

# The North Carolina Economic Outlook

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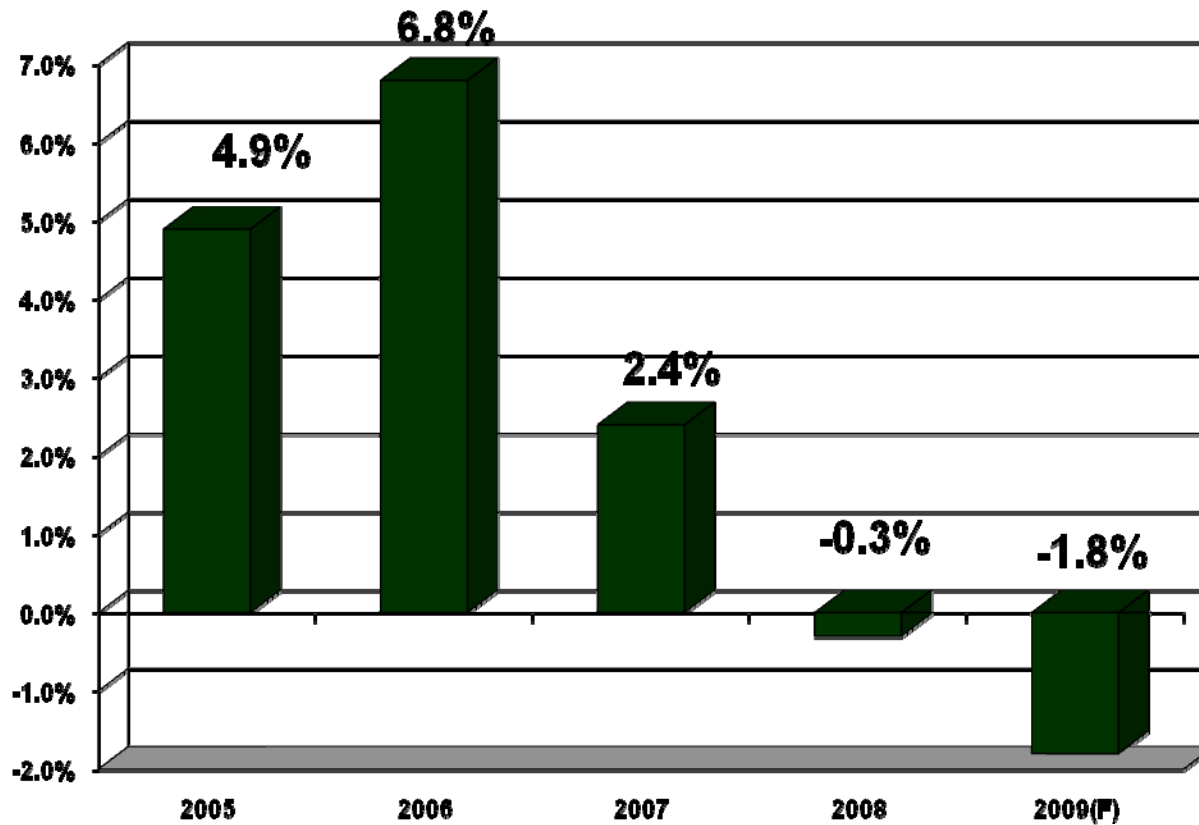
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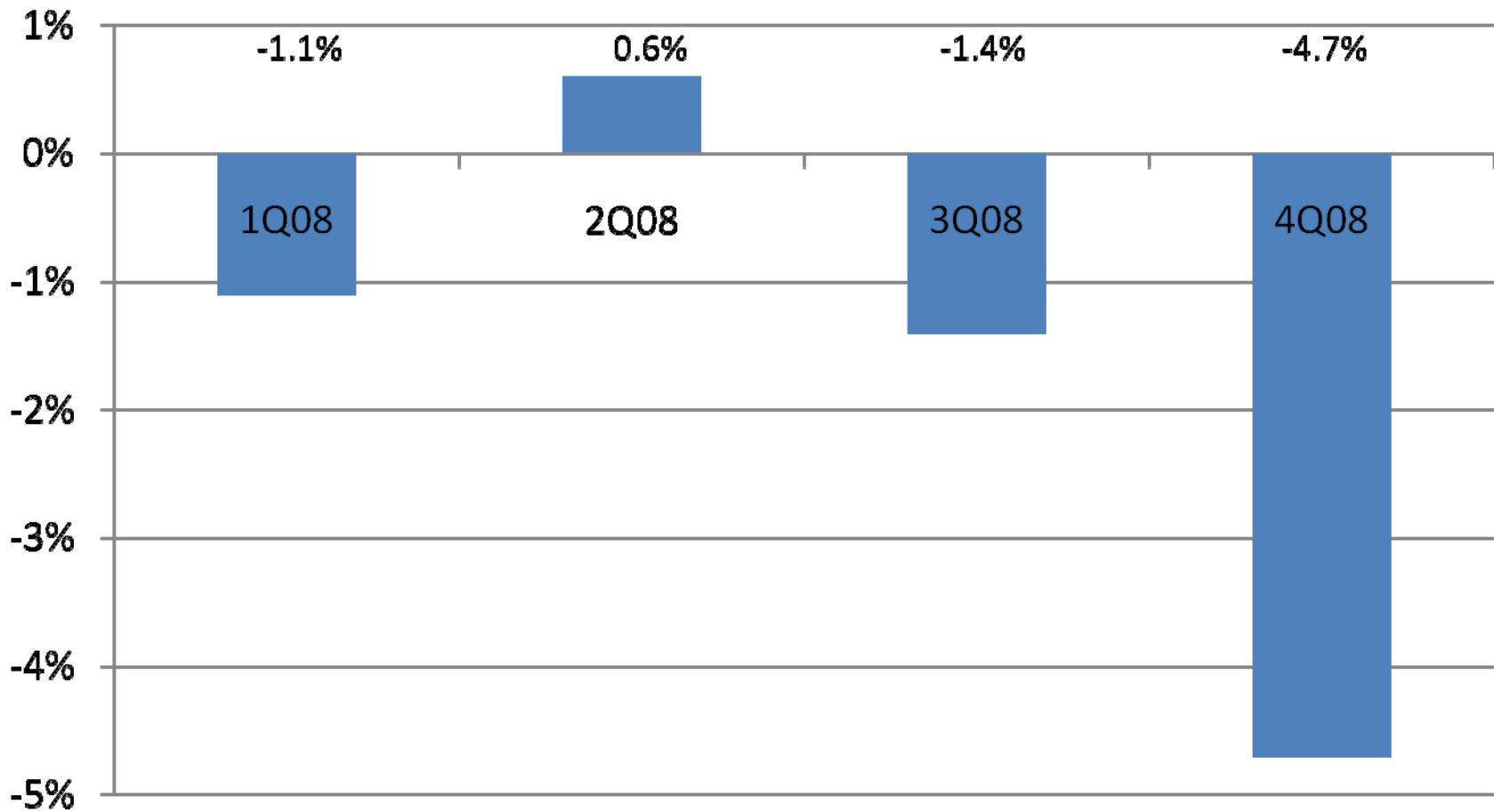
# NC Economic Growth (2005-09)



Source: UNC Charlotte North Carolina Economic Forecast.

