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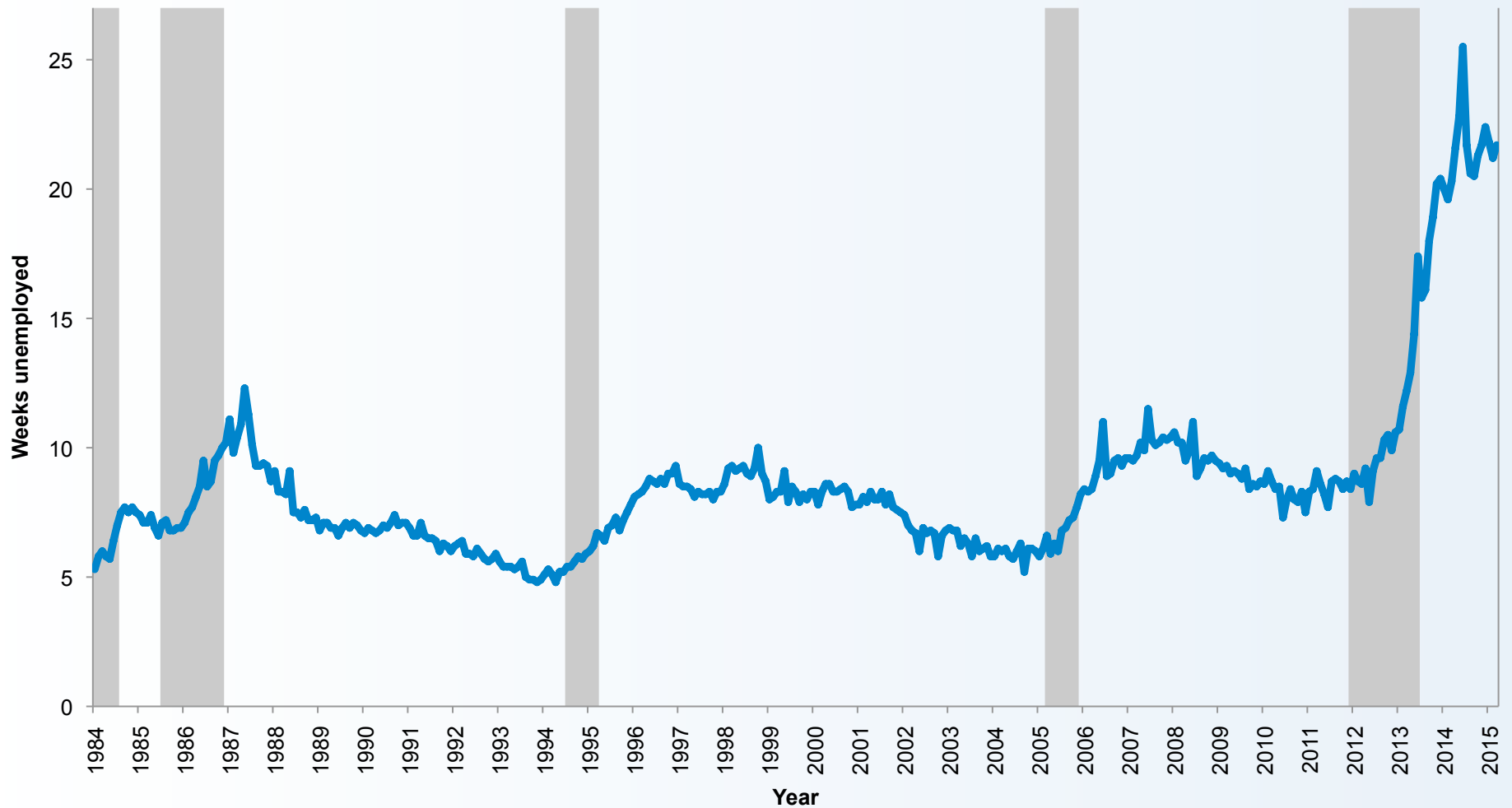
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Session IV: Labor Activation in Welfare Programs

