

A person wearing a white lab coat and a white surgical mask is holding a light blue sign on a glass door. The sign has the word "CLOSED" in large, bold, red letters with a slight shadow effect. Below it, the words "DUE TO" are in smaller, black, sans-serif font, and "COVID-19" is in the same large, bold, red font as "CLOSED". The background through the glass is blurred, showing an interior space with a teal-colored wall and a door handle.

**CLOSED**

DUE TO  
**COVID-19**

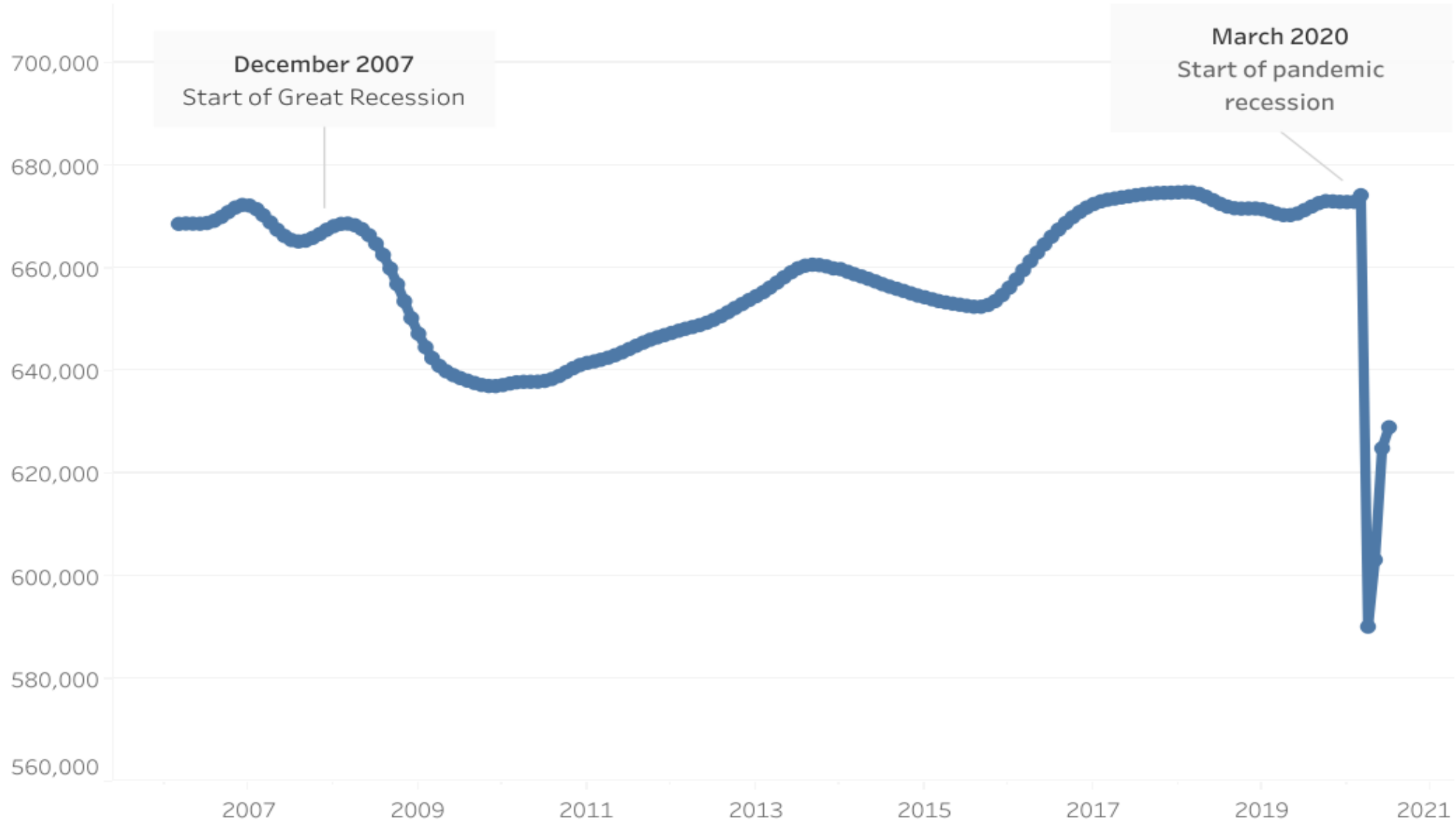
I have, or someone I know in  
Maine has, lost a job or income  
during the COVID pandemic.

