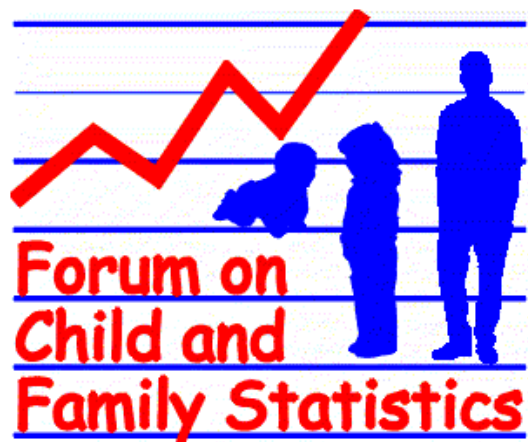




America's Young Adults: Special Issue, 2014



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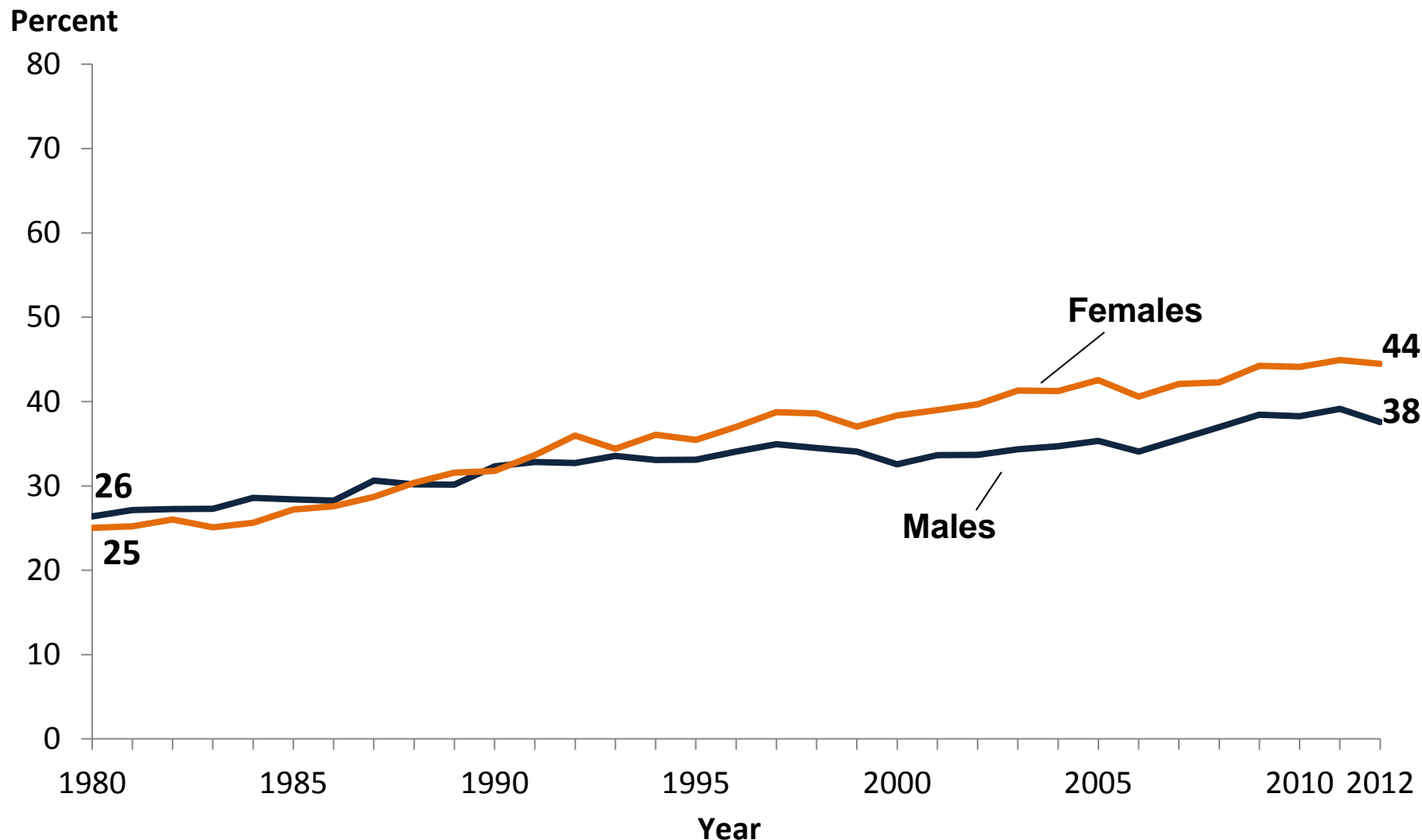
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Education and Labor Force

- The overall college enrollment rate for 18- to 24-year-olds increased from 26% in 1980 to 41% in 2012.
- About 84% of young females and 81% of young males had completed at least a high school education in 2013, up from 79% and 75% (respectively) in 1980.
- Labor force participation rates for 20- to 24-year-olds declined from 77% in 1980 to 71% in 2013. Rates for 18- and 19-year-olds fell from 67% to 48% during this period.
- Median earnings for 20- to 24-year-olds declined from \$22,300 in 1980 to \$17,500 in 2012 (in constant 2011–12 dollars).

