



Finance Bulletin

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Economic Update

In the third and final estimate, U.S. real GDP in the fourth quarter of 2024 was revised up 0.1 percentage point from the previous estimate to a 2.4-percent seasonally adjusted annualized rate (SAAR) growth, following a 3.1-percent growth in the third quarter and bringing U.S. annual GDP growth to 2.8 percent in 2024. California real GDP grew at a 1.4-percent SAAR in the fourth quarter of 2024, bringing California annual GDP growth to 3.6 percent for 2024. This follows growth of 3.1 percent SAAR in the third quarter, 2.8 percent in the second quarter, and 6.3 percent in the first quarter.

California personal income increased by 6.5 percent in 2024 following growth of 5.4 percent in 2023, while U.S. personal income grew by 5.4 percent after 5.9-percent growth in 2023. California's share of U.S. personal income increased to 13.7 percent in 2024 from 13.5 percent in 2023.

U.S. headline inflation slowed 0.4 percentage point from 2.8 percent in February to 2.4 percent year-over-year in March 2025. Core inflation—which excludes food and energy—slowed 0.3 percentage point to 2.8 percent year-over-year. Shelter inflation—which includes owners' equivalent rent and residential rent—decelerated from 4.2 percent in February to 4 percent in March.



LABOR MARKET CONDITIONS

- The U.S. unemployment rate increased 0.1 percentage point to 4.2 percent in March as the increase in the labor force (232,000 persons) outpaced household employment growth (201,000 persons). The nation added 228,000 nonfarm payroll jobs in March with 9 of the 11 sectors gaining jobs: private education and health services (77,000 jobs), trade, transportation, and utilities (48,000 jobs), leisure and hospitality (43,000 jobs), other services (19,000 jobs), government (19,000 jobs), construction (13,000 jobs), financial activities (9,000 jobs), professional and business services (5,000 jobs), and manufacturing (1,000 jobs). Two sectors shed jobs: information (-2,000 jobs) and mining and logging (-2,000 jobs).
- California's unemployment rate fell 0.1 percentage point to 5.3 percent in March as civilian household employment increased (14,600 persons) by more than labor force (up 7,600 persons), causing the civilian unemployment to decrease by 7,000 persons. California's nonfarm payroll jobs fell by 11,600 jobs in March. Three sectors added jobs: private education and health services (12,600 jobs), government (4,800 jobs), and other services (2,800 jobs). Seven sectors lost jobs: trade, transportation, and utilities (-10,200 jobs), leisure and hospitality (-6,900 jobs), construction (-3,700 jobs), information (-3,500 jobs), professional and business services (-3,400 jobs), manufacturing (-3,000 jobs), and financial activities (-1,100 jobs). Employment in the mining and logging sector remained unchanged.

BUILDING ACTIVITY

- In February, California permitted 103,700 annualized housing units, 7.3 percent higher than January and 2.6 percent higher than February 2024. Total units permitted in February consisted of 71,300 single-family units and 32,400 multi-family units, up 17.7 percent and down 20 percent from the previous year, respectively.
- The statewide median sale price of existing single-family homes increased to \$884,350 in March 2025, up 6.7 percent from \$829,060 in February 2025, and up 3.5 percent from \$854,490 in March 2024. Sales of existing single-family homes in California were 277,064 (SAAR) in March, down 2.3 percent from February 2025, and up 4.9 percent from March 2024.

MONTHLY CASH REPORT

Preliminary General Fund agency cash receipts were \$144 million, or 0.9 percent, below the Governor's Budget forecast in March, and \$4.4 billion, or 3.3 percent, above the fiscal year-to-date forecast. The fiscal year-to-date overage was the result of higher receipts from personal income tax (up \$3.5 billion due to a \$3.4 billion overage in withholding), other revenues (up \$1.6 billion), partially offset by lower-than-expected corporation tax (down \$235 million) and sales tax receipts (down \$326 million). The Governor's Budget forecast was finalized in late November and did not incorporate the delayed tax deadlines for Los Angeles County taxpayers. Notably, the fourth quarter personal income tax estimated payments deadline of January 15 and the final Pass-Through Entity Elective Tax (PTET) payment deadline for tax year 2024 of March 15 was delayed to October 15 and fourth quarter sales tax payments for smaller businesses were delayed from January 31 to April 30 for Los Angeles County taxpayers.

- Personal income tax cash receipts were \$389 million, or 5.6 percent, above forecast in March and \$3.5 billion, or 4.3 percent, above the fiscal year-to-date forecast. The fiscal year-to-date overage was due almost entirely to withholding being \$3.4 billion above forecast. Refunds were \$114 million lower than projected in March and \$1.1 billion, or 6.6 percent, below the fiscal year-to-date forecast. Estimated, final, and other payments were \$117 million above forecast in March, and \$837 million below the fiscal year-to-date forecast. Some of the fiscal year-to-date shortfall is attributable to estimated payments shifting from January to October as a result of the delayed deadlines for Los Angeles County.
- Corporation tax cash receipts were \$348 million, or 7.9 percent, below forecast in March, and \$235 million, or 1.1 percent, below the fiscal year-to-date forecast. The shortfall in March was due to lower estimated payments of \$292 million and lower other payments of \$229 million, partially offset by lower refunds of \$132 million and higher PTET payments of \$41 million.
- Preliminary sales and use tax receipts were \$68 million, or 2.6 percent, below forecast in March and \$326 million, or 1.3 percent, below the fiscal year-to-date forecast.
- Other revenues were \$55 million above forecast in March and \$1.6 billion, or 214.3 percent, above the fiscal year-to-date forecast, due primarily to higher federal cost recovery collections for disasters in prior years.

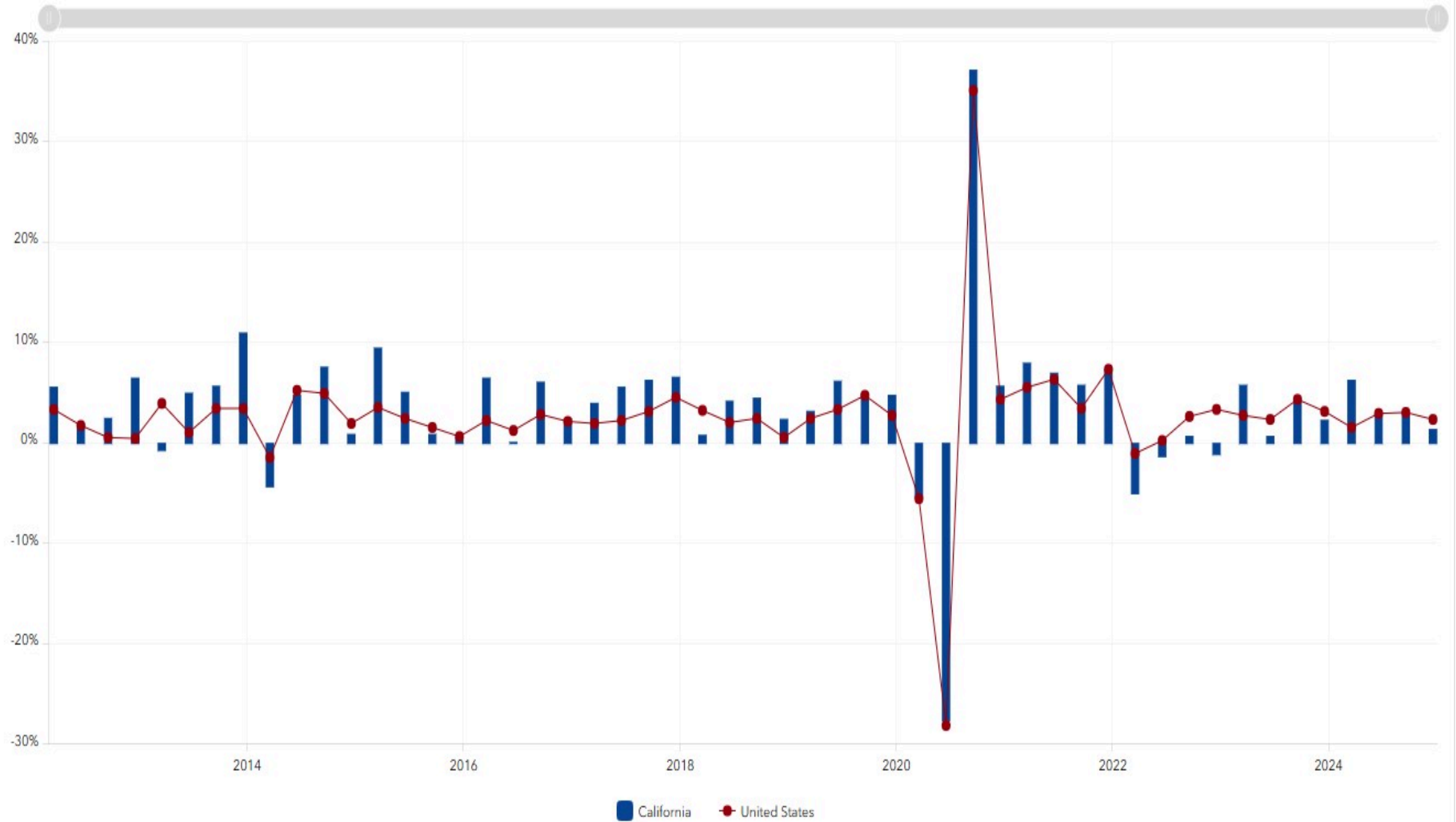
2024-25 Comparison of Actual and Forecast Agency General Fund Revenues (Dollars in Millions)

Revenue Source	MARCH 2025				2024-25 YEAR-TO-DATE			
	Forecast	Actual	Difference	Percent Difference	Forecast	Actual	Difference	Percent Difference
Personal Income	\$6,961	\$7,350	\$389	5.6%	\$82,284	\$85,799	\$3,515	4.3%
Withholding	10,073	10,236	164	1.6%	75,658	79,013	3,355	4.4%
Estimated Payments	286	242	-44	-15.5%	15,155	14,453	-702	-4.6%
Final Payments	689	913	224	32.6%	4,091	4,324	233	5.7%
Other Payments	579	515	-63	-10.9%	4,934	4,566	-368	-7.5%
Refunds	-4,511	-4,397	114	-2.5%	-15,934	-14,883	1,051	-6.6%
MHSF Transfer	-125	-132	-7	5.6%	-1,474	-1,537	-63	4.3%
Corporation	\$4,411	\$4,064	-\$348	-7.9%	\$22,262	\$22,027	-\$235	-1.1%
Estimated Payments	1,184	892	-292	-24.7%	10,913	10,601	-311	-2.9%
PTET Payments	2,091	2,132	41	2.0%	11,506	11,283	-224	-1.9%
Other Payments	1,545	1,316	-229	-14.8%	4,584	4,474	-109	-2.4%
Refunds	-409	-277	132	-32.4%	-4,741	-4,331	410	-8.6%
Sales & Use	\$2,591	\$2,523	-\$68	-2.6%	\$25,650	\$25,324	-\$326	-1.3%
Insurance	\$810	\$865	\$55	6.8%	\$2,887	\$2,957	\$69	2.4%
Pooled Money Interest	\$368	\$142	-\$226	-61.3%	\$2,485	\$2,356	-\$129	-5.2%
Alcohol	\$29	\$26	-\$2	-8.6%	\$318	\$312	-\$6	-1.9%
Tobacco	\$3	\$3	\$0	-7.2%	\$28	\$28	\$0	-0.7%
Other	\$39	\$94	\$55	139.4%	\$728	\$2,288	\$1,560	214.3%
Total	\$15,212	\$15,068	-\$144	-0.9%	\$136,643	\$141,091	\$4,448	3.3%

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 2025-26 Governor's Budget.

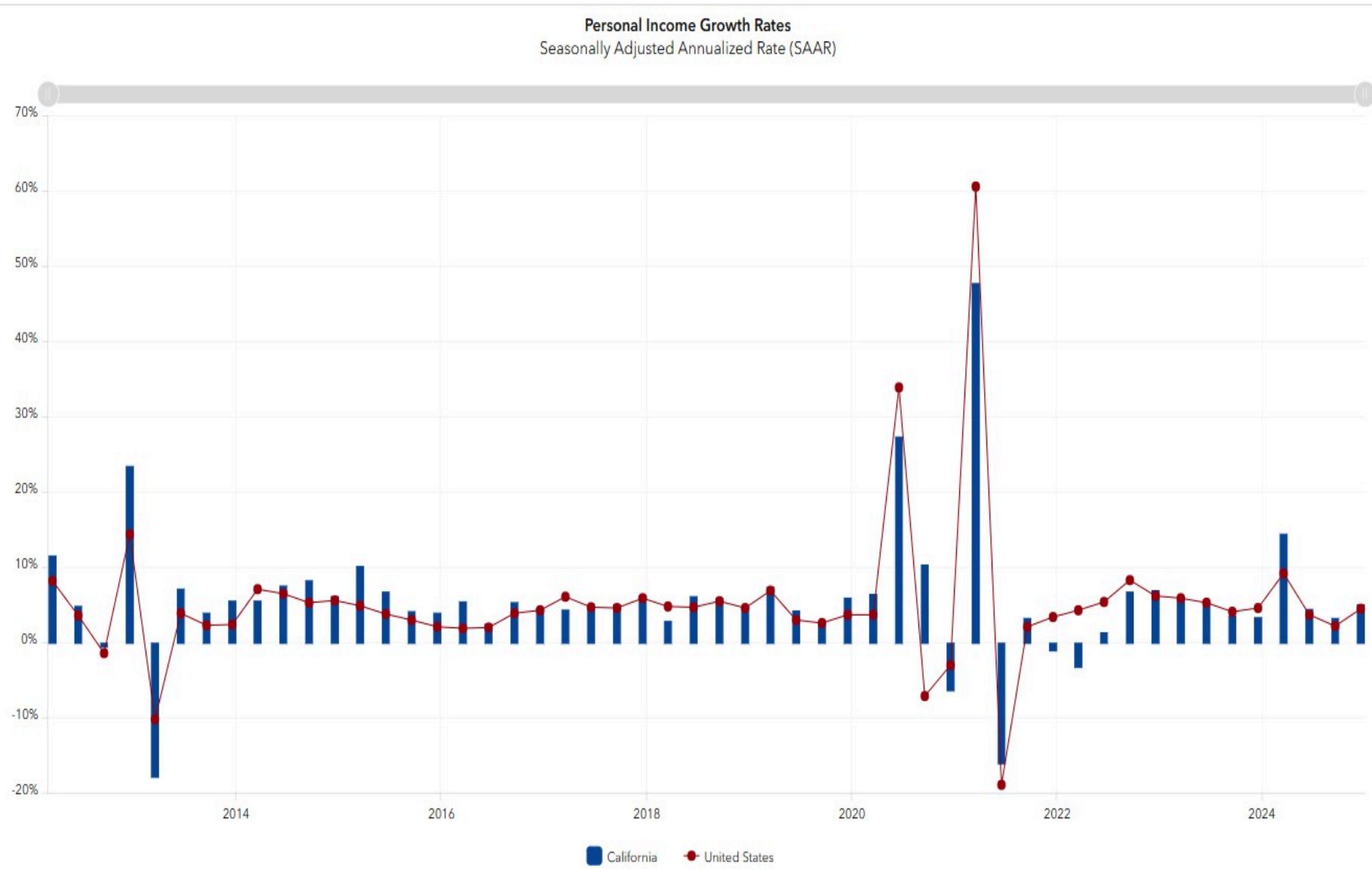
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Seasonally Adjusted Annualized Rate (%)



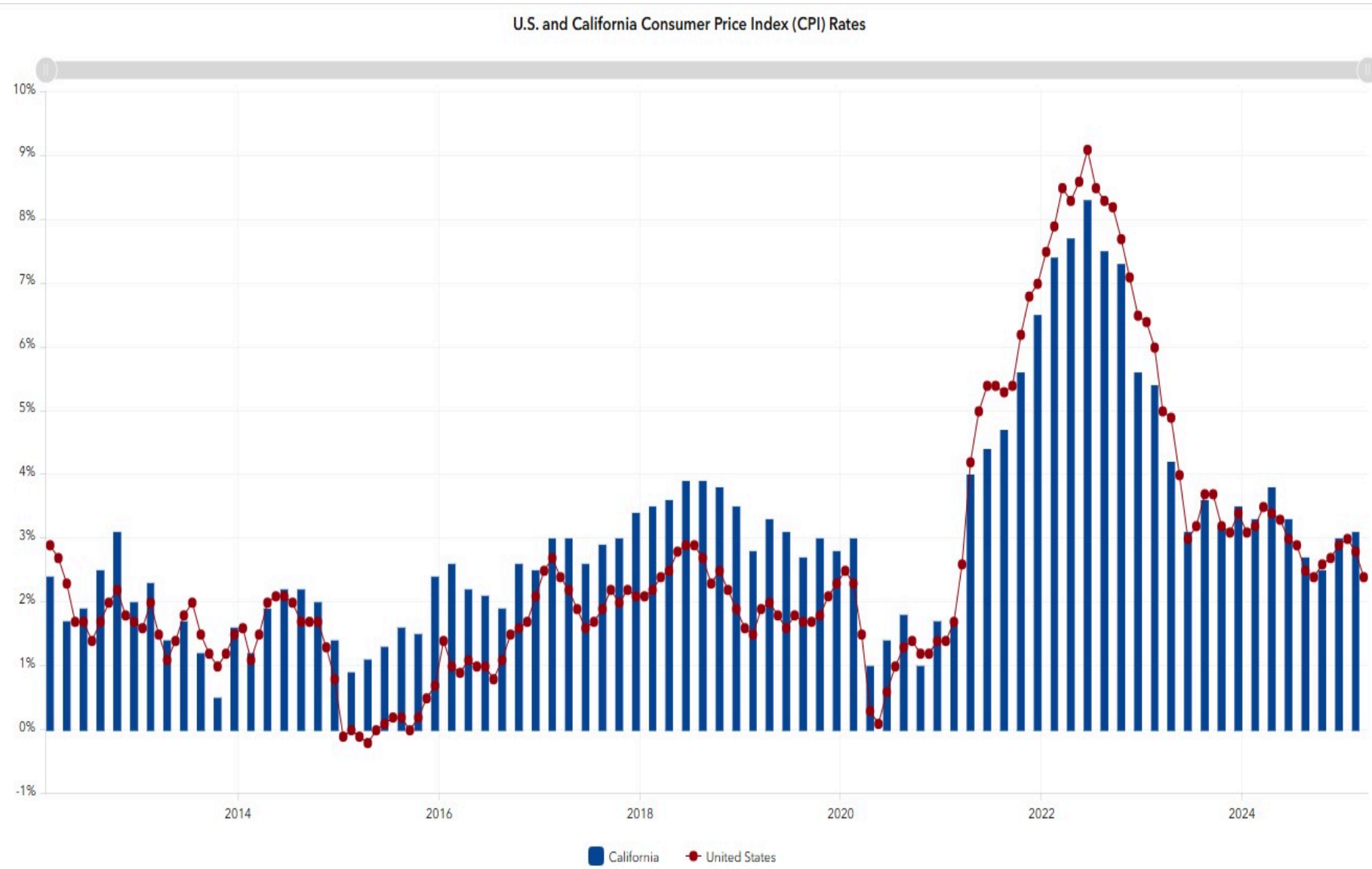
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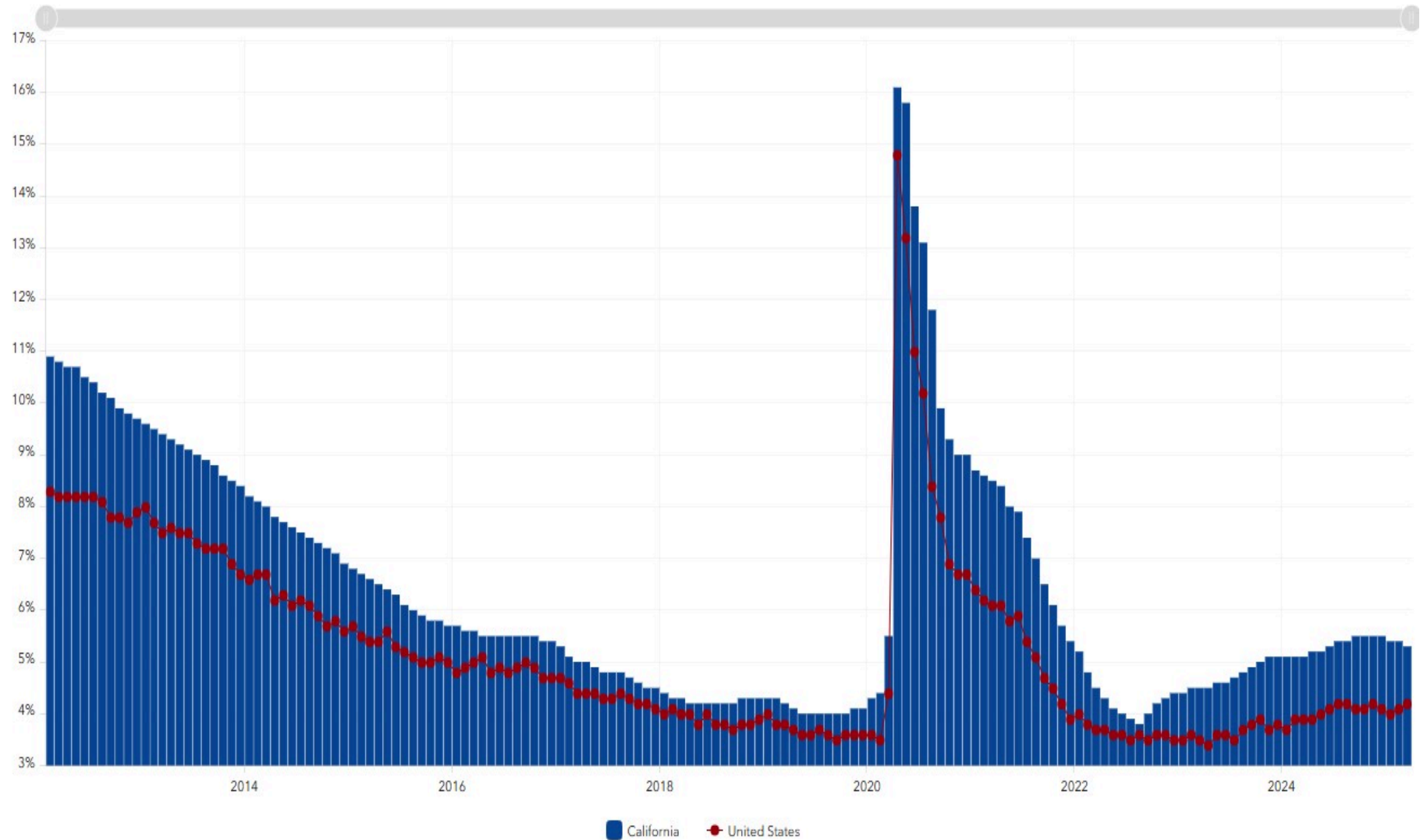
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Sources: Bureau of Labor Statistics (BLS) and California Department of Industrial Relations (DIR)

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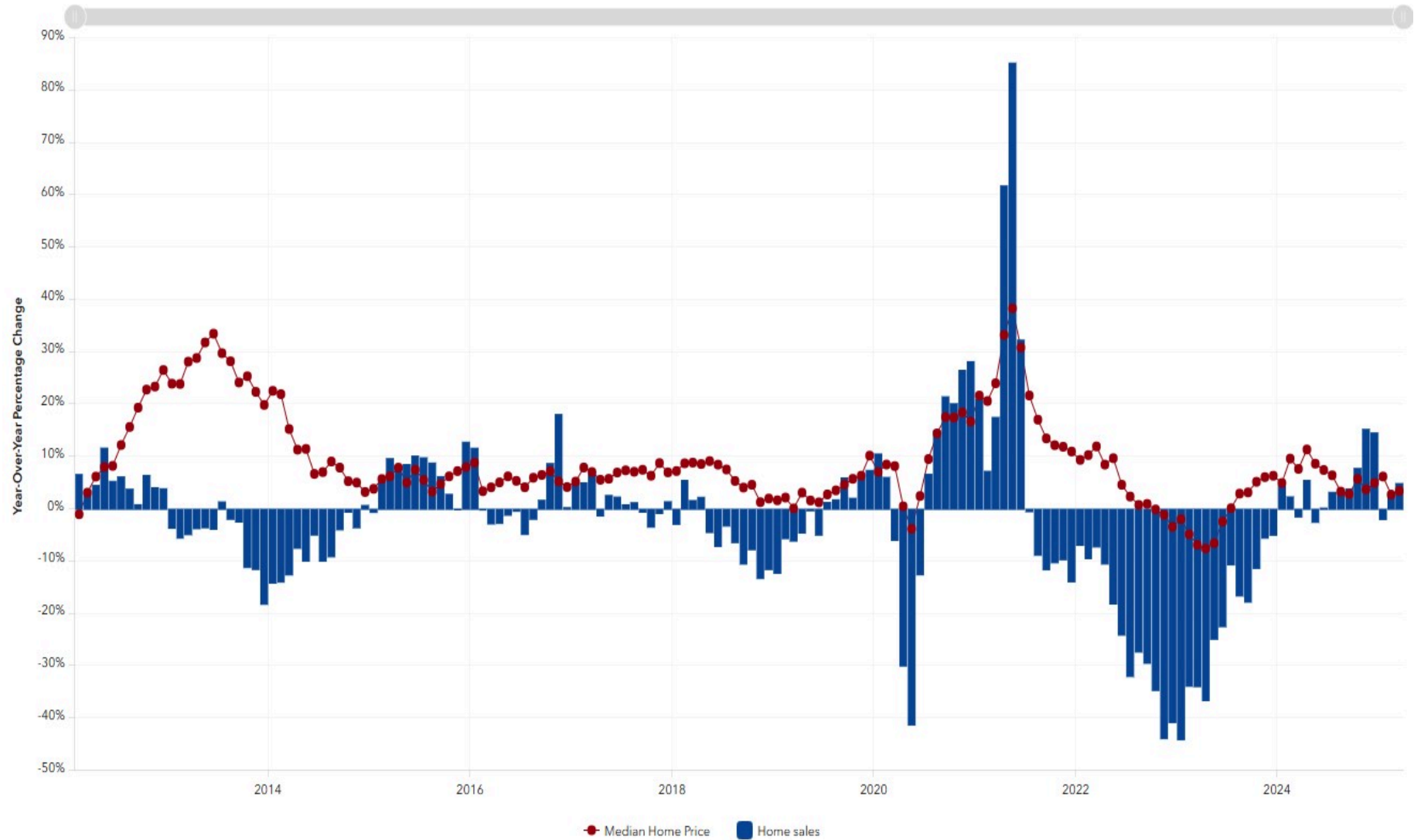
U.S. and California Unemployment Rate



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

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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 Budget Act Forecast: Agency General Fund Cash Receipts

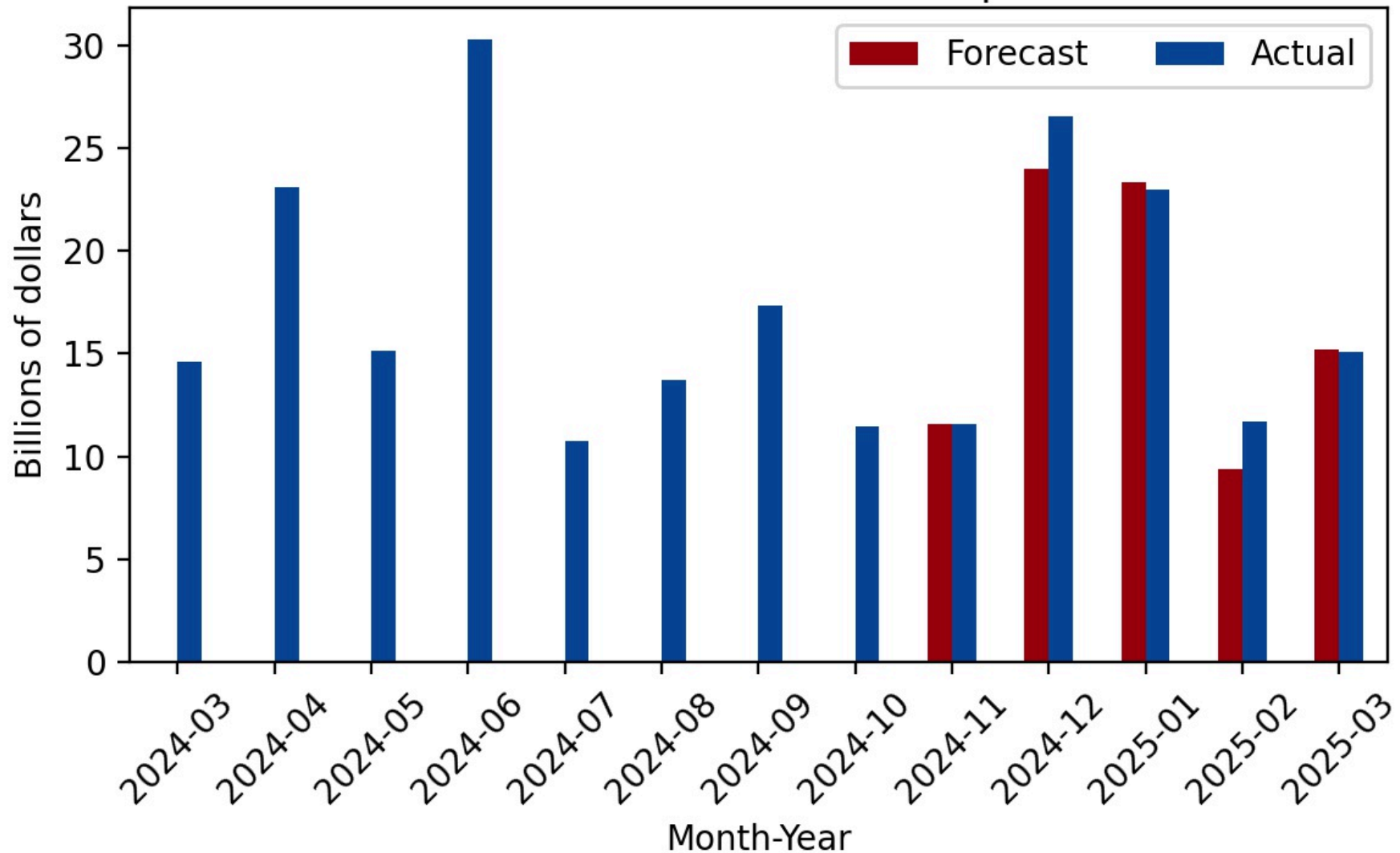


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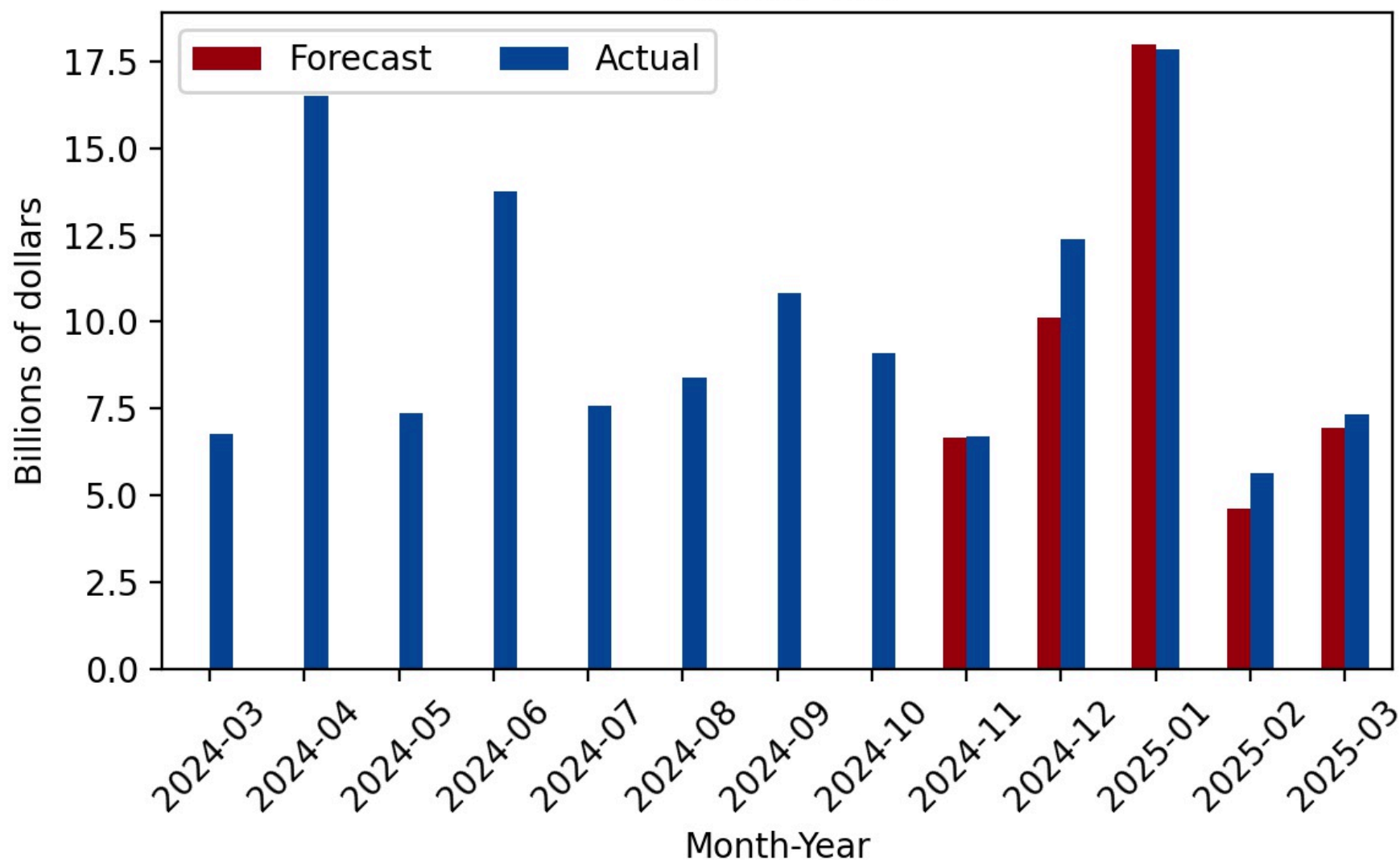


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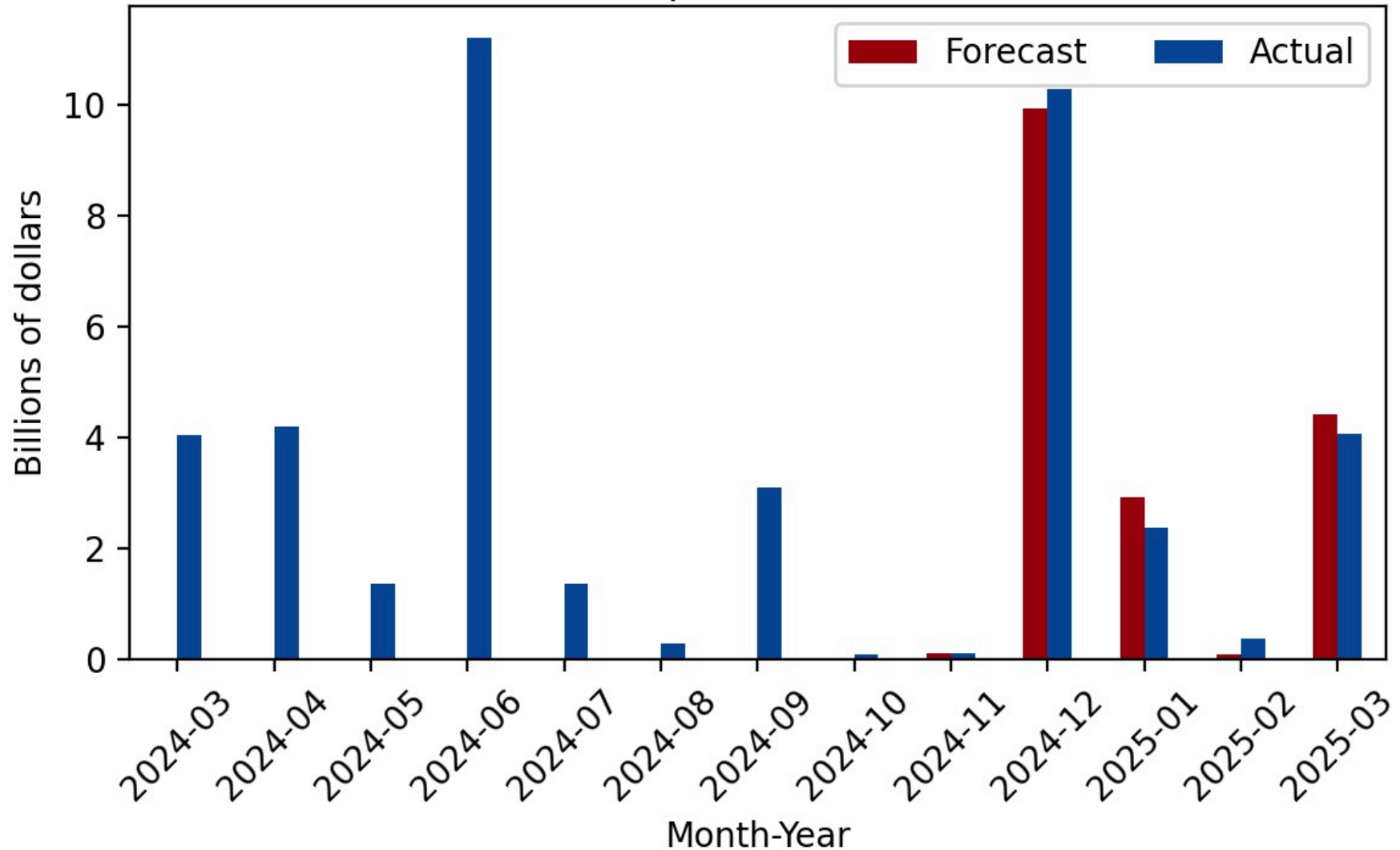


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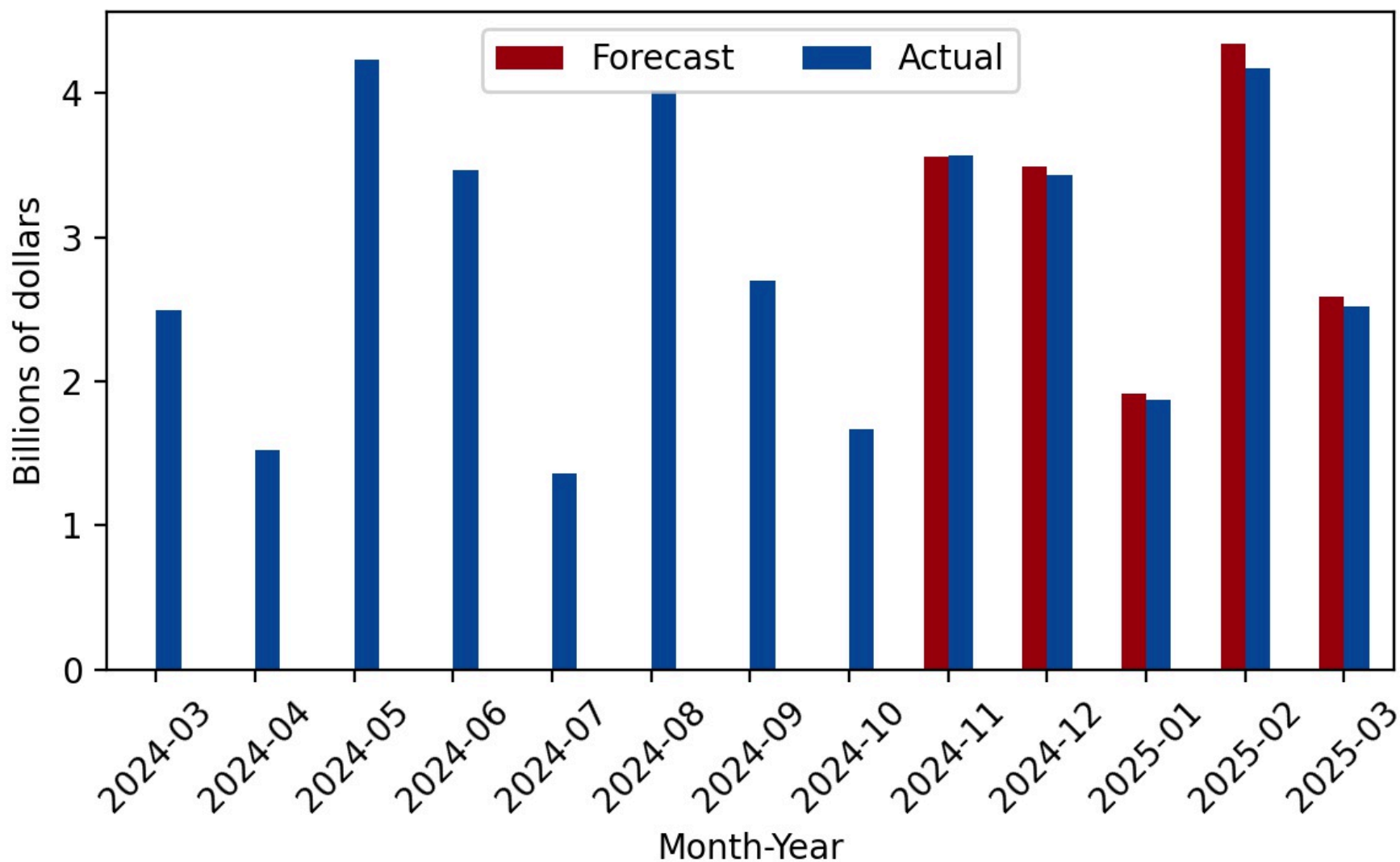


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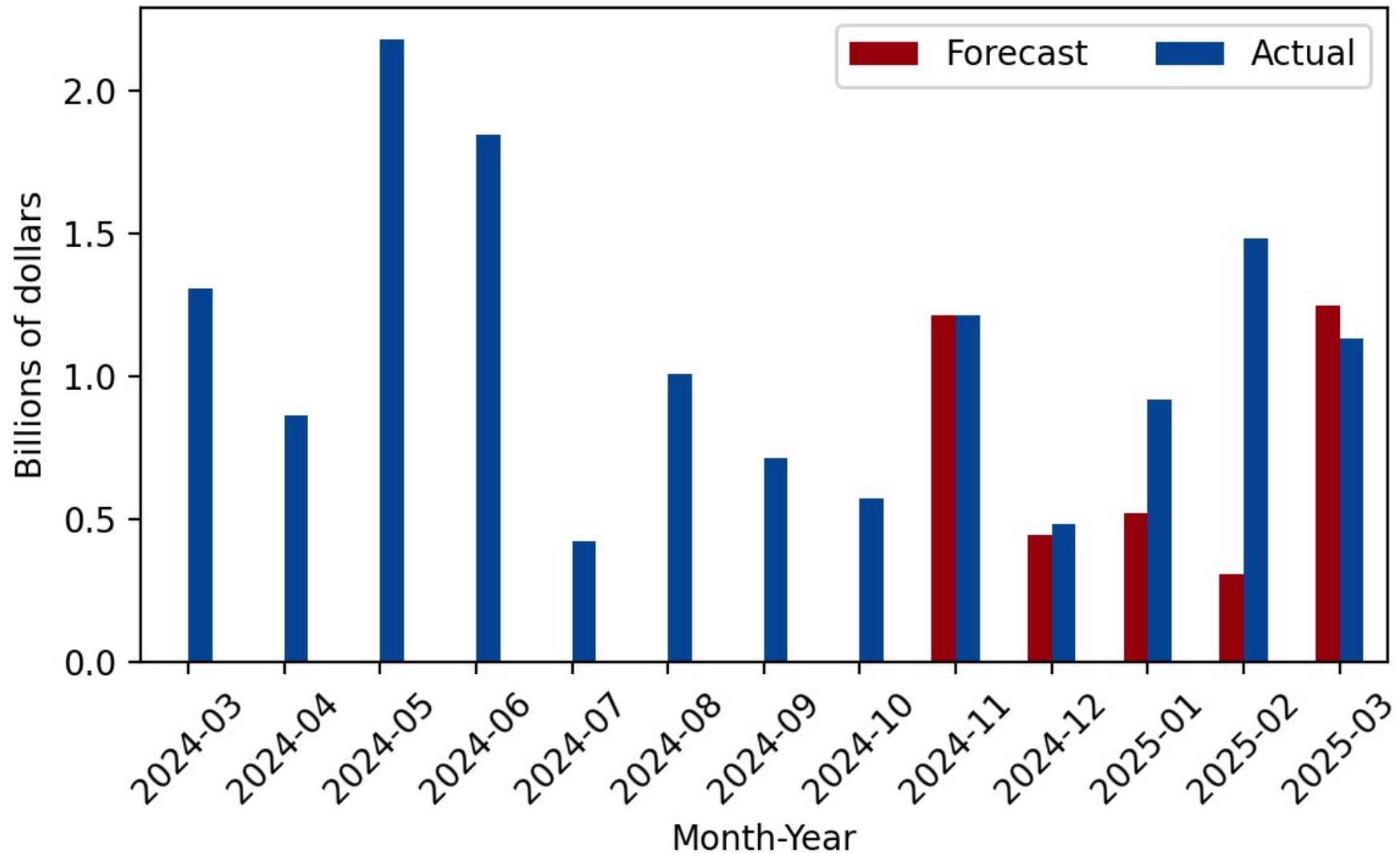


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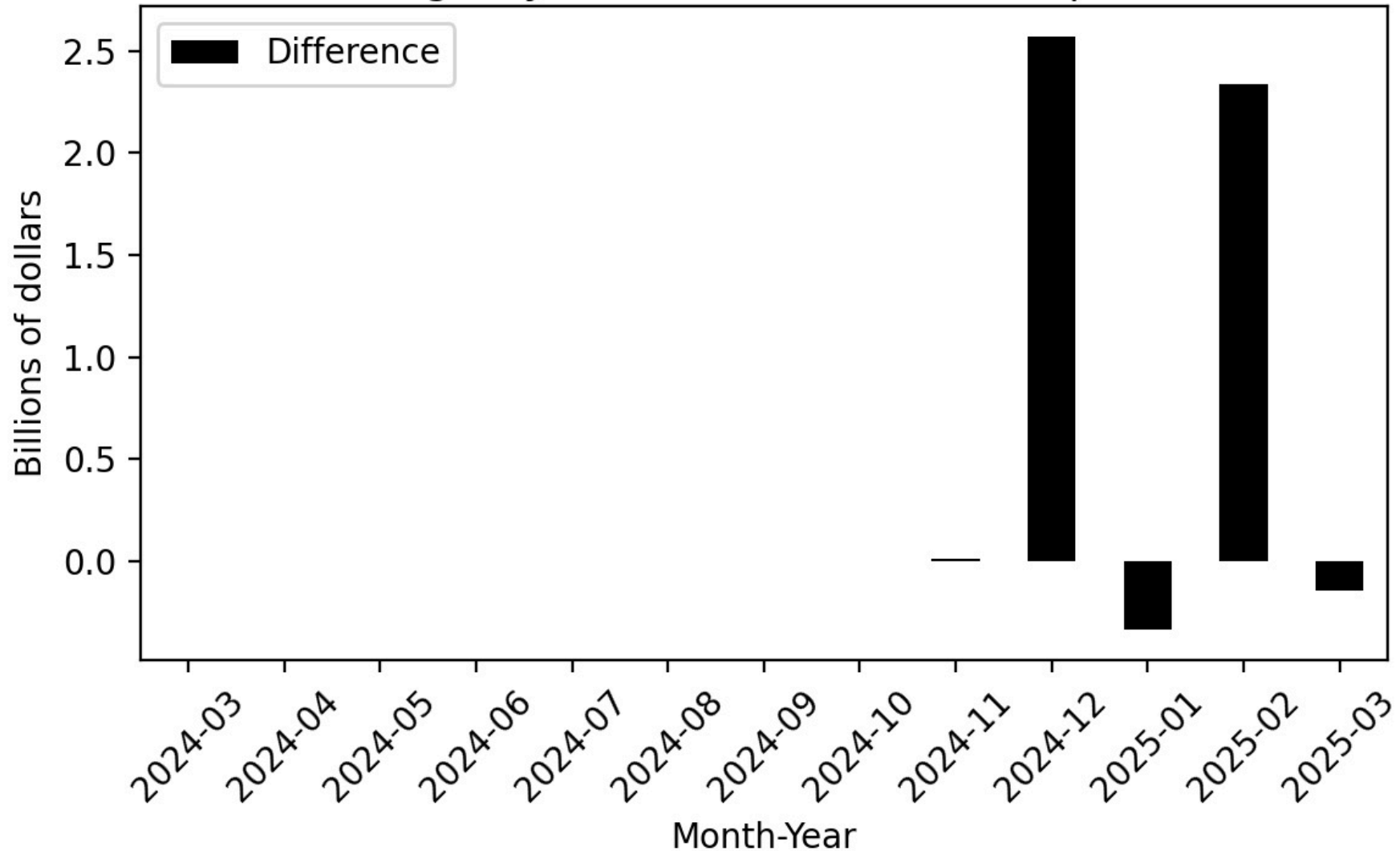


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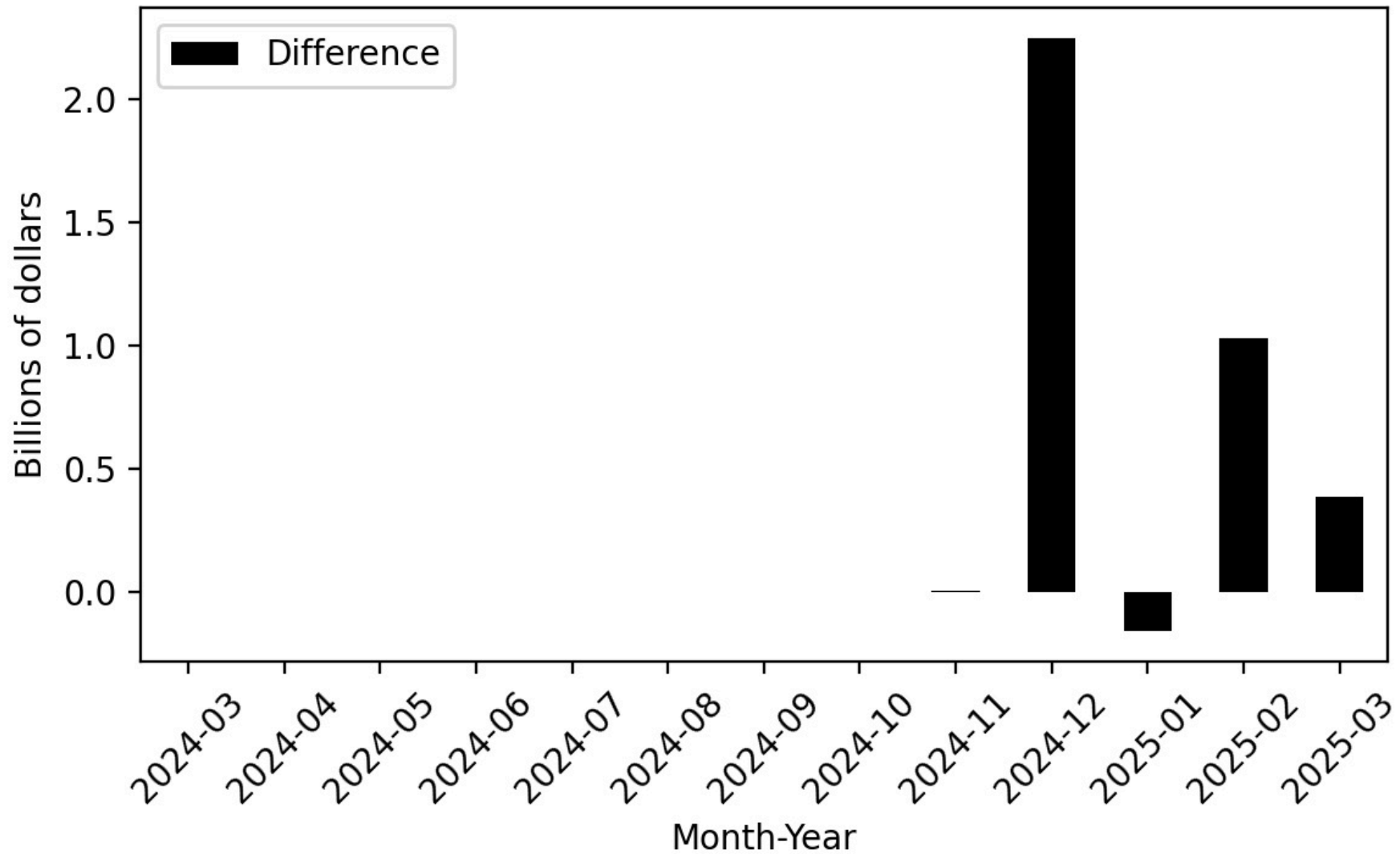


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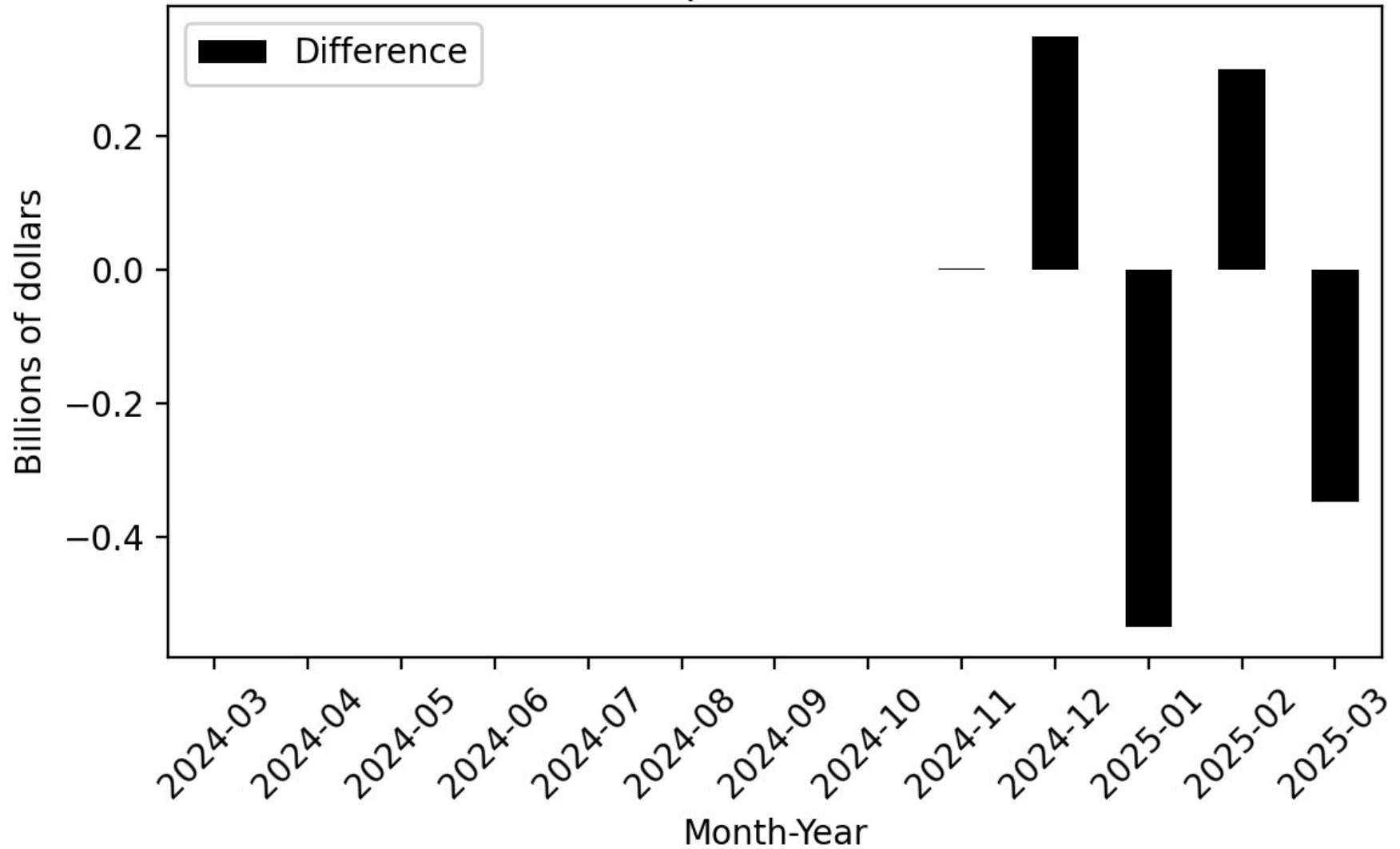


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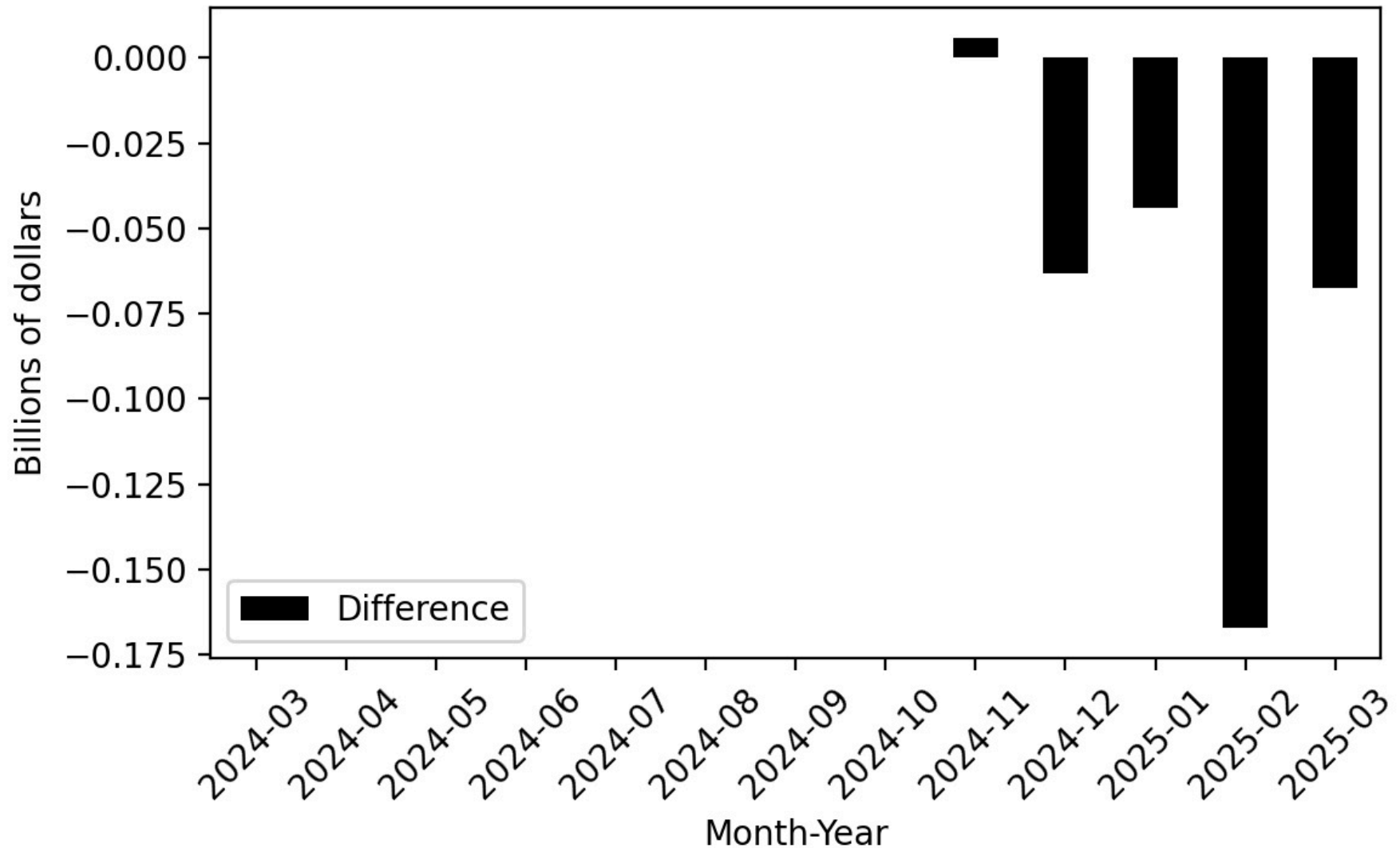


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Difference between Actual and 2024-25 Budget Act Forecast: All Other Taxes

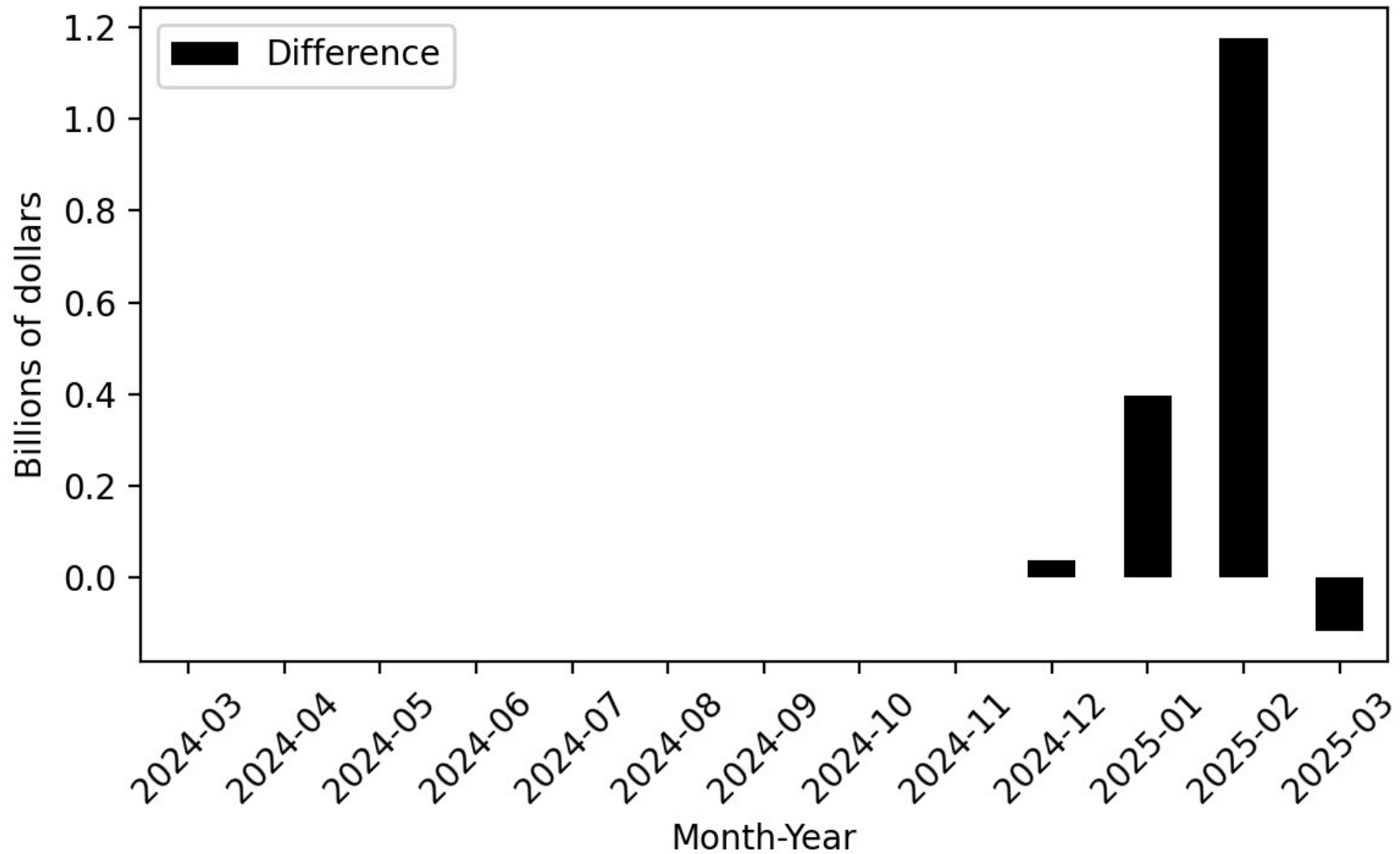


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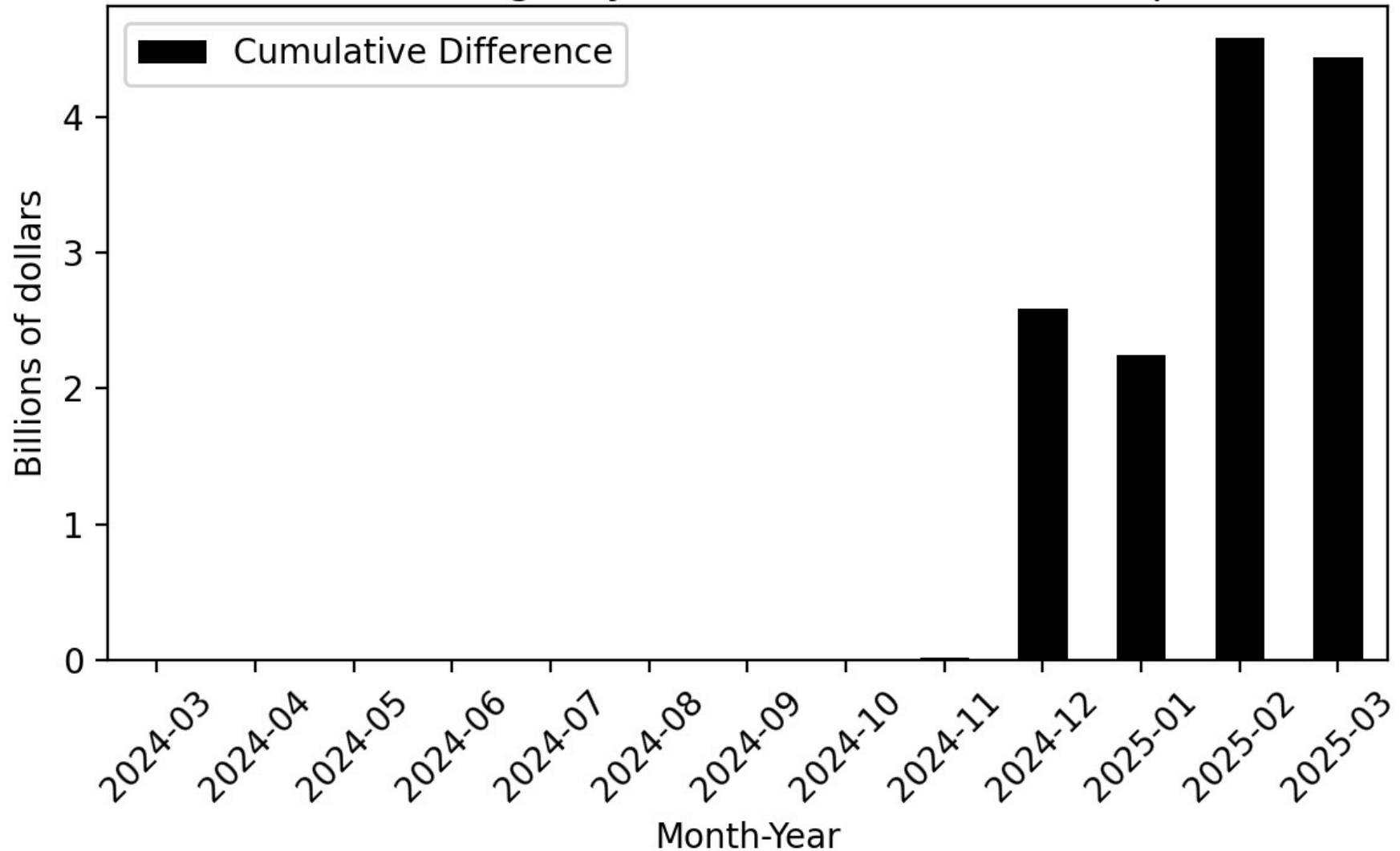


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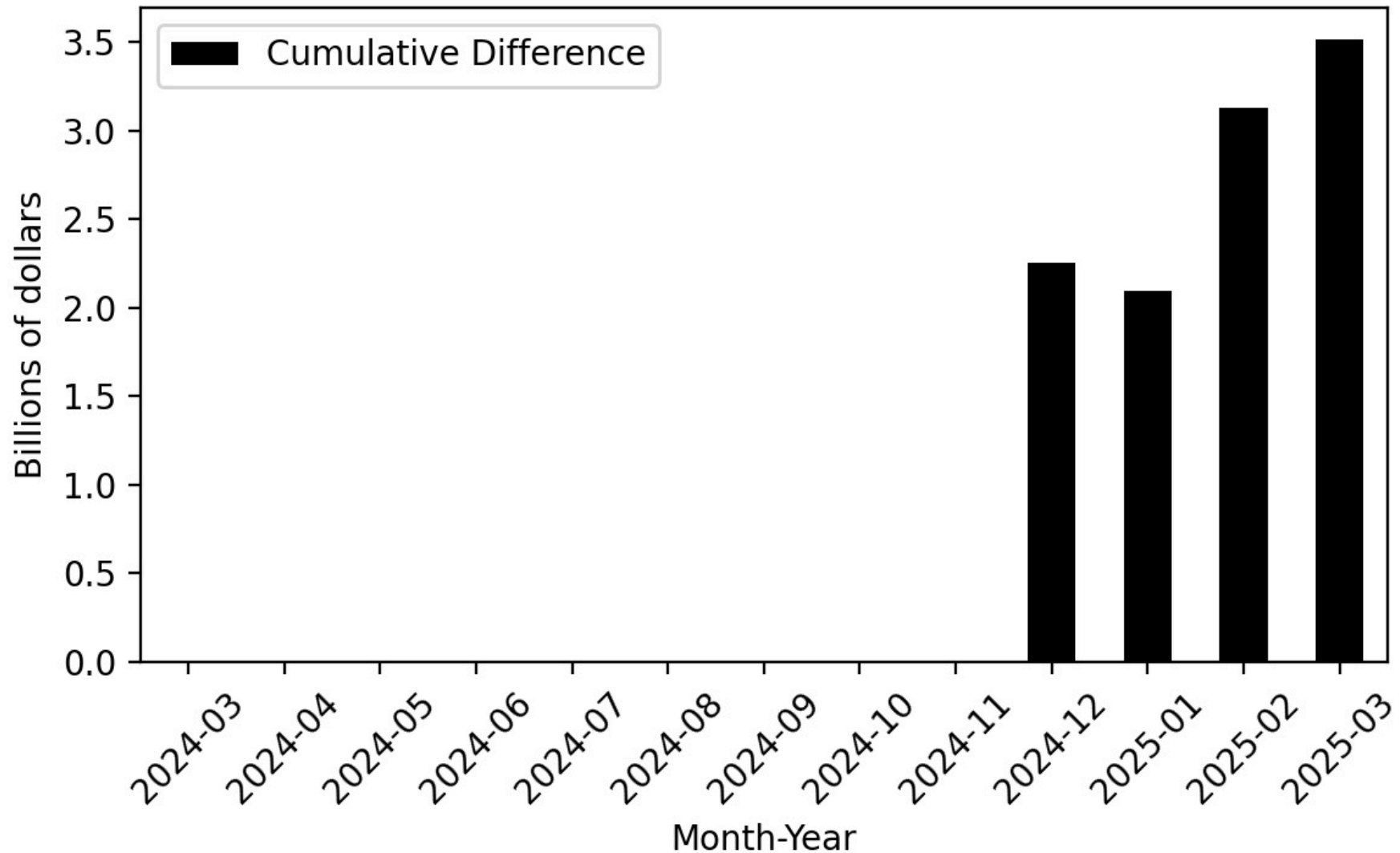


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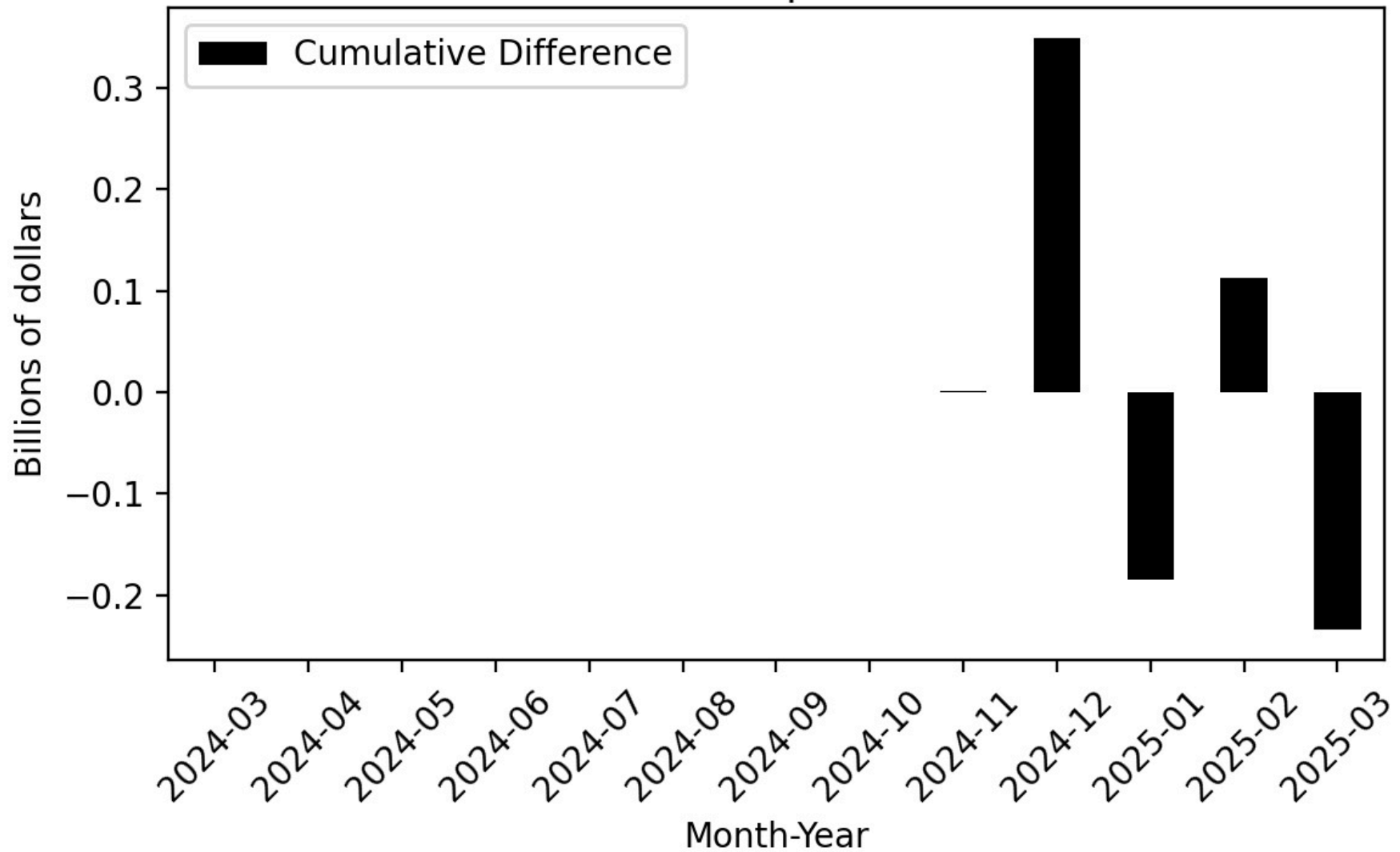


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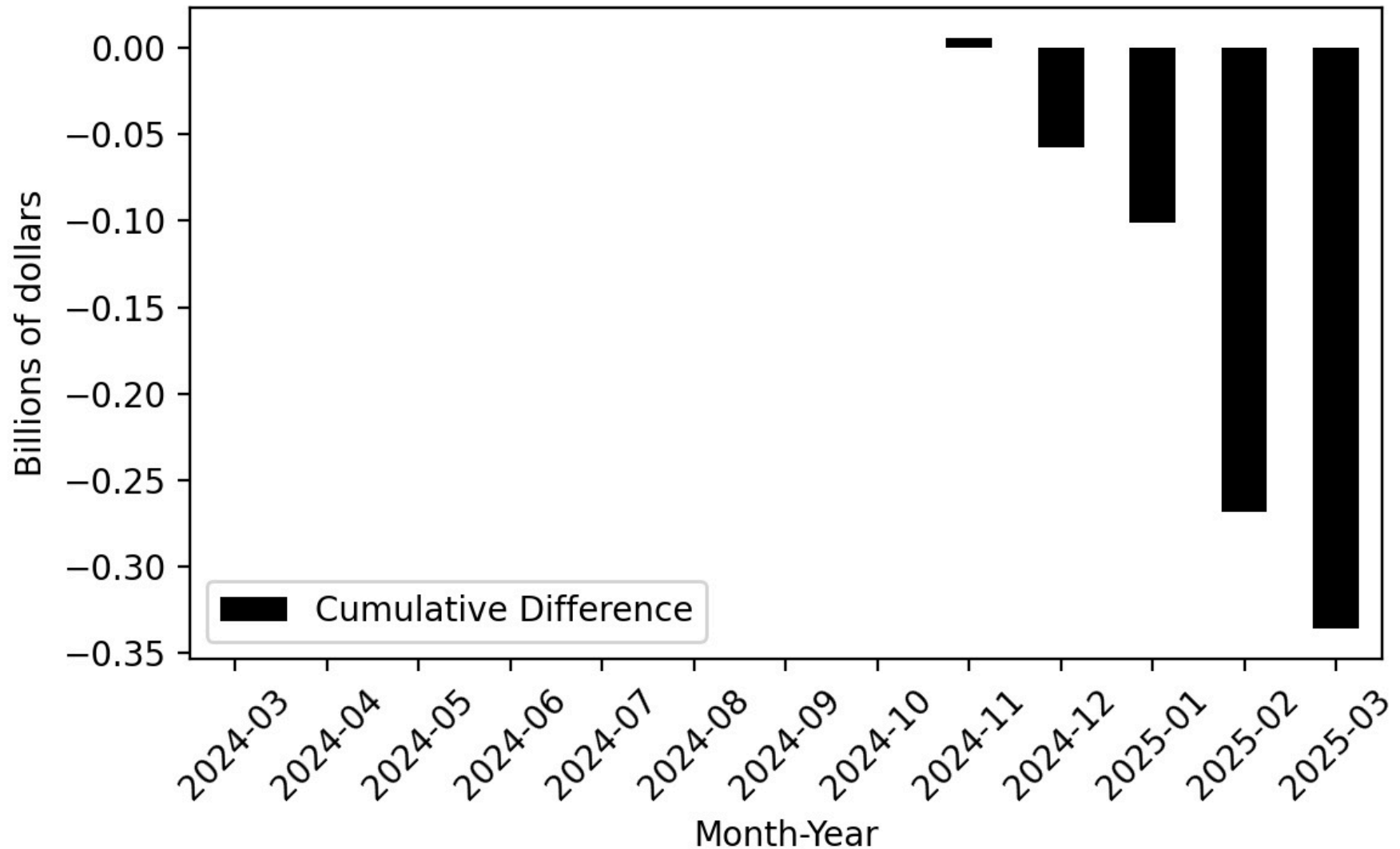


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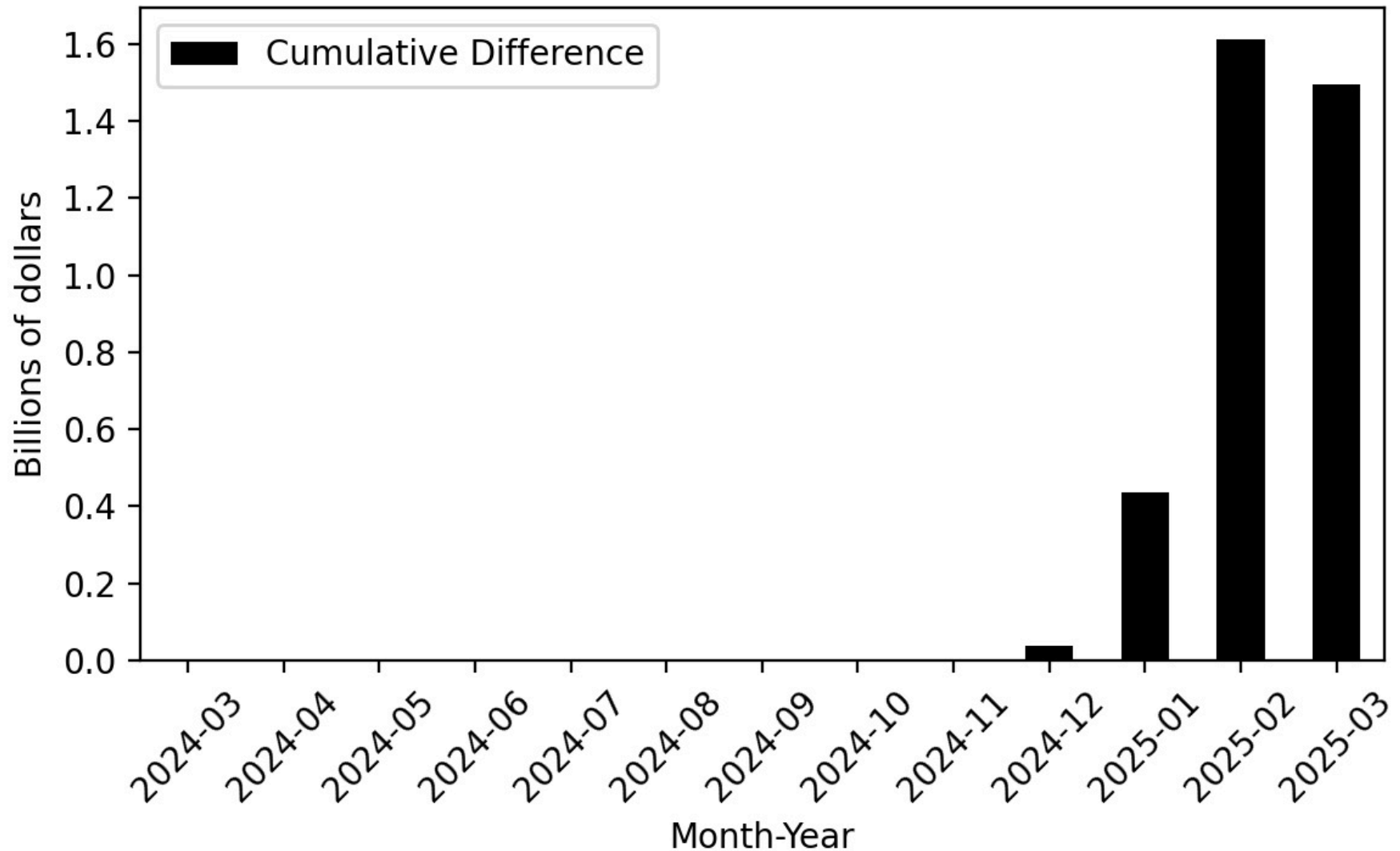


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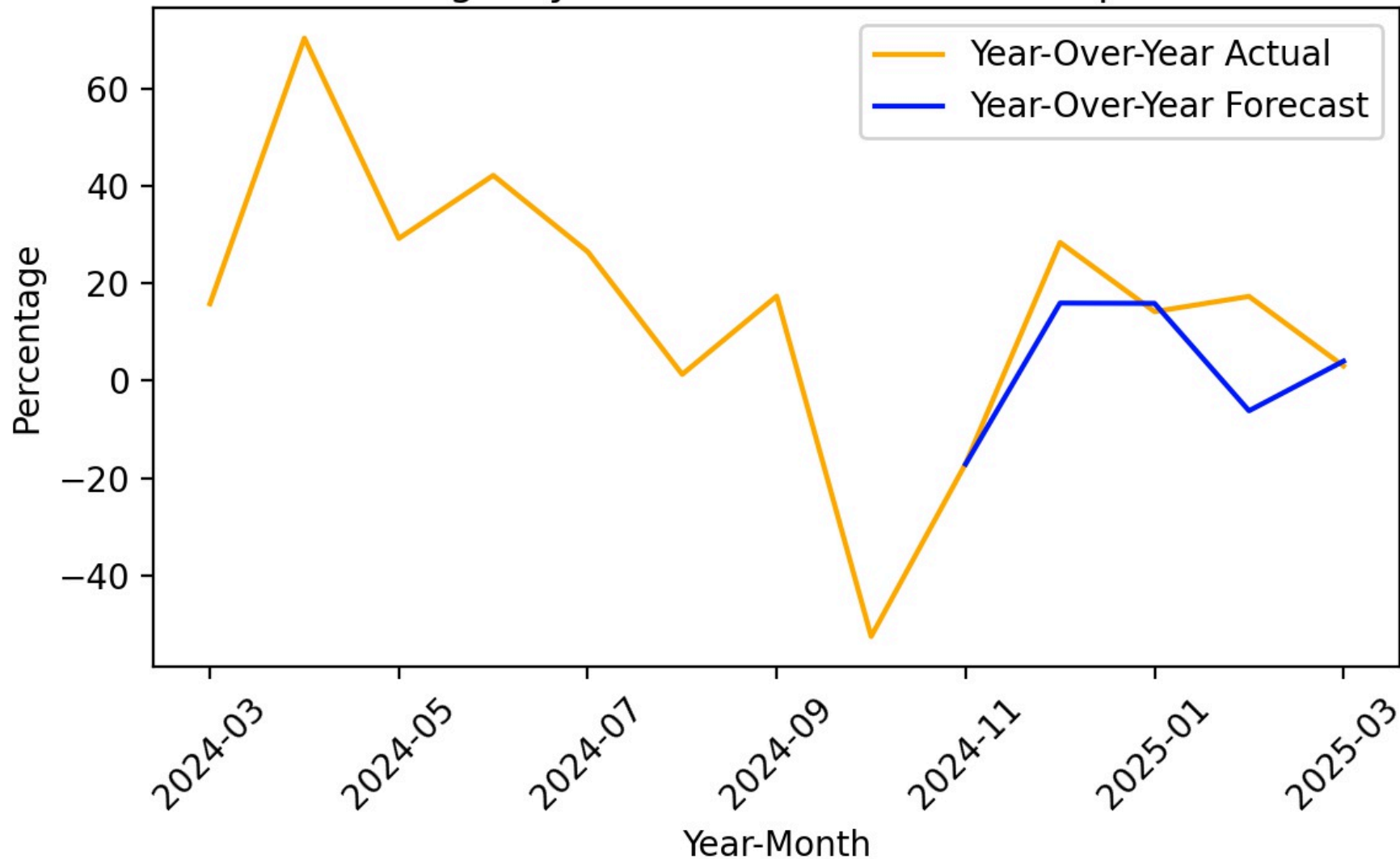


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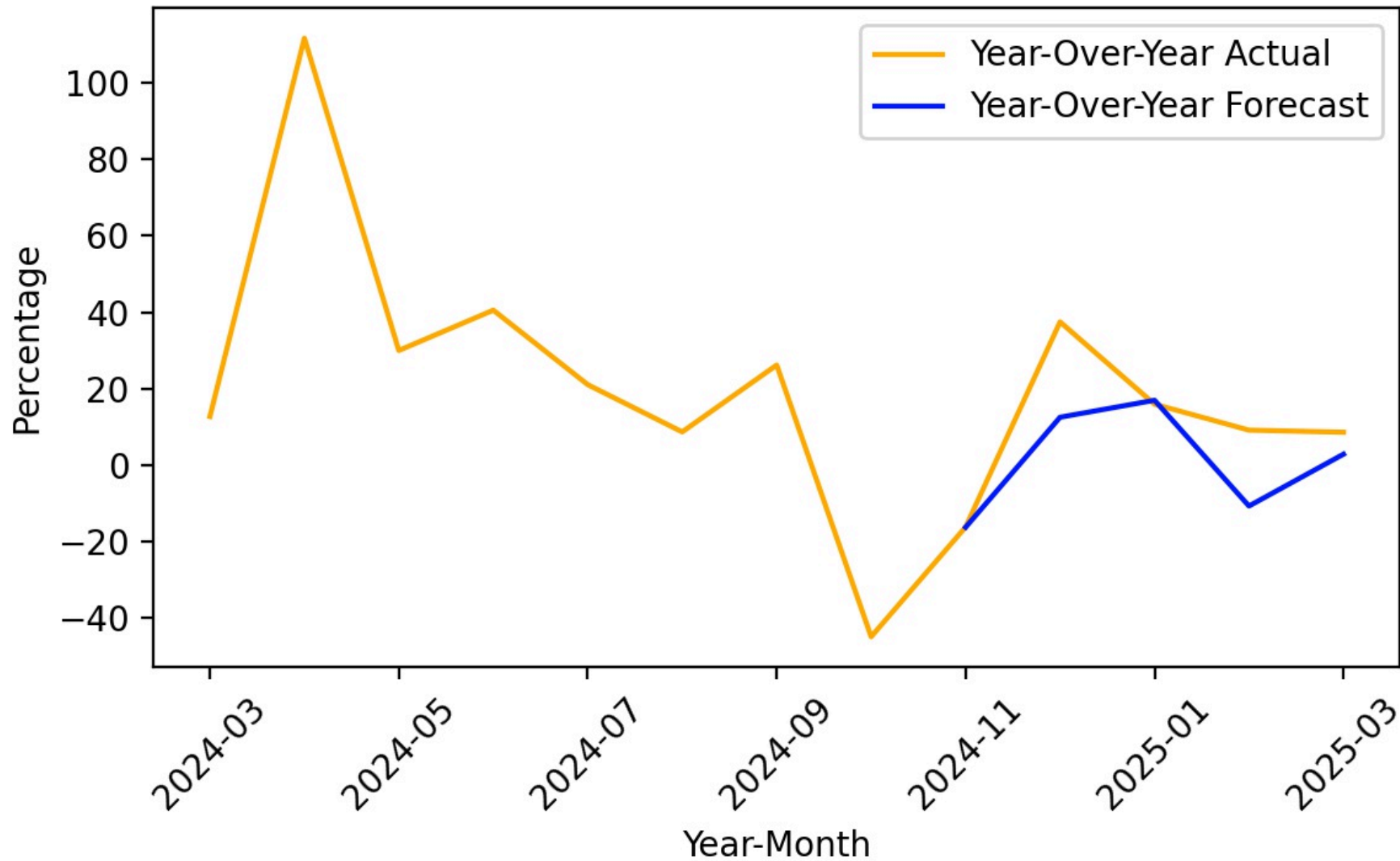


