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Community Colleges:
Definition and
National Trends



Community Colleges: Nationally

- 1200 community colleges
- 46 % of all U.S. undergraduates are enrolled in community colleges

Community Colleges: Nationally

- 47 % of all African American undergraduates;
- 47 % Asian or Pacific Islander, and
- 55 % and 57 %, respectively, of Hispanic and Native American undergraduates

Community Colleges: Nationally

- Certify nearly 80 percent of first responders:
police officers, firefighters, and emergency medical technicians.

Community Colleges: Nationally

- Produce more than 50 percent of new nurses and other health-care workers;
- Account for nearly 40 percent of all foreign undergraduates on American campuses.

2.

Illinois Community Colleges: Who are We?



Our mission:



1. baccalaureate education
2. college preparatory
3. career education
4. workforce development
5. adult education

The Community College Mission is Comprehensive

Junior College

1. baccalaureate education
2. college preparatory

Technical College

3. career education
4. workforce development
5. adult education

In Illinois

***the Comprehensive Community College
Combines Both Missions***

Junior College Mission

+ Technical College Mission

Community College

Illinois Community College System



48 community colleges within
39 college districts

Serves approximately one million
Illinois residents

680,000 students enrolled in
credit courses

Illinois Community Colleges

- America's oldest public community college was established in Joliet, Illinois, in 1901.
- However – most Illinois community colleges are less than 50 years old.

Illinois Community Colleges

- The "typical" Illinois community college student is female, white, 31 years old,
- She is enrolled part-time, and attending to improve her job skills or obtain new skills for a different career.

Illinois Community Colleges

- Nearly two-thirds of all minorities in Illinois public higher education attend CCs;
- 11,000 students with disabilities; and,
- 38,000 students with limited English proficiency are served each year.

Illinois Community Colleges

Some FY 2006 Data on Completions:

- 49,628 associate degrees and certificates
- Public Universities had 31,812 undergraduate completions

3.

Illinois Community Colleges Economic Impact



Economic Impact

- 92% of the state's recent community college occupational graduates are either working or pursuing additional education.
- 8 out of 10 Illinois employers (81%) hired a community college student at some time in the past 10 years.

Economic Impact

- Those who completed their education at a community college saw a 31% increase in their wages over pre-enrollment wages.
- Earning an associate degree from an Illinois community college adds \$345,000 in lifetime earnings

4.

Community Colleges: Driving the Development of the Illinois Workforce



Workforce Development

- **Contract and Customized Job Training**

8,483 contract training courses to 2,674 companies

Results:

97,918 employees were trained

20,179 days of training

Workforce Development

- **Entrepreneurship Seminars and Workshops**
592 entrepreneurship seminars and workshops
7,686 participants.

Results:

Helped create 62 new businesses, expand 23 businesses, and retain another 24

471 jobs were created and 307 jobs were retained

Workforce Development

- **Counseling and Management Assistance**
4,061 individuals or organizations

Results:

230 companies being formed,
103 companies expanding, and
188 companies being retained

Results from Business Counseling:

1,365 jobs created and
975 more jobs retained

Workforce Development

- **Contract Procurement Assistance**
- **Public Training Activities**
- **Employment and Training Services for Unemployed/Underemployed Workers**

Workforce Development

- **Assist communities with business . . .
Attraction, Retention, Expansion**
- **Distance Learning**
- **Continuous Improvement Training**

Workforce Development

- **Other Workforce Development**

Activities and Partnerships:

Business and Industry Centers:

Job Testing, benchmarking studies, etc

1,200 other programs were offered, including continuous improvement programs and ACT Work Keys Exams

