

Post-secondary Education in Challenging Times

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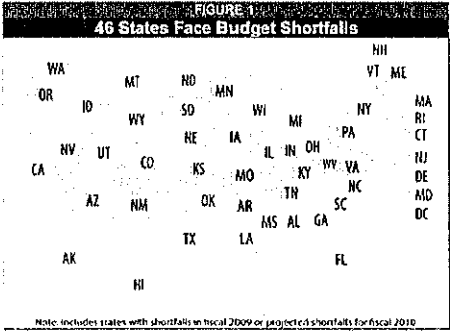
Making Sense of the State Budget

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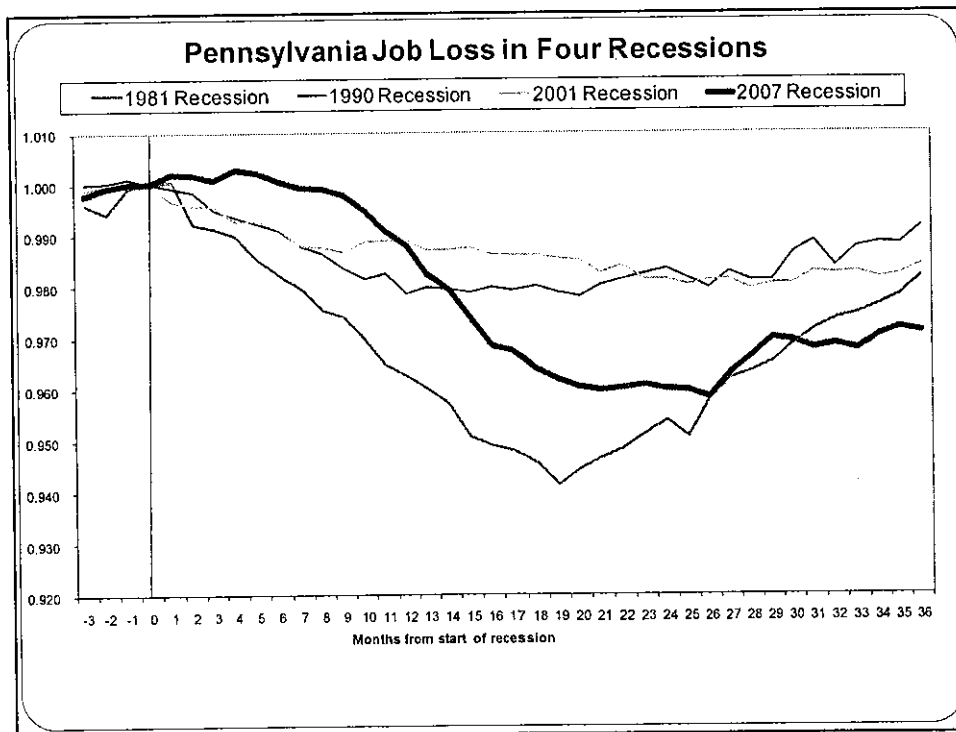
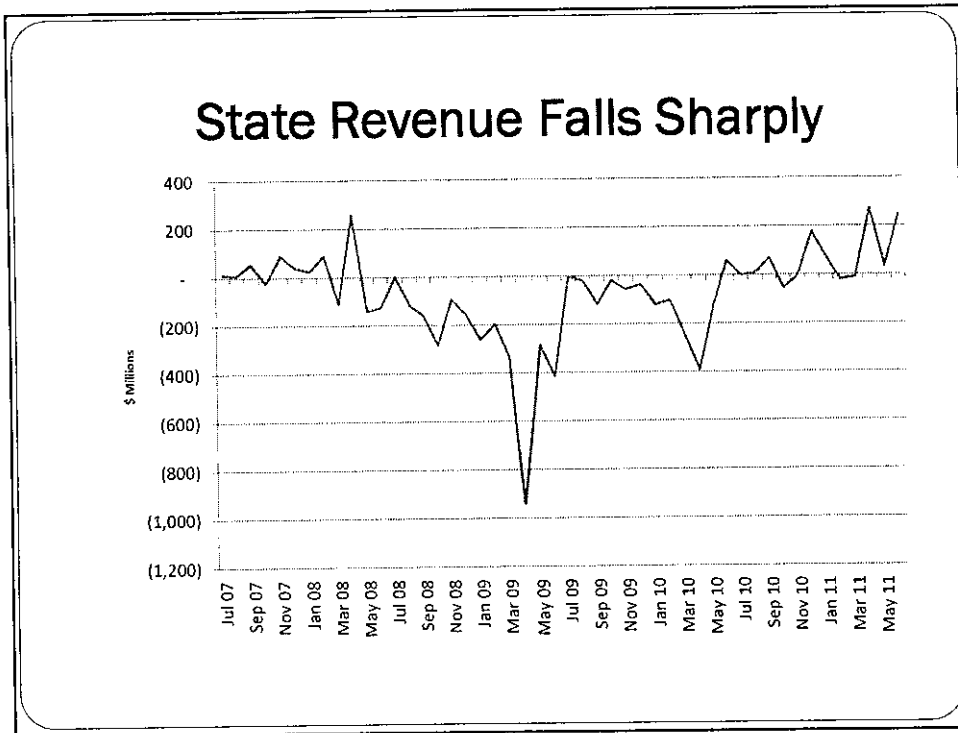
Key Points

