

TUSCOLA COUNTY CONTROLLER/ADMINISTRATOR'S OFFICE

Clayette Zechmeister
Controller/Administrator
zclay@tuscolacounty.org

125 W. Lincoln St., Suite 500
Caro, Michigan 48723

Telephone
989-672-3700

The state requires counties to submit an annual performance dashboard. The 2019 Dashboard is detailed below. It uses statistical information to determine how the county is performing with key economic and other indicators of county conditions. In addition to this summary, graphs are attached for further understanding. Color denotation is as follows: **Red - Unfavorable Indicator**, **Green - Favorable Indicator** and **Yellow - Neutral Indicator**.

Population

- **County population** – According to the U.S. Census, county population continues to decline which is a continuing concern. The county population was 55,665 in 2010 compared to 52,245 for 2019. This is a 10 year decrease of 3,420 people or about 6.1%. For 2010 to 2019, the US Census estimated the national population increased by 6.3% and the state increased by only 1%, but Tuscola County decreased by (-6.2%). **Unfavorable Trend**
- **Percentage of people 65 and older** – The percentage of the county population that is 65 and over is higher than both the state and nation. The percentage of people over 65 in 2019 was 20.8% in the county compared to 16.5% for the US and 17.7% for Michigan. This trend can be an indicator of limited economic activity with younger people leaving the county and elderly staying. **Unfavorable Trend**
- **School enrollment counts** – Consistent with the overall population decline and other negative population trends is school enrollments which have also declined. In 2010, there were 9,866 students enrolled in the nine county school districts compared to 8,020 in 2019. This is a decrease of 1,846 students or 23.02%. In 2010 there was an average of 1,136 students per school district compared to 867 in 2019. **Unfavorable Trend**

Economy

- **Unemployment Rate** – According to the Bureau of Labor Statistics, the 2019 county unemployment rate was 6.2% compared to 5.5% in 2018. Even though the unemployment rates are somewhat level as the population continues to decline. **Favorable Trend**
- **Number Employed** – The number of people employed in the county, according to the Bureau of Labor Statistics, continues to increase. The number employed in 2019 was 22,635. This is an increase from 22,347 that were employed in 2018. In comparison, there were 22,004 people employed in 2010. The increase in the number of people employed is expected to somewhat level with the population trend. **Favorable Trend**

- **Foreclosures** – A negative indicator is the number of foreclosures more than doubled from 2017 to 2018. The number of foreclosures has declined in 2019. **Unfavorable Trend**
- **Leading employers** – The top 10 employers in the county are: Tuscola County Government, Caro Regional Center, Walbro Engine Manufacturing, Hills and Dales General Hospital, Tuscola Intermediate School District, Caro Community Schools, Caro Community Hospital, Human Development Commission, Walmart and Millennium Steering. **Neutral**
- **Poverty** – The percentage of people living in poverty is higher in the county when compared to the country, but about the same when compared to the state. **Neutral**
- **Public assistance** – The number and percentage of people receiving some form of public assistance decreased in 2019 as compared to 2018. There were 29.1% of the people in Tuscola County receiving some form of public assistance in 2018 and 19.9% in 2019 according to the most current data available. **Favorable Trend**
- **People Without Health Insurance** – In 2019, 7.4% of the people in the county had no health insurance. This is almost the same percentage as the state but less than the nation. **Favorable Trend**

Income

- **Household income** - Median household income is lower in the county at \$47,694 than the state at \$54,938 and nation at \$60,293. The county only has 78% of the buying power of the average of the country. This is reflective of the limited employment opportunities in the county. **Unfavorable Trend**
- **Per Capita Personal Income** – Per capita personal income continues to increase. From 2018 to 2019, per capital income increased by 3.7%. For 2019, the amount for the county was \$37,979. **Favorable Trend**

Housing

- **House values** – Another measure of economic strength is median housing values. The 2018 value of homes in the county are comparatively lower at \$101,300 to \$146,200 for the state and significantly lower than the nation at \$ 204,900. The county median house value is only 49% of the national value. **Unfavorable Trend**

Education

- **Higher education** – The percentage of people that have a bachelor's degree in the county is only 13.6% compared to the state at 28.6% and the nation at 30.9%. This lower education level can cause challenges in creating economic development and employment opportunities. **Unfavorable Trend**

County Government Statistical Indicators

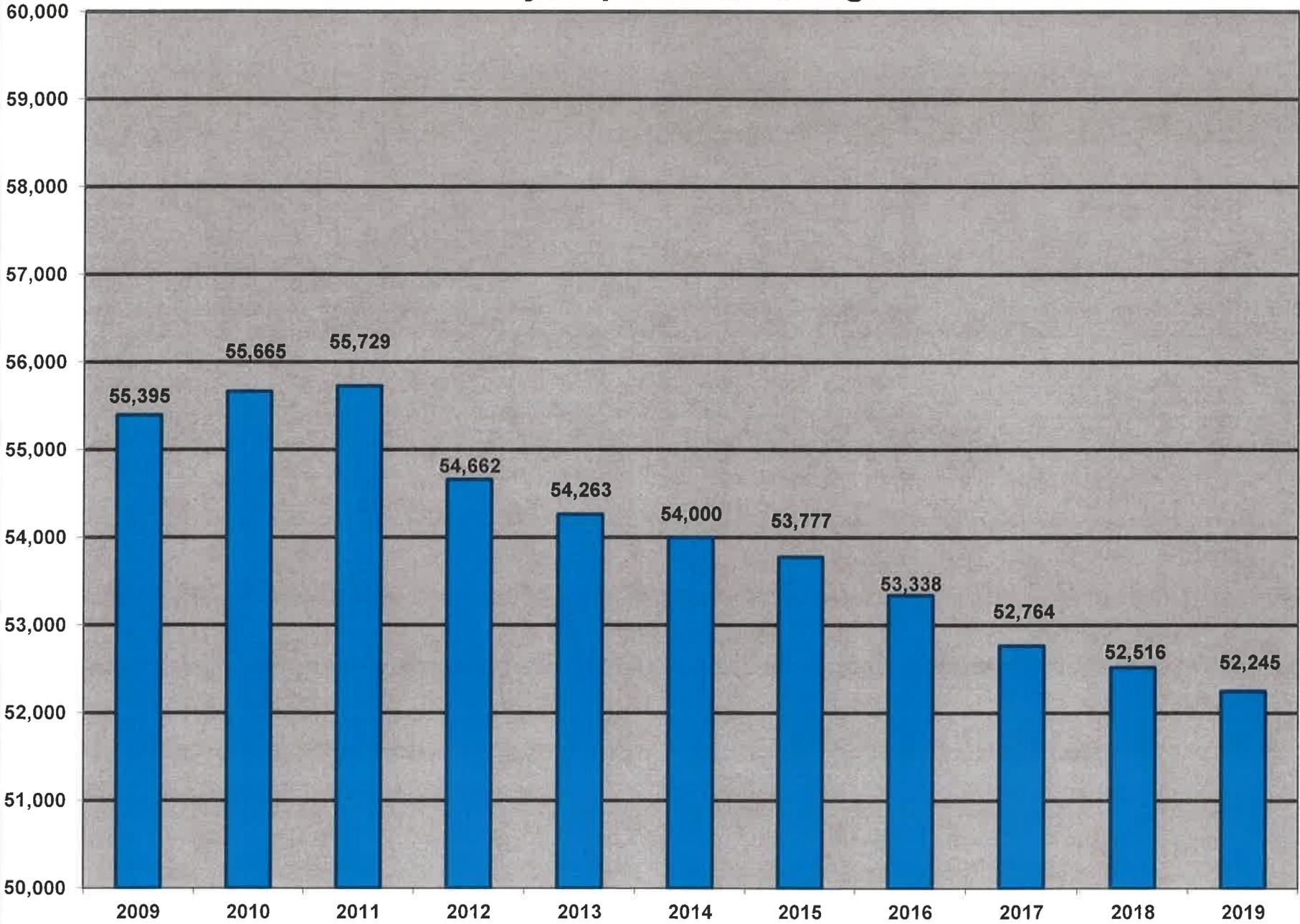
- **Debt** – County debt per capita from 2018 to 2019 had a slight increase. At \$169 per capita it is comparatively low. Only about 7.9% of the total allowed county debt is being used. **Favorable Trend**
- **Assessed value** – A favorable trend is the continued strong growth in county assessed value. Assessed value increased from \$2.65 billion in 2018 to \$2.69 billion in 2019. This is a .98% increase. Most of this increase is the result of wind turbine construction which is assessed as personal property. Four of the top 10 tax-payers in the county are utilities and wind development companies. **Favorable Trend**
- **Sheriff arrests** – The number of sheriff arrests decreased from 856 in 2018 to 755 in 2019. **Neutral**
- **Jailed offenders** – The number of jailed offenders decreased from 1,578 in 2018 to 1,385 in 2019. **Neutral**
- **Traffic violations and other summons** – The number of traffic violations issued had a slight increase from 2018. In 2010 there were 2,968 violations issued. This number has declined to only 1,812 for 2019. There are several explanations for this decline. It has resulted in a significant reduction in county revenue. **Unfavorable Trend**
- **Court filings** – Circuit Court new case filings have decreased when comparing 2010 to 2019. However, since 2015 the number of cases had slightly increased. There were 1,171 new case filings in Circuit Court in 2018 compared to 1,183 in 2017, which decreased slightly in 2019 at 1,001. District Court filings have been on a steady decline since 2009. In 2009, there were 9,451 new cases filed compared to only 7,258 for 2019. Probate Court new case filing have varied by year. Over the last 15 years the number of new filings has ranged from 325 to 407. **Neutral**

