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MEMORANDUM

TO: All Recipients
FROM: Bill Anderson, Chief Economist
RE: *Nevada Workforce & Economic Briefing*

The Department of Employment, Training and Rehabilitation, through its Research and Analysis Bureau, strives to make available the most comprehensive and timely Nevada labor market and economic information and analyses possible. DETR's information releases are designed to assist public officials as they go about formulating policy, the business community as they make investment decisions, and employees assessing their work options.

Please find attached the February issue of the Bureau's *Nevada Workforce & Economic Briefing*. I think that it will be a very useful tool and provide recipients with quick and easy access to information necessary to interpret current trends.

I trust that you will find the information and analyses in the *Briefing*, which is updated on a quarterly basis, to be extremely useful and insightful. If you have any questions or need additional insights, please contact me, at 684-0387, and I will be happy to assist you.

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HIGHLIGHTS & SUMMARY

Highlights

- *Please note that, as is the case every year, the Research and Analysis Bureau, in partnership with the Bureau of Labor Statistics, will soon be releasing revisions to our historical employment and unemployment series as part of our annual benchmarking (i.e., revision) process. As a result, the historical information reported throughout this publication will be updated in the next issue of the Nevada Workforce & Economic Briefing.*
- After topping out in early-2002, Nevada's unemployment rate (seasonally adjusted¹) trended down until the beginning of 2006, and it has been on the upswing ever since. For all of 2009, the jobless rate averaged 11.8%. A record-high of 13.3% was reached in September. In 2008, the unemployment rate came in at 6.7%
- Clark County's unemployment rate came in at 11.9% for all of 2009, up from a 6.6% reading in 2008. In Washoe County, 2009's unemployment rate was 11.7%, compared to 6.8% a year ago. Carson City's rate in 2009 was 11.6%, up from 7% in 2008. All told, eight of the State's 17 counties are home to double-digit unemployment rates. Lyon (15.4%) and Nye (14.3%) lead the way. The lowest jobless rate is in Elko County, at 6.4%.
- Measured relative to a year ago, Nevada's economy has lost jobs in each month since February 2008. For all of 2009, job levels averaged 1.19 million in the State, down by 76,100 relative to the year prior. This leaves employment readings at their lowest level since 2004.
- Job losses are widespread. Both the leisure/hospitality (down 21,800) and construction (down 26,900) made significant cuts to payrolls in 2009. Professional and business services establishments reduced employment levels by nearly 11,000 over the year, while the trade/transportation/utilities sector cut 7,600 jobs.

¹ The seasonal adjustment process removes the month-to-month seasonal effects from a data series. Over the course of a year, the levels of employment and unemployment undergo sharp fluctuations due to such seasonal developments as changes in weather, the planting and harvesting of crops, major holidays, and the opening and closing of schools. Since these seasonal events follow a more or less regular pattern each year, their influence on statistical trends can be eliminated by adjusting the statistics from month to month.

- At the sub-State level, Las Vegas metro area job readings were off 6.1%, or 55,500, from year-ago levels in 2009. In the Reno metro area, job levels were down 7.6% (16,300). Jobs in the Carson City MSA have also trended down, and stand 5% lower than in 2008.
- Due, in part, to the disproportionate impacts on construction and discretionary consumer spending, this recession has impacted Nevada much harder than the nation as a whole. The U.S. unemployment rate averaged 9.3% in 2009. As of December, Nevada was home to the second-highest unemployment rate in the nation (13%), trailing only Michigan's 14.6%. Similarly, employment declined at a 6% clip in Nevada during 2009, considerably higher than the 4.3% job loss for the nation as a whole. This represents a significant reversal in the State's relative fortunes. During a five-year period ending in 2007, job growth in Nevada averaged 4.2% annually, well in excess of the 1.1% average annual gain in the U.S. as a whole.
- During the first three quarters of 2009, Nevada average weekly wages came in at \$805. During the same period in 2008, wages averaged \$815 per week. During the ten-year period ending in 2008, average weekly wages grew at an annual average rate of 3.6%.
- The growth in initial claims for unemployment insurance in Nevada moderated considerably as 2009 drew to a close, perhaps a tentative sign that overall economic conditions may be in the process of stabilizing. For the year, initial claims volume was up by one-third relative to 2008. However, in the final quarter of the year, claims were actually down 3.4% compared to the same period a year prior.
- The number of recipients receiving final State benefit payments averaged 9,200 in 2009, up from 3,800 a year ago. The vast majority of these individuals became eligible for federally-funded extended benefit programs upon the expiration of their regular State benefits.
- Growth in the number of Nevada's employers has been easing since mid-2006, but growth turned negative in 2009. By year-end, there were 58,100 employers in Nevada, down 3.6% from a year ago.
- Nevada's taxable sales, which comprise the tax base for the State's largest General Fund revenue source (the sales tax), declined by 17.1% during 2009, a reflection, at least in part, of weak construction activity and consumer spending. On the plus side, losses eased as the year drew to a close. Sales volume in the all-important month of December was down 6.6% from the previous year.

- A similar pattern is evident with respect to Las Vegas visitor volume. For the year, visitation was off by 3% relative to 2008. However, the year ended with four consecutive months of year-over-year increases. All told, Nevada gaming win was down 10.4% in 2009. This economic barometer has significant impacts on gaming tax collections, the second-largest General Fund revenue source.
- Personal income in Nevada averaged \$102.6 billion in the first three quarters of 2009. This translates into a 4.6% decline relative to the same period in 2008. Although income grew at a 1.9% clip in 2008, declines have been recorded in each of the past four quarters. Of the three major components of personal income, only transfer payments is growing. Earnings and dividends/interest/rent have been on the decline this year.
- The U.S. Census Bureau estimates that there were 6,800 residential housing permits issued in Nevada during 2009. This translates into a decline of 55% relative to 2008. At the height of the housing boom, permits totaled in excess of 47,000 during 2005.
- Although they remain weak, measures of southern Nevada residential construction and real estate activity continue to show some tentative signs of bottoming out. Perhaps the most encouraging signs come from the resale market, where 2009 activity was up 47% relative to the prior year. New home closings for the year were about one-half 2008's level, but new home permit activity did pick up a bit, albeit from an extremely low base, as the year drew to a close. Prices, both for new homes and resale properties, remain fairly stagnant, however.

2007 and 2008 Summary (continued)

Retail and Gaming Activity Summary

	January	February	March	April	May	June	July	August	September	October	November	December
Taxable Sales (millions of \$)												
2008 YTD Total	\$3,524	\$7,145	\$11,450	\$15,370	\$19,419	\$23,622	\$27,409	\$31,463	\$35,322	\$39,054	\$42,439	\$46,355
2009 YTD Total	\$3,071	\$6,006	\$9,602	\$12,819	\$16,012	\$19,354	\$22,429	\$25,506	\$28,682	\$31,751	\$34,768	\$38,423
2008-2009 Change	-12.9%	-15.9%	-16.1%	-16.6%	-17.5%	-18.1%	-18.2%	-18.9%	-18.8%	-18.7%	-18.1%	-17.1%
Las Vegas Visitor Volume												
2008 YTD Total	3,138,312	6,246,309	9,670,074	12,935,325	16,331,316	19,510,788	22,733,244	25,944,453	28,880,952	31,920,224	34,741,853	37,481,552
2009 YTD Total	2,765,916	5,624,461	8,826,805	11,997,848	15,197,567	18,177,689	21,358,828	24,451,231	27,513,634	30,666,793	33,570,884	36,351,568
2008-2009 Change	-11.9%	-10.0%	-8.7%	-7.2%	-6.9%	-6.8%	-6.0%	-5.8%	-4.7%	-3.9%	-3.4%	-3.0%
Gaming Win (millions of \$)												
2008 YTD Total	\$1,064	\$2,079	\$3,118	\$4,118	\$5,088	\$6,037	\$7,034	\$7,969	\$8,970	\$9,875	\$10,711	\$11,599
2009 YTD Total	\$909	\$1,740	\$2,658	\$3,517	\$4,406	\$5,224	\$6,097	\$6,944	\$7,855	\$8,656	\$9,529	\$10,388
2008-2009 Change	-14.6%	-16.3%	-14.8%	-14.6%	-13.4%	-13.5%	-13.3%	-12.9%	-12.4%	-12.3%	-11.0%	-10.4%

Personal Income Summary (billions of \$; seasonally adjusted at annual rates)

	IQ	IIQ	IIIQ	IVQ
2008 YTD Average	\$107.8	\$107.7	\$107.6	\$107.1
2009 YTD Average	\$102.6	\$102.6	\$102.6	
2008-2009 Change	-4.8%	-4.7%	-4.6%	

Nevada Residential Housing Permit Activity Summary

	January	February	March	April	May	June	July	August	September	October	November	December
2008 YTD Total	467	2,217	2,915	3,834	5,217	7,811	9,108	11,129	12,277	13,292	13,639	14,906
2009 YTD Total	256	493	1,312	1,798	2,311	3,276	3,869	4,703	5,430	5,941	6,332	6,752
2008-2009 Change	-45.2%	-77.8%	-55.0%	-53.1%	-55.7%	-58.1%	-57.5%	-57.7%	-55.8%	-55.3%	-53.6%	-54.7%

Southern Nevada Real Estate and Construction Summary (confidential)

	January	February	March	April	May	June	July	August	September	October	November	December
New Home Closings												
2008 YTD Total	881	1,772	2,918	3,912	4,833	5,755	6,517	7,346	8,322	9,164	9,807	10,491
2009 YTD Total	284	641	1,132	1,475	1,853	2,329	2,736	3,162	3,614	4,085	4,689	5,166
2008-2009 Change	-67.8%	-63.8%	-61.2%	-62.3%	-61.7%	-59.5%	-58.0%	-57.0%	-56.6%	-55.4%	-52.2%	-50.8%
New Home Permits												
2008 YTD Total	347	738	1,133	1,844	2,584	3,453	4,490	4,991	5,452	5,781	5,961	6,129
2009 YTD Total	179	318	551	897	1,205	1,573	2,025	2,447	2,853	3,210	3,495	3,850
2008-2009 Change	-48.4%	-56.9%	-51.4%	-51.4%	-53.4%	-54.4%	-54.9%	-51.0%	-47.7%	-44.5%	-41.4%	-37.2%
New Home Median Price												
2008	\$274,000	\$283,000	\$278,630	\$285,990	\$278,245	\$269,900	\$265,000	\$256,000	\$251,000	\$246,430	\$247,990	\$245,000
2009	\$234,173	\$219,900	\$220,000	\$215,650	\$212,900	\$205,490	\$206,549	\$210,000	\$208,240	\$205,500	\$199,928	\$216,854
2008-2009 Change	-14.5%	-22.3%	-21.0%	-24.6%	-23.5%	-23.9%	-22.1%	-18.0%	-17.0%	-16.6%	-19.4%	-11.5%
Recorded Resales												
2008 YTD Total	1,488	3,017	4,916	7,163	9,769	12,500	15,669	18,720	21,845	24,985	27,503	30,491
2009 YTD Total	2,536	5,142	8,362	12,014	15,728	20,264	24,635	28,468	32,589	36,843	40,539	44,885
2008-2009 Change	70.4%	70.4%	70.1%	67.7%	61.0%	62.1%	57.2%	52.1%	49.2%	47.5%	47.4%	47.2%

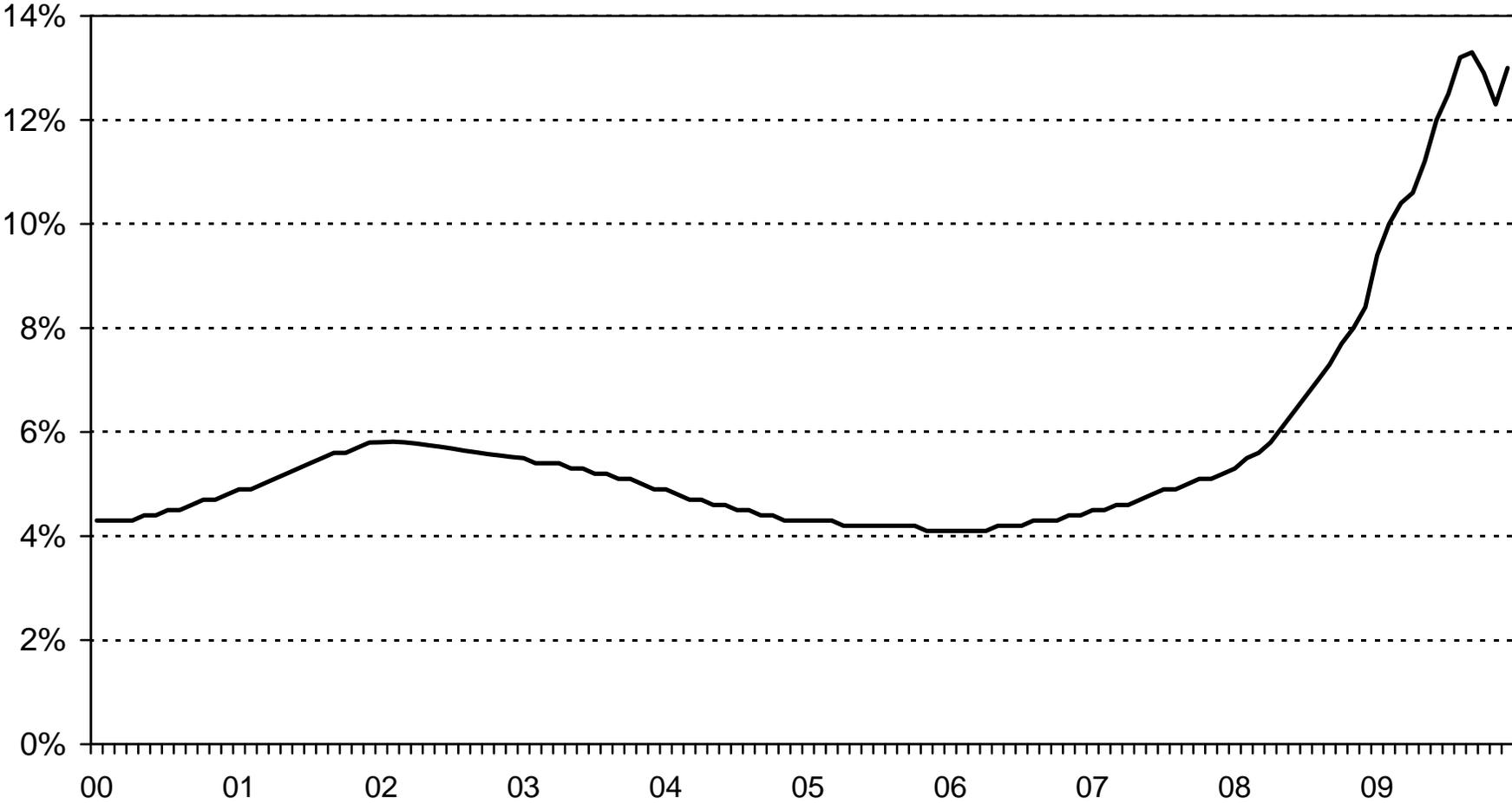
UNEMPLOYMENT RATE

Nevada Unemployment Rate
(seasonally adjusted)

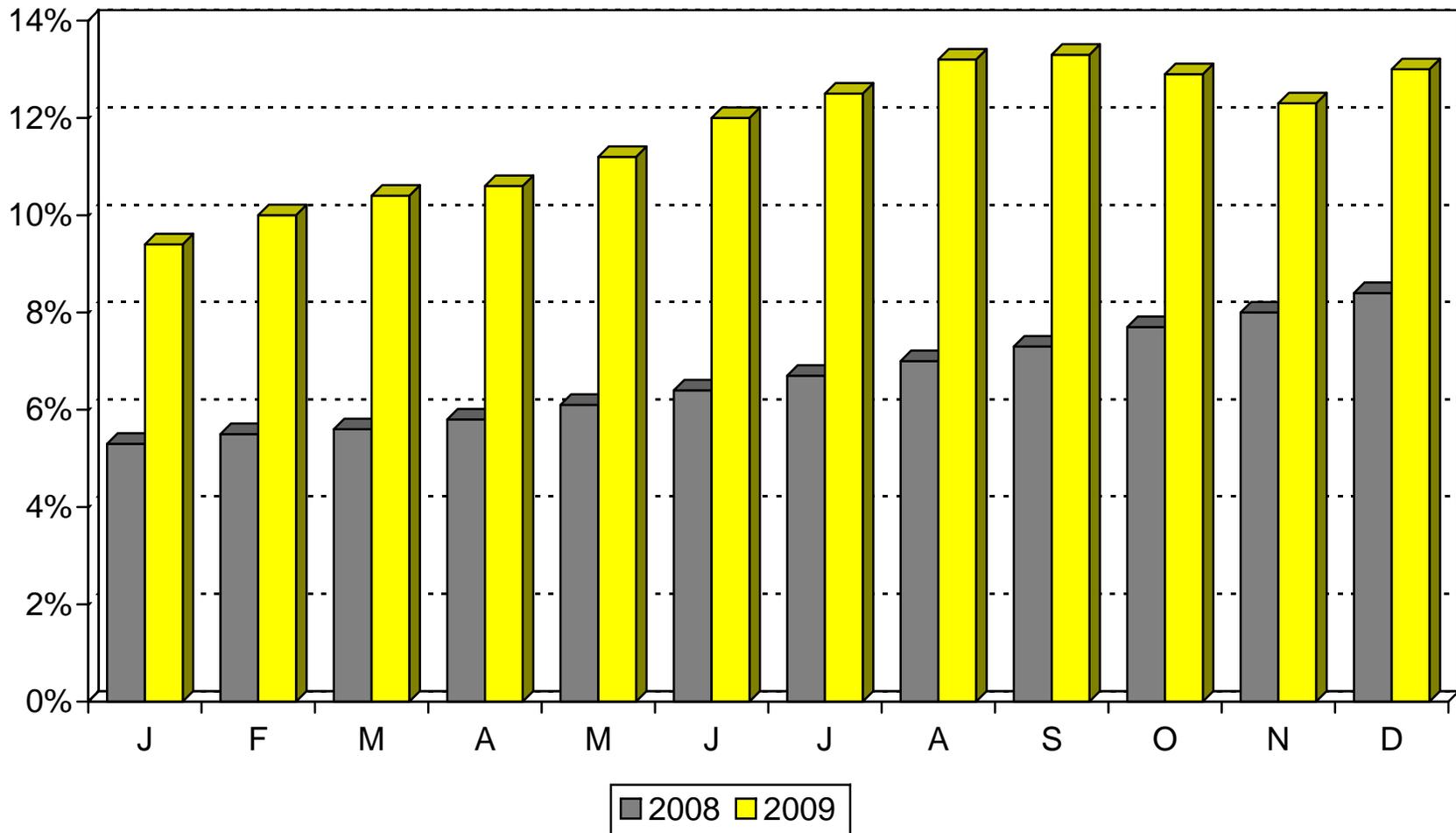
	January	February	March	April	May	June	July	August	September	October	November	December	Annual Average
2000	4.3%	4.3%	4.3%	4.3%	4.4%	4.4%	4.5%	4.5%	4.6%	4.7%	4.7%	4.8%	4.5%
2001	4.9%	4.9%	5.0%	5.1%	5.2%	5.3%	5.4%	5.5%	5.6%	5.6%	5.7%	5.8%	5.3%
2002	5.8%	5.8%	5.8%	5.8%	5.7%	5.7%	5.7%	5.6%	5.6%	5.6%	5.5%	5.5%	5.7%
2003	5.5%	5.4%	5.4%	5.4%	5.3%	5.3%	5.2%	5.2%	5.1%	5.1%	5.0%	4.9%	5.3%
2004	4.9%	4.8%	4.7%	4.7%	4.6%	4.6%	4.5%	4.5%	4.4%	4.4%	4.3%	4.3%	4.5%
2005	4.3%	4.3%	4.3%	4.2%	4.2%	4.2%	4.2%	4.2%	4.2%	4.2%	4.1%	4.1%	4.2%
2006	4.1%	4.1%	4.1%	4.1%	4.2%	4.2%	4.2%	4.3%	4.3%	4.3%	4.4%	4.4%	4.2%
2007	4.5%	4.5%	4.6%	4.6%	4.7%	4.8%	4.9%	4.9%	5.0%	5.1%	5.1%	5.2%	4.8%
2008	5.3%	5.5%	5.6%	5.8%	6.1%	6.4%	6.7%	7.0%	7.3%	7.7%	8.0%	8.4%	6.7%
2009	9.4%	10.0%	10.4%	10.6%	11.2%	12.0%	12.5%	13.2%	13.3%	12.9%	12.3%	13.0%	11.8%
2008-2009 Change (pct. points)	4.1	4.5	4.8	4.8	5.1	5.6	5.8	6.2	6.0	5.2	4.3	4.6	5.1

The federal/state cooperative program under which employment and unemployment estimates for states and local areas are developed is the Local Area Unemployment Statistics Program (LAUS). These estimates are prepared by state employment security agencies in accordance with Bureau of Labor Statistics definitions and procedures. They are used for planning and budgetary purposes, as an indication of need for employment and training programs, and to allocate federal funds under the Workforce Investment Act (WIA), Federal Emergency Management Agency (FEMA), etc.

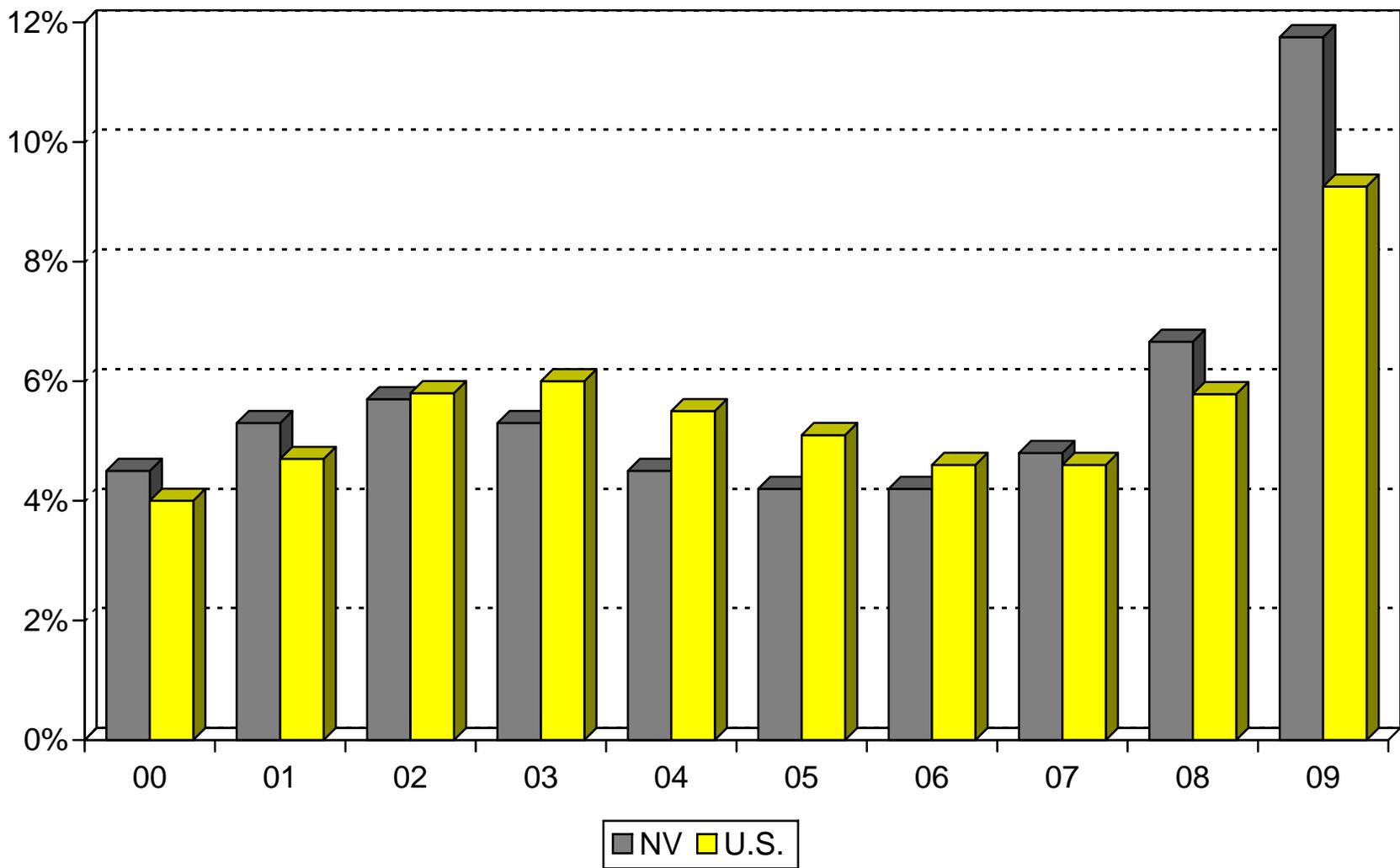
Nevada Unemployment Rate (seasonally adjusted)