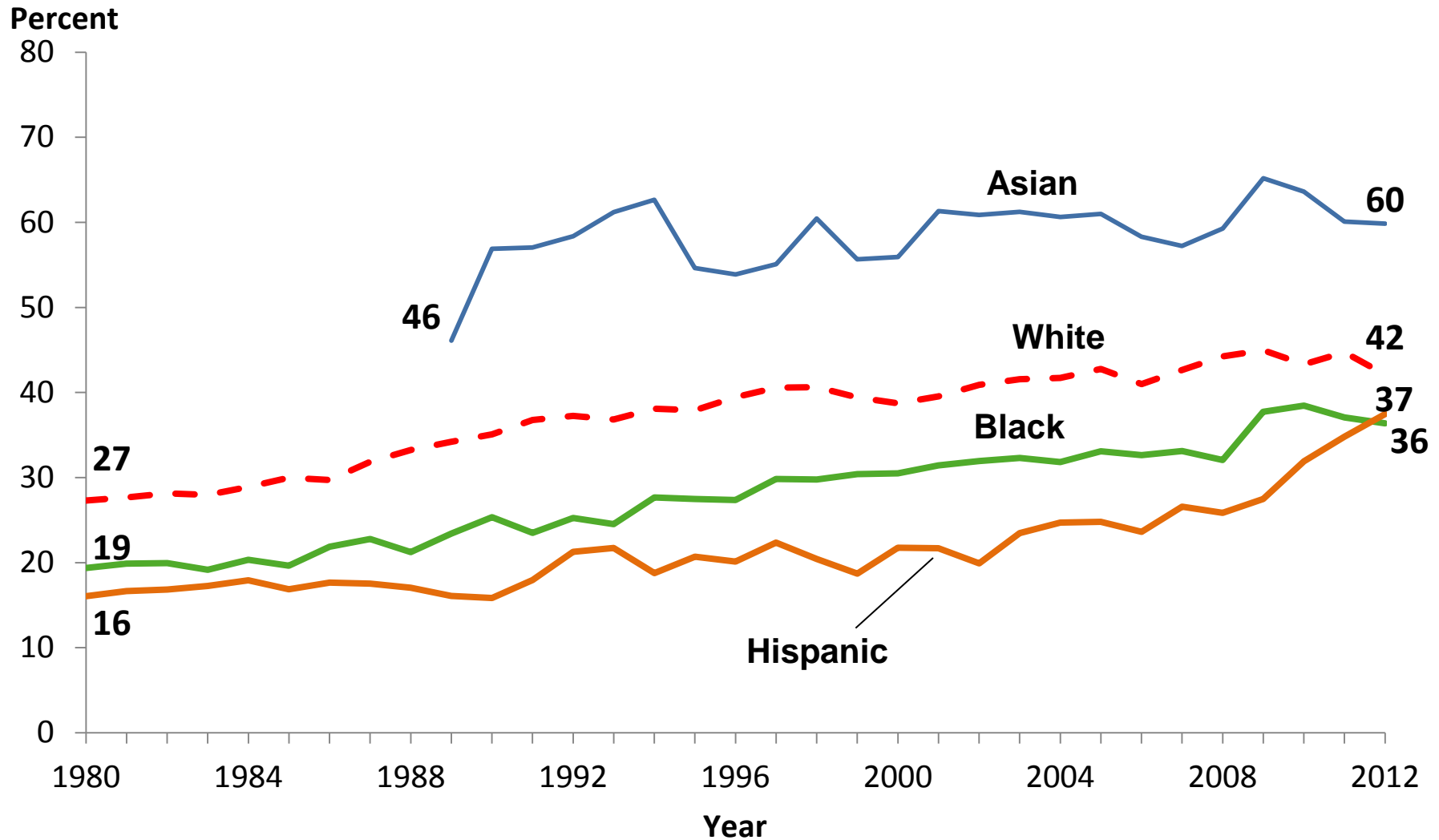
SOURCE: Federal Interagency Forum on Child and Family Statistics. *America's Young Adults: Special Issue*, 2014.

College enrollment rates of 18- to 24-year-olds increased from 26% to 41% over the past 3 decades.



SOURCE: Federal Interagency Forum on Child and Family Statistics. *America's Young Adults: Special Issue, 2014*, from U.S. Department of Commerce, Census Bureau, Current Population Survey, October 1980 through October 2012.

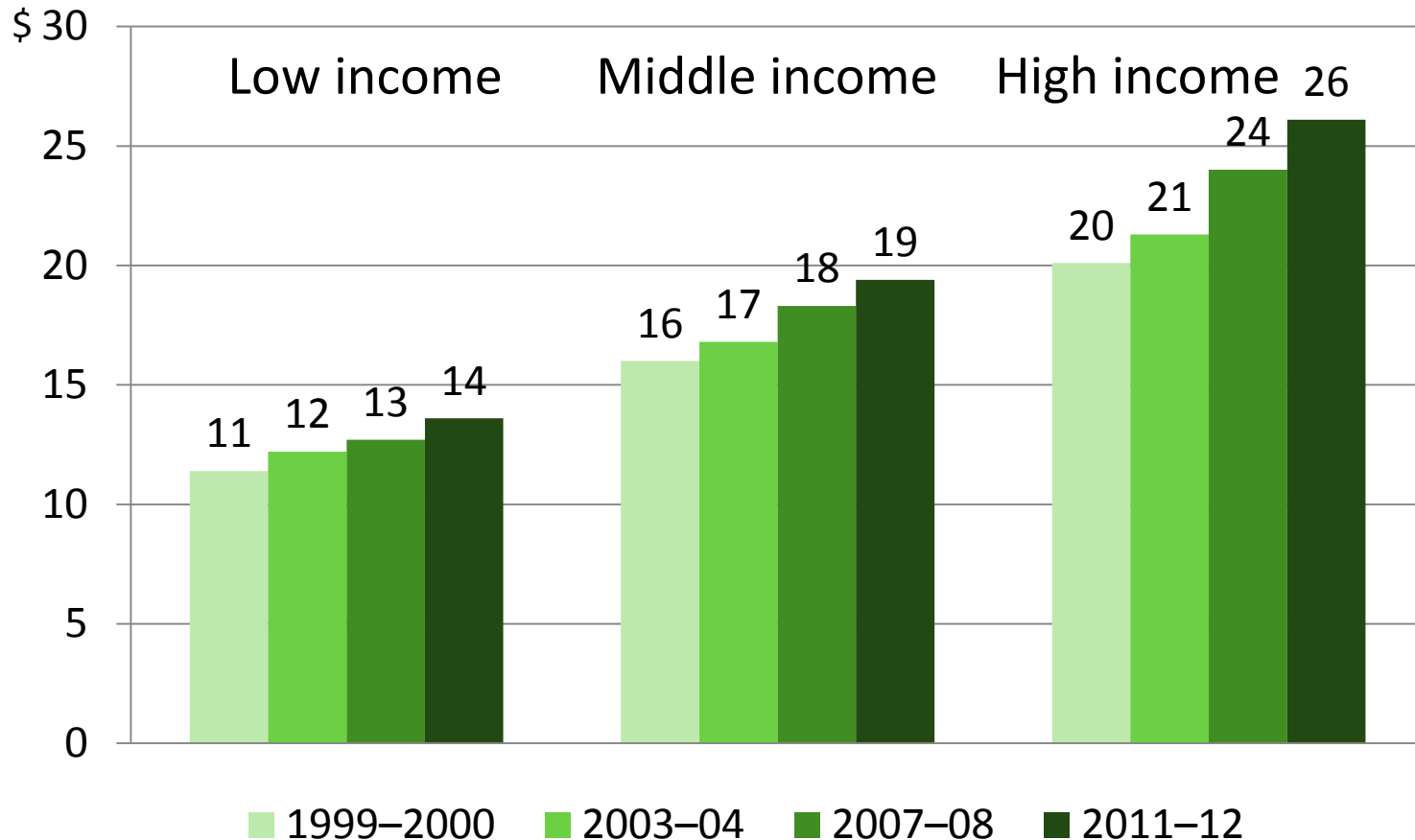
College enrollment rates increased for White, Black, and Hispanic 18- to 24-year-olds.