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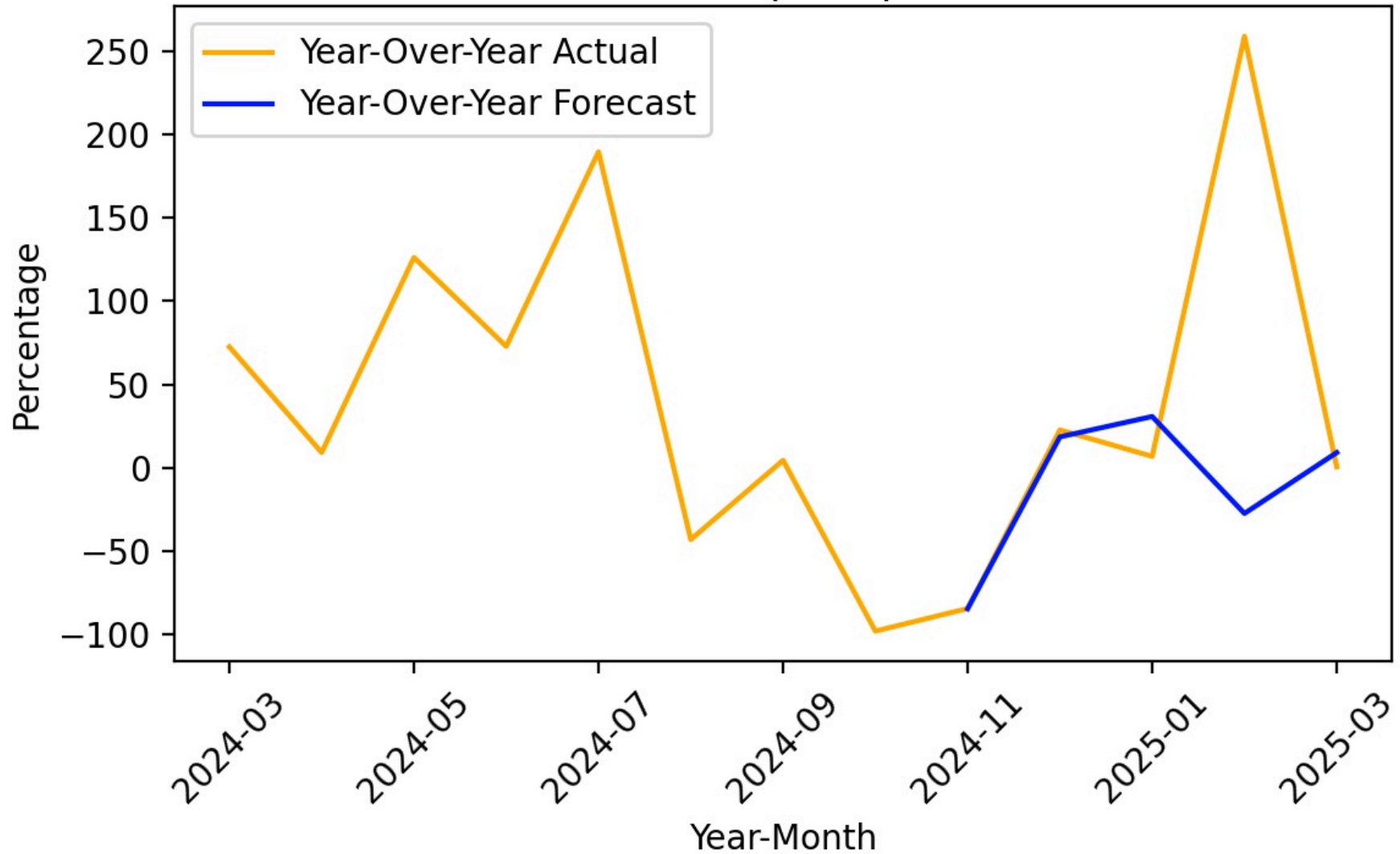


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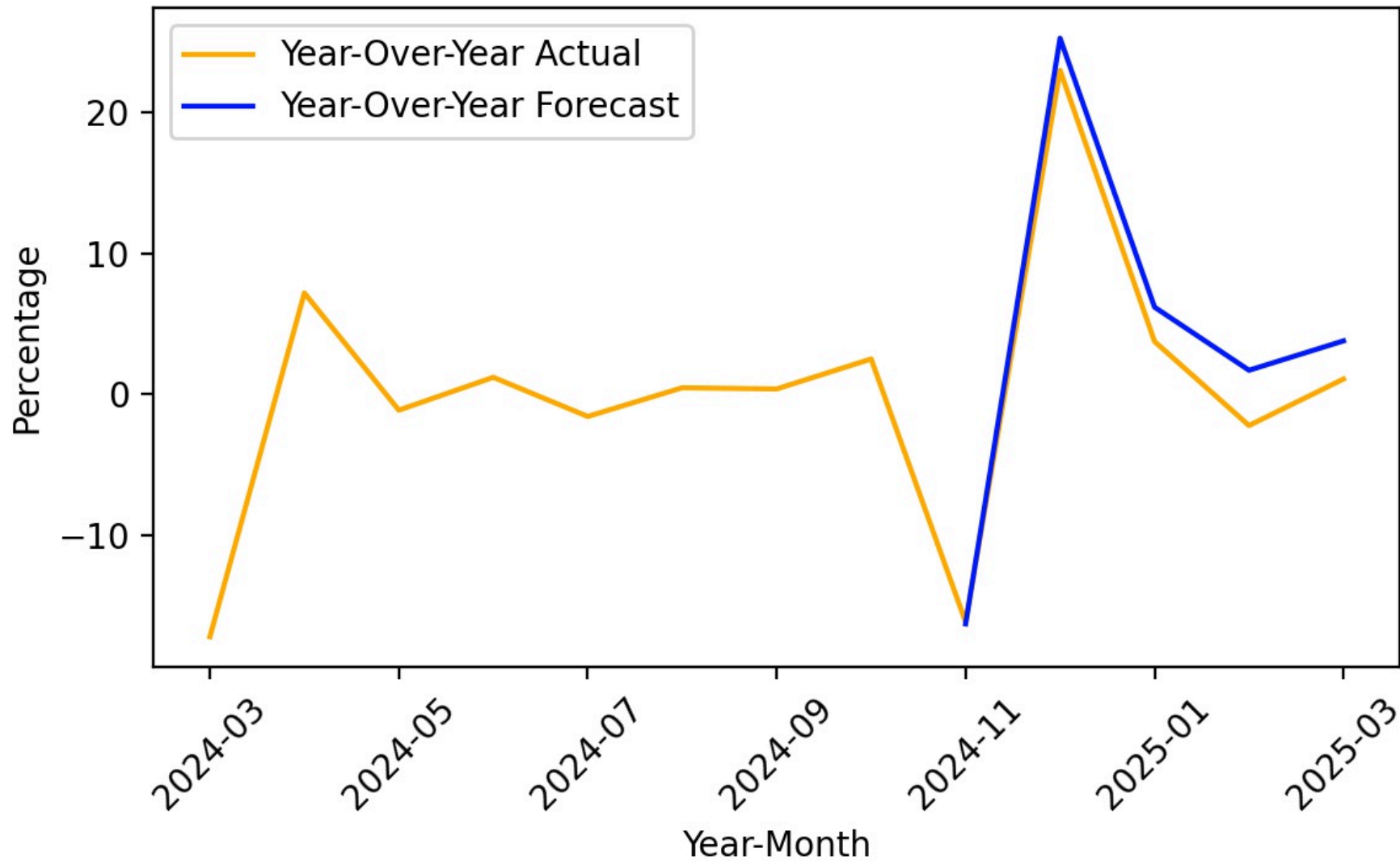


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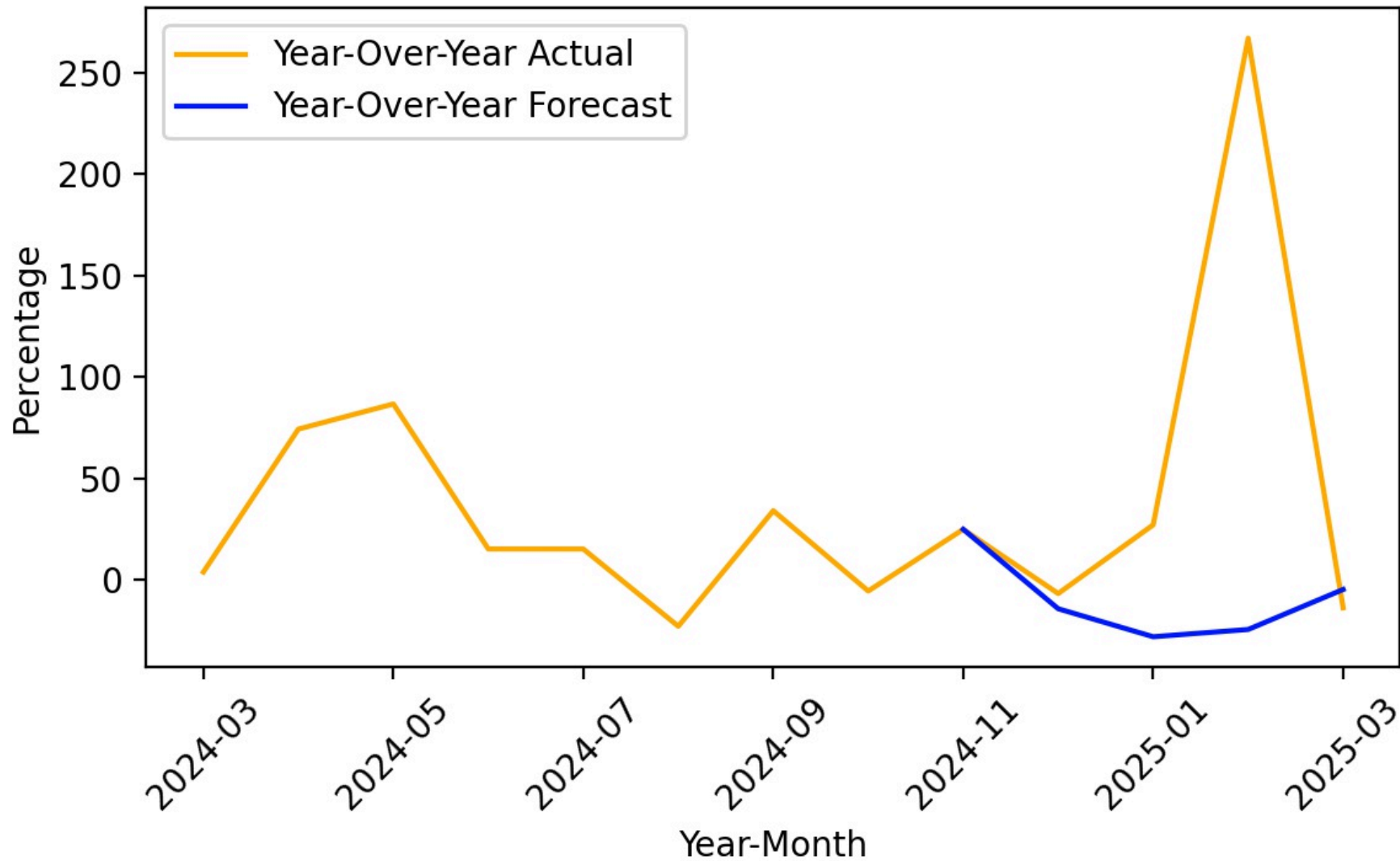


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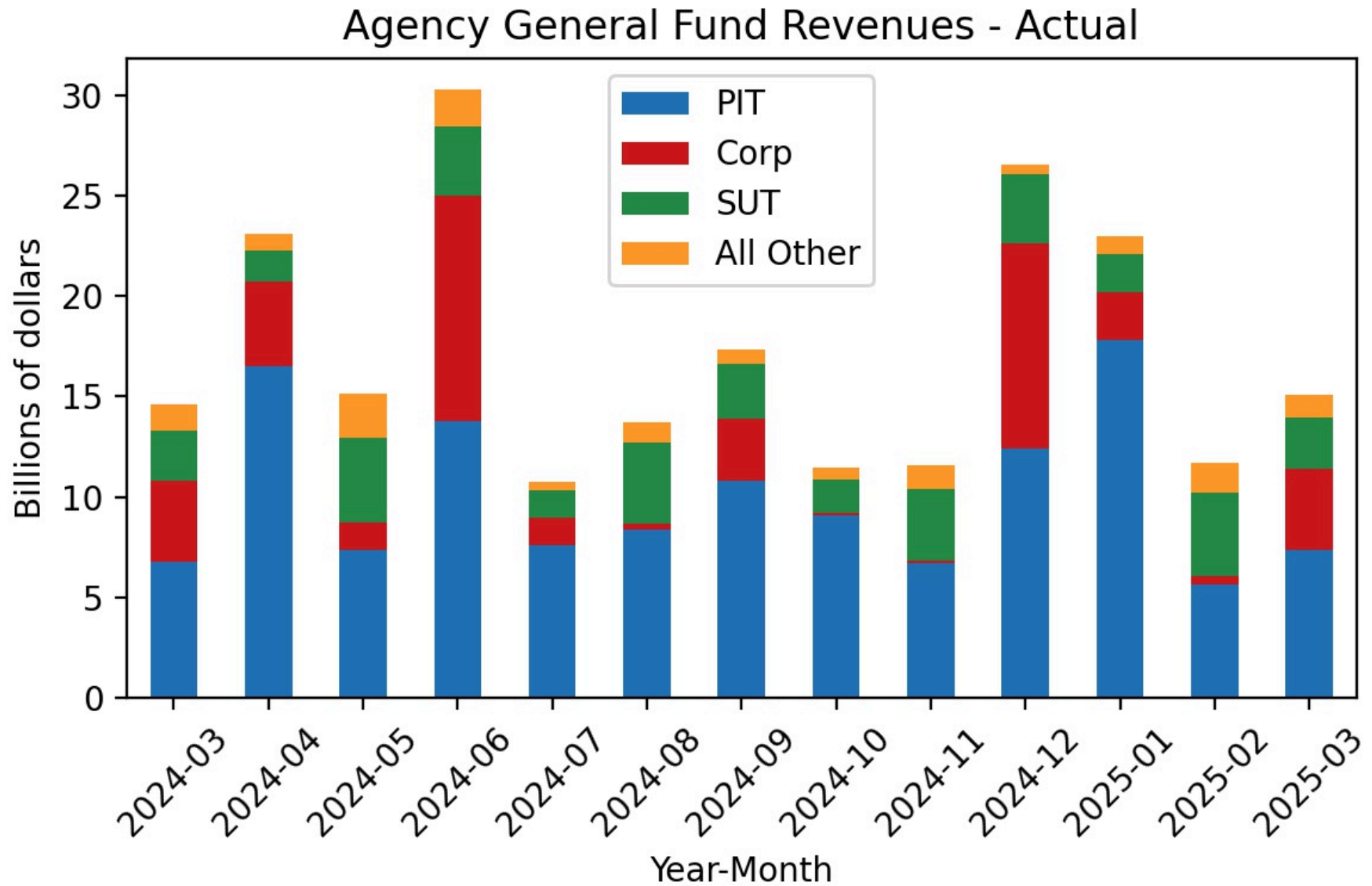


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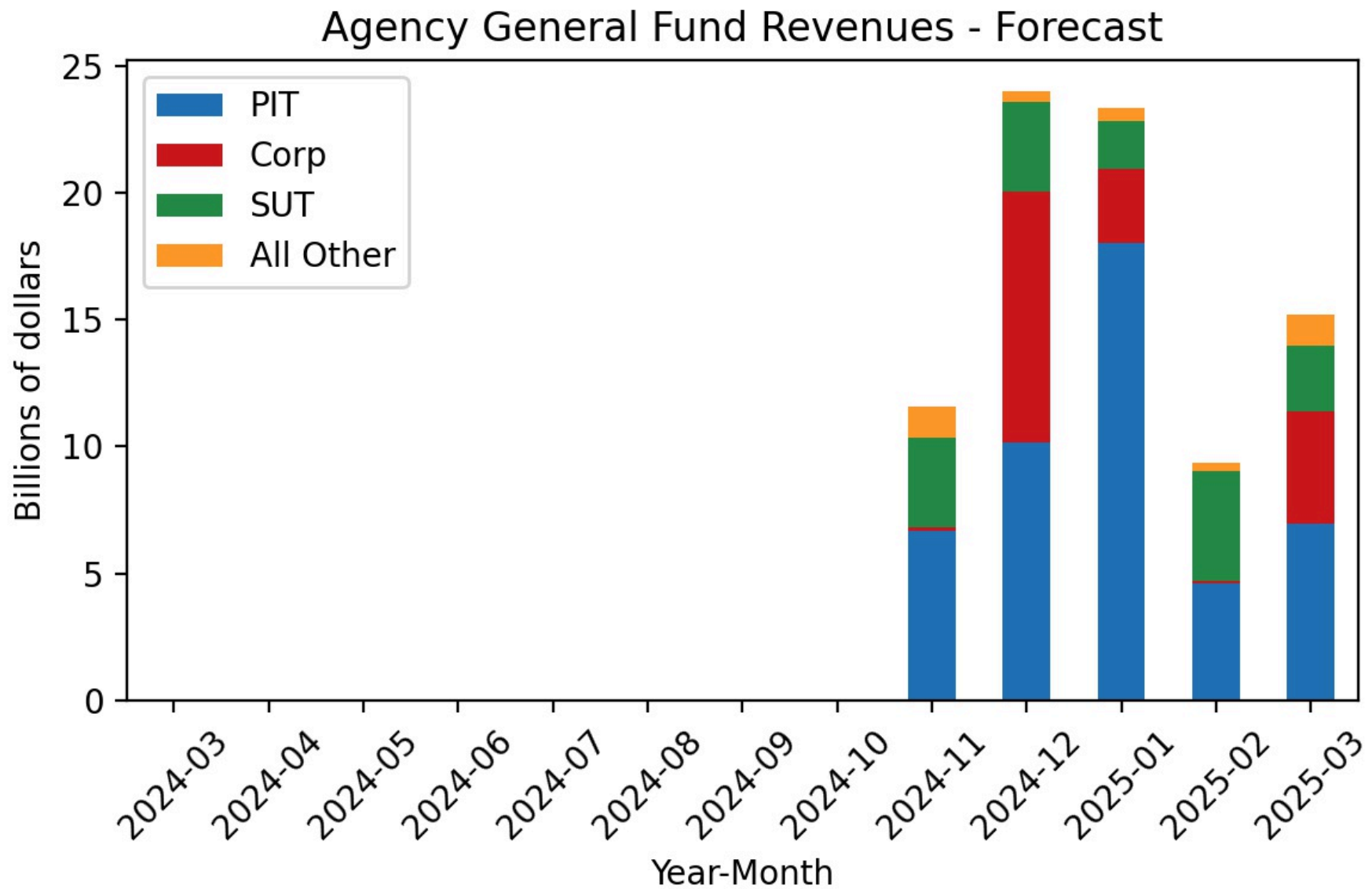


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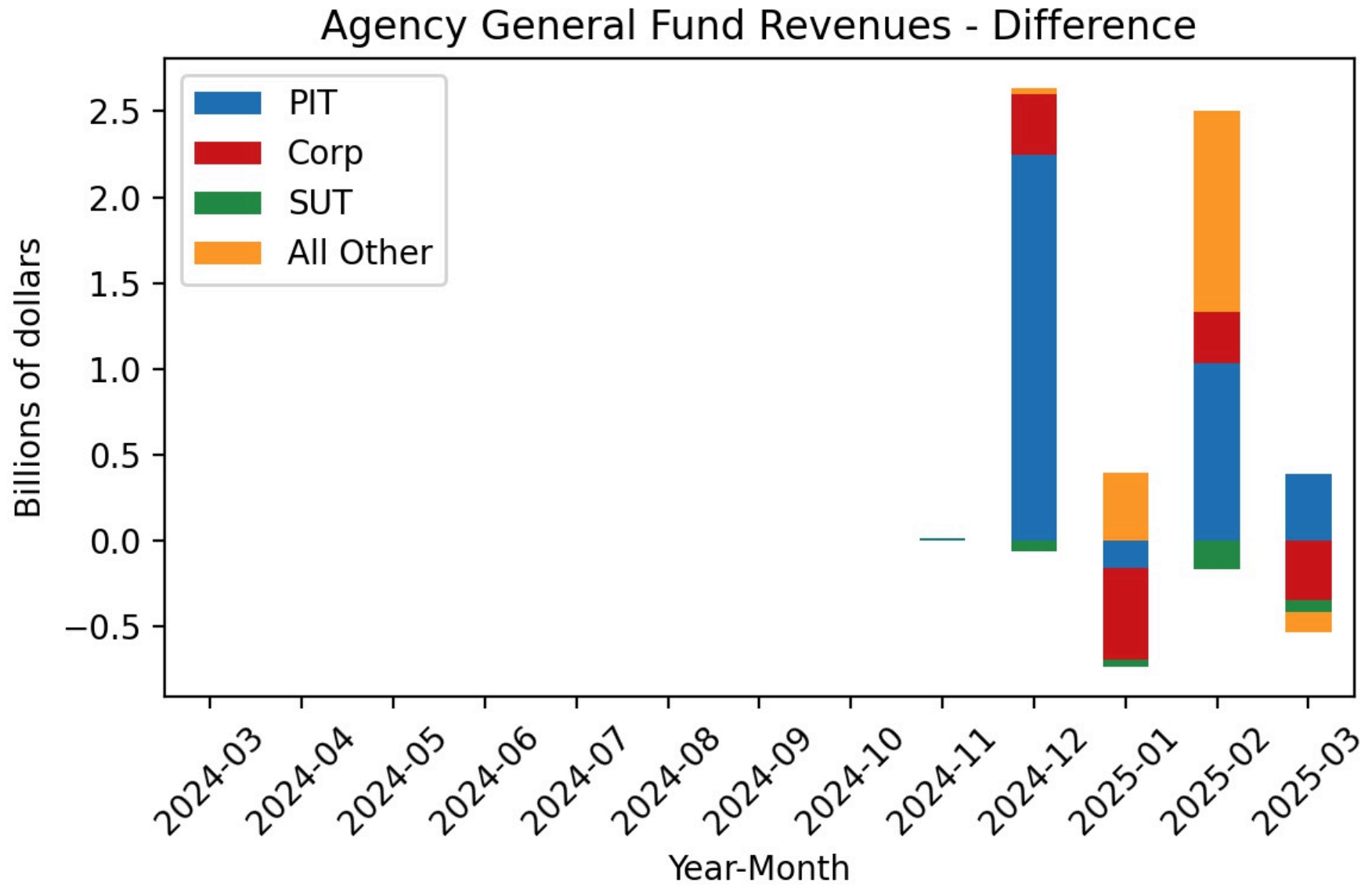


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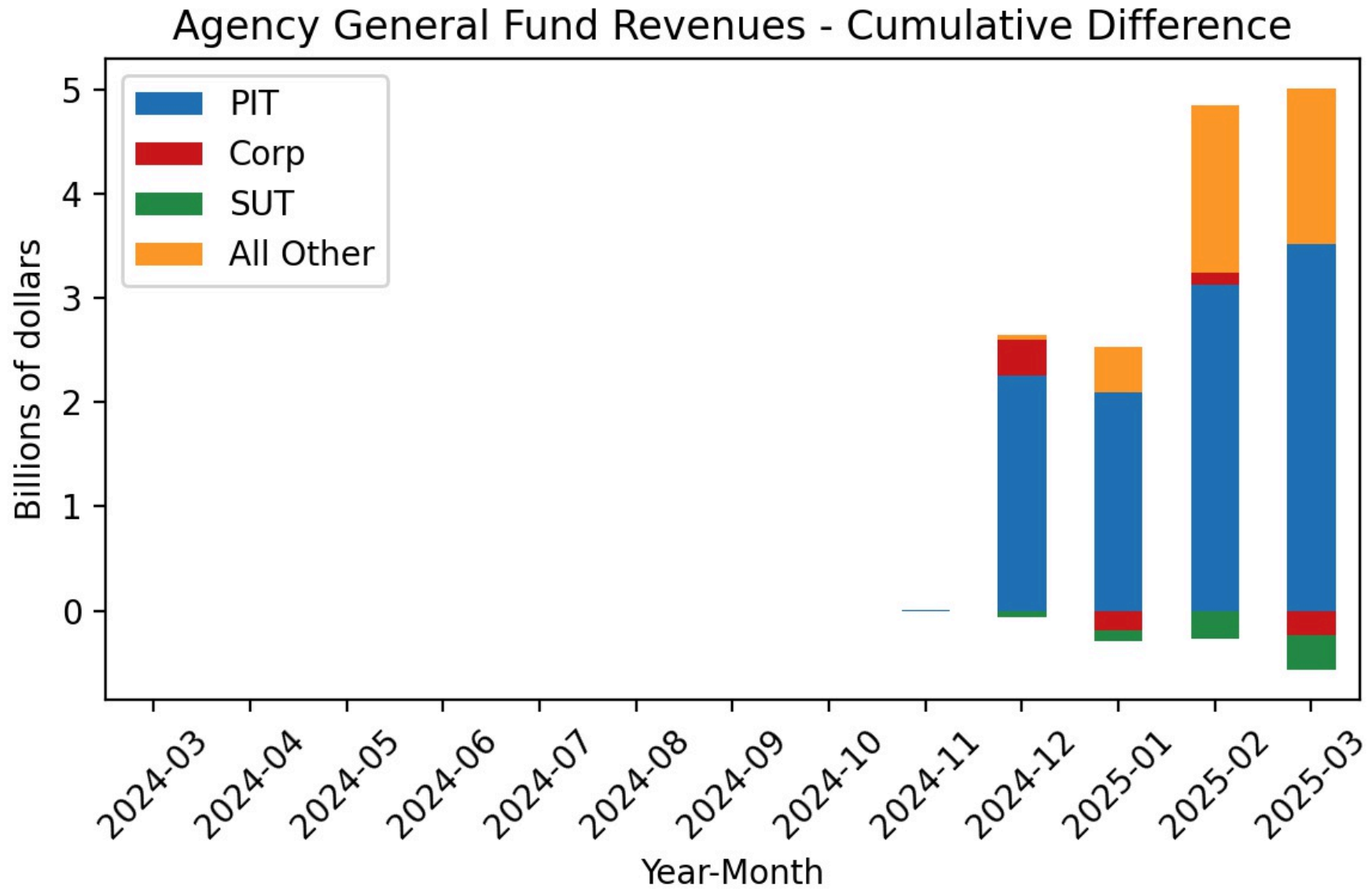


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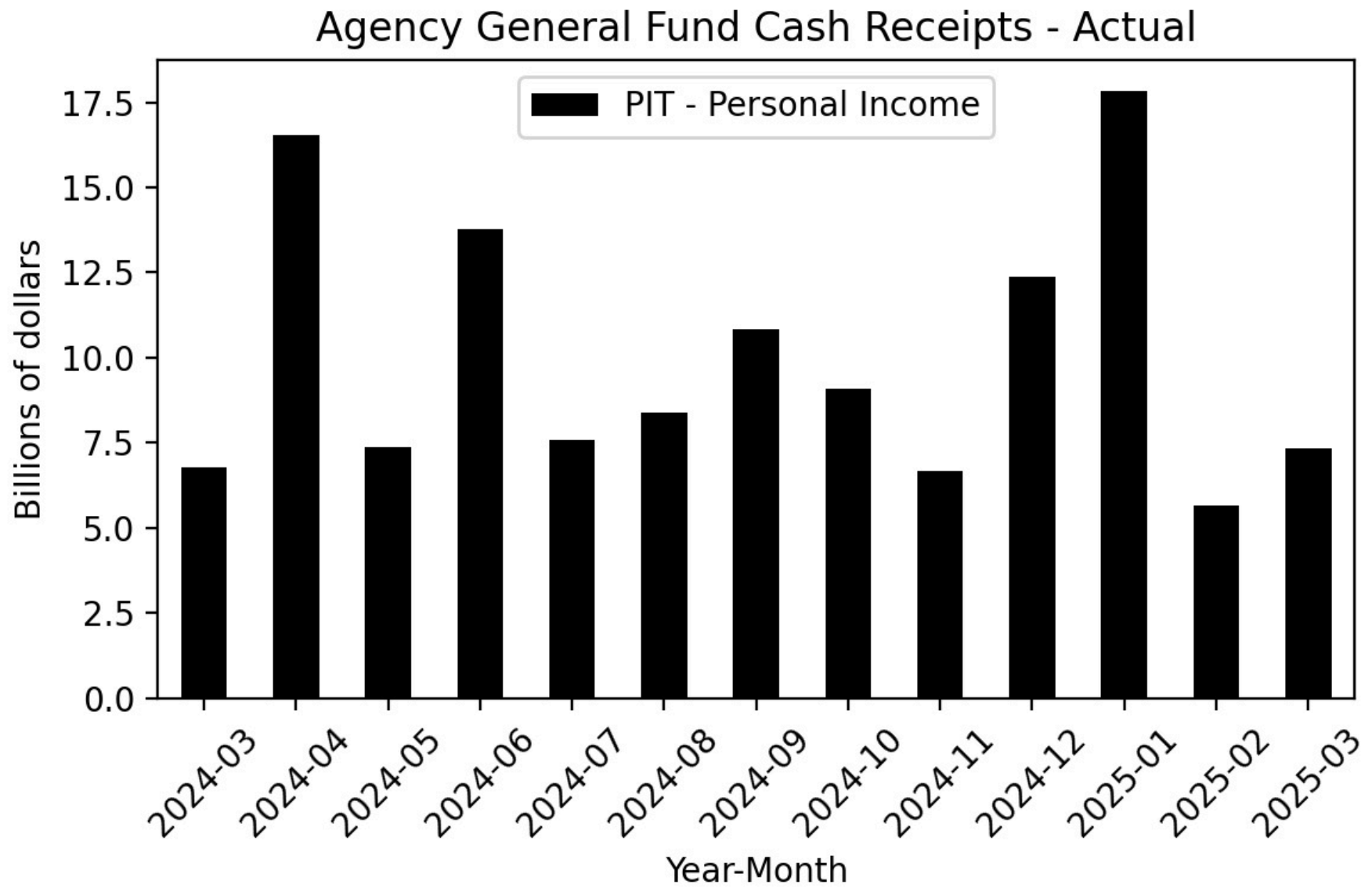


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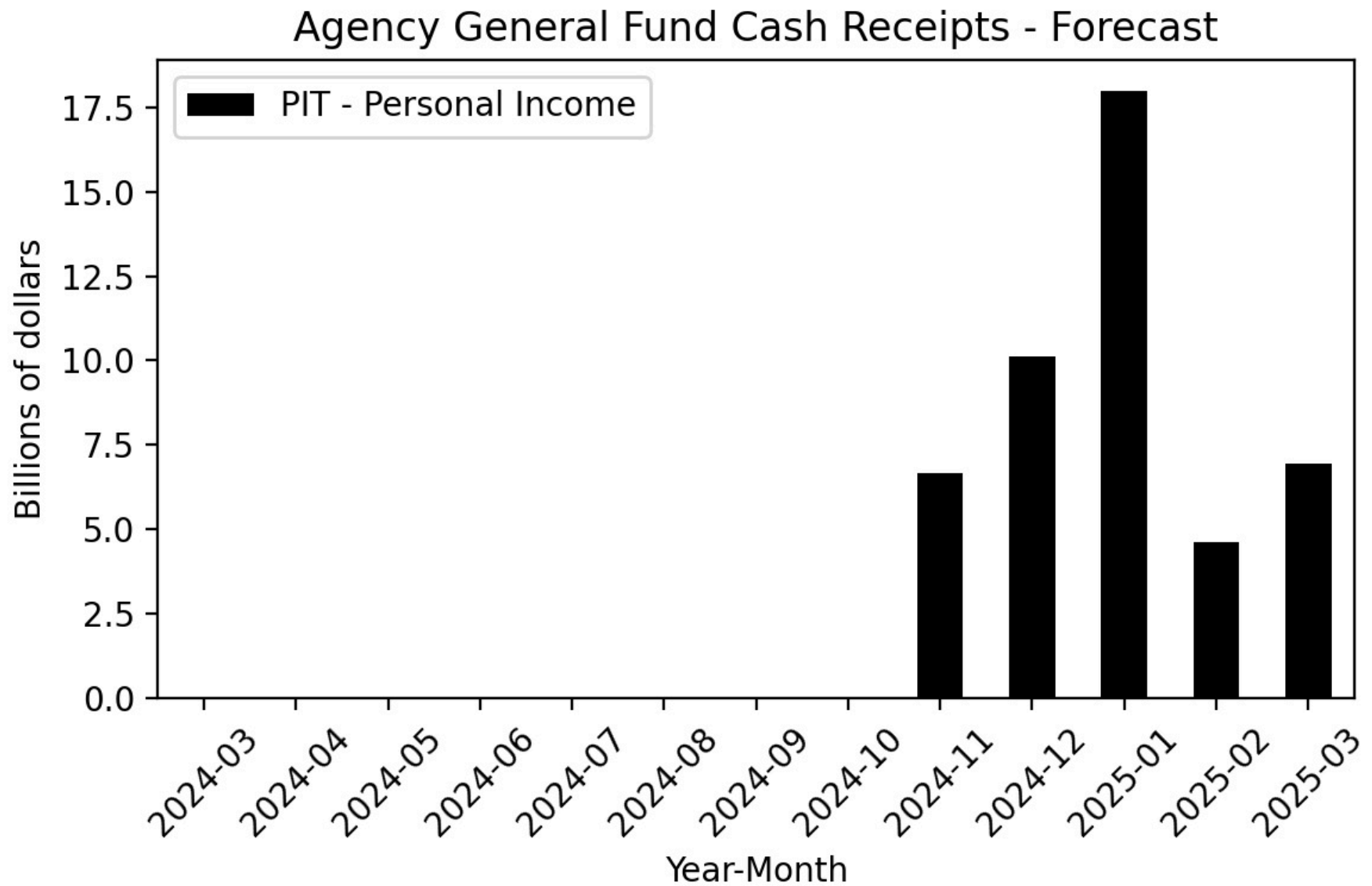


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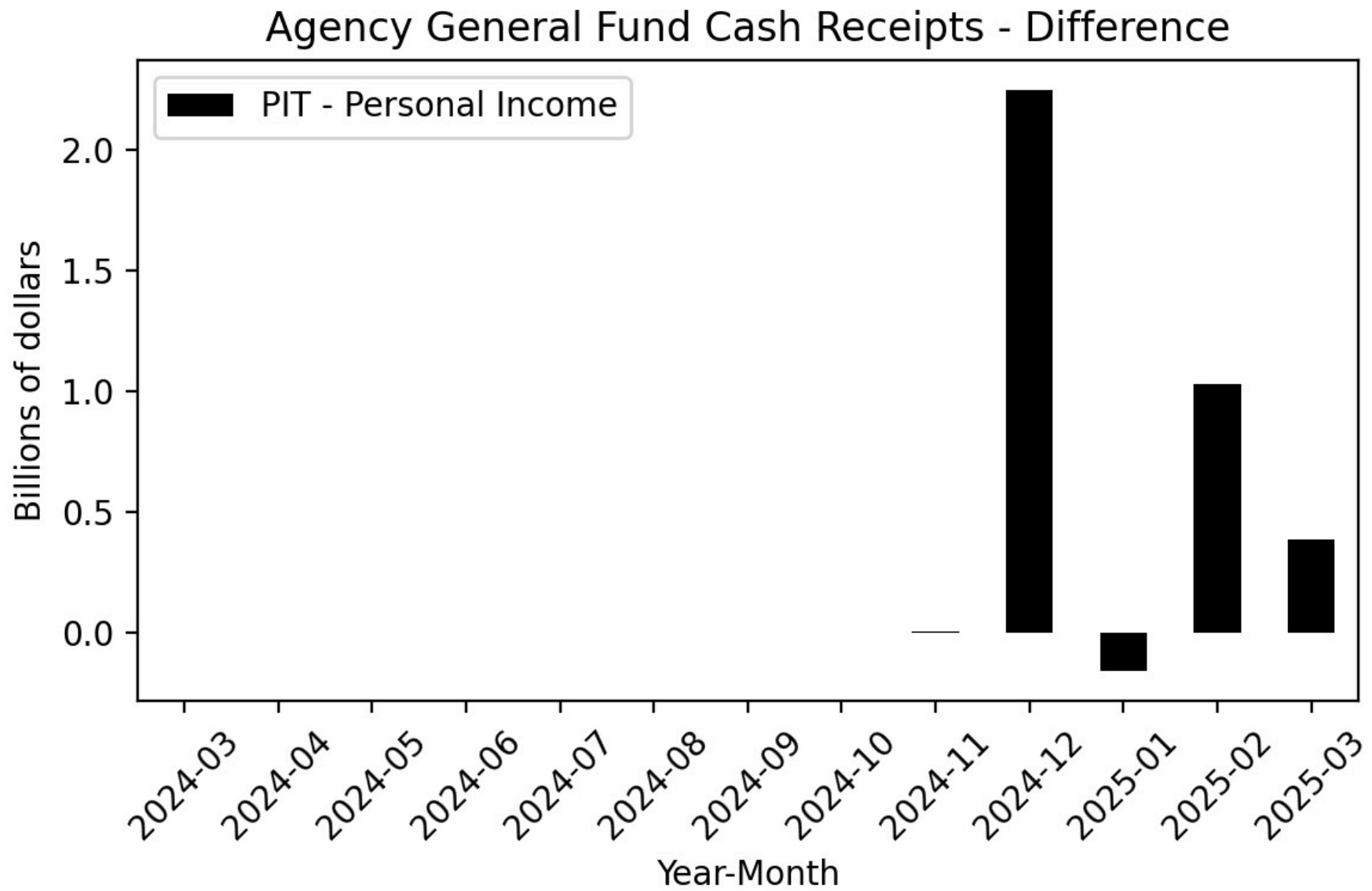


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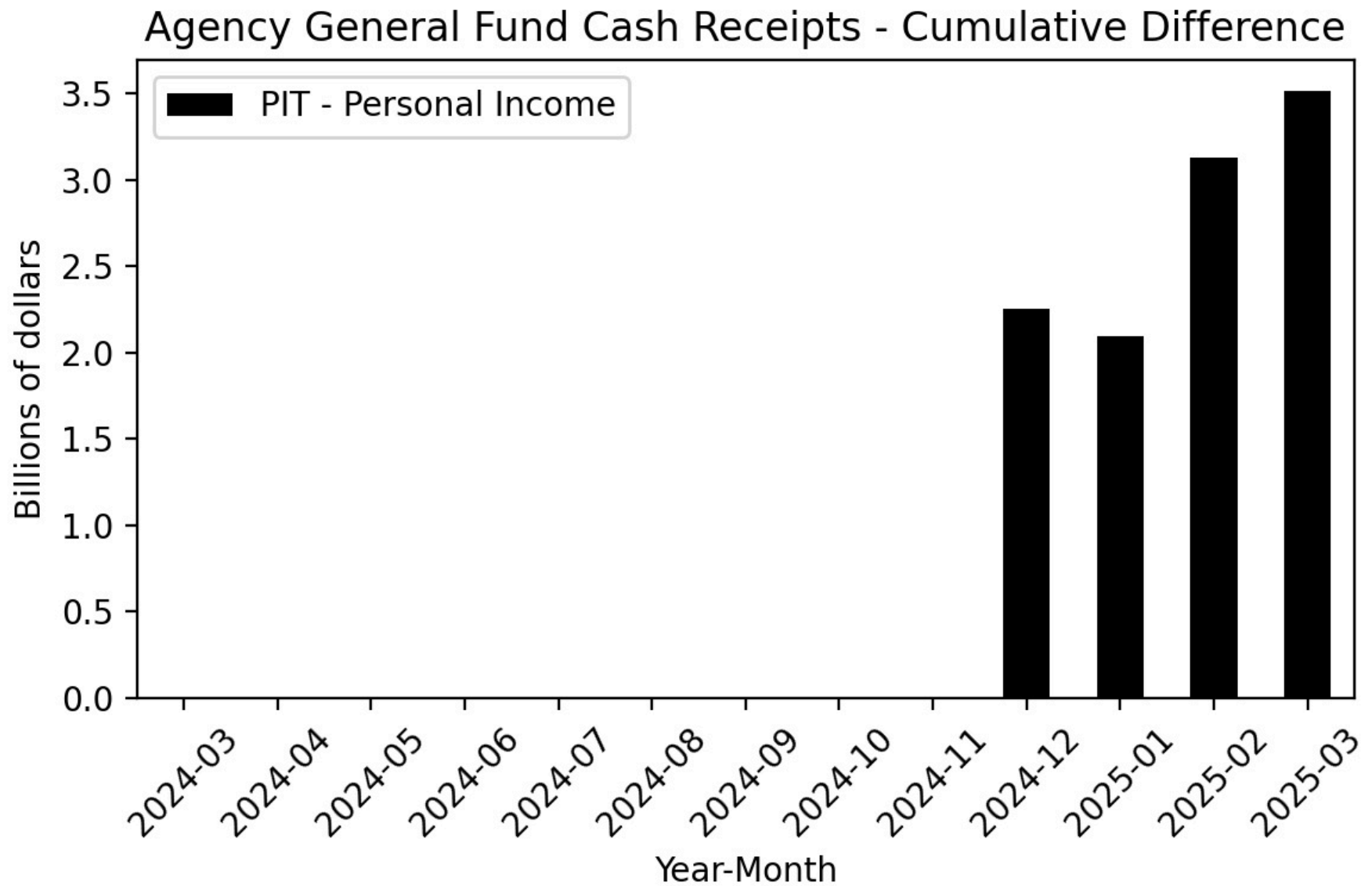


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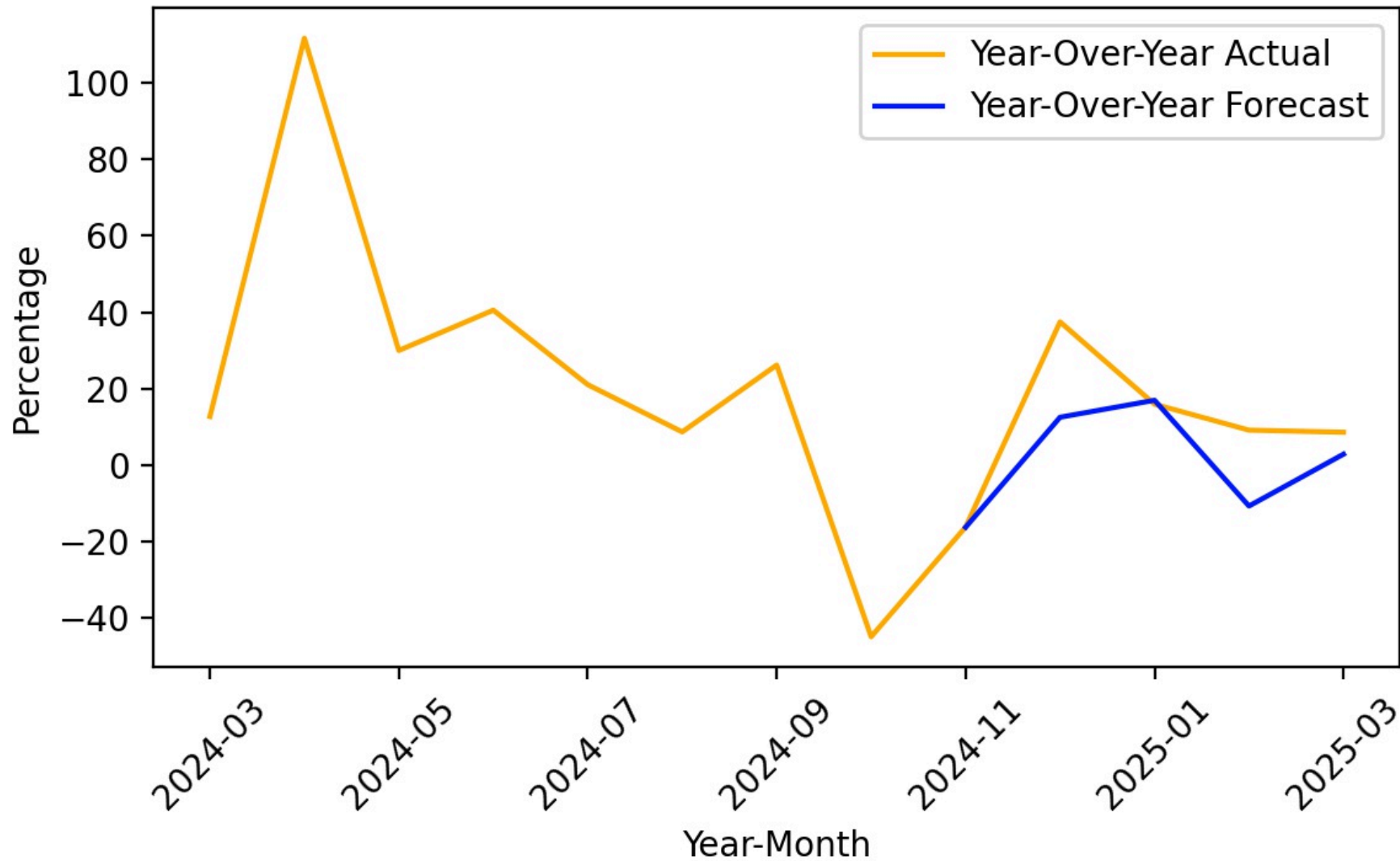


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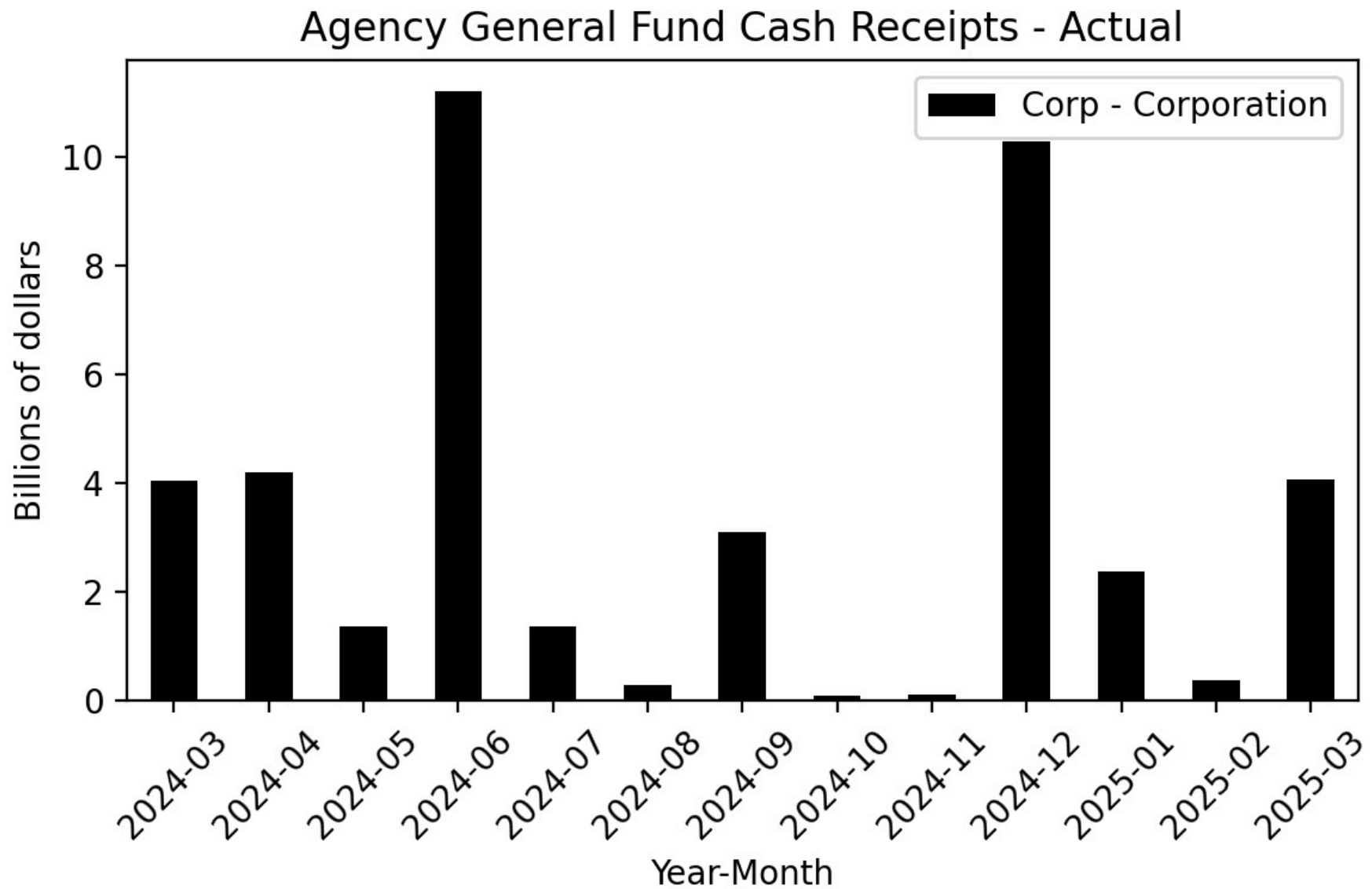


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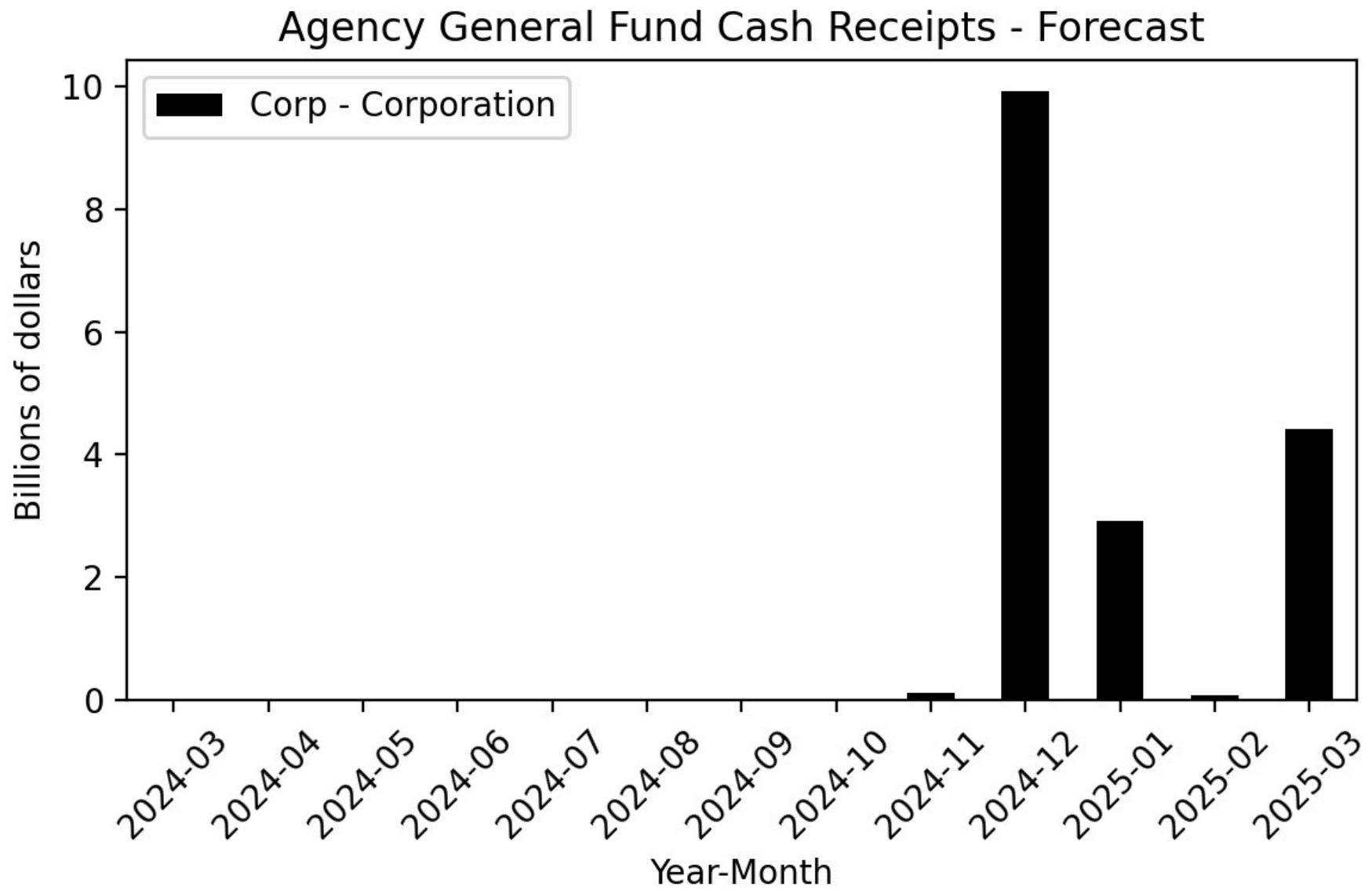


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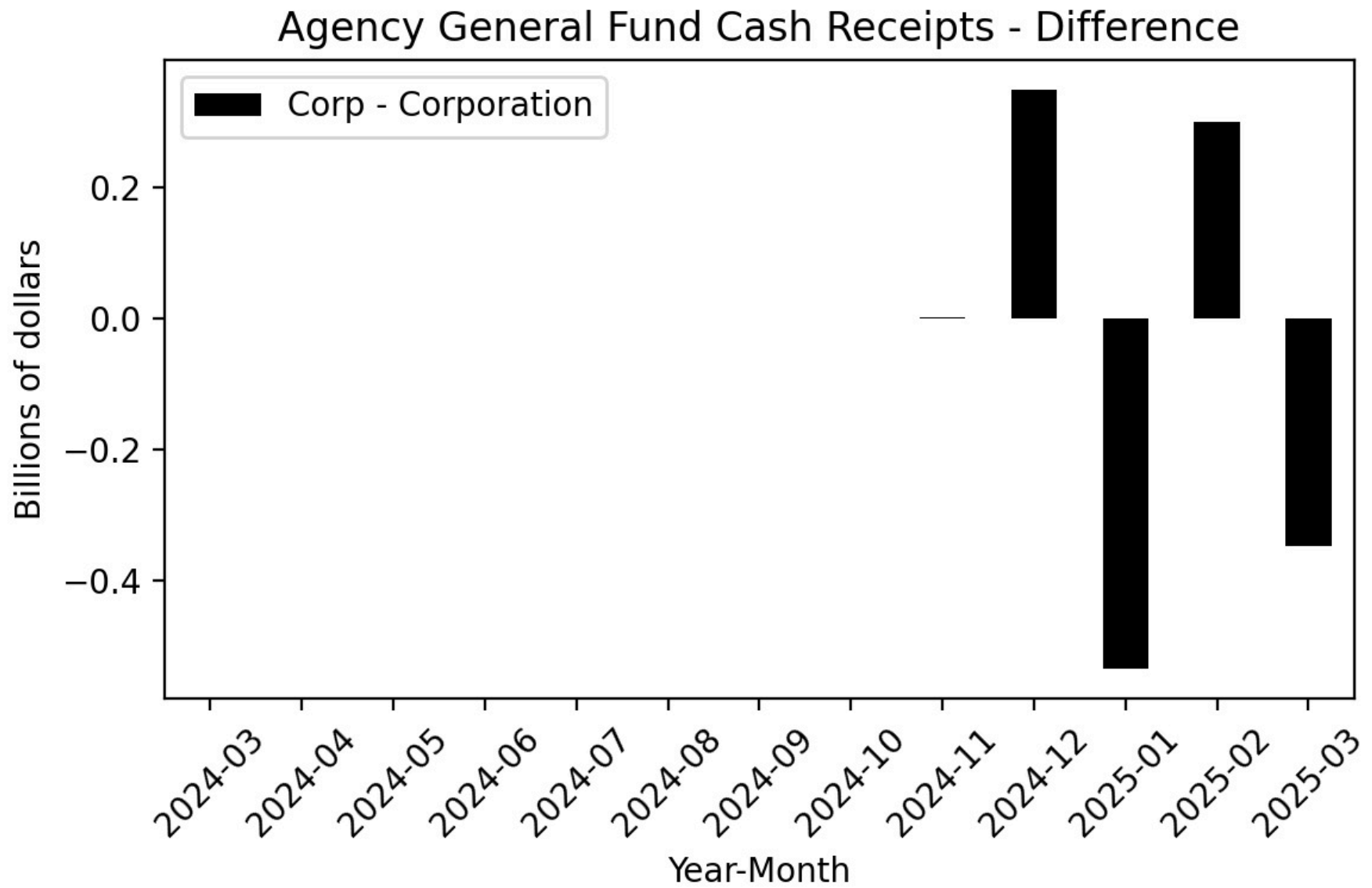


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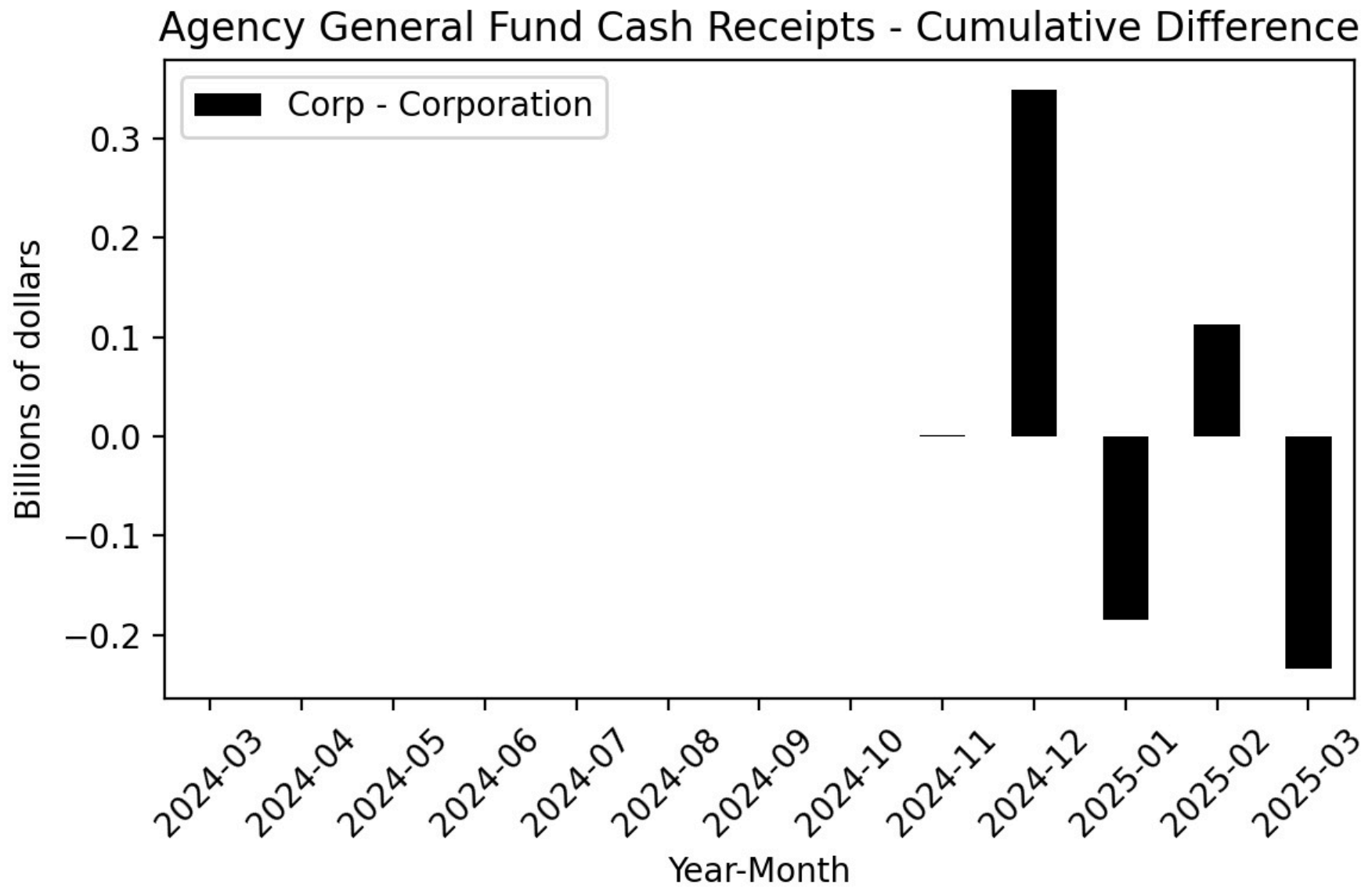


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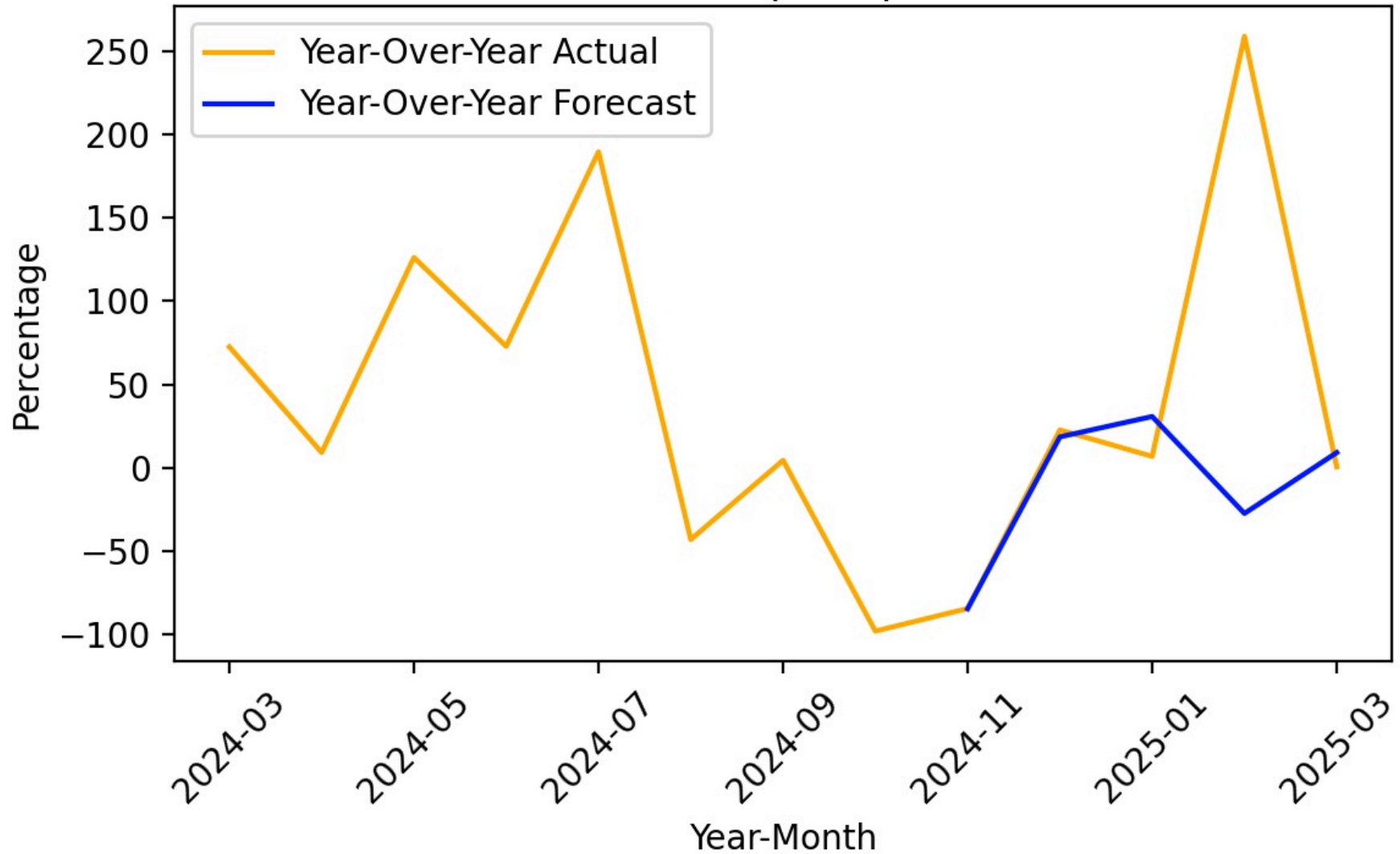


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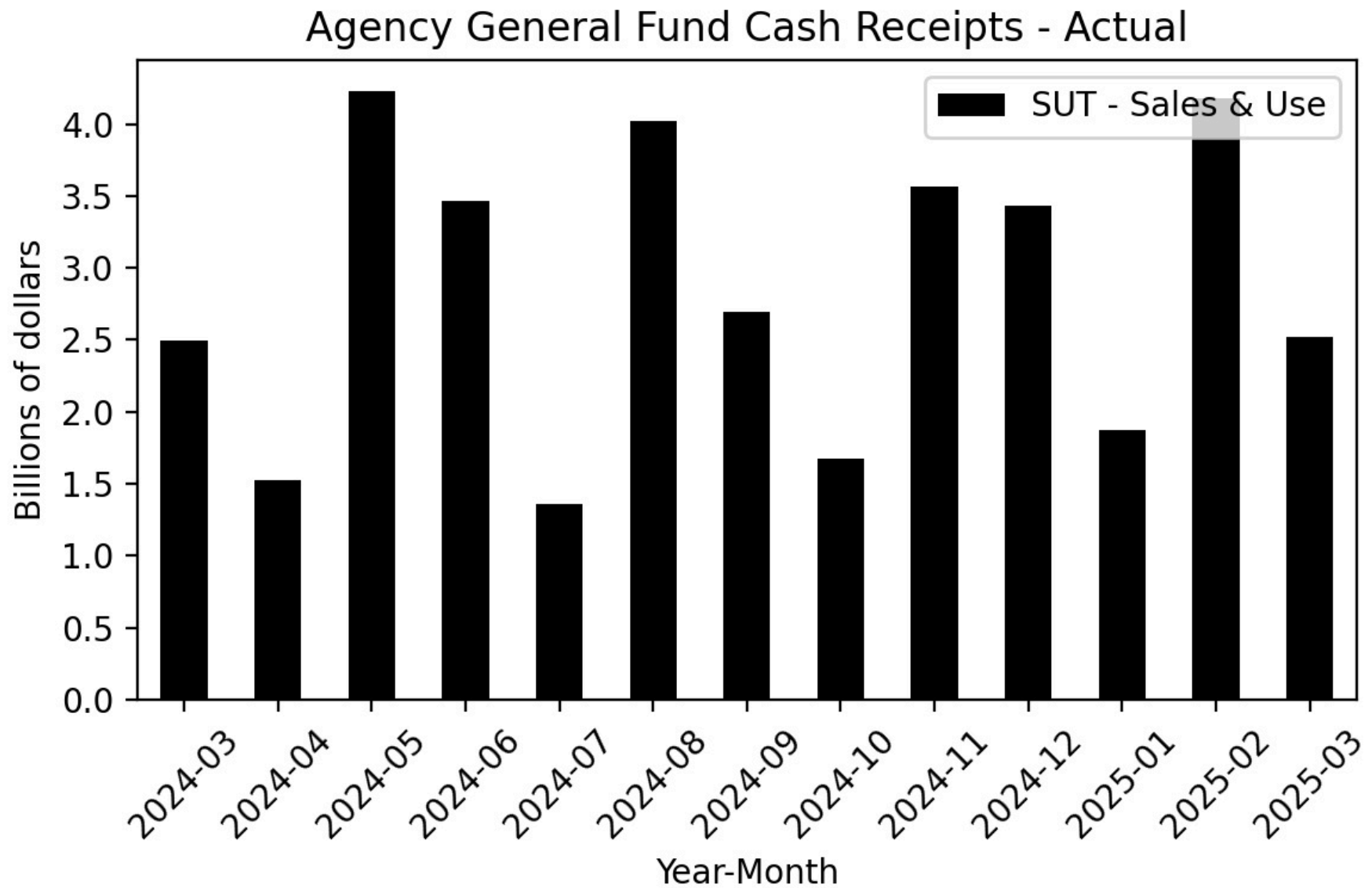


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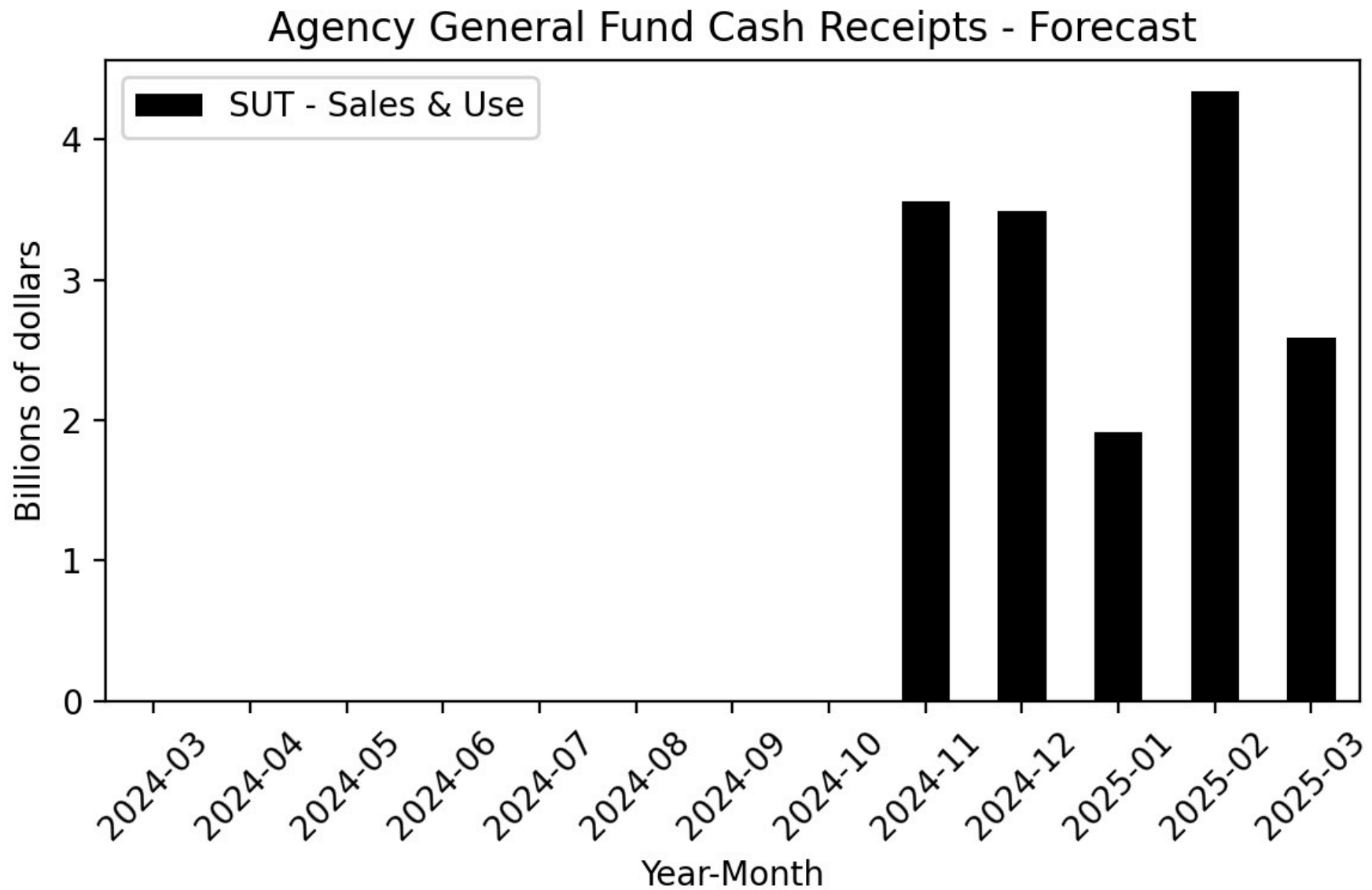


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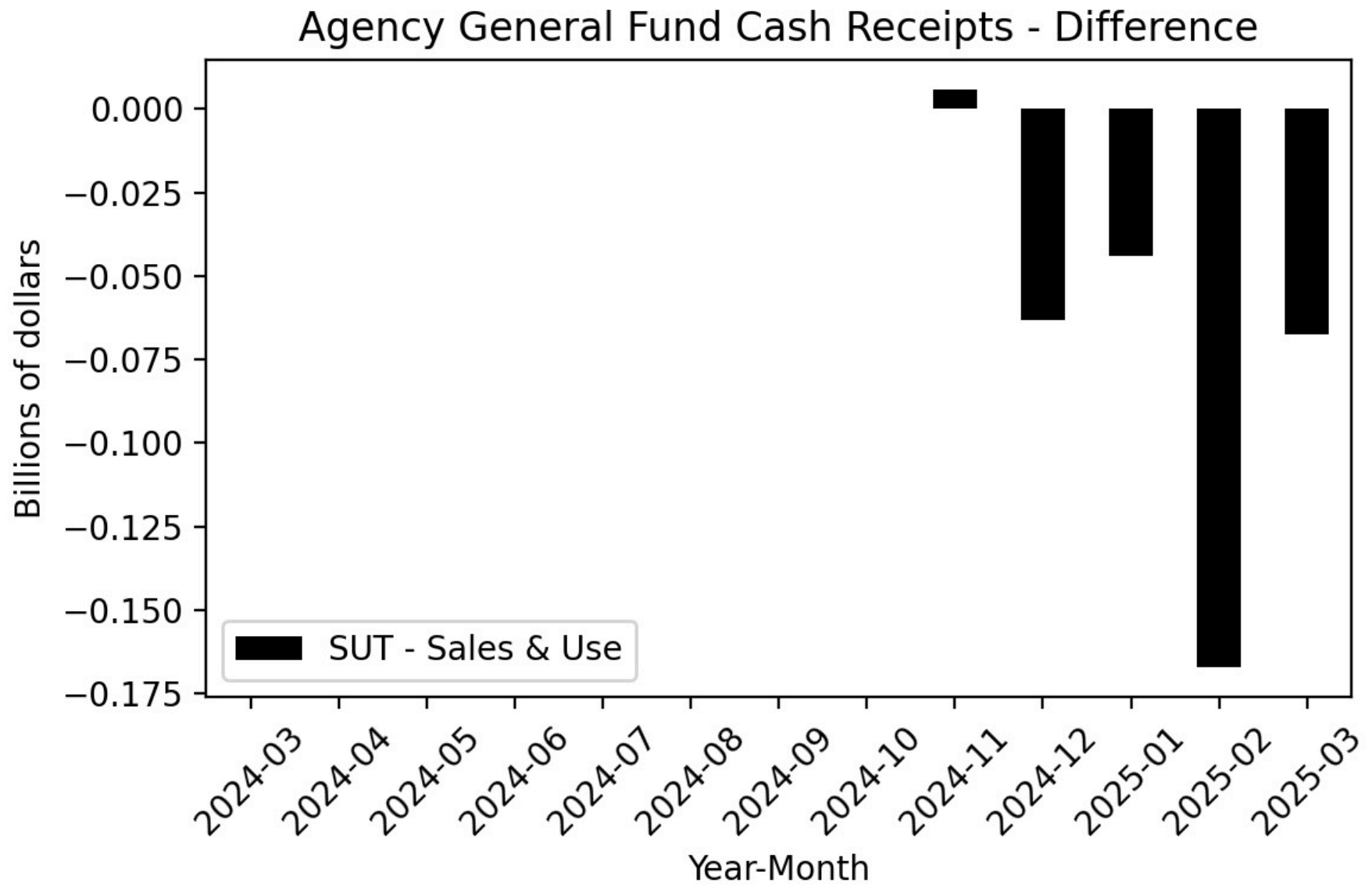


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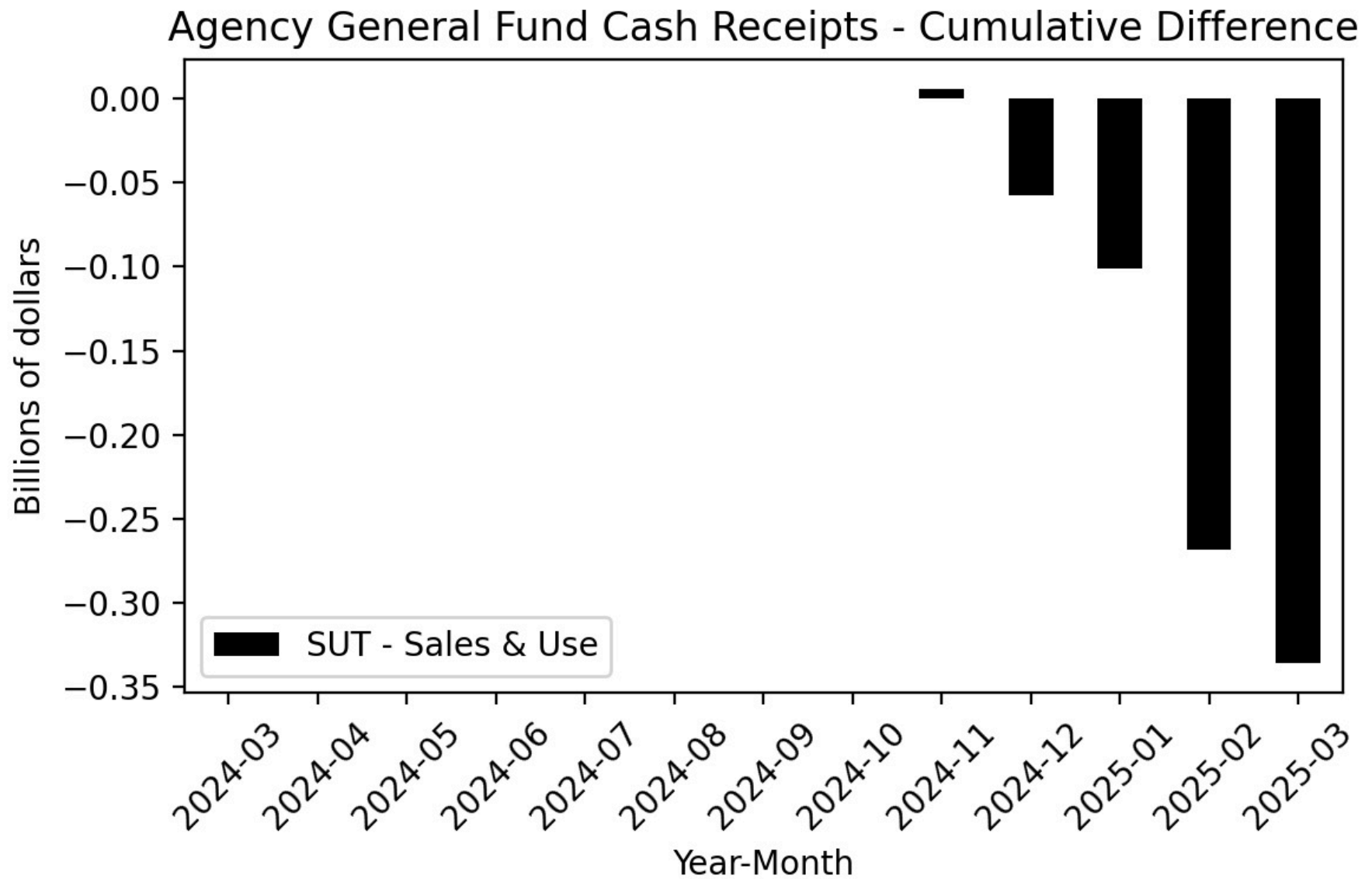


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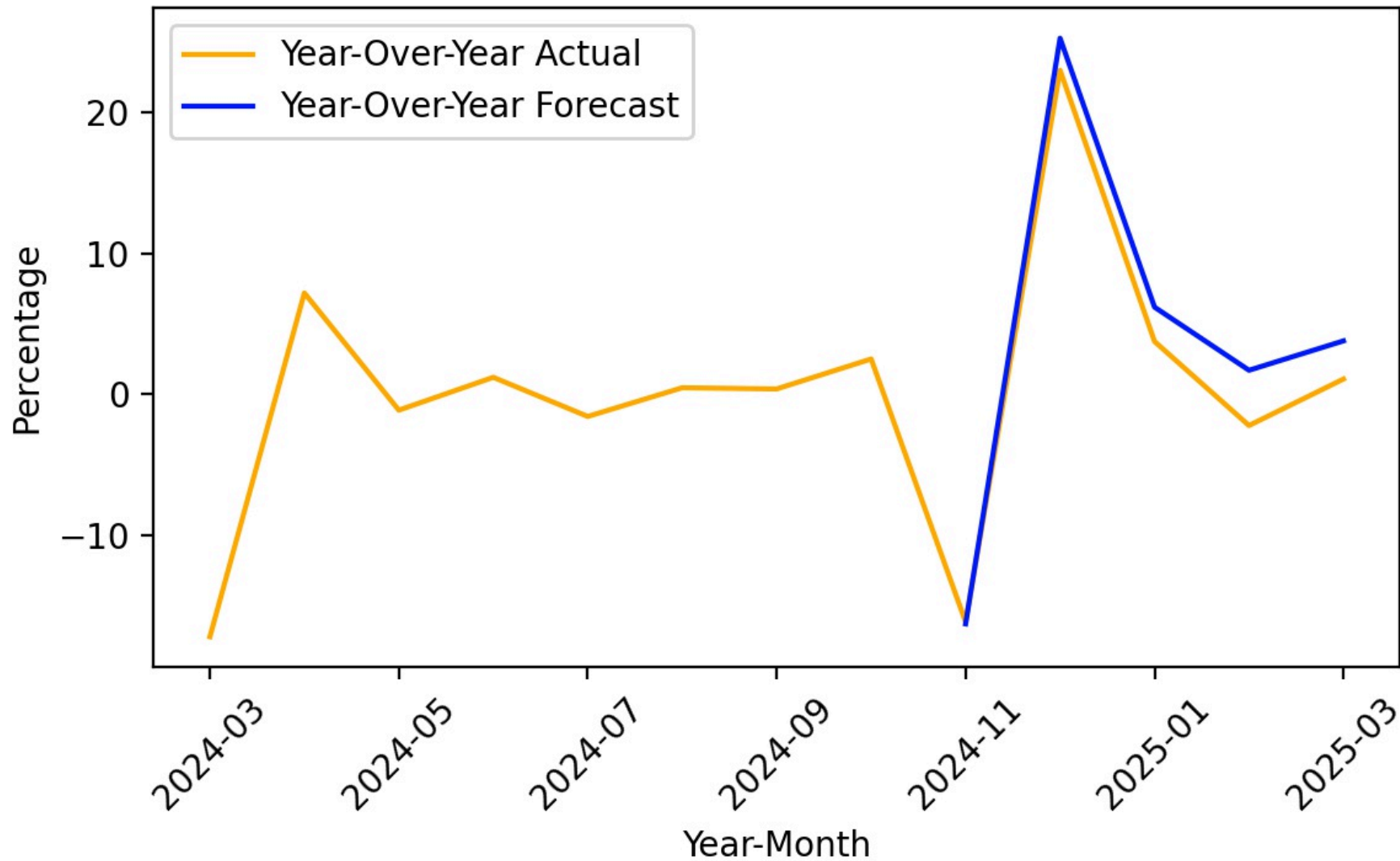


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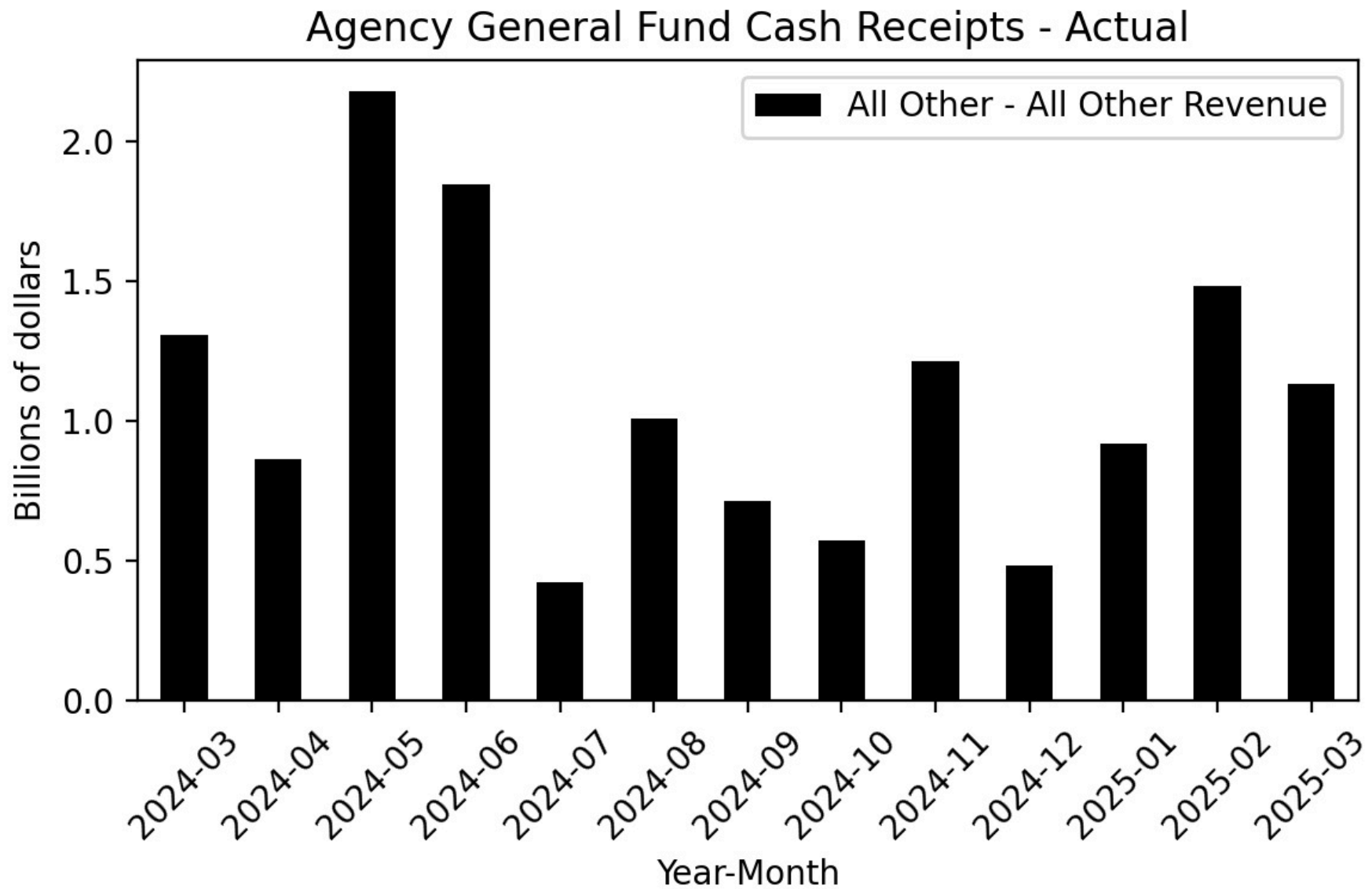


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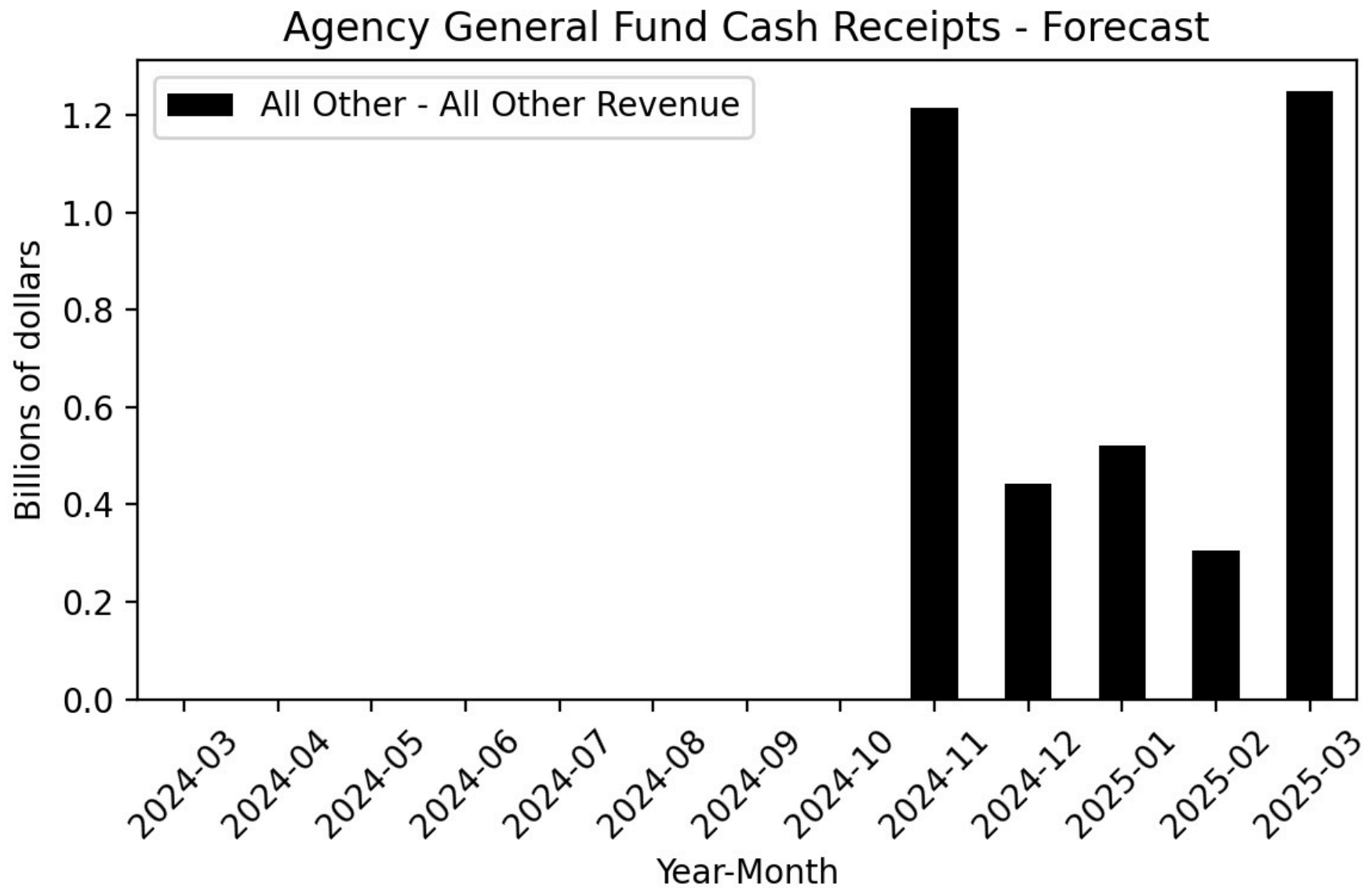


