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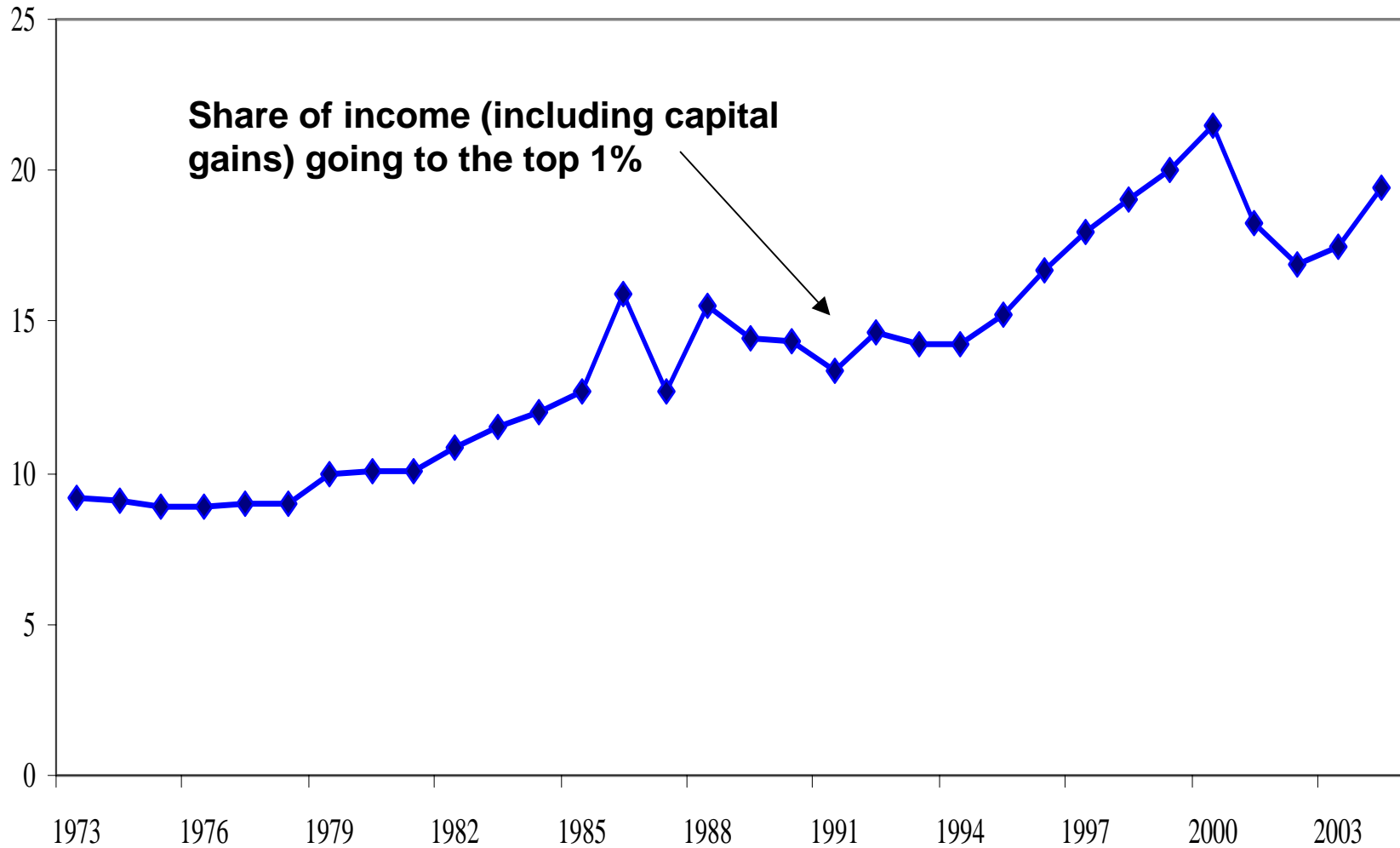
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- Inequality Historically High
  - Inequality Much Higher than in Other Countries: Mobility Less
  - Greater Wage Disparities are at Core of Rising Inequalities



