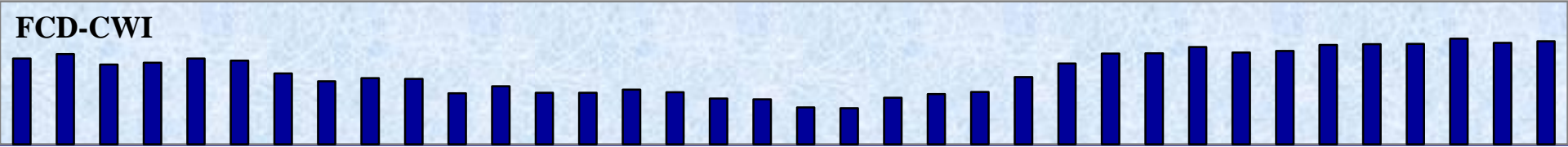


THE 2013 FOUNDATION FOR CHILD DEVELOPMENT CHILD AND YOUTH WELL-BEING INDEX REPORT

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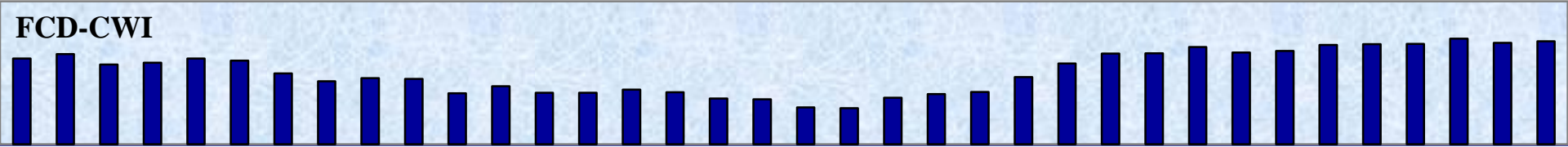
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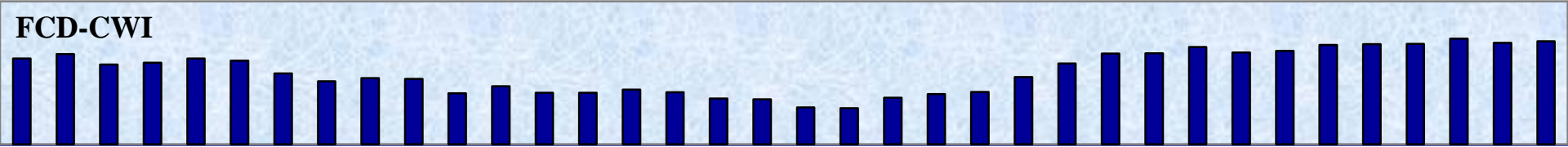
FCD Child and Youth Well-Being Index (CWI)

What is the CWI?

- It is a **composite measure of trends** in the quality of life, or well-being, of America's children and young people since 1975.
- It consists of annual time series on **28 social indicators** organized into **seven quality-of-life/ well-being domains**.



- The objective of the CWI is to *give a sense of direction of change in child and youth well-being in comparison to a base year (1975).*
- It is similar to a consumer price index, which measures percent changes in the cost of goods and services compared to a base year.
- Levels and changes in the CWI are similar to 12th graders assessments of overall life satisfaction over time, and 8th and 10th grade trends are similar to 12th graders, thus – **corroborating the status of the CWI as a well-being index.**



- **The CWI places 28 national-level indicators into seven quality-of-life domains:**
 - **Family Economic Well-Being**
 - **Health**
 - **Safe/Risky Behavior**
 - **Educational Attainment**
 - **Community Engagement**
 - **Social Relationships (with Family and Peers)**
 - **Emotional/Spiritual Well-Being**
- **Figure 1 on the following slide shows the levels and trends in the CWI from 1975 to 2012.**

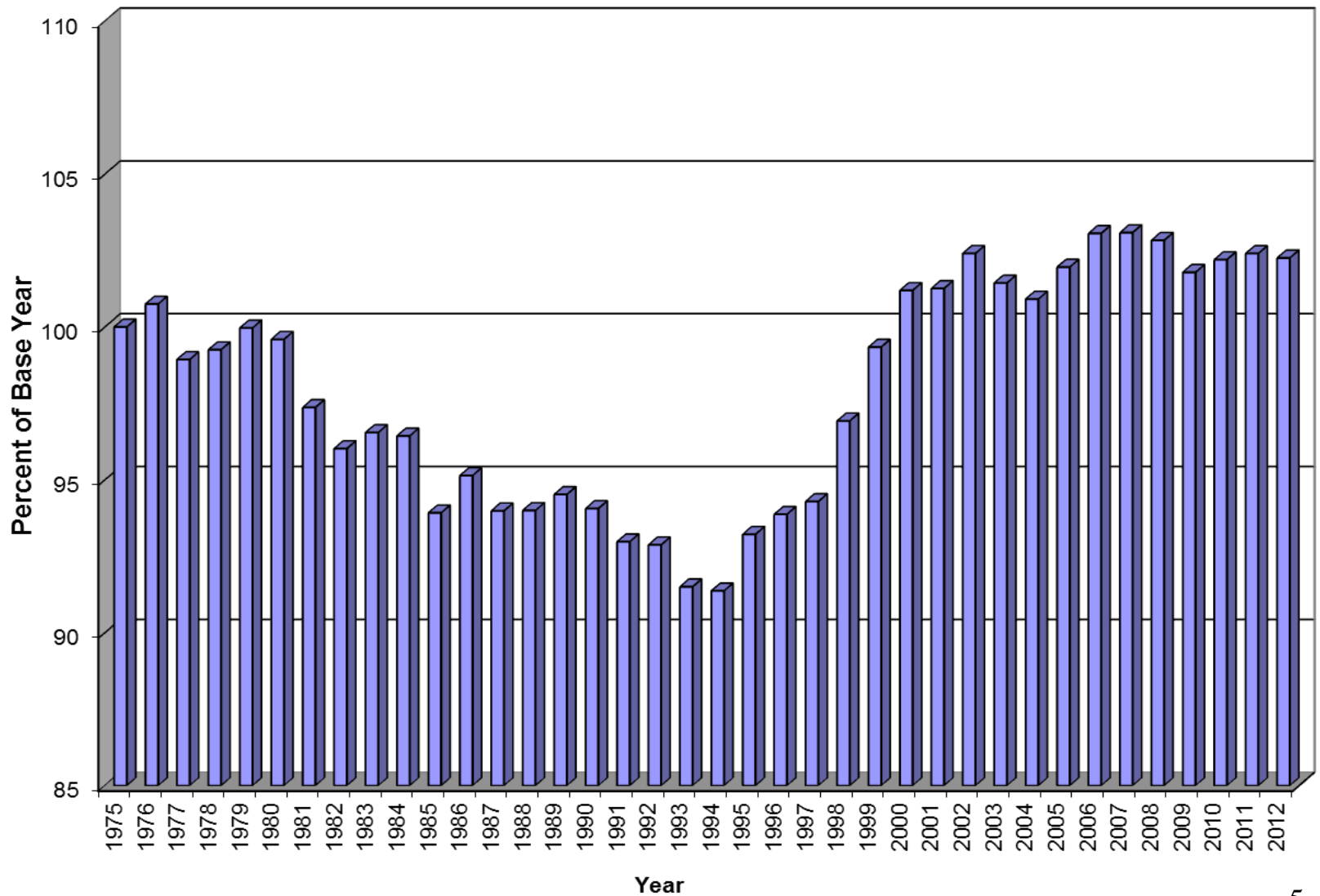
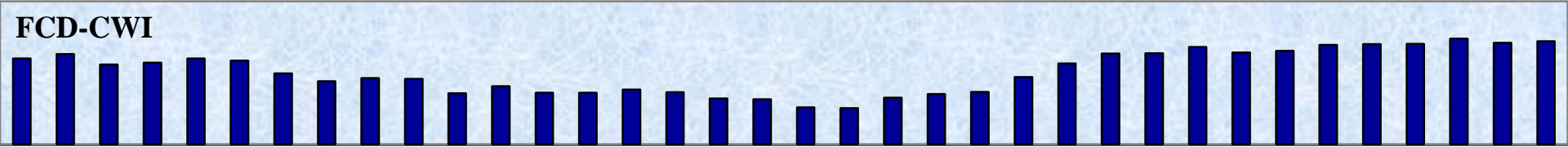
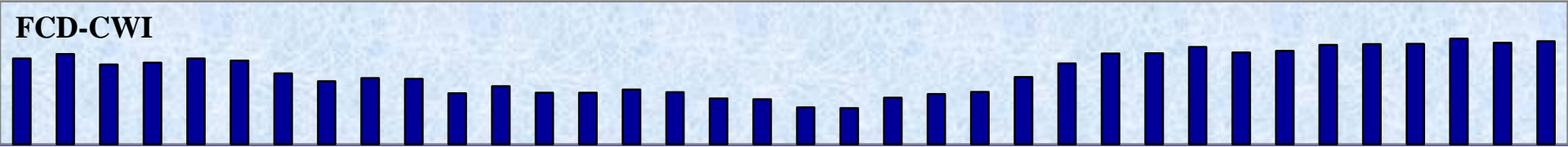


Figure 1: Child Well-Being Index, 1975-2012

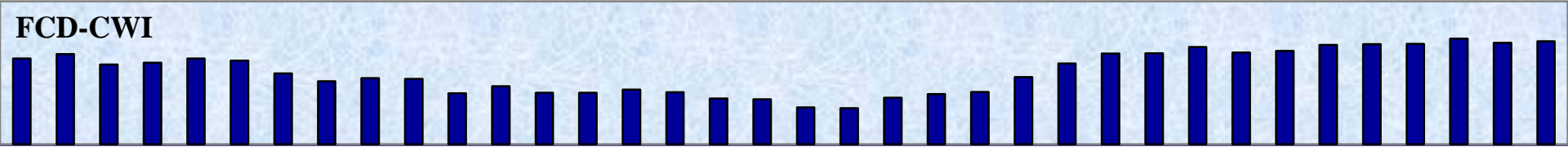


Focus of the 2013 CWI Report:

Long-Term Trends in Domains and Key Indicators of Child and Youth Well-Being

To summarize these trends briefly, I will highlight three groups (with examples of each) of Domains and Key Indicators from the full 2013 Report:

- ❖ some that show substantial long-term improvements,
- ❖ some that show substantial long-term deteriorations,
and
- ❖ some that show little long-term change.



Two Domains with Long-Term Improvements:

1) The Safe/Risky Behavior Domain

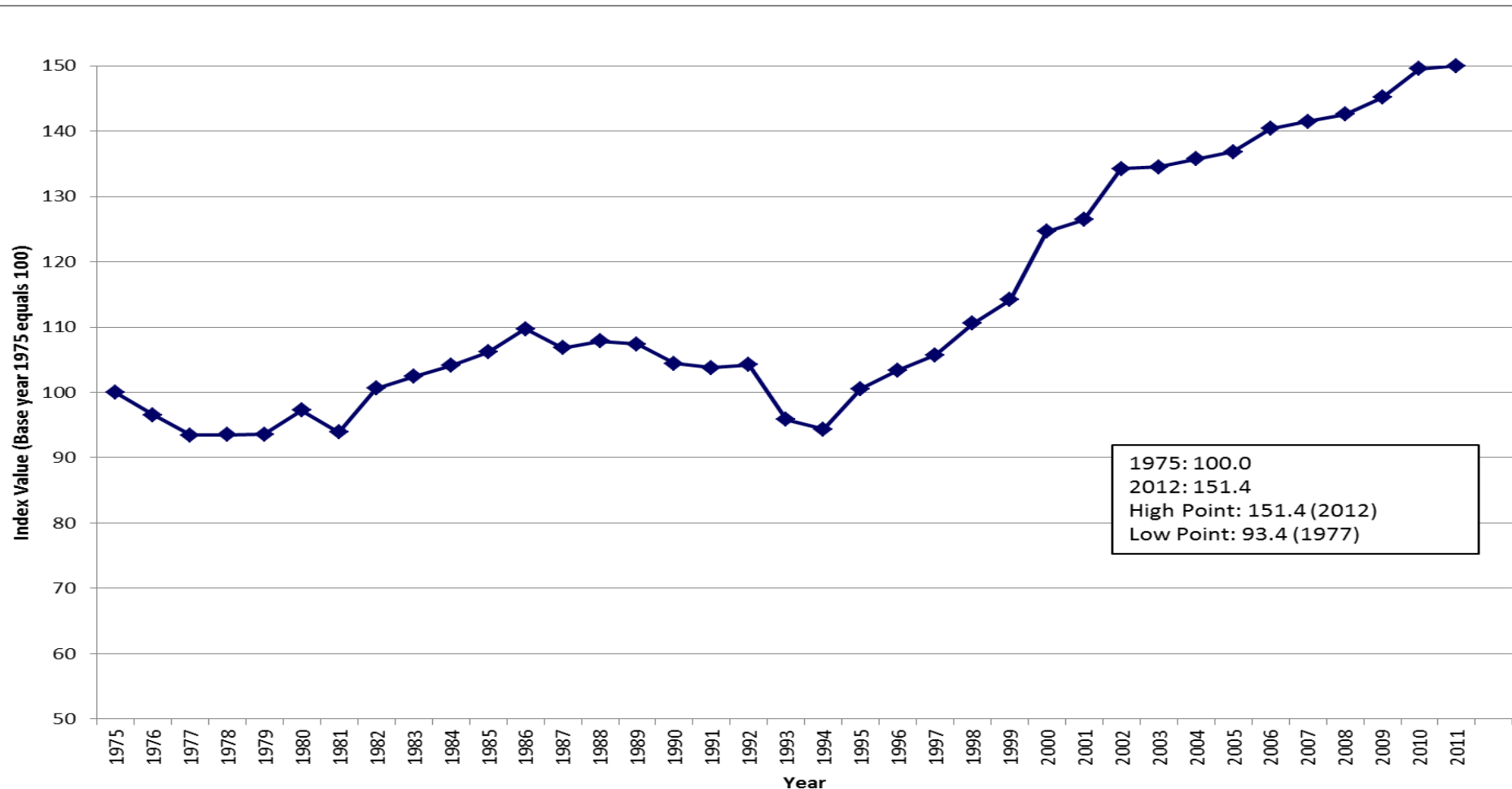
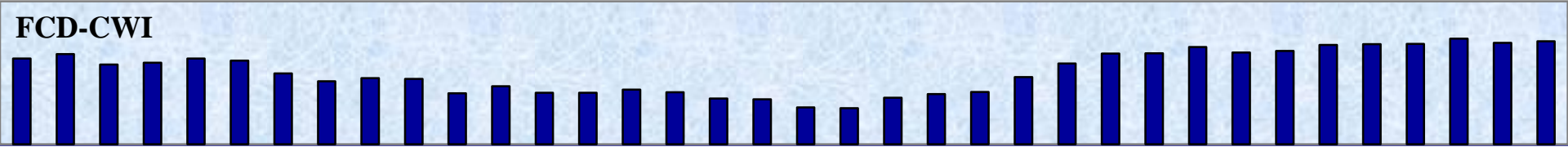


