



# Municipal Finance Reform

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Anthony Minghine joined the League in 2006 to have an opportunity to focus on the broader policy issues surrounding local government. He is a regular speaker on a variety of topics affecting local government, and plays a key role in training local officials. He is a tireless advocate for local government, and frequently testifies to the state legislature on matters relating to local government finance.



# CAPITAL CONFERENCE



Detroit  
International  
Riverfront





Northville  
Annual  
Sidewalk  
Sale

Northville  
Annual  
Sidewalk  
Sale

Northville  
Annual  
Sidewalk  
Sale

Chrysler Bank

NO  
PARKING  
LOADING  
ZONE







GRA

1747







An aerial photograph of a suburban residential neighborhood. The houses are arranged in a grid-like pattern with green lawns and trees. The text is overlaid in the center of the image.

# What happened to Michigan's Cities?

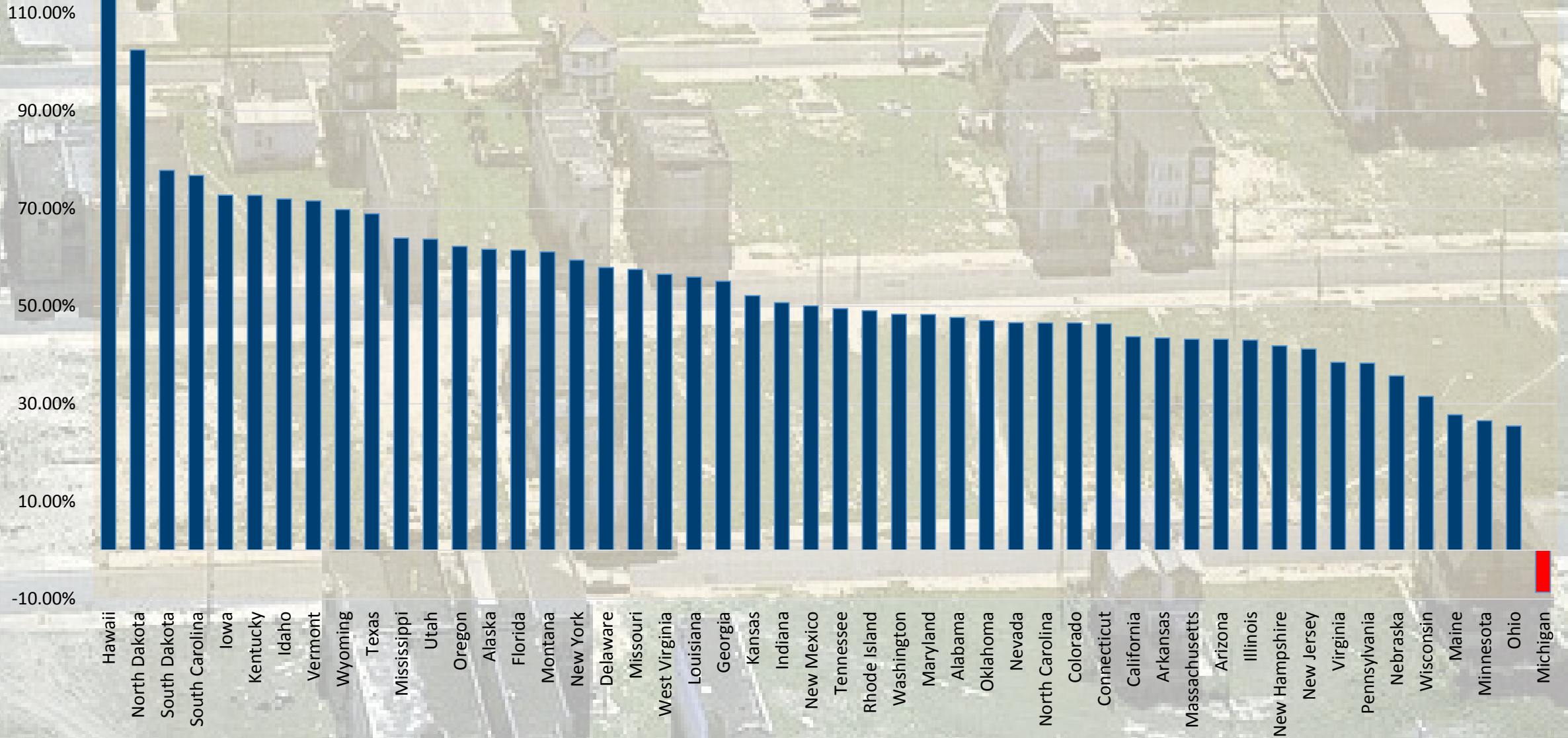


**The State of Michigan's  
broken finance model  
led to a systematic  
disinvestment in  
local government**



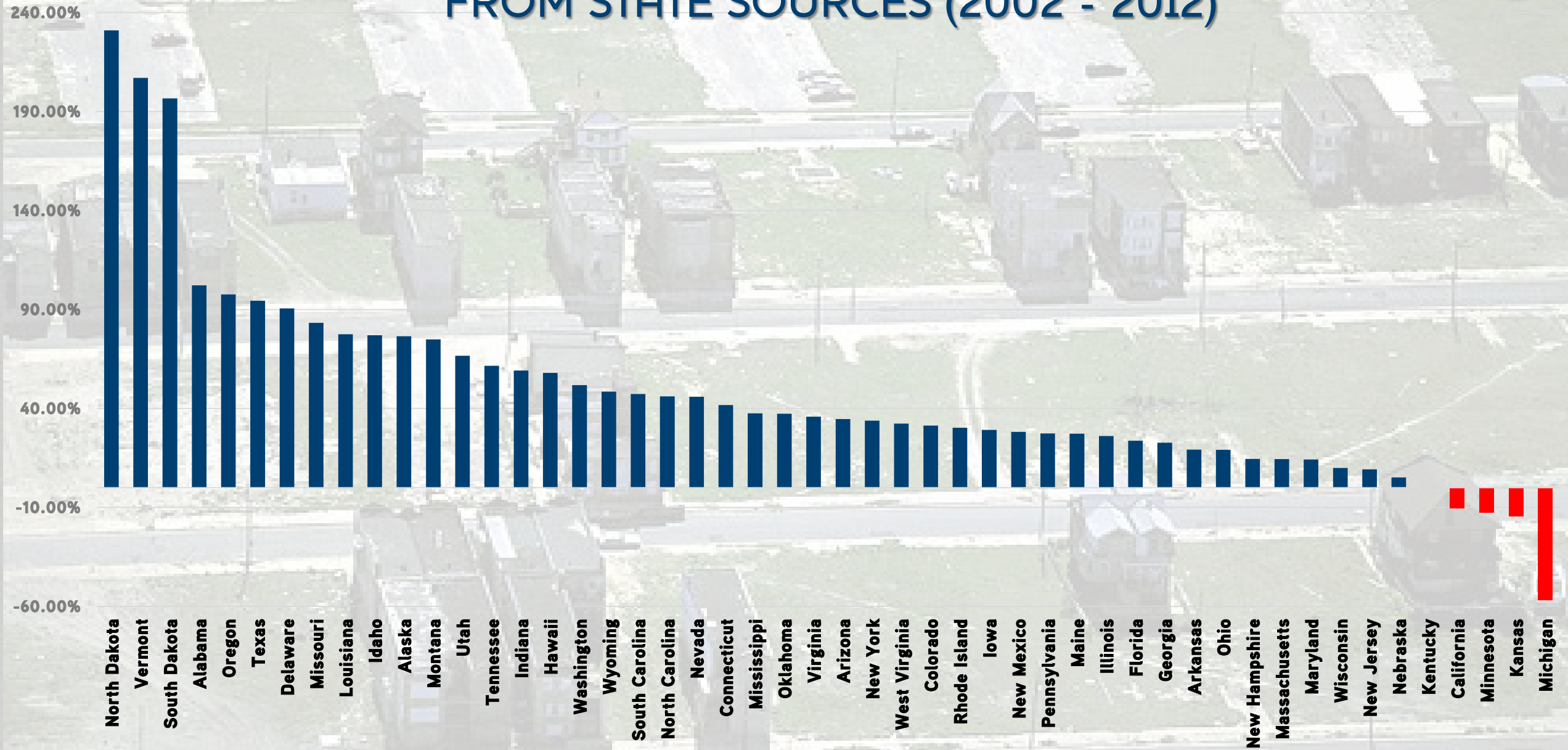


# GROWTH IN MUNICIPAL GENERAL REVENUE (2002 - 2012)



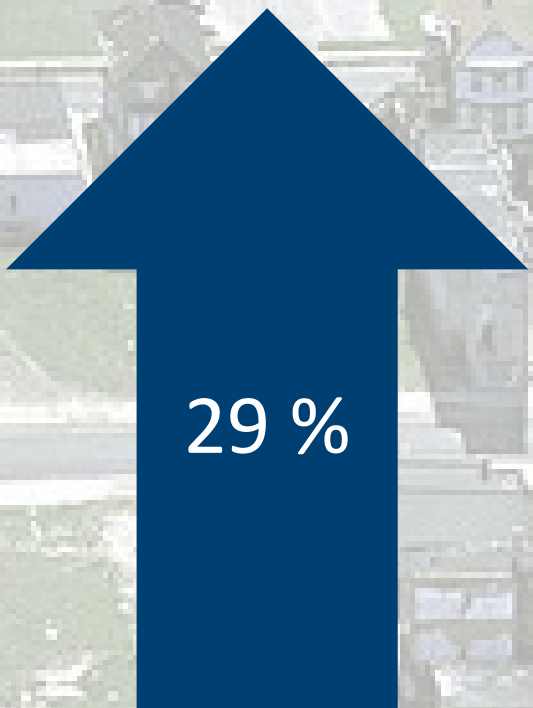


# GROWTH IN MUNICIPAL REVENUE FROM STATE SOURCES (2002 - 2012)

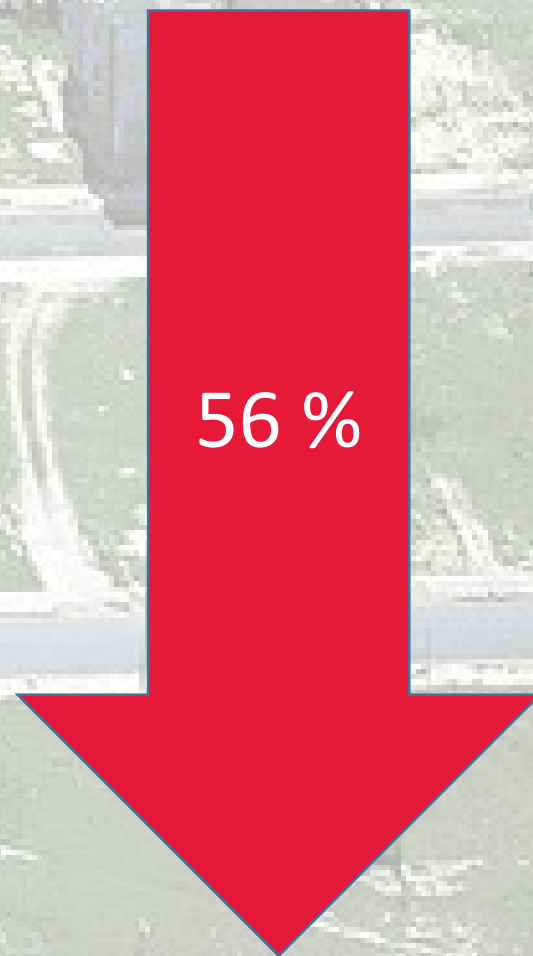


# From 2002 - 2012

Revenue from the State  