# 2008 NC Economic Growth by Quarter

(Quarterly Change at an Annual Rate)



Source: [UNC Charlotte North Carolina Economic Forecast](#).

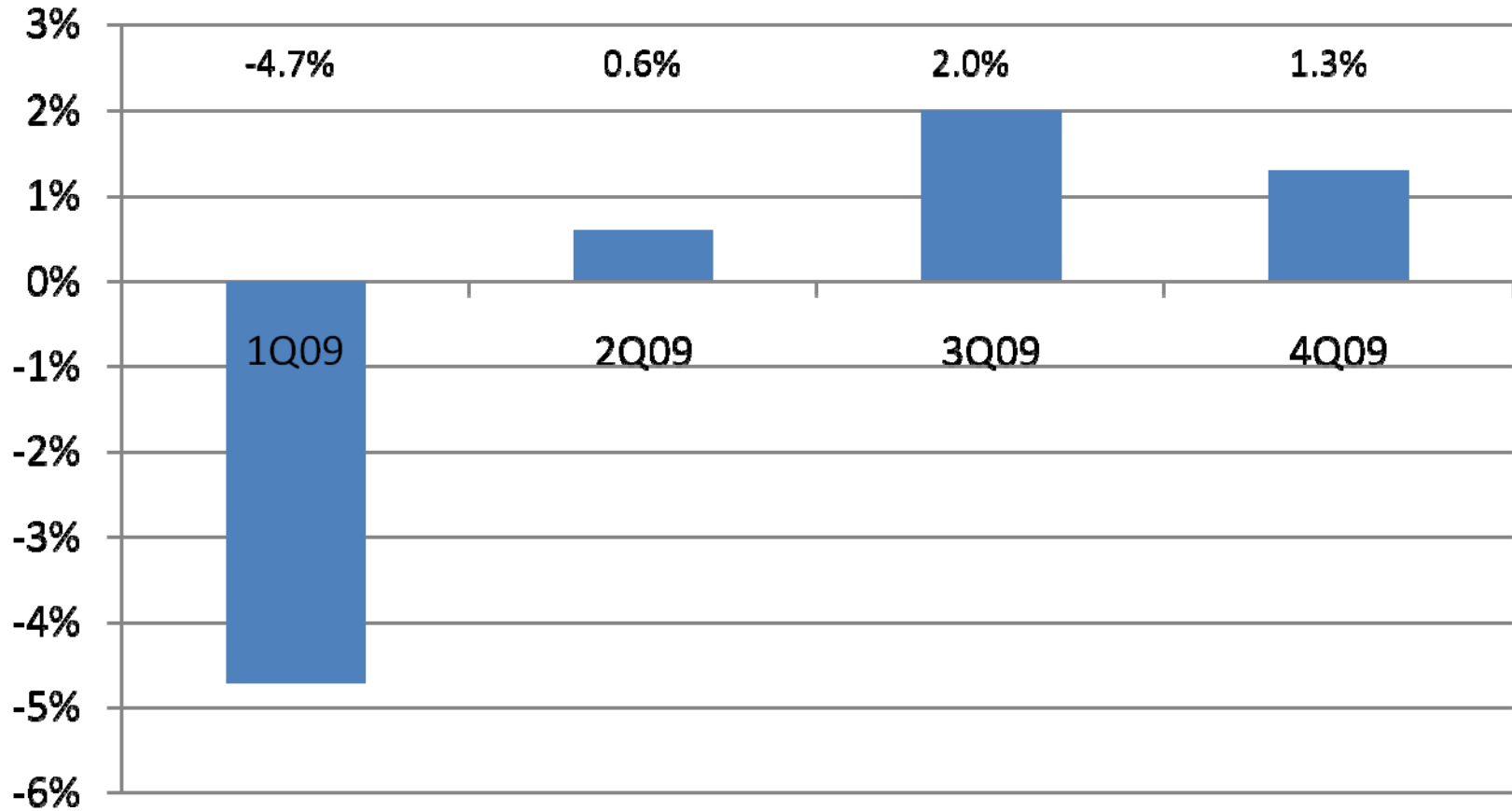
# 2008 North Carolina Sector Output Change

Growth		Decline	
Government	3.9%	Farm	-16.5%
Services	2.9%	Construction	-9.0%
Transportation, Warehousing, Utilities, & Information (TWUI)	1.0%	Mining	-3.7%
Wholesale Trade	0.1%	Durables Manufacturing	-3.4%
		Agricultural Services	-3.2%
		Retail Trade	-2.2%
		Nondurables Manufacturing	-1.8%
		Finance, Insurance, & Real Estate (FIRE)	-1.6%

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# 2009 Forecasted NC Economic Growth by Quarter

(Quarterly Change at an Annual Rate)



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# 2009 Forecasted North Carolina Sector Output Change (Constant \$)

Growth		Decline	
Mining	1.1%	Construction	-5.9%
Government	0.5%	FIRE	-3.8%
TWUI	0.3%	Farm	-3.2%
Services	0.2%	Durables Manufacturing	-3.0%
		Retail Trade	-2.4%
		Wholesale Trade	-2.1%
		Agricultural Services	-1.6%
		Nondurables Manufacturing	-1.6%

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# 2009 NC Jobs Forecast

Sector	NC	US
Construction	-11.1%	-7.2%
Manufacturing	-7.2%	-5.2%
Financial Activities	-5.2%	-4.6%
Retail Trade	-5.1%	-4.6%
Transportation/Warehousing	-4.2%	-3.6%
Information	-4.1%	-3.1%
Professional/Business Services	-4.0%	-5.3%
Leisure/Hospitality	-3.0%	-3.3%
Wholesale Trade	-2.8%	-3.0%
Natural Resources/Mining	-2.7%	-4.9%
Government	-0.3%	-0.6%
Other Services	0.1%	-2.6%
Utilities	0.4%	-3.7%
Education/Health Care	1.0%	-1.1%
All Sectors	-3.3%	-3.3%

