

Review of the National Social Target for Poverty Reduction

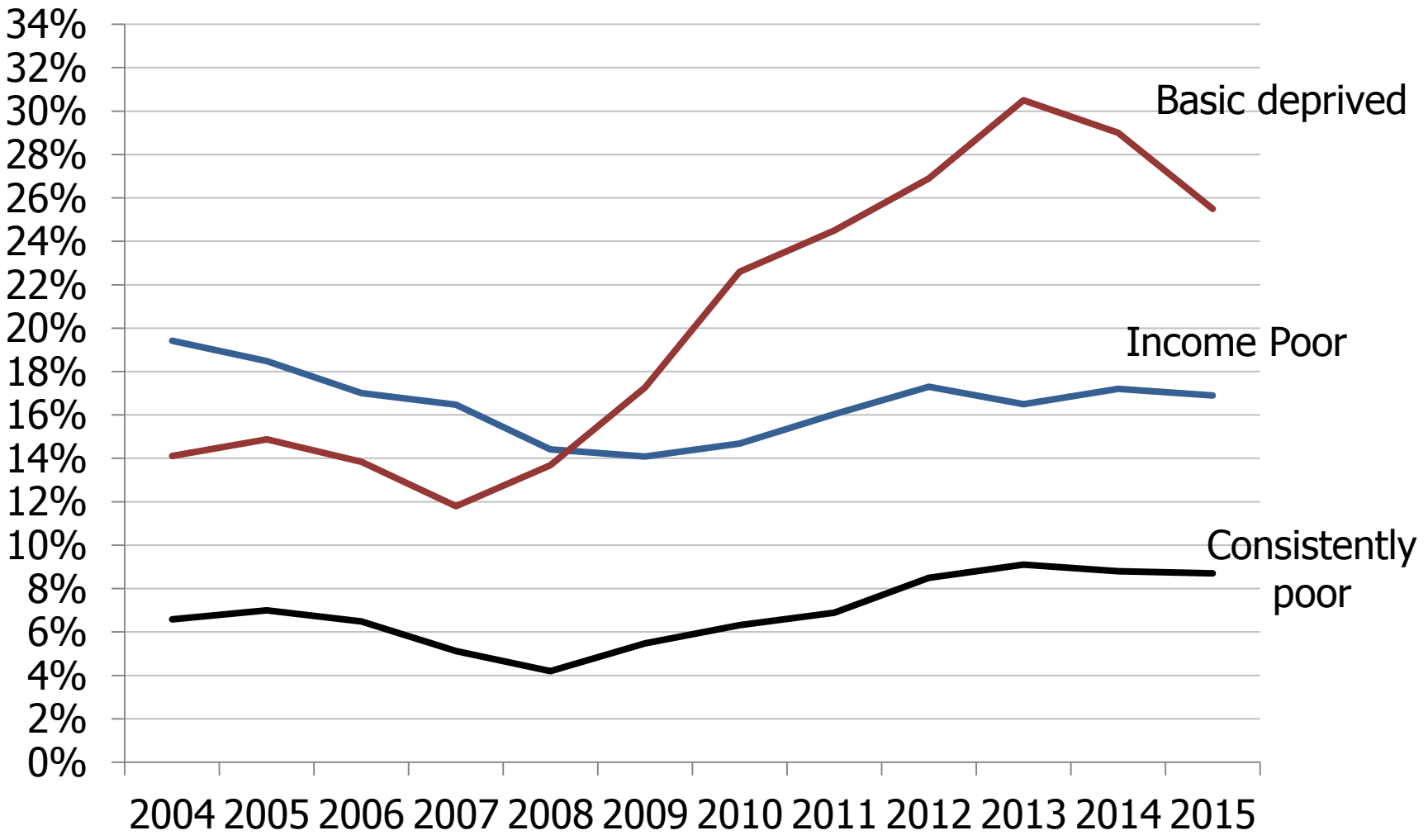
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Poverty and Deprivation Trends



