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Highlights

- There is no denying that Nevada's short-term economic performance is worrisome. This softening, due in large part to the residential construction downturn, has negatively impacted, among other things, the State's labor markets, unemployment insurance activity, and retail trends.
- However, examining current trends in a broader context, coming on the heels of a multi-year boom in the Nevada economy, offers a much more encouraging perspective. For instance, despite job growth which continues to ease, and is approaching 1%, the State is home to 250,000 more jobs than just five years ago. In addition, a look to the future suggests that better news may be ahead in the years to come, especially in light of approximately 40,000 new hotel rooms likely to be constructed in southern Nevada over the next half-decade. The first batch of these rooms is scheduled to come on-line in late-December, with the opening of the Palazzo.
- After topping out in early-2002, Nevada's unemployment rate (seasonally adjusted¹) trended

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

down until the beginning of 2006, and it has been on the upswing, albeit unevenly, since. September's 5.1% reading is up 0.9 percentage point from a year ago and is the highest it has been since late-2003. It is up from 5% in August.

- As a result, Nevada's jobless rate has edged ahead of the national average, following a five-year period in which it was lower than national norms. Through the first nine months of the year, Nevada's unemployment rate has averaged 4.7% (not seasonally adjusted) compared to 4.6% for the U.S. as a whole. A year ago, during the first nine months of 2006, Nevada's jobless rate was 0.6 percentage point below the national average, a clear sign of the change in the State's economic fortunes.
- Year-to-date through September, the Clark County unemployment rate stands at 4.6%, not adjusted for seasonal variation, marginally higher than Washoe County's 4.5%. In the balance of the rest of the State, it is 5.2%.
- Job growth continues to ease, and remains the lowest it has been since mid-2002. Through September of

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.

this year, job gains have averaged 2.4%. This is just one-half the rate of growth realized in 2006.

- Typically, job readings increase from August to September, due, in large part, to the start of the school year. This year, September job readings were up 9,000 relative to August, the smallest monthly increase since 2002.
- Las Vegas metropolitan statistical area (MSA) job growth has averaged 2.5% through September, slightly higher than Reno-Sparks' 2.2% gain. The year-over-year increase in the Carson City MSA was minimal, at 0.1%.
- Through the first nine months of the year, national job growth has averaged 1.4%, a full percentage point below Nevada's 2.4% gain.
- Nevada average weekly wages, at \$802 in the first quarter of 2007, stood 4.9% higher than a year ago. This compares favorably to the 3.4% advance for all of 2006.
- The weakness in the housing segment is impacting the State's labor markets. Construction jobs are off by 3,000 so far this year. In 2006, the construction sector added about 9,000 new jobs. Unemployment insurance claims from the construction industry are up by approximately one-third.
- All told, though the first nine months of this year, initial claims for unemployment insurance are up 20% from a year ago. September claims totaled nearly 12,000, a gain of almost 25% from a year ago. Claims activity has been trending up since, roughly, mid-2006.
- Continued unemployment insurance claims remain well above year-ago readings. For the year, they are up by nearly 30%. The average duration of UI claims continues to creep up, albeit unevenly, and stands at 13.2 weeks in September. The number of individuals exhausting their unemployment insurance benefits is also trending up, a pattern consistent with the moderating pace of economic growth. On average in 2007, about 2,100 Nevadans per month have received final benefit payments, one-third higher than a year ago.
- There were 59,100 Nevada employers (a new economic barometer covering the number of employers with recorded unemployment insurance contributions, shown for the first time in this *Briefing*) in 2007:IIQ. This translates into a gain of 4.7% from the same period a year ago. In recent years, the growth in the number of Nevada employers peaked in 2005, at more than 6%. It has eased in both 2006 and so far in 2007.
- Nevada's taxable sales, which comprise the tax base for the State's largest General Fund revenue source (the sales tax), have declined in each of the past five

months. The August decline, at 5.7% relative to a year ago, is the sharpest year-over-year decline in the past decade, except for 6.6% drop in September 2001.

- At 3.35 million, Las Vegas visitor volume in August stood 0.4% higher than a year ago.
- Through the first eight months of the year, gaming win is up just 2.1%. Gaming win has significant impacts on gaming tax collections, the second-largest General Fund revenue source.
- For all of 2006, Nevada personal income grew at a 7.9% pace. Income gains were the lowest since 2003. Still, Nevada continued to outpace the nation, where personal income grew just 6.6% in 2006. Through the first half of this year, income is up 7.4% in the State, another impressive showing in light of the nation's 6.4% gain.
- Activity on the residential real estate and construction front remains weak. Housing permit activity is down by over 40% in the first three quarters of 2007 in the State. In southern Nevada, new home closings are down by 44% year-to-date (though September). Recorded resales are down by nearly the same amount. At \$313,500 in September, the median price of new homes stood 2.4% below a year ago.

2006 and 2007 Summary

Labor Markets Summary

	January	February	March	April	May	June	July	August	September	October	November	December
Unemployment Rate												
2006 YTD Average	4.5%	4.4%	4.3%	4.2%	4.2%	4.2%	4.2%	4.2%	4.2%	4.2%	4.2%	4.2%
2007 YTD Average	4.9%	4.7%	4.6%	4.5%	4.5%	4.5%	4.6%	4.6%	4.7%	4.7%	4.7%	4.7%
2006-2007 Change (ppt. points)	0.4	0.4	0.3	0.3	0.3	0.3	0.4	0.4	0.5	0.5	0.5	0.5
Jobs												
2006 YTD Average	1,239,700	1,247,300	1,254,200	1,259,500	1,264,700	1,269,000	1,270,400	1,271,900	1,274,200	1,276,700	1,279,100	1,281,500
2007 YTD Average	1,285,500	1,292,100	1,298,700	1,300,000	1,302,700	1,304,300	1,305,900	1,307,500	1,309,200	1,310,900	1,312,600	1,314,300
2006-2007 Change	3.7%	3.6%	3.4%	3.2%	3.0%	2.8%	2.6%	2.5%	2.4%	2.3%	2.3%	2.4%
Average Weekly Wages												
2006 YTD Average	\$764	\$756	\$755	\$770								
2007 YTD Average	\$802											
2006-2007 Change	4.9%											
Initial Claims												
2006 YTD Average	12,508	10,847	11,411	11,205	11,028	11,036	10,842	10,909	10,781	10,826	11,003	11,335
2007 YTD Average	14,452	12,782	12,541	12,705	12,557	12,675	12,851	12,999	12,885	12,885	12,885	12,885
2006-2007 Change	15.5%	16.8%	9.9%	13.4%	13.9%	14.9%	17.4%	19.2%	19.5%	19.5%	19.5%	19.5%
Continued Claims (weeks claimed)												
2006 YTD Average	91,935	83,177	82,021	80,317	81,936	80,484	81,879	81,113	79,859	80,463	80,113	81,059
2007 YTD Average	119,558	107,833	103,962	106,151	103,281	101,187	103,733	103,115	101,302	101,302	101,302	101,302
2006-2007 Change	30.0%	29.6%	26.8%	32.2%	26.1%	25.7%	26.7%	27.1%	26.9%	26.9%	26.9%	26.9%
Average Duration of Claims (weeks)												
2006 Monthly	13.23	13.12	12.97	12.97	12.96	12.90	12.96	12.85	12.81	12.70	12.64	12.63
2007 Monthly	12.72	12.84	12.97	13.18	13.18	13.24	13.18	13.15	13.20	13.20	13.20	13.20
2006-2007 Change (weeks)	-0.51	-0.28	0.00	0.21	0.22	0.34	0.22	0.30	0.39	0.39	0.39	0.39
Exhaustions (no. of final payments)												
2006 YTD Average	1,750	1,513	1,462	1,447	1,514	1,494	1,559	1,557	1,552	1,576	1,562	1,561
2007 YTD Average	1,983	1,815	1,792	1,935	1,985	2,004	2,091	2,095	2,077	2,077	2,077	2,077
2006-2007 Change	13.3%	20.0%	22.5%	33.7%	31.1%	34.2%	34.2%	34.5%	33.9%	33.9%	33.9%	33.9%
Number of Employers												
2006 YTD Average	55,564	56,004	56,315	56,615								
2007 YTD Average	59,459	59,784										
2006-2007 Change	5.2%	5.0%										

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2006 and 2007 Summary (continued)

Retail and Gaming Activity Summary

	January	February	March	April	May	June	July	August	September	October	November	December
Table Sales (millions of \$)												
2006 YTD Total	\$3,641	\$7,209	\$11,537	\$15,537	\$10,802	\$24,268	\$28,391	\$32,564	\$34,833	\$40,677	\$44,569	\$48,267
2007 YTD Total	\$3,674	\$7,468	\$11,948	\$15,955	\$19,868	\$24,441	\$28,436	\$32,369				
2006-2007 Change	0.9%	2.3%	3.0%	2.0%	0.8%	0.6%	0.2%	-0.6%				
Las Vegas Visitor Volume												
2006 YTD Total	3,175,528	6,152,046	9,561,367	12,863,101	16,204,257	19,261,485	22,731,352	26,072,357	29,351,251	32,736,220	35,850,598	39,814,889
2007 YTD Total	3,156,419	6,172,269	9,620,007	12,943,655	16,324,246	19,686,561	22,984,754	26,338,751				
2006-2007 Change	-0.6%	0.3%	0.7%	0.6%	0.7%	1.3%	1.1%	1.0%				
Gaming Win (millions of \$)												
2006 YTD Total	\$1,141	\$2,167	\$3,230	\$4,220	\$5,347	\$6,268	\$7,307	\$8,370	\$9,355	\$10,419	\$11,559	\$12,621
2007 YTD Total	\$1,117	\$2,173	\$3,228	\$4,281	\$5,474	\$6,384	\$7,530	\$8,647				
2006-2007 Change	-2.1%	0.2%	-0.1%	1.4%	1.5%	1.9%	3.1%	2.1%				

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

	IQ	IIQ	IIIQ	IVQ
2006 YTD Average	\$94.6	\$95.8	\$96.5	\$97.4
2007 YTD Average	\$102.0	\$102.9		
2006-2007 Change	7.9%	7.4%		

Nevada Residential Housing Permit Activity Summary

	January	February	March	April	May	June	July	August	September	October	November	December
2006 YTD Total	2,987	6,188	14,087	17,311	21,768	25,770	28,171	32,115	33,030	35,846	37,511	39,429
2007 YTD Total	1,588	3,426	5,659	8,105	10,322	12,282	13,538	16,186	18,300			
2006-2007 Change	-48.7%	-58.2%	-59.5%	-53.2%	-52.4%	-52.6%	-53.6%	-49.6%	-43.1%			

Southern Nevada Real Estate and Construction Summary (confidential)

	January	February	March	April	May	June	July	August	September	October	November	December
New Home Closings												
2006 YTD Total	2,862	5,734	9,366	12,012	15,058	18,676	21,488	24,776	27,623	30,208	33,017	36,051
2007 YTD Total	2,052	3,463	5,282	6,830	8,581	10,453	12,177	14,147	15,546			
2006-2007 Change	-29.3%	-39.6%	-43.8%	-43.1%	-43.0%	-44.0%	-43.4%	-42.9%	-43.7%			
New Home Permits												
2006 YTD Total	2,173	4,751	7,773	10,063	12,088	14,279	15,847	17,611	18,978	19,838	21,130	23,219
2007 YTD Total	1,158	2,437	4,406	6,210	7,954	9,281	10,140	10,906	11,526			
2006-2007 Change	-46.7%	-48.7%	-43.3%	-38.3%	-34.4%	-35.0%	-36.1%	-38.1%	-39.3%			
New Home Median Price												
2006	\$303,751	\$308,753	\$316,147	\$328,702	\$323,030	\$334,647	\$324,517	\$325,544	\$321,160	\$326,160	\$335,850	\$337,781
2007	\$324,945	\$315,965	\$305,980	\$316,346	\$308,074	\$323,980	\$328,750	\$339,560	\$313,480			
2006-2007 Change	10.3%	-2.3%	-3.2%	-3.2%	-4.4%	-4.0%	0.7%	4.0%	-2.4%			
Recorded Resales												
2006 YTD Total	3,257	6,460	10,814	14,628	19,034	23,305	26,817	30,458	33,527	36,461	39,214	41,882
2007 YTD Total	2,423	4,755	7,494	9,847	12,434	14,856	16,957	19,019	20,563			
2006-2007 Change	-25.6%	-26.4%	-31.3%	-32.7%	-34.7%	-36.3%	-36.8%	-37.6%	-38.7%			

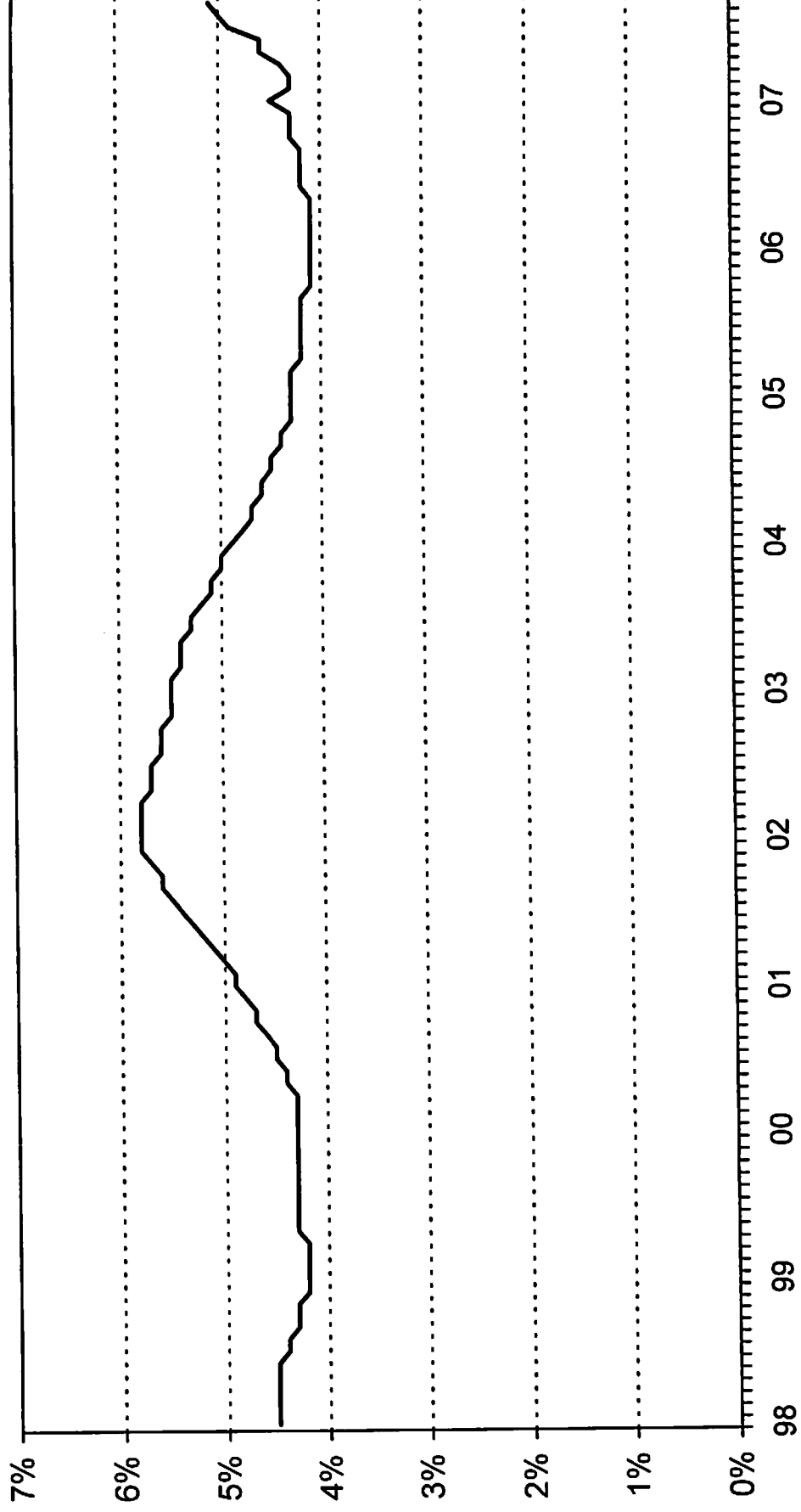
UNEMPLOYMENT RATE

Nevada Unemployment Rate
(seasonally adjusted)

	January	February	March	April	May	June	July	August	September	October	November	December	Annual Average
1998	4.5%	4.5%	4.5%	4.5%	4.5%	4.5%	4.4%	4.4%	4.3%	4.3%	4.3%	4.2%	4.4%
1999	4.2%	4.2%	4.2%	4.2%	4.3%	4.3%	4.3%	4.3%	4.3%	4.3%	4.3%	4.3%	4.3%
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%	5.5%	5.4%	5.4%	5.4%	5.3%	5.3%	5.2%	5.1%	5.1%	5.0%	5.0%	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%	4.1%	4.1%	4.1%	4.2%
2006	4.1%	4.1%	4.1%	4.1%	4.1%	4.2%	4.2%	4.2%	4.2%	4.3%	4.3%	4.3%	4.2%
2007	4.5%	4.3%	4.3%	4.4%	4.6%	4.6%	4.9%	5.0%	5.1%				
2006-2007													
Change													
(pct. points)	0.4	0.2	0.2	0.3	0.5	0.4	0.7	0.8	0.9				

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.

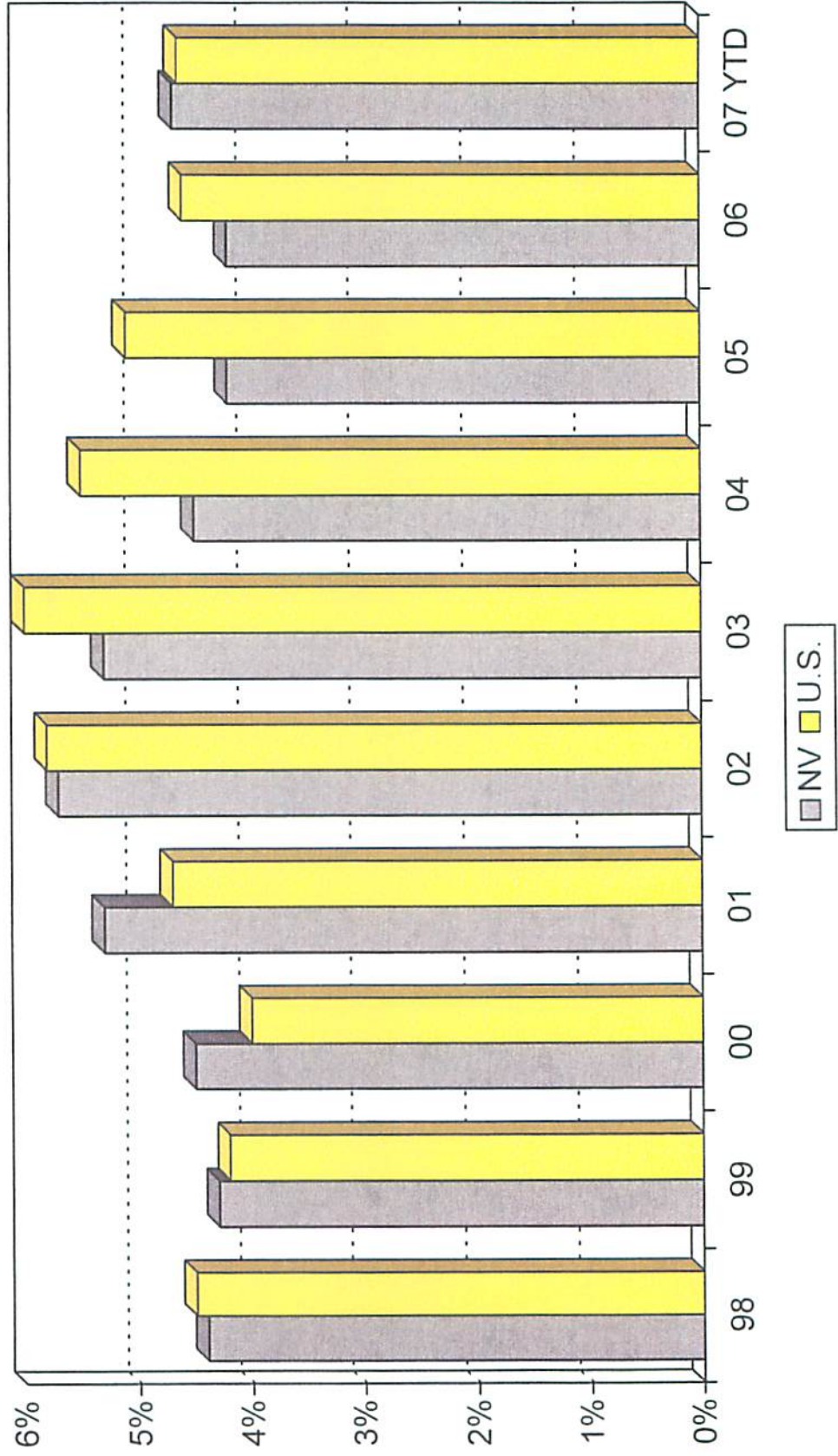
Nevada Unemployment Rate (seasonally adjusted)



