

VI. Behavioral Concerns

Conditions or personal actions that may lead to a negative impact on one's health

Key findings from this chapter:

Positive/Neutral Trends

- Nearly 60% of Ottawa County residents surveyed indicated that they have never [smoked](#) while the statewide rate is nearly 55%

Negative Trends

- Ottawa County's [obesity rate](#) has increased 35% since 1998 (17.1% of survey respondents up to 23.1%). Statewide, the obesity rate increased 29% during this same time period (23.9% of survey respondents up to 30.9%)
- The percent of Ottawa County residents who are not [physically active](#) has increased 20% since 1998 (16.8% of survey respondents up to 20.2%) while statewide there was a 3% increase during the same time period (23.5% of survey respondents up to 24.3%)
- The percent of Ottawa County residents who admit to [binge drinking](#) increased by nearly 37% over the last 8 years (13.3% of survey respondents up to 18.2%) while statewide there was a 6.7% decline during the same time period (17.8% of survey respondents down to 16.6%)

Weight Status (1998-2010)

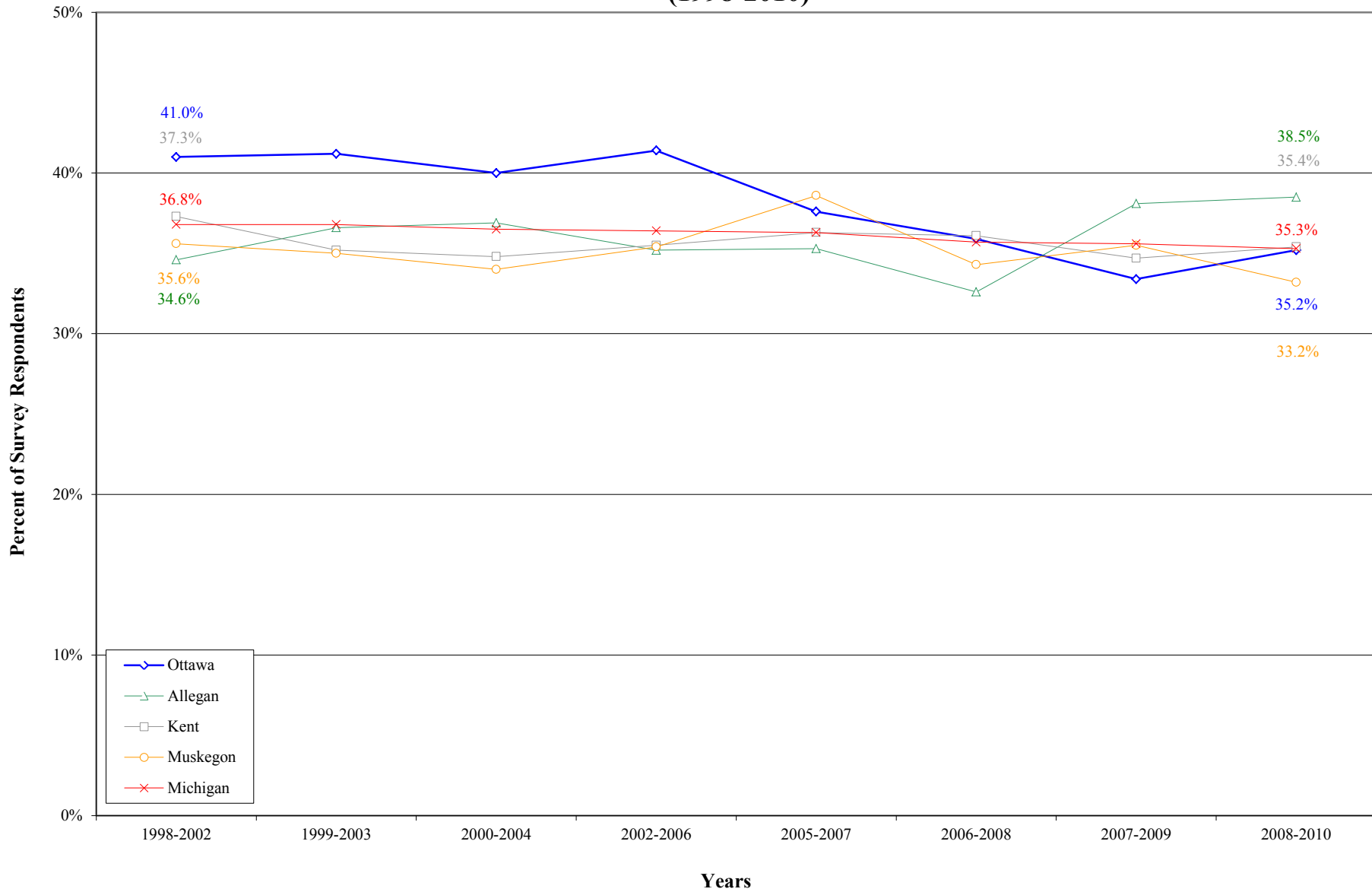
Overweight and Obese By Year (Ottawa County, Adjacent Counties, State)

Year	Overweight*					Obese*				
	Ottawa	Allegan	Kent	Muskegon	Michigan	Ottawa	Allegan	Kent	Muskegon	Michigan
1998-2002	41.0%	34.6%	37.3%	35.6%	36.8%	17.1%	26.8%	19.8%	23.1%	23.9%
1999-2003	41.2%	36.6%	35.2%	35.0%	36.8%	18.9%	24.3%	20.1%	21.3%	24.5%
2000-2004	40.0%	36.9%	34.8%	34.0%	36.5%	19.1%	23.1%	20.7%	23.5%	24.9%
2002-2006	41.4%	35.2%	35.5%	35.4%	36.4%	21.8%	24.5%	22.7%	28.3%	26.4%
2005-2007	37.6%	35.3%	36.3%	38.6%	36.3%	25.1%	28.6%	25.1%	29.1%	27.6%
2006-2008	35.9%	32.6%	36.1%	34.3%	35.7%	23.3%	30.2%	25.6%	30.4%	29.2%
2007-2009	33.4%	38.1%	34.7%	35.5%	35.6%	24.0%	28.9%	27.4%	32.1%	29.9%
2008-2010	35.2%	38.5%	35.4%	33.2%	35.3%	23.1%	30.7%	27.7%	35.7%	30.9%

Source: Michigan Department of Community Health, Behavioral Risk Factor Survey (BRFS)

* A person's weight status is determined by their Body Mass Index (BMI) which is weight (in kilograms) divided by height (in meters) squared. A person is considered overweight if their BMI is 25.0 or greater but less than 30.0. A person is considered obese if their BMI is 30.0 or greater

Overweight* Population (1998-2010)

