

Whatever Happened to the Class of '96?

Welfare Reform in Florida After 15 Years

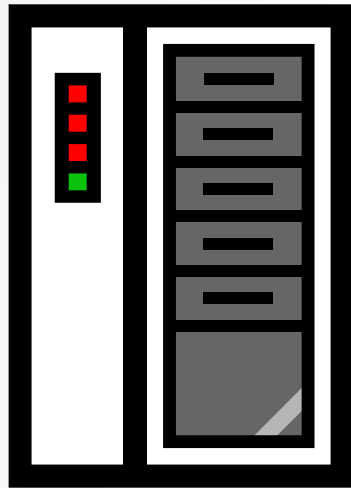
NAWRS 2011

Vail, Colorado

September 12 – 14, 2011

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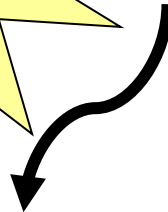
About the Data



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Some Perspective on Where the Data Comes From



Monthly TANF Report

June 2011

Indicator	Baseline Month (Sept 96)	Report Month (June 11)	Difference From Baseline	Percentage Change
Total Number of Cash Assistance Families Containing an Adult	152,436	15,744	(136,692)	-90%
Total Number of Families Receiving Cash Assistance	200,292	53,440	(146,852)	-73%
Total Number of Two Parent Families Receiving Assistance	2,353	900	(1,453)	-62%
Total Number of People Receiving Cash Assistance	531,485	94,270	(437,215)	-82%
Total Number of Adults Receiving Cash Assistance	155,071	16,779	(138,292)	-89%
First of Month Cash Assistance Payroll	\$48,731,324	\$12,566,766	(\$36,164,558)	-74%
Supplemental Payrolls (estimated)	\$4,616,290	\$1,876,029	(\$2,740,261)	-59%
		(Estimated)		
Total cash assistance expenditures.	\$53,347,614	\$14,442,795	(\$38,904,819)	-73%