Tuscola County Key Statistical Indicators

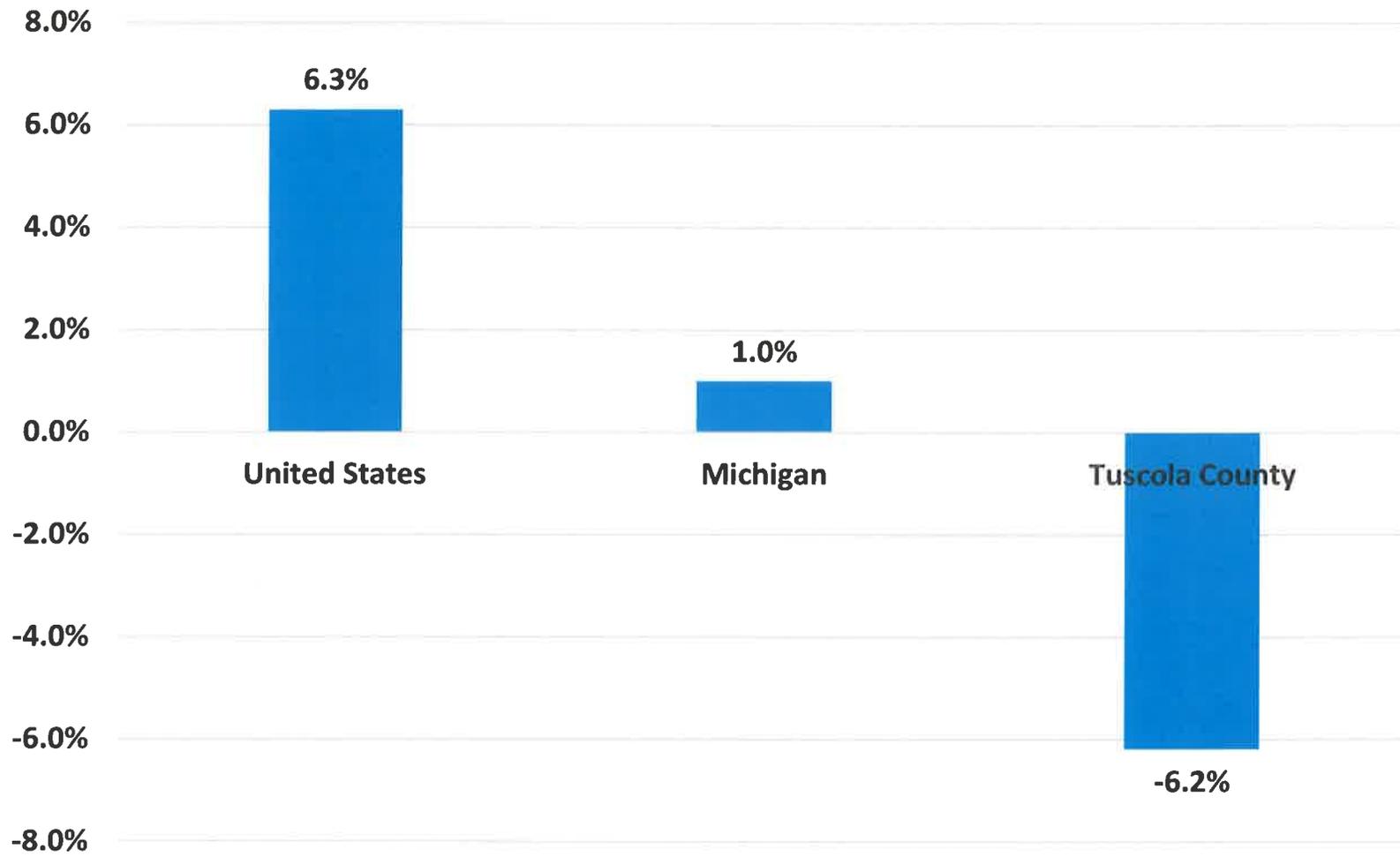


Population

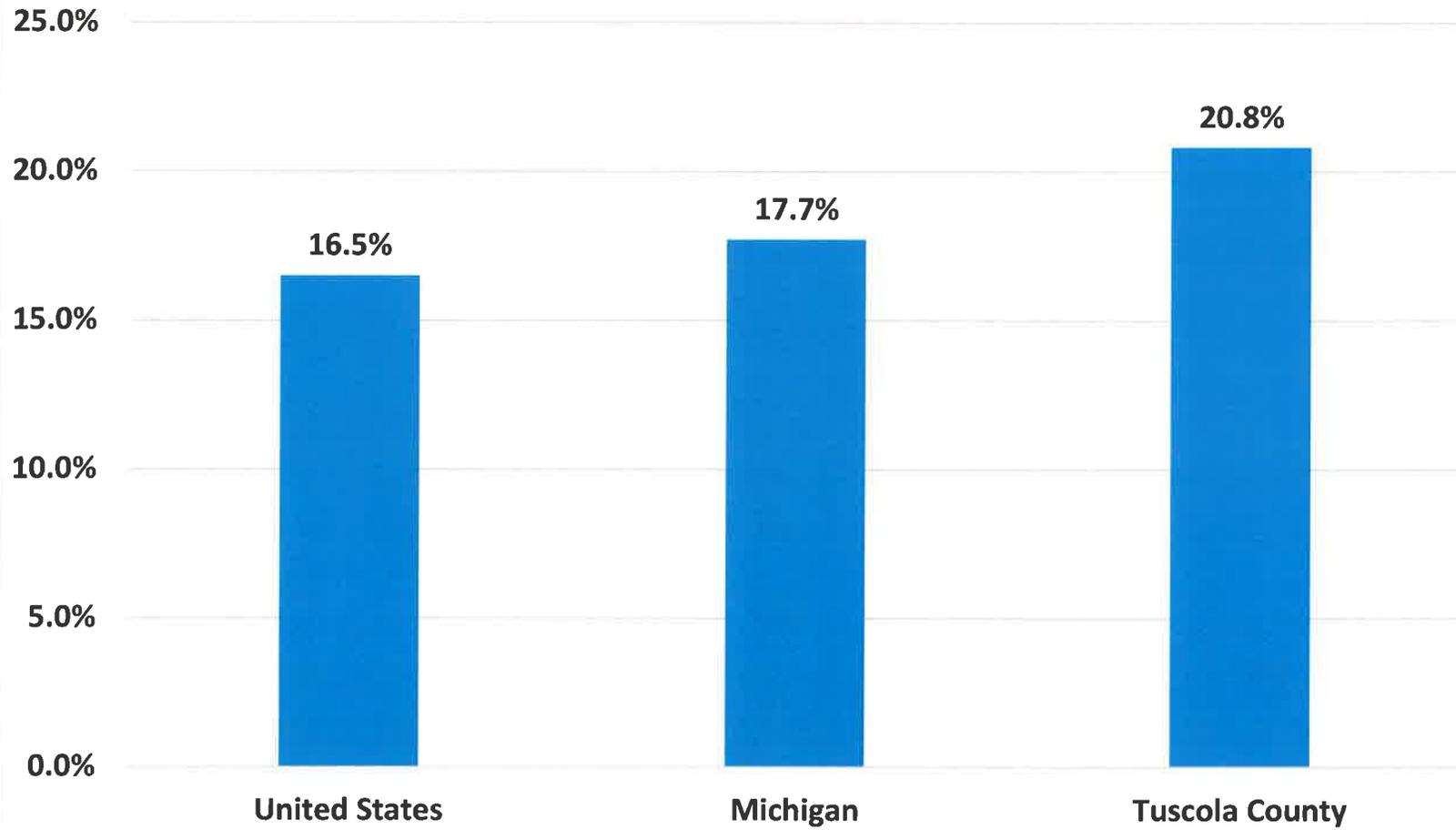
County Population Change



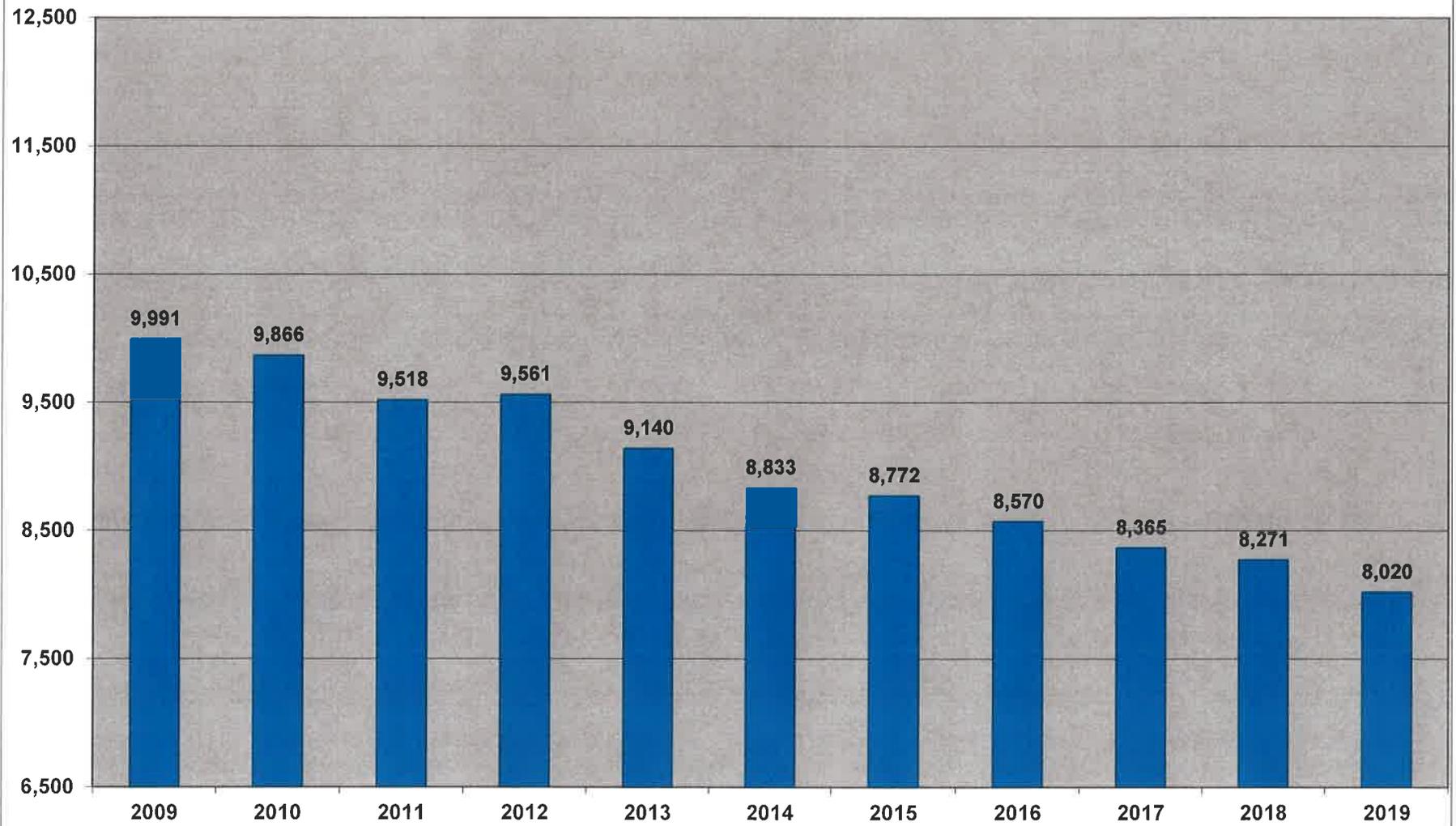
Estimated Percentage Population Change 2010-2019



