



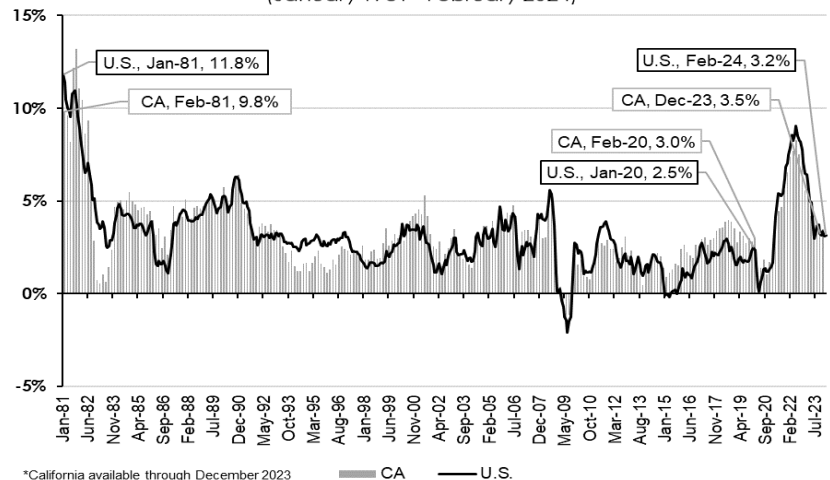
Finance Bulletin

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Economic Update

U.S. headline inflation increased to 3.2 percent year-over-year in February 2024, up just 0.1 percentage point from January 2024, but also down 5.9 percentage points from its most recent peak of 9.1 percent in June 2022. Core inflation—which excludes food and energy—slowed to 3.8 percent year-over-year. Transportation inflation—which includes gasoline—increased to 2.7 percent from 1.6 percent in January, while shelter inflation slowed for the eleventh consecutive month to 5.7 percent from 6 percent in January.

U.S. and California* CPI Inflation Rates
(January 1981 - February 2024)



LABOR MARKET CONDITIONS

- In February 2024, the U.S. unemployment rate rose 0.2 percentage point from January to 3.9 percent as civilian unemployment increased by 334,000 and employment declined by 184,000. The U.S. added 275,000 nonfarm payroll jobs with nine sectors gaining jobs driven by private educational and health services (85,000) and leisure and hospitality (58,000), followed by government (52,000), trade, transportation, and utilities (40,000), construction (23,000), other services (9,000), professional and business services (9,000), information (2,000) and financial activities (1,000). The manufacturing sector lost 4,000 jobs in February while mining and logging remained unchanged.
- Following annual benchmark revisions to state employment numbers, California total nonfarm employment as of December 2023 was revised down by 231,800 jobs from nearly 18.2 million to just under 18 million. The over 2.7 million pandemic-related job losses were recovered in July 2022, a month later than previously estimated in June 2022, and the unemployment rate peak remained unchanged at 16.1 percent in April 2020, following the revision and bottomed out at 3.8 percent only in August 2022 (not in both July and August 2022 as previously estimated).
- California's unemployment rate rose 0.1 percentage point to 5.2 percent in January 2024 as civilian household employment decreased by 8,000 and civilian unemployment increased by 23,300 people. California added 58,100 nonfarm payroll jobs in January 2024. Ten sectors added jobs: private educational and health services (18,100), professional and business services (15,700), government (10,800), trade, transportation, and utilities (4,900), information (3,400), construction (2,200), leisure and hospitality (1,700), other services (1,300), financial activities (700), and mining and logging (100). The manufacturing sector lost 800 jobs in January. California accounted for 25.4 percent of the 229,000 U.S. nonfarm jobs added in January in 2024.

BUILDING ACTIVITY & REAL ESTATE

- Year-to-date through January 2024, California permitted 99,000 housing units at a seasonally adjusted annualized rate (SAAR), up 16.7 percent from December 2023 and up 9.3 percent from a year ago in January 2023. January year-to-date total permits consisted of 67,000 single-family units (up 14.7 percent from December 2023, and up 56.2 percent year-over-year) and 32,000 multi-family units (up 21.1 percent from December, but down 33.2 percent year-over-year).
- The statewide median sale price of existing single-family homes decreased to \$788,940 in January 2024, down 3.8 percent from December 2023 but up 5 percent from one year ago. Sales of existing single-family homes in California were 256,160 (SAAR) in January 2024, up 14.4 percent from December 2023, and up 5.9 percent from January 2023.

MONTHLY CASH REPORT

Preliminary General Fund agency cash receipts were \$288 million, or 3 percent, above the Governor's Budget forecast for February, and were \$5.6 billion, or 4.3 percent, below the 2024-25 Governor's Budget fiscal year-to-date forecast of \$131.1 billion. The Governor's Budget forecast was completed toward the end of November; therefore the fiscal year-to-date variances in this report reflect variance since November. The primary driver of the cumulative shortfall was personal income tax estimated payments, which were \$4.7 billion below forecast fiscal year-to-date through February, indicating weakness in receipts relating to tax year 2023. Personal income tax withholding, which is more indicative of current activity in tax year 2024, were \$670 million above the fiscal year-to-date forecast. Additionally, fiscal year-to-date corporate tax cash receipts were \$1.1 billion below forecast due to \$970 million in higher corporate refunds.

- Personal income tax cash receipts were \$579 million above forecast in February due to withholding exceeding the forecast by \$1.2 billion, partially offset by higher refunds of \$706 million. This brings the fiscal year-to-date shortfall in personal income tax receipts to \$4.1 billion, or 5.1 percent. Withholding receipts were \$670 million above forecast cumulatively through February. While withholding reflects more of a real-time indicator of economic activity than estimated payments, single-month readings can be misleading: calendar changes can affect when payments are recorded, and the timing of stock-based compensation can also affect payments, therefore, withholding should be evaluated over multiple months for longer-term trends. Personal income tax withholding receipts were 2 percent above forecast for November through February and increased by 6.9 percent year-over-year over that same period. Personal income tax estimated payments were \$65 million below forecast in February, bringing the fiscal year-to-date shortfall to \$4.7 billion.
- Corporation tax cash receipts were \$165 million below forecast in February and \$1.1 billion, or 5.3 percent, below the fiscal year-to-date forecast. The February shortfall is due to refunds exceeding the forecast by \$418 million in February, partially offset by higher corporation tax payments of \$253 million. Corporate refunds have been consistently running above forecast, which is partially due to higher-than-expected refunds related to overpayments of the Pass-Through Entity Elective Tax.
- Sales and use tax cash receipts were \$148 million below forecast in February and \$347 million, or 1.5 percent, below the fiscal year-to-date forecast. February sales and use tax receipts reflect part of the final payment for calendar year fourth quarter taxable sales, which was due on January 31.

2023-24 Comparison of Actual and Forecast Agency General Fund Revenues (Dollars in Millions)

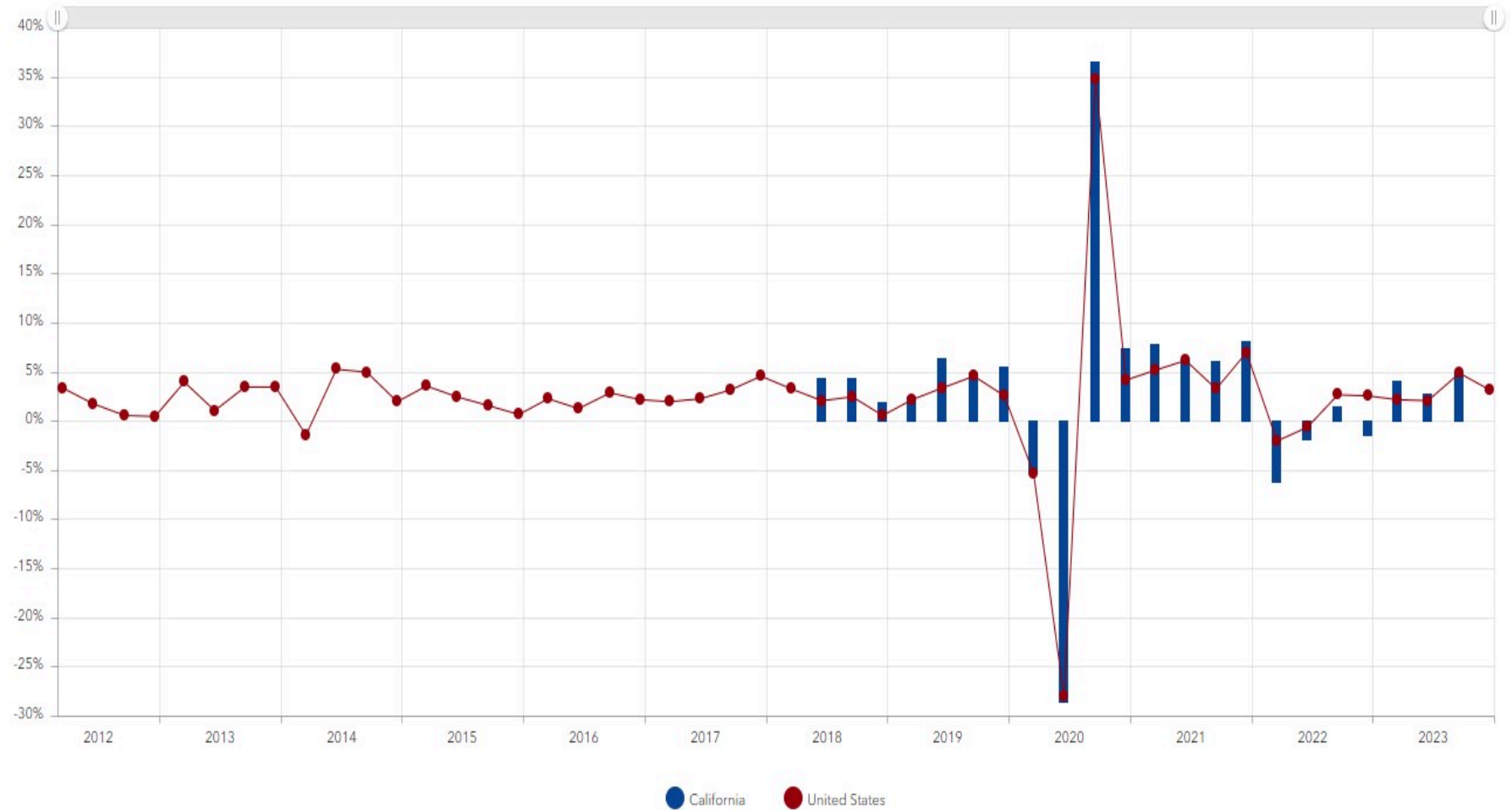
Revenue Source	FEBRUARY 2024				2023-24 YEAR-TO-DATE			
	Forecast	Actual	Difference	Percent Difference	Forecast	Actual	Difference	Percent Difference
Personal Income	\$4,597	\$5,177	\$579	12.6%	\$80,773	\$76,670	-\$4,103	-5.1%
Withholding	7,251	8,414	1,164	16.0%	61,155	61,825	670	1.1%
Estimated Payments	249	184	-65	-26.1%	20,285	15,603	-4,683	-23.1%
Final Payments	170	249	79	46.2%	8,746	9,193	447	5.1%
Other Payments	314	433	119	37.8%	4,259	4,162	-97	-2.3%
Refunds	-3,299	-4,006	-706	21.4%	-12,098	-12,613	-515	4.3%
MHSF Transfer	-82	-93	-10	12.6%	-1,447	-1,374	74	-5.1%
Corporation	\$269	\$104	-\$165	-61.4%	\$21,775	\$20,631	-\$1,144	-5.3%
Estimated Payments	234	255	21	9.2%	7,256	7,054	-202	-2.8%
PTE Payments	73	129	56	77.3%	13,887	13,890	3	0.0%
Other Payments	219	395	175	79.9%	3,533	3,558	25	0.7%
Refunds	-258	-675	-418	162.3%	-2,901	-3,871	-970	33.4%
Sales & Use	\$4,420	\$4,272	-\$148	-3.3%	\$23,176	\$22,829	-\$347	-1.5%
Insurance	\$59	\$66	\$7	11.6%	\$1,971	\$1,997	\$26	1.3%
Pooled Money Interest	\$170	\$182	\$12	7.3%	\$1,875	\$1,723	-\$152	-8.1%
Alcohol	\$27	\$27	-\$0.4	-1.4%	\$294	\$287	-\$7	-2.4%
Tobacco	\$2	\$3	\$0.2	7.4%	\$31	\$35	\$3	10.5%
Other	\$125	\$127	\$2	1.4%	\$1,241	\$1,374	\$133	10.7%
Total	\$9,669	\$9,956	\$288	3.0%	\$131,136	\$125,545	-\$5,591	-4.3%

This is an agency cash report and the data may differ from the Controller's report to the extent that cash received by agencies has not yet been reported to the Controller. The personal income total includes Individual Shared Responsibility Penalty transfers. The forecast is from the 2024-25 Governor's Budget.

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Quarterly GDP Growth

Seasonally Adjusted Annualized Rate (%)

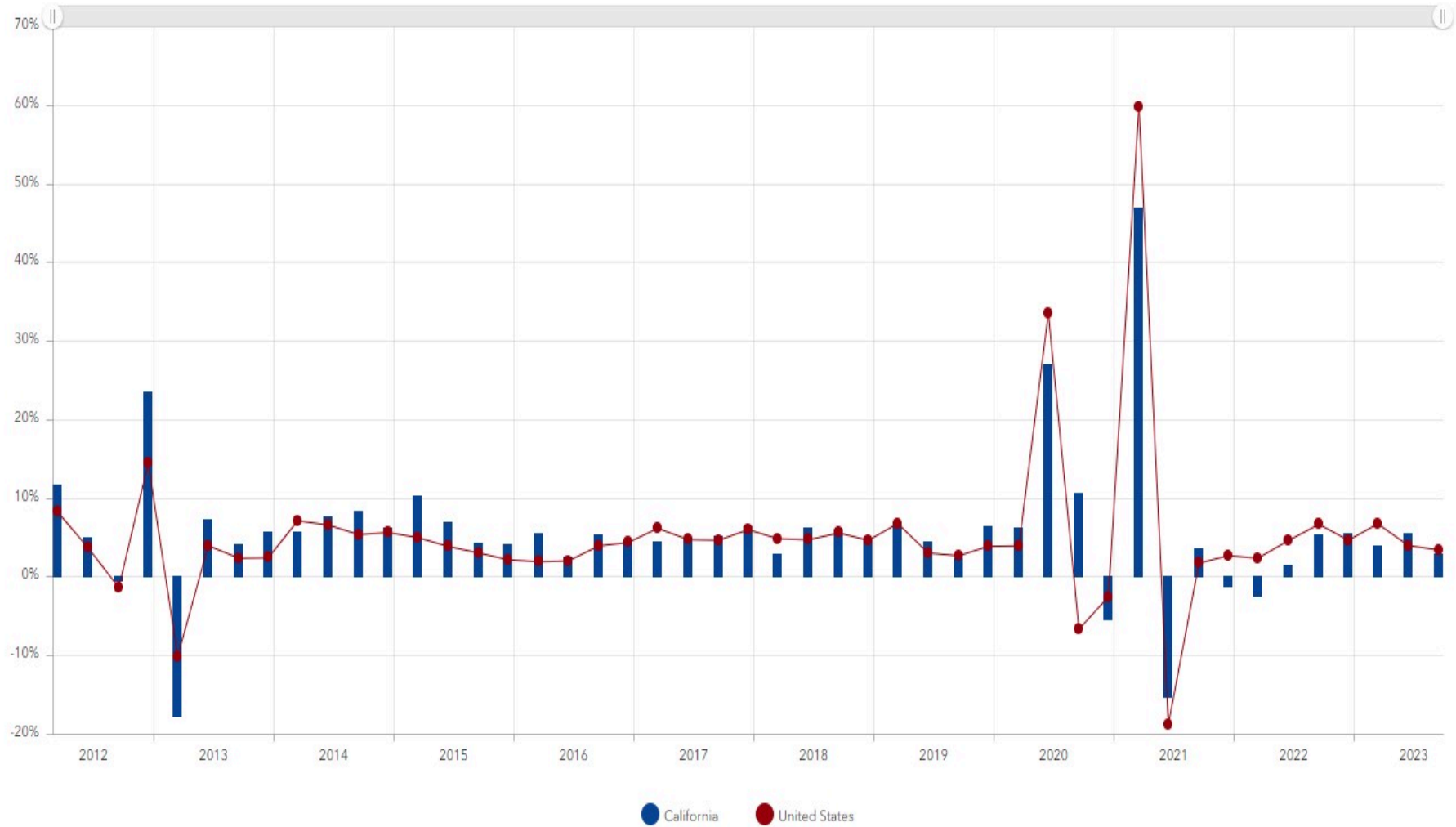


Source: Bureau of Economic Analysis (BEA)

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Personal Income Growth Rates

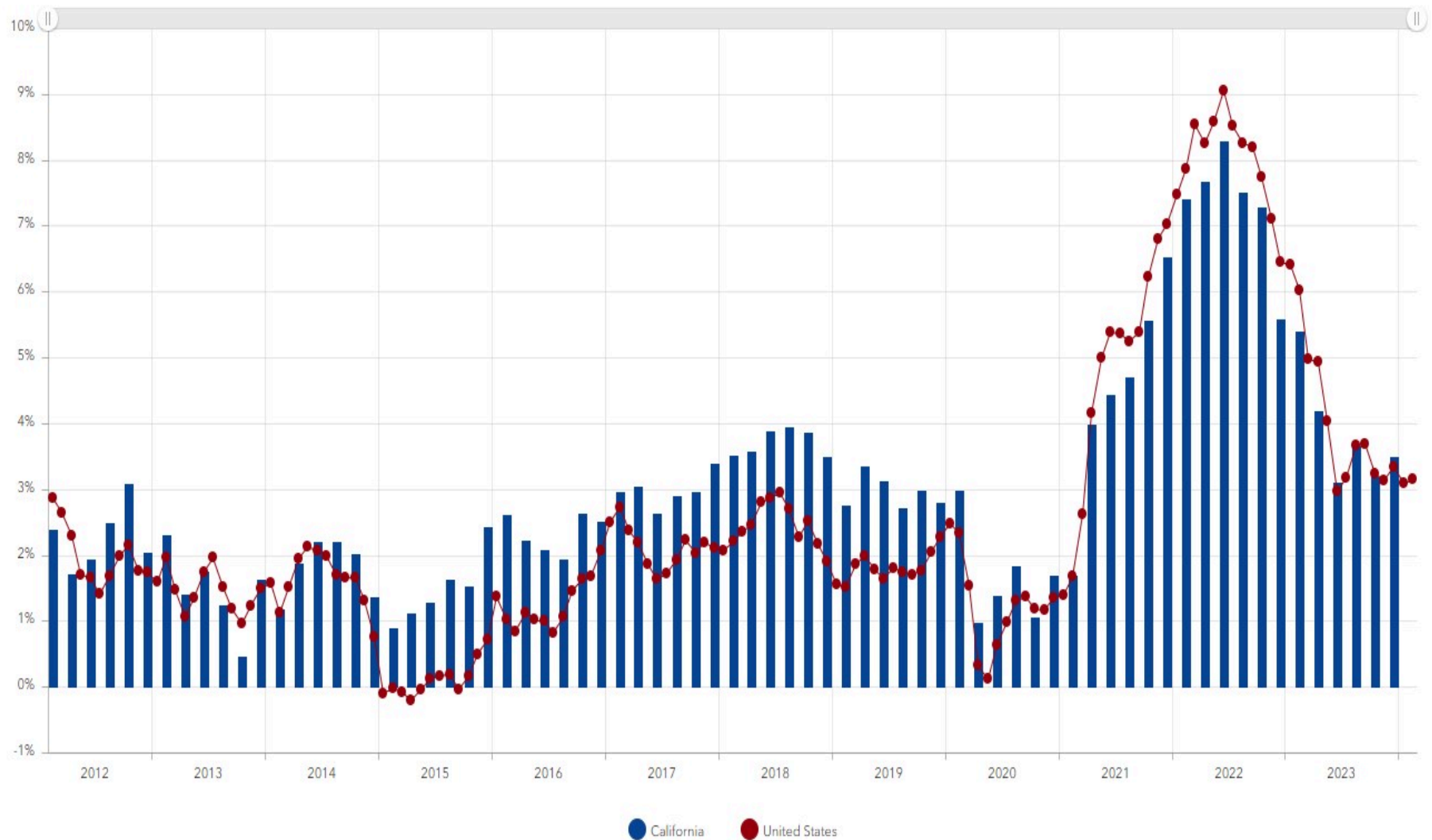
Seasonally Adjusted Annualized Rate (SAAR)



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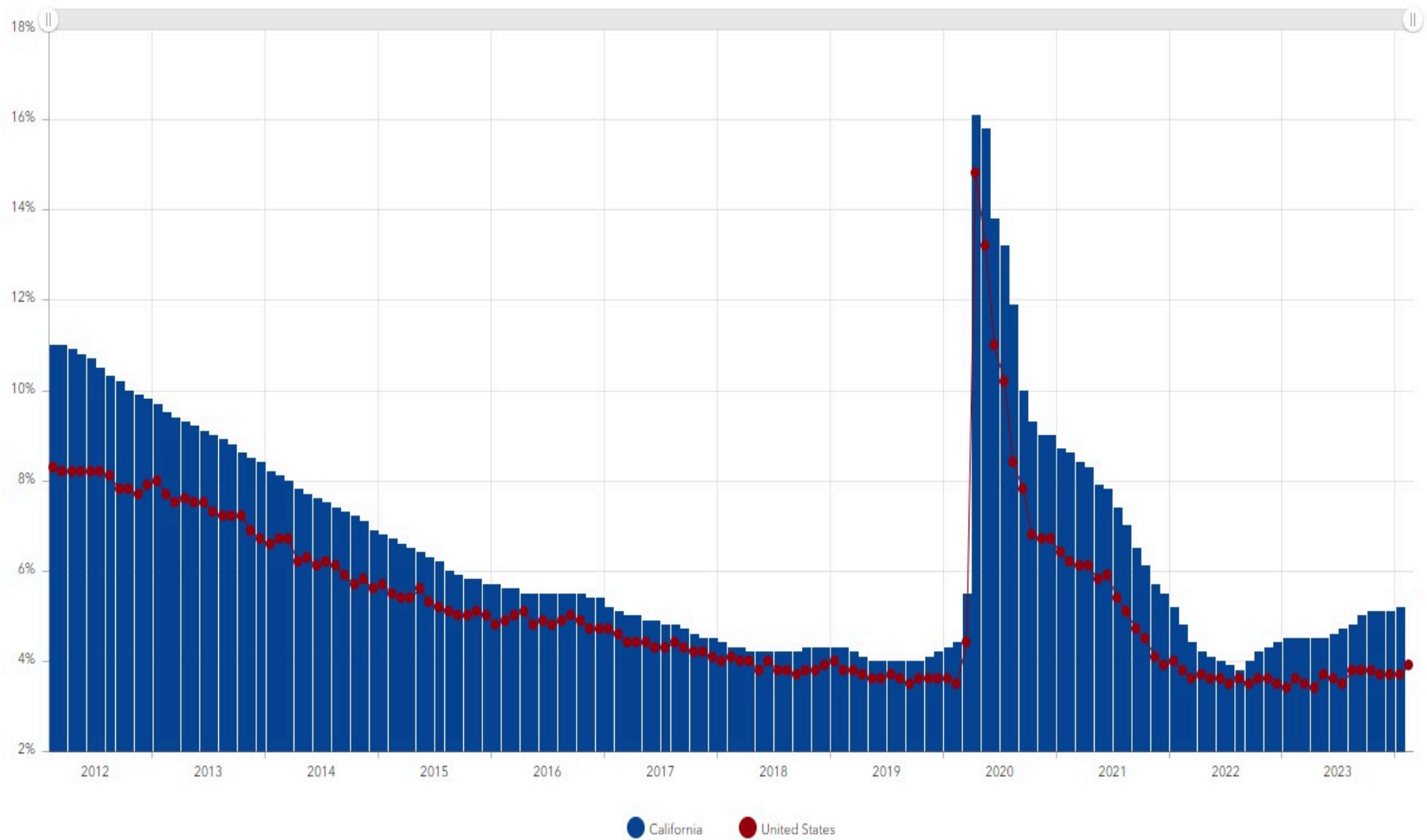
U.S. and California Consumer Price Index (CPI) Rates



Sources: Bureau of Labor Statistics (BLS) and California Department of Industrial Relations (DIR)

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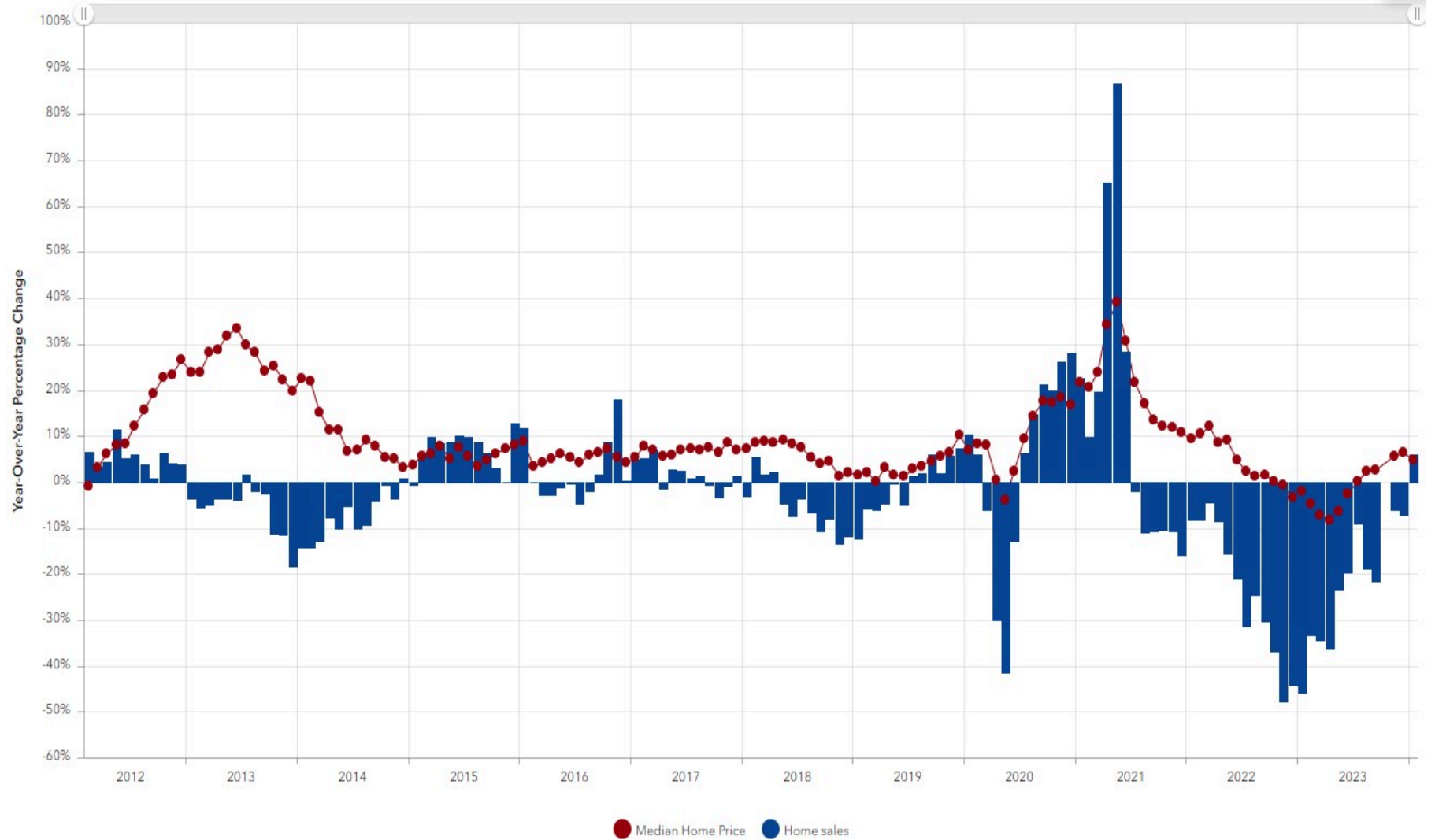
U.S. and California Unemployment Rate



Source: California Employment Development Department (EDD), Bureau of Labor Statistics (BLS)

Figure 5

California Home Sales and Median Home Sales Price of Existing Single-Family Homes



Source: California Association of Realtors (CAR)

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Comparison of Actual and 2024-25 Governor's Budget Forecast:
Agency General Fund Cash Receipts

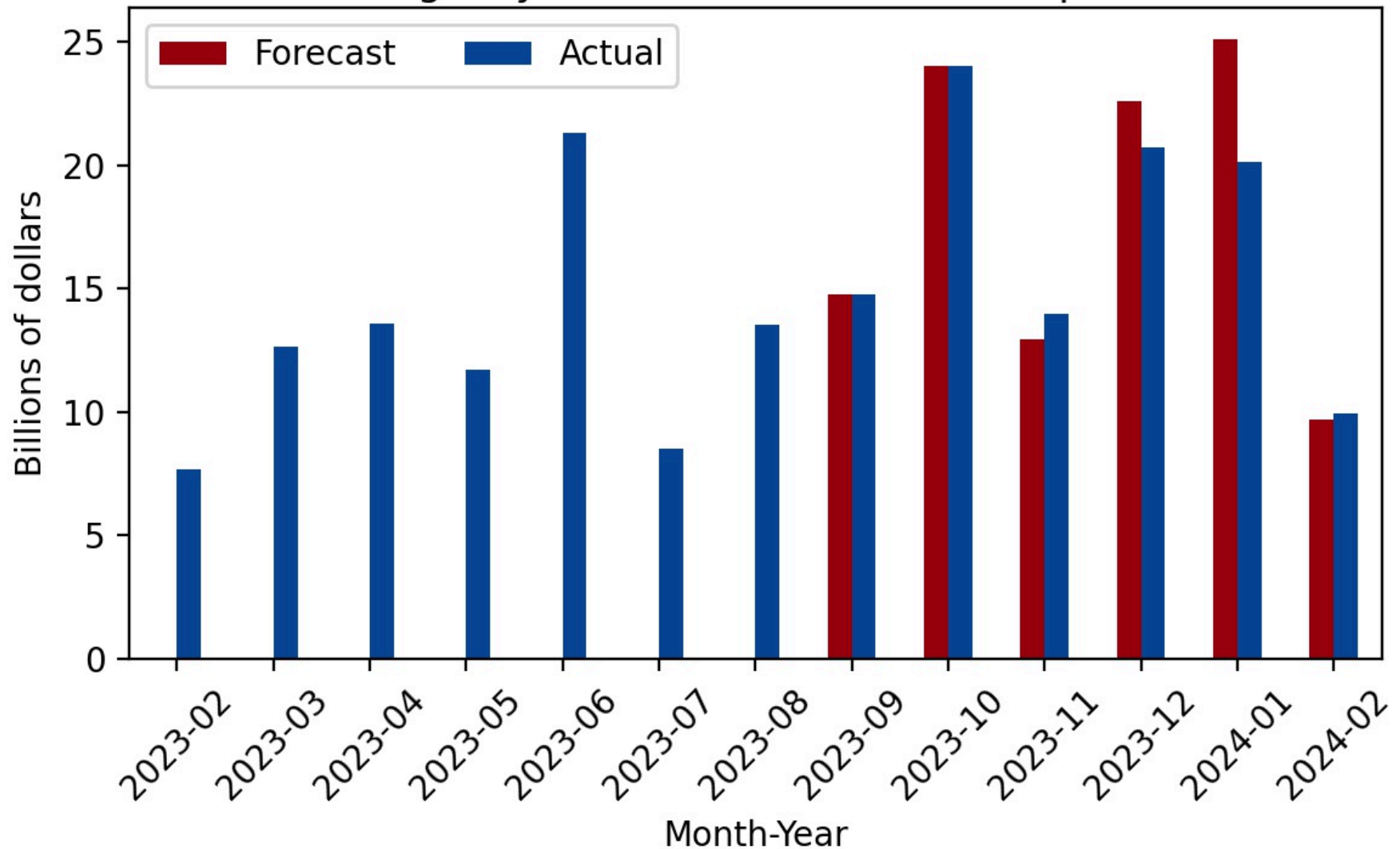


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Comparison of Actual and 2024-25 Governor's Budget Forecast:
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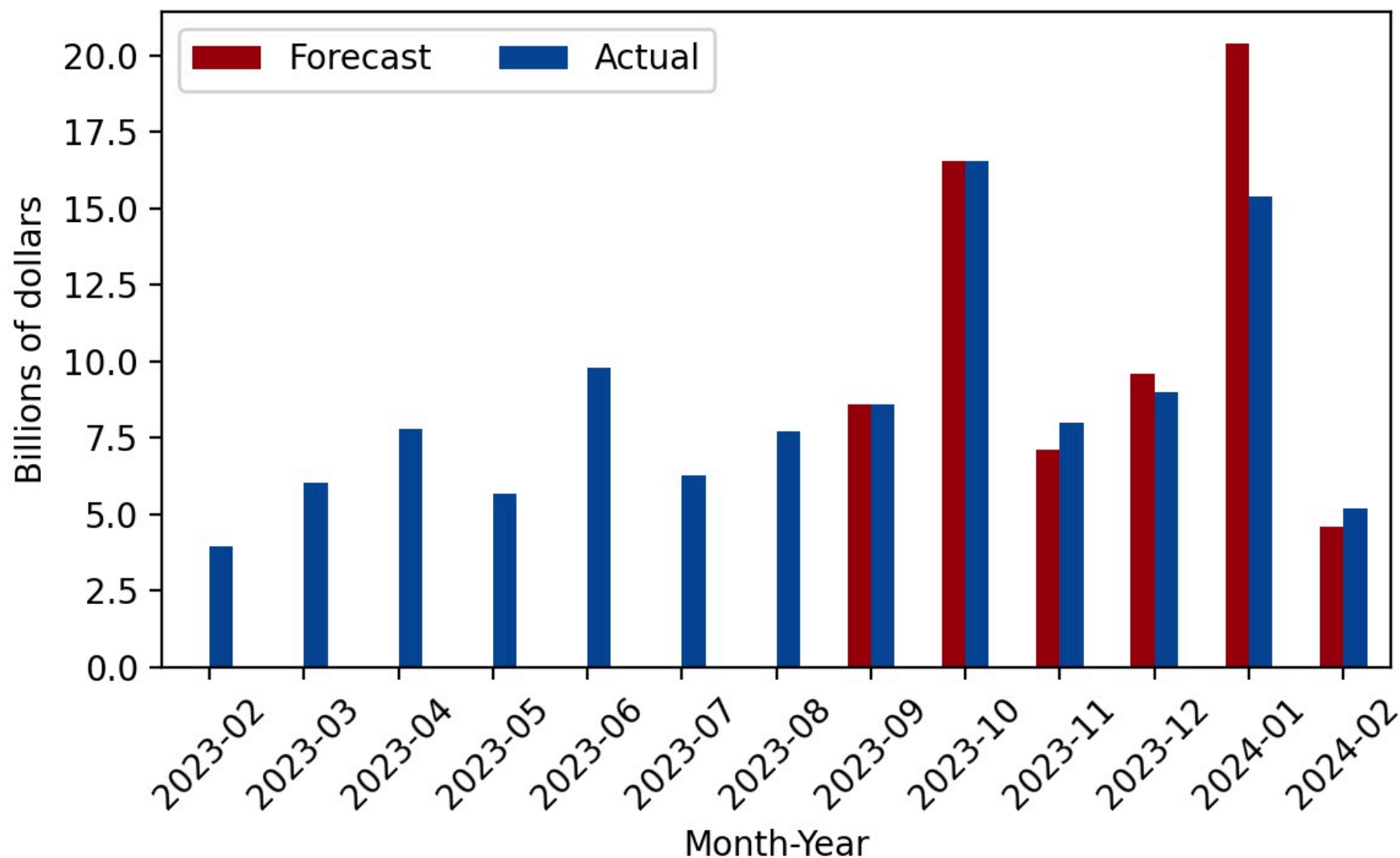


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Corporation Tax

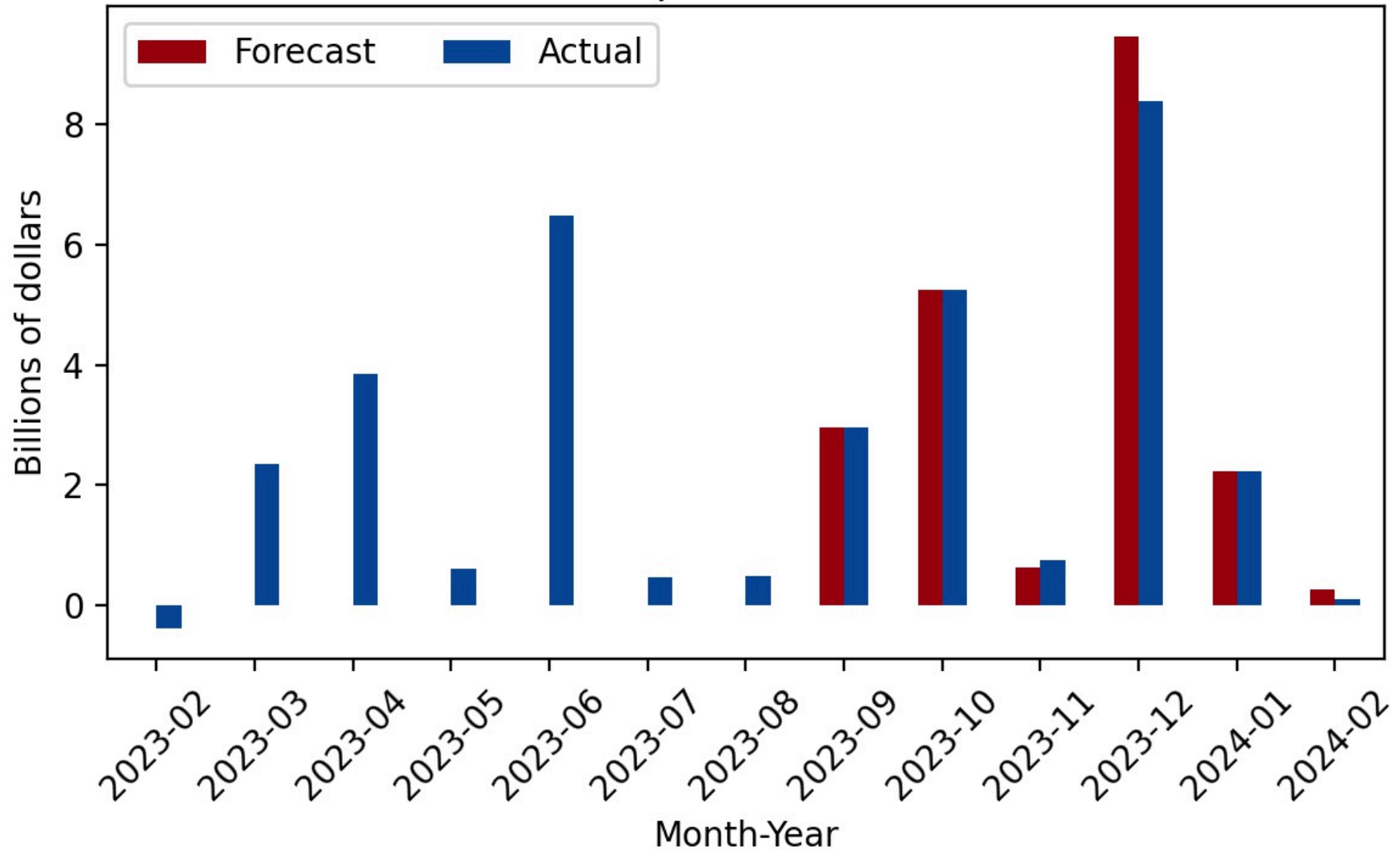


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Sales & Use Tax

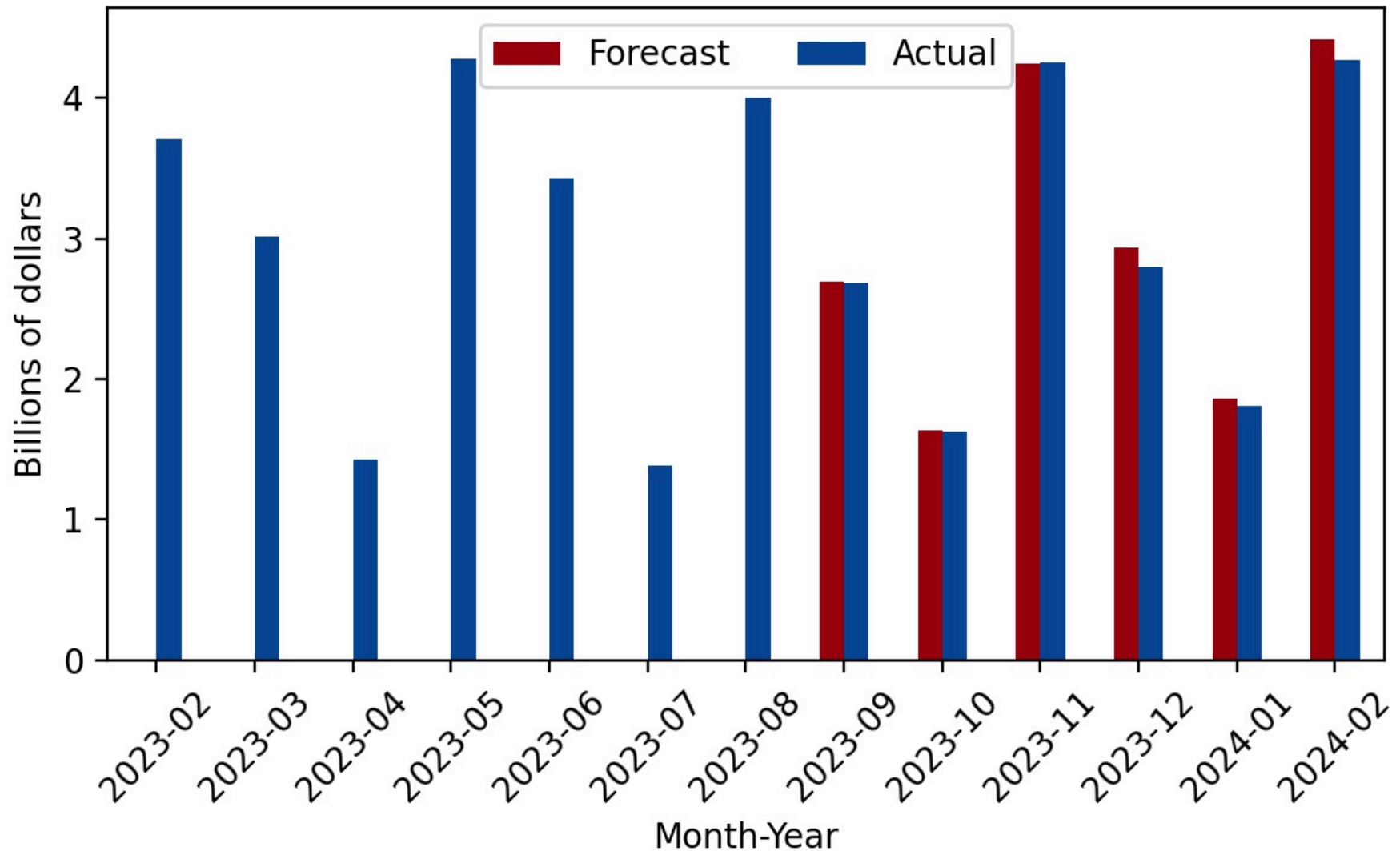


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Comparison of Actual and 2024-25 Governor's Budget Forecast:
All Other Taxes

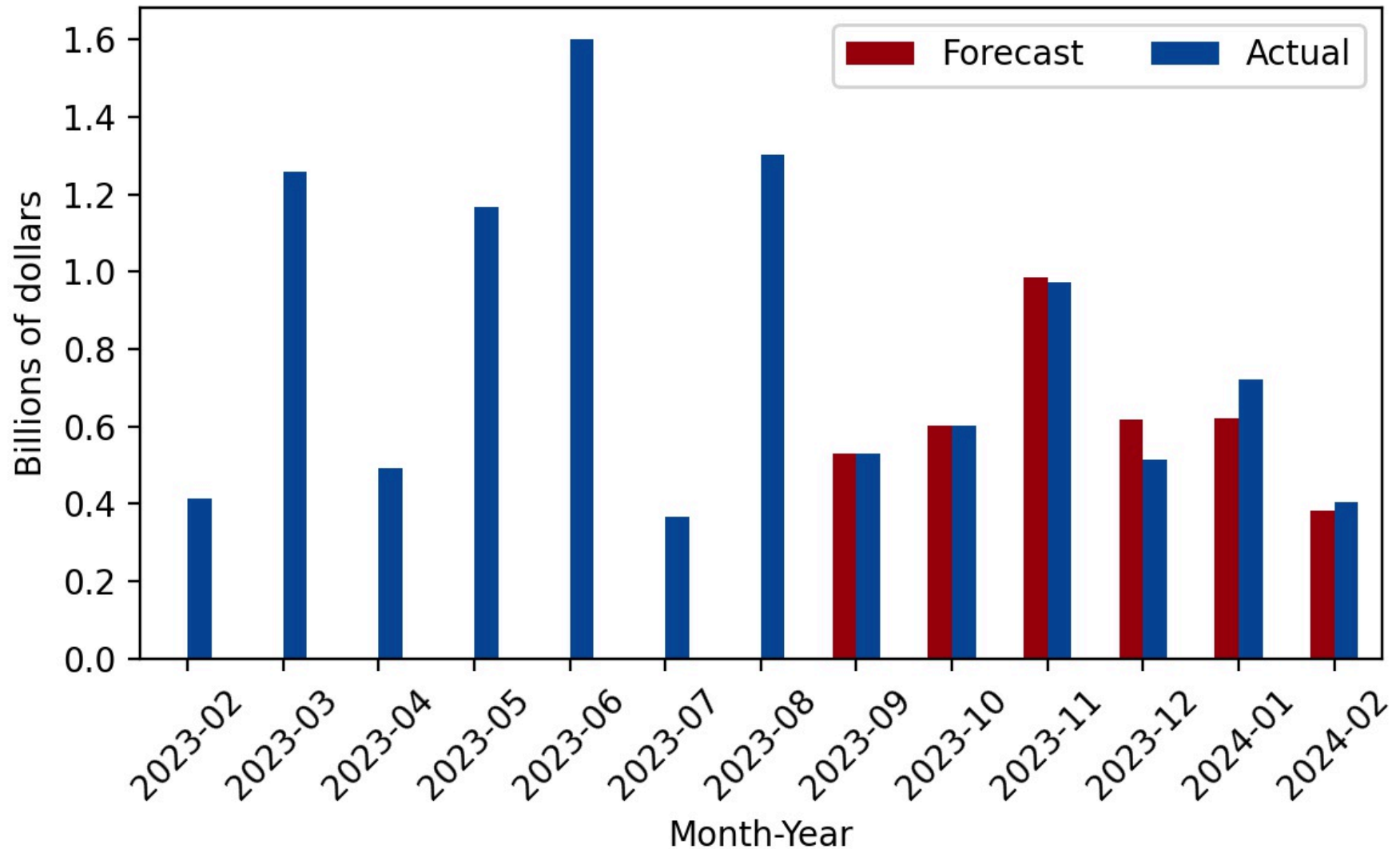


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Difference between Actual and 2024-25 Governor's Budget
Forecast: Agency General Fund Cash Receipts

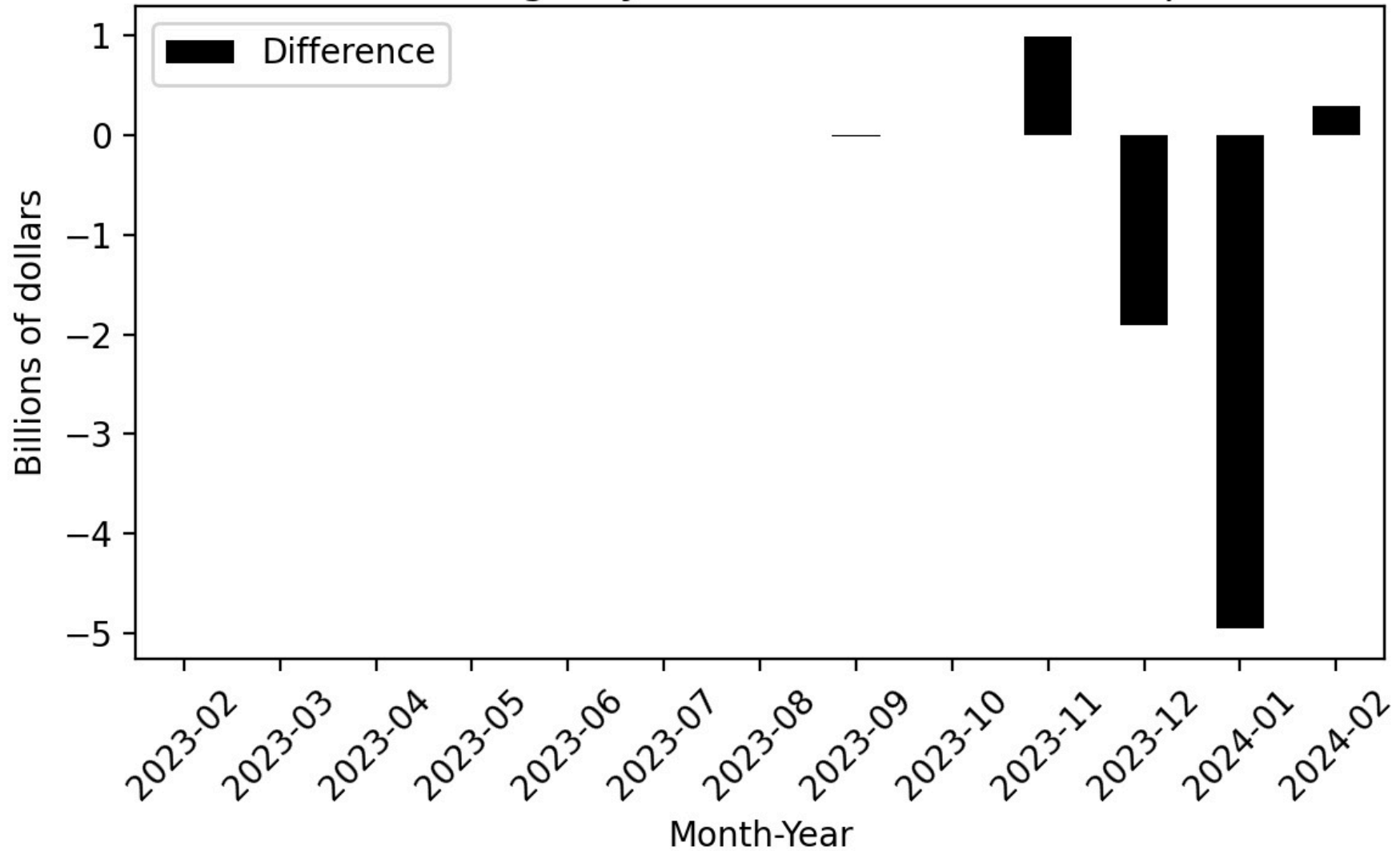


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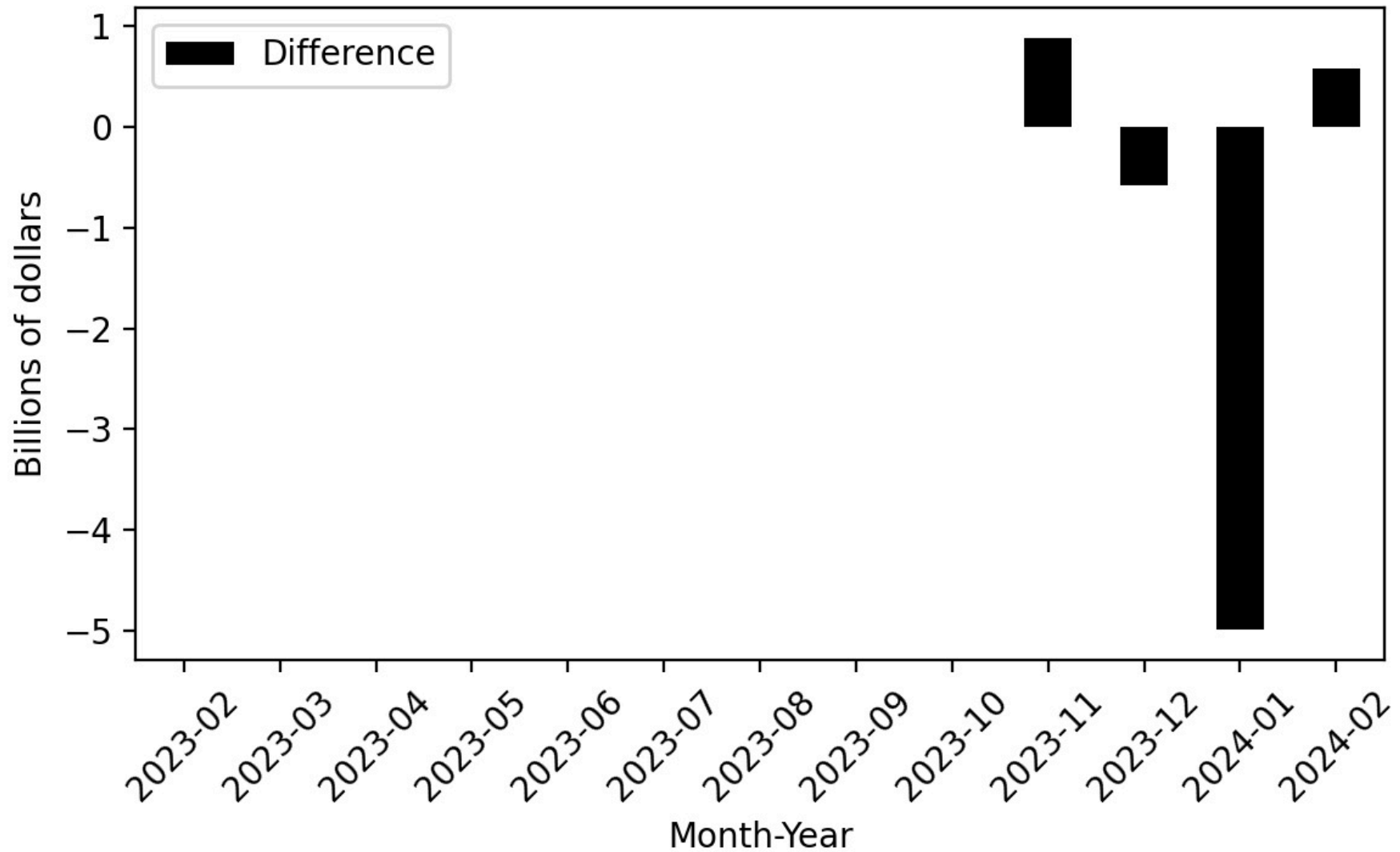


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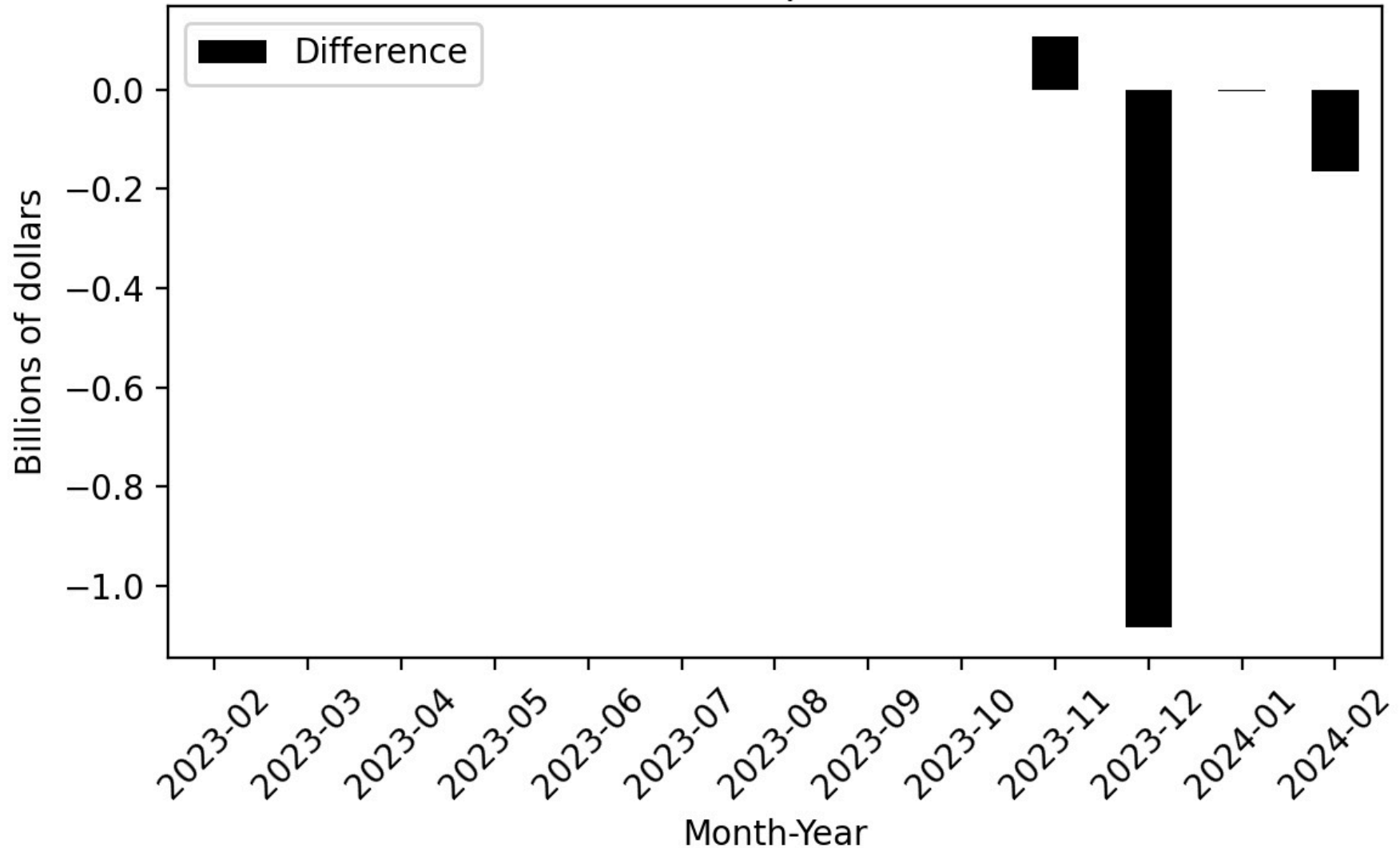


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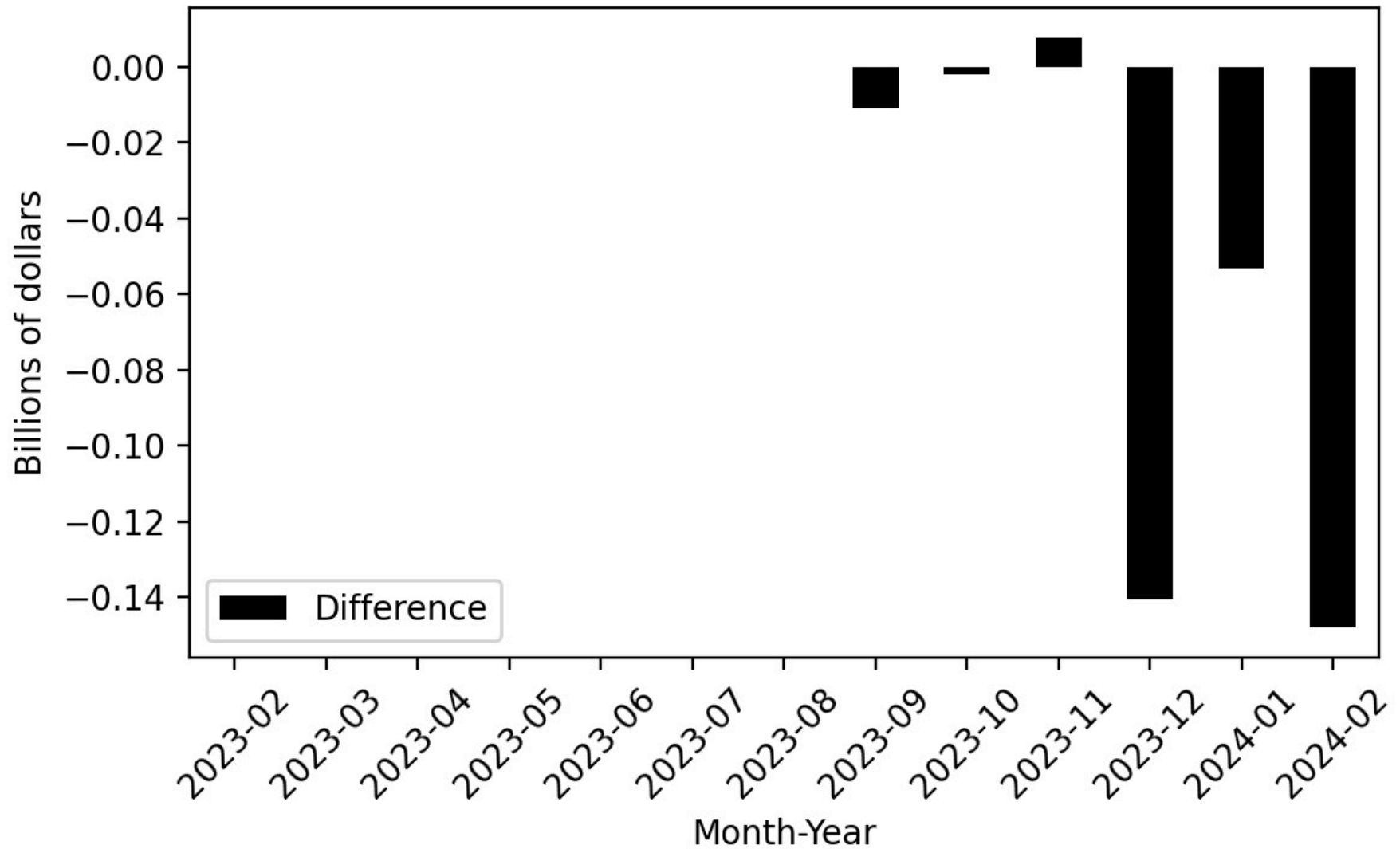


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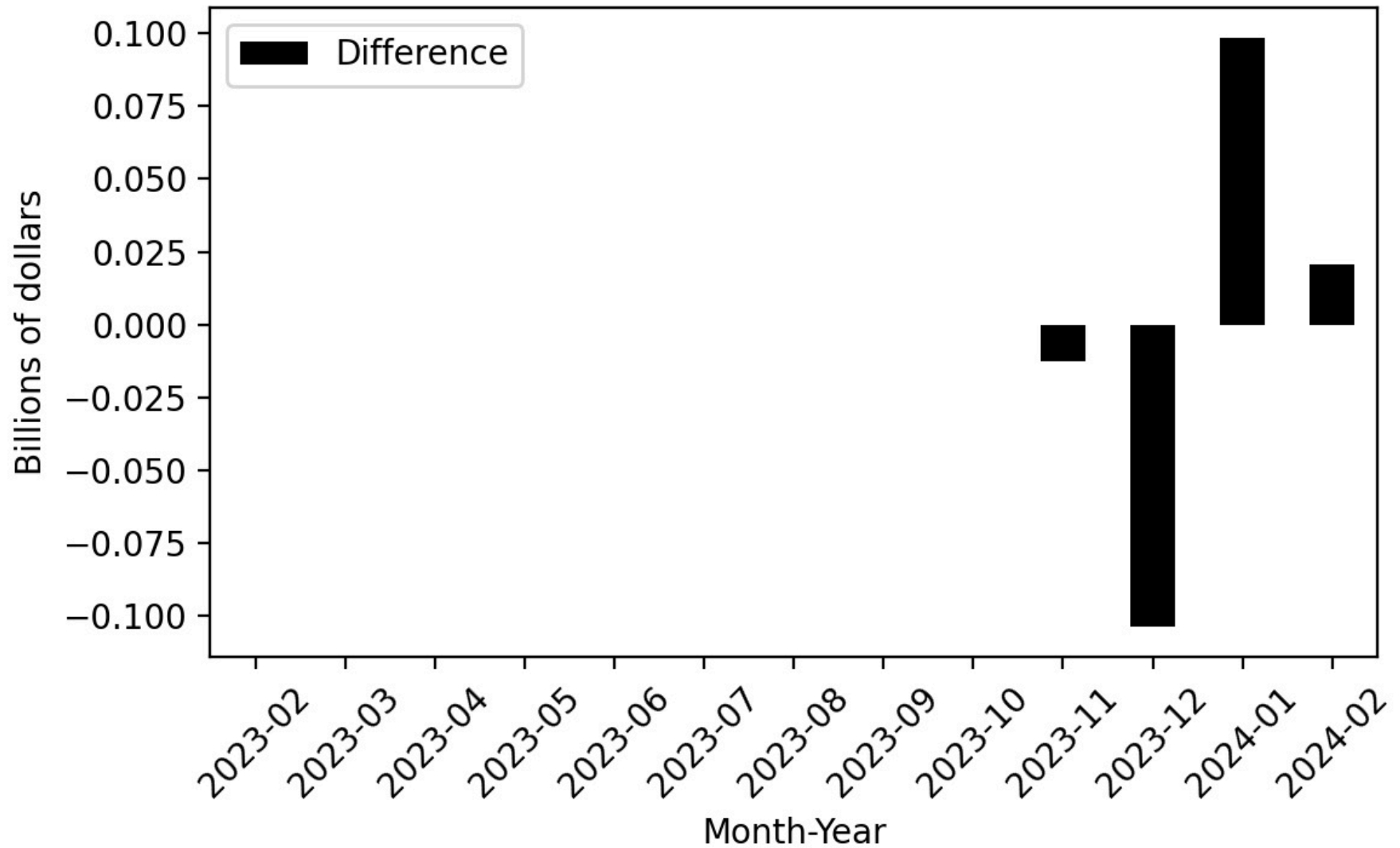


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Cumulative Difference between Actual and 2024-25 Governor's Budget Forecast: Agency General Fund Cash Receipts

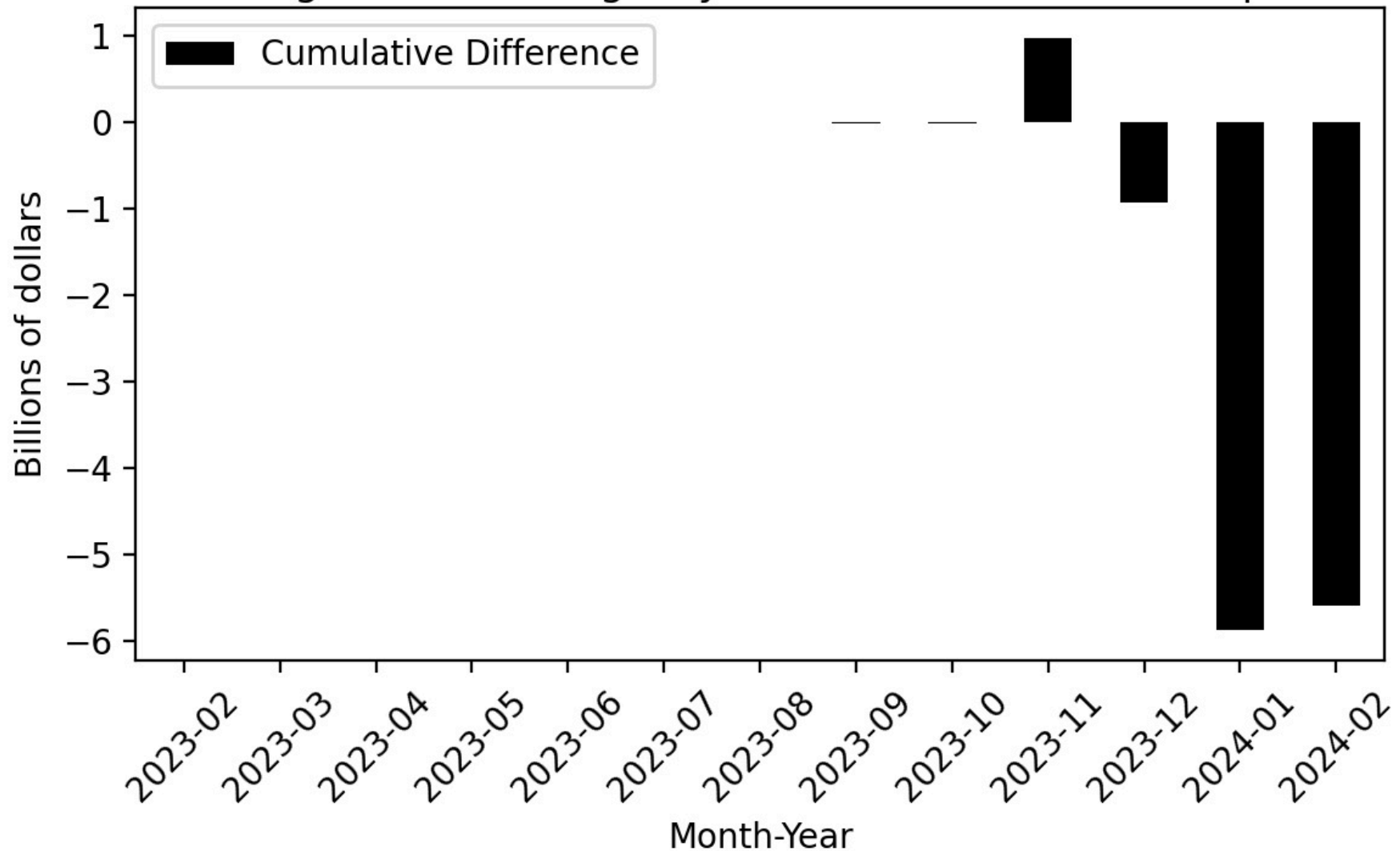


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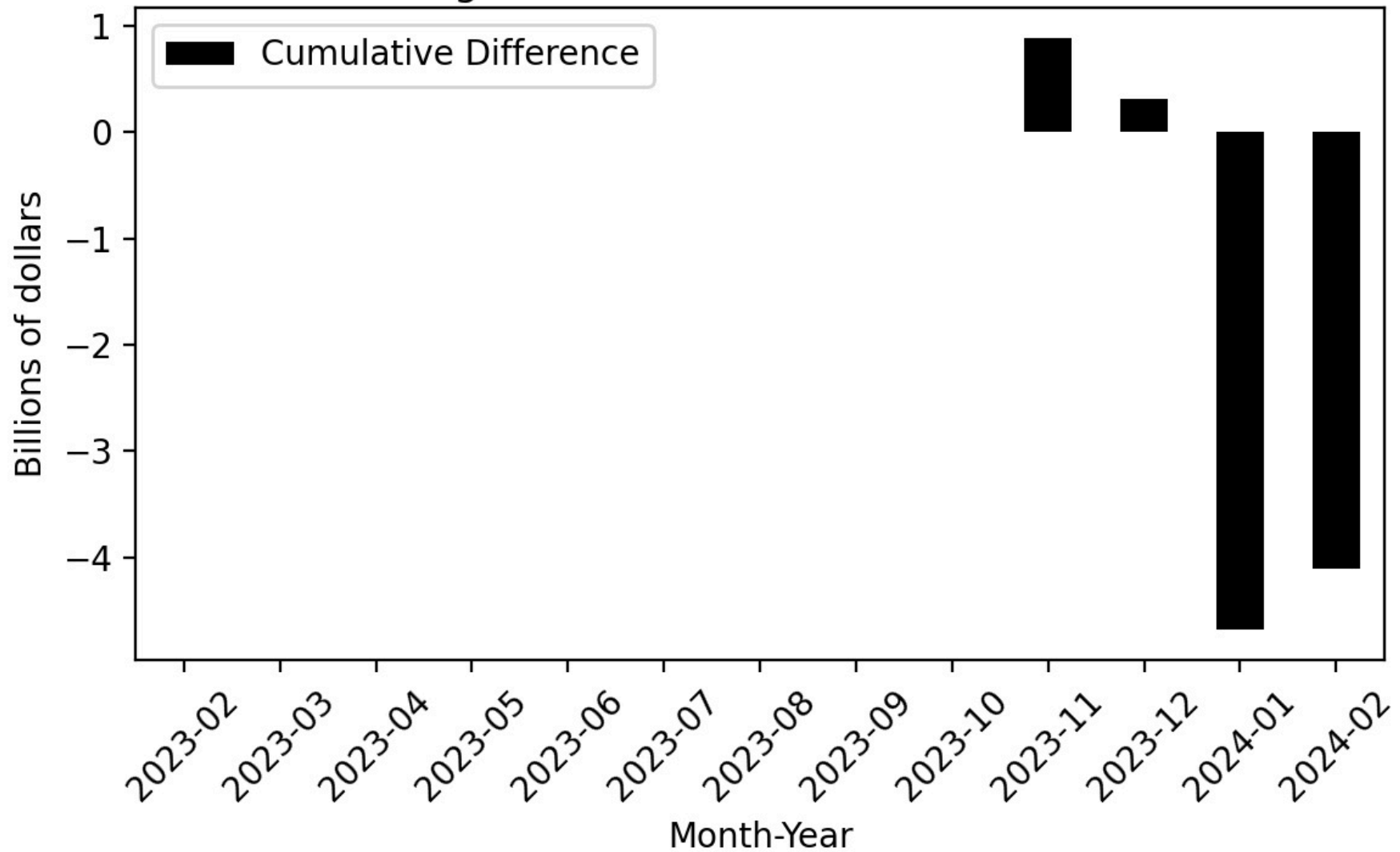


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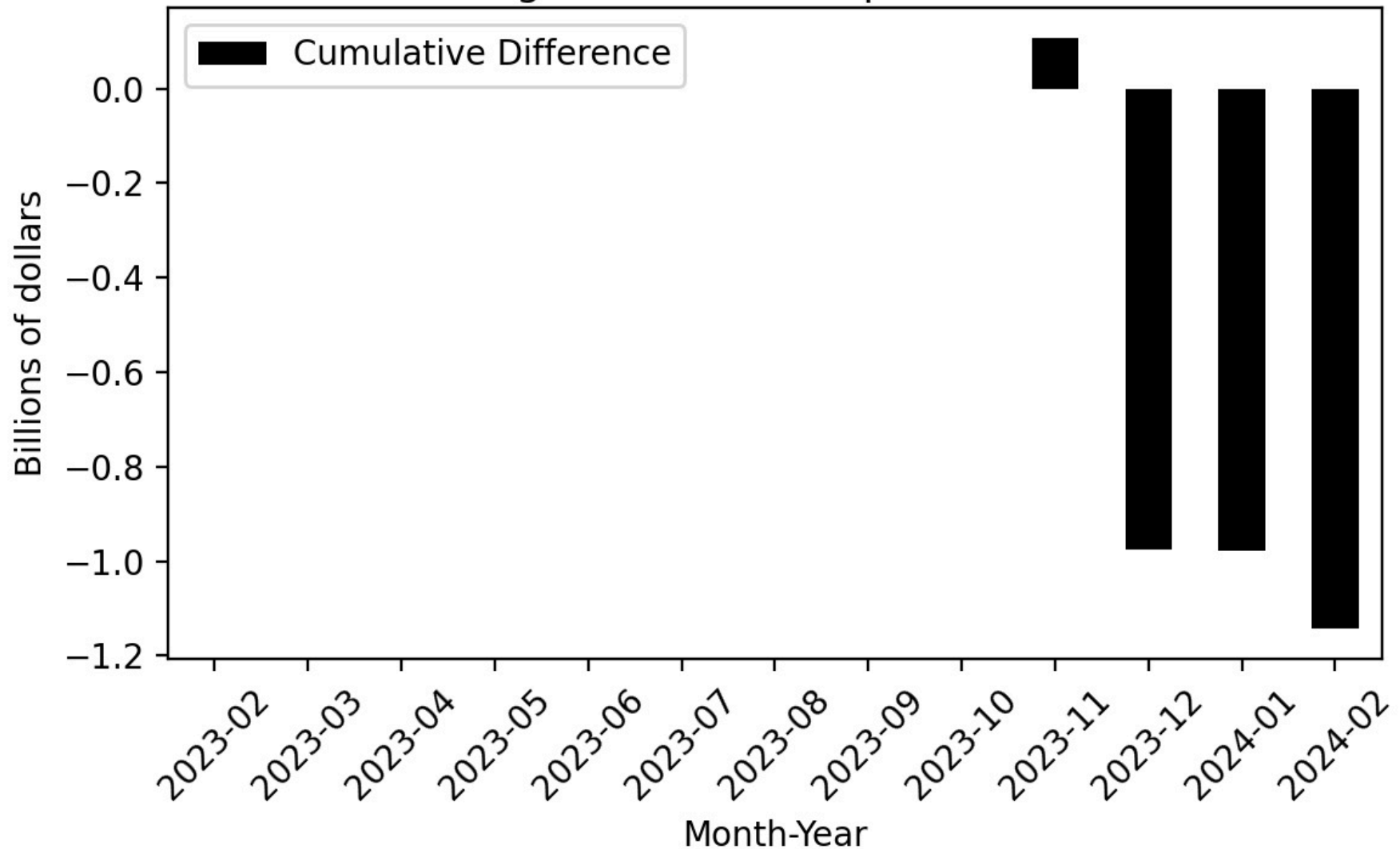


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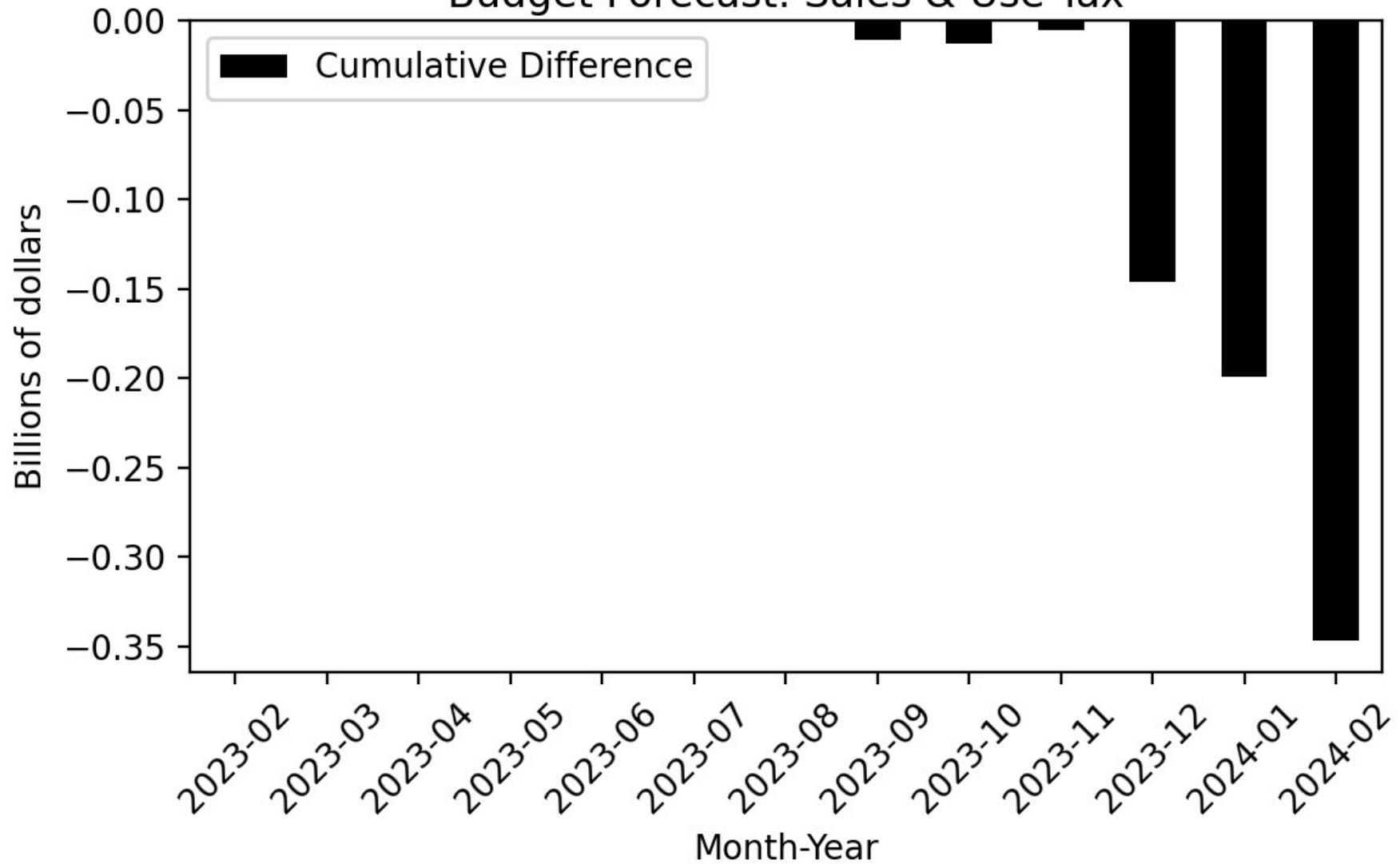


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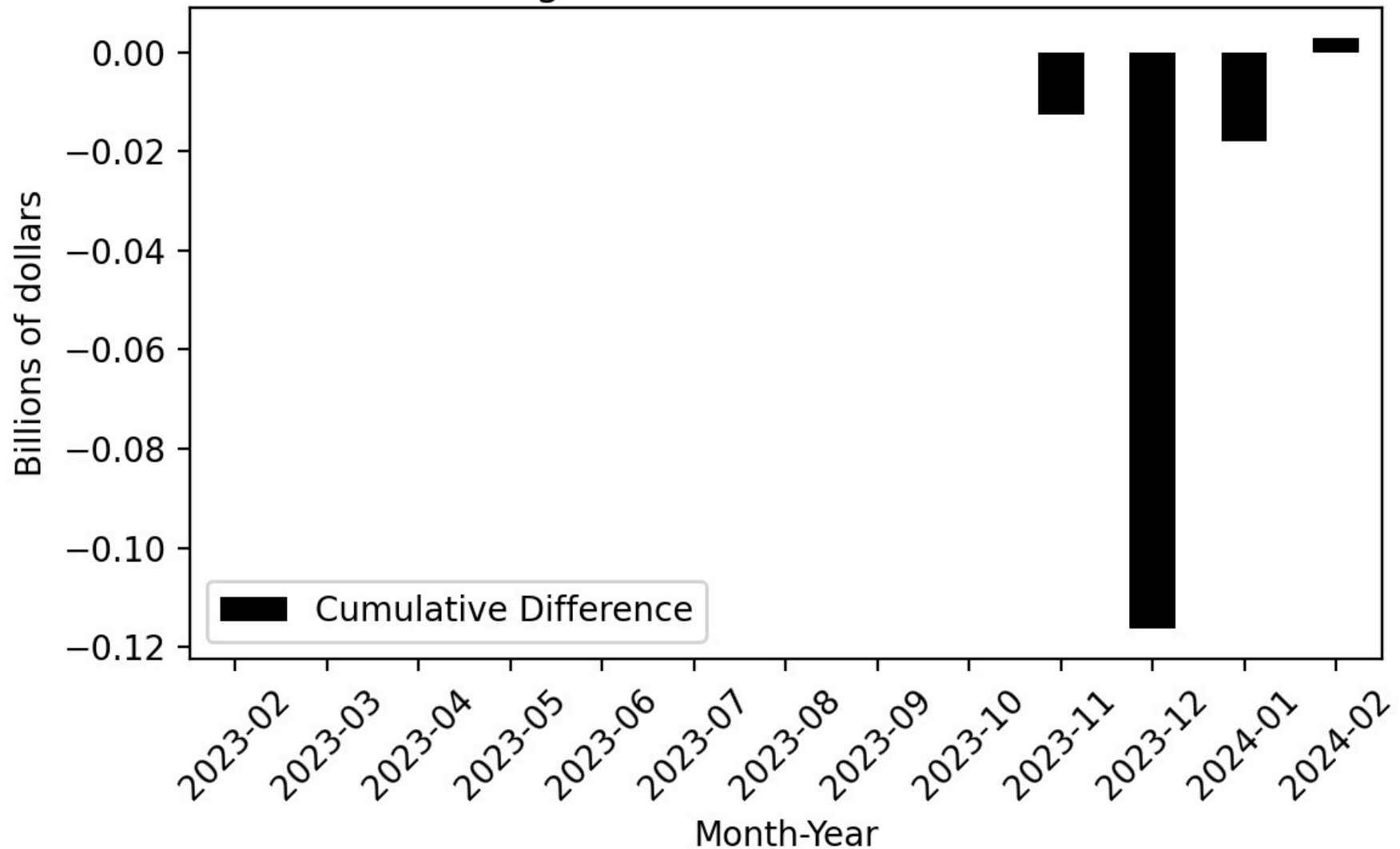


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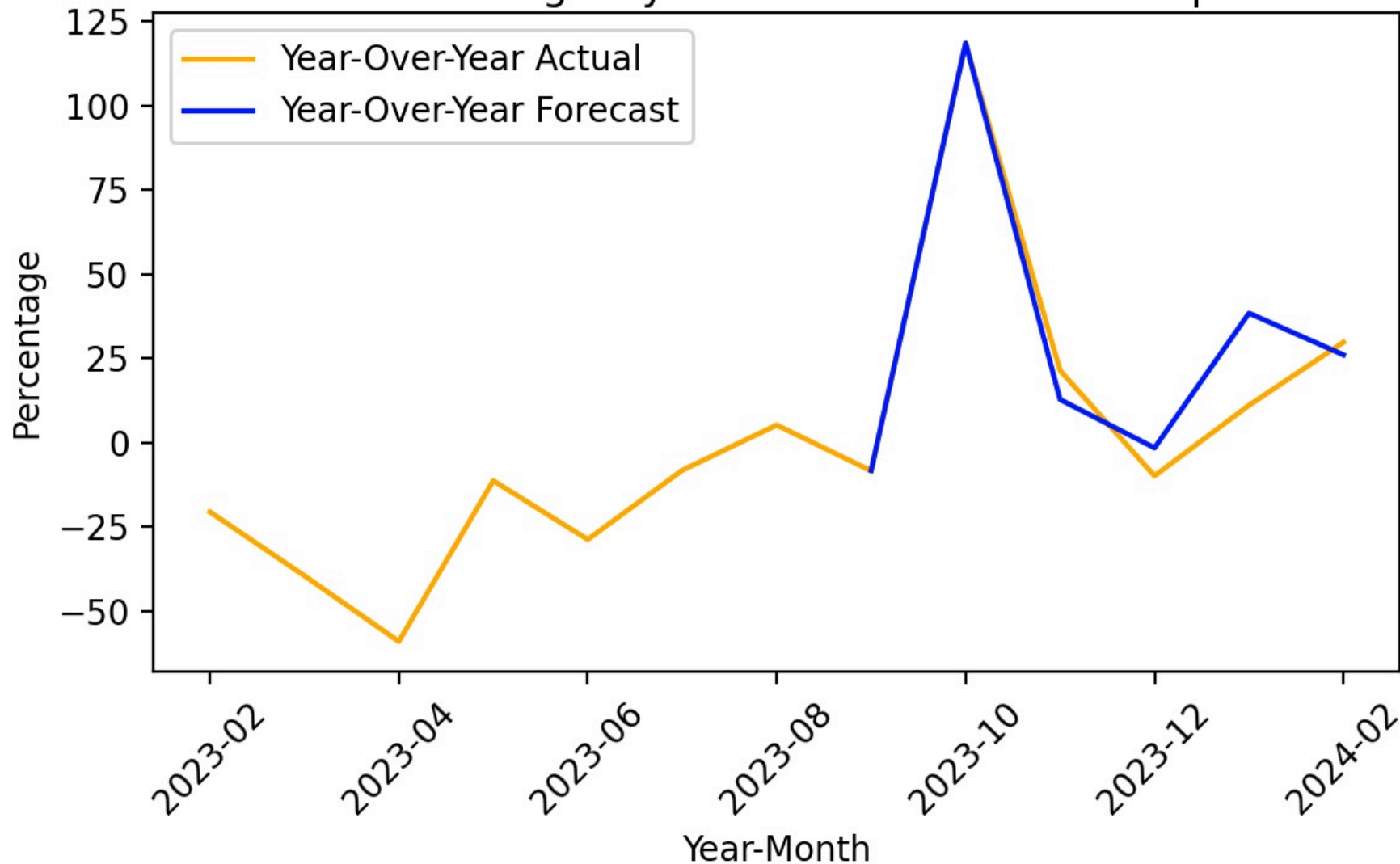


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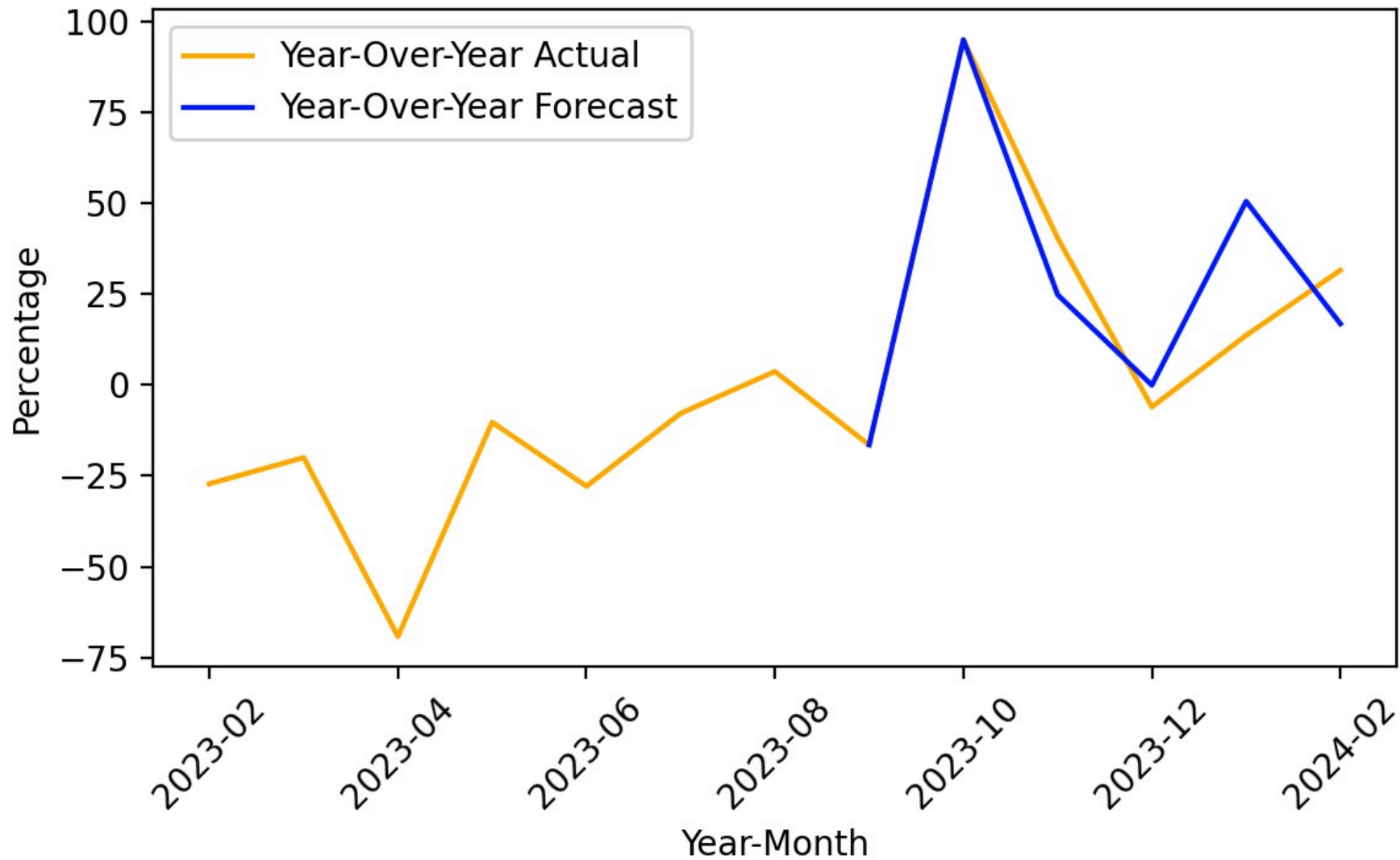


