

The Great Recession and Youth Unemployment . Evidence from the United States

Productivity, Investment in Human Capital and the
Challenge of Youth Employment

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Outline

Background: the Great Recession



Young workers in context



Trends and data

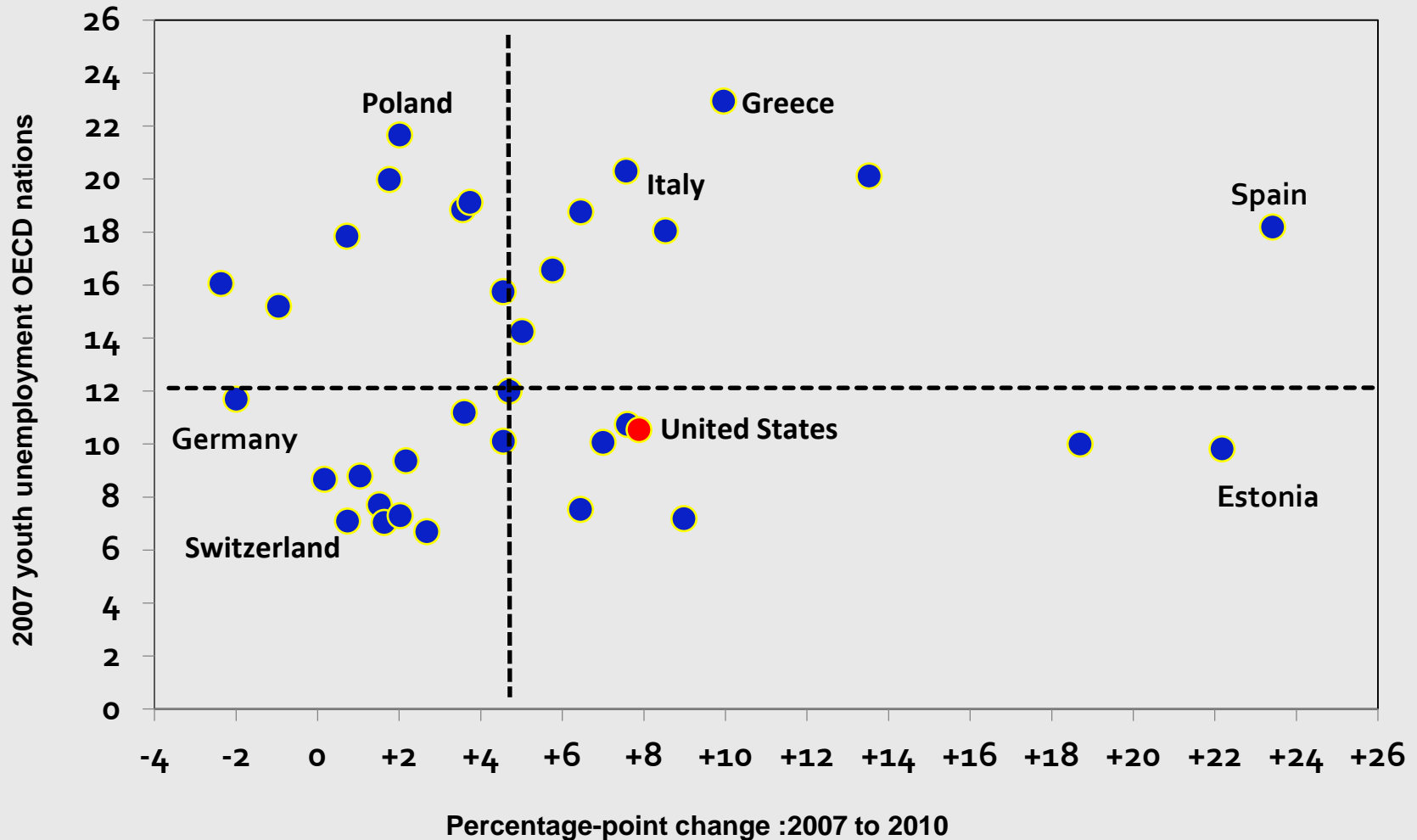


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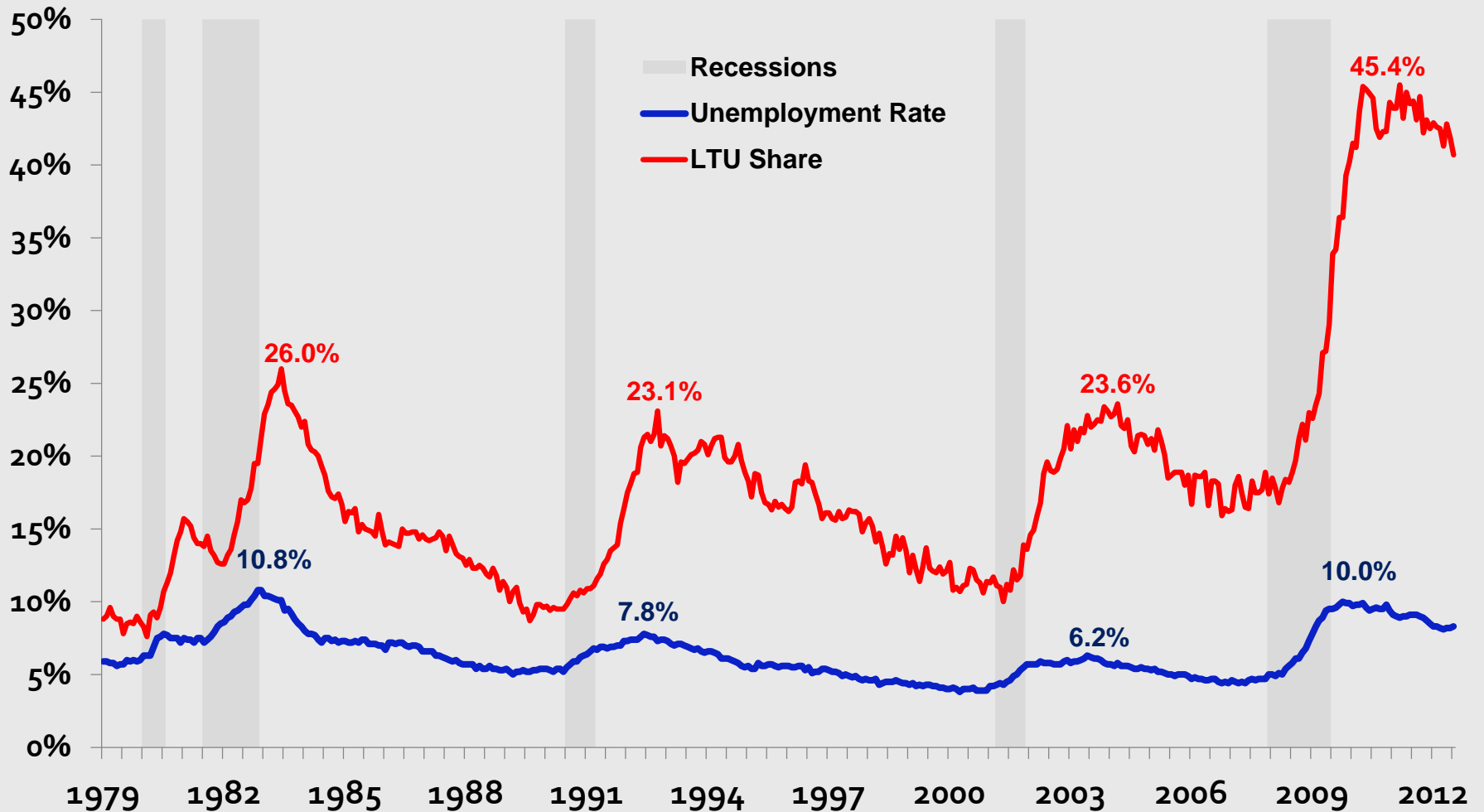


