

Local Roads Funding in Illinois

A County Engineer's Perspective

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Illinois Highway & Street Facts

140,762 miles of Public Roads

**124,448 miles (88.4%) = Local Jurisdiction
carrying 35.6% of the traffic**

**16,019 miles (11.4%) = State Jurisdiction
carrying 56.5% of the traffic**

**295 miles (0.2%) = Toll Roads
carrying 7.9% of the traffic**

Illinois Highway & Street Facts

Centerline Mileage

11.4% 0.2%

88.4%

Vehicle Miles of Travel

56.5% 7.9%

35.6%

User Fees Collected by State

Motor Fuel Taxes

- **Paid at the Pump**

Motor Vehicle Registration & License Fees

- **Paid to Secretary of State**

User Fees Collected by State???

Sales Tax – Automotive and Filling Station

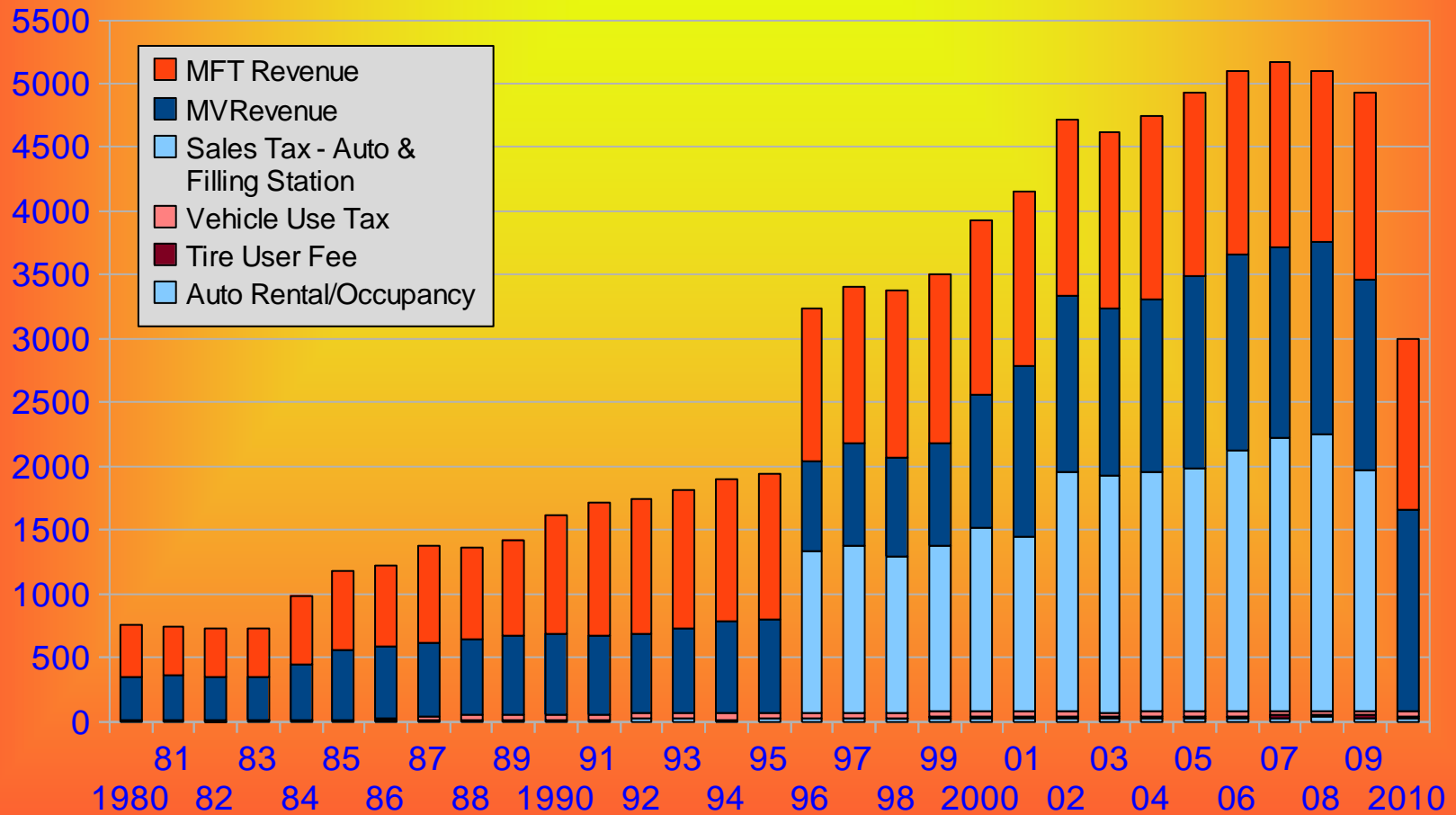
Automobile Renting & Occupation Tax

Tire User Fee

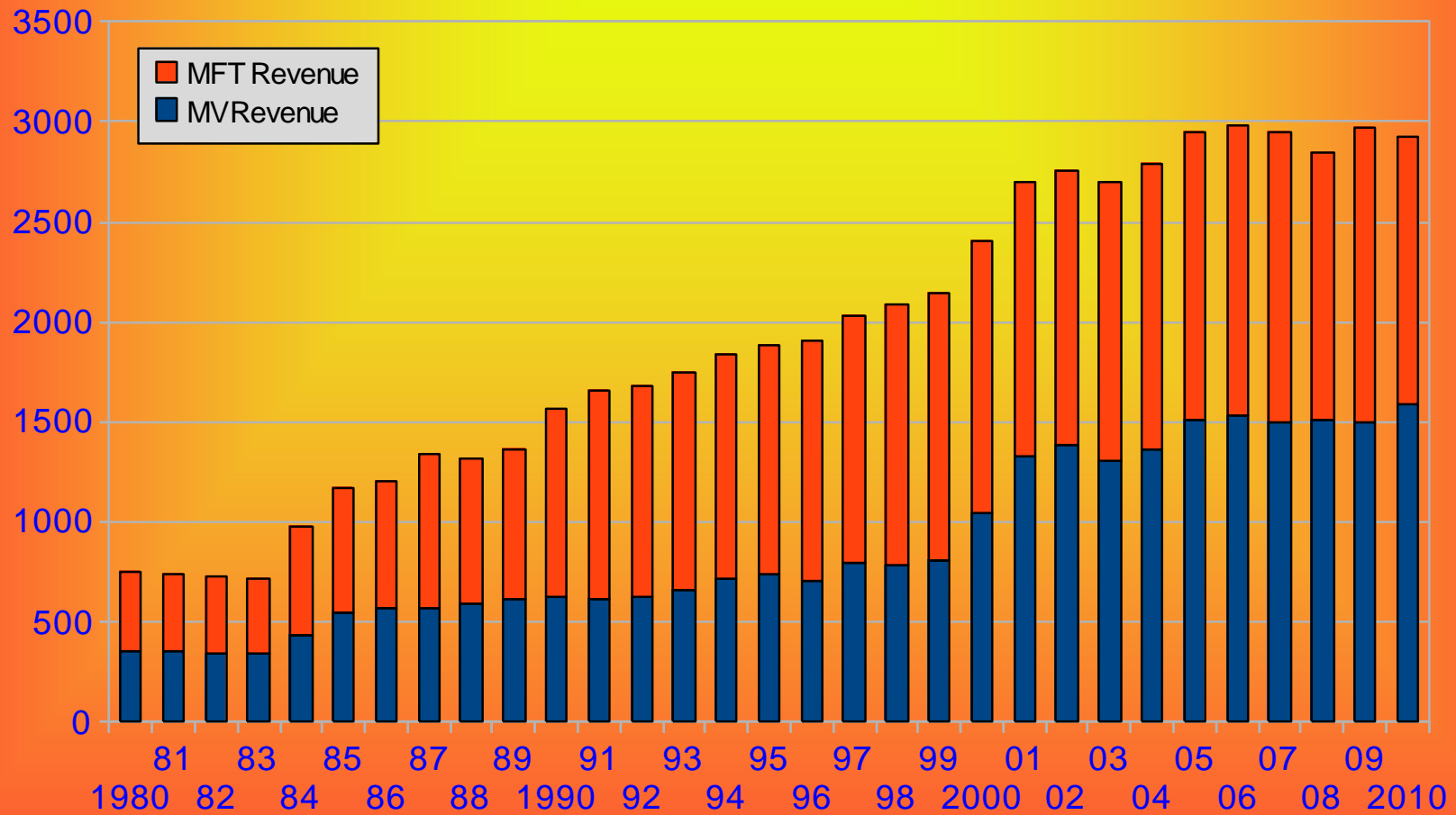
Vehicle Use Tax

State of Illinois – Highway User Fees???

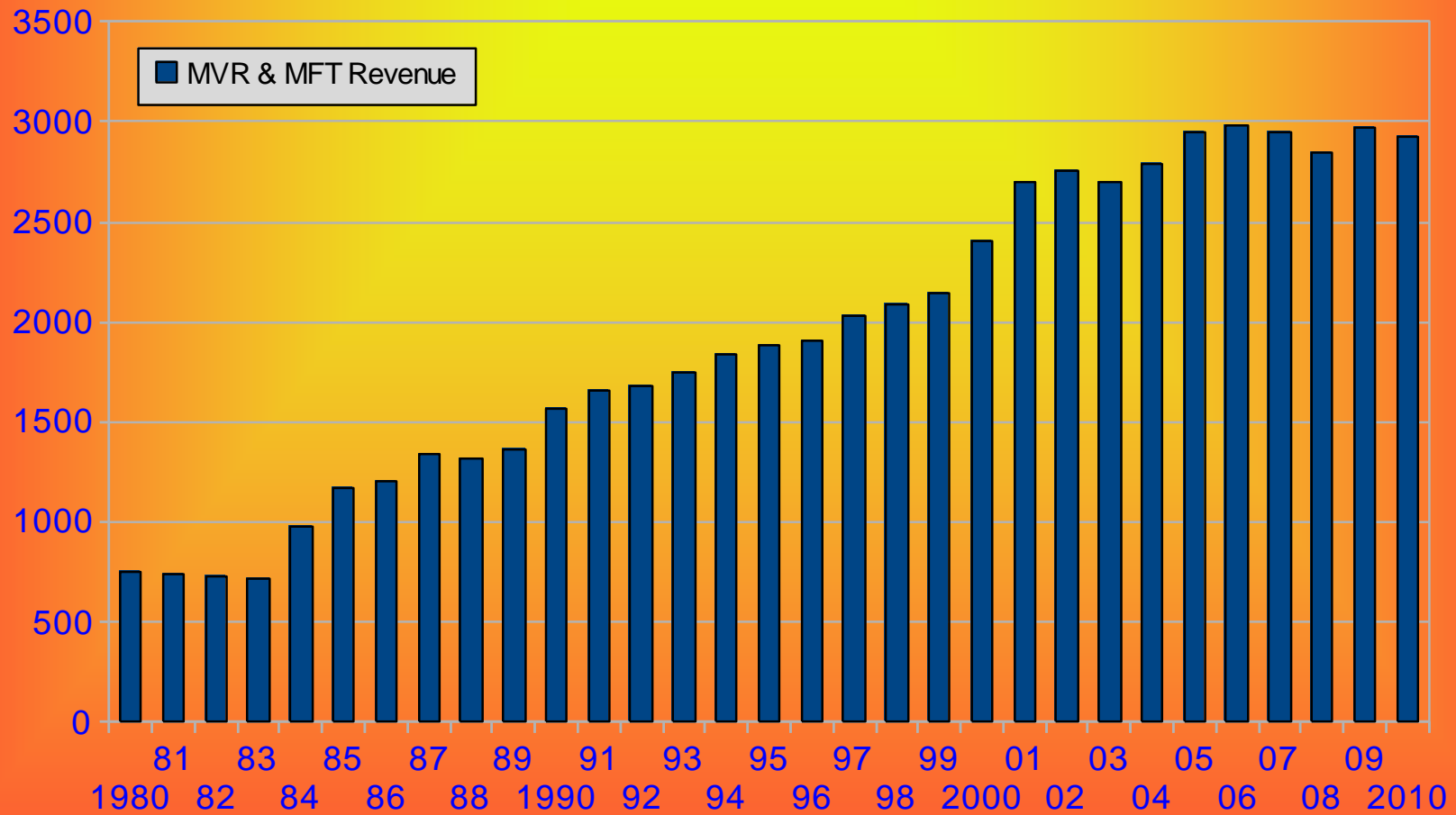
[\$ Millions]



