

Finding Opportunities In Our Economic Challenges

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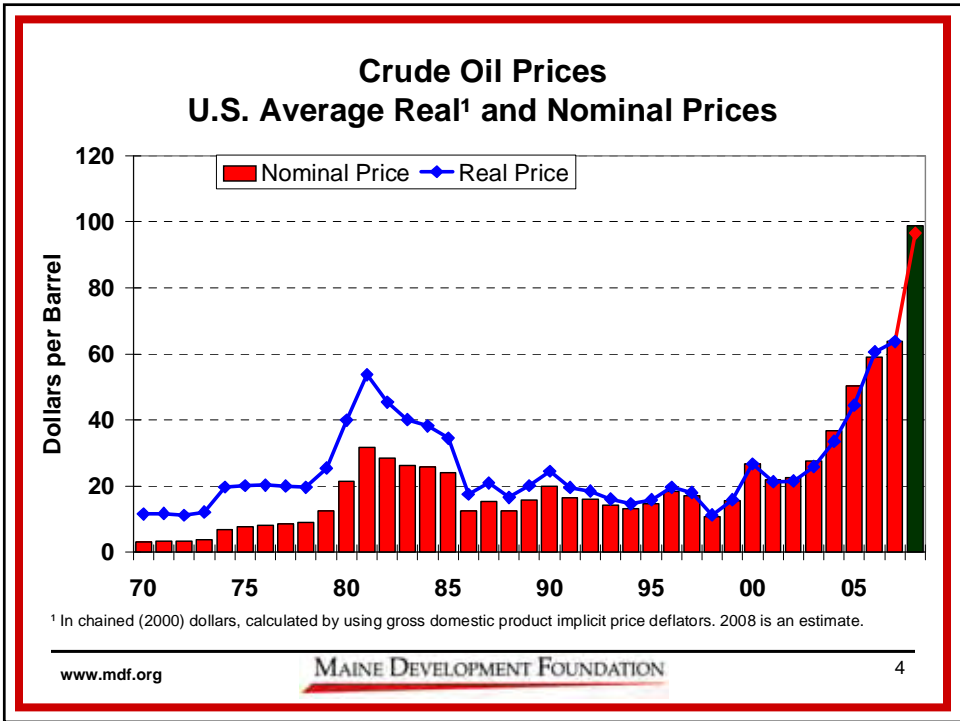
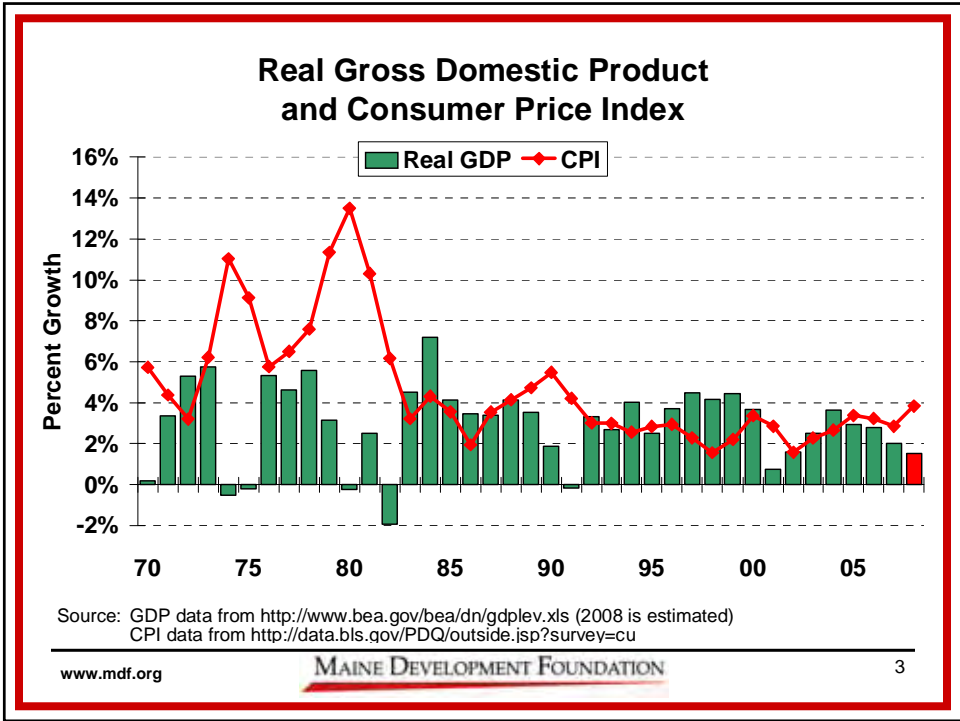
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President, MDF

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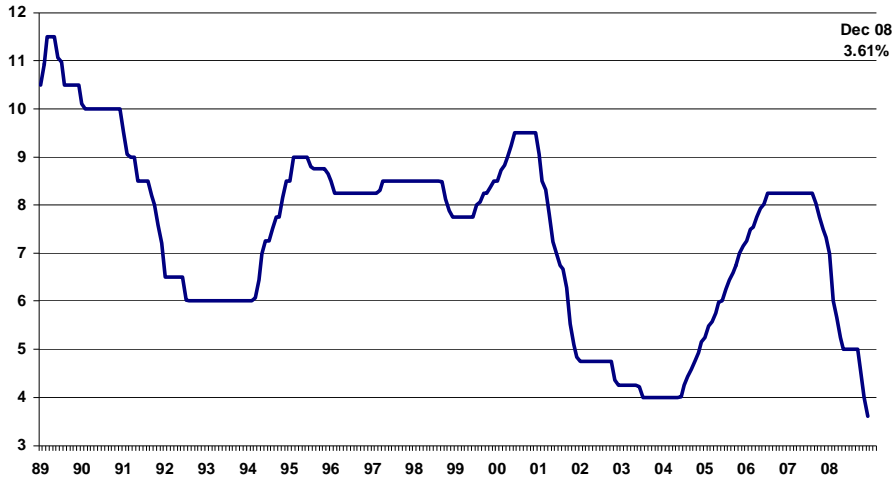
A high quality of life for all Maine people.

*Achieving this vision requires a vibrant and sustainable economy
supported by vital communities and a healthy environment.*





Prime Rate; Average of U.S. Banks 1989- Present



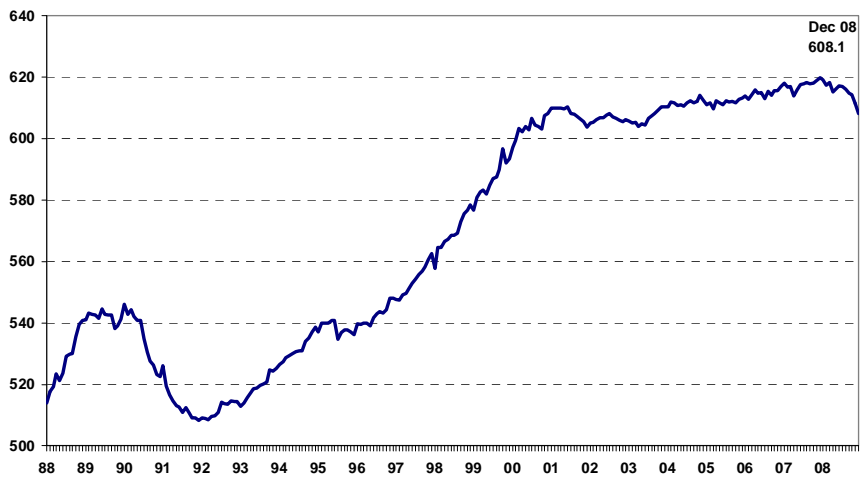
Source: US Federal Reserve Bank

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**Maine Wage and Salary Employment
(seas. adjusted 1,000's)**

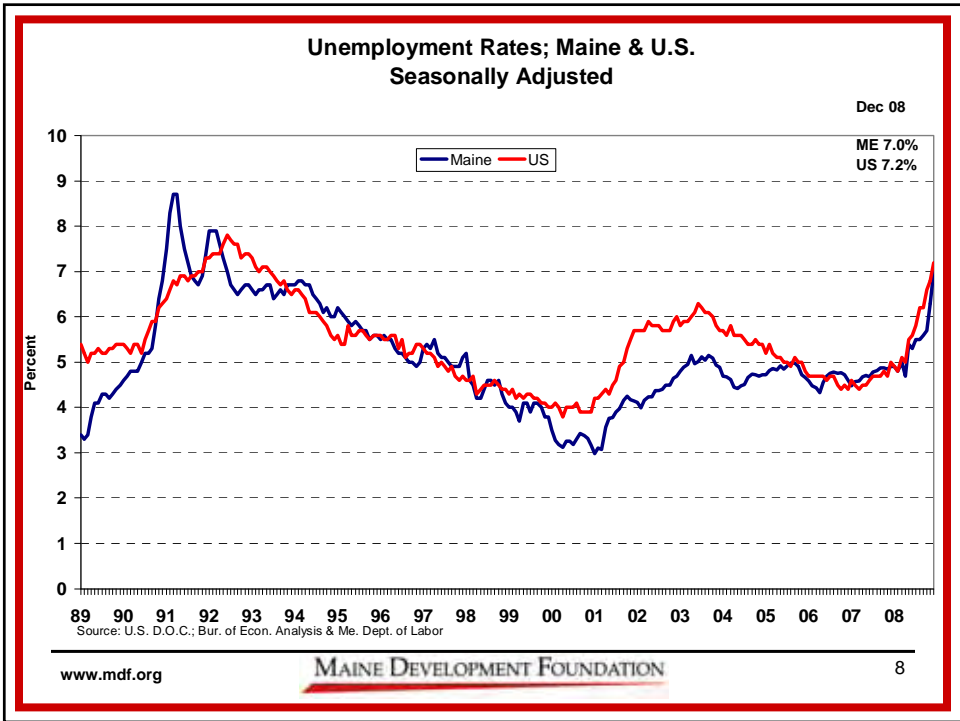
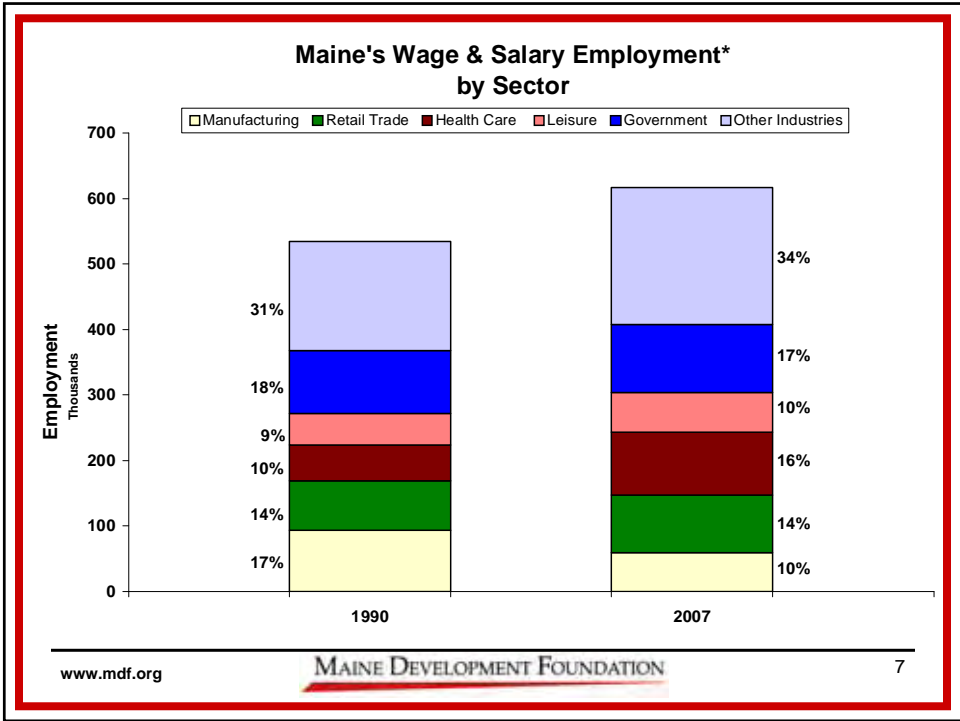


