

# TUSCOLA COUNTY CONTROLLER/ADMINISTRATOR'S OFFICE

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The state requires counties to submit an annual performance dashboard. The [2021 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 declined from 54,662 in 2012 to 52,917 in 2021. This is a 10-year loss of 1,745 people, or 3.19%. Michigan was one of 18 states in the nation to experience a population decline from 2020 to 2021. Since Tuscola County continues to experience a decline in population since 2012 is a continuing concern. For 2020 to 2021, the US Census estimated the national population increased by 1% and the state decreased by -0.3. Tuscola County decreased by (-0.8%). Many factors can be contributed to this trend such as economic challenges and rate reflective of pandemic losses. **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 2020 was 21.5% in the county compared to 16.8% for the US and 18.1% for Michigan. This trend can be an indicator of limited economic activity with the younger population leaving the county and elderly staying. **Unfavorable Trend**
- **School enrollment counts** – Comparative to population decline, surprisingly, public school enrollment increased slightly which is surprising being with the consistent population decline. There were 9,518 students enrolled in Tuscola County during the 2021 school year with the nine county school districts which is a small increase compared to 7,446 in 2020, which is an increase of 27 students, or 0.4%. In 2012 there was an average of 1,136 students per school district compared to 830 in 2021. **Unfavorable Trend**

## Economy

- **Unemployment Rate** – According to the Bureau of Labor Statistics, the 2021 county unemployment rate was 4.8% compared to 10.1% in 2020 reflecting the 2020 coronavirus COVID-19 disease pandemic-induced employment deficiencies. The County unemployment rate was lower than the state and the nation. **Favorable Trend**
- **Number Employed** – The number of people employed in the county, according to the Bureau of Labor Statistics continues to decline. The number employed in 2021 was 21,236. This is a decrease from the number of 21,344 that were employed in 2020. In comparison, there were 22,251 people employed in

2012. The number of people employed is expected to increase as businesses rebuild and population increases and is somewhat level with the population trend. **Unfavorable Trend**

- **Foreclosures** – A positive indicator is the number of foreclosures continue to decline from 2020 to 2021 from 34 in 2020 to 18 in 2021. **Favorable Trend**
- **Leading employers** – The top 10 employers in the county are: Caro Regional Center, Tuscola County, Walbro Engine Management, Lighthouse Neurological Rehab, Hills & Dales General Hospital, Tuscola Intermediate School District, Caro Community Schools, Vassar School District, Human Development Commission and Walmart. **Neutral**
- **Poverty** – The percentage of people living in poverty is higher in the county when compared to the country, but significantly lower when compared to the state. **Favorable Trend**
- **Public assistance** – The number and percentage of people receiving some form of public assistance decreased in 2020 as compared to 2019. There were 28.6% of the people in Tuscola County receiving some form of public assistance in 2019 and 28.2% in 2020 according to the most current data available. **Favorable Trend**
- **People Without Health Insurance** – In 2021, 6.8% of the people in the county had no health insurance. This is a slightly higher percentage compared to the state but less than the nation with 9.8% of people without health insurance. **Favorable Trend**

## Income

- **Household income** - Median household income is lower in the county at \$51,891 than the state at \$59,234 and nation at \$64,994. Home values are much lower in the county than state and nation. 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 2019 to 2020, per capita income increased by 1.8%. For 2020, the amount for the county was \$38,676. **Favorable Trend**

## Housing

- **House values** – Another measure of economic strength is median housing values. The 2019 value of homes in the county are comparatively lower at \$104,000 to \$154,900 for the state and significantly lower than the nation at \$217,500. The county median house value is only 48% of the national value. **Unfavorable Trend**

## Education

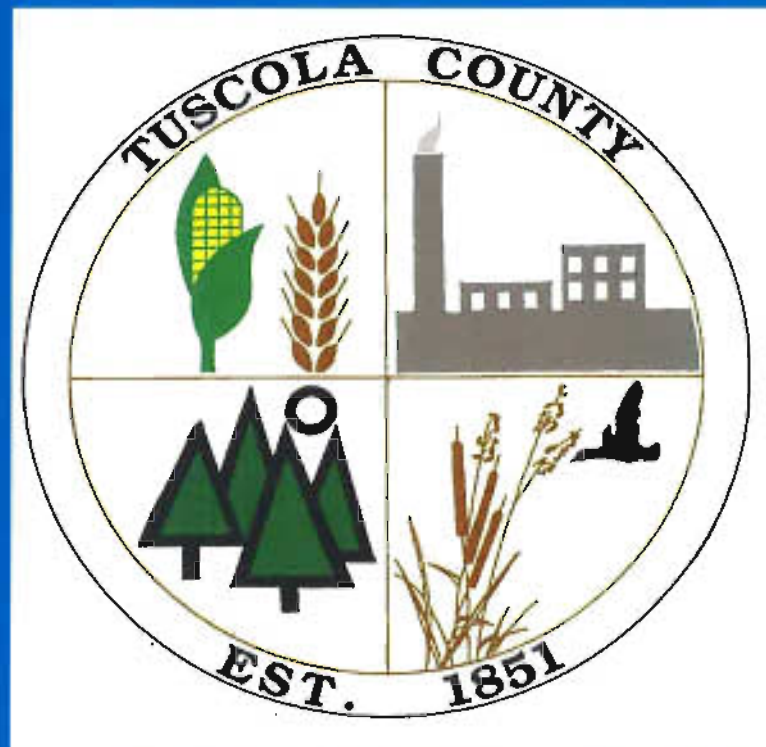
- **Higher education** – The percentage of people that have a bachelor's degree in the county is only 13.5% compared to the state at 30% and the nation at 32.9%. This lower education level can cause challenges in creating economic development and employment opportunities. **Unfavorable Trend**

## County Government Statistical Indicators

- **Debt** – County debt per capita from 2020 to 2021 had a slight decrease. At \$159 per capita it is comparatively low. Only about 3.7% 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 \$2.85 billion in 2020 to \$2.93 billion in 2021. This is almost a 3% increase. Most of this increase is the result of wind turbine construction which is assessed as personal property. Six 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 483 in 2020 to 417 in 2021. **Neutral**
- **Jailed offenders** – The number of jailed offenders decreased from 878 in 2020 to 860 in 2021. **Neutral**
- **Traffic violations and other summons** – The number of traffic violations issued experienced an increase from 1,527 in 2020 to 2,286 in 2021, which may be due to the community re-opening while in the process of gaining immunity to the COVID-19 virus. In 2020 there were 1,527 traffic violations issued which is significantly lower than 2,286 in 2021. There are several explanations for this increase. It has resulted in an increase in county revenue. **Favorable Trend**
- **Court filings** – Circuit Court new case filings have increased when comparing 2020 to 2021. This trend may be due to the COVID-19 pandemic which resulted in the County Courthouse closure for several months in 2020 and business back to normal in 2021. District Court new case filings have increased slightly with 842 cases more in 2021 than in 2020. In 2020, there were 7,680 new cases filed compared to 5,719 new cases filed in 2021. Probate Court new case filings significantly increased when comparing 2020 to 2021. Over the last 15 years the number of Probate new case filings has ranged from 347 to 453. **Neutral**