5. Community Colleges:

The Challenges -
Competition, Recognition,
Funding



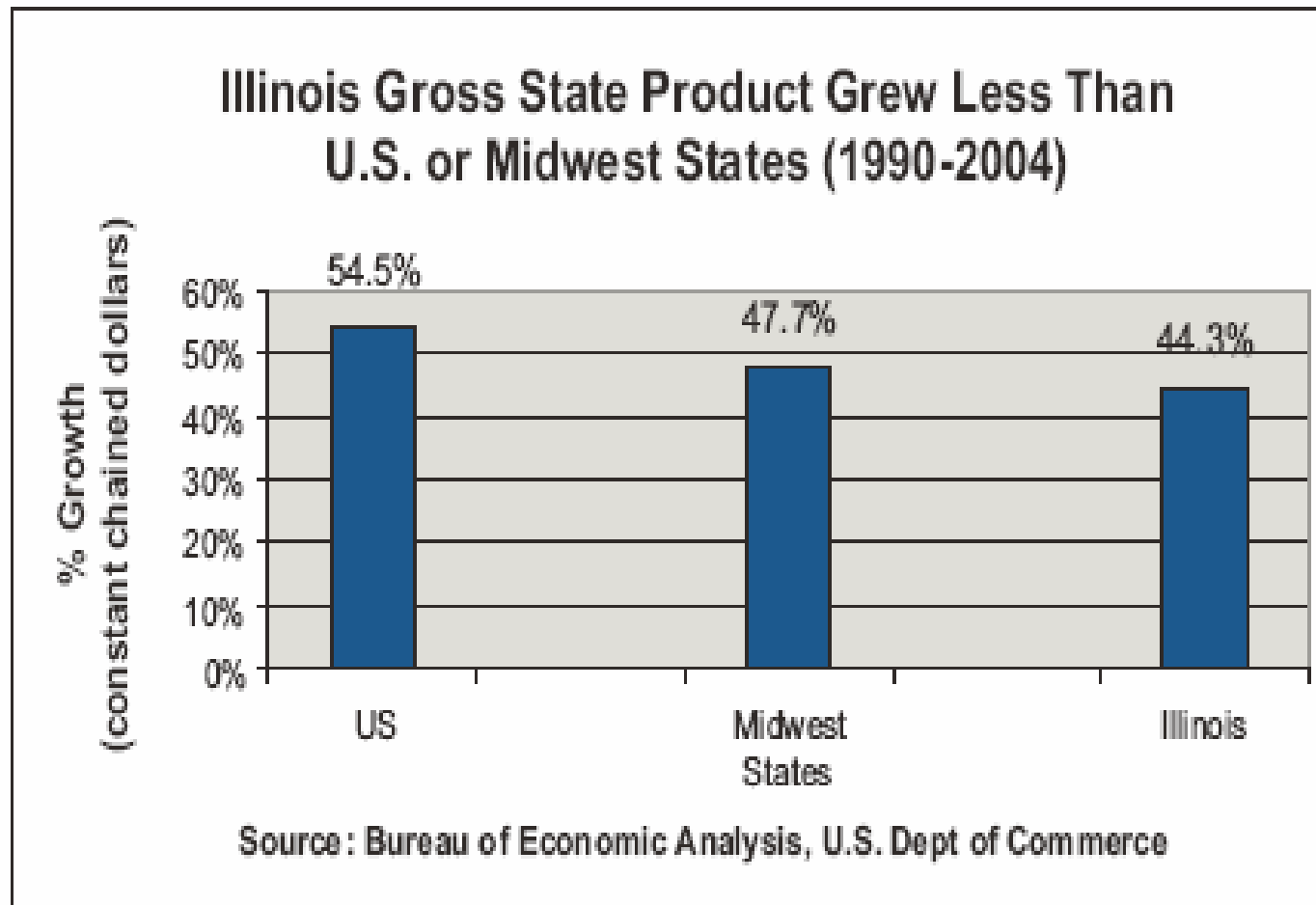


- Illinois is not a poor state.
- But it seems that the Illinois economy has never rebounded since 2001



- In 2006, Illinois ranked fifth nationally with a Gross State Product of \$500 billion.
- 27th largest economy in the world-greater than Egypt, Saudi Arabia, Colombia, Sweden, Greece, and Nigeria, to name a few.