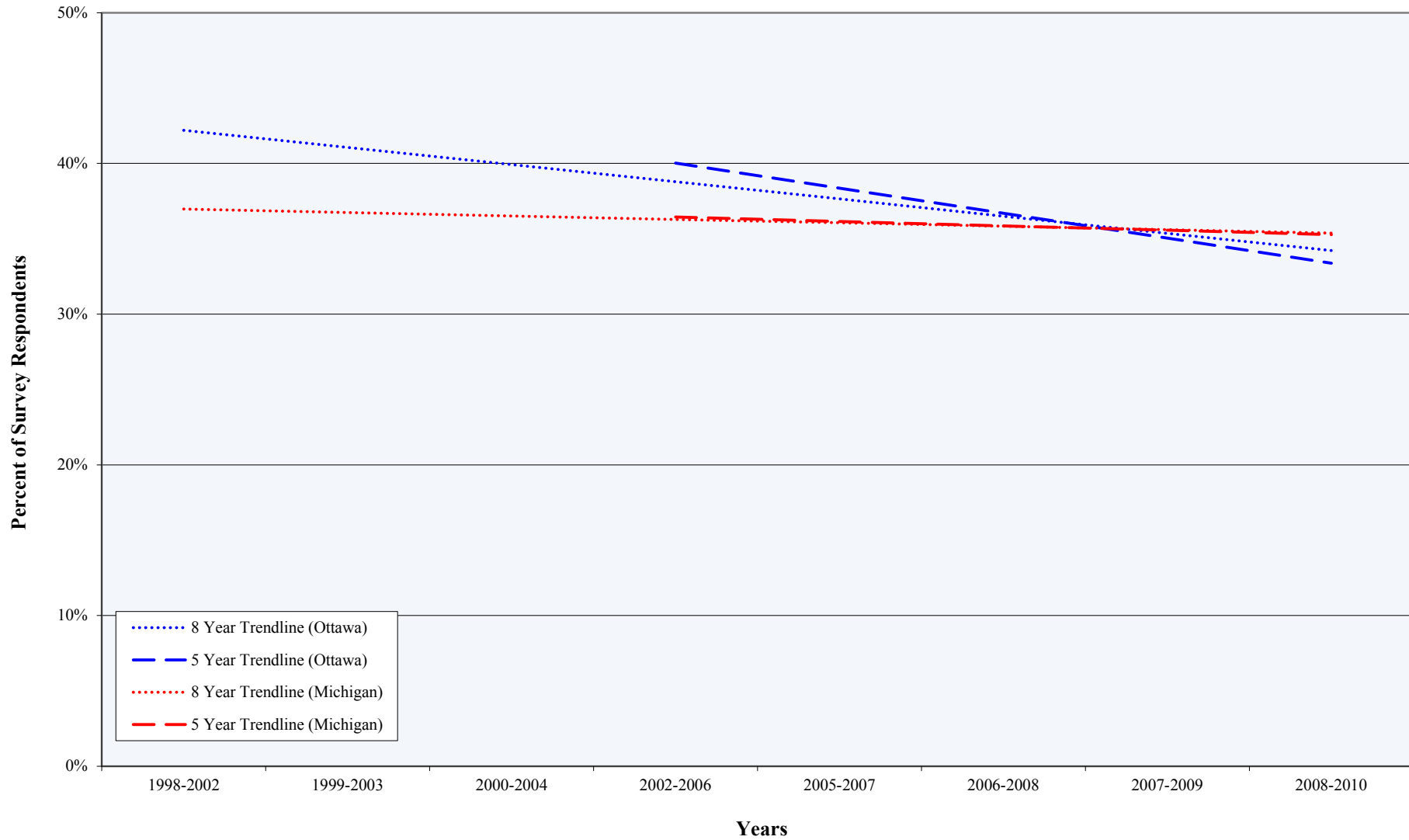


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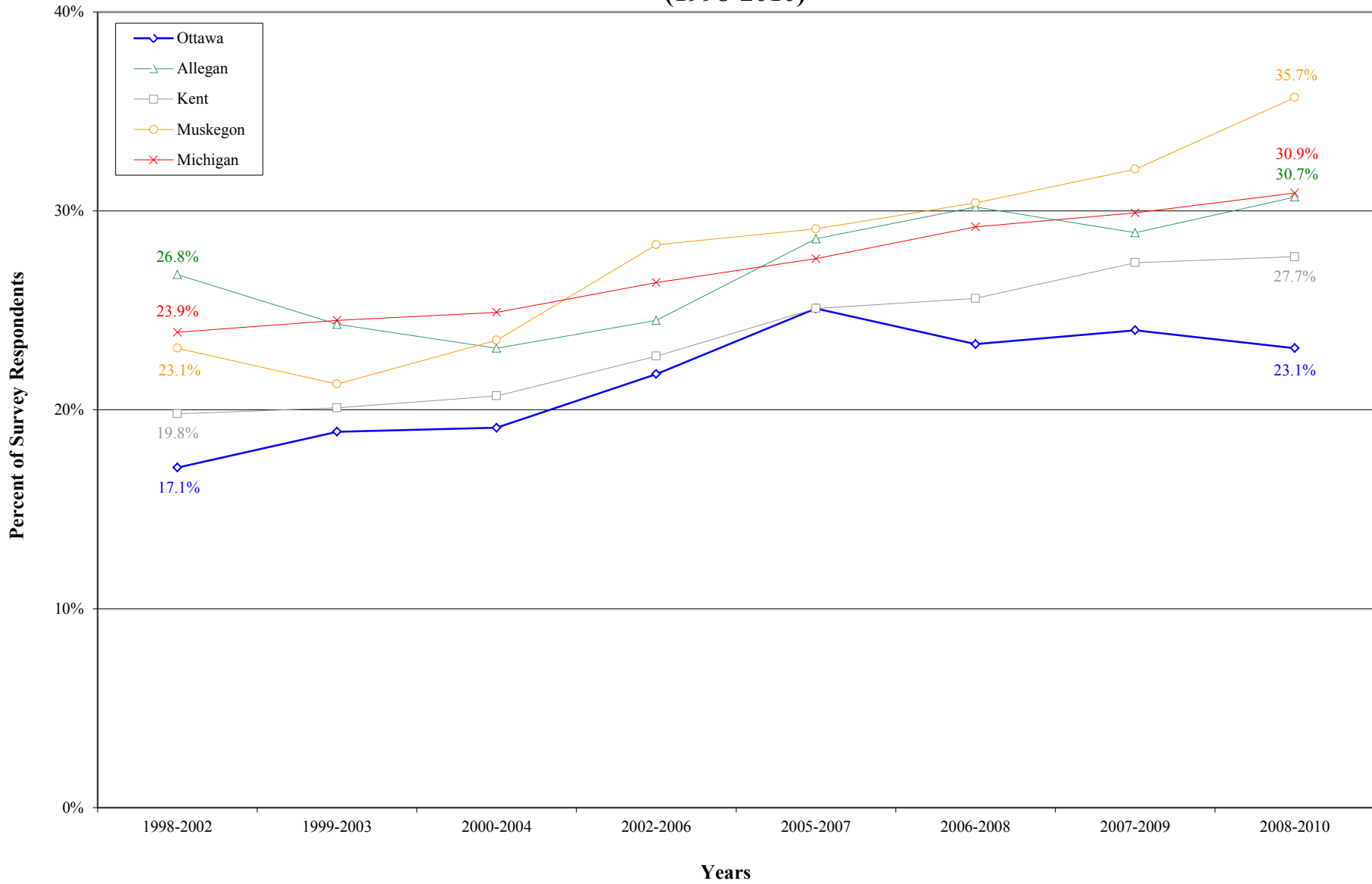
5 and 8 Year Trends



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Obese* Population (1998-2010)

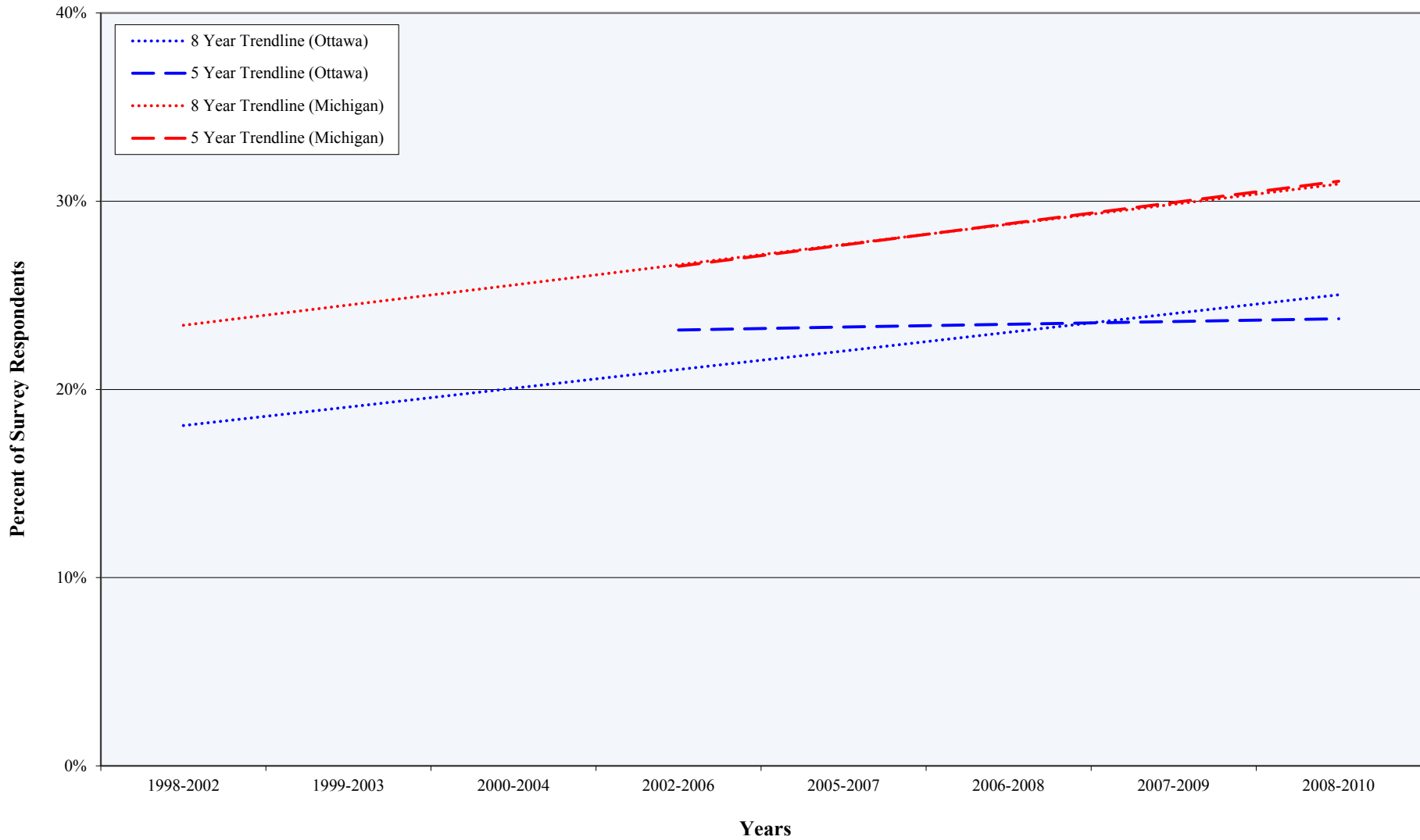


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Obese* Population

5 and 8 Year Trends



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Exercise Status (1998-2010)

