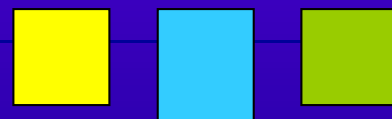


# Income, Poverty, and Health Insurance Coverage: 2009

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- Today's PowerPoint and Script
- News Release
- Findings at a Glance Summary
- Analytical Report and Links to Detailed Tables
- Fact Sheets on Income, Poverty and Health Insurance
- Links to the First of Three Blogs on These Topics

## Highlights

- Median household money income for the nation was \$49,800 in 2009, not statistically different from the 2008 median.

The 2009 official poverty rate for the nation was 14.3 percent, up from 13.2 percent in 2008, with 43.6 million people in poverty, an increase of 3.7 million since 2008.

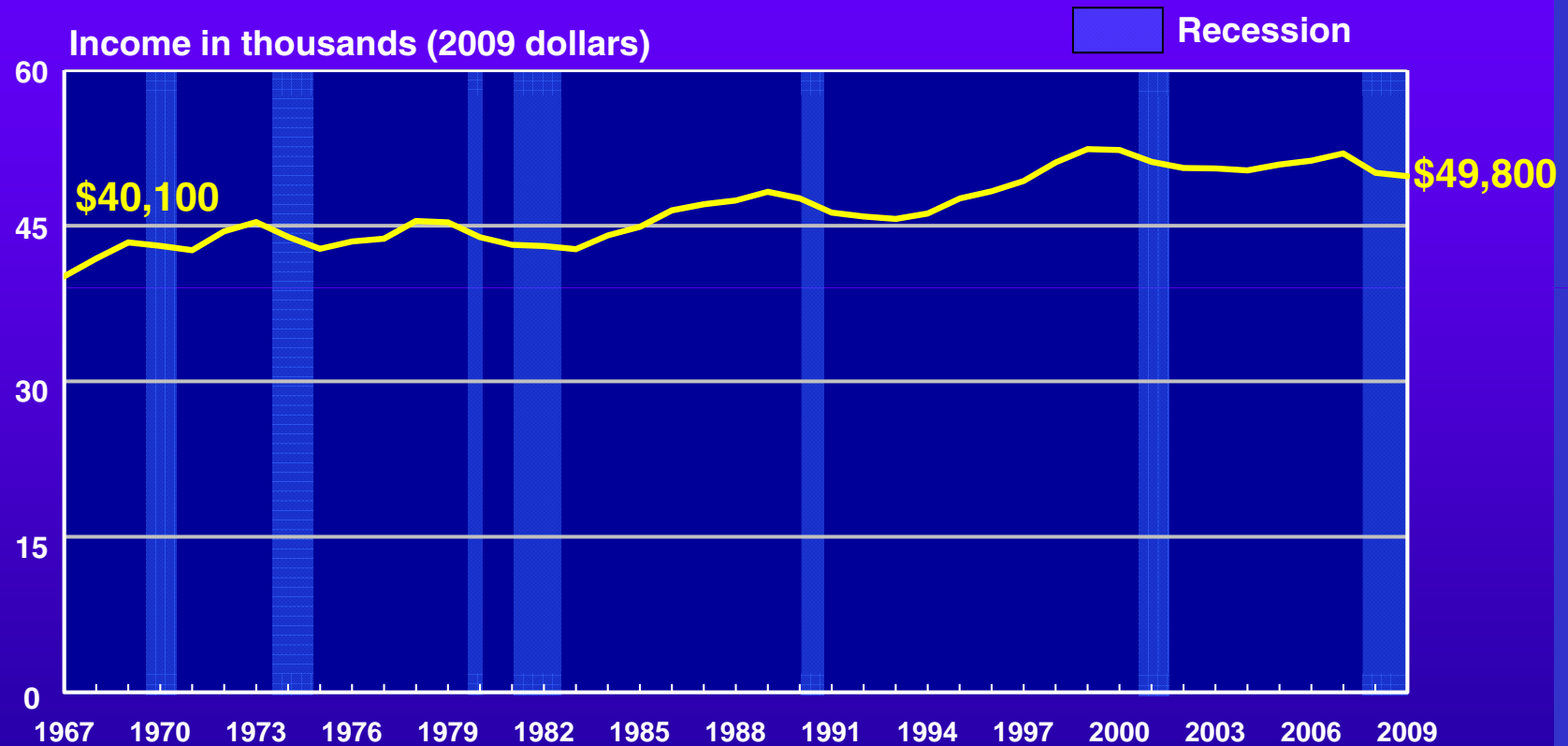
Real median earnings of both men and women who worked full-time, year-round increased between 2008 and 2009. The female-to-male earnings ratio was 77 percent in 2009, not statistically different from the 2008 ratio.

The percentage of people without health insurance coverage increased to 16.7 percent in 2009 from 15.4 percent in 2008. The number of uninsured increased to 50.7 million in 2009 from 46.3 million in 2008.

Note: Income rounded to nearest \$100.

Source: U.S. Census Bureau, Current Population Survey, 2009 and 2010 Annual Social and Economic Supplements.

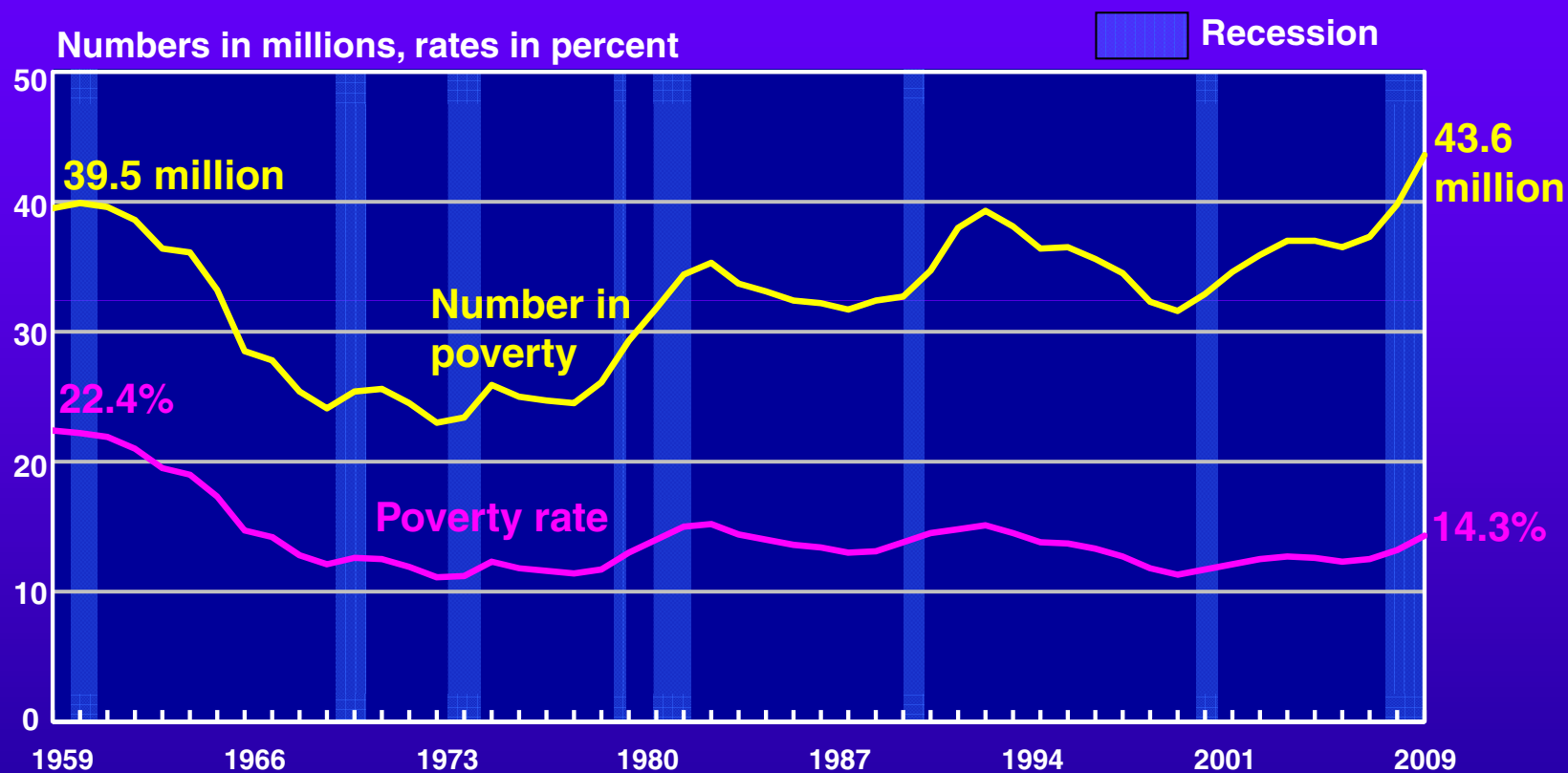
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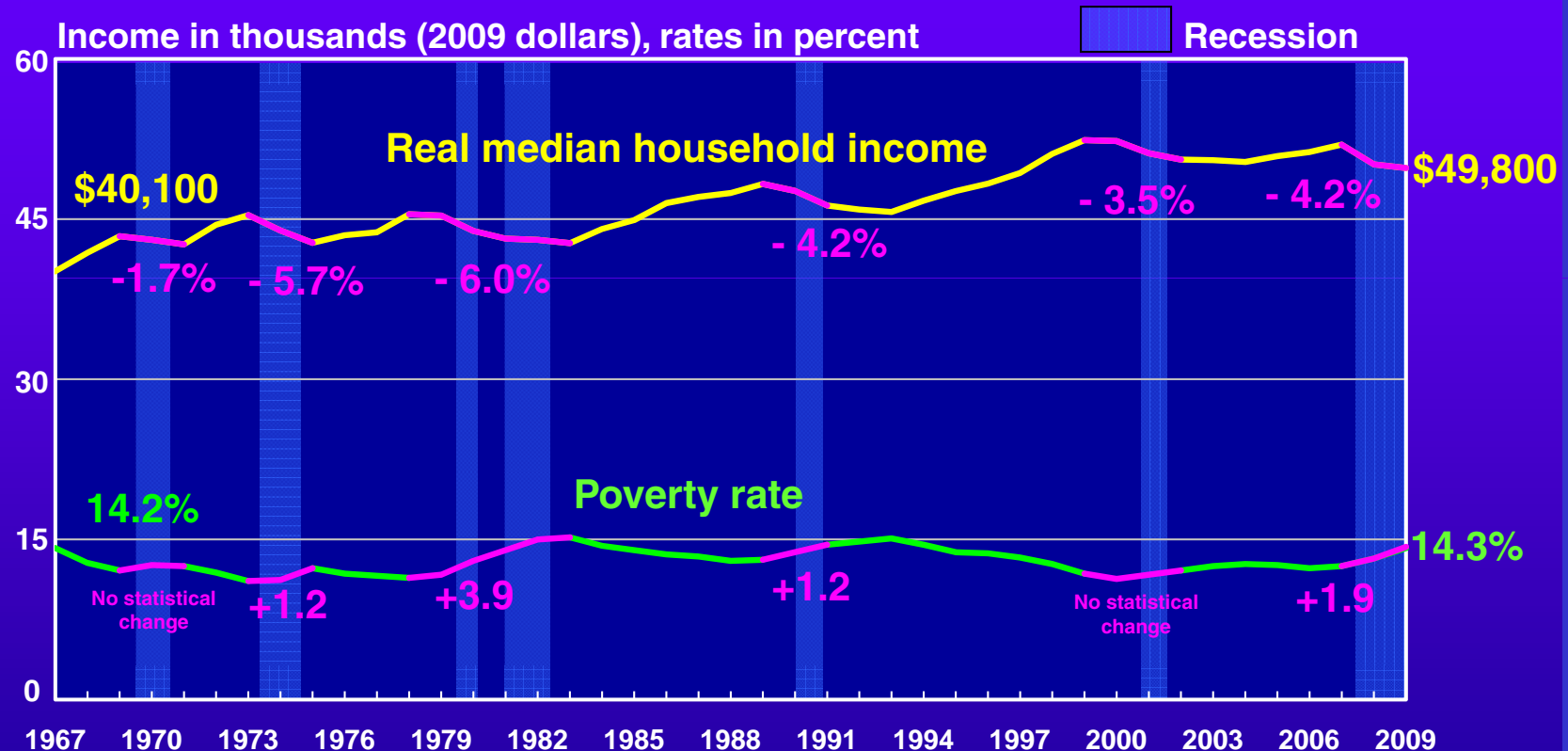
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# Poverty: 1959 to 2009



