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The Great Recession and Economically Vulnerable Populations in Mississippi

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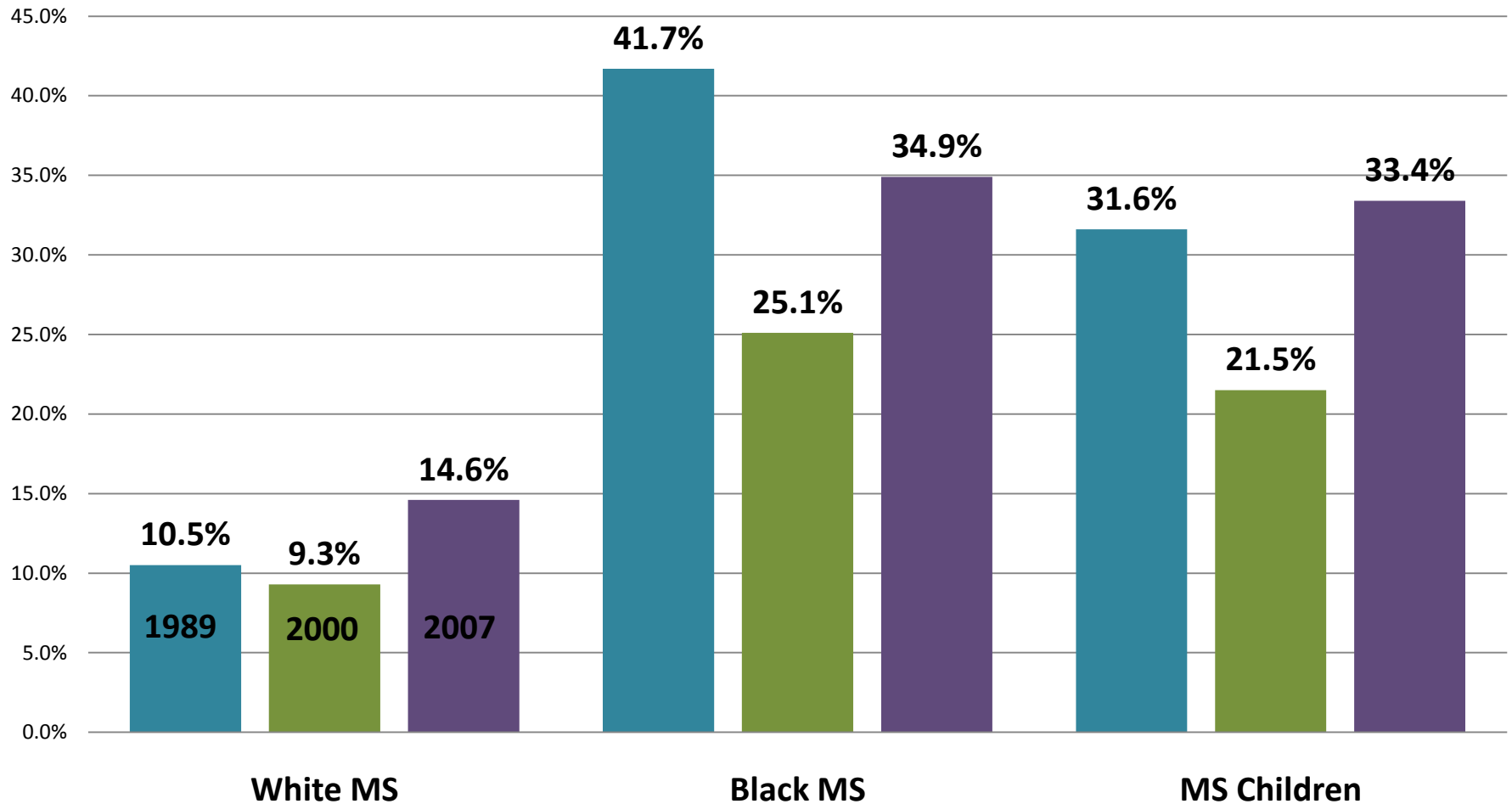
U.S. and Mississippi Poverty Rates



