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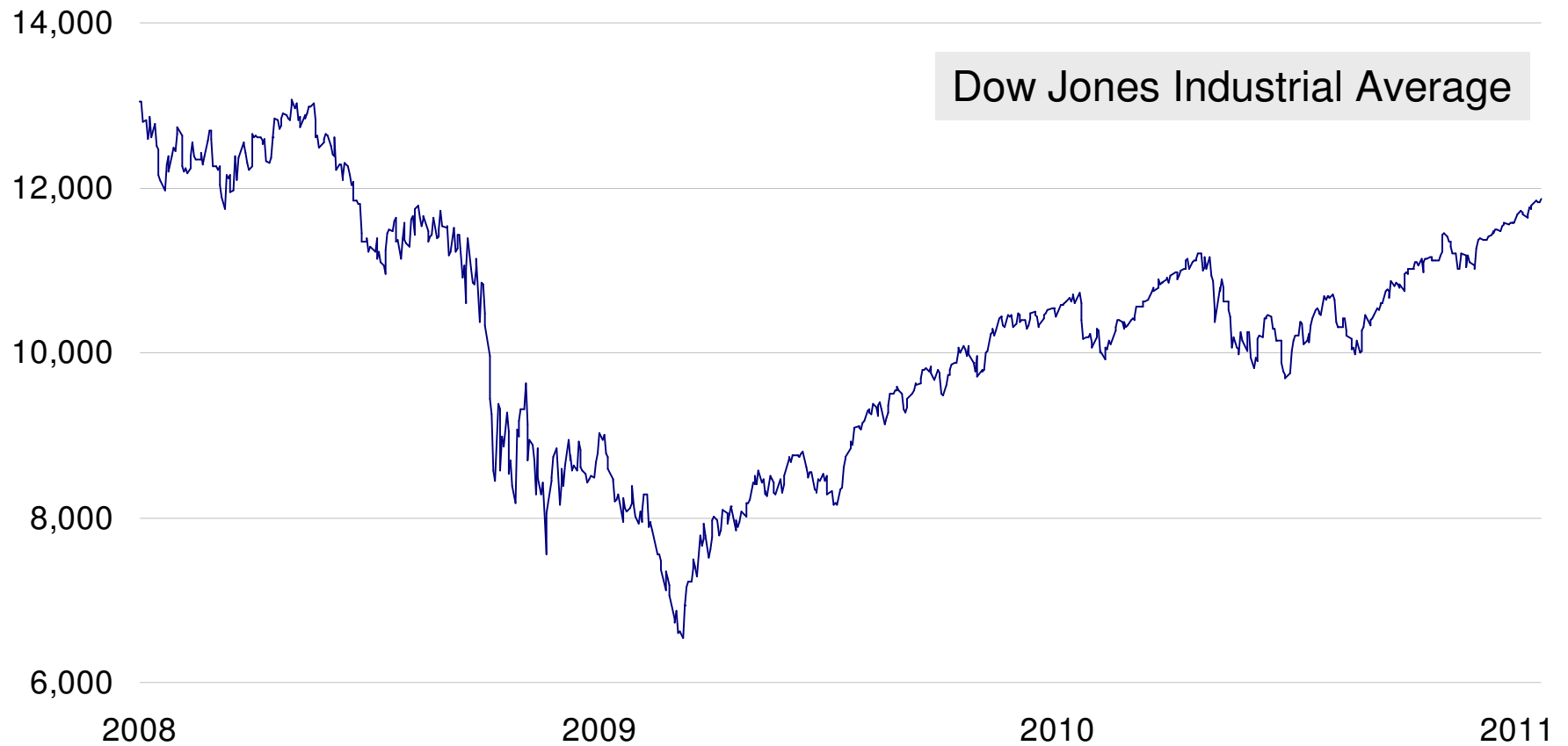
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11 Gateway Cities key to our regional economies



