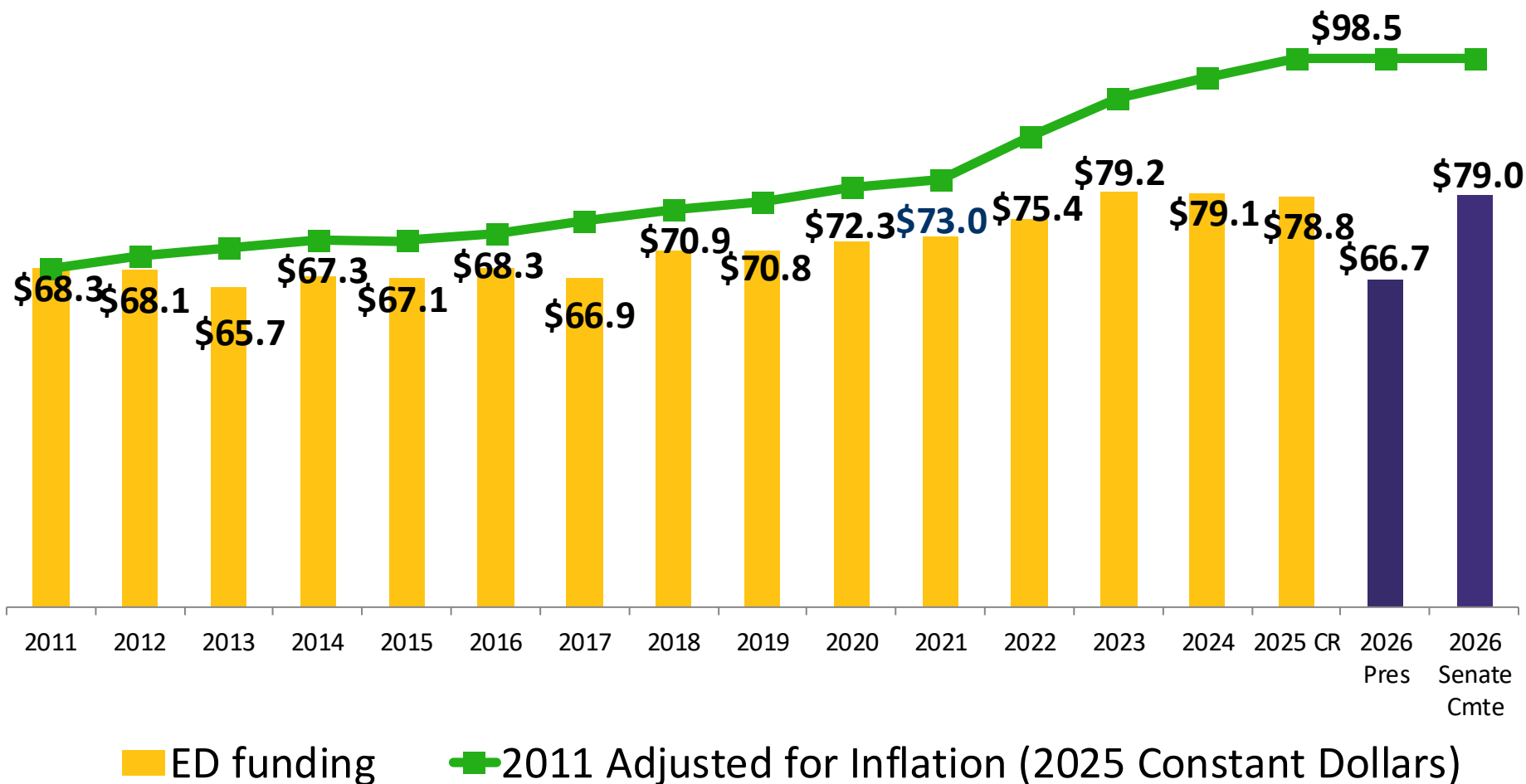


Senate Appropriations Committee Rejects President's Education Cuts for FY 2026:

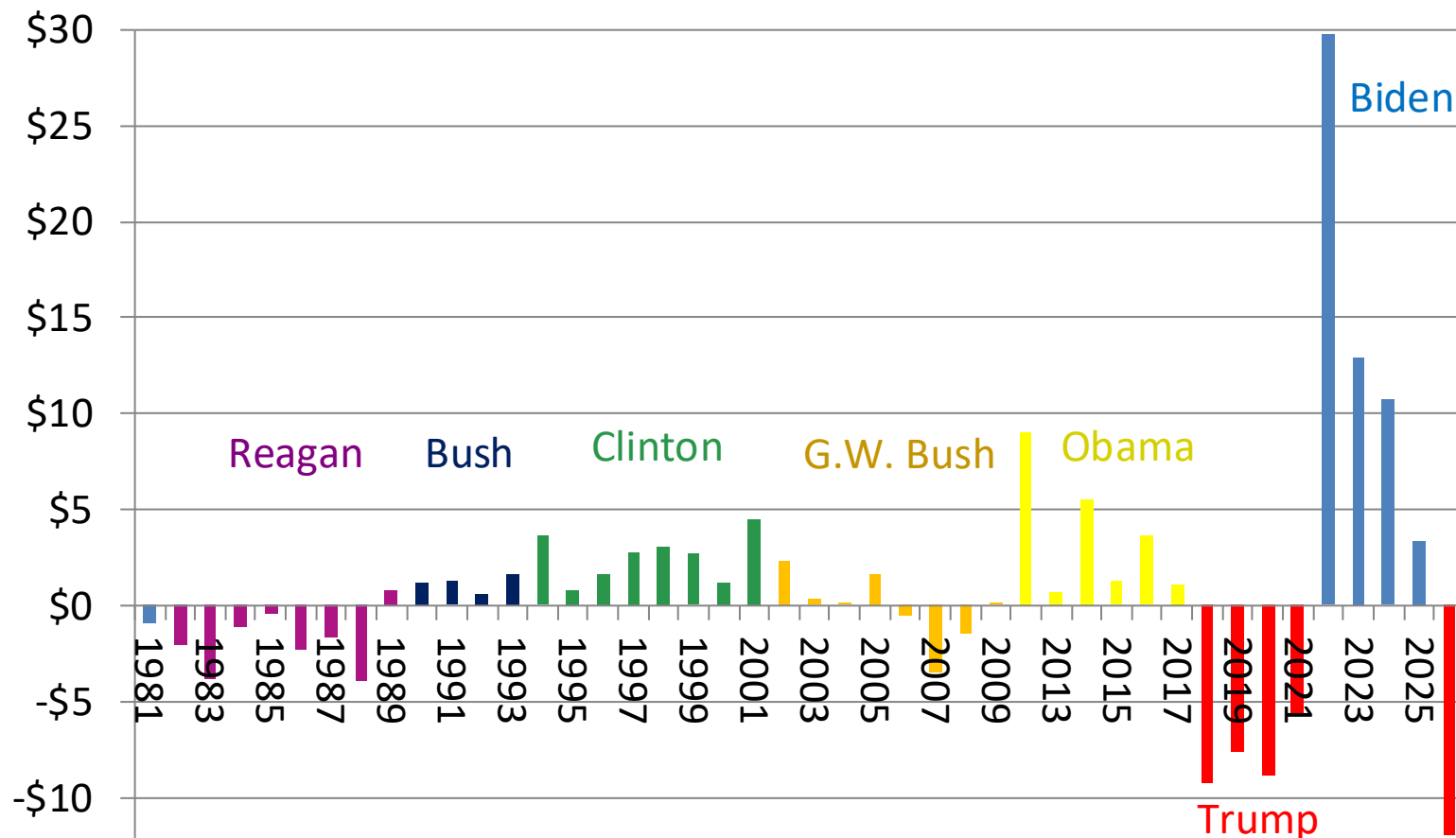
Funding has failed to keep pace with need or Inflation over 16 years

(Department of Education Discretionary Funding in Billions of Dollars)