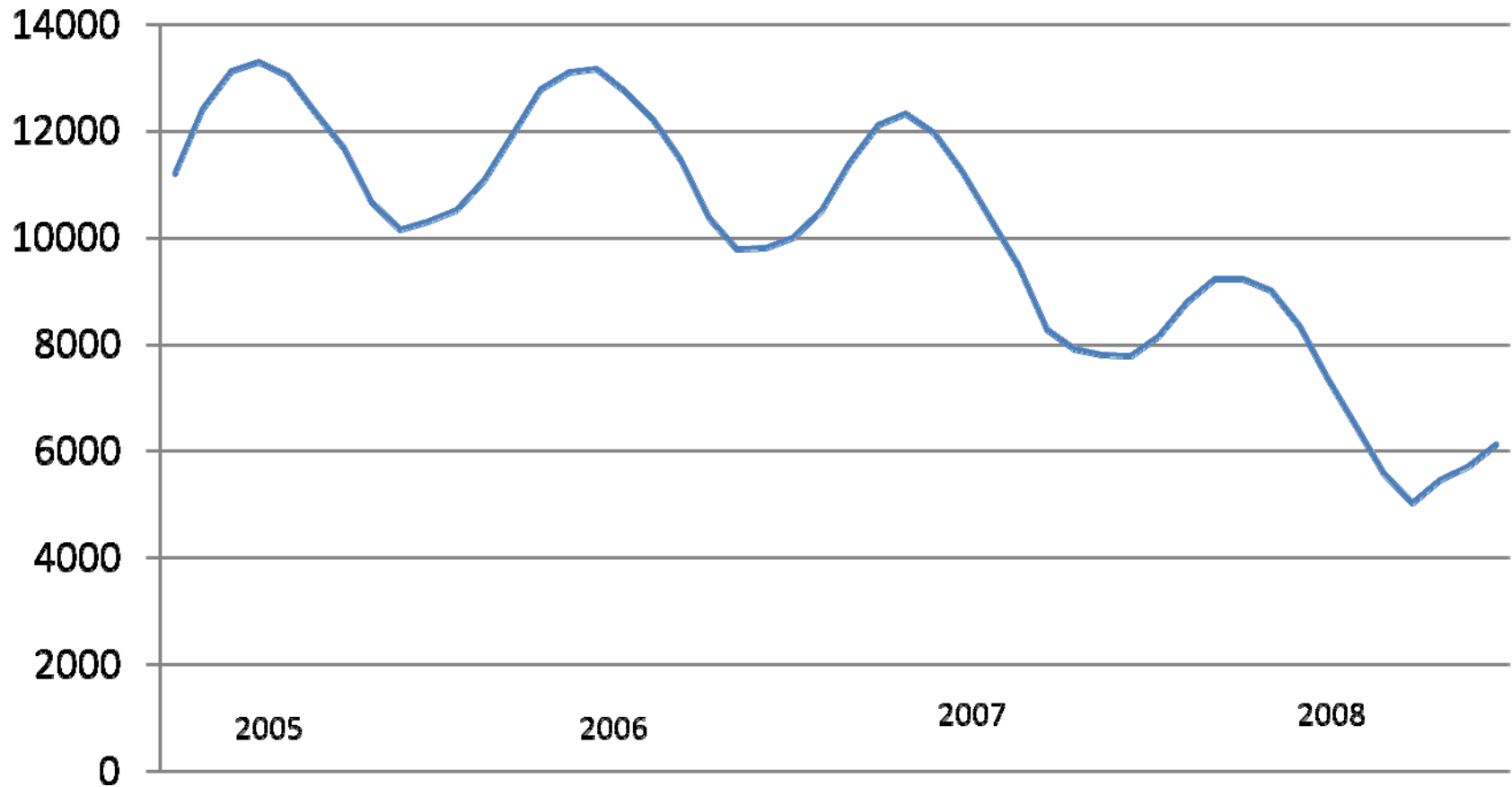
Source: Moody's Economy.com.

# Employment Outlook

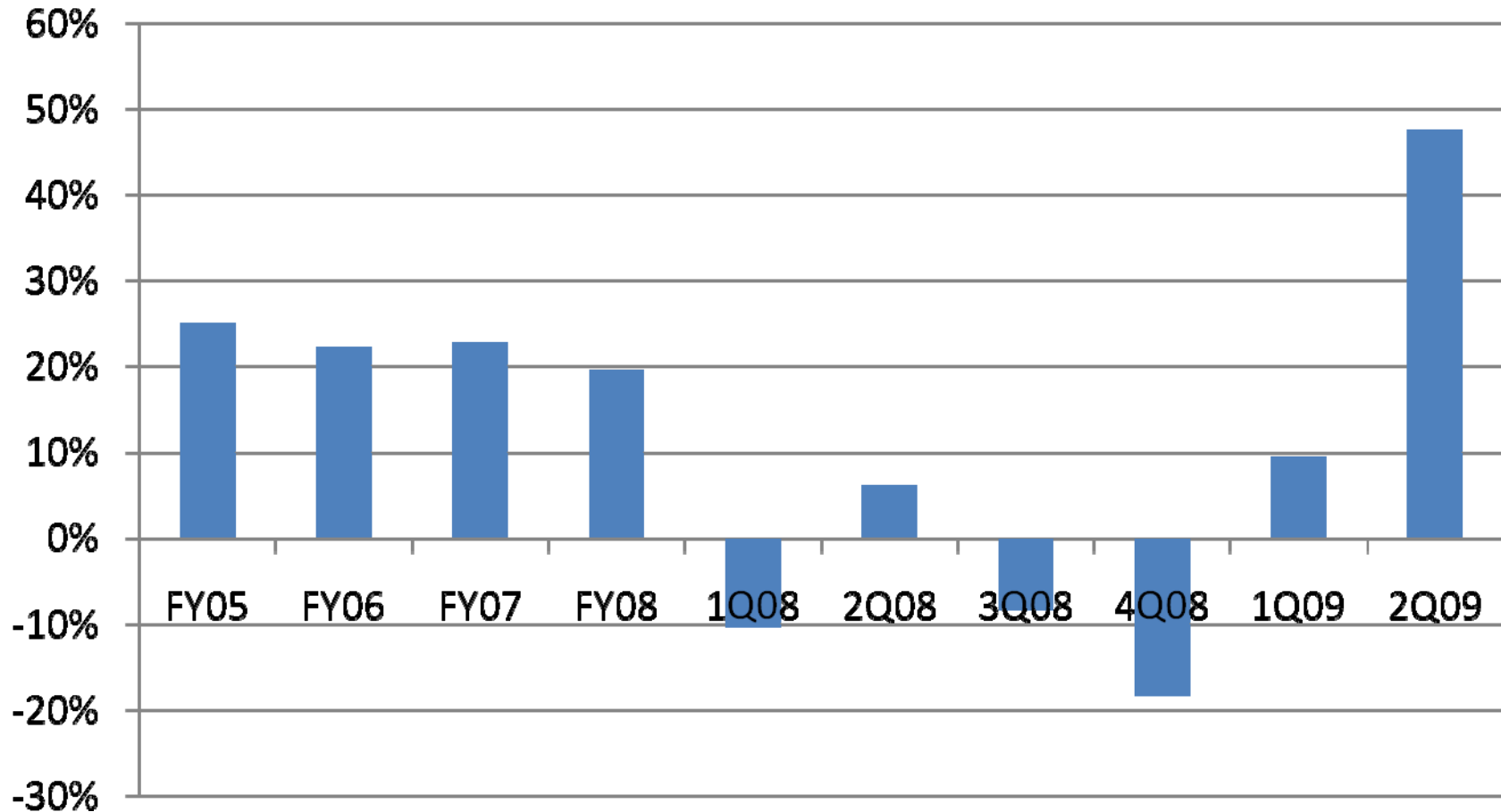
- NCSU Economist Mike Walden predicts that the NC unemployment rate will peak at around 13% during 1Q10.
  - The rate will fall to 10.3% by year-end 2010.
  - The highest rates will be in the Charlotte and Greensboro-High Point-Winston-Salem areas.
  - The lowest rate is expected in the Raleigh-Durham area.
- The national unemployment rate will likely rise through mid 2010 and peak at around 10.5%.