Percentage of Person 65 and older - 2019

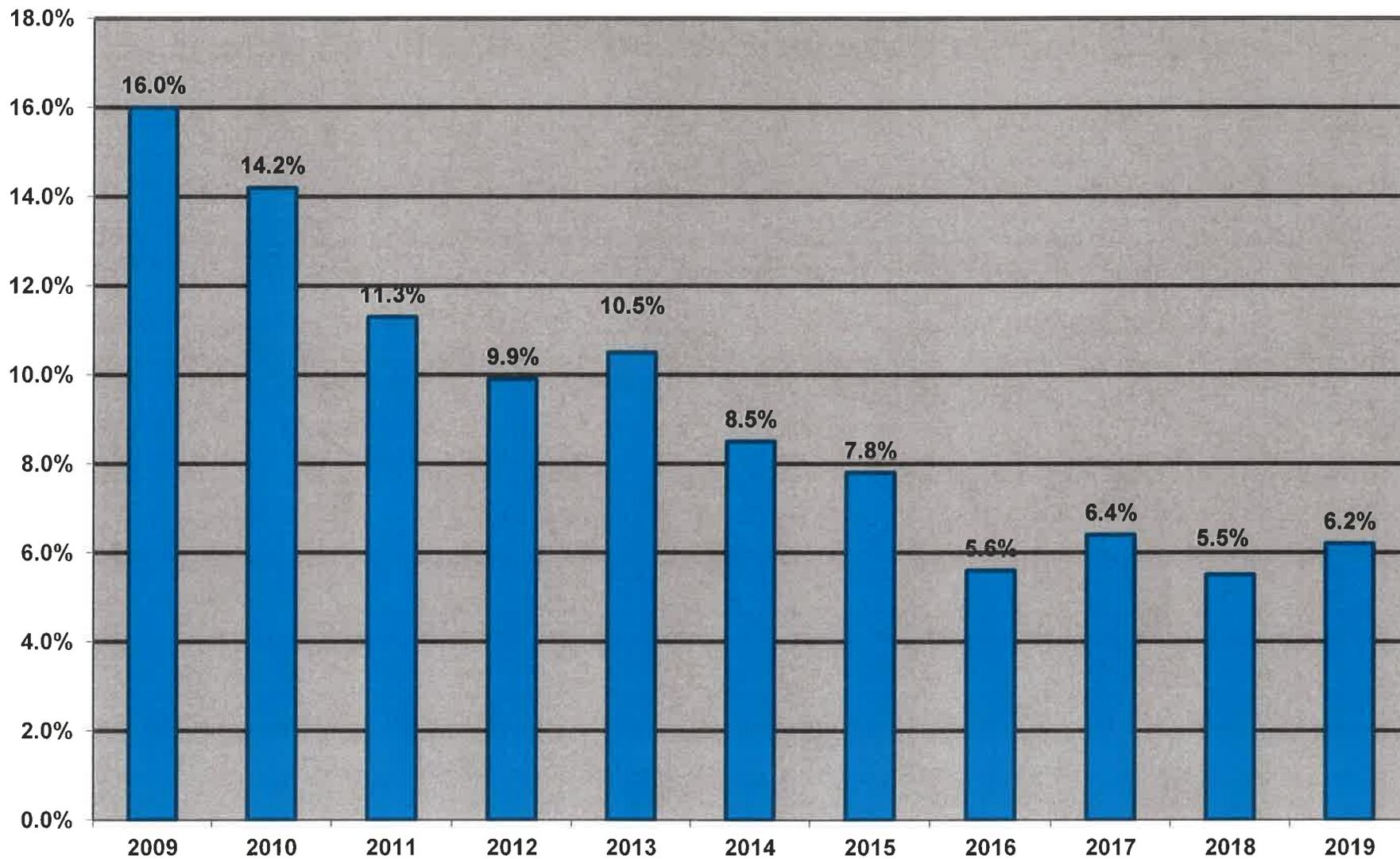


Public School Enrollment

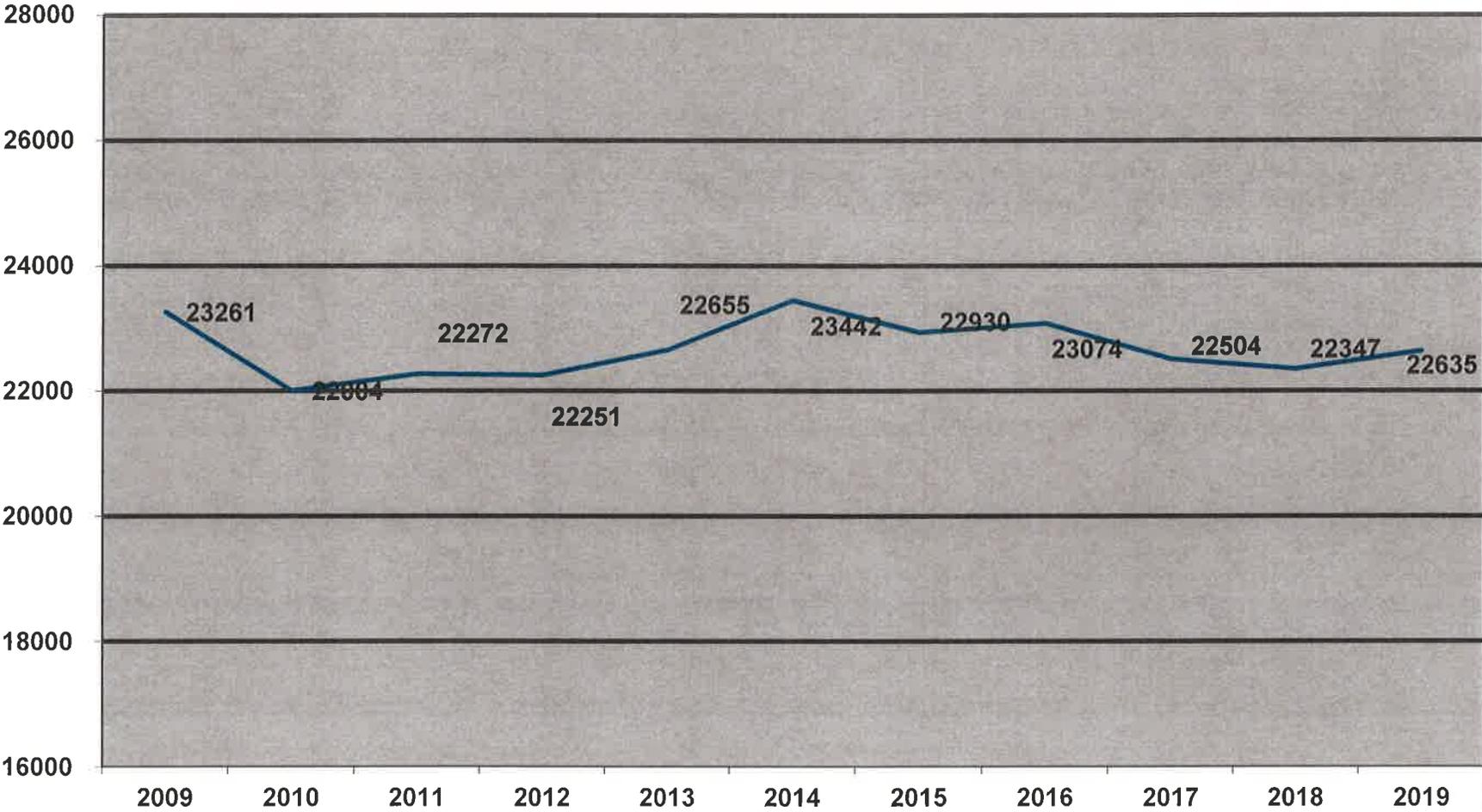


ECONOMY

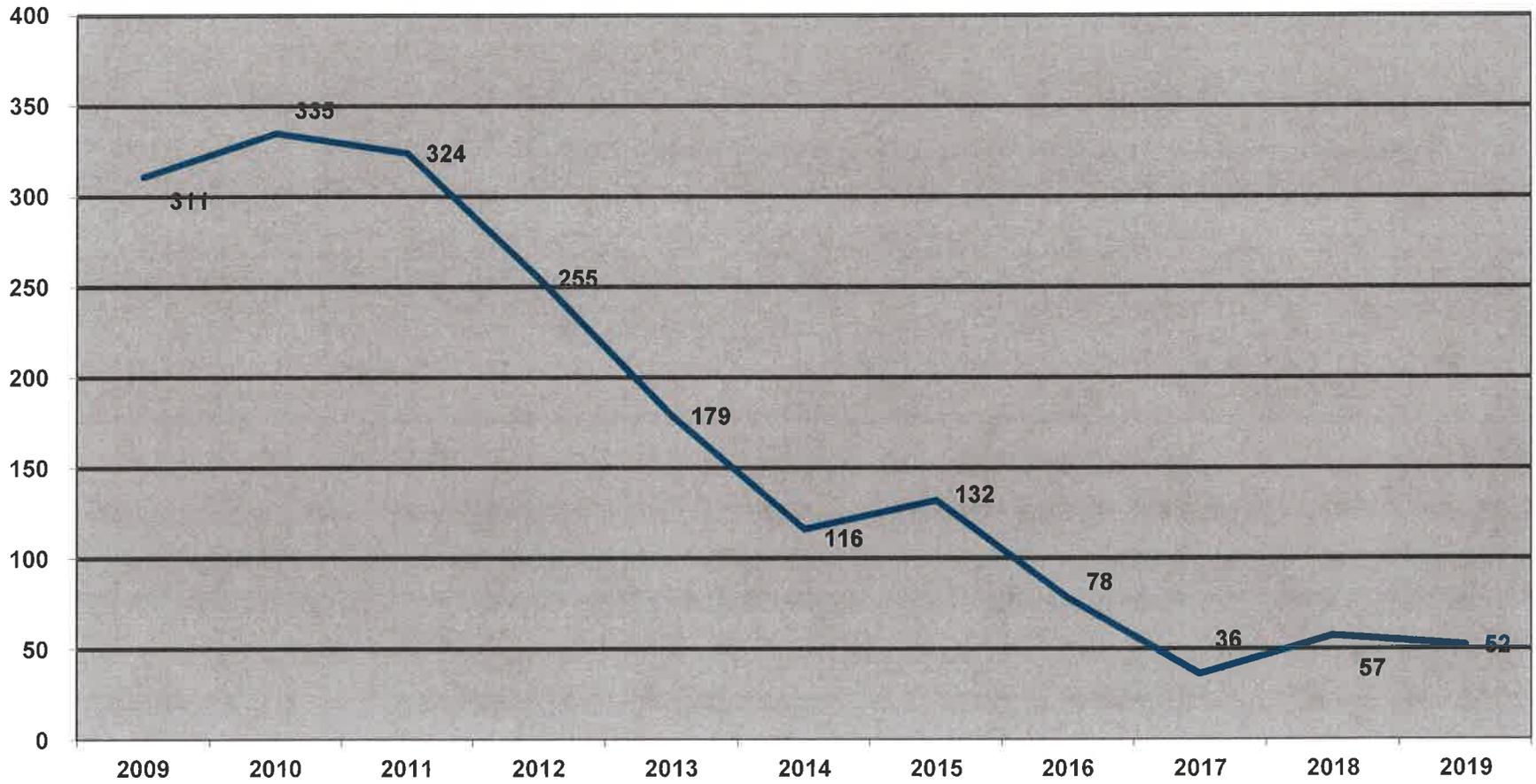
County Unemployment Rates



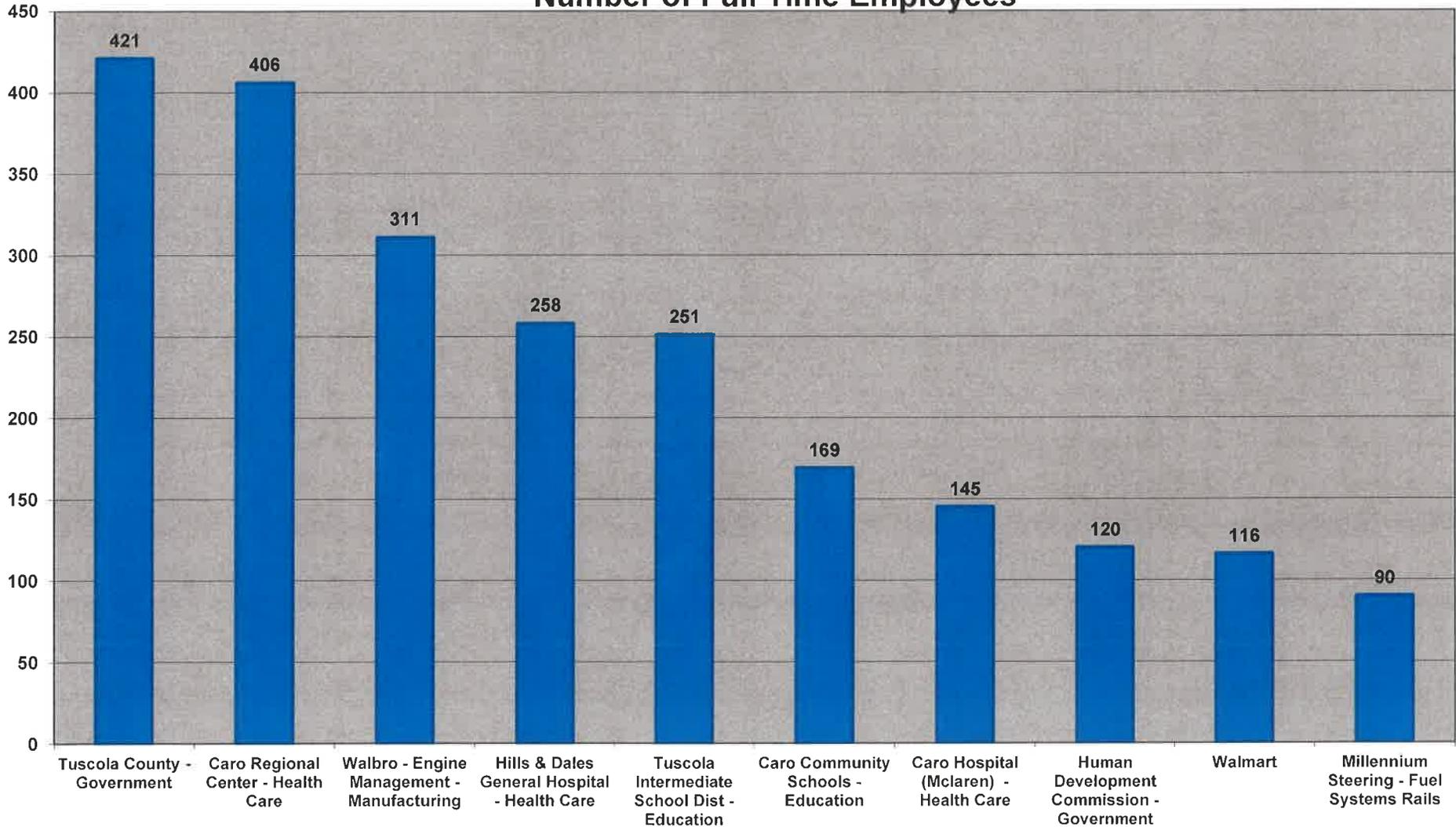
Number of Tuscola Residents Employed



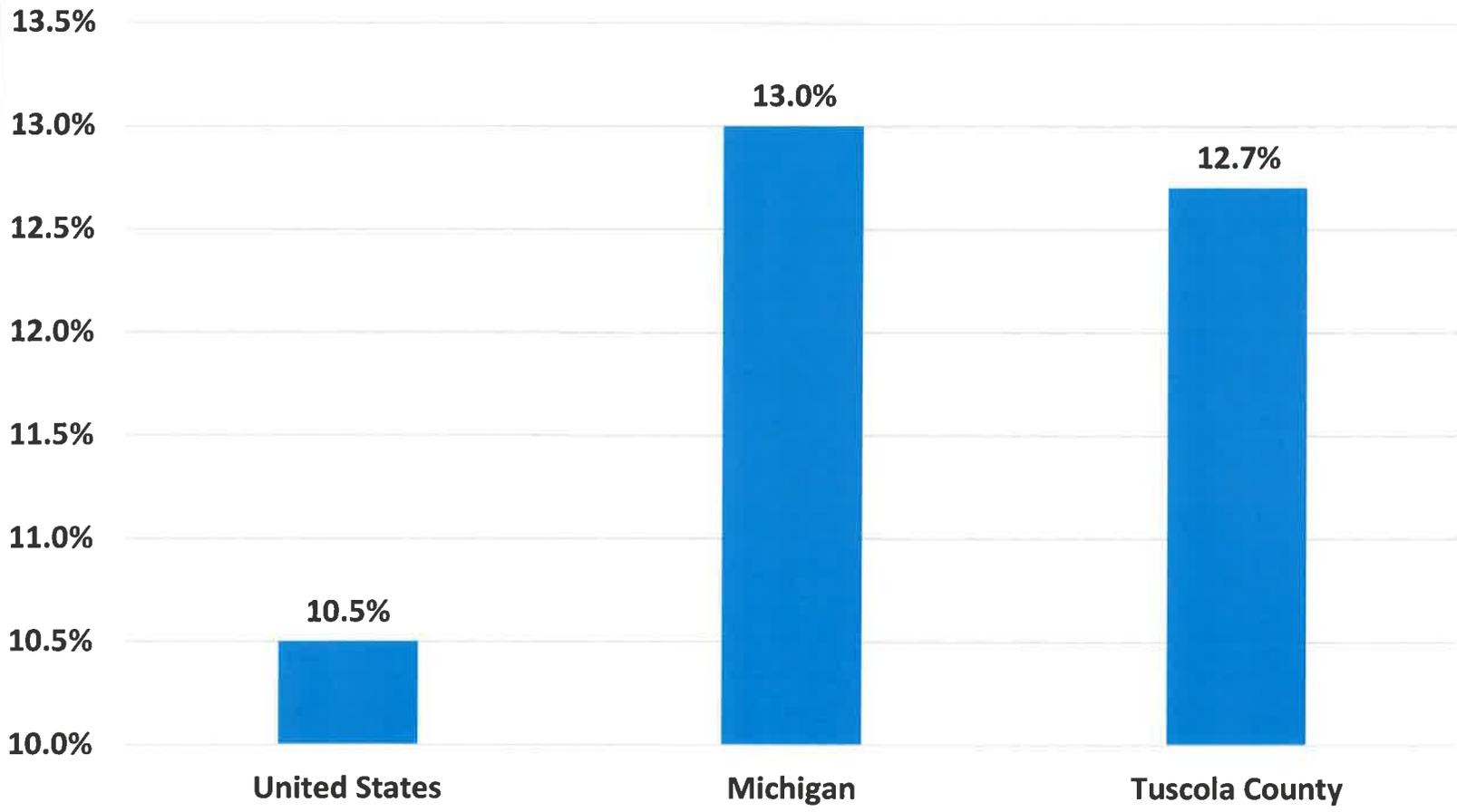