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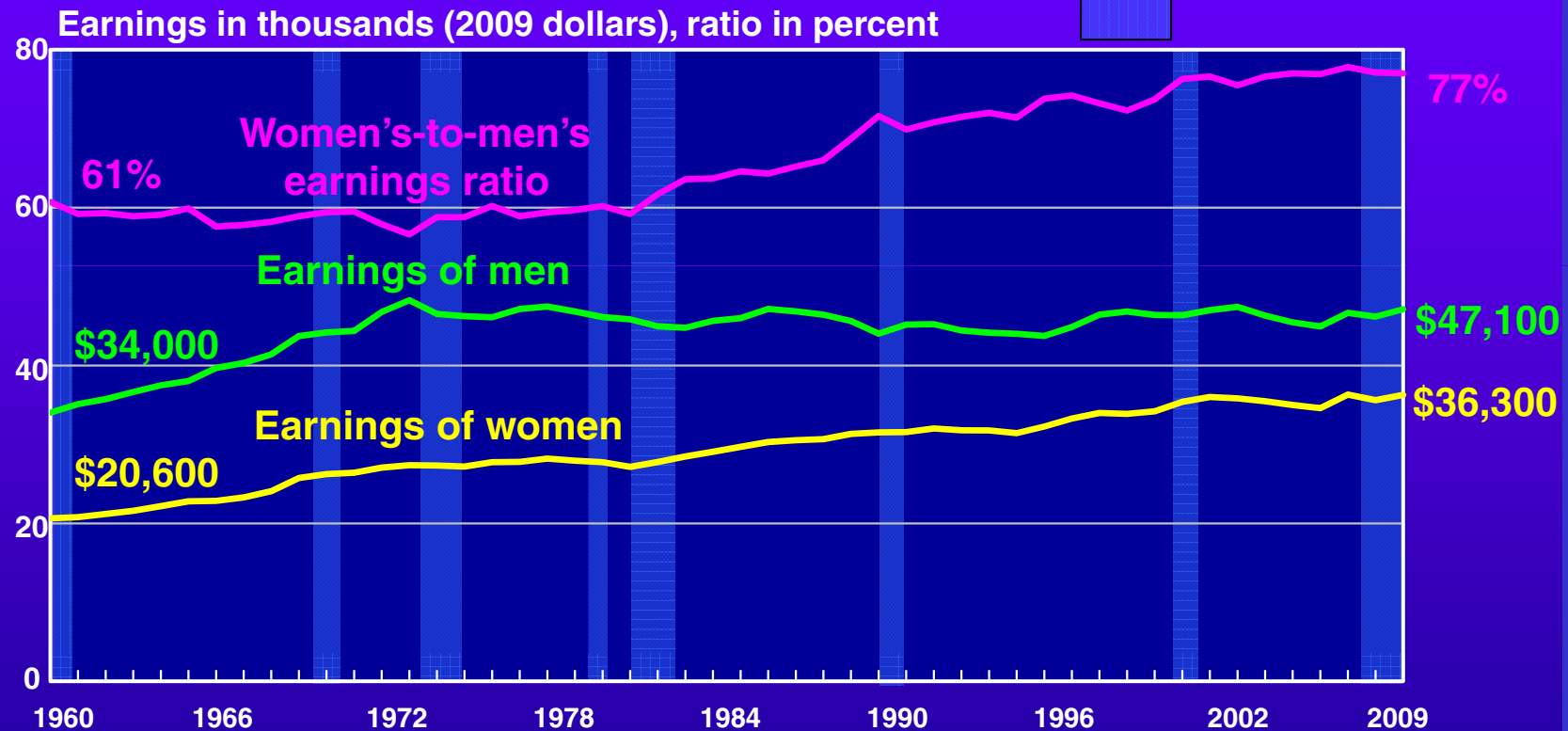
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Change surrounding recession.  
 Poverty expressed as percentage point change. Income expressed as percentage change.  
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# Women's-to-Men's Median Earnings Ratio

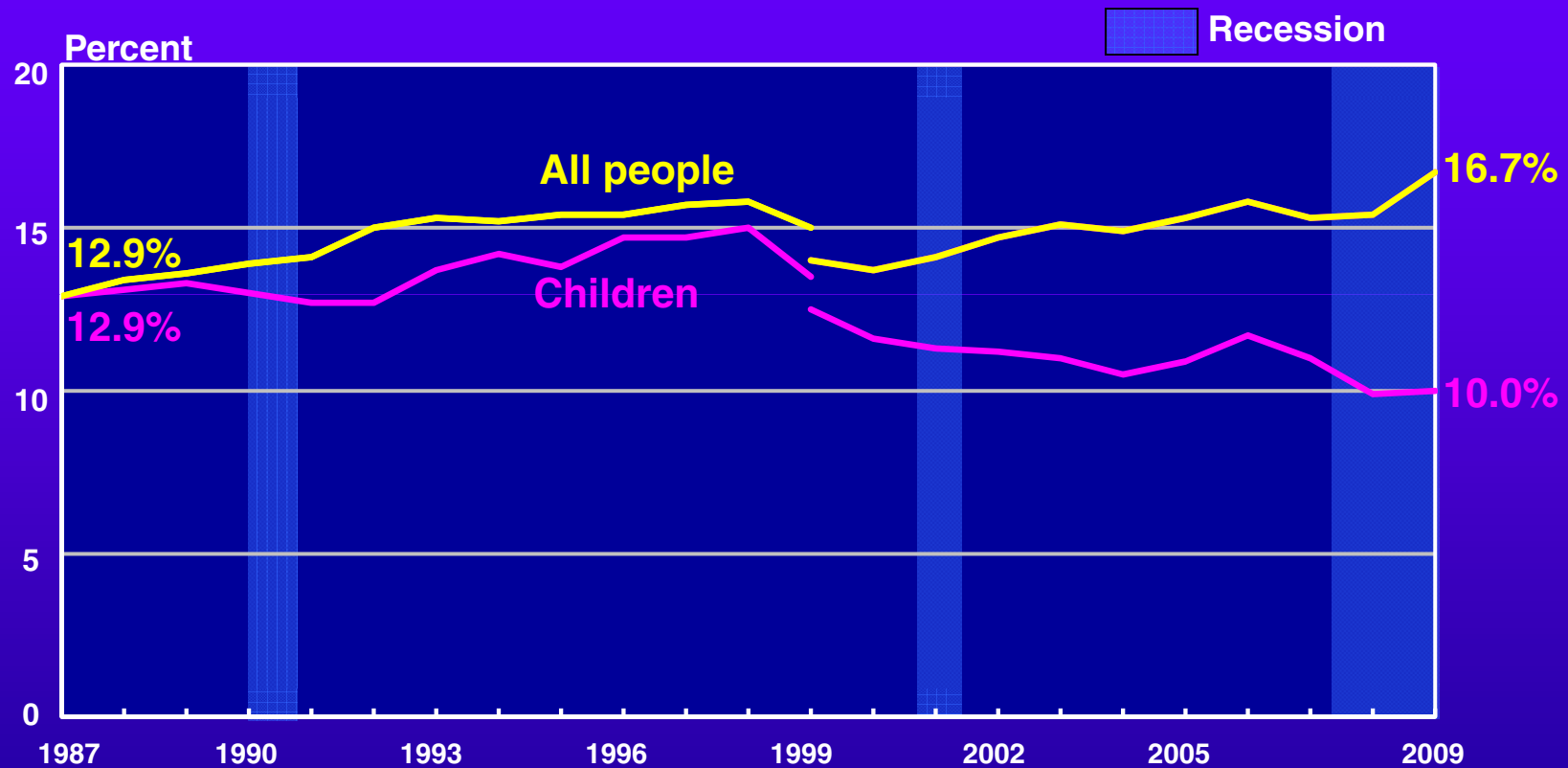
(Full-time, year-round workers)



