



SNAP:

**A View
From DC**

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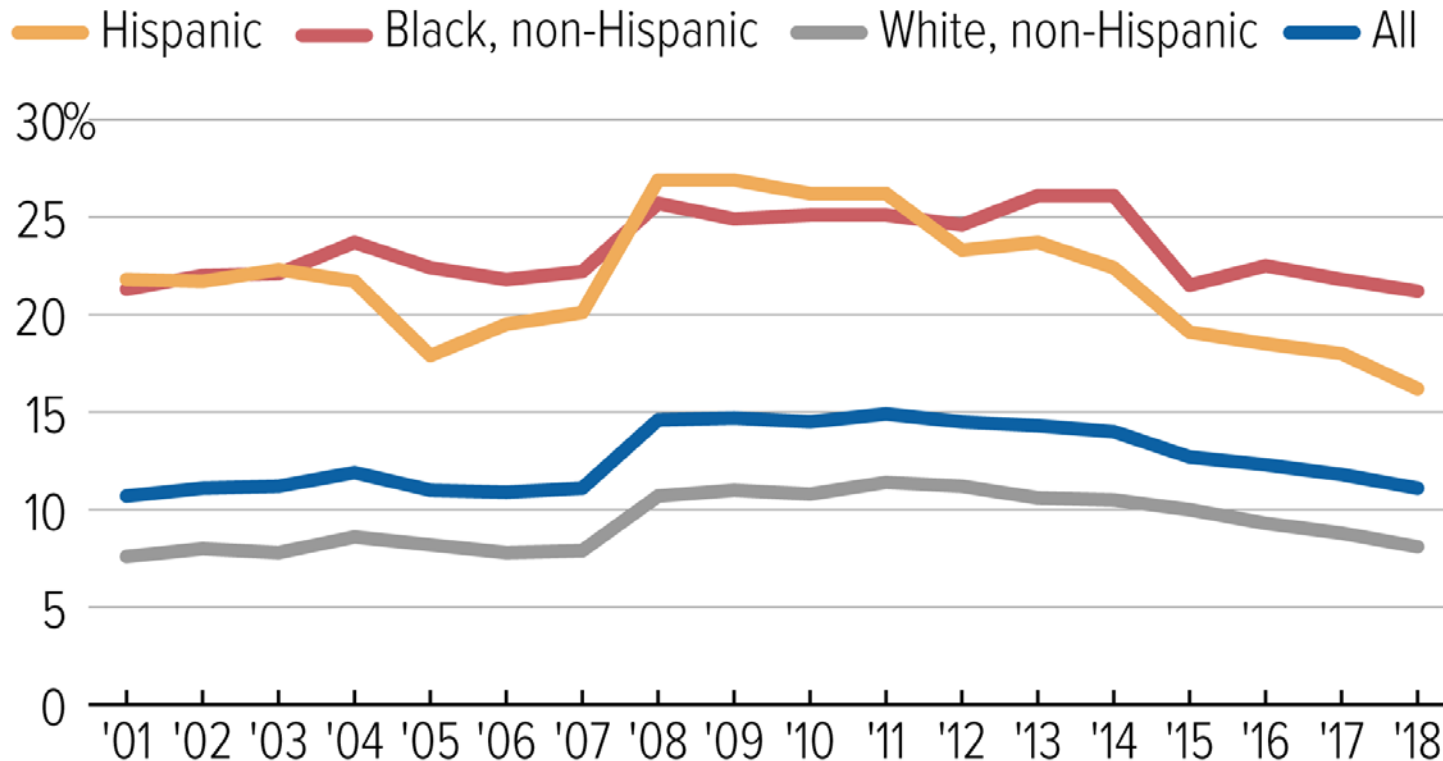






