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## **Operation Safe Community**

### **Part I Crime Trends**

**January 1 – September 30, 2006-2009**

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Memphis Police Department  
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# City of Memphis- Part I Crime Trends

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**City of Memphis: Part I Crime Trends - January 1- September 30, 2006 - 2009**

Offense	2006	2007	% Change 2006-07	2008	% Change 2007-08	2009	+/-/=	% Change 2008-09	% Change 2006-09
Murder	97	96	-1.0%	92	-4.2%	96	4	4.3%	-1.0%
Rape	307	345	12.4%	290	-15.9%	272	-18	-6.2%	-11.4%
Robbery	4,080	3,650	-10.5%	3,561	-2.4%	3,237	-324	-9.1%	-20.7%
Aggravated Assault	4,657	4,364	-6.3%	4,411	1.1%	4,250	-161	-3.6%	-8.7%
<b>VIOLENT CRIME</b>	<b>9,141</b>	<b>8,455</b>	<b>-7.5%</b>	<b>8,354</b>	<b>-1.2%</b>	<b>7,855</b>	<b>-499</b>	<b>-6.0%</b>	<b>-14.1%</b>
Burglary	12,383	11,010	-11.1%	11,478	4.3%	10,197	-1,281	-11.2%	-17.7%
Larceny	25,571	24,773	-3.1%	25,024	1.0%	22,232	-2,792	-11.2%	-13.1%
Auto Theft	4,755	4,687	-1.4%	3,911	-16.6%	2,906	-1,005	-25.7%	-38.9%
<b>PROPERTY CRIME</b>	<b>42,709</b>	<b>40,470</b>	<b>-5.2%</b>	<b>40,413</b>	<b>-0.1%</b>	<b>35,335</b>	<b>-5,078</b>	<b>-12.6%</b>	<b>-17.3%</b>
<b>PART I CRIME</b>	<b>51,850</b>	<b>48,925</b>	<b>-5.6%</b>	<b>48,767</b>	<b>-0.3%</b>	<b>43,190</b>	<b>-5,577</b>	<b>-11.4%</b>	<b>-16.7%</b>

