

CALIFORNIA BUDGET PROJECT

Jobs and CalWORKs: Recent Trends

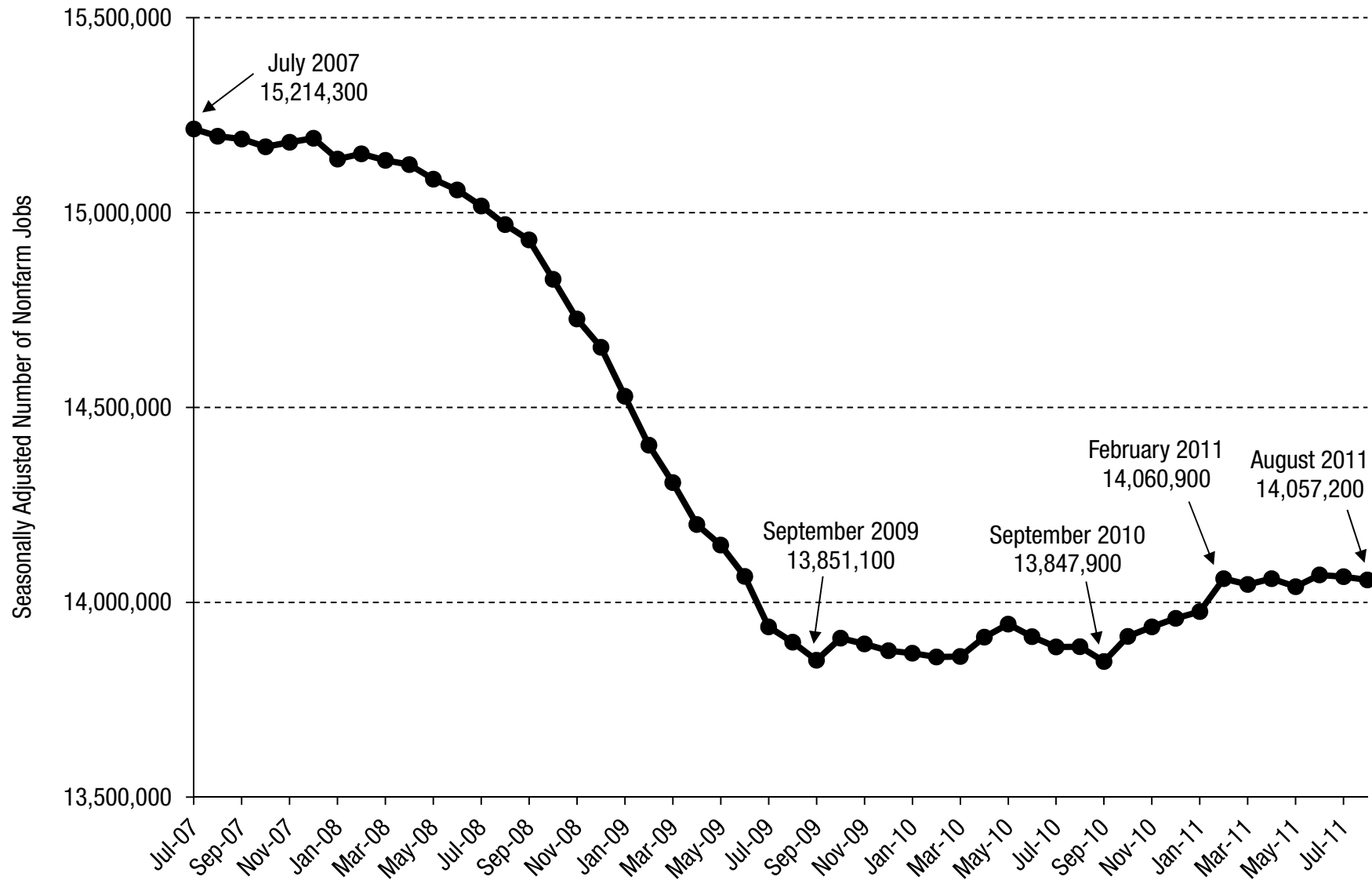
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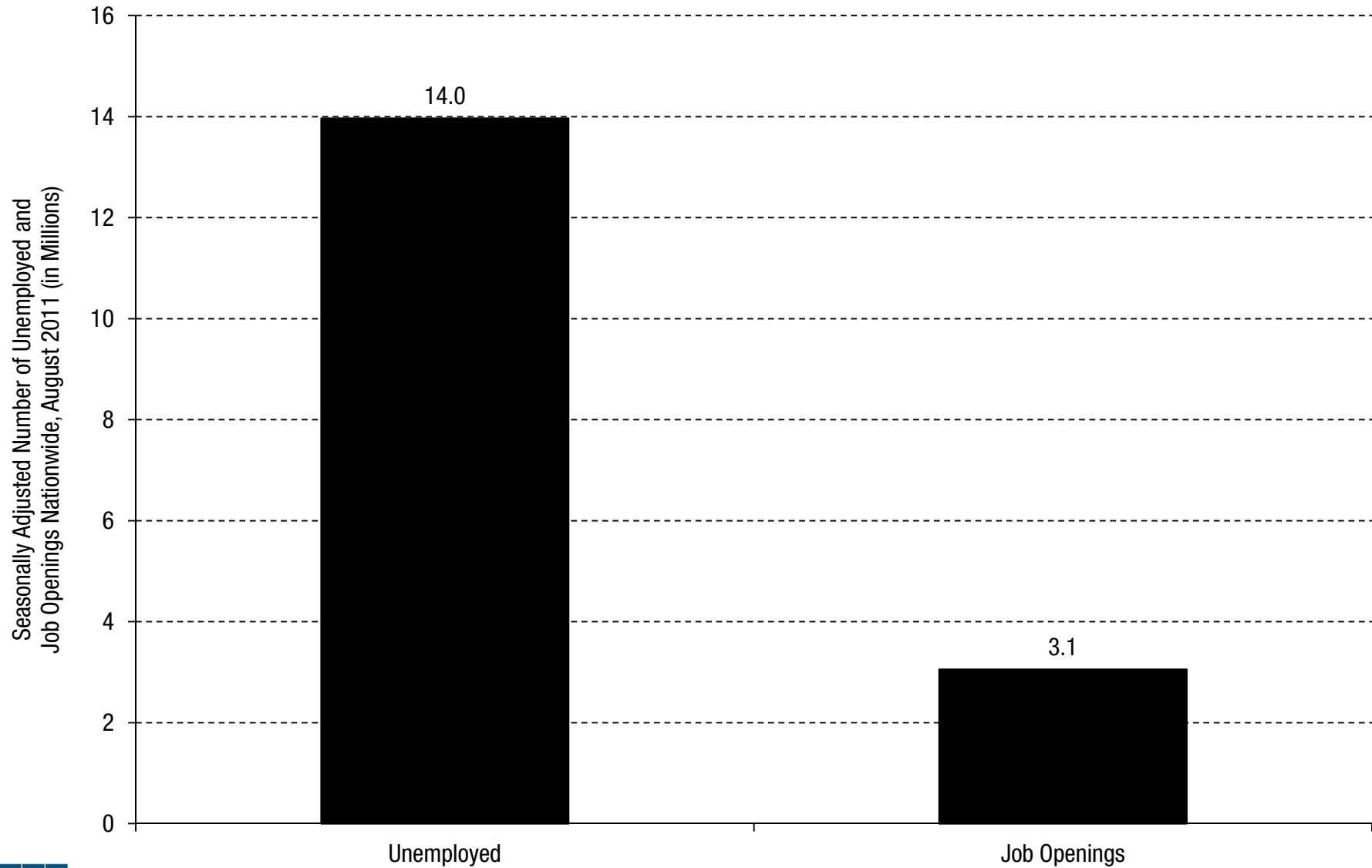