# NC Sales of Existing Single-Family Residential Structures

(5-Month Centered Moving Average)

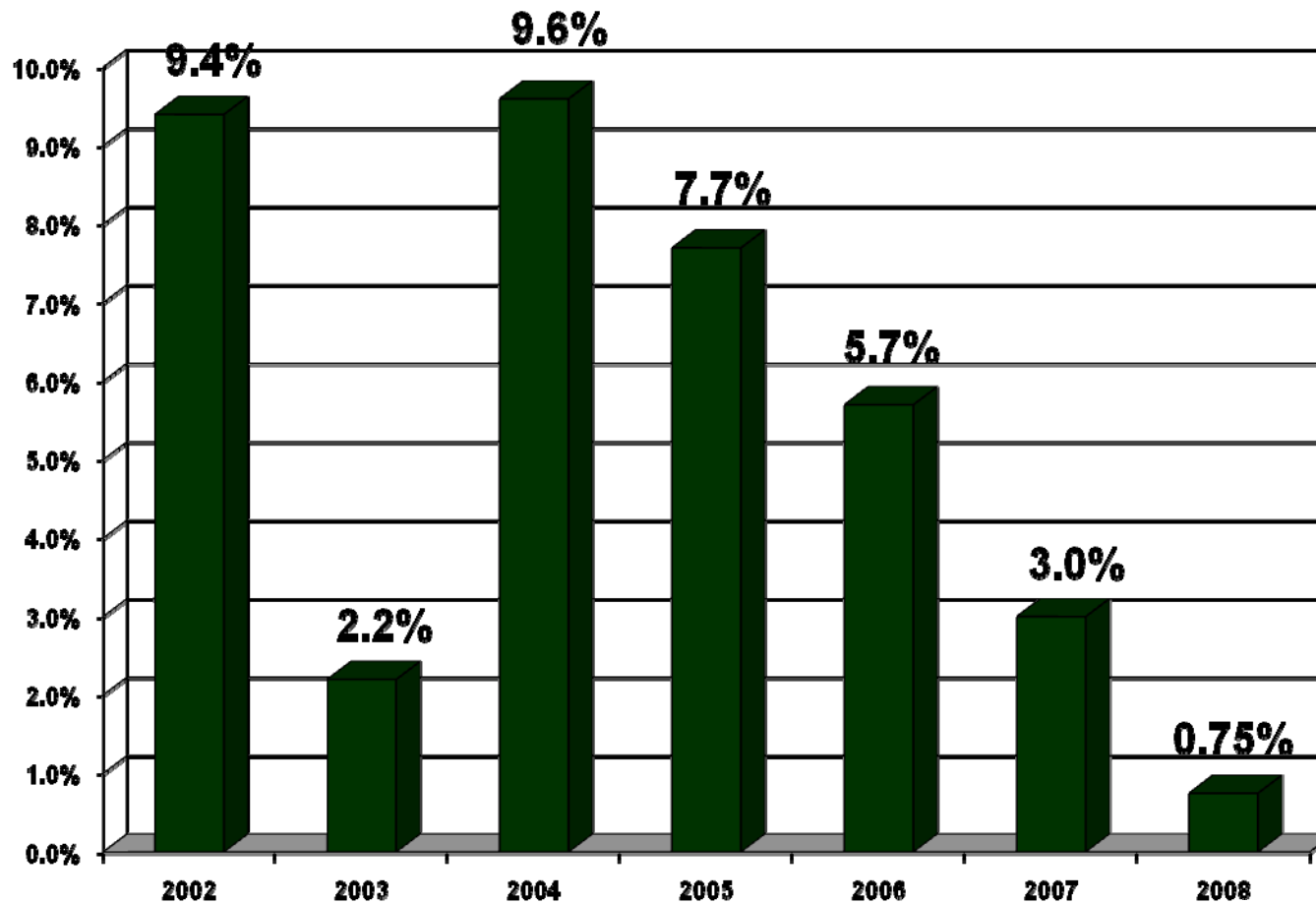