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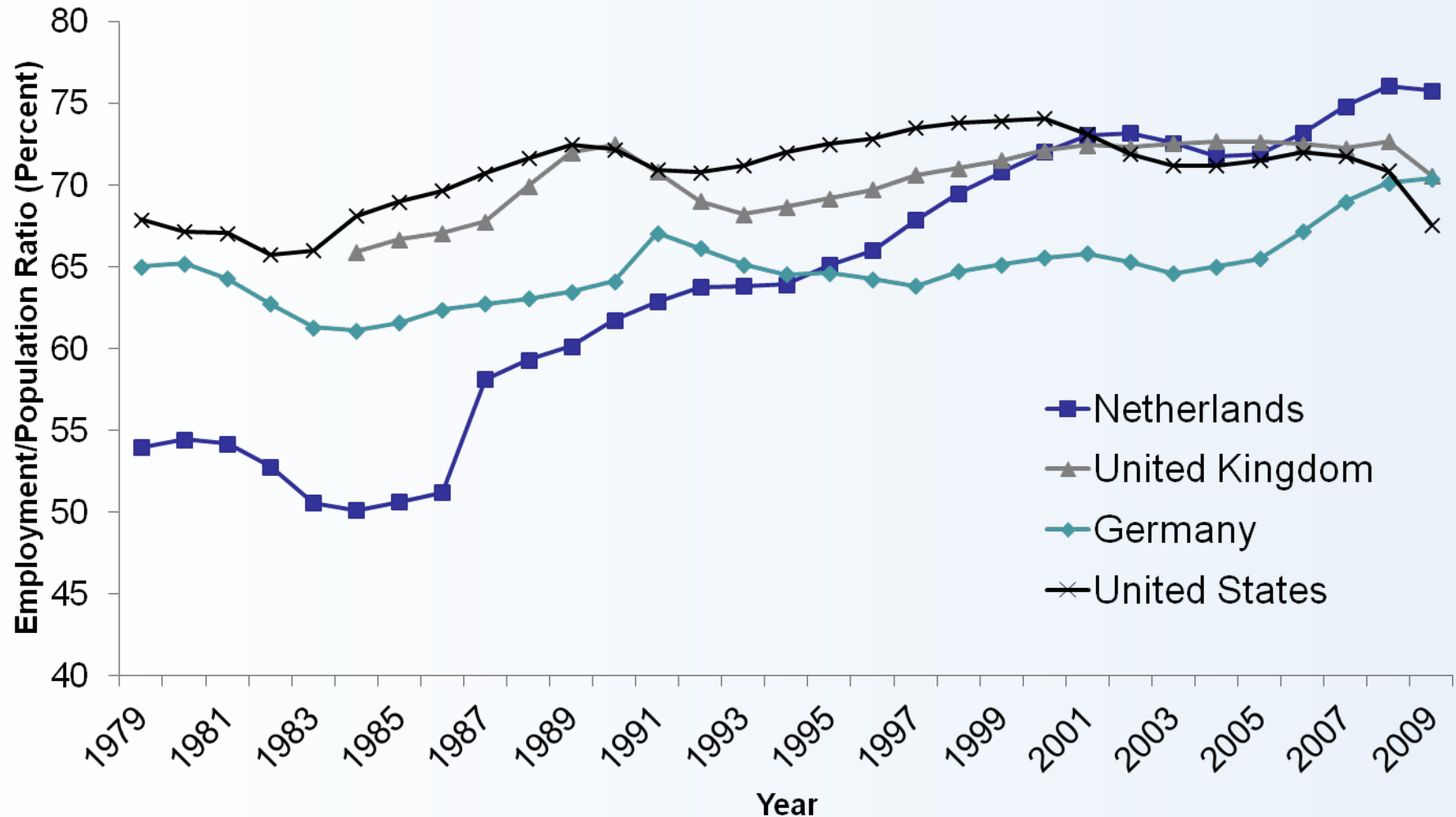
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Median Duration of Employment, 1980-2011



Sources: FRED2 (<http://research.stlouisfed.org>) compiled from Bureau of Labor Statistics data; National Bureau of Economic Research, US Business Cycle Expansions and Contractions (<http://www.nber.org/cycles/cyclesmain.html>)

Employment / Population Ratios for Germany, the Netherlands, the United Kingdom, and the United States, 1979-2009



Note: These are employment-population ratios for the population between the ages of 15 and 64.
 Source: OECD Stat Extracts (http://stats.oecd.org/Index.aspx?DatasetCode=LFS_SEXAGE_I_R)