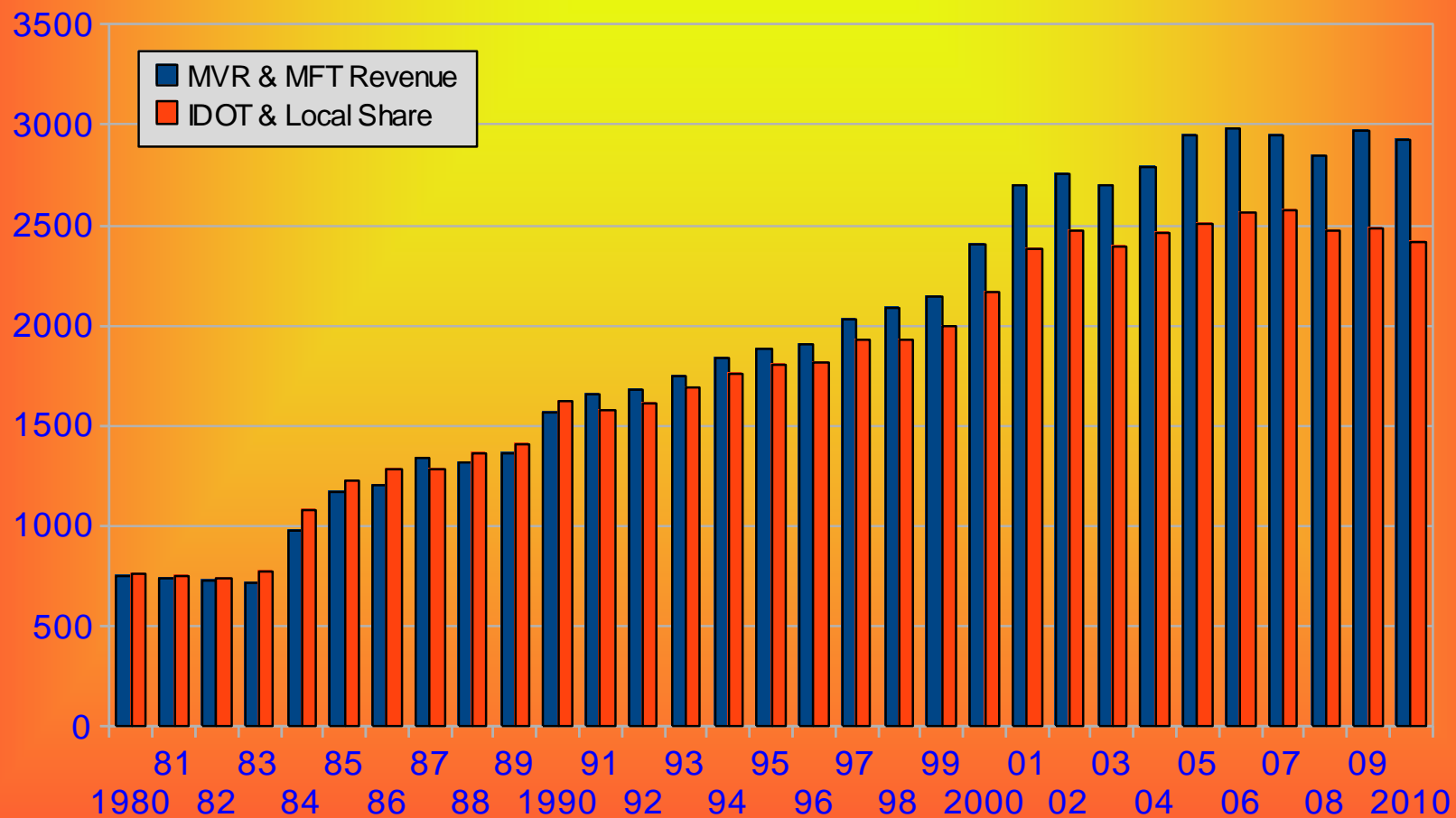
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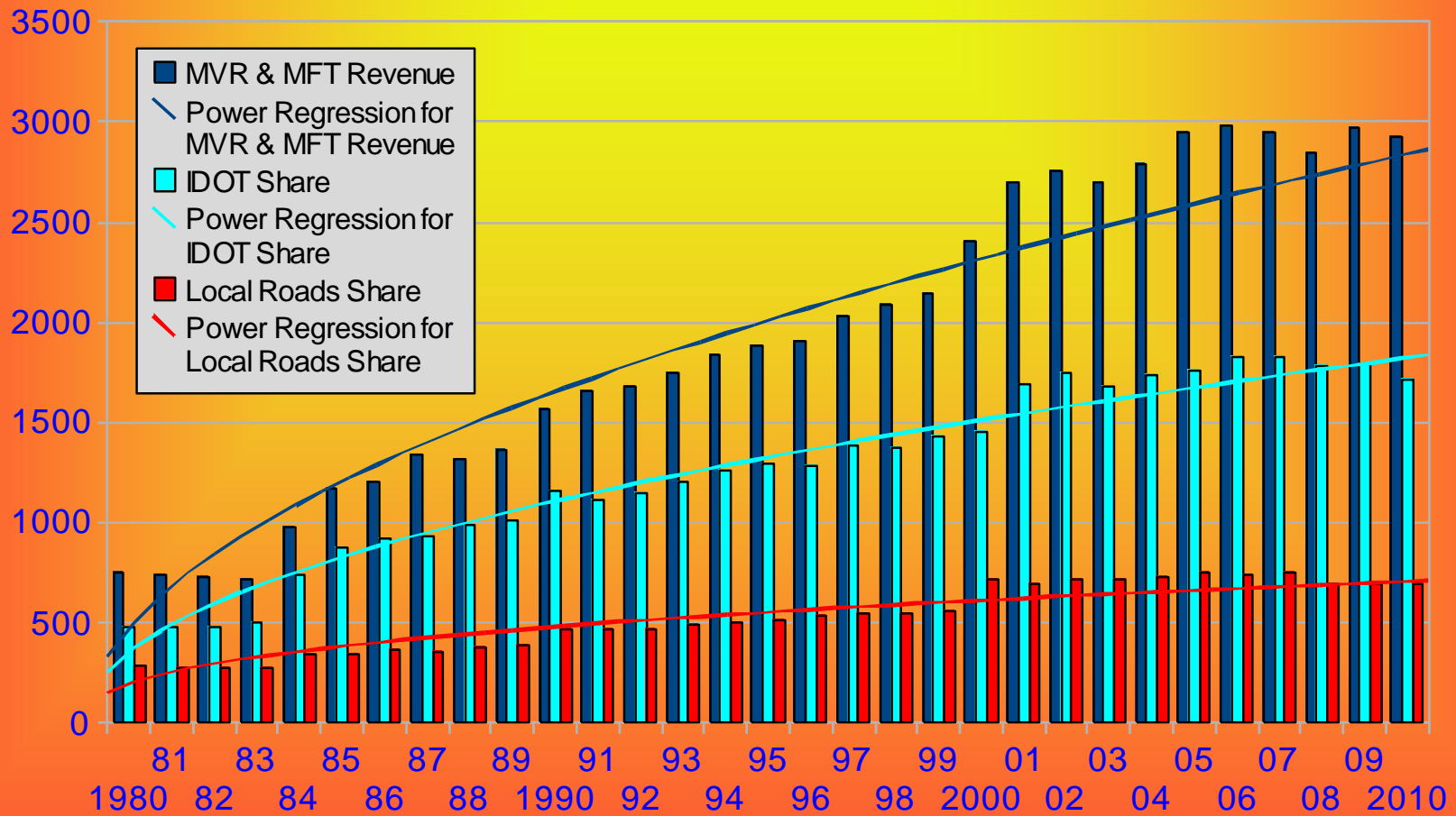