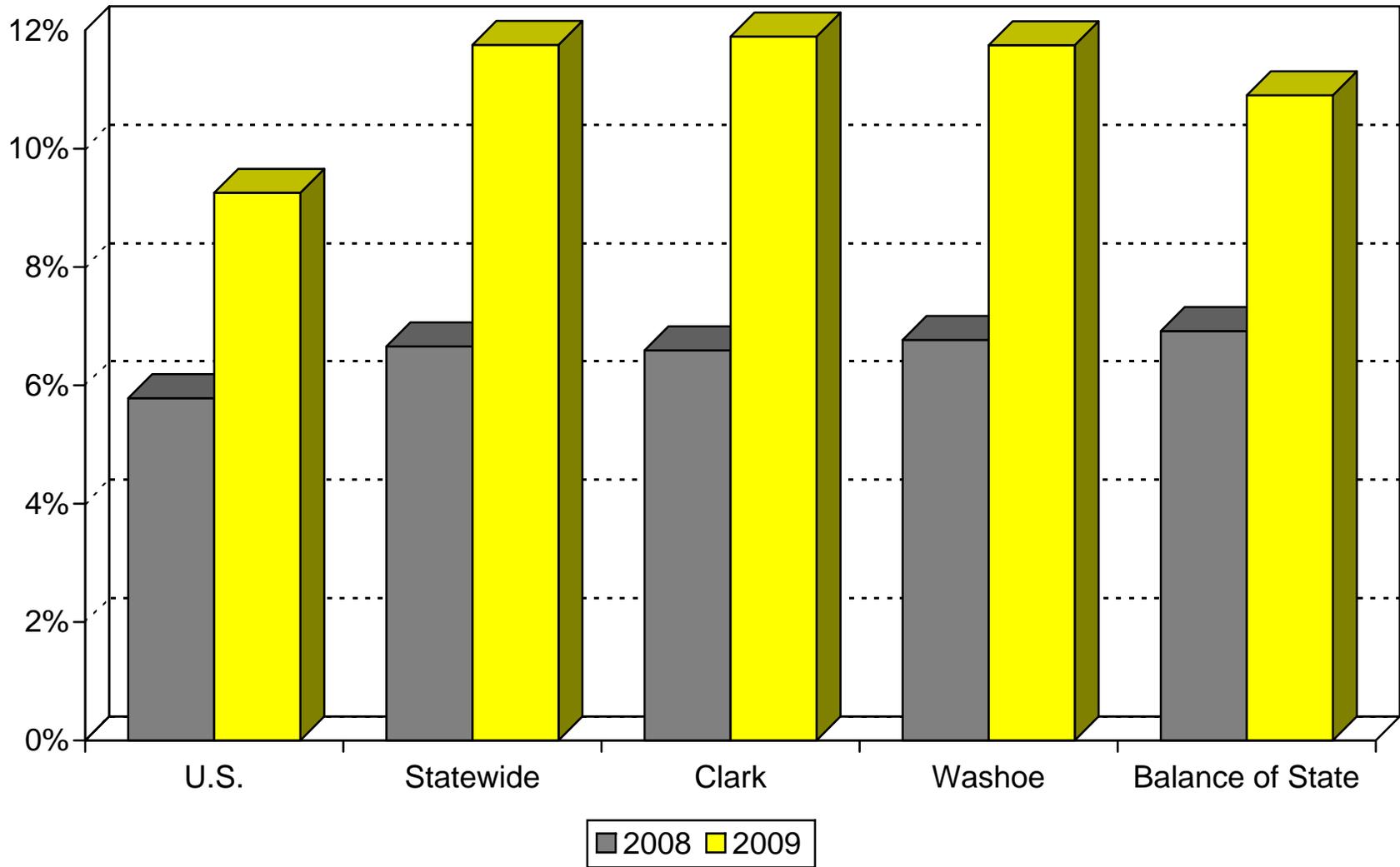
Nevada Unemployment Rate: 2009 vs. 2008 (seasonally adjusted)



Nevada Unemployment Rate vs. the U.S.



Regional Unemployment Rates



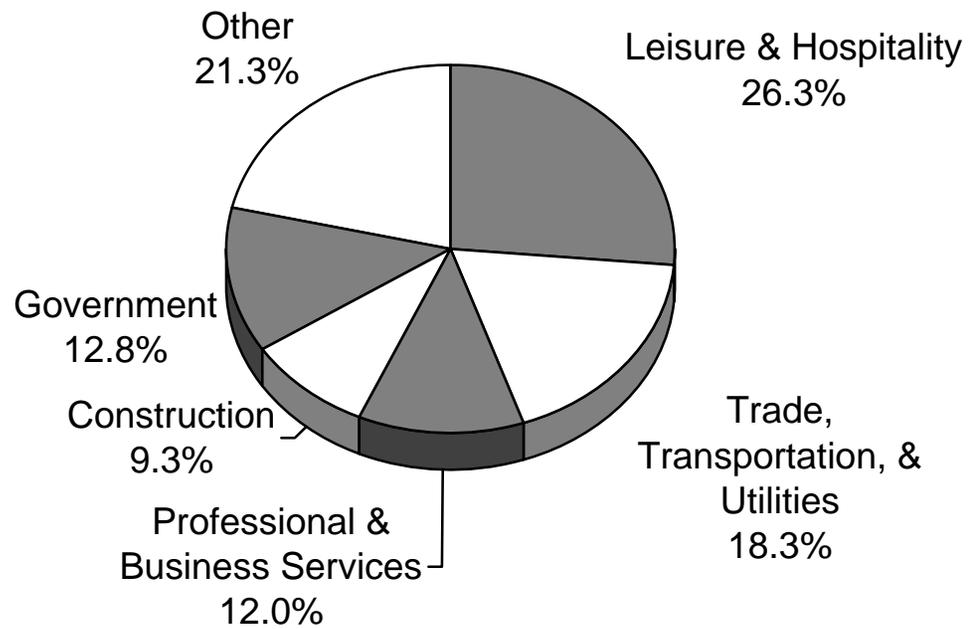
JOBS

Nevada Jobs

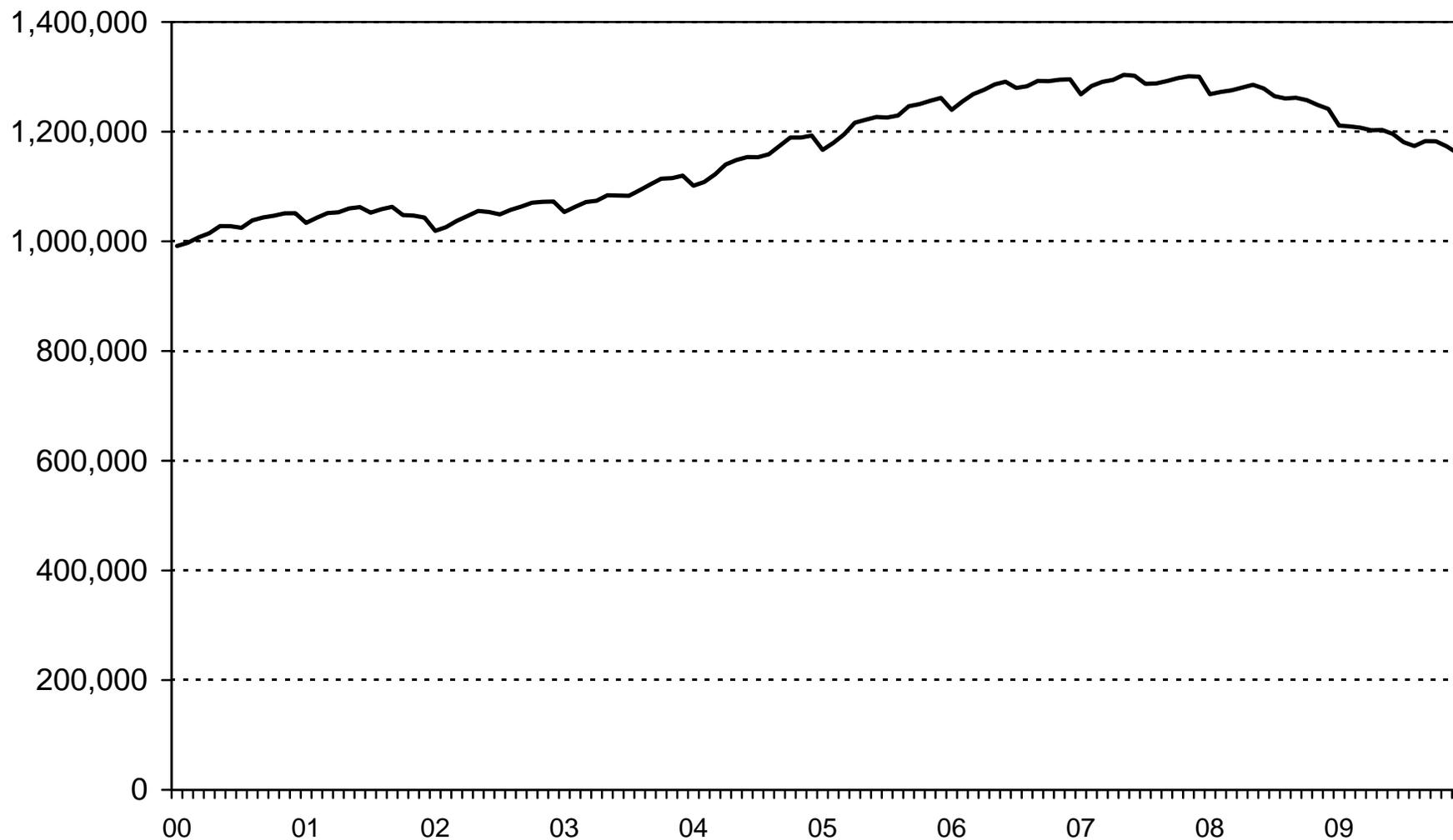
	January	February	March	April	May	June	July	August	September	October	November	December	Annual Average
2000	991,600	997,500	1,007,400	1,014,800	1,028,000	1,027,700	1,024,800	1,038,300	1,043,600	1,046,700	1,051,100	1,051,300	1,026,900
2001	1,033,800	1,043,200	1,051,700	1,053,100	1,060,200	1,062,400	1,052,300	1,058,600	1,063,100	1,048,000	1,047,000	1,043,400	1,051,400
2002	1,019,100	1,025,900	1,037,400	1,046,200	1,055,600	1,053,600	1,049,200	1,057,500	1,063,600	1,070,500	1,072,200	1,072,700	1,052,000
2003	1,053,500	1,062,900	1,071,800	1,074,100	1,084,100	1,083,600	1,083,200	1,093,200	1,103,900	1,114,300	1,115,200	1,119,900	1,088,300
2004	1,101,500	1,108,300	1,122,000	1,140,200	1,148,300	1,153,700	1,153,600	1,158,800	1,174,000	1,189,200	1,189,400	1,193,000	1,152,700
2005	1,166,700	1,179,500	1,195,000	1,216,500	1,221,800	1,226,700	1,225,700	1,229,500	1,246,400	1,250,300	1,256,300	1,261,500	1,223,000
2006	1,239,800	1,255,000	1,268,300	1,276,300	1,286,300	1,291,200	1,279,800	1,282,900	1,292,600	1,292,000	1,294,800	1,295,600	1,279,600
2007	1,268,200	1,283,300	1,290,900	1,294,500	1,303,800	1,302,100	1,287,200	1,288,100	1,292,300	1,297,700	1,301,000	1,300,400	1,292,500
2008	1,268,400	1,272,400	1,275,400	1,280,500	1,285,600	1,278,900	1,264,700	1,260,600	1,261,900	1,257,500	1,248,800	1,241,600	1,266,400
2009	1,211,000	1,209,700	1,207,200	1,202,700	1,203,100	1,195,800	1,180,700	1,173,700	1,182,800	1,182,400	1,173,400	1,160,900	1,190,300
2008-2009													
Change	-57,400	-62,700	-68,200	-77,800	-82,500	-83,100	-84,000	-86,900	-79,100	-75,100	-75,400	-80,700	-76,100
	-4.5%	-4.9%	-5.3%	-6.1%	-6.4%	-6.5%	-6.6%	-6.9%	-6.3%	-6.0%	-6.0%	-6.5%	-6.0%

The federal/state cooperative program under which job estimates for states and local areas are developed is the Current Employment Statistics Program (CES). The Program revolves around a monthly survey of non-farm business establishments used to collect wage and salary employment, hours worked, and payroll, by industry and area.

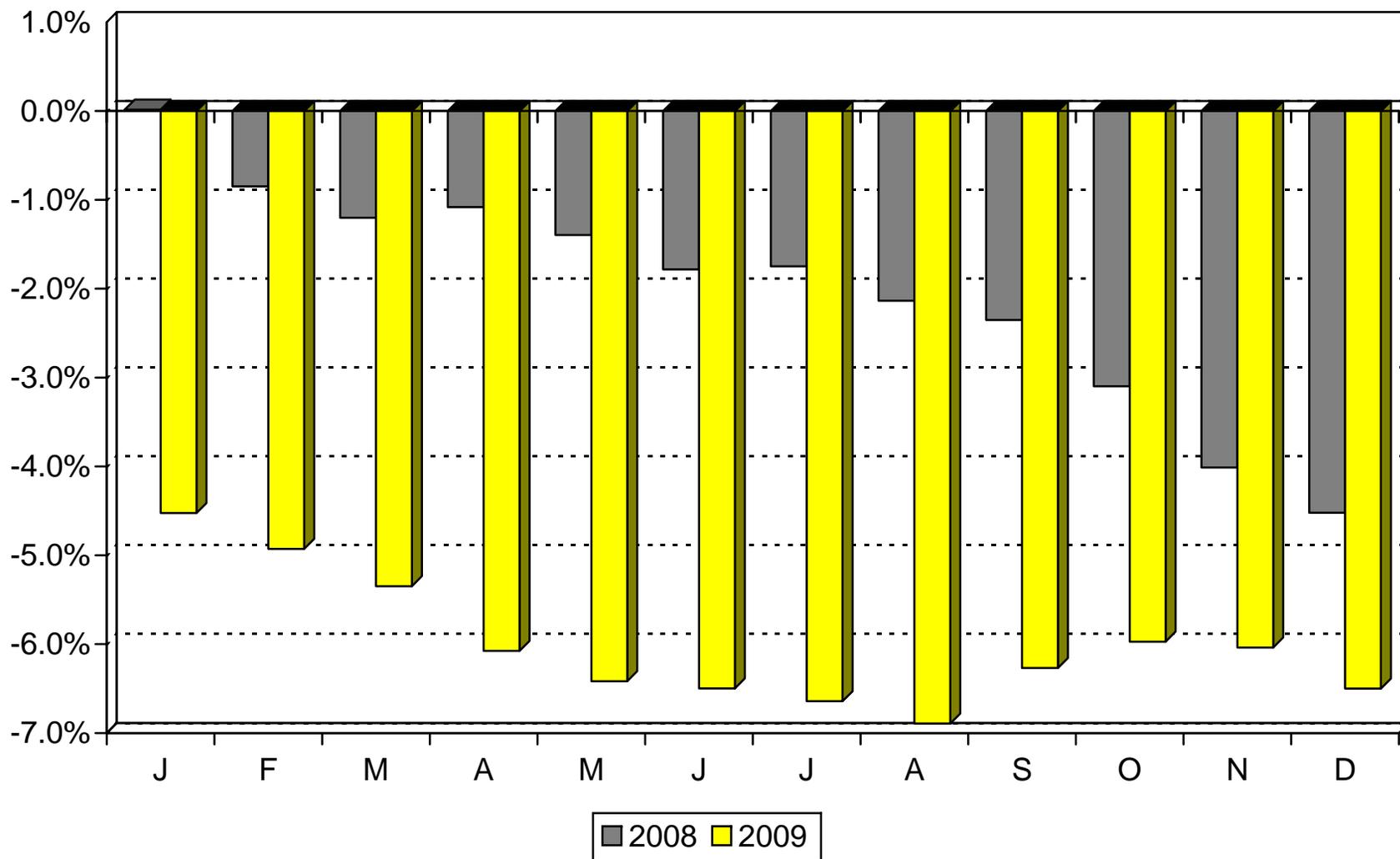
Nevada Jobs by Industry: 2008



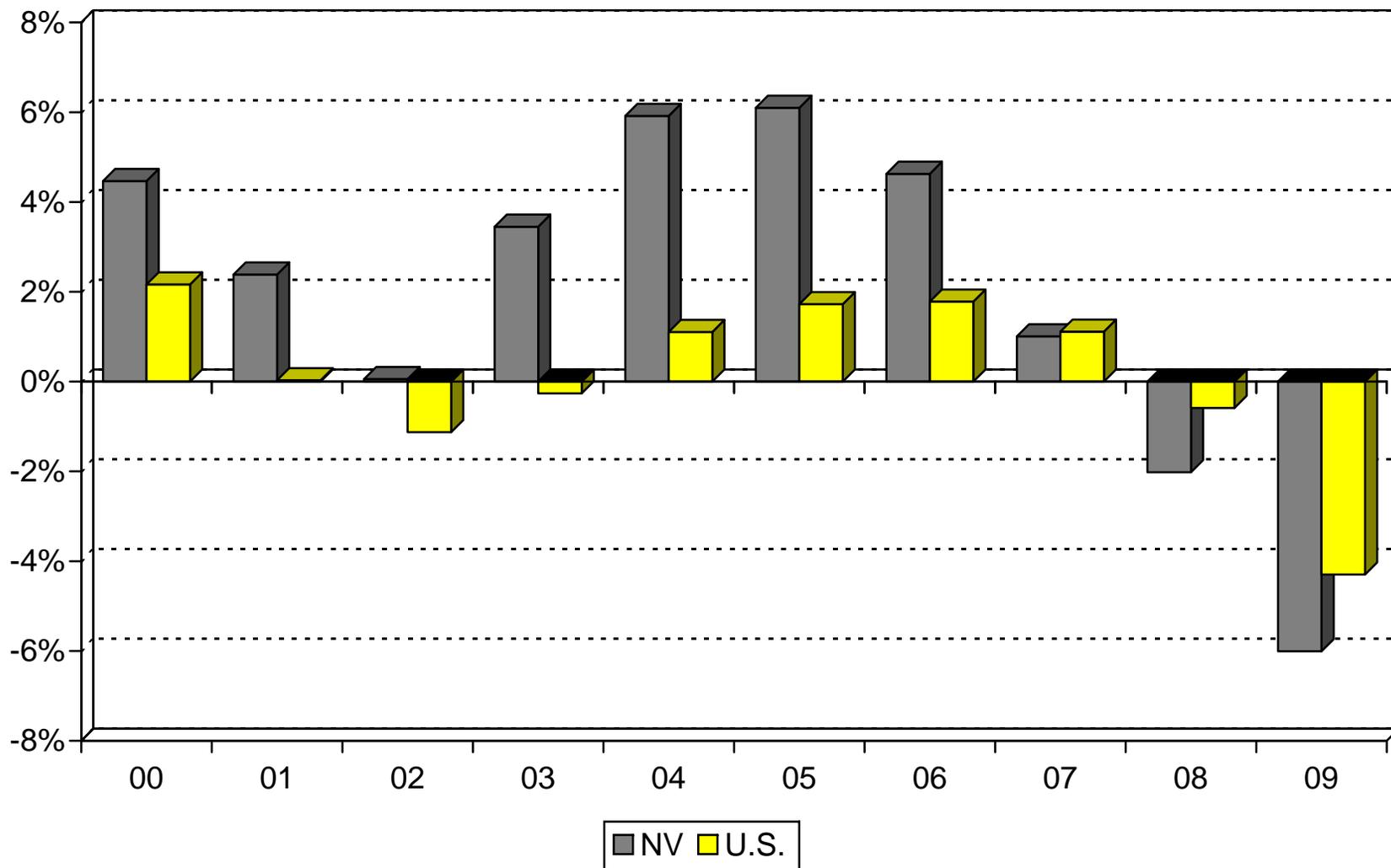
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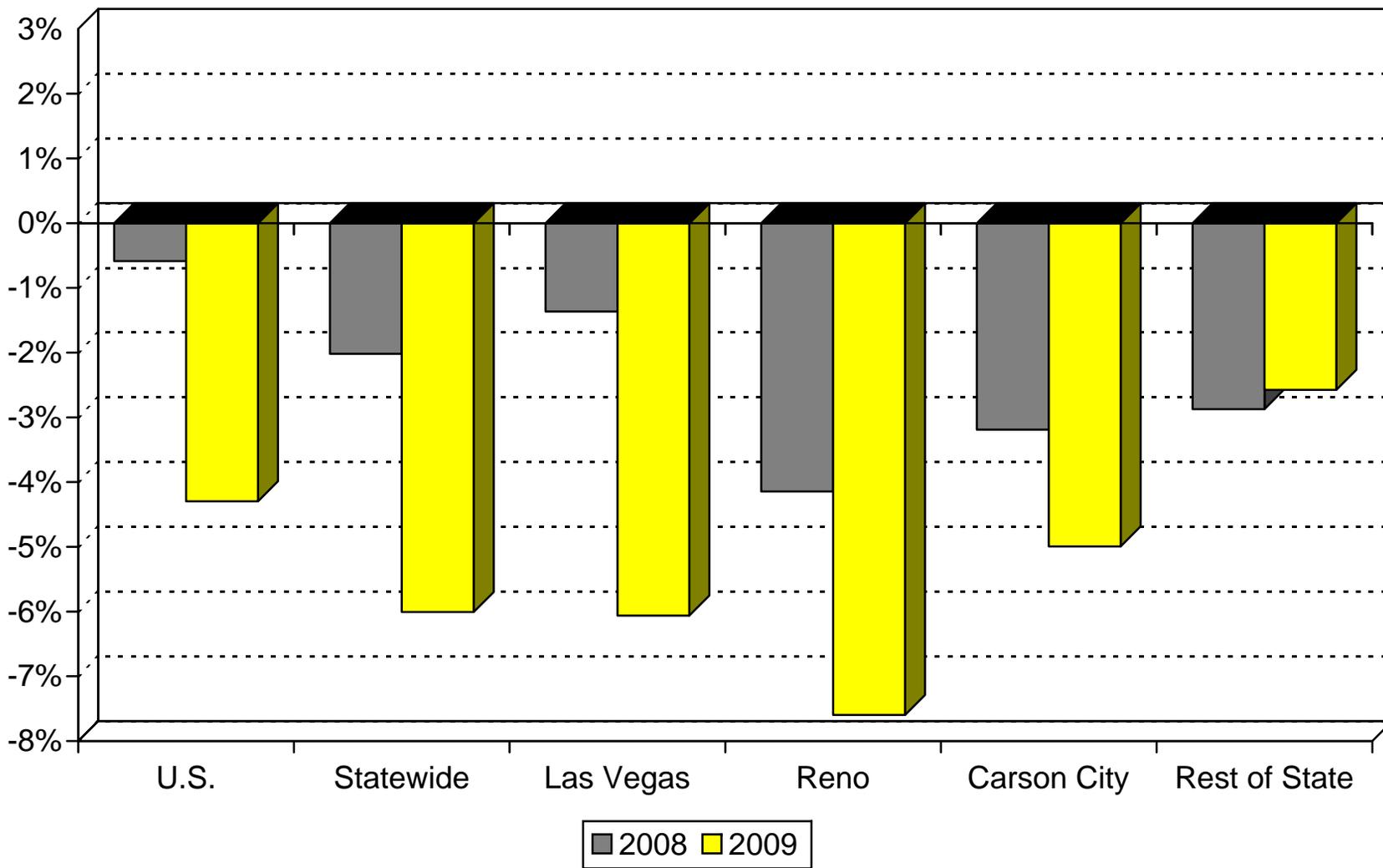
Nevada Job Growth: 2009 vs. 2008



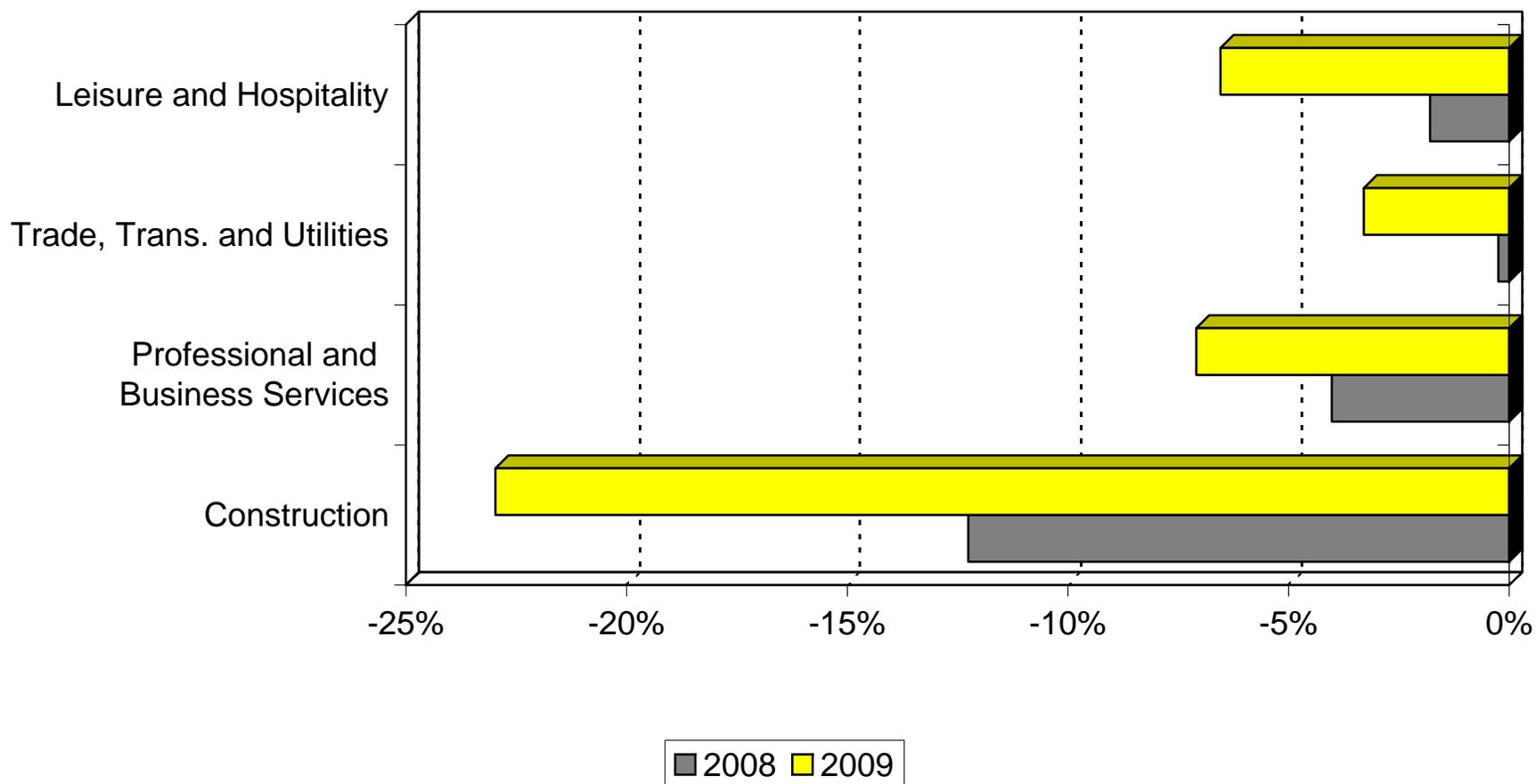
Nevada Job Growth vs. the U.S.