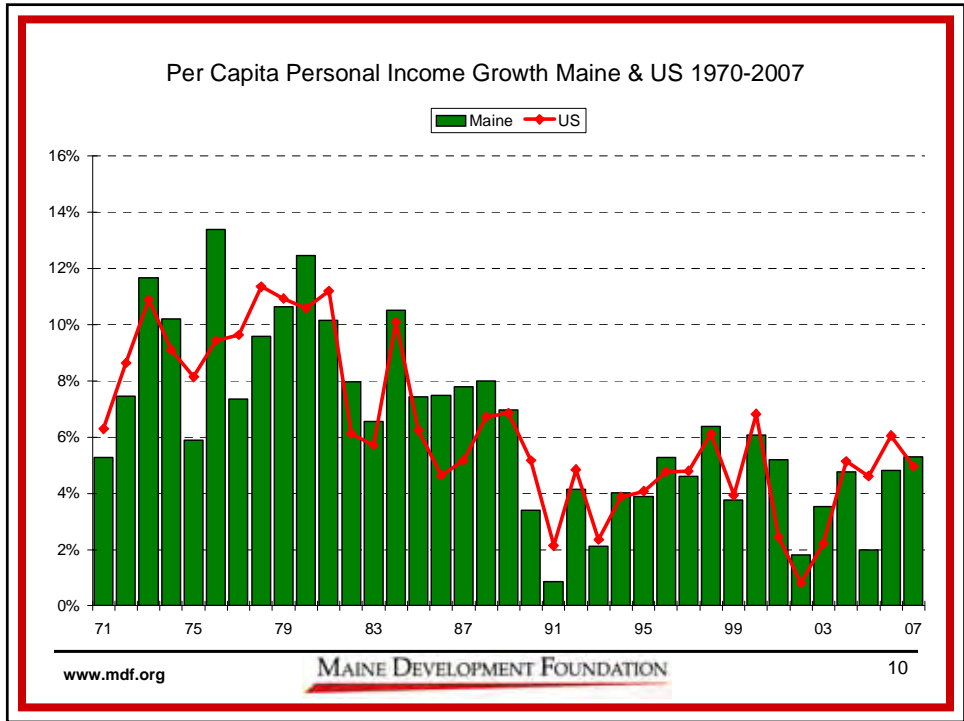
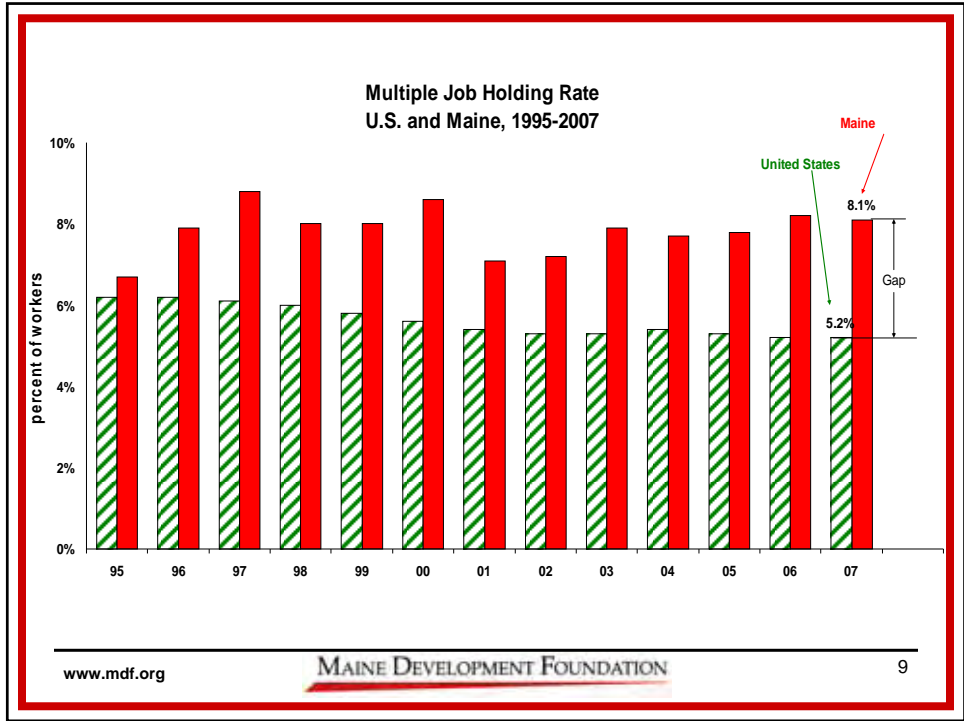
Source: Maine Dept. of Labor