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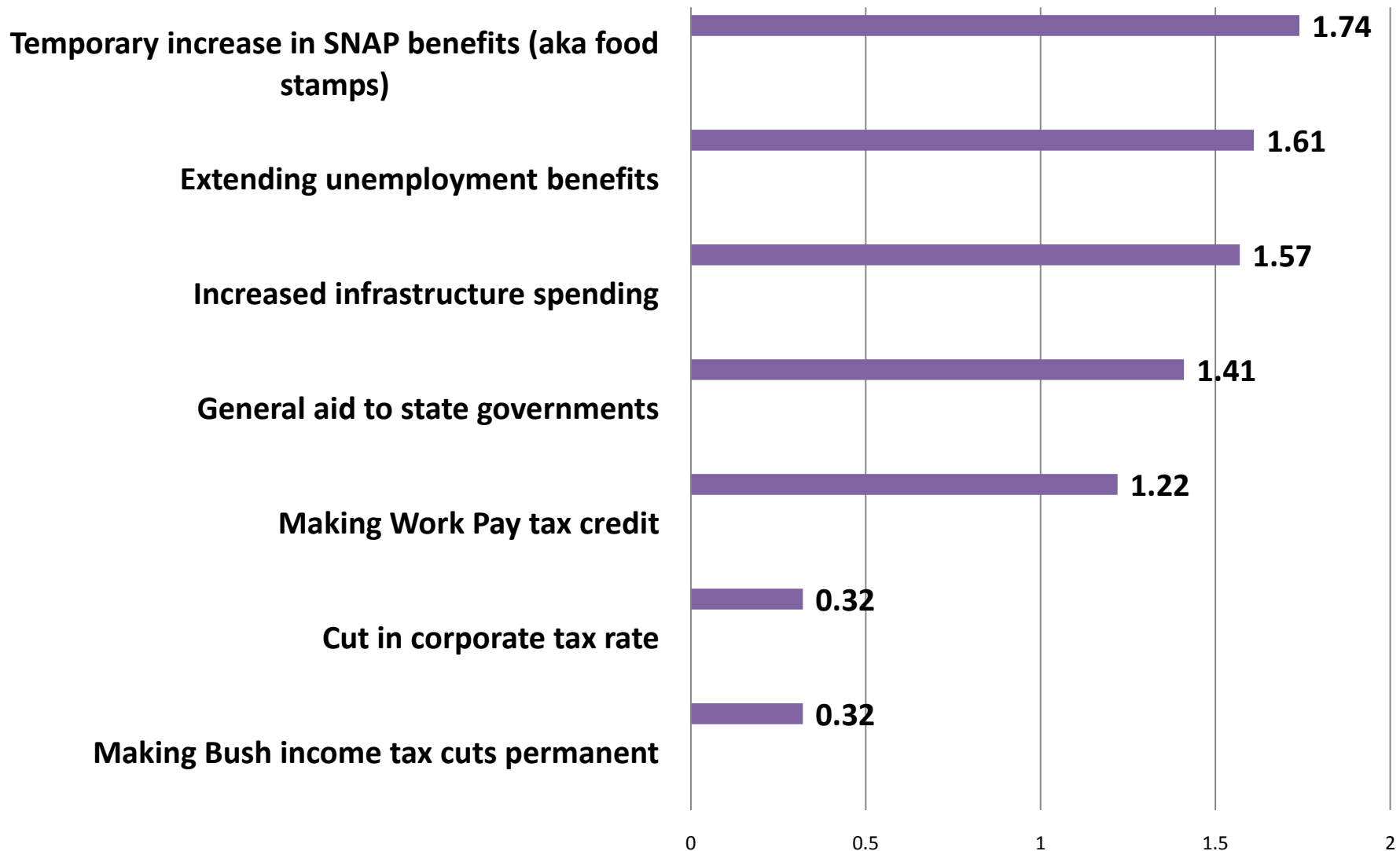
White, Black and Child Poverty Rates in Mississippi



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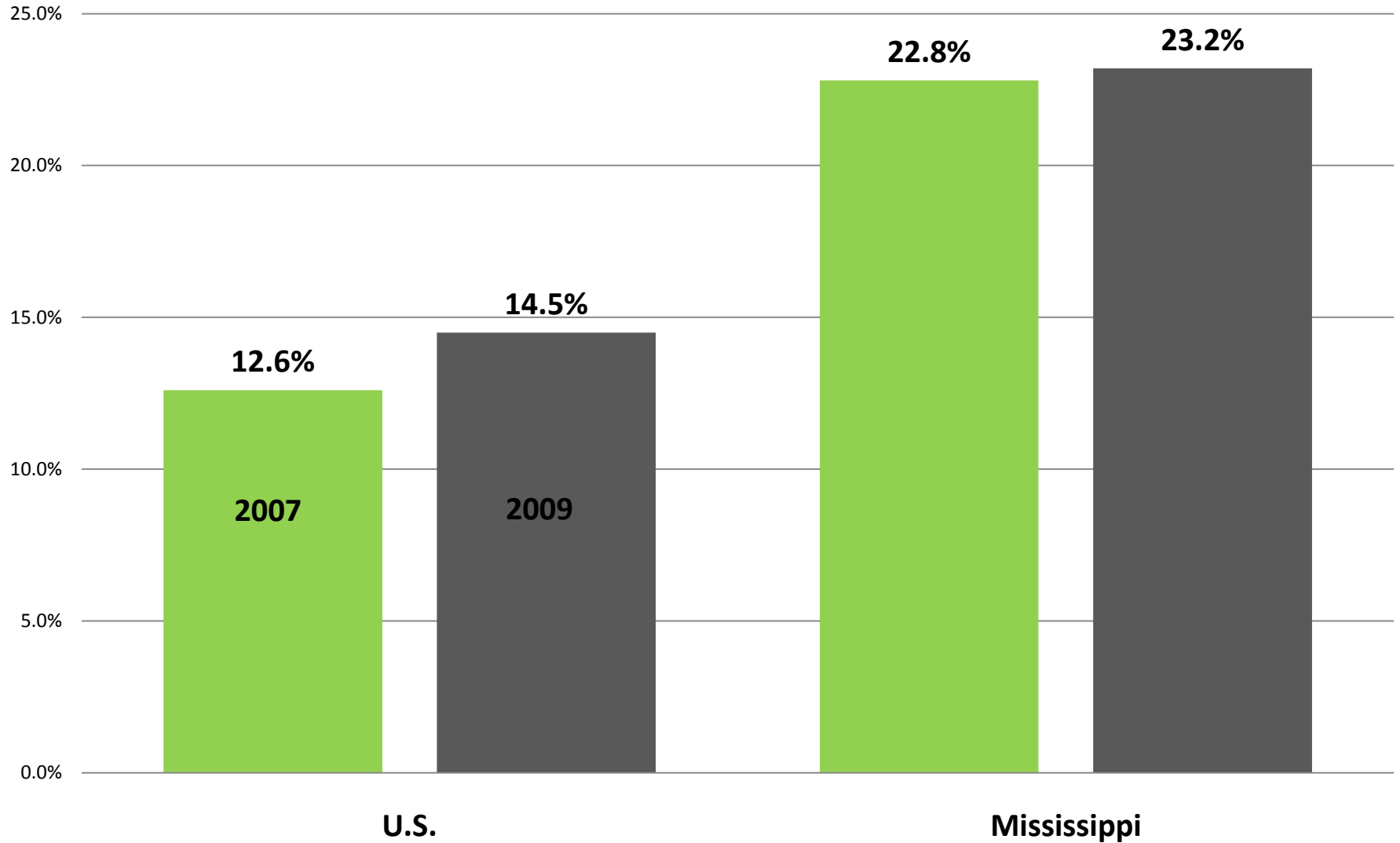