Figure 7: The Safe/Risky Behavior Domain, 1975-2012



With Long-Term Improvements In:

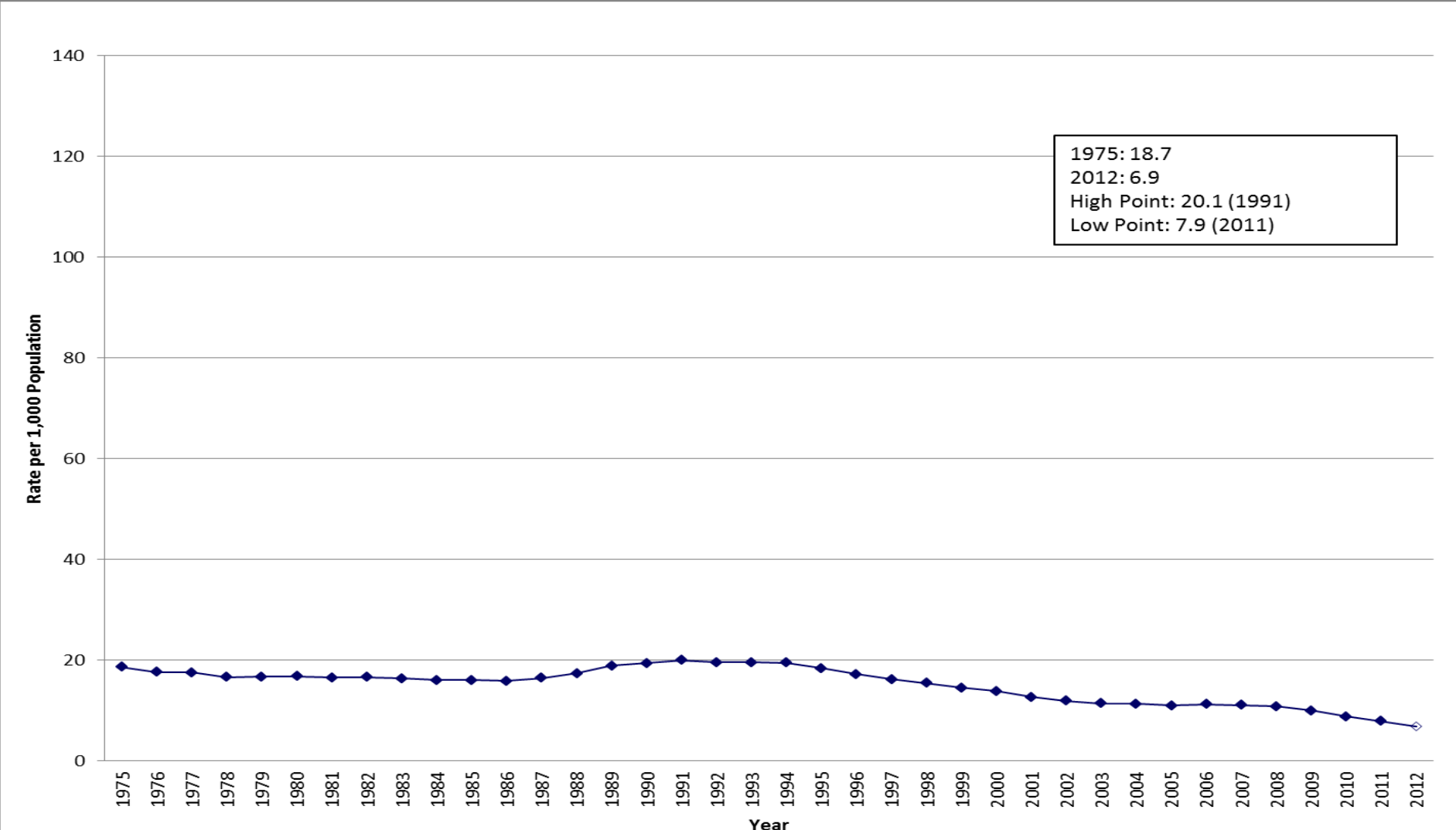


Figure 8: Teenage Birth Rate (Number of Live Births per 1,000 Females ages 10-17), 1975-2012

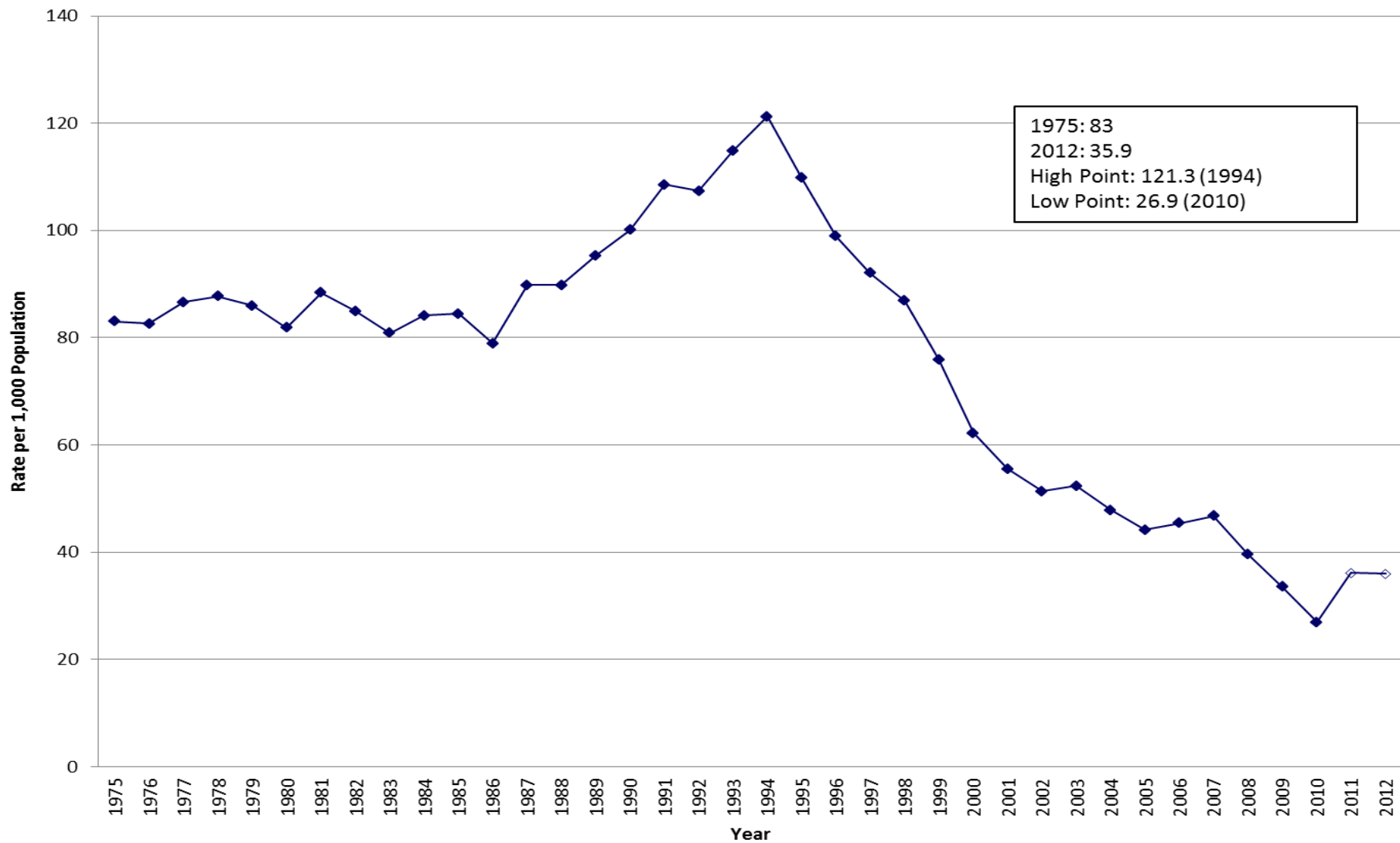
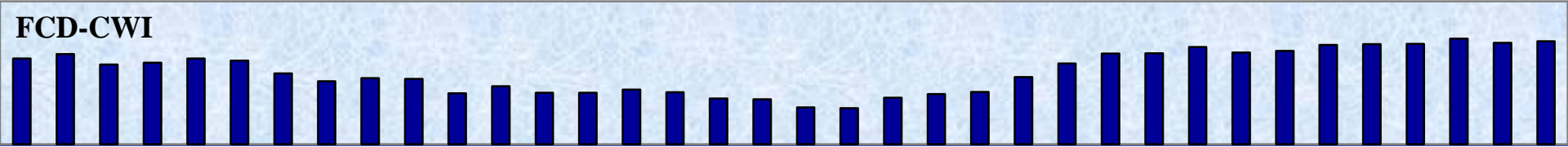


Figure 9: Violent Crime Victimization Rate (Number of Victims of Violent Crimes Ages 12-19 per 1,000), 1975-2012

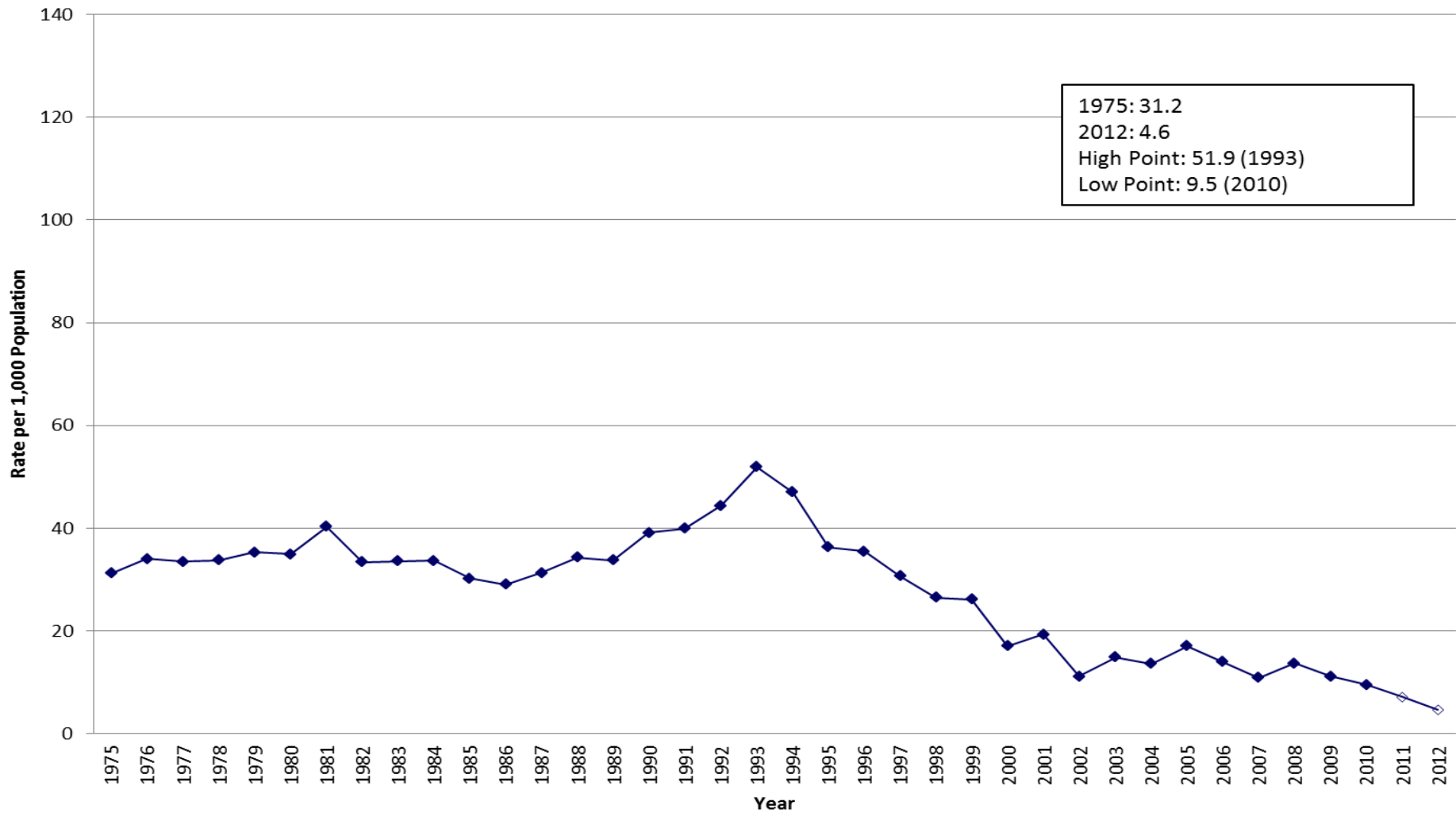
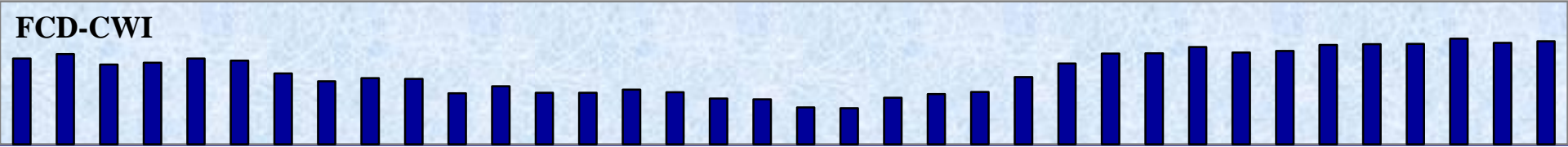


Figure 10: Violent Crime Offending Rate (Number of Violent Crime Offenders Ages 12-17 as Perceived by Violent Crime Victims per 1,000), 1975-2012