The recovery gaining momentum

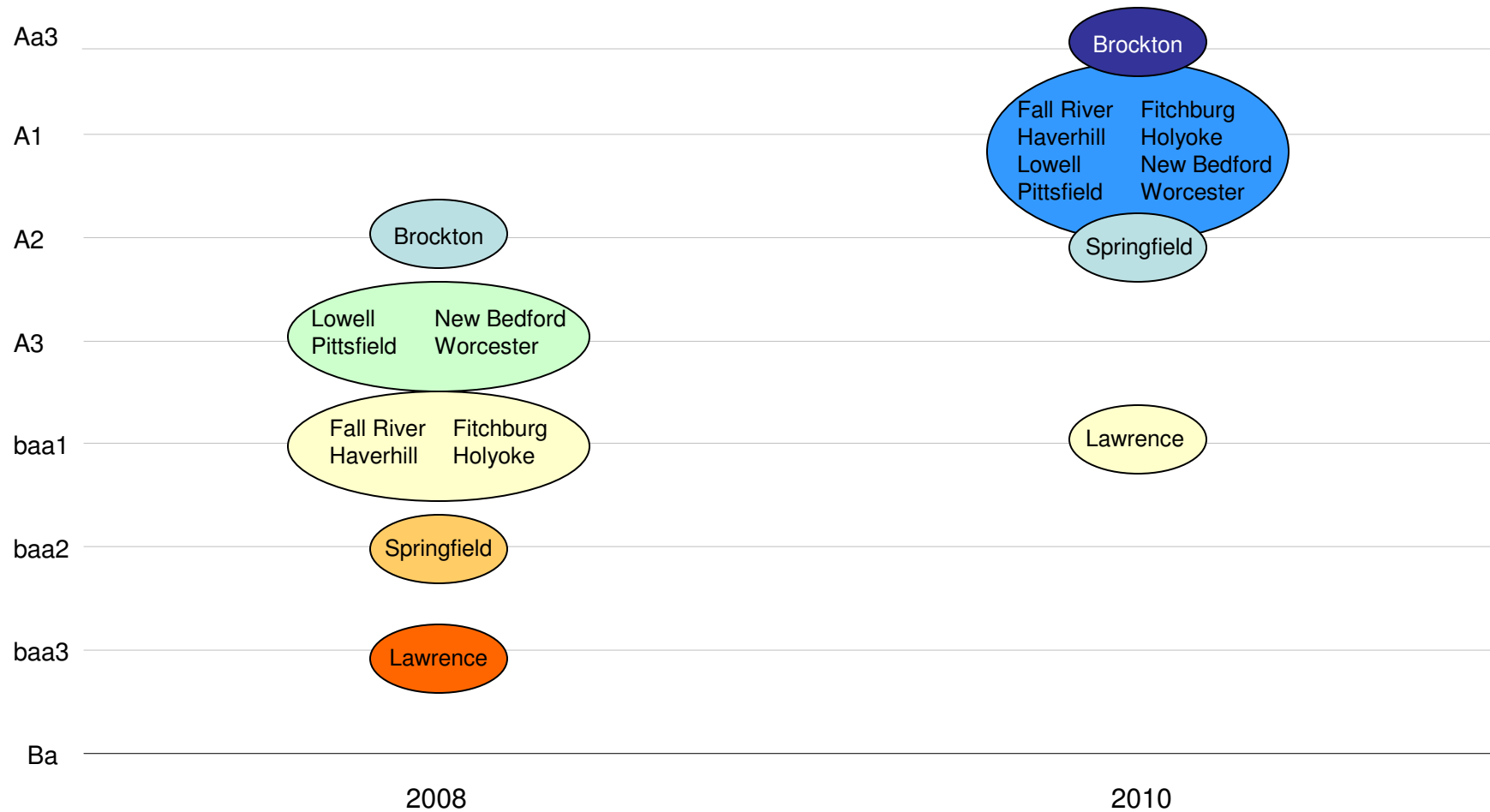


Unrealized potential in Gateway City assets

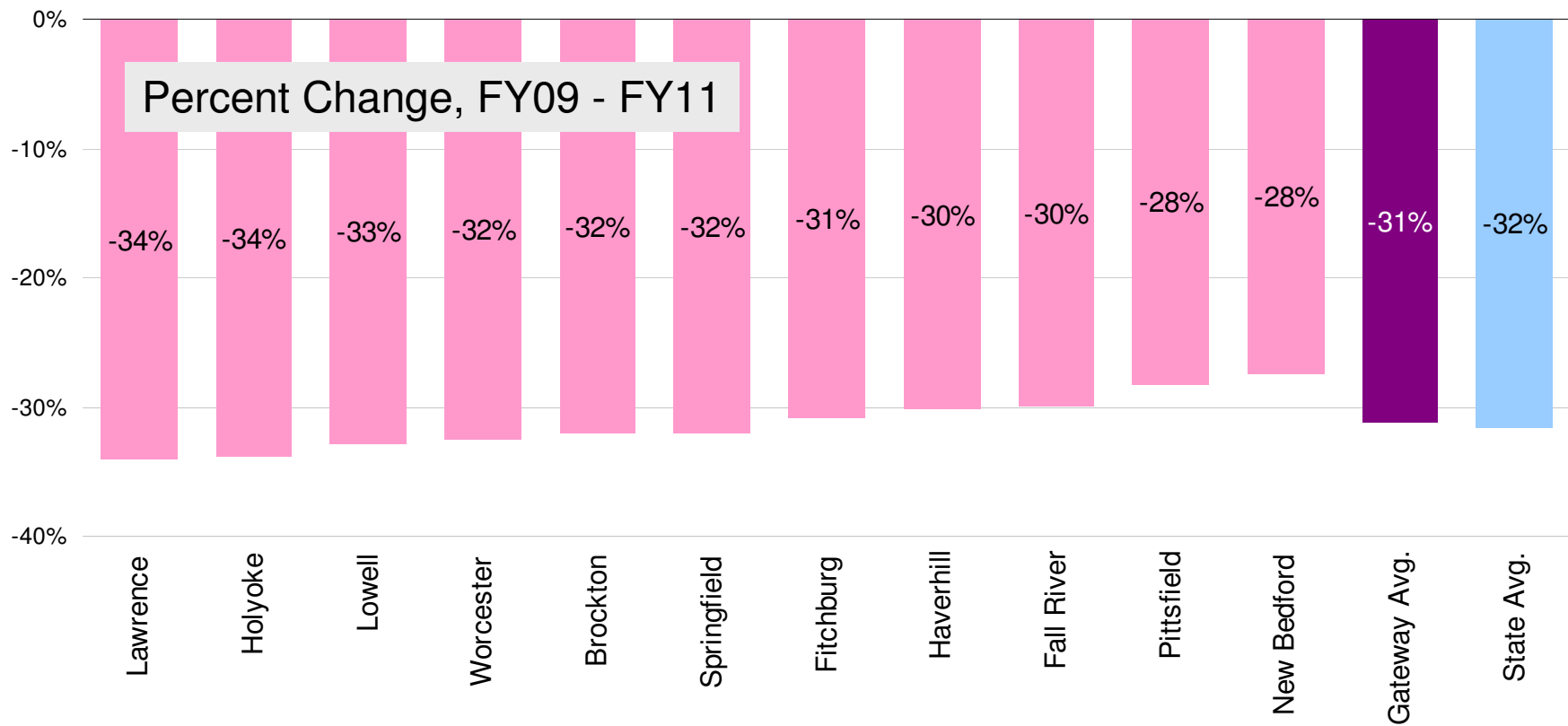


- 5 interstate highways
- 4 airports
- 11 CSX terminals
- 6 commuter rail stations
- 4 Amtrak stations
- 2 deepwater ports
- 29 hospitals
- 21 colleges & universities
- 3 national parks
- historic urban fabric

