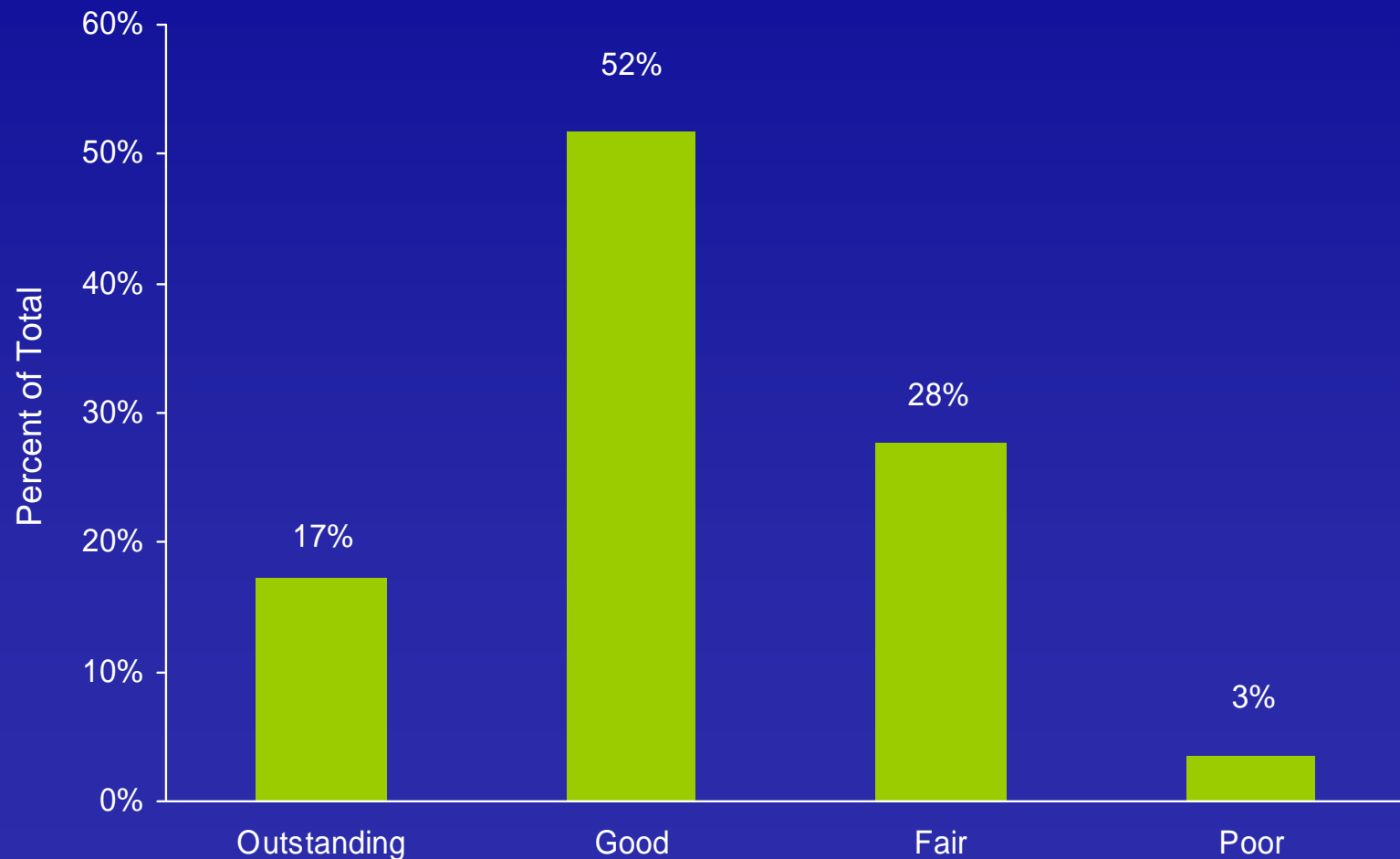




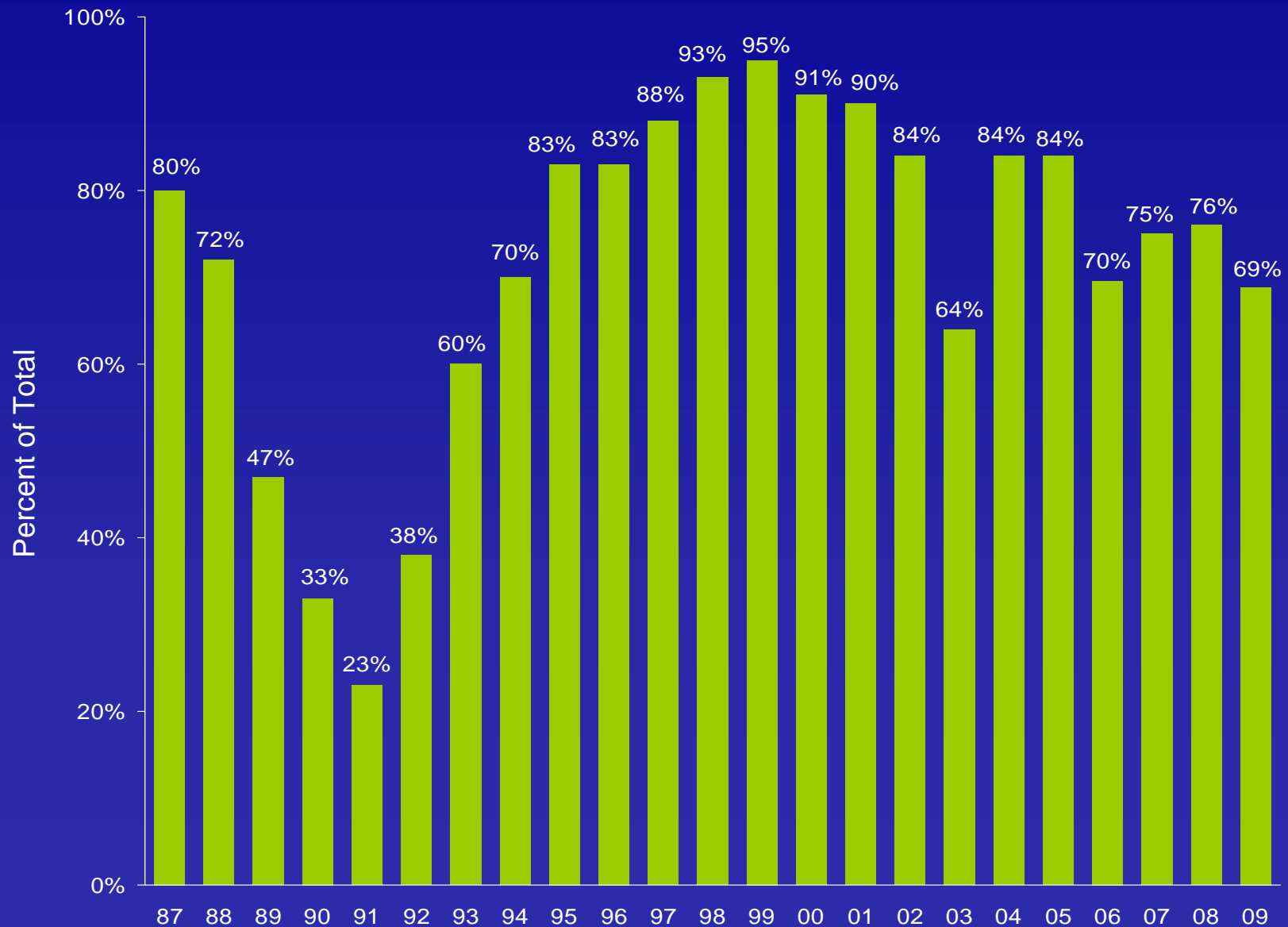
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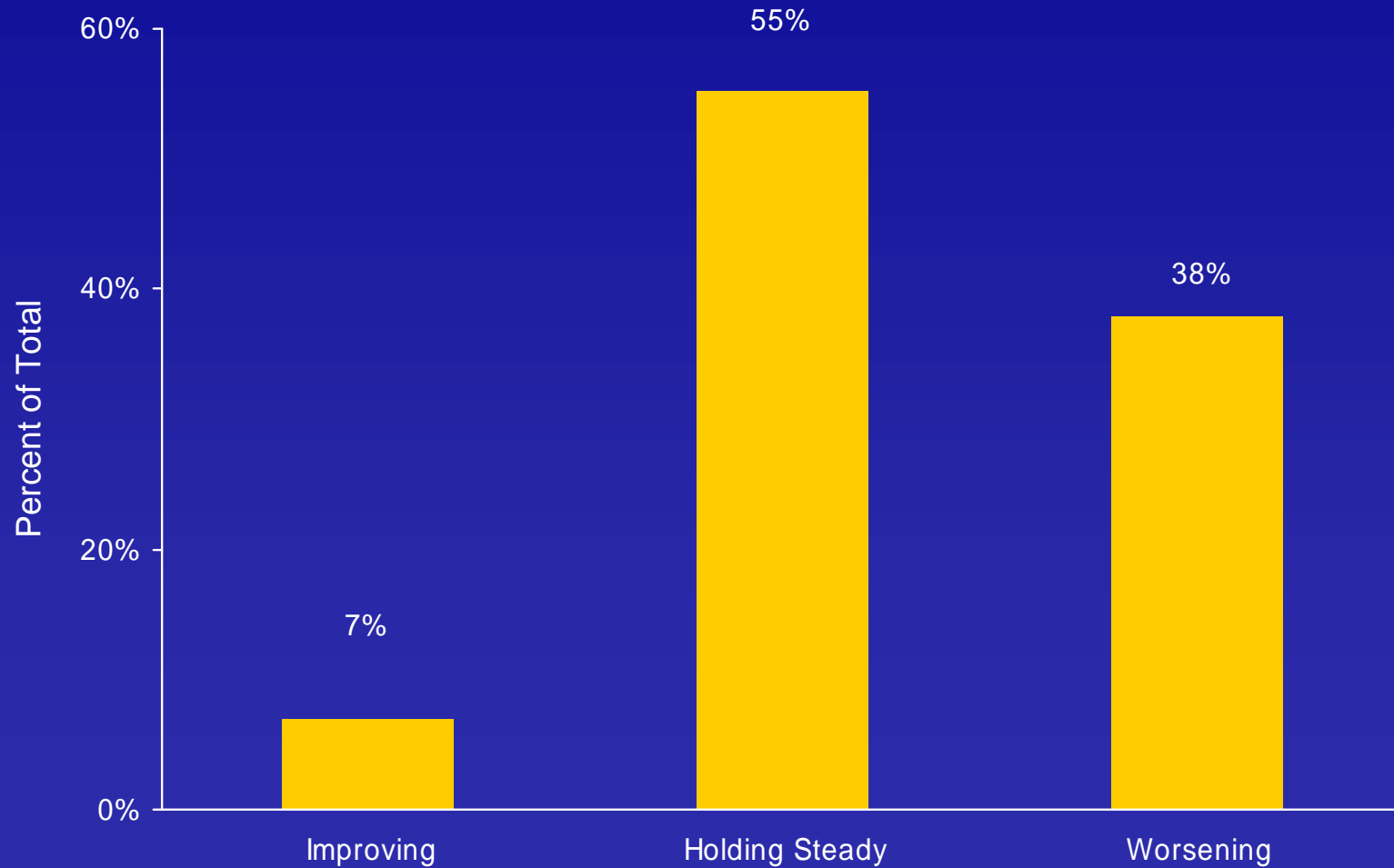


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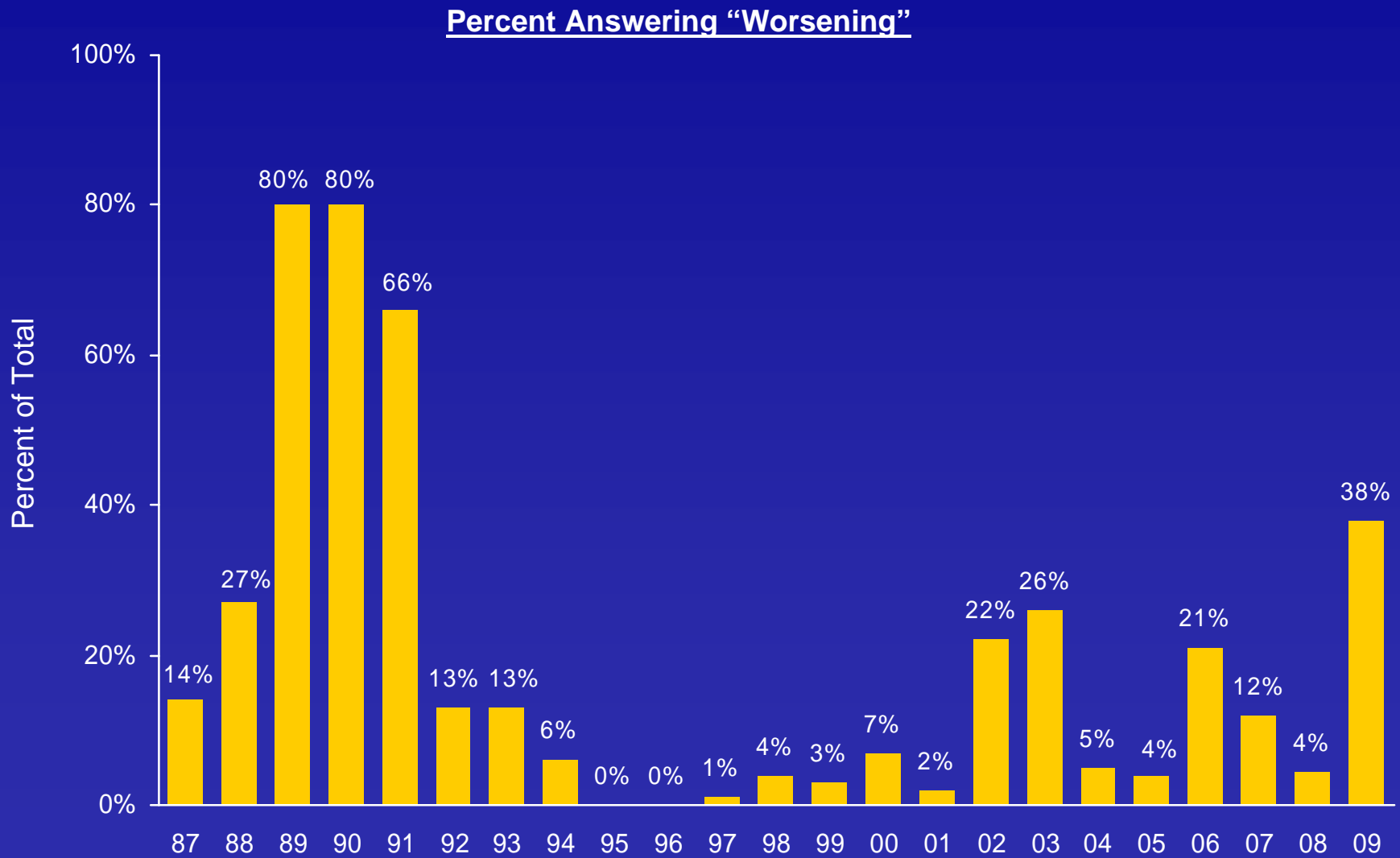


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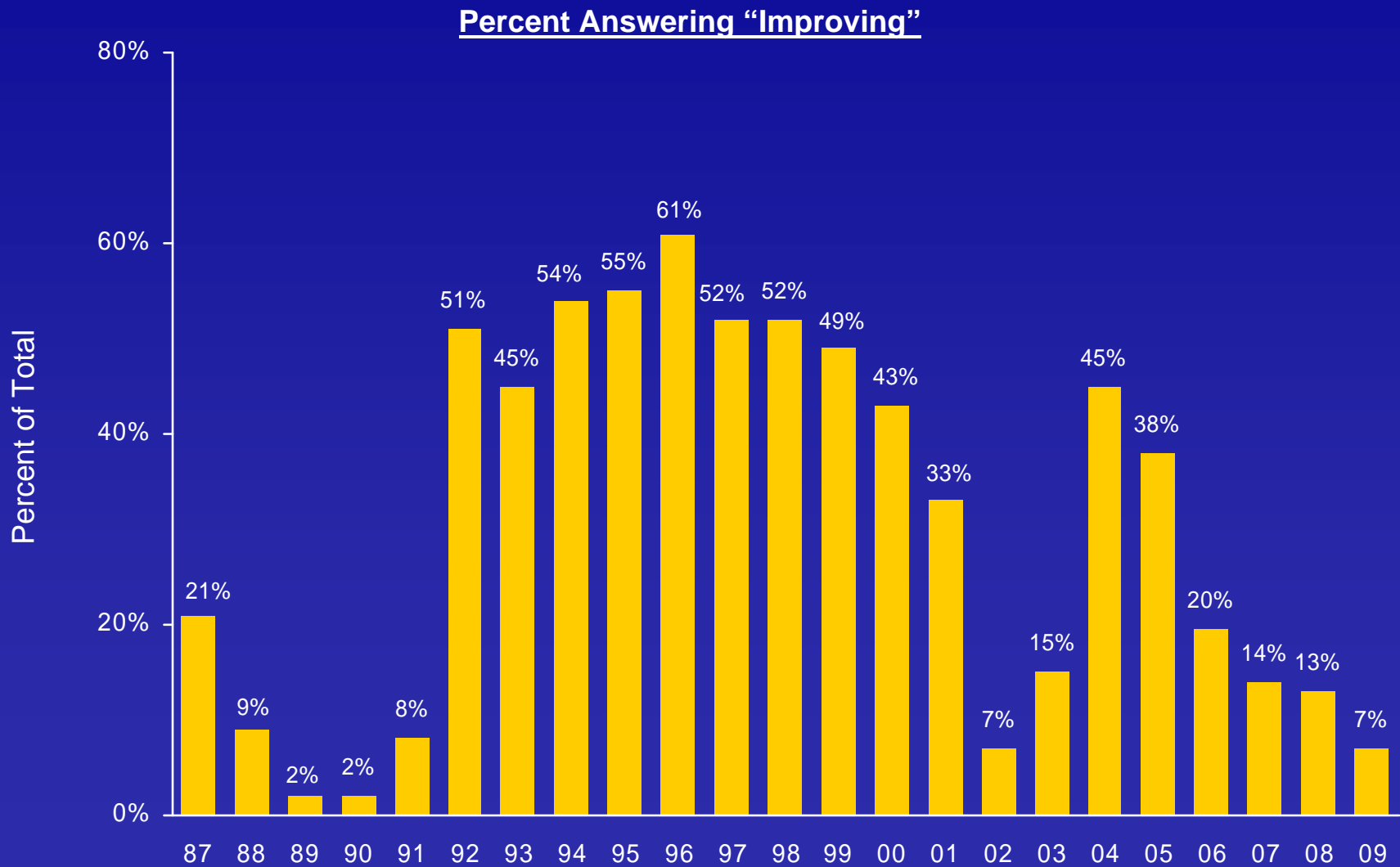
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2009 Public Policy Priority Rankings

1. Work to prevent an automatic increase in 2009 Unemployment Insurance Rates
2. Oppose new corporate tax proposals
3. Oppose legislative efforts to delay or repeal the corporate tax rate cut scheduled for 2010 implementation
4. Maximize collective purchasing power by requiring public school employees and other municipal employees enroll in group insurance plans where cost savings can be realized
5. Work with key providers, legislators, the Patrick Administration and others to mitigate employer healthcare costs
6. Mandate that schools maximize efficiency by adopting a regionalized plan that includes a streamlined procurement process

2009 Public Policy Priority Rankings Cont'd

7. Increase innovative school choices for parents by working to increase the number of Readiness/Pilot schools and charter schools
8. Support new or increased tax proposals for education, but only after efficiencies are implemented, savings have been redirected to targeted education reforms benefiting teachers and school innovation, costs for remaining priorities are determined, and new revenue is dedicated to those priorities
9. Support establishment of a statewide pilot school coordinator