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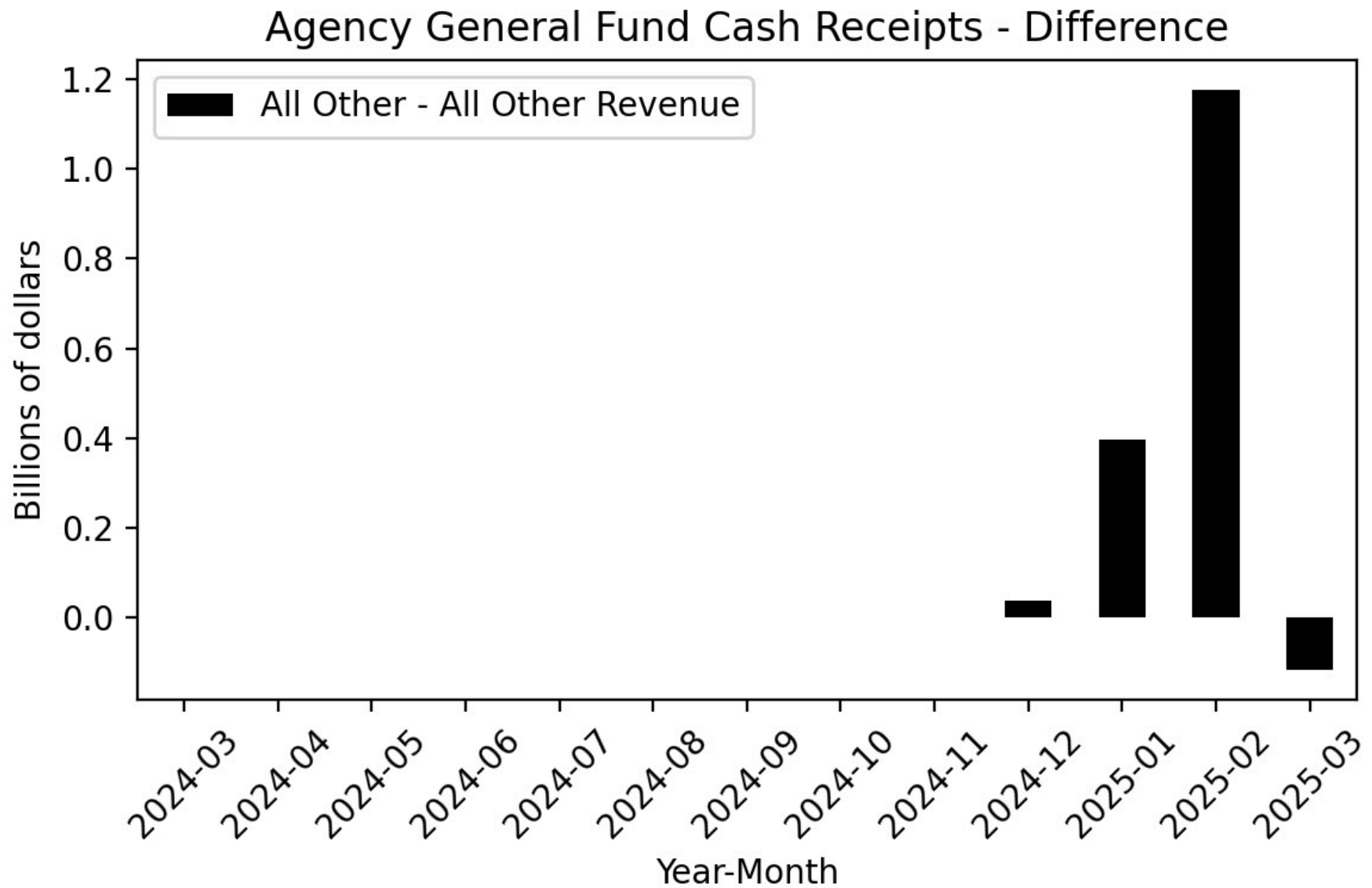


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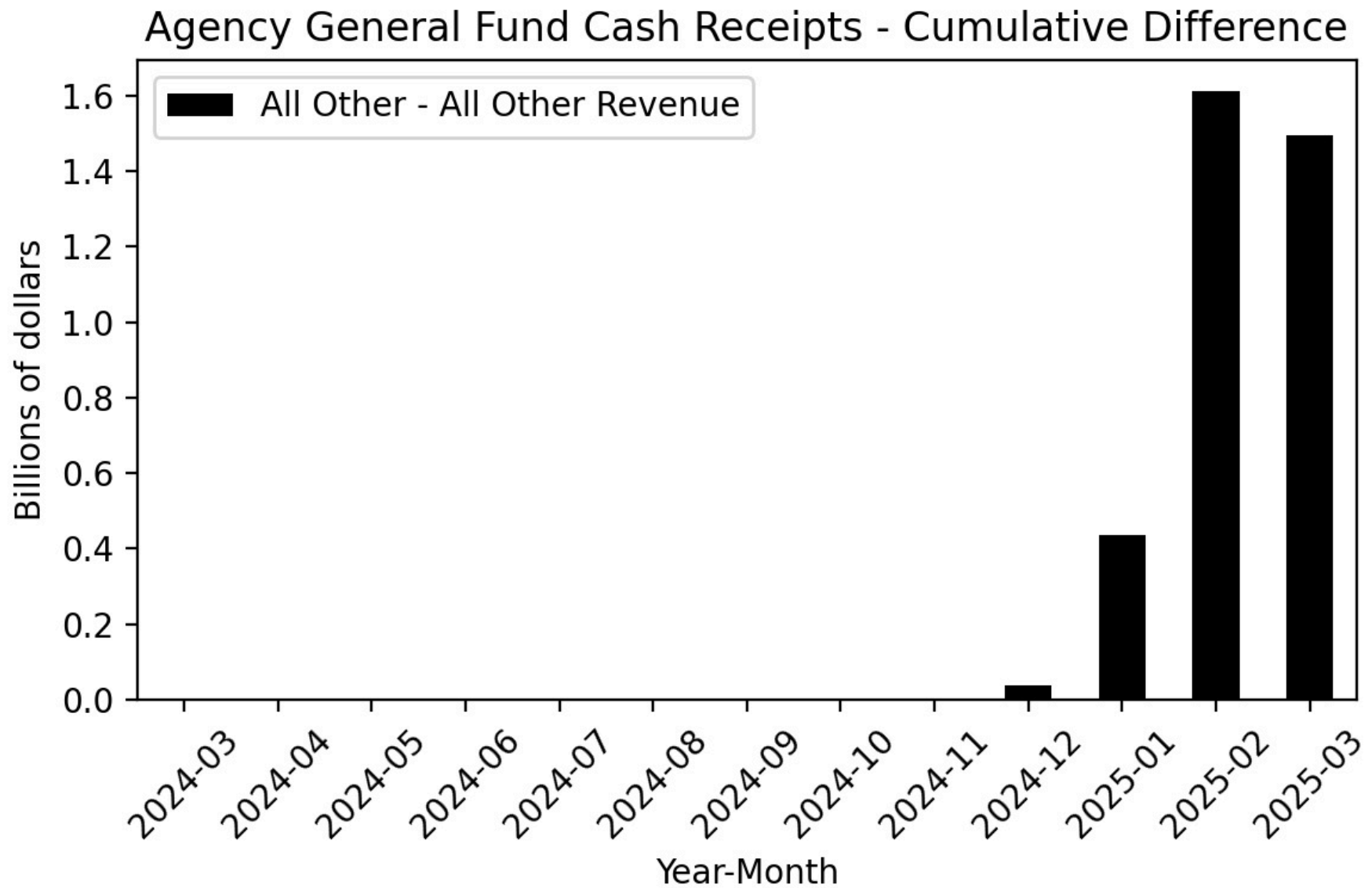


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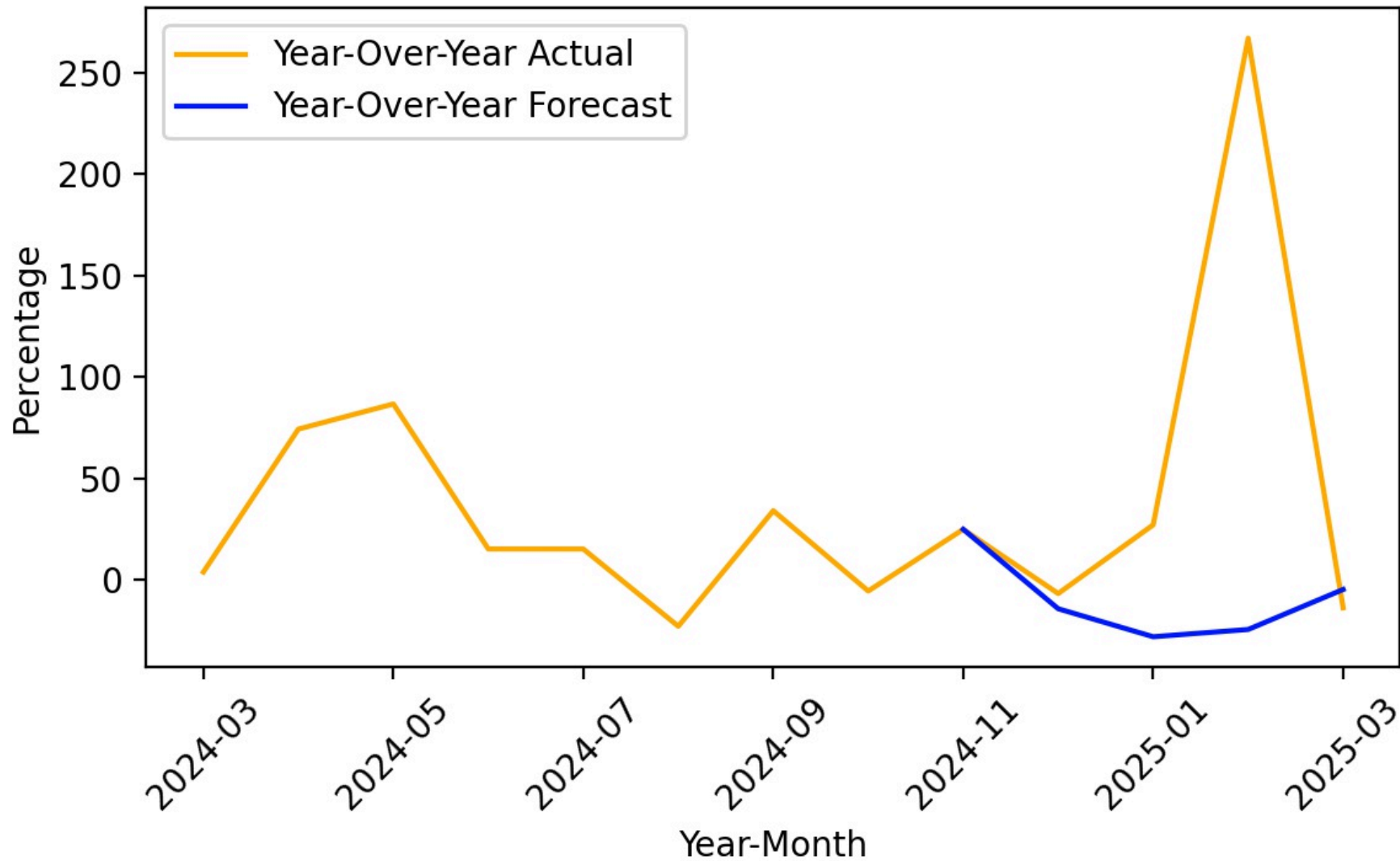


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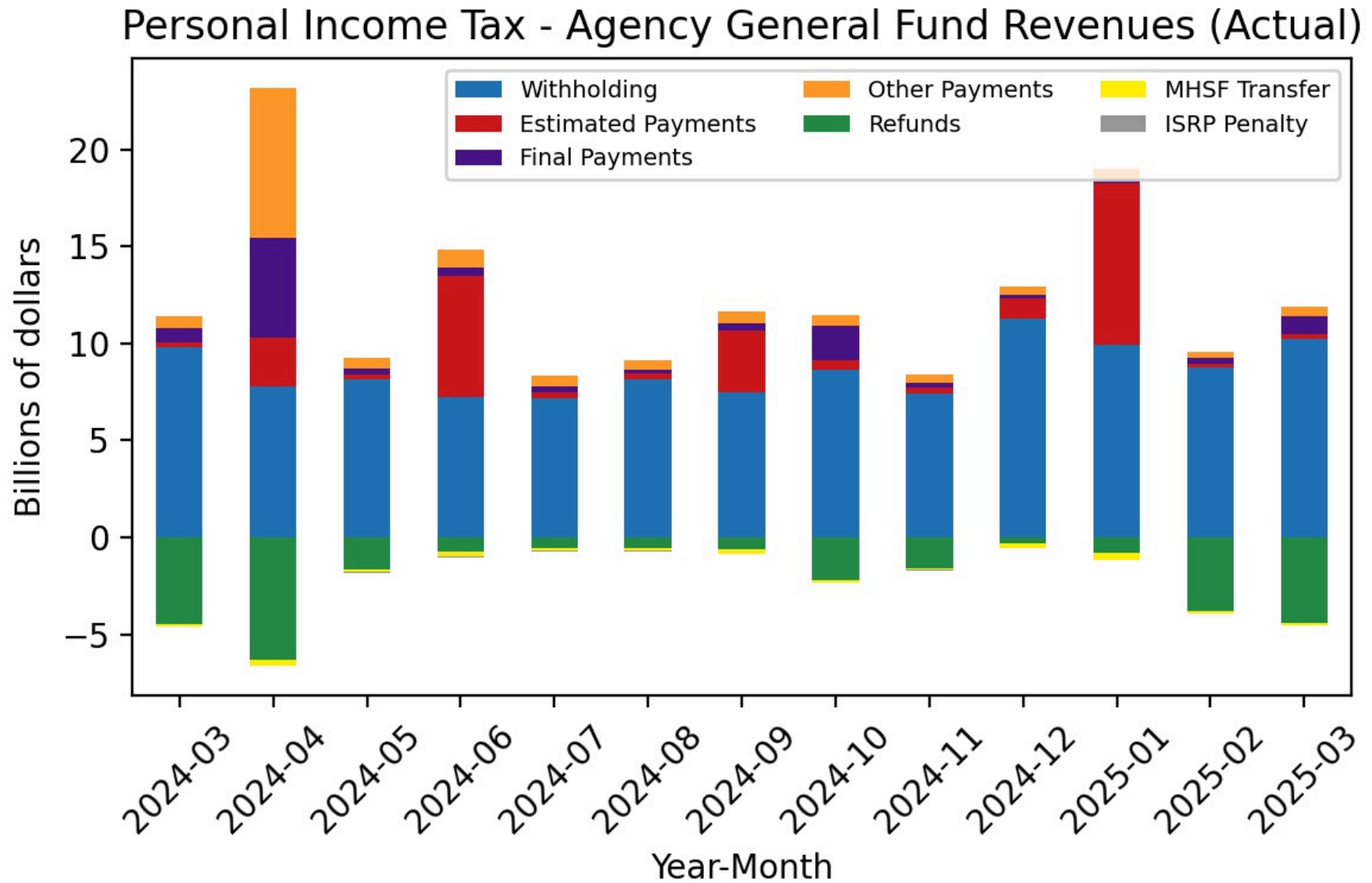


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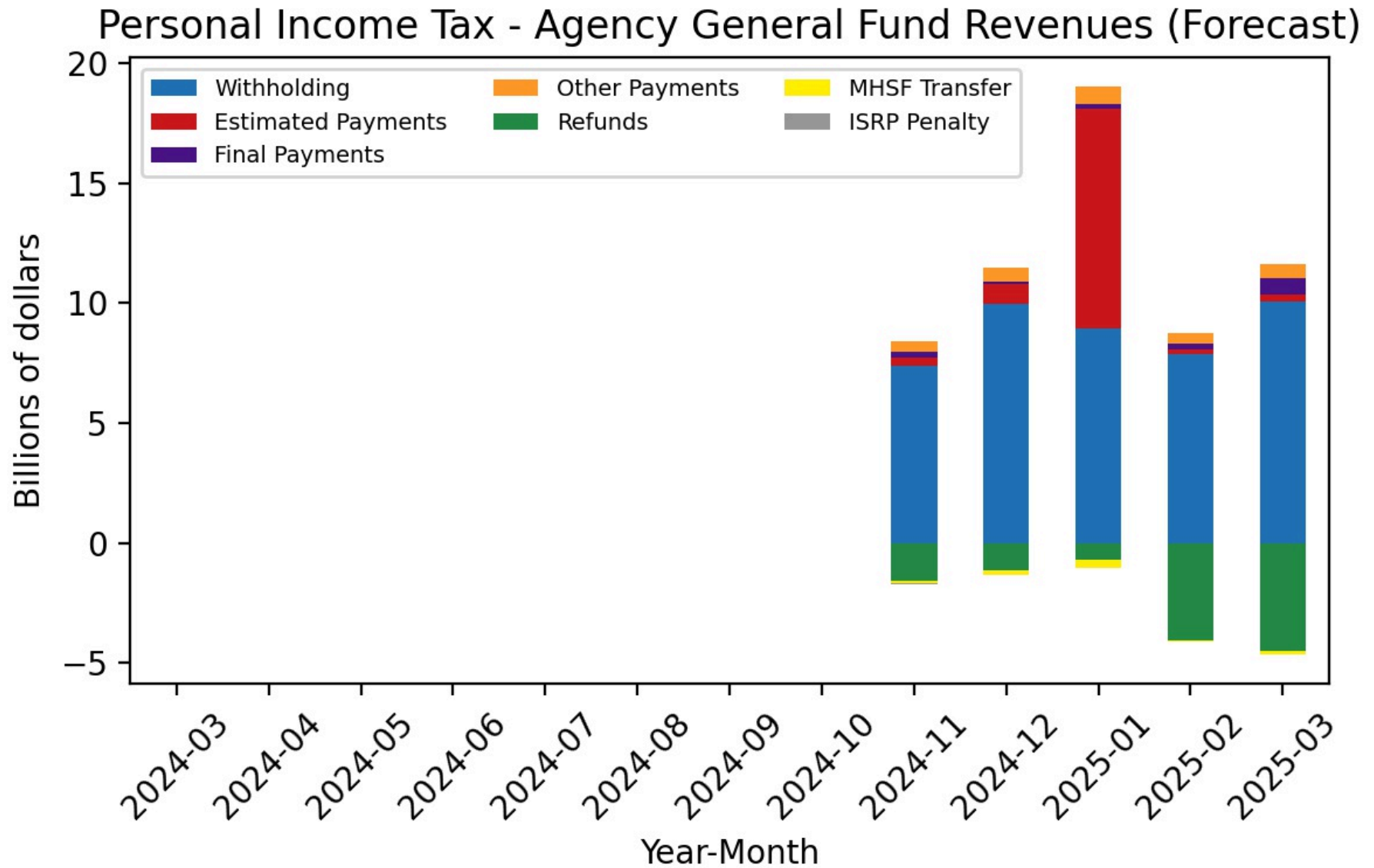


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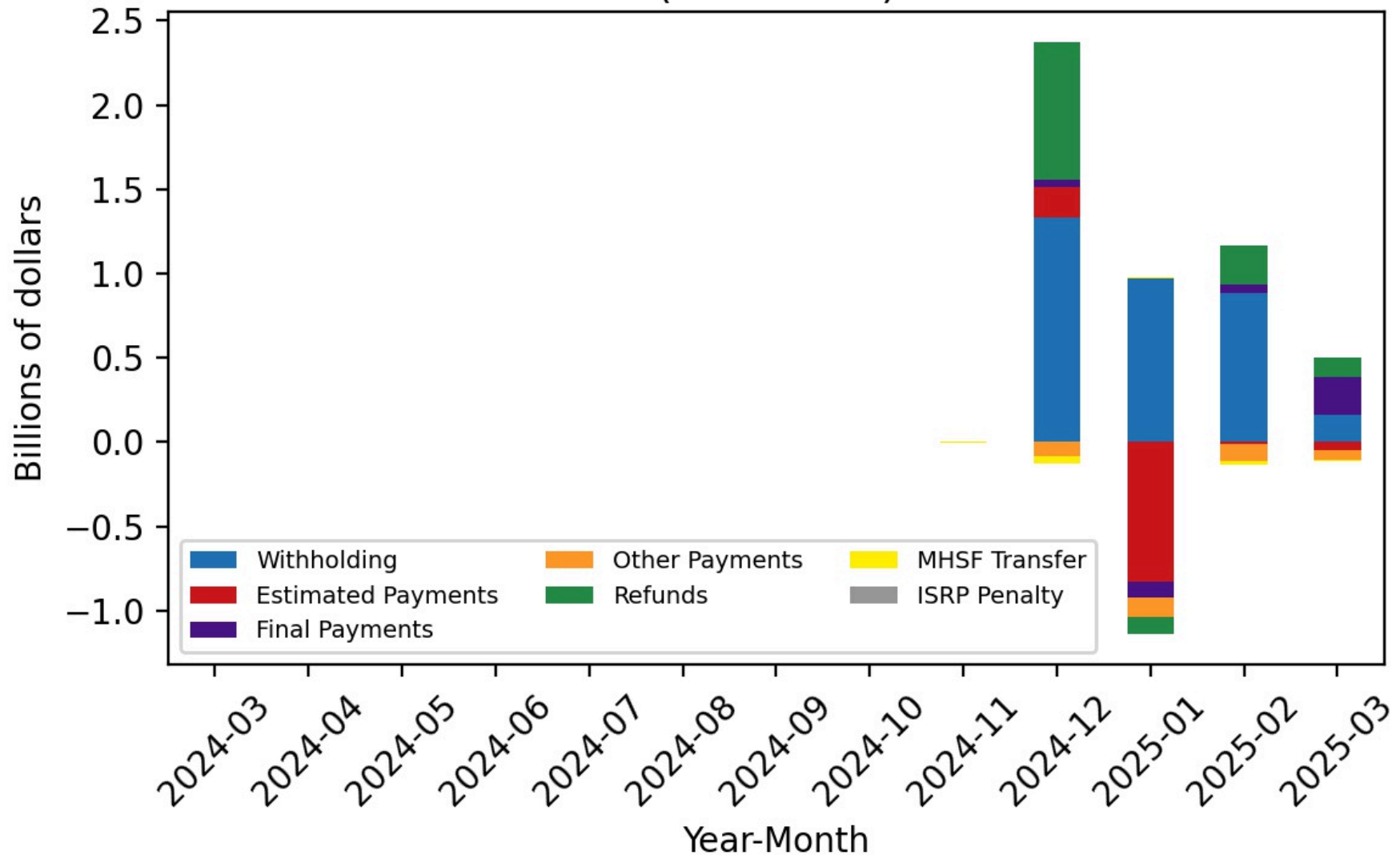


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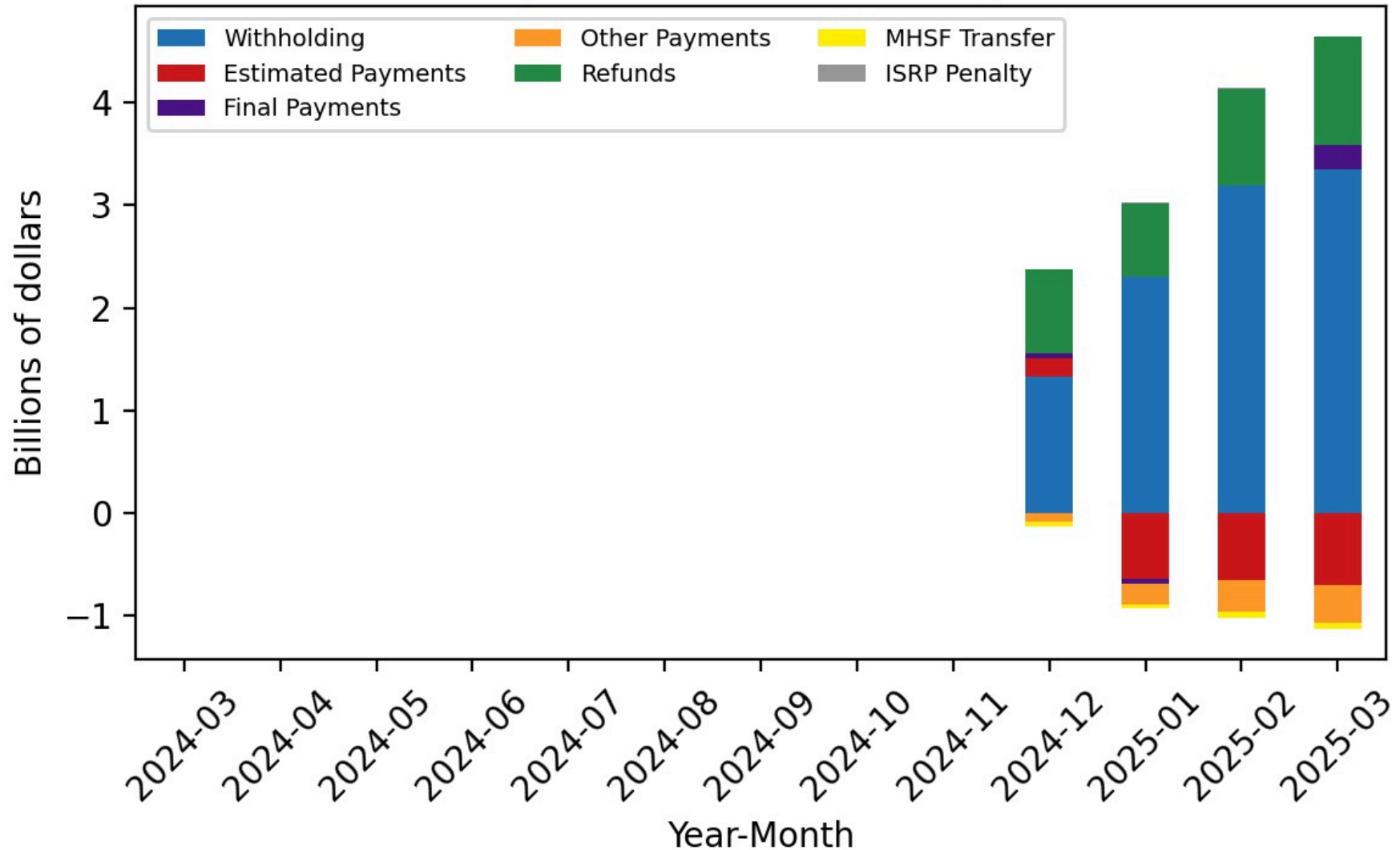


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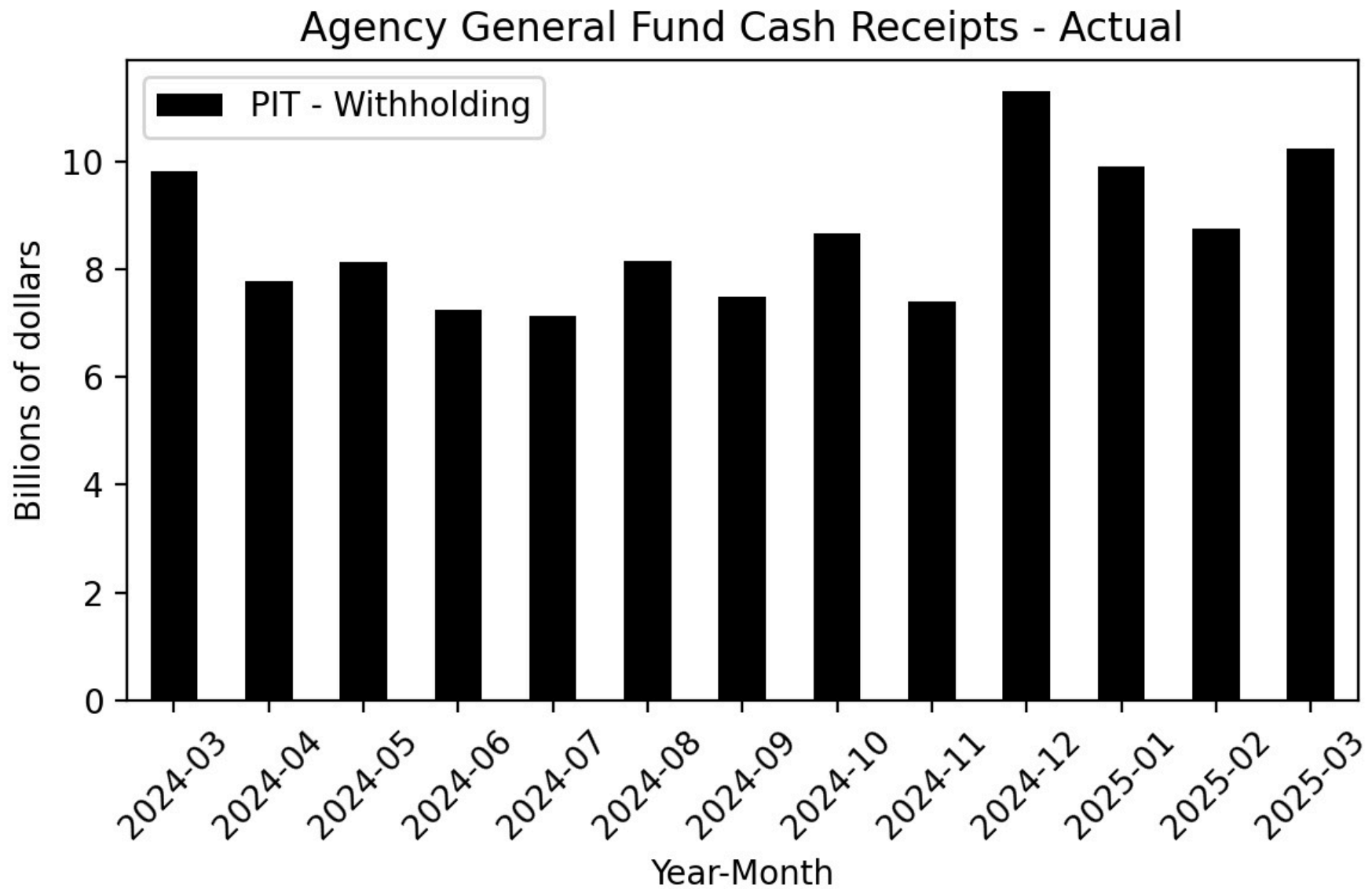


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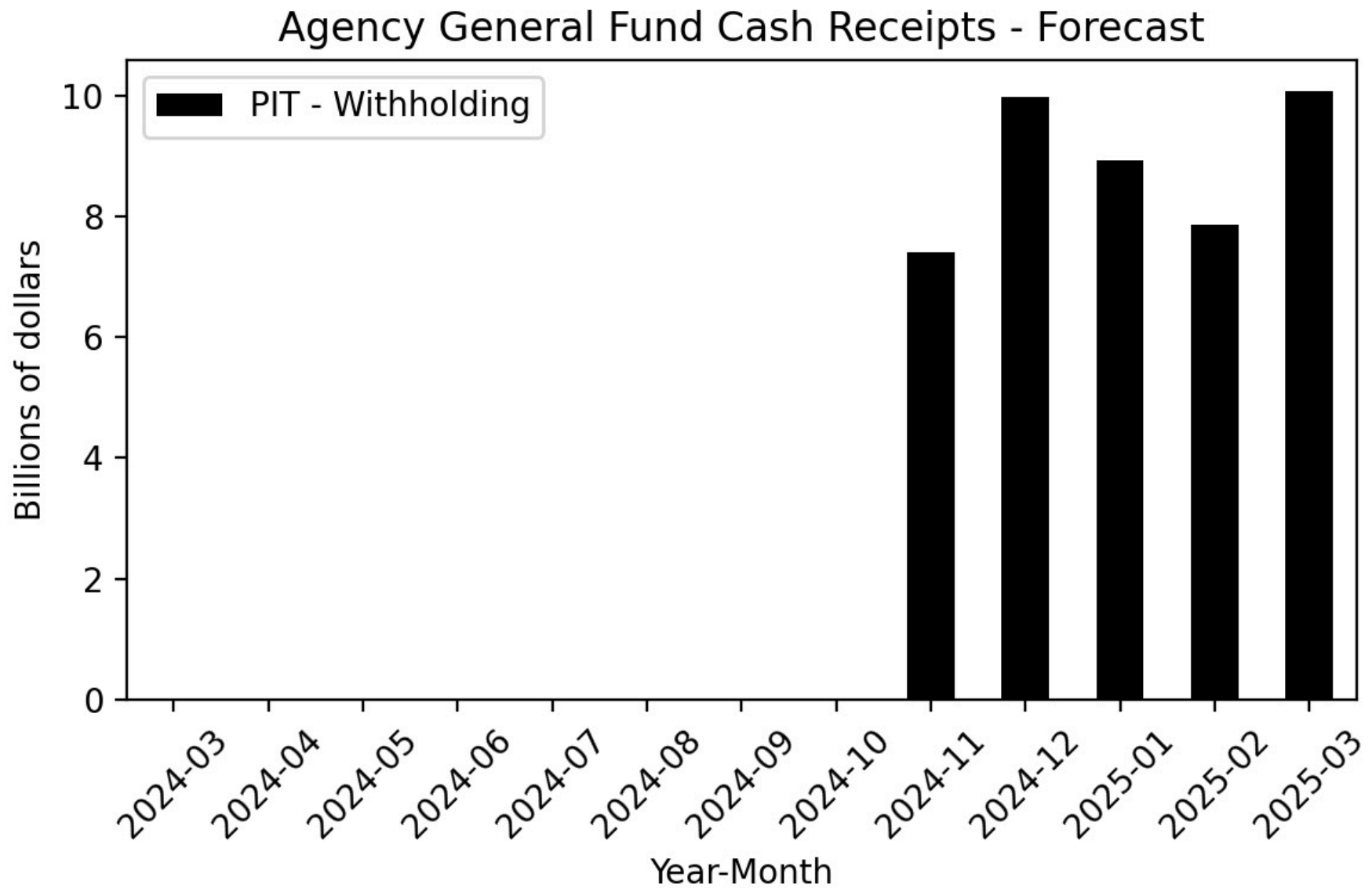


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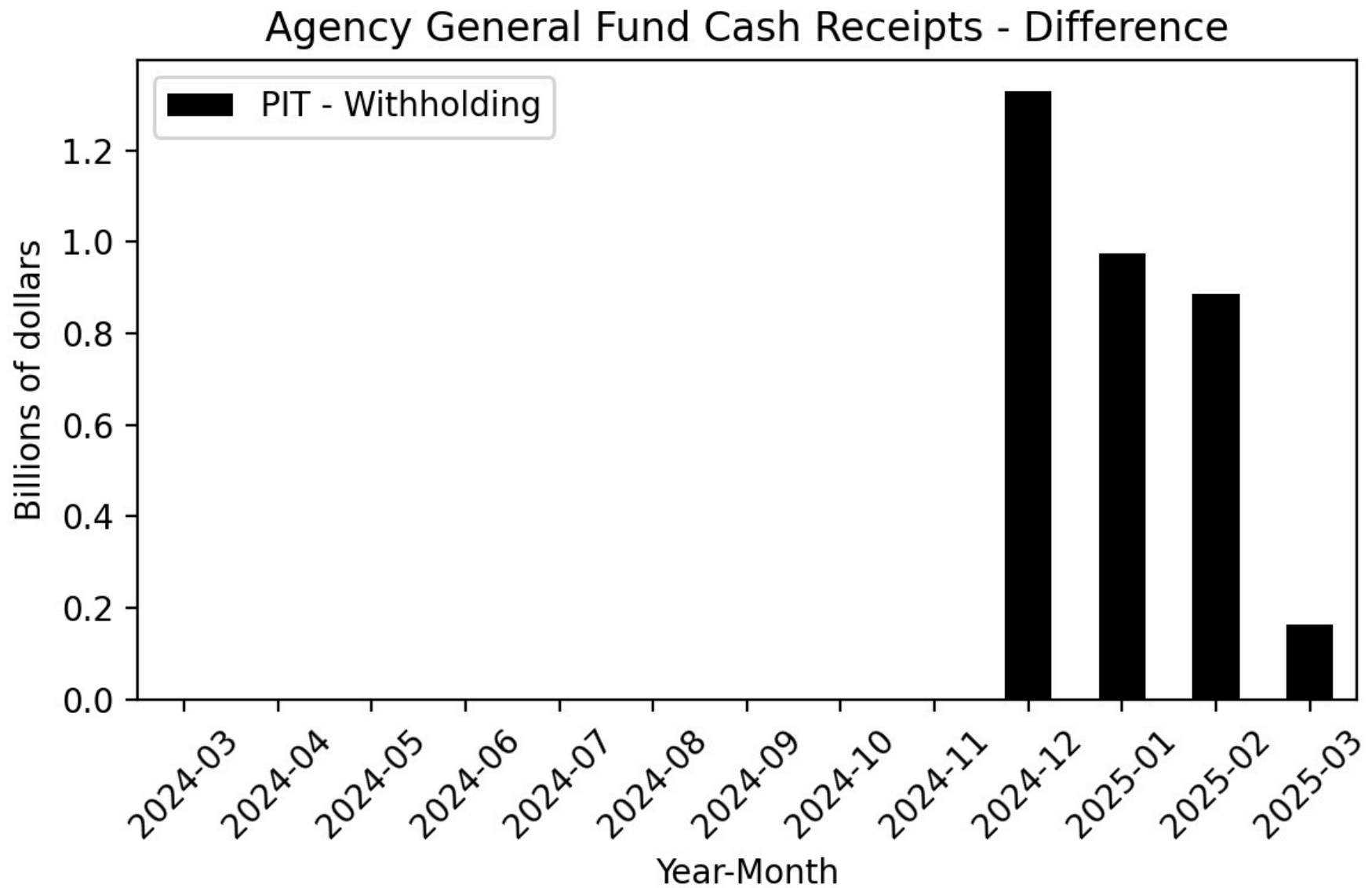


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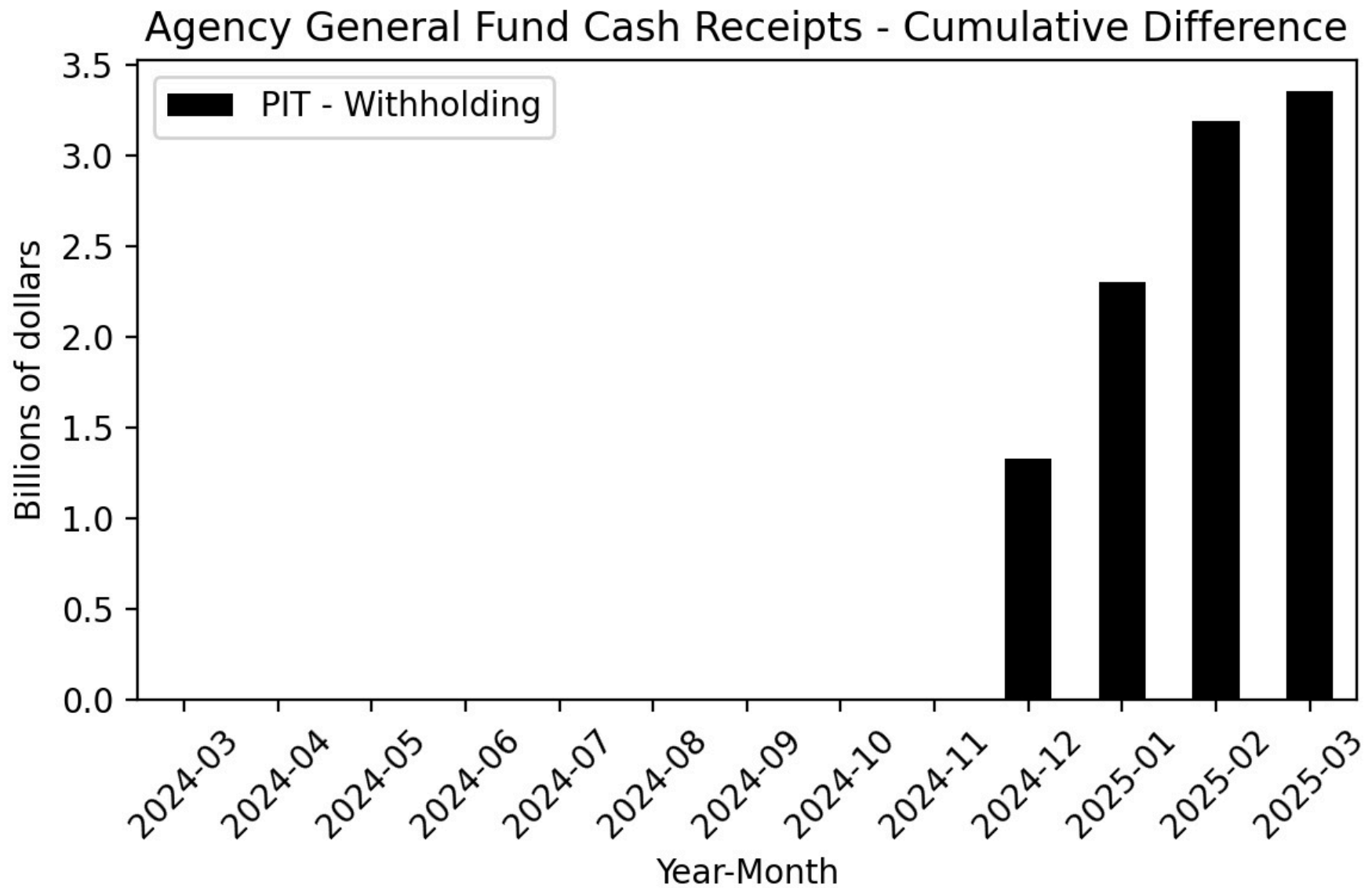


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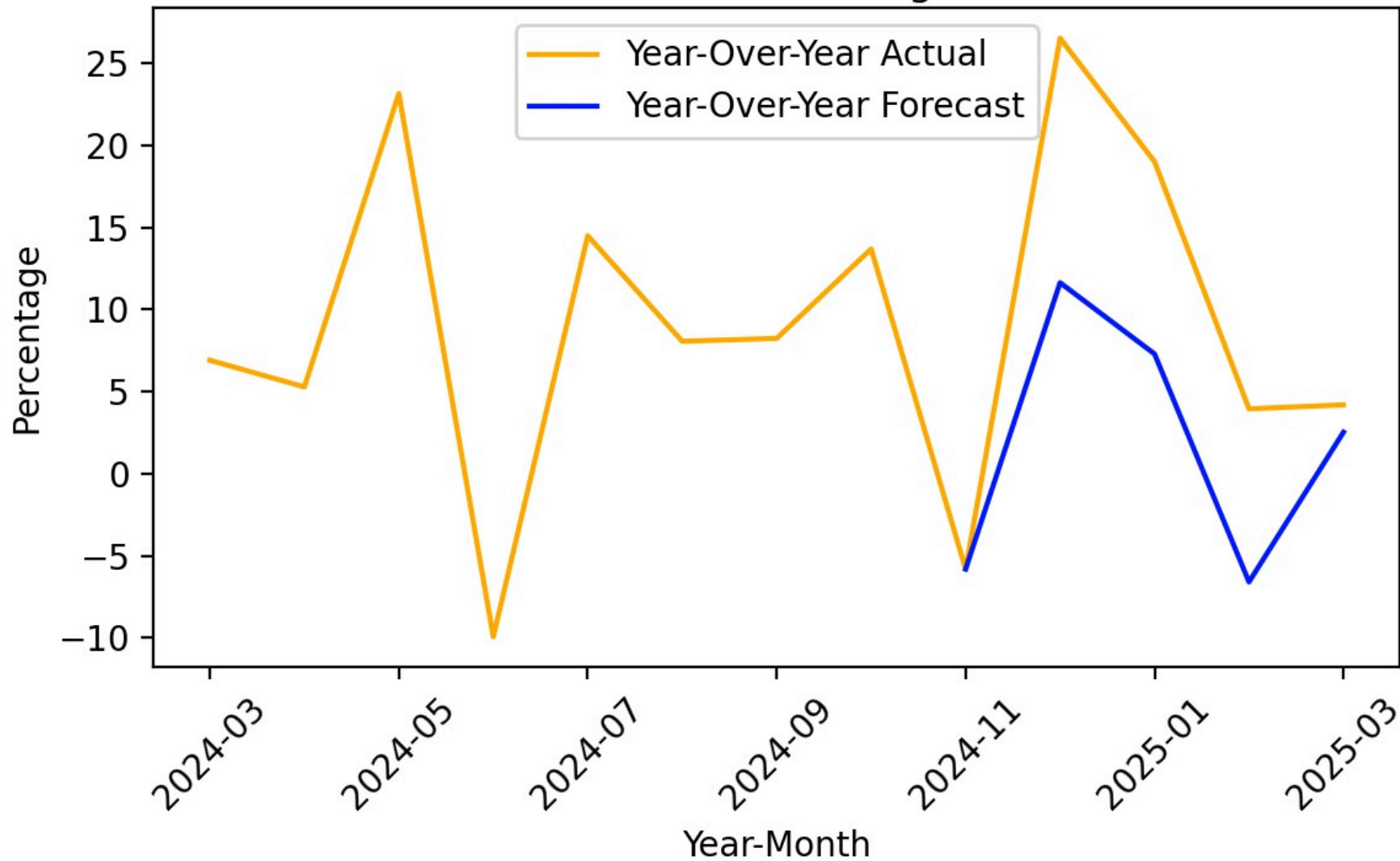


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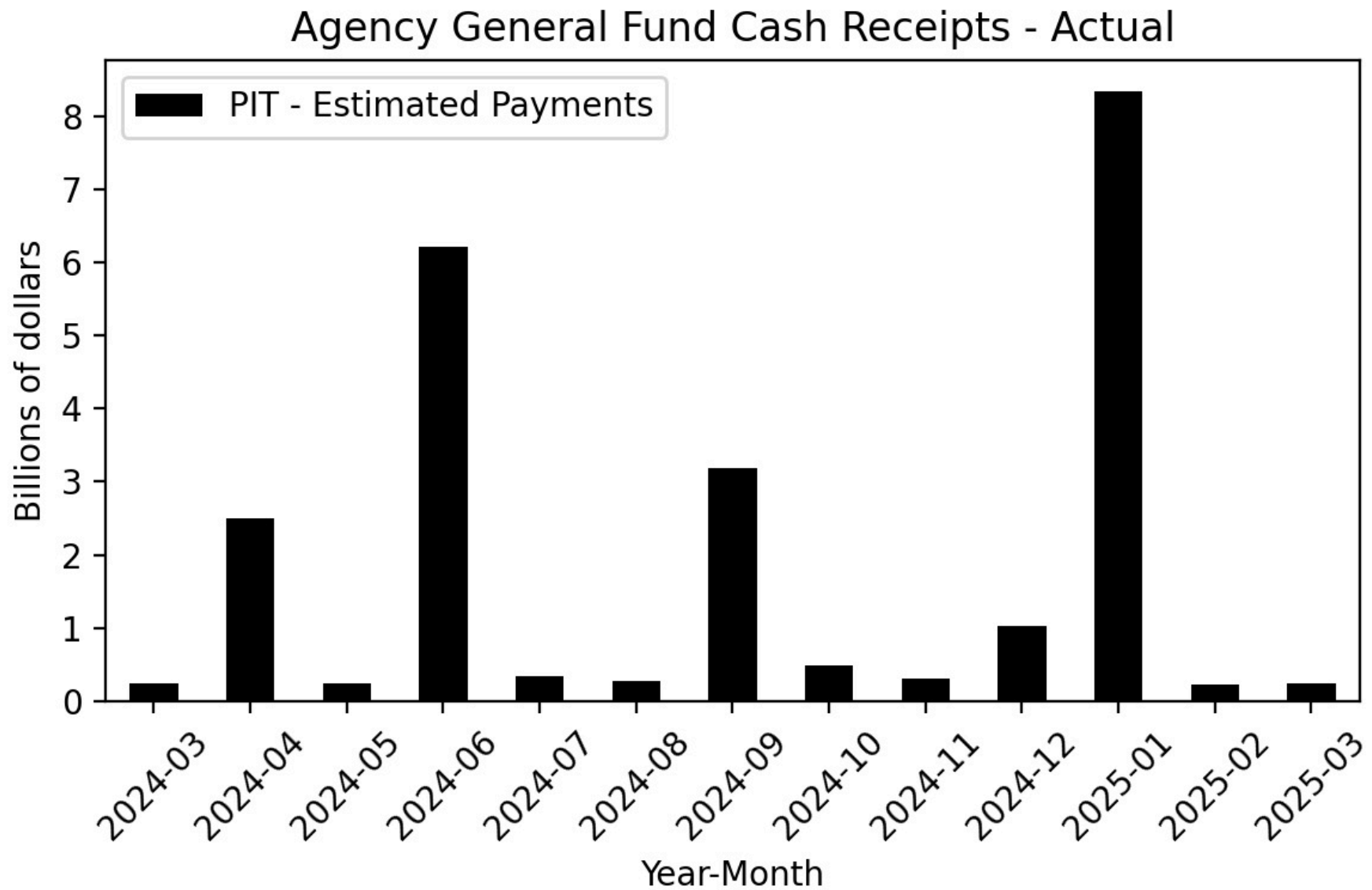


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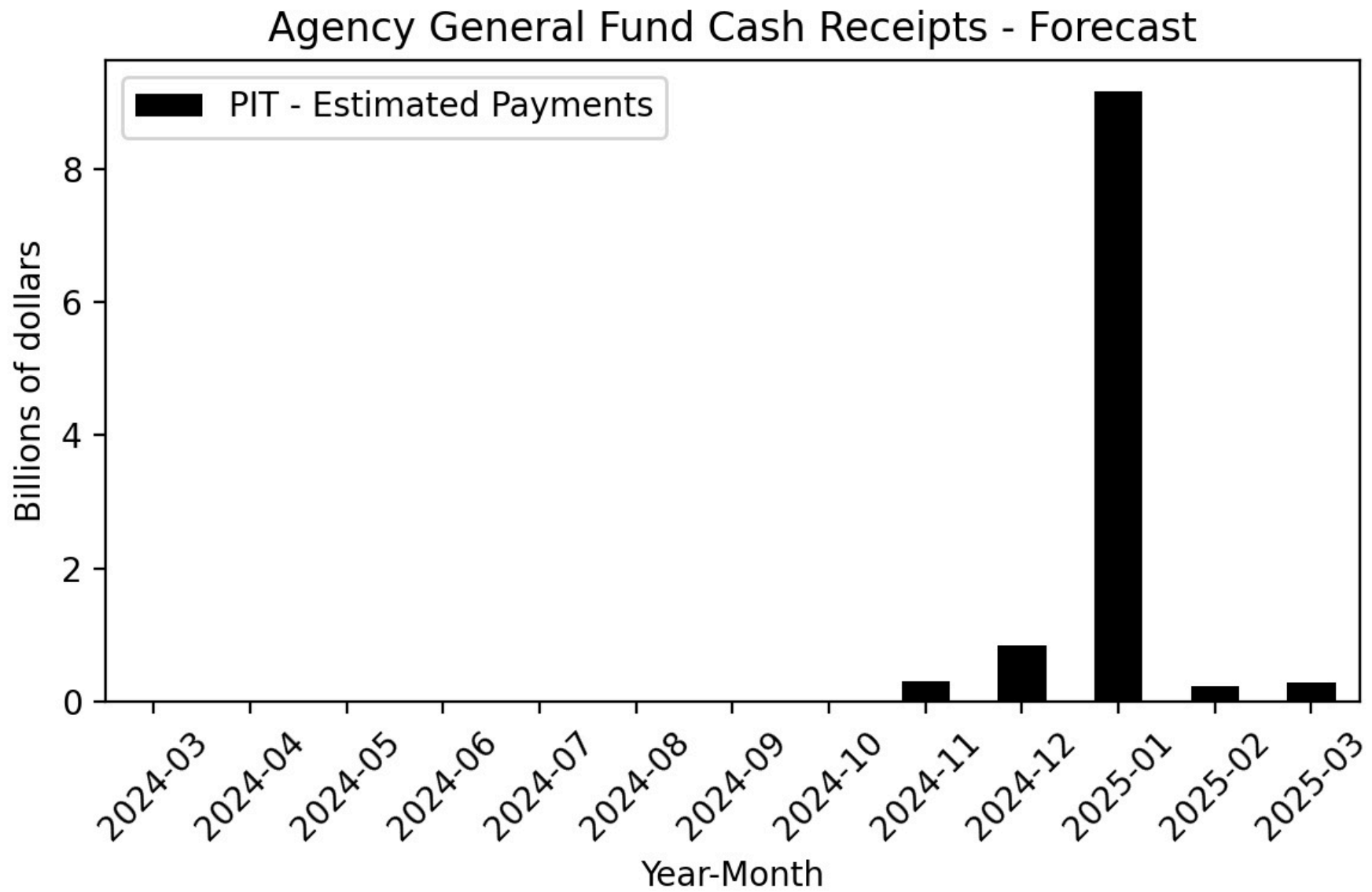


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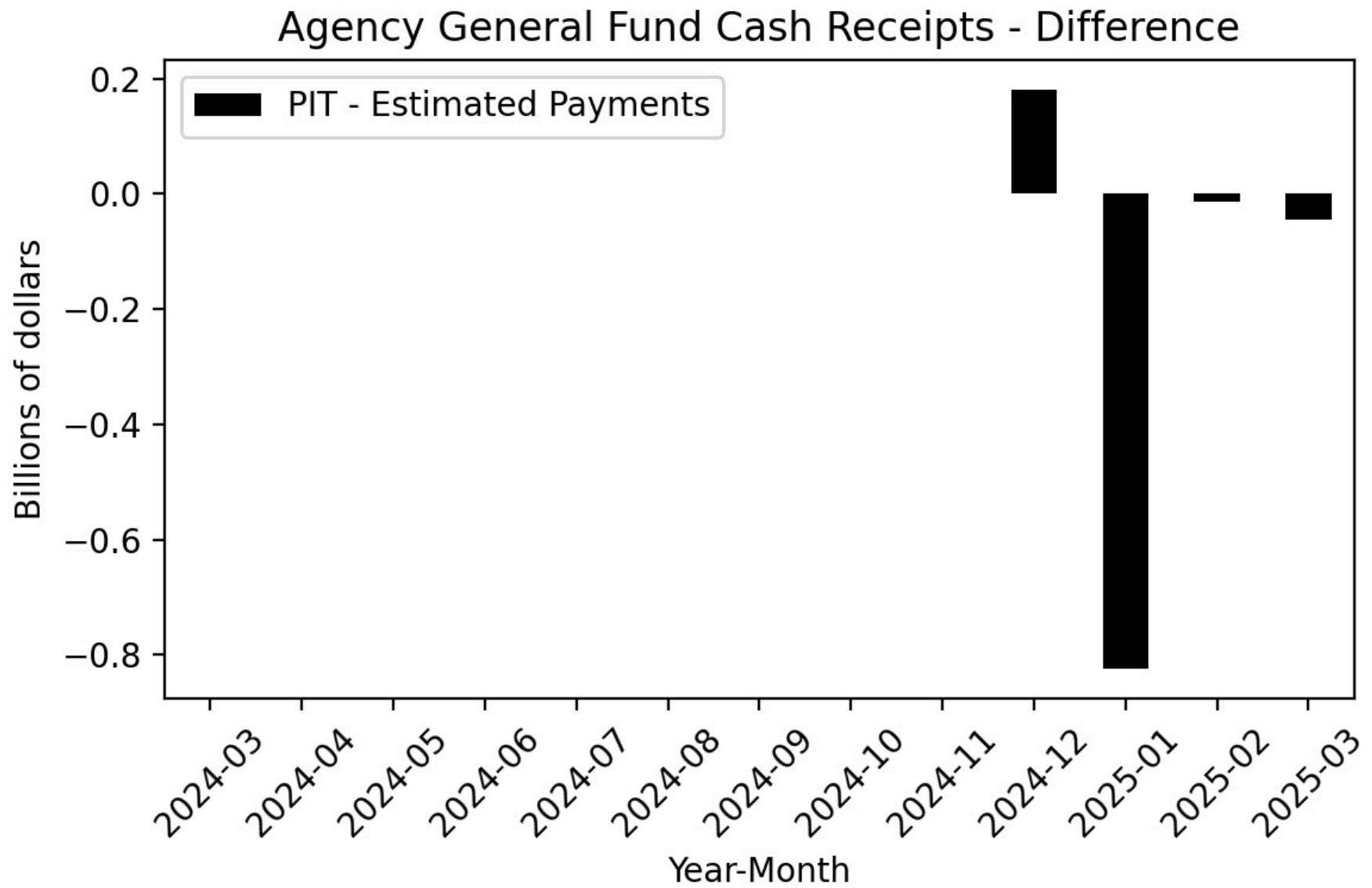


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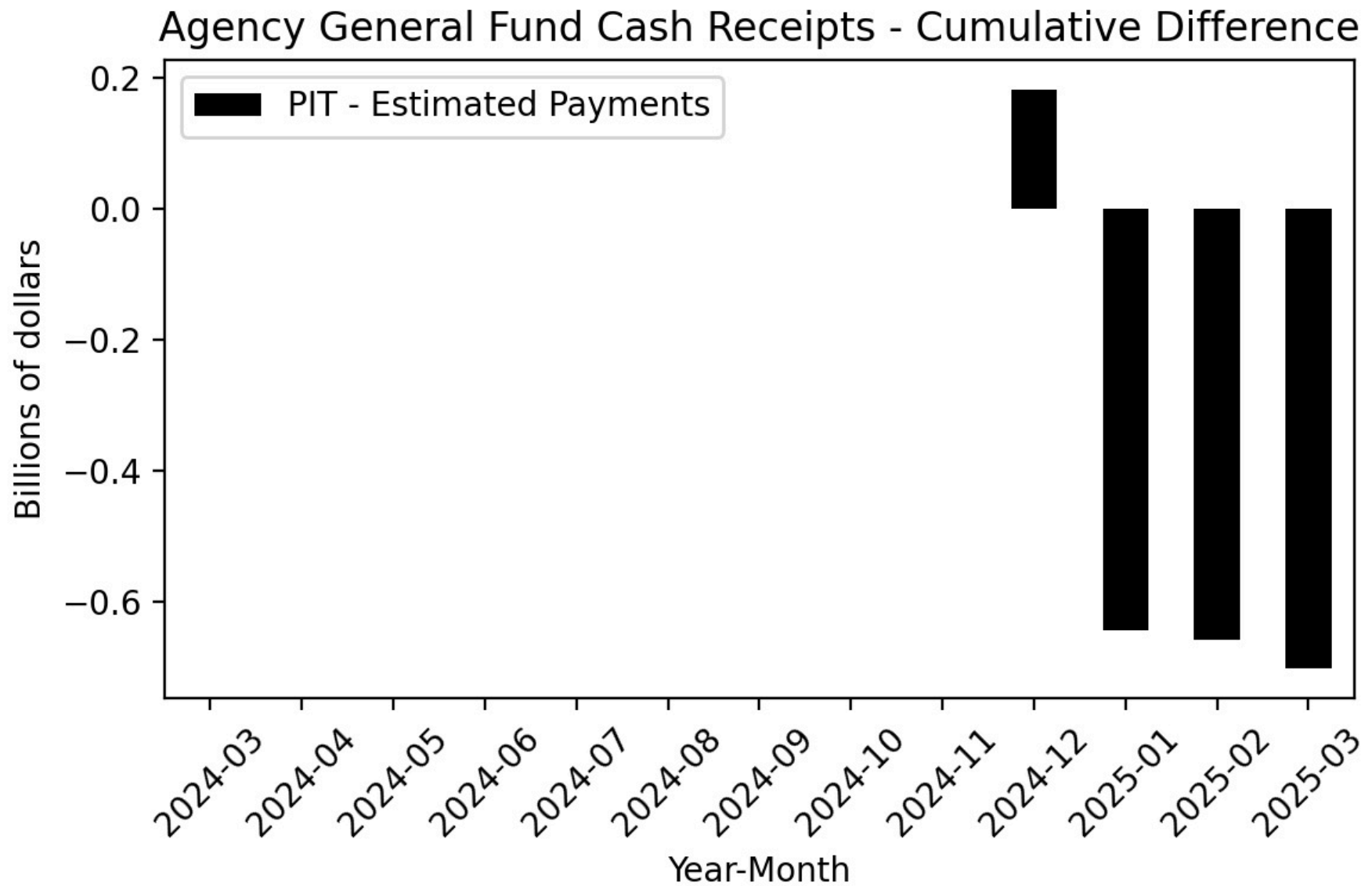


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Year-Over-Year Change - Actual and 2024-25 Budget Act
Forecast PIT-Estimated Payments

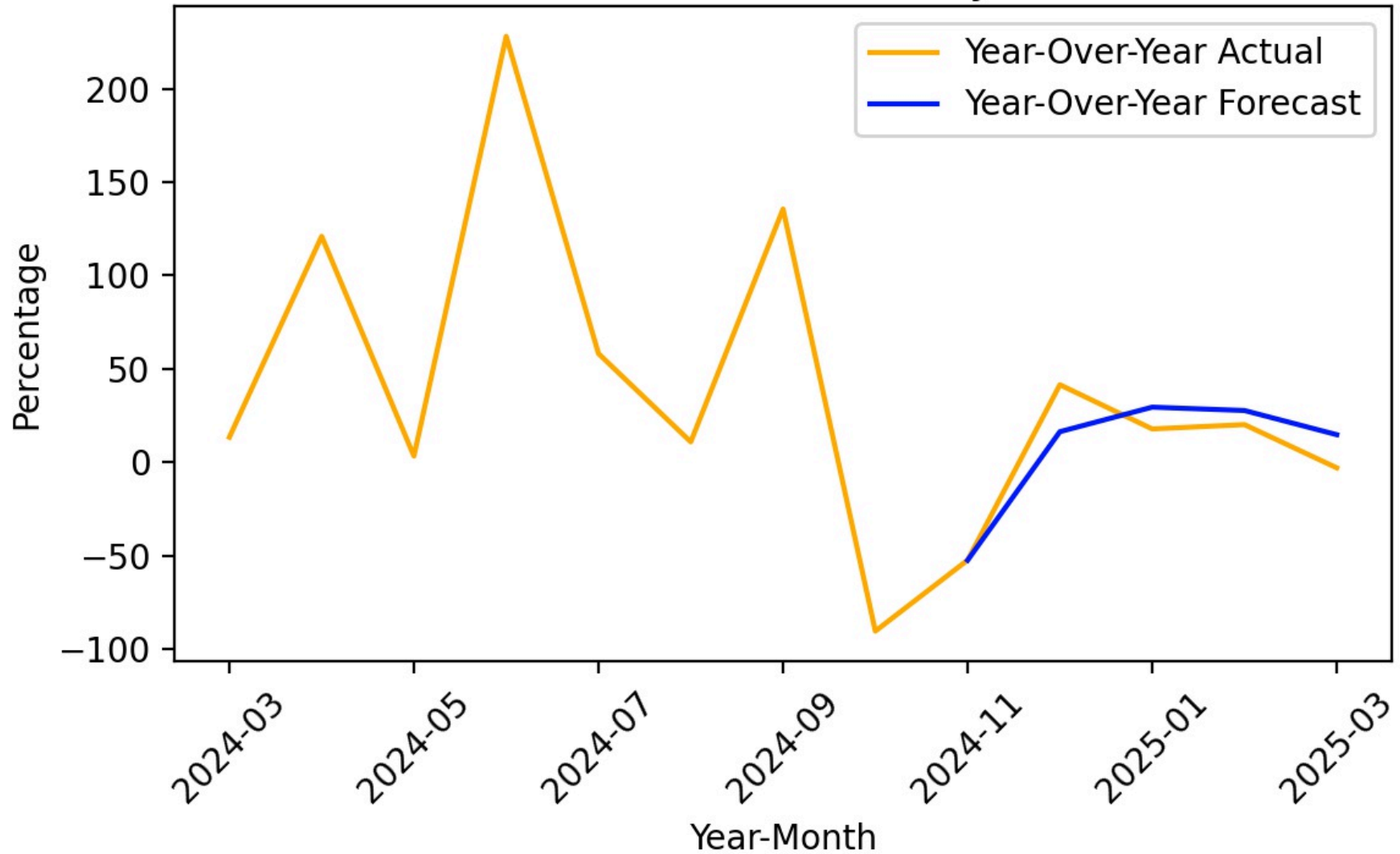


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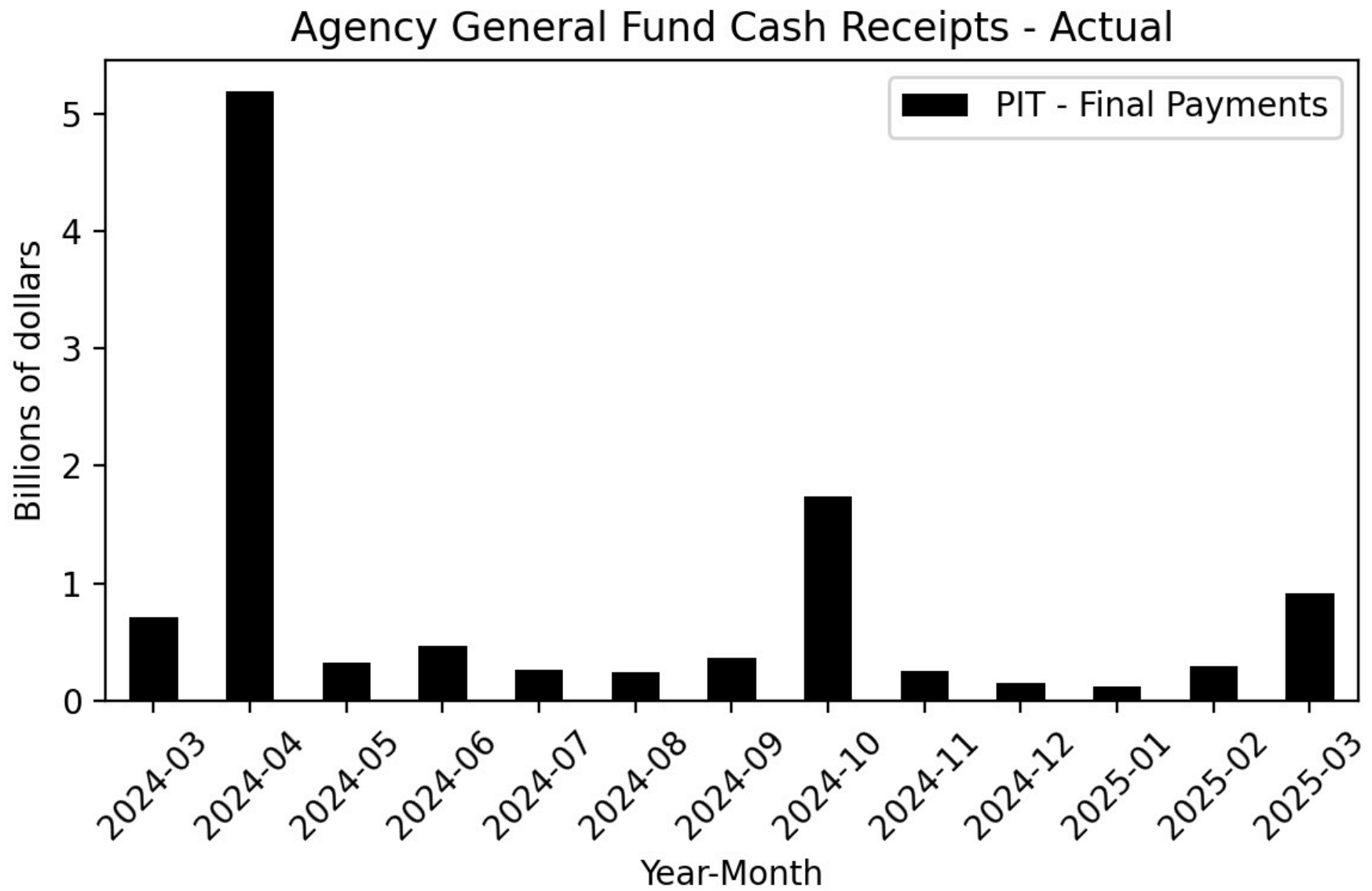


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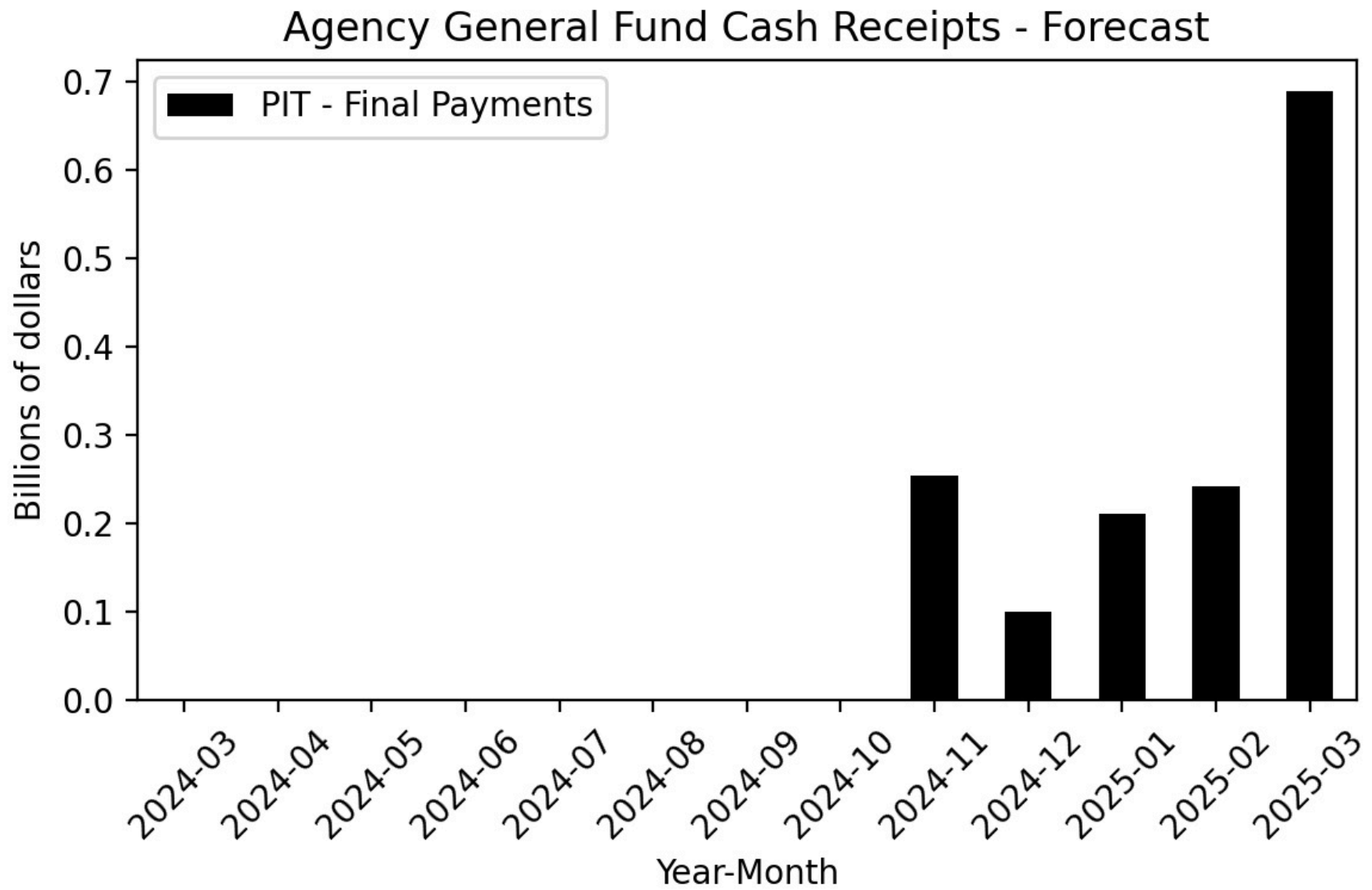


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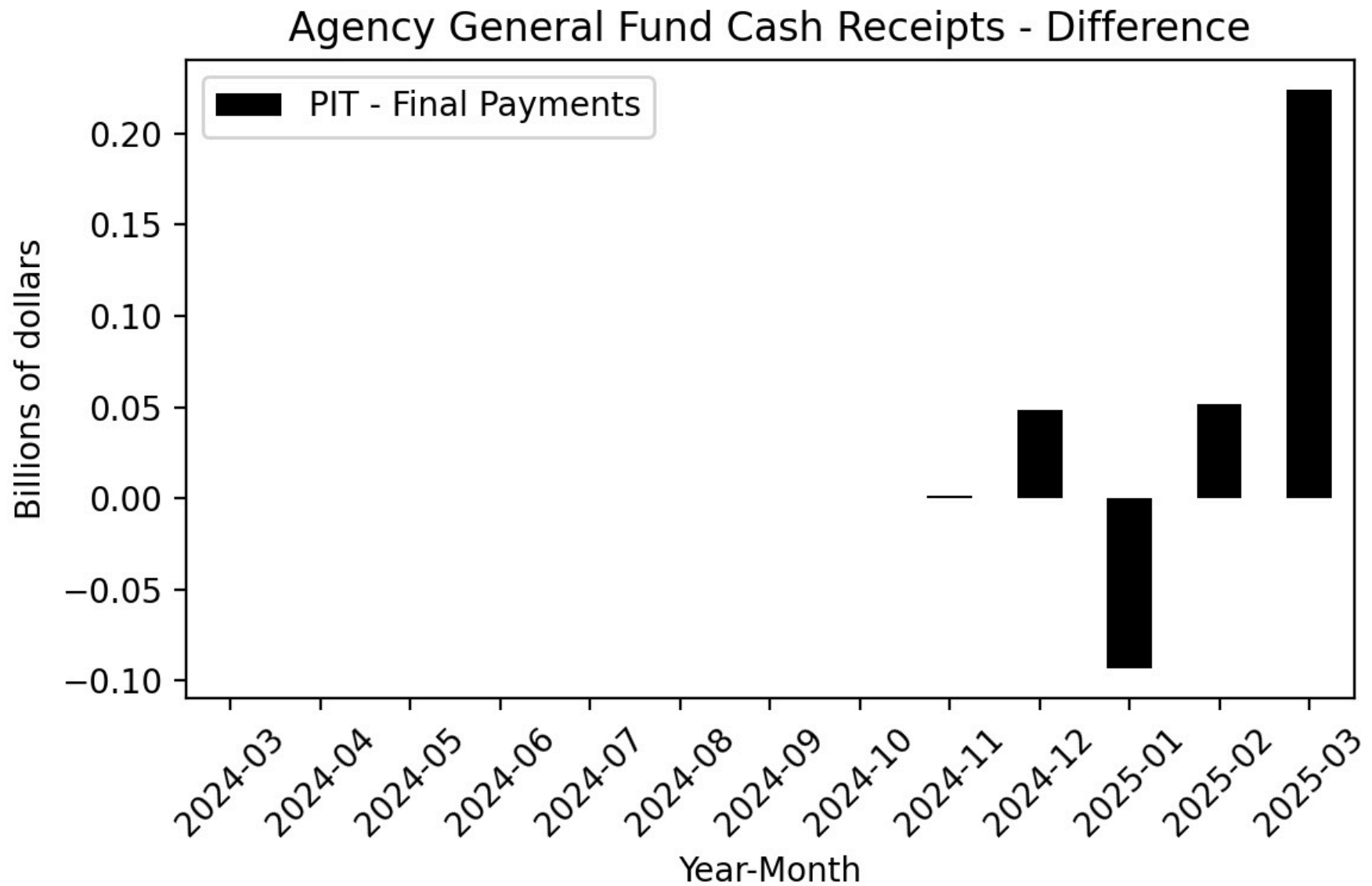


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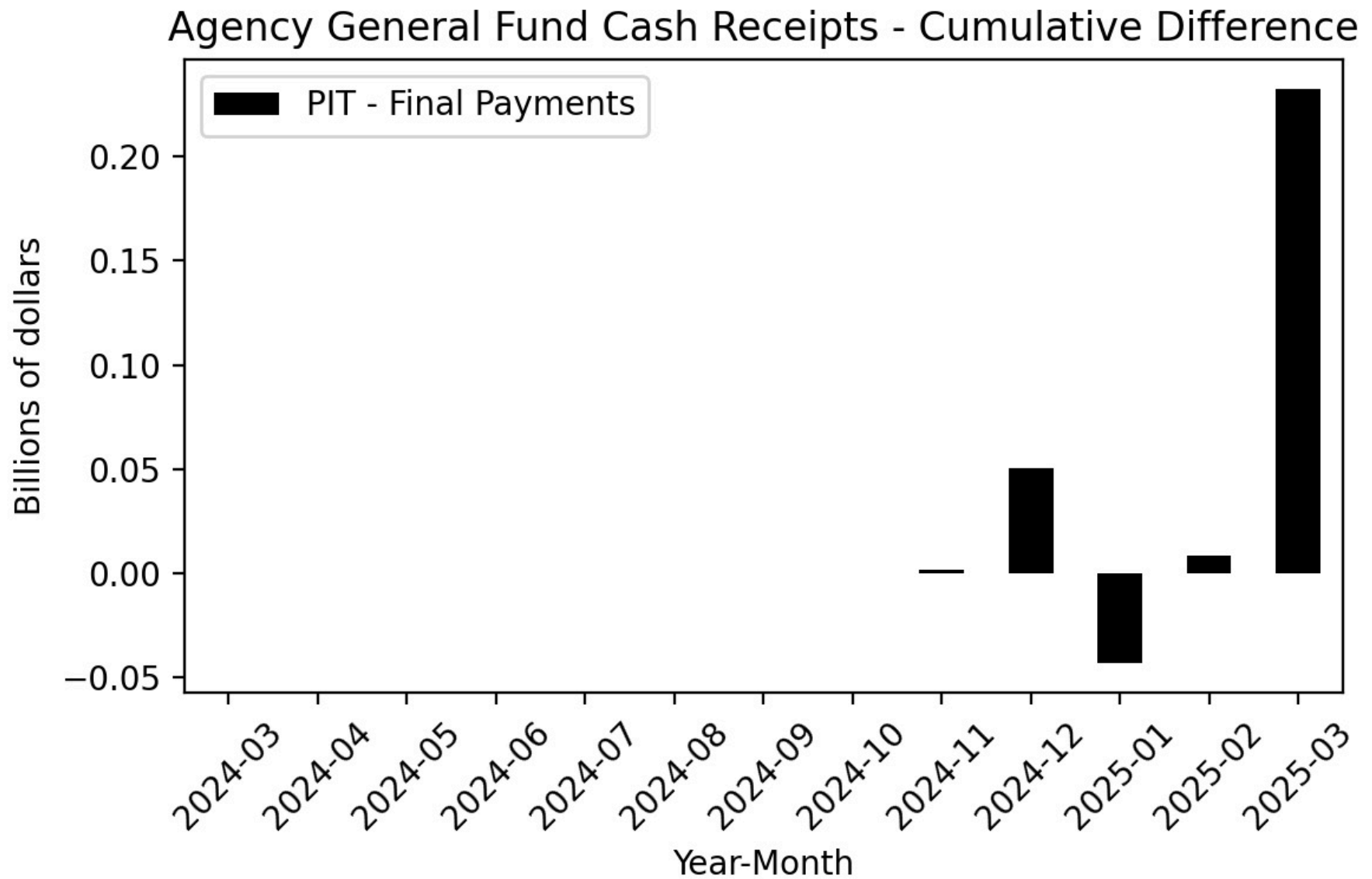


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Year-Over-Year Change - Actual and 2024-25 Budget Act Forecast
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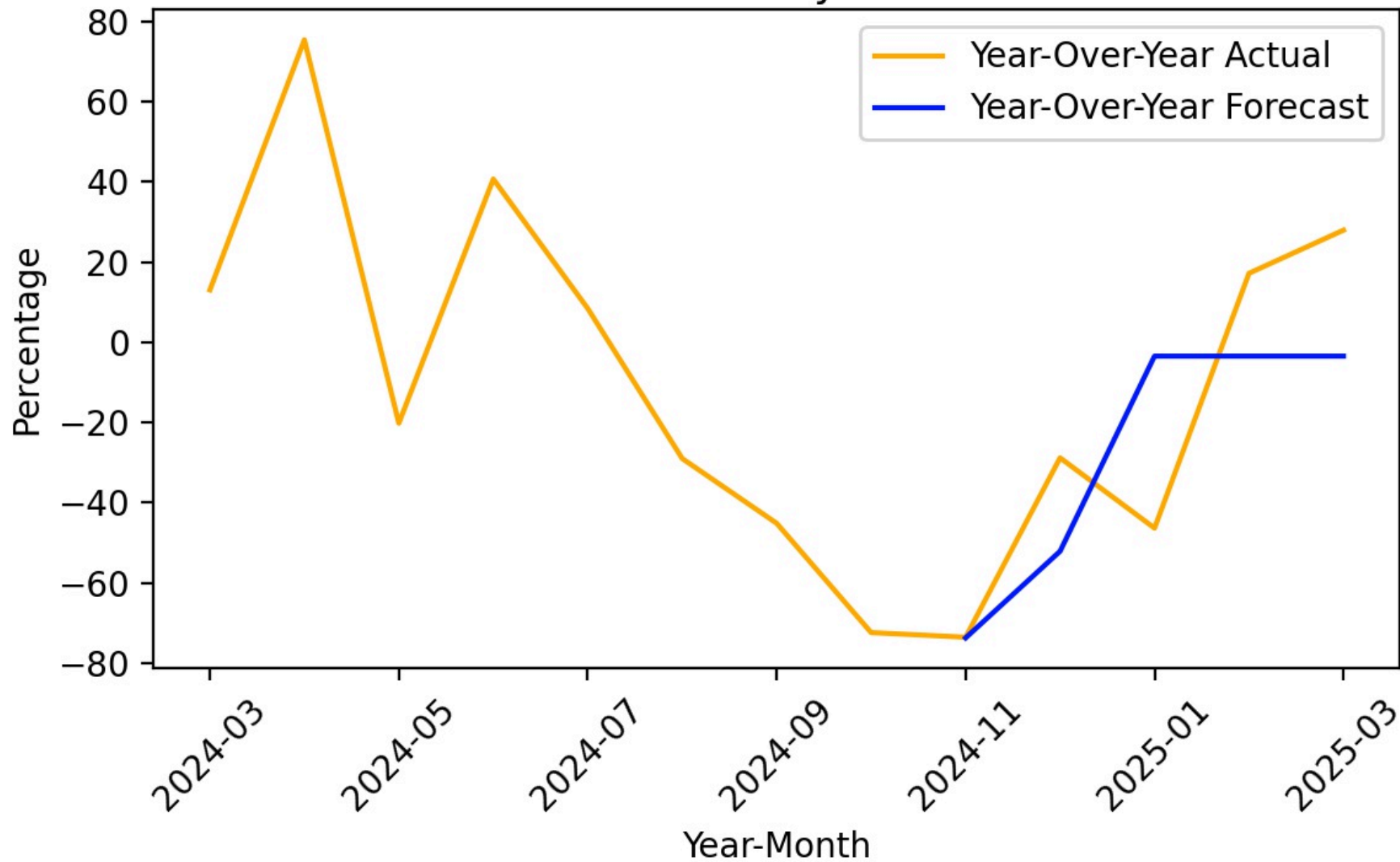


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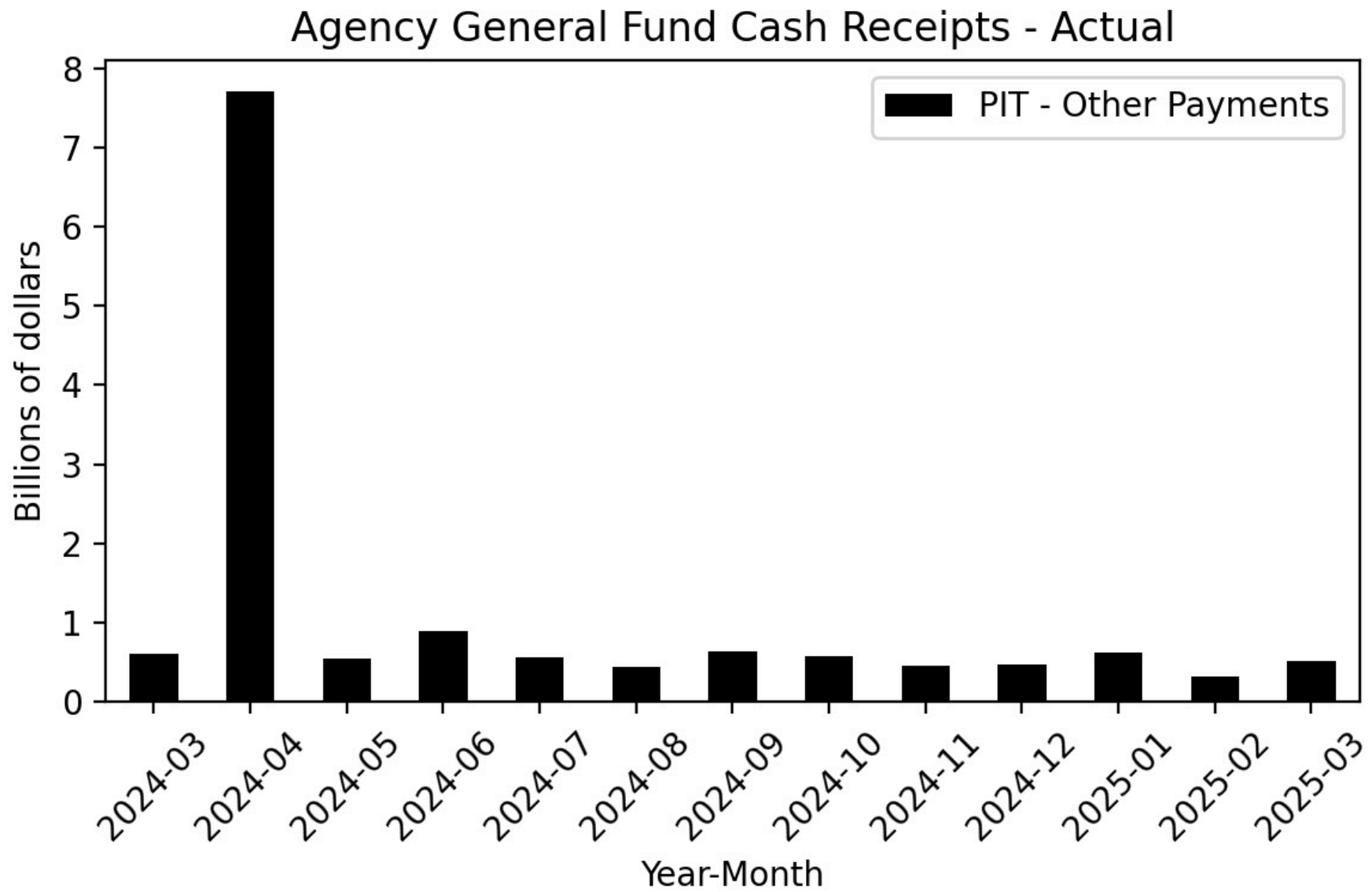


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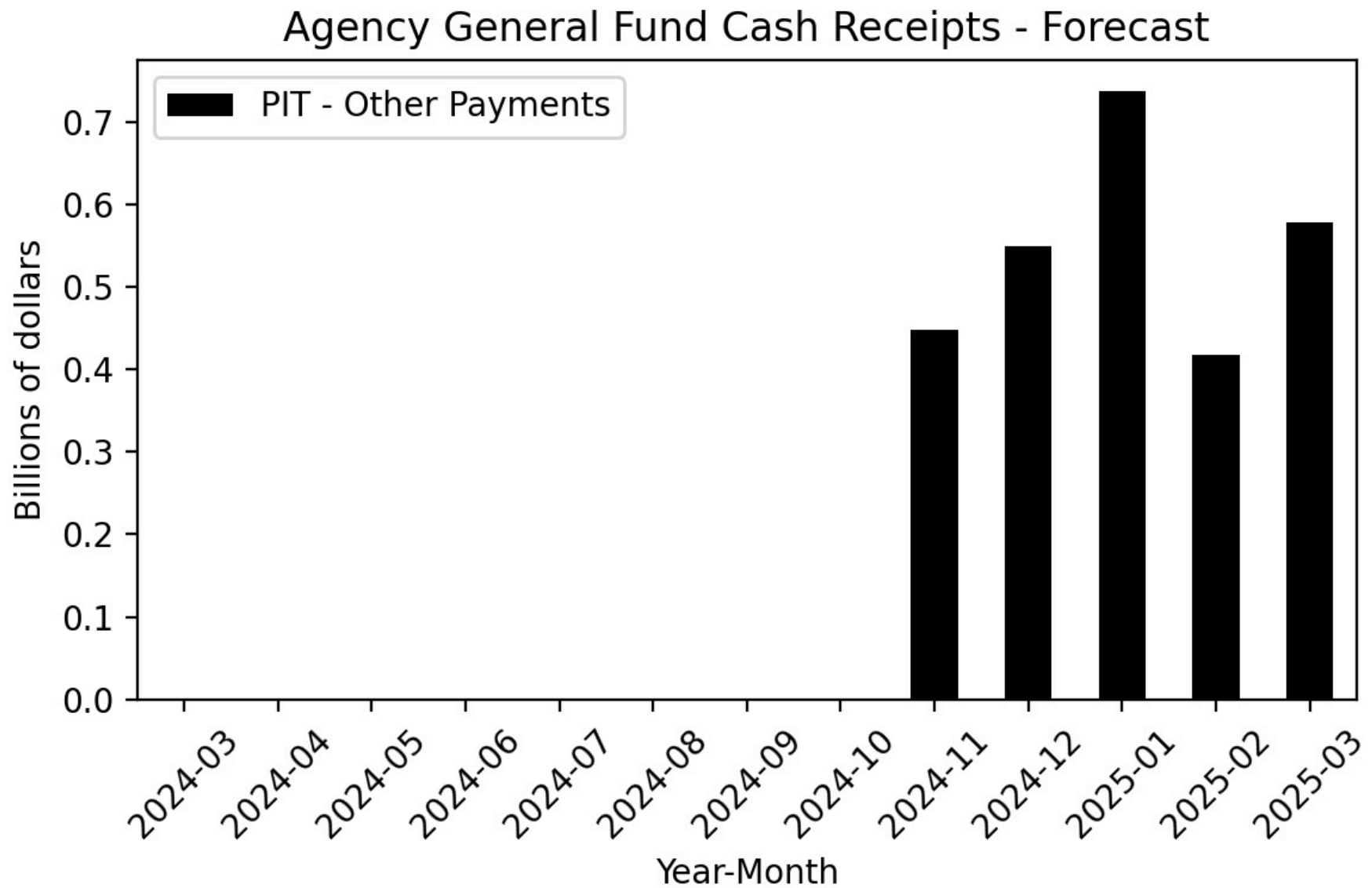