YES

NO



# Maine employment



Note: Number of adults aged 16 and older who were working during the survey week.

Source: [US Bureau of Labor Statistics, Local Area Unemployment Statistics](#)

In terms of my financial well-being a year from now, I expect to be better off, worse off, or about the same as I am now.

BETTER  
OFF

WORSE  
OFF

ABOUT  
THE  
SAME





THE DOW'S  
**BEST WEEK**  
SINCE 1938

CRAMERICA

**BREAKING NEWS**

**MORE THAN 16M AMERICANS  
HAVE LOST JOBS IN 3 WEEKS**

h Pound Future (Jun'20) 1.2463 Canadian Futures (Jun'20) 0.716  
16 Stonecastle (BANX) 16.78 ▲ 0.80 BioAnal Sys (BASI) 3.60

How much more likely is it that Black Mainers have contracted COVID-19 compared to white Mainers?

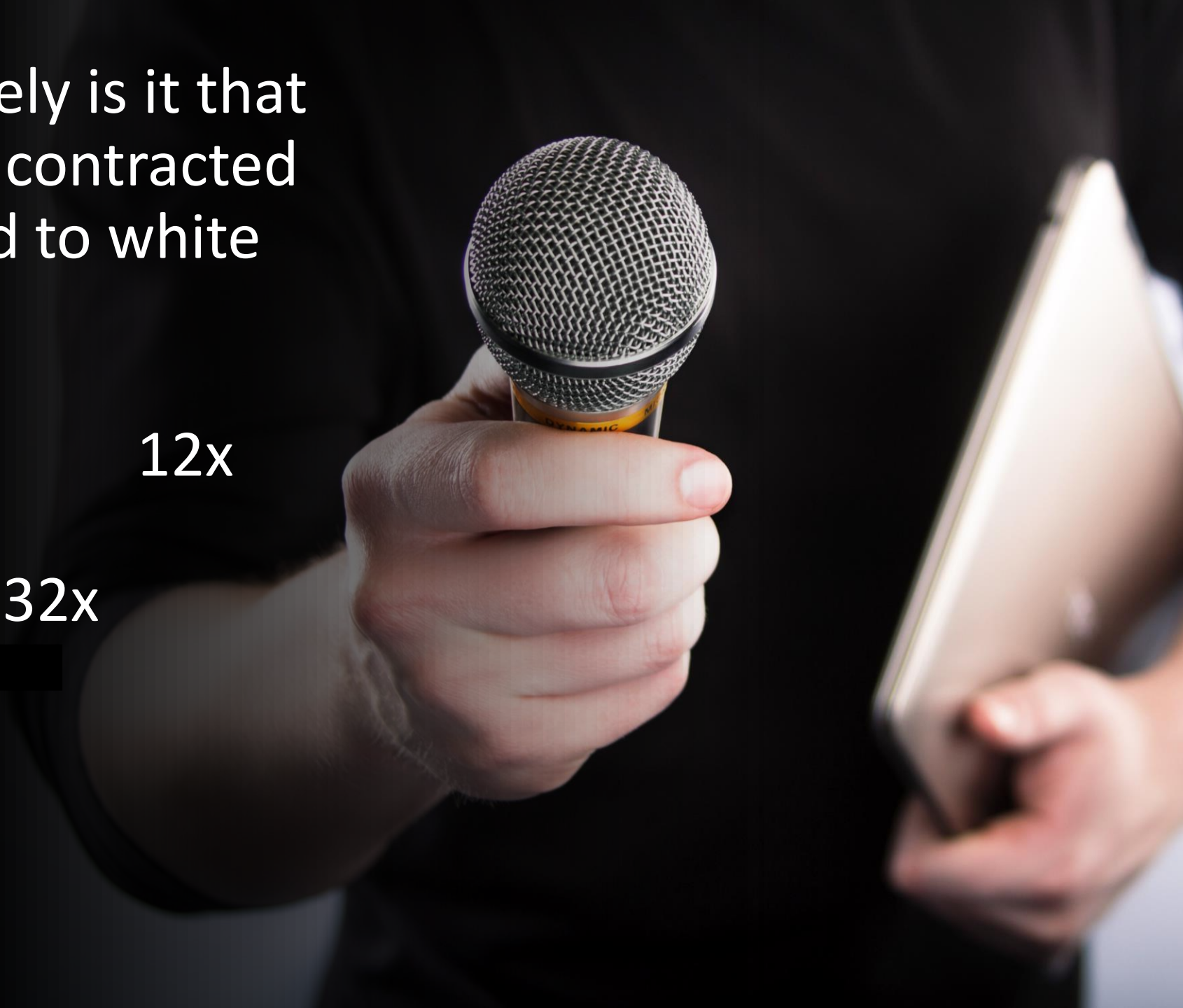
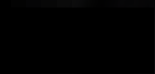
2x

