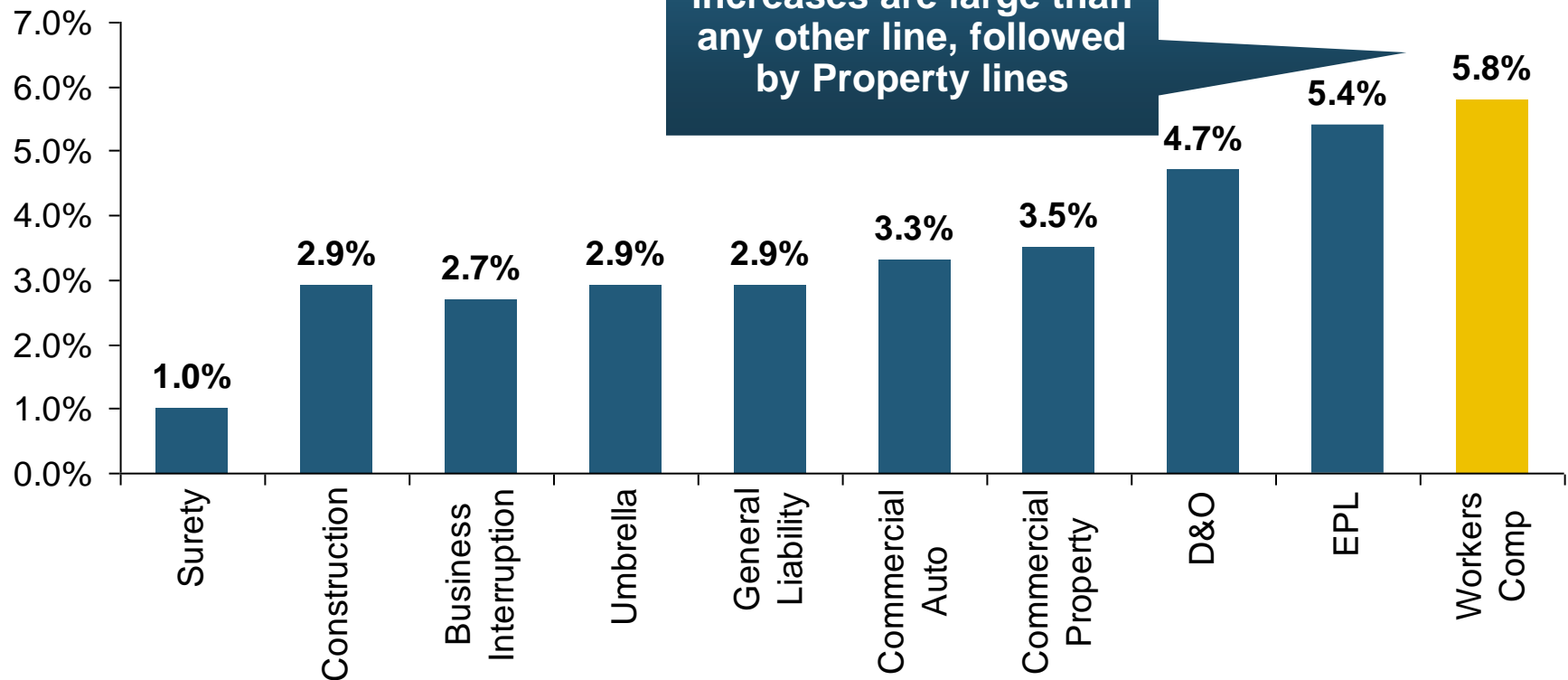


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# Change in Commercial Rate Renewals, by Line: 2013:Q3

## Percentage Change (%)

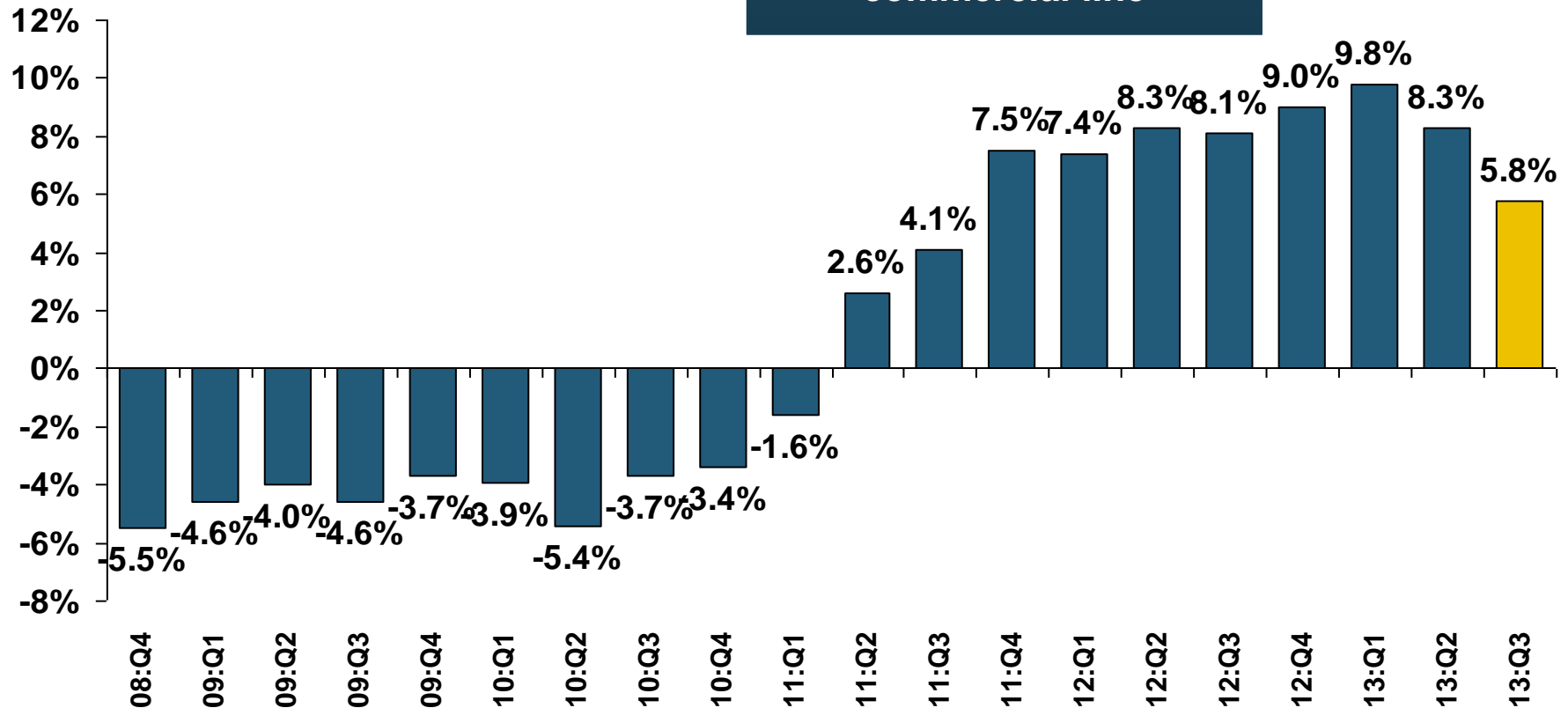


**Major Commercial Lines Renewed Uniformly Upward in Q3:2013 for the 9<sup>th</sup> Consecutive Quarter; Property Lines & Workers Comp Leading the Way; Cat Losses and Low Interest Rates Provide Momentum Going Forward**

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# Workers Comp Rate Changes, 2008:Q4 – 2013:Q3

(Percent  
Change)

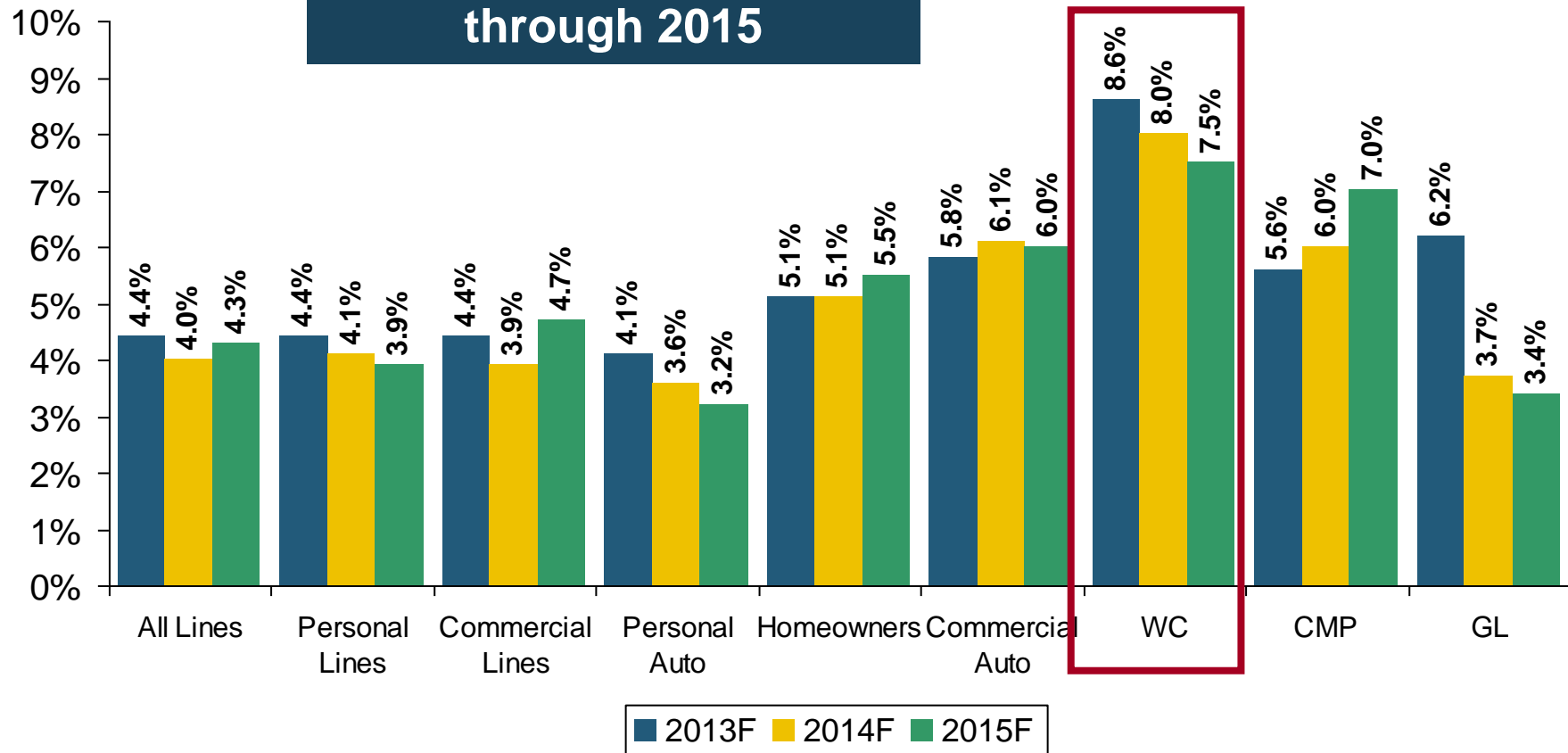


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# Growth in Direct Written Premium by Line, 2013-2015F\*

(Percent)