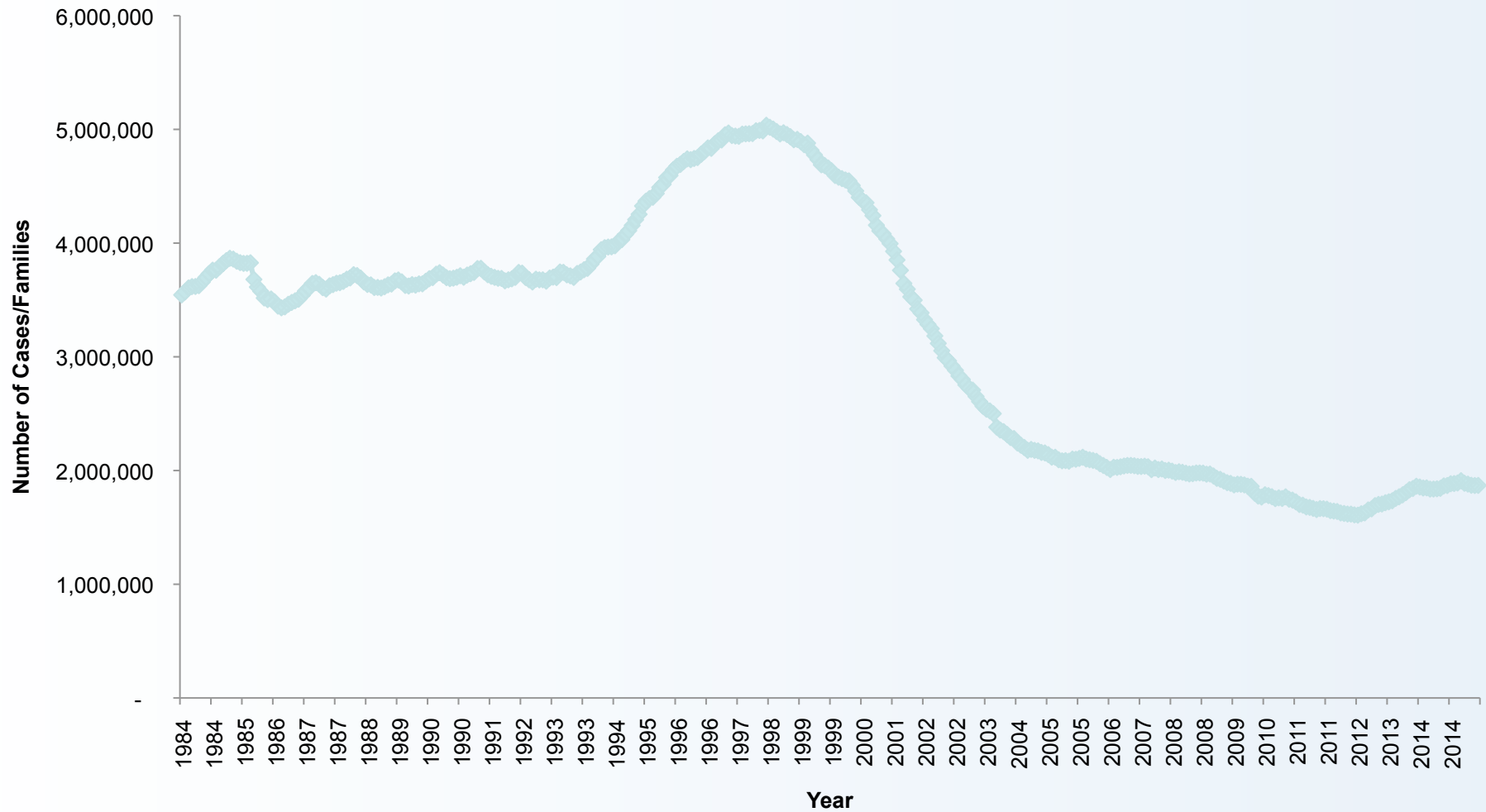
Generalizations Across Papers

- Convergence
- Role of Education and Training
- Empirical Evidence, Program Effects, Policy

Welfare Reform Issues in U.S.