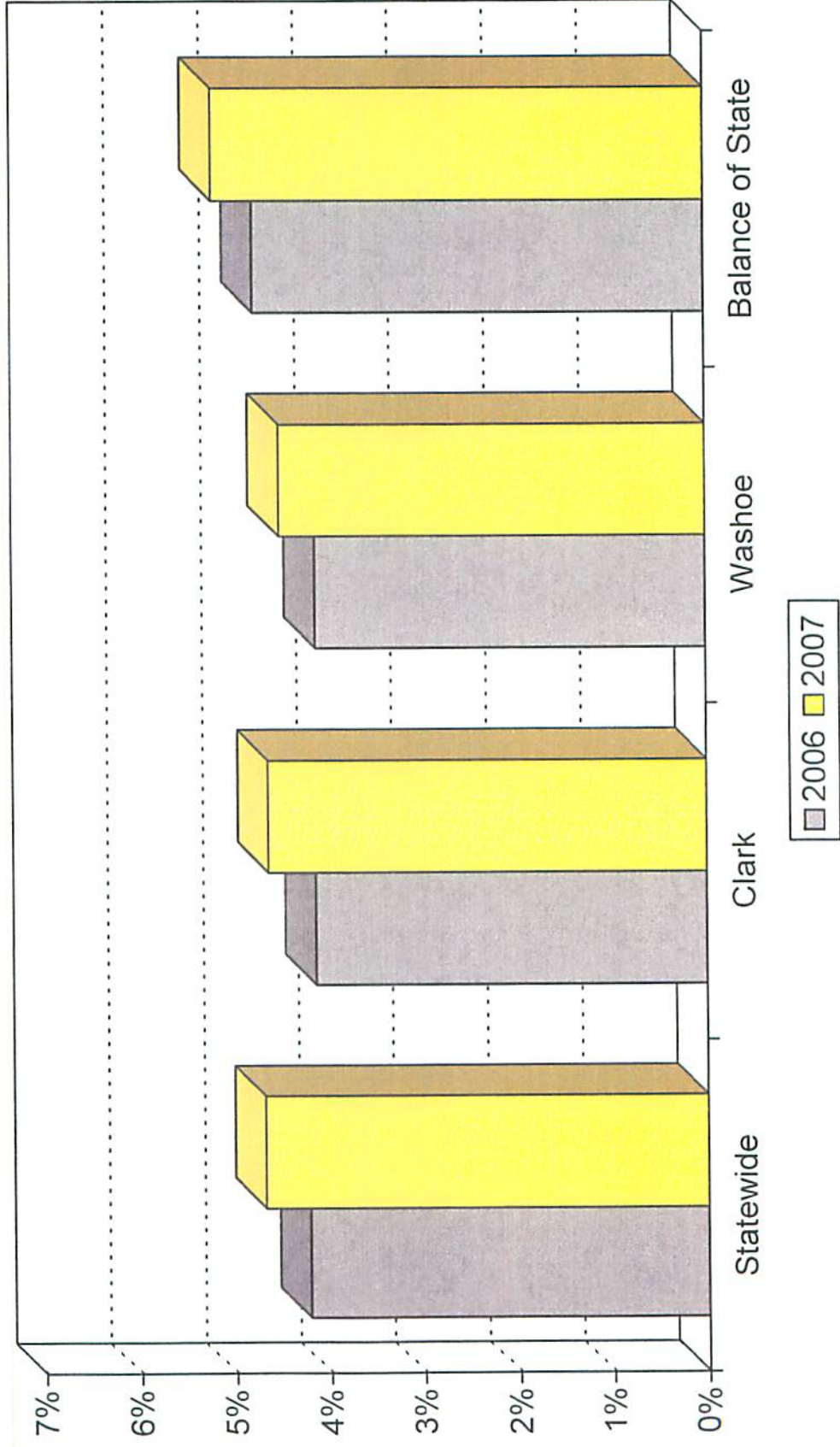
Nevada Unemployment Rate: 2007 vs. 2006 (seasonally adjusted)



Nevada Unemployment Rate vs. the U.S. (2007 YTD through September)



Regional Unemployment Rates (YTD through September)



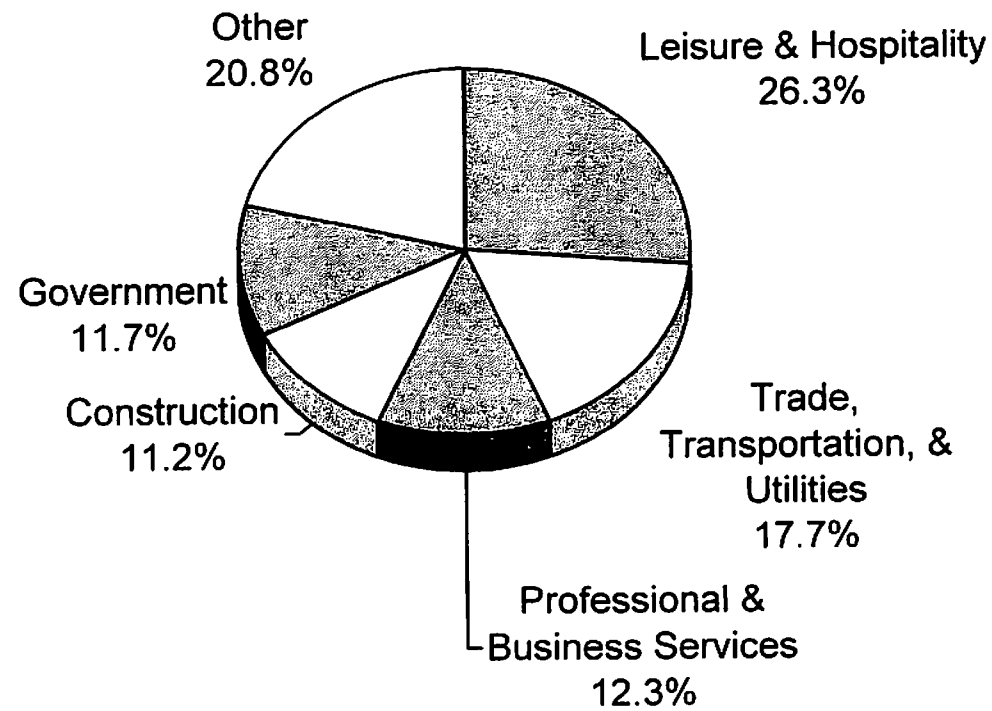
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Nevada Jobs

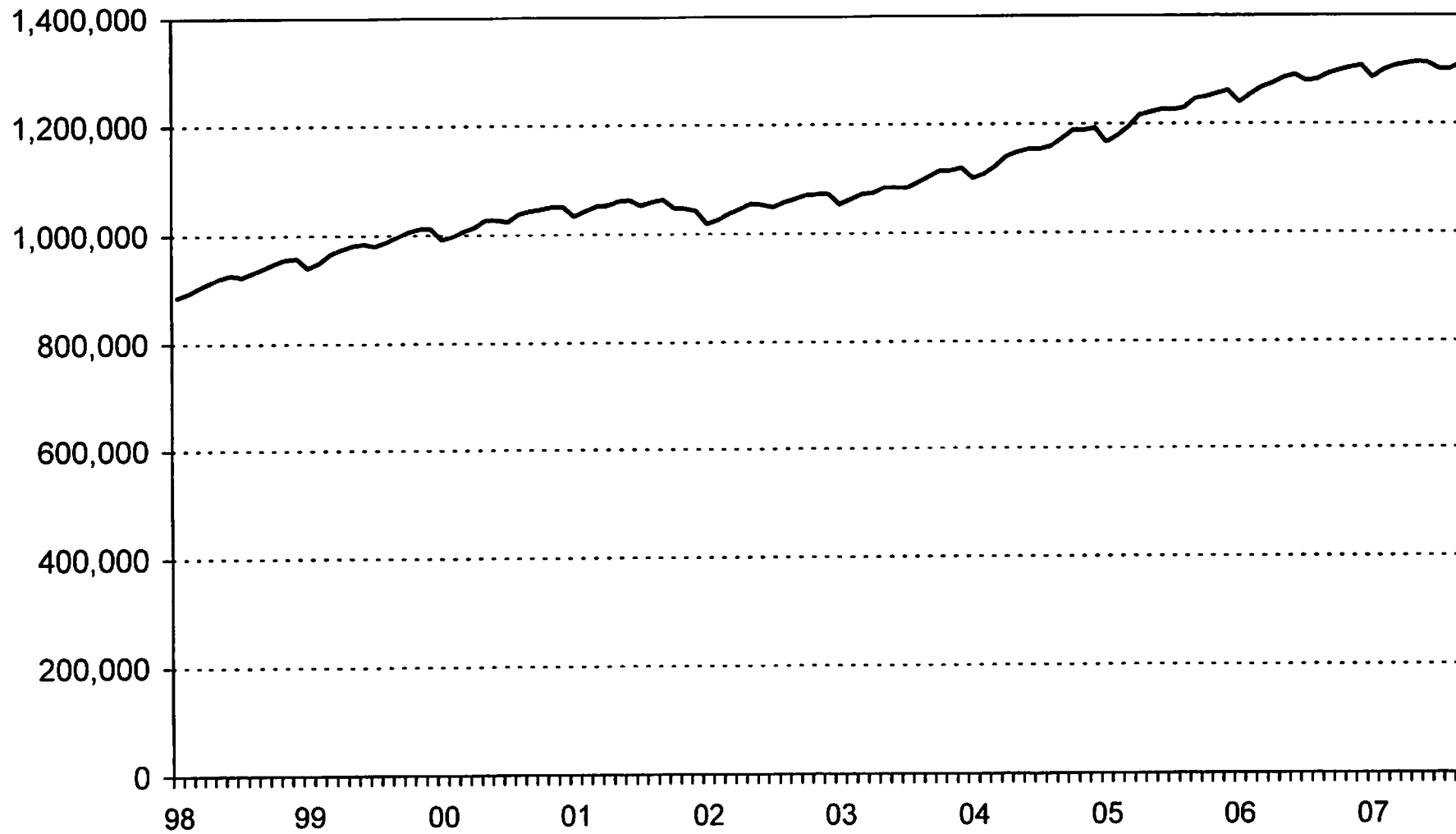
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1998	886,500	894,300	903,600	912,700	921,700	928,100	925,100	932,700	941,100	950,000	956,800	958,000	925,900
1999	941,000	950,400	966,000	974,900	981,500	984,500	980,700	987,800	997,000	1,007,000	1,012,400	1,013,300	983,000
2000	991,600	997,500	1,007,400	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	1,156,800	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	1,239,700	1,254,800	1,268,000	1,275,400	1,285,600	1,290,500	1,279,100	1,282,200	1,292,500	1,298,800	1,303,600	1,307,400	1,281,500
2007	1,285,500	1,298,600	1,306,000	1,310,000	1,313,400	1,312,400	1,301,100	1,300,800	1,309,800				
2006-2007 Change	45,800 3.7%	43,800 3.5%	38,000 3.0%	34,600 2.7%	27,800 2.2%	21,900 1.7%	22,000 1.7%	18,600 1.5%	17,300 1.3%				

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.

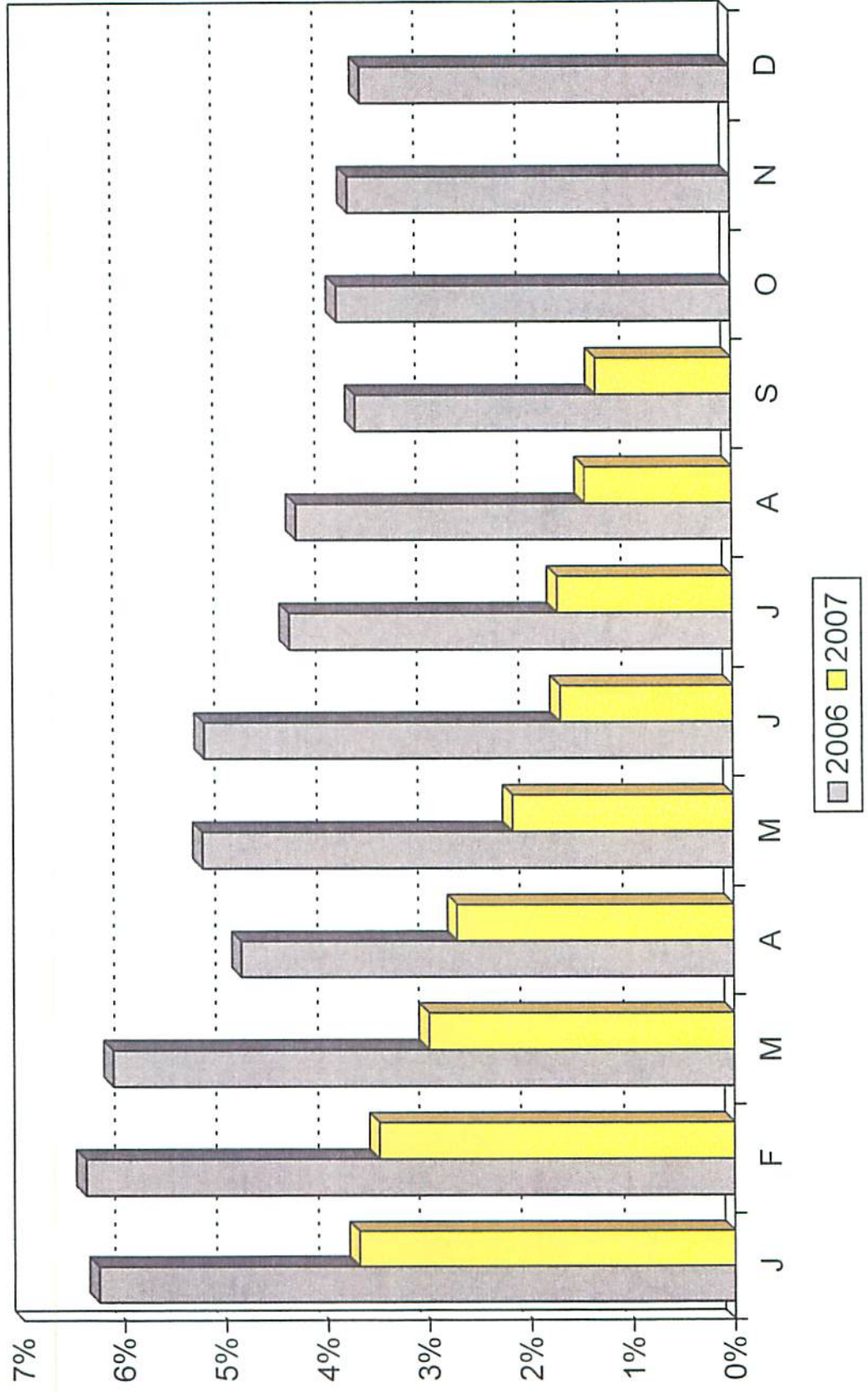
Nevada Jobs by Industry: 2006



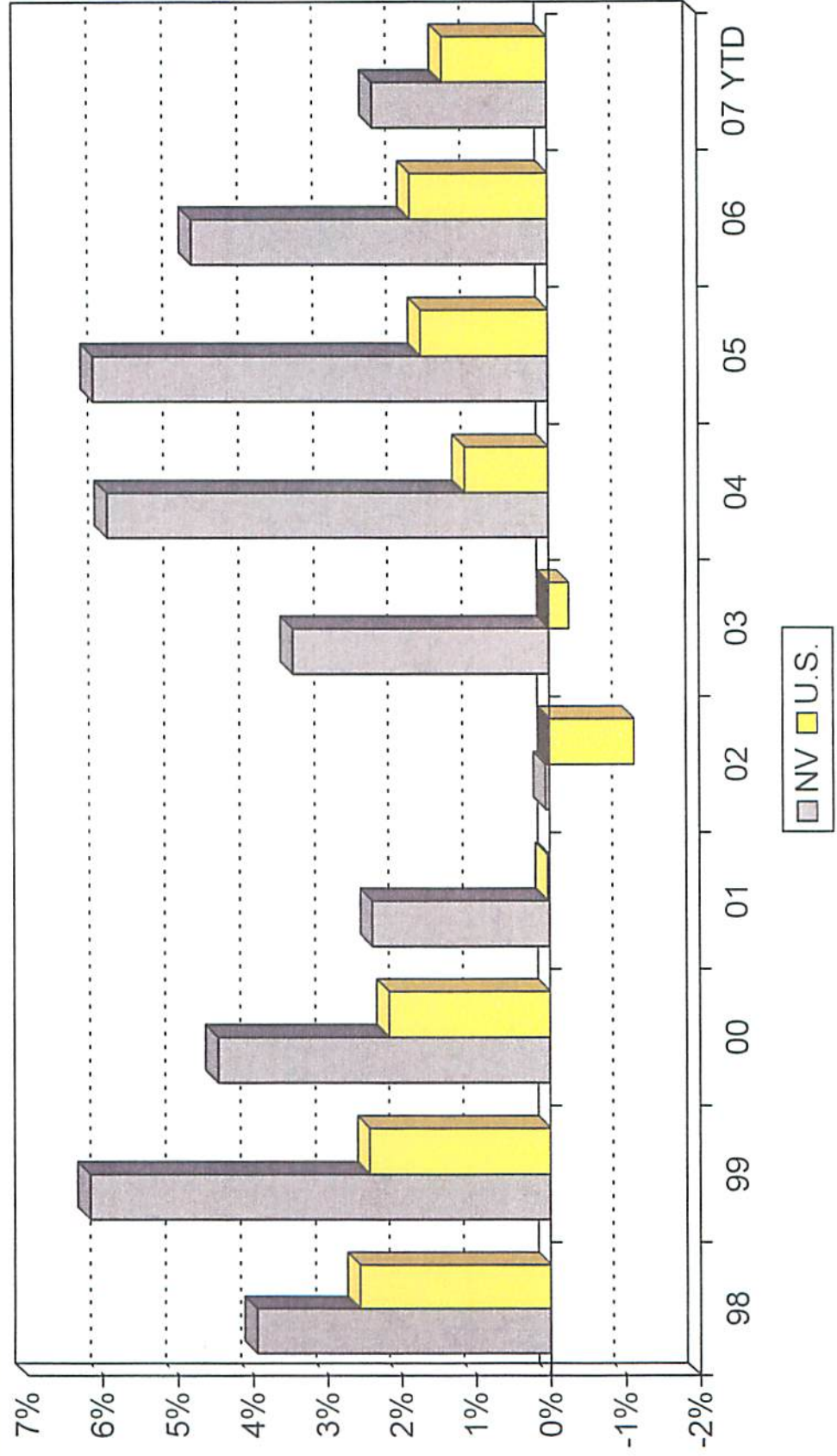
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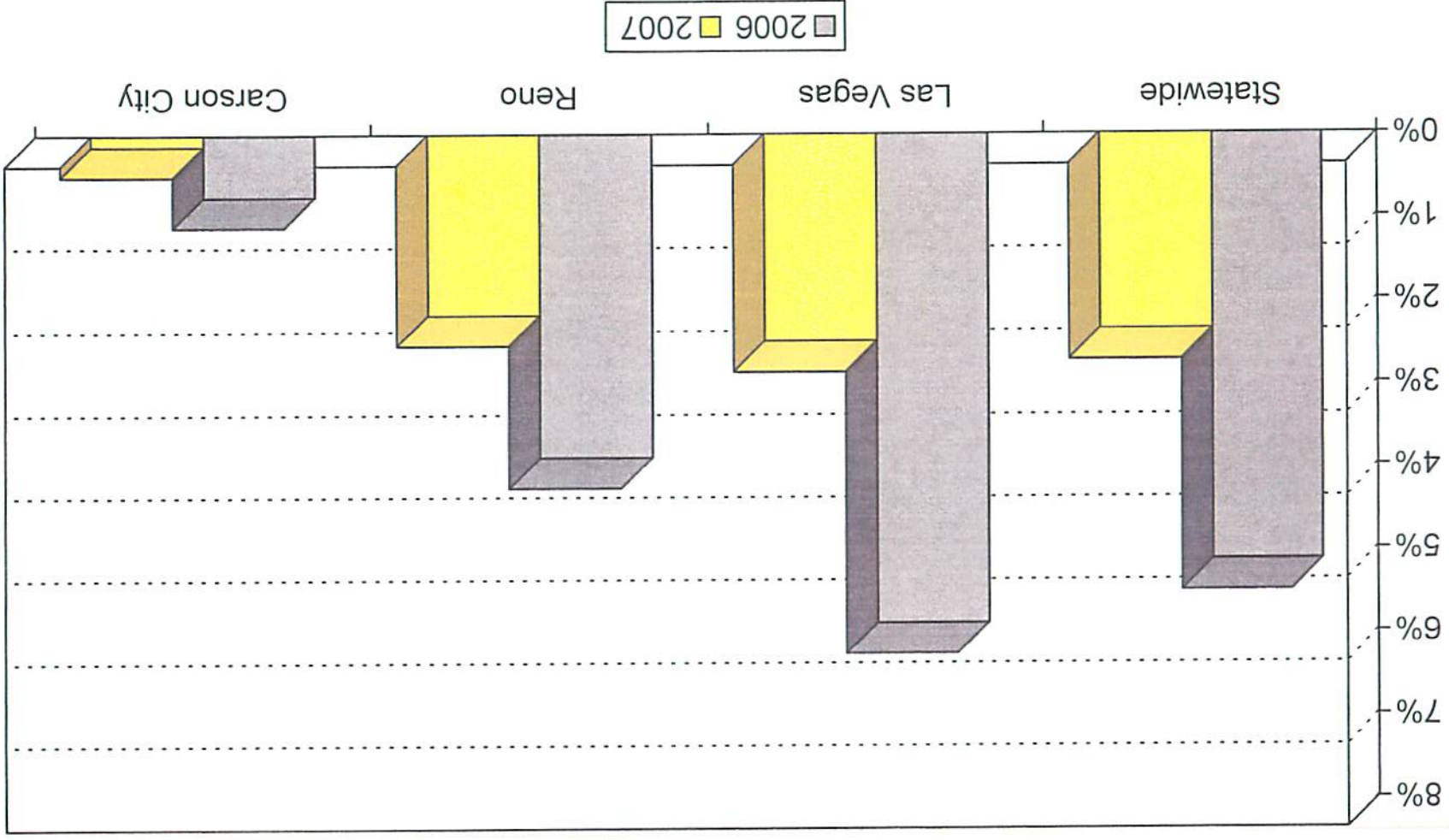
Nevada Job Growth: 2007 vs. 2006



Nevada Job Growth vs. the U.S. (2007 YTD through September)



Regional Job Growth (YTD through September)



WAGES

Nevada Average Weekly Wages

	IQ	IIQ	IIIQ	IVQ	Annual Average
1998	\$554	\$562	\$573	\$631	\$581
1999	\$578	\$584	\$593	\$644	\$600
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				