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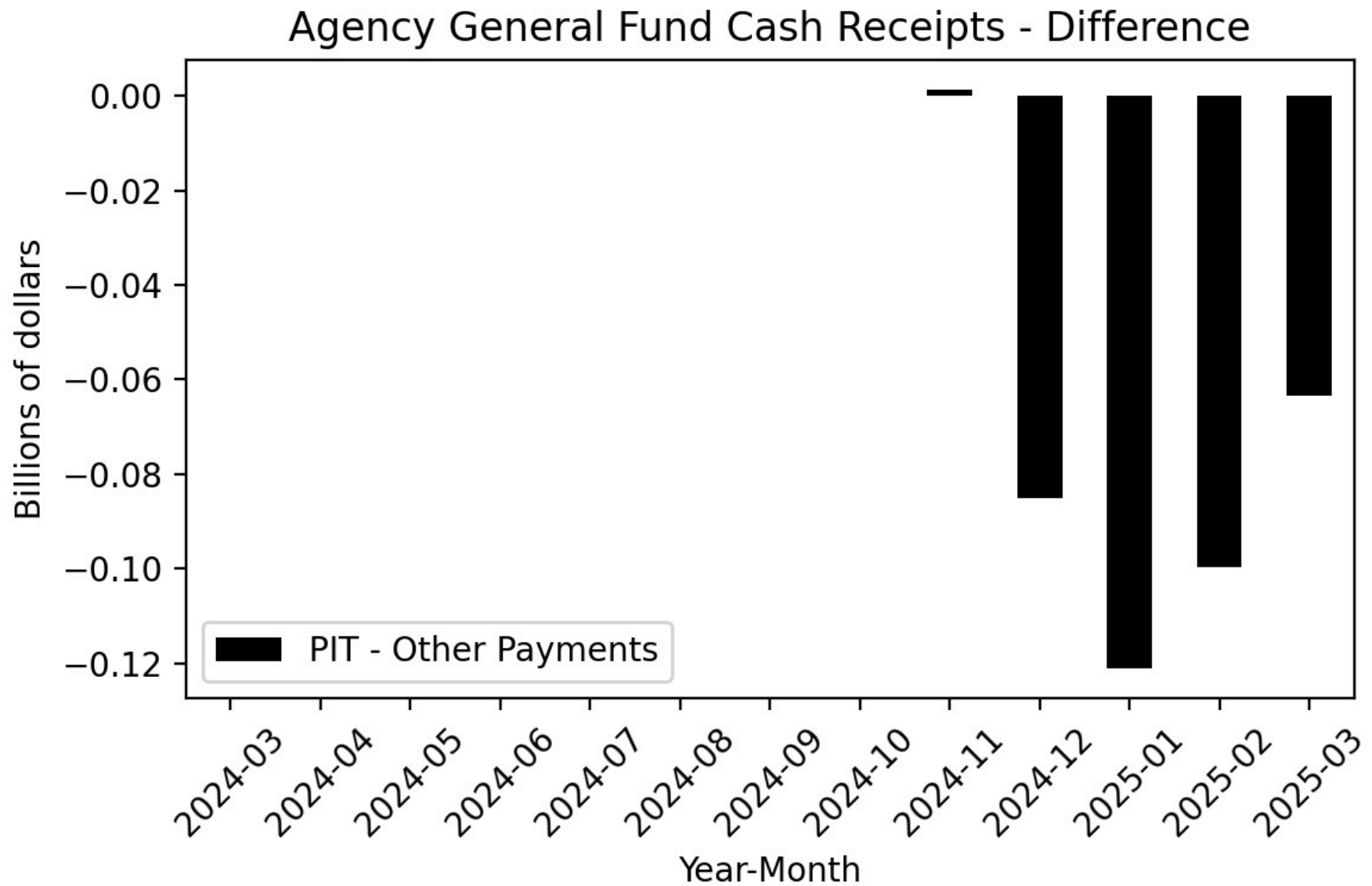


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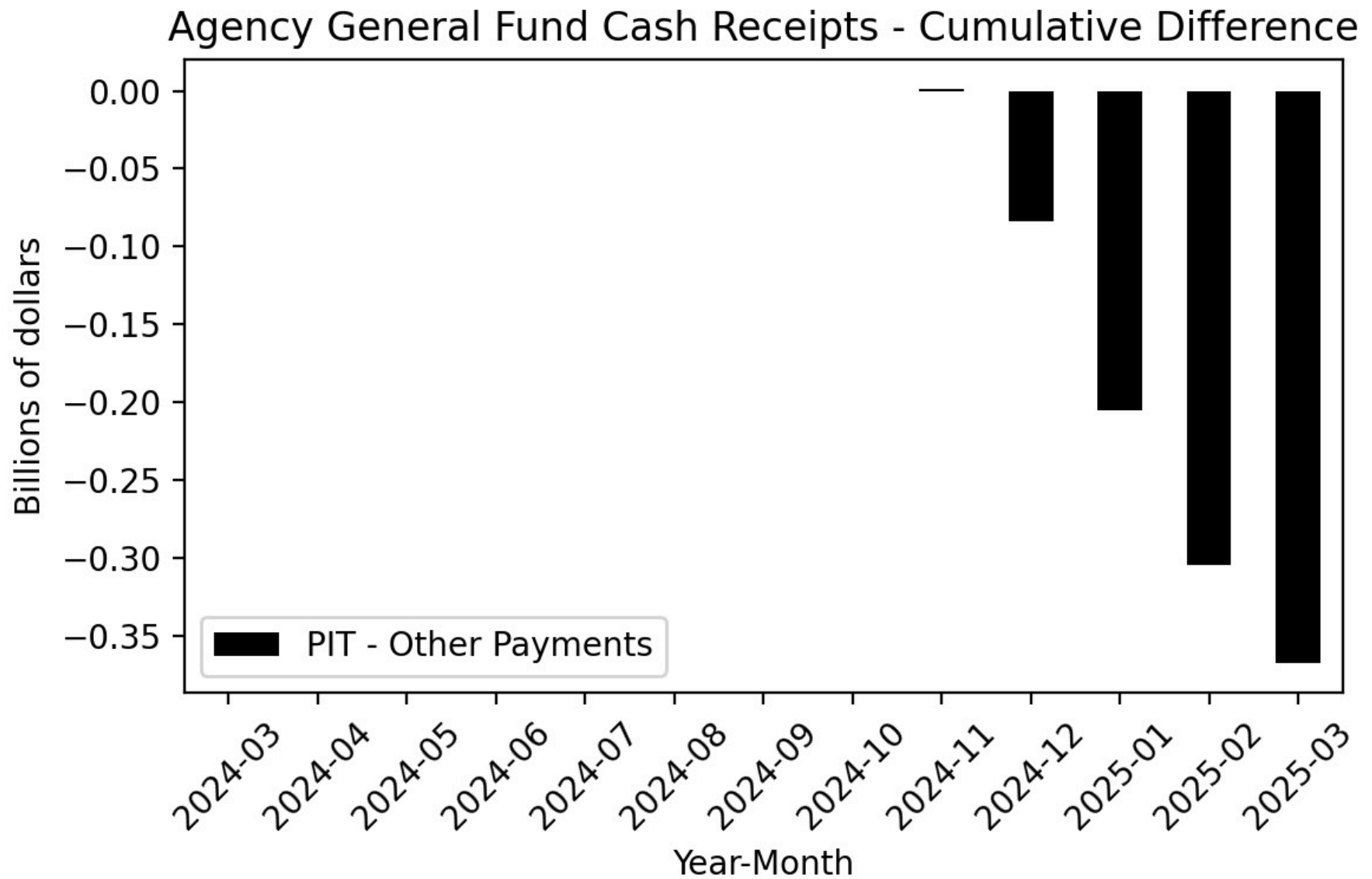


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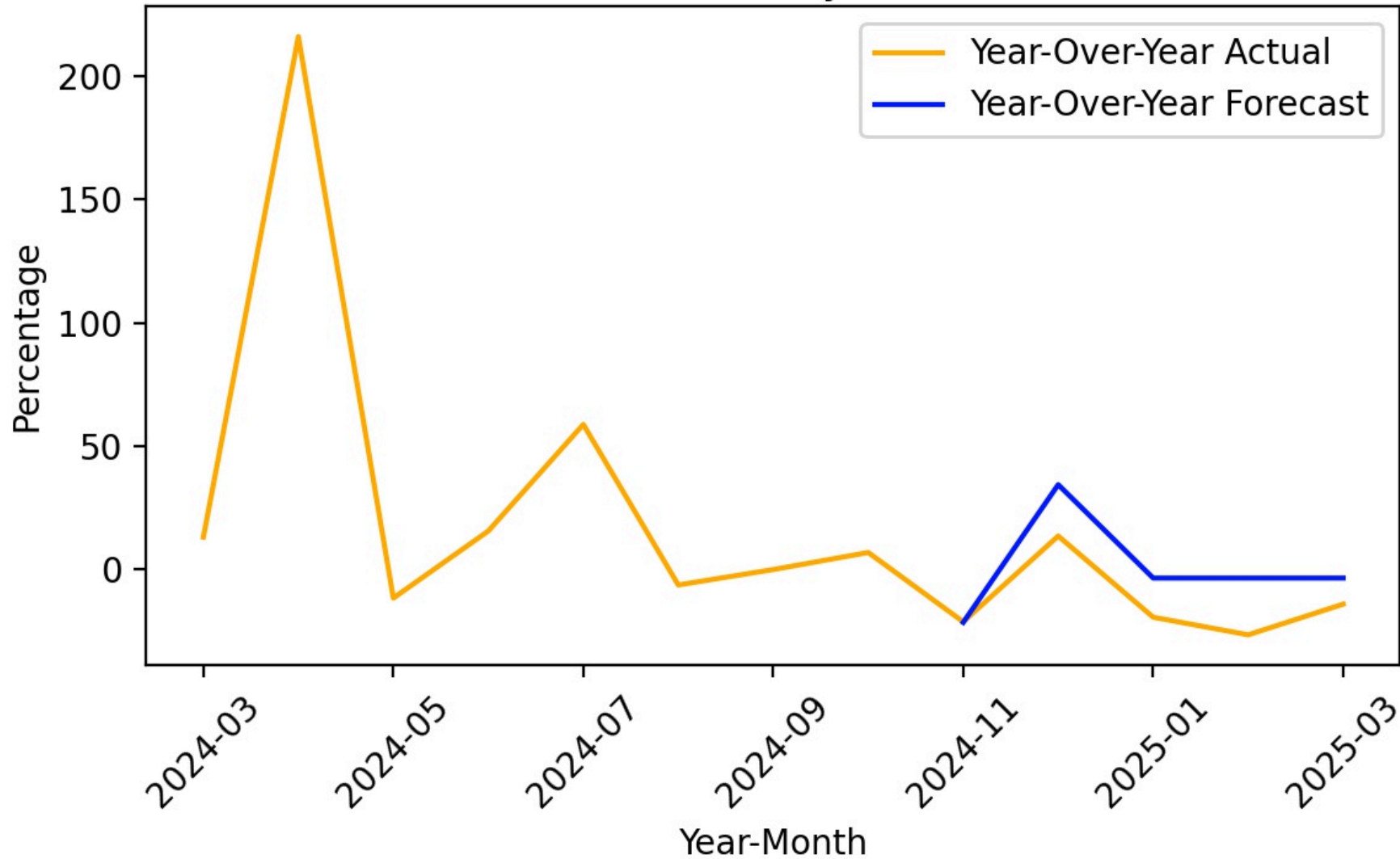


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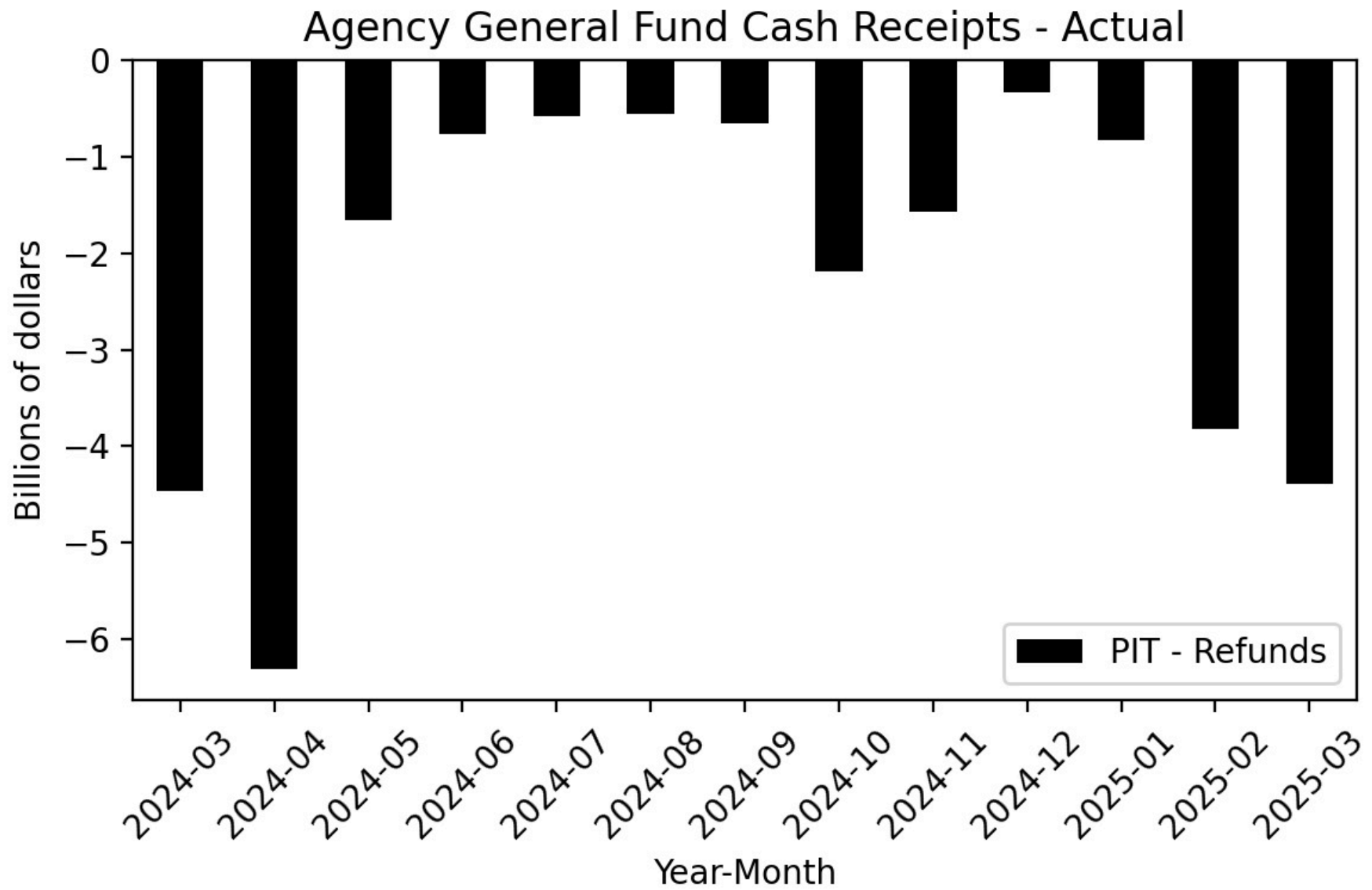


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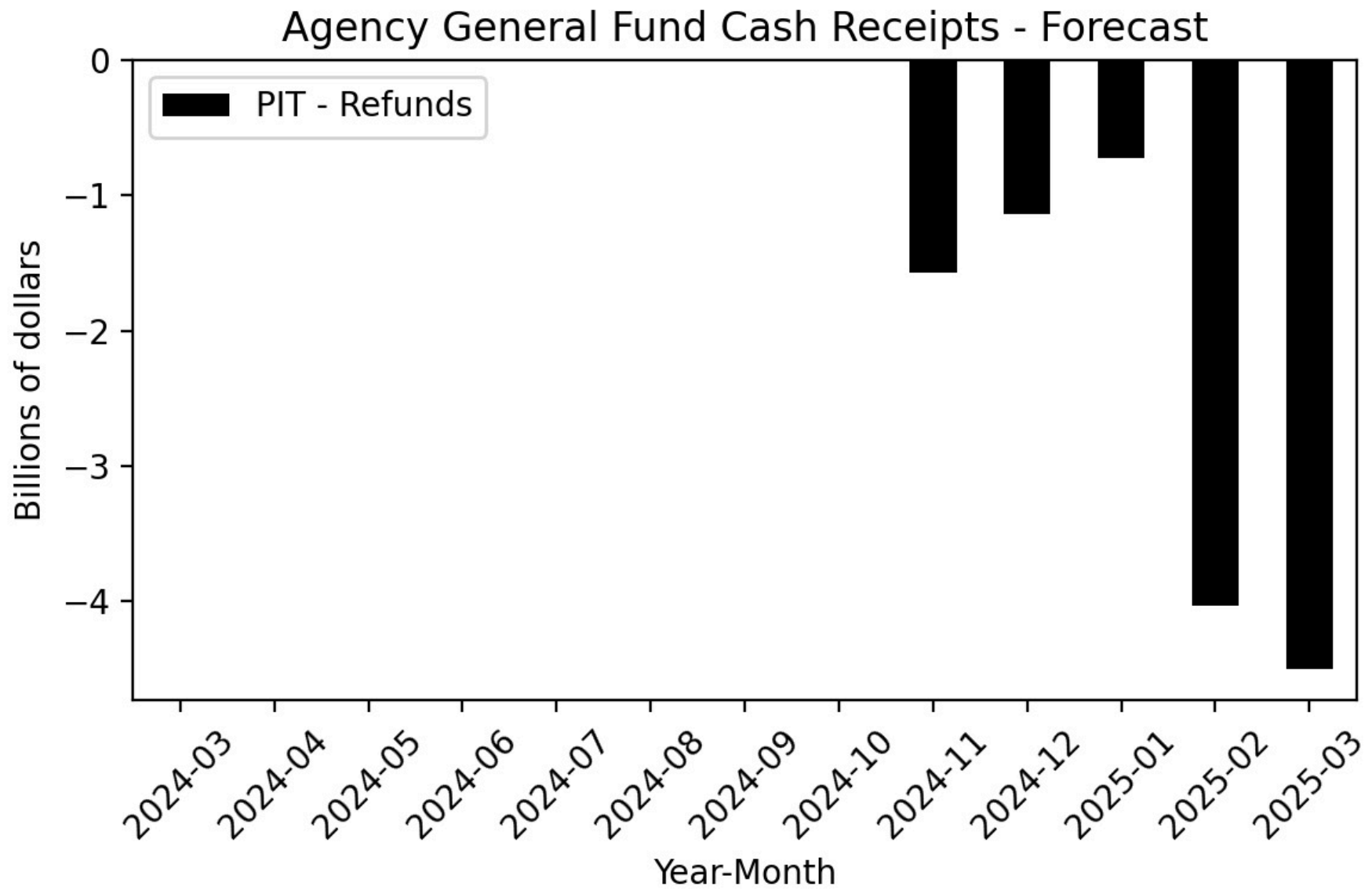


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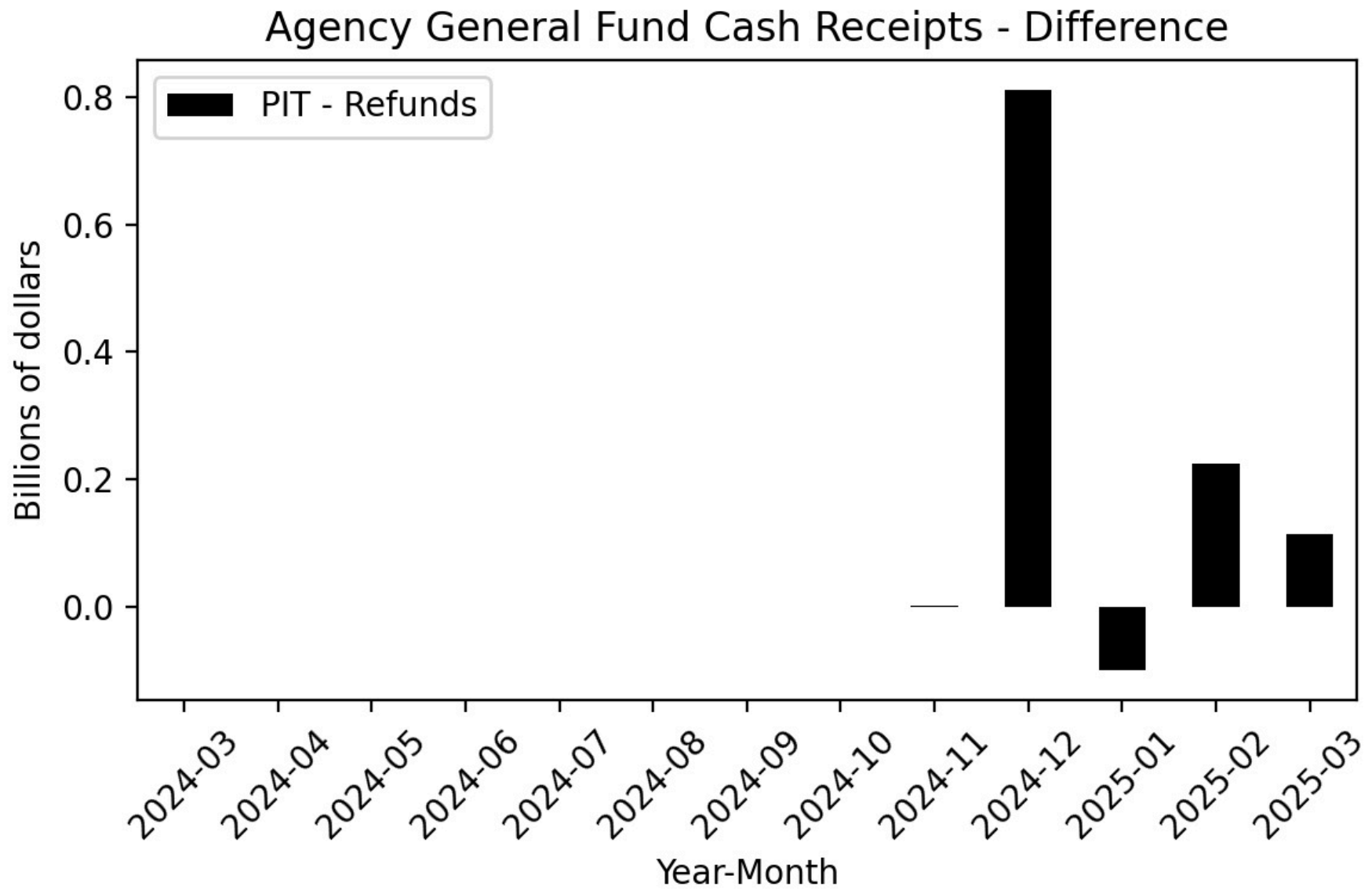


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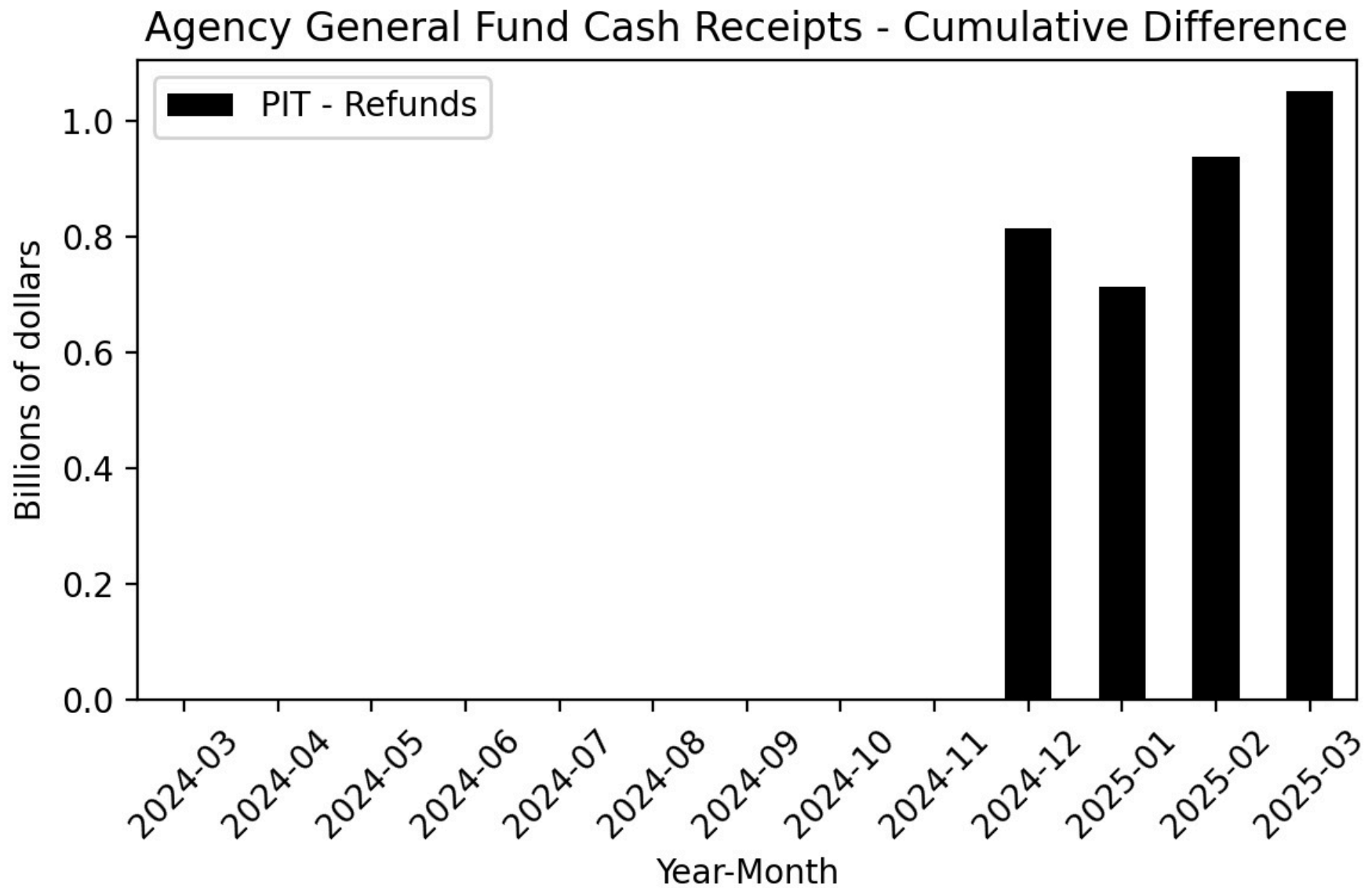


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Year-Over-Year Change - Actual and 2024-25 Budget Act Forecast
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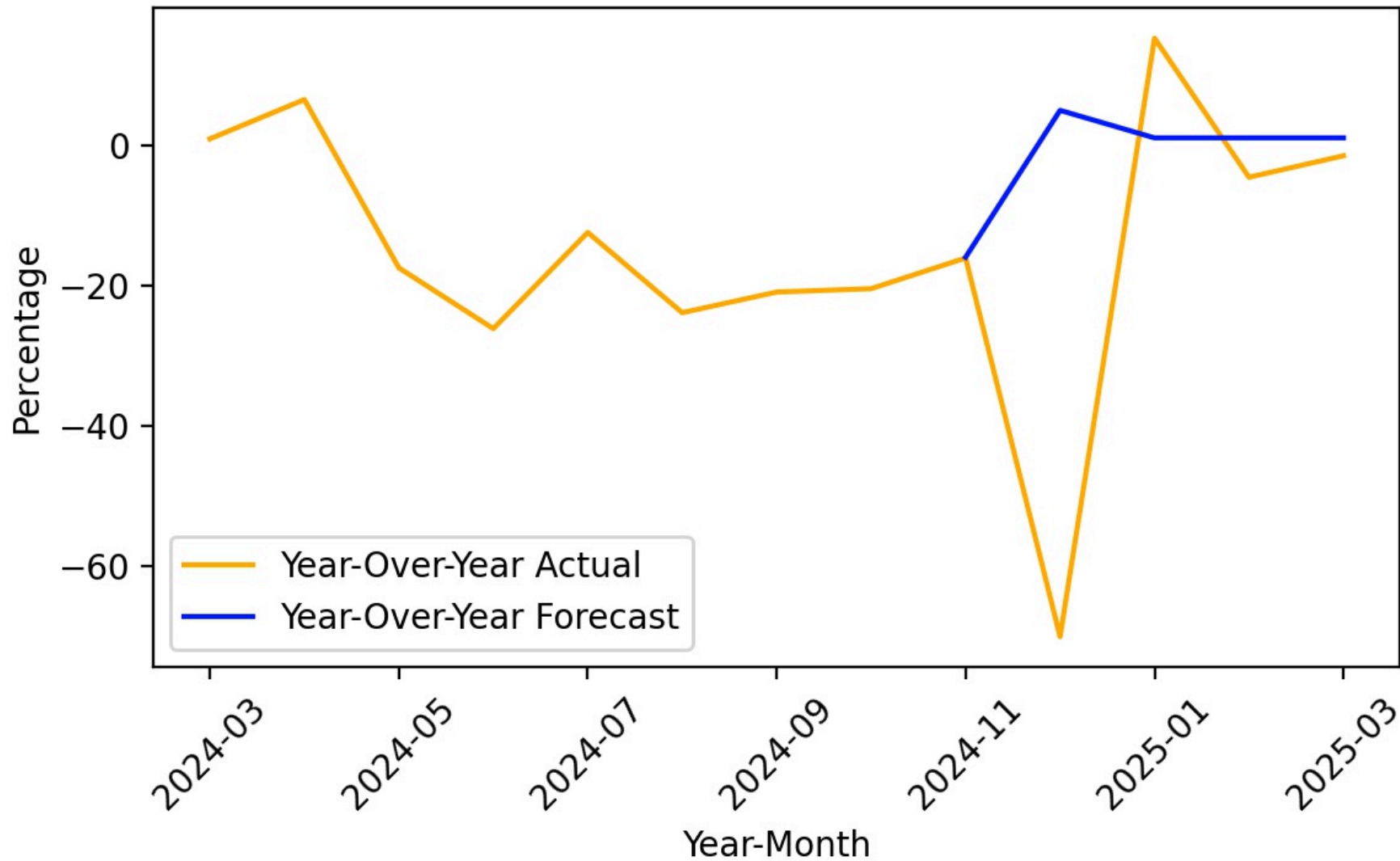


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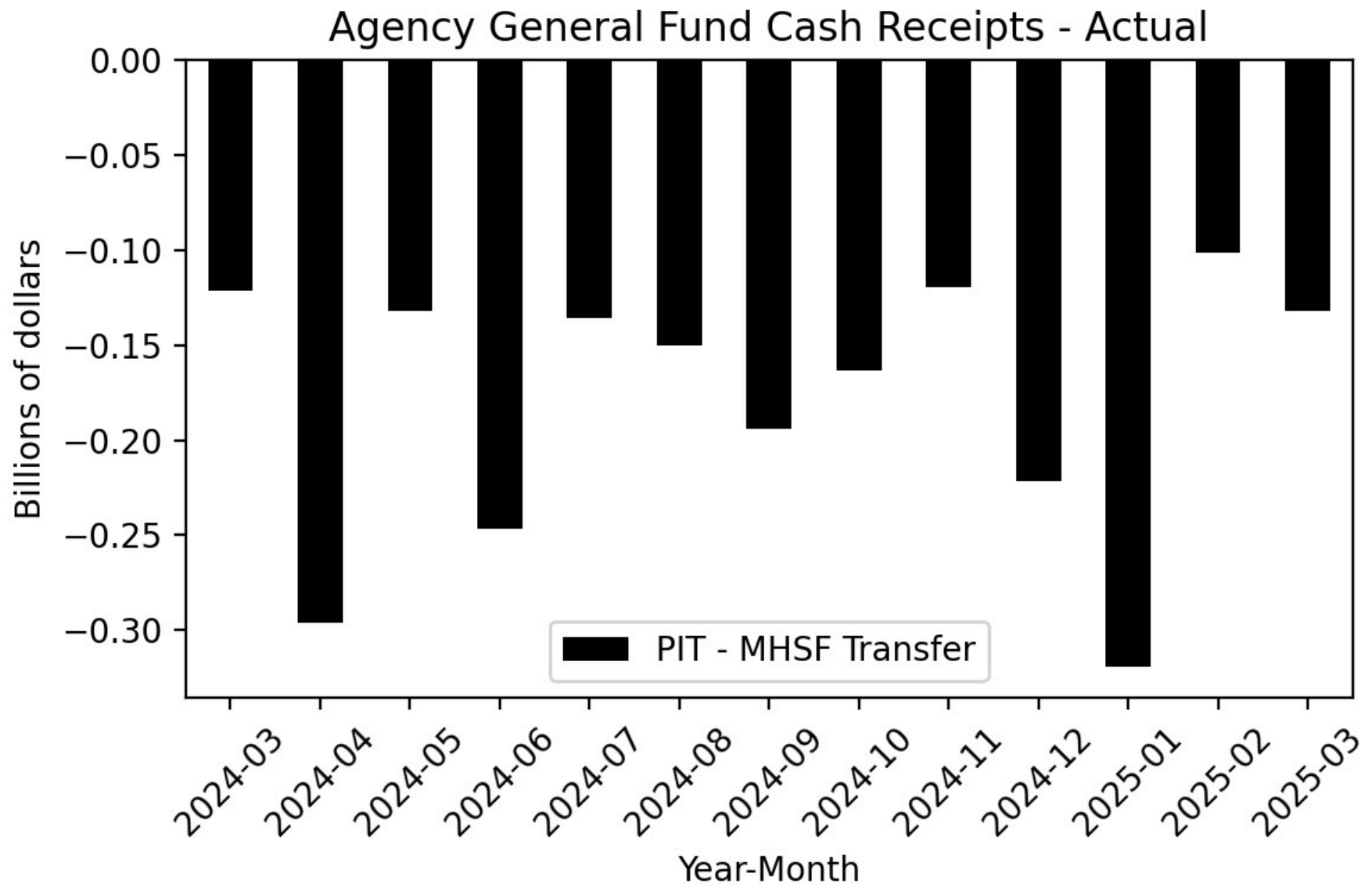


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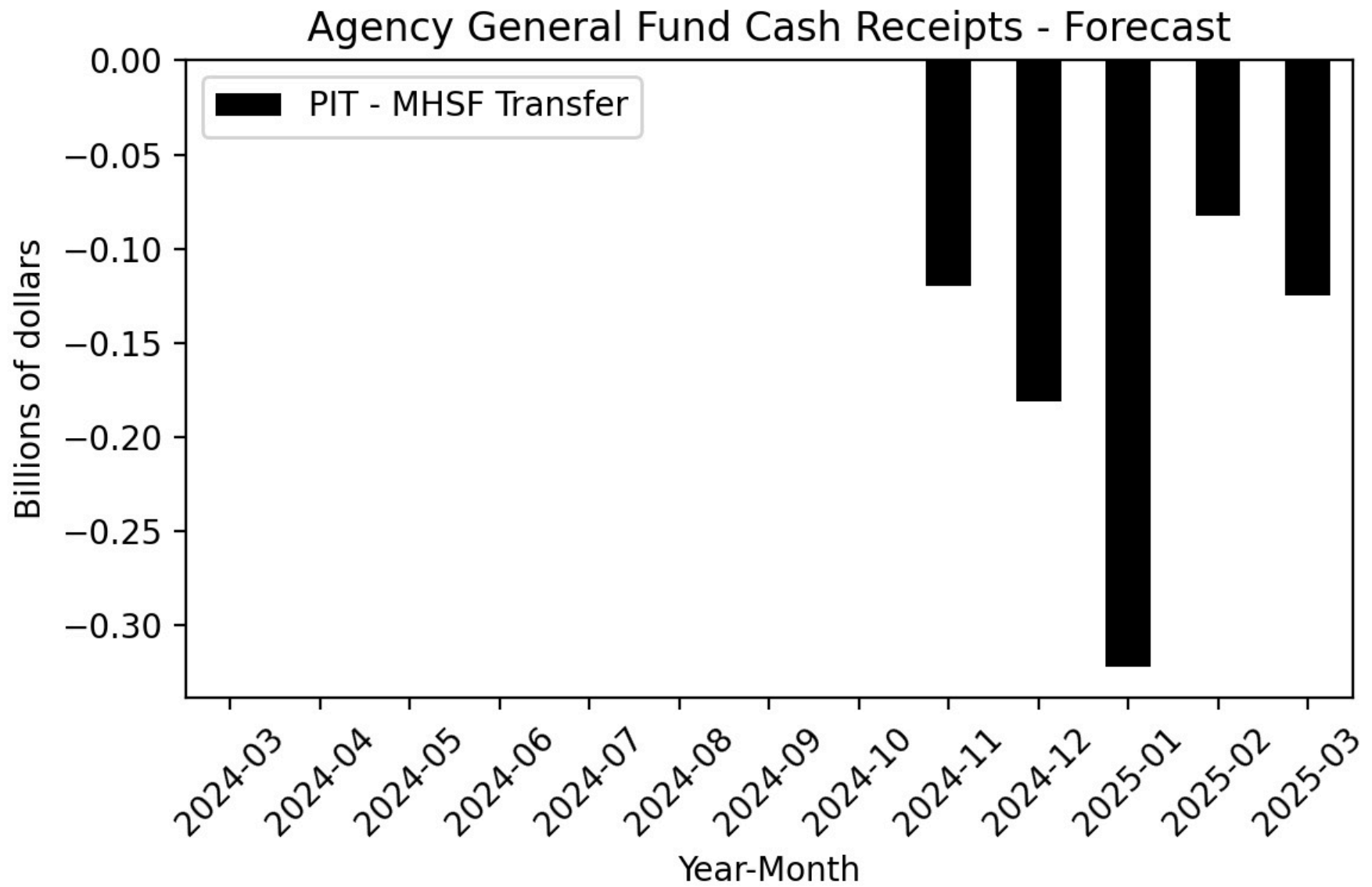


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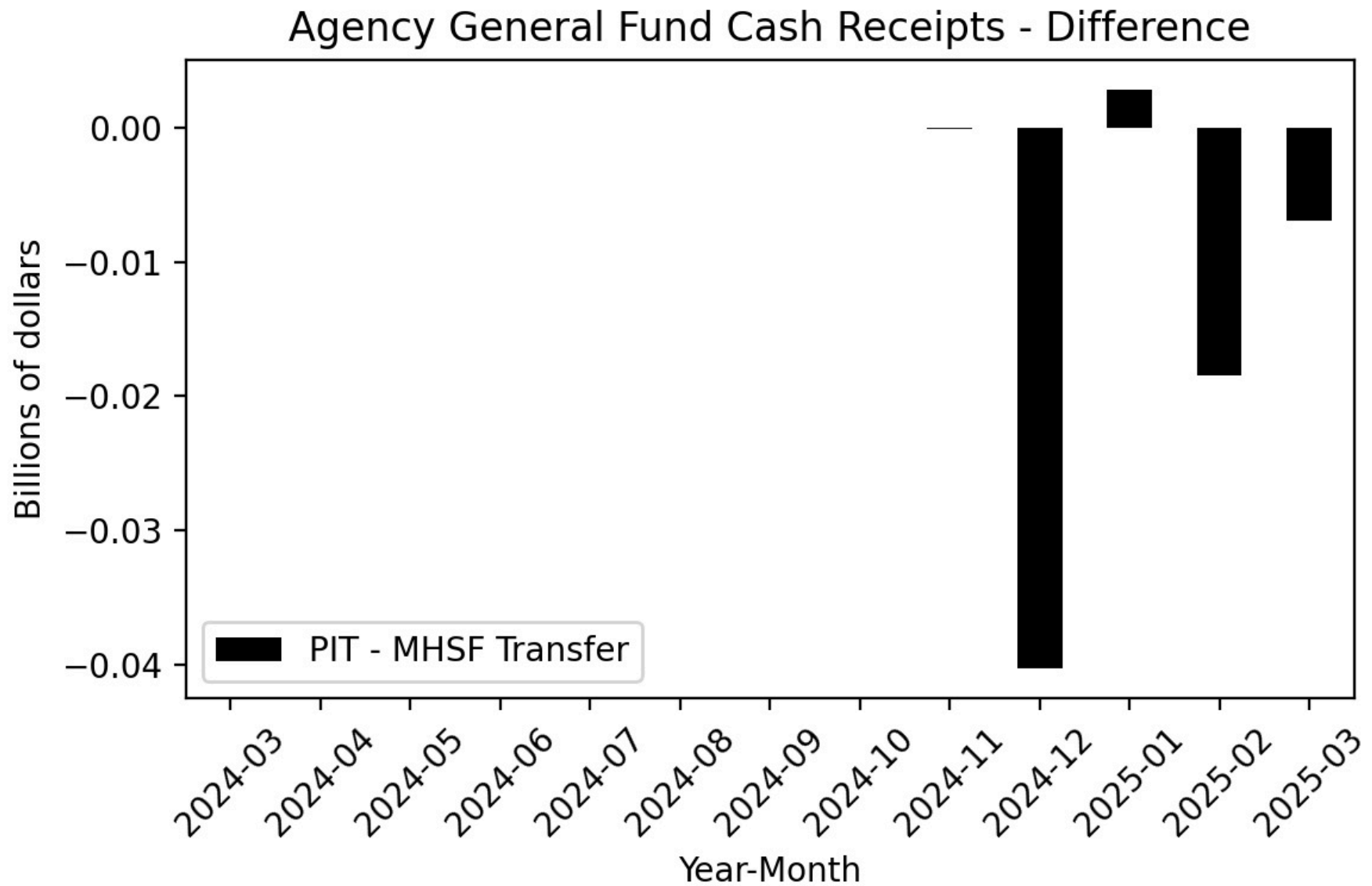


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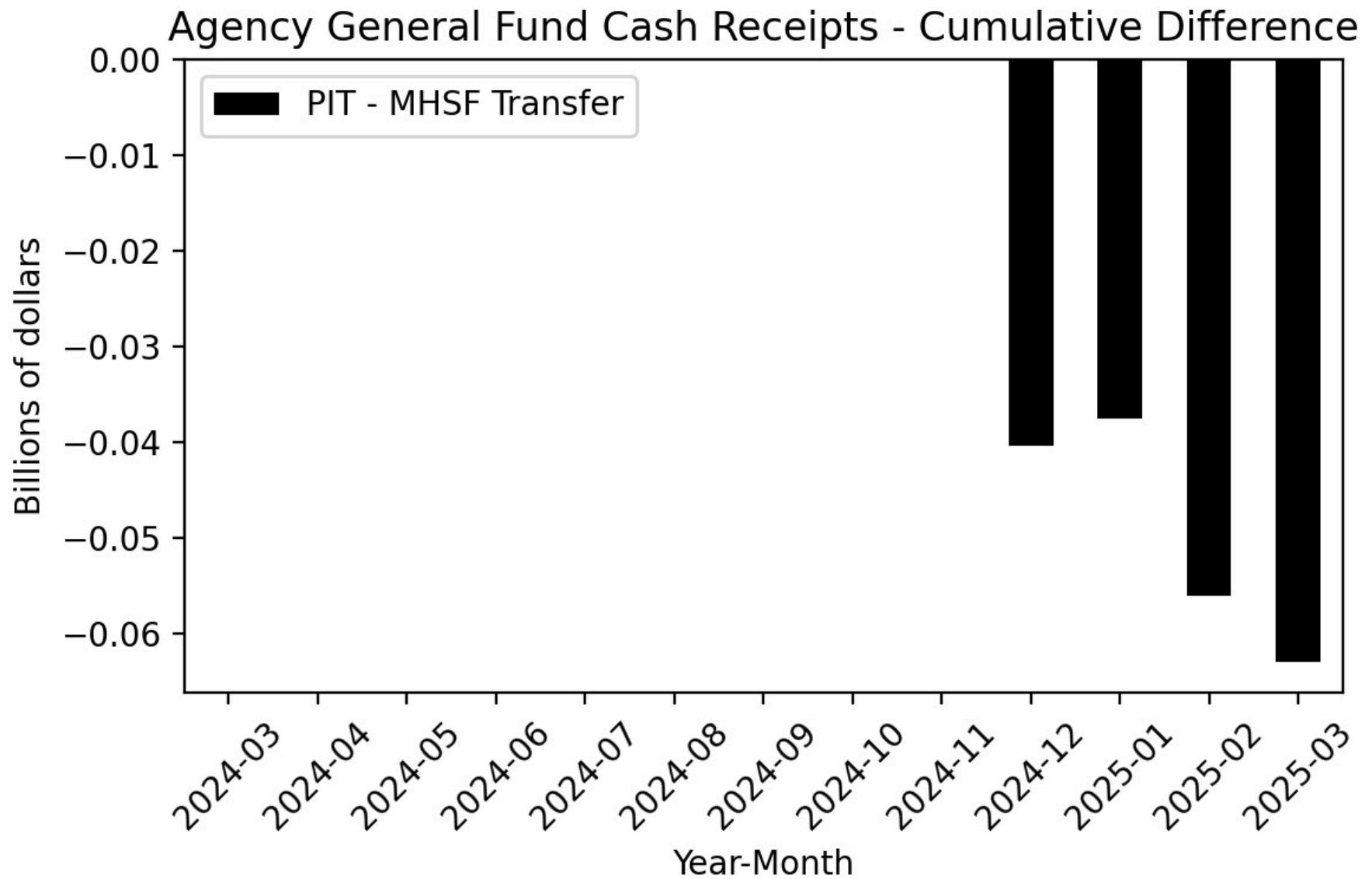


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Year-Over-Year Change - Actual and 2024-25 Budget Act Forecast
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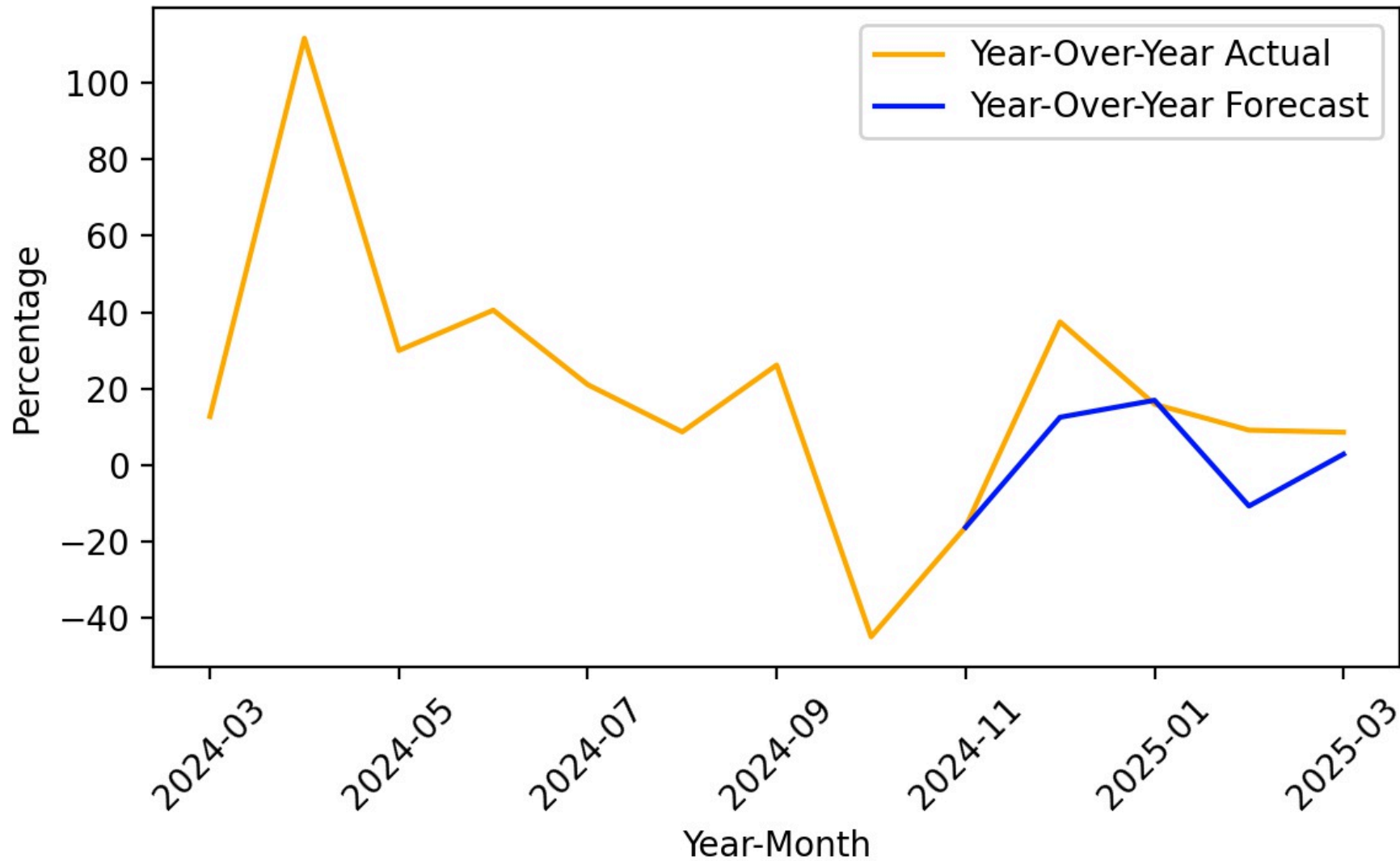


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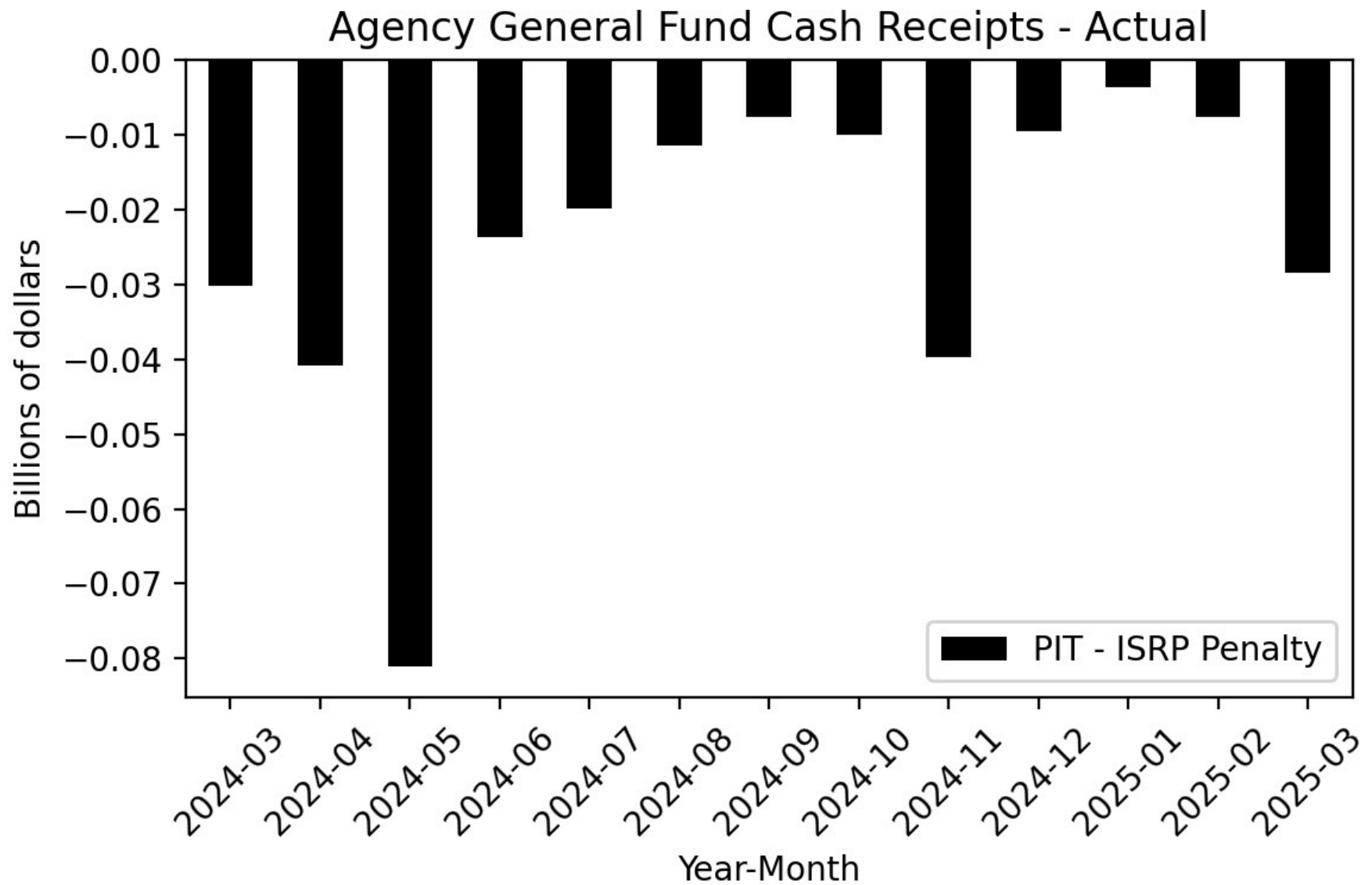


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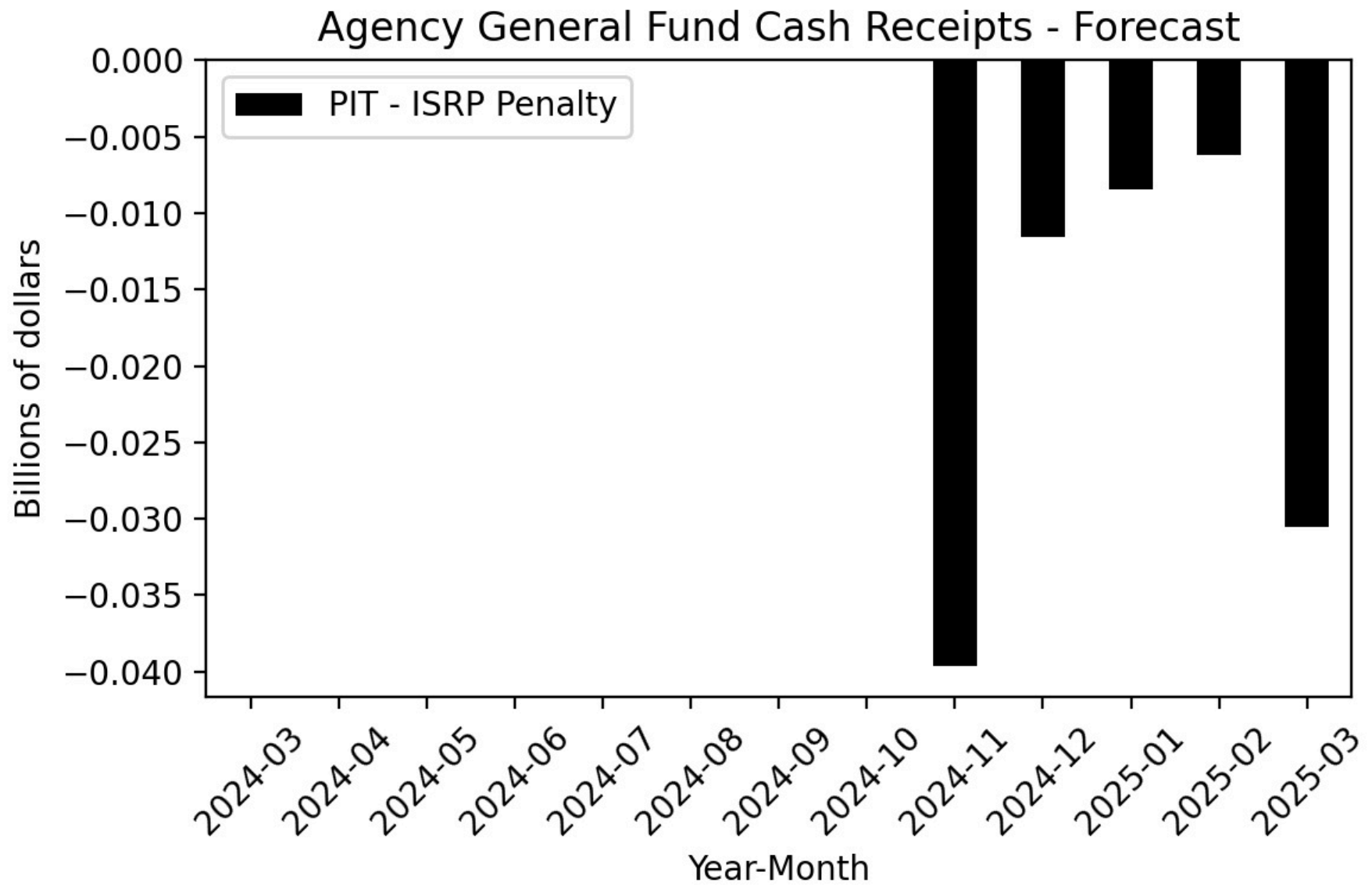


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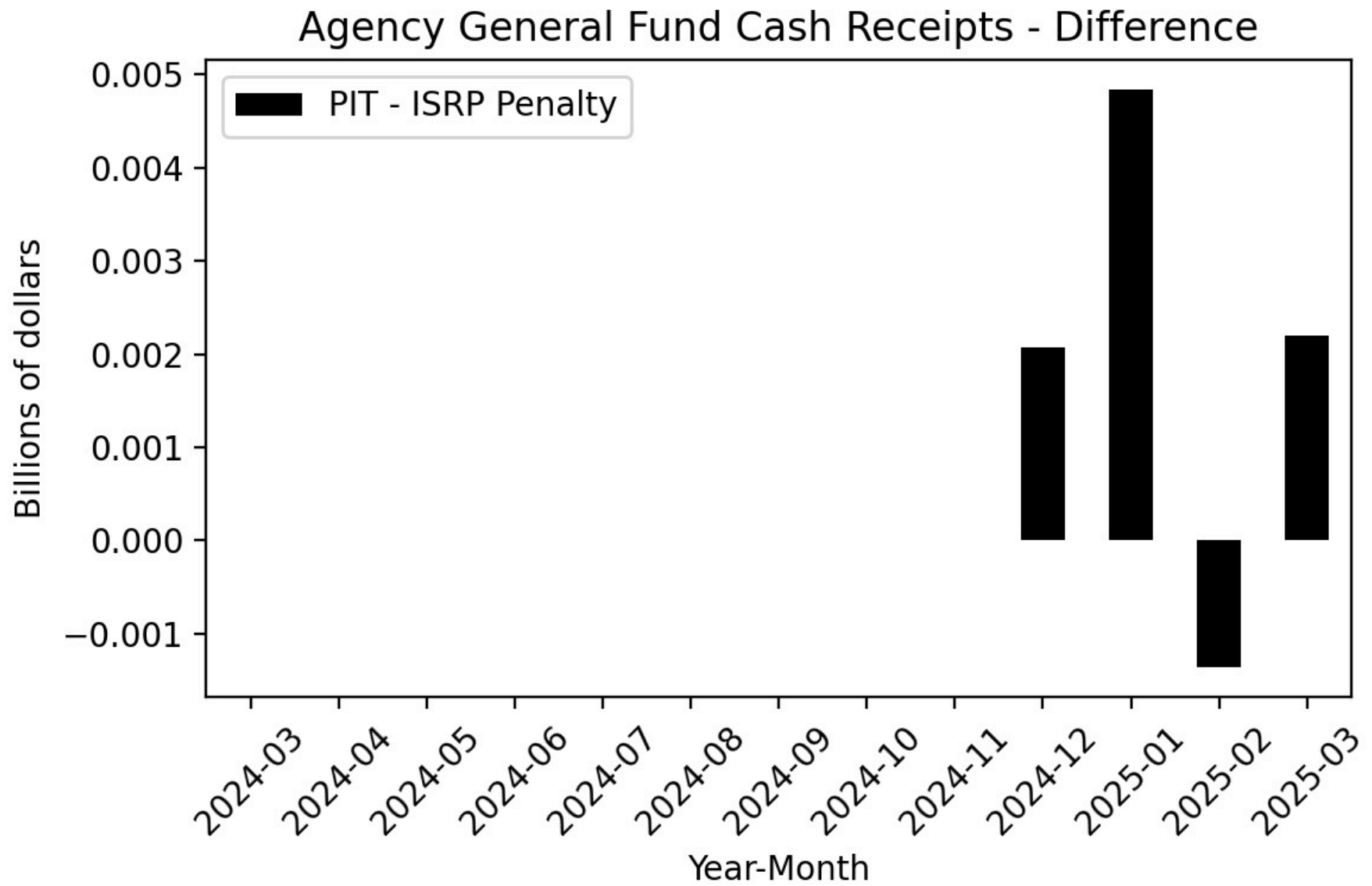


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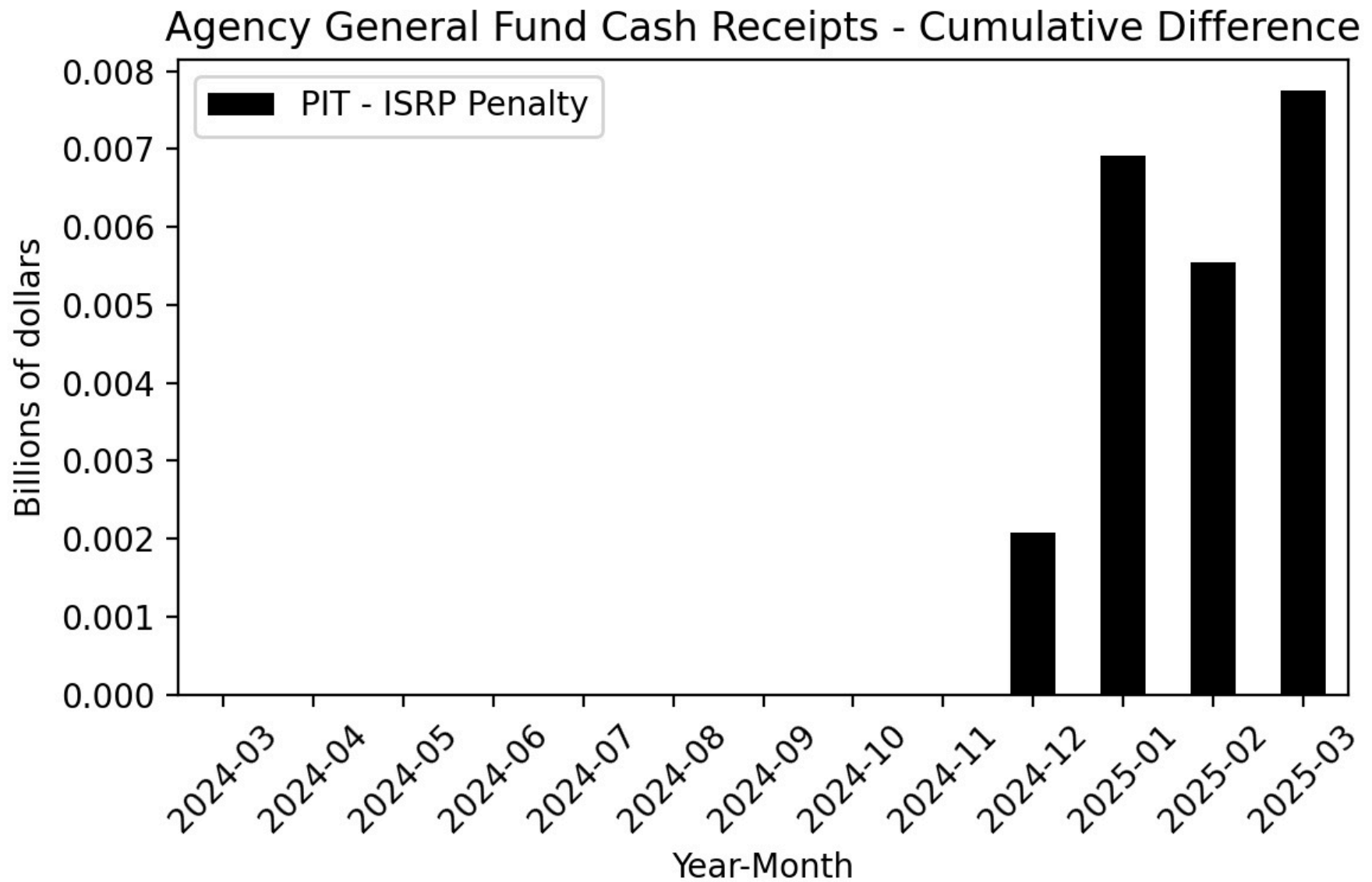


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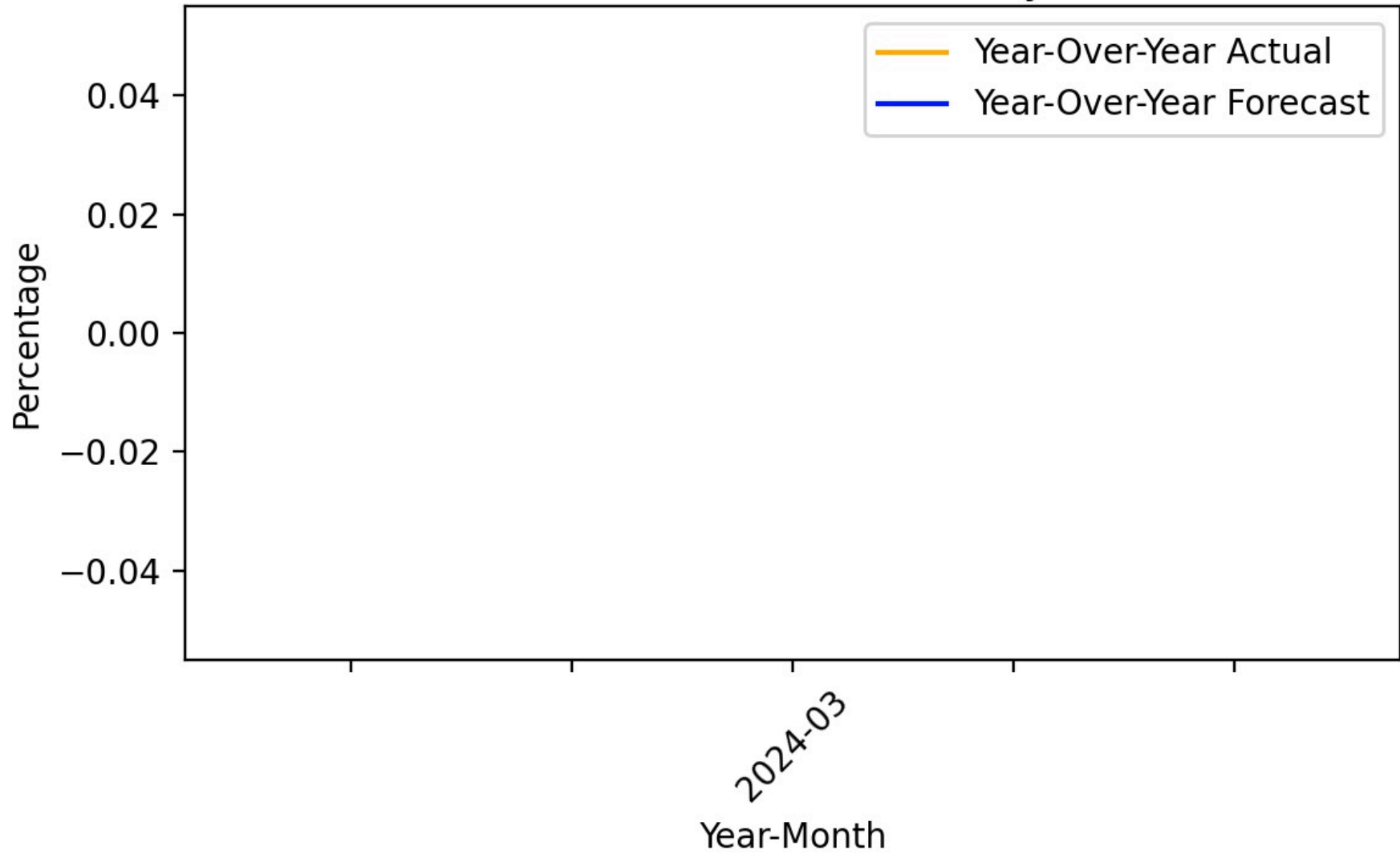


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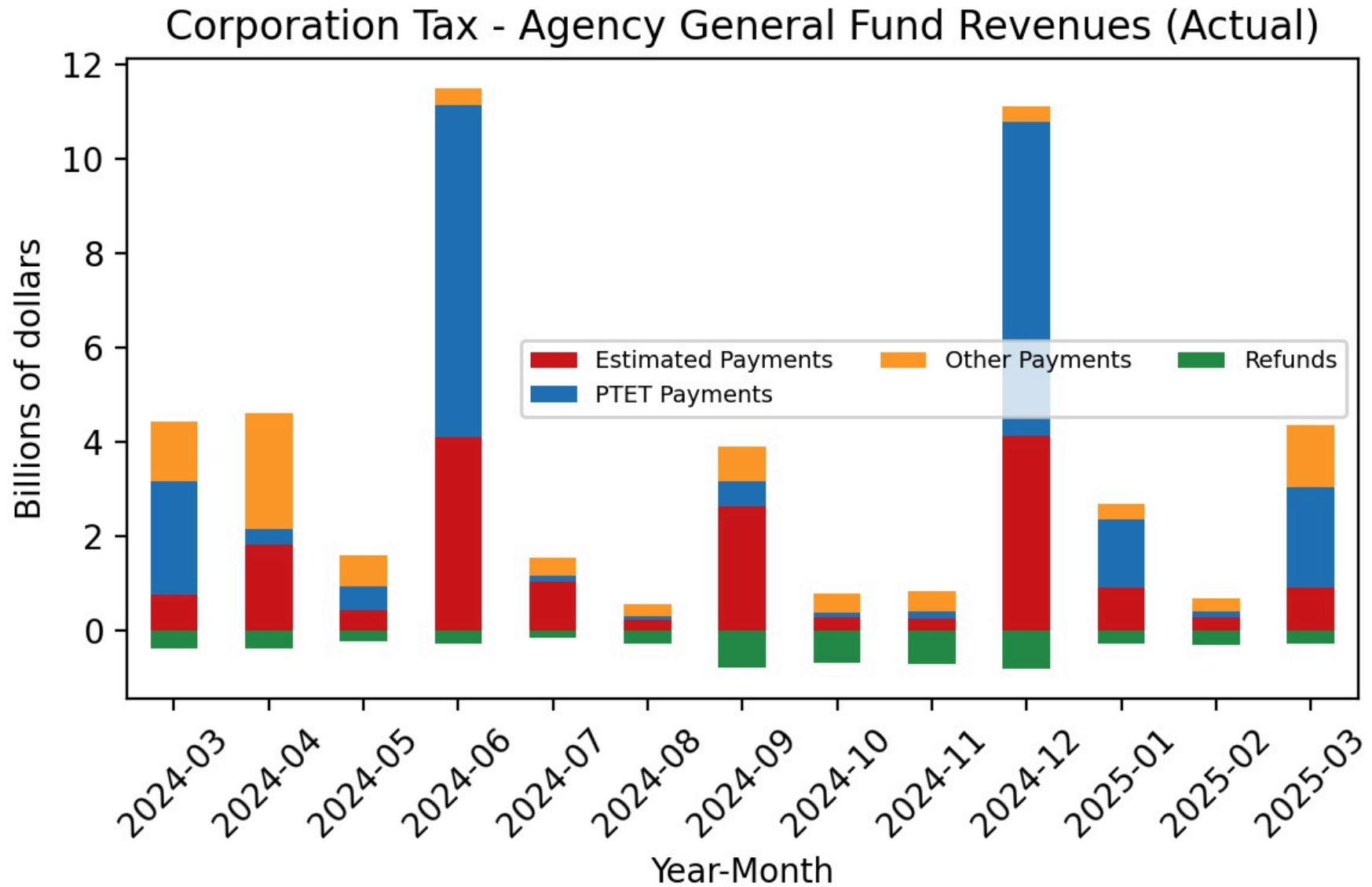


Figure 90

Corporation Tax - Agency General Fund Revenues (Forecast)

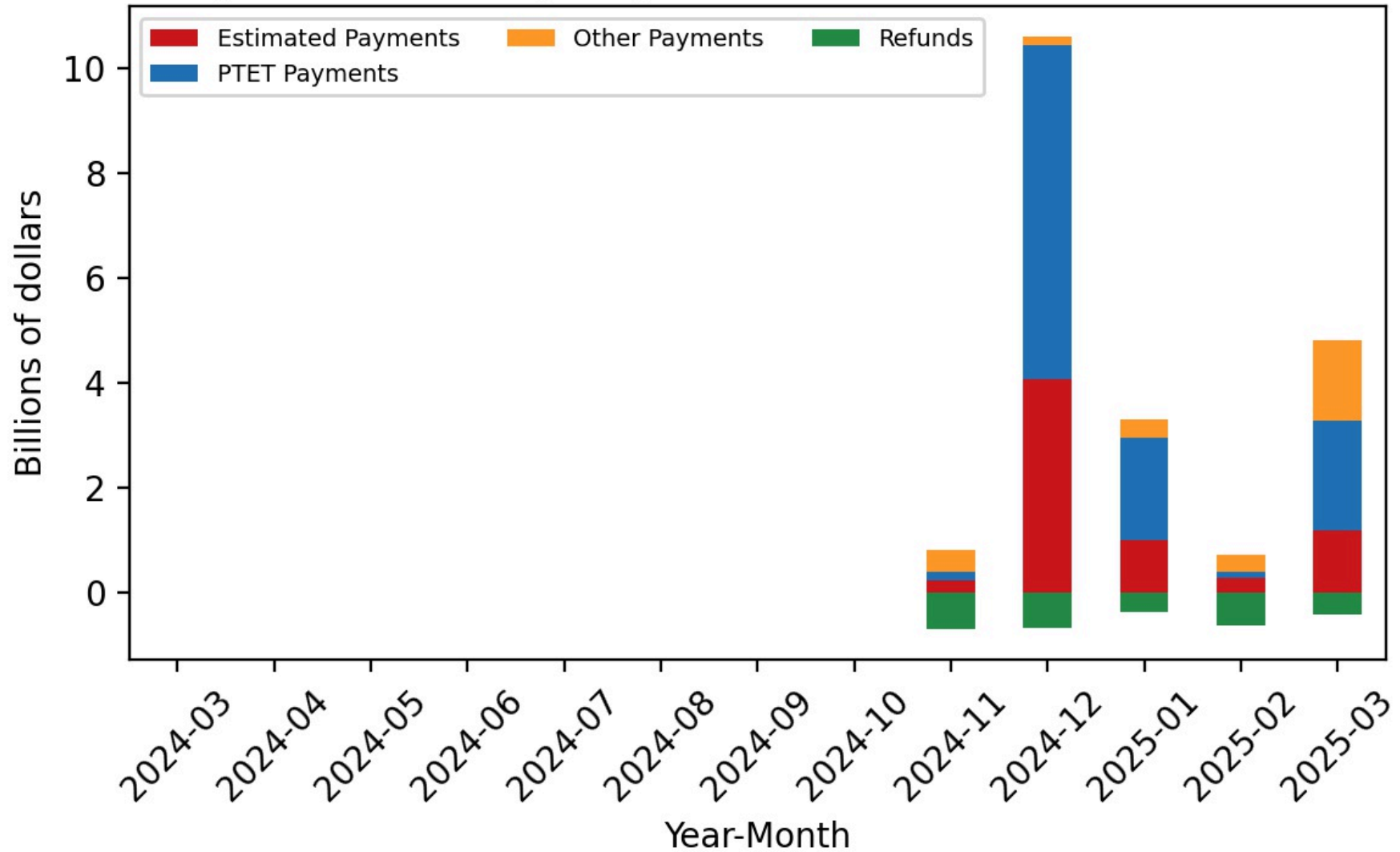


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Corporation Tax - Agency General Fund Revenues (Difference)

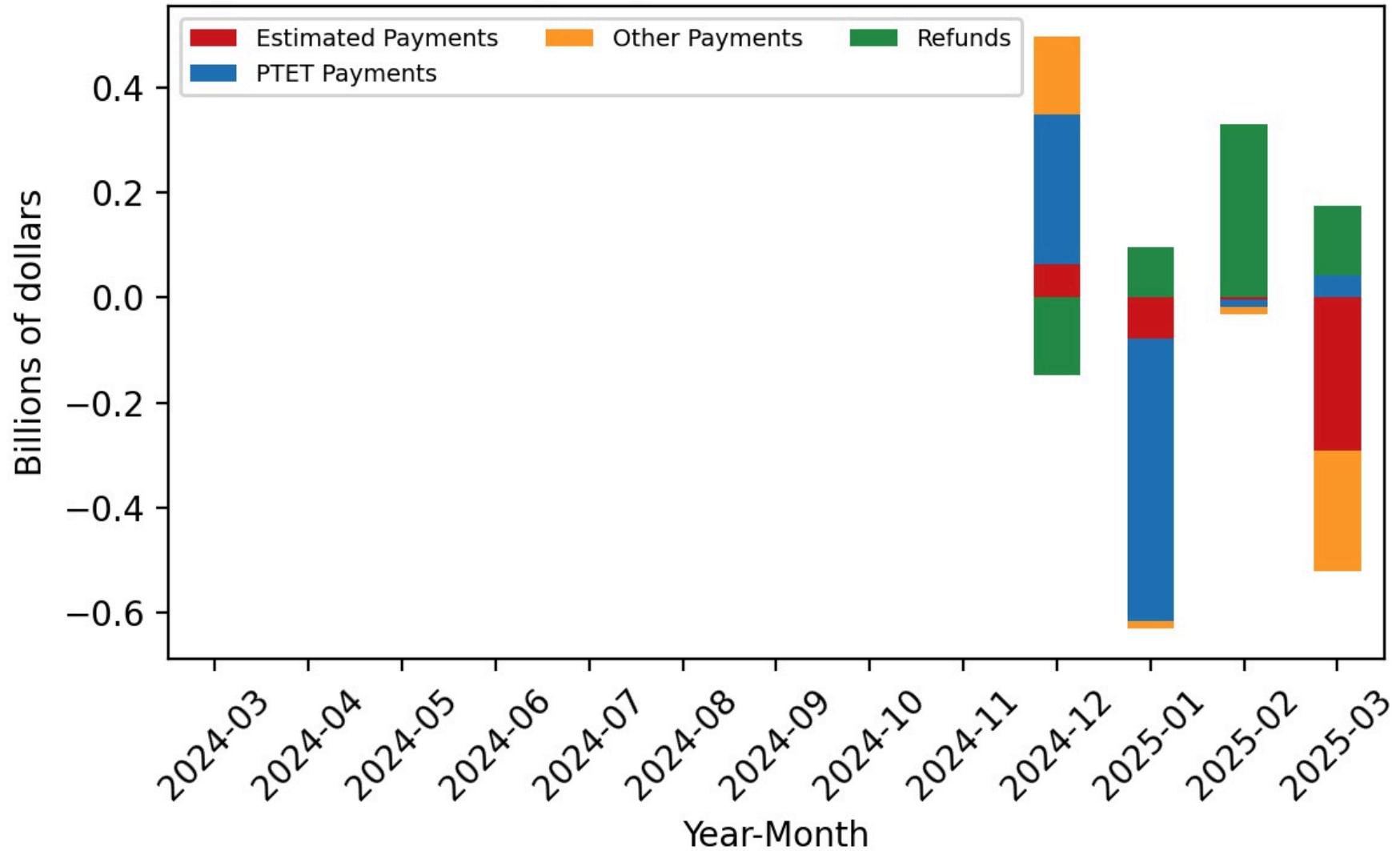


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Corporation Tax - Agency General Fund Revenues (Cumulative Difference)

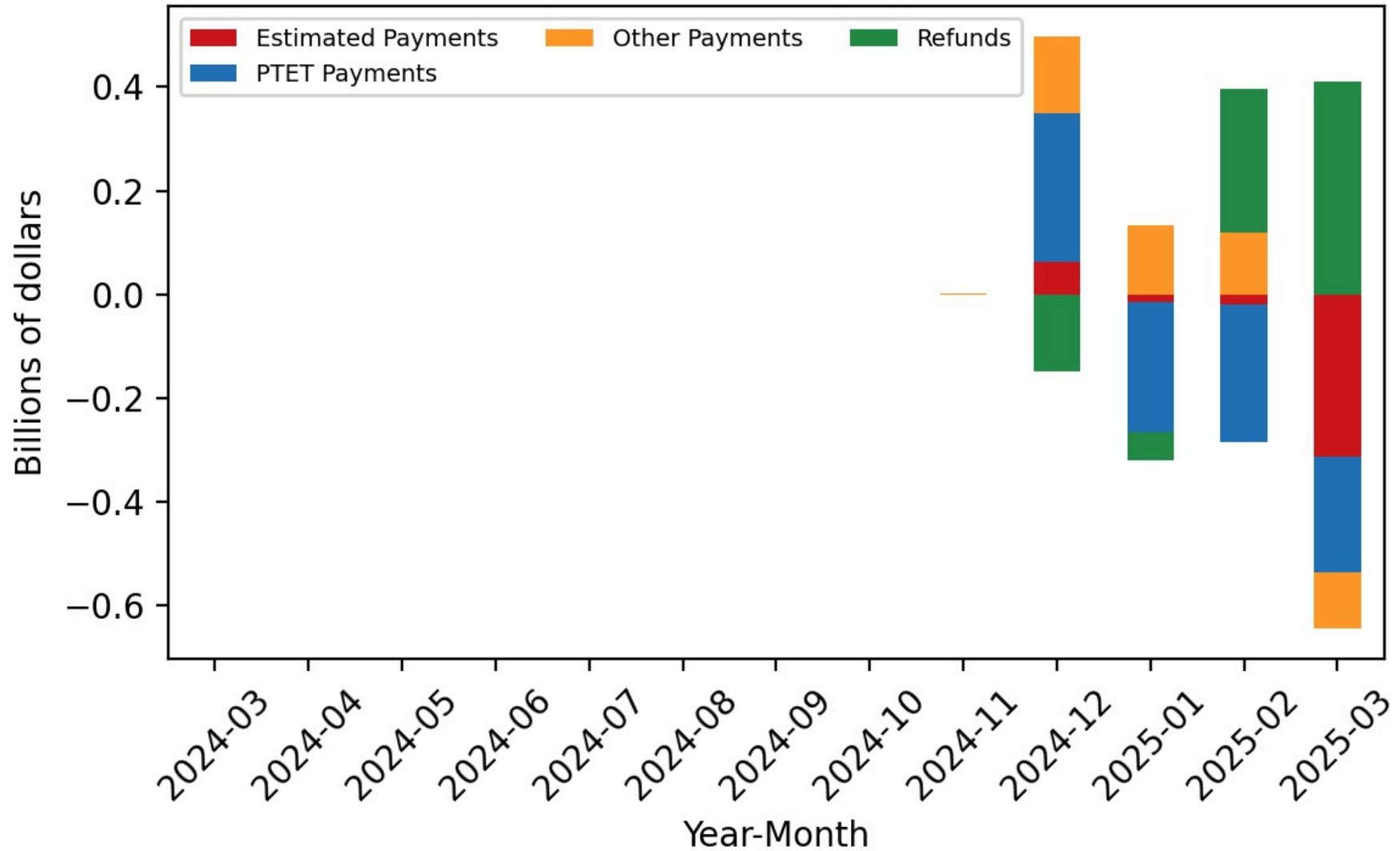


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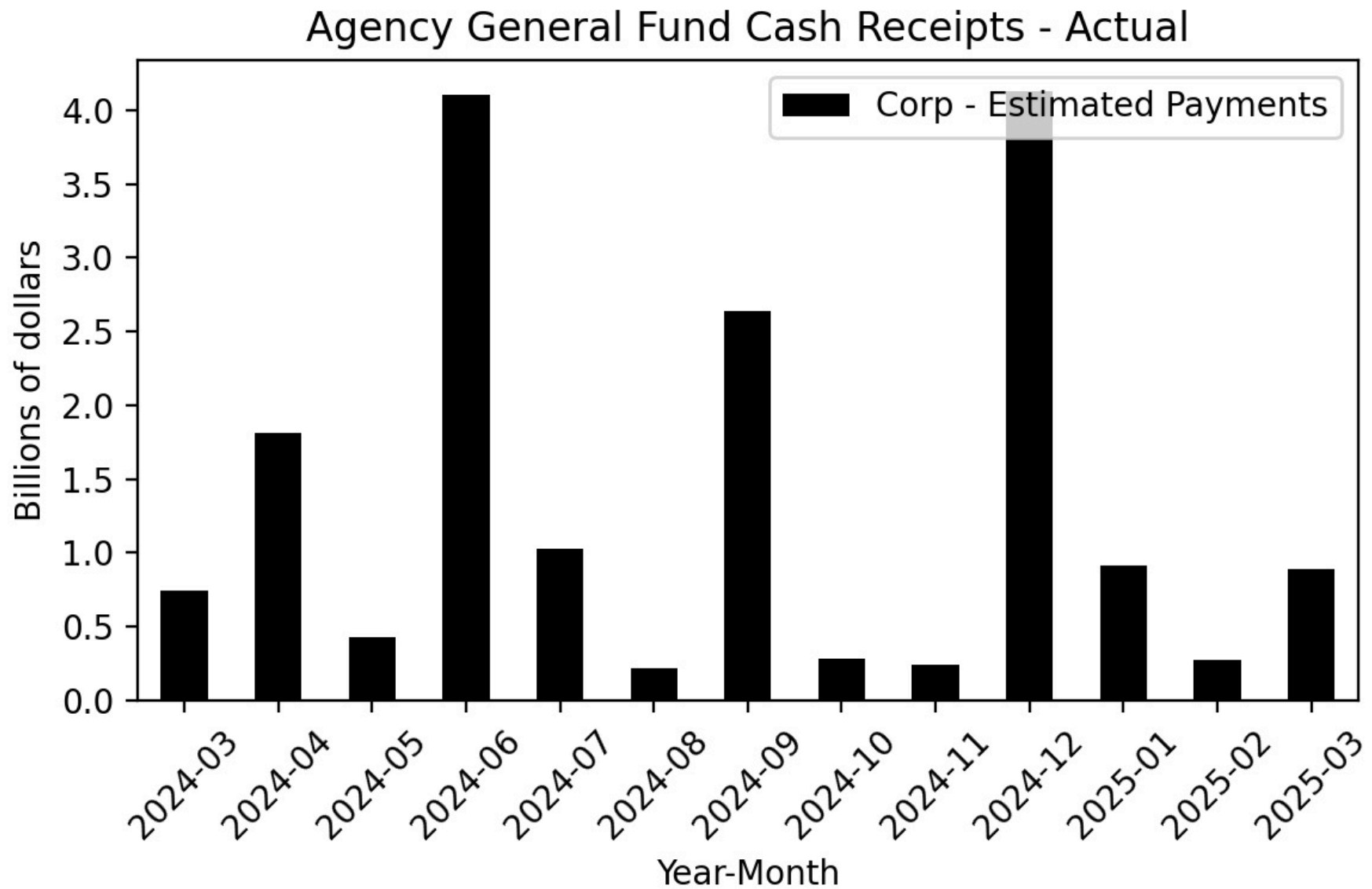


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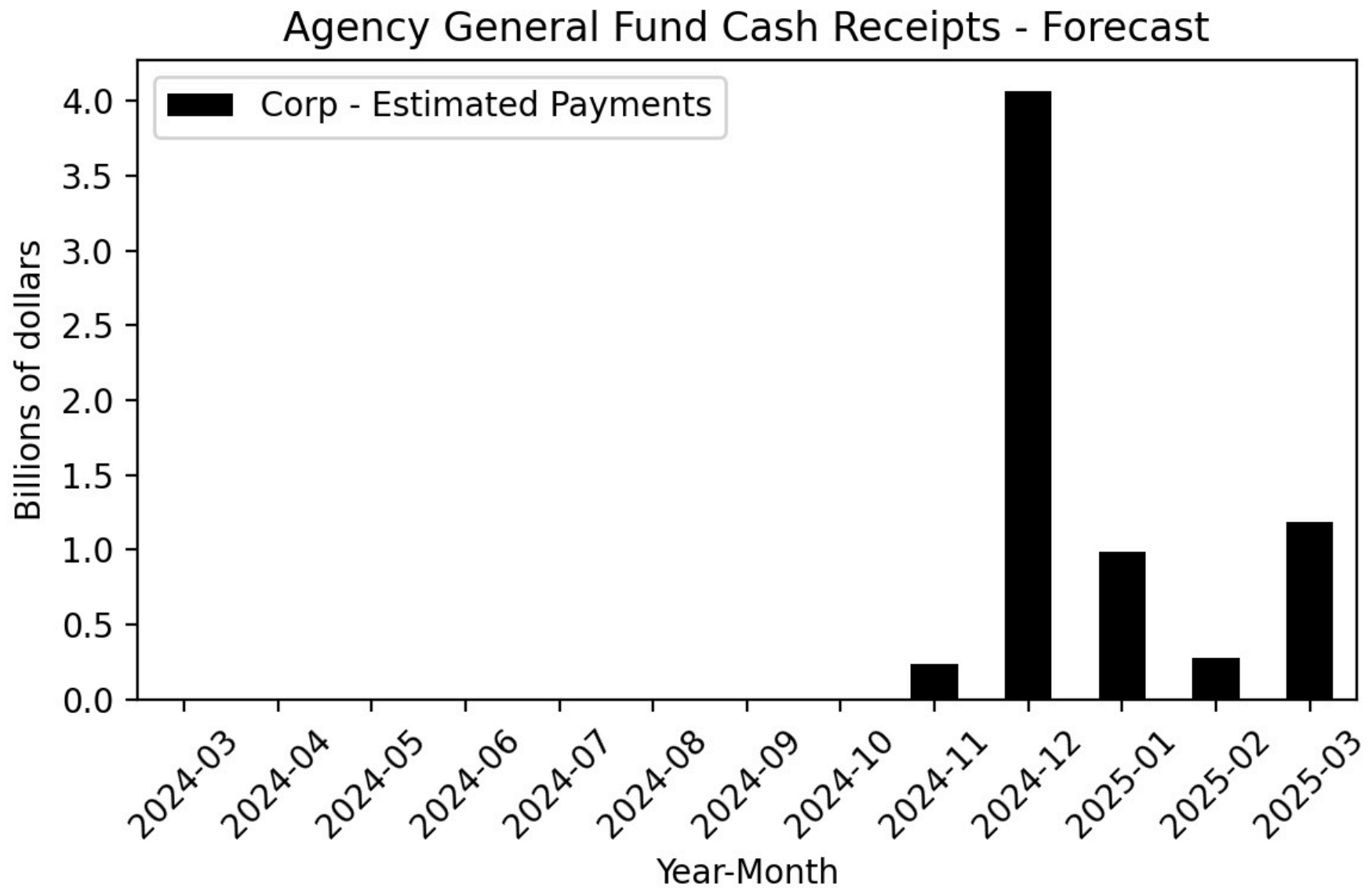