4x

12x

20x

32x



Black or African American Mainers are **20x** More Likely to Have COVID-19

Maine COVID-19 Cases by Race Per 10,000 People





How many years did it take the bottom 20 percent of households based on income to return to pre-recession levels of income after the last recession?

2 yrs

4 yrs

6 yrs

8 yrs

>10 yrs





How many years did it take the top 5 percent of households based on income to return to pre-recession levels of income after the last recession?

2 yrs

4 yrs

6 yrs

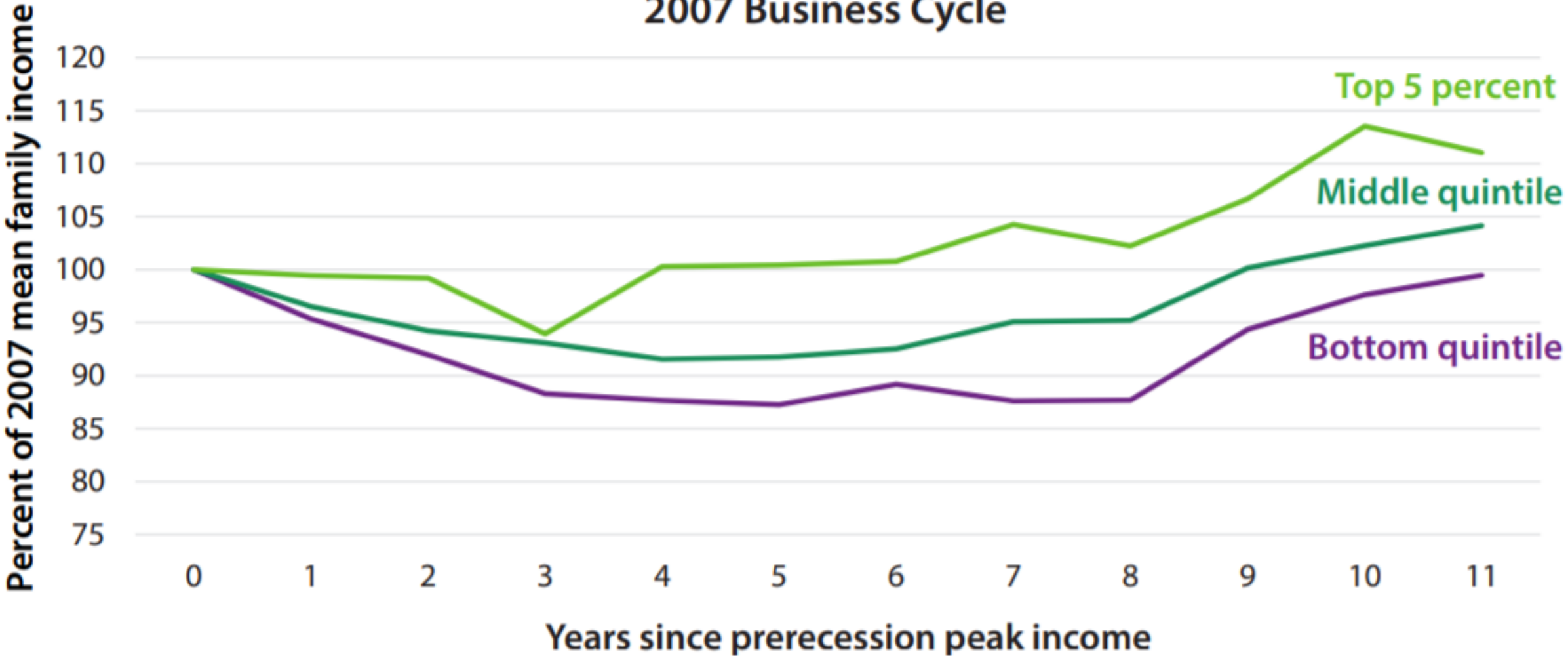
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# Change in Mean Income of Selected Income Groups over the Previous Three Business Cycles