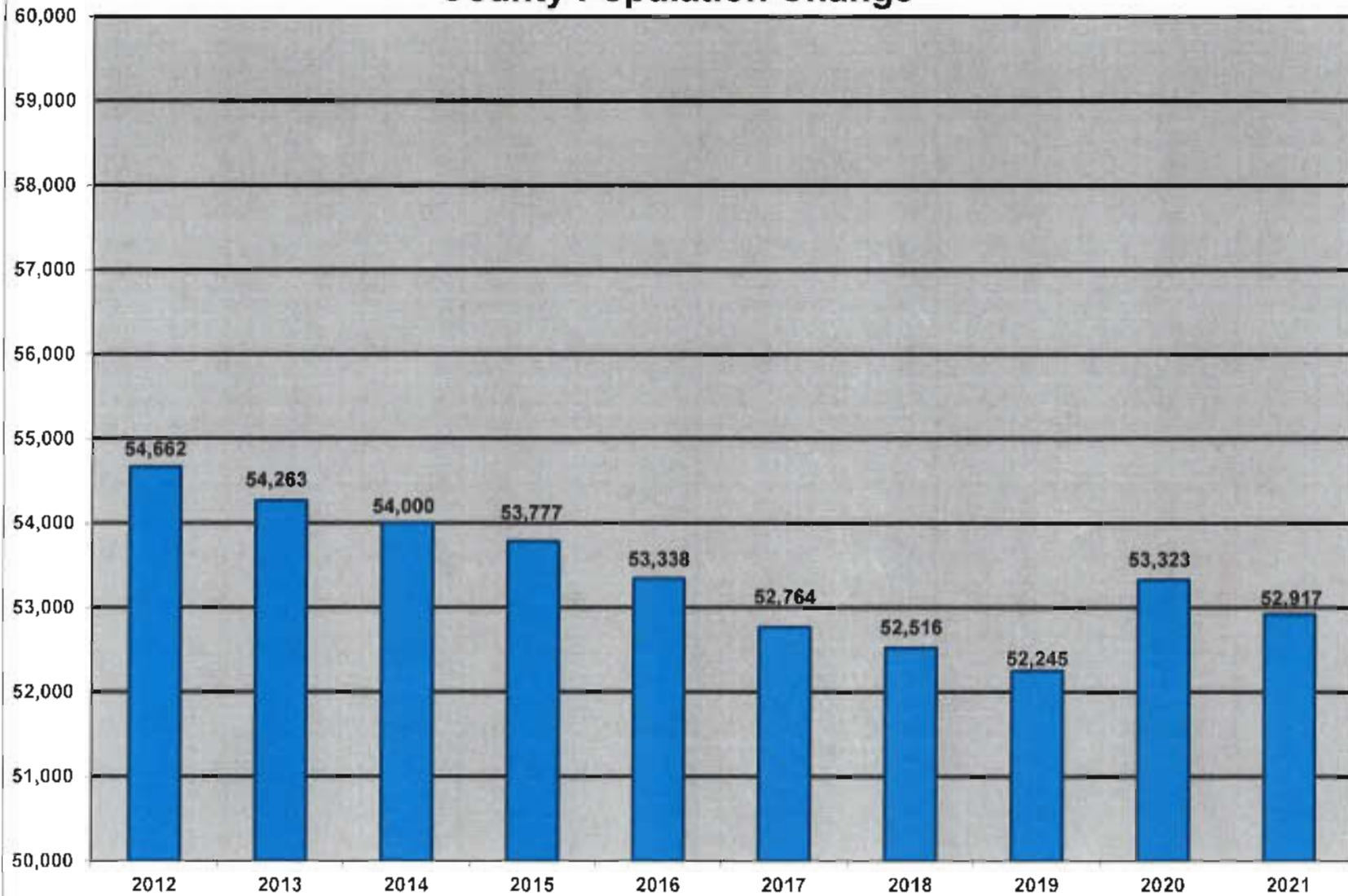
# Tuscola County

## Key Statistical Indicators

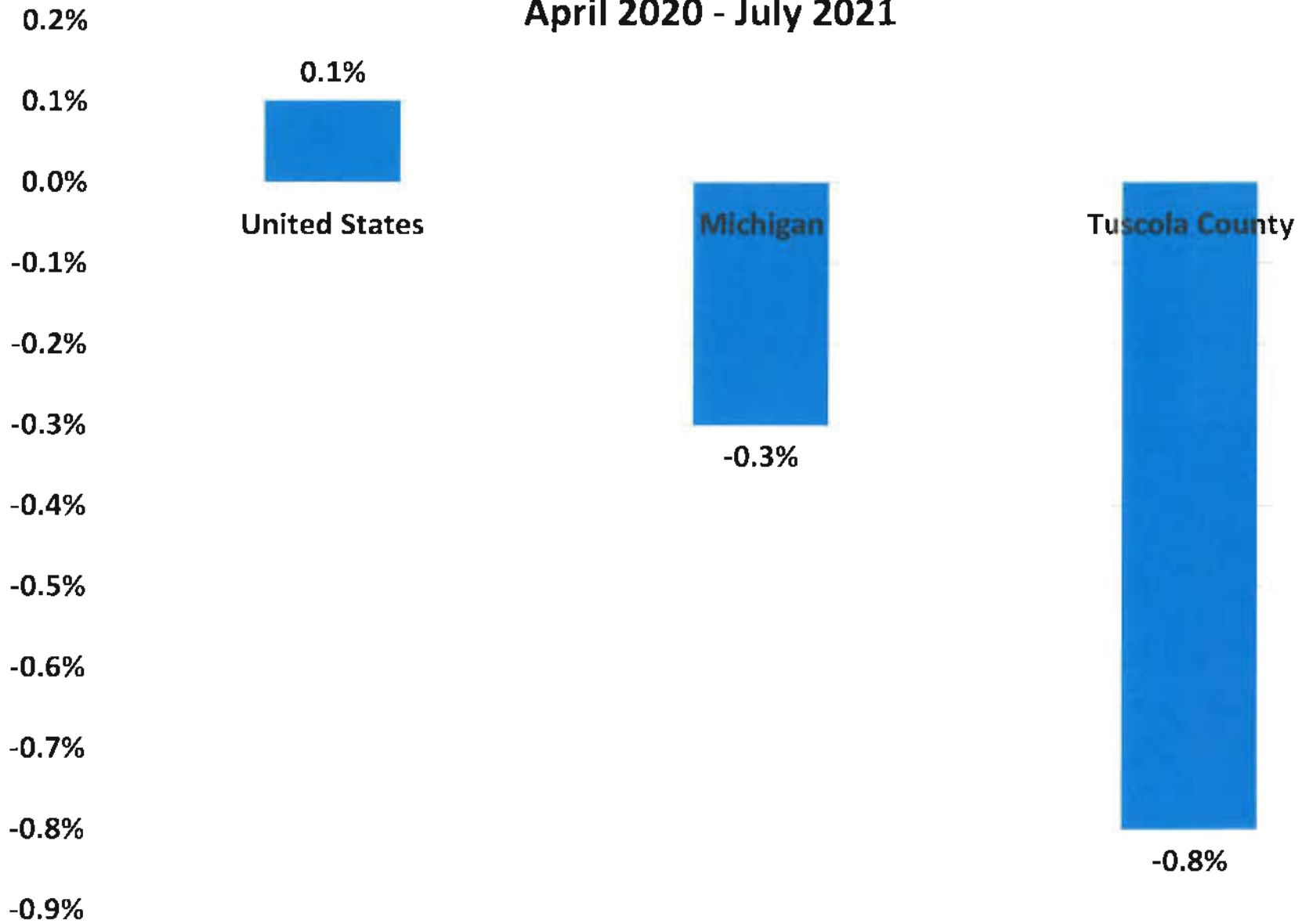


# Population

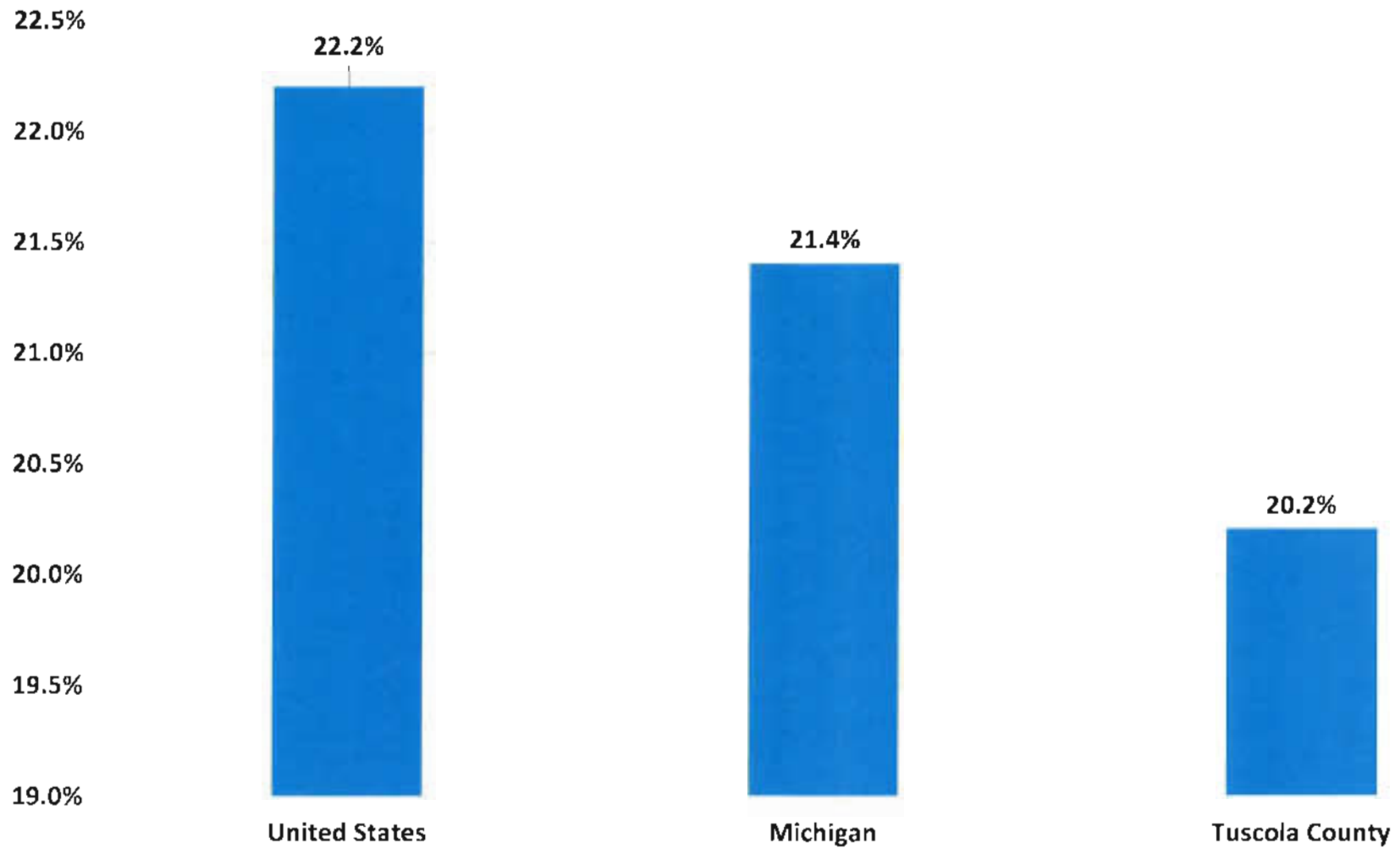
## County Population Change



## Estimated Percentage Population Change April 2020 - July 2021

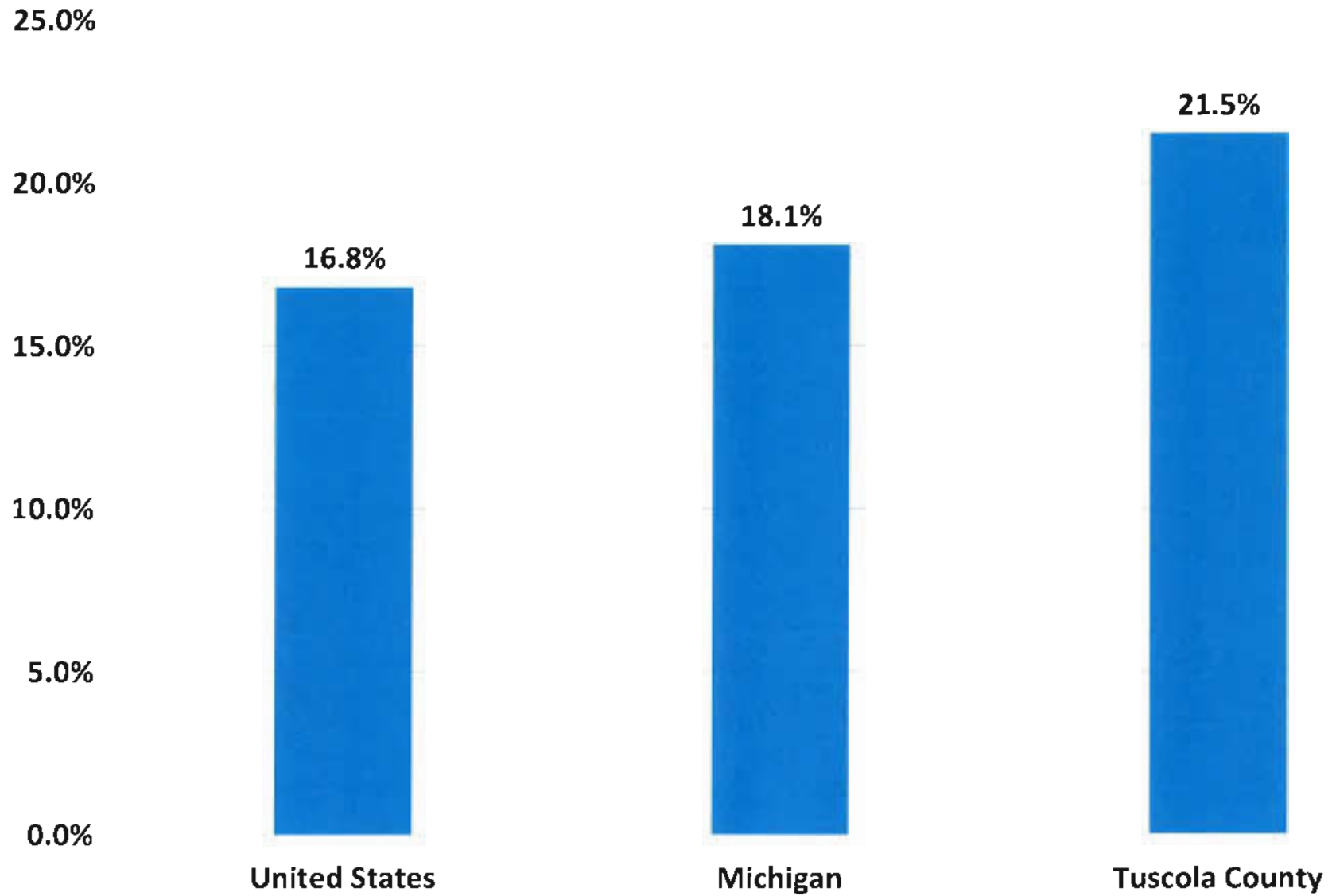


### Persons under 18 years, percent - 2021

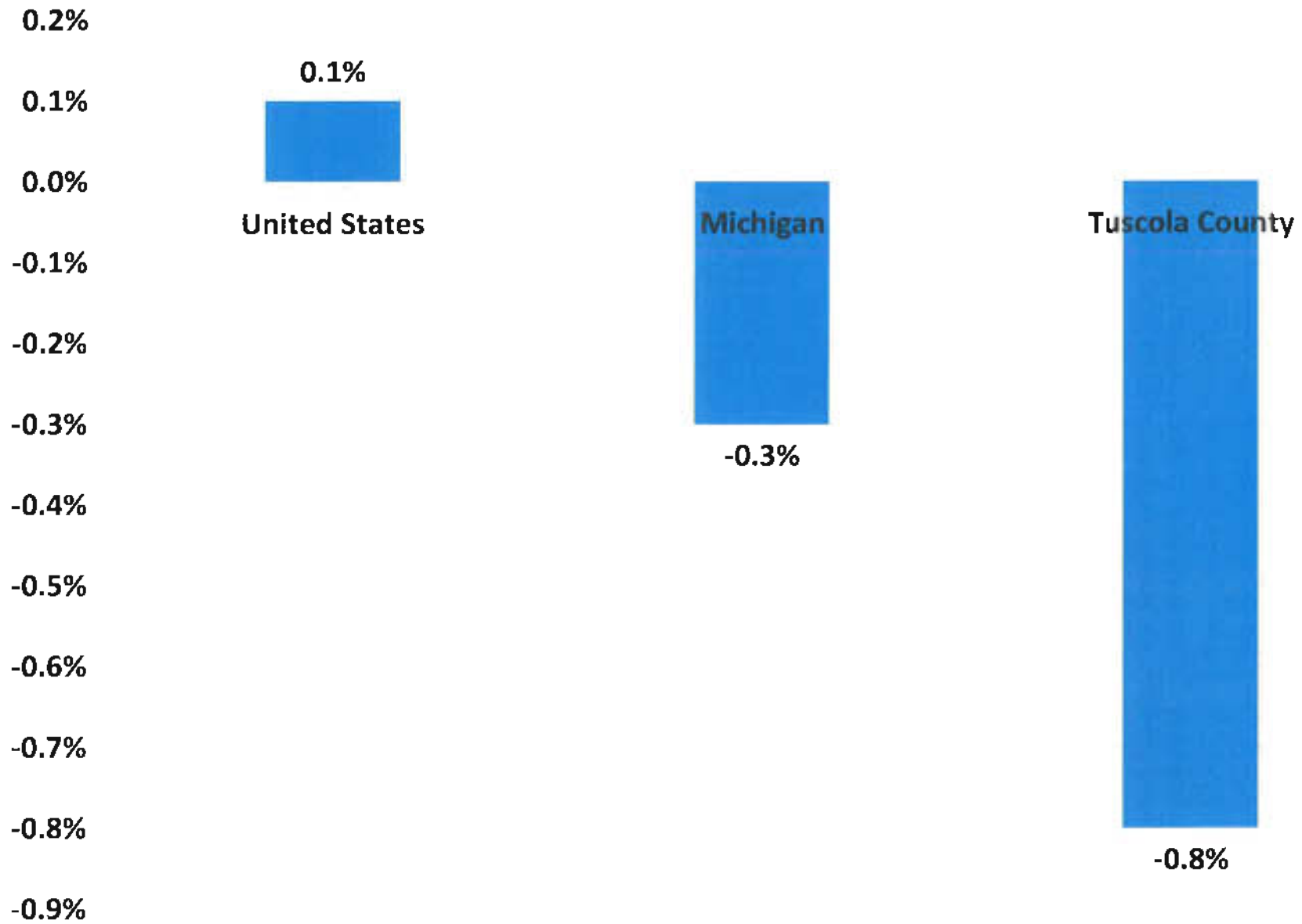




## Percentage of Person 65 and older - 2021

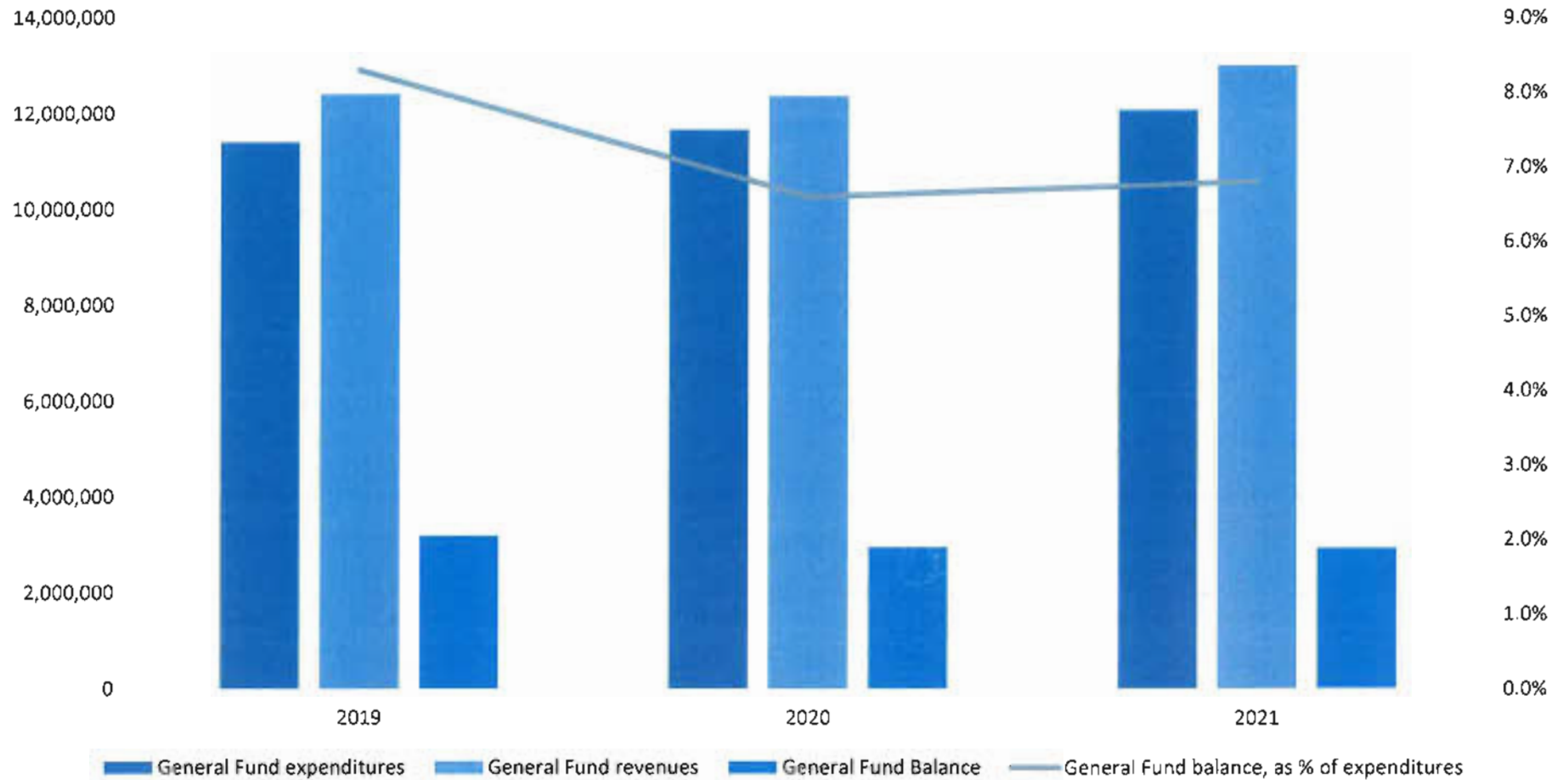


## Estimated Percentage Population Change 2020-2021

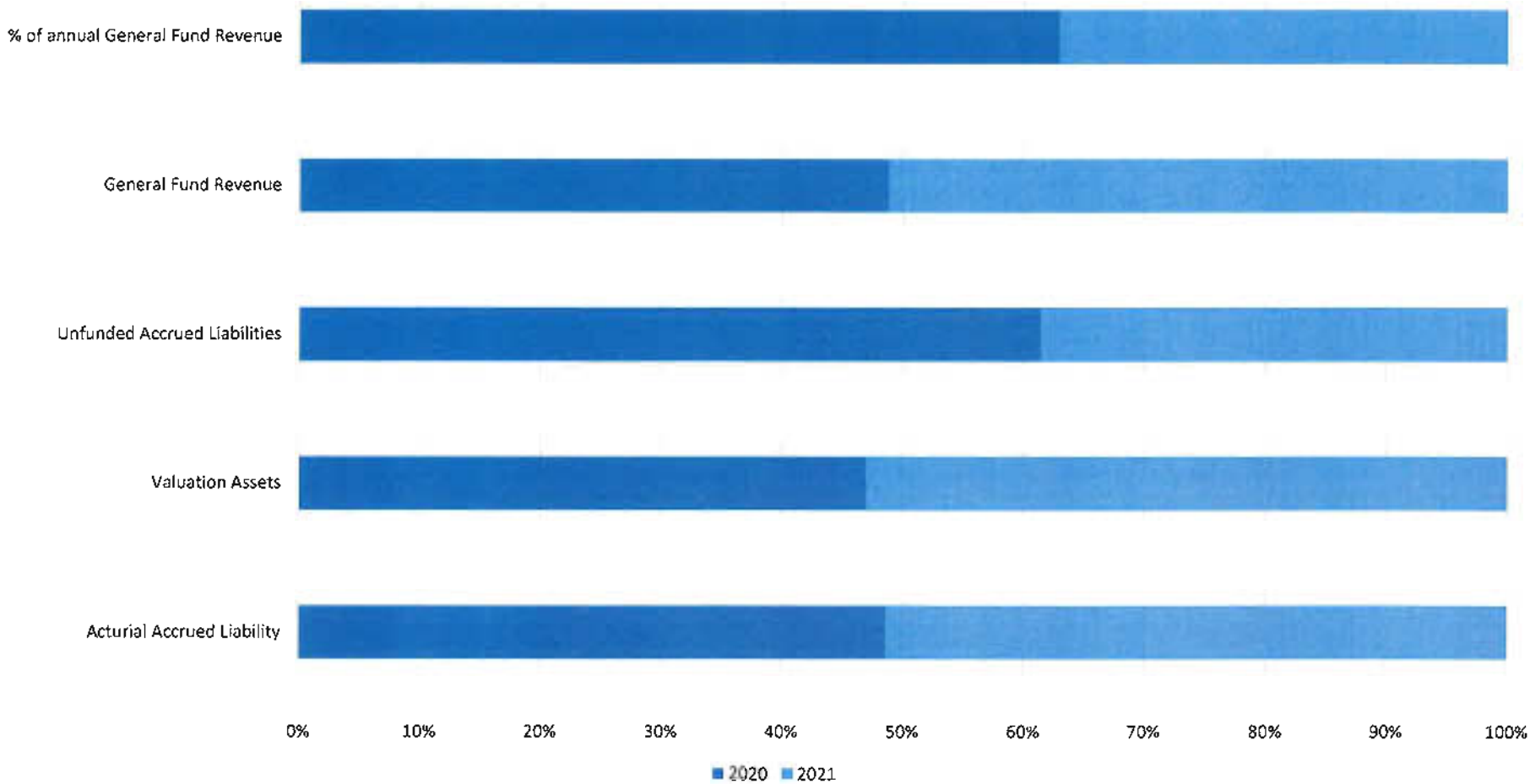


# **Fiscal Stability**

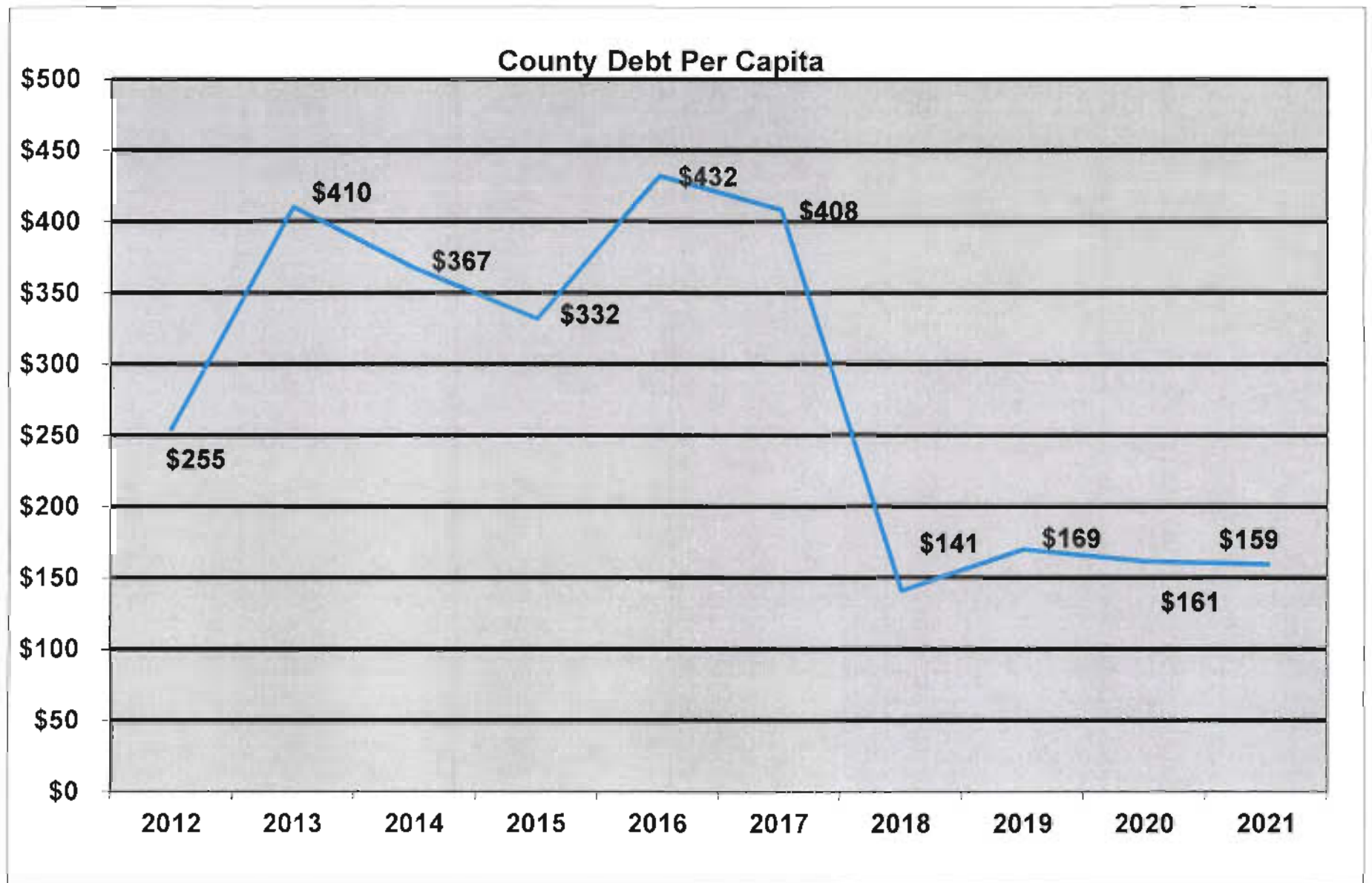