Tuscola County Property Foreclosures



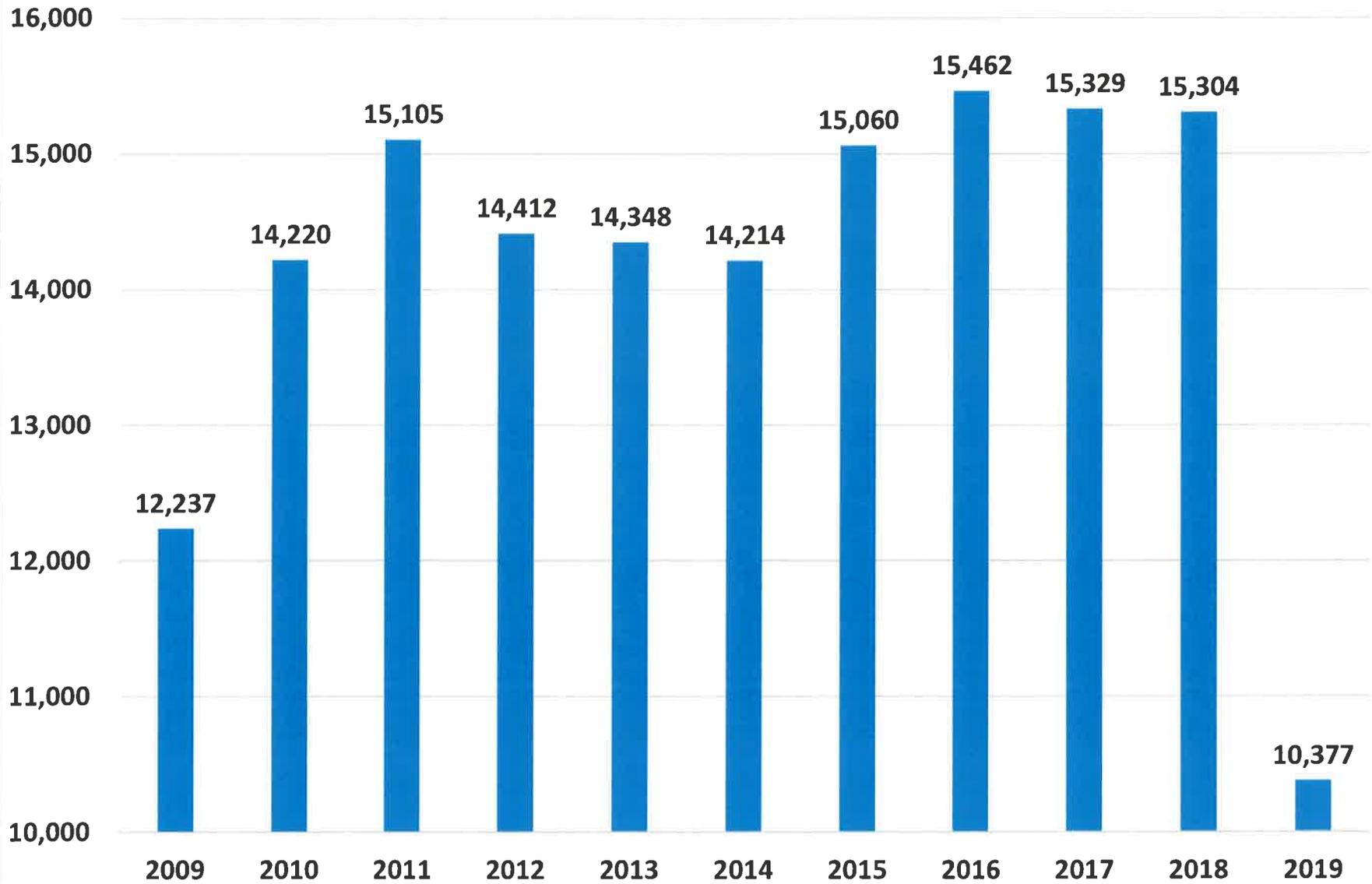
2019 Tuscola County Principal Employers Number of Full Time Employees



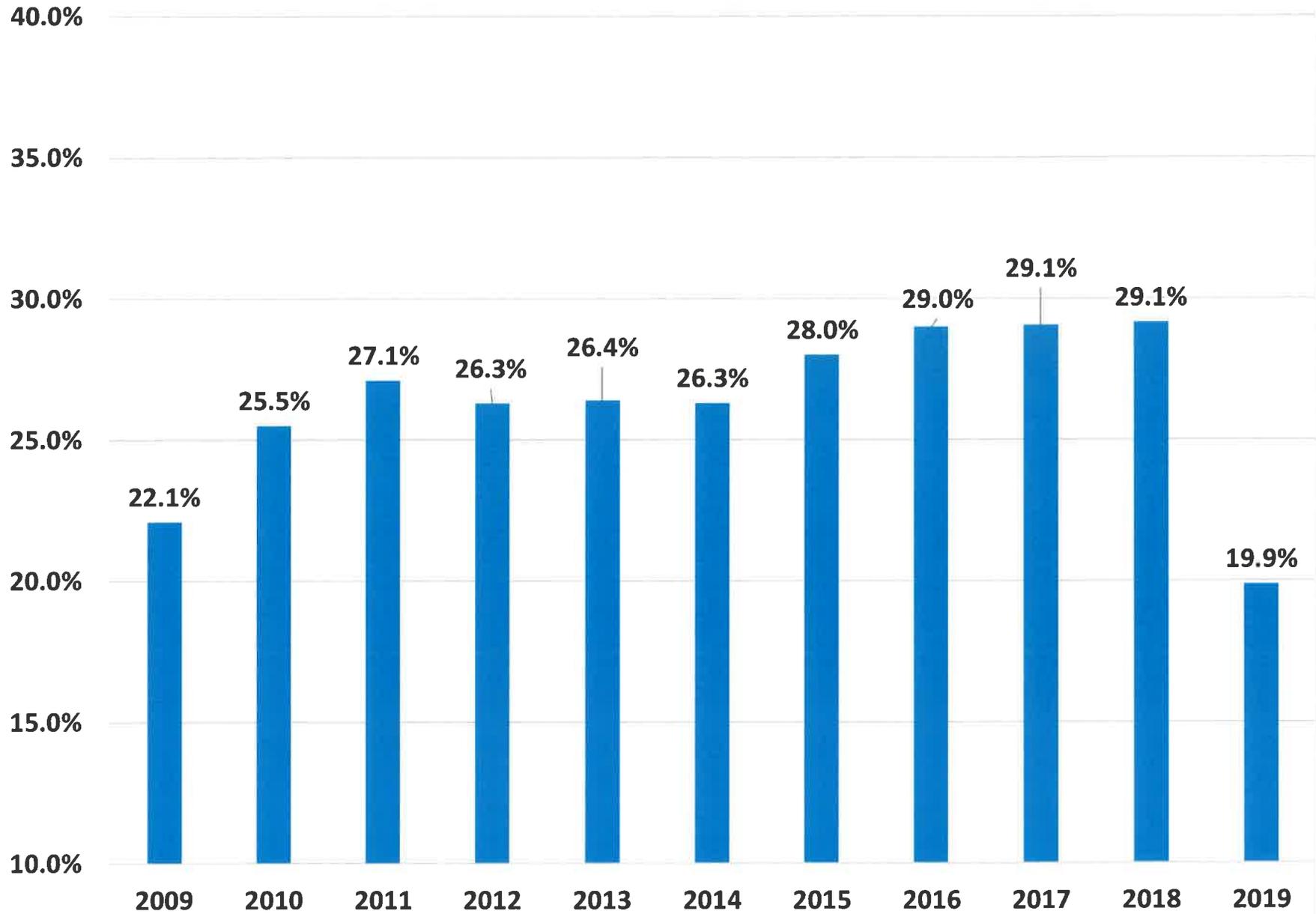
Percent of Persons in Poverty



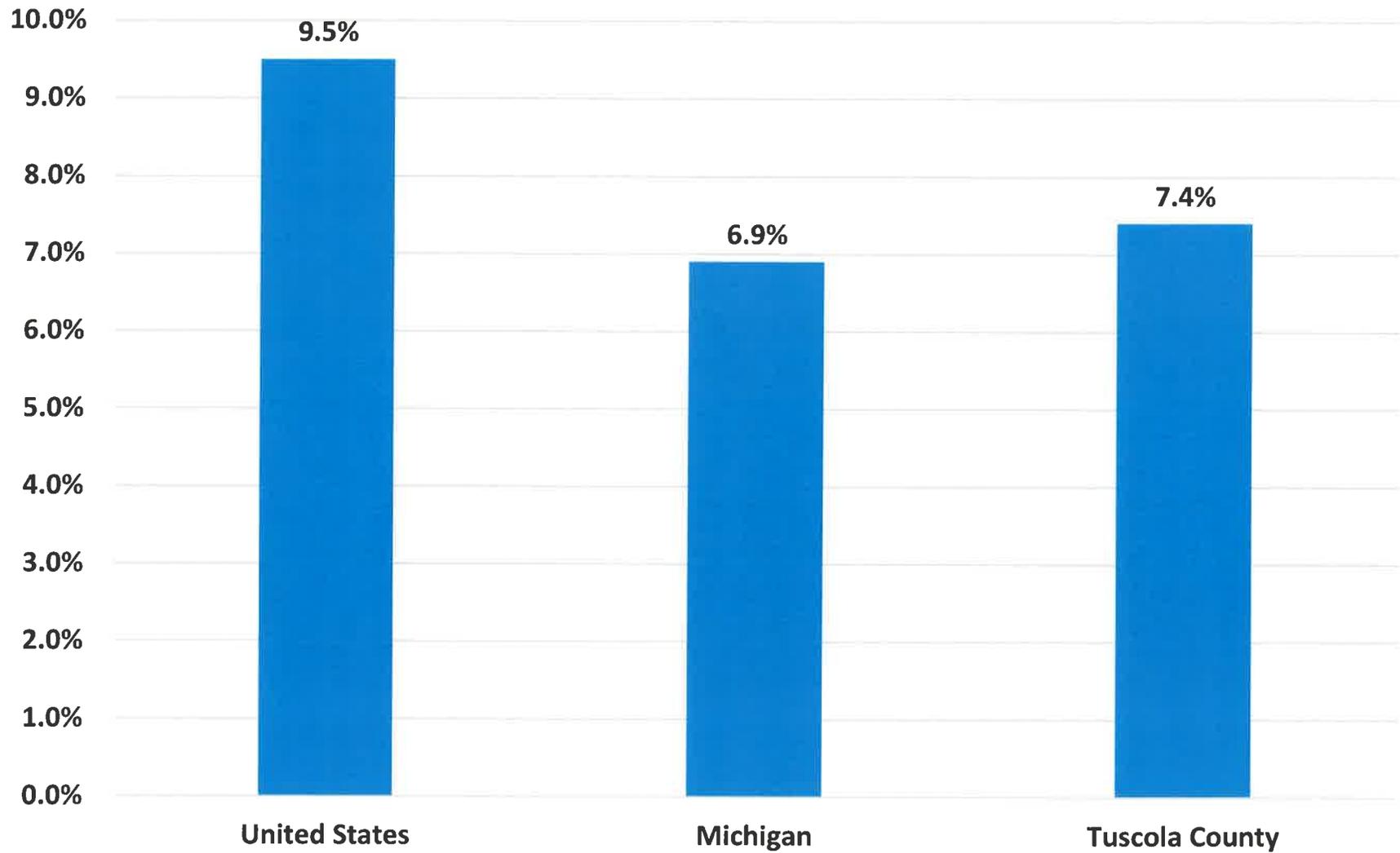
Number of People Receiving Public Assistance in Tuscola County