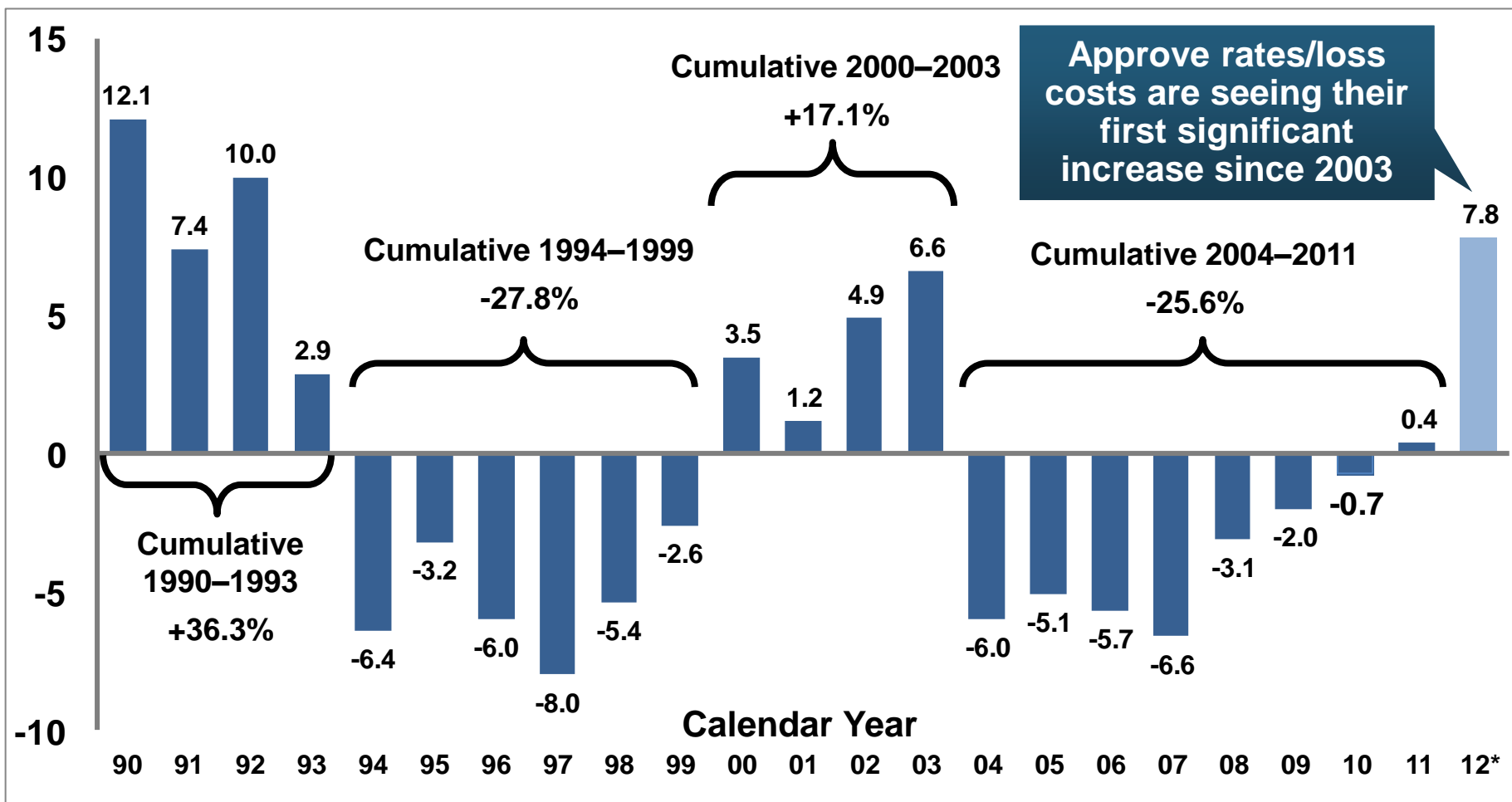
P/C growth is expected  
to remain fairly stable  
through 2015



# Average Approved Bureau Rates/Loss Costs

## History of Average WC Bureau Rate/Loss Cost Level Changes

Percent



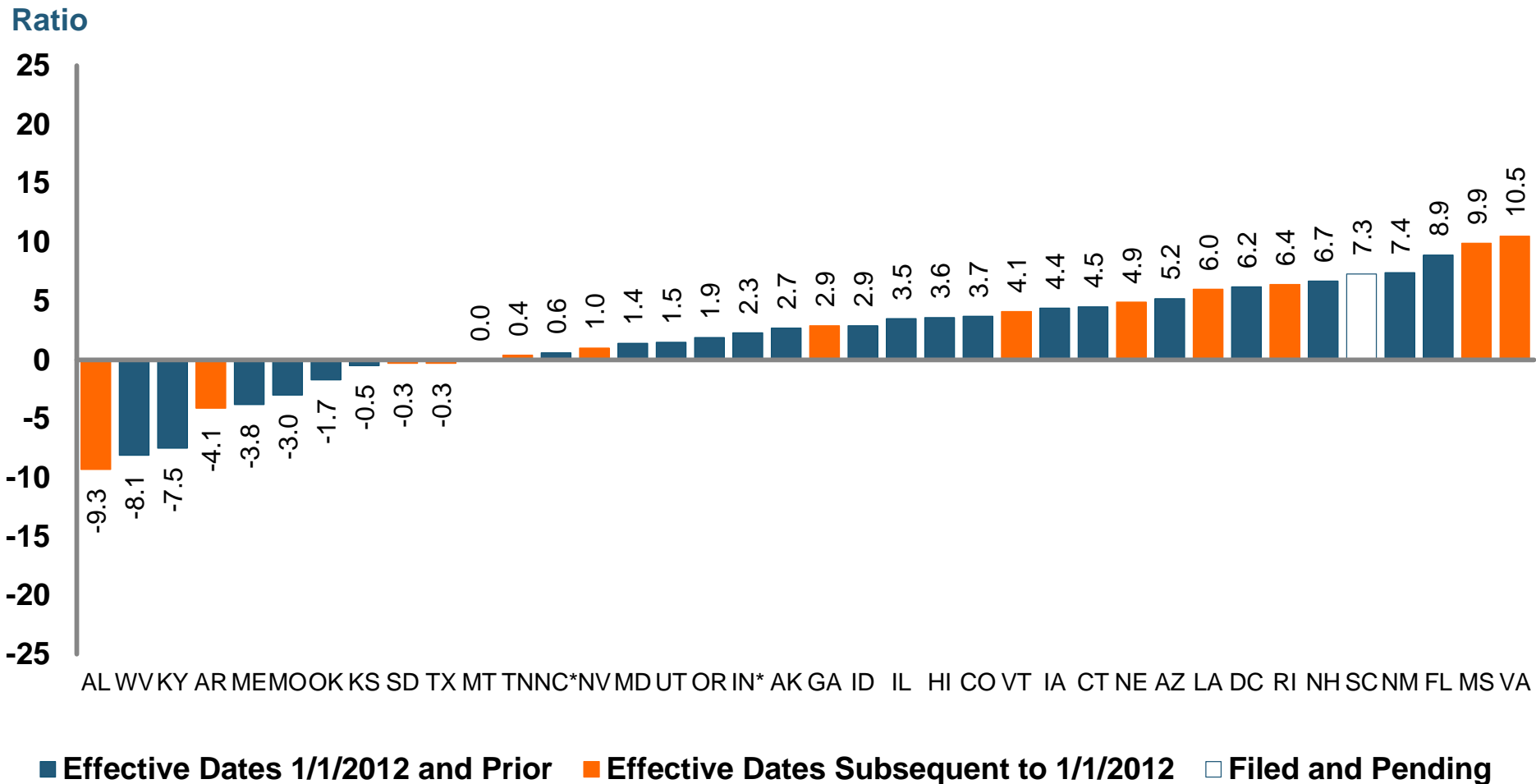
\*States approved through 7/31/12.

Note: Countrywide approved changes in advisory rates, loss costs and assigned risk rates as filed by applicable rating organization.

Source: NCCI.

# Current NCCI Voluntary Market Filed Rate/Loss Cost Changes

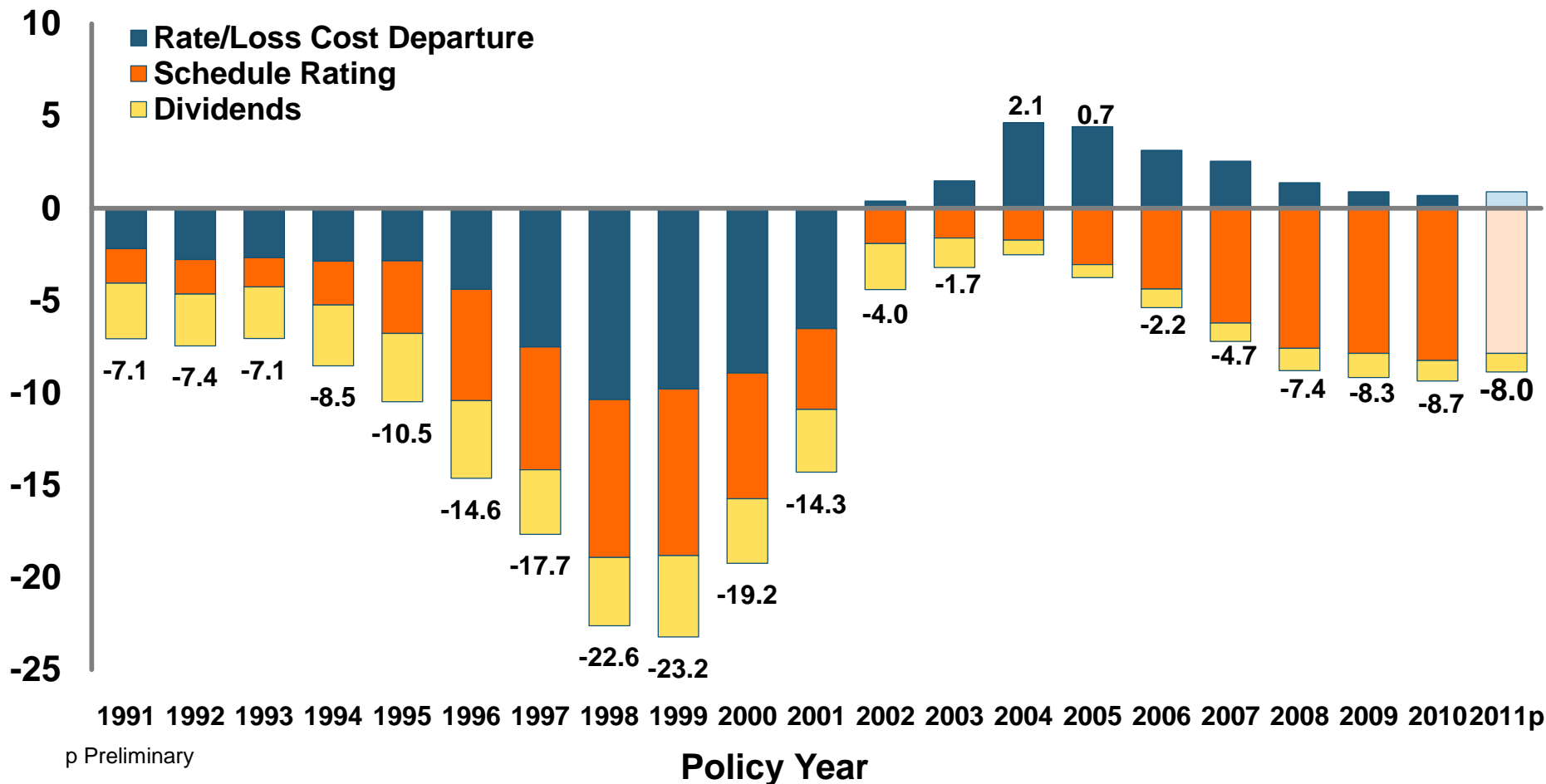
(Excludes Law-Only Filings)



# Impact of Discounting on Workers Compensation Premium

## NCCI States—Private Carriers

Percent



p Preliminary

Dividend ratios are based on calendar year statistics

NCCI benchmark level does not include an underwriting contingency provision

Based on data through 12/31/2011 for the states where NCCI provides ratemaking services

Source: NCCI.

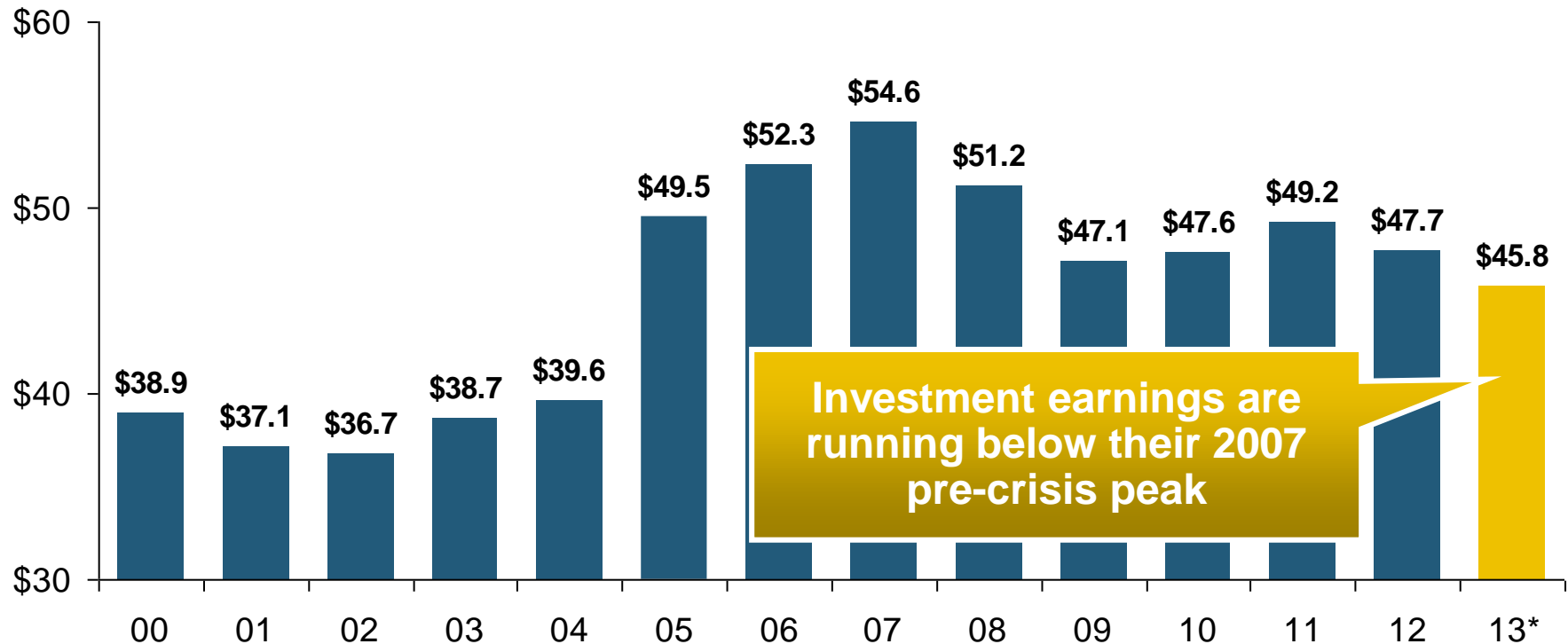
# INVESTMENTS: THE NEW REALITY

**Investment Performance is a Key  
Driver of Profitability**

***Depressed Yields Will Necessarily  
Influence Underwriting & Pricing***

# Property/Casualty Insurance Industry Investment Income: 2000–2013\*<sup>1</sup>

(\$ Billions)



**Investment Income Fell in 2012 and is Falling in 2013 Due to Persistently Low Interest Rates, Putting Additional Pressure on (Re) Insurance Pricing**

<sup>1</sup> Investment gains consist primarily of interest and stock dividends..

