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**Michigan in Early 2010:
Confidence in the Economy Improves,
But Confidence in Leadership Worsens**

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Winter-Spring 2010

1969 Interviews Completed
February 3, 2010 – April 30, 2010
Margin of Error: $\pm 2.2\%$

Survey Demographics

47.5% Male

52.5% Female

82.9% White

12.6% African-American

31.2% Democrat

23.8% Republican

Consumer Confidence

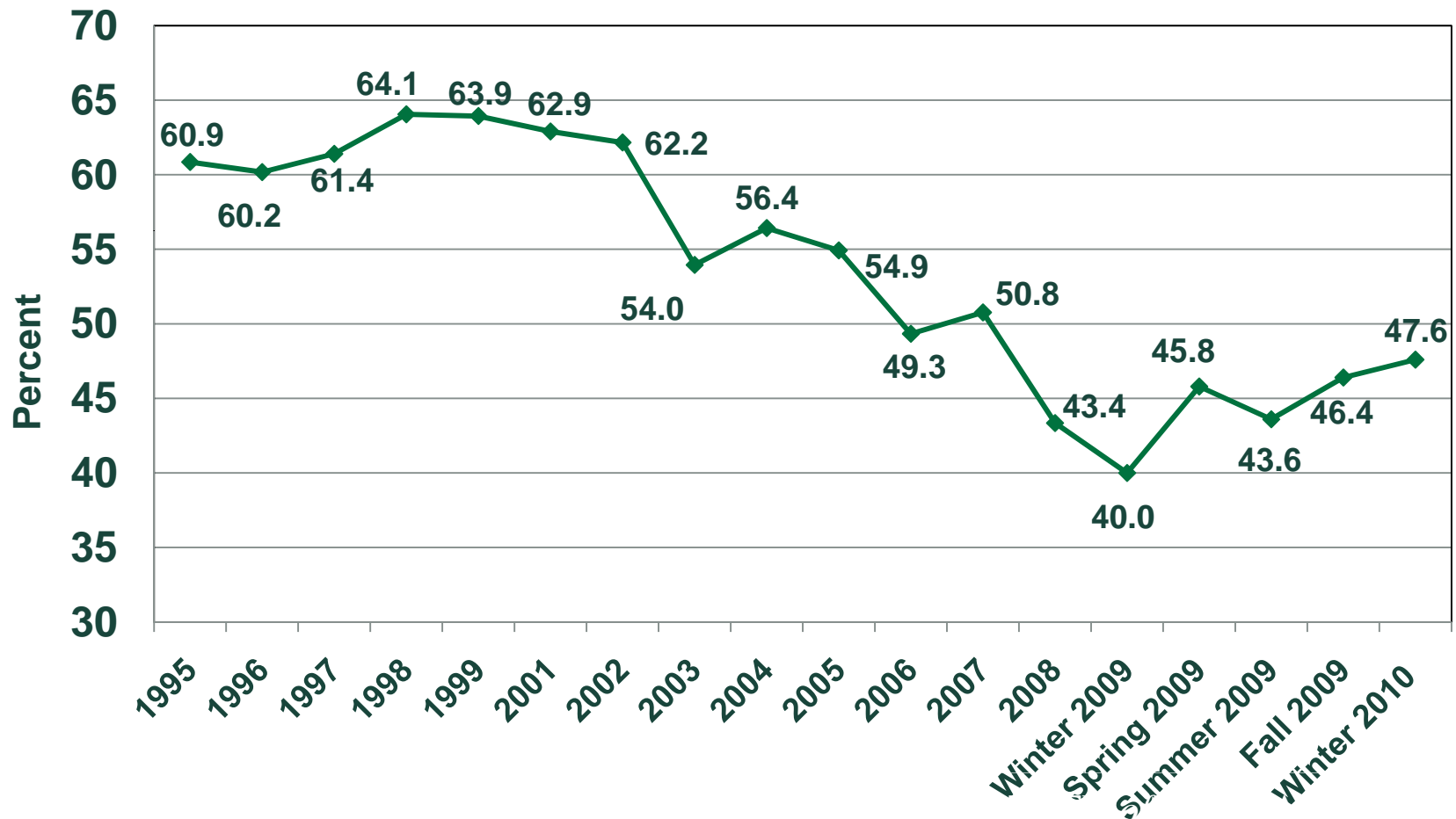


**Consumer confidence
appears to be stable,