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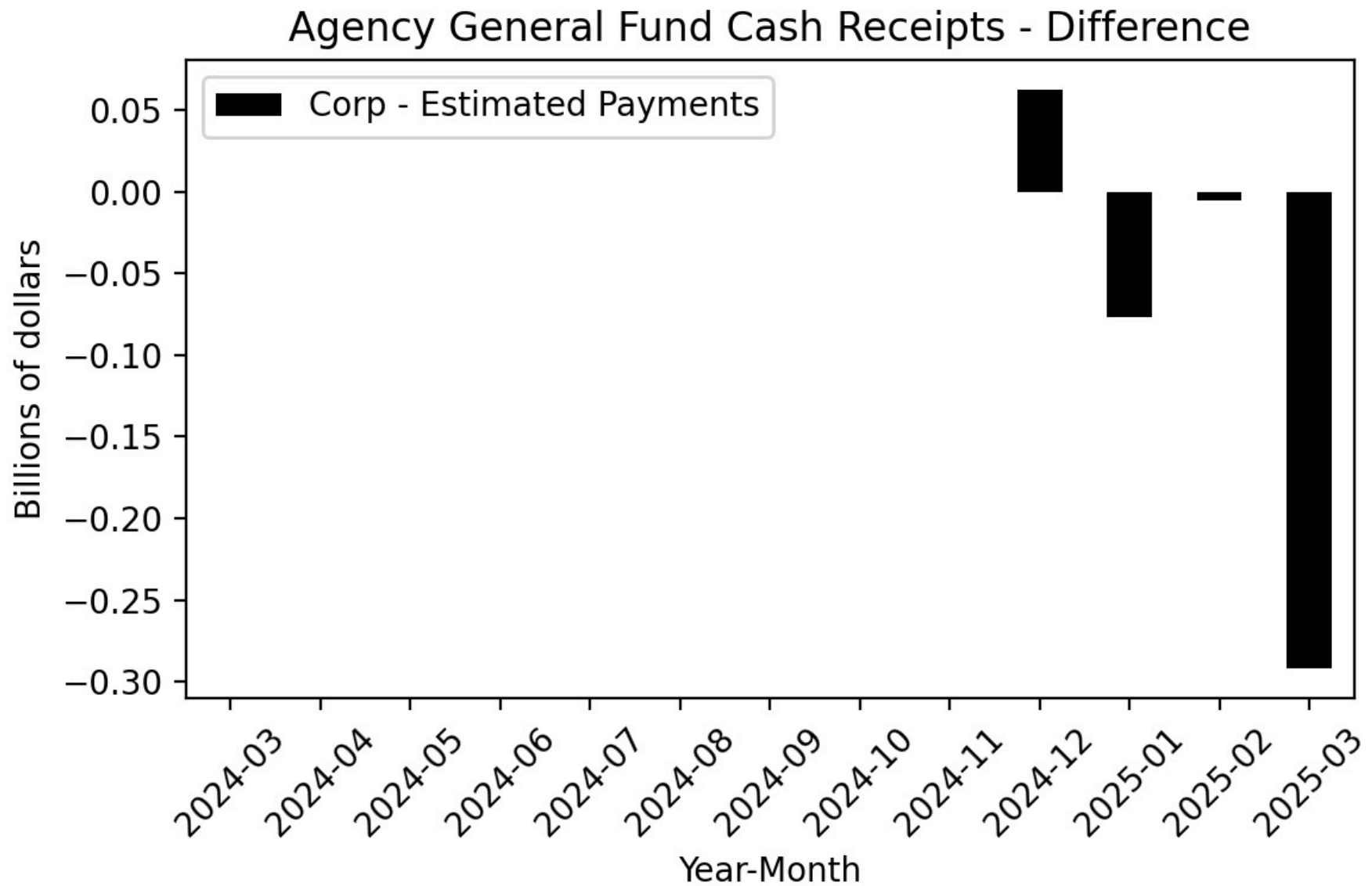


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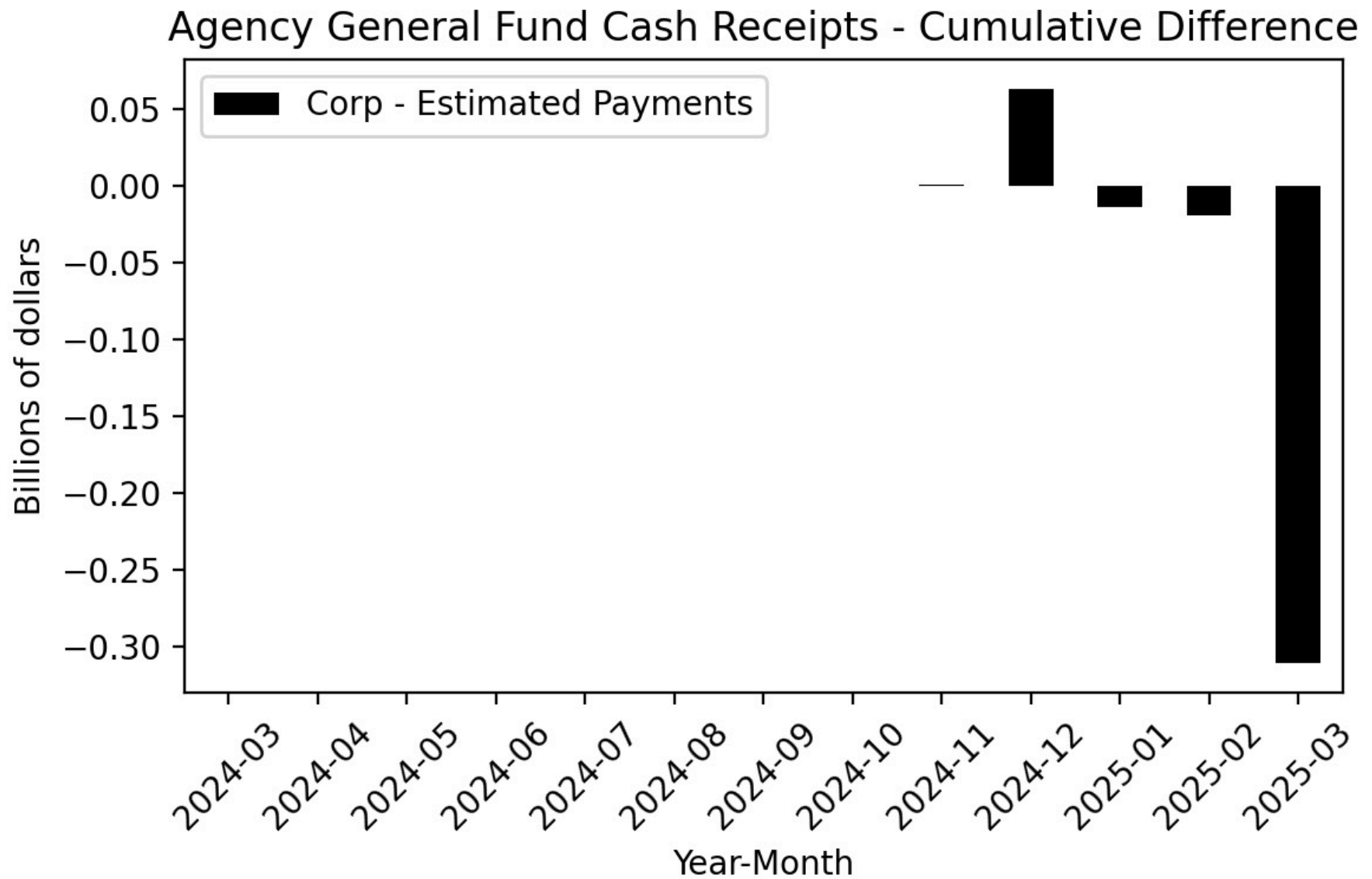


Figure 97

Year-Over-Year Change - Actual and 2024-25 Budget Act Forecast
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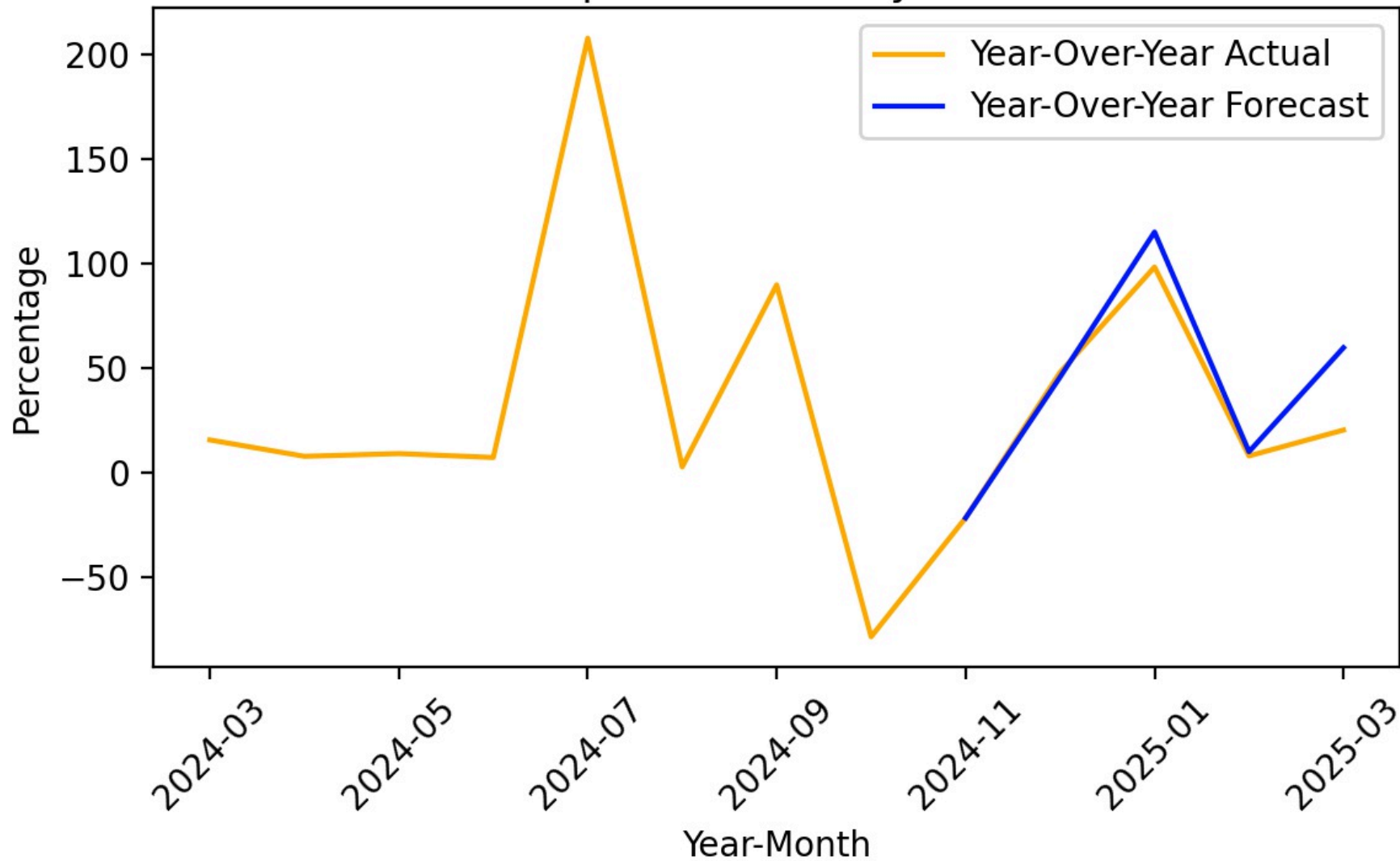


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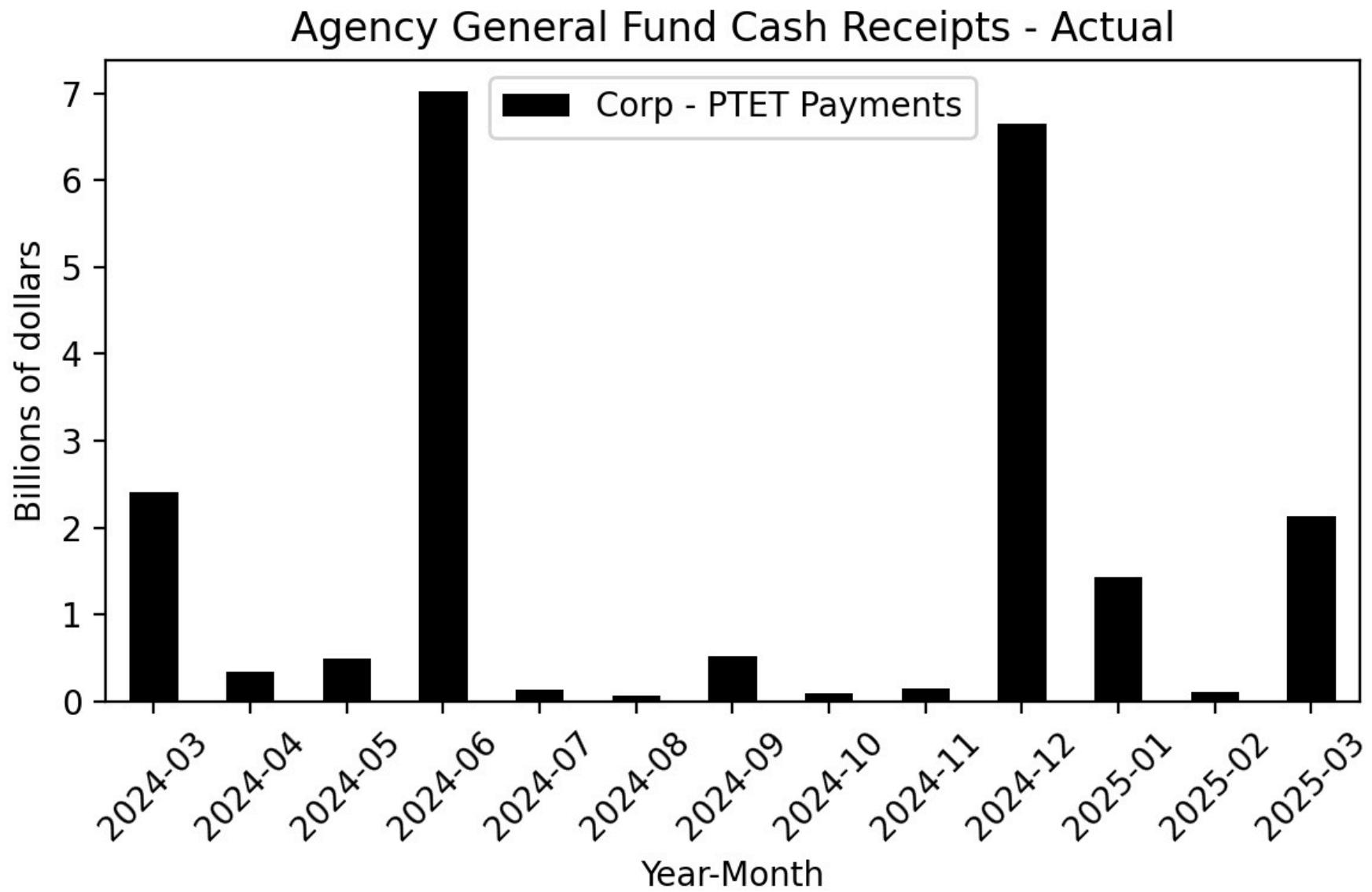


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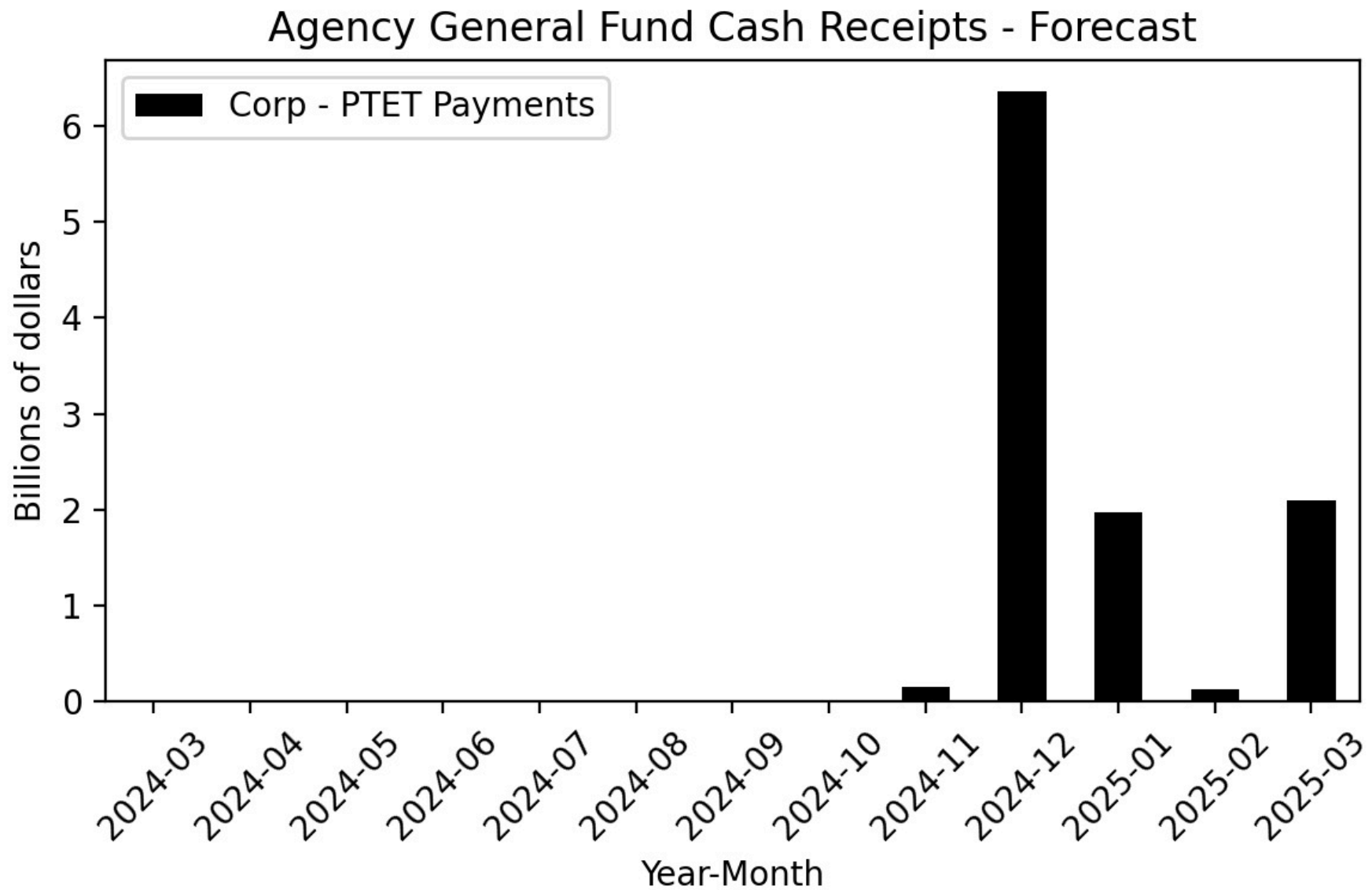


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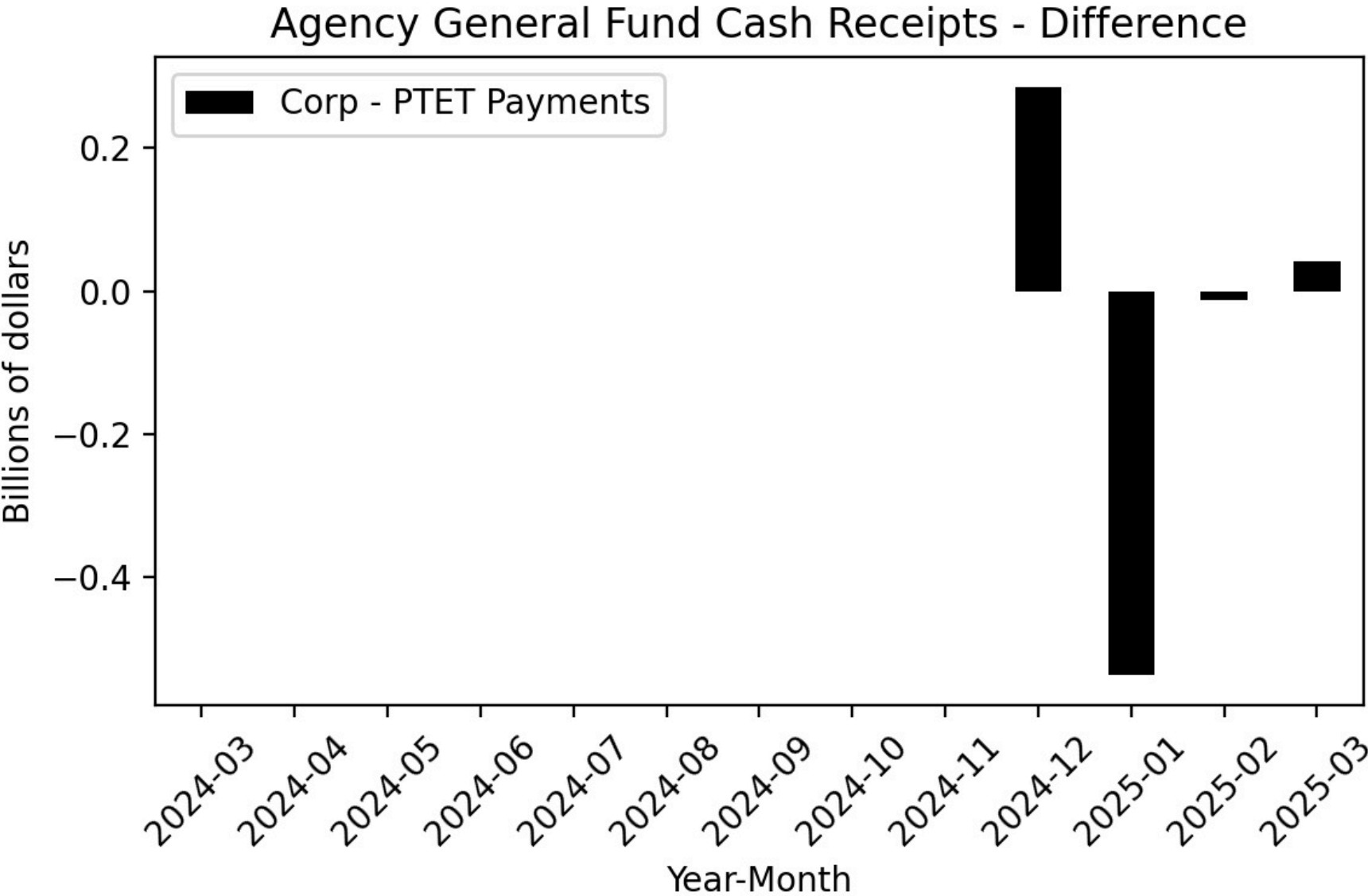


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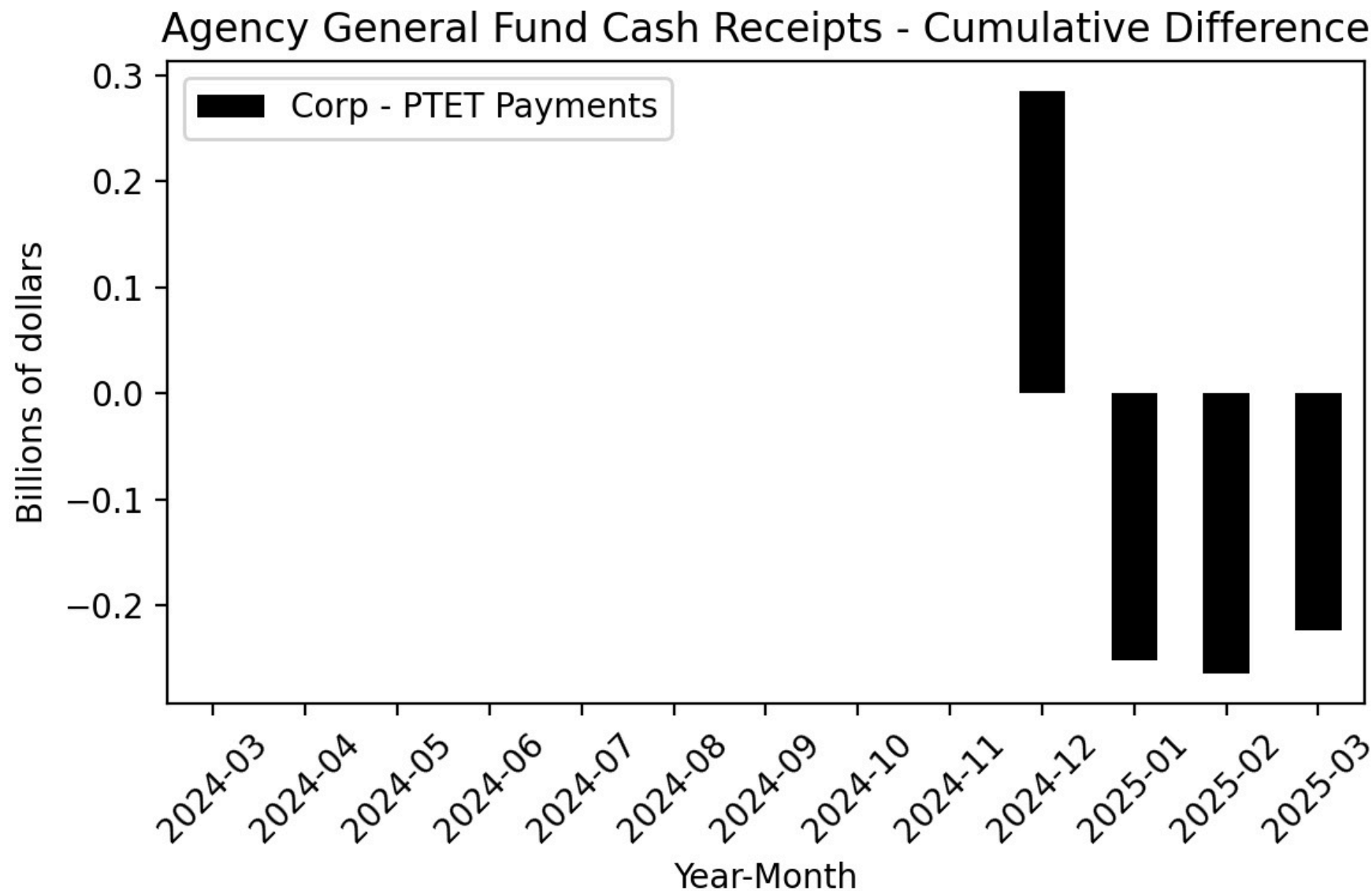


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Year-Over-Year Change - Actual and 2024-25 Budget Act
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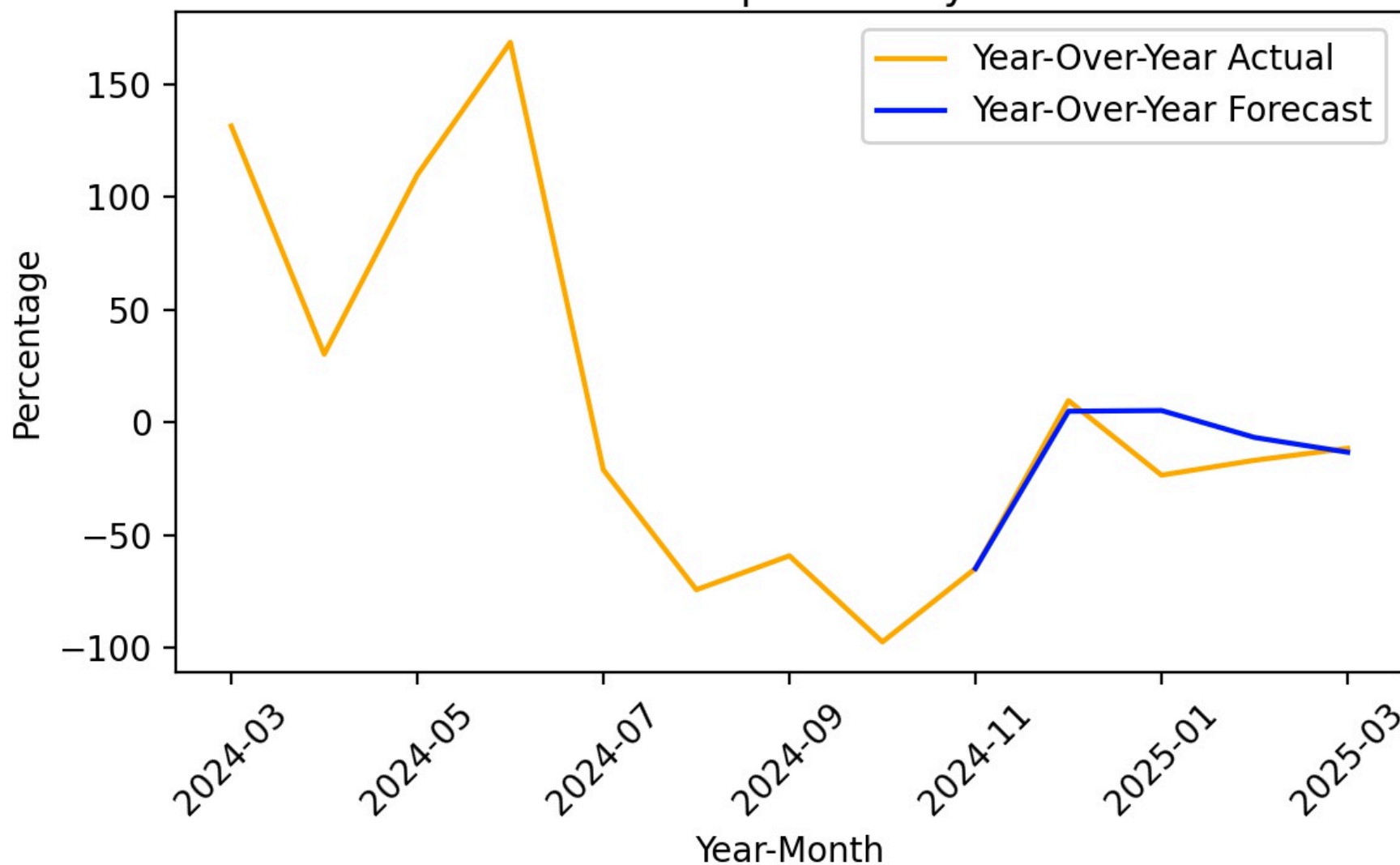


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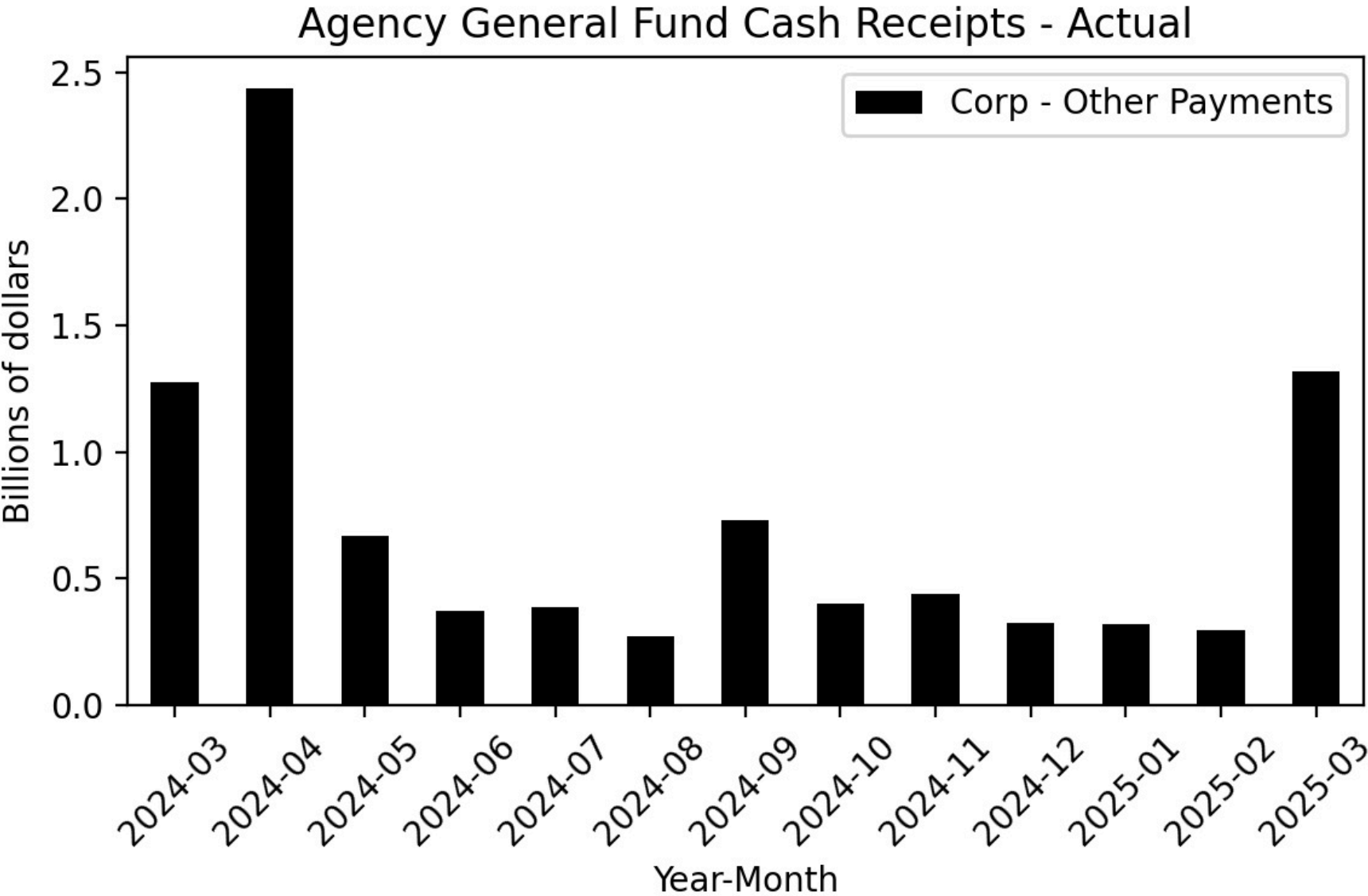


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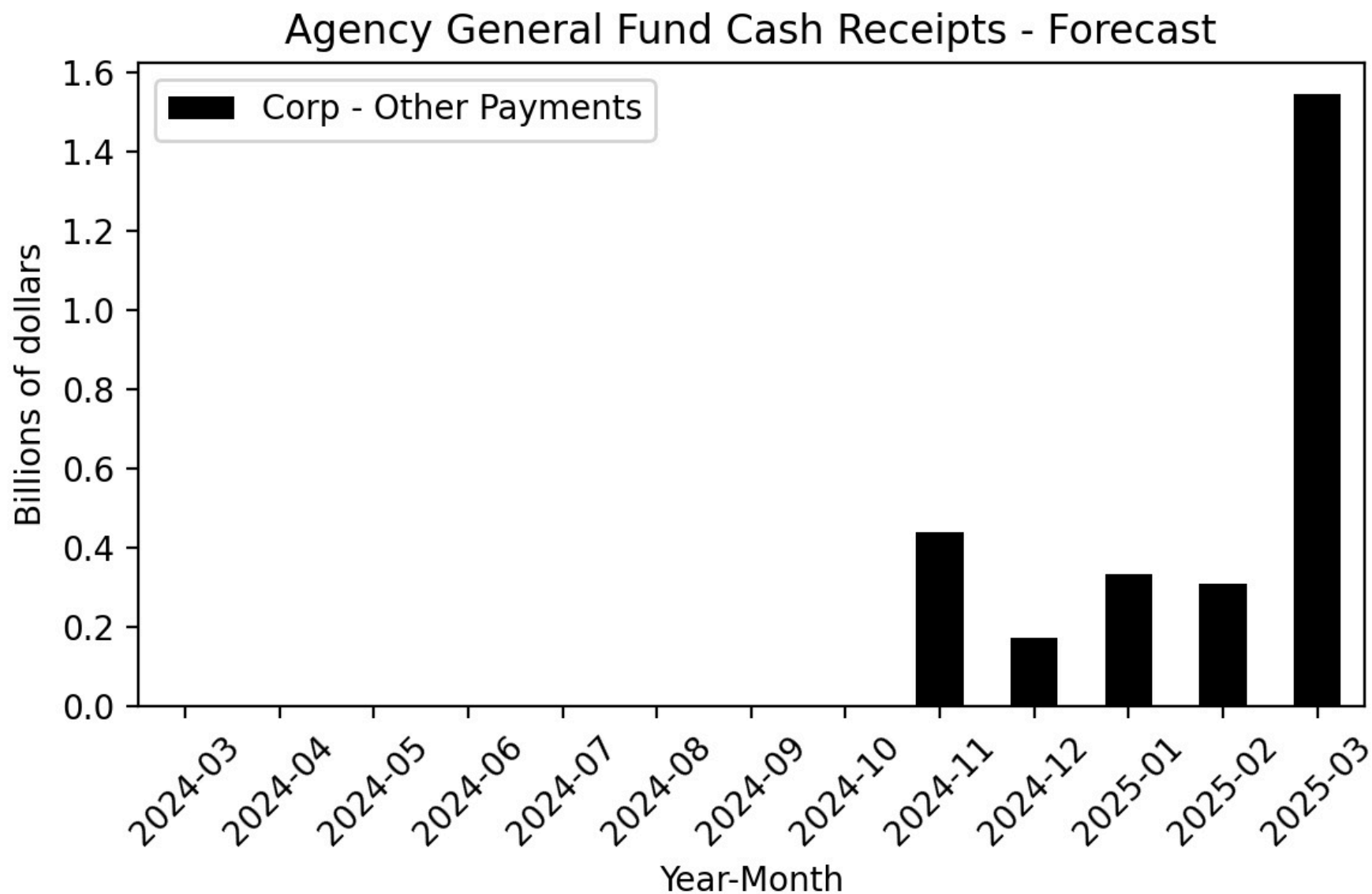


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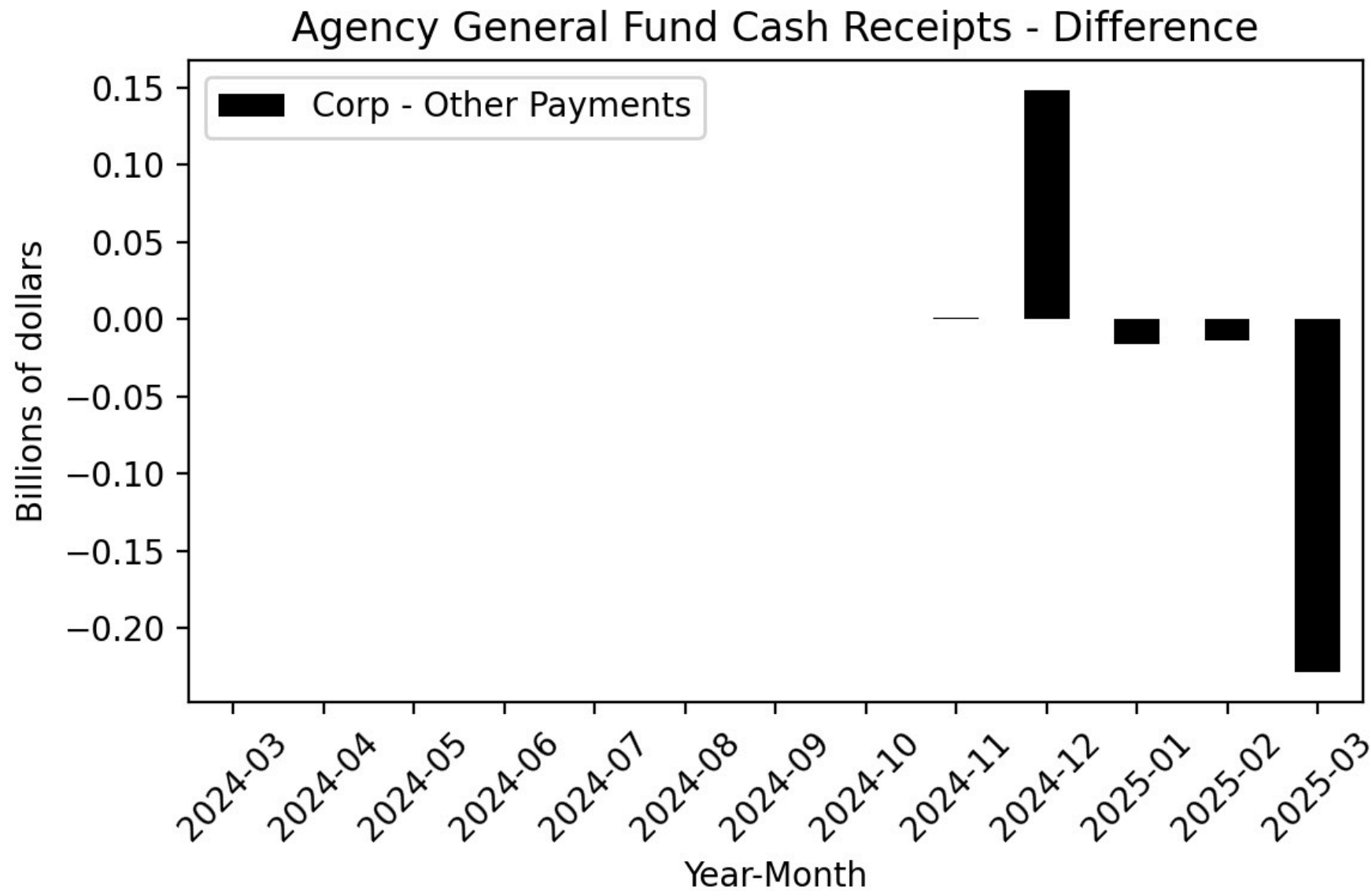


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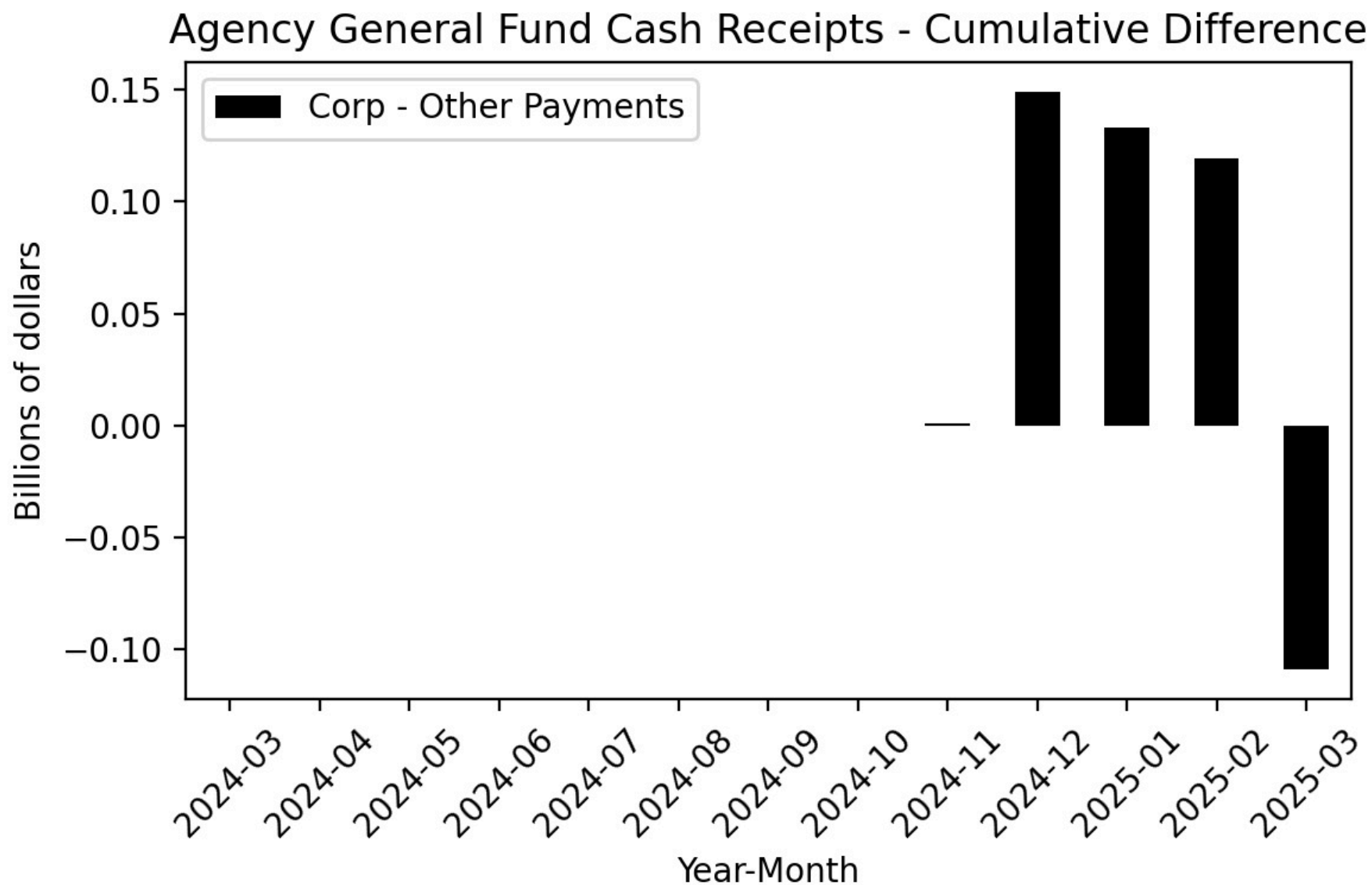


Figure 107

Year-Over-Year Change - Actual and 2024-25 Budget Act Forecast
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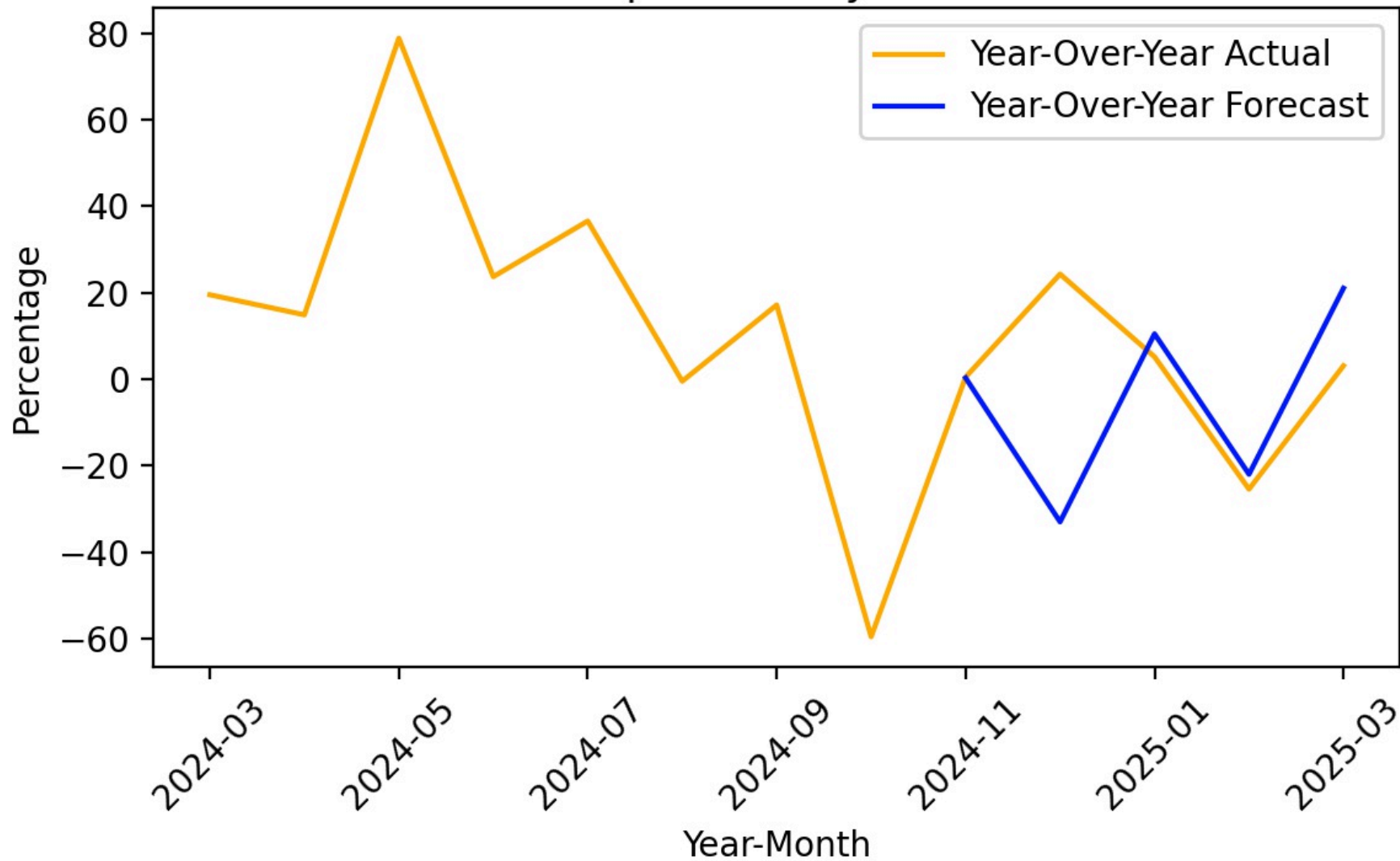


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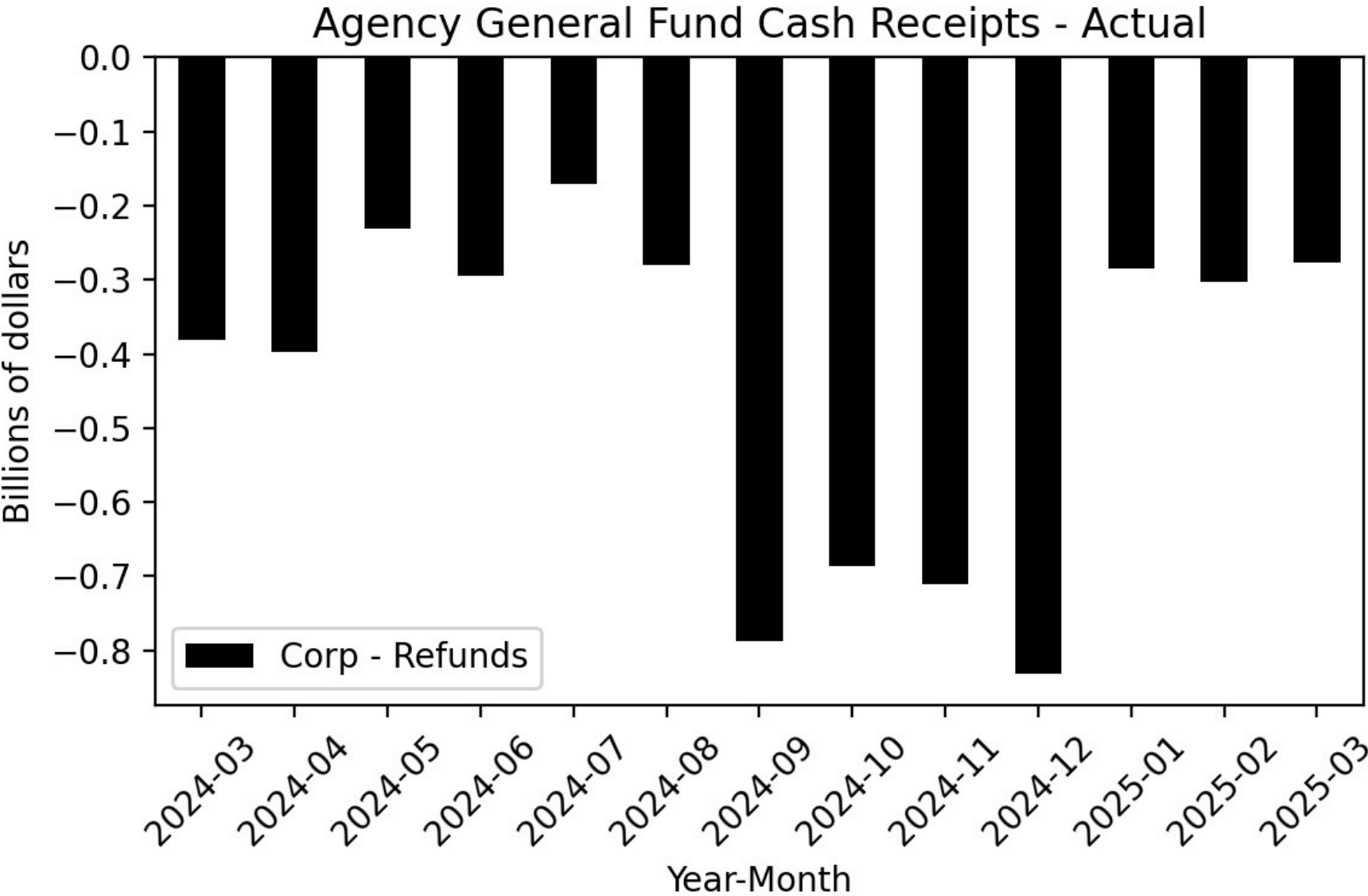


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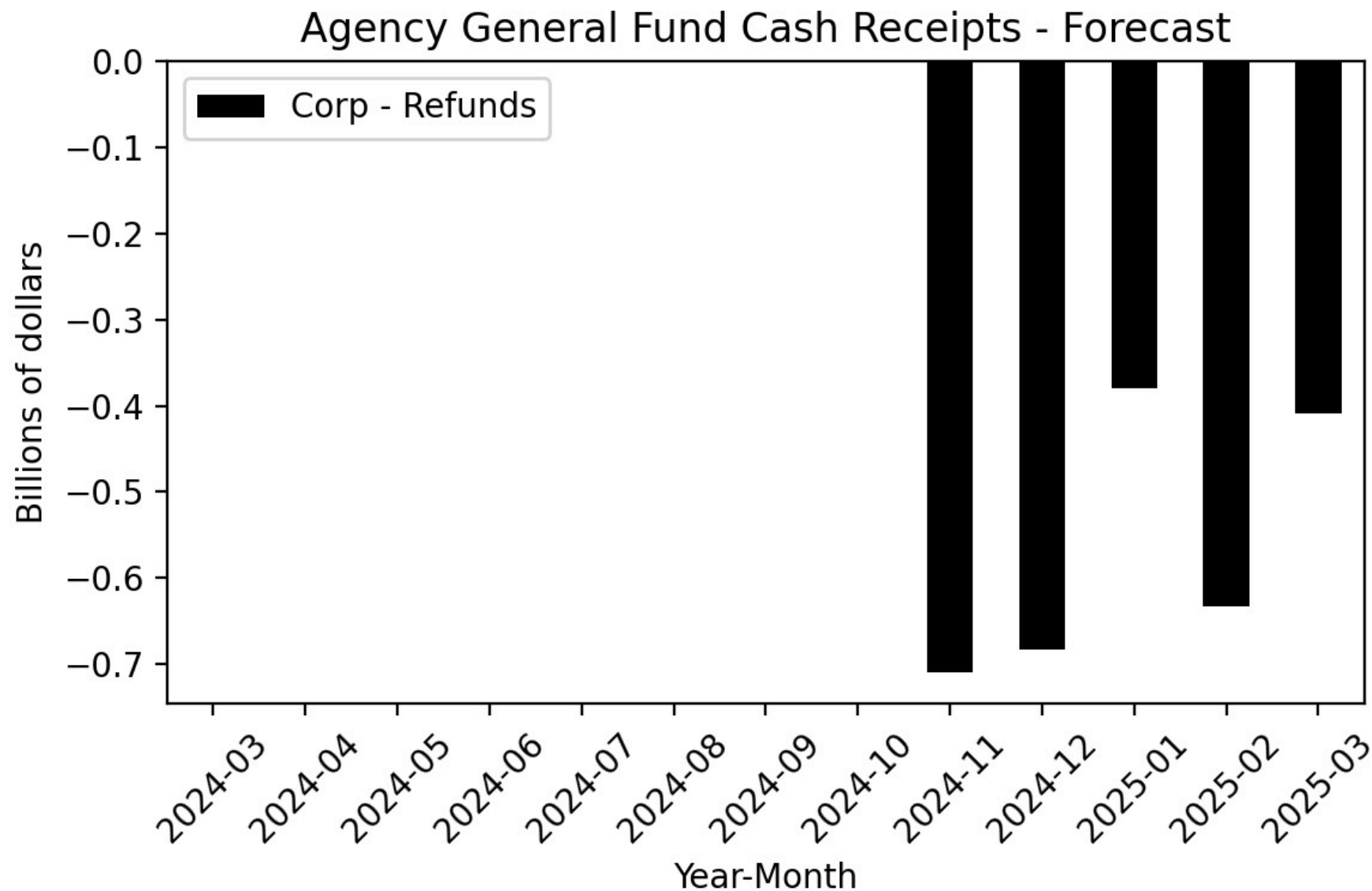


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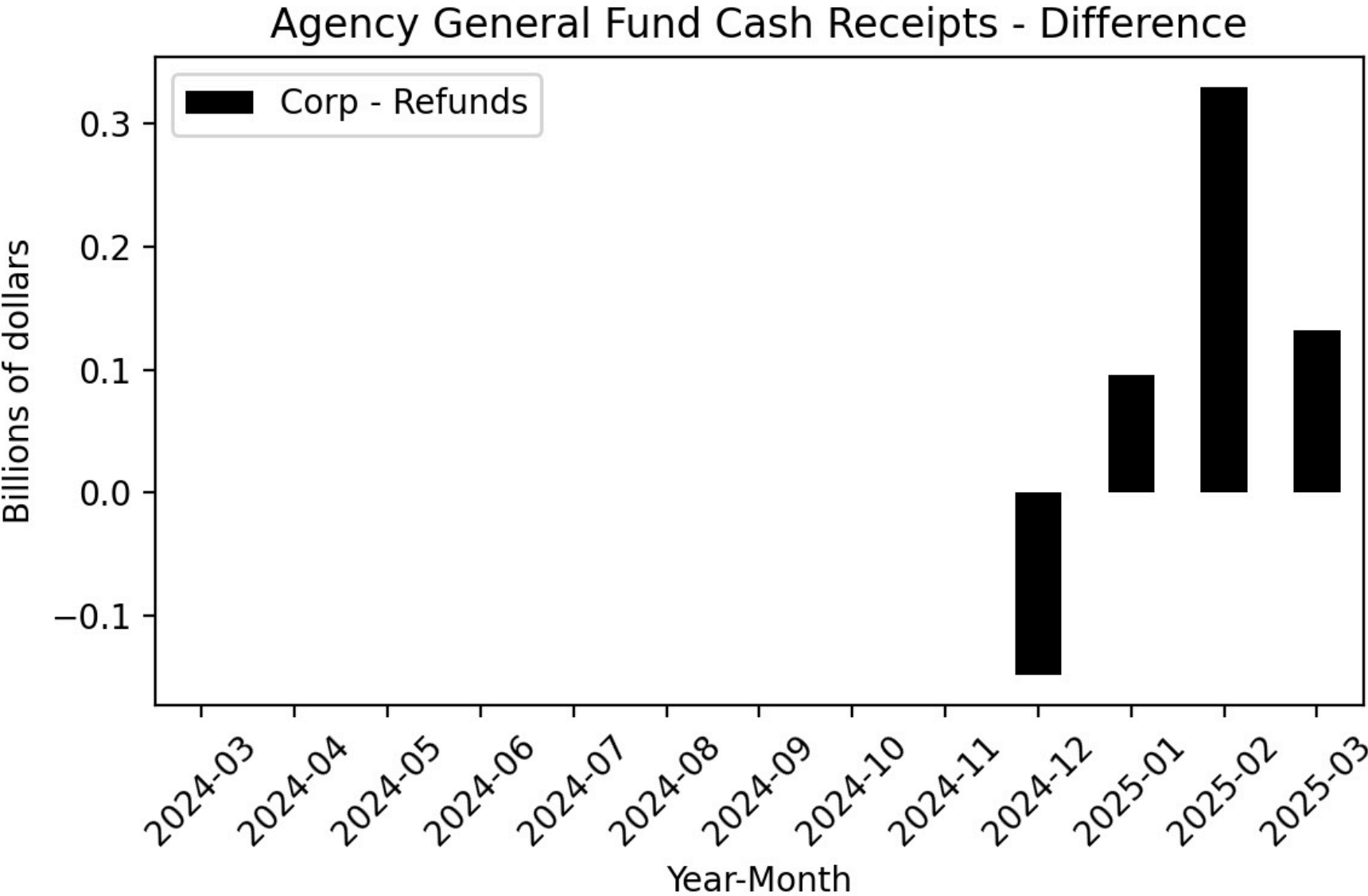


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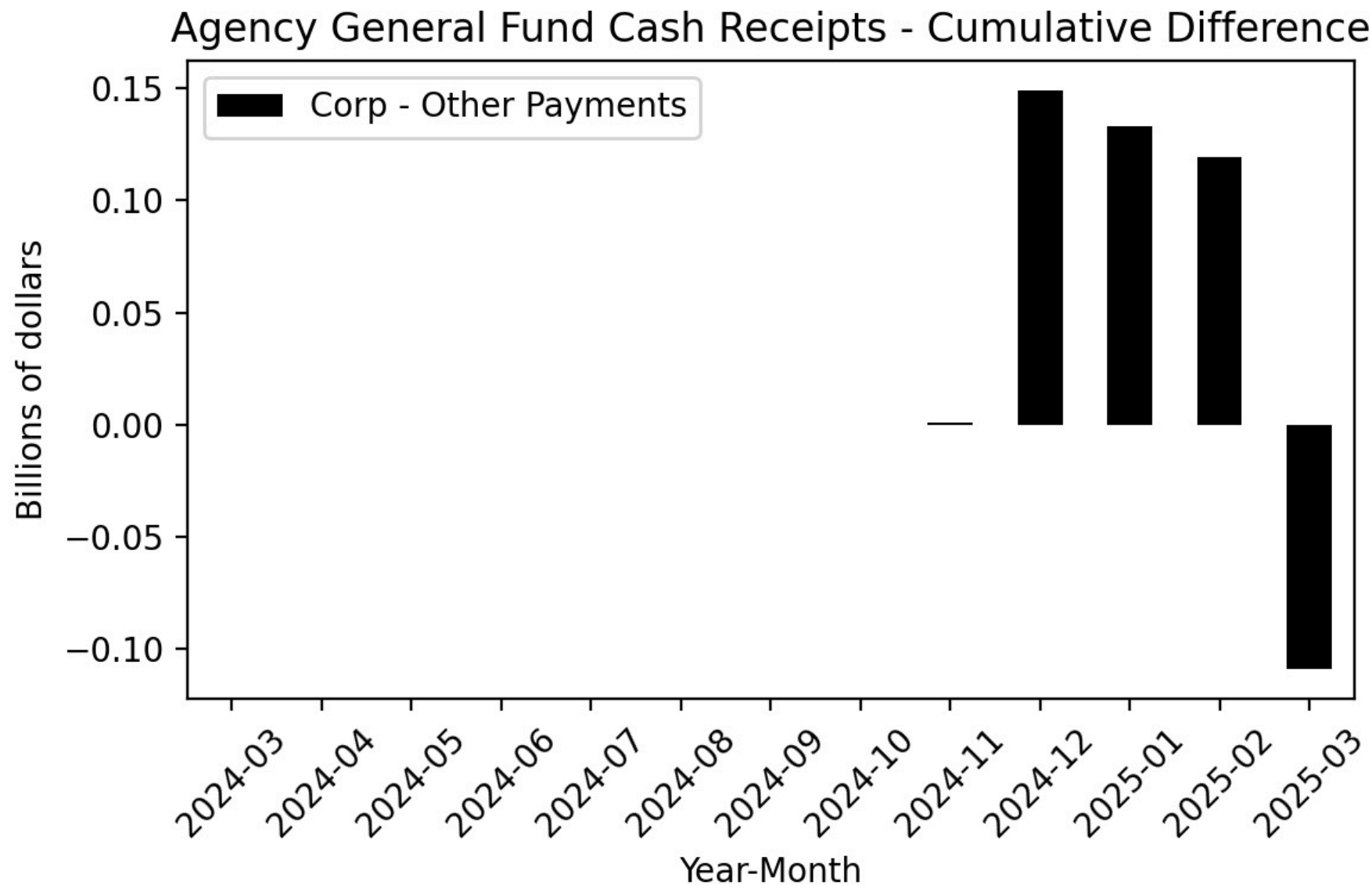


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Year-Over-Year Change - Actual and 2024-25 Budget Act Forecast
Corp-Refunds

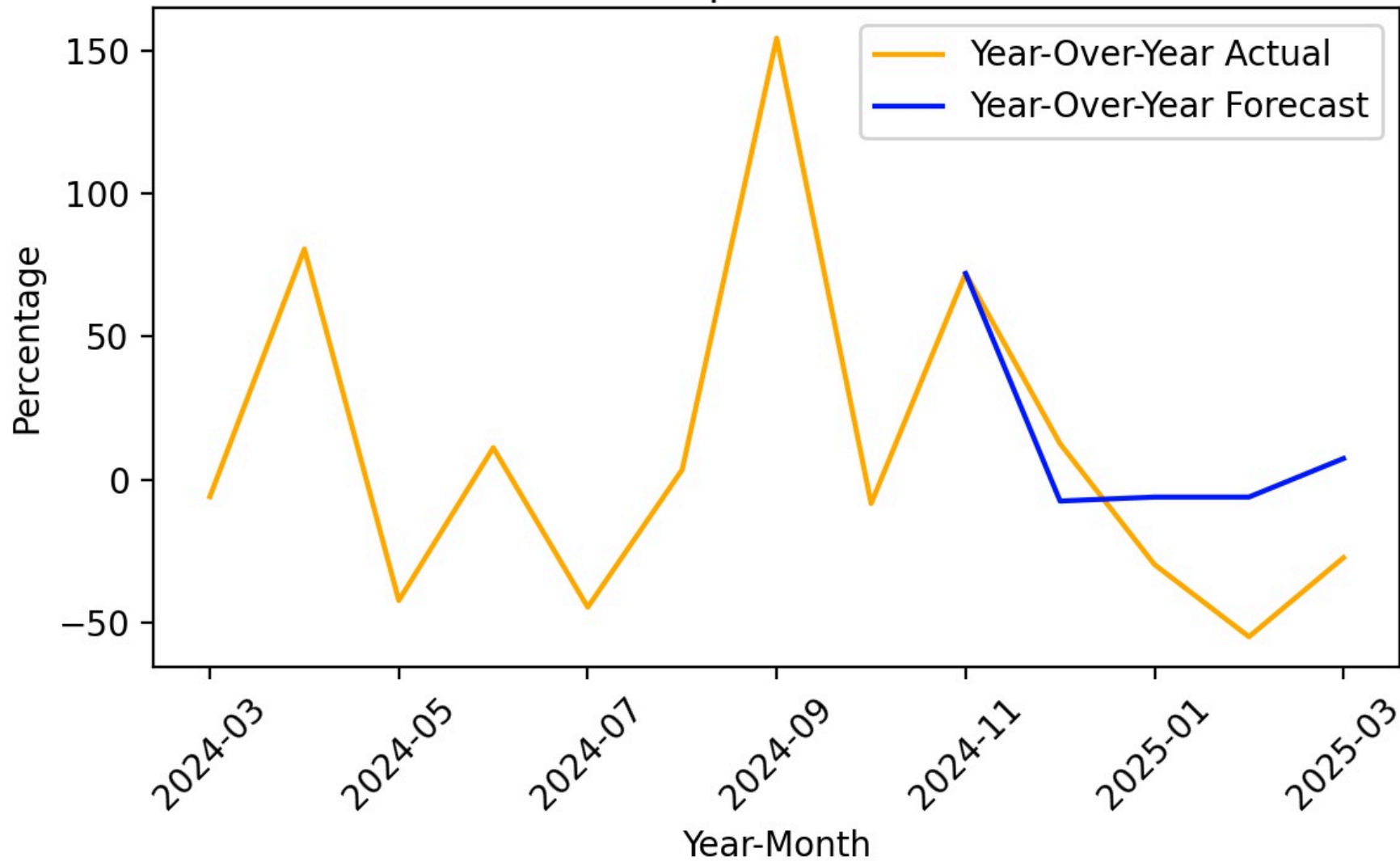


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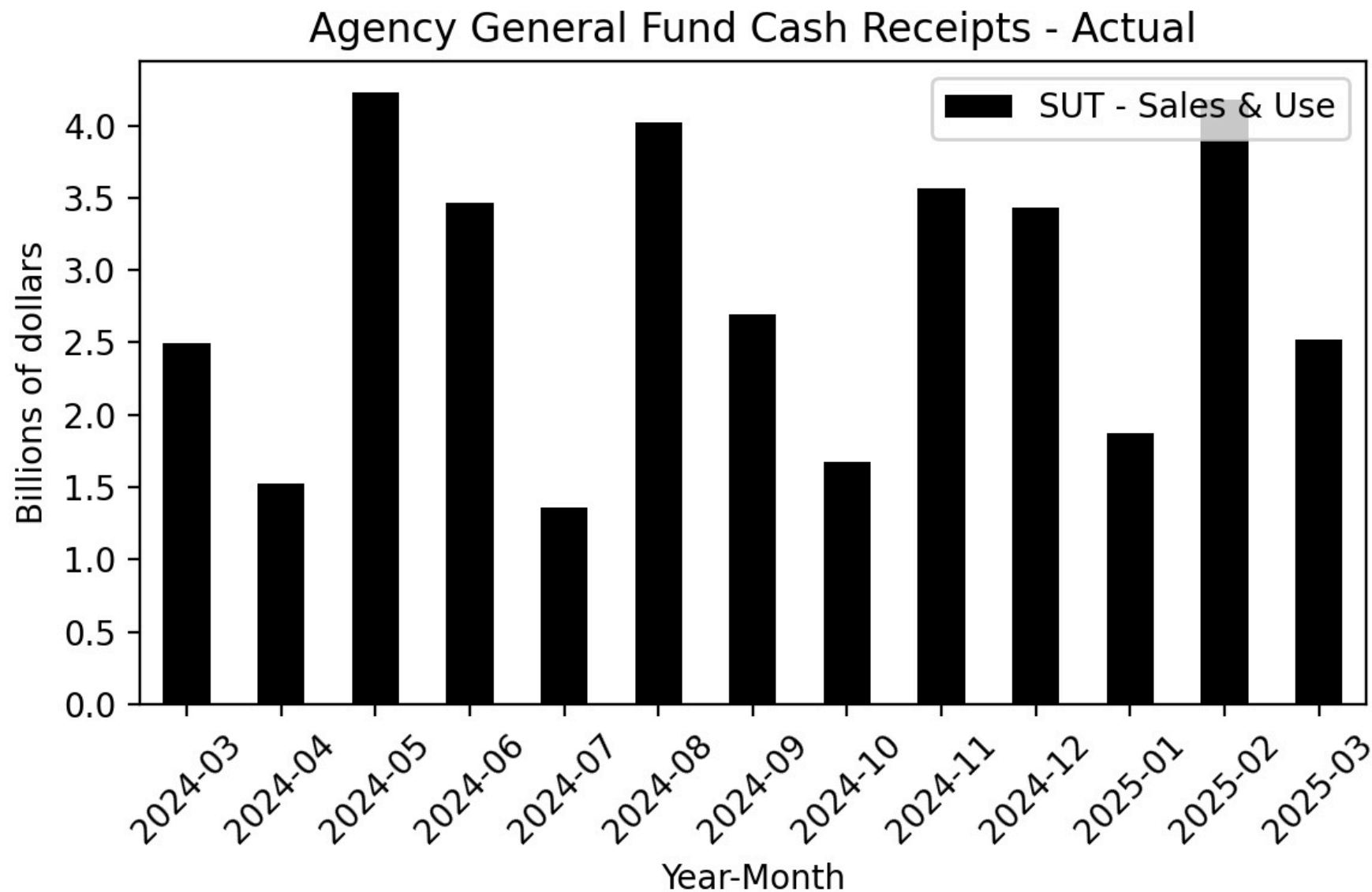


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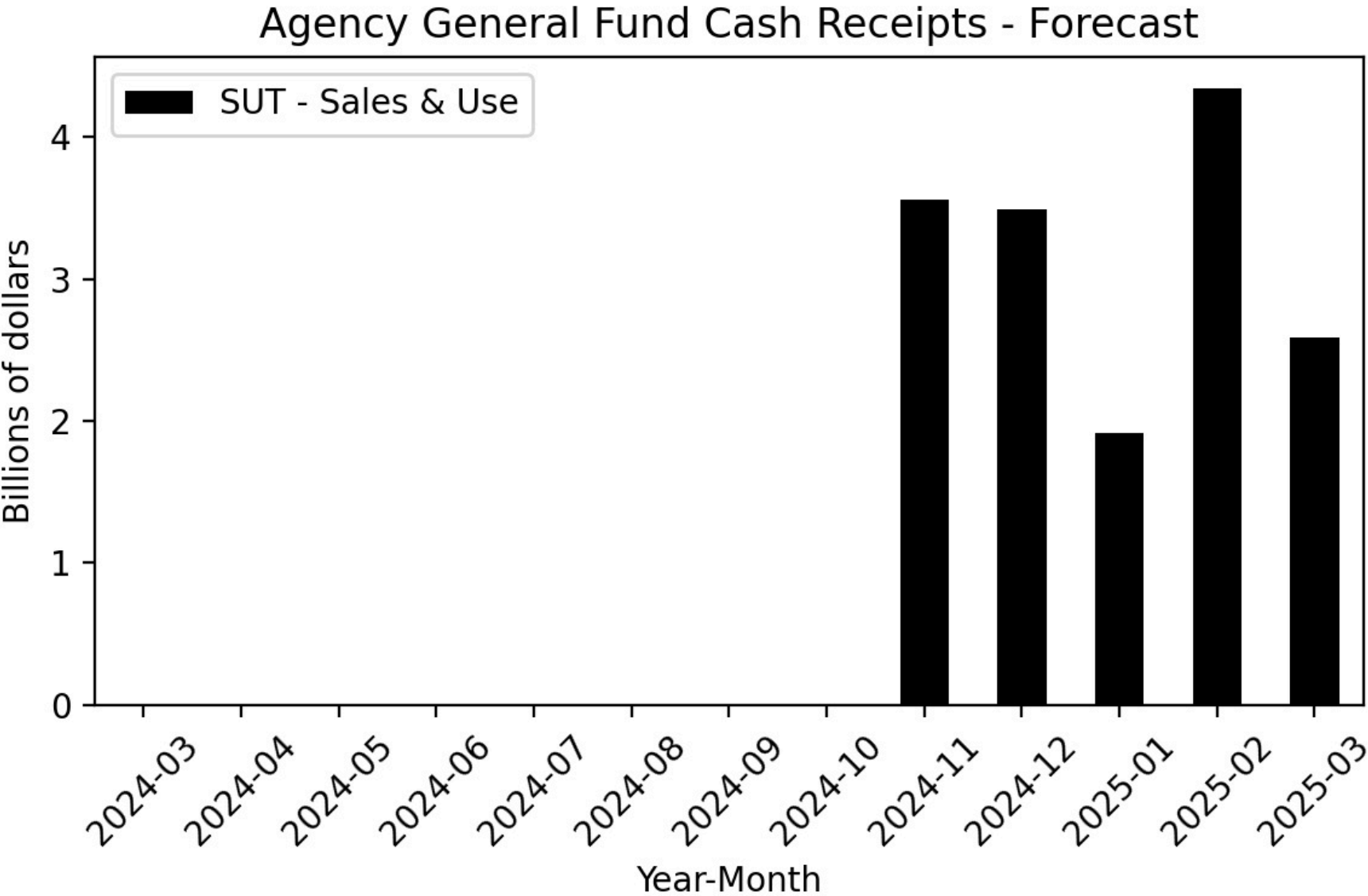


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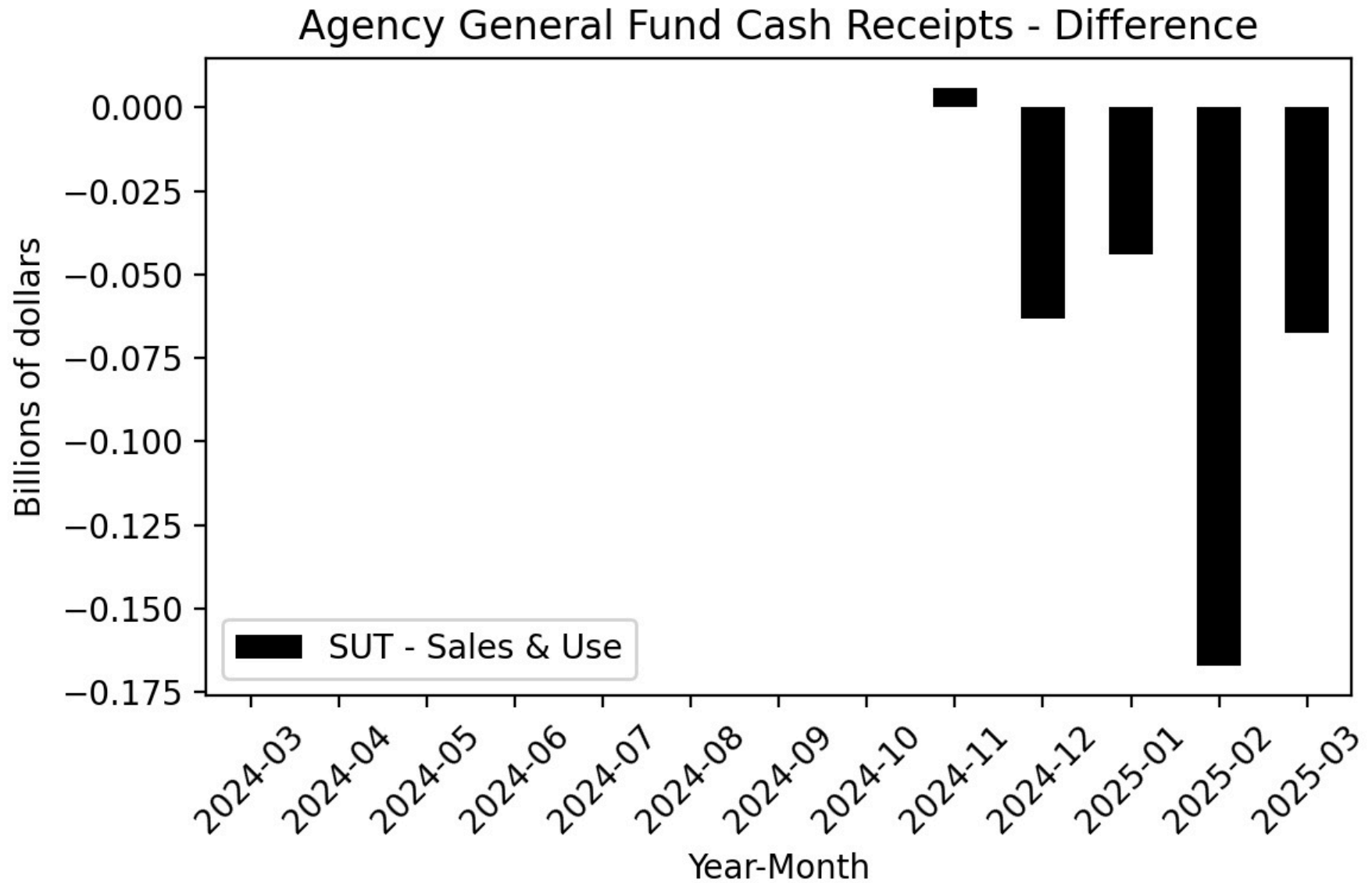


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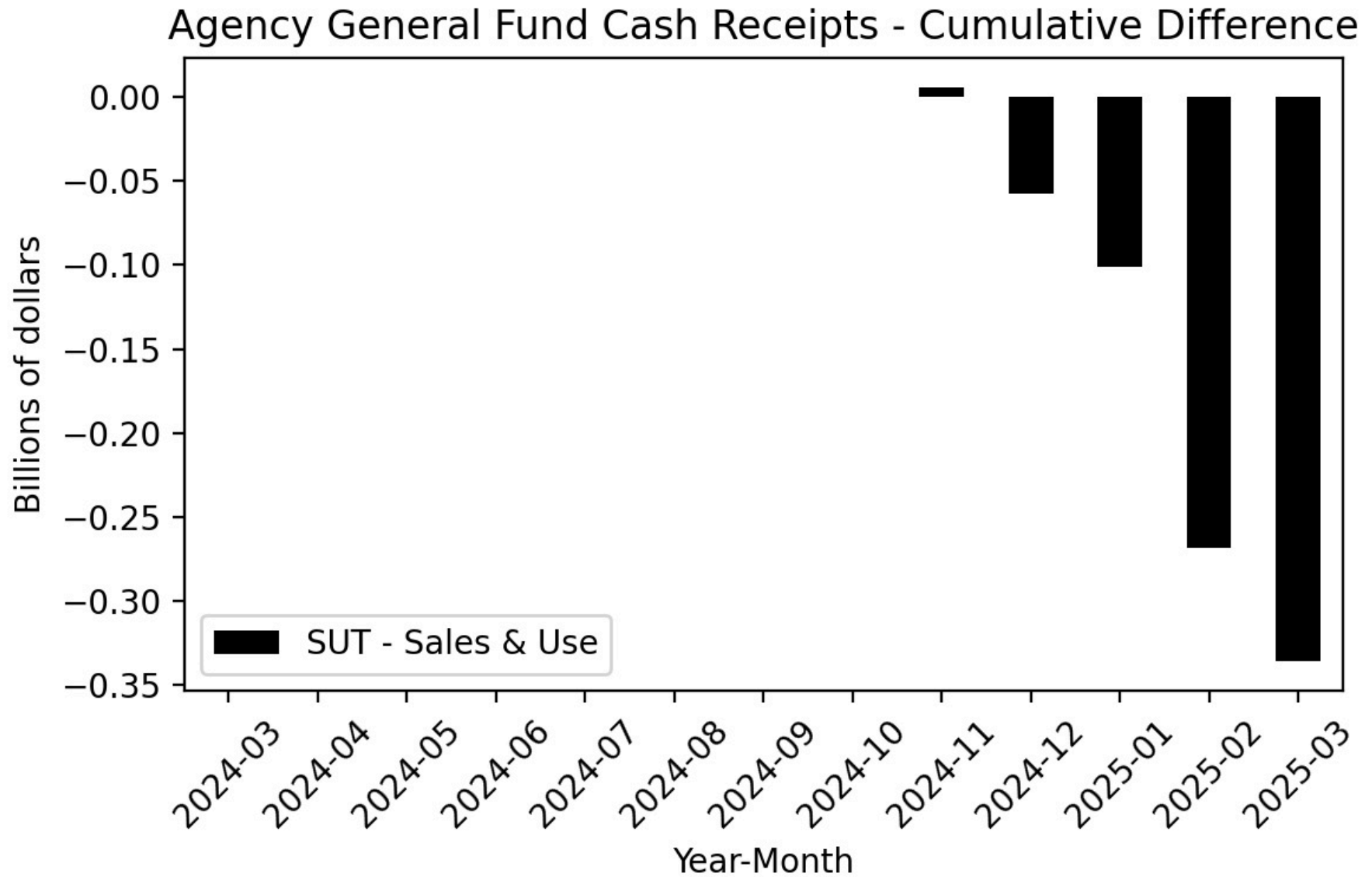


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Year-Over-Year Change - Actual and 2024-25 Budget Act Forecast
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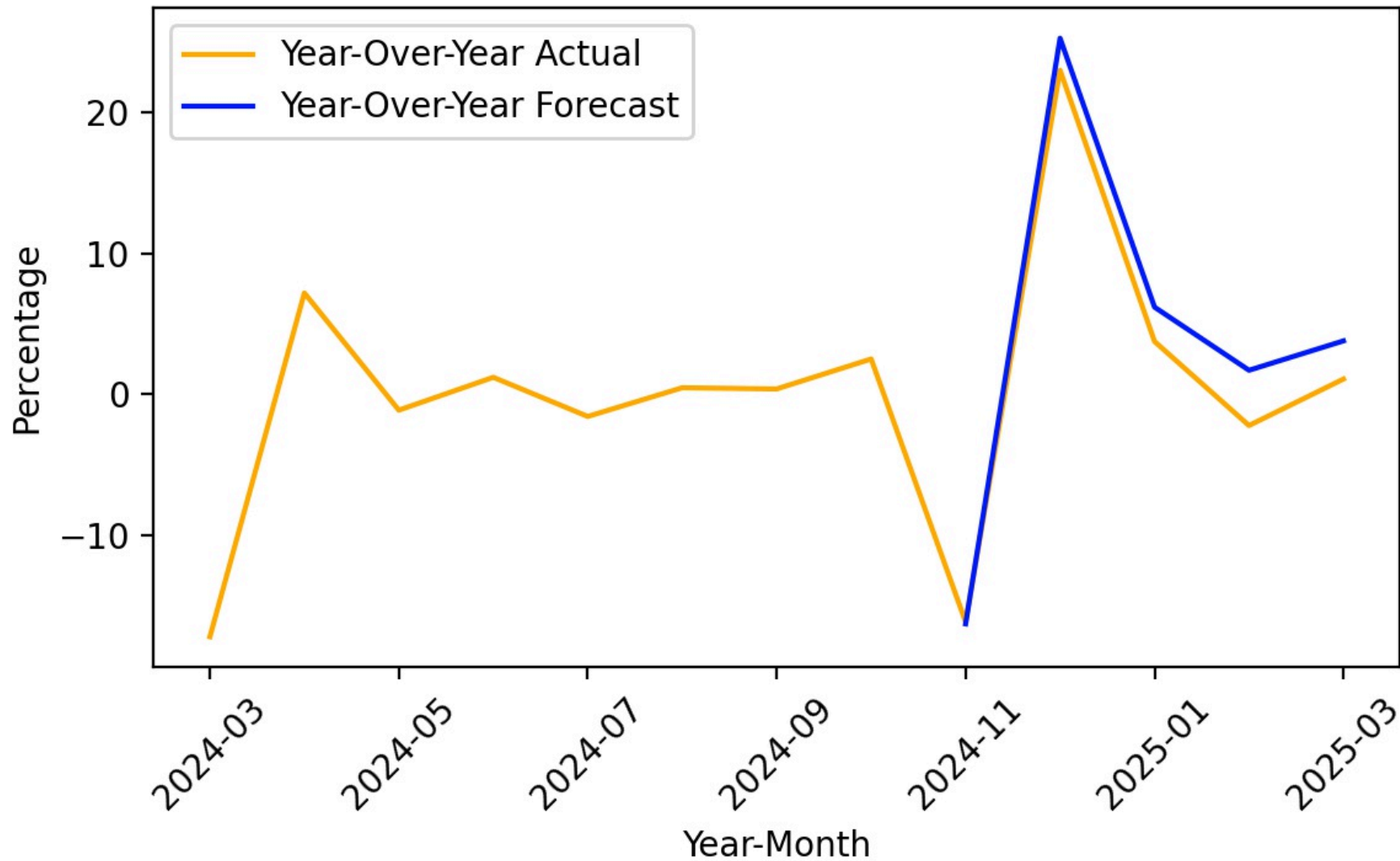


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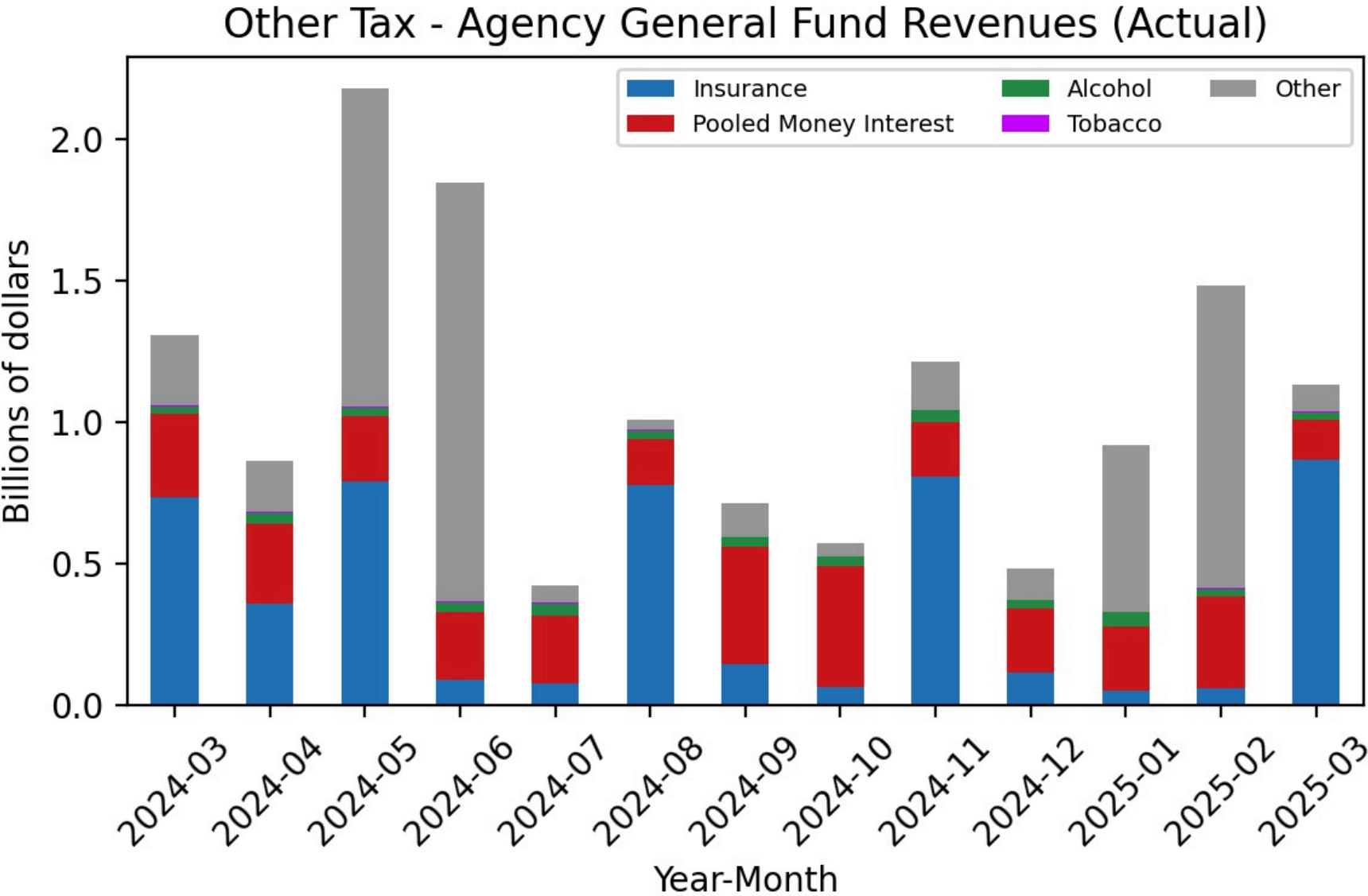