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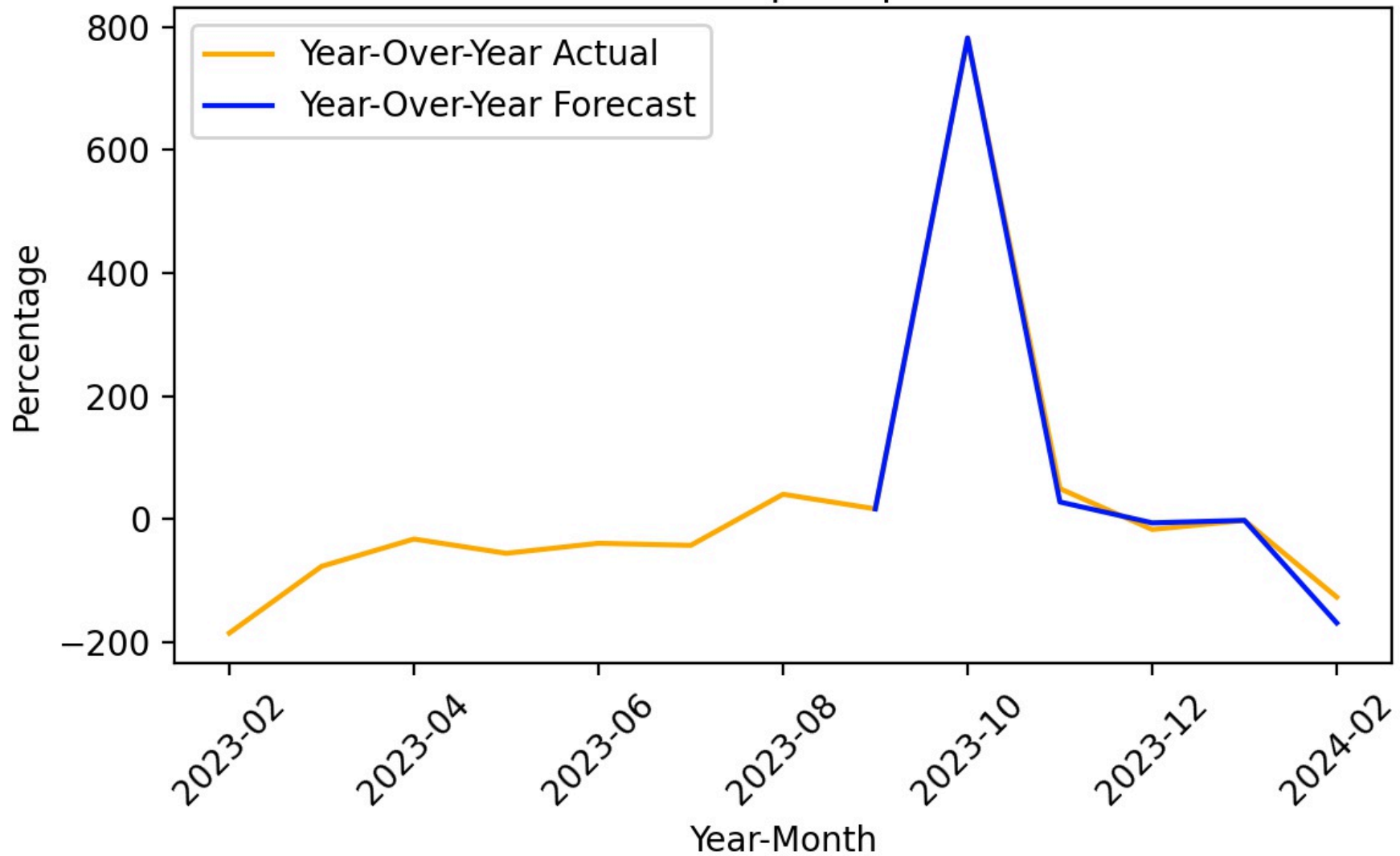


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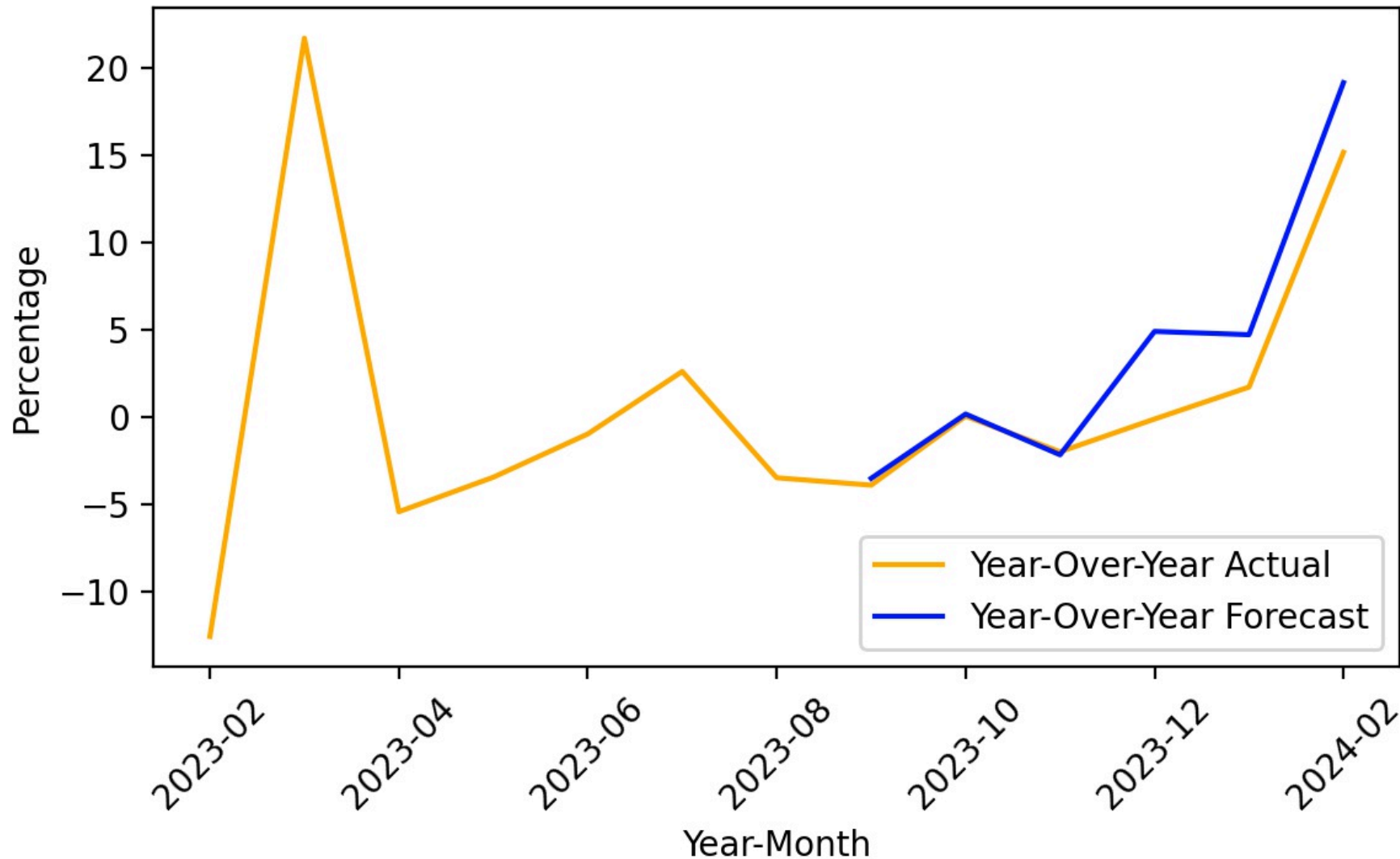


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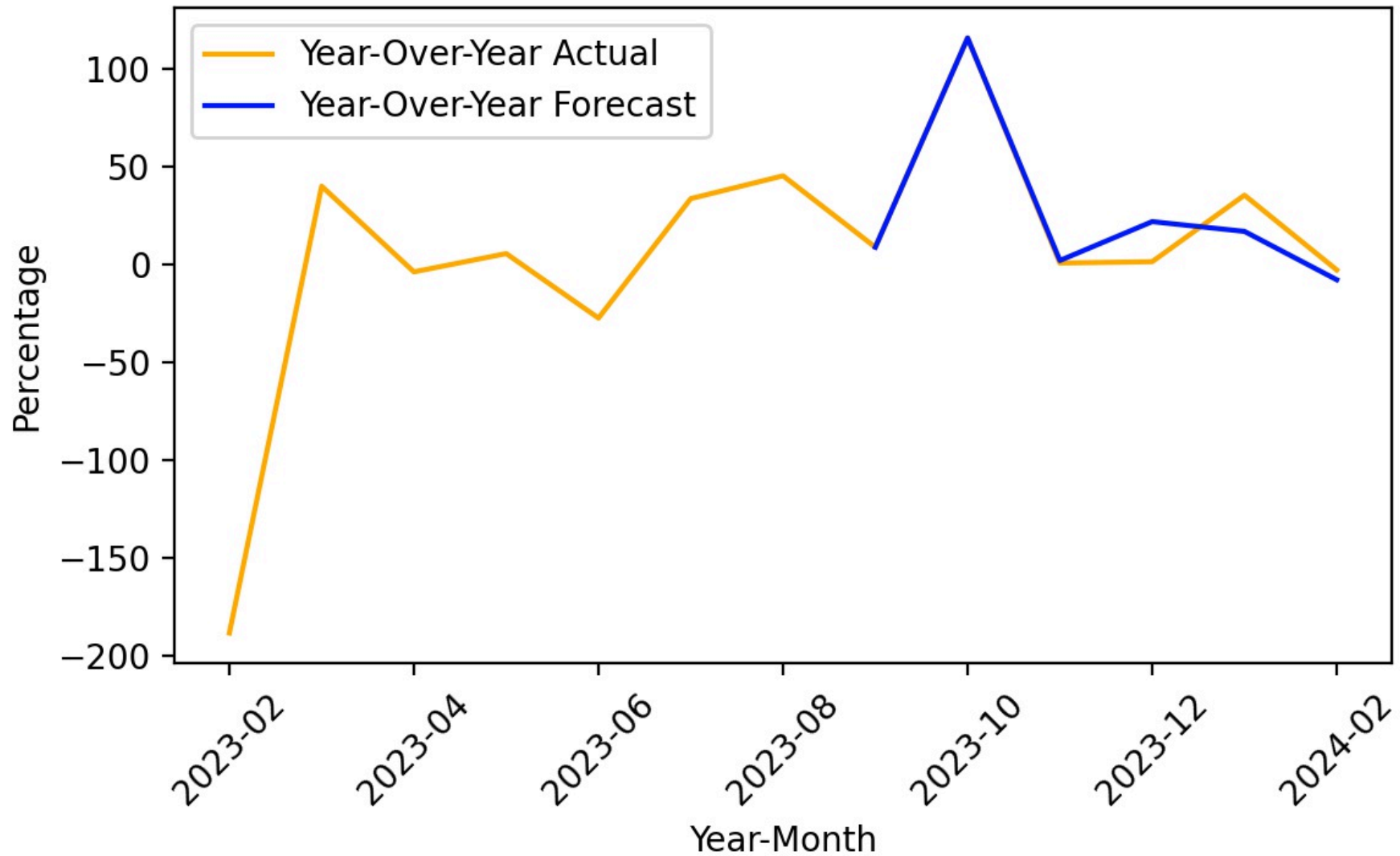


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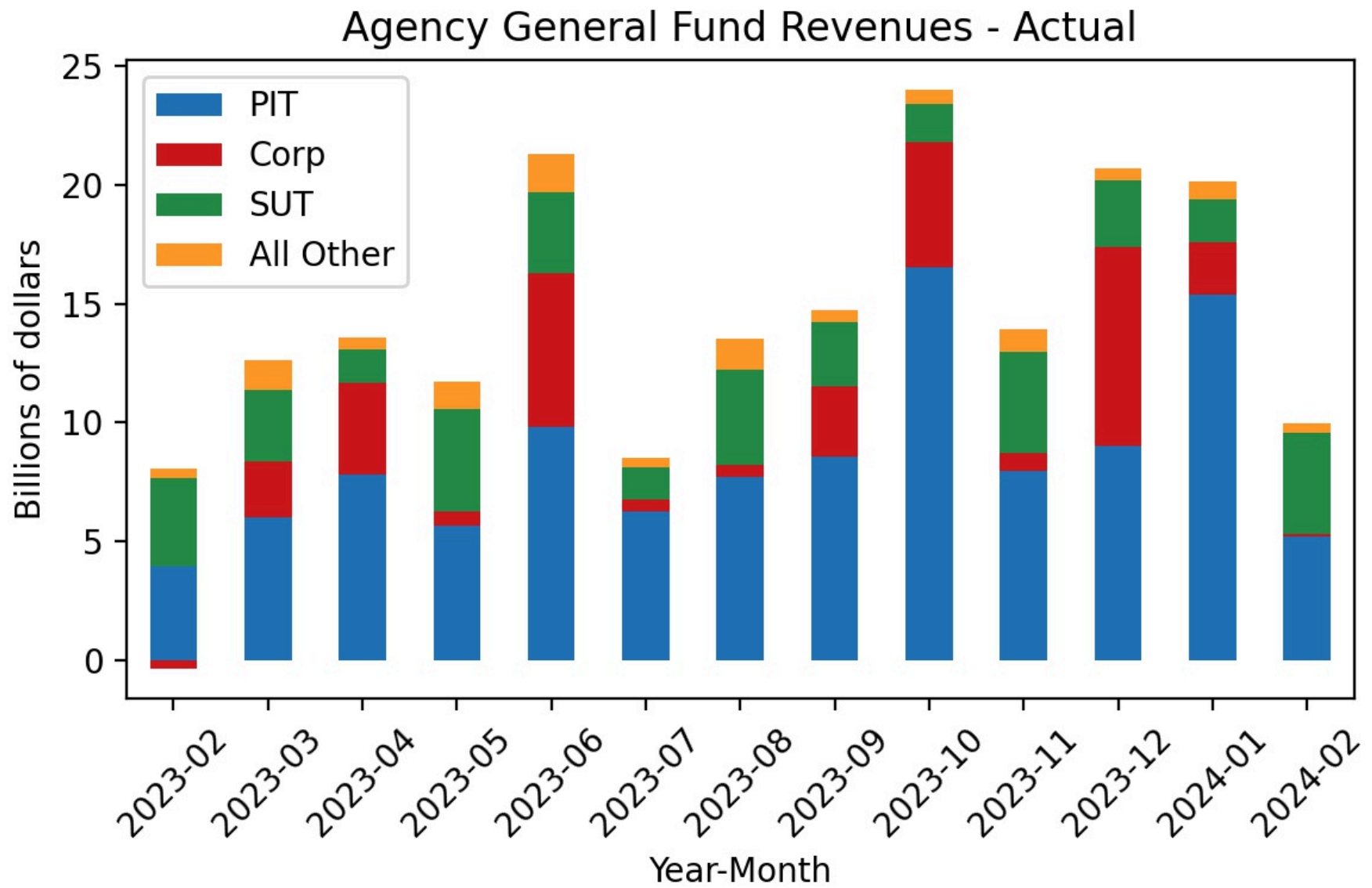


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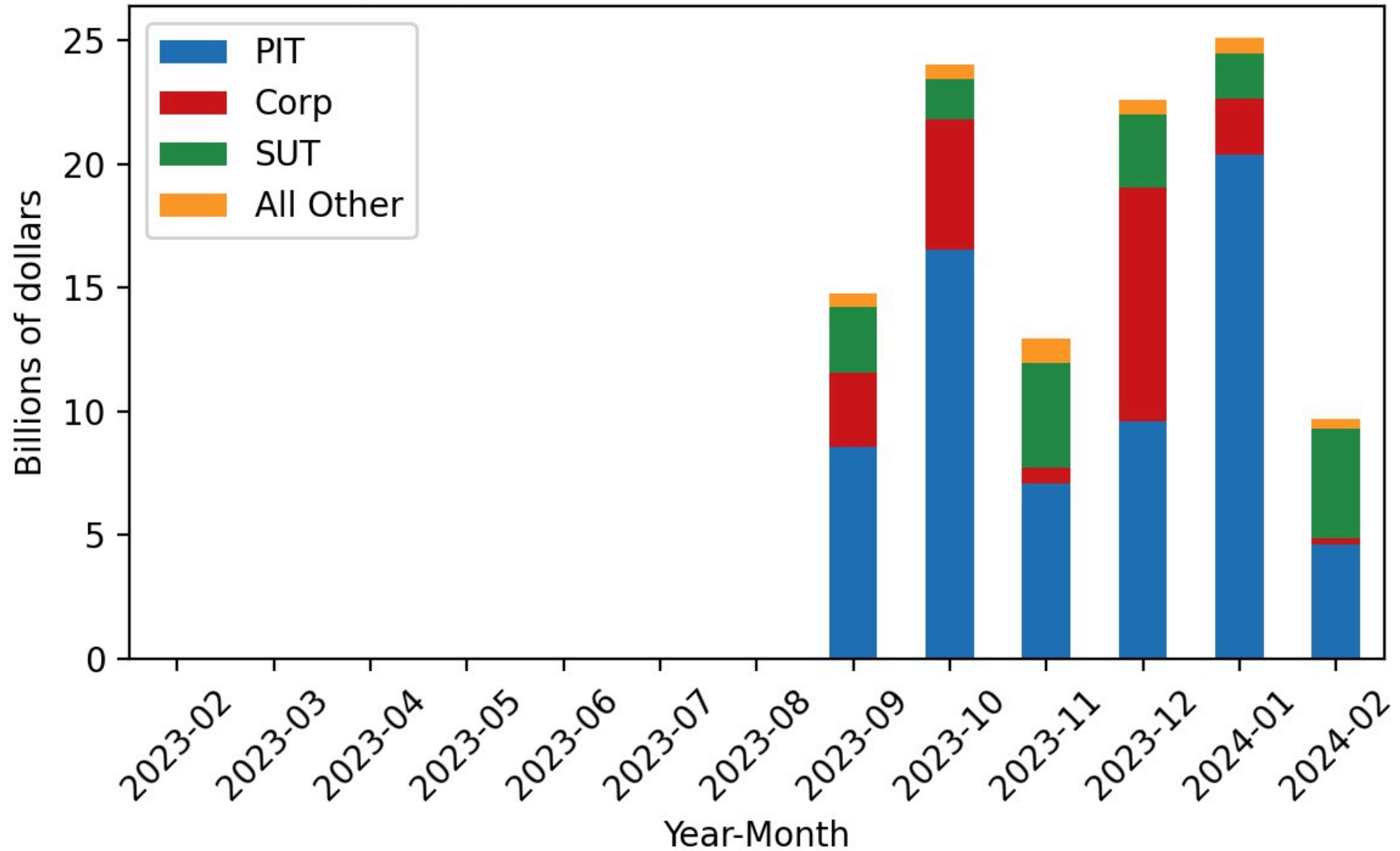


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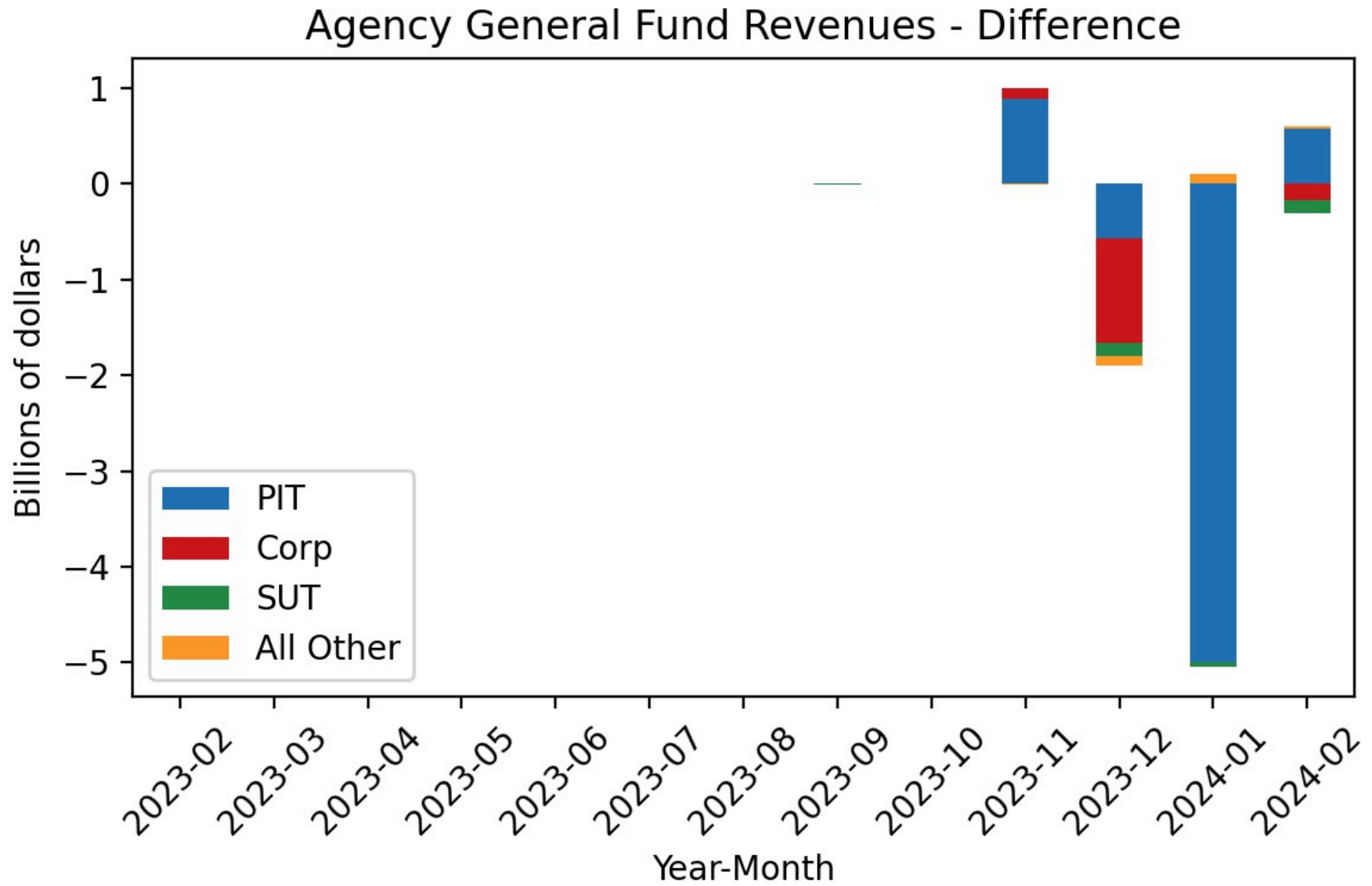


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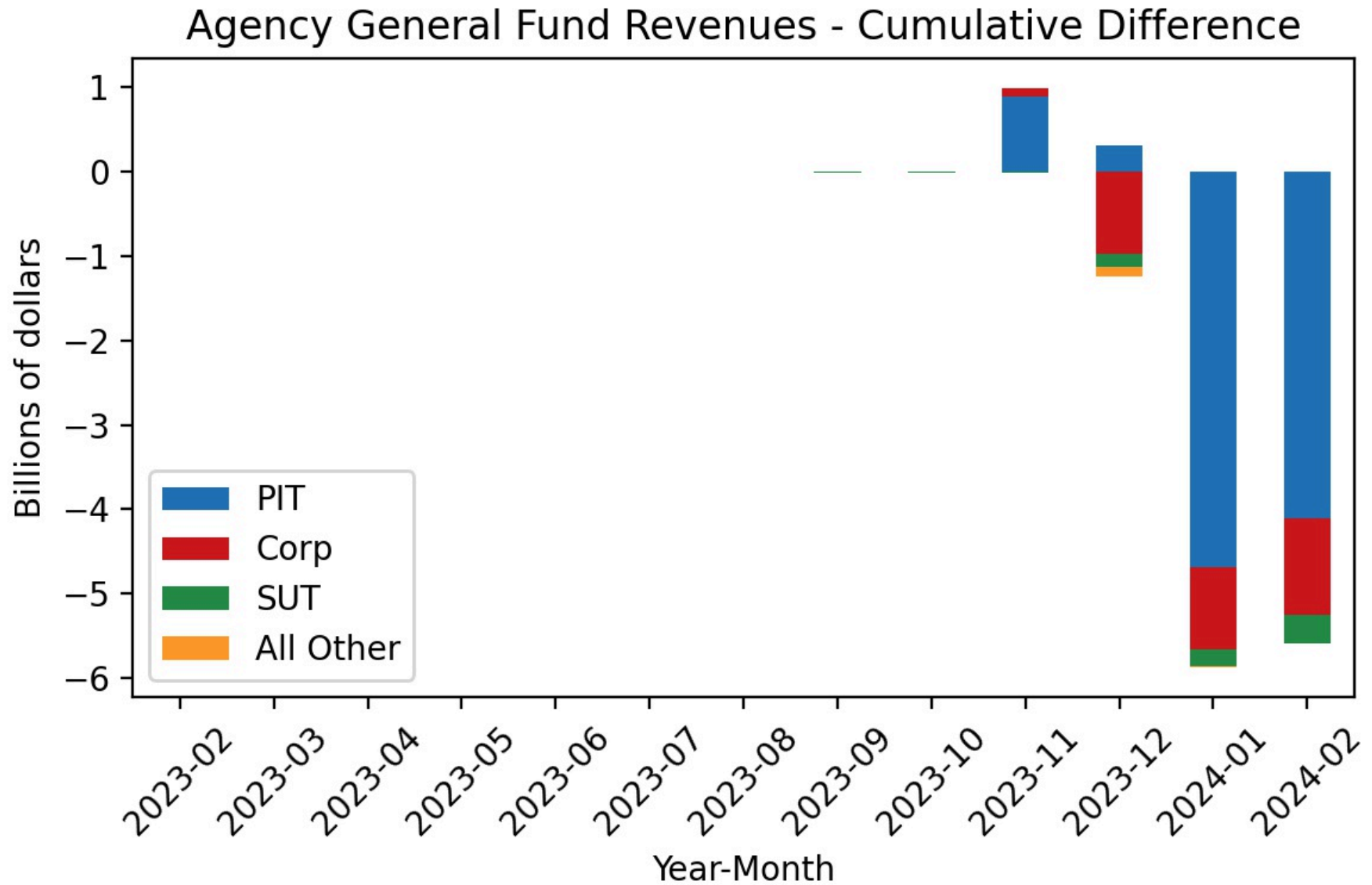


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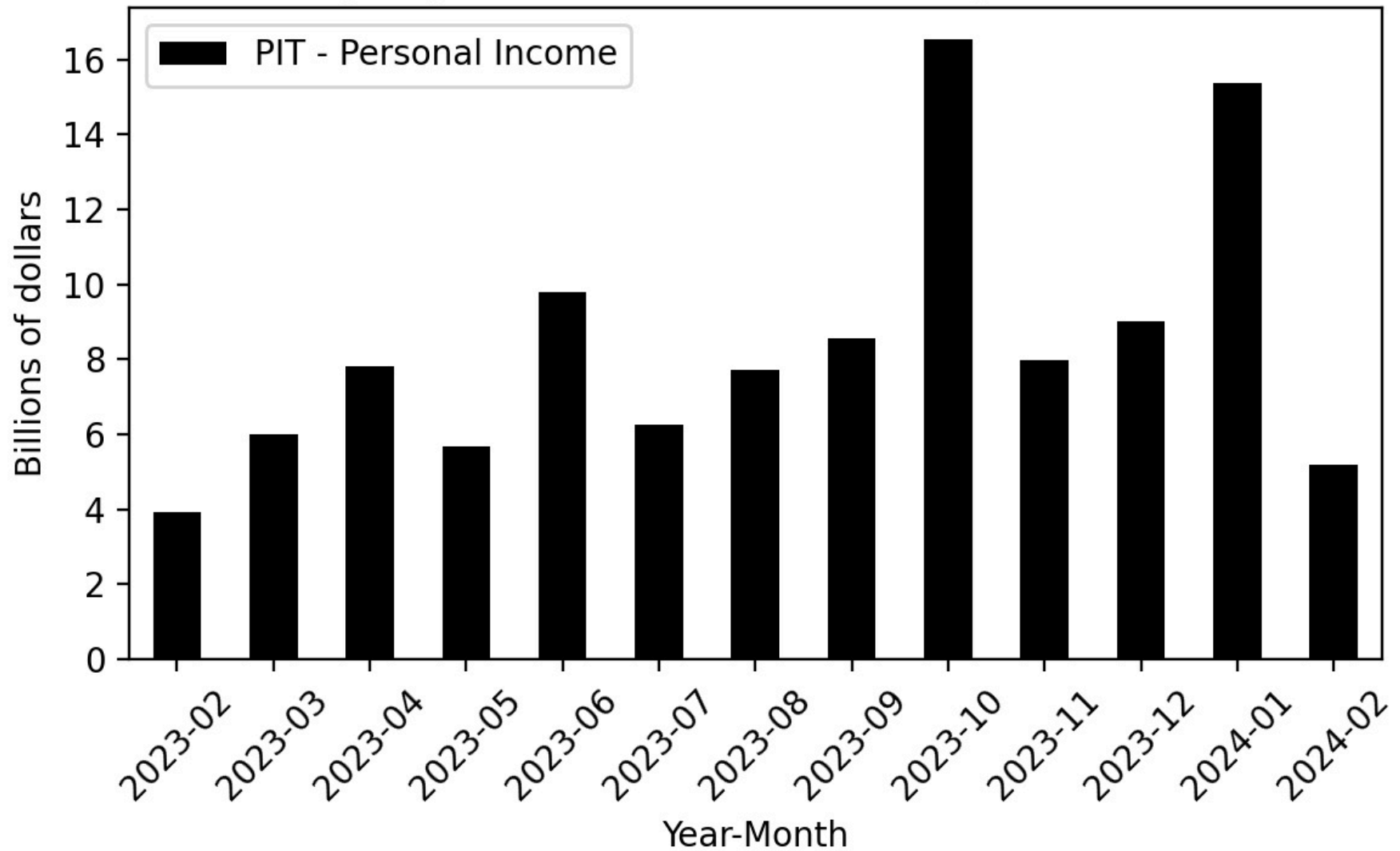


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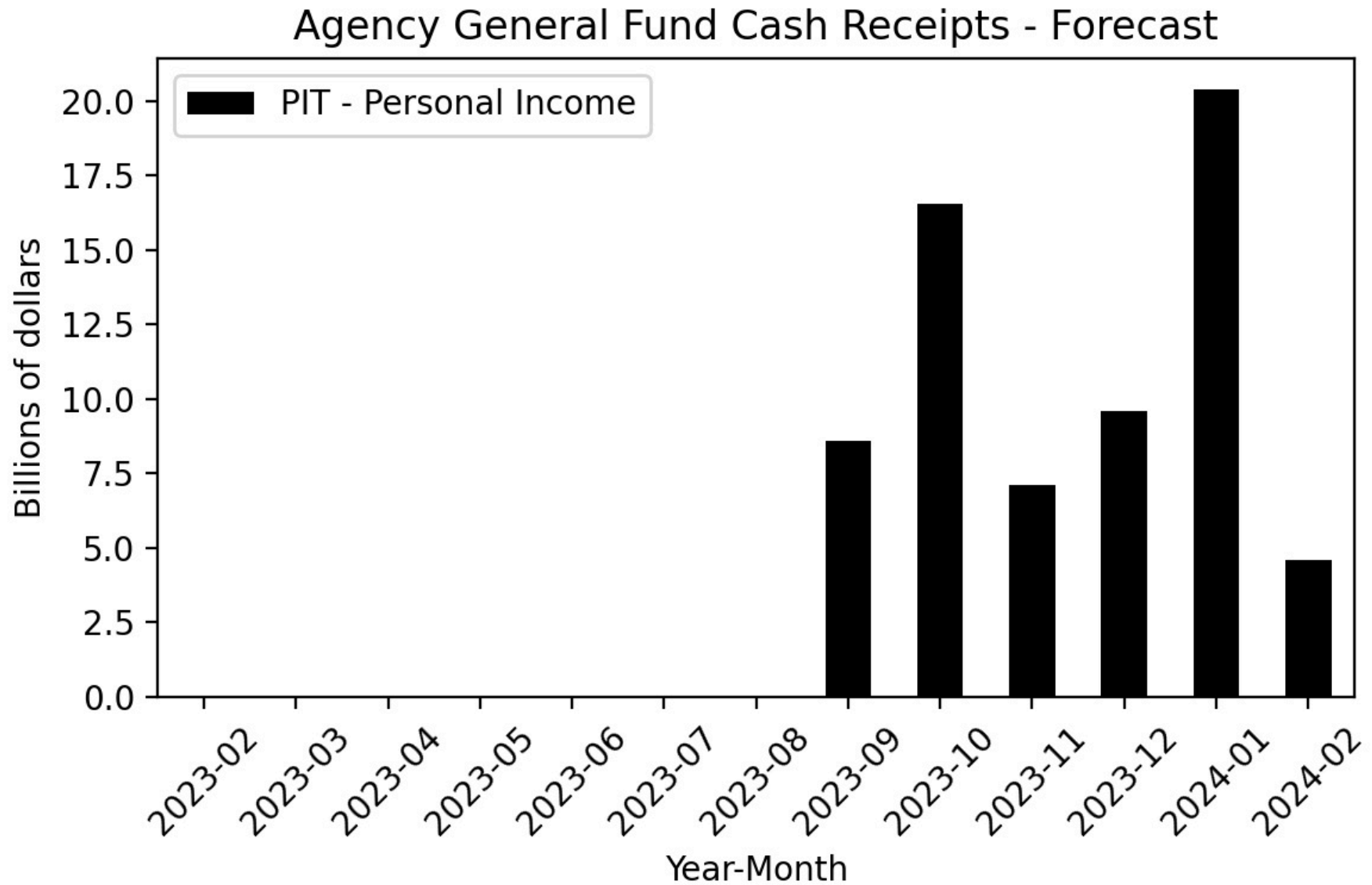


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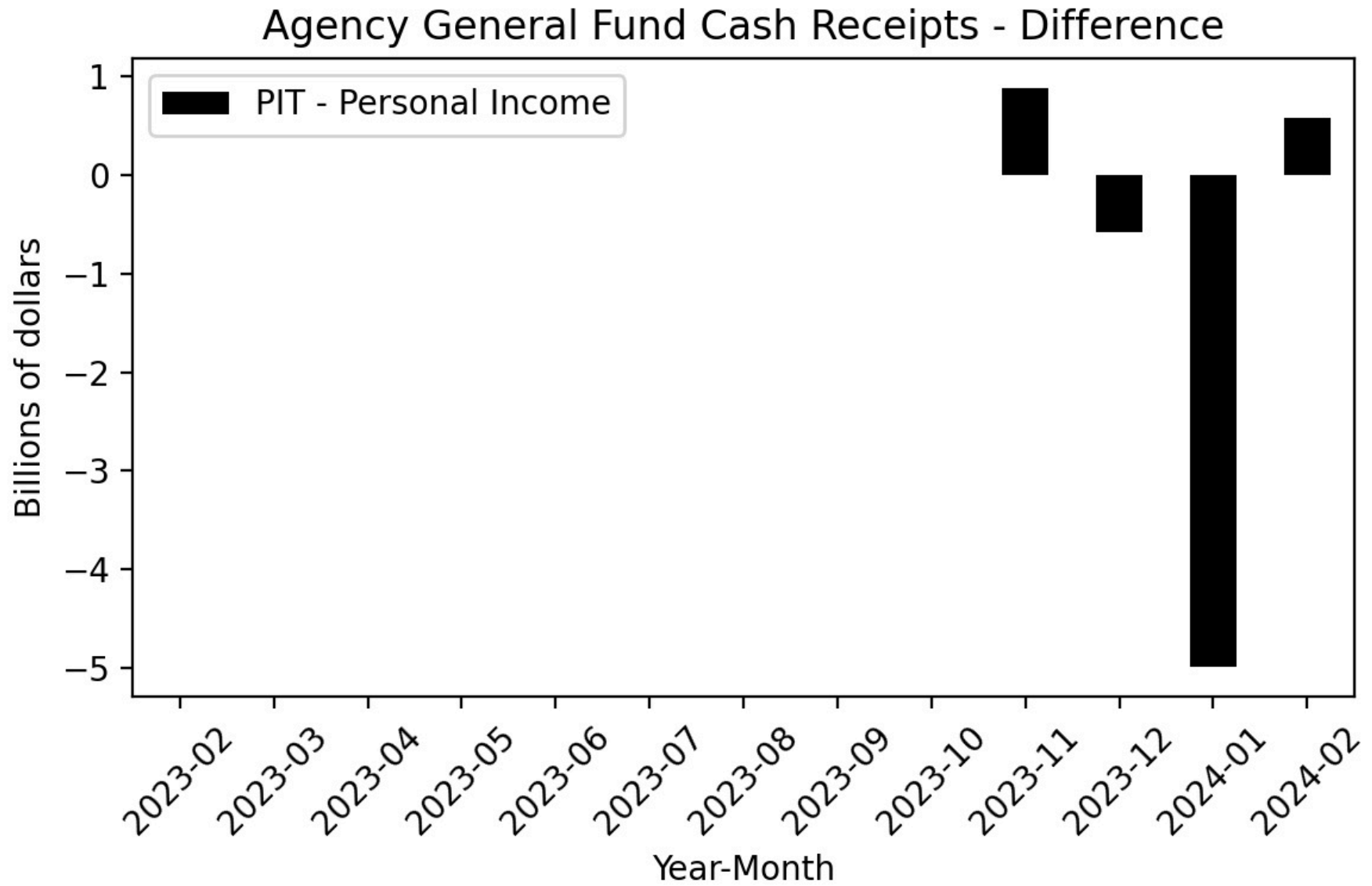


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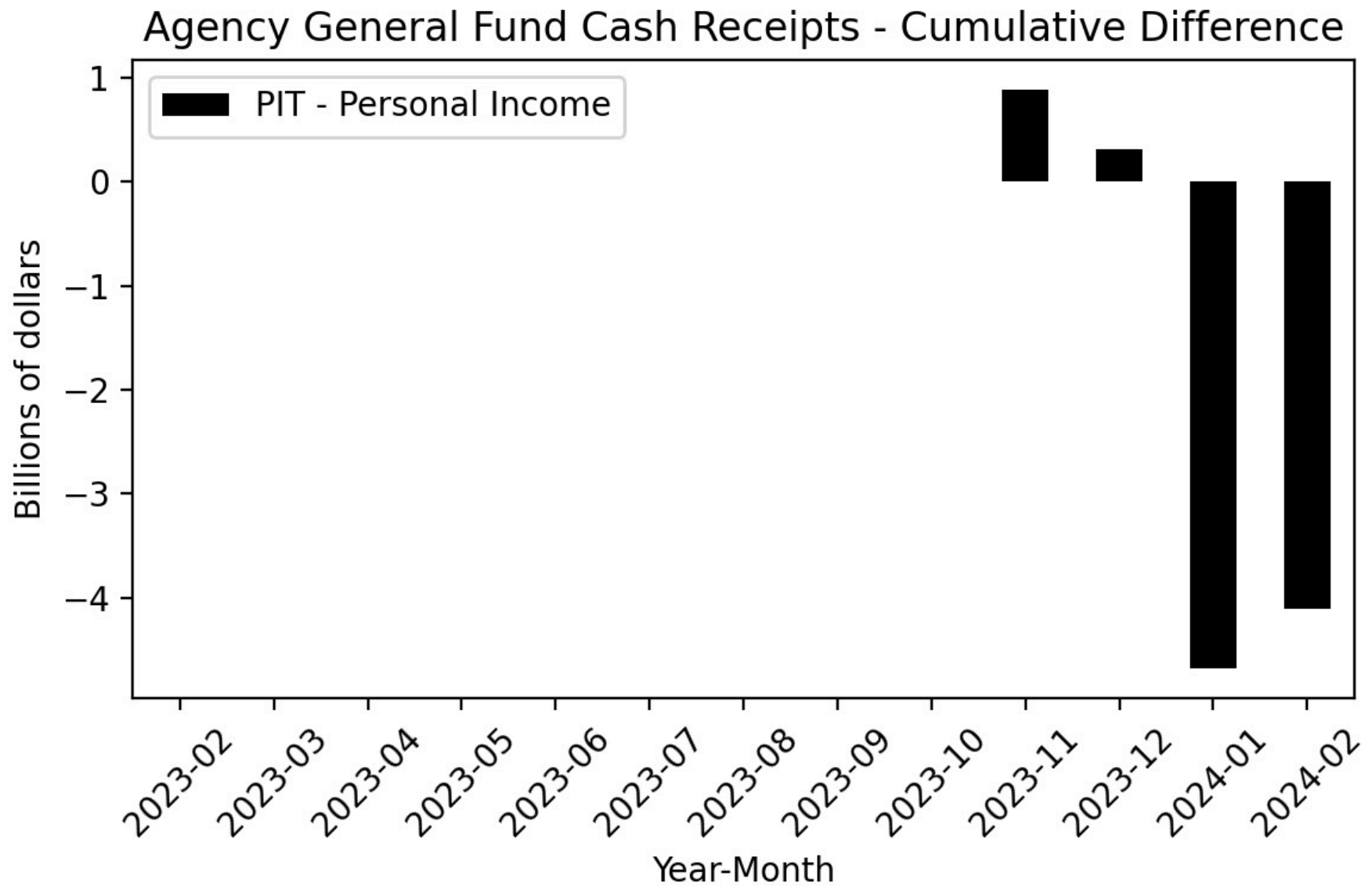


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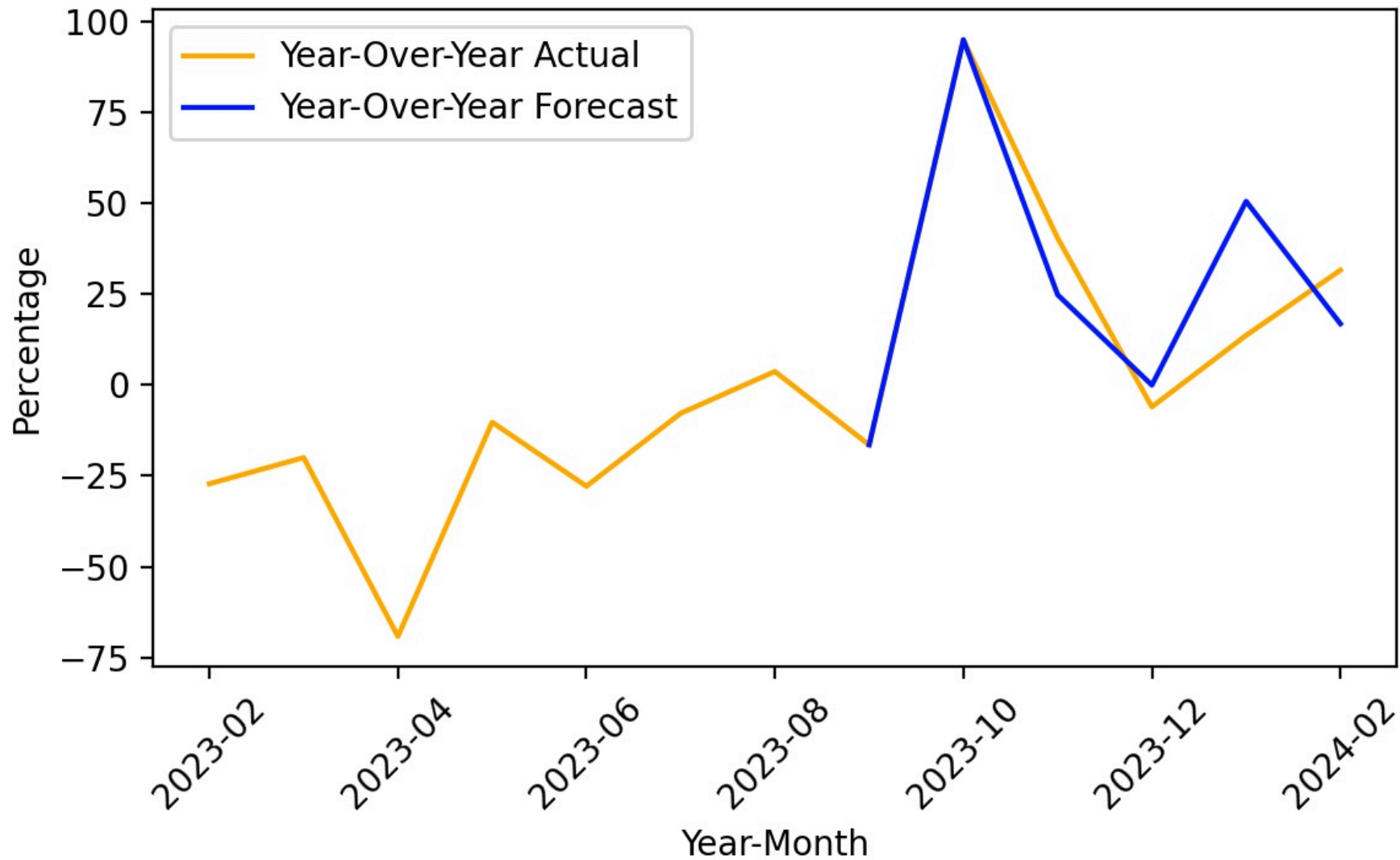


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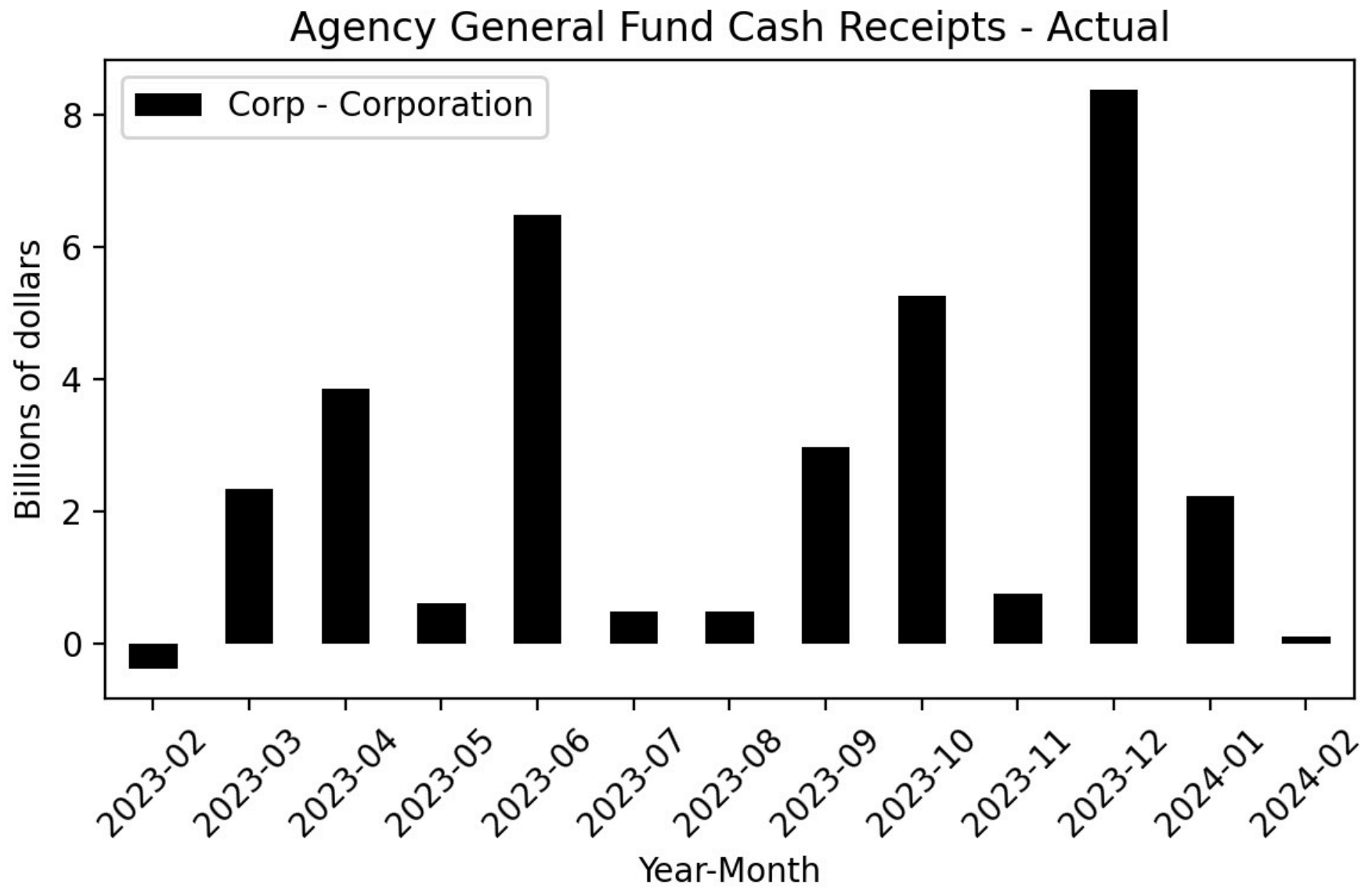


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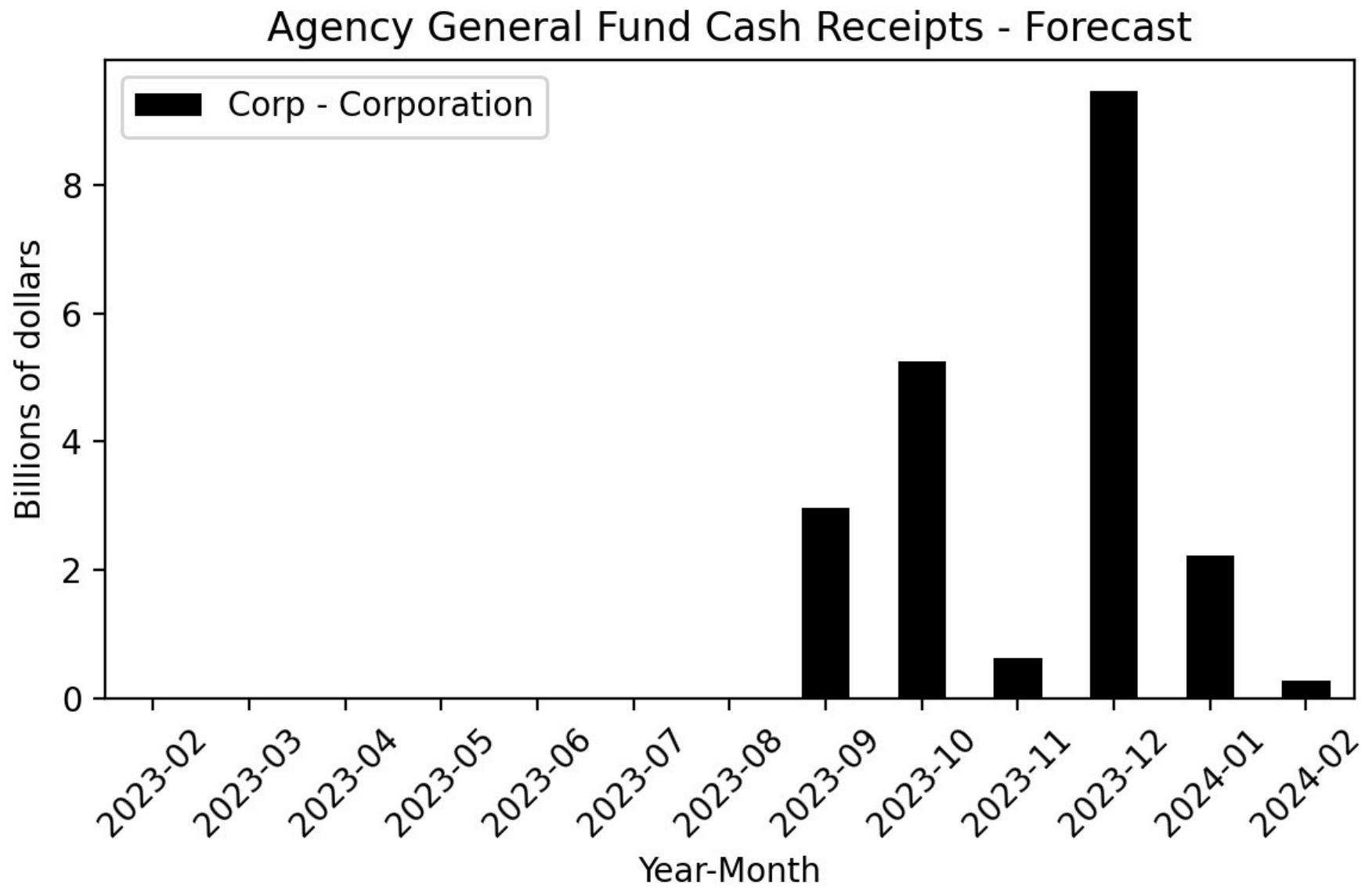


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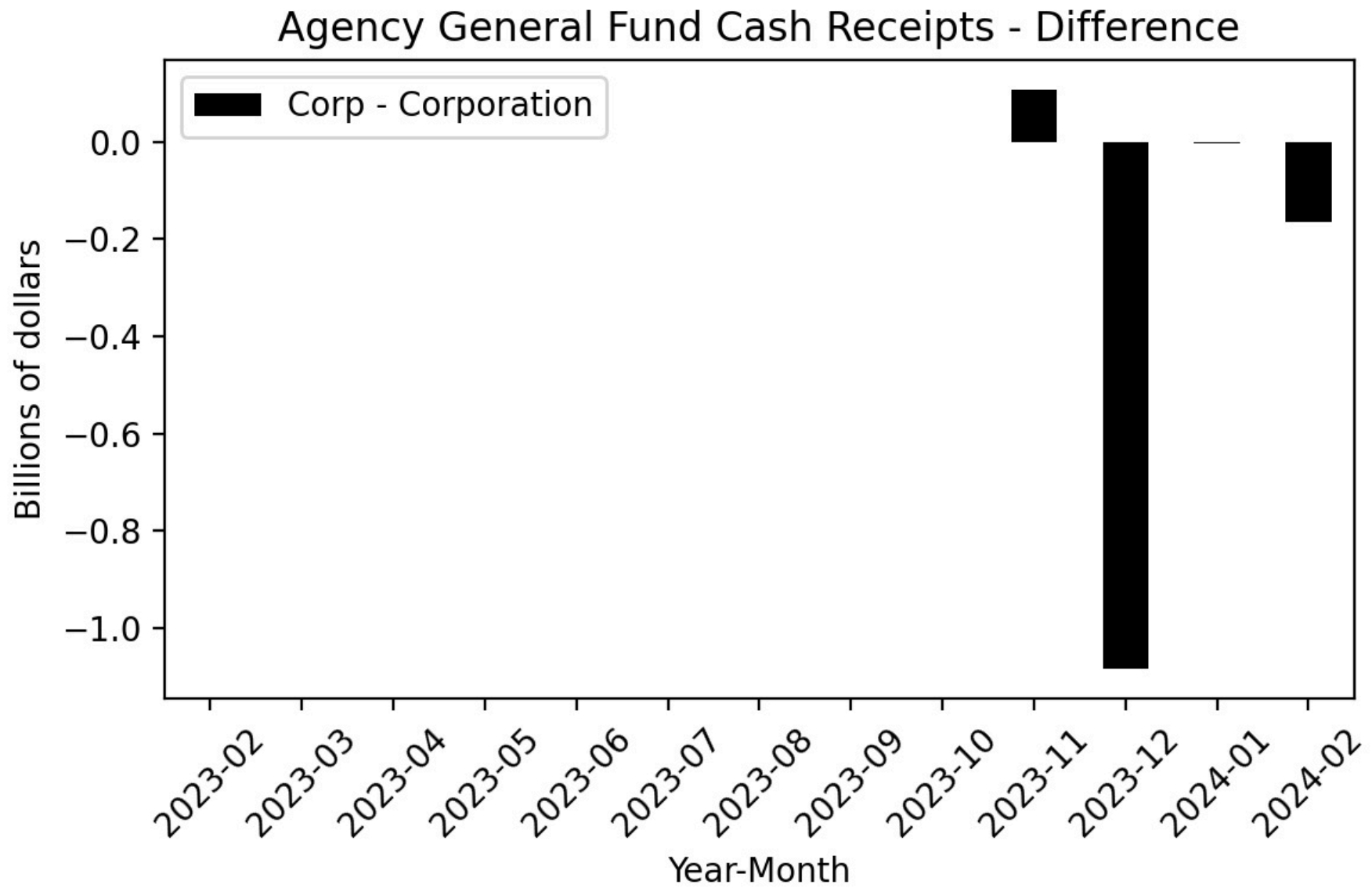


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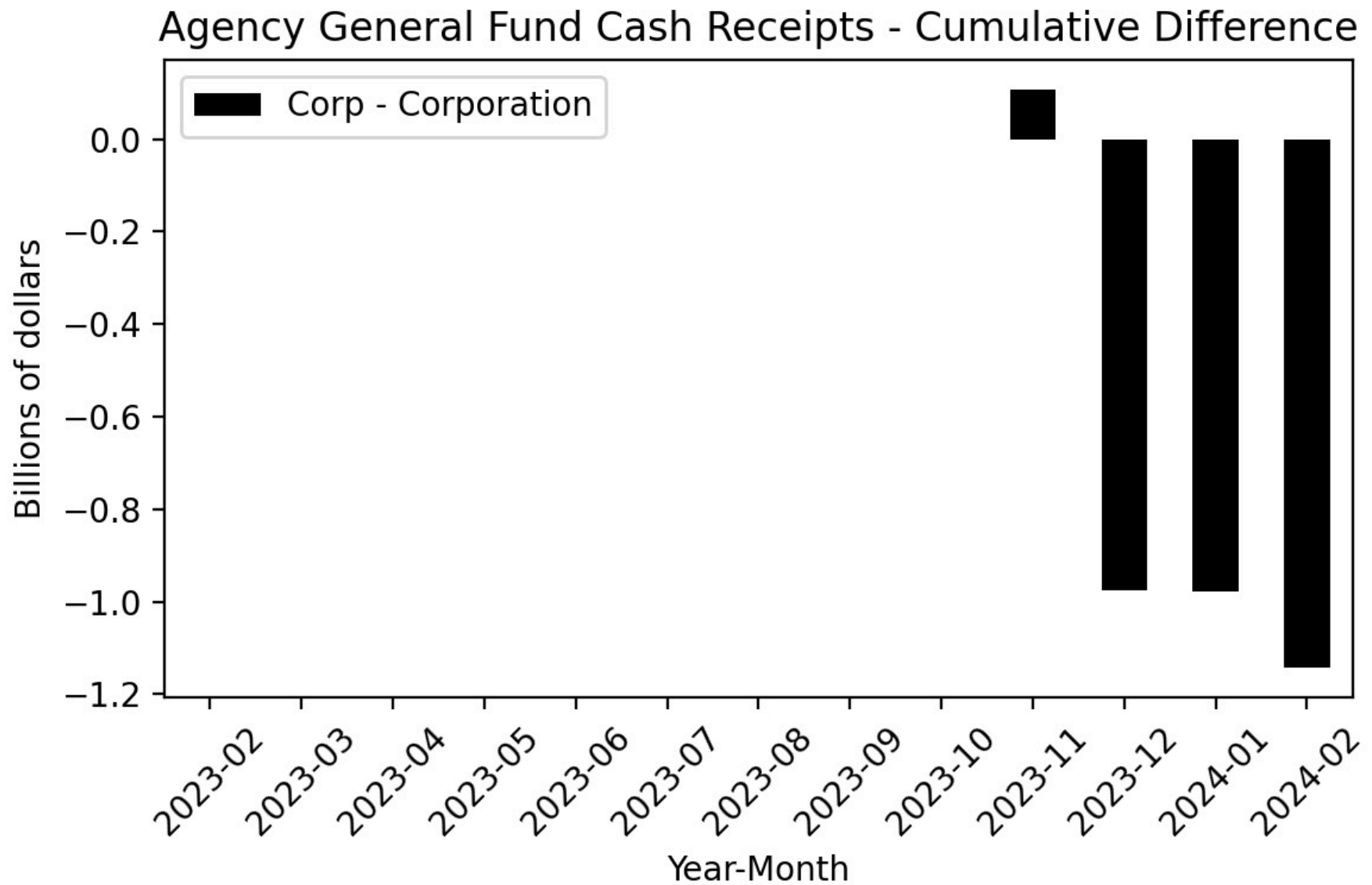


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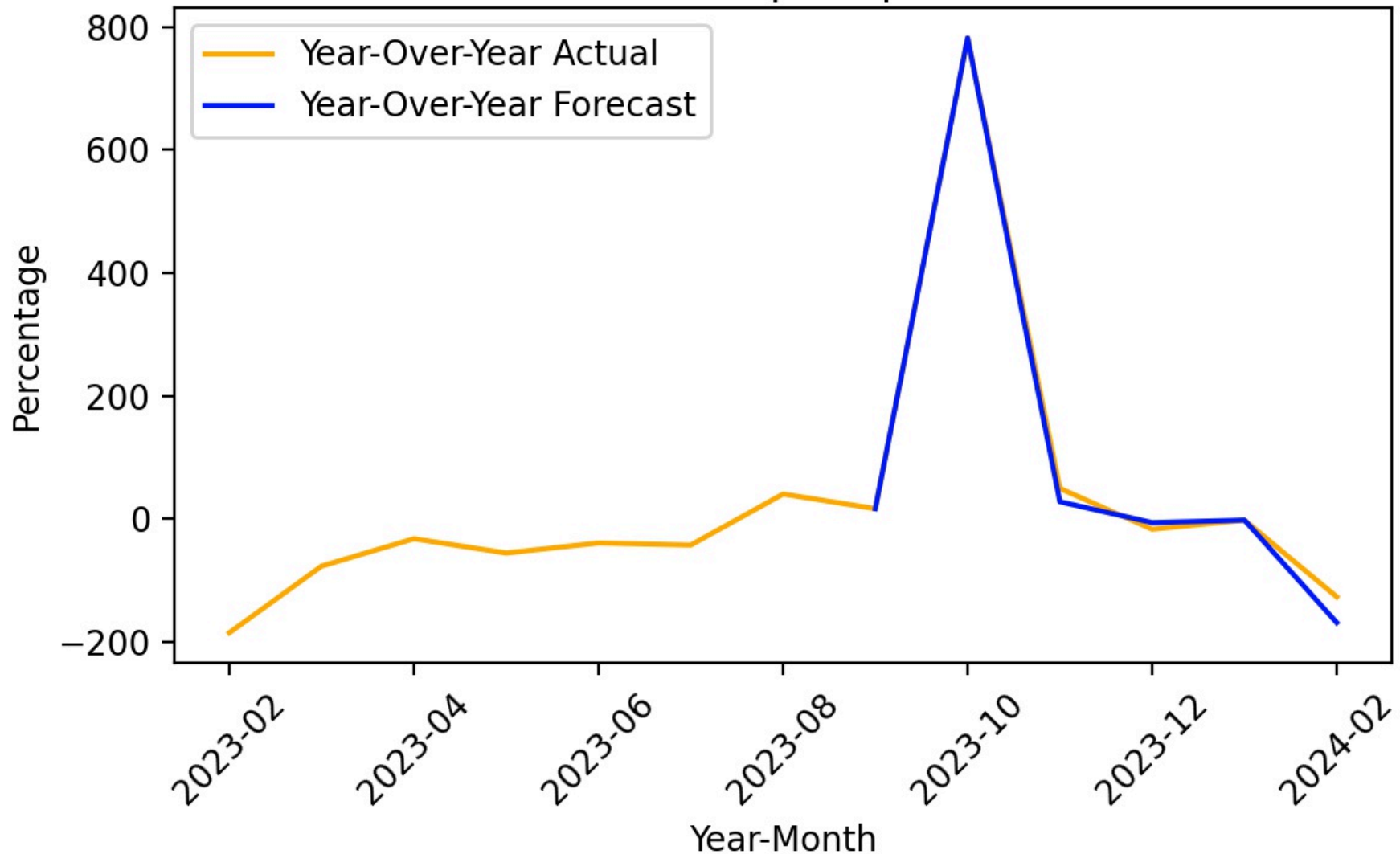


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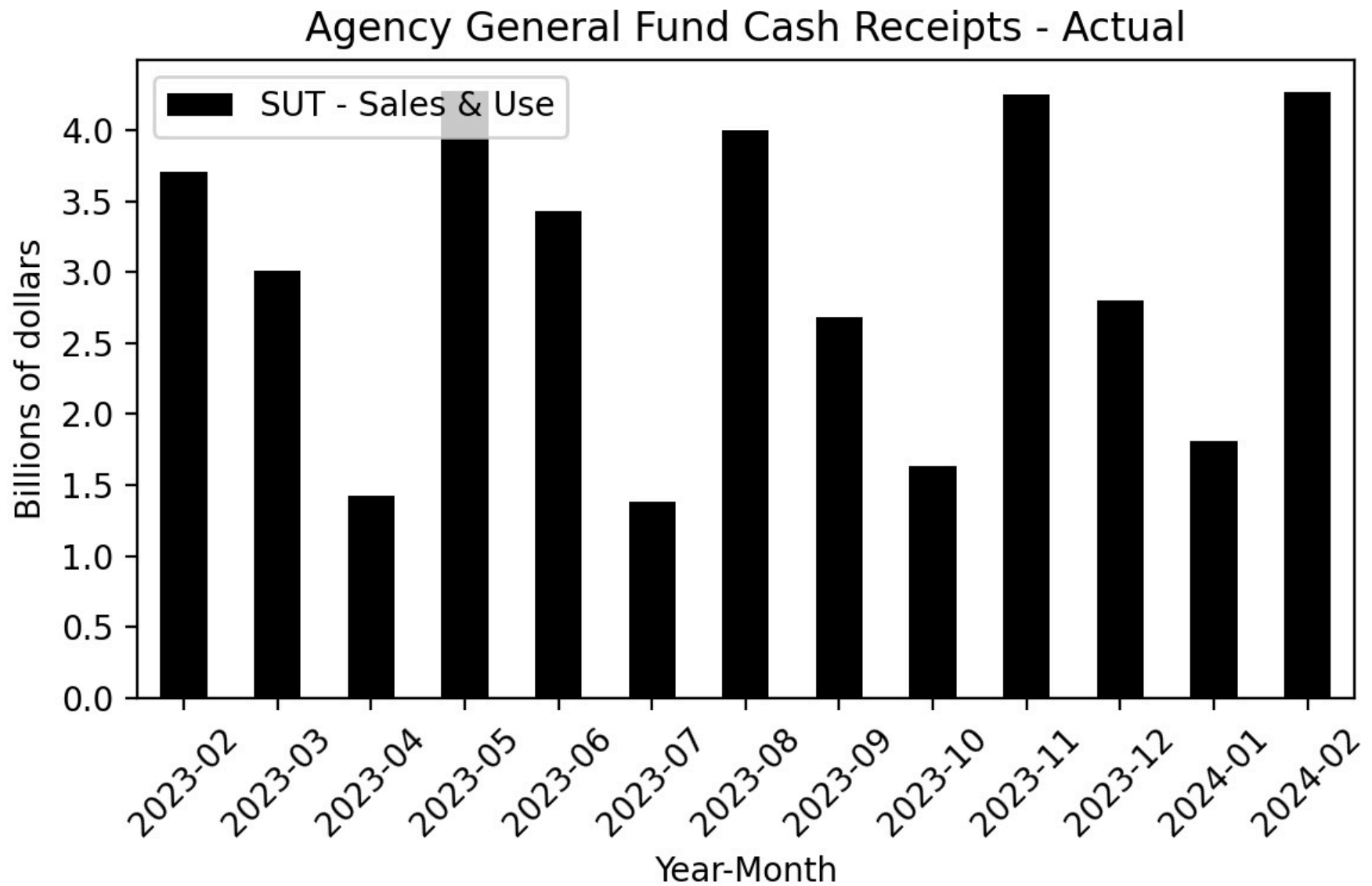


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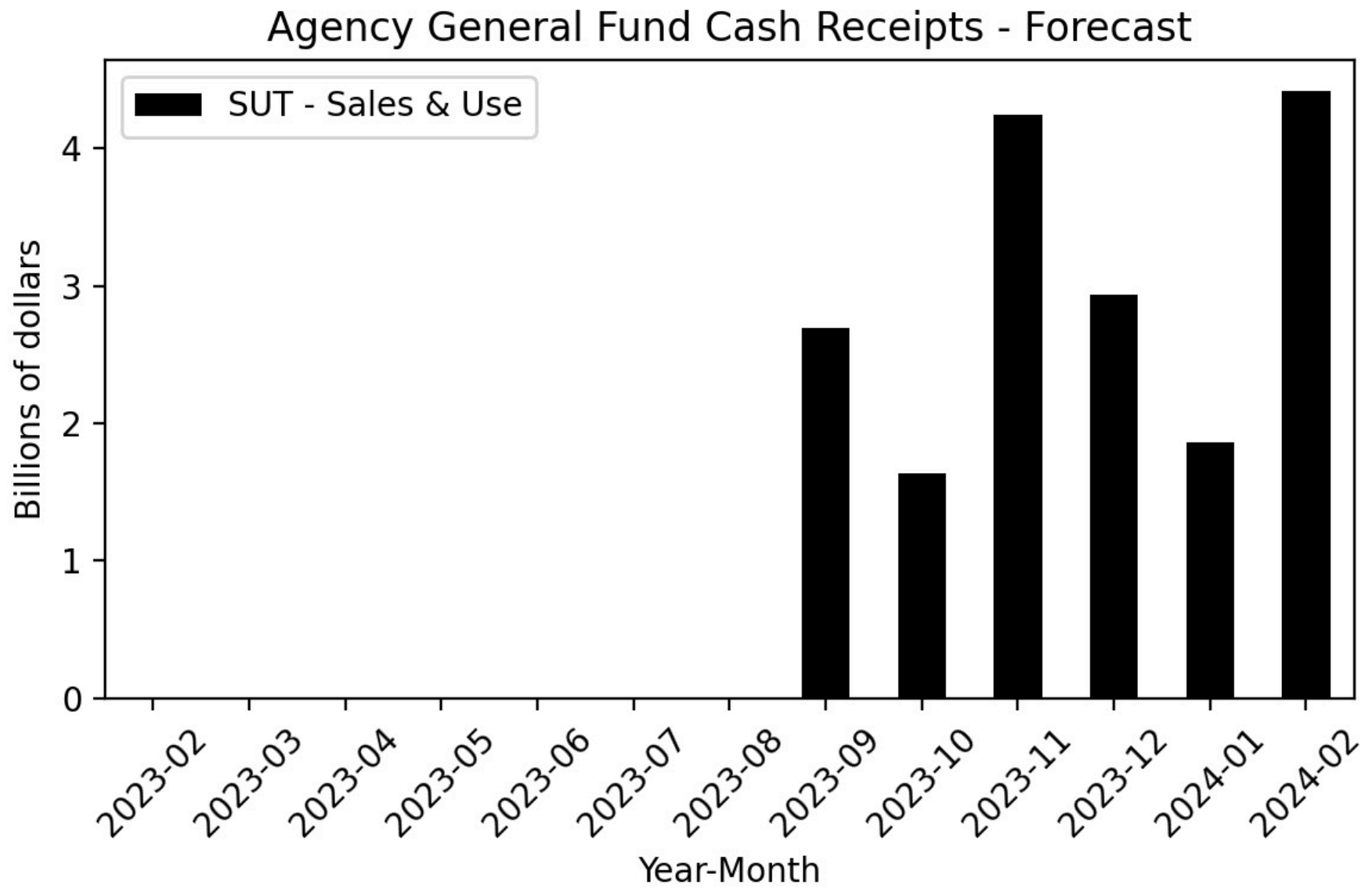


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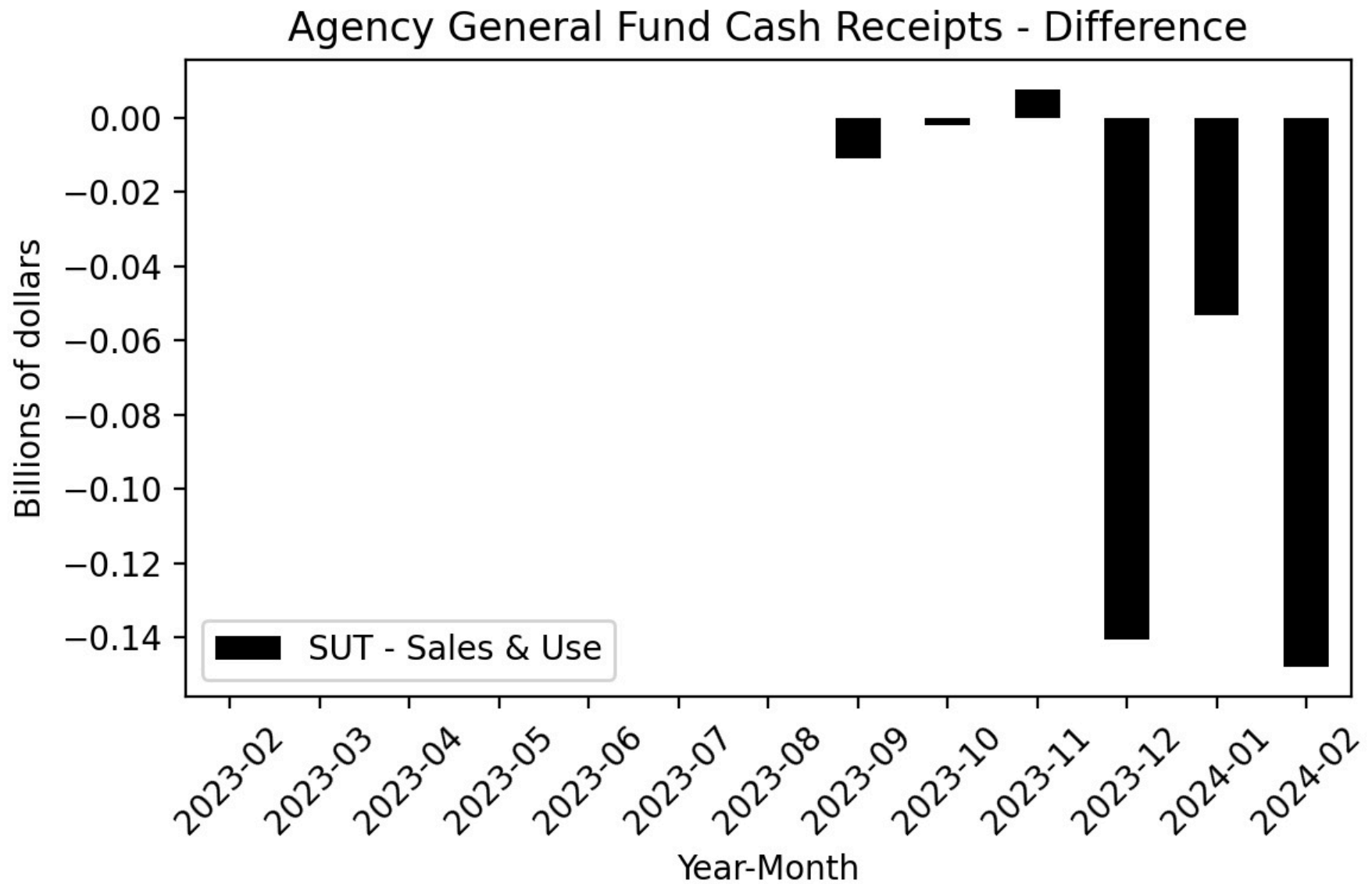


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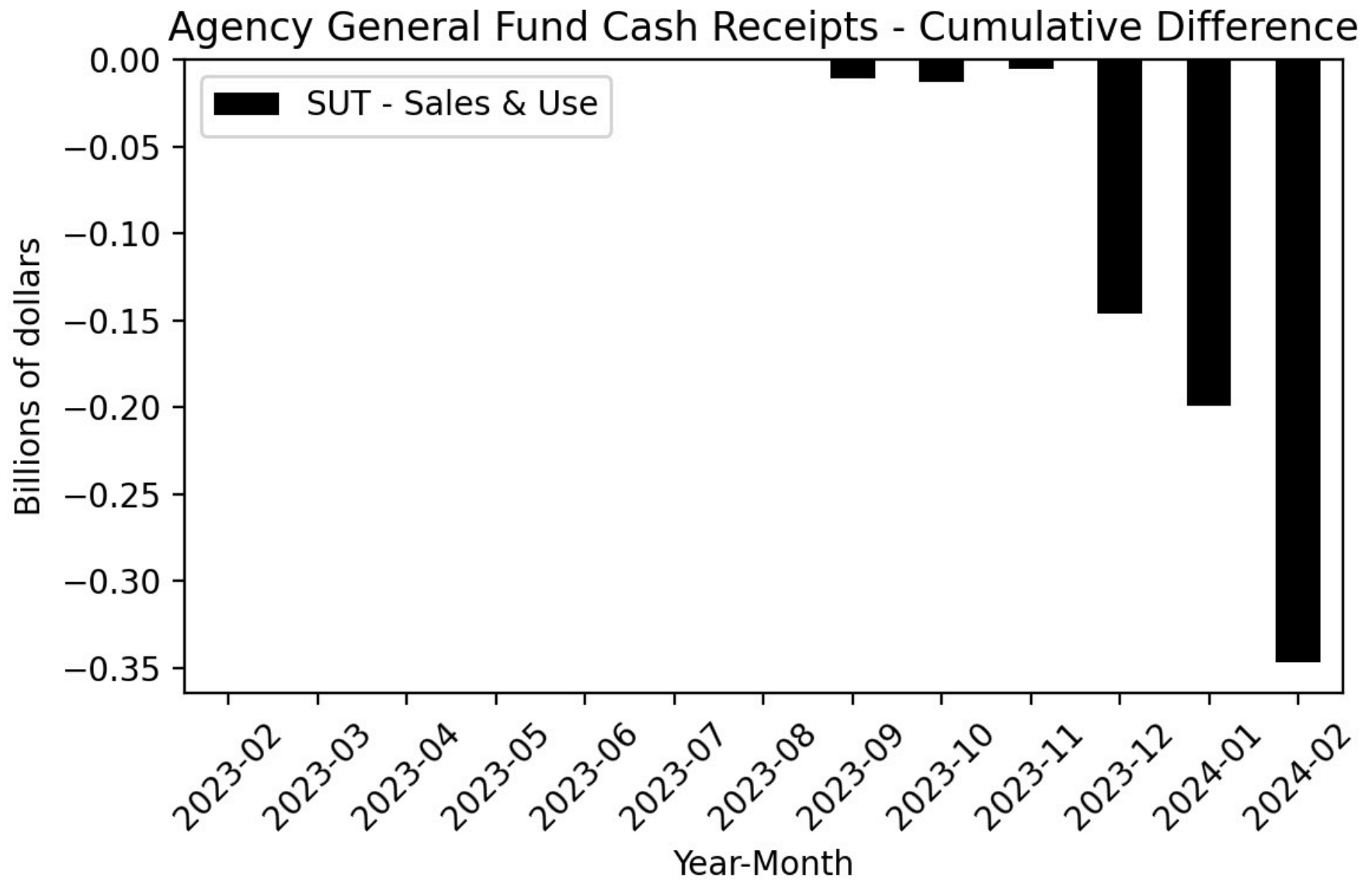


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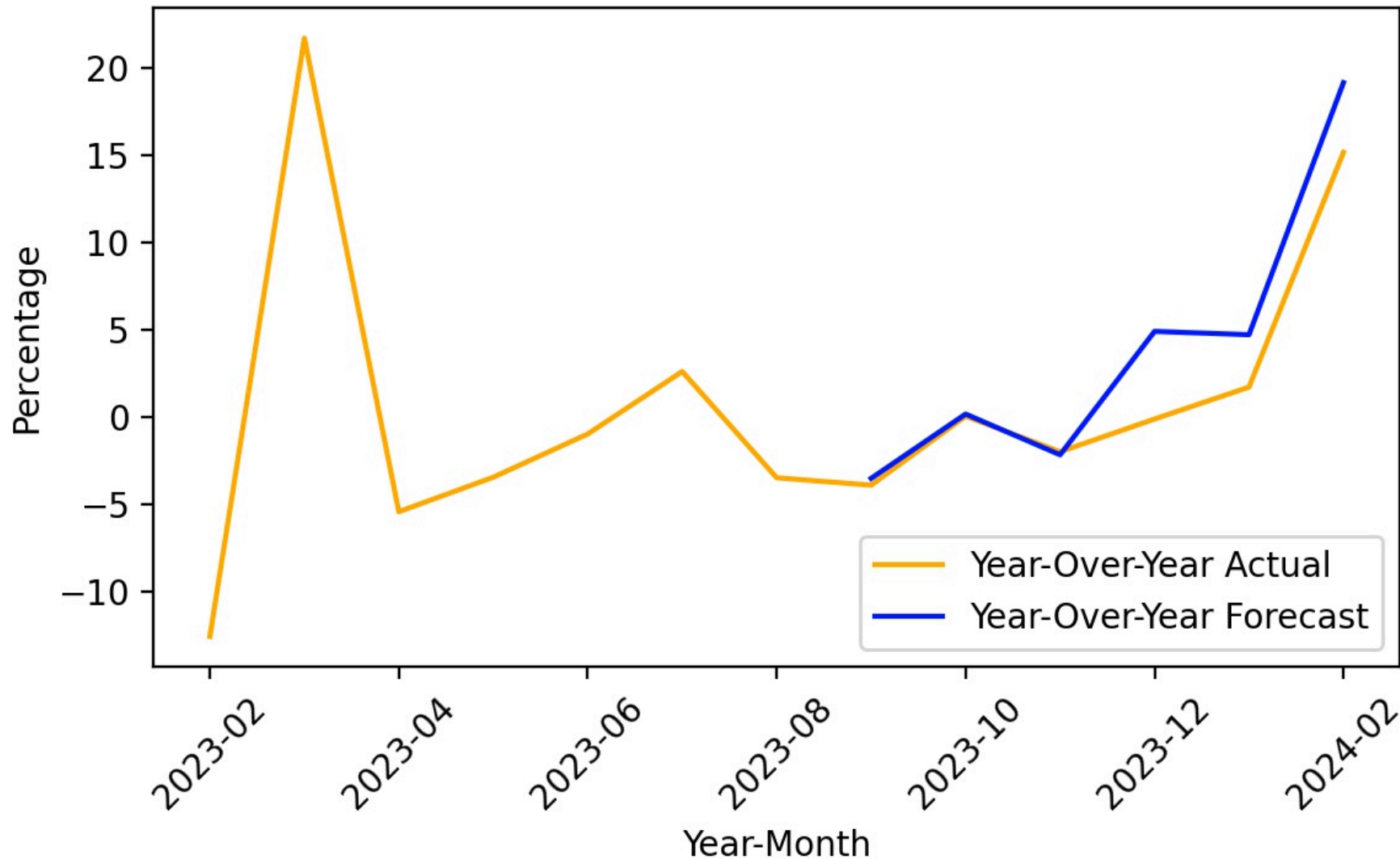


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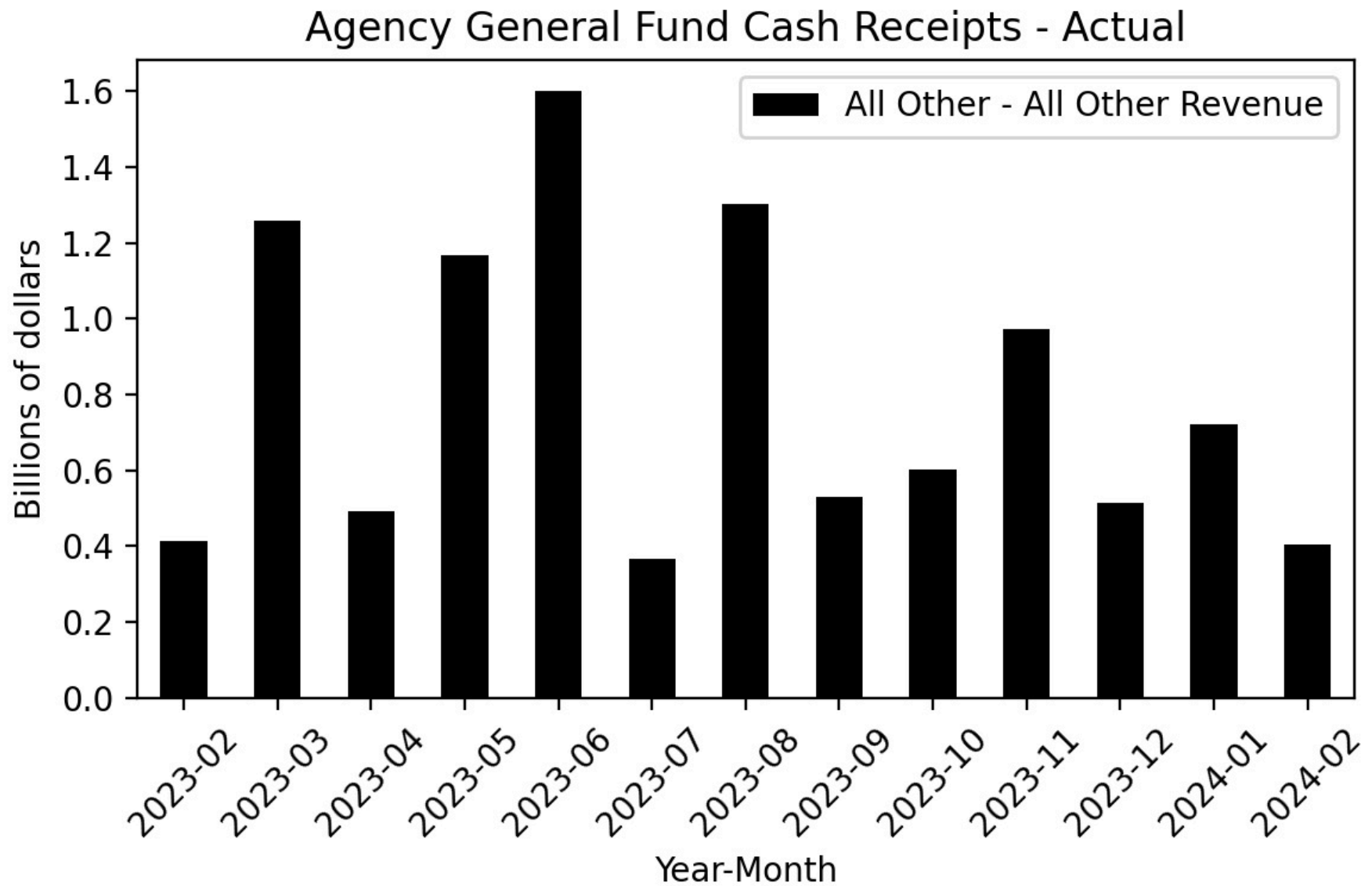


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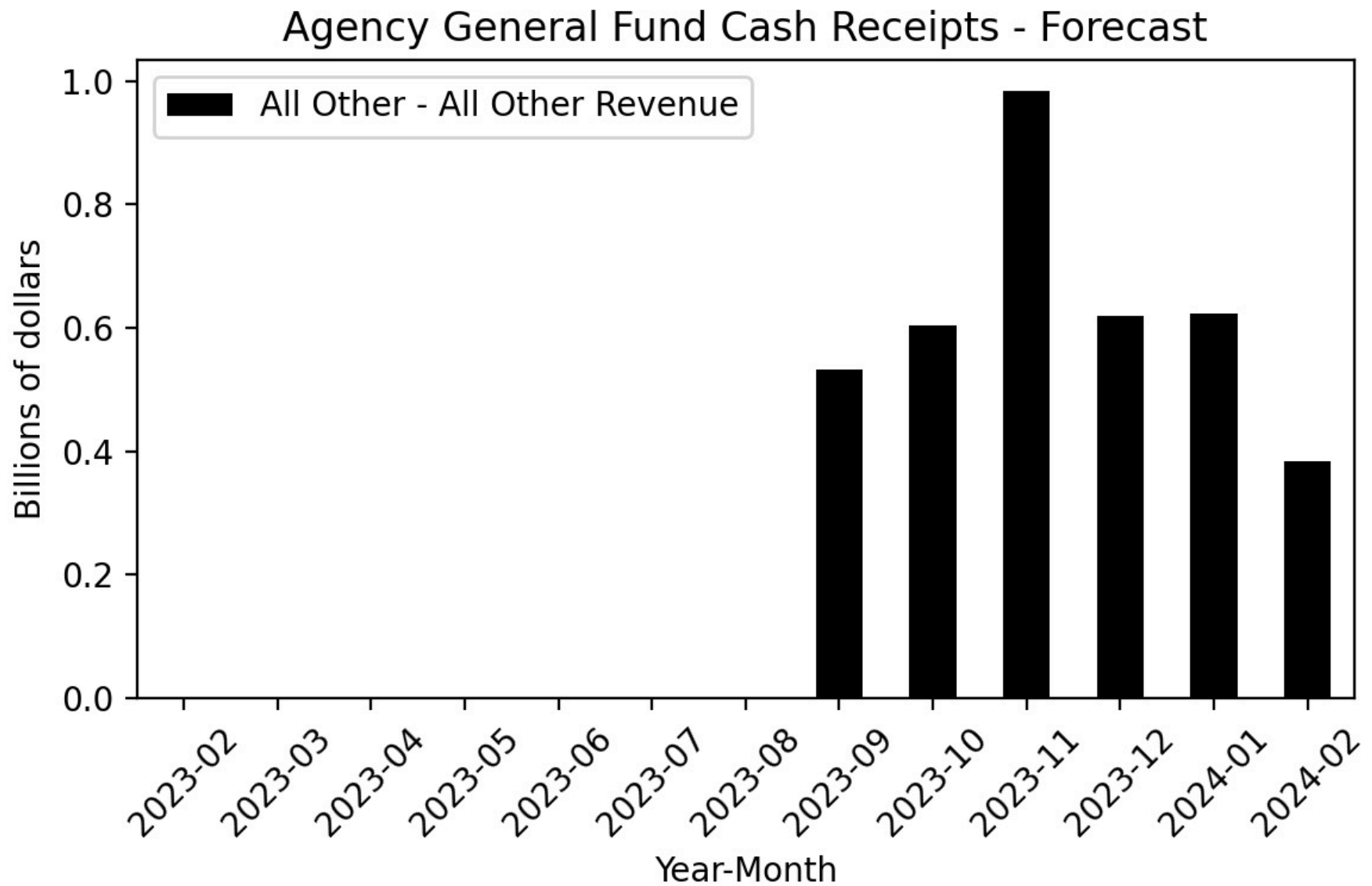