### General Fund Balance



### Unfunded Pension, as a % of Annual General Fund Revenue

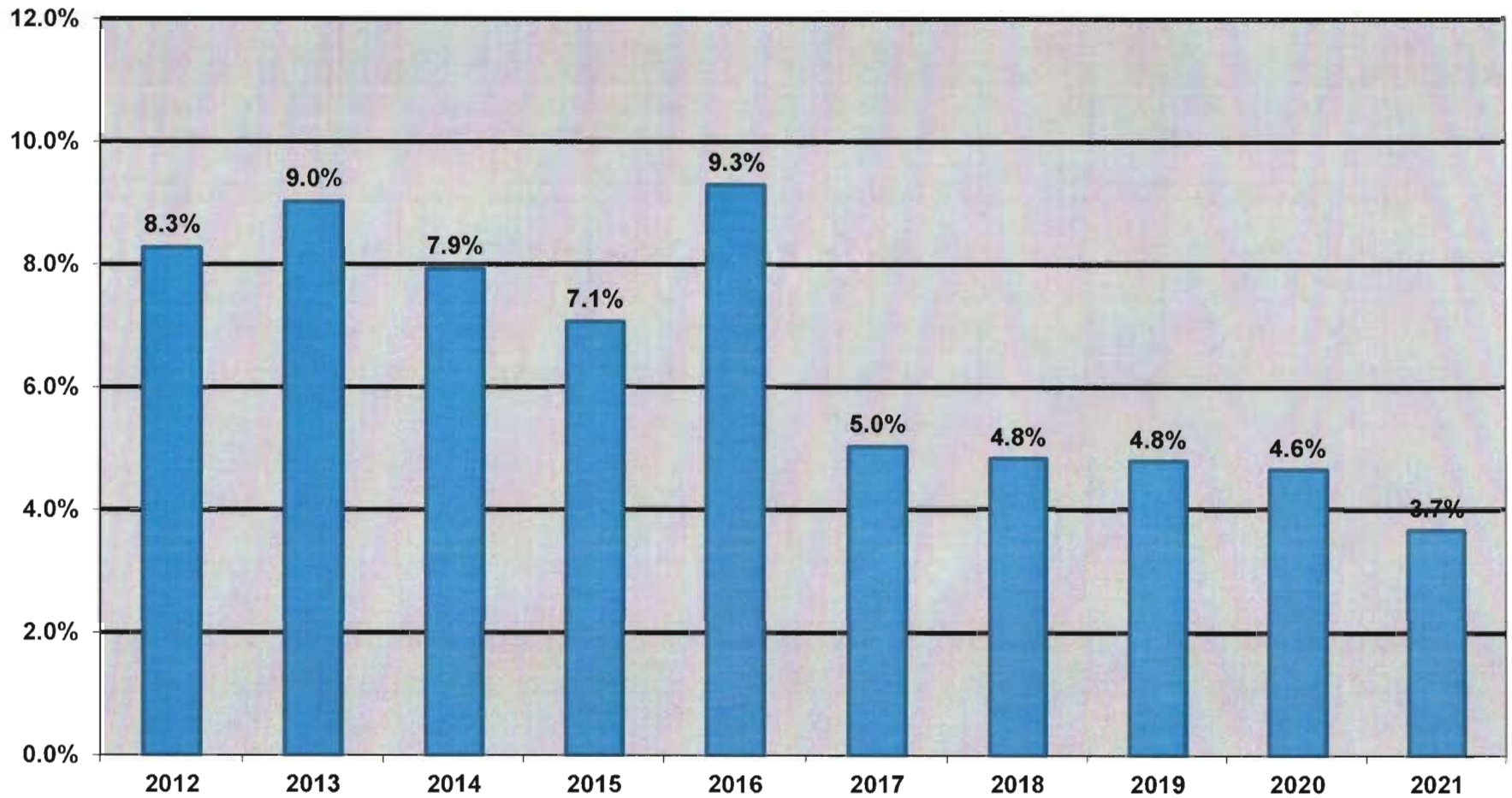


Source: Municipal Employees' Retirement System of Michigan Annual Acturial Valuation Report December 31,2021 - Tuscola County, Tuscola County Financial Reports



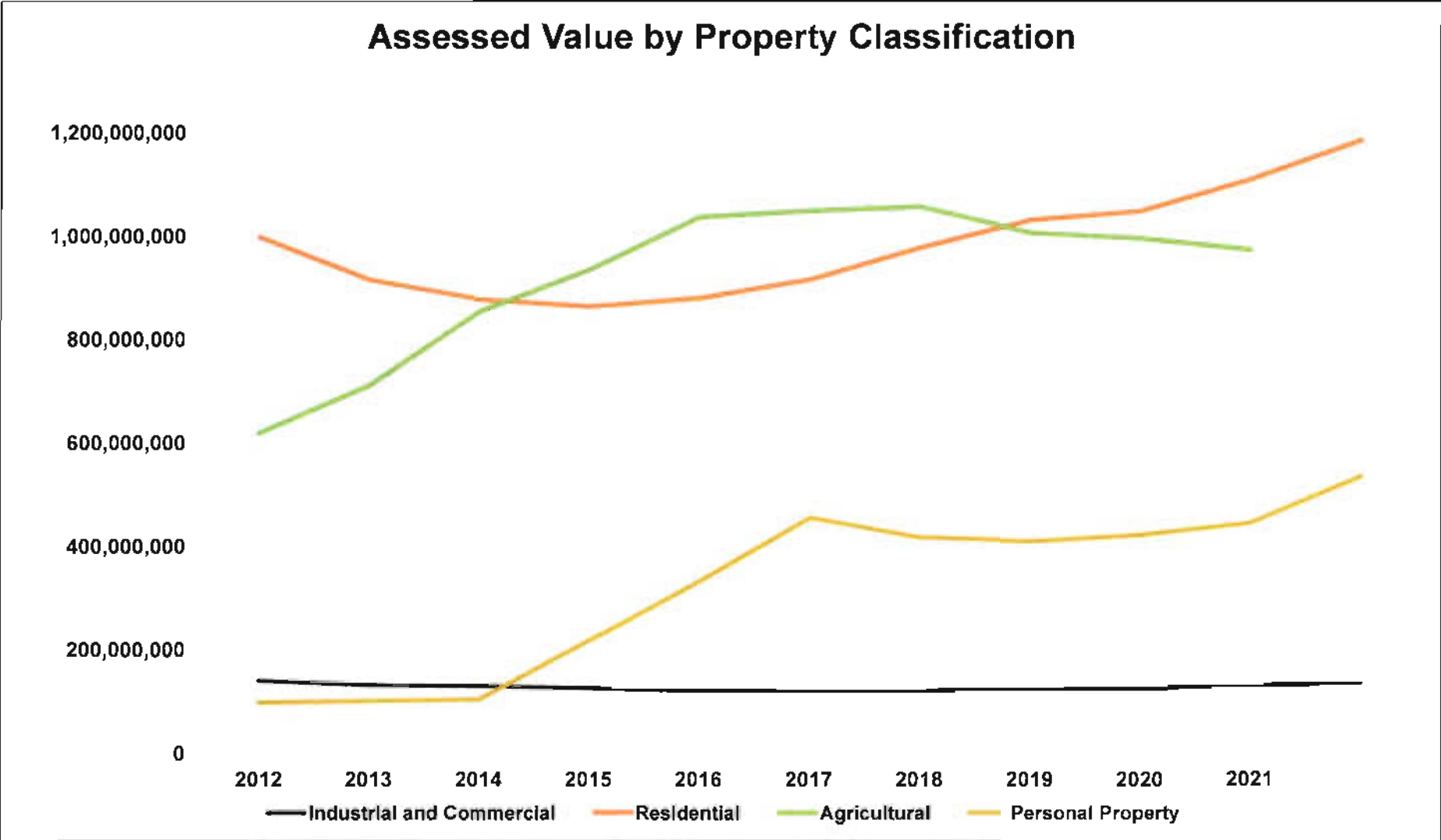
Source: Tuscola County Debt Schedules, Municipal Advisory Council of Michigan overlapping debt schedules

**Actual Debt as a Percent of Total Allowed Debt**



Source: Tuscola County Financial Report, Tuscola County Debt Schedules, Tuscola County Equalization Report

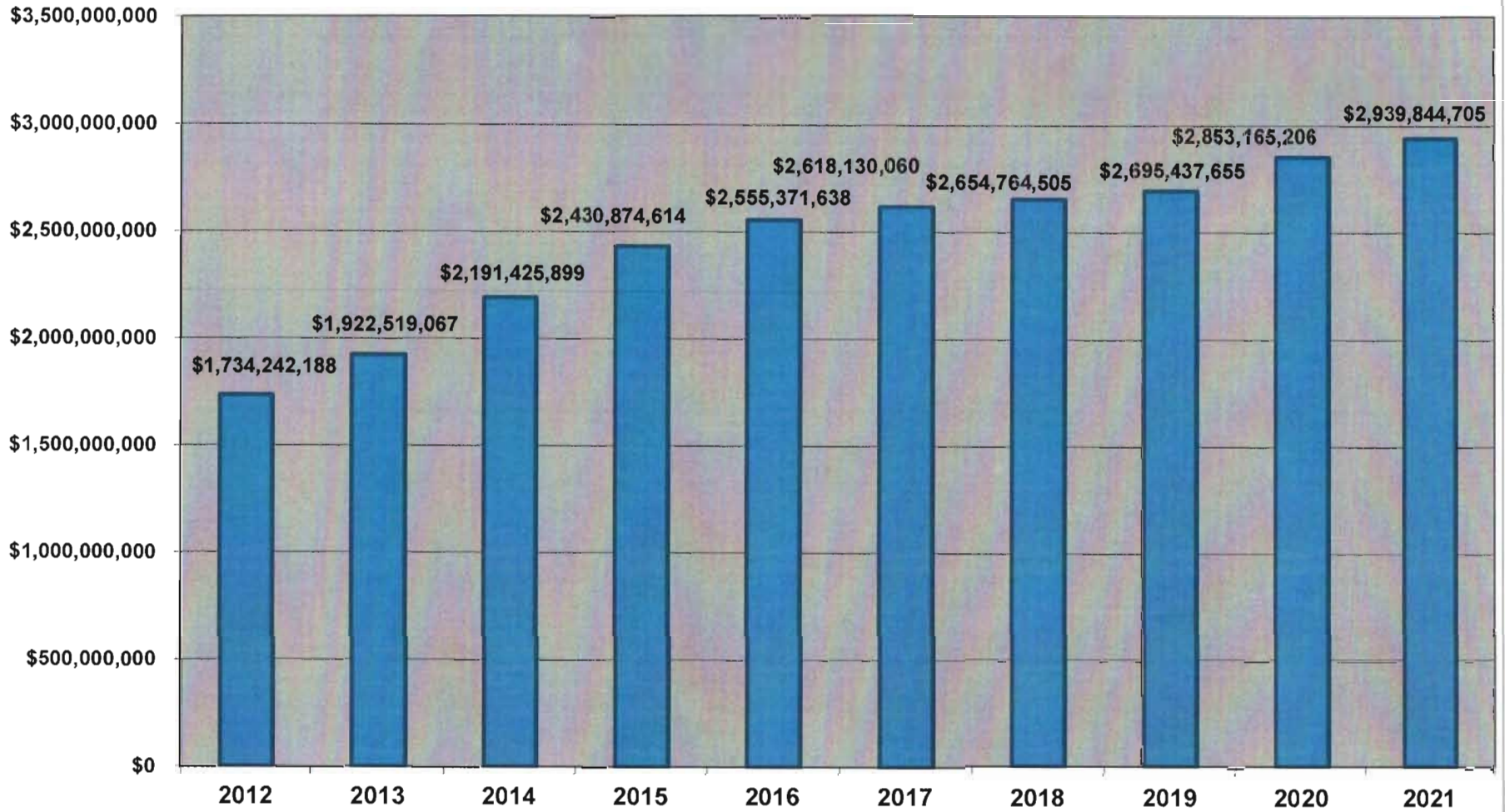
### Assessed Value by Property Classification