# It is a Job Quality Problem

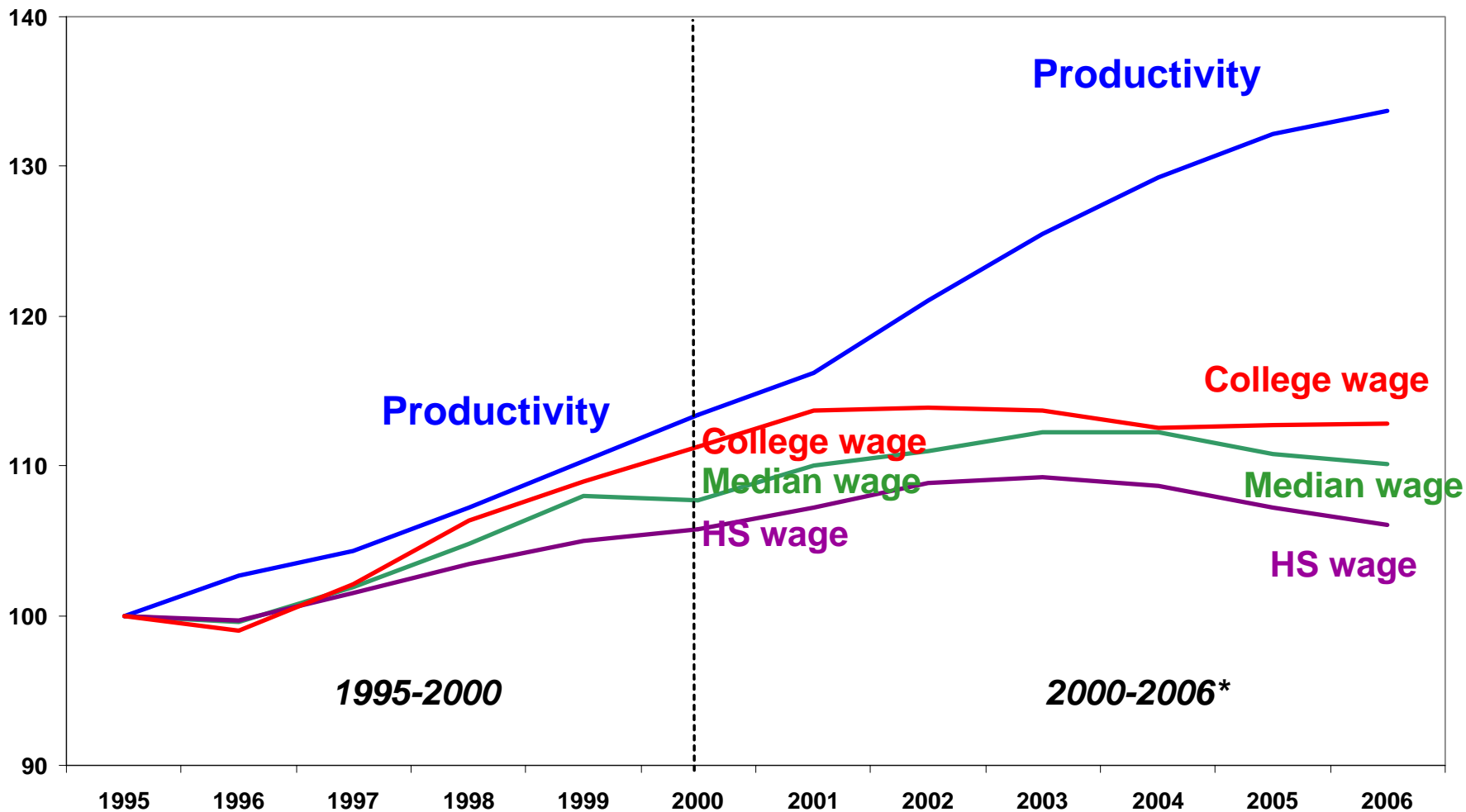
- Vast Majority have seen  
Disappointing Wage Growth  
and Erosion of Health and  
Pension Benefits, Even with  
Rapidly Rising Productivity

# Income inequality is back on trend



Source: Piketty & Saez (2006).