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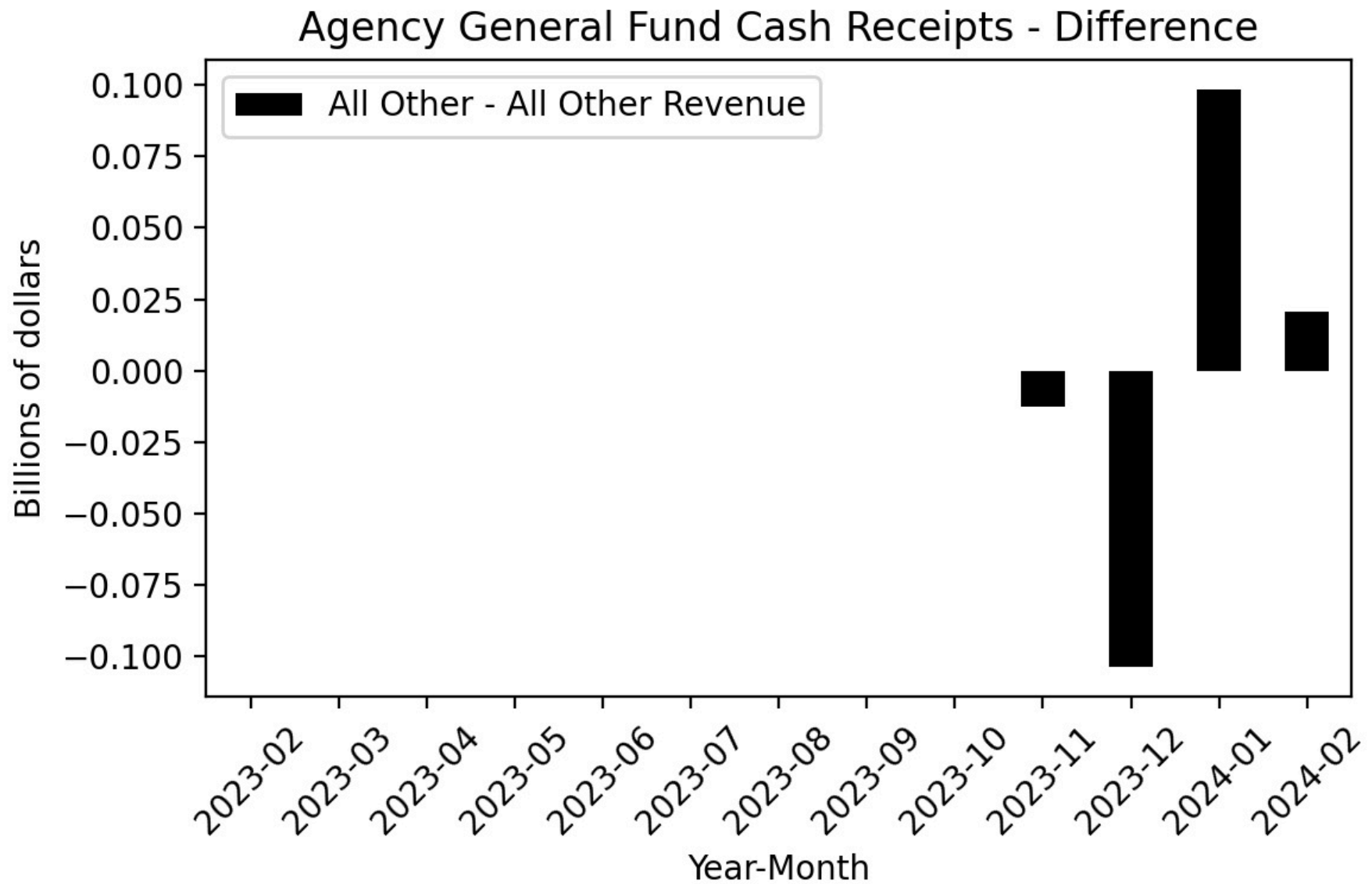


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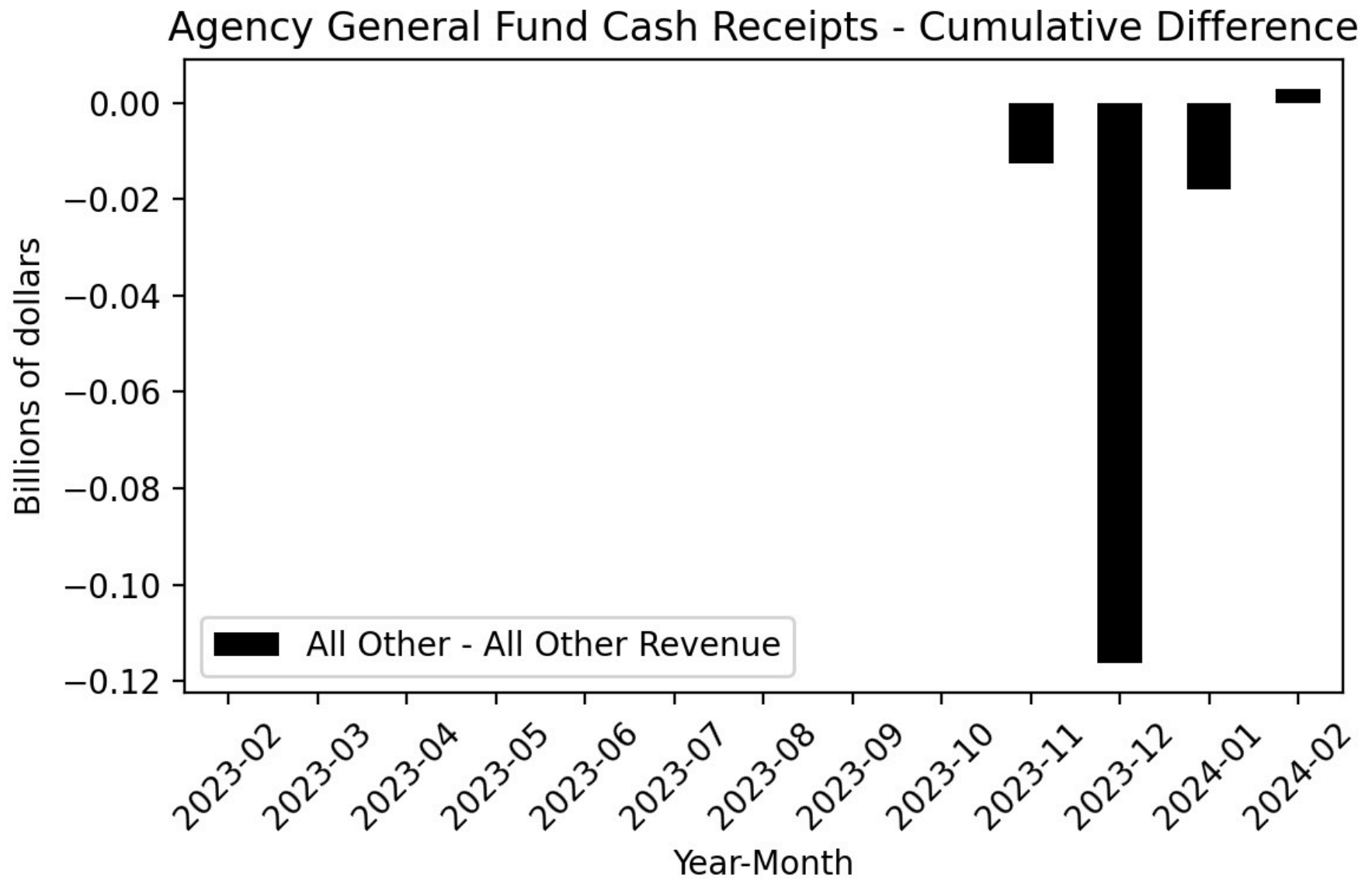


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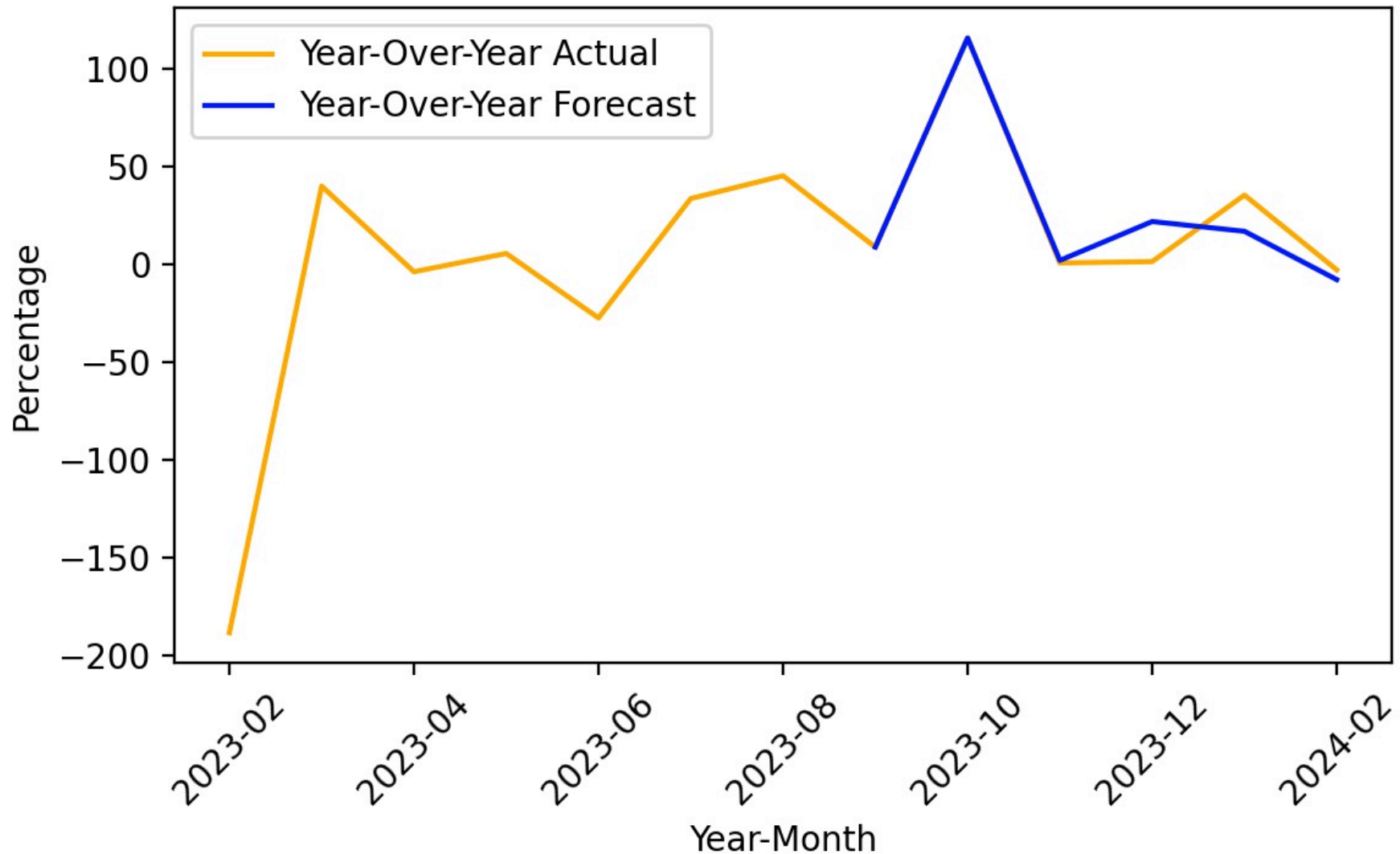


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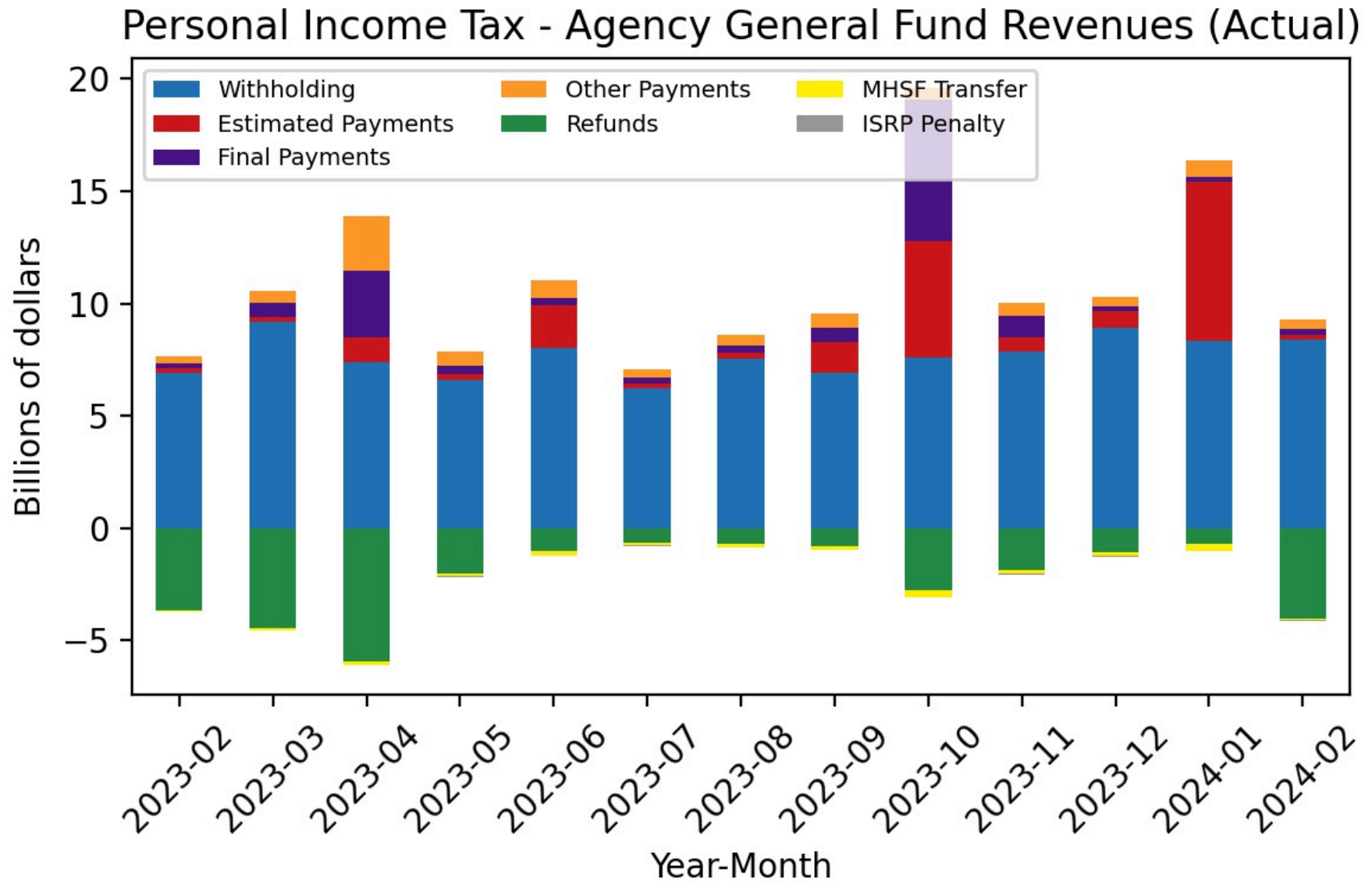


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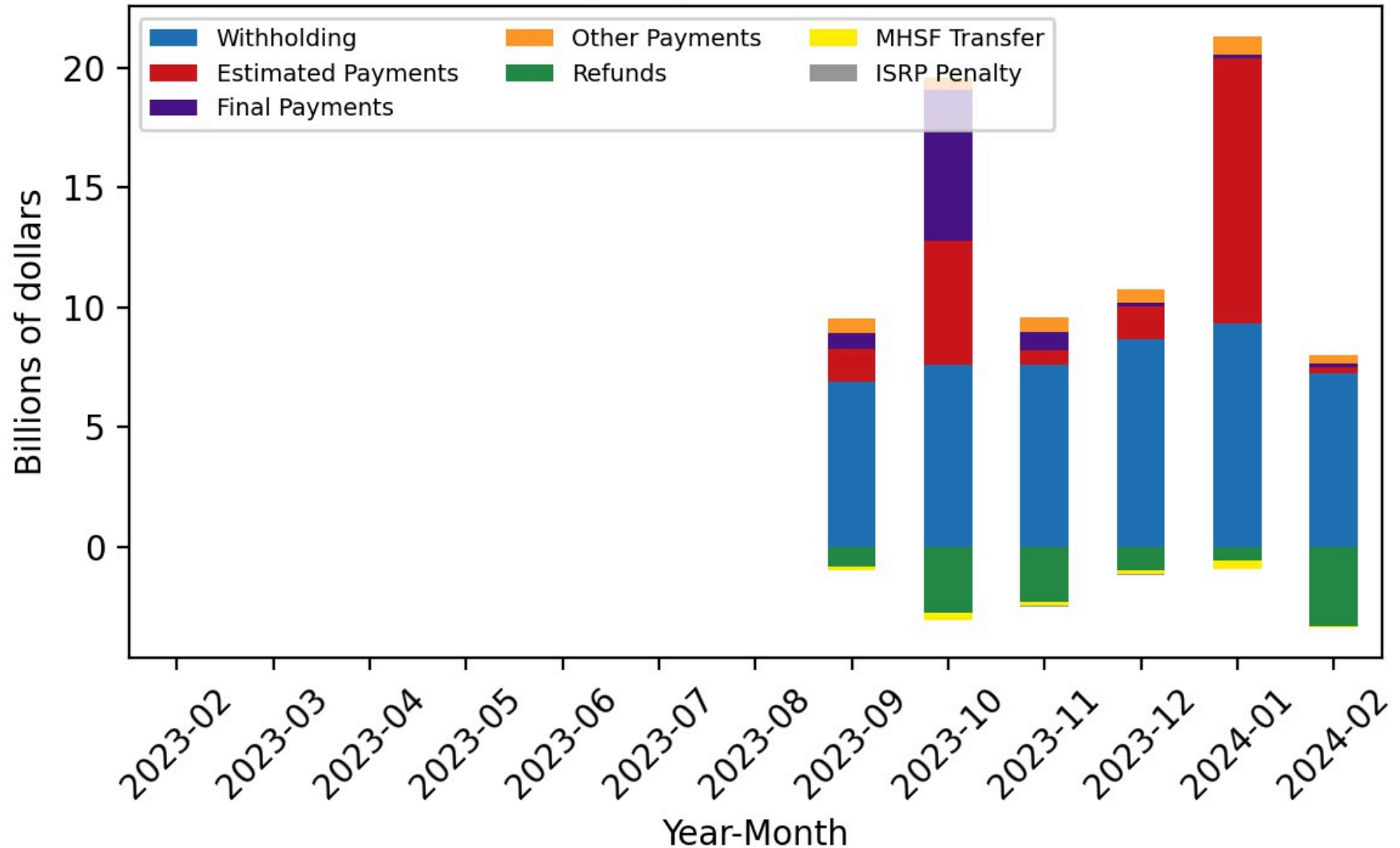


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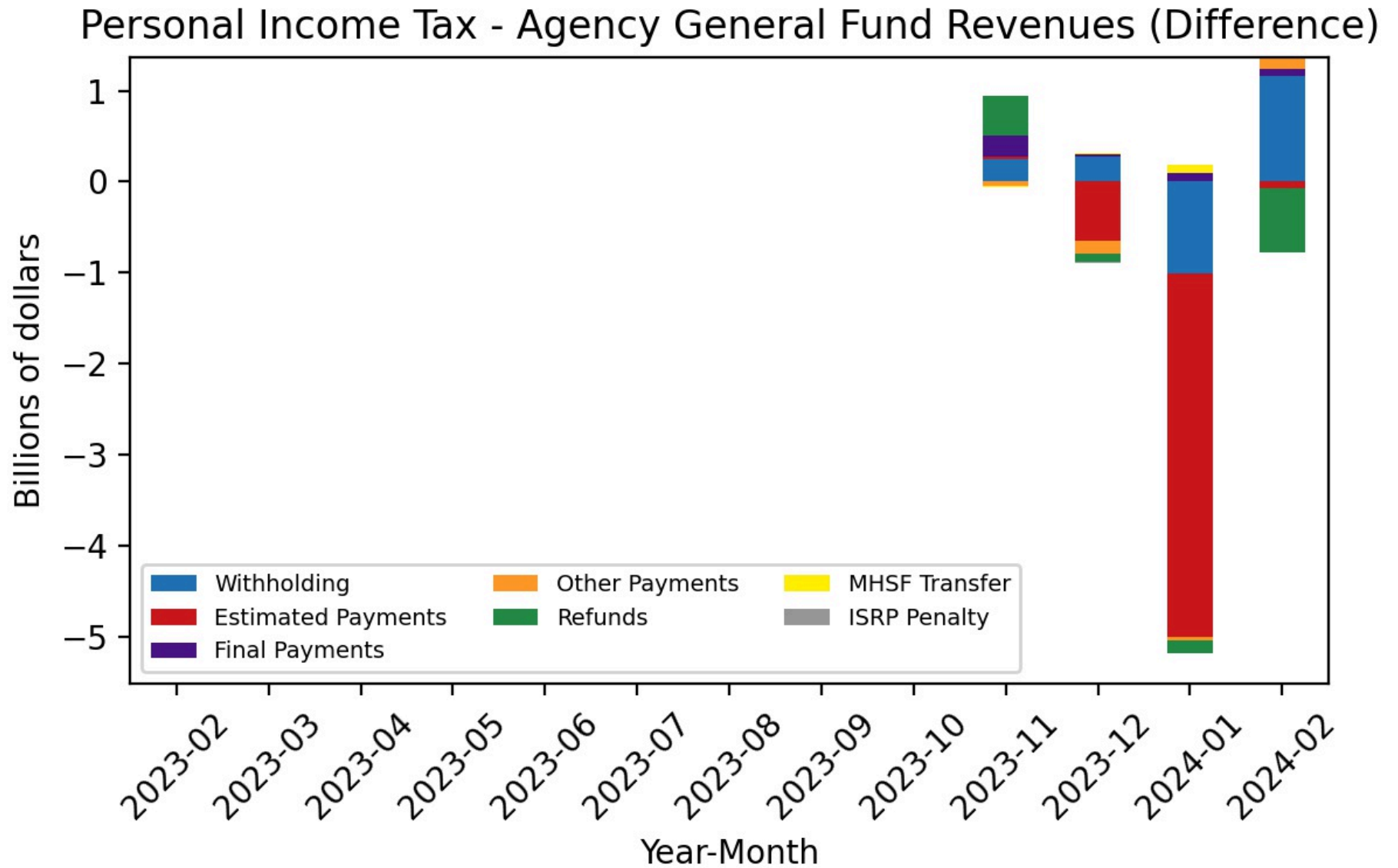


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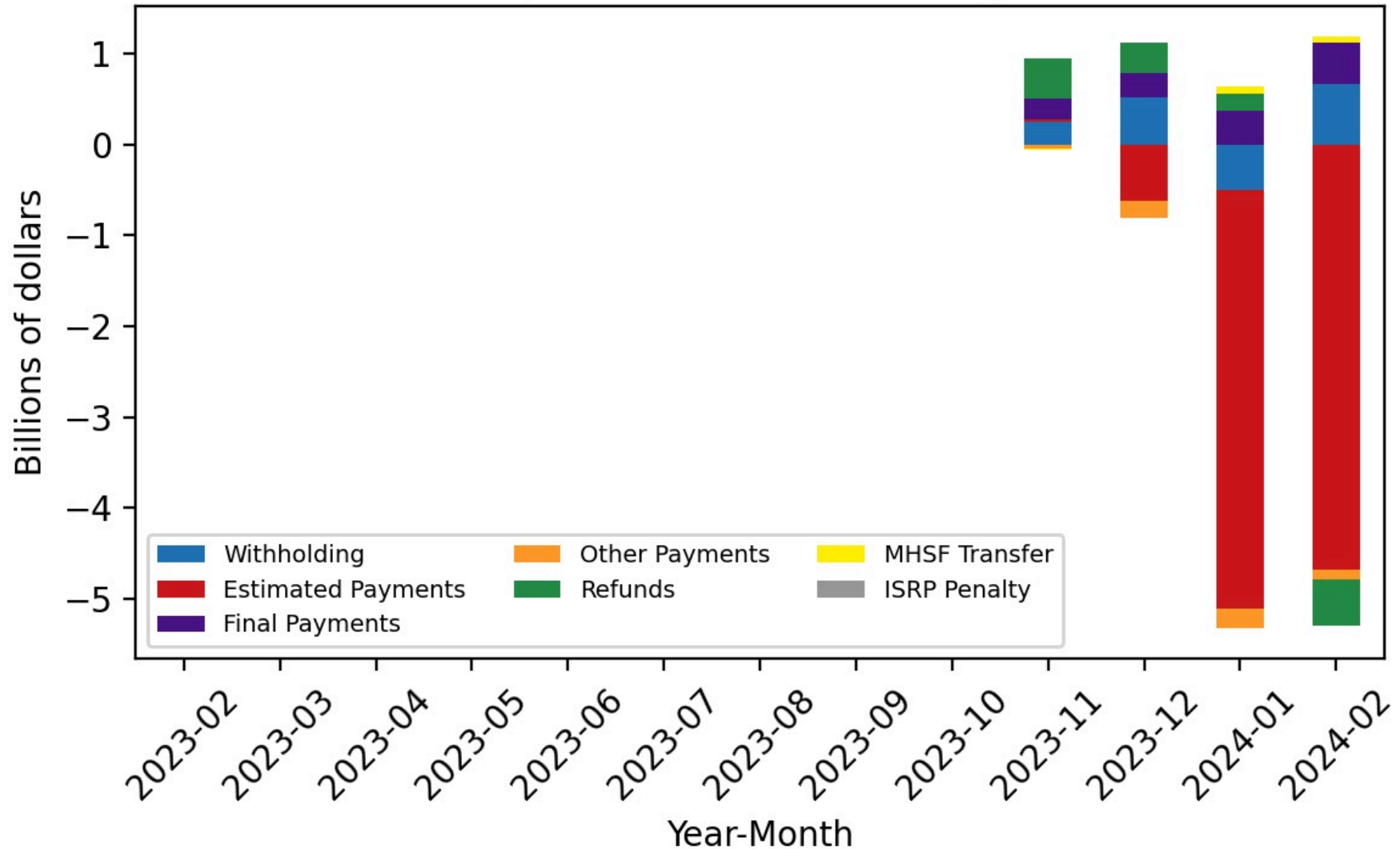


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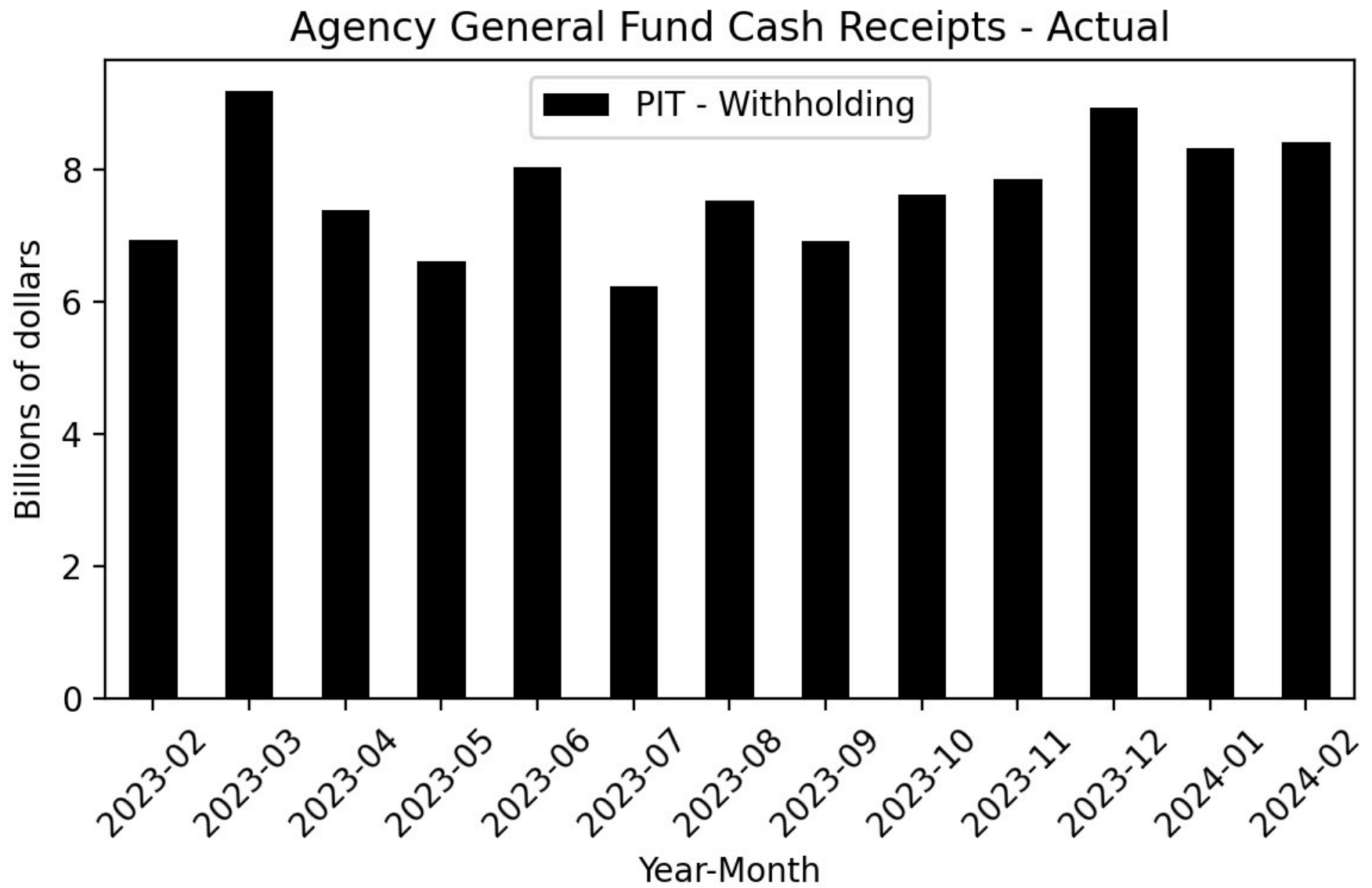


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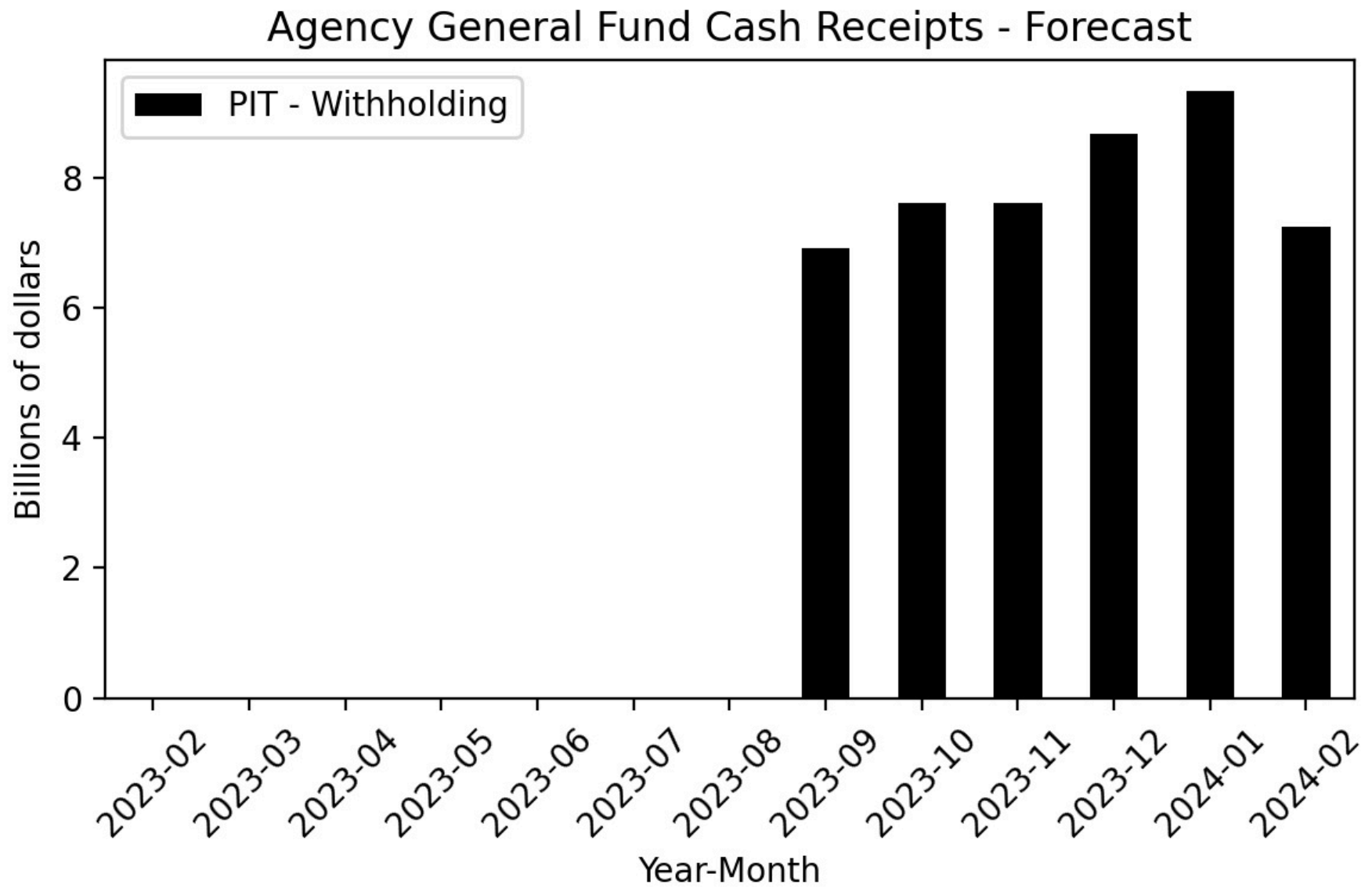


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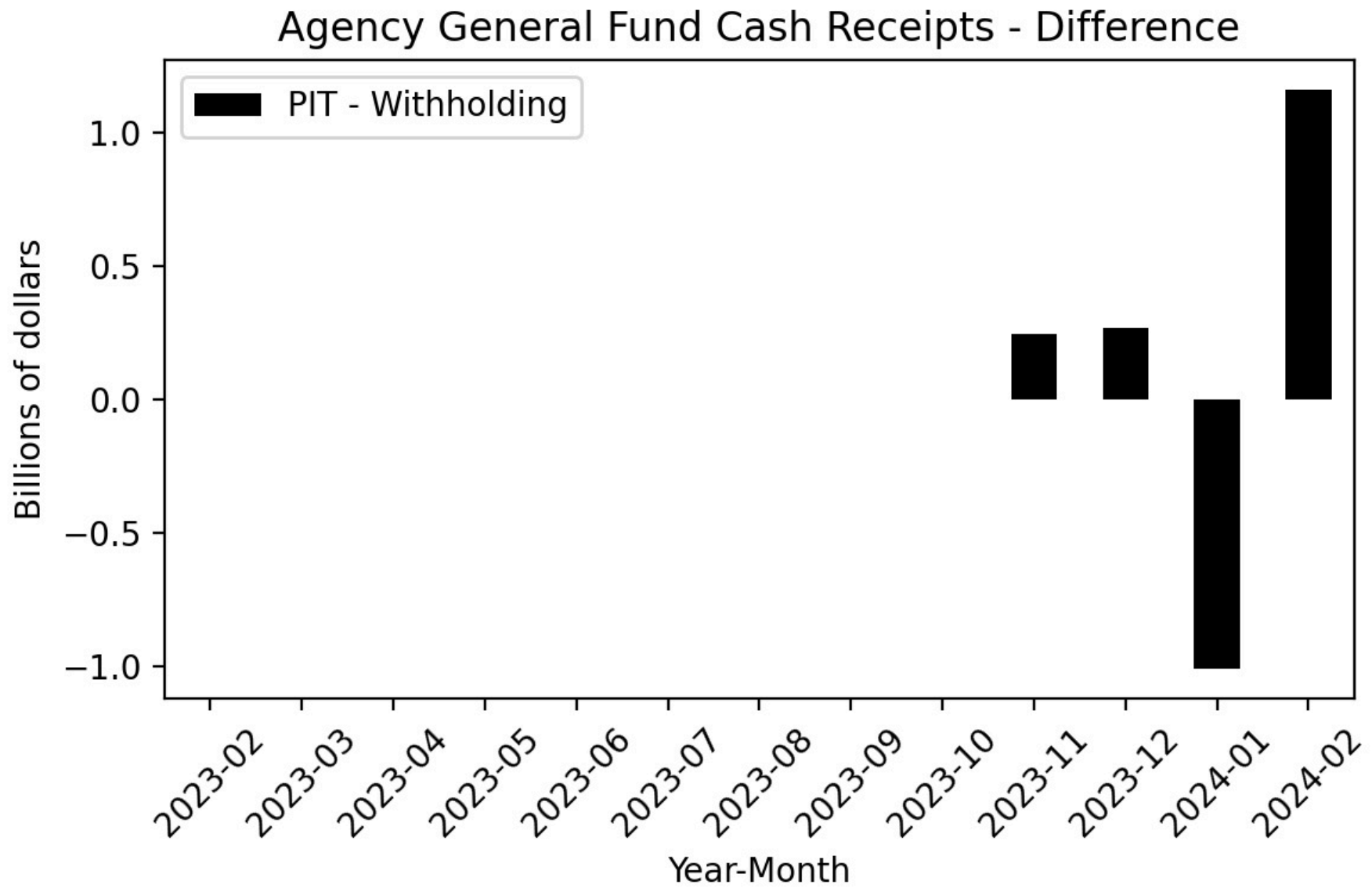


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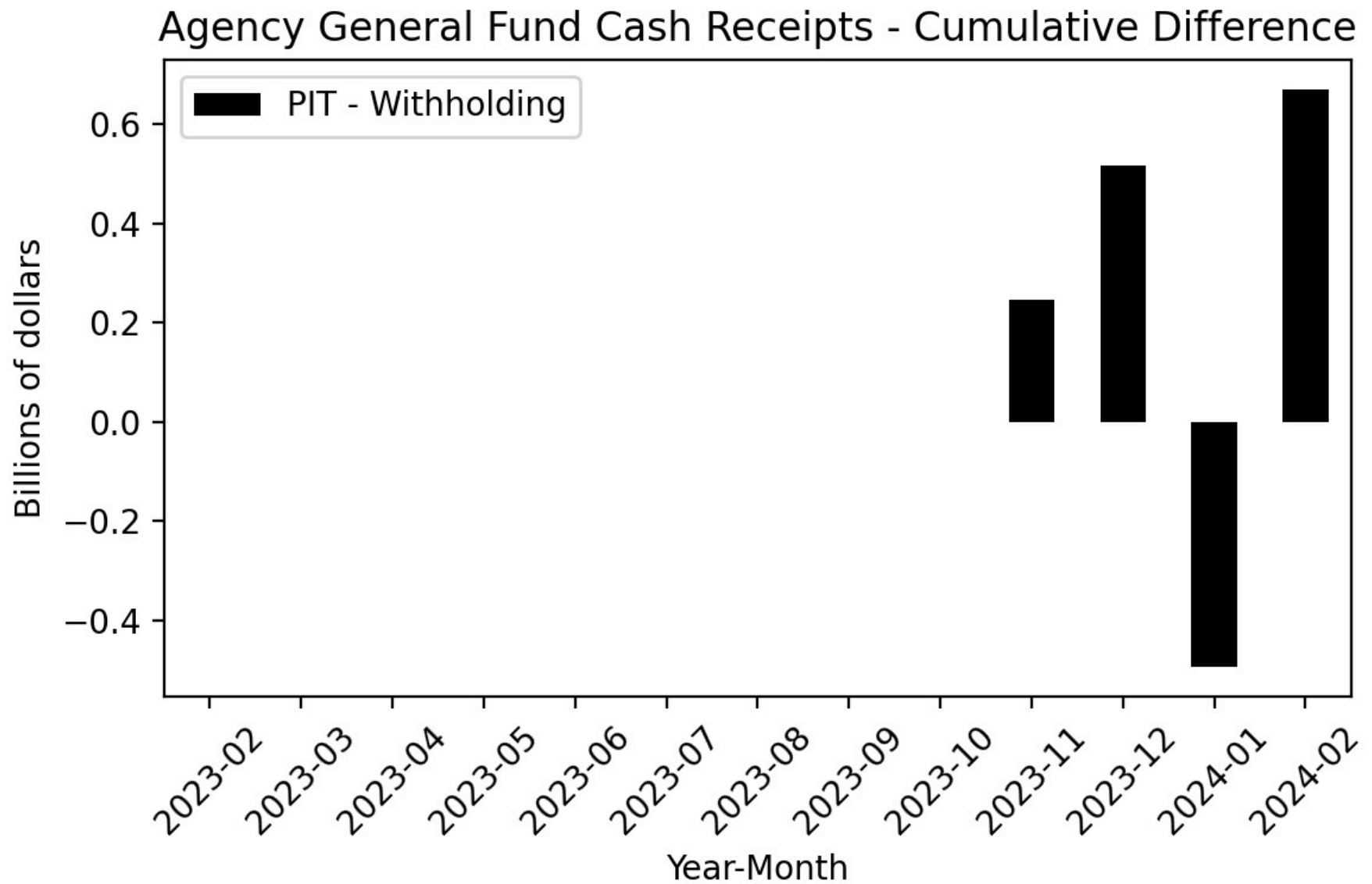


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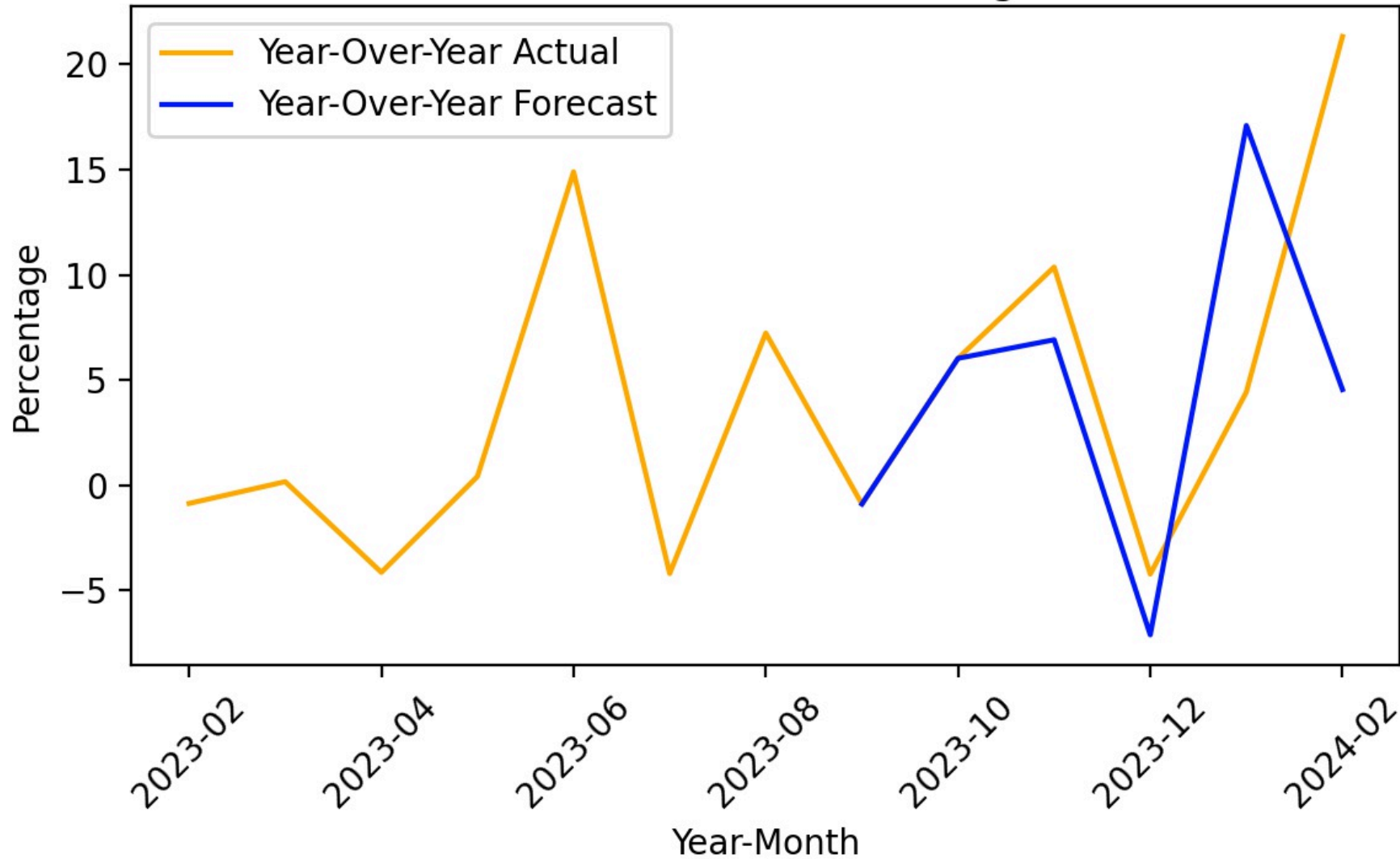


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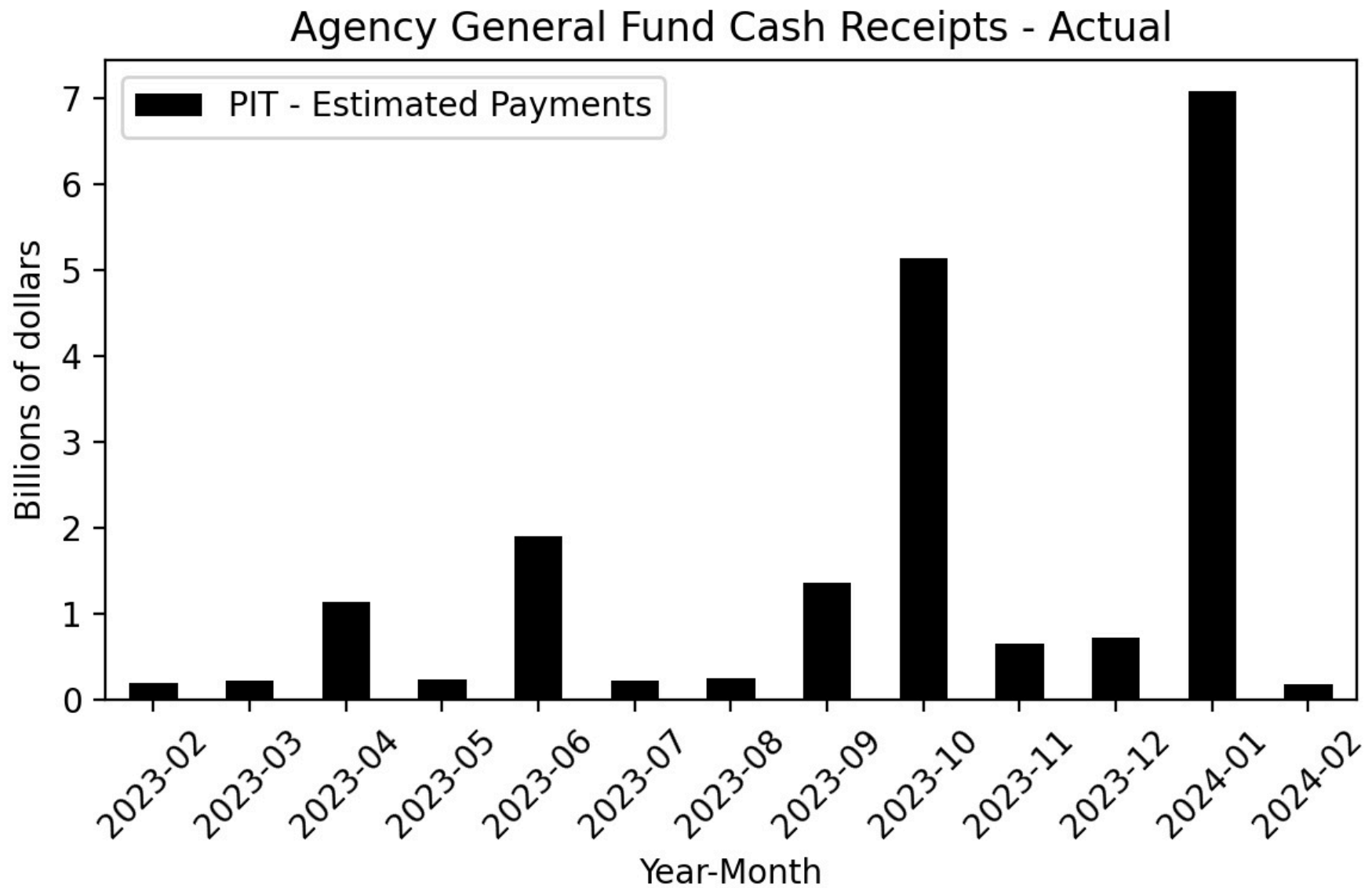


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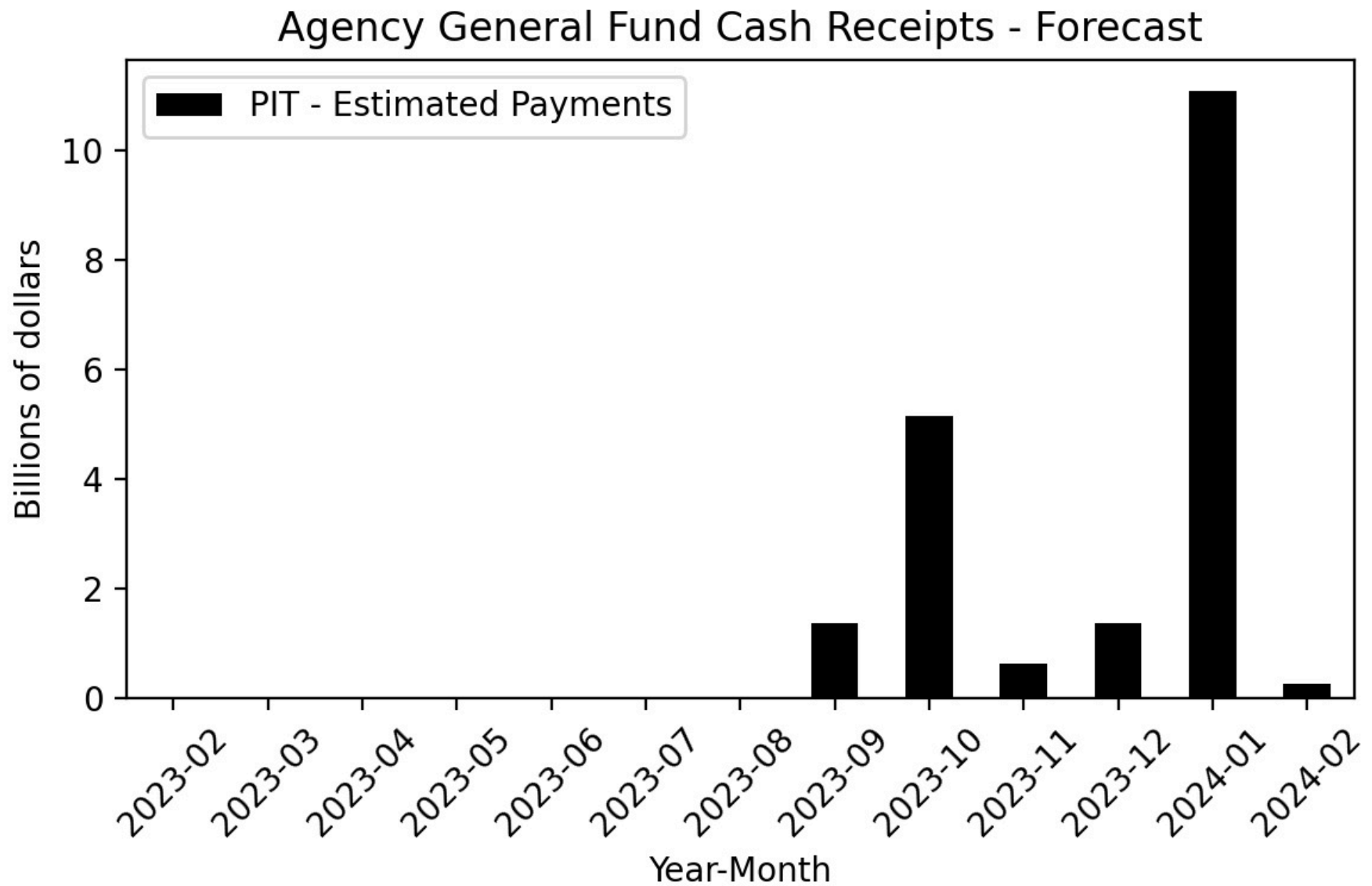


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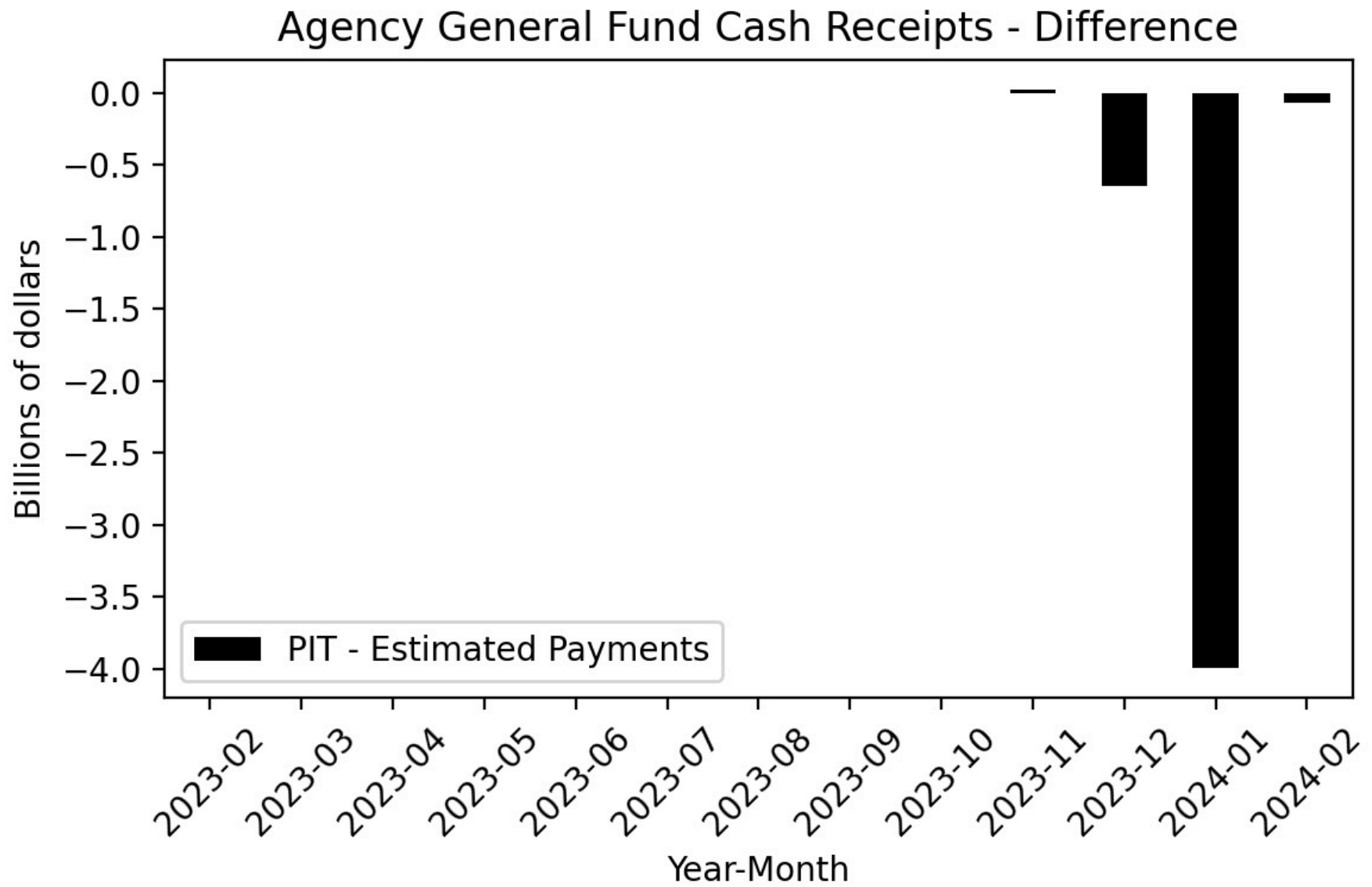


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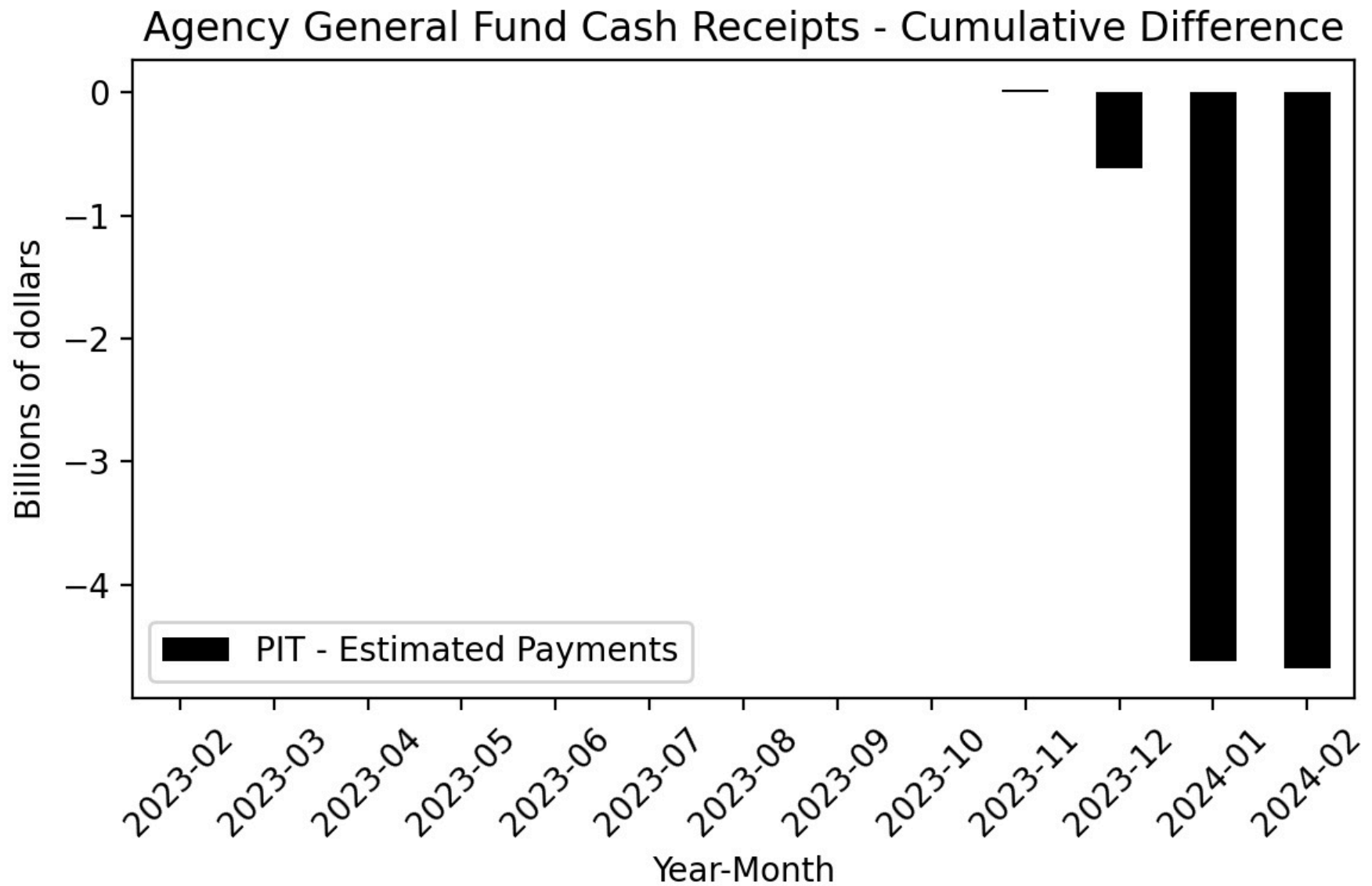


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Year-Over-Year Change - Actual and 2024-25 Governor's Budget
Forecast PIT-Estimated Payments

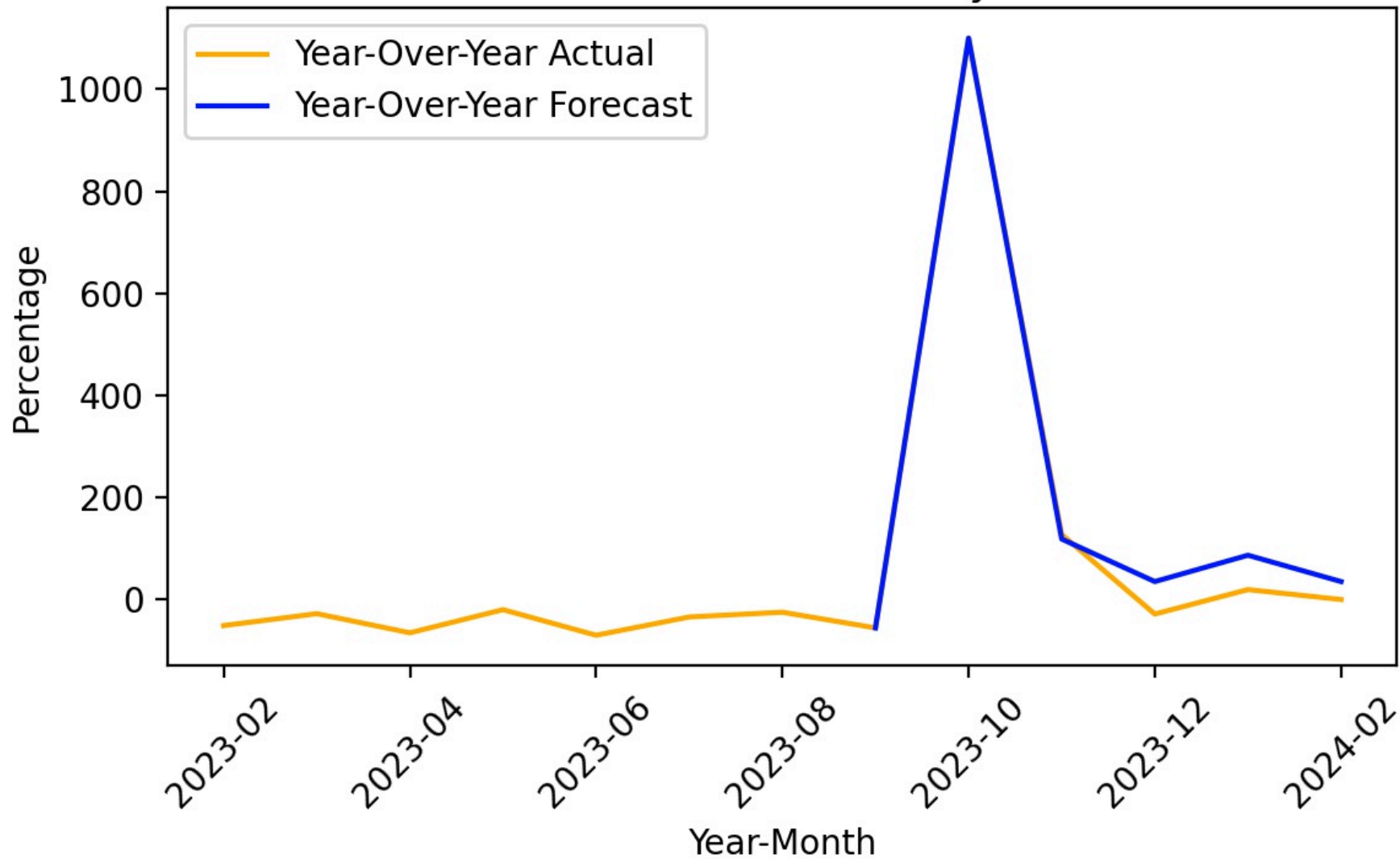


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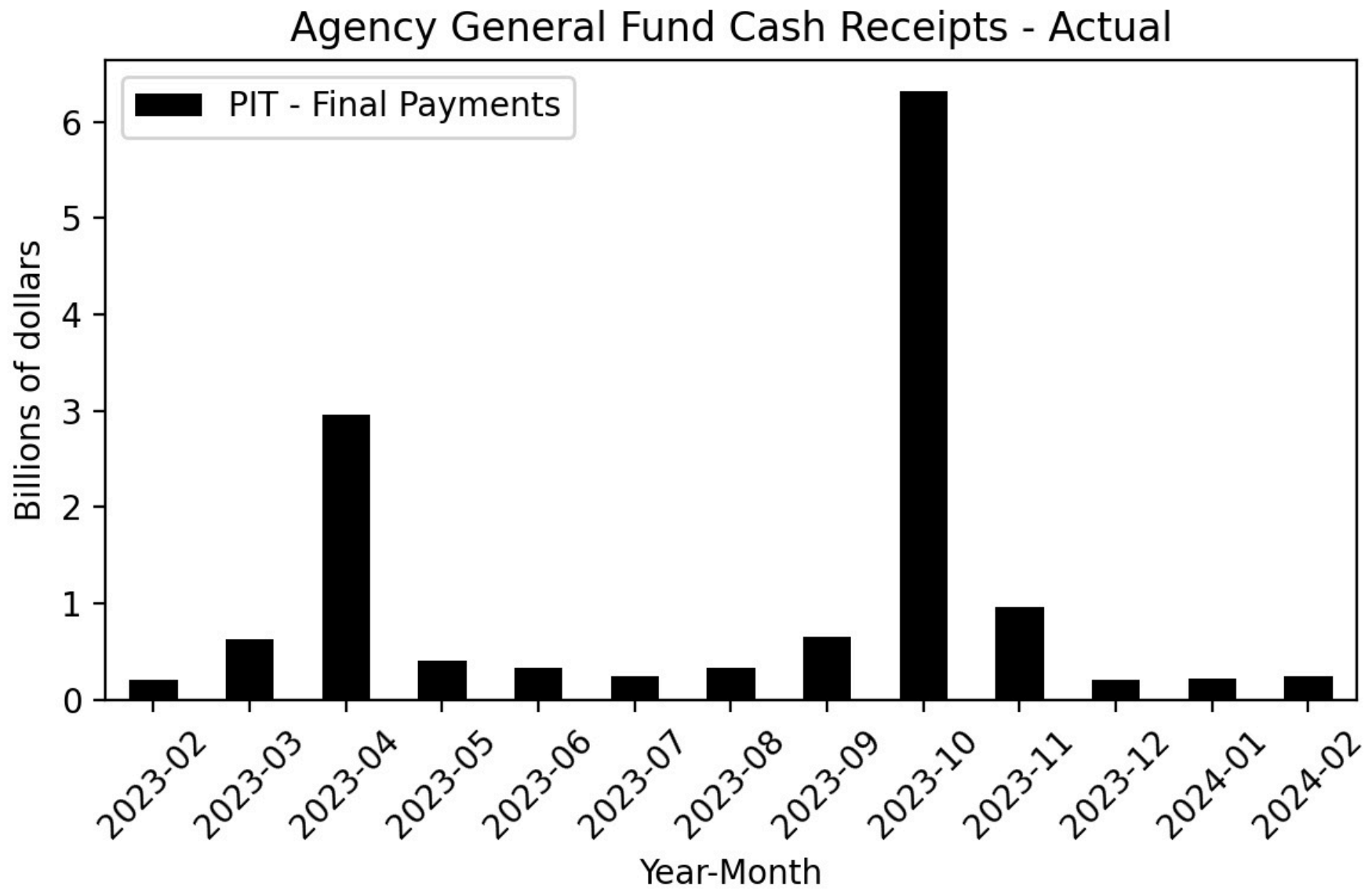


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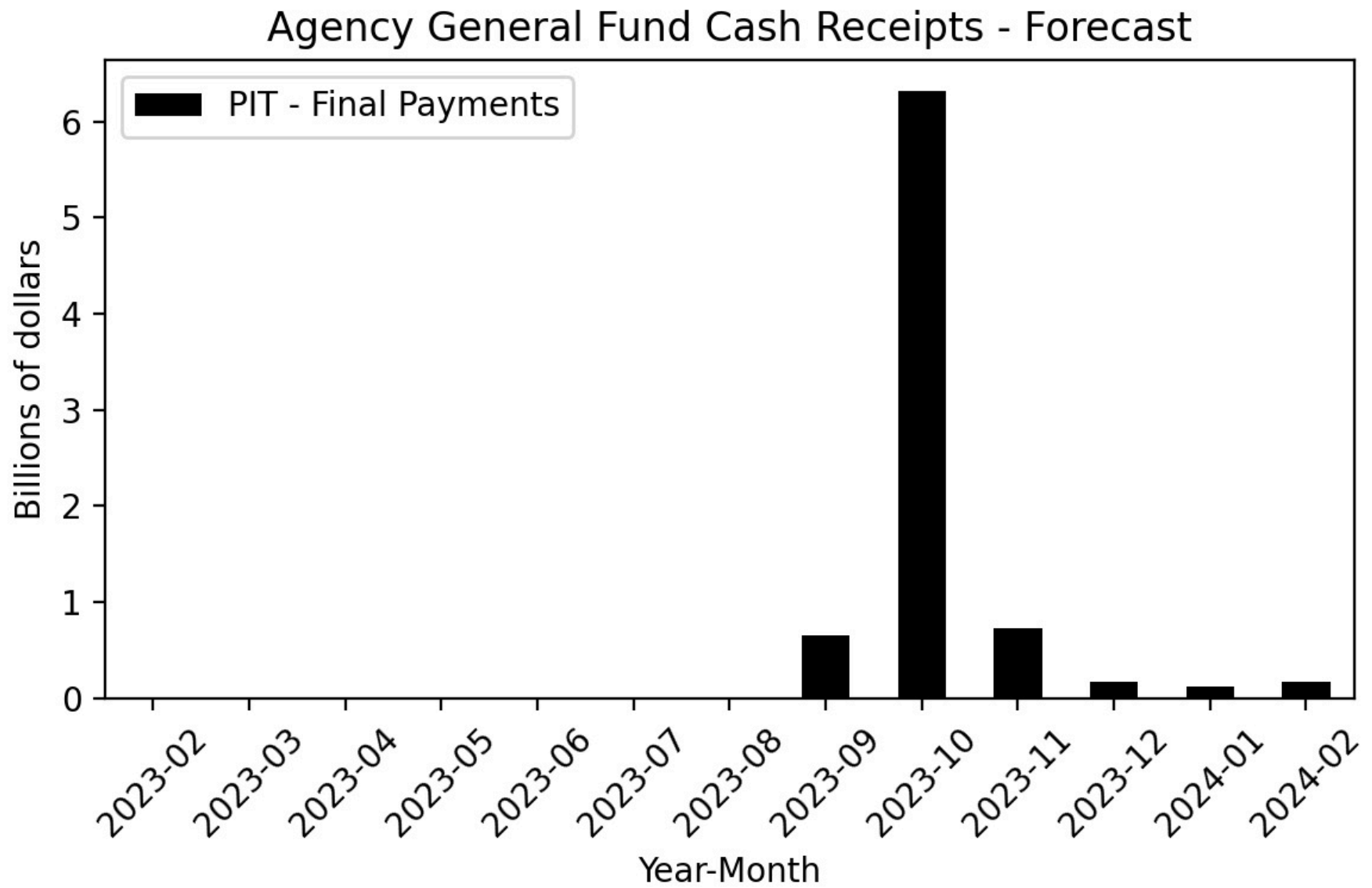


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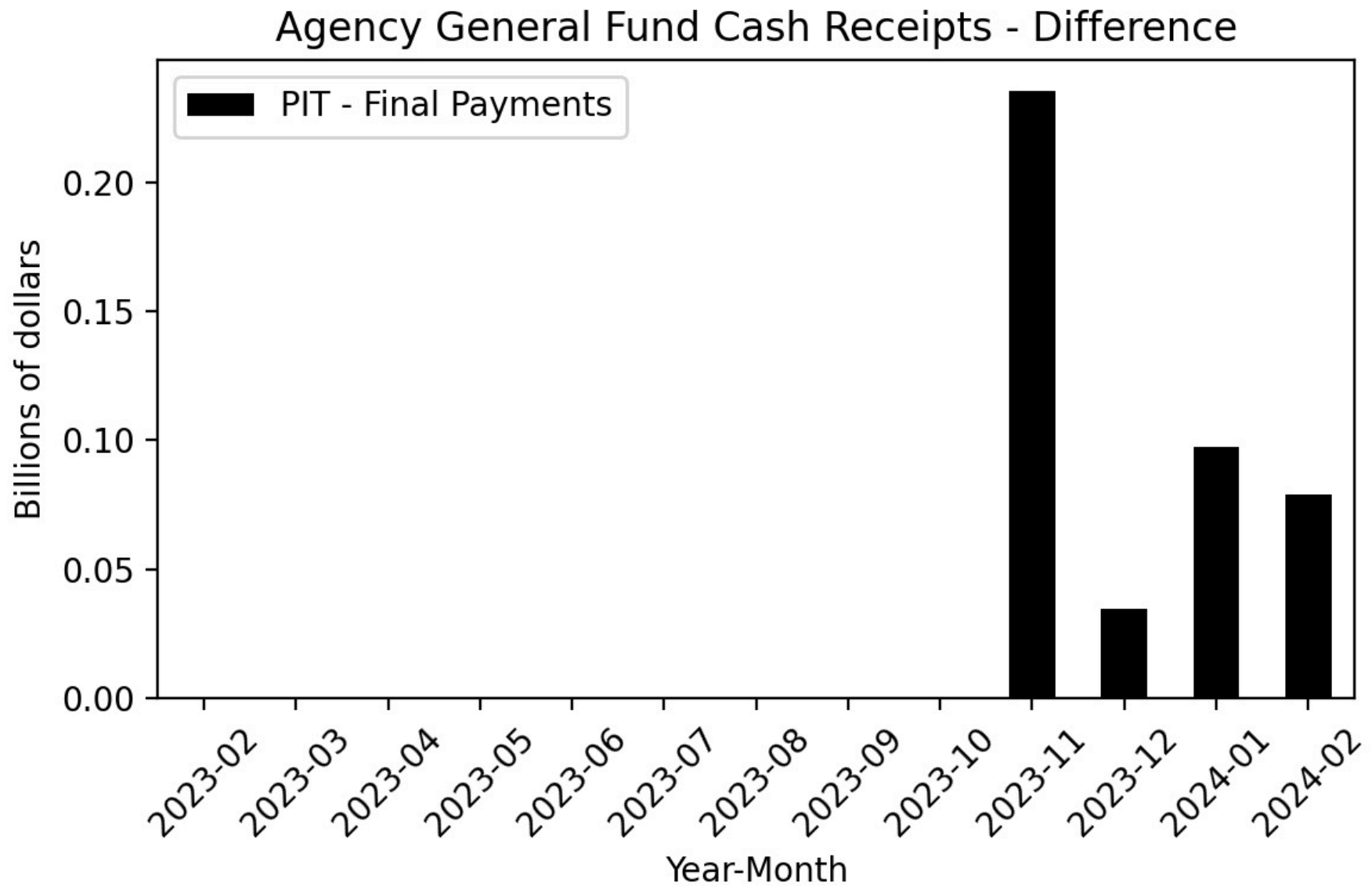


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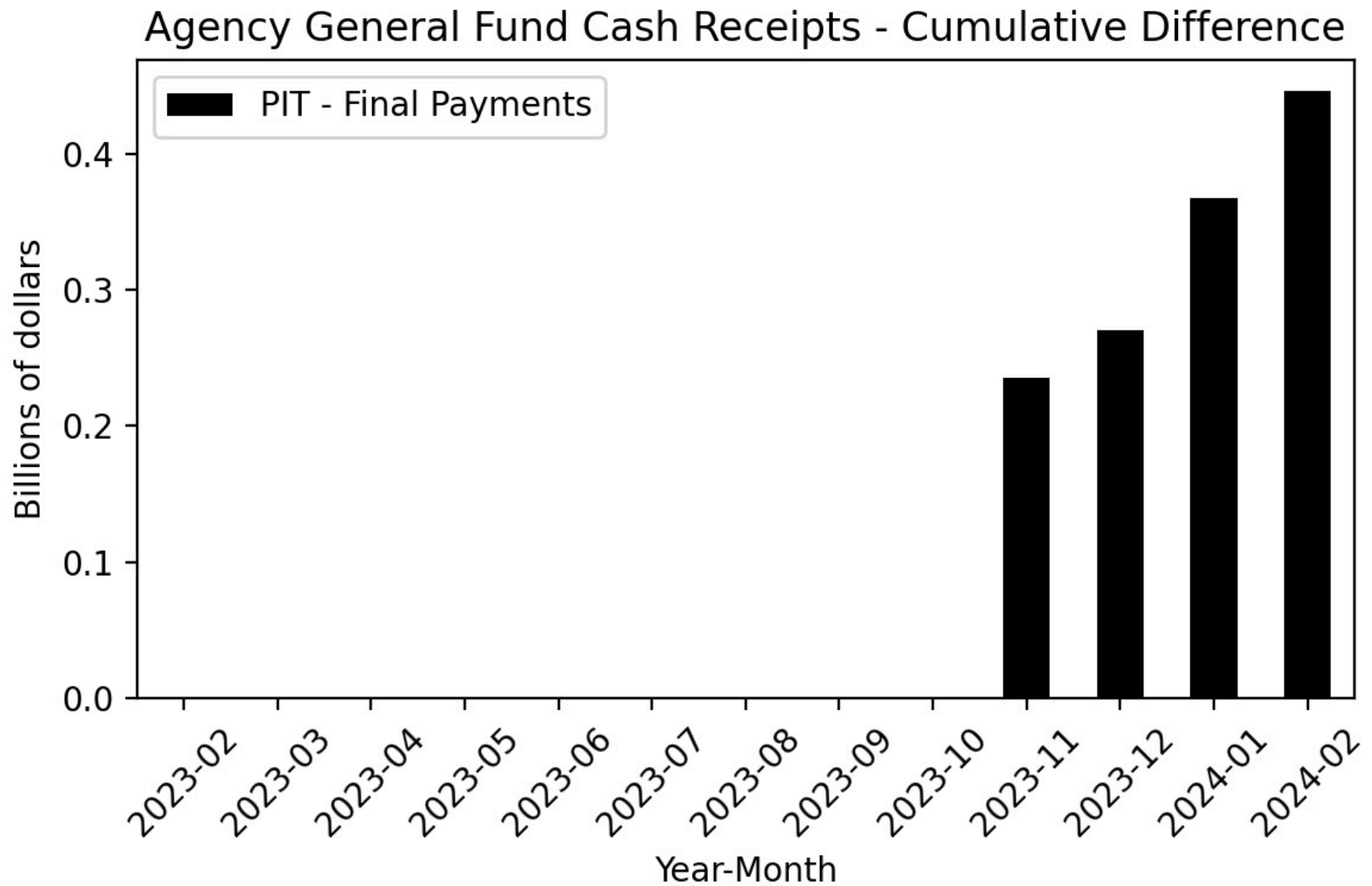


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Year-Over-Year Change - Actual and 2024-25 Governor's Budget
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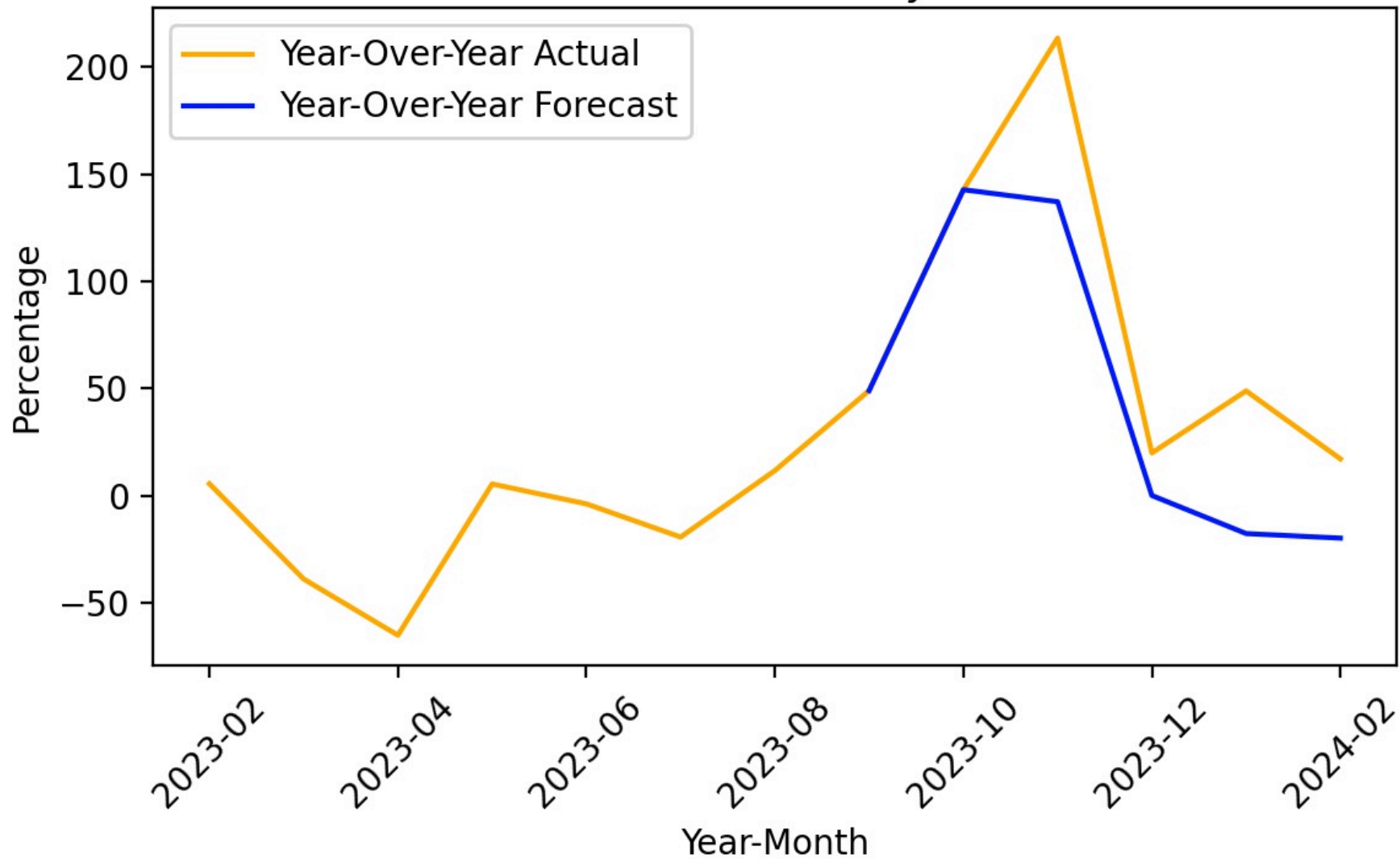


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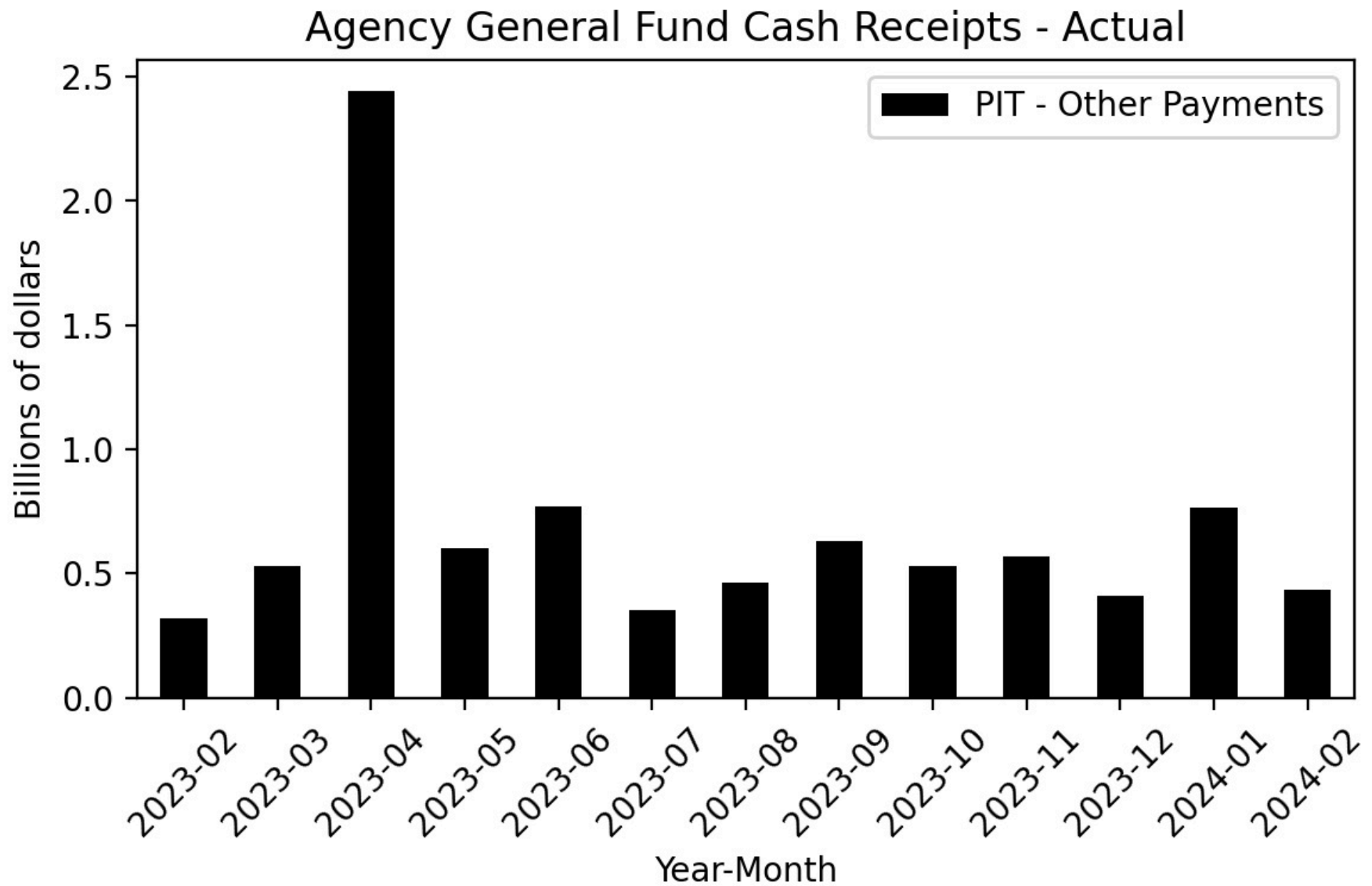


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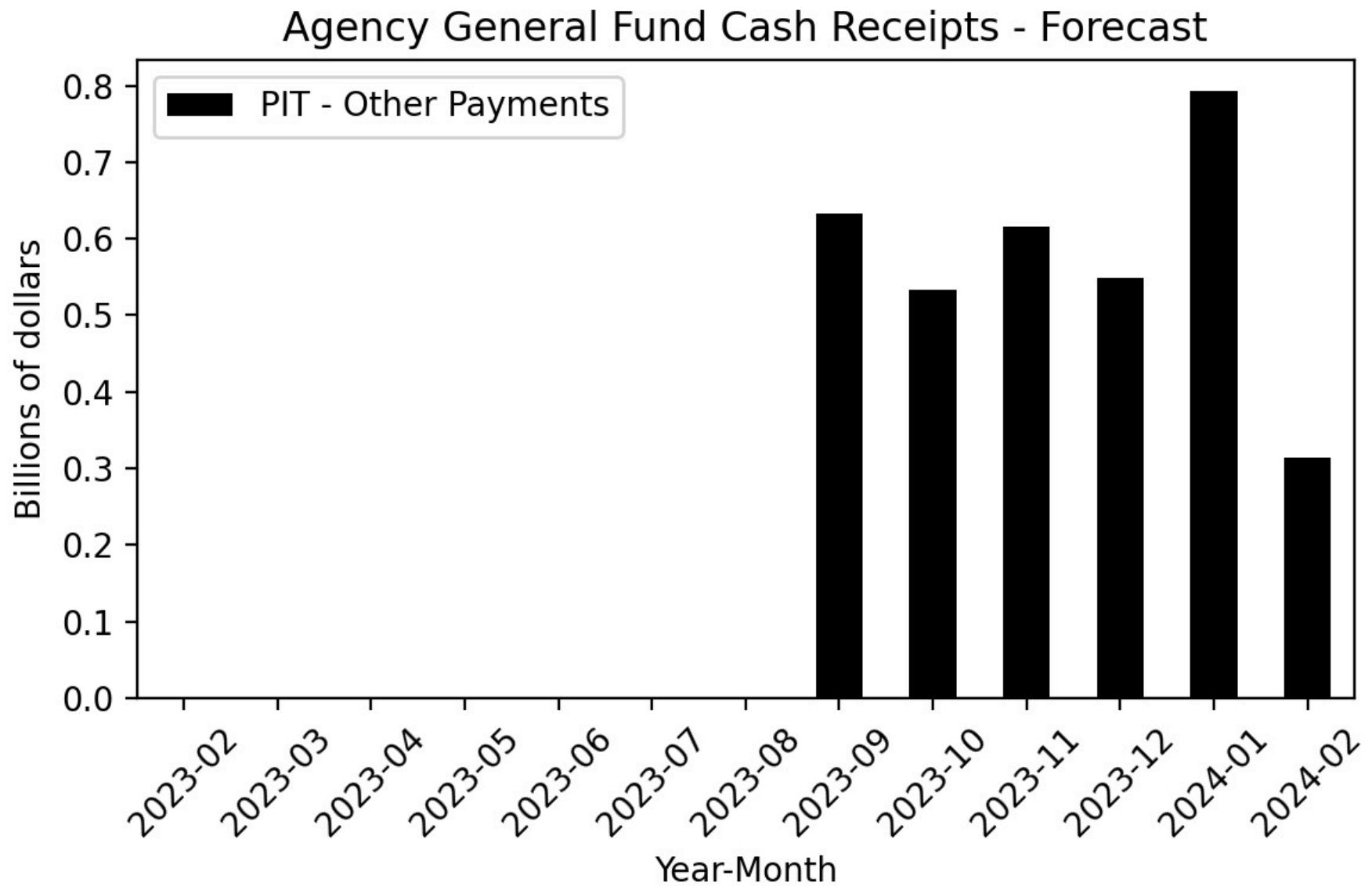