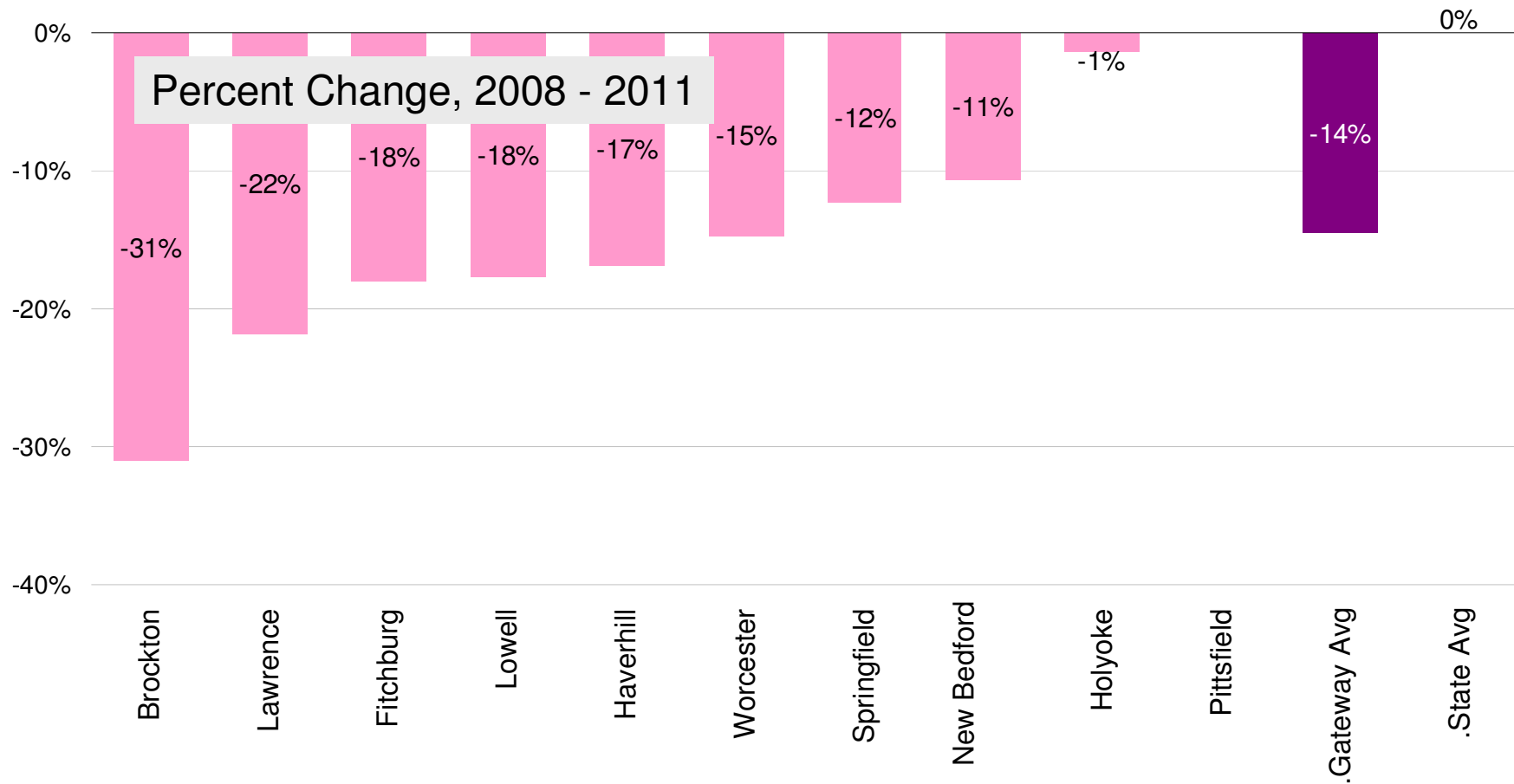
Credit markets have improved



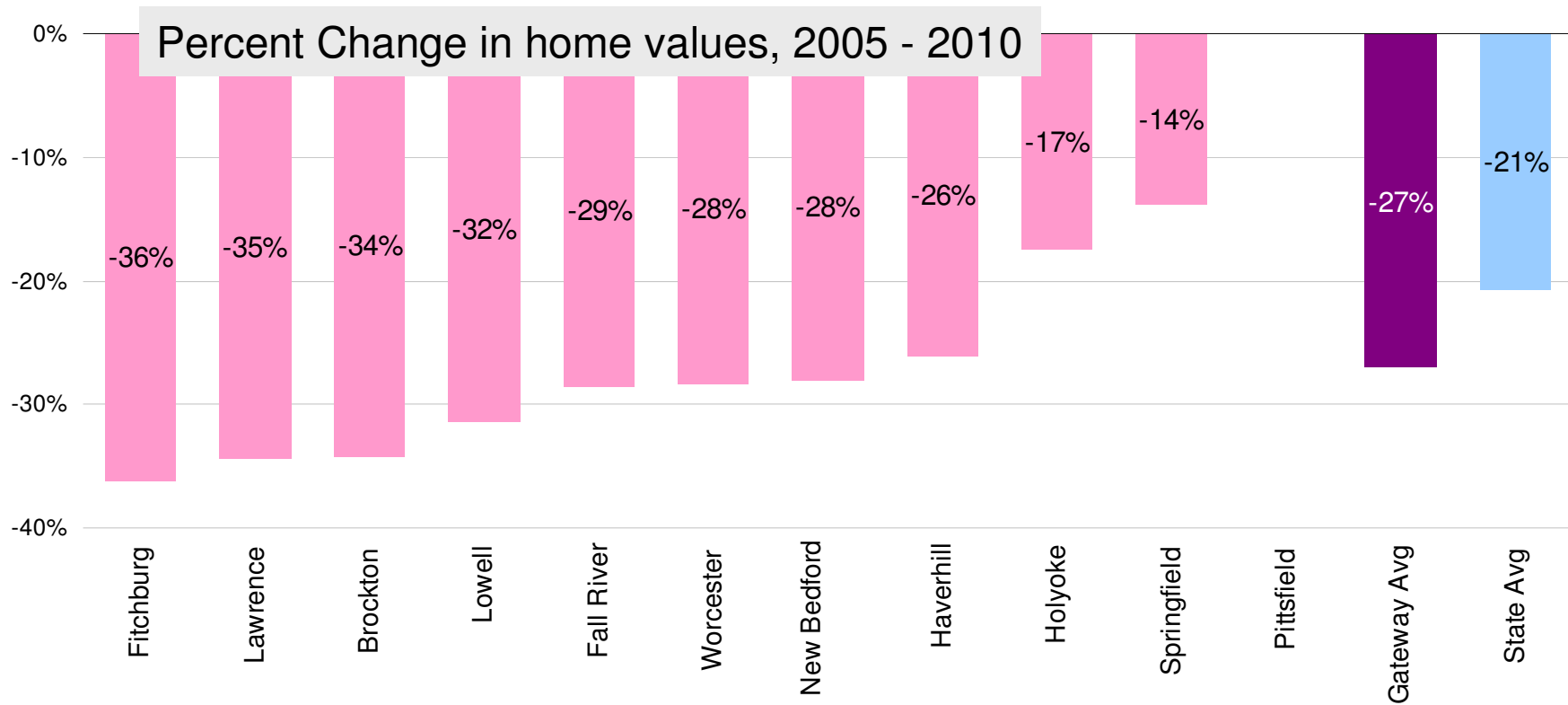
Non-school aid has fallen by a third



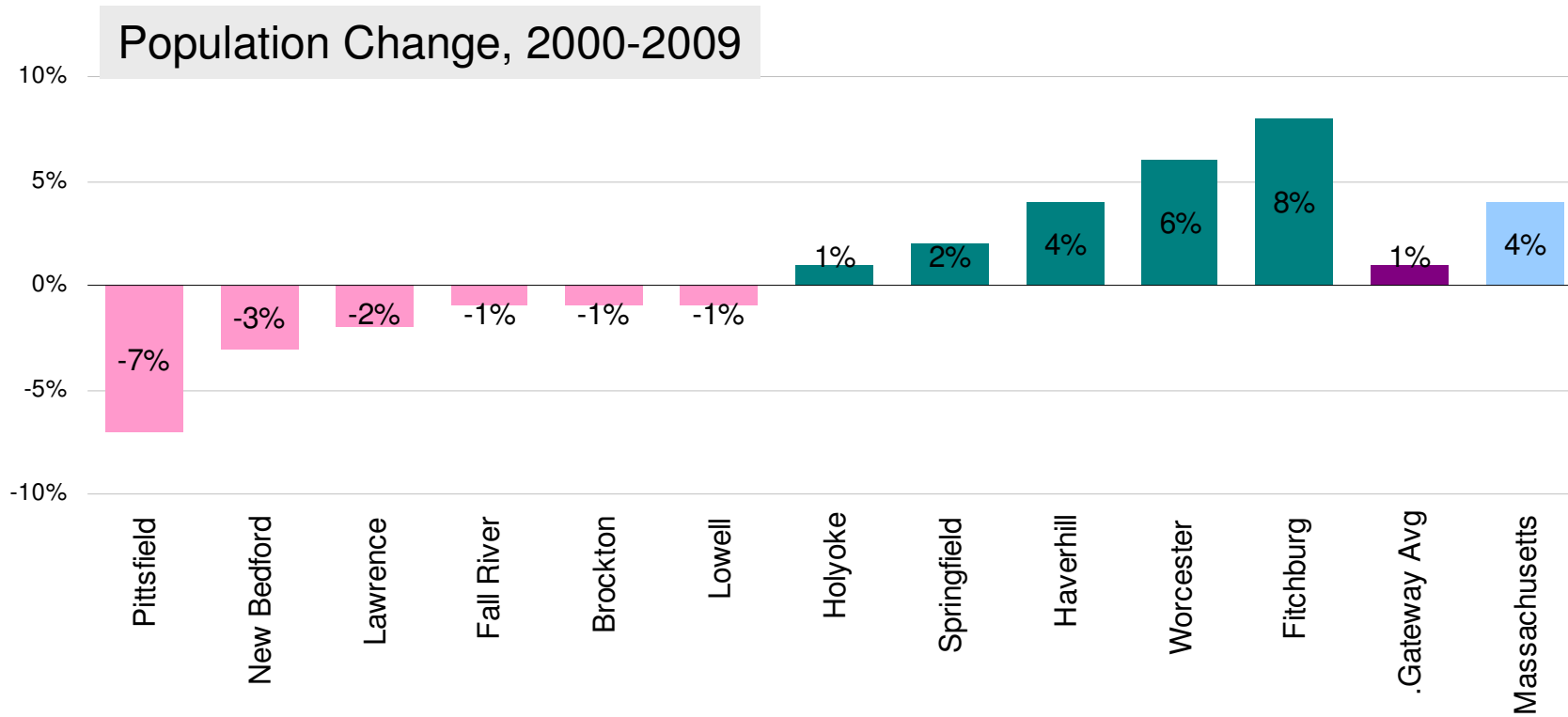
Total valuation has fallen dramatically



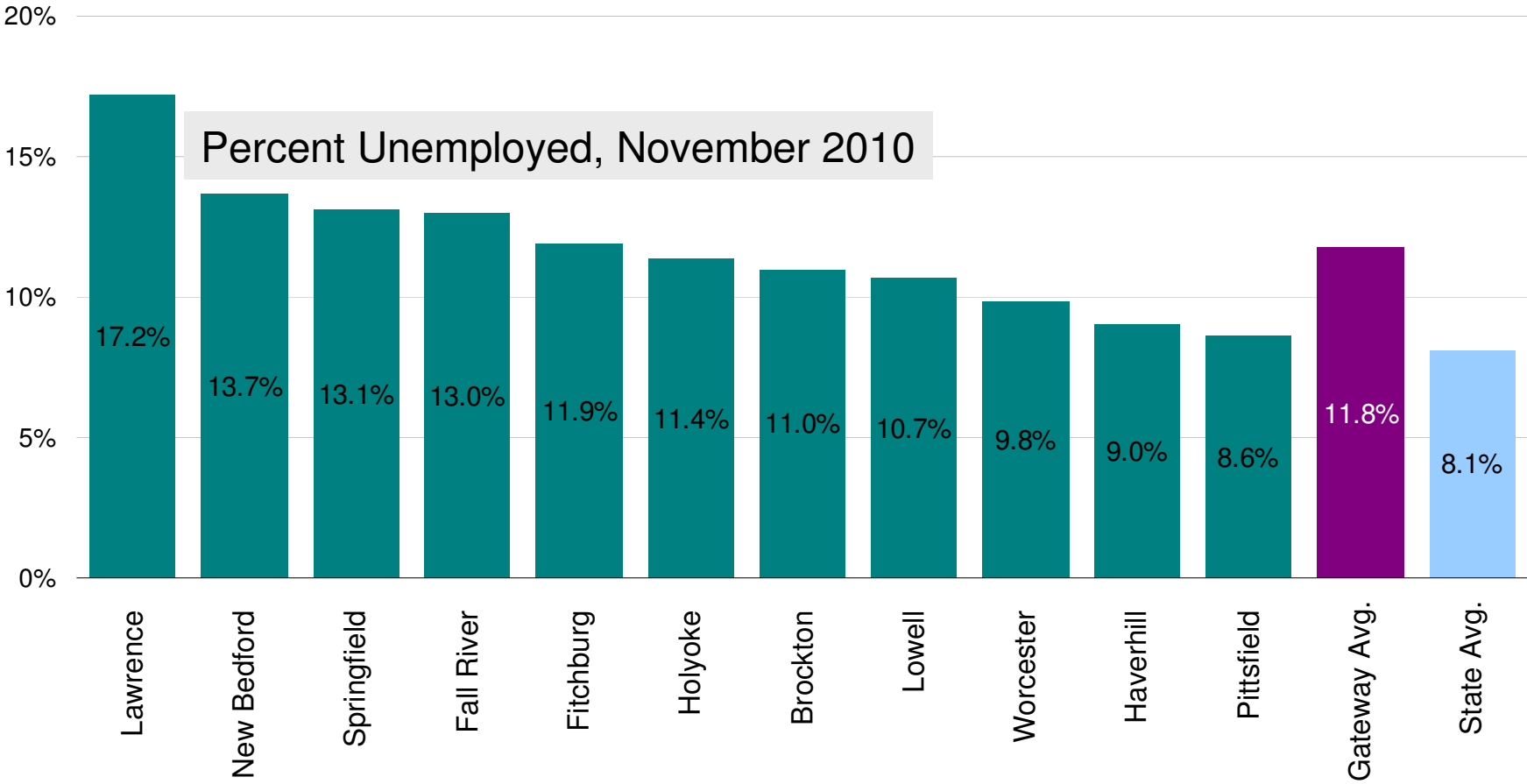