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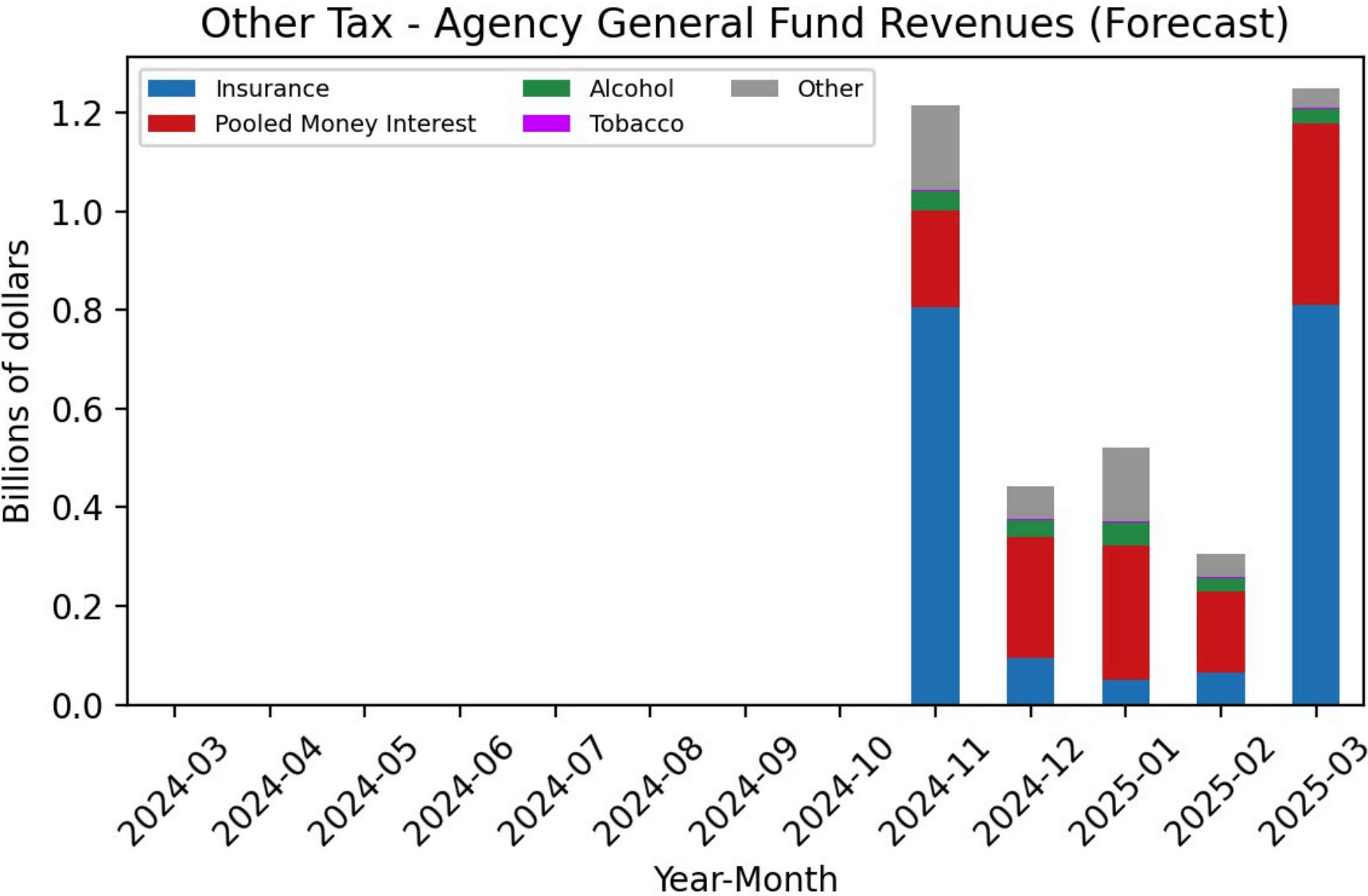


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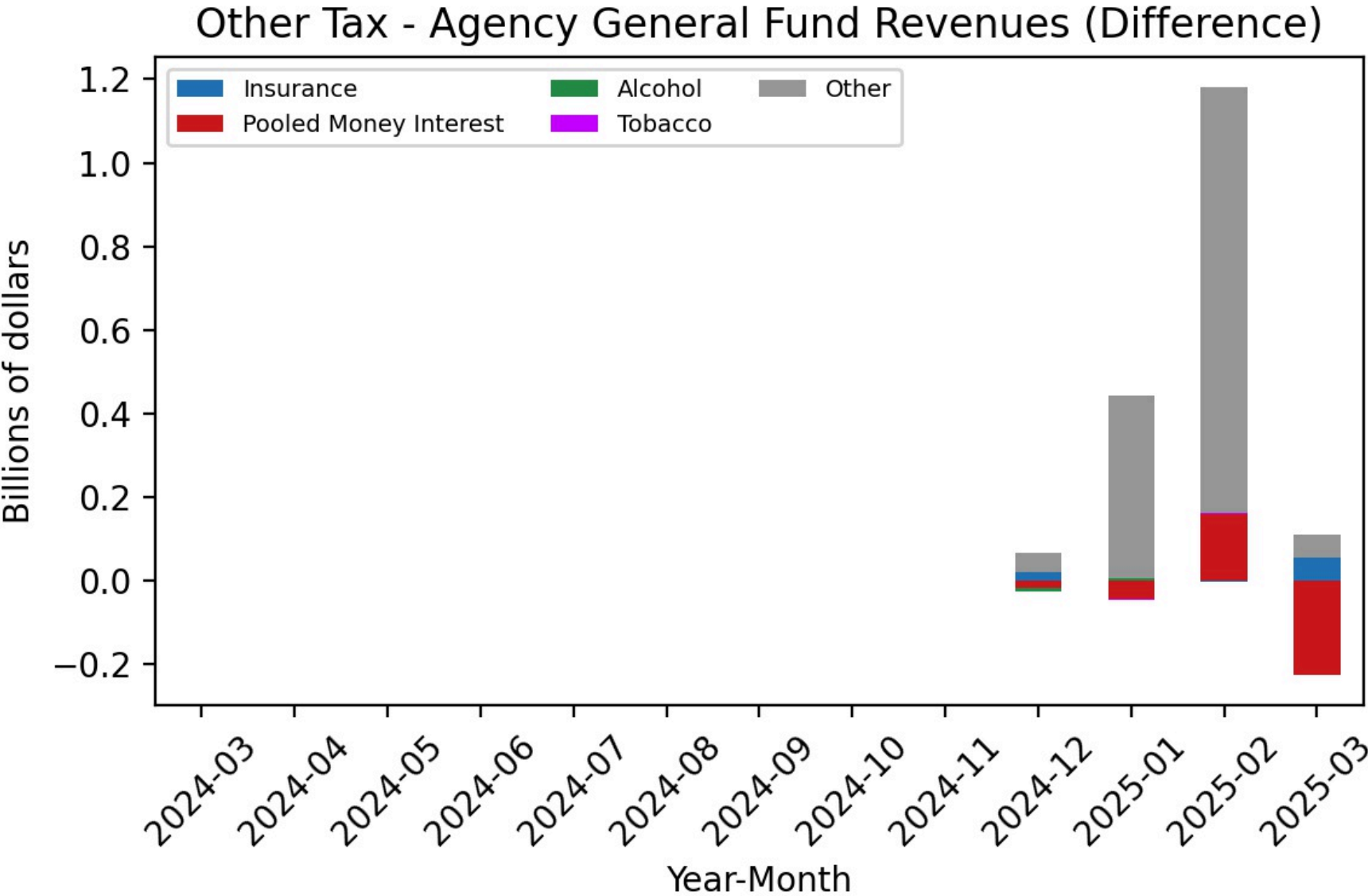


Figure 121

Other Tax - Agency General Fund Revenues (Cumulative Difference)

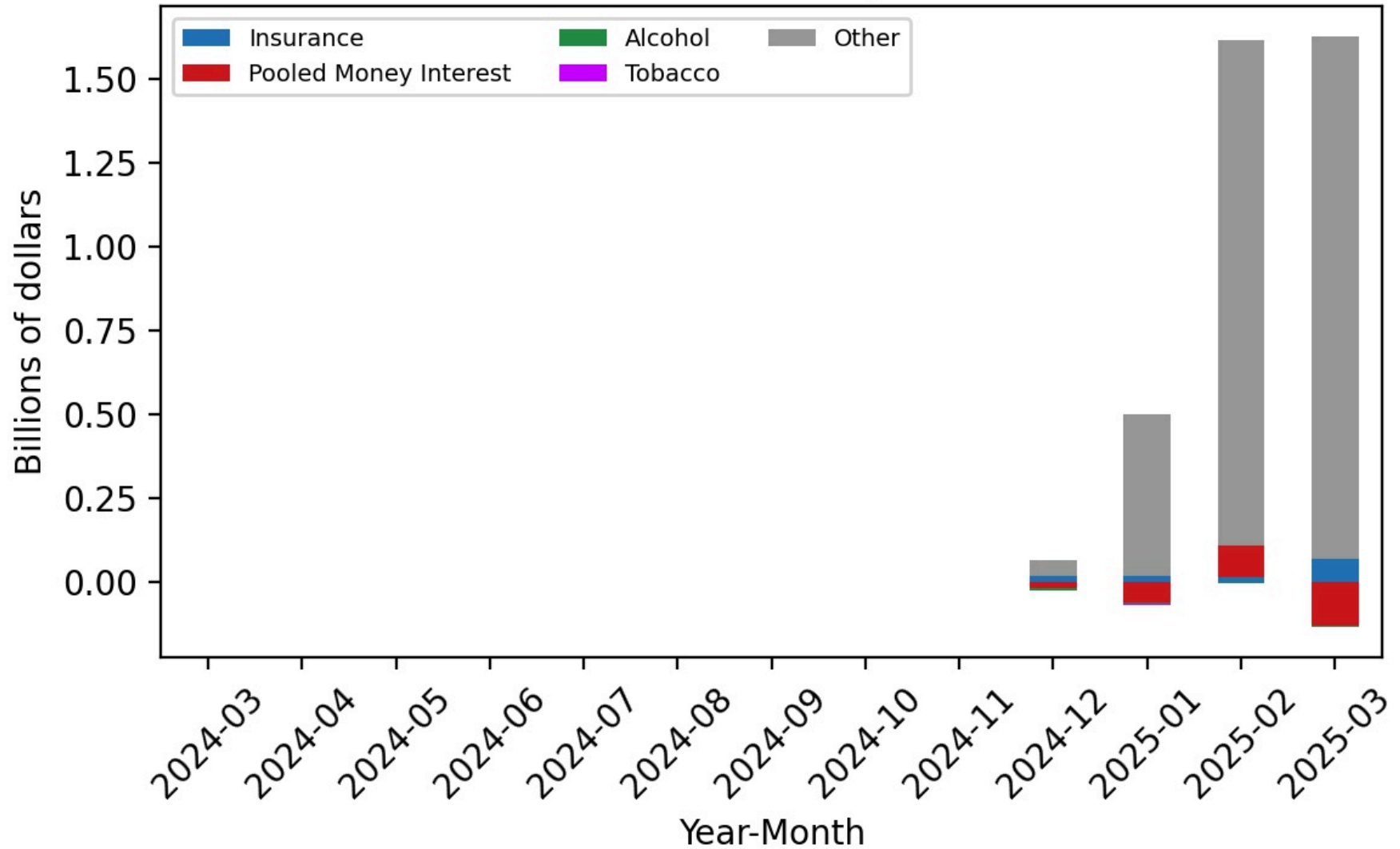


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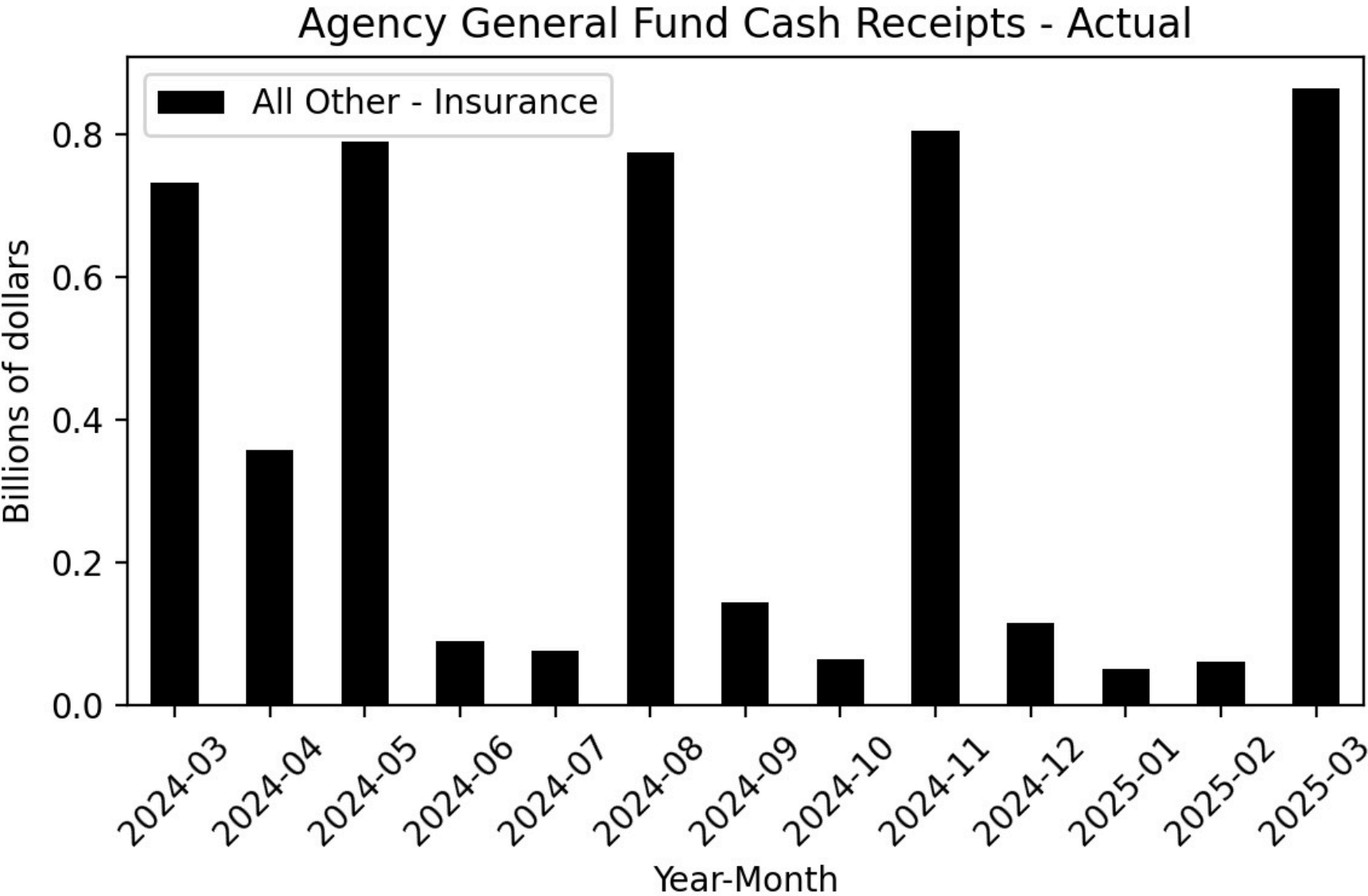


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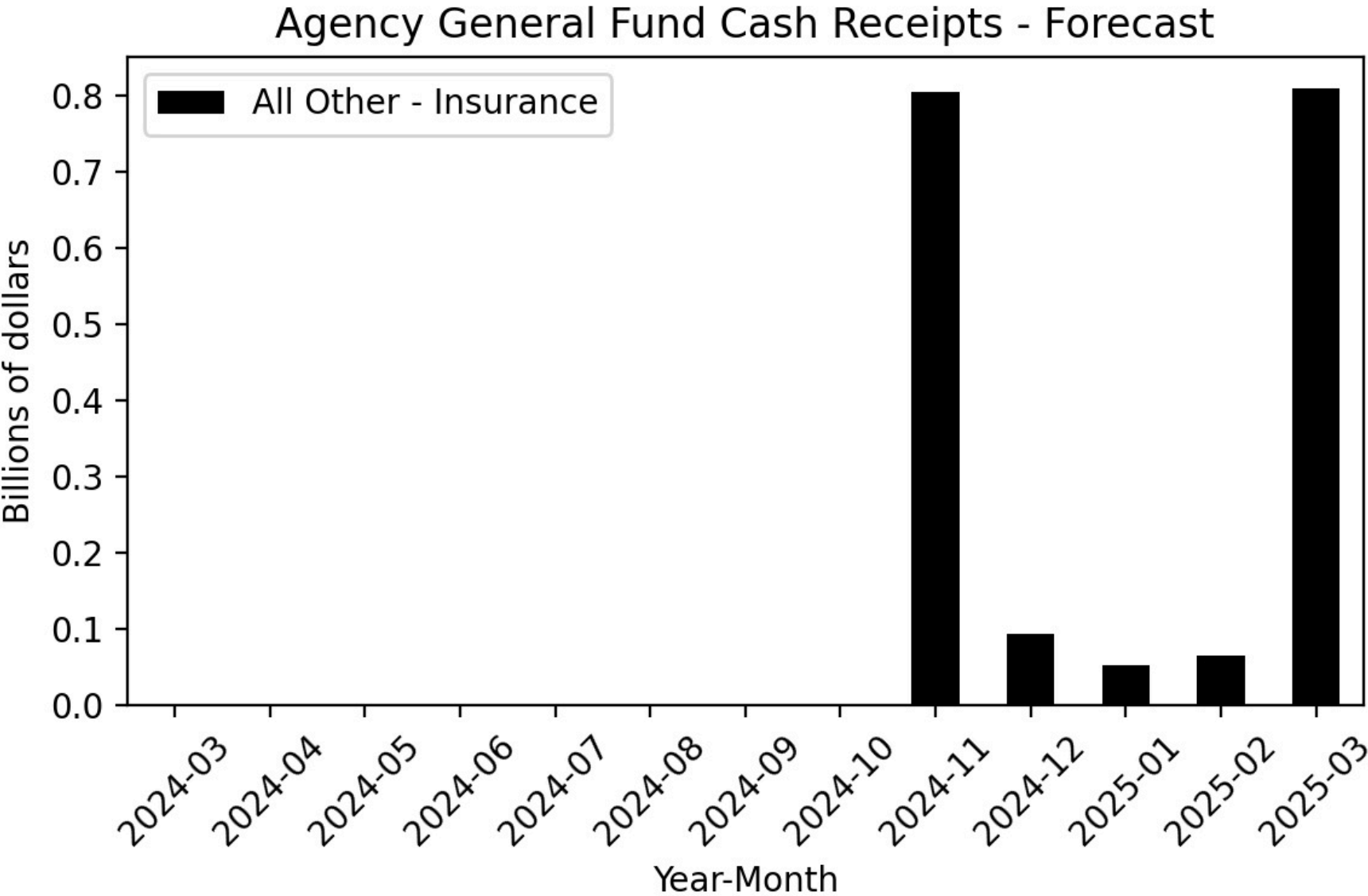


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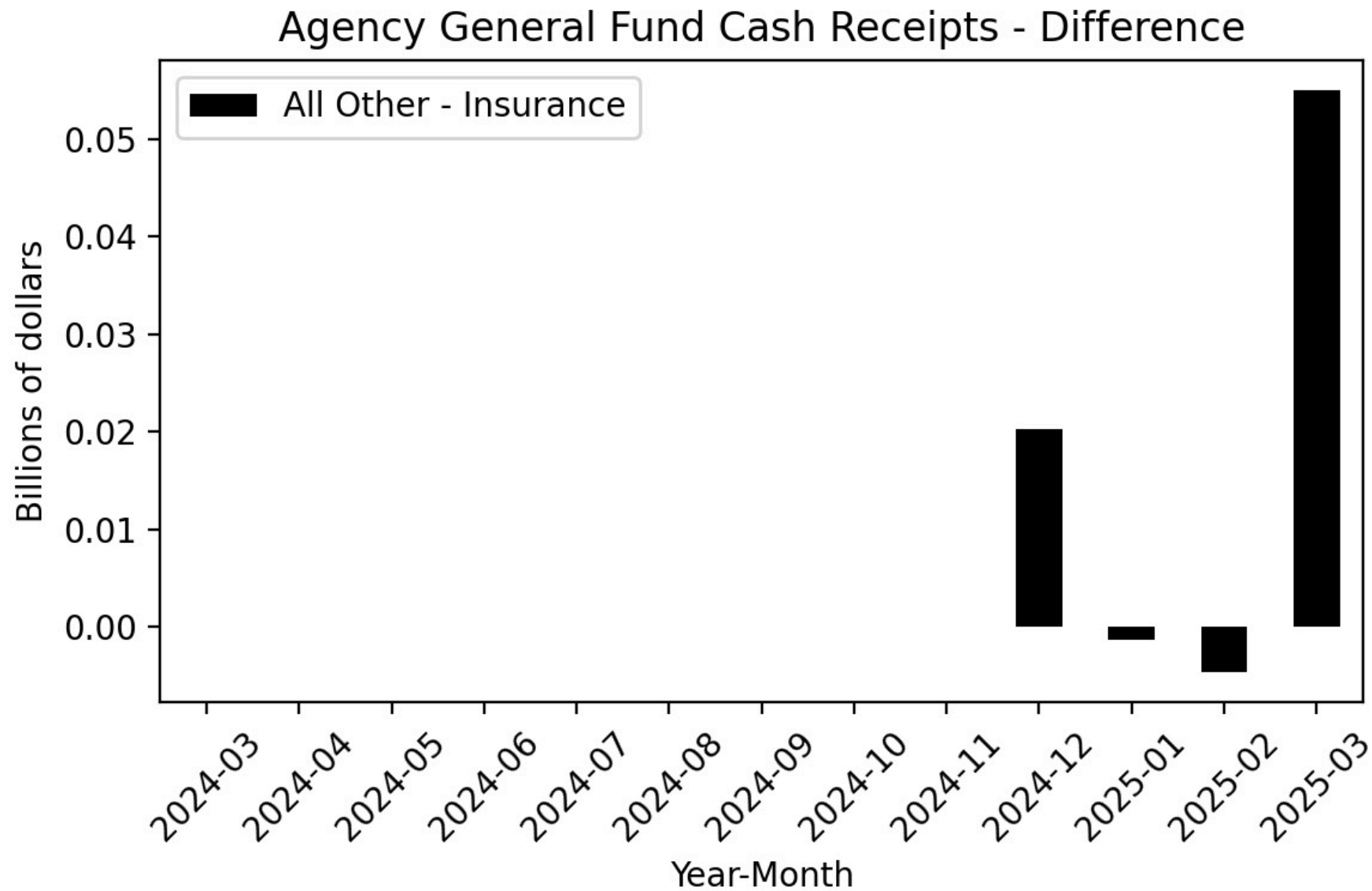


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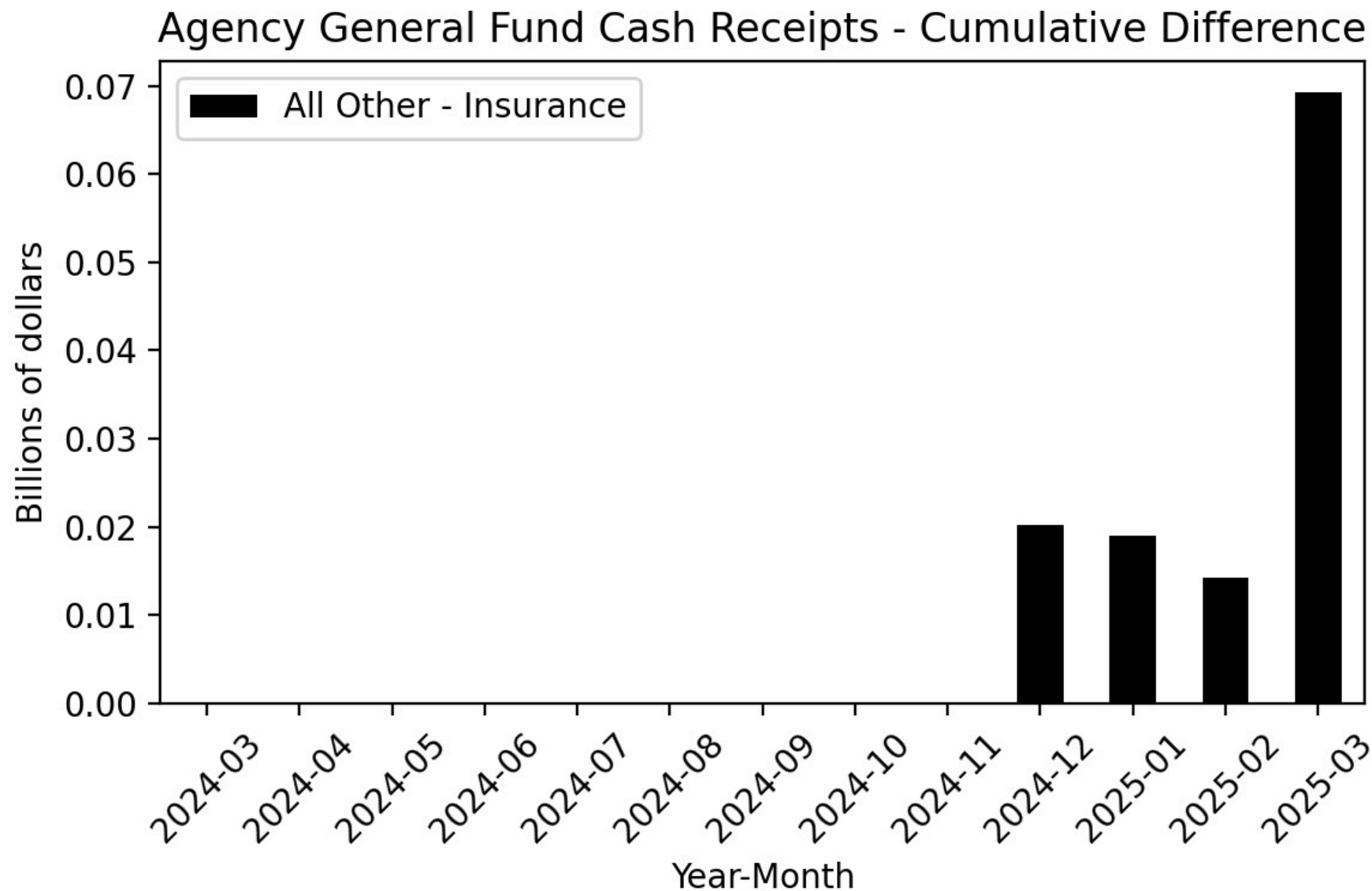


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Year-Over-Year Change - Actual and 2024-25 Budget Act Forecast
All Other-Insurance

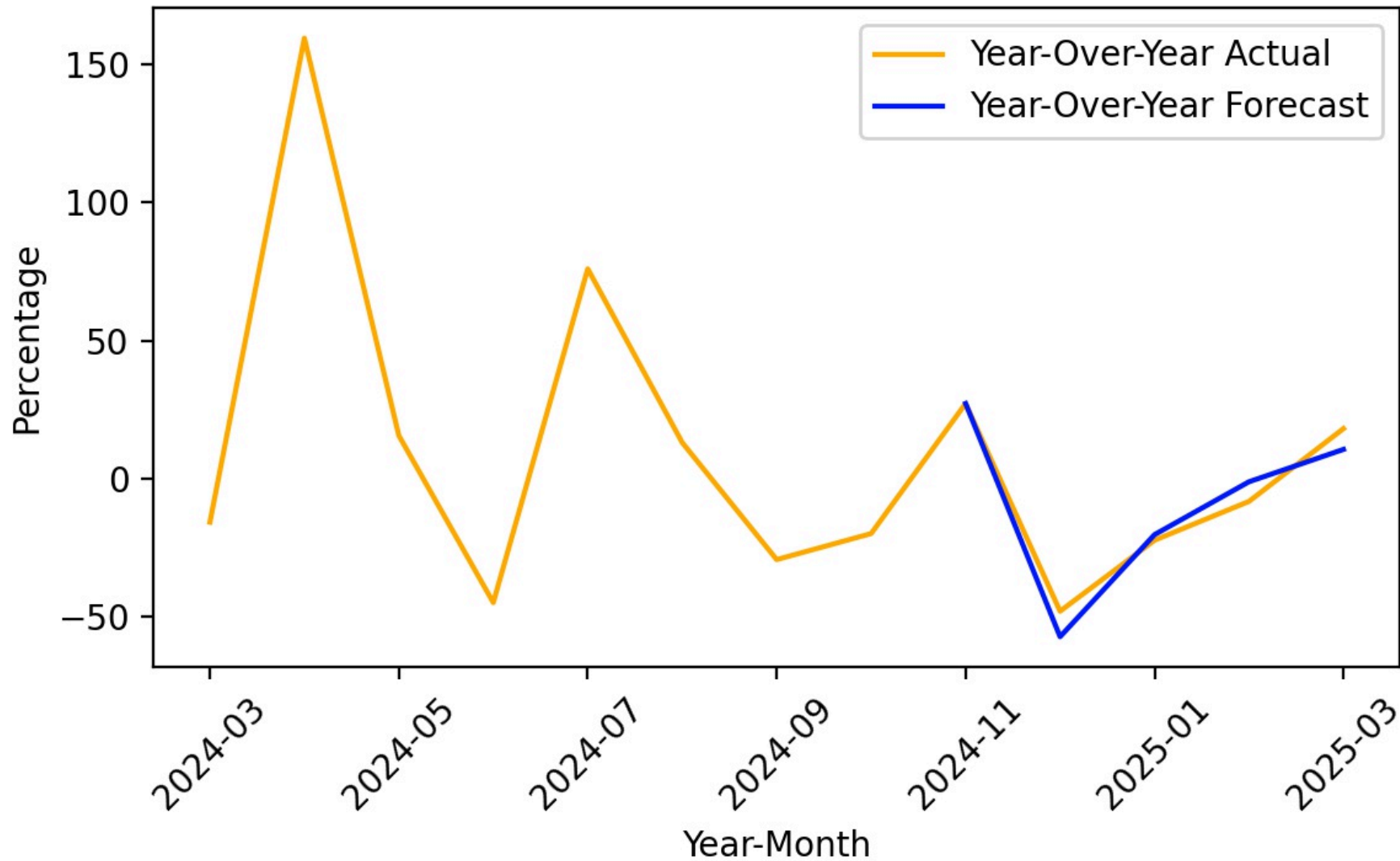


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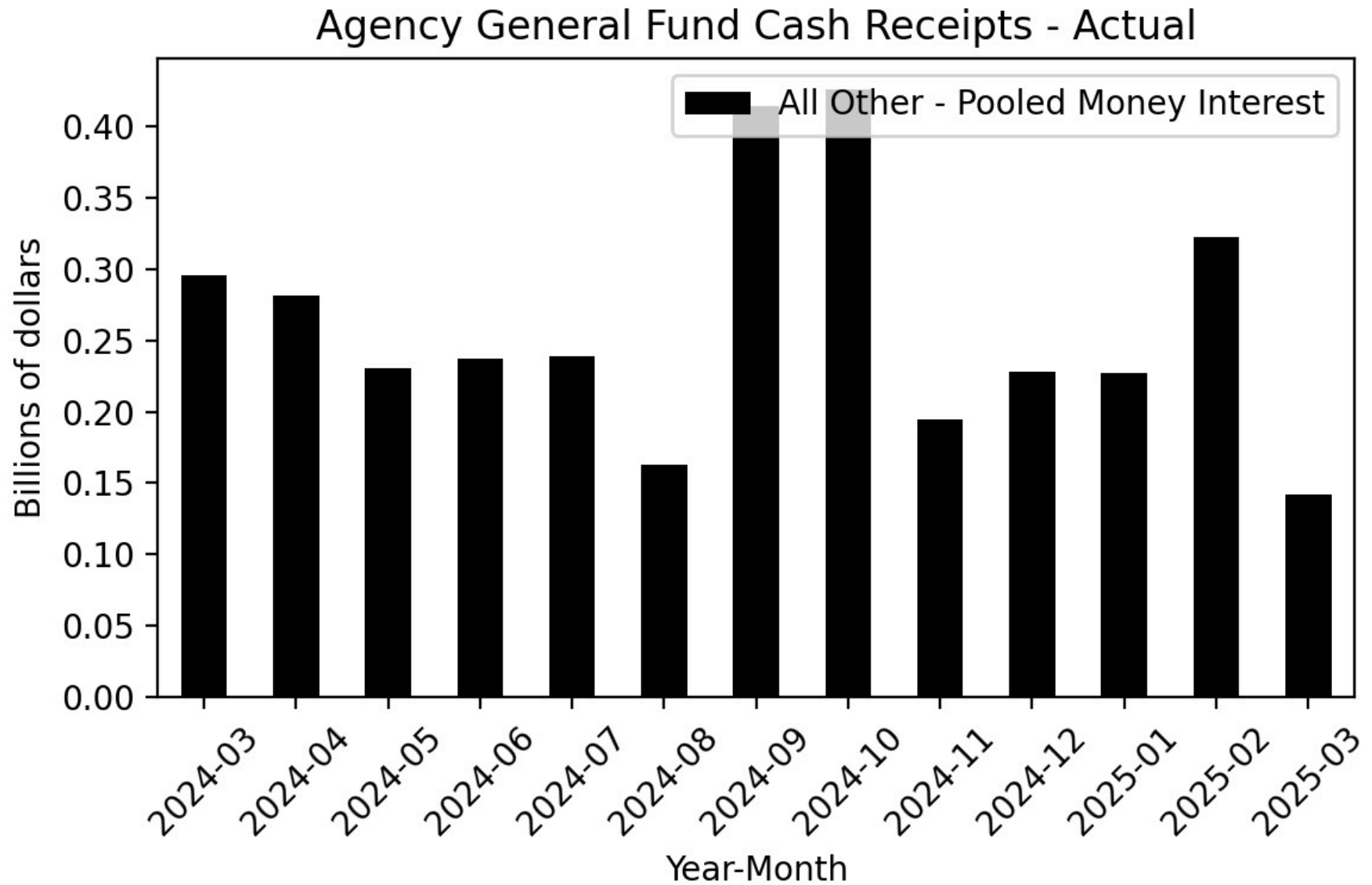


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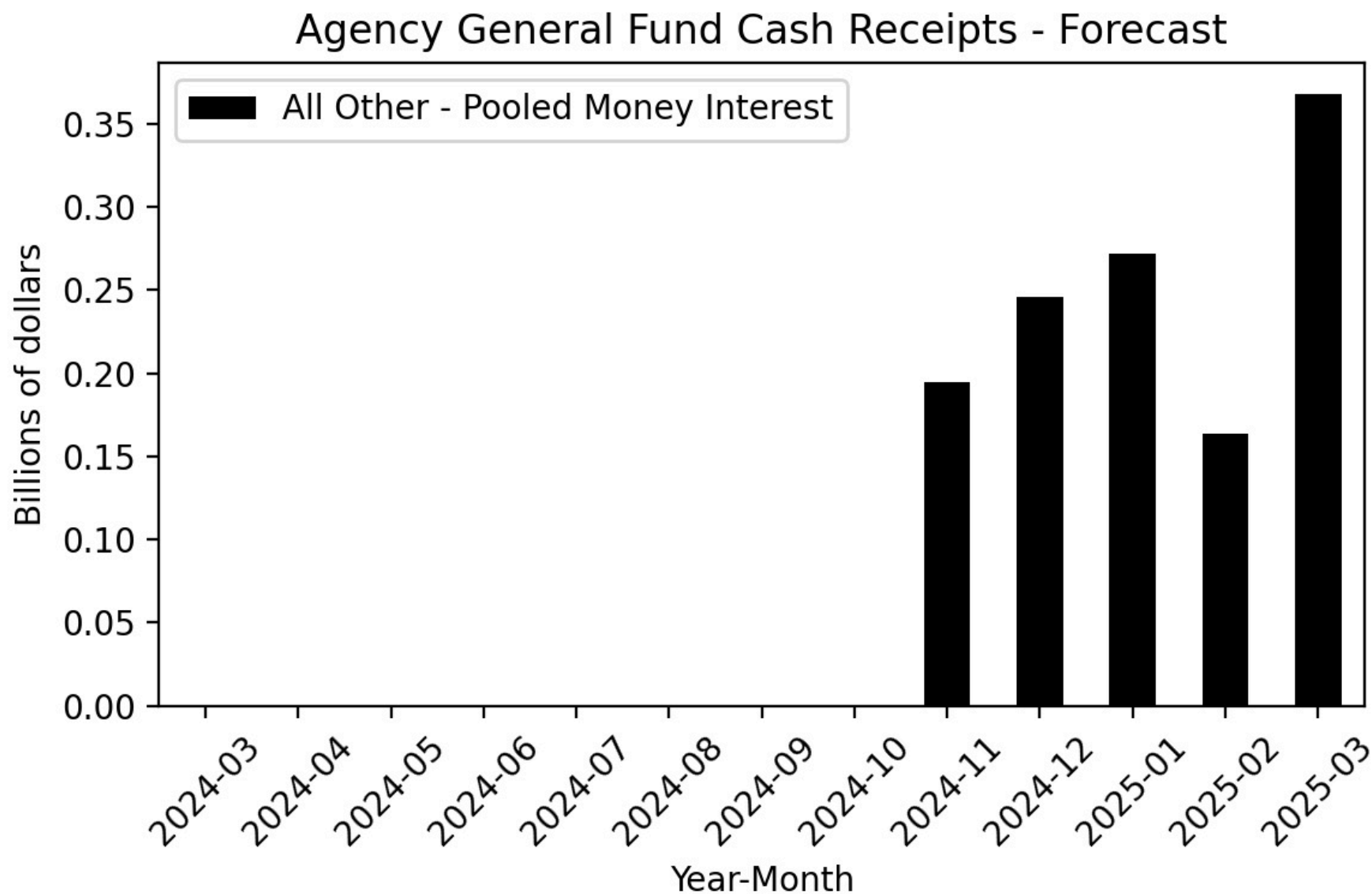


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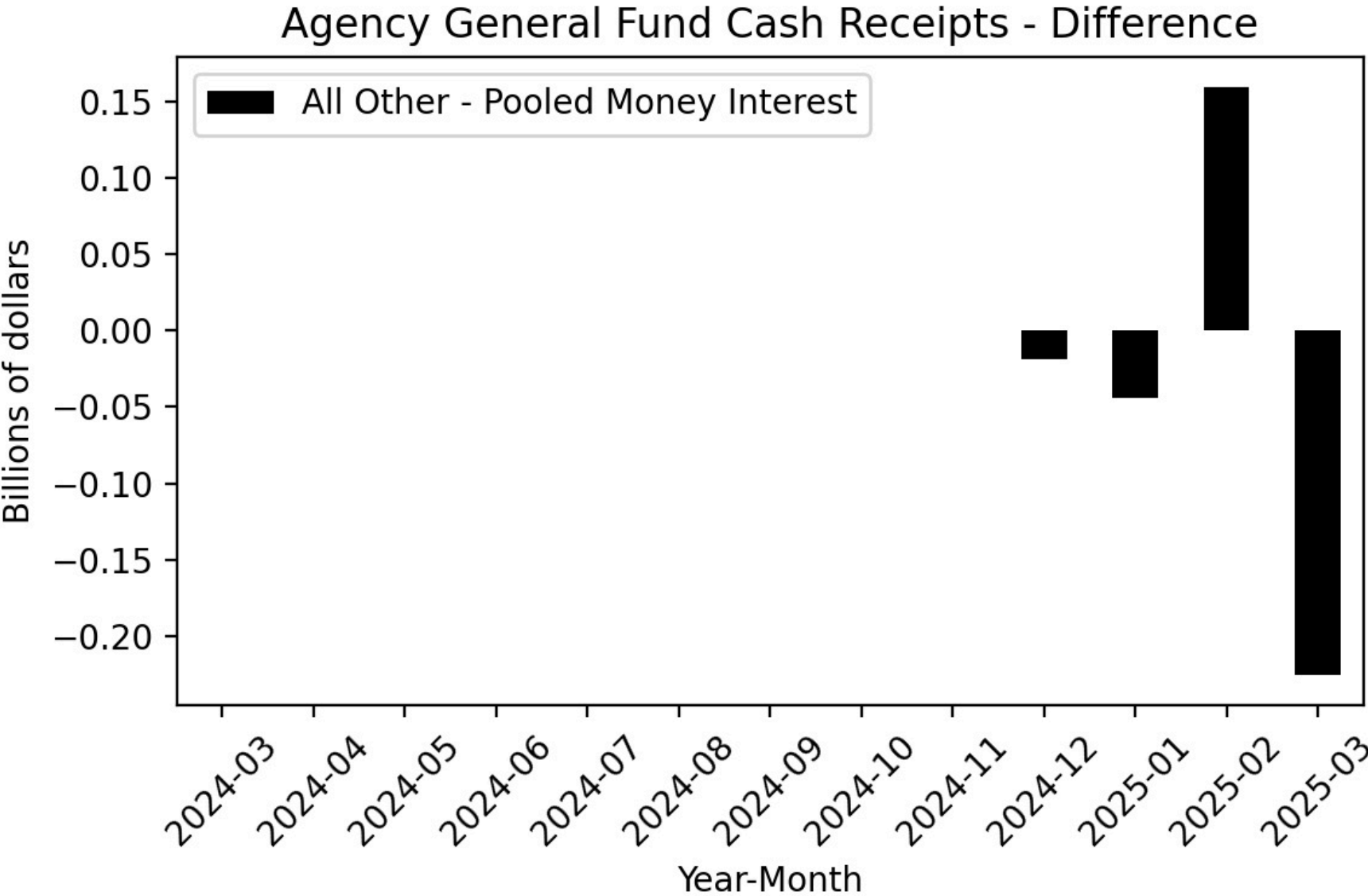


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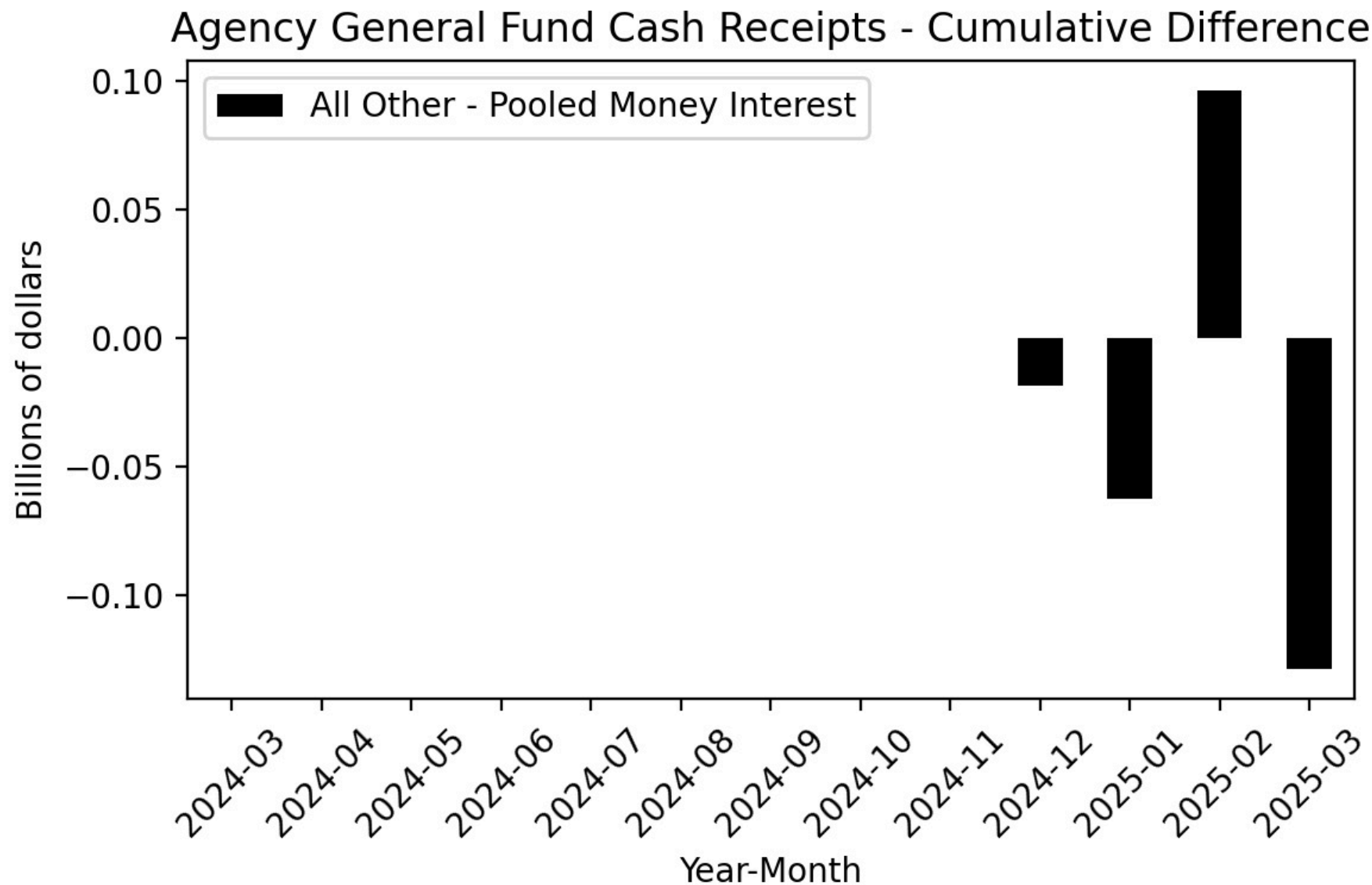


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Year-Over-Year Change - Actual and 2024-25 Budget Act Forecast
All Other-Pooled Money Interest

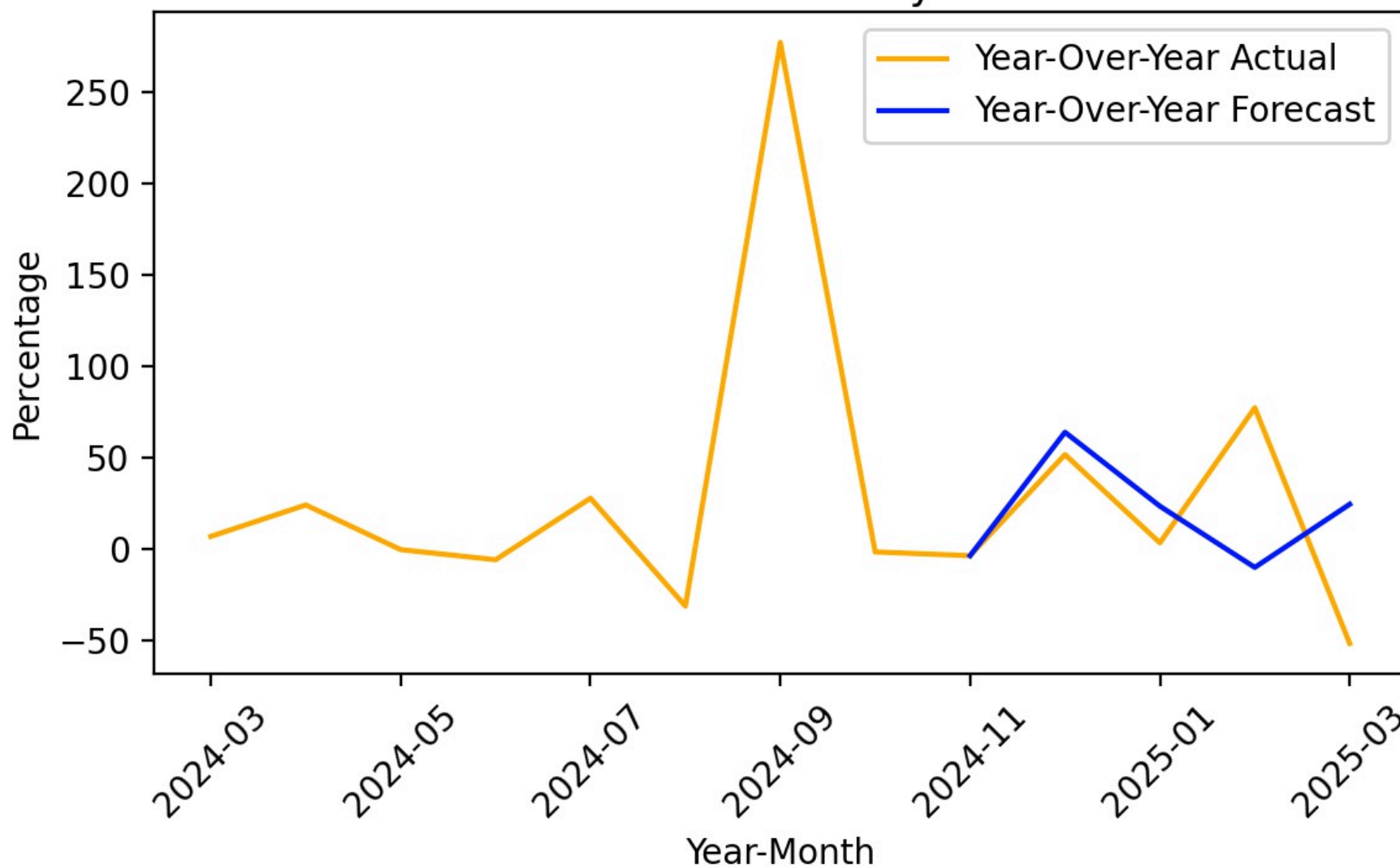


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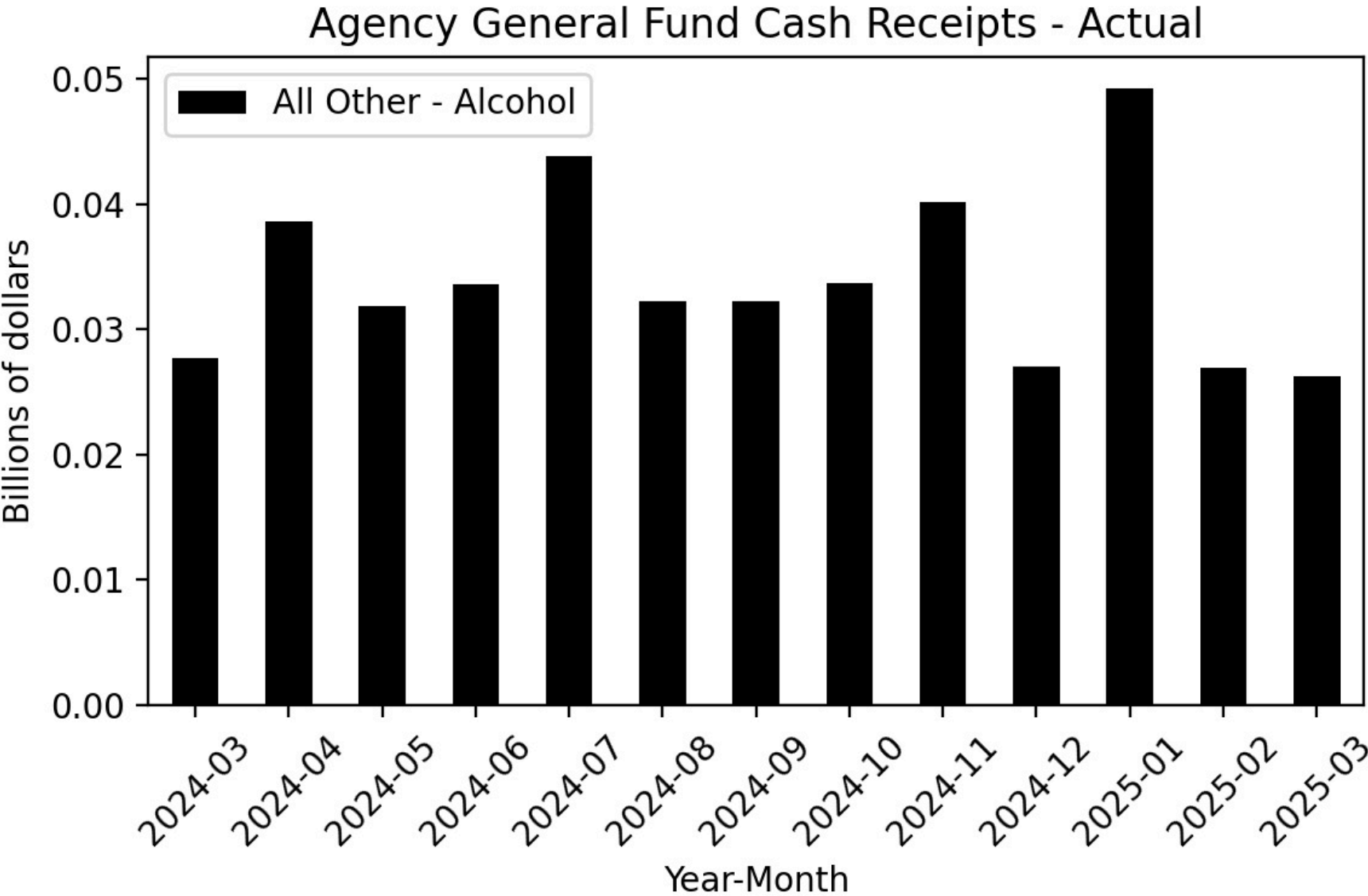


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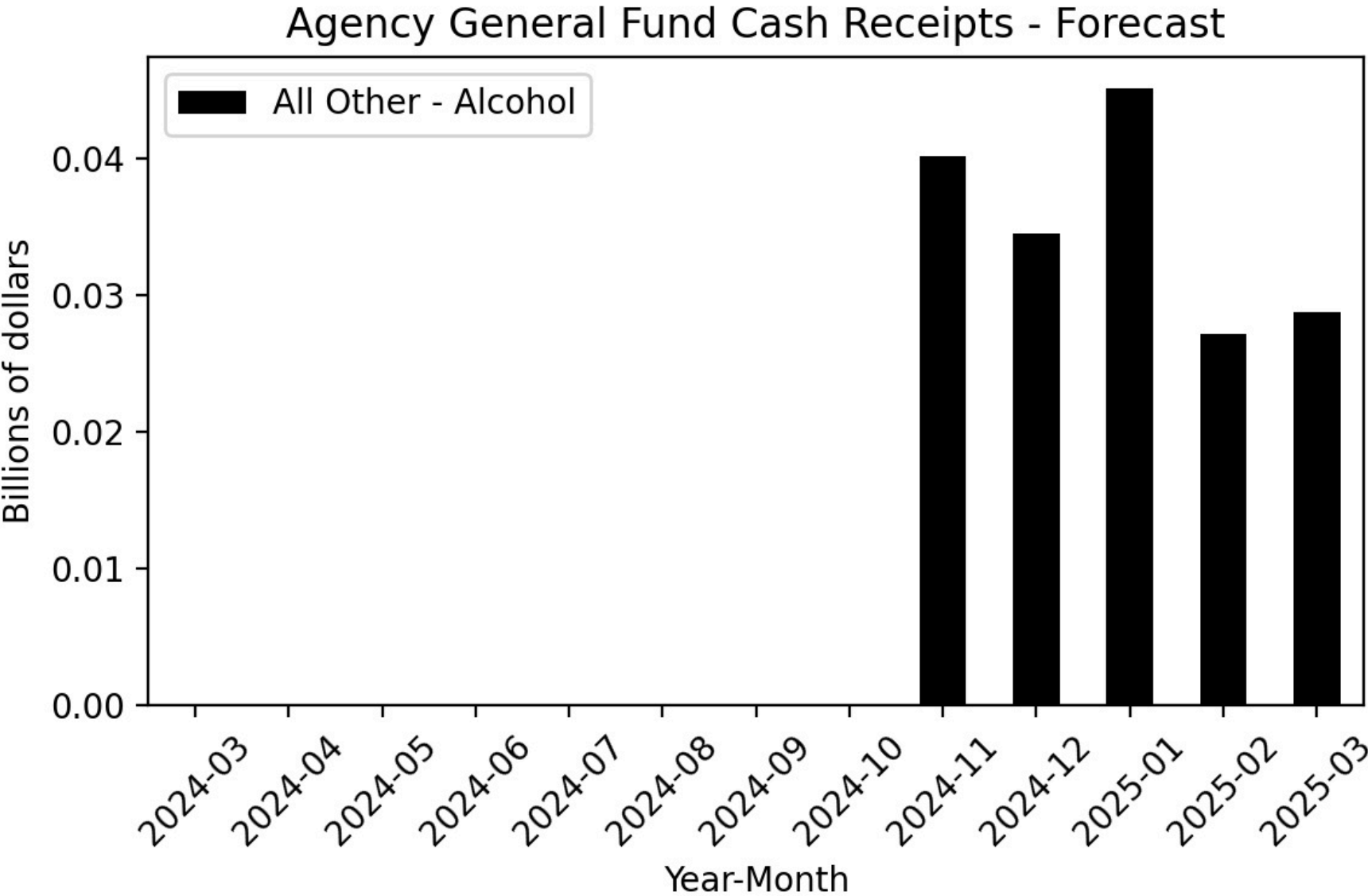


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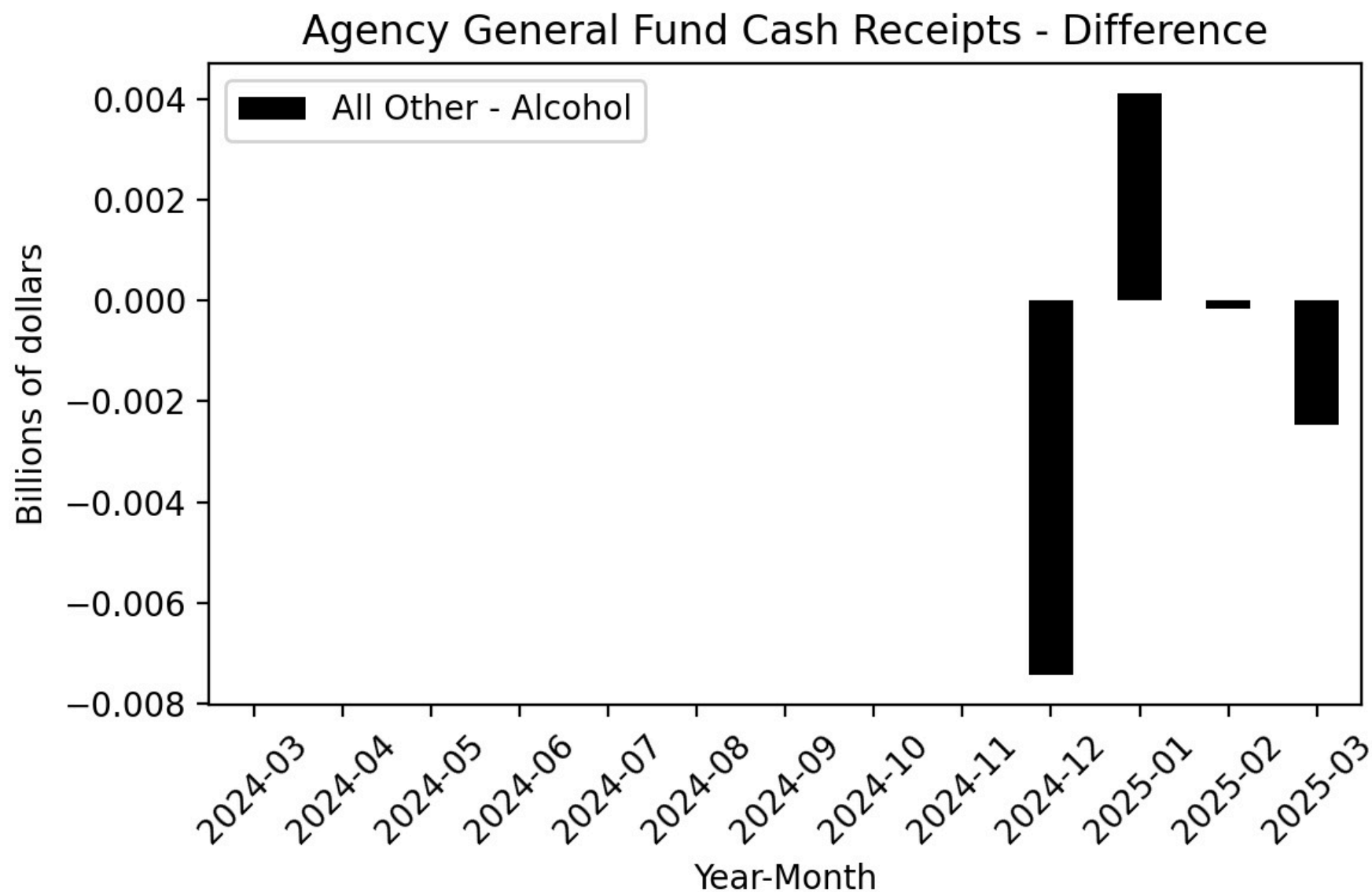


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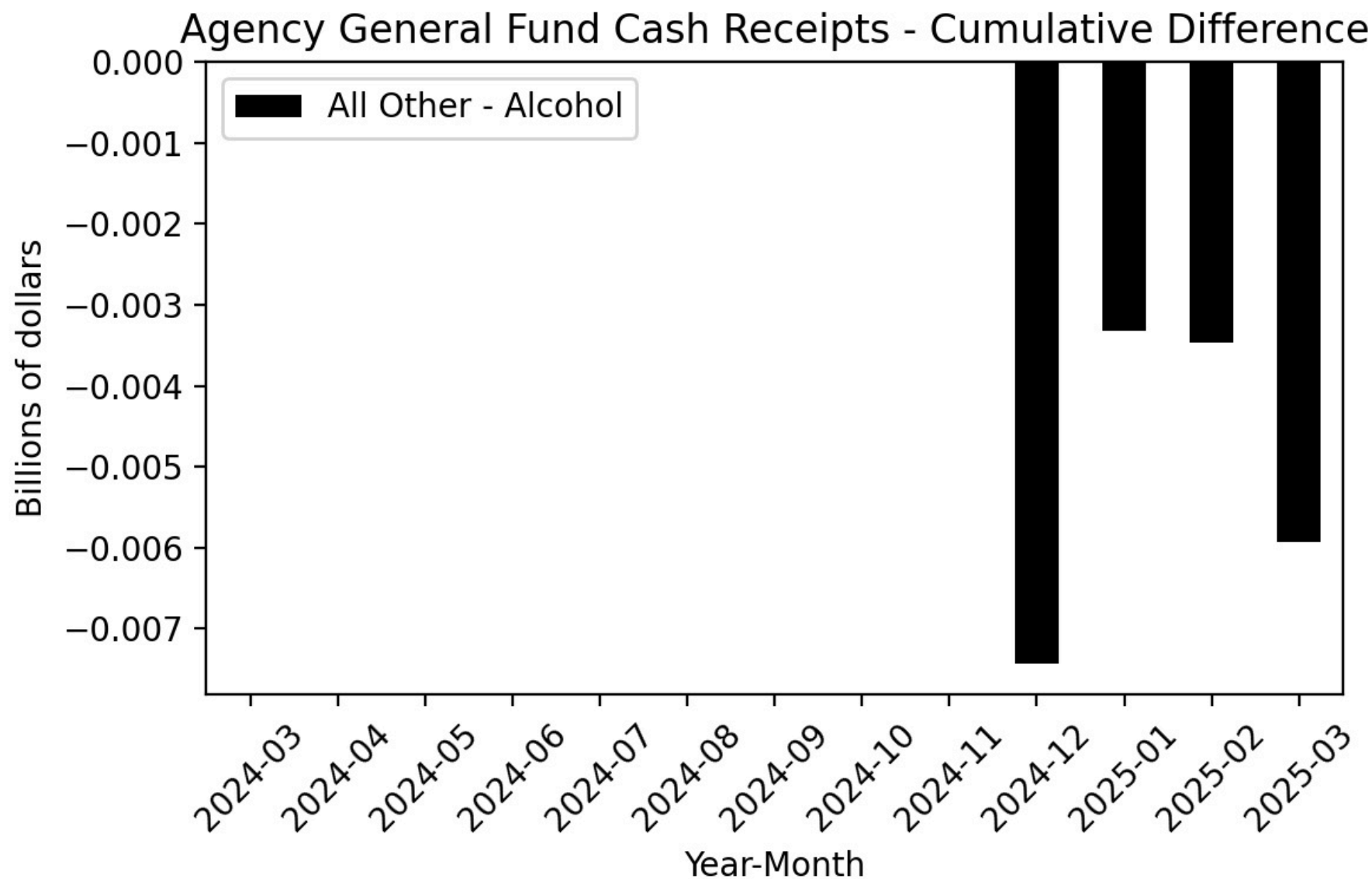


Figure 136

Year-Over-Year Change - Actual and 2024-25 Budget Act Forecast
All Other-Alcohol

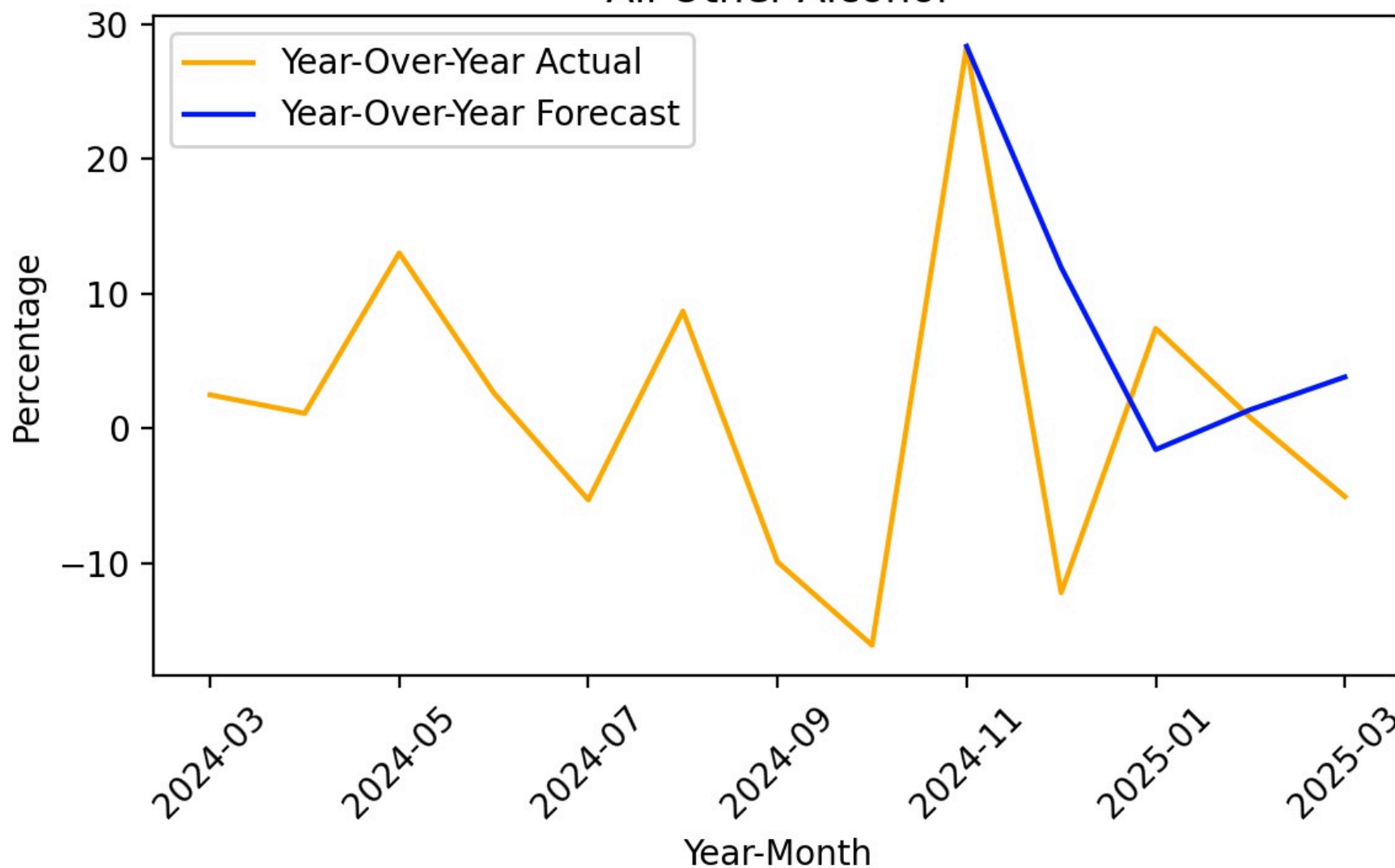


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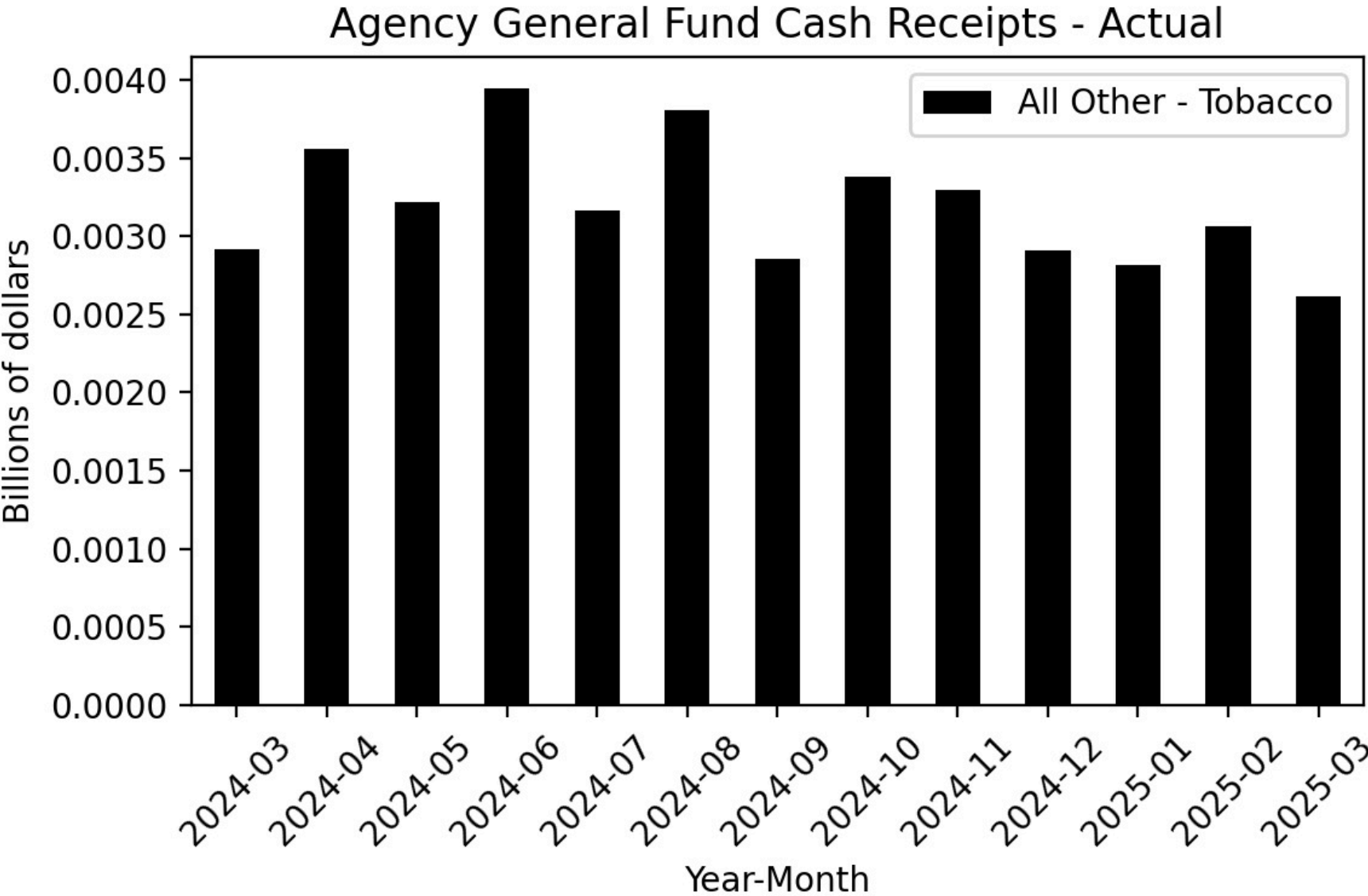


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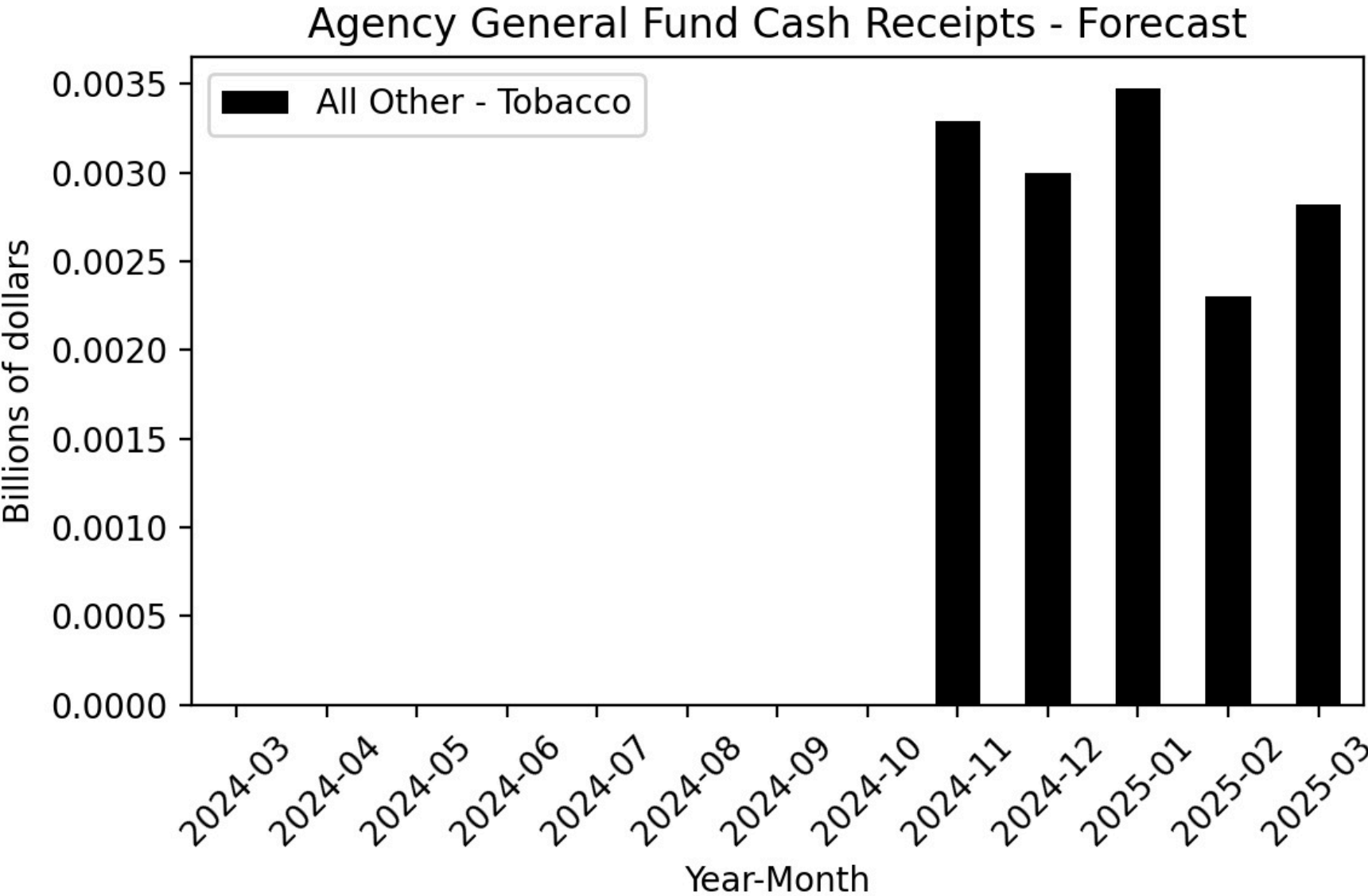


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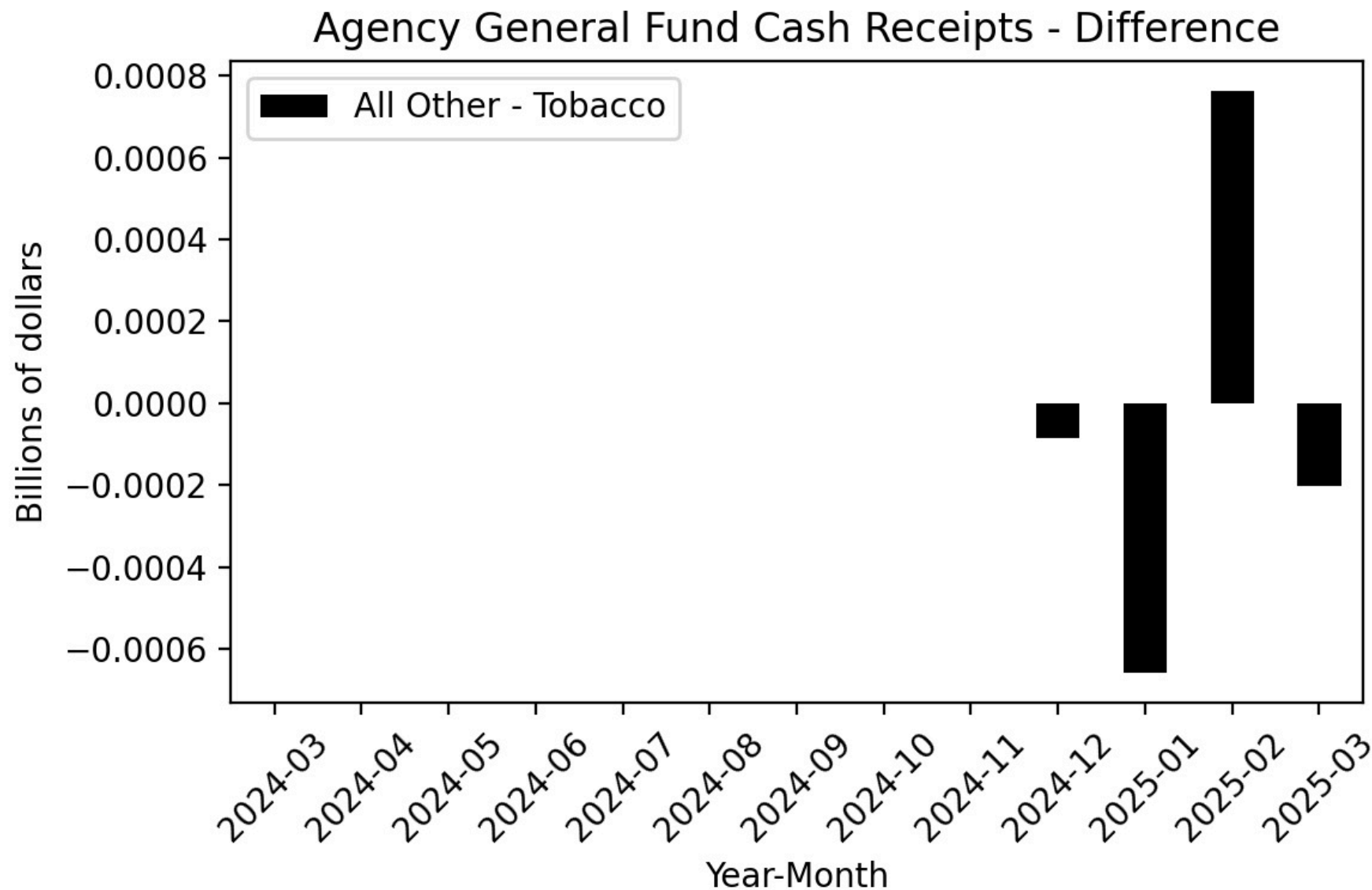


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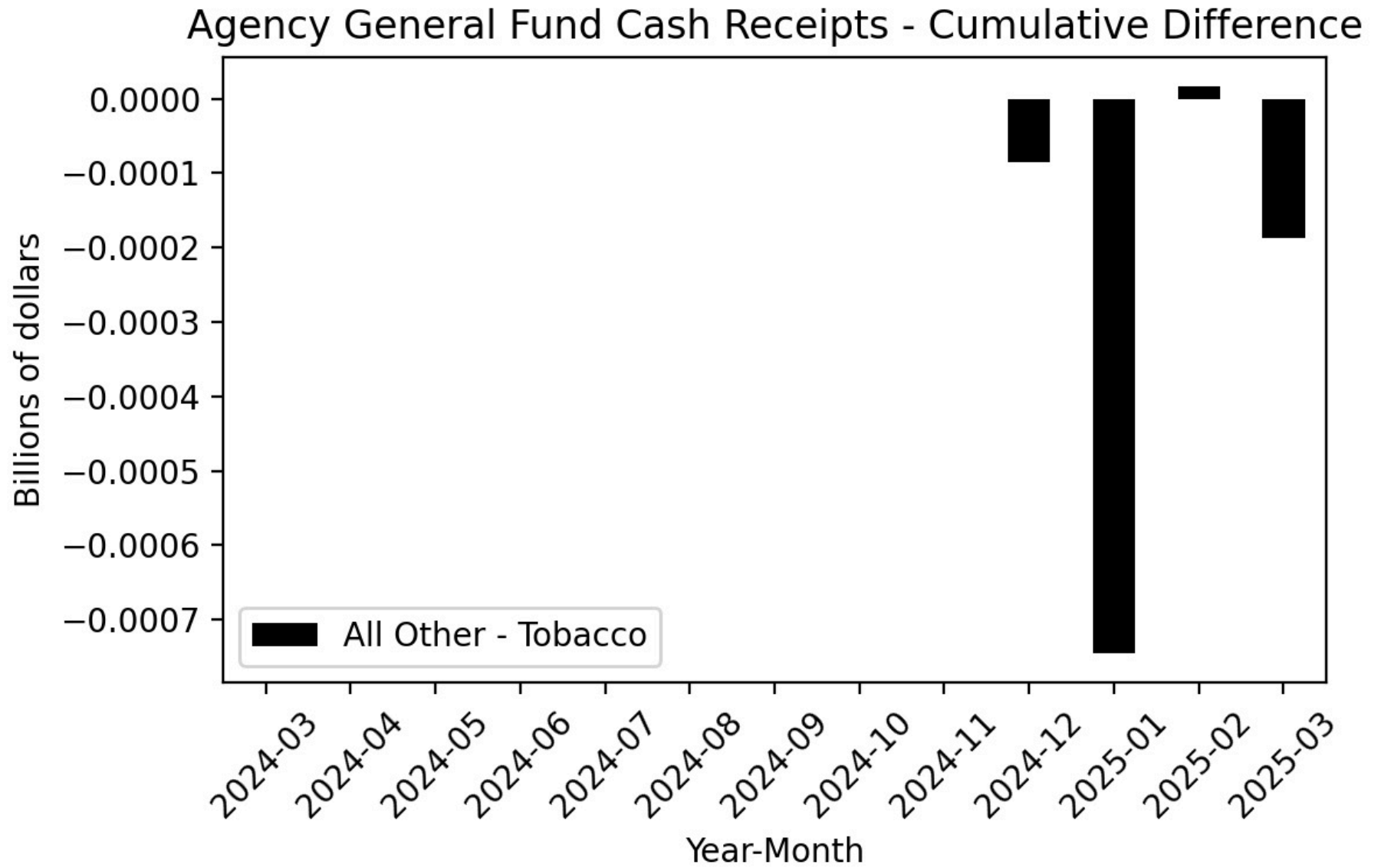


Figure 141

Year-Over-Year Change - Actual and 2024-25 Budget Act Forecast
All Other-Tobacco

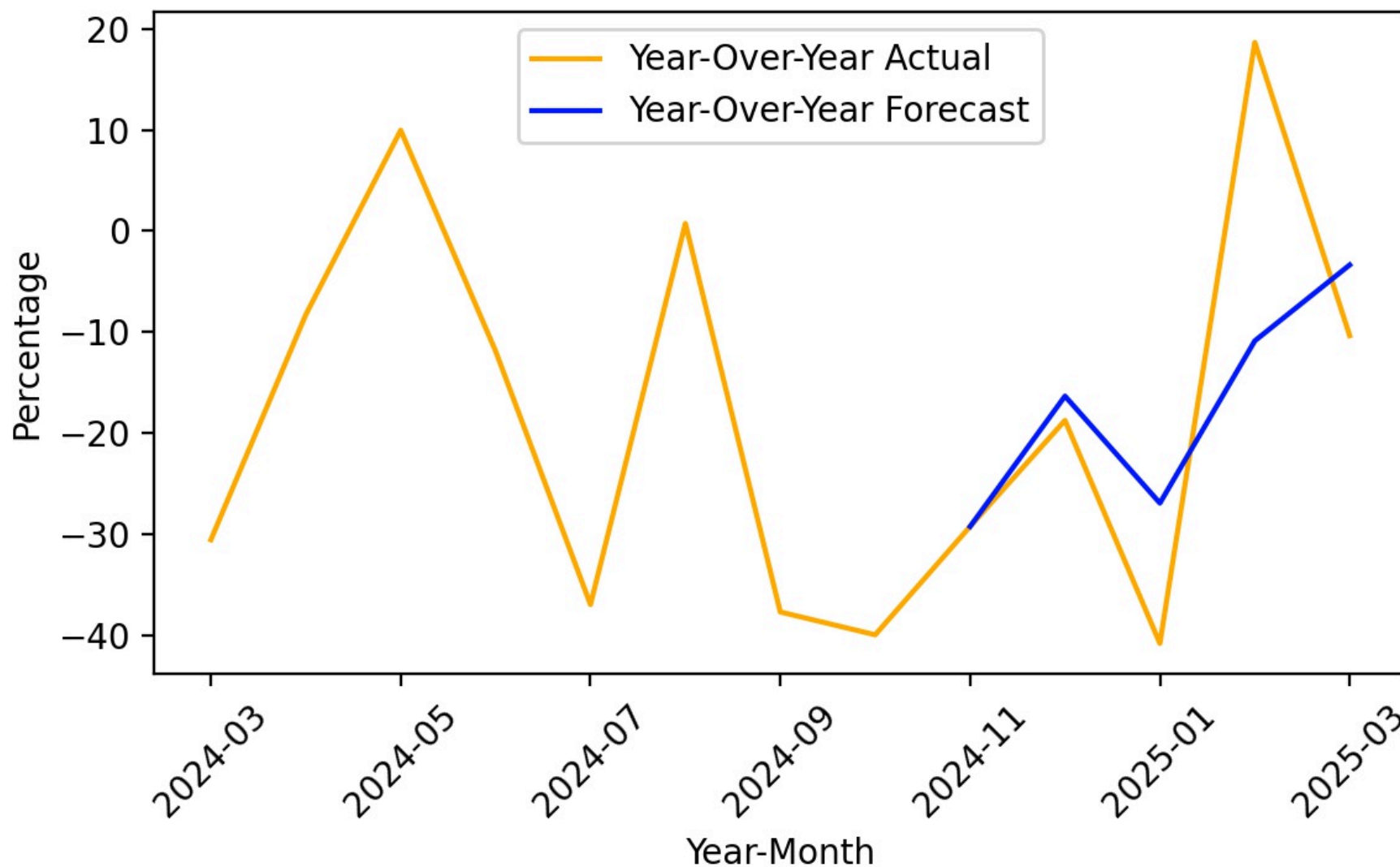


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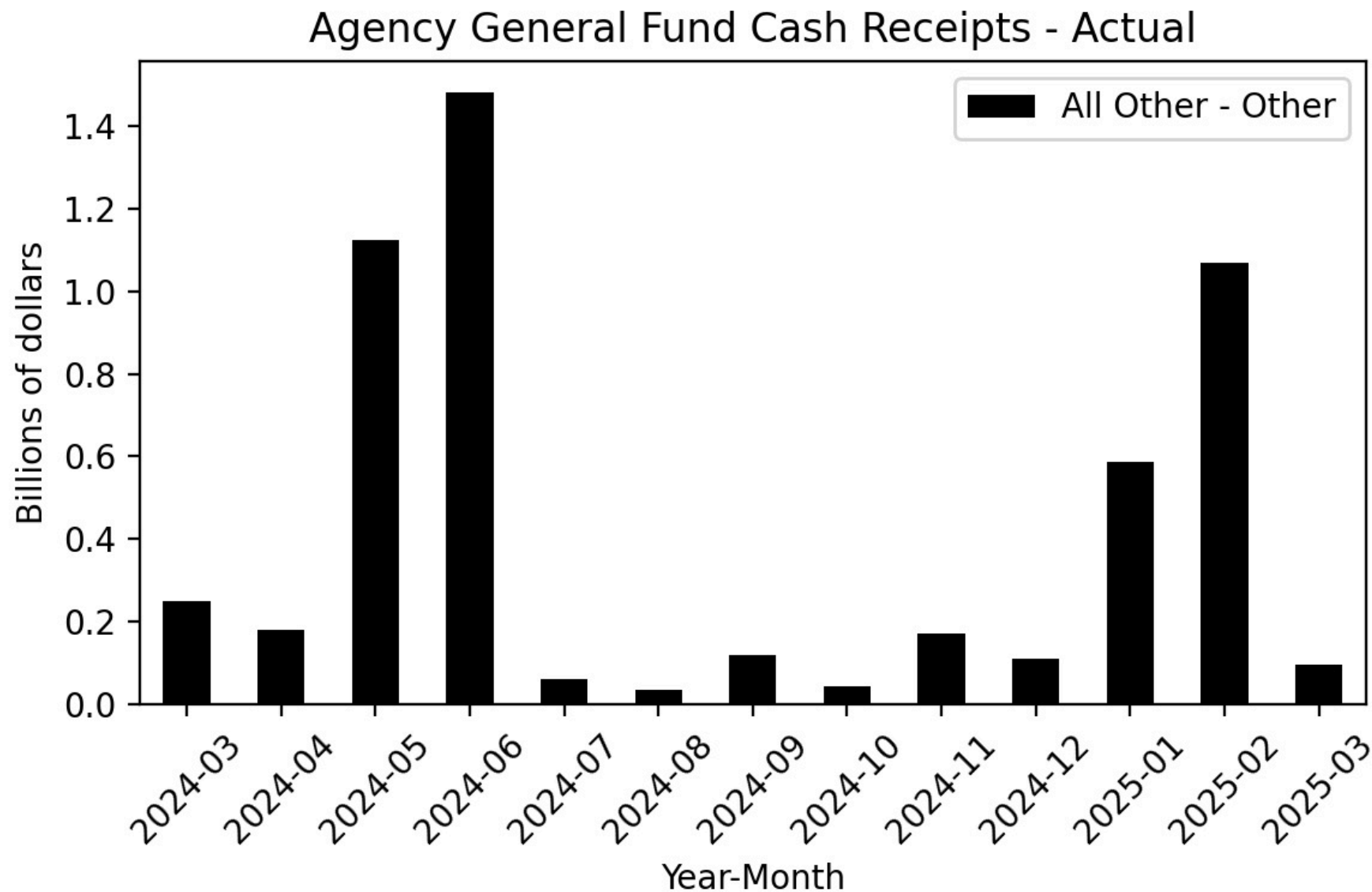


