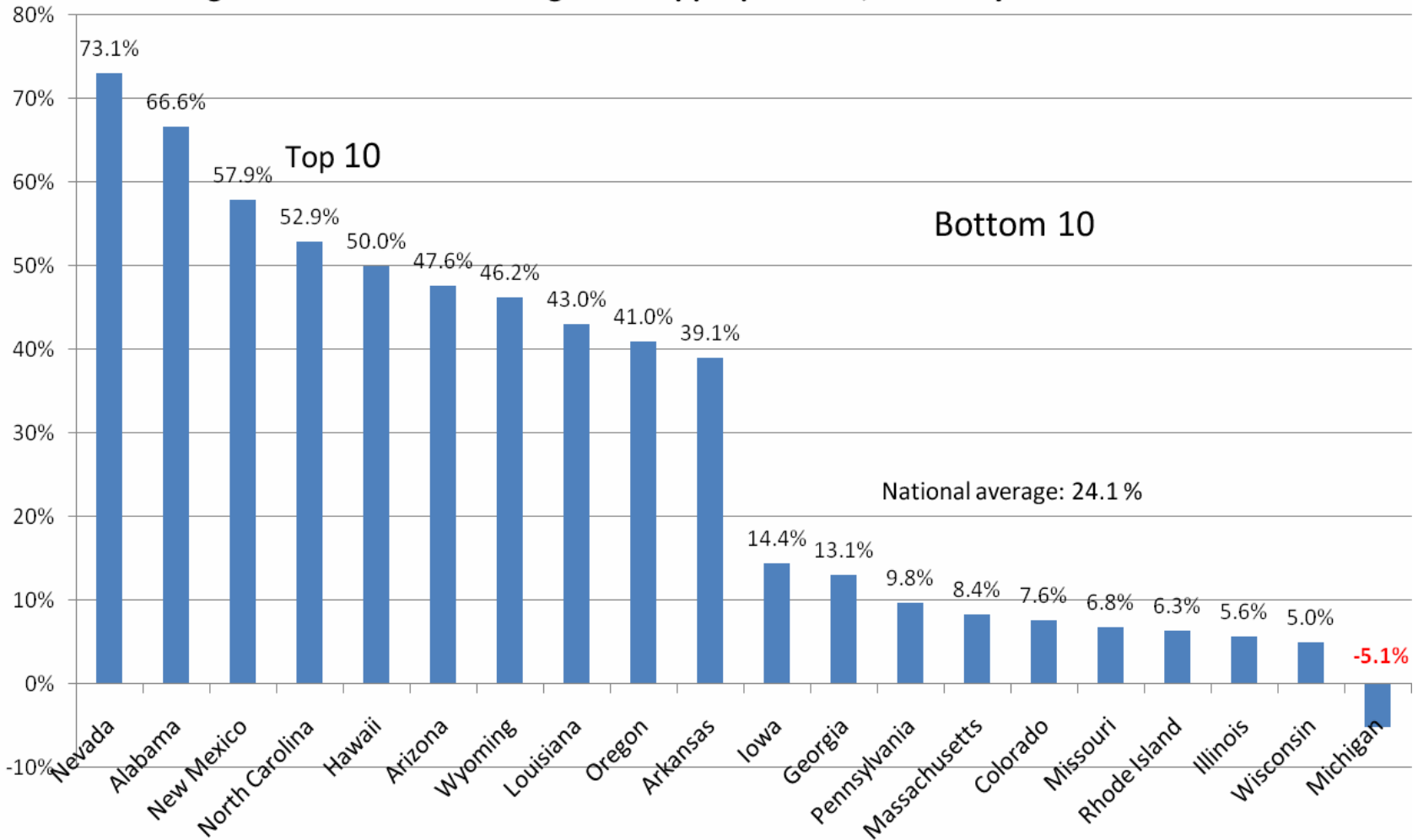