The Great Recession Has Not Ended for Many California Families

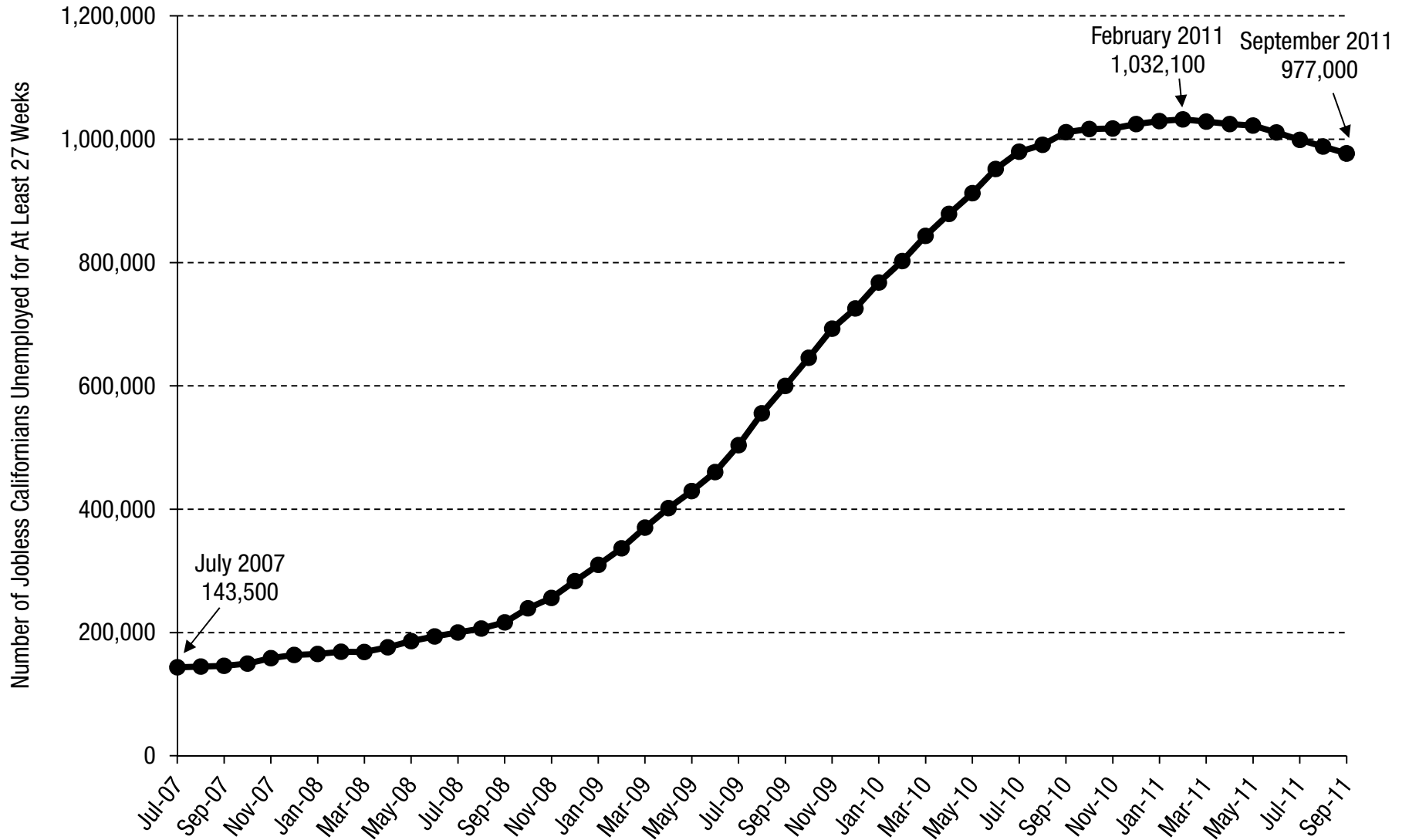
California's Job Growth Has Flat-Lined Since Early 2011



The Number of People Looking for Work Nationwide Exceeds Available Jobs by More Than Four to One