Source: Tuscola County Equalization

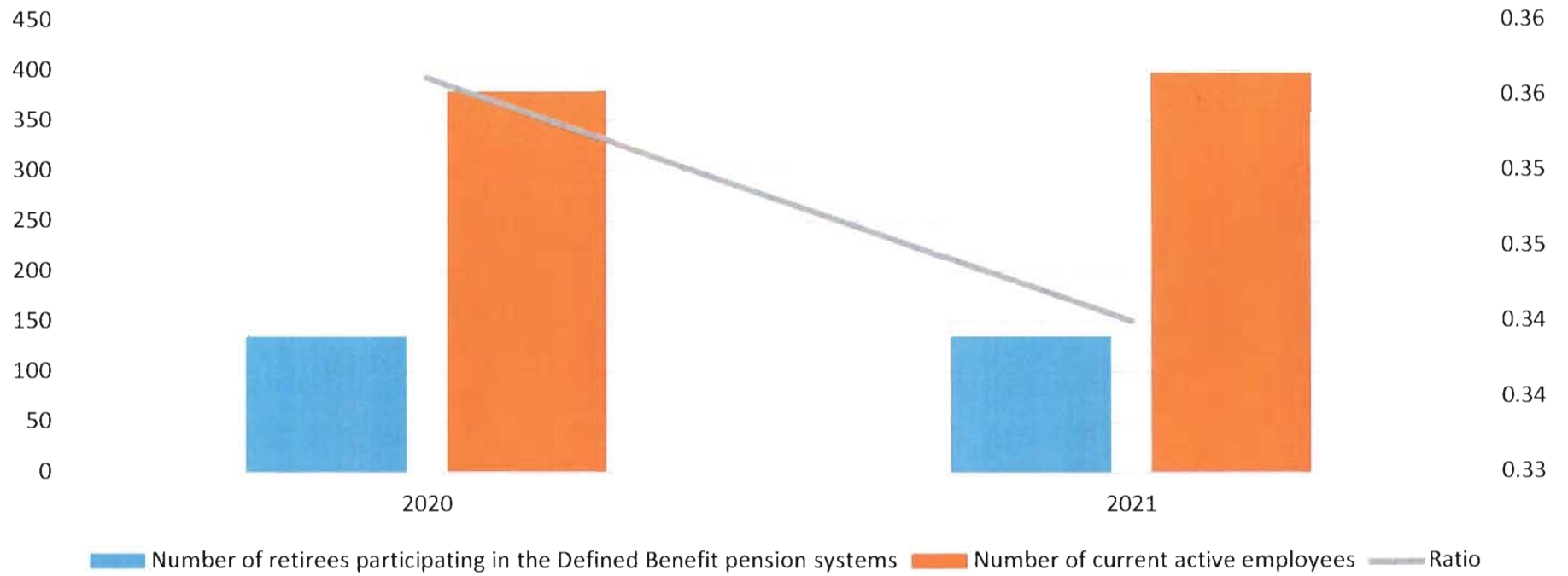


# County Assessed Value



Source: Tuscola County Equalization Report

### Ratio of Pensioners to Employees



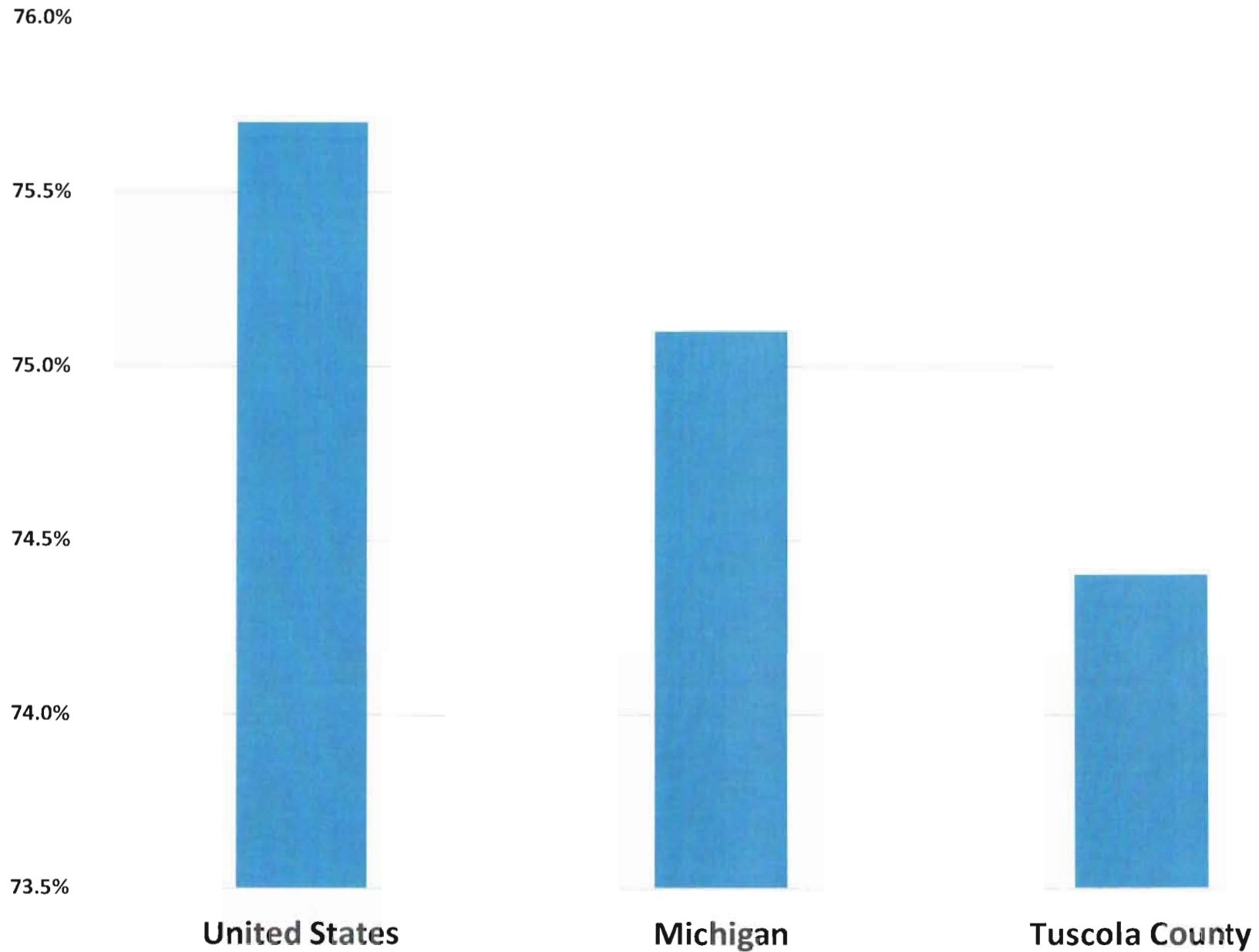
Source: Municipal Employees' Retirement System Annual Actuarial Valuation Report - December 31, 2020 and December 31, 2021 - Tuscola County

Current Year 2021			
Taxpayer	Taxable Value	Rank	Percentage of Total Taxable
Consumers Energy Company	\$ 186,959,688.00	1	9.14%
Pegasus Wind LLC	114,673,814.00	2	5.60%
Tuscola Bay Wind LLC	55,686,200.00	3	2.72%
International Transmission Co	53,540,078.00	5	2.62%
DTE Electric Company	50,008,661.00	4	2.44%
Tuscola Wind II LLC	34,233,400.00	6	1.67%
Tuscola Bay Wind LLC	18,477,344.00	7	0.90%
POET-Biorefining - Caro	10,395,171.00	8	0.51%
Thumb Electric Co-Op	8,442,908.00	9	0.41%
Dairy Farmer's of America Inc.	7,180,400.00	10	0.35%
<b>Totals</b>	<b>\$ 539,597,664.00</b>		<b>26.36%</b>
9 Years ago 2012			
Detroit Edison Company	\$ 31,599,587.00	1	2.27%
POET-Biorefining - Caro	16,034,437.00	2	1.15%
ITC Transmission	9,162,122.00	3	0.66%
Consumers Energy Company	7,472,493.00	4	0.54%
Michigan Sugar Co.	6,283,766.00	5	0.45%
Walbro Engine Management LLC	6,259,300.00	6	0.45%
Thumb Electric Co-Op	5,554,322.00	7	0.40%
Wal-Mart Stores #01-1798	5,134,600.00	8	0.37%
TI Group Automotive Services	2,795,697.00	9	0.20%
Metavation	2,476,600.00	10	0.18%
<b>Totals</b>	<b>\$ 92,772,924.00</b>		<b>6.67%</b>

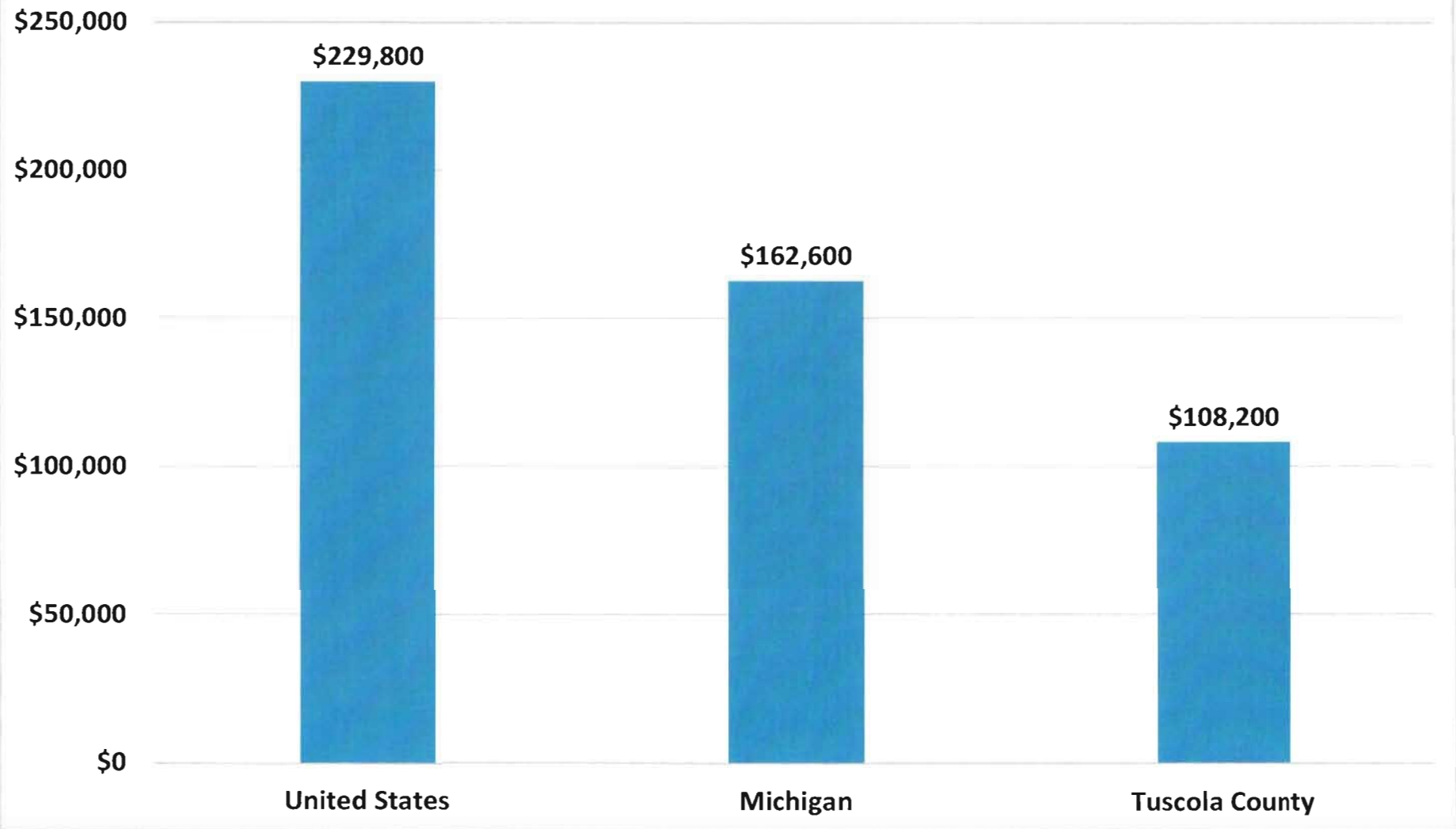
<b>Tuscola County Socio/Economic Comparisons to Huron and Sanilac Counties</b>			
	<b>Sanilac</b>	<b>Huron</b>	<b>Tuscola</b>
<b>Total 2021 Population</b>	<b>40,506</b>	<b>31,252</b>	<b>52,917</b>
<b>Estimated population change 2016-2020</b>	<b>-0.3%</b>	<b>-0.5%</b>	<b>-0.8%</b>
<b>Person 65 and older - 2020</b>	<b>22.7%</b>	<b>26.5%</b>	<b>21.5%</b>
<b>Owner occupied housing units - 2020</b>	<b>78.7%</b>	<b>80.9%</b>	<b>82.4%</b>
<b>Housing Units</b>	<b>21,719</b>	<b>20,344</b>	<b>23,976</b>
<b>Owner-occupied housing unit rate, 2020</b>	<b>78.4%</b>	<b>80.5%</b>	<b>83.7%</b>
<b>Median value owner occupied housing units - 2020</b>	<b>\$121,500</b>	<b>\$109,000</b>	<b>\$108,200</b>
<b>Median monthly owner costs with a mortgage - 2020</b>	<b>\$1,034</b>	<b>\$973</b>	<b>\$1,066</b>
<b>Medium gross rent - 2020</b>	<b>\$701</b>	<b>\$637</b>	<b>\$727</b>
<b>High school graduate or higher, percent of persons age 25 years+, 2020</b>	<b>89.5%</b>	<b>90.3%</b>	<b>90.1%</b>
<b>Bachelor's degree or higher, percent of persons age 25 years+, 2020</b>	<b>14.8%</b>	<b>16.0%</b>	<b>13.5%</b>
<b>Percent of people without health insurance - under 65</b>	<b>8.2%</b>	<b>6.9%</b>	<b>6.8%</b>
<b>Median household income - 2020</b>	<b>\$49,852</b>	<b>\$49,541</b>	<b>\$51,891</b>
<b>Per capita income - 2020</b>	<b>\$27,350</b>	<b>\$28,598</b>	<b>\$26,905</b>
<b>Percent of persons in poverty</b>	<b>15.3%</b>	<b>11.6%</b>	<b>11.4%</b>

# Economy

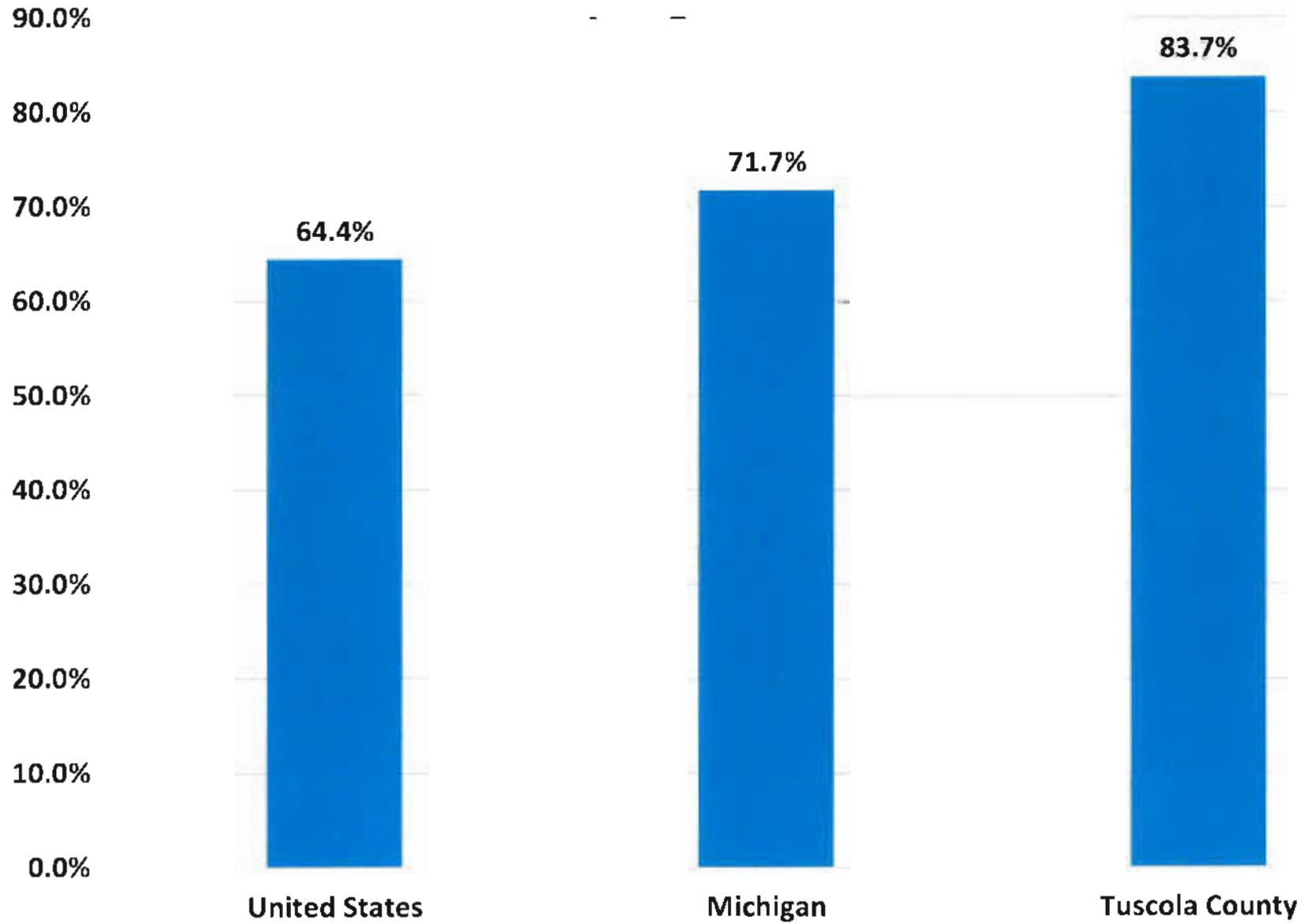
## Percent of community with access to highspeed broadband



