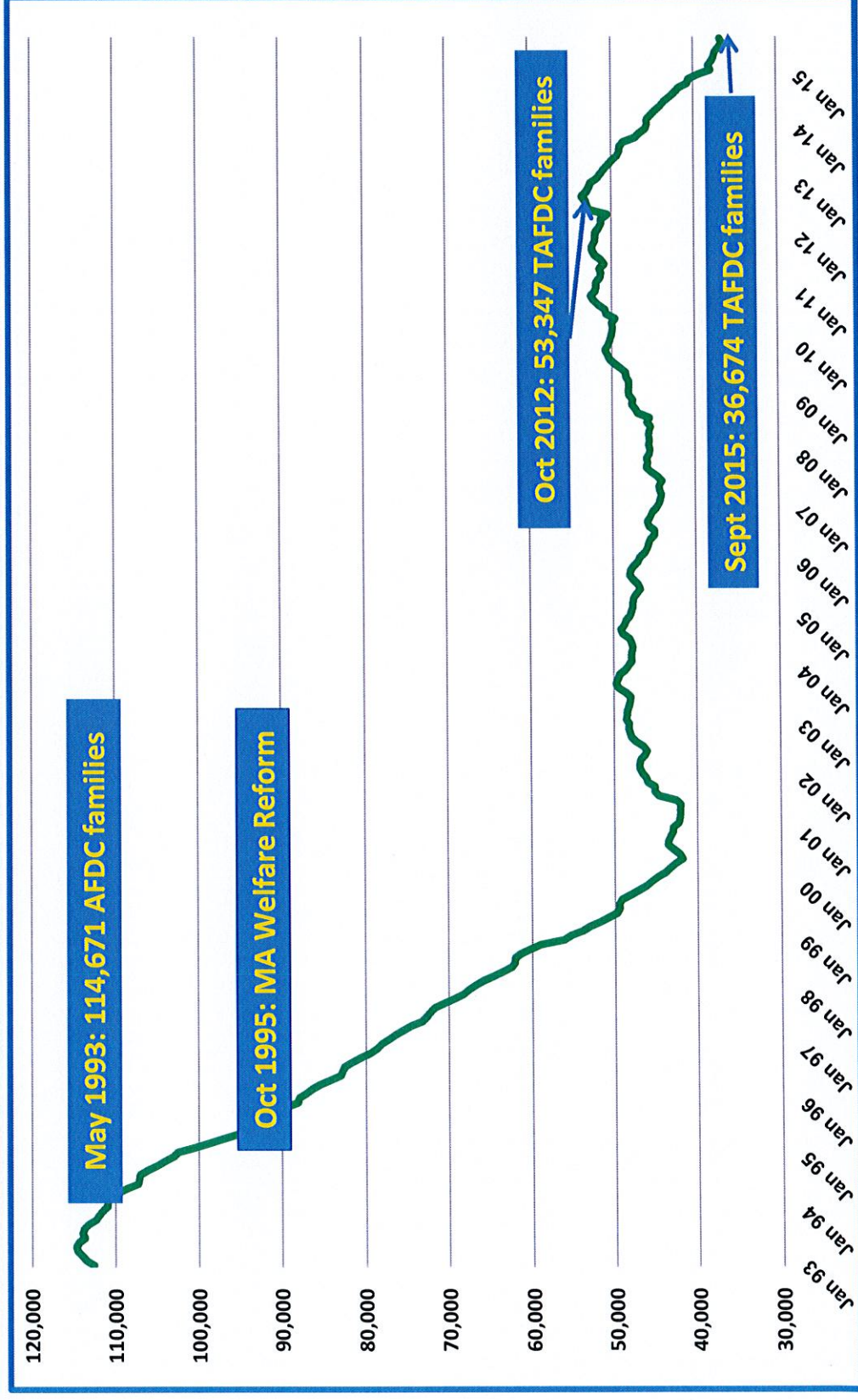


The Direction of Welfare Reform?