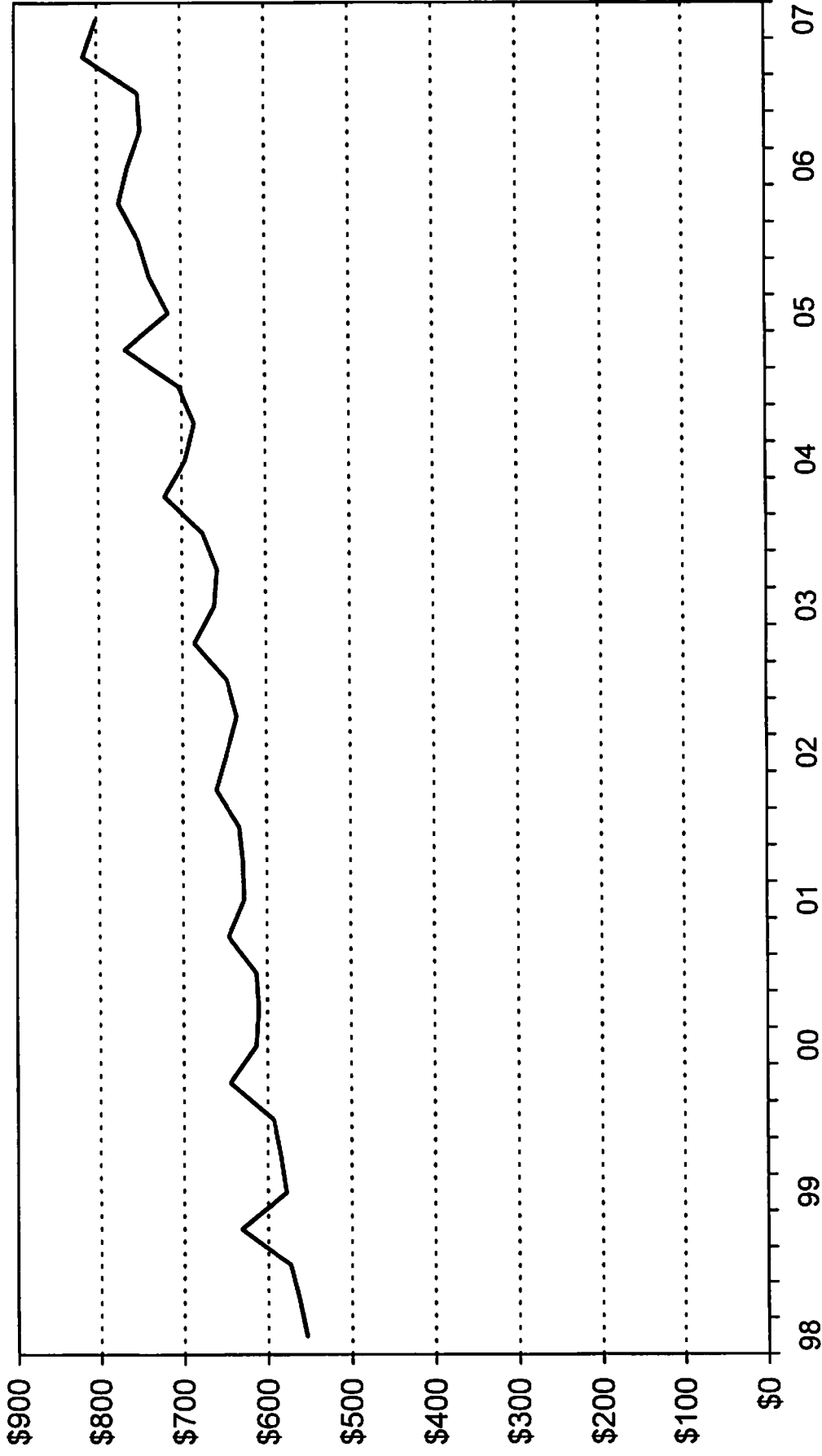
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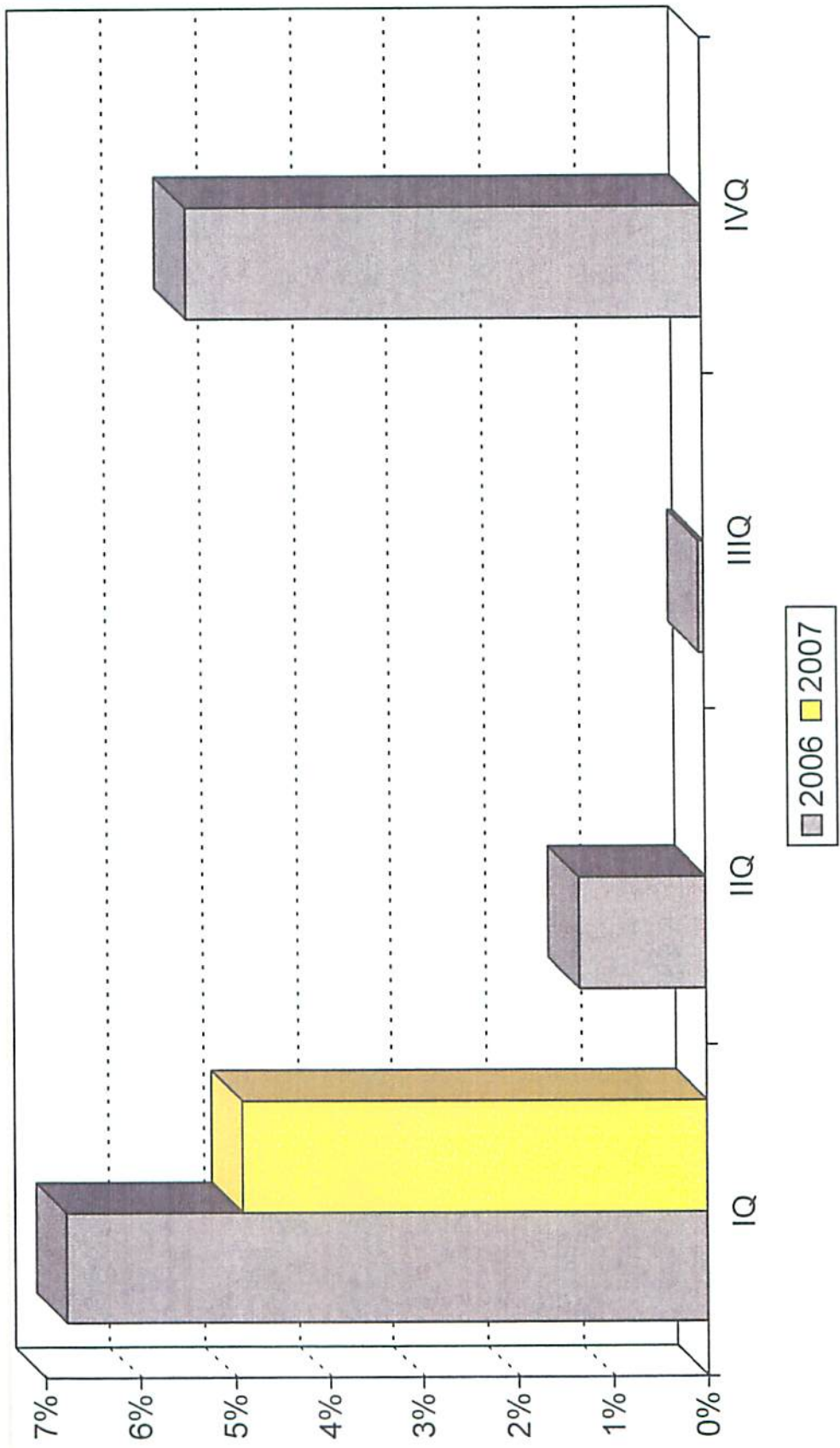
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Average weekly wage data is obtained via the Quarterly Census of Employment and Wages (QCEW) Program. The QCEW is a federal/state cooperative program that collects and compiles employment and wage data, by industry, for workers covered by state unemployment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

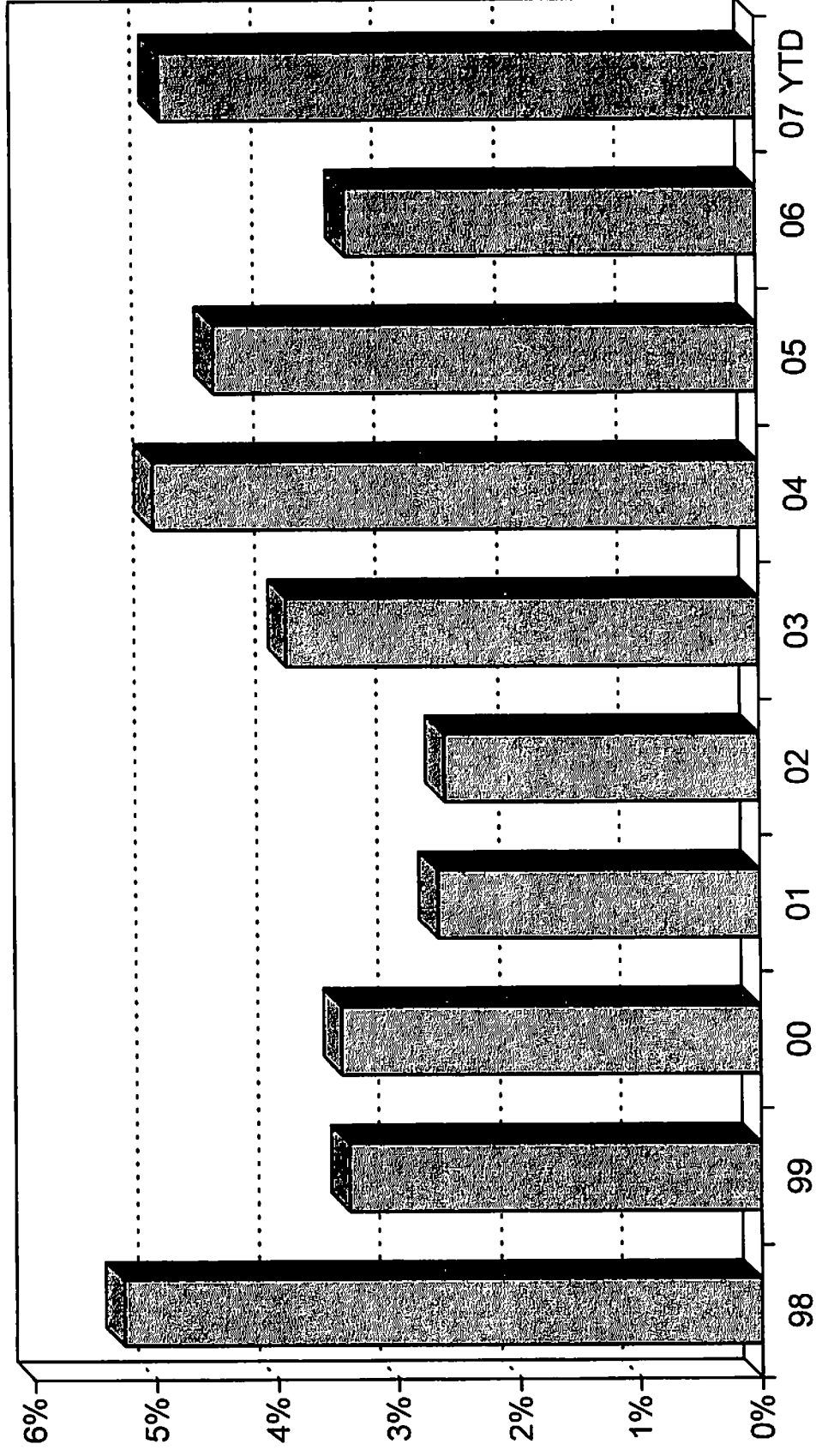
Nevada Average Weekly Wages



Nevada Average Weekly Wages Growth: 2007 vs. 2006



Nevada Average Weekly Wages Growth (2007 YTD through 2007:1Q)



UNEMPLOYMENT
INSURANCE

Nevada Unemployment Insurance Indicators

Initial Claims

	January	February	March	April	May	June	July	August	September	October	November	December	Annual Average
2006	12,508	9,385	12,339	10,587	10,321	11,074	10,379	10,679	9,754	11,236	12,766	14,991	11,335
2007	14,452	11,112	12,058	13,198	11,965	13,263	13,907	14,036	11,976				
2006-2007													
Change	1,944	1,727	-281	2,611	1,644	2,189	3,528	3,357	2,222				
	15.5%	18.4%	-2.3%	24.7%	15.9%	19.8%	34.0%	31.4%	22.8%				

Continued Claims (weeks claimed)

	January	February	March	April	May	June	July	August	September	October	November	December	Annual Average
2006	91,935	74,419	79,709	75,205	88,410	73,288	90,189	75,751	69,821	85,907	76,609	91,469	81,059
2007	119,558	96,107	96,220	112,719	91,803	90,776	118,949	98,785	86,805				
2006-2007													
Change	27,623	21,688	16,511	37,514	3,393	17,488	28,760	23,034	16,984				
	30.0%	29.1%	20.7%	49.9%	3.8%	23.9%	31.9%	30.4%	24.3%				

Average Duration (weeks)

	January	February	March	April	May	June	July	August	September	October	November	December
2006	13.23	13.12	12.97	12.97	12.96	12.90	12.96	12.85	12.81	12.70	12.64	12.63
2007	12.72	12.84	12.97	13.18	13.18	13.24	13.18	13.15	13.20			
2006-2007												
Change	-0.51	-0.28	0.00	0.21	0.22	0.34	0.22	0.30	0.39			
	-3.9%	-2.1%	0.0%	1.6%	1.7%	2.6%	1.7%	2.3%	3.0%			

Exhaustions (number of final payments)

	January	February	March	April	May	June	July	August	September	October	November	December	Annual Average
2006	1,750	1,276	1,380	1,402	1,783	1,390	1,949	1,548	1,506	1,797	1,419	1,547	1,561
2007	1,983	1,647	1,745	2,363	2,188	2,097	2,617	2,116	1,941				
2006-2007													
Change	233	371	385	961	405	707	668	568	435				
	13.3%	29.1%	28.3%	68.5%	22.7%	50.9%	34.3%	36.7%	28.9%				

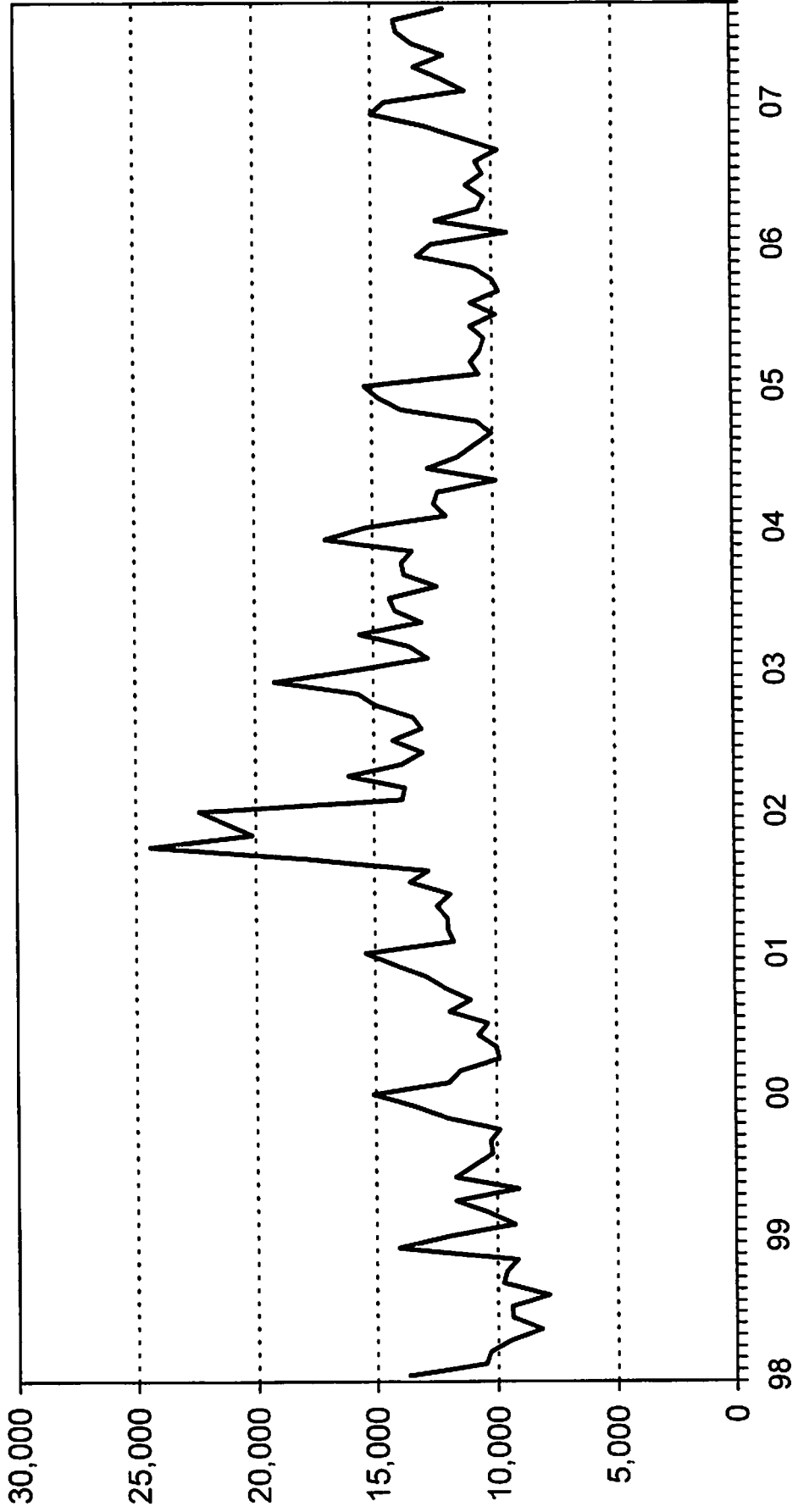
Initial Claim – An initial claim is any notice of unemployment filed by an individual to initiate 1) a determination of entitlement to and eligibility for compensation (a new claim); 2) a subsequent period of unemployment within a benefit year or period of eligibility (an additional claim); or 3) a new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

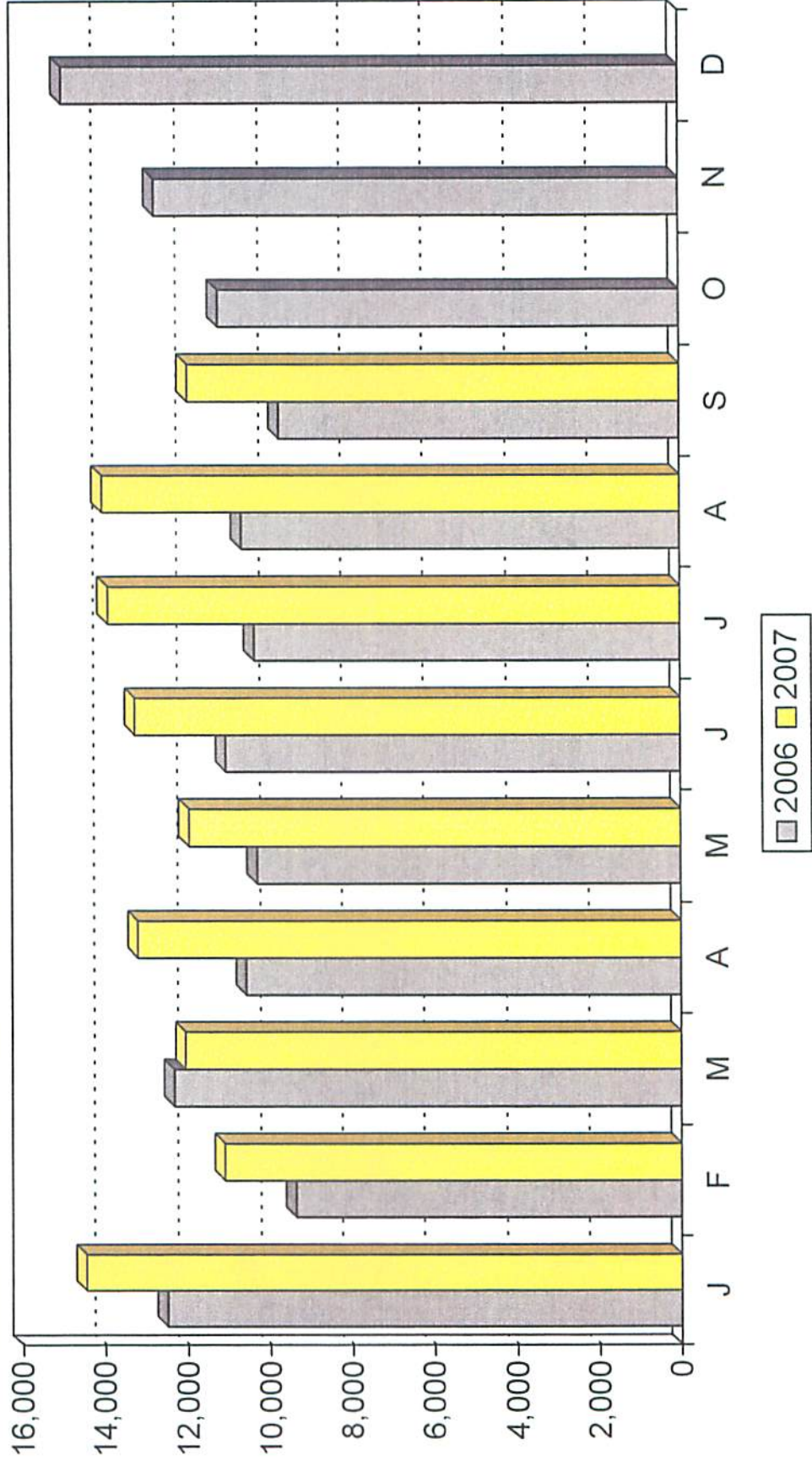
Average Duration -The average number of consecutive weeks a claim is paid, expressed on a 12-month moving average basis.