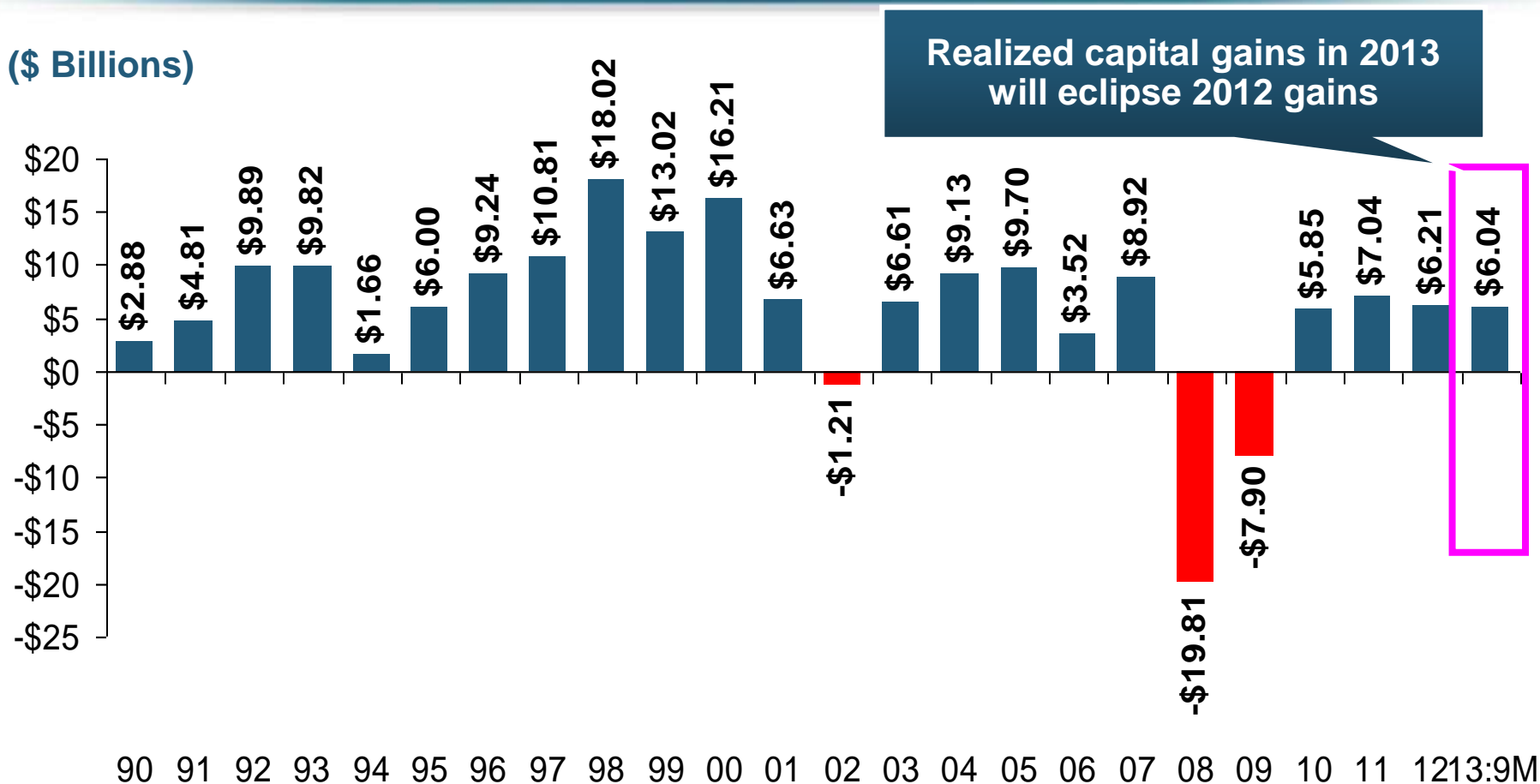
\*Estimate based on annualized actual 9M:2013 investment income of \$34.338B.

Sources: ISO; Insurance Information Institute.



# P/C Insurer Net Realized Capital Gains/Losses, 1990-2013:Q3

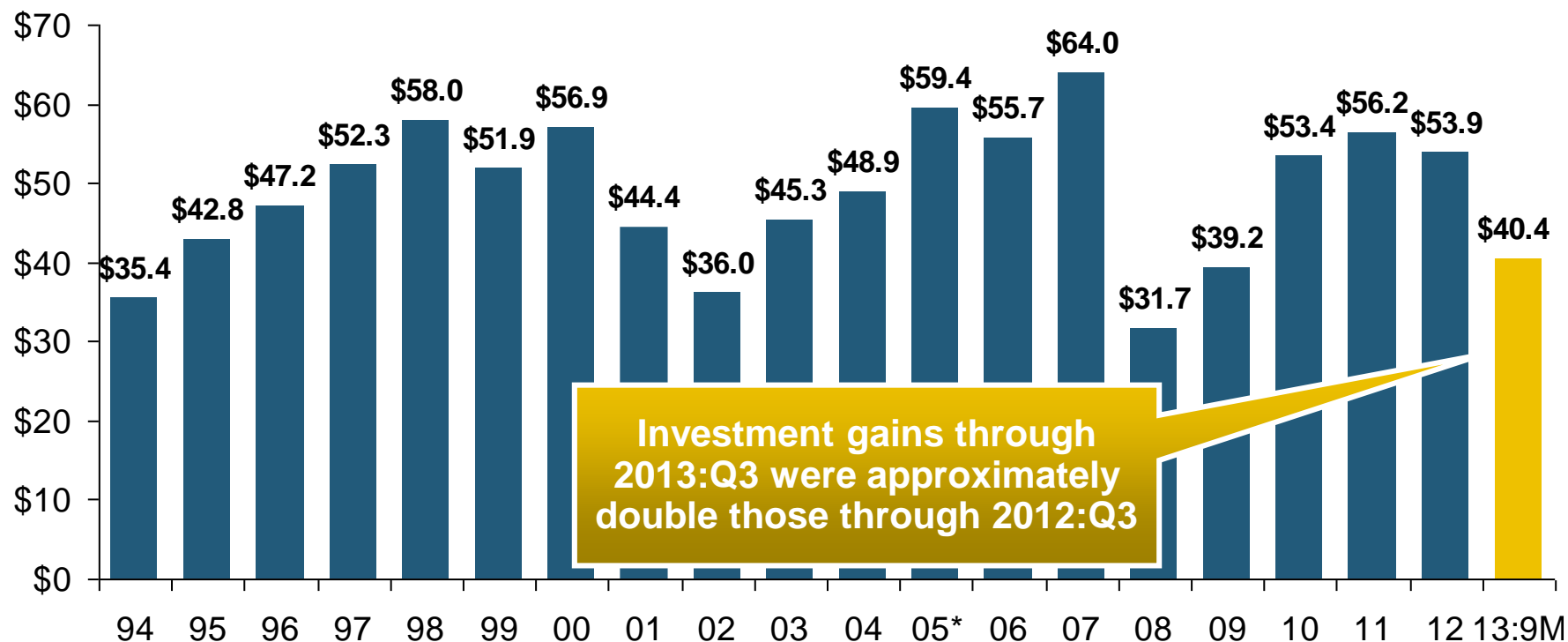
(\$ Billions)



**Insurers Posted Net Realized Capital Gains in 2010, 2011 and 2012 Following Two Years of Realized Losses During the Financial Crisis. Realized Capital Losses Were the Primary Cause of 2008/2009's Large Drop in Profits and ROE**

# Property/Casualty Insurance Industry Investment Gain: 1994–2013:Q3<sup>1</sup>

(\$ Billions)



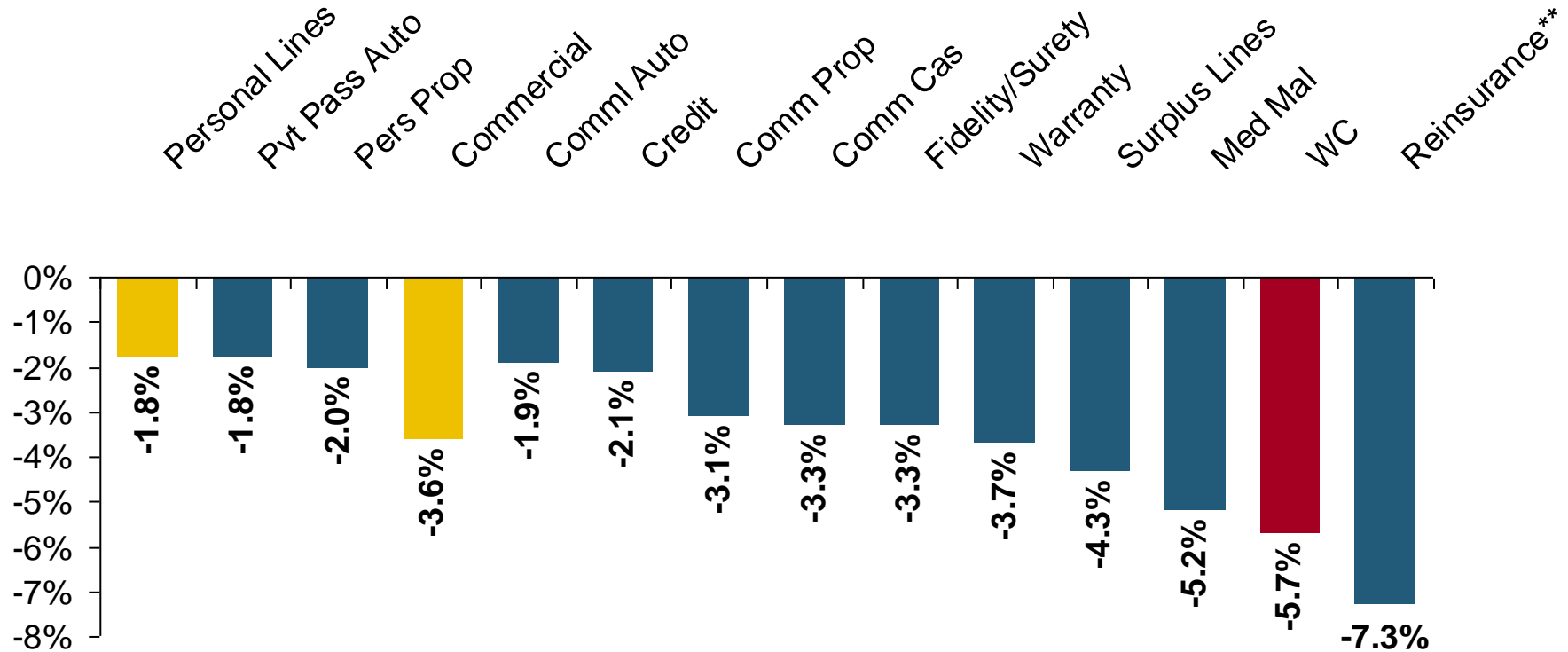
**Investment Income Continued to Fall in 2013 Due to Low Interest Rates but Realized Investment Gains Were Up Sharply; The Financial Crisis Caused Investment Gains to Fall by 50% in 2008**

<sup>1</sup> Investment gains consist primarily of interest, stock dividends and realized capital gains and losses.

\* 2005 figure includes special one-time dividend of \$3.2B;

Sources: ISO; Insurance Information Institute.