Food Insecurity by Race and Ethnicity Reveals Stark Disparities

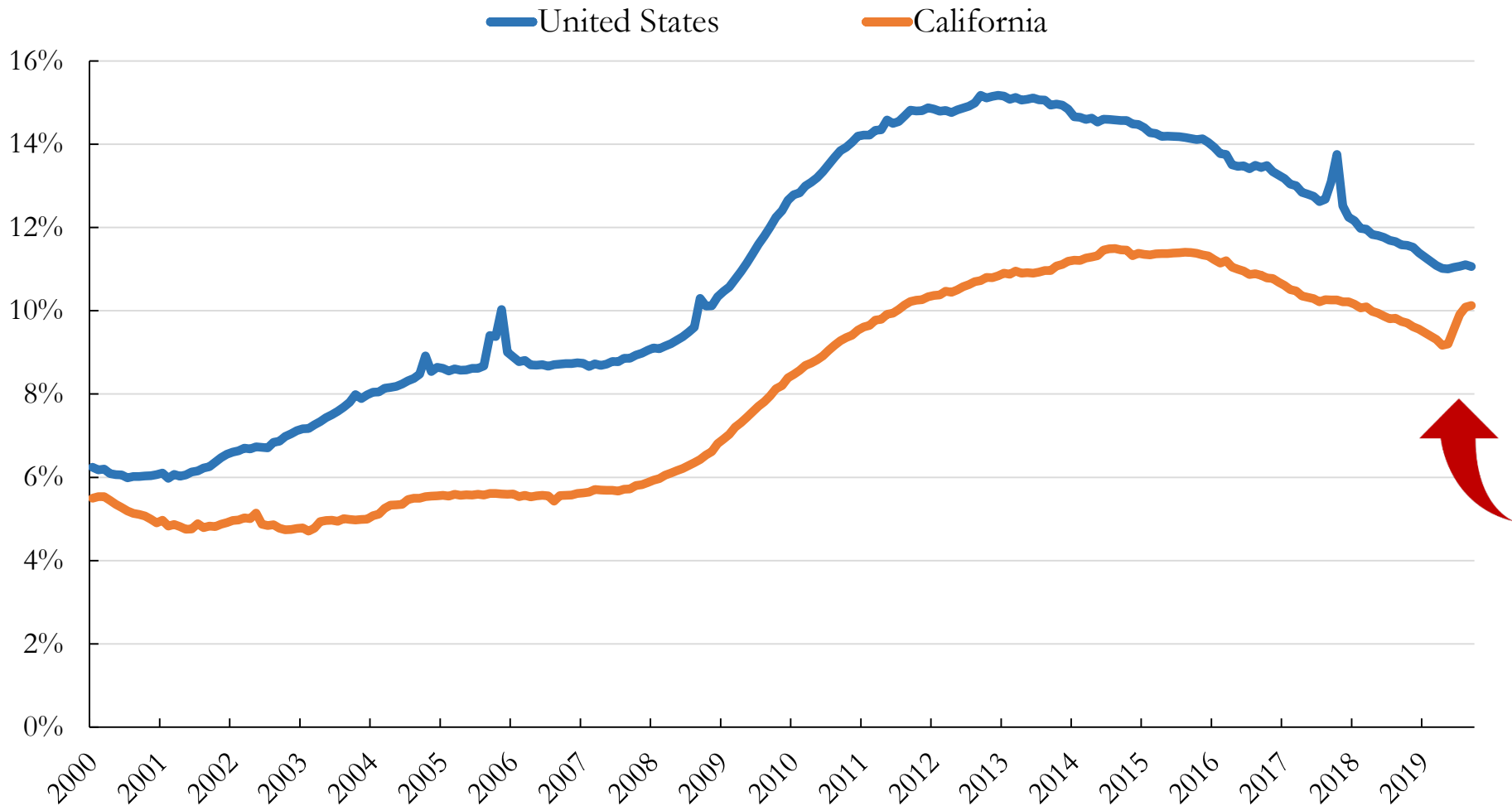
Percentage of households that lacked access to adequate food at some point in the year, by race and ethnicity, 2001-2018



Source: U.S. Department of Agriculture

How Well Is SNAP Reaching People?