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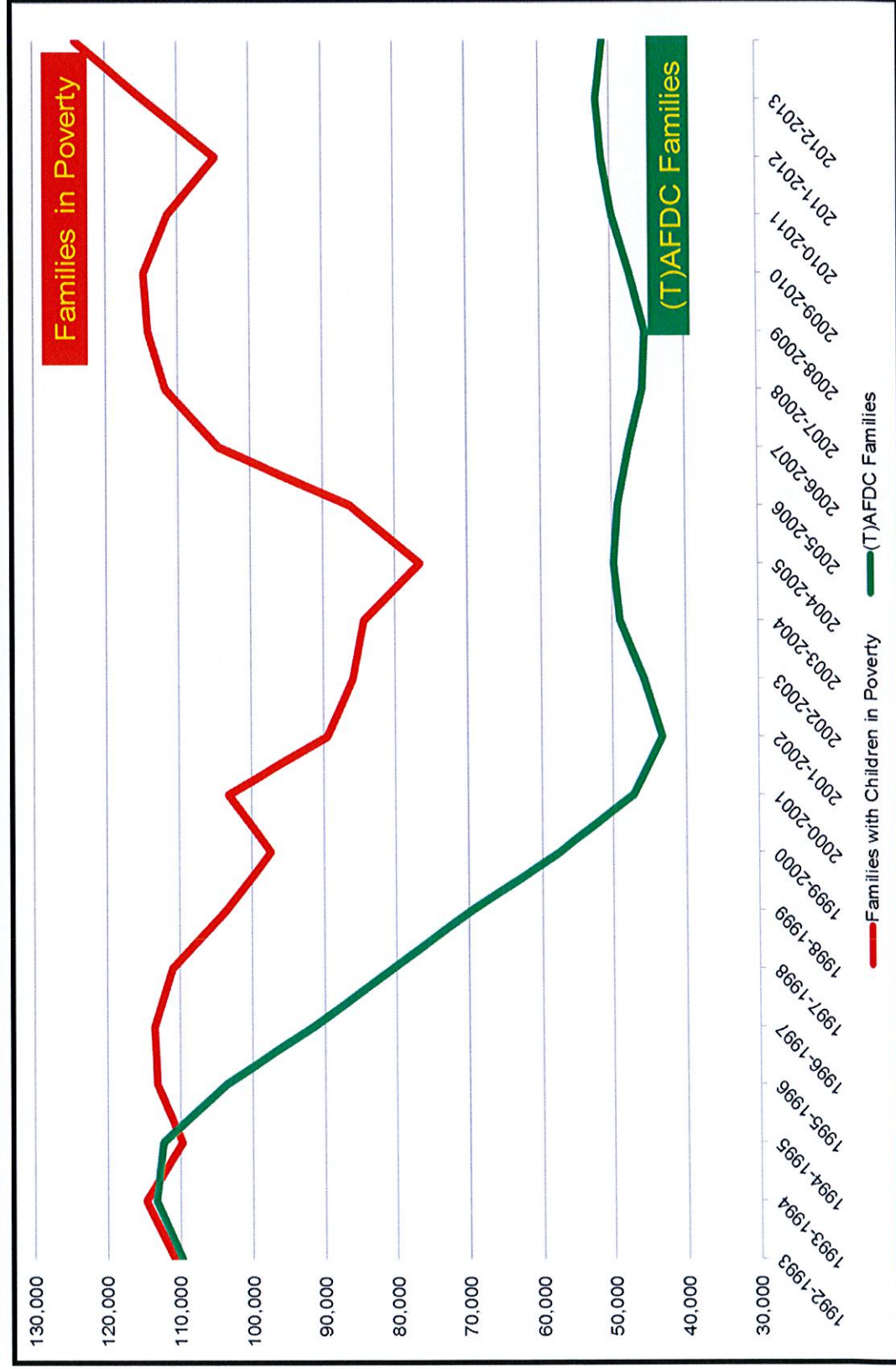
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MA welfare caseload plummets