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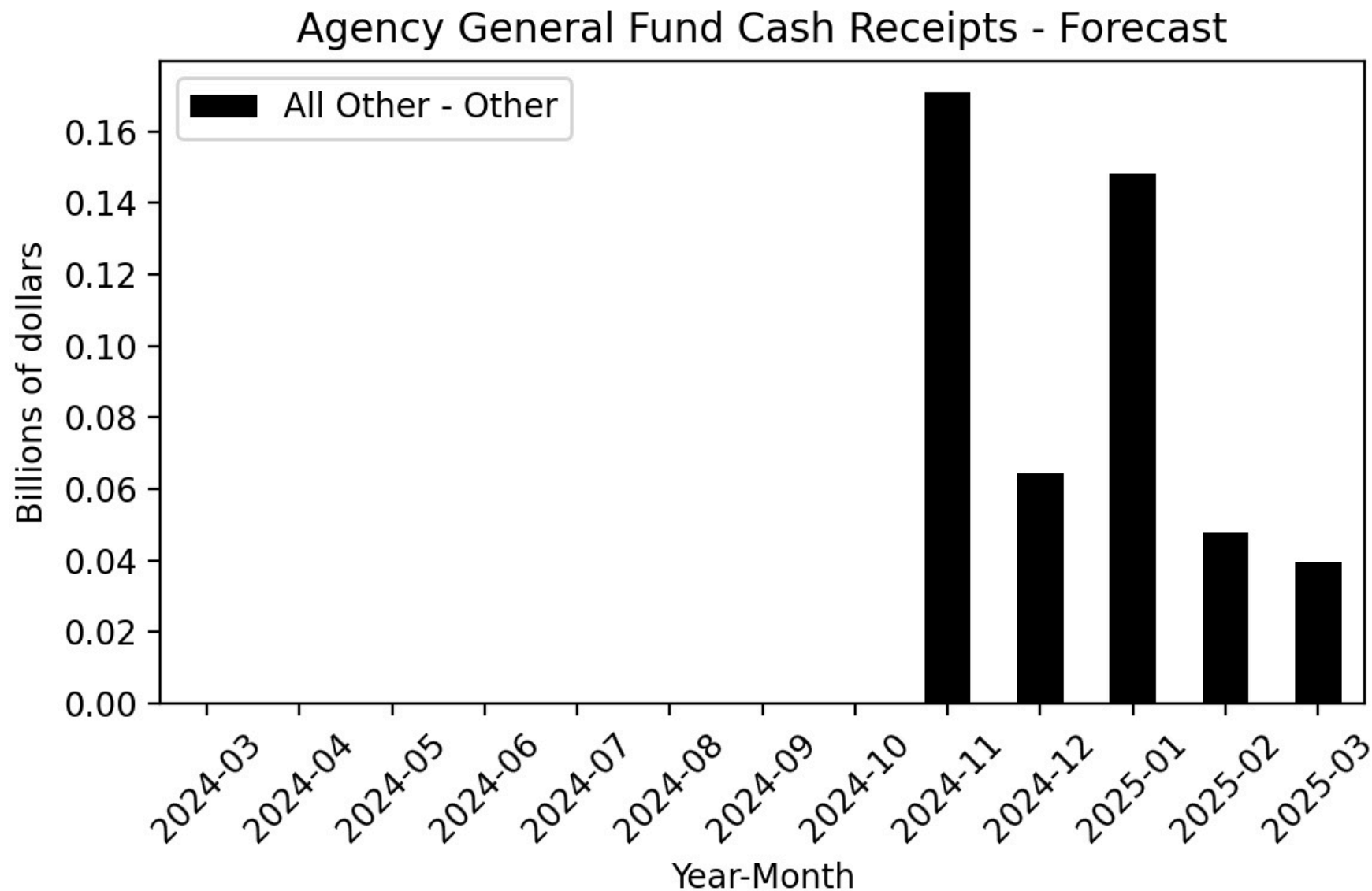


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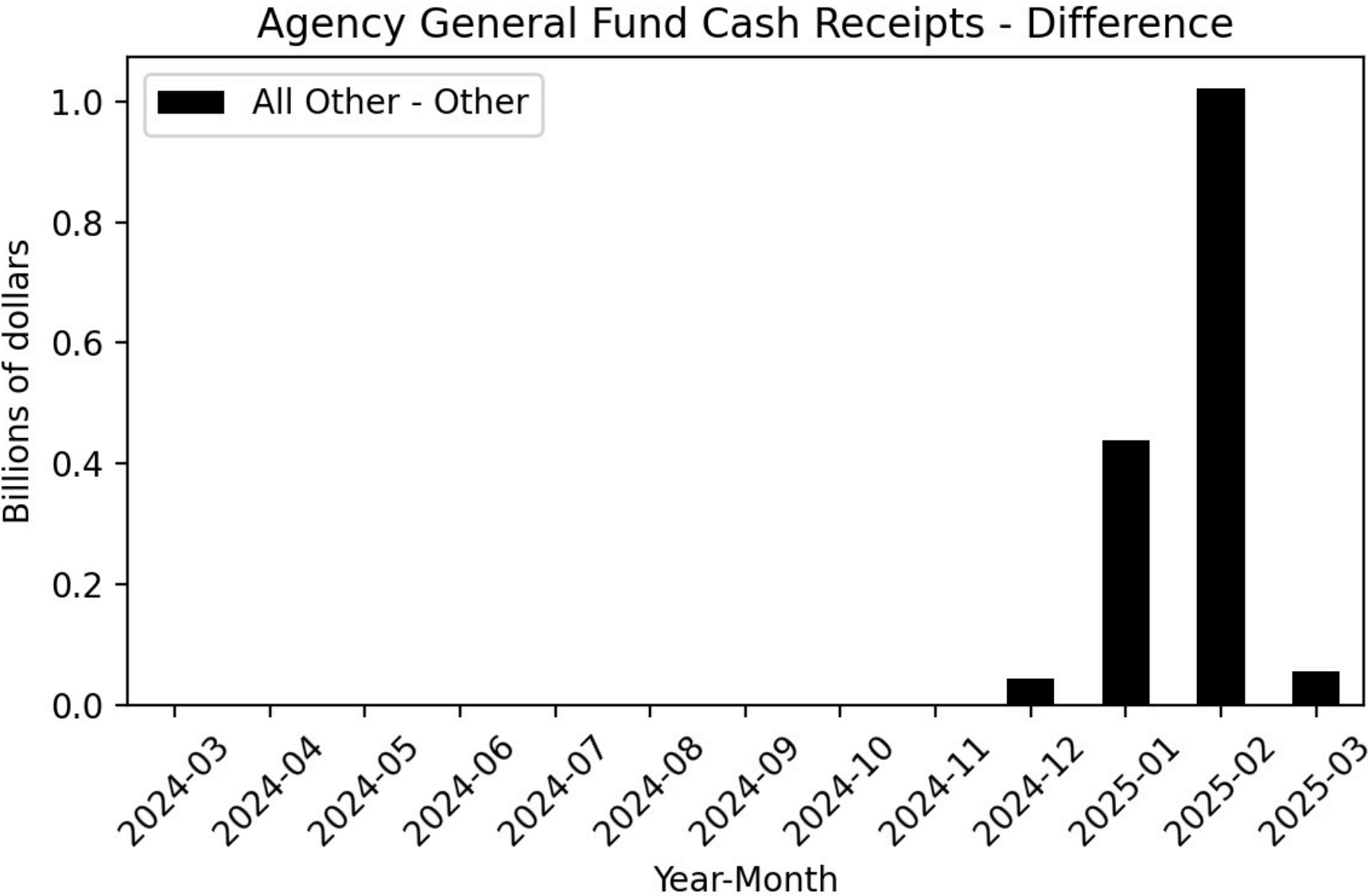


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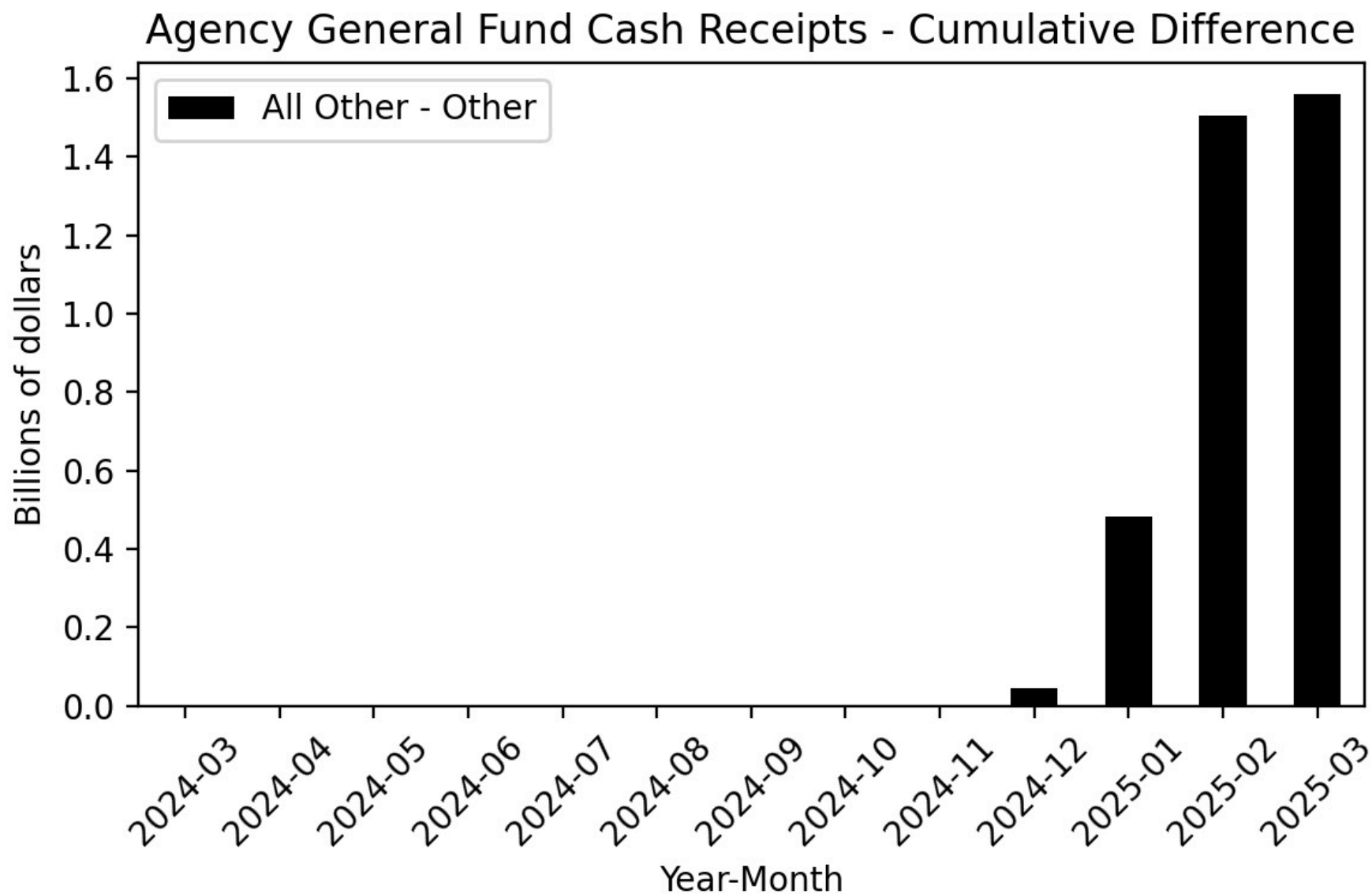


Figure 146

Year-Over-Year Change - Actual and 2024-25 Budget Act Forecast
All Other-Other

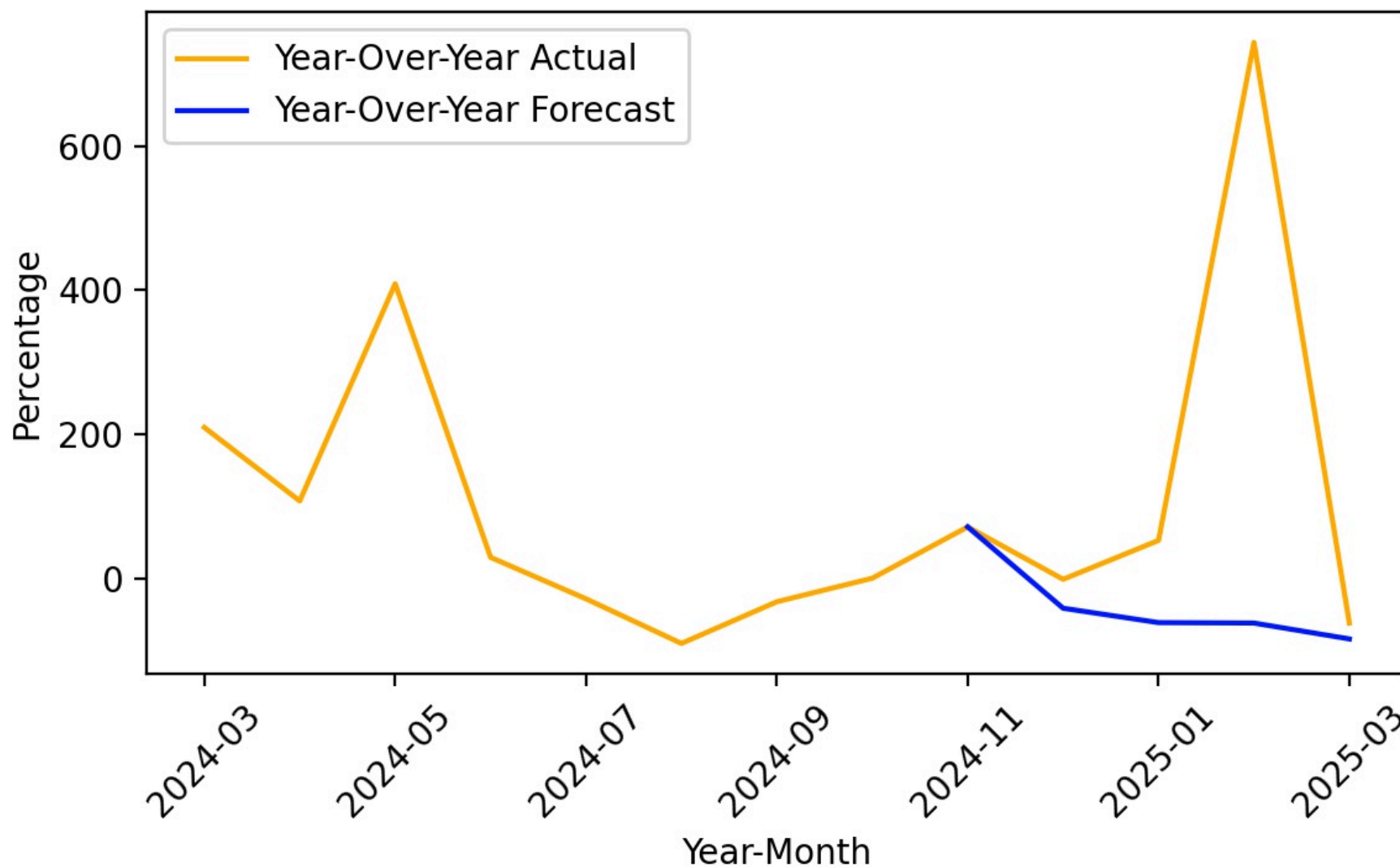


Figure 147

**Personal Income Tax - Historical Agency General Fund Revenues
by Sub-Category (Calendar Year)**

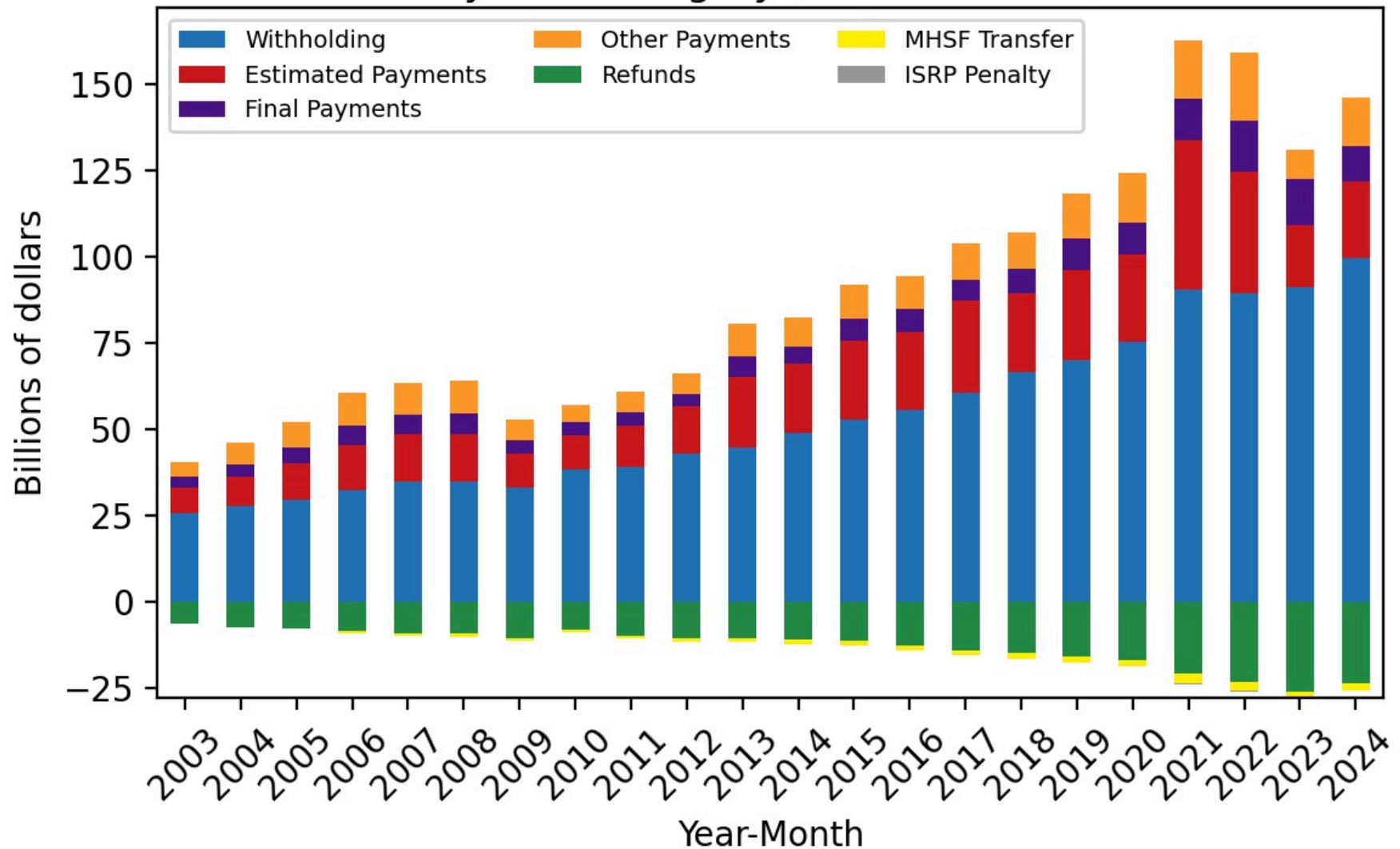


Figure 148

**Personal Income Tax - Historical Agency General Fund Revenues
by Sub-Category (Fiscal Year)**

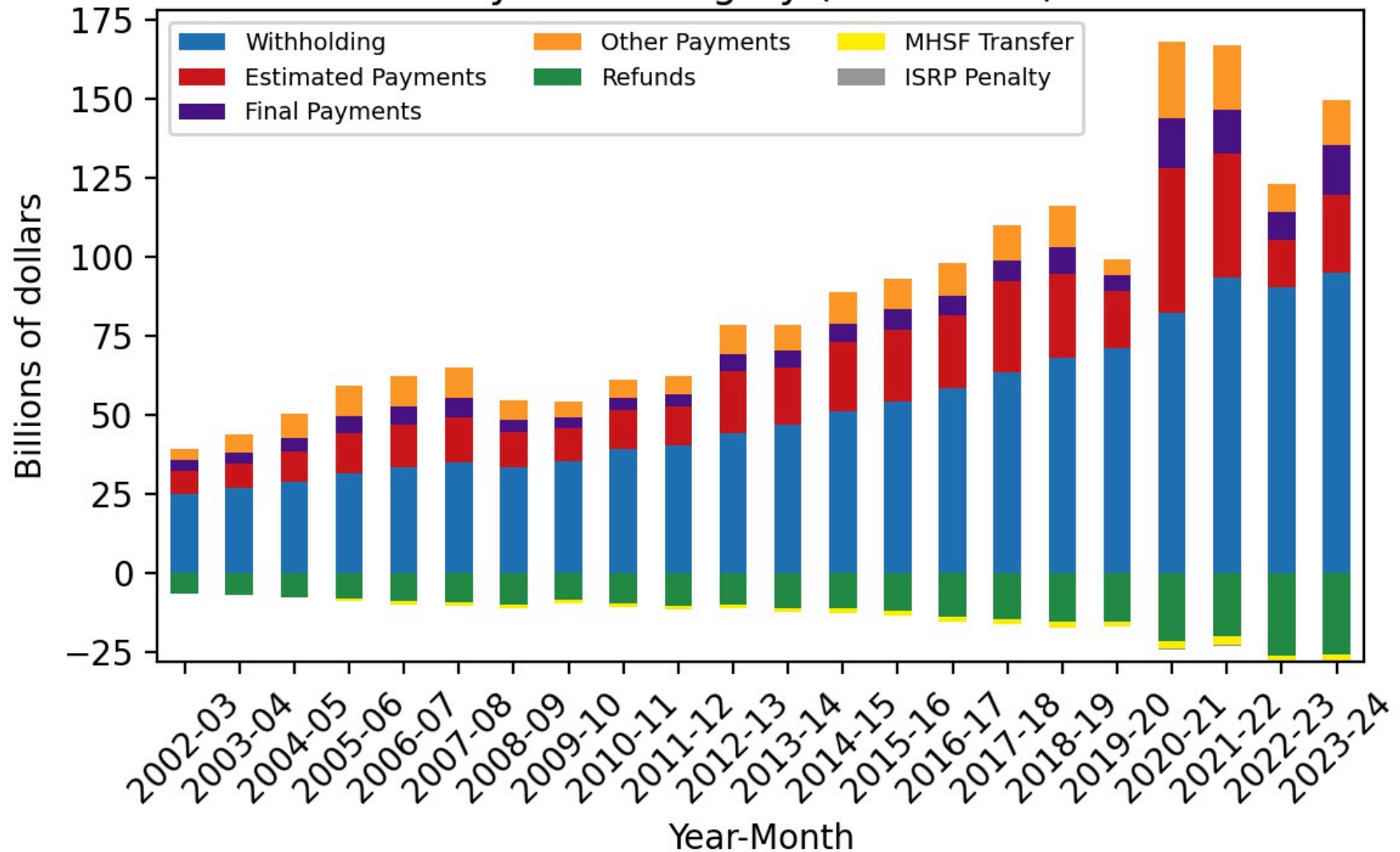


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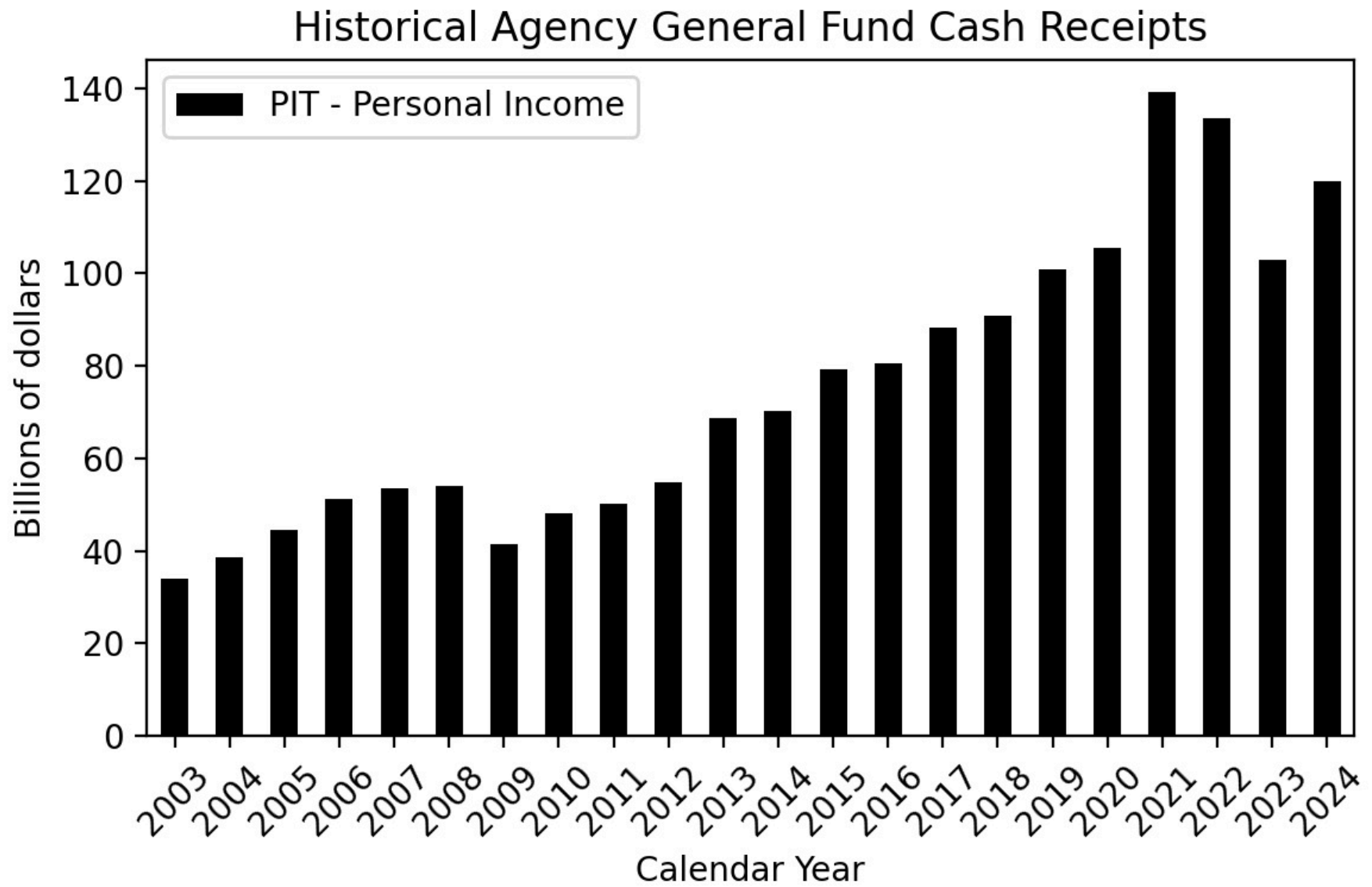


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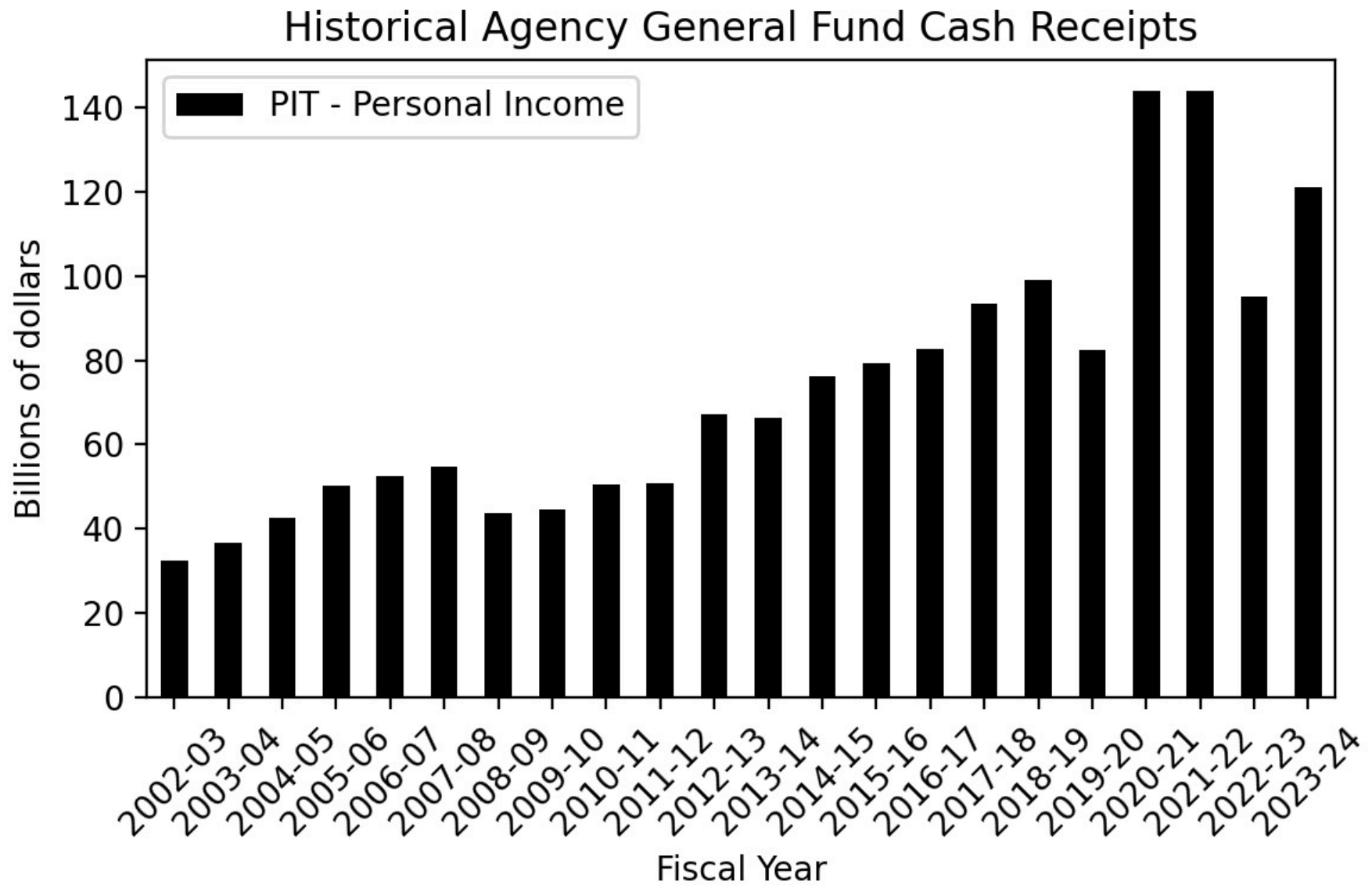


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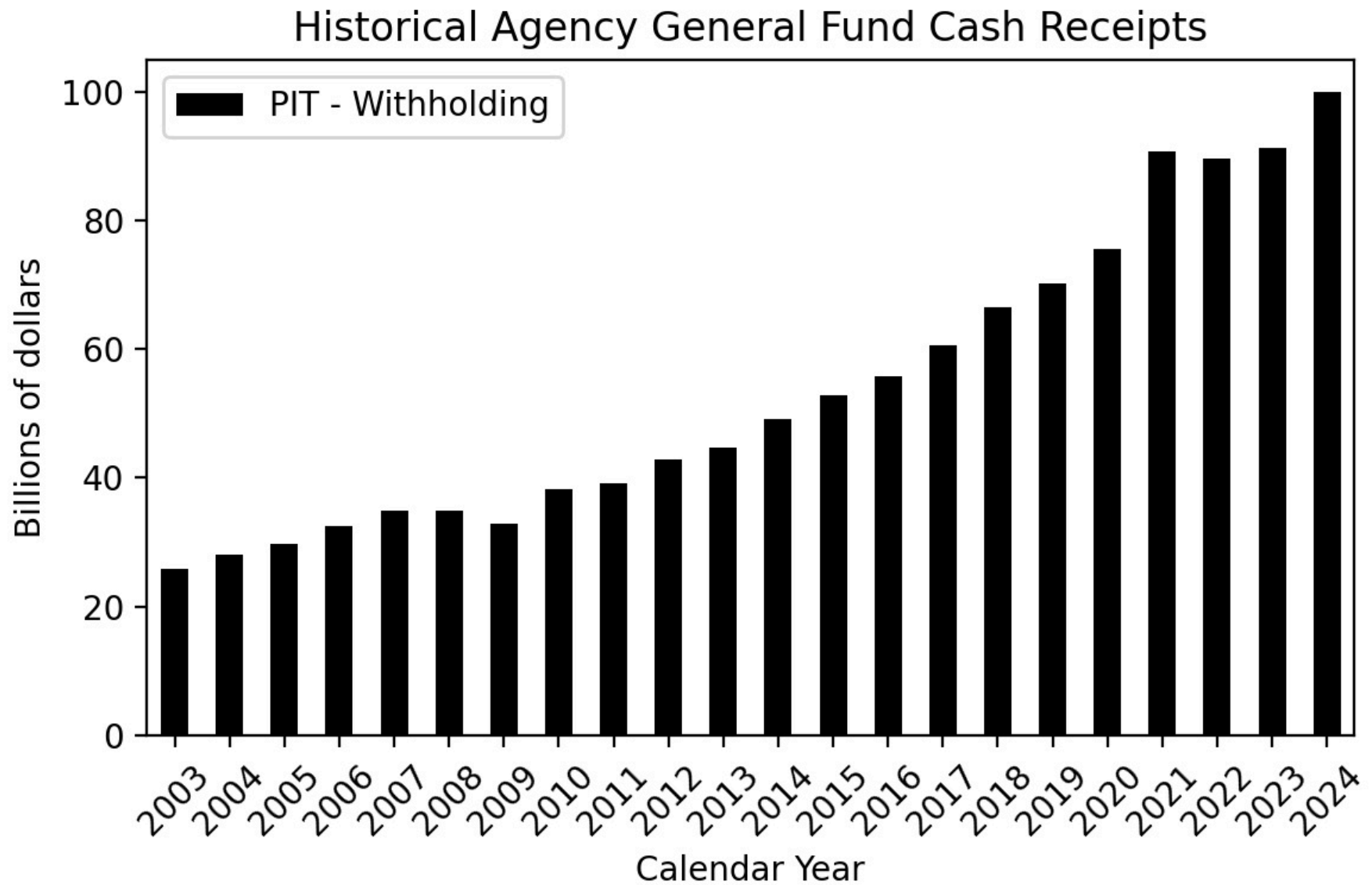


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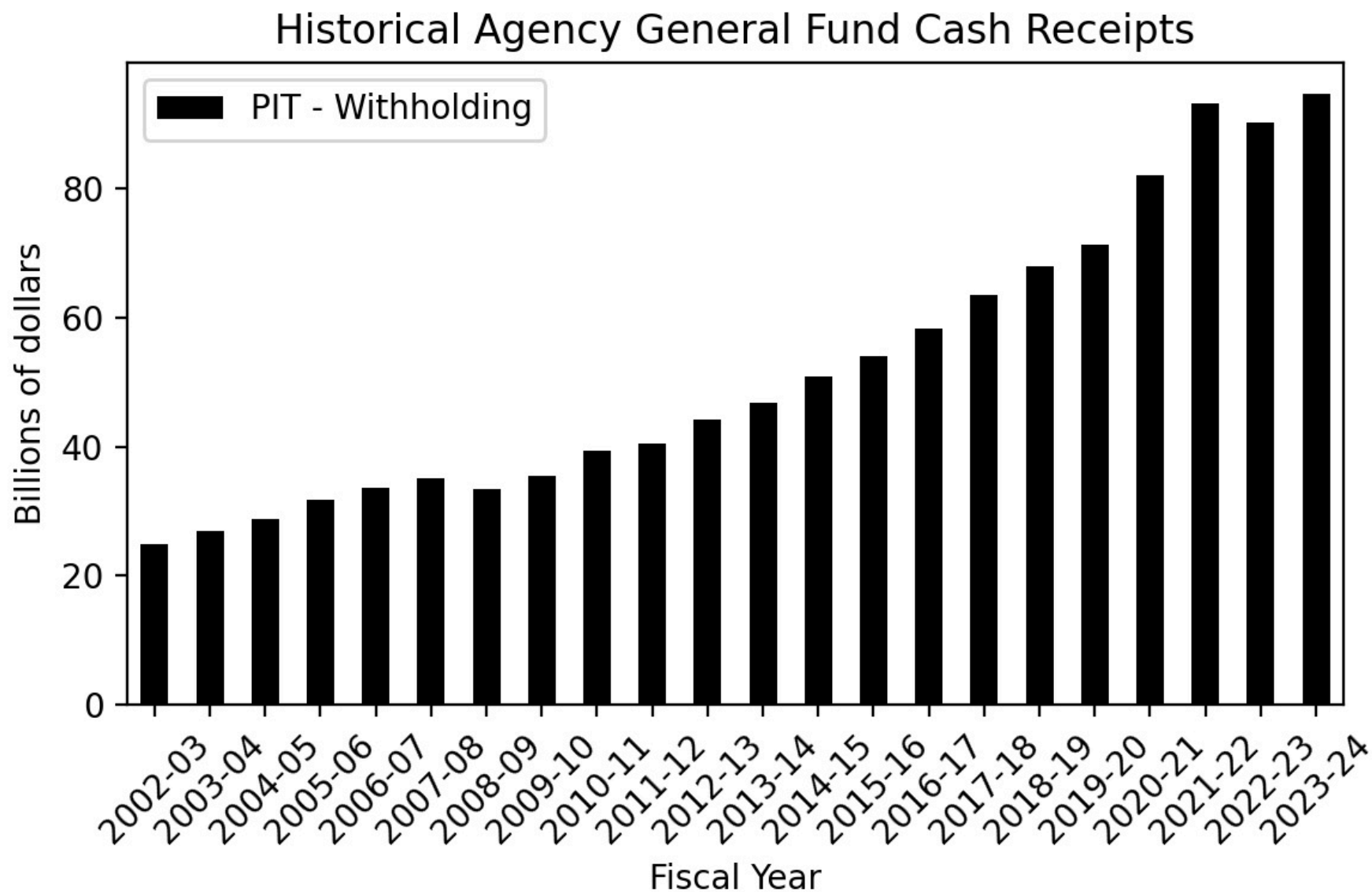


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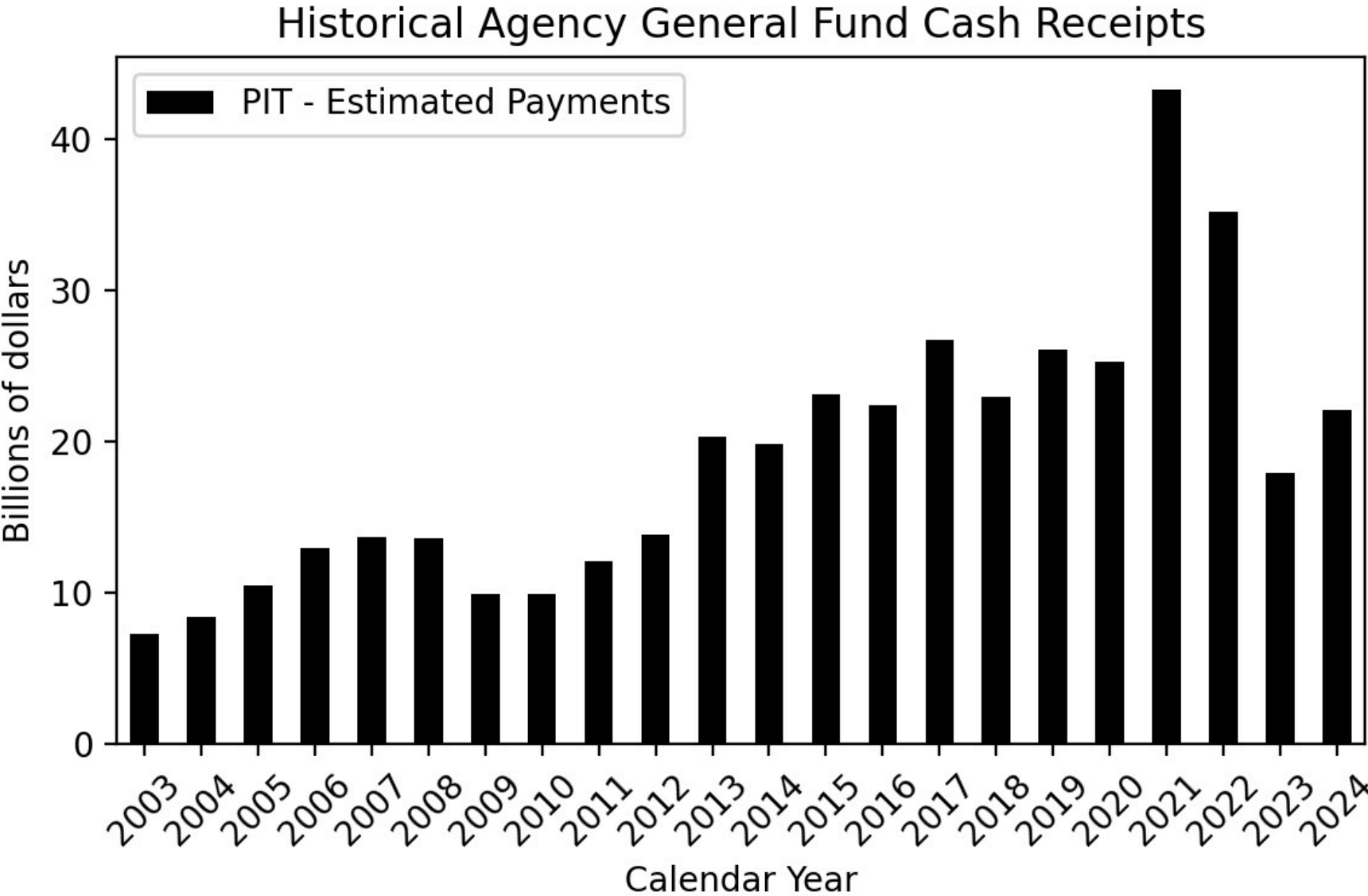


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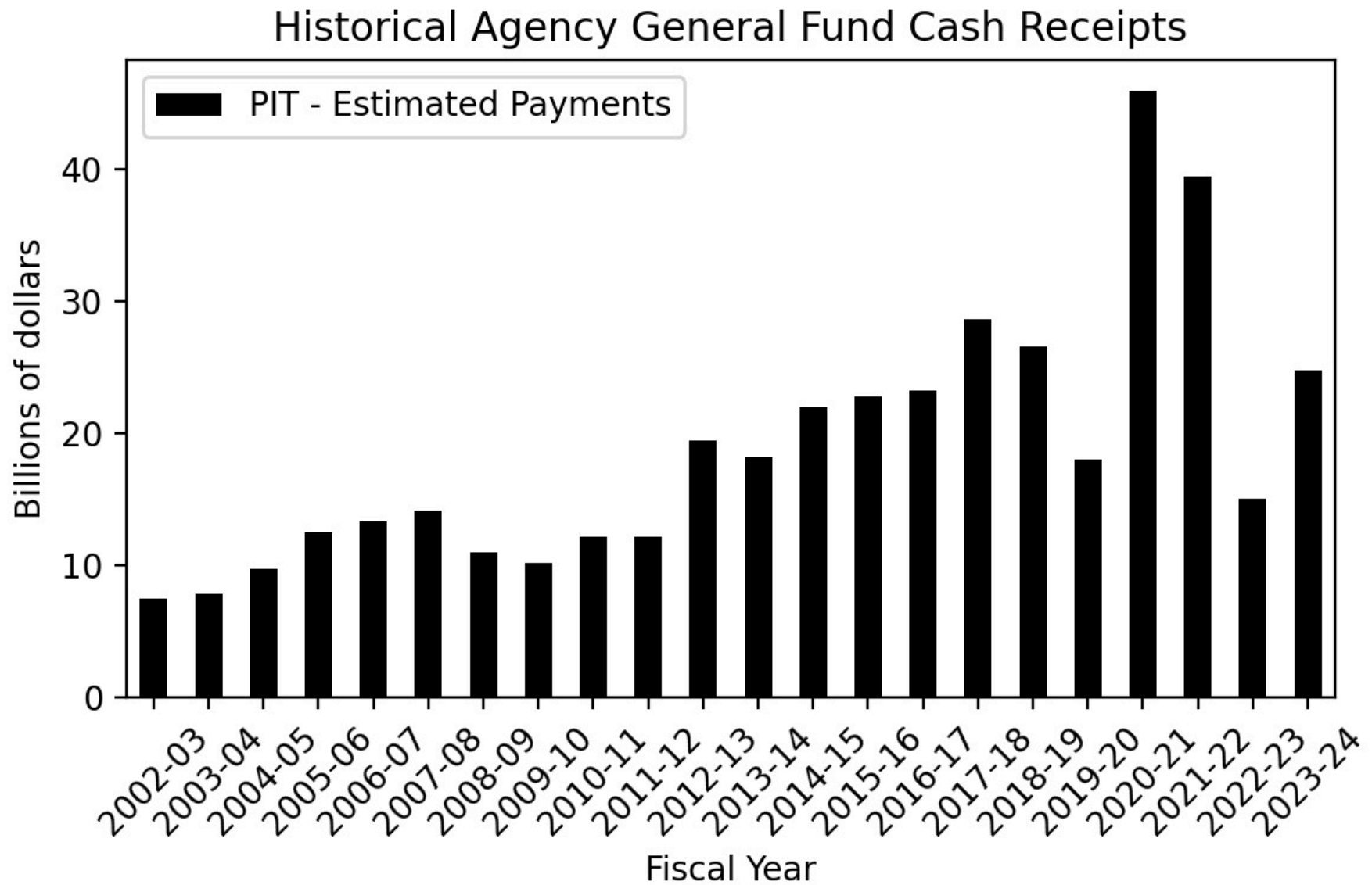


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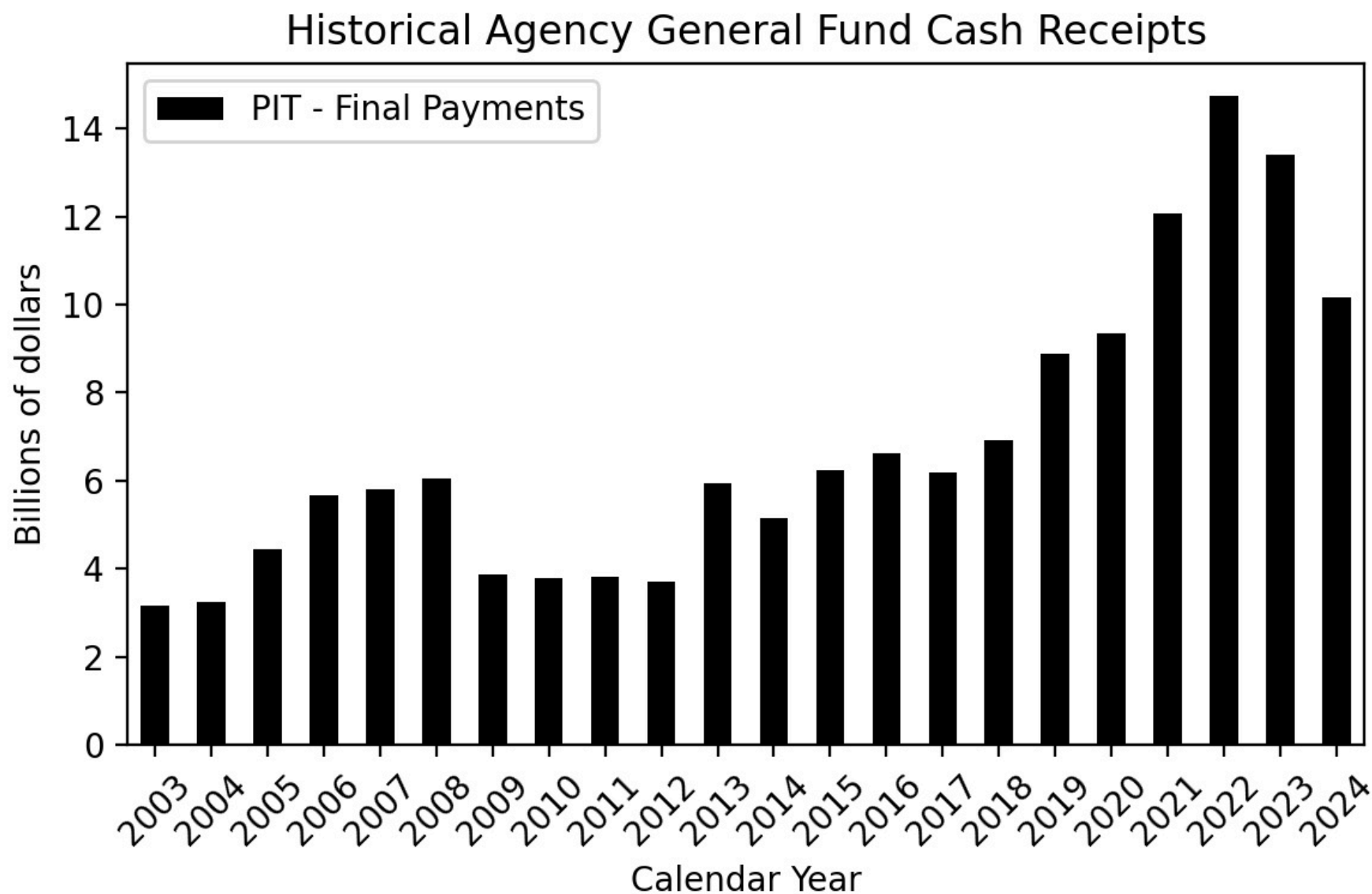


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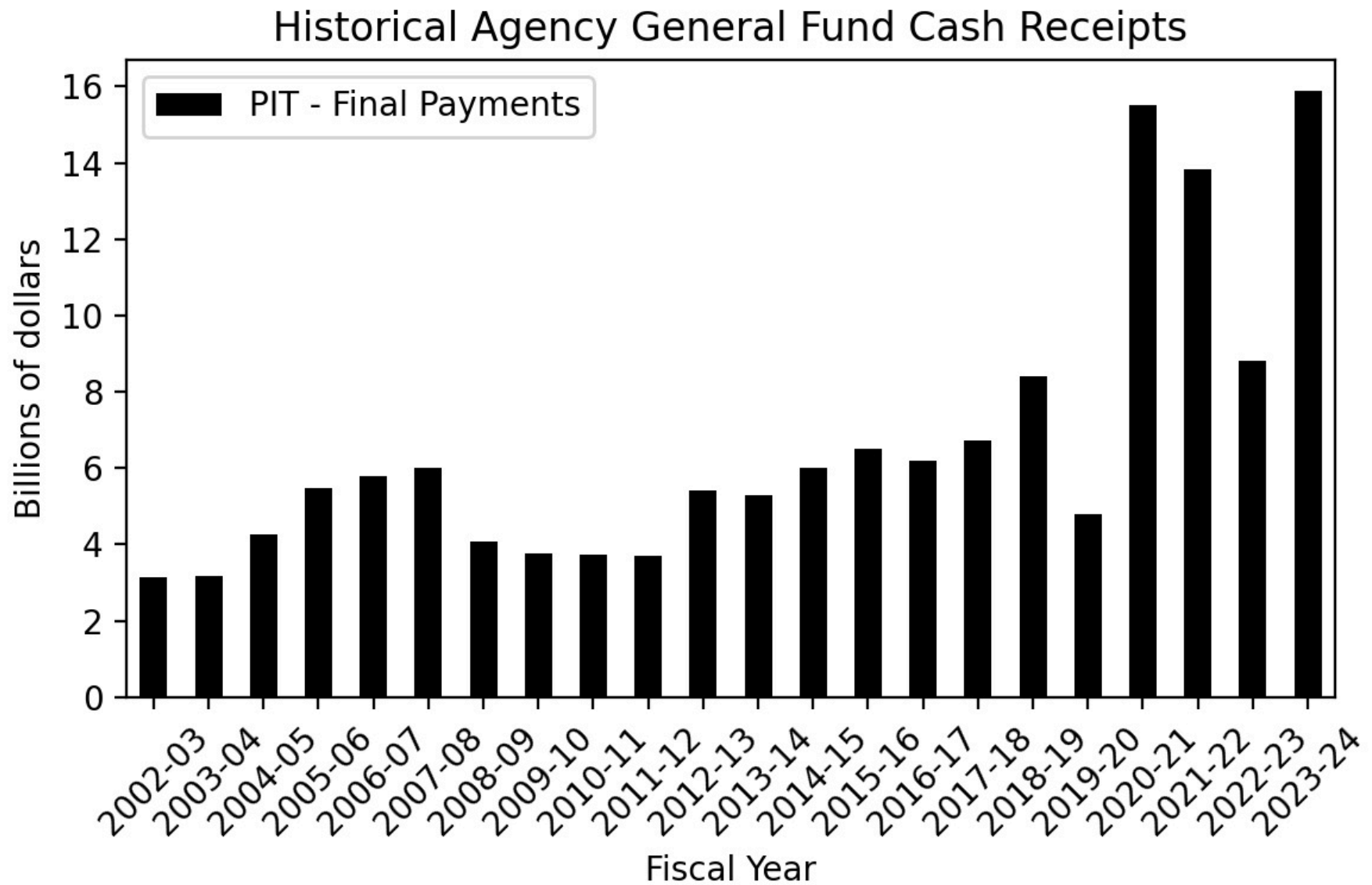


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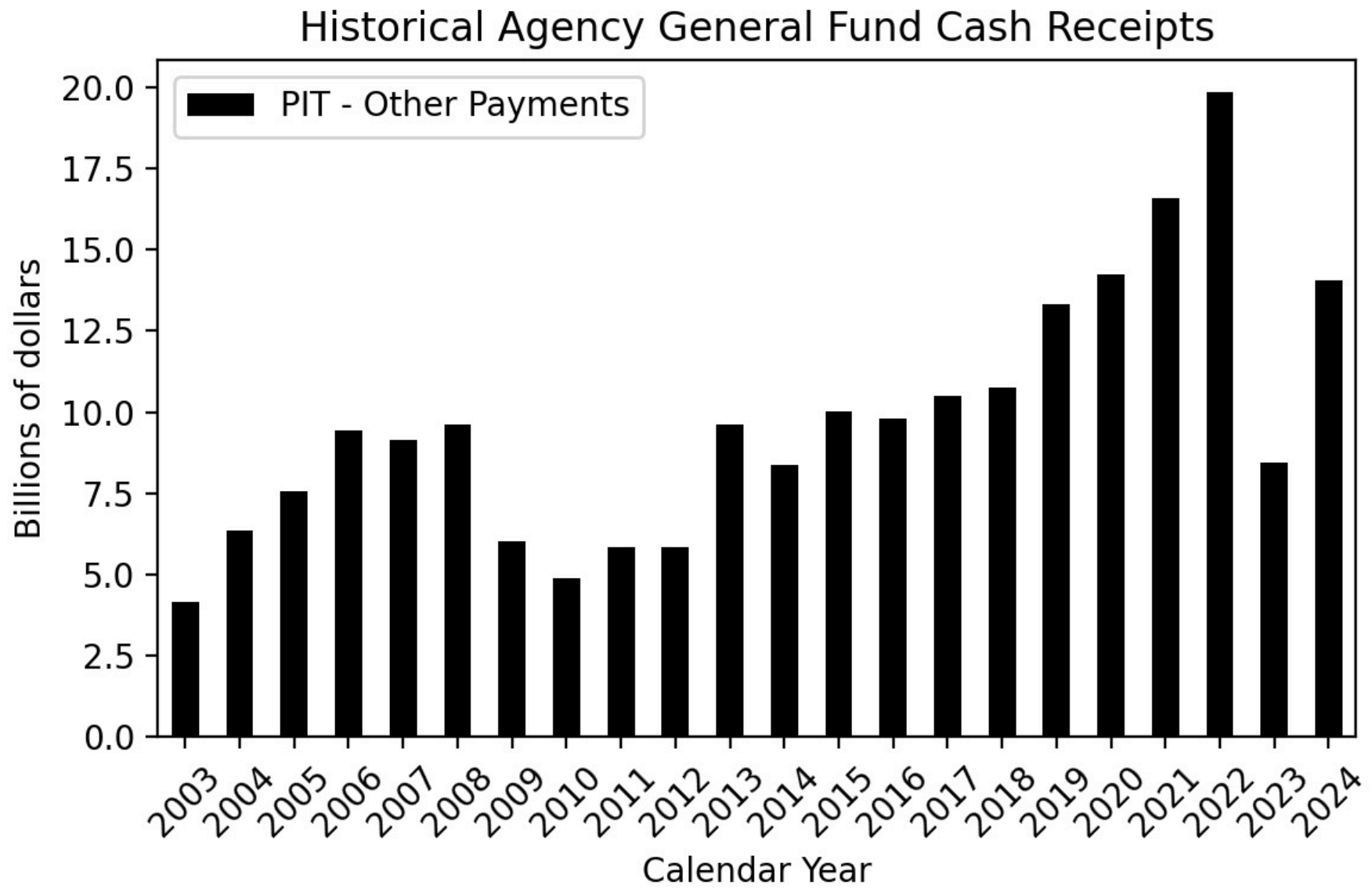


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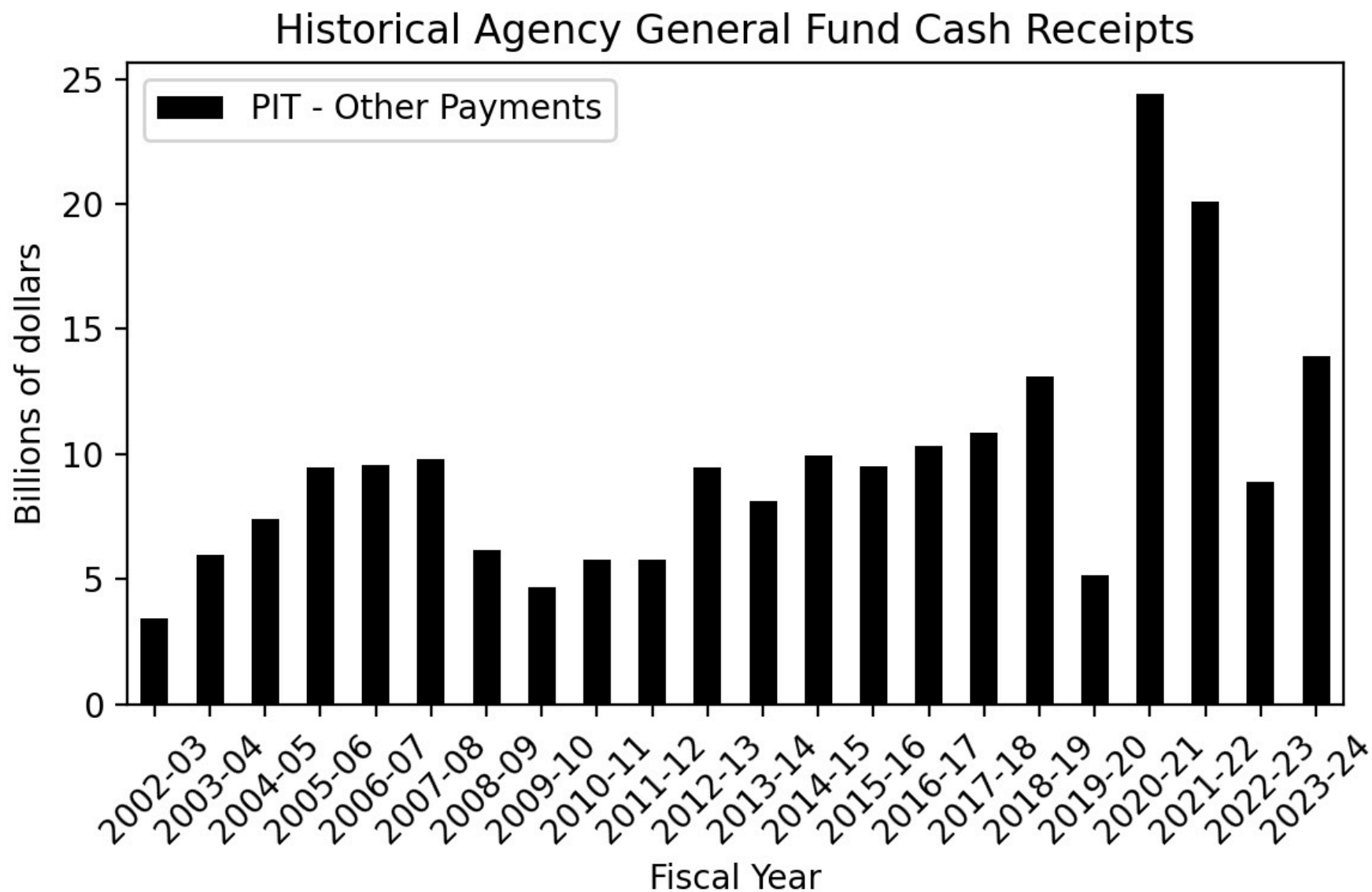


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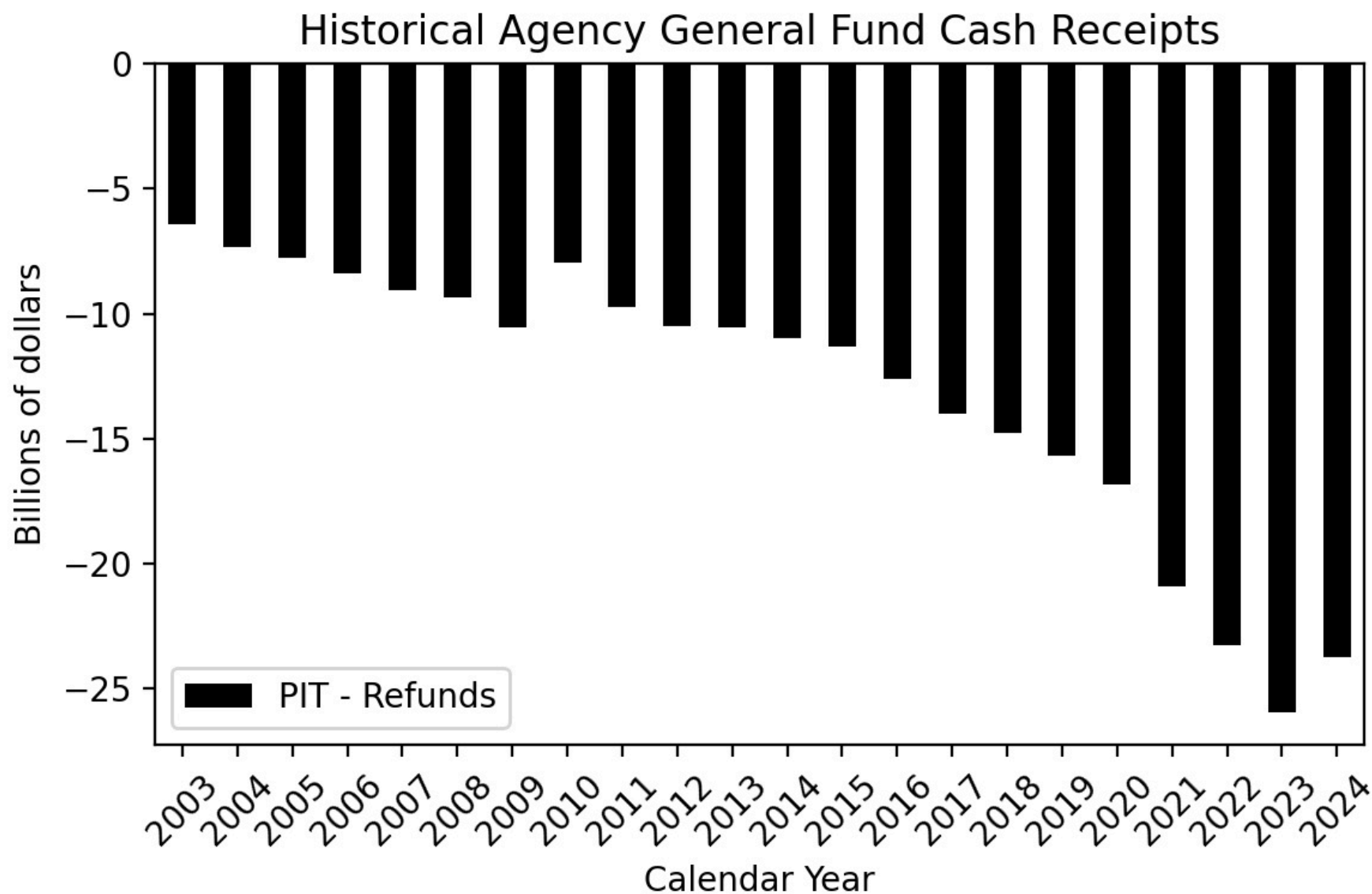


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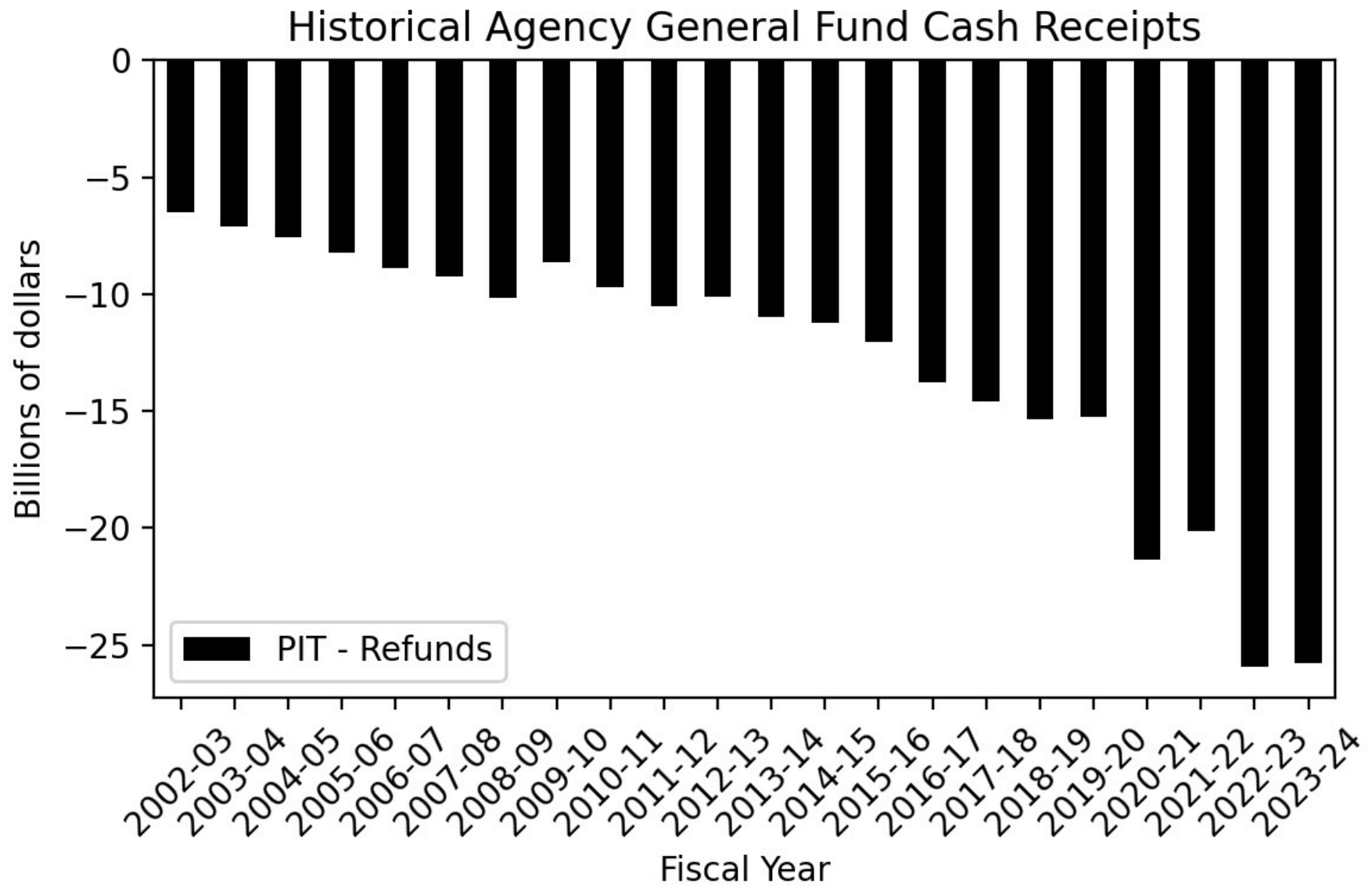


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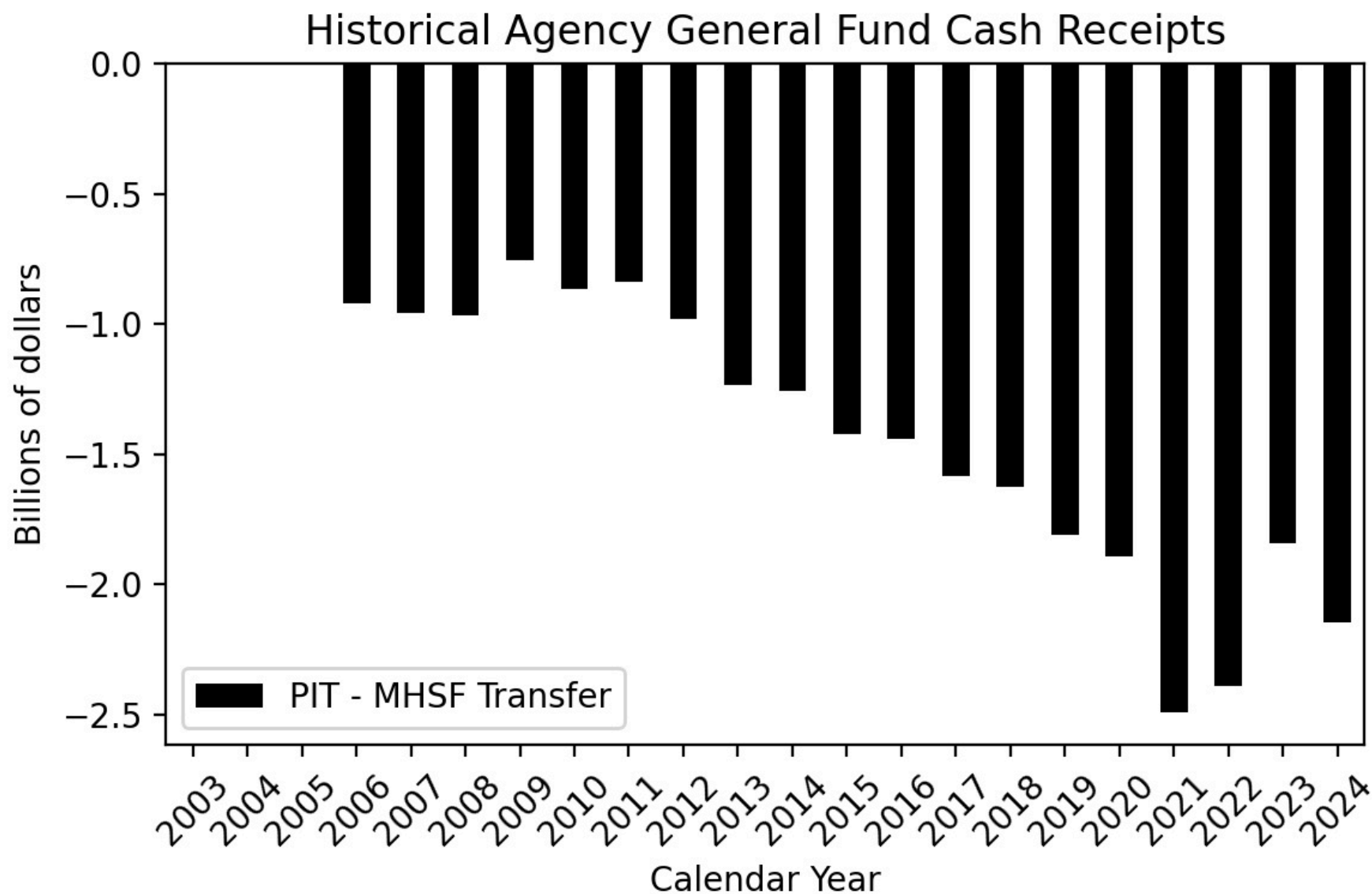


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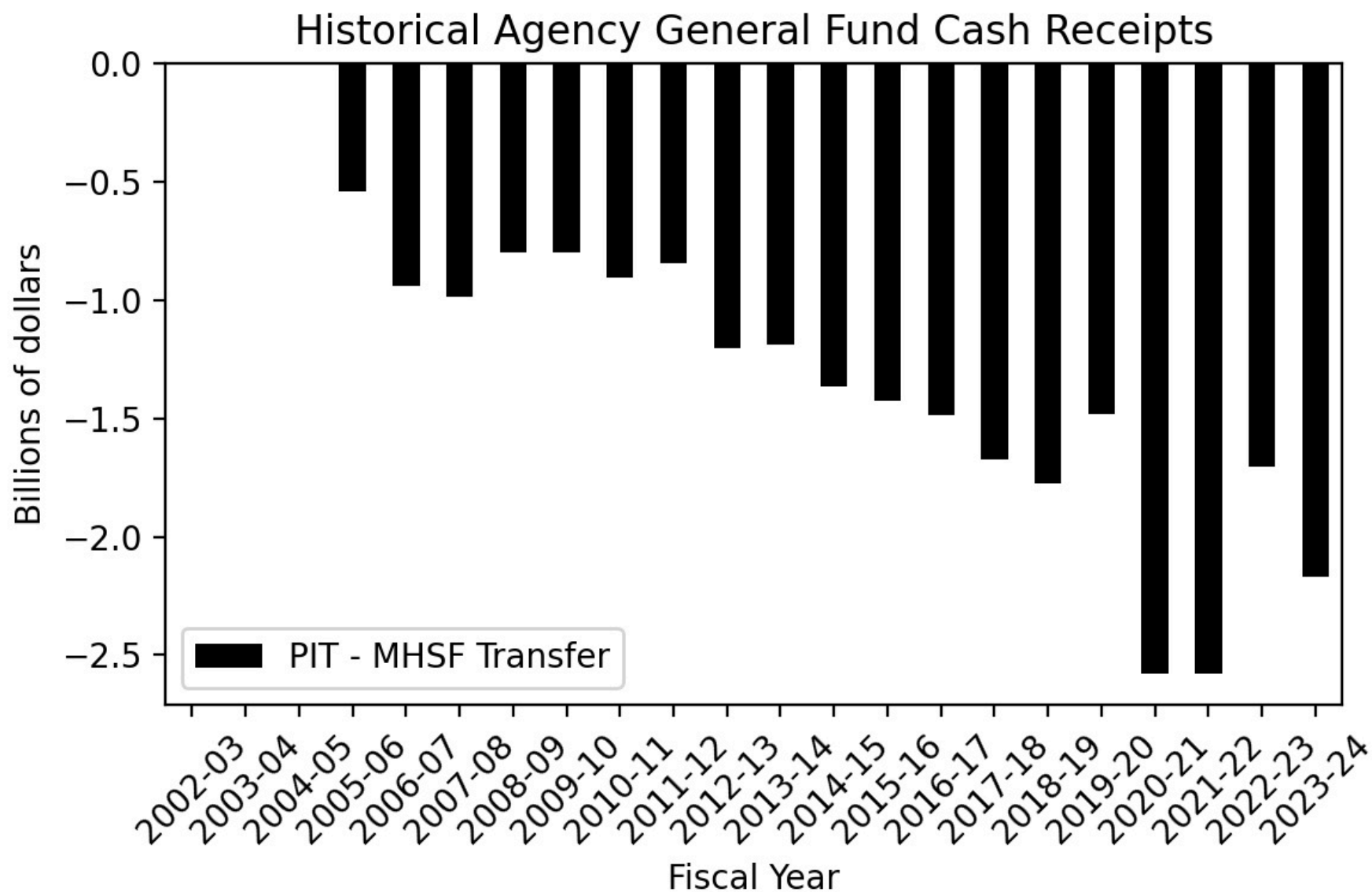


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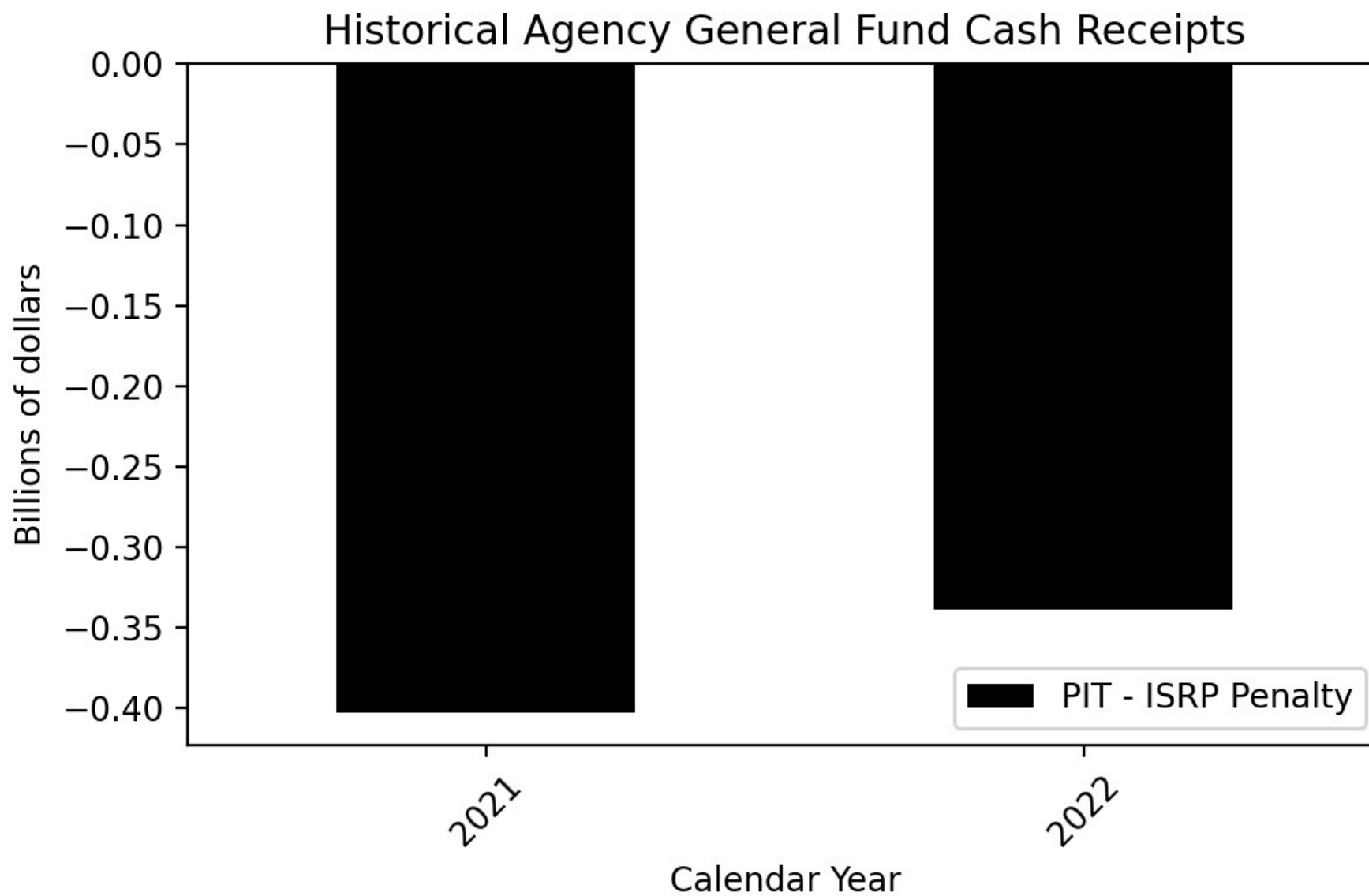


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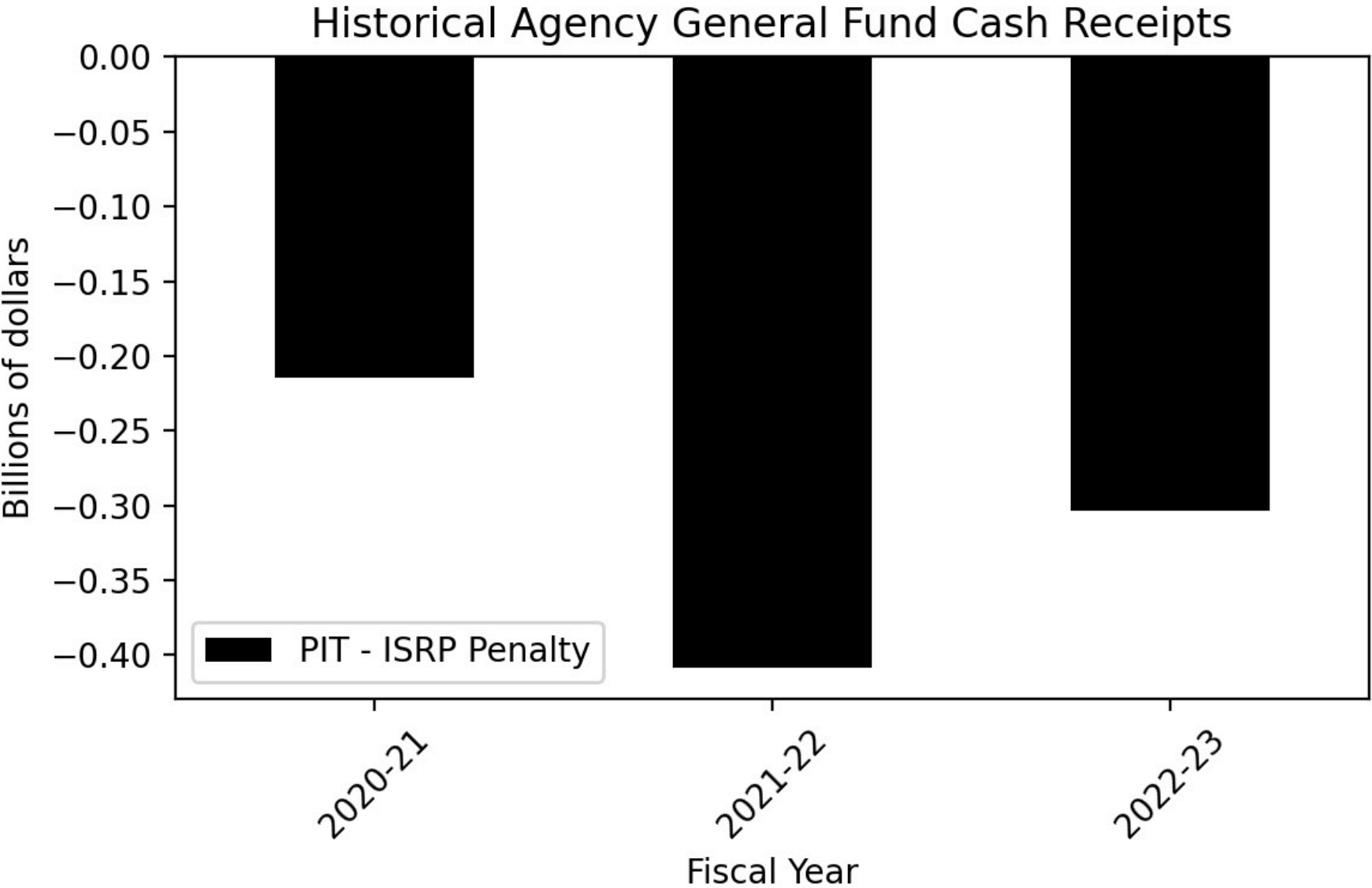


Figure 165

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

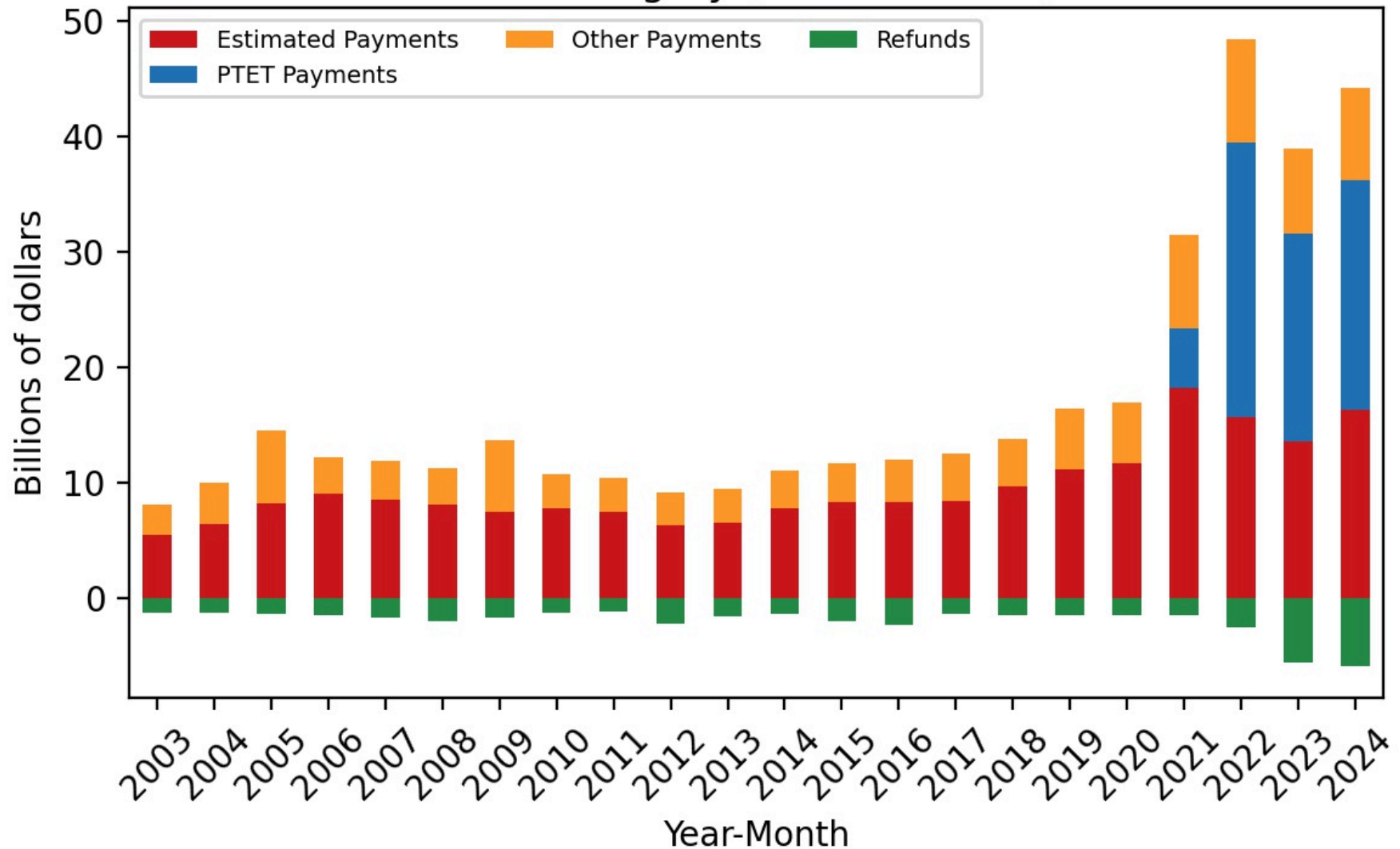


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Corporation Tax - Historical Agency General Fund Revenues by Sub-Category (Fiscal Year)