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After discounting for grants, college costs increased from 1999–2000 to 2011–12 for dependent students at all income levels.

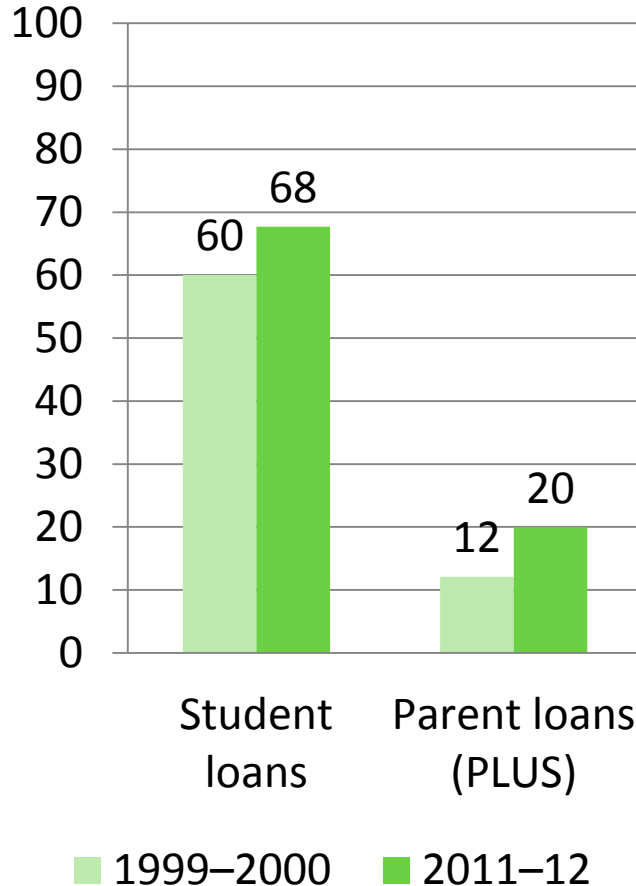
In thousands (in constant 2011–12 dollars)



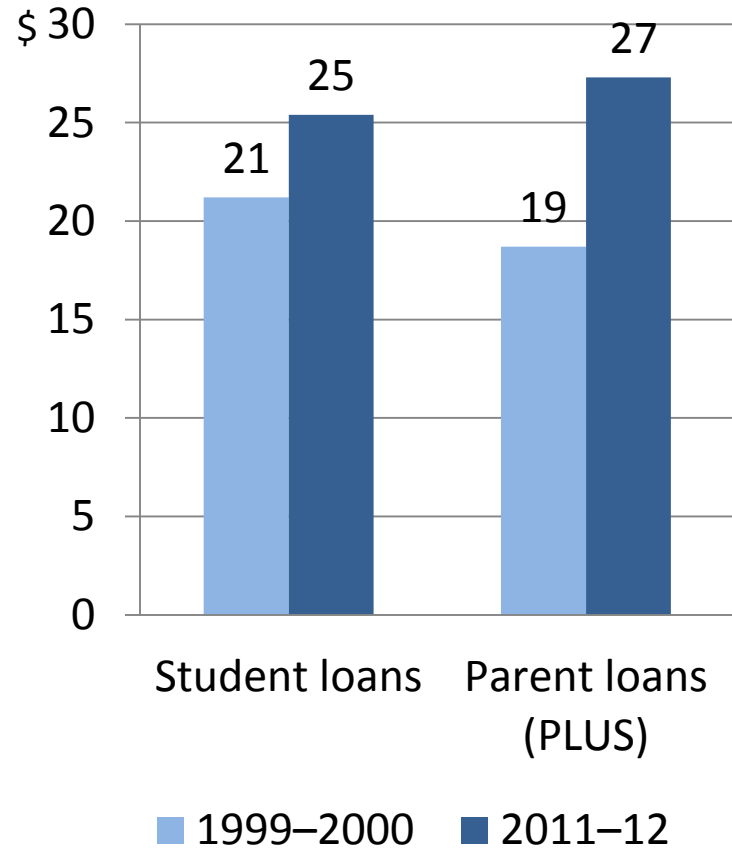
SOURCE: Federal Interagency Forum on Child and Family Statistics. *America's Young Adults: Special Issue, 2014*, from U.S. Department of Education, National Center for Education Statistics, National Postsecondary Student Aid Study.

