

# Long-term Water Quality Monitoring in Estero Bay

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# Estero Bay Monitoring Programs

- Three significant monitoring programs have been conducted by LCEL
  1. Charlotte Harbor National Estuary Program's Coastal Charlotte Harbor Monitoring Network, Estero Bay Random Strata
  2. Lee County's Estuarine Program, Estero Bay Fixed Sites.
  3. Lee County's Big Hickory Pass Program

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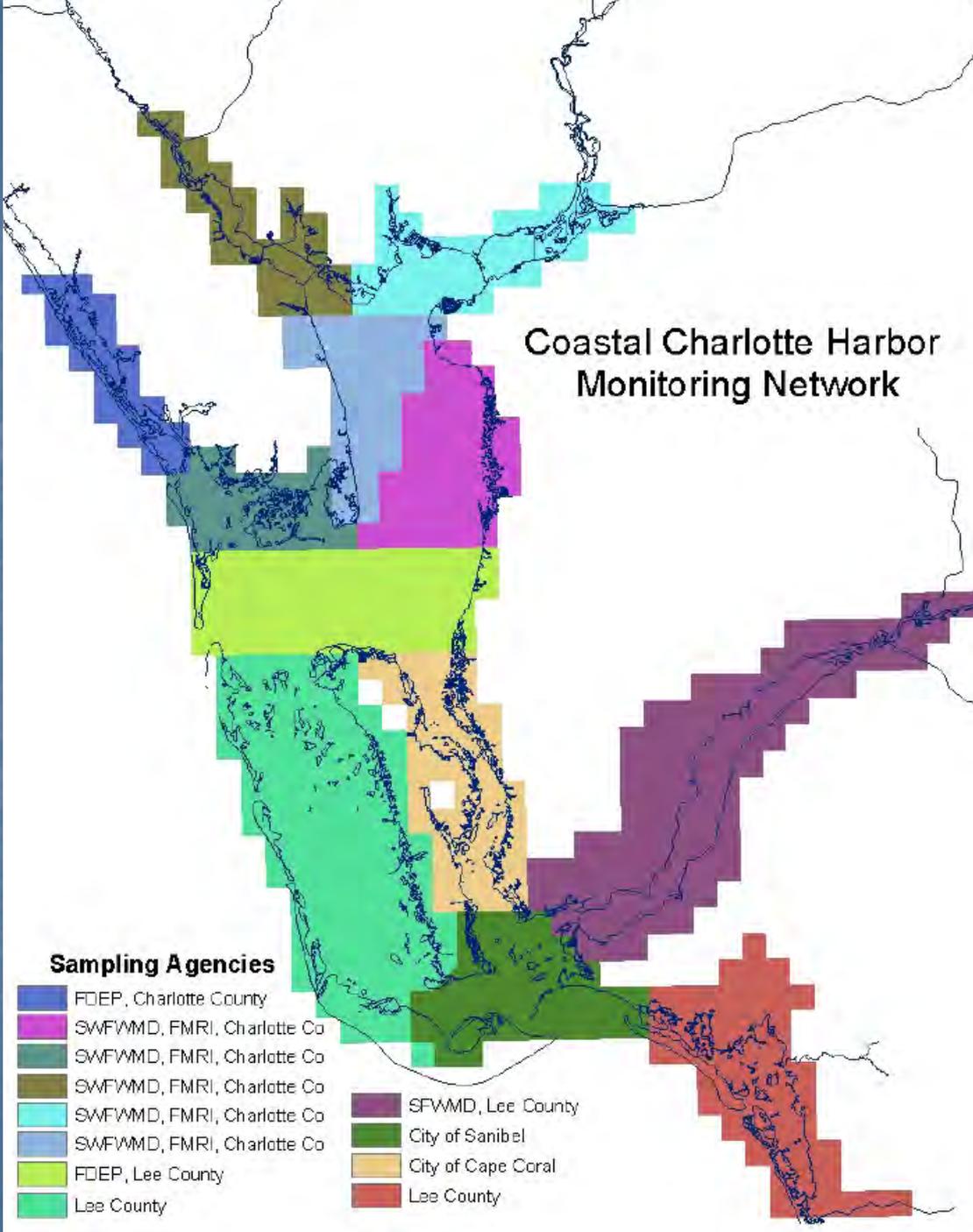
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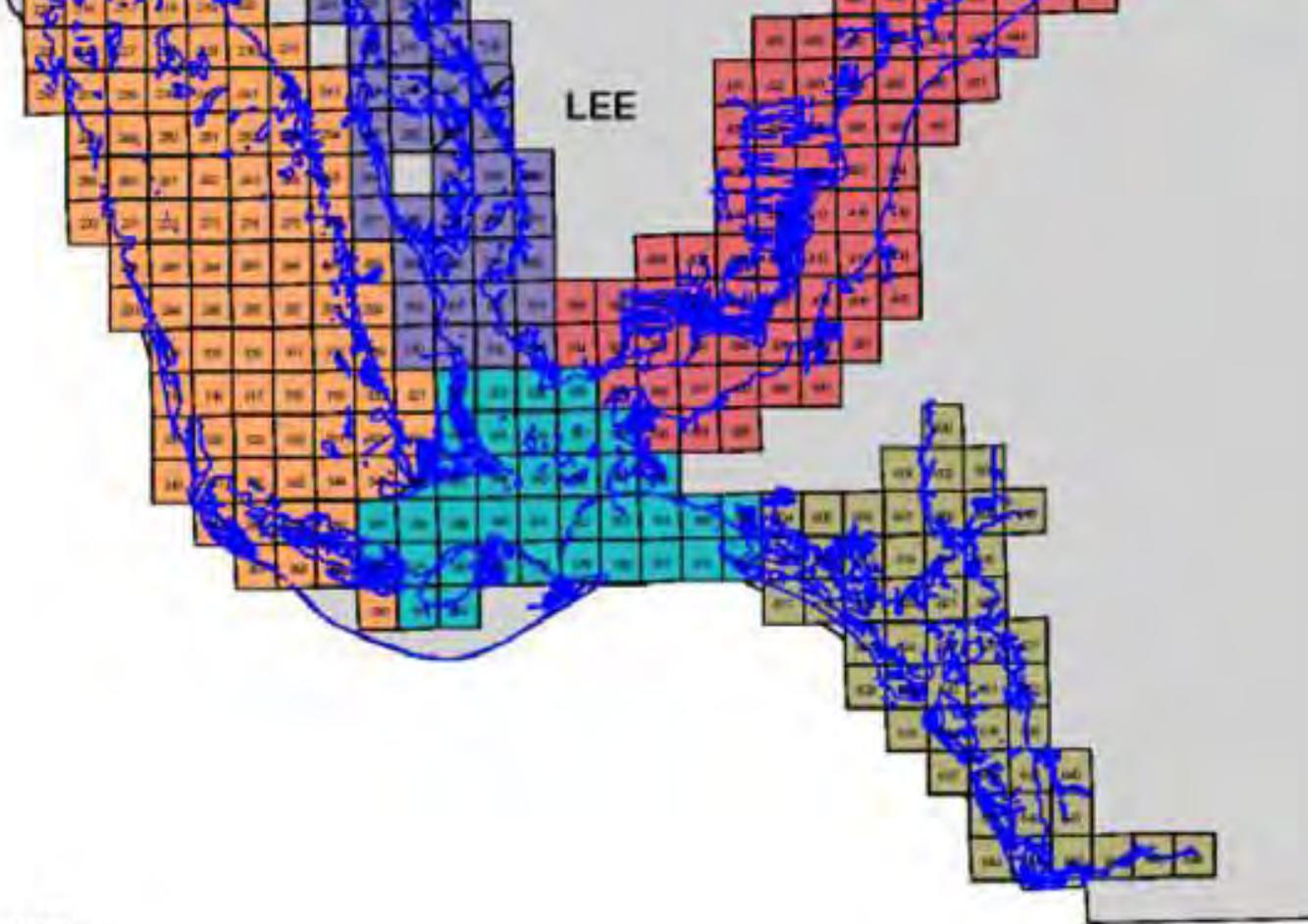
1. Charlotte Harbor National Estuary Program's Coastal Charlotte Harbor Monitoring Network
  - Estero Bay Stratum Started September 2003
  - Five Random grids are selected monthly
  - One random site is selected in each of the five random grids.

## Coastal Charlotte Harbor Monitoring Network



### Sampling Agencies

- FDEP, Charlotte County
- SWFWMD, FMRI, Charlotte Co
- FDEP, Lee County
- Lee County
- SWFWMD, Lee County
- City of Sanibel
- City of Cape Coral
- Lee County



STRATA

-  CAPE HAZE
-  EAST WALL
-  ESTERO BAY
-  LOWER CHARLOTTE HARBOR
-  LOWER LEMON BAY
-  MATLACHA PASS
-  PINE ISLAND SOUND
-  SAN CARLOS BAY
-  TIDAL CALOOSAHA TCHEE
-  TIDAL MYAKKA
-  TIDAL PEACE
-  UPPER LEMON BAY
-  WEST WALL

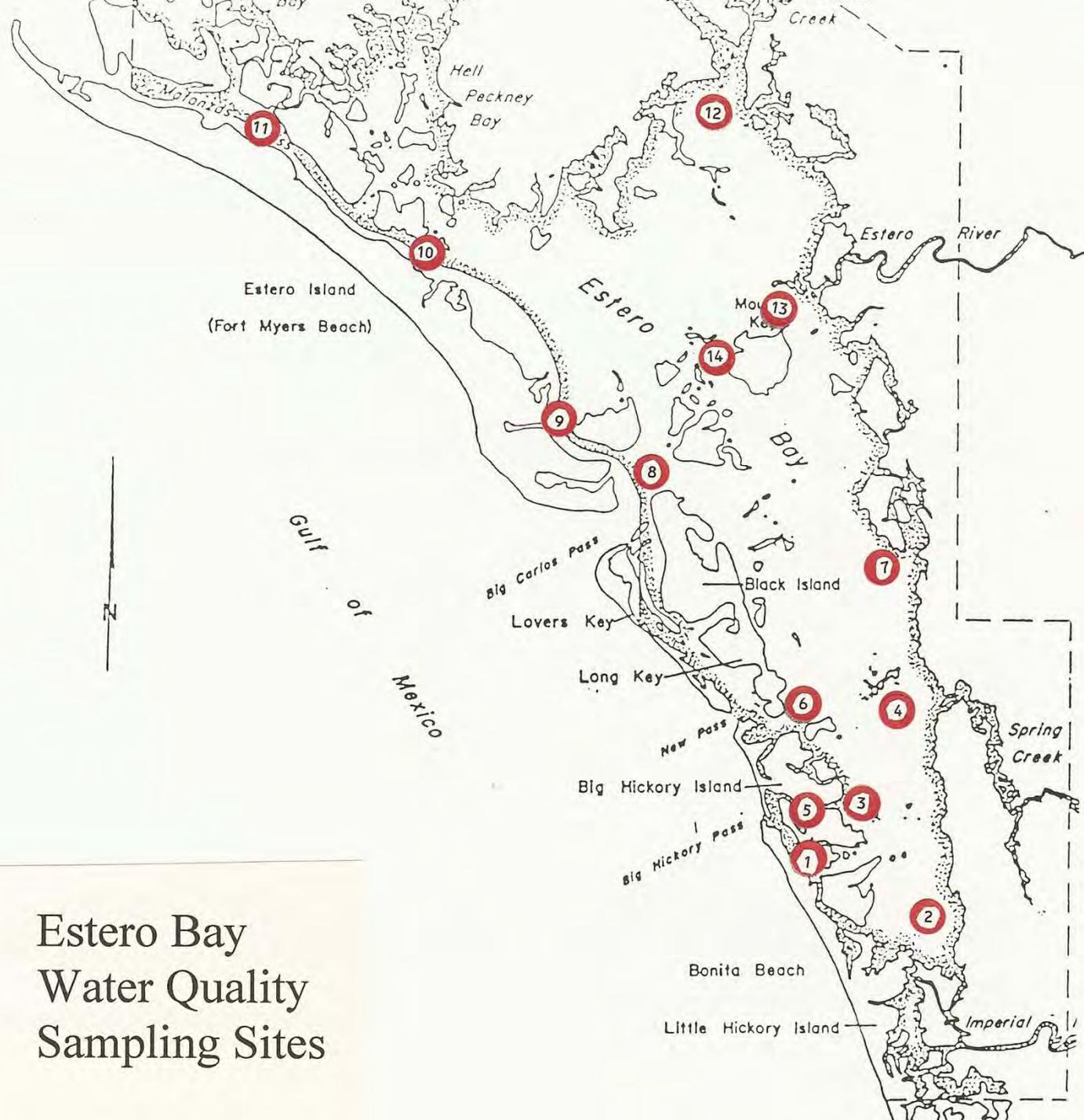
 Coastline



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## 2. Lee County's Estuarine Program

- 14 fixed stations in Estero Bay
- Estero Bay Started March 1991
- Frequency:
  - Quarterly 1991 – 2000
  - Monthly 2000 - present

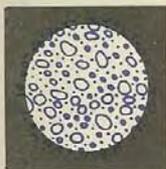


Estero Bay  
Water Quality  
Sampling Sites

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3. Big Hickory Pass Monitoring Program
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*Water Quality,  
Circulation Patterns*



*and  
Sediment Analysis*



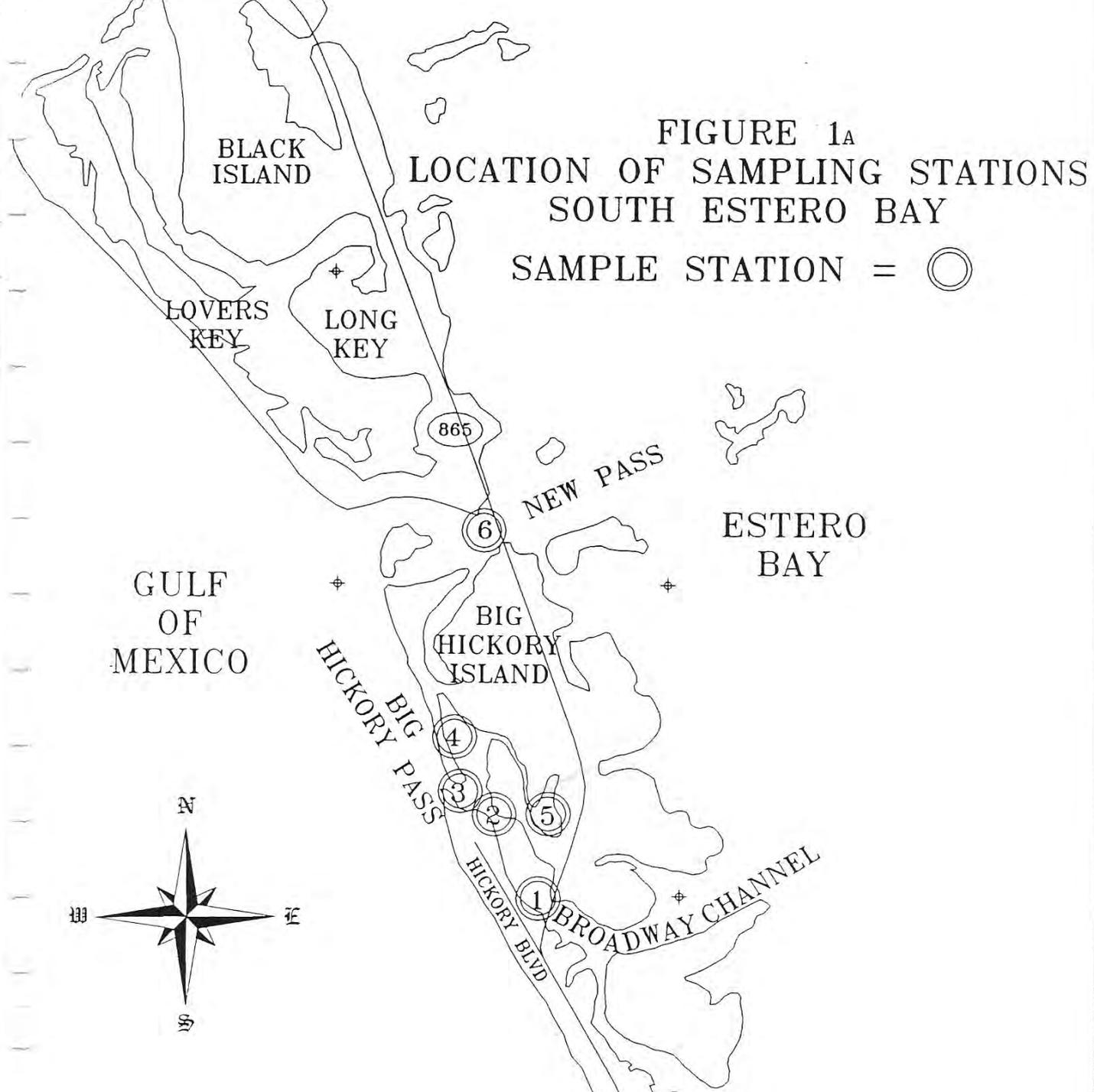
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ESTERO BAY  
ESTUARINE SYSTEM



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- Data gaps in 1986
- Limited analytes until 1986
- Sampled every other month in the later years.