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

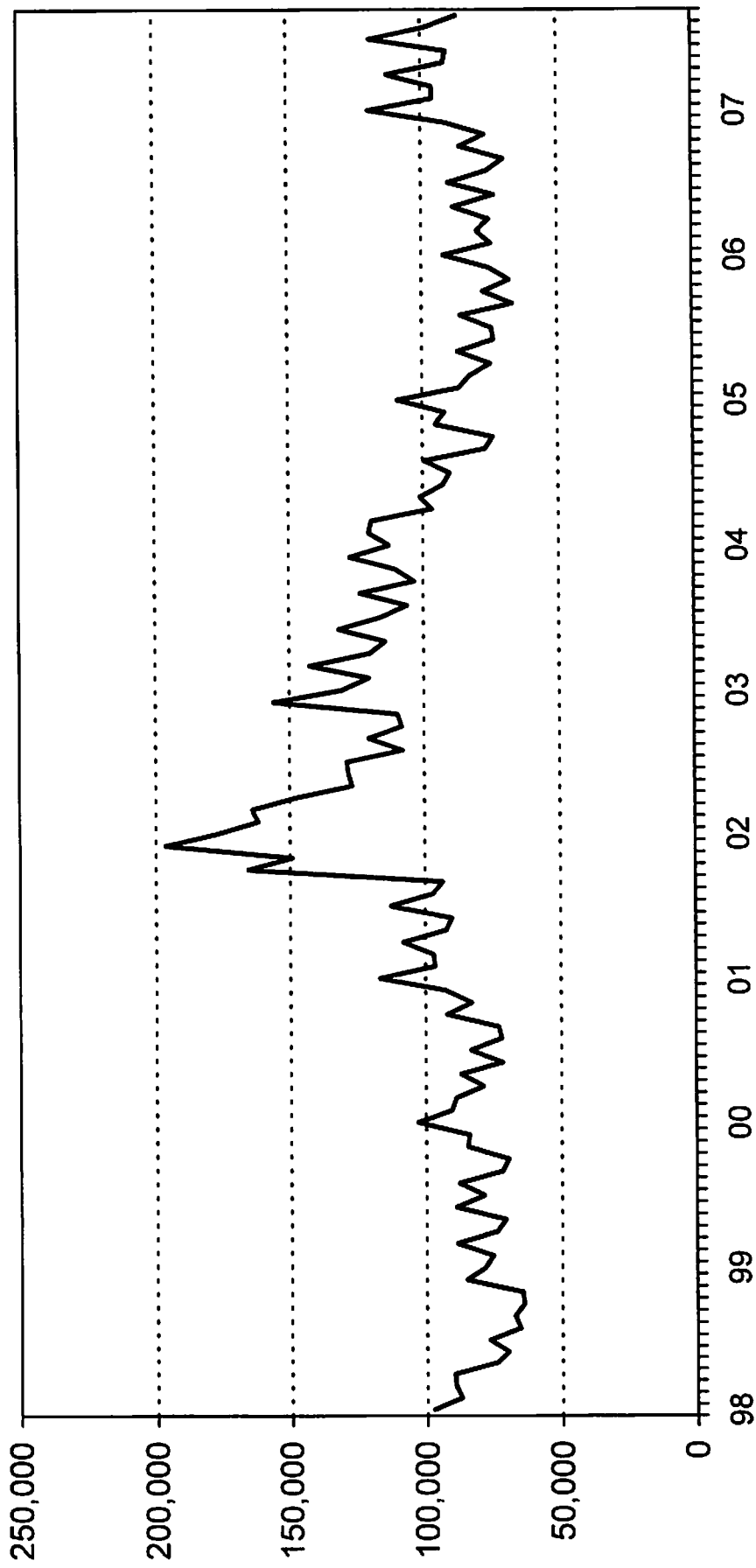
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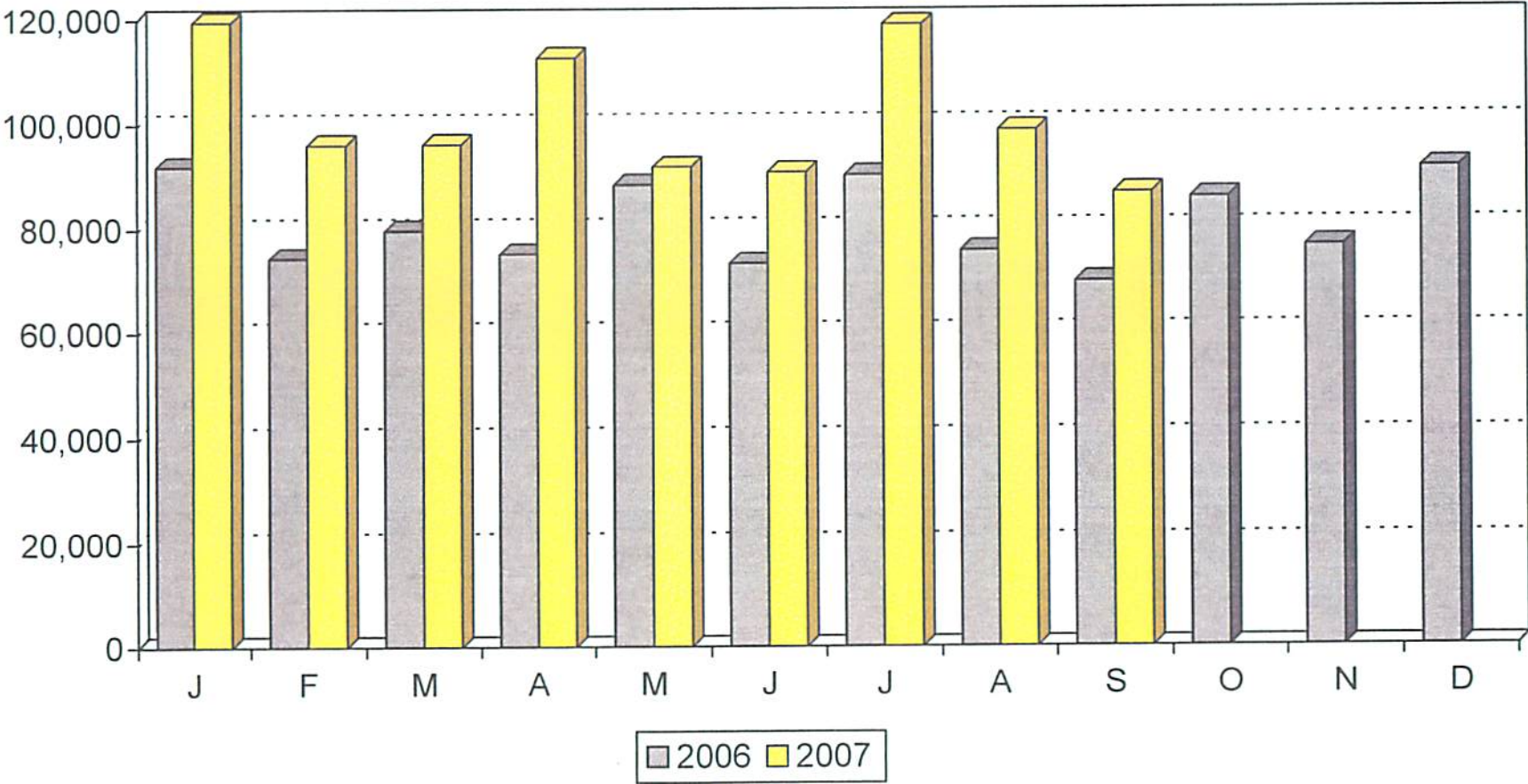
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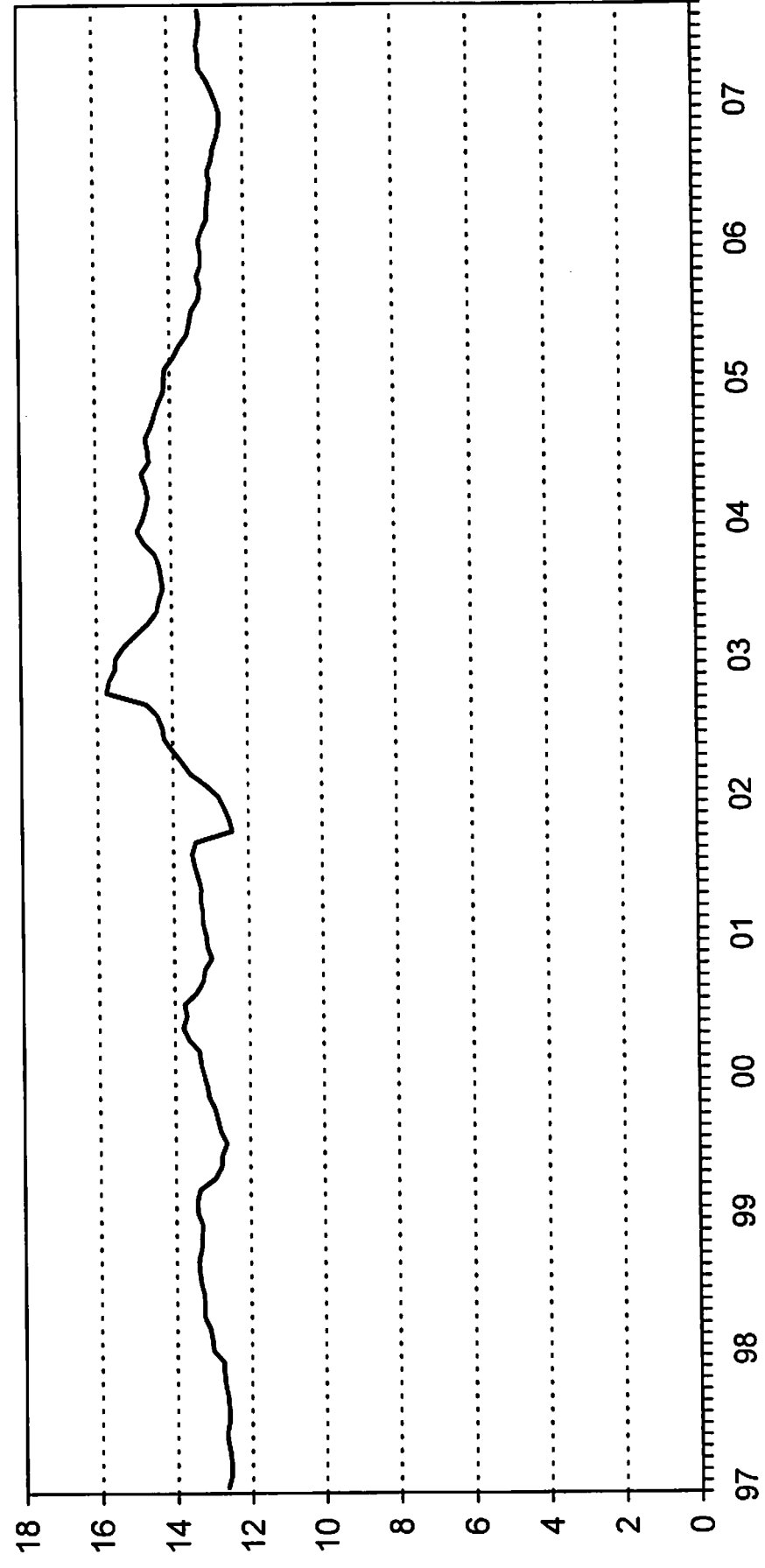
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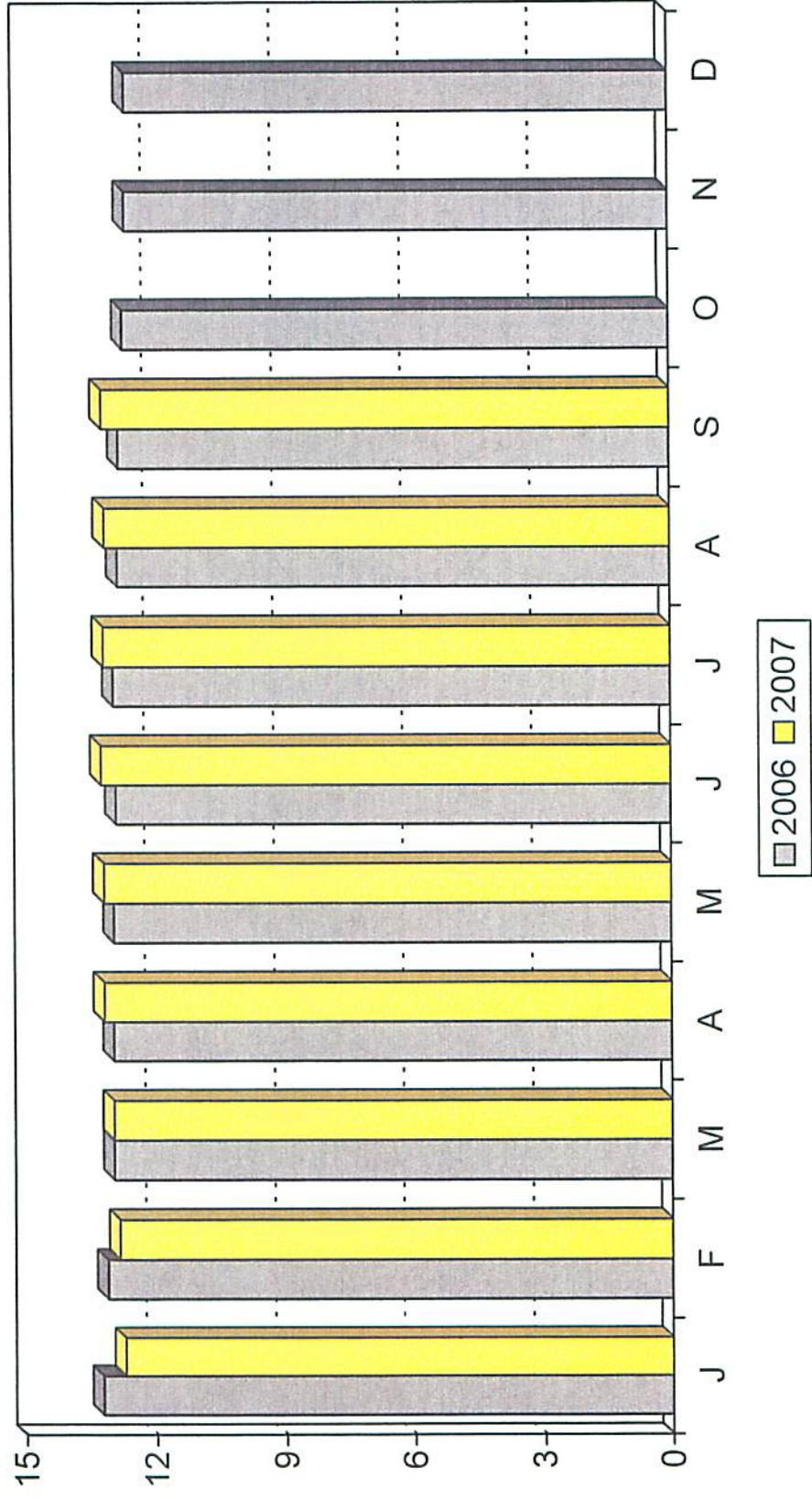
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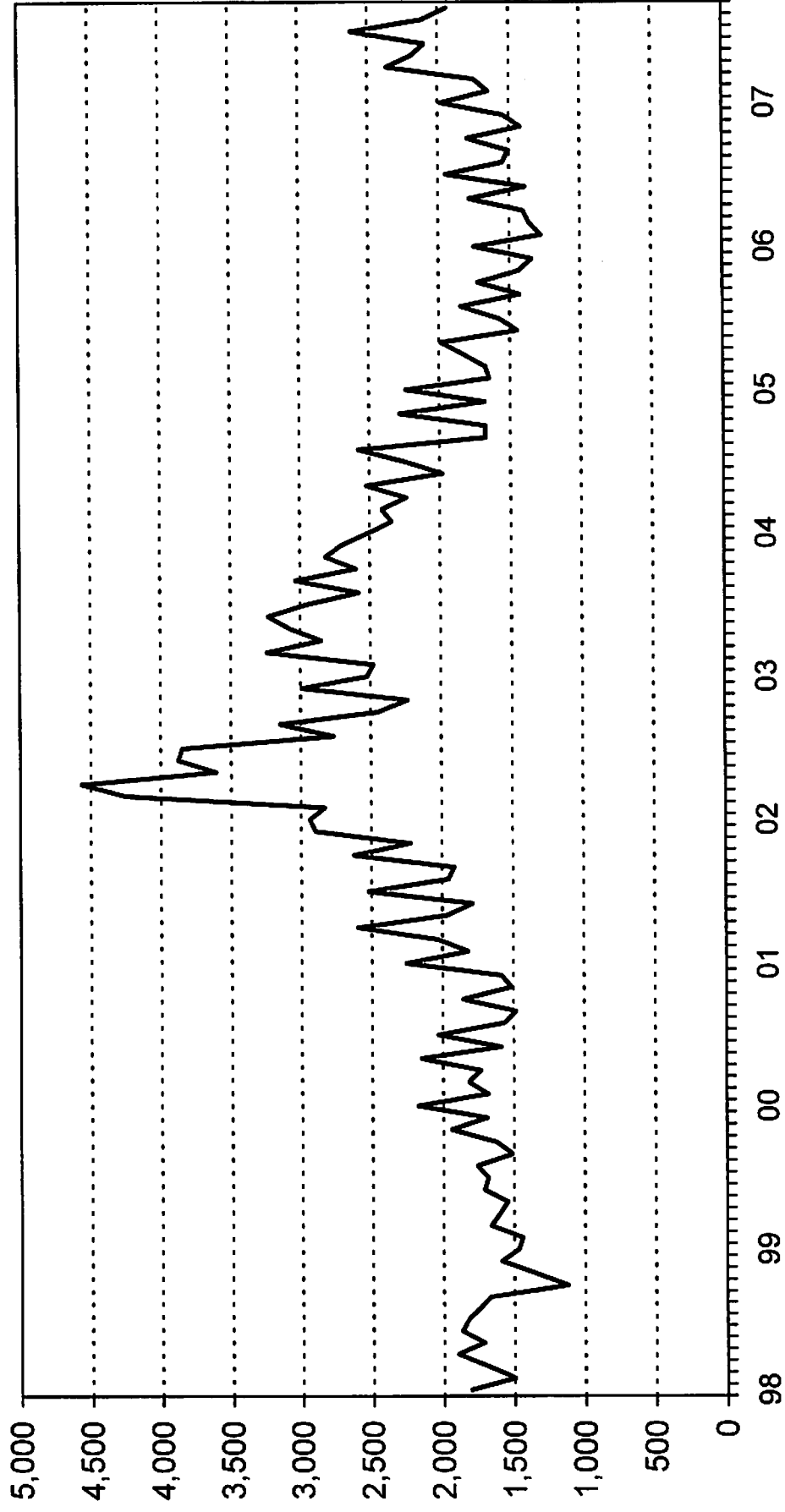
Average Duration of Nevada Unemployment Insurance Claims (weeks; 12-month moving average)



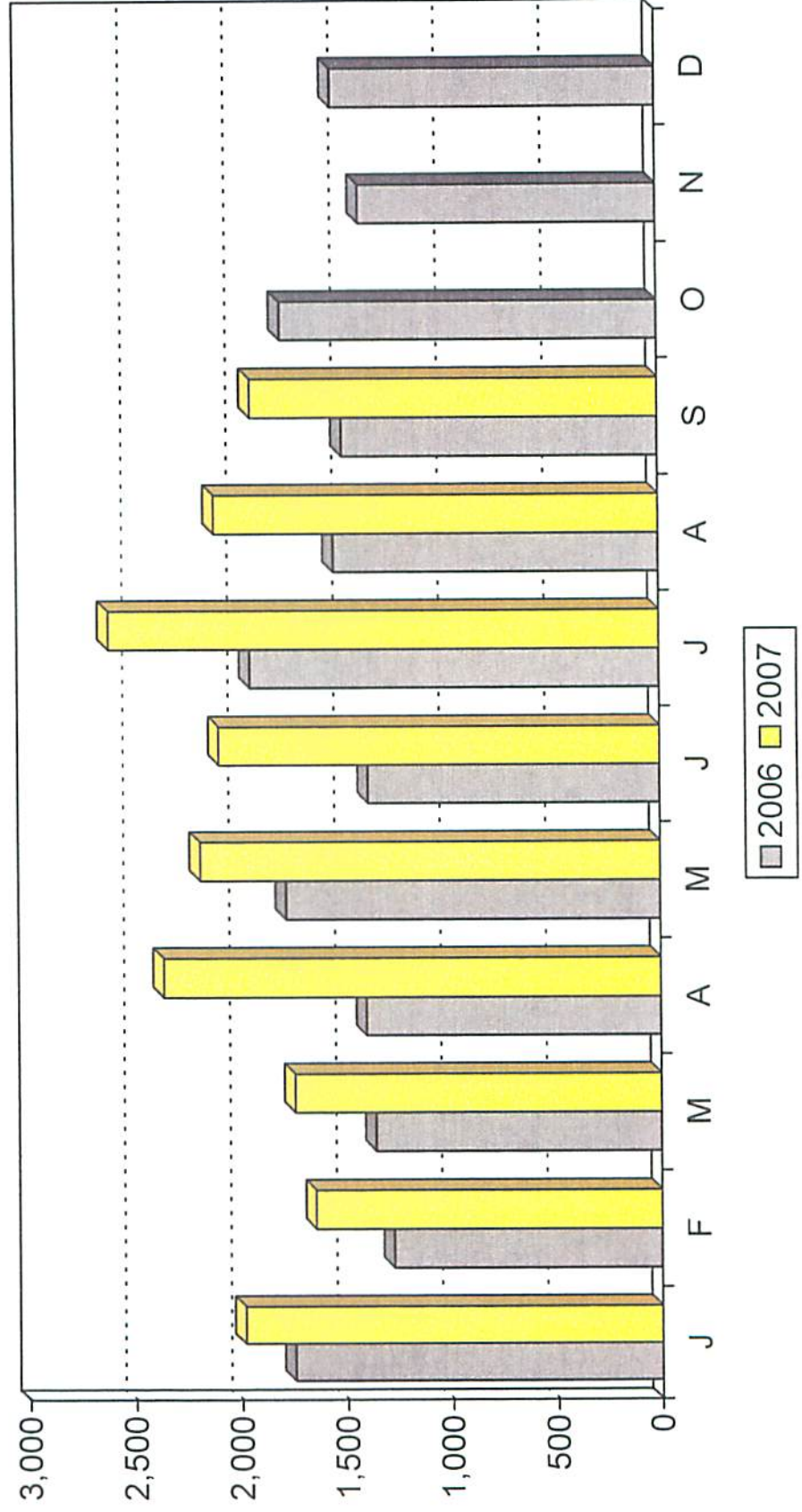
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Nevada Unemployment Insurance Exhaustions (number of final payments)



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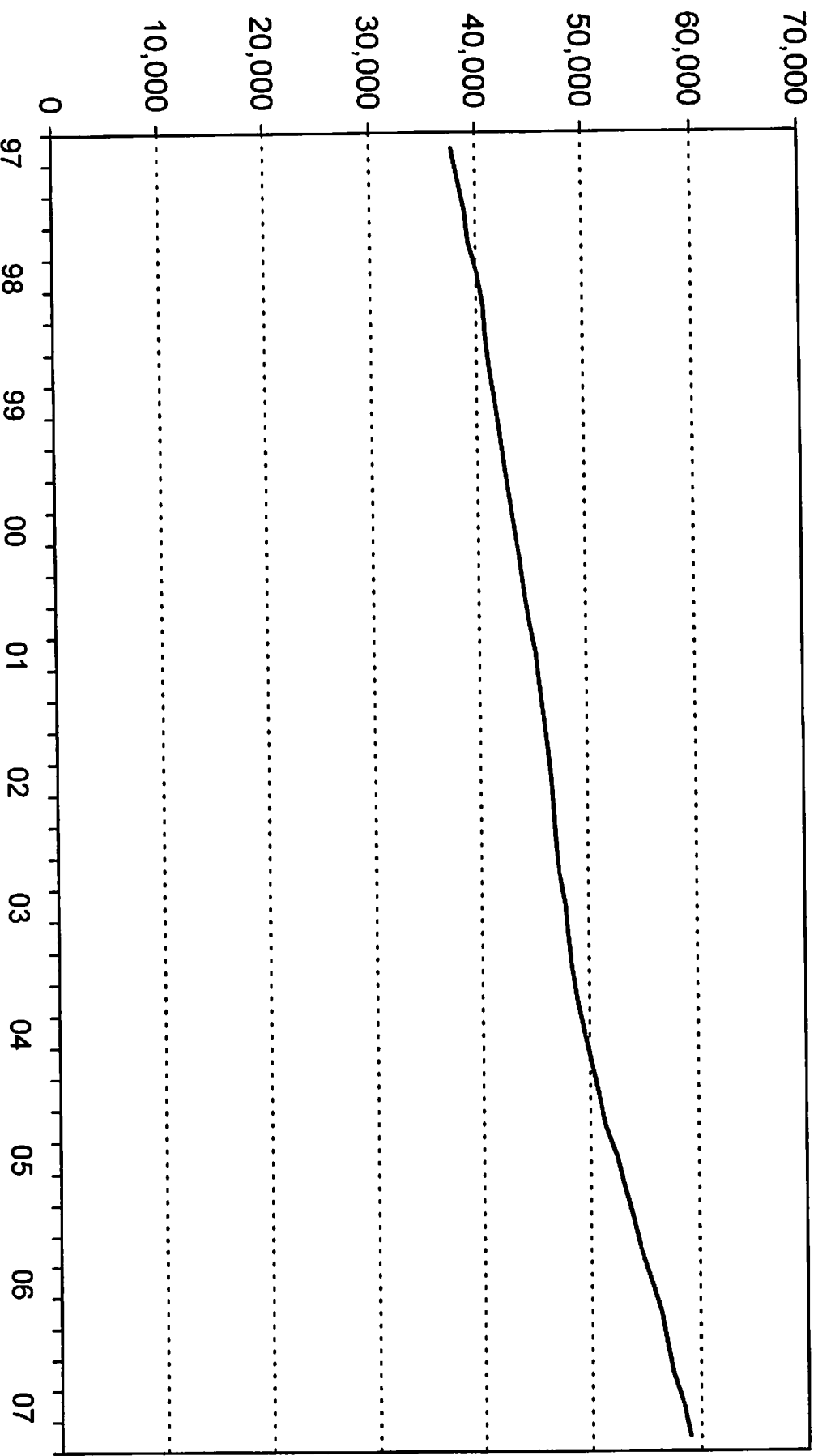
NUMBER
OF
EMPLOYERS