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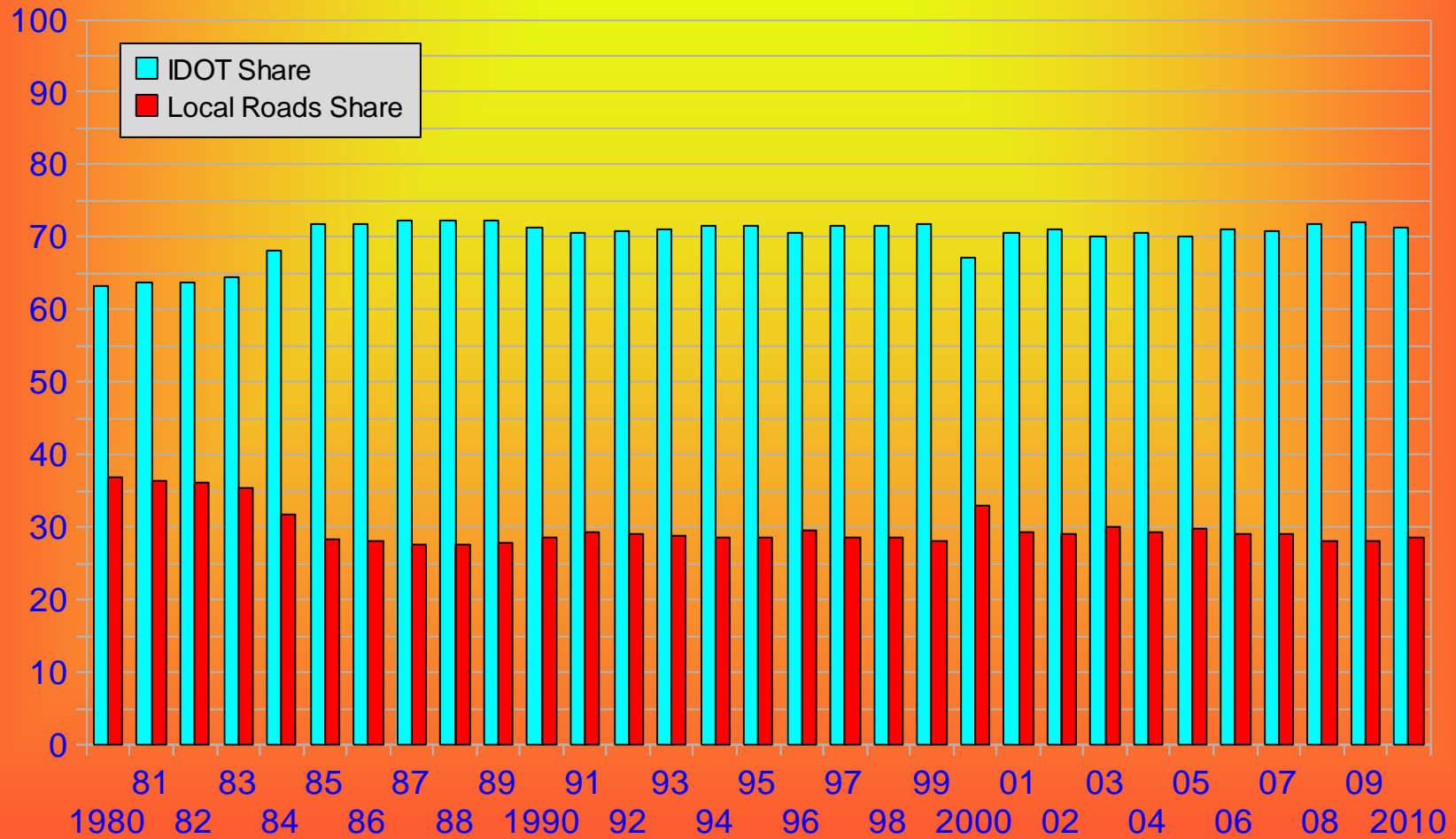
State of Illinois – Highway User Fees Returned to Roads [\$ Millions]