Welfare Reform Math

Sept. 1996 155,071

Entered + 575,901

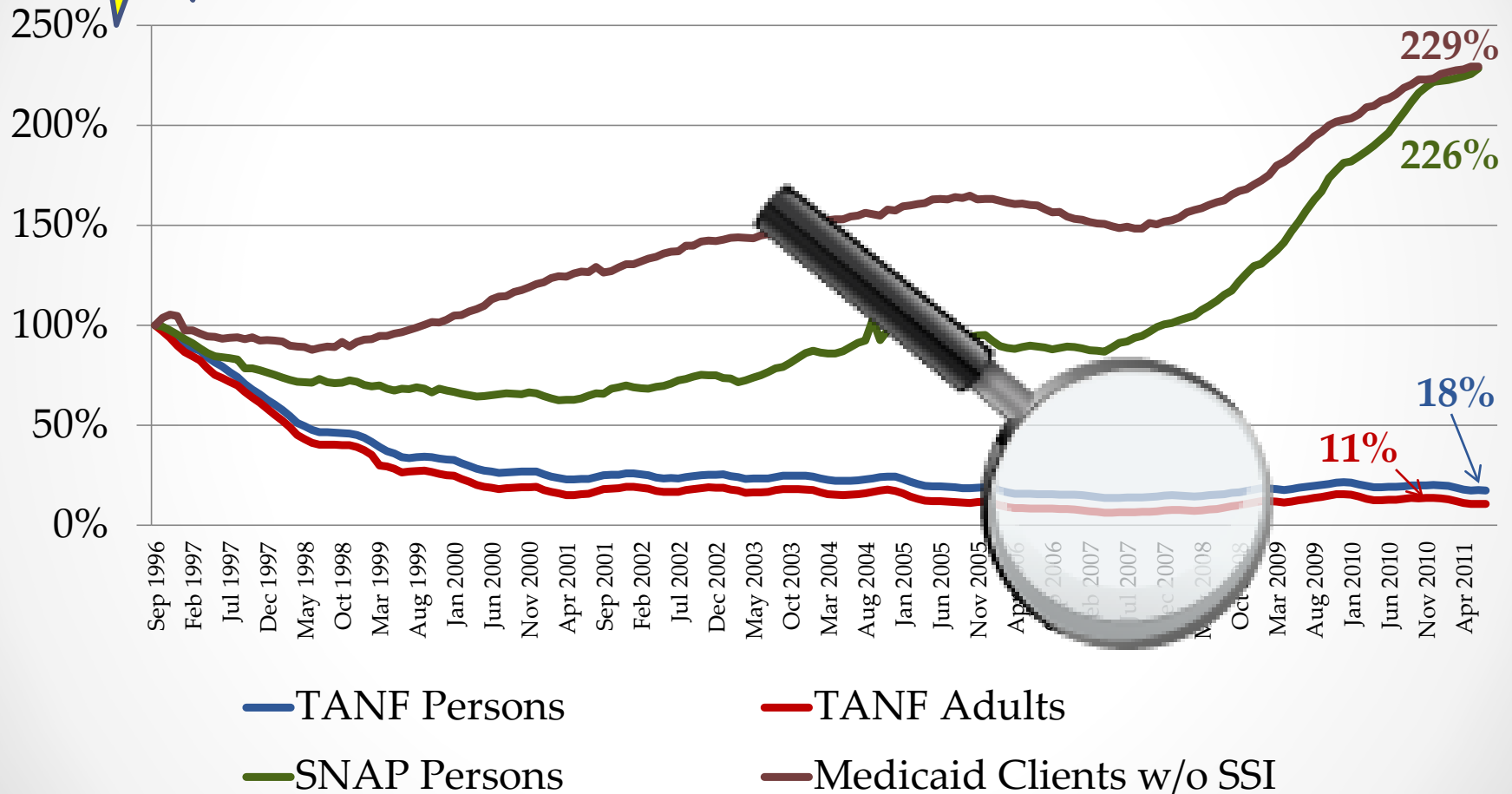
Exited - 714,193

June 2011 16,779



Caseload Trends

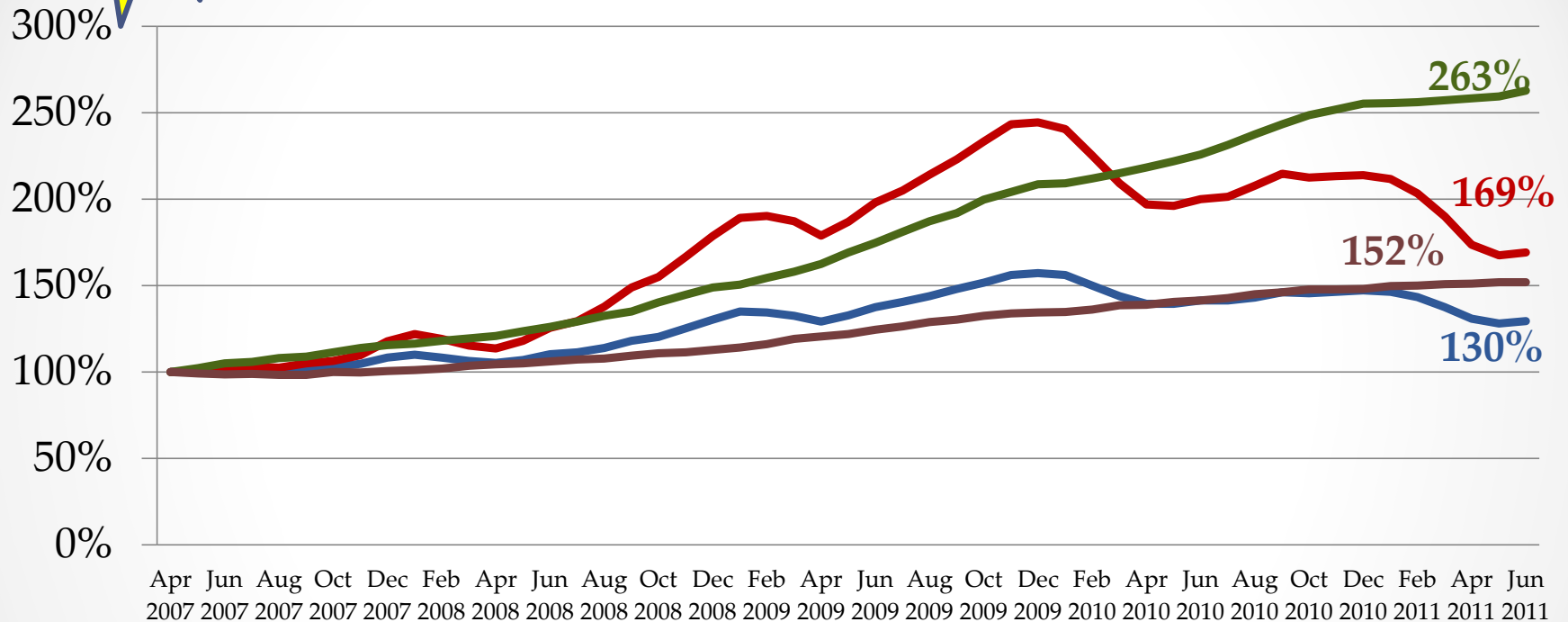
September 1996 = 100%





Caseload Trends

April 2007 = 100%



— TANF Persons

— TANF Adults

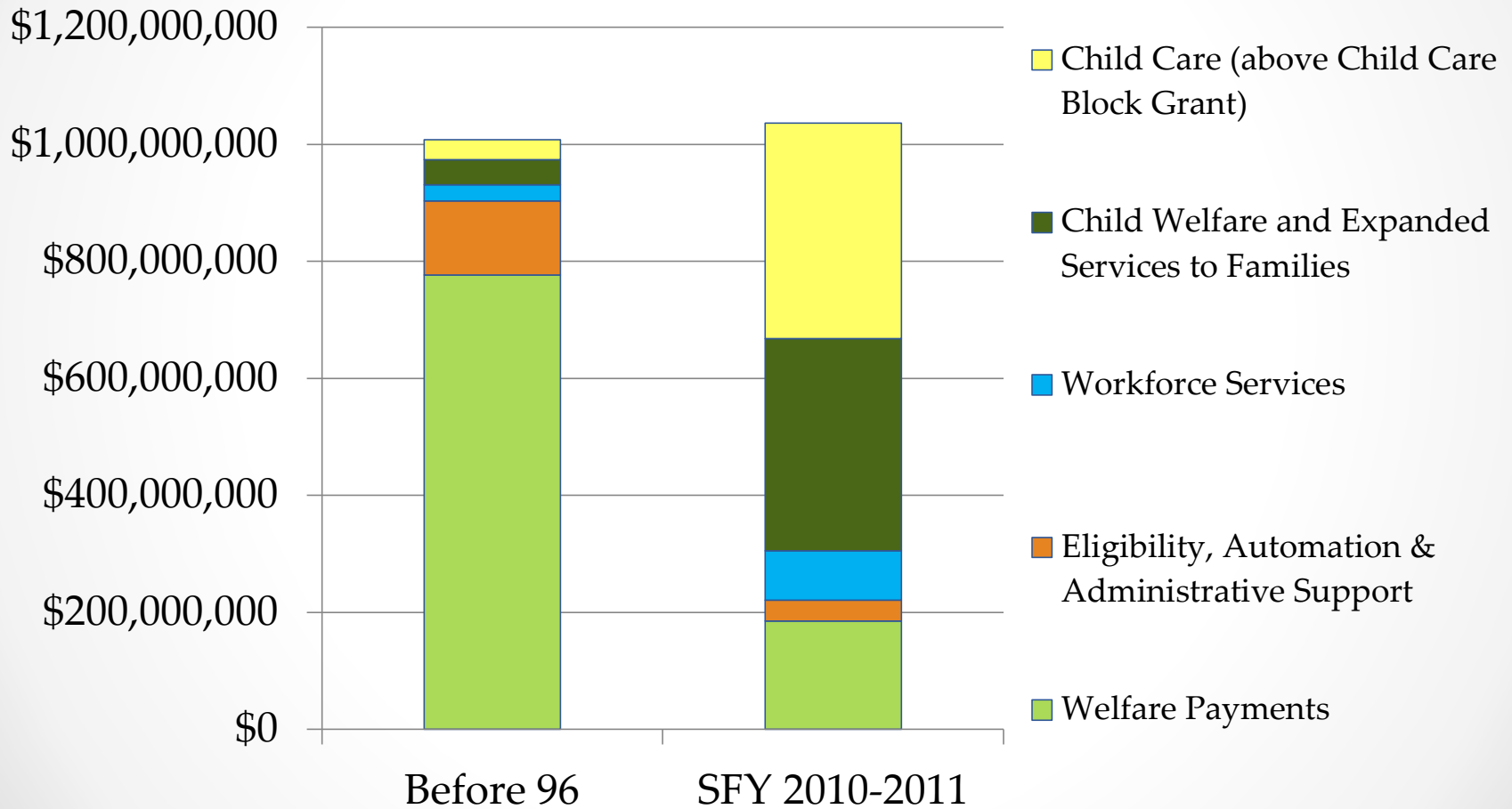
— SNAP Persons

— Medicaid Clients w/o SSI

TANF Funds

Then and Now

TANF & MOE

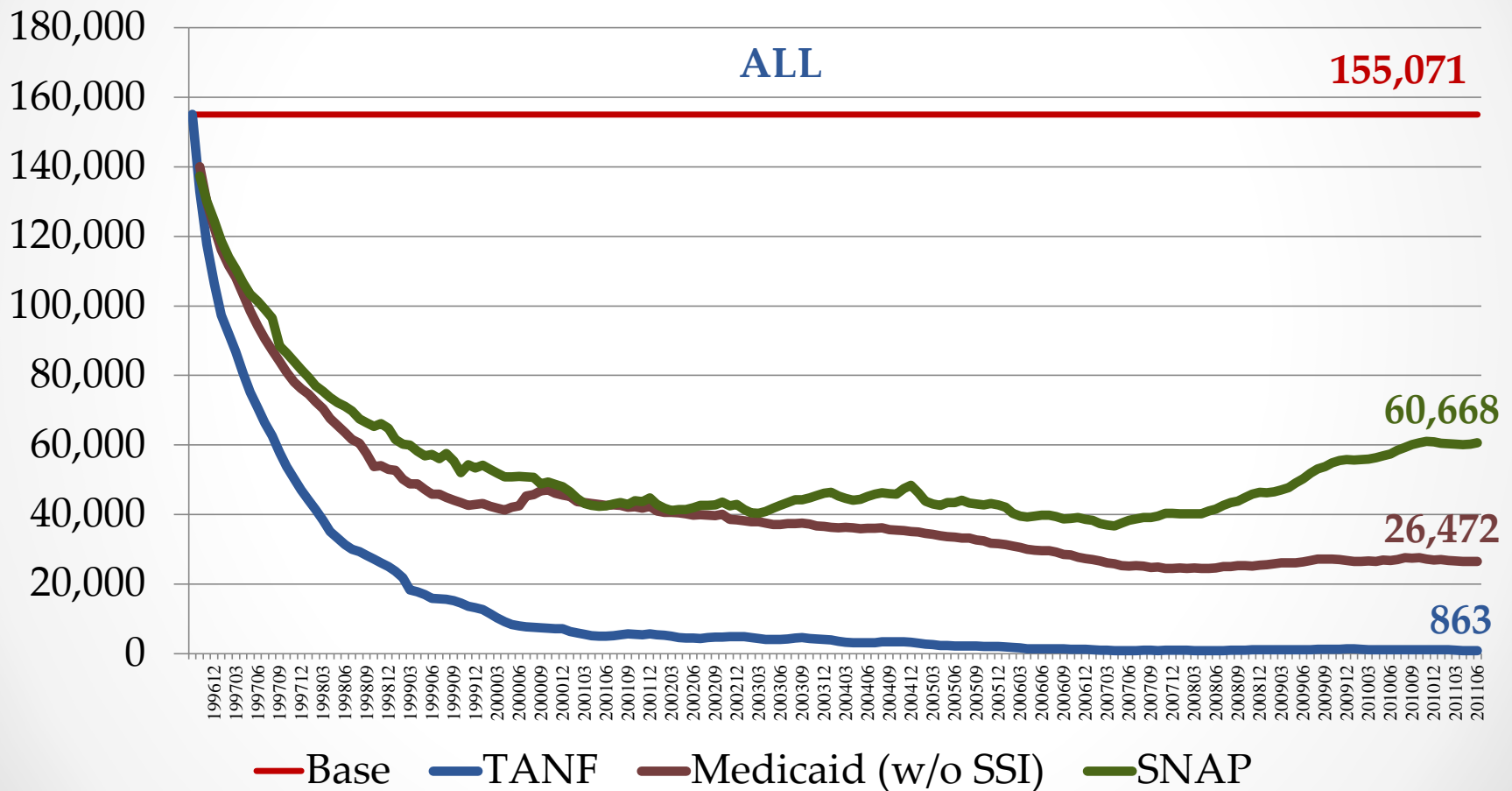


TANF ADULTS in 1996

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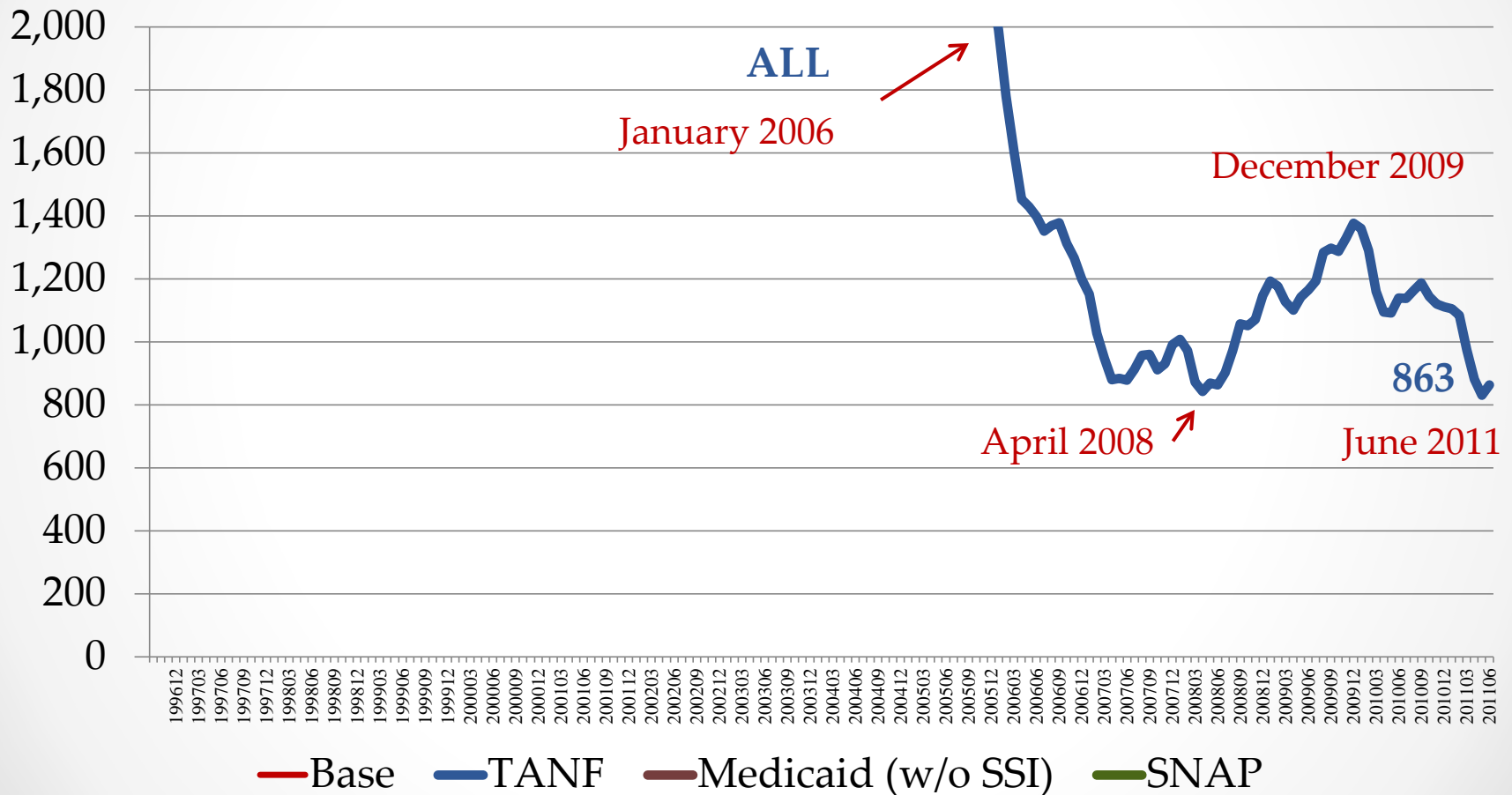
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Oct. 1996 to June 2011