Economic Activity per Dollar Spent



Source: Blinder and Zandy, 2010



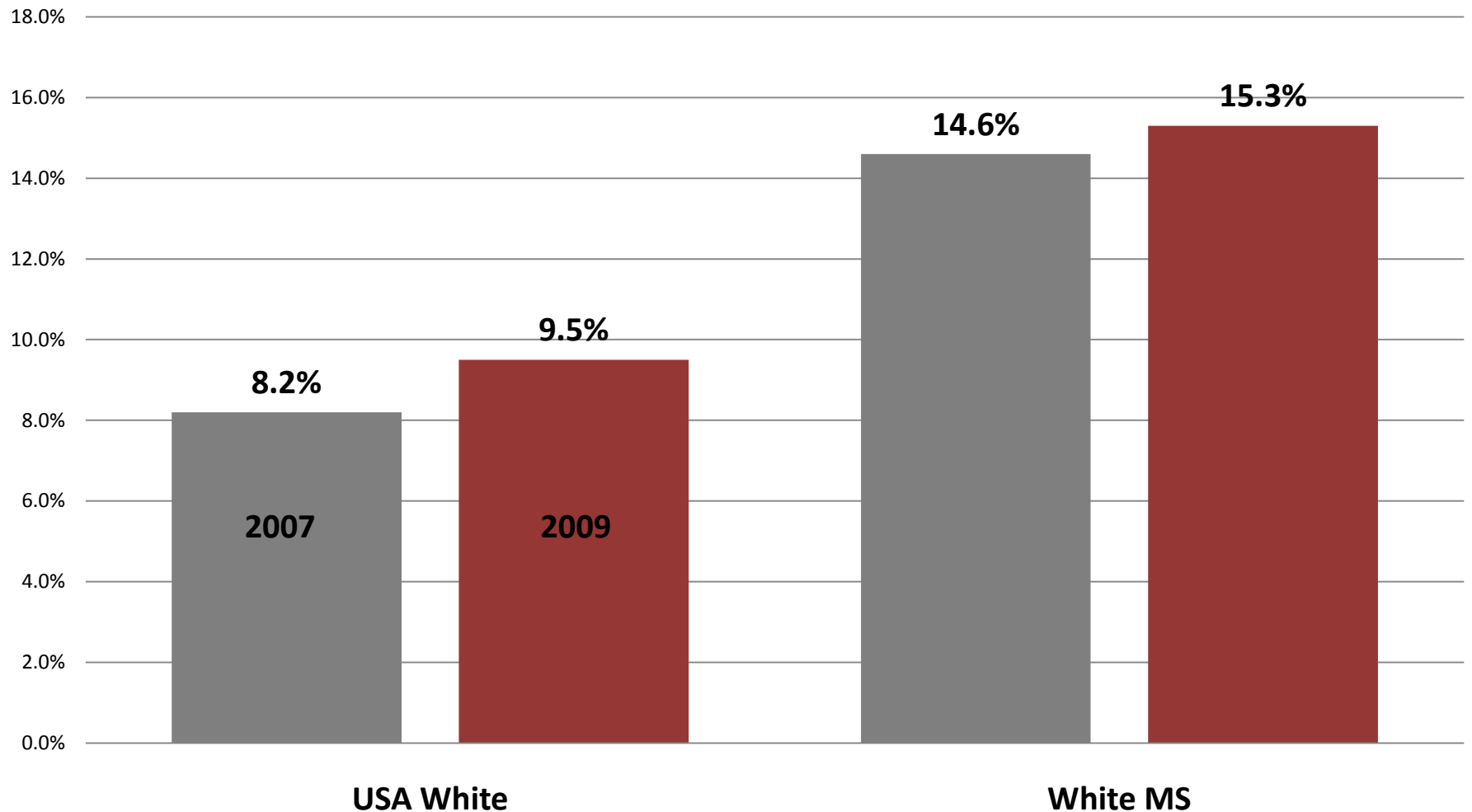
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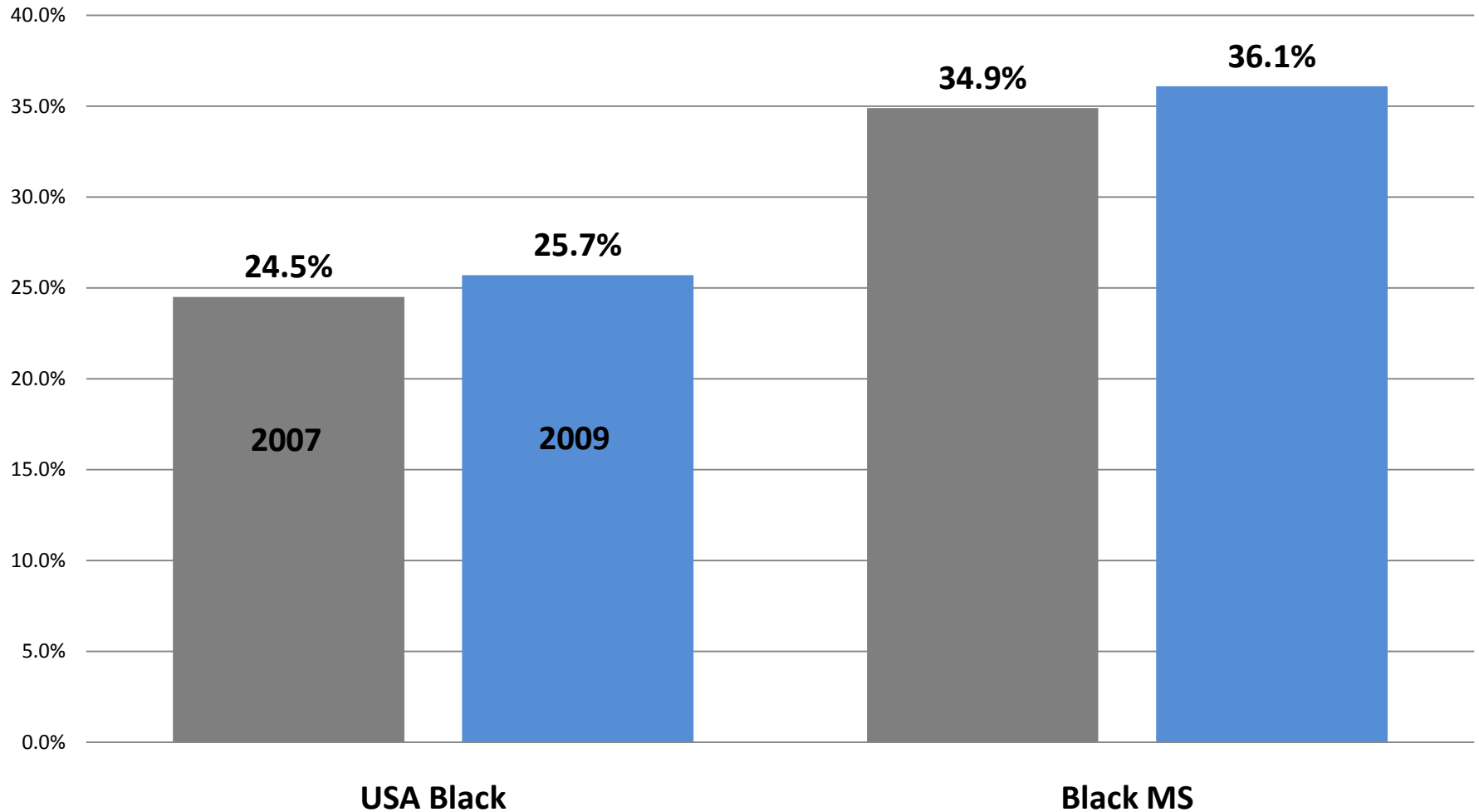
National and Mississippi White Poverty Rates, 2007 and 2009