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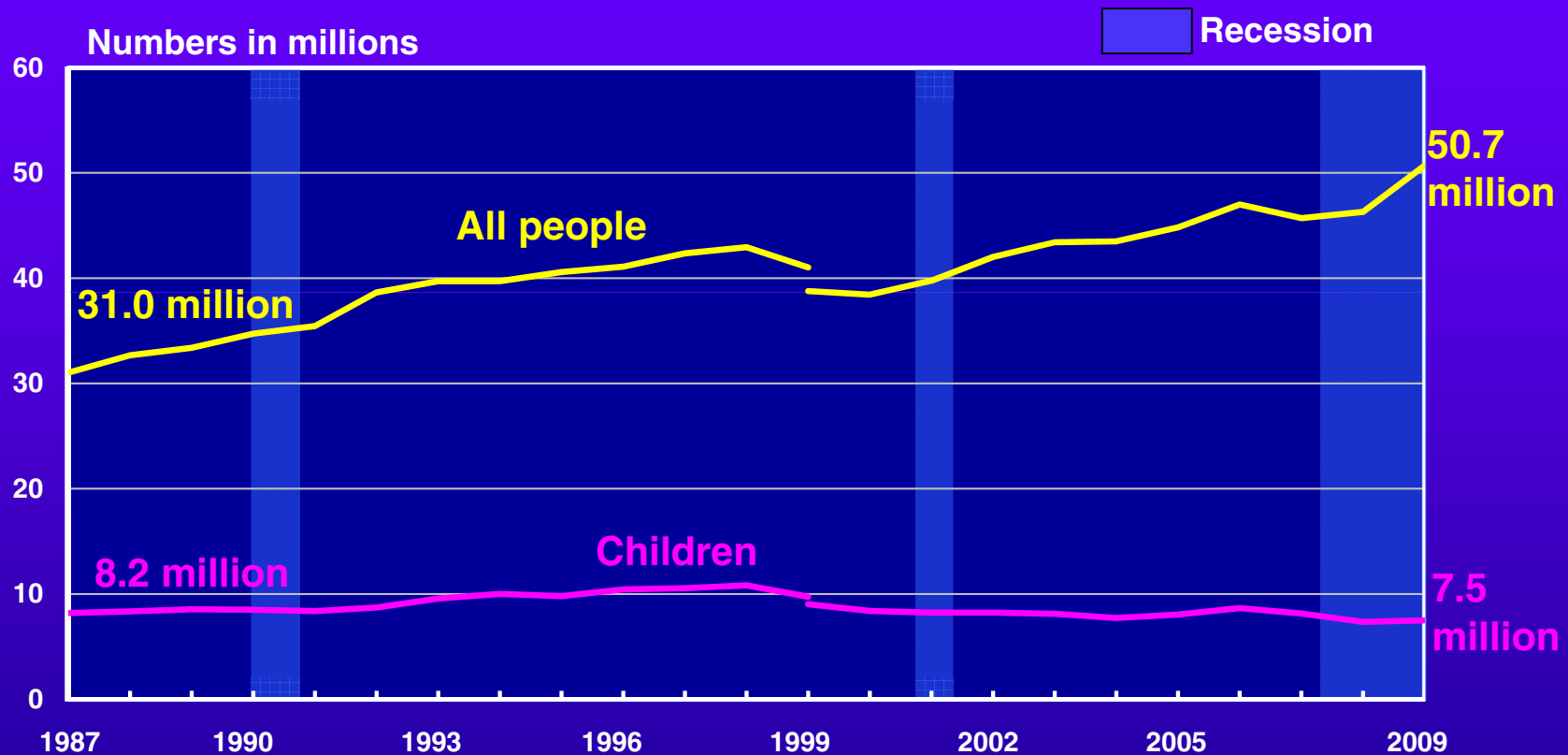
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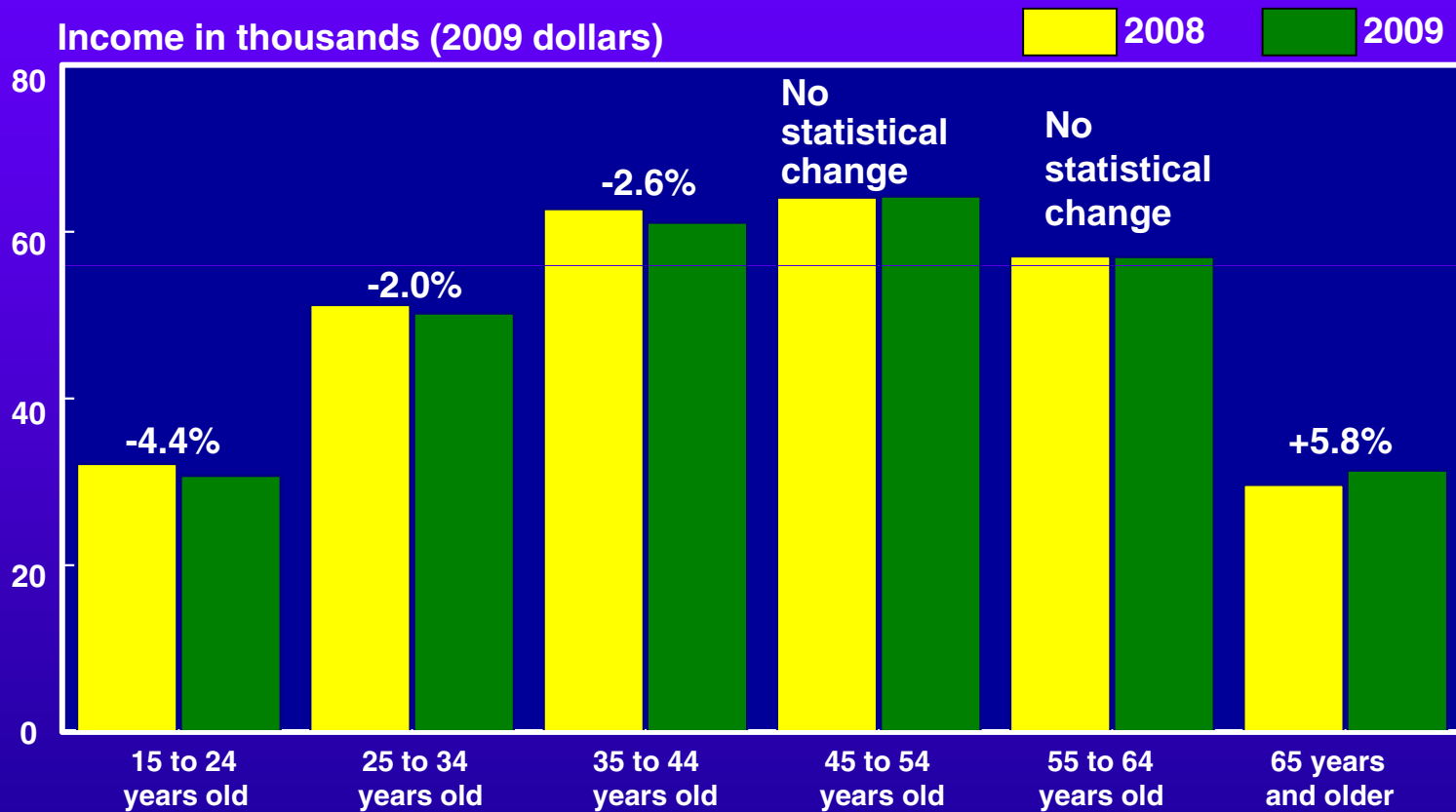


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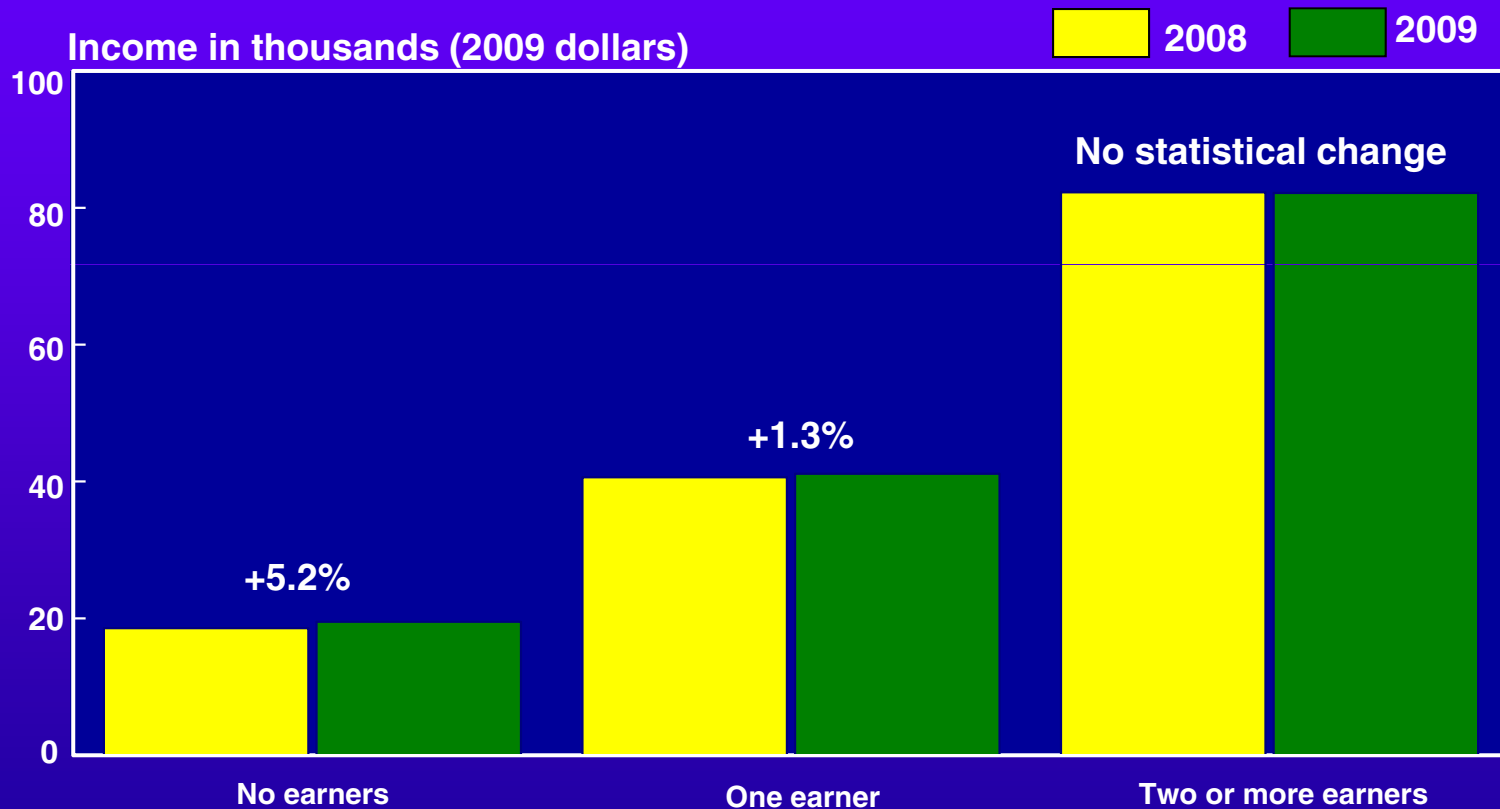
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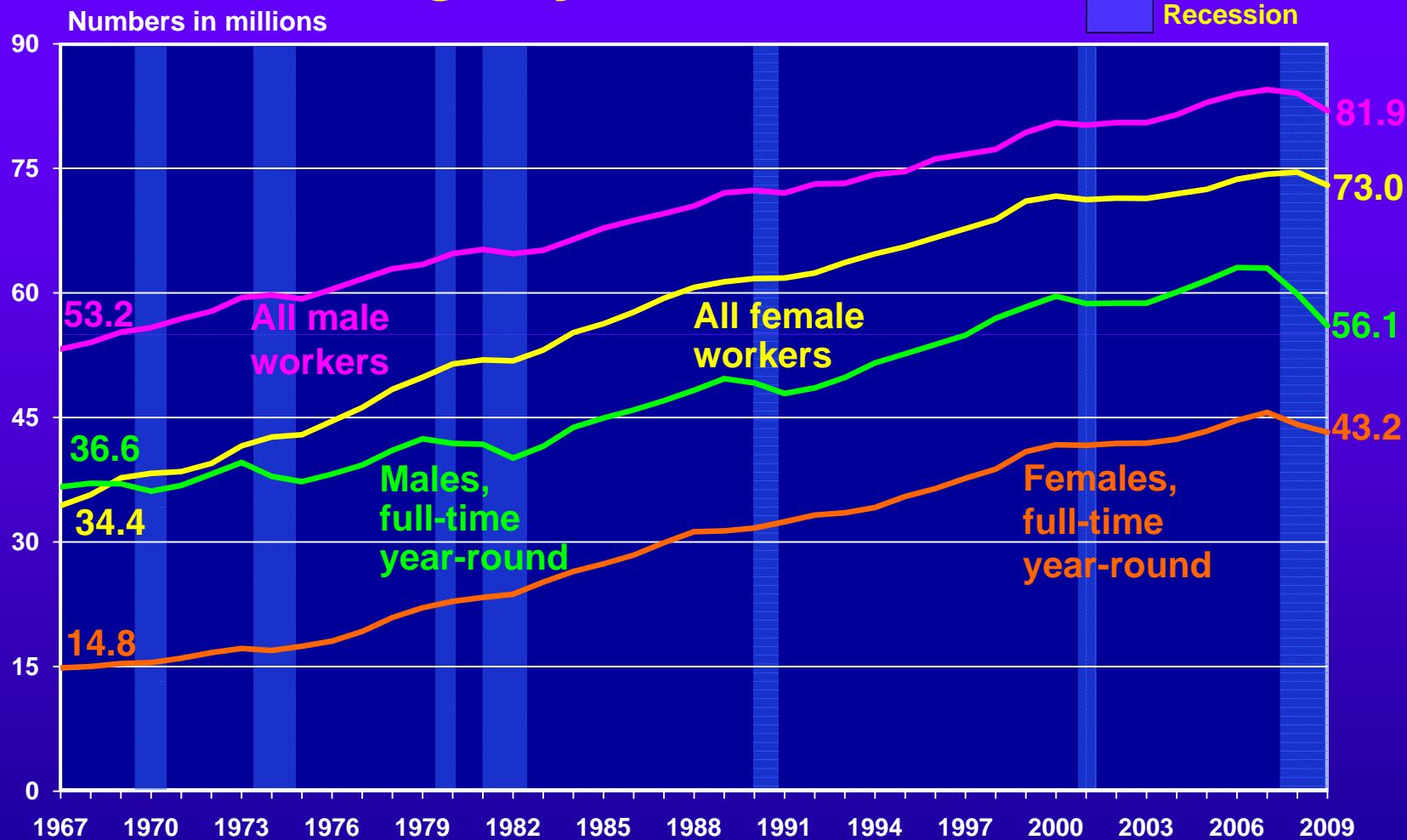
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# Percentage Change in Real Median Household Income by Number of Earners: 2008 and 2009