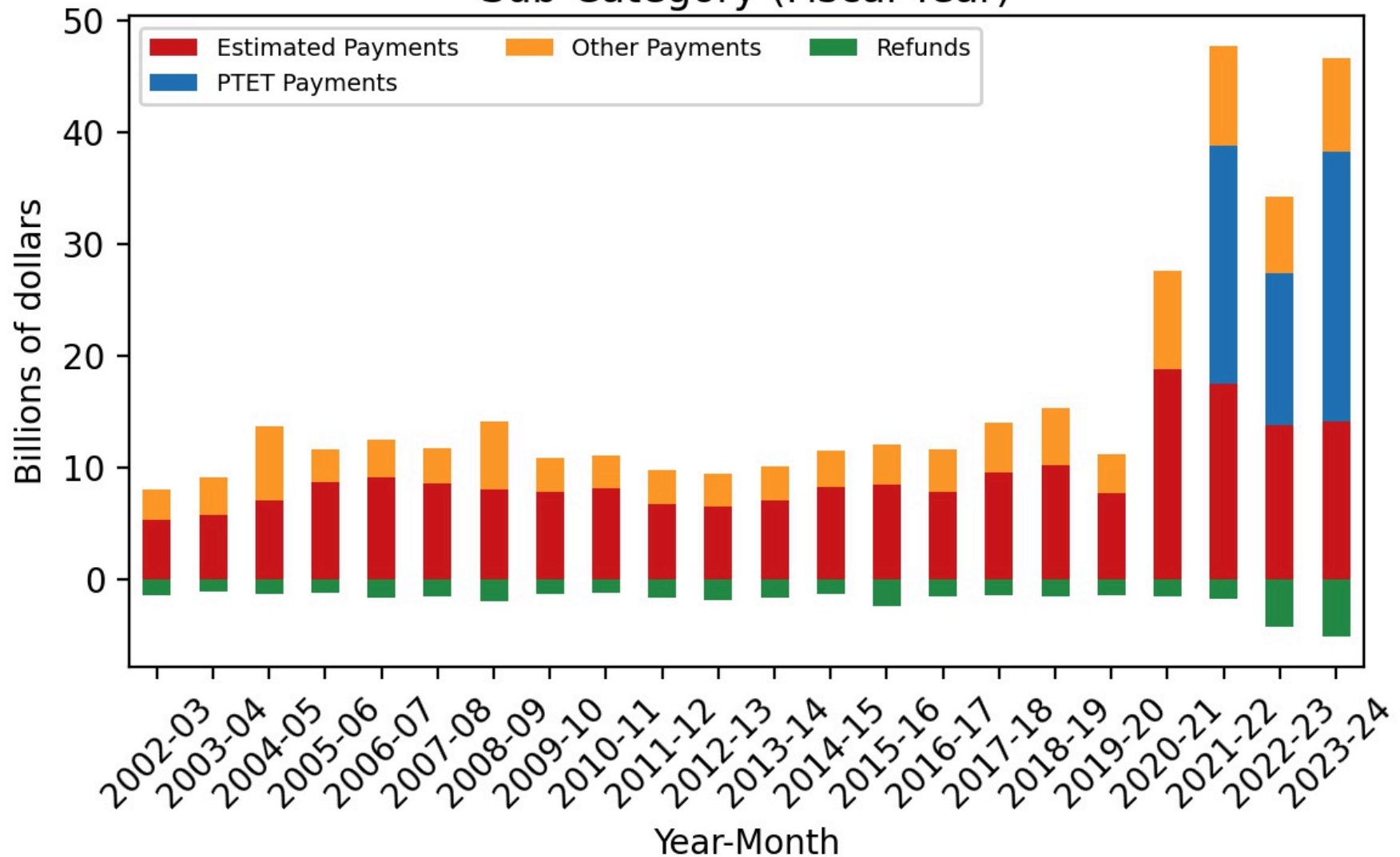


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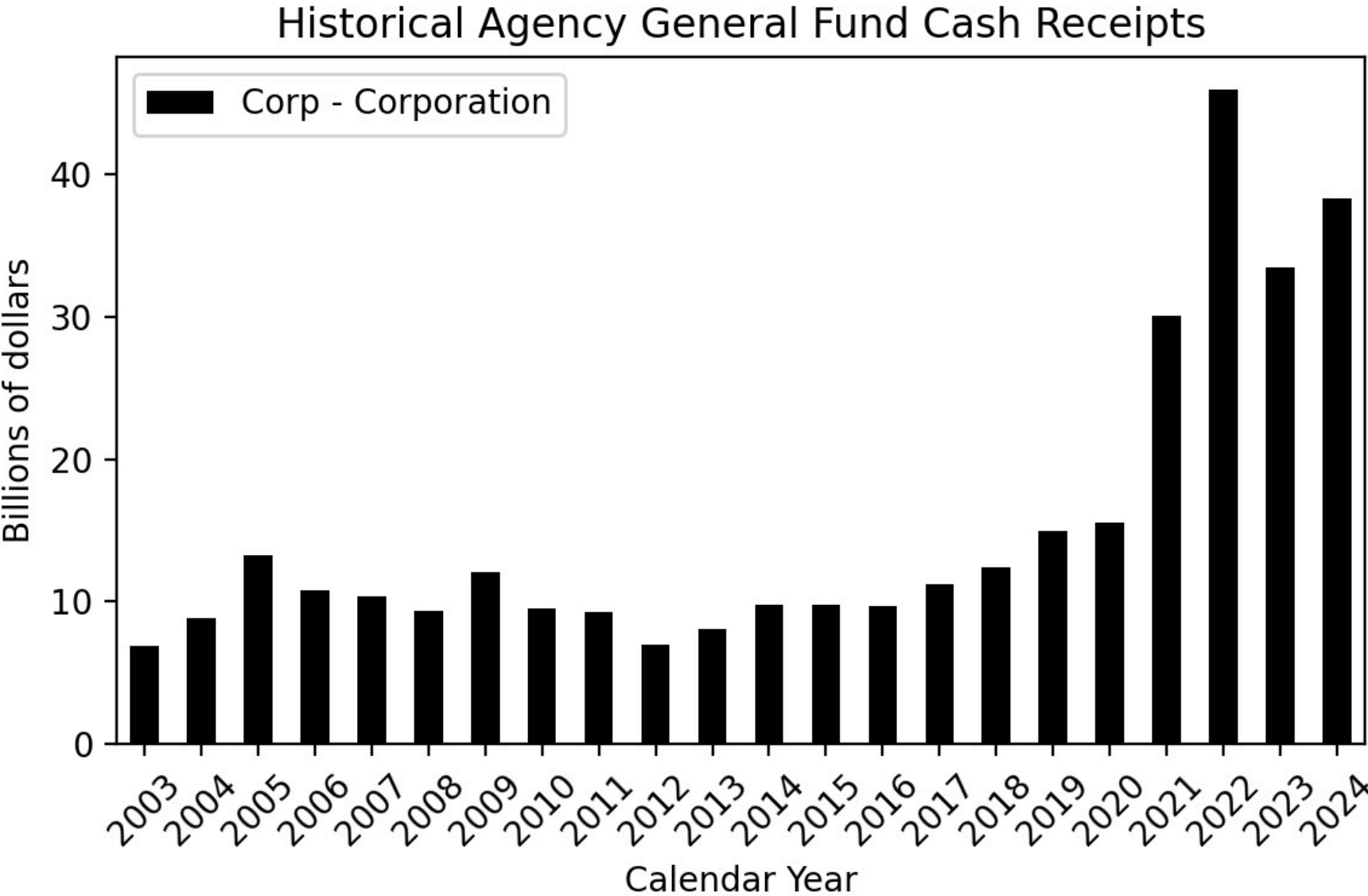


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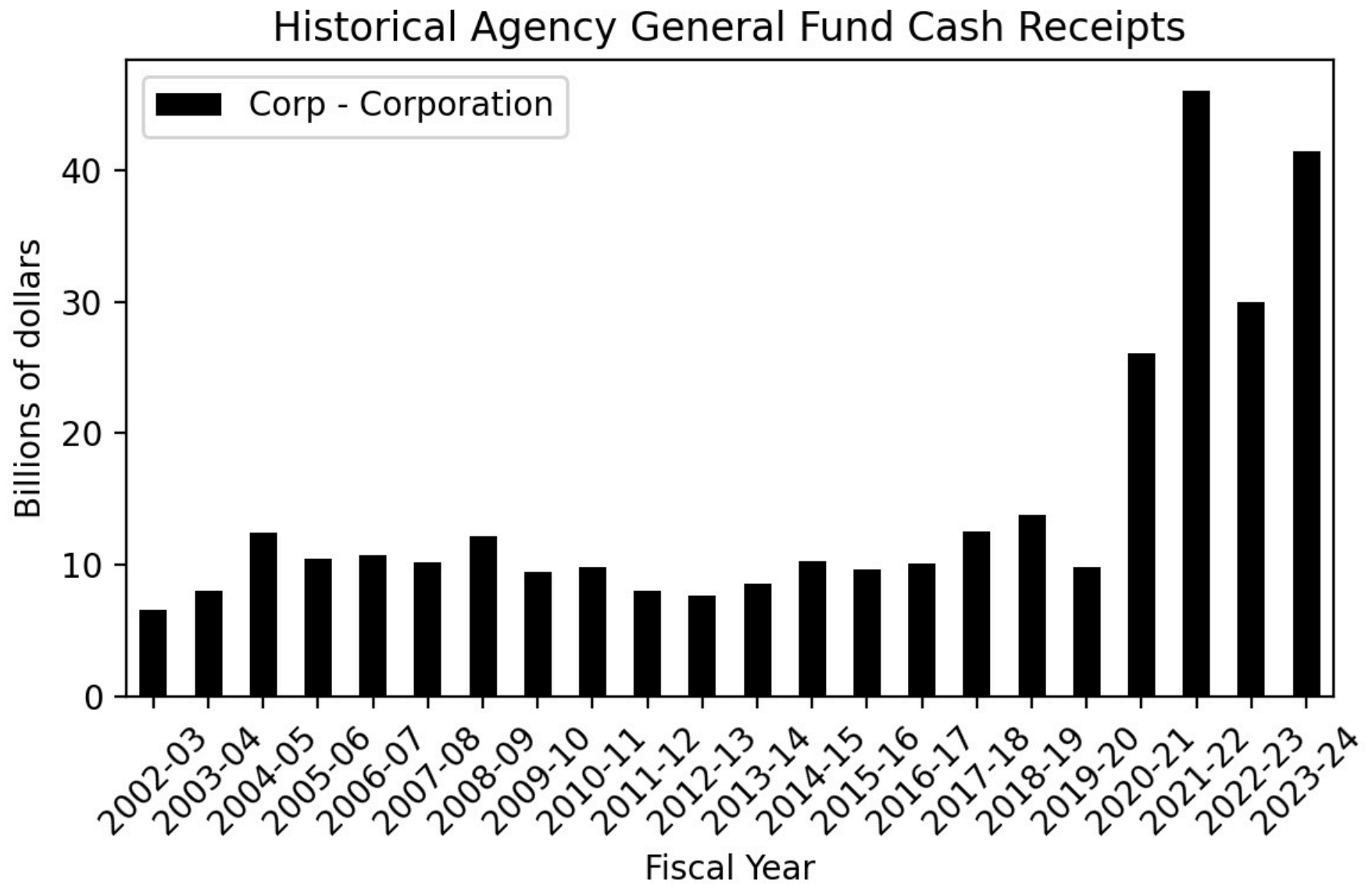


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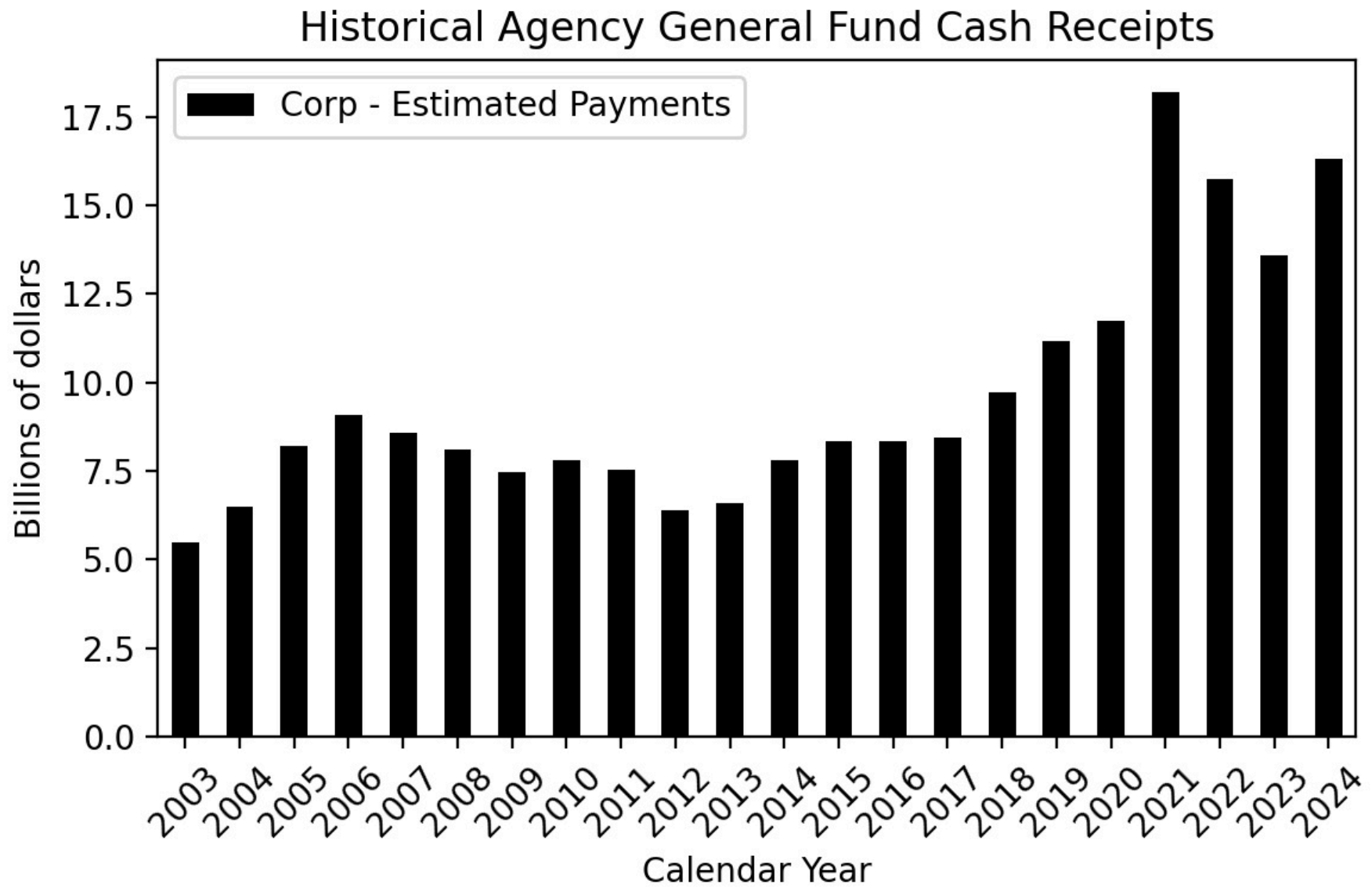


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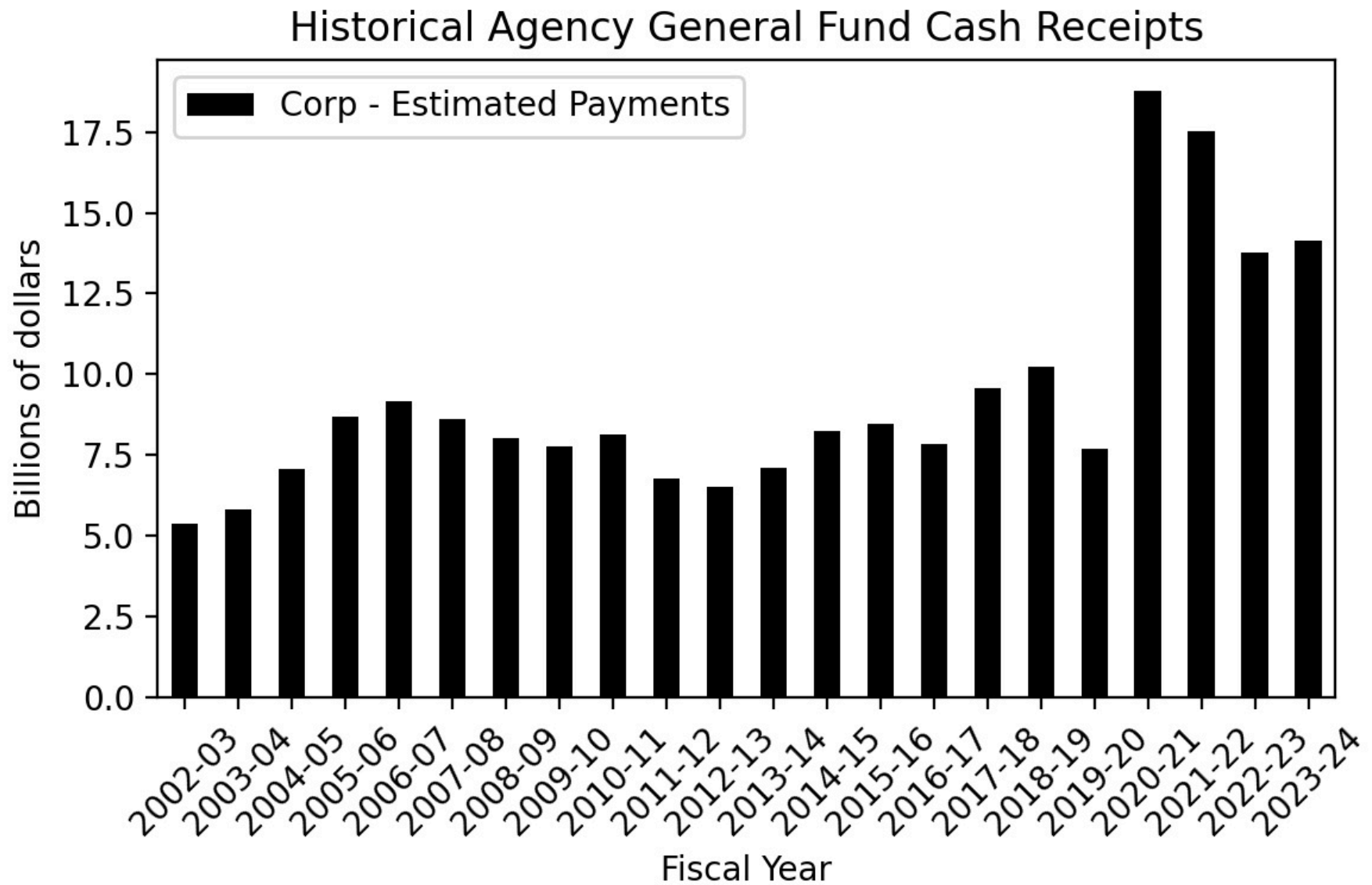


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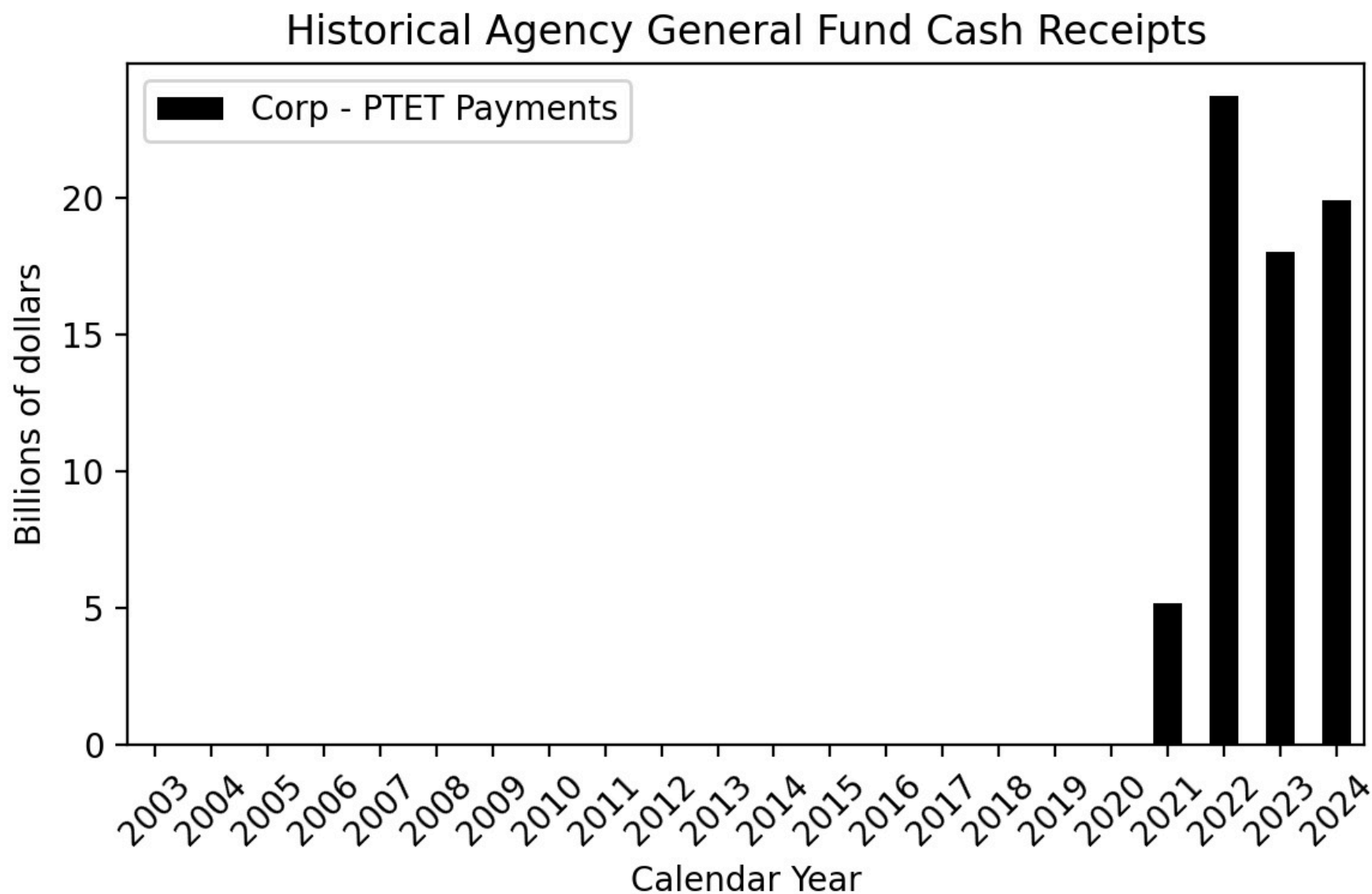


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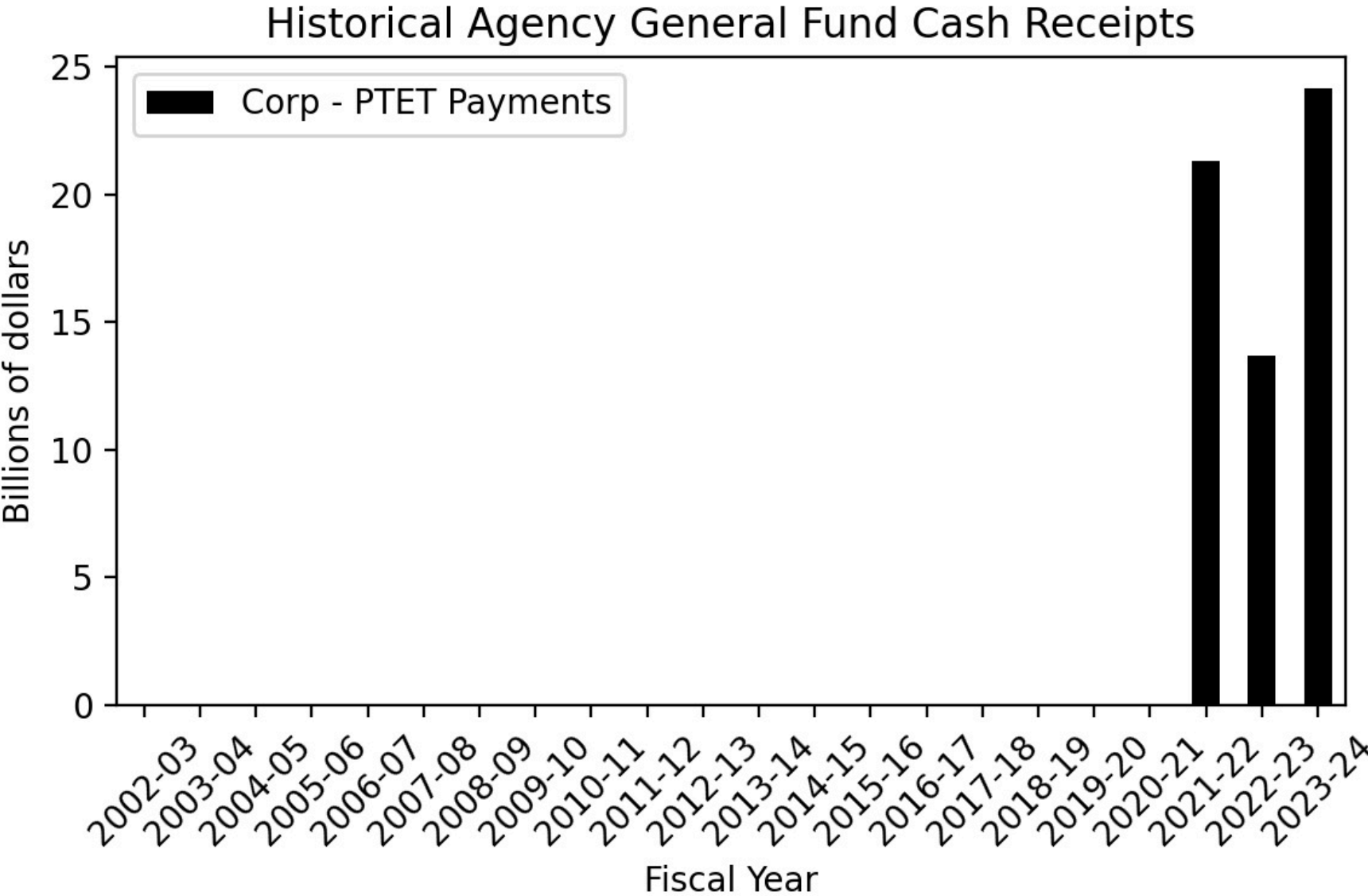


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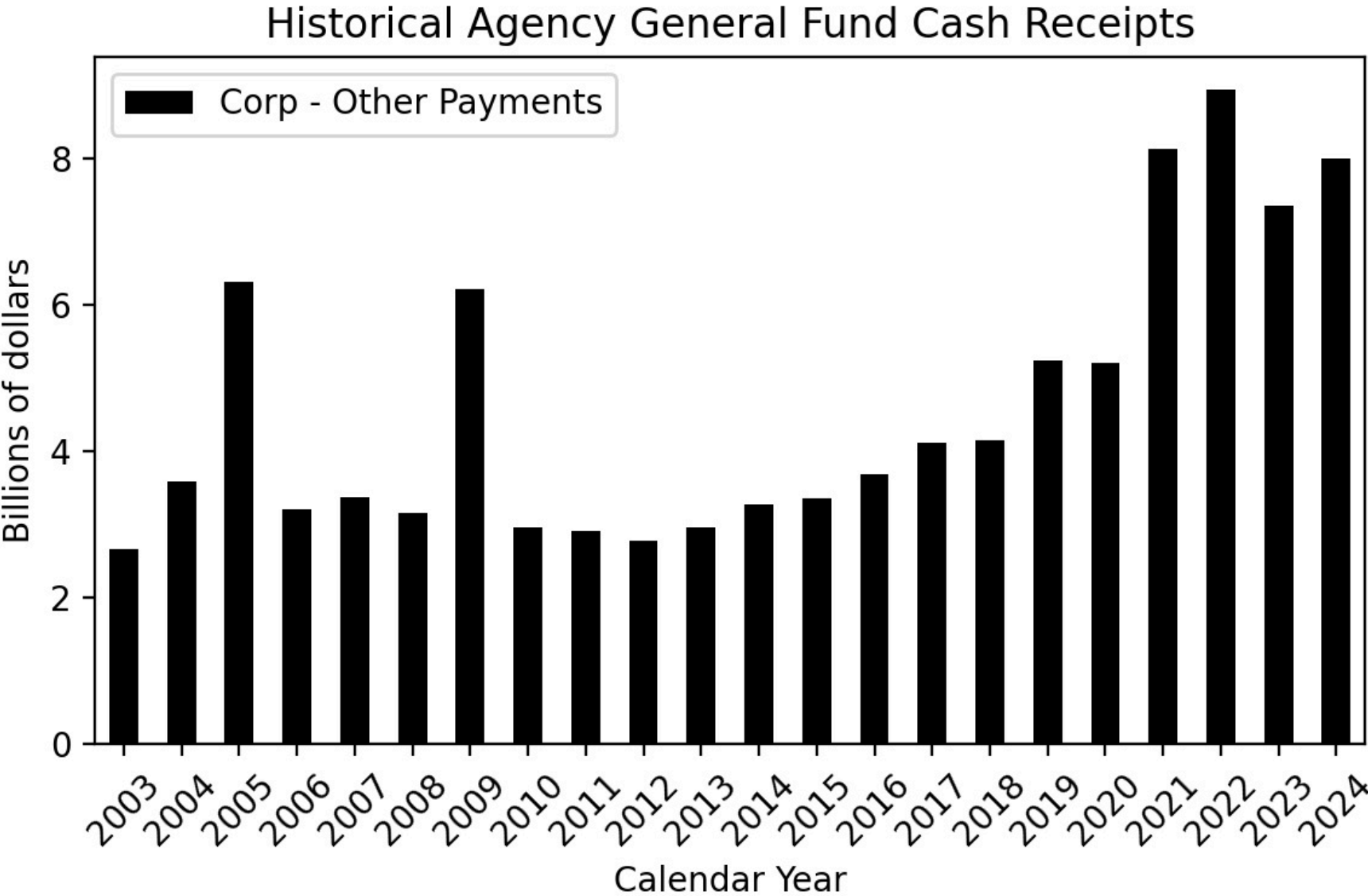


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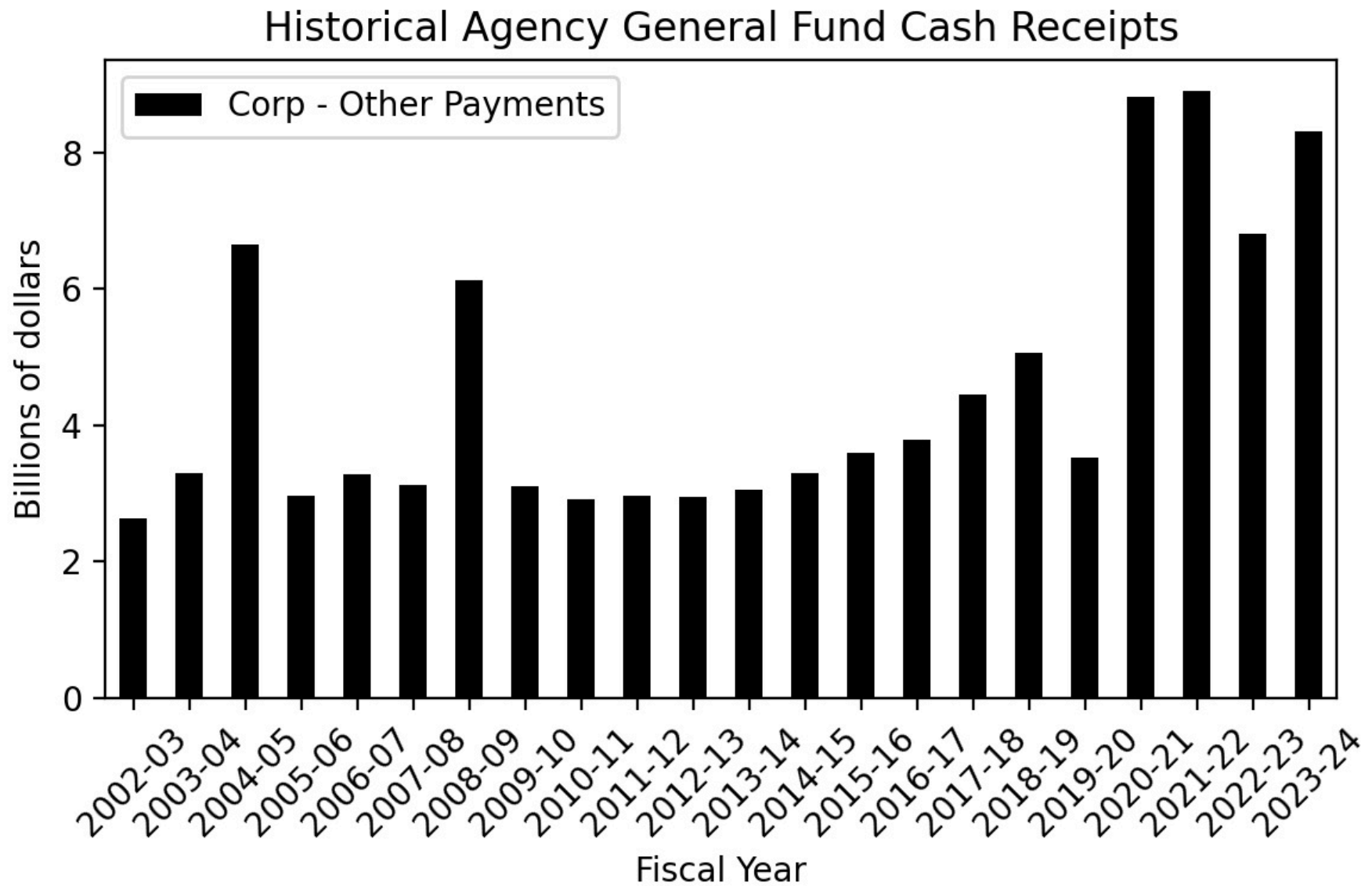


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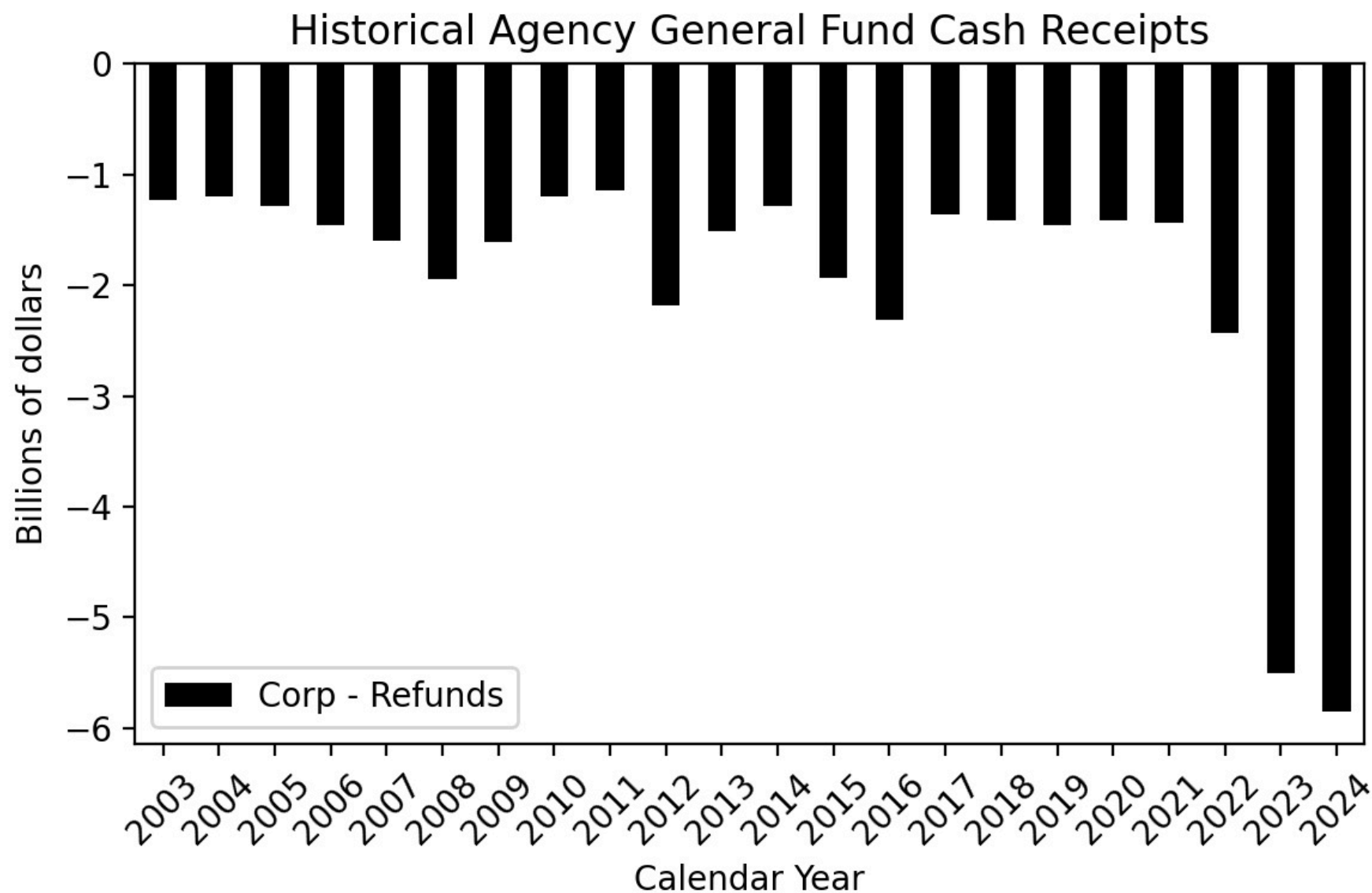


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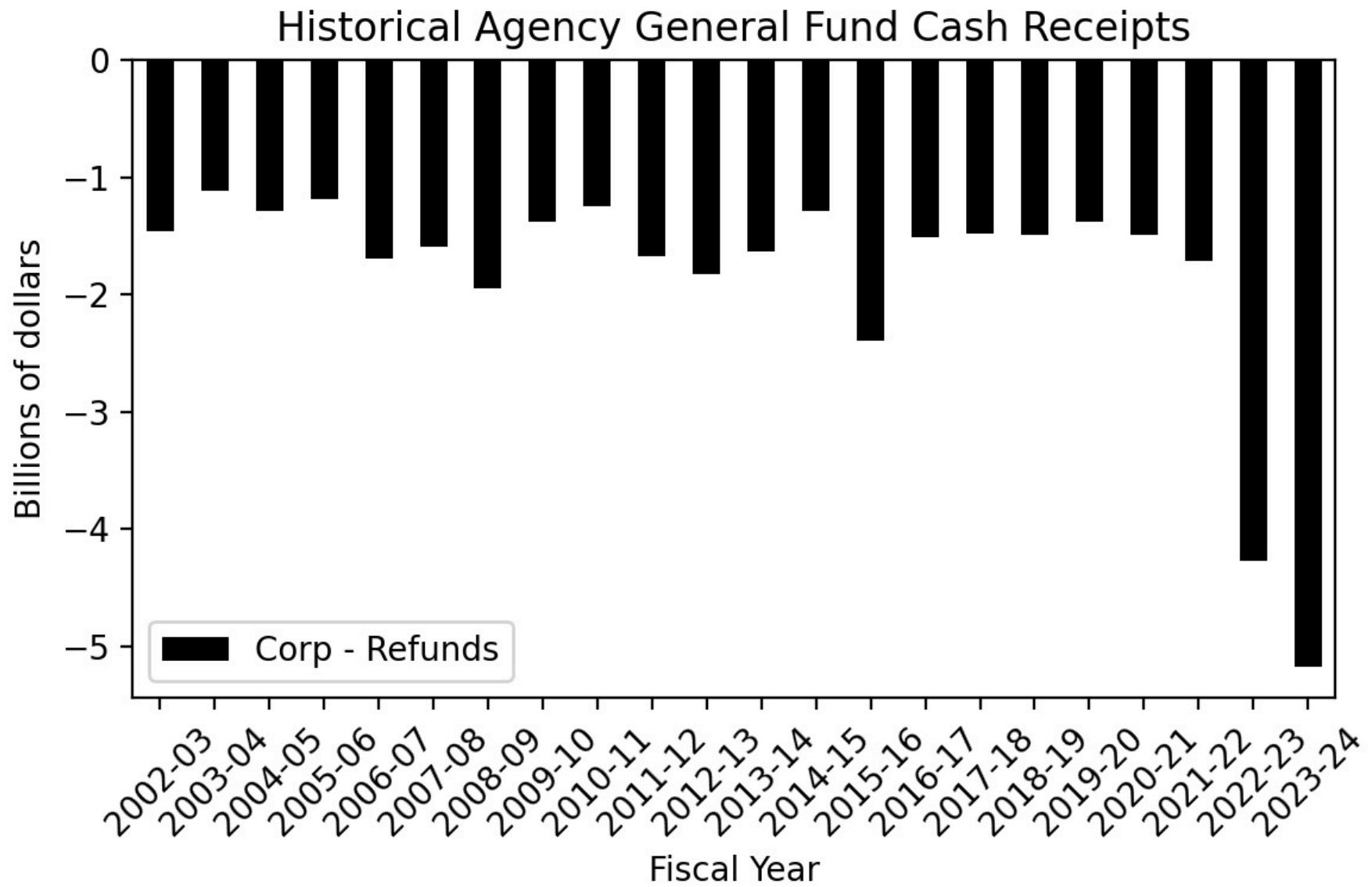


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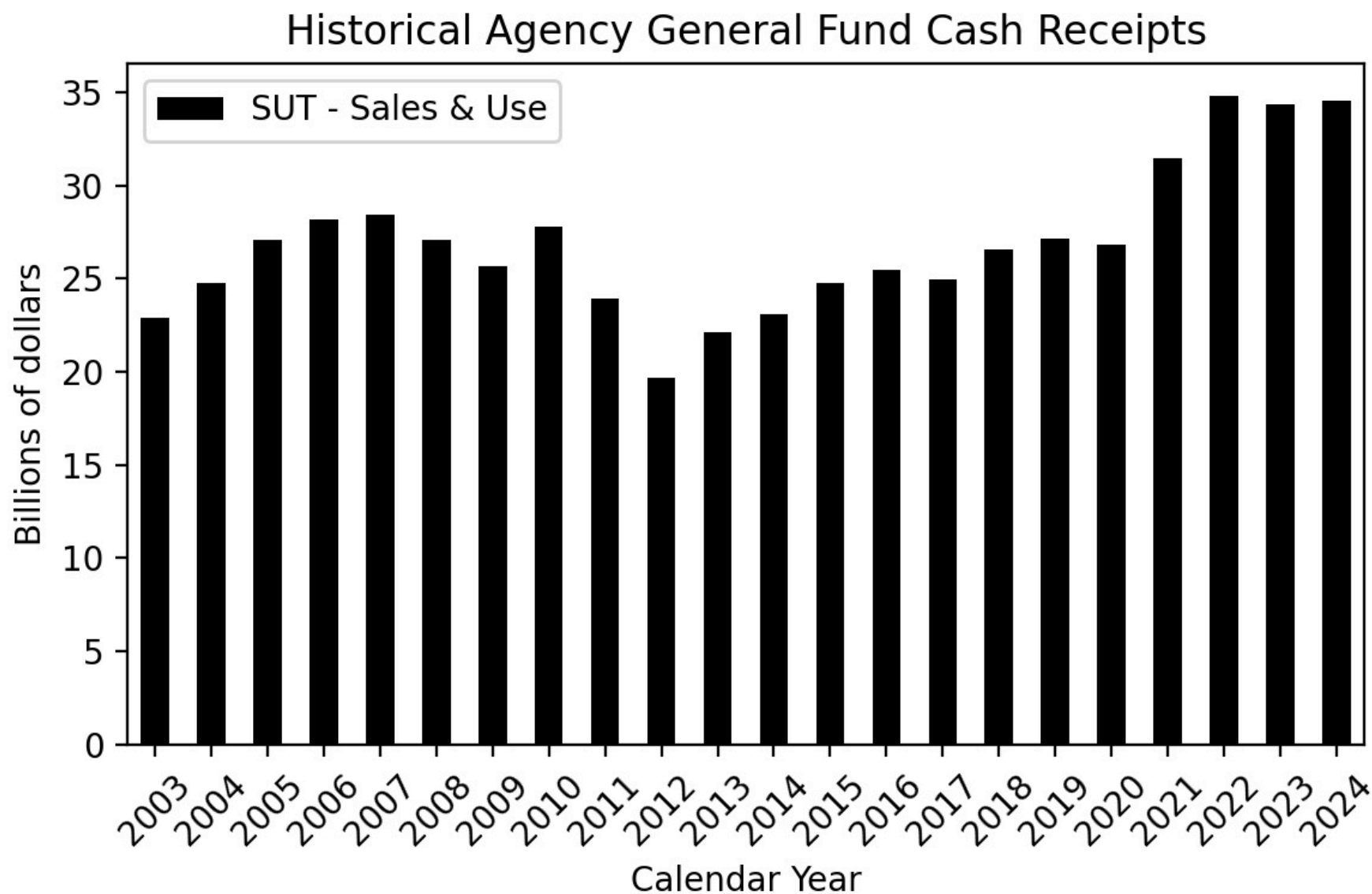


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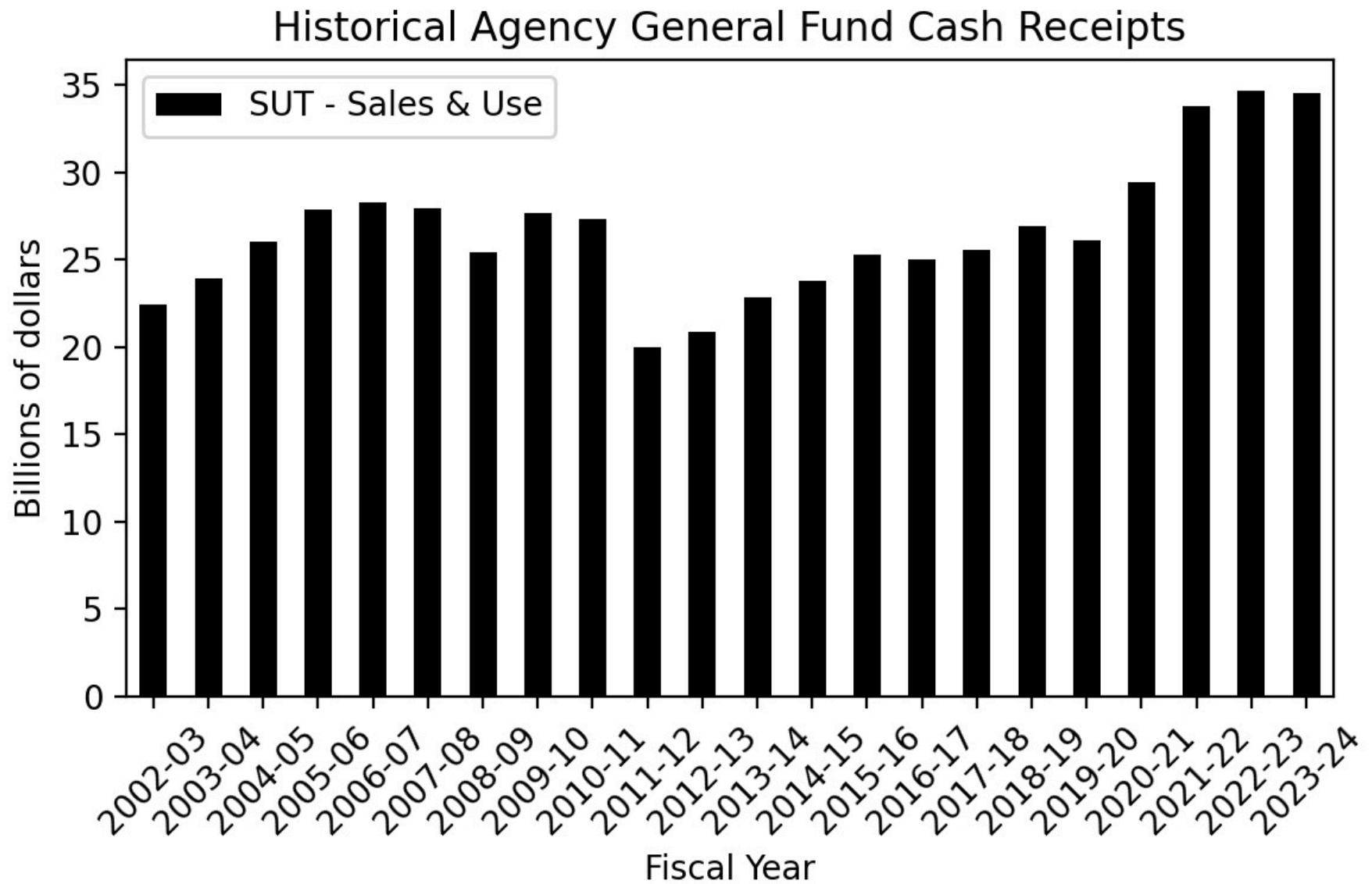


Figure 179

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

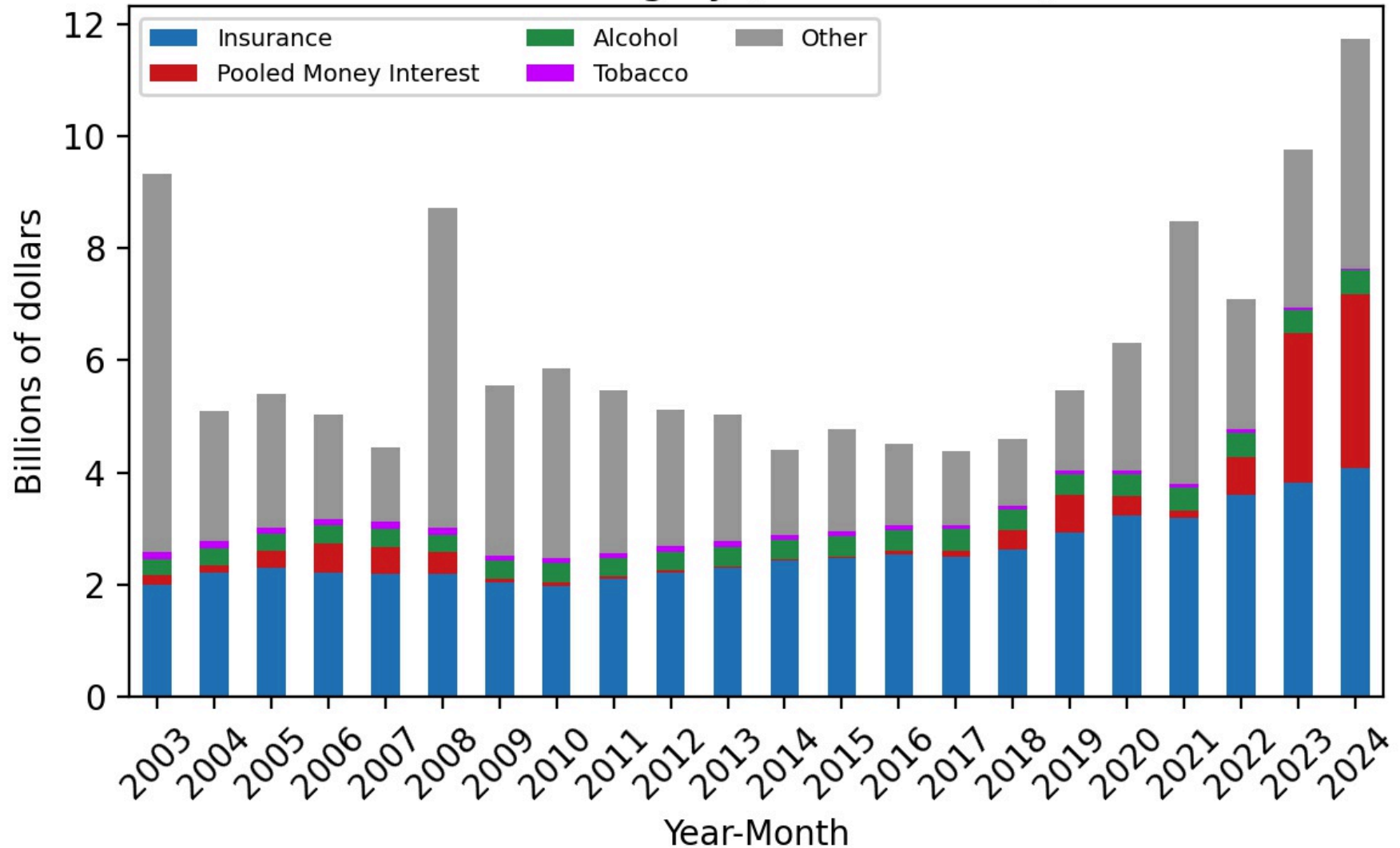


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Other Tax - Historical Agency General Fund Revenues by Sub-Category (Fiscal Year)

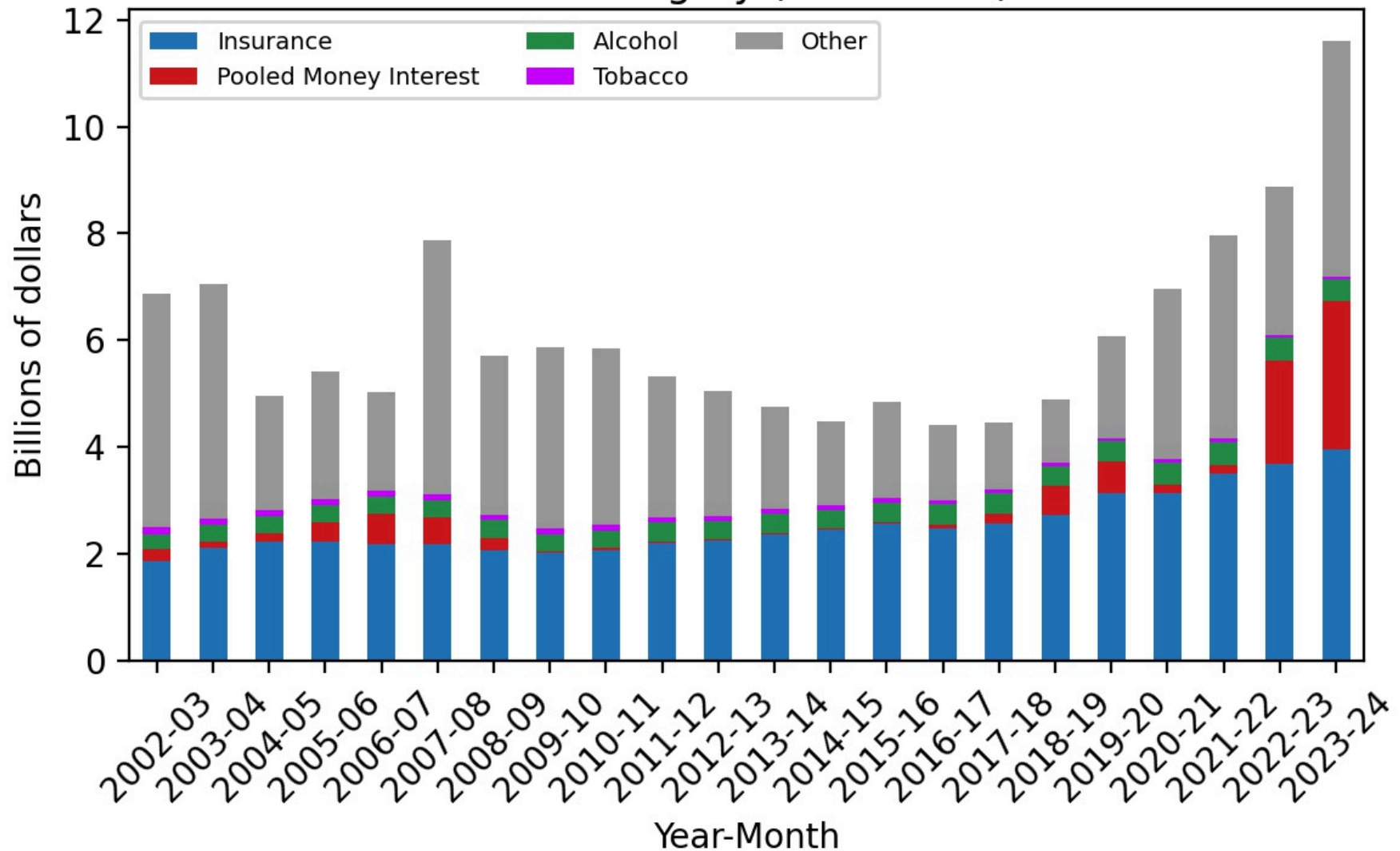


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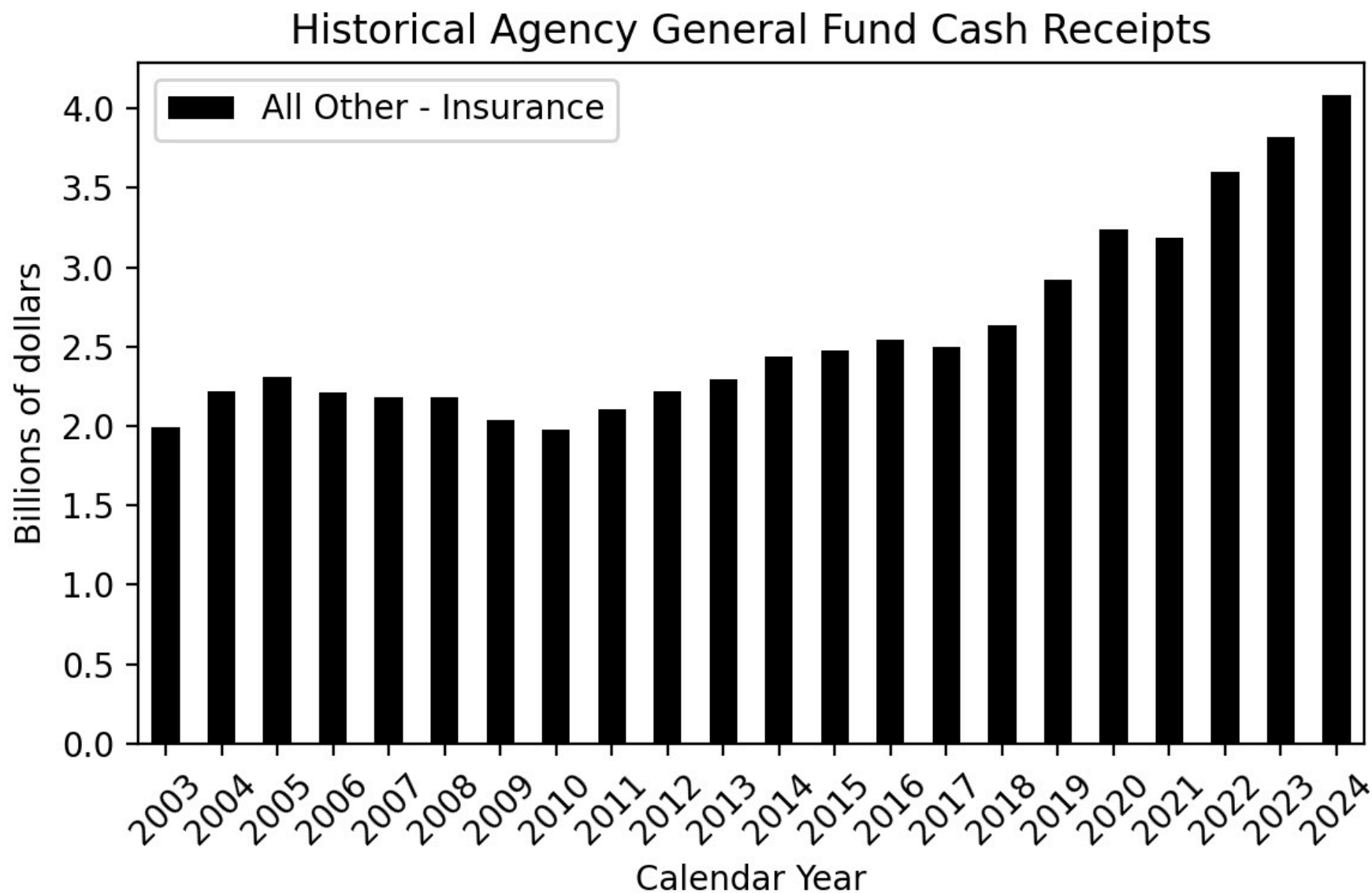


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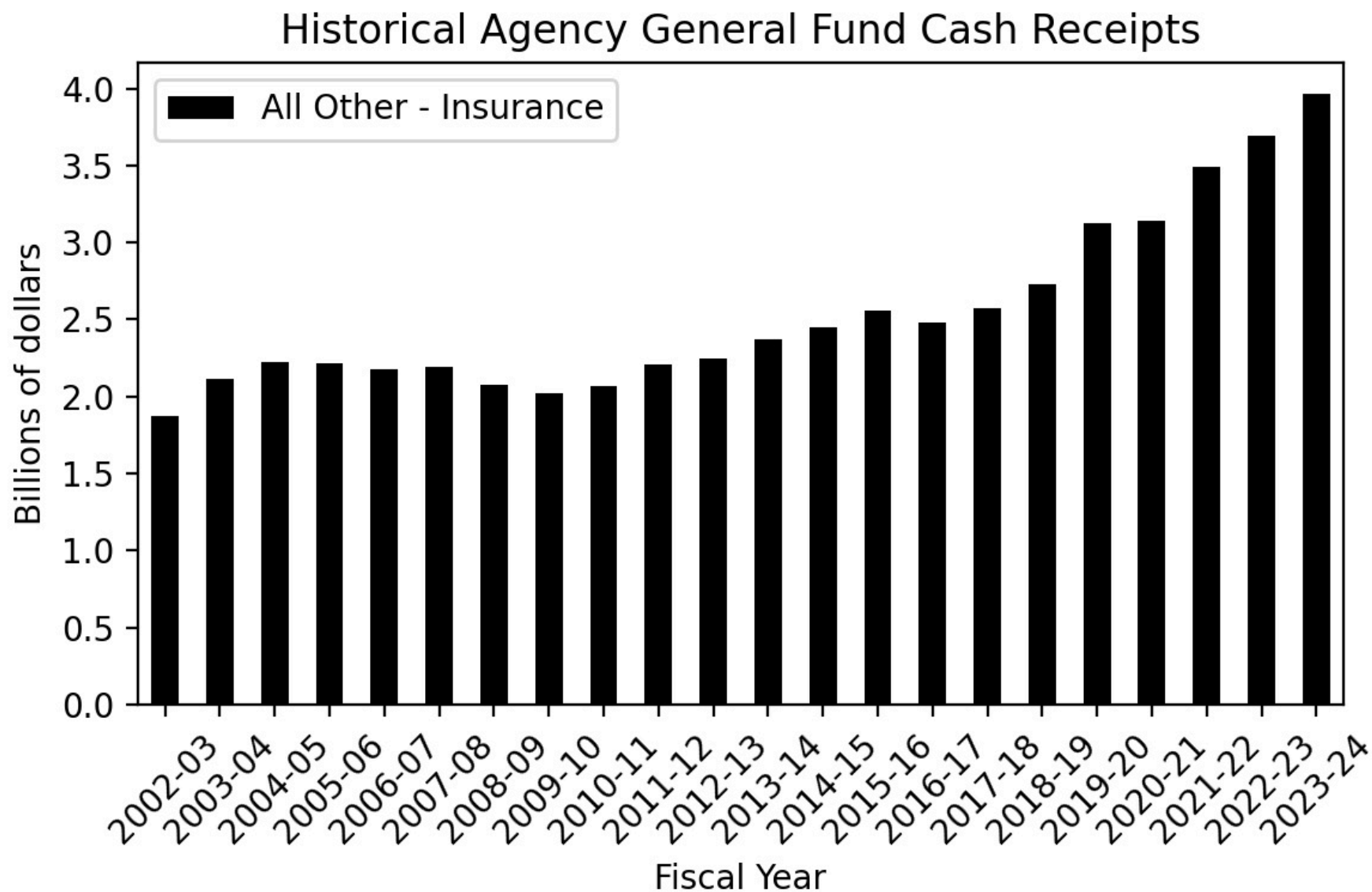


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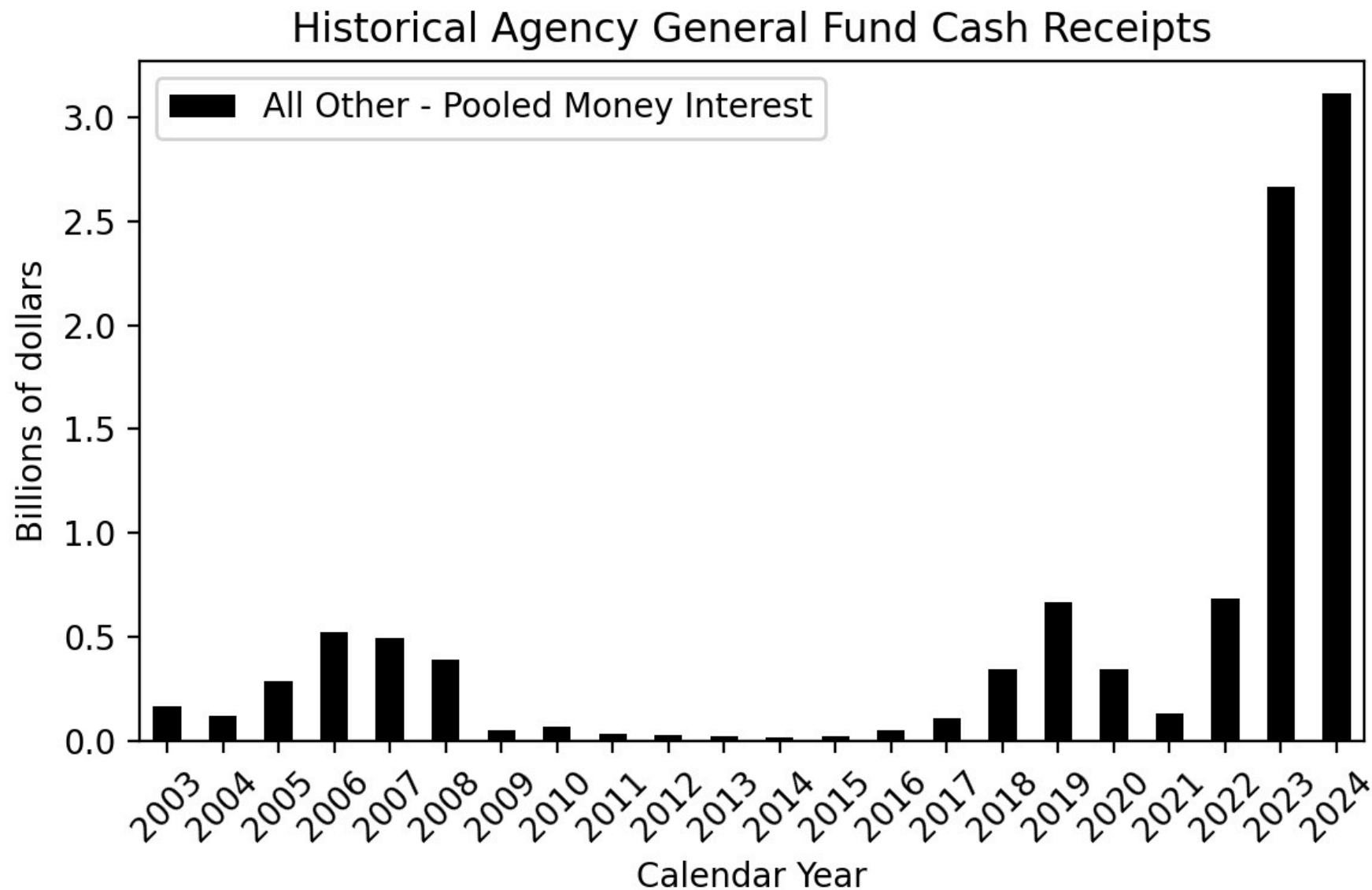


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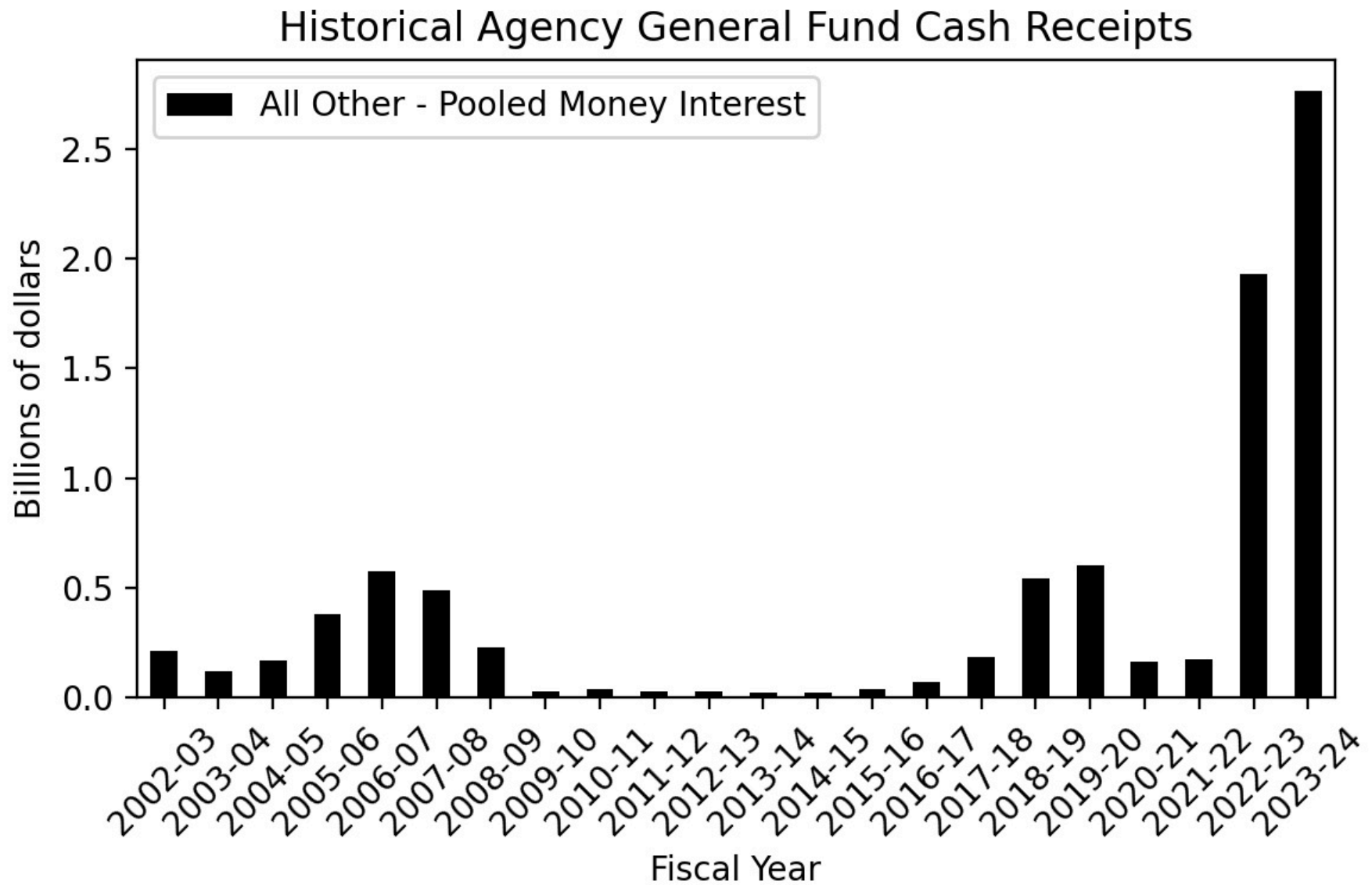


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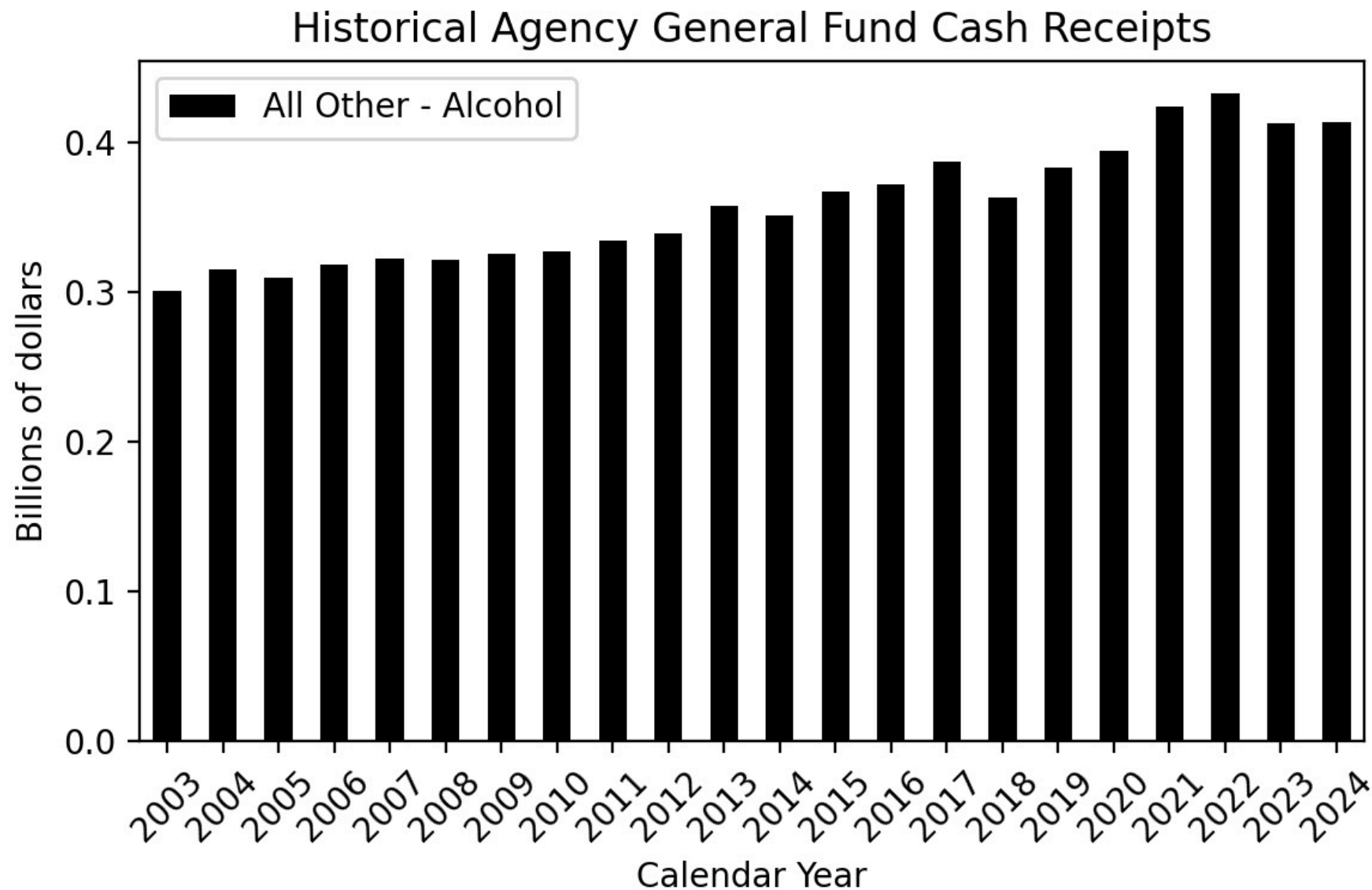


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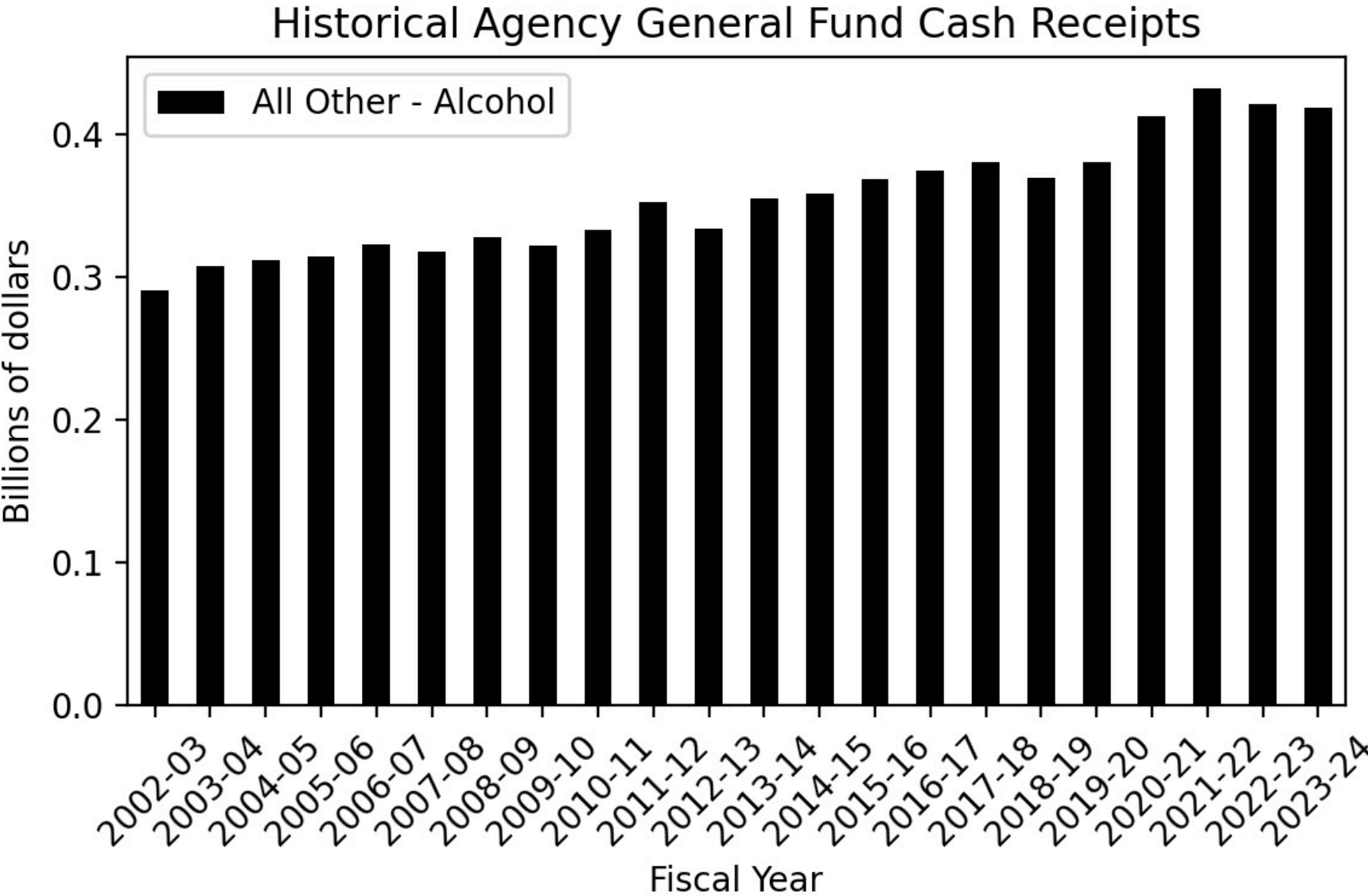


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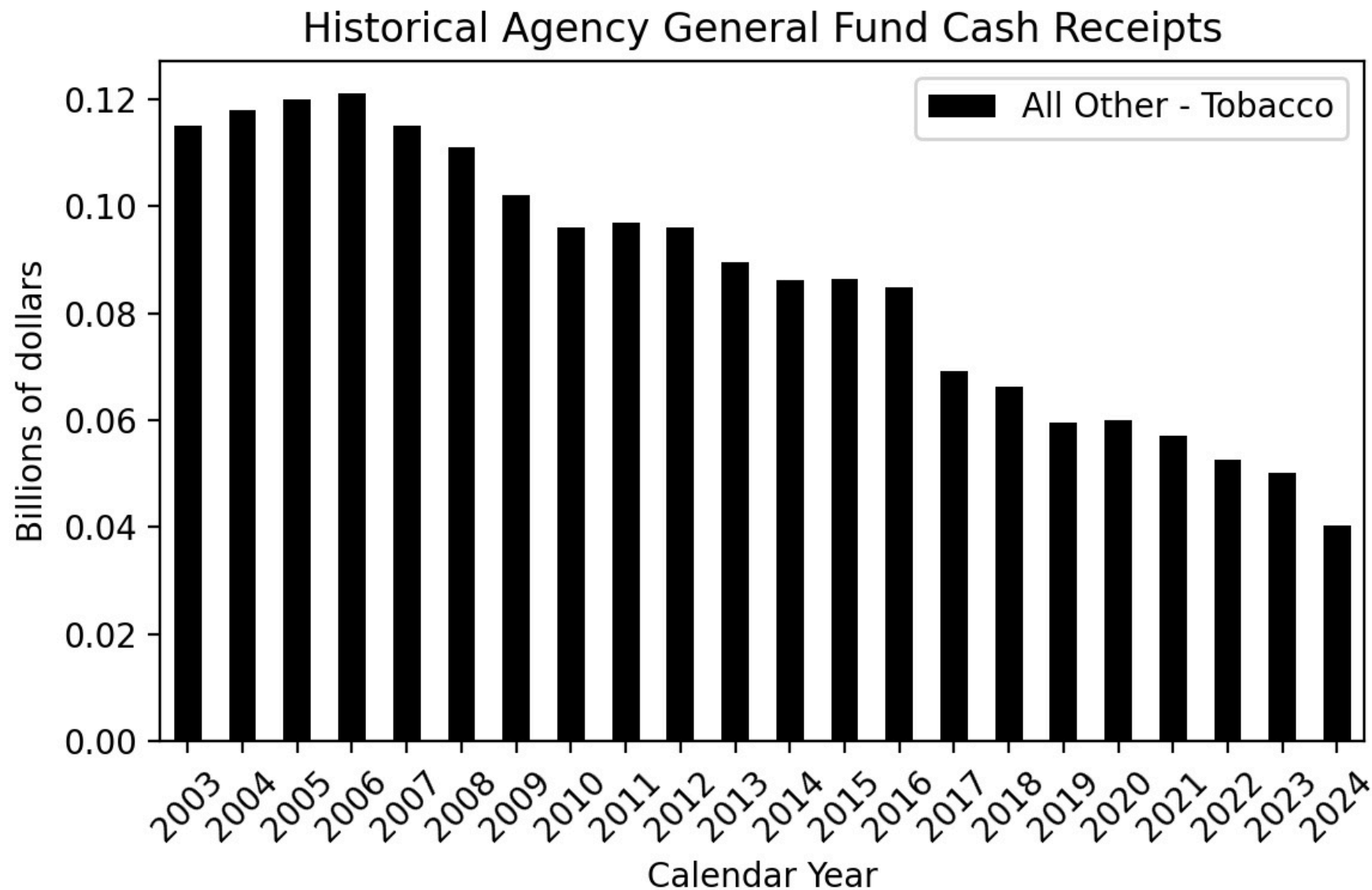


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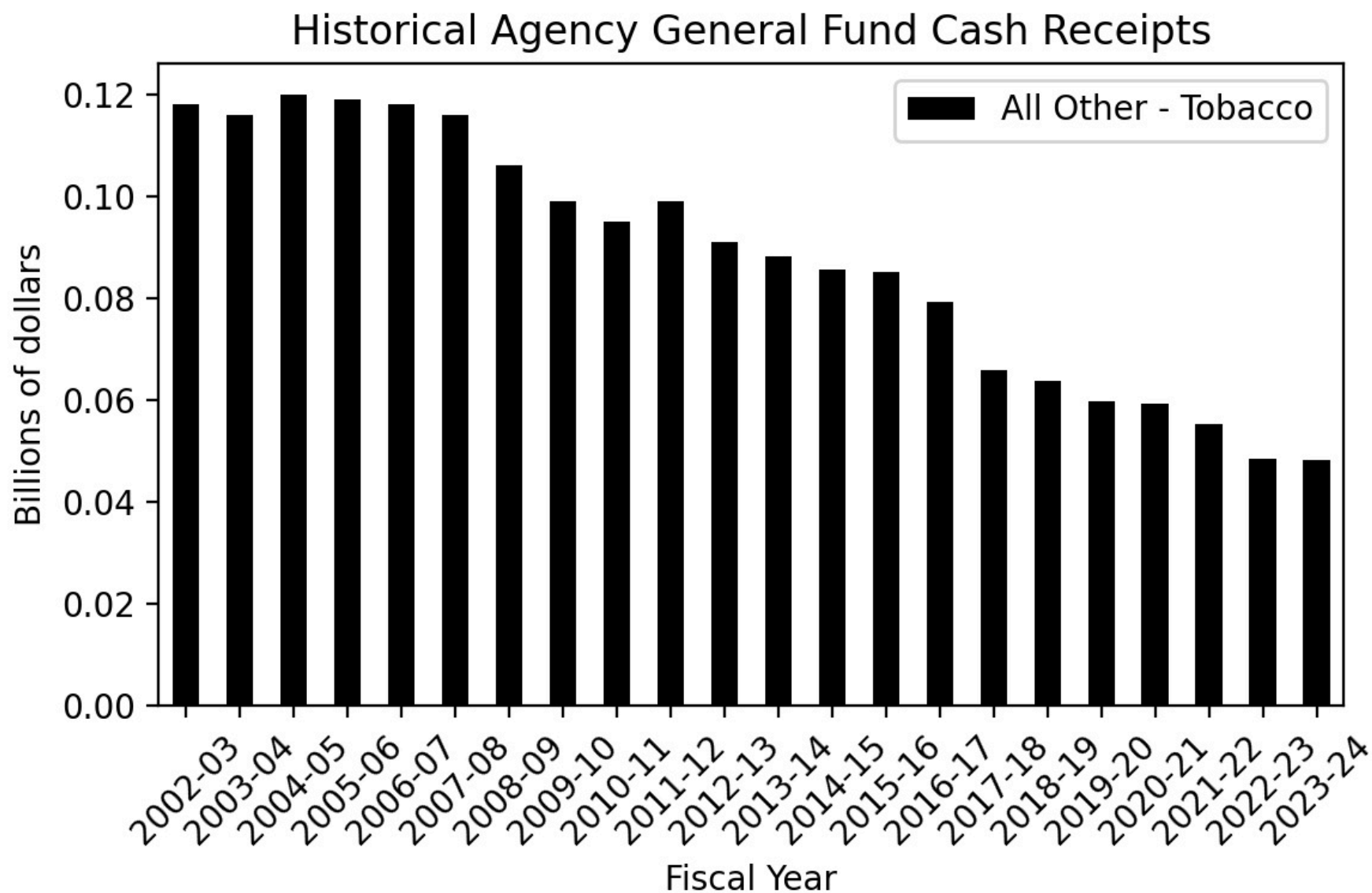


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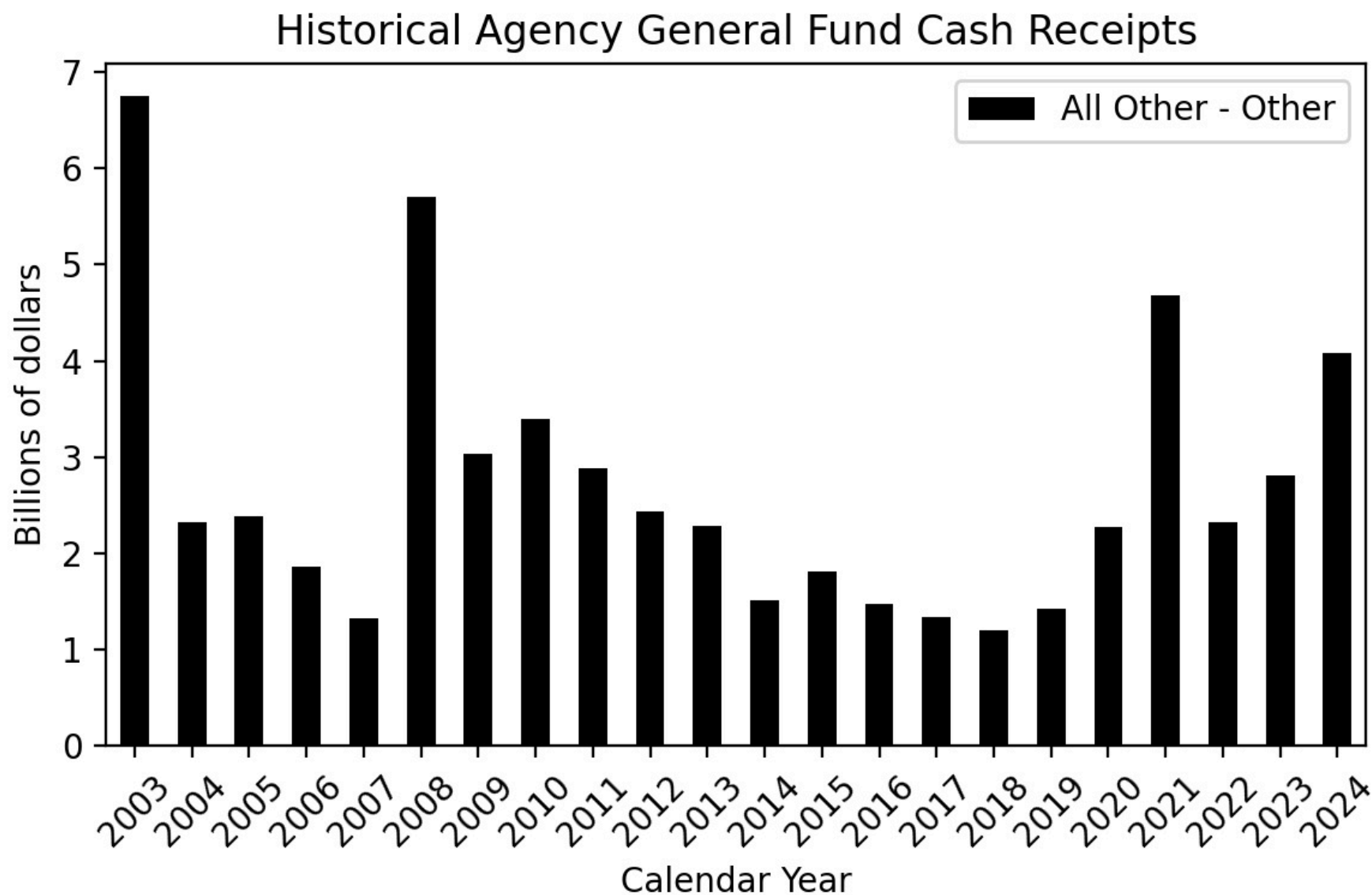


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