## 2007 Business Cycle



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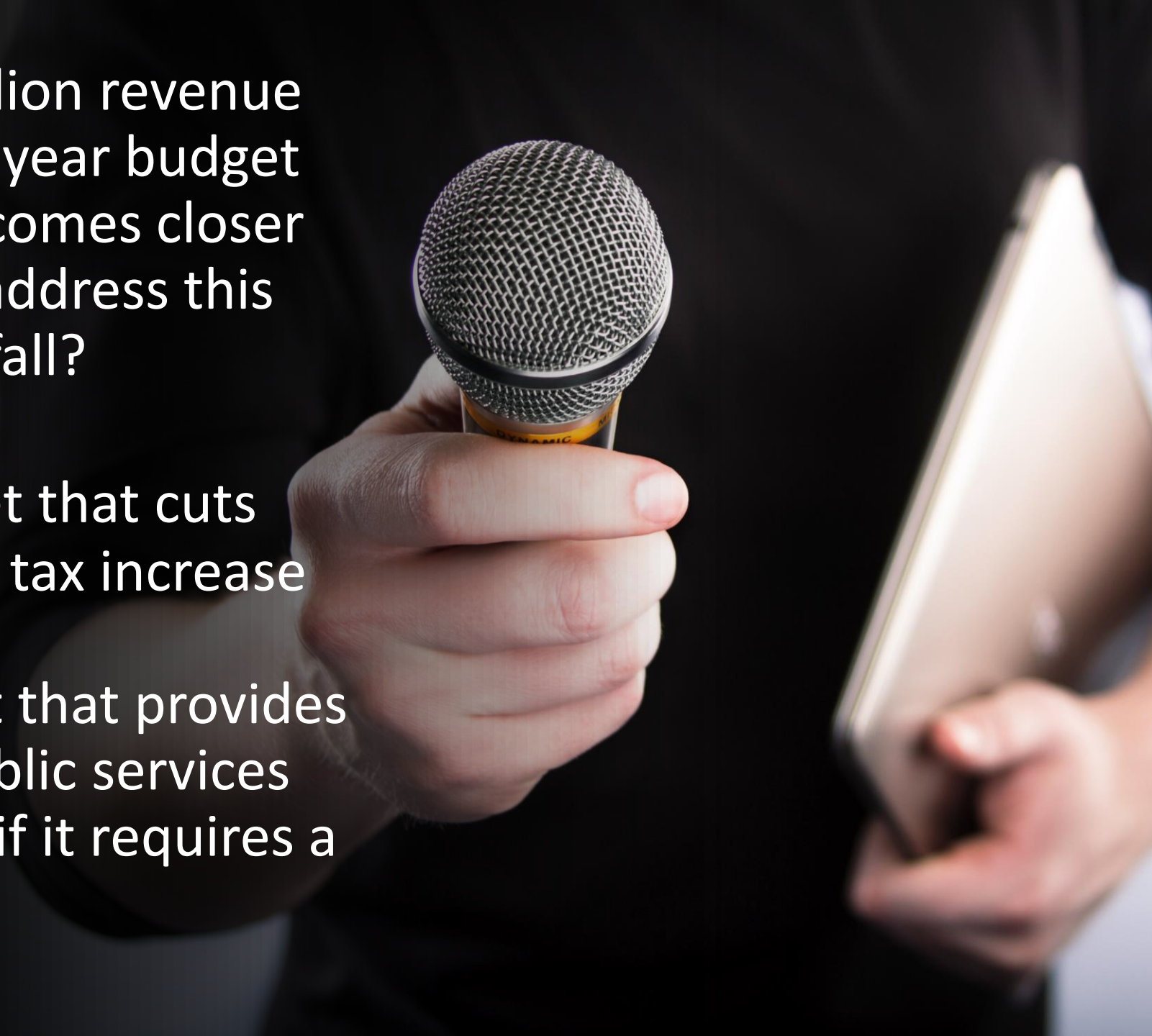
**APPROPRIATIONS AND  
FINANCIAL AFFAIRS COMMITTEE**