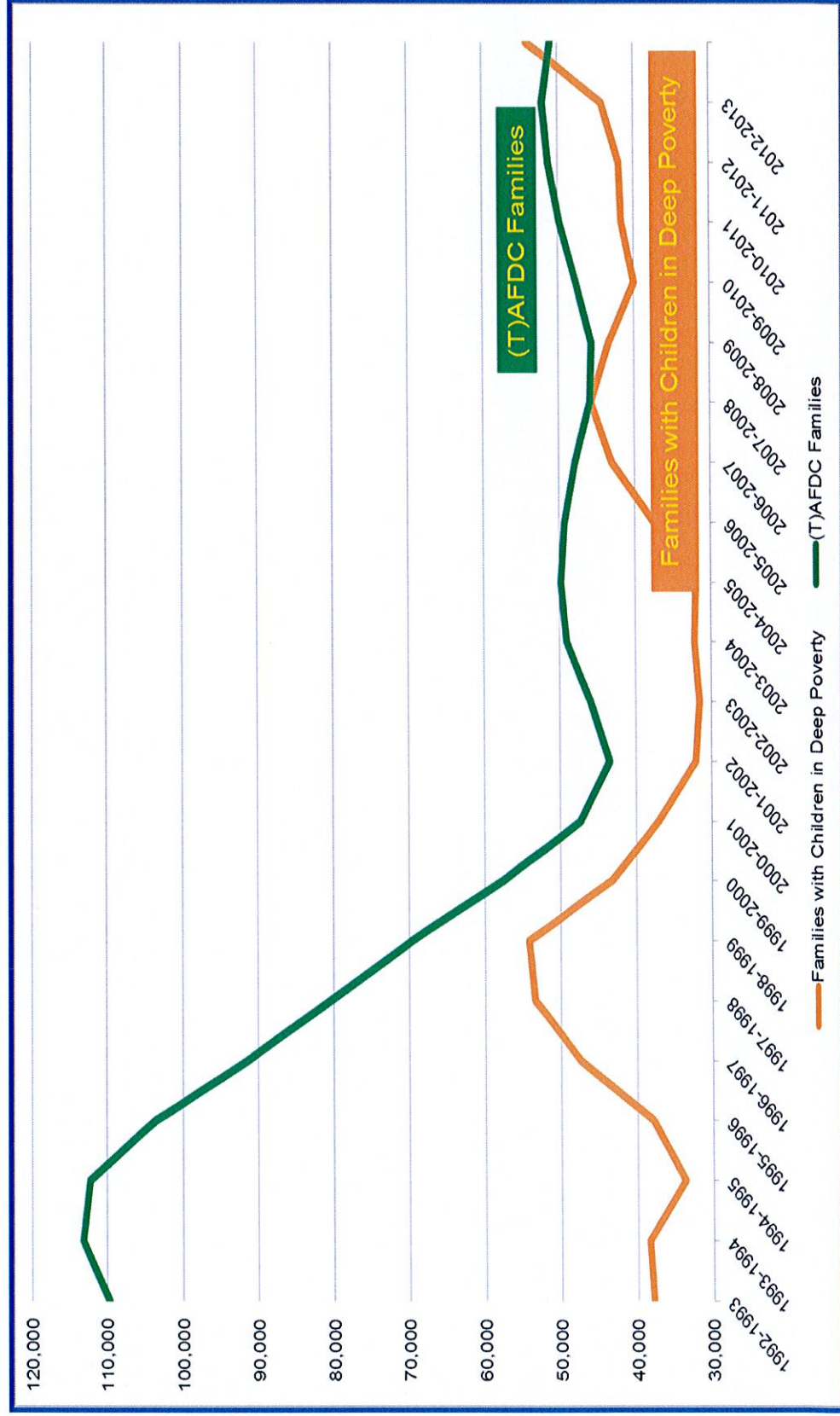
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Families in poverty rise; TAFDC drops