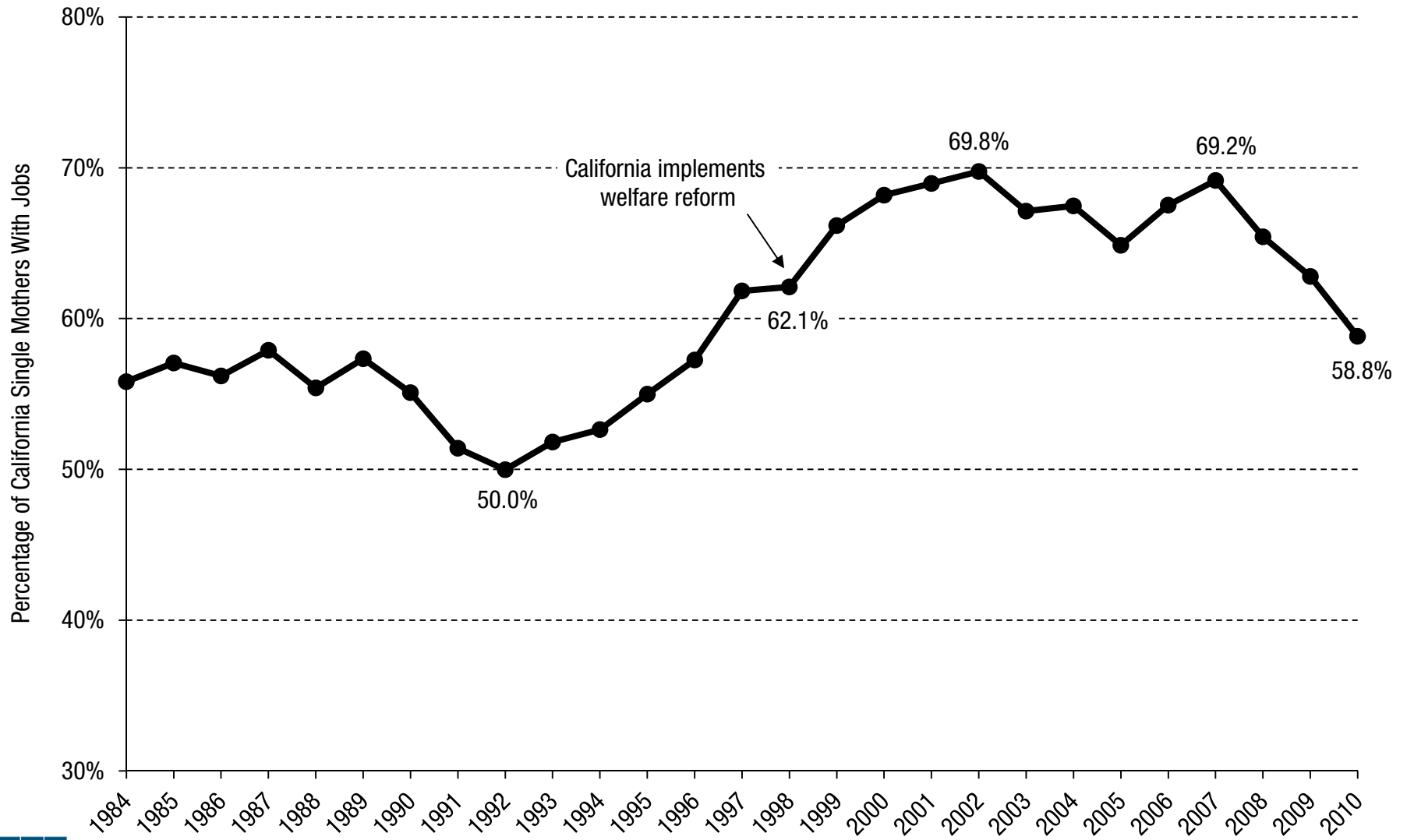
The Number of Long-Term Jobless Is Nearly Seven Times Higher Than It Was Before the Recession Began



Note: Data reflect 12-month averages ending in the month displayed.
Source: Employment Development Department

The Share of Single Mothers With Jobs Dropped by More Than 10 Percentage Points, 2007 to 2010

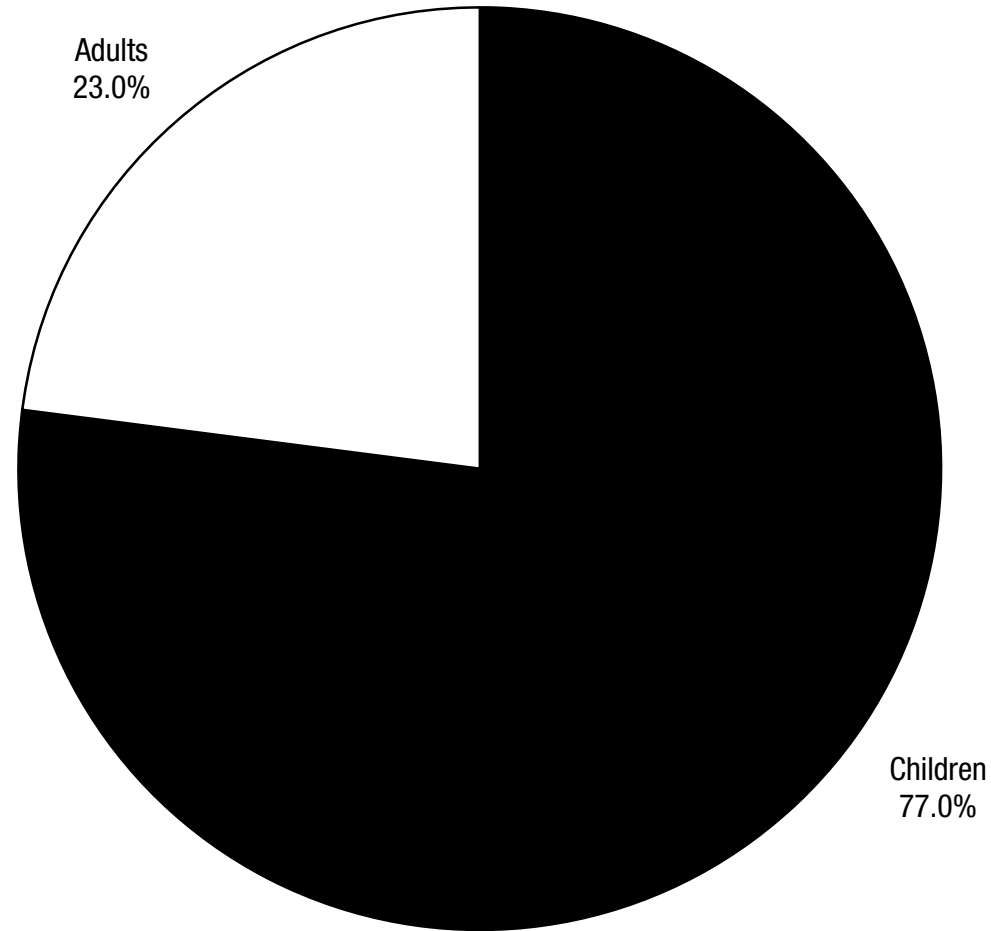
In Just Three Years, the Recession Erased All Employment Gains Following State and Federal Welfare Reform