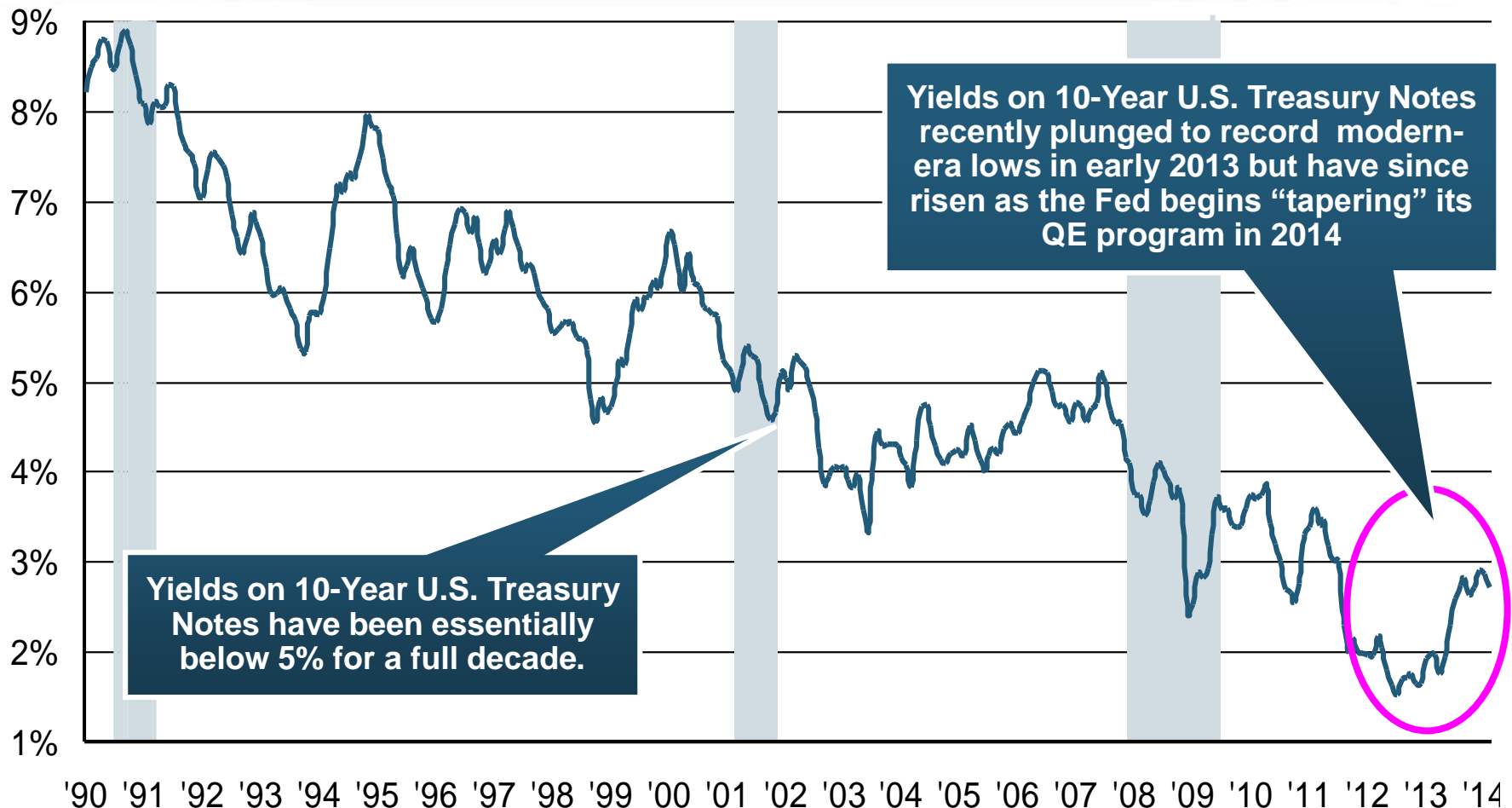
# Reduction in Combined Ratio Necessary to Offset 1% Decline in Investment Yield to Maintain Constant ROE, by Line\*



**Lower Investment Earnings Place a Greater Burden on Underwriting and Pricing Discipline**

\*Based on 2008 Invested Assets and Earned Premiums  
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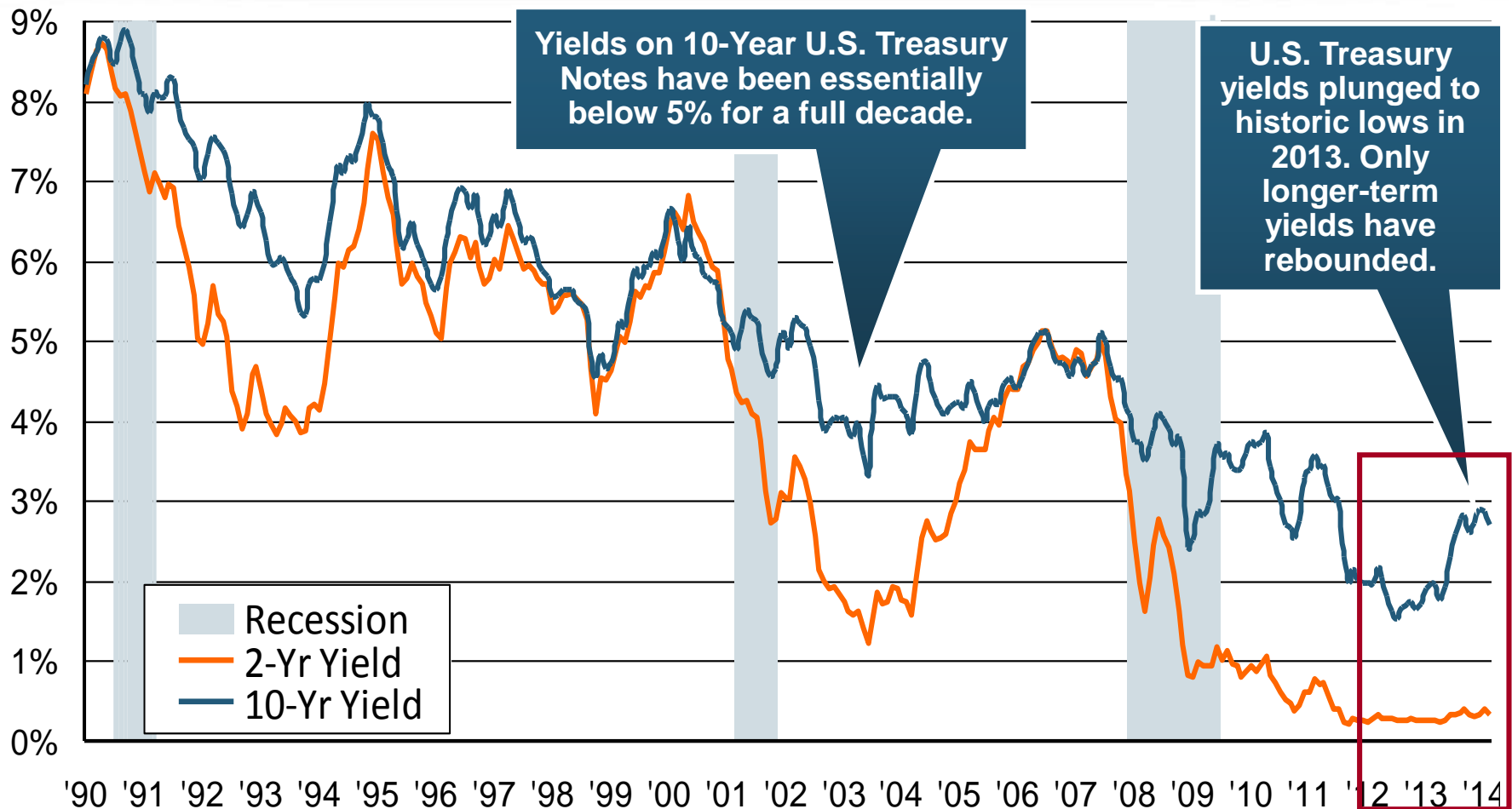
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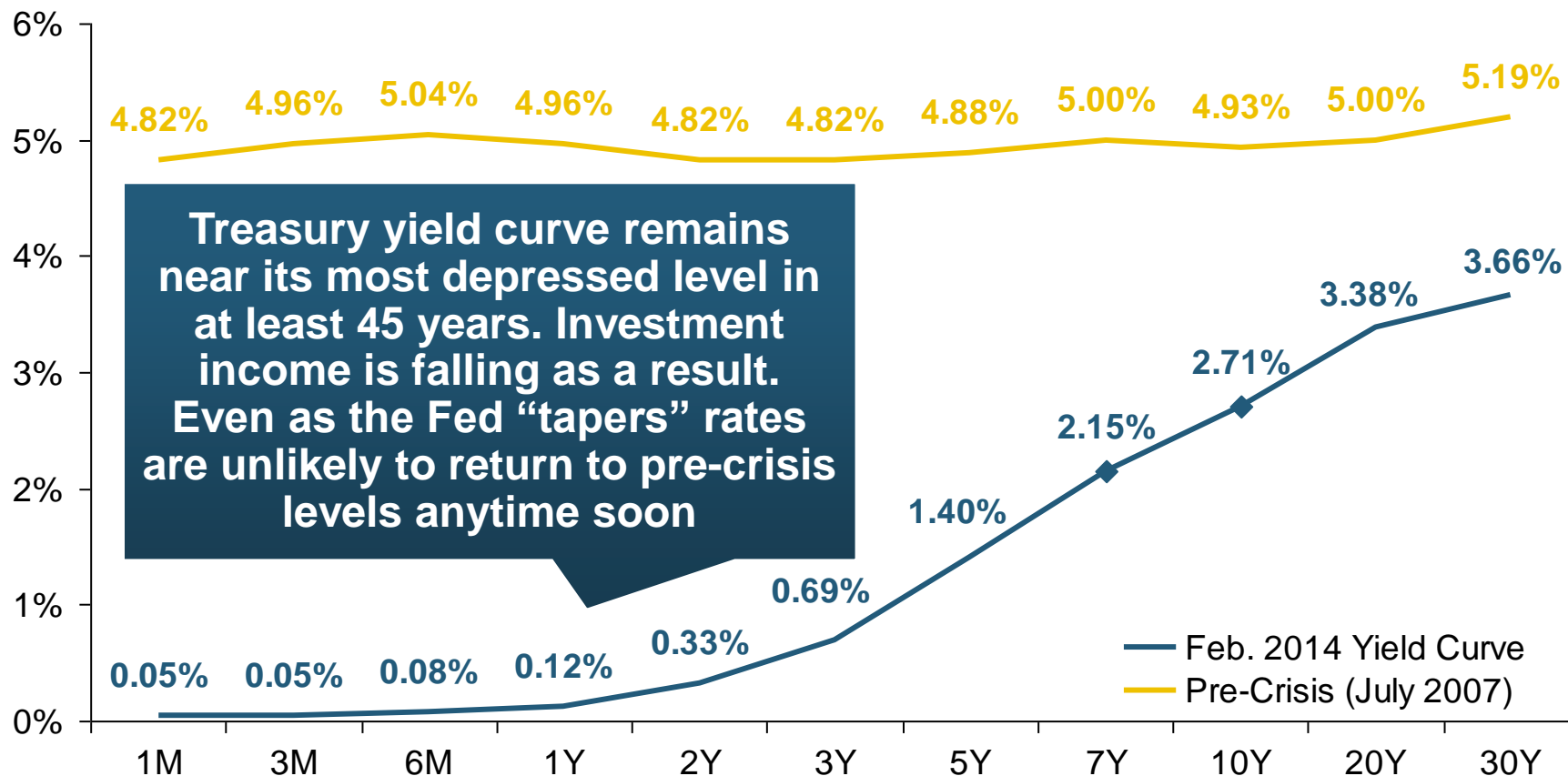