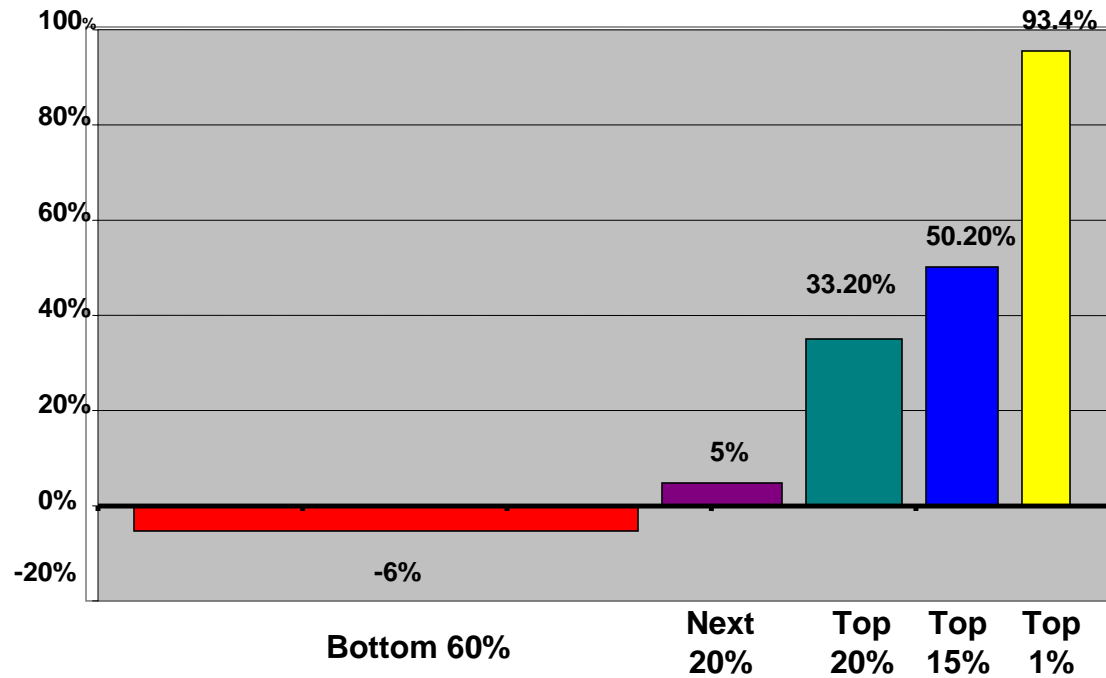
> But economic growth has lagged - ranking 35th



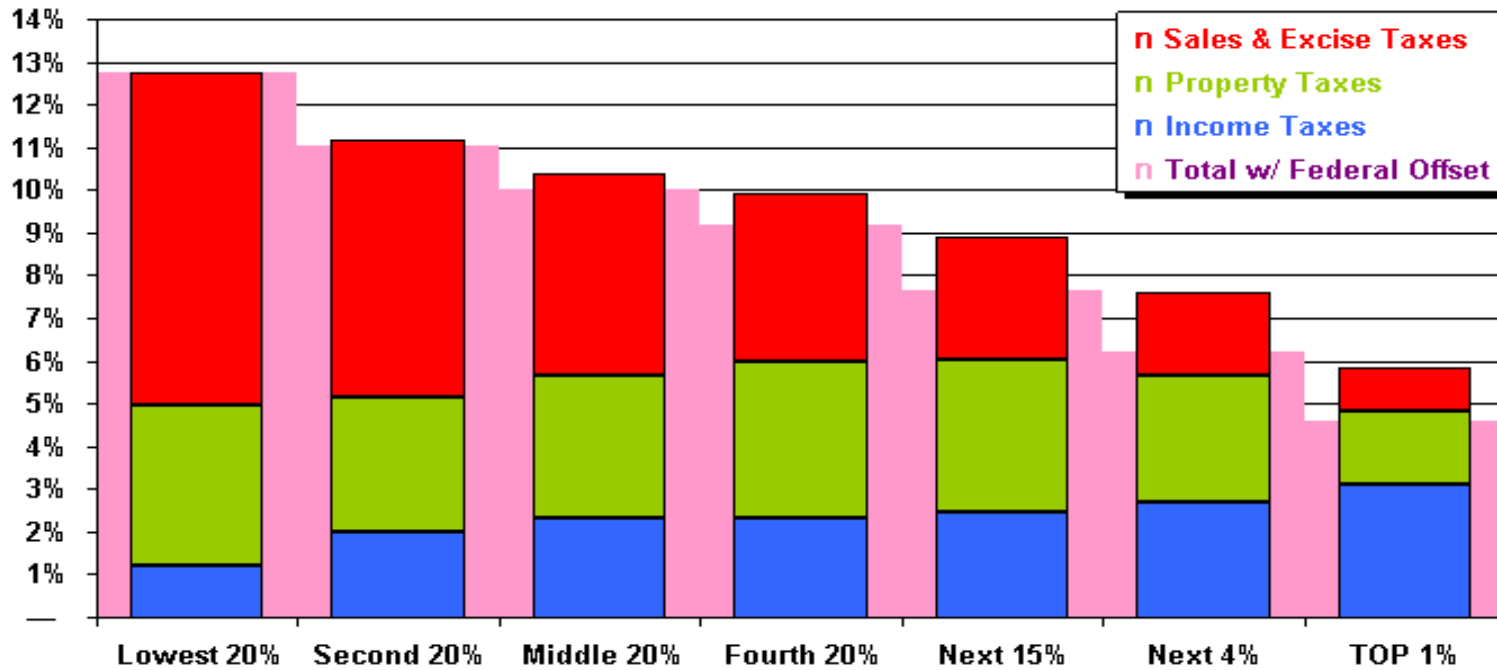
- Why the Slow Economic Growth?
 - NOT TAX BURDEN
 - NOR WASTEFUL SPENDING
- Illinois' total state *AND* local tax burden, as a percentage of personal income ranks 48th in the nation
- By far, the lowest tax burden in the Midwest
- Illinois also ranks only 42nd in spending among the states