Percent of People Receiving Public Assistance in Tuscola County



Percent of People Without Health Insurance

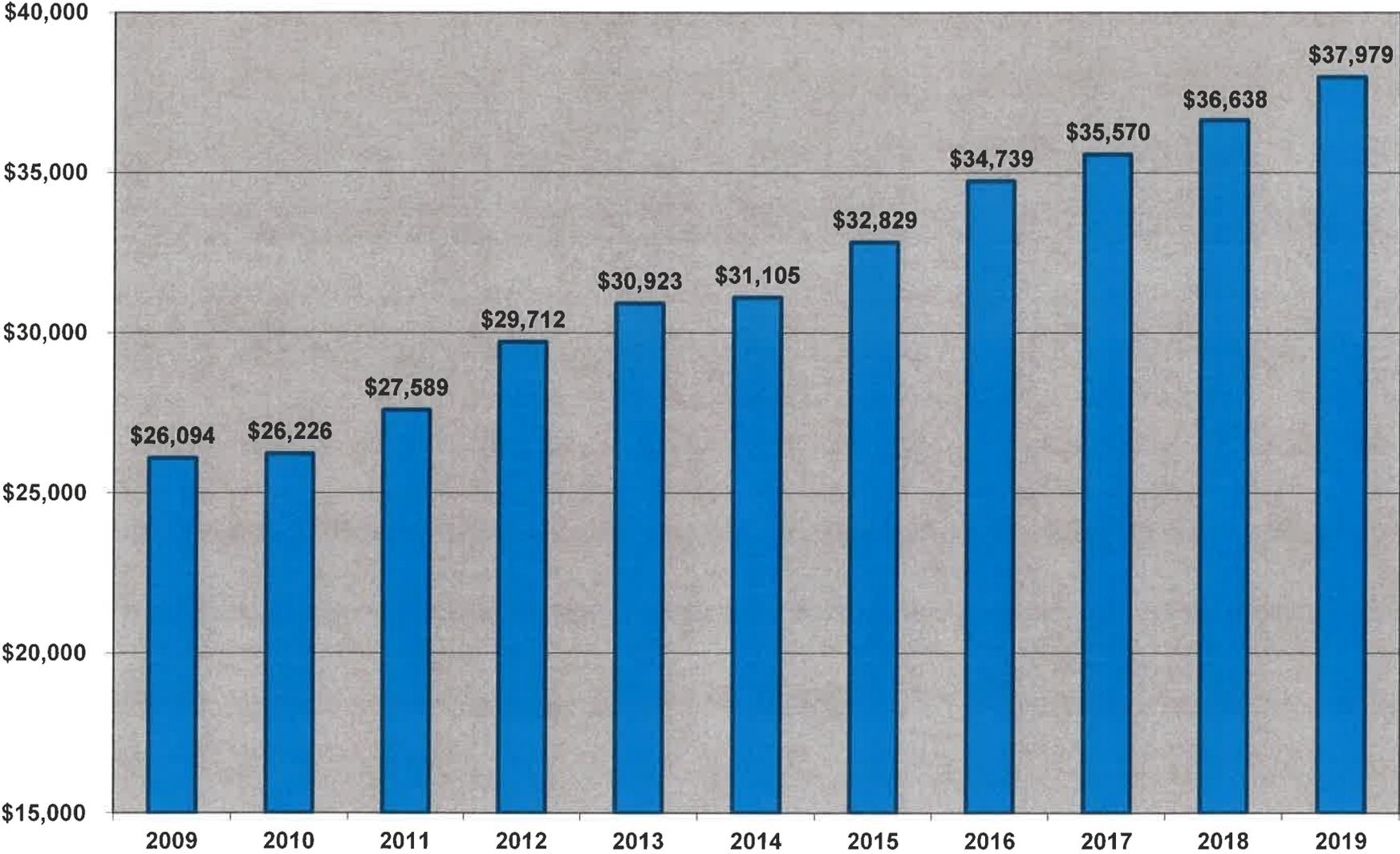


Income

Median Household Income - 2018

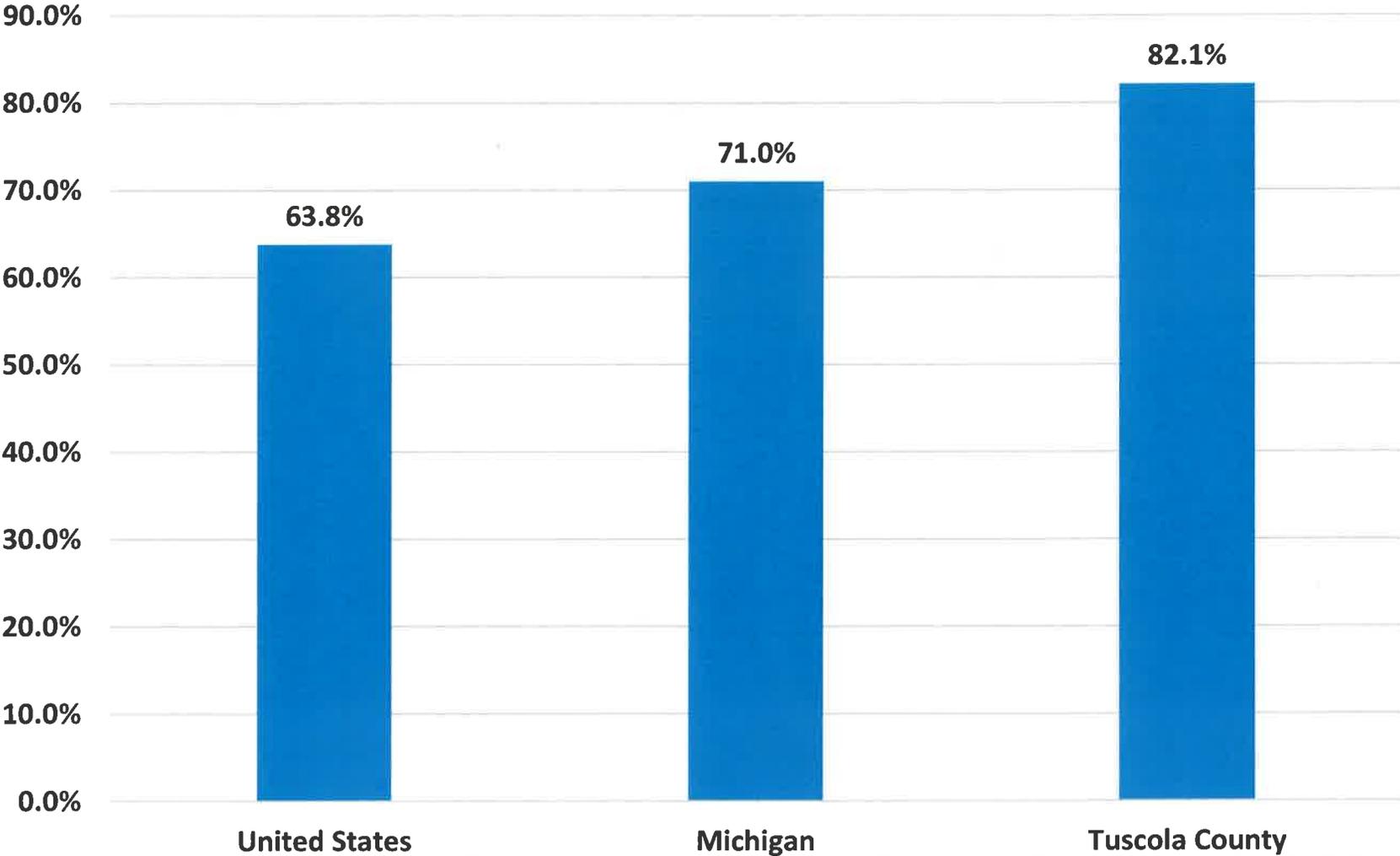


County Per Capita Personal Income

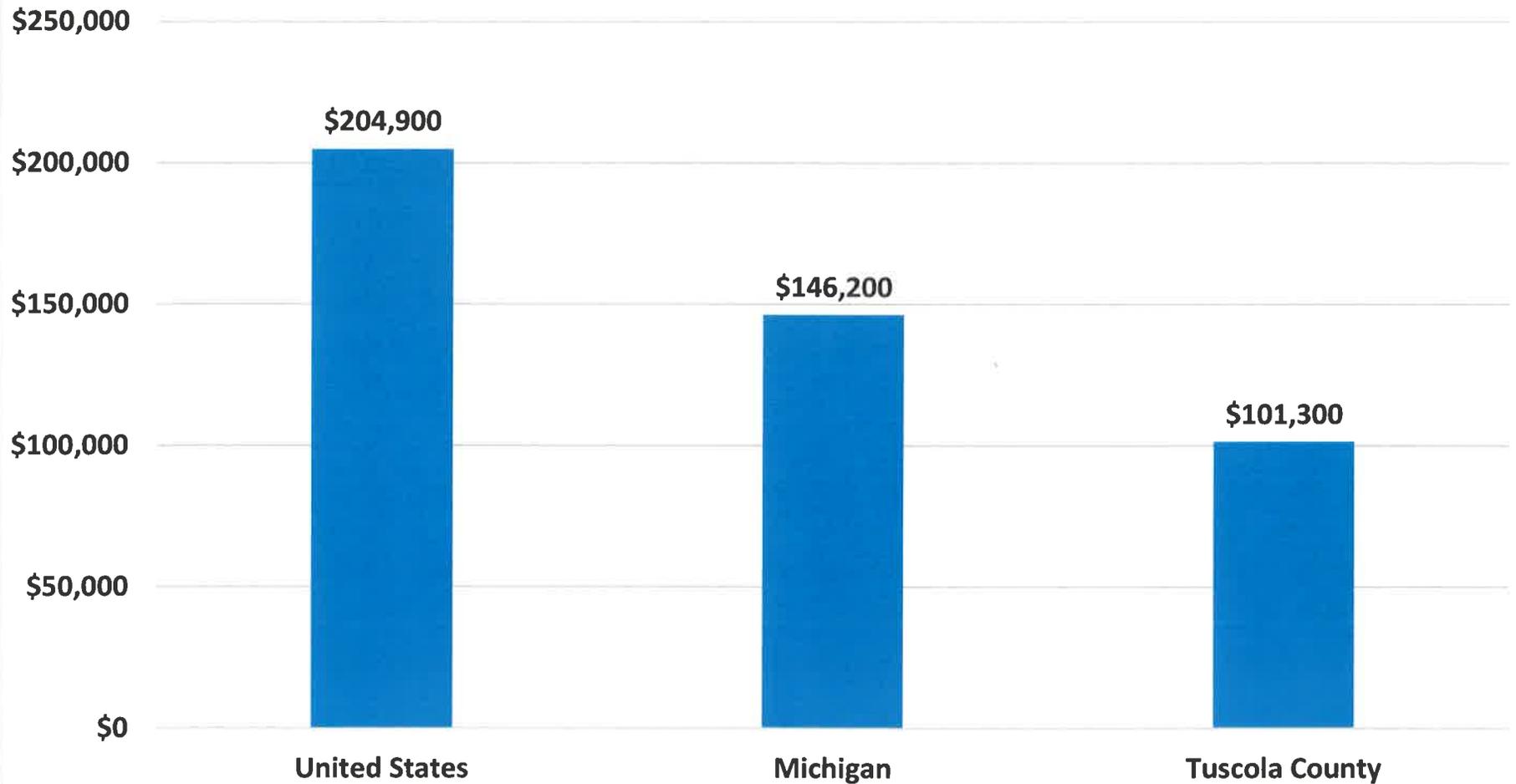


HOUSING

Owner Occupied Housing units - 2018



Median Value Owner Occupied Housing Units - 2018



EDUCATION

High School Graduate or Higher - 2018

