

# ***The Children's Budget: Investing in the Future of our State***

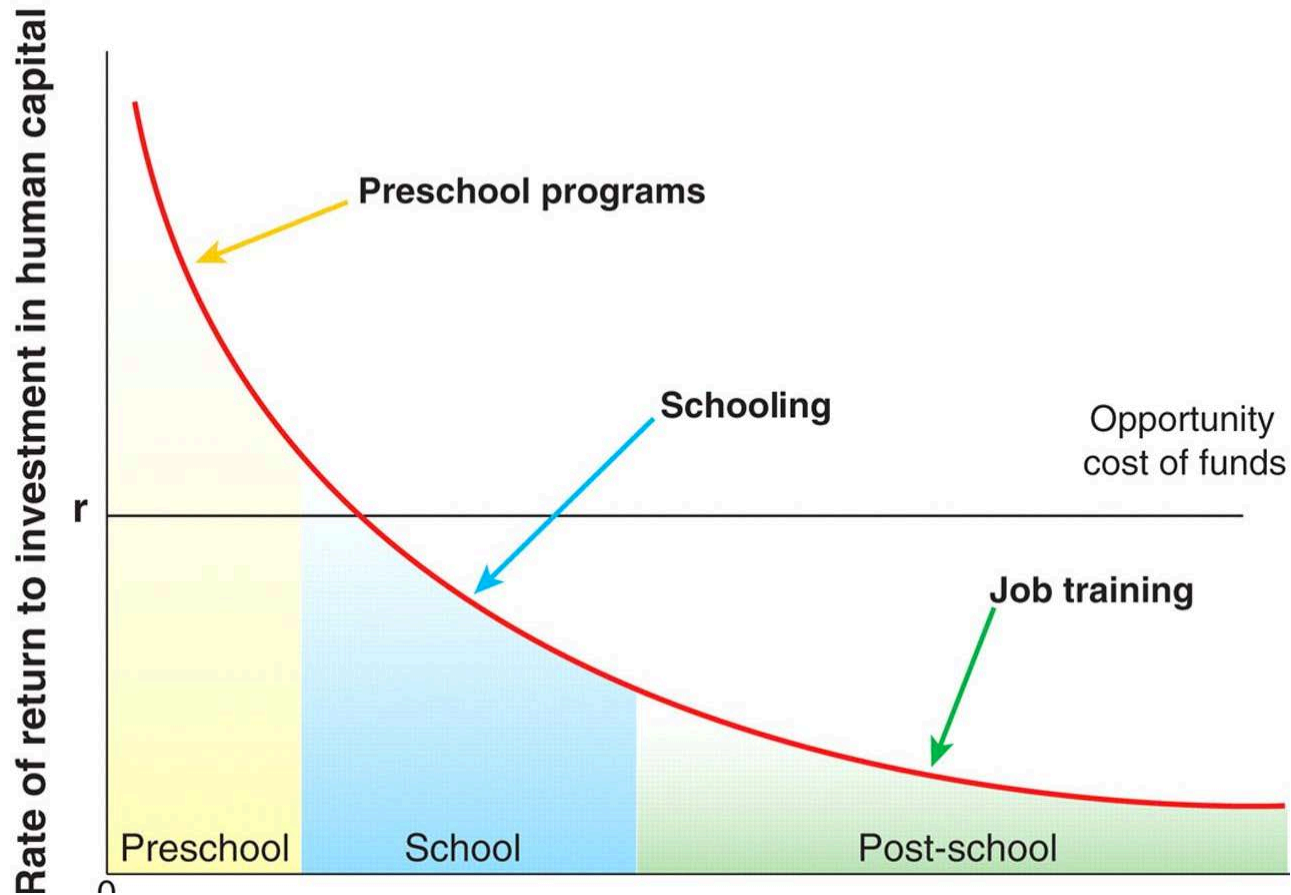