Number of SNAP Participants as a Share of Population, 2000-2019

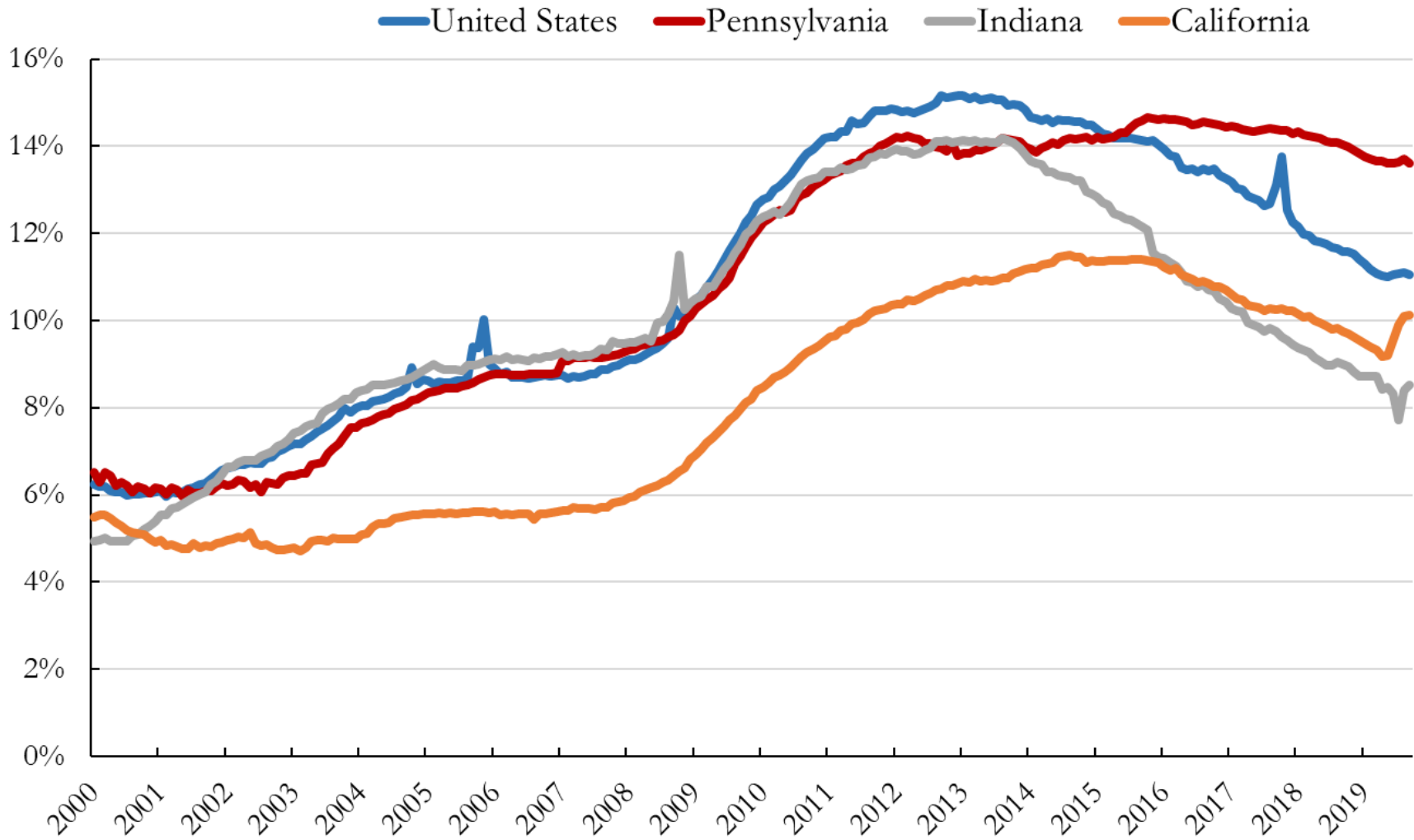


Sources: CBPP calculations from USDA program data and Census Bureau population estimates.