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- In 1990 Big Hickory Pass was open.
- The Environmental Lab was funded by the general fund.
- Directed biologist, Dave Ceilley to:
  - Write a report to conclude Big Hickory Pass Monitoring.
  - Develop a monitoring program for the entire Bay using the Big Hickory resources.

# SOUTH ESTERO BAY

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## BIG HICKORY PASS

Report on Water Quality  
Monitoring - 1990



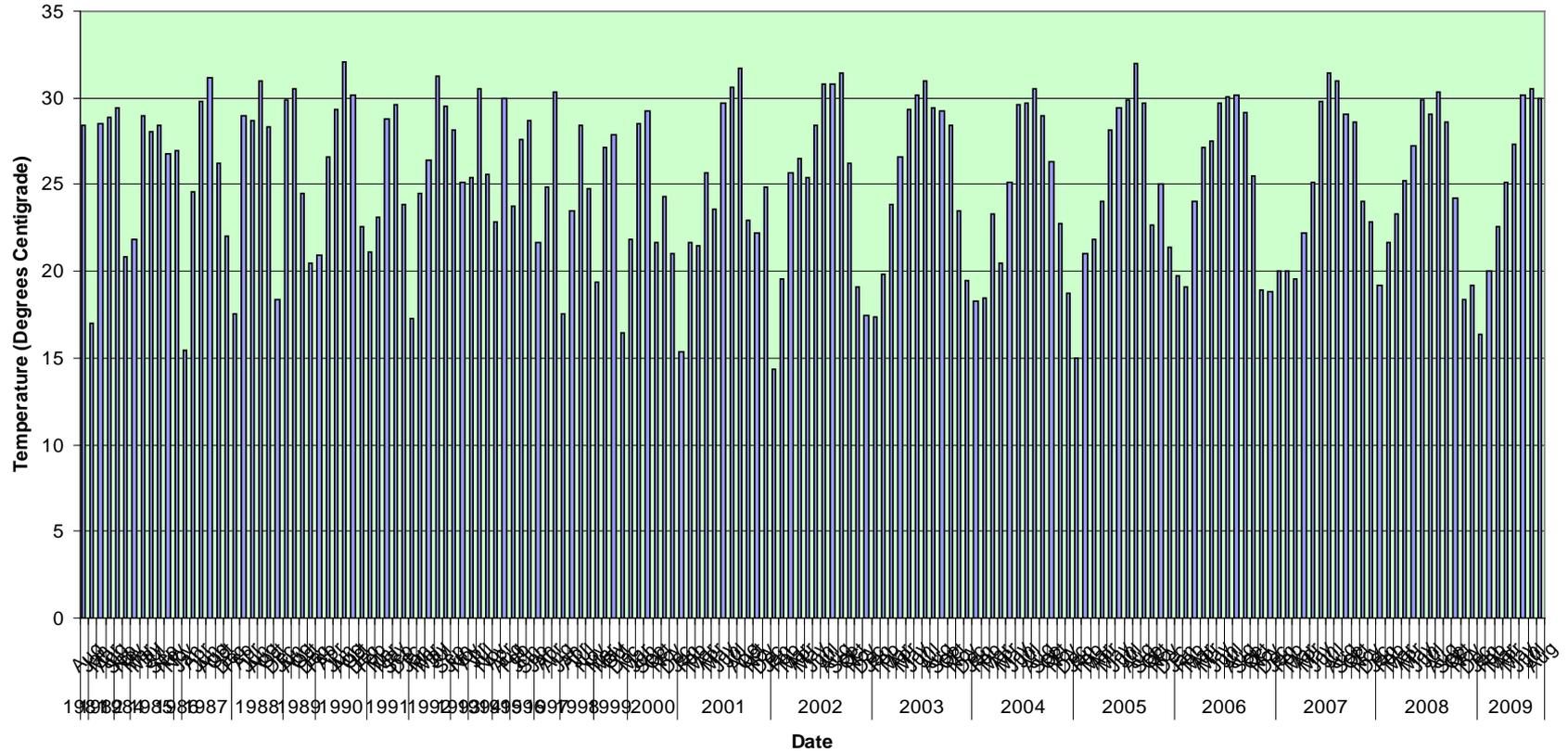
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Big Hickory Sites 1, 5, and 6  
Are the Same as  
Estero Bay Sites 1, 5, and 6