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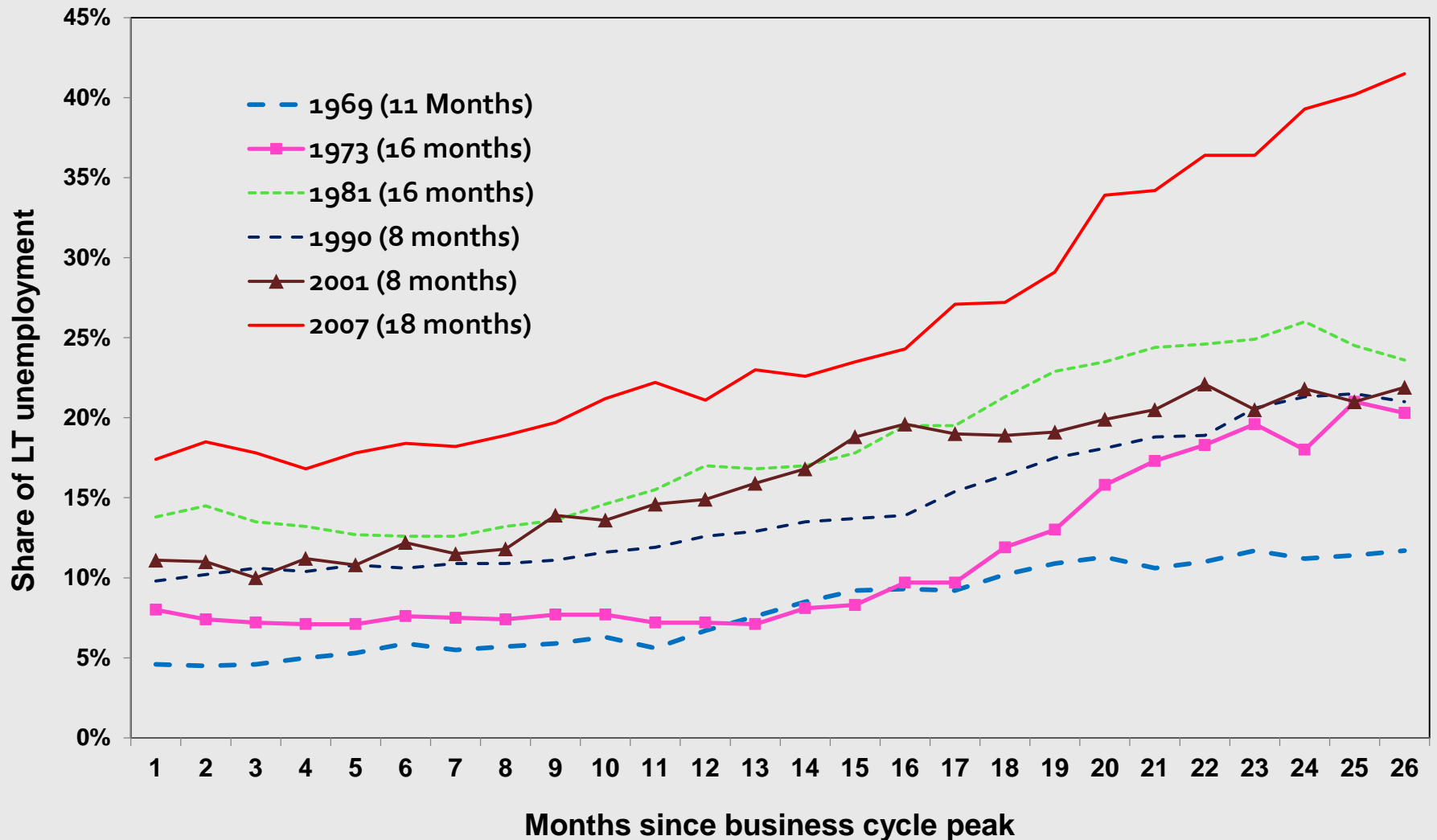
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