Income Growth in the United States 1979-1999 (Real 1999 Dollars) *Source U.S. Census Data

Percent Change



State & Local Tax Burden as a Percentage of Income



Income Range	Less than \$16,000	\$16,000 – \$30,000	\$30,000 – \$48,000	\$48,000 – \$77,000	\$77,000 – \$148,000	\$148,000 – \$295,000	\$295,000 or more
Average Income	\$8,900	\$22,600	\$38,500	\$61,100	\$101,400	\$203,600	\$1,322,100
Tax Burden	12.7%	11%	10%	9.2%	7.7%	6.2%	4.6%

Exhibit A is Education

Education now matters more than ever to economic prosperity:



- Unemployment rates are highest for those with the least education
- Wages are also tied to education levels

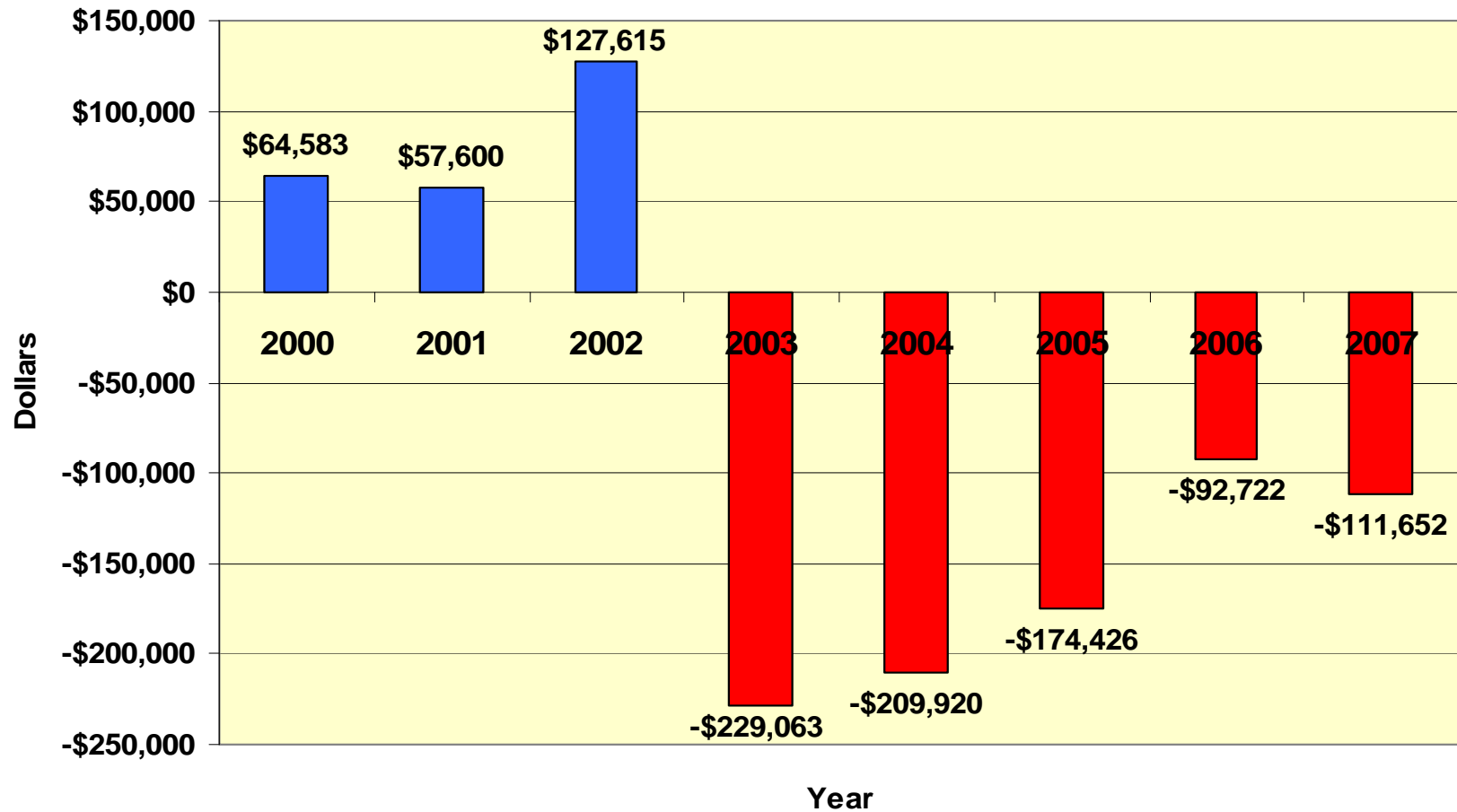
AN ALARMING TREND

- Among unemployed youth (ages 16 – 25), 39% of Whites, over half (51.9%) of African Americans, and nearly 2/3 (63.7%) of Latinos are both out of work and out of school.
- This leaves them especially vulnerable to long-term detachment from the labor market.

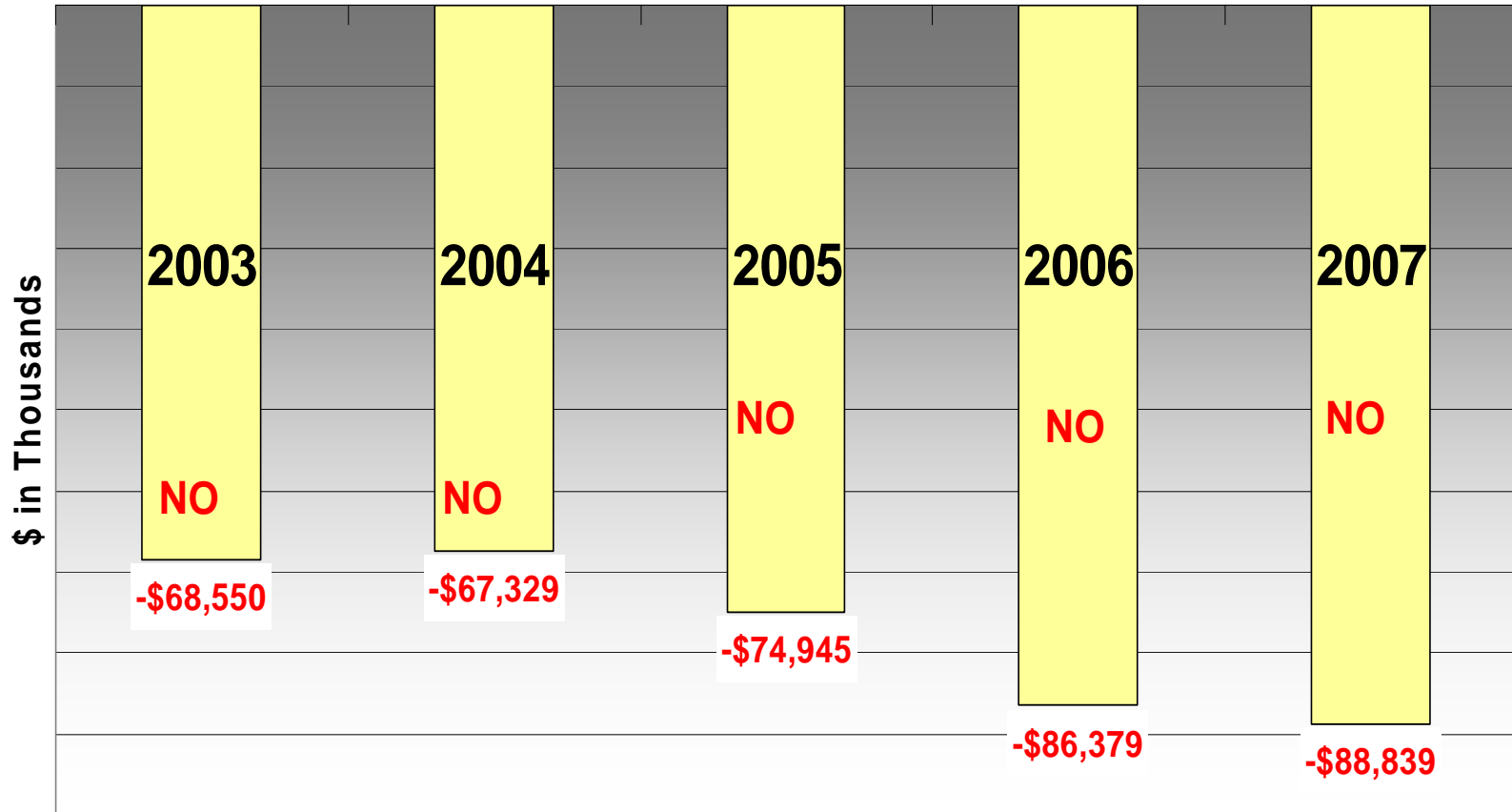
**We would love to engage
these problems,
to increase opportunity
through workforce
development**