Comparing SNAP Caseloads Across States

Diverging SNAP Caseload

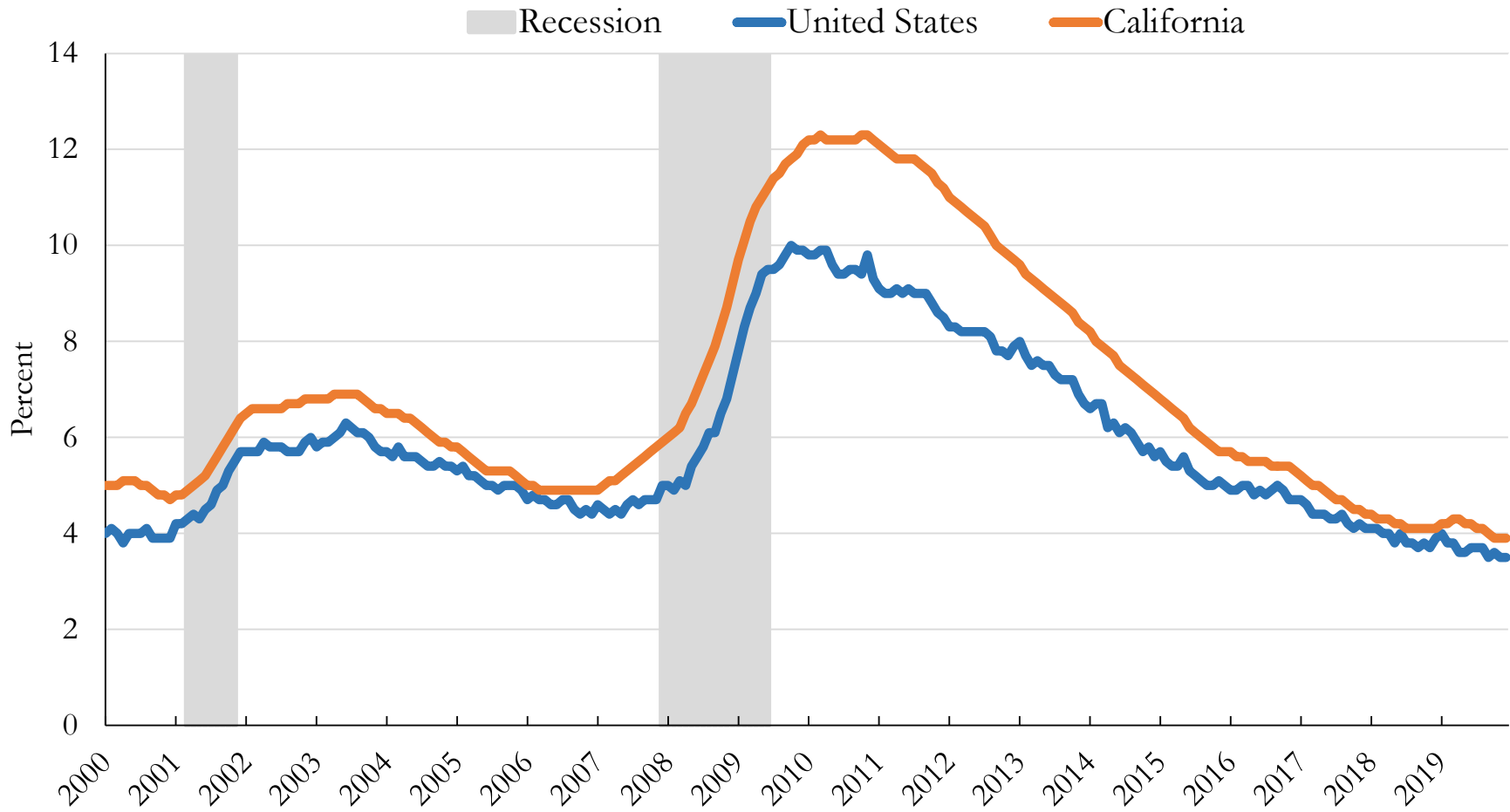
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Unemployment is Low