and even improving**

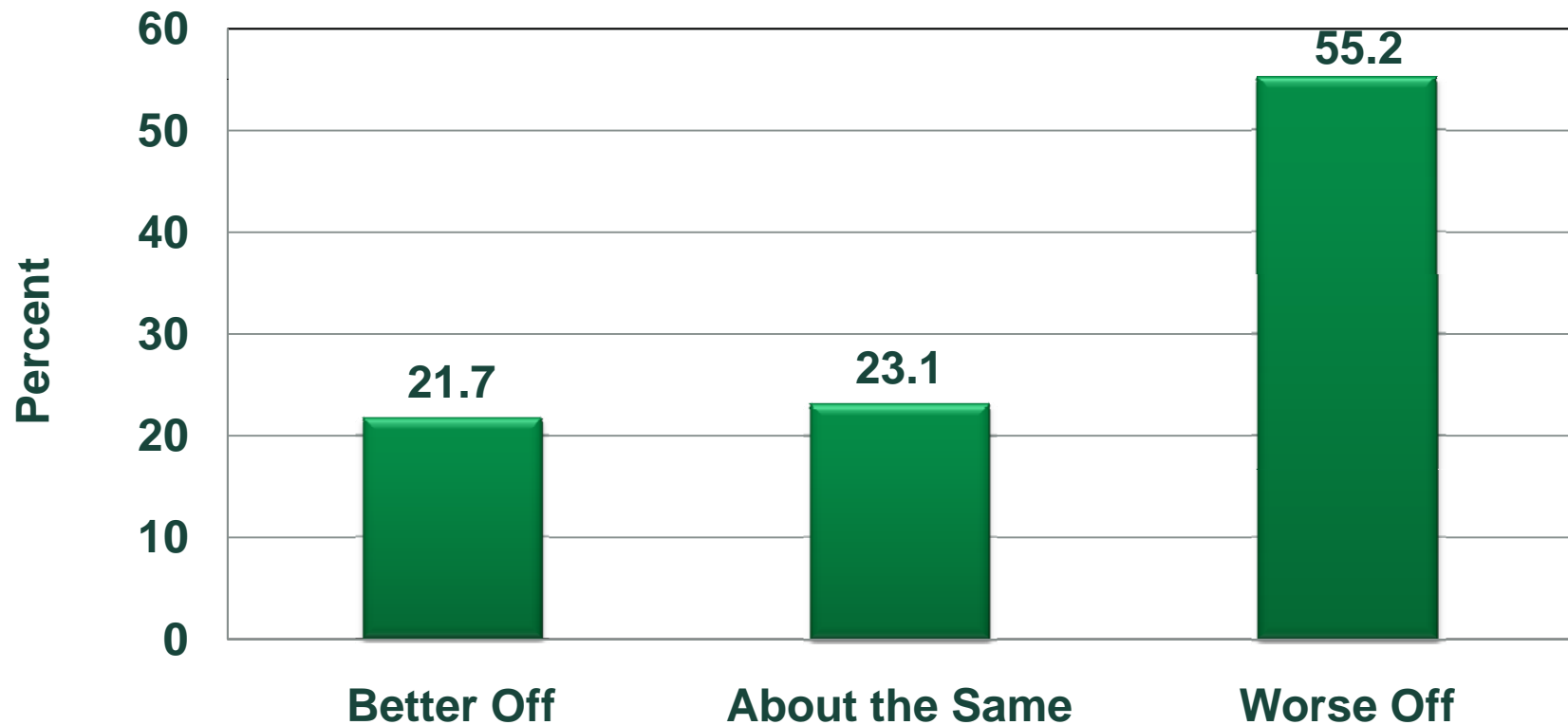
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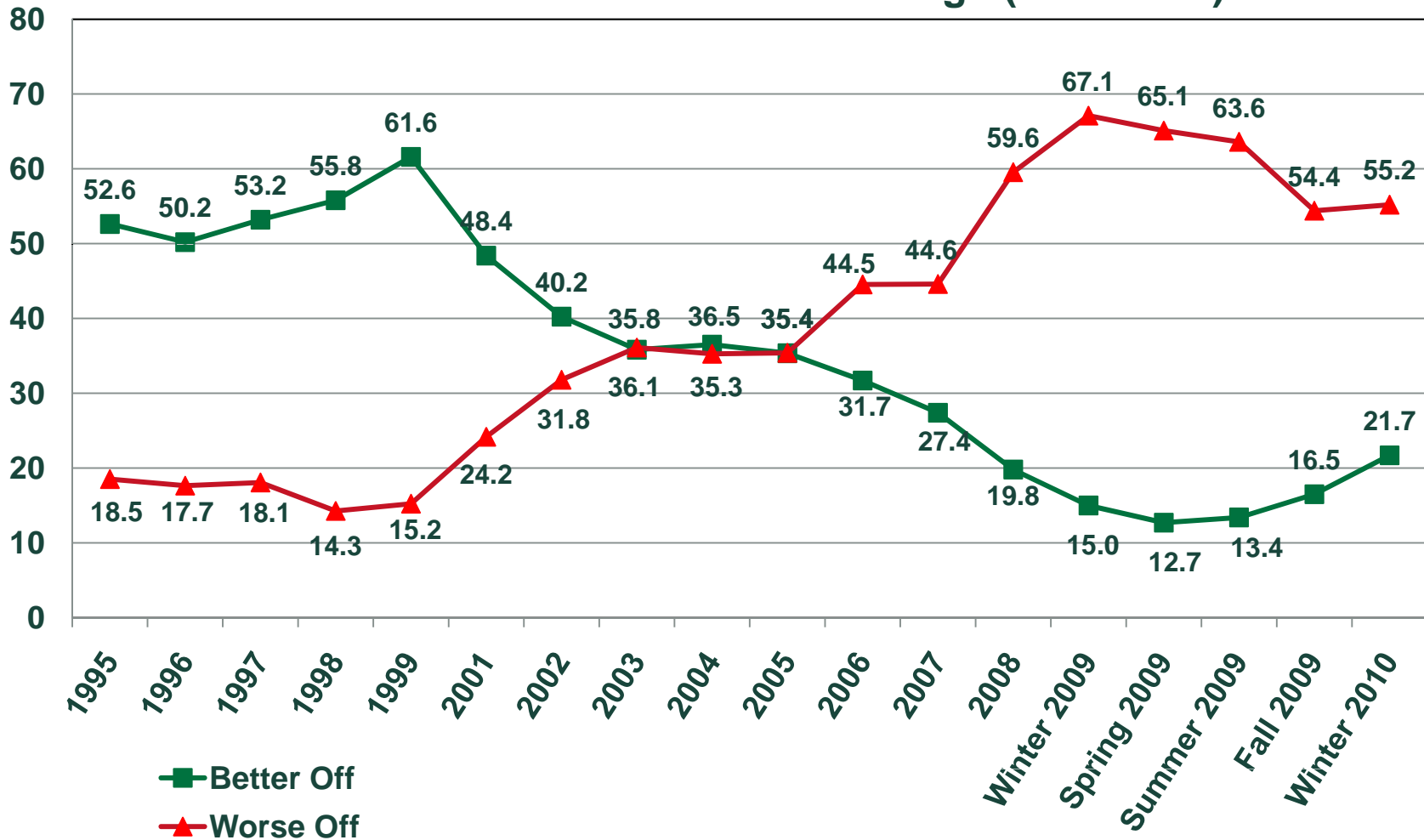
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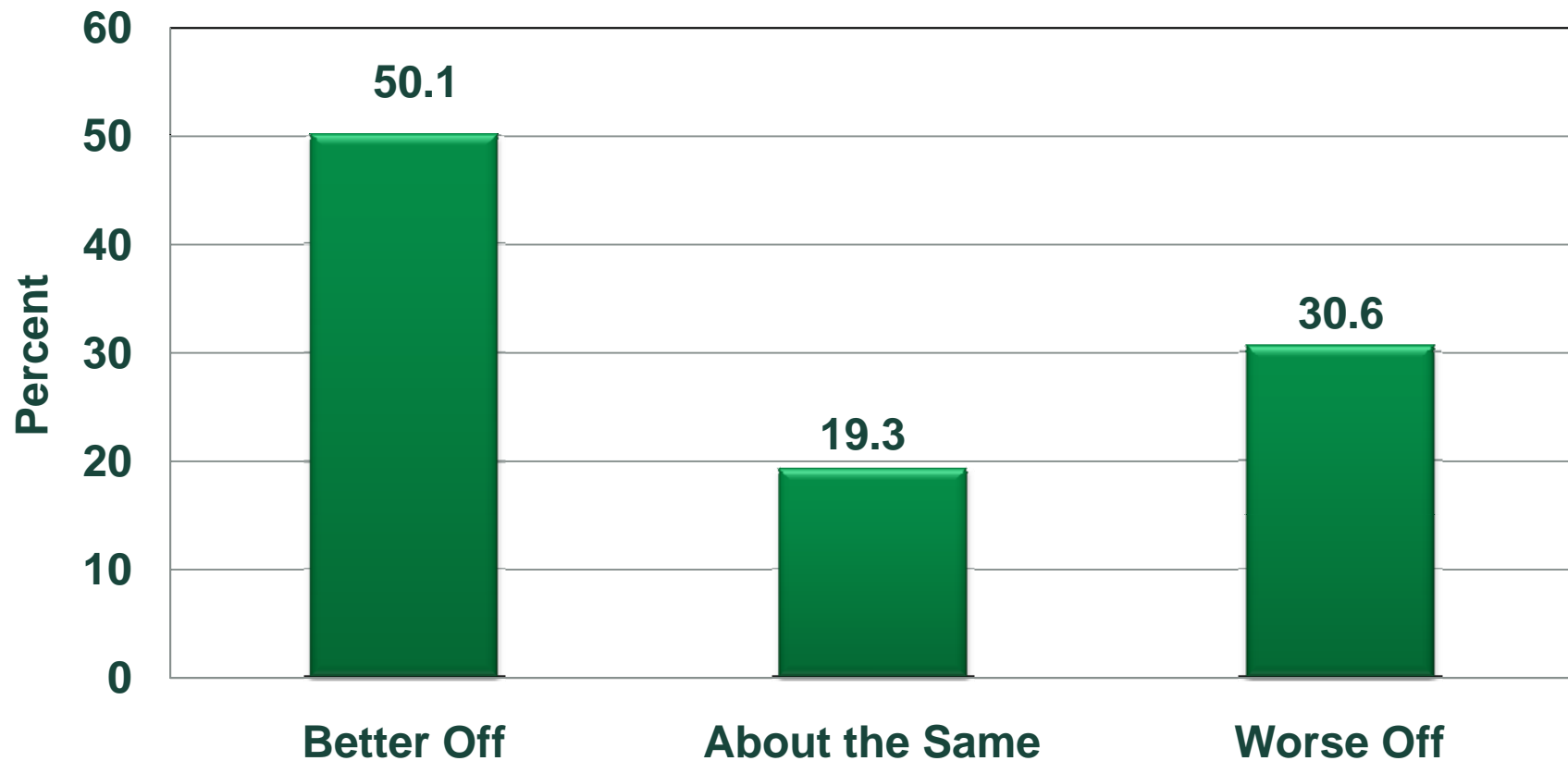
