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SSI/SSP Grants in California: Key Context and Recent Trends

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**SSI/SSP grants help
1.3 million low-income
seniors and people with
disabilities in California
pay for housing, food,
and other basic expenses.**



**State policymakers
reduced SSI/SSP grants
to help close budget
shortfalls during the
Great Recession.**

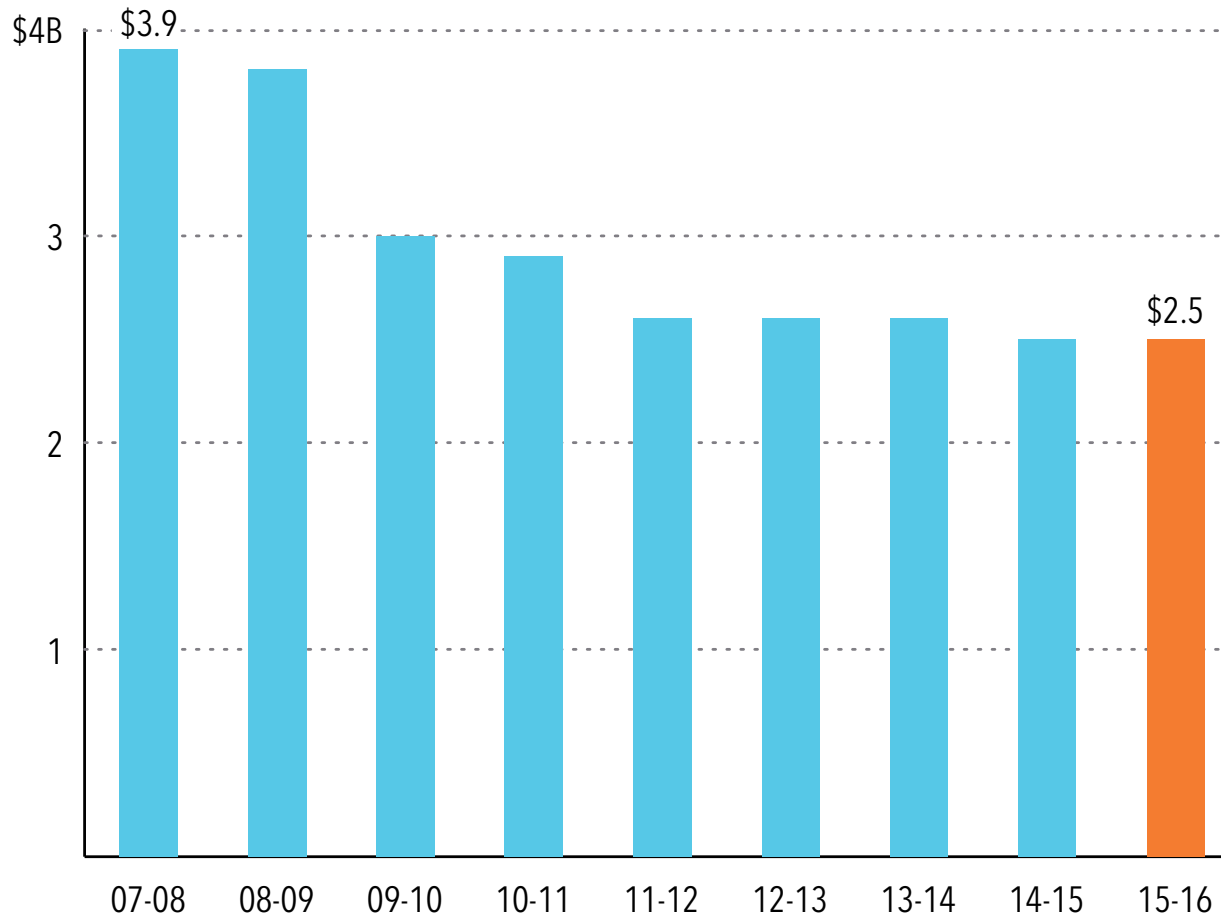


**These cuts reduced
annual state spending
for SSI/SSP grants by
\$1.4 billion.**



Due to Budget Cuts, State Spending for SSI/SSP Grants Is More Than One-Third Below the 2007-08 Level

General Fund Expenditures in Billions, Inflation-Adjusted



Note: Figures are in 2015-16 dollars. All figures are estimates except for 2015-16, which is proposed.