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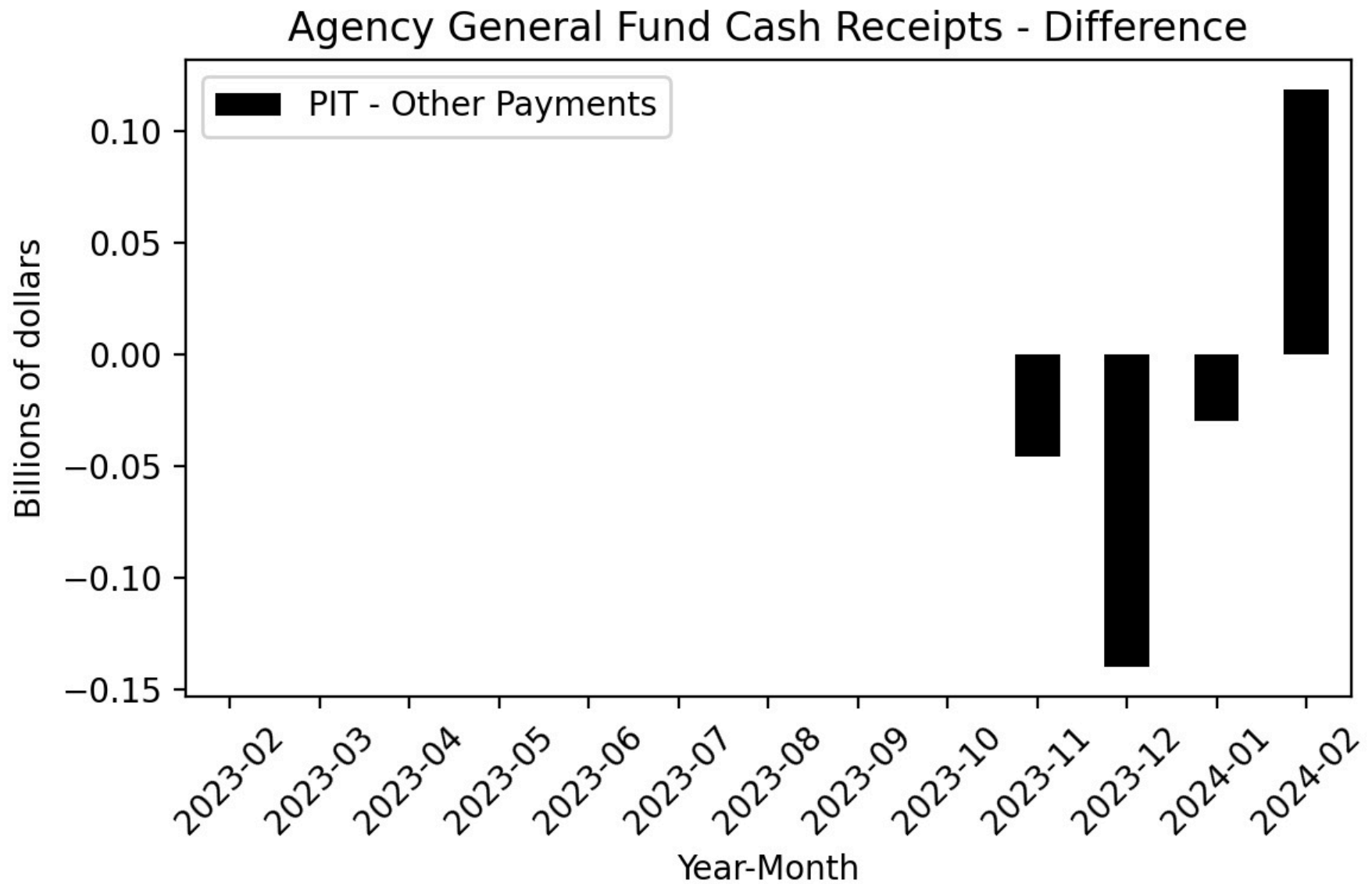


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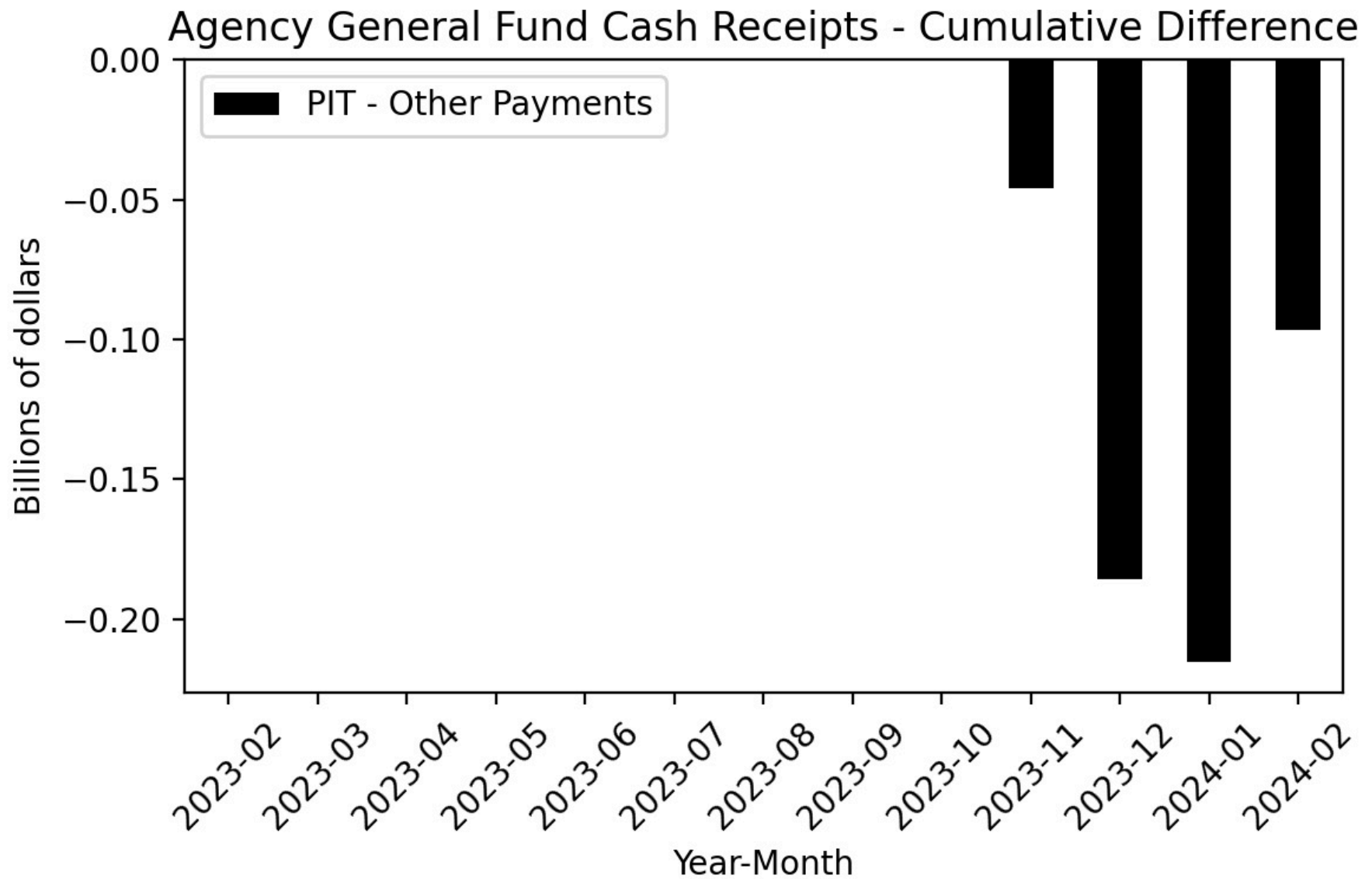


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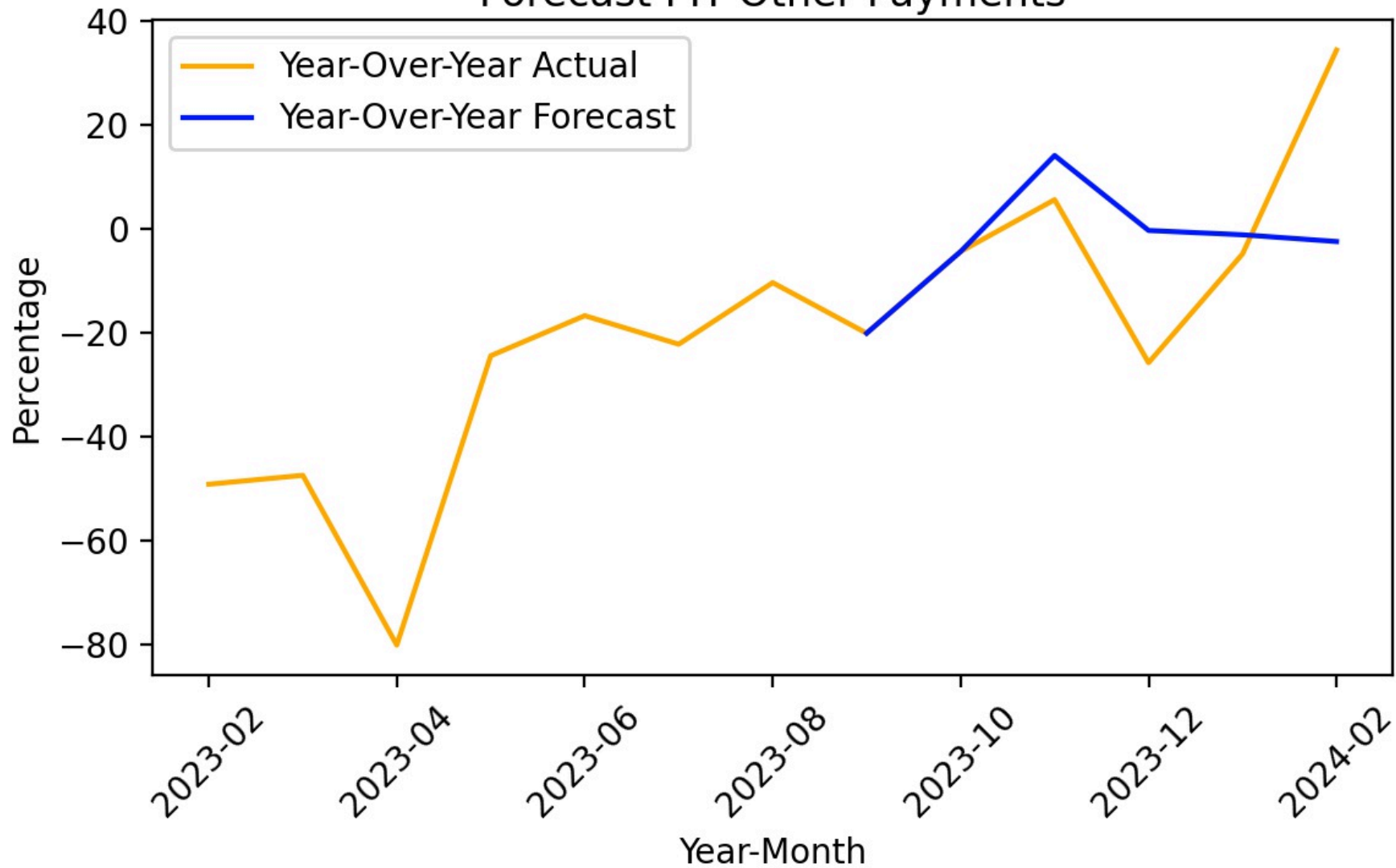


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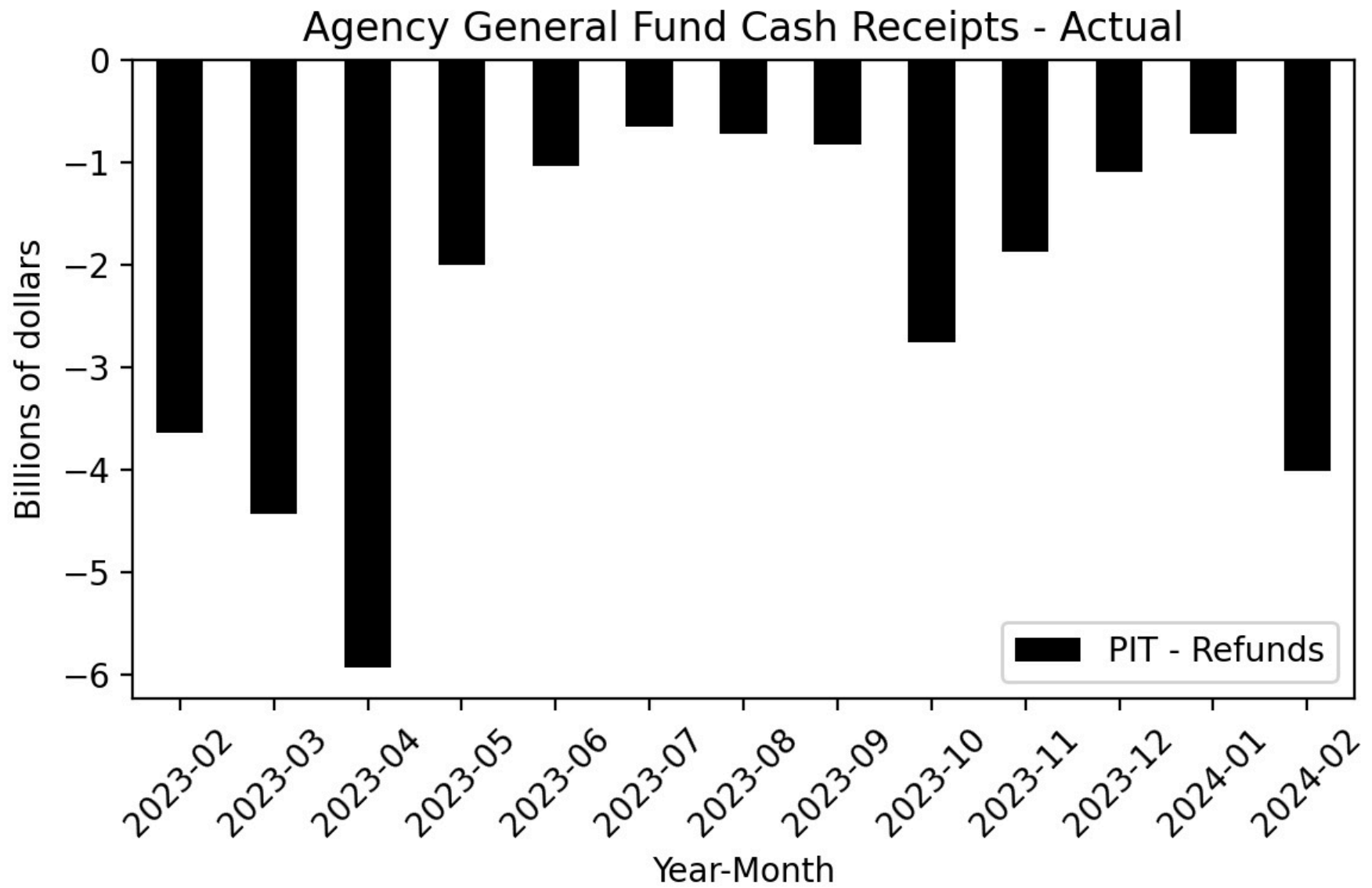


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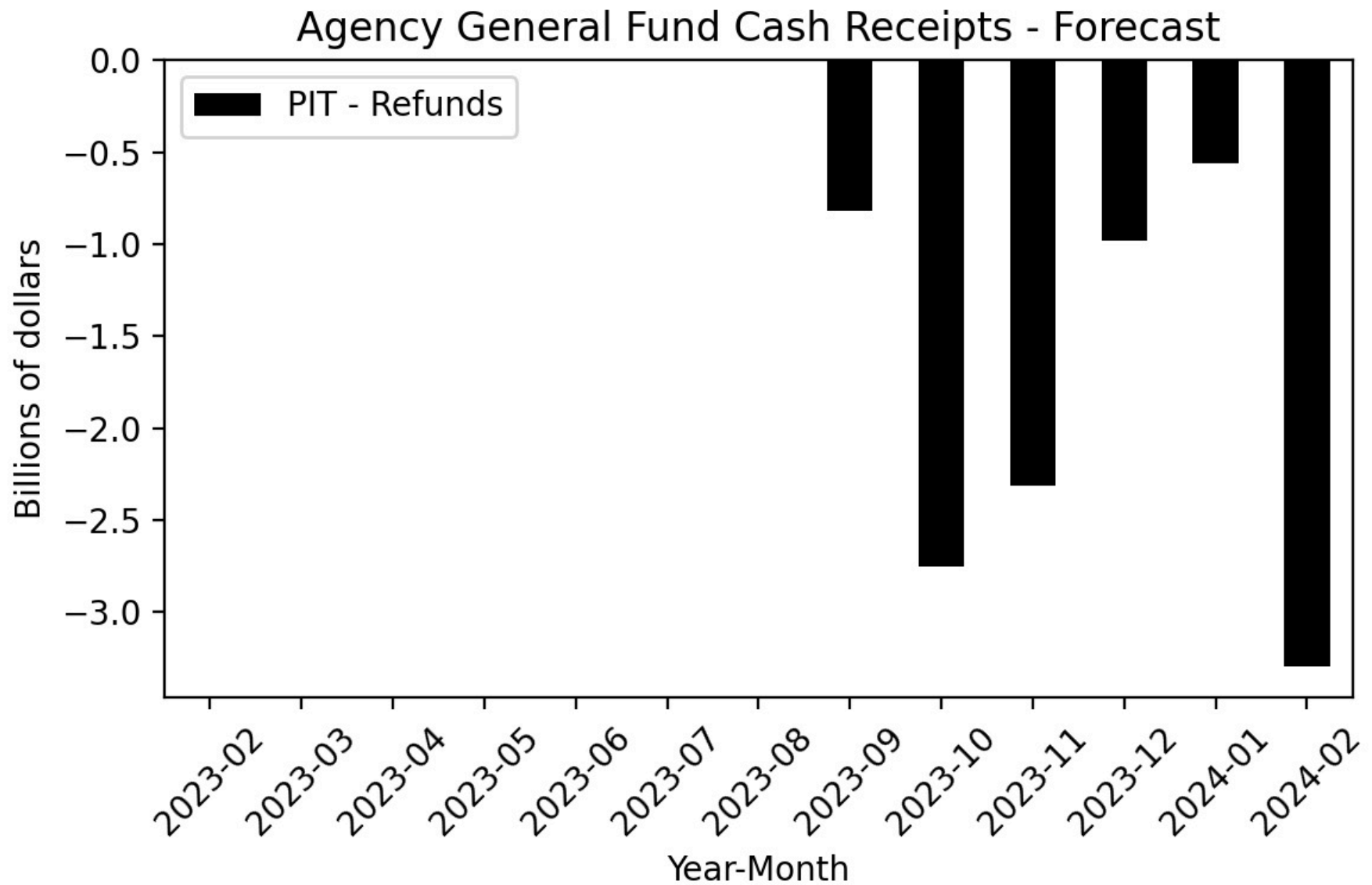


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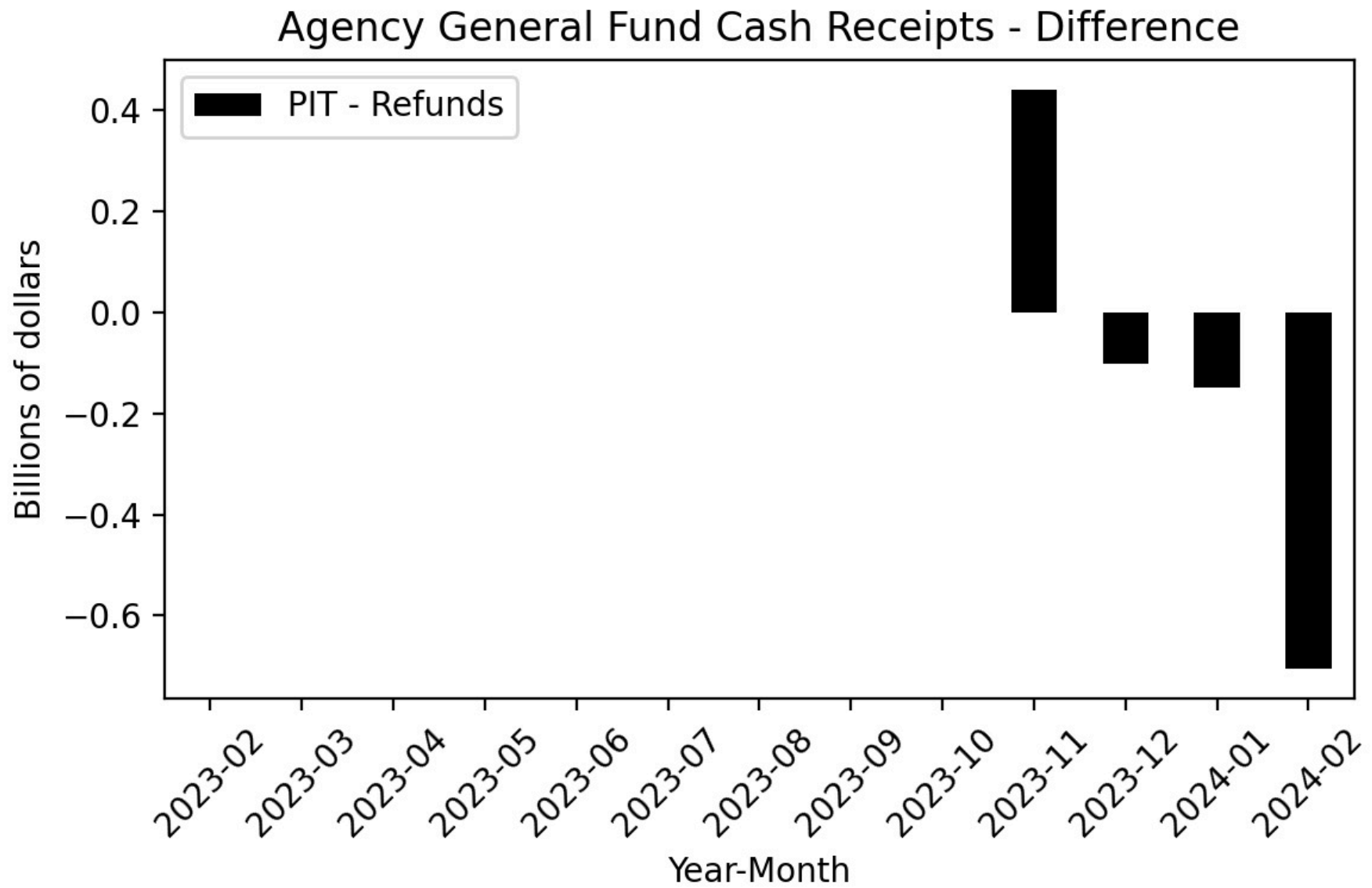


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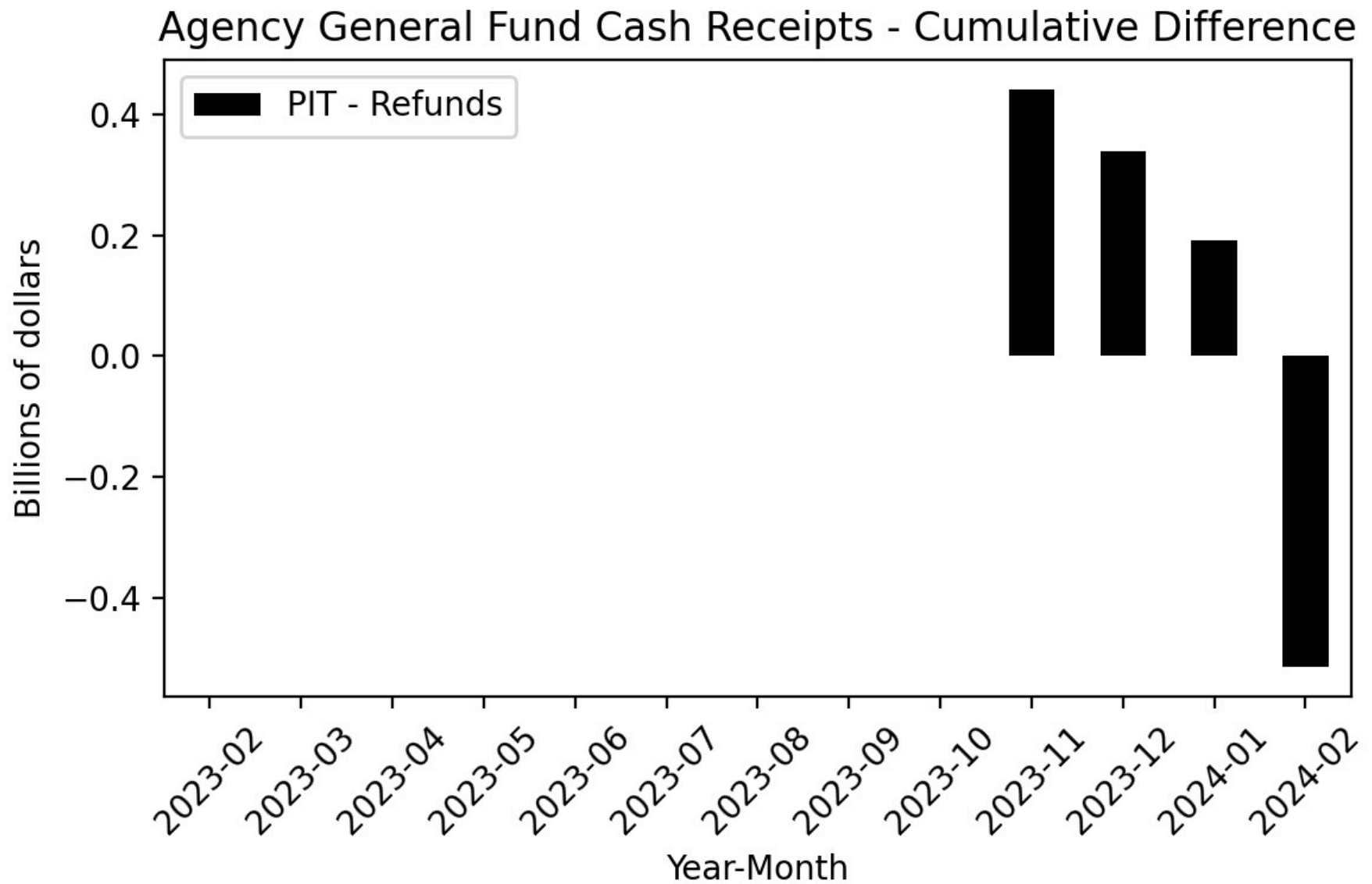


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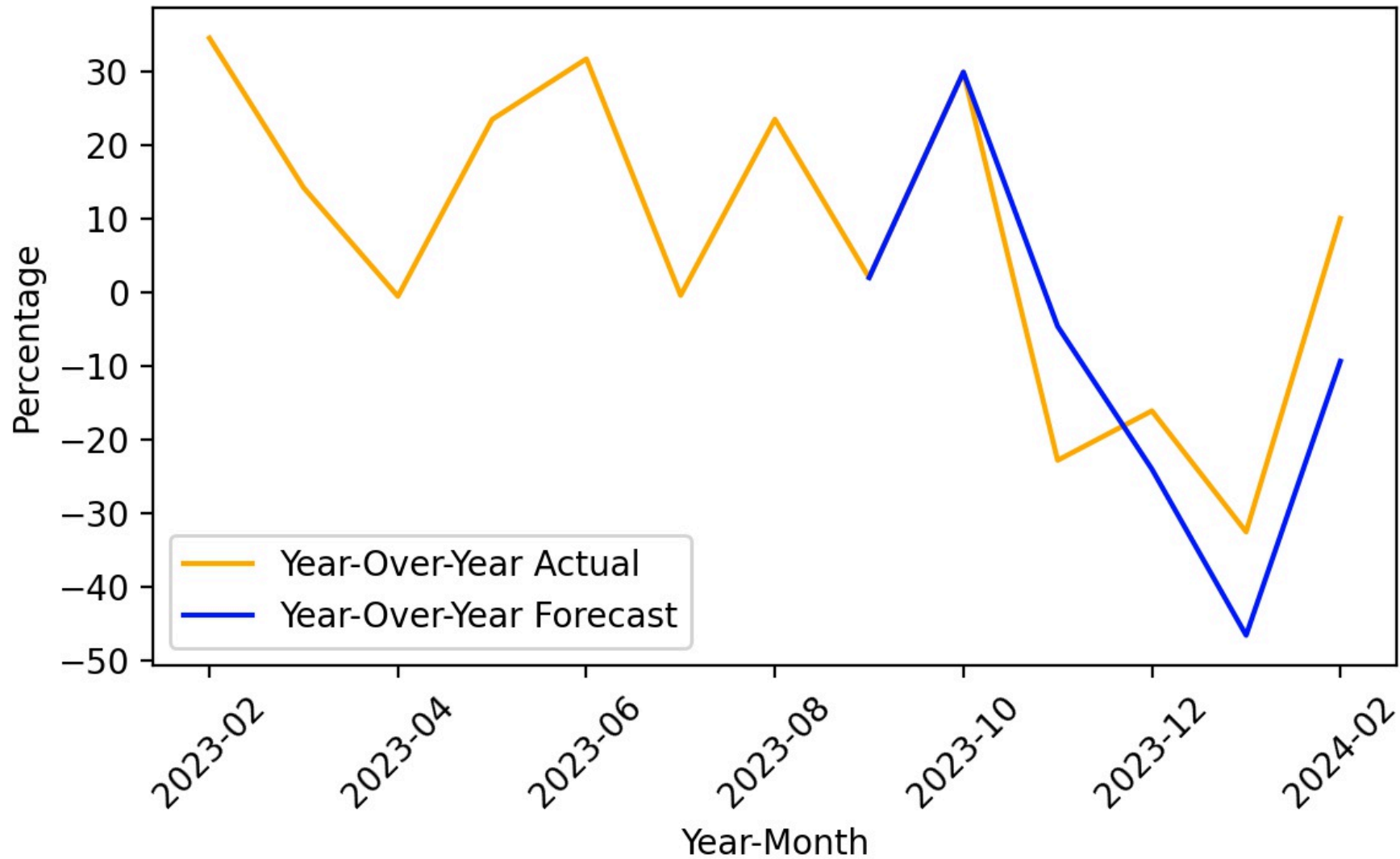


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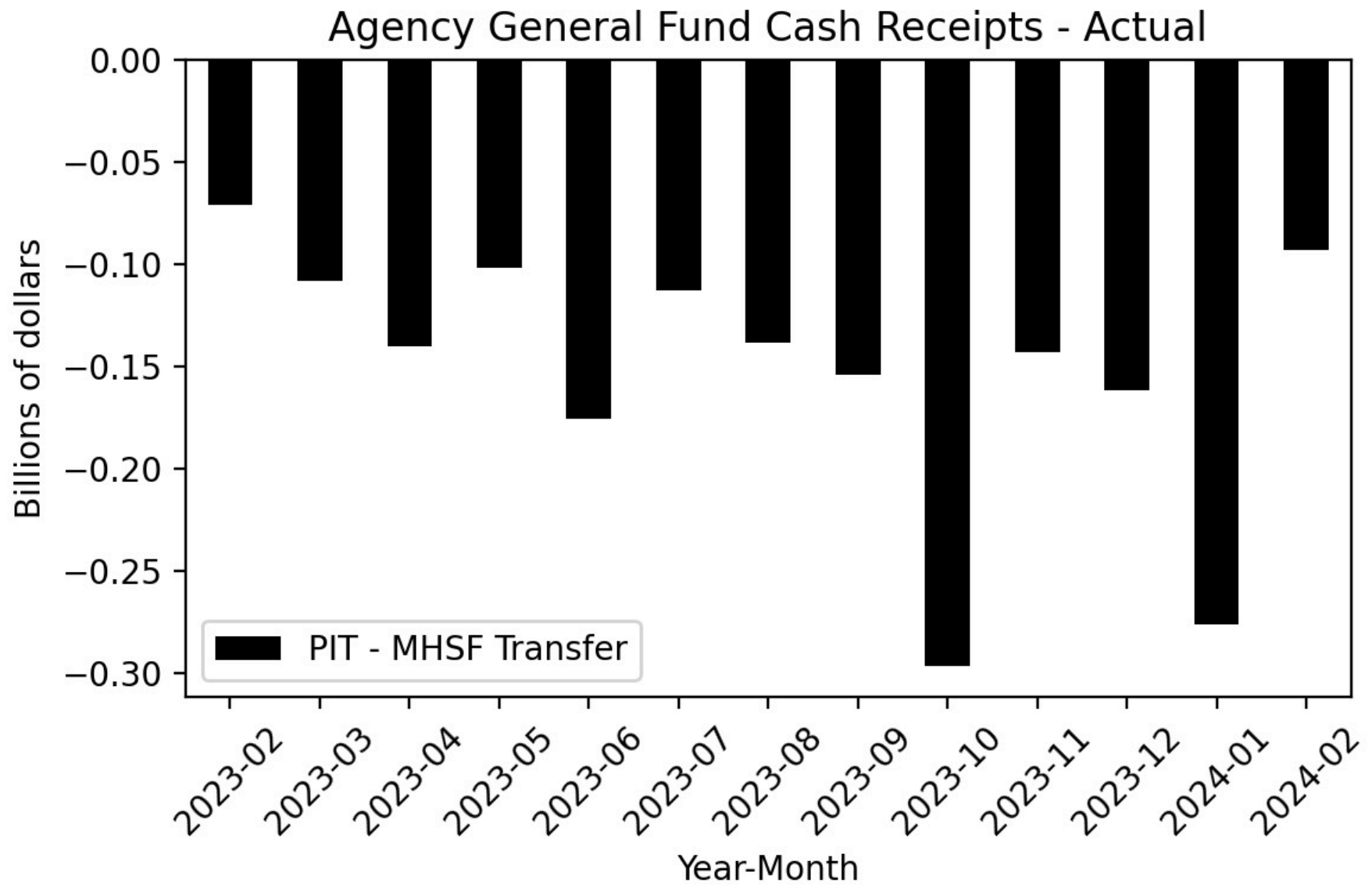


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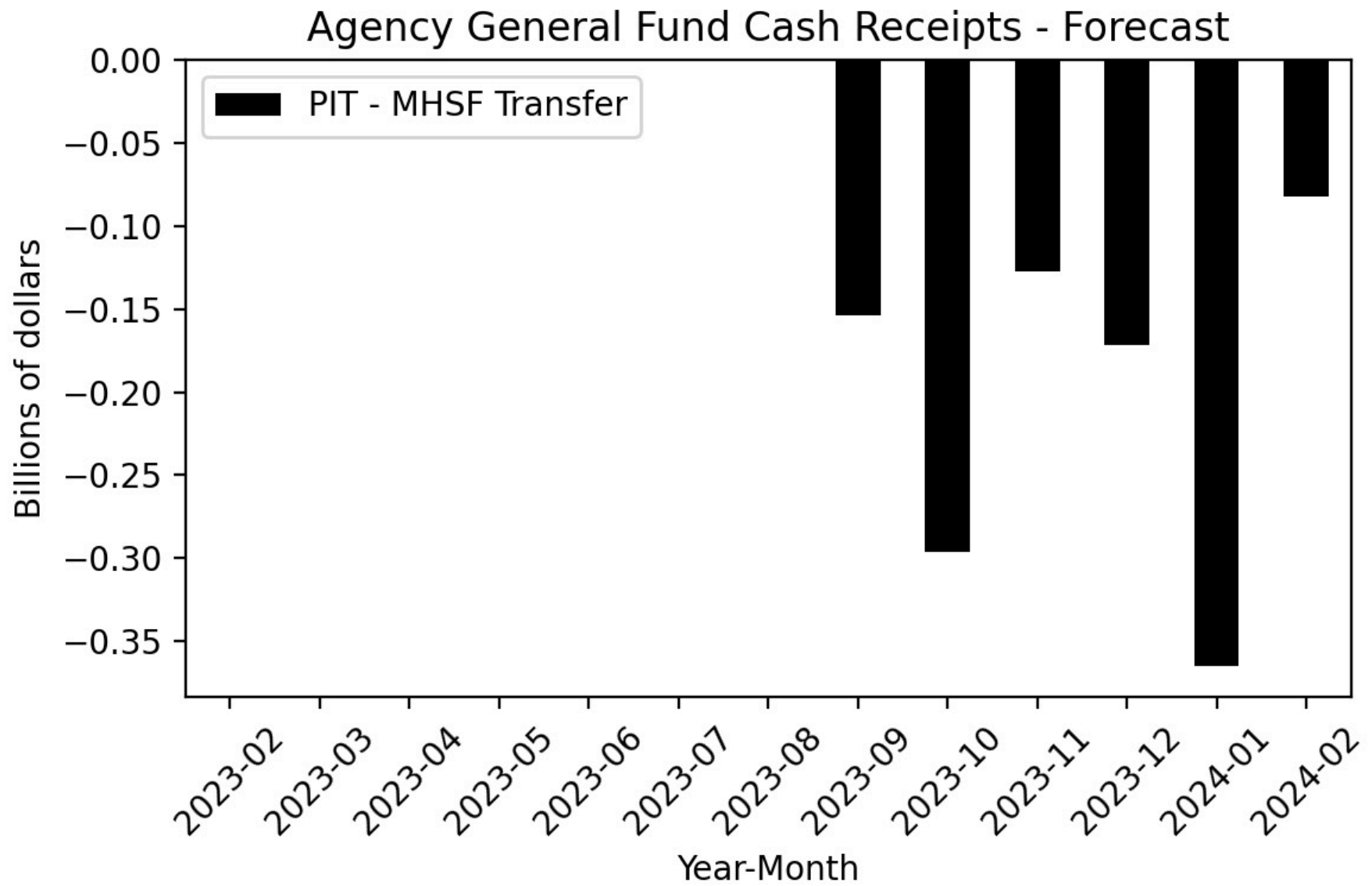


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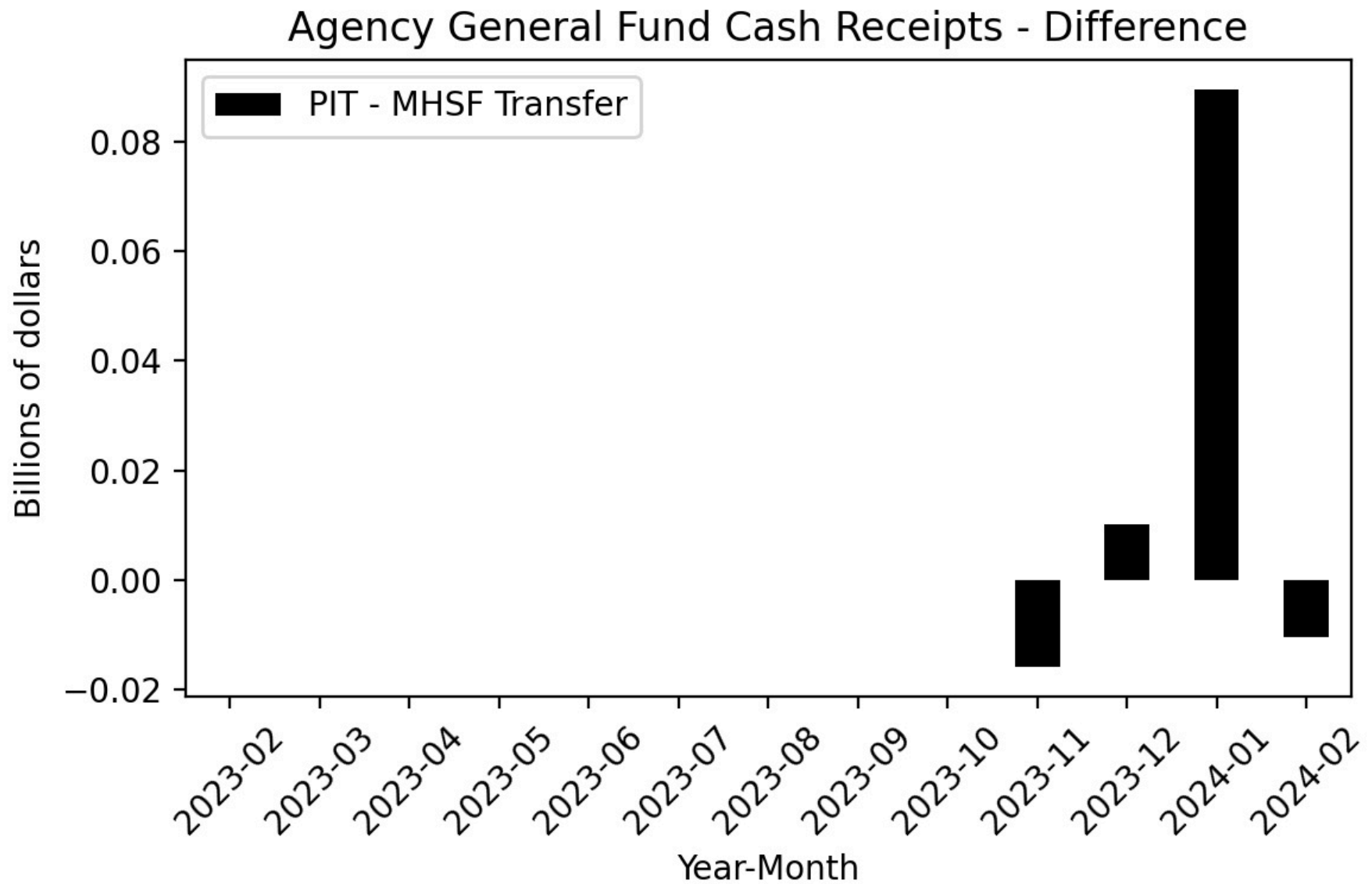


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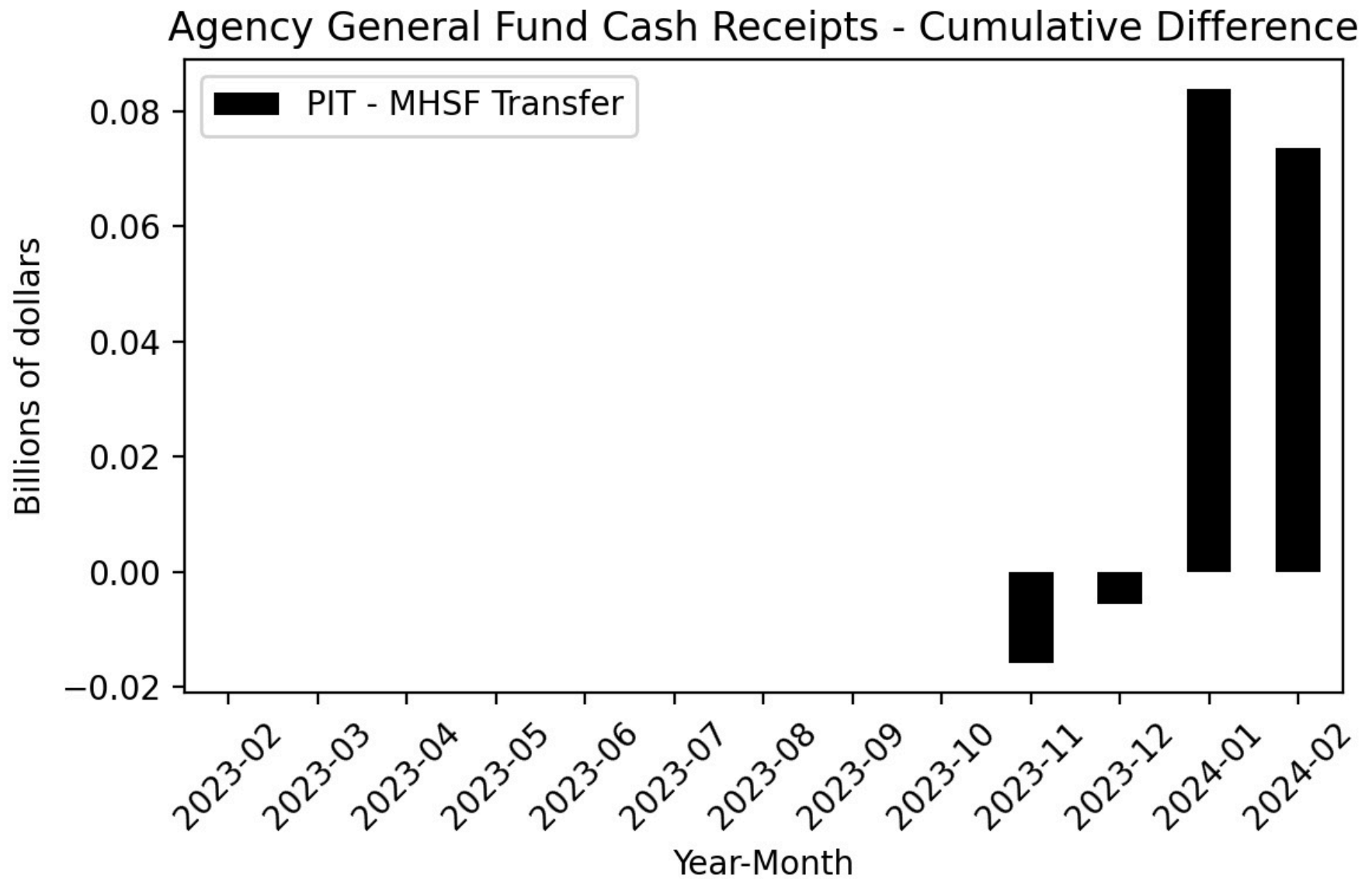


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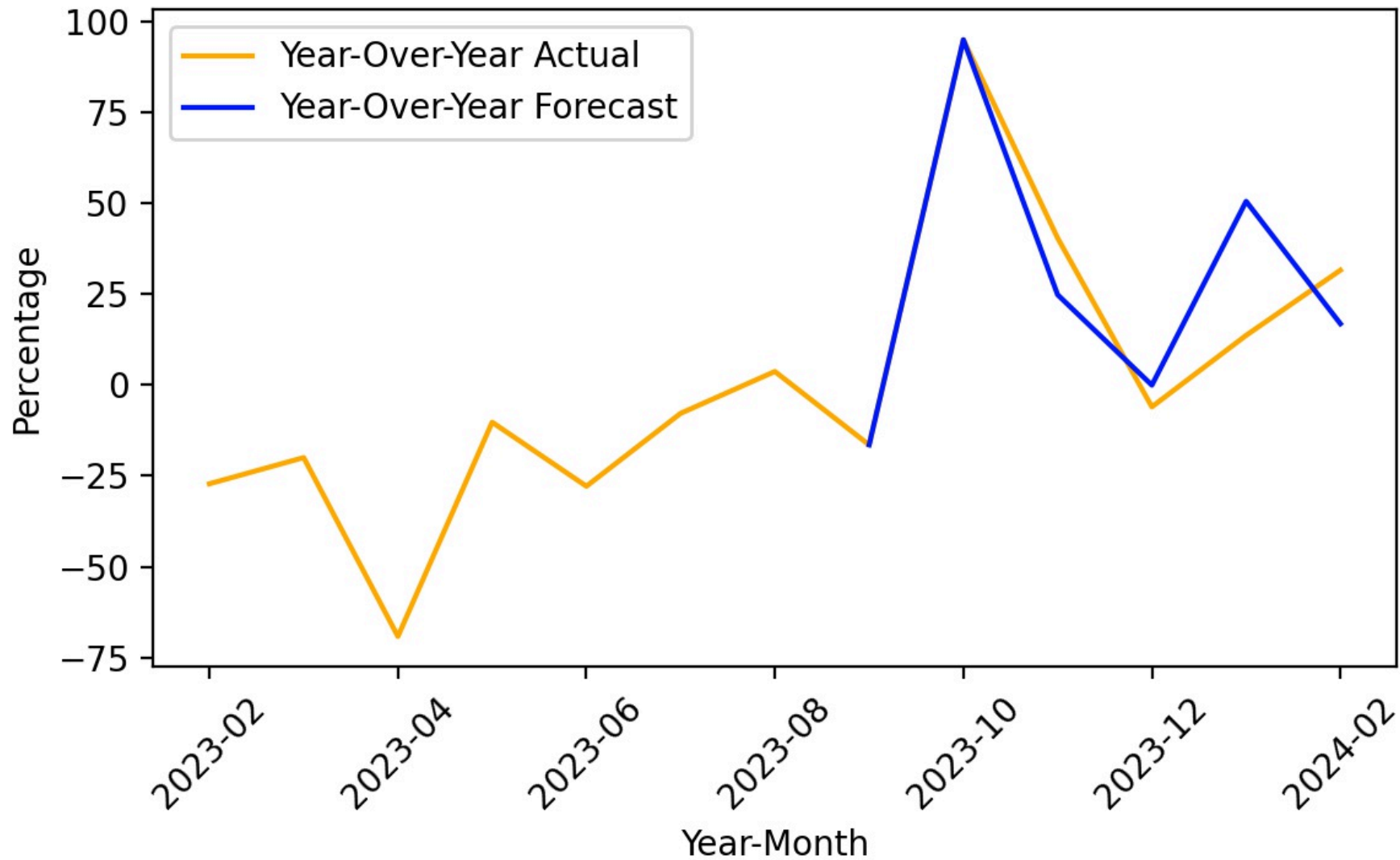


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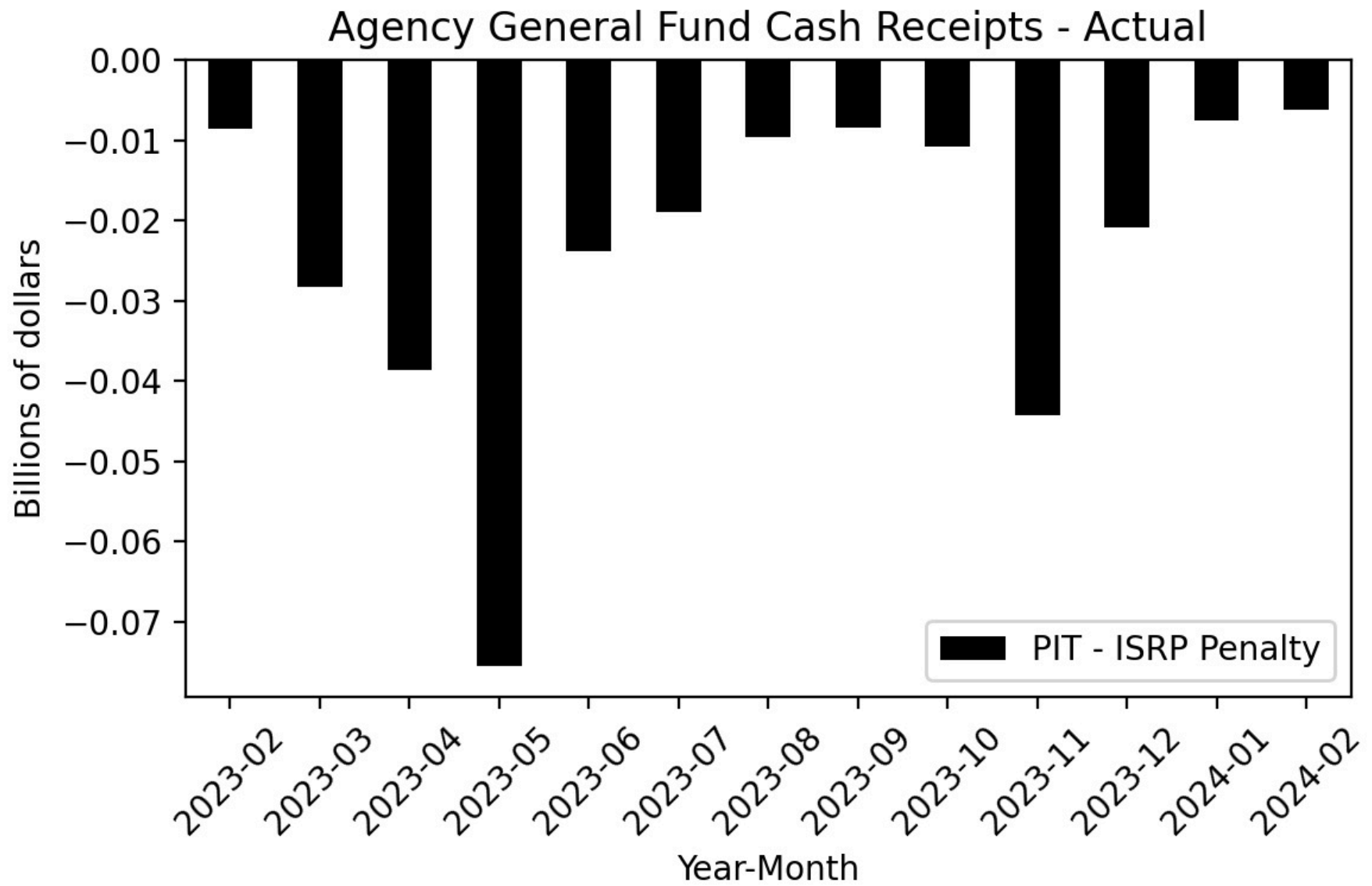


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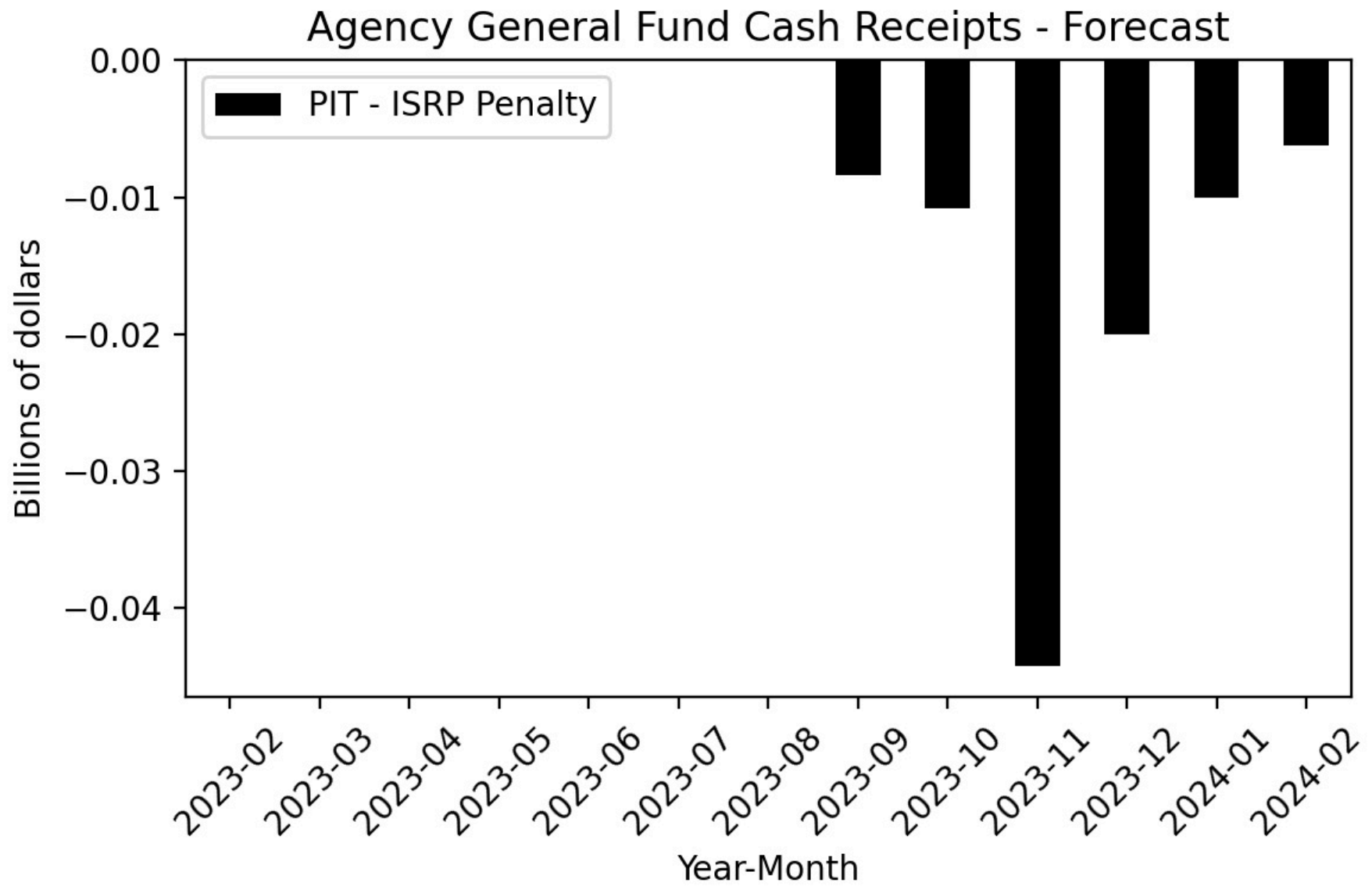


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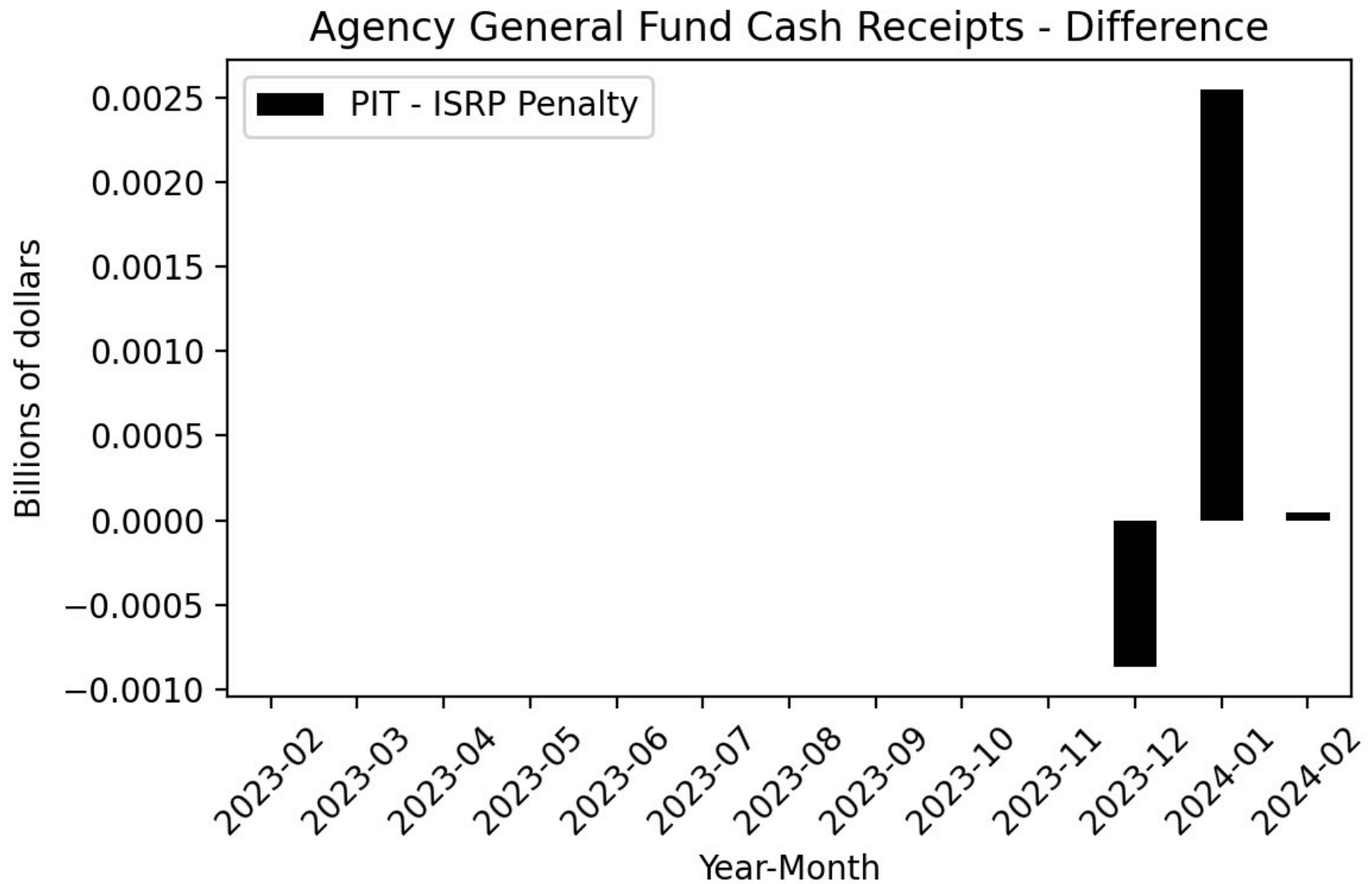


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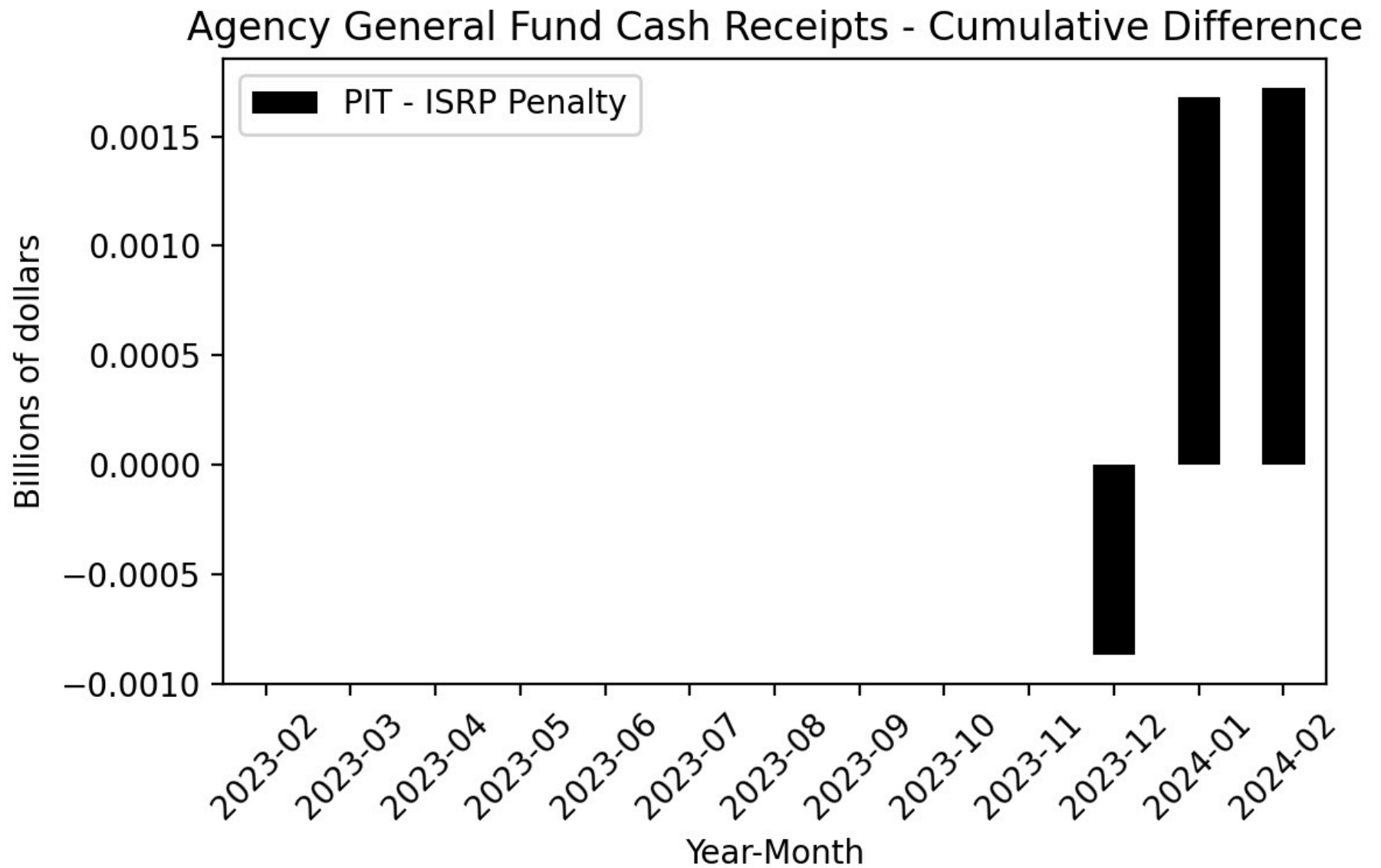


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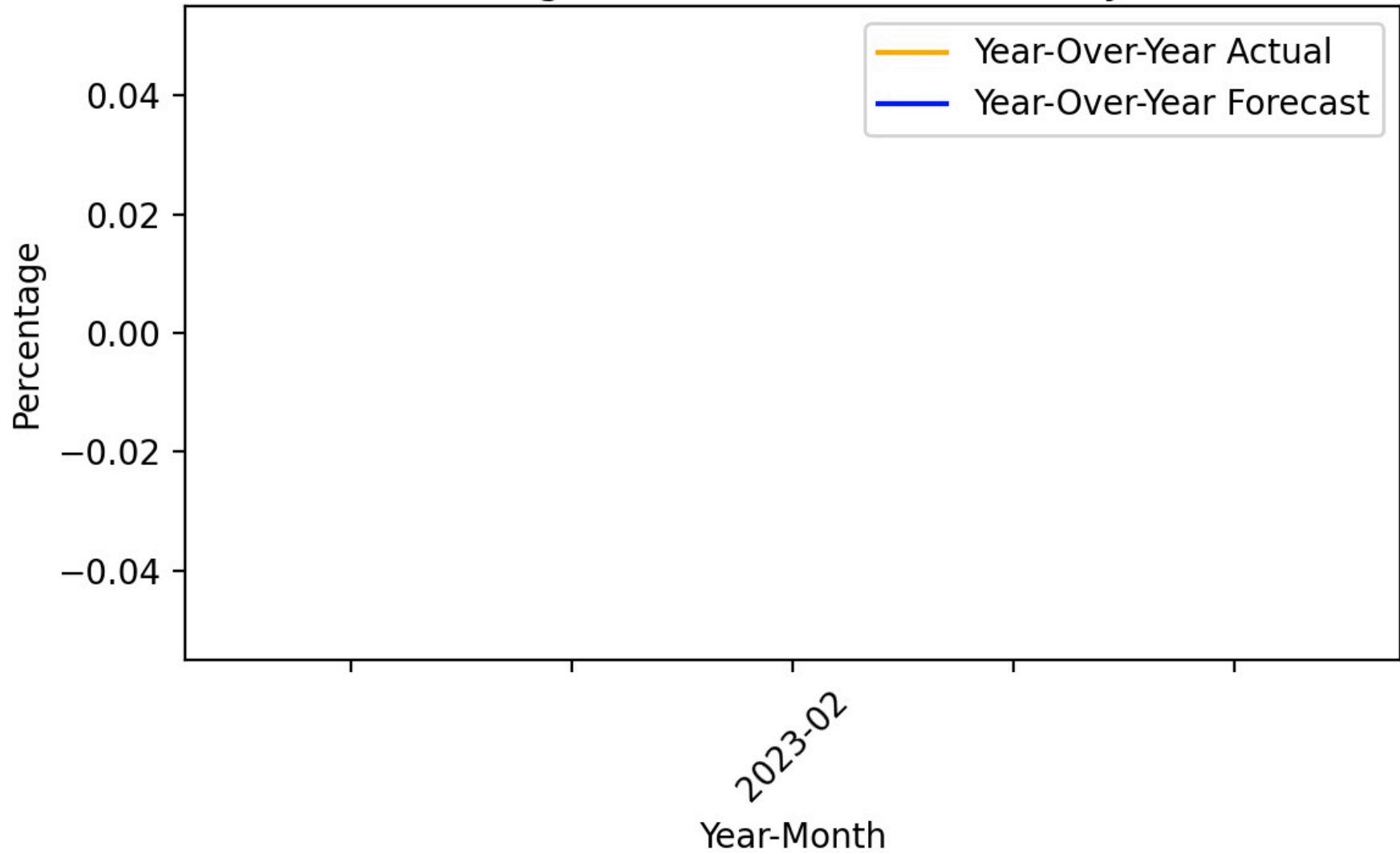


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Corporation Tax - Agency General Fund Revenues (Actual)

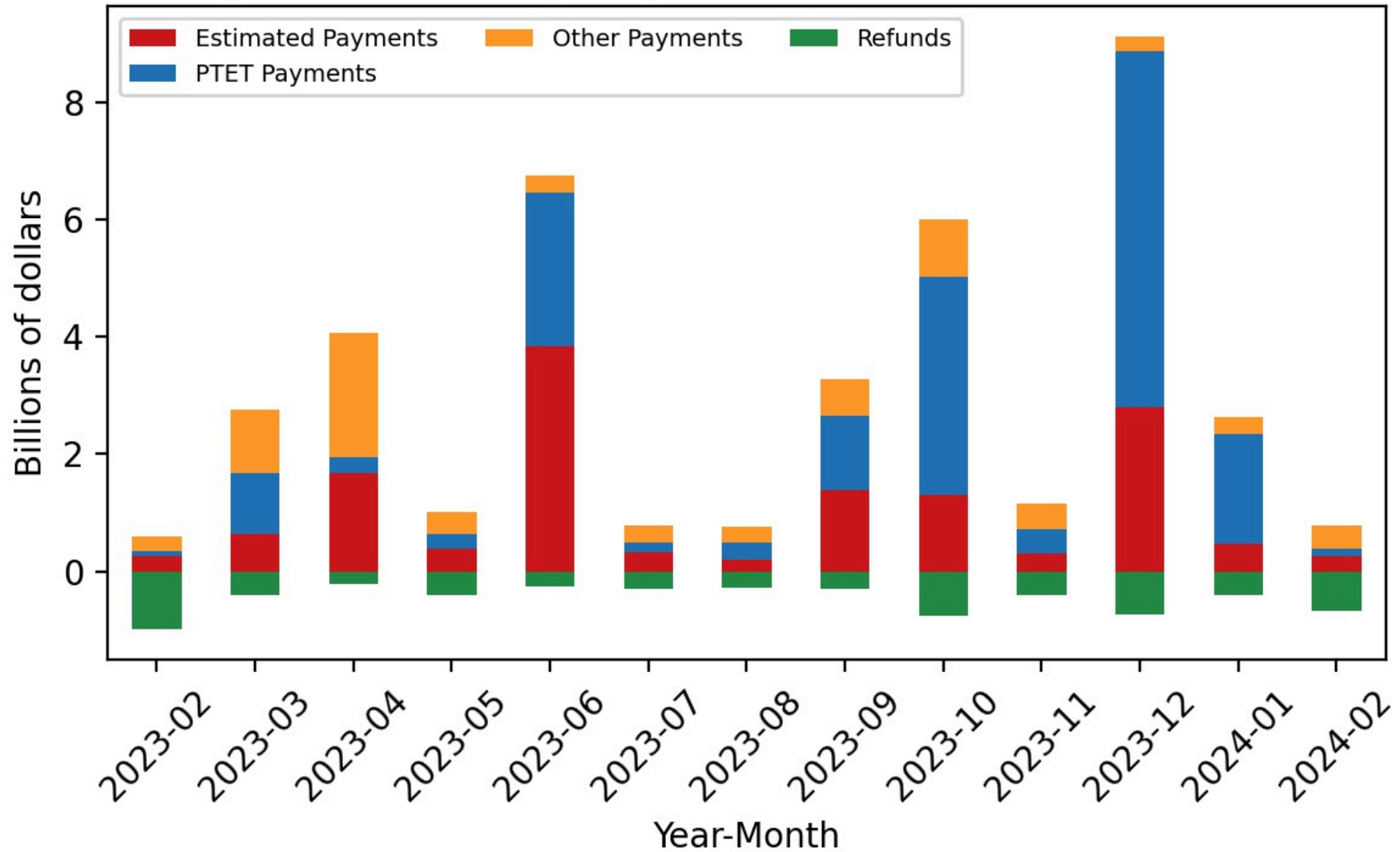


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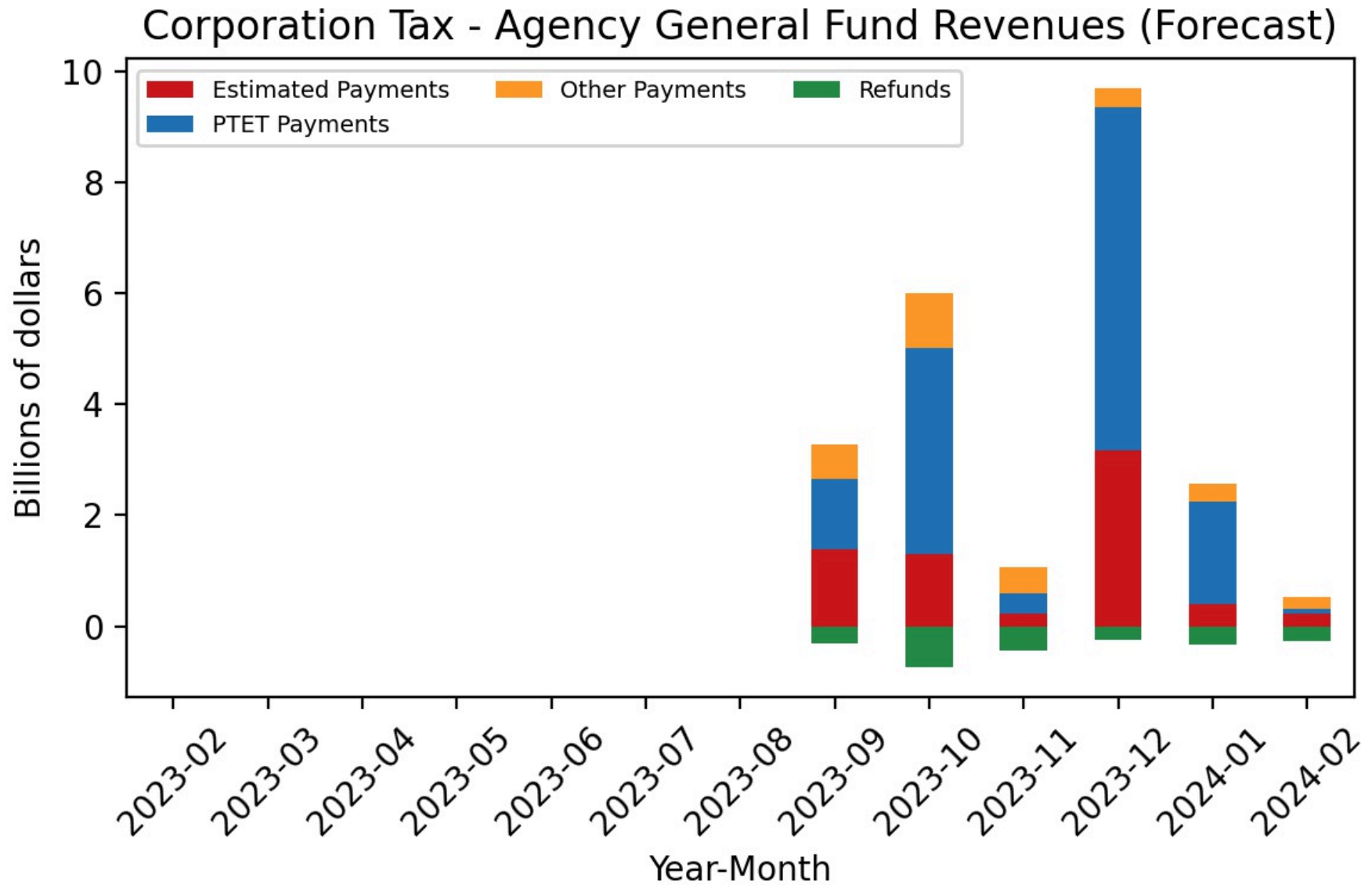


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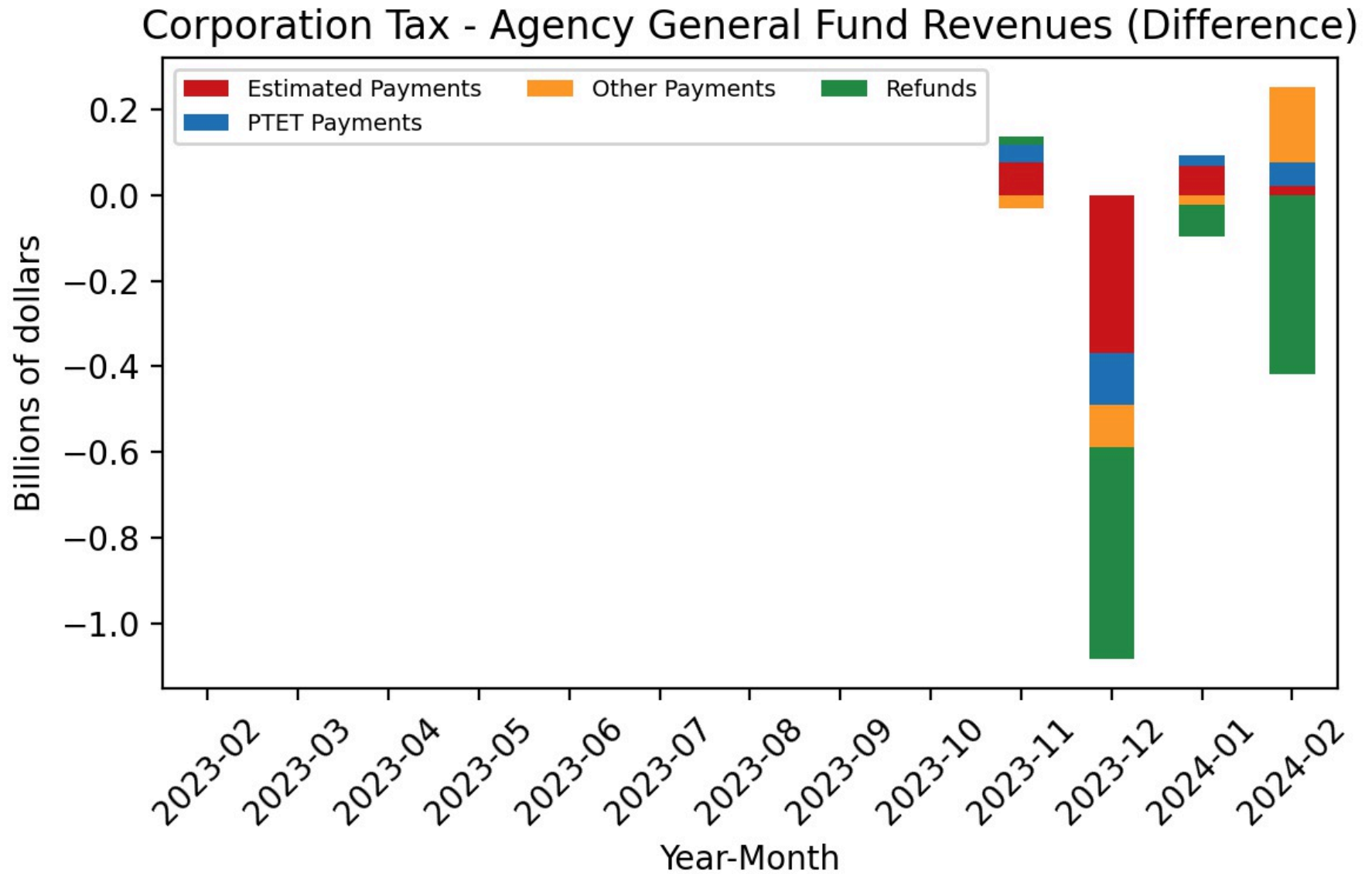


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Corporation Tax - Agency General Fund Revenues (Cumulative Difference)

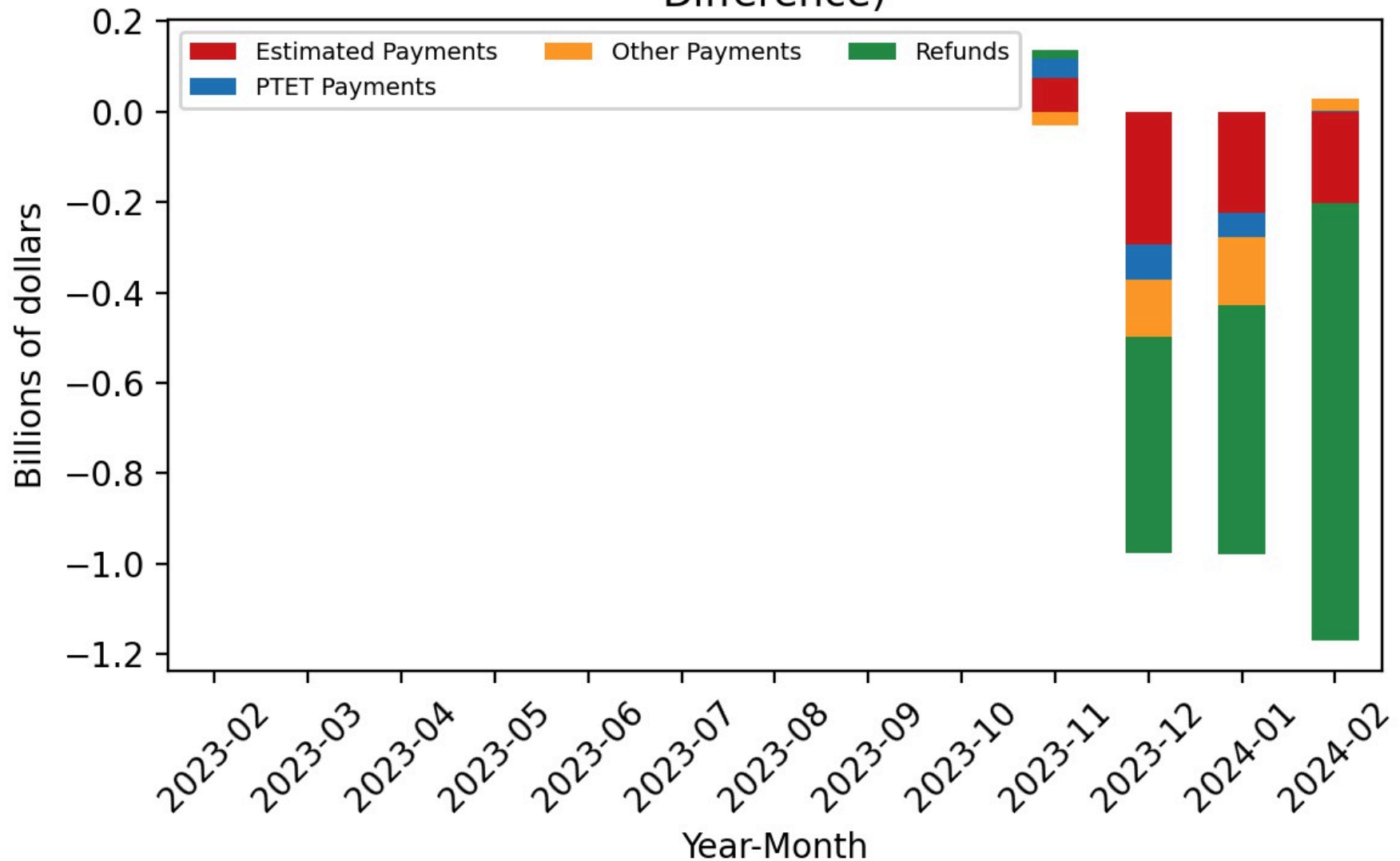


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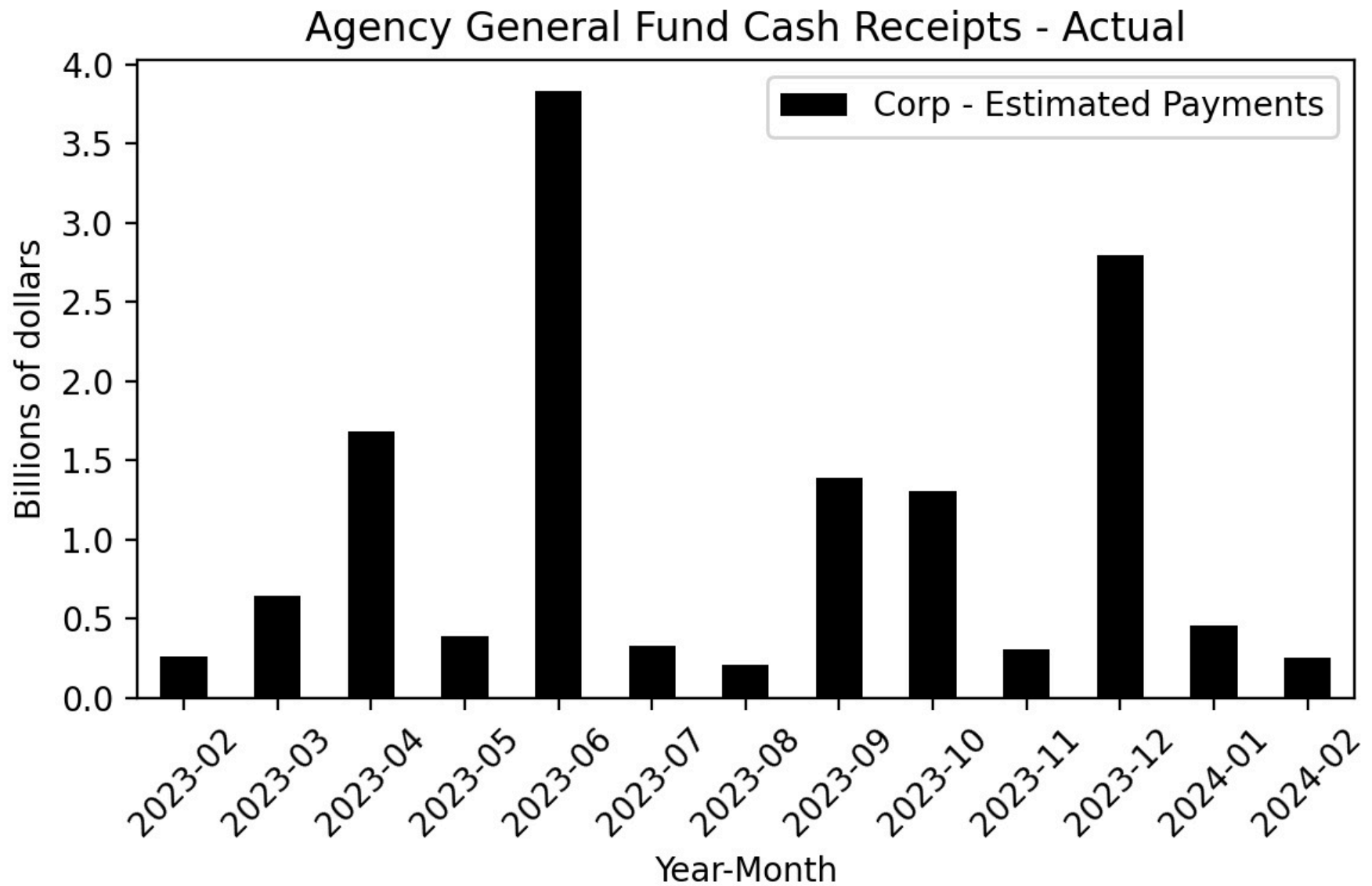