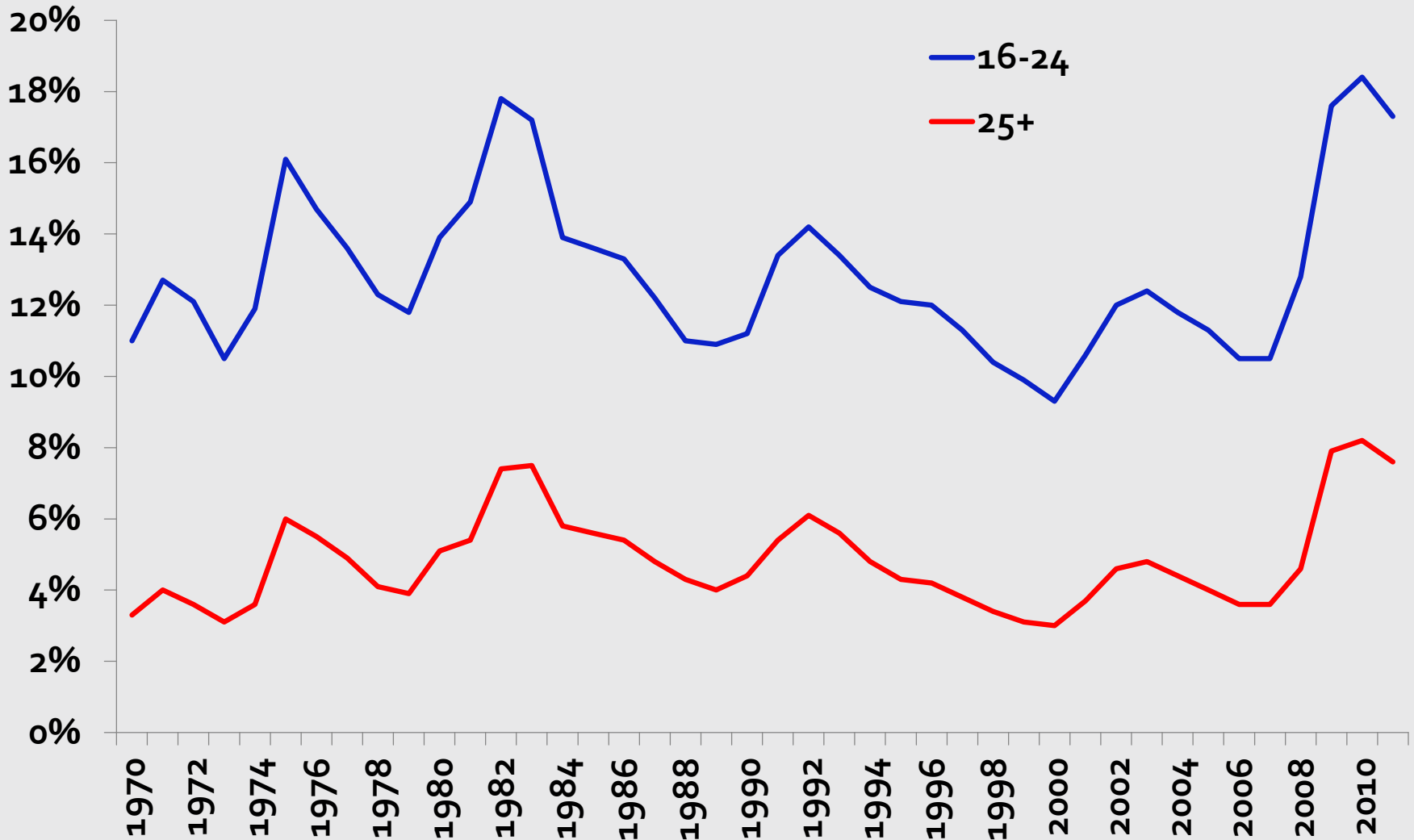
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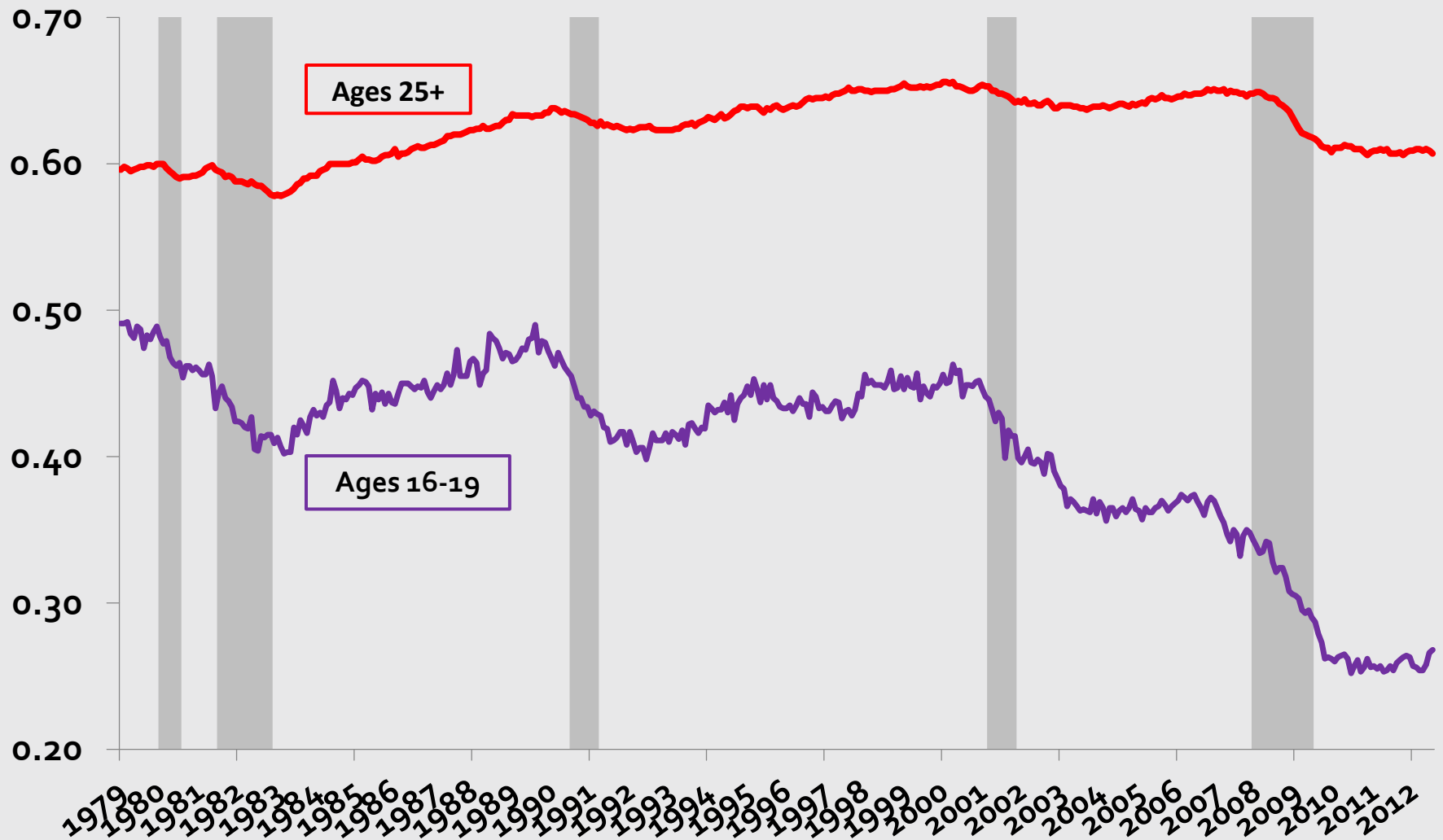
LTU progression in 6 recessions