President's FY 2026 Budget Requests Huge Cut in Education Funding

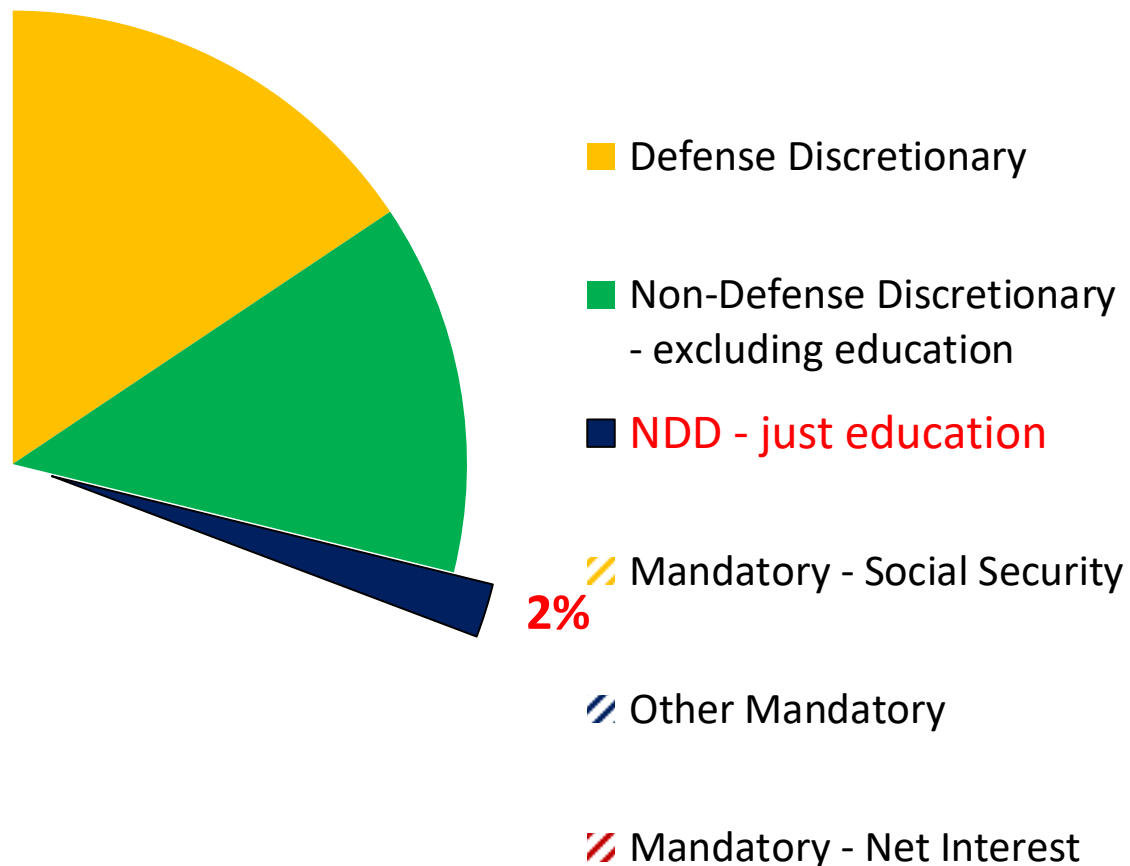
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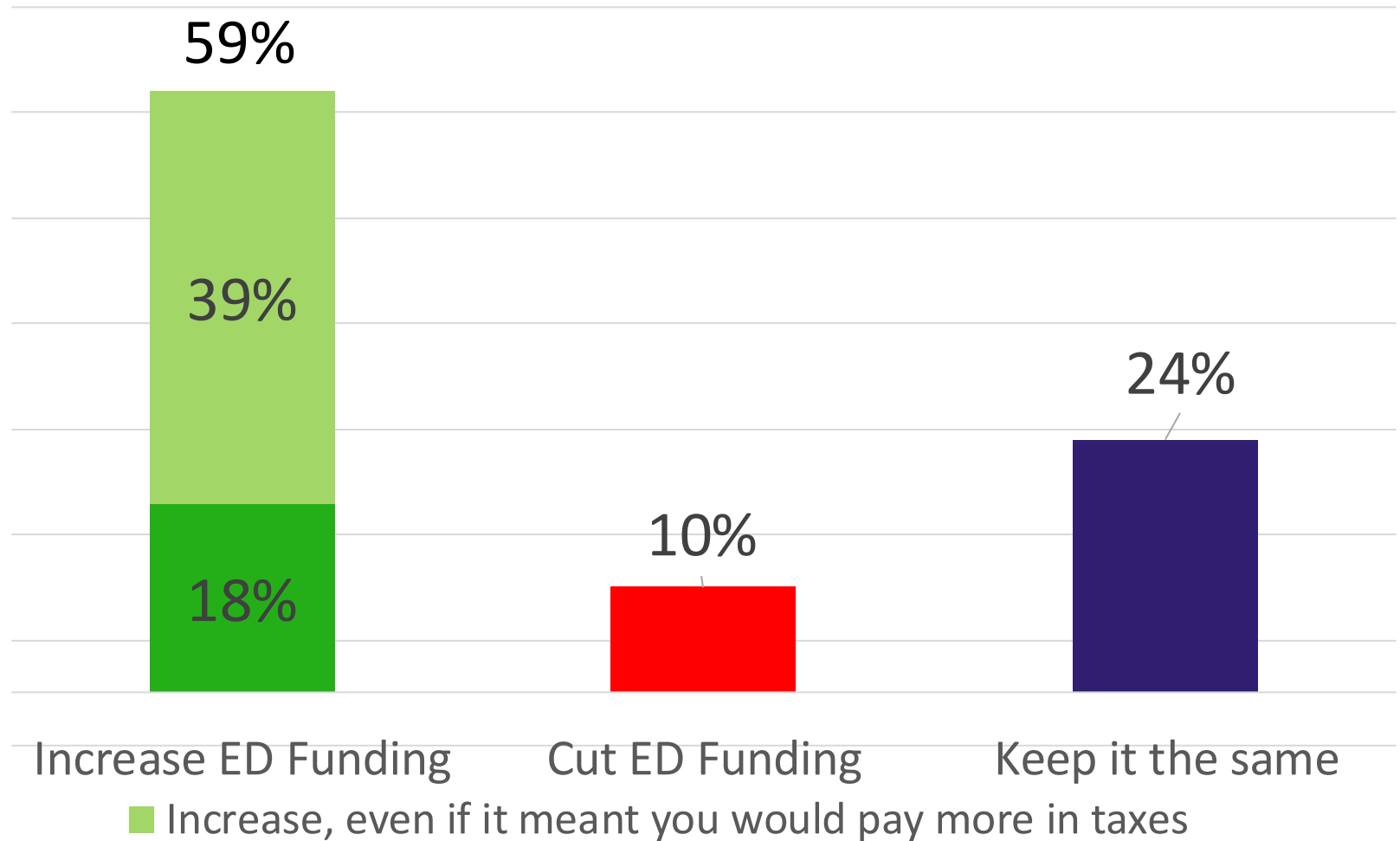
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Source: Department of Education 2026 request and budget history tables