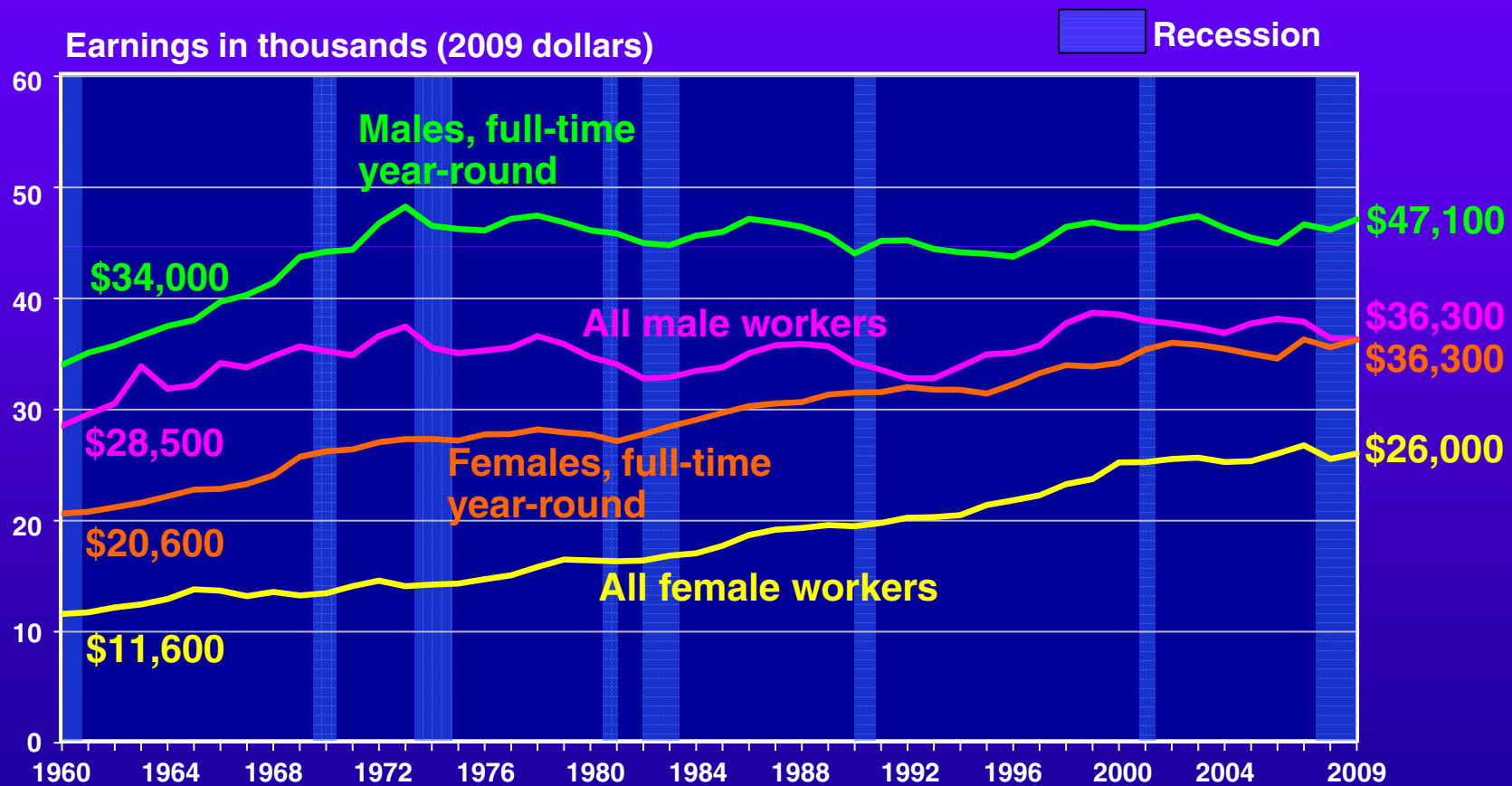
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# Total and Full-Time Year-Round Workers With Earnings by Sex: 1967 to 2009



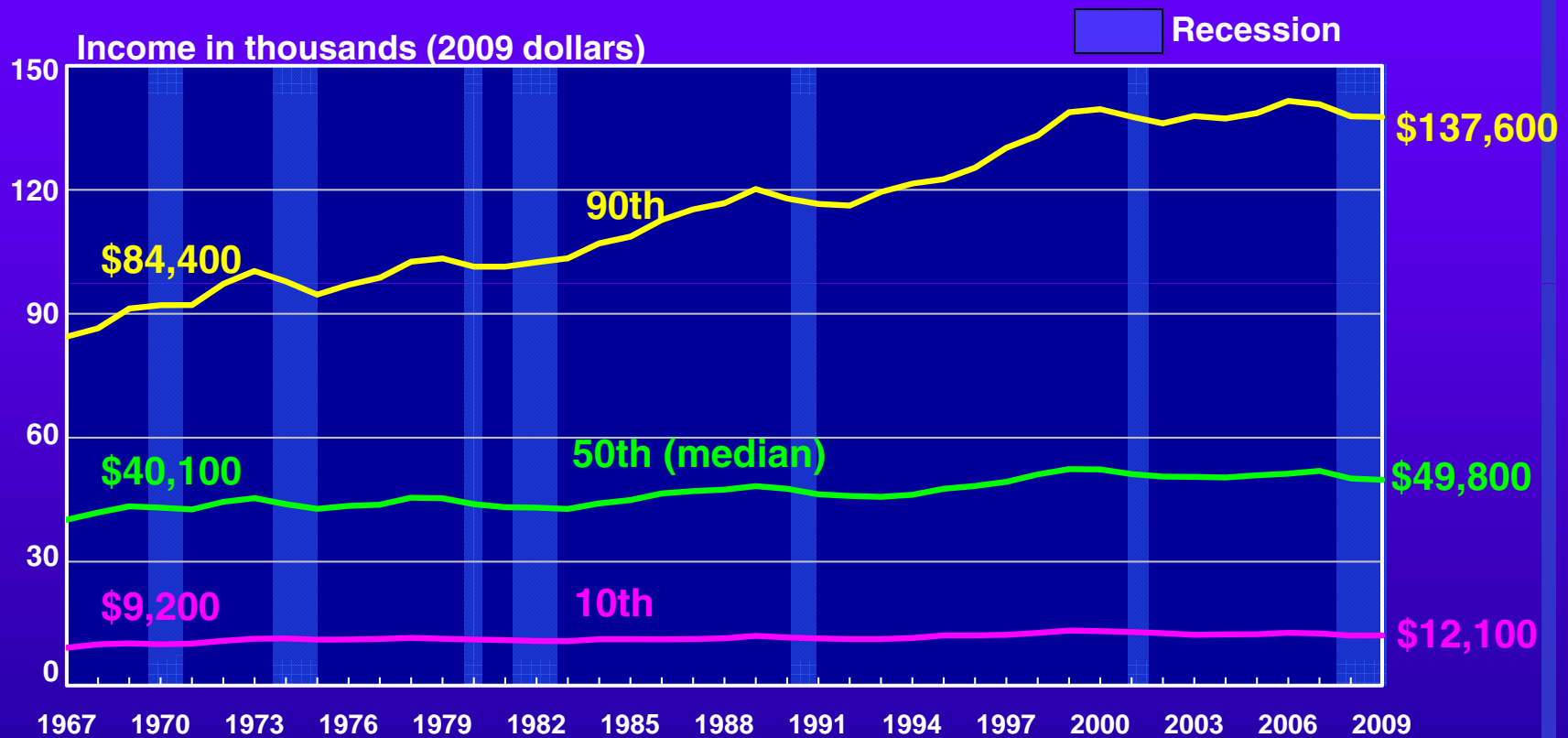
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# Real Median Earnings of Total Workers and Full-Time, Year-Round Workers by Sex : 1960 to 2009



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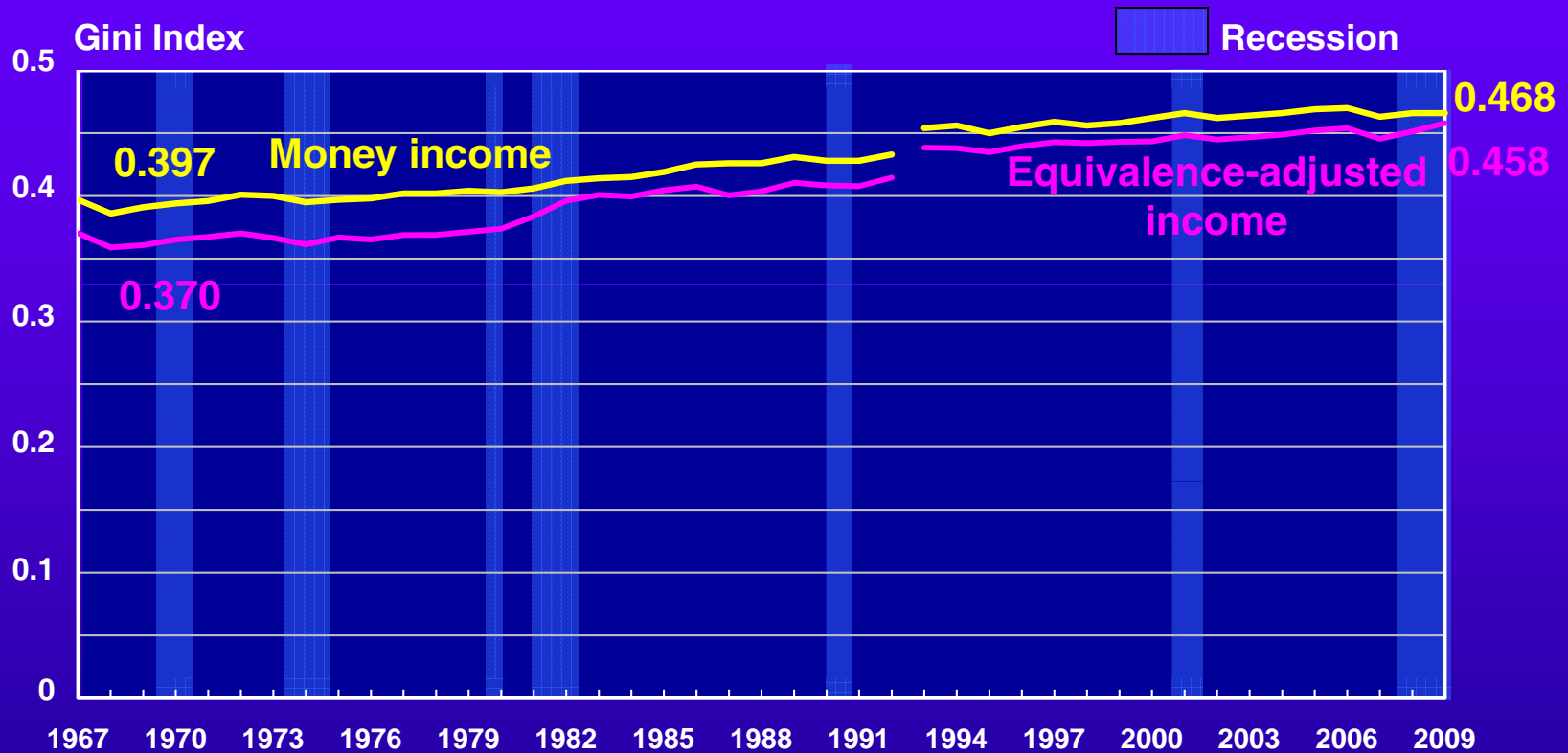
# Household Income at Selected Percentiles: 1967 to 2009