Regional Job Growth



Job Growth by Industry



WAGES

Nevada Average Weekly Wages

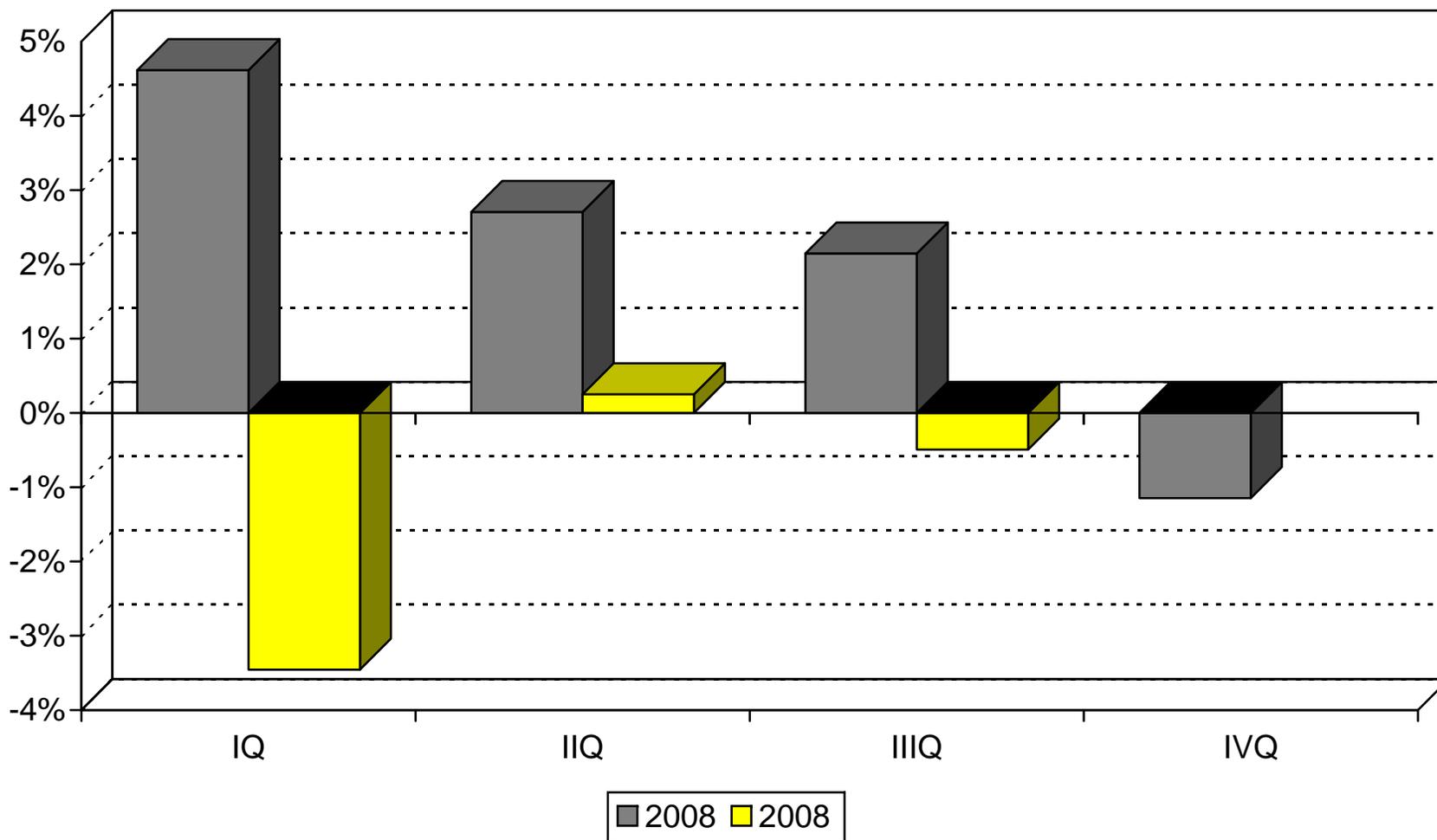
	IQ	IIQ	IIIQ	IVQ	Annual Average
2000	\$613	\$610	\$613	\$646	\$621
2001	\$627	\$628	\$633	\$660	\$637
2002	\$647	\$635	\$646	\$686	\$654
2003	\$662	\$658	\$675	\$721	\$679
2004	\$696	\$685	\$703	\$768	\$714
2005	\$716	\$738	\$751	\$775	\$745
2006	\$764	\$748	\$751	\$817	\$770
2007	\$802	\$776	\$792	\$872	\$811
2008	\$839	\$797	\$809	\$862	\$827
2009	\$810	\$799	\$805		
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2008-2009 Change	-3.5%	0.3%	-0.5%		

Average weekly wage data is obtained via the Quarterly Census of Employment and Wages (QCEW) Program. The QCEW is a federal/state cooperative program that collects and compiles employment and wage data, by industry, for workers covered by state unemployment insurance (UI) laws.

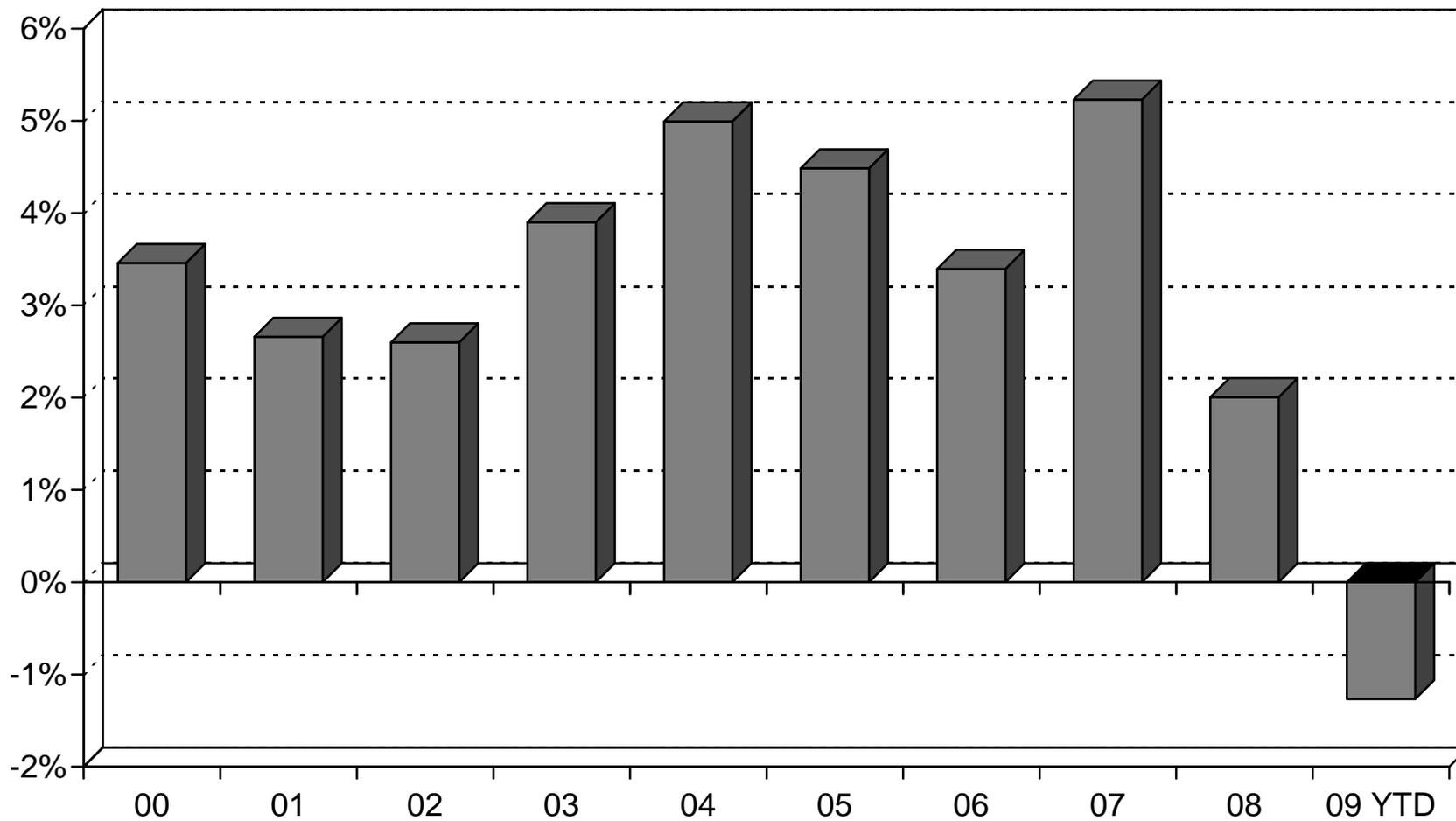
Nevada Average Weekly Wages



Nevada Average Weekly Wages Growth: 2009 vs. 2008



Nevada Average Weekly Wages Growth (2009 YTD through IIIQ)



UNEMPLOYMENT INSURANCE

Nevada Unemployment Insurance Indicators

Initial Claims

	January	February	March	April	May	June	July	August	September	October	November	December	Annual Average
2008	20,429	16,228	16,342	17,754	15,500	17,667	20,012	19,768	21,218	25,014	27,714	36,414	21,172
2009	33,988	28,640	28,723	28,895	28,142	29,213	27,099	24,996	23,686	25,285	27,762	33,021	28,288
2008-2009													
Change	13,559	12,412	12,381	11,141	12,642	11,546	7,087	5,228	2,468	271	48	-3,393	7,116
	66.4%	76.5%	75.8%	62.8%	81.6%	65.4%	35.4%	26.4%	11.6%	1.1%	0.2%	-9.3%	33.6%

Continued Claims (weeks claimed)

	January	February	March	April	May	June	July	August	September	October	November	December	Annual Average
2008	136,070	138,545	168,969	141,577	137,924	168,723	150,320	155,087	195,943	177,153	197,356	303,560	172,602
2009	273,427	296,491	393,388	320,301	363,264	347,298	308,278	351,631	266,597	260,612	311,998	274,502	313,982
2008-2009													
Change	137,357	157,946	224,419	178,724	225,340	178,575	157,958	196,544	70,654	83,459	114,642	-29,058	141,380
	100.9%	114.0%	132.8%	126.2%	163.4%	105.8%	105.1%	126.7%	36.1%	47.1%	58.1%	-9.6%	81.9%

Average Duration (weeks)

	January	February	March	April	May	June	July	August	September	October	November	December
2008	13.30	13.23	13.49	13.42	13.55	13.84	13.81	13.87	14.03	13.88	13.77	13.62
2009	13.70	13.75	14.11	14.47	14.93	15.28	15.65	16.26	16.56	16.90	17.43	17.70
2008-2009												
Change	0.40	0.52	0.62	1.05	1.38	1.44	1.84	2.39	2.53	3.02	3.66	4.08
	3.0%	3.9%	4.6%	7.8%	10.2%	10.4%	13.3%	17.2%	18.0%	21.8%	26.6%	30.0%

Exhaustions (number of final payments)

	January	February	March	April	May	June	July	August	September	October	November	December	Annual Average
2008	2,683	2,690	3,481	3,121	3,147	3,769	3,805	3,799	4,710	3,965	4,257	5,574	3,750
2009	5,367	5,954	8,413	8,230	10,826	10,323	10,894	12,729	9,304	9,158	11,182	8,421	9,233
2008-2009													
Change	2,684	3,264	4,932	5,109	7,679	6,554	7,089	8,930	4,594	5,193	6,925	2,847	5,483
	100.0%	121.3%	141.7%	163.7%	244.0%	173.9%	186.3%	235.1%	97.5%	131.0%	162.7%	51.1%	146.2%

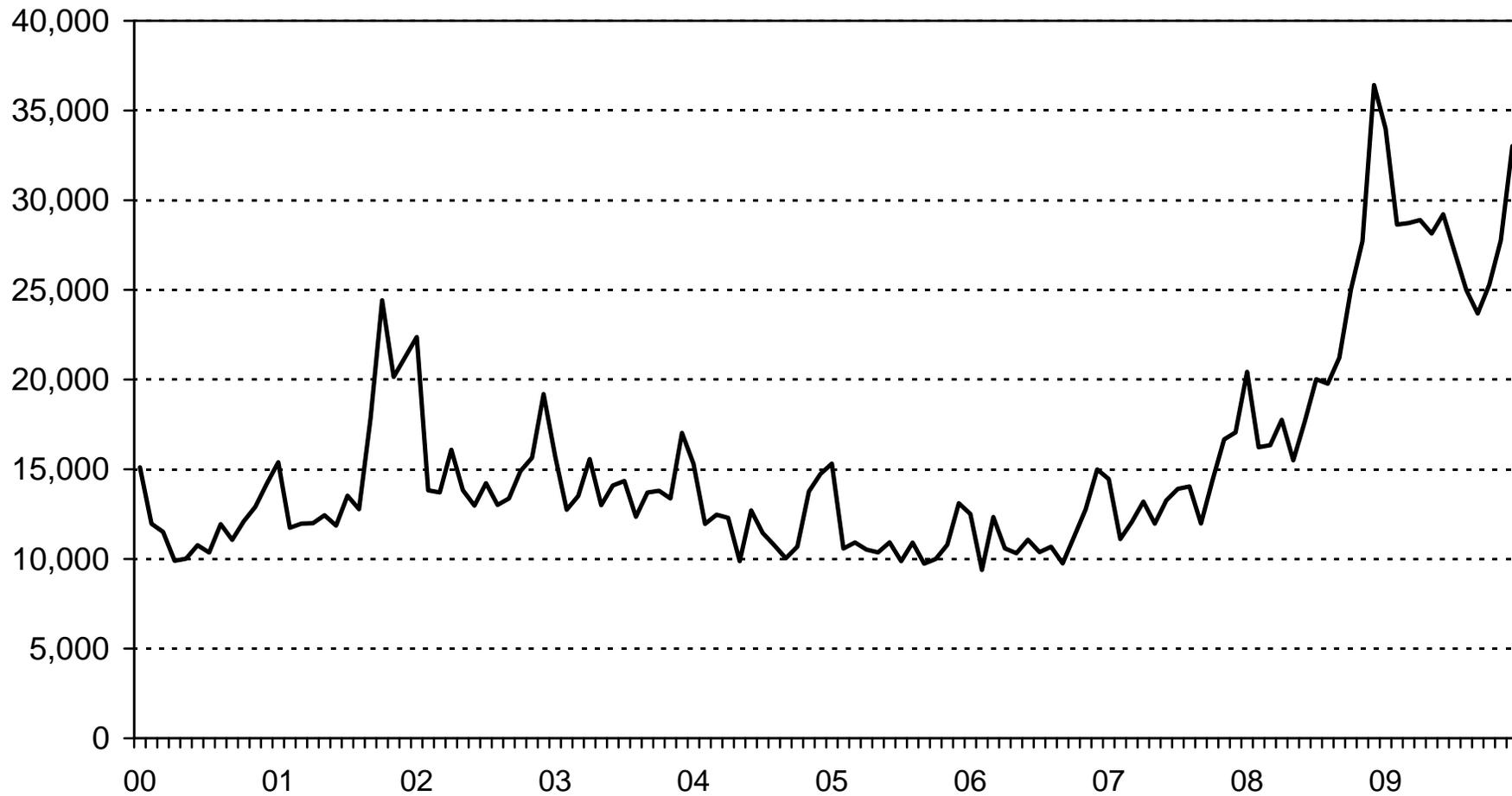
Initial Claim – An initial claim is any notice of unemployment filed by an individual to initiate 1) a determination of entitlement to and eligibility for compensation (a new claim); 2) a subsequent period of unemployment within a benefit year or period of eligibility (an additional claim); or 3) a new claim filed to request a determination of eligibility and establishment of a new benefit year within an existing spell of unemployment (transitional claim).

Continued Claim – A claim filed after the initial claim, by mail, telephone, electronically, or in person, for waiting-period credit or payment for a certified week of unemployment.

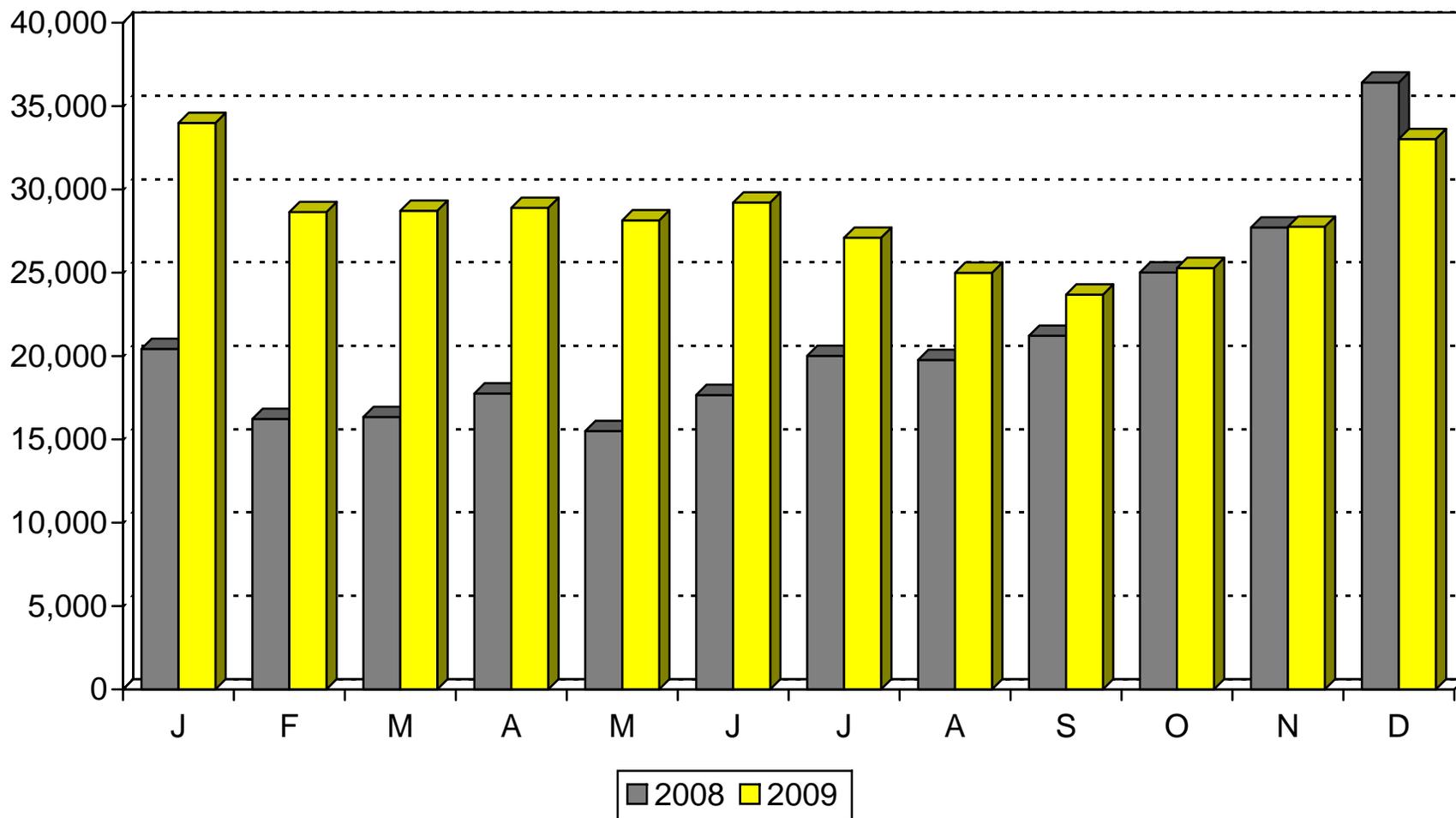
Average Duration -The average number of consecutive weeks a claim is paid, expressed on a 12-month moving average basis.

Exhaustions - Benefit payments in a claimant's final week of eligibility.