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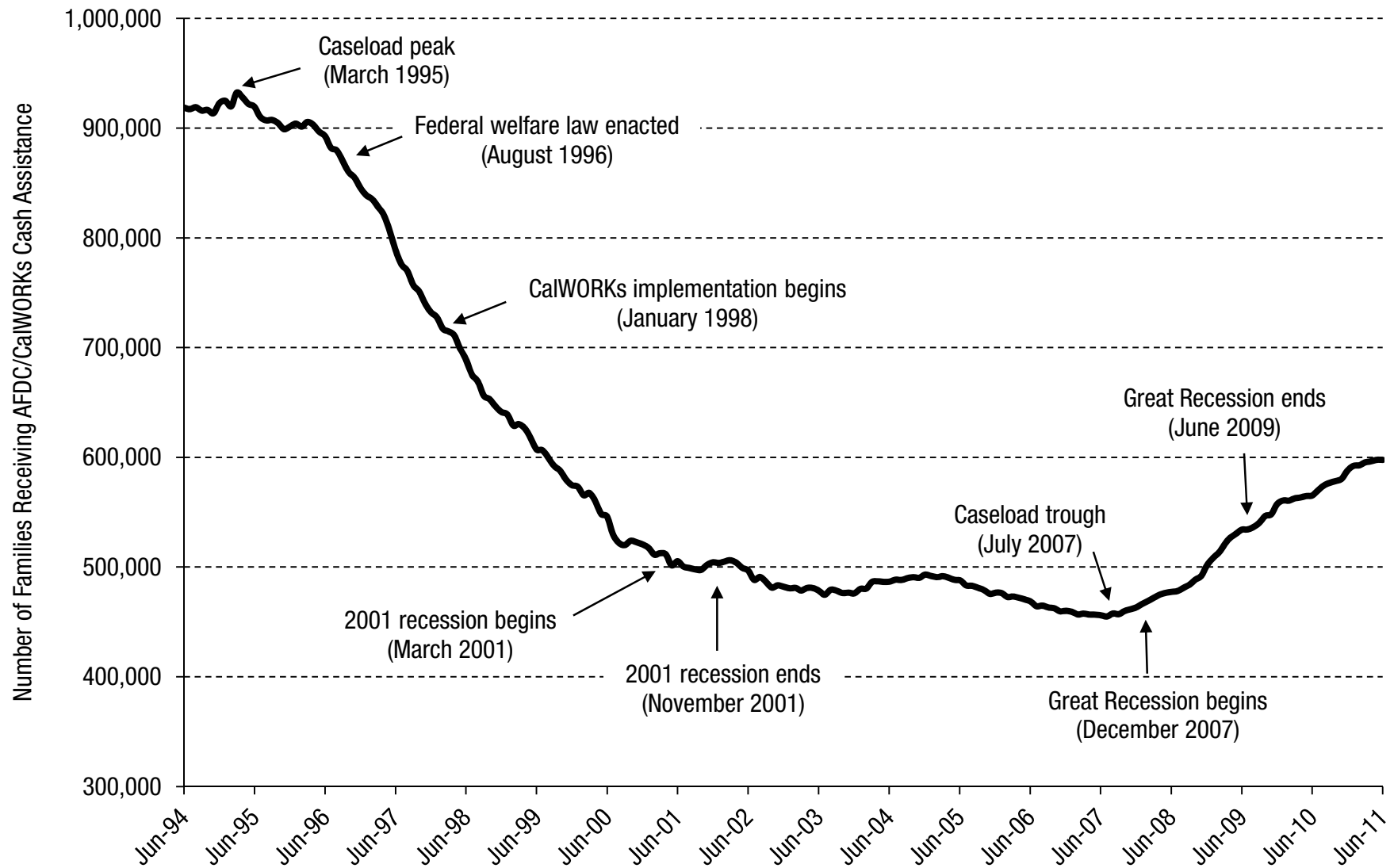


Number of Individuals Receiving CalWORKs Cash Assistance in June 2011 = 1,475,623