Home values were hit just a bit harder



Only five cities are growing

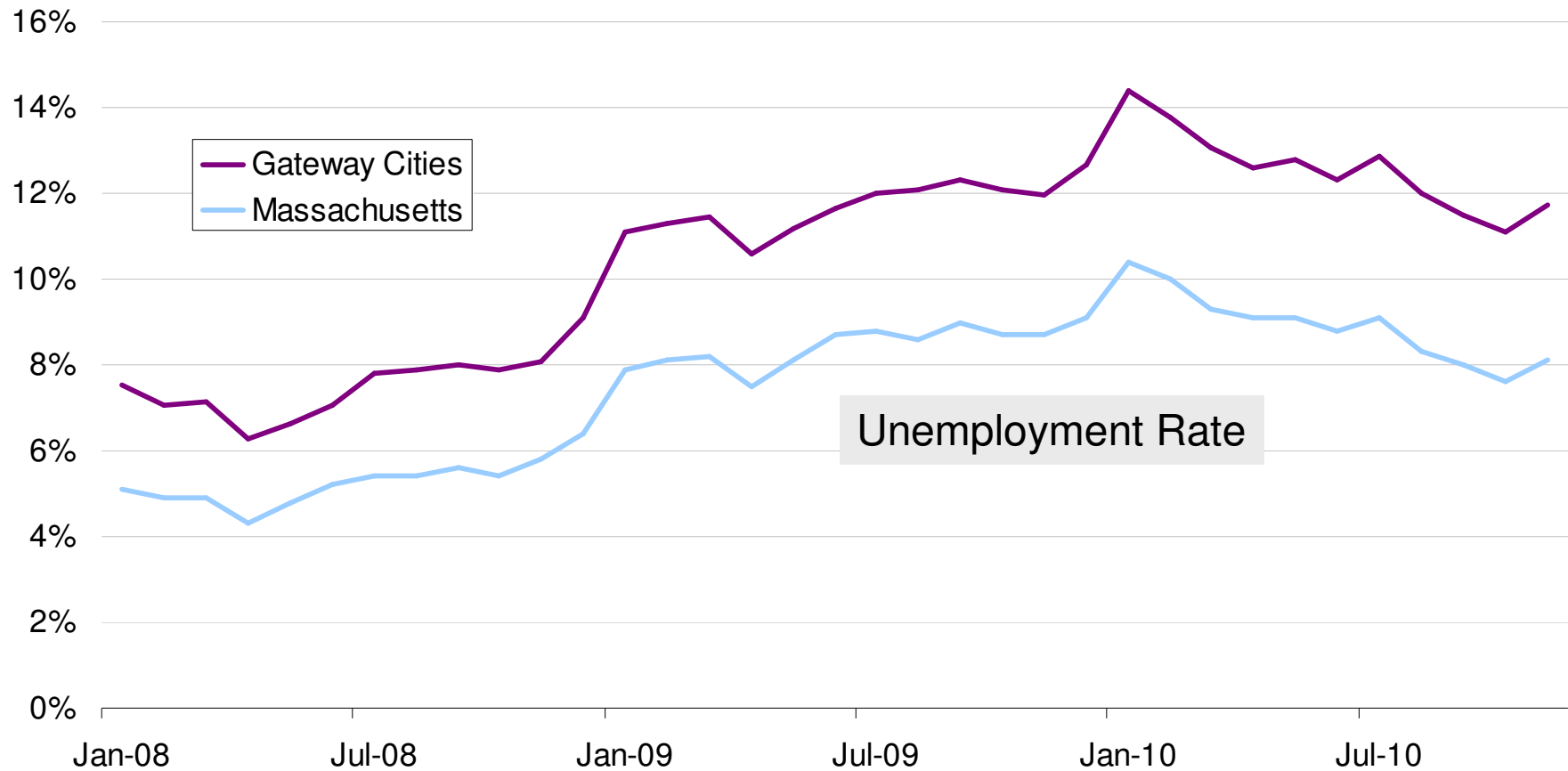


Unemployment is still a serious challenge

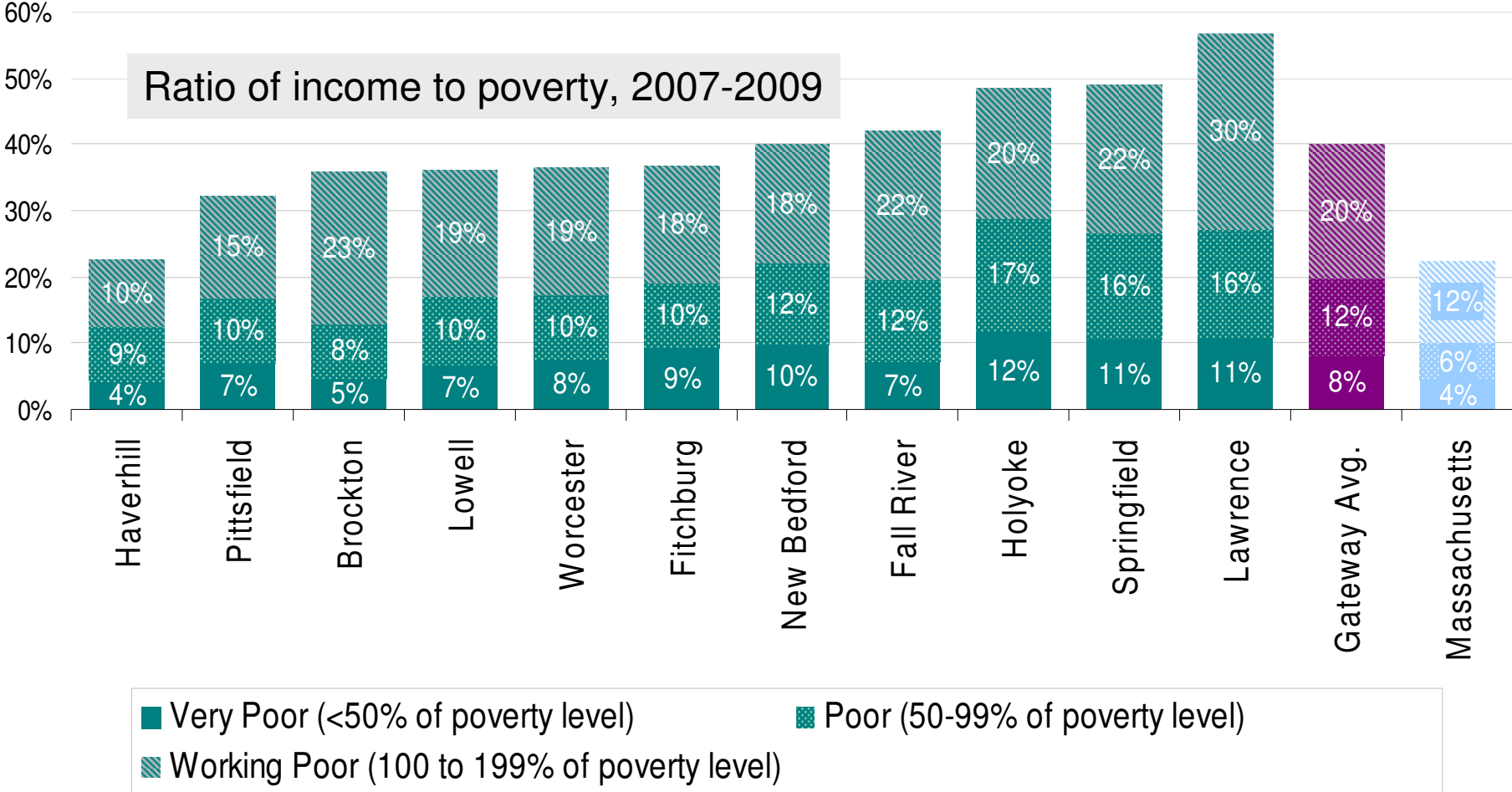


Source: Massachusetts Department of Employment and Training

Gateway Cities aren't falling behind