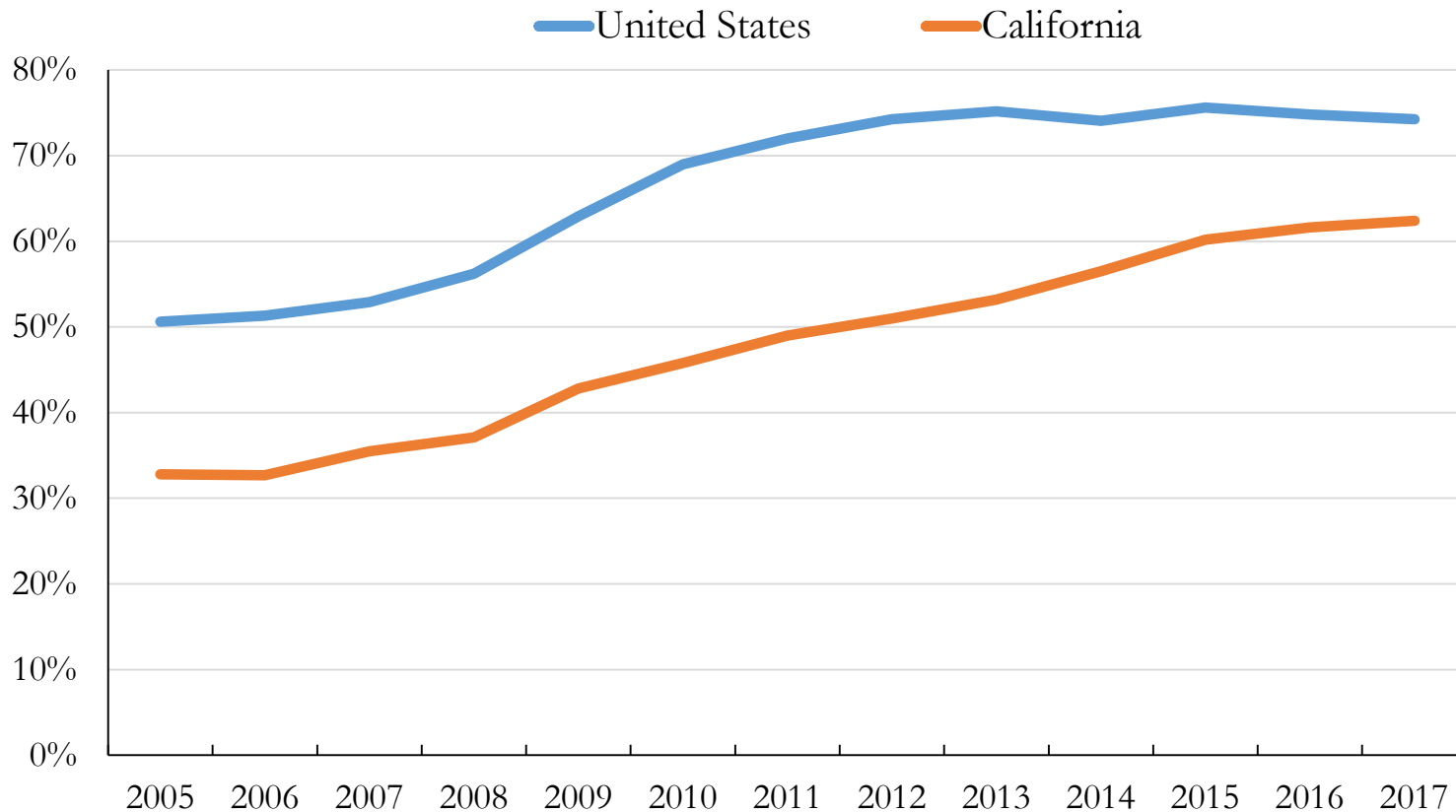
Monthly Unemployment Rates, January 2000 - December 2019



Source: U.S. Bureau of Labor Statistics.

