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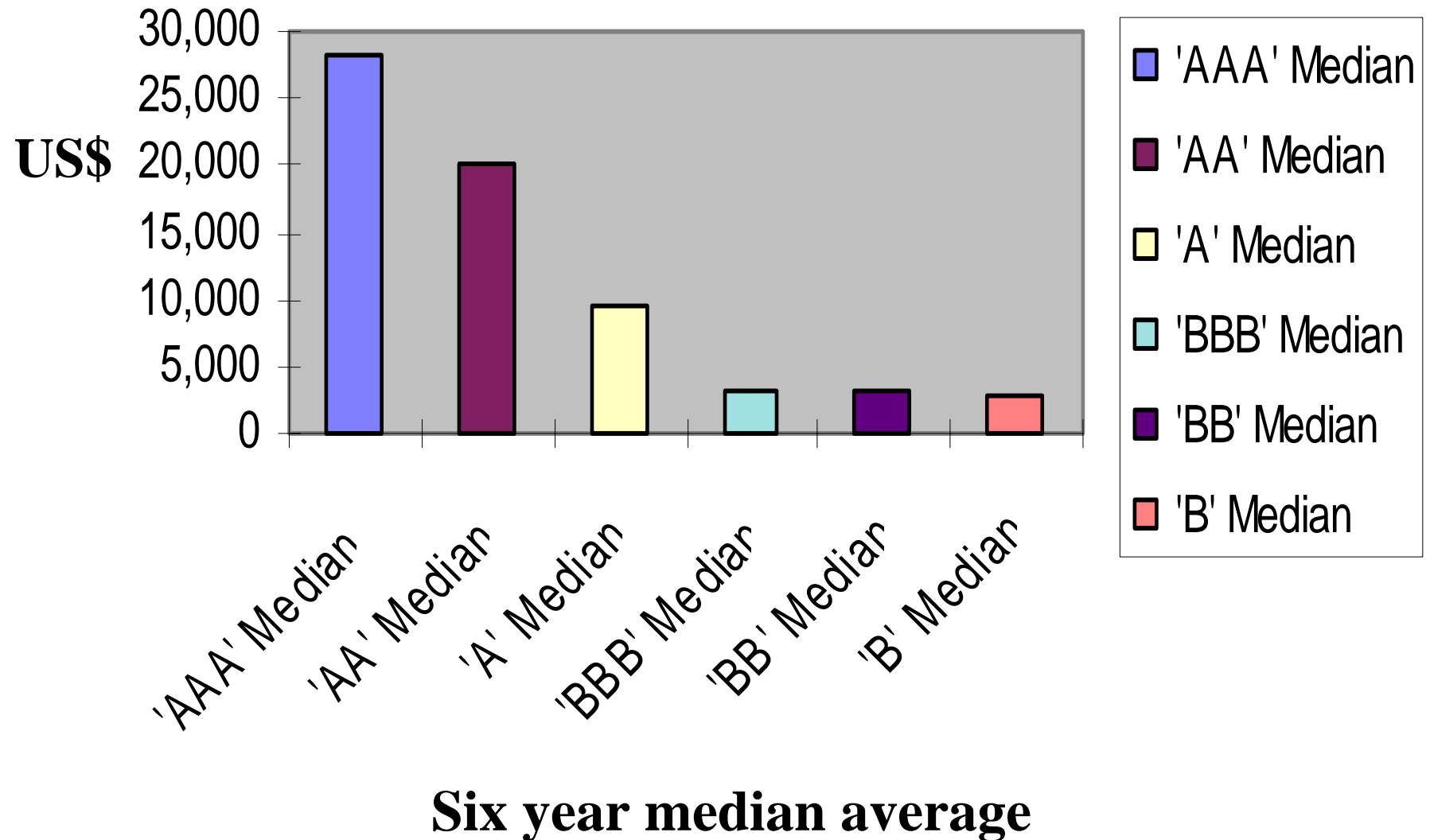
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Evaluating Sovereign Credit Worthiness