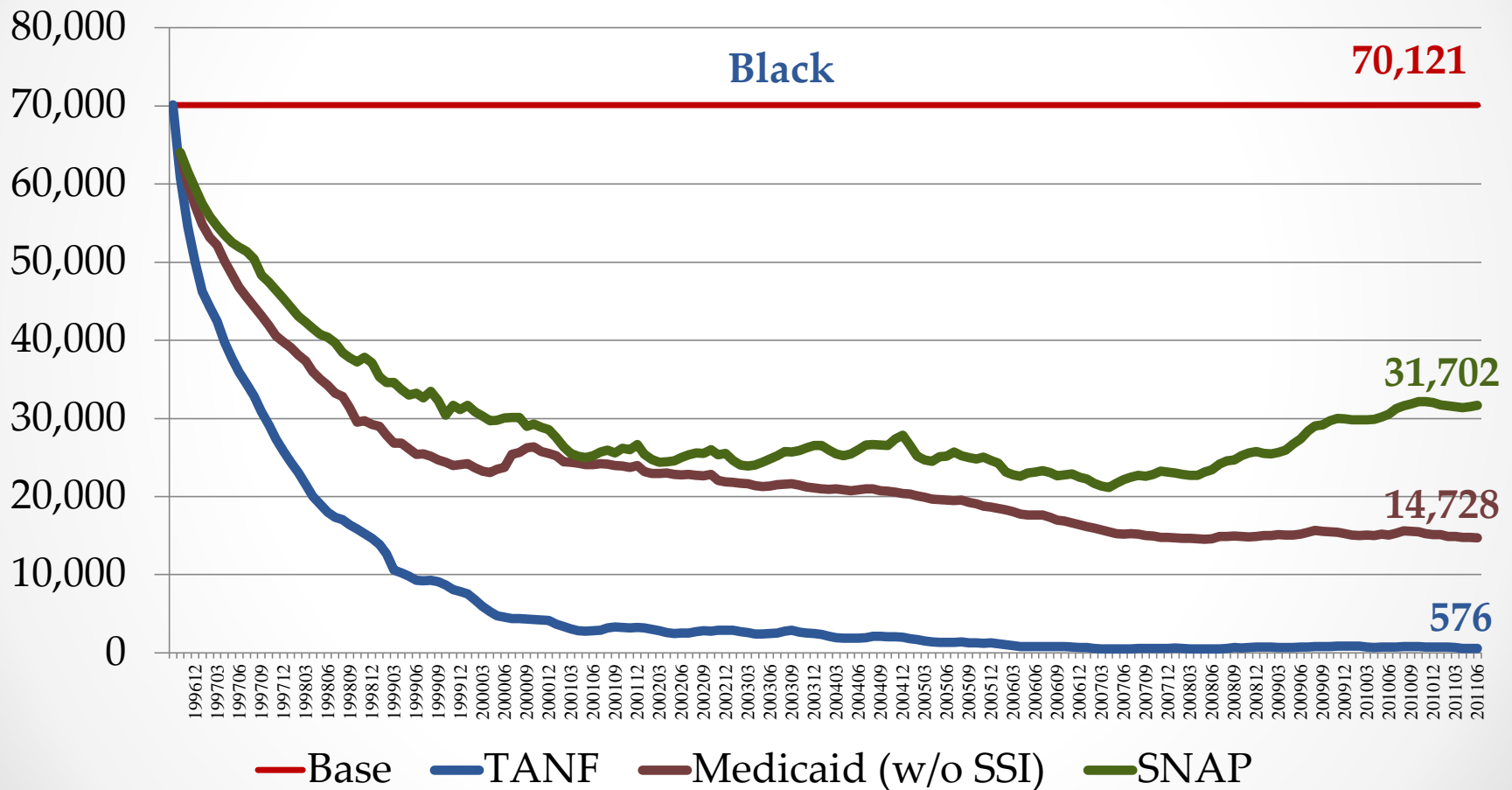
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Recent Months