- The national economy devastated states
- Pennsylvania fared better than most states
- Direct and indirect effects on Community Colleges
- Jobs are the issue: how do we get there?

Recession Creates Budget Shortfalls

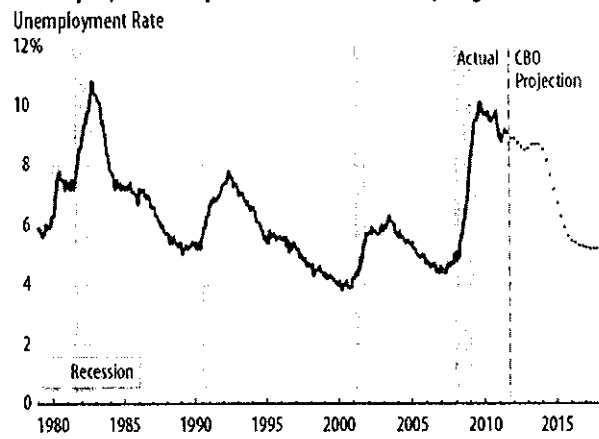


Source: Center on Budget and Policy Priorities



Slow Recovery Expected

Unemployment Expected to Remain Very High Into 2014



Sources: data from Bureau of Labor Statistics and National Bureau of Economic Research; Congressional Budget Office projections

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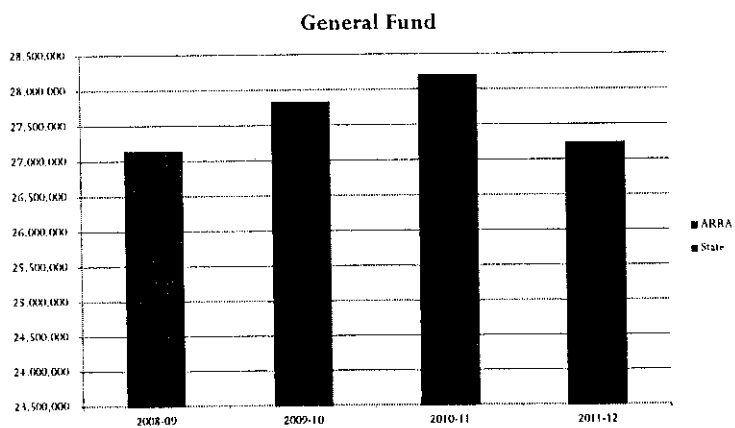
2011-12 Budget