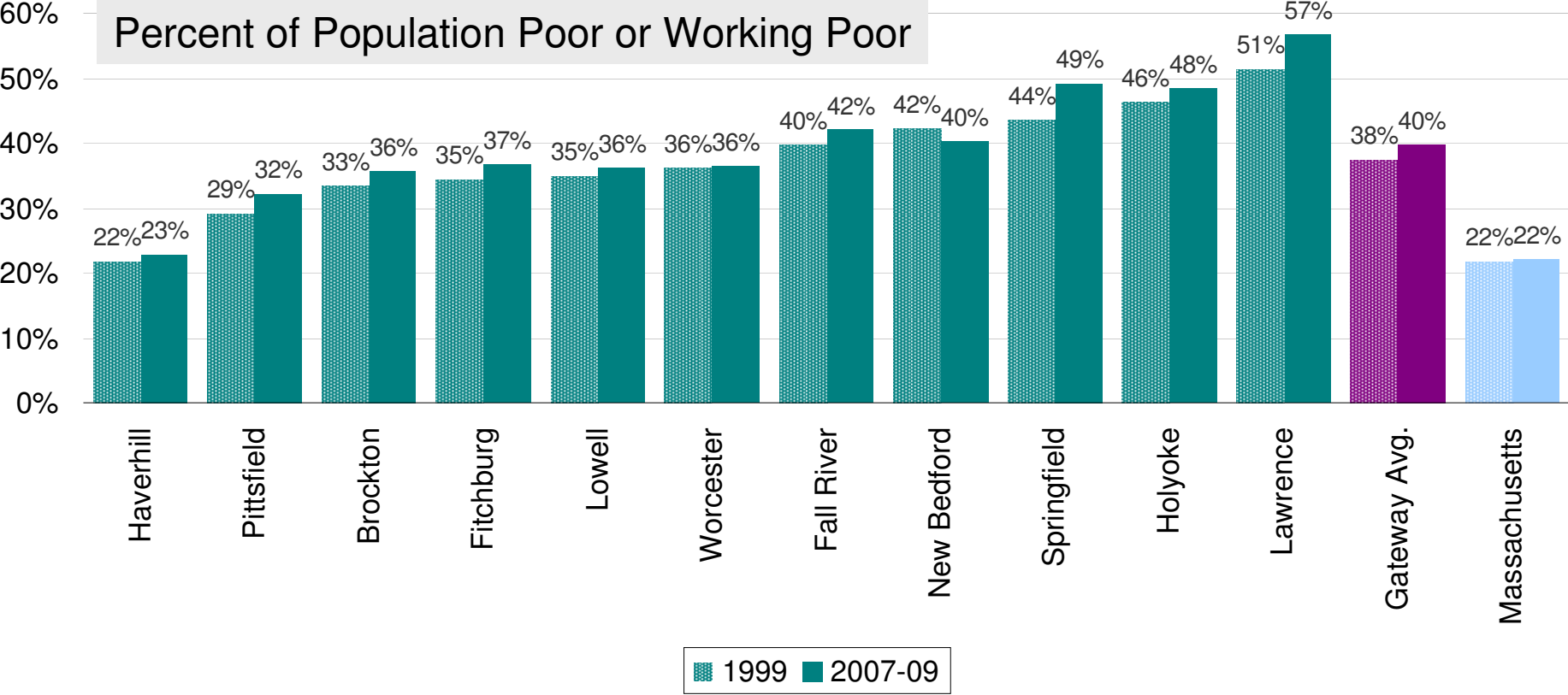


More than a third of residents are struggling



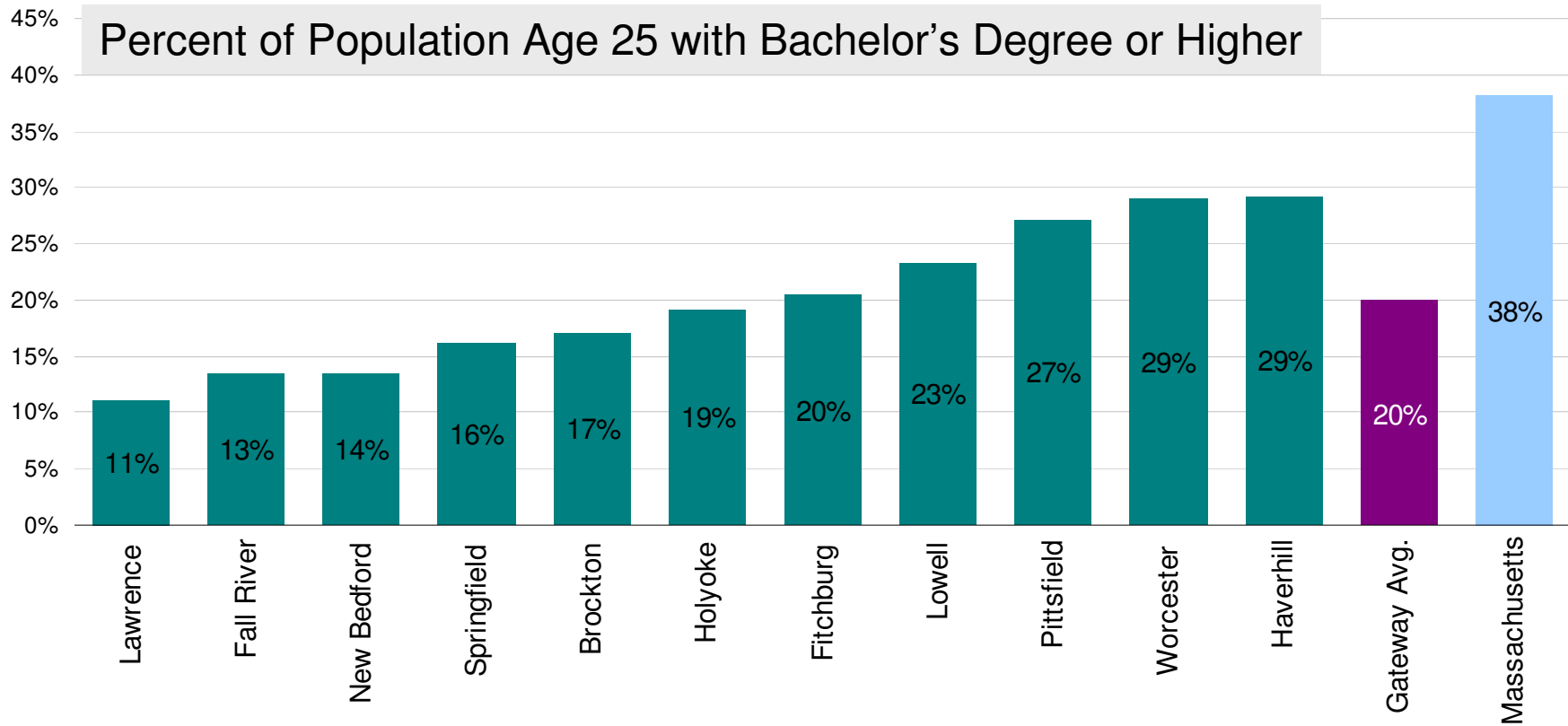
Source: American Community Survey

Poverty is slightly deeper that it was in 1999

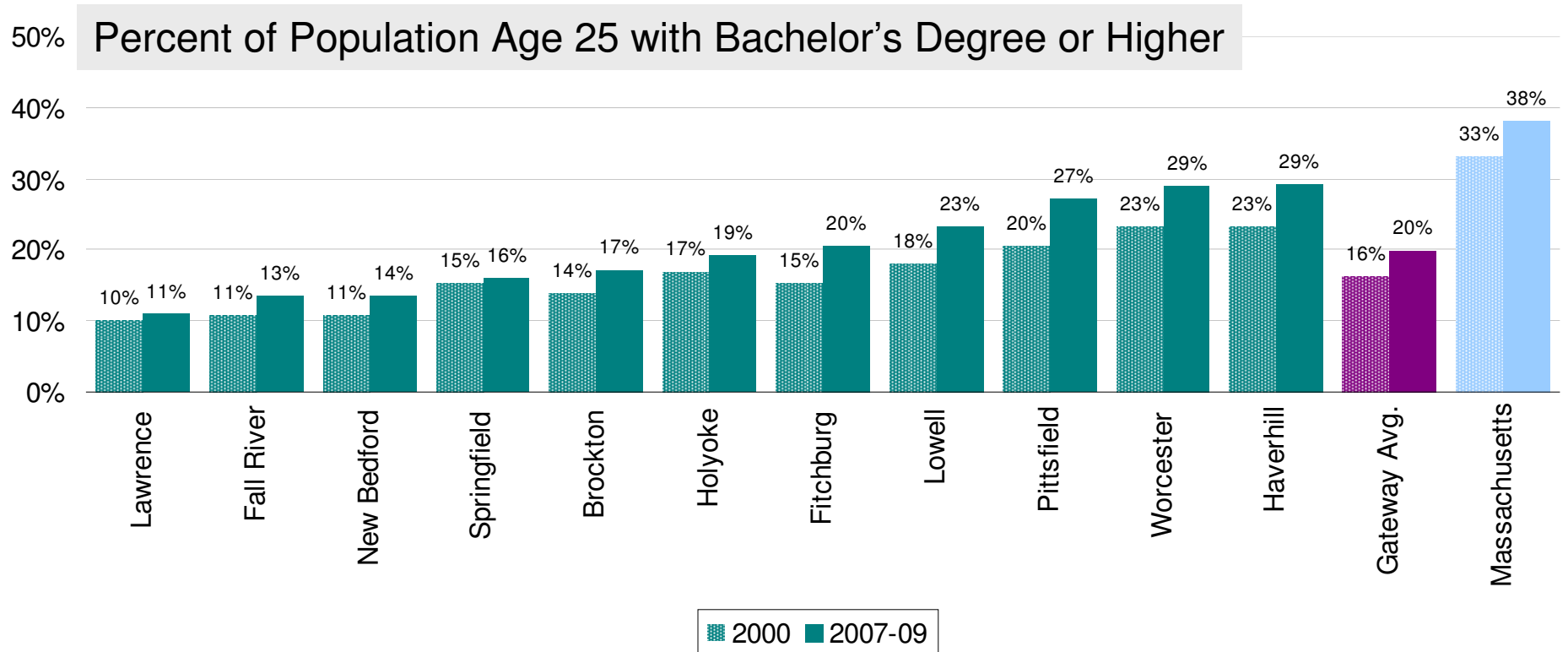