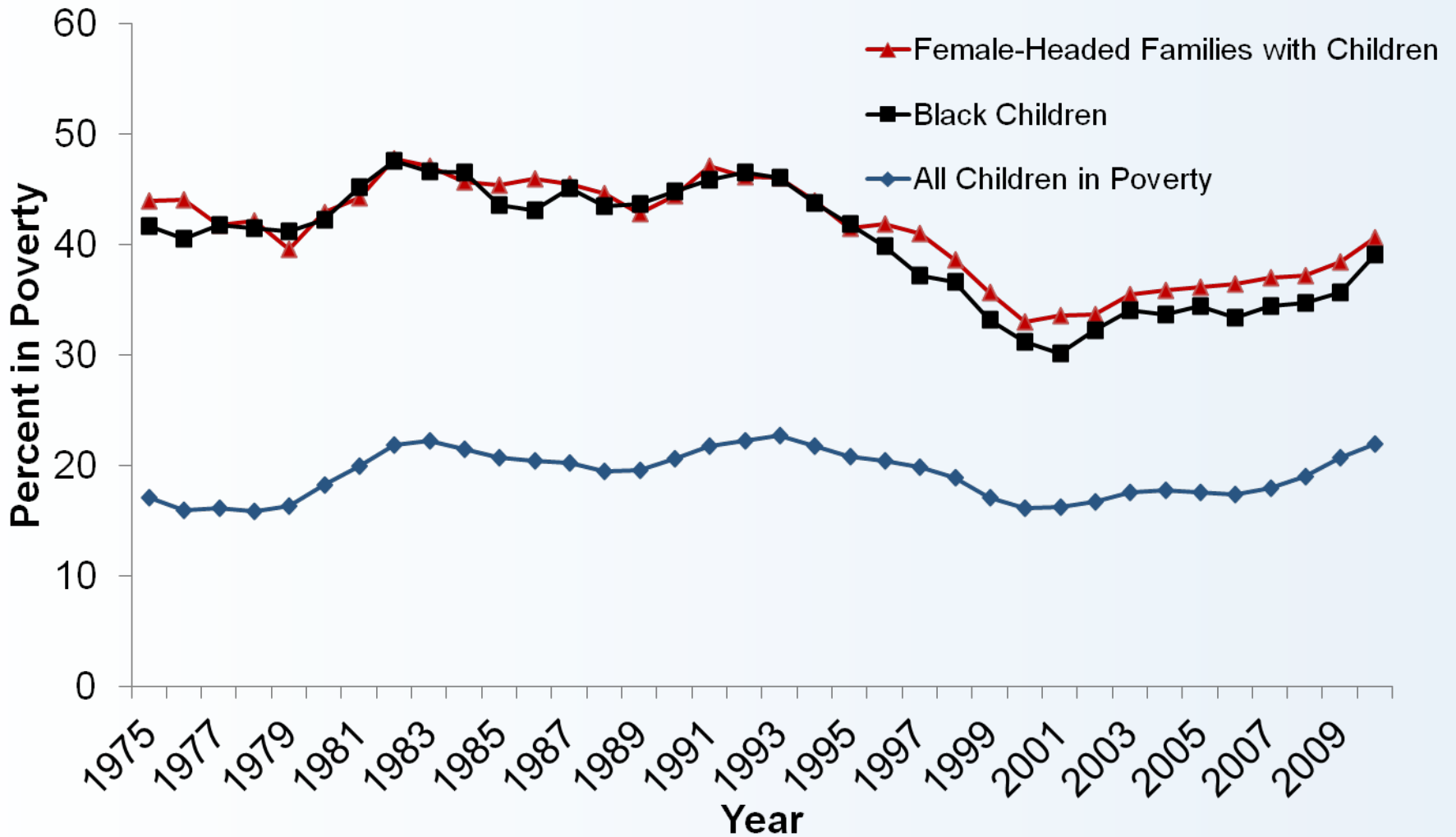
- Disconnected Mothers
- TANF Responsiveness to Recessions
- Wage Progression and Training