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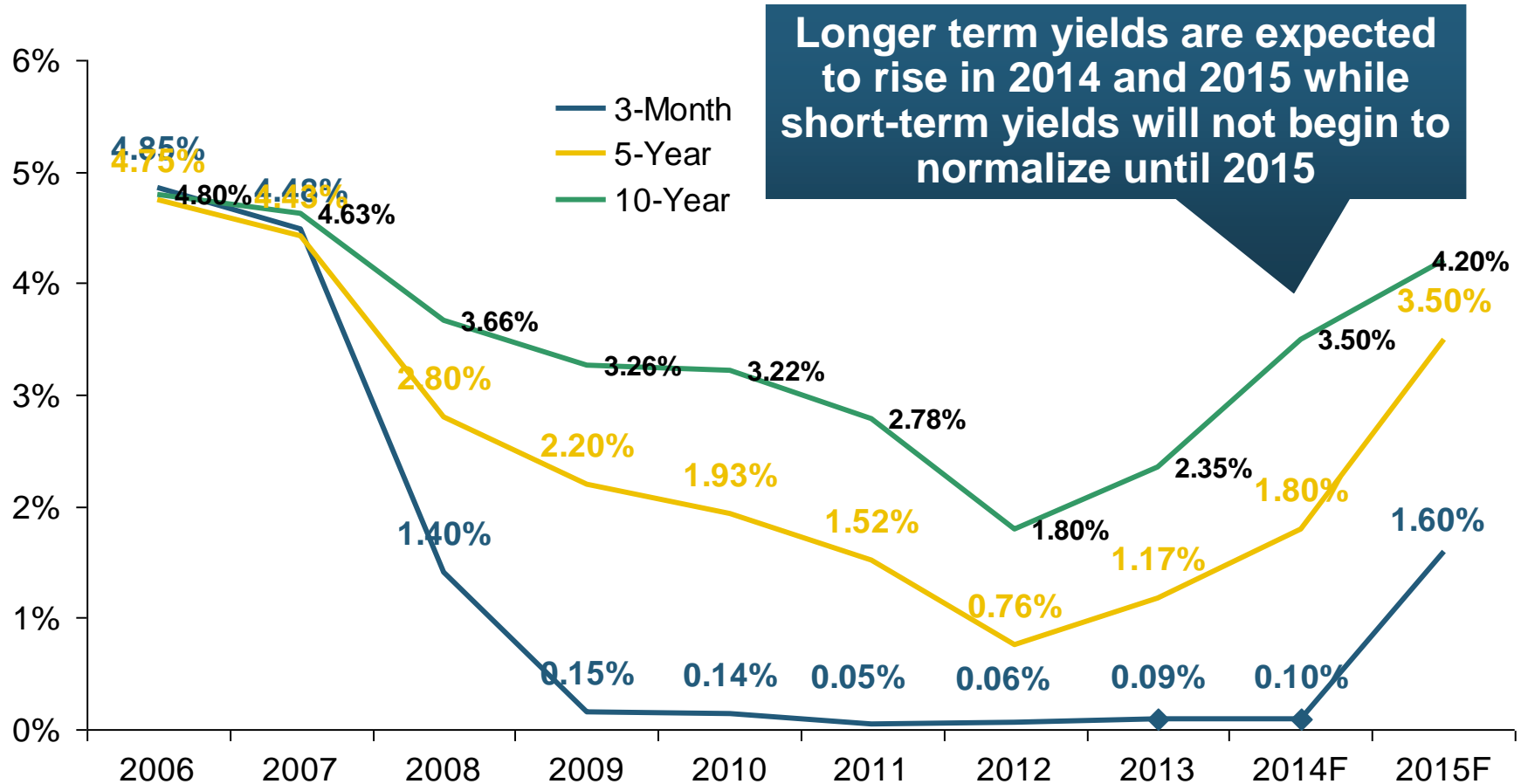
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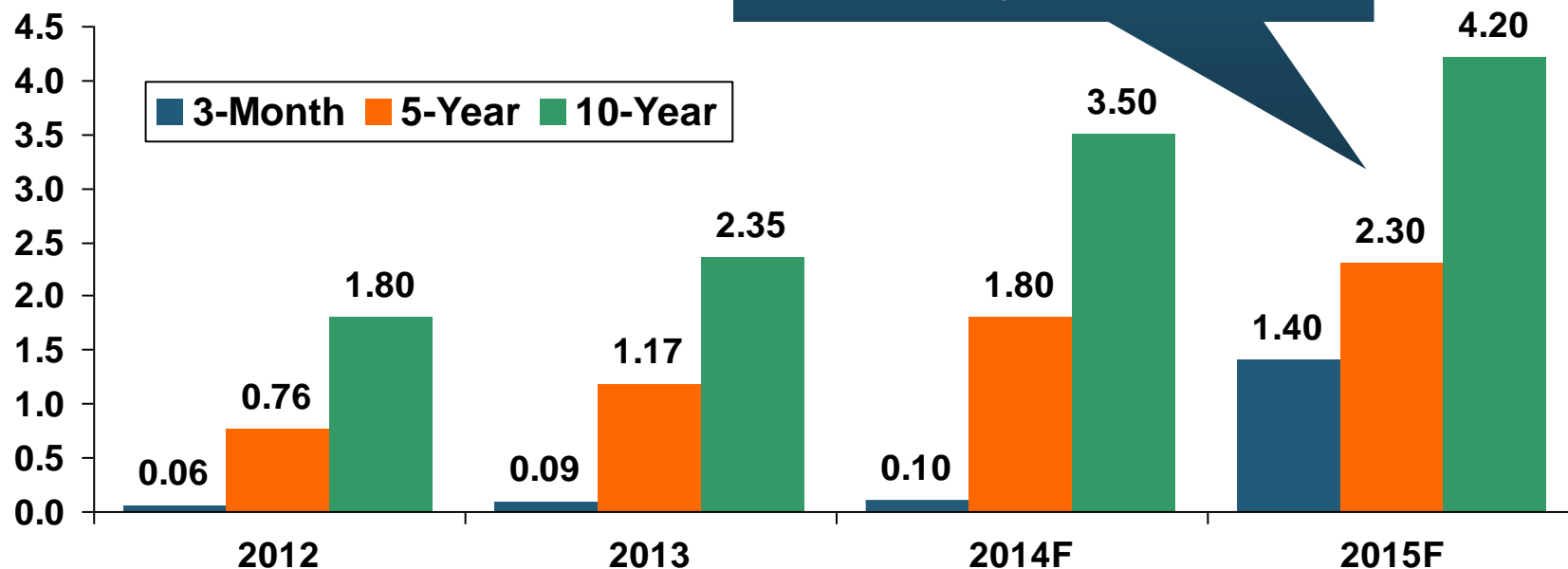
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Higher longer-term yields will help insurers but short term yields are expected to lag behind

# Outlook for U.S. Treasury Bond Yields Through 2015

% Yield



Long-term yields should begin to normalize in 2014 but short-term yields will remain very low until 2015

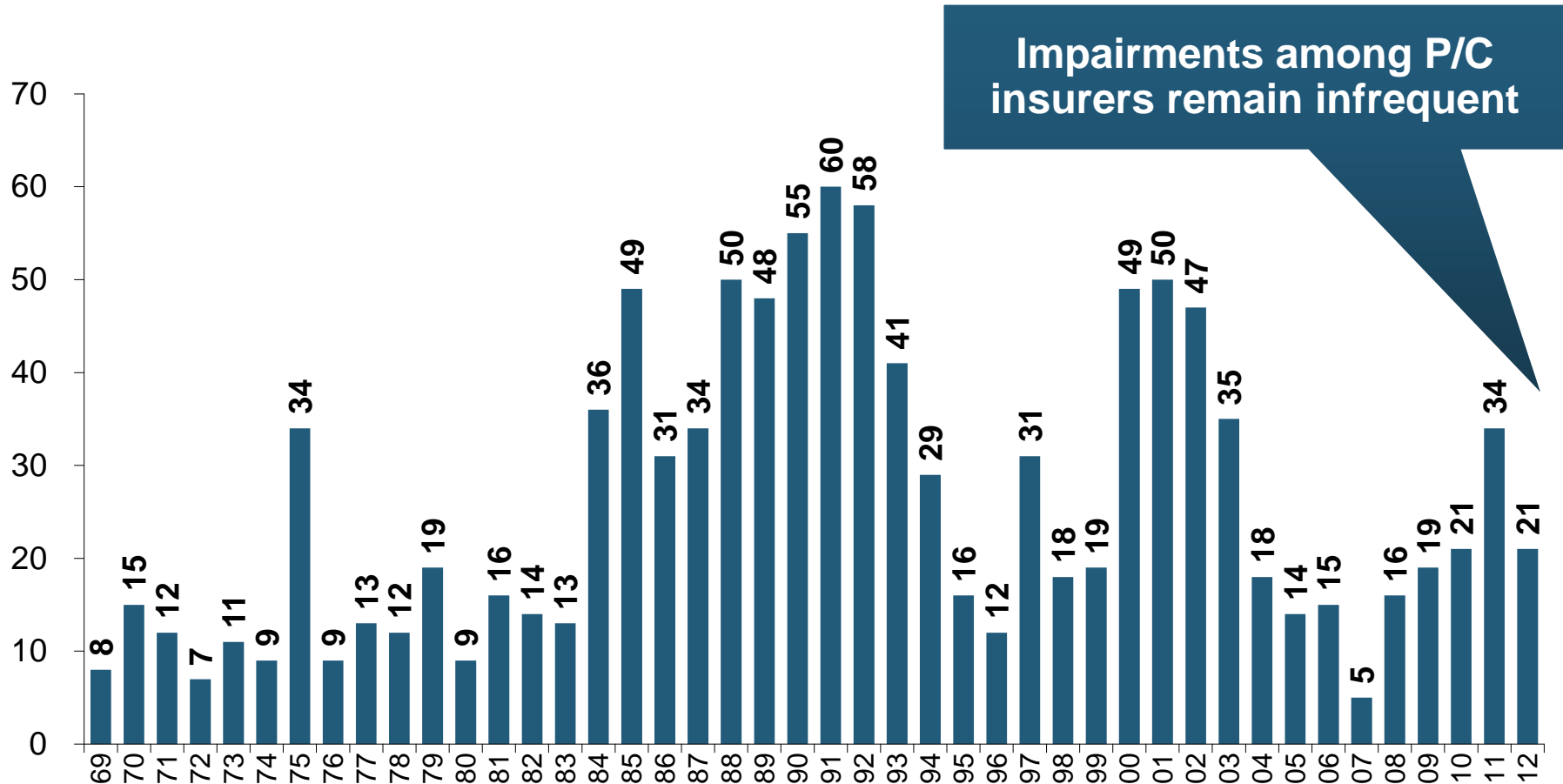
Longer-tail lines like MPL and workers comp will benefit the most from the normalization of yields



## **Financial Strength & Underwriting**

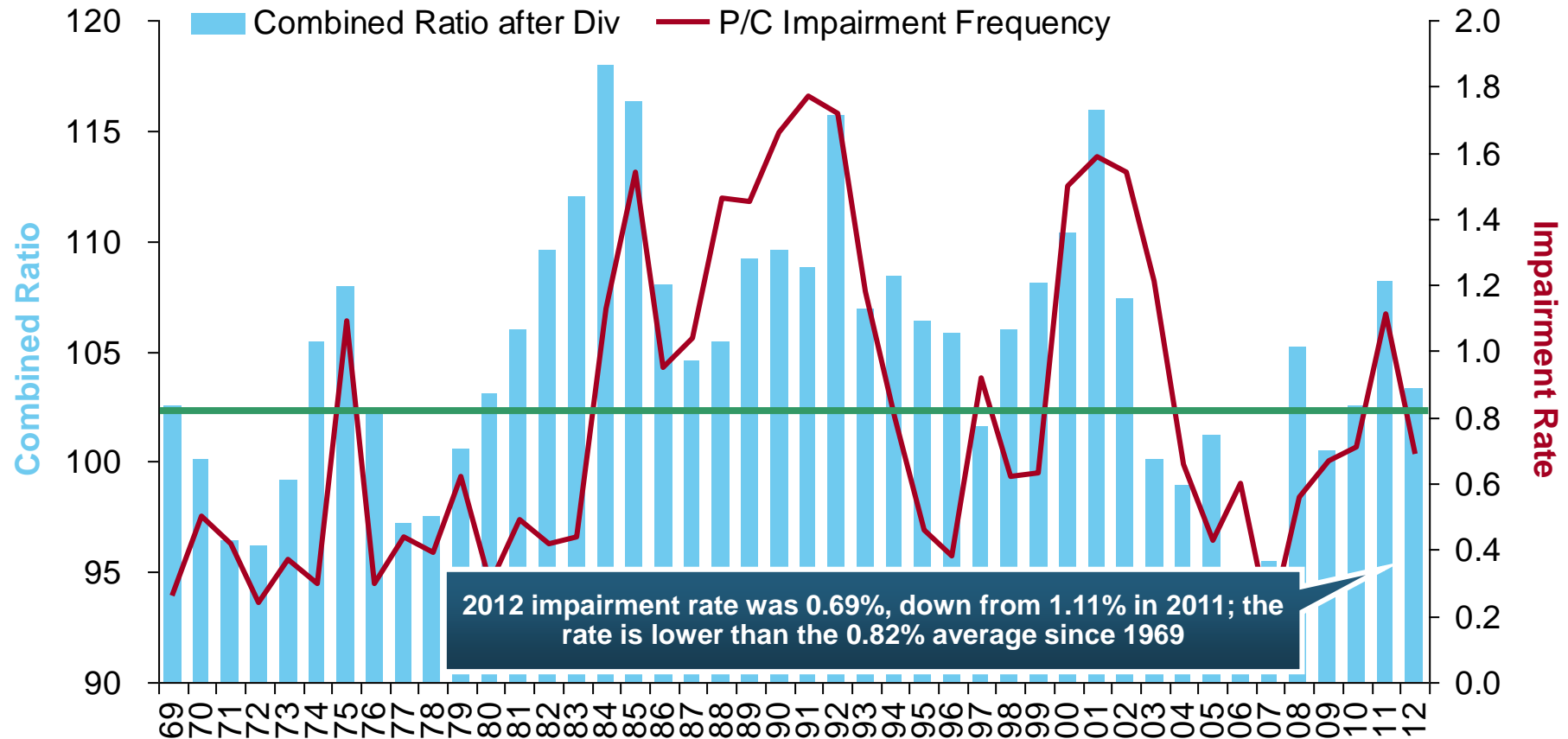
**History Suggests that WC, Like  
Other Long-Tailed Lines Is Much  
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# P/C Insurer Impairments, 1969–2012