# Port of Wilmington Container Tonnage Growth Rates

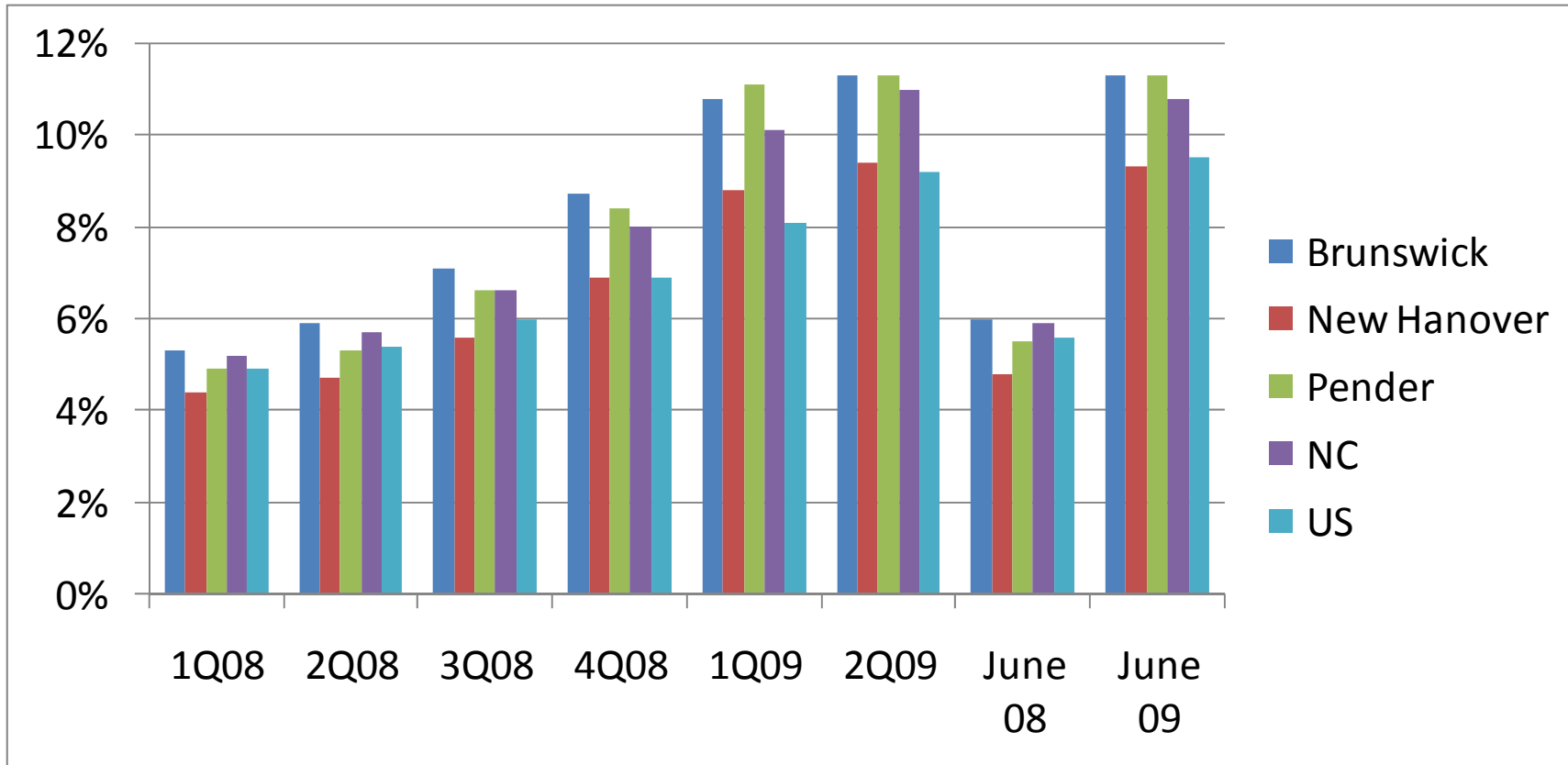


# SENC Carolina Economic Growth