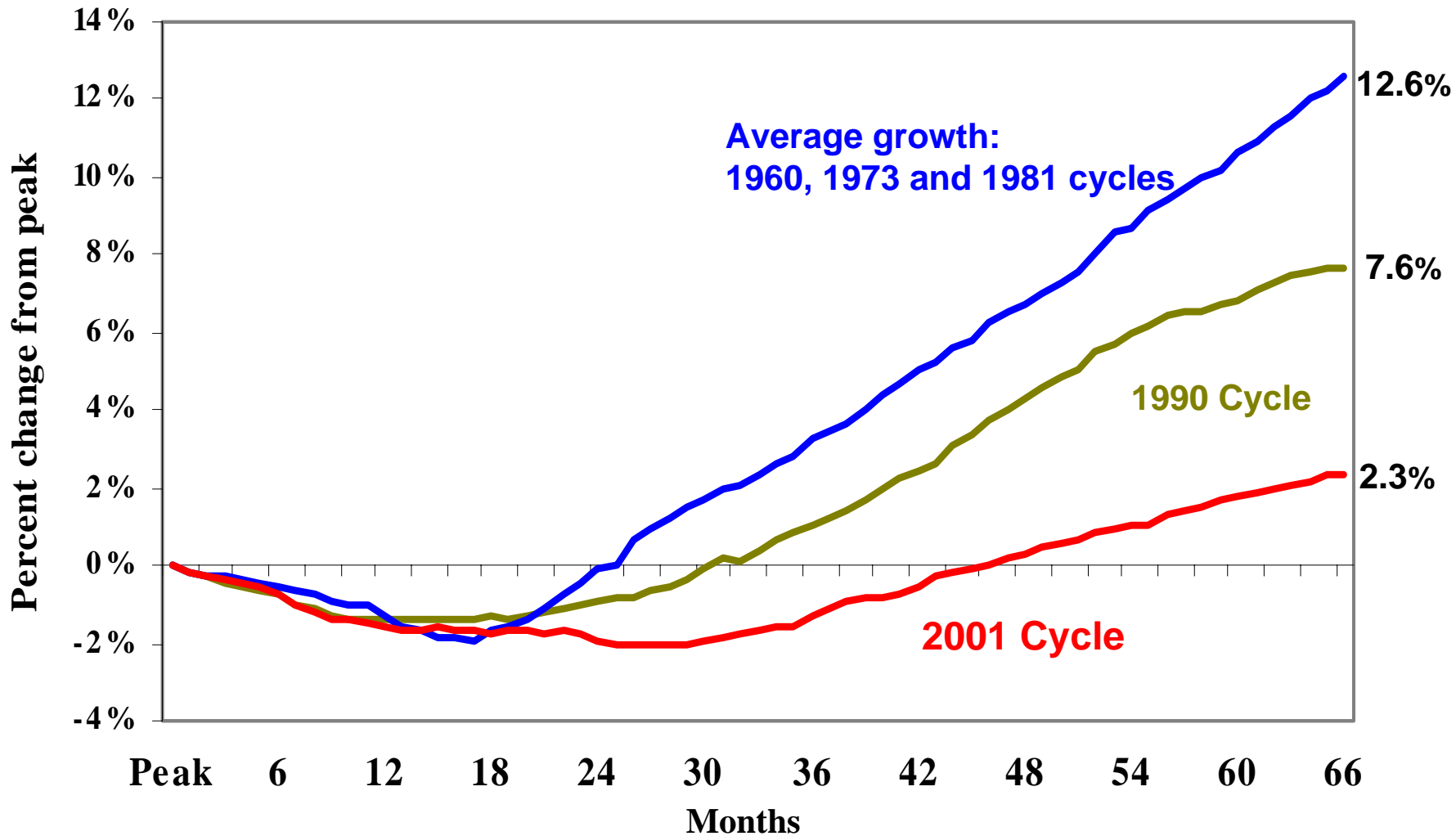
# Wages and productivity: growing together, growing apart