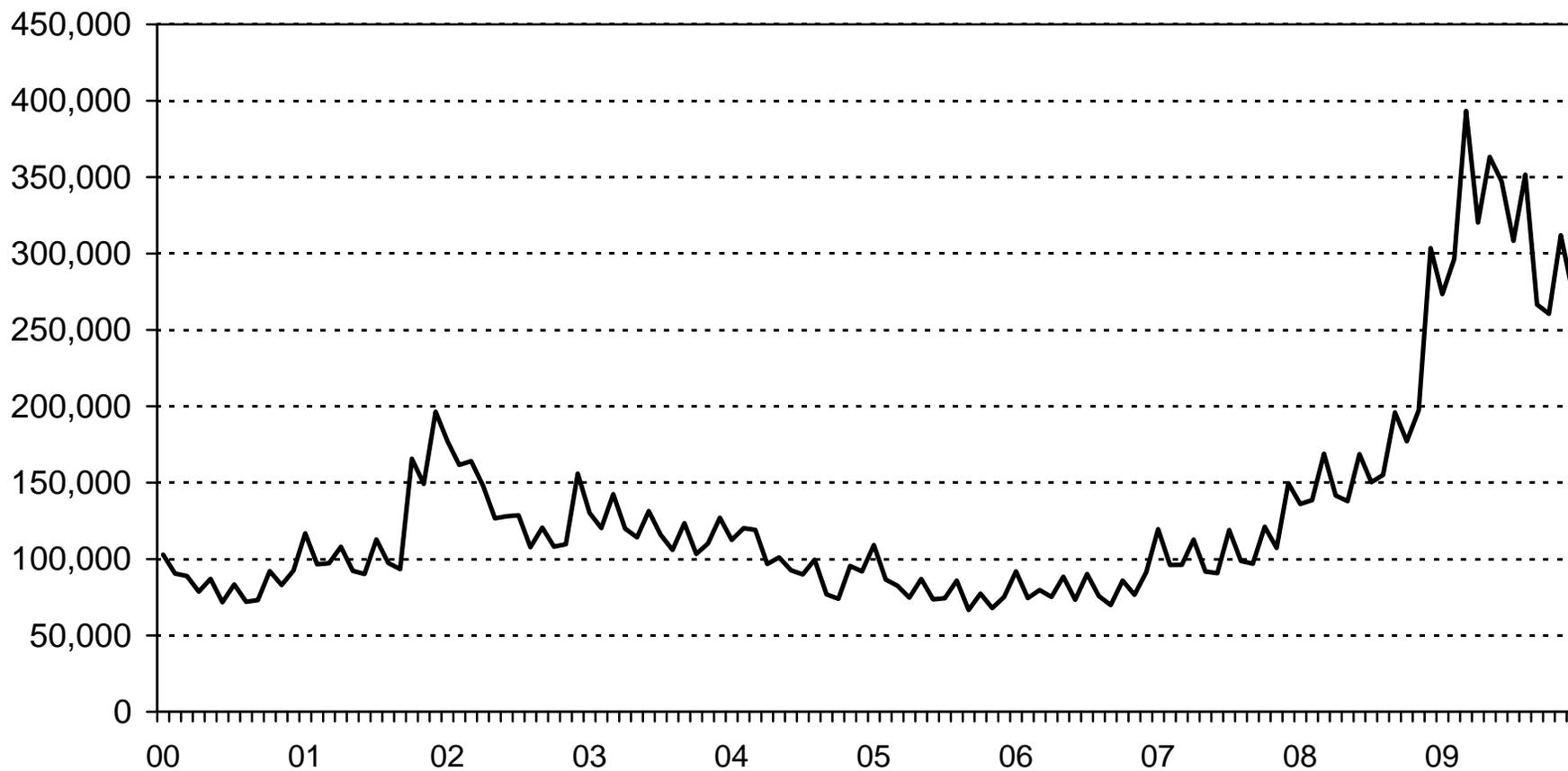
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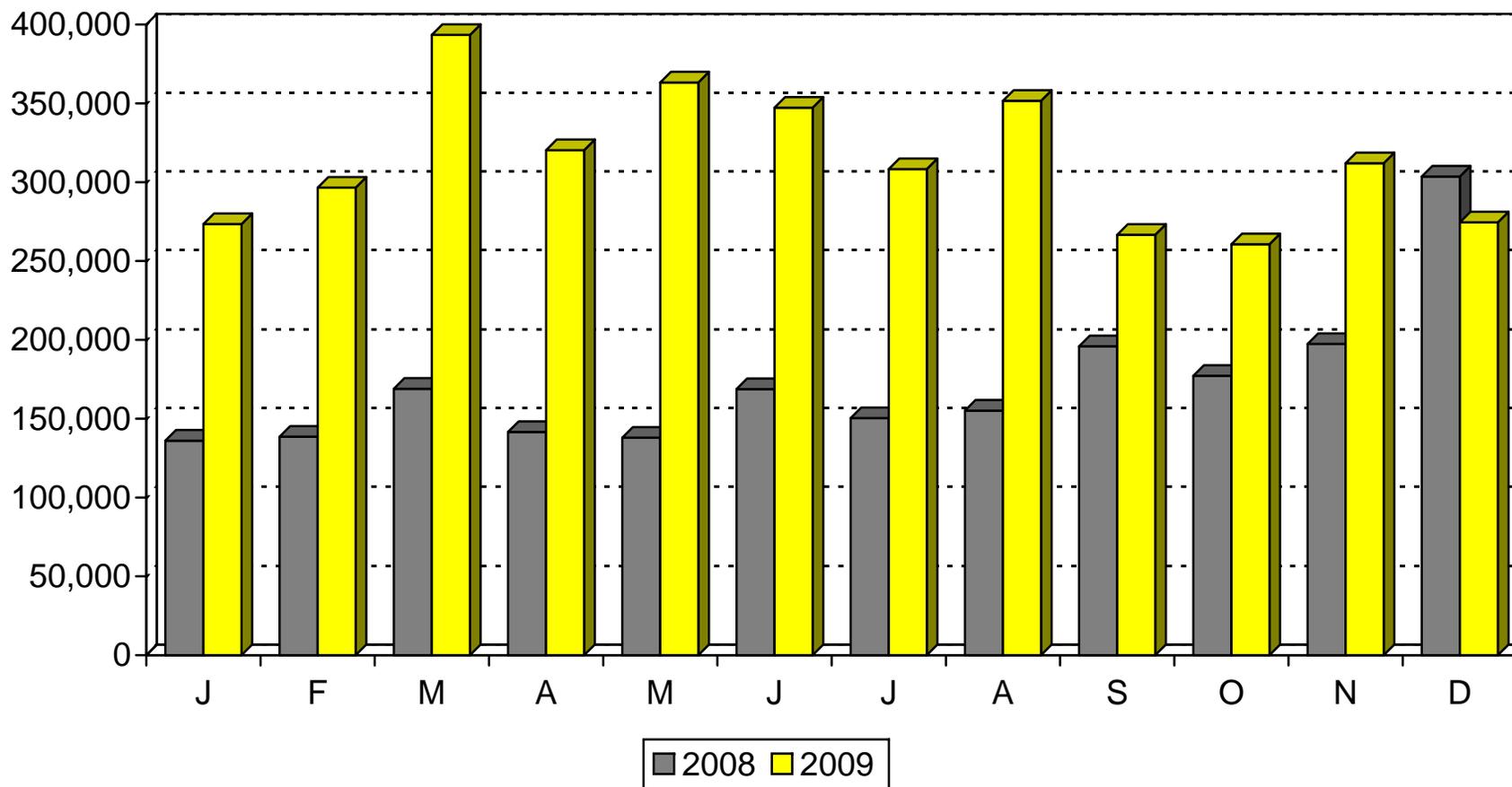
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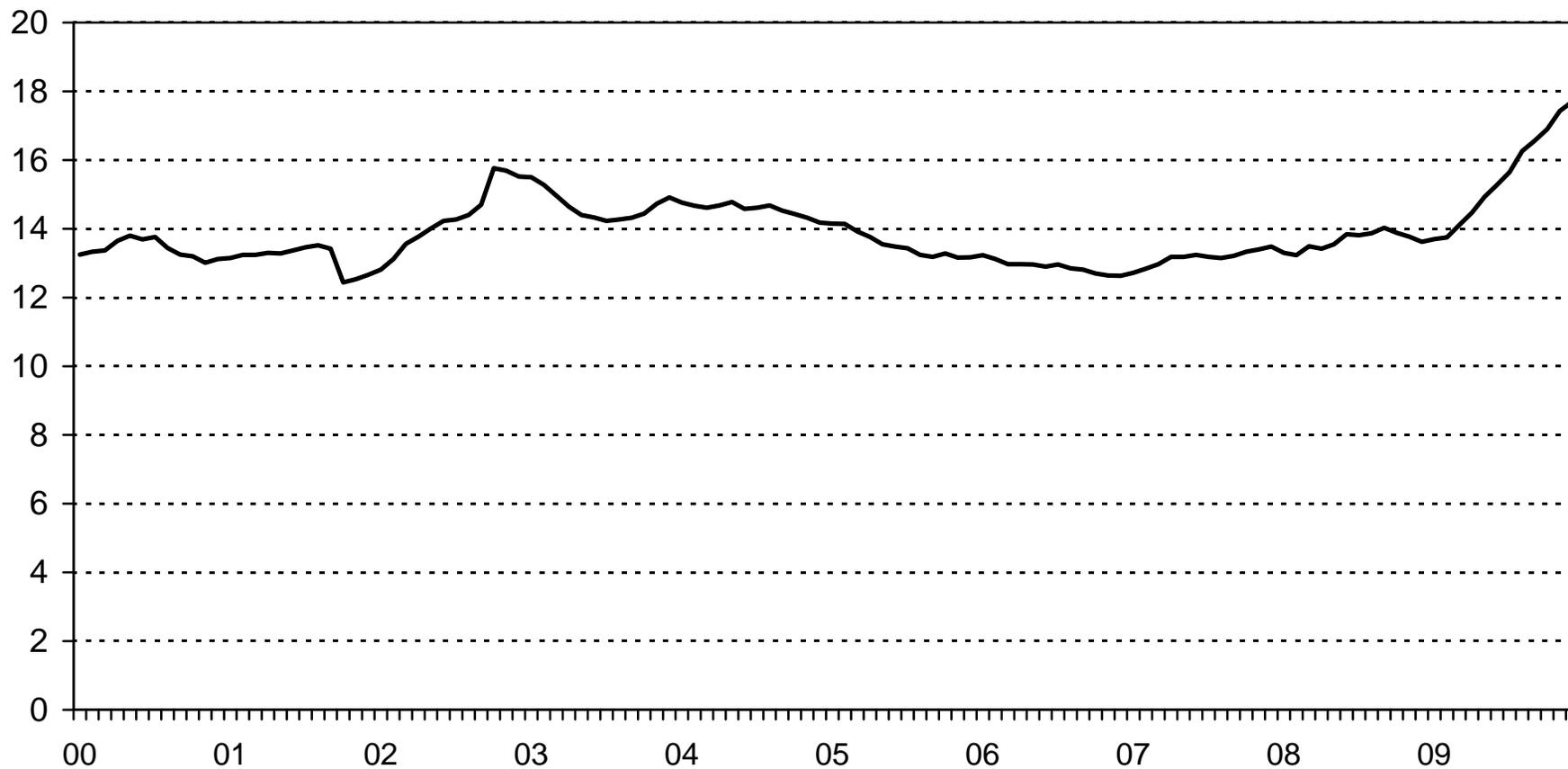
Nevada Continued Claims for Unemployment Insurance (weeks claimed)



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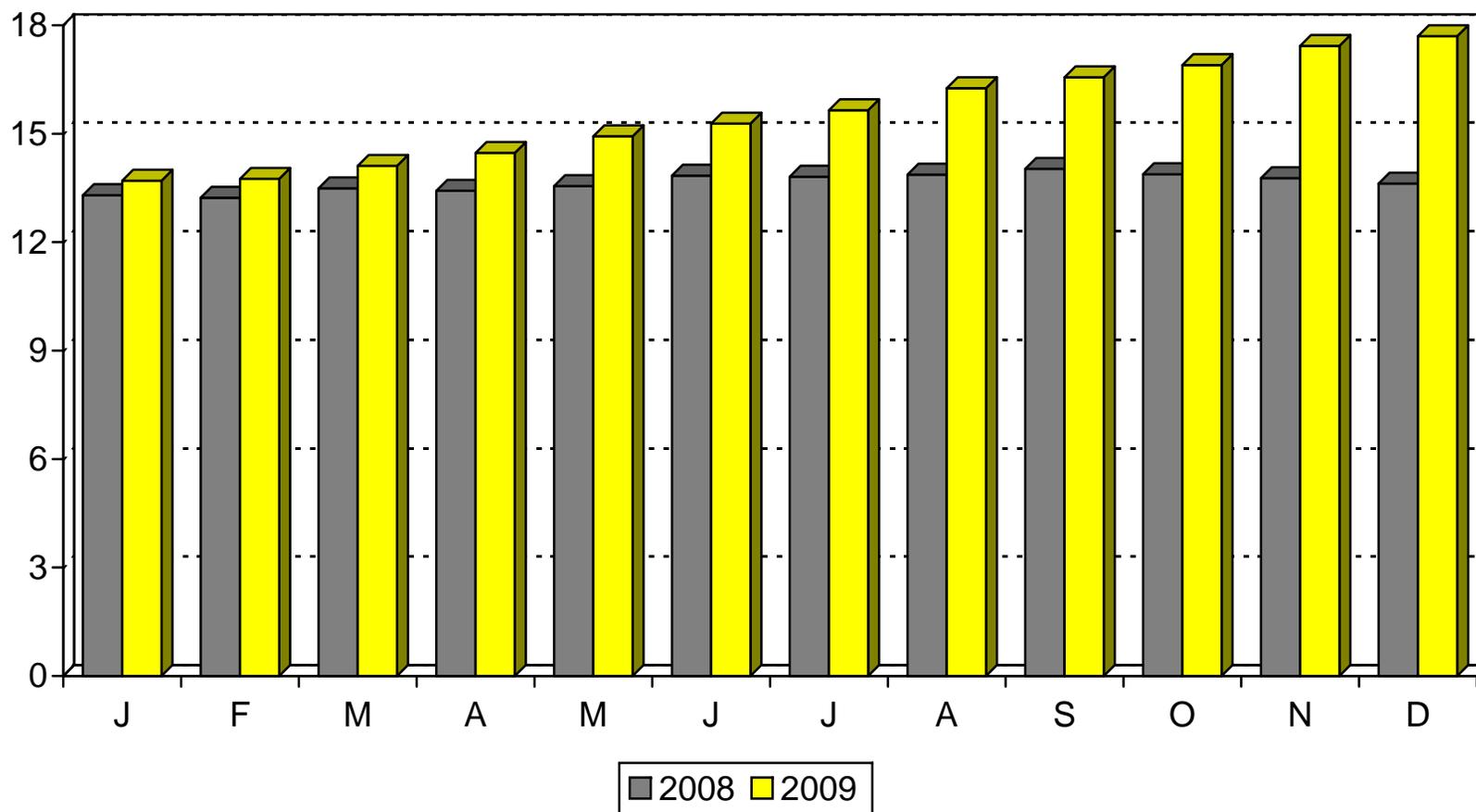


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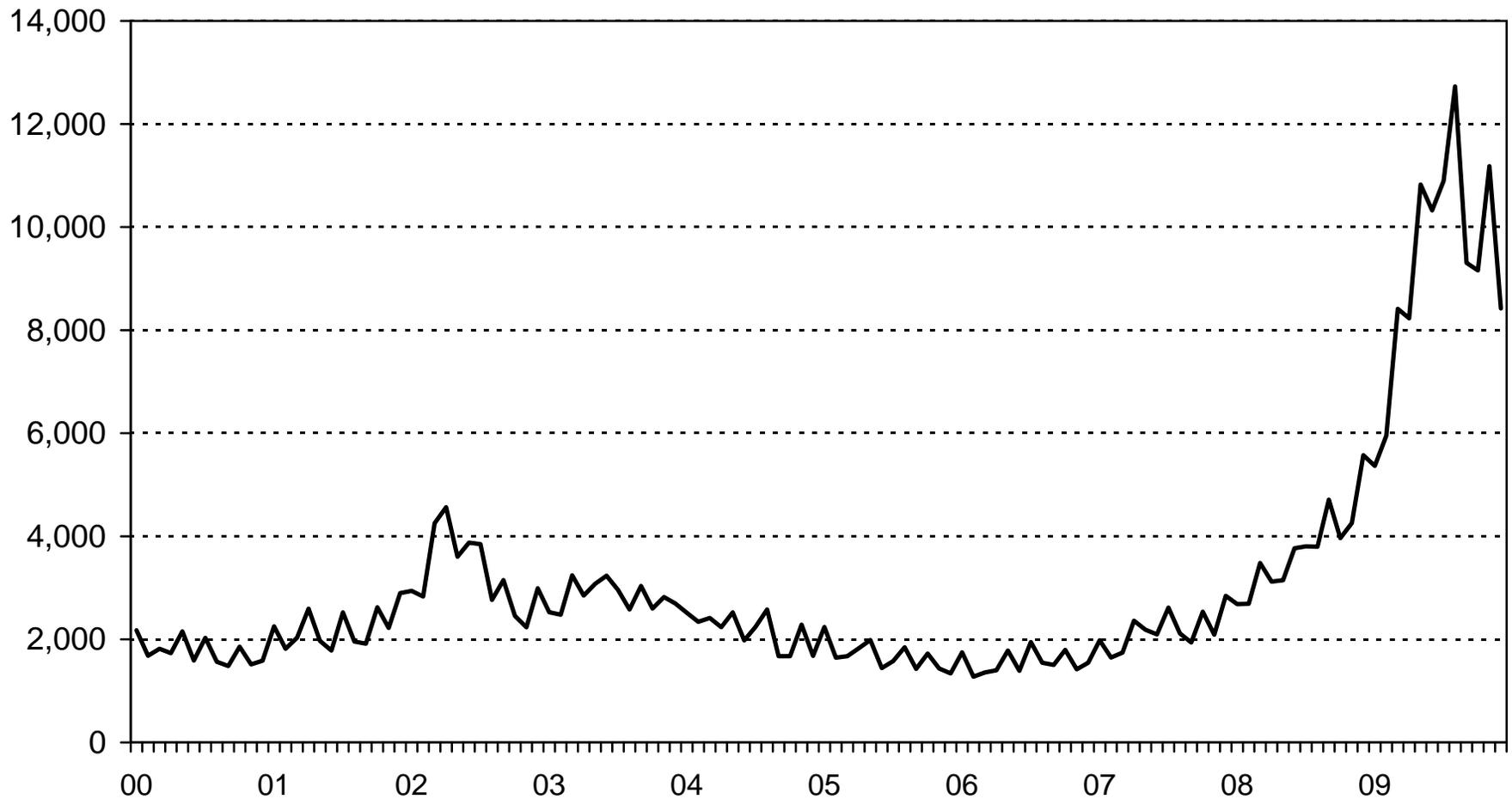


Average Duration of Nevada Unemployment Insurance Claims: 2009 vs. 2008

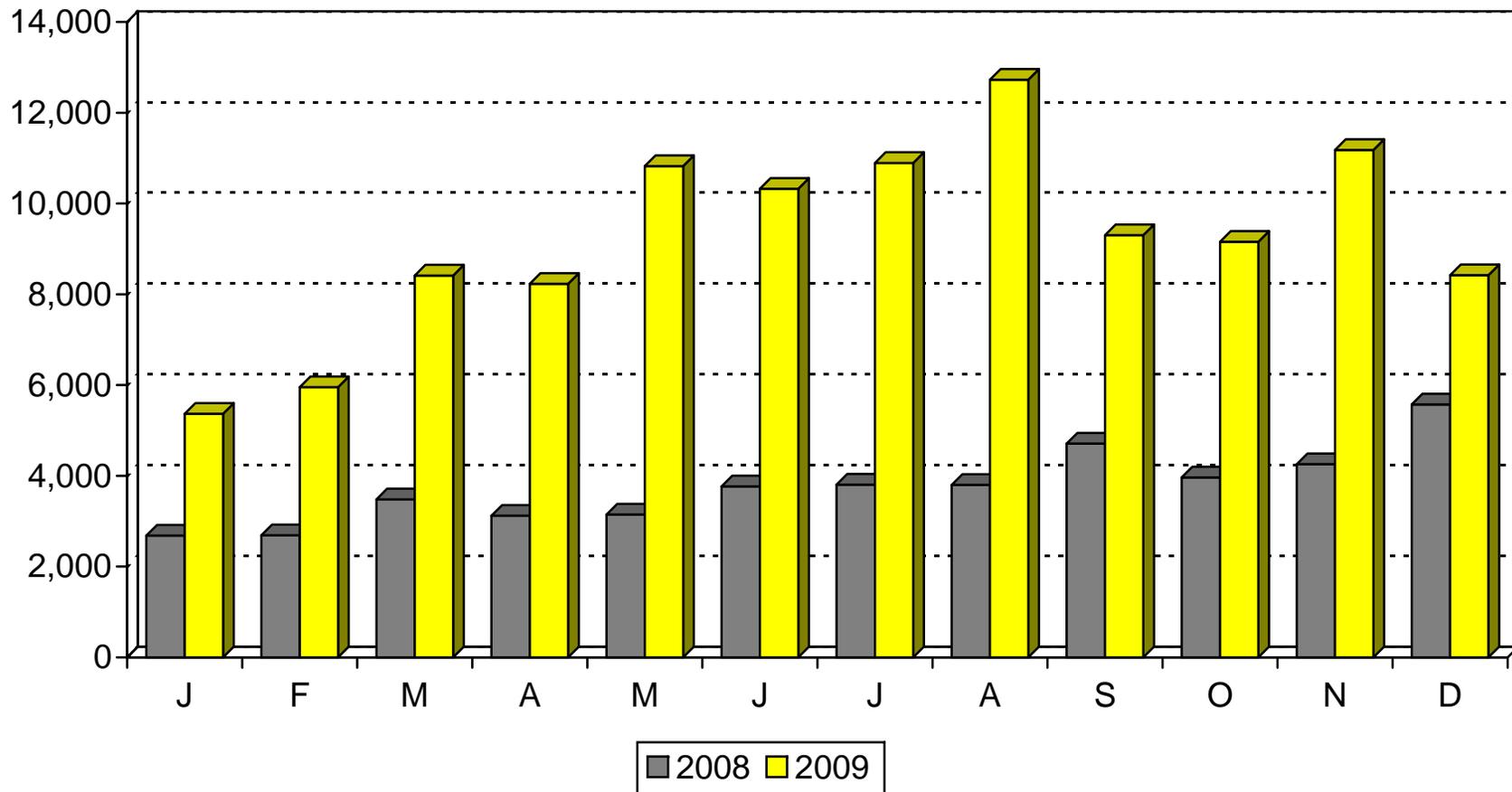
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Nevada Unemployment Insurance Exhaustions (number of final payments--regular State benefits)



Nevada Unemployment Insurance Exhaustions: 2009 vs. 2008 (number of final payments)



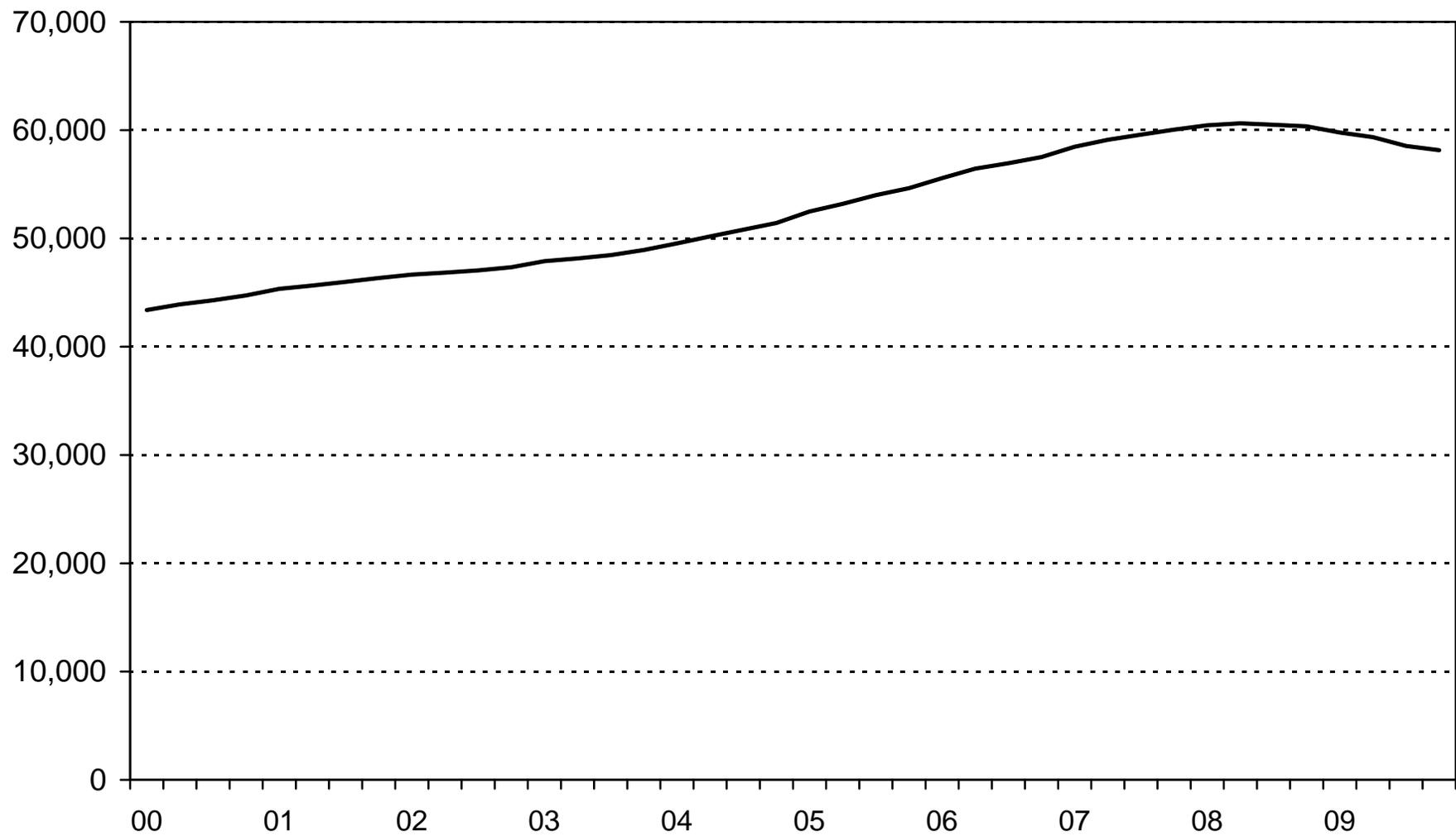
NUMBER
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Nevada Employers

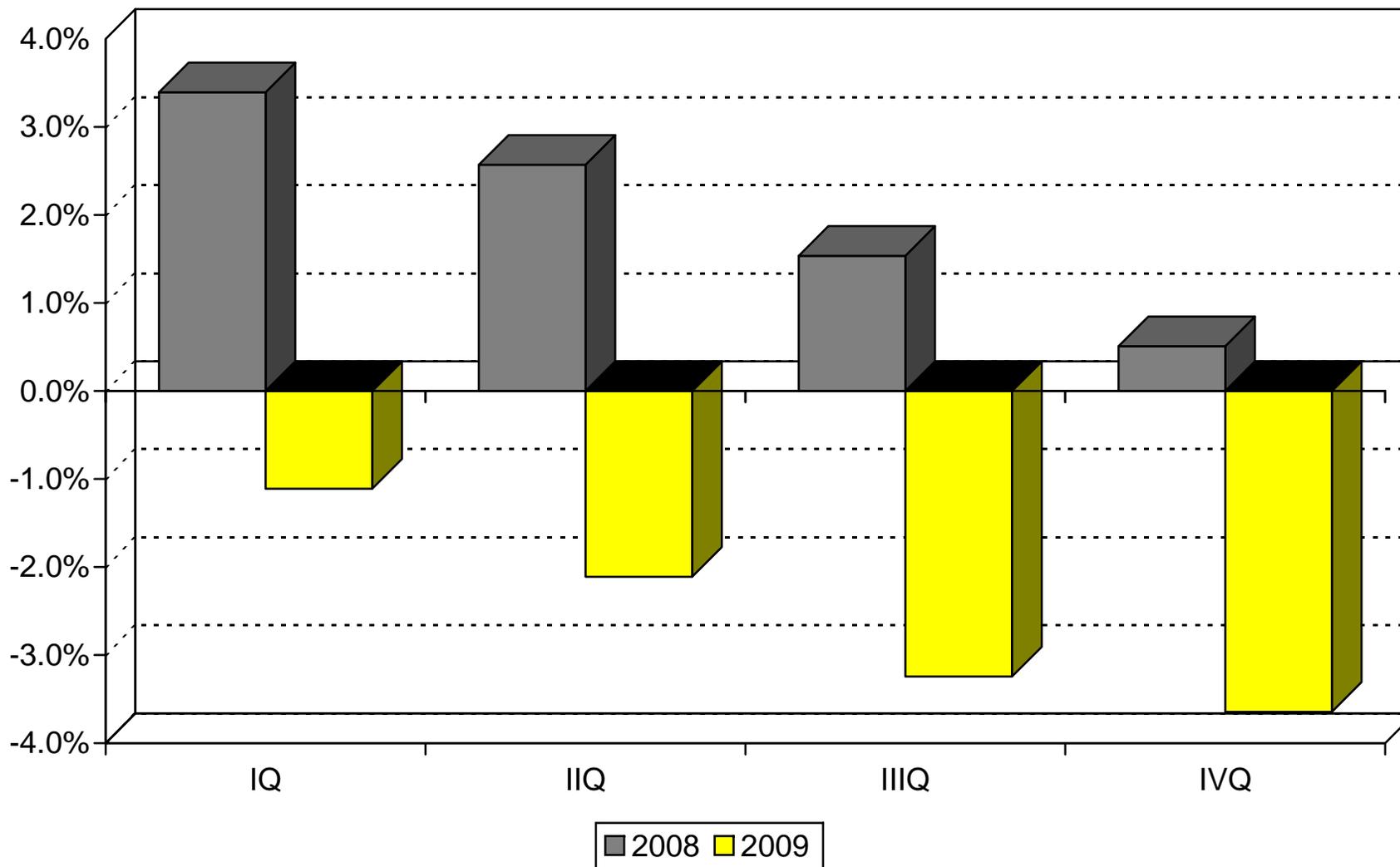
	IQ	IIQ	IIIQ	IVQ	Annual Average
2000	43,388	43,908	44,280	44,741	43,859
2001	45,348	45,643	45,995	46,339	45,662
2002	46,655	46,842	47,045	47,340	46,847
2003	47,900	48,156	48,465	48,929	48,174
2004	49,547	50,188	50,806	51,424	50,180
2005	52,483	53,195	53,998	54,641	53,225
2006	55,564	56,444	56,938	57,512	56,615
2007	58,459	59,108	59,584	60,041	59,298
2008	60,443	60,627	60,499	60,346	60,479
2009	59,772	59,347	58,536	58,146	58,950
2008-2009 Change	-1.1%	-2.1%	-3.2%	-3.6%	-2.5%

The end-of-quarter count of employers with recorded unemployment insurance contributions.