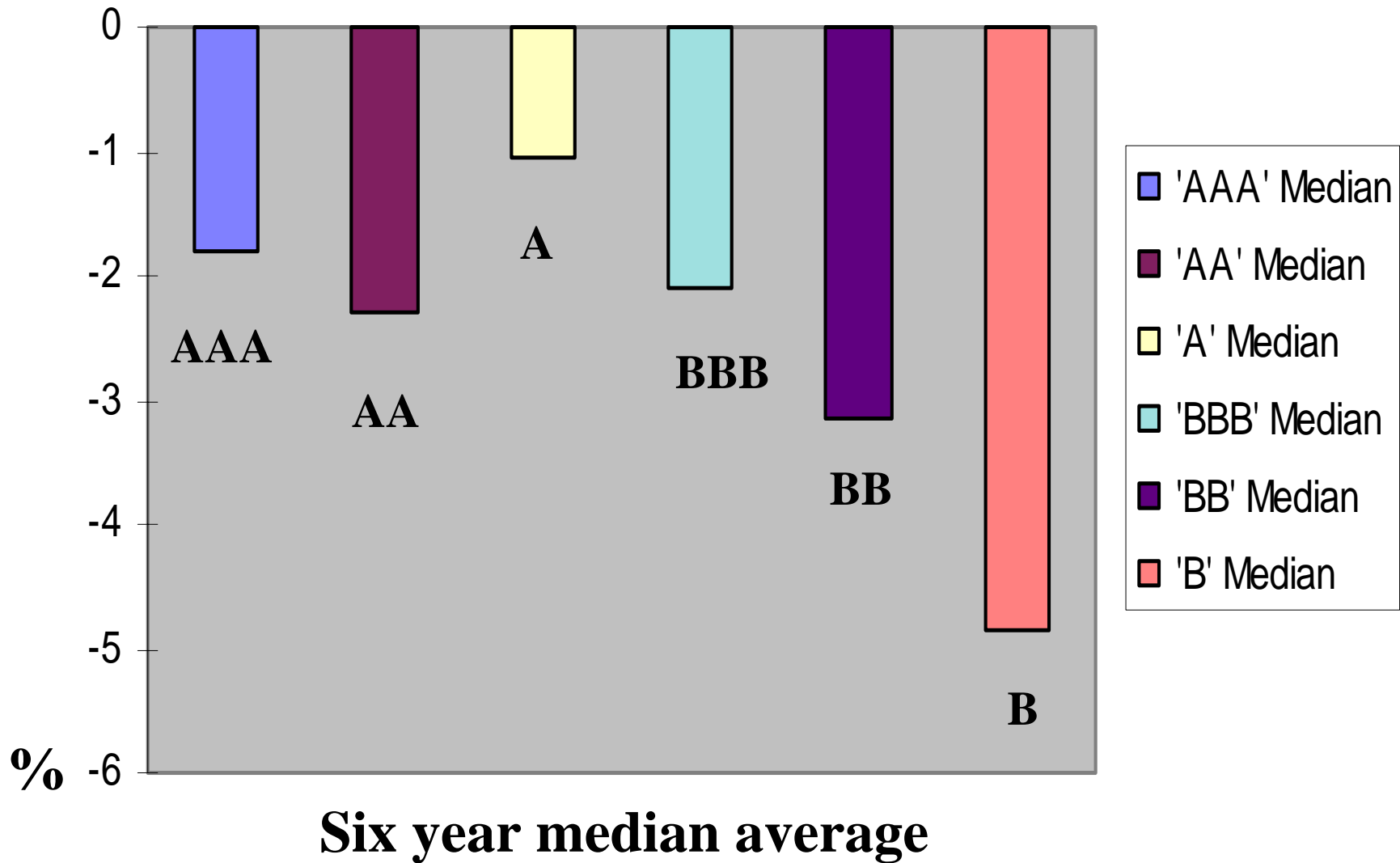
Second Sovereign Debt Management Forum

The World Bank, Nov. 1999