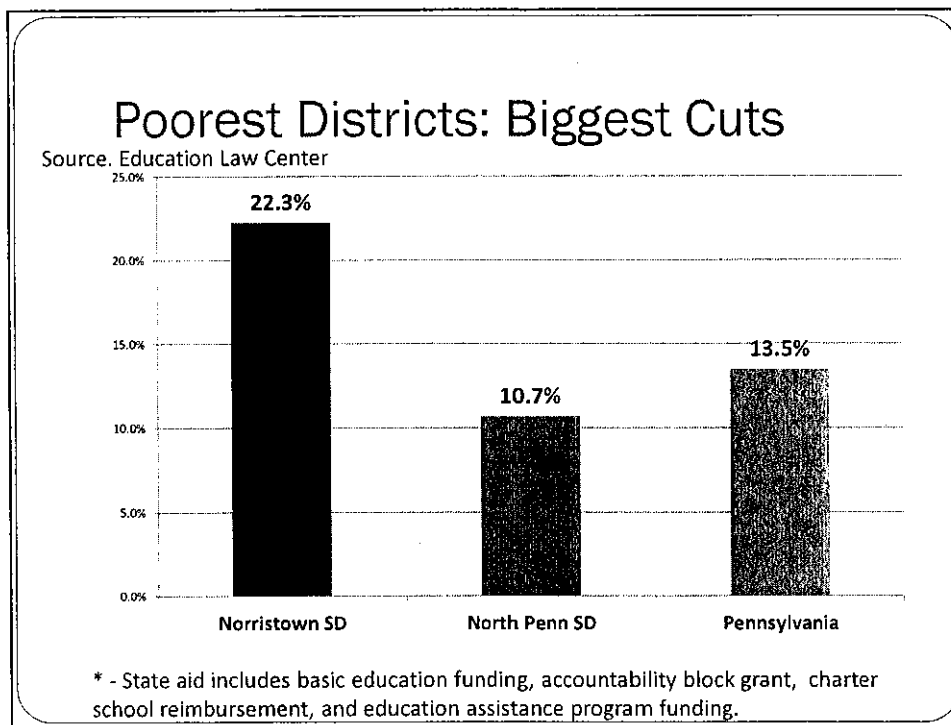
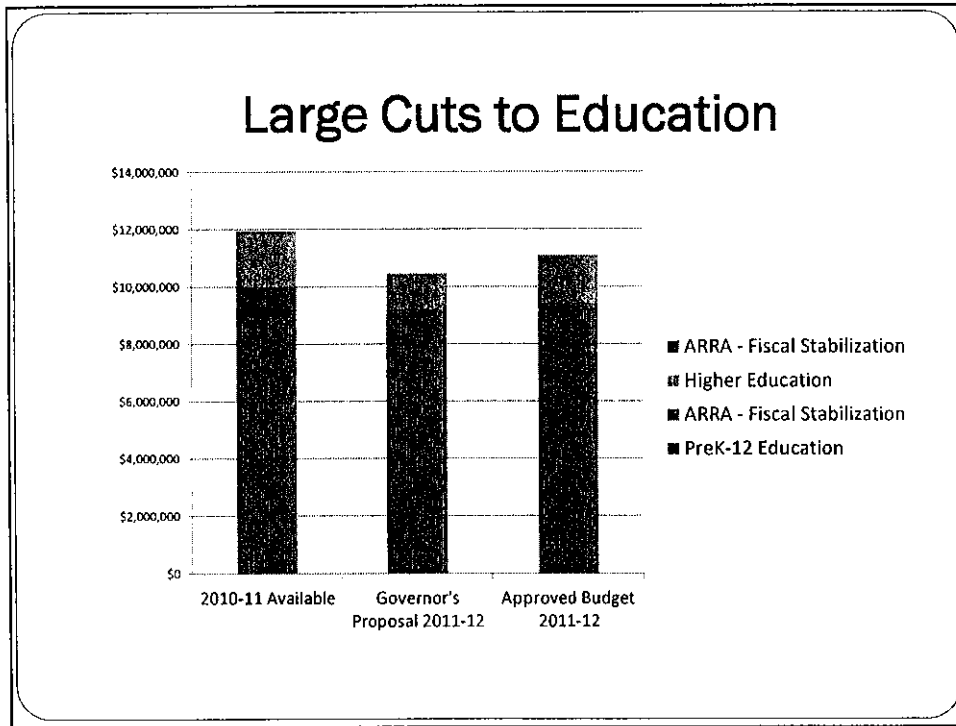
New Policy Choices