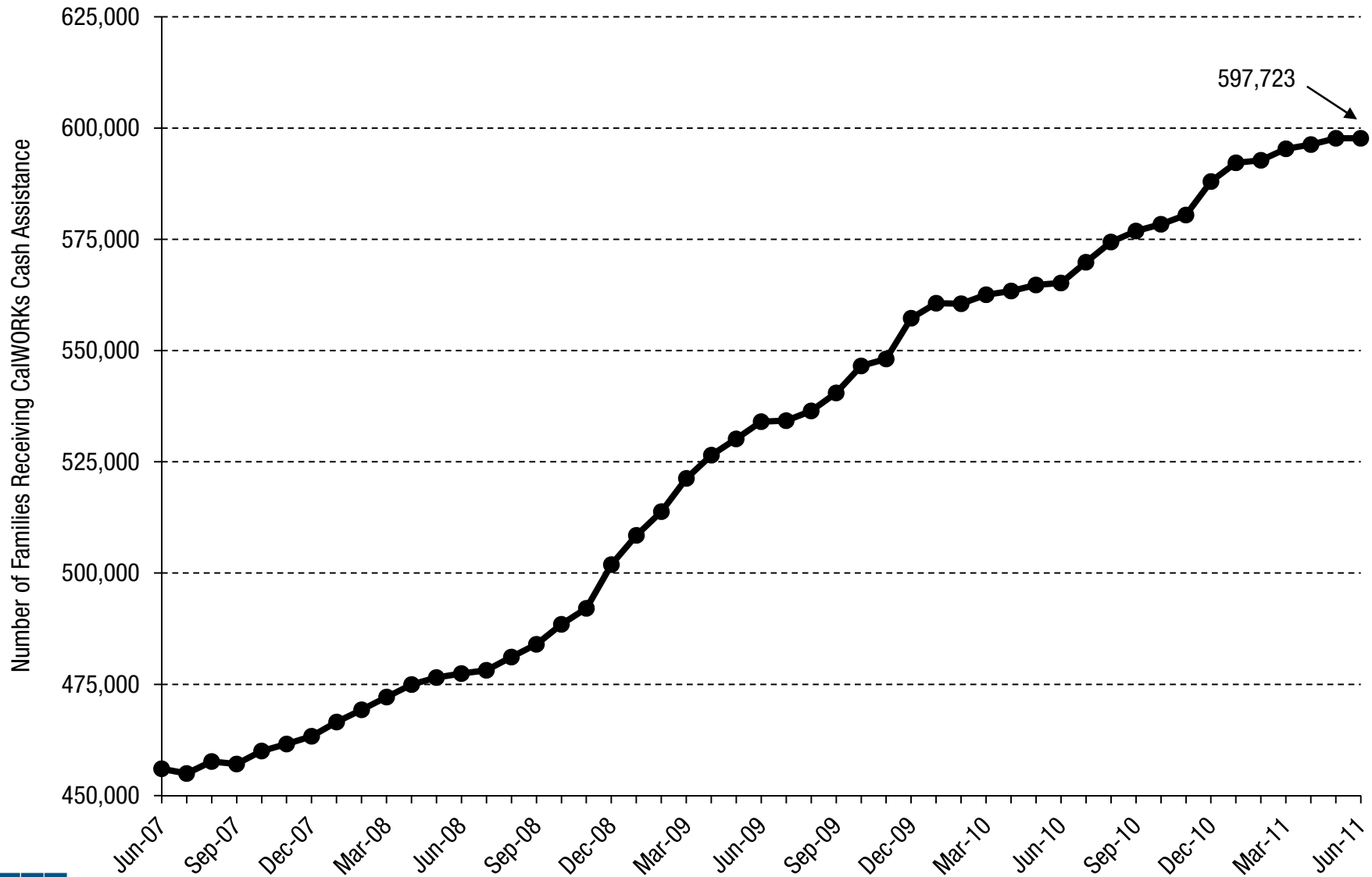


**After Declining for Many Years,
the Number of CalWORKs Families
Has Risen Substantially Due to
the Great Recession**

Number of Families Receiving CalWORKs Cash Assistance Generally Declined Through Mid-2007



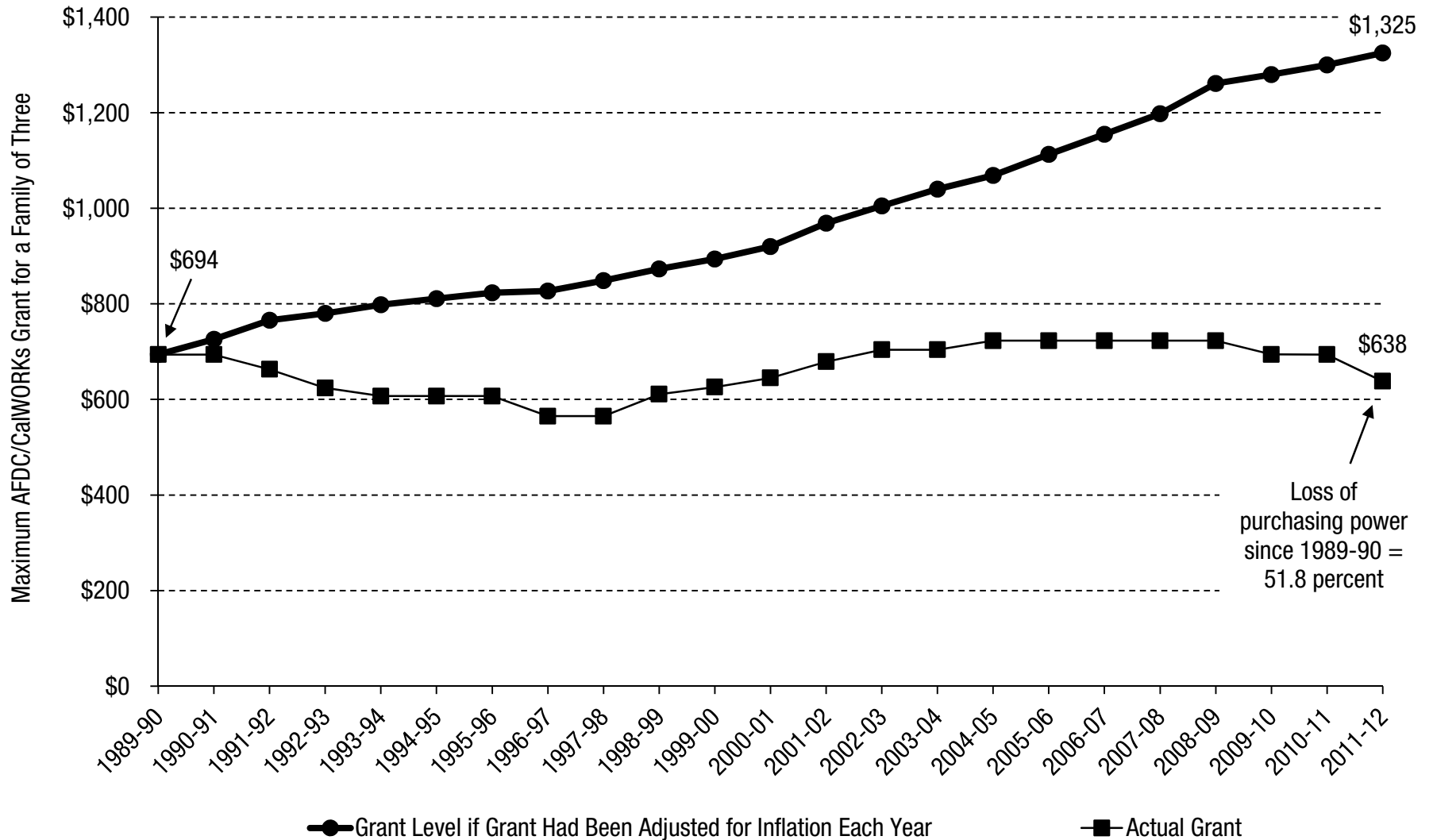
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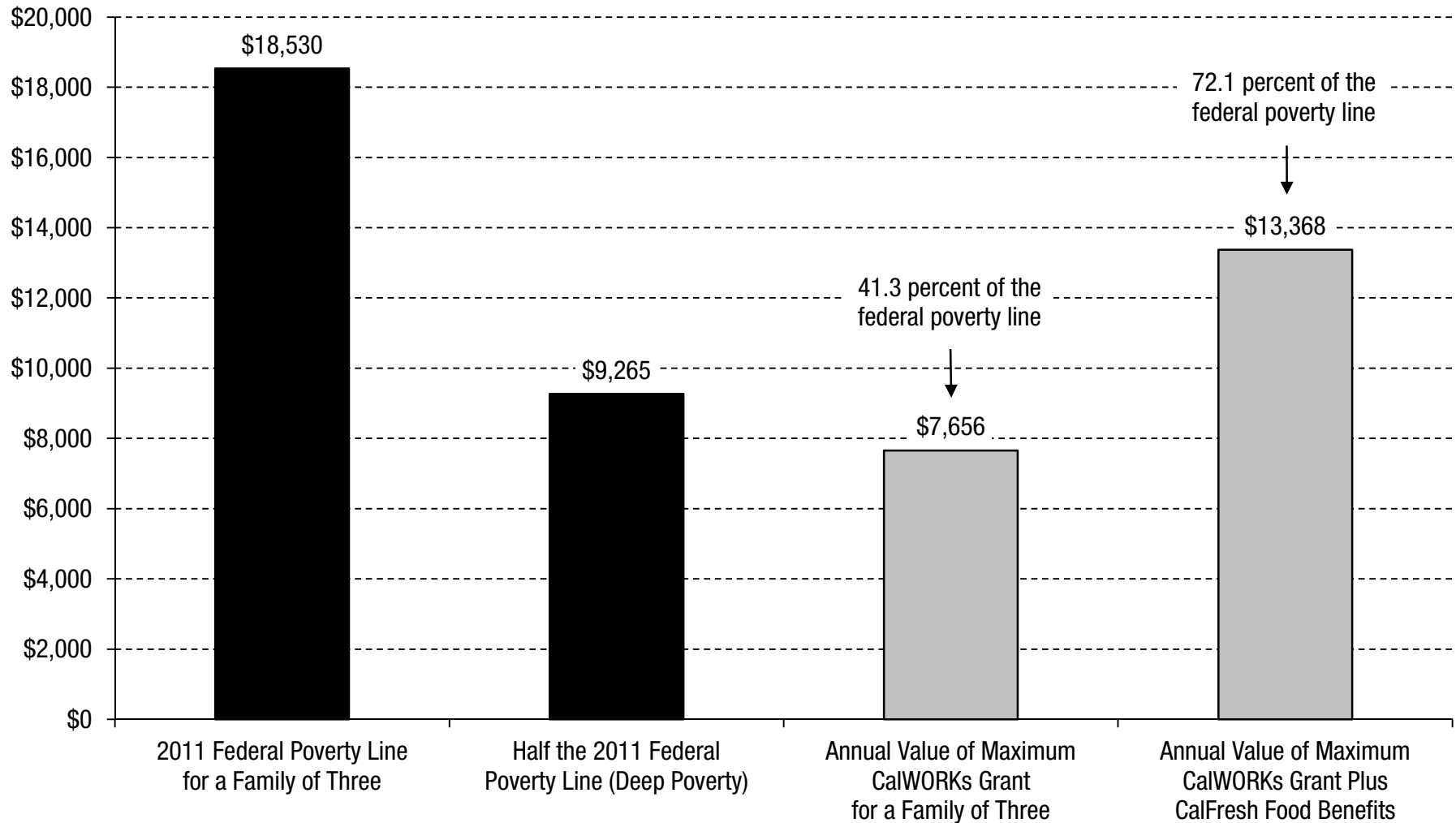
The Purchasing Power of CalWORKs Cash Assistance Has Dropped Significantly