The percentages of 4th year undergraduates and their parents with loans have increased, as have their average loan amounts.

Percent with loans

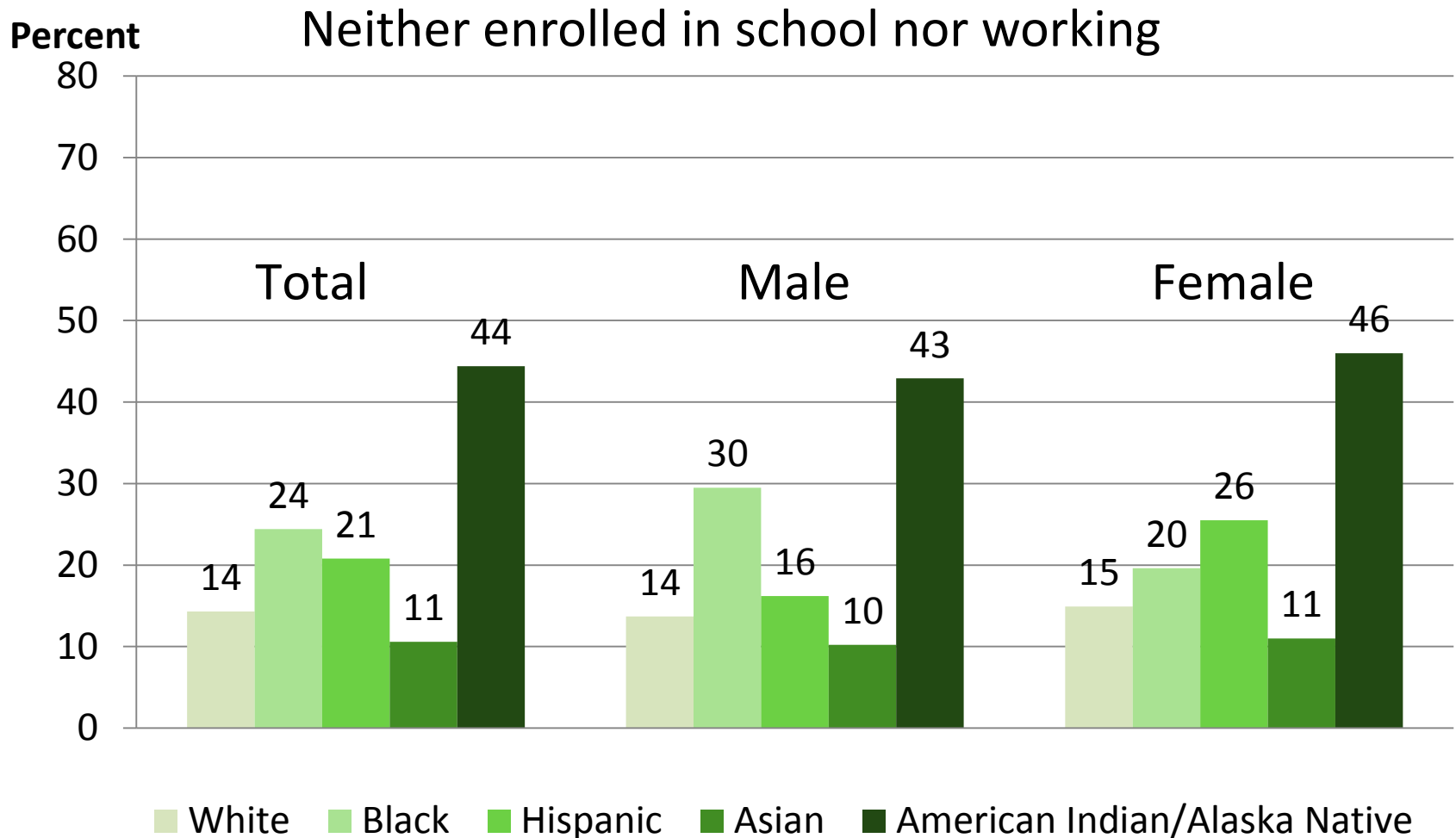


Cumulative loan amount in thousands of constant 2011-12 dollars



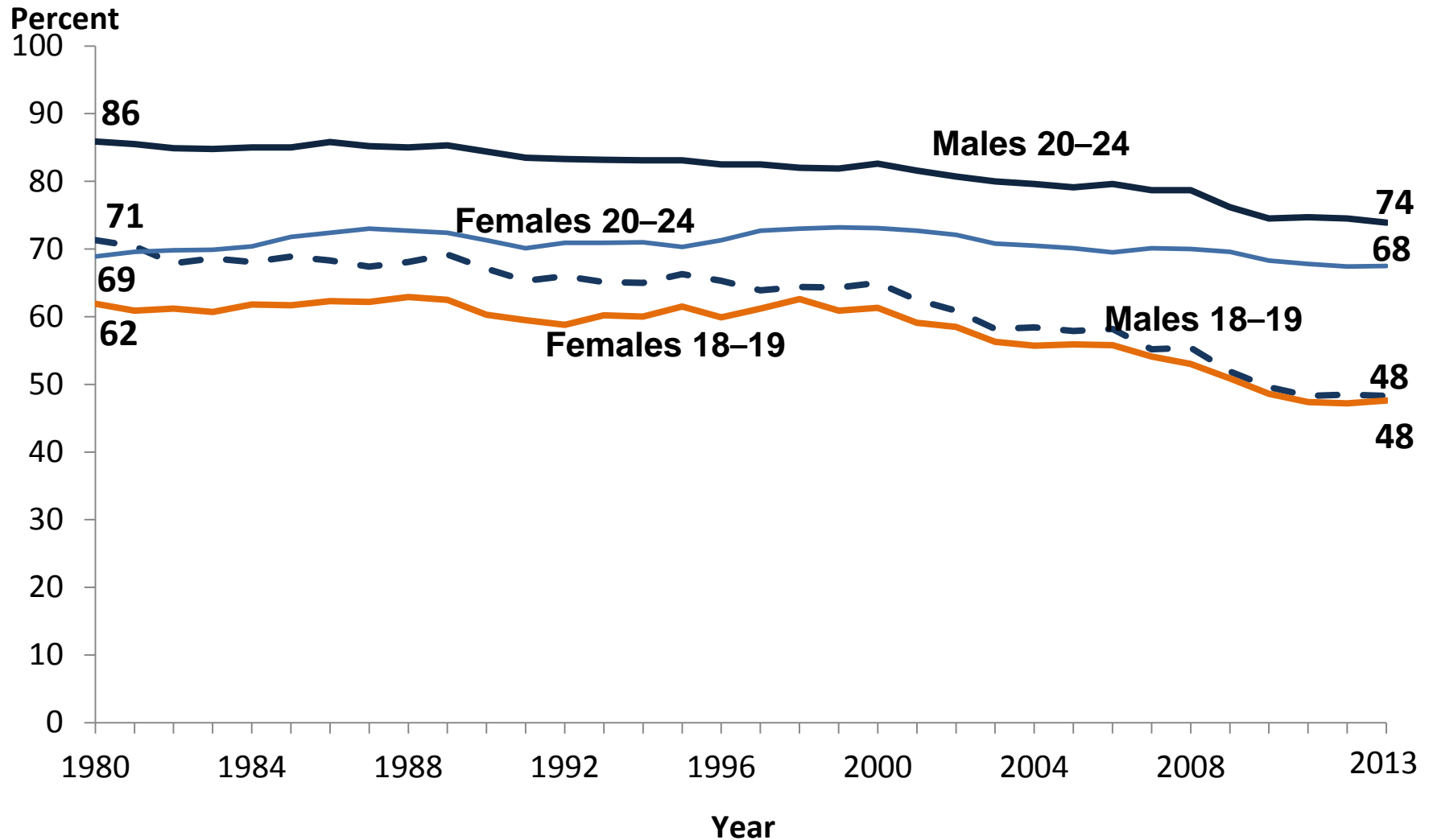
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About 17% of