Source: Department of Social Services

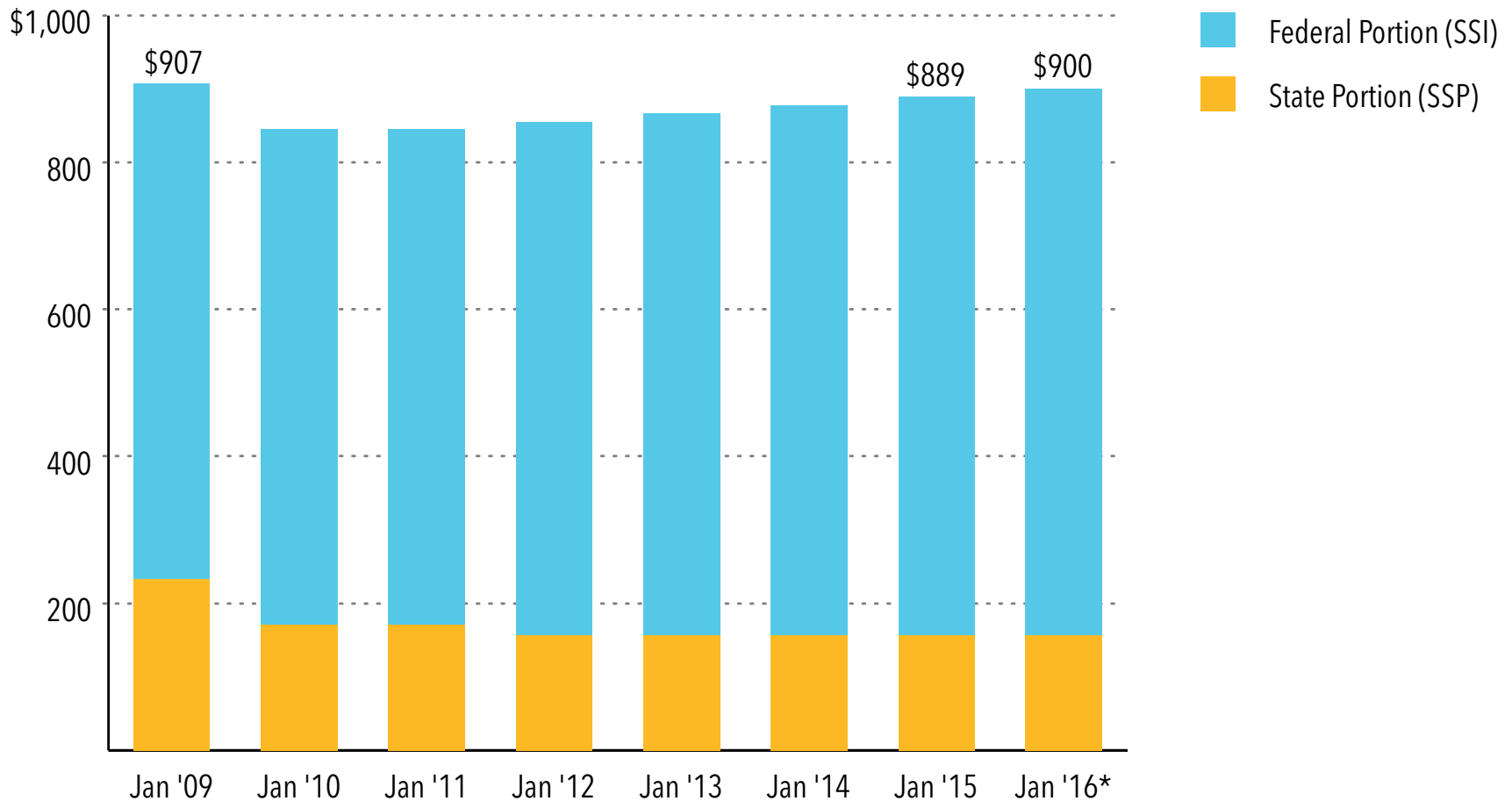


SSI/SSP grants remain below the January 2009 level, even without adjusting for inflation.