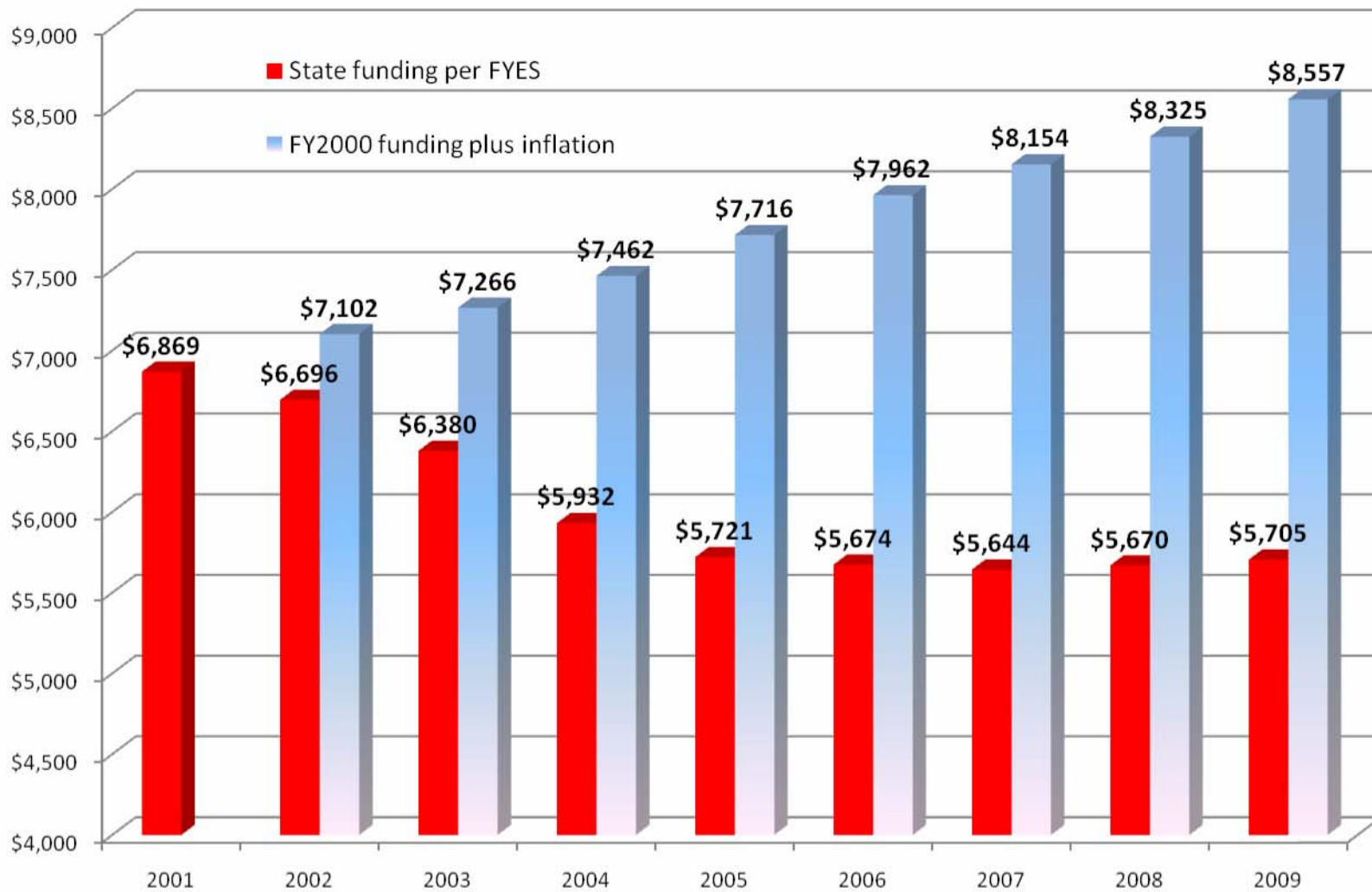