To Local Government



State of Michigan's  
Revenues



Detroit  
\$827,670,297

Lansing  
\$63,552,853

Dearborn  
\$35,575,593

Kalamazoo  
\$38,302,529

**\$7.5 Billion**

Alpena  
\$4,976,048

In Lost Revenue Sharing Since 2002

Ironwood  
\$2,985,492

Hazel Park  
\$8,532,595

Flint  
\$62,047,234





# State of Michigan's Cumulative Taxable Value

Billions

\$370.0

\$360.0

\$350.0

\$340.0

\$330.0

\$320.0

\$310.0

\$300.0

\$290.0

\$280.0

\$270.0

2004

2005

2006

2007

2008

2009

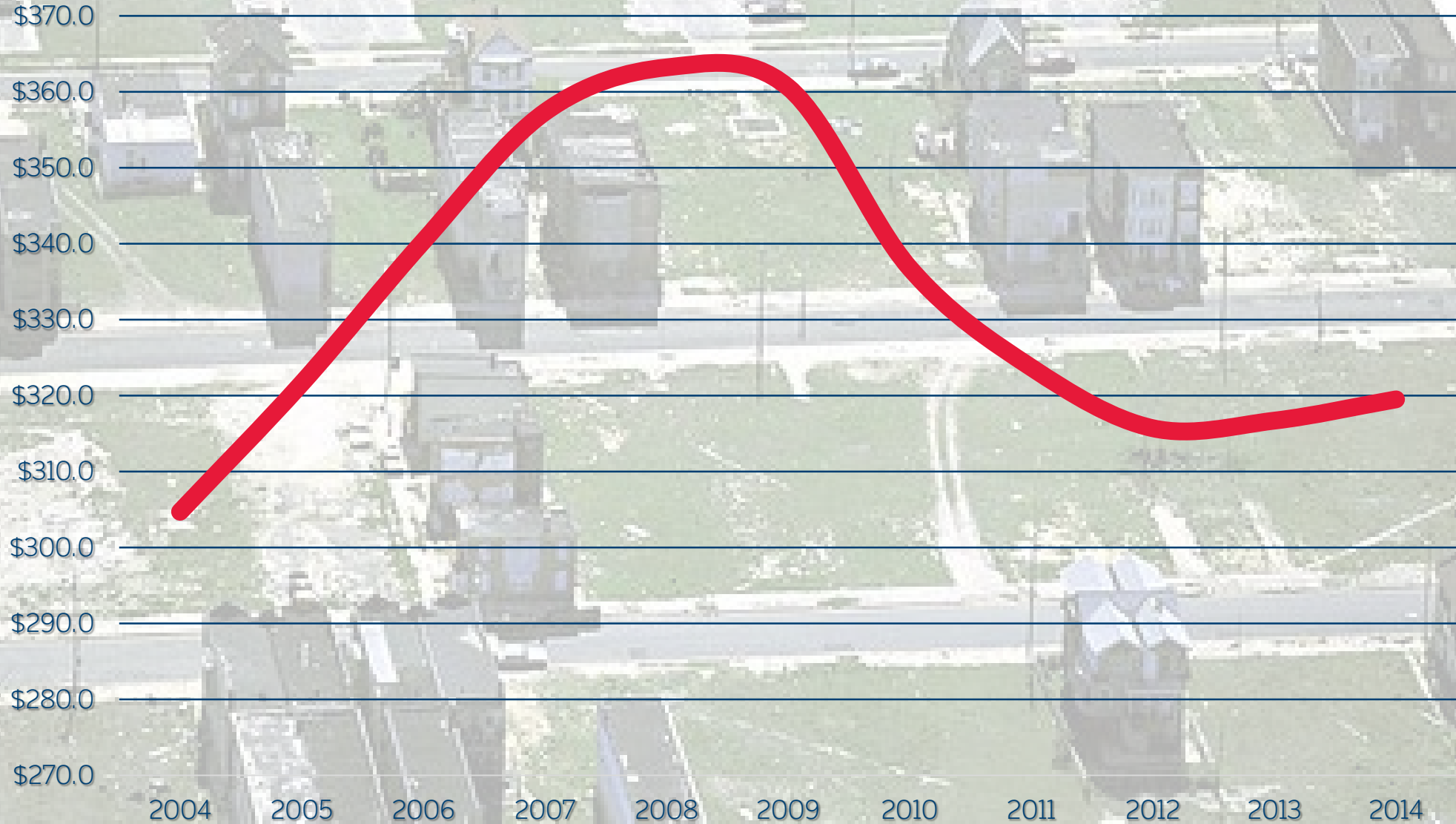
2010

2011

2012

2013

2014





**Unfunded OPEB Obligations  
\$6.5 Billion**

**Build and Abandon  
Infrastructure**

**Emergency Managers  
Cut Only Strategy**

**Incent the Wrong Things**

**No True Growth**



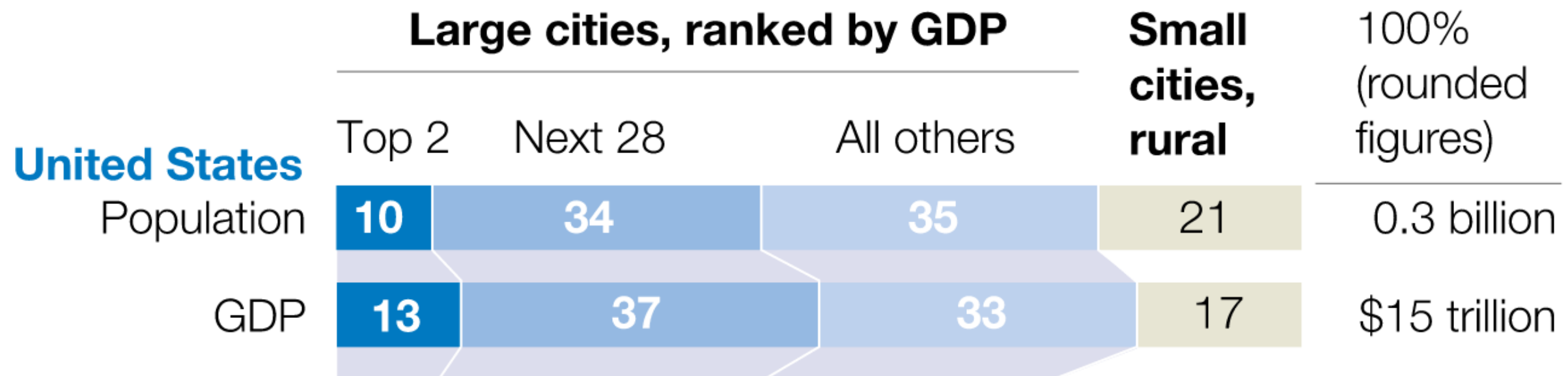
Costs

Structure

Revenues



Cities segmented by contribution to total GDP, 2010, cumulative % of total<sup>1</sup>