95.0%

90.0%

85.0%

80.0%

75.0%

70.0%

87.7%

90.5%

89.3%

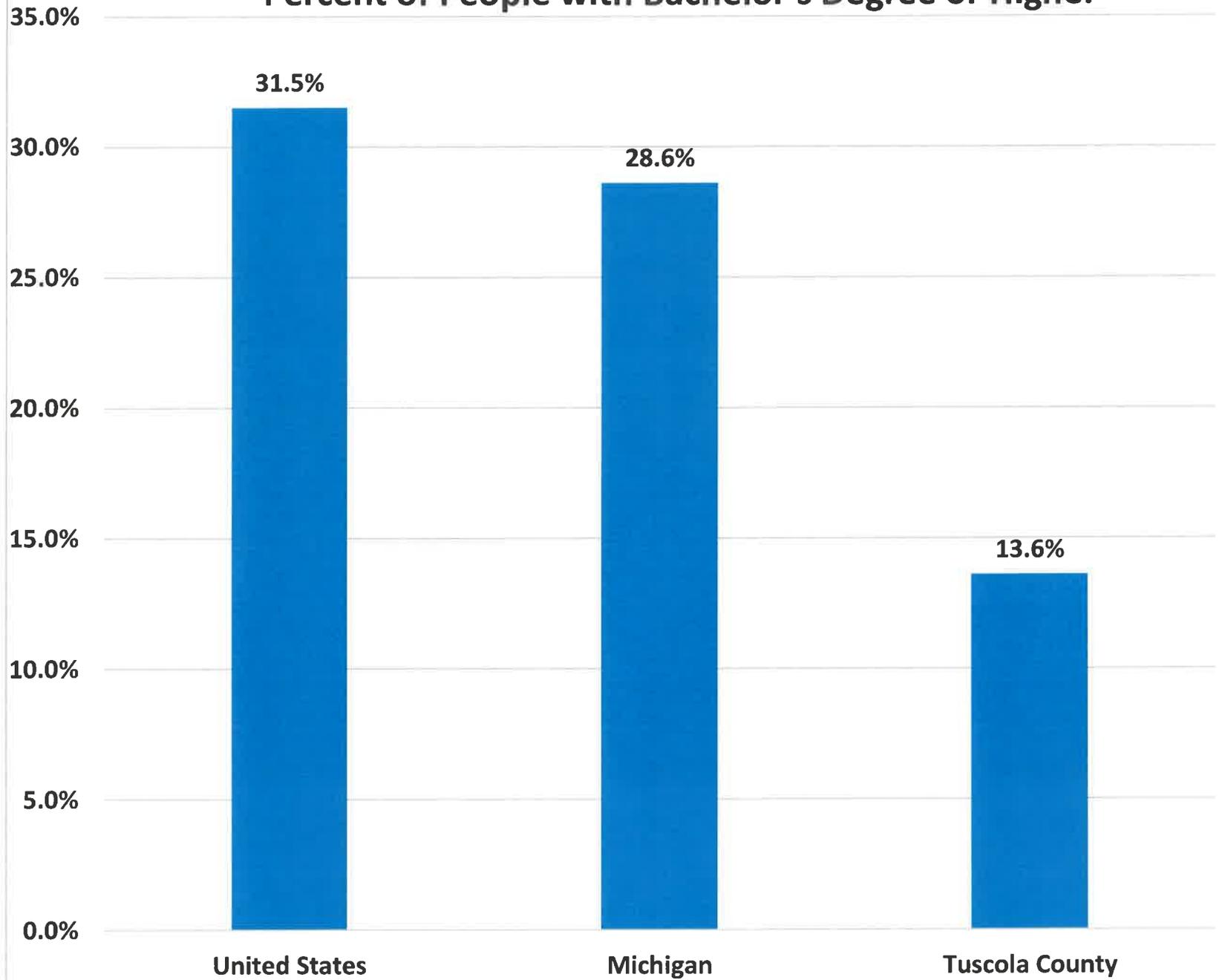
United States

Michigan

Tuscola County

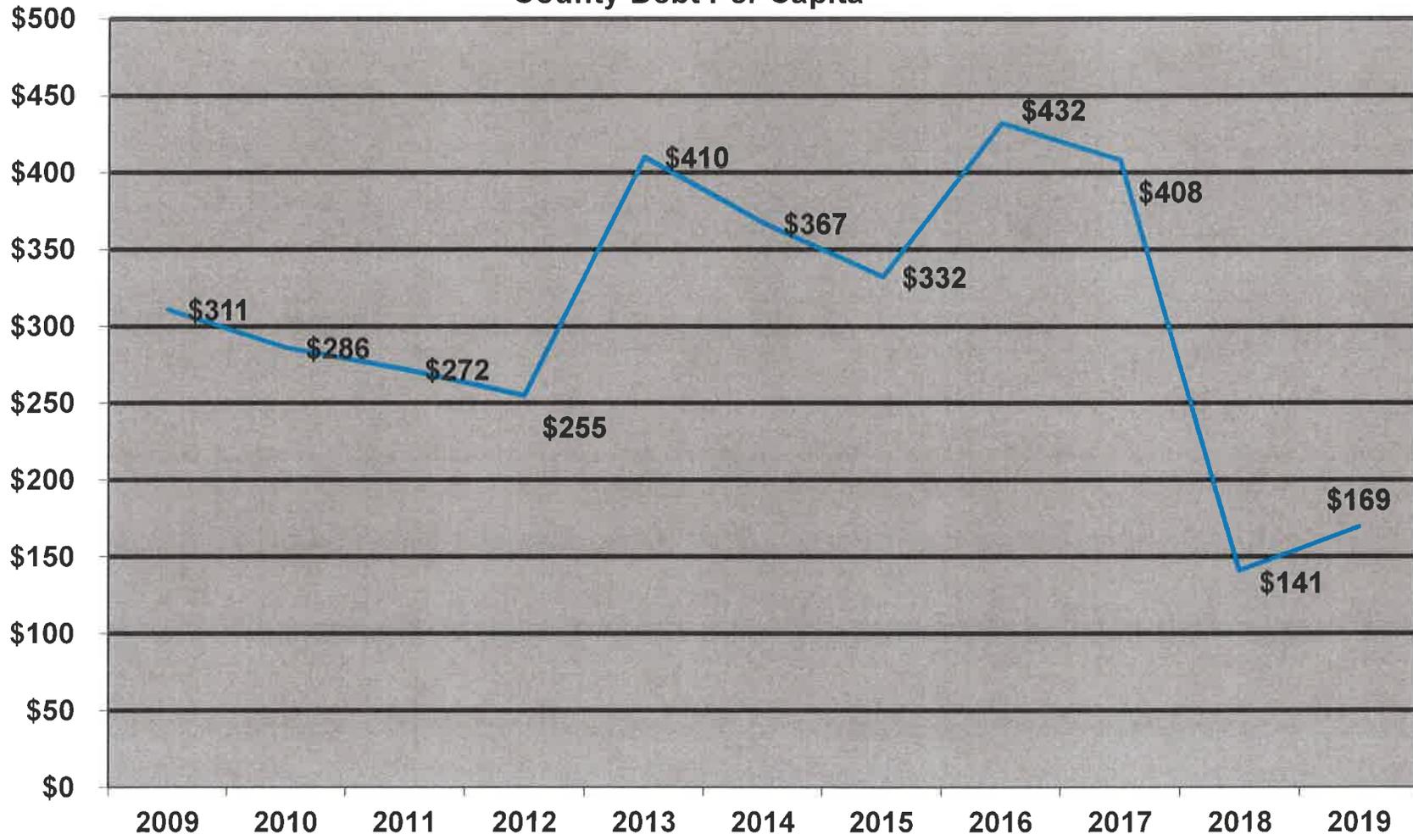


Percent of People with Bachelor's Degree or Higher

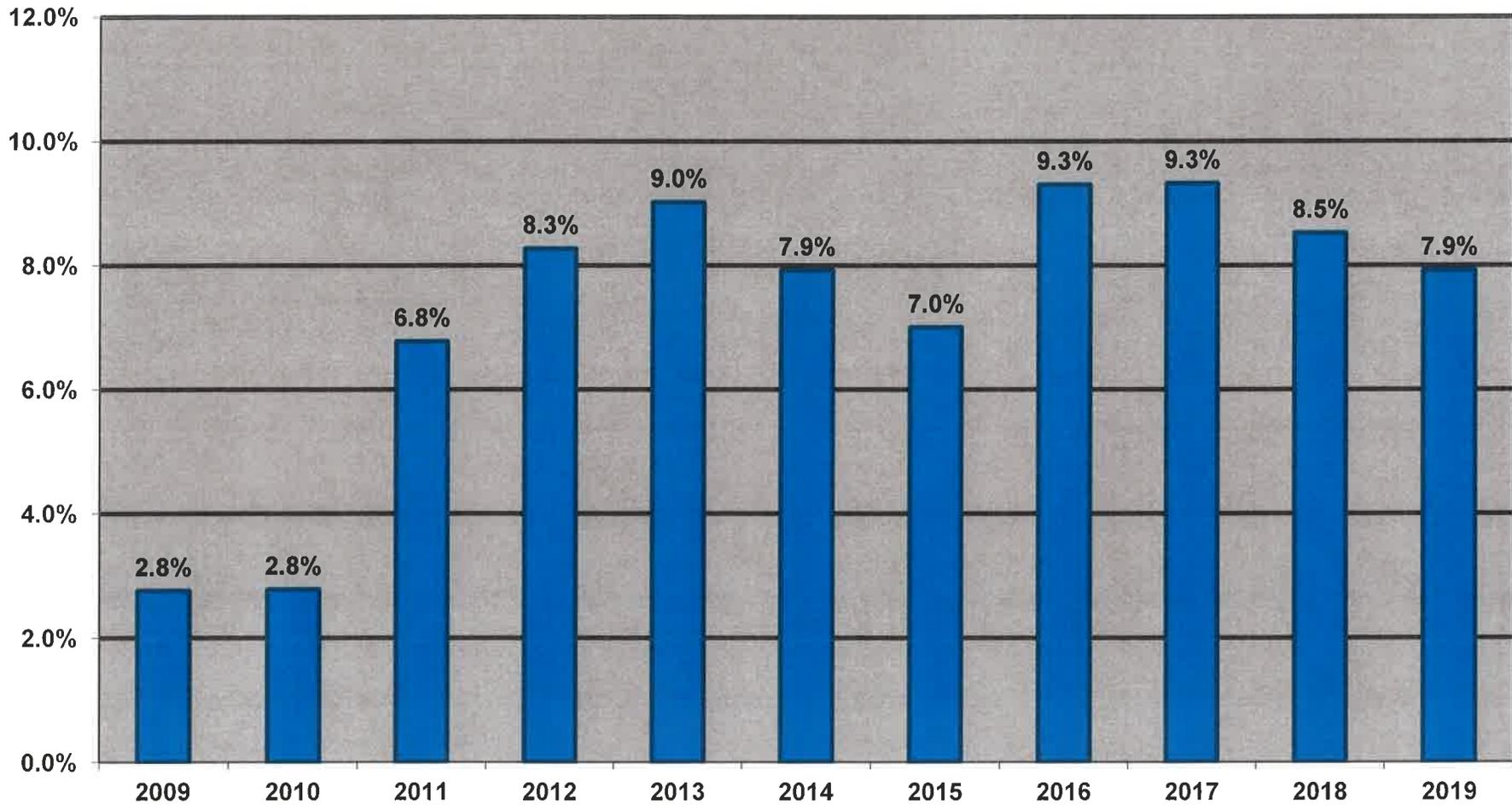


TUSCOLA COUNTY
GOVERNMENT

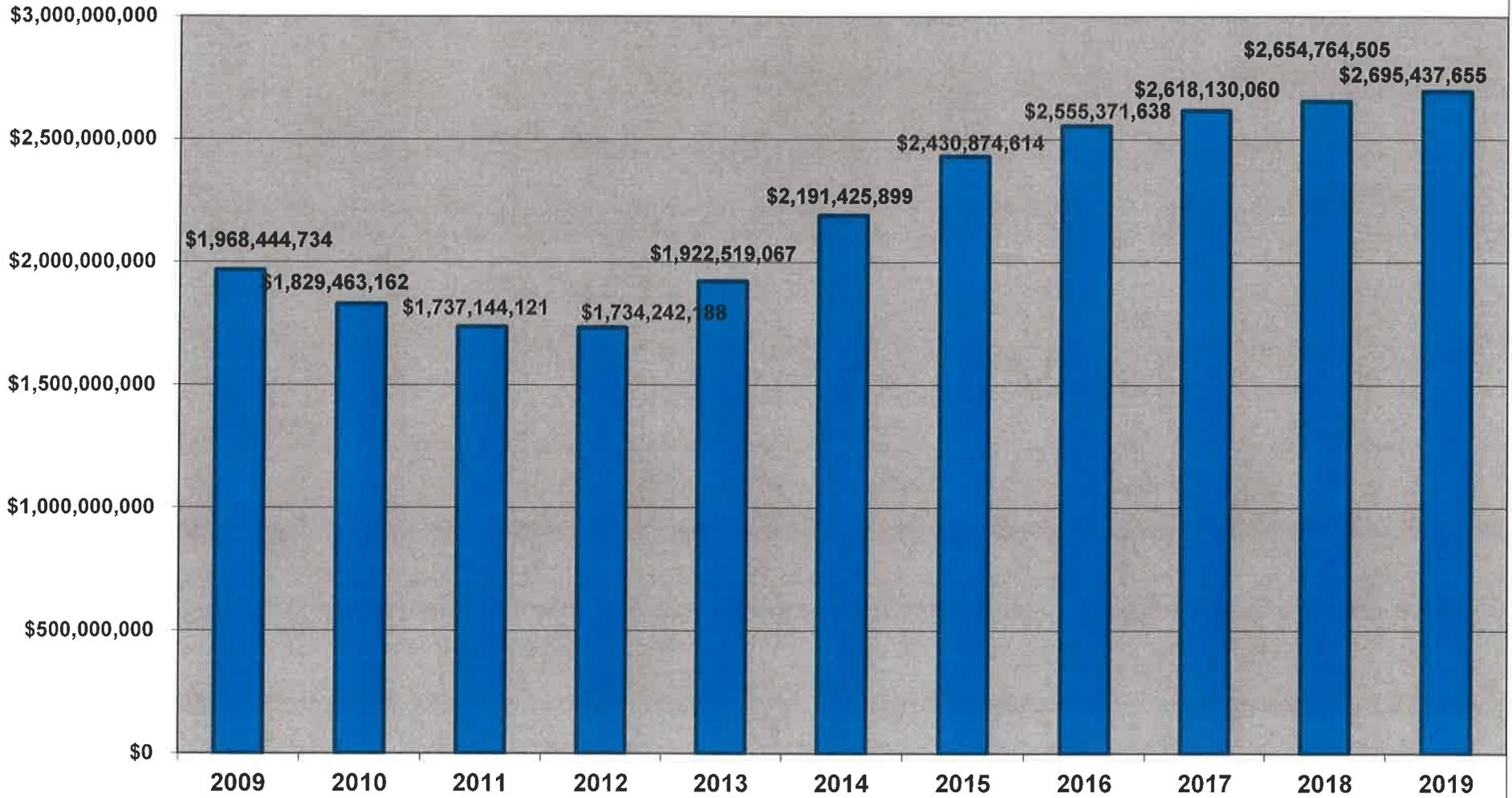
County Debt Per Capita



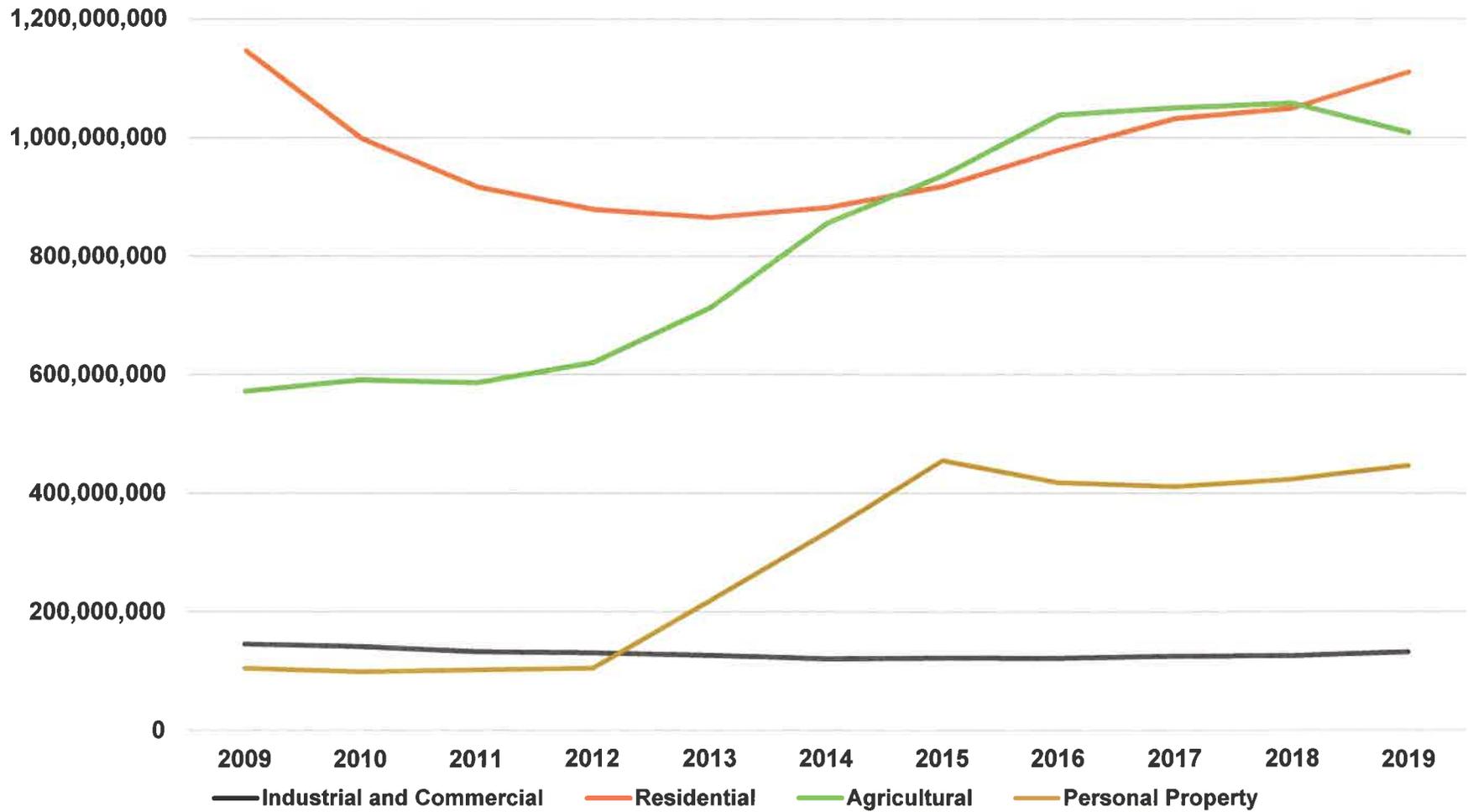
Actual Debt as a Percent of Total Allowed Debt