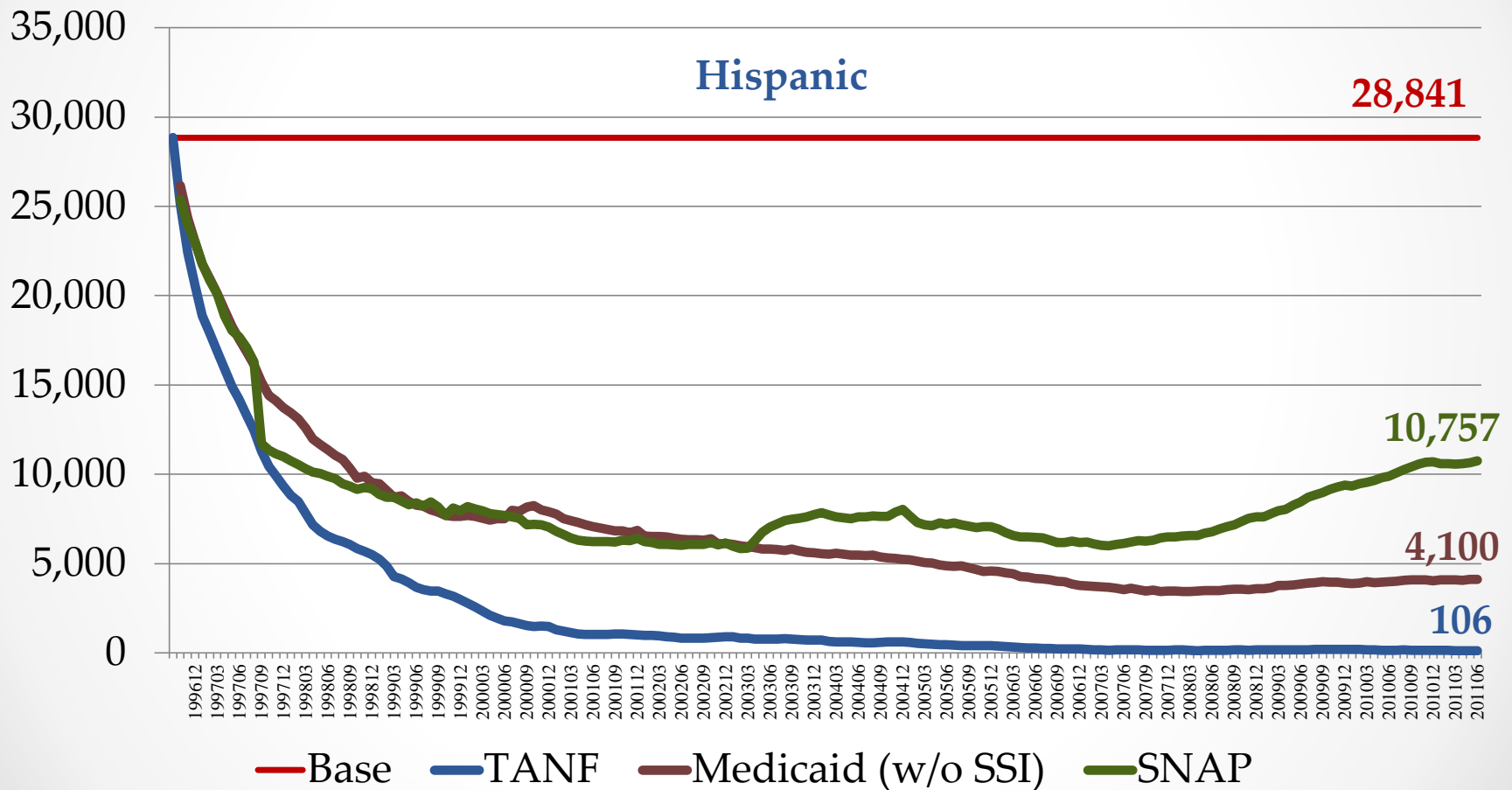
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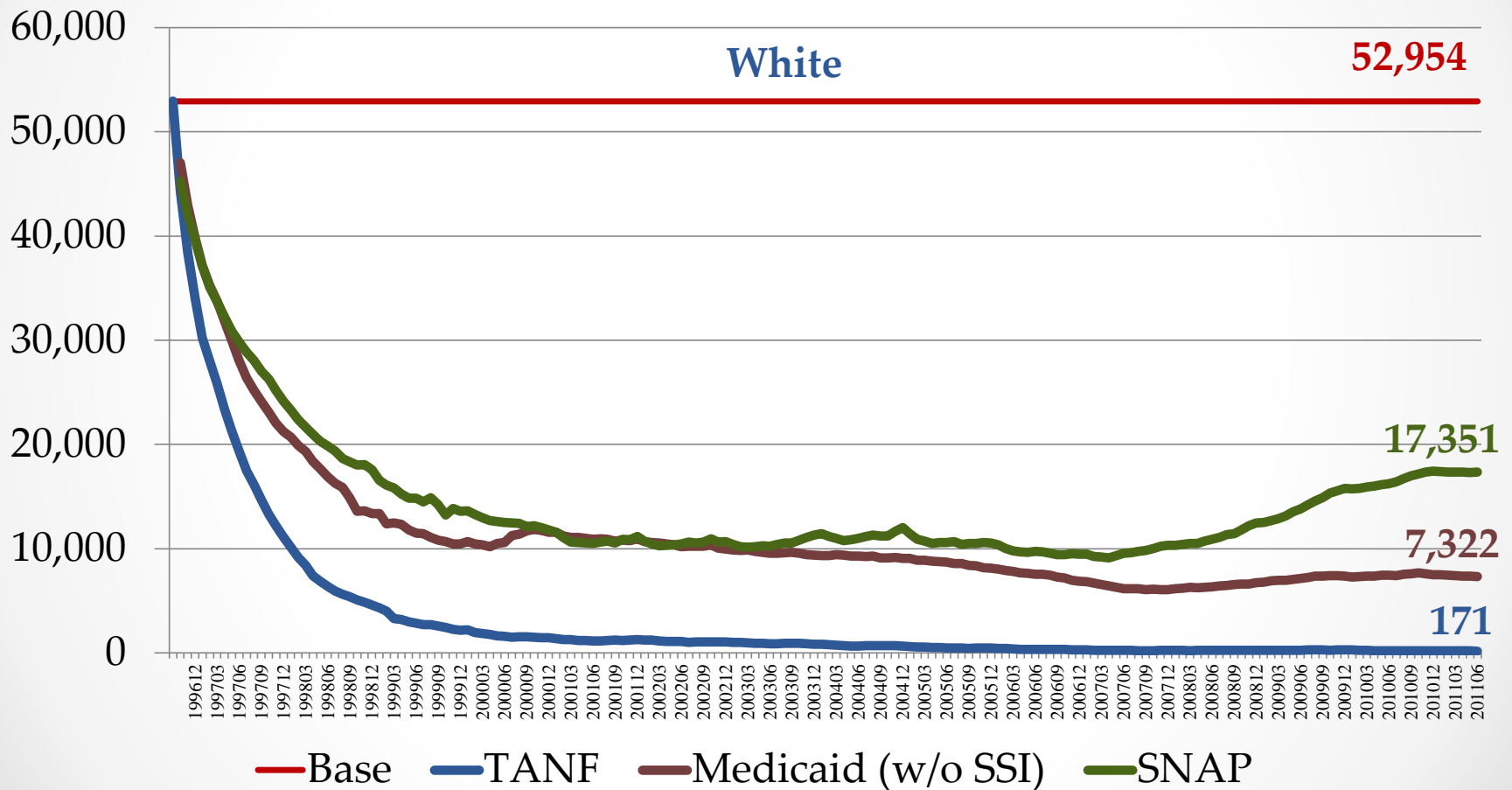
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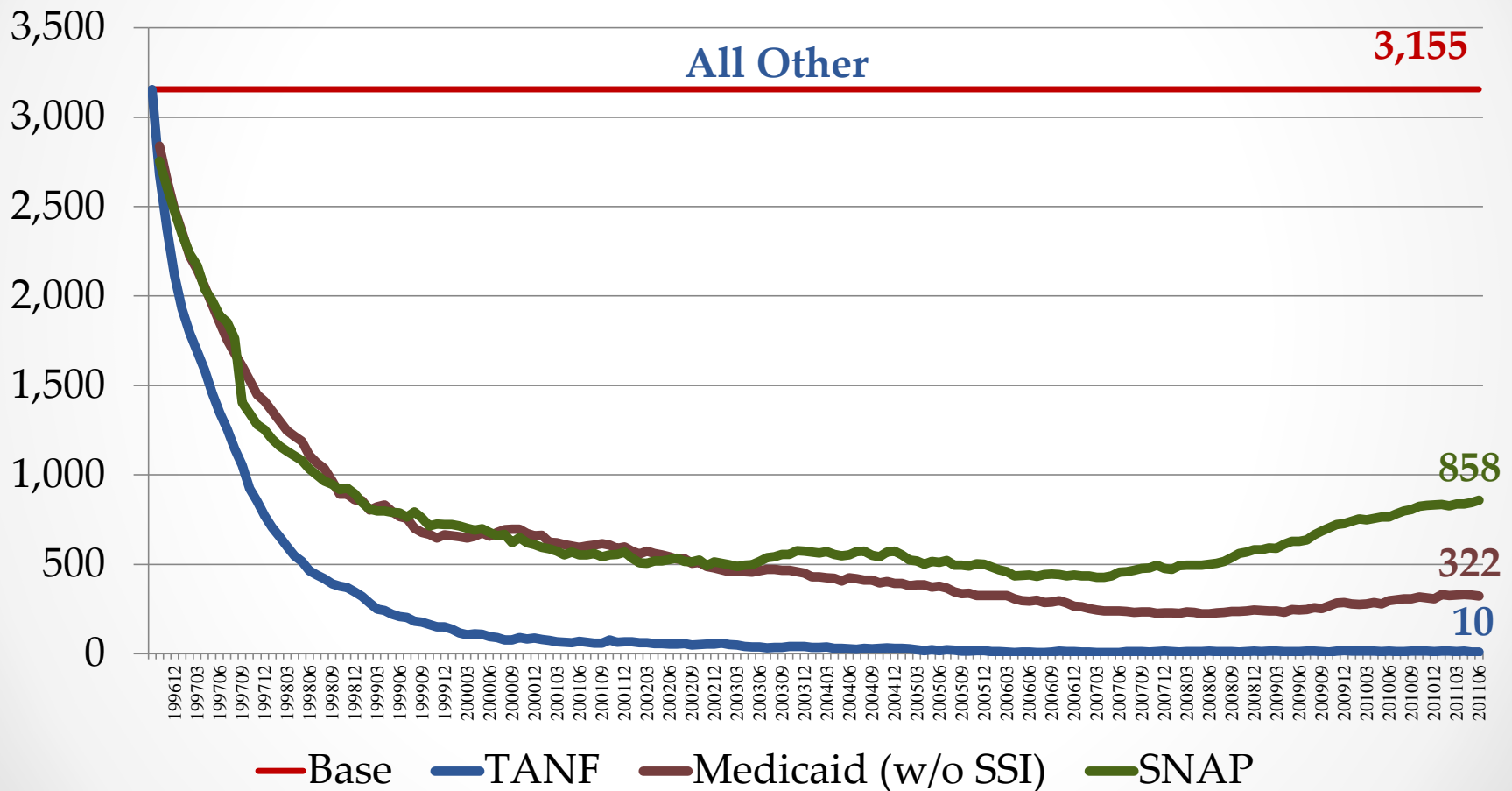