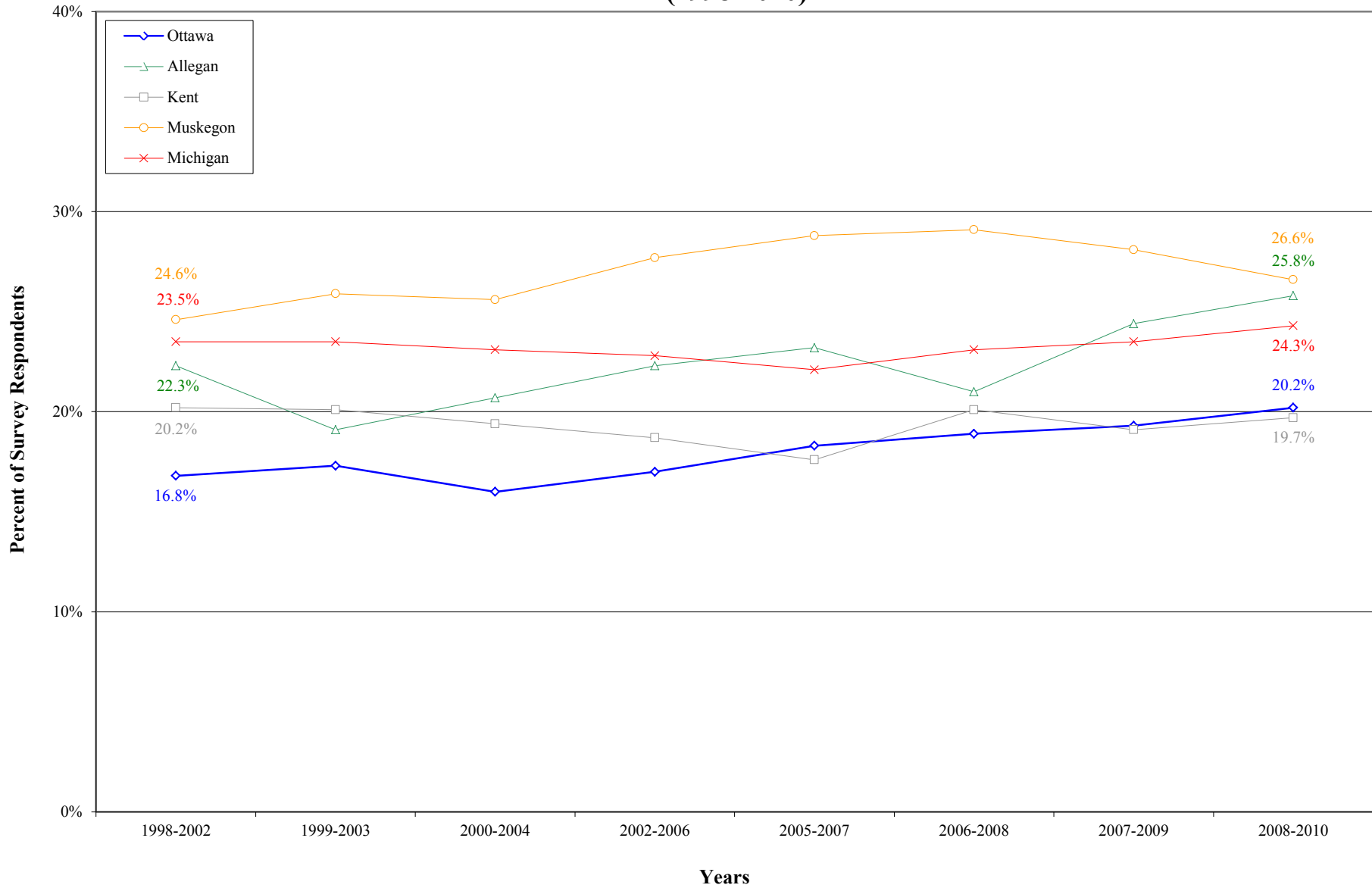
No Physical Activity* By Year (Ottawa County, Adjacent Counties, State)

Year	Percent of Survey Respondents				
	Ottawa	Allegan	Kent	Muskegon	Michigan
1998-2002	16.8%	22.3%	20.2%	24.6%	23.5%
1999-2003	17.3%	19.1%	20.1%	25.9%	23.5%
2000-2004	16.0%	20.7%	19.4%	25.6%	23.1%
2002-2006	17.0%	22.3%	18.7%	27.7%	22.8%
2005-2007	18.3%	23.2%	17.6%	28.8%	22.1%
2006-2008	18.9%	21.0%	20.1%	29.1%	23.1%
2007-2009	19.3%	24.4%	19.1%	28.1%	23.5%
2008-2010	20.2%	25.8%	19.7%	26.6%	24.3%

Source: Michigan Department of Community Health, Behavioral Risk Factor Survey (BRFS)

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Population with No Physical Activity* (1998-2010)

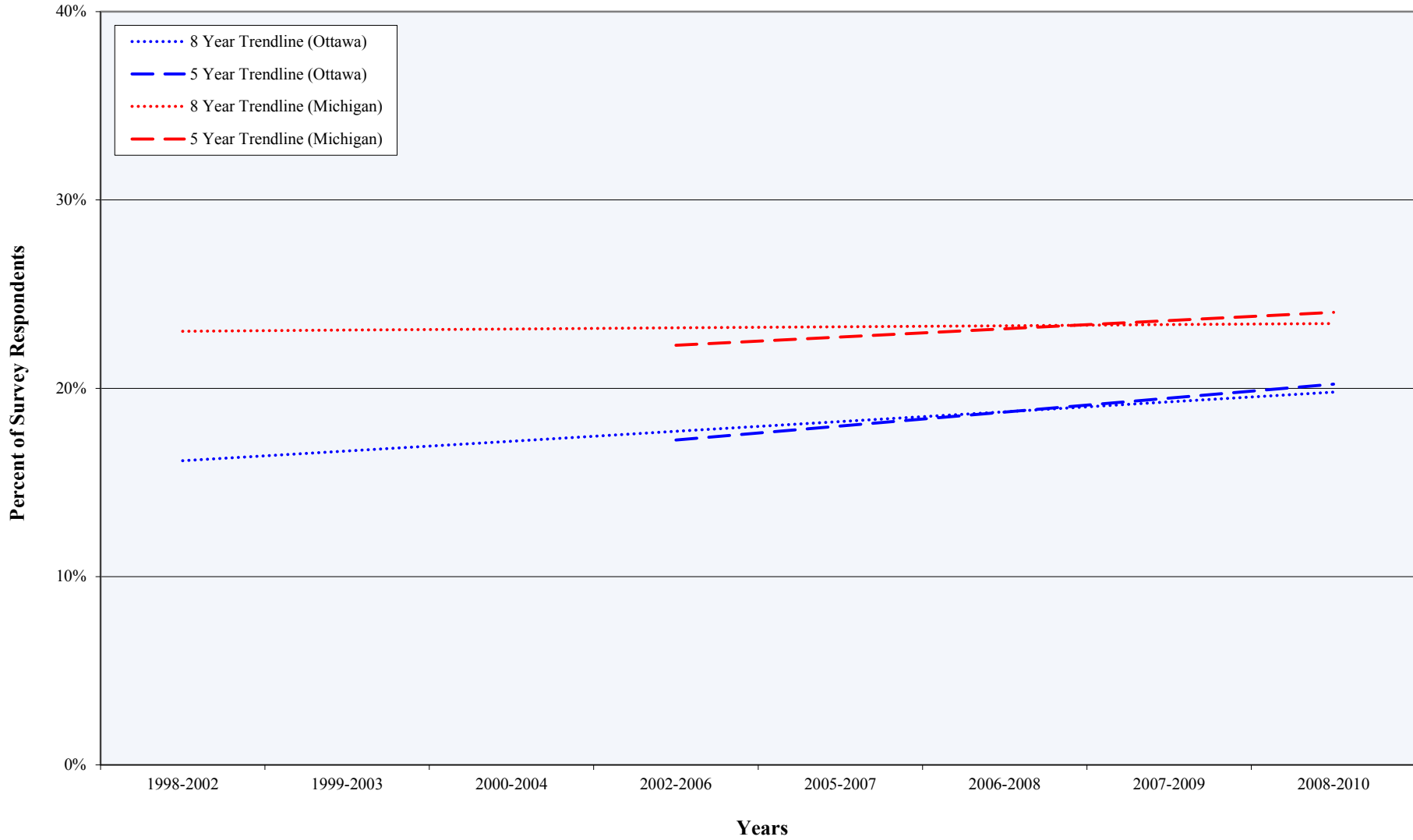


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Alcohol Consumption (1998-2010)