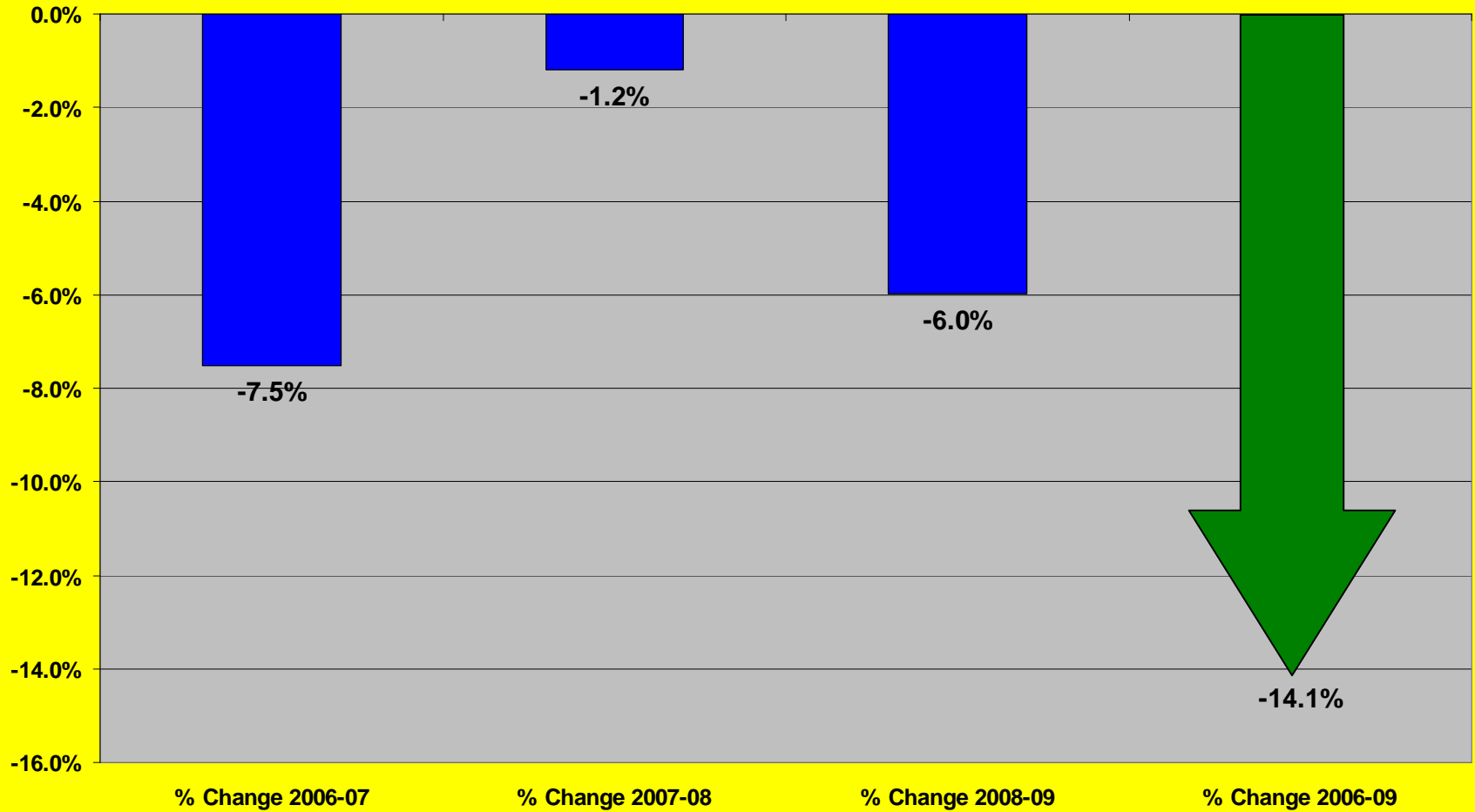
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**Percent Change-Part I Violent Crime  
City of Memphis  
January 1- September 30, 2006 - 2009**