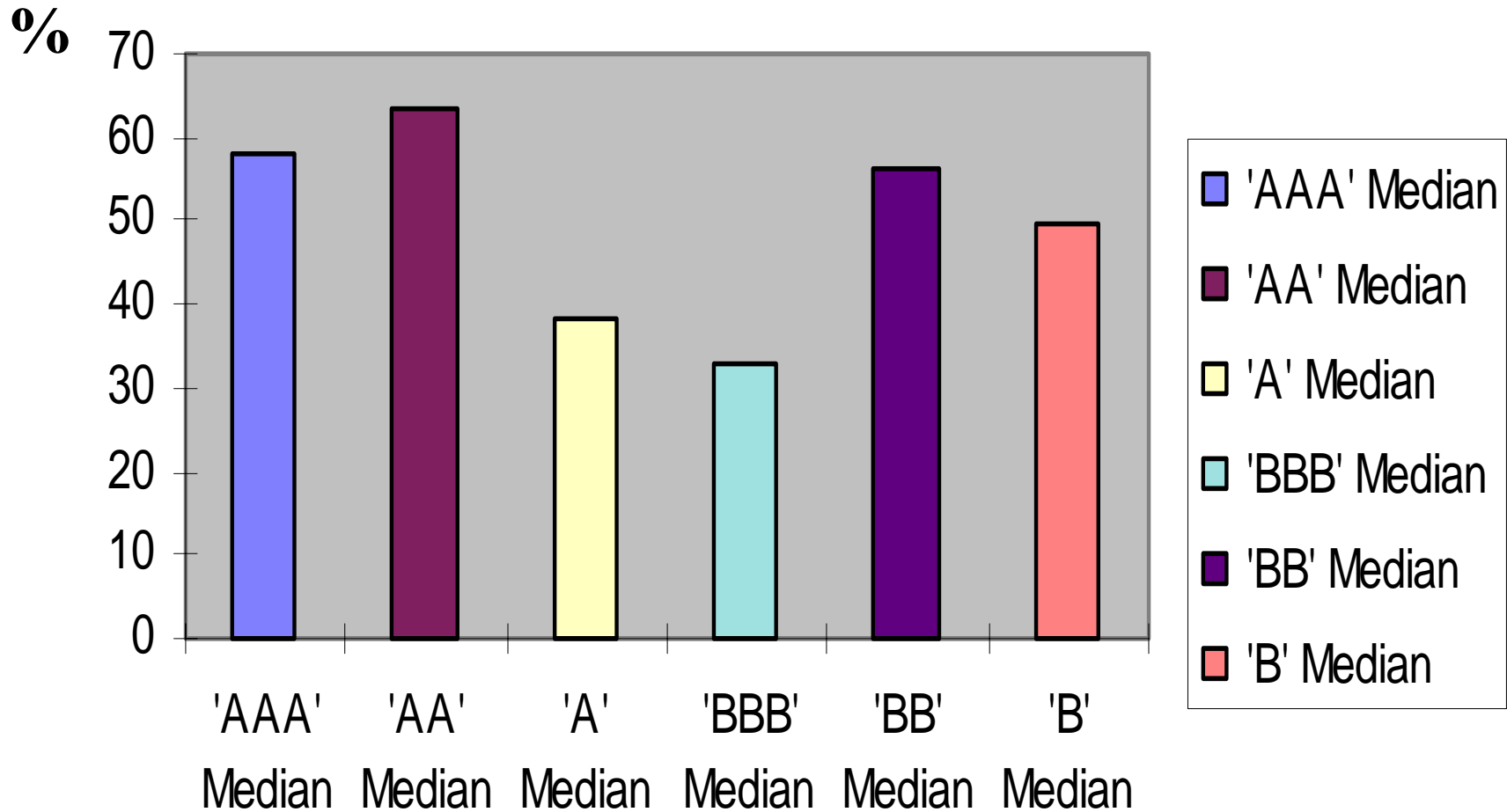
GDP per capita



General government balance / GDP

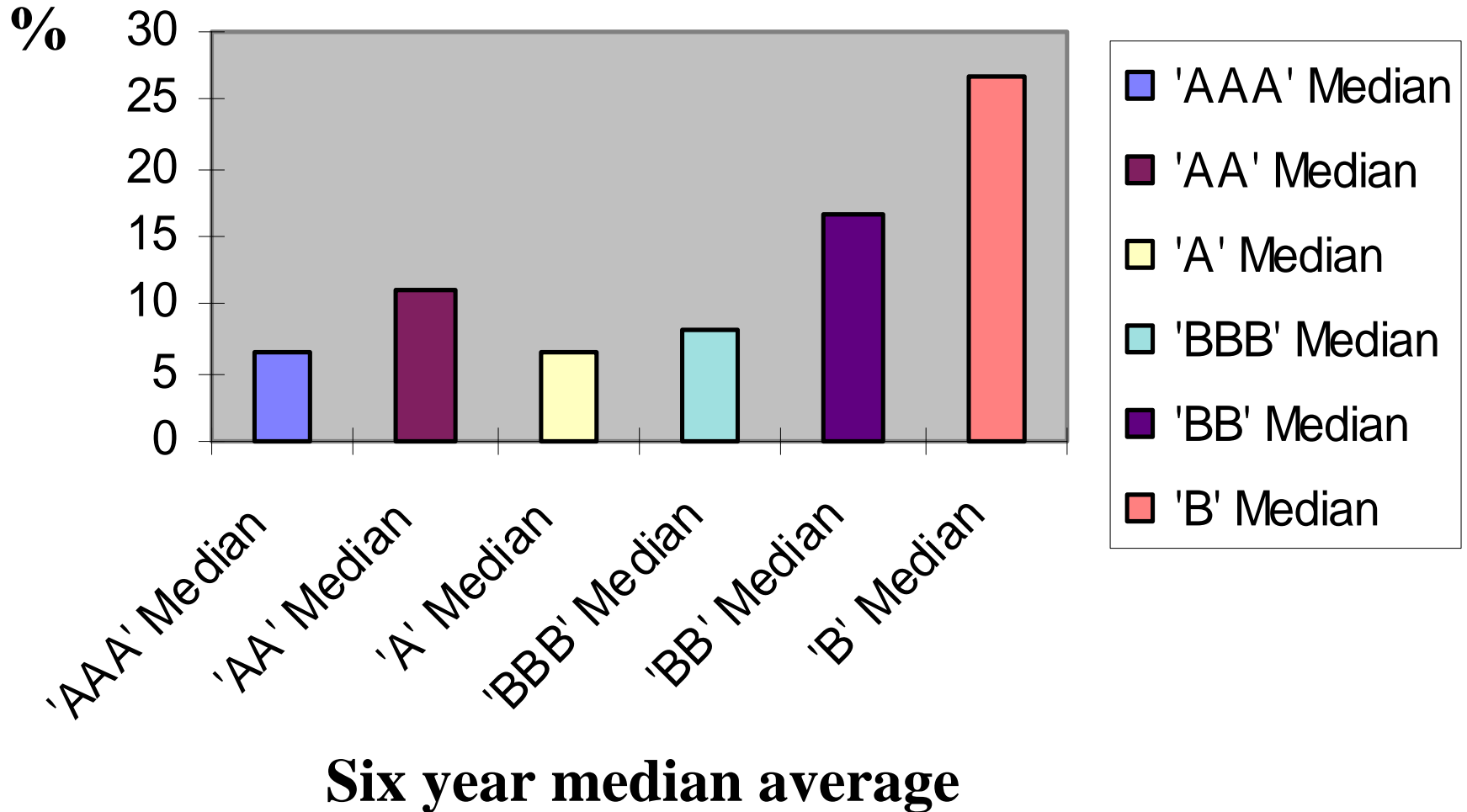