Due to State Budget Cuts, the SSI/SSP Grant for Individuals Remains Below the January 2009 Level

Maximum Monthly SSI/SSP Grant for Individuals Who Are Elderly or Have Disabilities

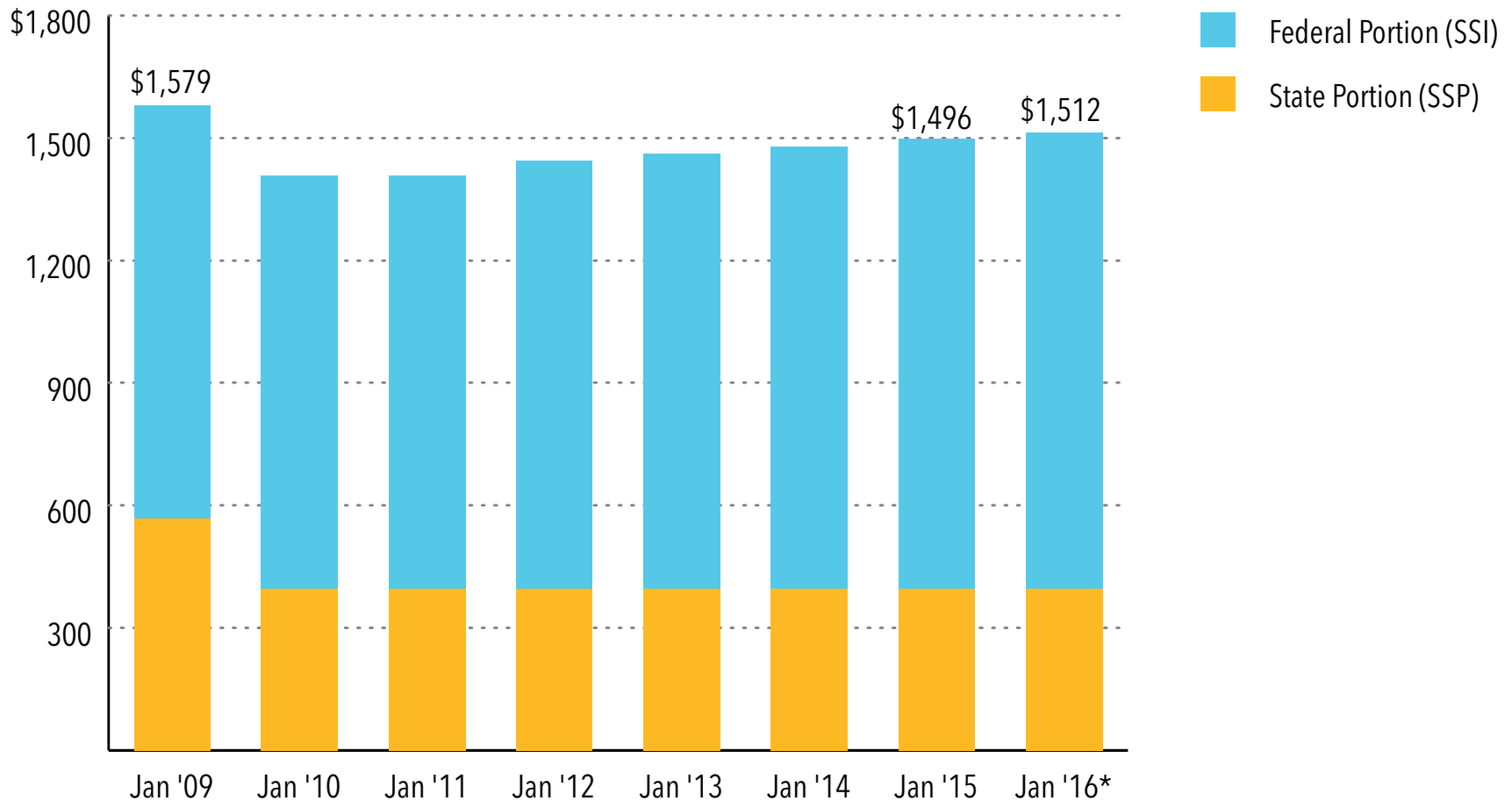


* Includes a projected 1.5 percent federal cost-of-living adjustment (COLA) to the SSI portion effective January 2016. The annual state COLA was eliminated starting in 2010-11.
Source: Department of Social Services