State of Illinois – Highway User Fees vs State / Local Roads [\$ Millions]



State of Illinois – Highway User Fees vs State / Local Roads [Percent of User Fee Revenue]



Illinois Highway & Street Facts

Centerline Mileage

11.4% 0.2%

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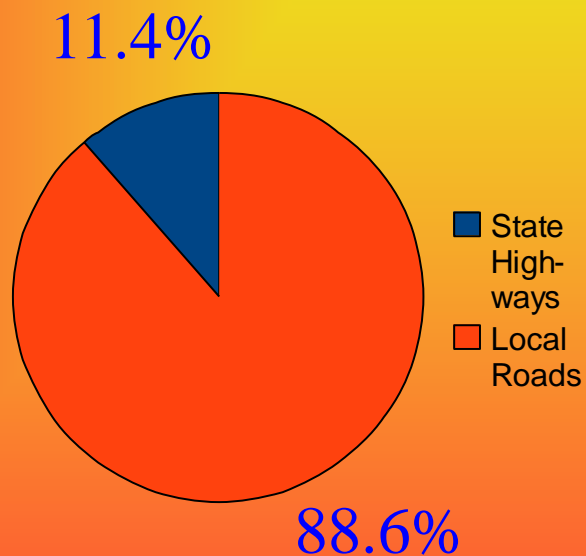
Vehicle Miles of Travel

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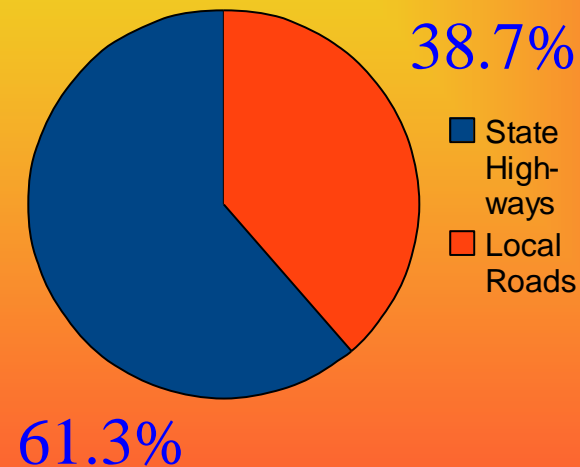
35.6%

Illinois Highway & Street Facts

Centerline Mileage (No Toll Roads)



Vehicle Miles of Travel (No Toll Roads)



Questions: What if . . . ???

. . . Local Roads had received 38.7% of State Highway User Fee Revenues in 2011?

Answer: They would have received an additional \$238.6 Million, a 34.8% increase. However, that would have likely reduced IDOT's share. Not ideal.

. . . Revenues were increased to Local Roads so that they received 38.7% of State Highway User Fee Revenues in 2011 with no reductions to IDOT's share?

Answer: They would have received an additional \$389.3 Million, a 56.8% increase.

Questions: What if . . . ???

. . . Local Roads had received 38.7% of State Highway User Fee Revenues since 1980?

Answer: They would have received an additional \$5.38 Billion. However, that would have likely reduced IDOT's share. Not ideal.

. . . Revenues were increased to Local Roads so that they received 38.7% of State Highway User Fee Revenues since 1980 with no reductions to IDOT's share?

Answer: They would have received an additional \$8.78 Billion.

Needs? What Needs?