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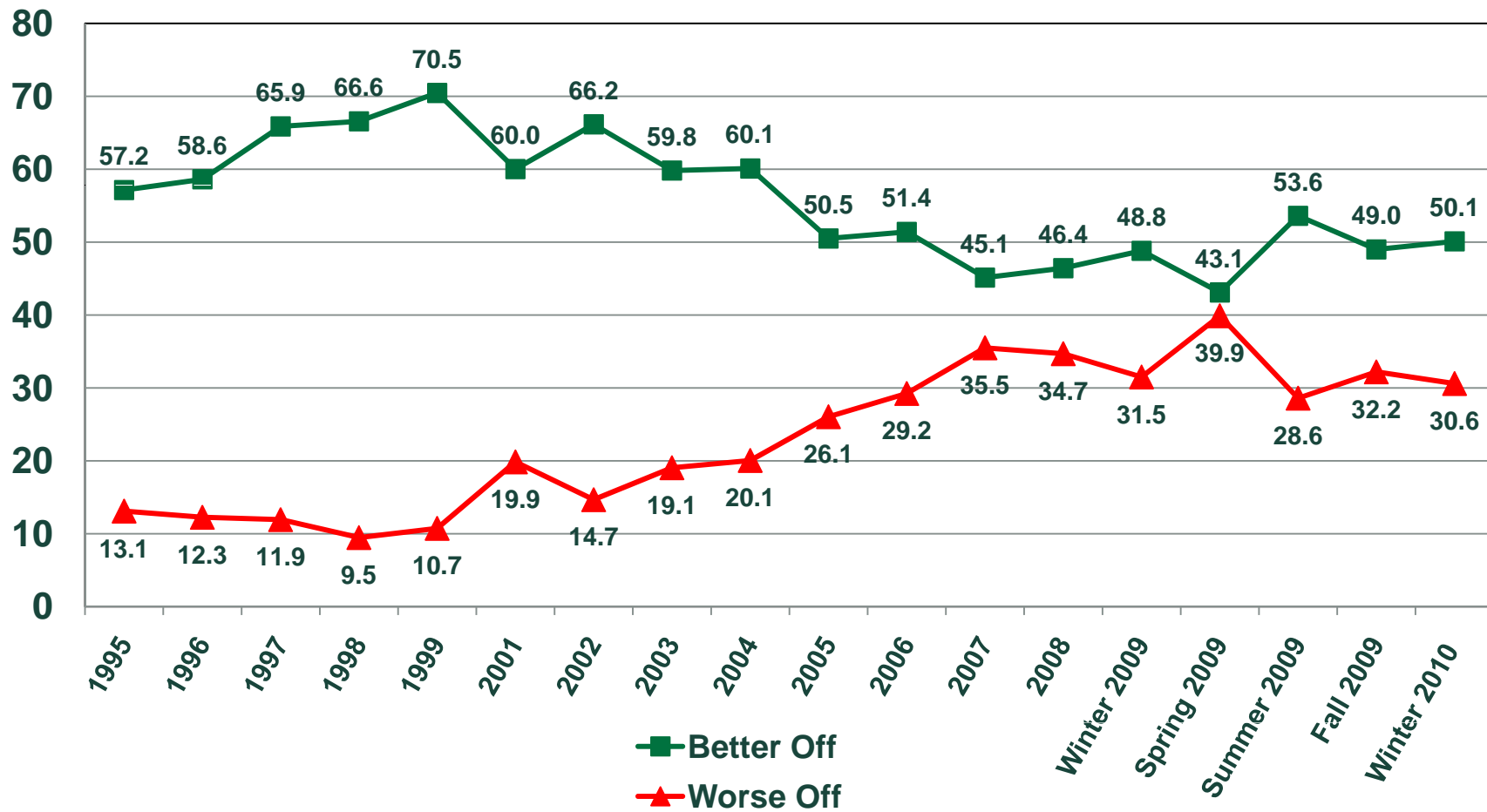
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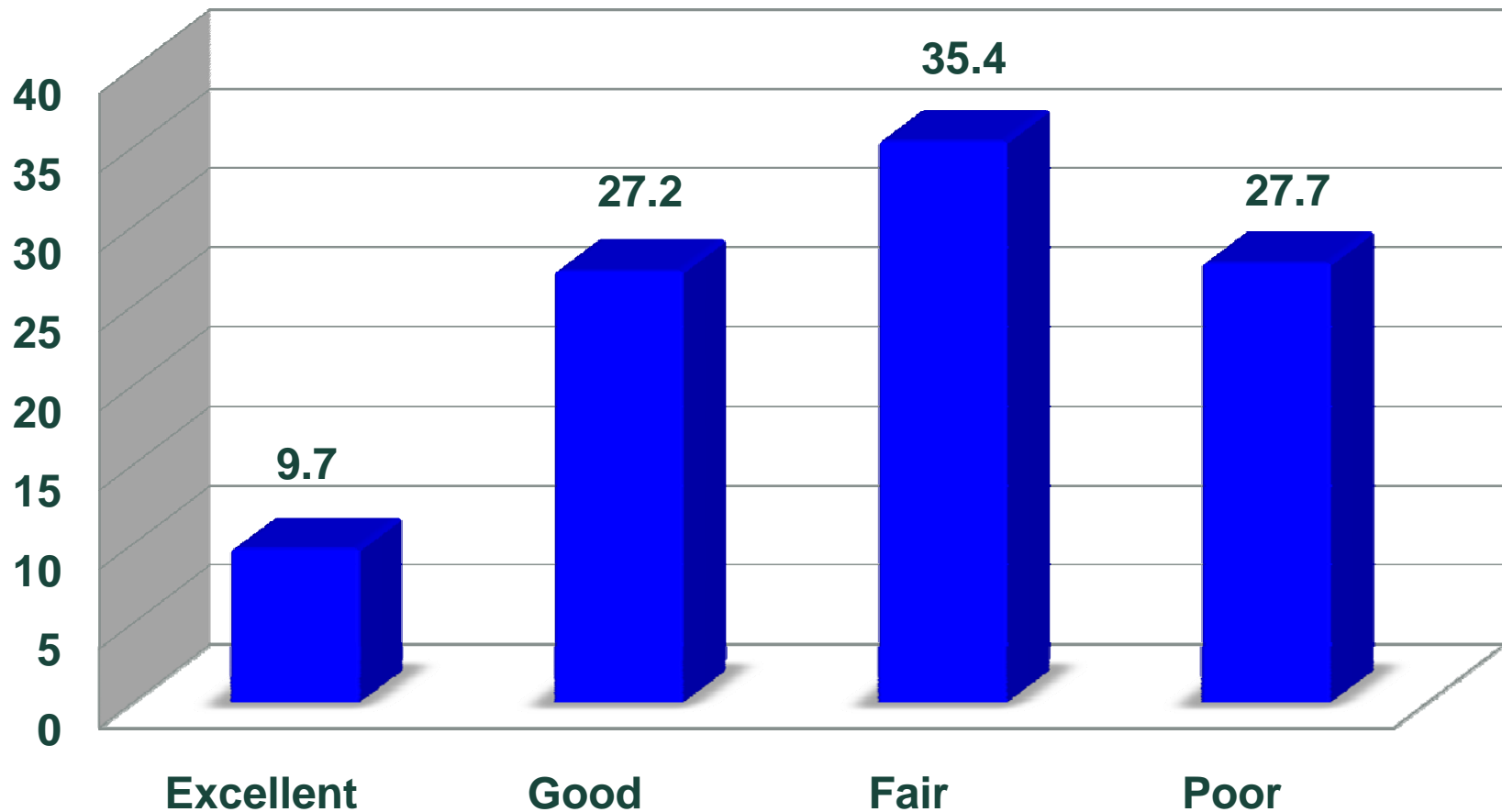
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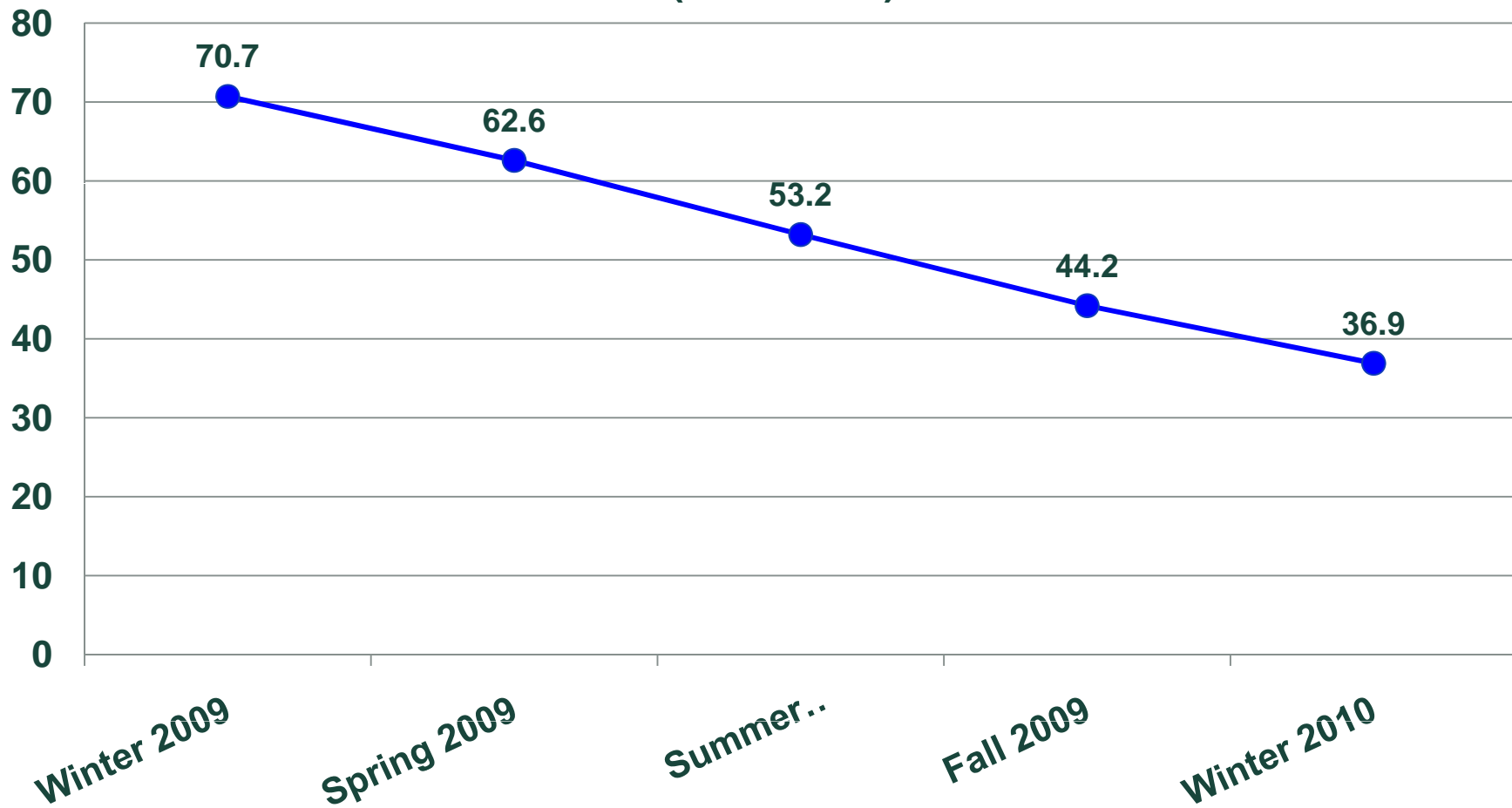
Leadership Confidence