Purchasing Power of CalWORKs Grants Has Dropped by More Than Half Since 1989-90



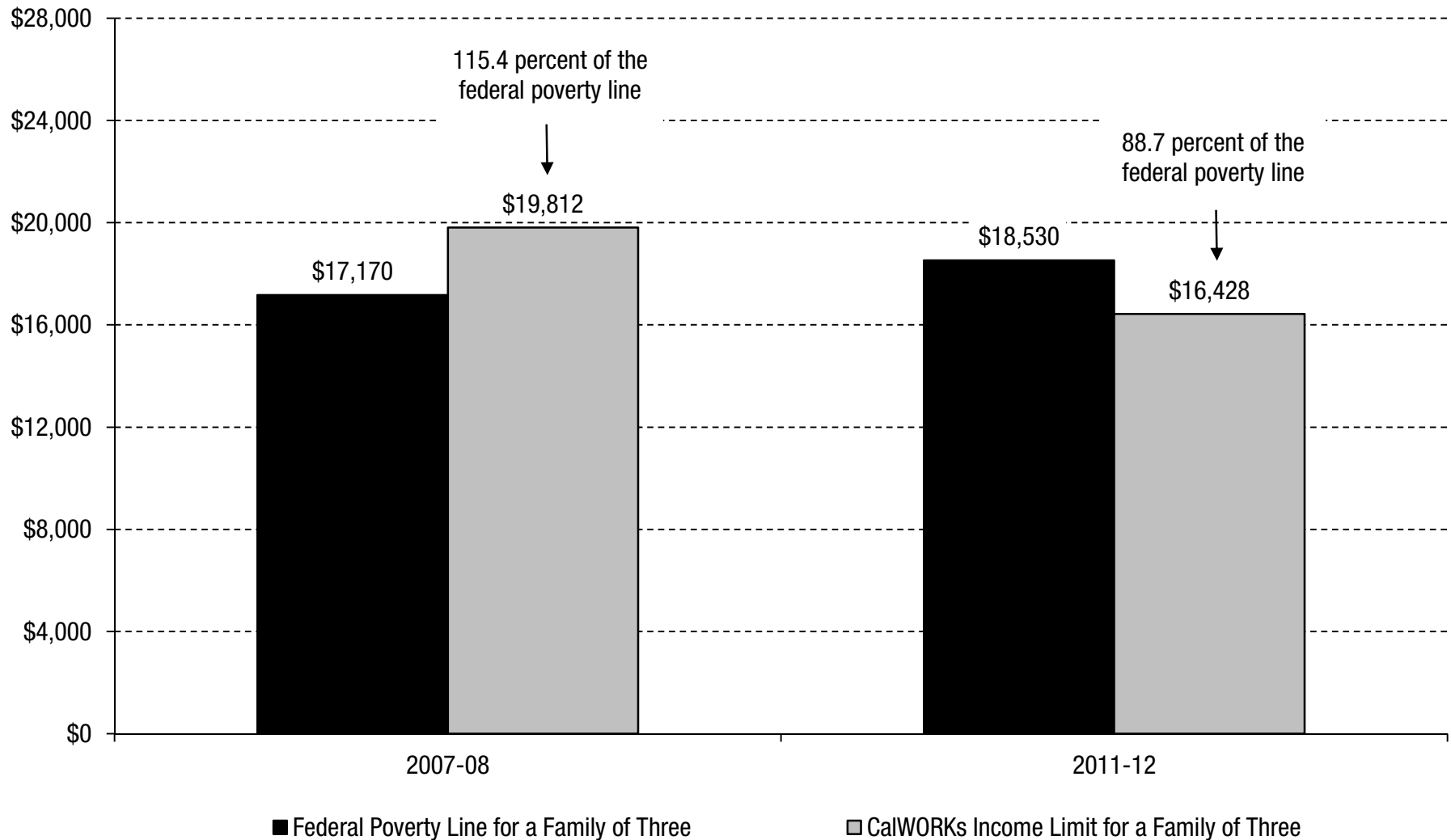
The Maximum CalWORKs Grant in 2011-12 Provides an Annual Income Below Half the Poverty Line