Source: Center on Budget and Policy Priorities

More families in *deep* poverty; Fewer families get TAFDC



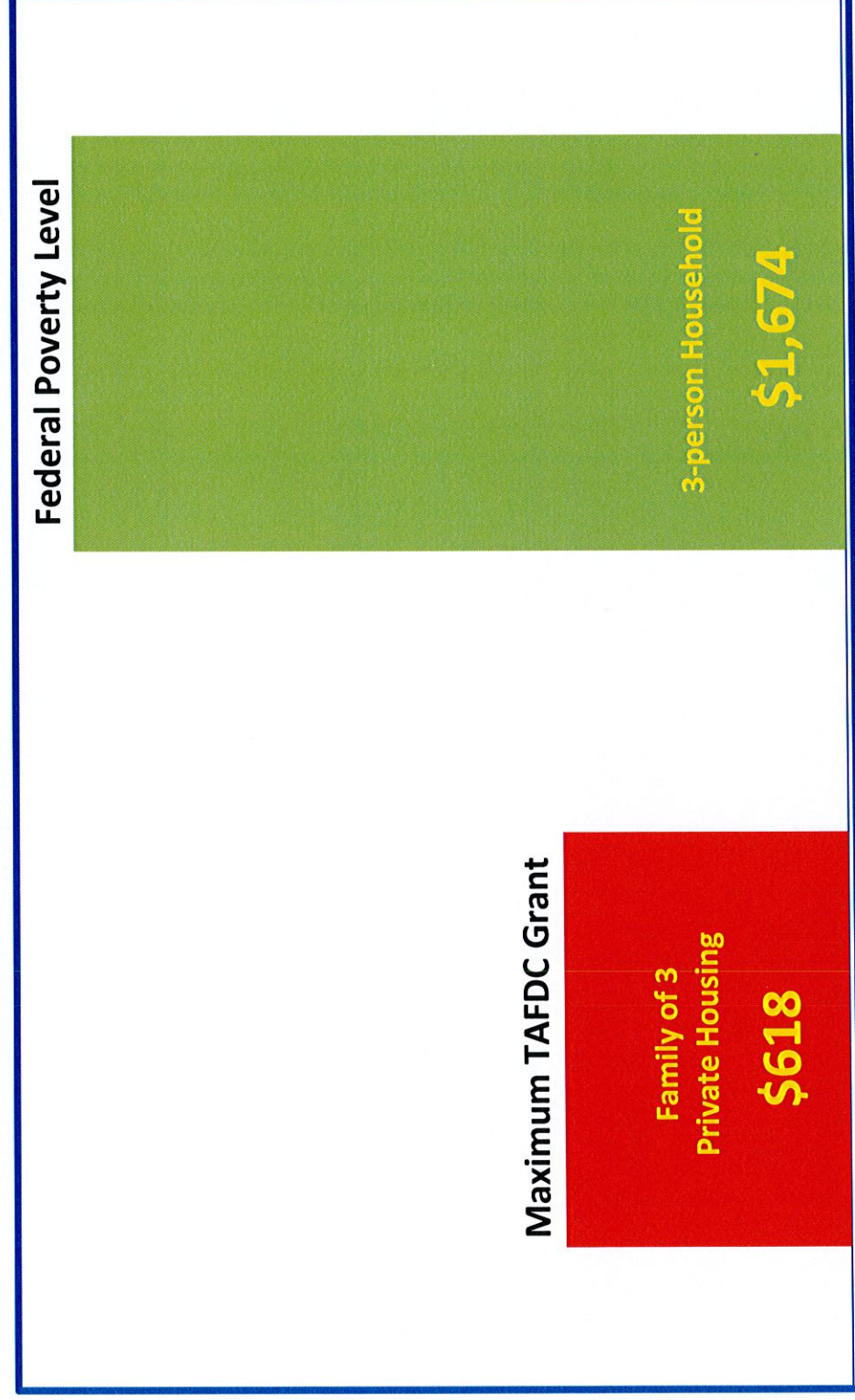
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Grants have lost nearly half their value since 1988



Source: Mass. Law Reform Institute

Grant is only 40% of federal poverty level



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- Reasons for caseload drop?
 - Grant value?
 - Economy?
 - Welfare policies?
 - Welfare administration?
- What's happened to families?
 - Zero income SNAP families?
 - Families applying for shelter?
 - DCF? Mental Health? Other?

Regulation Concerns

- Change to disability standard?
- Applicant job search?
- Opportunity for public input into *this* Administration's regulations?