Due to State Budget Cuts, the SSI/SSP Grant for Couples Remains Below the January 2009 Level

Maximum Monthly SSI/SSP Grant for Couples Who Are Elderly or Have Disabilities



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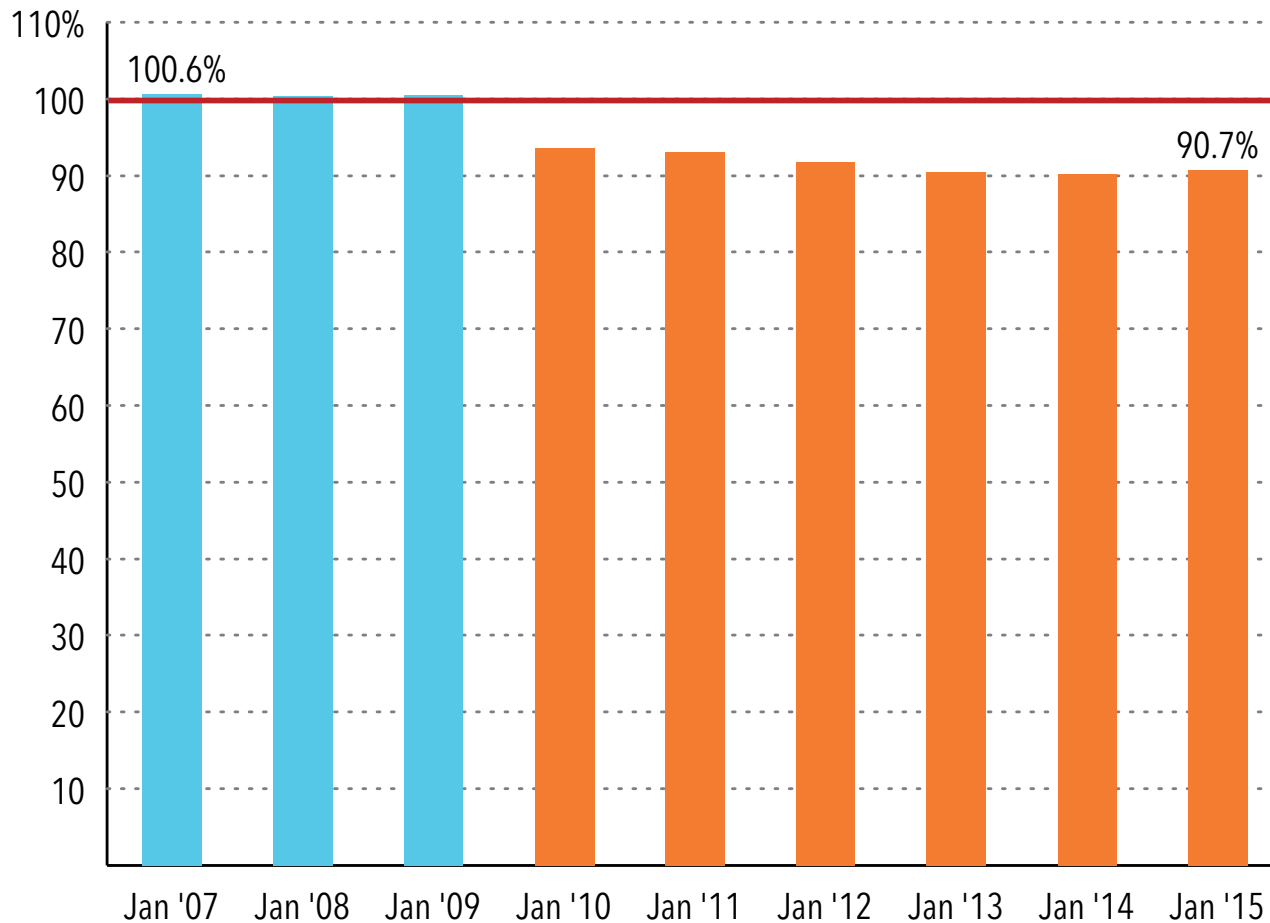


SSI/SSP grants have declined as a share of the federal poverty line.