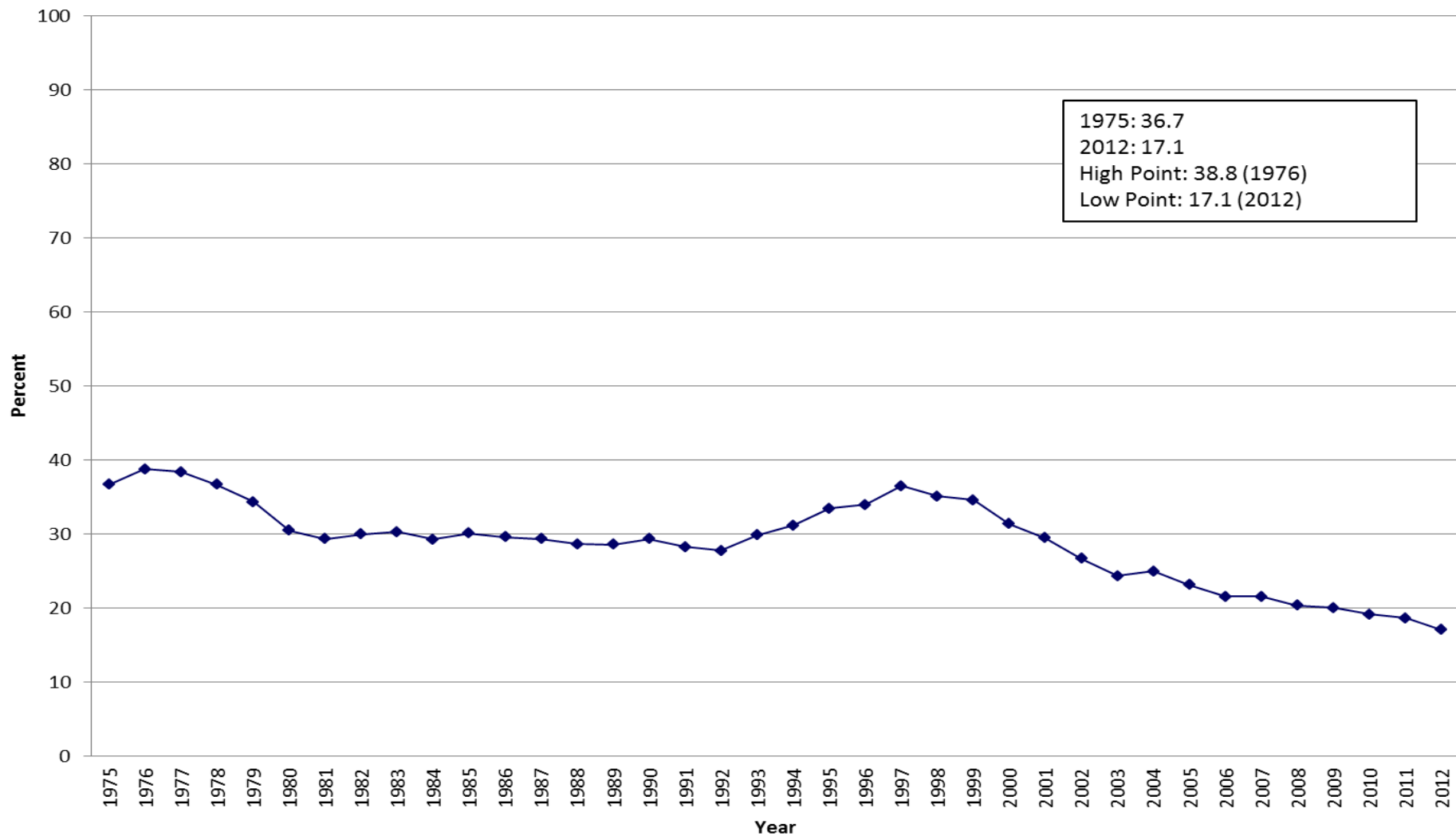
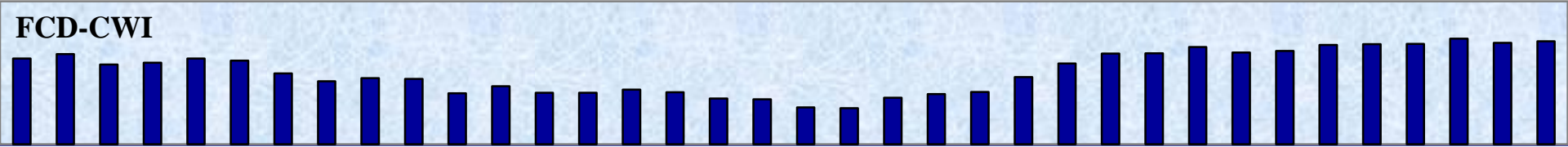


Figure 11: Cigarette Smoking Rate (Percent of 12th Graders Who Smoked Cigarettes in the Past 30 Days), 1975-2012

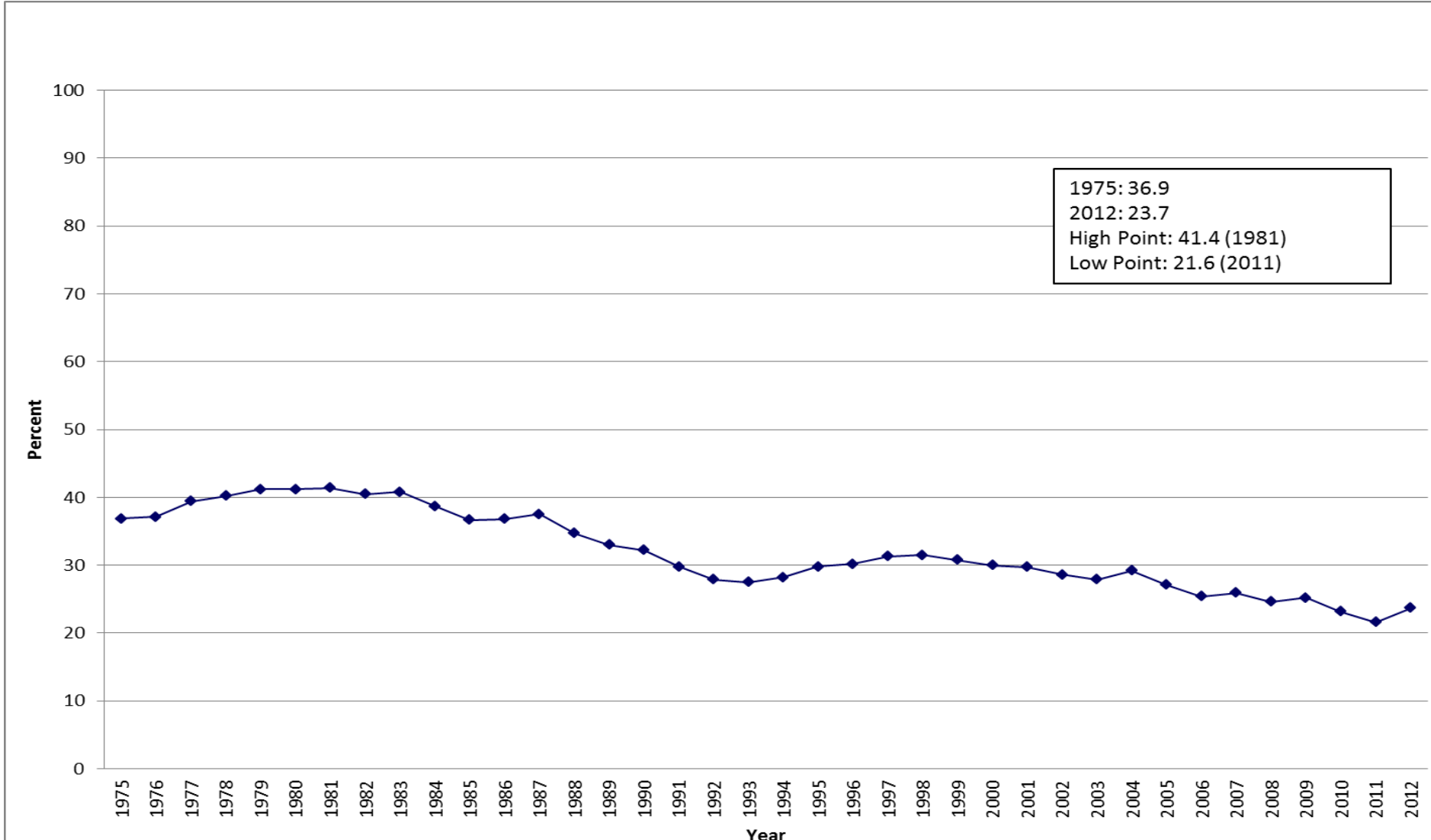
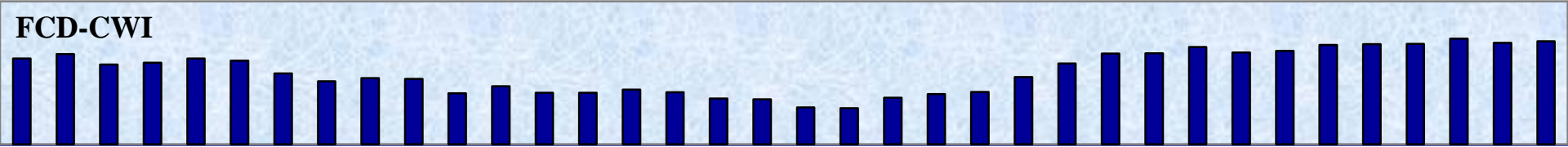


Figure 12: Binge Alcohol Drinking (Percent of 12th Graders Who Drank At Least 5 or More Alcoholic Drinks in a Row in the Past 30 Days), 1975-2012

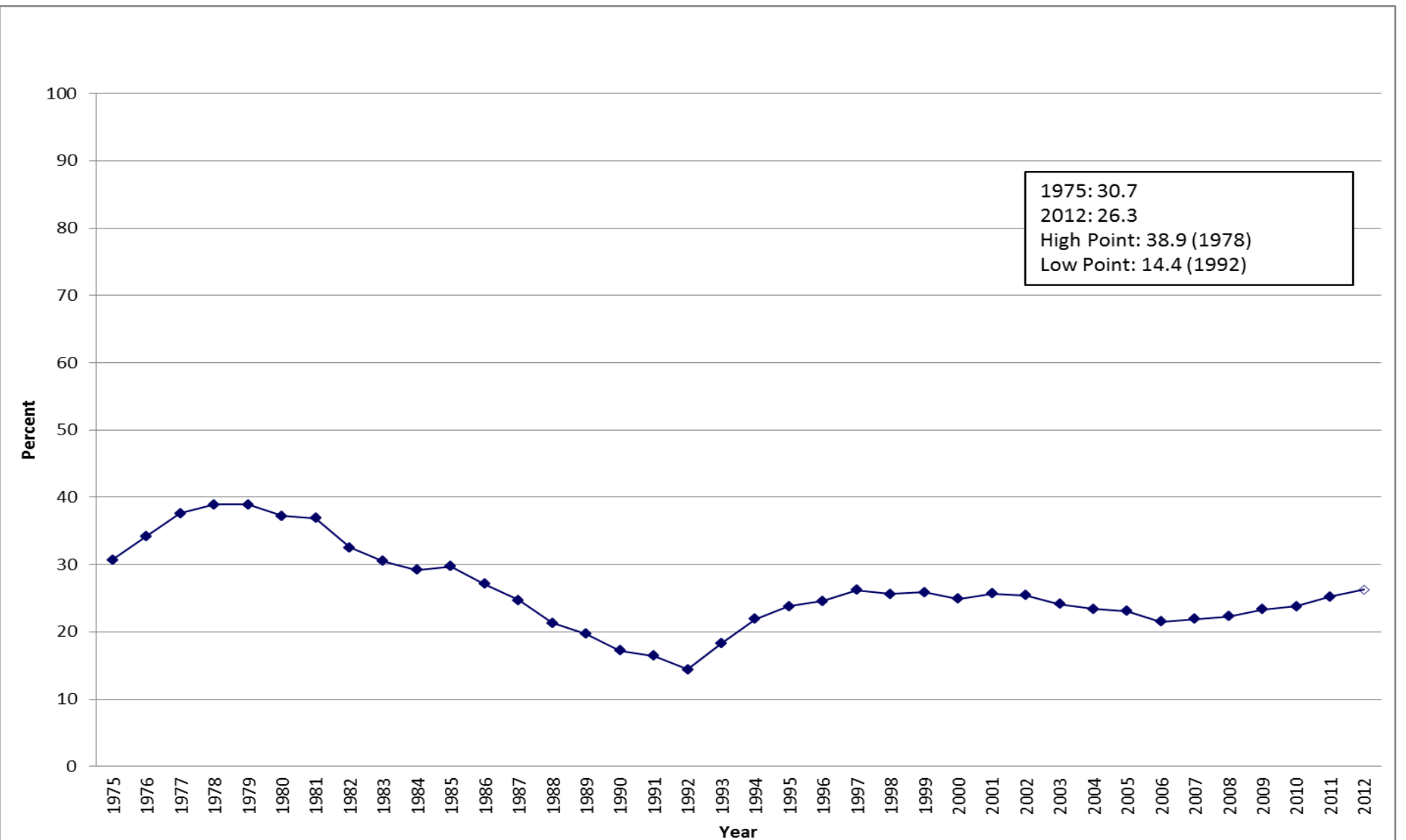
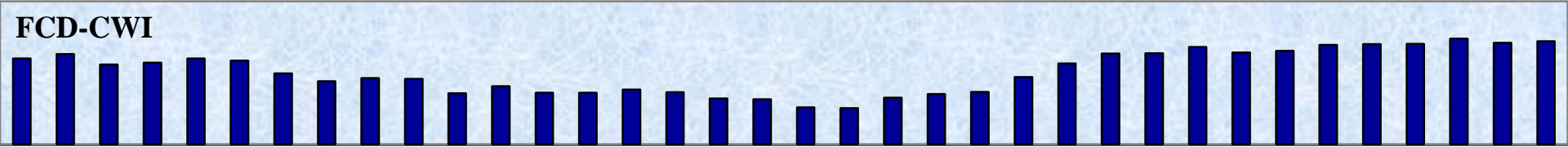
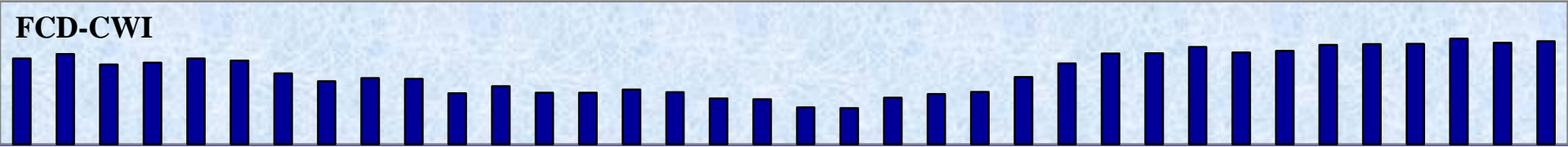


Figure 13: Illicit Drug Use (Percent of 12th Graders Who Used Psychoactive Drugs (e.g., Marijuana, Cocaine, Heroin) in the Past 30 Days), 1975-2012