all young adults were neither enrolled in school nor working in 2013, but there were large differences by gender and race/ethnicity.



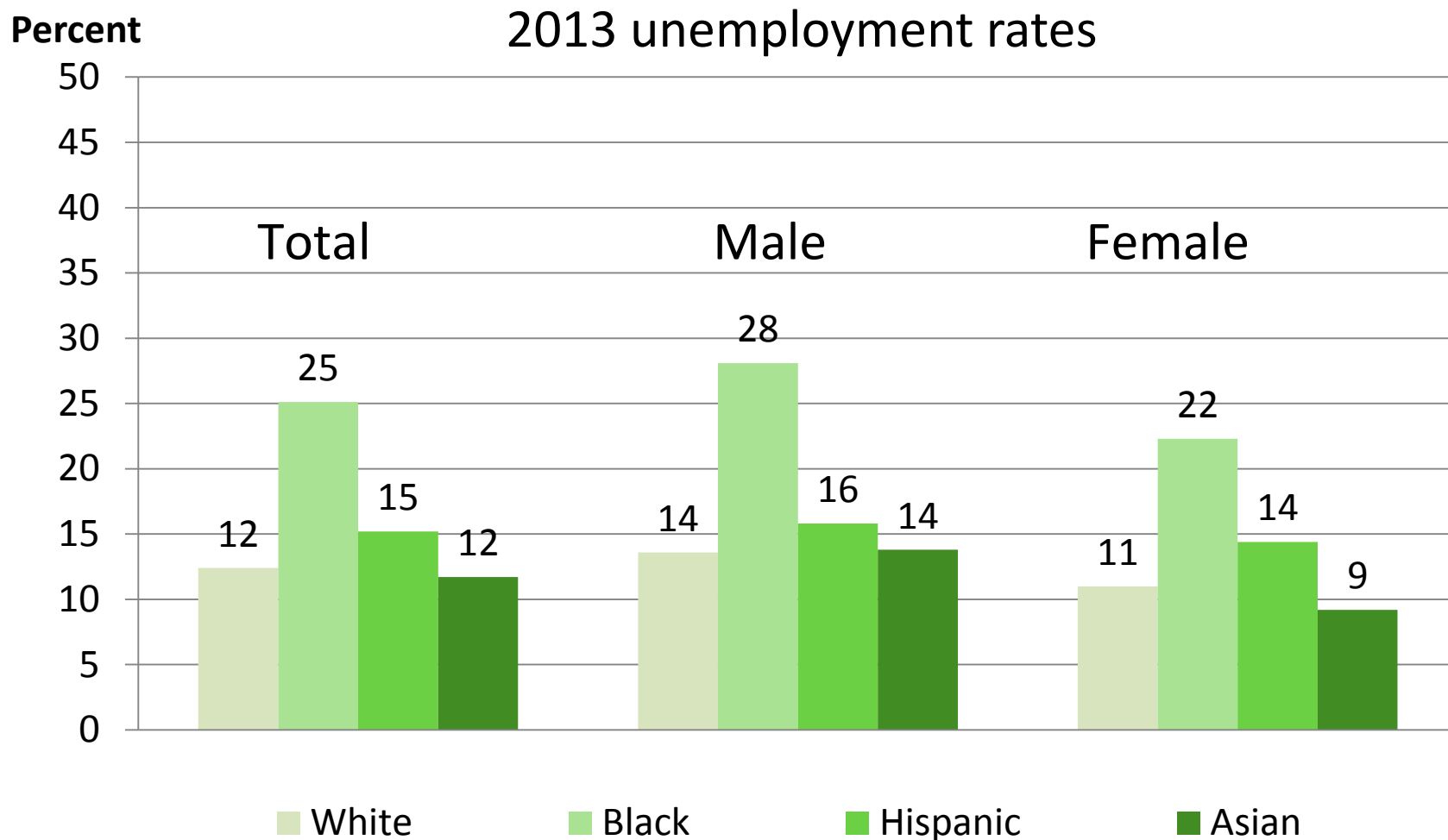
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Labor force participation rates have decreased for male 20- to 24-year-olds and for both male and female 18- and 19-year-olds.