Nevada Employers

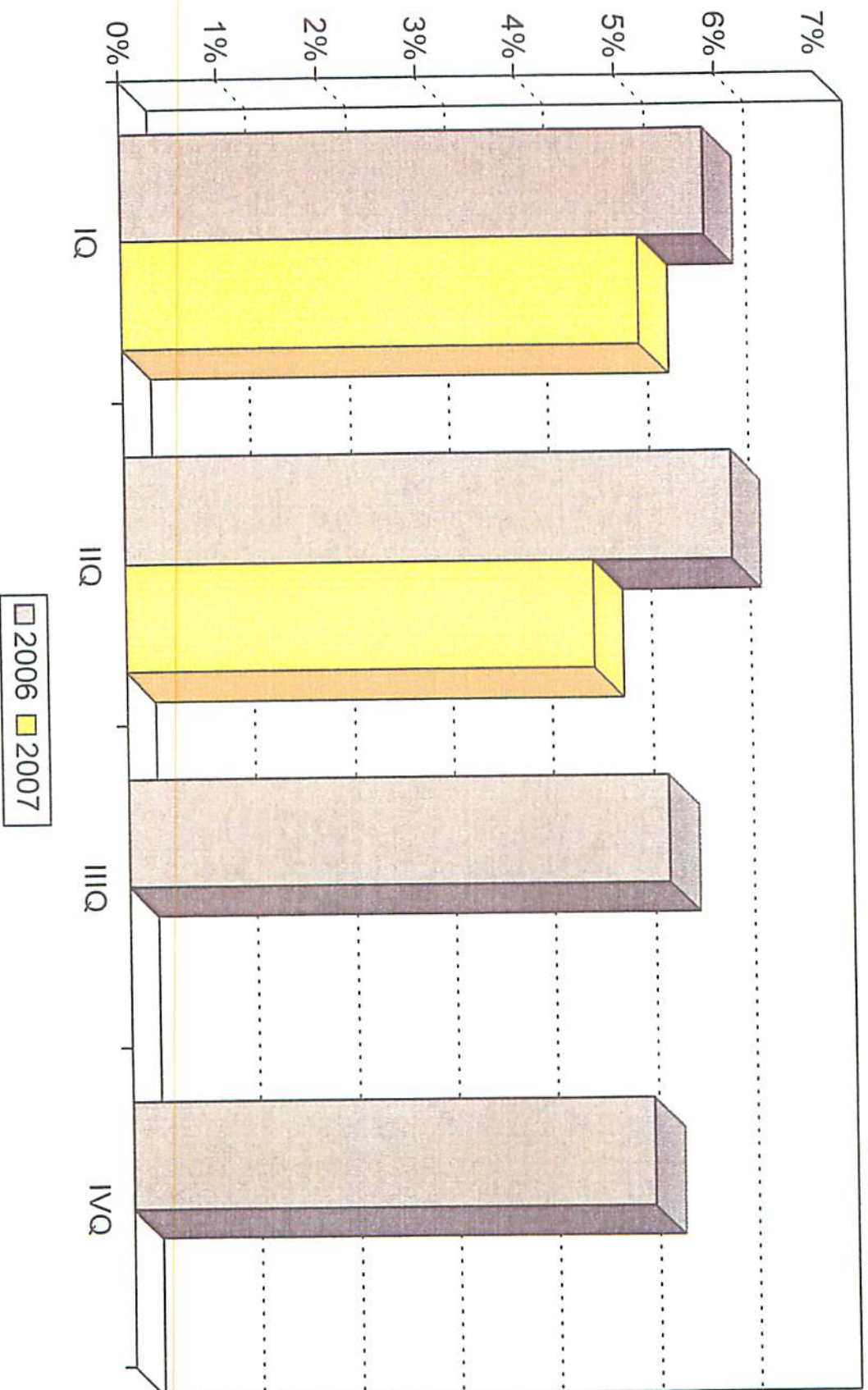
	IQ	IIQ	IIIQ	IVQ	Annual Average
1998	40,128	40,668	40,835	41,196	40,707
1999	41,676	42,083	42,473	42,922	42,077
2000	43,388	43,908	44,280	44,741	43,859
2001	45,348	45,643	45,995	46,339	45,662
2002	46,655	46,842	47,045	47,340	46,847
2003	47,900	48,156	48,465	48,929	48,174
2004	49,547	50,188	50,806	51,424	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			
2006-2007					
Change	5.2%	4.7%			

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

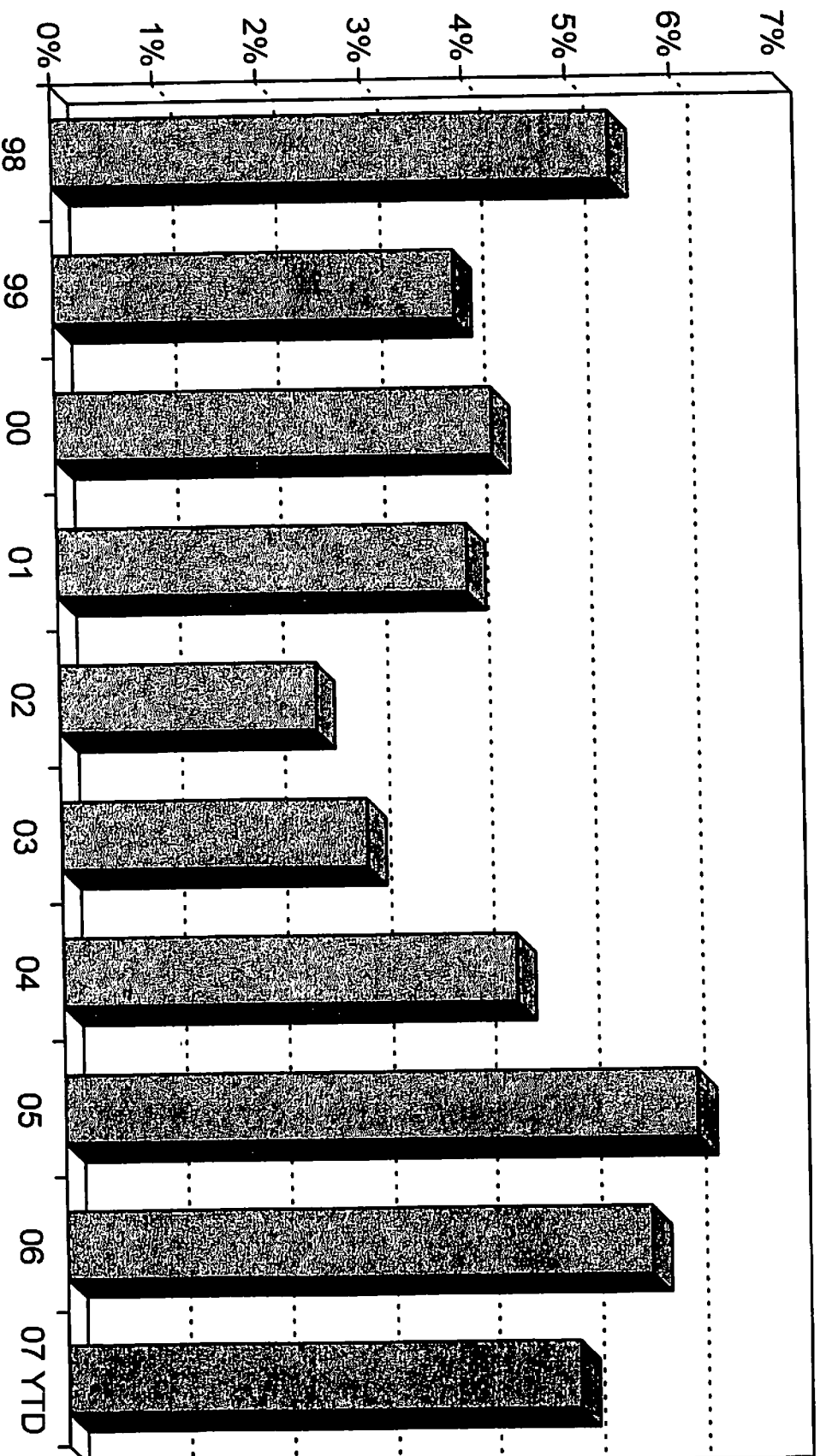
Nevada Employers



Nevada Employers Growth: 2007 vs. 2006



Nevada Employers Growth (2007 YTD through 2007:11Q)



SALES & GAMING
ACTIVITY

Nevada Retail and Gaming Indicators

Nevada Taxable Sales

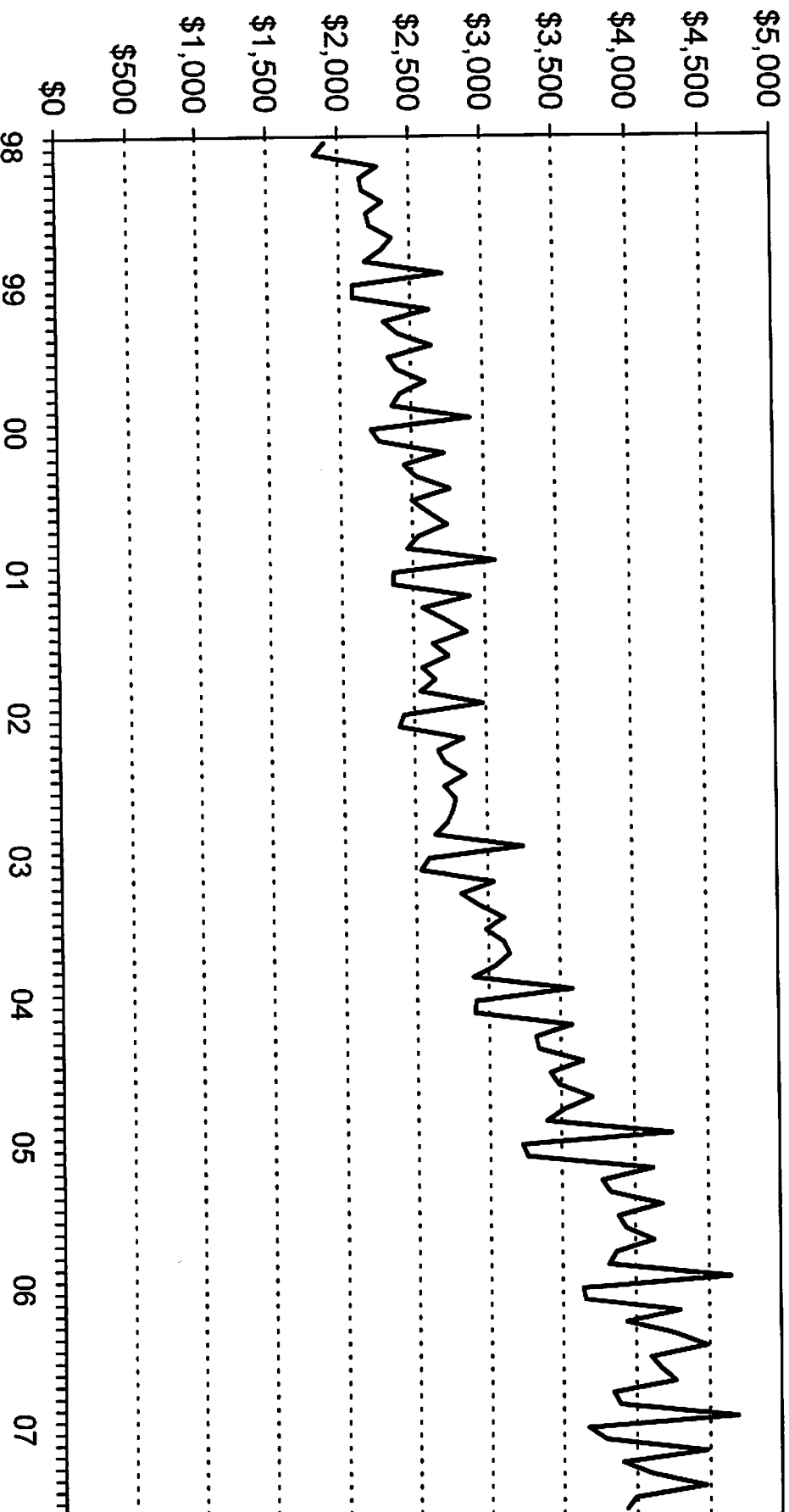
	January	February	March	April	May	June	July	August	September	October	November	December	Annual Total
2006	\$3,640,624,000	\$3,658,433,000	\$4,302,808,000	\$3,935,520,000	\$4,264,505,000	\$4,486,362,000	\$4,103,048,000	\$4,172,807,000	\$4,269,281,000	\$3,943,717,000	\$3,991,881,000	\$4,697,659,000	49,286,645,000
2007	\$3,674,338,000	\$3,793,876,000	\$4,479,528,000	\$3,907,396,000	\$4,112,413,000	\$4,473,694,000	\$3,994,947,000	\$3,932,923,000					
2006-2007 Change	0.9%	3.7%	4.1%	-0.7%	-3.6%	-0.3%	-2.8%	-5.7%					
Las Vegas Visitor Volume													
	January	February	March	April	May	June	July	August	September	October	November	December	Annual Total
2006	3,175,528	2,977,418	3,408,421	3,301,734	3,341,156	3,157,228	3,389,877	3,341,005	3,278,884	3,384,978	3,124,369	3,054,291	38,914,899
2007	3,156,419	3,015,850	3,456,739	3,314,448	3,380,791	3,282,315	3,378,193	3,353,997					
2006-2007 Change	-0.6%	1.3%	1.4%	0.4%	1.2%	4.0%	0.2%	0.4%					
Nevada Gaming Win													
	January	February	March	April	May	June	July	August	September	October	November	December	Annual Total
2006	\$1,141,176,000	\$1,026,293,000	\$1,062,940,000	\$988,793,000	\$1,126,598,000	\$921,077,000	\$1,038,761,000	\$1,063,326,000	\$984,970,000	\$1,062,981,000	\$1,140,738,000	\$1,062,753,000	\$12,621,406,000
2007	\$1,117,053,000	\$1,055,715,000	\$1,054,767,000	\$1,053,251,000	\$1,143,879,000	\$959,816,000	\$1,146,096,000	\$1,016,466,000					
2006-2007 Change	-2.1%	2.9%	-0.8%	6.4%	1.5%	4.2%	10.3%	-4.4%					

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

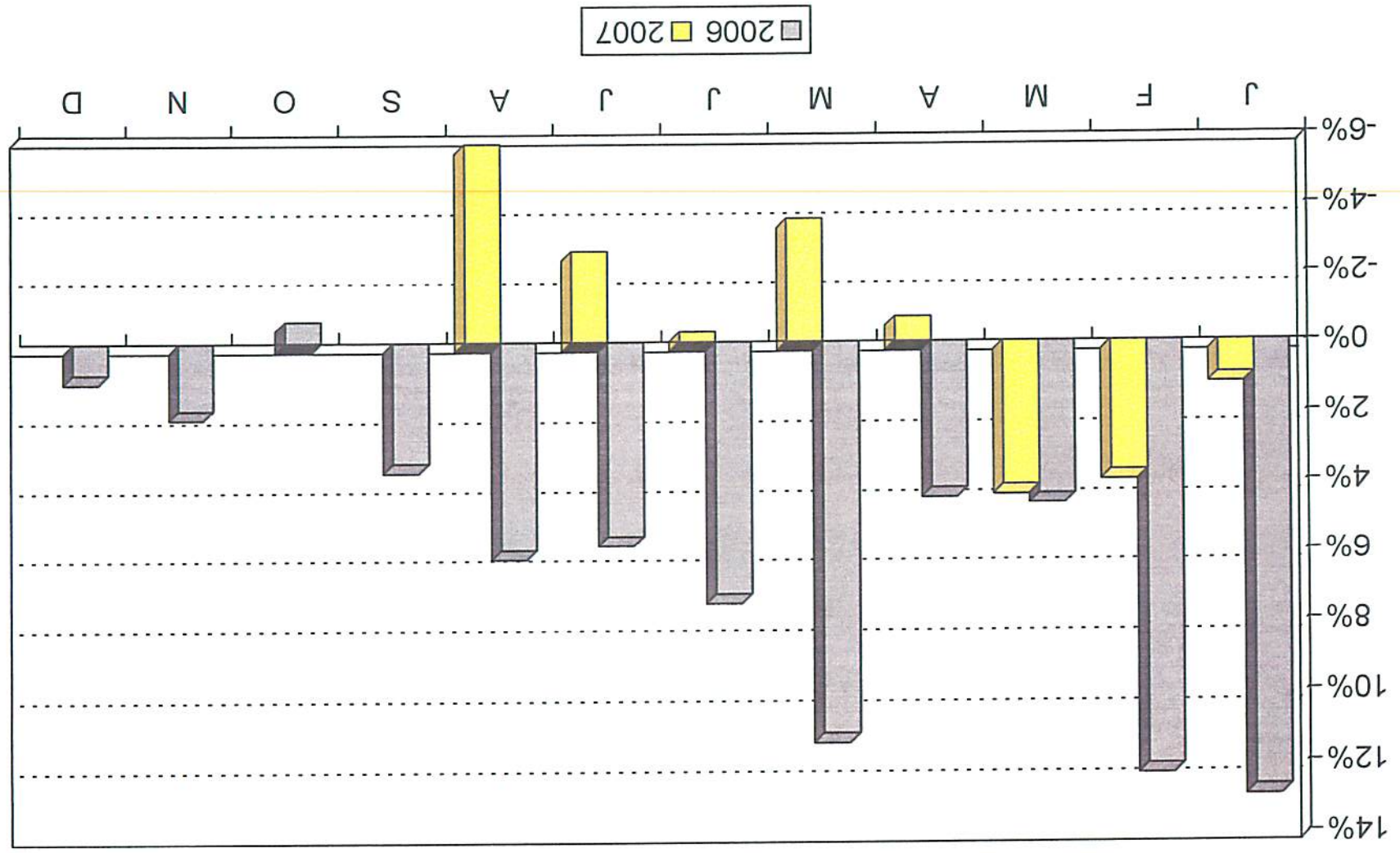
Visitor Volume - The number of visitors to Las Vegas based upon responses to a survey administered by the Las Vegas Convention and Visitors Authority.

Gaming Win - Casino winnings from gaming operators reported to the Nevada Gaming Control Board

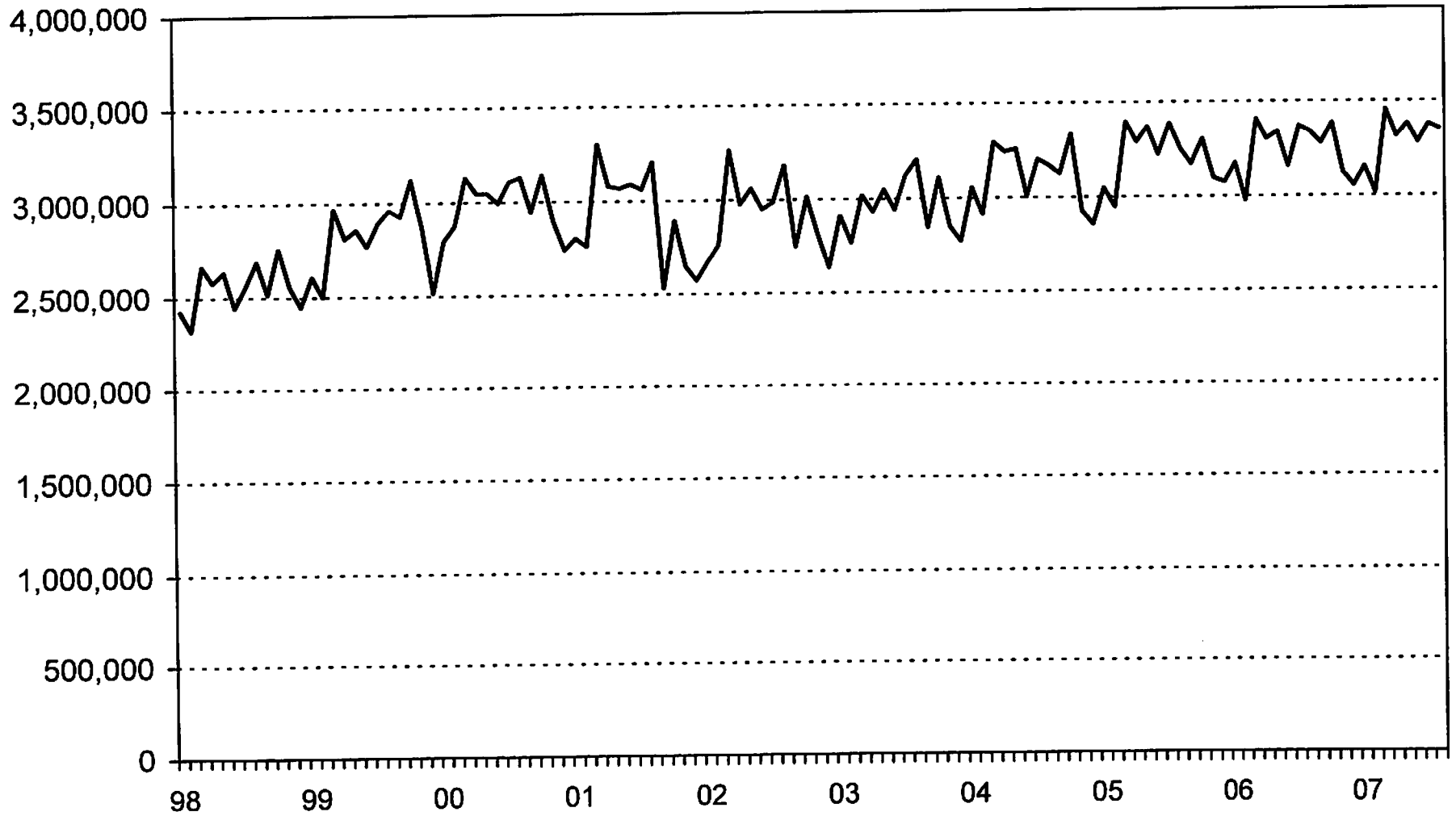
Nevada Taxable Sales (millions of \$)