Source: American Community Survey & Census 2000

The answer is education

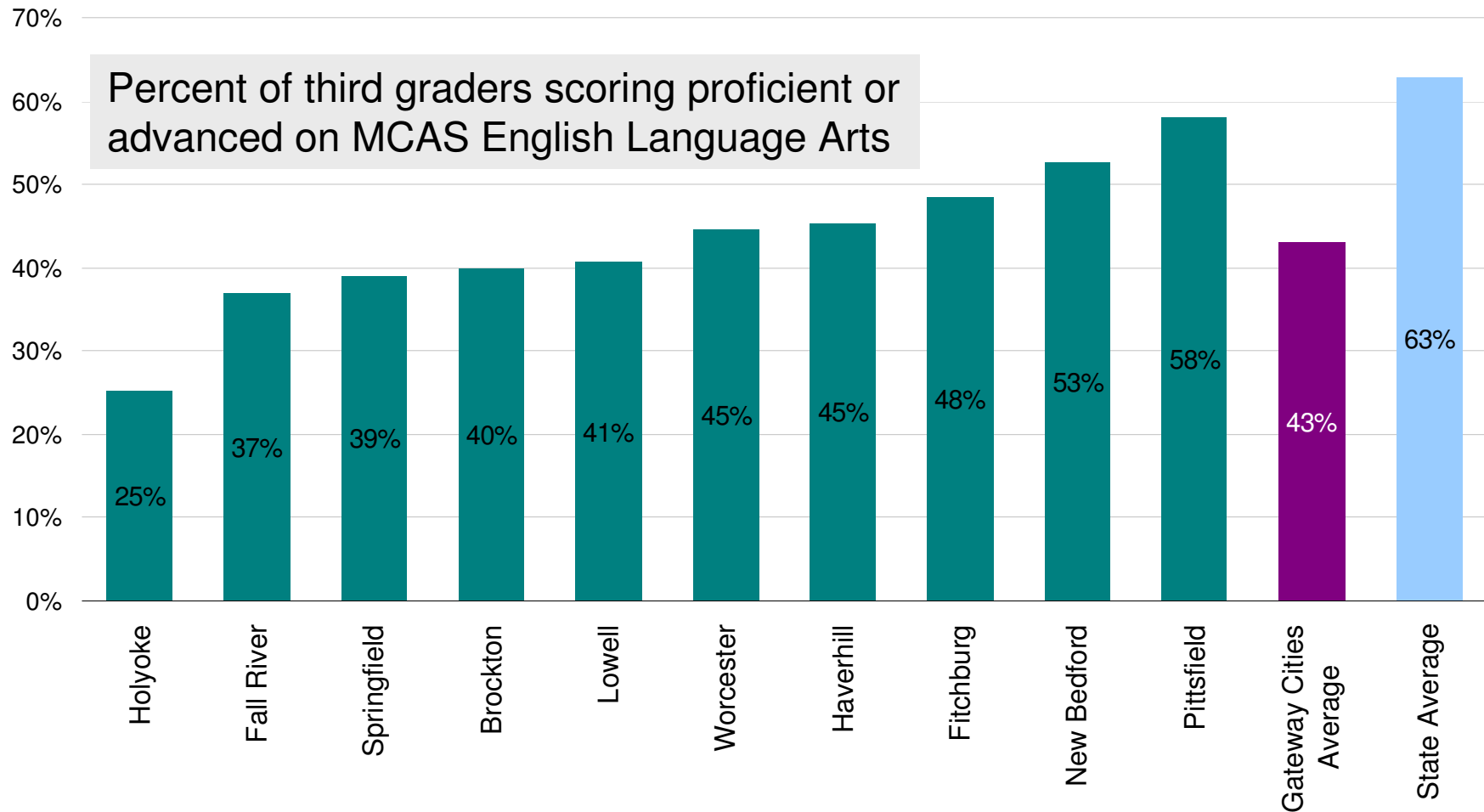


The state continues to outpace Gateway Cities

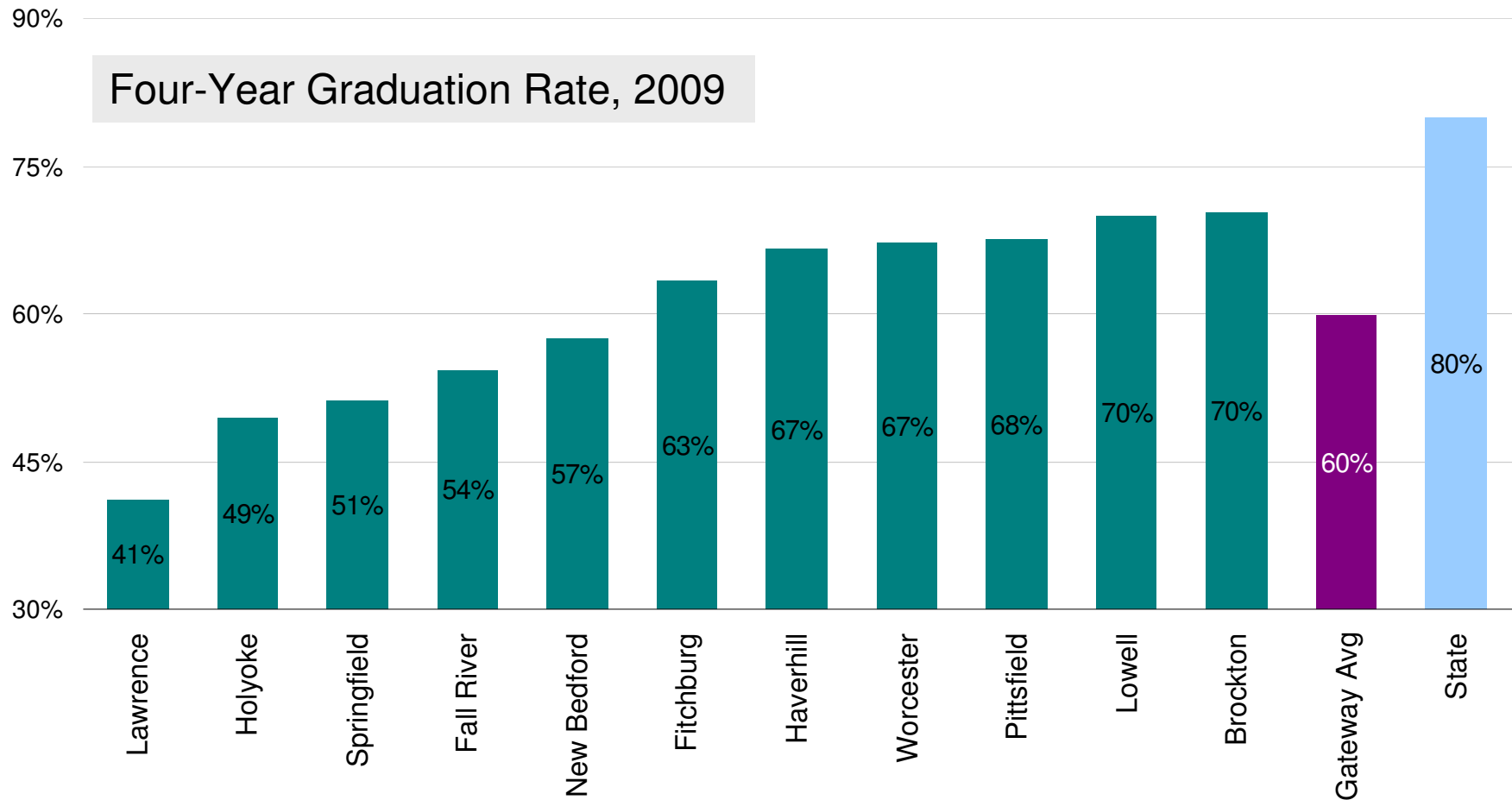


Education dividend, lowell, pittsfield, worcester, haverhill kept pace with state gains