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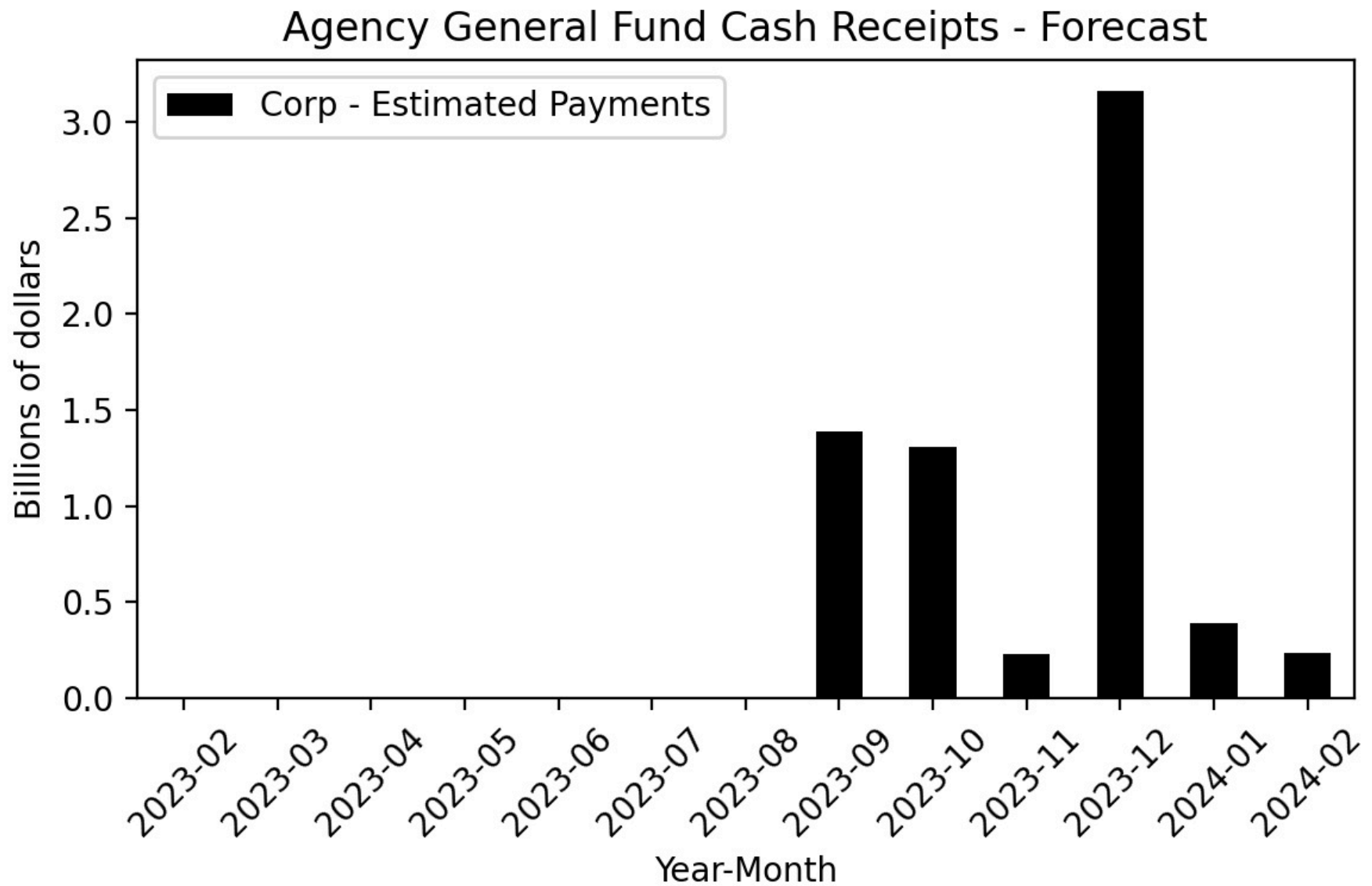


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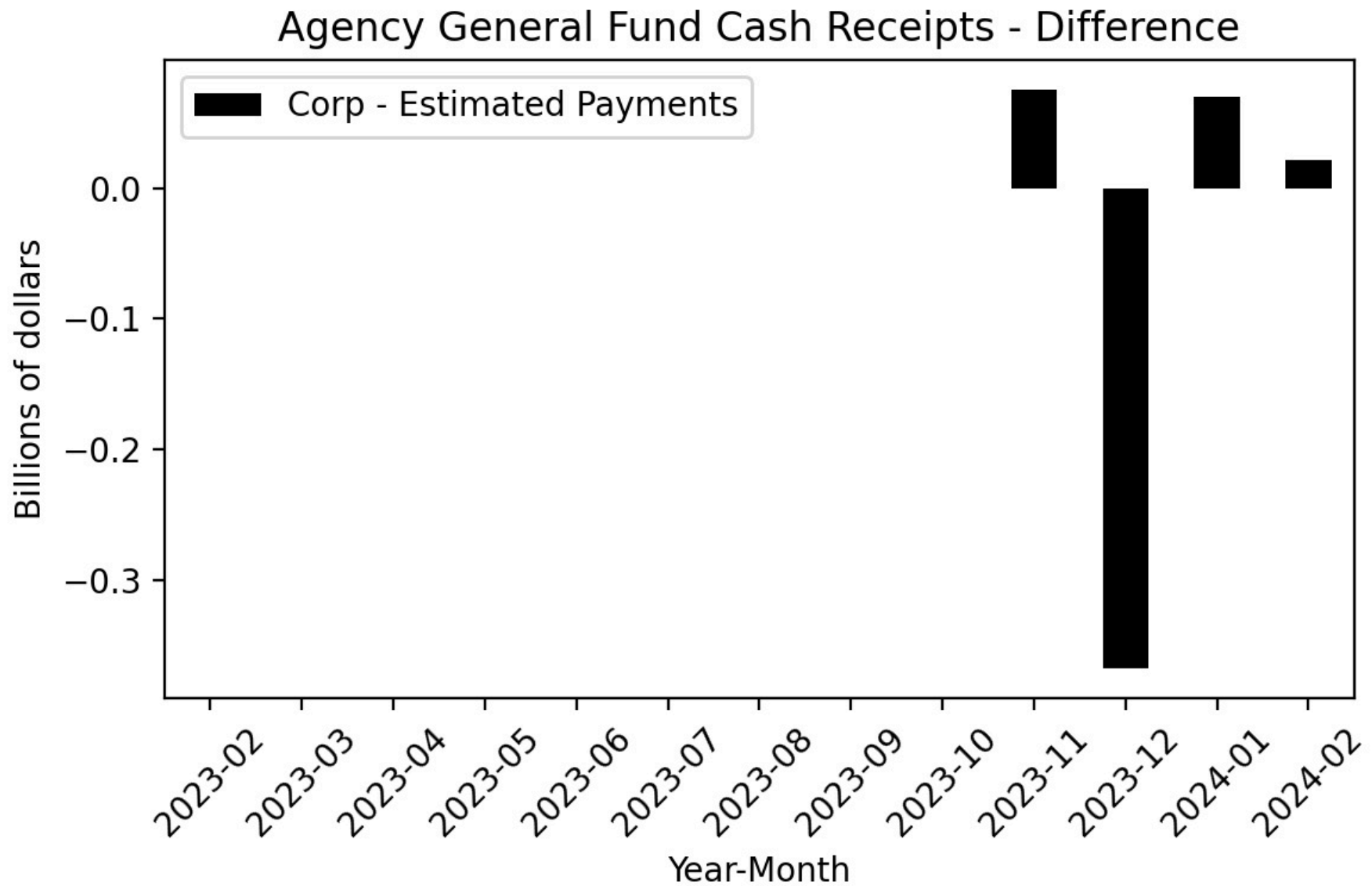


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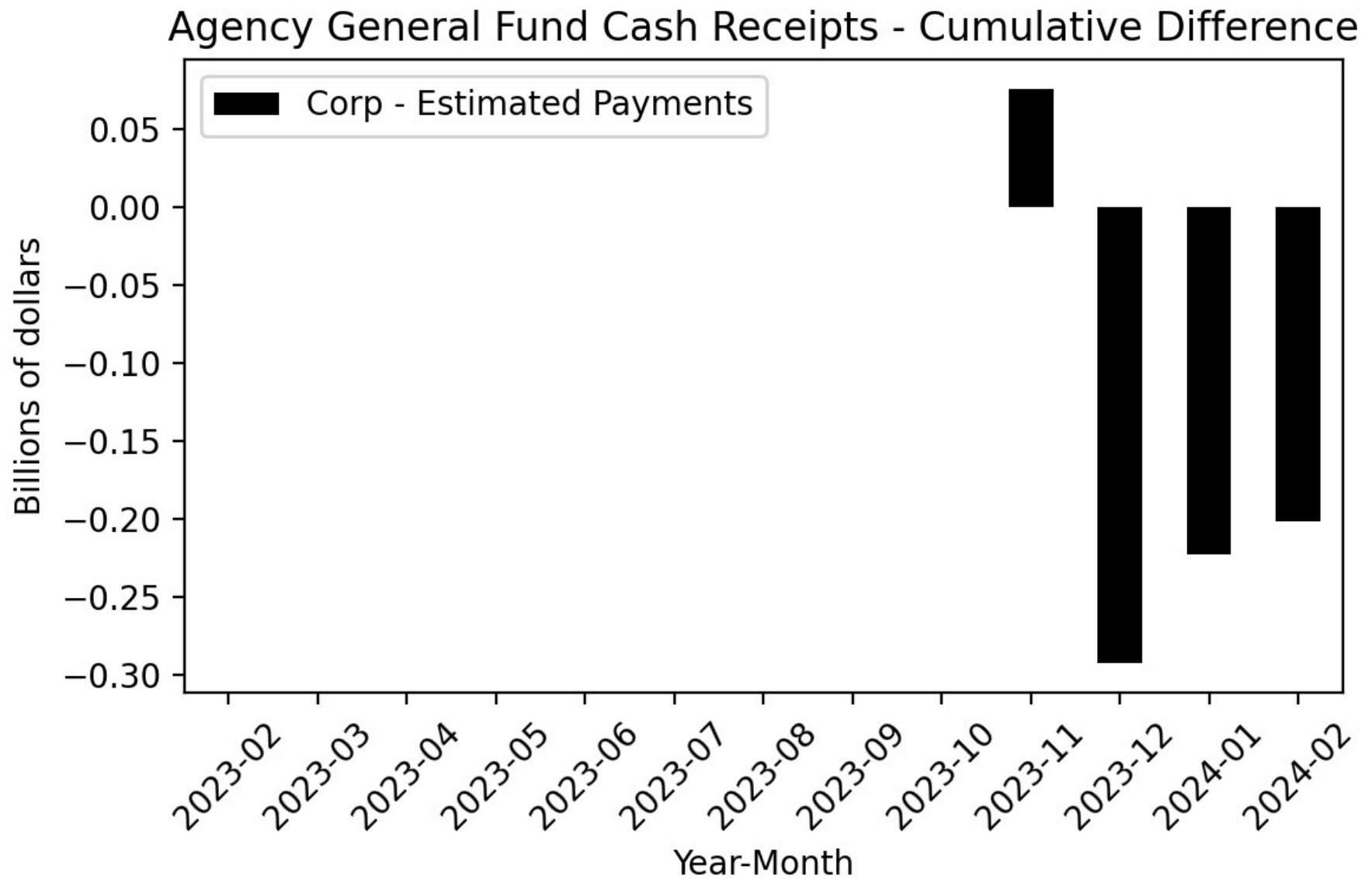


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Year-Over-Year Change - Actual and 2024-25 Governor's Budget
Forecast Corp-Estimated Payments

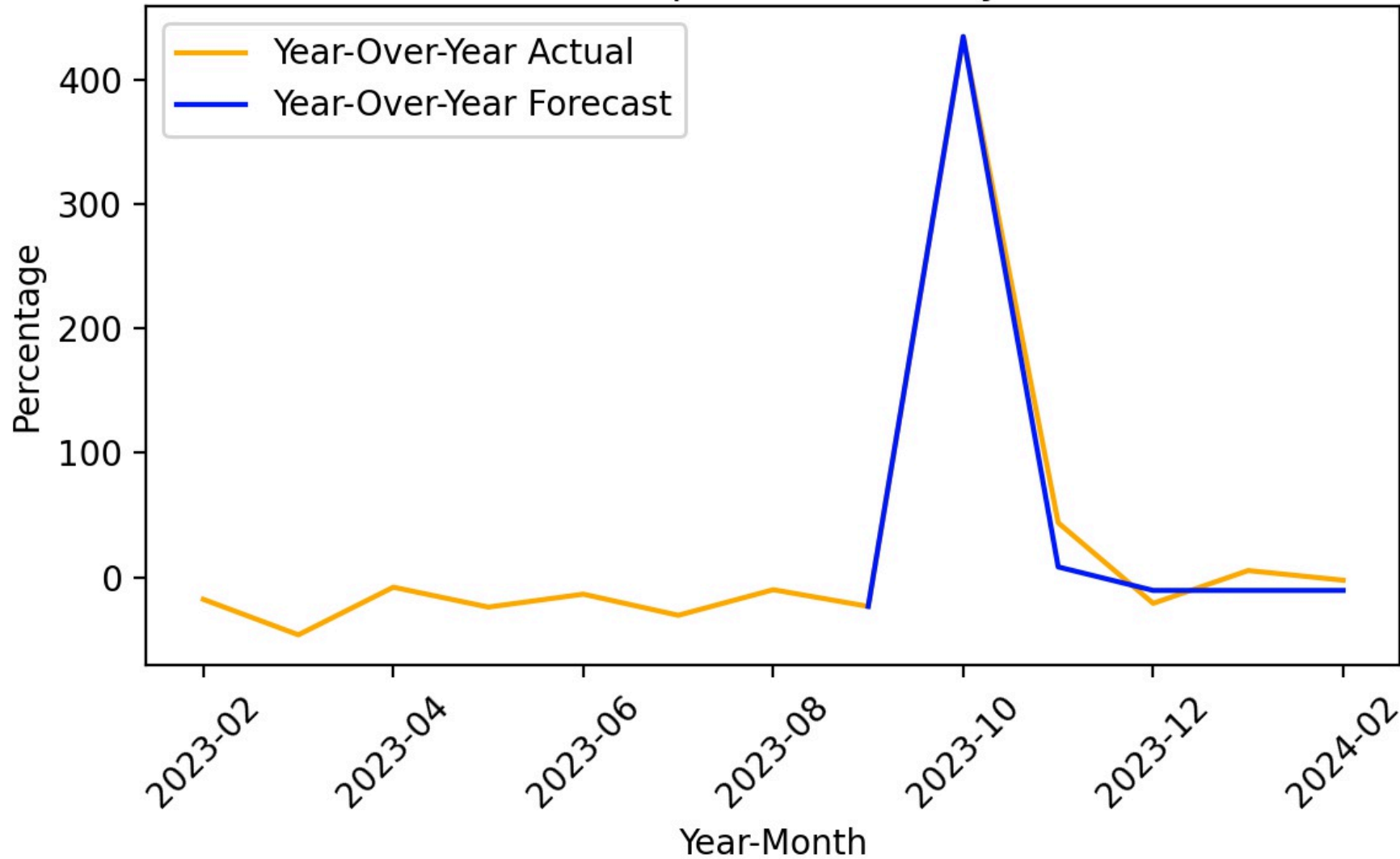


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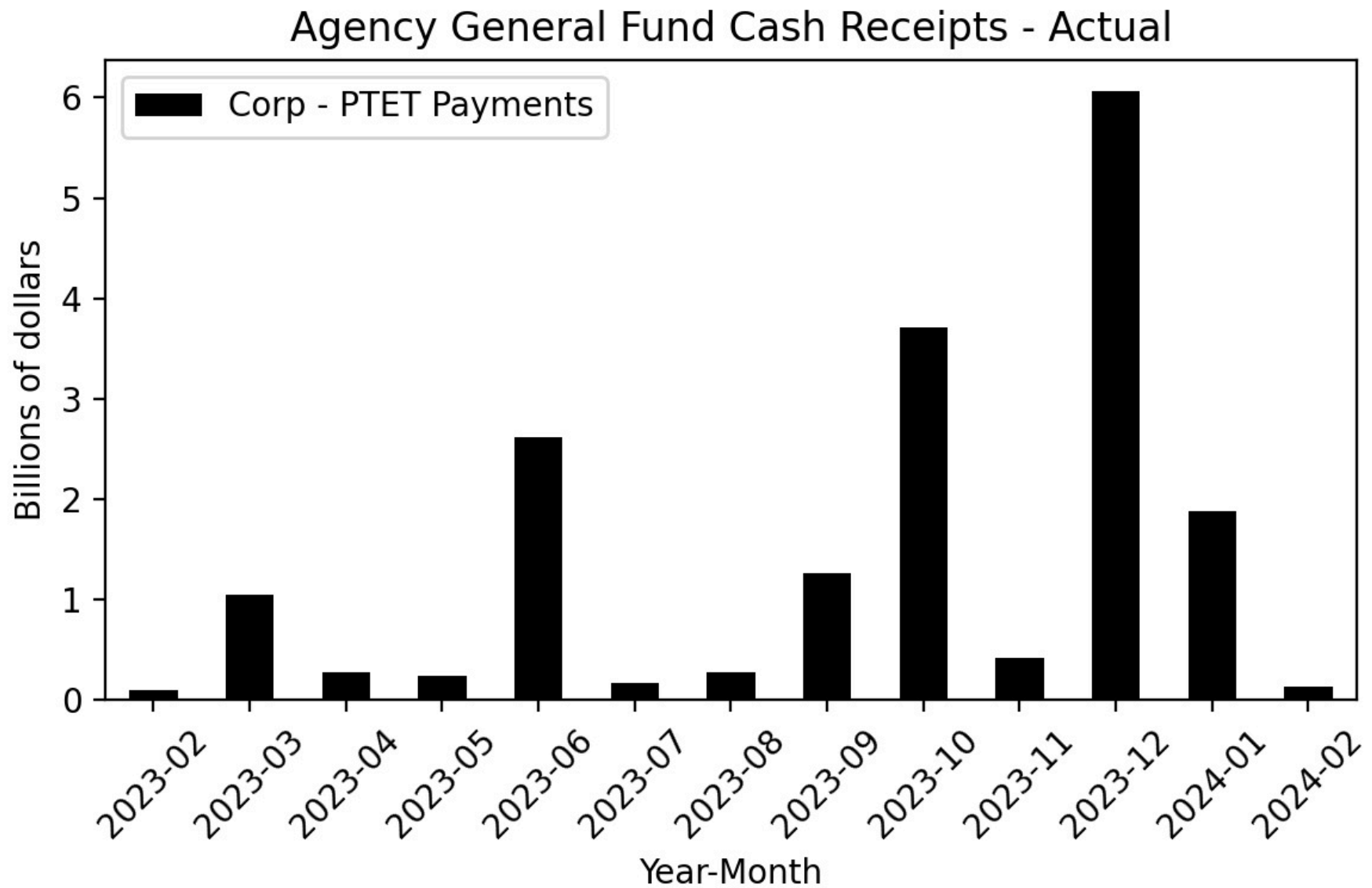


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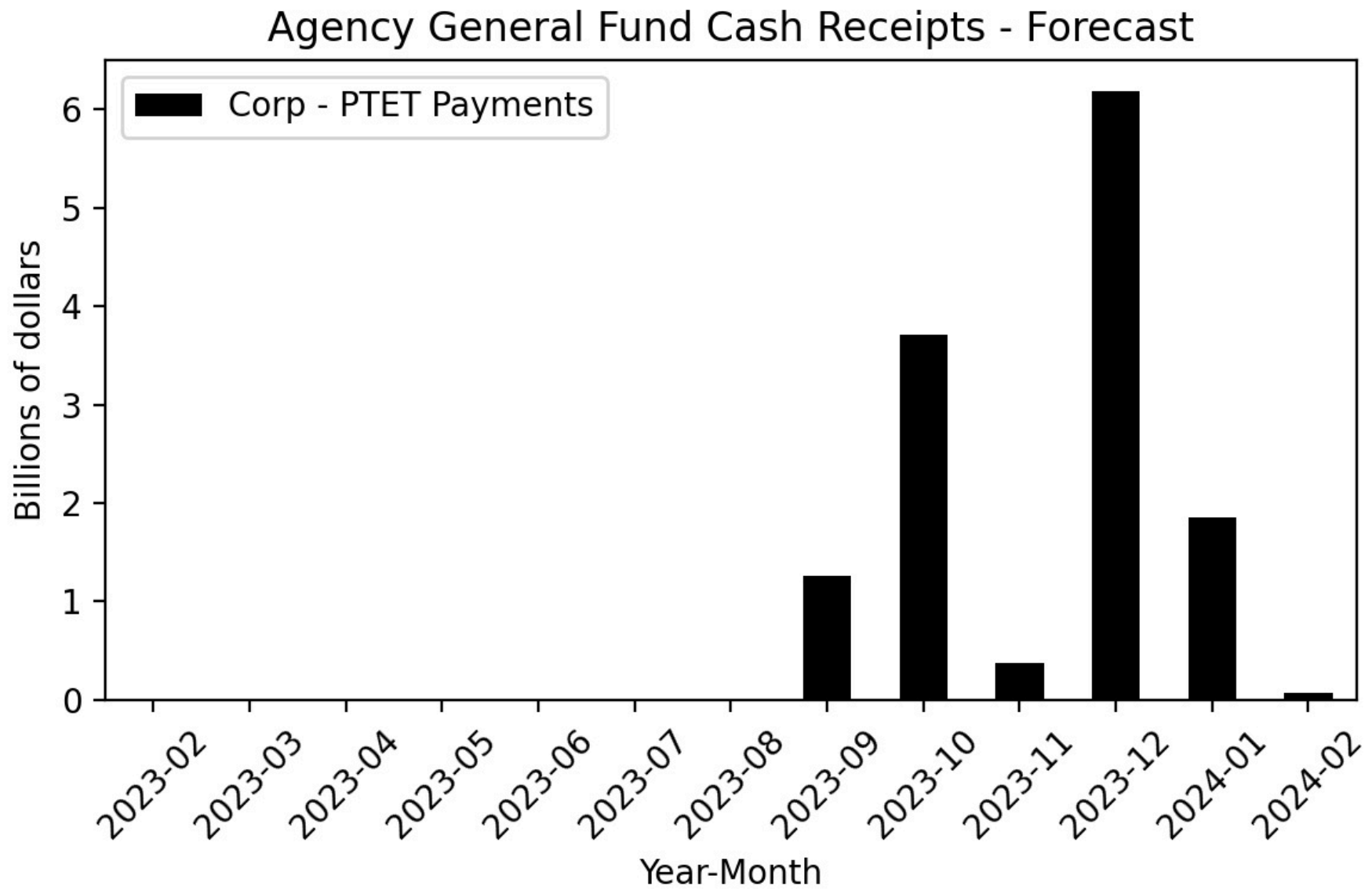


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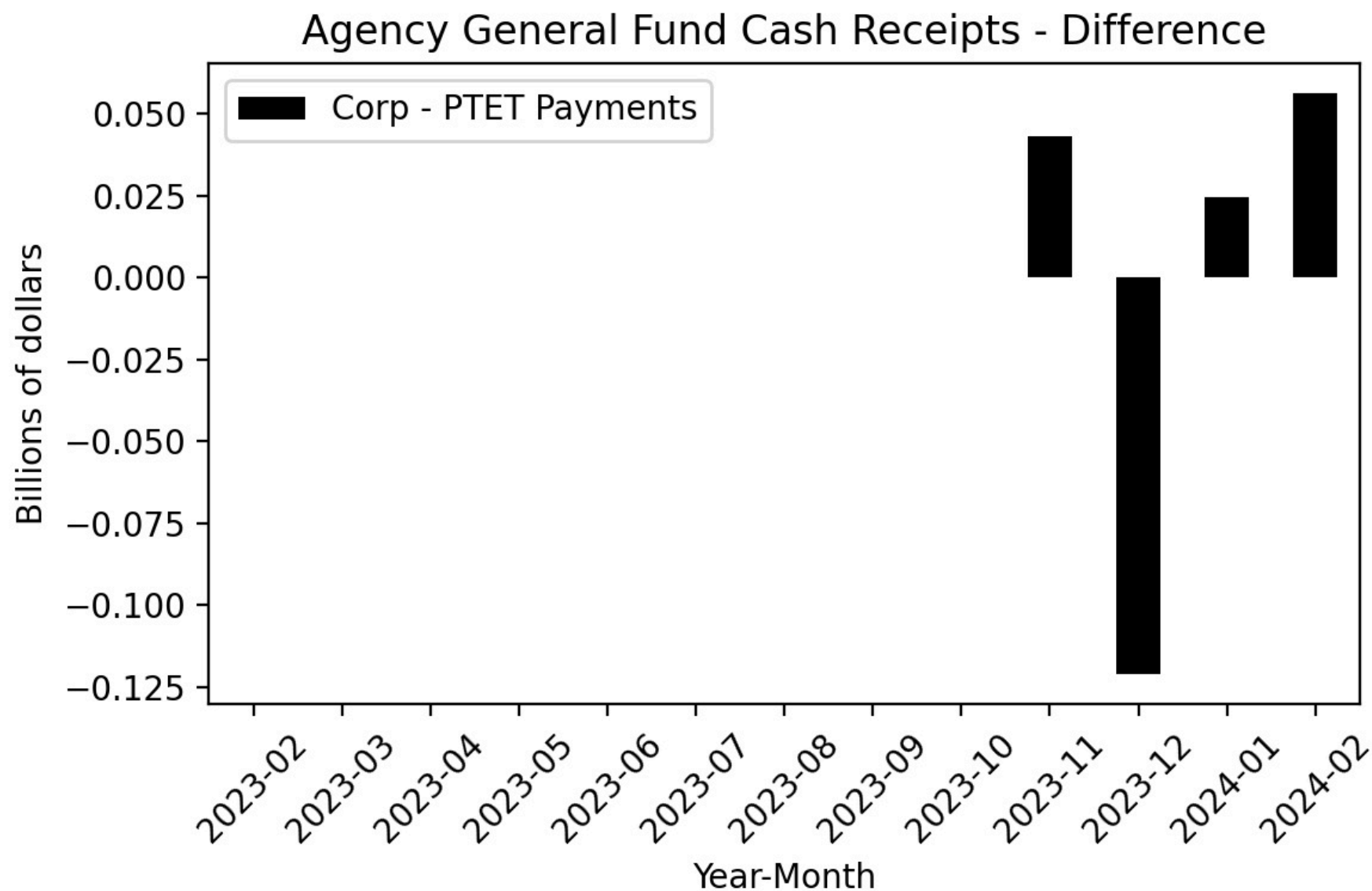


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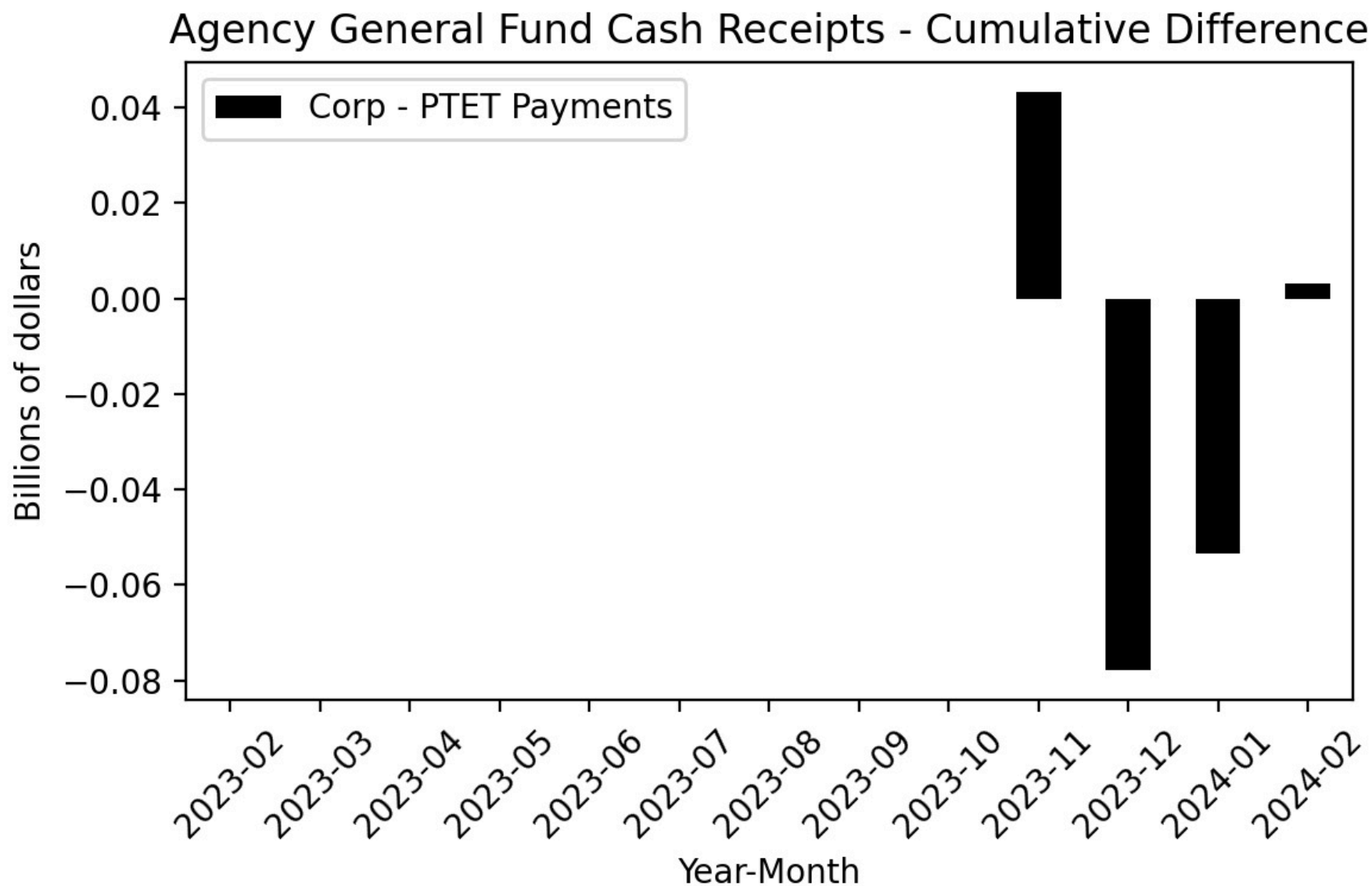


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Year-Over-Year Change - Actual and 2024-25 Governor's Budget
Forecast Corp-PTET Payments

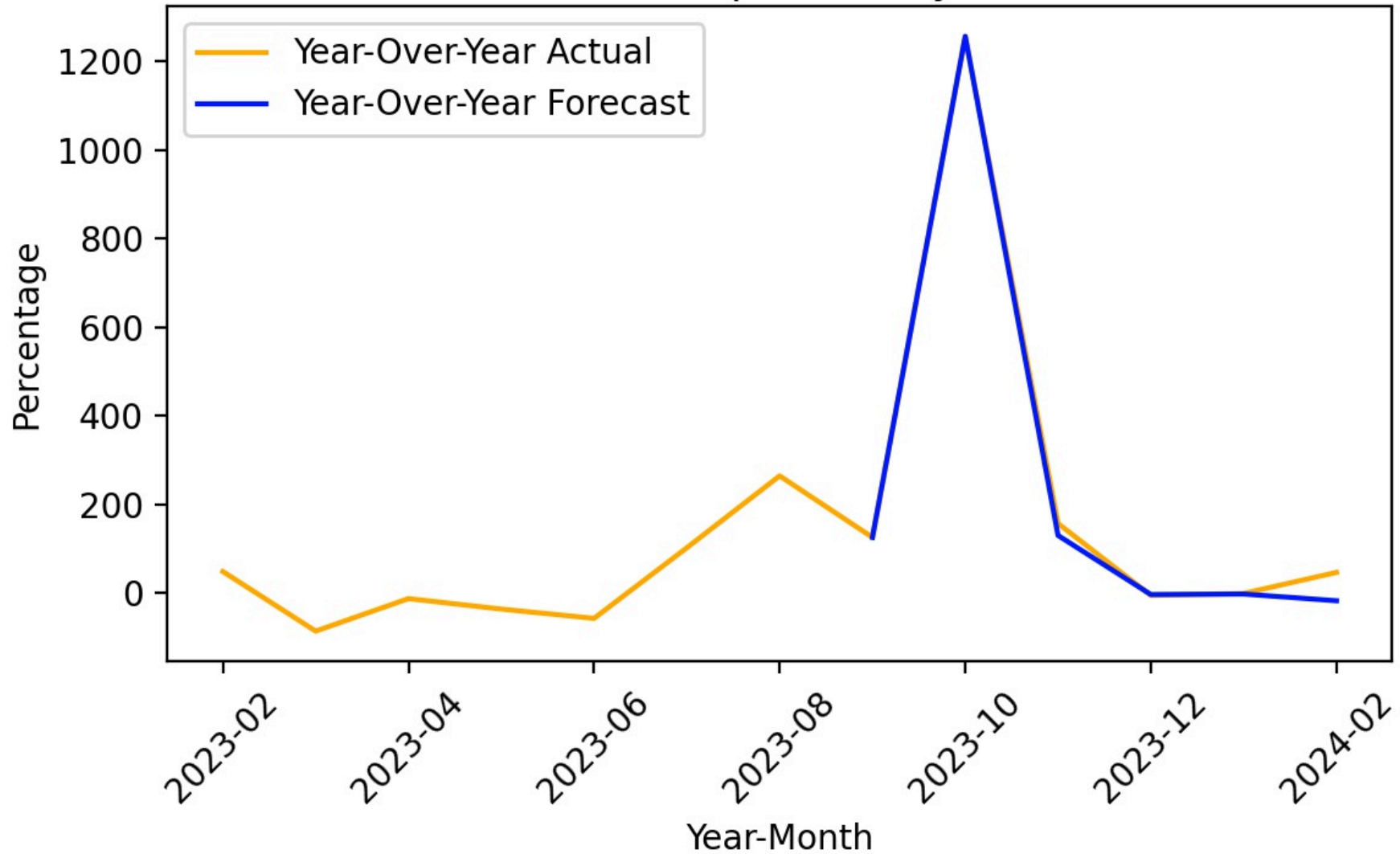


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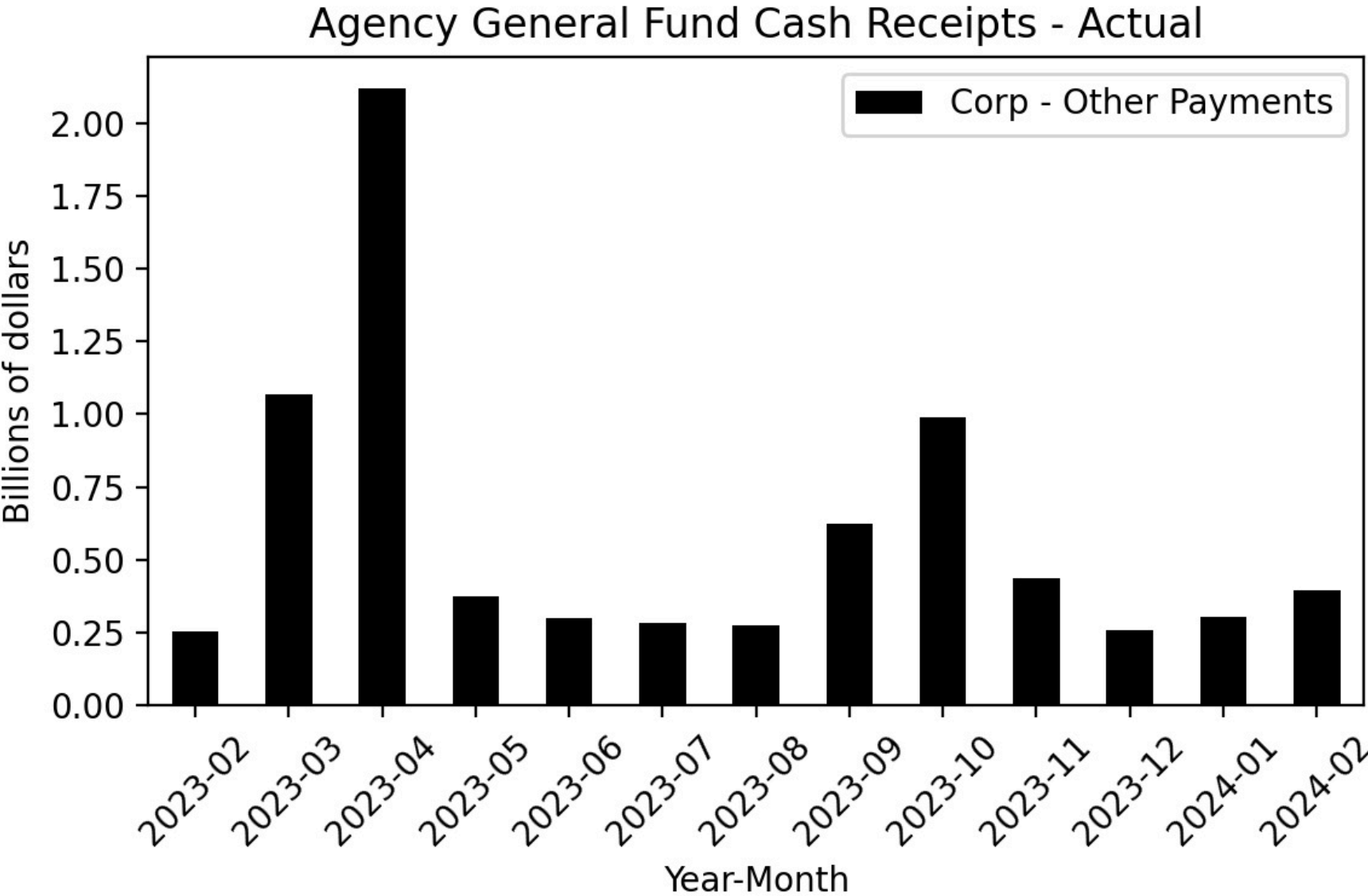


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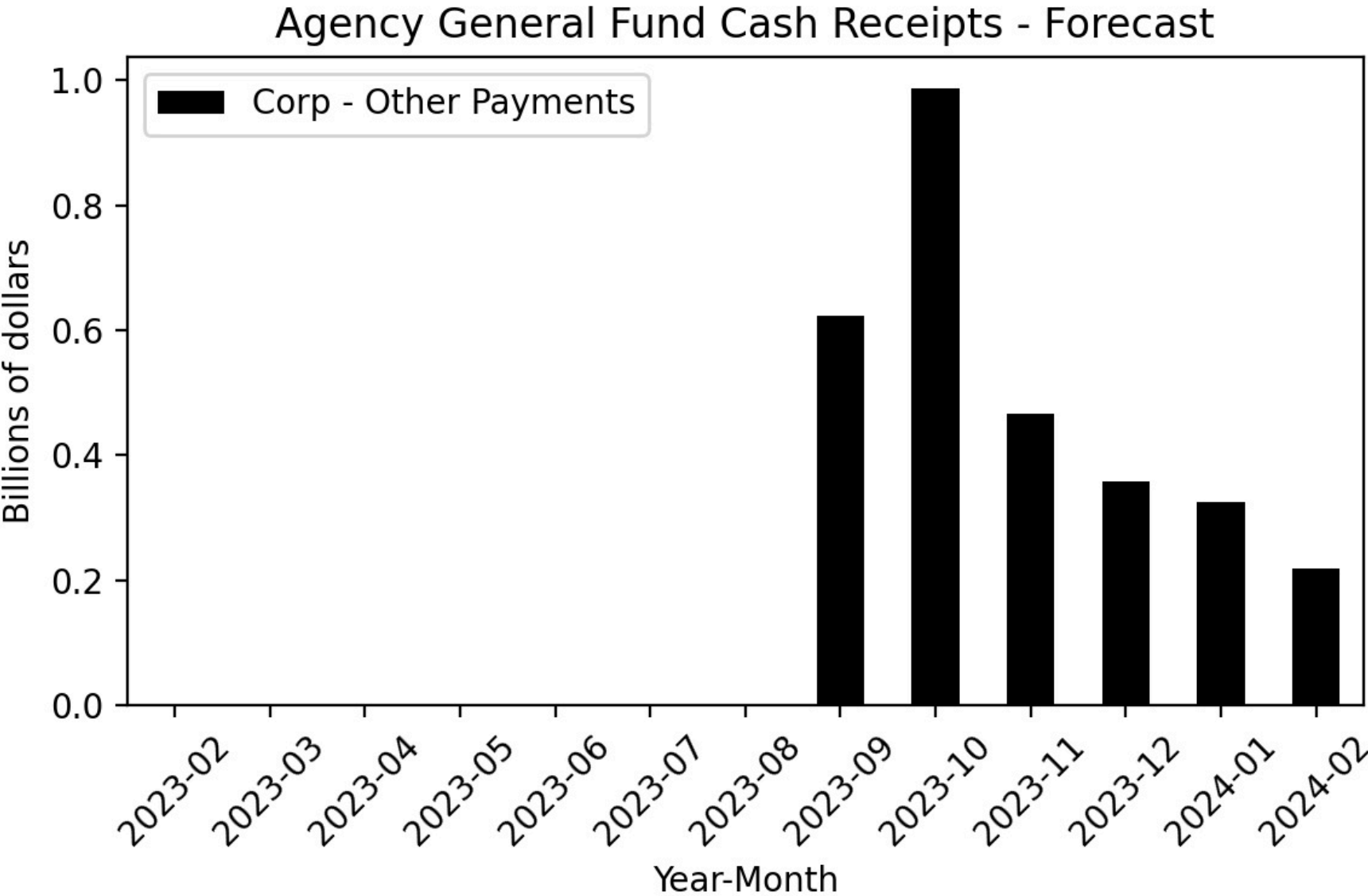


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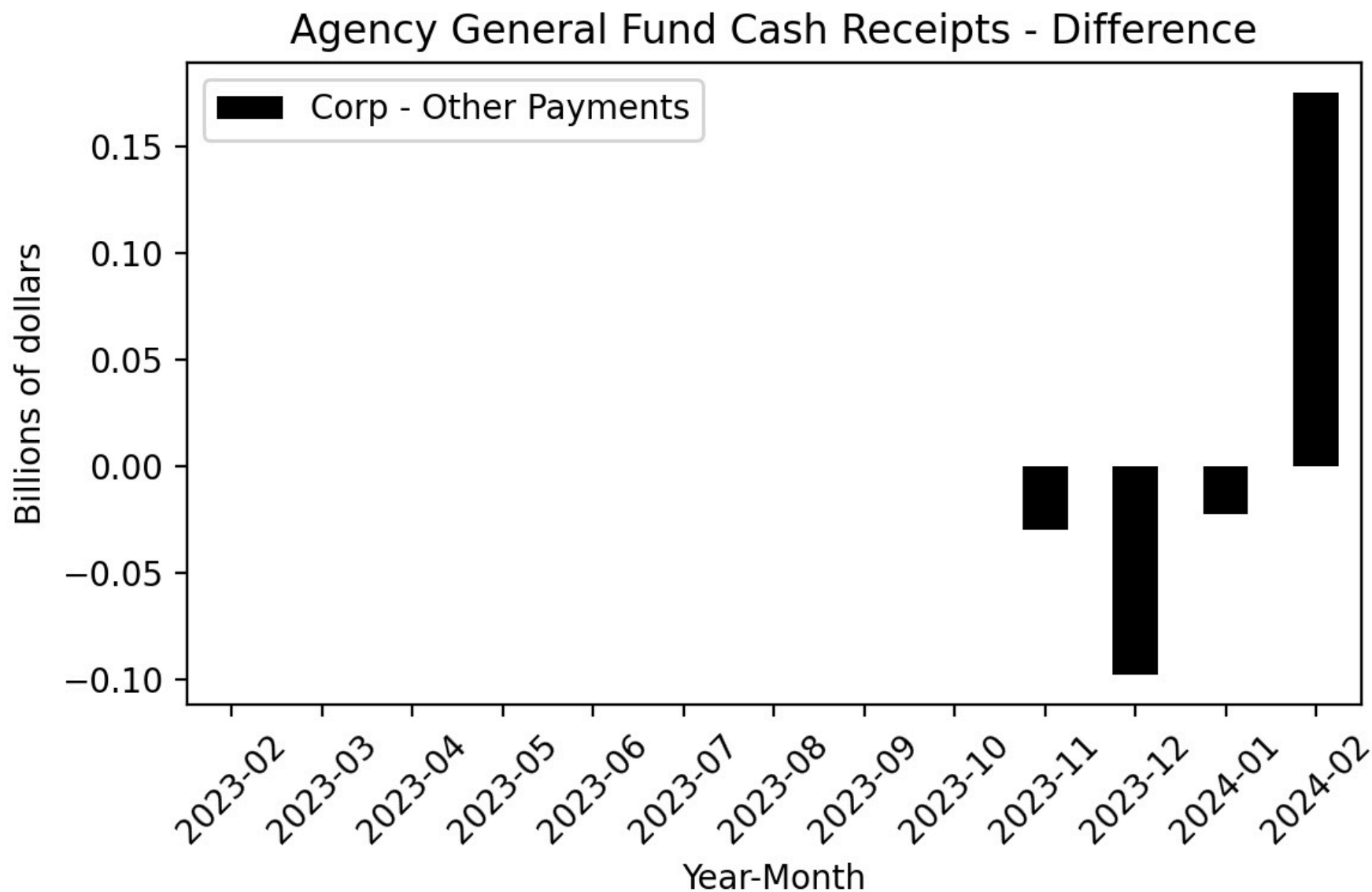


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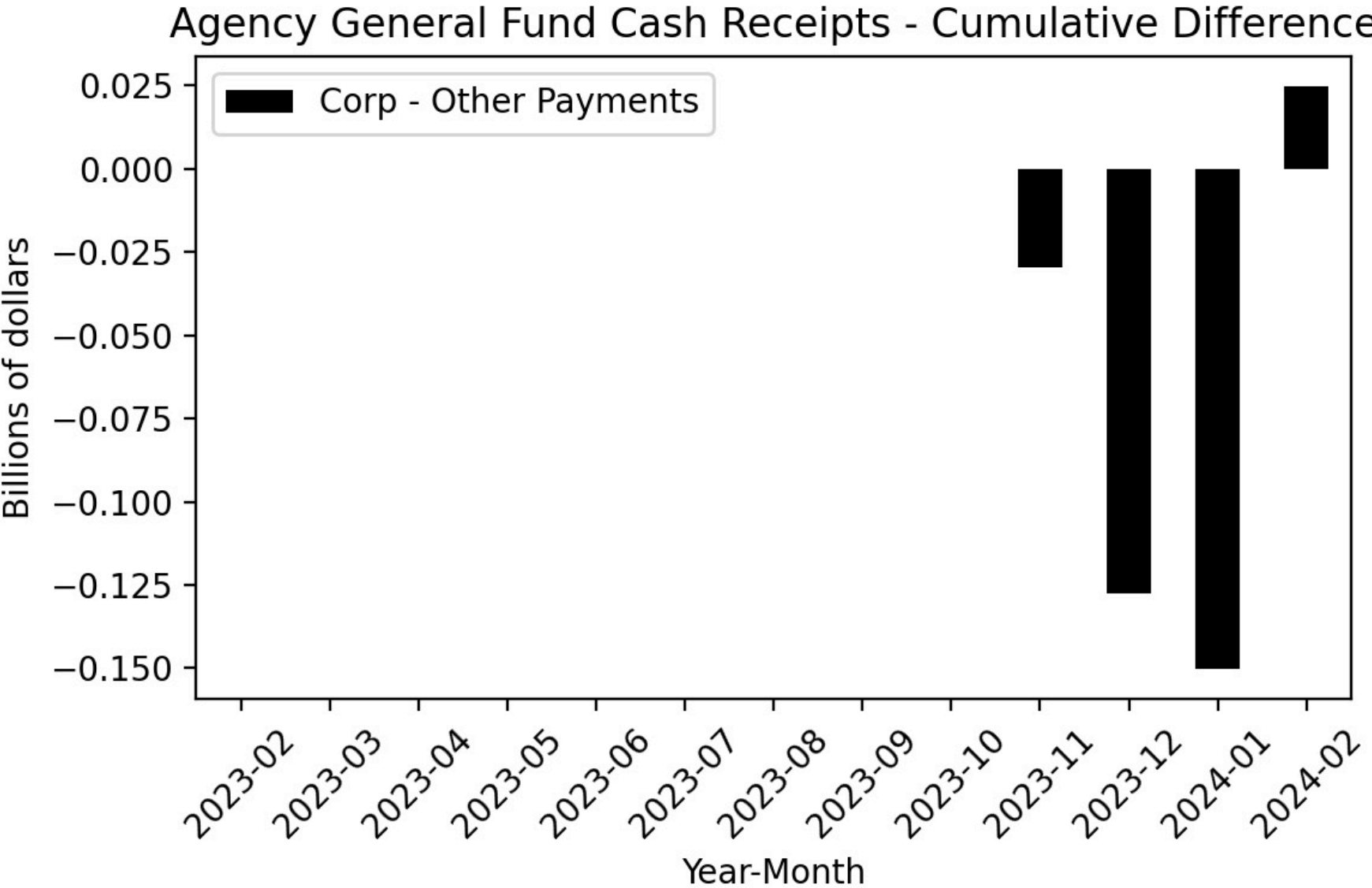


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Year-Over-Year Change - Actual and 2024-25 Governor's Budget
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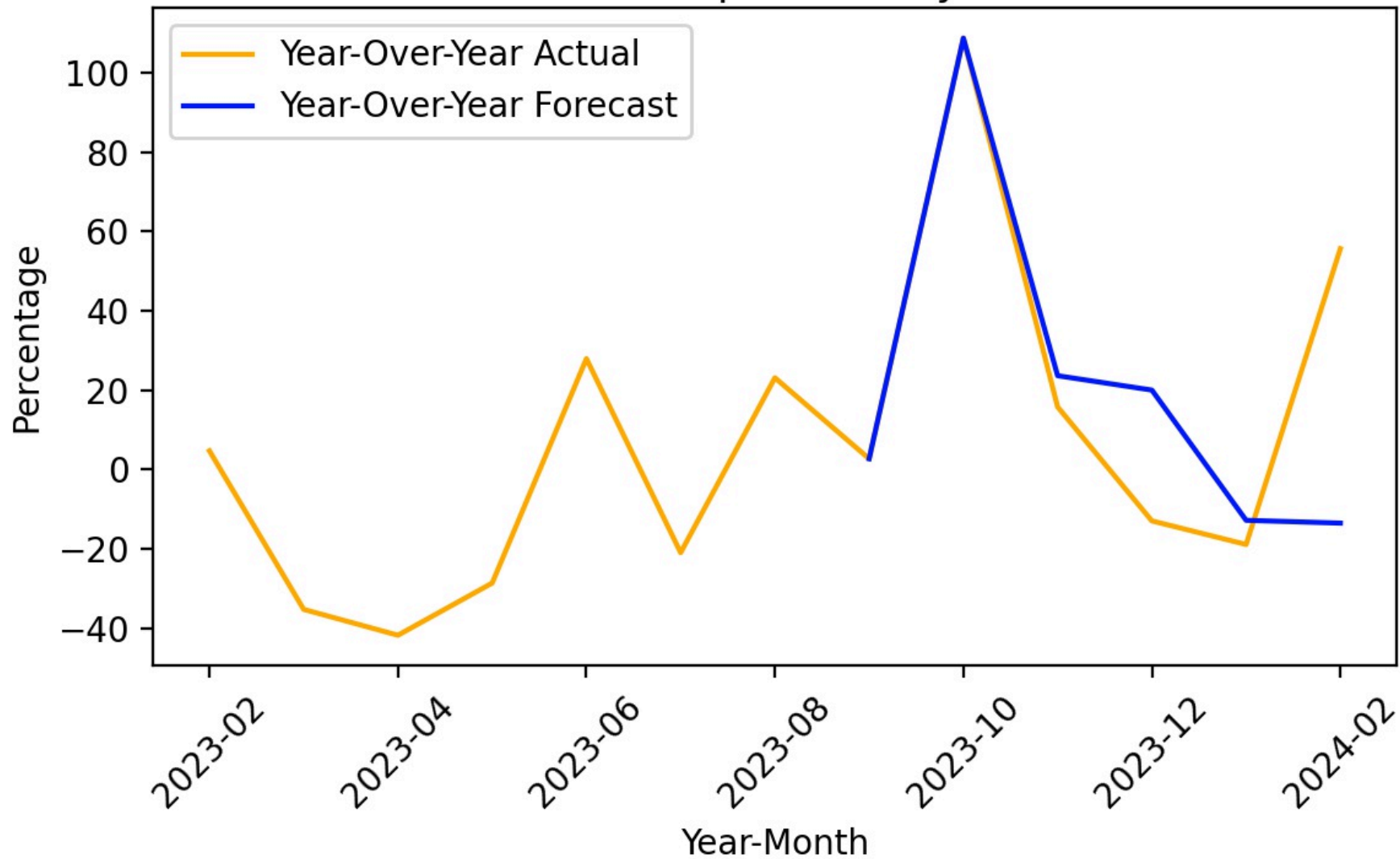


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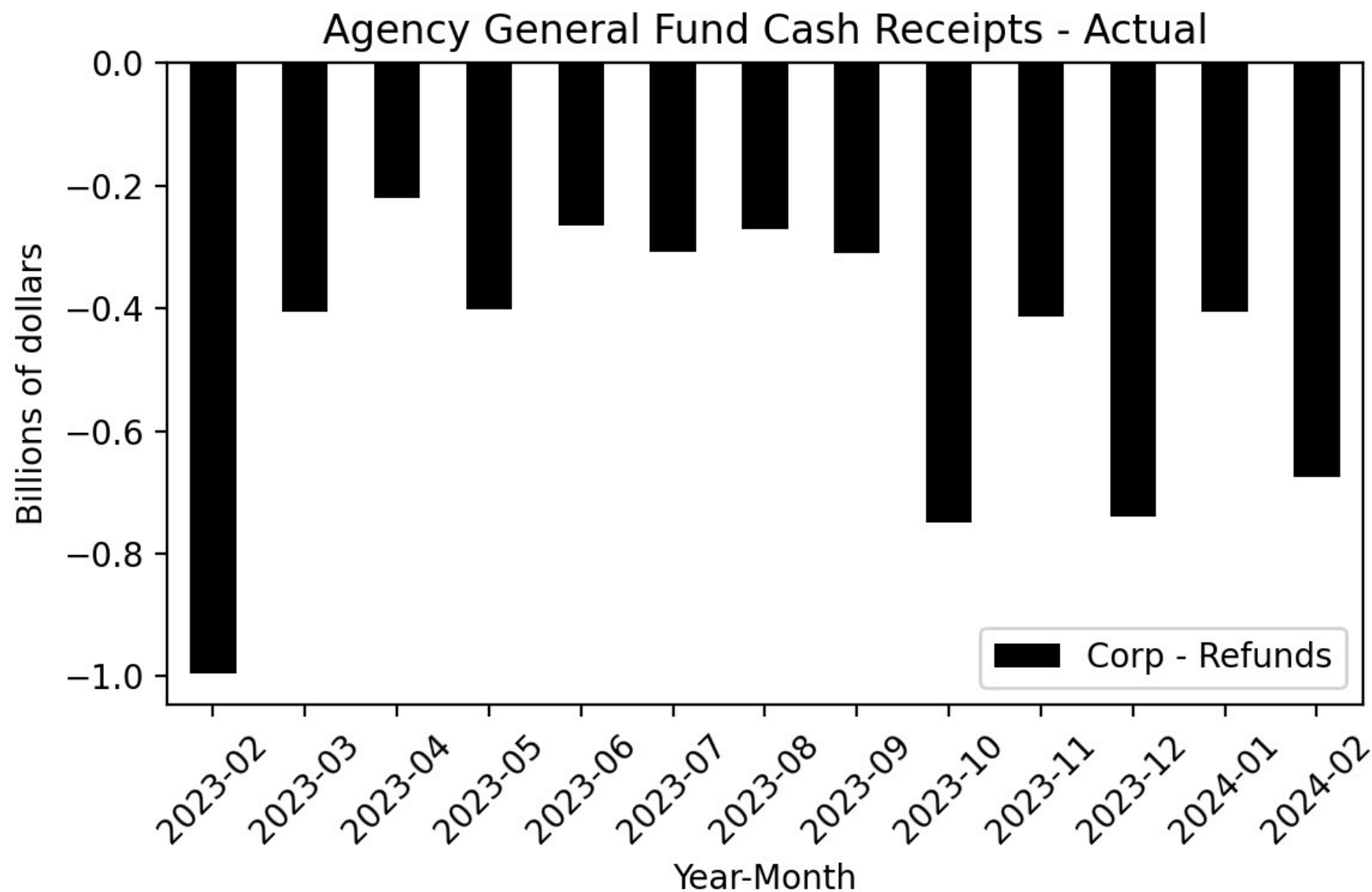


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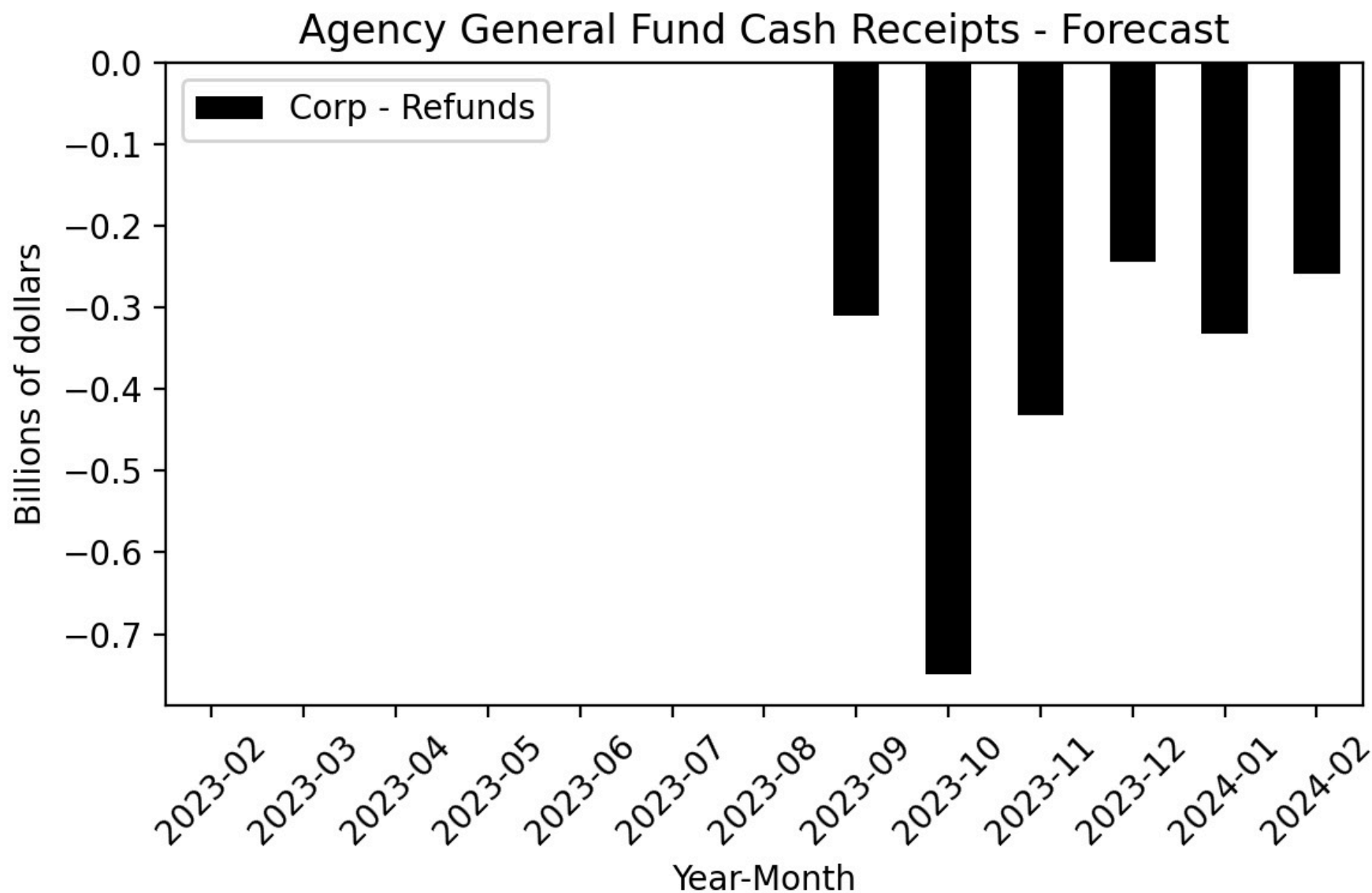


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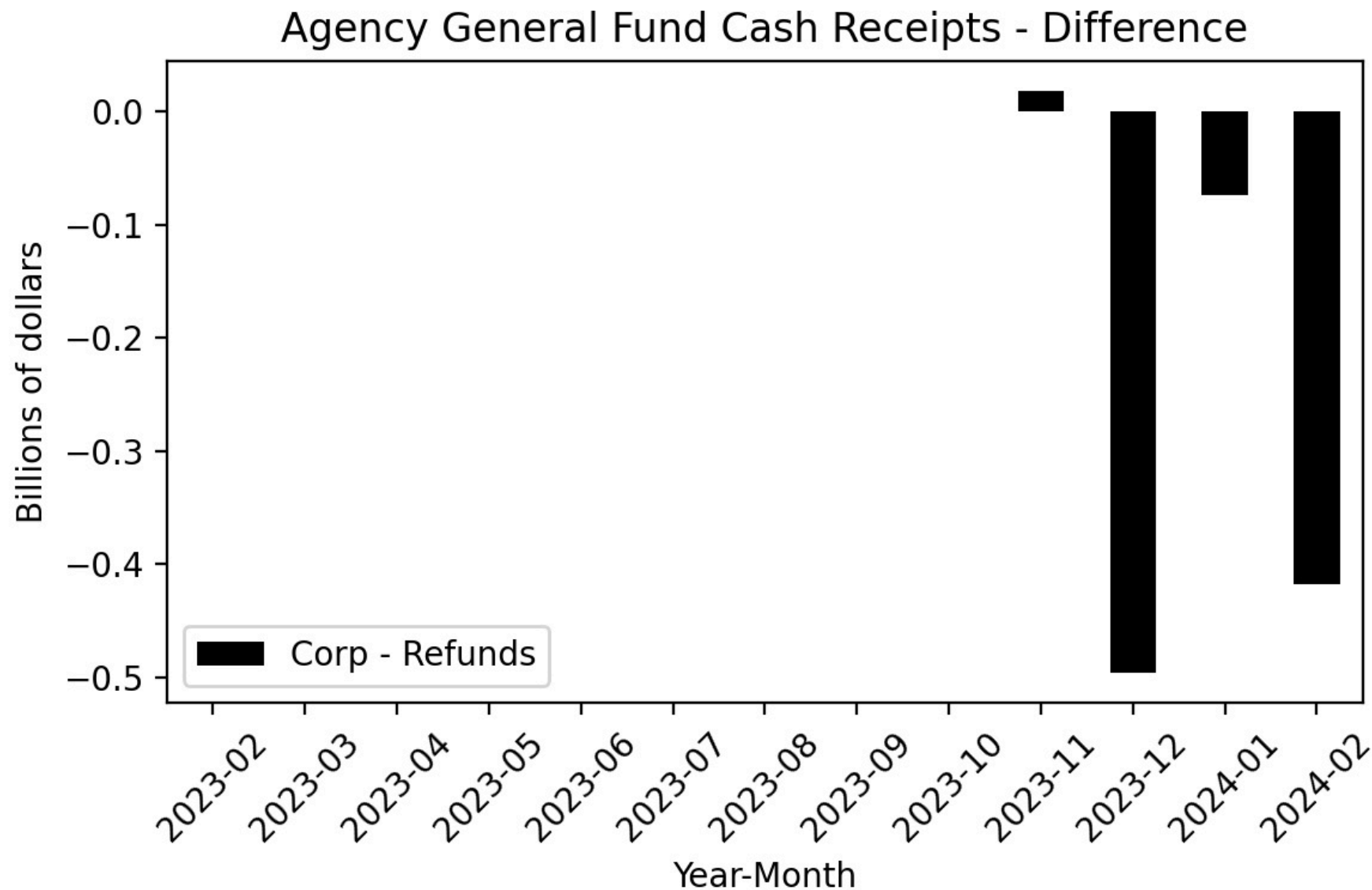


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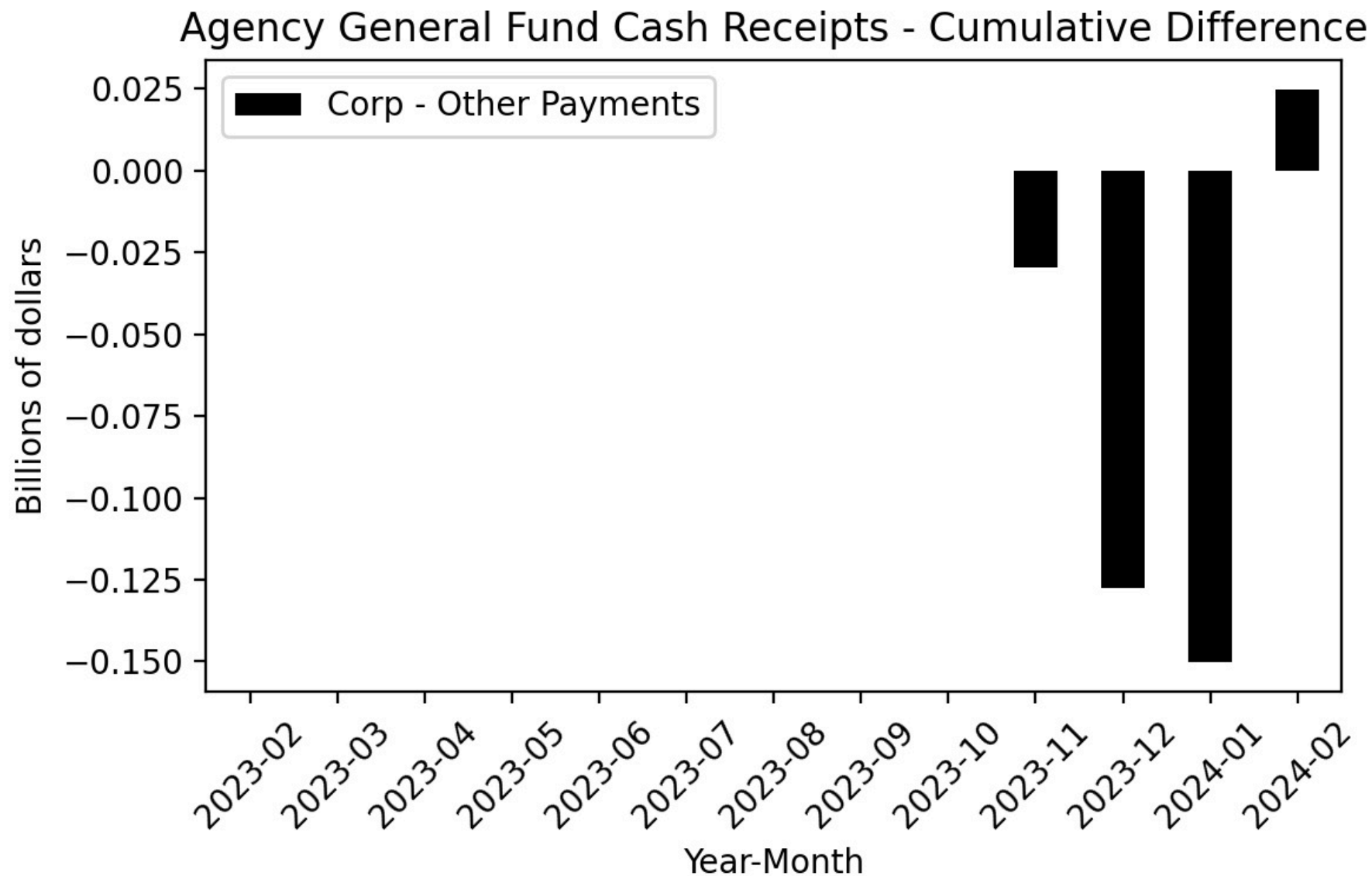


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Year-Over-Year Change - Actual and 2024-25 Governor's Budget
Forecast Corp-Refunds

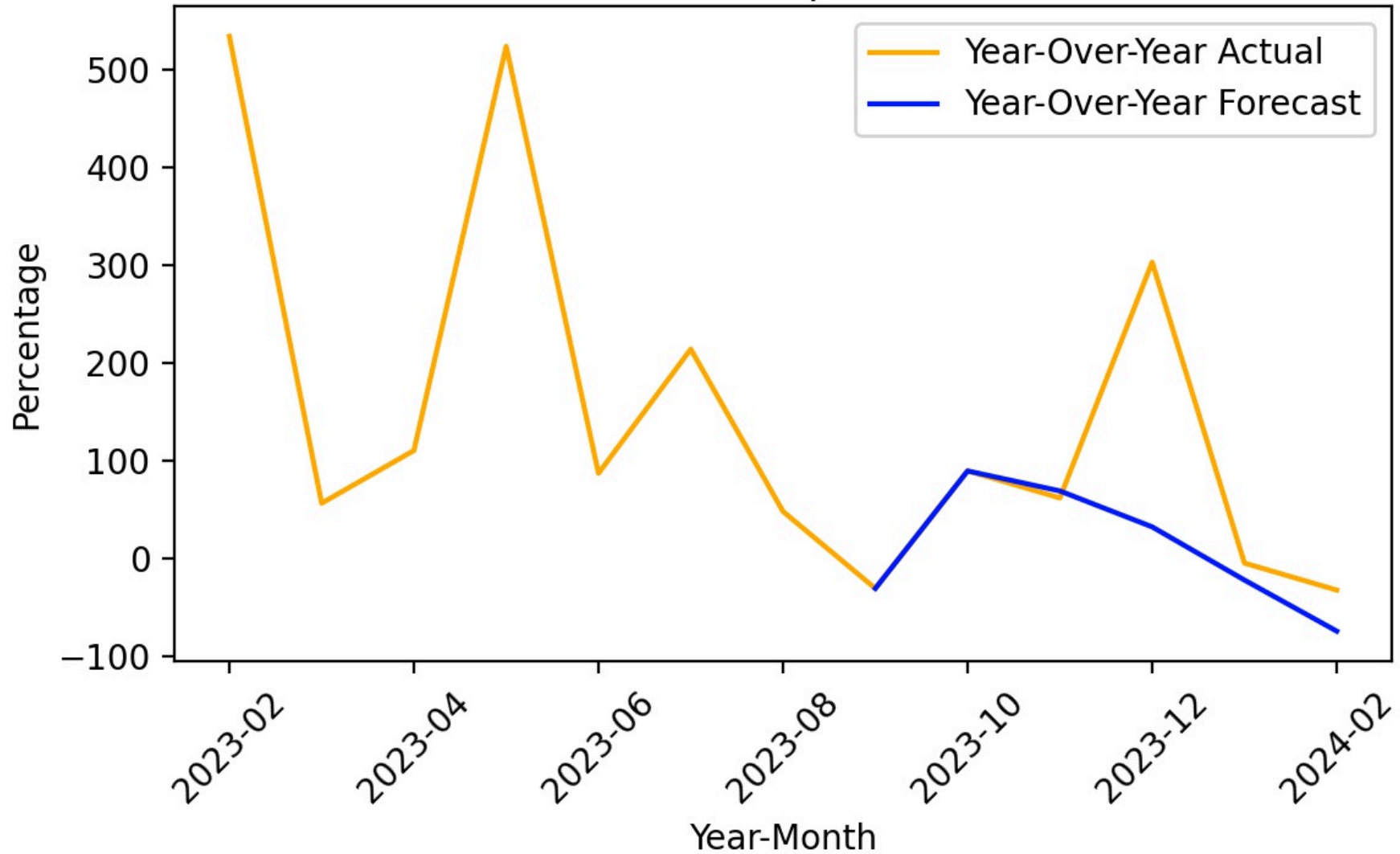


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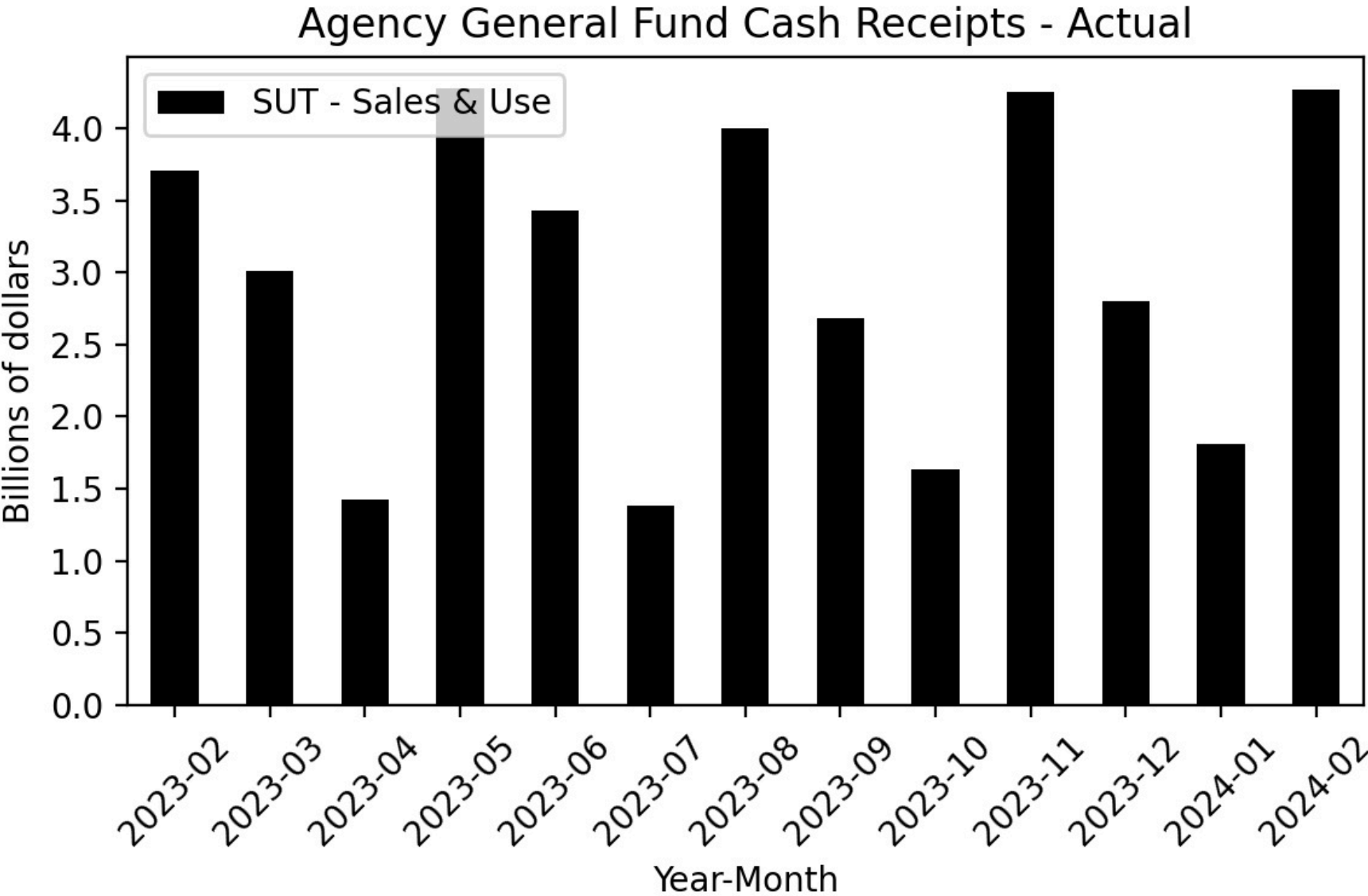


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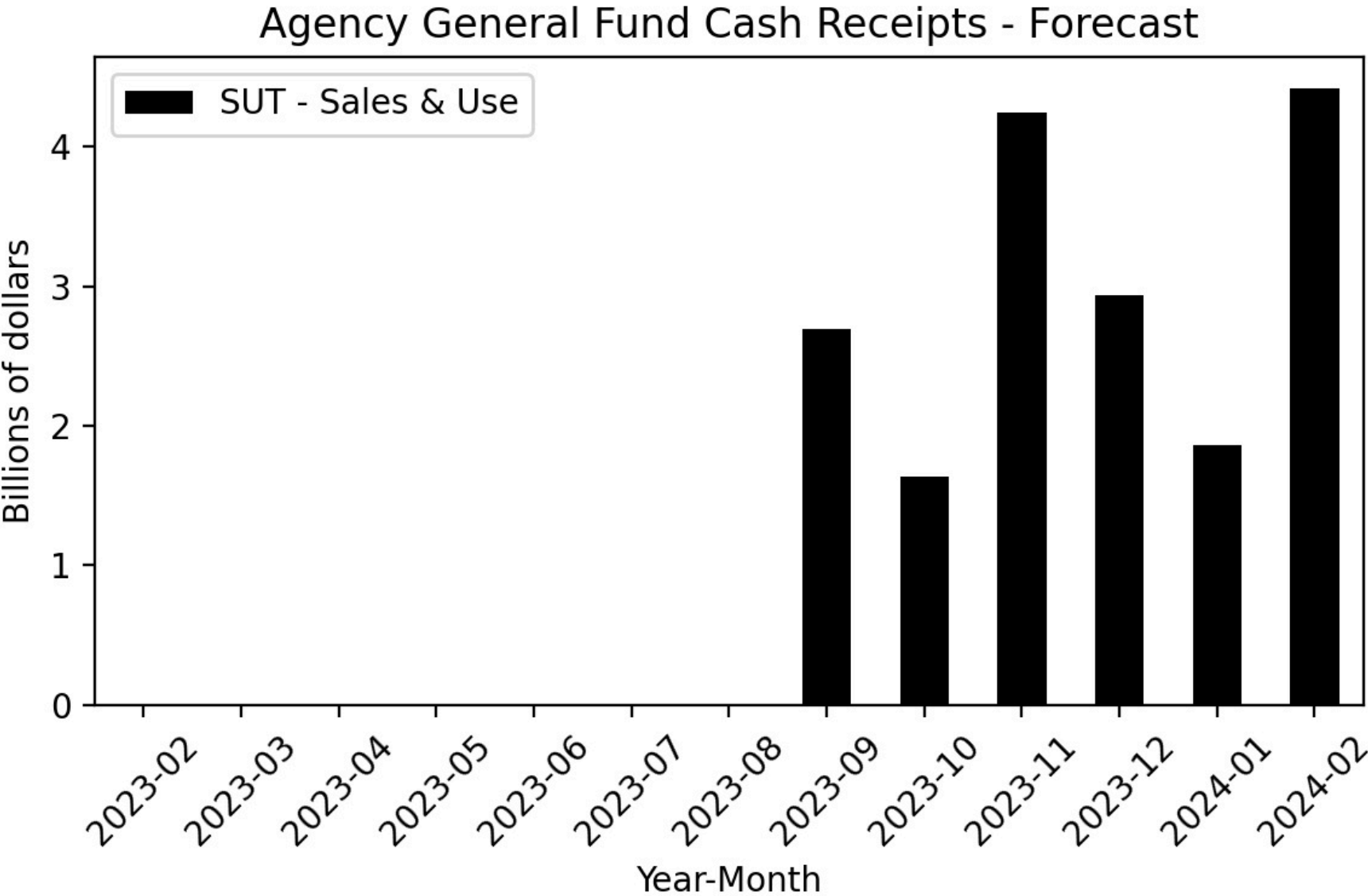


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Agency General Fund Cash Receipts - Difference

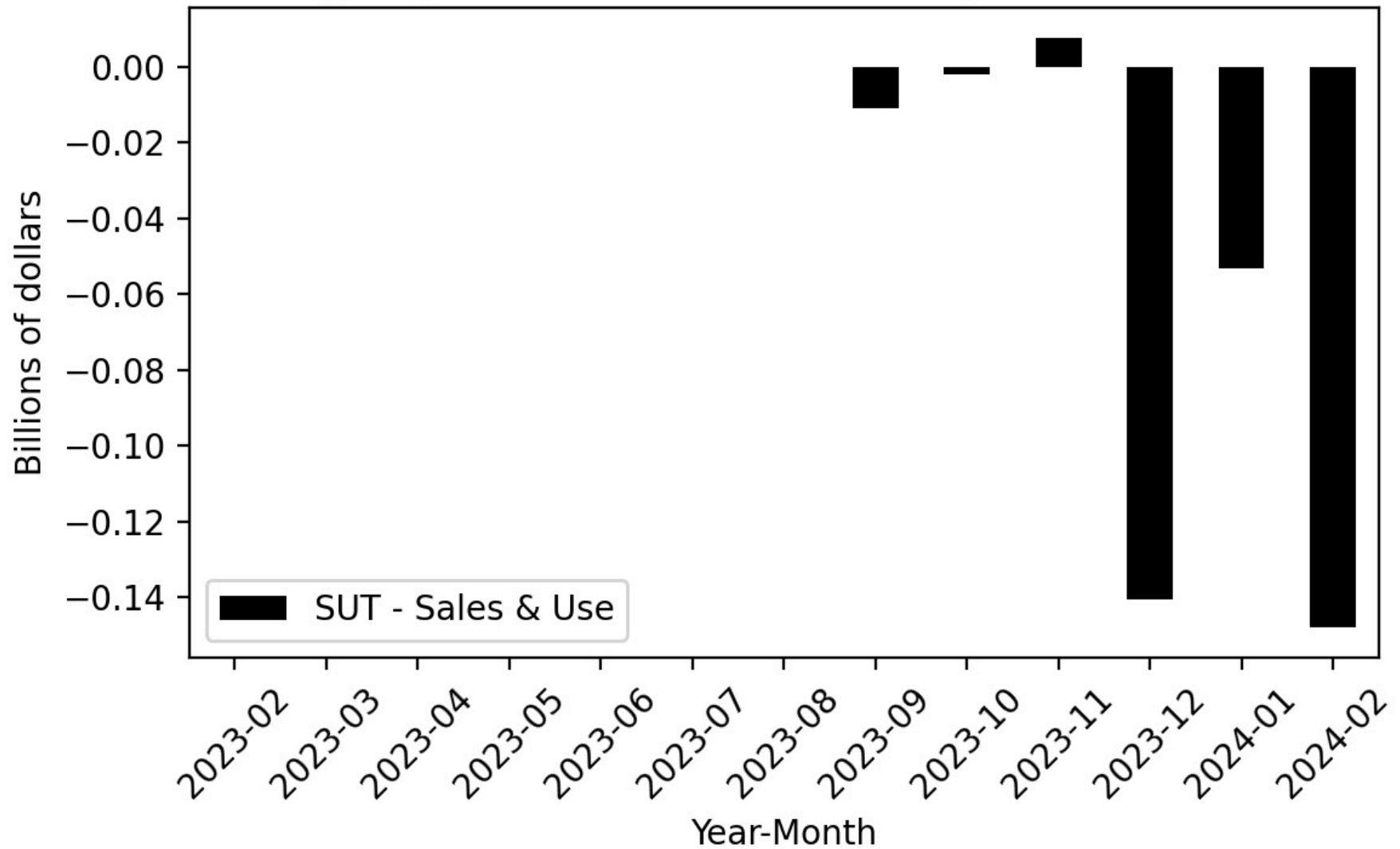


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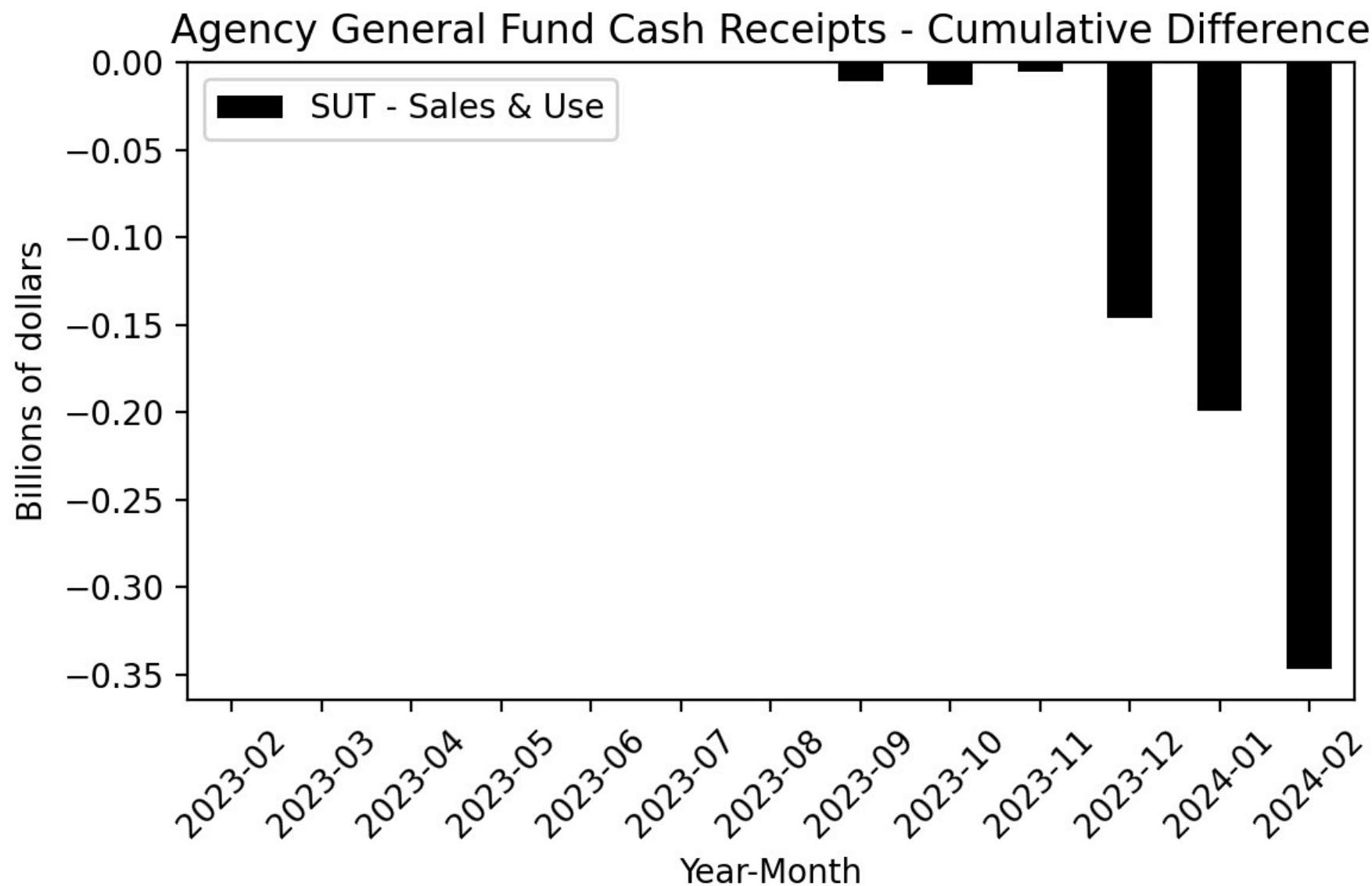


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Year-Over-Year Change - Actual and 2024-25 Governor's Budget
Forecast SUT-Sales & Use

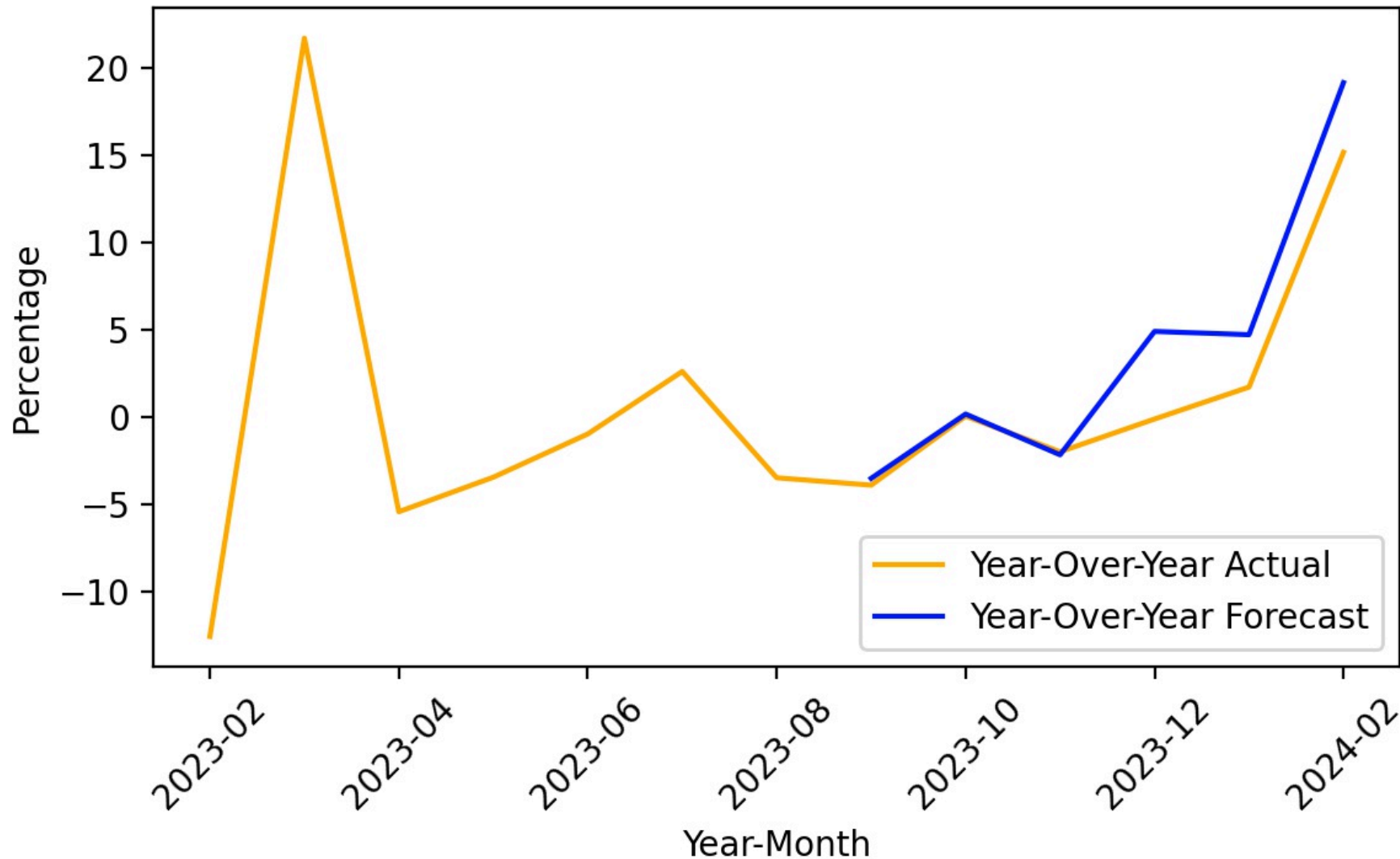


Figure 118

Other Tax - Agency General Fund Revenues (Actual)