HR 190 of the 92nd GA “Hartke-Black Study”

The cost to upgrade Illinois' rural highways to accommodate 80,000-lb. trucks was estimated to be \$60 billion for almost 84,000 miles of highway in 2001 dollars.

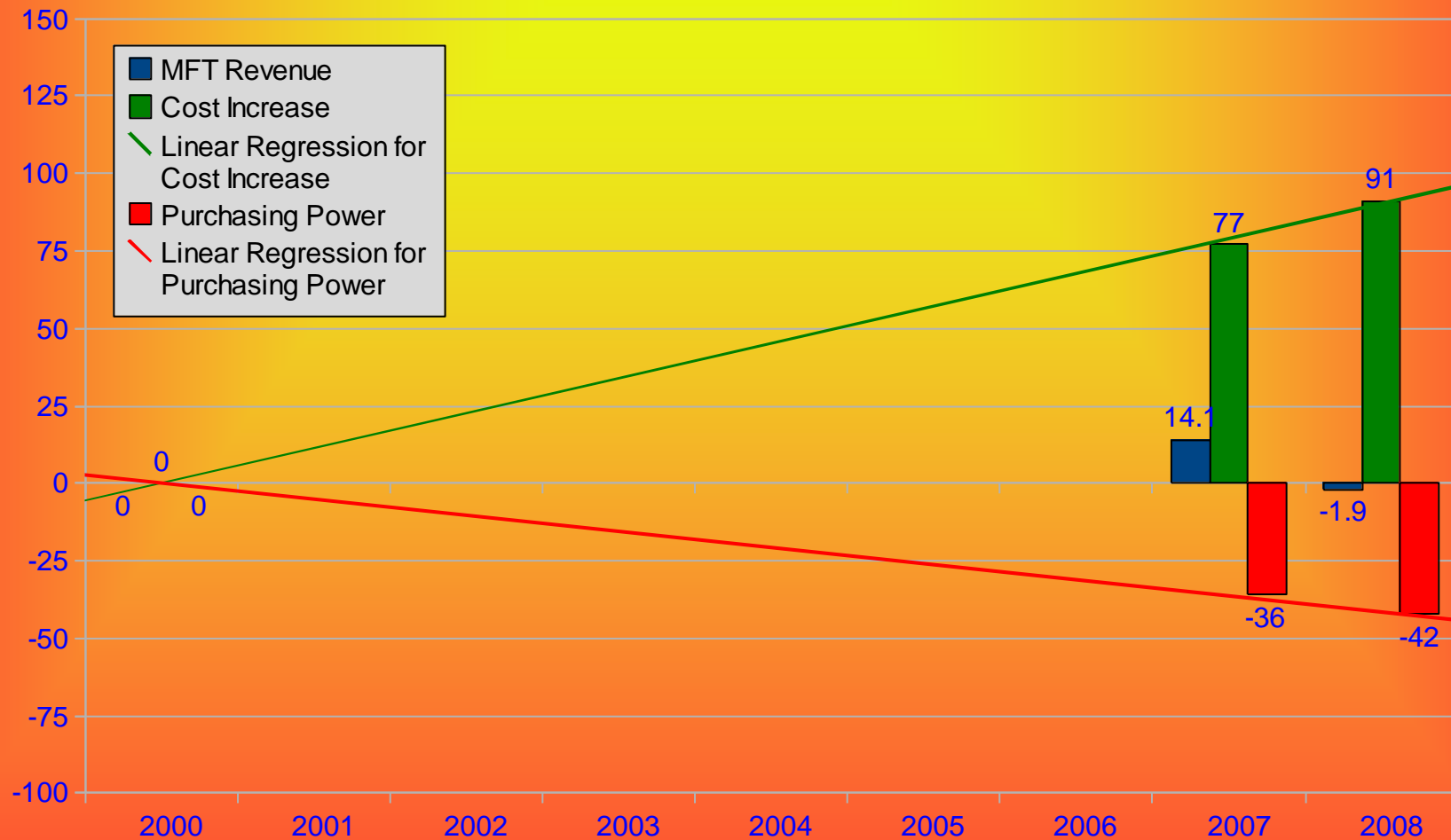
Needs? What Needs?