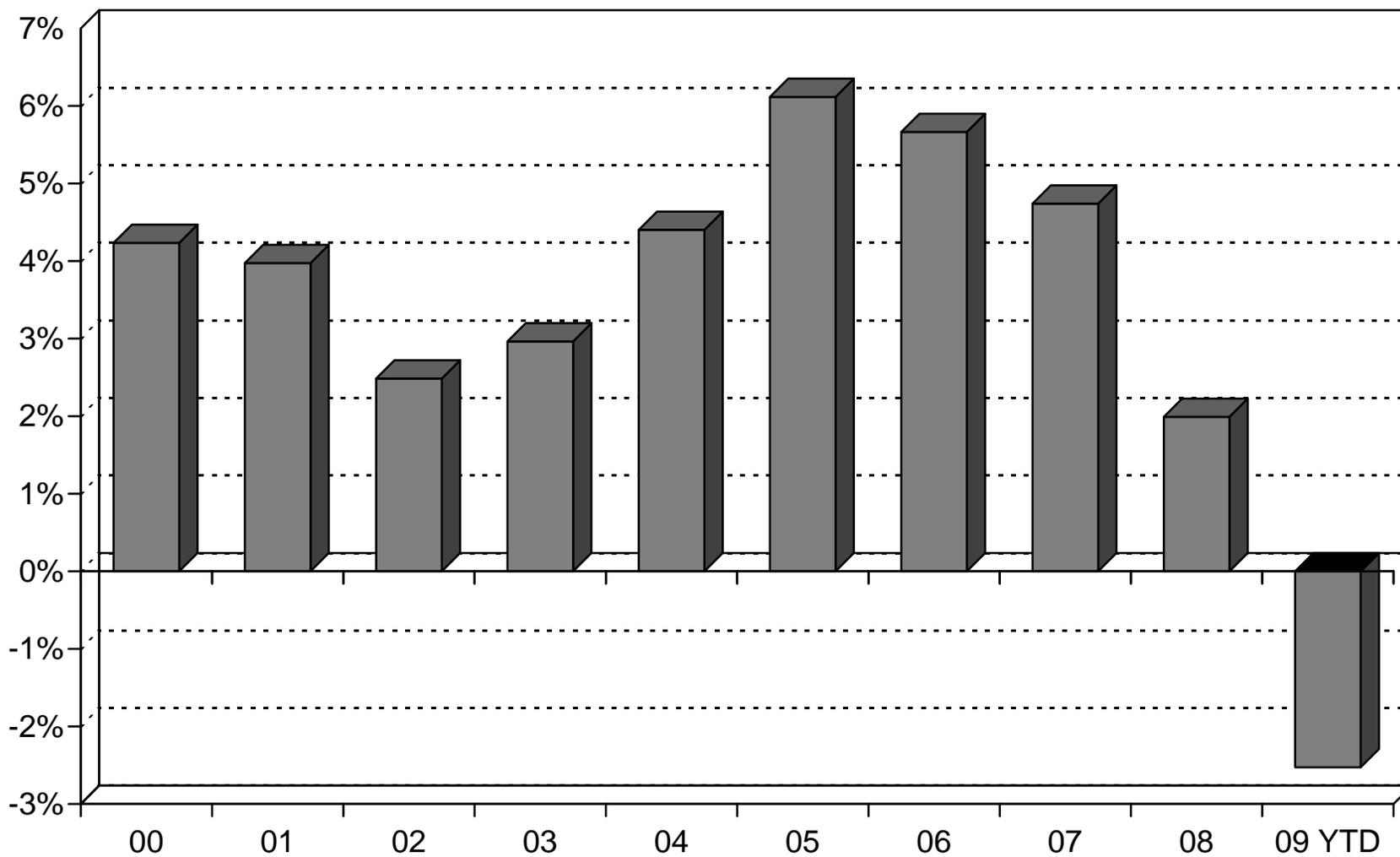
Nevada Employers



Nevada Employers Growth: 2009 vs. 2008



Nevada Employers Growth



SALES & GAMING ACTIVITY

Nevada Retail and Gaming Indicators

Nevada Taxable Sales

	January	February	March	April	May	June	July	August	September	October	November	December	Annual Total
2008	\$3,524,373,000	\$3,620,620,000	\$4,305,068,000	\$3,919,568,000	\$4,049,076,000	\$4,203,616,000	\$3,786,372,000	\$4,054,189,000	\$3,859,252,000	\$3,731,467,000	\$3,385,475,000	\$3,915,820,000	\$46,354,896,000
2009	\$3,070,994,000	\$2,935,298,000	\$3,595,535,000	\$3,217,548,000	\$3,192,953,000	\$3,341,712,000	\$3,075,334,000	\$3,076,351,000	\$3,176,544,000	\$3,068,520,000	\$3,016,725,000	\$3,655,571,000	\$38,423,085,000
2008-2009 Change	-12.9%	-18.9%	-16.5%	-17.9%	-21.1%	-20.5%	-18.8%	-24.1%	-17.7%	-17.8%	-10.9%	-6.6%	-17.1%

Las Vegas Visitor Volume

	January	February	March	April	May	June	July	August	September	October	November	December	Annual Total
2008	3,138,312	3,107,997	3,423,765	3,265,251	3,395,991	3,179,472	3,222,456	3,211,209	2,936,499	3,039,272	2,821,629	2,739,699	37,481,552
2009	2,765,916	2,858,545	3,202,344	3,171,043	3,199,719	2,980,122	3,181,139	3,092,403	3,062,403	3,153,159	2,904,091	2,780,684	36,351,568
2008-2009 Change	-11.9%	-8.0%	-6.5%	-2.9%	-5.8%	-6.3%	-1.3%	-3.7%	4.3%	3.7%	2.9%	1.5%	-3.0%

Nevada Gaming Win

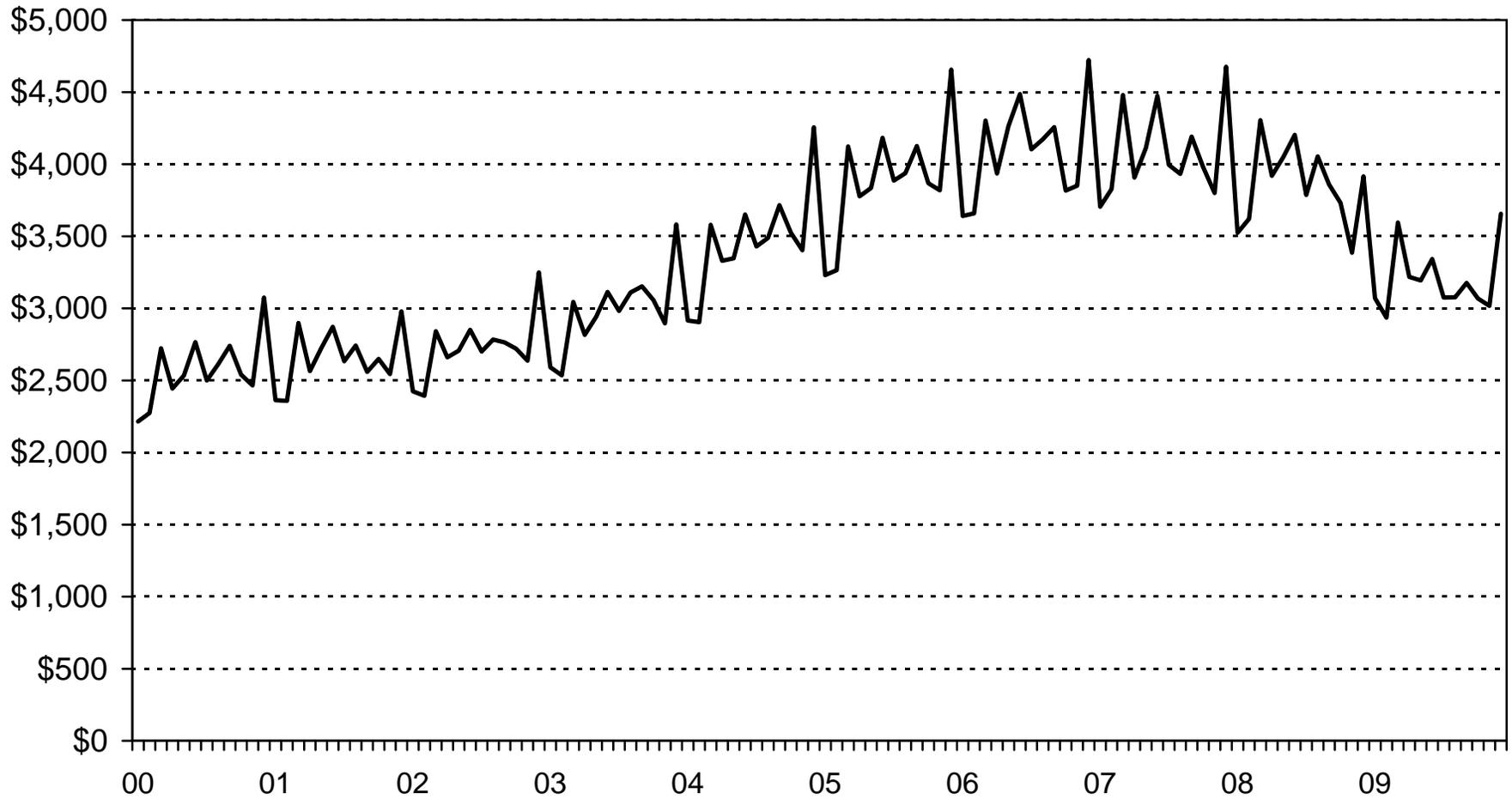
	January	February	March	April	May	June	July	August	September	October	November	December	Annual Total
2008	\$1,064,119,846	\$1,014,824,000	\$1,038,751,000	\$1,000,112,697	\$969,943,776	\$949,316,713	\$997,344,346	\$934,120,078	\$1,001,097,505	\$904,982,266	\$836,787,265	\$887,997,753	\$11,599,397,245
2009	\$908,573,953	\$830,945,792	\$918,243,439	\$859,410,113	\$889,092,564	\$818,180,981	\$872,664,195	\$847,035,300	\$911,141,839	\$800,346,902	\$873,178,311	\$859,261,278	\$10,388,074,667
2008-2009 Change	-14.6%	-18.1%	-11.6%	-14.1%	-8.3%	-13.8%	-12.5%	-9.3%	-9.0%	-11.6%	4.3%	-3.2%	-10.4%

Taxable Sales – Sales of tangible personal property subject to the Nevada sales tax.

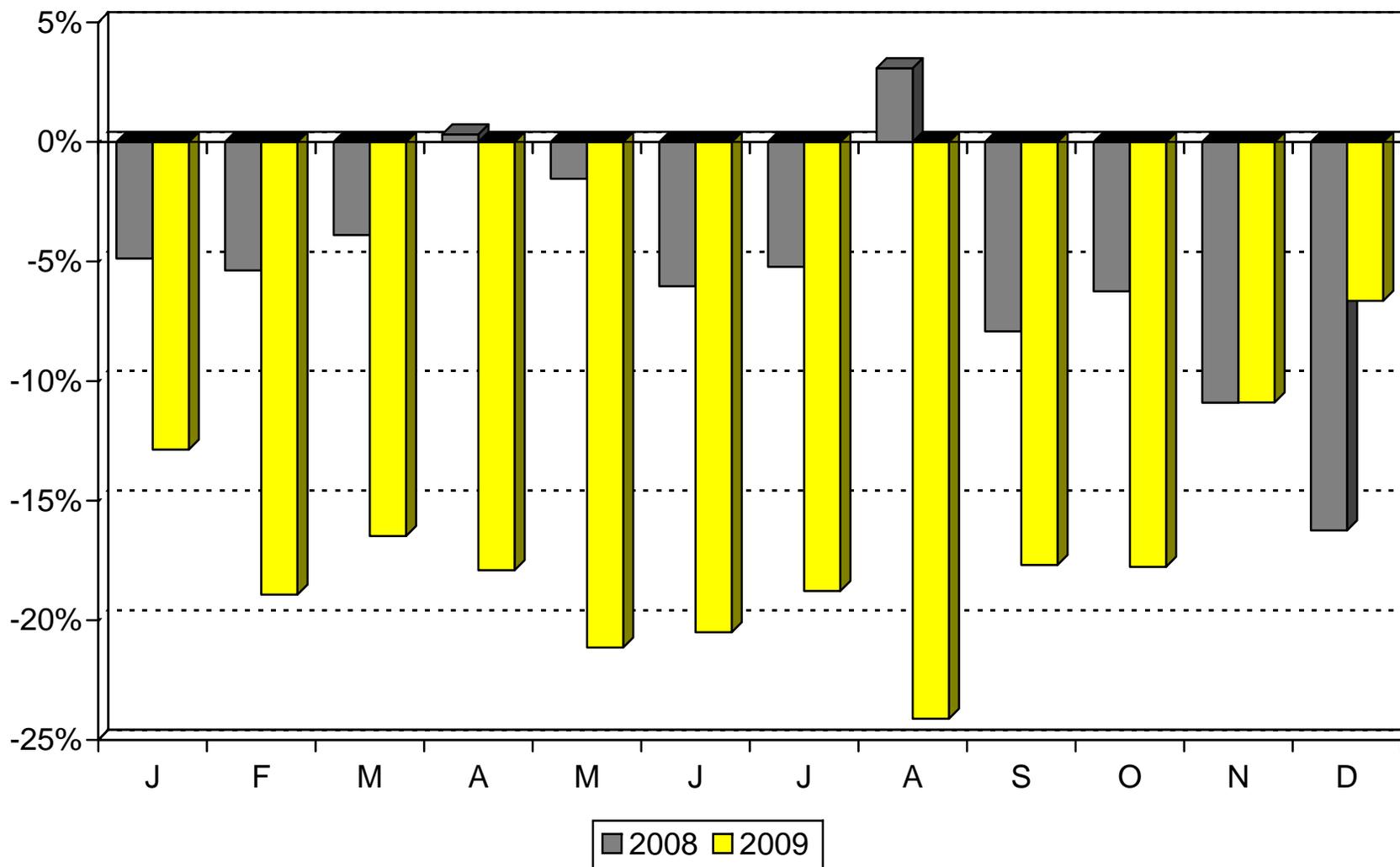
Visitor Volume – The number of visitors to Las Vegas based upon responses to a survey administered by the Las Vegas Convention and Visitors Authority.

Gaming Win – Casino winnings from gaming operations reported to the Nevada Gaming Control Board.

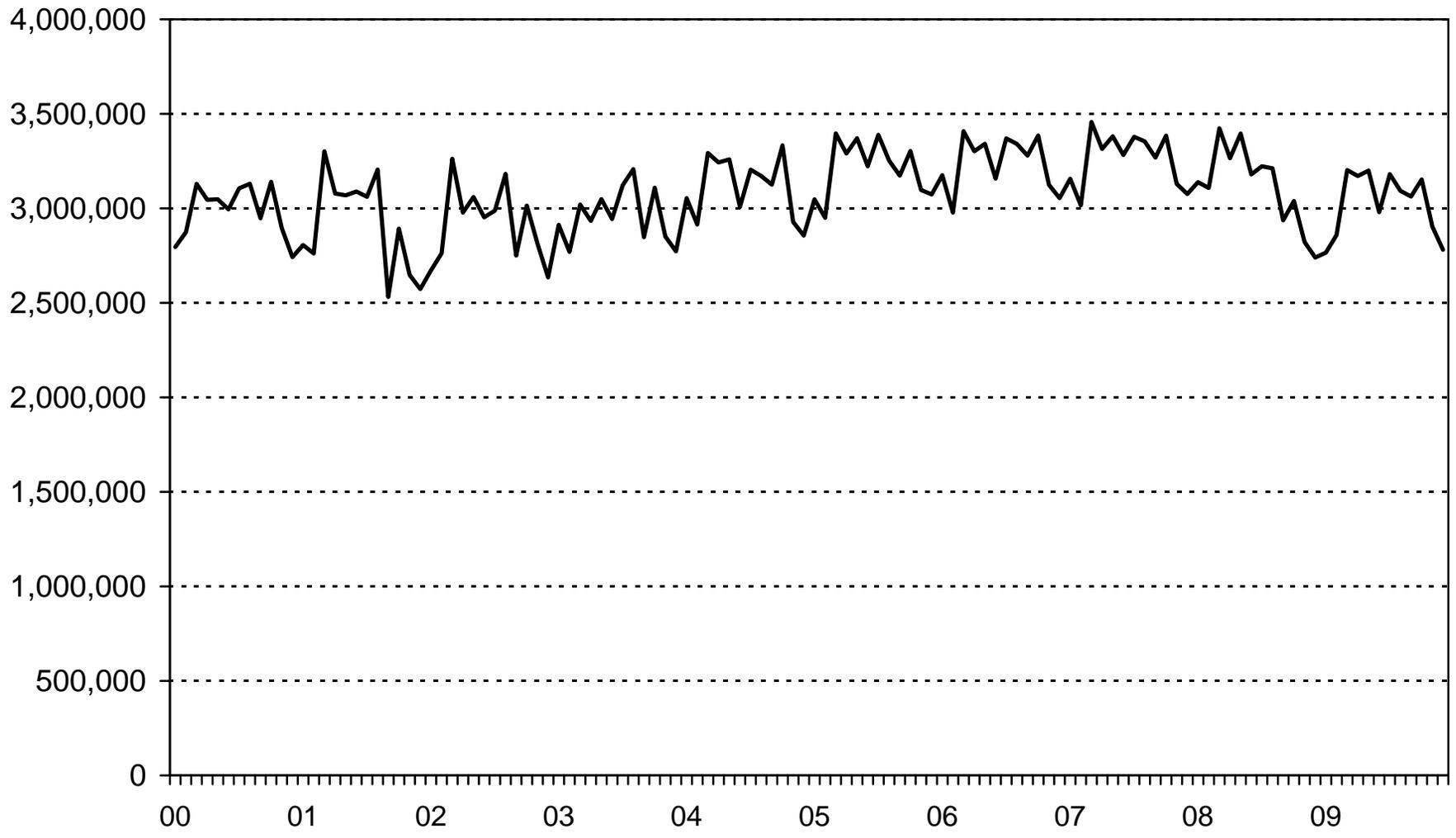
Nevada Taxable Sales (millions of \$)



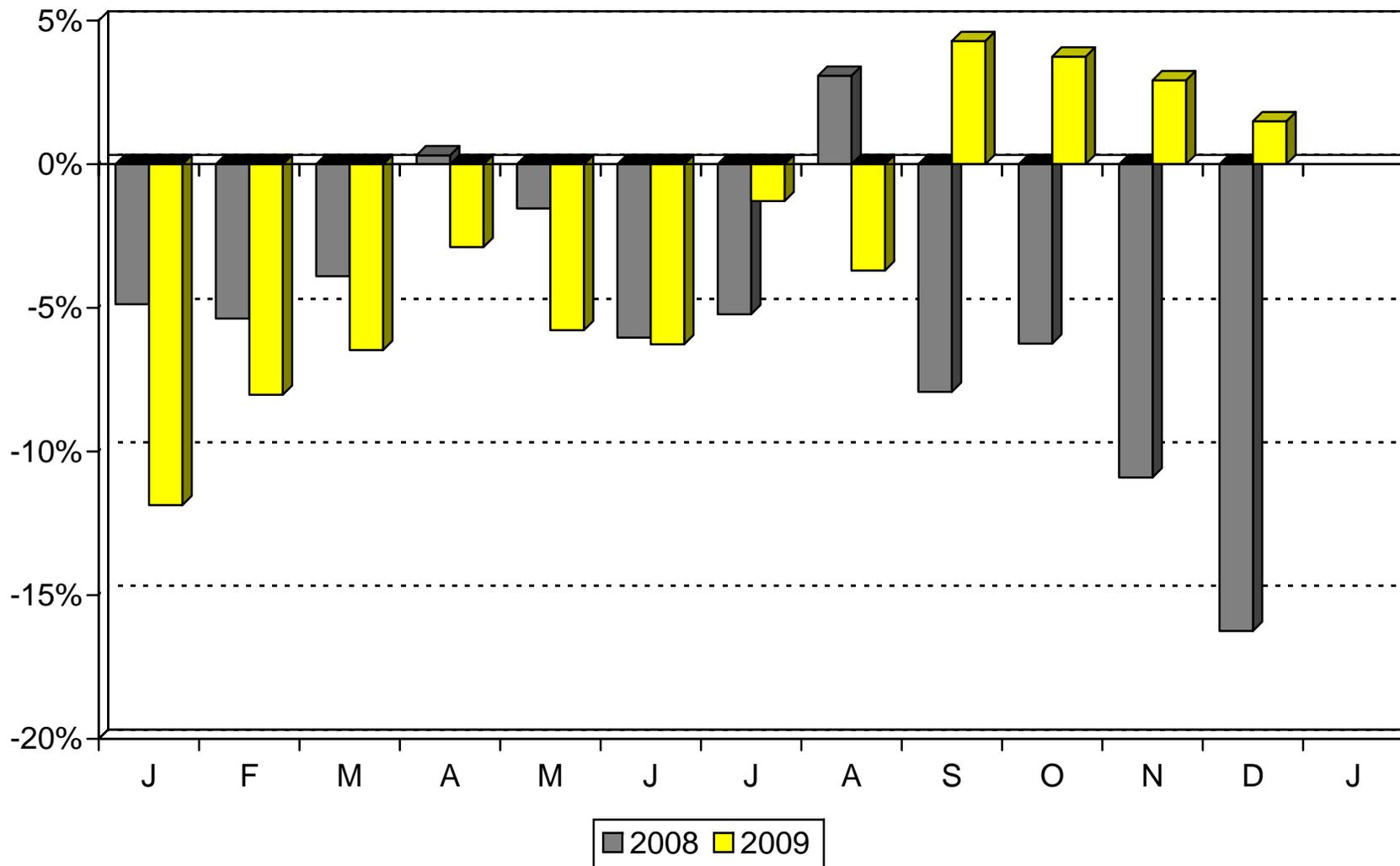
Nevada Taxable Sales Growth: 2009 vs. 2008