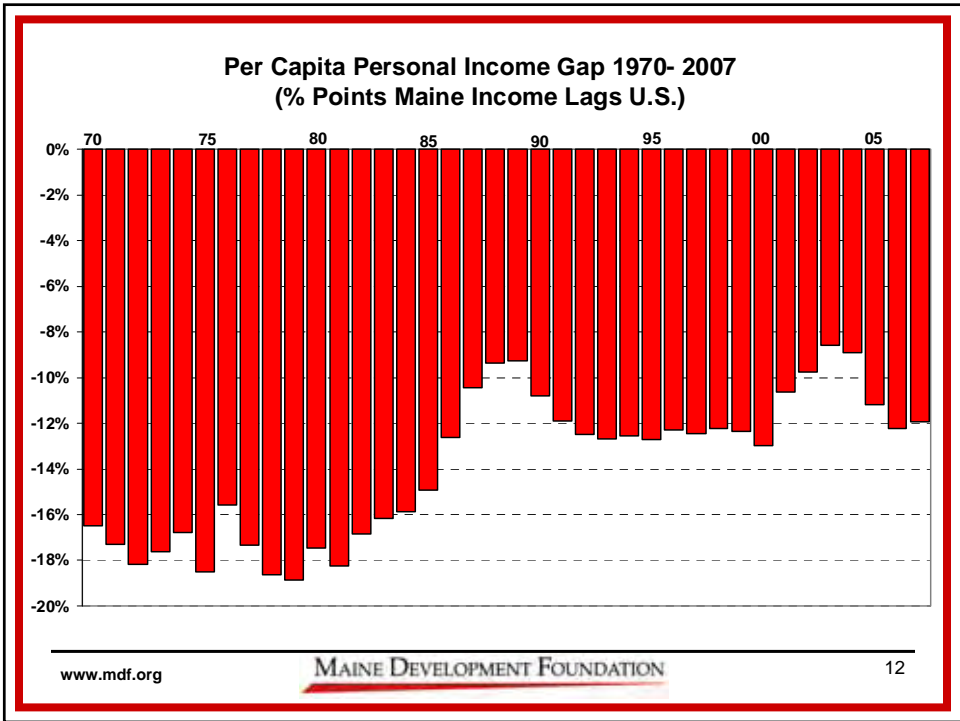
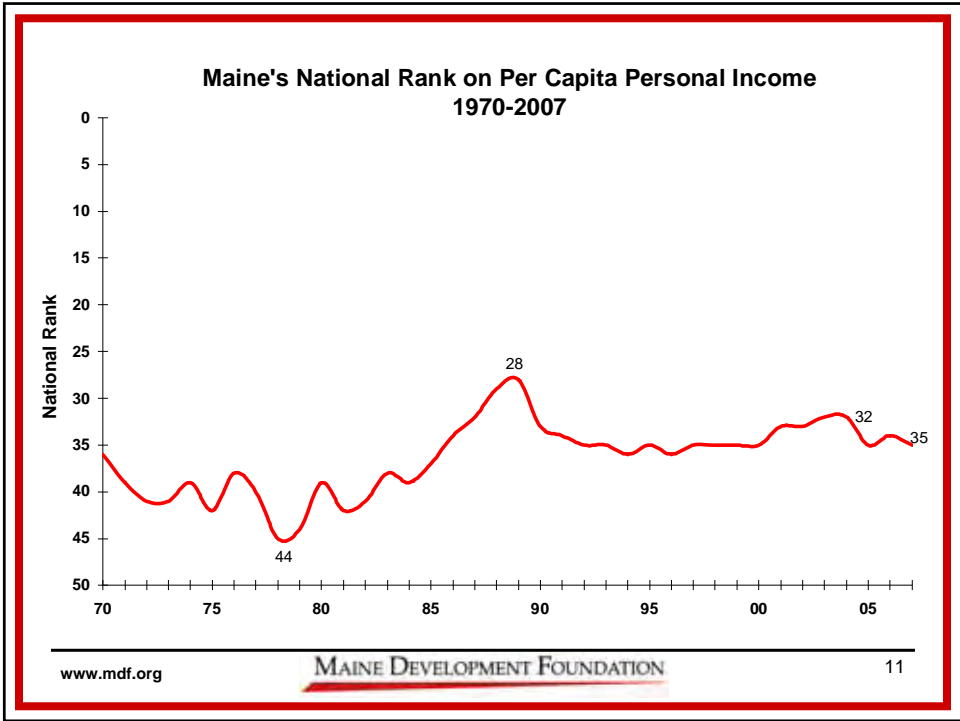
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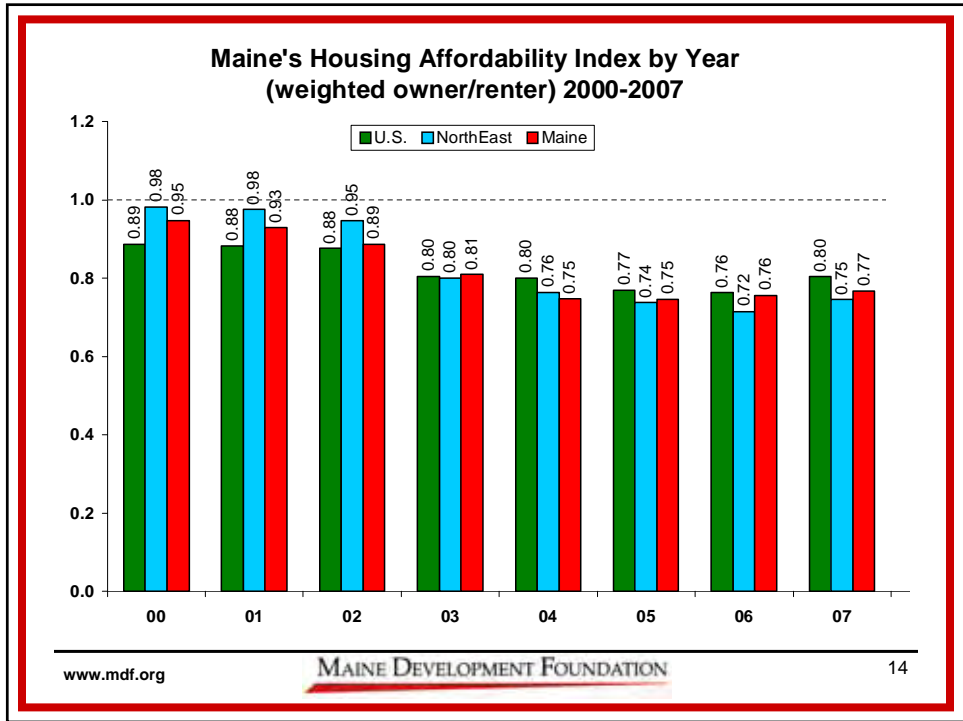
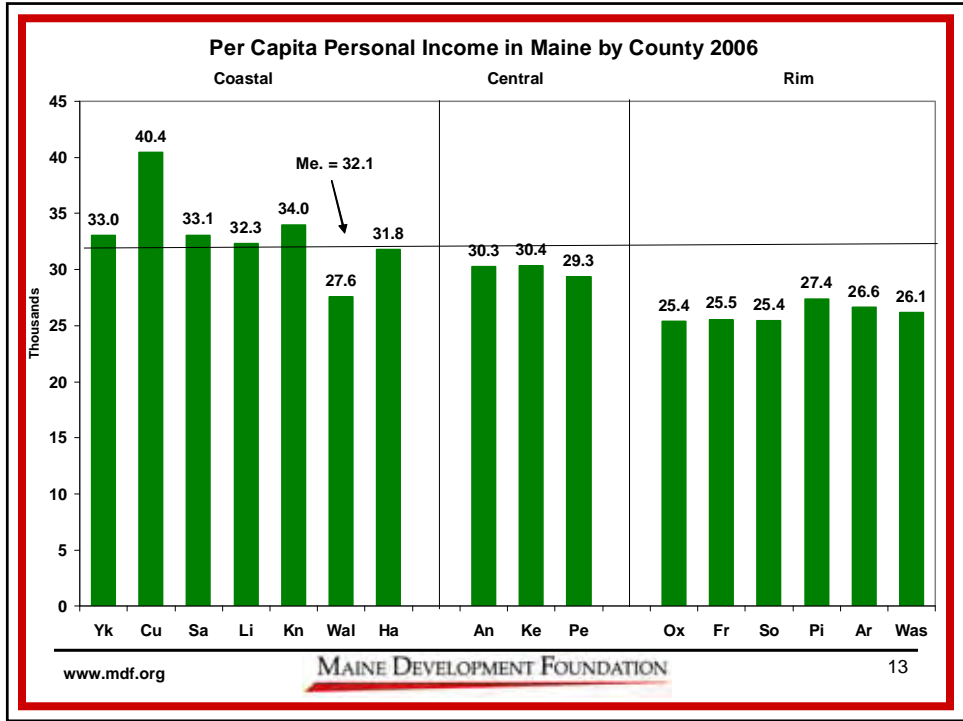
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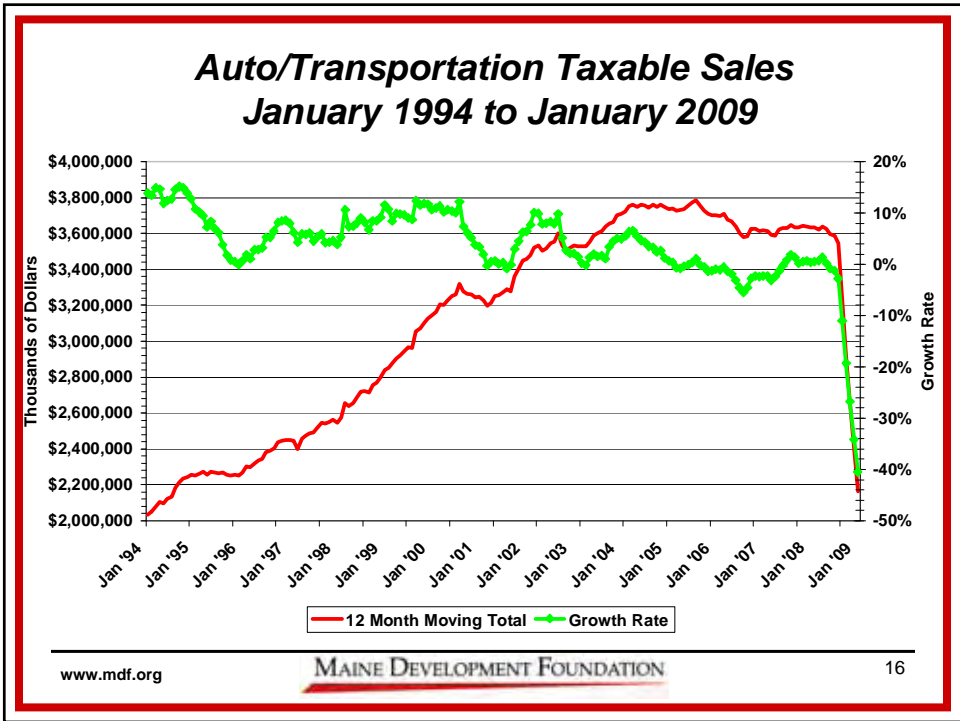
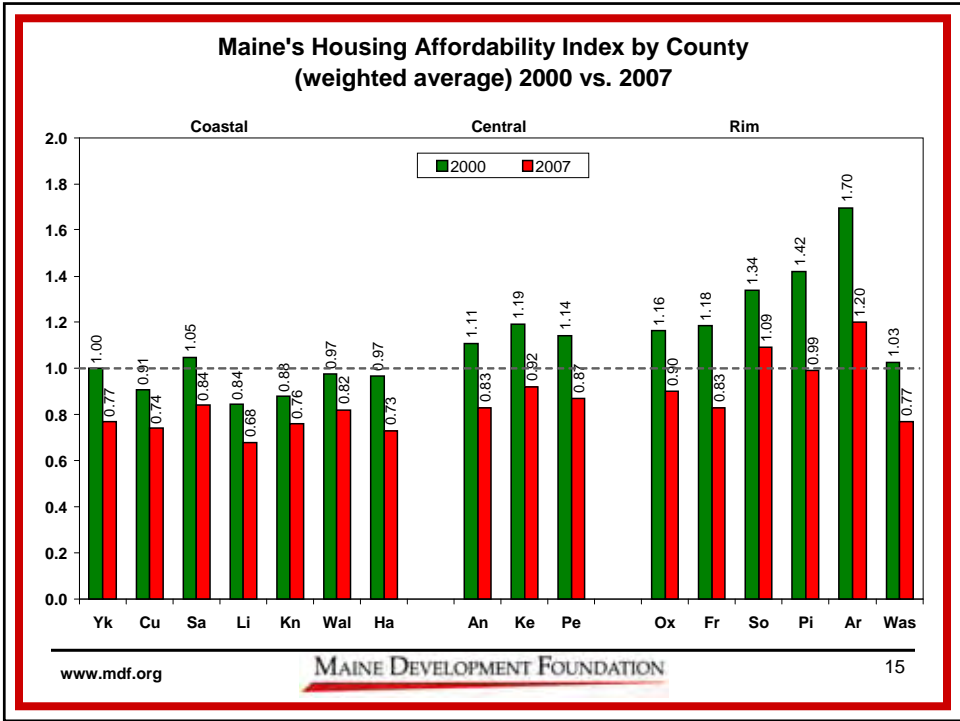
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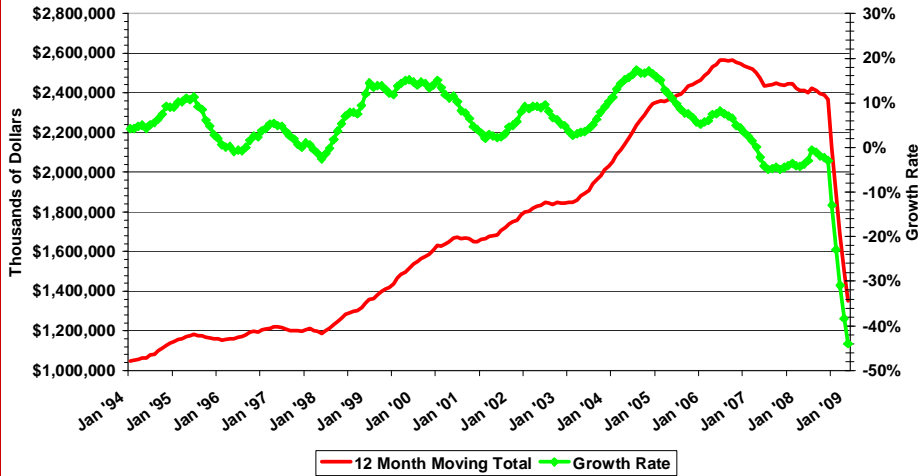