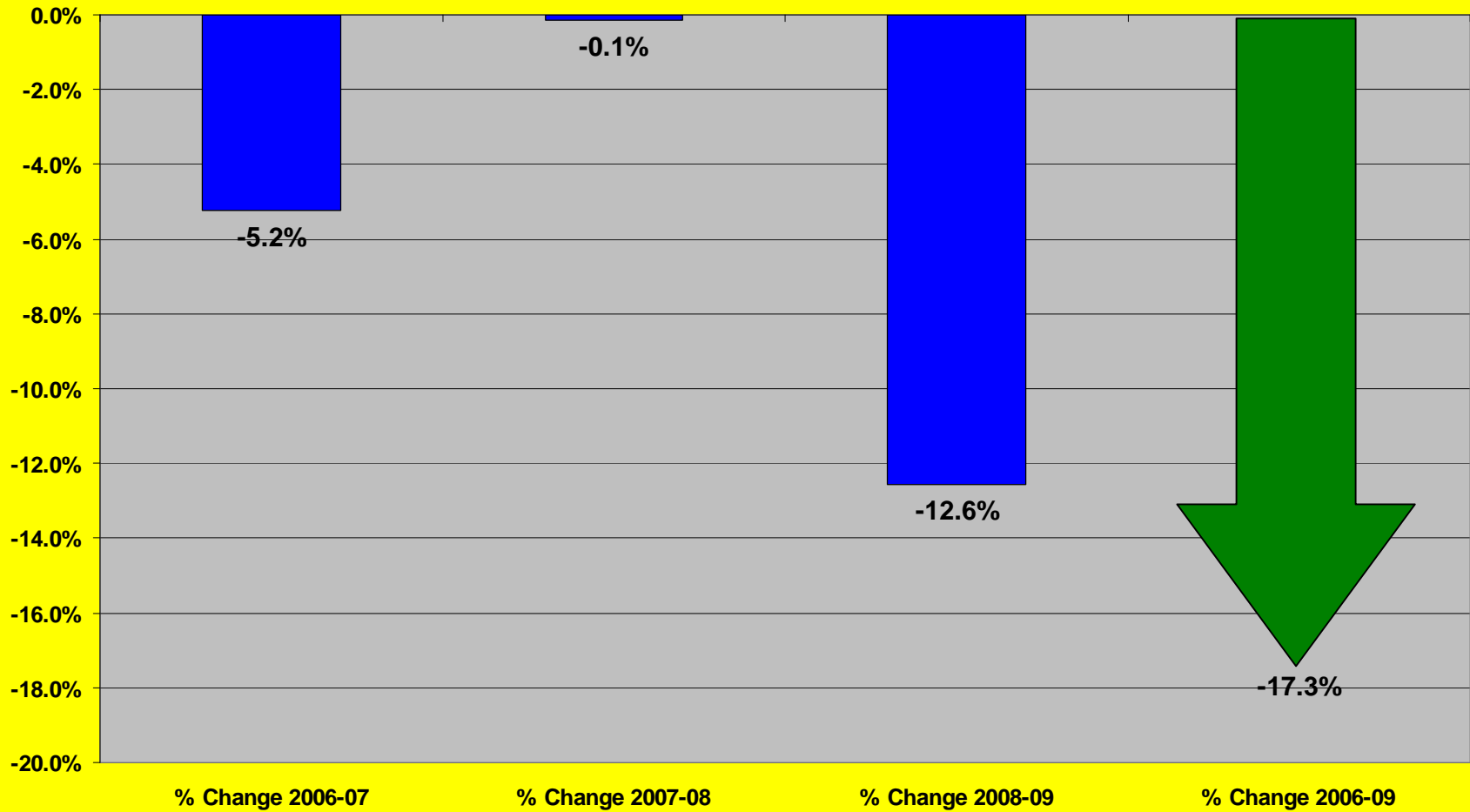


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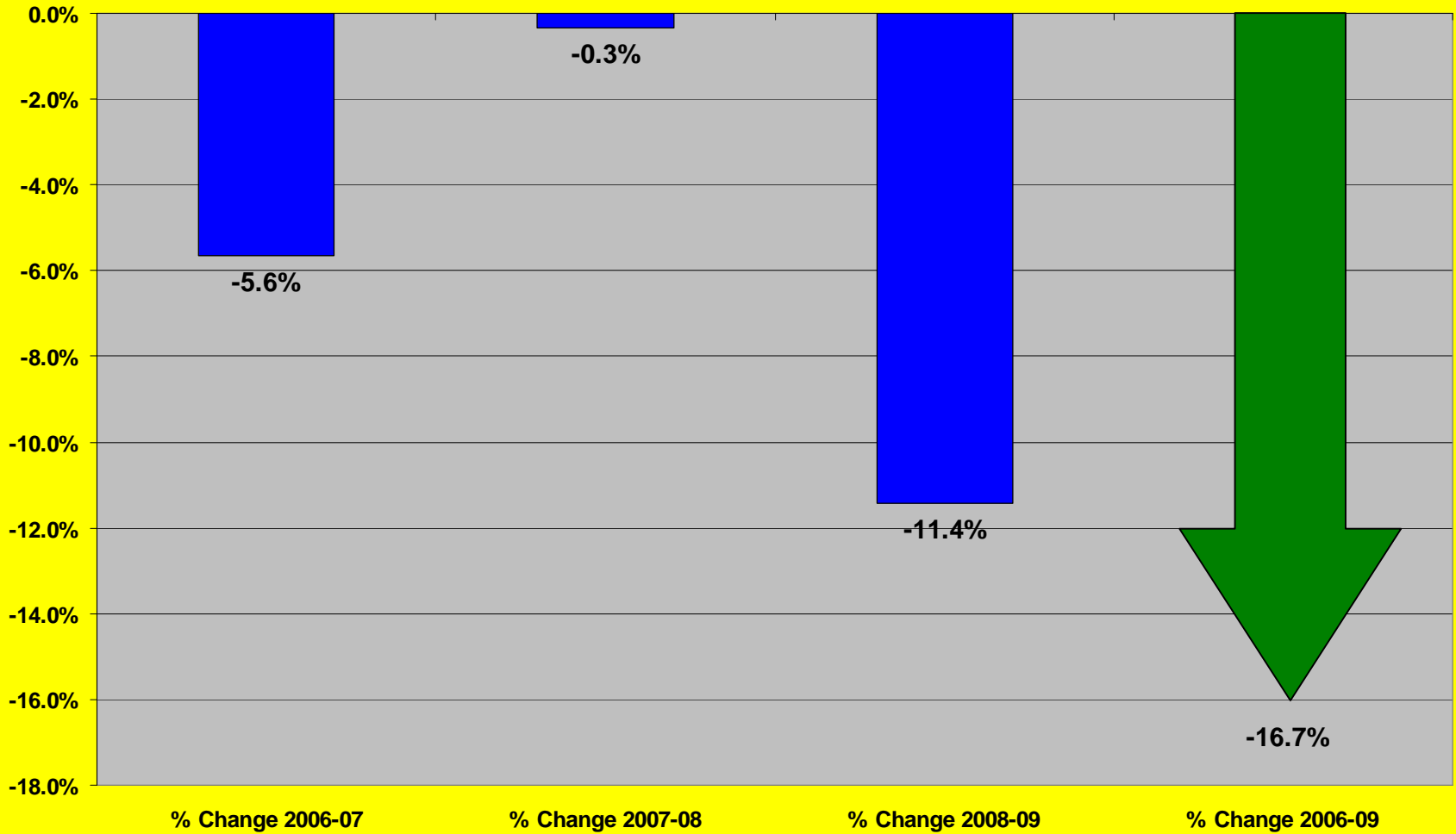


**Percent Change-Part I Property Crime  
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# Shelby County Sheriff's Office- Part I Crime Trends