A Tough Year

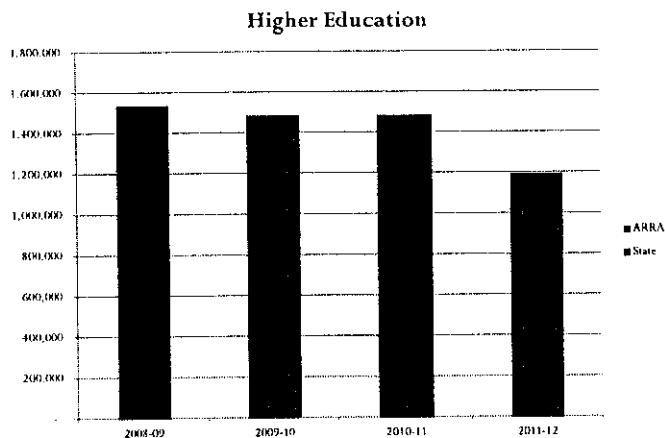


Recovery Act Stabilizes Budget

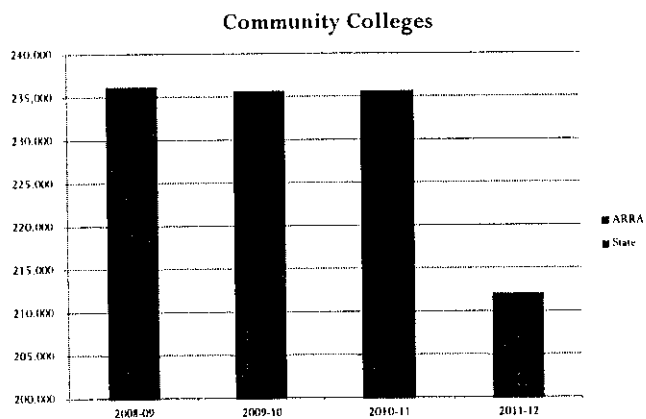


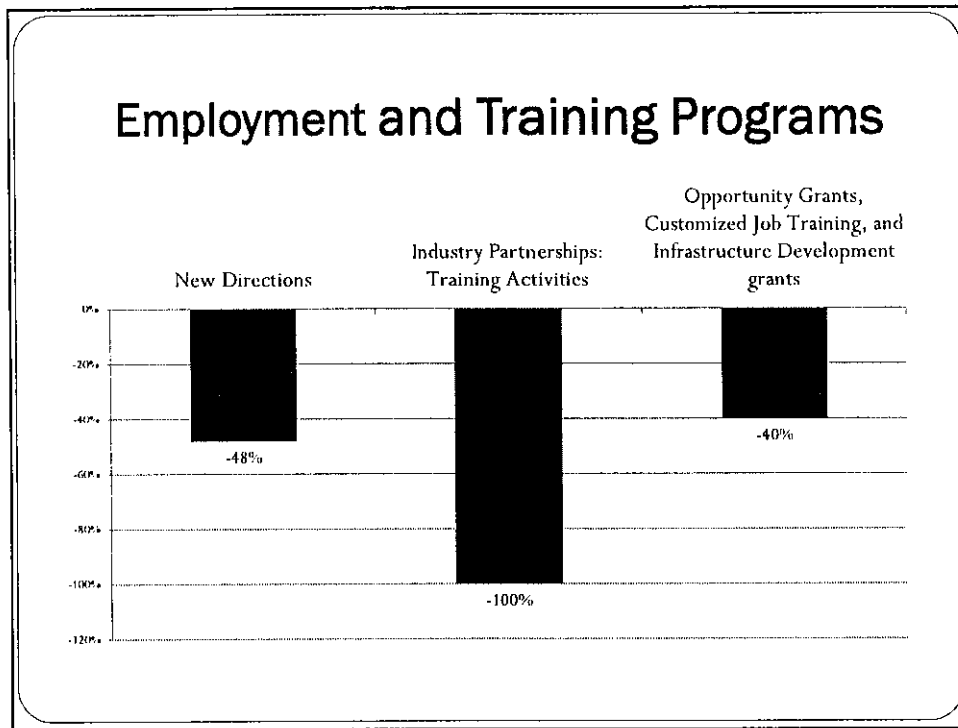


Higher Education 22% Below Pre-recession Levels



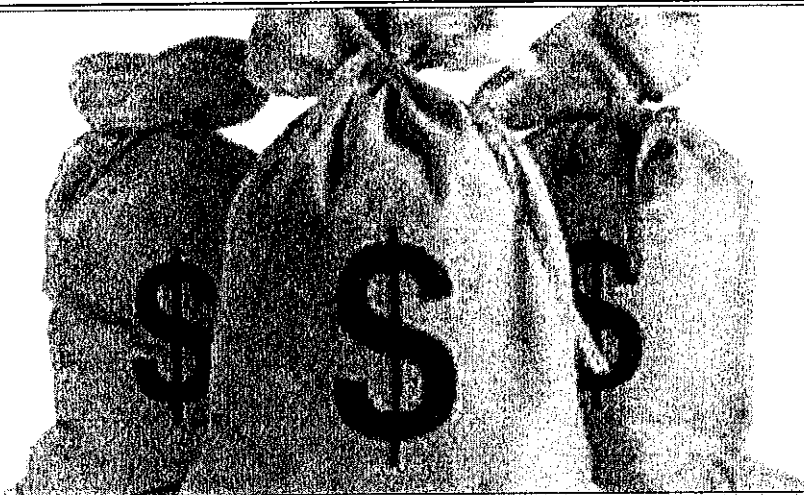
Reduced Funding Despite Enrollment Growth