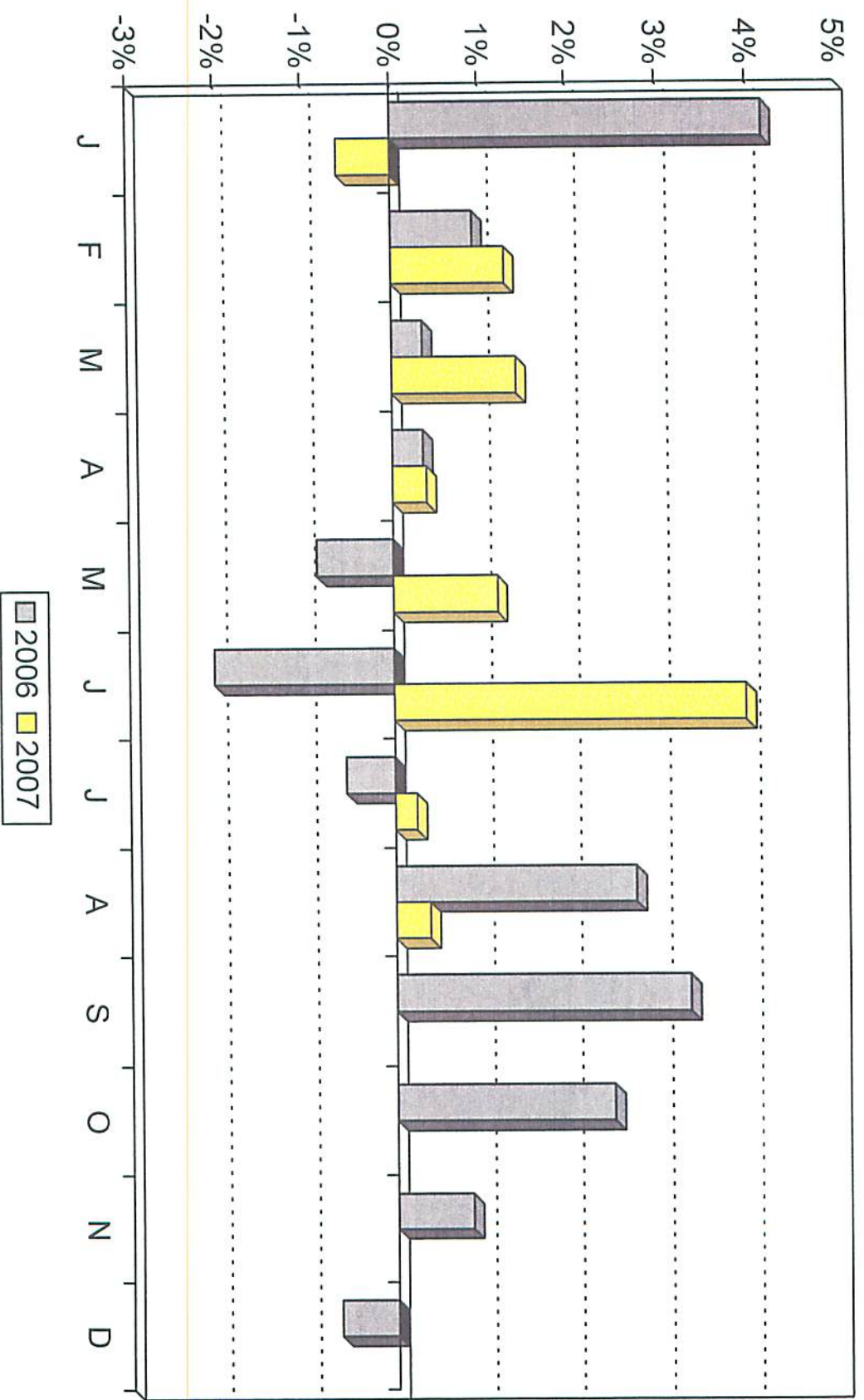
Nevada Taxable Sales Growth: 2007 vs. 2006



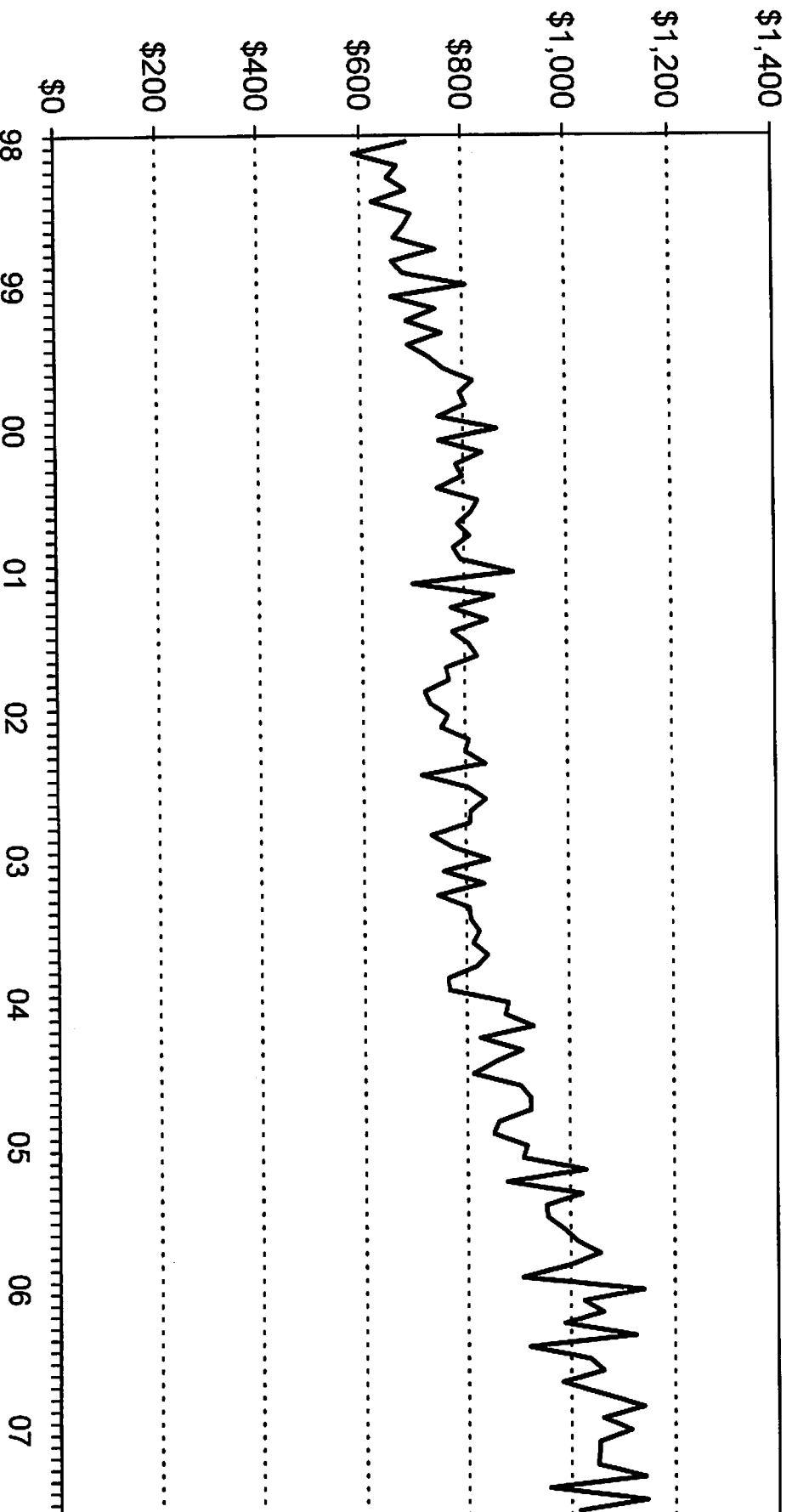
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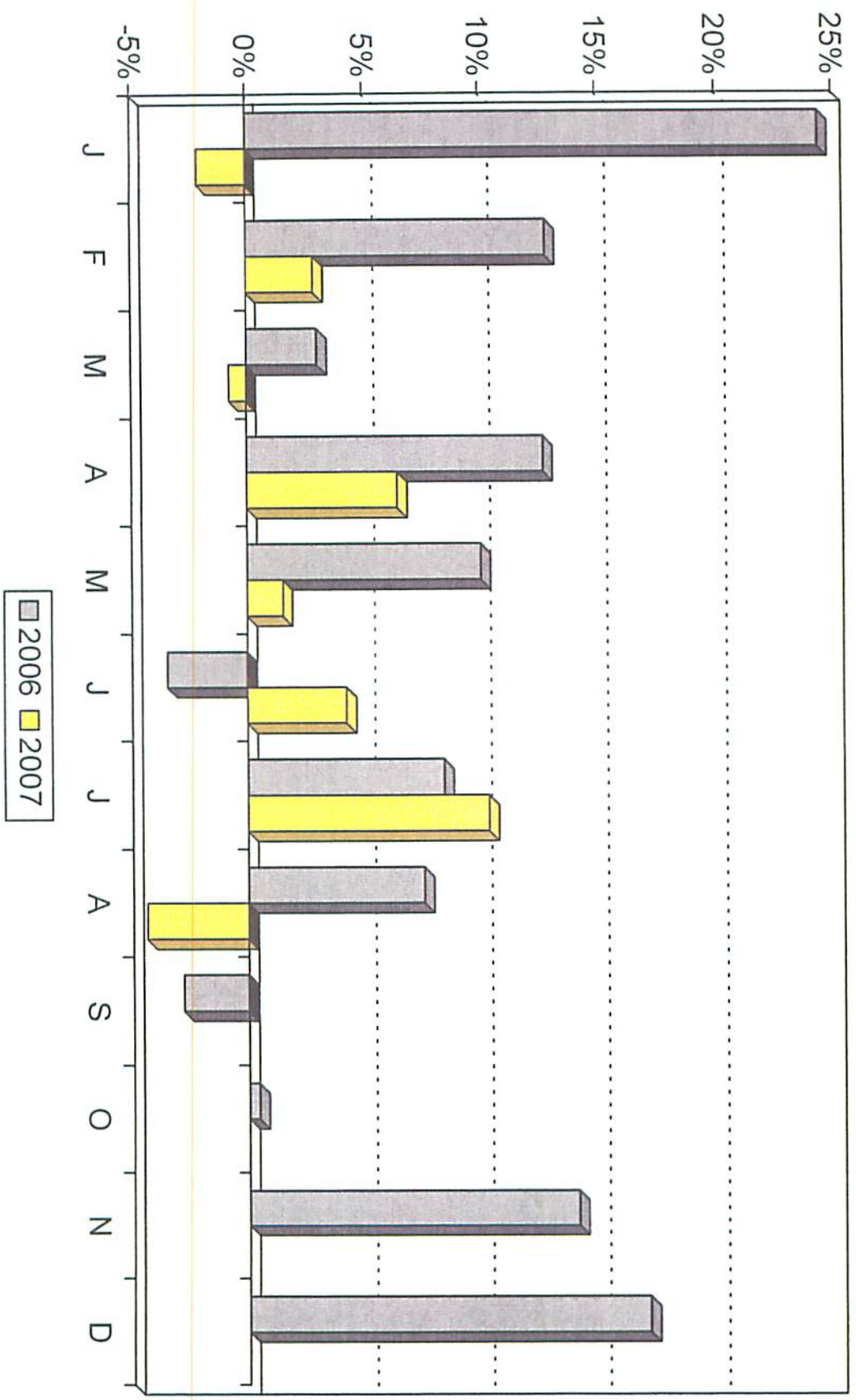
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Nevada Gaming Win (millions of \$)



Nevada Gaming Win Growth: 2007 vs. 2006



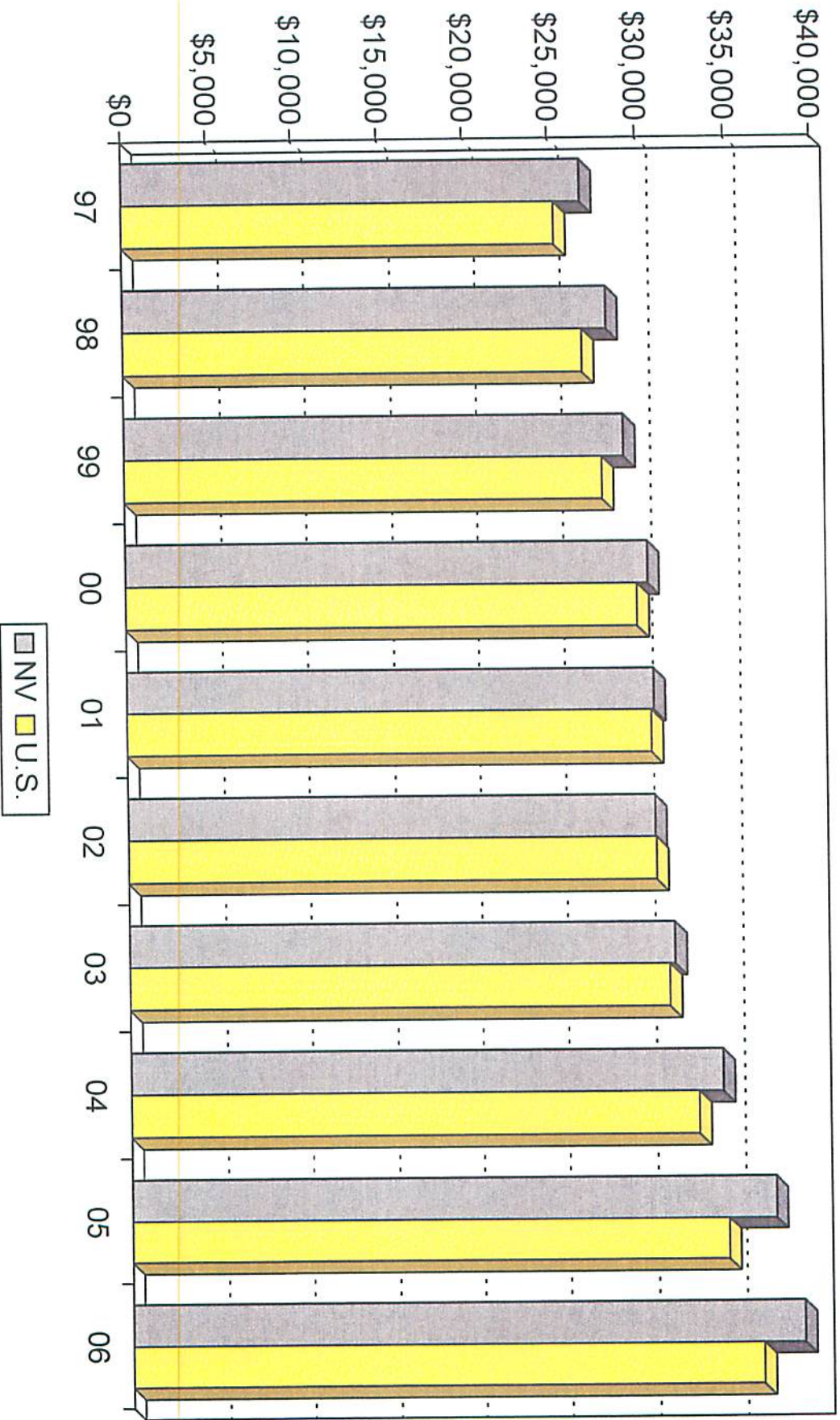
PERSONAL
INCOME

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

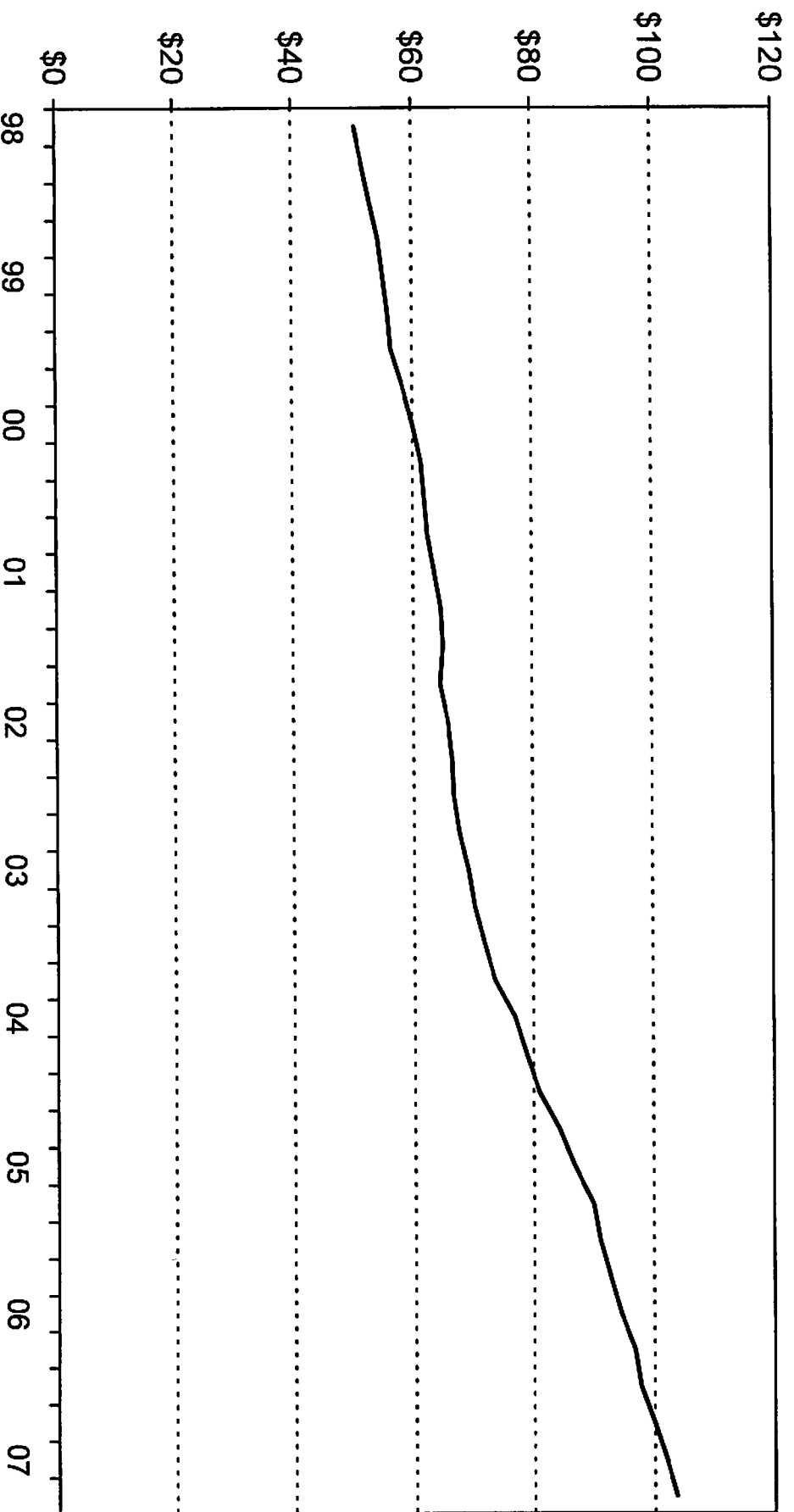
	IQ	IIQ	IIIQ	IVQ	Annual Average
1998	\$50.5	\$51.7	\$53.0	\$54.3	\$52.4
1999	\$55.1	\$55.9	\$56.4	\$58.4	\$56.5
2000	\$60.0	\$61.4	\$61.9	\$62.4	\$61.4
2001	\$63.5	\$64.6	\$64.9	\$64.4	\$64.4
2002	\$65.8	\$66.4	\$66.7	\$67.6	\$66.6
2003	\$69.1	\$70.2	\$71.8	\$73.6	\$71.2
2004	\$77.0	\$78.9	\$81.0	\$84.4	\$80.3
2005	\$86.9	\$90.1	\$91.2	\$92.9	\$90.3
2006	\$94.6	\$96.9	\$97.9	\$100.1	\$97.4
2007	\$102.0	\$103.7			
2006-2007					
Change	7.9%	7.0%			

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.

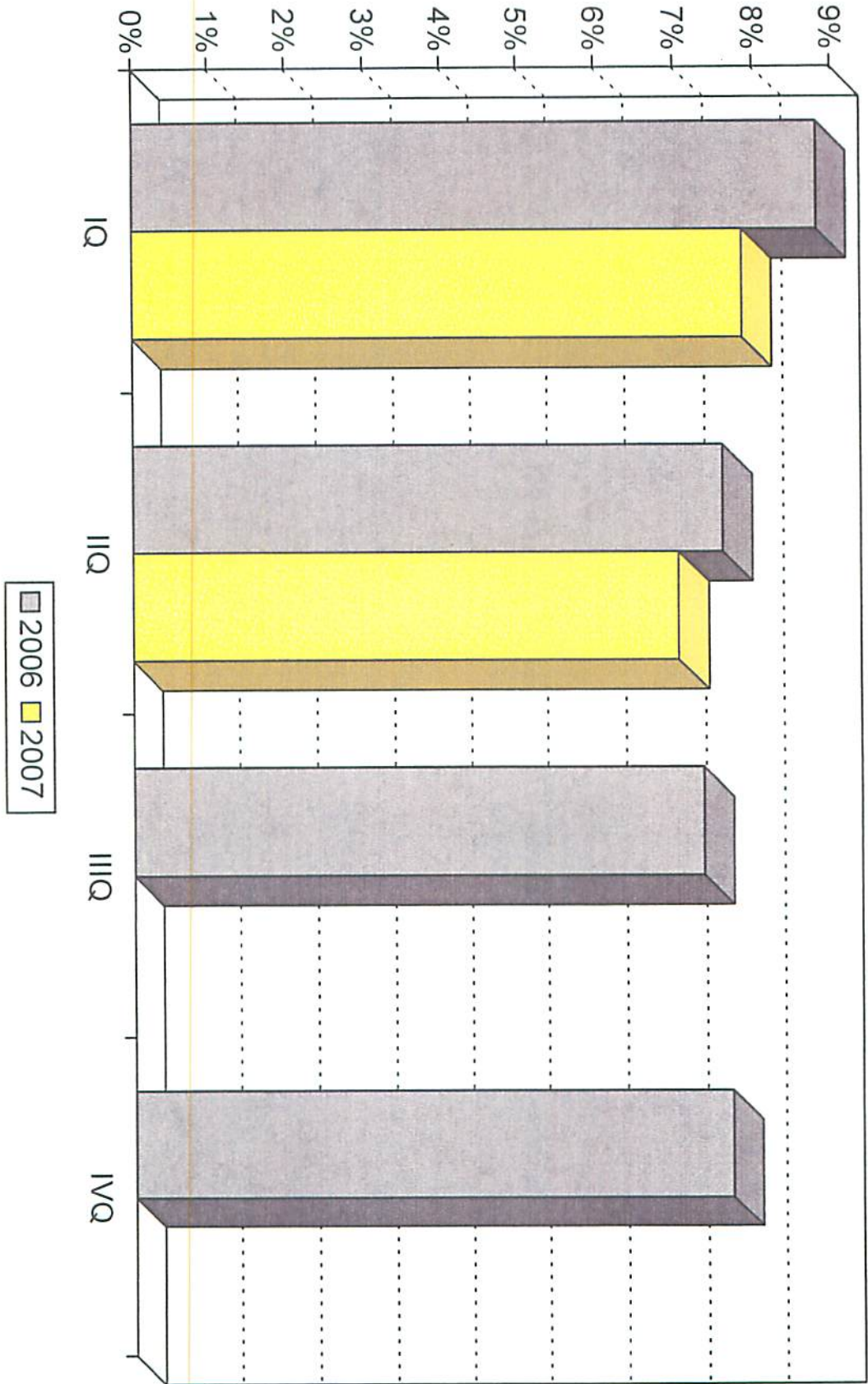
Nevada Per Capita Personal Income vs. the U.S.