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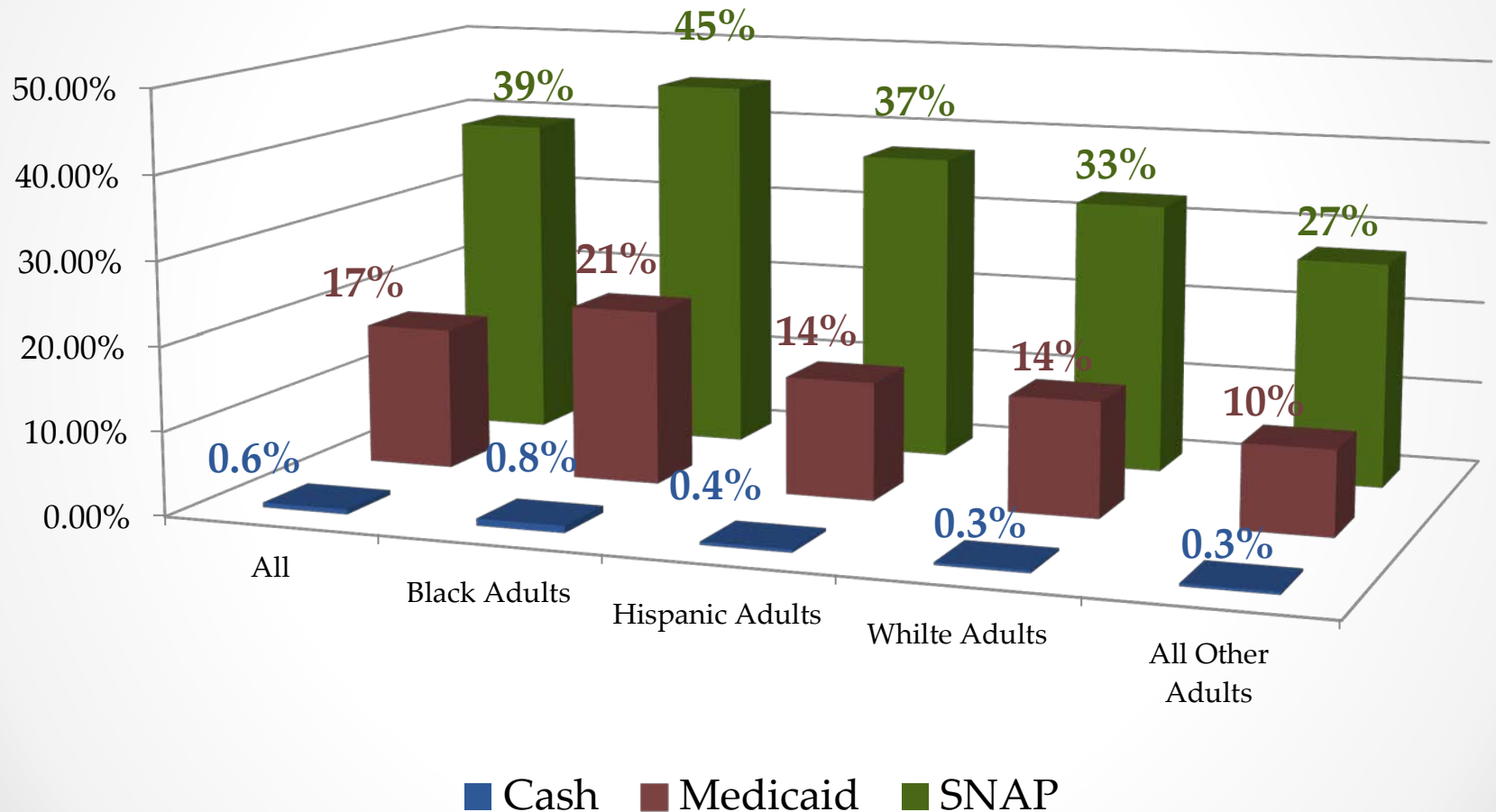
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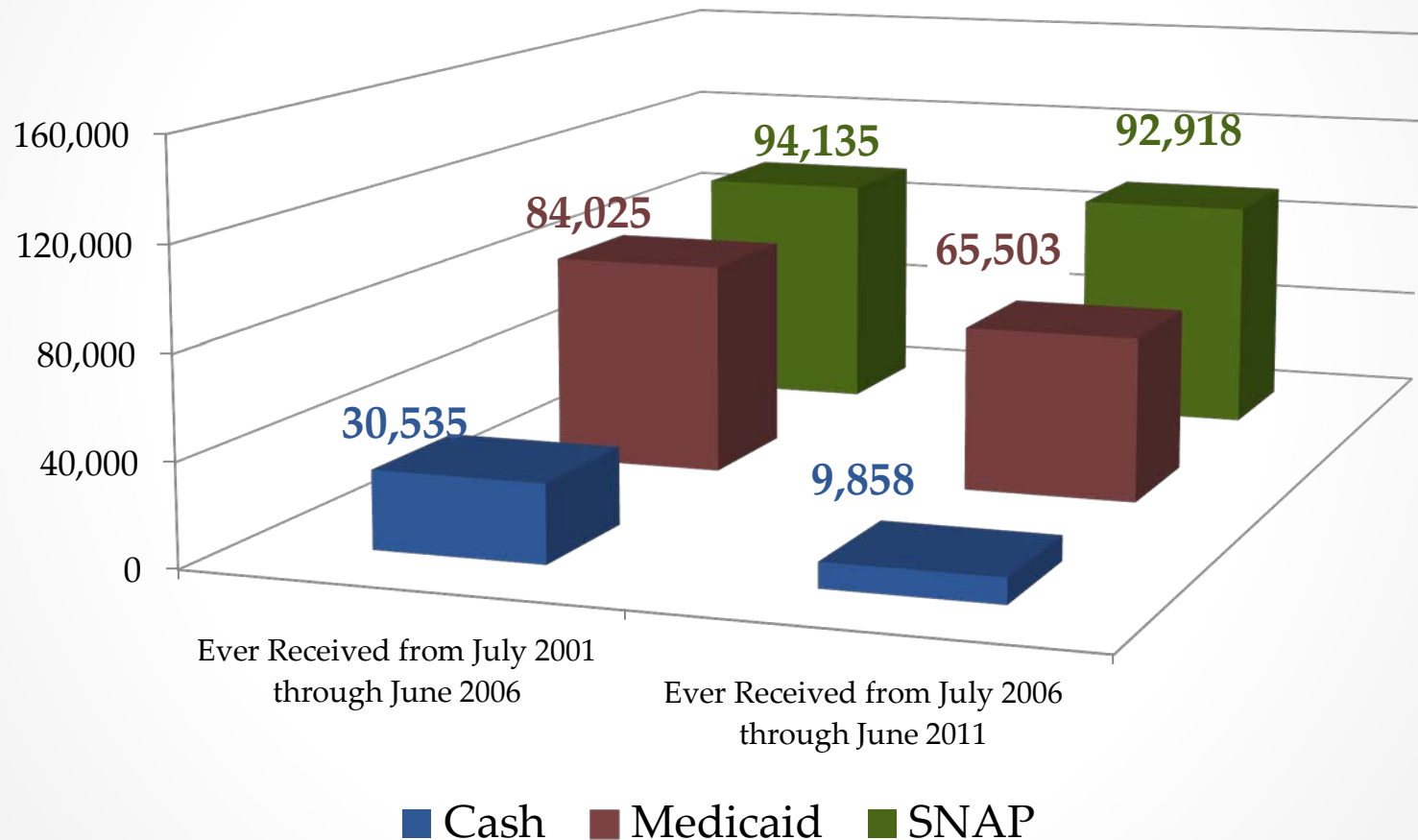
Percentage Receiving Benefits in June 2011

