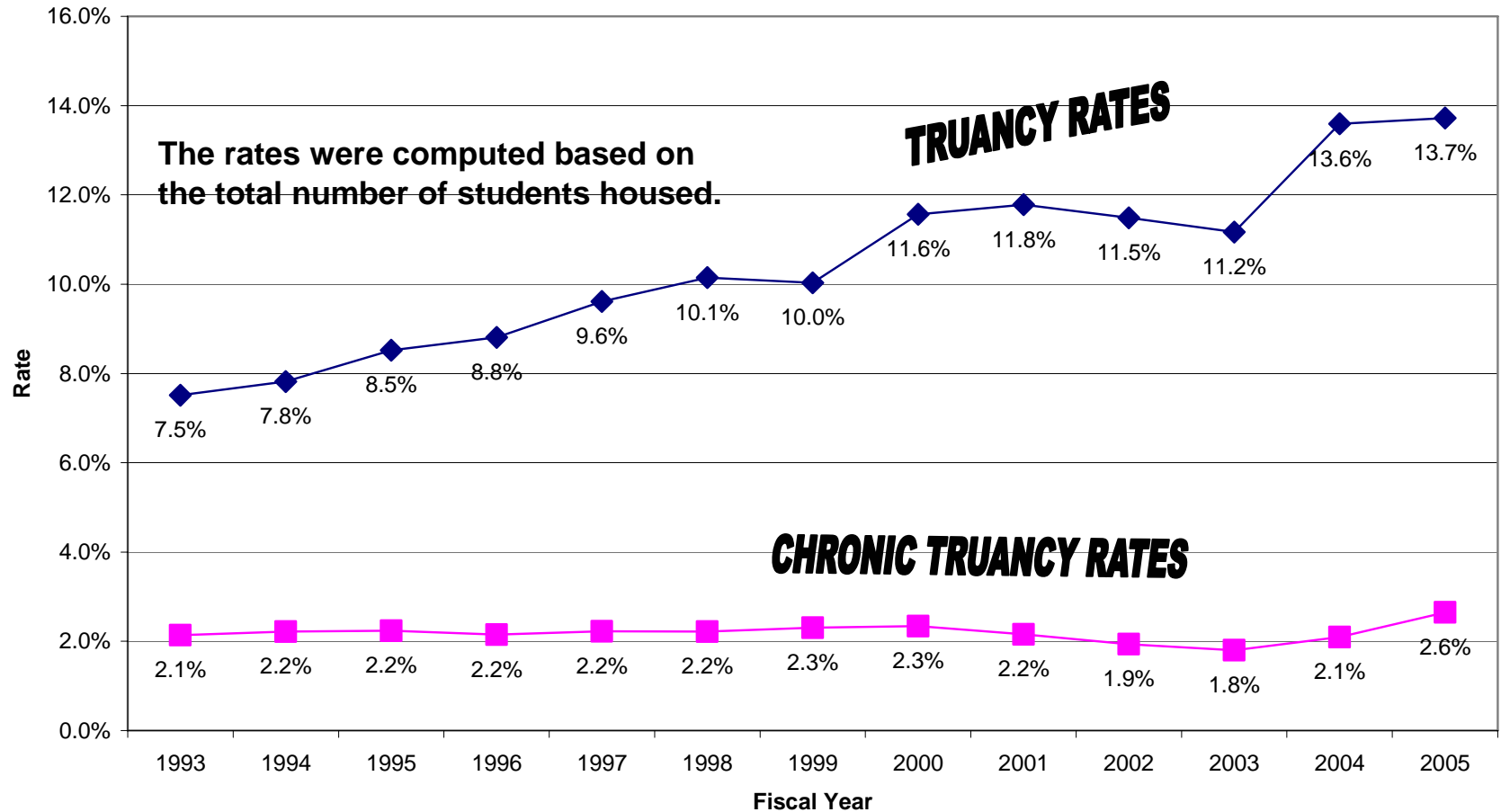


**Chart 1. Rates of Student Truancy and Chronic Truancy in Illinois Public Schools
1993 through 2005**



**These numbers are self-reported. Any self-reported data is always subject to validity and reliability. Moreover, "truant" policies vary across school districts; some are stringent and others flexible about classifying a student as "truant".*