Michigan last in increases in higher ed appropriations, last five years combined



Growing states like Nevada, Alabama and North Carolina are stepping up investment in higher education

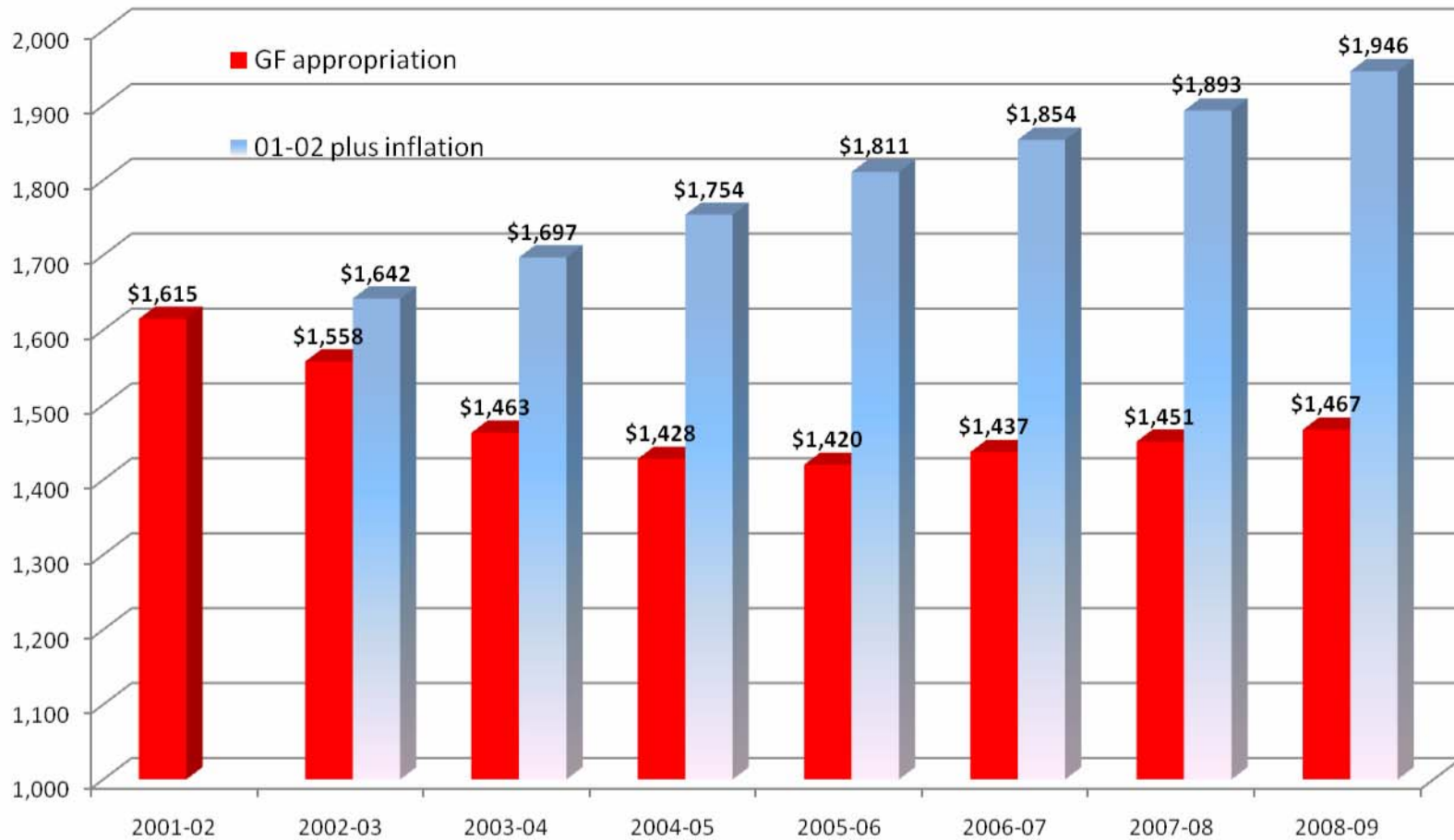
Source: Illinois State University's "Grapevine Project"
<http://www.grapevine.ilstu.edu/>



State budget cuts have reduced per student spending by \$2,852/student since FY2001

2007-2009 figures based on estimated 0.5 percent annual increase in FYES

Michigan failing to invest in higher education



From FY 2002 through FY 2009, state funding is \$2.373 billion below inflation

Source: State budget data, Bureau of Labor Standards