California Program Access Index Nearly Doubled

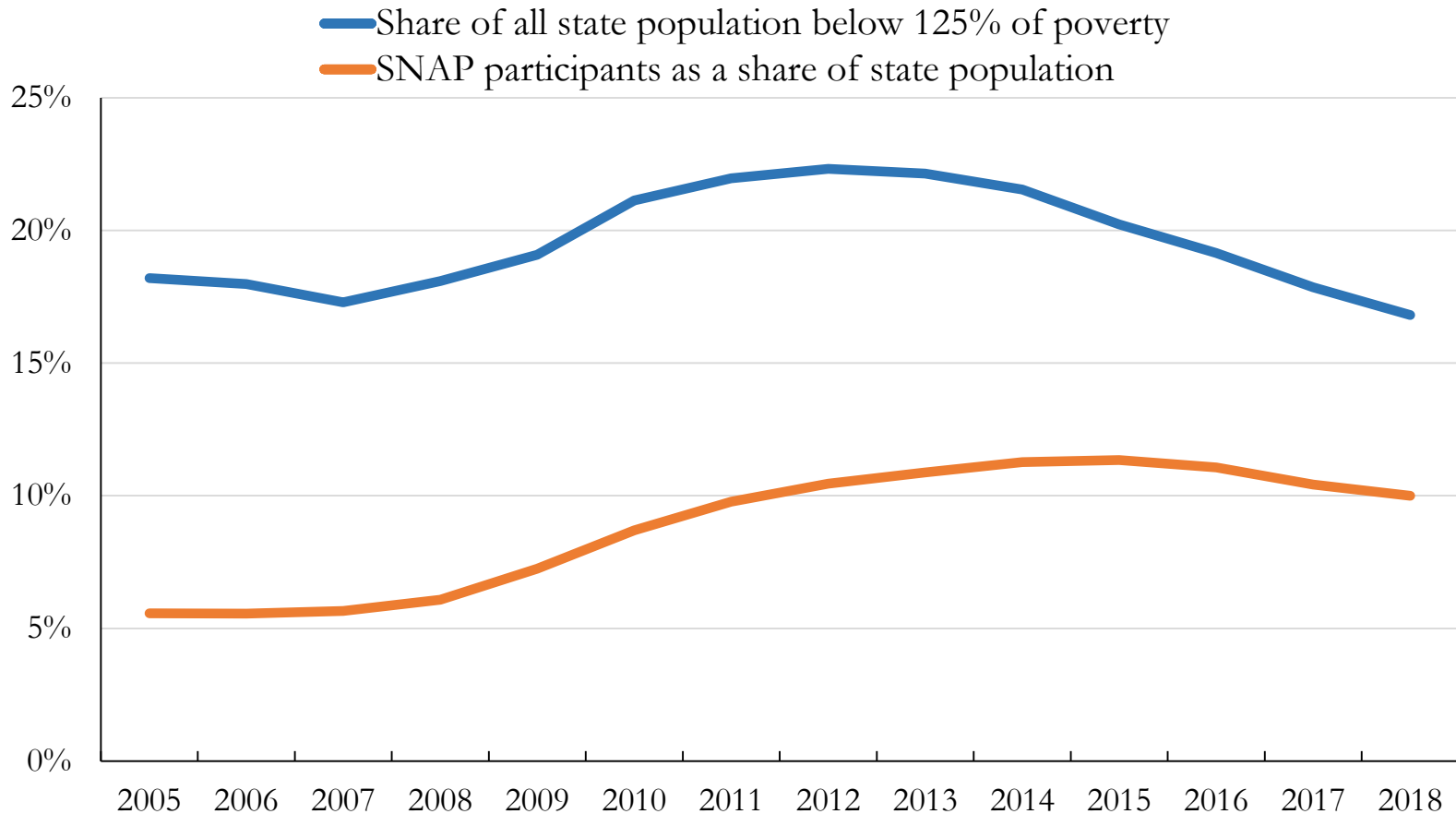
SNAP Program Access Index, 2005-2017



Note: The Program Access Index is the ratio of SNAP participants over the calendar year to the total number of people with income below 125 percent of the poverty line. The PAI is used for assessing SNAP performance bonuses. The 2017 rate is a CBPP estimate and may not match FNS's estimates, especially for states with large participation in the Food Donation Program on Indian Reservations (FDPIR), with D-SNAP in 2017, or for California because of SSI cash-out. <https://www.fns.usda.gov/snap/calculating-supplemental-nutrition-assistance-program-snap-program-access-index-step-step-guide>

California Low-Income Population Falling, SNAP Flatter

How the Number of SNAP Participants as a Share of the Population Tracks the Share of People in Households with Income Below 125% of Poverty



8 Sources: U.S. Census Bureau 2005-2017 American Community Survey and CBPP calculations from USDA program data and Census Bureau population estimates.

But California Still Below Many States

	2007	2015	2017
California – Overall Rate	51%	70%	
California – Working Poor	34%	57%	
California – PAI	35.5%	60.2%	62.3%
Georgia – Overall Rate	64%	86%	
Georgia – Working Poor	58%	74%	
Georgia – PAI	54.7%	81.0%	78.8%
Nevada – Overall Rate	61%	81%	
Nevada – Working Poor	49%	77%	
Nevada – PAI	35.4%	76.6%	85.1%