Adding CalFresh Food Benefits Raises Families Out of Deep Poverty, But Not Above the Poverty Line

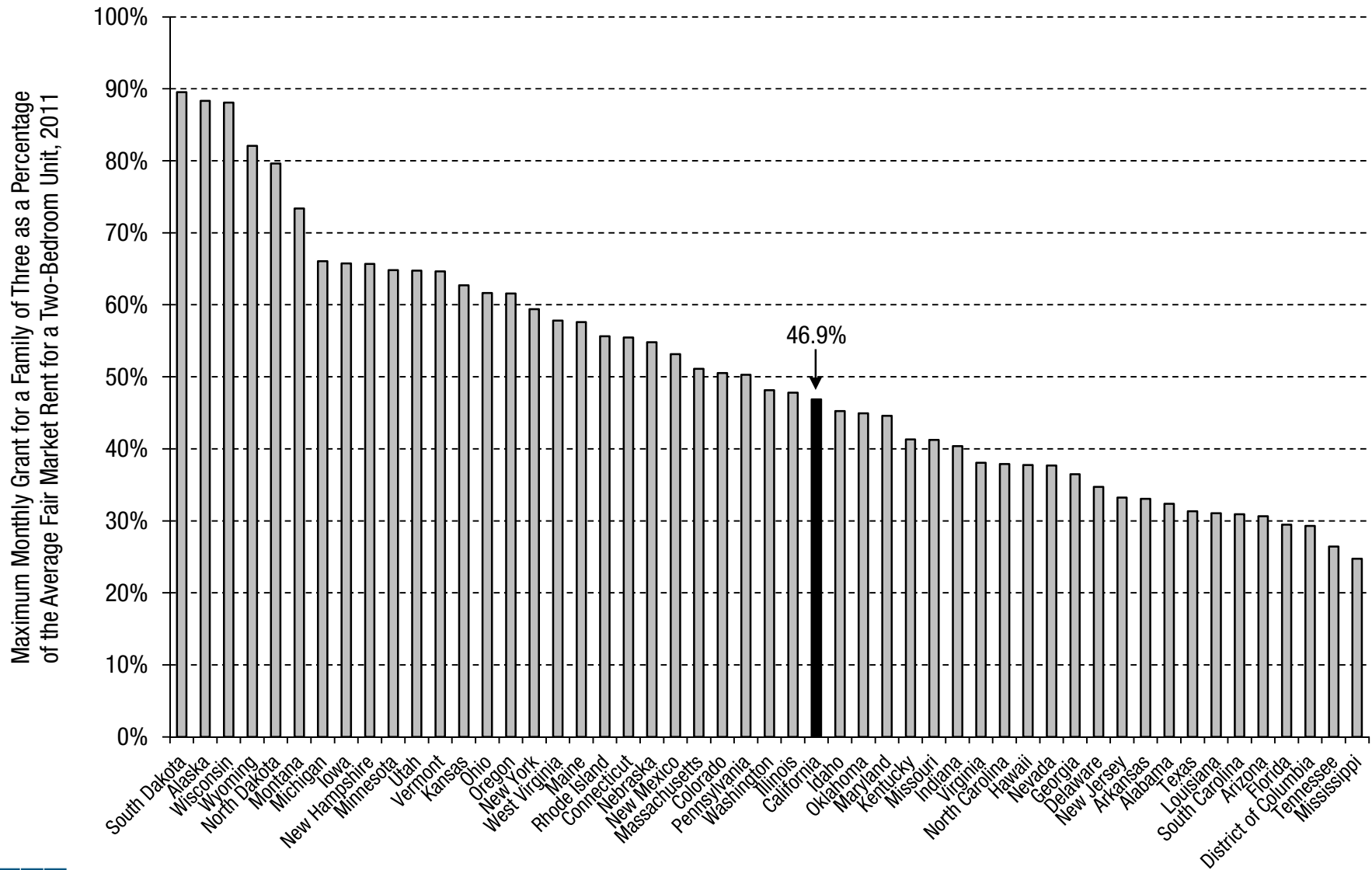


Families Currently Lose CalWORKs Cash Assistance Well Before Their Incomes Reach the Poverty Line

CalWORKs Income Limit for a Family of Three Has Dropped by Nearly \$3,400 Since 2007-08