## Median Value Owner Occupied Housing Units - 2020

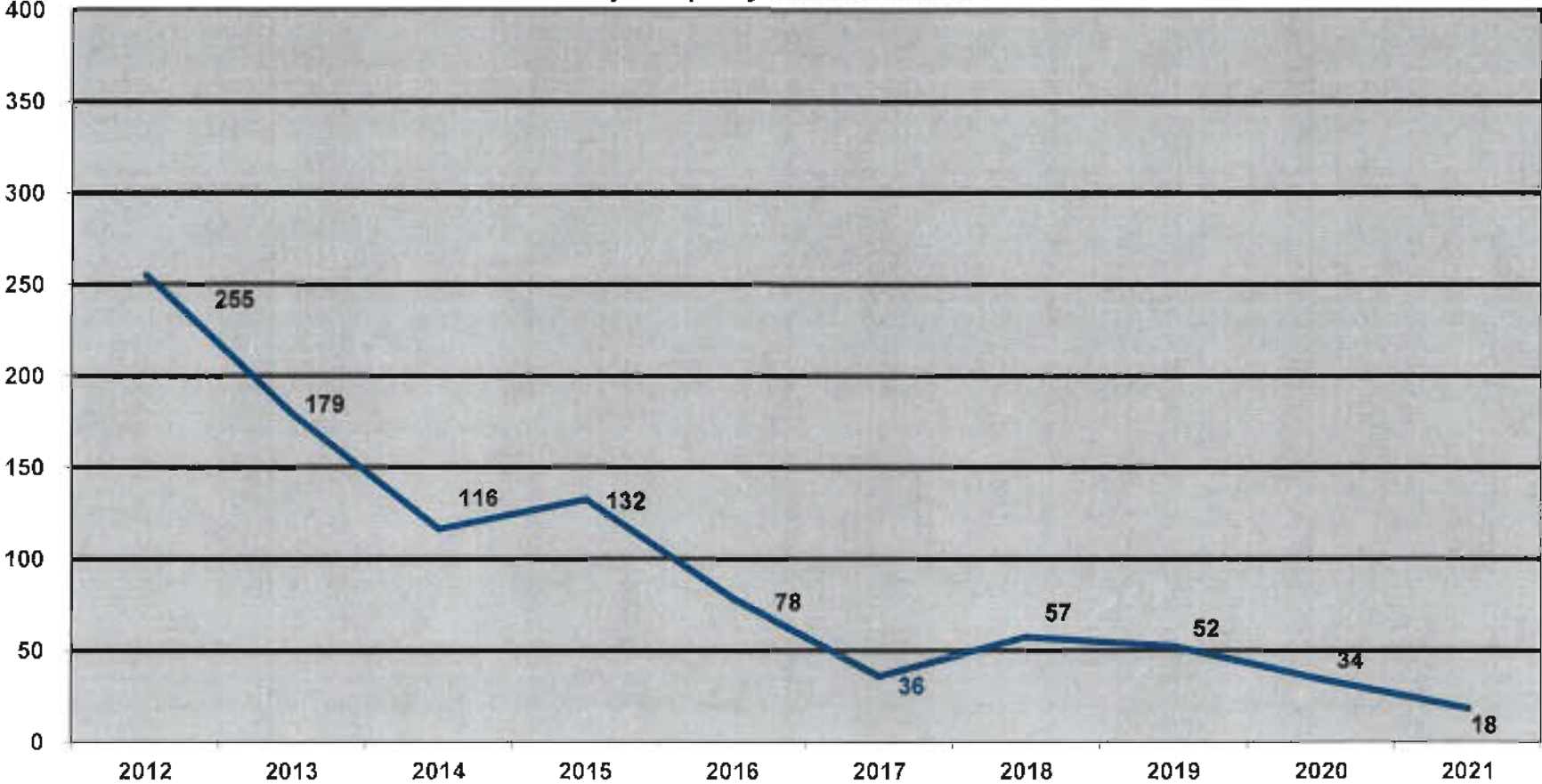


## Owner Occupied Housing units - 2020





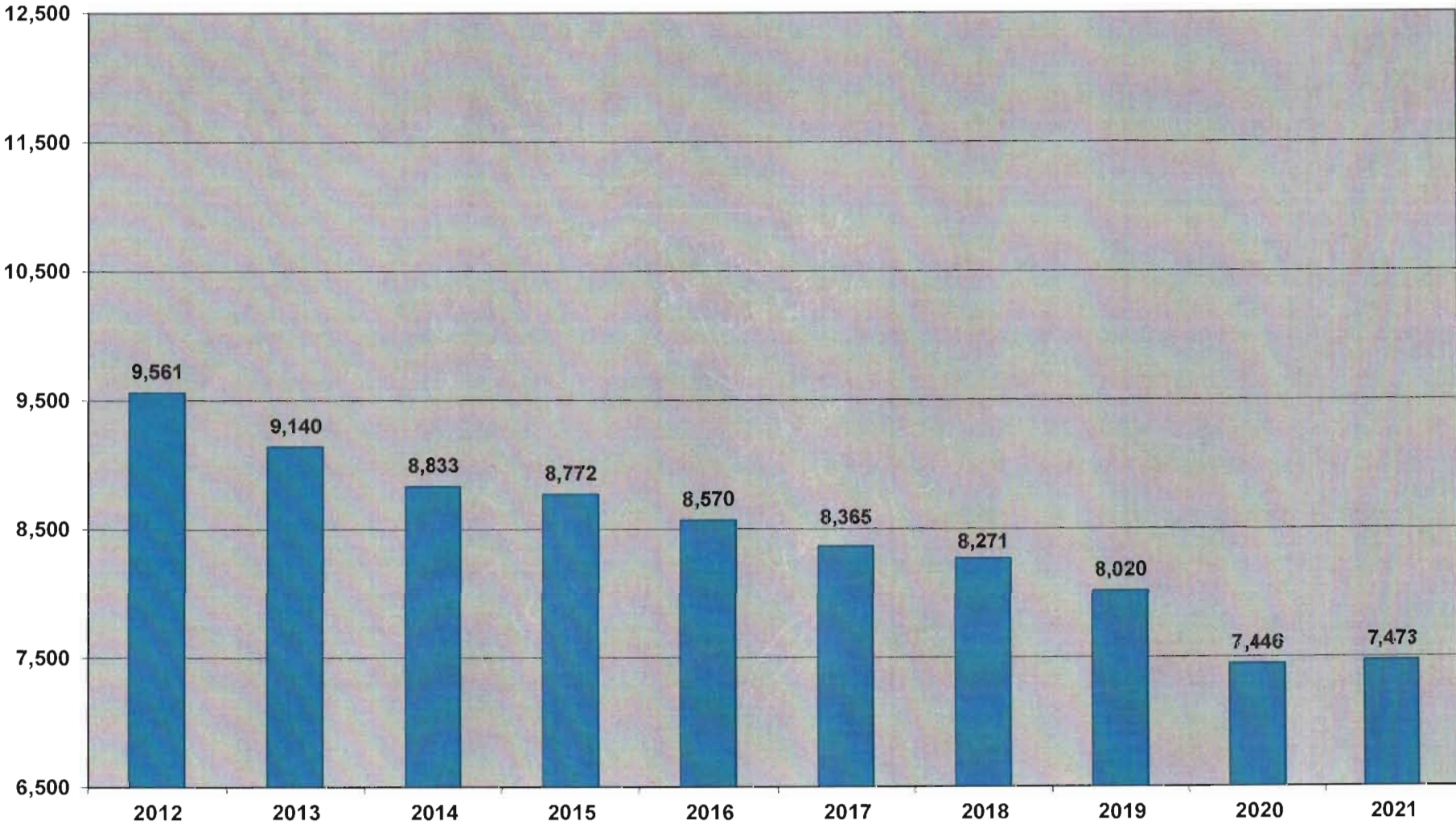
### Tuscola County Property Foreclosures