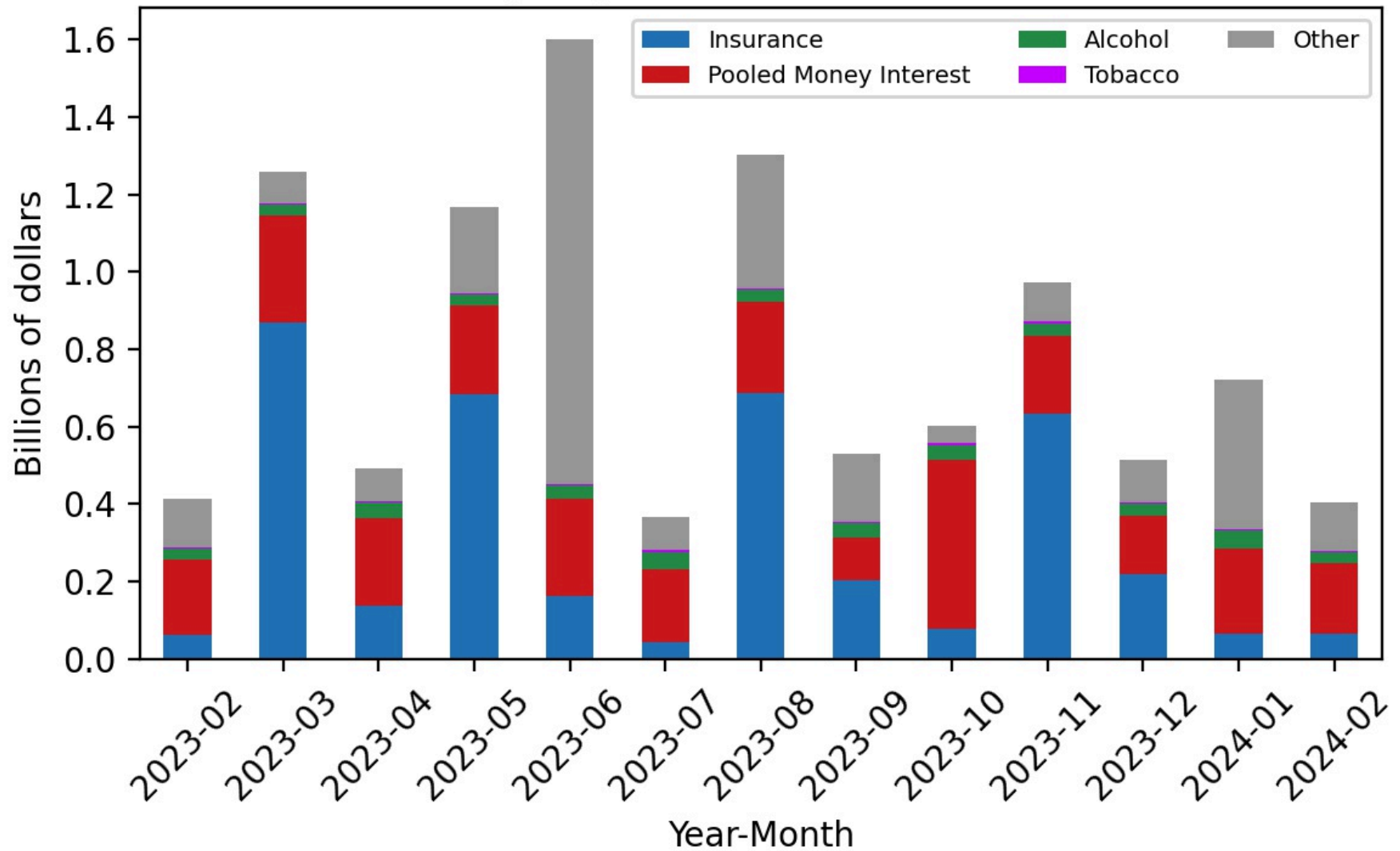


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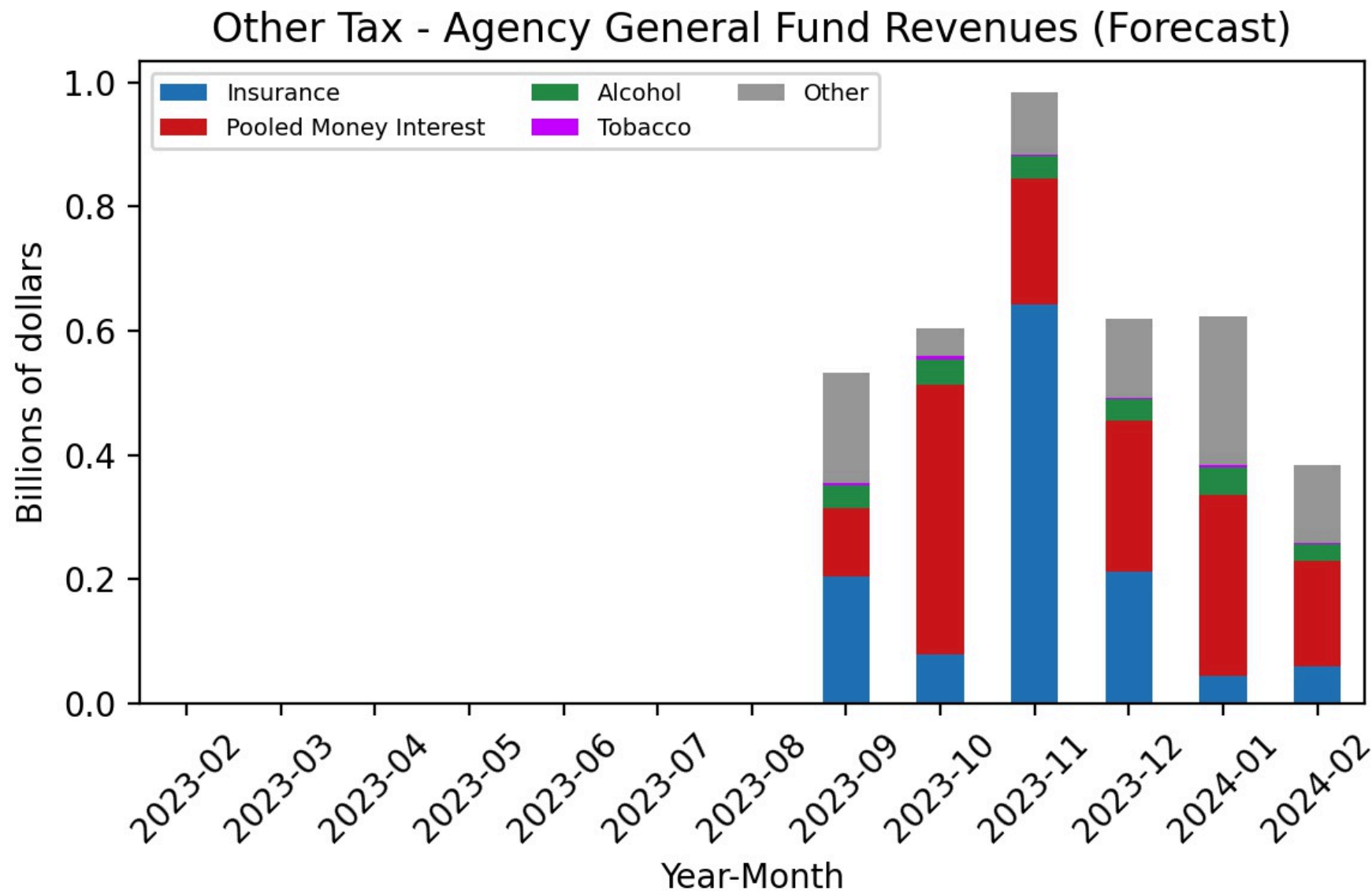


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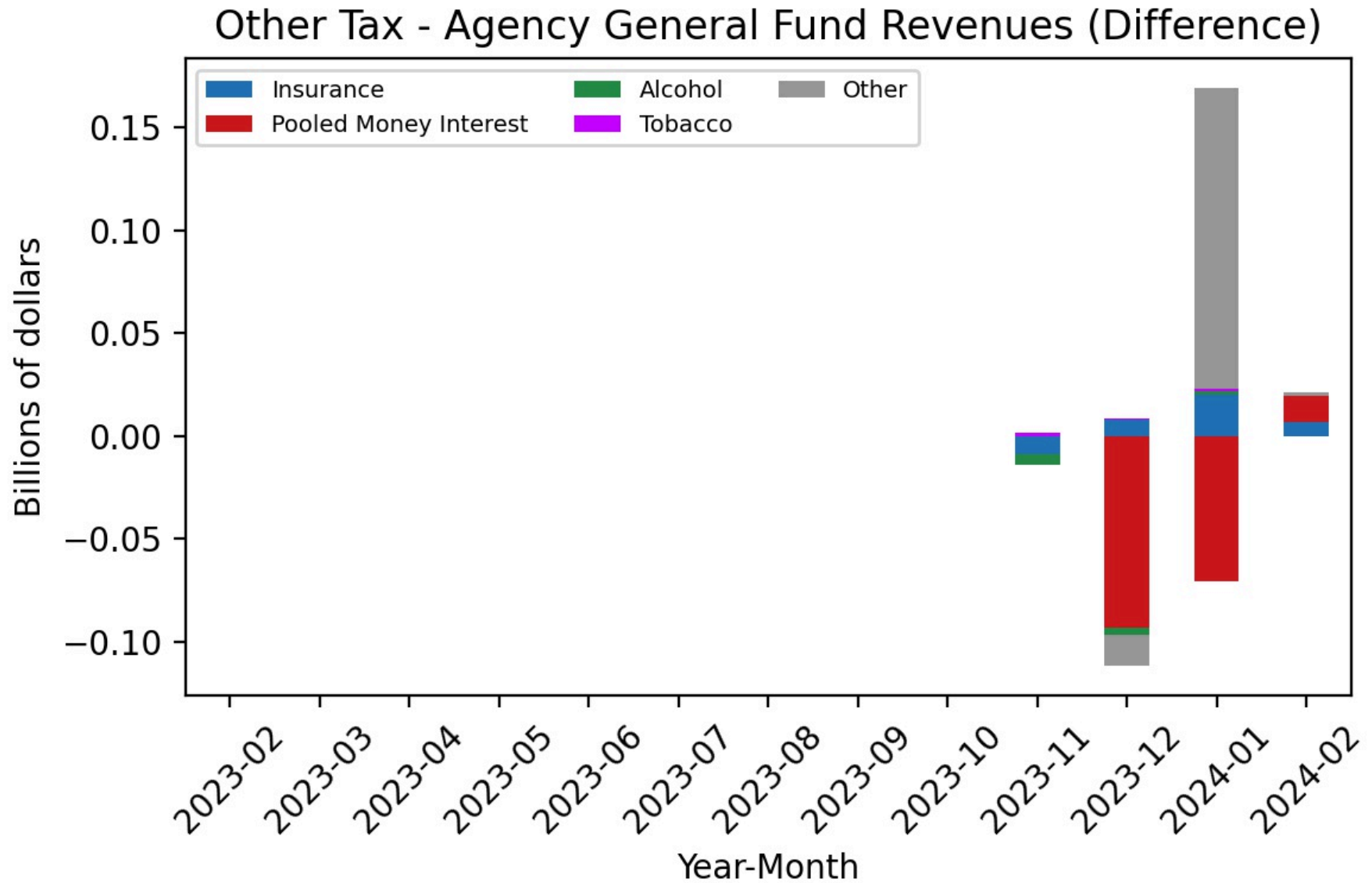


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Other Tax - Agency General Fund Revenues (Cumulative Difference)

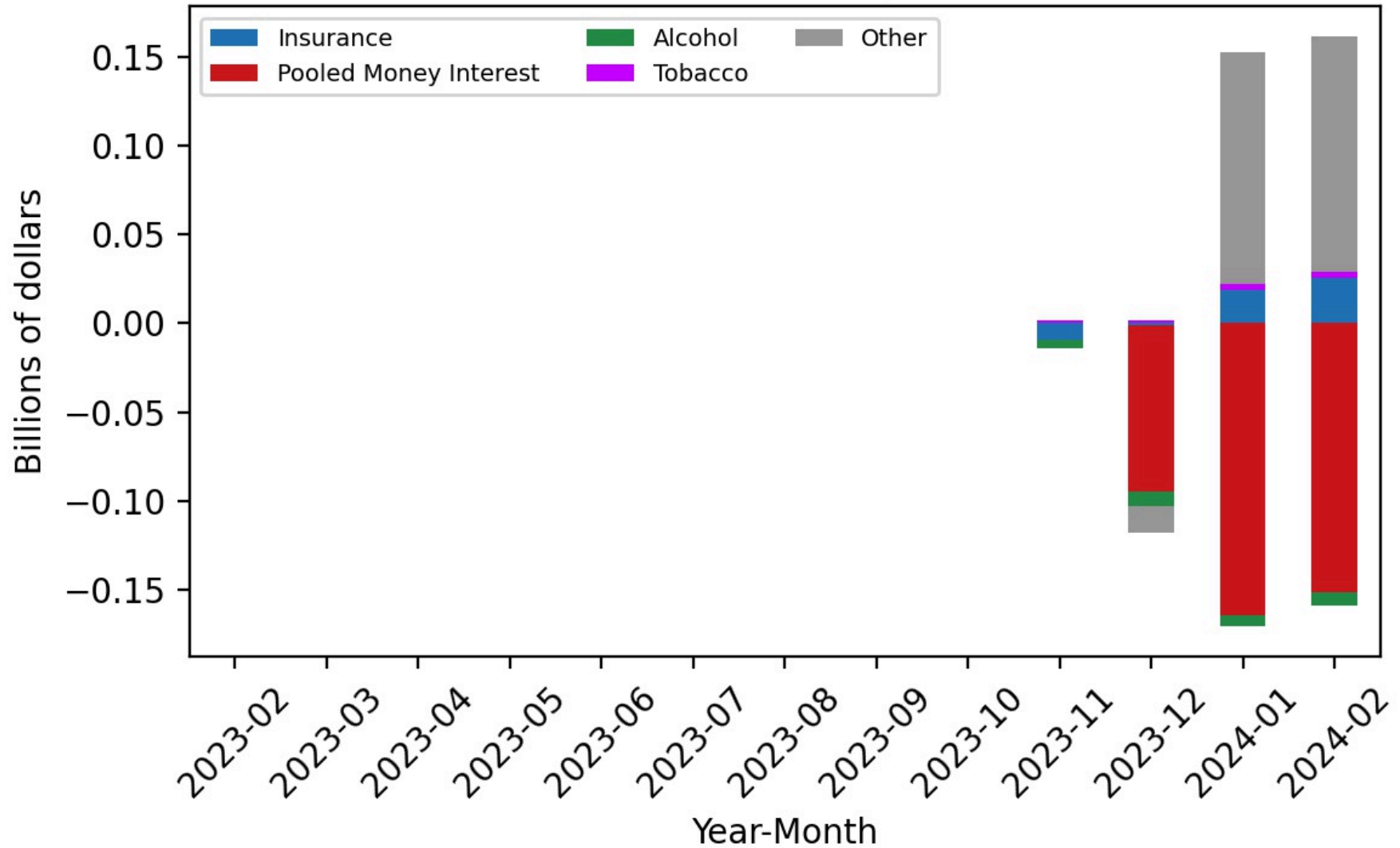


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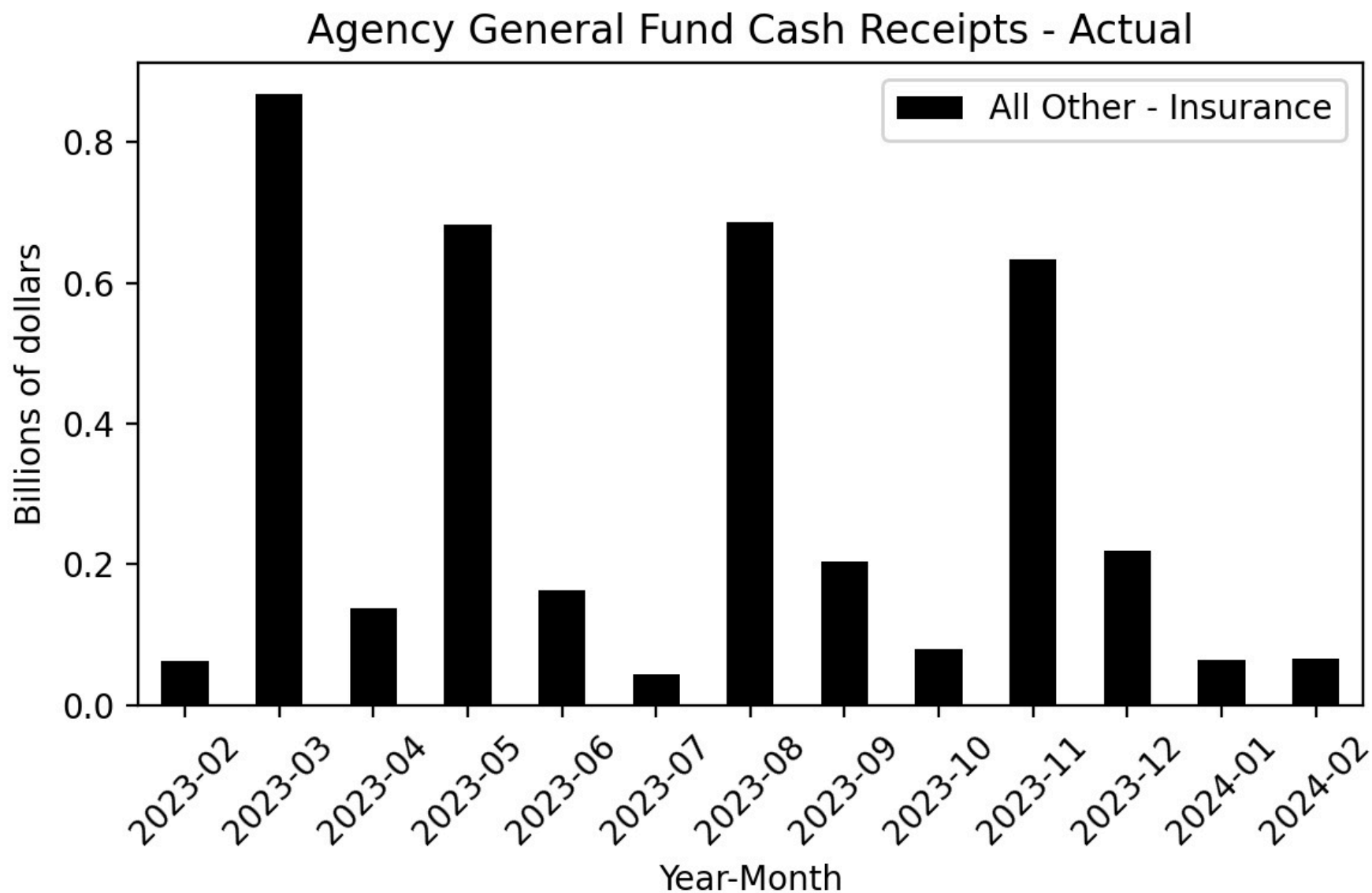


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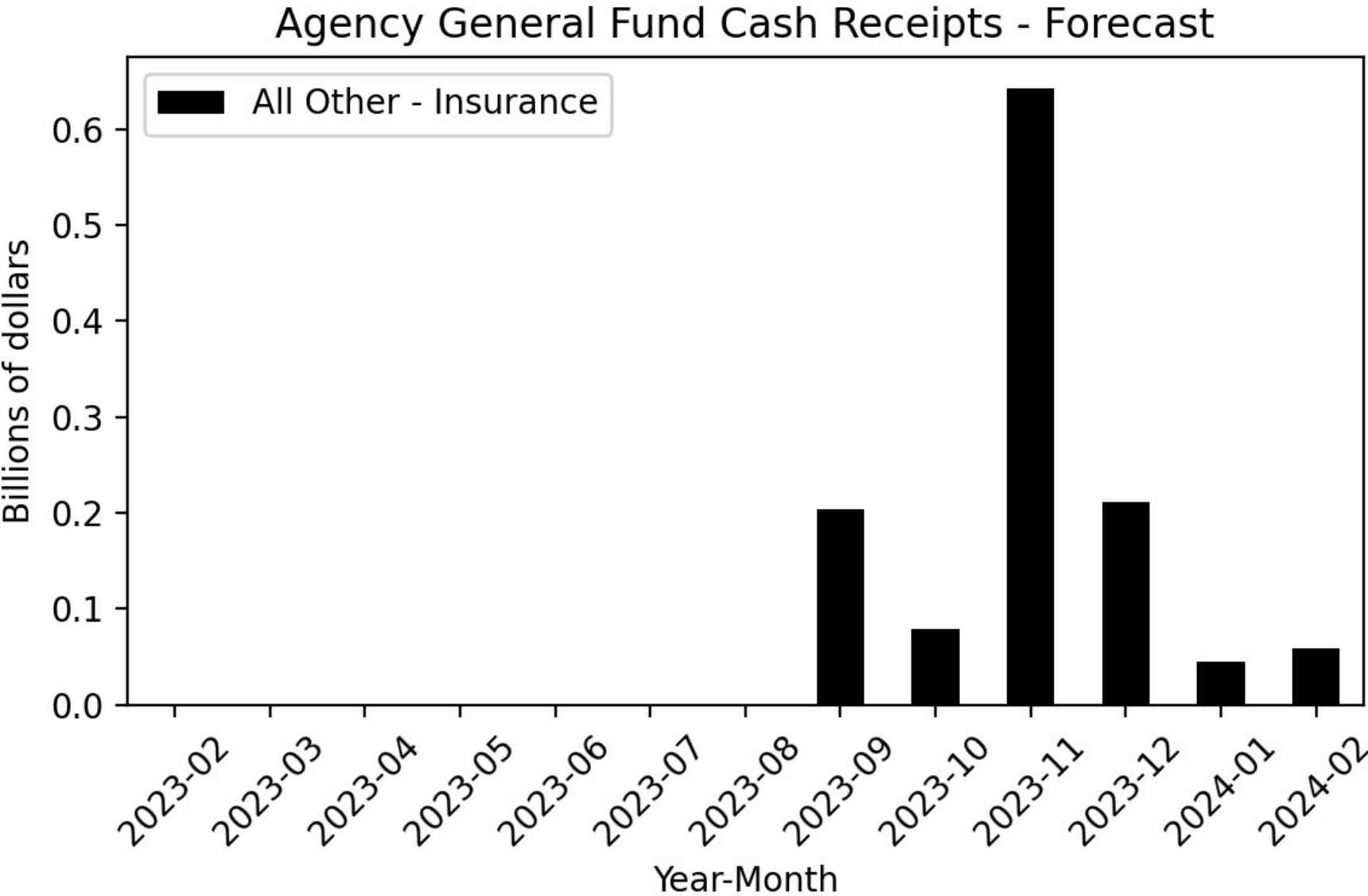


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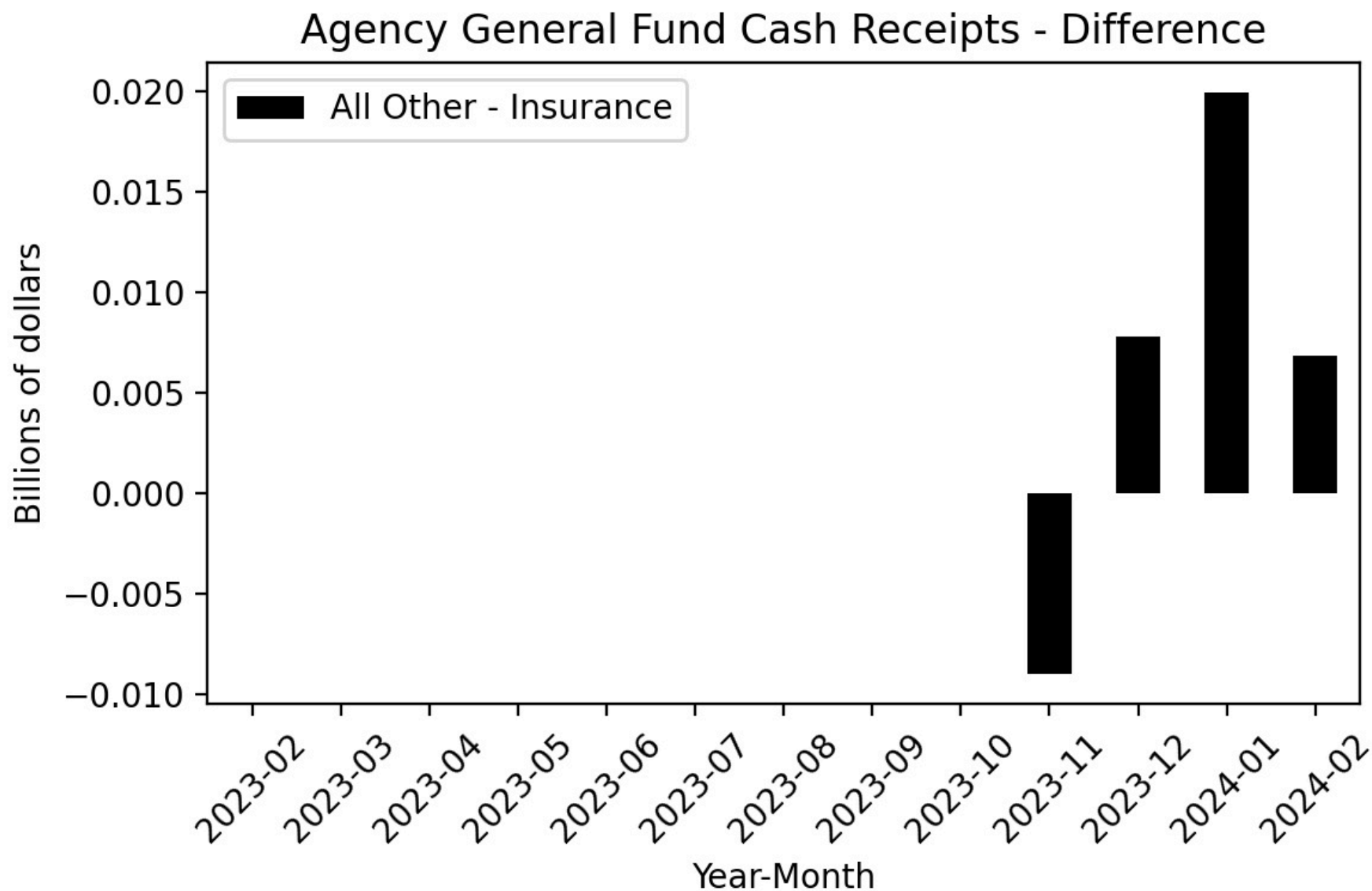


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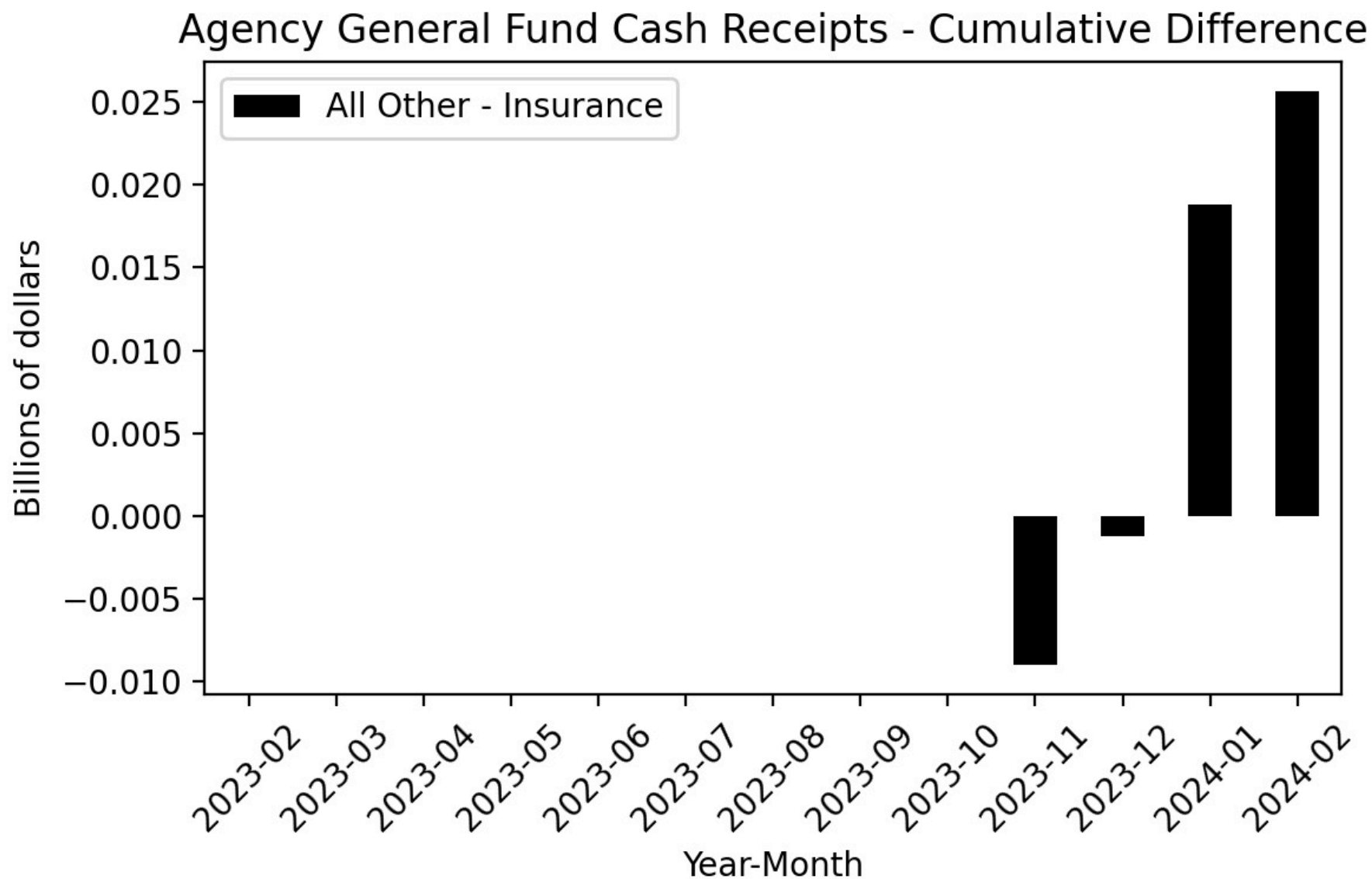


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Year-Over-Year Change - Actual and 2024-25 Governor's Budget
Forecast All Other-Insurance

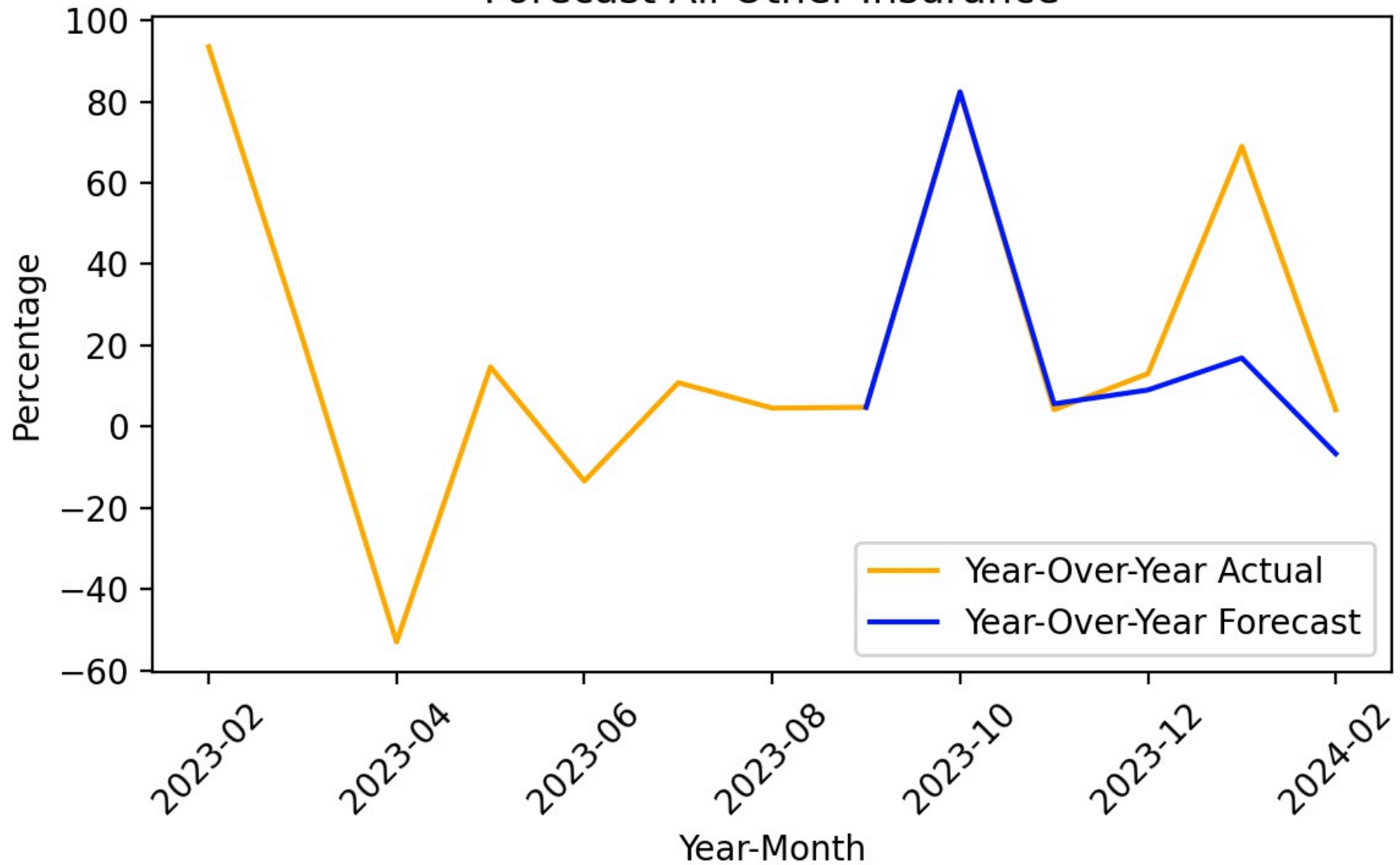


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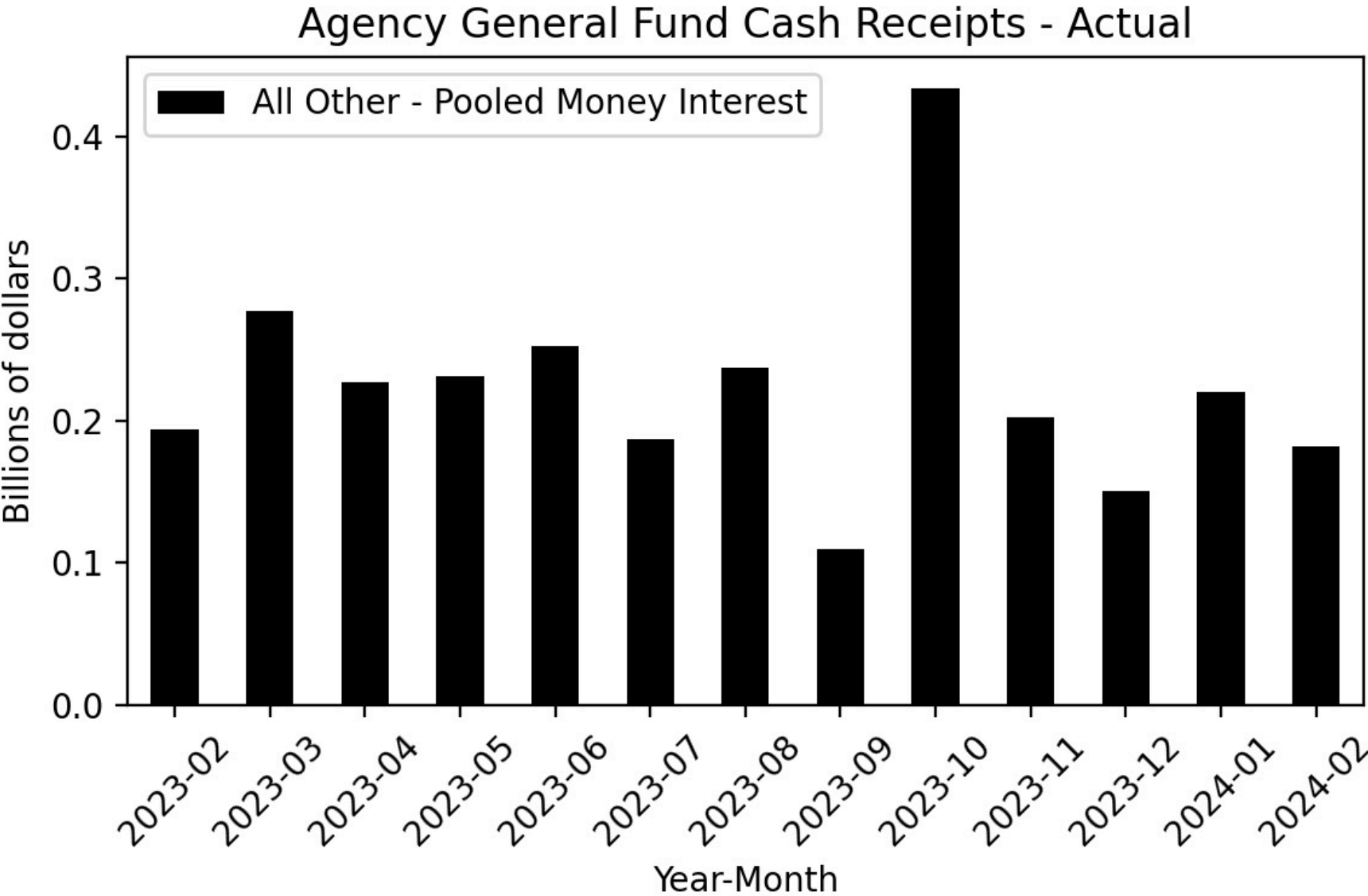


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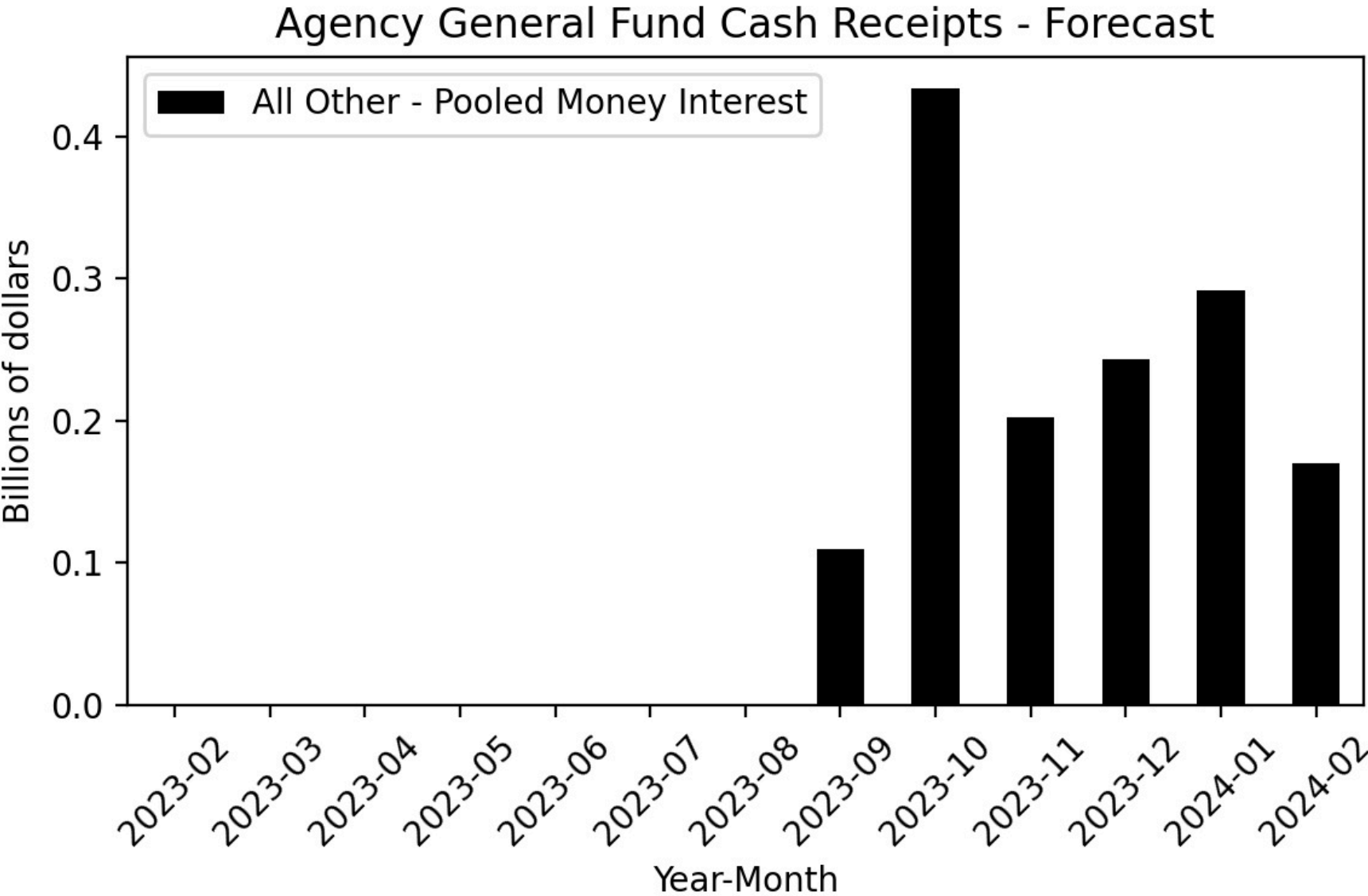


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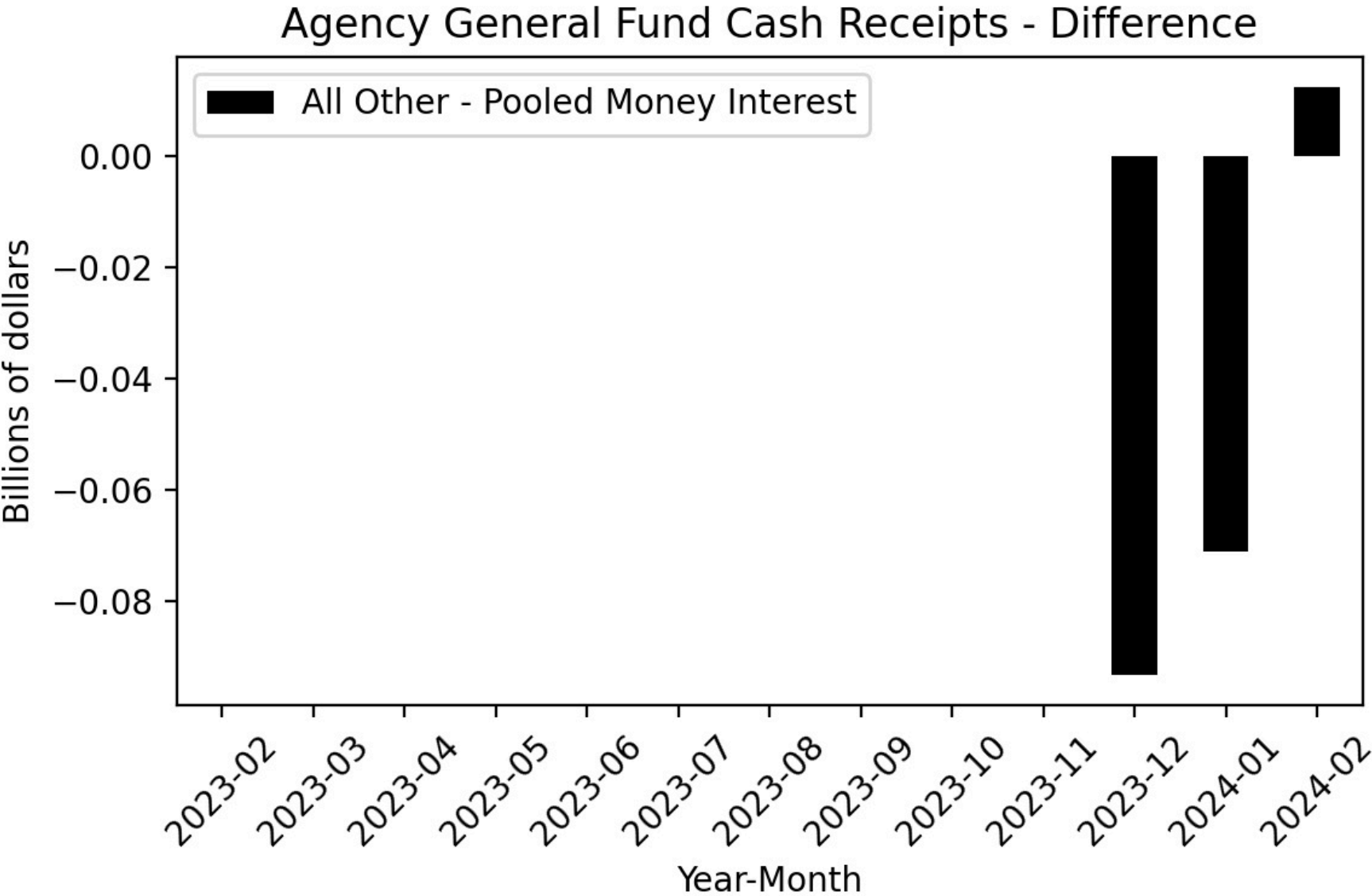


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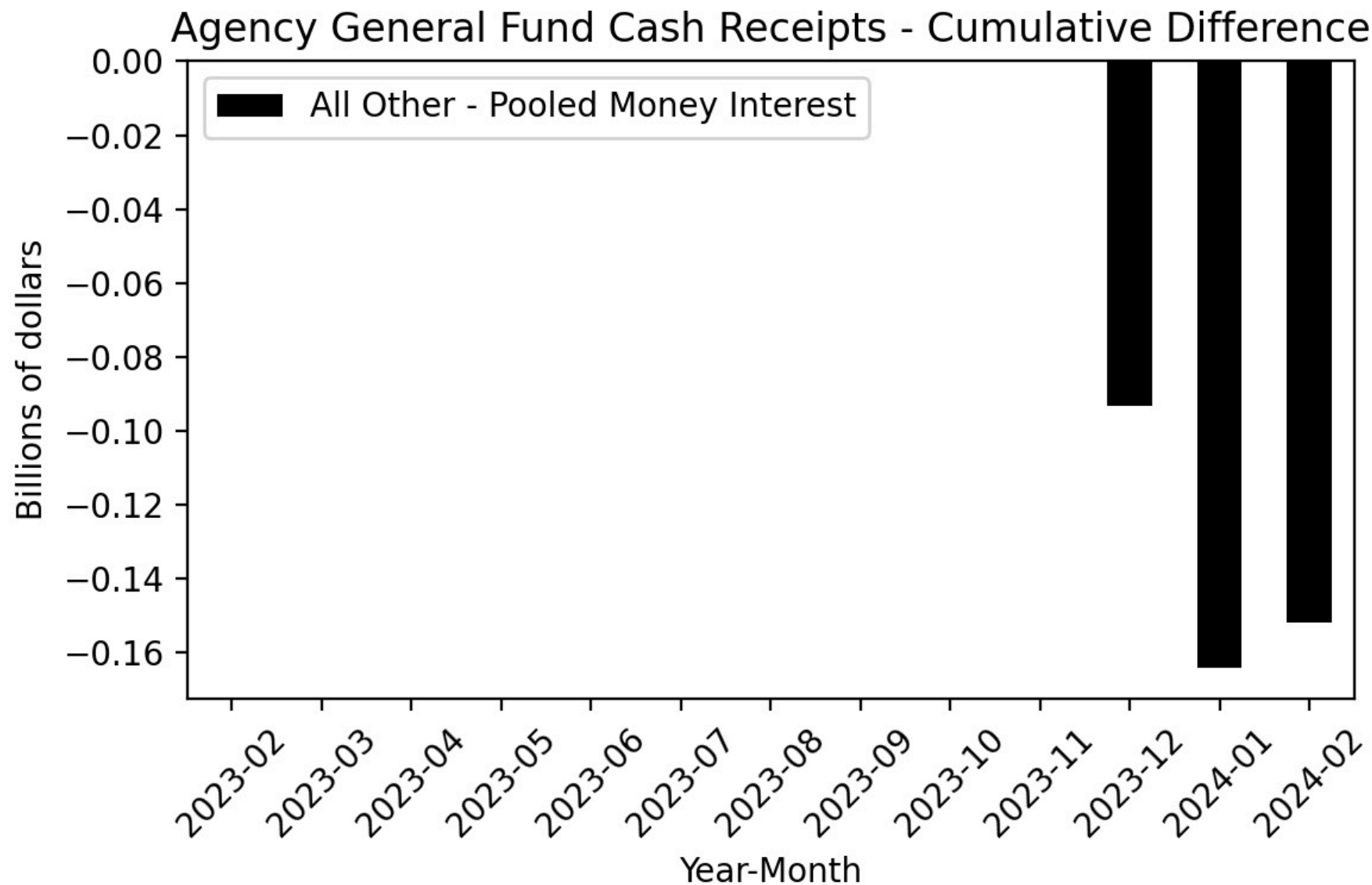


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Year-Over-Year Change - Actual and 2024-25 Governor's Budget
Forecast All Other-Pooled Money Interest

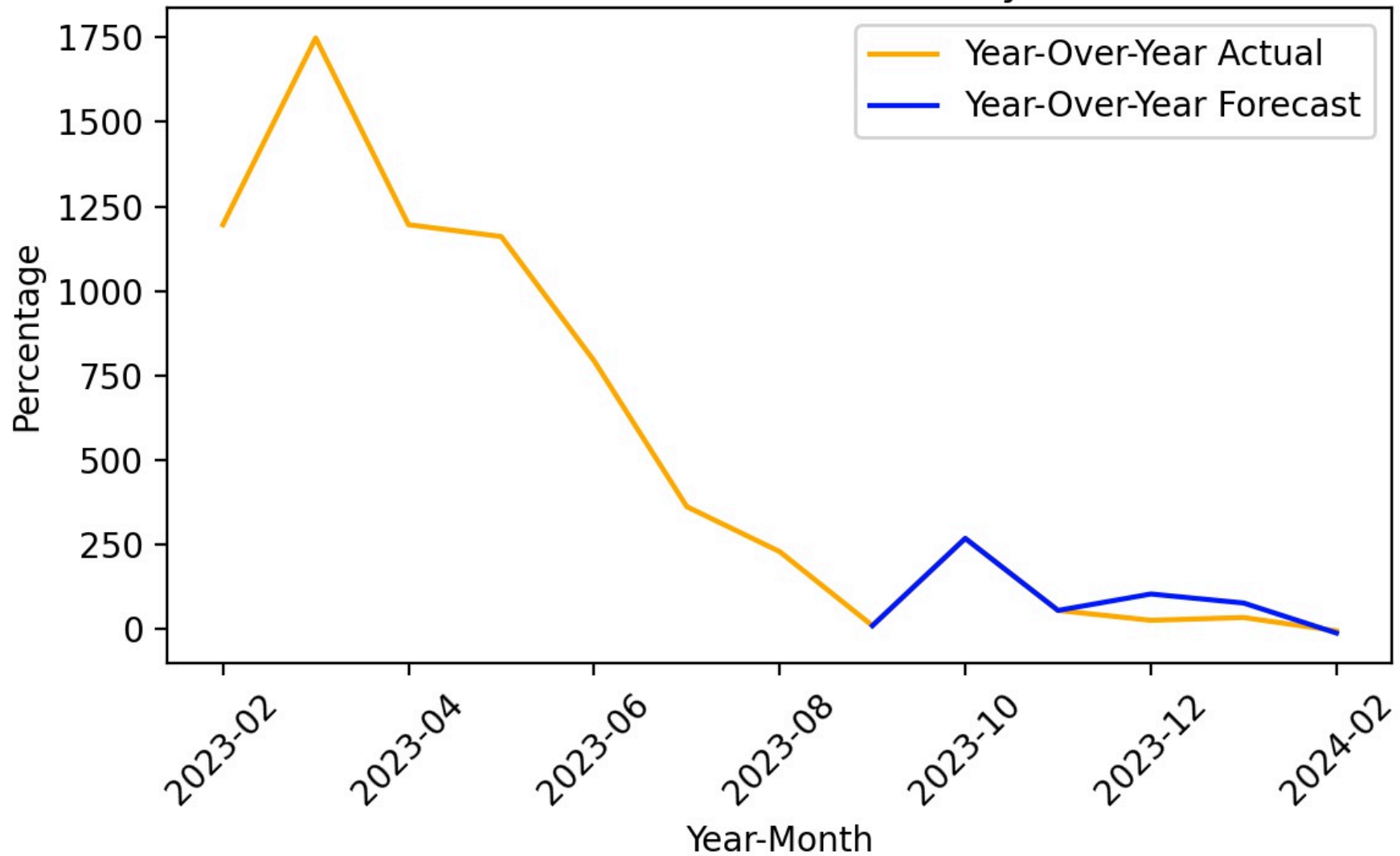


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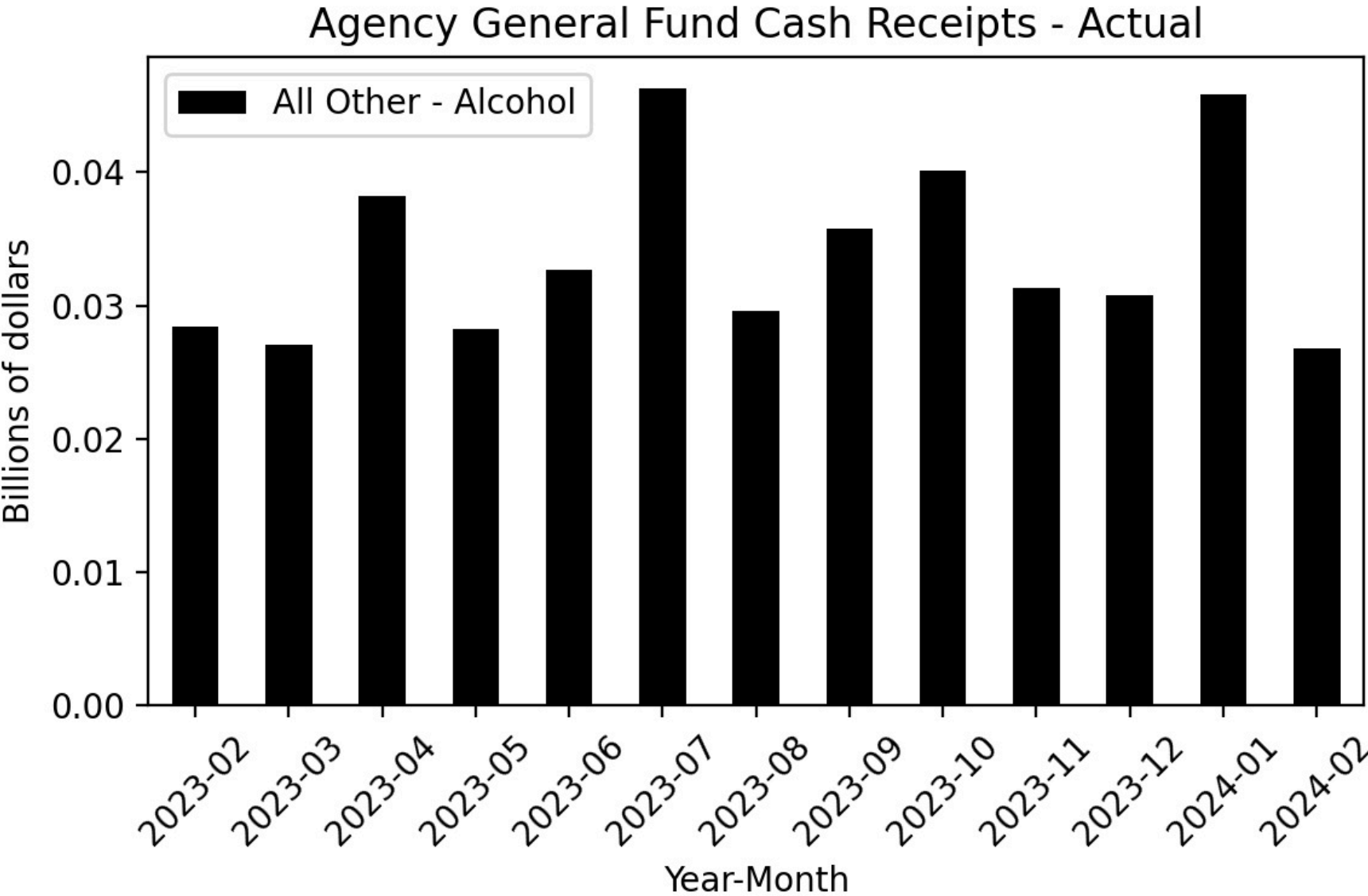


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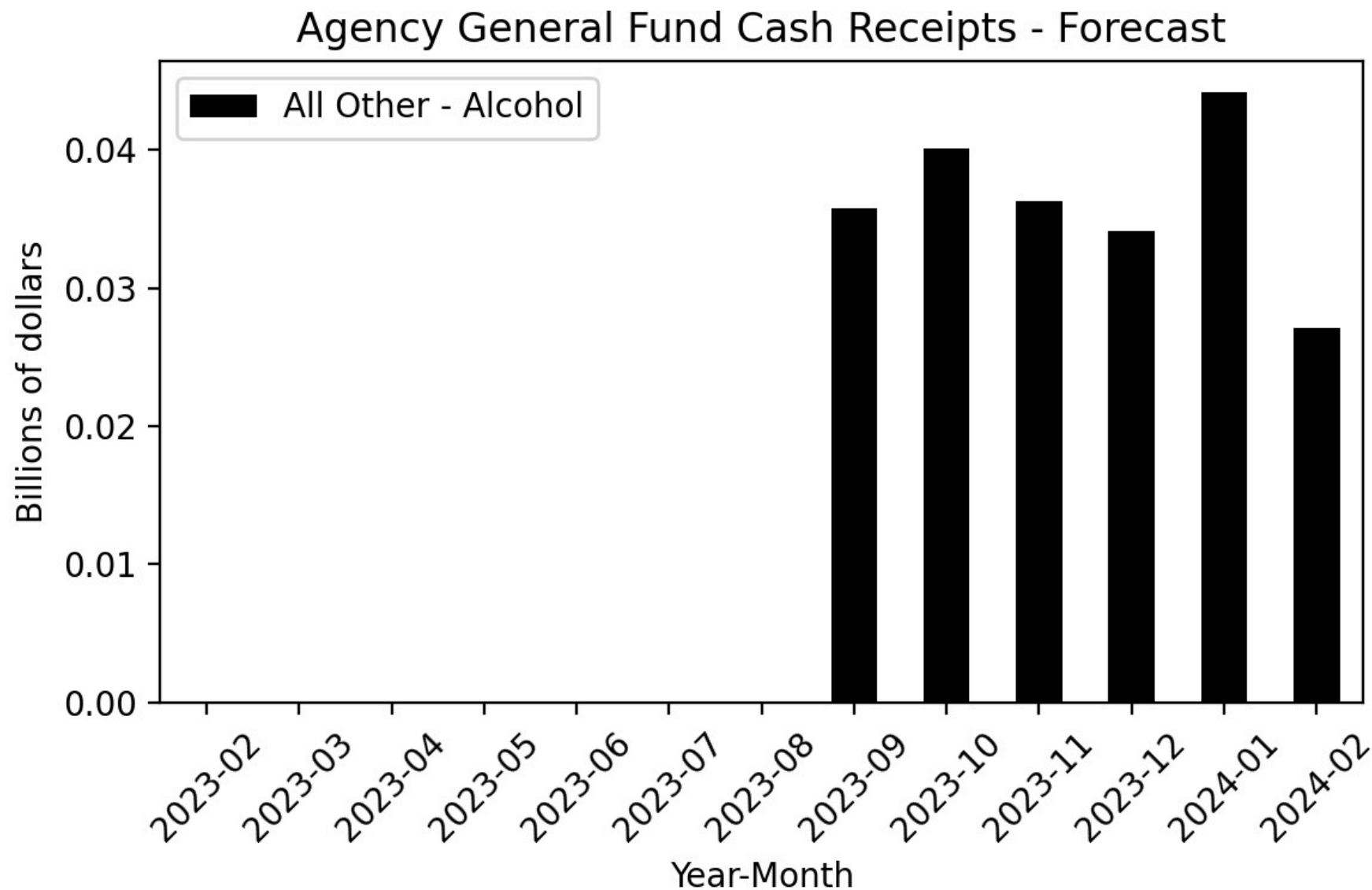


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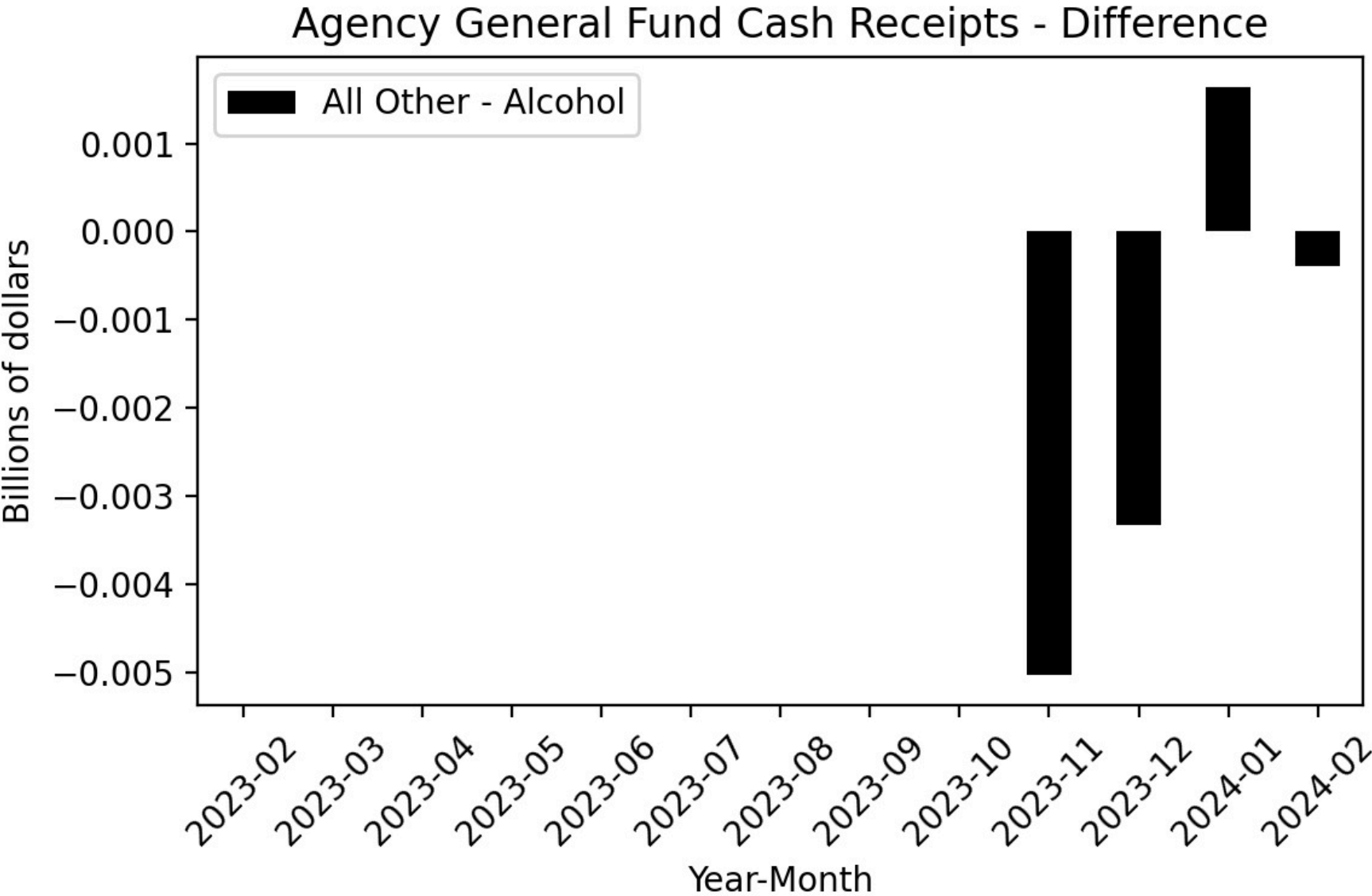


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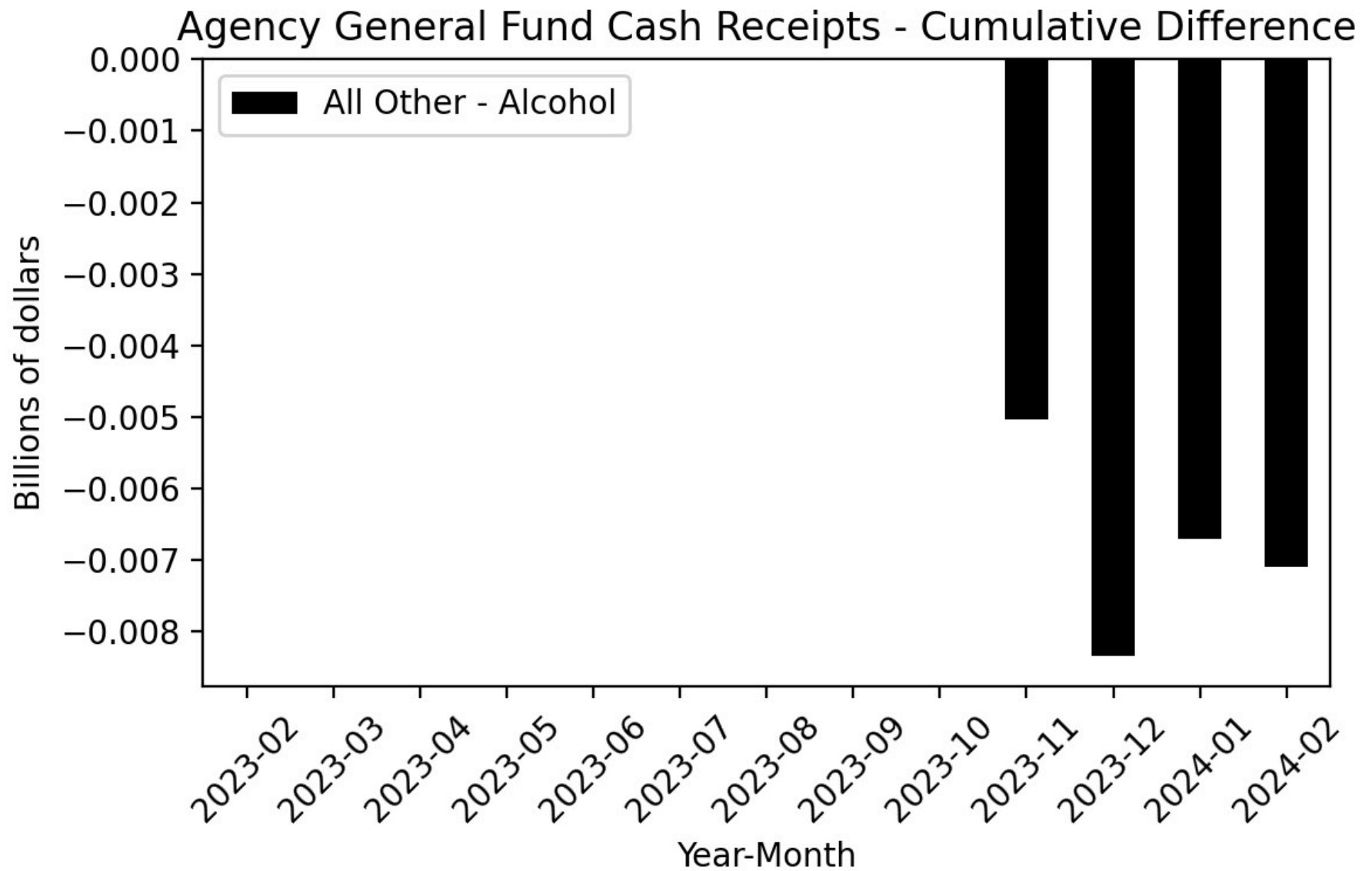


Figure 136

Year-Over-Year Change - Actual and 2024-25 Governor's Budget
Forecast All Other-Alcohol

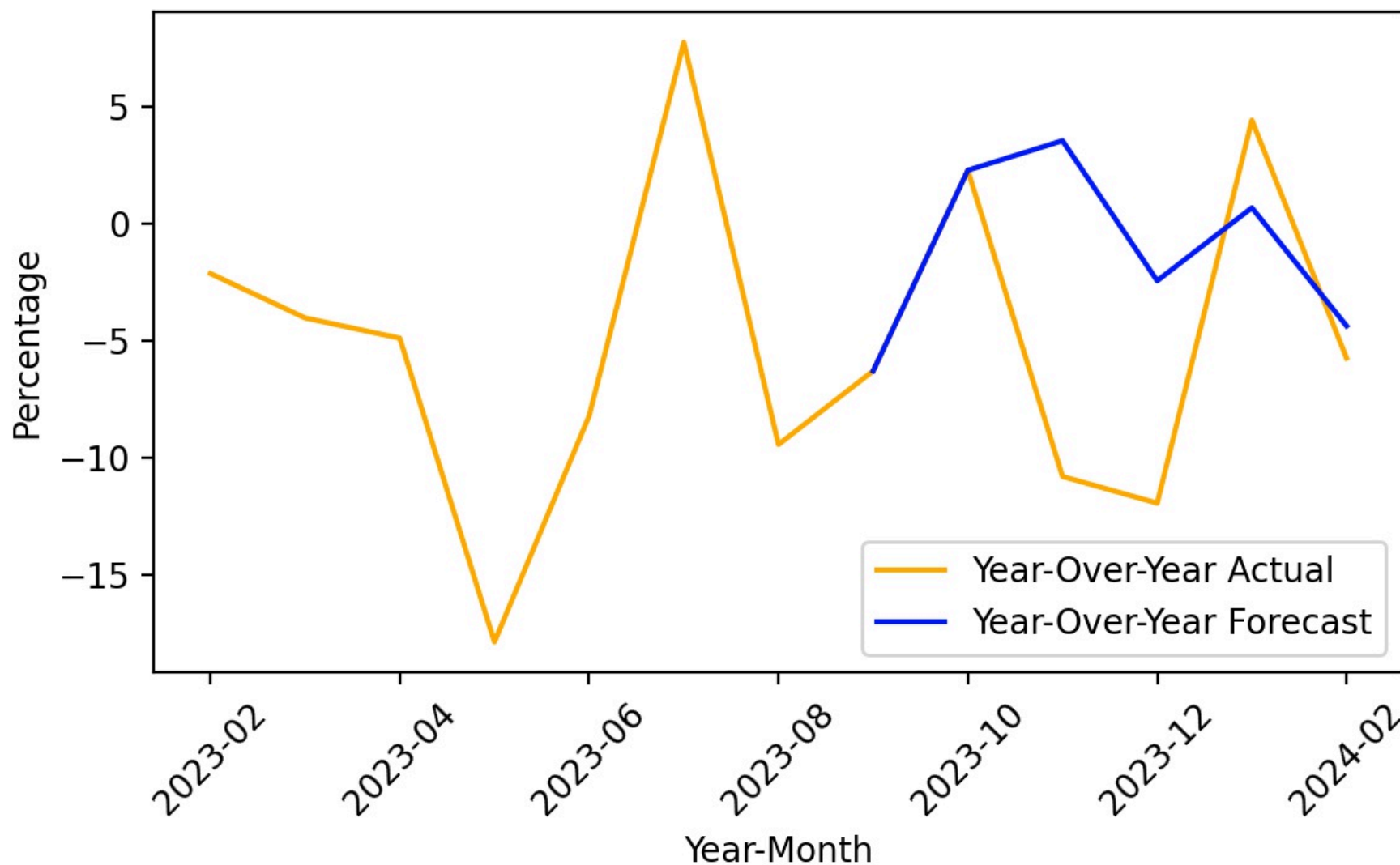


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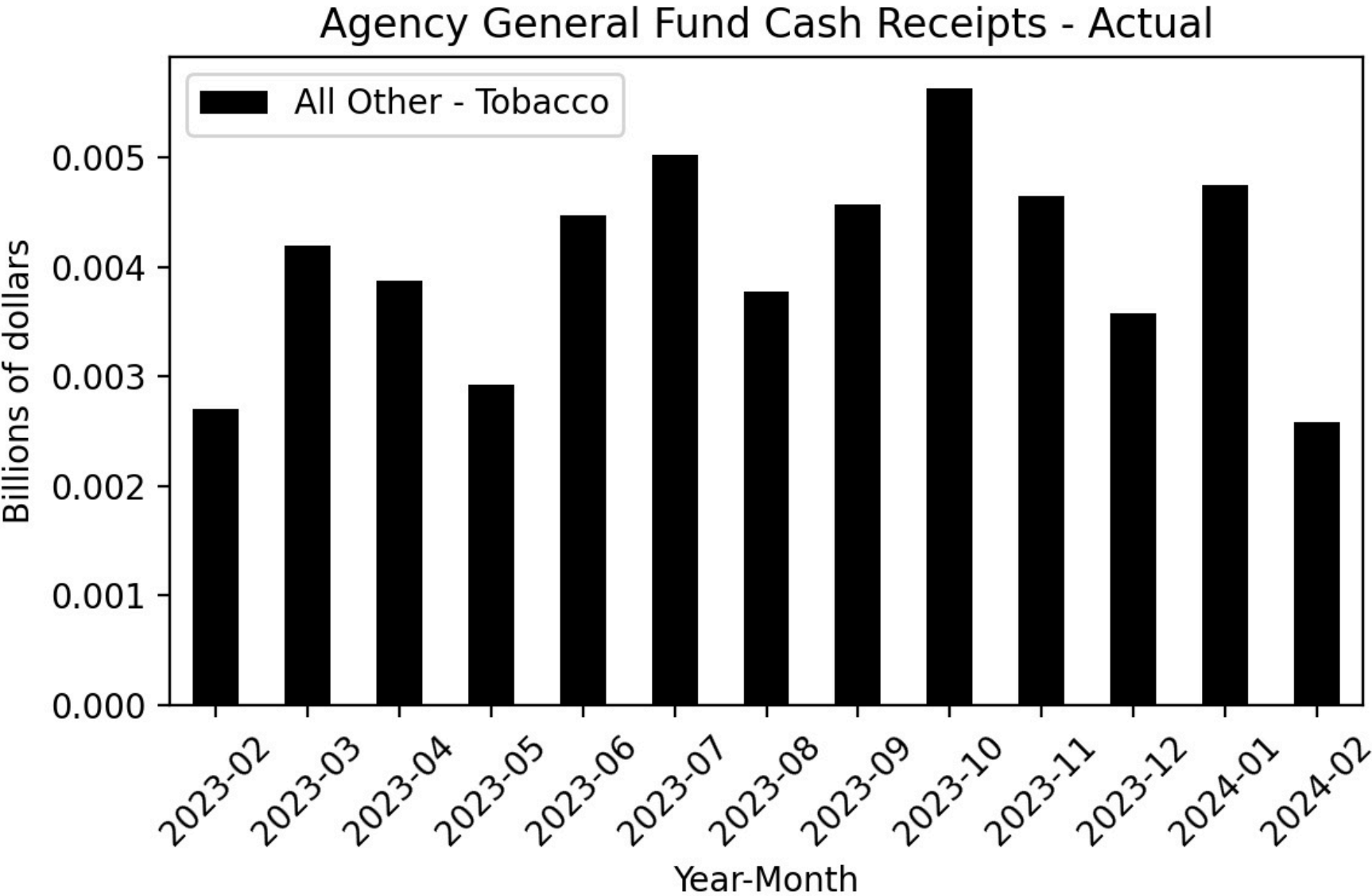


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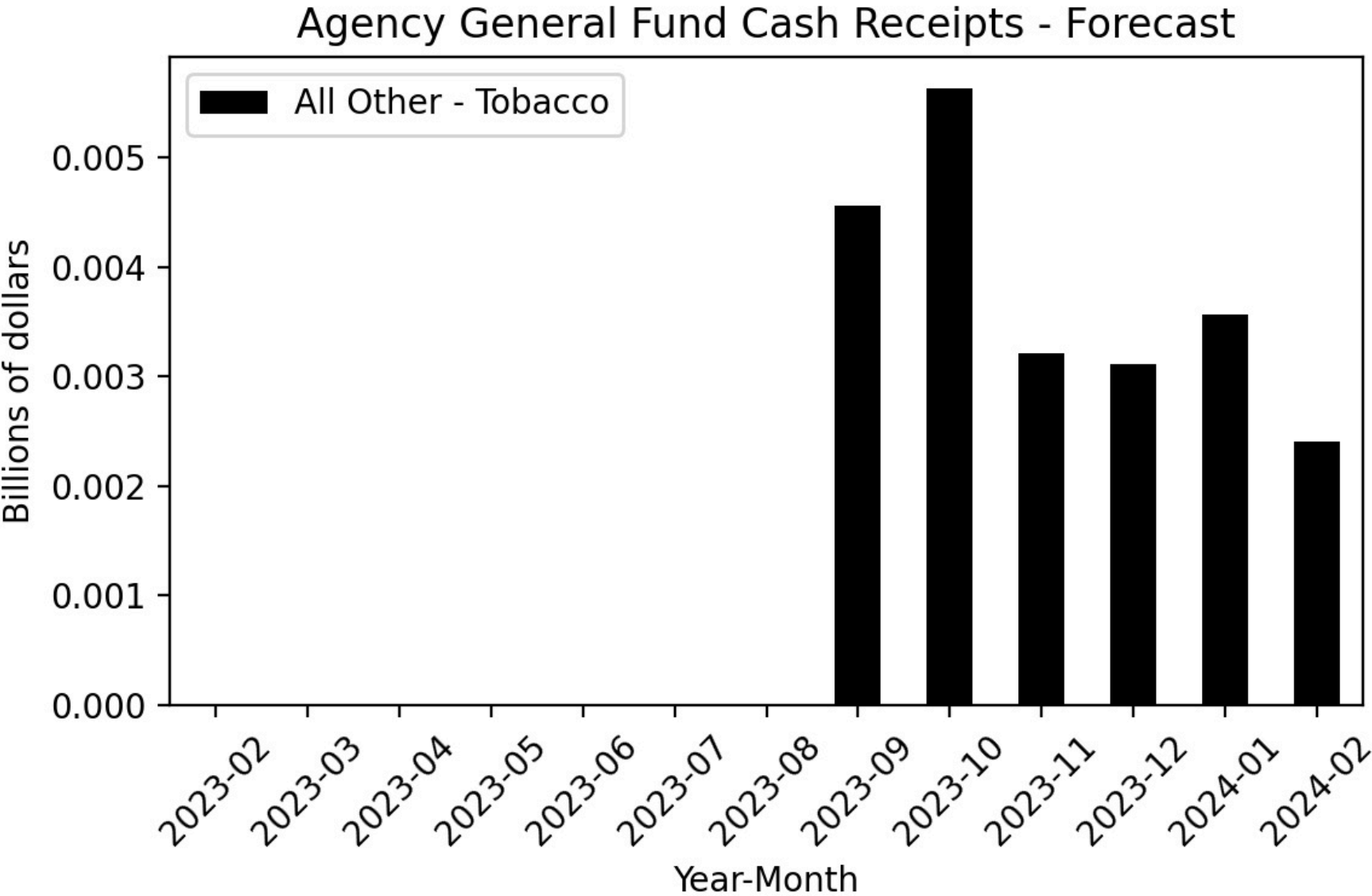


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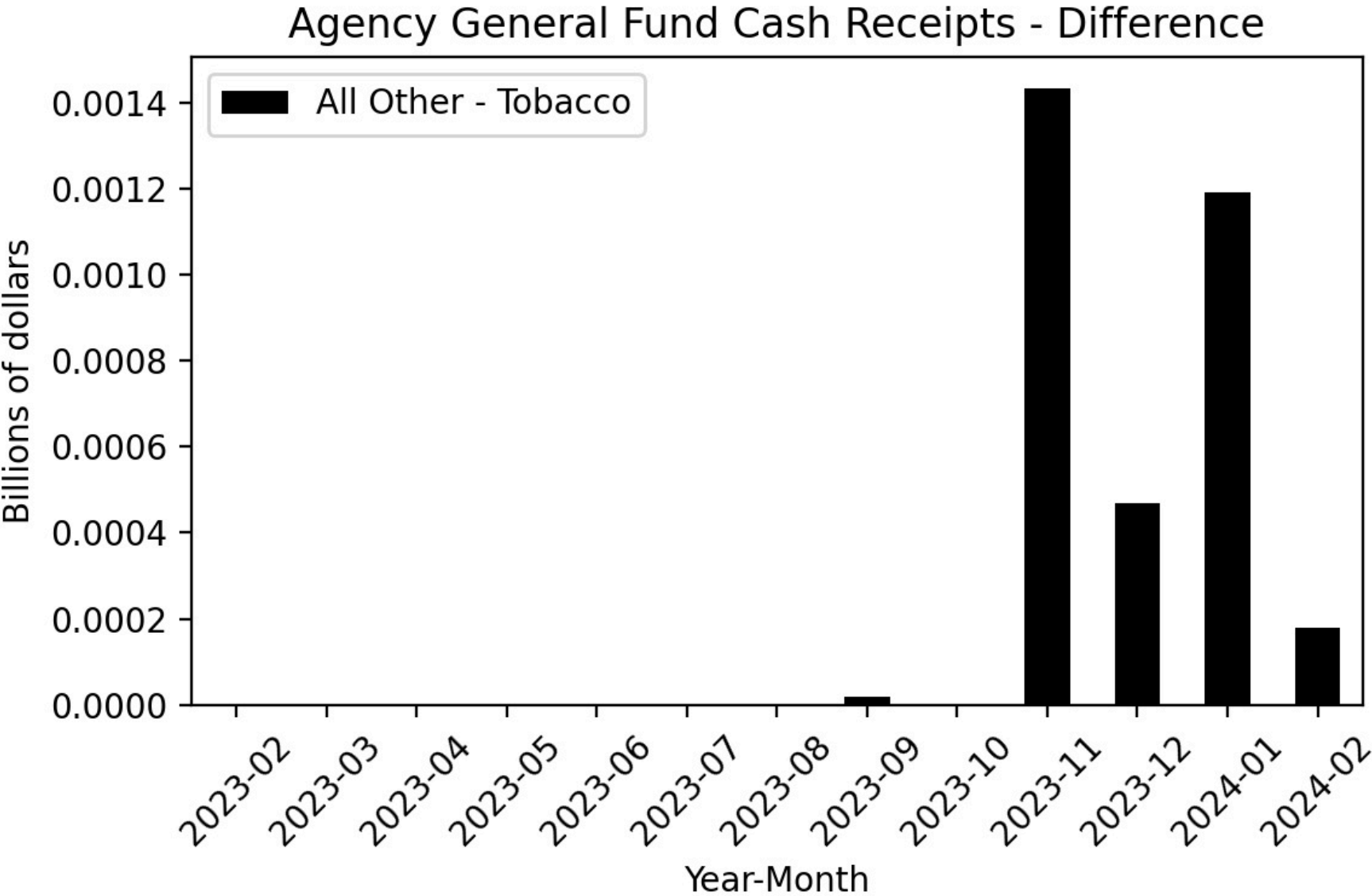


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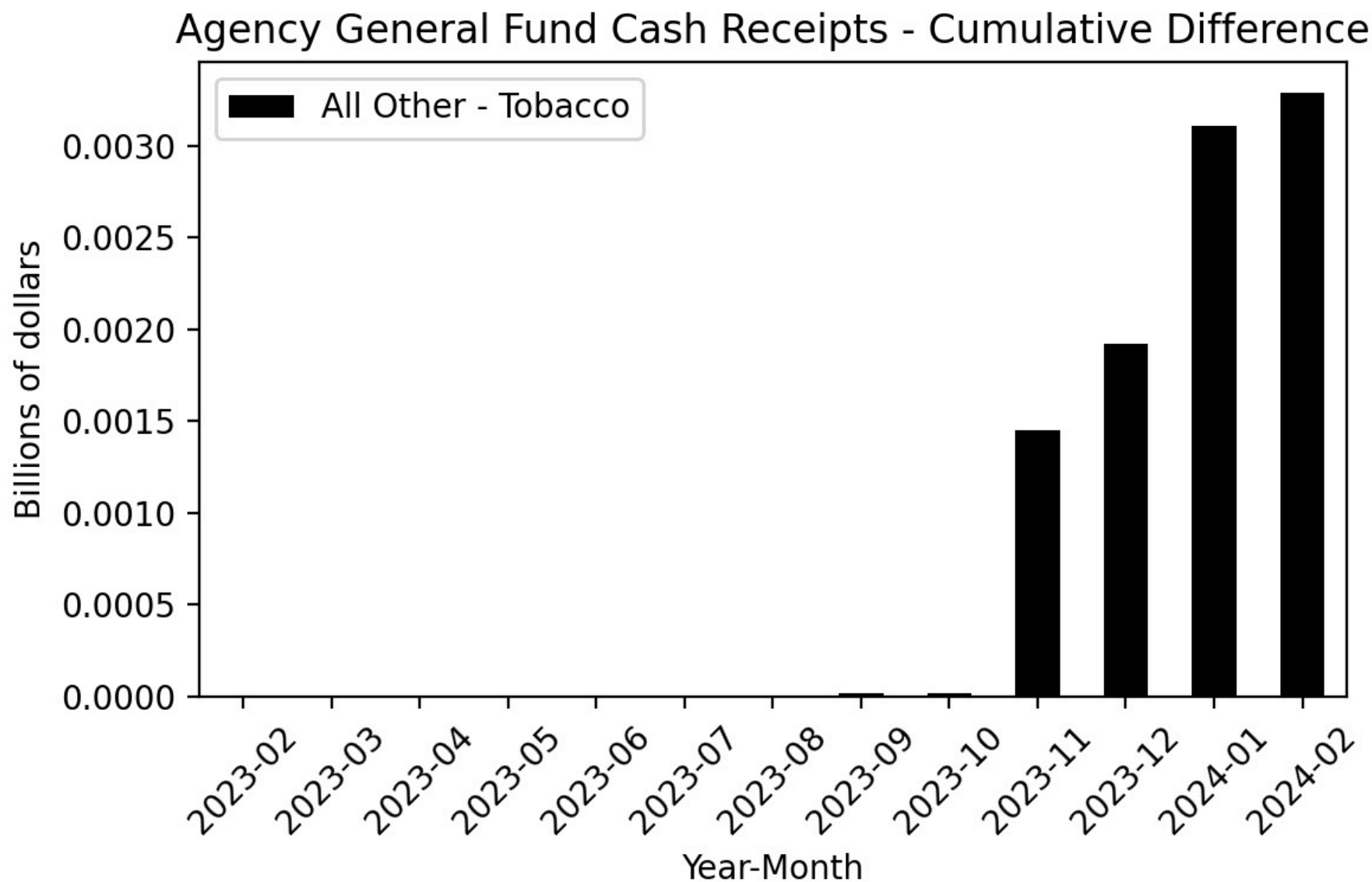


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Year-Over-Year Change - Actual and 2024-25 Governor's Budget
Forecast All Other-Tobacco

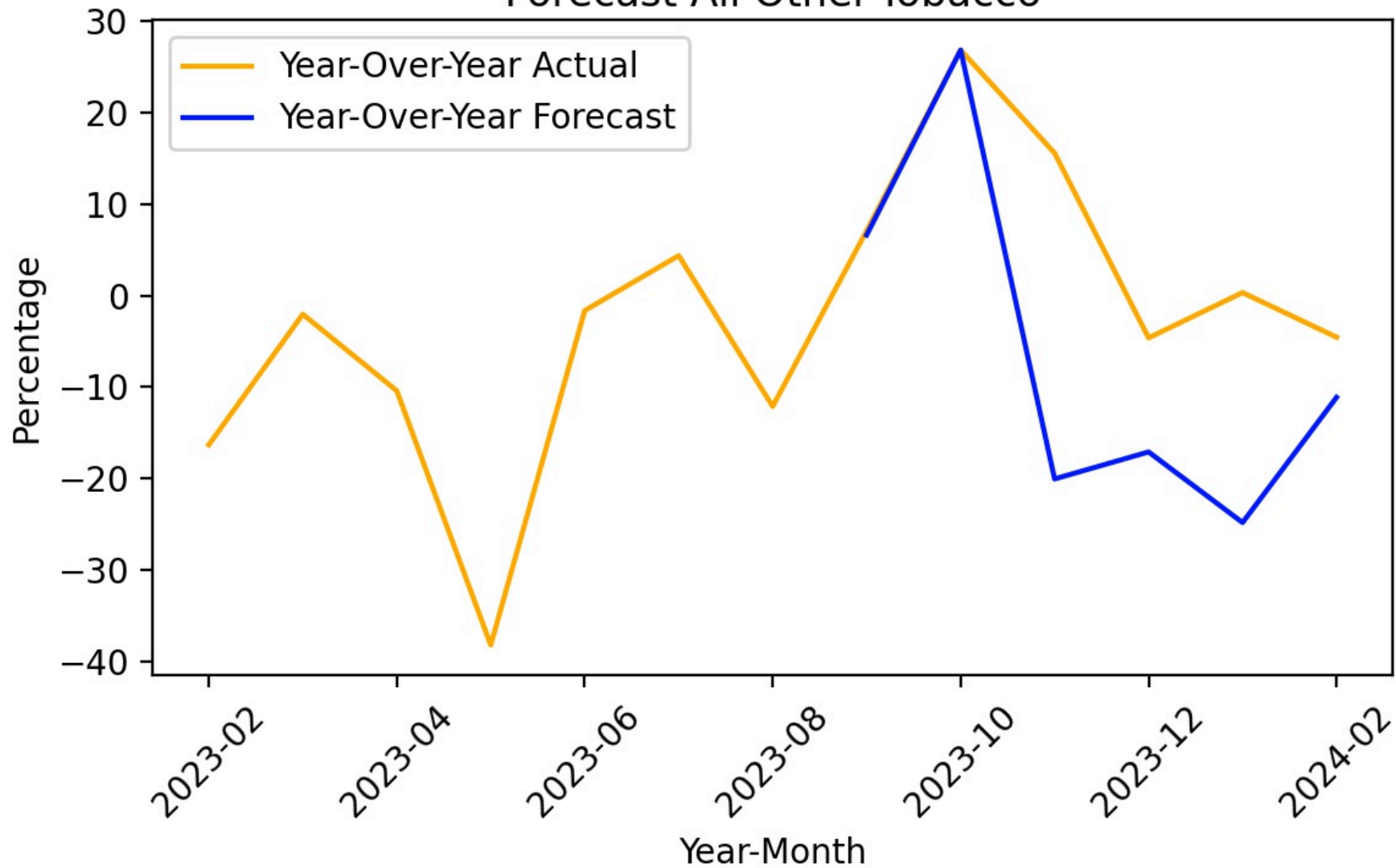


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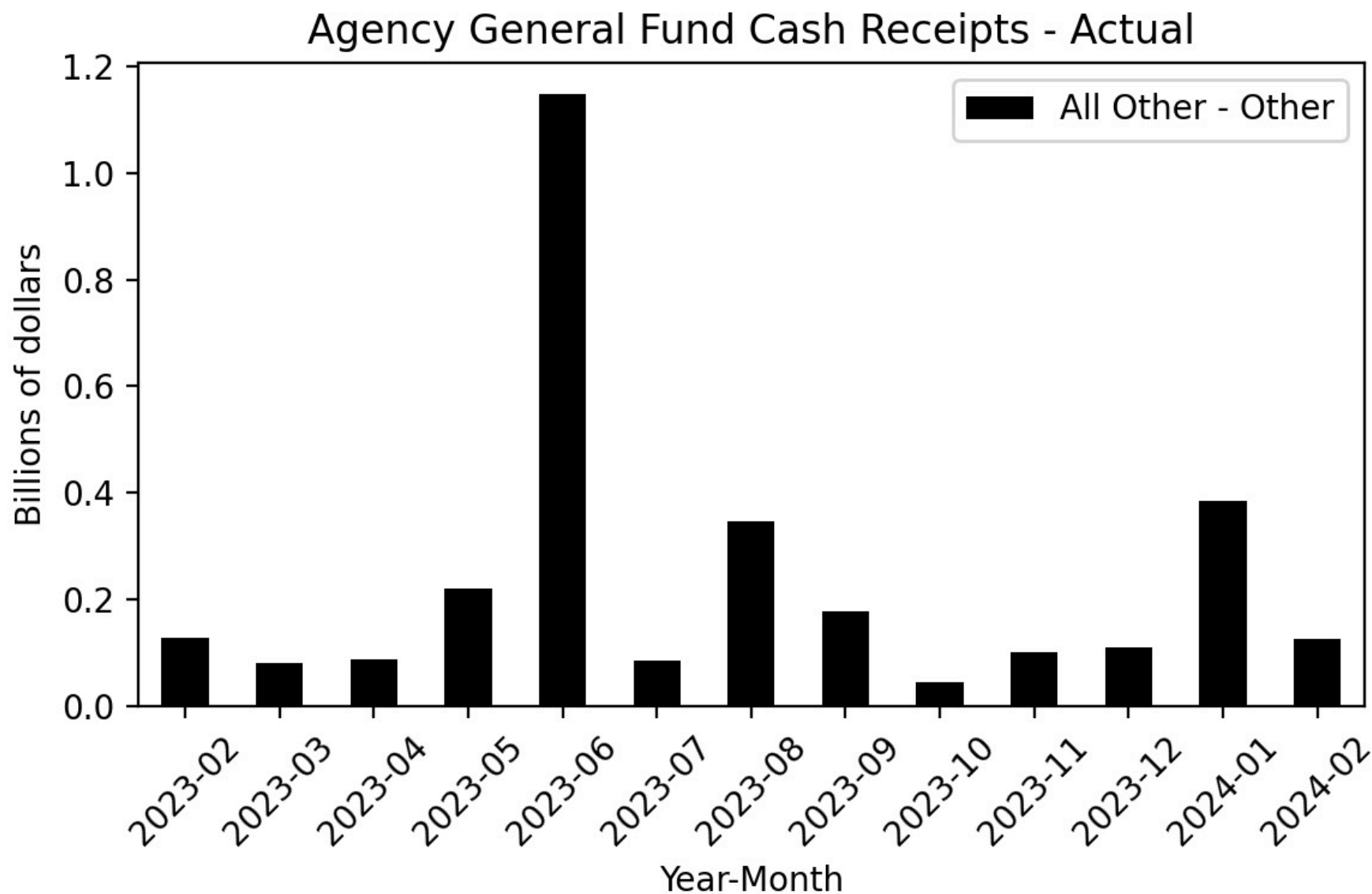