This gives a data set from 1981 to Present

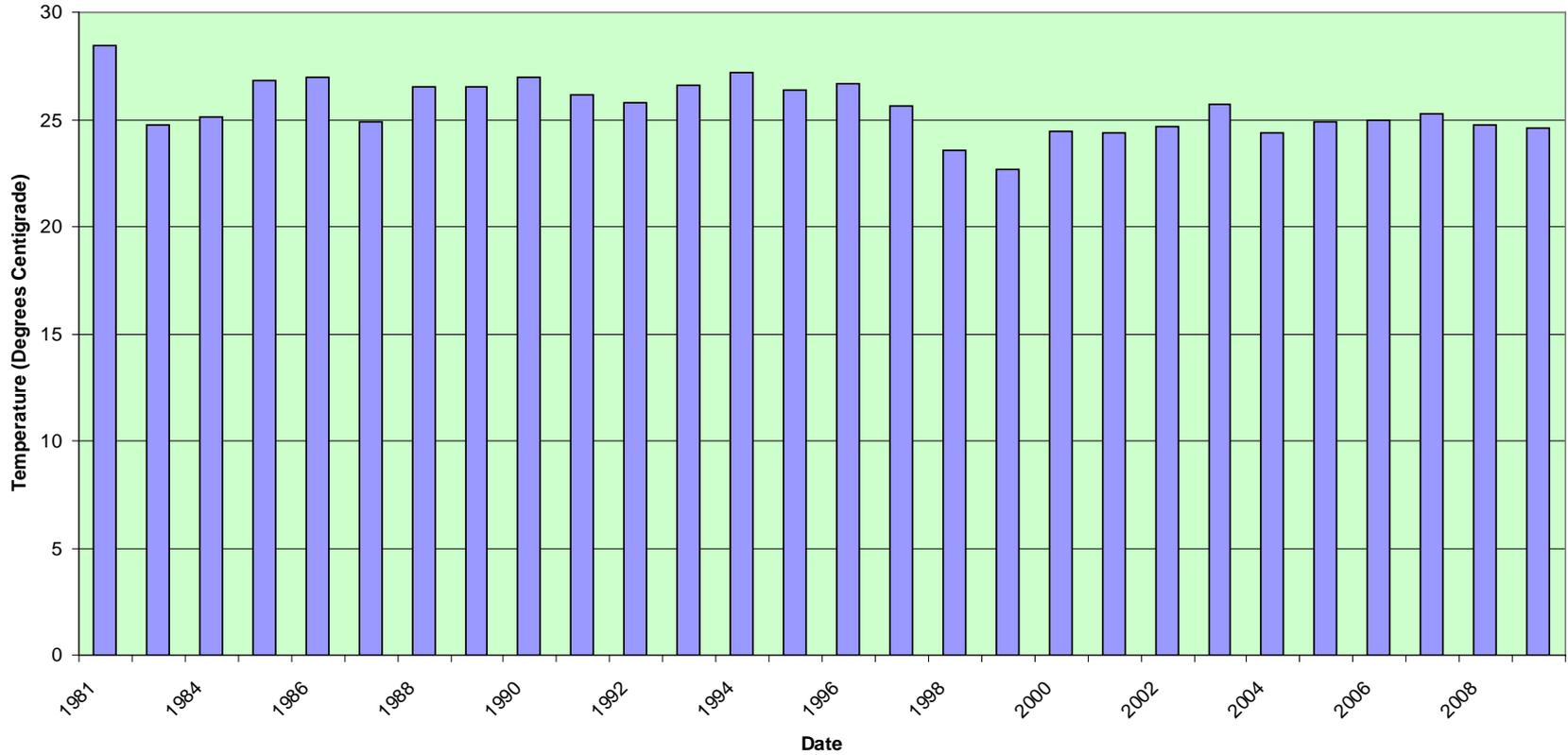
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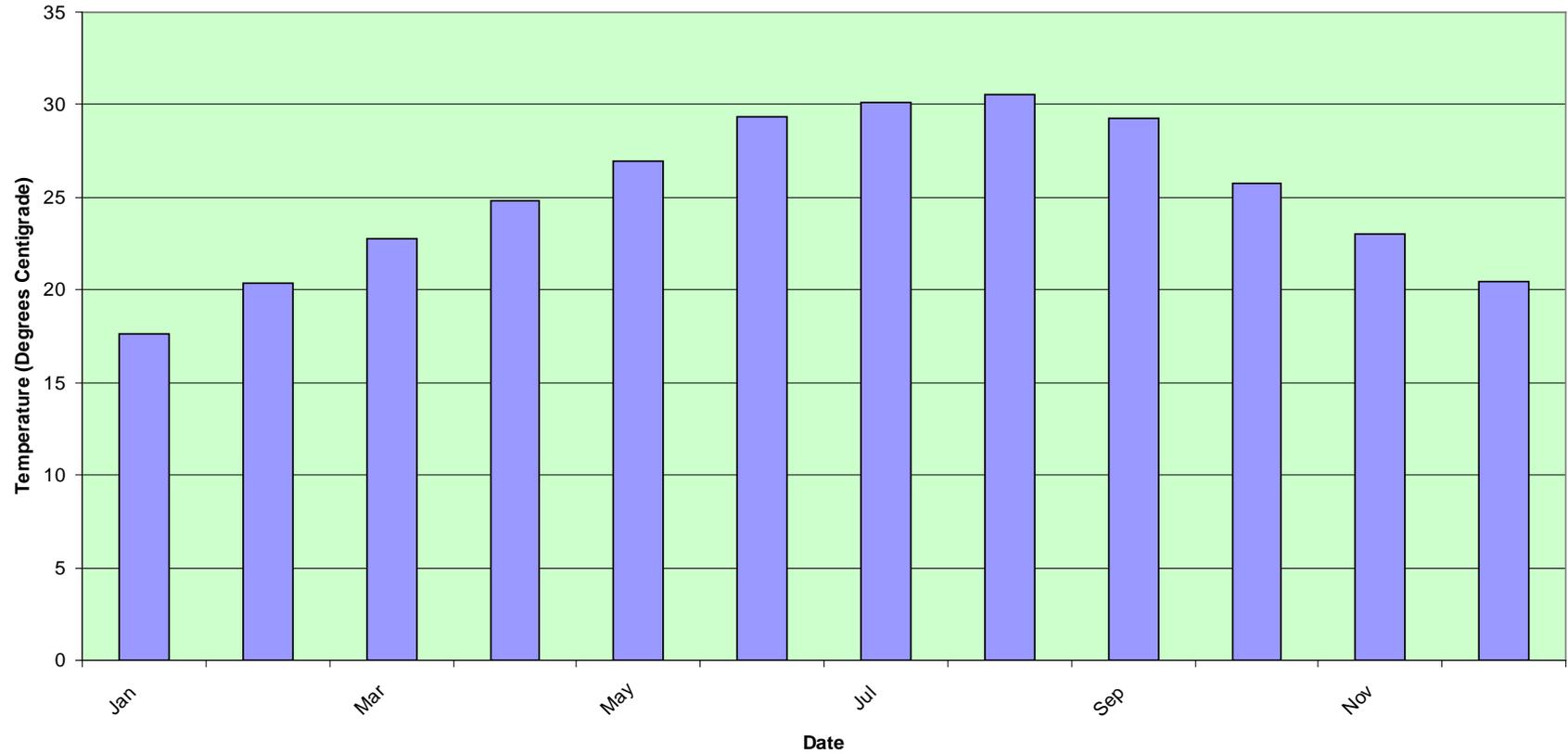
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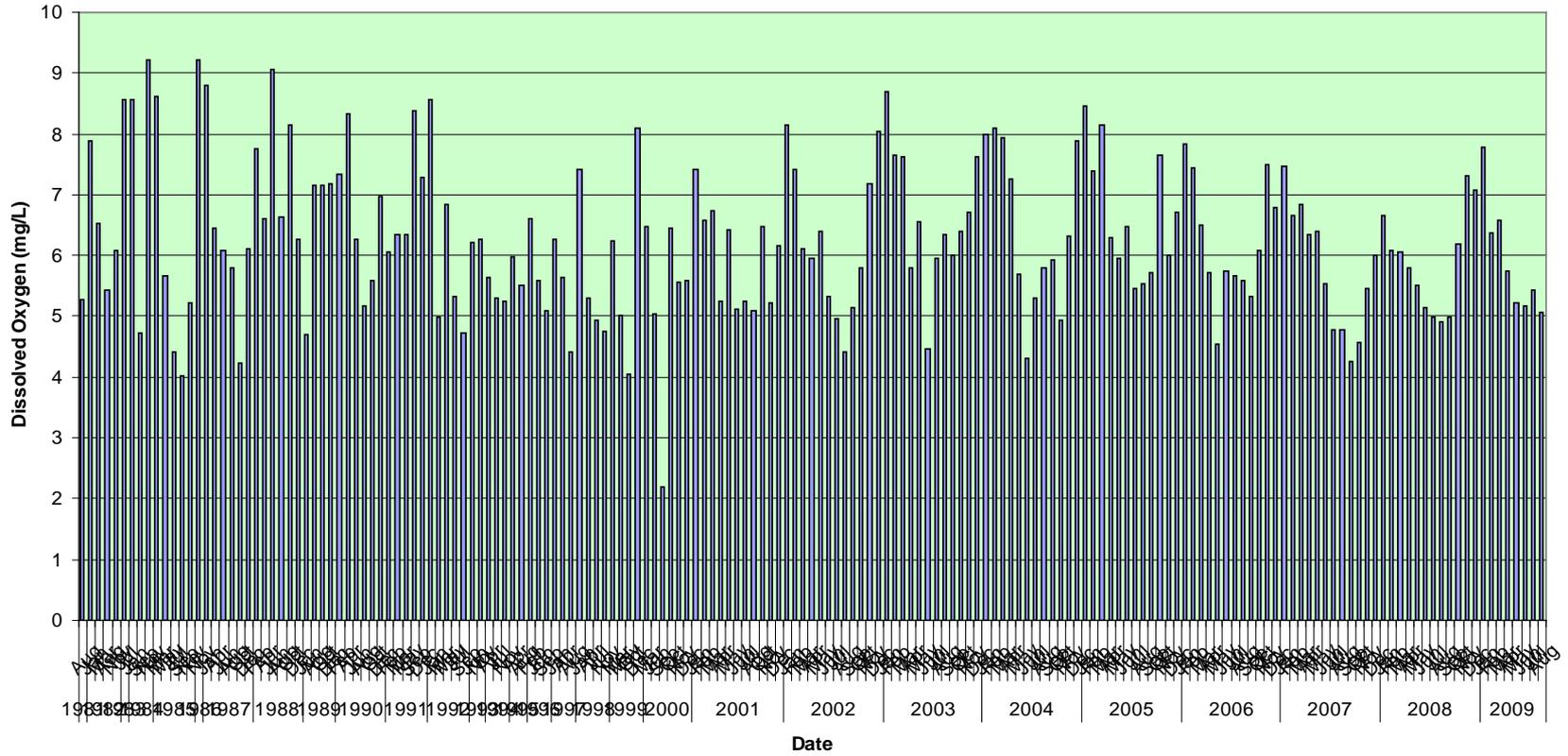
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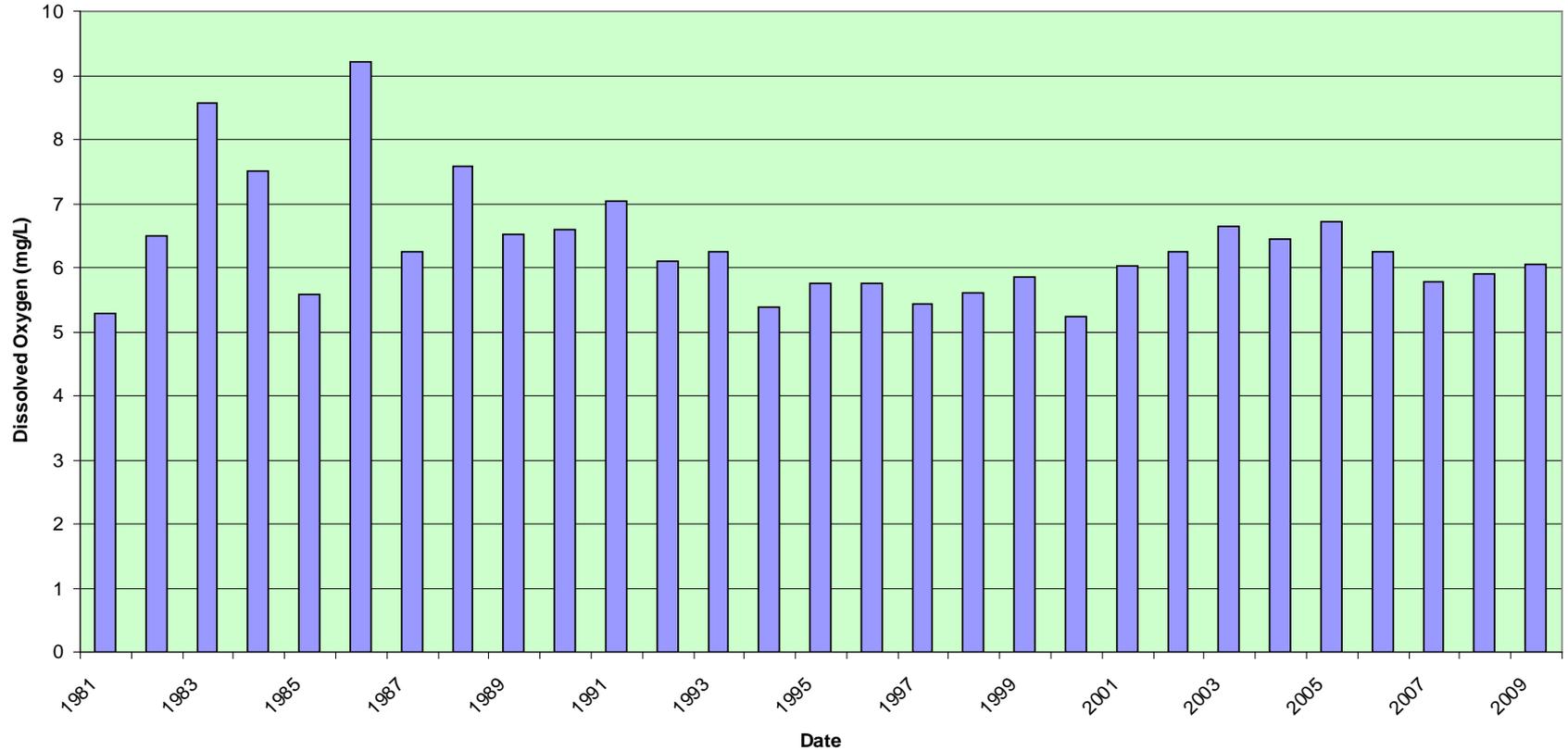
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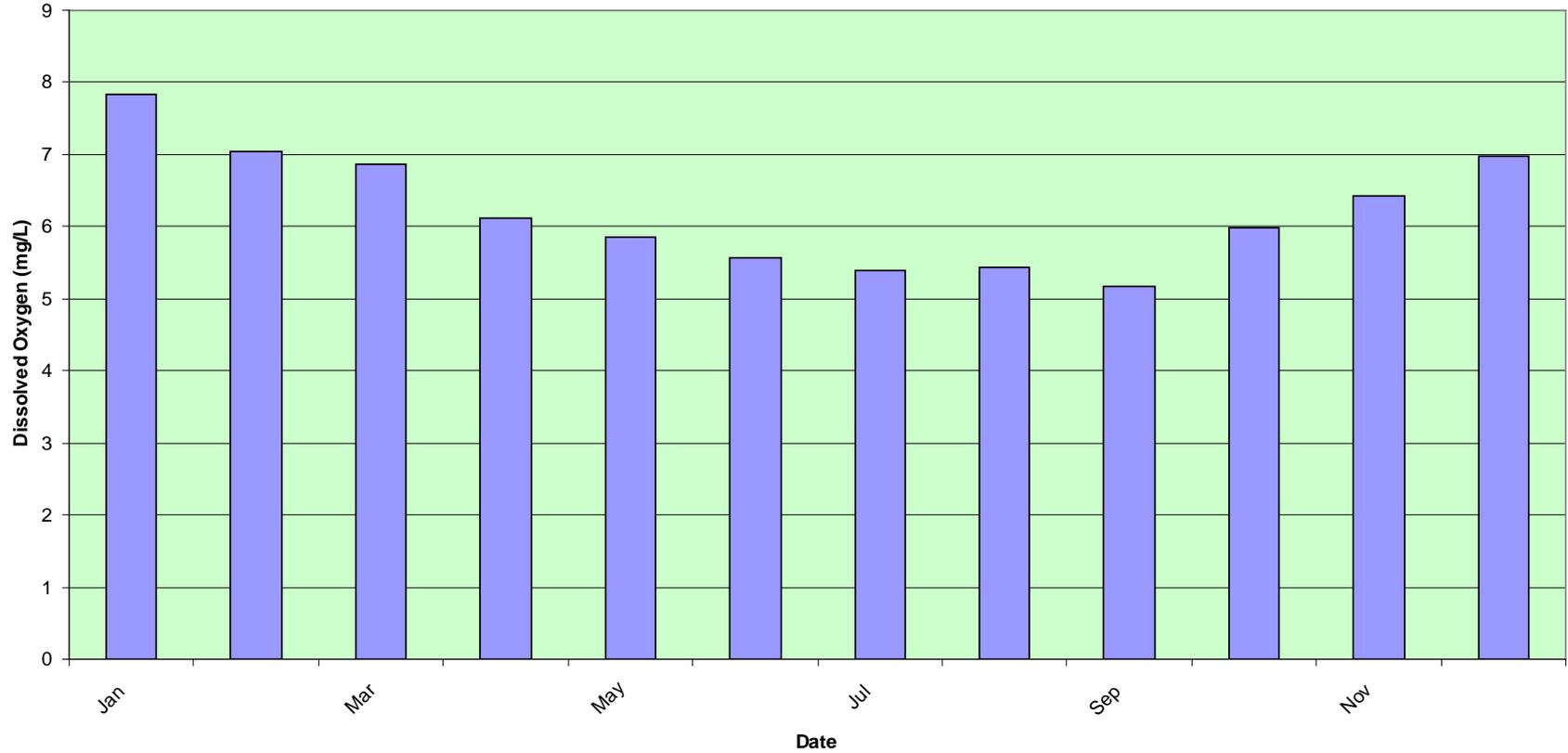
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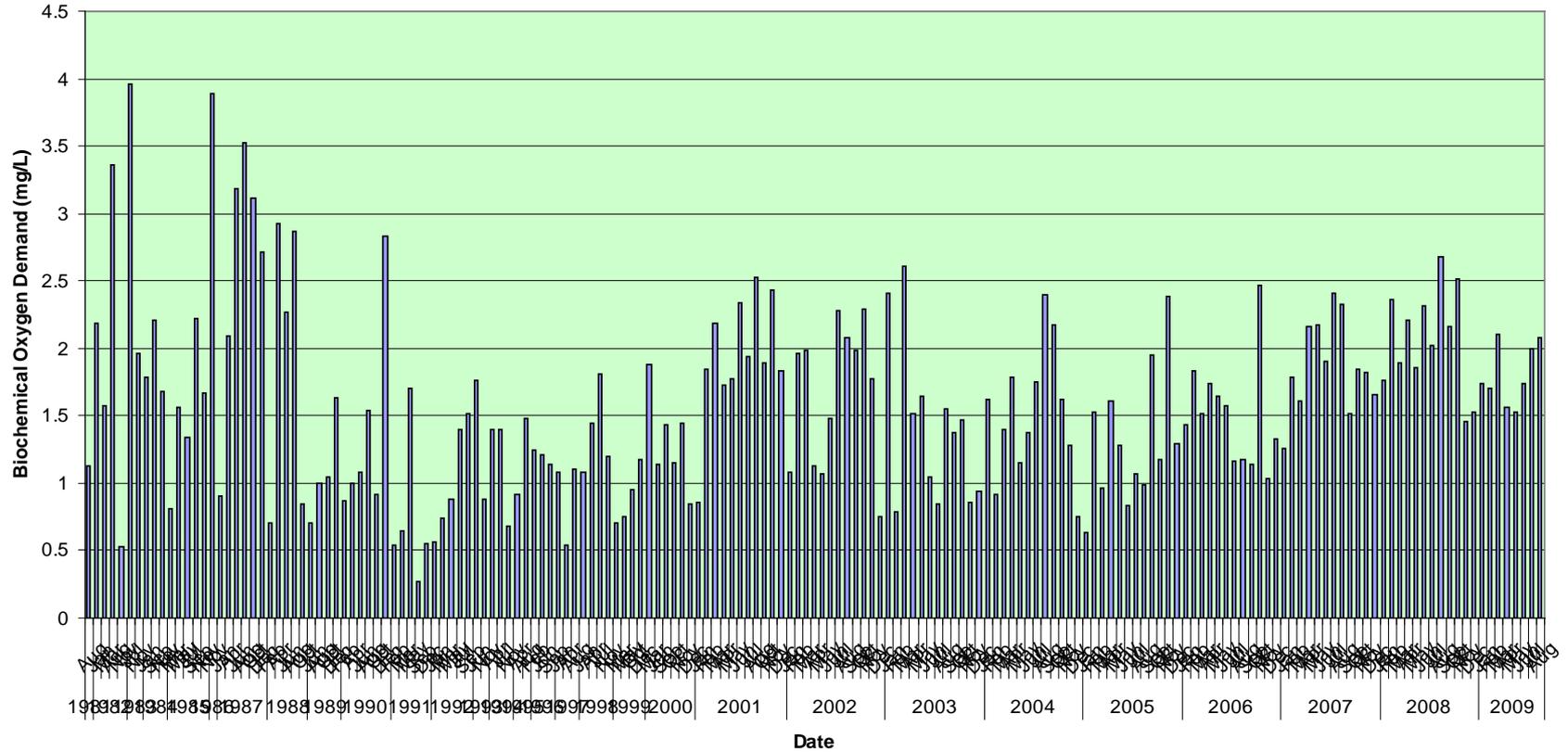