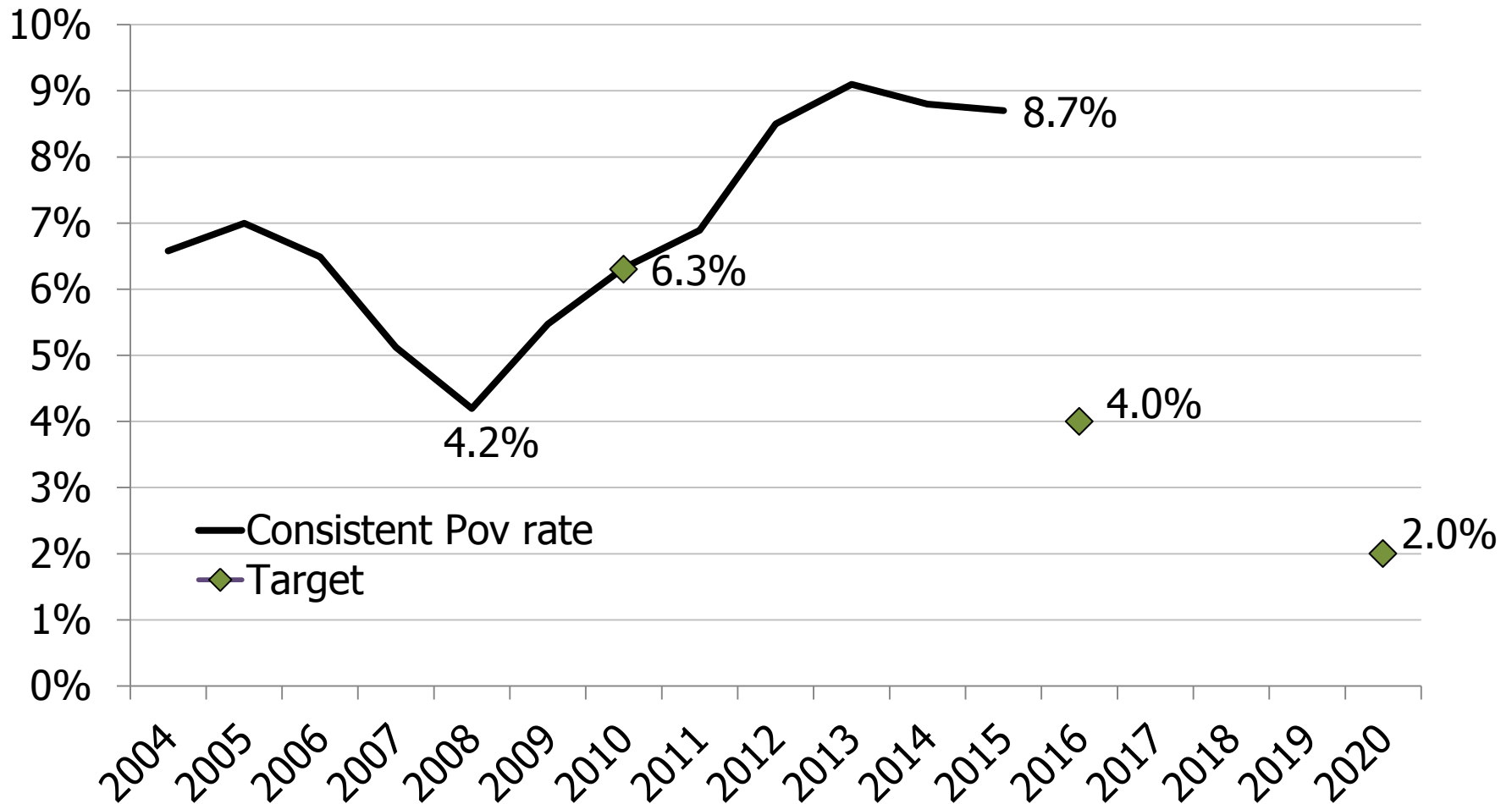
National Social Targets for Poverty Reduction

- Reduce **consistent poverty** from
 - 6.3% in 2010 to
 - 4% by 2016 and to
 - 2% or less by 2020
- Lift over 70,000 children (aged 0 -17 years) out of consistent poverty by 2020 (cut 2011 level by $\frac{2}{3}$)
- Reduce 'combined poverty' by at least 200,000 between 2010 and 2010
 - Combined poverty = at-risk-of-poverty or basic deprivation
 - Irish contribution to the Europe 2020 poverty target