Of Adults Receiving Cash in Sept. 1996



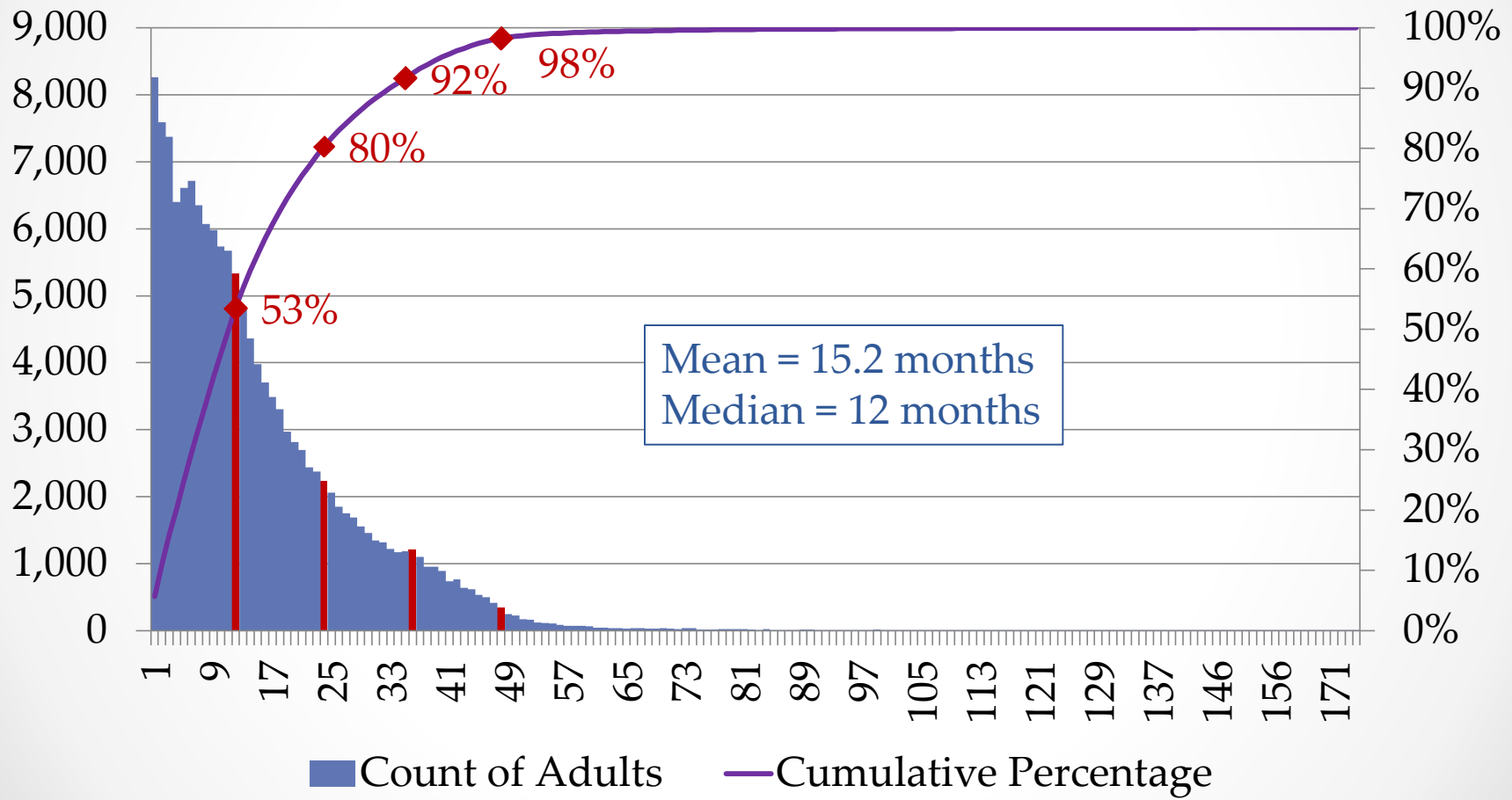
Number Ever Receiving Benefits

Of 155,071 Adults Receiving Cash in Sept. 1996



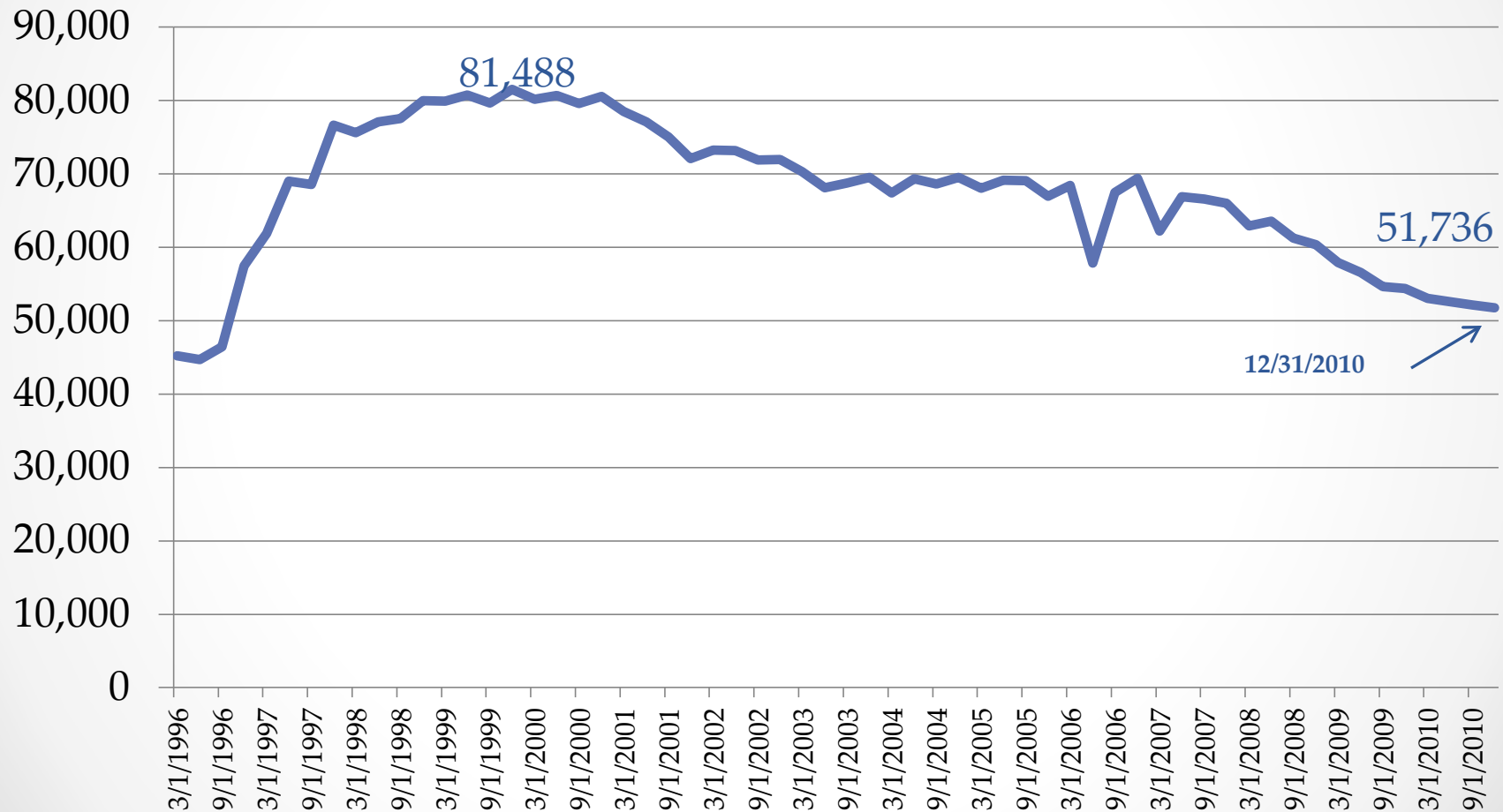
Aggregate Months of Cash Assistance

Sept. 1996 Adults in Subsequent 177 Months



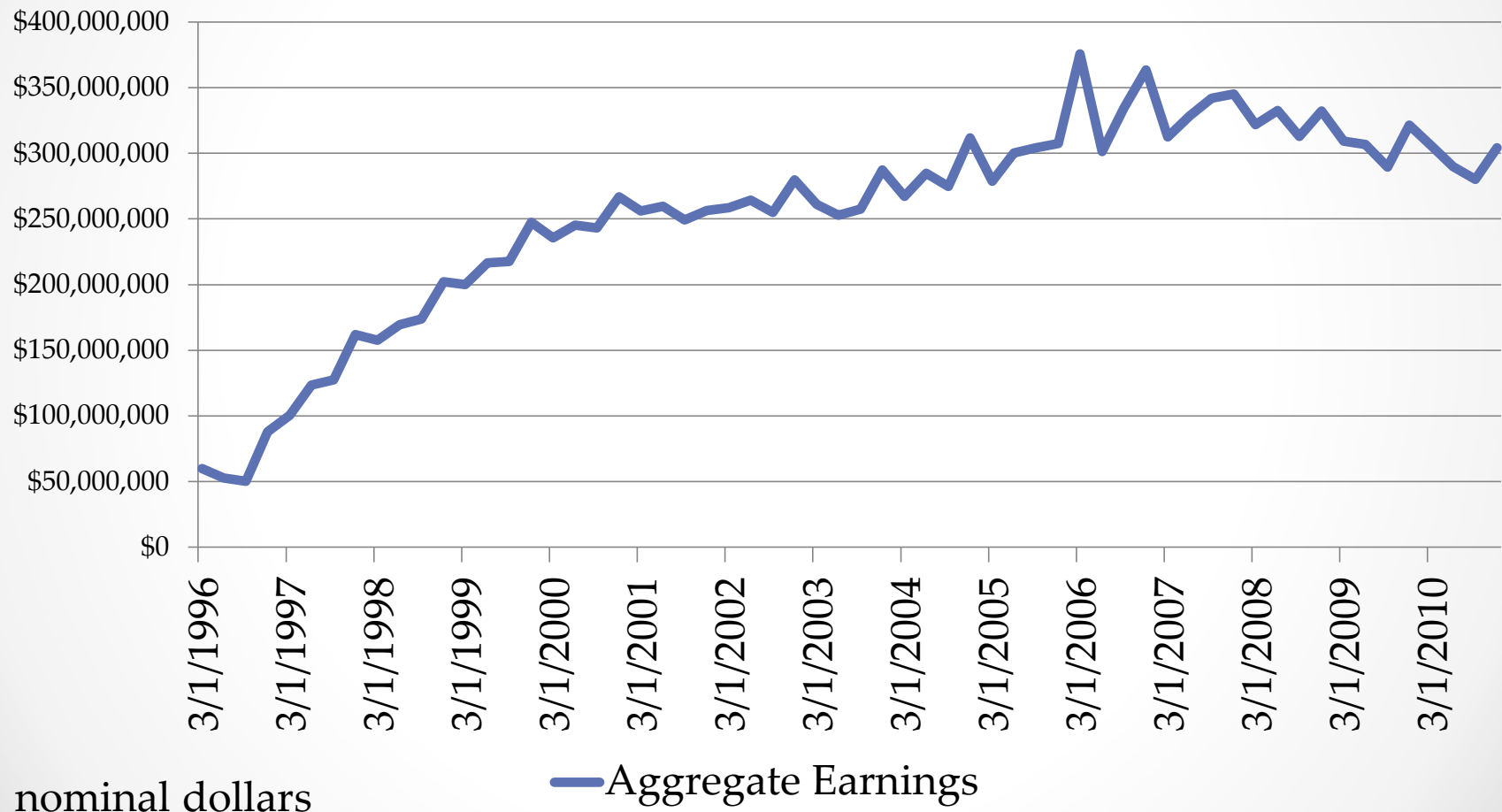
Adults with Earnings

QE 3/31/1996 through QE 12/31/2010



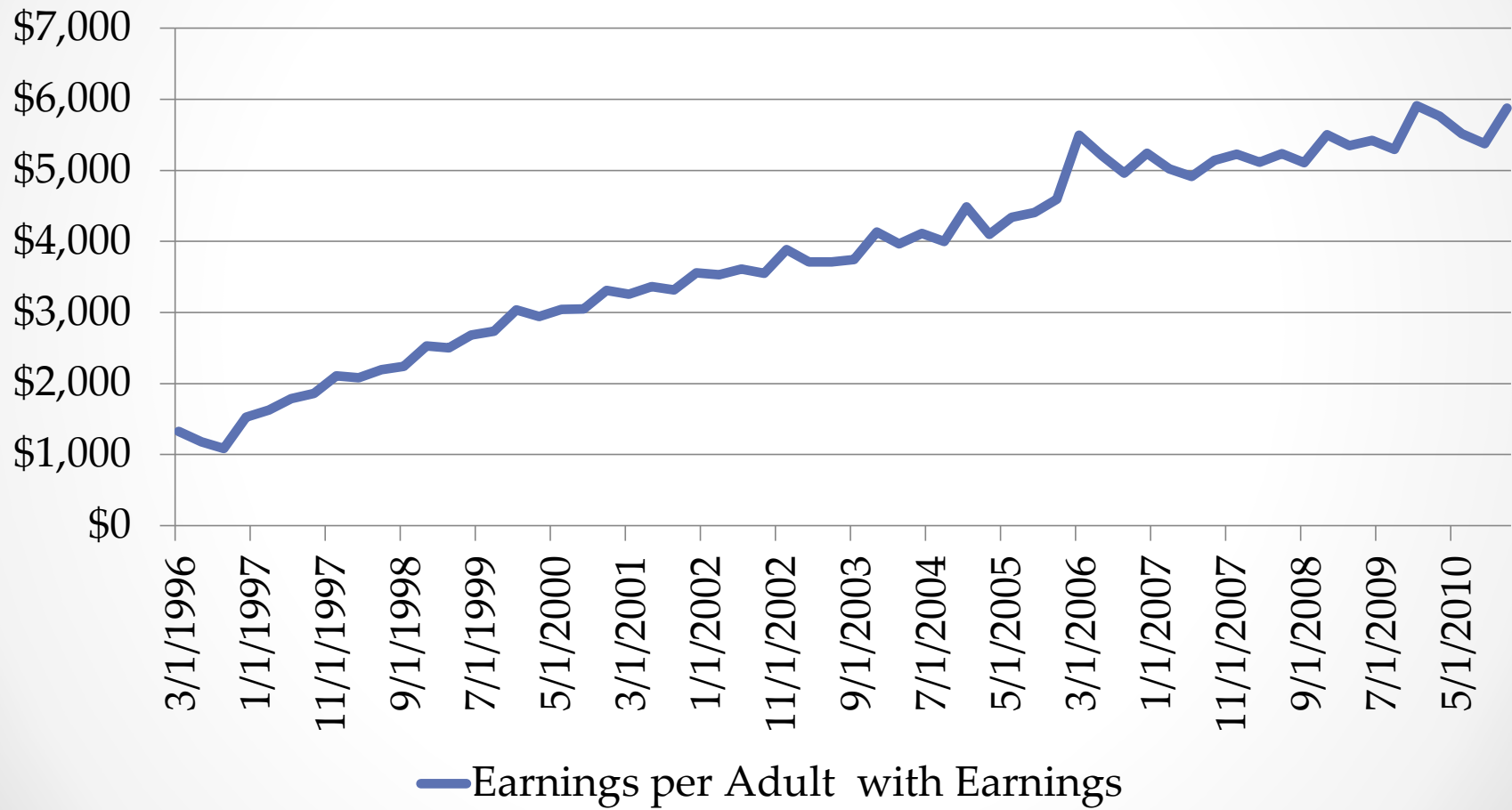
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Earnings per Adult with Earnings