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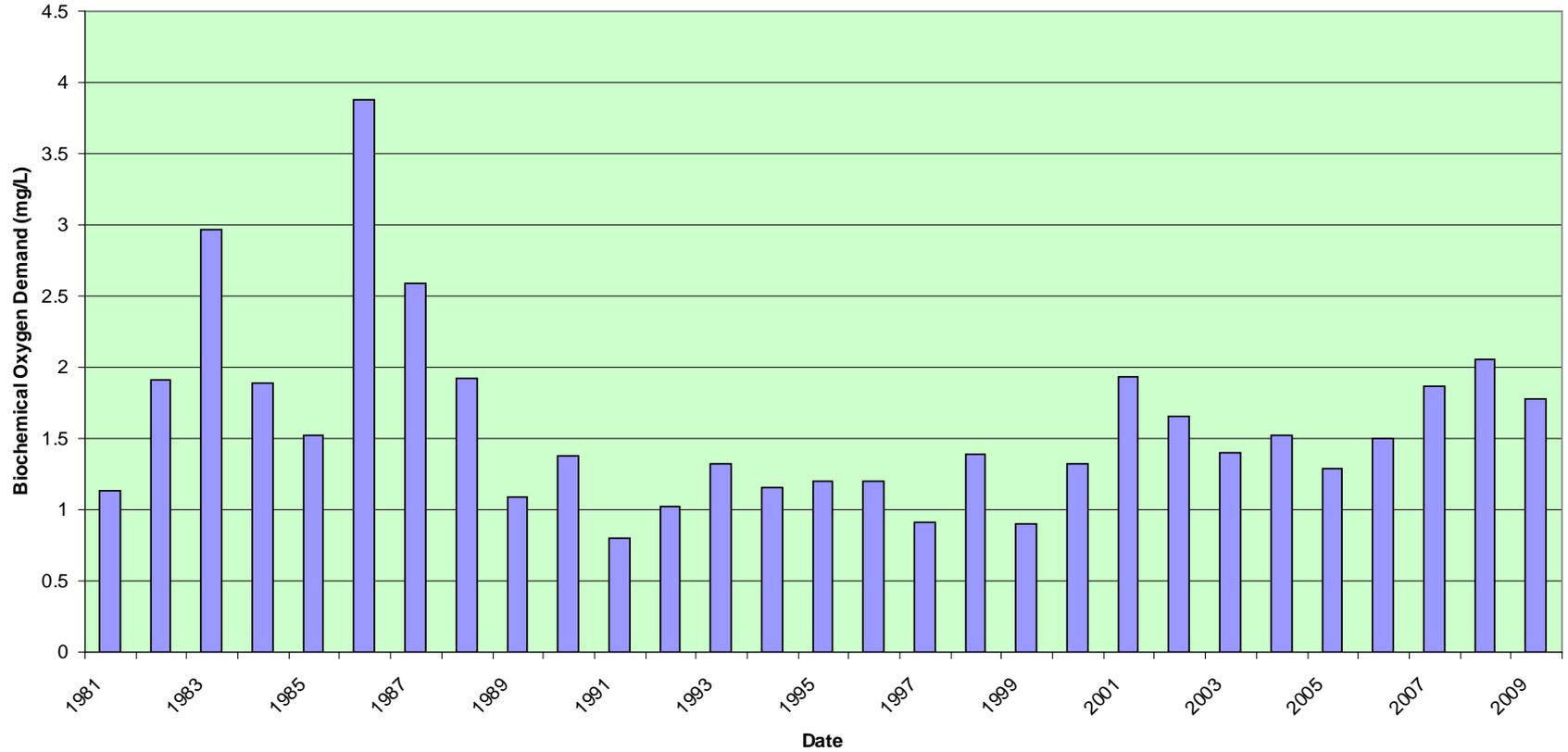
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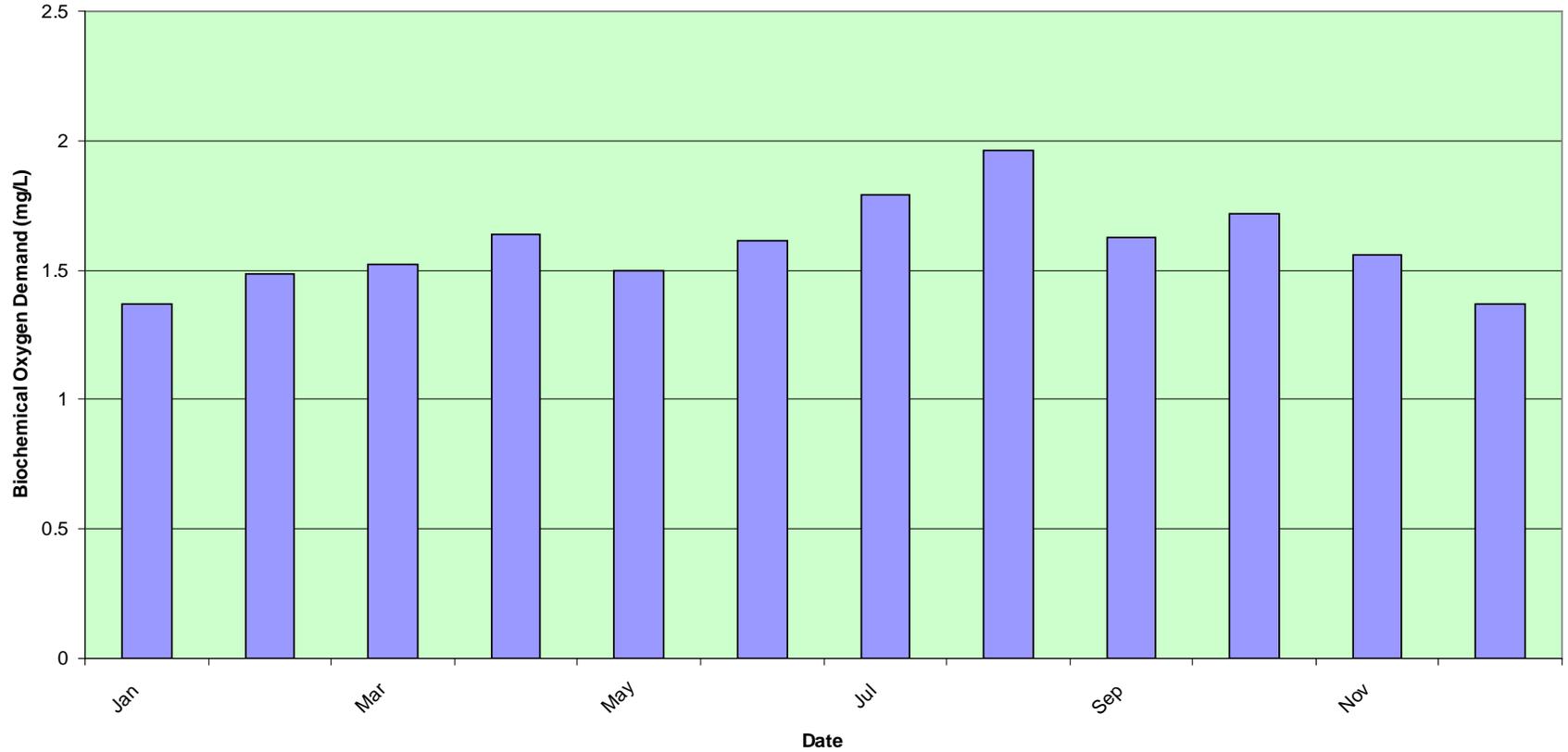
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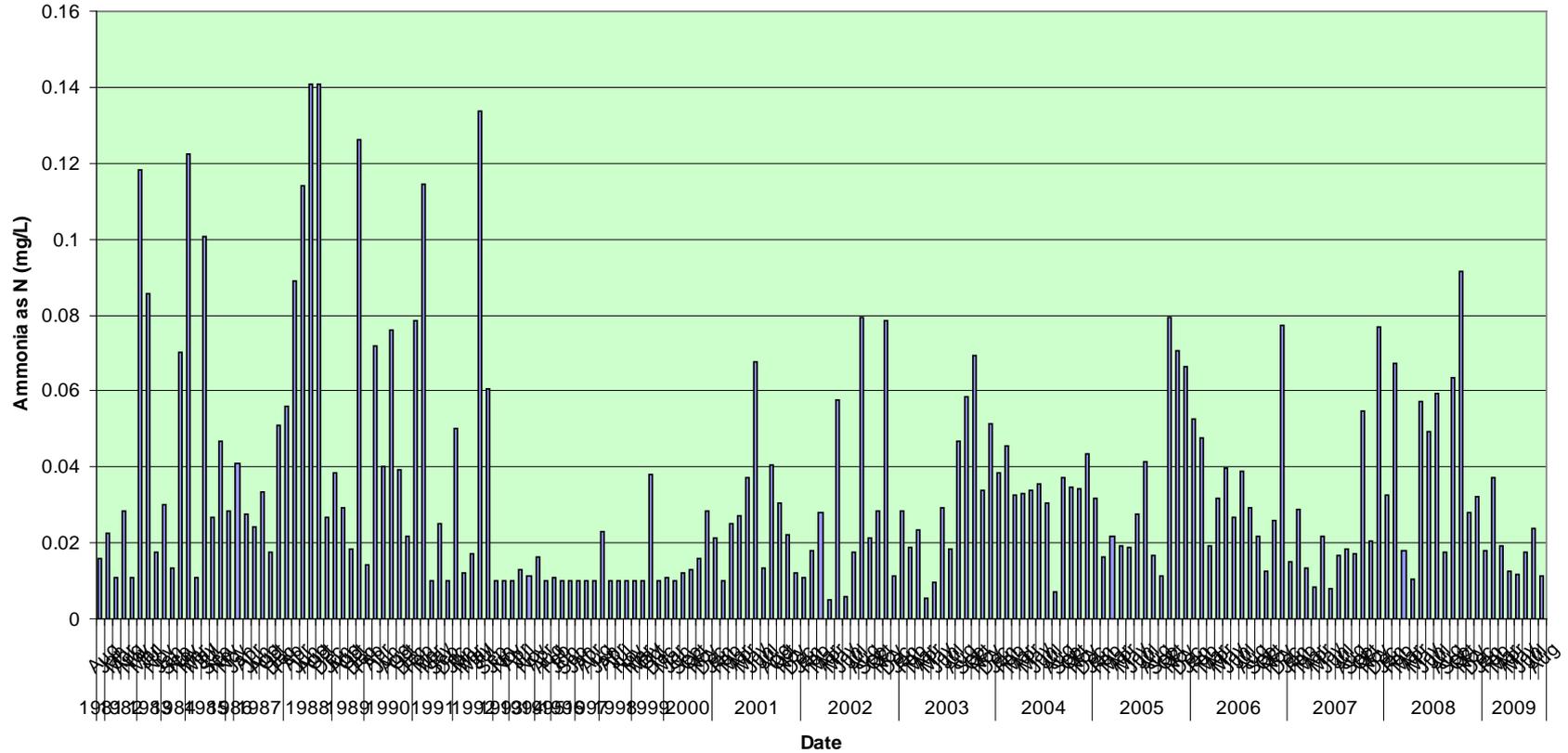
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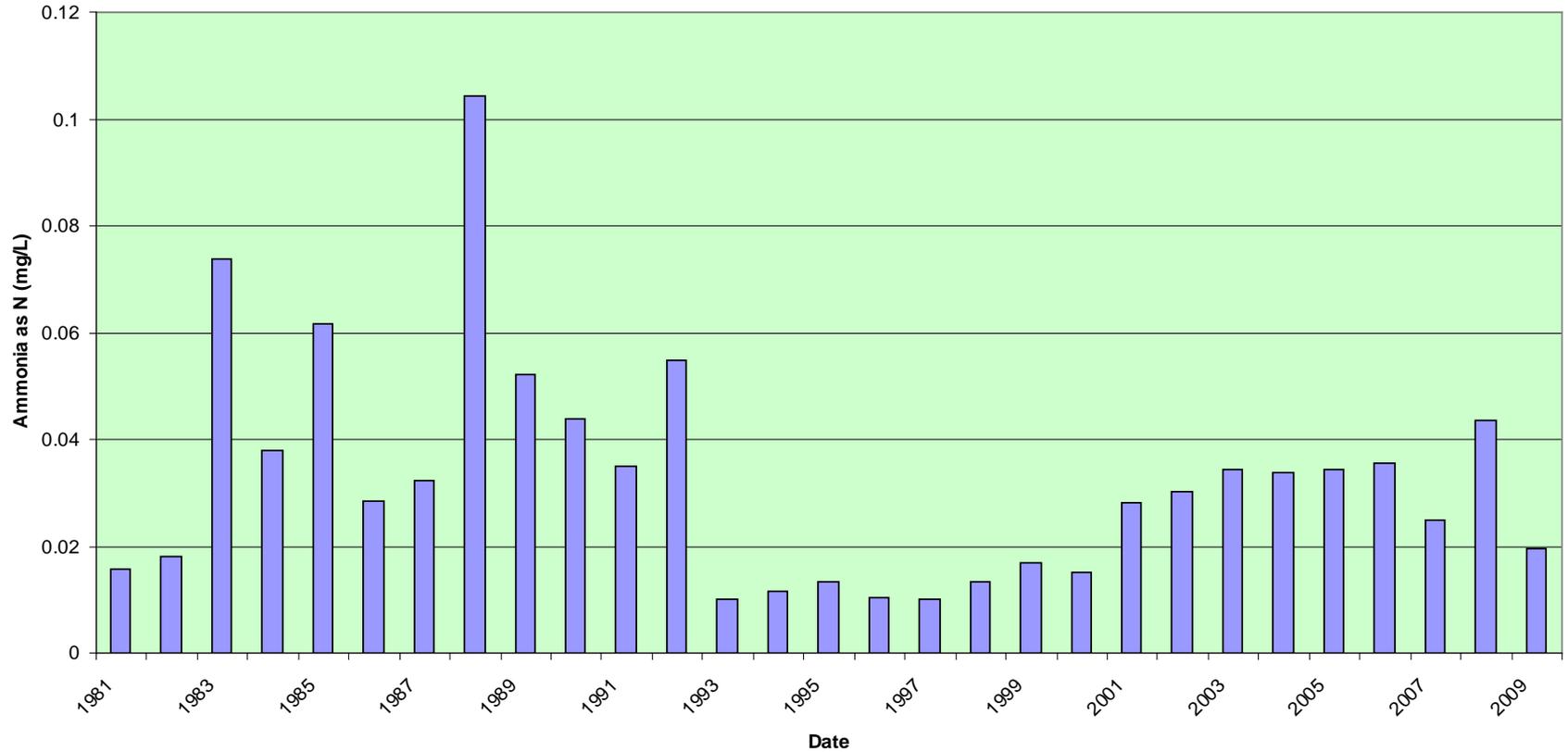
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Ammonia as N (mg/L) versus Time