Headline Target

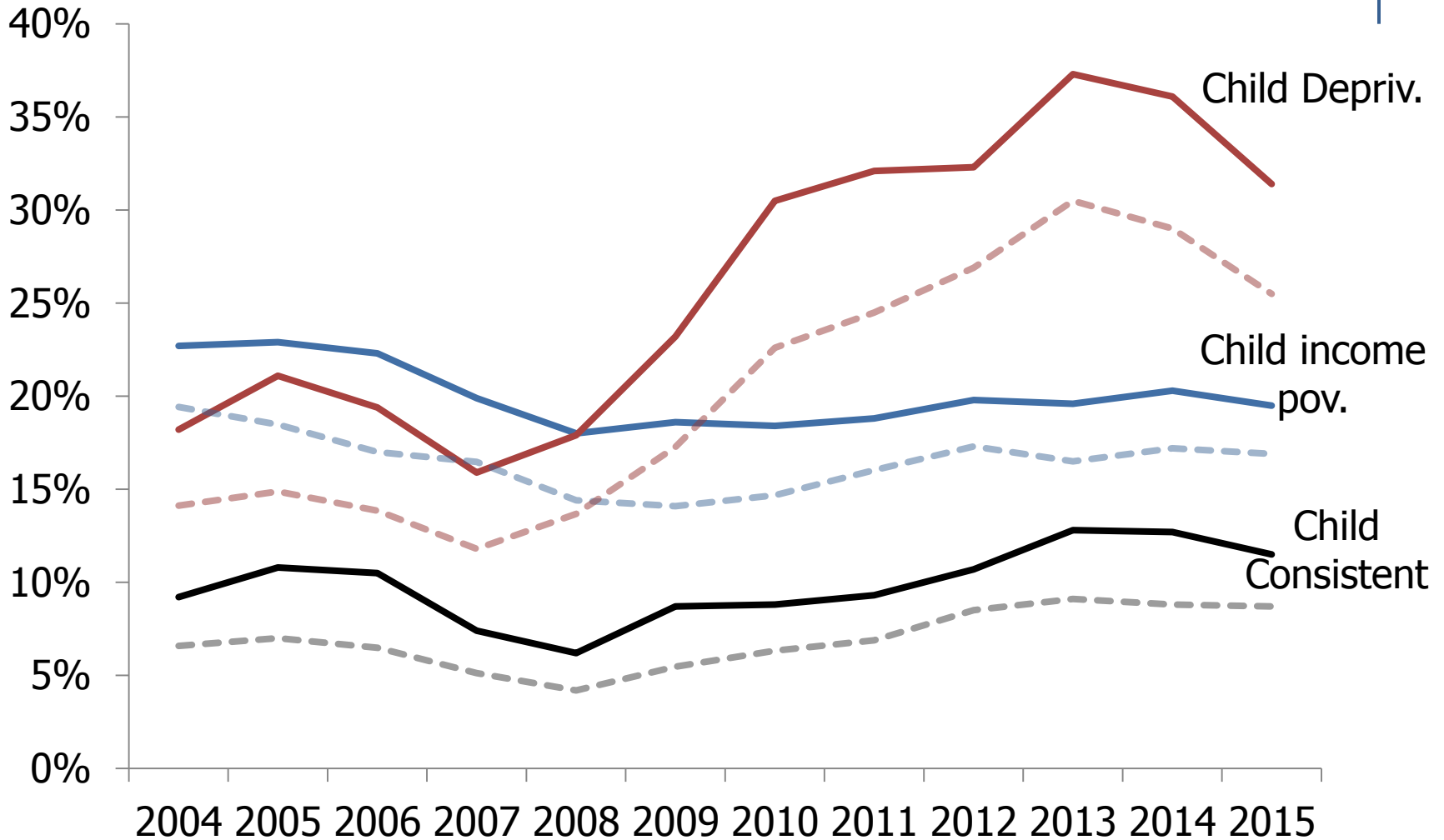


To reduce consistent poverty to 4% by 2016 and to 2% or less by 2020, from the 2010 baseline rate of 6.3 per cent.