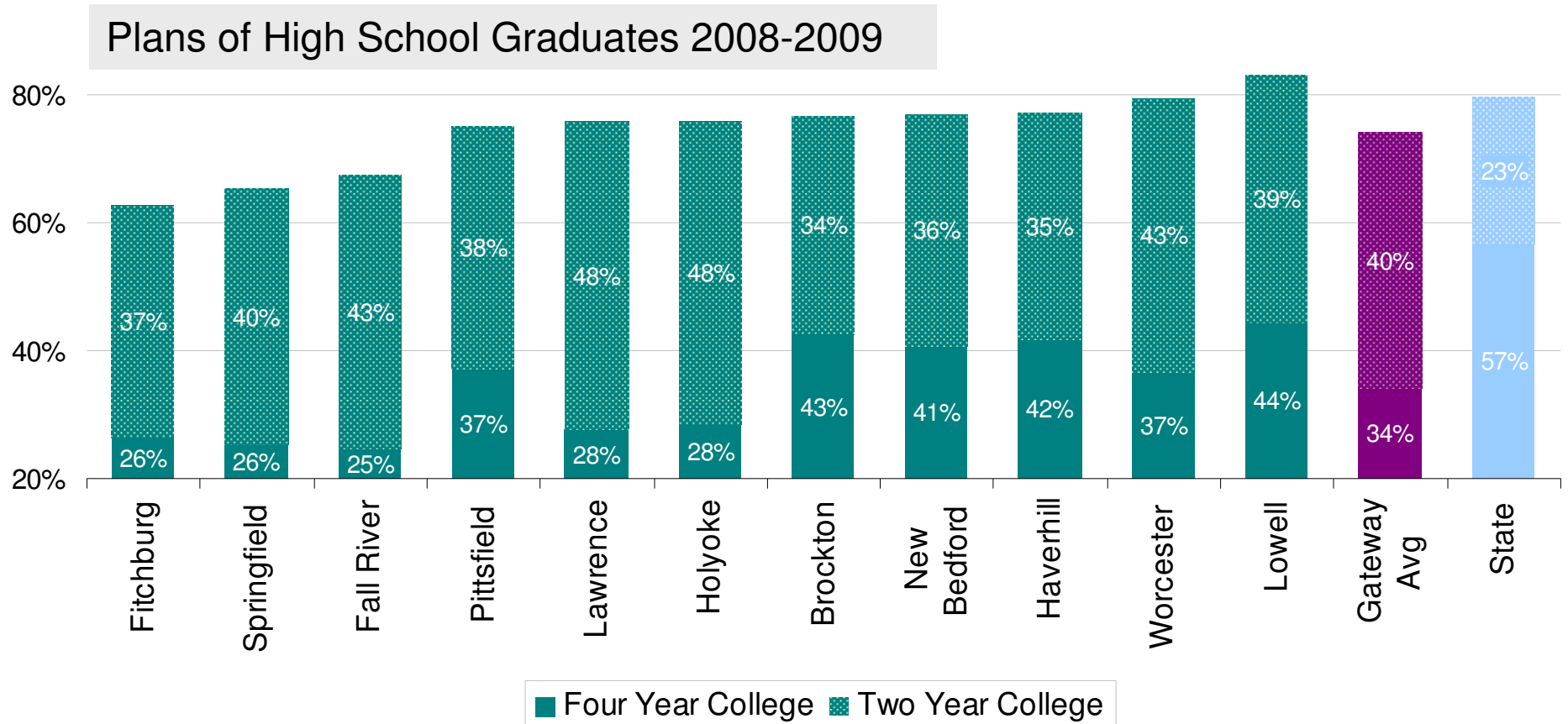
Gateway City students are behind at 3rd grade



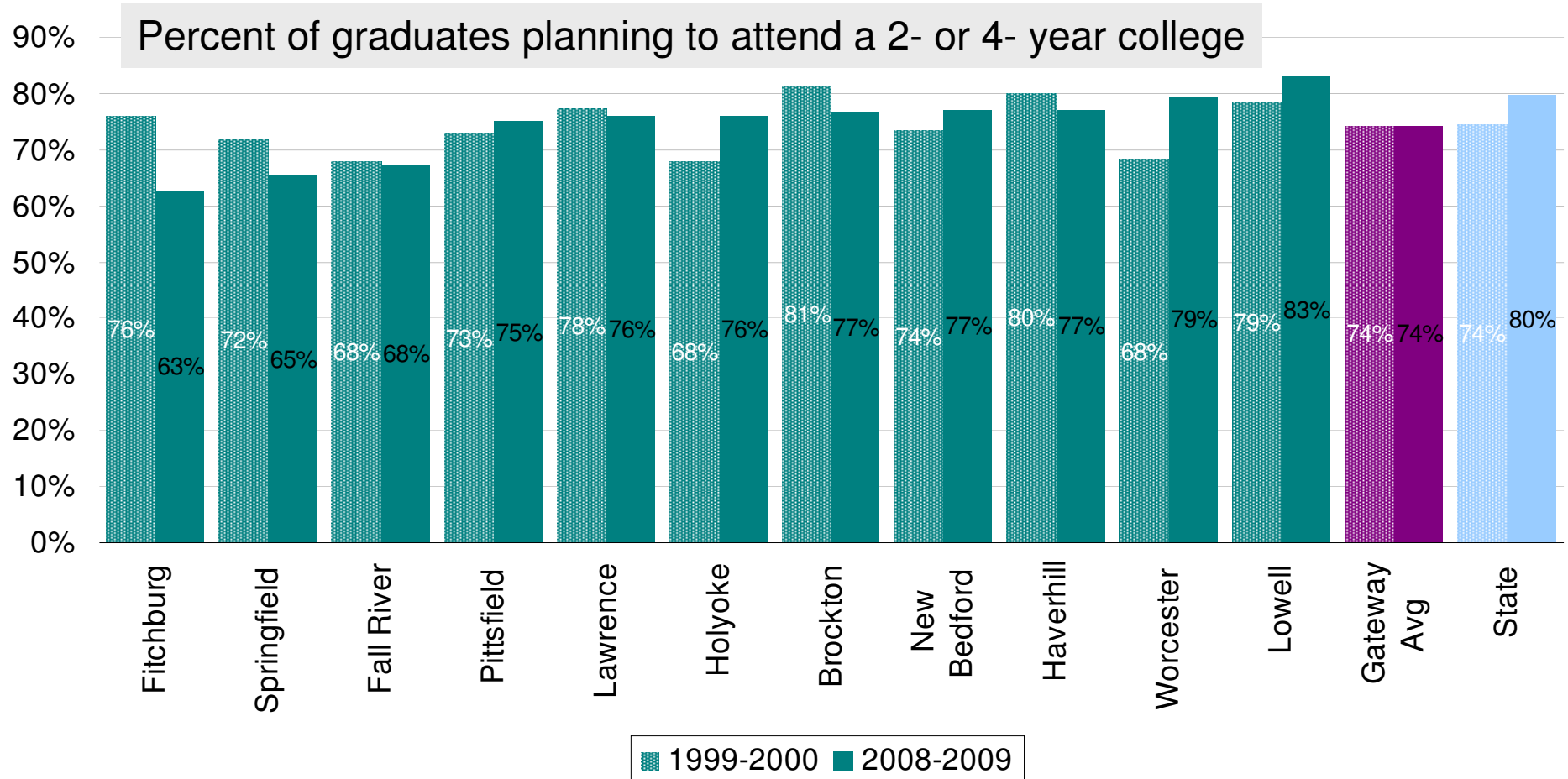
Many Gateway City students aren't finishing