Source: Tuscola County Treasurer

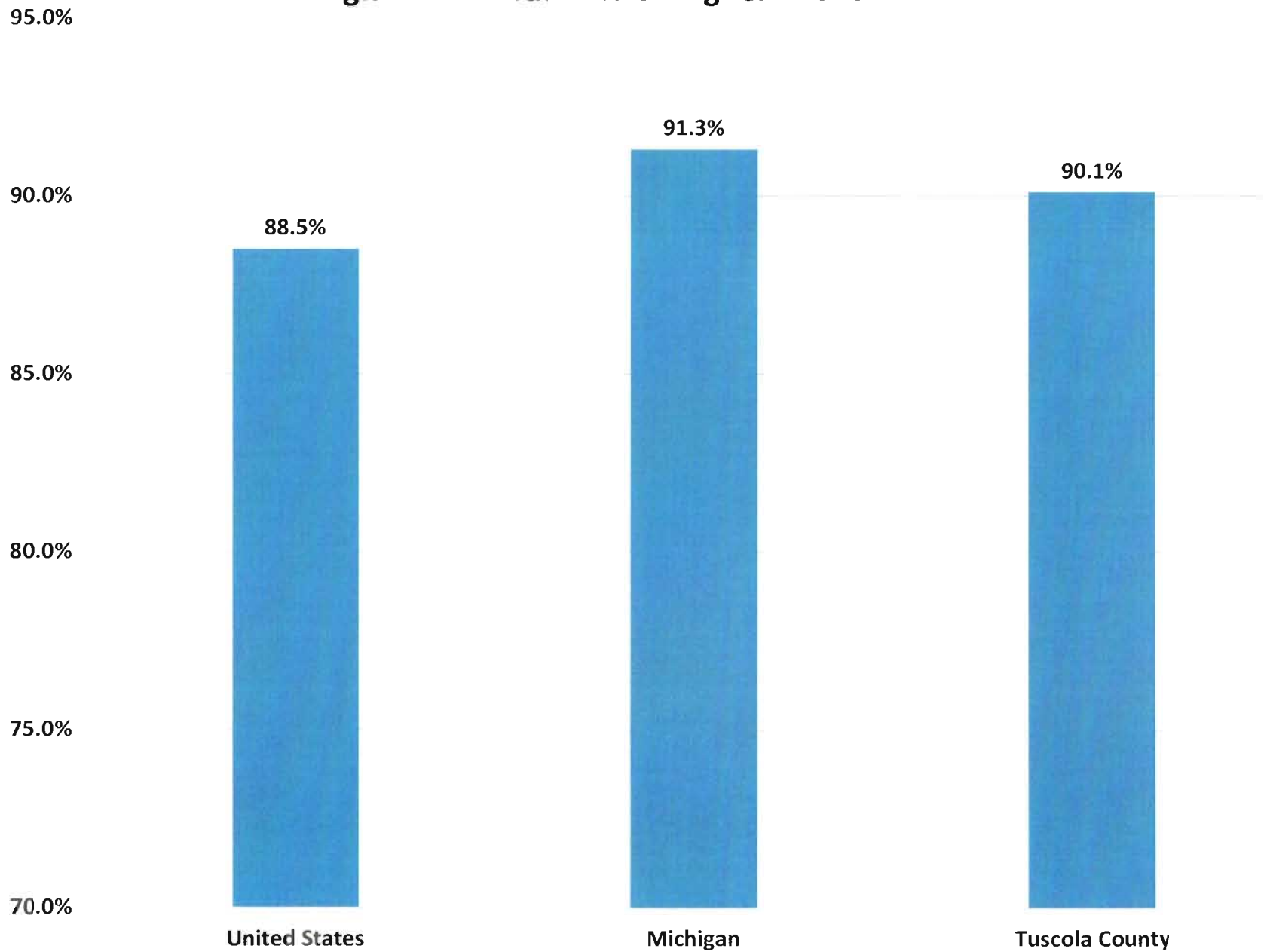
# Education

### Public School Enrollment

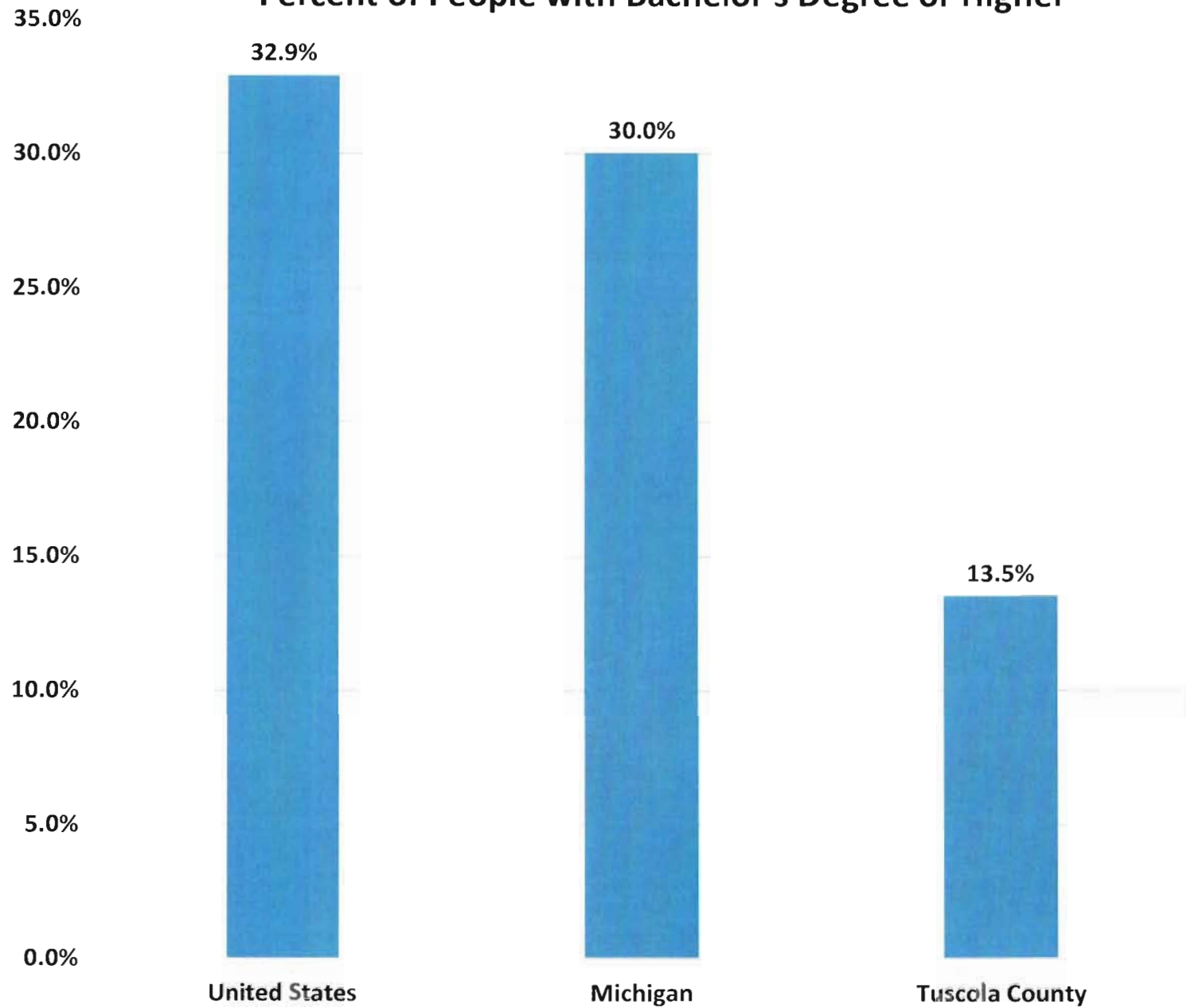


Source: Tuscola Intermedicate School District/MI School Data

## High School Graduate or Higher - 2020

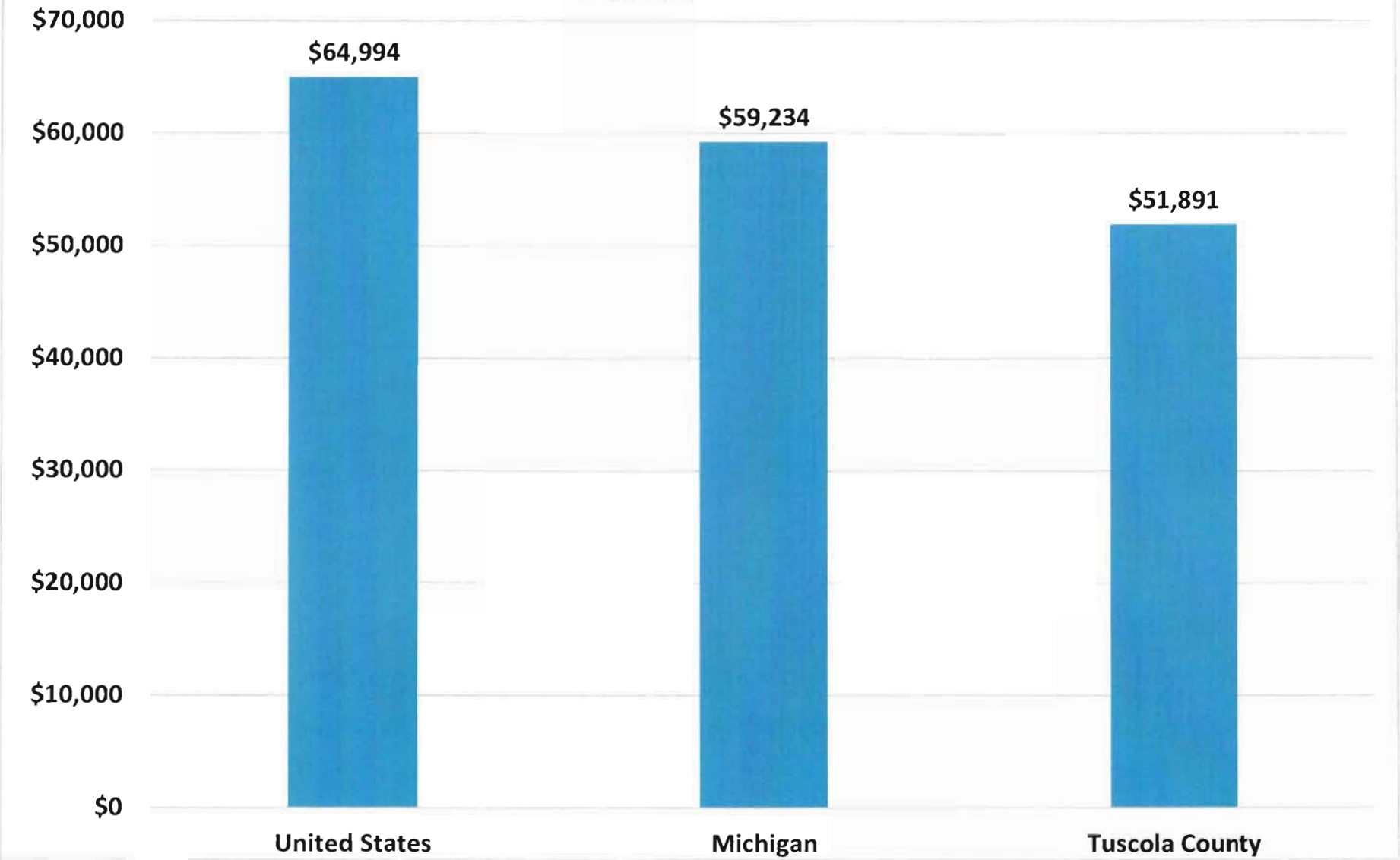


## Percent of People with Bachelor's Degree or Higher



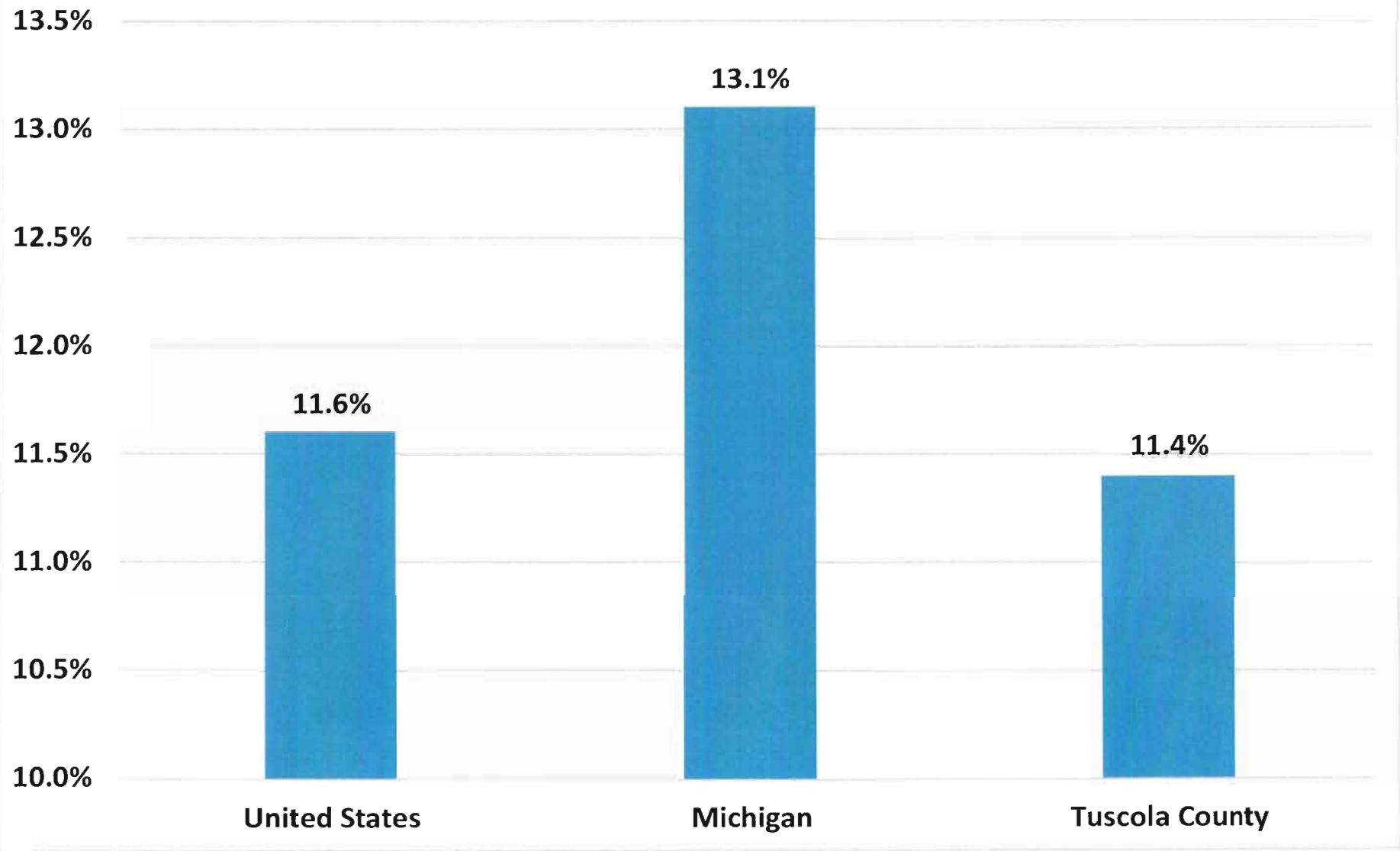
**Income**

# Median Household Income - 2020



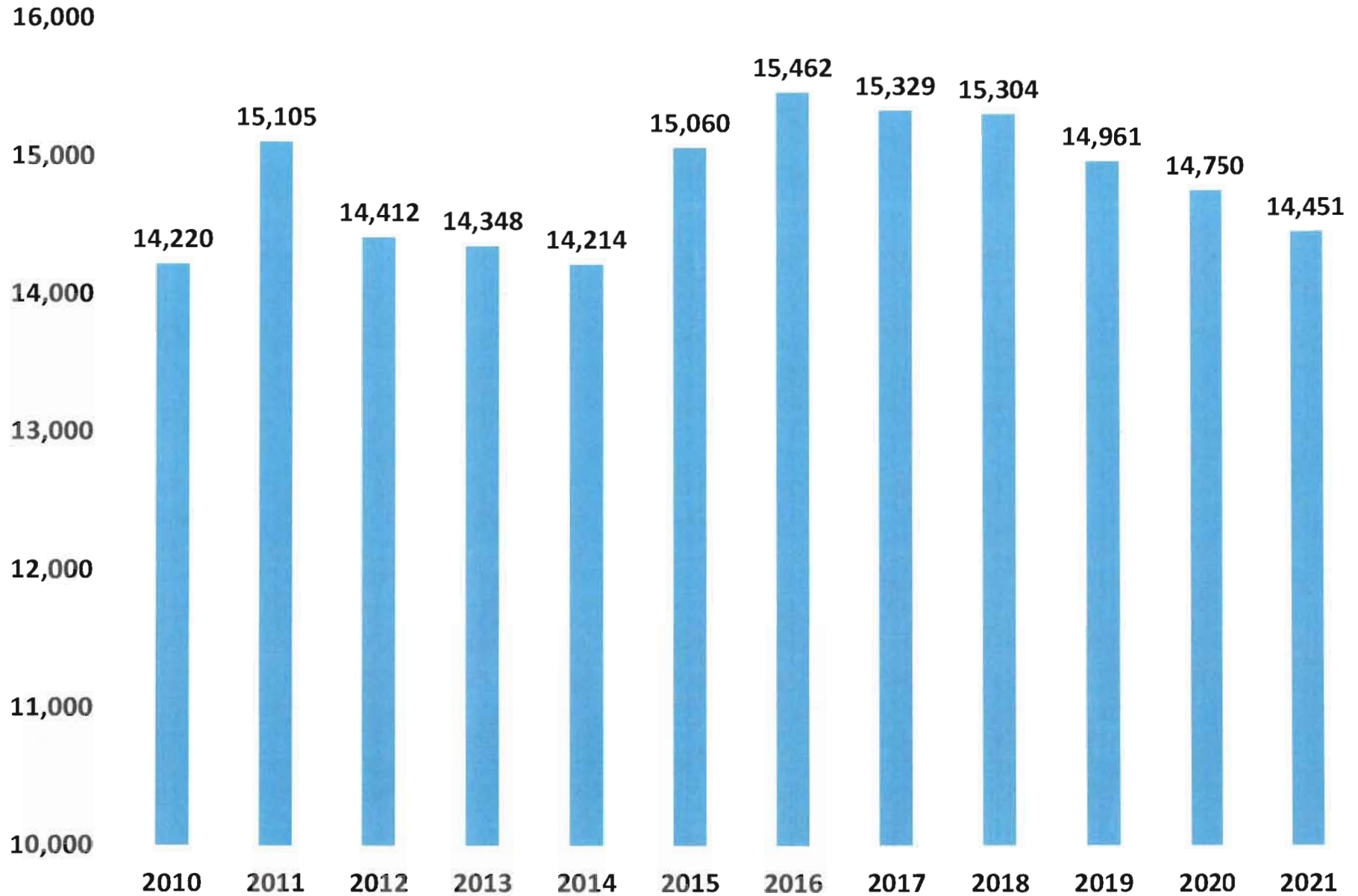
Source: census.gov

## Percent of Persons in Poverty



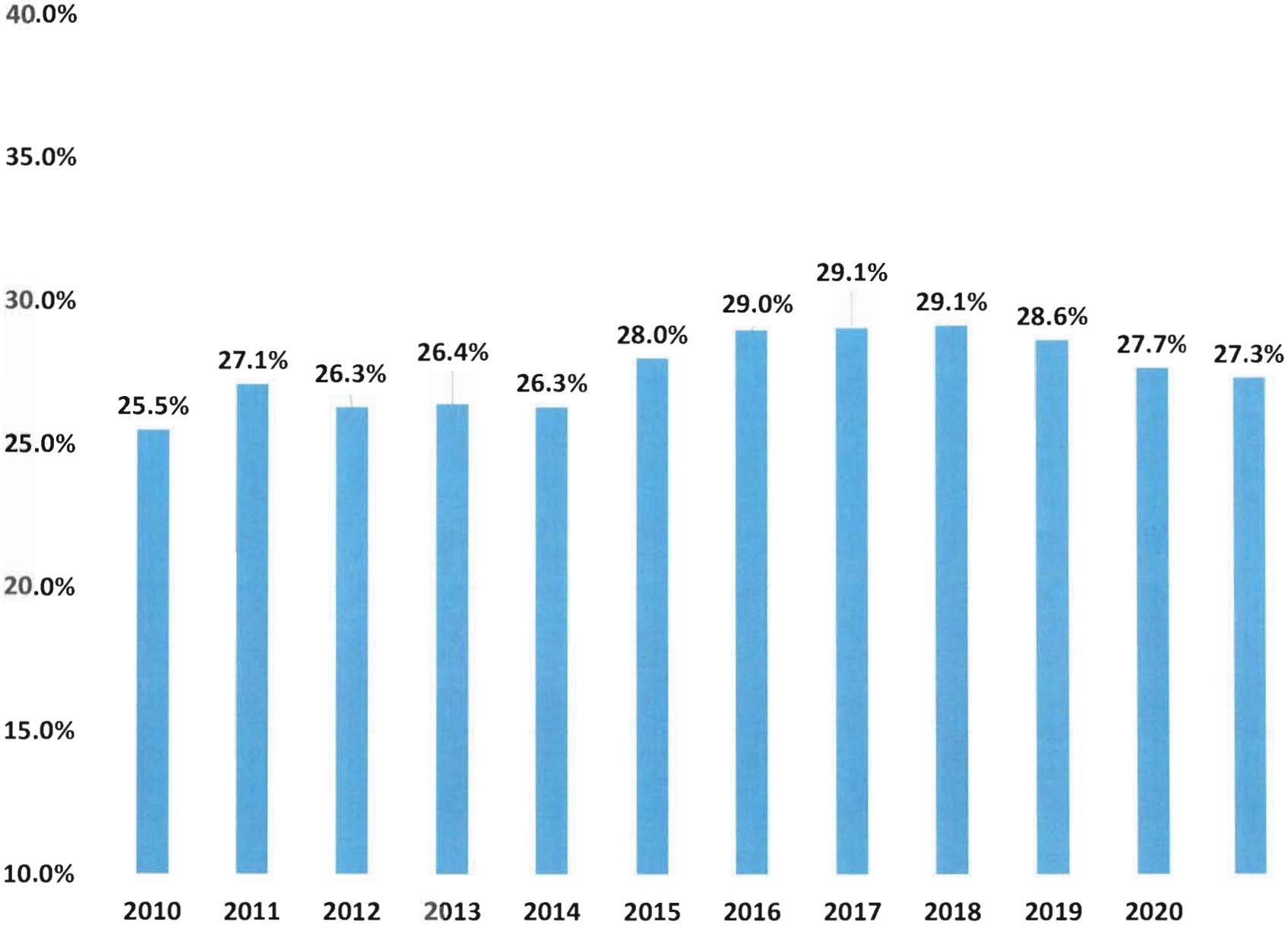


### Number of People Receiving Public Assistance in Tuscola County



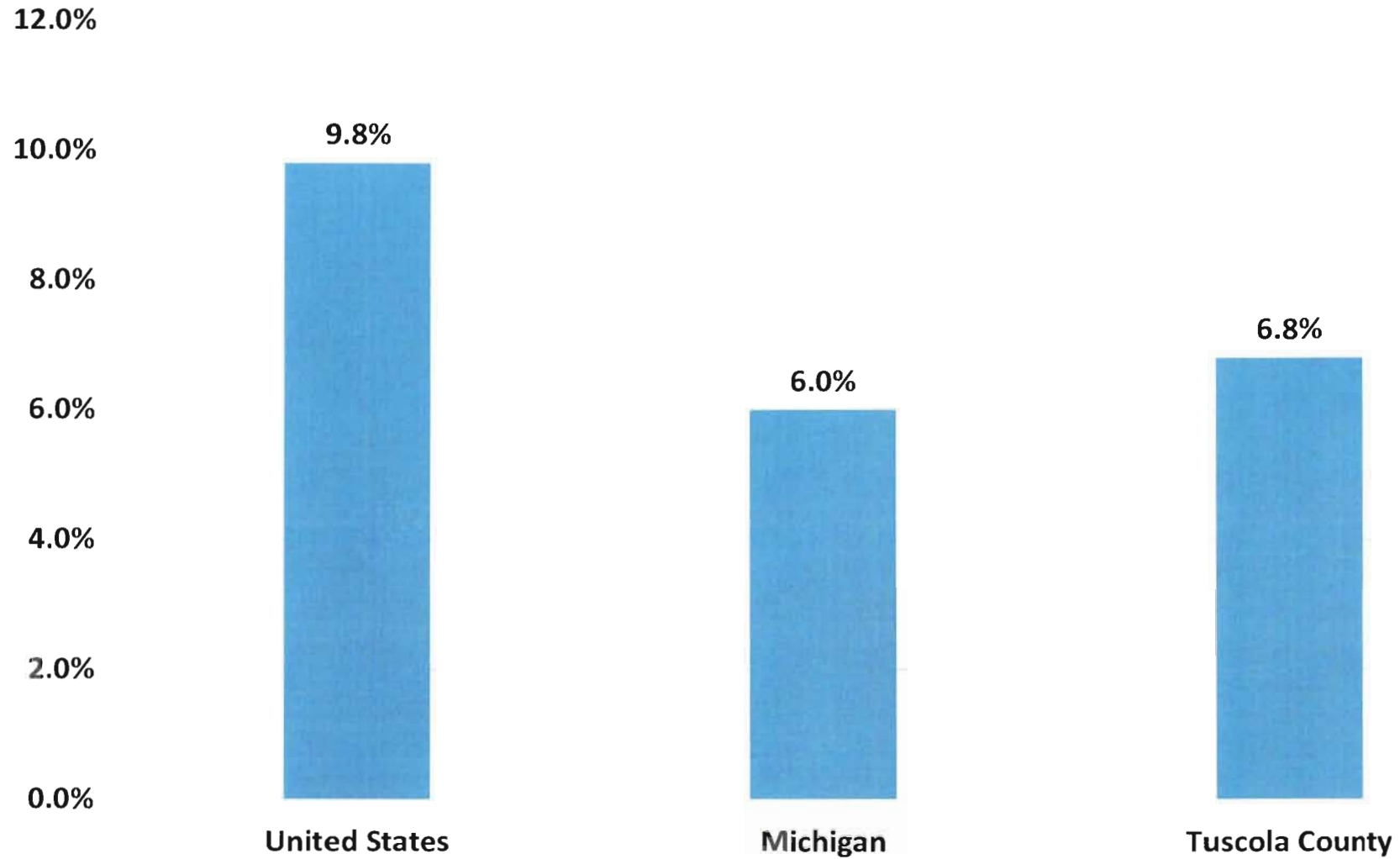
Source: Michigan.gov/Michigan Department of Health Human Services Annual Report of Key Program Statistics FY2021