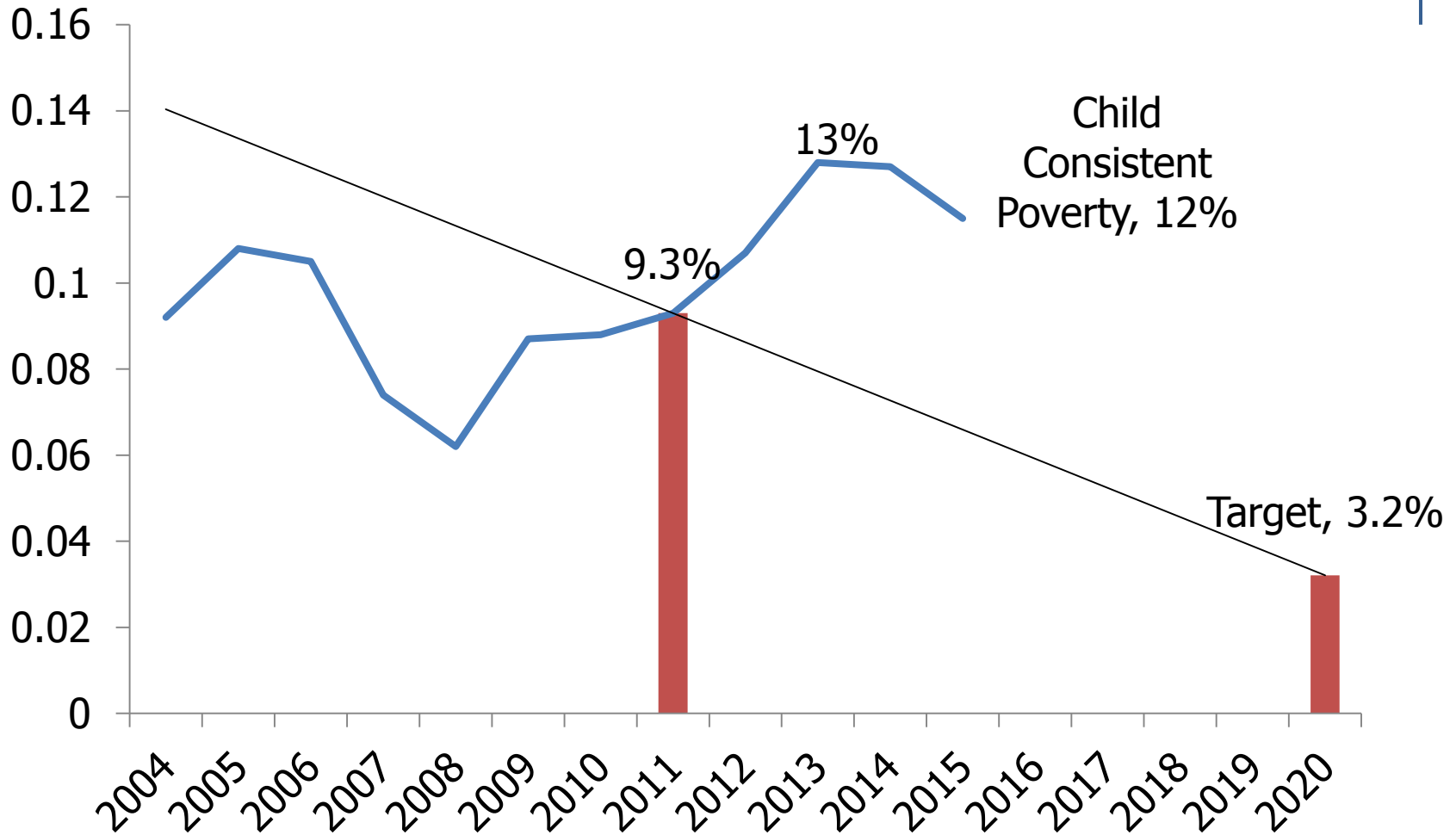


Child Poverty compared to Total Poverty



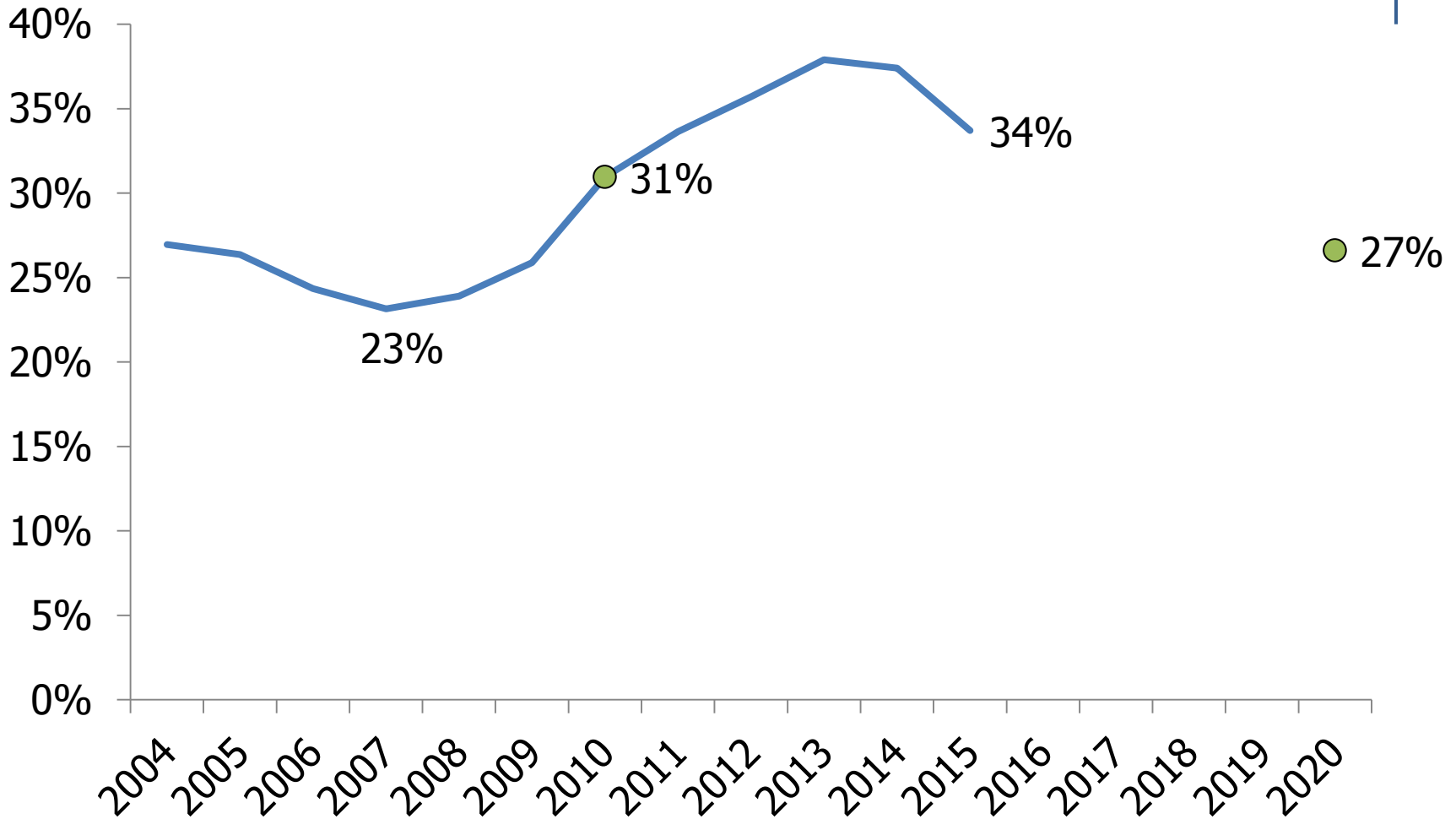
Solid line shows child poverty; dashed line shows total poverty.

Child Consistent Poverty Rate and Target



To lift over 70,000 children (aged 0 -17 years) out of consistent poverty by 2020, a reduction of at least two-thirds on the 2011 level.

Combined Poverty Trends and Target



Combined Poverty = income poor or basic deprived. Target = to reduce by a minimum of 200,000 the population in 'combined poverty' between 2010 and 2020.

Some comments ...

- Targets are about population in private households
- Certain small but vulnerable groups not visible – Travellers, homeless, asylum seekers in direct provision
- When there is little chance of meeting a target, how do we respond?
 - Change the target to something more ‘realistic’?
 - Investigate why targets were not met?
 - Review our priorities – emphasise improvements for the most vulnerable groups?

Questions for this session

- What national social targets for poverty reduction would you like to see in the new National Action Plan for Social Inclusion?
- How can the situation of vulnerable groups, with higher poverty rates, be reflected in the national social targets?
- What supporting indicators would you like to see used in monitoring the national social targets?



Thank you!