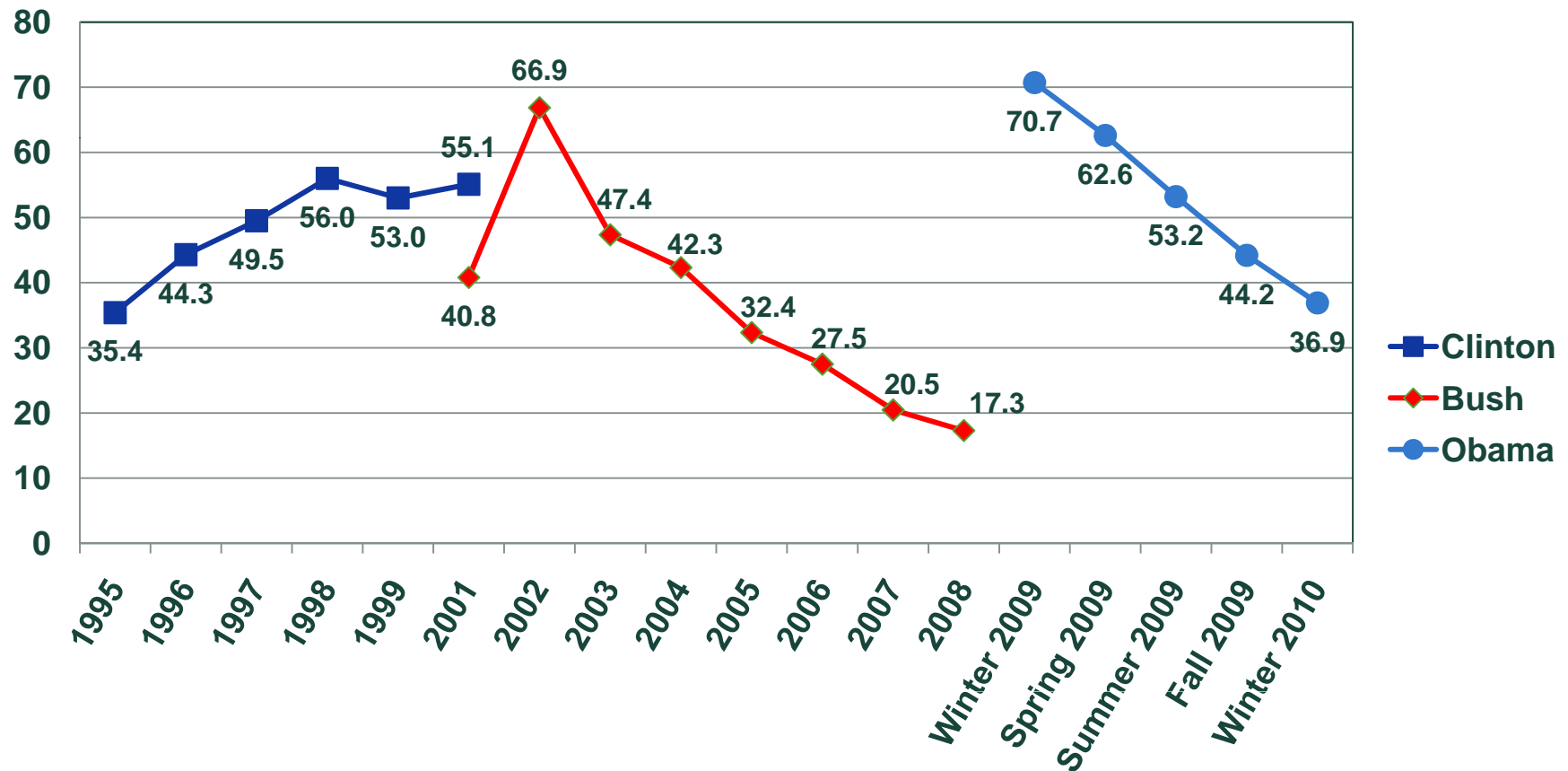
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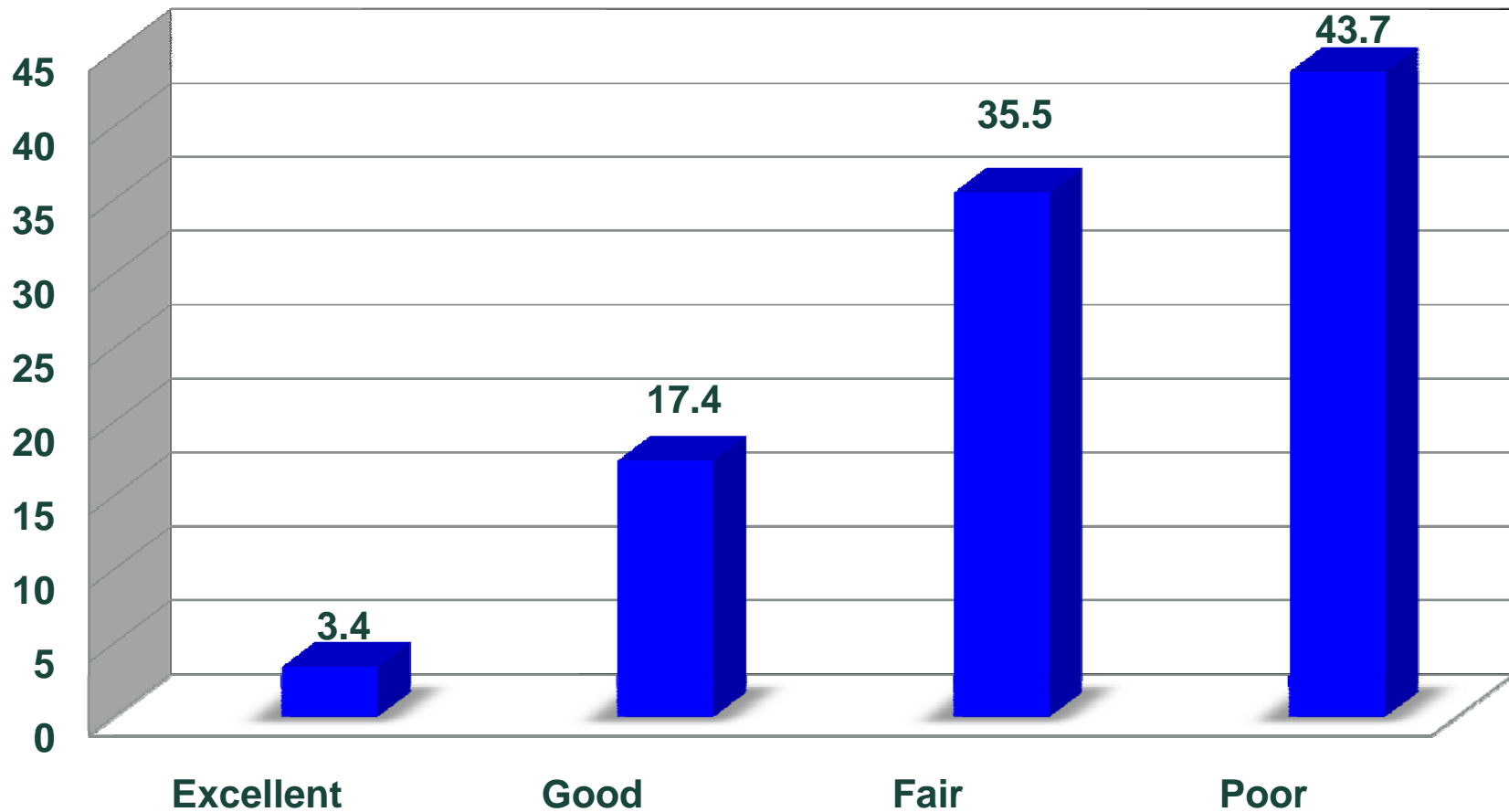
Percentage of Michigan Residents Rating President Obama's Performance as "Excellent" or "Good" (2009-2010)