**But each year we have less
resources to fight with**

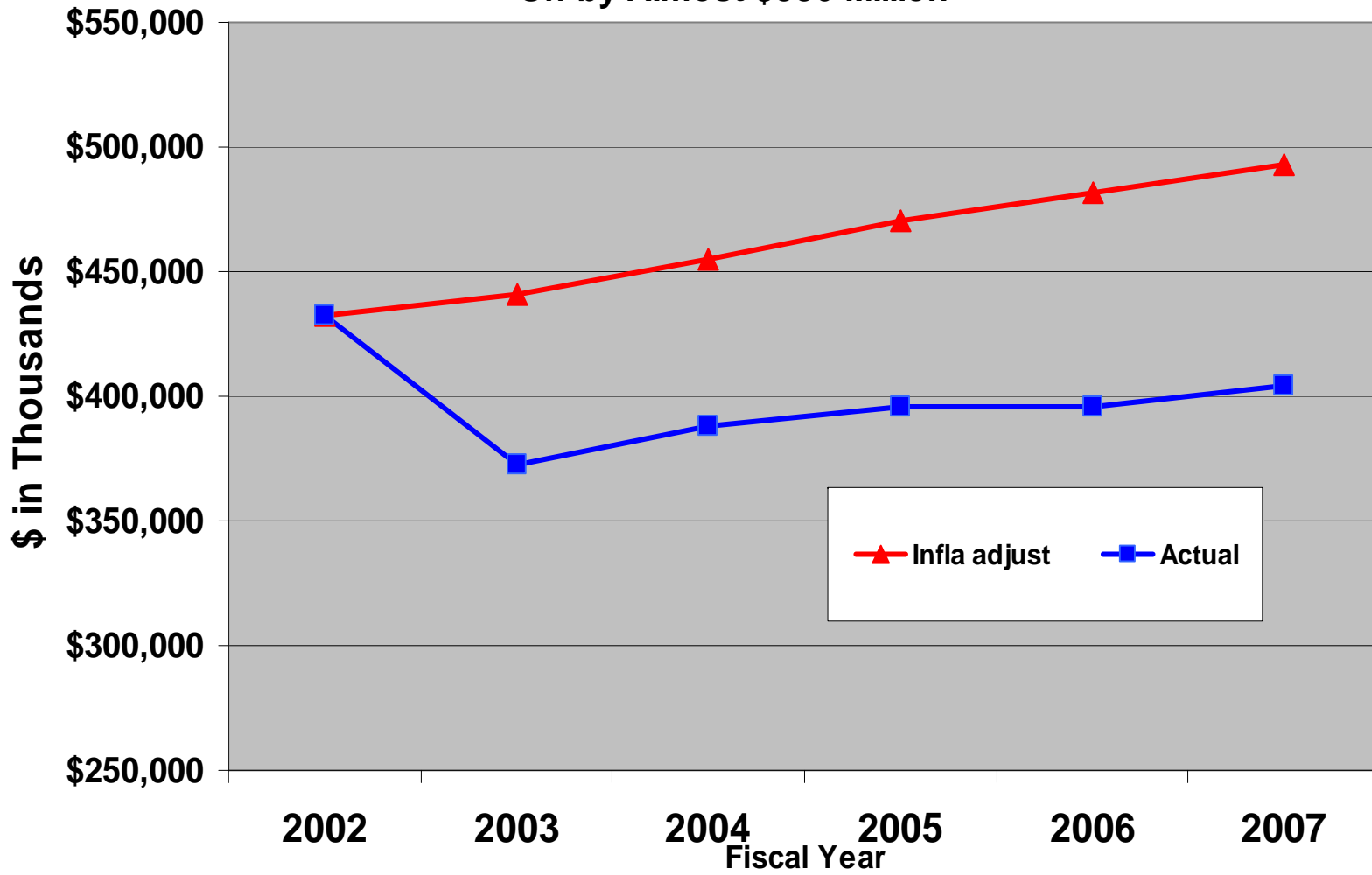
Higher Education Appropriations Have Failed to Keep Pace With Inflation Since 2003