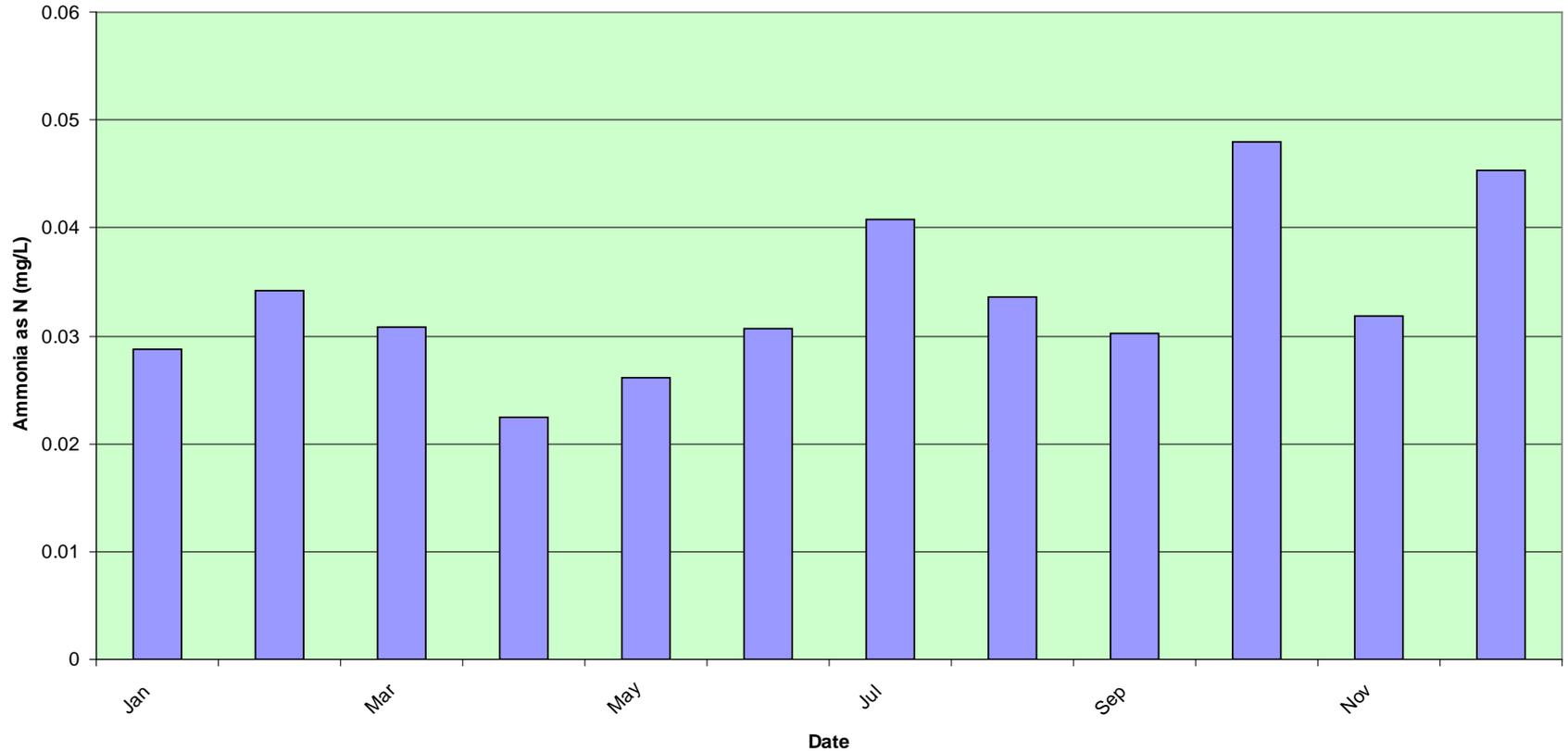
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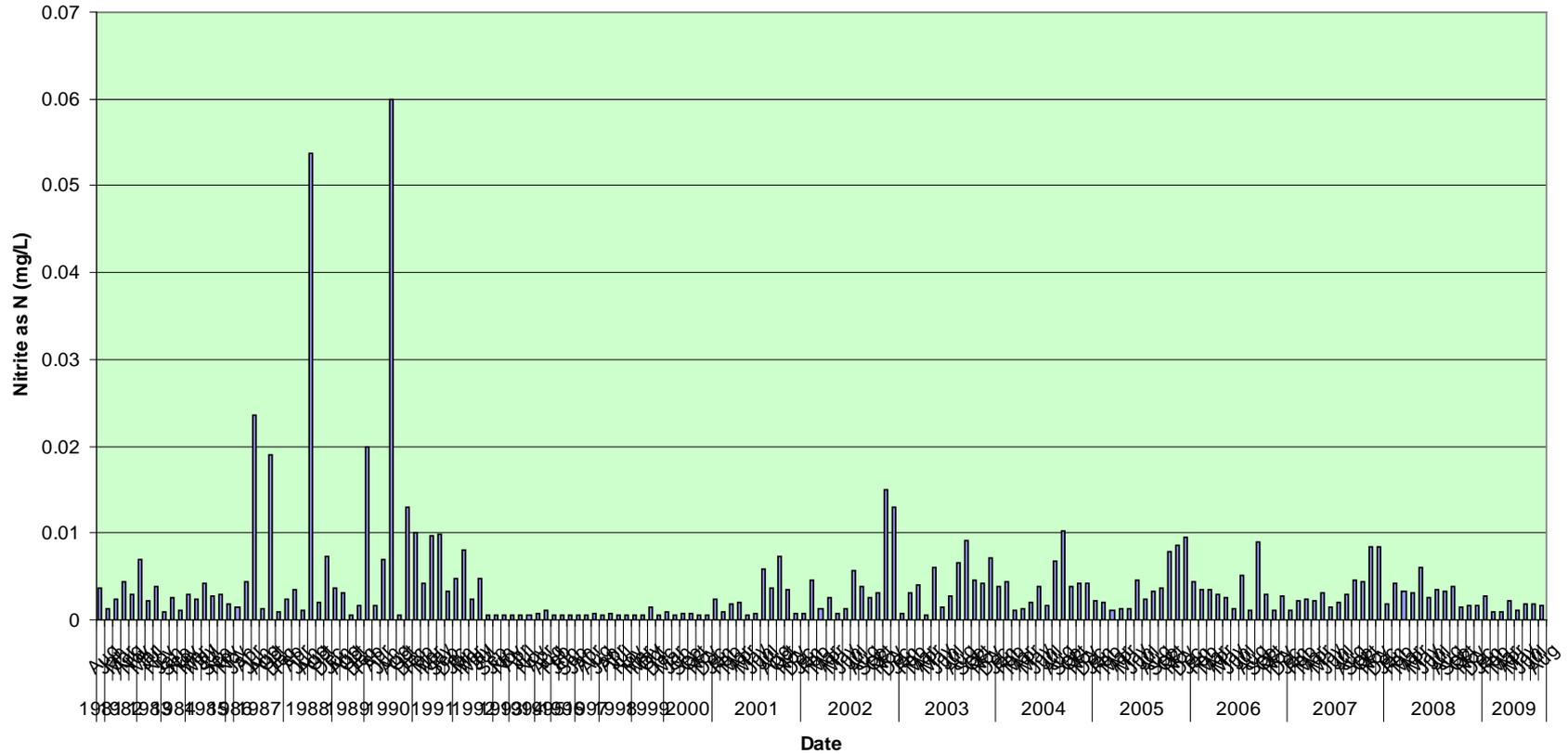
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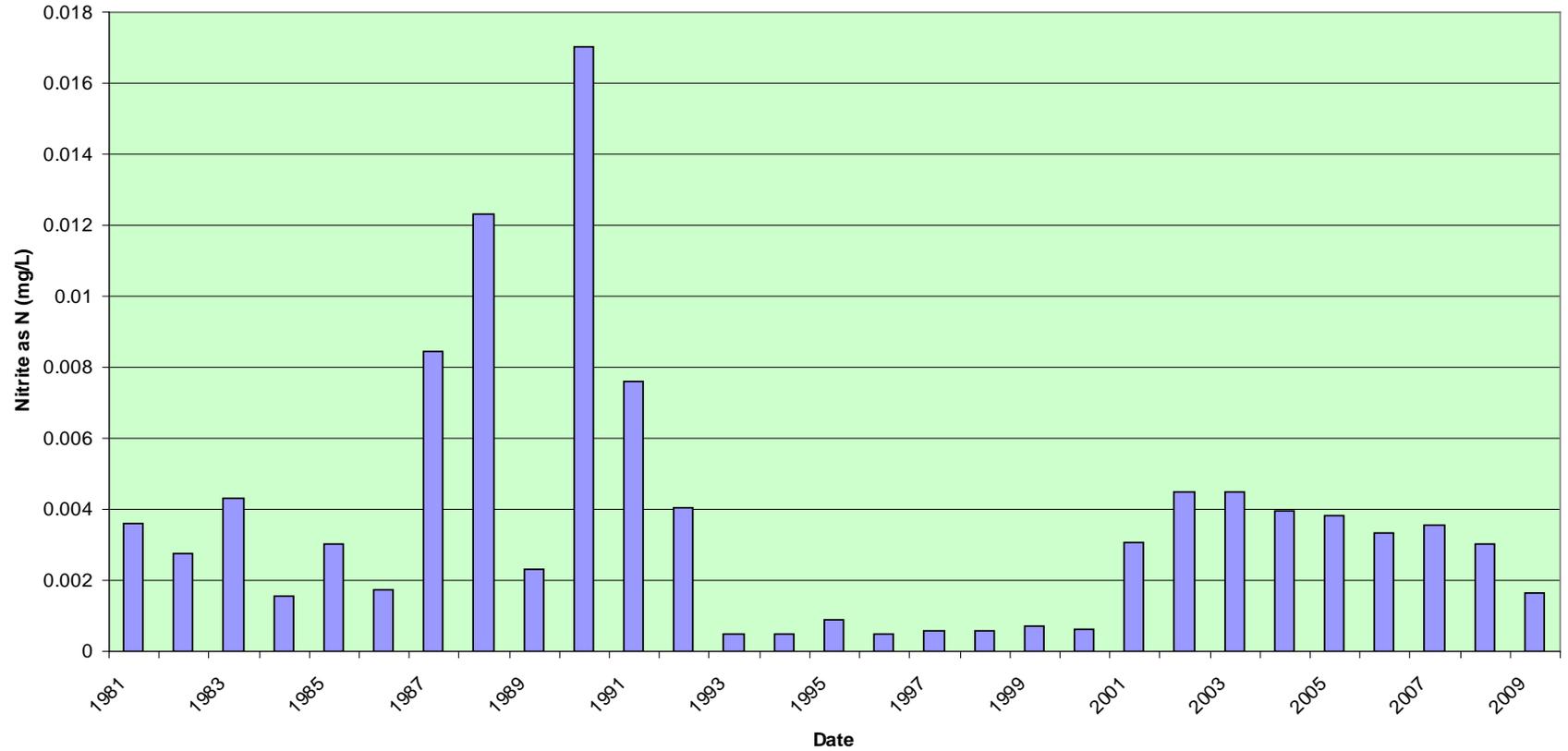
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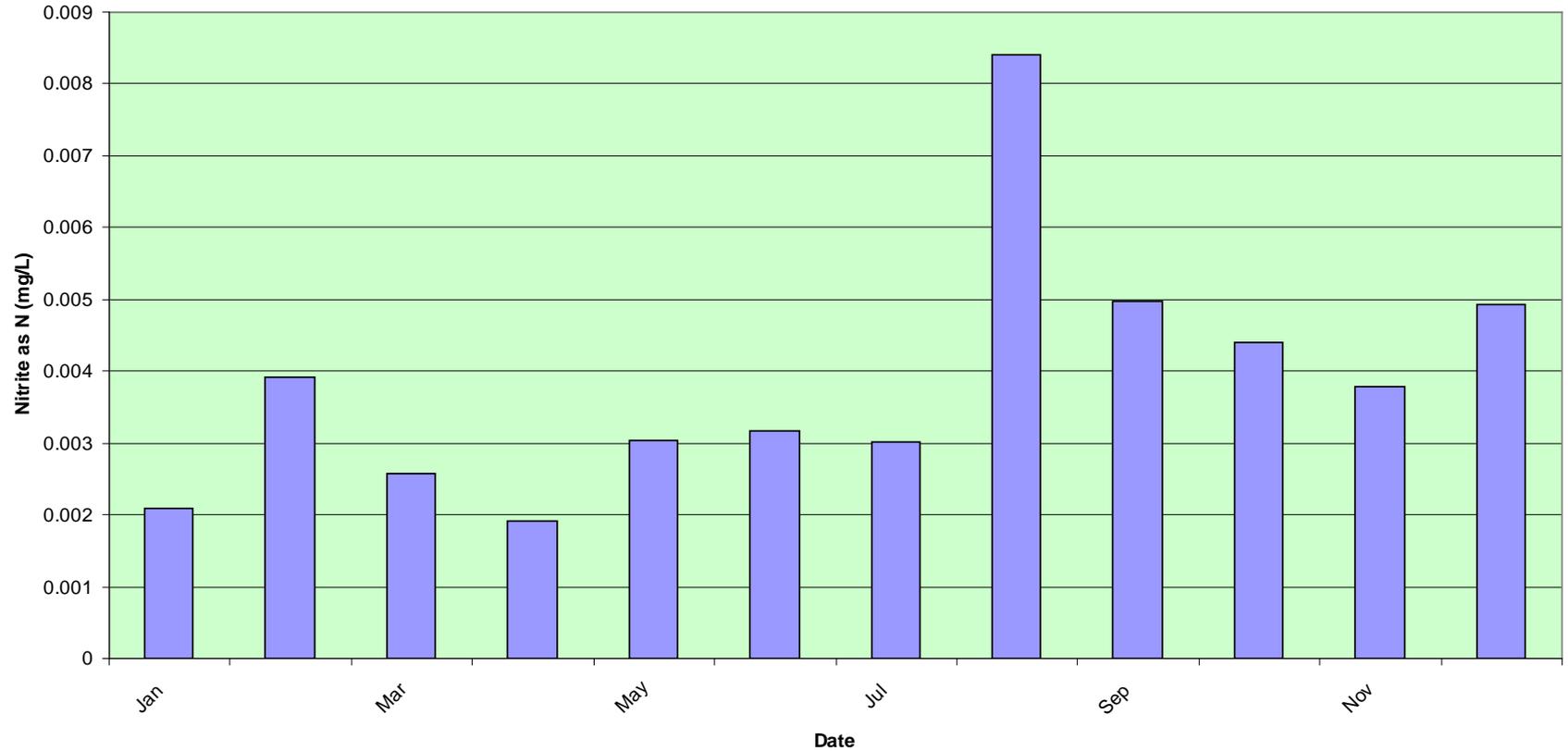
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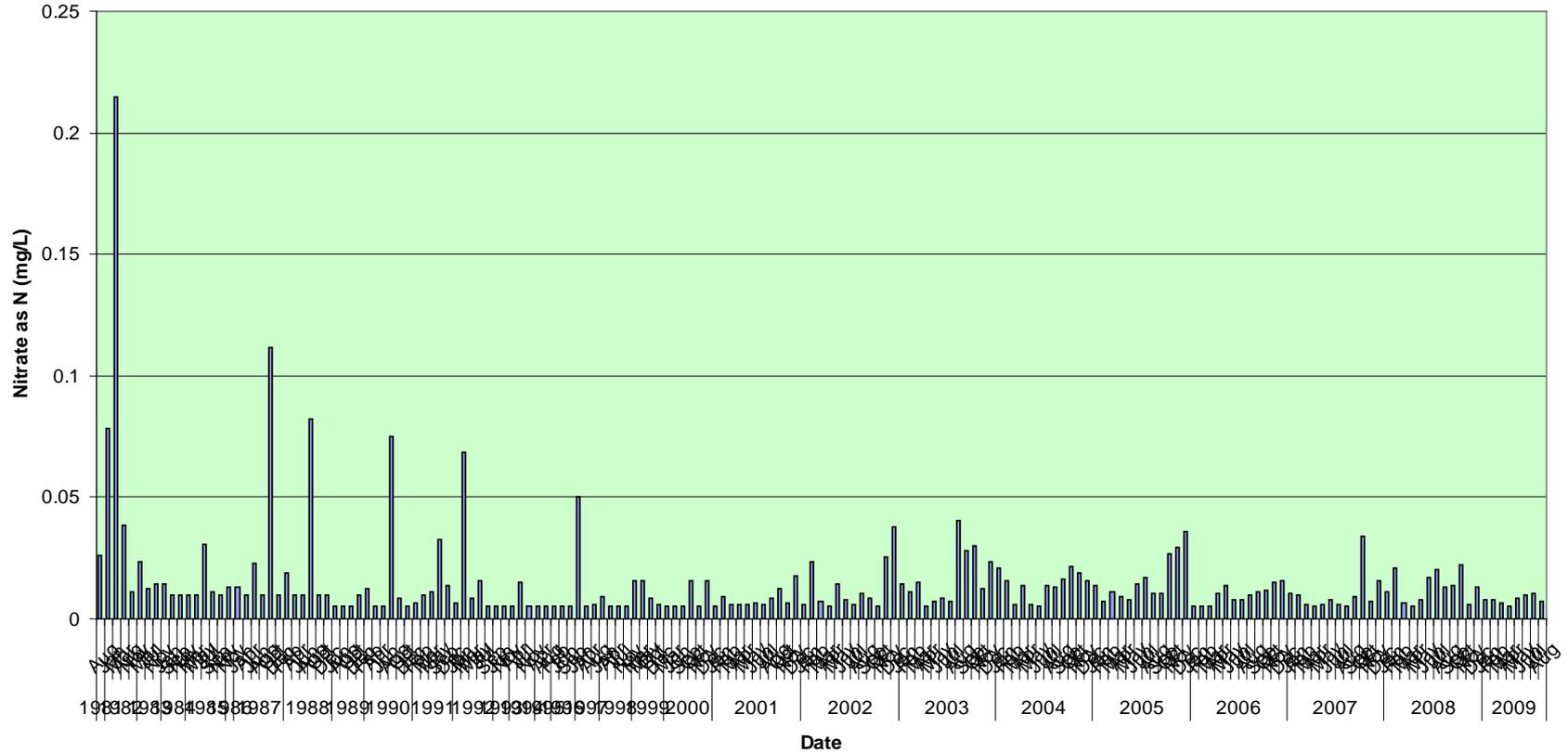