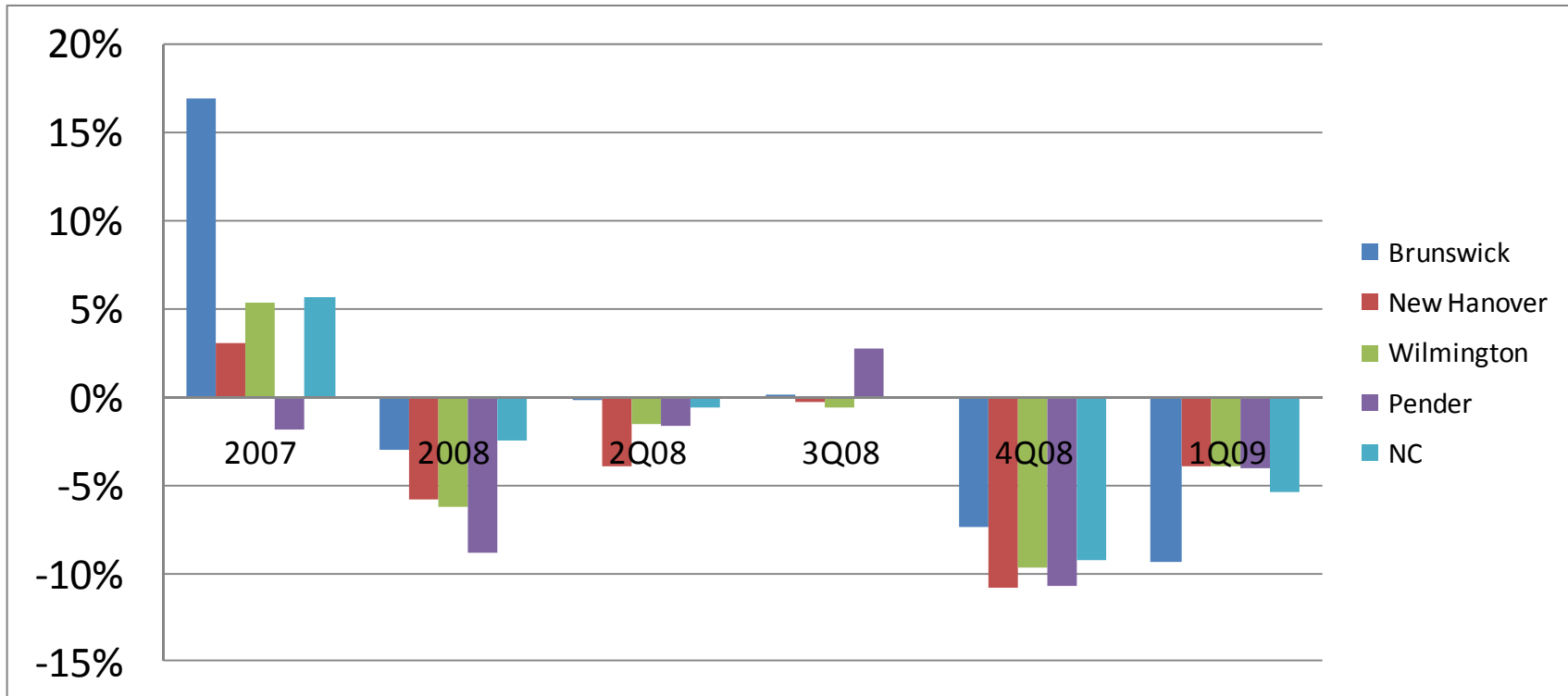
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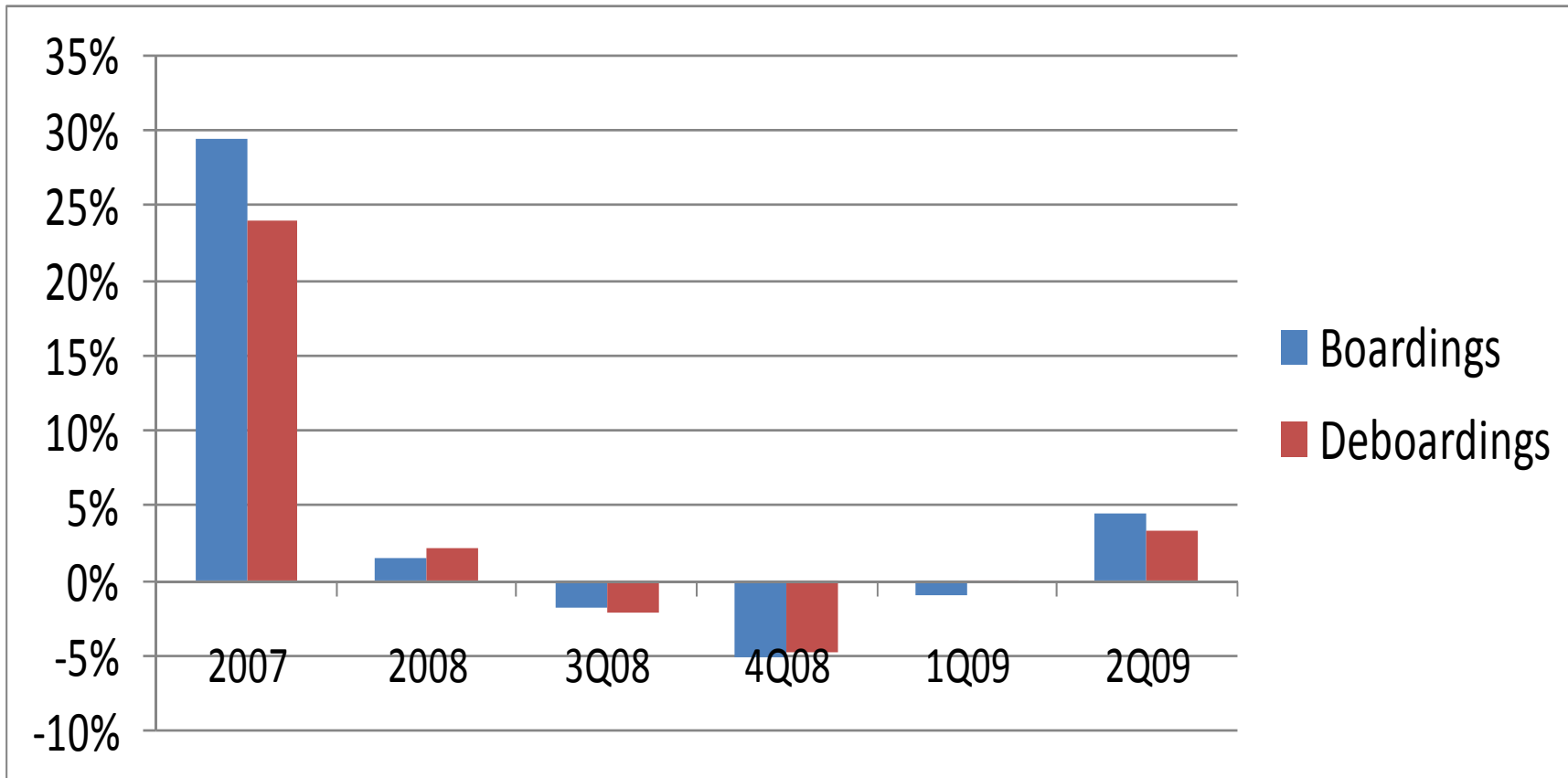
# Unemployment Rates