AFDC/TANF Caseload, 1980-2011



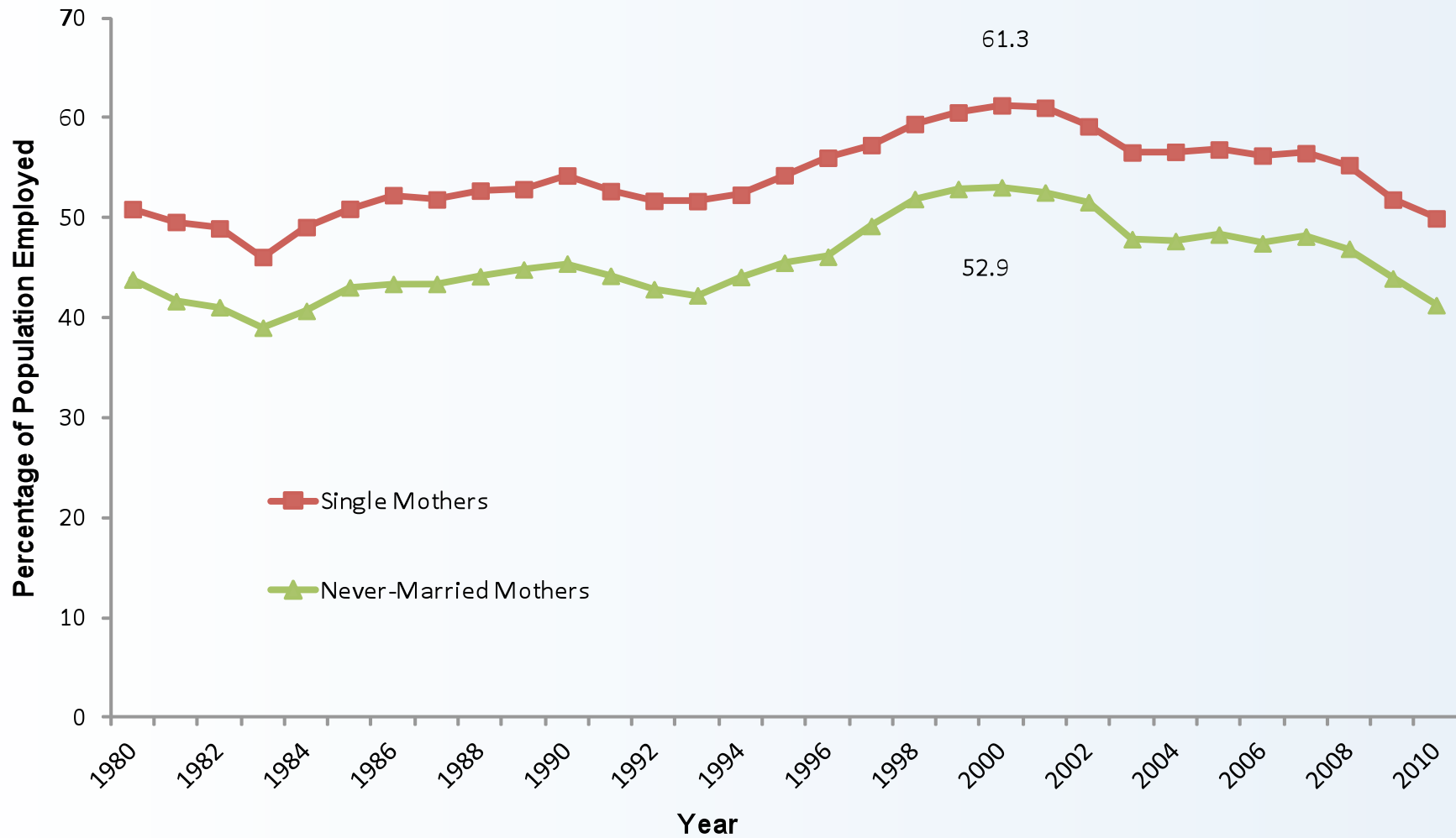
Source: HHS TANF Data--- <http://www.acf.hhs.gov/programs/ofa/data-reports/index.htm>

Poverty Rates for Black Children, Female-Headed Households with Children, and All Children, 1975 - 2010