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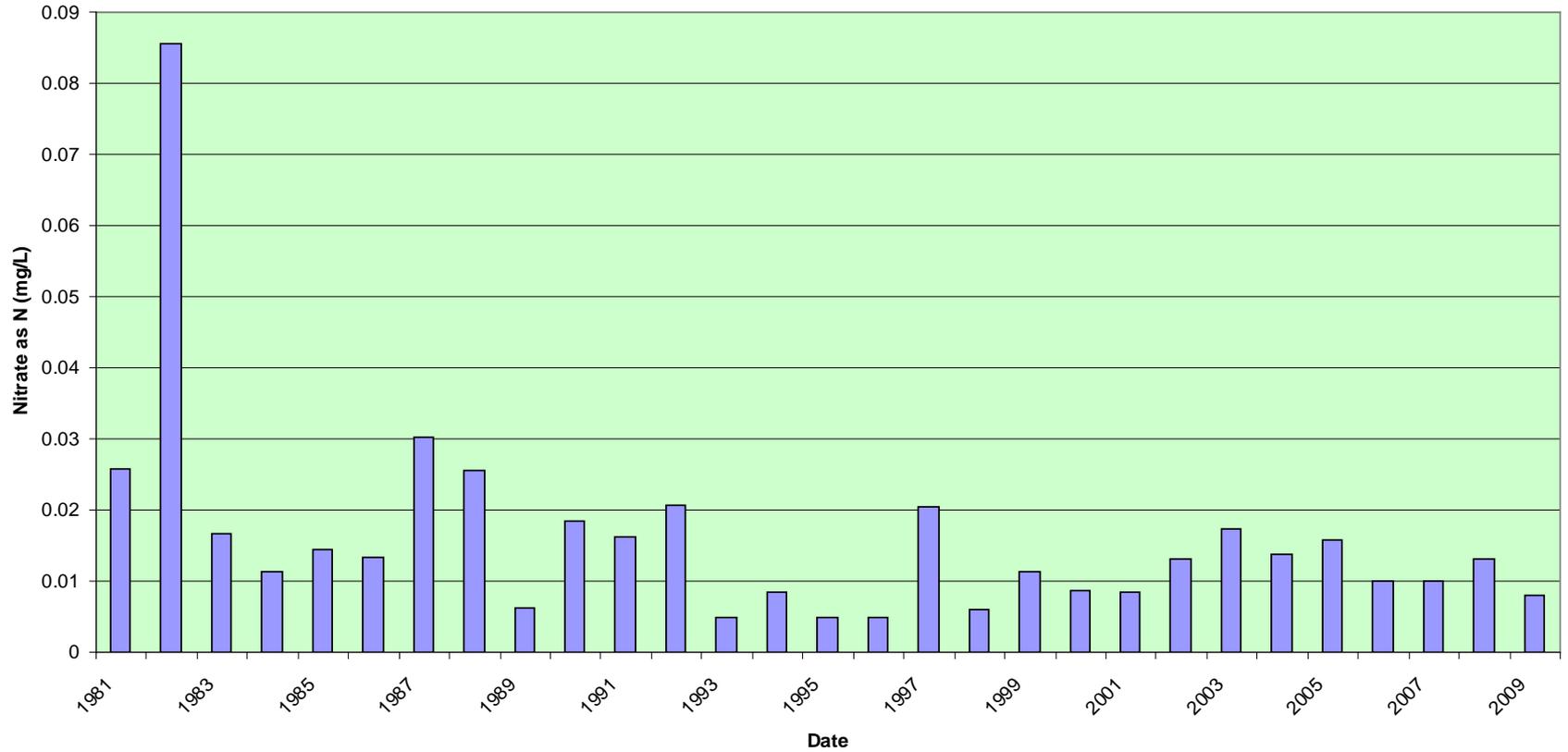
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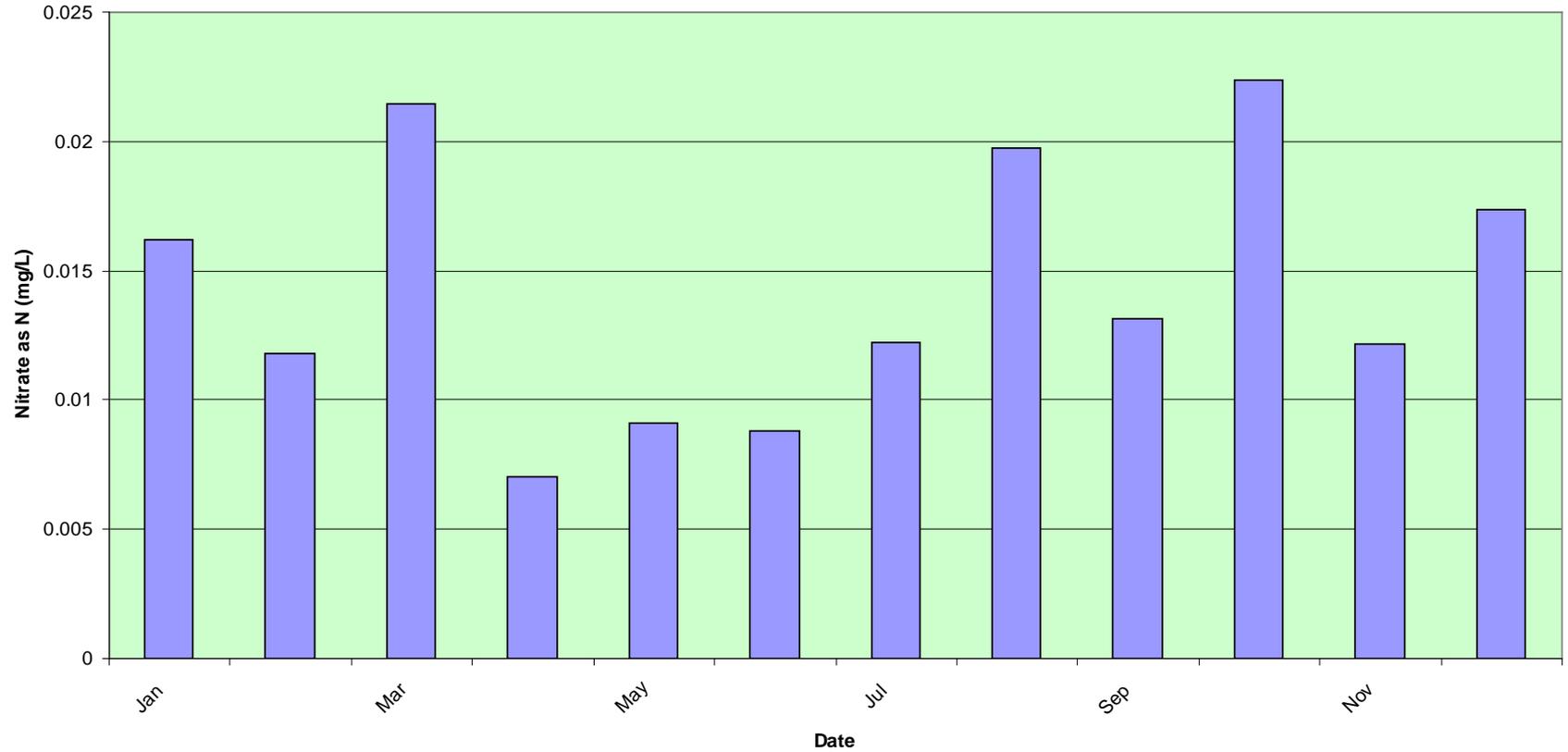
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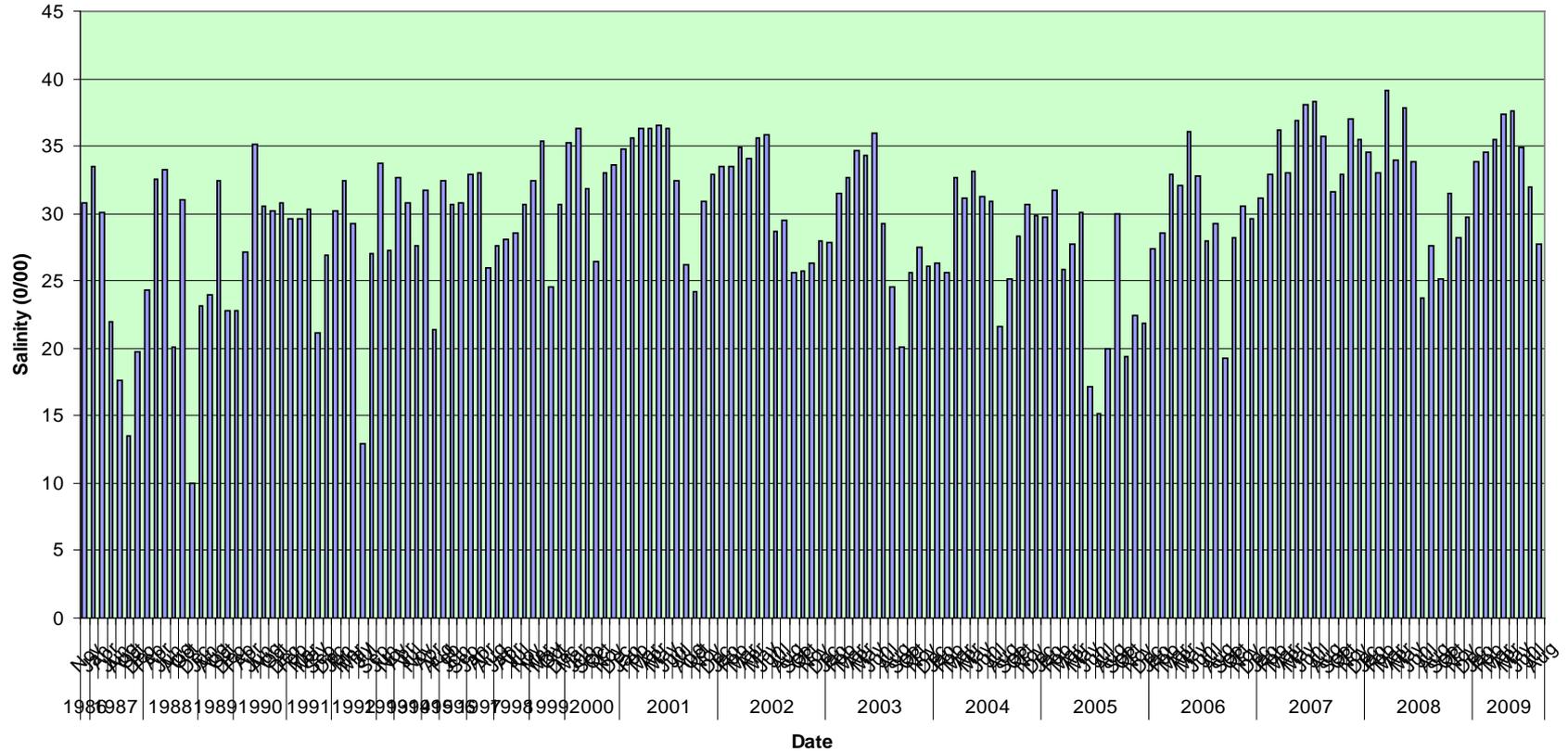
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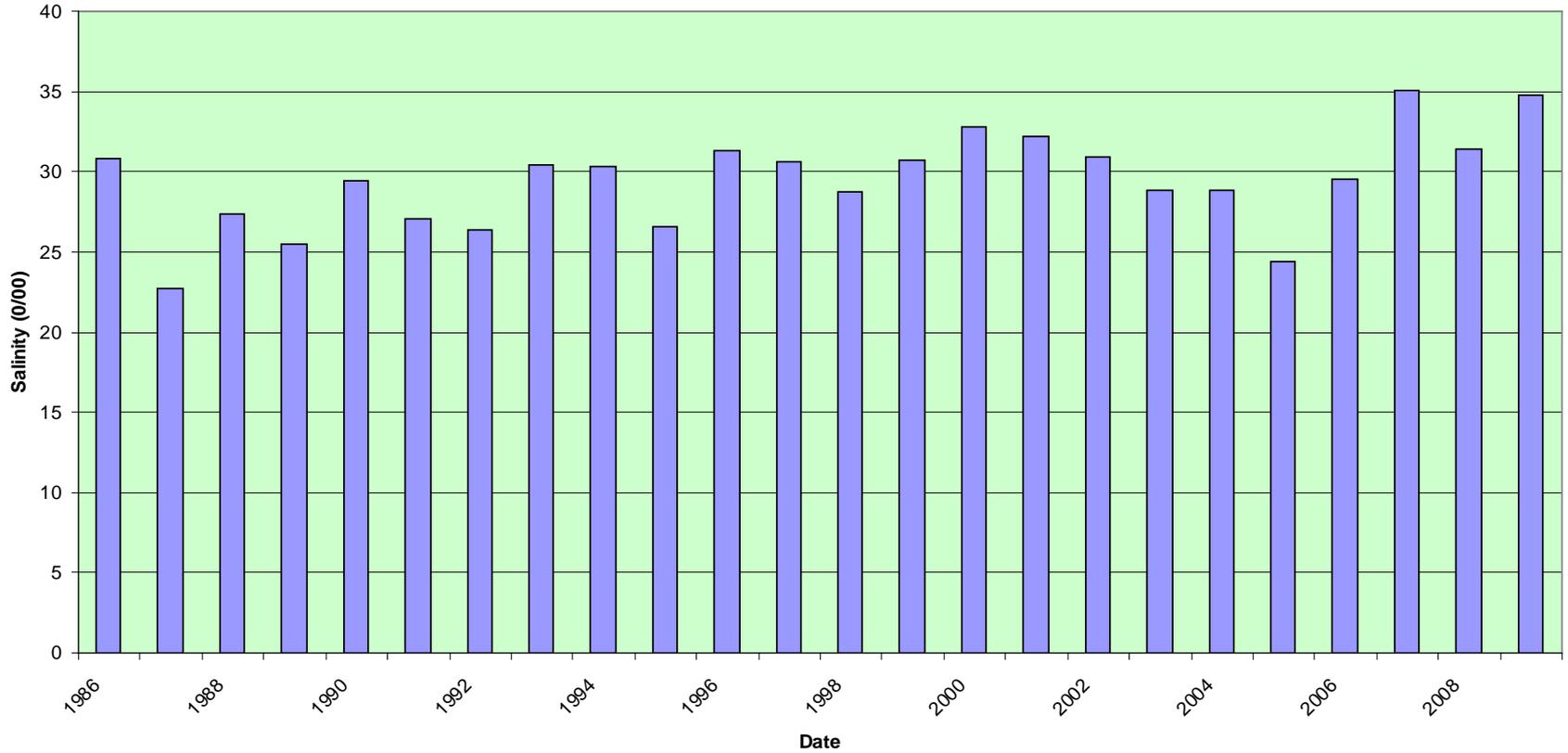
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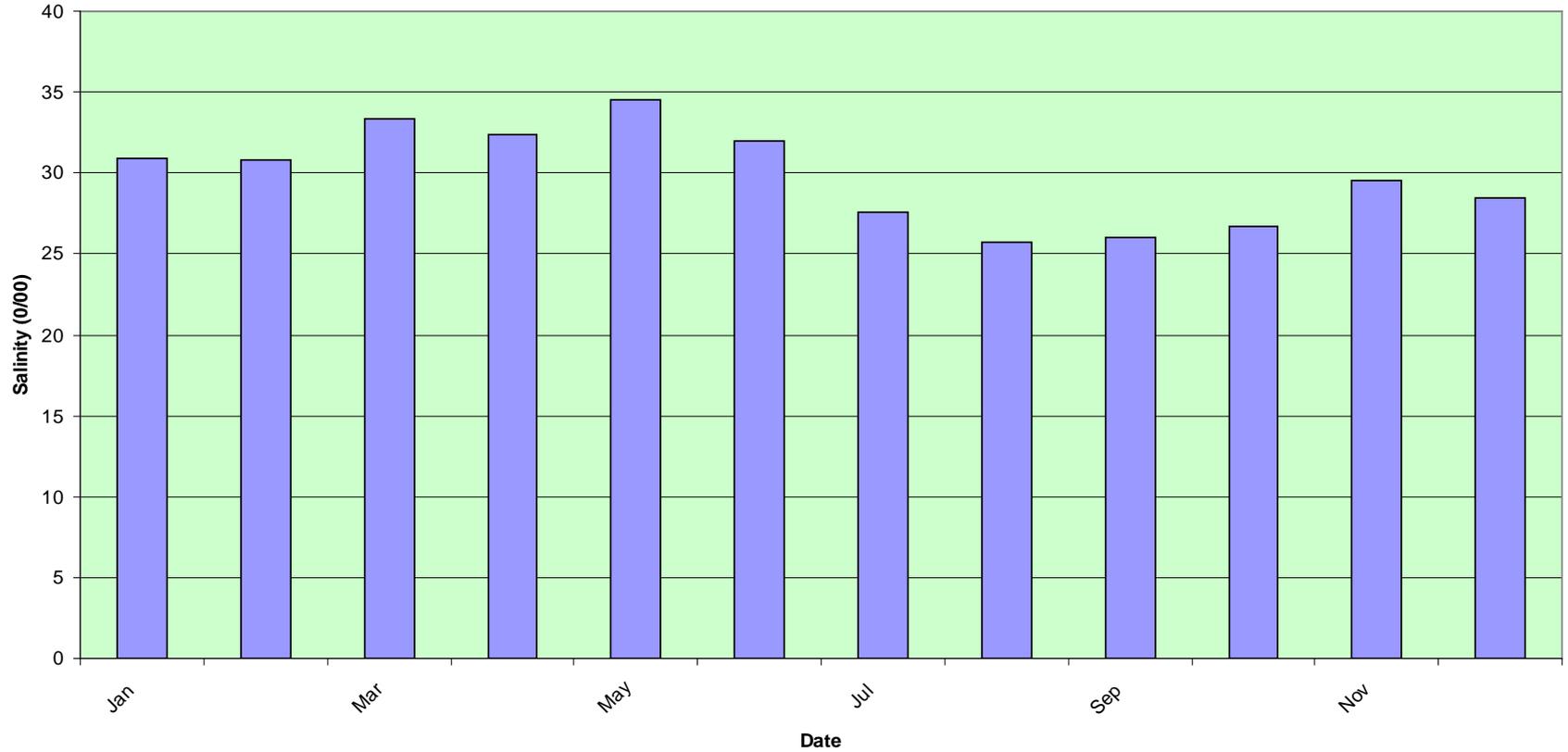