SSI/SSP Grants for Individuals No Longer Lift Seniors and People With Disabilities Out of Poverty

Maximum Monthly Grant for Individuals as a Percentage of the Federal Poverty Line

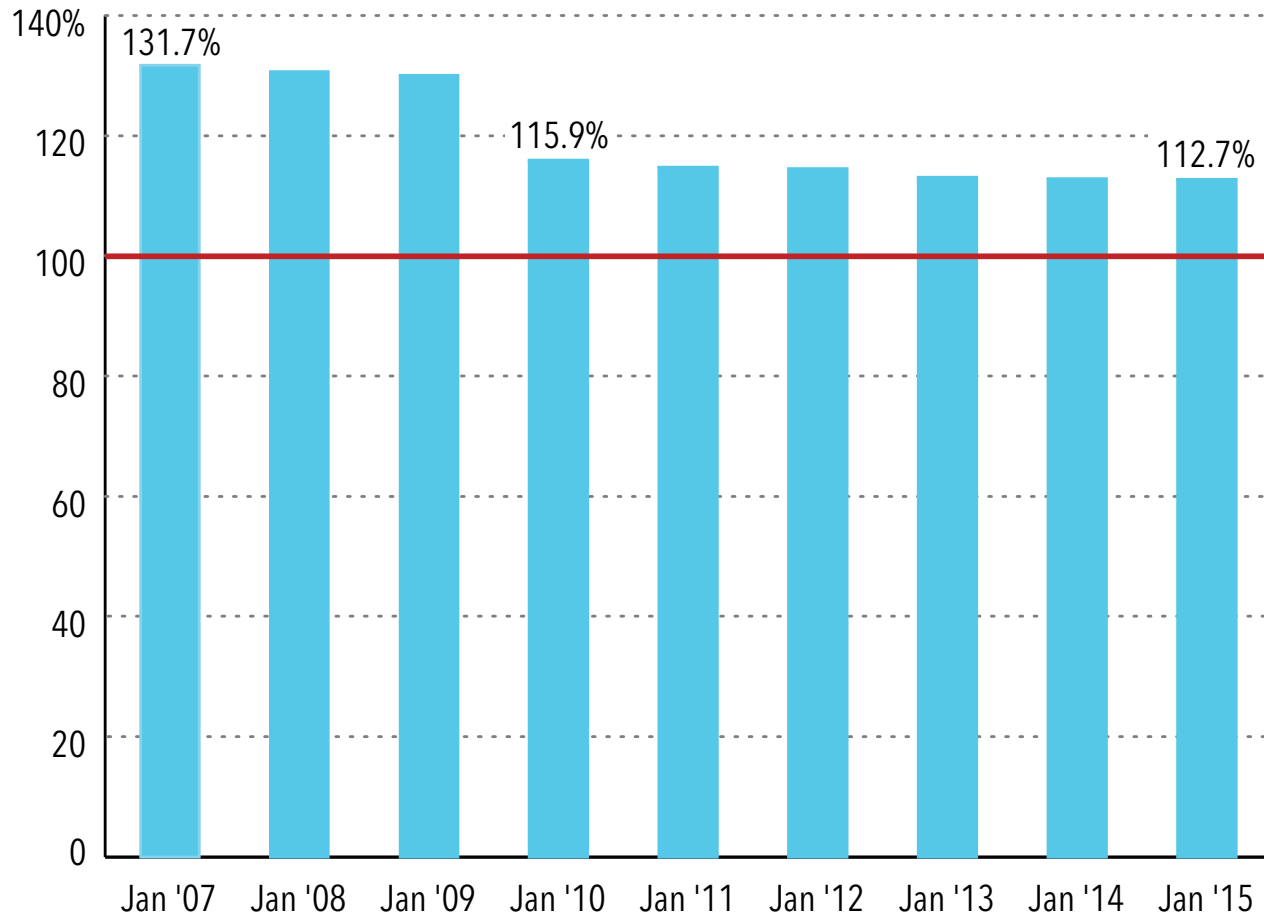


Source: Department of Social Services and US Department of Health and Human Services



SSI/SSP Grants for Couples Have Been Declining as a Share of the Federal Poverty Line

Maximum Monthly Grant for Couples as a Percentage of the Federal Poverty Line



Source: Department of Social Services and US Department of Health and Human Services