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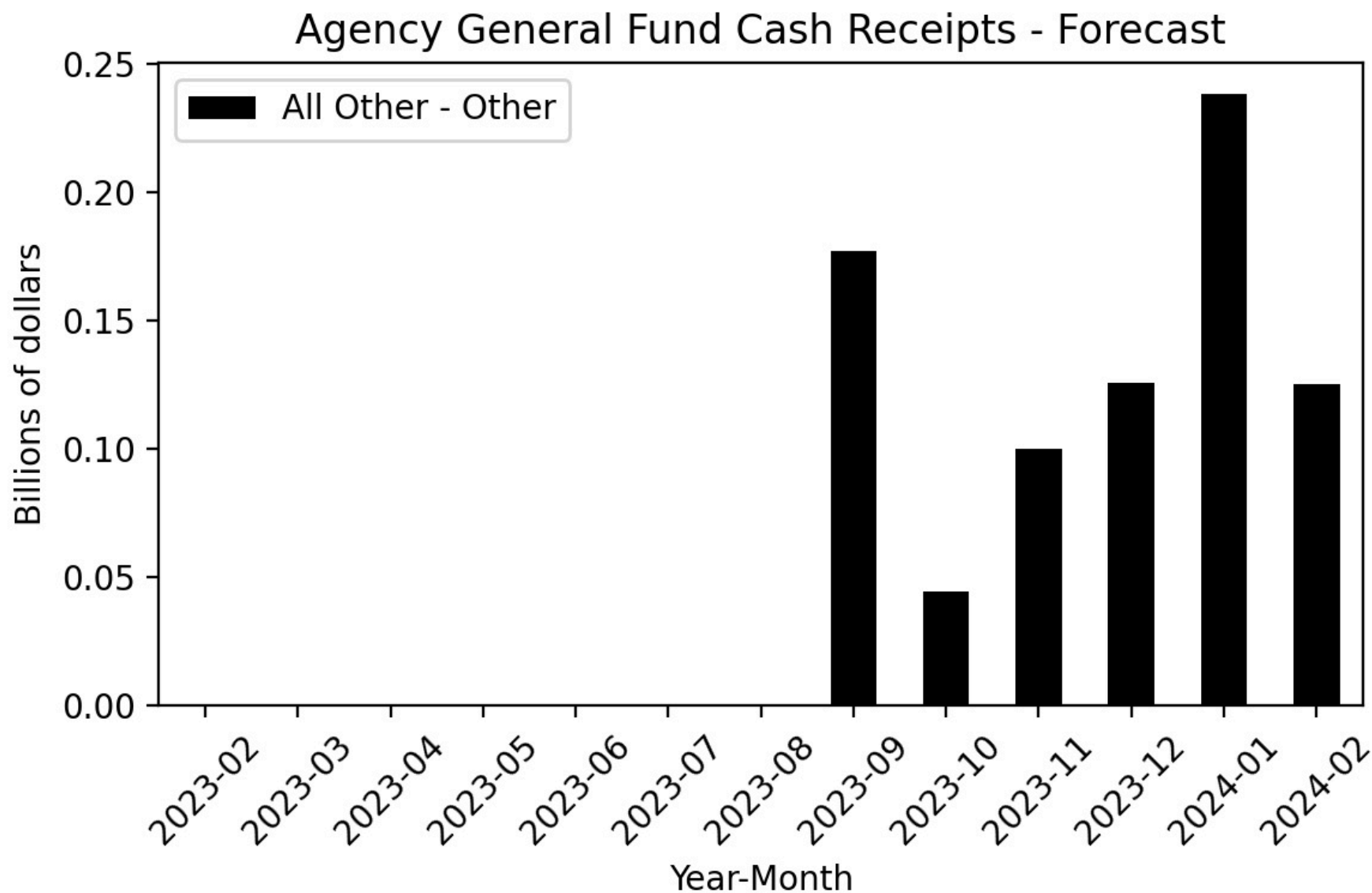


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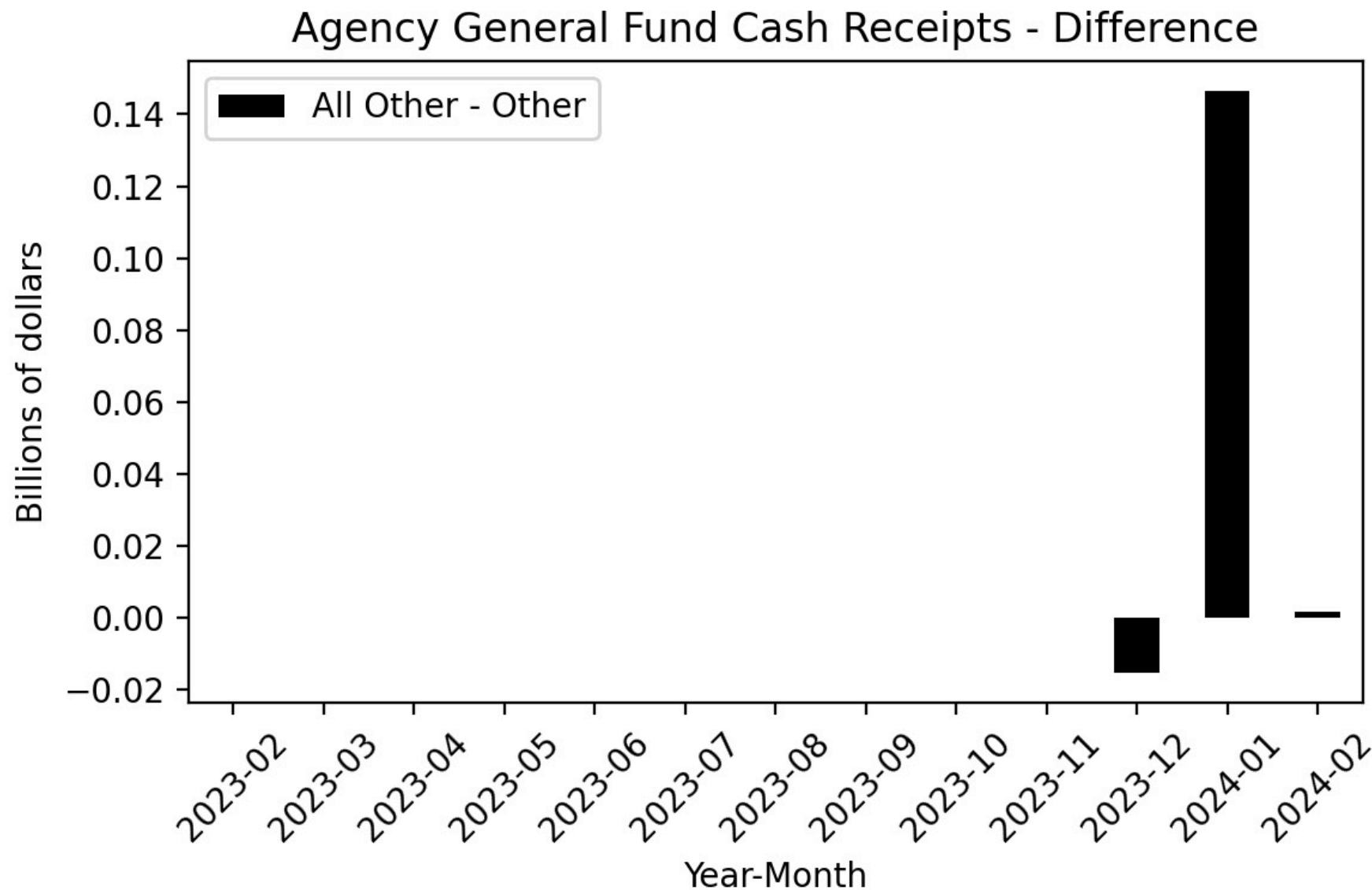


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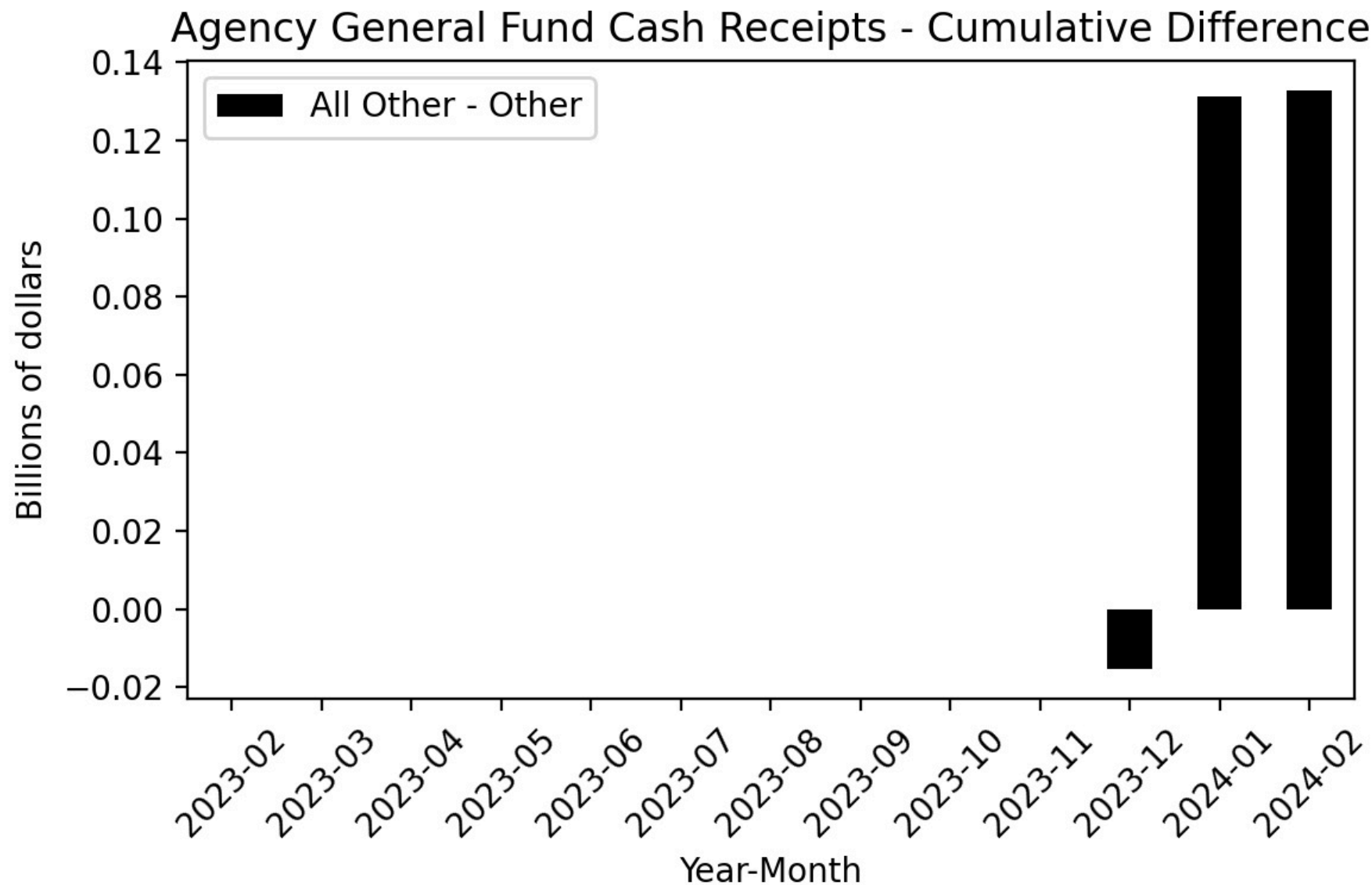


Figure 146

Year-Over-Year Change - Actual and 2024-25 Governor's Budget
Forecast All Other-Other

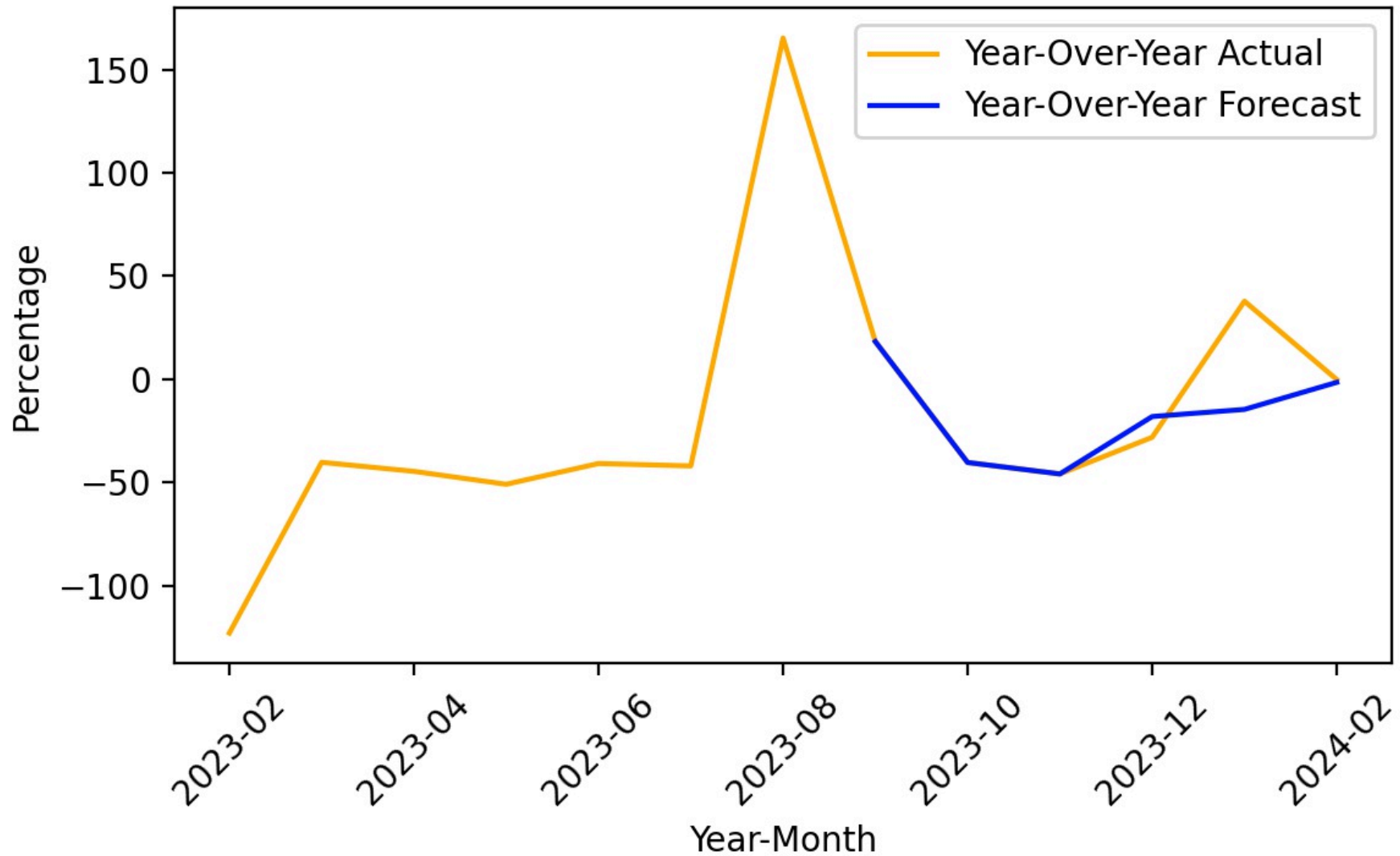


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**Personal Income Tax - Historical Agency General Fund Revenues
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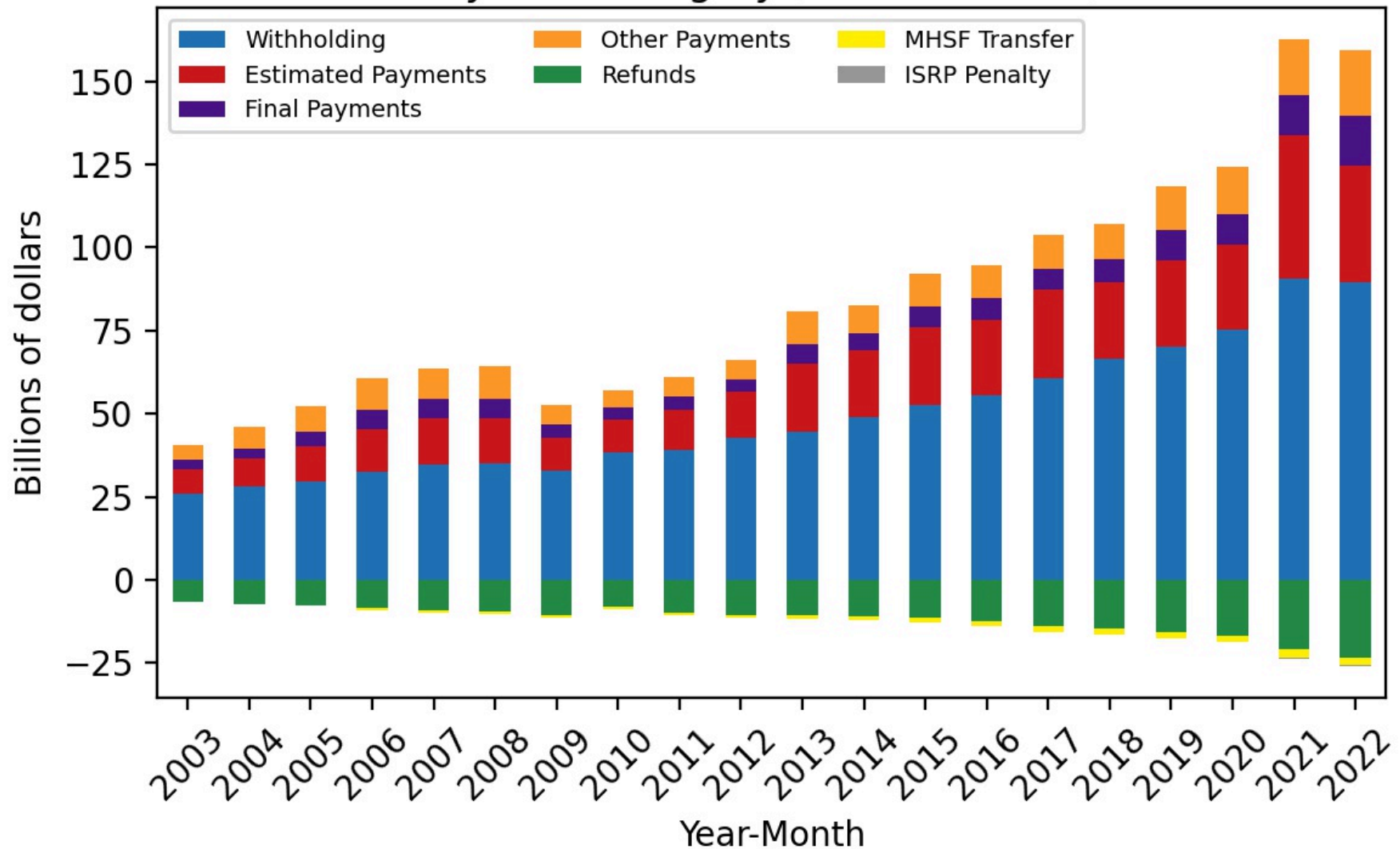


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**Personal Income Tax - Historical Agency General Fund Revenues
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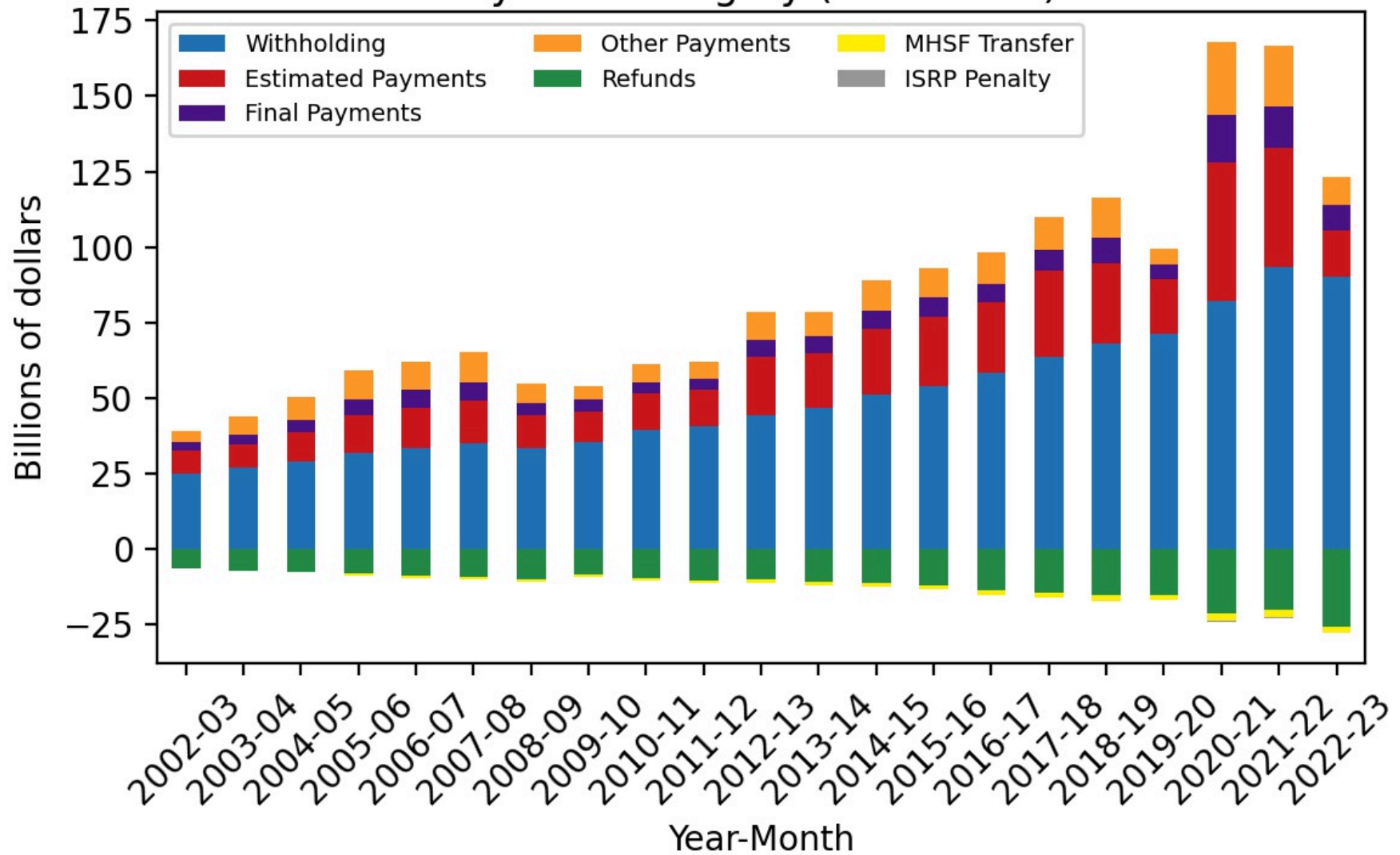


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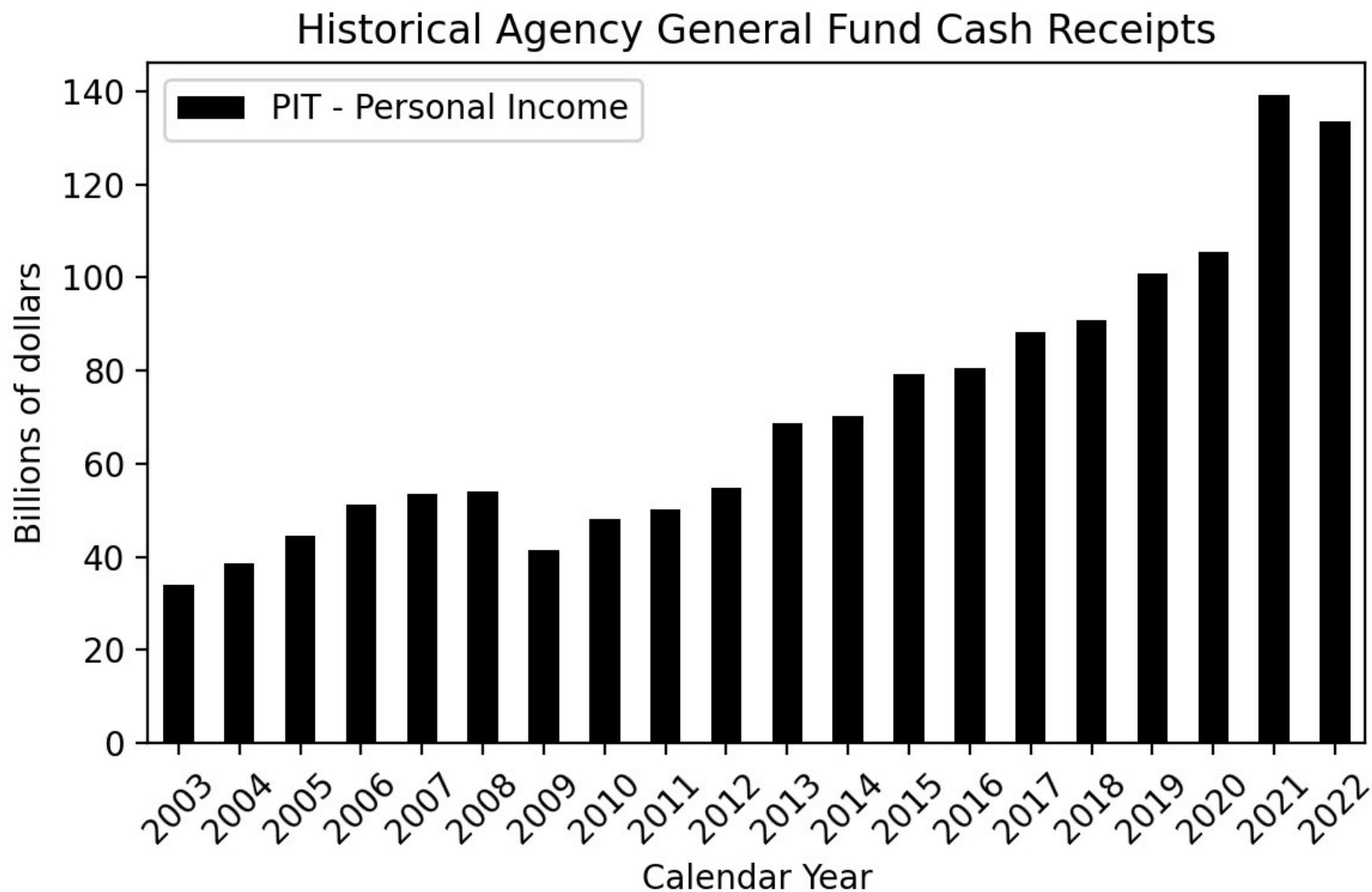


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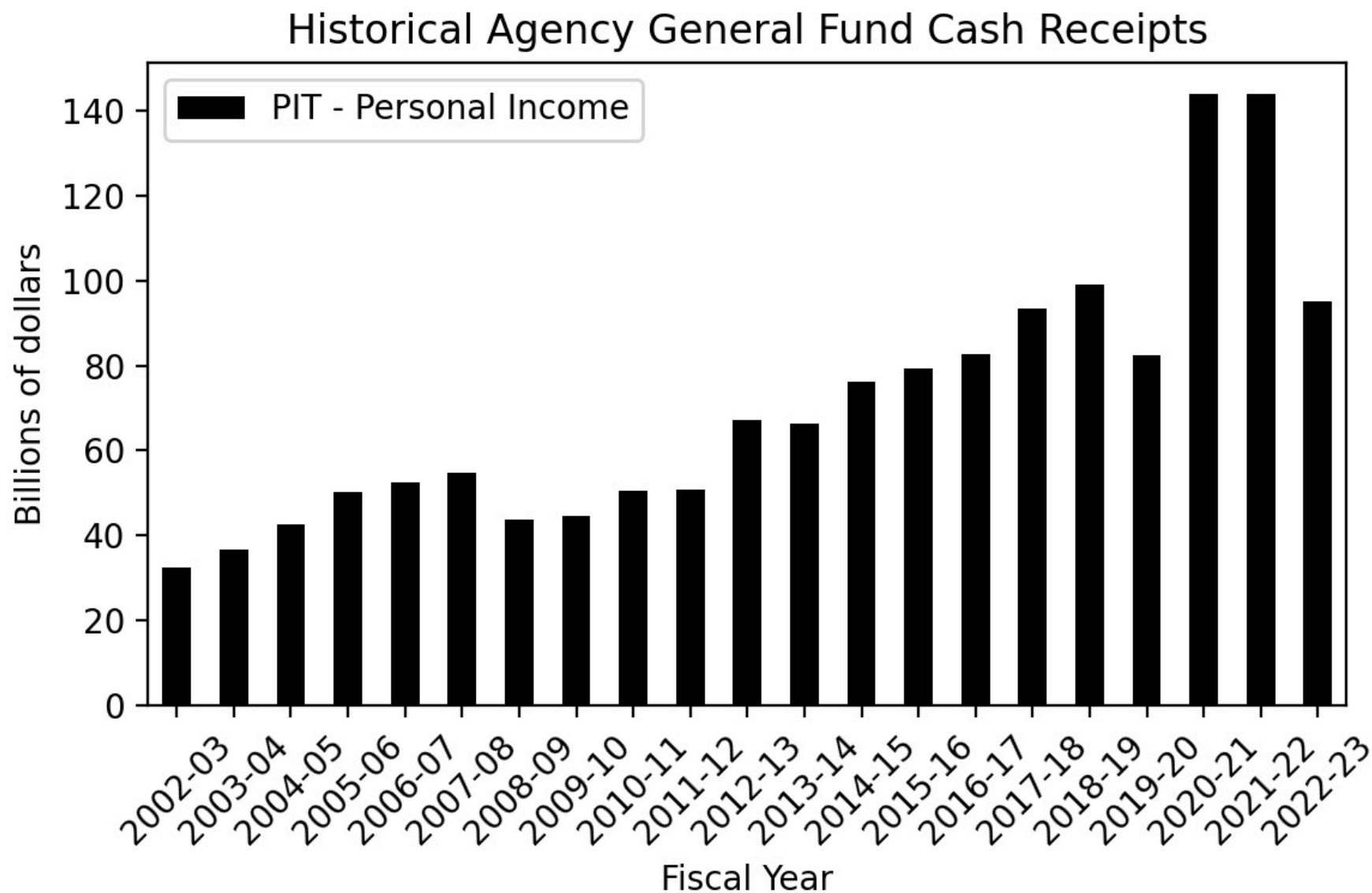


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Historical Agency General Fund Cash Receipts

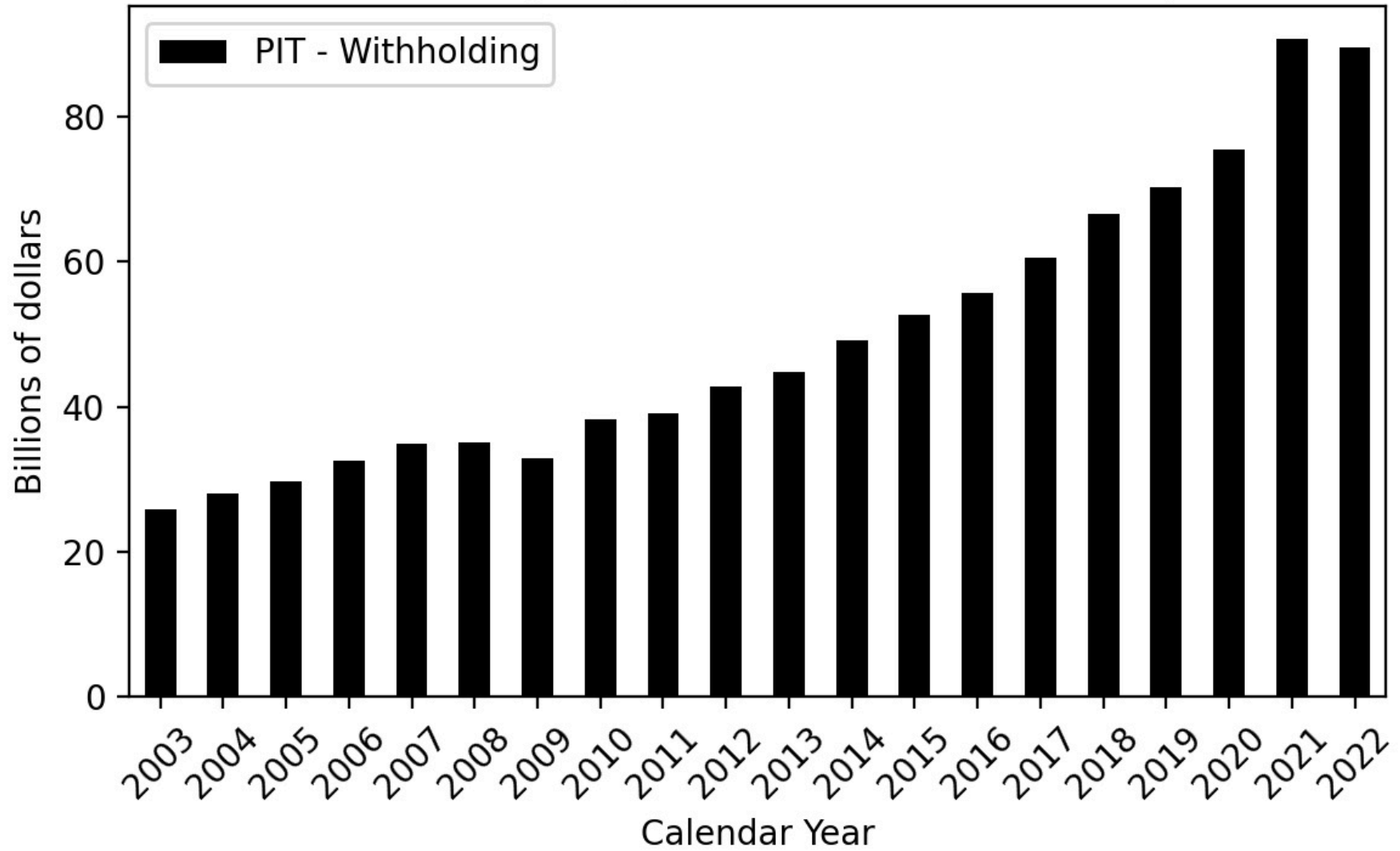


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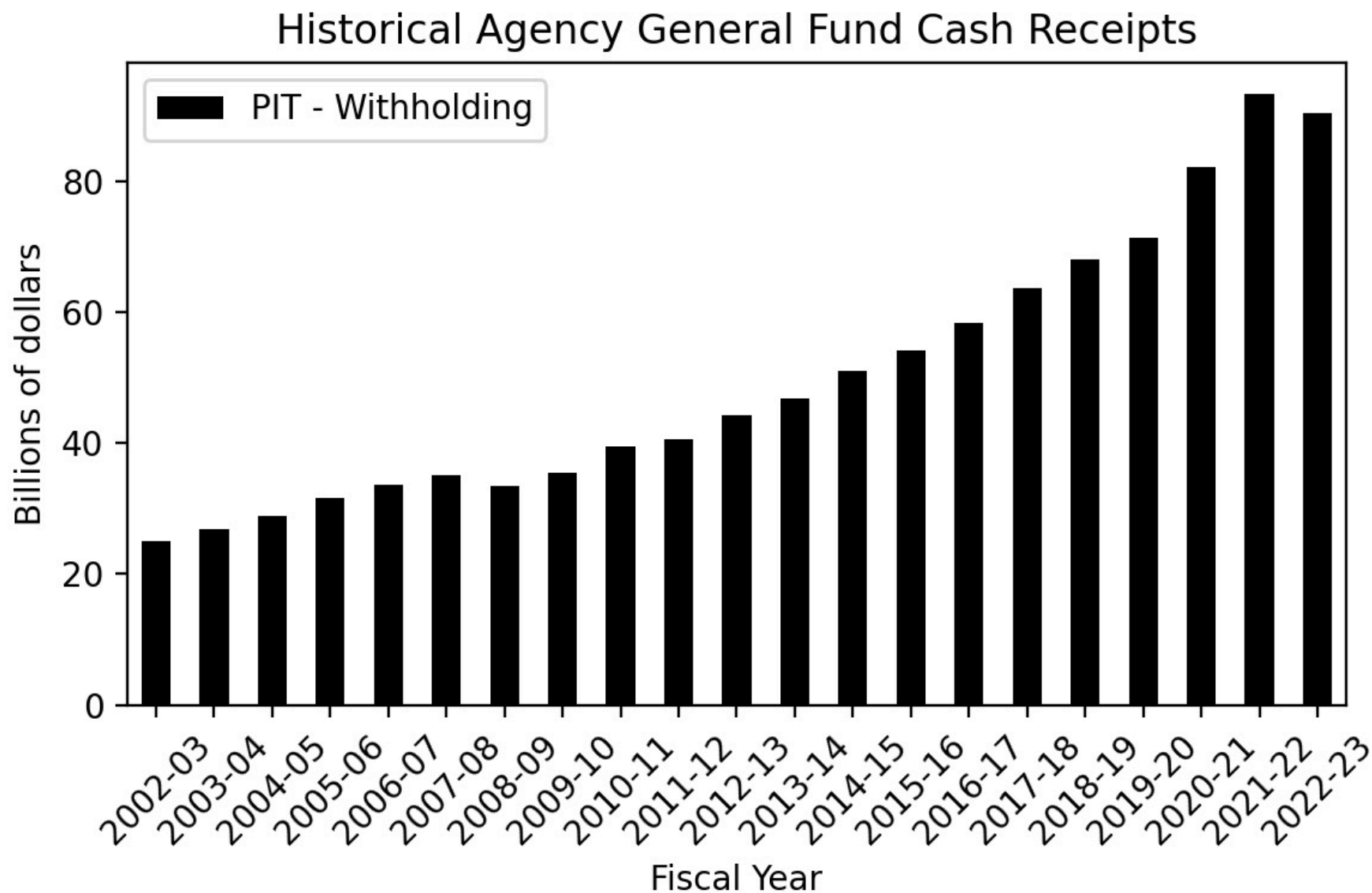


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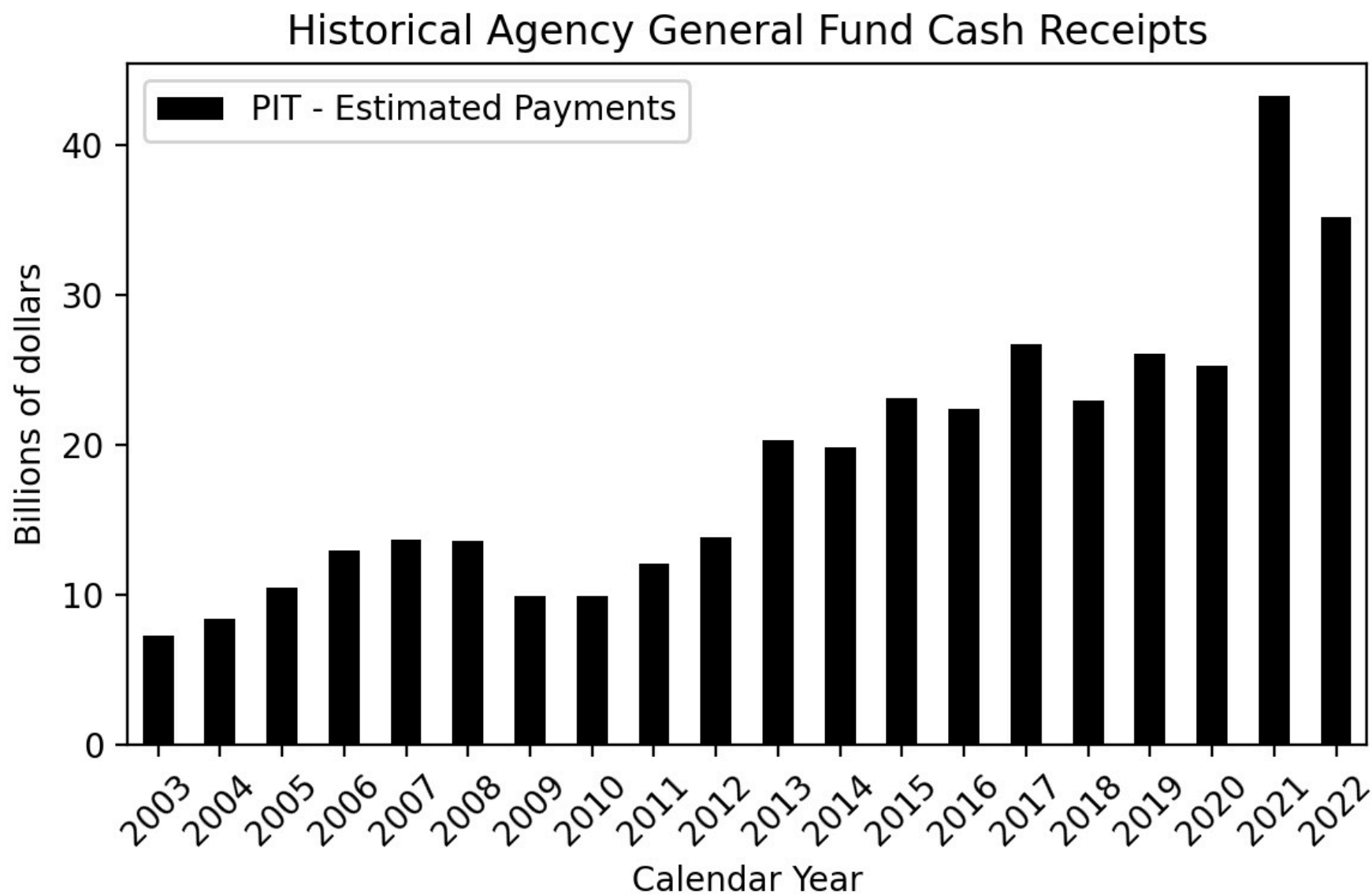


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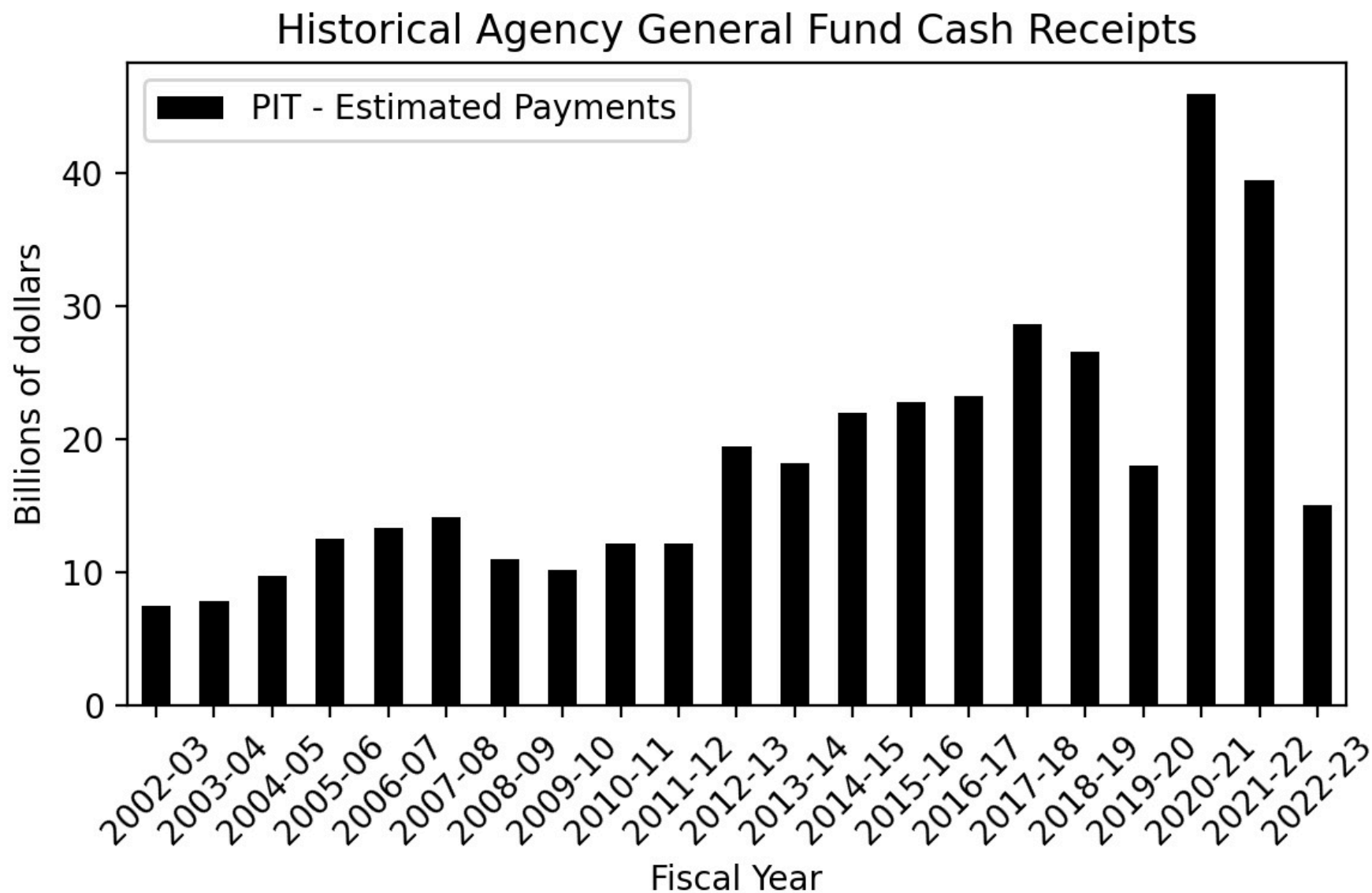


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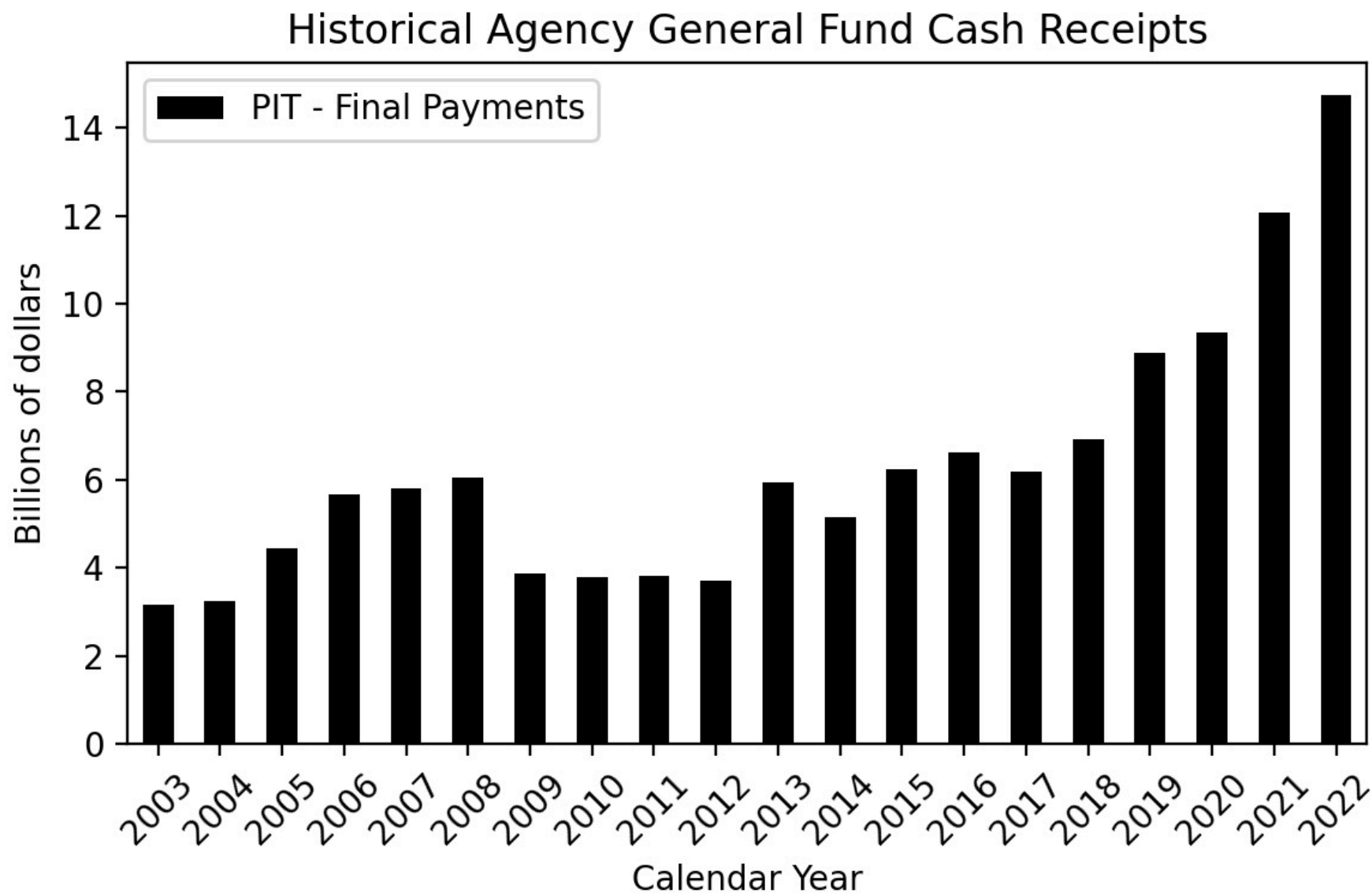


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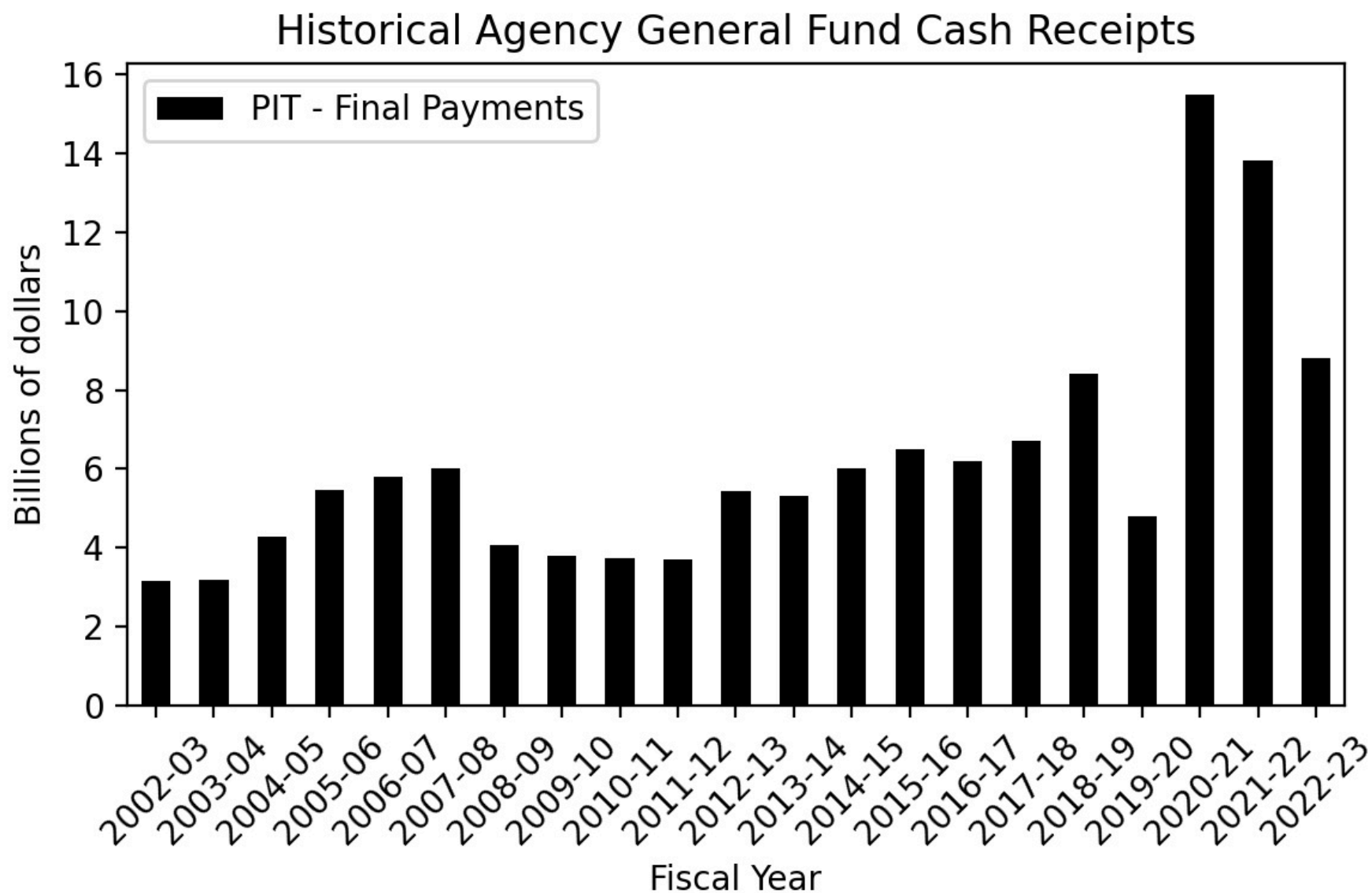


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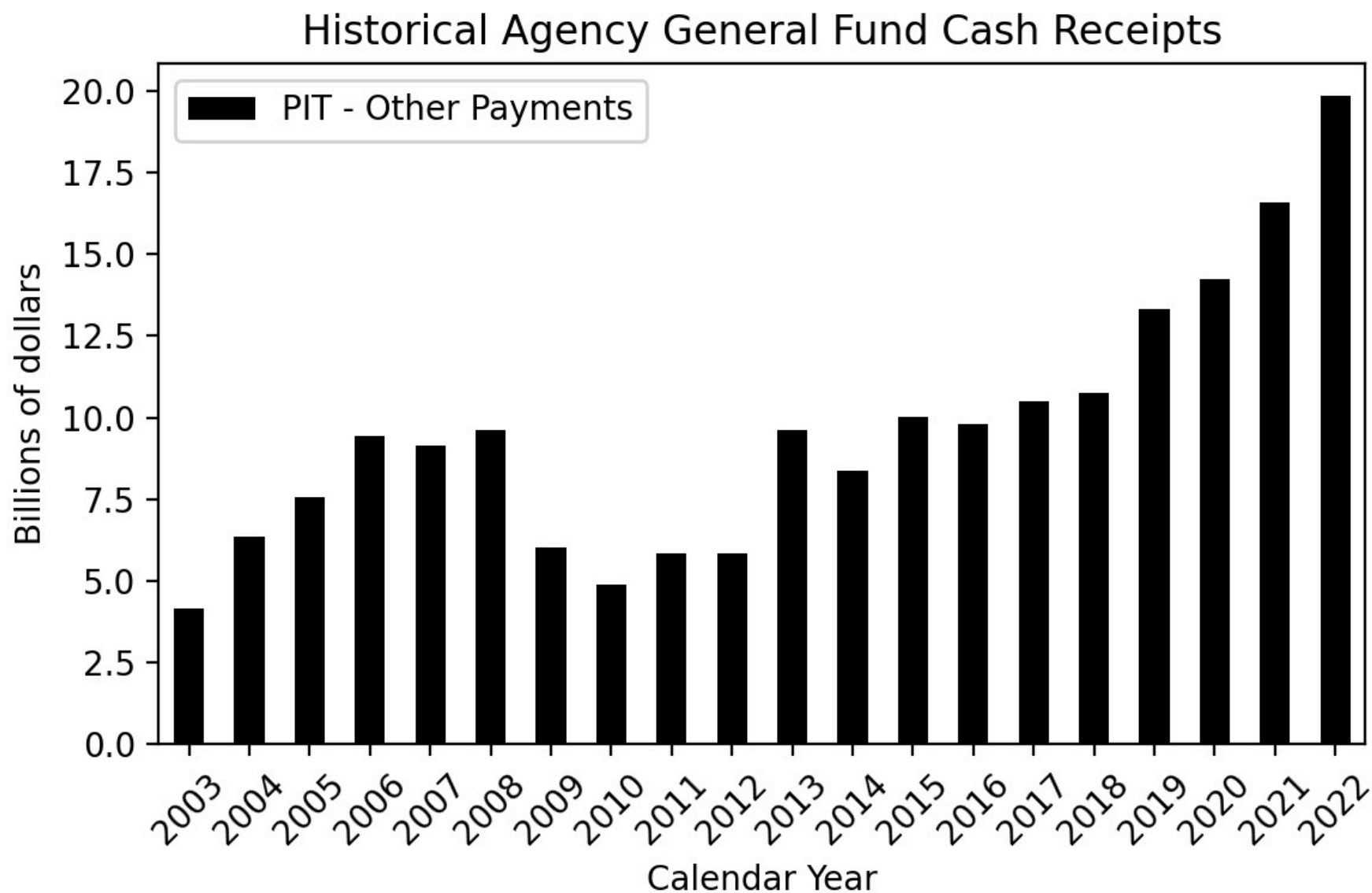


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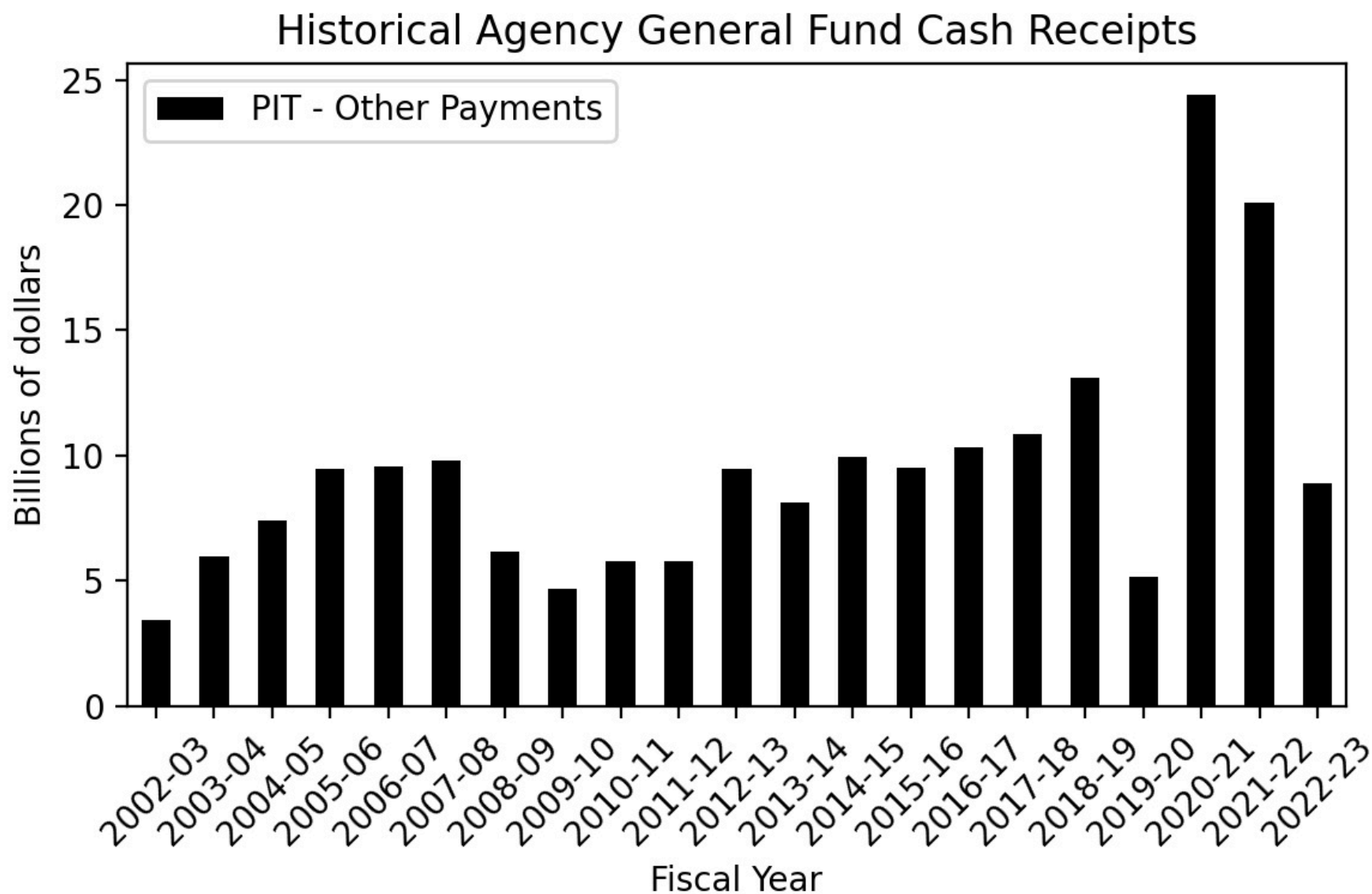


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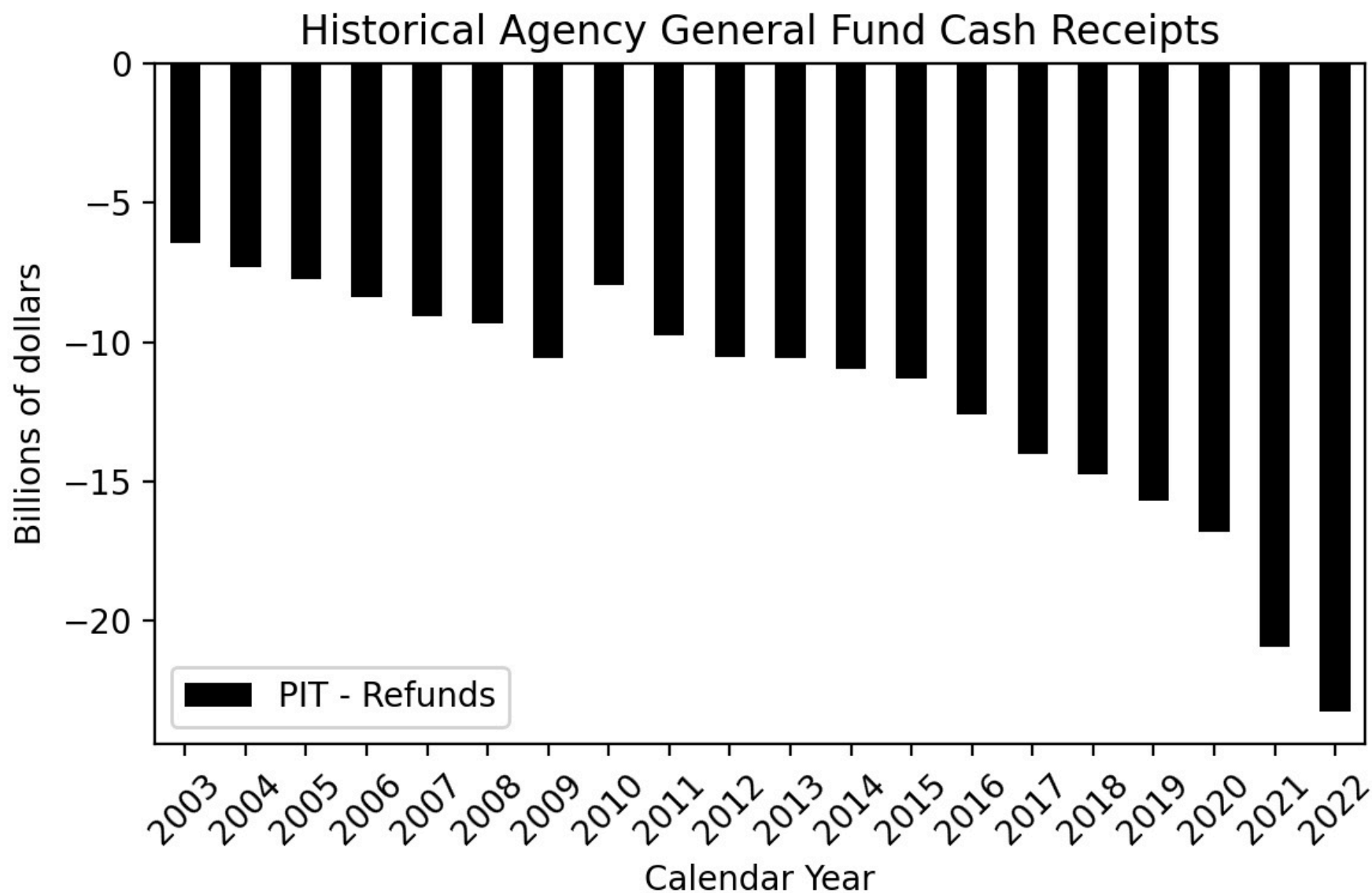


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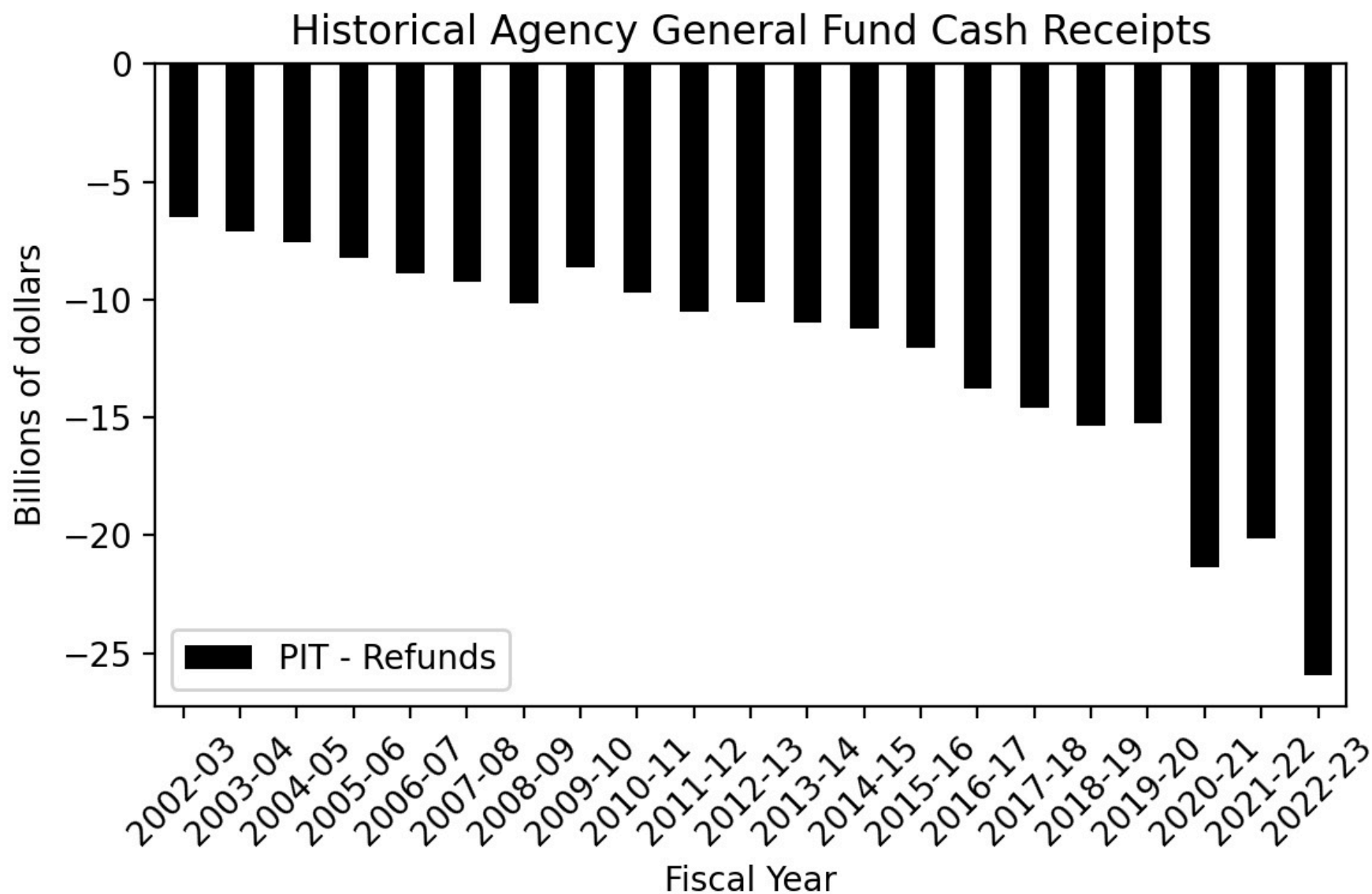


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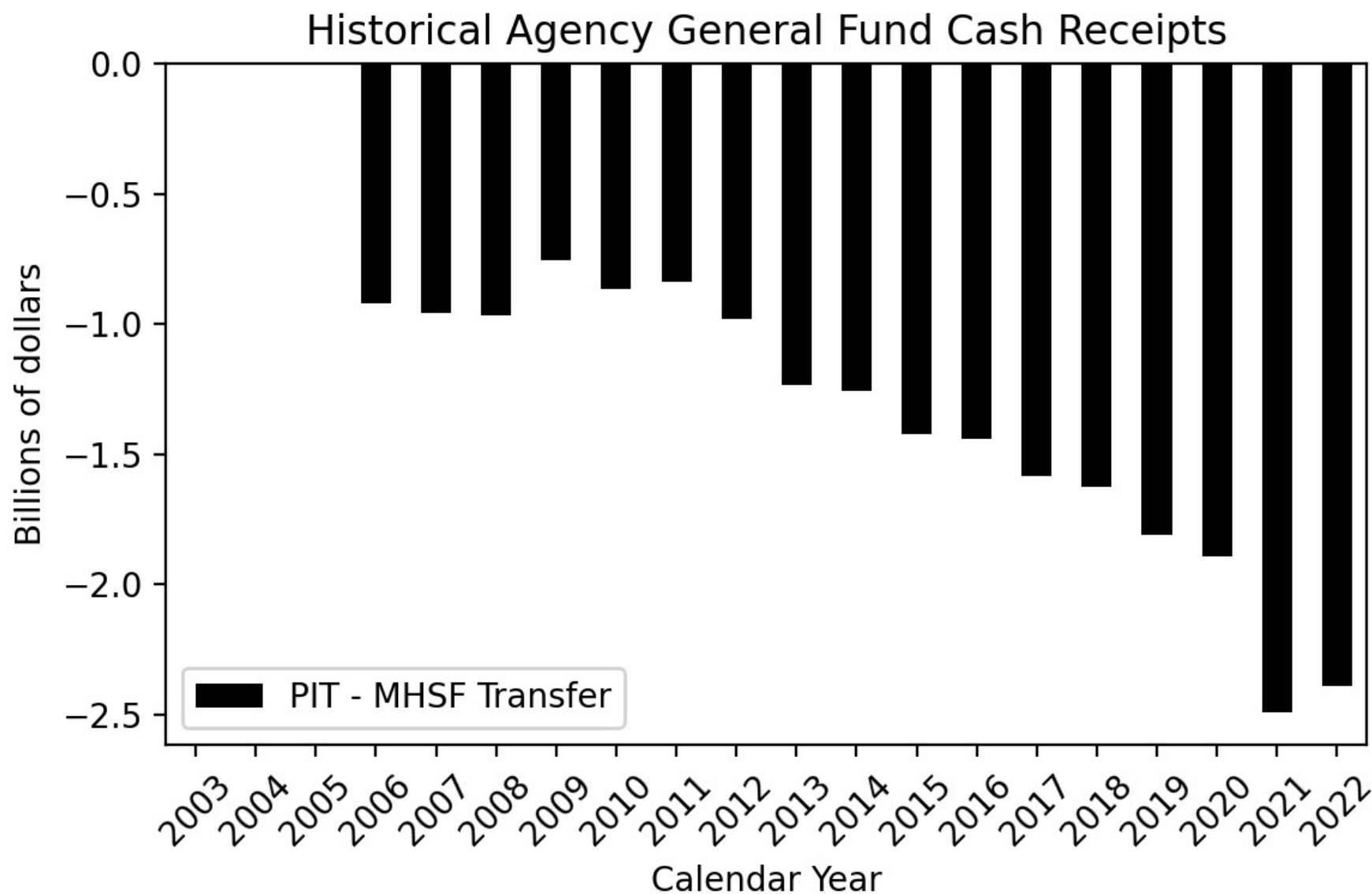


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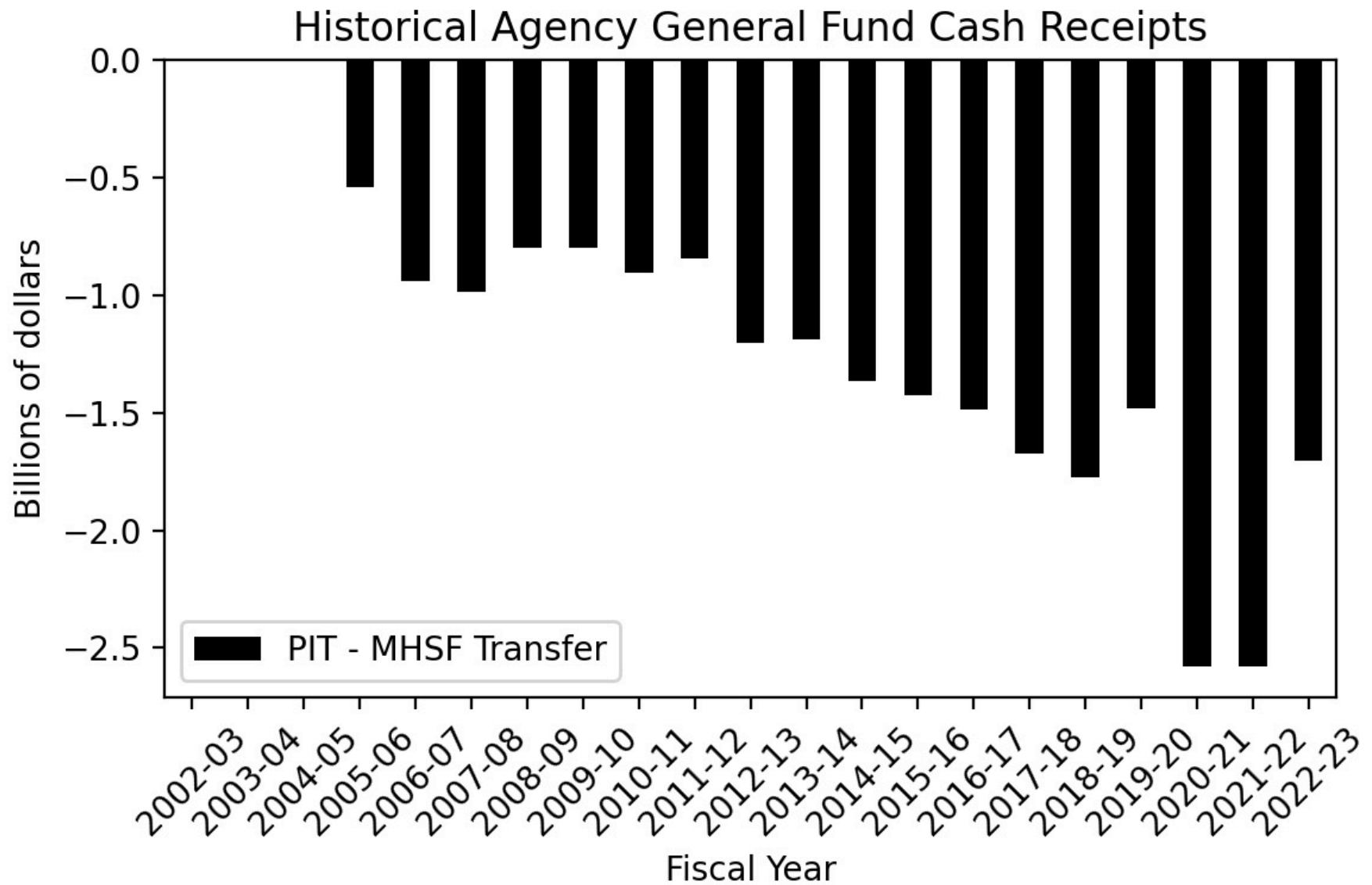


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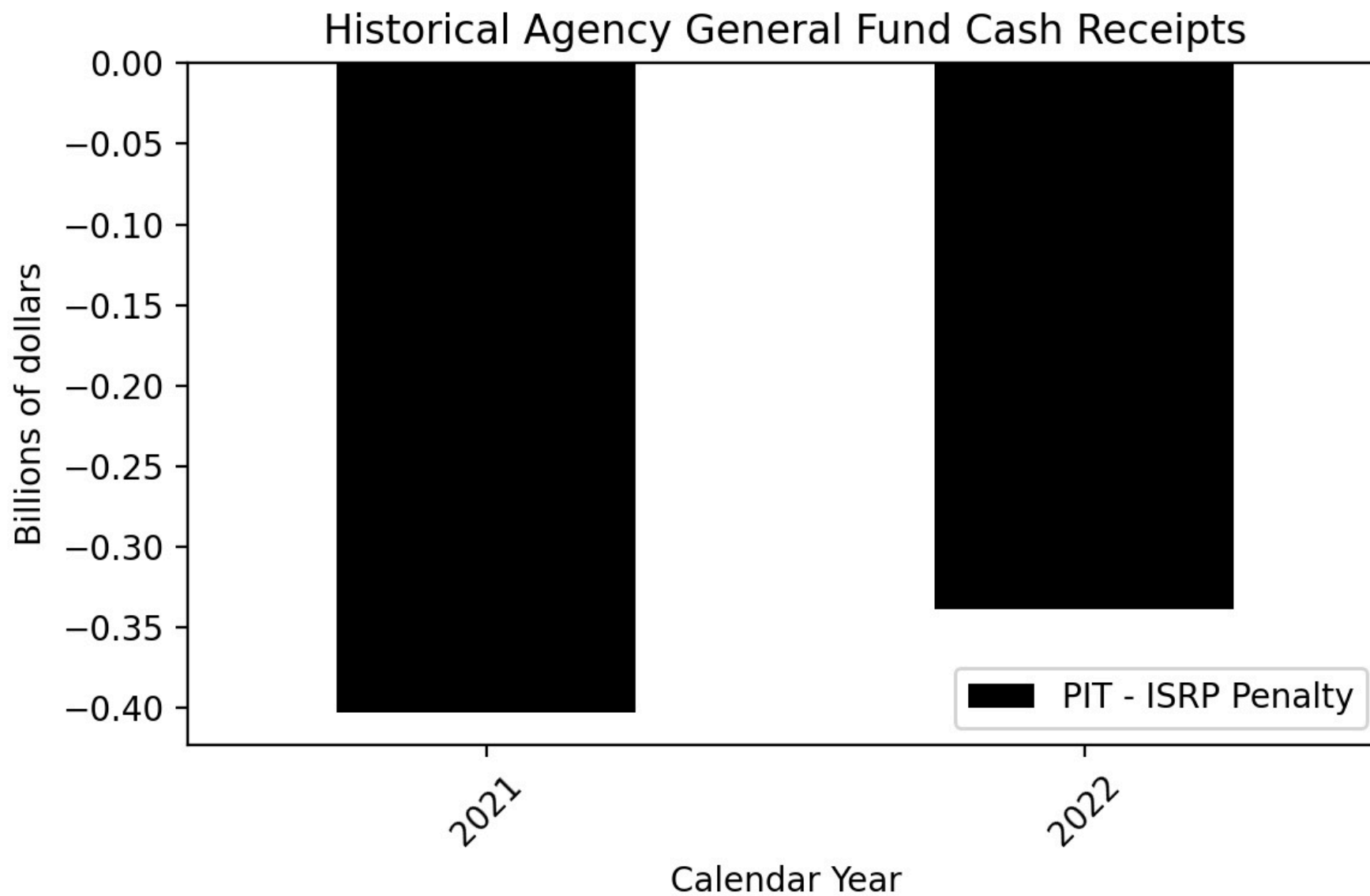


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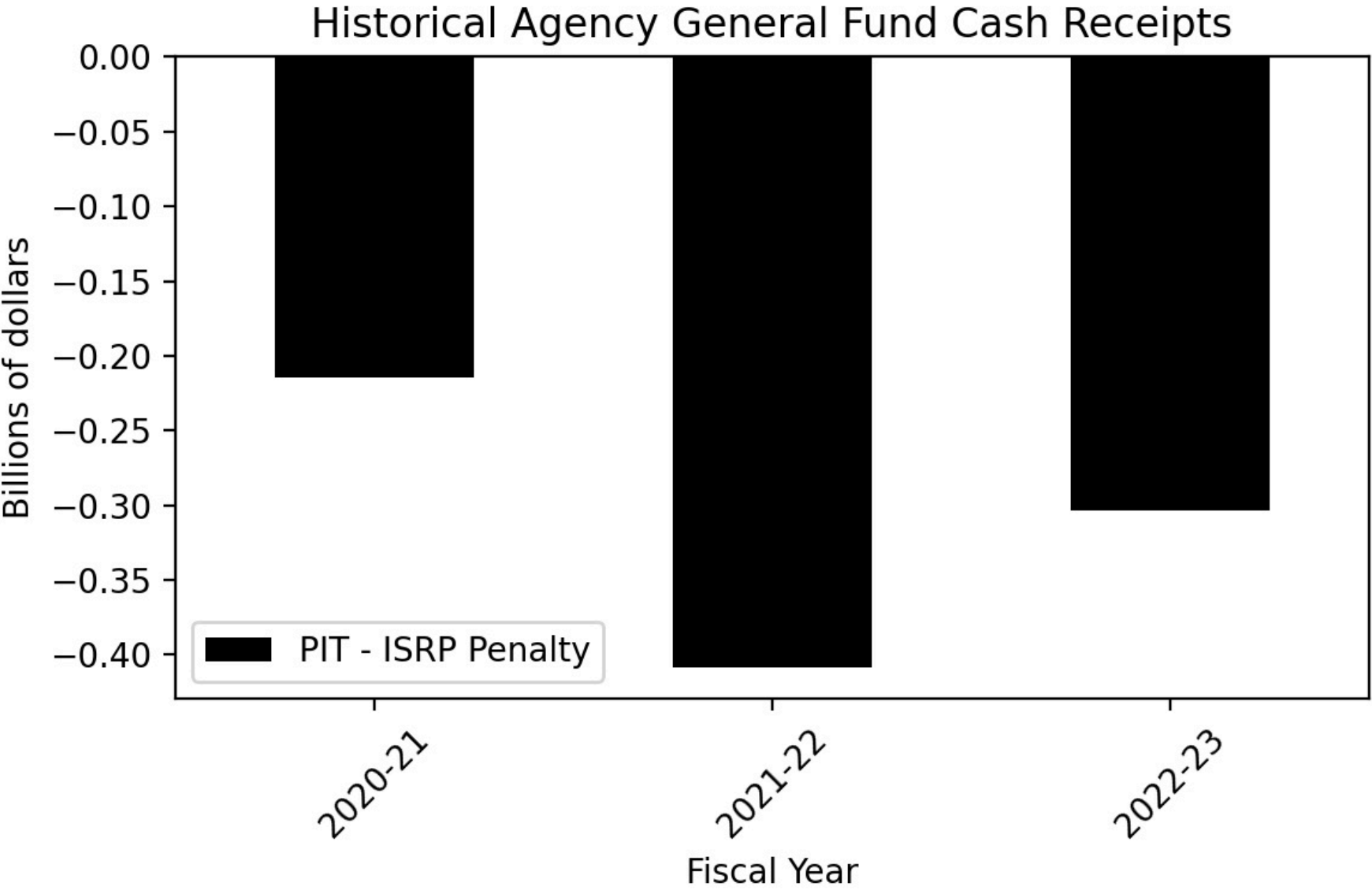


Figure 165

Corporation Tax - Historical Agency General Fund Revenues by Sub-Category (Calendar Year)

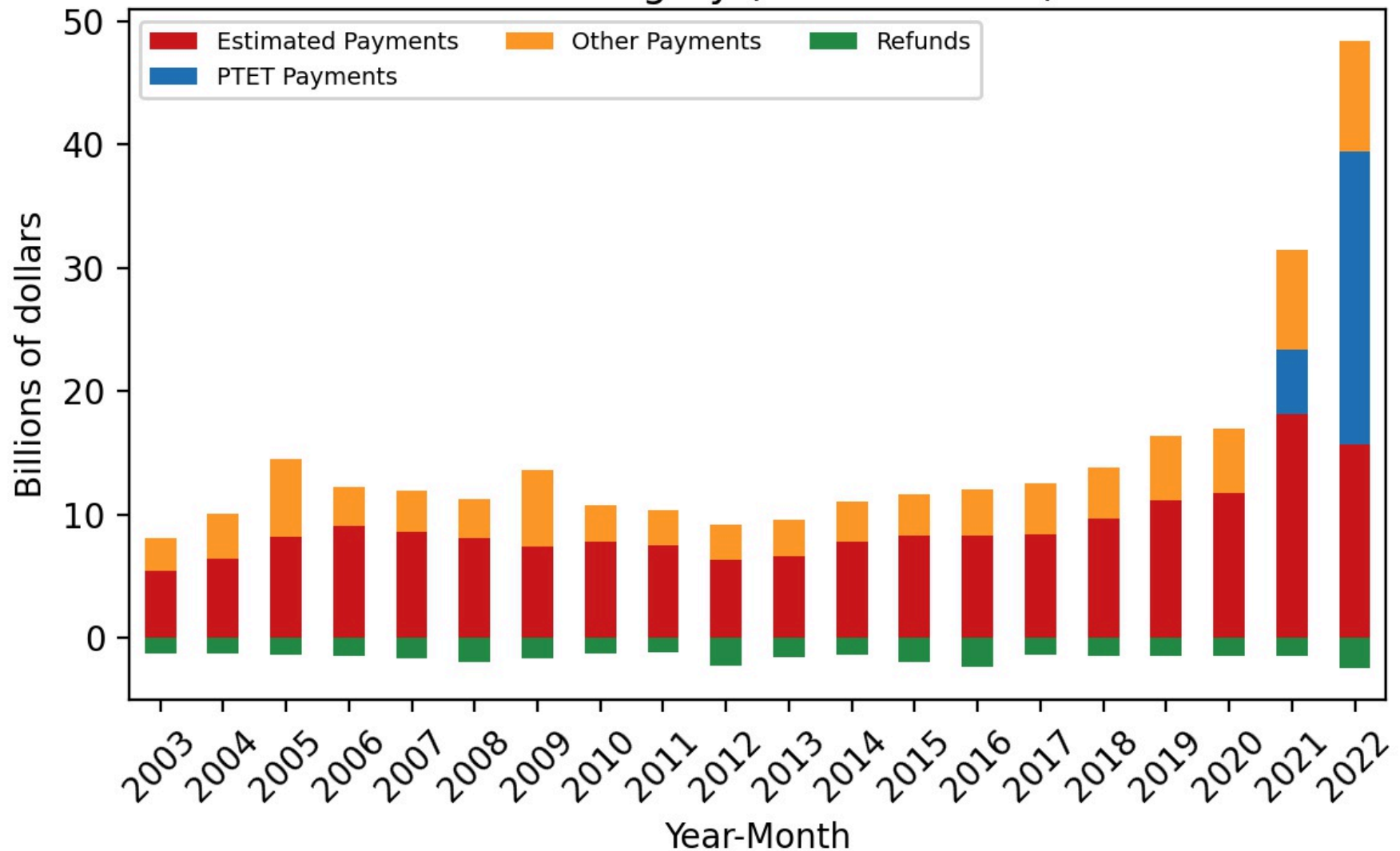


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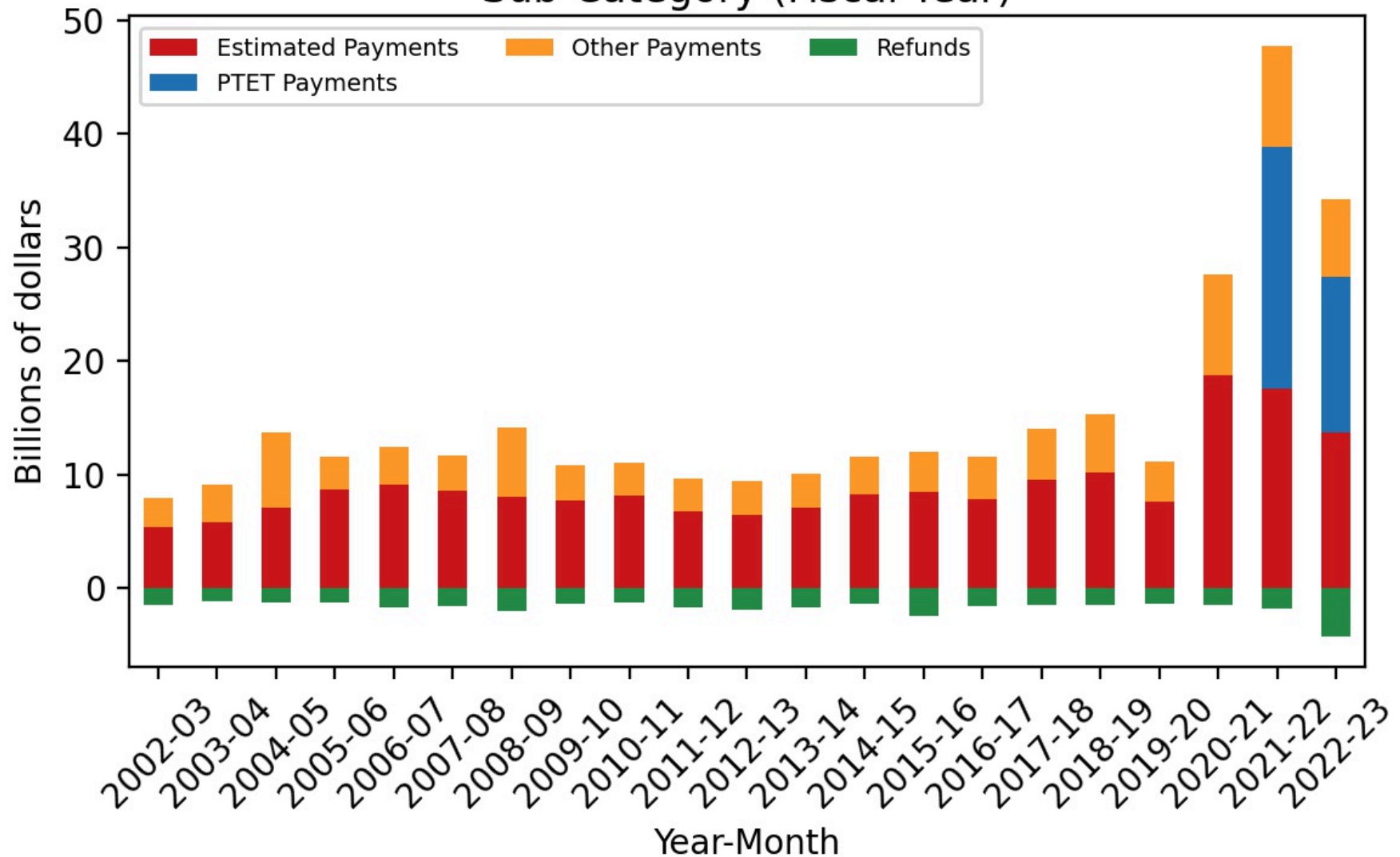