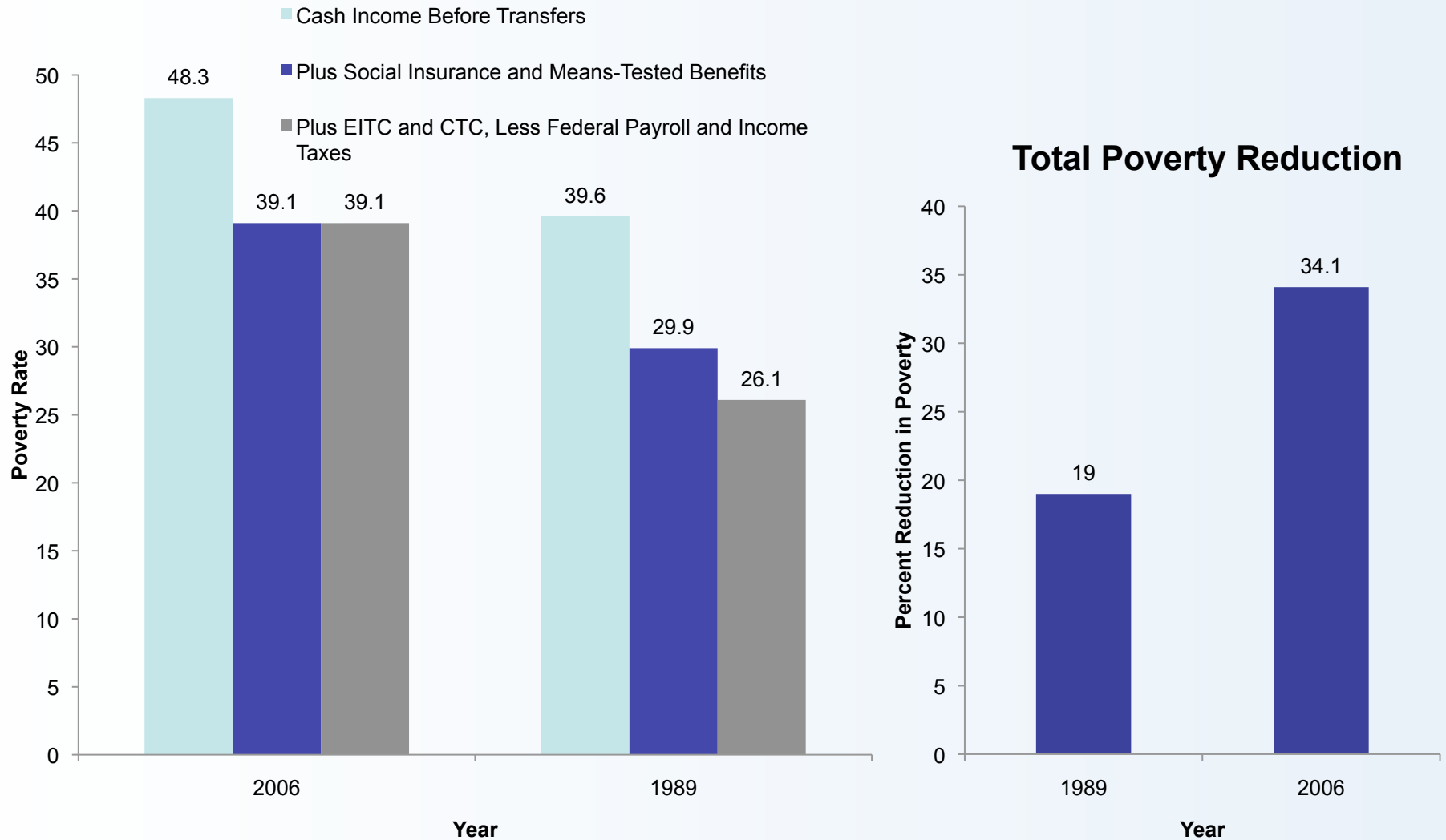
Source: U.S. Census Bureau, *Income, Poverty, and Health Insurance Coverage in the United States: 2010*.

Employment-Population Ratio for All Single Mothers and Never-Married Mothers, 1980-2010



Source: Brookings tabulations of data from the Annual Social and Economic Supplement to the Current Population Survey, 1980-2009.