IACE Revenue Committee 2006 Needs Study

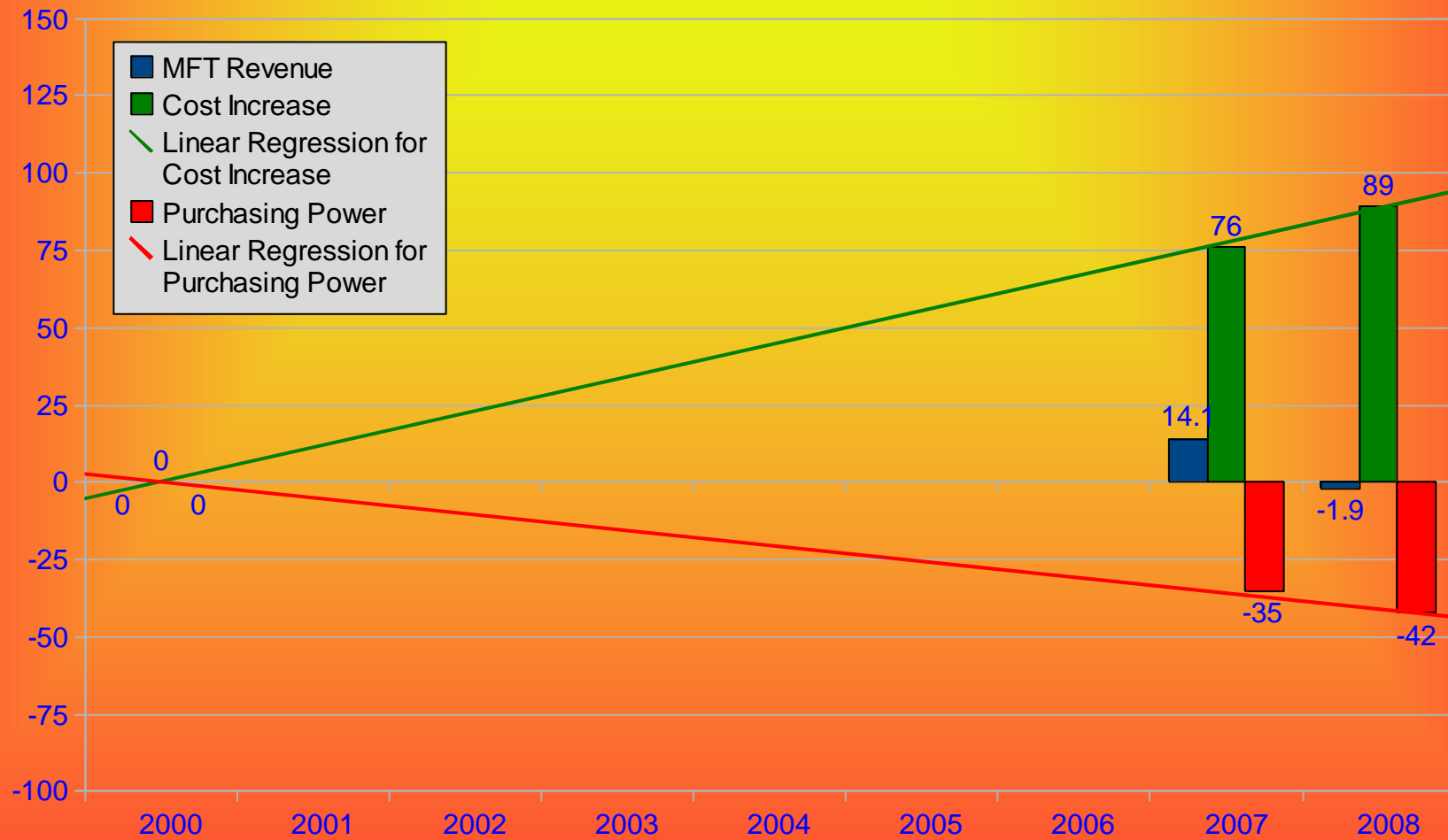
The funding shortfall to maintain and upgrade Illinois' county highways and township/road district roads to accommodate 73,280-lb. trucks was estimated to be \$770 Million per year based on upgrading 5% of the necessary mileage per year. Total cost of \$15.4 Billion.

The funding shortfall to maintain and upgrade Illinois' county highways and township/road district roads to accommodate 80,000-lb. trucks was estimated to be \$2.19 Billion per year based on upgrading 5% per year. Total cost of \$43.8 Billion.

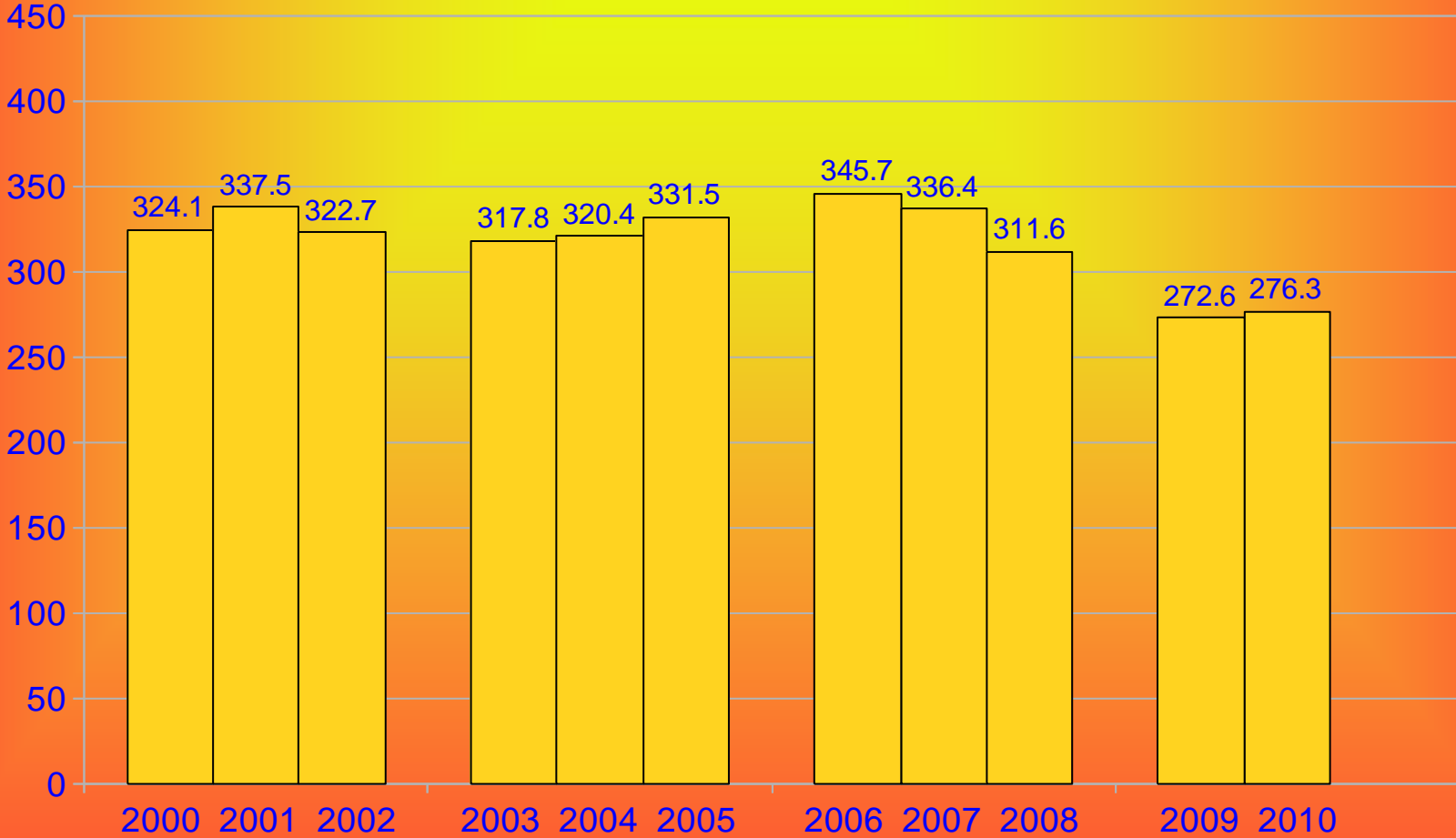
State of Illinois – MFT Revenue/Costs vs. Purchase Power Counties [% Increase over State FY 2000]