**Due to state cuts,
SSI/SSP grants
have lost ground
to housing costs
in each of California's
58 counties.**

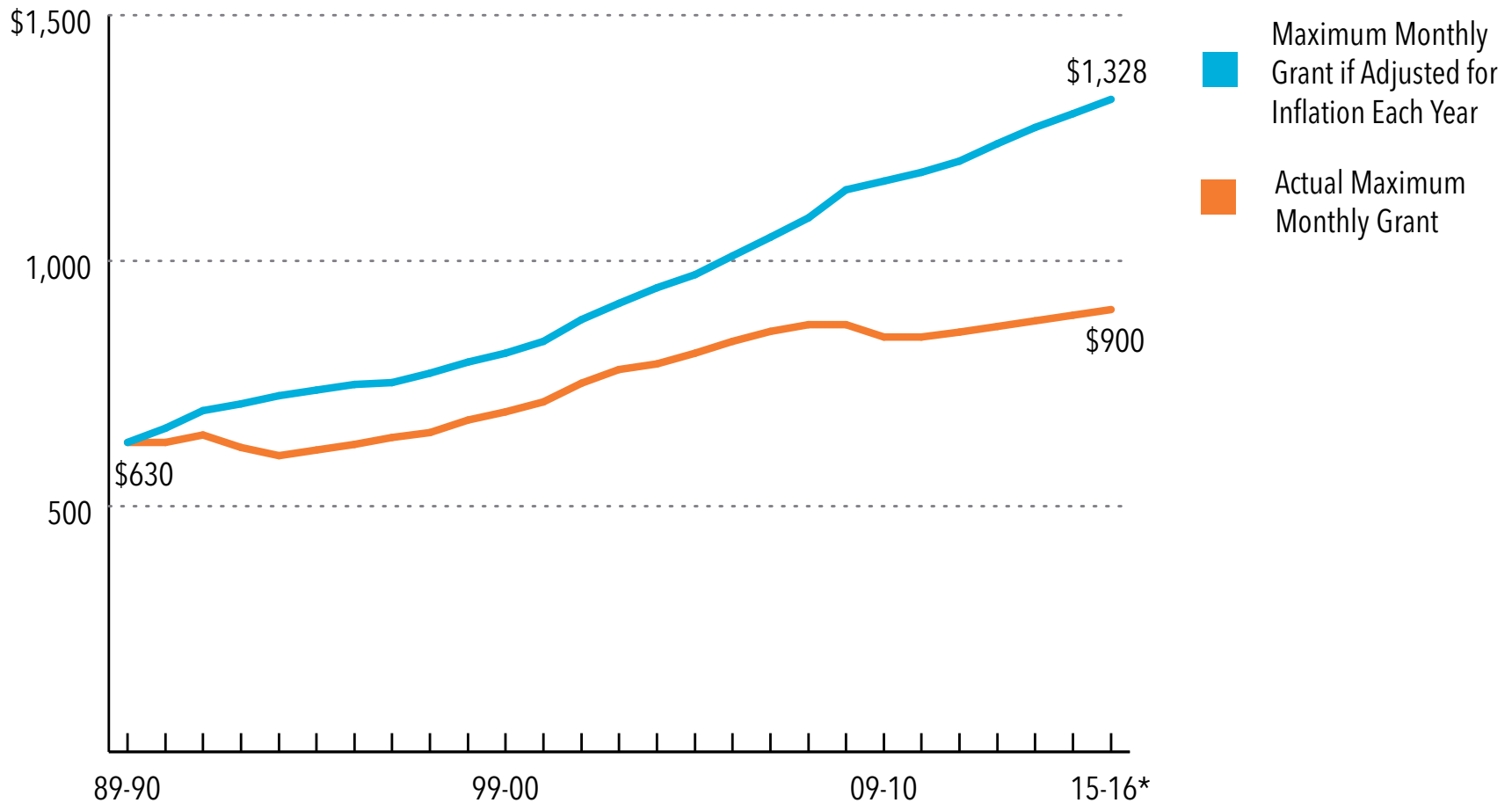


The recent state cuts to SSI/SSP grants are part of a longer-term trend.