Binge and Heavy Drinking By Year (Ottawa County, Adjacent Counties, State)

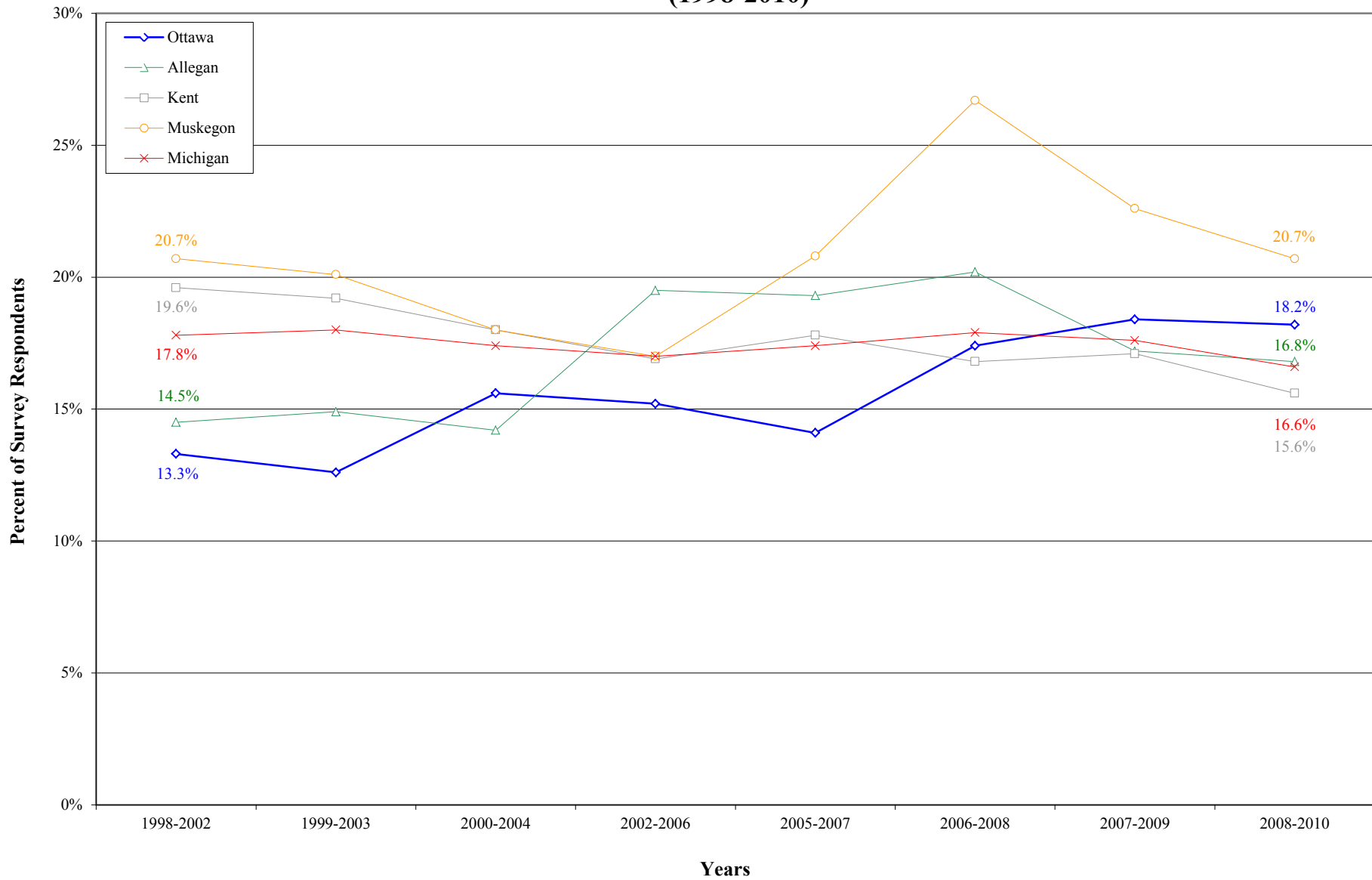
Percent of Survey Respondents

Year	Binge Drinking*					Heavy Drinking*				
	Ottawa	Allegan	Kent	Muskegon	Michigan	Ottawa	Allegan	Kent	Muskegon	Michigan
1998-2002	13.3%	14.5%	19.6%	20.7%	17.8%	1.8%	2.7%	5.8%	6.6%	5.6%
1999-2003	12.6%	14.9%	19.2%	20.1%	18.0%	1.6%	3.7%	6.1%	5.6%	5.7%
2000-2004	15.6%	14.2%	18.0%	18.0%	17.4%	2.2%	3.0%	4.4%	6.2%	5.4%
2002-2006	15.2%	19.5%	16.9%	17.0%	17.0%	4.6%	4.9%	4.8%	6.9%	5.5%
2005-2007	14.1%	19.3%	17.8%	20.8%	17.4%	5.0%	5.4%	5.3%	5.7%	5.6%
2006-2008	17.4%	20.2%	16.8%	26.7%	17.9%	4.2%	6.2%	4.7%	7.5%	5.6%
2007-2009	18.4%	17.2%	17.1%	22.6%	17.6%	5.7%	8.2%	4.8%	7.1%	5.6%
2008-2010	18.2%	16.8%	15.6%	20.7%	16.6%	6.2%	7.8%	4.3%	7.8%	5.4%

Source: Michigan Department of Community Health, Behavioral Risk Factor Survey (BRFS)

* Binge drinking is defined as consuming five or more alcoholic beverages on one occasion at least once in the past month. Heavy drinking is defined as consuming, on average, more than two alcoholic beverages per day for men or more than one alcoholic beverage per day for women

Binge Drinking* (1998-2010)