General government debt / gdp

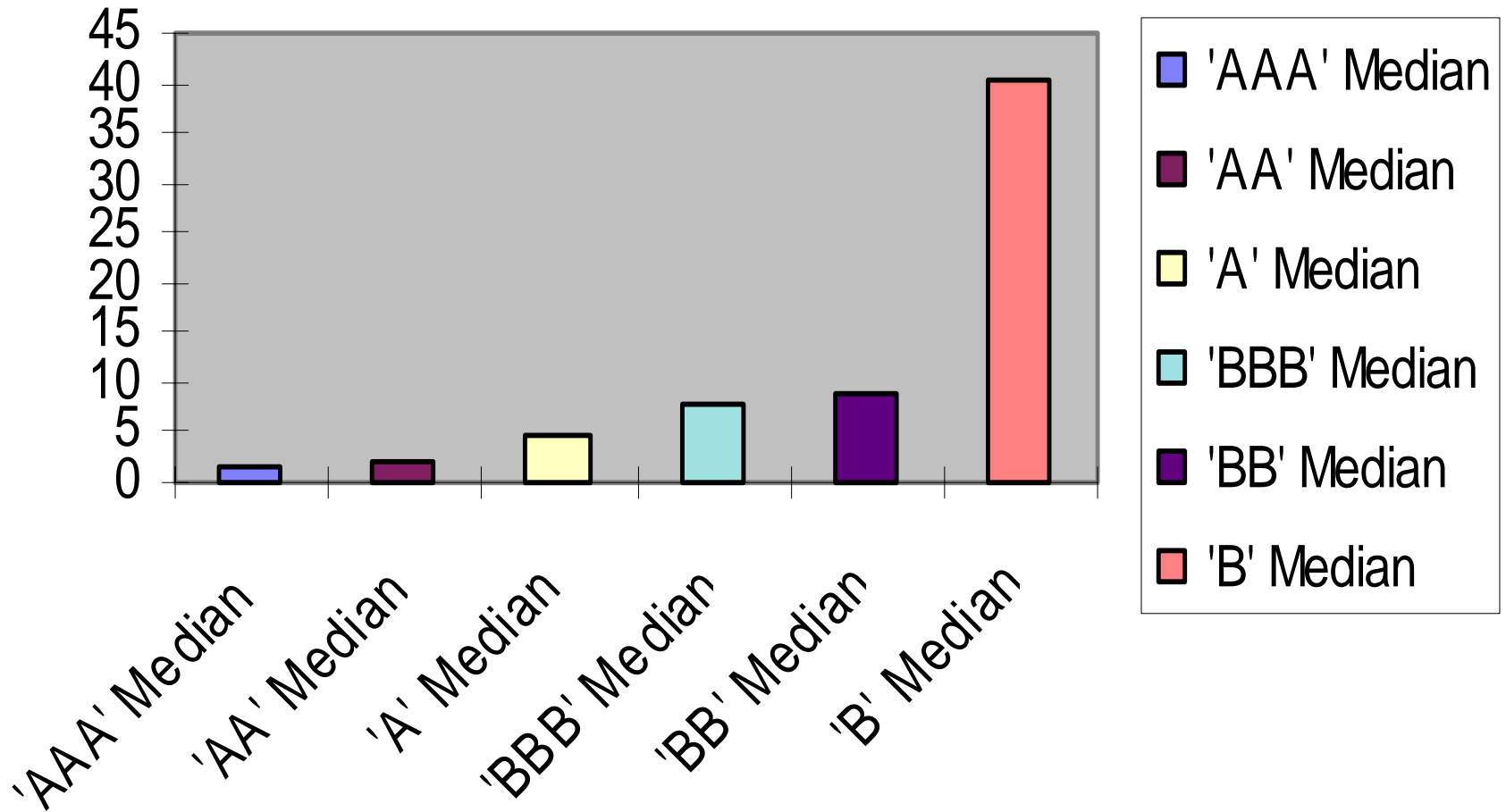


Six year median average