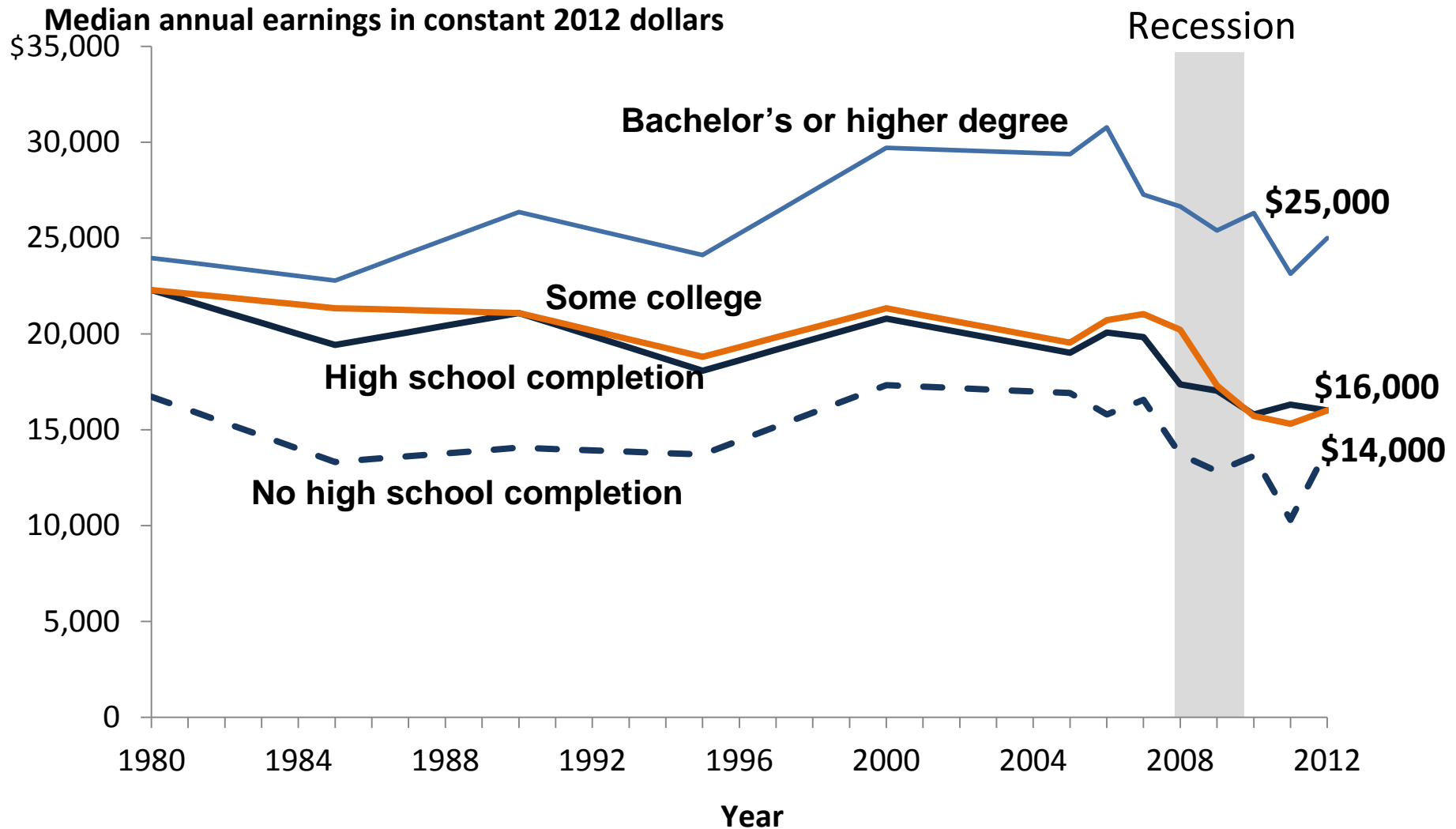
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Unemployment rates for young adults were relatively high for both Black males and females compared with other racial/ethnic groups.