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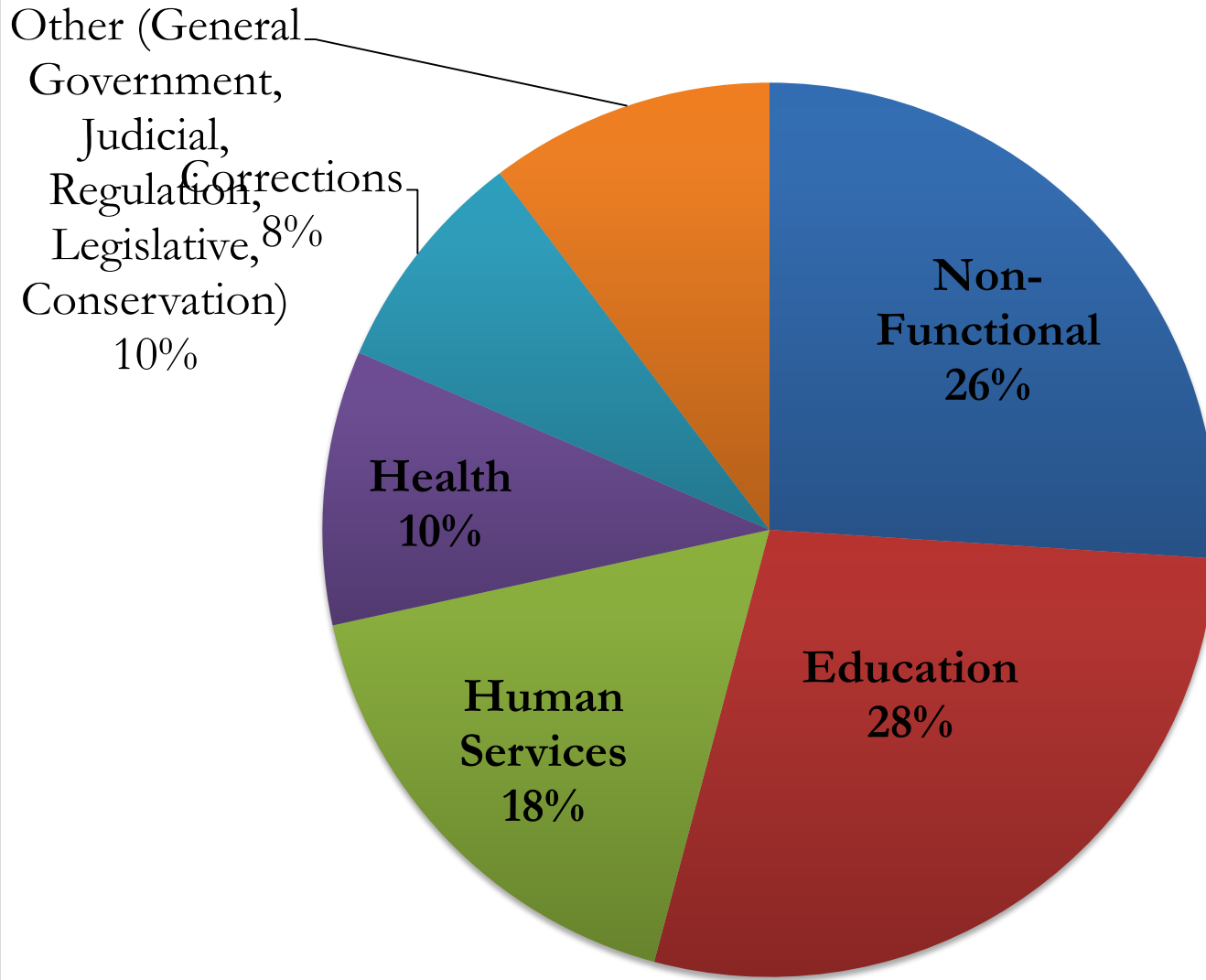