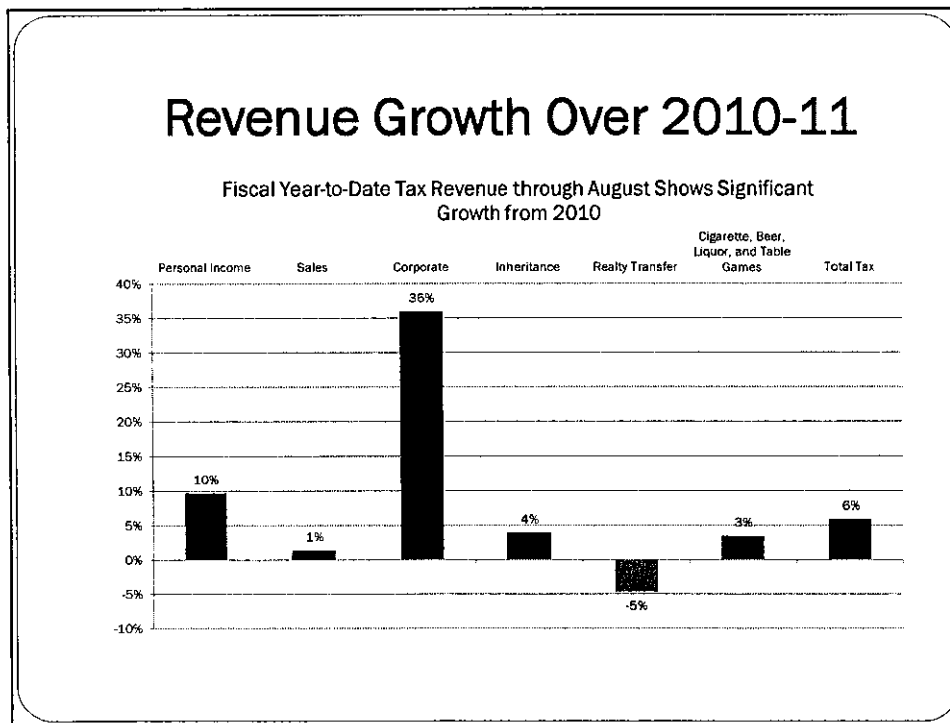
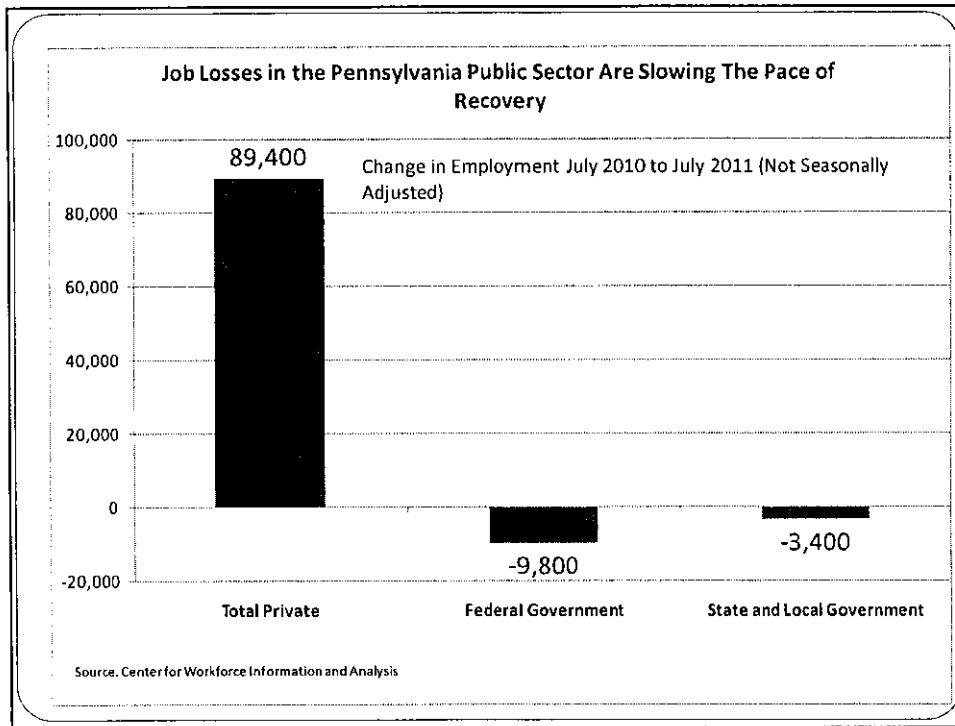


- ### County Reductions Continue
- Human Services Development Fund: 36%
 - Children and Youth: 6%
 - Child Care Services: 8%
 - Family Centers: 20%
 - MA Transportation: 15%
 - Increases to Intellectual Disabilities and Court costs

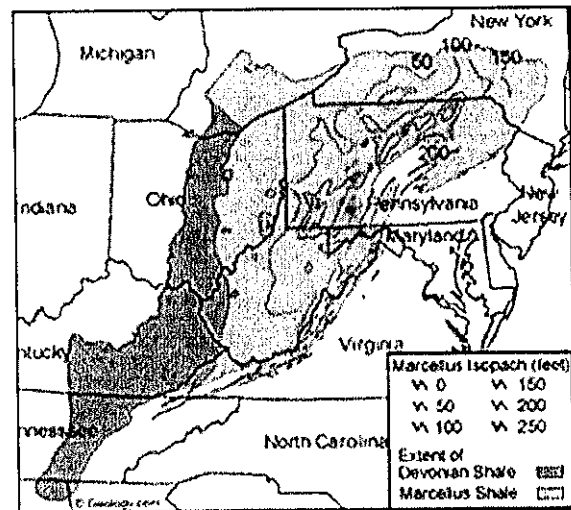
Trends for 2012-13



\$1.1 Billion Year End Balance



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Opportunities and Challenges

- Higher education under the microscope
- Institutional support and vouchers
- No new spending in most departments
- Revenue increases offset by cuts
- Jobs are the Key
 - Post-secondary education and workforce training

Thank you

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