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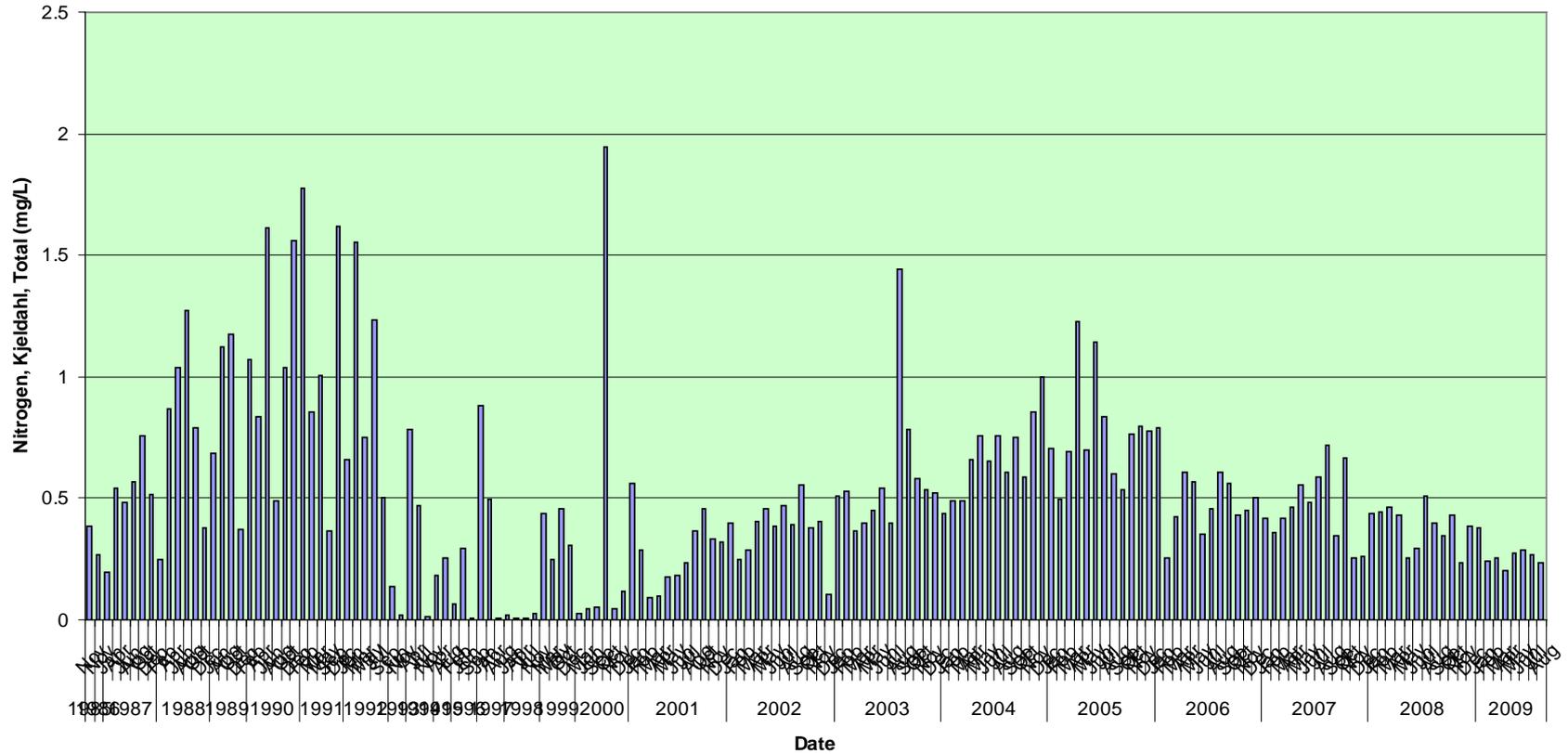
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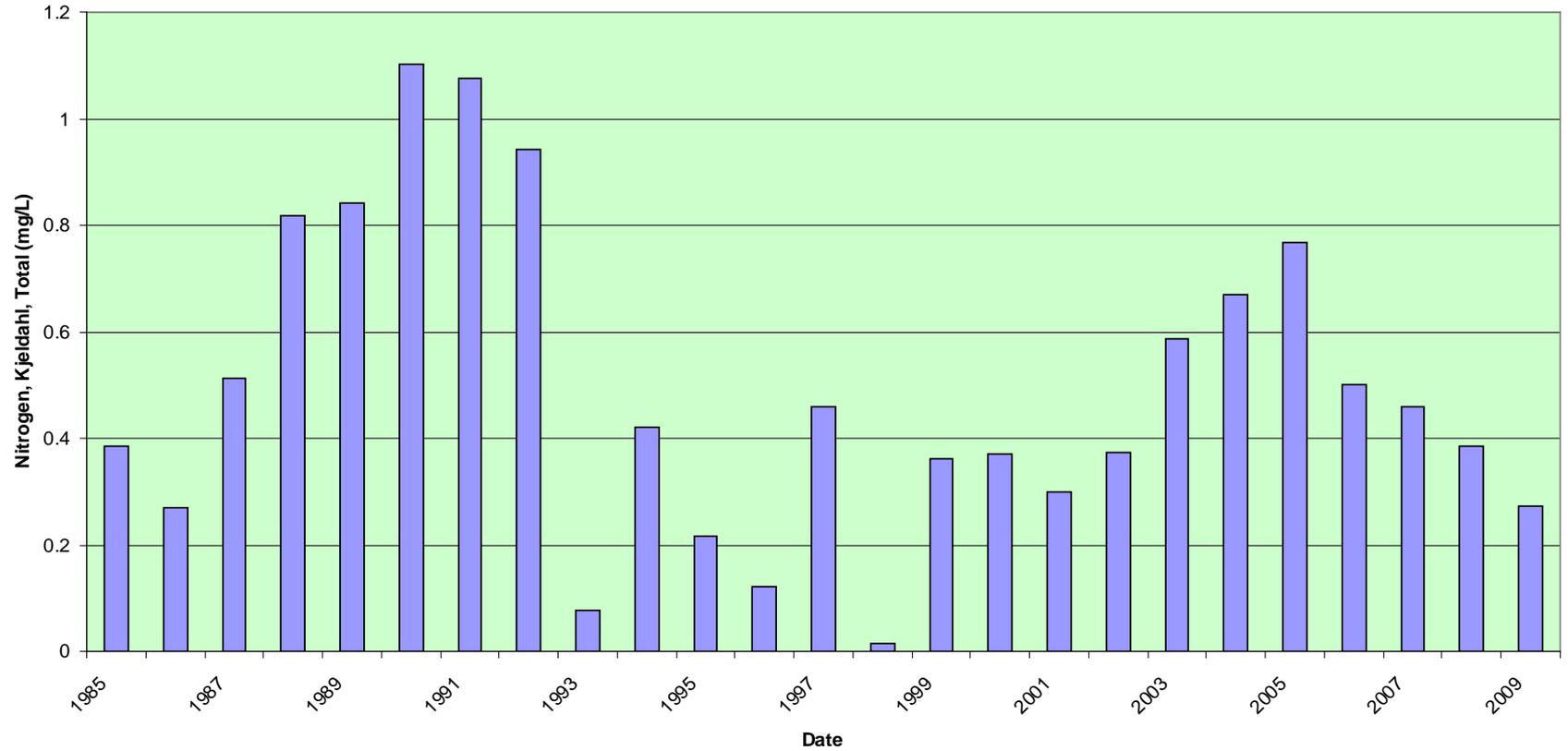
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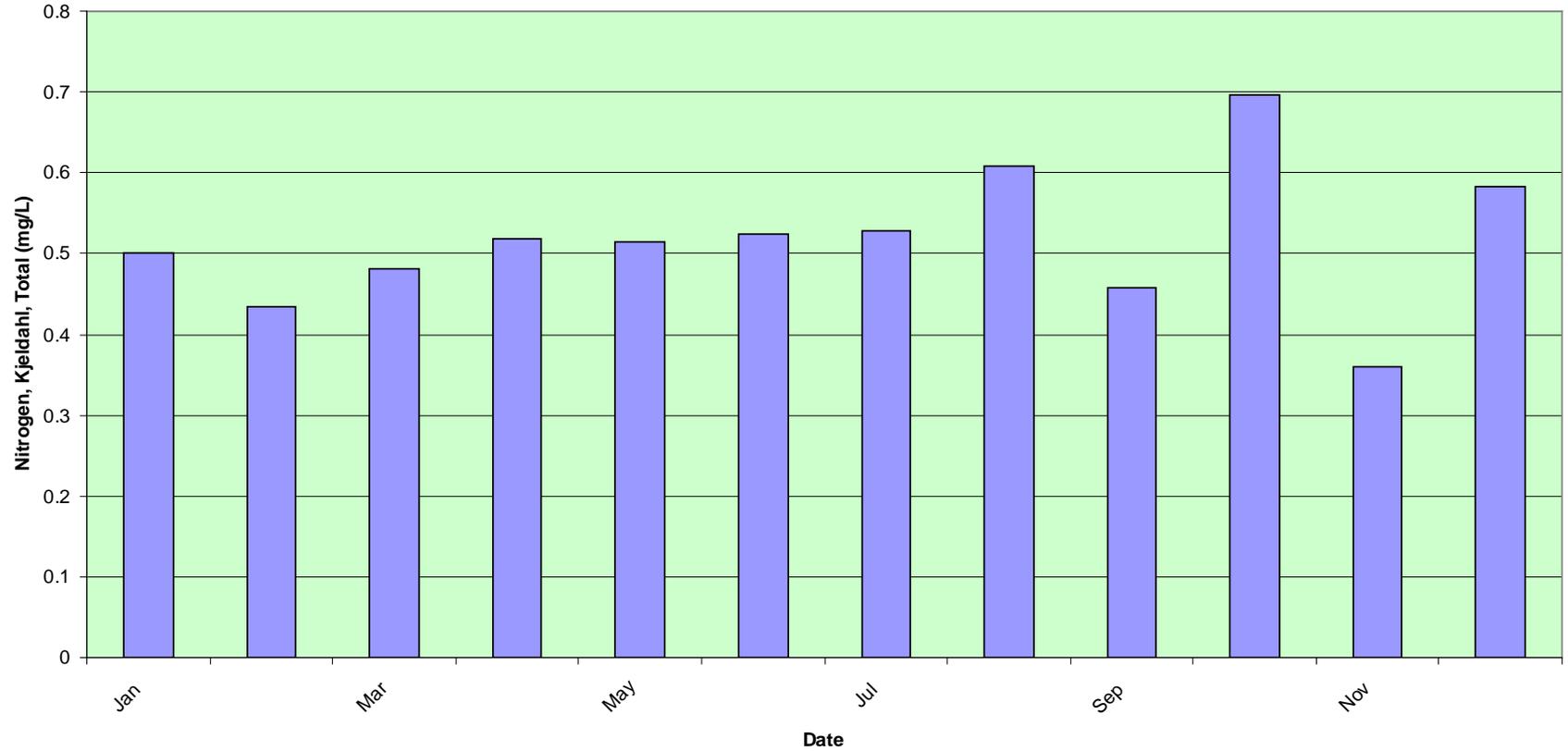
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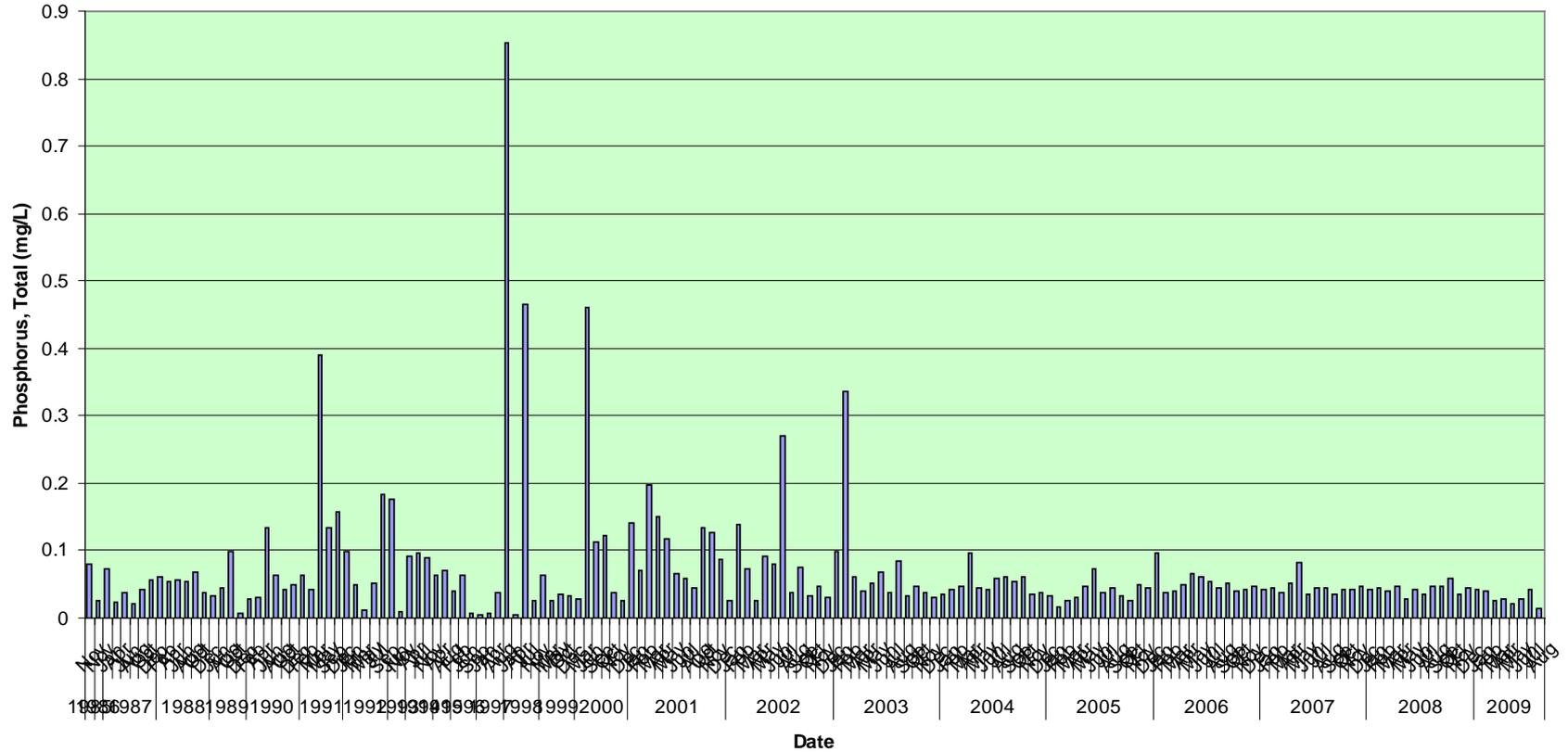
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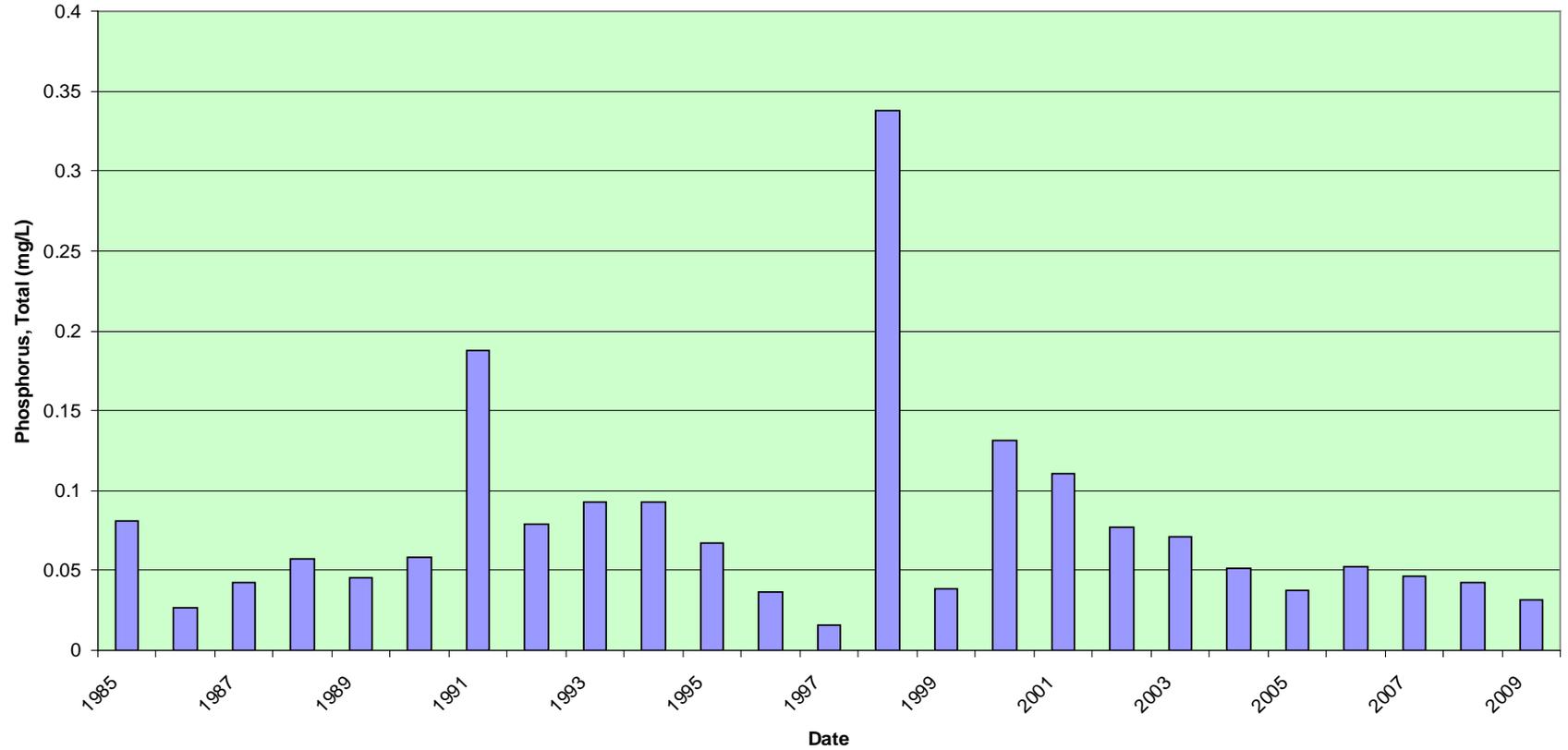