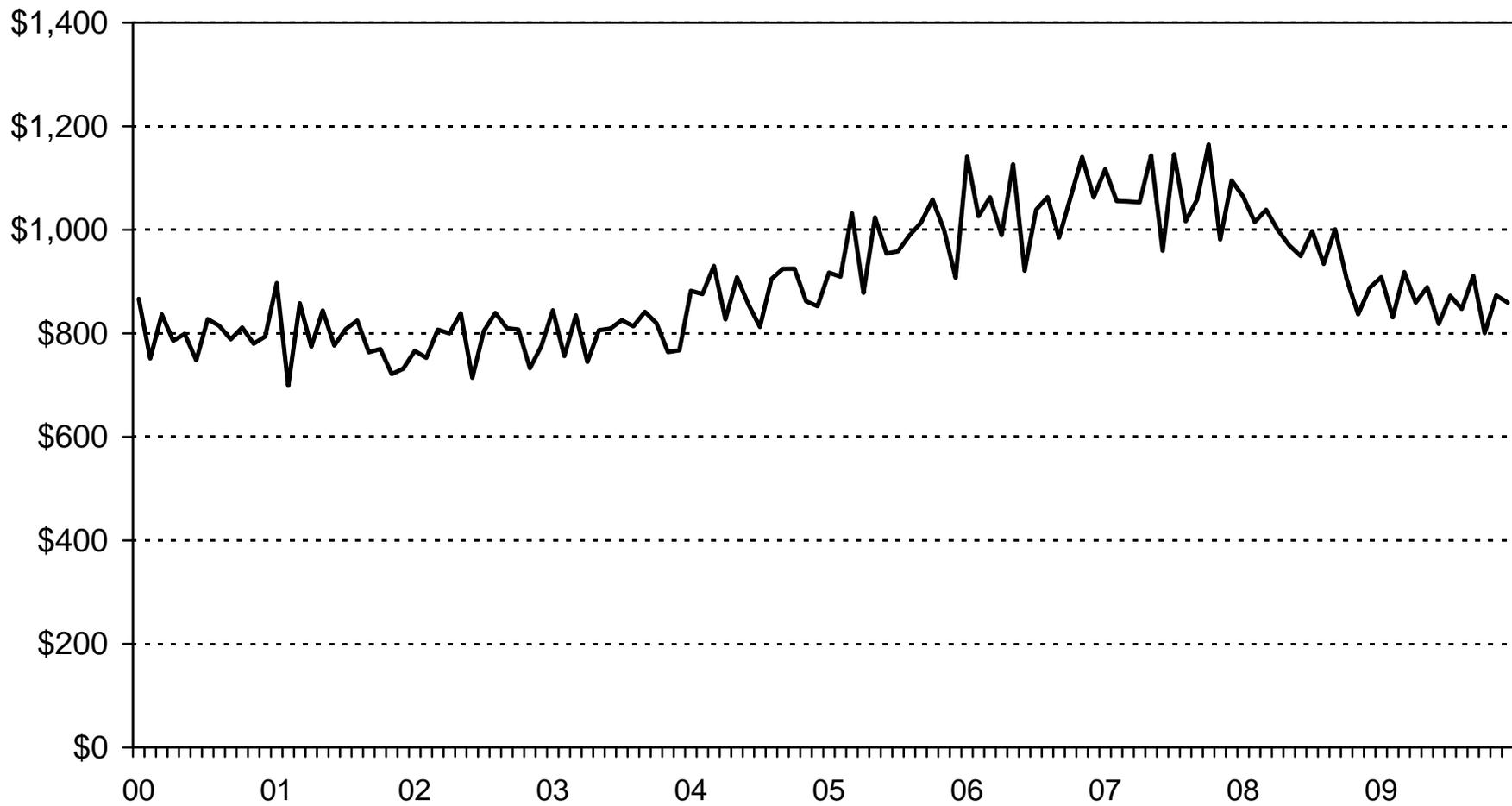
Las Vegas Visitor Volume



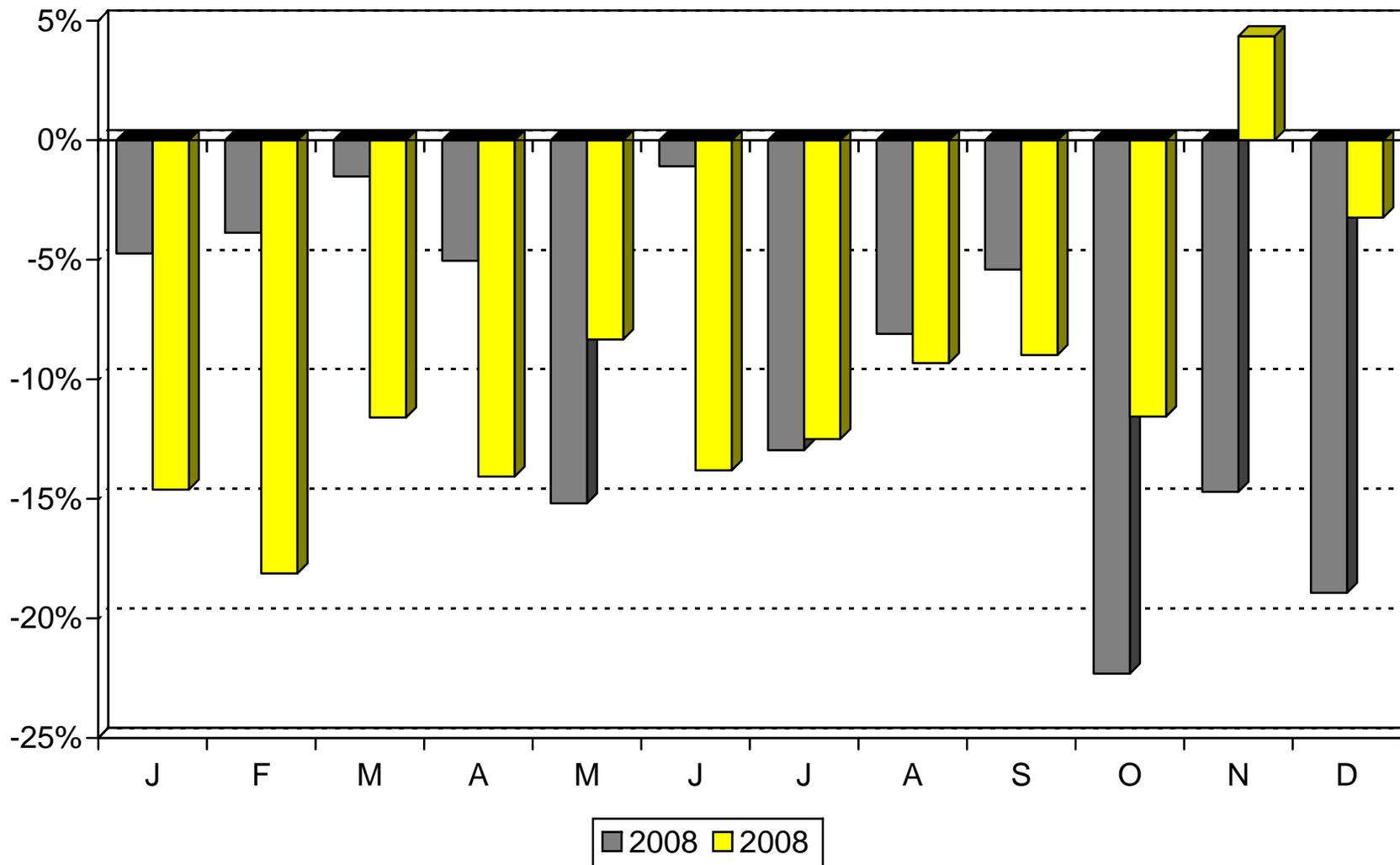
Las Vegas Visitor Volume Growth: 2009 vs. 2008



Nevada Gaming Win (millions of \$)



Nevada Gaming Win Growth: 2009 vs. 2008



PERSONAL INCOME

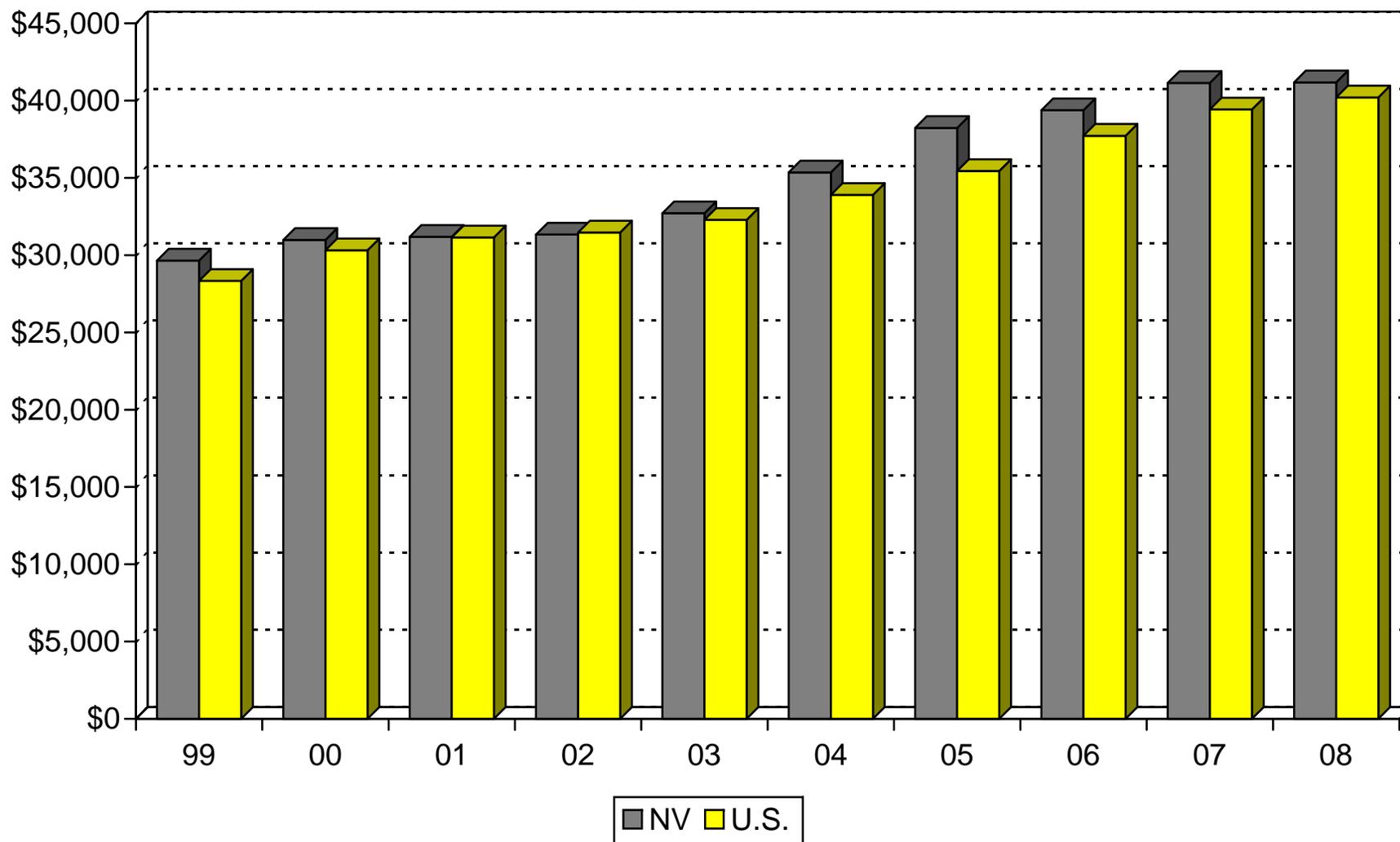
Nevada Personal Income

(billions of \$; seasonally adjusted at annual rates)

	IQ	IIQ	IIIQ	IVQ	Annual Average
2000	\$61.1	\$62.5	\$63.2	\$63.3	\$62.5
2001	\$64.6	\$65.7	\$65.6	\$65.3	\$65.3
2002	\$66.9	\$67.5	\$67.9	\$69.0	\$67.8
2003	\$70.6	\$71.8	\$73.8	\$76.1	\$73.1
2004	\$78.5	\$80.8	\$83.1	\$86.2	\$82.1
2005	\$89.2	\$92.1	\$92.5	\$93.4	\$91.8
2006	\$95.8	\$97.6	\$98.0	\$99.9	\$97.8
2007	\$102.0	\$103.8	\$105.9	\$108.7	\$105.1
2008	\$107.8	\$107.6	\$107.4	\$105.6	\$107.1
2009	\$102.6	\$102.6	\$102.7		
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2008-2009					
Change	-4.8%	-4.6%	-4.4%		

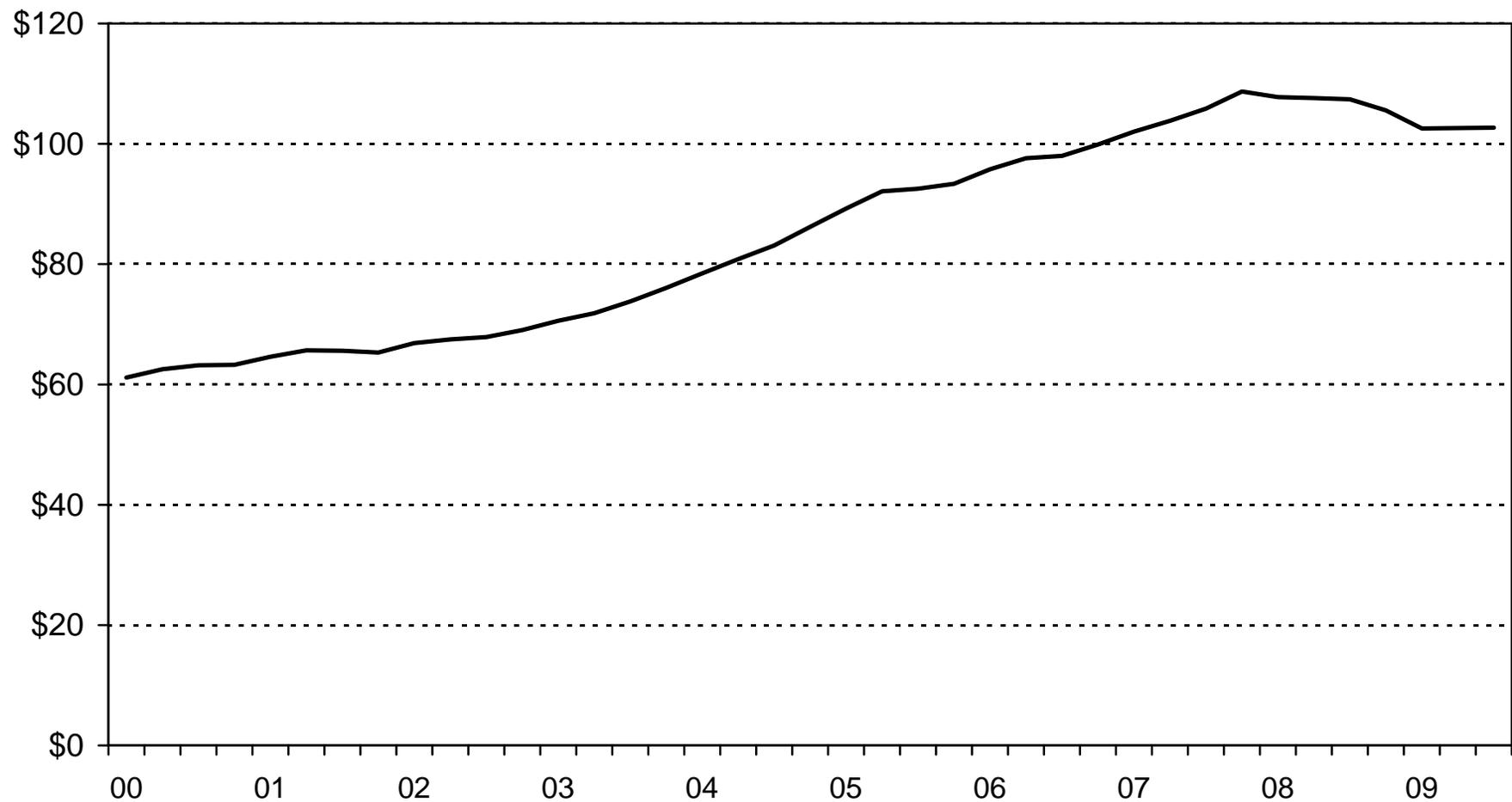
Personal income is defined as the income that is received by persons from participation in production, from both government and business transfer payments, and from government interest (which is treated like a transfer payment). It is calculated as the sum of wage and salary disbursements, other labor income, proprietors' income with inventory valuation and capital consumption adjustments, rental income of persons with capital consumption adjustment, personal dividend income, personal interest income, and transfer payments to persons, less personal contributions for social insurance.

Nevada Per Capita Personal Income vs. the U.S.

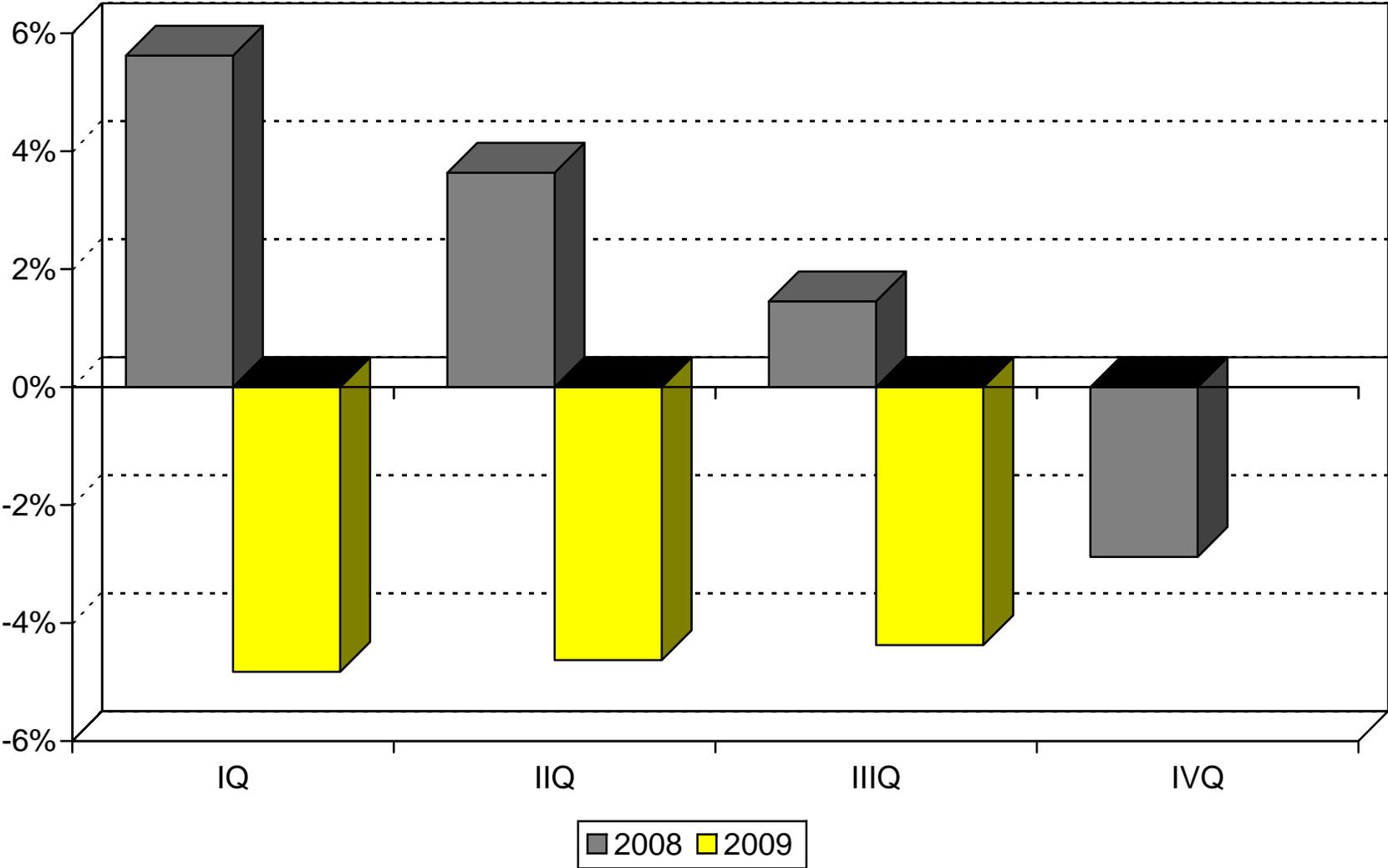


Nevada Personal Income

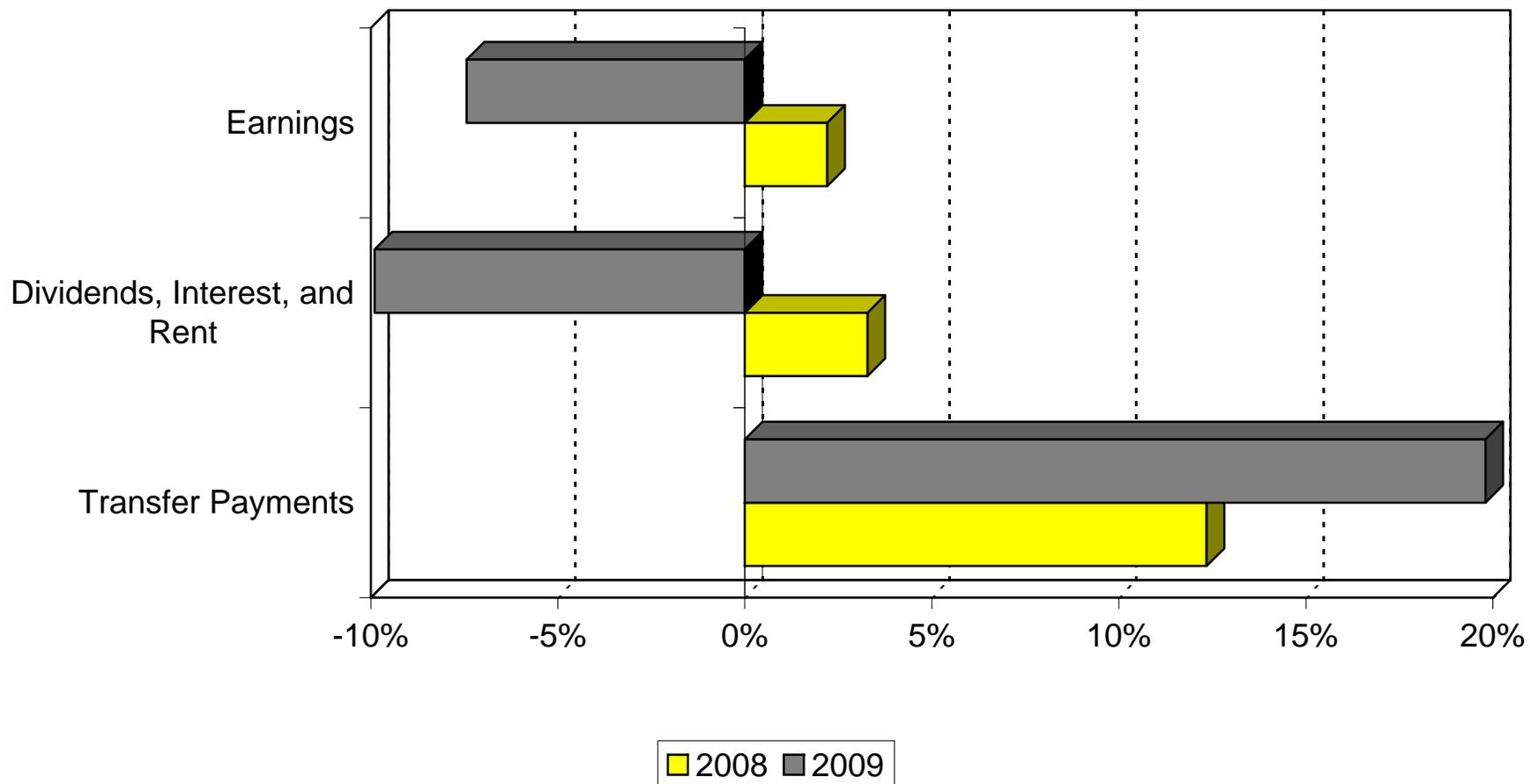
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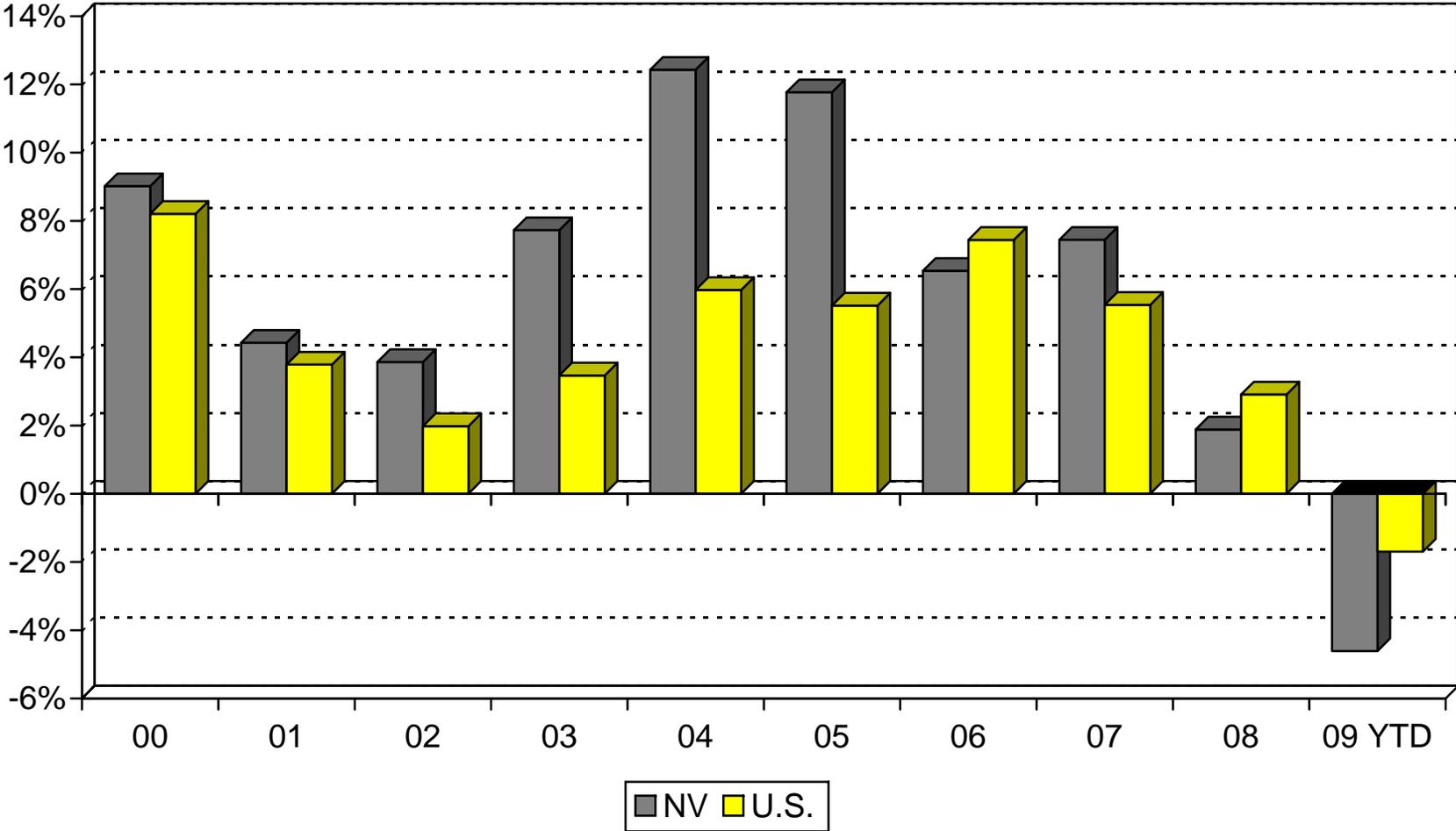
Nevada Personal Income Growth: 2009 vs. 2008