Long-Term Improvements, cont'd: 2) The Community Engagement Domain

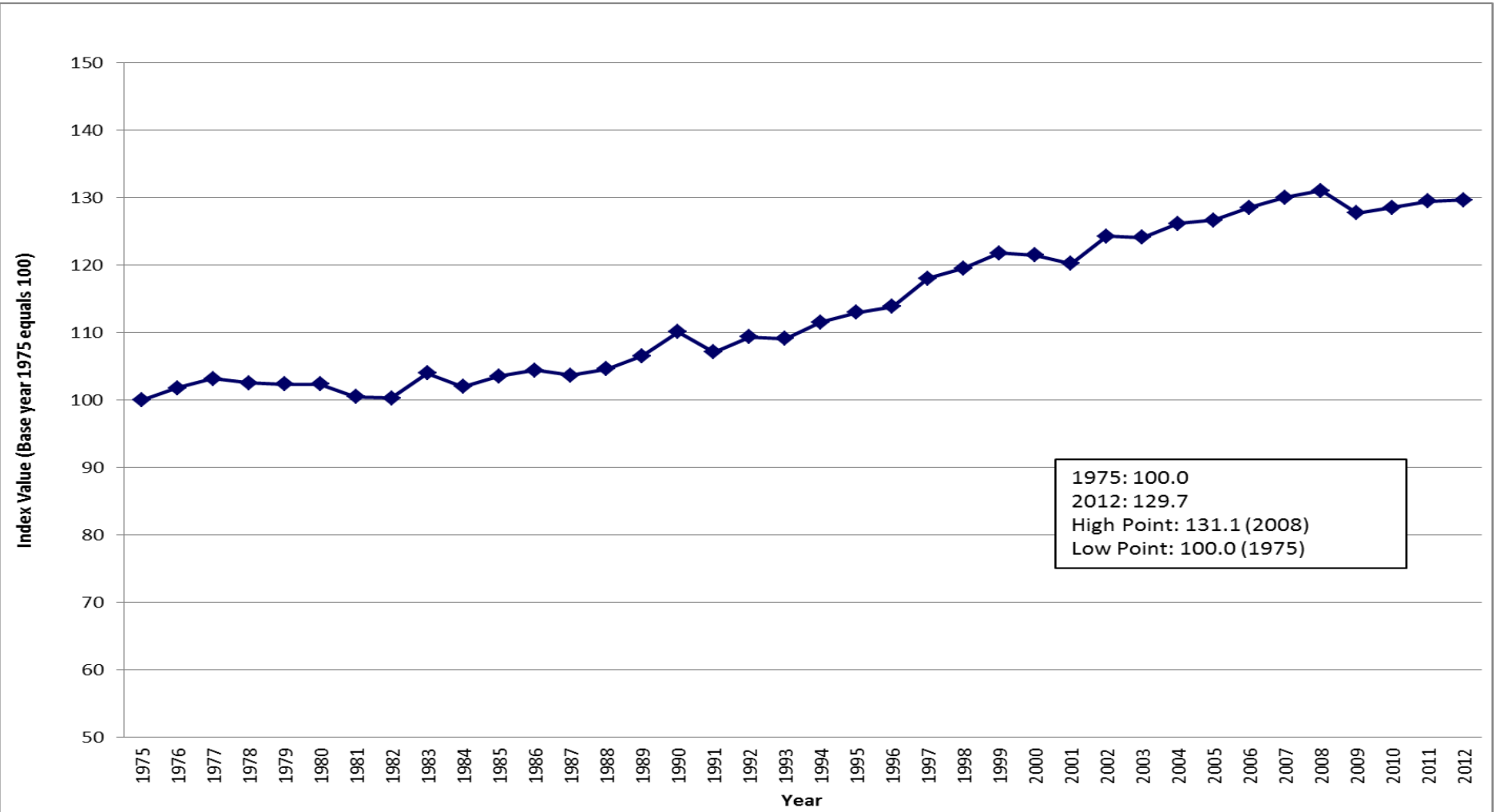
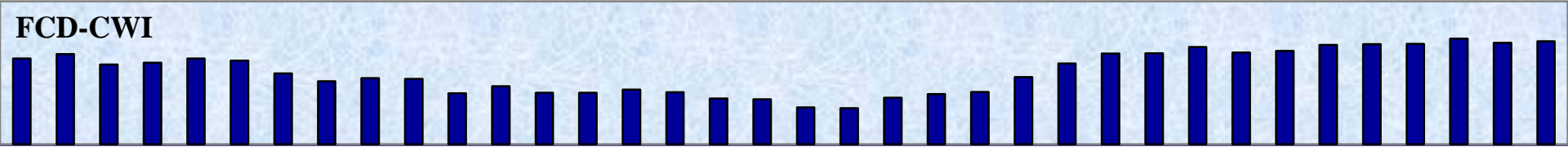
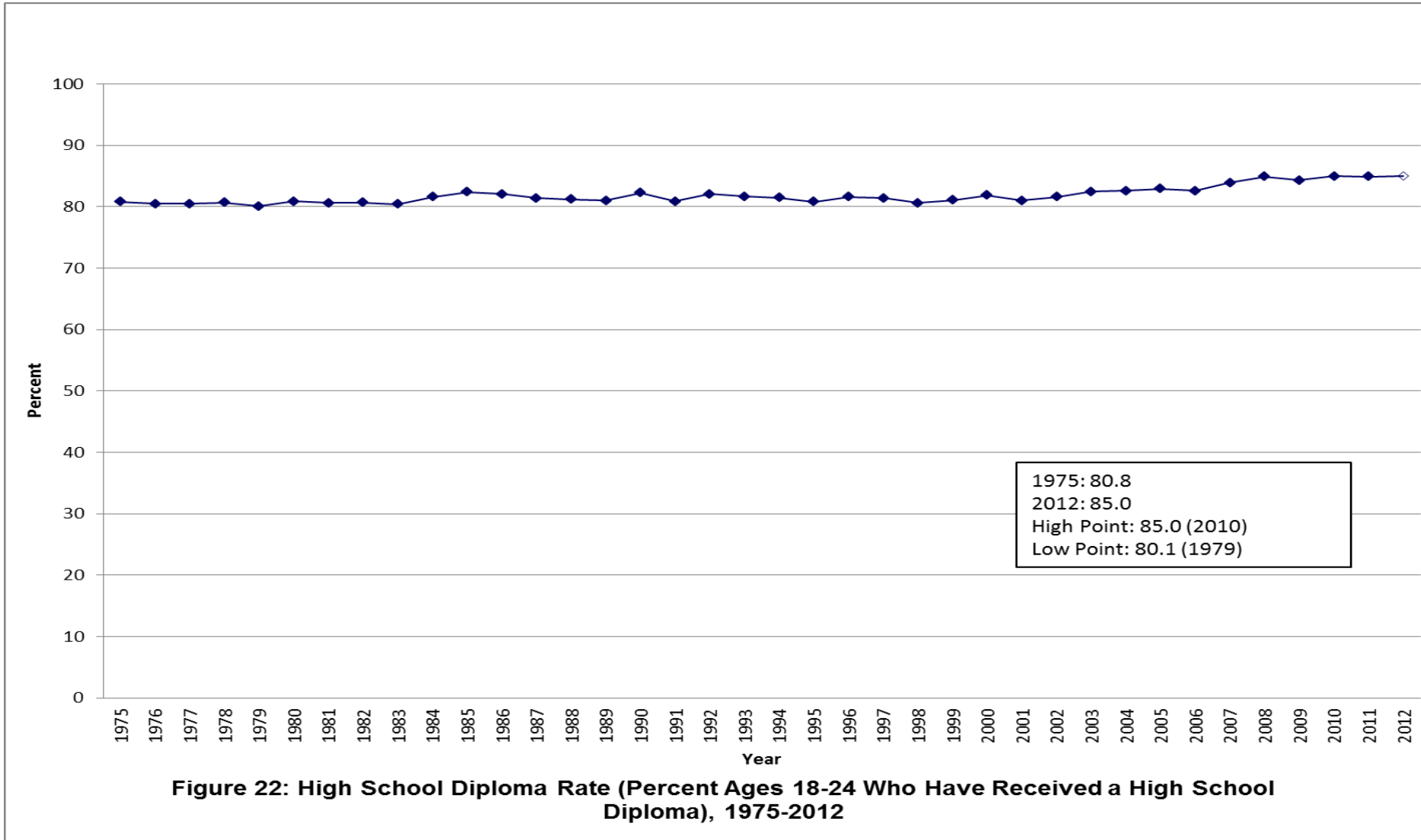


Figure 21: The Community Engagement Domain, 1975-2012



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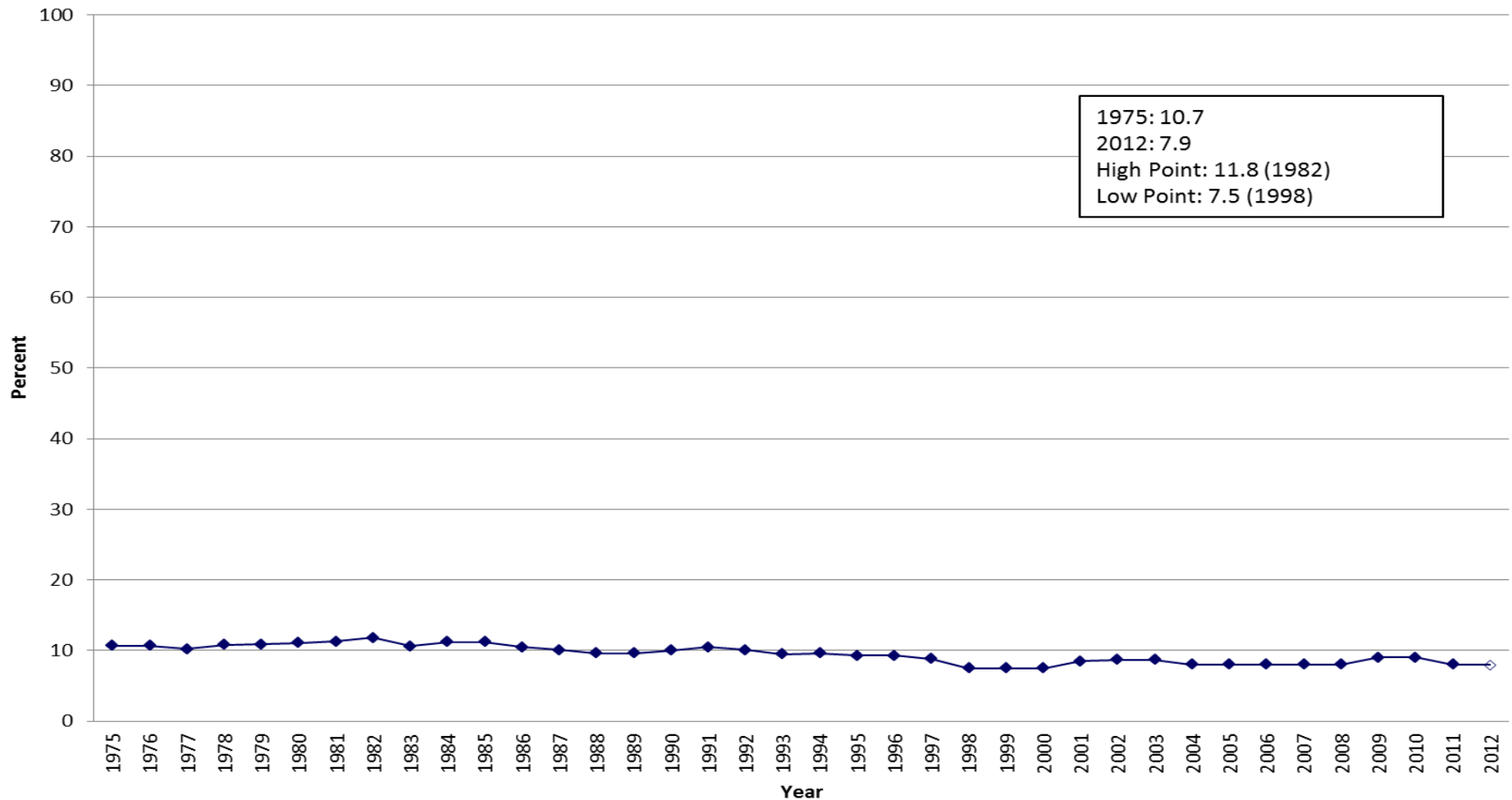
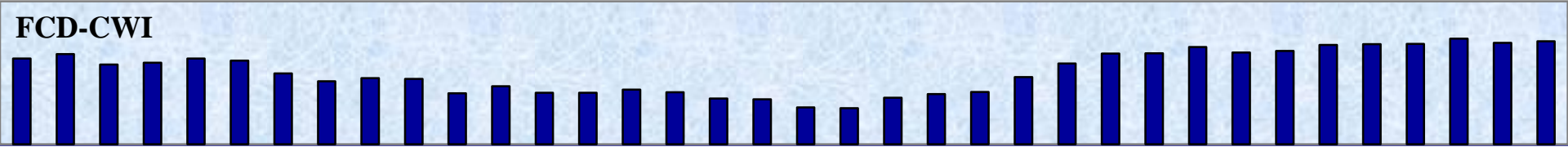


Figure 23: Institutionally Disconnected Youth (Percent of Youth Ages 16-19 Not Enrolled in School and Not Employed), 1975-2012

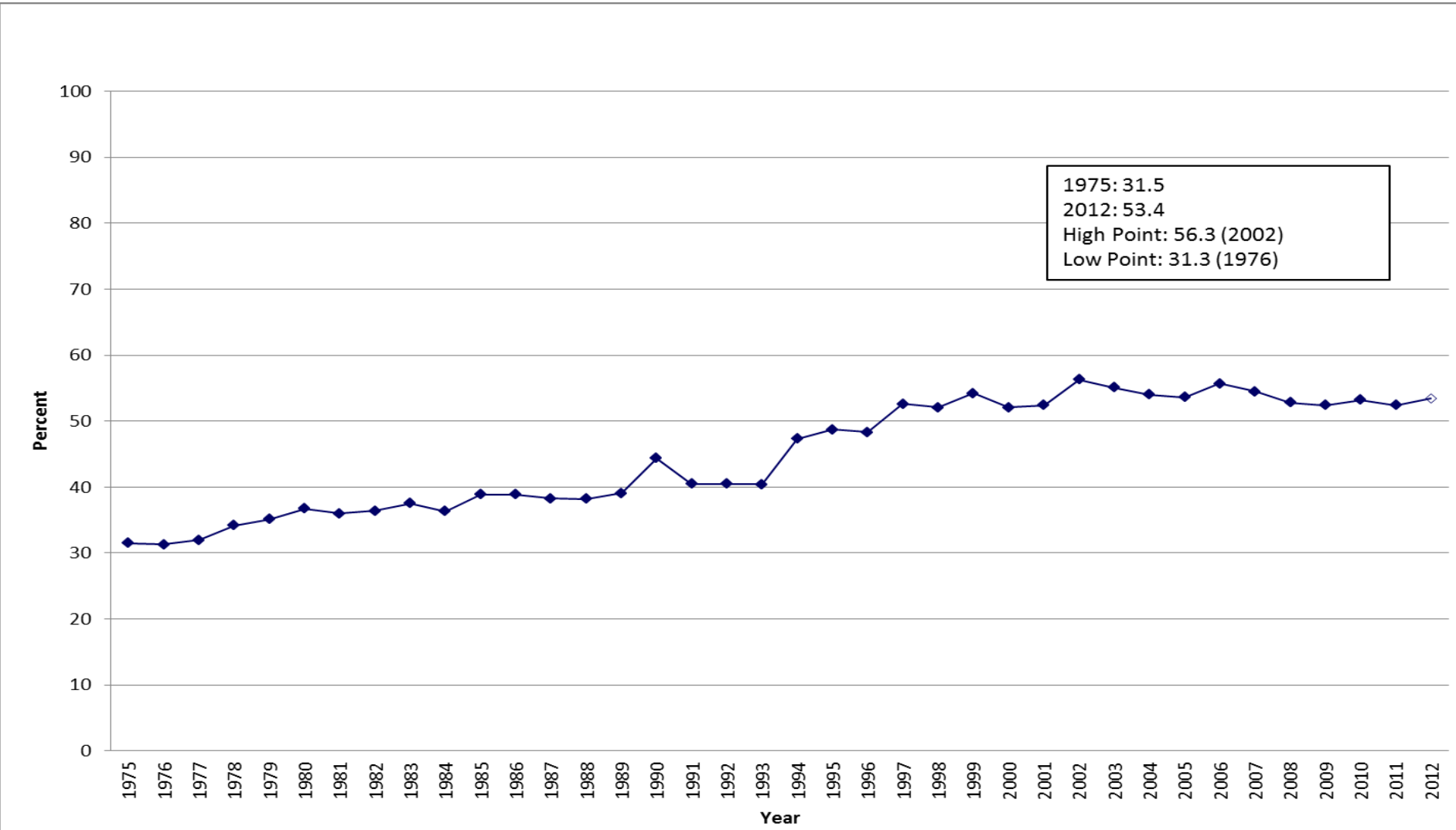
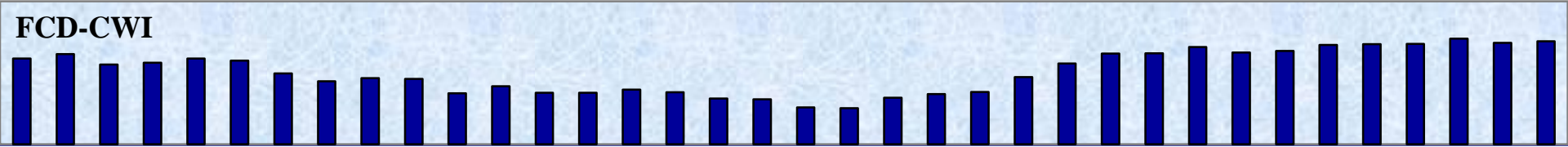