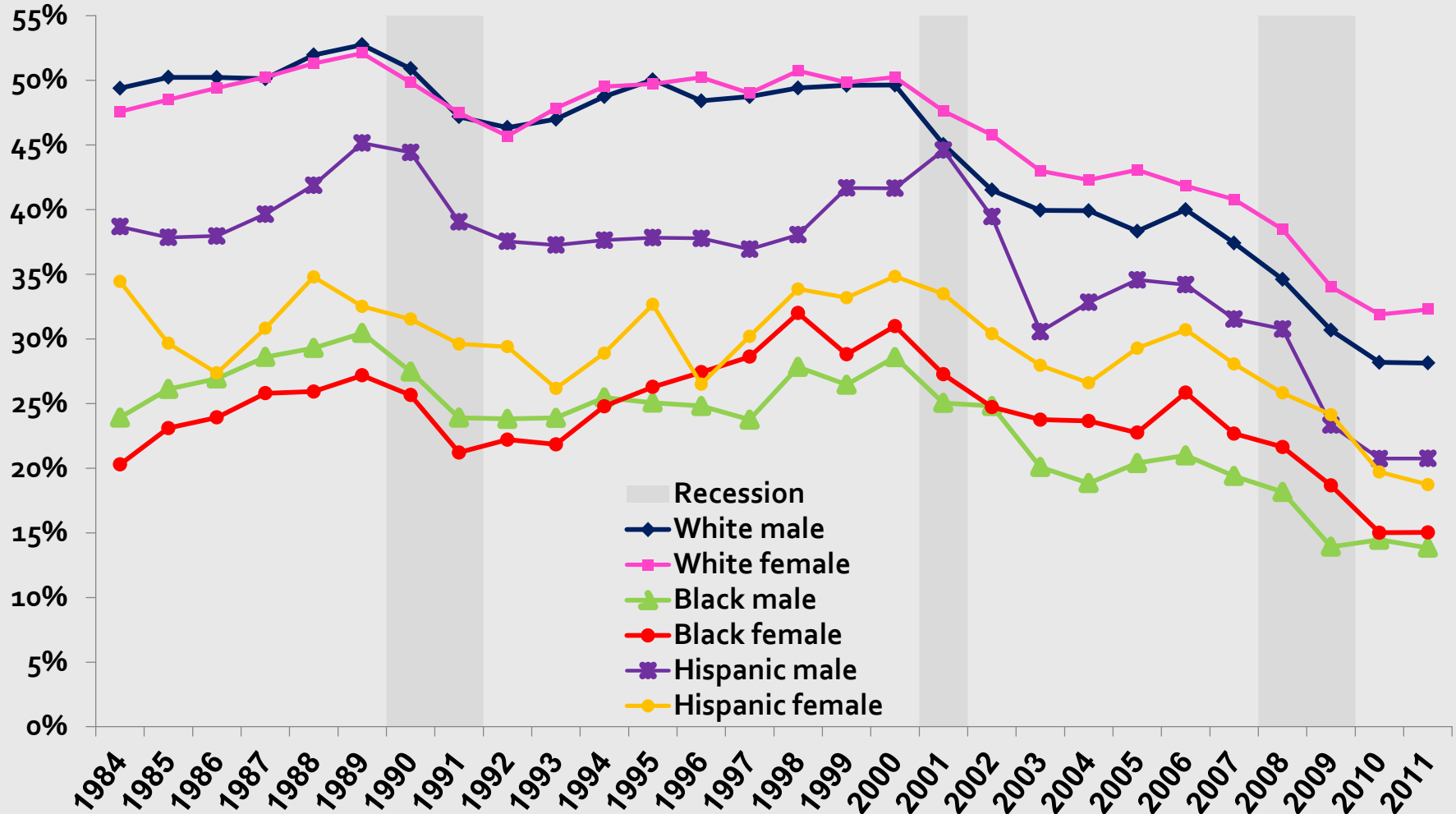
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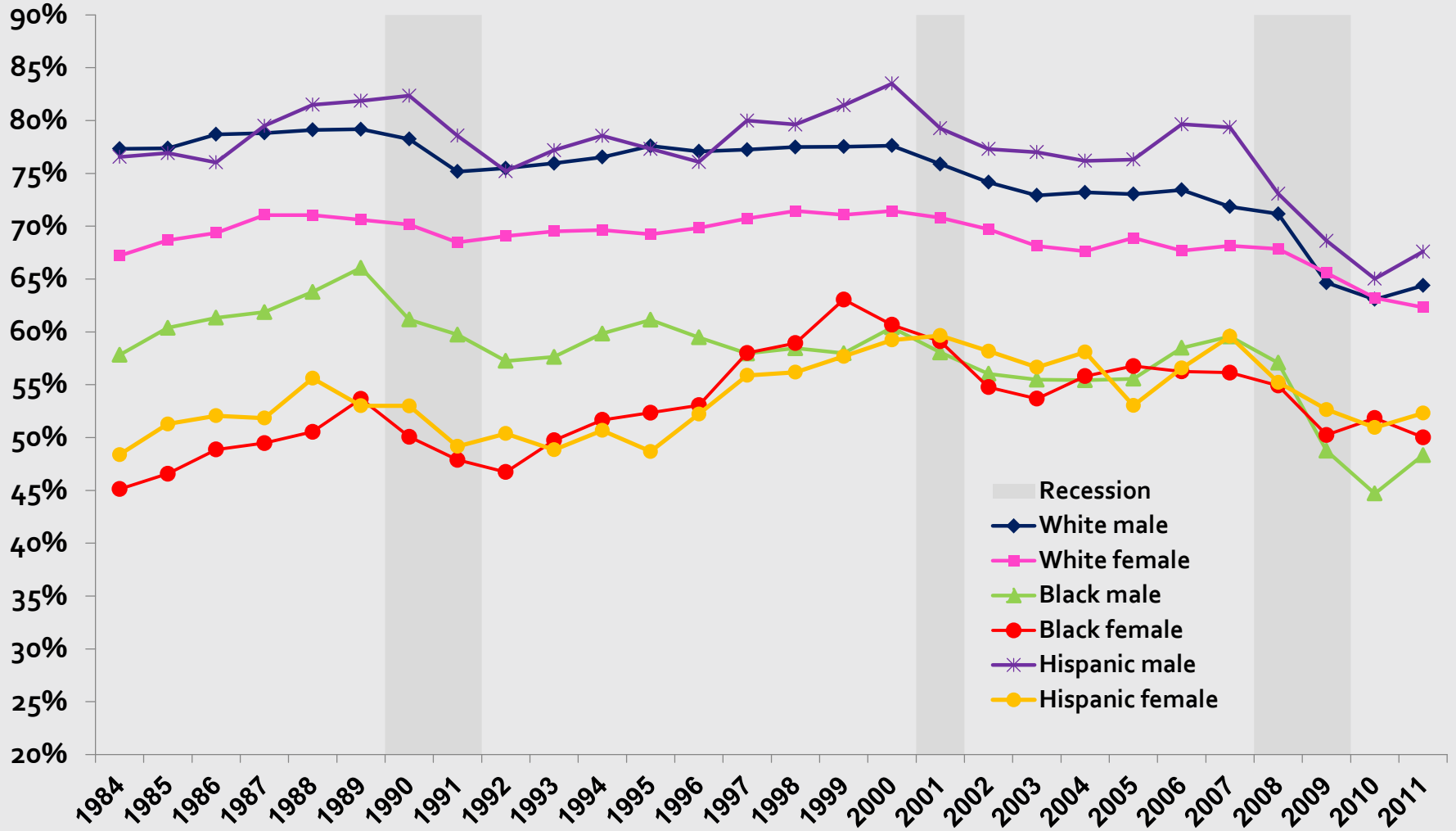
EPOPs or employment rates