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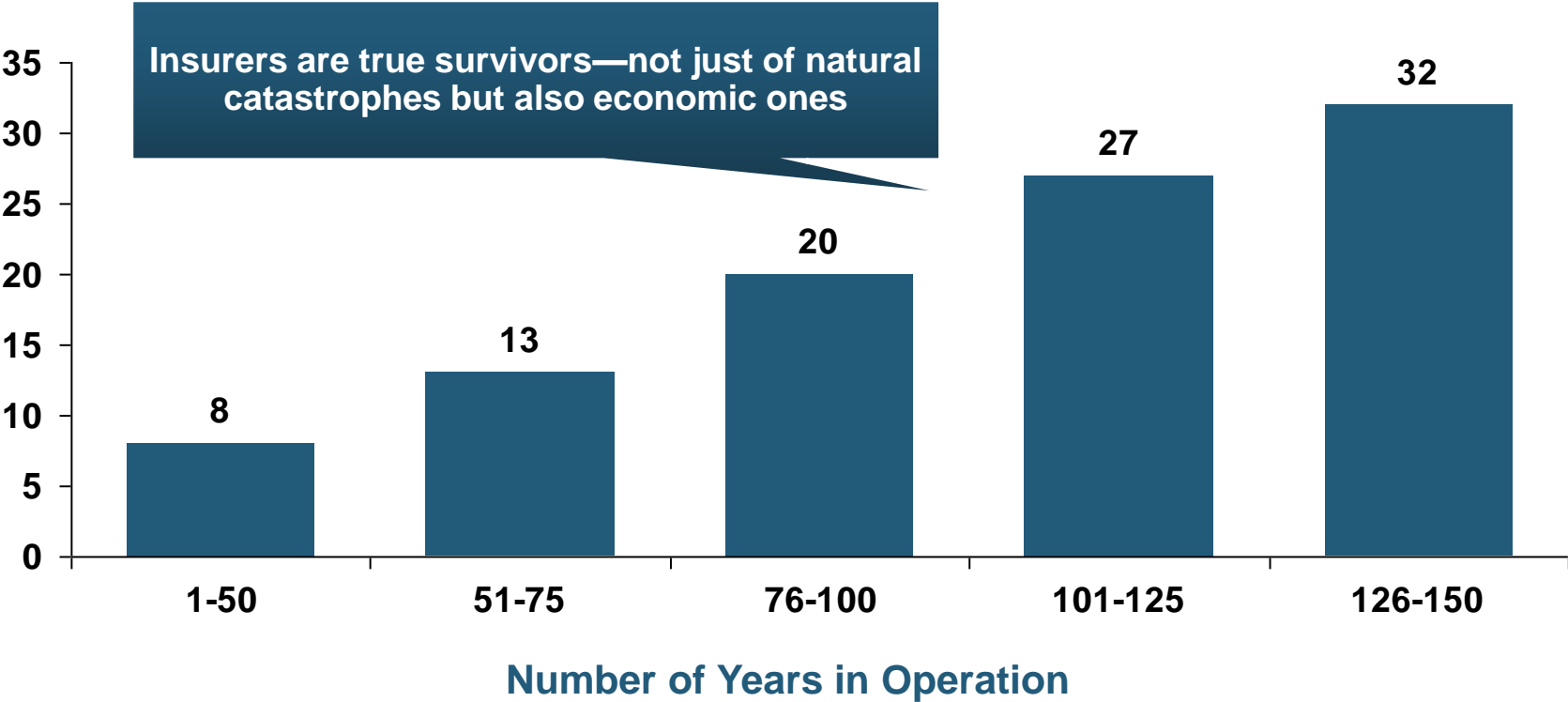
# P/C Insurer Impairment Frequency vs. Combined Ratio, 1969-2012



**Impairment Rates Are Highly Correlated With Underwriting Performance and Reached Record Lows in 2007; Recent Increase Was Associated Primarily With Mortgage and Financial Guaranty Insurers and Not Representative of the Industry Overall**

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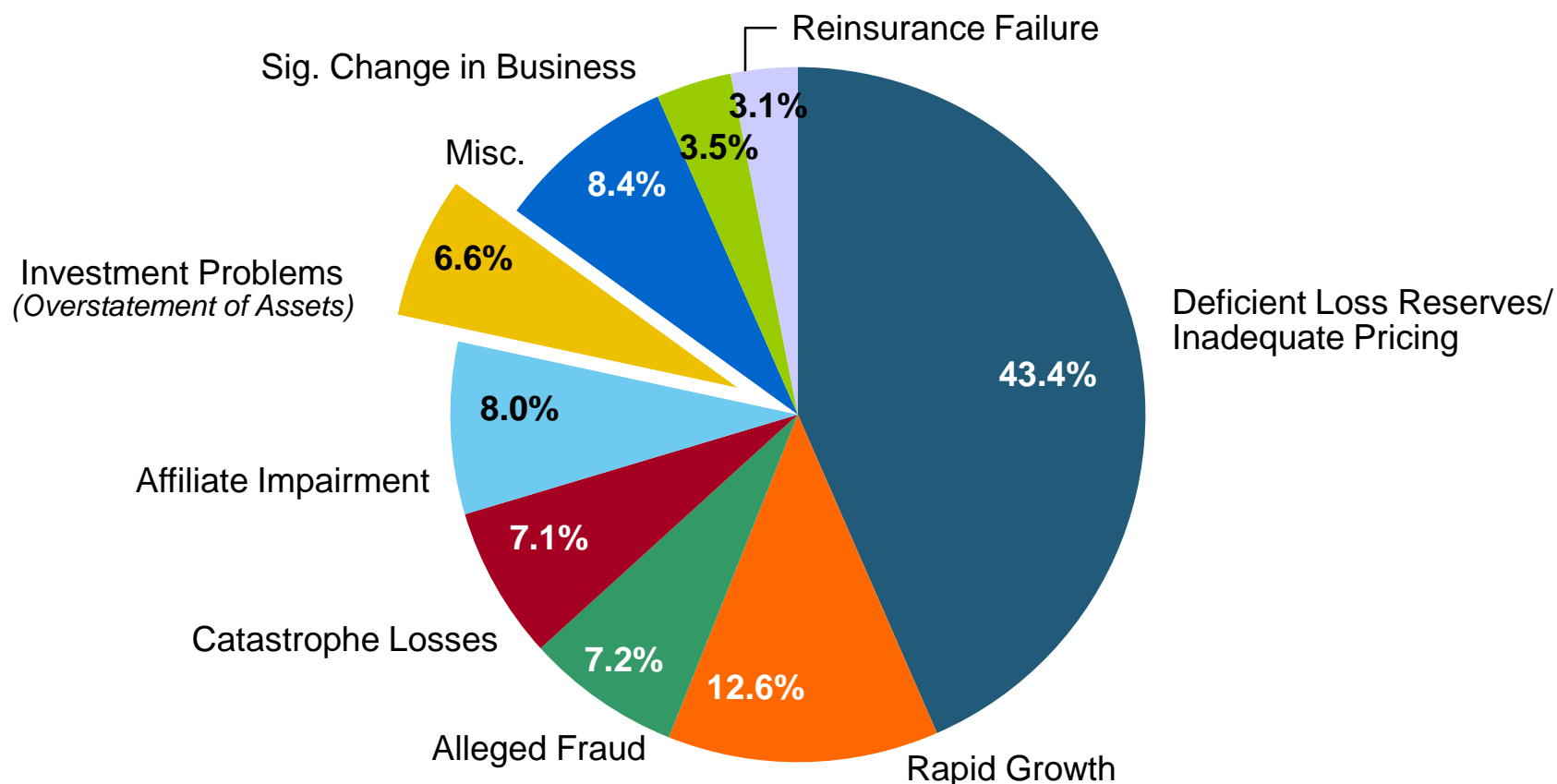
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**Many US Insurers Are Close to a Century Old or Older**

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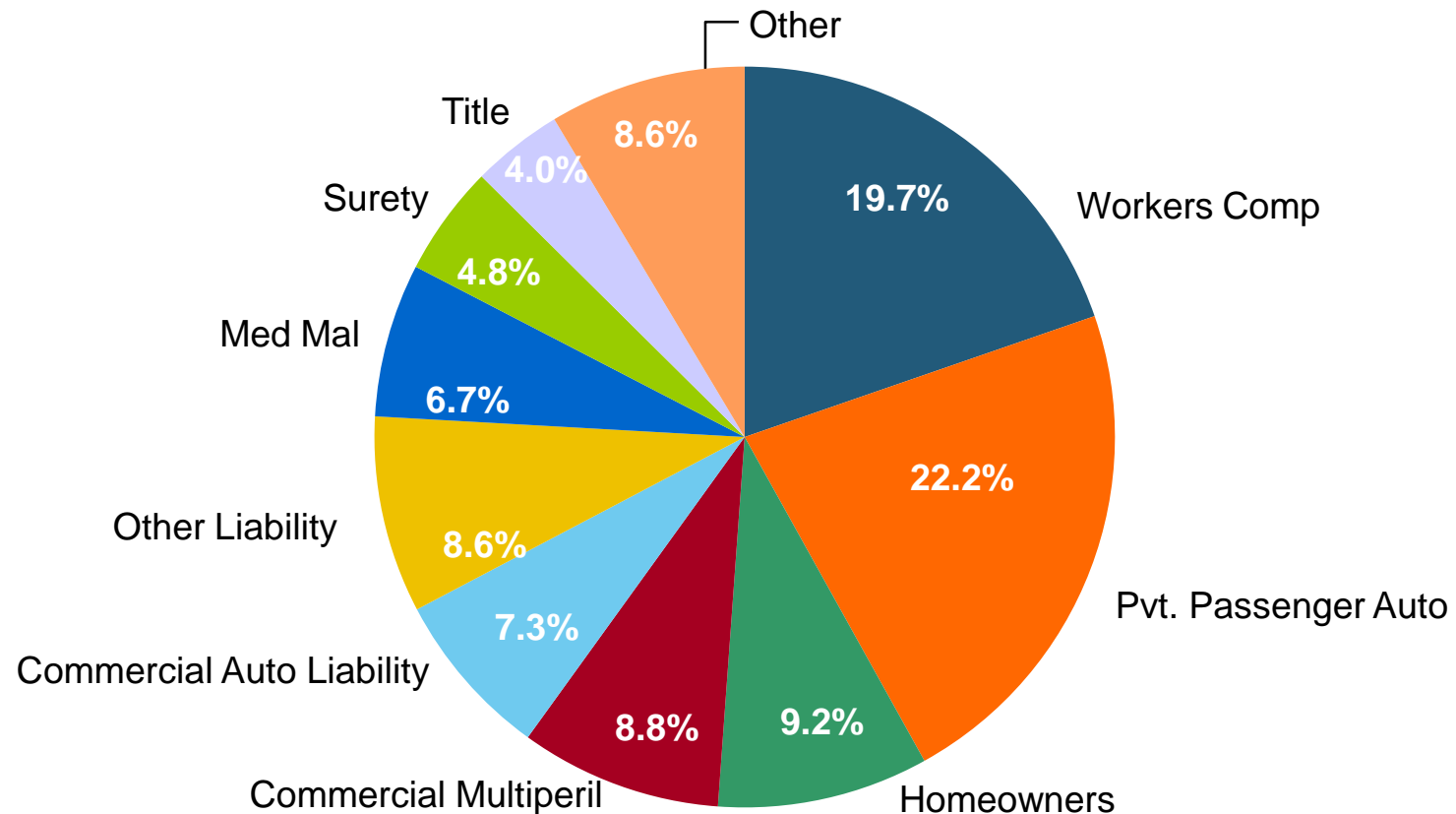
**Historically, Deficient Loss Reserves and Inadequate Pricing Are By Far the Leading Cause of P-C Insurer Impairments. Investment and Catastrophe Losses Play a Much Smaller Role**



Source: A.M. Best Special Report "Pace of P/C Impairments Slowed in 2012; Auto Writers, RRGs Continued to Struggle," June 2013; Insurance Information Institute.

# Top 10 Lines of Business for US P/C Impaired Insurers, 2000–2012

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# Workers Compensation

The **NEXT** 100 Years

# Threats and Challenges

- **Will Advances in Workplace Safety Make WC Irrelevant?**
- **Loss of Pricing Discipline**
- **Persistently Low Interest Rates**
- **Affordable Care Act (“ObamaCare”)**
  - ◆ Probably a small net benefit for WC insurers
  - ◆ Less cost shifting possible
  - ◆ Potential downward pressure on drivers of med cost inflation; Wellness?
- **Obesity**
- **Aging Workforce**
- **Opioids**
- **Regulatory Risk**
- **Anti-Immigration Sentiment in Washington**
  - ◆ Likely holding back growth in high and low skill jobs
- **Adoption of Employer Liability Laws? (e.g., TX, OK)**
- **“Big Data” and Workers Comp**
  - ◆ Proliferation of advanced analytics