Maine faces an \$883 million revenue shortfall in the next two-year budget cycle. Which statement comes closer to your view on how to address this recession-induced shortfall?

a. Maine needs a budget that cuts spending and avoids any tax increase

b. Maine needs a budget that provides adequate funding for public services such as education, even if it requires a tax increase

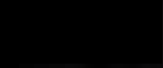




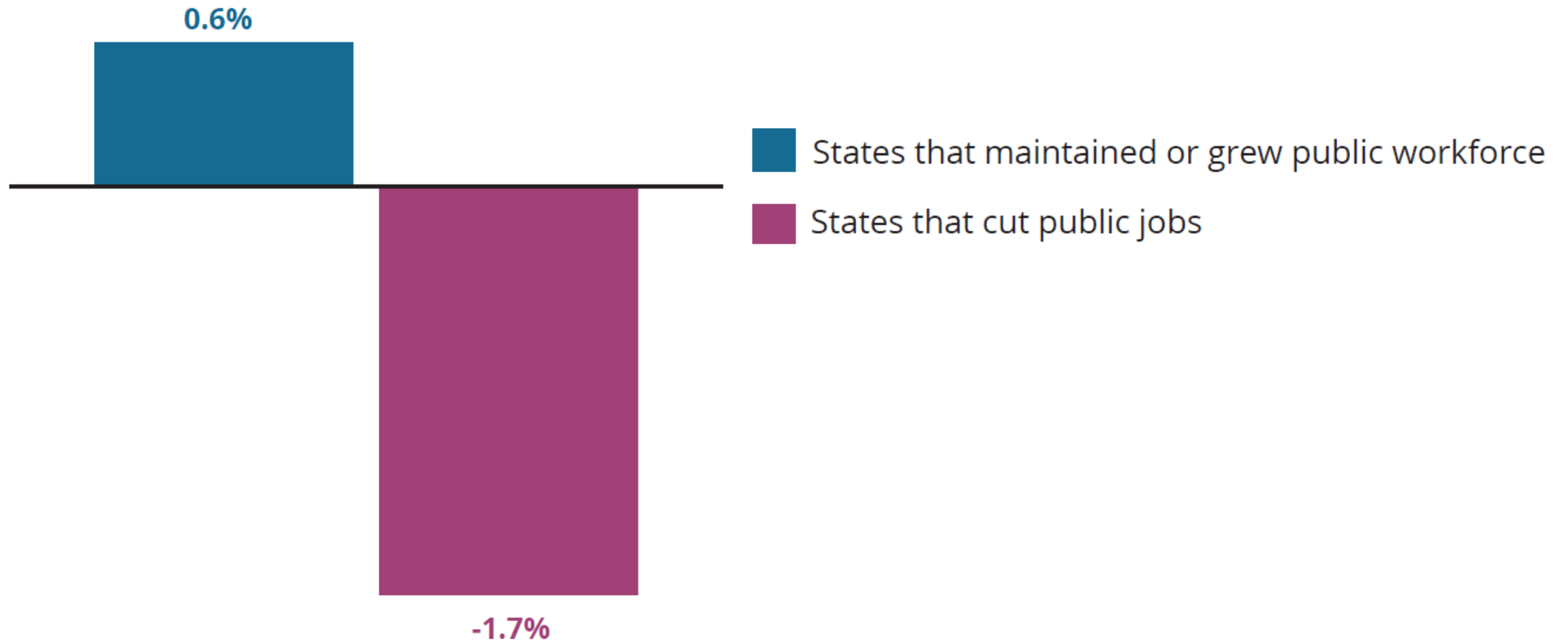
During the last recession, my organization cut jobs or services due to a reduction in public funding or changes in program eligibility.

YES

NO



# States that kept their public workforce saw job growth during the Great Recession



Come in, we're

**OPEN**



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