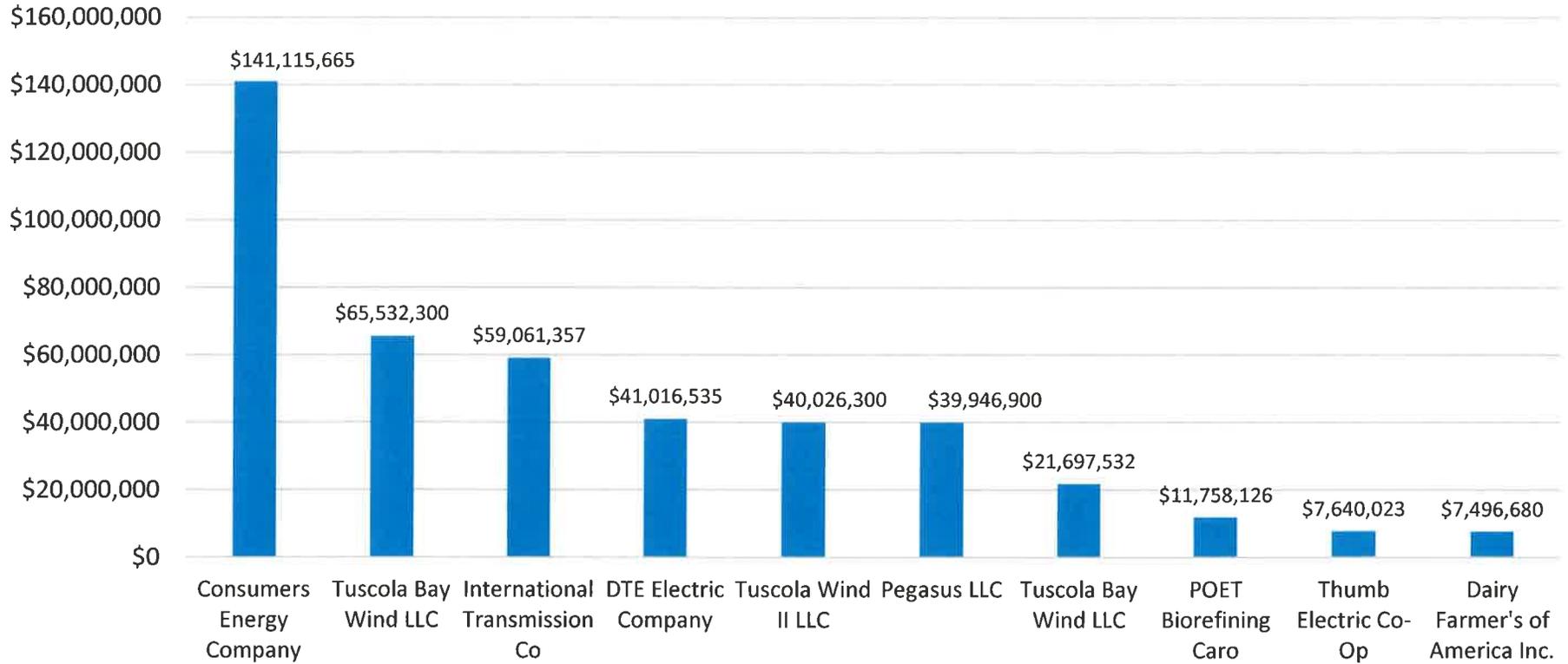
County Assessed Value



Assessed Value by Property Classification

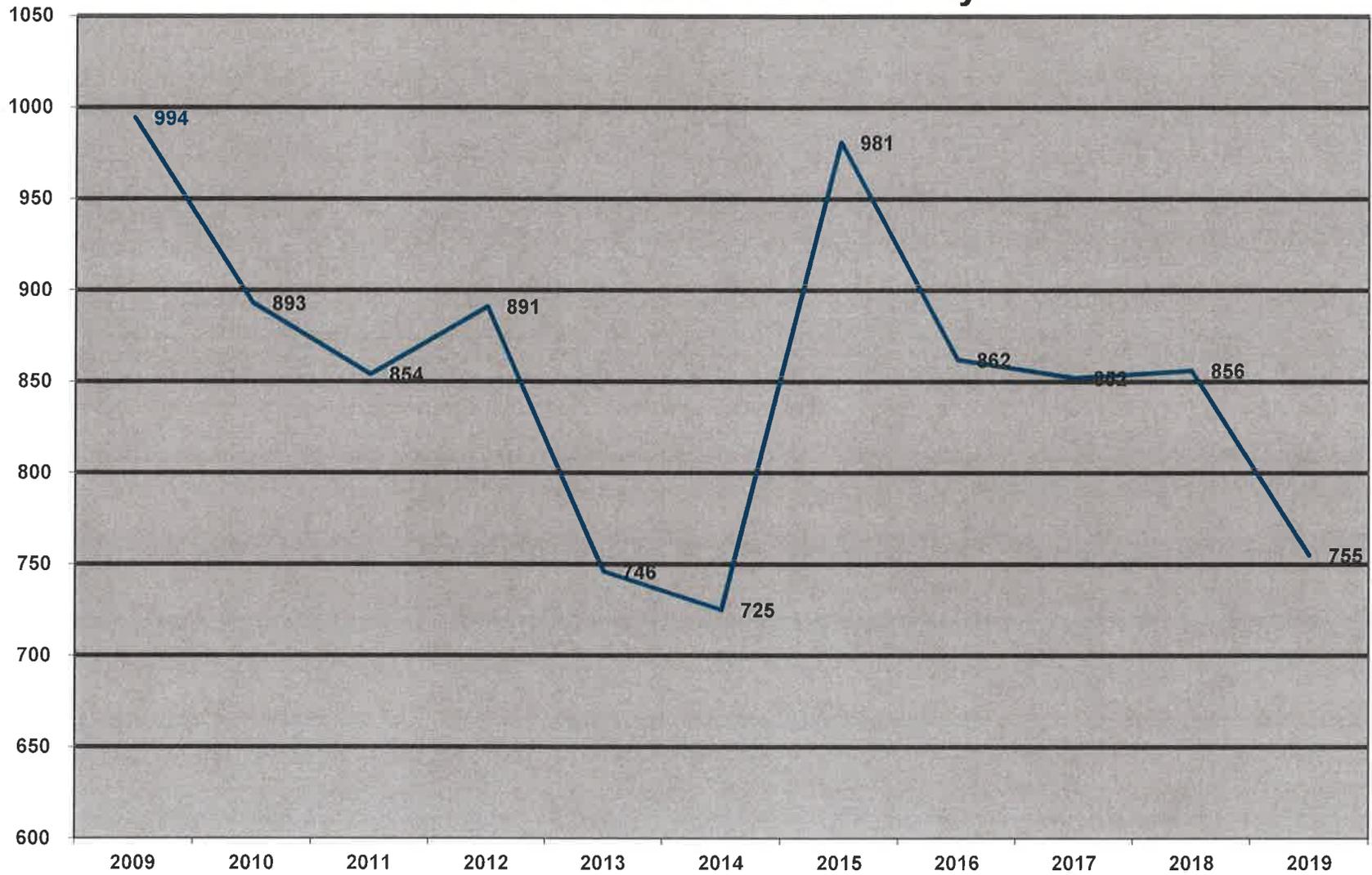


Top Ten Taxpayers in Tuscola County (Taxable Value)

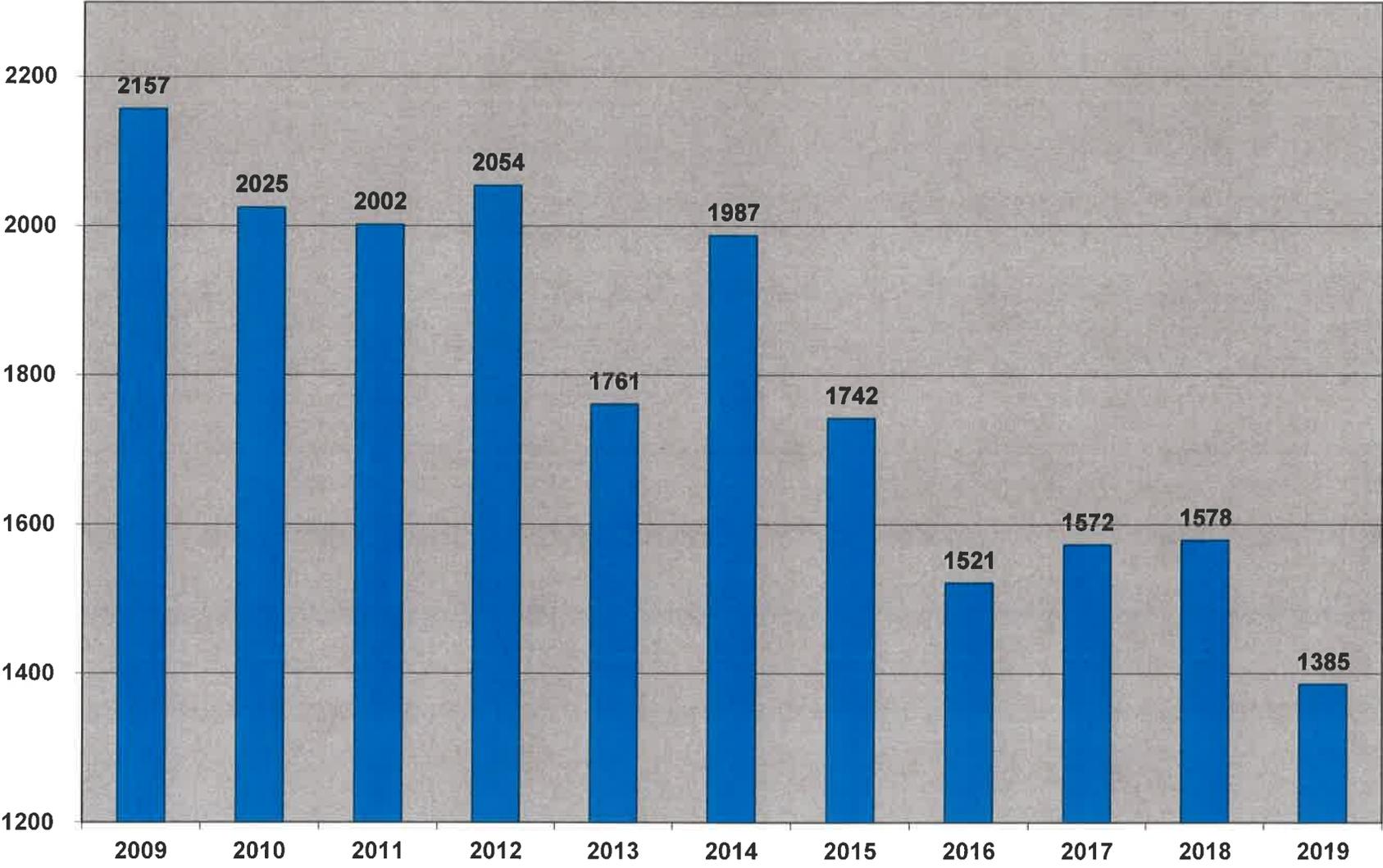


Current Year 2019			
Taxpayer	Taxable Value	Rank	Percentage of Total Taxable
Consumers Energy Company	\$ 141,115,665.00	1	7.58%
Tuscola Bay Wind LLC	65,532,300.00	2	3.52%
International Transmission Co.	59,061,357.00	3	3.17%
DTE Electric Company	41,016,535.00	5	2.20%
Tuscola Wind II LLC	40,026,300.00	4	2.15%
Pegasus LLC	39,946,900.00	6	2.14%
Tuscola Bay Wind LLC	21,697,532.00	7	1.16%
POET-Biorefining - Caro	11,758,126.00	8	0.63%
Thumb Electric Co-Op	7,640,023.00	9	0.41%
Dairy Farmer's of America Inc.	7,496,680.00	10	0.40%
Totals	\$ 435,291,418.00		23.36%
9 Years ago 2010			
Detroit Edison Company	\$ 29,019,649.00	1	2.02%
POET-Biorefining - Caro	14,853,539.00	2	1.03%
Dept. of Natural Resources	9,288,747.00	3	0.65%
Wal-Mart Stores #01-1798	6,174,494.00	4	0.43%
Consumers Energy Company	5,787,883.00	5	0.40%
Thumb Electric Co-Op	5,498,610.00	6	0.38%
Michigan Sugar Co.	4,126,134.00	7	0.29%
International Transmission Co.	3,812,484.00	8	0.27%
TI Group Automotive Services	3,138,631.00	9	0.22%
Millenium Industries Inc.	3,007,200.00	10	0.21%
Totals	\$ 84,707,371.00		5.90%