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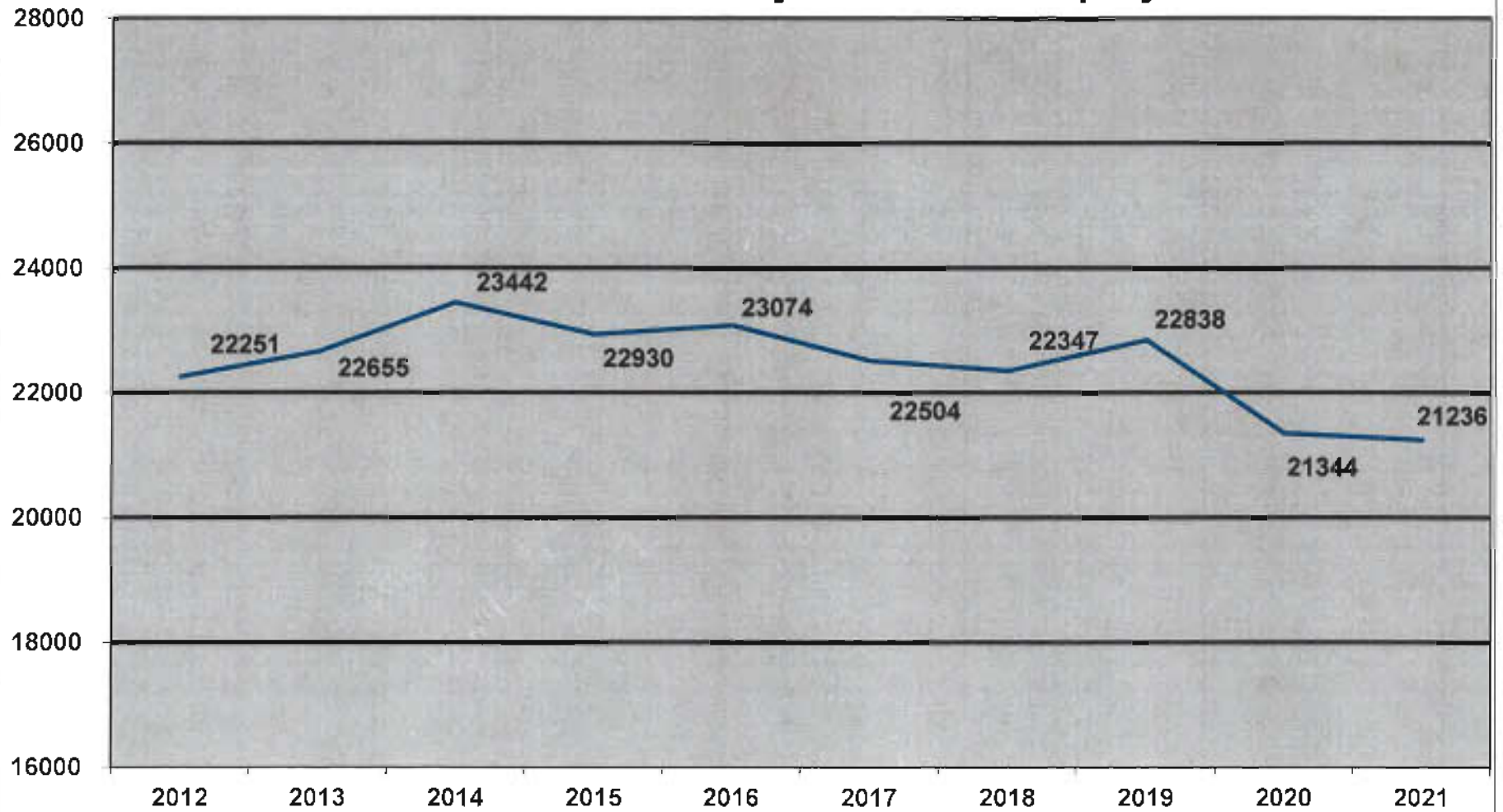


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## Percent of People Without Health Insurance, under age 65 years

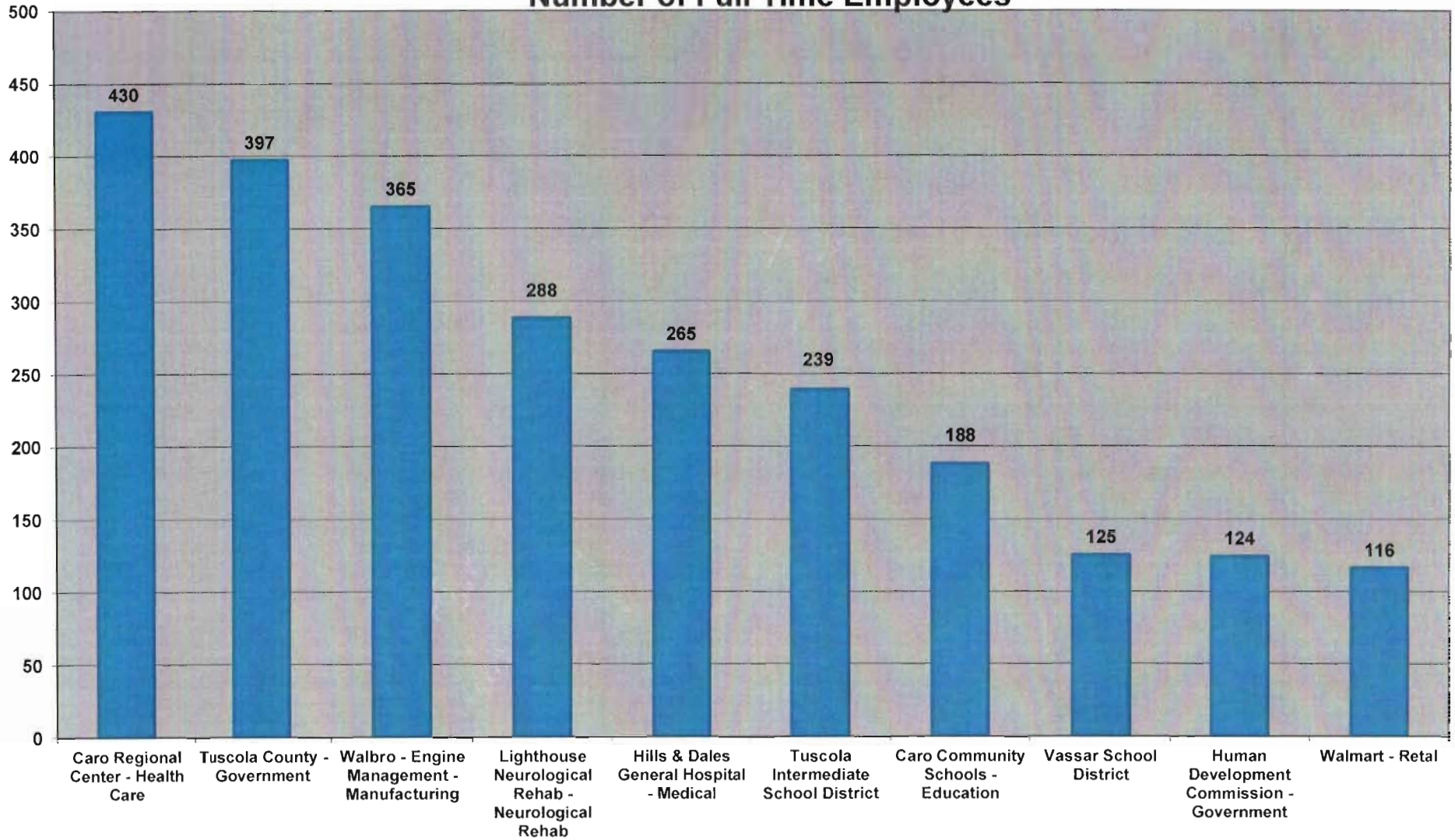


## Number of Tuscola County Residents Employed

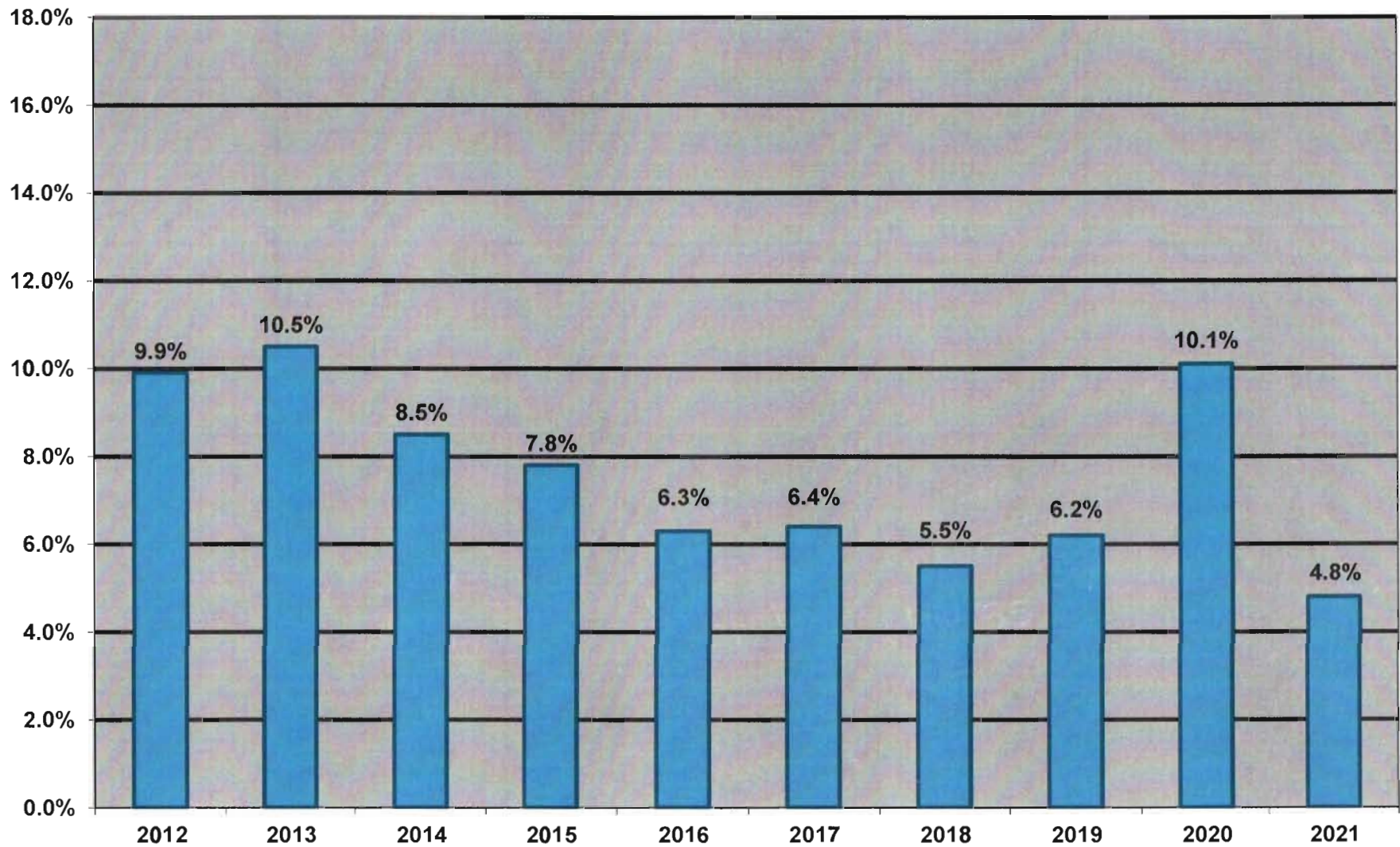


Source: Bureau of Labor Statistics, Local Area Unemployment Statistics, as of April 15, 2022

## 2021 Tuscola County Principal Employers Number of Full Time Employees

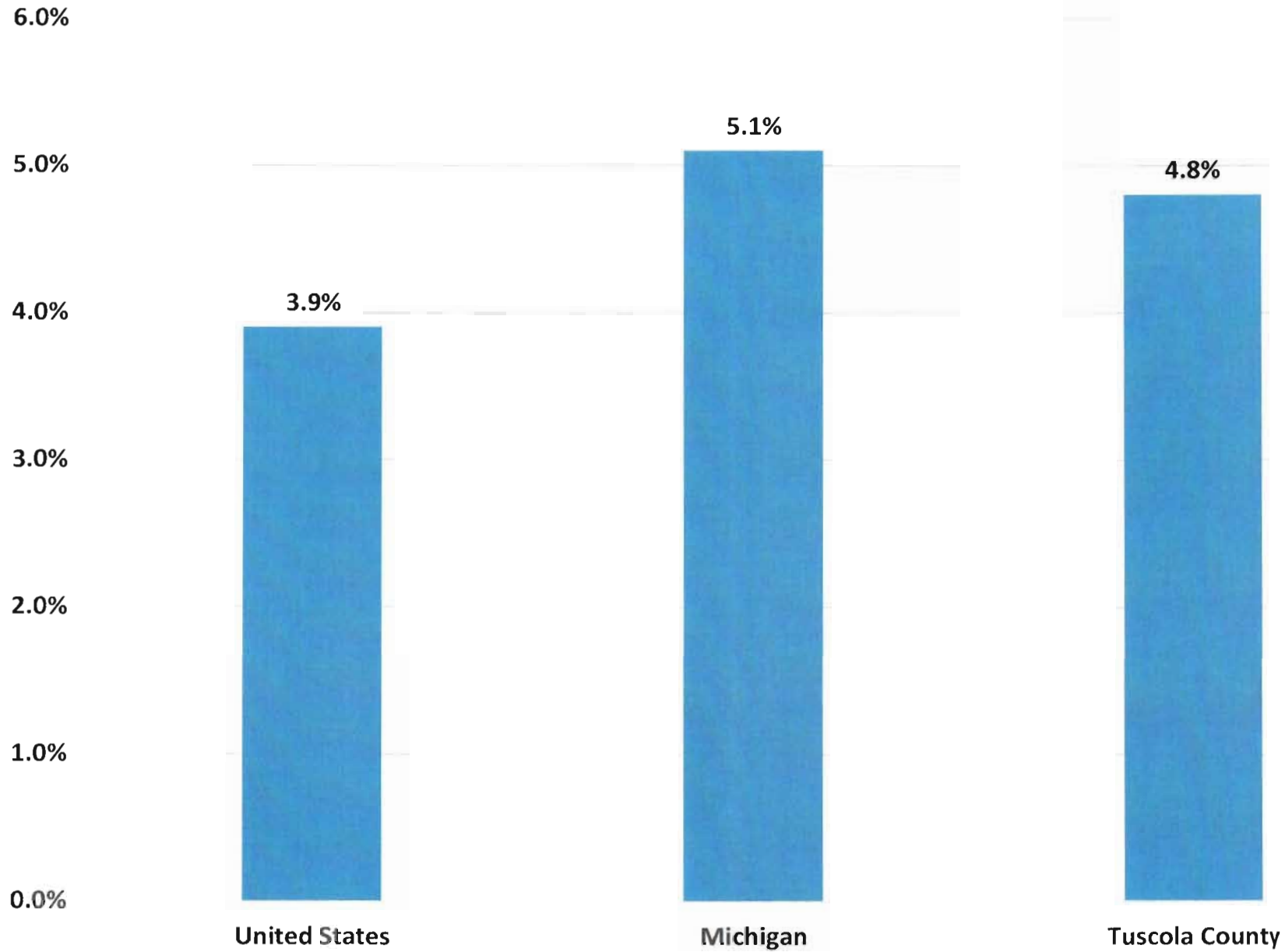


### County Unemployment Rates



Source: U.S. Bureau of Labor Statistics  
[www.bls.gov](http://www.bls.gov)