General government interest / revenues

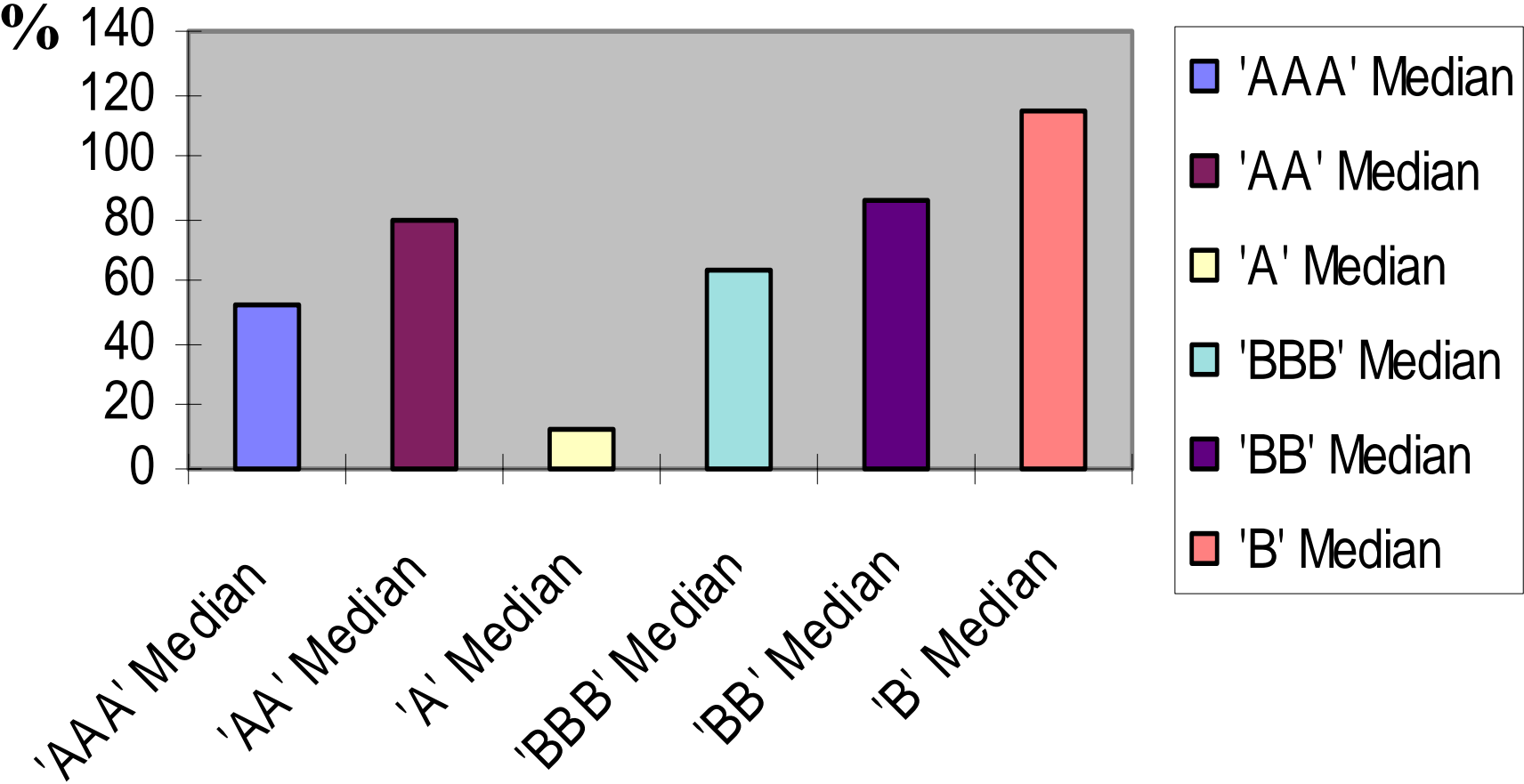


CPI, % change