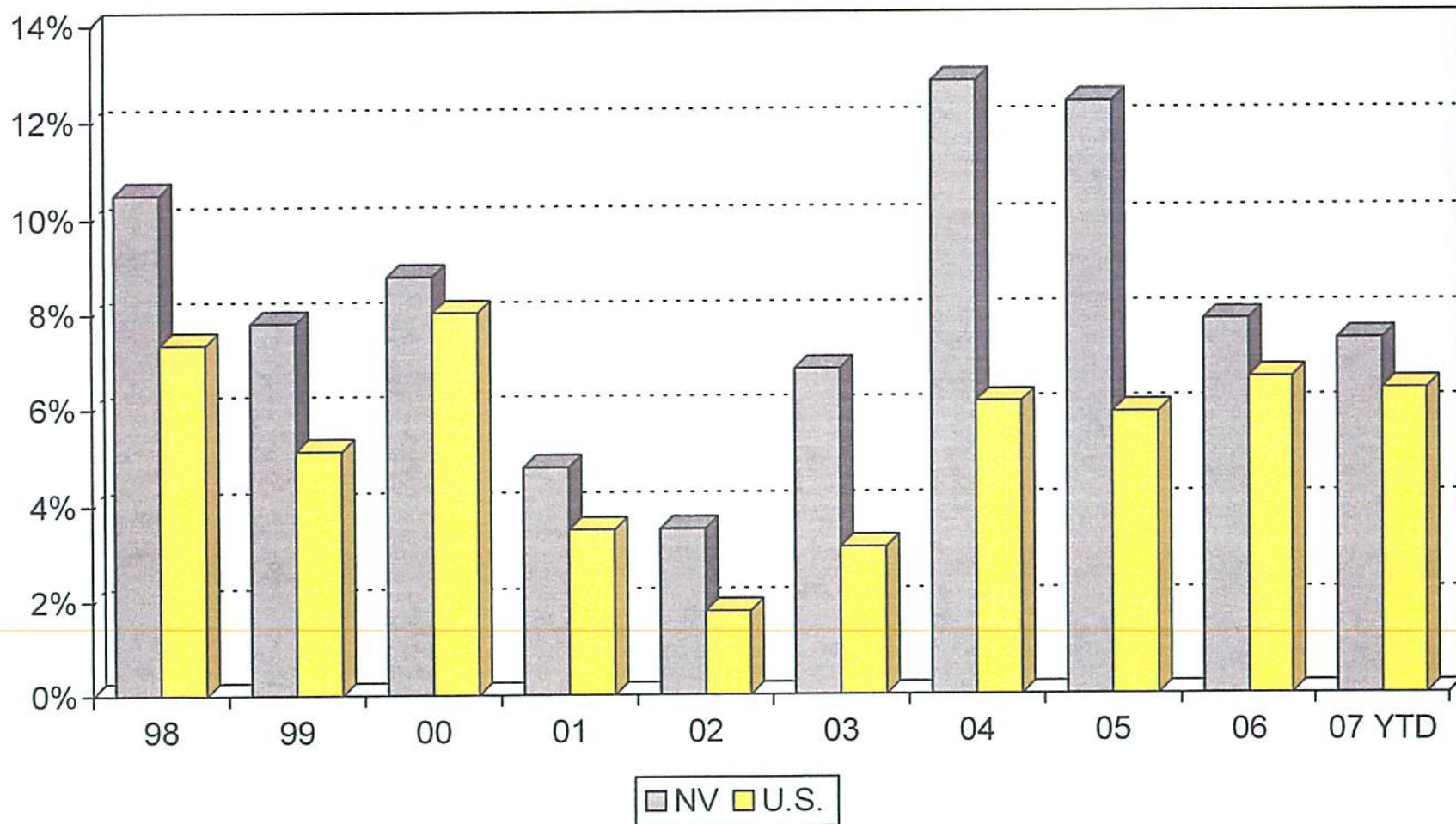
Nevada Personal Income (billions of \$; seasonally adjusted at annual rates)



Nevada Personal Income Growth: 2007 vs. 2006



Nevada Personal Income Growth vs. the U.S. (2007 YTD through IIQ)



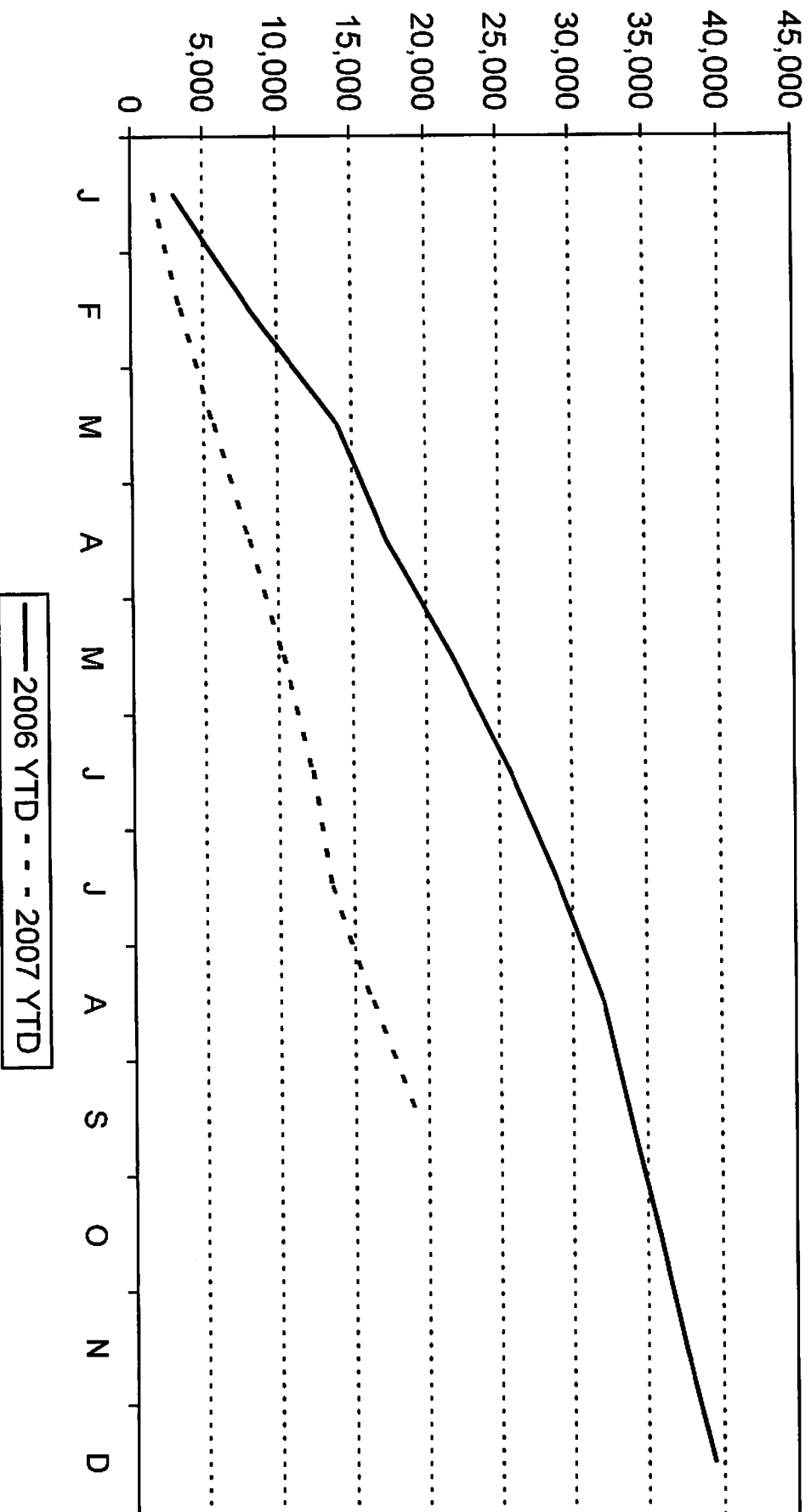
RESIDENTIAL
HOUSING PERMITS

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			
2006-2007												
Change	-1,459	-4,772	-8,388	-9,206	-11,466	-13,497	-15,632	-15,929	-14,630			
	-48.7%	-58.2%	-59.5%	-53.2%	-52.6%	-52.4%	-53.6%	-49.6%	-43.1%			

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Nevada Residential Housing Permits (number of units; 2007 YTD through August)

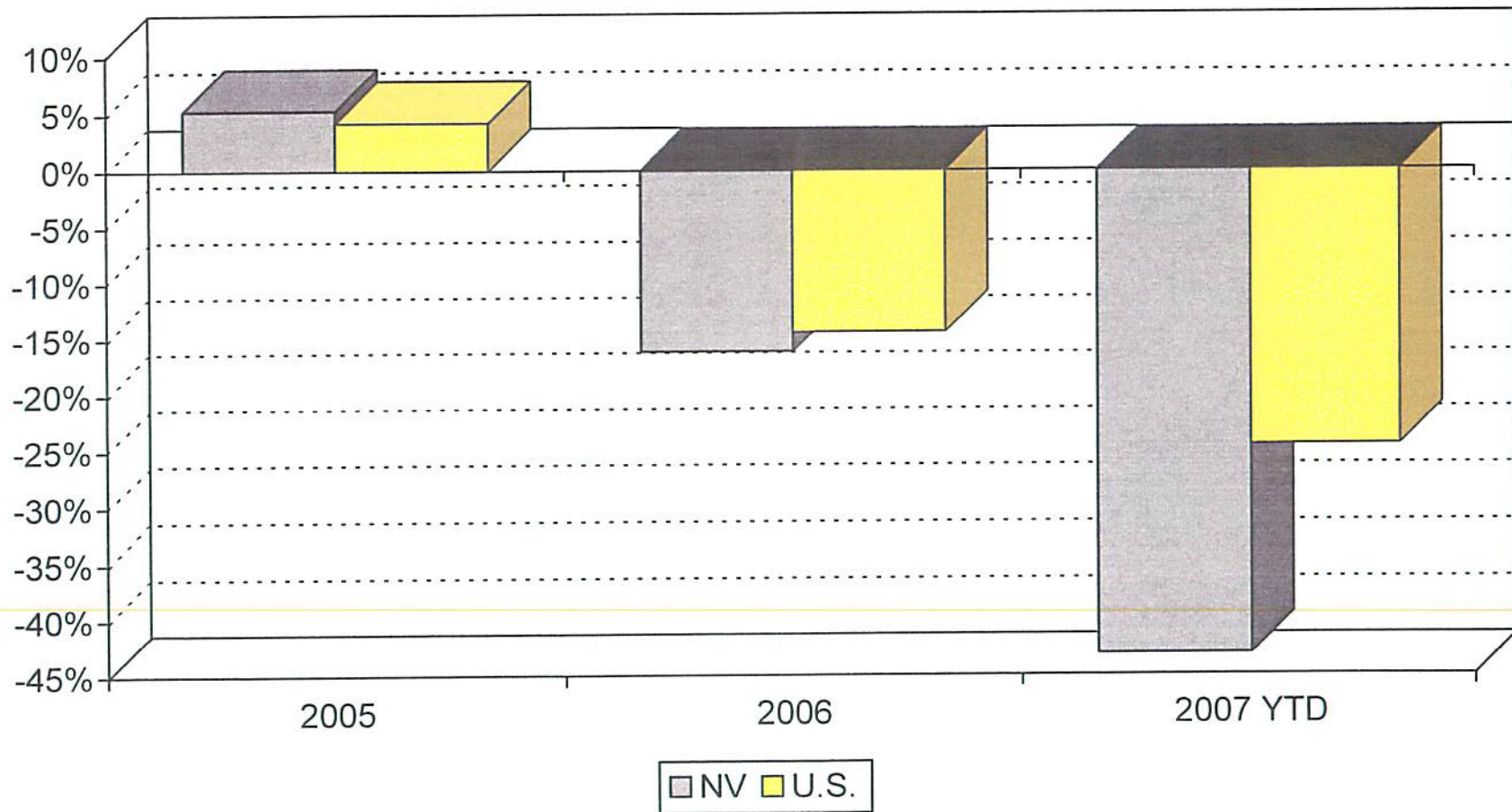


Nevada Residential Housing Permits: 2007 YTD vs. 2006 YTD

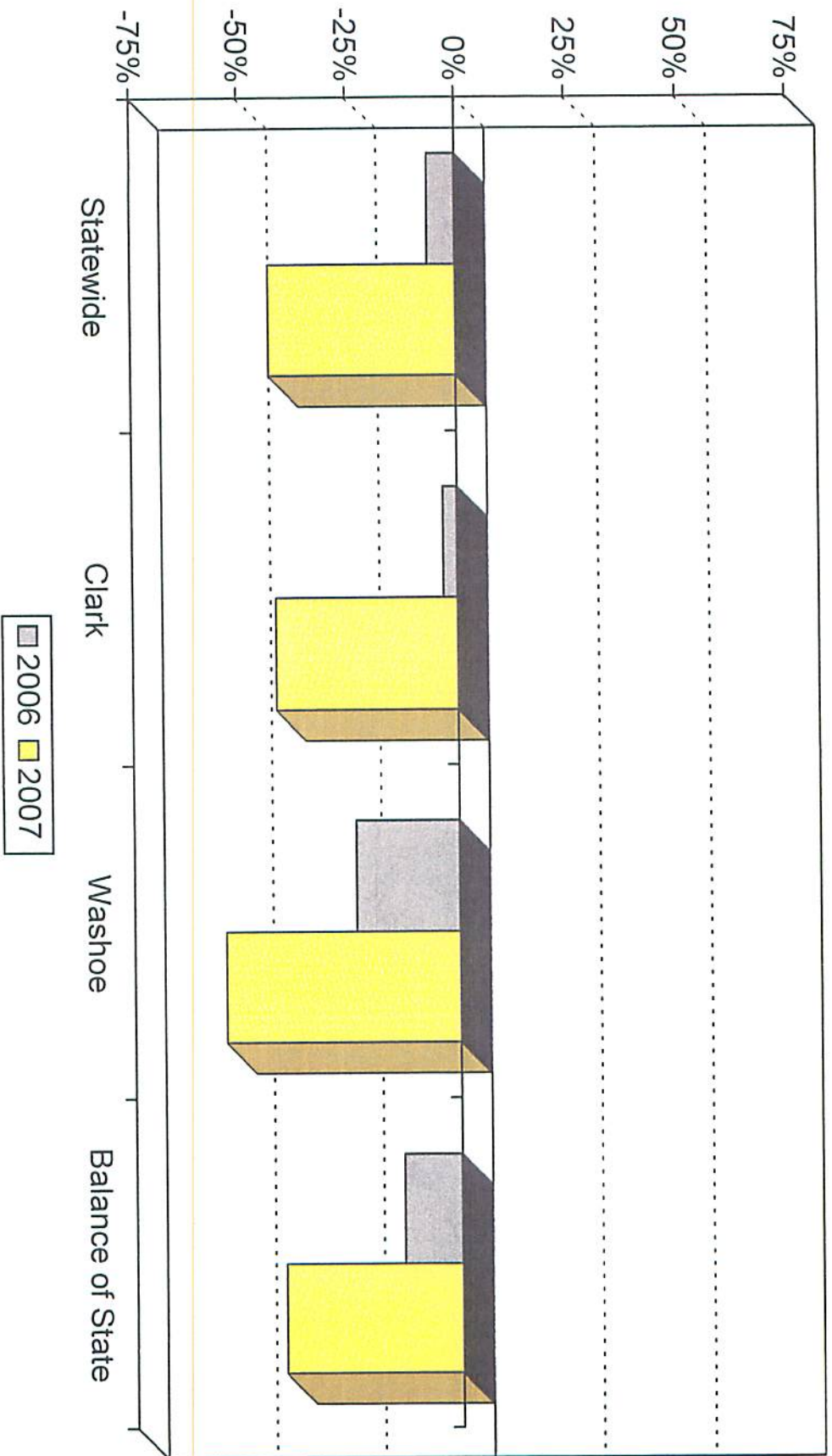


Nevada Residential Housing Permit Growth vs. the U.S.

(2007 YTD through September)



Regional Residential Housing Permit Growth (YTD through September)



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
2006	2,862	2,872	3,632	2,646	3,046	3,618	2,822	3,278	2,847	2,585	2,809	3,034	36,051
2007	2,052	1,411	1,799	1,568	1,751	1,872	1,724	1,970	1,399				
2006-2007 Change	-810 -28.3%	-1,461 -50.9%	-1,833 -50.5%	-1,078 -40.7%	-1,295 -42.5%	-1,746 -48.3%	-1,098 -38.9%	-1,308 -39.9%	-1,448 -50.9%				

New Home Permits

	January	February	March	April	May	June	July	August	September	October	November	December	Annual Total
2006	2,173	2,578	3,022	2,290	2,025	2,191	1,568	1,764	1,367	860	1,292	2,089	23,219
2007	1,158	1,279	1,969	1,804	1,724	1,347	859	766	620				
2006-2007 Change	-1,015 -46.7%	-1,299 -50.4%	-1,053 -34.8%	-486 -21.2%	-301 -14.9%	-844 -38.5%	-709 -45.2%	-998 -56.6%	-747 -54.6%				

New Home Median Price

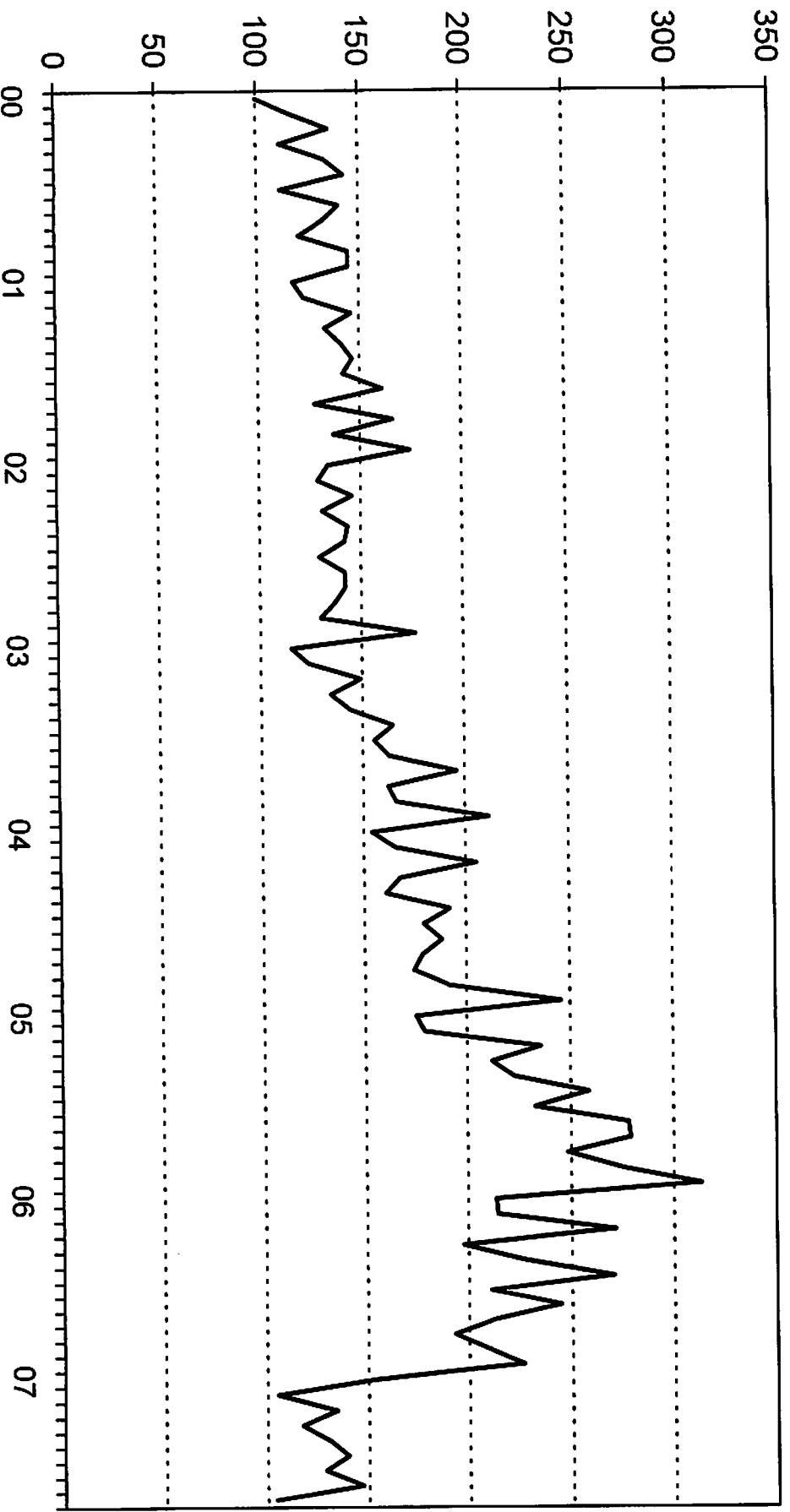
	January	February	March	April	May	June	July	August	September	October	November	December
2006	\$303,751	\$308,753	\$316,147	\$328,702	\$323,030	\$334,647	\$324,517	\$325,544	\$321,160	\$326,160	\$335,850	\$337,781
2007	\$334,945	\$315,965	\$305,990	\$318,346	\$308,874	\$323,990	\$326,750	\$338,560	\$313,480			
2006-2007 Change	\$31,194 10.3%	\$7,212 2.3%	-\$10,157 -3.2%	-\$10,356 -3.2%	-\$14,156 -4.4%	-\$10,657 -3.2%	\$2,233 0.7%	\$13,016 4.0%	-\$7,680 -2.4%			