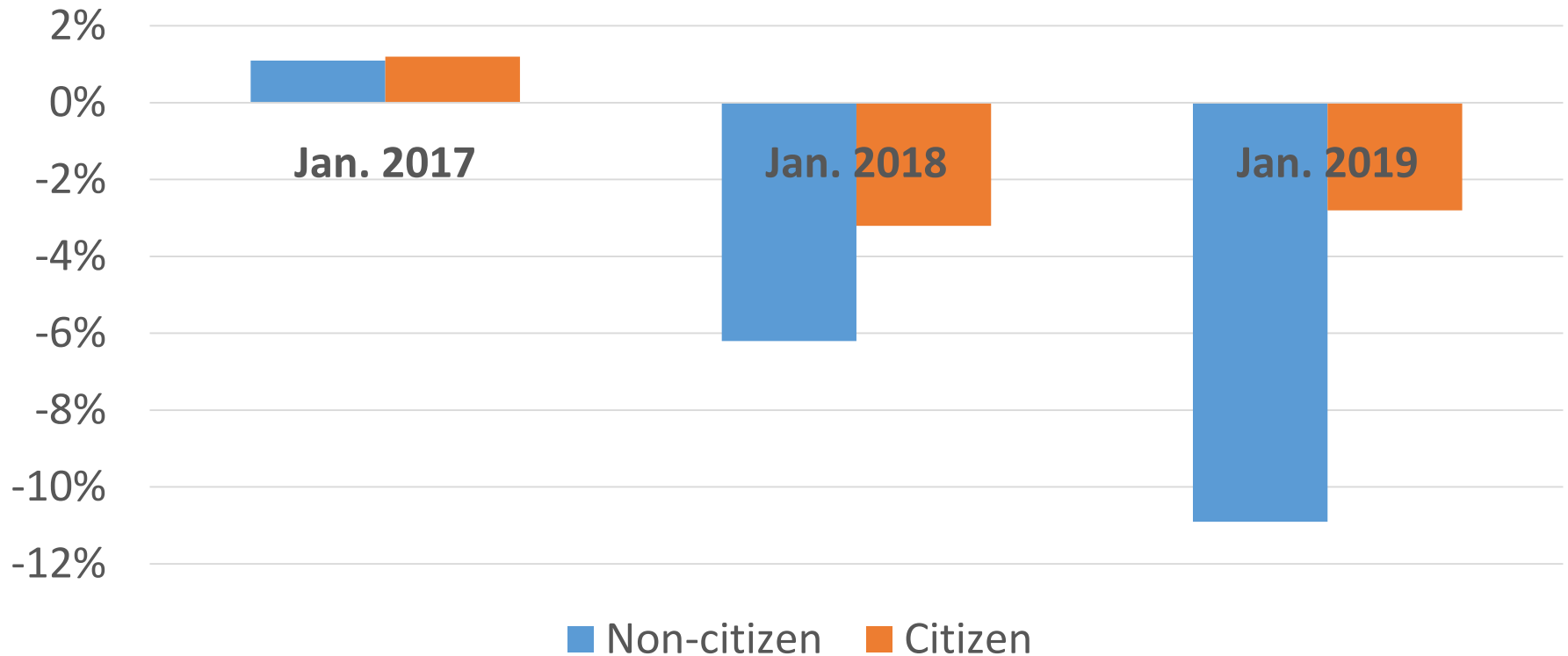
What Next? Maintaining Momentum

- Dig in on the issues:
 - Economic drivers
 - Policy
 - Process
 - Climate
- Assessing solutions
- Setting goals