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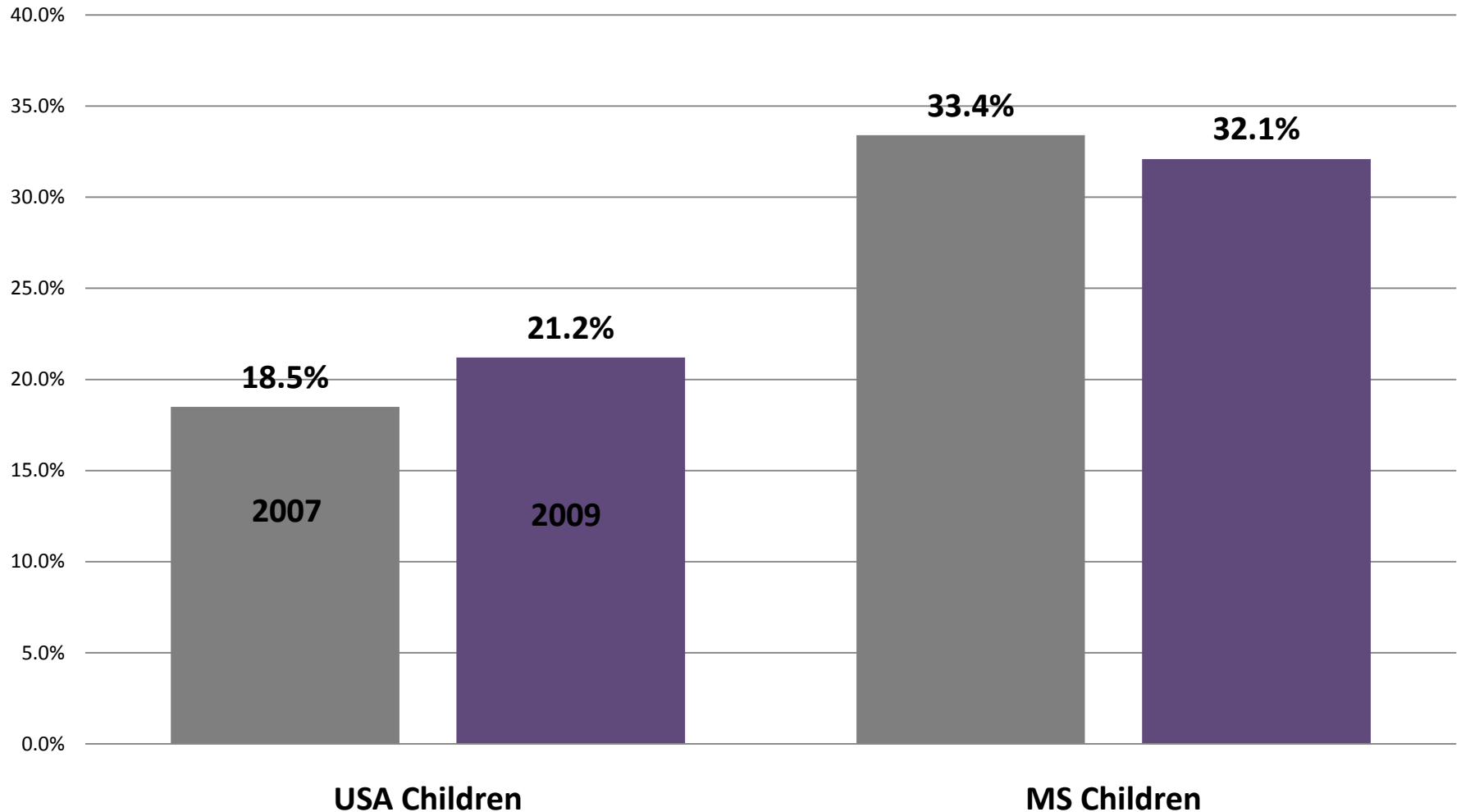
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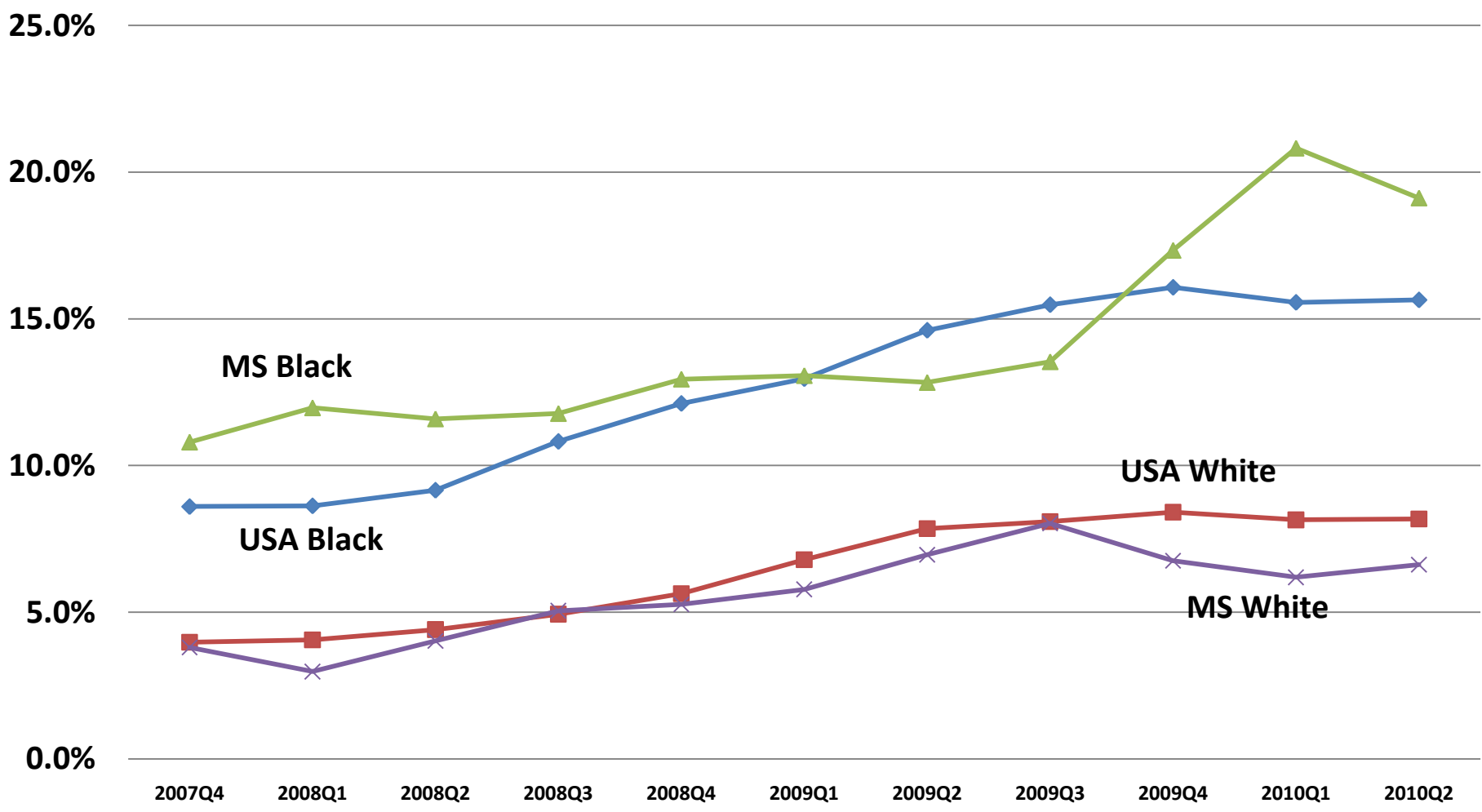
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