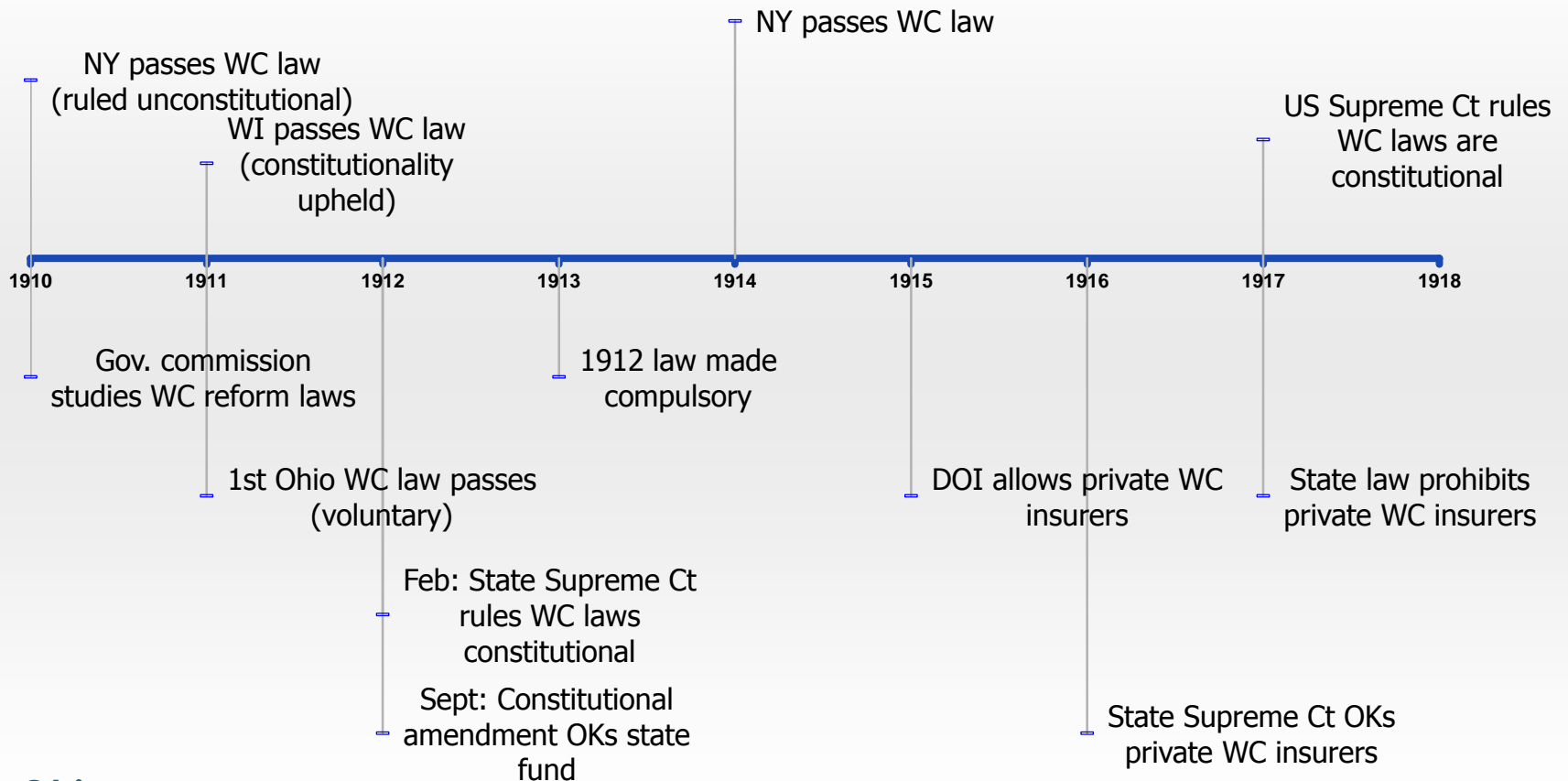


# Workers Compensation Timeline

- **Industrialization of US in the Late 19<sup>th</sup>/Early 20<sup>th</sup> Century Led to Increasing & Unacceptably High Number of Deaths and Injuries Among Workers**
  - ◆ In 1912, an estimated 18,000 to 23,000 workers were killed on the job (compared to 5,071 in 2008) and approximately 4.7 million (12% of workforce) suffered a nonfatal illness or injury (compared to 3.7 million 2008)
  - ◆ The 1912 death/injury rates would imply 75,600 deaths and 17 million injuries today
  - ◆ More awareness of broader impacts on families of injured/killed workers
- **Workers Could Seek Redress Under Tort Law, But Seldom Prevailed**
  - ◆ Employers usually won suits filed by injured workers by arguing:
    - **Contributory Negligence:** Employee was at least partially to blame for the accident
    - **Assumed Risk:** By taking the job, the employee understood the hazards involved
    - **Fellow Servant Rule:** A fellow worker caused the accident, so the employer was not at fault
- **European Countries Began to Implement Workers Compensation Programs**
  - ◆ Germany (1884); England (1897)
- **Insurers Began to Sell Commercial Liability Coverage in the Late 1800s**
  - ◆ Coverage for inadvertent errors became more commonplace
  - ◆ In the workforce, such policies became the first employer liability policies

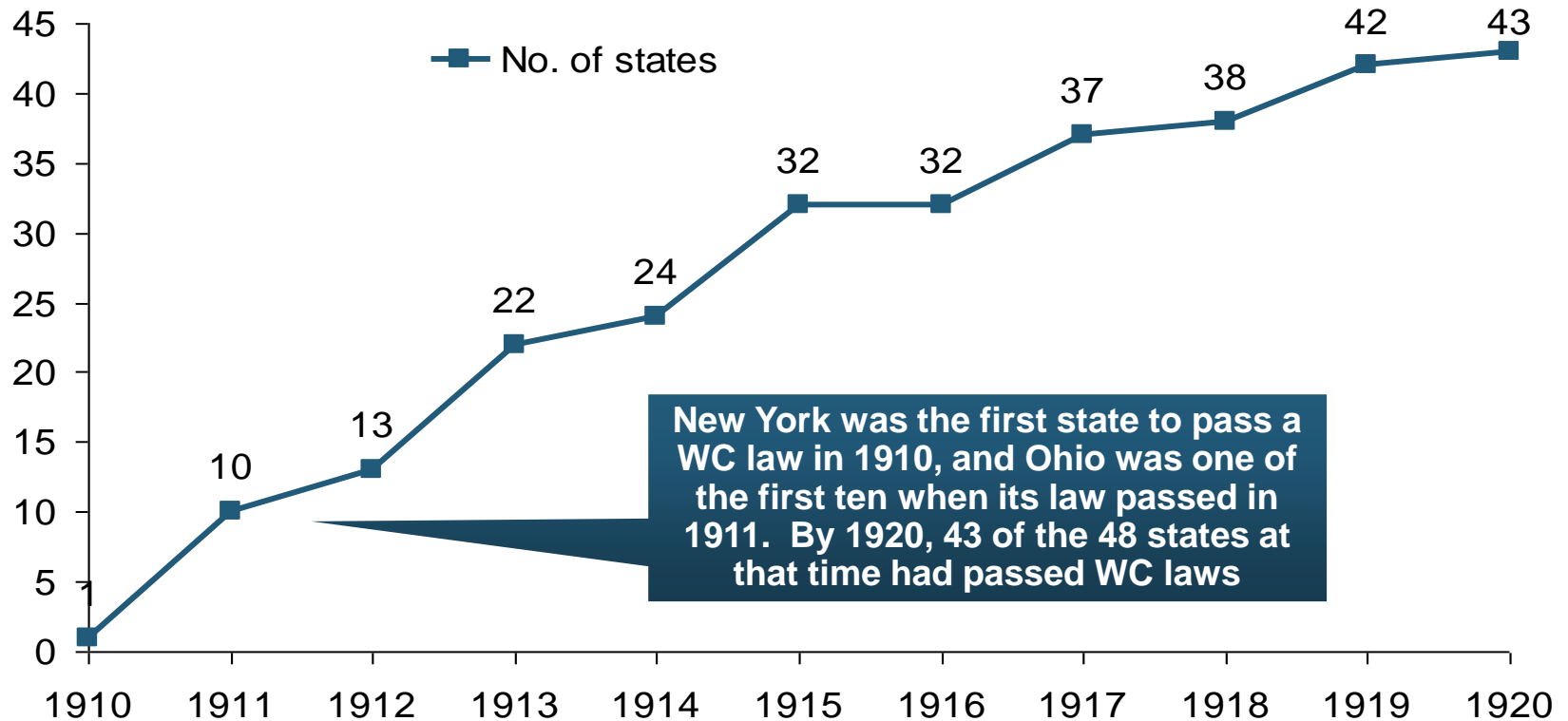
# Key Workers Compensation Developments in the 1910s

## Nationwide



## Ohio

# Cumulative Number of WC Laws Passed, 1910-1920



# Workers Compensation:

## 4 Predictions for the Next 100 Years

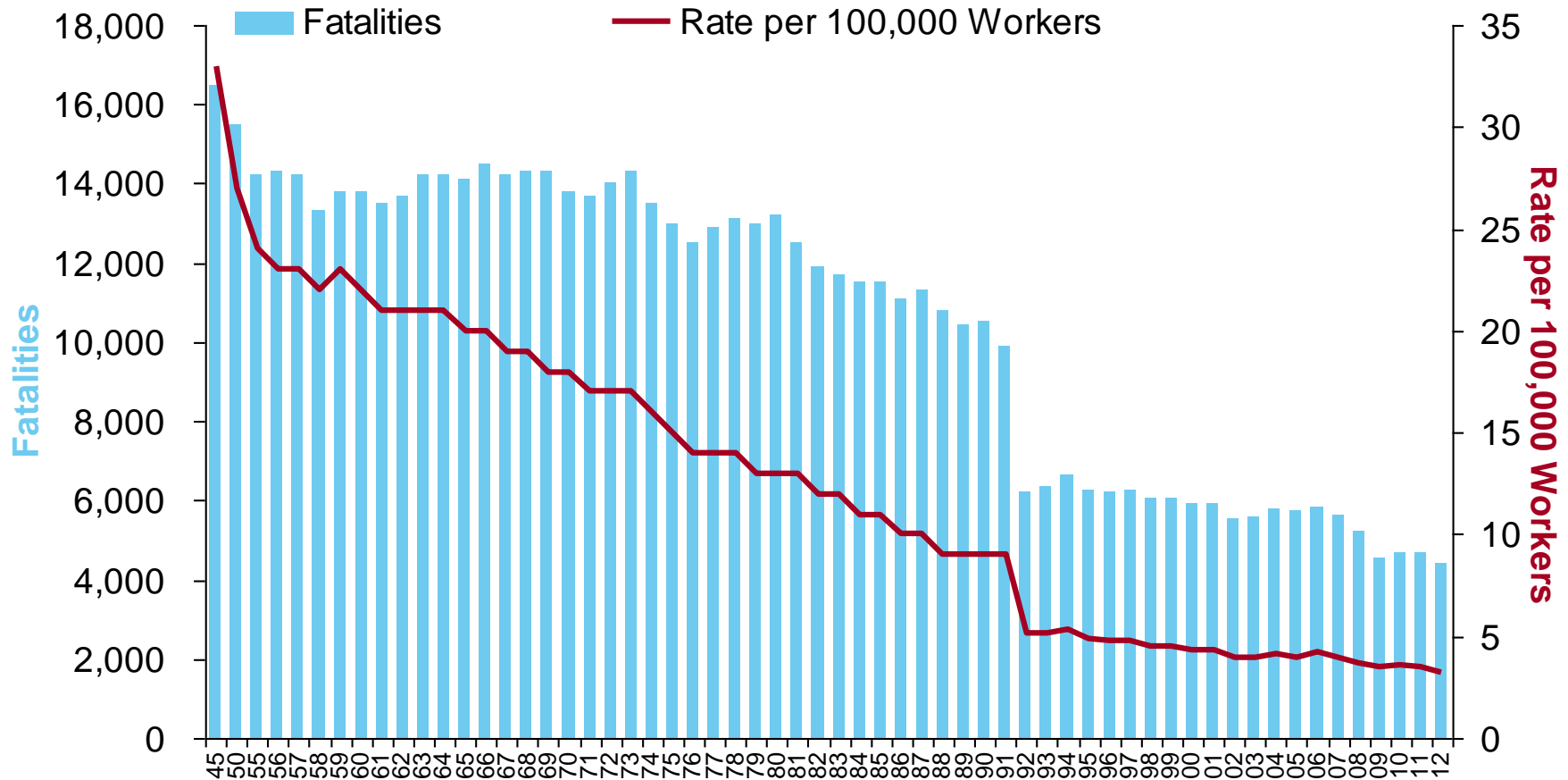
### 1. The Workplace Will Become Safer

- ◆ Continuation of a nearly century long trend
- ◆ Deaths and injuries will continue to fall and perhaps plummet due to improvements in risk management, technology and medicine
- ◆ Technologies such as autonomous (driverless vehicles) will likely be a reality within 20-25 years causing motor-vehicle related fatalities and injuries (including MSDs) to fall

### 2. The Footprint of Federal Regulation on Insurance Will Increase

- ◆ TRIA: Workers comp is arguably the most TRIA-dependent line
- ◆ Post-Dodd-Frank: One (and in the future perhaps more) *Systemically Important Financial Institution* (SIFI) is a big WC insurer; The Fed is the ultimate regulator of SIFIs
- ◆ Other WC insurers and reinsurers could be designated as Internationally Active Insurance Group (IAIG); Impact of this in the US is still unclear; More capital?
- ◆ Federal Insurance Office (FIO): Pushing for greater consistency in state regulation
- ◆ Affordable Care Act and subsequent healthcare legislation
- ◆ Will the federal government take direct interest in WC?
  - It already has (e.g., TRIA) but will not seek to completely usurp states
  - As WC medical loss share rises, WC will get pulled into a tighter federal orbit
- ◆ Insurers could once again resurrect the Optional Federal Charter debate
- ◆ **Bottom Line:** The federal regulatory camel's nose is under the tent; The hump is next.