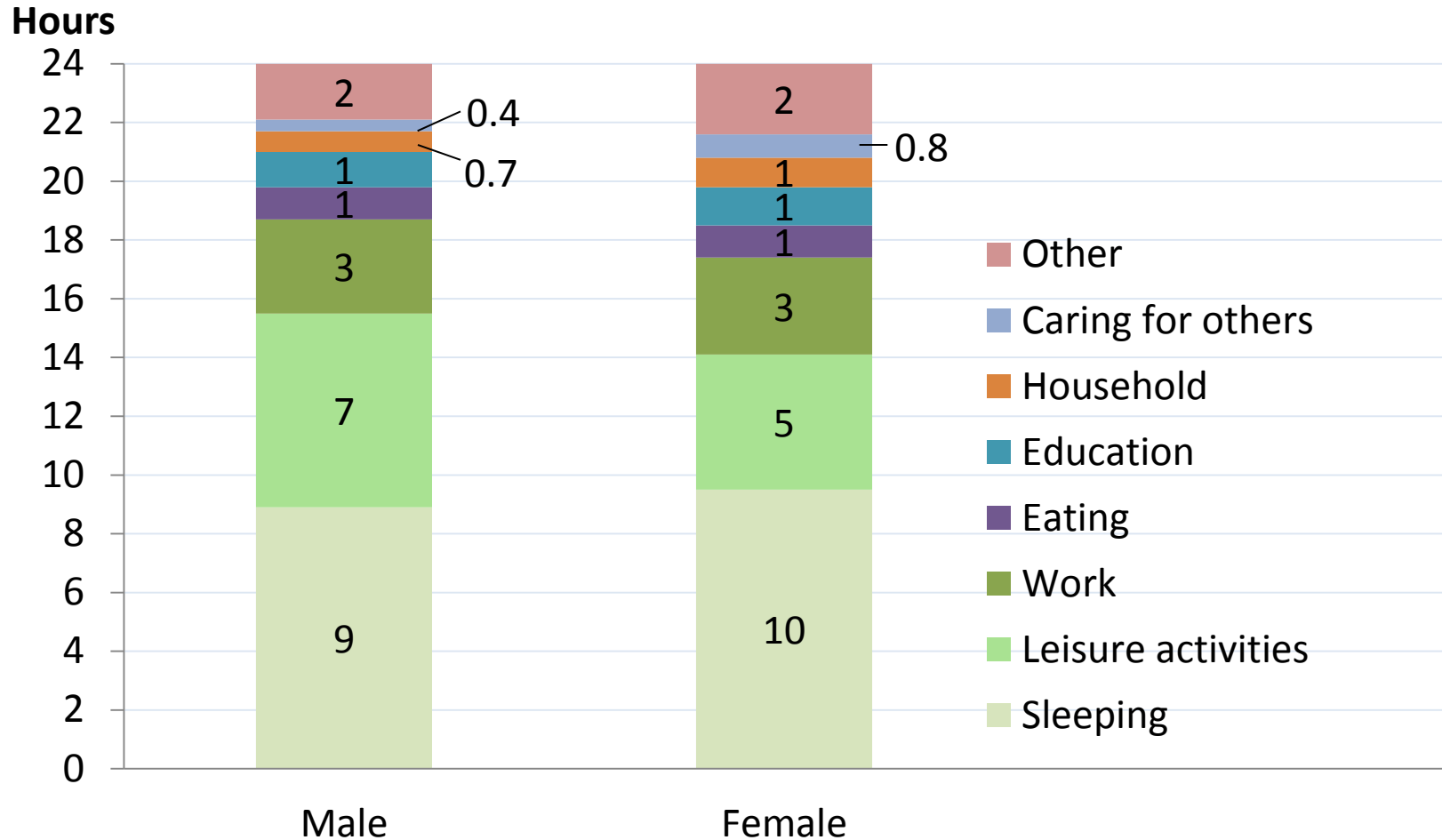
SOURCE: Federal Interagency Forum on Child and Family Statistics. *America's Young Adults: Special Issue, 2014*, from U.S. Department of Labor, Bureau of Labor Statistics, Current Population Survey.

Median earnings were relatively stable from 1980 and 2000 for those without a degree, but declined since then at all levels of education.



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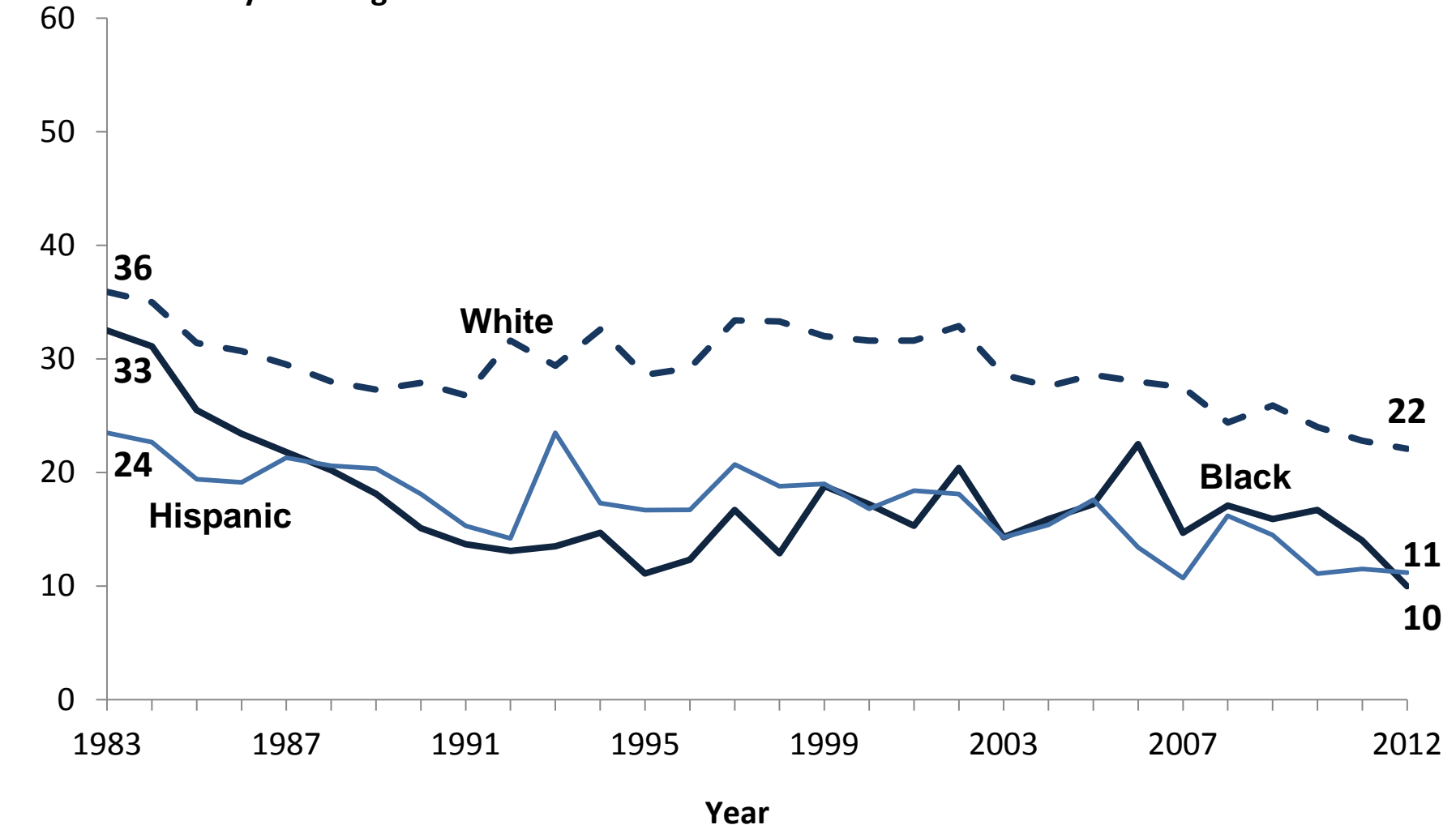
Average number of hours per day adults ages 18-24 spent in various activities, 2012