Has State Funding of Community Colleges Kept Up With Inflation?



**Funding for Community Colleges Has Not Kept
Up with Inflation Since 2002
Off by Almost \$386 Million**



Our annual budget has

NOT

increased since...

2002

**Community College
budgets are the**

same

as in...

1993 . . .

**when the cost of a
gallon of gas
was . . .**

\$1.11

**The Illinois state
budget
spent \$310 million on
community colleges
in 2007...**

**Community colleges
serve 74.5%
of our postsecondary
students...**

but receive only
14.1%
of state education
dollars.

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The Impact of Funding
Gaps on Access and
Workforce
Development

The problem is this ...

- Growth in community colleges has been stagnated by lack of growth in resources.

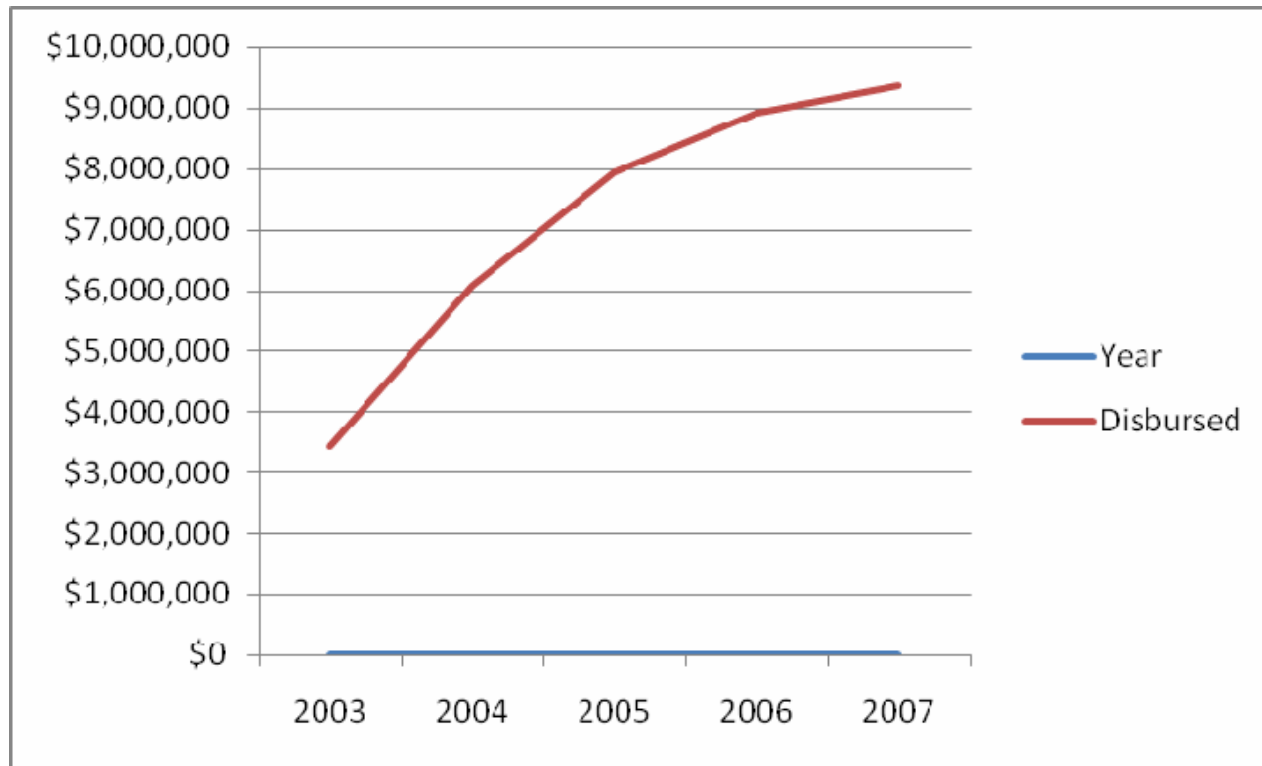
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- Most community colleges cannot increase local revenues from property taxes.
- We turn to tuition increases to cover the state funding shortfall.