SSI/SSP Grants Have Lost Nearly One-Third of Their Purchasing Power Since 1989-90

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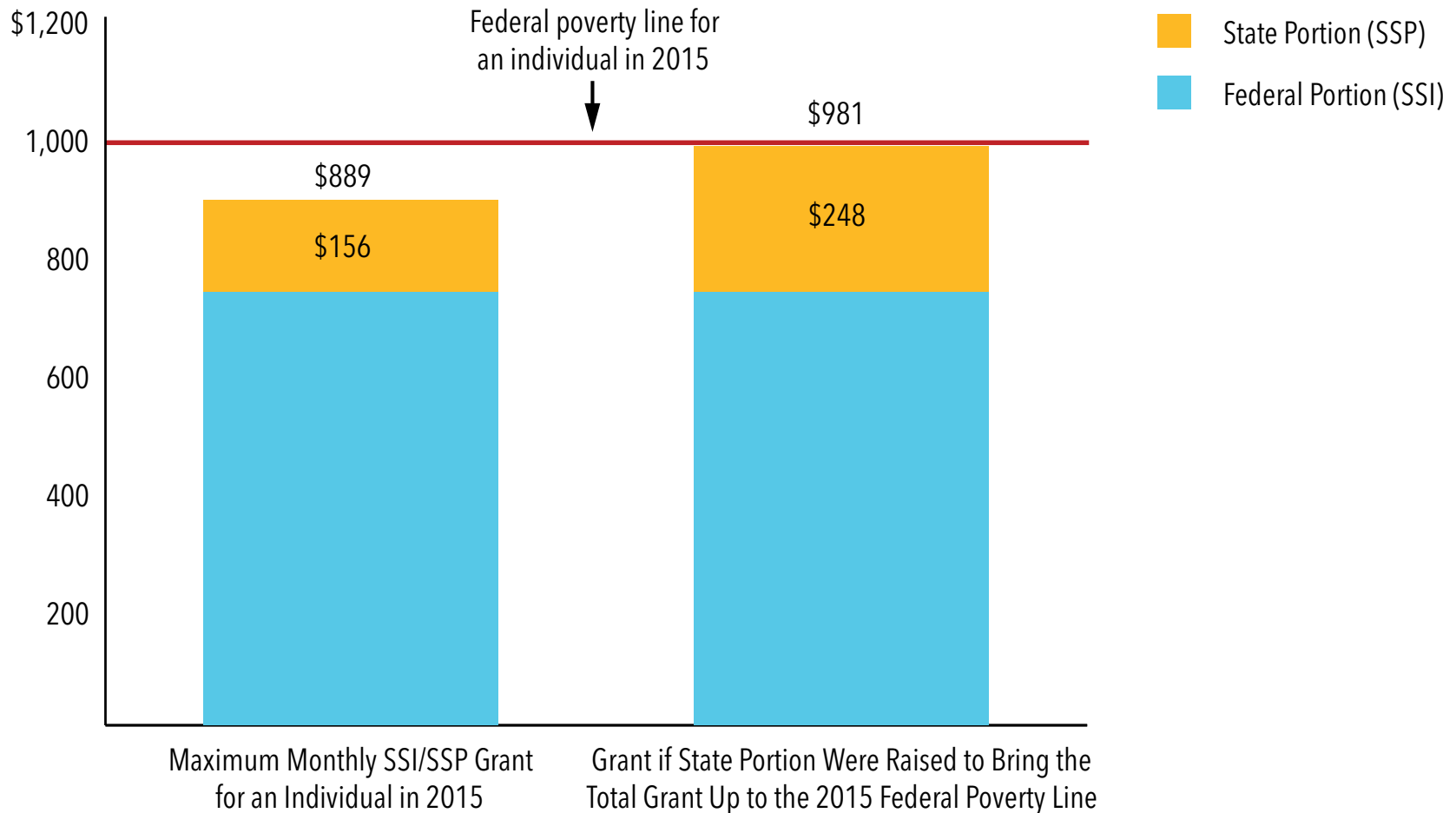
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Source: Budget Center analysis of Department of Finance and Department of Social Services data



Boosting SSI/SSP grants would mean changing the state's current budget priorities.



SSP Grants Would Have to Rise by Over \$90 Per Month to Bring the Total SSI/SSP Grant Up to the Poverty Line



Source: Department of Social Services and US Department of Health and Human Services





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