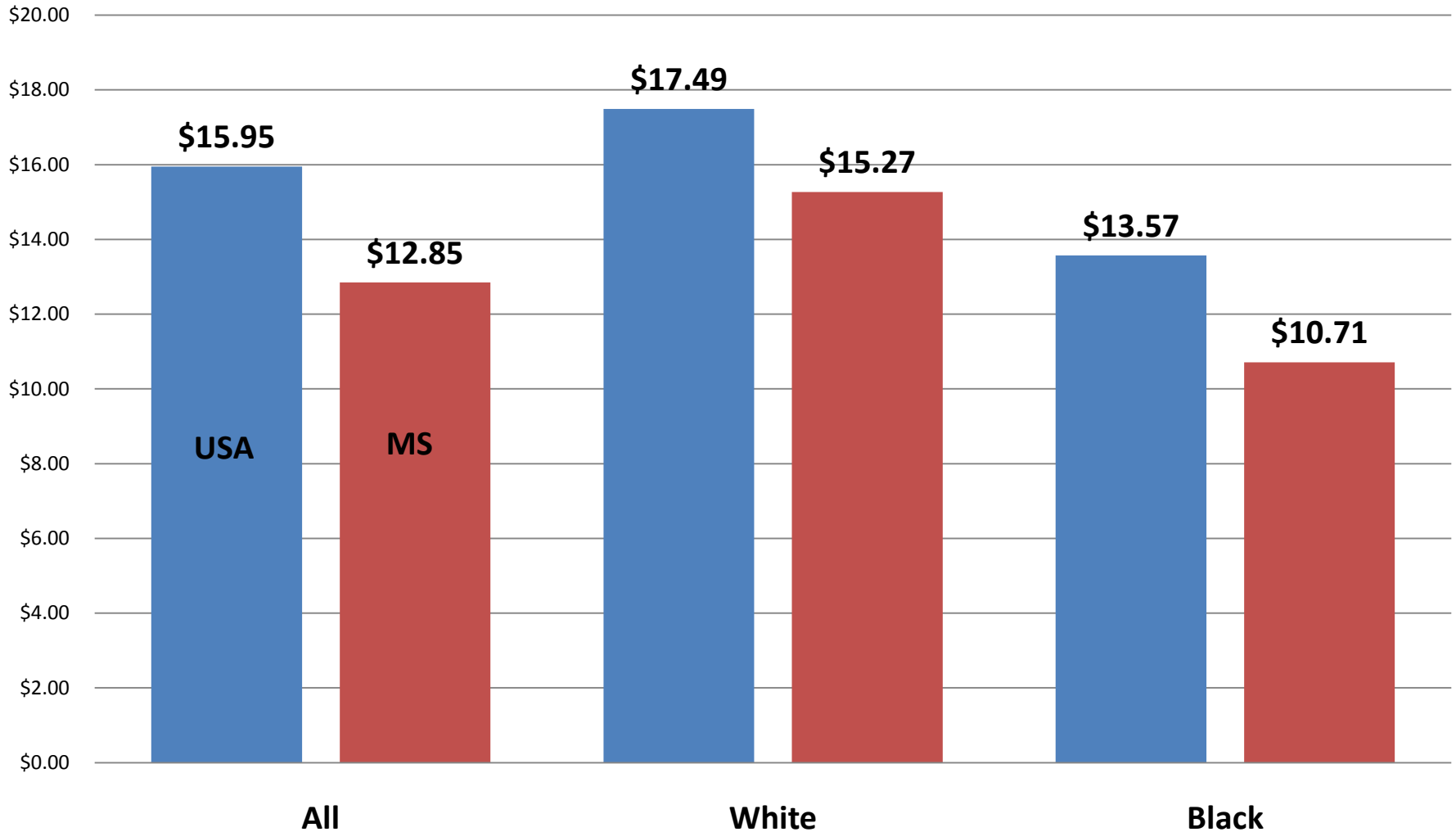
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National and Mississippi Median Wages by Race, 2009



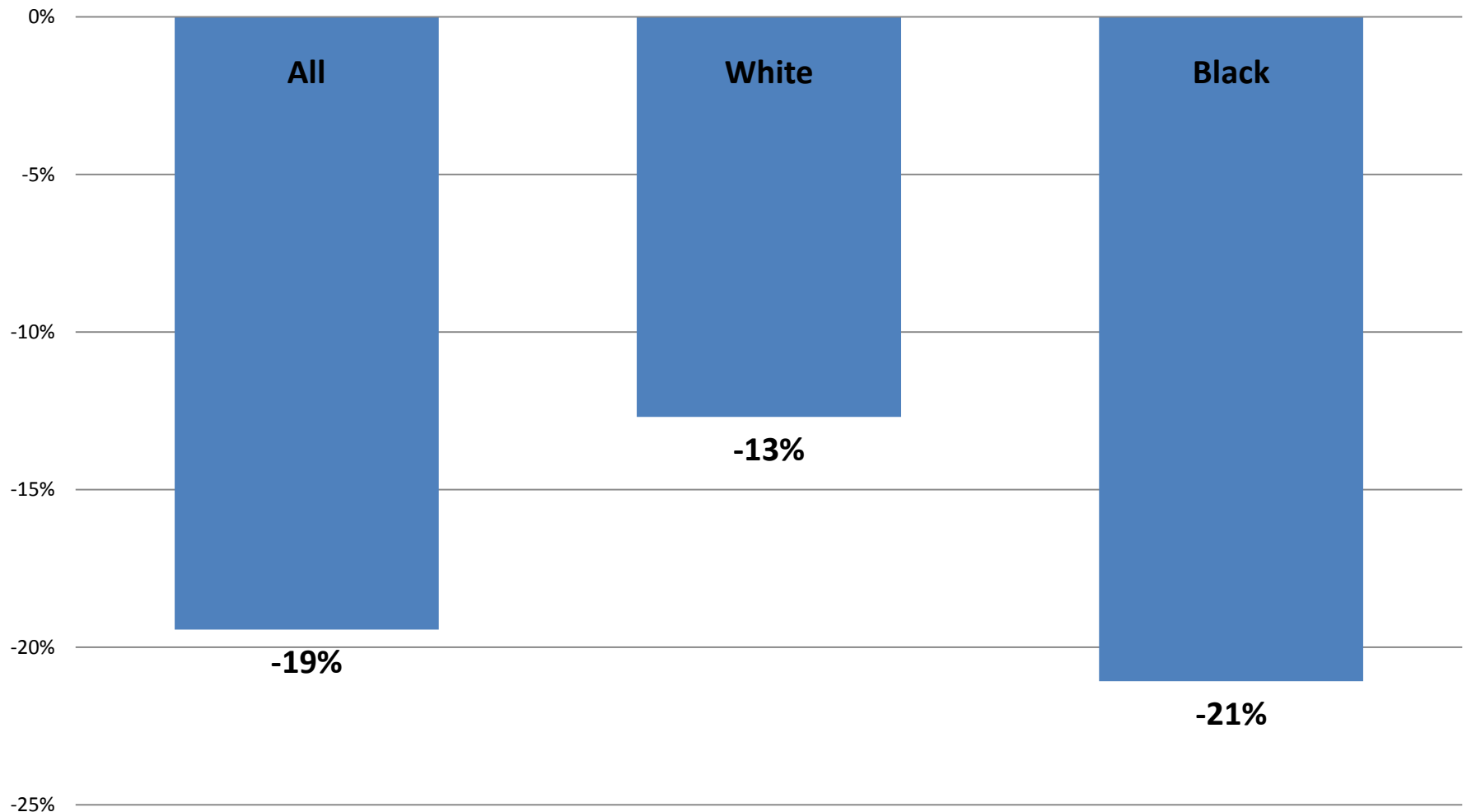
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Mississippi Median Wages Relative to National Median Wages by Race, 2009



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Mississippi “Good Jobs” Rank, 2009

- A “good job” provides enough income for someone to take care of their family, have health insurance, and save for retirement.
- In 2009, Mississippi ranked 50th out of 51 states and D.C. in the percent of workers in good jobs.
- Only Arkansas had a lower good jobs rate.



Conclusions

- To help economically vulnerable populations, Mississippi needs:
 - Strong job growth at the national and state levels
 - Tax cuts for the wealthiest Americans are one of the least efficient ways to create jobs
 - Policies that increase the wages and overall job quality of Mississippi jobs