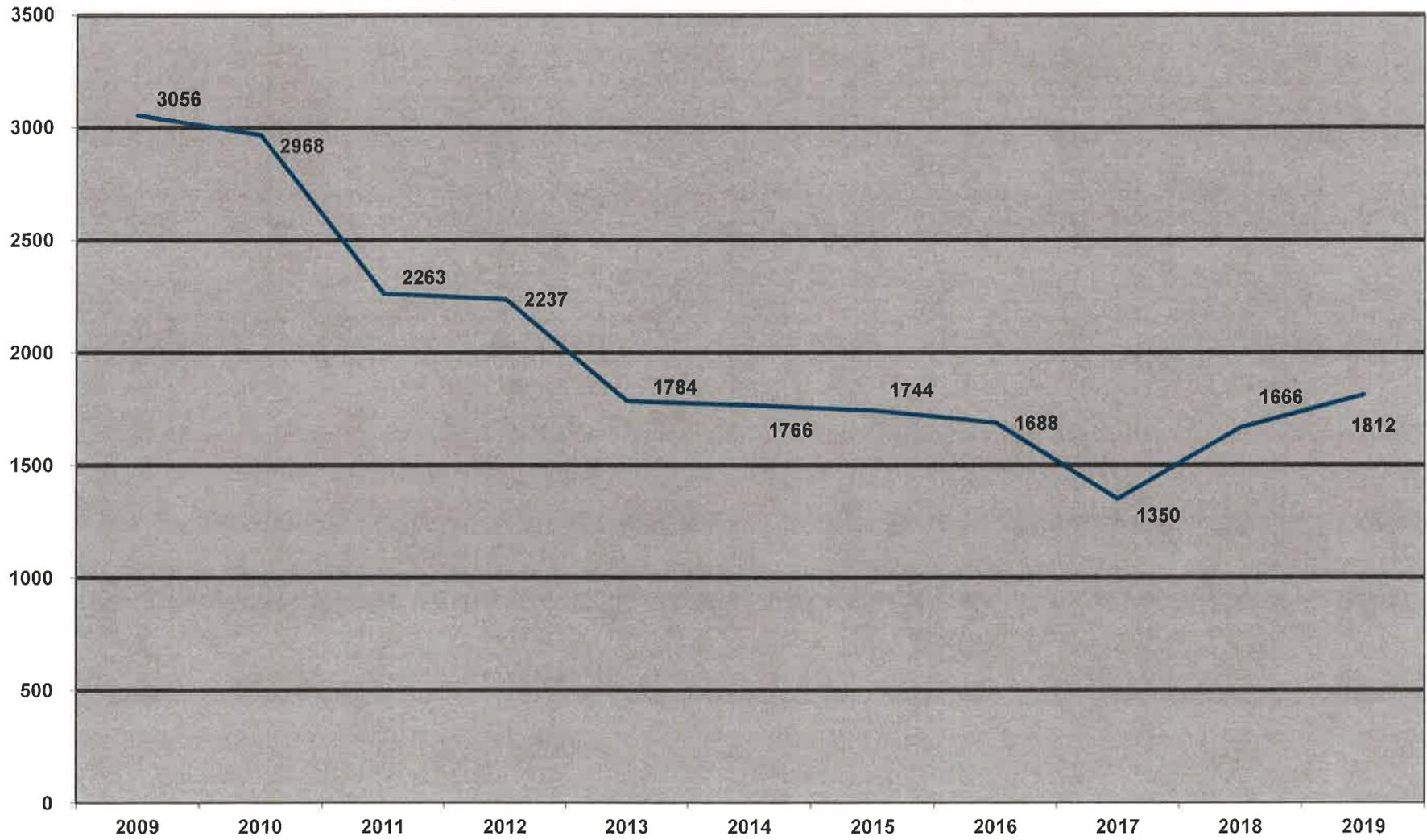
Sheriff Arrests in the County



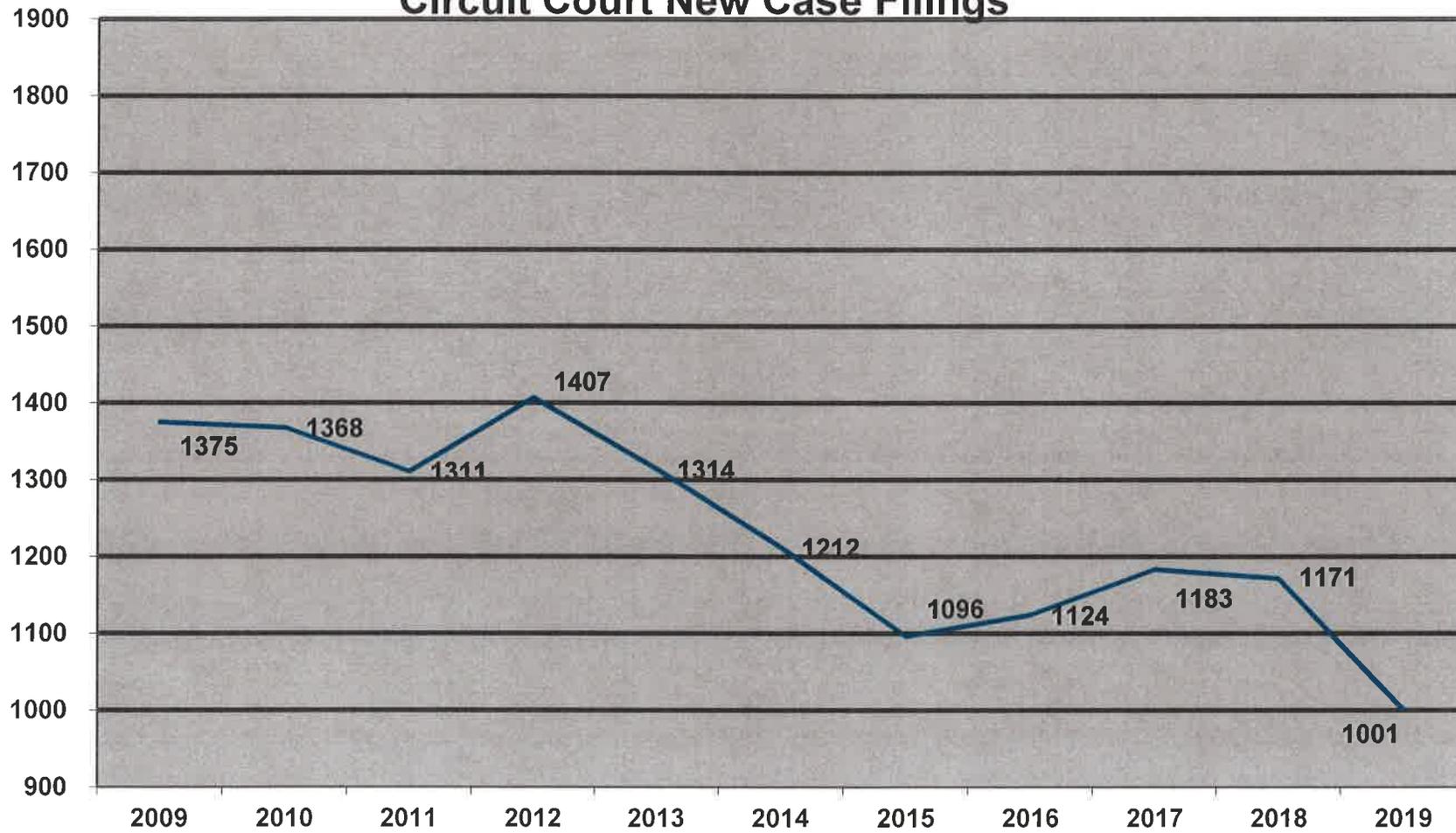
Jailed Offenders



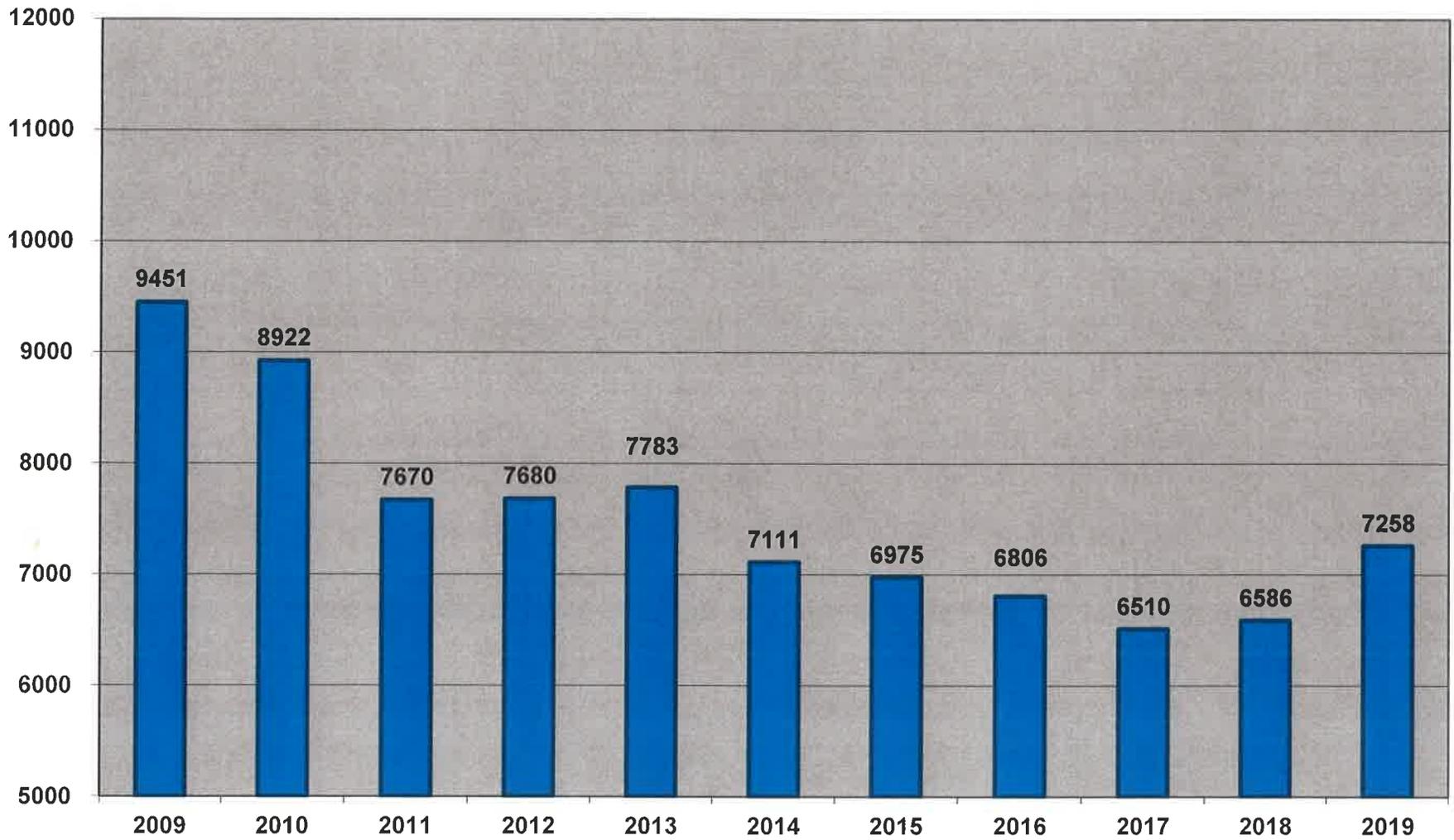
Traffic Violations and Other Summons Issued



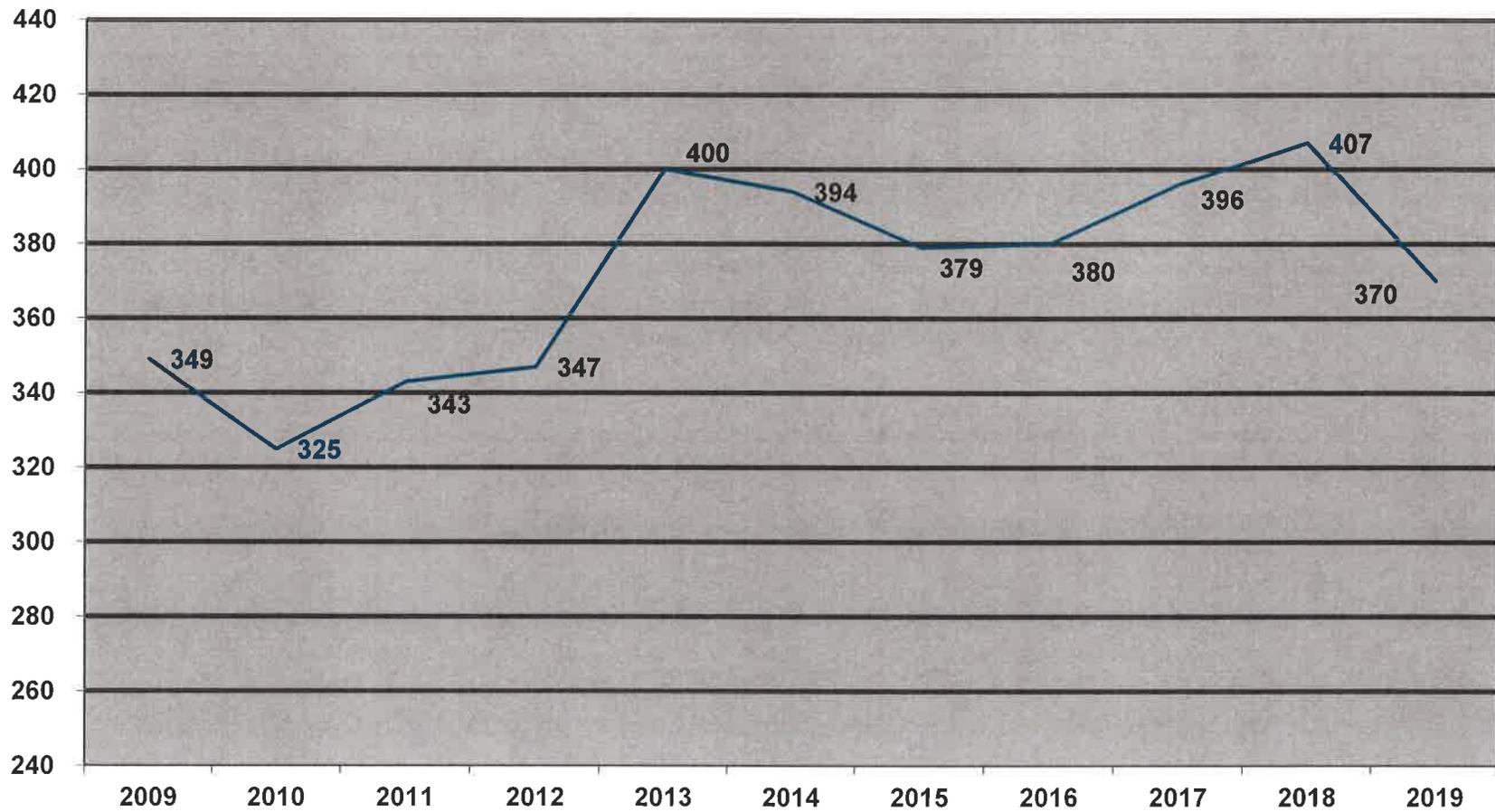
Circuit Court New Case Filings



District Court New Case Filings



Probate Court New Case Filings



Tuscola County Socio/Economic Comparisons to Huron and Sanilac Counties

	Sanilac	Huron	Tuscola
Total 2019 Population	41,170	30,981	52,245
Estimated population change 2010-2019	-4.5%	-6.5%	6.2%
Person 65 and older - 2019	22.1%	25.9%	20.8%
Percent of population white - 2019	97.1%	97.3%	96.5%
Owner occupied housing units - 2018	79.8%	81.1%	82.0%
Median value owner occupied housing units - 2018	\$106,400	\$97,300	\$101,300
Median monthly owner costs with a montgage - 2018	\$1,016	\$975	\$1,061
Medium gross rent - 2018	\$655	\$607	\$686
High school graduate or higher - 2018	87.9%	88.9%	89.3%
Bachelor's degree or higher - 2018	14.2%	15.5%	13.6%
Percent of people without health insurance - under 65	8.0%	7.7%	7.4%
Median household income - 2018	\$45,277	\$46,320	\$47,694
Per capita income - 2018	\$24,835	\$27,130	\$24,968
Percent of persons in poverty	15.9%	12.6%	12.7%