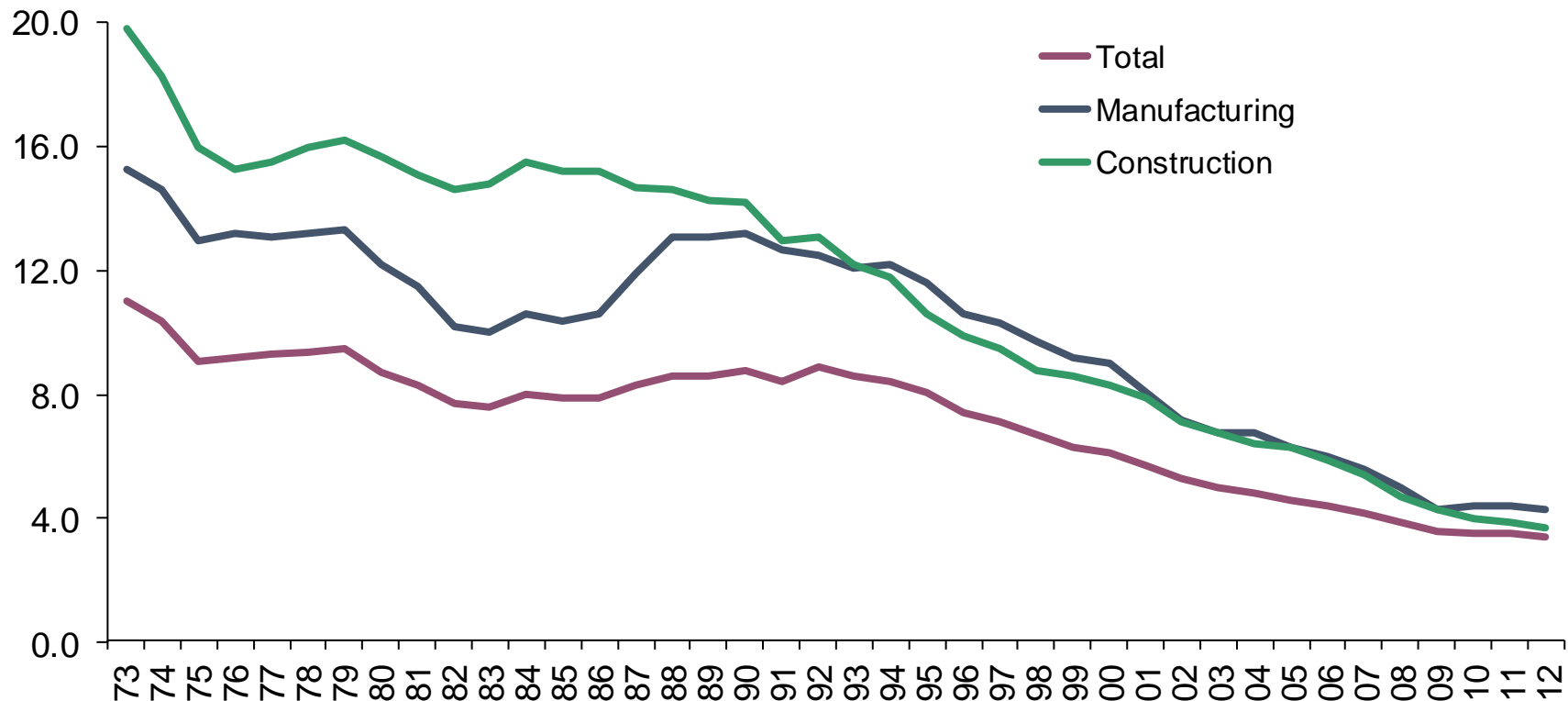
# Workplace Fatalities, 1945-2012



**Workplace deaths and injury rates have been falling for decades—trends that will likely continue for many years to come**

# U.S. Workforce Injury & Illness Rates, 1973-2012

(Injuries and Illnesses per 100 Full-Time Workers)



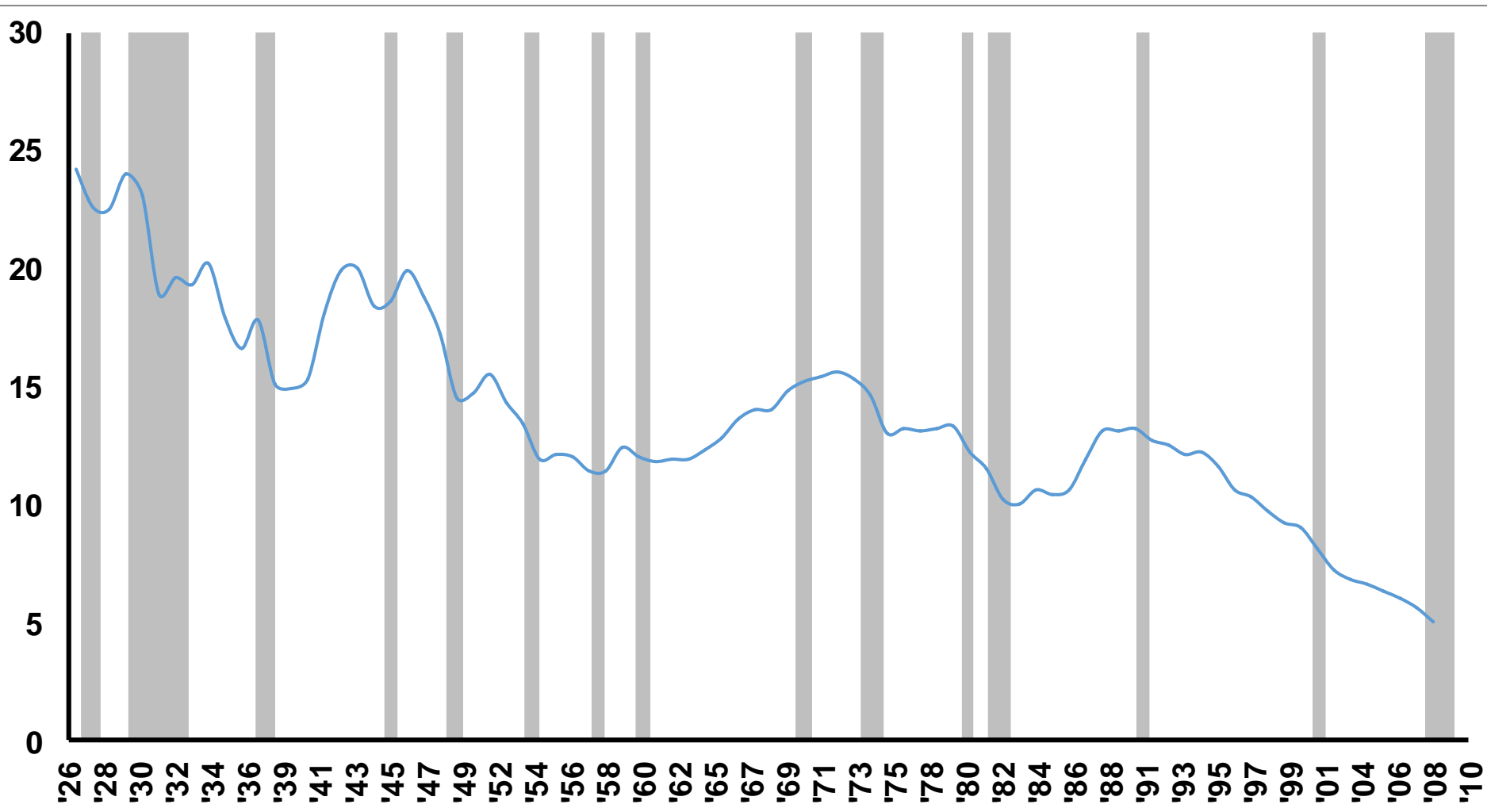
**Workplace injury rates have declined in all industries from 11.0 in 1973 to 3.4 in 2012; in the same period injury rates in manufacturing declined from 15.3 to 4.3 and in construction from 19.8 to 3.7.**

Sources: Bureau of Labor Statistics; Insurance Information Institute

# Frequency: 1926–2009

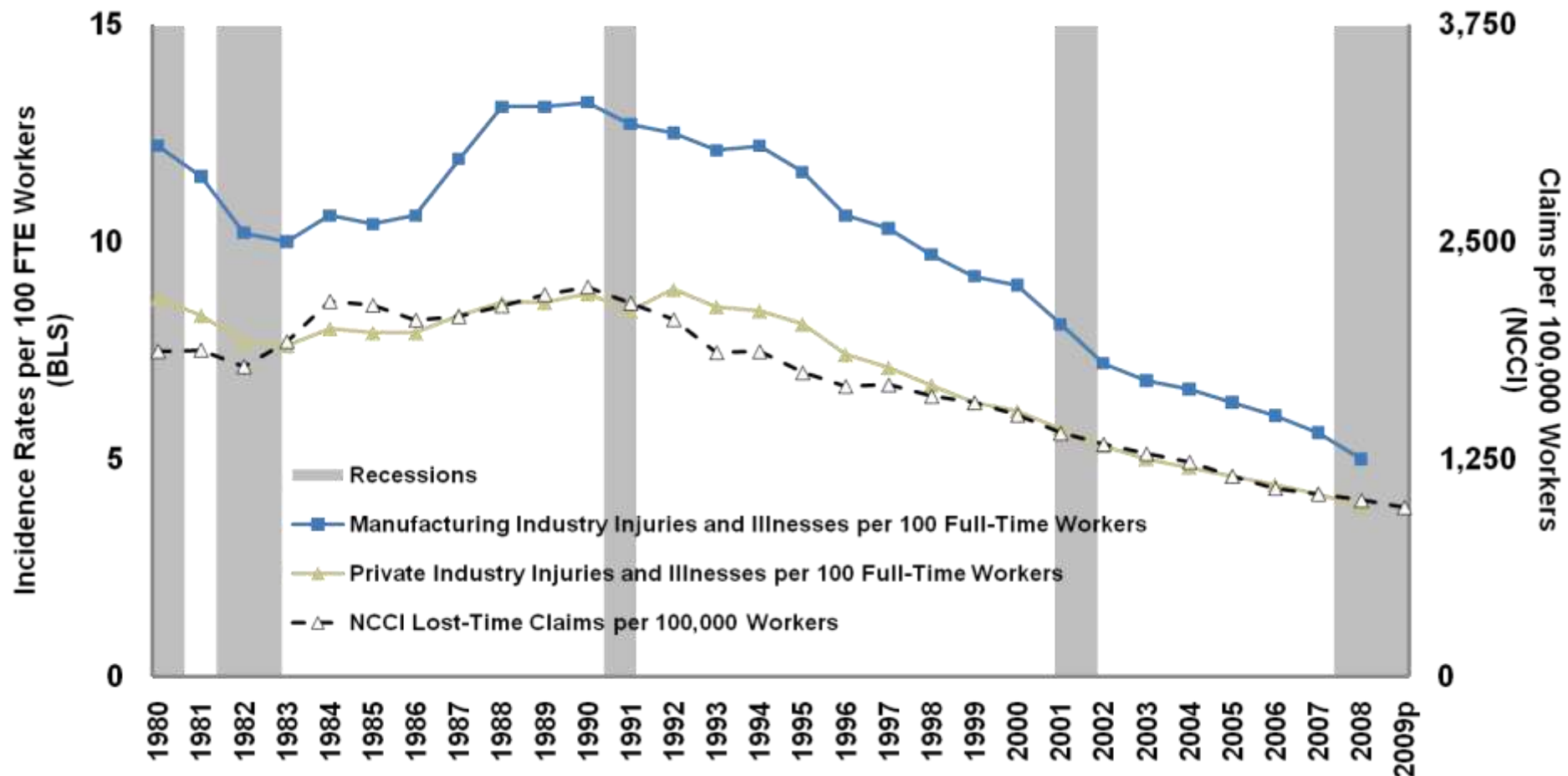
## A Long-Term Drift Downward

Manufacturing – Total Recordable Cases  
Rate of Injury and Illness Cases per 100 Full-Time Workers



Sources: NCCI from US Bureau of Labor Statistics; National Bureau of Economic Research.

# Workplace Injury Incidence Rates Declined in Last Four Economic Downturns



Note: Recessions indicated by gray bars.

Sources: NCCI, US Bureau of Labor Statistics;



# Workers Compensation: 5 Predictions for the Next 100 Years

## 3. Businesses Will Retain More Risk

- ♦ Large deductible programs, self-insurance and use of captives will grow
- ♦ Driven by more sophisticated risk management throughout corporate America and build-up of cash on corporate balance sheets (*phenomenon of increased risk retention is occurring for most types of property and liability risks*)
- ♦ Some catastrophic WC exposures could be securitized

## 4. Medical Costs Will Continue to Rise

- ♦ Technology, advancements in medicine will drive costs higher
- ♦ Co-morbidities persist but may plateau; May improve over the span of decades
- ♦ Supply/Demand imbalances for med services unlikely to persist beyond next 20 years
- ♦ Consolidation in the healthcare space is likely; Net impact is upward price pressure
- ♦ Digitization of patient med records per ACA is costly but ultimately should save money
- ♦ **BUT**: “Big Data” drive should improve patient outcomes and lower costs
- ♦ **IF**: Population projections are correct, aging will be less of an issue after 2030 or so
- ♦ **AND**: People will live significantly longer but will not work that much longer

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