Components of Nevada Personal Income Growth (YTD through IIIQ)



Nevada Personal Income Growth vs. the U.S. (2009 YTD through IIIQ)



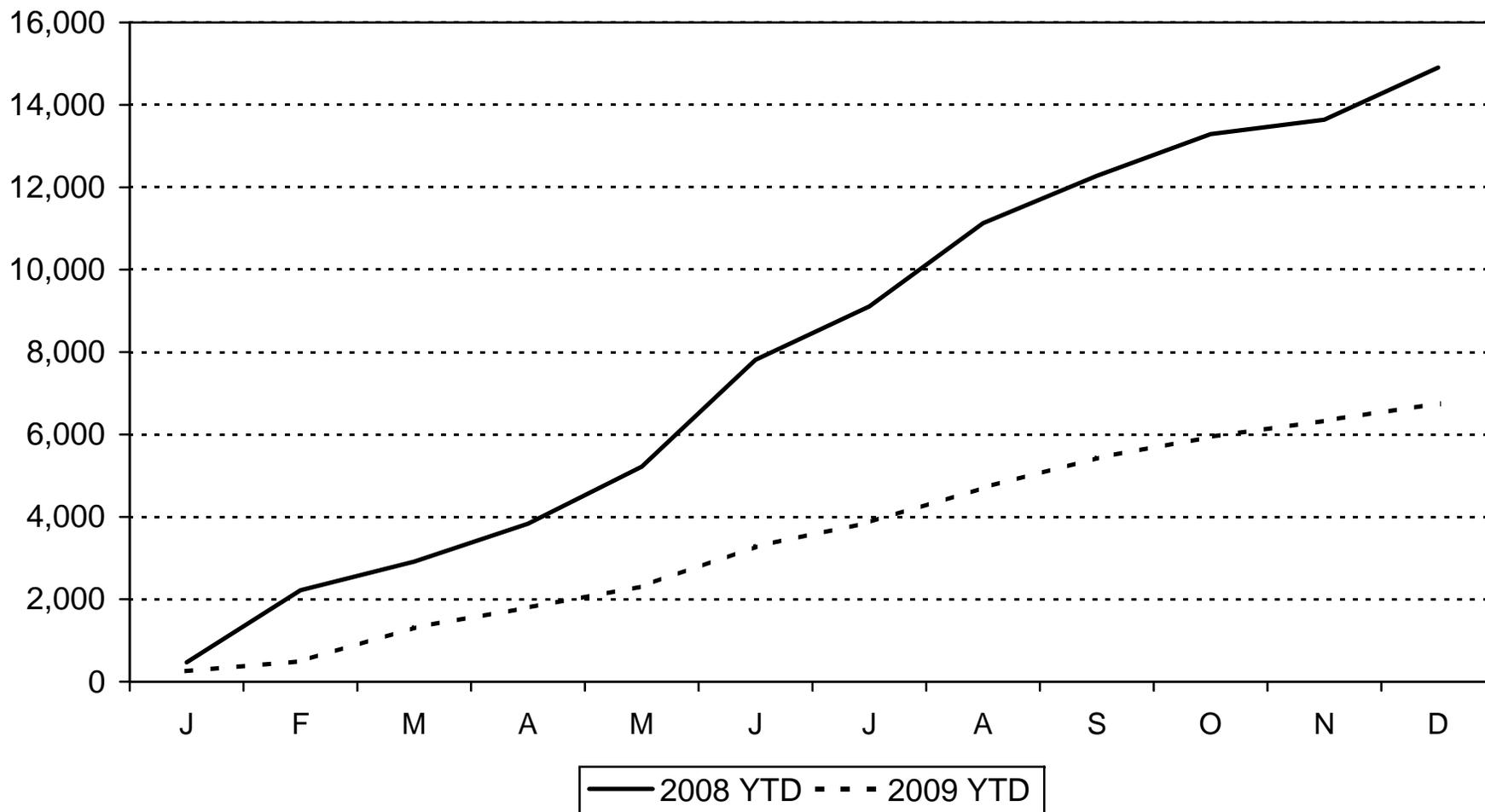
RESIDENTIAL HOUSING PERMITS

Nevada Residential Housing Permits

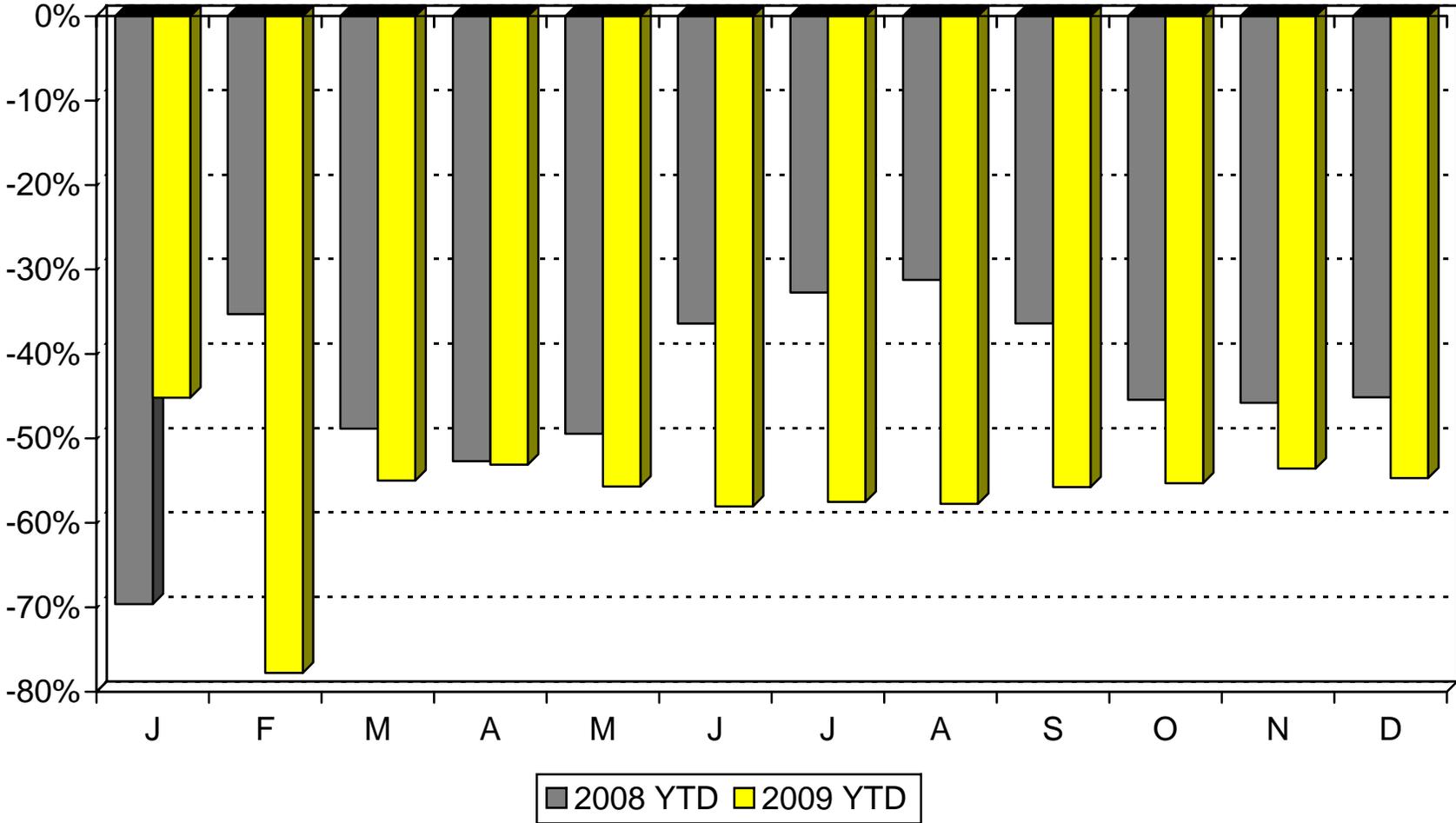
	January	February	March	April	May	June	July	August	September	October	November	December
2004 YTD Total	3,512	7,158	11,098	16,157	21,643	26,152	29,955	32,972	36,844	39,318	41,983	44,663
2005 YTD Total	1,996	5,430	9,196	13,329	17,195	22,699	26,955	31,302	36,260	39,526	43,426	47,038
2006 YTD Total	2,997	8,198	14,087	17,311	21,788	25,779	29,171	32,115	33,930	35,846	37,511	39,429
2007 YTD Total	1,538	3,426	5,699	8,105	10,322	12,282	13,539	16,186	19,300	24,358	25,158	27,168
2008 YTD Total	467	2,217	2,915	3,834	5,217	7,811	9,108	11,129	12,277	13,292	13,639	14,906
2009 YTD Total	256	493	1,312	1,798	2,311	3,276	3,869	4,703	5,430	5,941	6,332	6,752
2008-2009 Change	-211 -45.2%	-1,724 -77.8%	-1,603 -55.0%	-2,036 -53.1%	-2,906 -55.7%	-4,535 -58.1%	-5,239 -57.5%	-6,426 -57.7%	-6,847 -55.8%	-7,351 -55.3%	-7,307 -53.6%	-8,154 -54.7%

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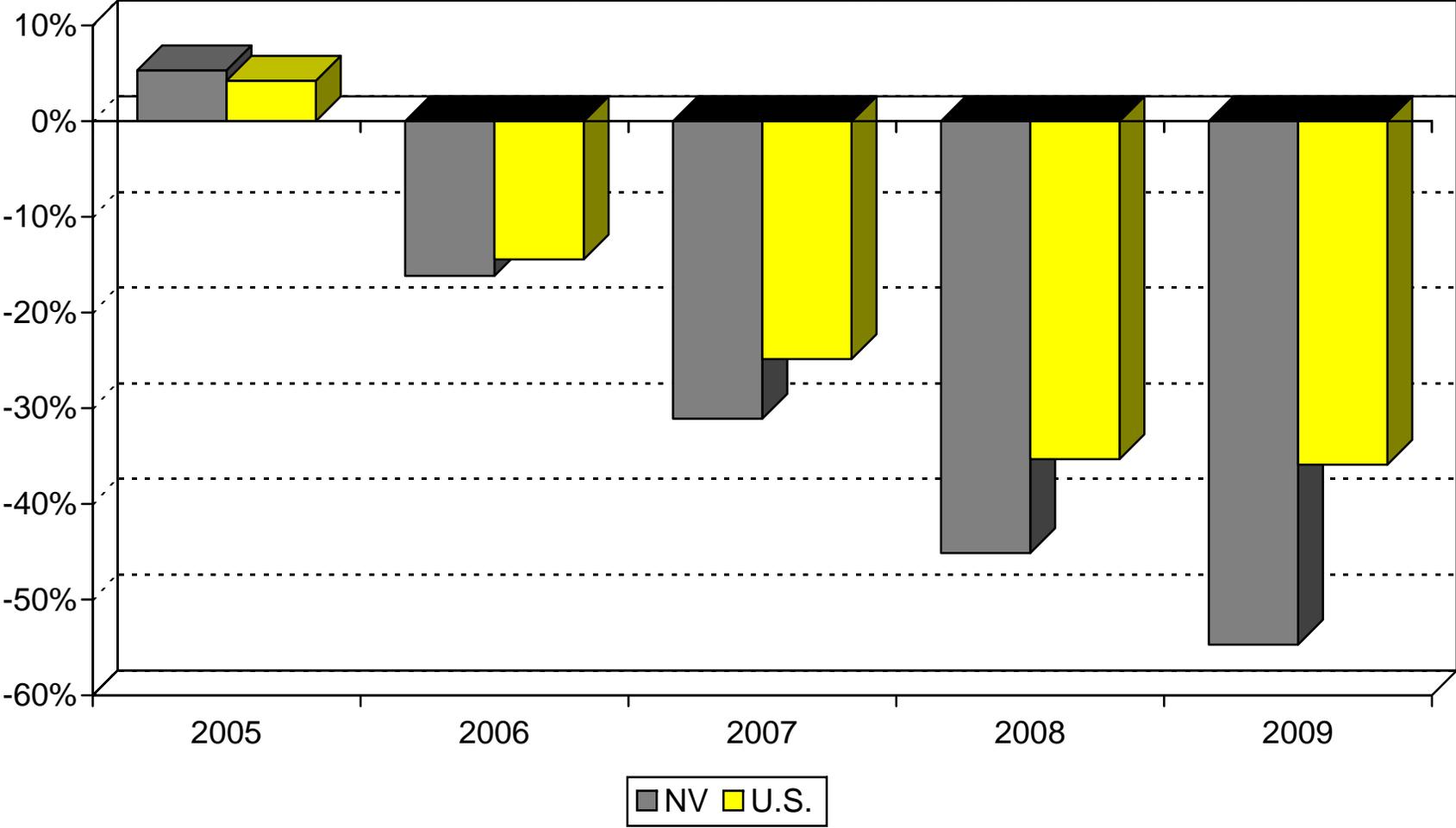
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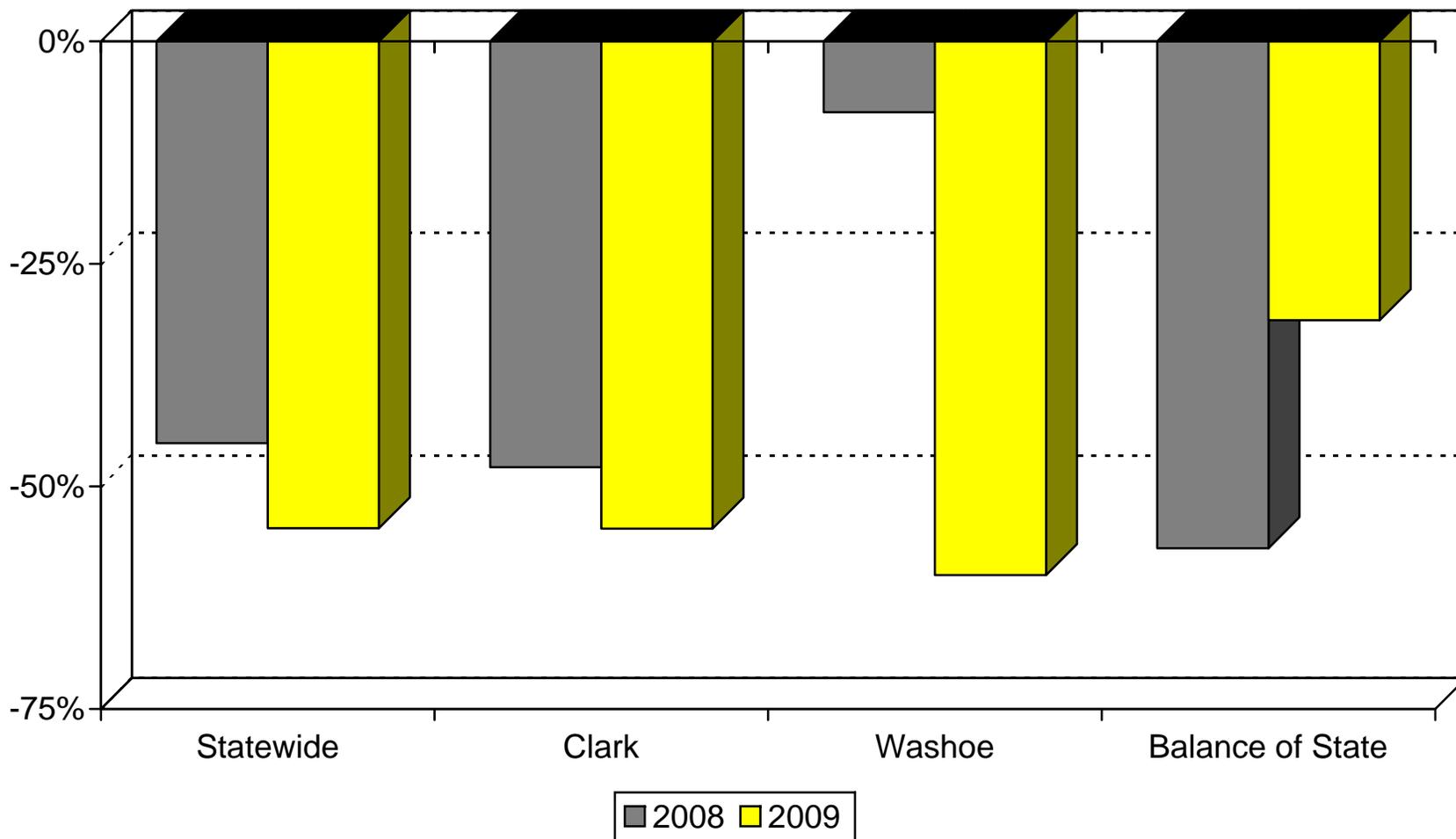
Nevada Residential Housing Permits Growth: 2009 YTD vs. 2008 YTD



Nevada Residential Housing Permit Growth vs. the U.S.



Regional Residential Housing Permit Growth: 2009 vs. 2008



**SOUTHERN NEVADA
RESIDENTIAL
MARKETS**

Southern Nevada Real Estate and Construction Indicators

New Home Closings

	January	February	March	April	May	June	July	August	September	October	November	December	Annual Total
2008	881	891	1,146	994	921	922	762	829	976	842	643	684	10,491
2009	284	357	491	343	378	476	407	426	452	471	604	477	5,166
2008-2009 Change	-597	-534	-655	-651	-543	-446	-355	-403	-524	-371	-39	-207	-5,325
	-67.8%	-59.9%	-57.2%	-65.5%	-59.0%	-48.4%	-46.6%	-48.6%	-53.7%	-44.1%	-6.1%	-30.3%	-50.8%

New Home Permits

	January	February	March	April	May	June	July	August	September	October	November	December	Annual Total
2008	347	391	395	711	740	869	1,037	501	461	329	180	168	6,129
2009	179	139	233	346	308	368	452	422	406	357	285	355	3,850
2008-2009 Change	-168	-252	-162	-365	-432	-501	-585	-79	-55	28	105	187	-2,279
	-48.4%	-64.5%	-41.0%	-51.3%	-58.4%	-57.7%	-56.4%	-15.8%	-11.9%	8.5%	58.3%	111.3%	-37.2%

New Home Median Price

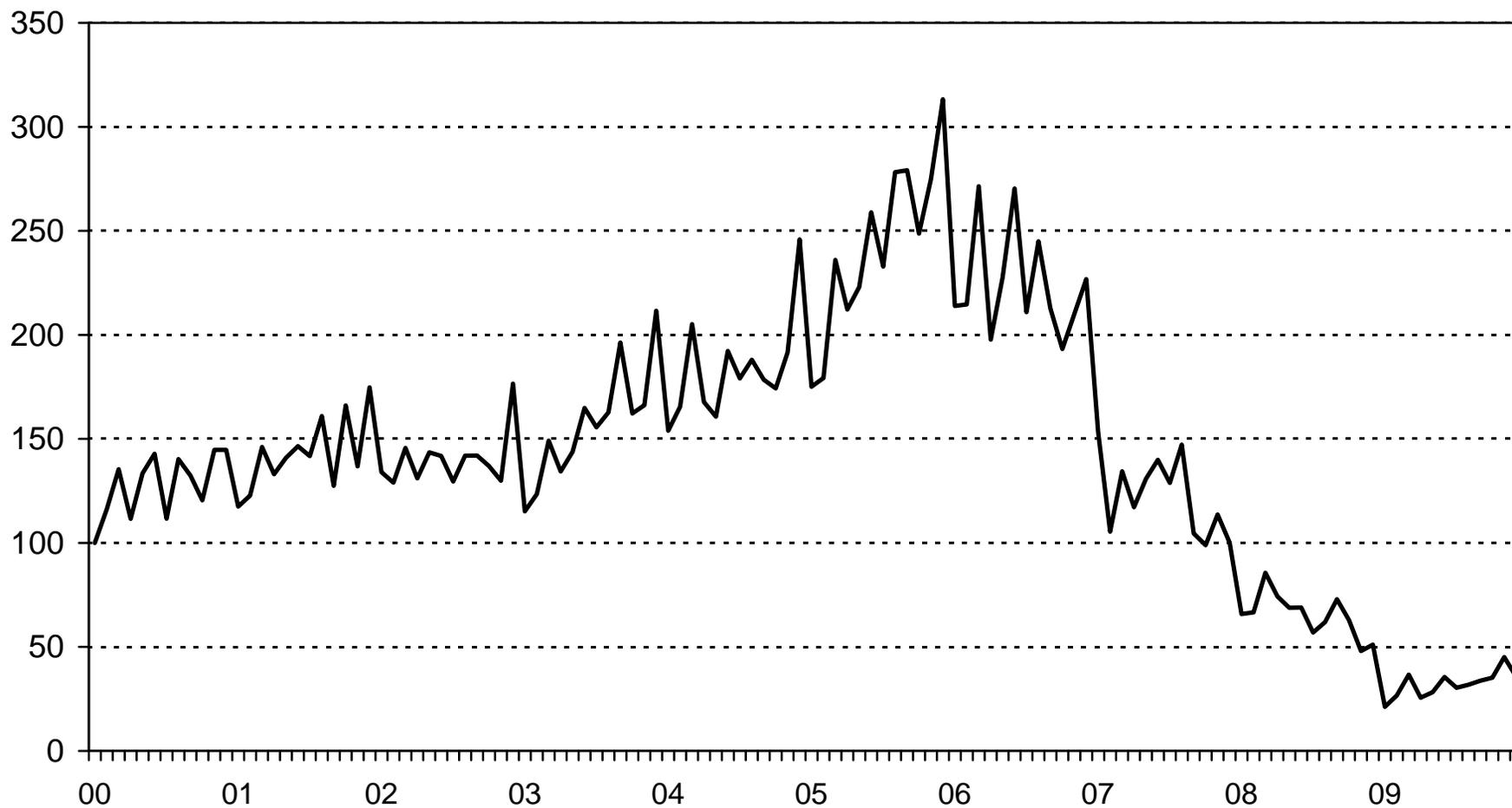
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2008	\$274,000	\$283,000	\$278,630	\$285,990	\$278,245	\$269,900	\$265,000	\$256,000	\$251,000	\$246,430	\$247,990	\$245,000
2009	\$234,173	\$219,900	\$220,000	\$215,650	\$212,900	\$205,490	\$206,549	\$210,000	\$208,240	\$205,500	\$199,928	\$216,854
2008-2009 Change	-\$39,827	-\$63,100	-\$58,630	-\$70,340	-\$65,345	-\$64,410	-\$58,451	-\$46,000	-\$42,760	-\$40,930	-\$48,062	-\$28,146
	-14.5%	-22.3%	-21.0%	-24.6%	-23.5%	-23.9%	-22.1%	-18.0%	-17.0%	-16.6%	-19.4%	-11.5%