How can we track state investment in children and families?

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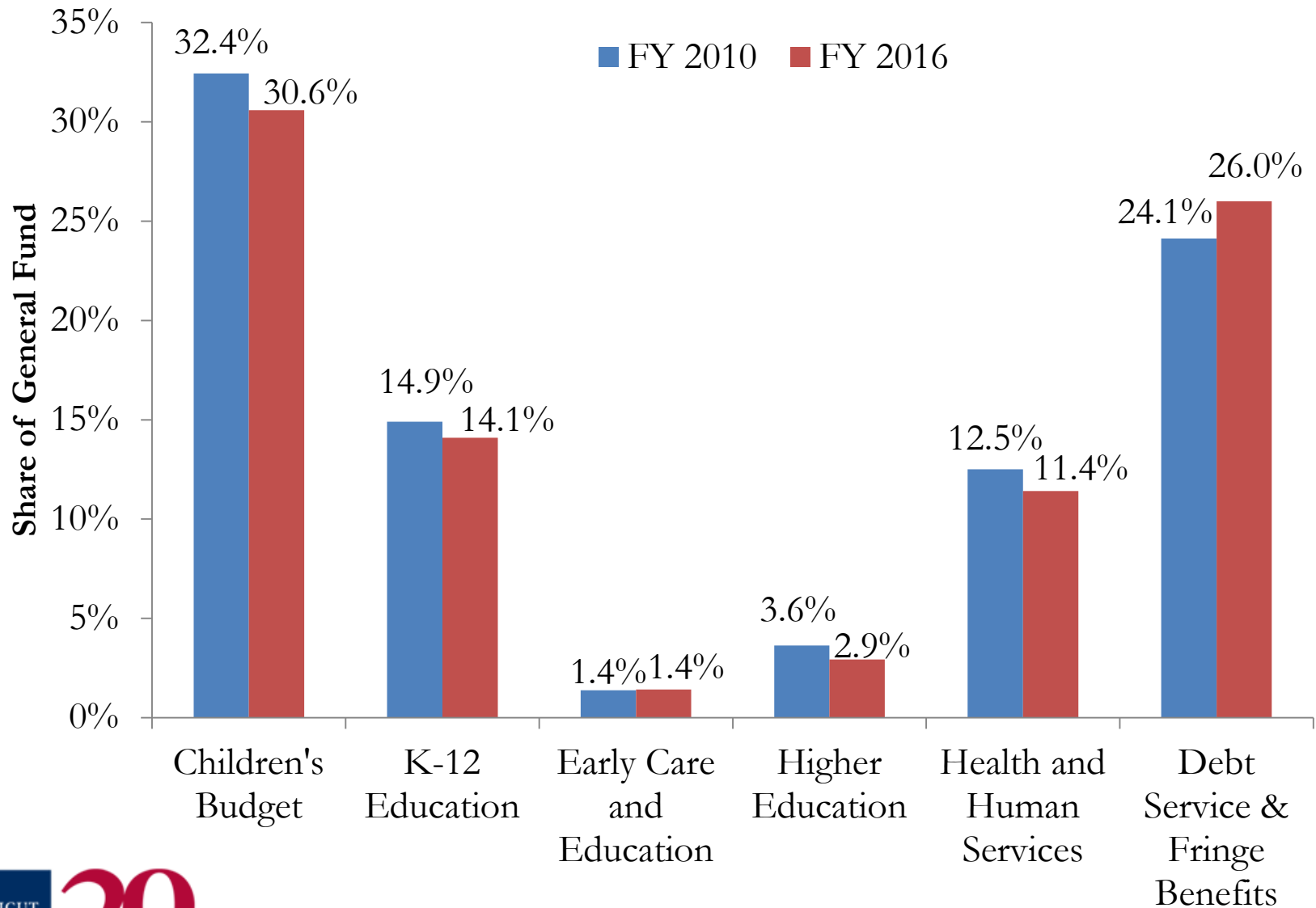
# How Is Our Budget Spent?