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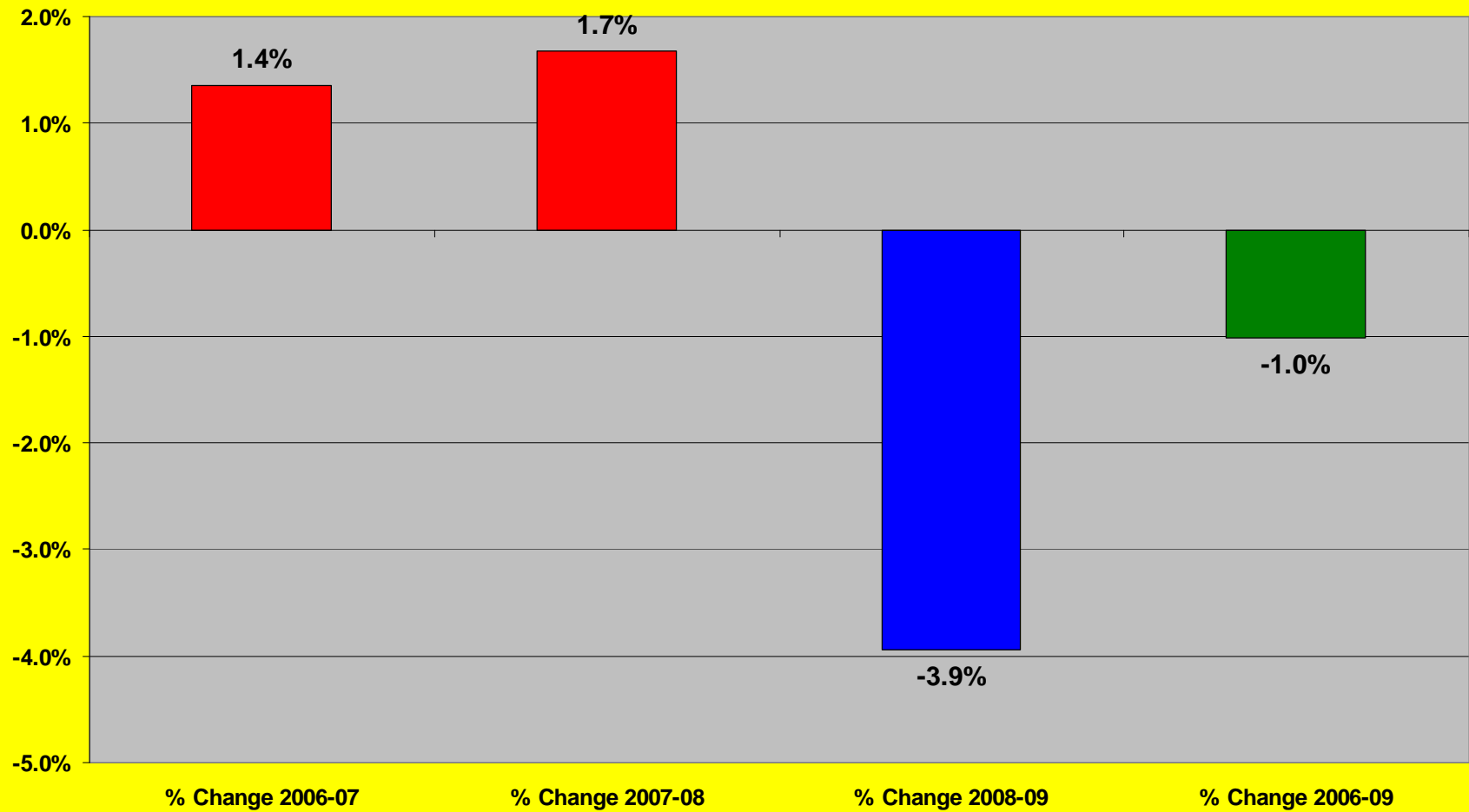
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Offense	2006	2007	% Change 2006-07	2008	% Change 2007-08	2009	+/-/=	% Change 2008-09	% Change 2006-09
Murder	3	5	66.7%	4	-20.0%	3	-1	-25.0%	0.0%
Rape	18	31	72.2%	33	6.5%	29	-4	-12.1%	61.1%
Robbery	54	53	-1.9%	60	13.2%	58	-2	-3.3%	7.4%
Aggravated Assault	220	210	-4.5%	207	-1.4%	202	-5	-2.4%	-8.2%
<b>VIOLENT CRIME</b>	<b>295</b>	<b>299</b>	<b>1.4%</b>	<b>304</b>	<b>1.7%</b>	<b>292</b>	<b>-12</b>	<b>-3.9%</b>	<b>-1.0%</b>
Burglary	958	821	-14.3%	920	12.1%	939	19	2.1%	-2.0%
Larceny	1521	1559	2.5%	1688	8.3%	1544	-144	-8.5%	1.5%
Auto Theft	213	204	-4.2%	196	-3.9%	172	-24	-12.2%	-19.2%
<b>PROPERTY CRIME</b>	<b>2692</b>	<b>2584</b>	<b>-4.0%</b>	<b>2804</b>	<b>8.5%</b>	<b>2655</b>	<b>-149</b>	<b>-5.3%</b>	<b>-1.4%</b>
<b>PART I CRIME</b>	<b>2987</b>	<b>2883</b>	<b>-3.5%</b>	<b>3108</b>	<b>7.8%</b>	<b>2947</b>	<b>-161</b>	<b>-5.2%</b>	<b>-1.3%</b>