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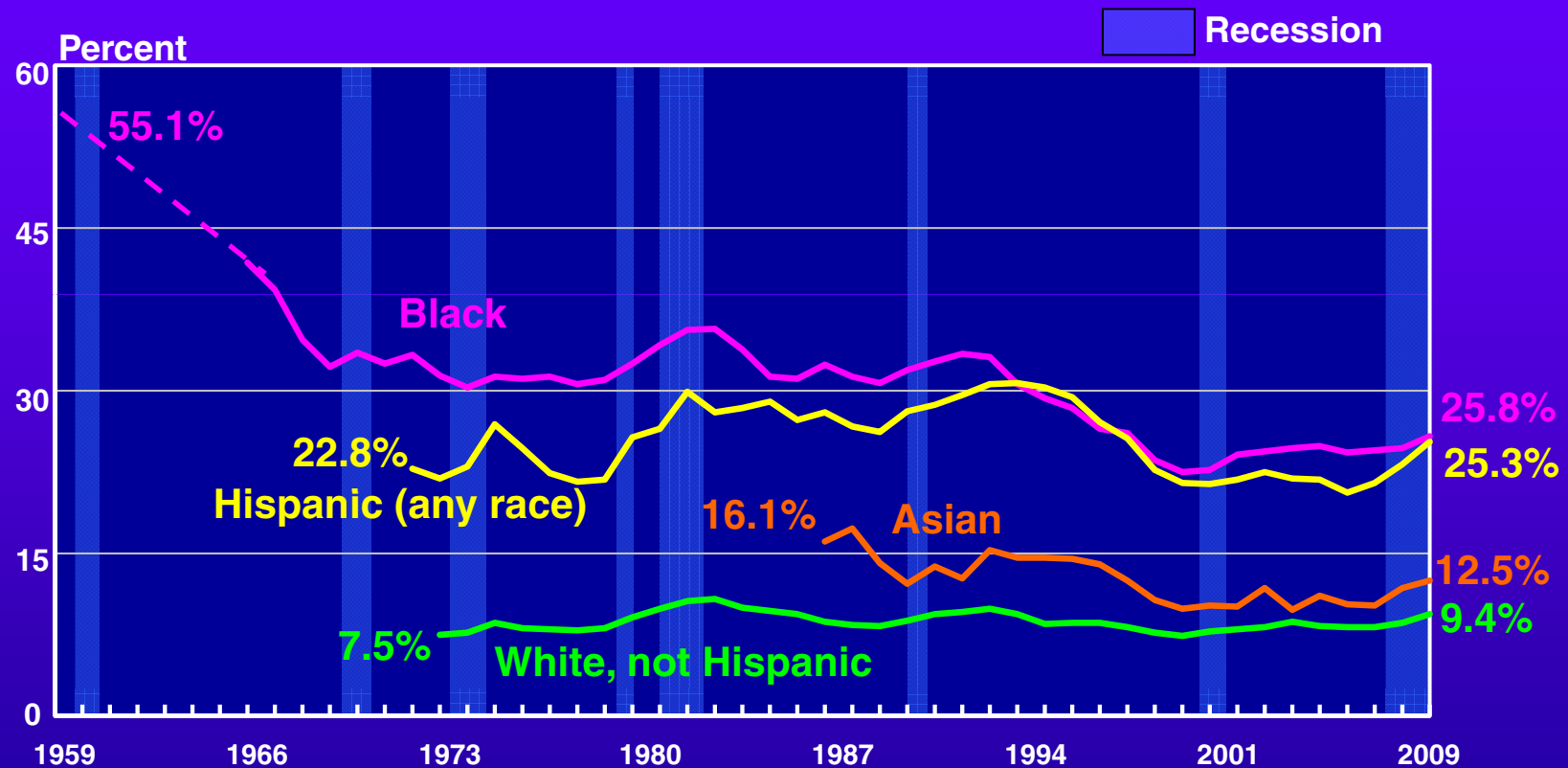
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# Gini Index of Equivalence-Adjusted Income and Money Income: 1967 to 2009



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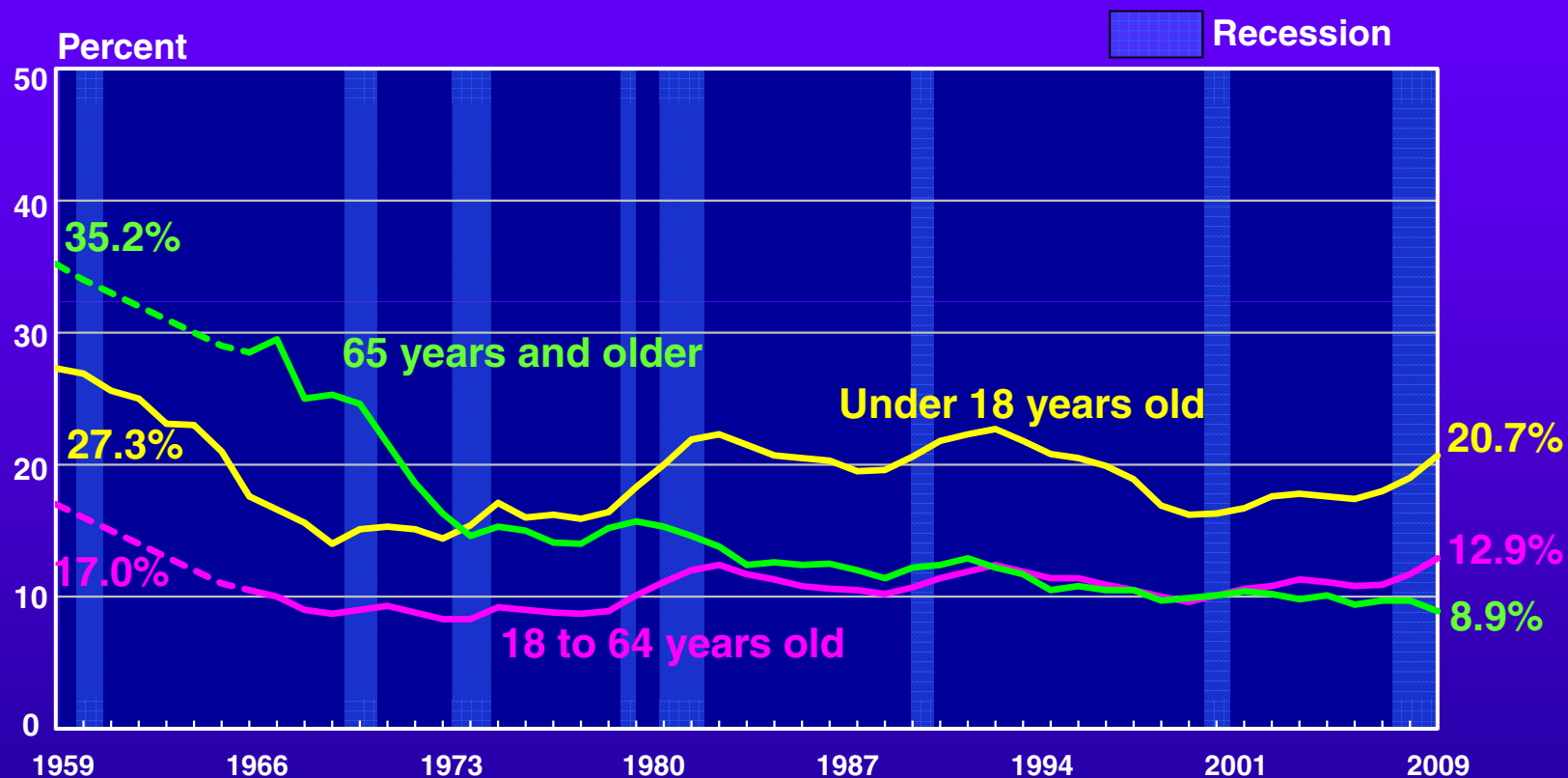
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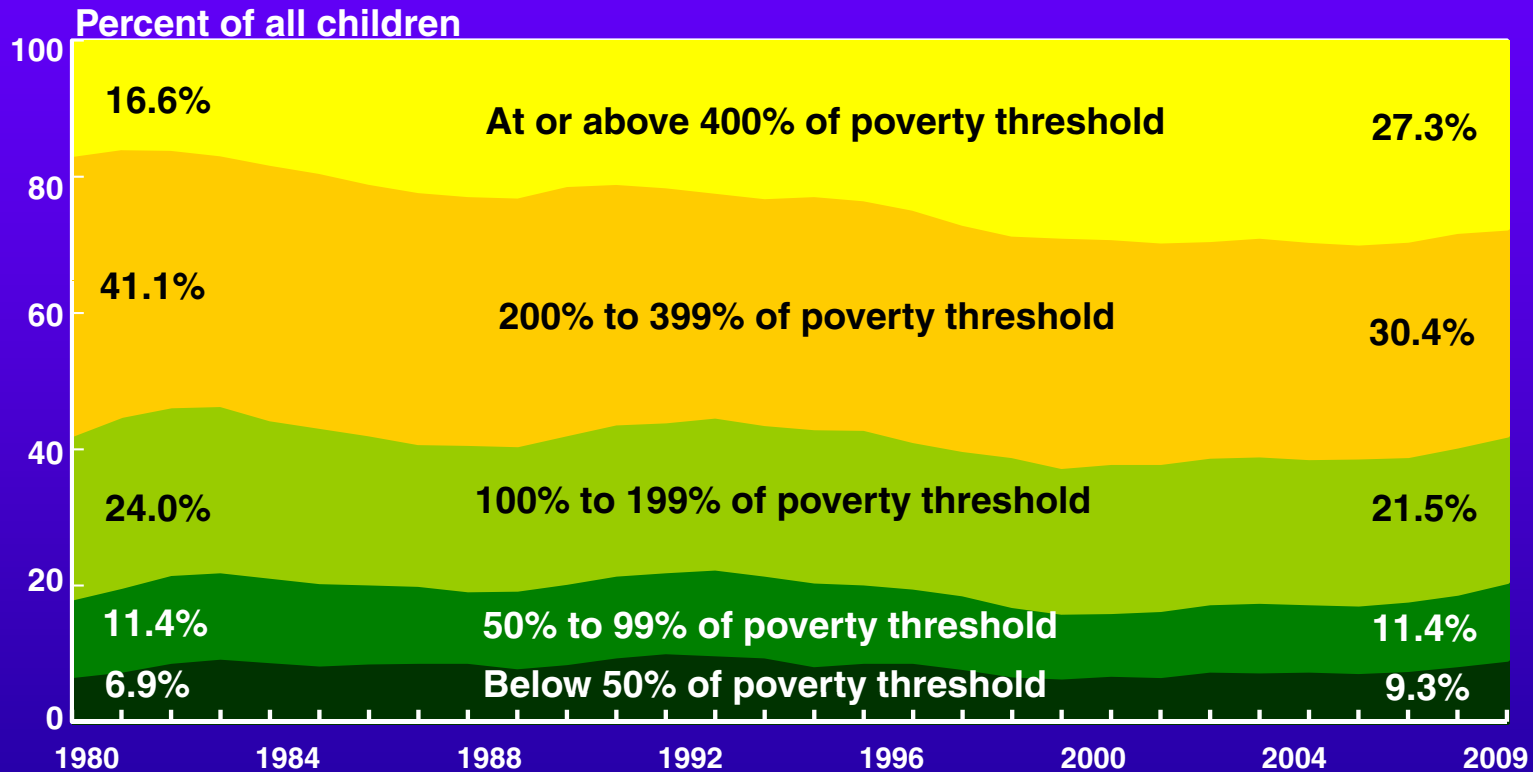