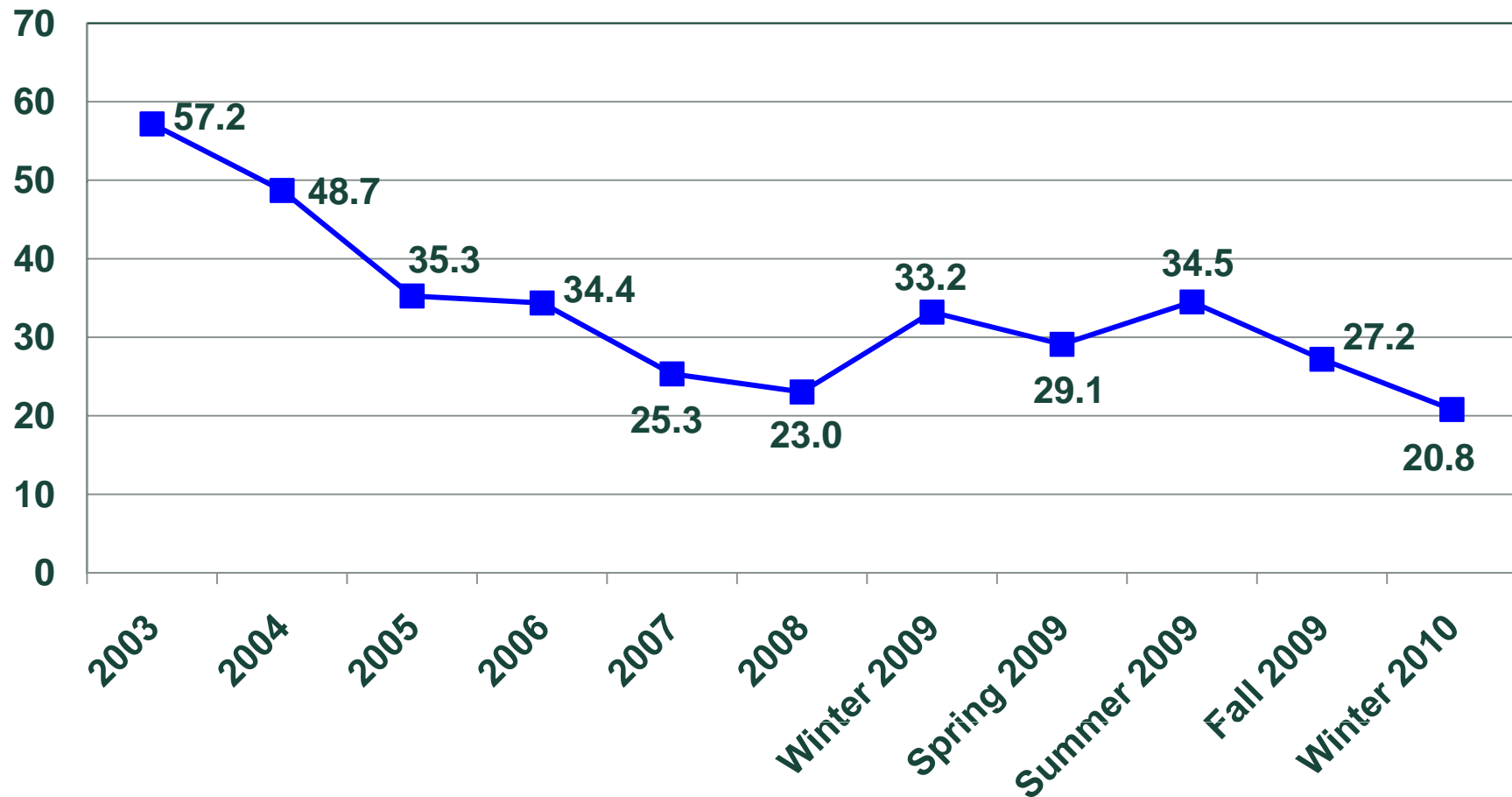
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Michigan Residents' Ratings of Governor Granholm's Performance (Winter-Spring 2010)