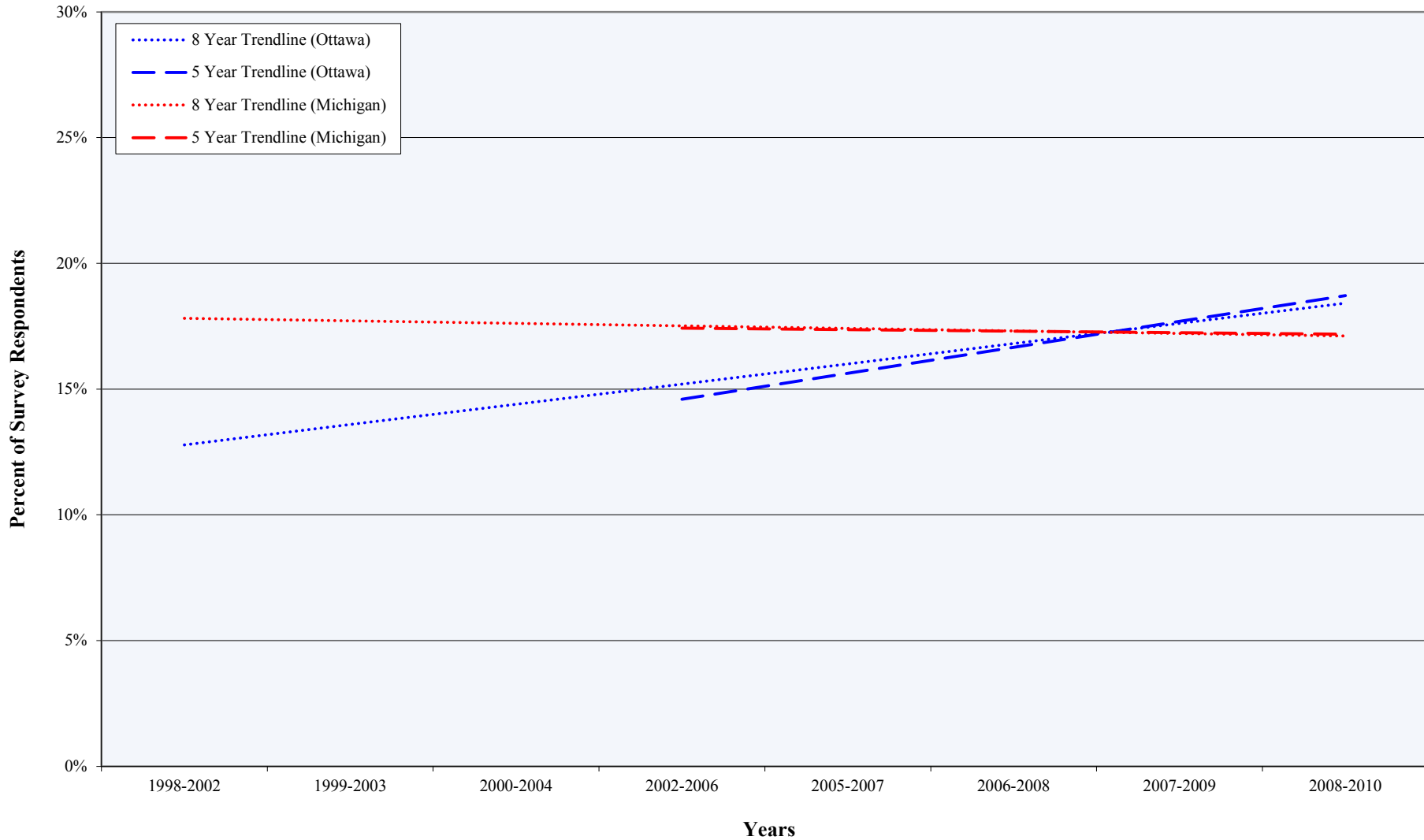


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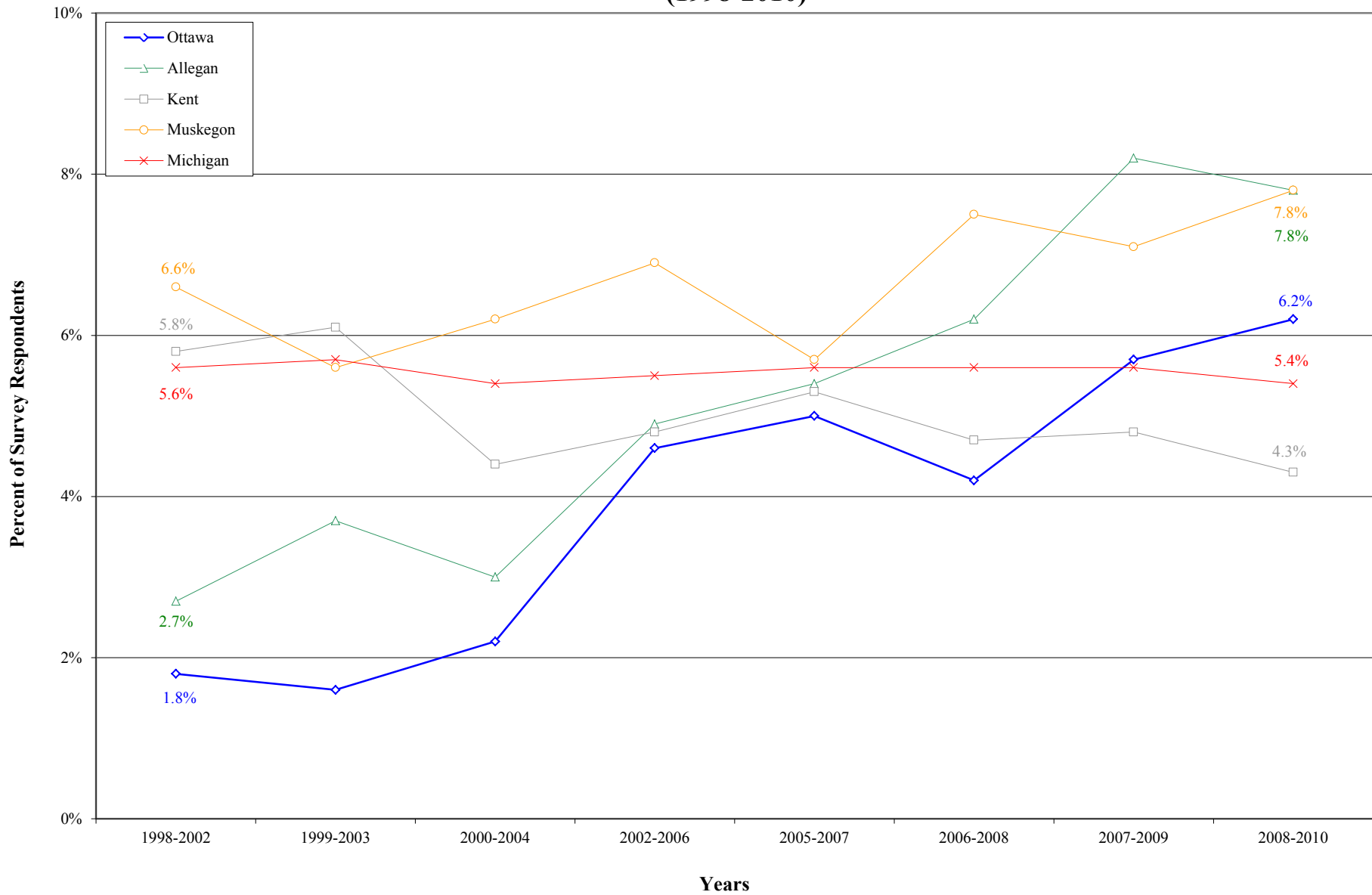
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Heavy Drinking* (1998-2010)

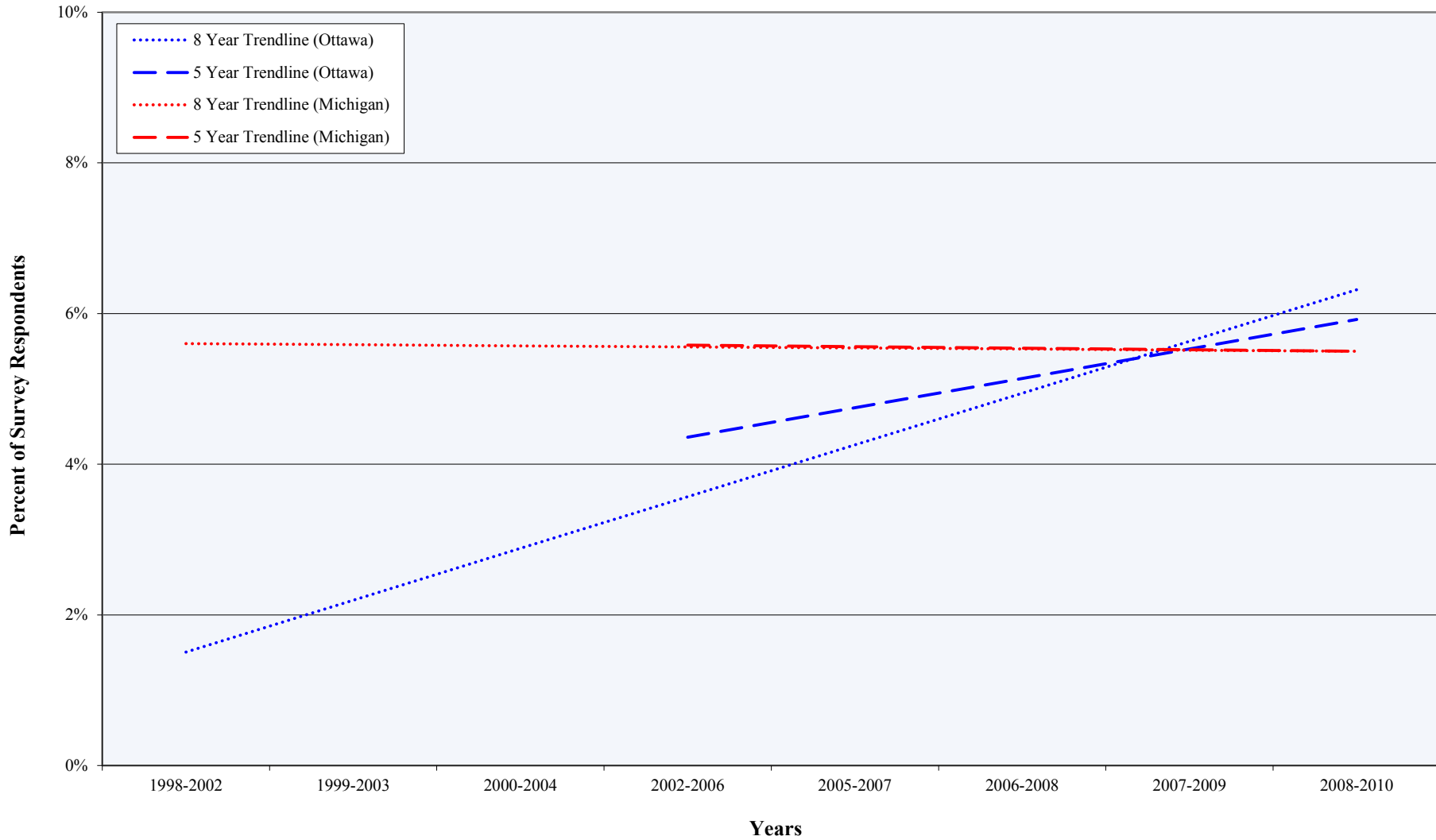


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Heavy Drinking*

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Smoking Status (1998-2010)