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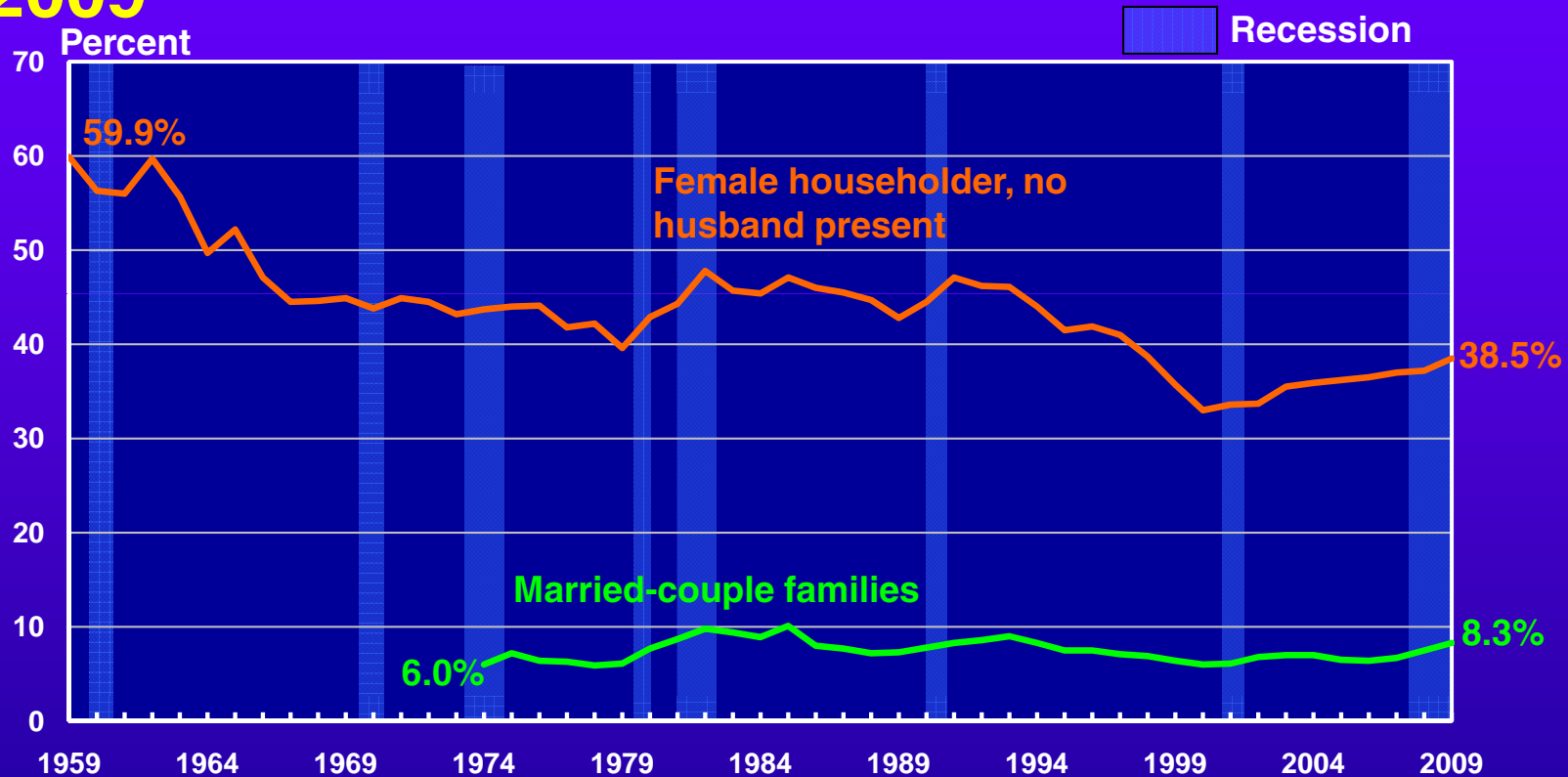
Note: Data from 1960 to 1965 available only for people under 18 years old.  
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# Children with Income Below Specified Ratio of Their Poverty Threshold: 1980 to 2009



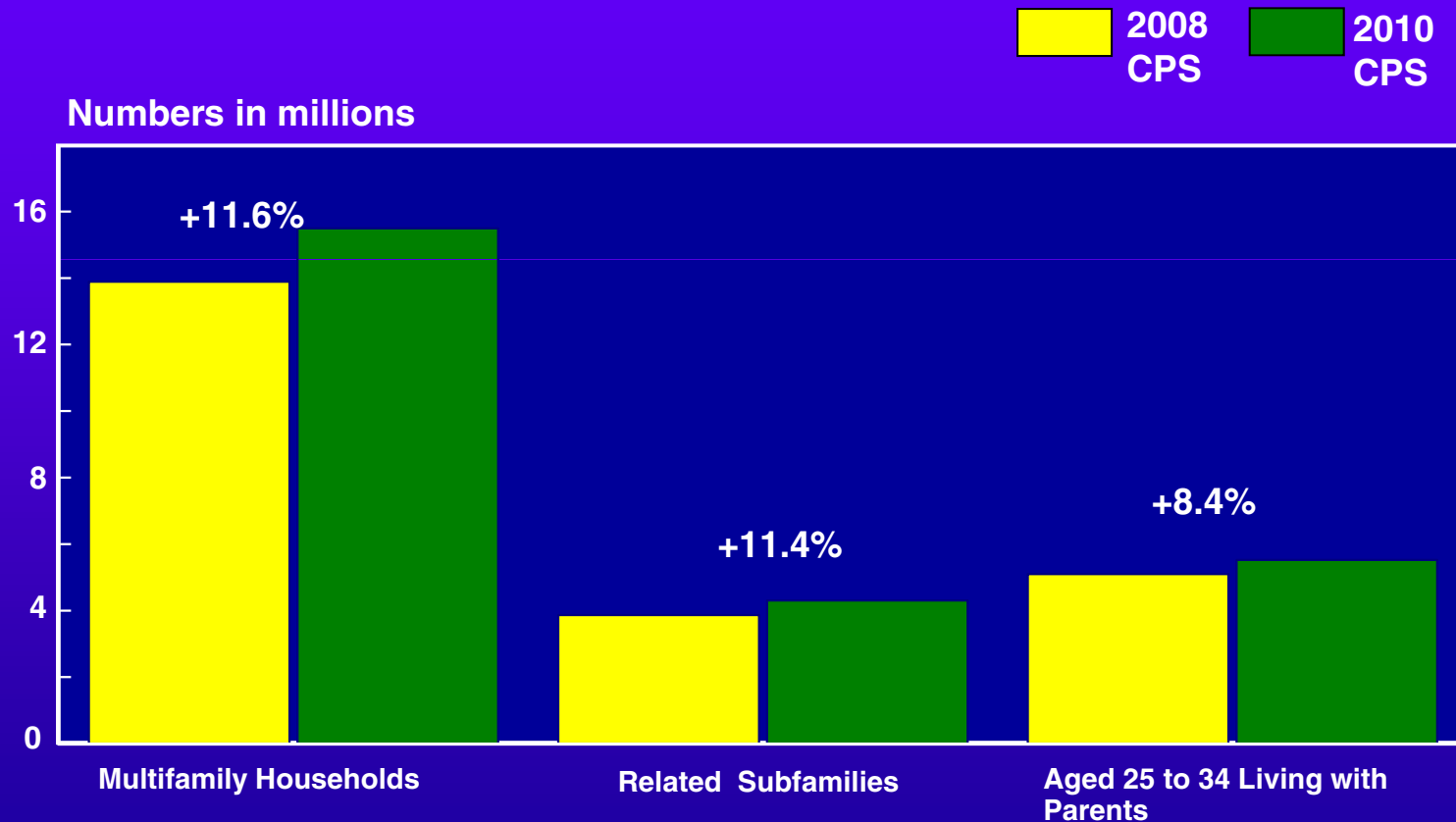
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# Poverty Rates for Families with Related Children Under 18 by Family Type: 1959 to 2009



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# Evidence of “Doubling Up” in Response to the Economic Downturn: 2008 CPS compared to 2010 CPS



Source: U.S. Census Bureau, Current Population Survey, 2008 and 2010 Annual Social and Economic Supplements. Note that while the CPS ASEC estimates poverty and income for the previous calendar year, household composition is measured at the time of the survey

# Supplemental Poverty Measure

- **Interagency Technical Working Group on Developing a Supplemental Poverty Measure – OMB Chief Statistician**
  - March 2010 road map/Federal register notice**
  - First estimates will be released in September 2011**
  - Will supplement, not replace, the official measure**
  - Will not be used for eligibility determinations**
  - Thresholds derived by BLS from Consumer Expenditure data**
  - Separate thresholds for renters, owners with and without mortgages**
  - Adjusted for geographic differences in housing costs**
  - Resource measure – money income**
  - PLUS tax credits, nutritional, housing and energy assistance**
  - MINUS child support paid, child care paid, other work expenses, taxes, medical out of pocket expenditures**