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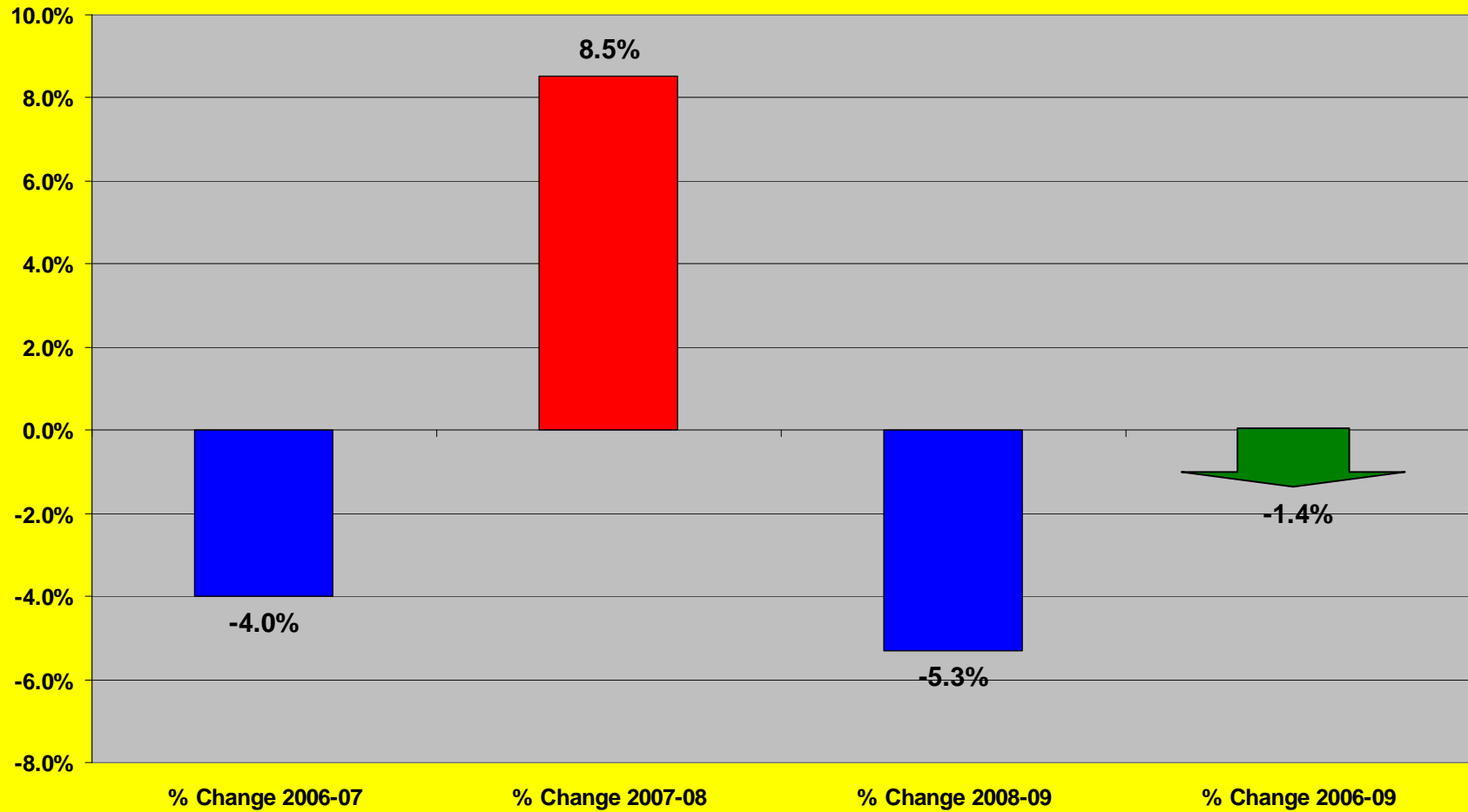