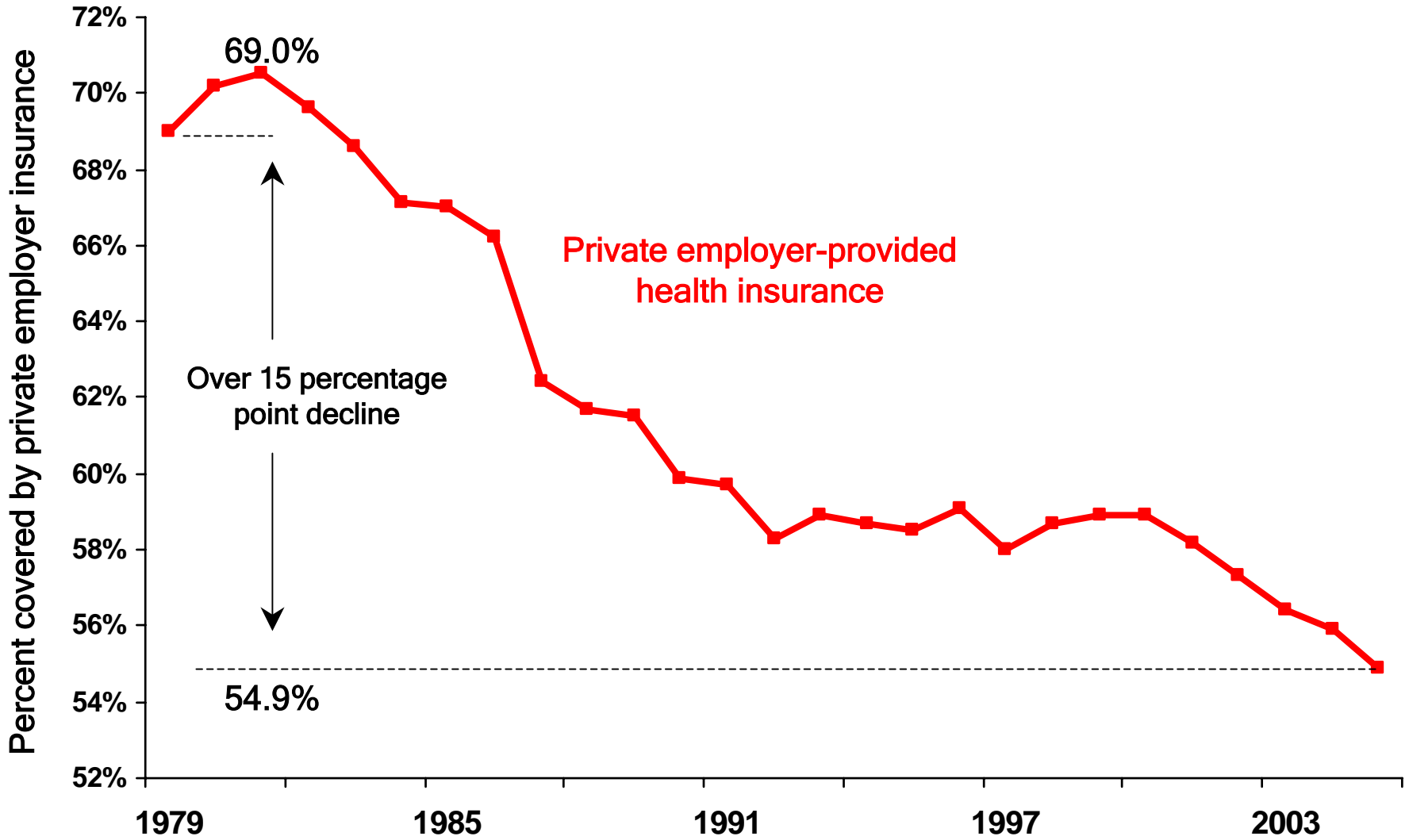
\* Wages and Productivity through first half of 2006.