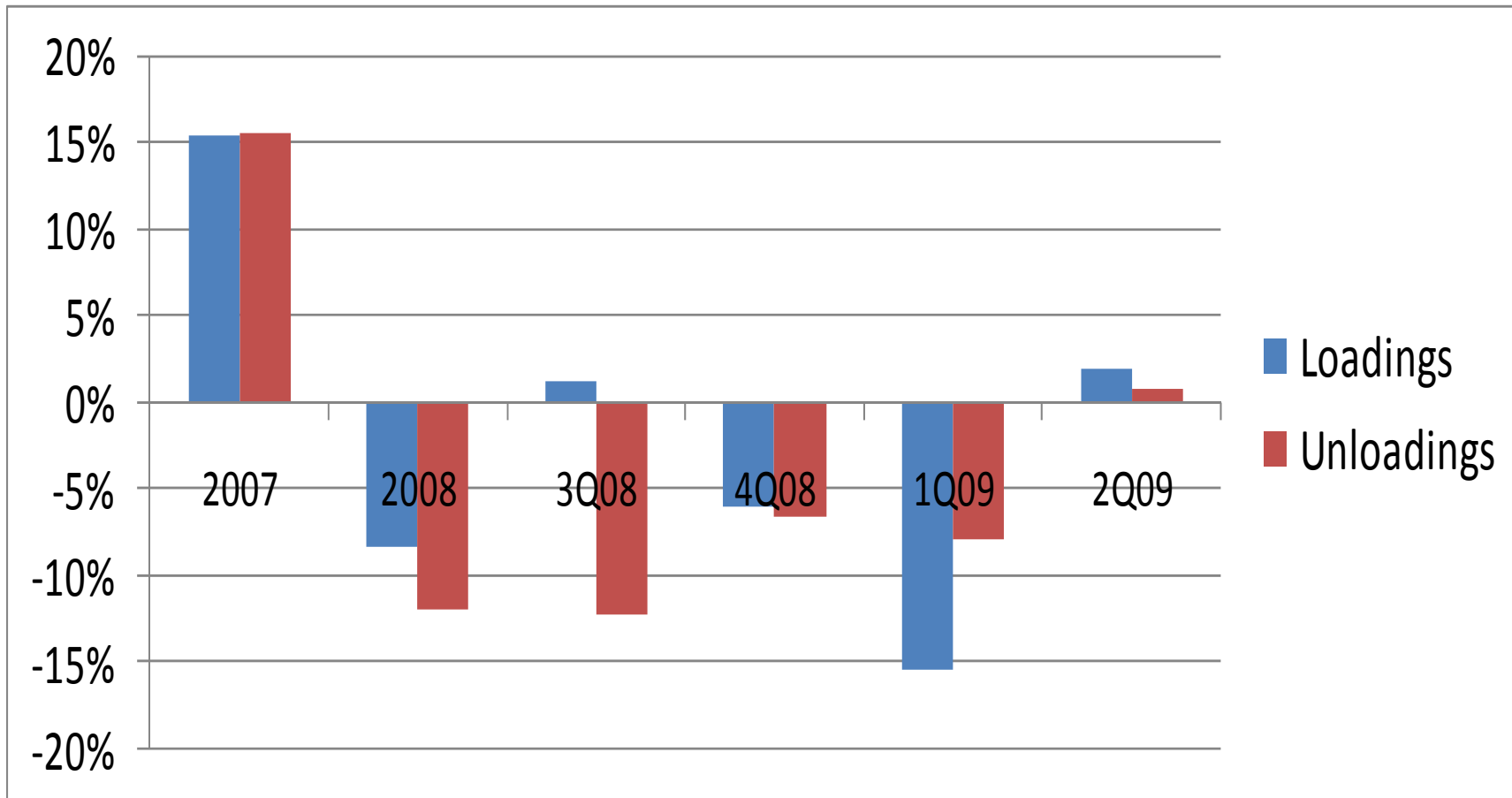
# Retail Sales Growth Rates



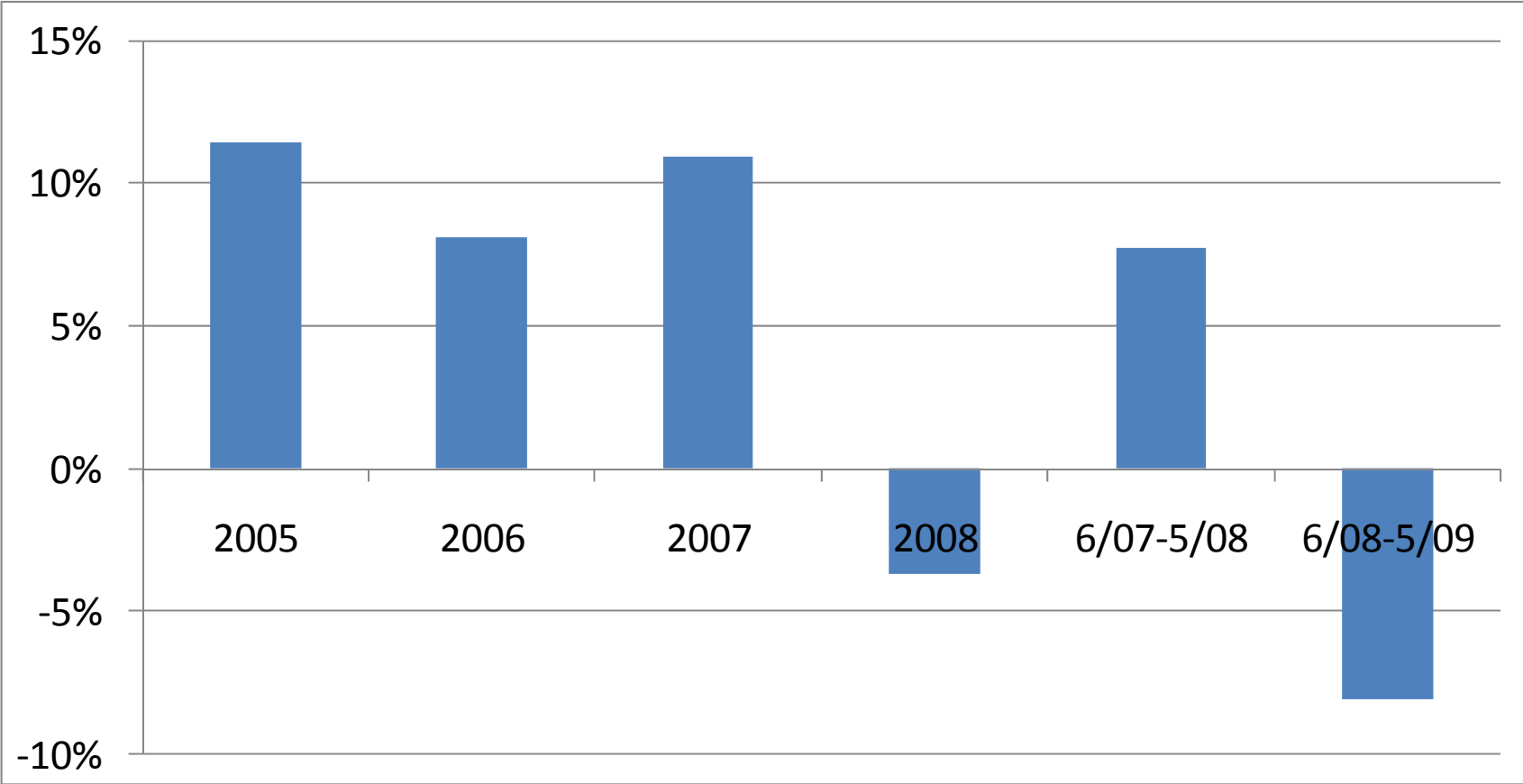
# Wilmington International Airport Passenger Traffic Growth Rates