# Creating 21st Century Communities

Making the economic case for place

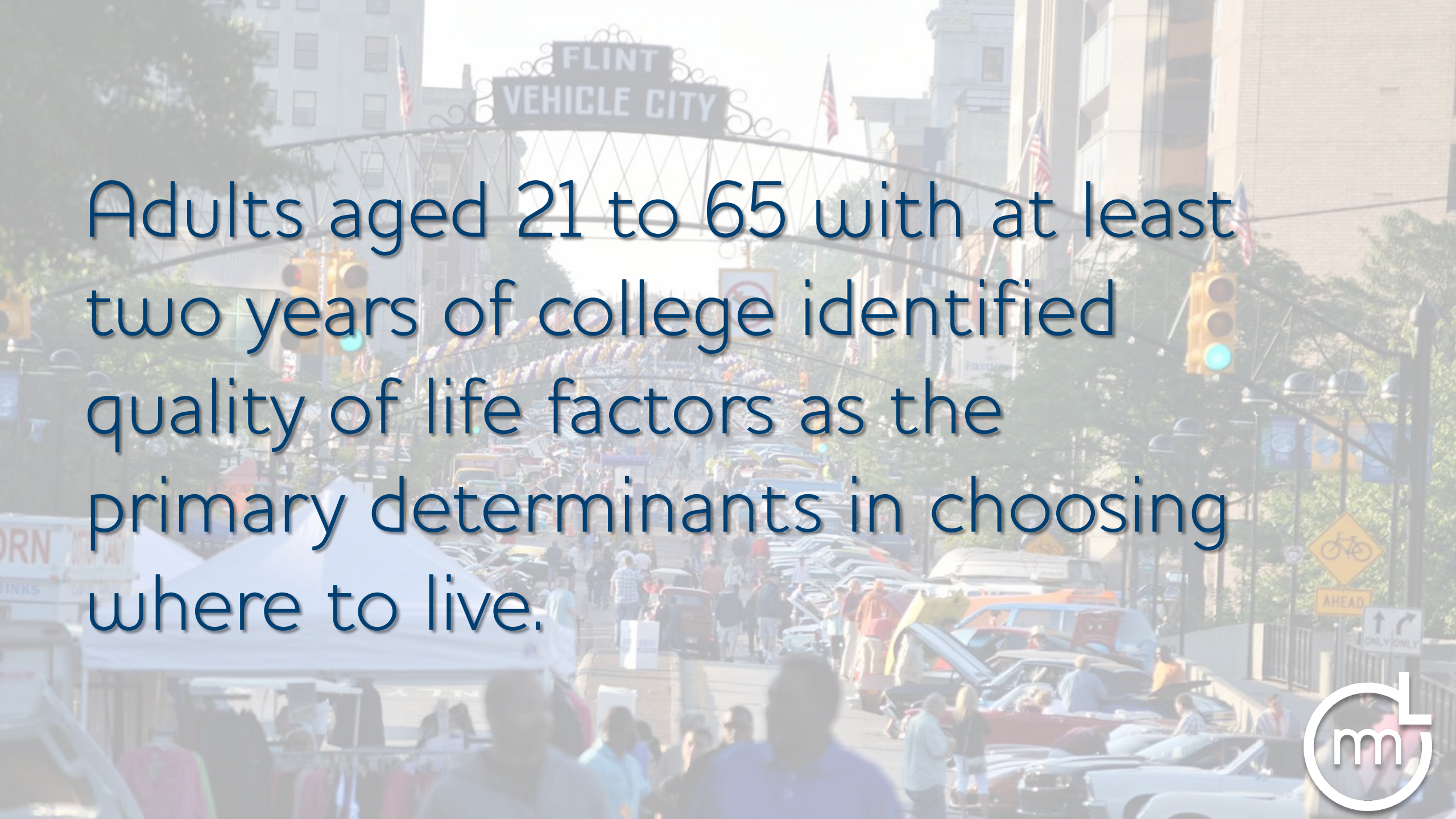
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# Physical Design and walkability is directly correlated to

- Property Values
- Income educational attainment
- Employment
- New Business Starts





Adults aged 21 to 65 with at least two years of college identified quality of life factors as the primary determinants in choosing where to live.



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# FLINT VEHICLE CITY



AHEAD



CORN  
COTTON CANDY  
DRINKS  
CANDY APPLES