Building Supply Taxable Sales January 1994 to January 2009

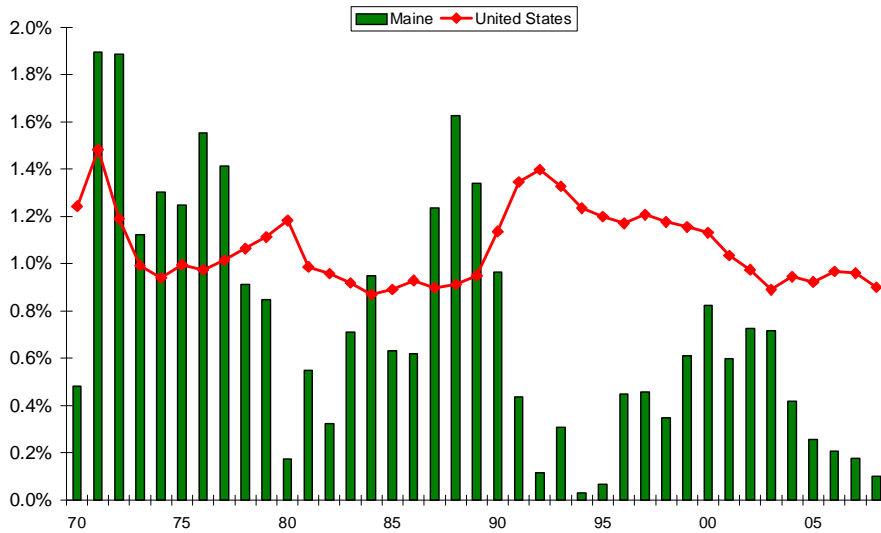


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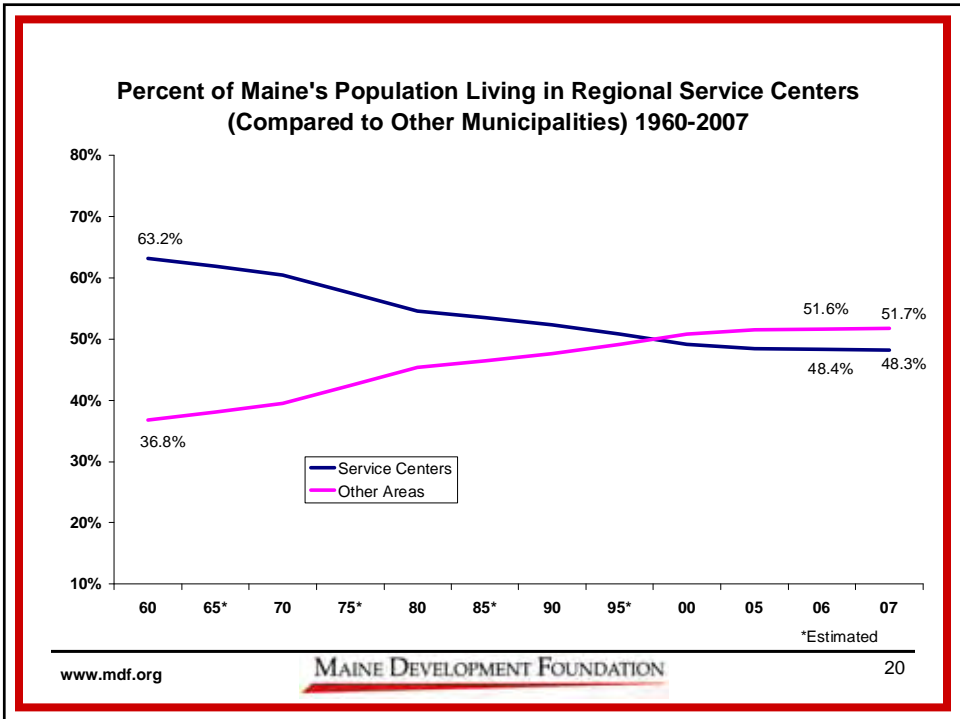
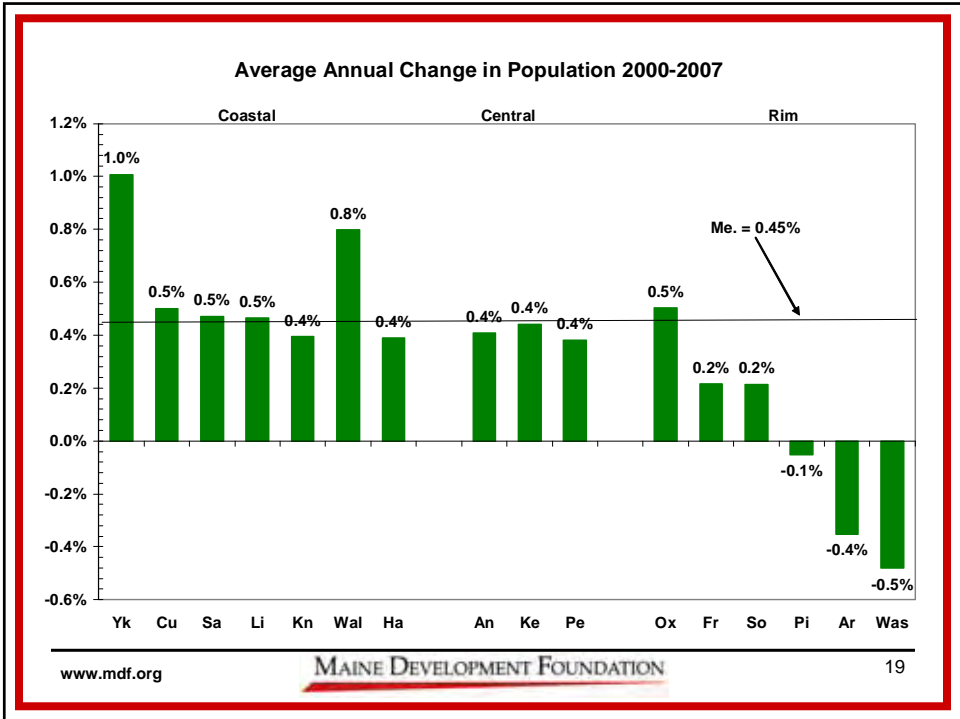
% Population Growth Maine and US 1970-2008