Figure 24: PreKindergarten Enrollment (Percent of Children Ages 3-4 Enrolled in Preschool), 1975-2012

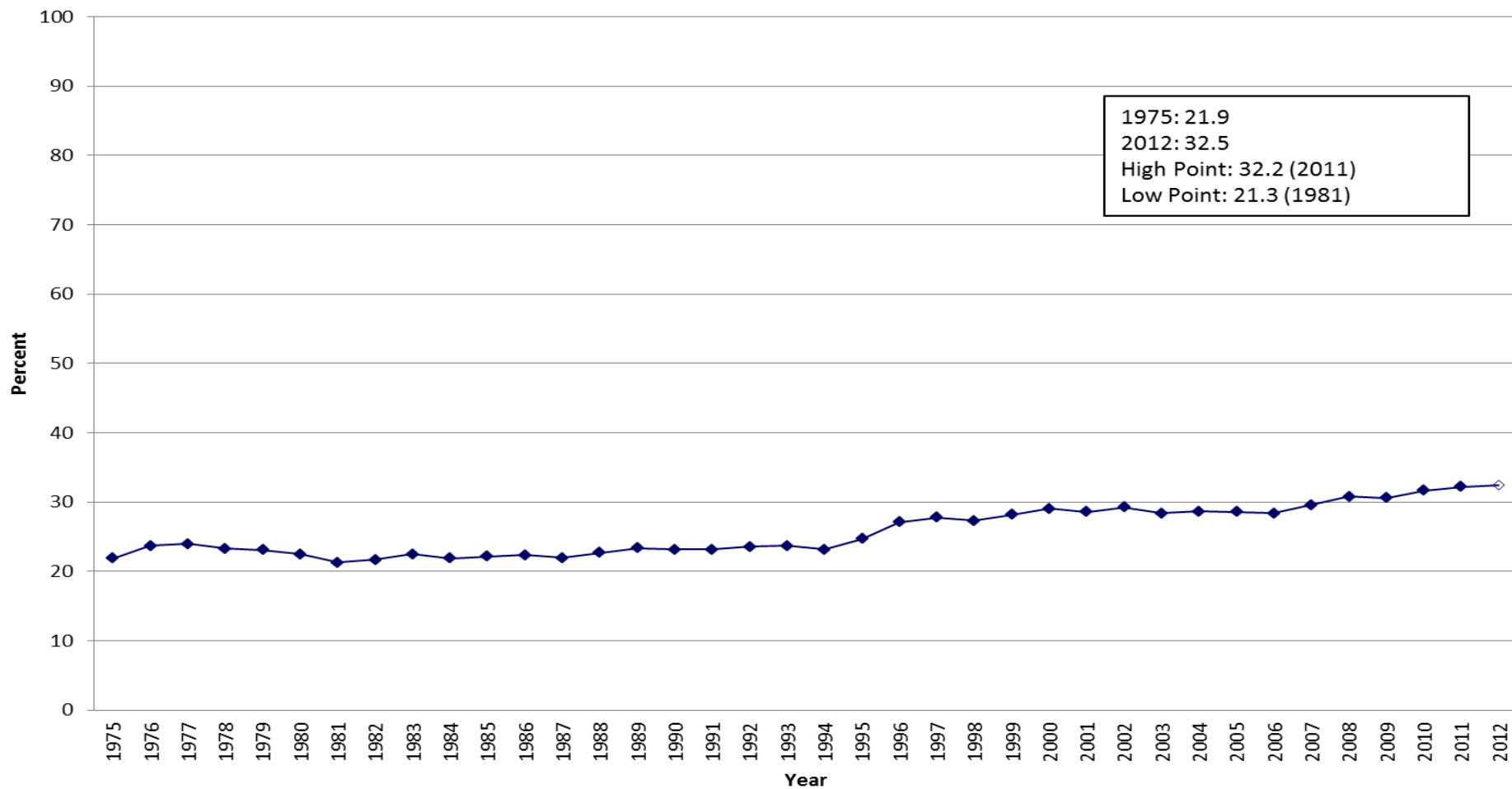
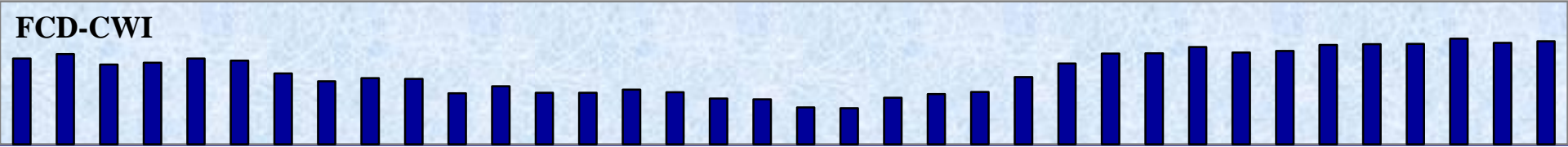
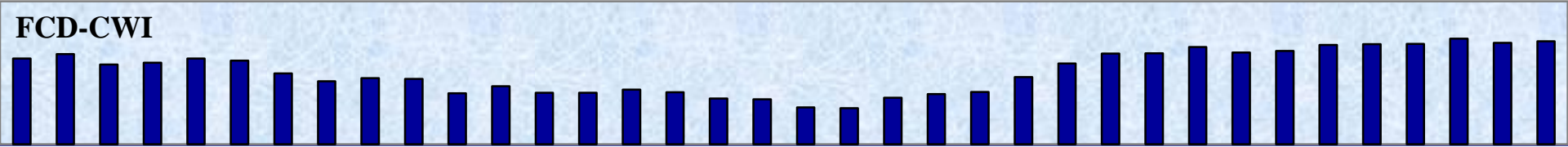
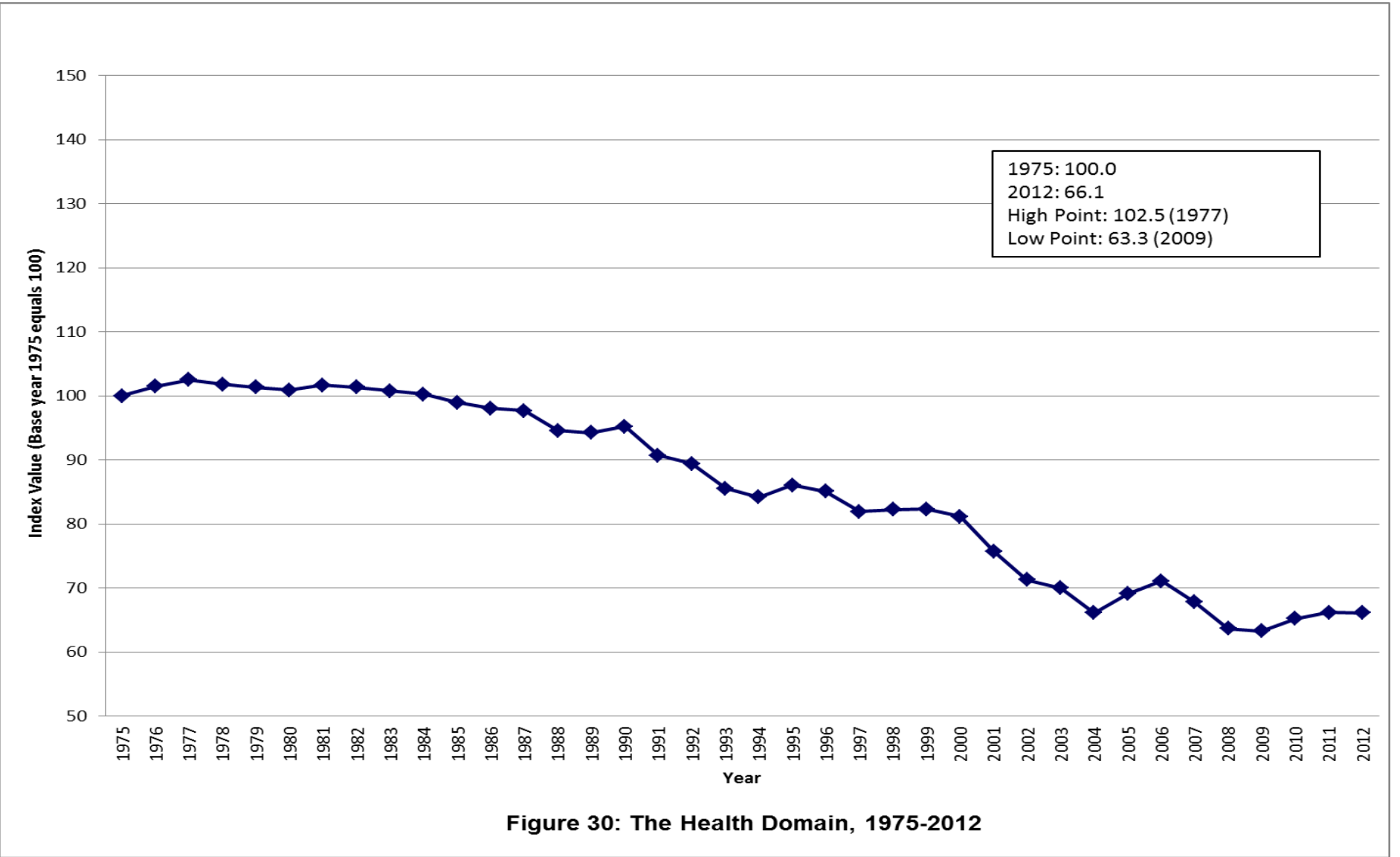
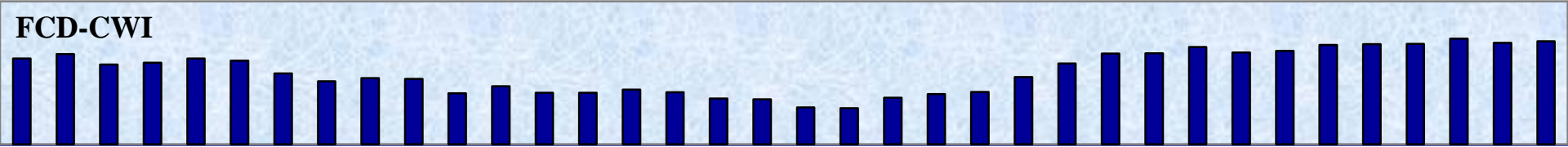


Figure 25: College Graduation Rate (Percent Ages 25-29 Who Have Received a Bachelor's Degree), 1975-2012

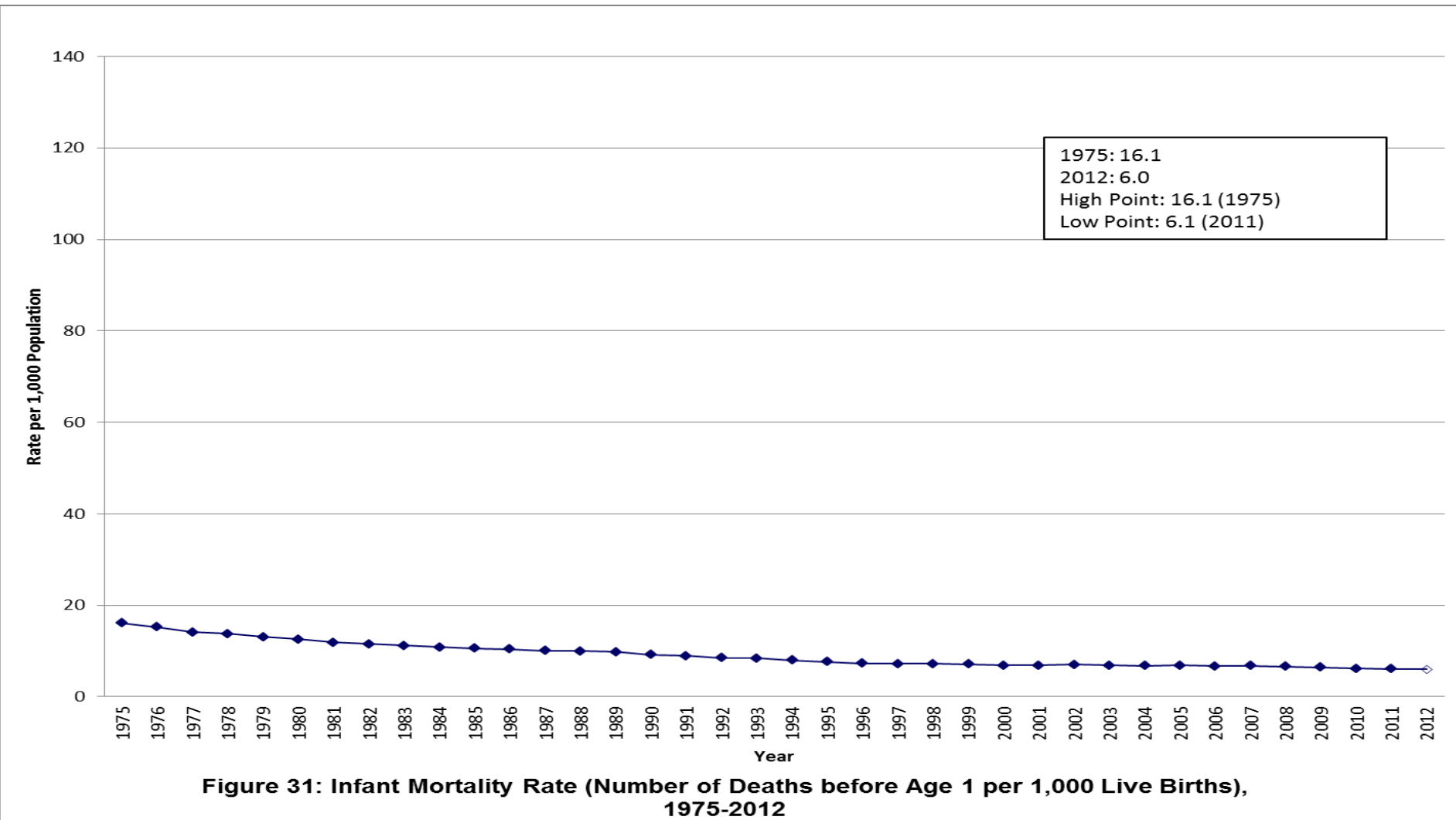


One Domain with Long-Term Deteriorations: Health





The Health Domain Has Some Indicators Showing Long-Term Improvements:



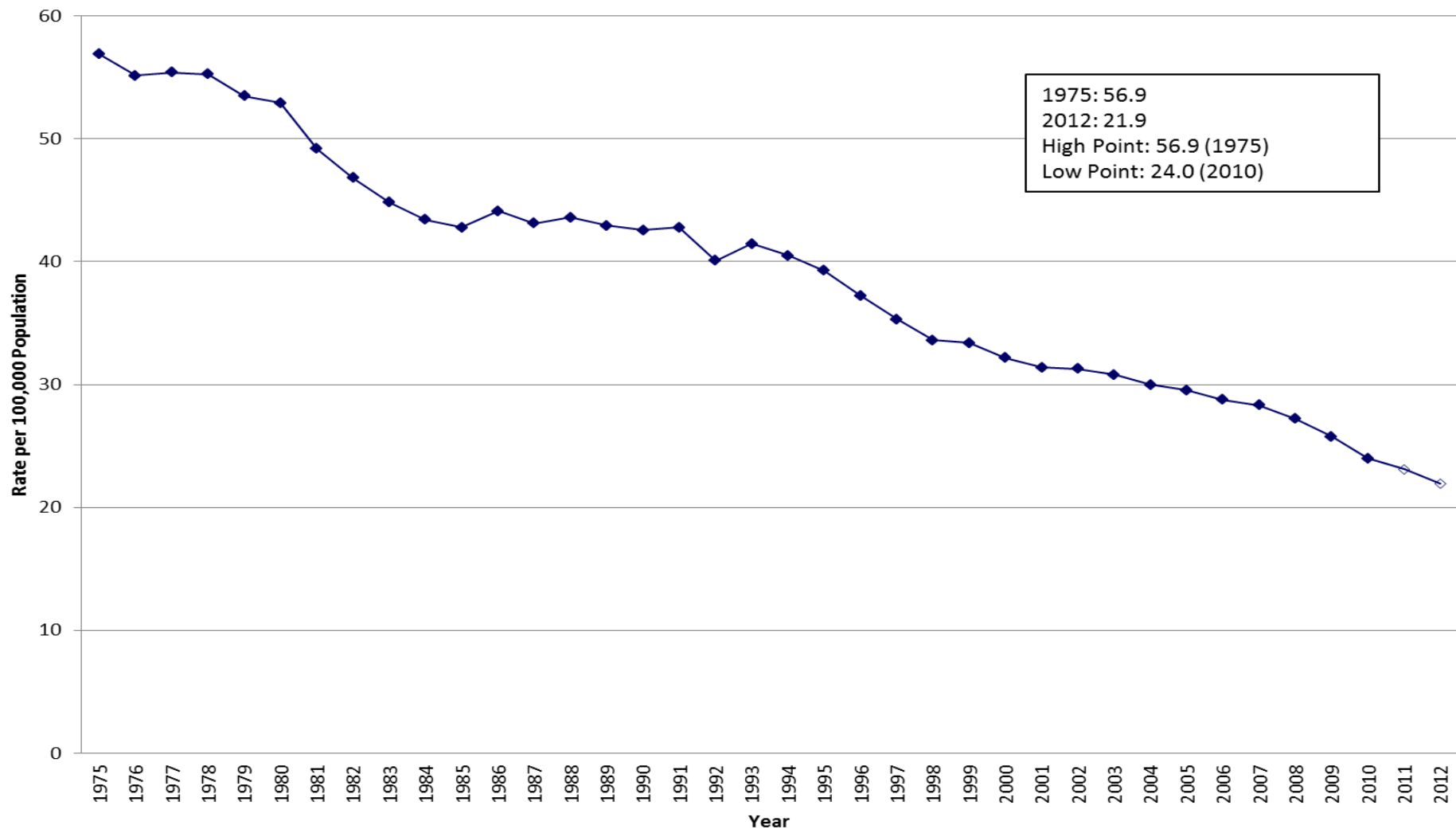
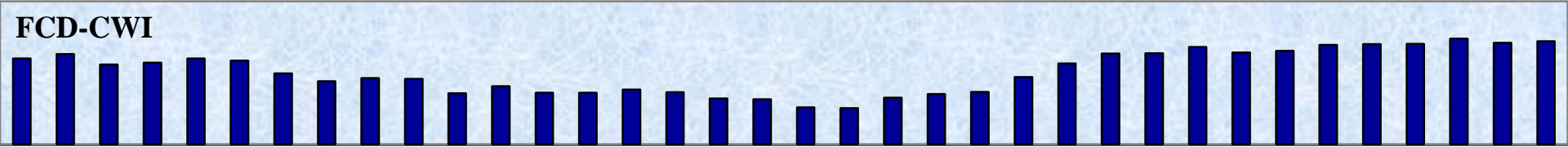
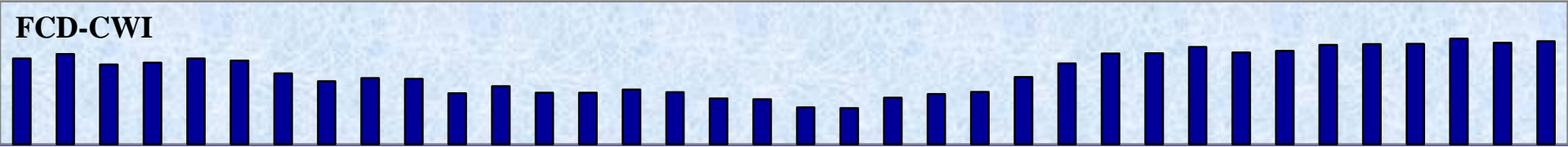


Figure 33: Mortality Rate (Deaths for Ages 1-19 per 100,000), 1975-2012



And Some Health Indicators Showing Substantial Long-Term Deteriorations, Especially the Obesity Indicator That Dominates the Overall Long-Term Trend in the Health Domain

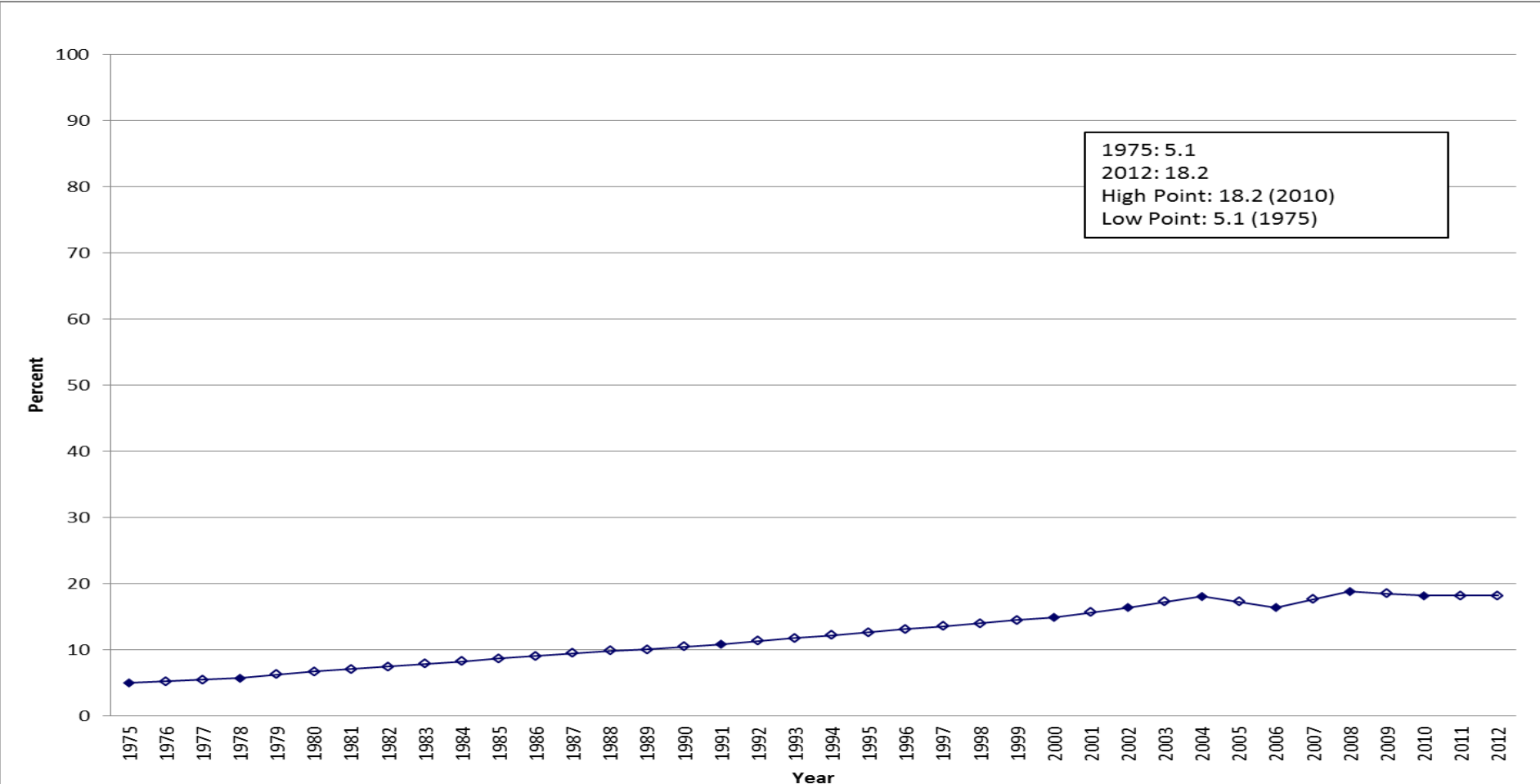
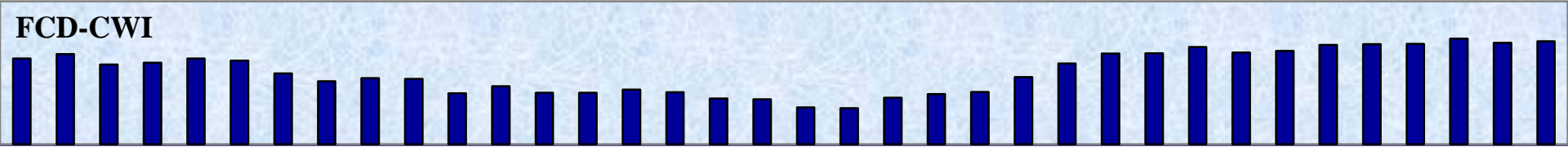


Figure 36: Obesity Rate (Percent of Children Ages 6-19 at or Above the 95th BMI Percentile Cutpoint for Their Age), 1975-2012



Two Domains That Show Little Long-Term Change:

1) Family Economic Well-Being

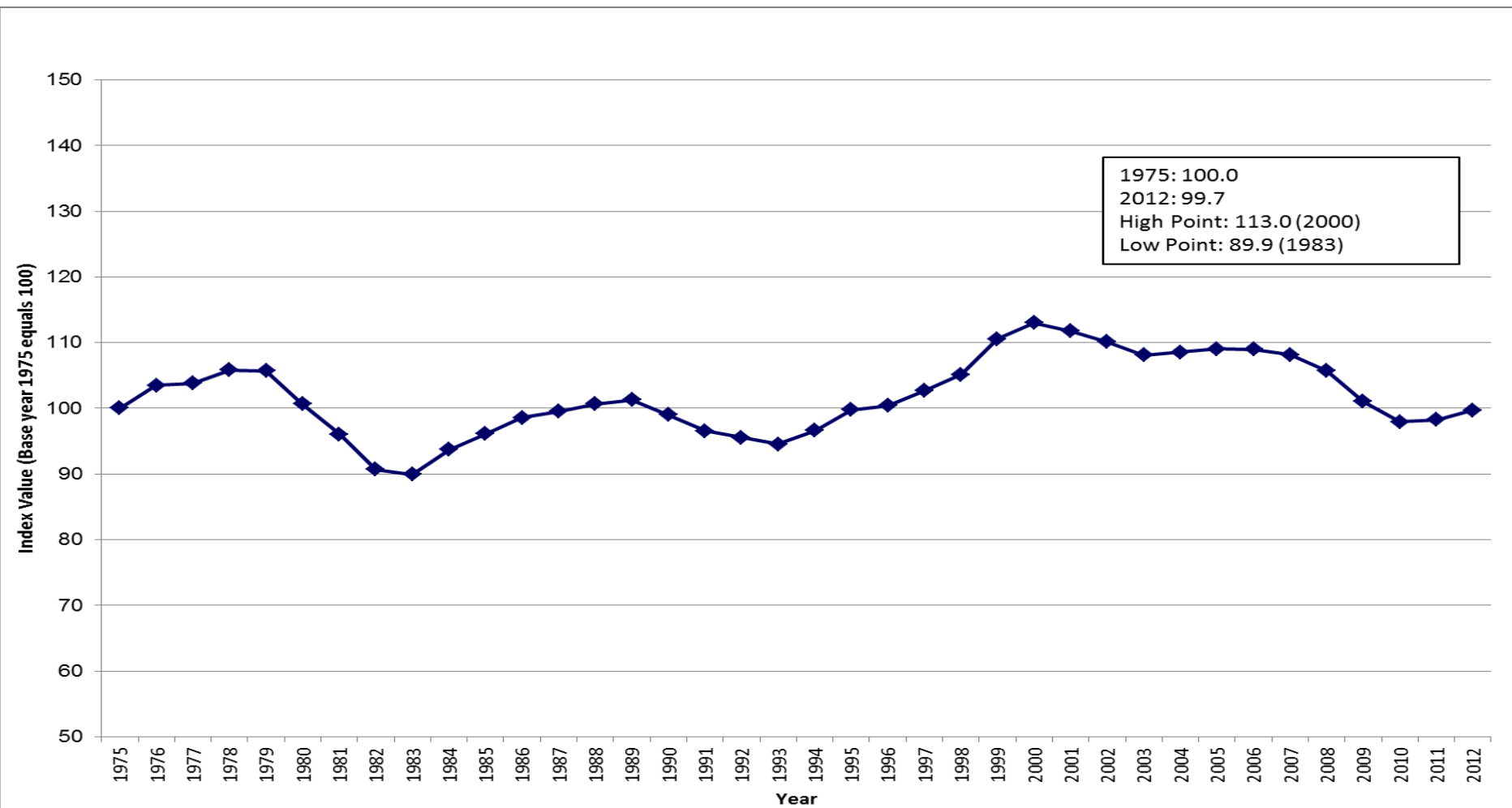
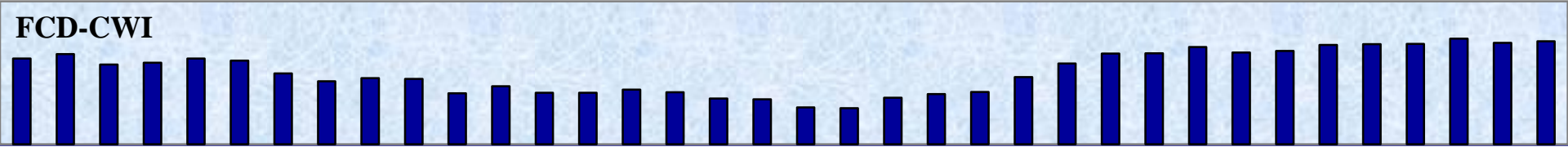