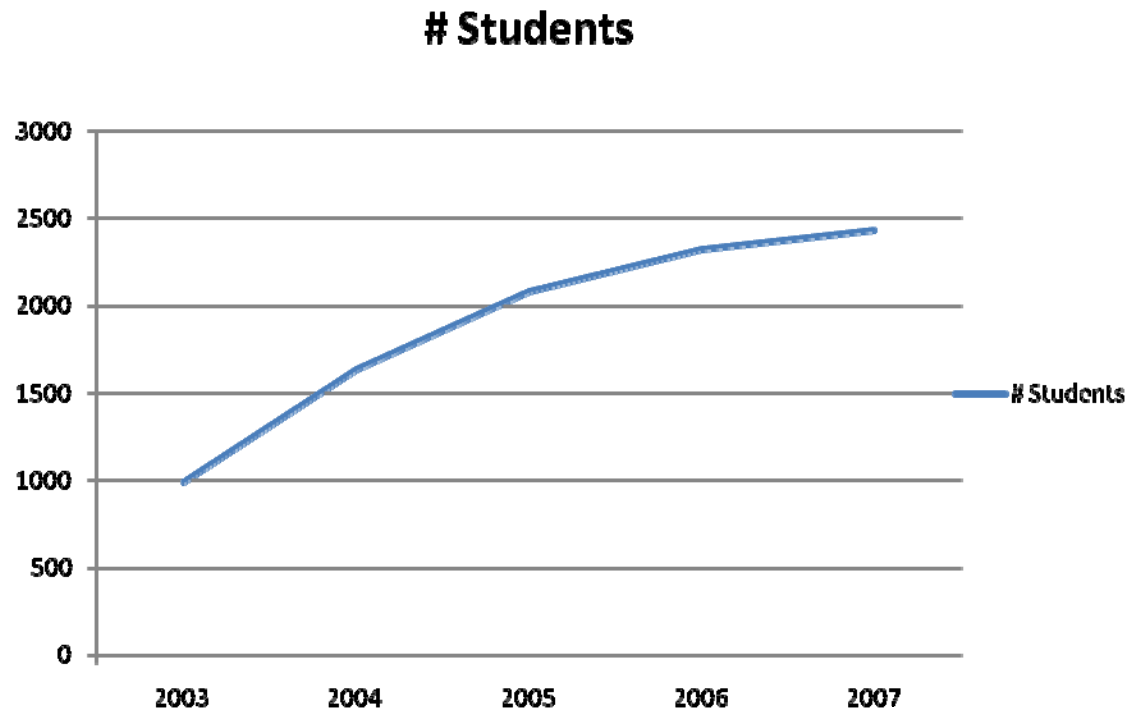
The problem is really this ...

- We do not record or see the potential student who never has access to higher education.

College of DuPage Loan Volume By \$ Disbursed FY2003 – FY2007



College of DuPage Loan Volume By Student FY2003 – FY2007



- Rapid tuition increases rob community college students of the economic benefits of their education.

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Illinois Community Colleges:
Advancing Higher Education
One Student at a Time



Illinois Community Colleges

- Local engines for Economic Development in our communities
- Drive workforce development by providing educated and trained employees for our communities

Illinois Community Colleges

- Create access to higher education for high schools students and returning adults.
 - Provide foundation for transition to further higher education at four-year colleges and universities.
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