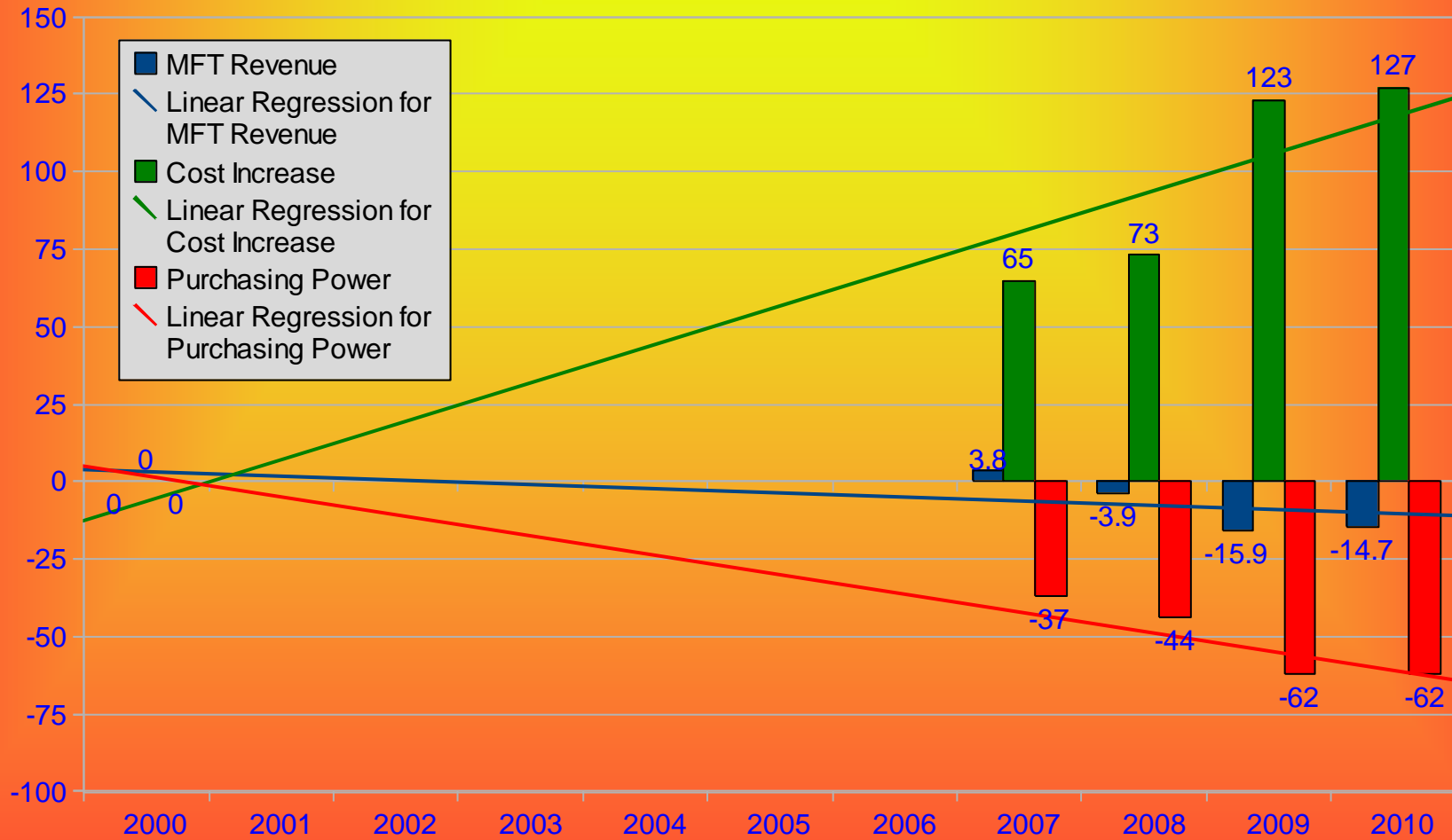
State of Illinois – MFT Revenue/Costs vs. Purchase Power Townships/Road Districts [% Increase over State FY 2000]



State of Illinois - MFT Funding to DeWitt County [\$ Thousands]



State of Illinois – MFT Revenue/Costs vs. Purchase Power DeWitt County [% Increase over State FY 2000]



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QUESTIONS?

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