QE 3/31/1996 through QE 12/31/2010



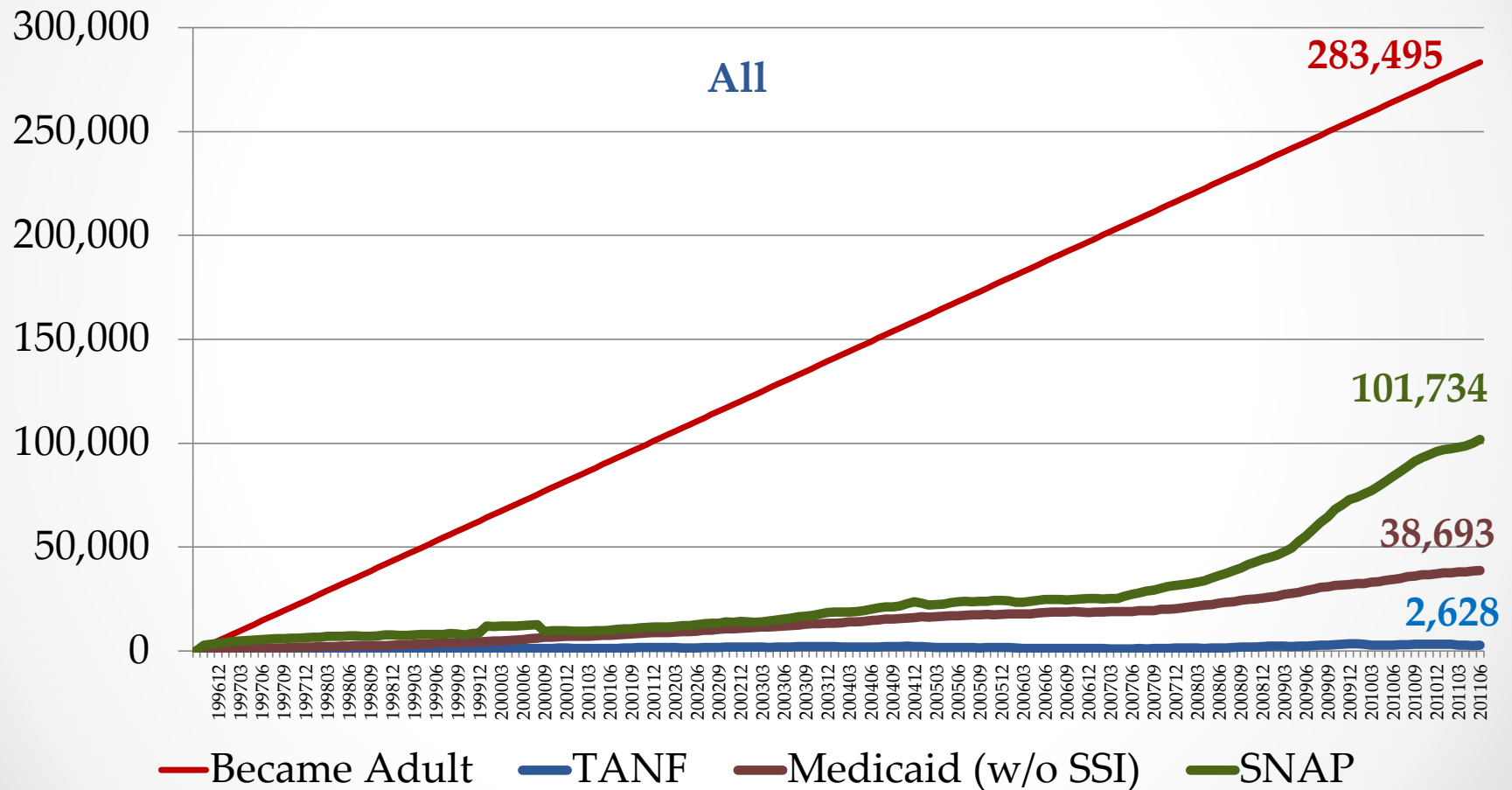
nominal dollars

TANF Children in 1996

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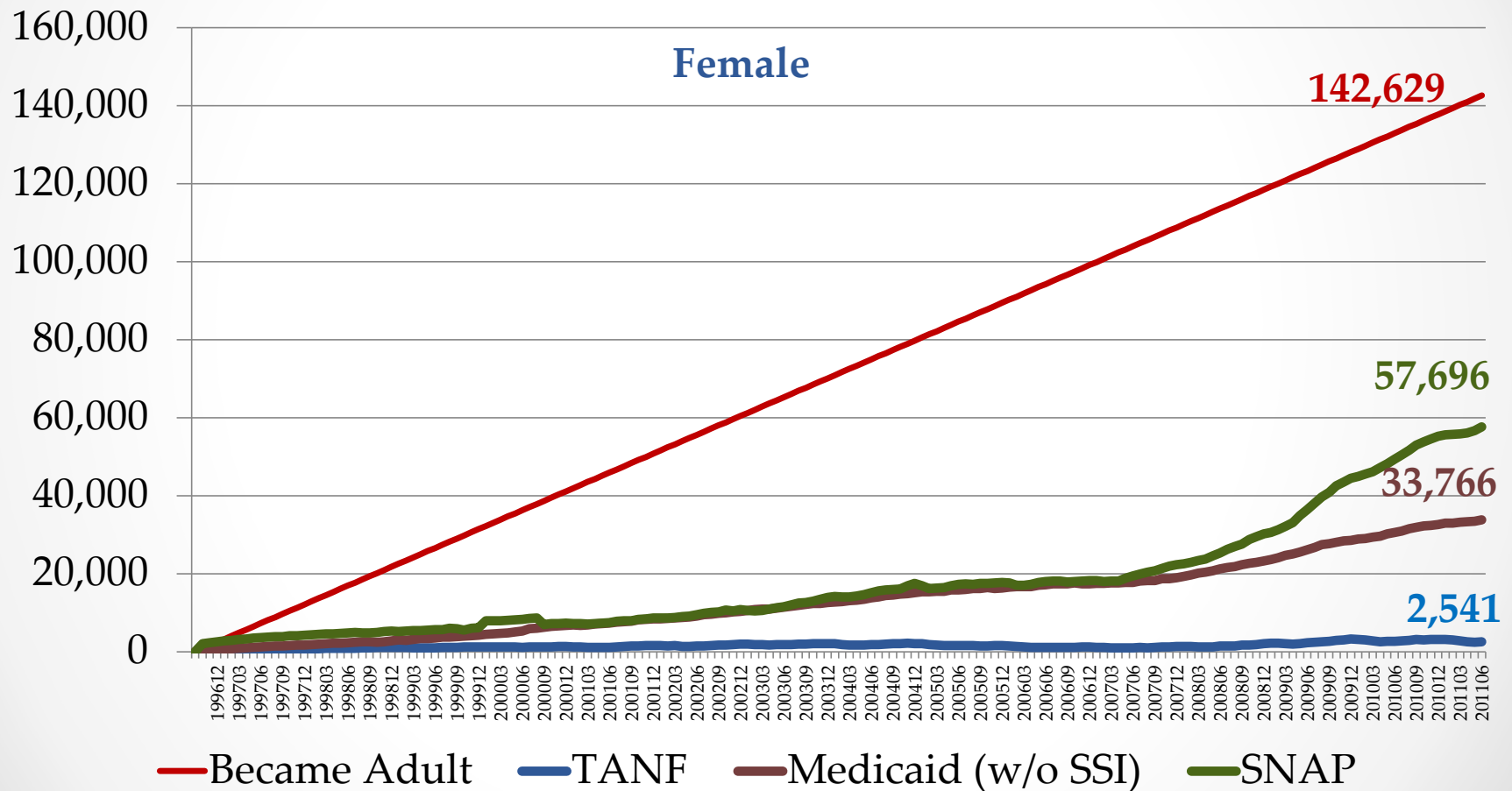
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Who Are Now Adults



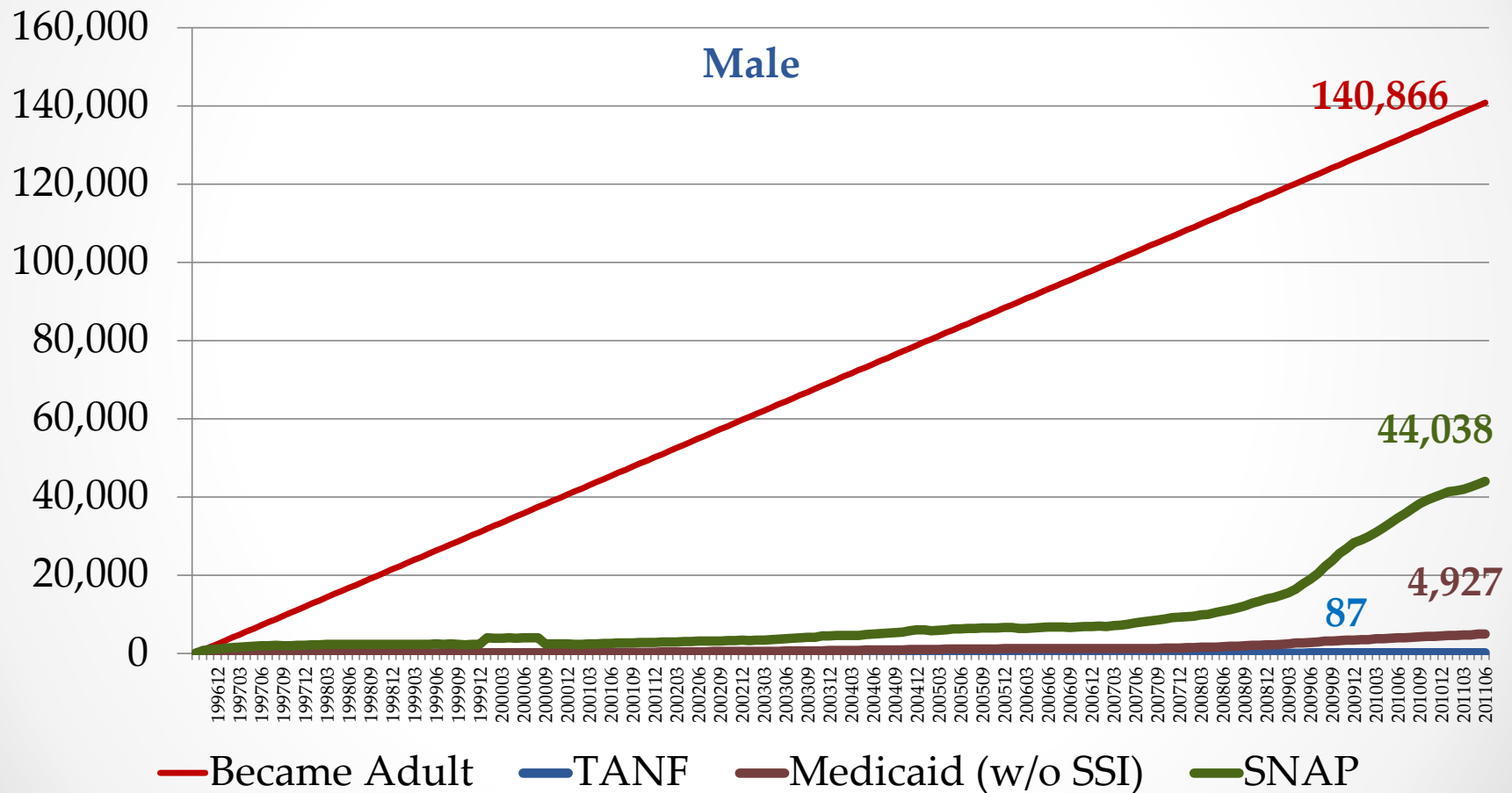
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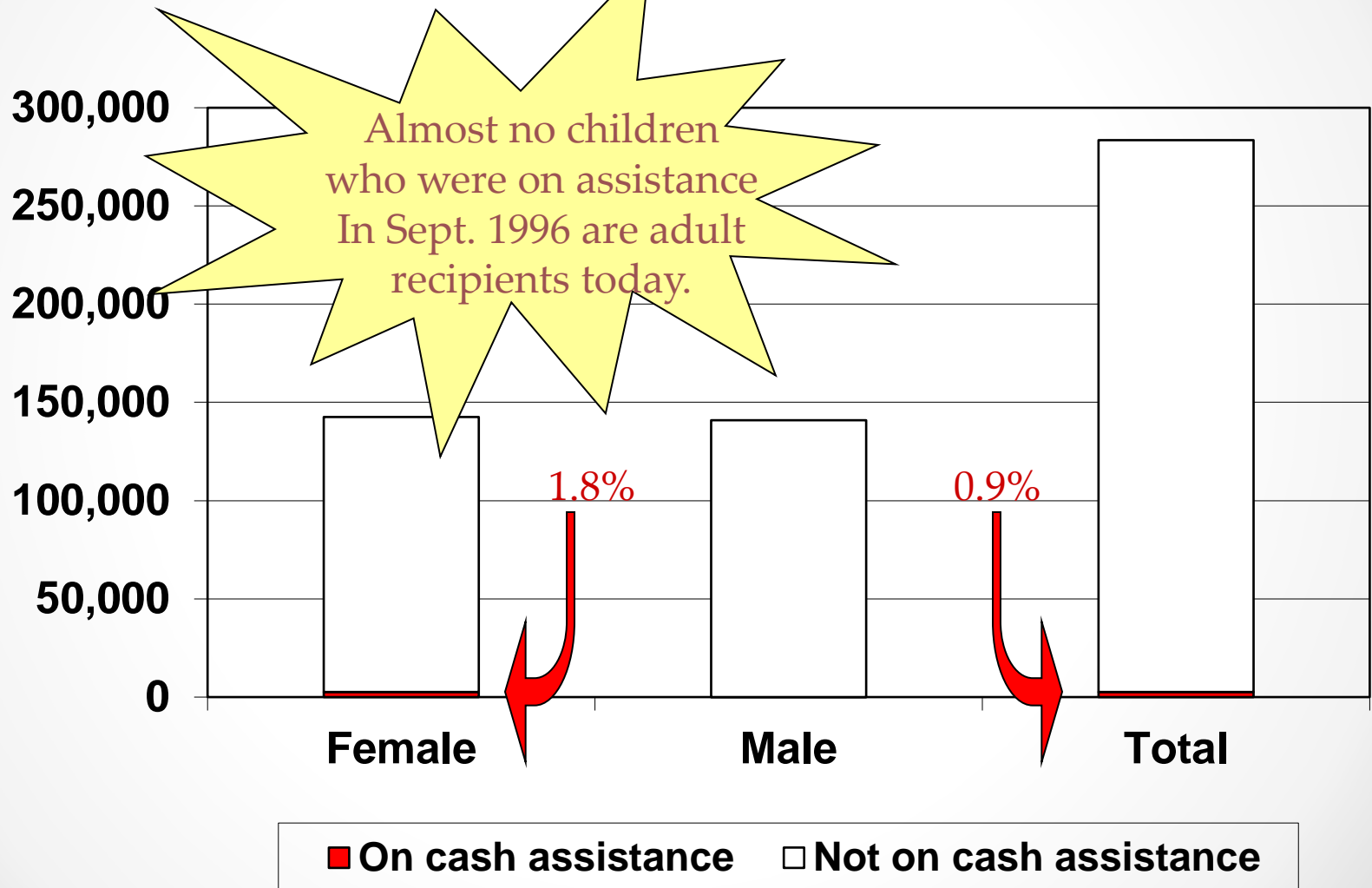