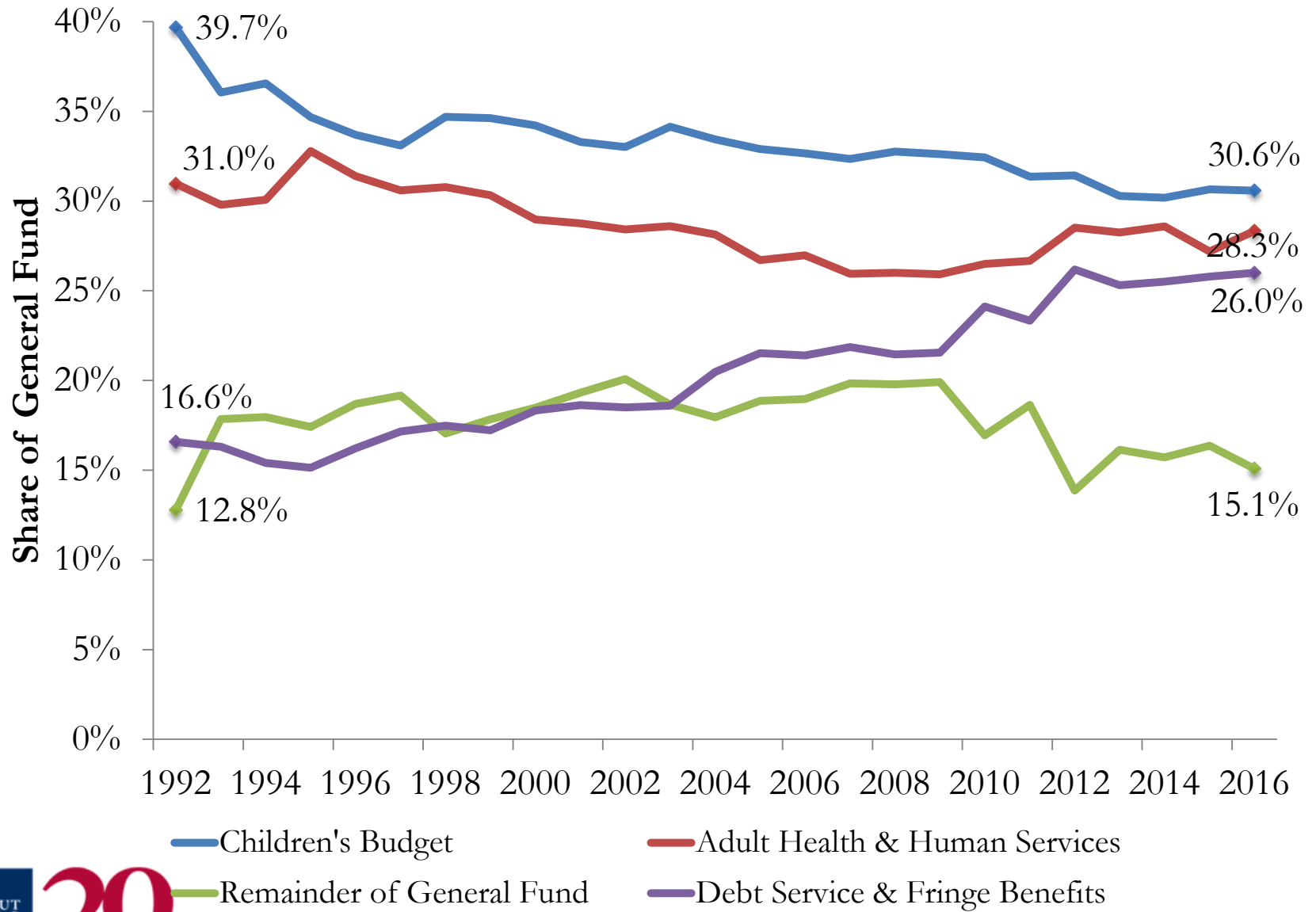
# *The Children's Budget: What Is It?*

- ▶ **K-12 Education**
  - ▶ State Department of Education
  - ▶ Education Cost Sharing Grants
- ▶ **Early Care and Education**
  - ▶ Office of Early Childhood
- ▶ **Higher Education**
  - ▶ University of Connecticut
  - ▶ Board of Regents
- ▶ **Health and Human Services**
  - ▶ HUSKY A & B
  - ▶ Department of Children and Families
  - ▶ TANF
  - ▶ DDS Behavioral (Voluntary) Services

# Children's Budget Short-Term Results



# Children's Budget Results



# *Looking Forward*

- ▶ **Budget Process Begins**
  - ▶ Governor's Budget
  - ▶ Legislature's Budget
  - ▶ Final Budget
- ▶ **Children's Budget Reports**
  - ▶ Current Brief, "Investing in our Future"
  - ▶ Budget Analyses
- ▶ **Online Visualization**
- ▶ **Invest in Kids!**



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