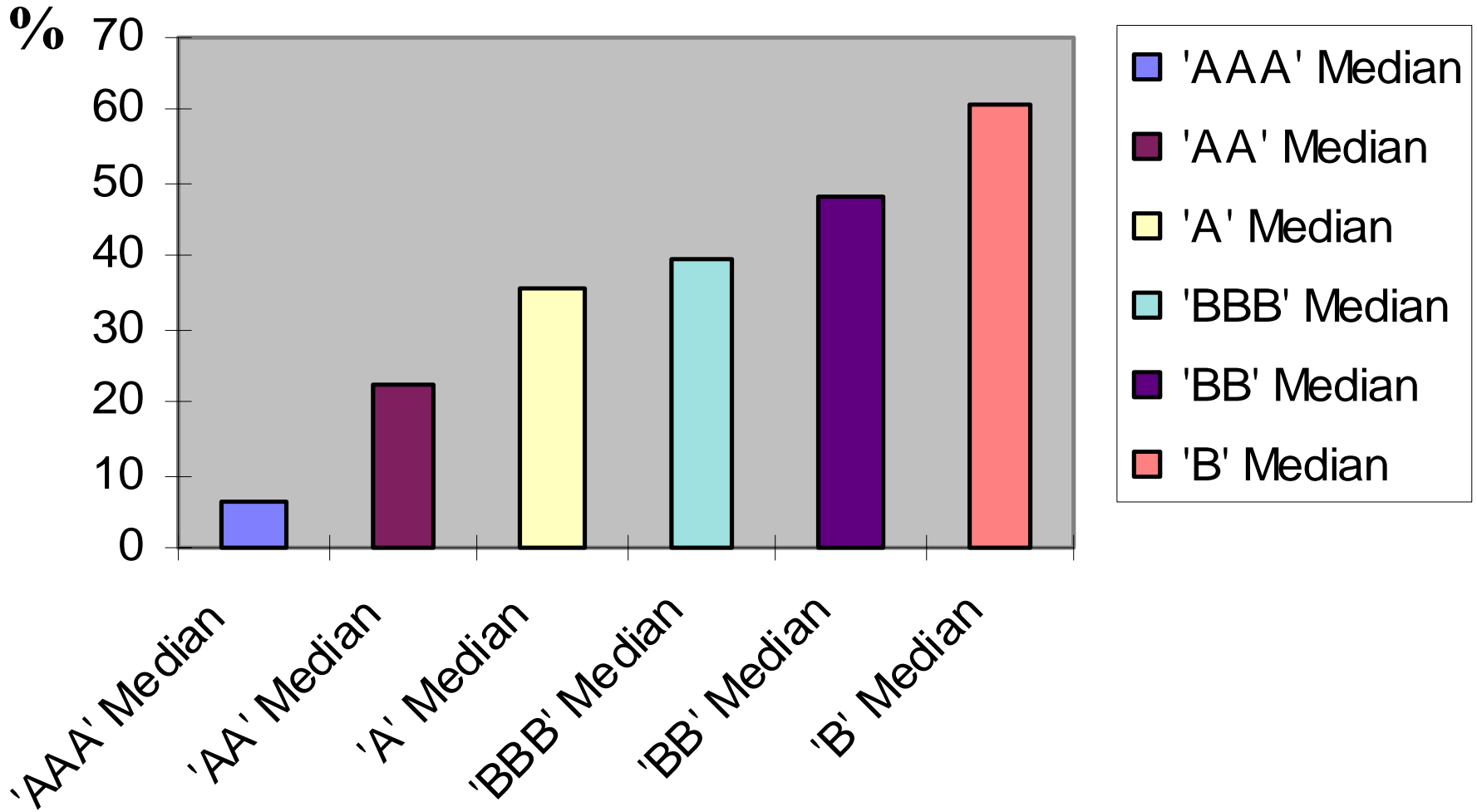
Six year median average

Narrow net external debt / exports



Six year median average

External Debt Service / Exports



Six year median average

Rating Transition Matrix

(One year)