# Wilmington International Airport Cargo Traffic Growth Rates



# New Hanover County Room Occupancy Tax Collections Growth Rates (NSA)

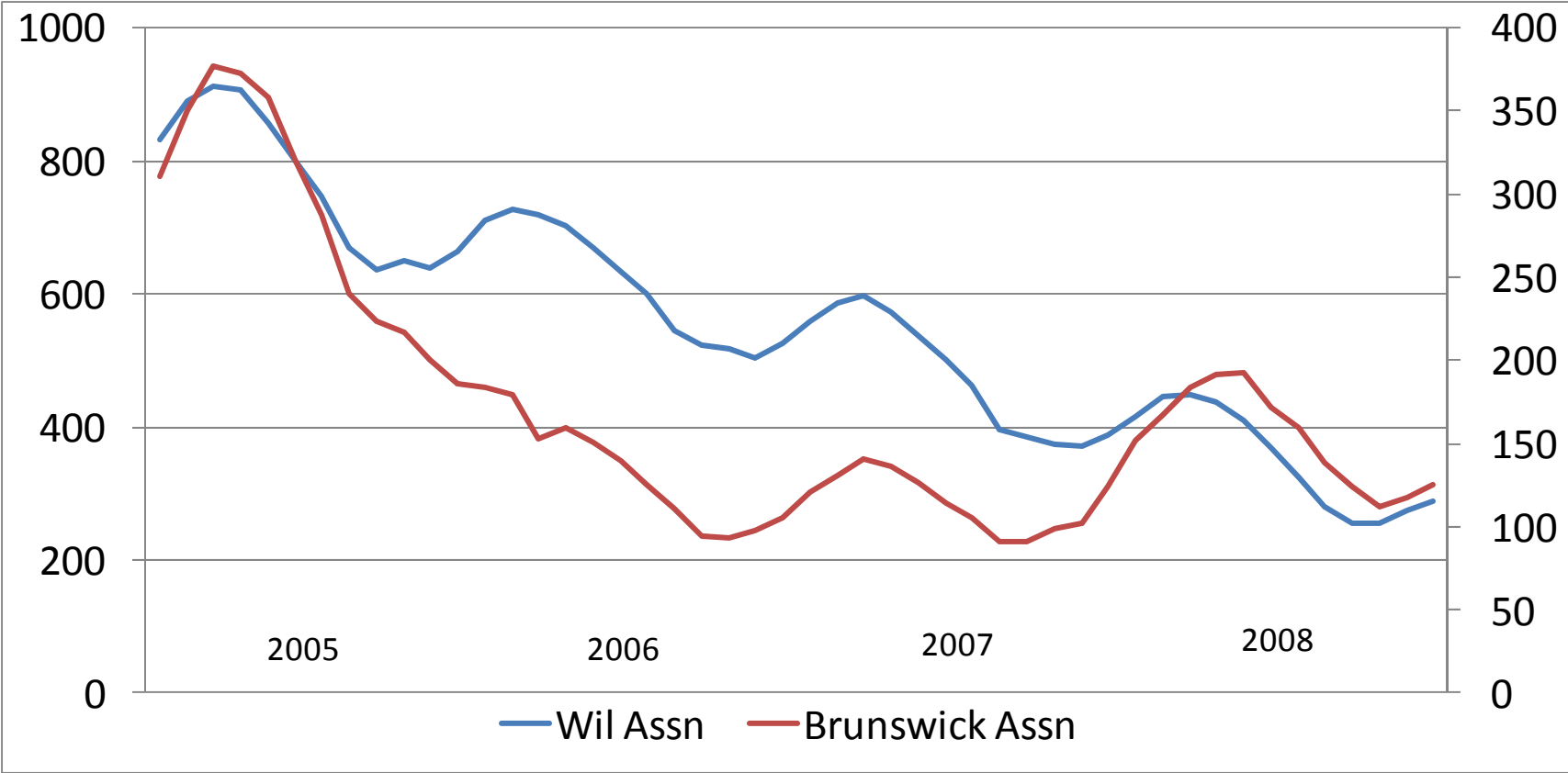


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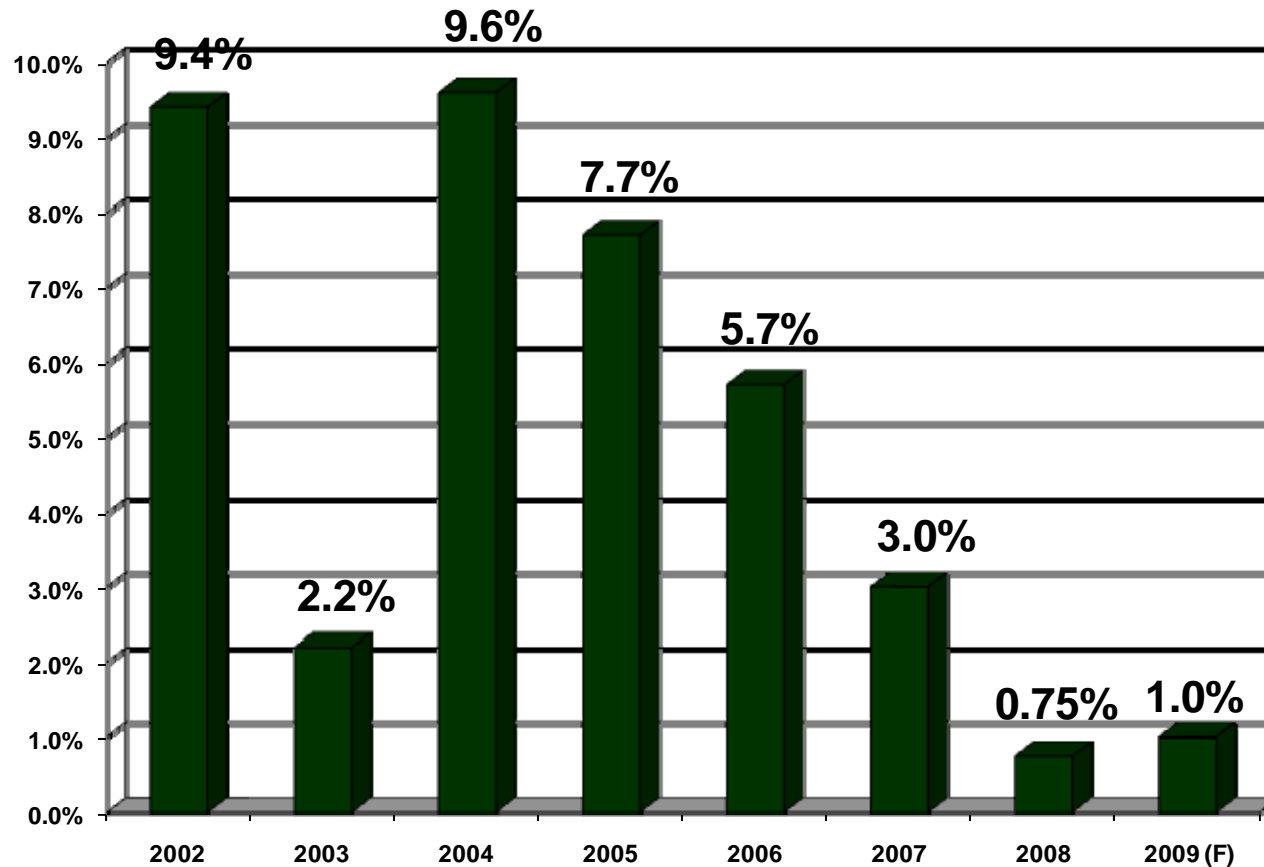
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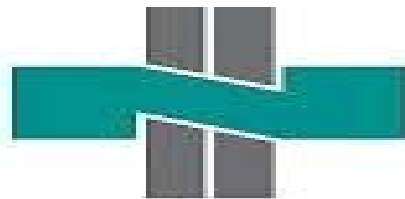
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# “Watch” List

- Retail sales
- Unemployment rate
- Real estate sales
- Room occupancy tax collections

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