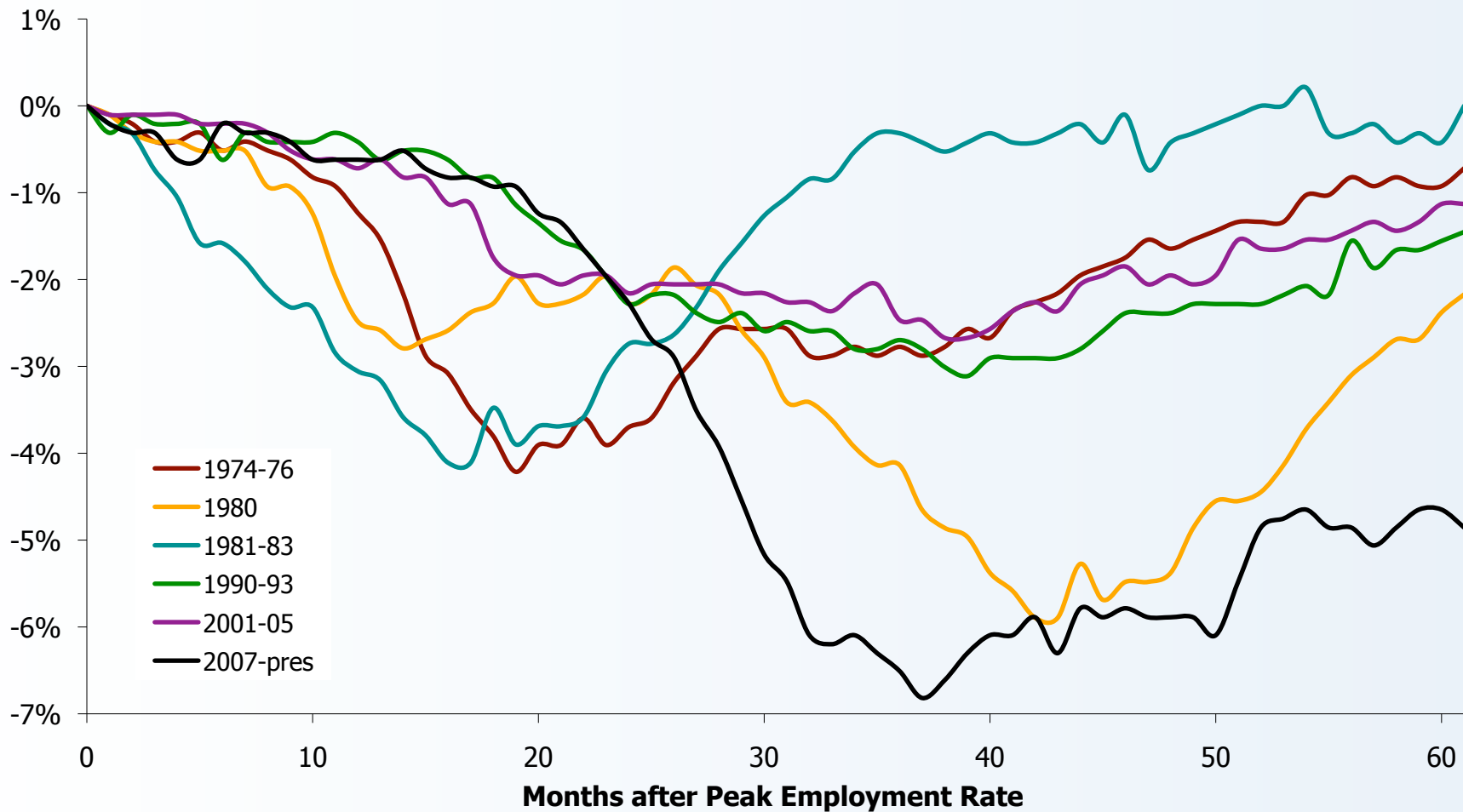
Earnings and Work Support Program to Reduce Poverty, Among Never-Married Mothers, 1989 and 2006



Source: U.S. House of Representatives, Committee on Ways and Means, *2008 Green Book*, Appendix E, Table E-31.

Note: The Earned Income Tax Credit (EITC) and Child Tax Credit (CTC) are refundable tax credits designed to help lower income families, particularly single parent families.

Changes in Employment Rate from Peak, by Recession



Source: Bureau of Labor Statistics, "Unemployment Rate, 20 Years & Over, White Men, 1954-2011."