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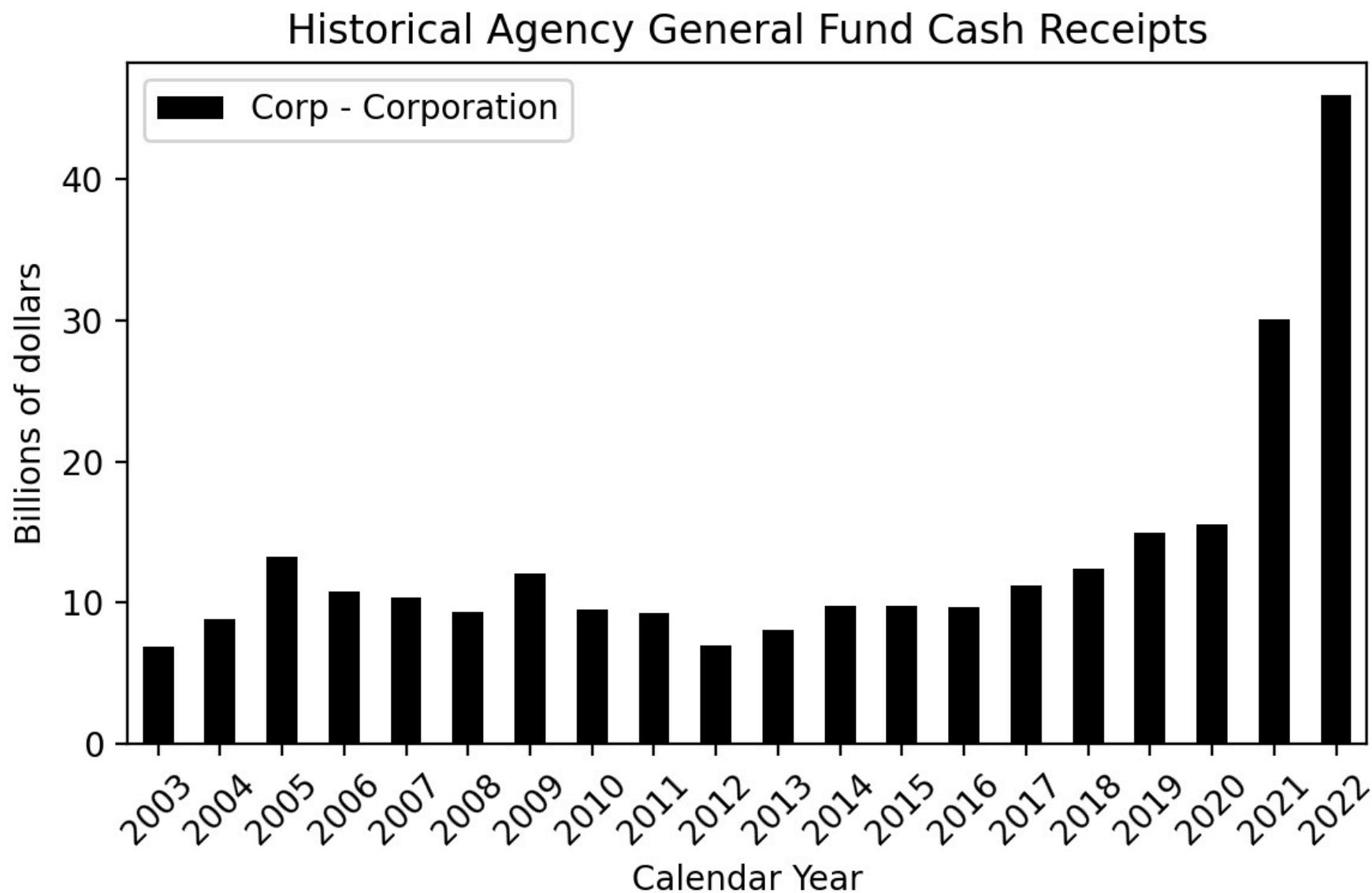


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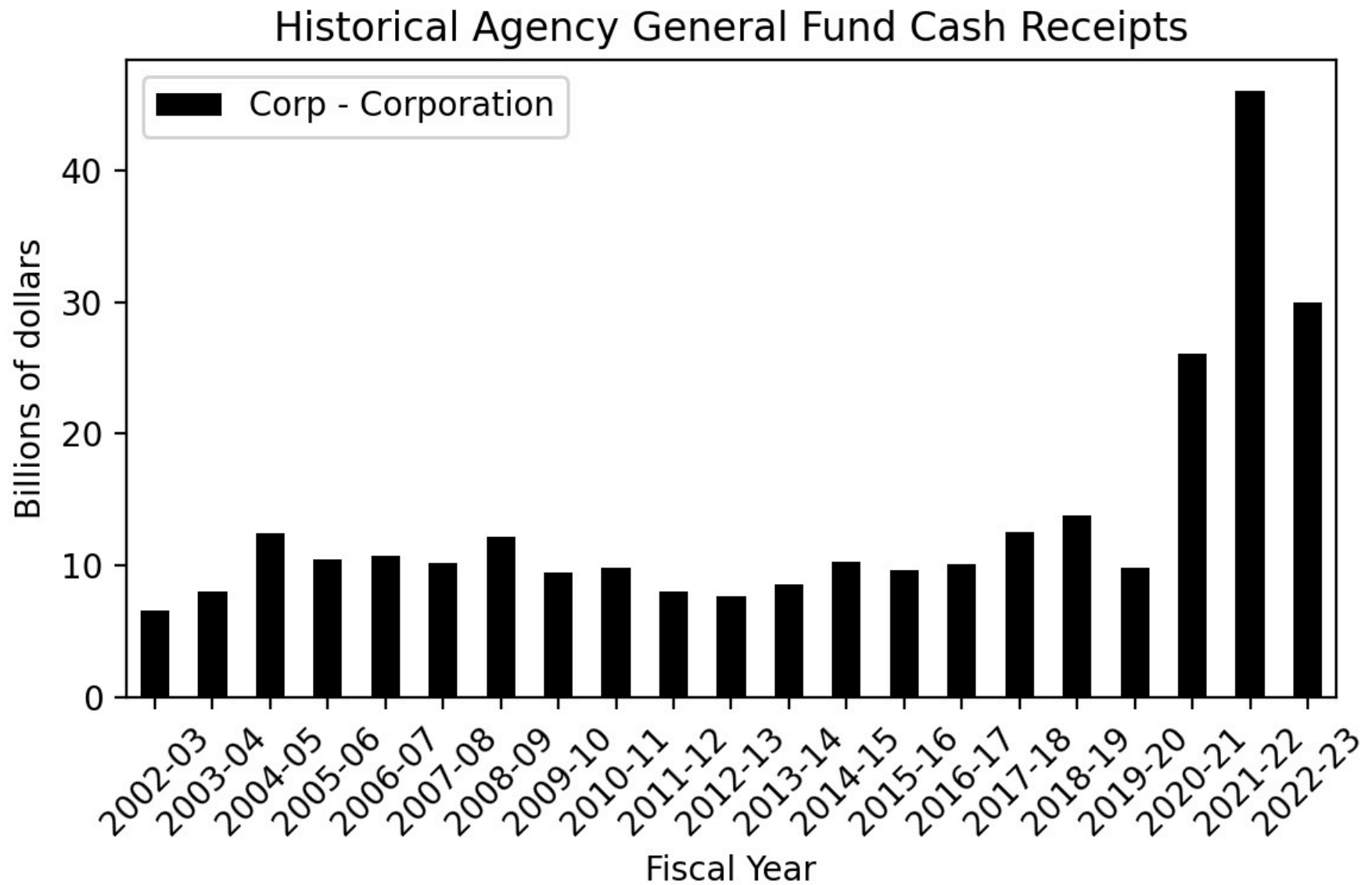


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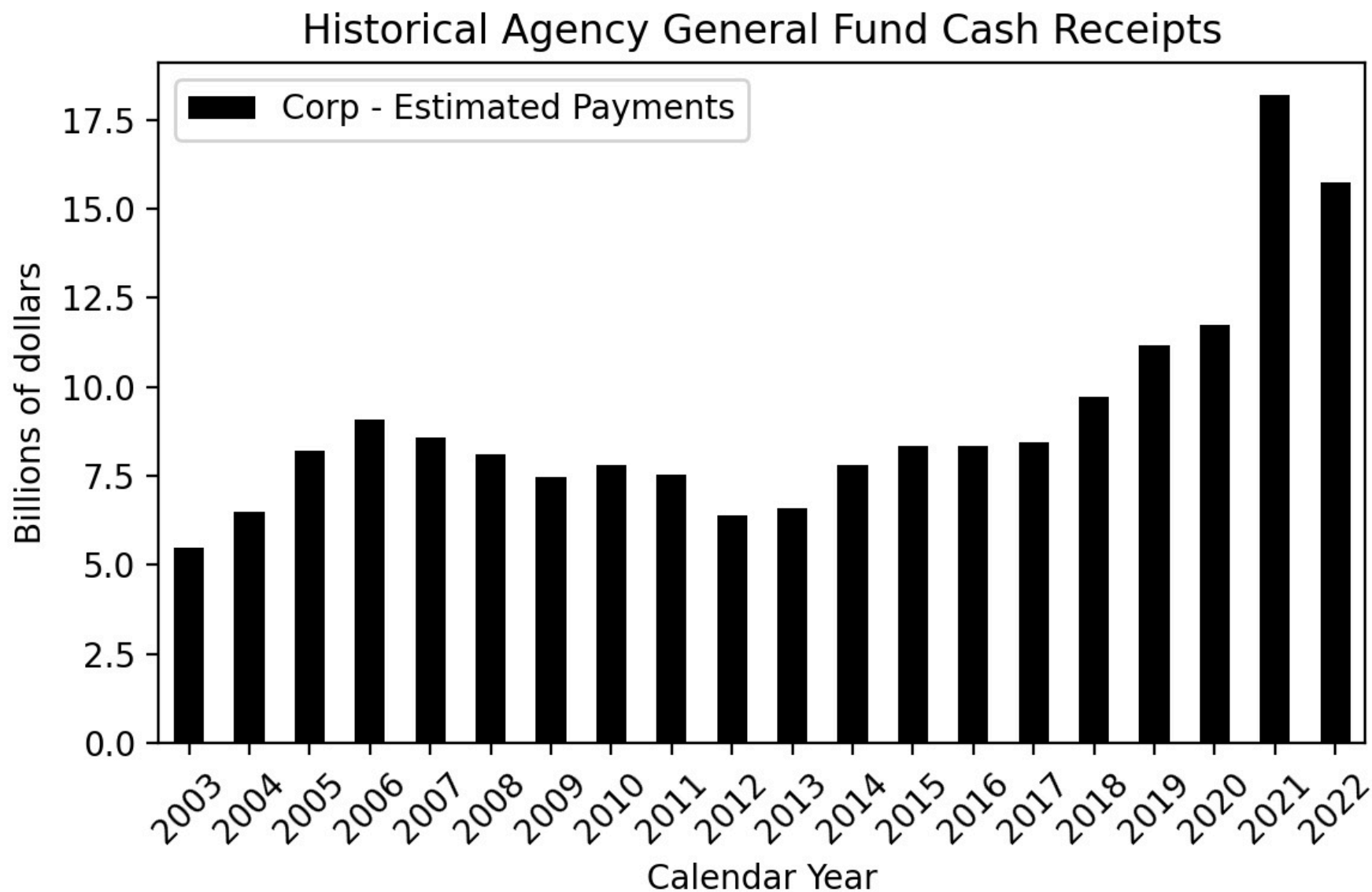


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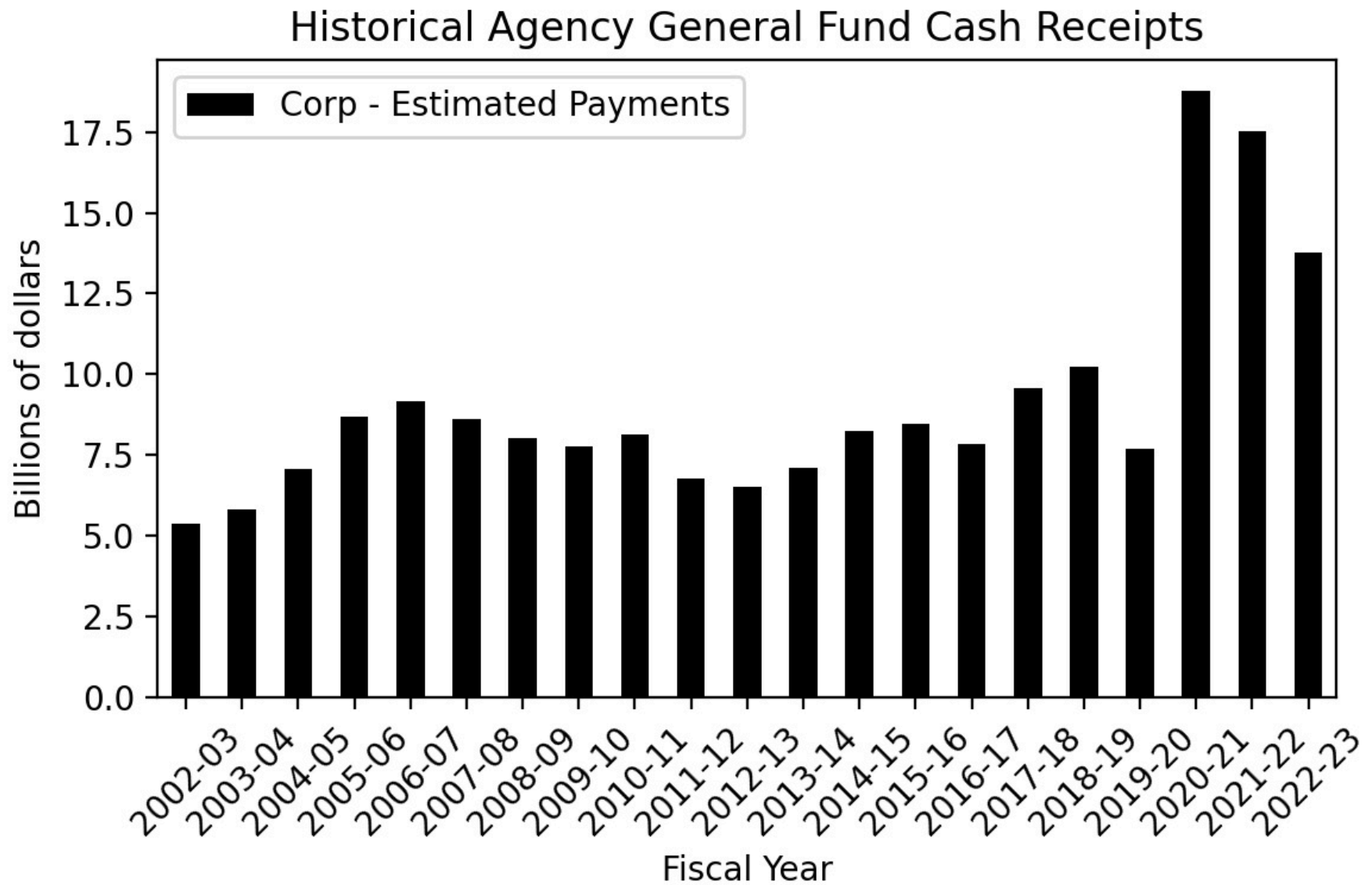


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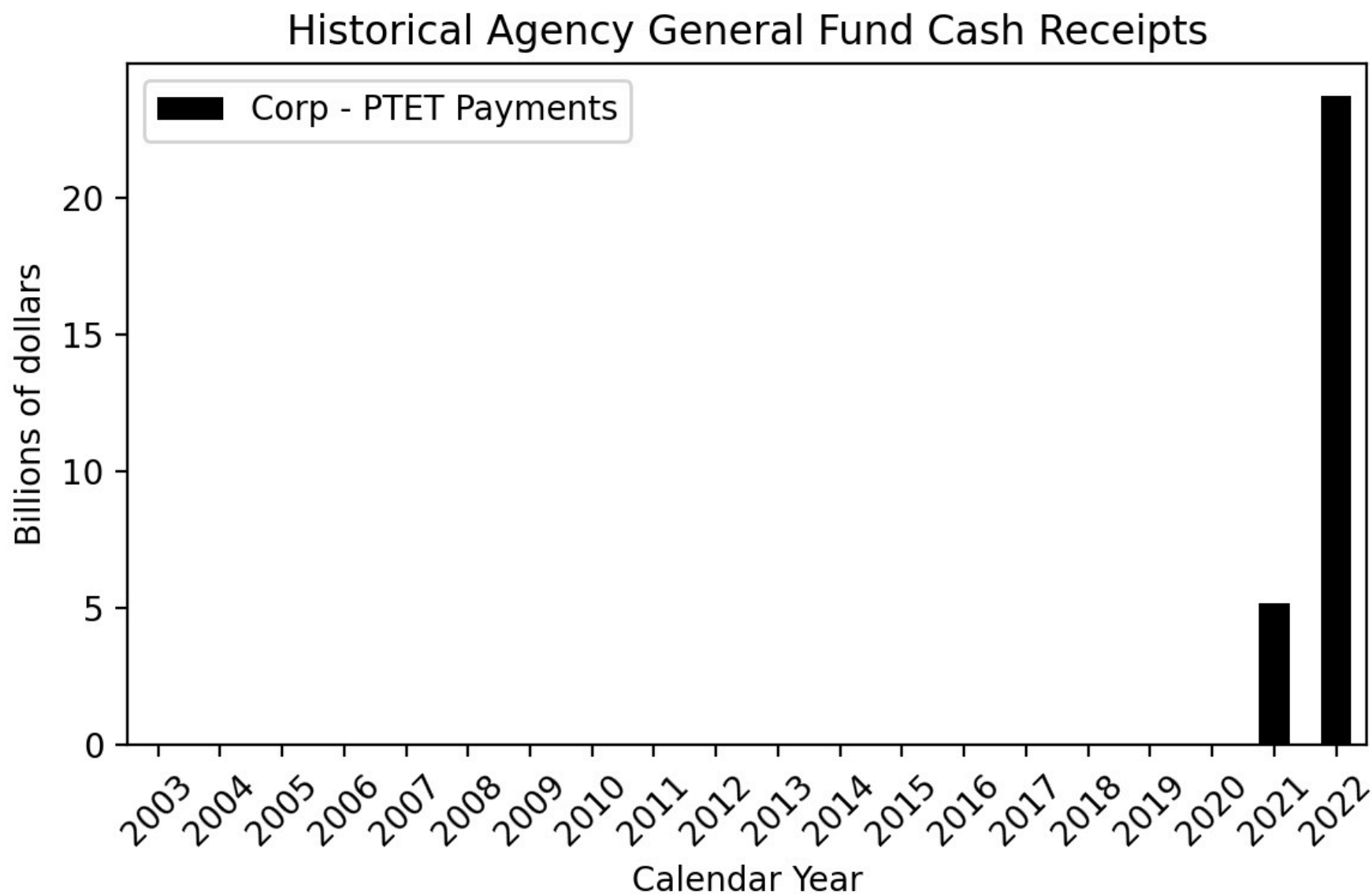


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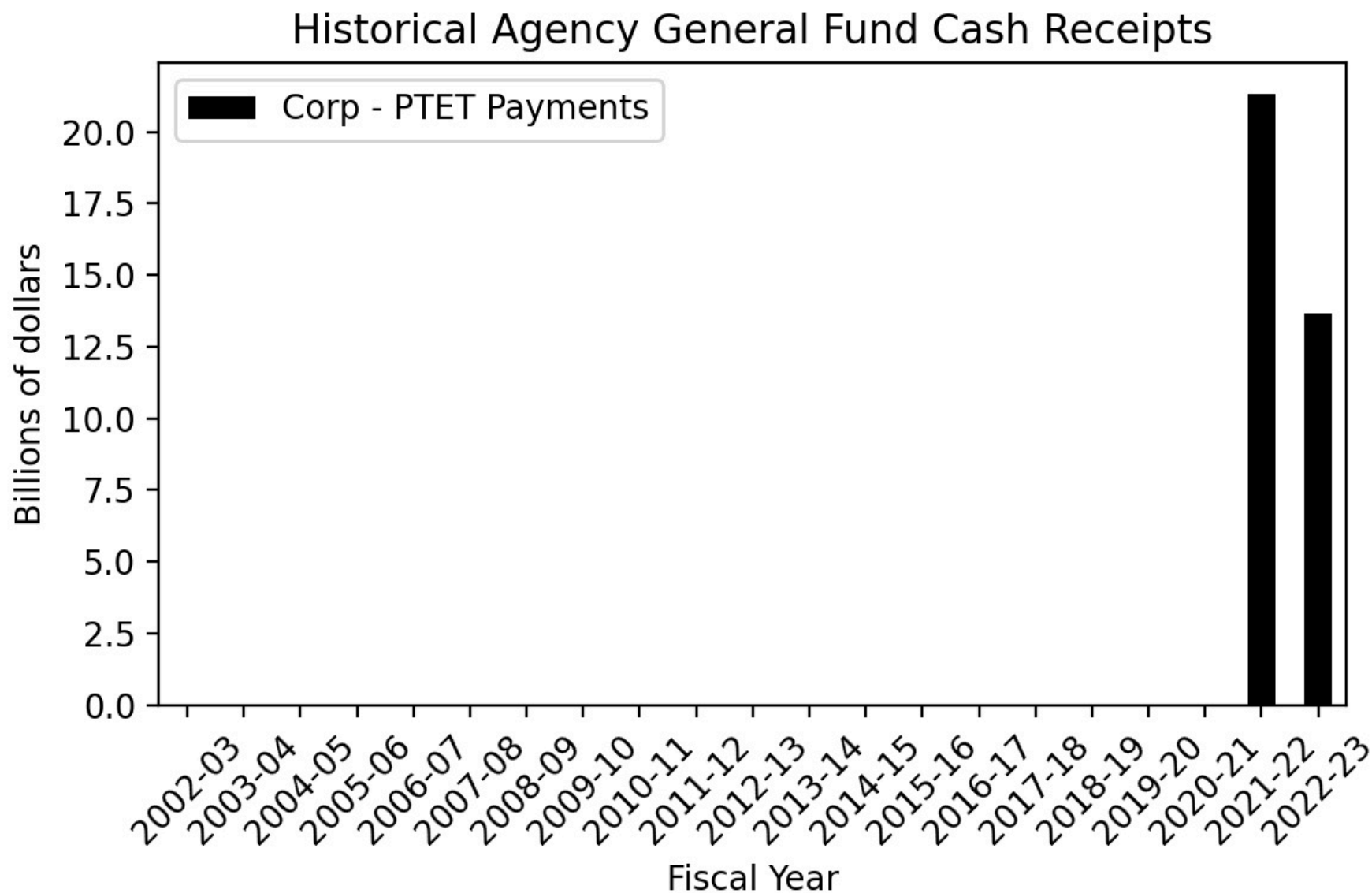


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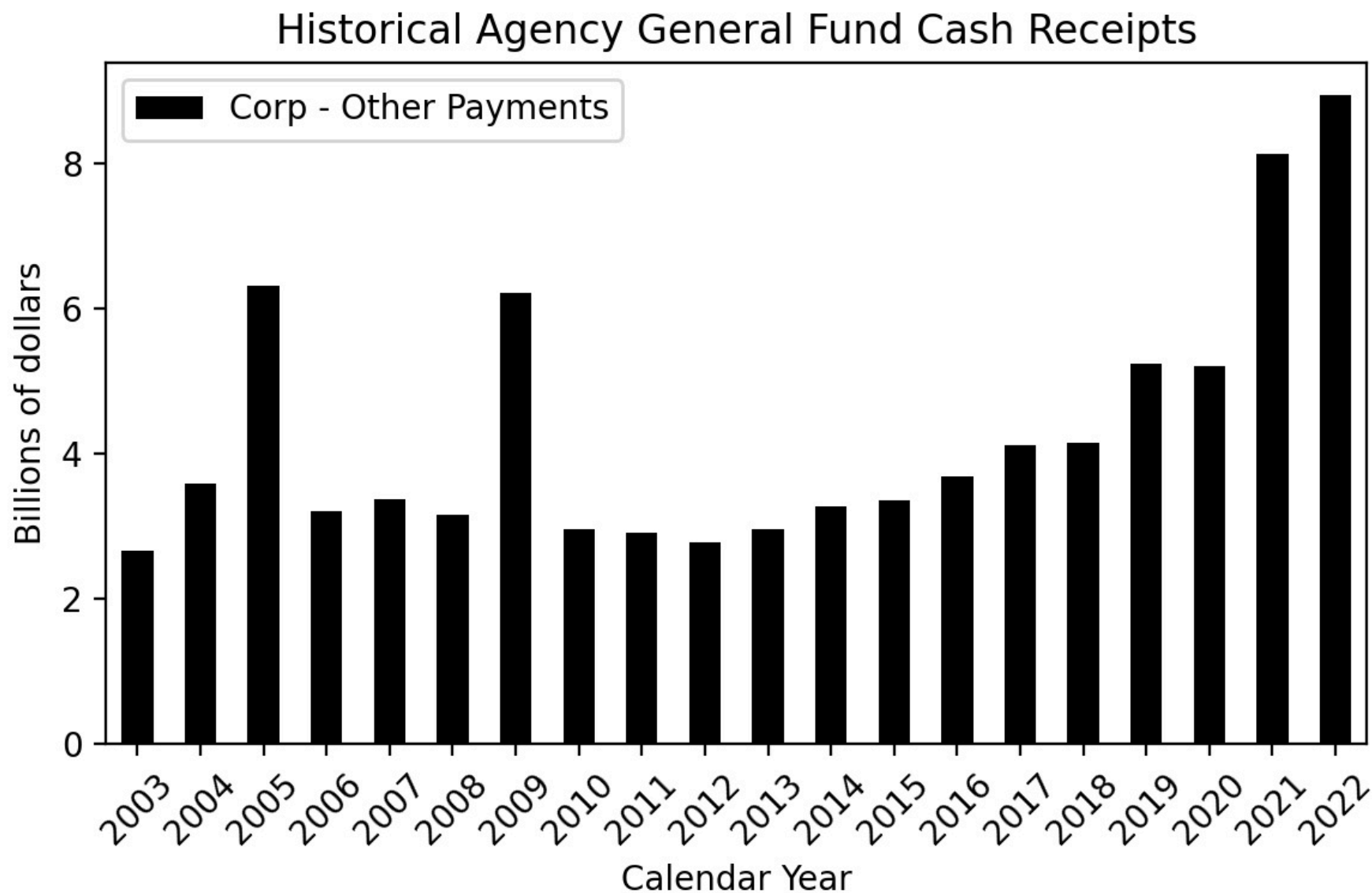


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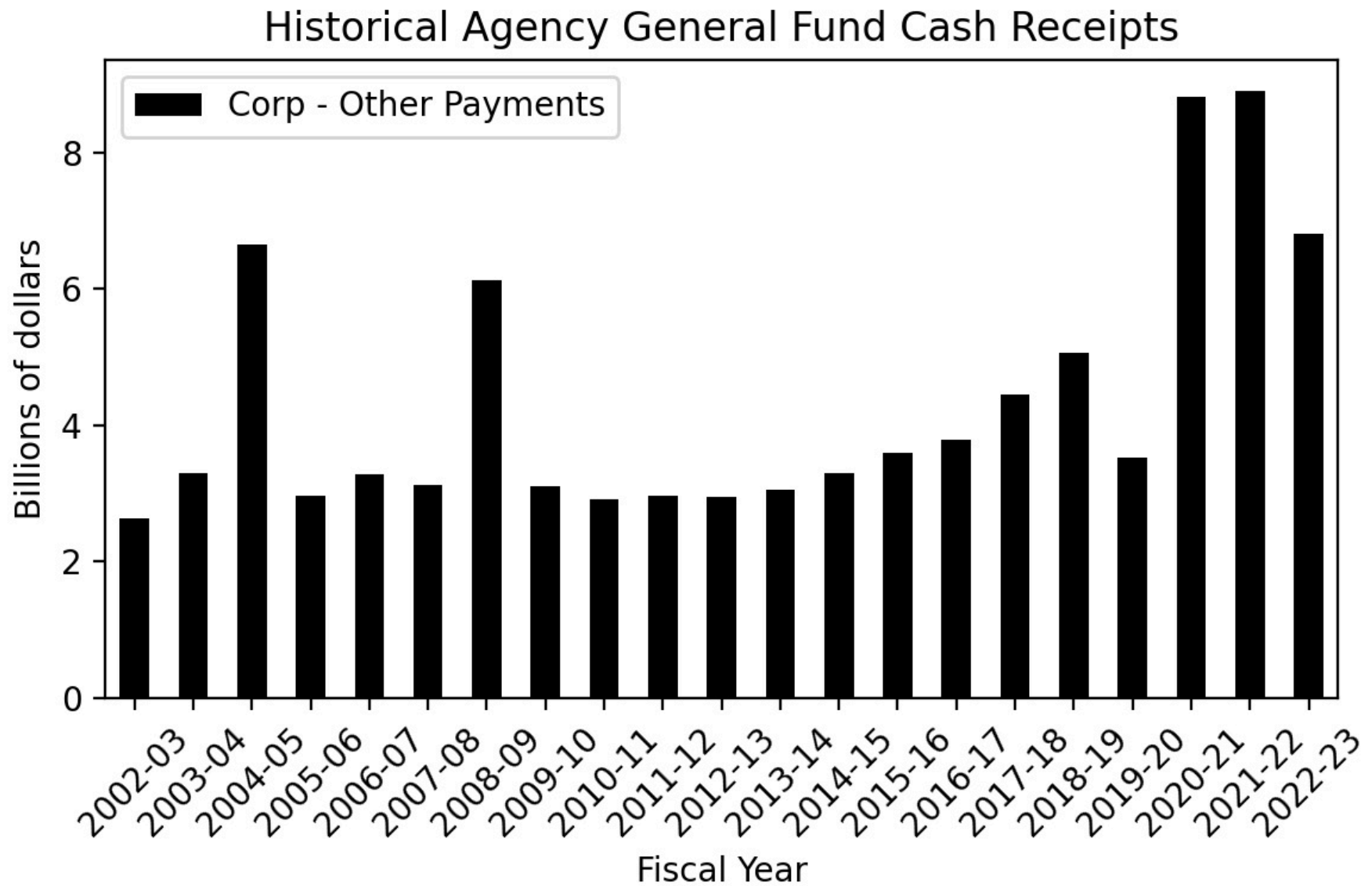


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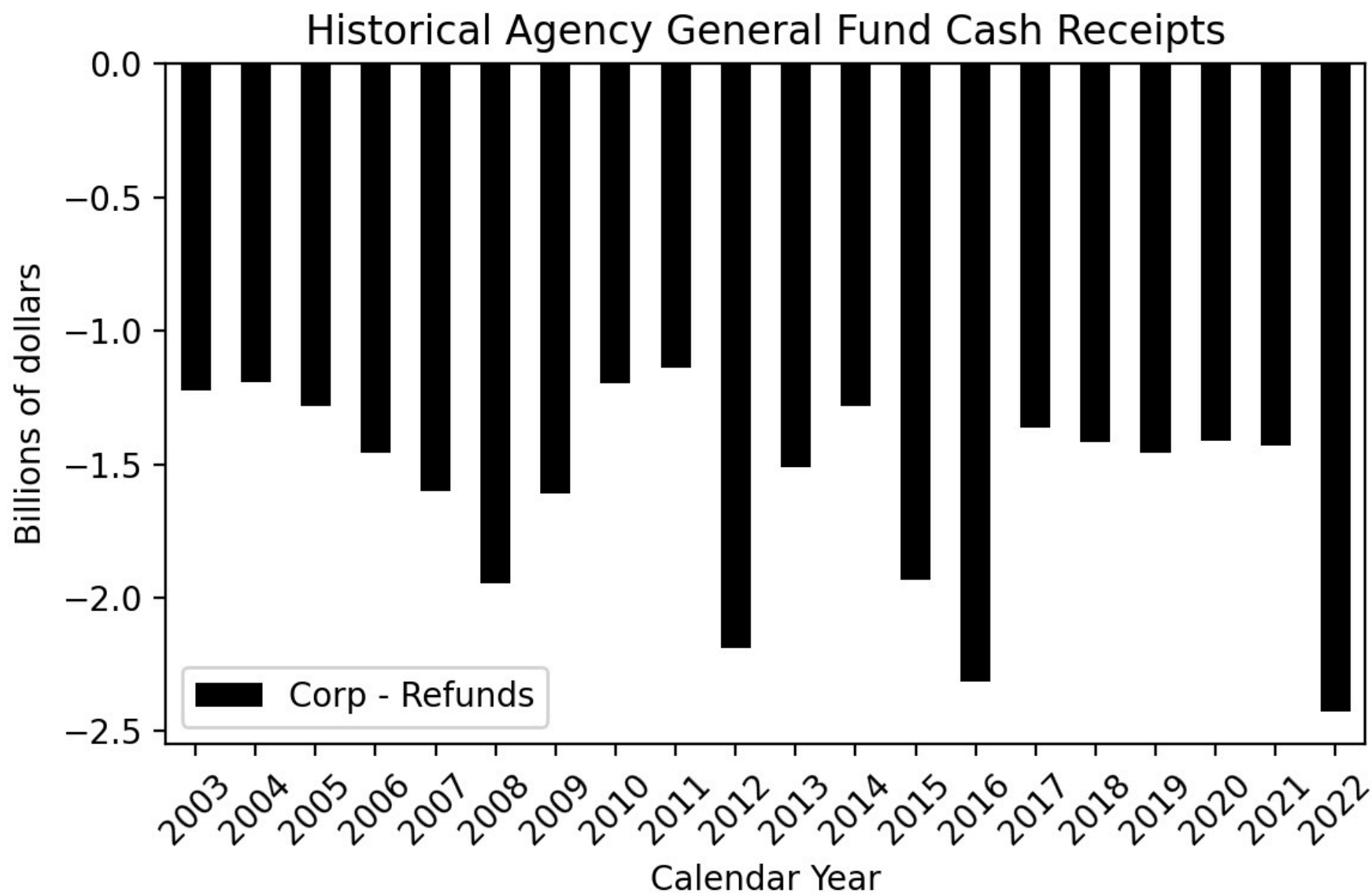


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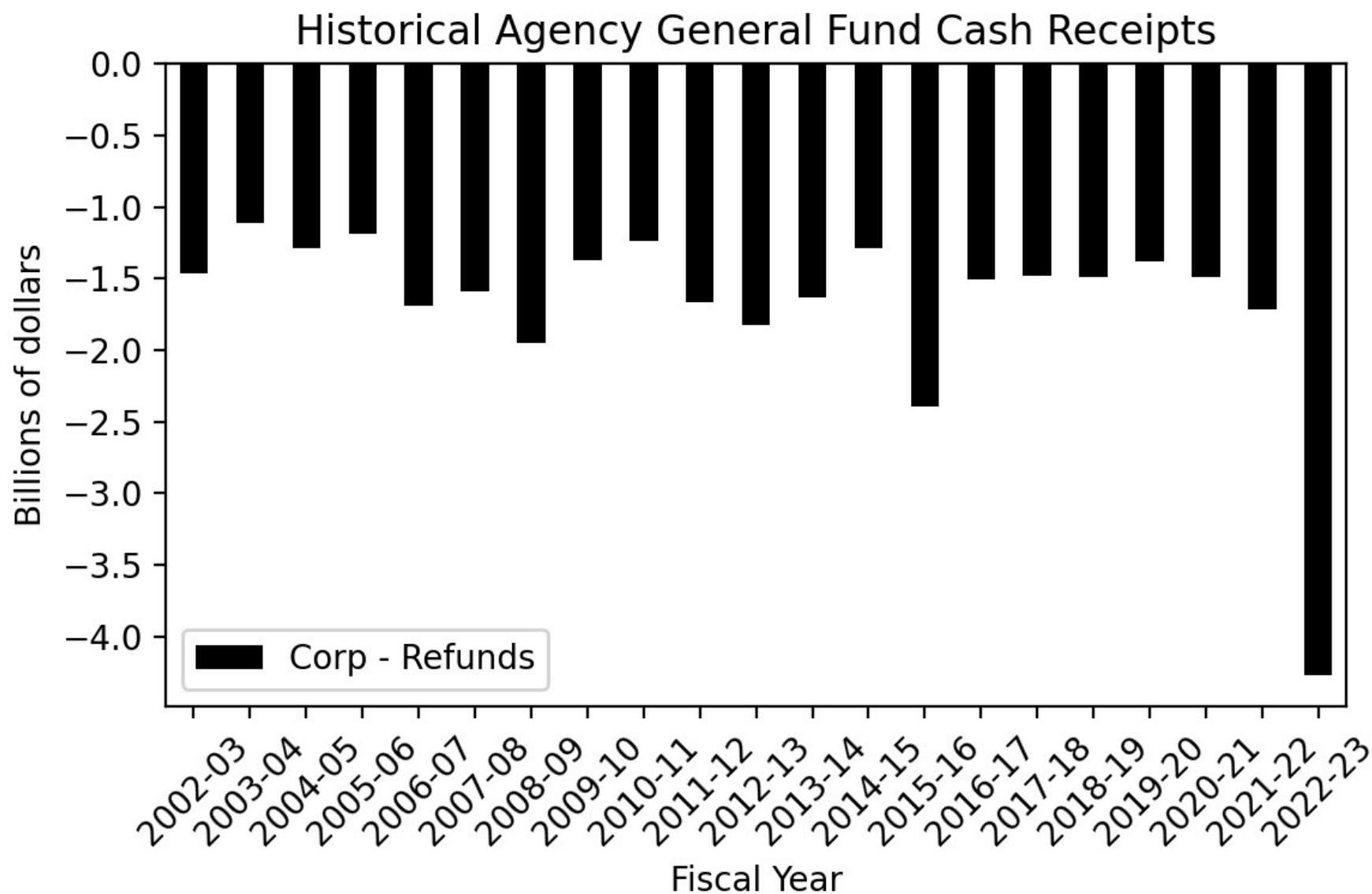


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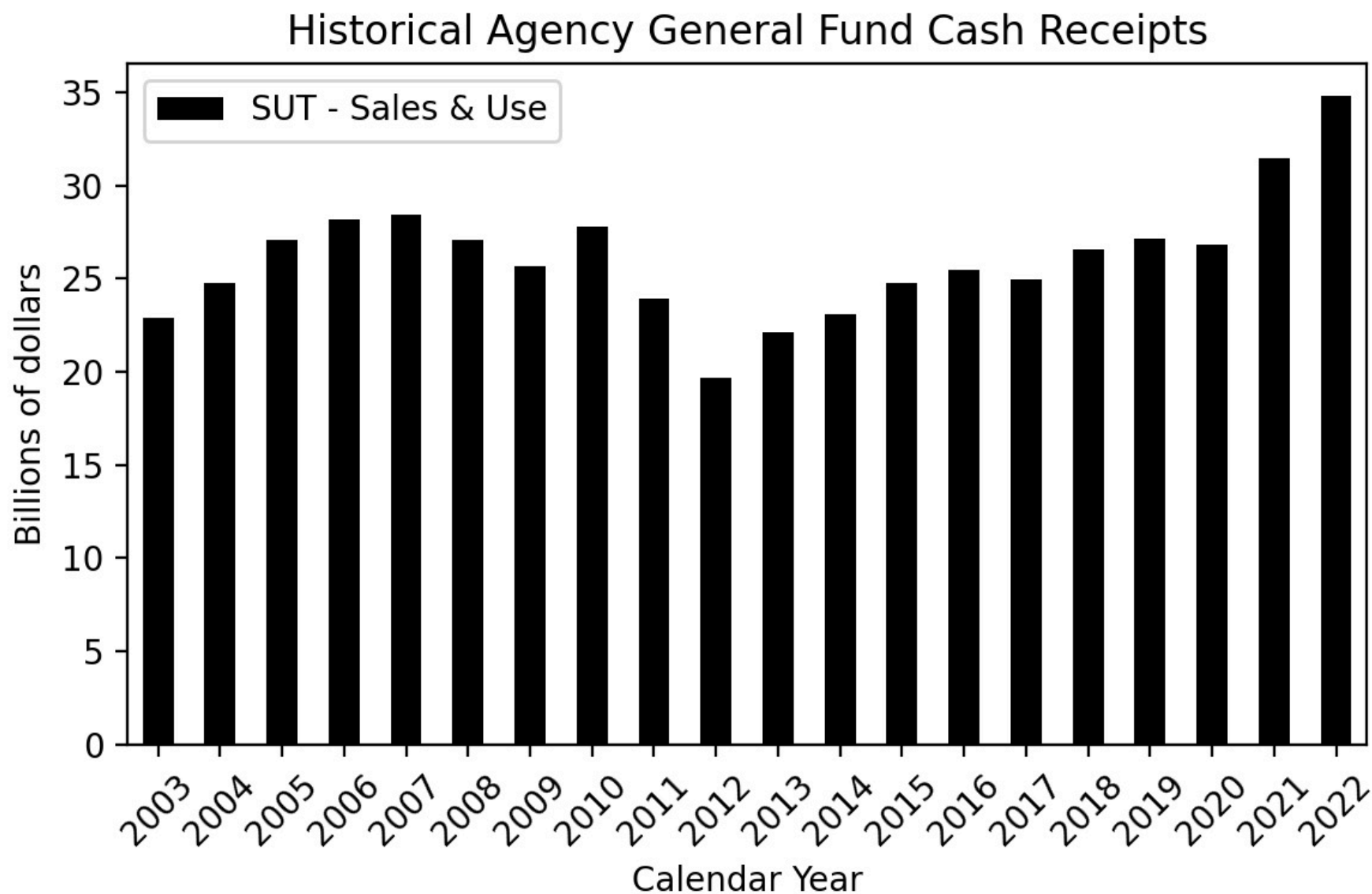


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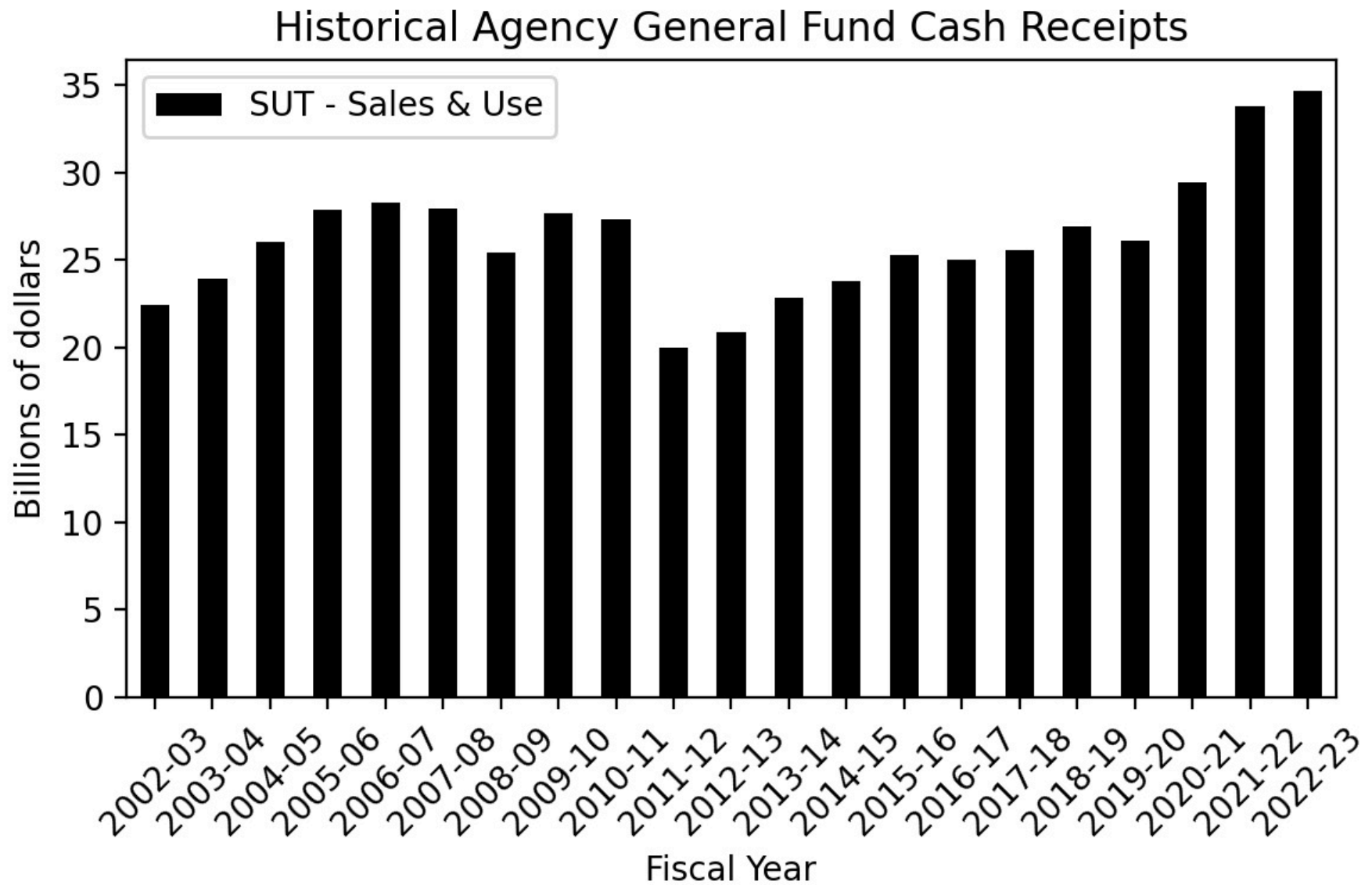


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Other Tax - Historical Agency General Fund Revenues by Sub-Category (Calendar Year)

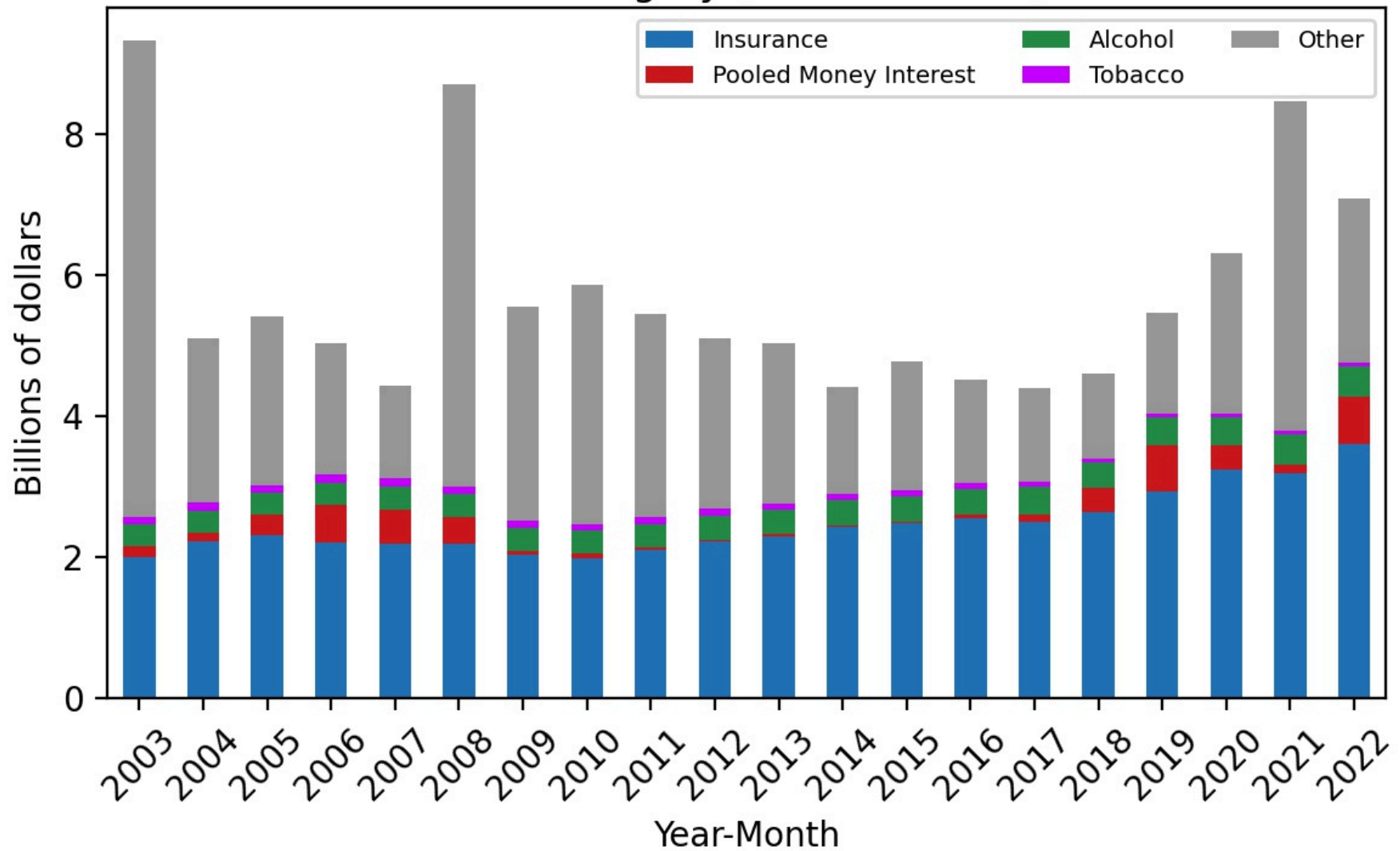


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Other Tax - Historical Agency General Fund Revenues by Sub-Category (Fiscal Year)

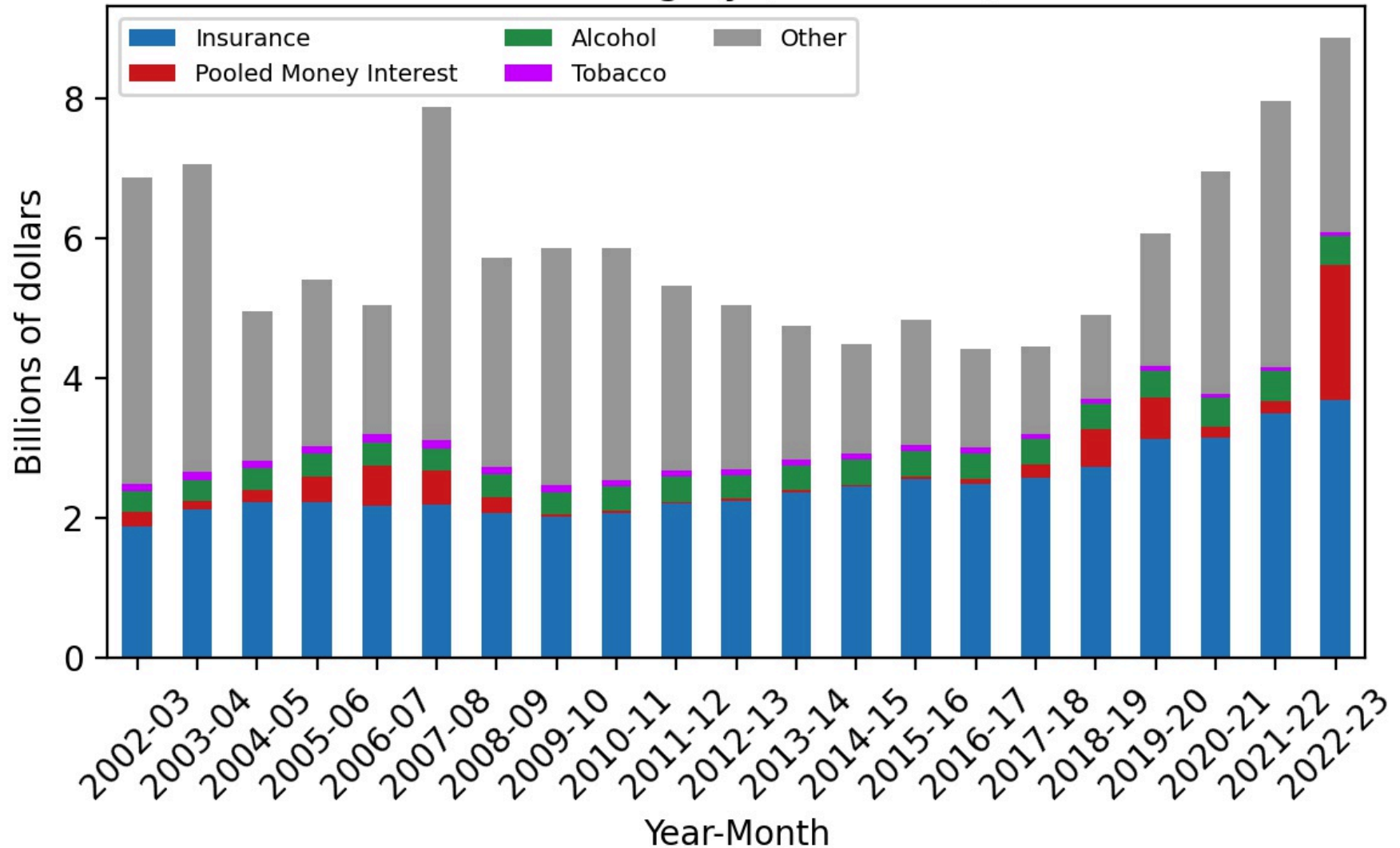


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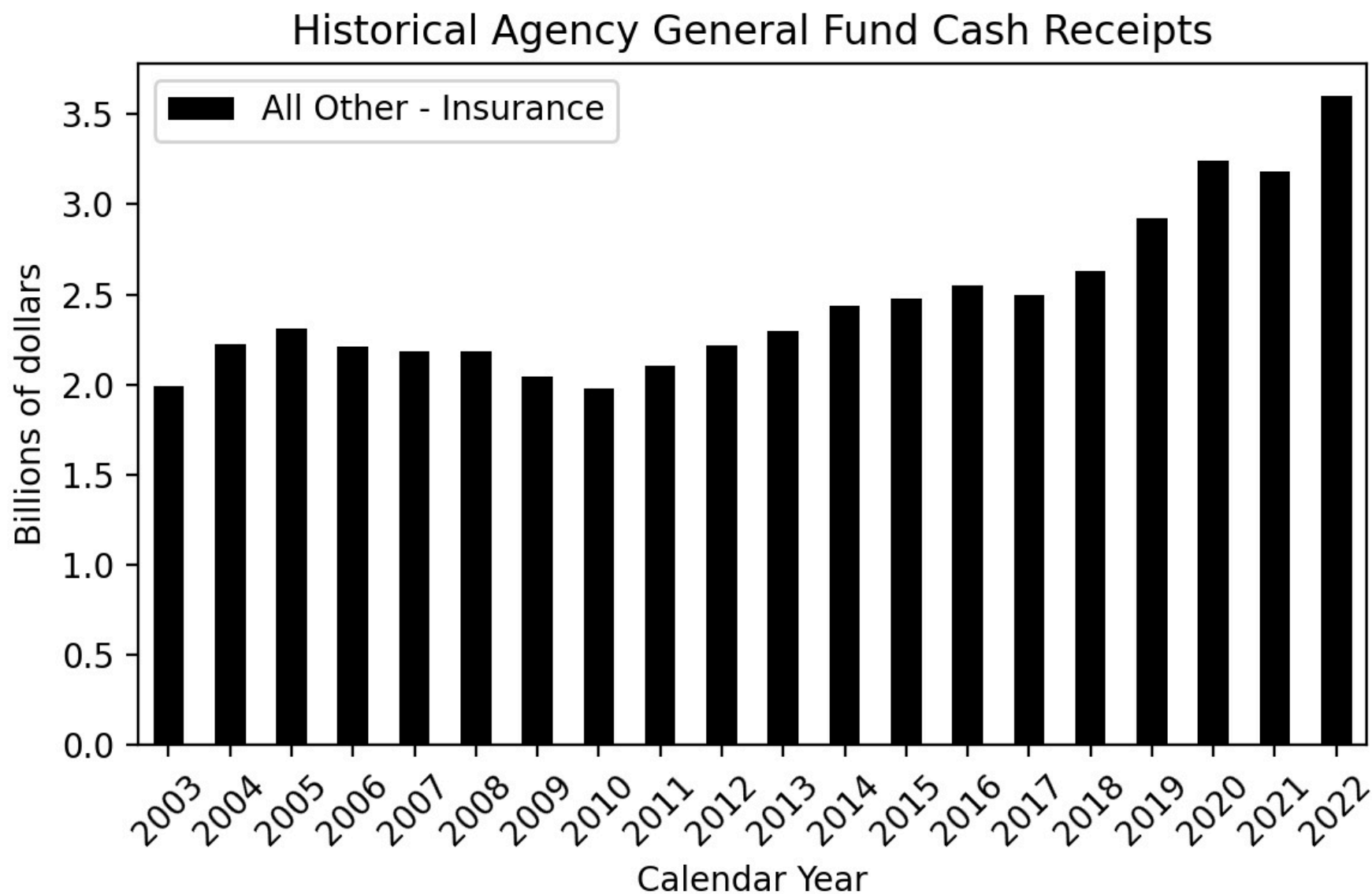


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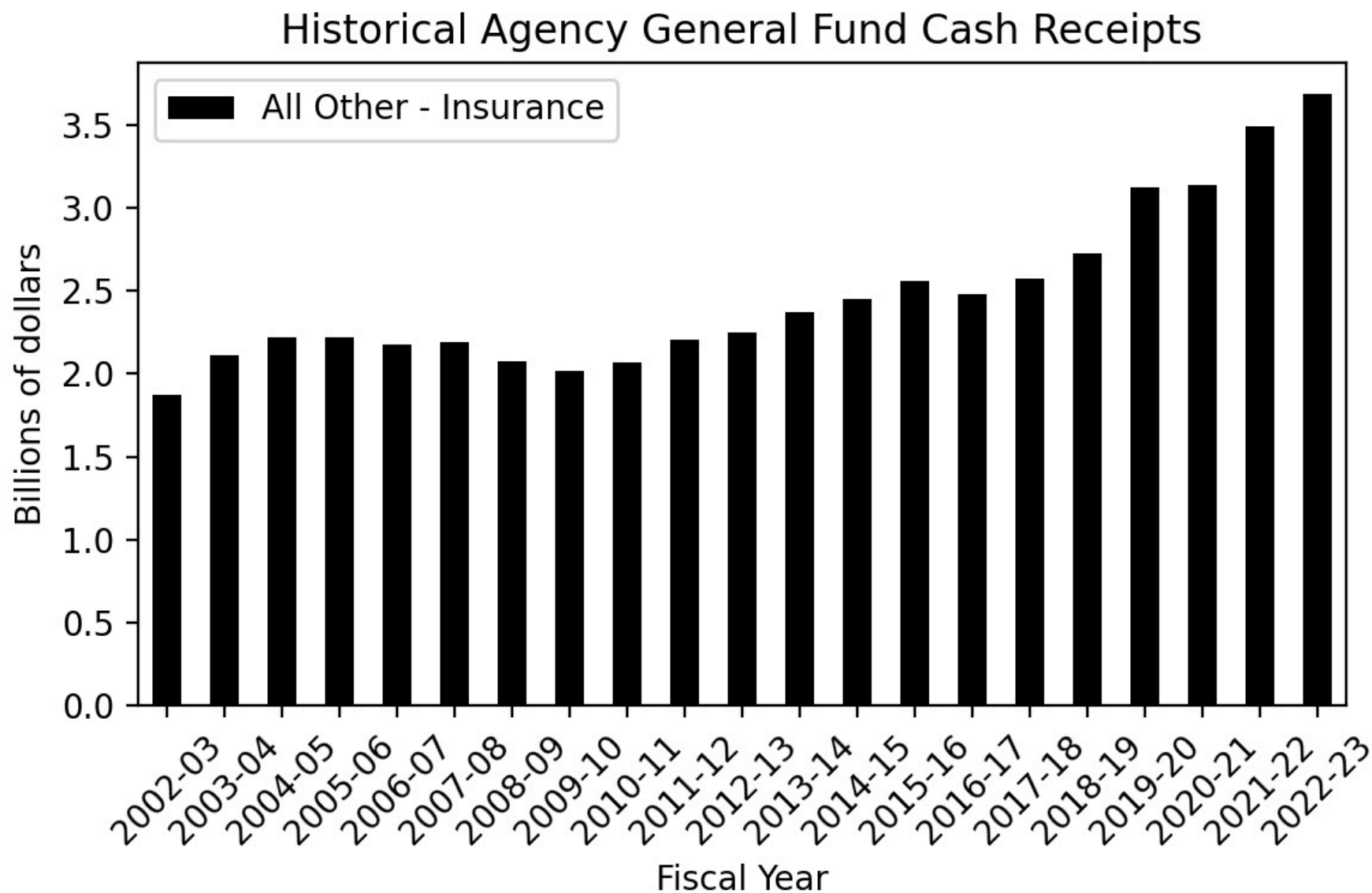


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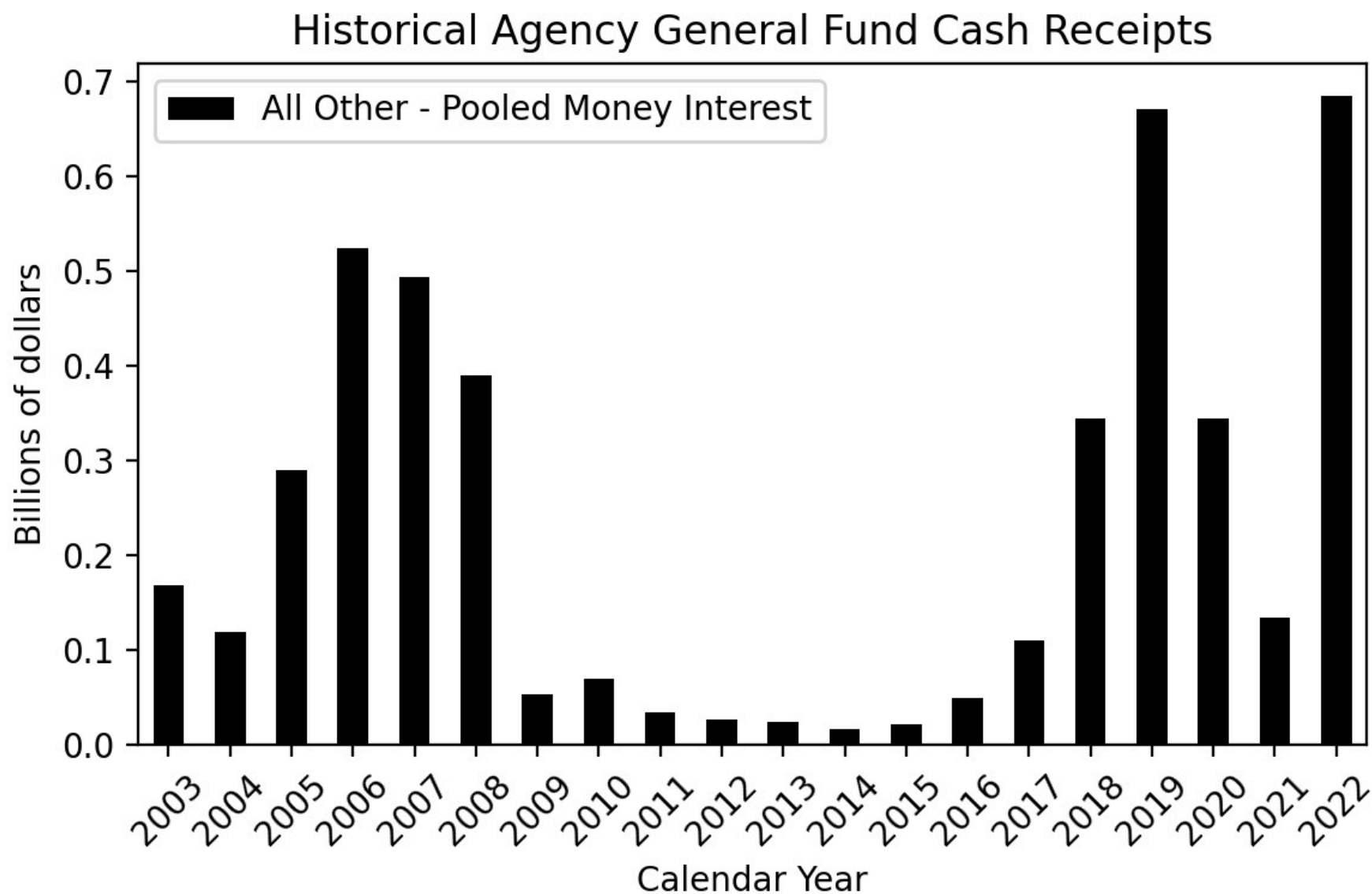


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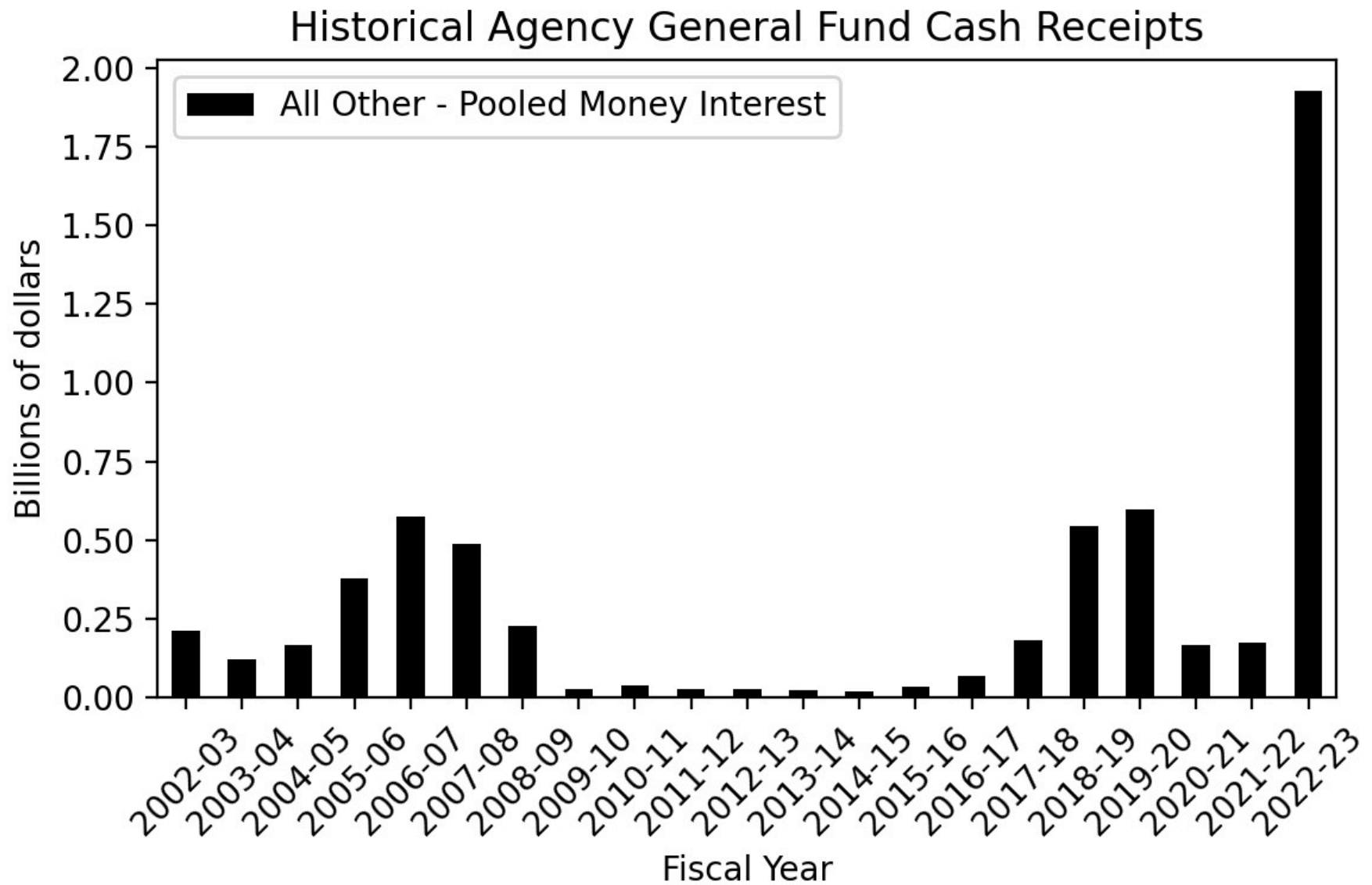


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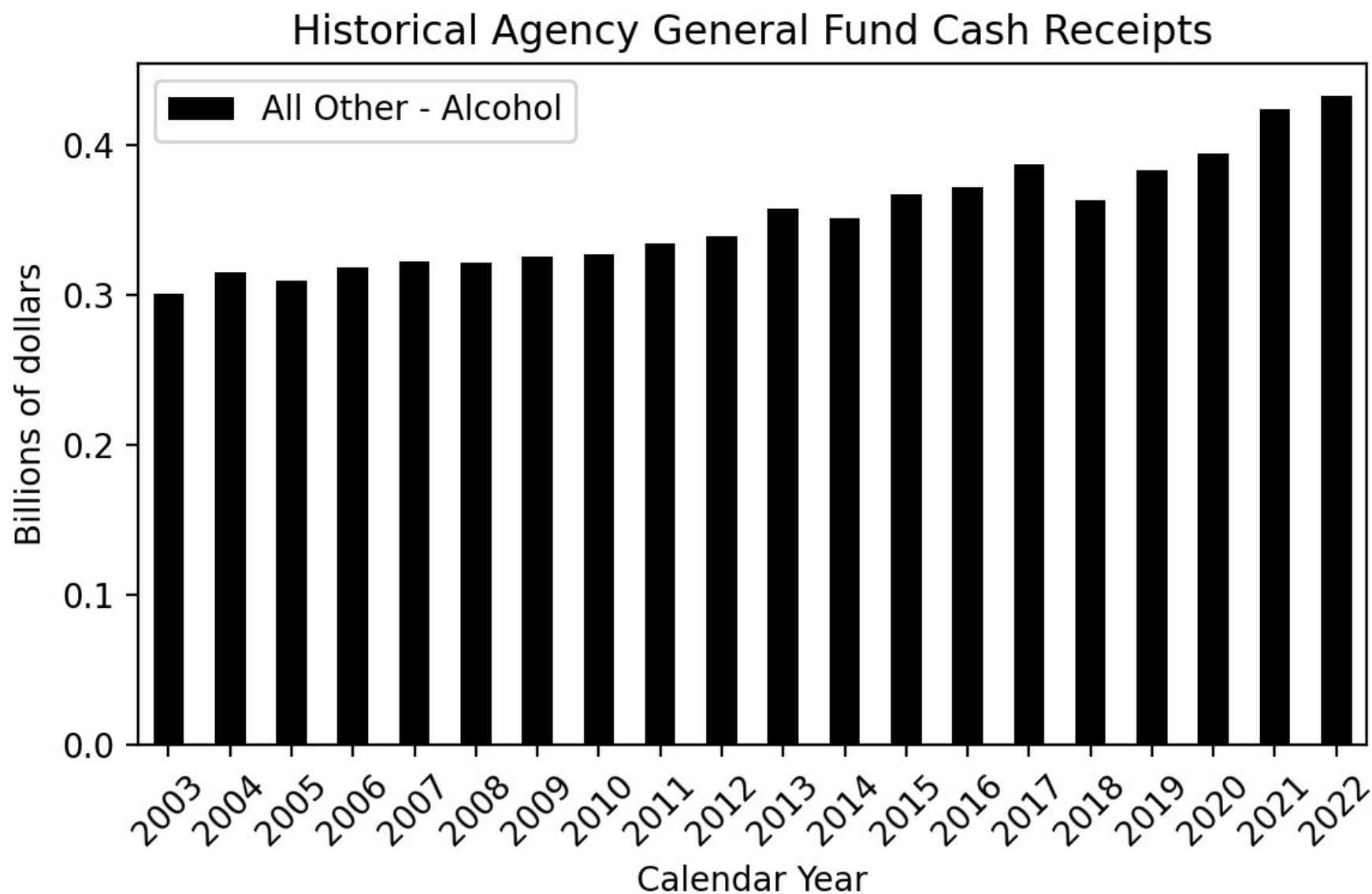


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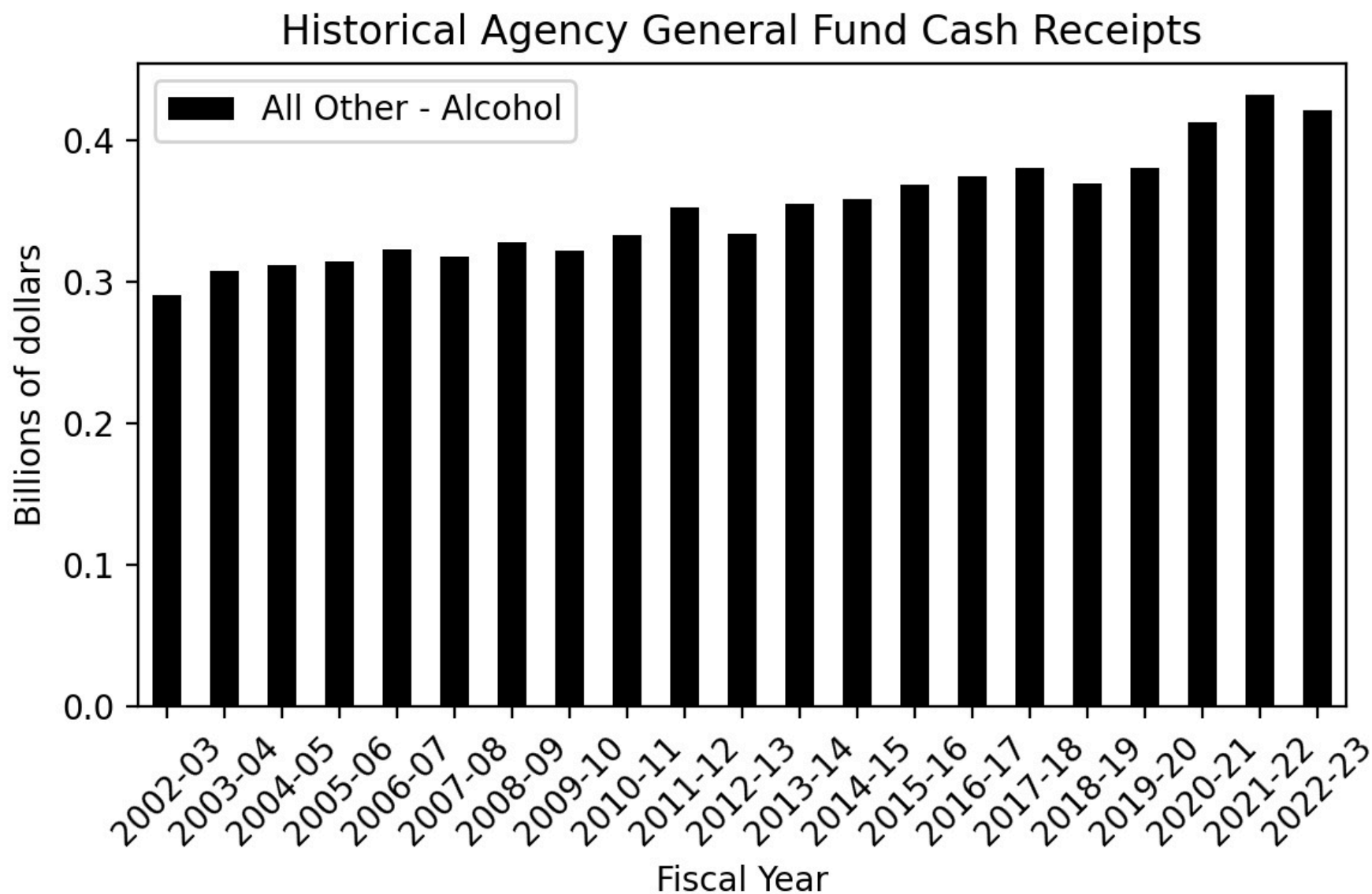


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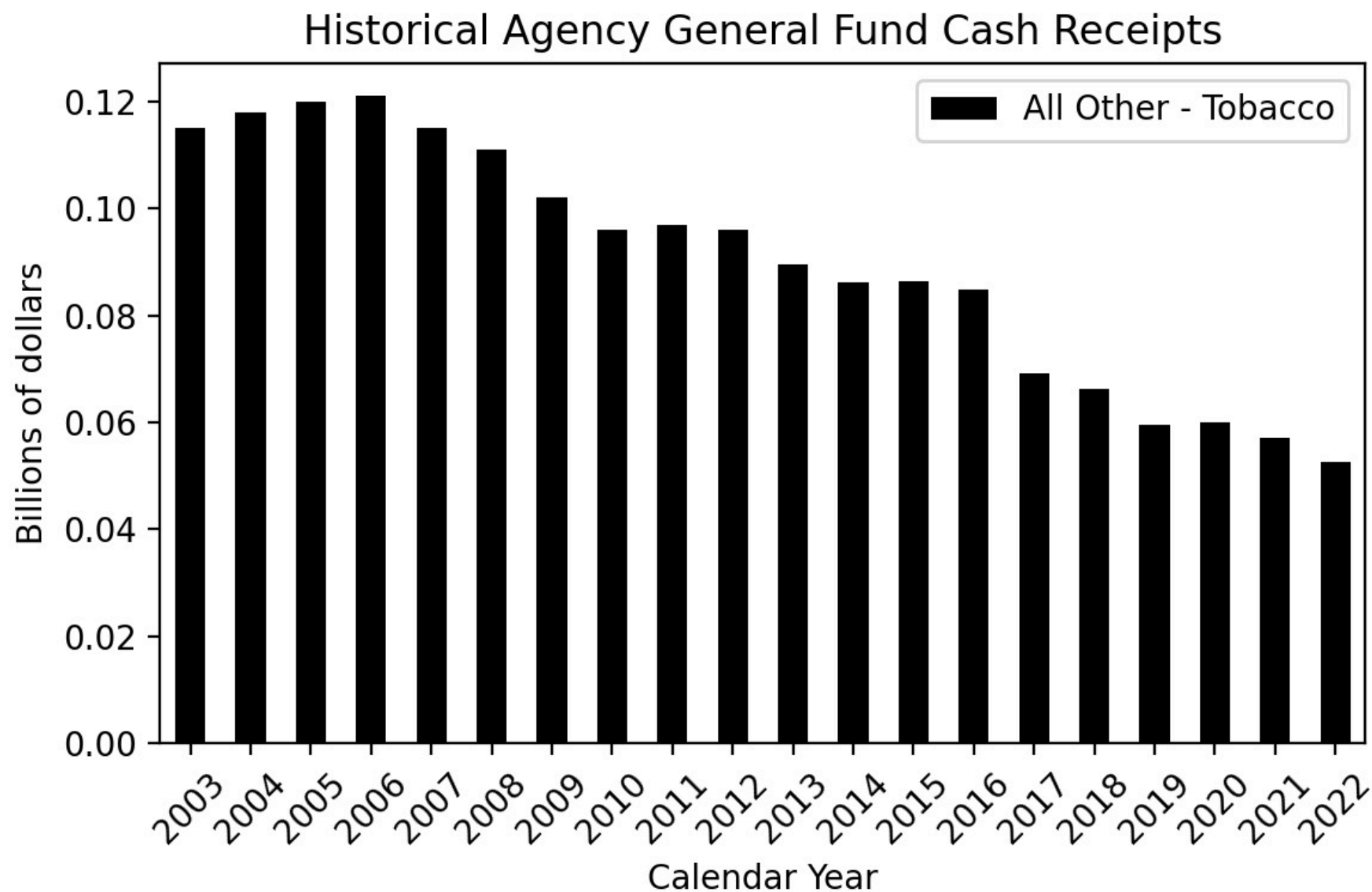


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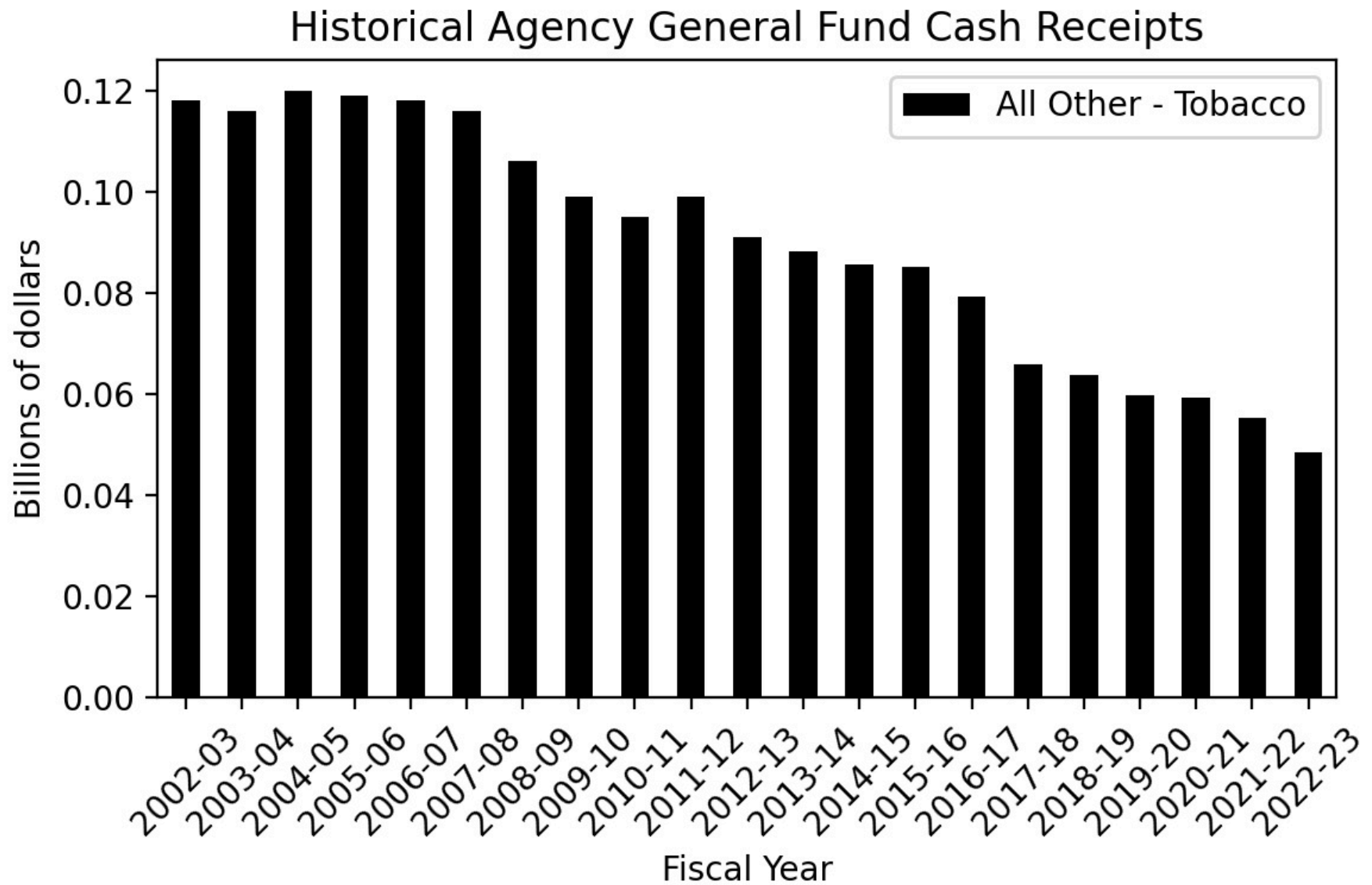


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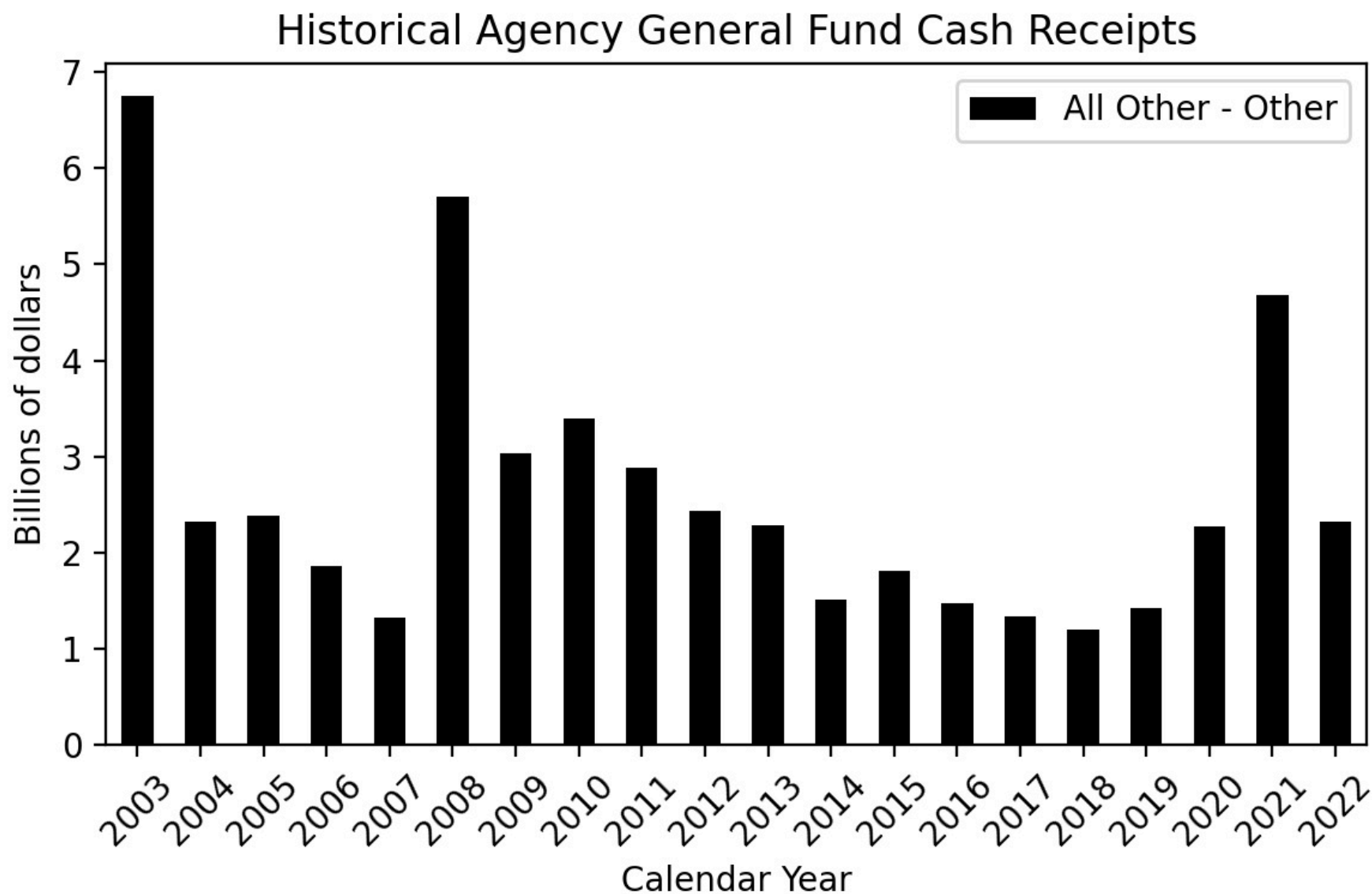


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