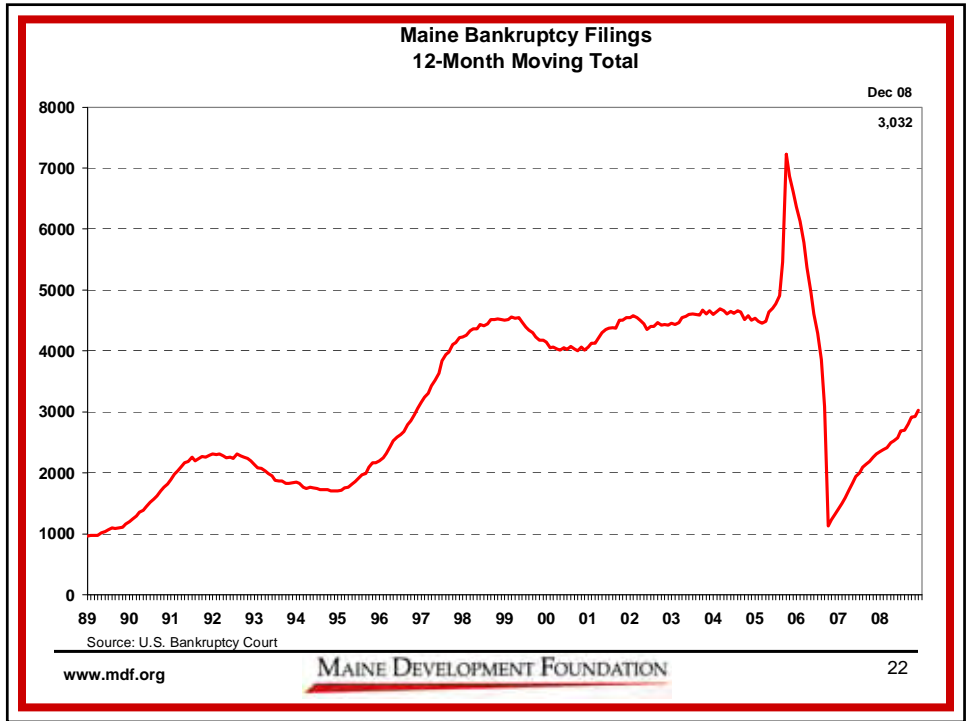
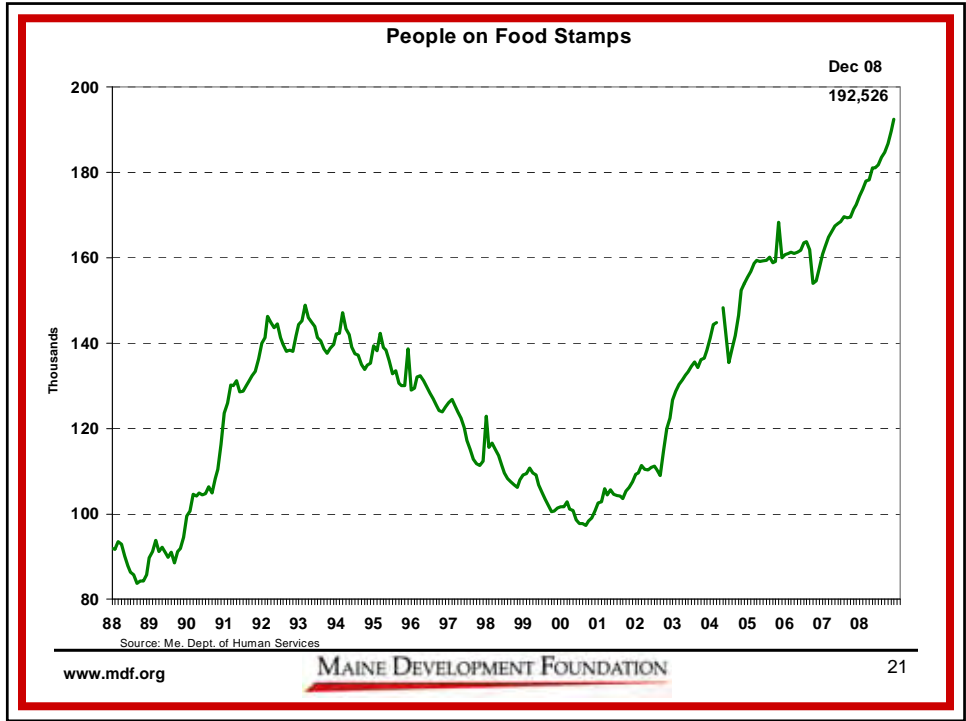