Figure 2: The Family Economic Well-Being Domain, 1975-2012



With Little Long-Term Change In:

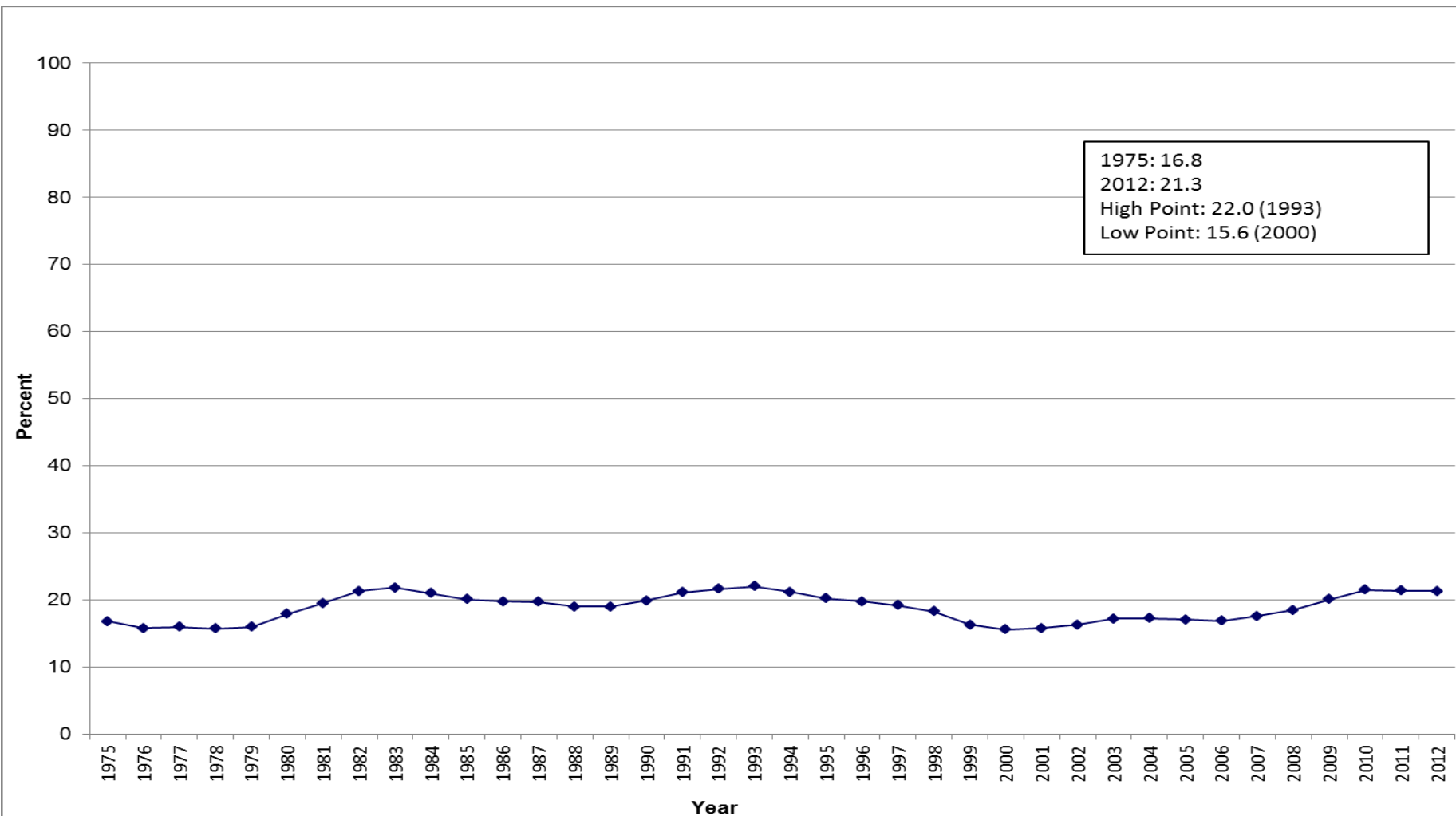


Figure 3: The Child Poverty Rate (Percent of Children Ages 0 to 18 Living in Families Below the Poverty Line), 1975-2012

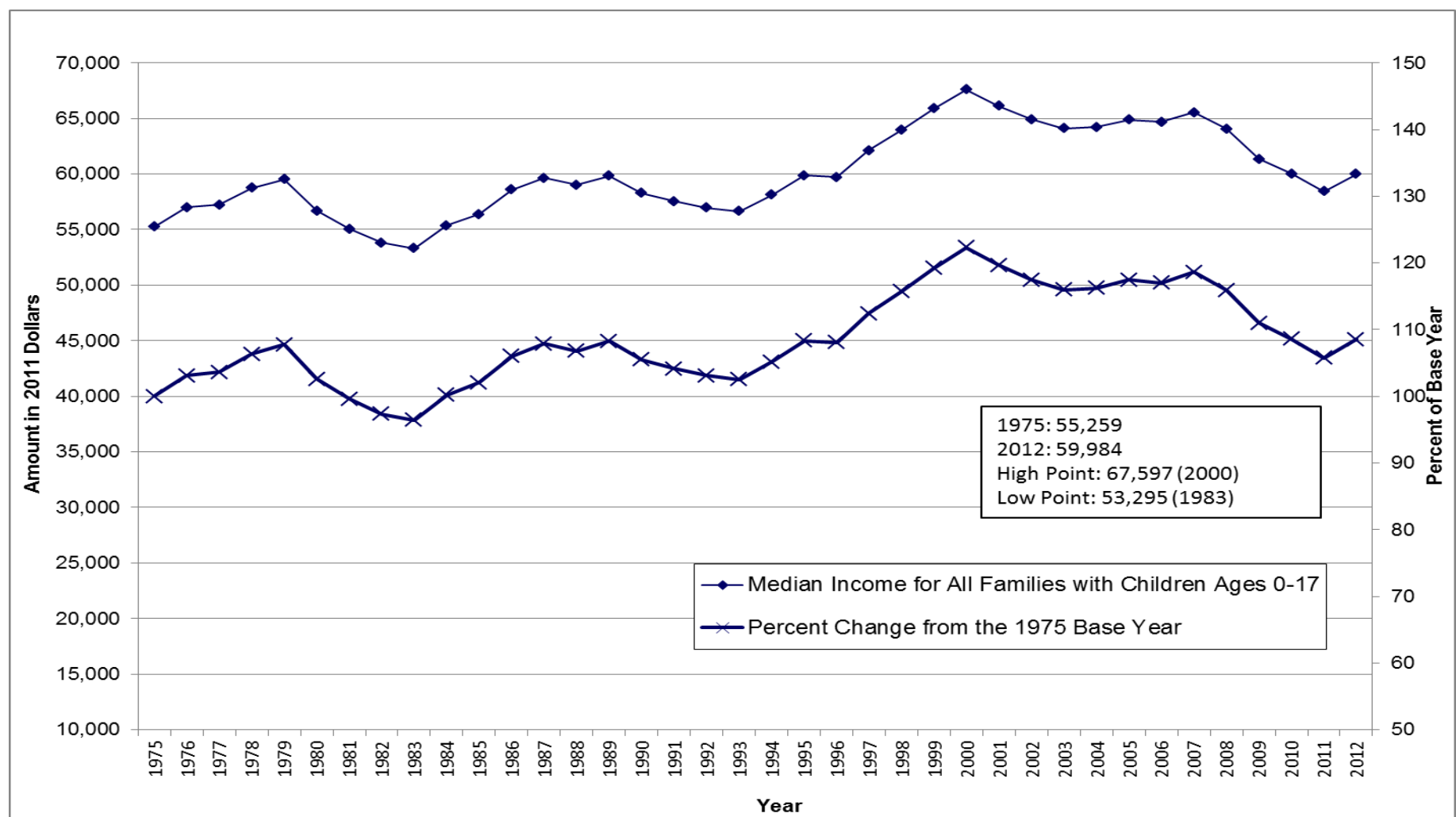
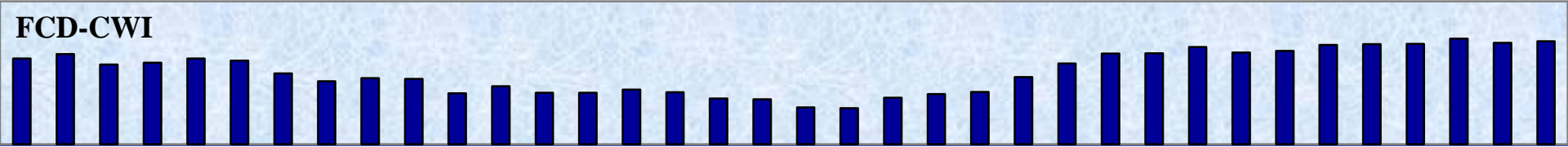
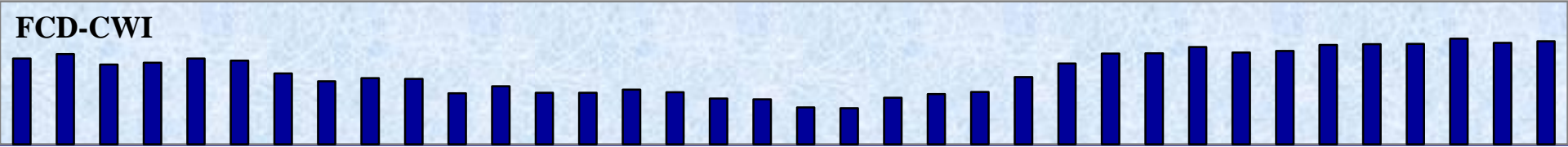


Figure 5: Median Annual Income of Families with Children Ages 0-18 (in 2012 dollars) and in Index Form Showing Percent Change from the 1975 Base Year, 1975-2012