Percentage of Michigan Residents Rating Governor Granholm's Performance as "Excellent" or "Good" (2003-2010)



Most Important Problems: Jobs and the Economy Dominate Everything Else



Most Important Problems Facing the Governor and the Legislature (Winter-Spring 2010)

Jobs / Unemployment / Work / Wages	56.7%
Economic Growth / Stimulating the Economy	12.9
School Funding / School Finances	7.3
Education Quality / Education Standards	6.4
Health Care / Health Insurance	4.3
Michigan Budget	3.2
Taxes / Reduce Taxes	1.3
Environment	0.7
Road Repair / Bridge Repair	0.5
Reduce Size of Government	0.5
Moral Issues / Abortion / Family Values	0.4
Foreclosures / Housing / Property Values	0.3
Crime / Drugs / Violence	0.3
Poverty / Homelessness / Social Programs	0.3
Welfare Reform	0.1
Diversity / Race Relations	0.1
Foreign Policy	0.1
Regulation / Deregulation	0.1

**Most Important Problems
Facing Governor and Legislature, 2001-2010
(In Percent)**

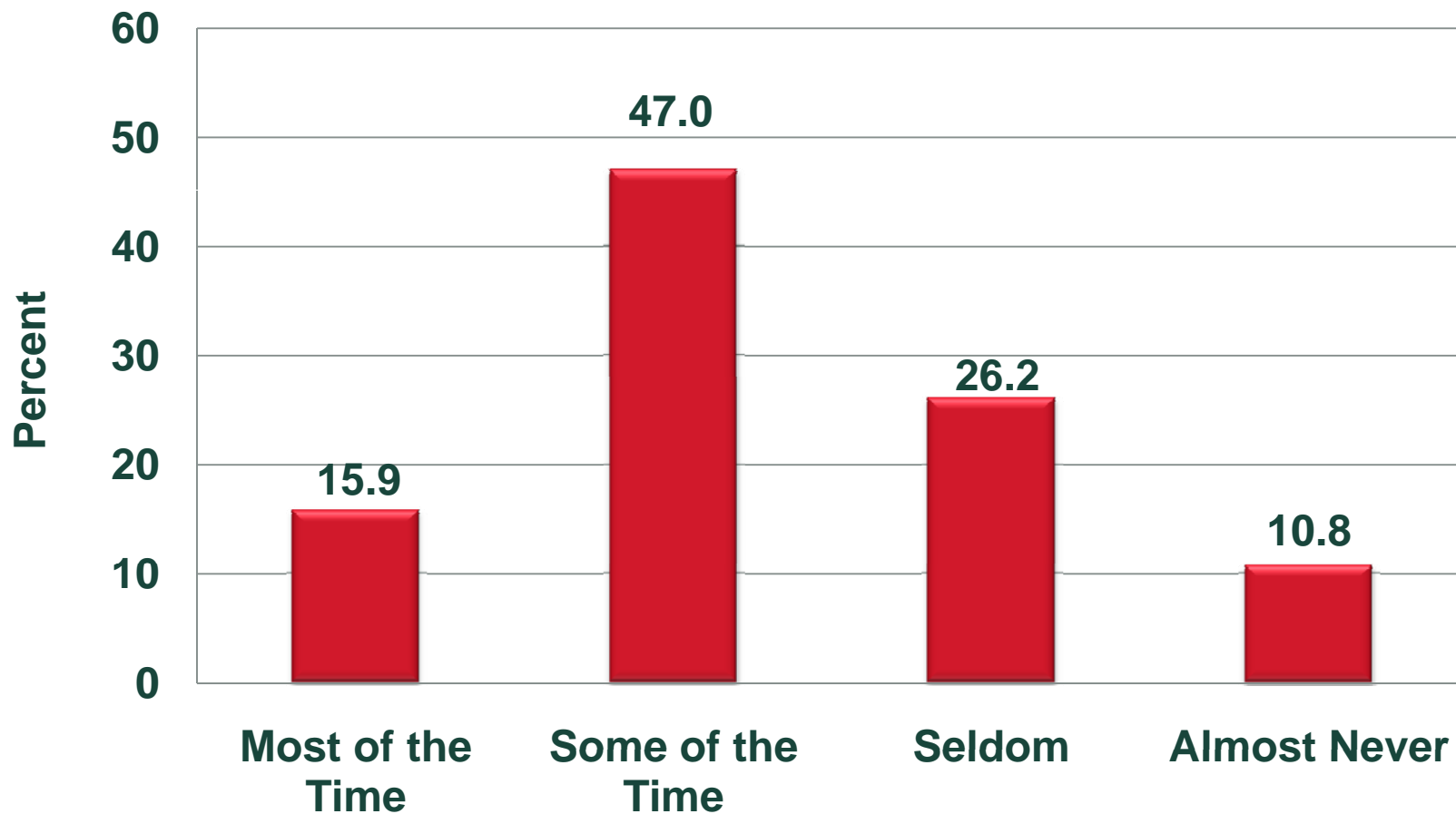
	<u>2001</u>	<u>2003</u>	<u>2005</u>	<u>2007</u>	<u>2009</u>	<u>2010</u>
Jobs / Unemployment	6.6	22.0	30.2	40.8	57.1	56.7
Economic Growth / Stimulating Economy	3.9	19.3	14.3	17.5	20.3	12.9
Education Quality / School Finances	41.7	27.5	20.7	11.4	7.1	13.7
Health Care / Health Insurance	7.4	7.0	9.4	4.3	4.4	4.4