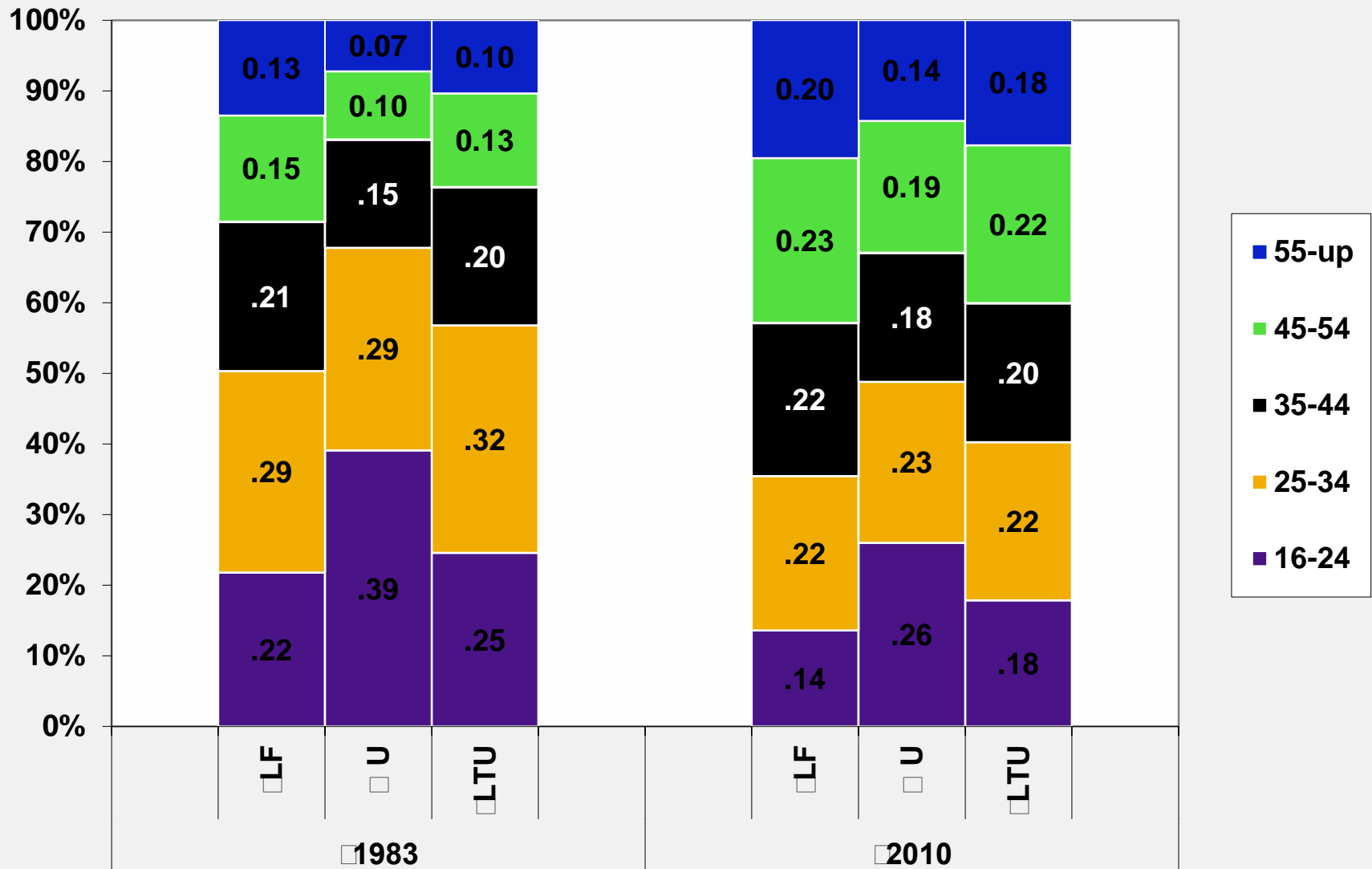
EPOPs 16-19, by demographic group



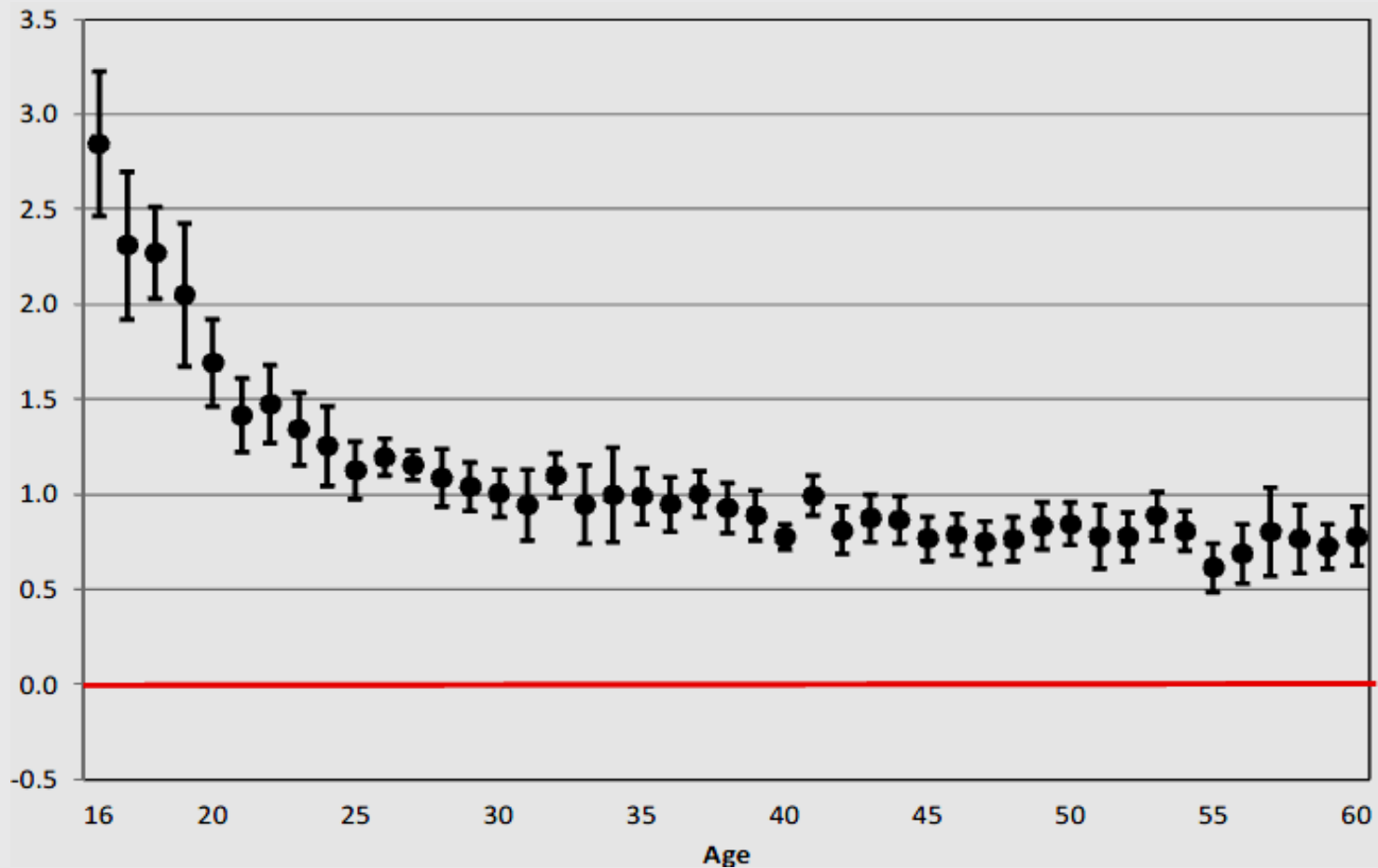
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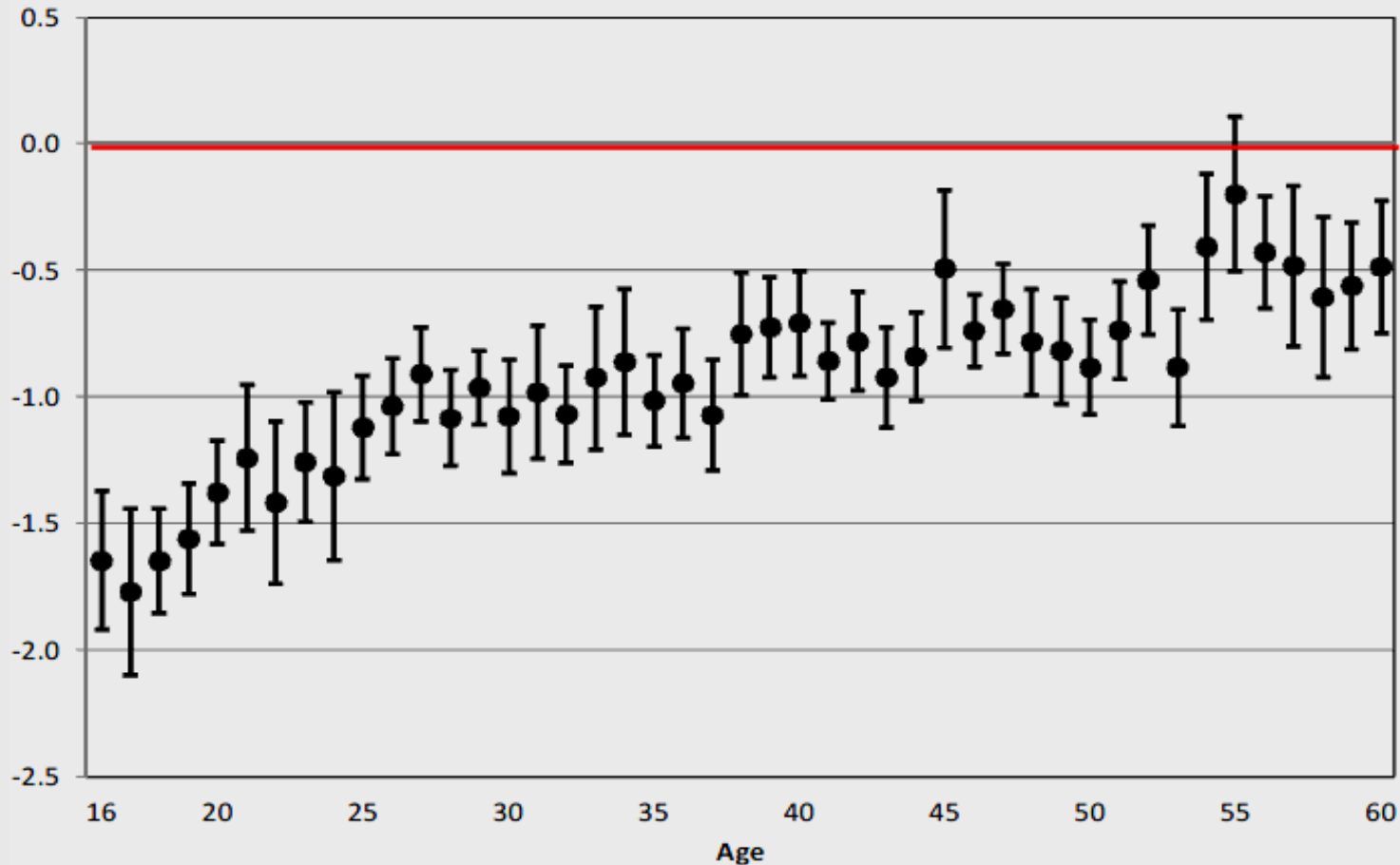
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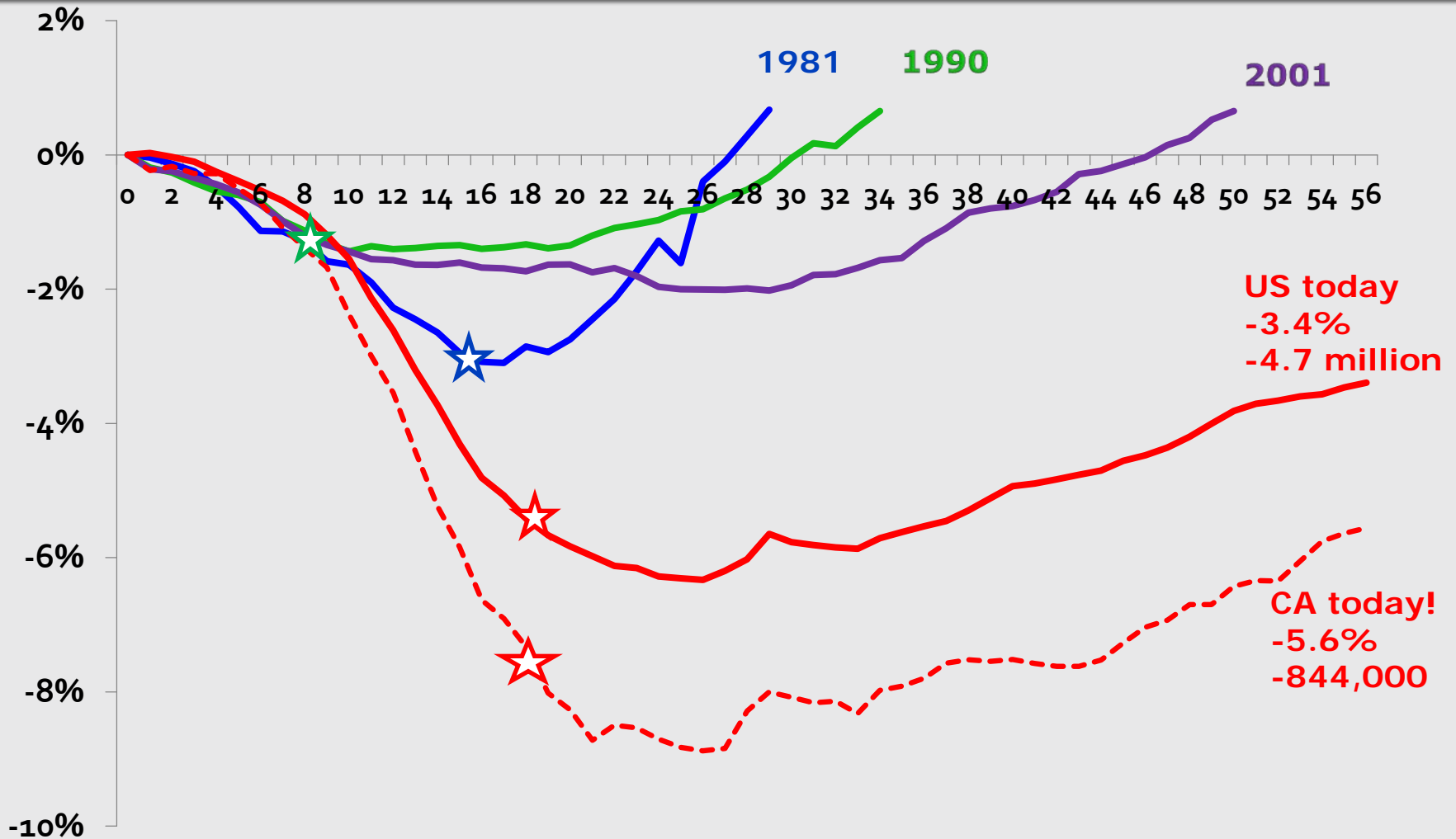
Effect of State URate on URate by age



Effect of State URate on Epops, by age



The Great Recession



Source: Sylvia Allegretto's analysis of Current Employment Statistics data. Data as of July 2012.

Final thoughts

- US debate about the direction the country will go moving forward.
- Bailout of the banks with no stipulations. Then no money to help regular people, housing crisis, jobs crisis.
- Must put people back to work—then worry about debt & deficits—which would correct if GDP growth is strong & sustained.
- Youth are suffering from lack of opportunities and raising costs of higher education. Lower life time earnings profile.

Molte Grazie!

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