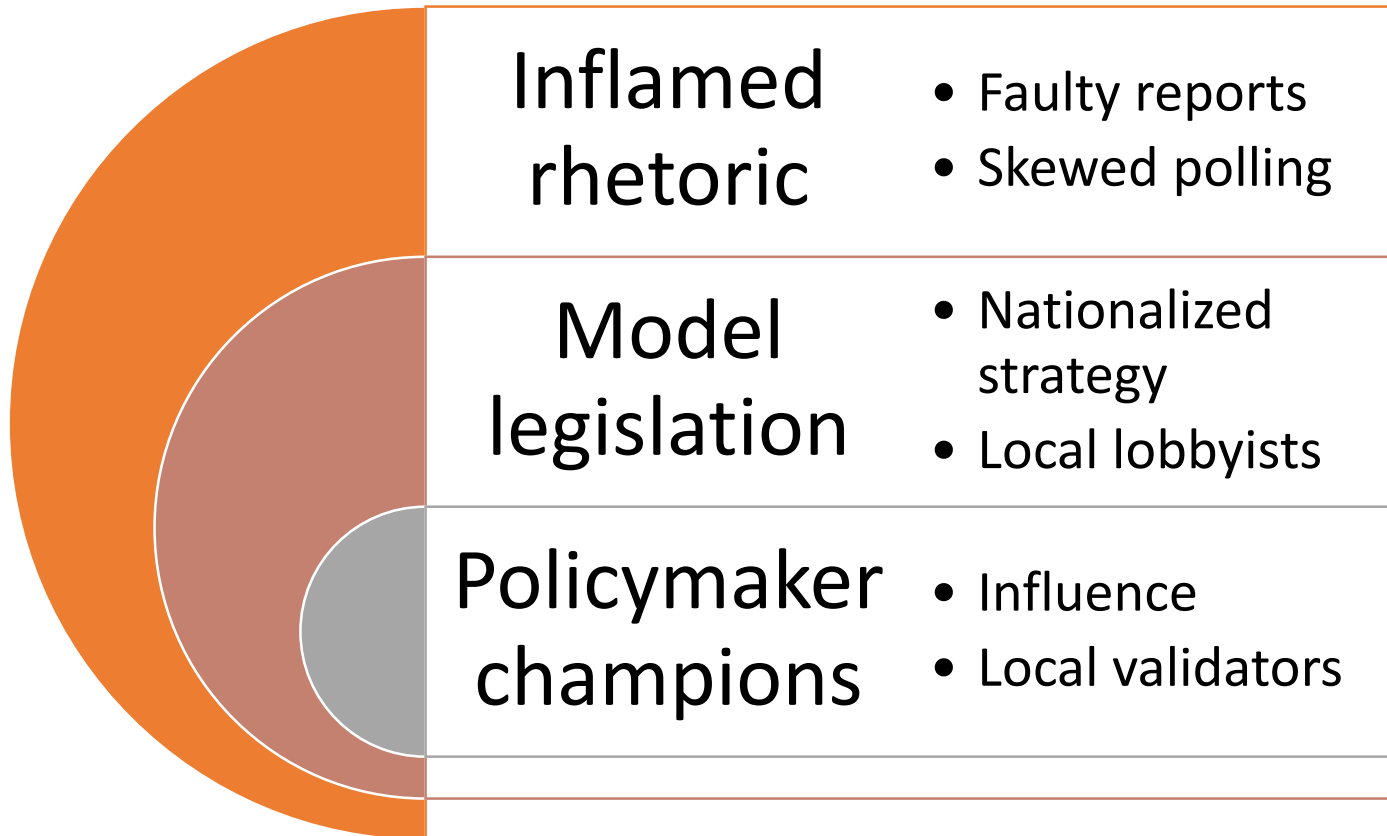


Consider Citizen/Non-Citizen Trends

NYC SNAP Enrollment: Percent Change Over Previous Year in SNAP Caseload by Citizenship



Consistent Ideas -- Evolving Playbook





**FOOD STAMP WORK
REQUIREMENTS HELPED
MISSISSIPPI TAXPAYERS
SAVE NEARLY \$93
MILLION PER YEAR, NEW
STUDY FINDS**

November 4th, 2019

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**Is your state pro-dependency
or pro-opportunity?**

Stop! Wrong direction.
 Caution! Work needed.
 Great! Good to go.

State	Medicaid Work Requirements	Parent Work Requirements for Food Stamps	Stop the Scam	Child Support Cooperation
AL	●*	●	●	●
AK	●	●	●	●
AZ	●*	●	●	●
AR	●	●	●	●
CA	●	●	●	●
CO	●	●	●	●
CT	●	●	●	●
DE	●	●	●	●
FL	●	●	●	●
GA	●	●	●	●
HI	●	●	●	●
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IA	●	●	●	●
KS	●*	●	●	●
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MS	●*	●	●	●
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Federal Regulatory Threats

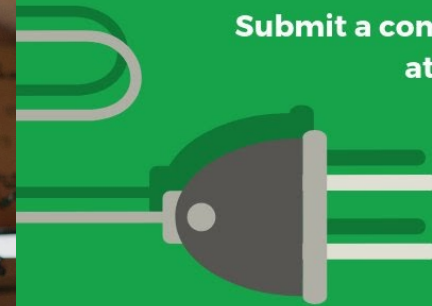
Don't Force Families to Choose Between Heating and Food

TELL THE TRUMP ADMINISTRATION YOU WANT TO #PROTECTSNAP

FEEDING AMERICA

Protect the **Power of SNAP** for Hungry Households

Submit a comment to keep #HandsOffSNAP at [FRAC.org/snap-sua-comments](https://www.frac.org/snap-sua-comments)



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