And One Indicator With Long-Term Improvement Followed by Deterioration

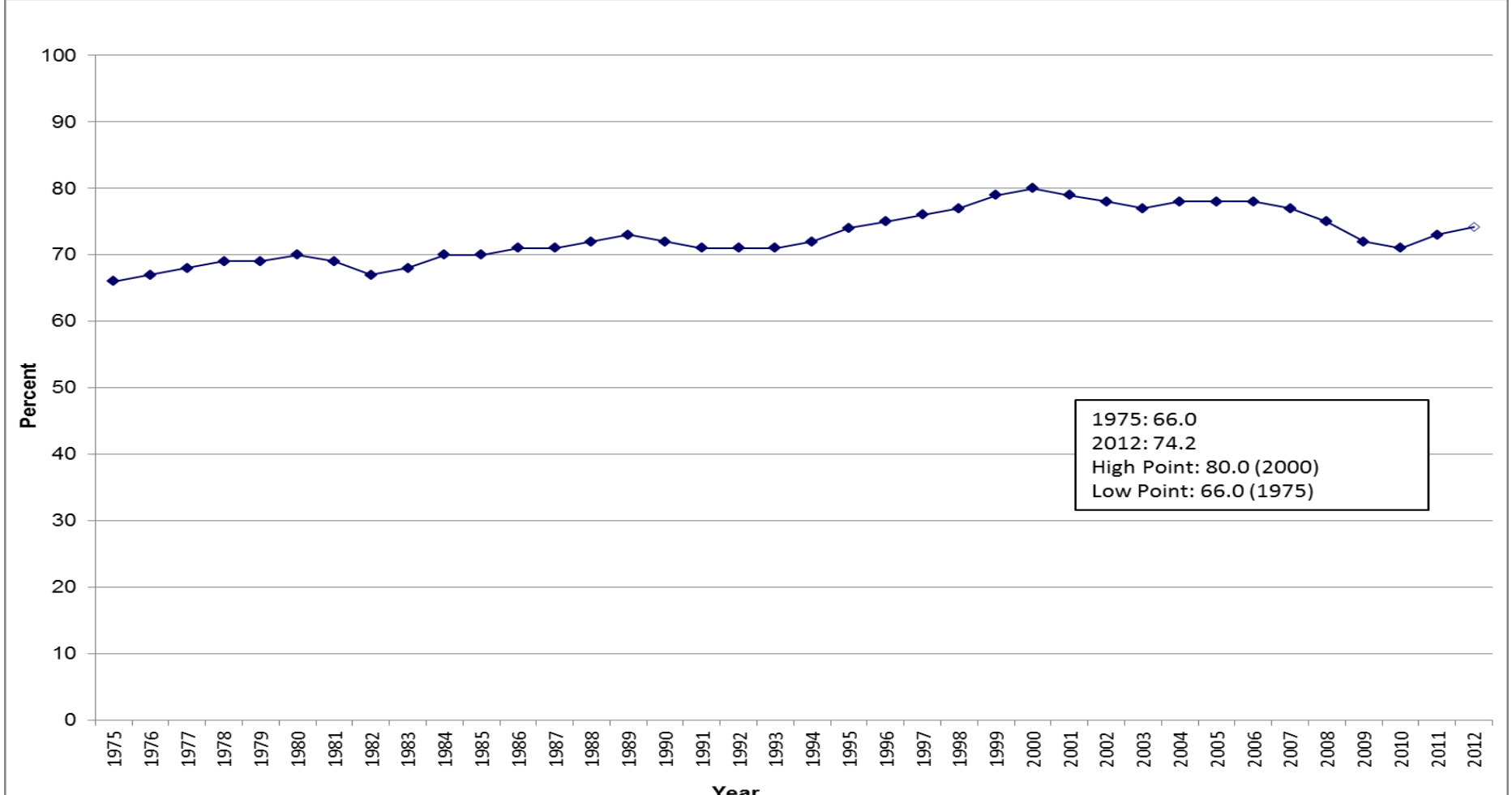
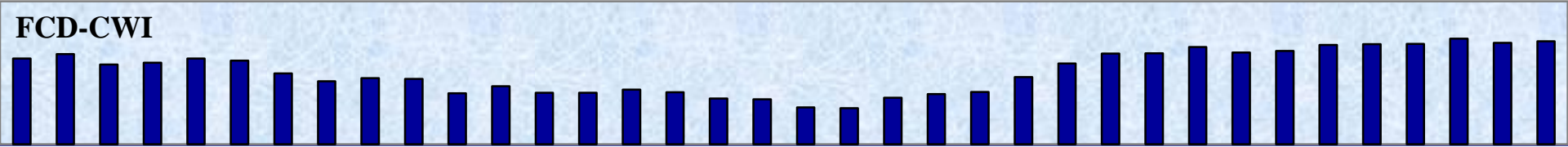
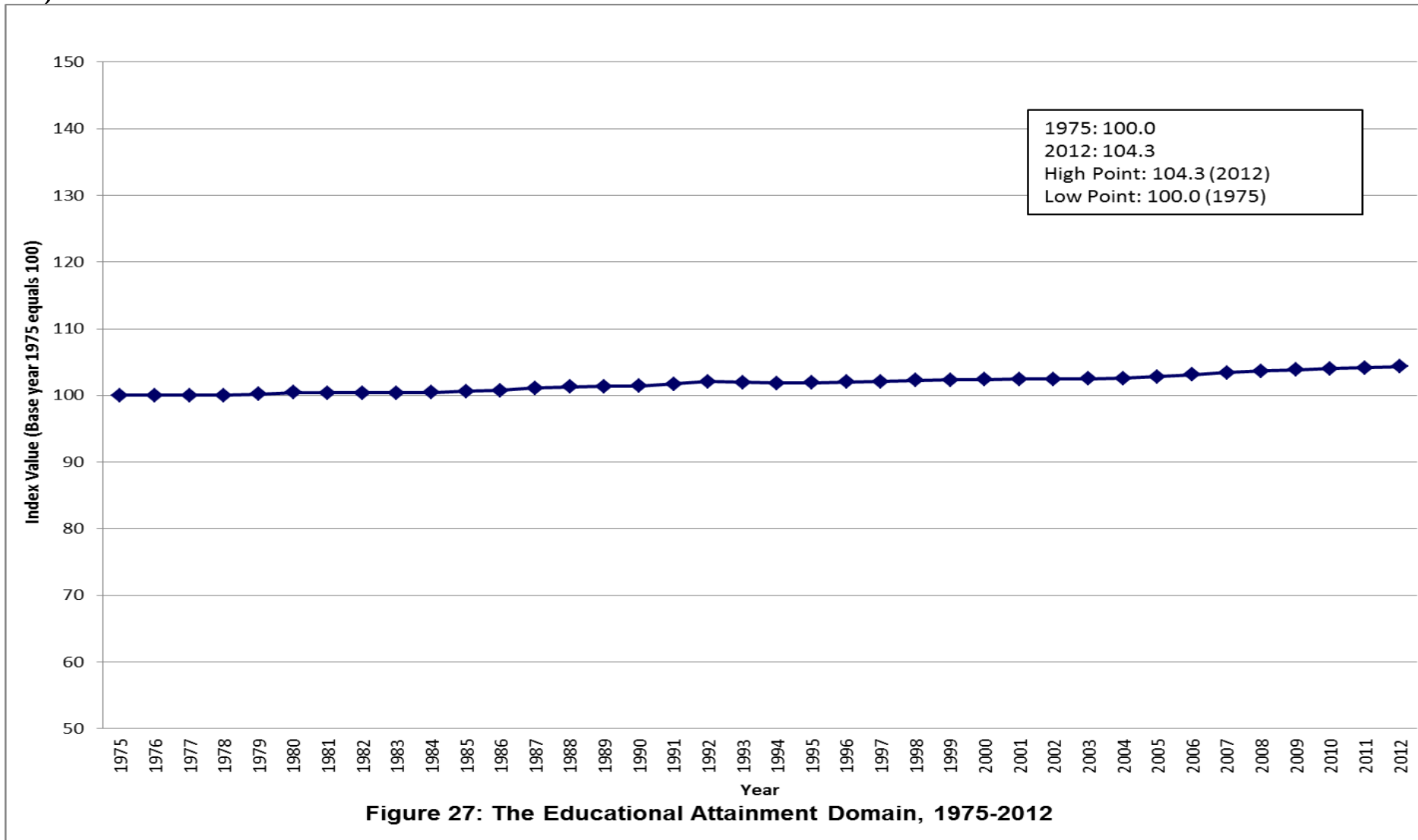


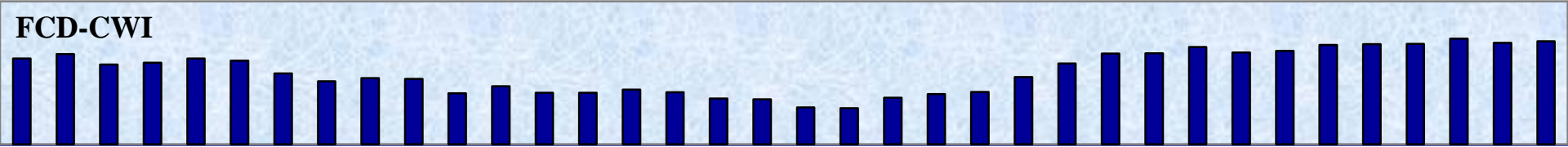
Figure 4: The Secure Parental Employment Rate (Percent of Children Ages 0-18 Living in Families with At Least One Parent Employed Full Time All Year), 1975-2012



Little Long-Term Change cont'd:

2) The Educational Attainment Domain





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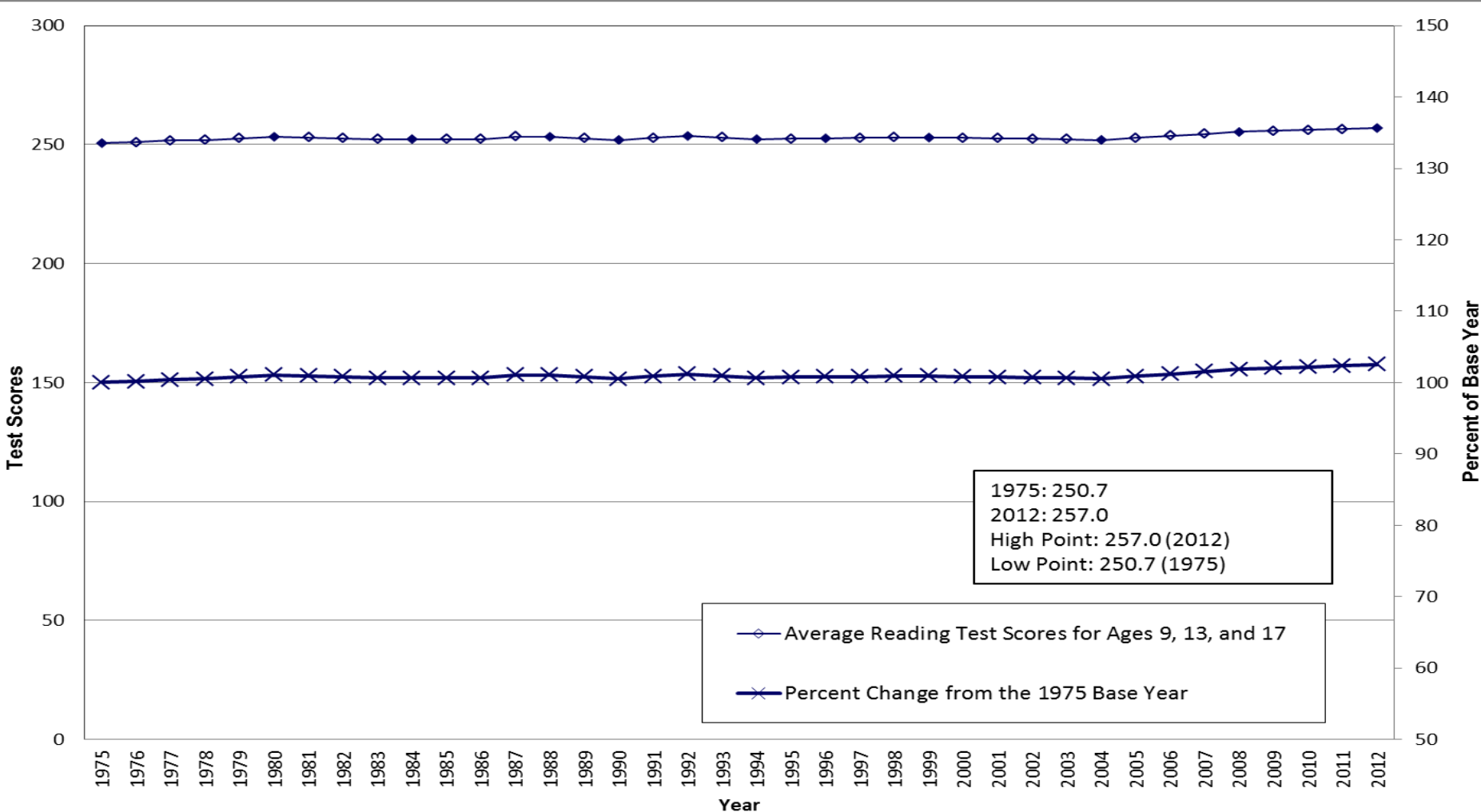


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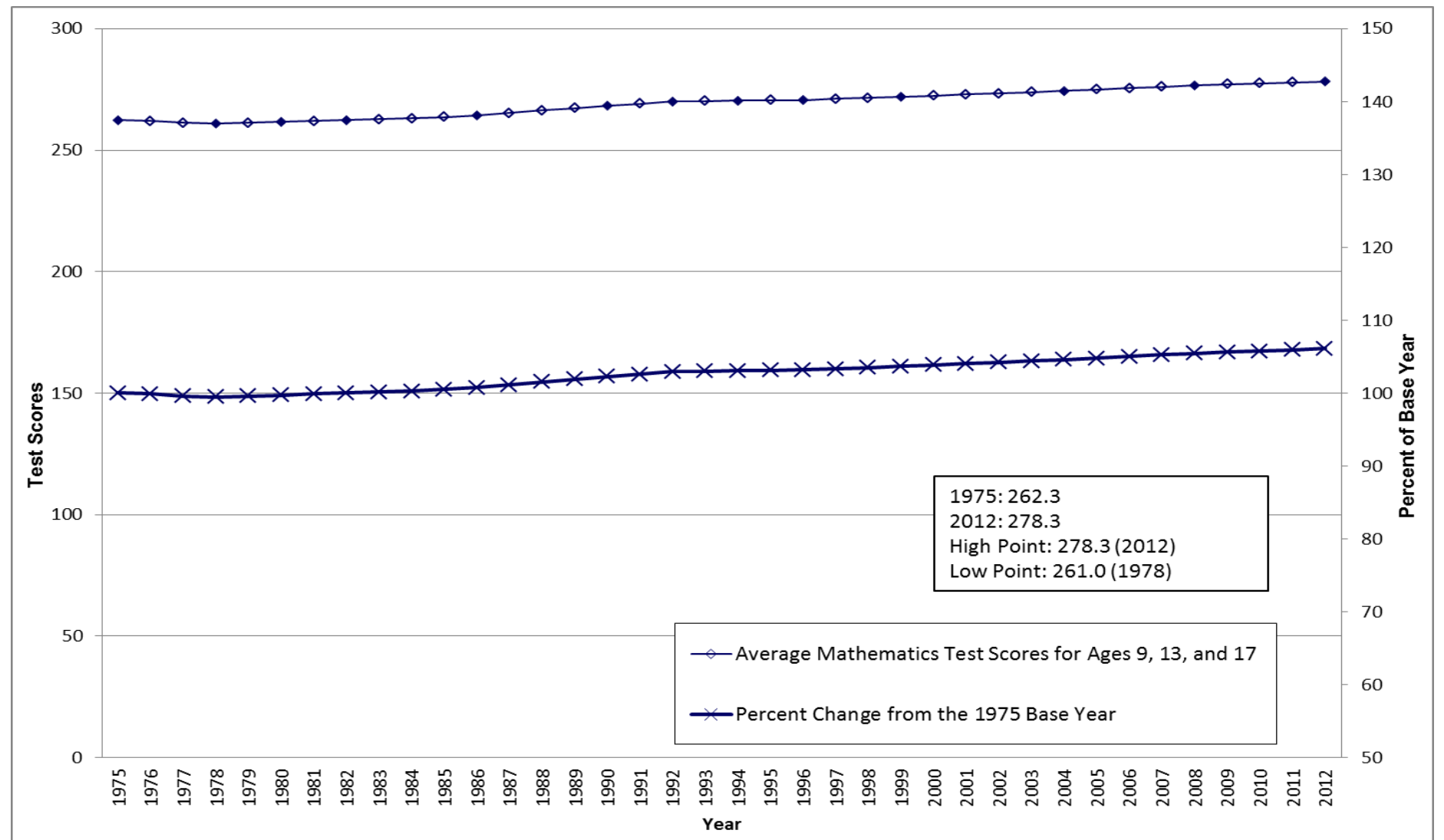
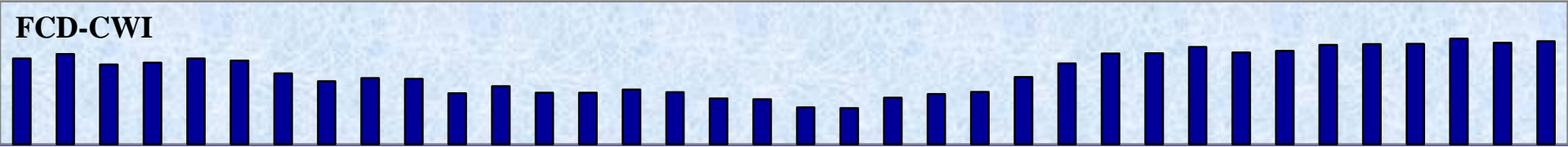


Figure 29: Mathematics Test Scores (Averages of National Assessment of Educational Progress Mathematics Test Scores for Ages 9, 13, and 17 and in Index Form Showing Percent Change from the 1975 Base Year), 1975-2012



And there's more information:

- The complete *2013 Foundation for Child Development Child and Youth Well-Being Index Report* presents:
- Long-term (1975-2012) trend graphs and descriptions of *each* of the:
 - **28 Key Indicators** that are arranged into
 - **7 Domains**