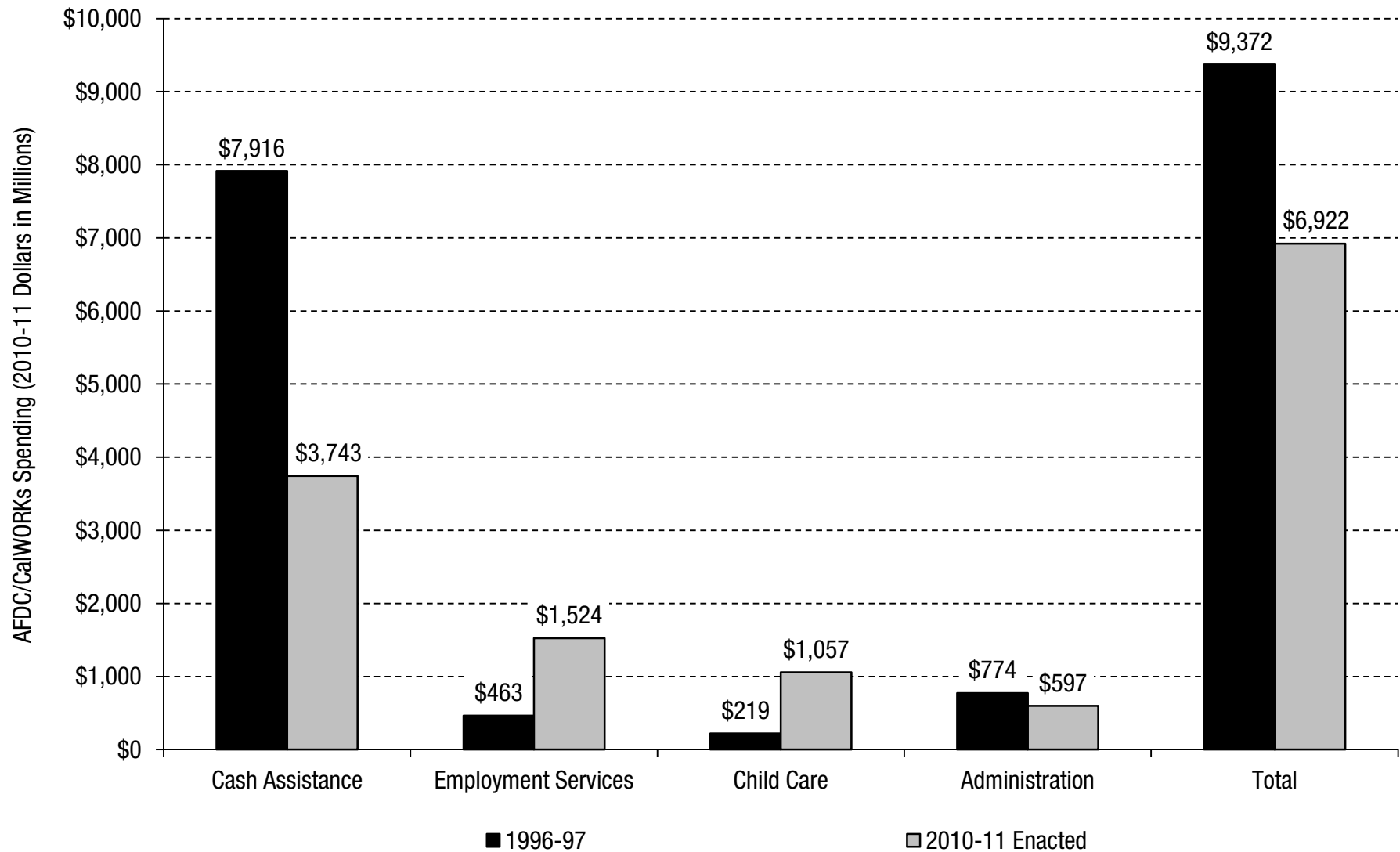
The CalWORKs Grant Level Is Lower Than TANF Grants in 27 States, After Adjusting for Housing Costs



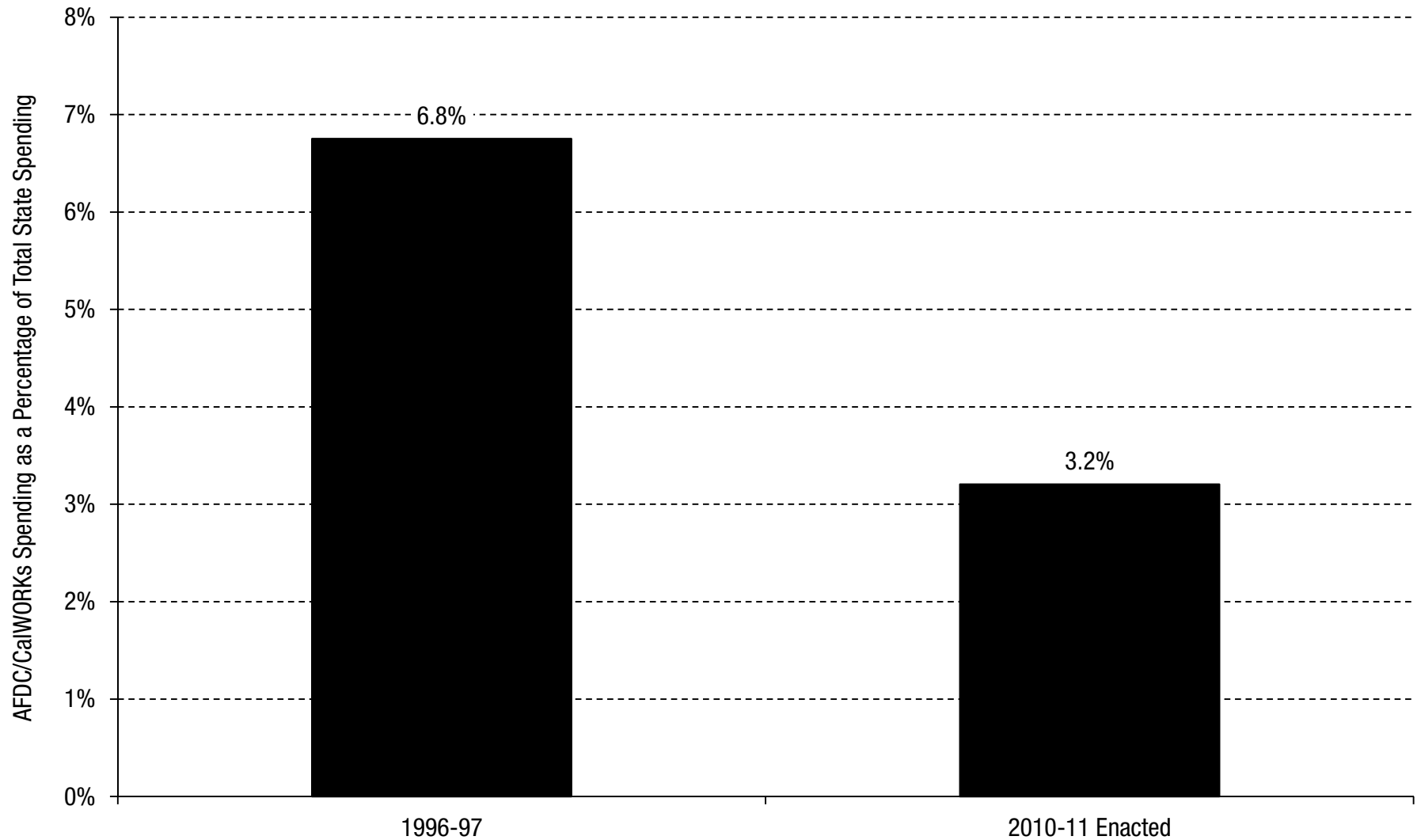


CalWORKs Spending Has Dropped Significantly Since the Mid-1990s

Total Welfare Spending in California Dropped Substantially Between 1996-97 and 2010-11



Welfare Spending as a Share of Total Spending Dropped by More Than Half Between 1996-97 and 2010-11



Note: AFDC/CalWORKs spending includes county, state, and federal funds.

Total state spending includes state and federal funds.

Source: Department of Finance and Department of Social Services