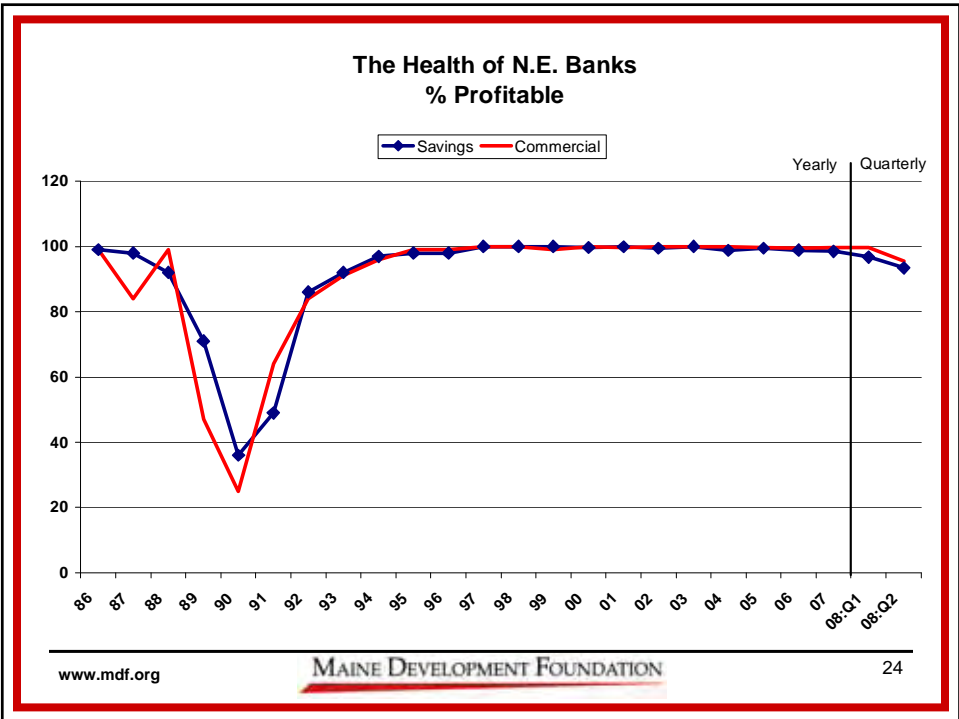
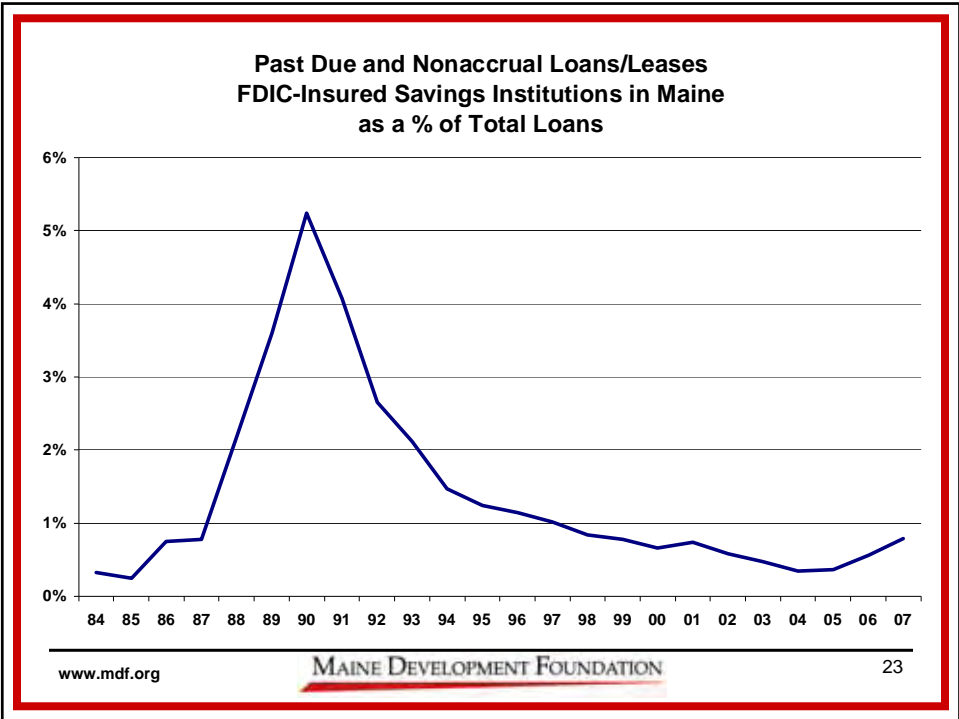
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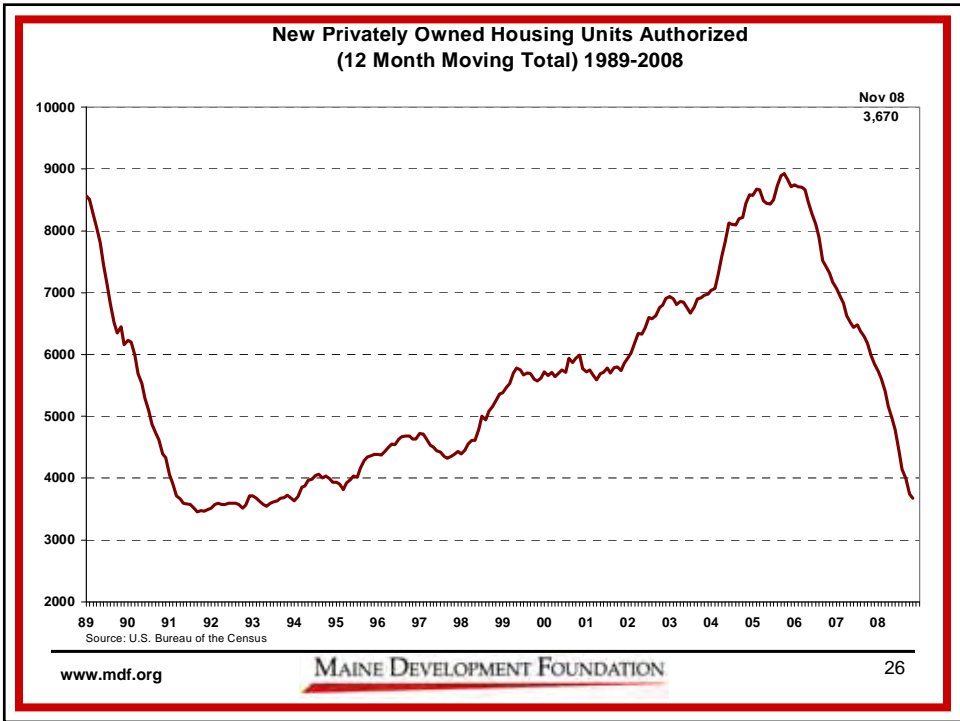
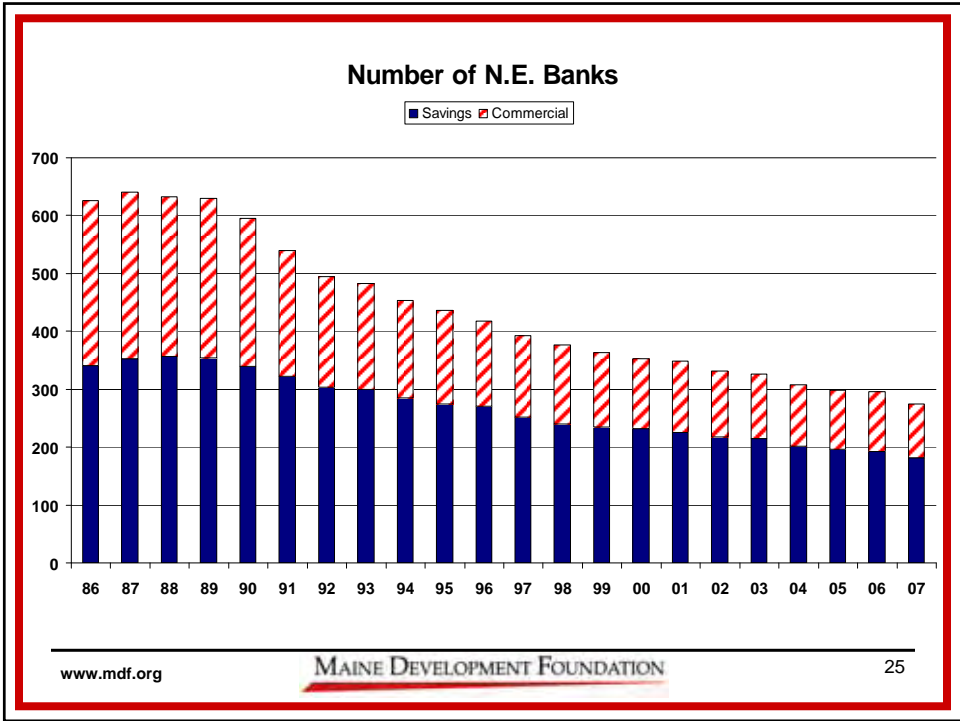
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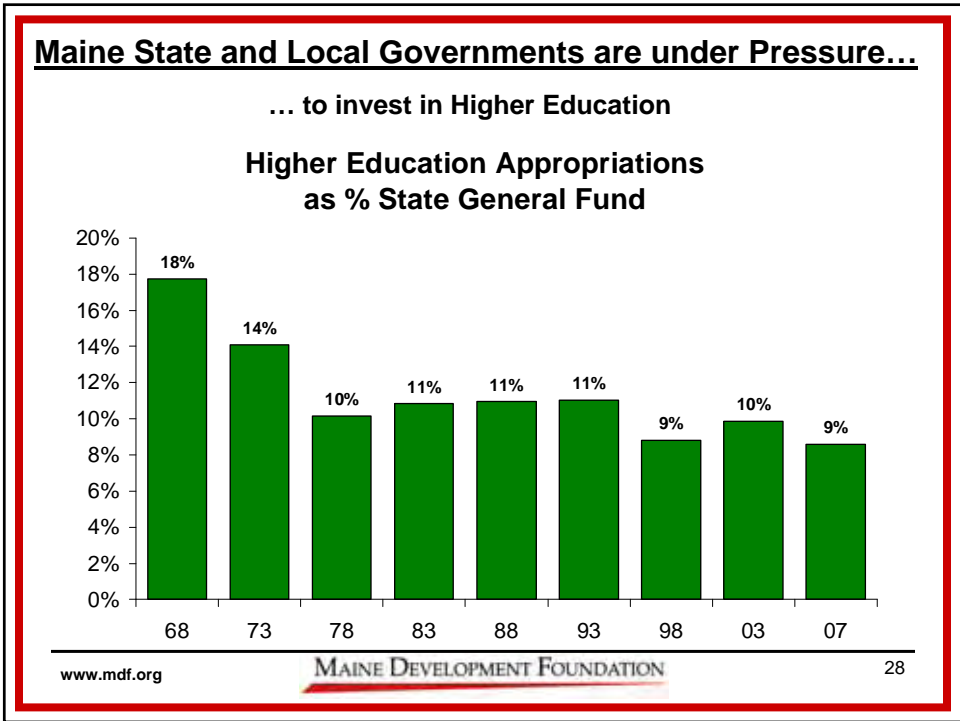
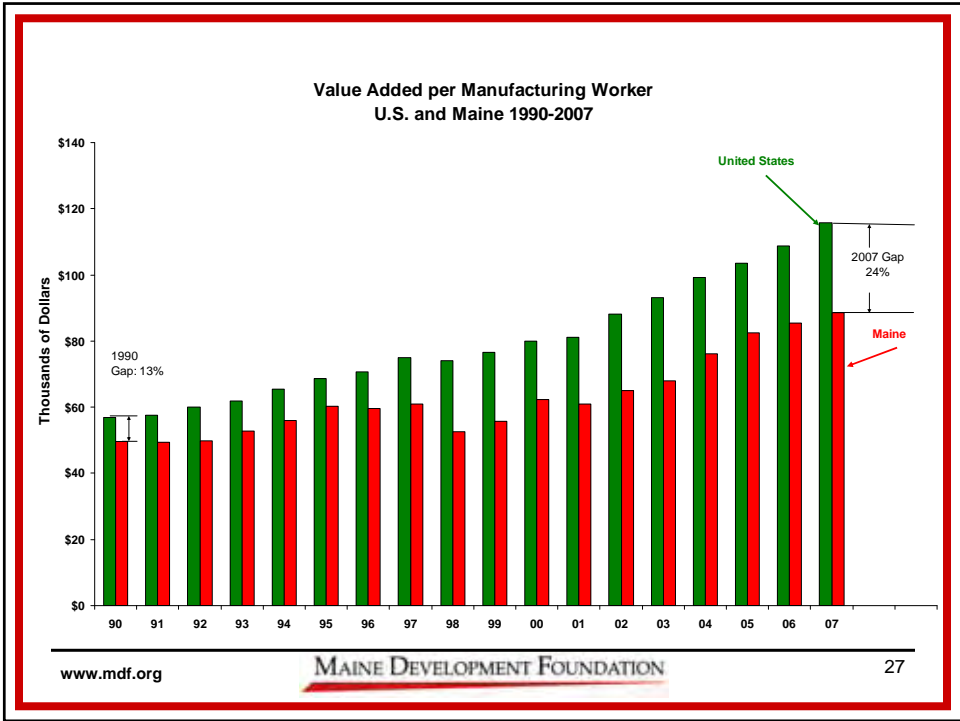
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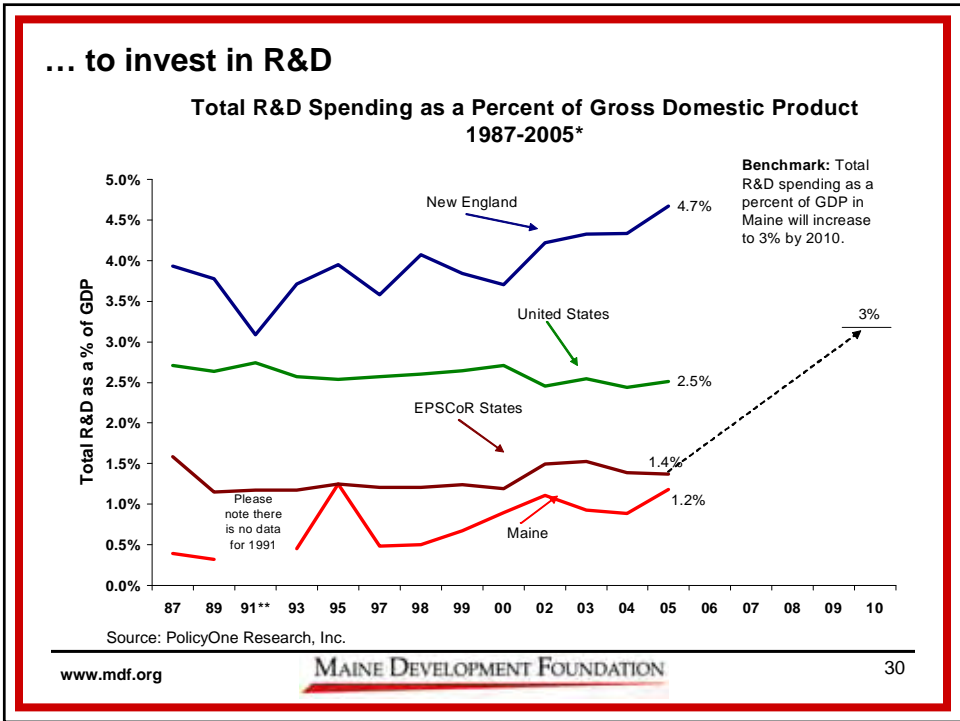
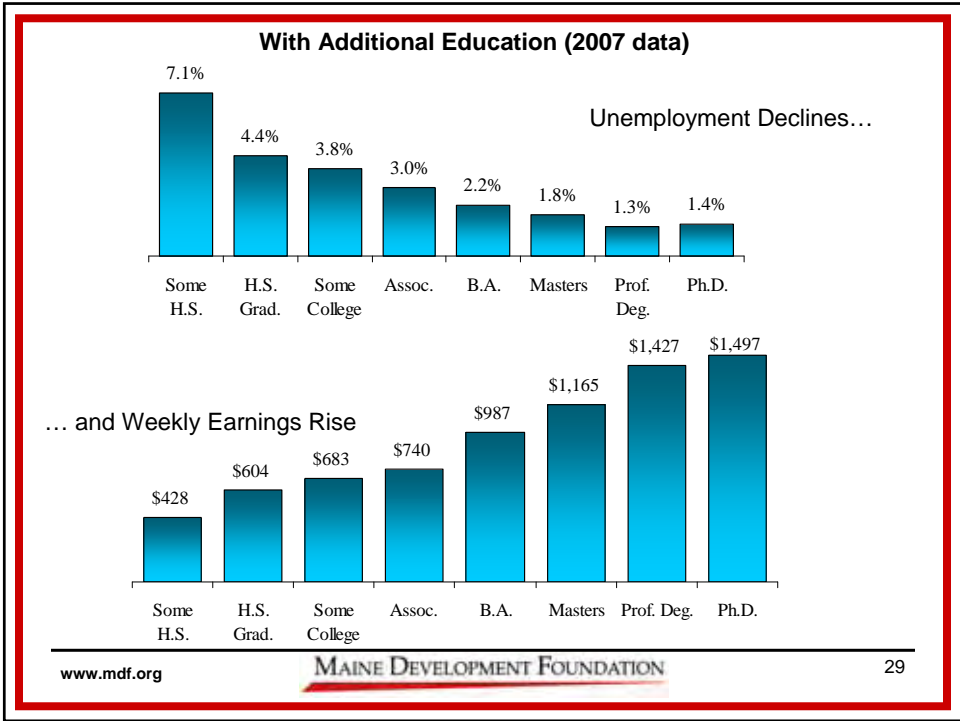