Education Accounts for Less Than 2% of Regular Federal Spending

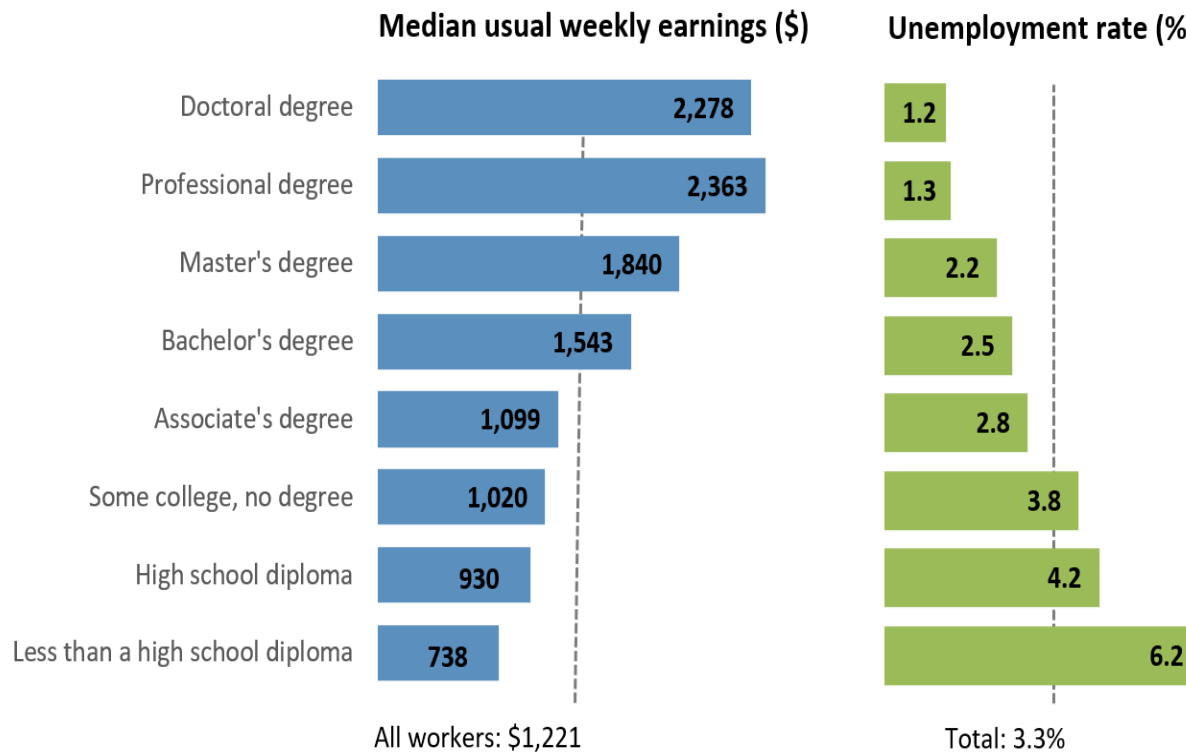


Majority of voters want to increase federal education funding



Education Pays: More Education Leads to Higher Wages and Employment

Earnings and unemployment rates by educational attainment, 2024



Note: Data are for persons age 25 and over. Earnings are for full-time wage and salary workers.
Source: U.S. Bureau of Labor Statistics, Current Population Survey.