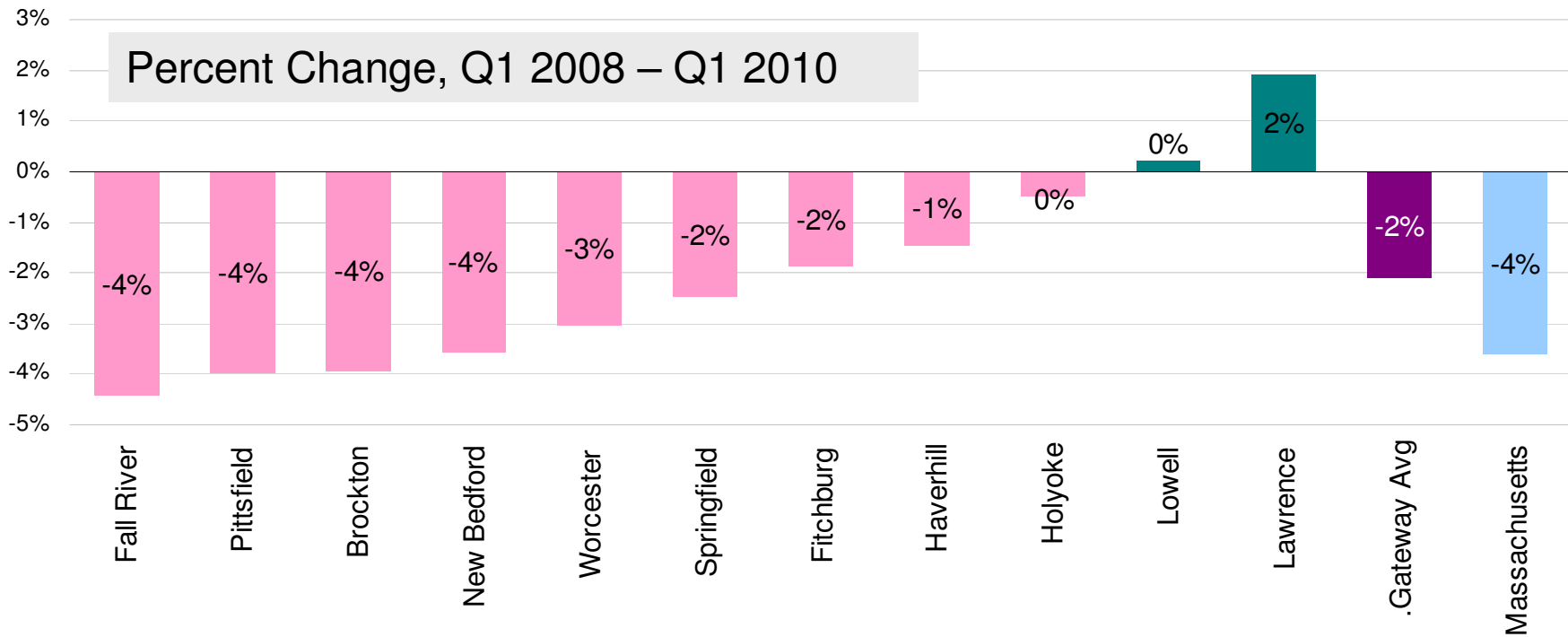
Many aren't going on to four-year college



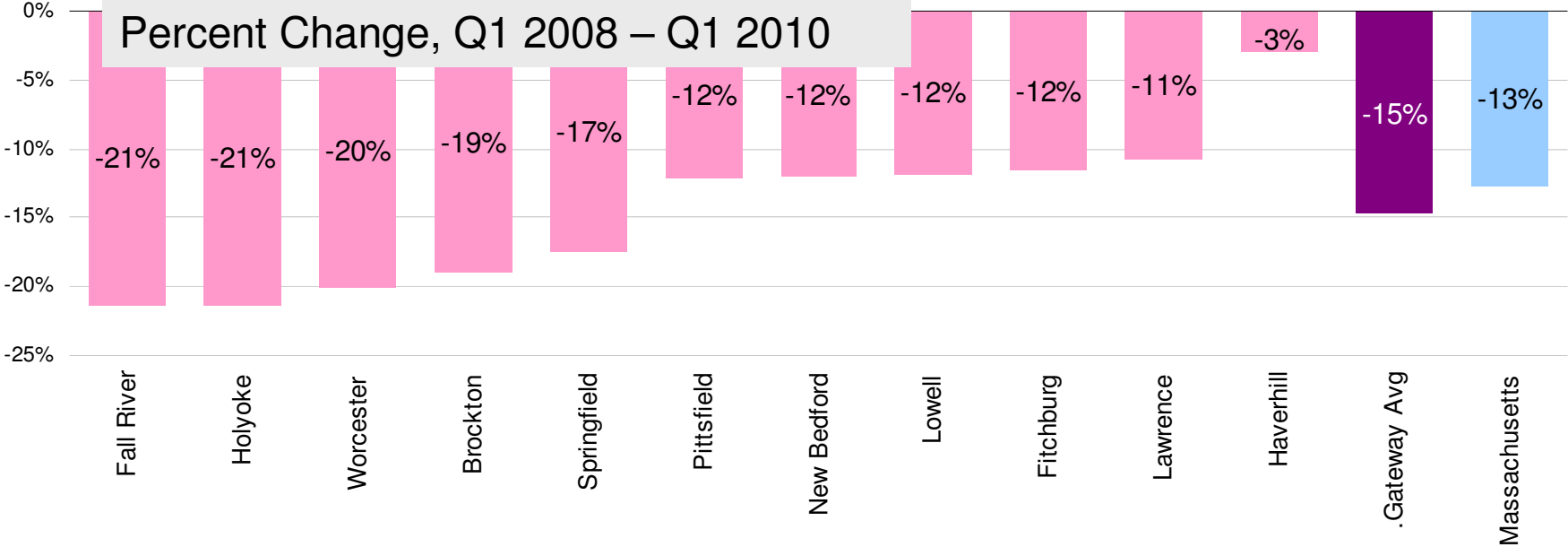
Gateway Cities haven't made gains



Gateway Cities have lost just 2 percent of jobs

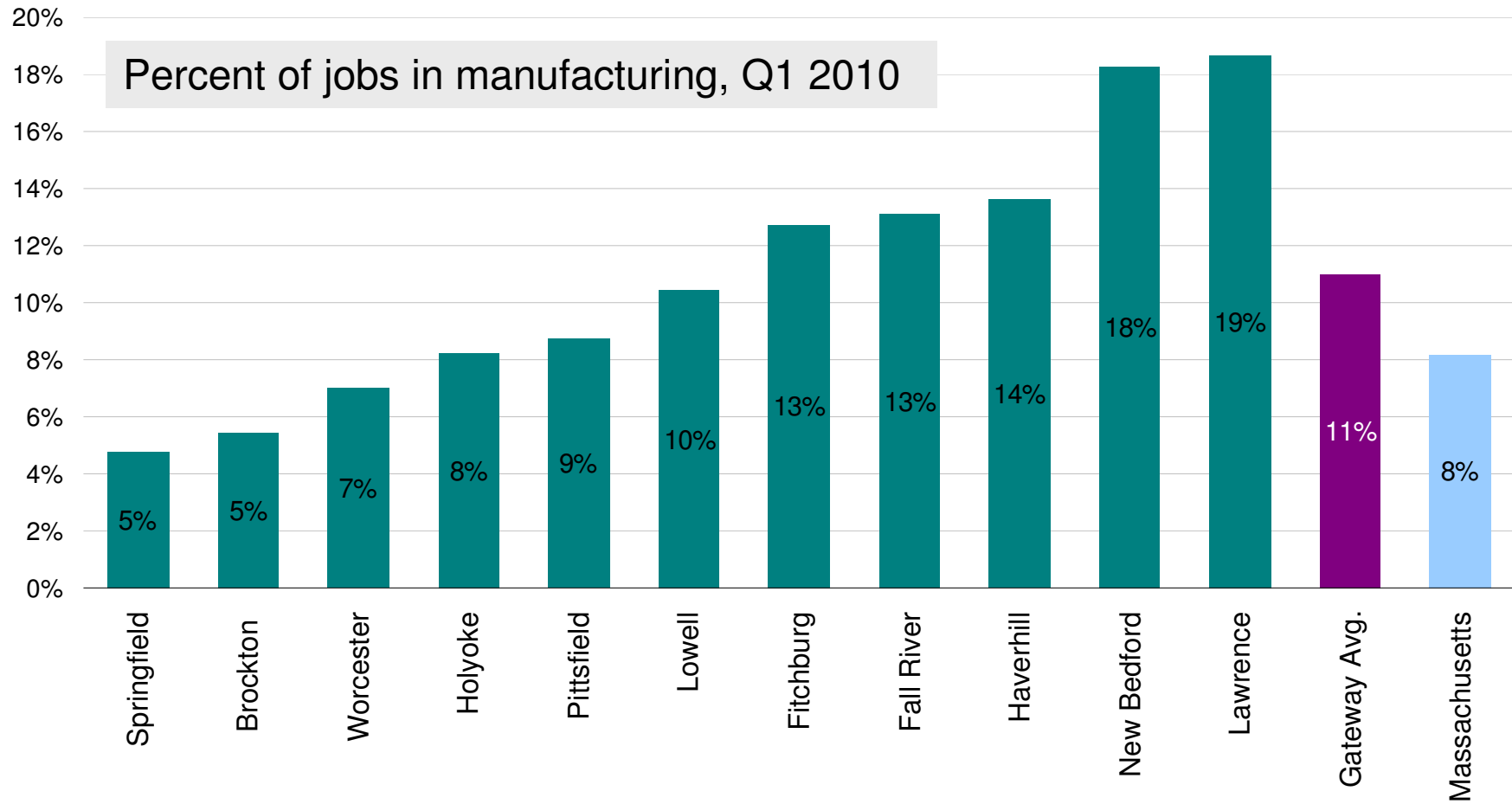


Despite steep loses in manufacturing



Source: Massachusetts Department of Employment and Training

Gateway Cities are no longer industrial cities



Gateway Cities face nearly \$2 billion in unfunded pension obligations