By Year (Ottawa County, Adjacent Counties, State)

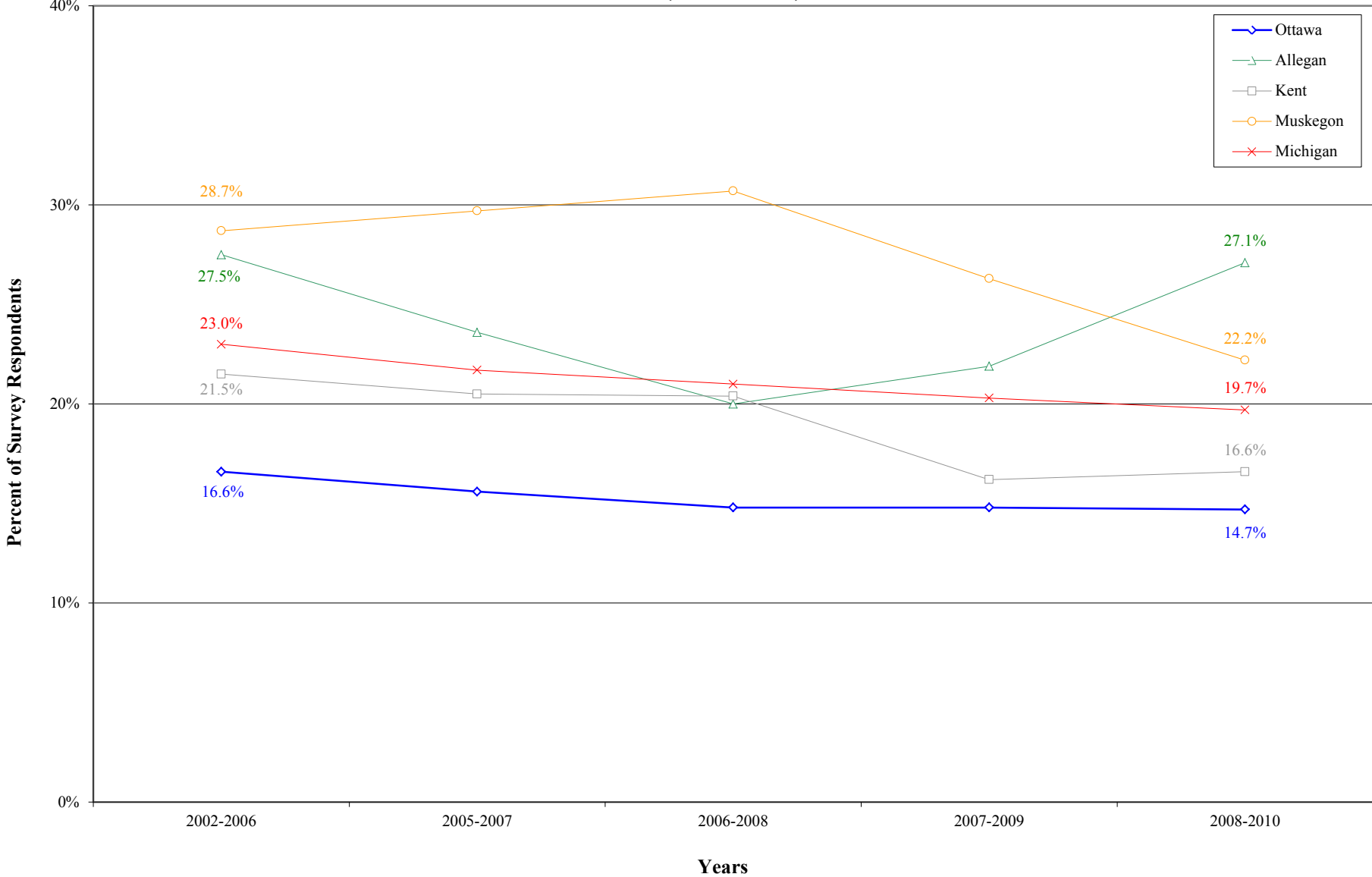
Percent of Survey Respondents

Year	Current Smoker*					Former Smoker*					Never Smoked				
	Ottawa	Allegan	Kent	Muskegon	Michigan	Ottawa	Allegan	Kent	Muskegon	Michigan	Ottawa	Allegan	Kent	Muskegon	Michigan
2002-2006	16.6%	27.5%	21.5%	28.7%	23.0%	27.3%	27.9%	24.1%	24.6%	26.0%	56.1%	44.6%	54.4%	46.8%	50.9%
2005-2007	15.6%	23.6%	20.5%	29.7%	21.7%	26.9%	31.0%	25.3%	23.6%	25.7%	57.5%	45.4%	54.2%	46.7%	52.6%
2006-2008	14.8%	20.0%	20.4%	30.7%	21.0%	25.8%	29.8%	23.0%	20.5%	25.4%	59.4%	50.2%	56.6%	48.8%	53.6%
2007-2009	14.8%	21.9%	16.2%	26.3%	20.3%	24.1%	29.4%	24.4%	23.6%	25.4%	61.0%	48.7%	59.4%	50.1%	54.2%
2008-2010	14.7%	27.1%	16.6%	22.2%	19.7%	26.1%	23.9%	24.4%	26.3%	25.6%	59.2%	49.0%	59.0%	51.4%	54.8%

Source: Michigan Department of Community Health, Behavioral Risk Factor Survey (BRFS)

* A current smoker is defined as someone who has smoked at least 100 cigarettes (five packs) in their life and smokes now, either every day or on some days. A former smoker is defined as someone who has smoked at least 100 cigarettes (five packs) in their life, but does not smoke now

Current Smokers* (2002-2010)