# Recoveries:

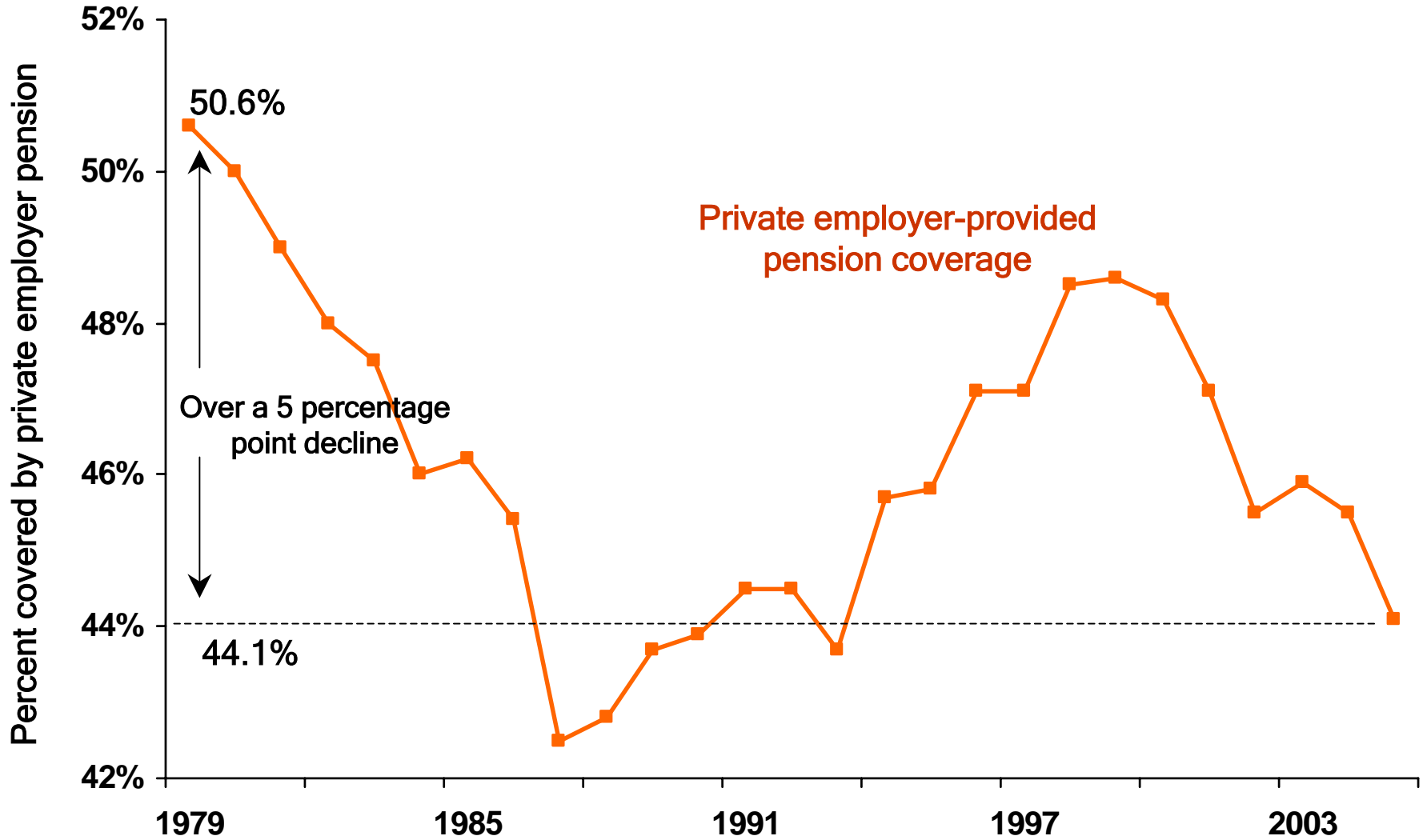
They don't make them like they used to



# “Will work for healthcare”