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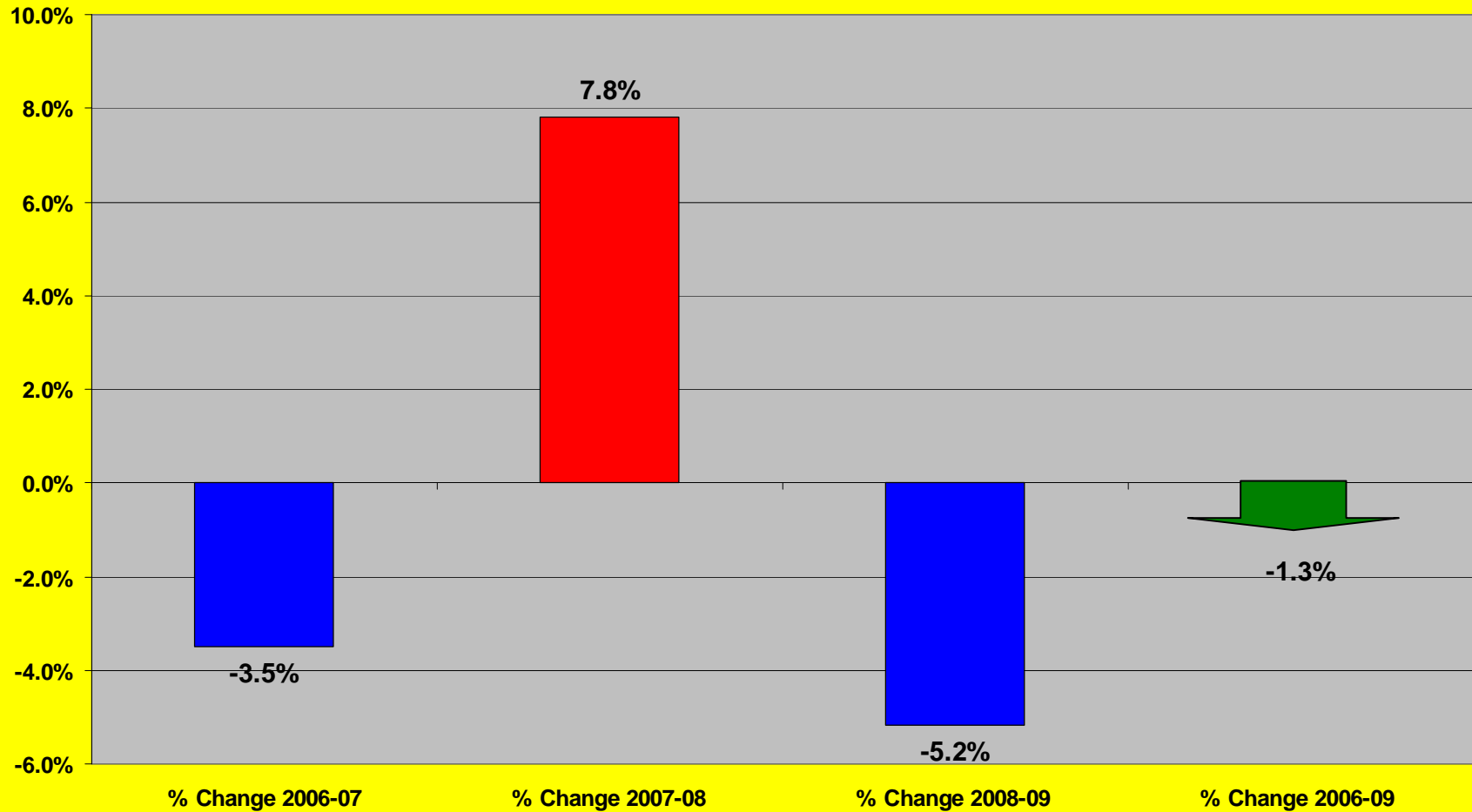


**Percent Change-Part I Property Crime  
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## Methodological Note

- We have elected to utilize a very conservative methodology in calculating percent change since historically offenses continue to be reported for a period of time after the end of a particular month for that month.
- Therefore we collect the end of month offense totals in the following manner:
  - 2006: collected from the 2007 report.
  - 2007: collected from the 2008 report
  - 2008: collected from the 2009 report
  - 2009: collected from the 2009 report
- As a result there may, and generally is, a variance between the percent change reported in this report and that reported by the agencies in their end of month analysis.