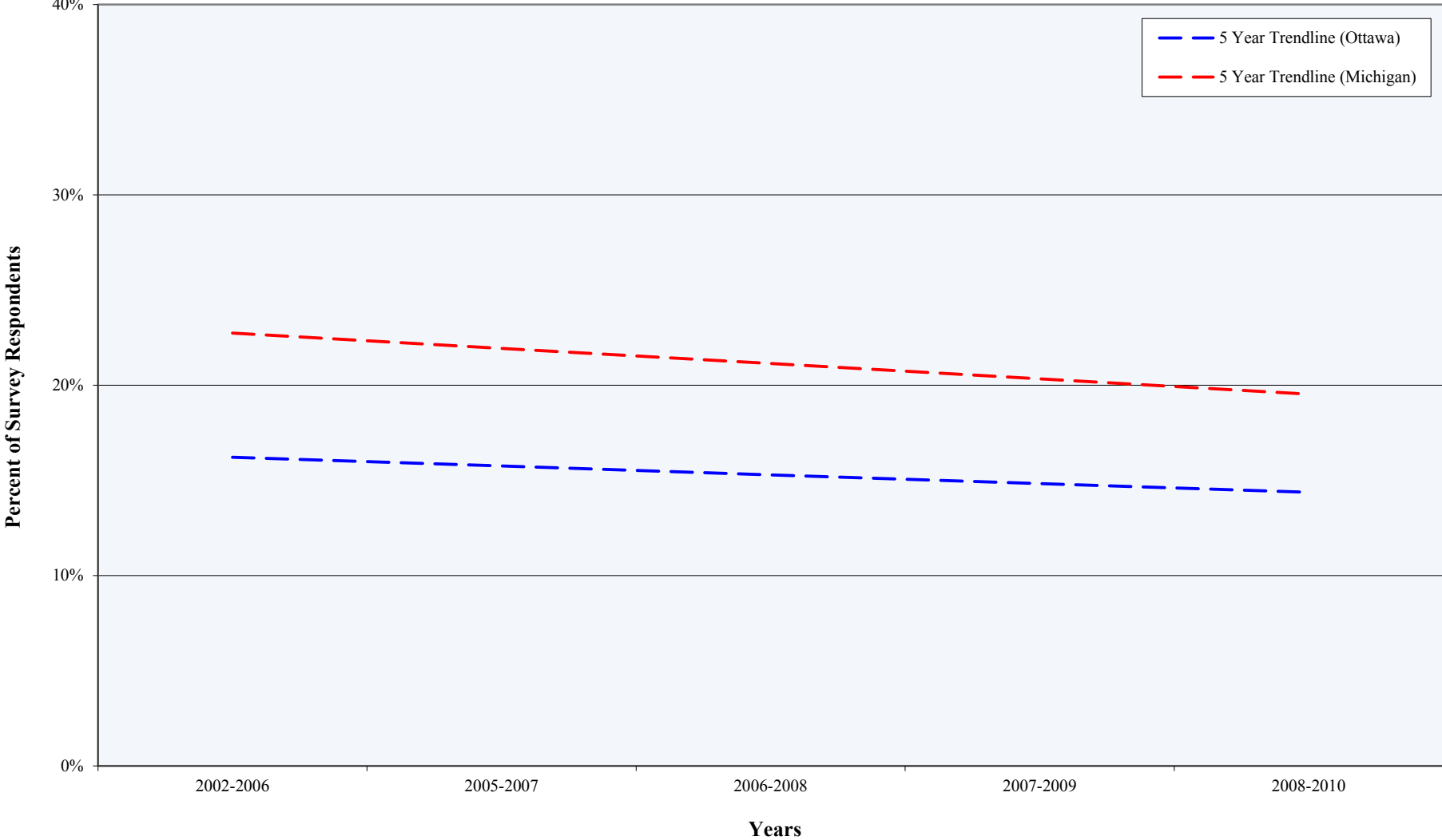


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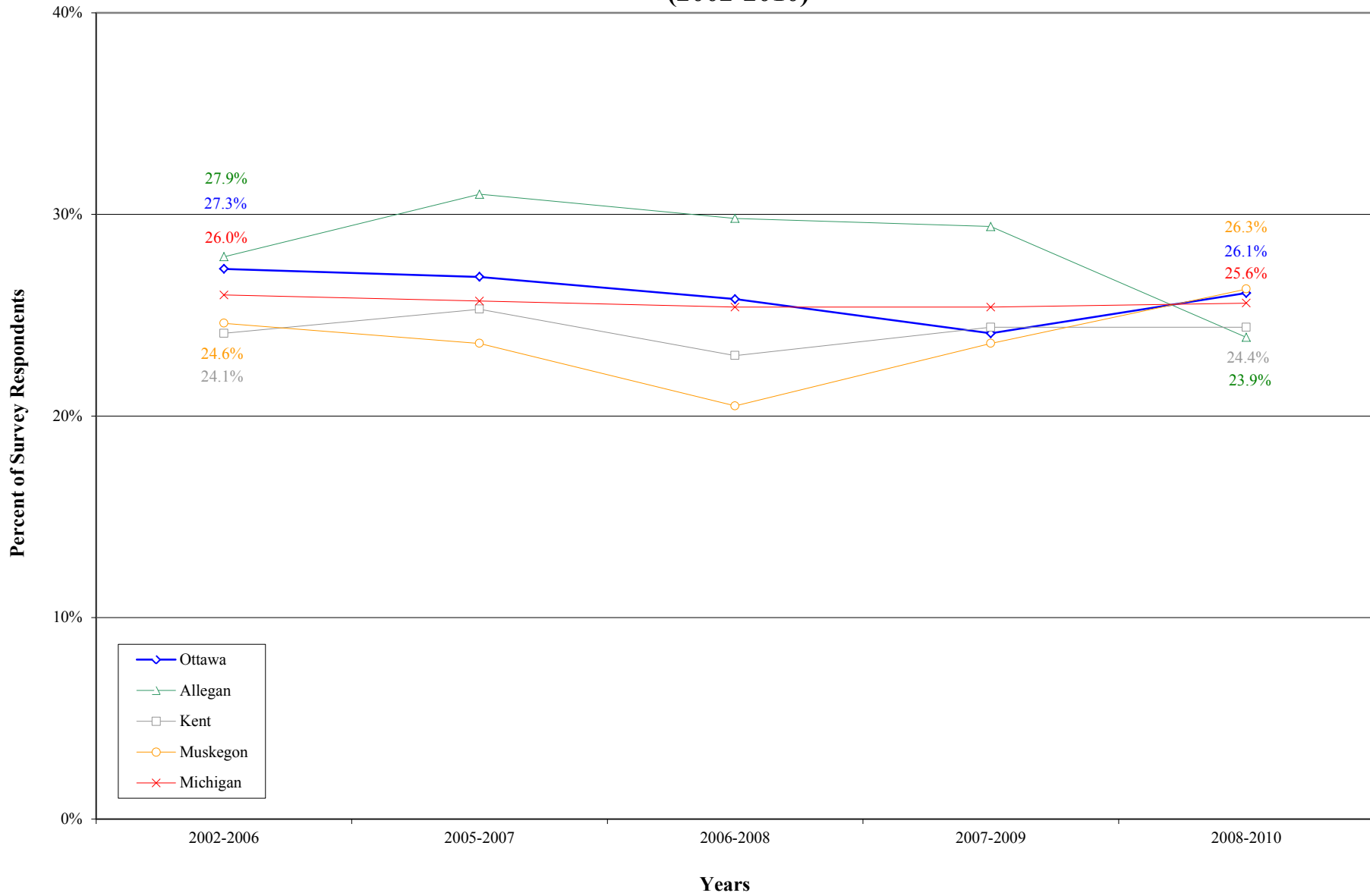
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Former Smokers* (2002-2010)