Recorded Resales

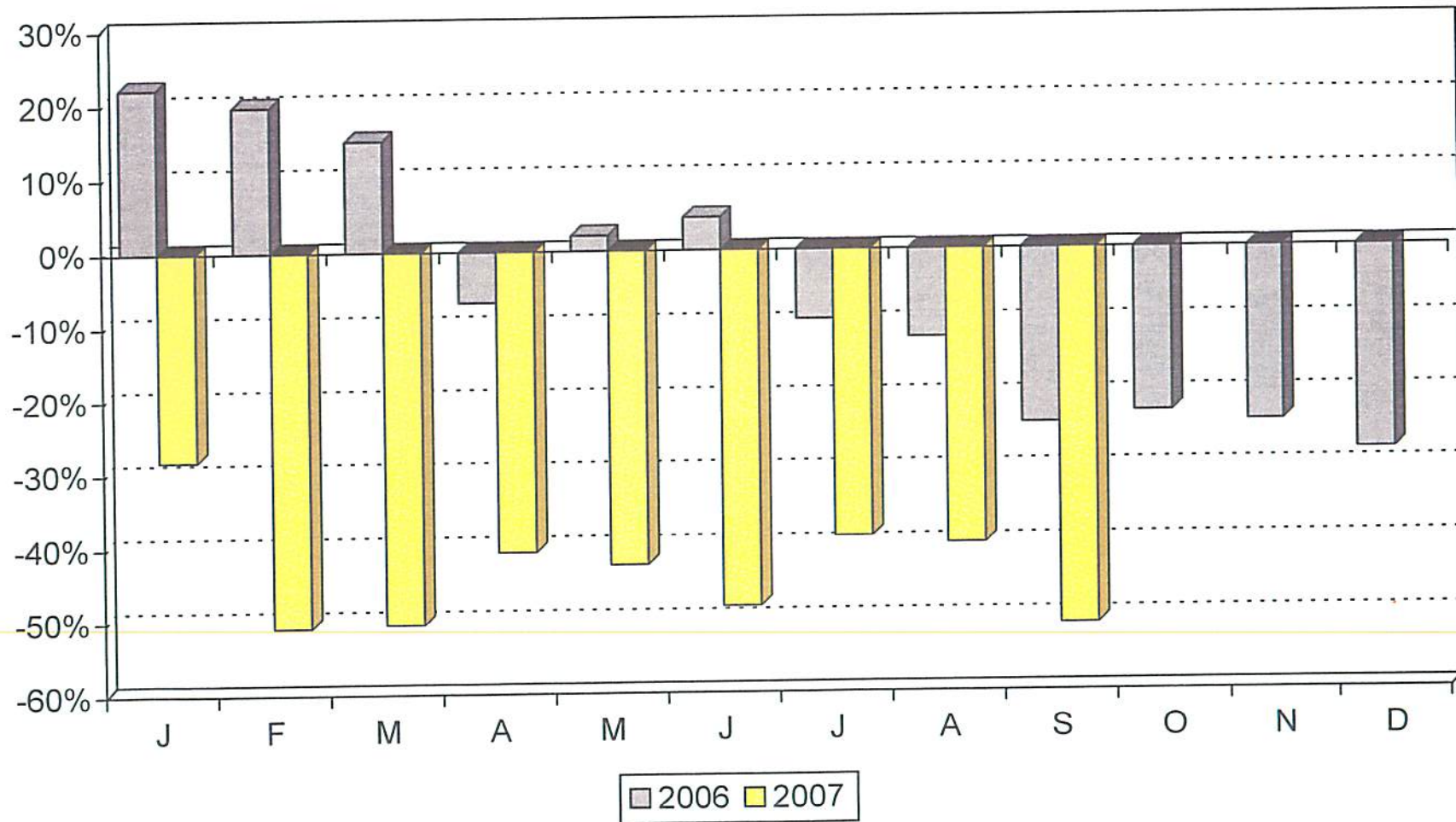
	January	February	March	April	May	June	July	August	September	October	November	December	Annual Total
2006	3,257	3,203	4,454	3,714	4,406	4,271	3,512	3,641	3,069	2,934	2,753	2,678	41,892
2007	2,423	2,332	2,739	2,353	2,587	2,422	2,101	2,062	1,544				
2006-2007 Change	-834 -25.6%	-871 -27.2%	-1,715 -38.5%	-1,361 -36.6%	-1,819 -41.3%	-1,849 -43.3%	-1,411 -40.2%	-1,579 -43.4%	-1,525 -49.7%				

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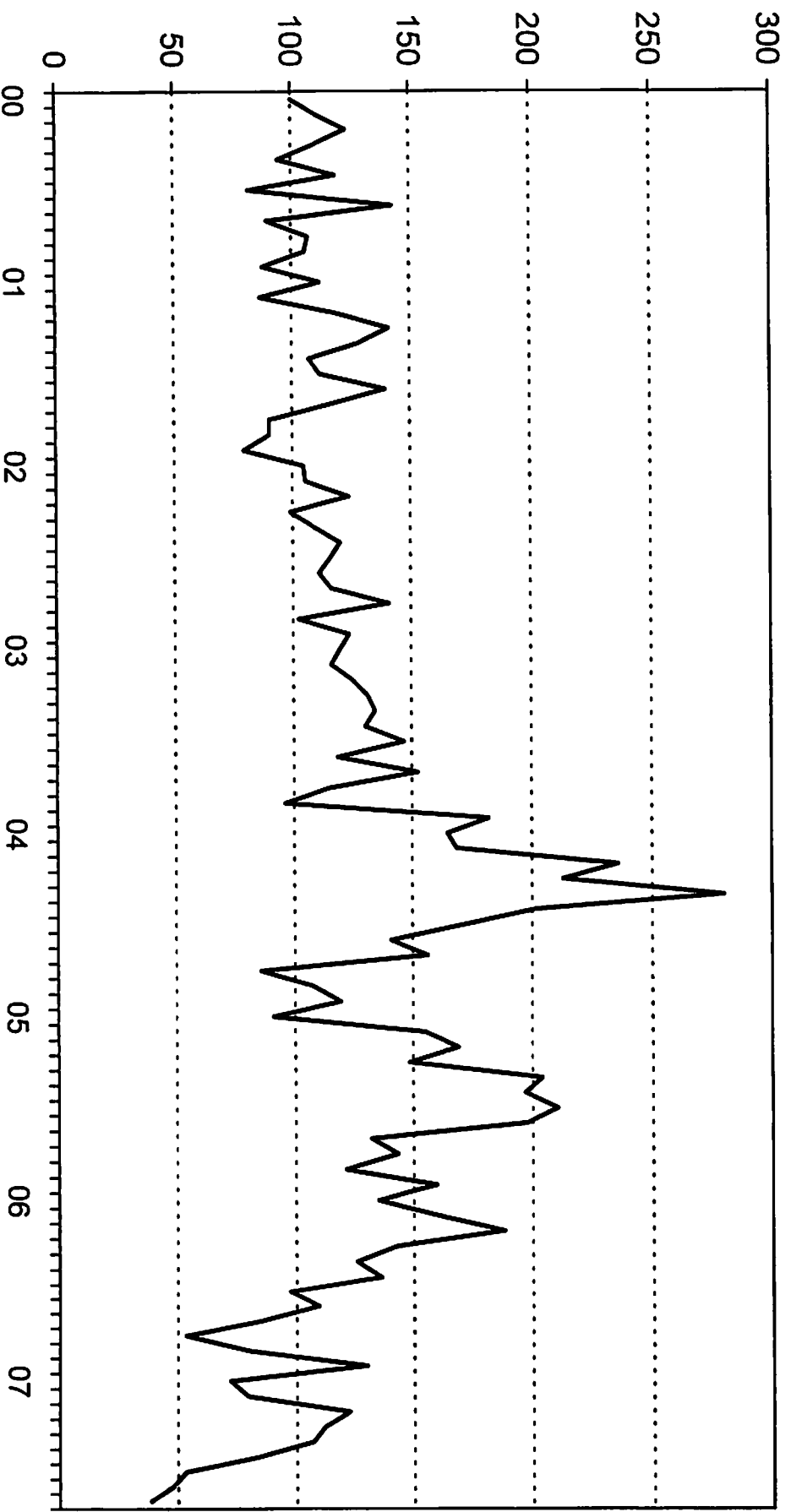
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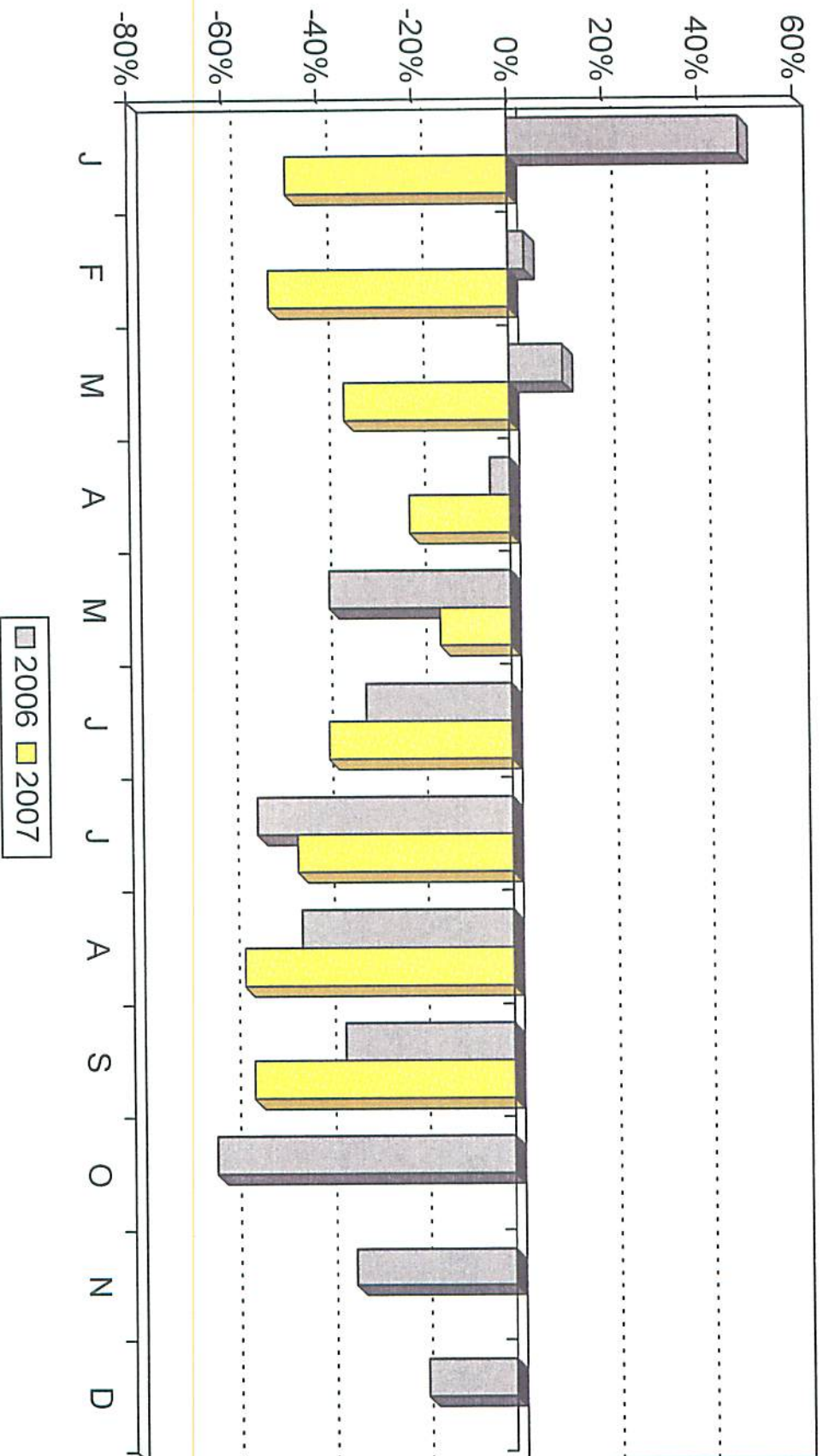
Southern Nevada New Home Closings Growth: 2007 vs. 2006



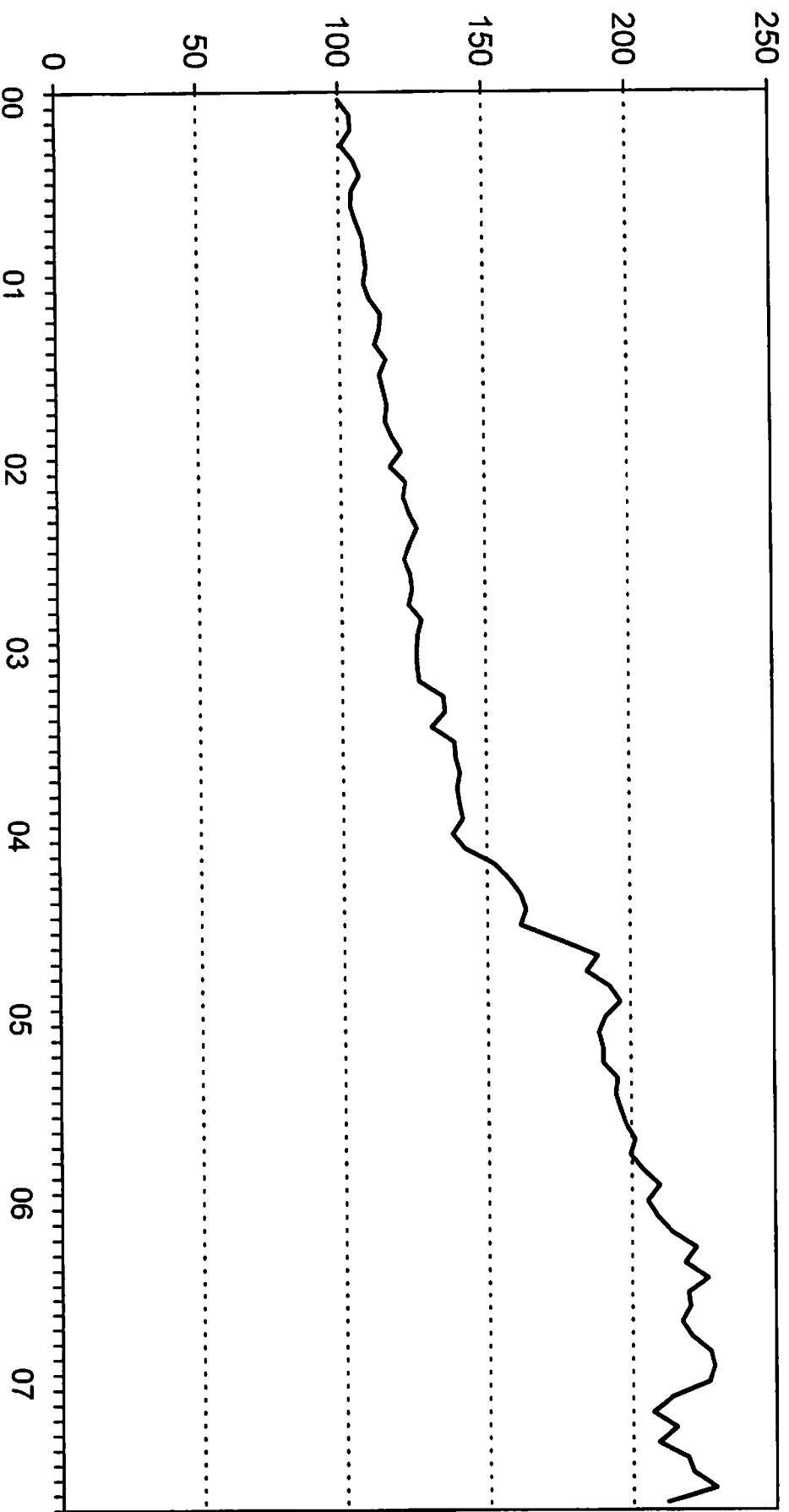
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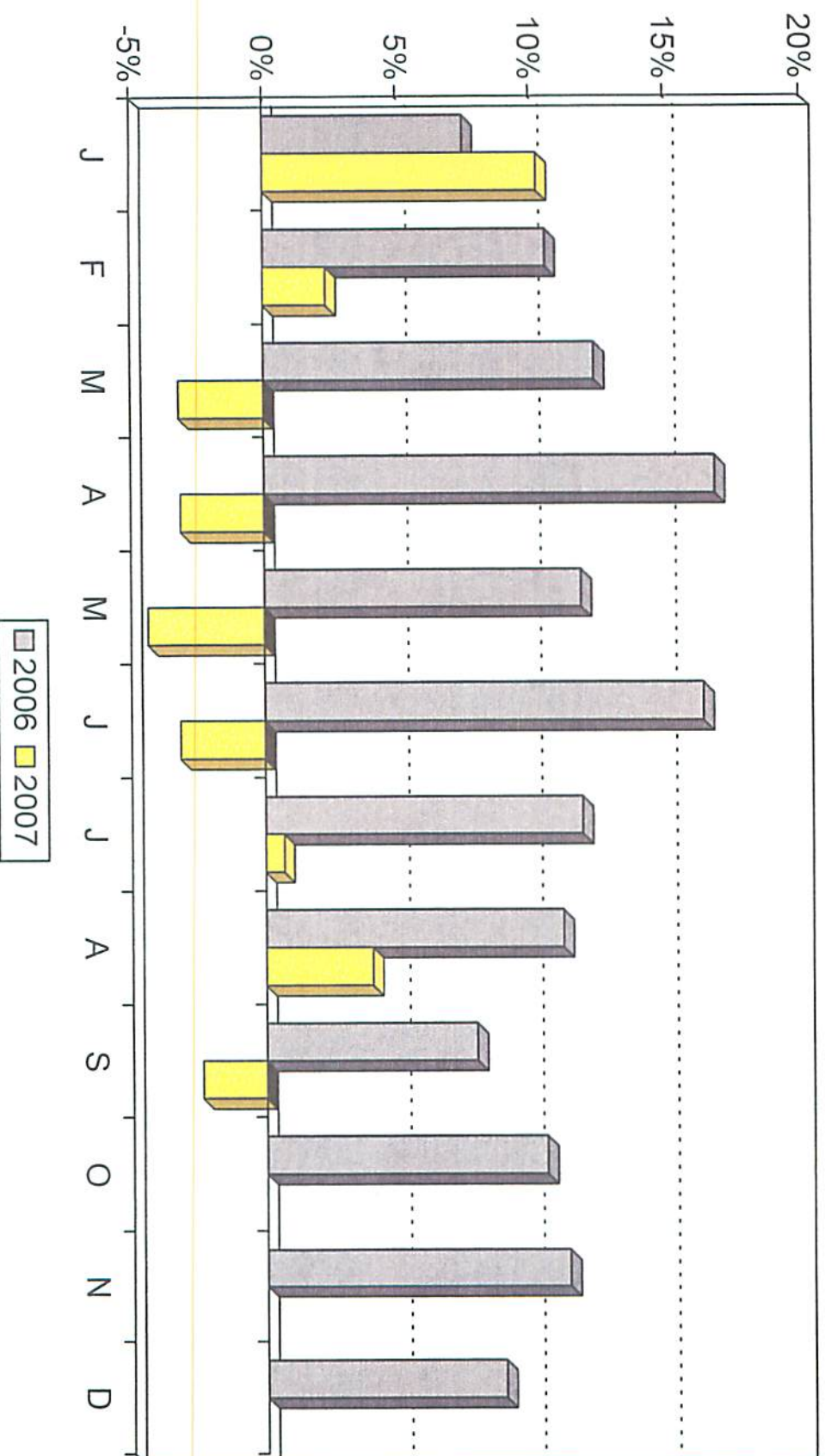
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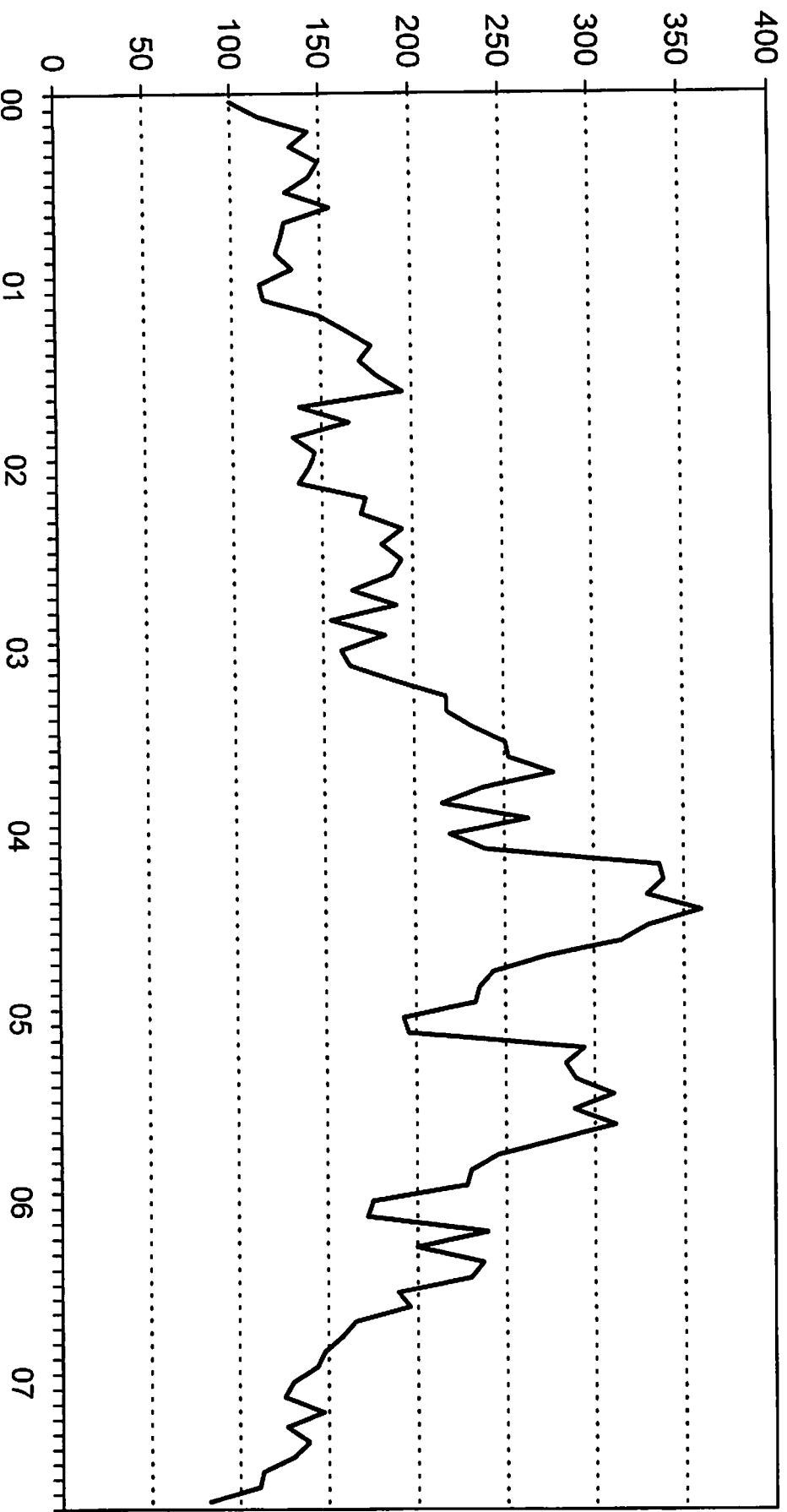
Southern Nevada New Home Median Price (January 2000 = 100)



Southern Nevada New Home Median Price Growth: 2007 vs. 2006



Southern Nevada Recorded Resales (January 2000 = 100)



Southern Nevada Recorded Resales Growth: 2007 vs. 2006