Recorded Resales

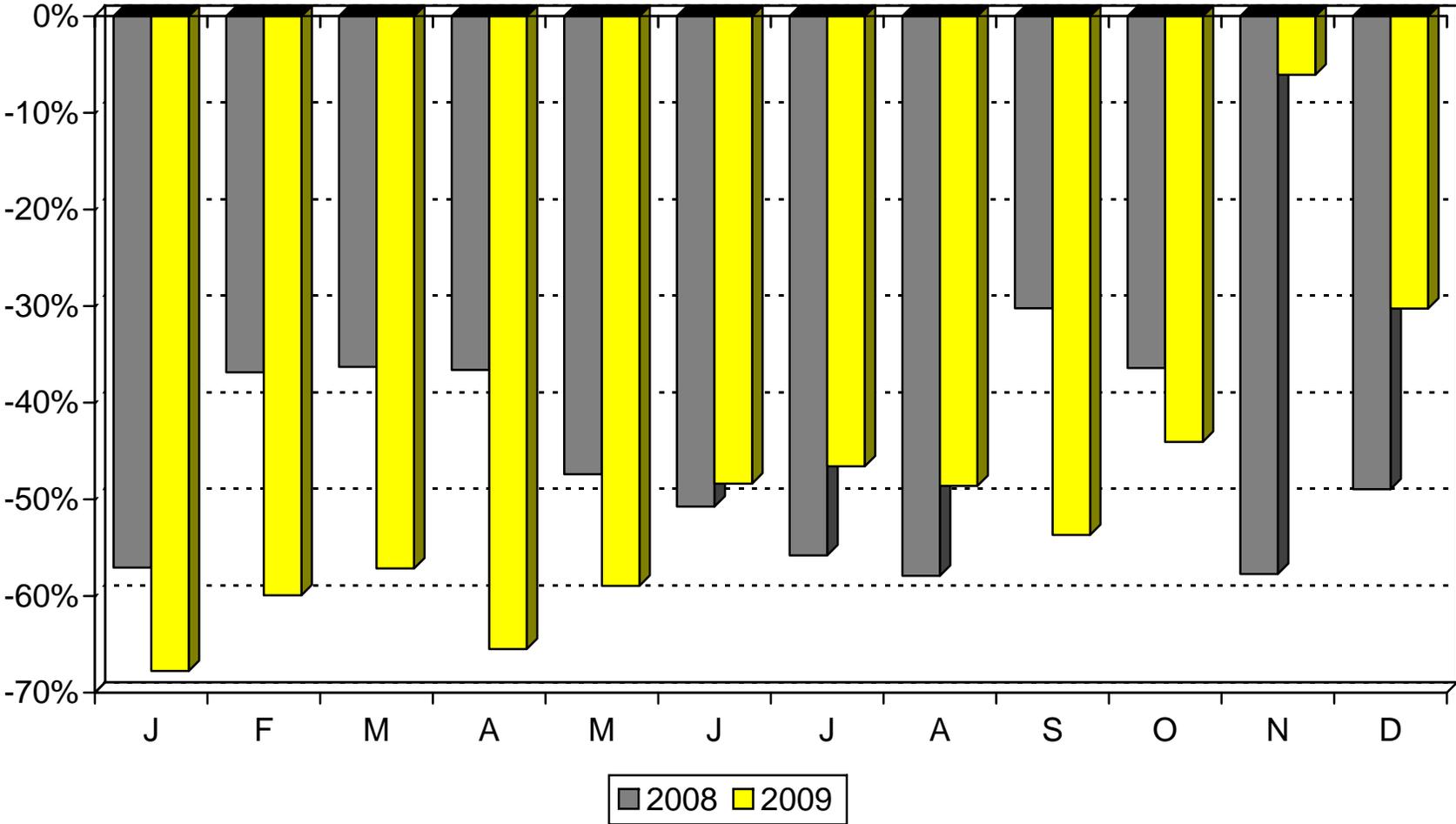
	January	February	March	April	May	June	July	August	September	October	November	December	Annual Total
2008	1,488	1,529	1,899	2,247	2,606	2,731	3,169	3,051	3,125	3,140	2,518	2,988	30,491
2009	2,536	2,606	3,220	3,652	3,714	4,536	4,371	3,833	4,121	4,254	3,696	4,346	44,885
2008-2009 Change	1,048	1,077	1,321	1,405	1,108	1,805	1,202	782	996	1,114	1,178	1,358	14,394
	70.4%	70.4%	69.6%	62.5%	42.5%	66.1%	37.9%	25.6%	31.9%	35.5%	46.8%	45.4%	47.2%

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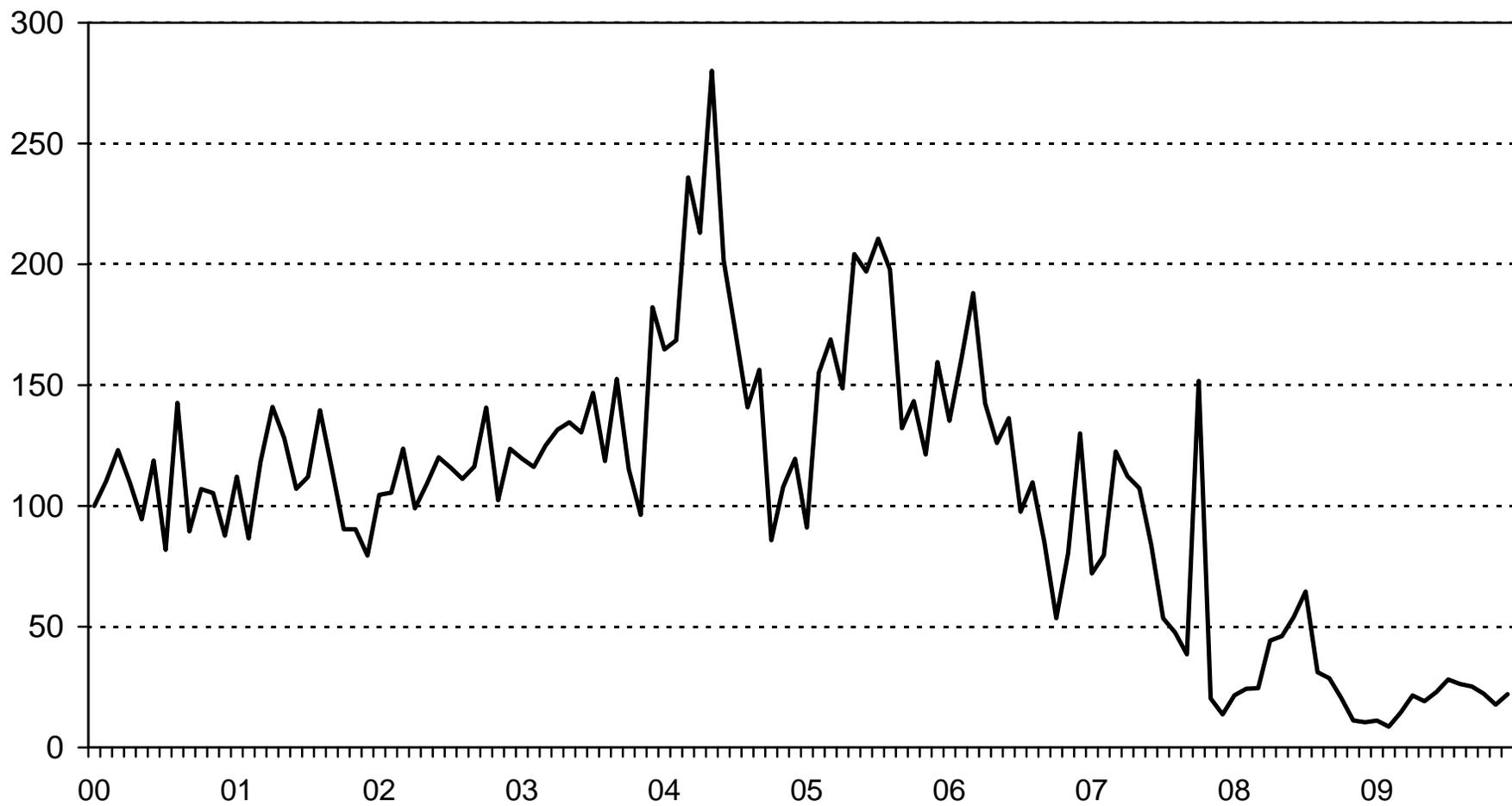
Southern Nevada New Home Closings (January 2000 = 100)



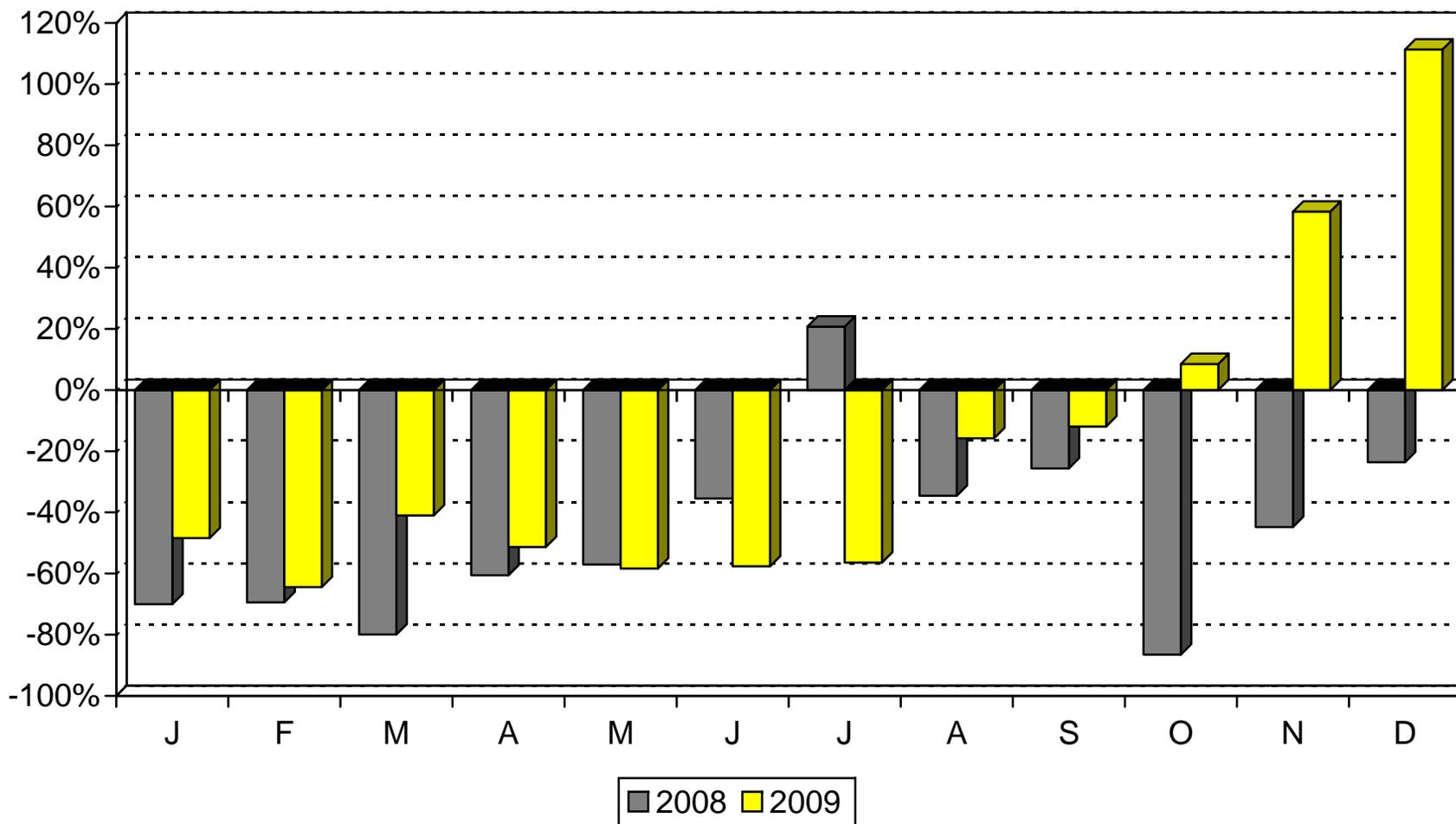
Southern Nevada New Home Closings Growth: 2009 vs. 2008



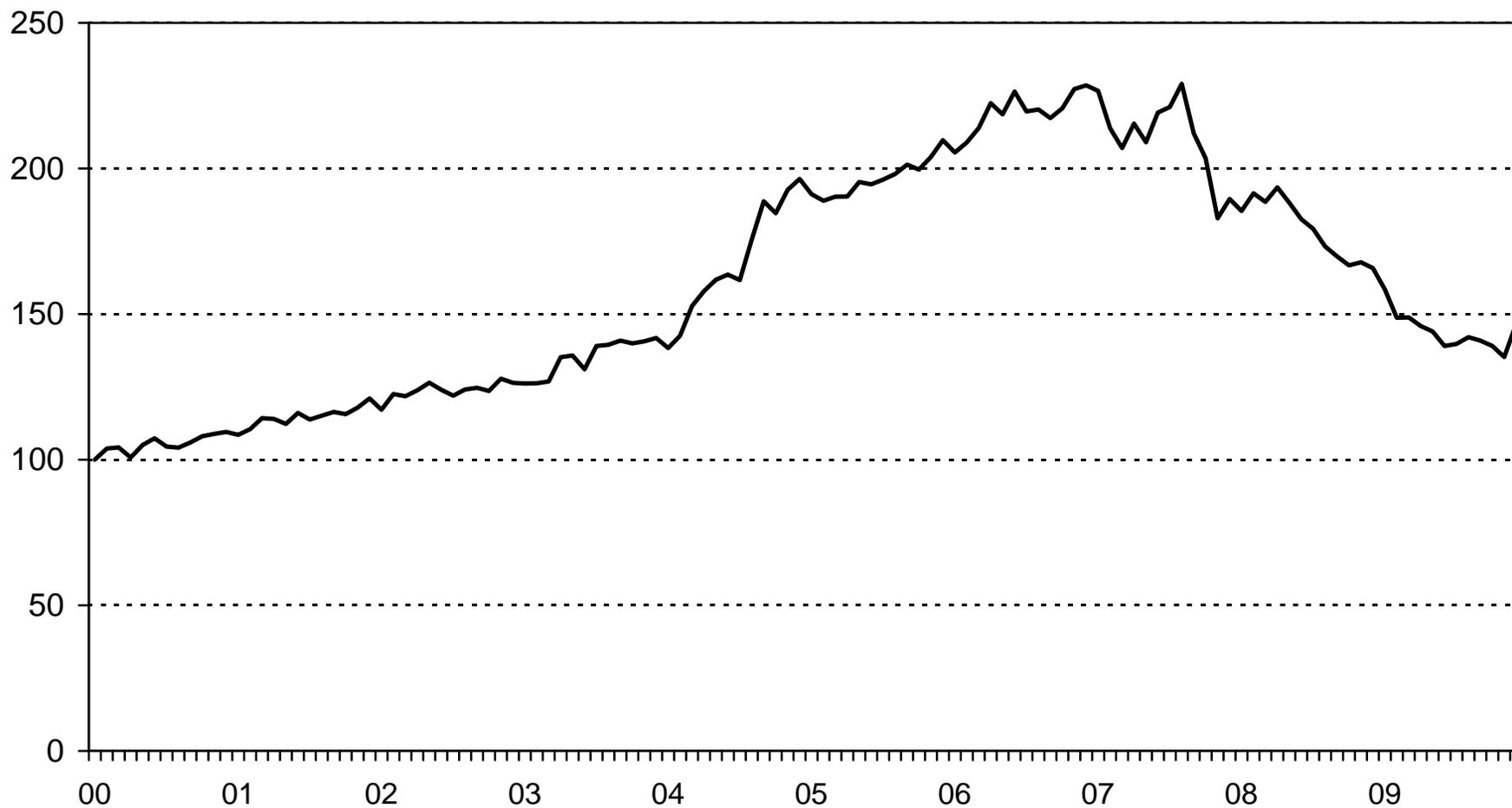
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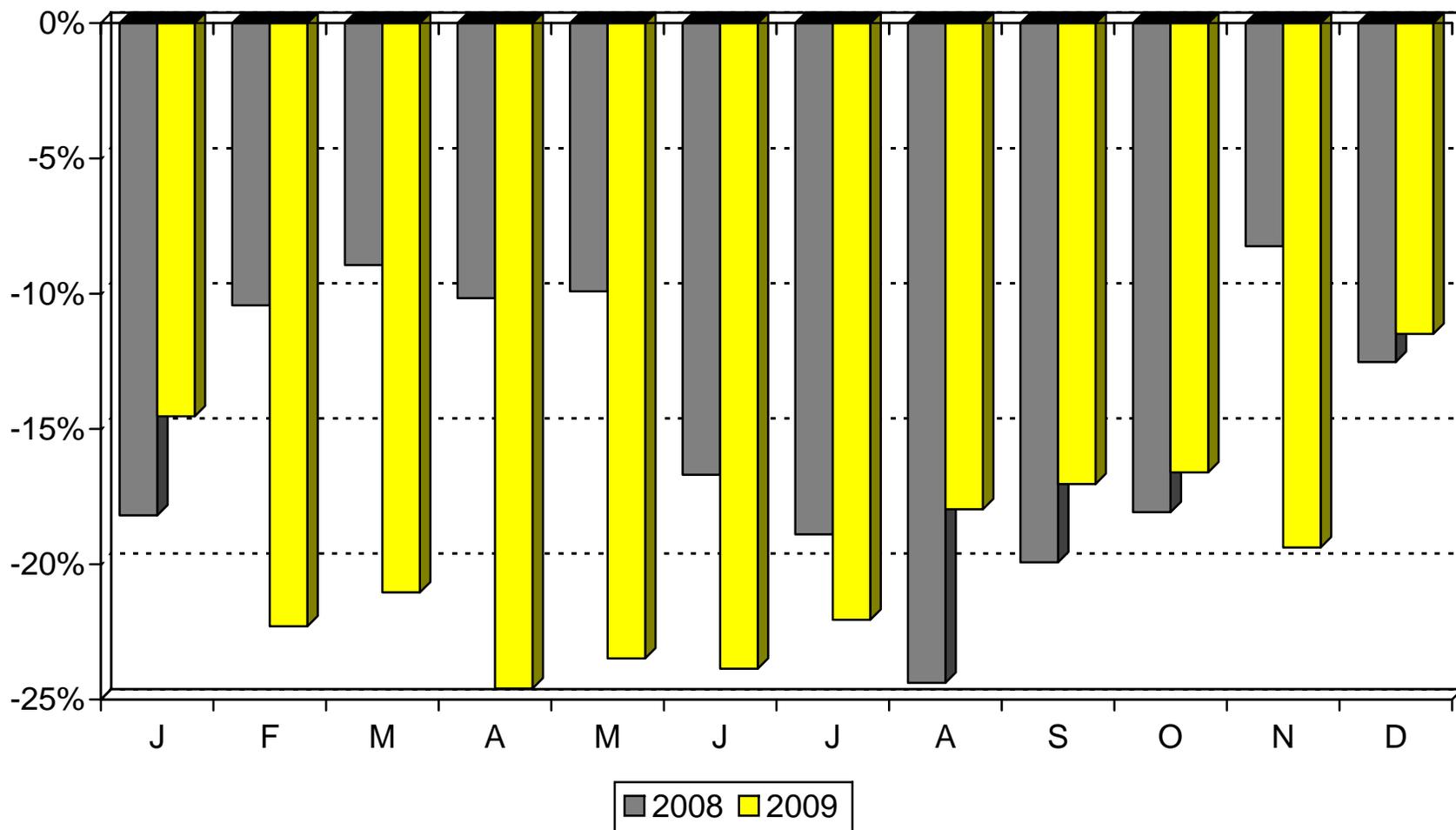
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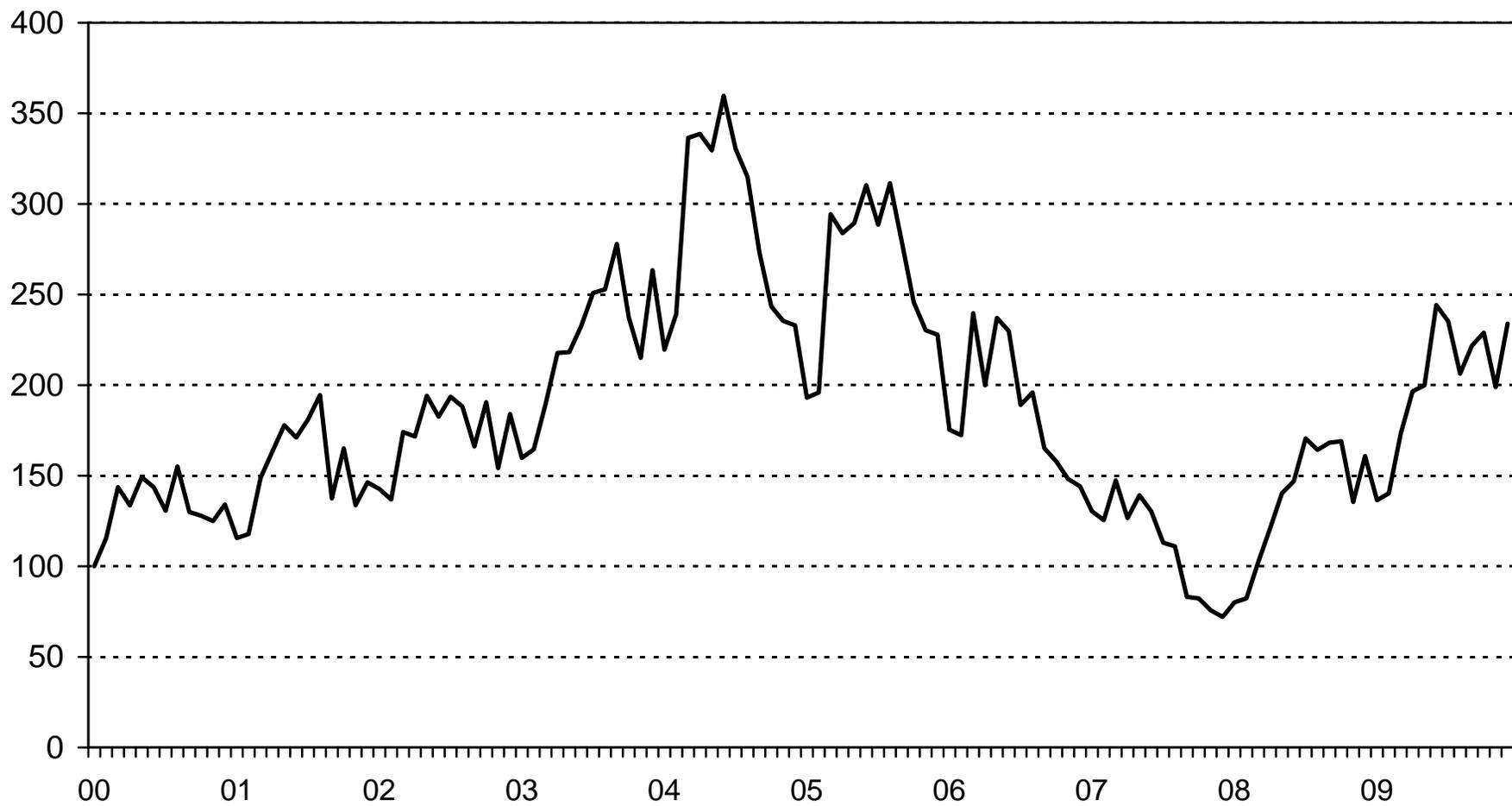
Southern Nevada New Home Median Price (January 2000 = 100)



Southern Nevada New Home Median Price Growth: 2009 vs. 2008



Southern Nevada Recorded Resales (January 2000 = 100)



Southern Nevada Recorded Resales Growth: 2009 vs. 2008