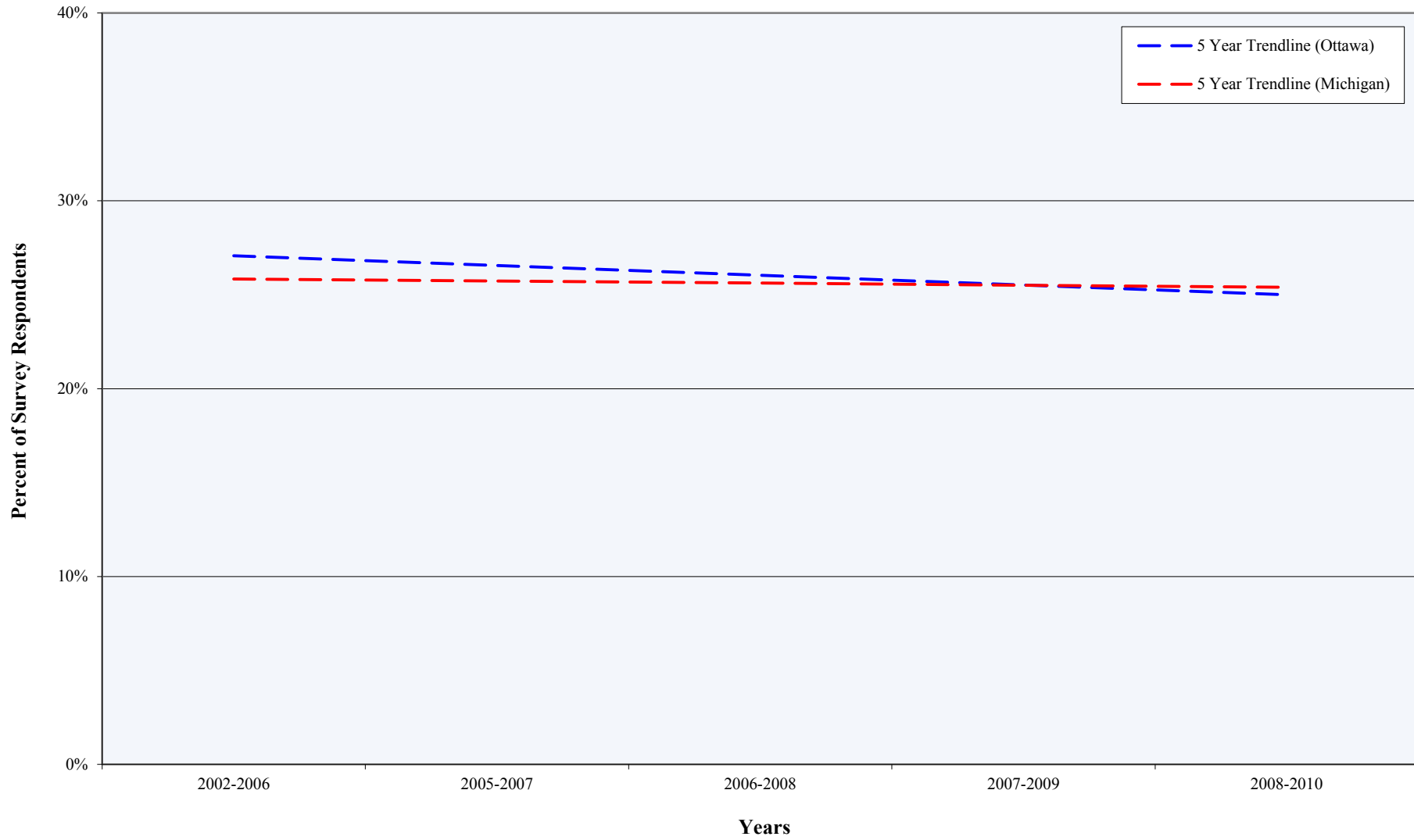


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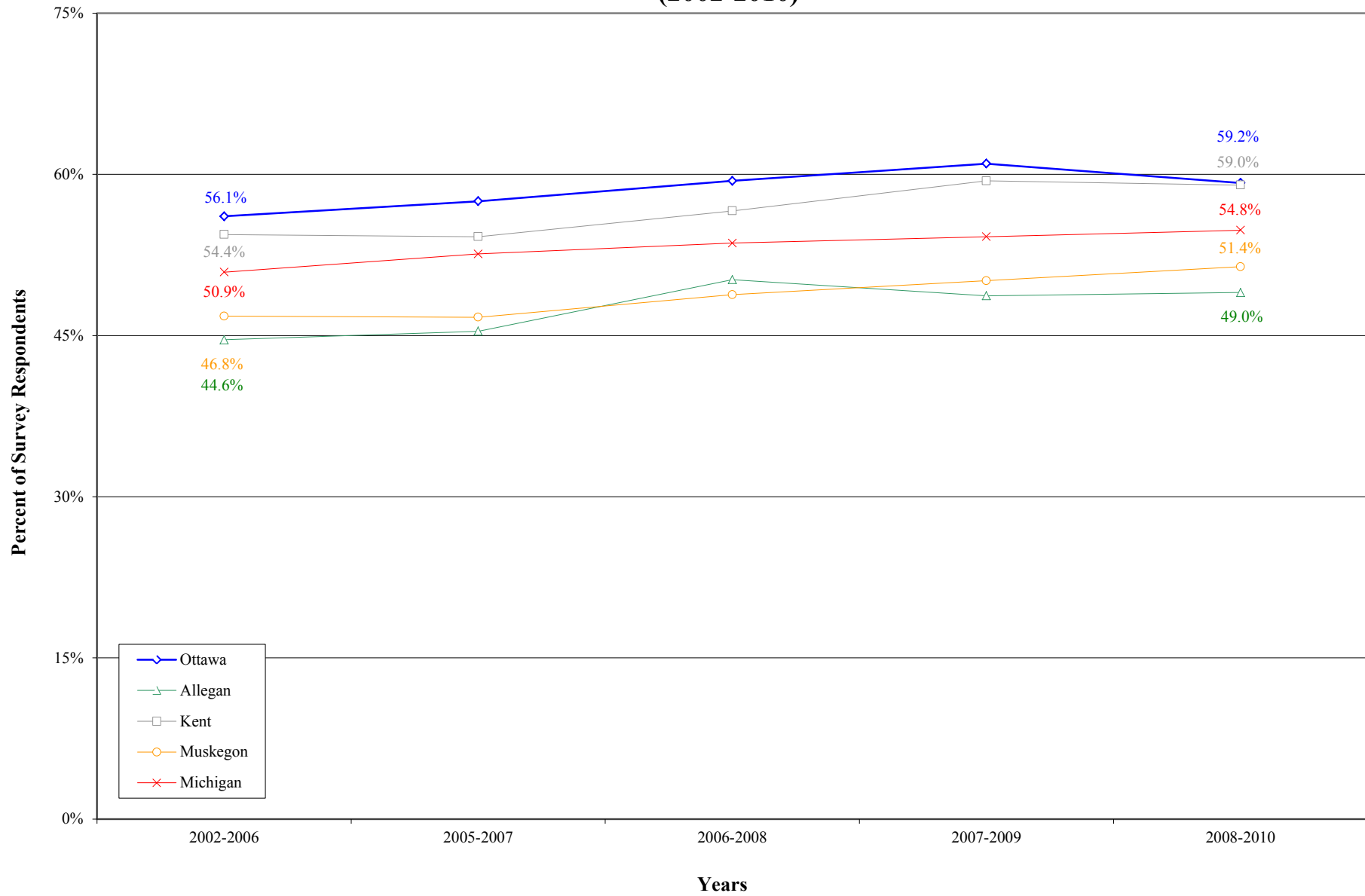
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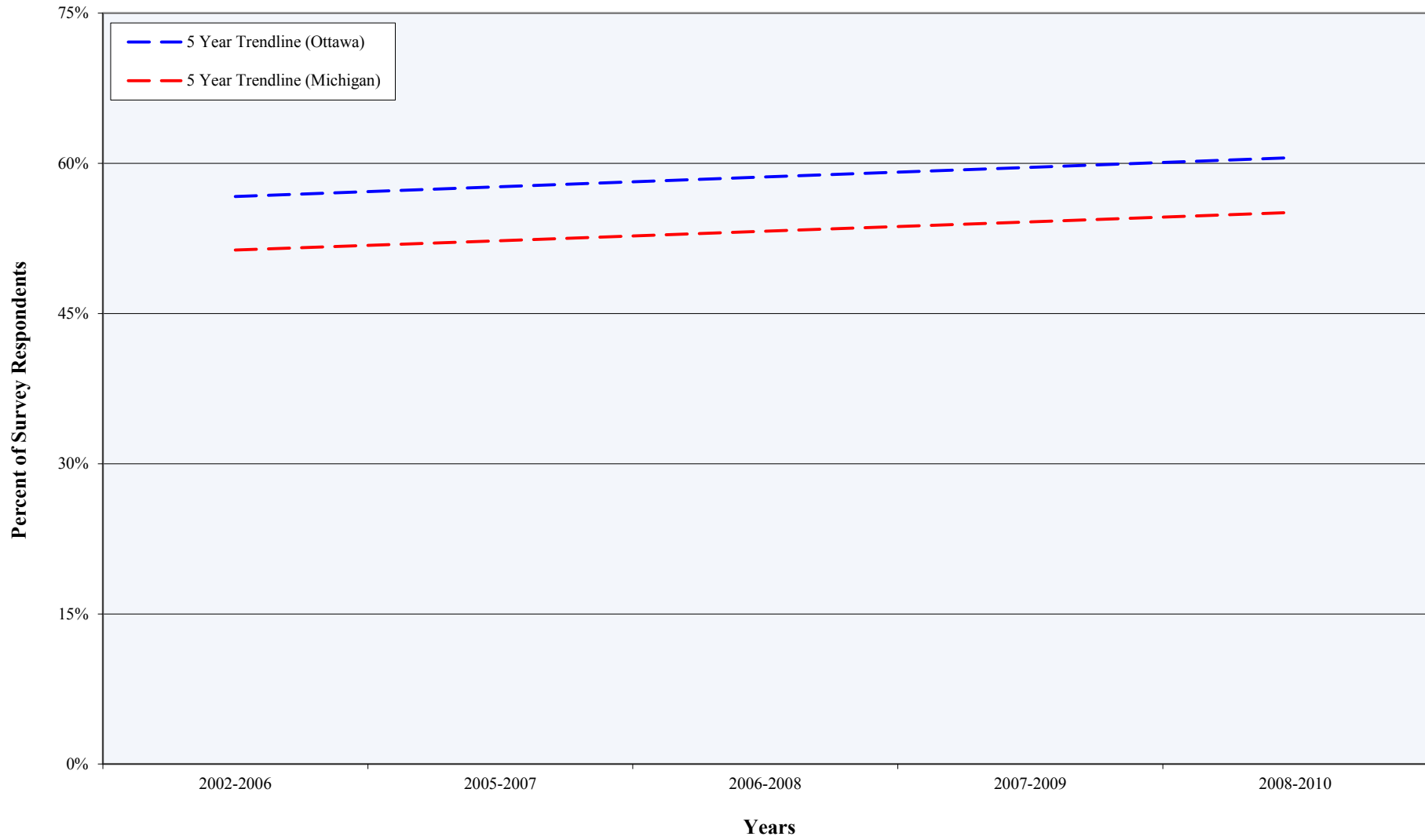
Never Smoked (2002-2010)



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Never Smoked

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