Trust in Government

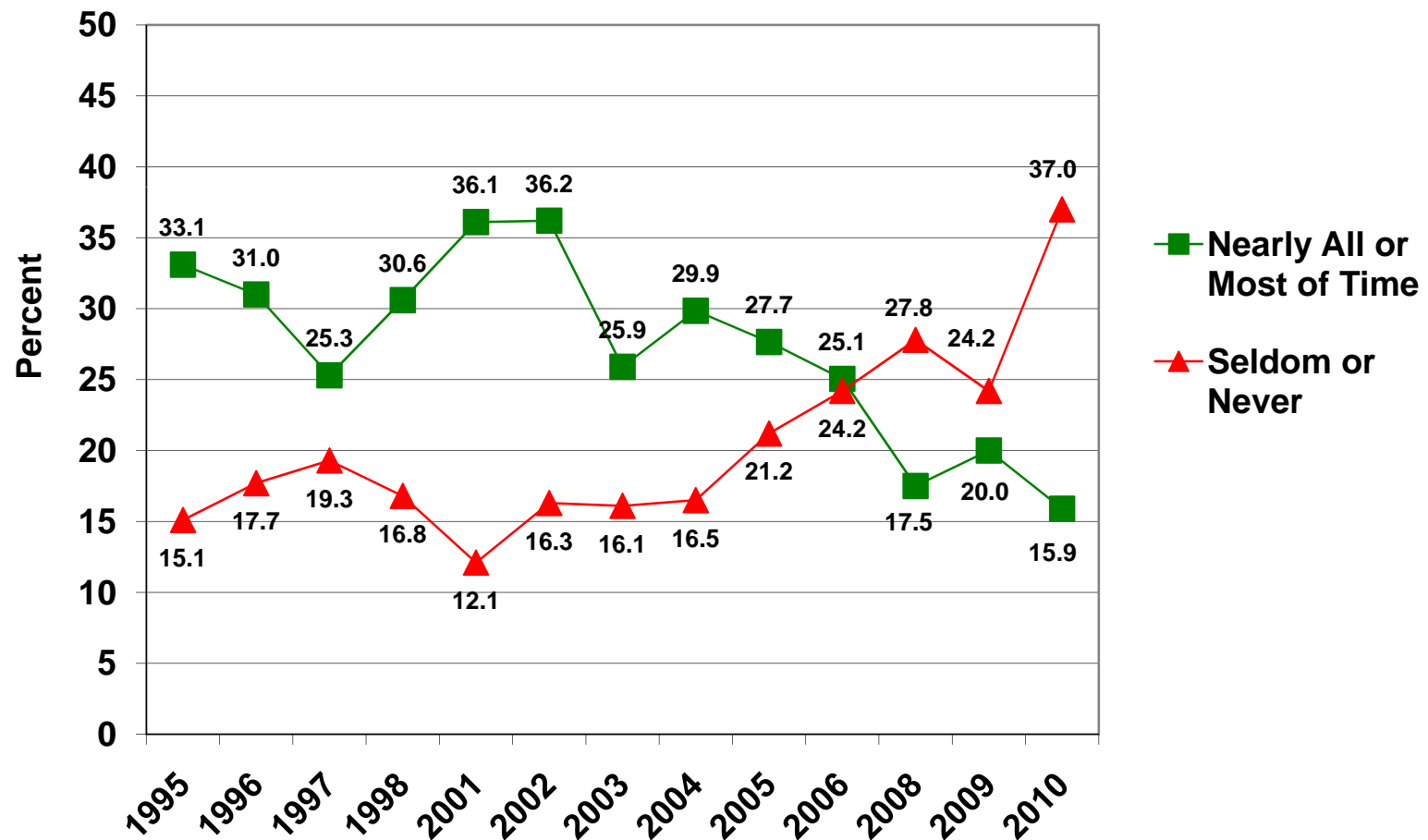


**Trust in the Government of
the State of Michigan is at
an all-time low.**

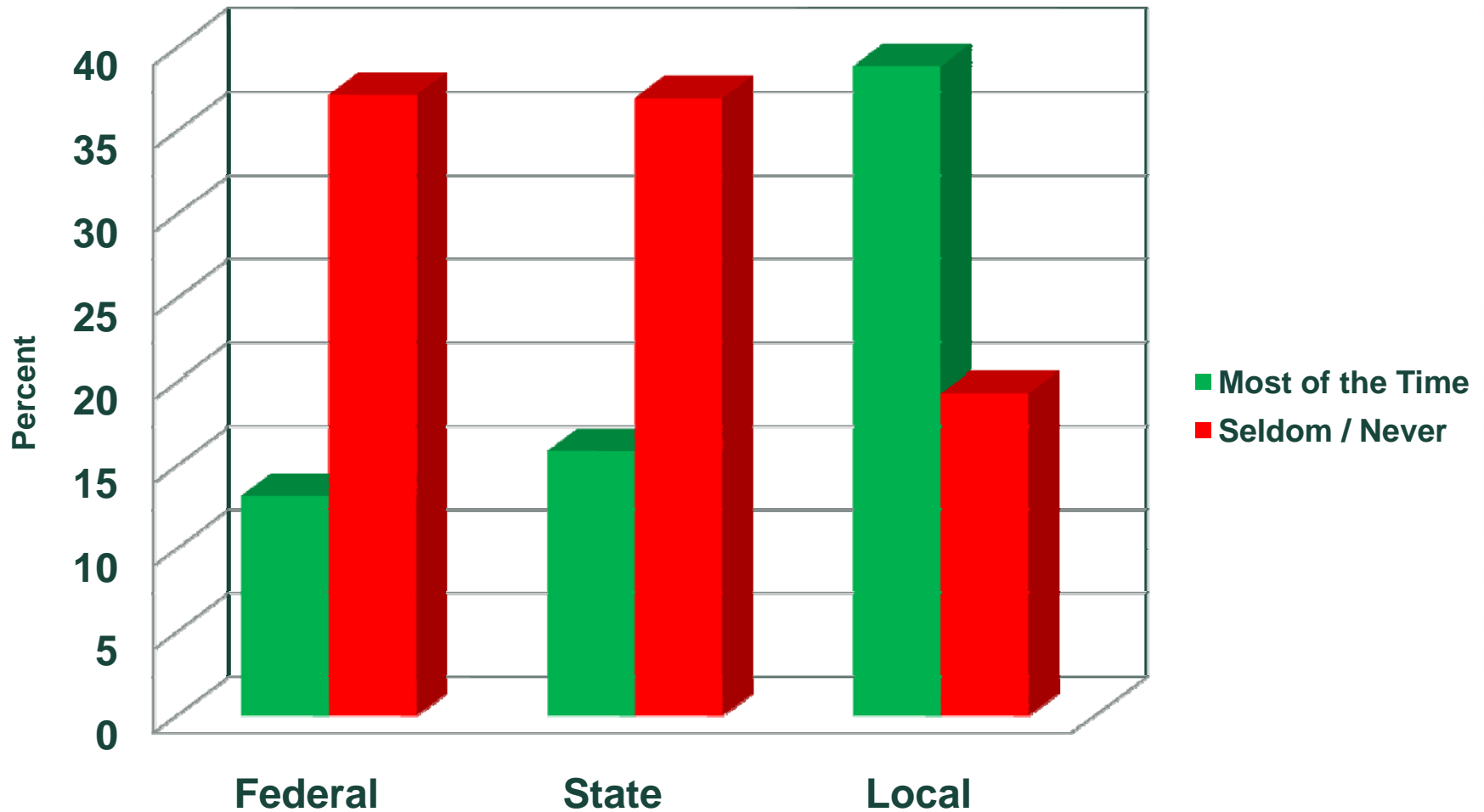
Michigan Residents' Opinions of How Often They Can Trust State Government, Winter-Spring 2010



Michigan Residents' Opinions of How Often They Can Trust the State Government, 1995-2010



Michigan Residents' Opinions of How Often They Can Trust Different Levels of Government, Winter-Spring 2010



Behind the Discontent



- Unemployment remains high
- Two-term governor in last months of term
- President's status remarkably high early in term; too high to continue
- Bruising political battles

Political Party Affiliation of Michigan Residents, 1995-2010