SOURCE: Federal Interagency Forum on Child and Family Statistics. *America's Young Adults: Special Issue, 2014*, from U.S. Department of Labor, Bureau of Labor Statistics, American Time Use Survey.

Smoking rates among 18- to 24-year-olds are down for all racial/ethnic groups and for both males and females.

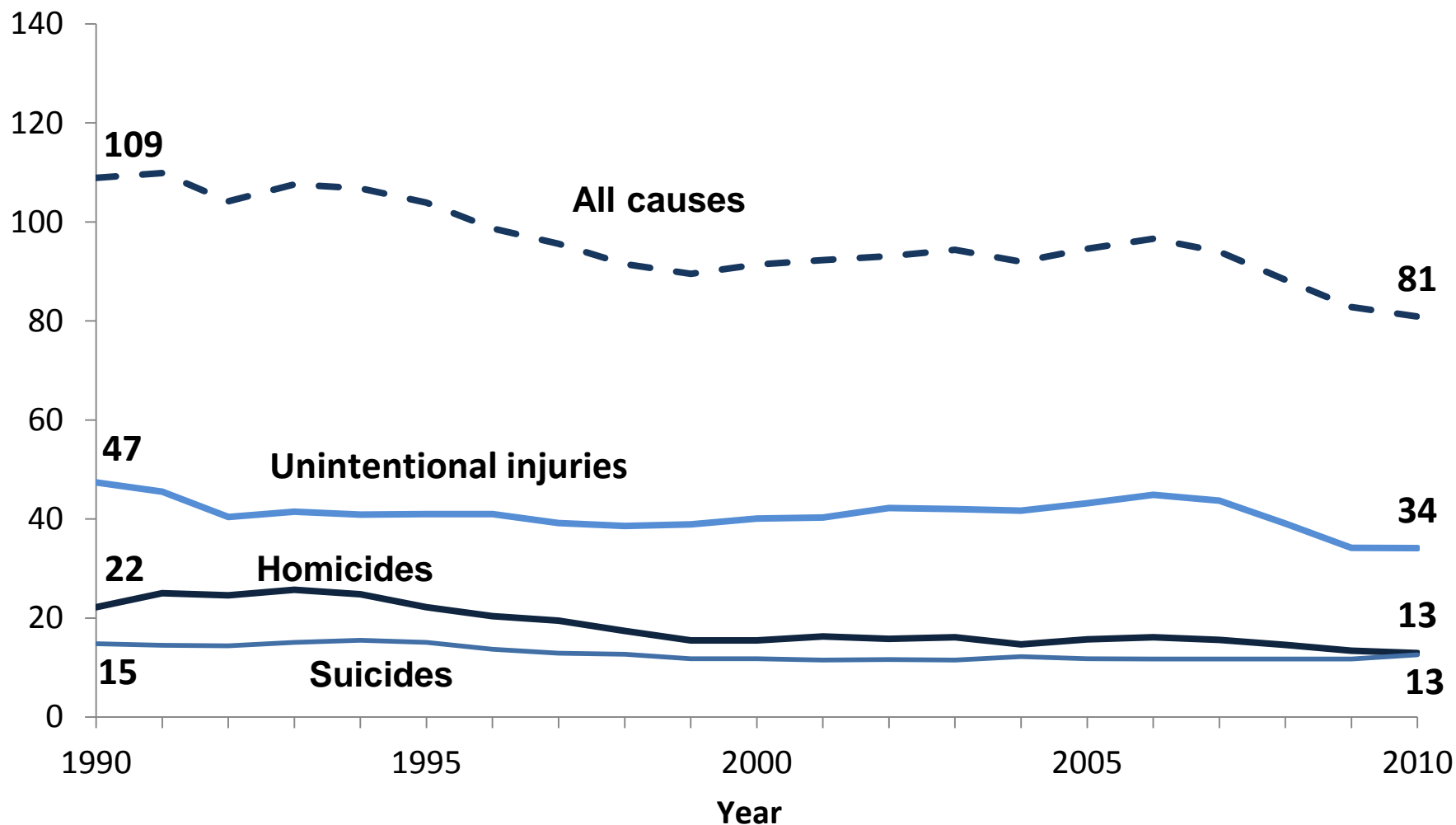
Percent currently smoking



SOURCE: Federal Interagency Forum on Child and Family Statistics. *America's Young Adults: Special Issue, 2014*, from National Center for Health Statistics, National Health Interview Survey.

Death rates for 18- to 24-year-olds have declined, with injuries remaining the most common cause of death.

Deaths per 100,000



SOURCE: Federal Interagency Forum on Child and Family Statistics. *America's Young Adults: Special Issue, 2014*, from National Center for Health Statistics, National Vital Statistics System.