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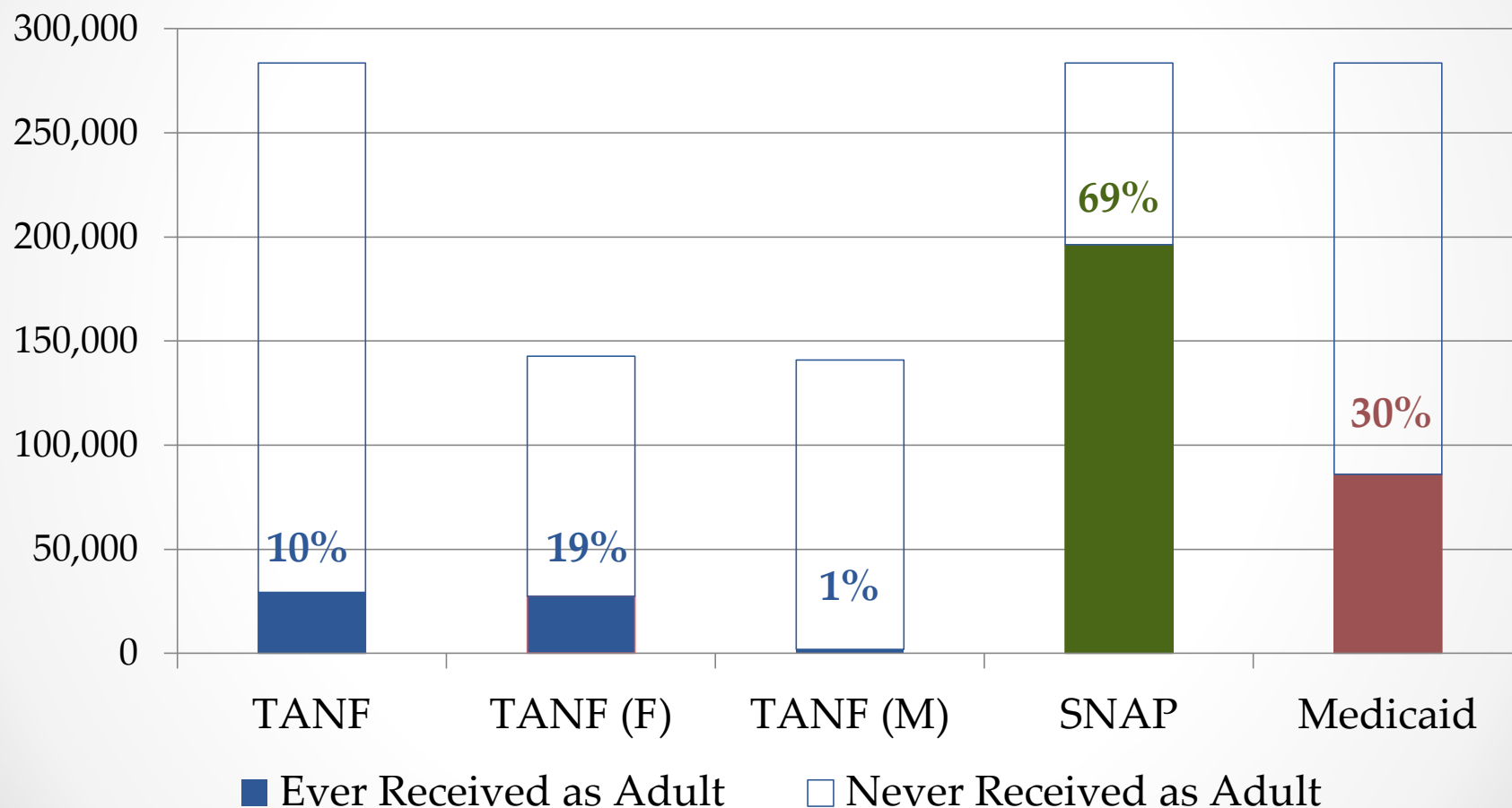


Children Receiving Cash Assistance in Sept. 1996 who were adults in June 2011



Ever Received as Adult

Child in Sept. 1996 – Now Adult (N=283,495)



Work Registration Status Code 64

Sec. 414.065(4)(g), Florida Statutes

(g) Other good cause exceptions for noncompliance. — Individuals who are temporarily unable to participate due to circumstances beyond their control may be excepted from the noncompliance penalties...

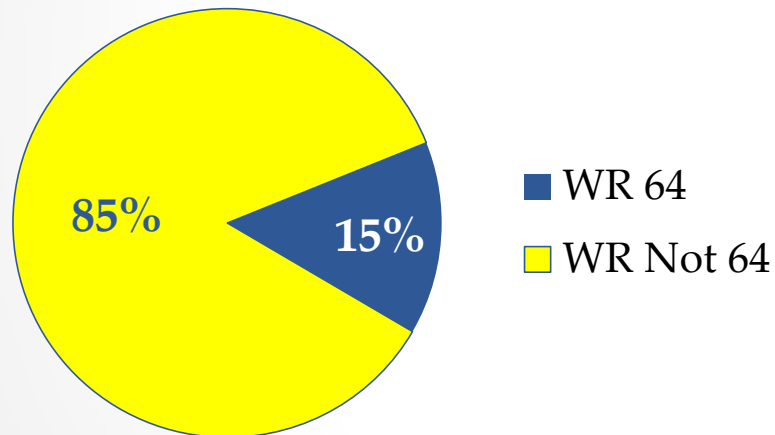


These situations must include caring for a disabled family member when the need for the care has been verified and alternate care is not available.



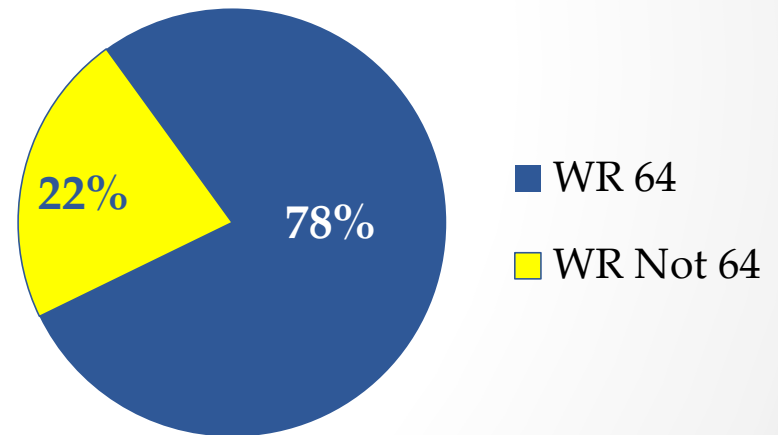
Work Registration Status in June 2006 or most recent month for longest stayers

All June 2011 Adults



n = 16,779

1996 Adult Longest Stayers (more than 60 months of assistance)



n = 99

Some Conclusions

15 Years After Welfare Reform

- In Florida, “welfare as we knew it” **has ended**.
- For adult-headed families, TANF is **short-term assistance**, not an ongoing income support program.
- The predominant **safety net** program for low-income families in Florida is **SNAP**.
- Most long-staying adult recipients have been excepted from the work requirement due to a medically verified need to care for a disabled family member.
- Intergenerational dependence on cash welfare payments is **a thing of the past**.