... to invest in Roads and Bridges

- 12% of Maine's Bridges are structurally deficient
- 25% of Maine's roads are in poor or critical condition



- Roughly 2,000 miles (20% - 25%) of Maine's roads are not built to modern standards and must be posted each spring

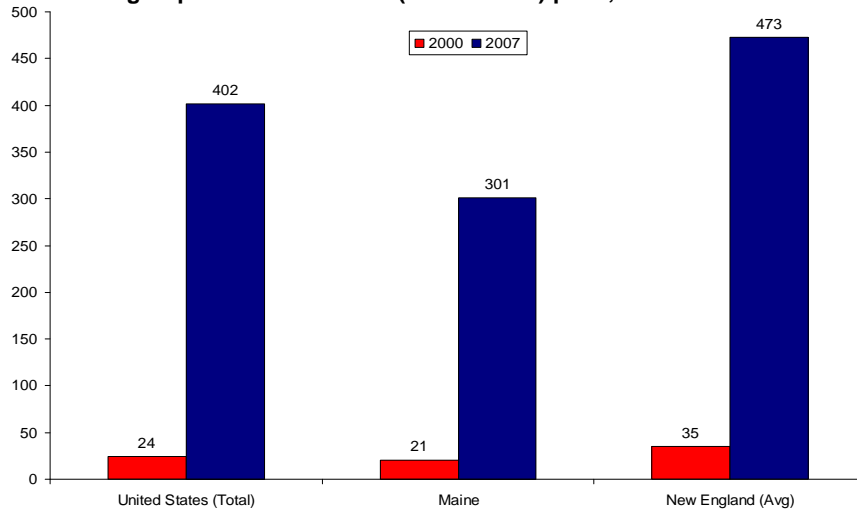
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... to invest in telecommunications infrastructure

High Speed Internet Lines (Subscribers) per 1,000 Residents



Source: PolicyOne Research, Inc.

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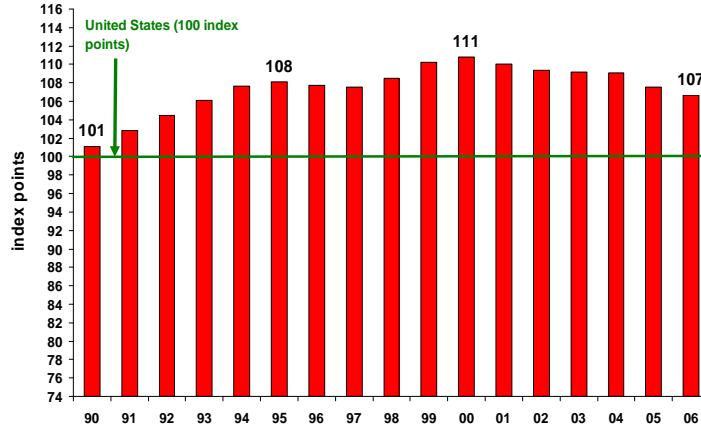
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To increase private sector investment we need...

... to cut the costs of doing business

**Cost of Doing Business, Maine
1990-2006**



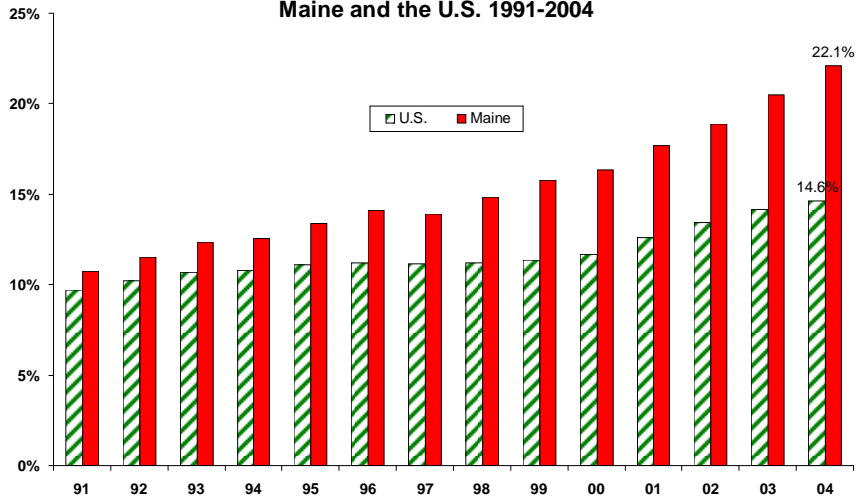
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... to cut health care costs