# Unemployment Rates - 2021

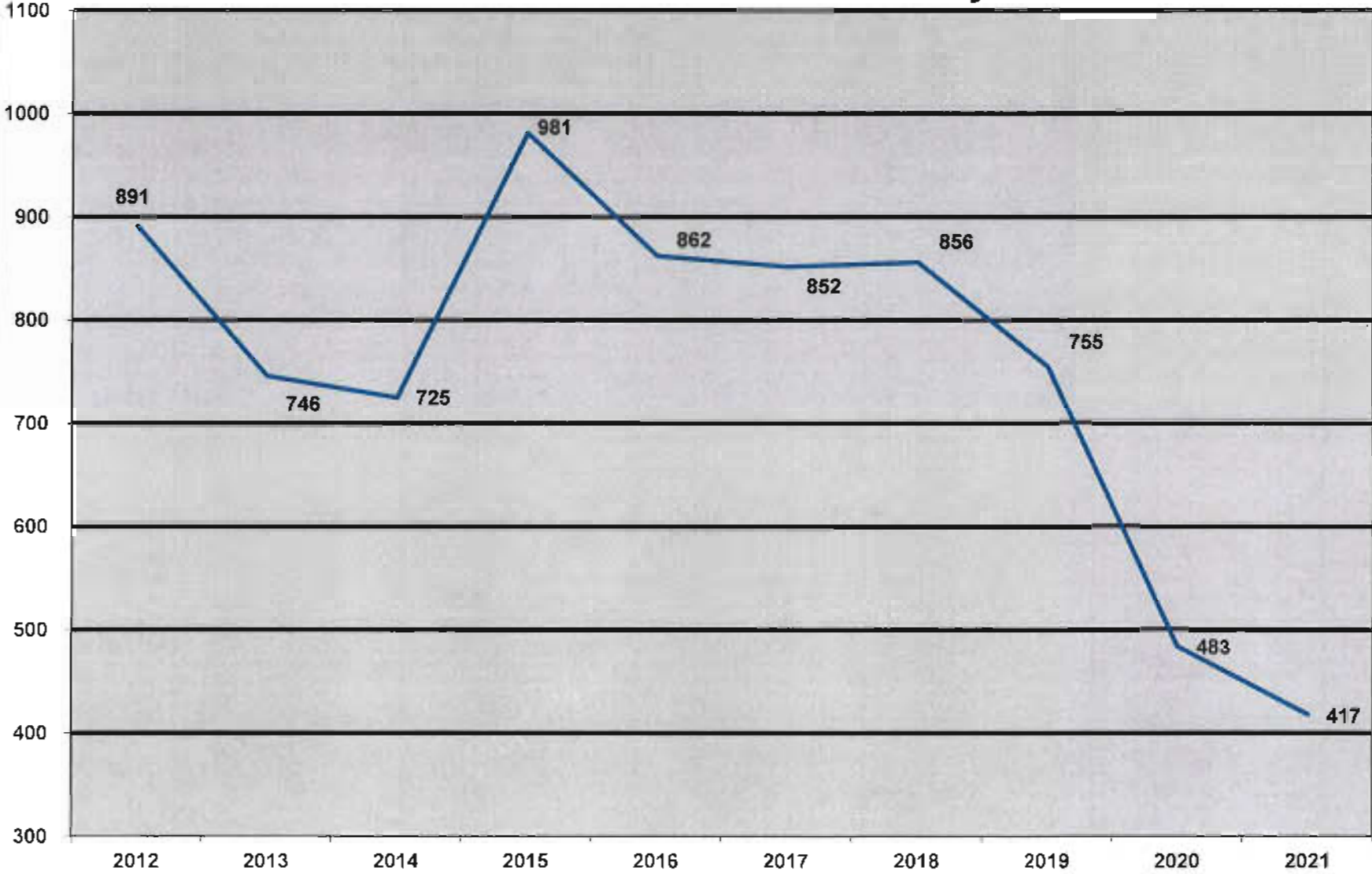


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# Public Safety

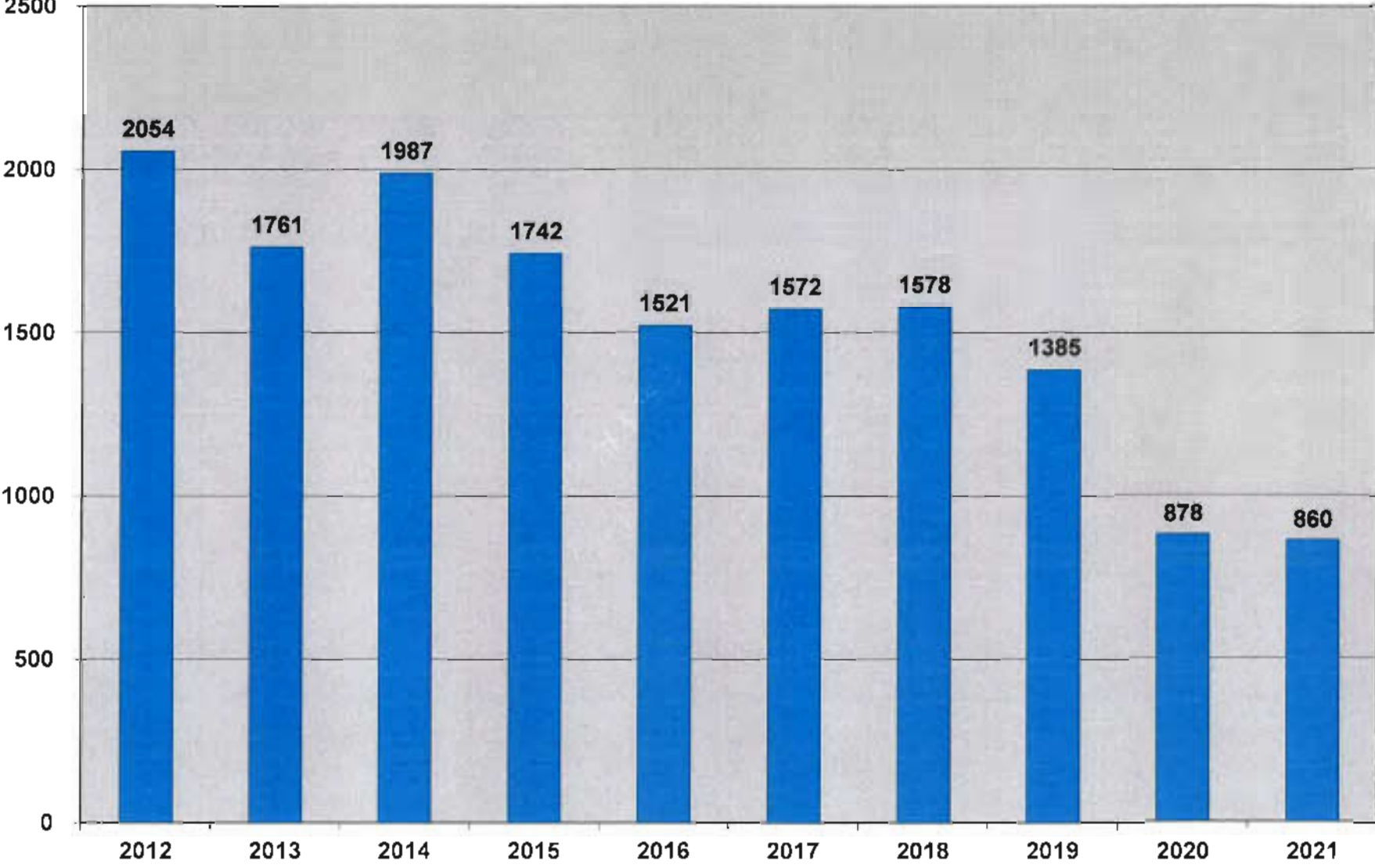


# Sheriff Arrests in the County



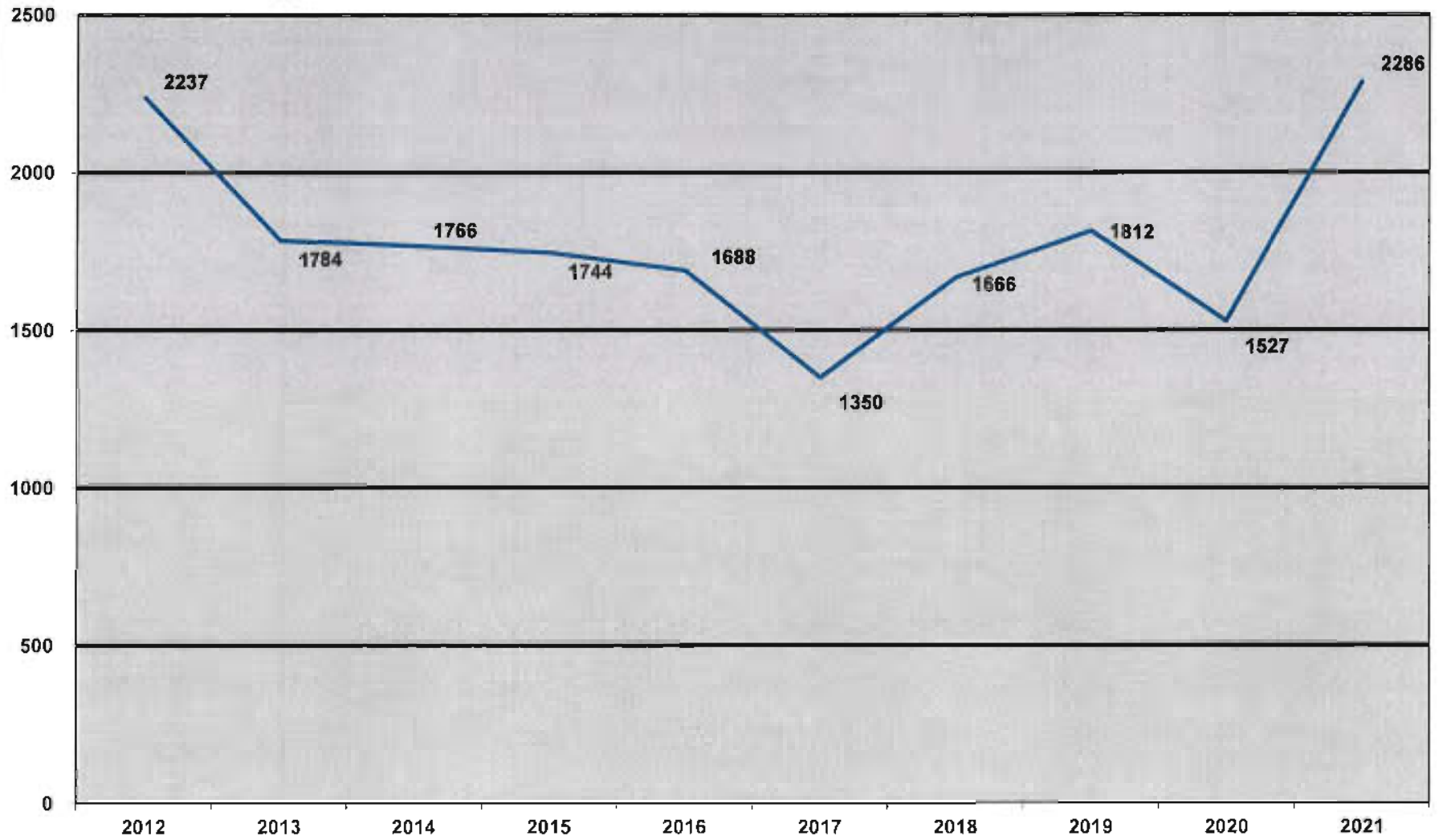
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# Jailed Offenders



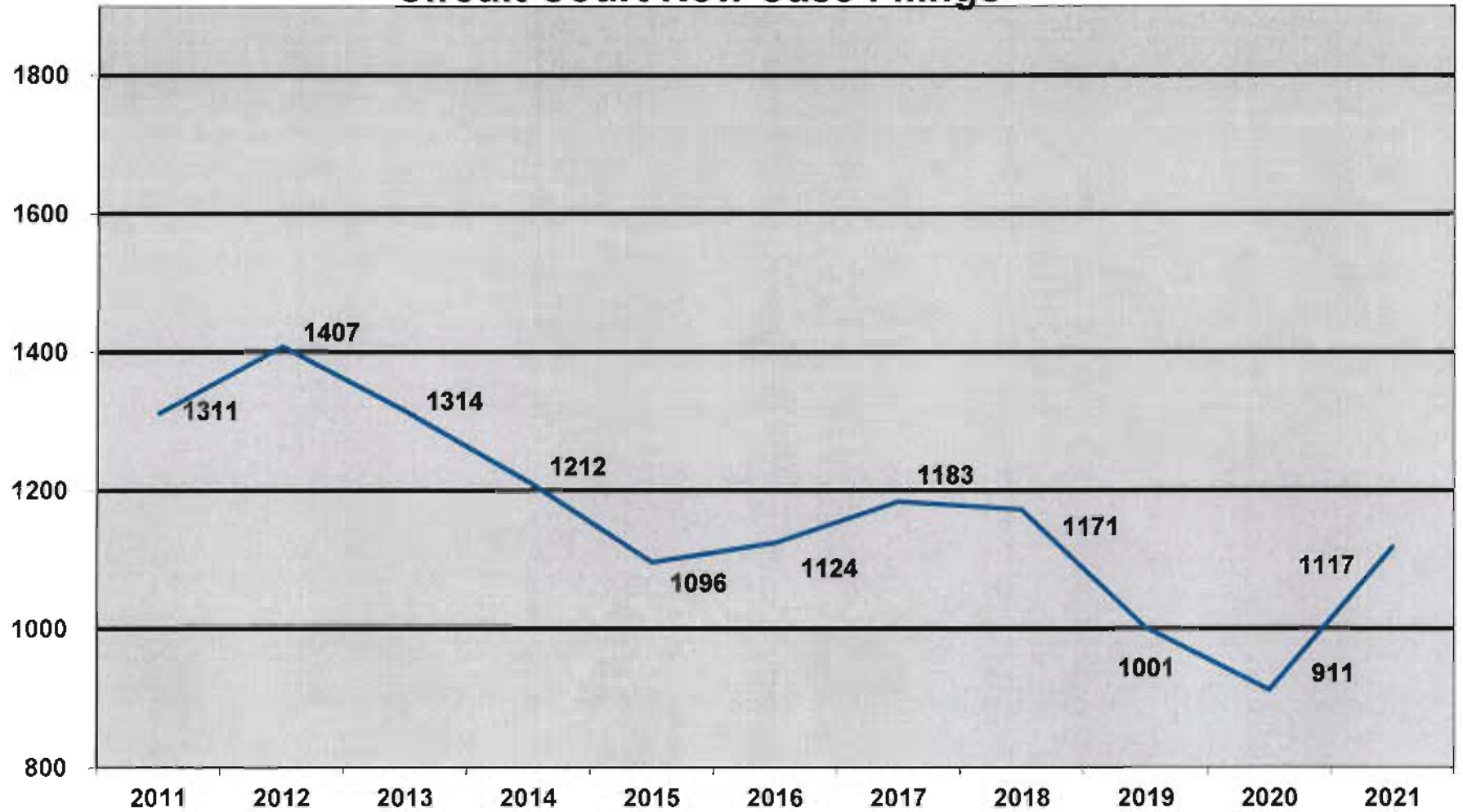
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## Traffic Violations and Other Summons Issued



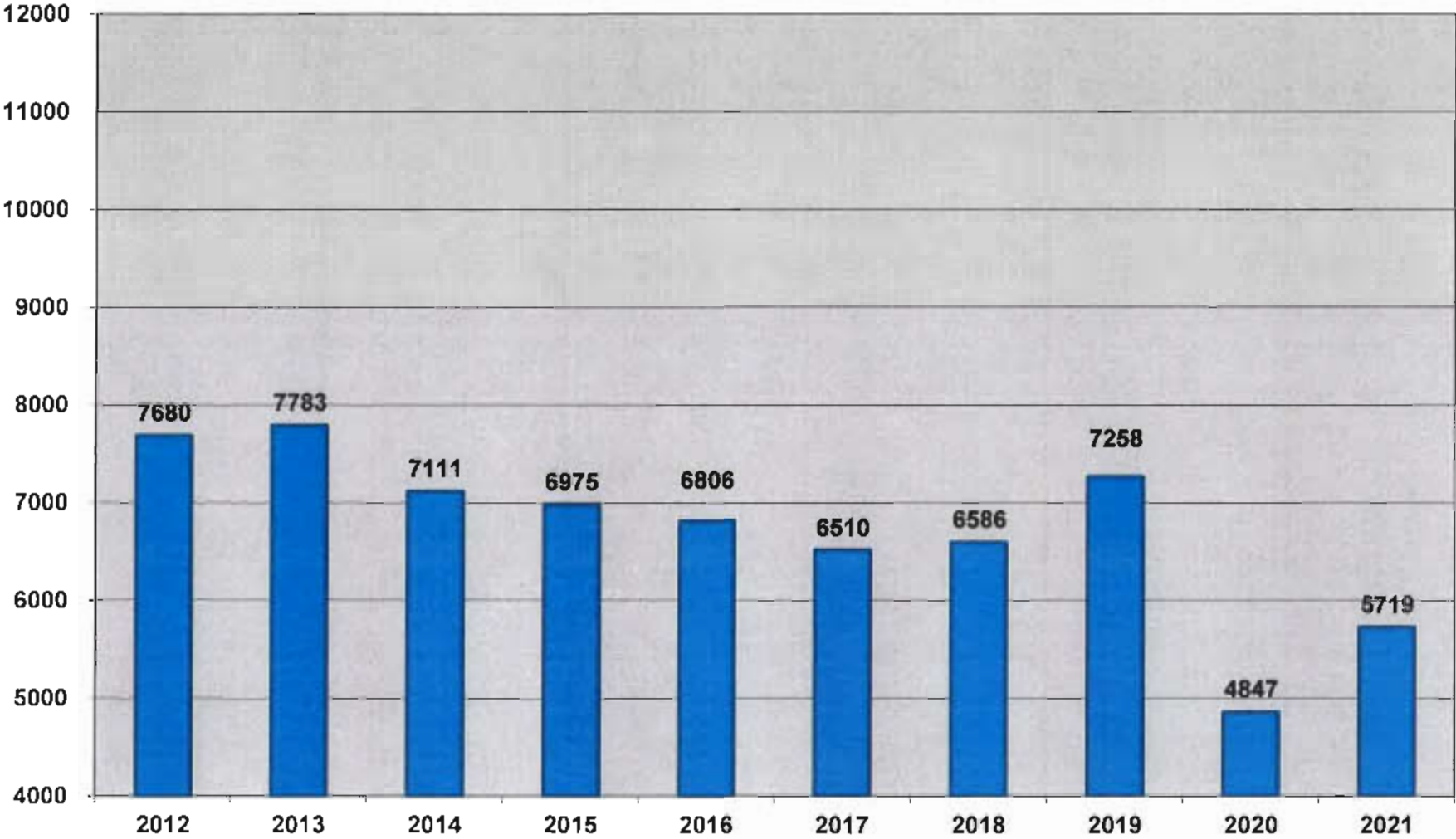
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## Circuit Court New Case Filings



Source: State Court Administrative Reports

### District Court New Case Filings



Source: State Court Administrative Report

**Probate Court New Case Filings**