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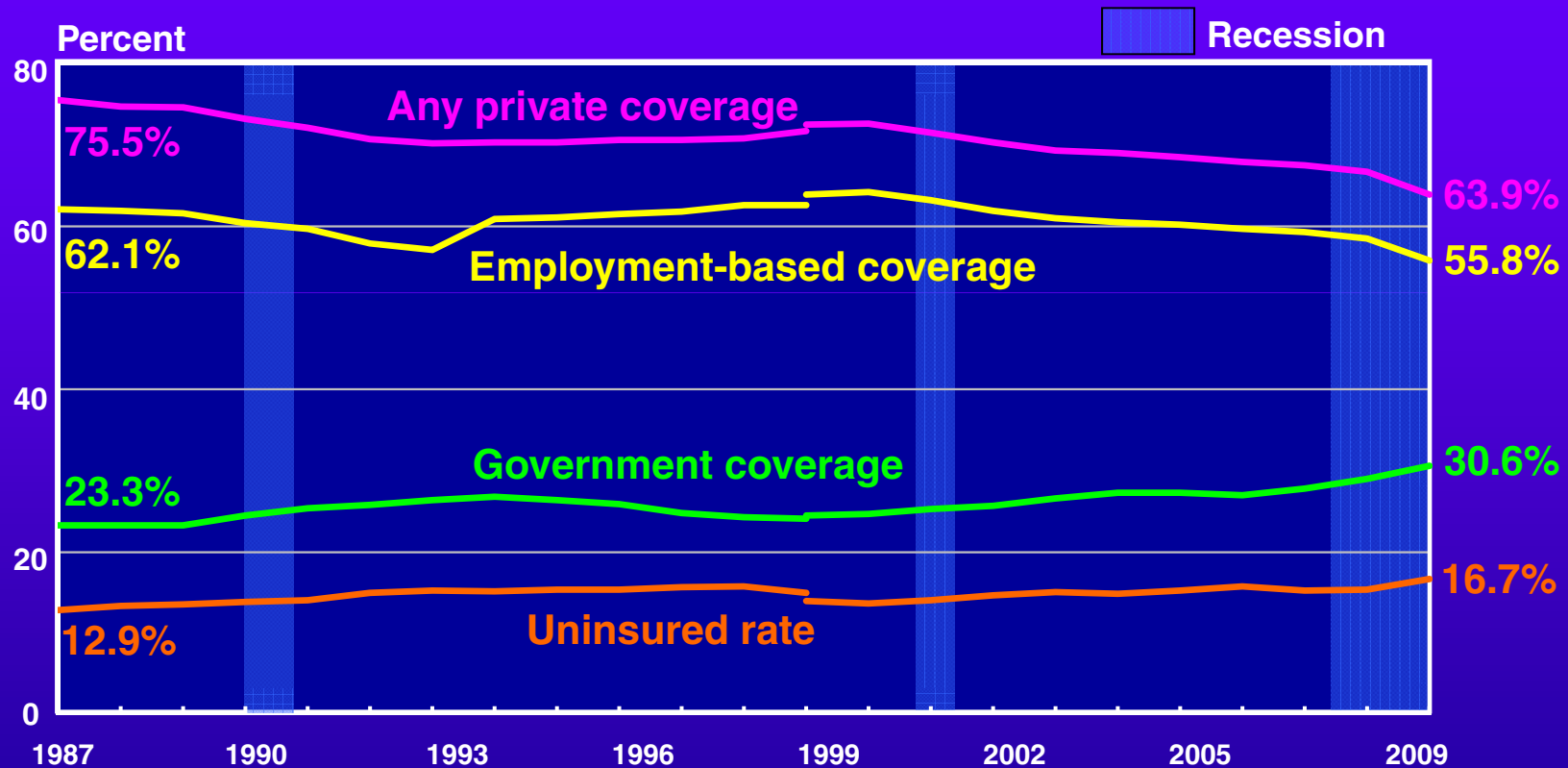
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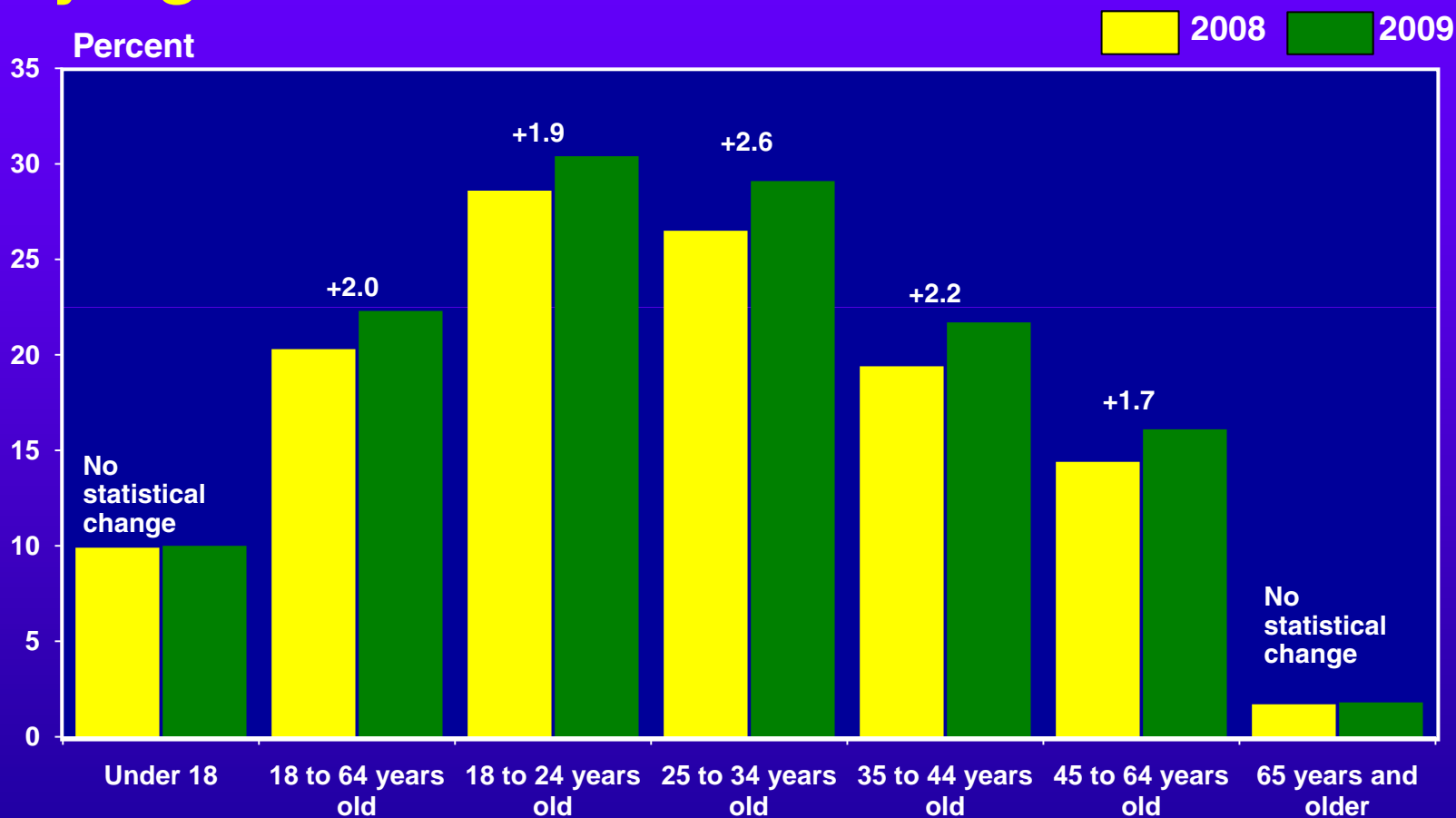
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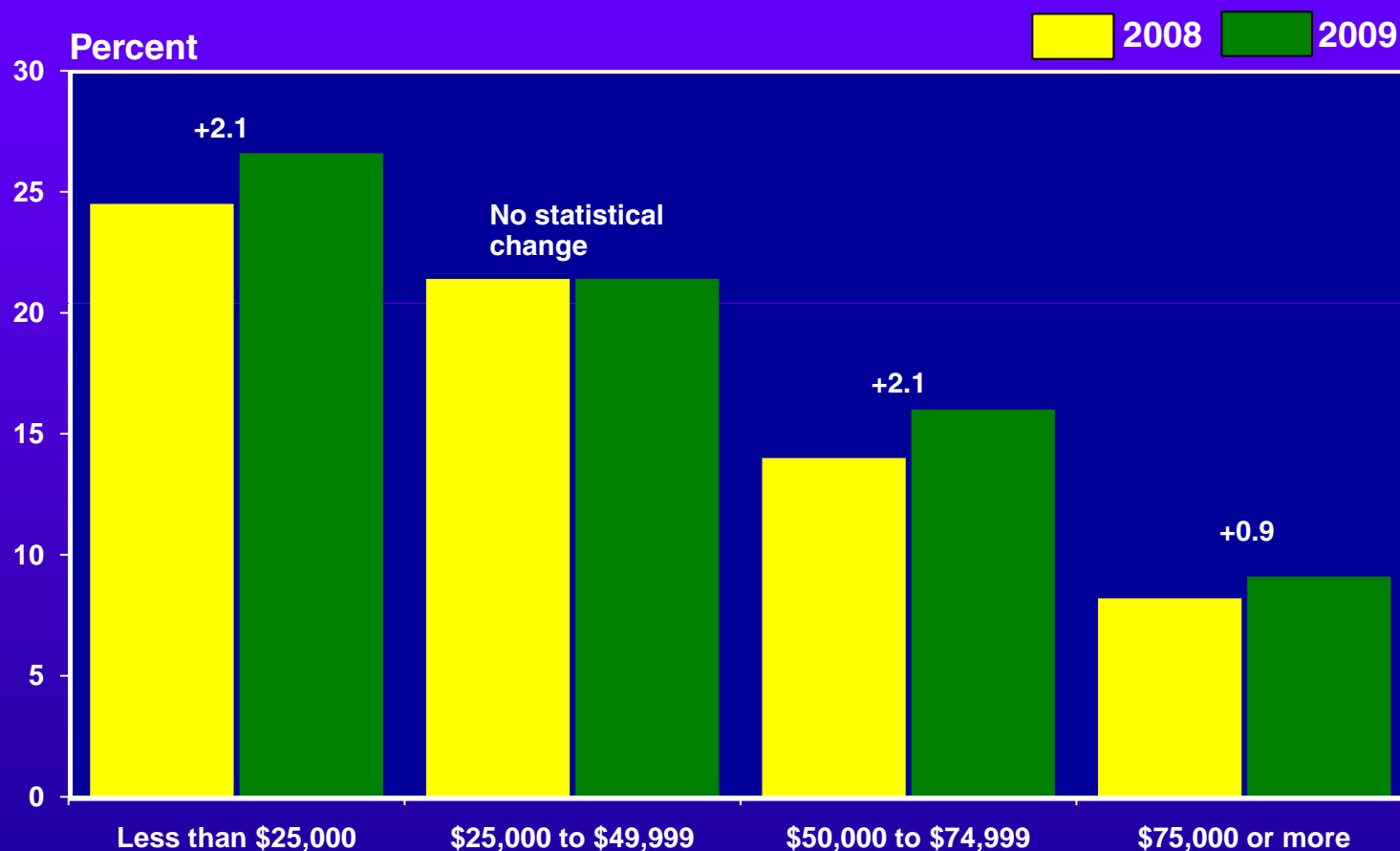
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# Percentage Point Change in Uninsured Rates by Age: 2008 and 2009