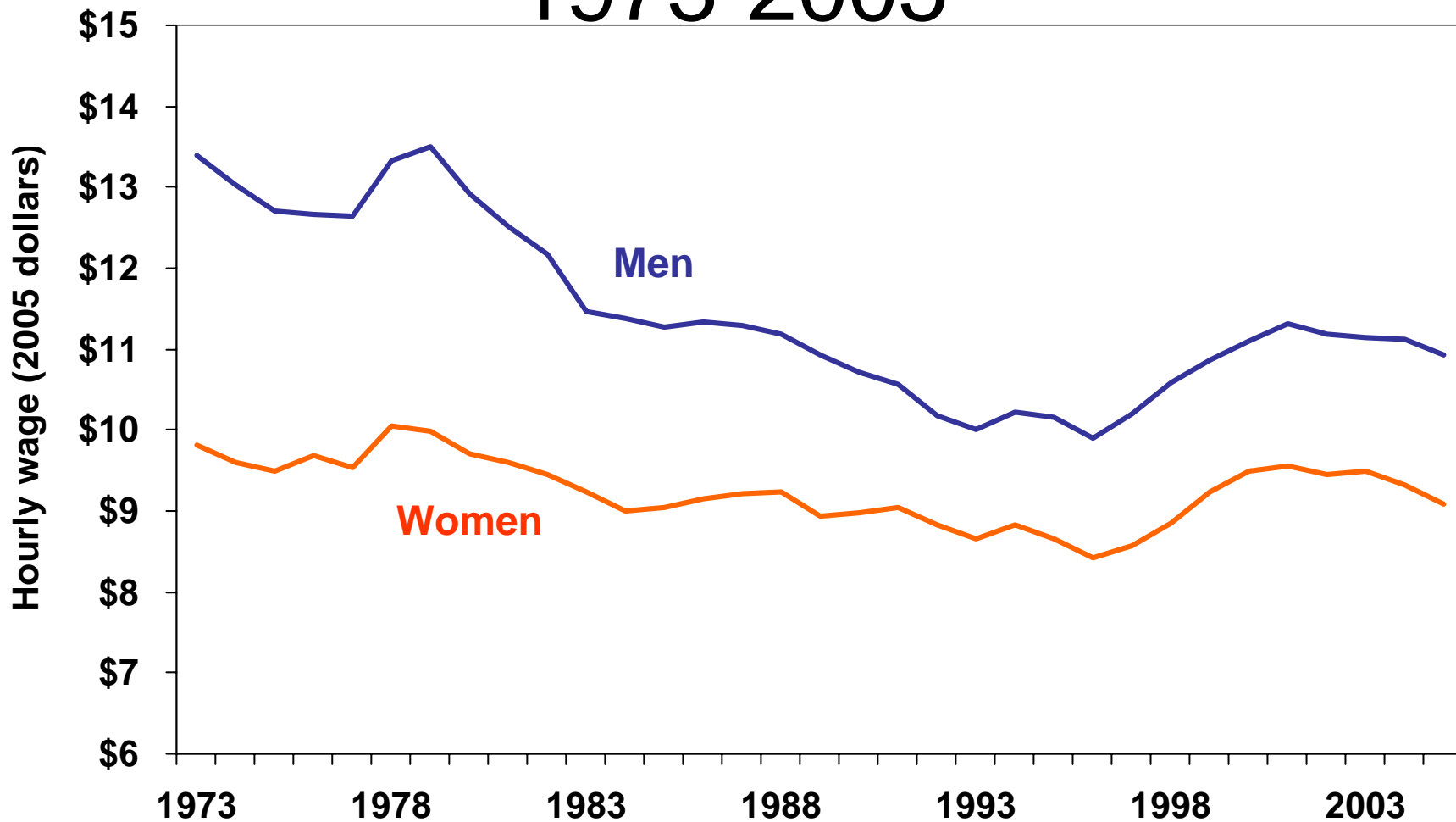


# “Will work for pension”

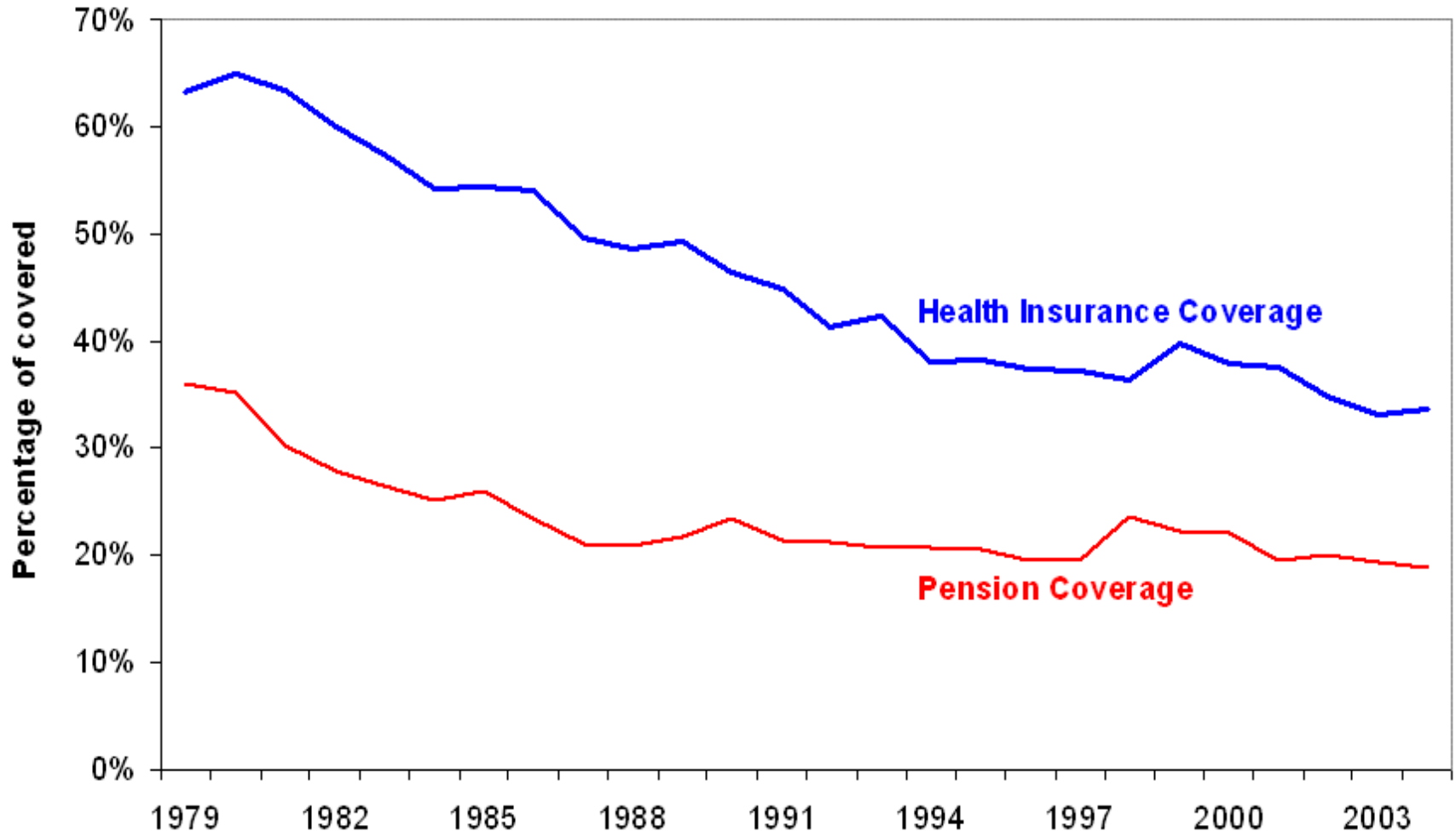




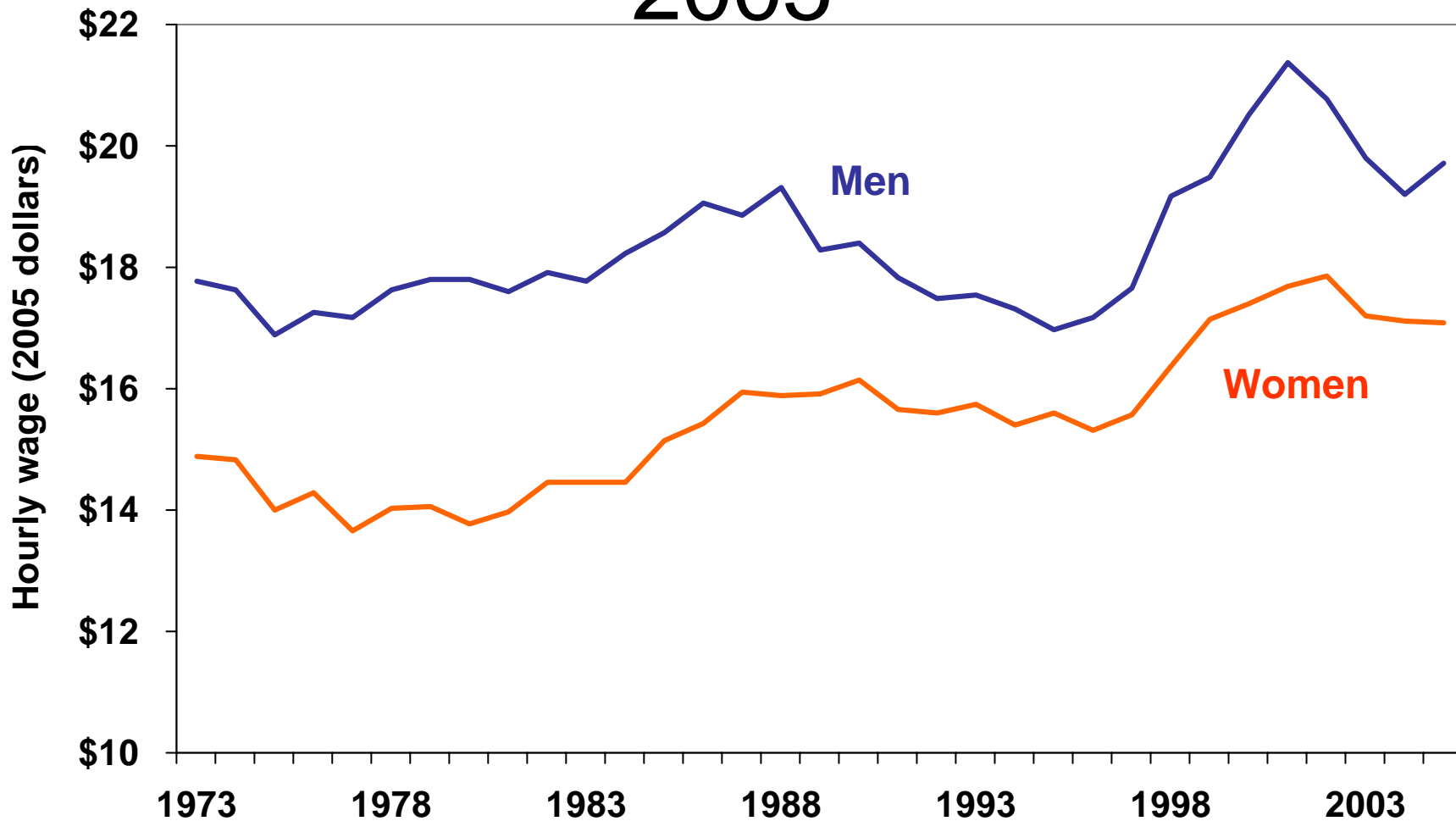
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# Health and Pension Coverage for Recent High School Graduates, 1979-2004



# Entry-level wages of male and female college graduates, 1973-2005



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