**Total Health Care Costs as a Percent of GDP
Maine and the U.S. 1991-2004**

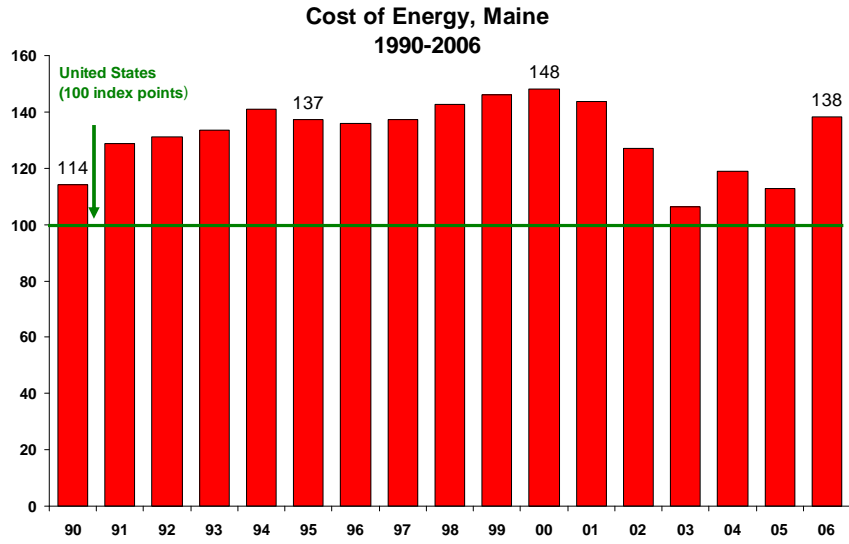


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... to cut energy costs

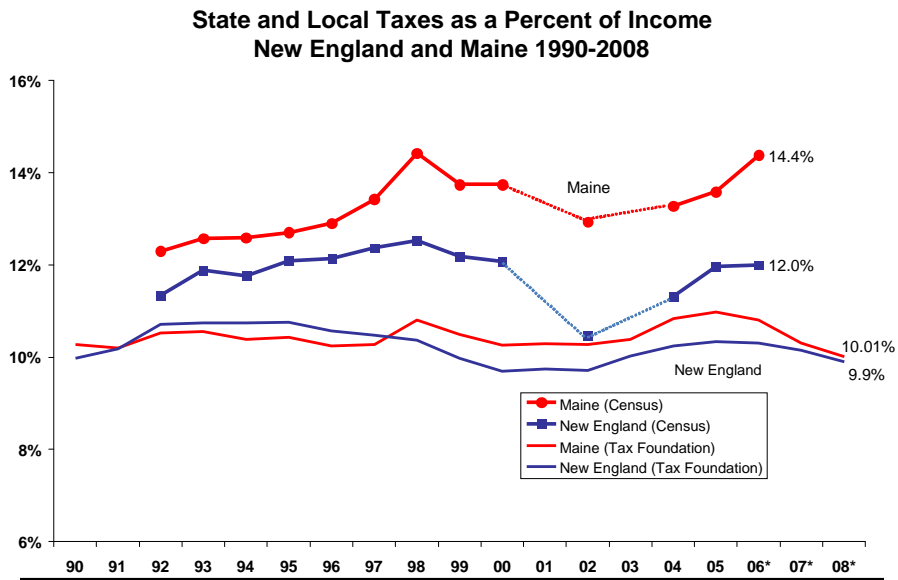


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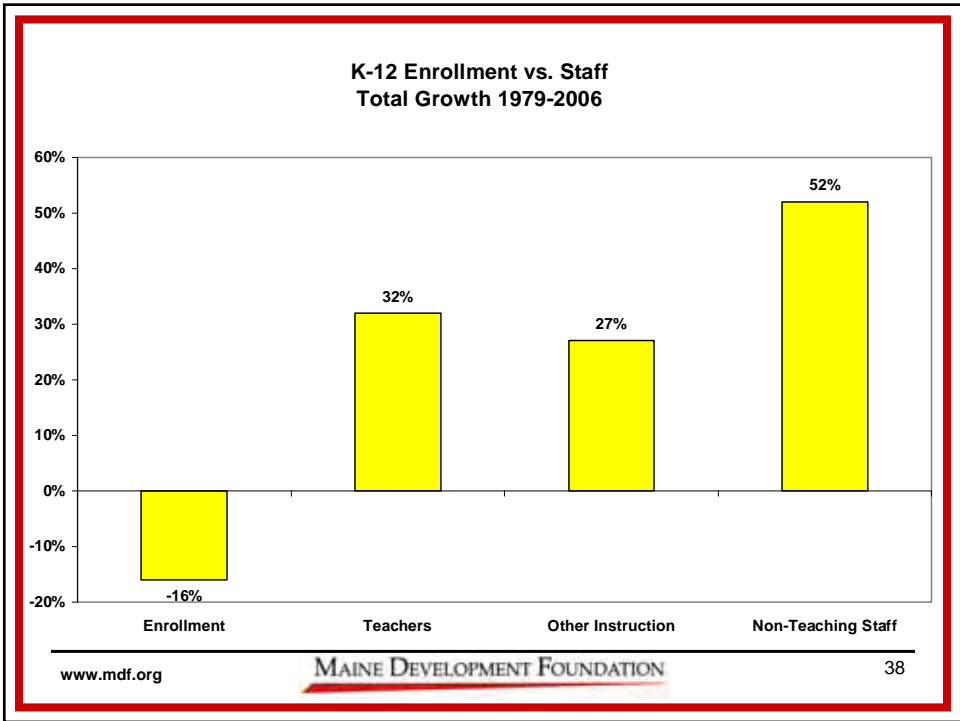
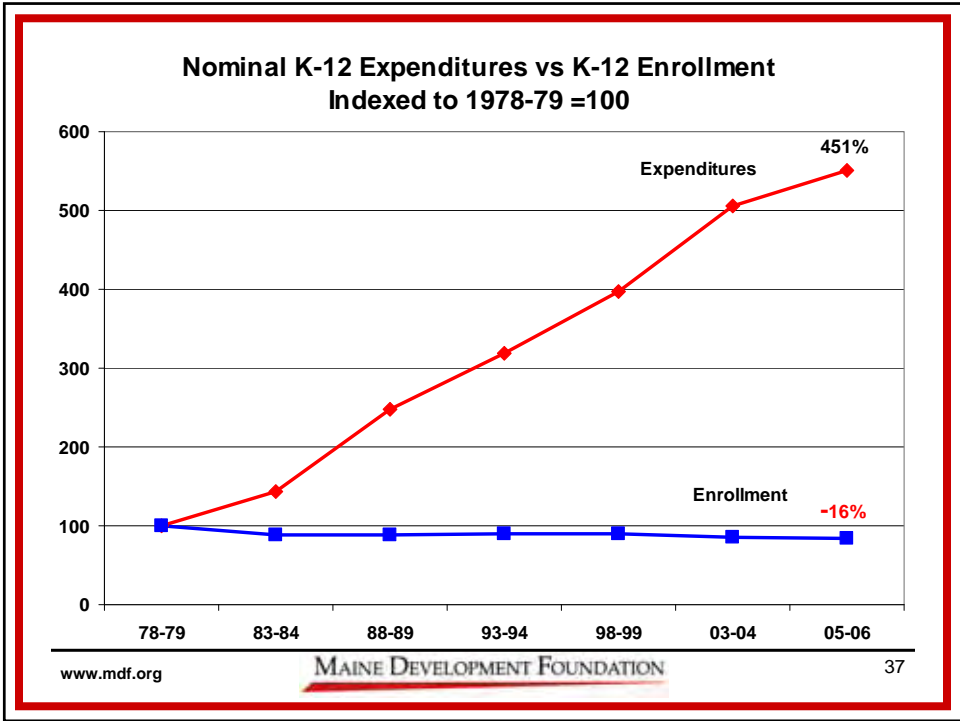
... to cut taxes

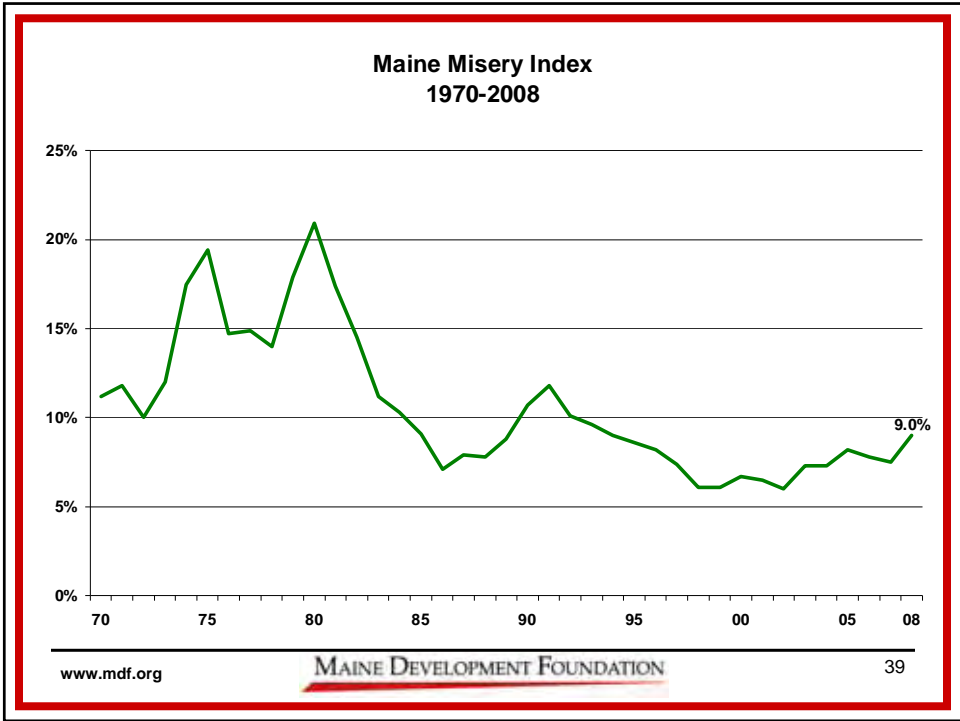


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MAINE HUNTING SHOE

Chances of your gun, nothing is so important to you as the shoes you wear. You cannot expect to enjoy hunting that is unless it is in shoes that are properly fitted.

The Maine Hunting Shoe is designed by a hunter who has hunted Maine woods for the past eighty years. This shoe fits as a pair of mittens with the precision of a heavy hunting boot. The soles are made of the very best gunnison leather - all time. The shoe fits in height and width with an extra sole that never gives back by sitting and driving. Leather soles also keep the feet all the while and prevent "blistering" that is characteristic with most rubber soles.

Modern, shock-absorbent heels keep the shoe from slipping and make them much more comfortable to use as intended in mooring down with both.

For those hunters who go just before the first snow it is even so important to find footwear that is adapted to both snow ground and snow hunting. The Maine Hunting Shoe is perfect for both. For long periods in summer light weight and leather soles which keep it from becoming the feet while the rubber sole keep it from slipping. For snow by using a leather padding, you have more light dry footwear that is ideal for all hunting.



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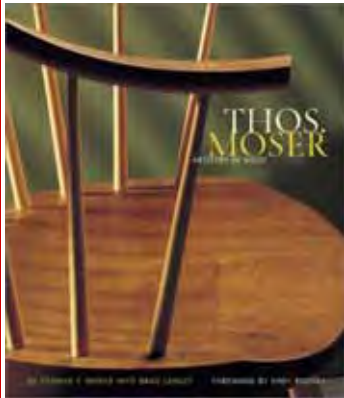
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Biddeford North Dam Mill
Circa 1910

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Brewer Eastern Mill 1920's



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Hemant Pendse



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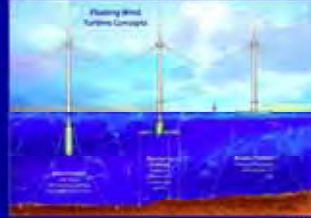
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The AEW Center
The Advanced Engineered Wood Composites Center

Habib Dagher

R&D: Floating Wind Turbines:
Design and Prototype Deployment



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Dave Serreze

Received the Juvenile Diabetes Research Foundation Lifetime Achievement Award for identifying 30-40 genes implicated in type 1 diabetes.



Sue Ackerman

Distinguished Howard Hughes Investigator discovered the sticky modifier gene which appears to cause the mis-folding of a protein in the brain. This mis-folding is a characteristic of Alzheimer's disease.



Leading the search for tomorrow's cures.





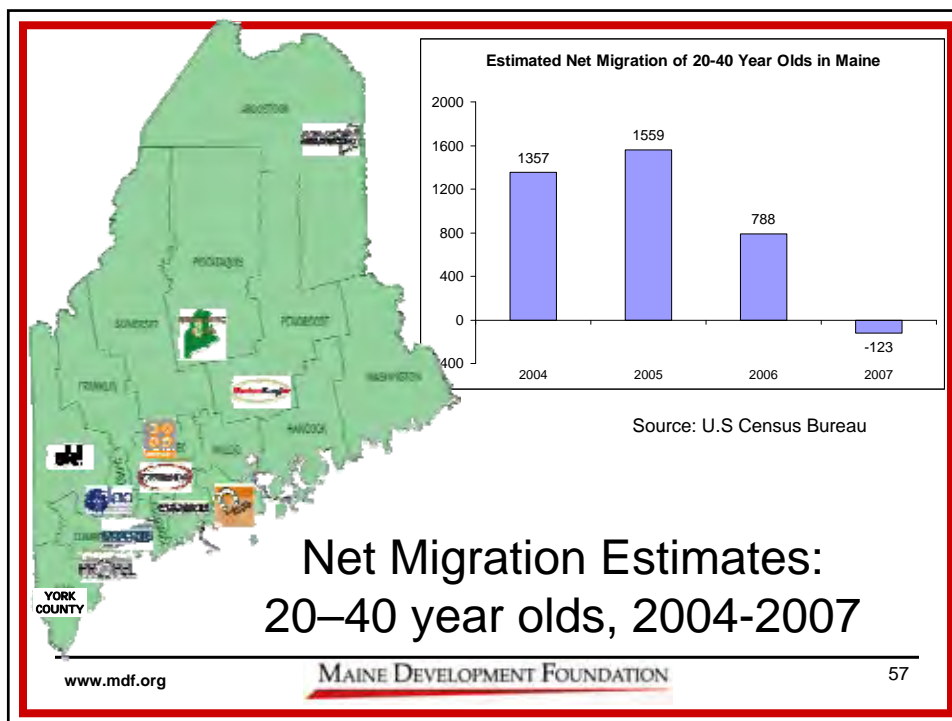
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Moving Maine forward by:

- Empowering Leaders
- Strengthening Communities
- Guiding Public Policy

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Would you have invested?



Microsoft Corporation, 1978

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