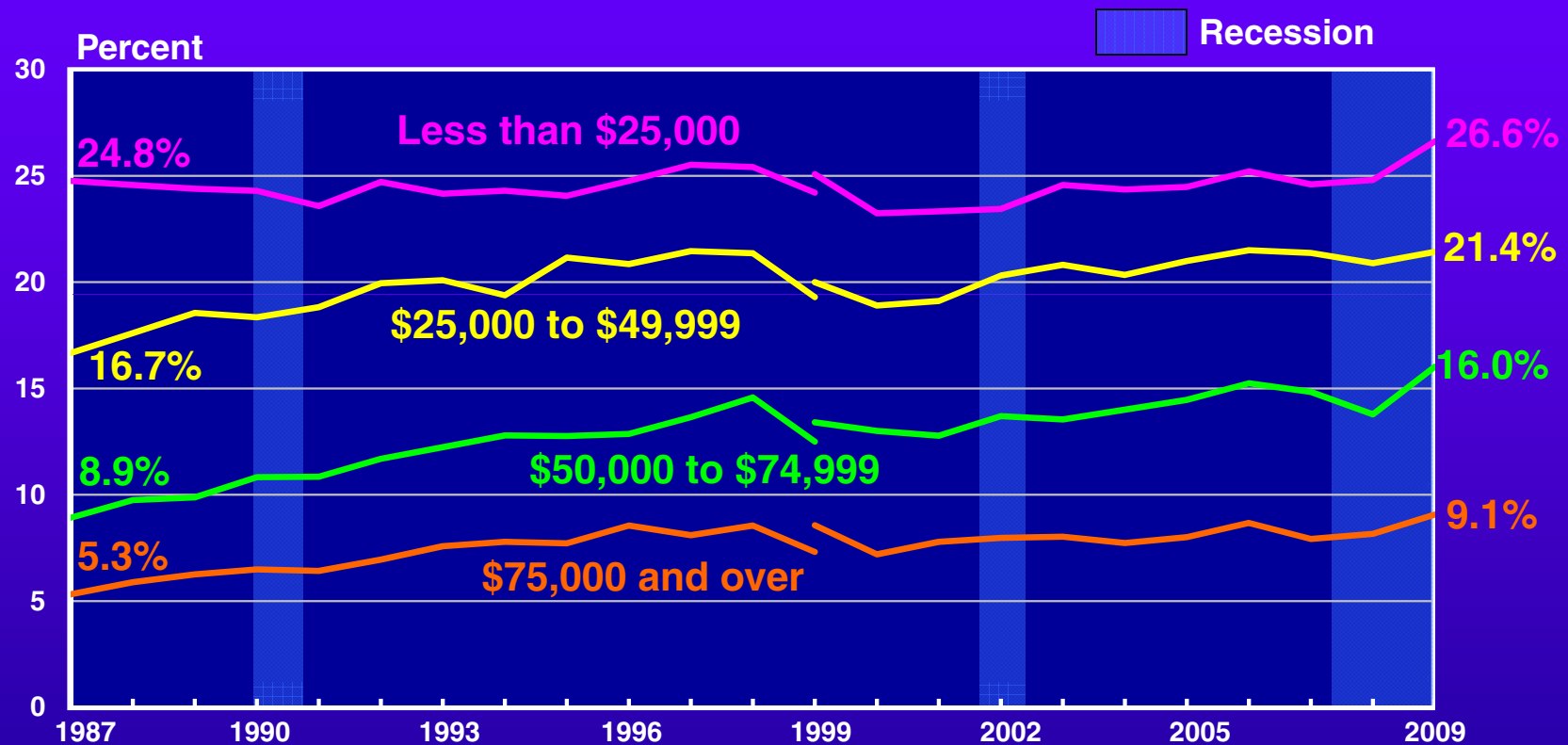
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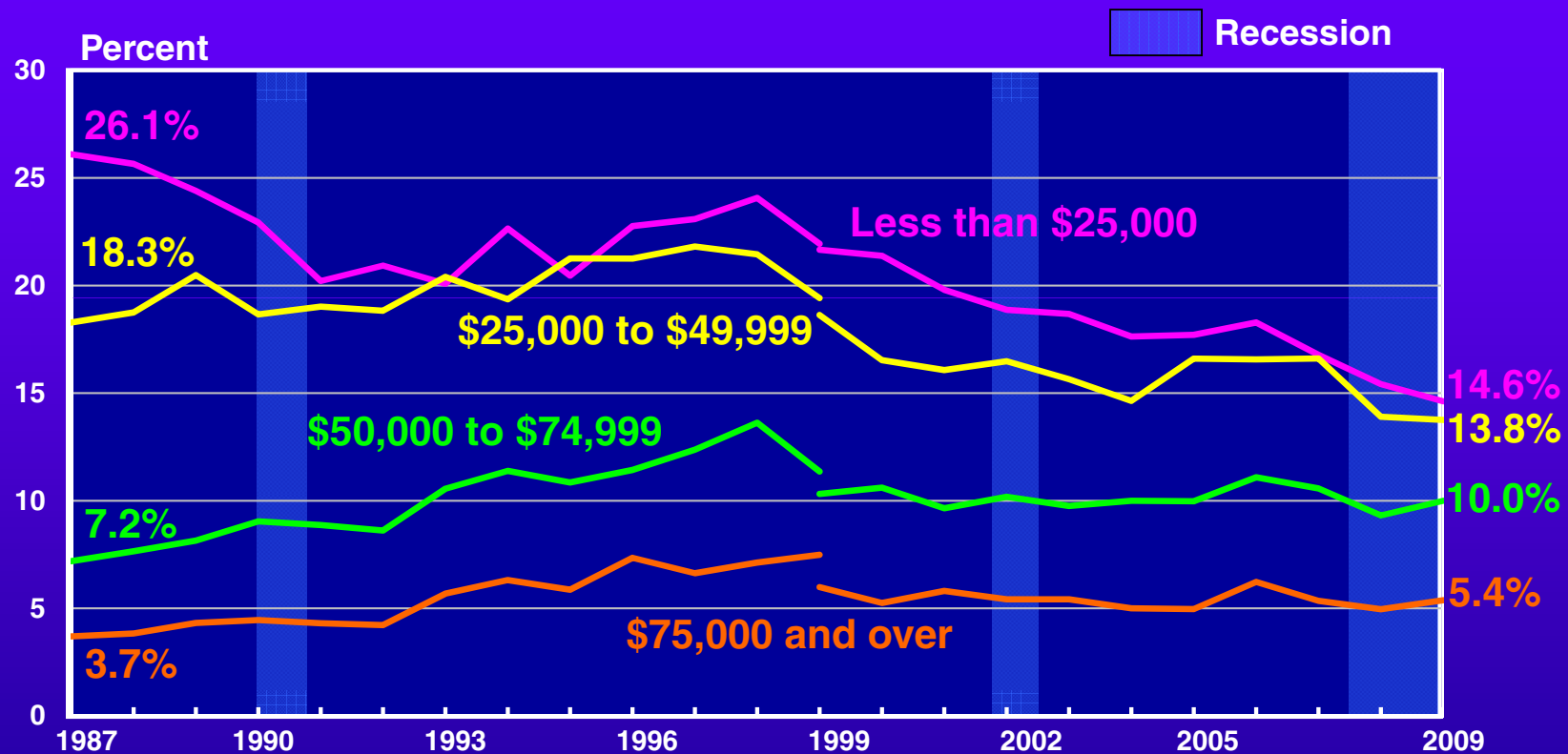
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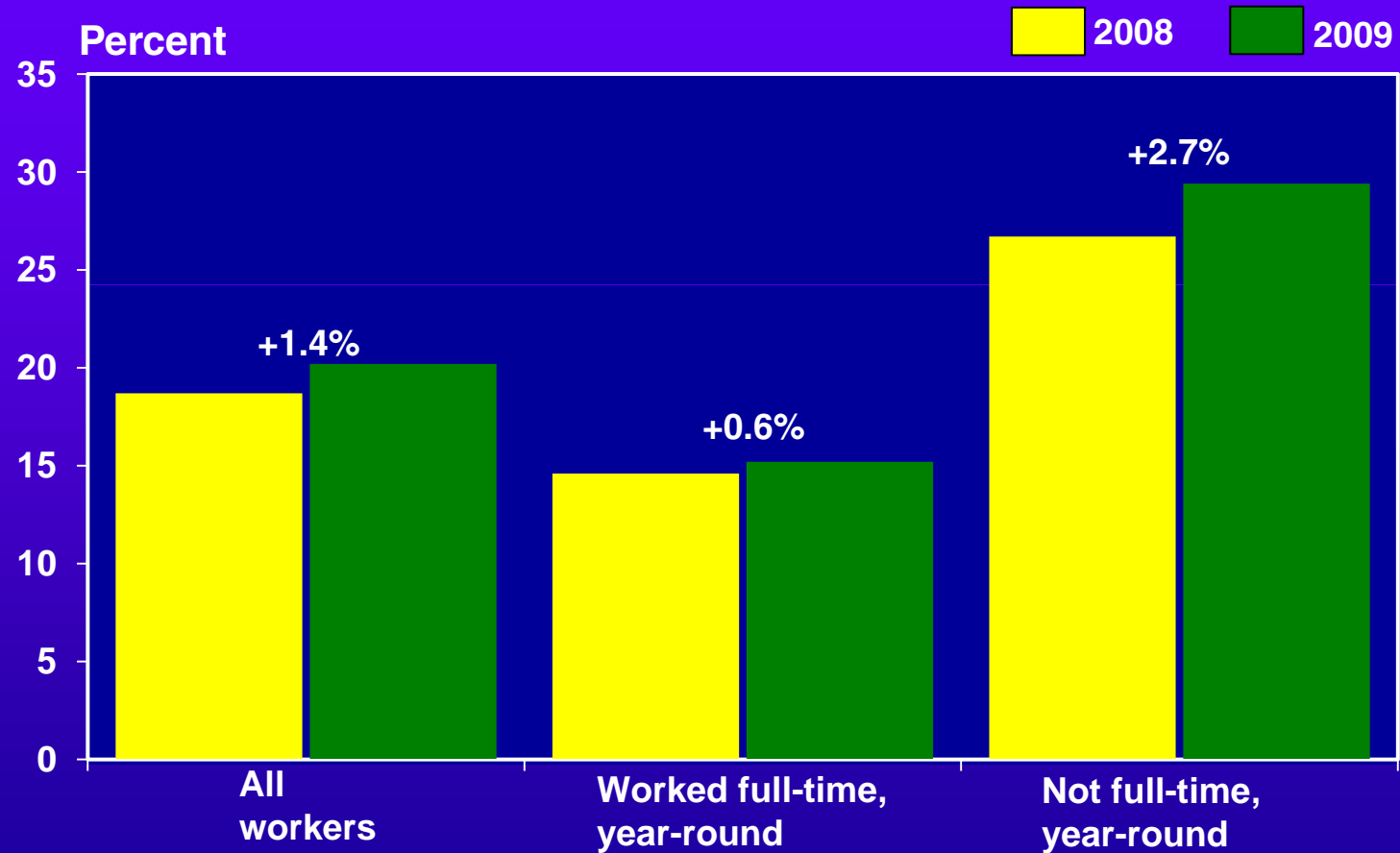
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# Percentage Point Change in Uninsured Workers: 2008 and 2009



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## Upcoming Releases

- **September 28, 2010**
  - 2009 American Community Survey (ACS) one-year estimates for income, poverty, and health insurance coverage for all states and places with a population of 65,000 or more

### **December 2010**

2009 ACS five-year estimates from 2005-2009 for income and poverty for places down to the census tract level

2009 Small Area Income and Poverty Estimates (SAIPE) of poverty and median household income for counties and school-age poverty for school districts



# Population Data Sets Scheduled for Release December 2010

- **First 2010 Census data: state population counts and congressional apportionment figures for states**
- **National population estimates based on demographic analysis of vital registration, immigration and emigration data, with age, sex and some race detail**

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