Rating at Dec. 31

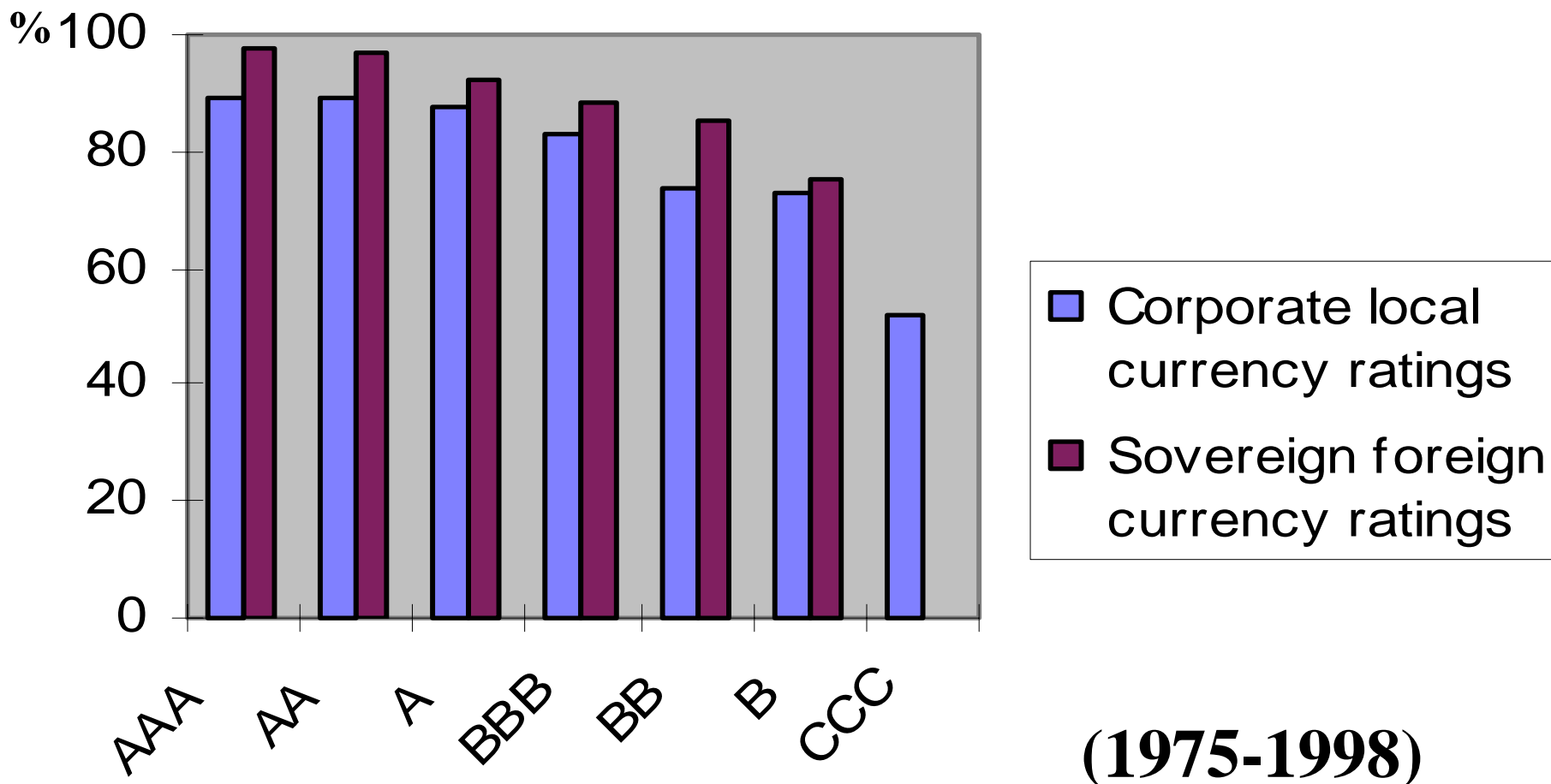
**Rating
at Jan. 1**

	AAA	AA	A	BBB	BB	B	CCC	SD	N.R.
AAA	97.34	2.66	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00
AA	0.79	96.85	0.79	0.00	0.79	0.79	0.00	0.00	0.00
A	0.00	4.62	92.31	3.08	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00
BBB	0.00	0.00	5.08	88.14	5.08	1.69	0.00	0.00	0.00
BB	0.00	0.00	0.00	5.97	85.07	5.97	0.00	2.99	0.00
B	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00	20.00	75.00	0.00	5.00	0.00
CCC	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00

**Foreign currency sovereign ratings
(1975-1998)**

Sovereign foreign currency vs. Corporate local currency ratings

Average one-year transition rates



(1975-1998)

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