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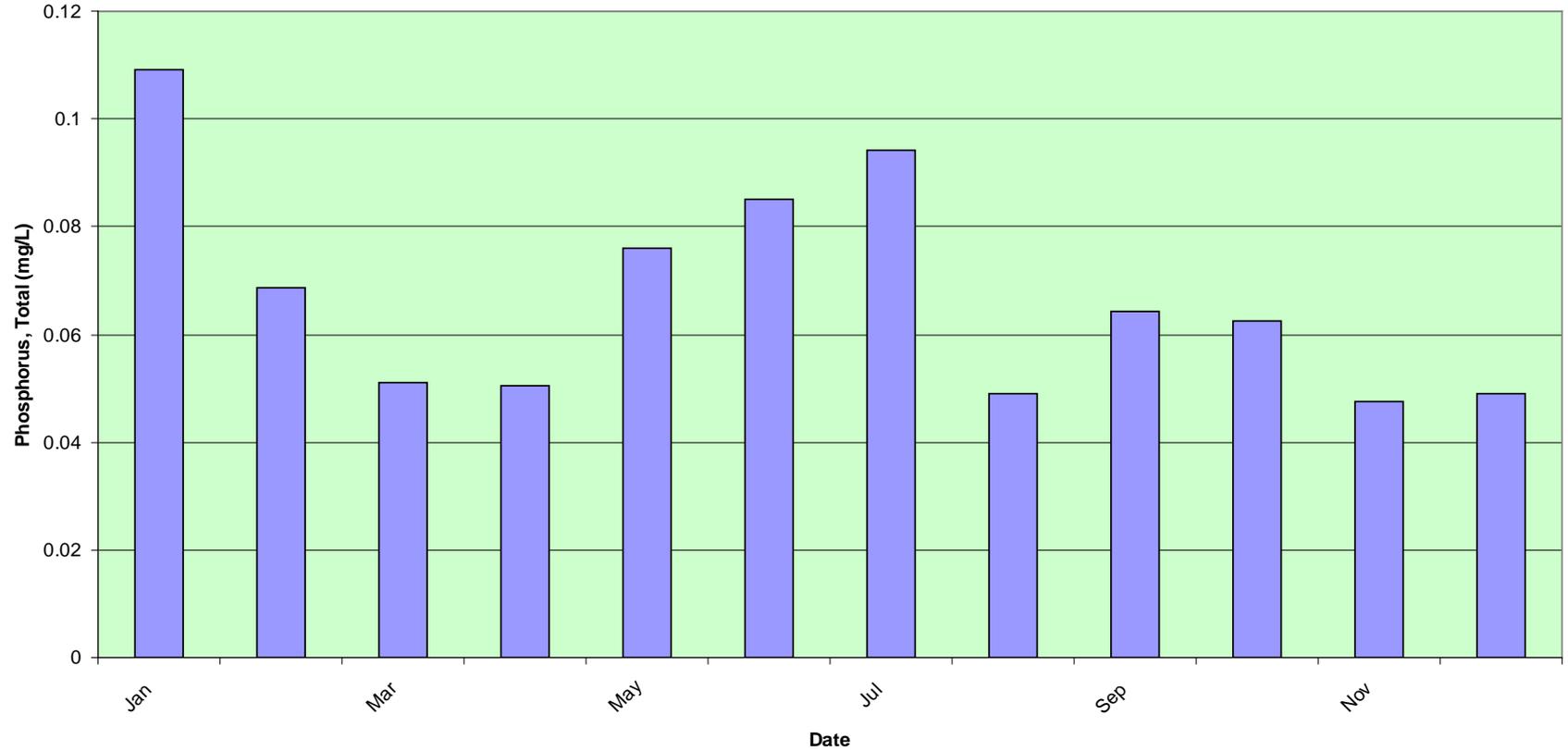
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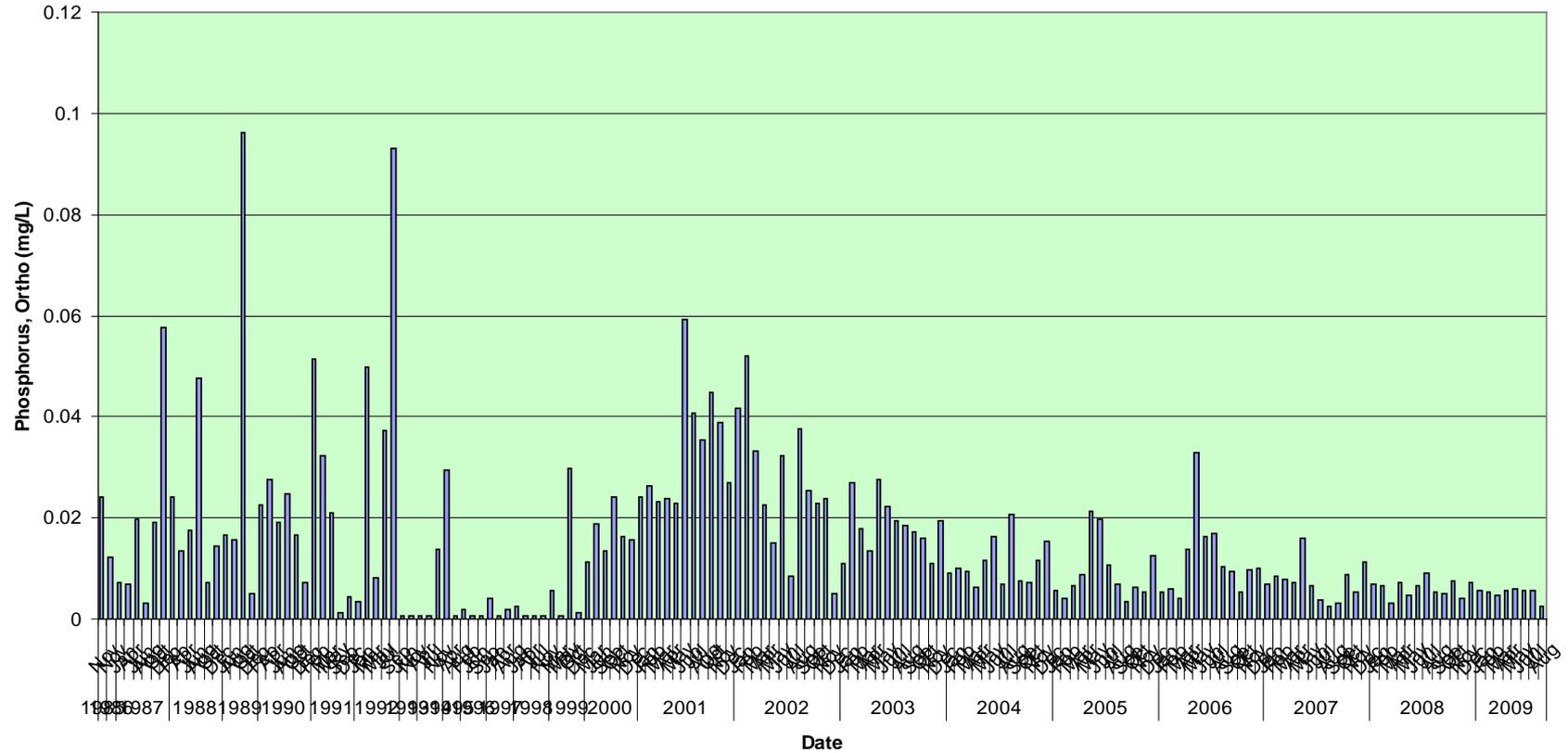
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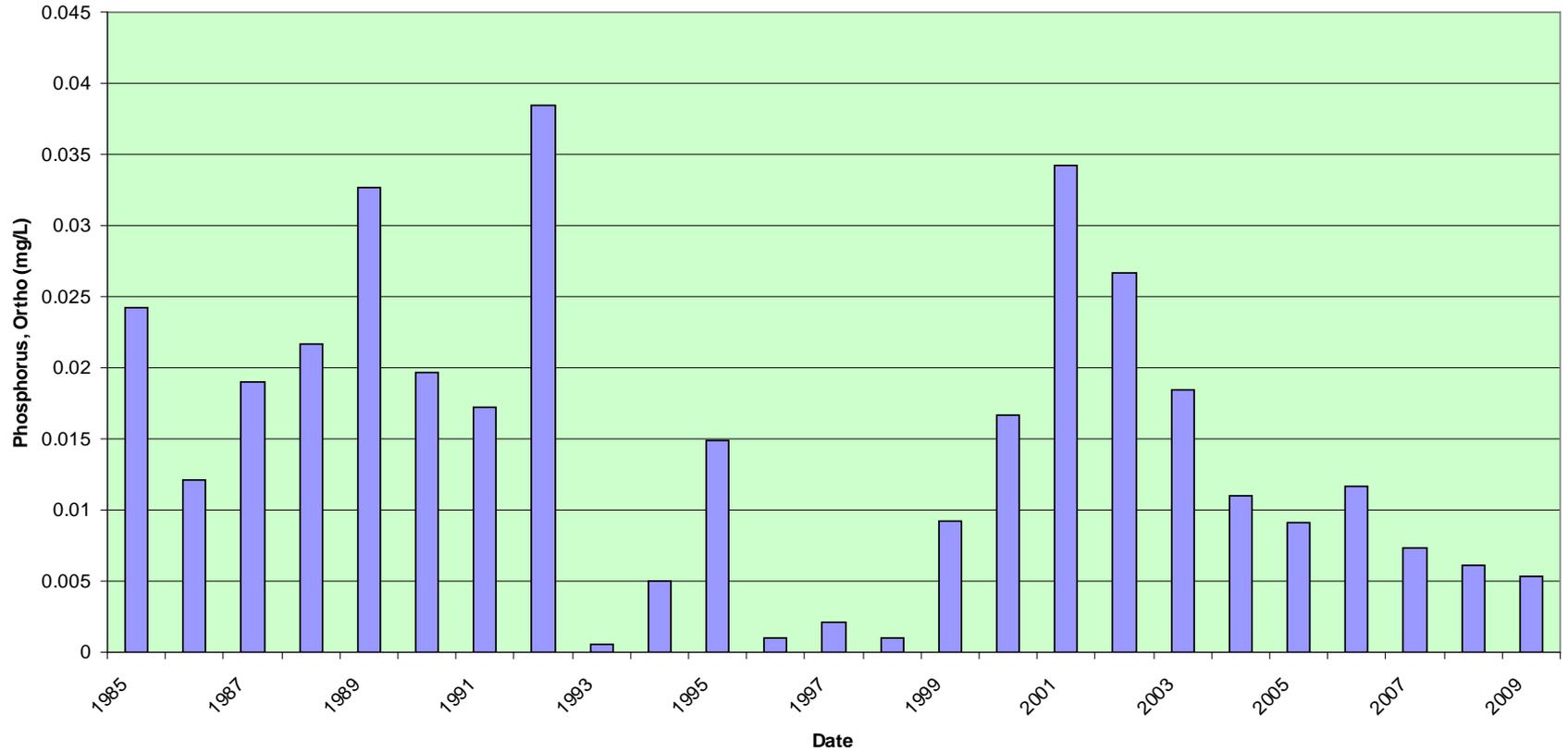
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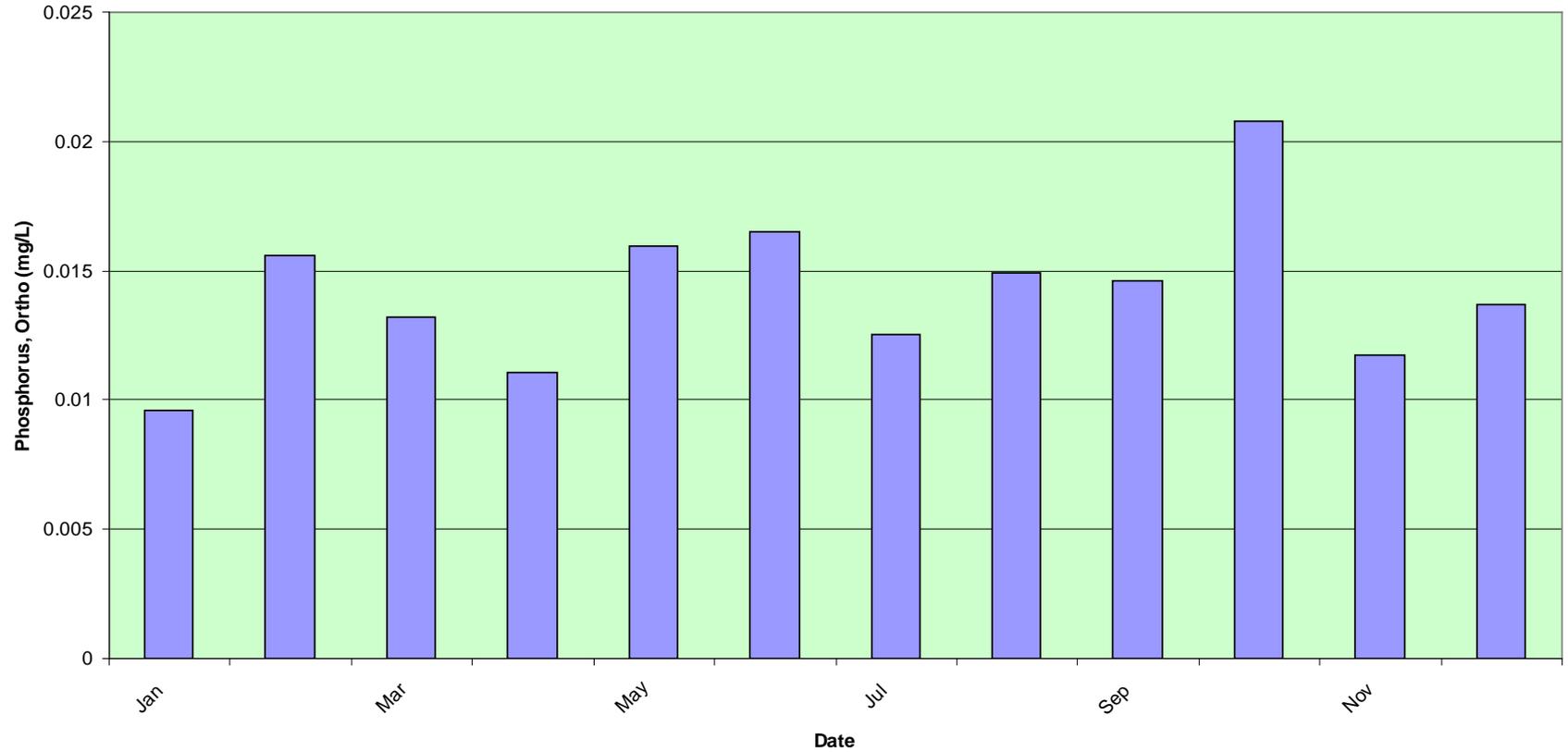
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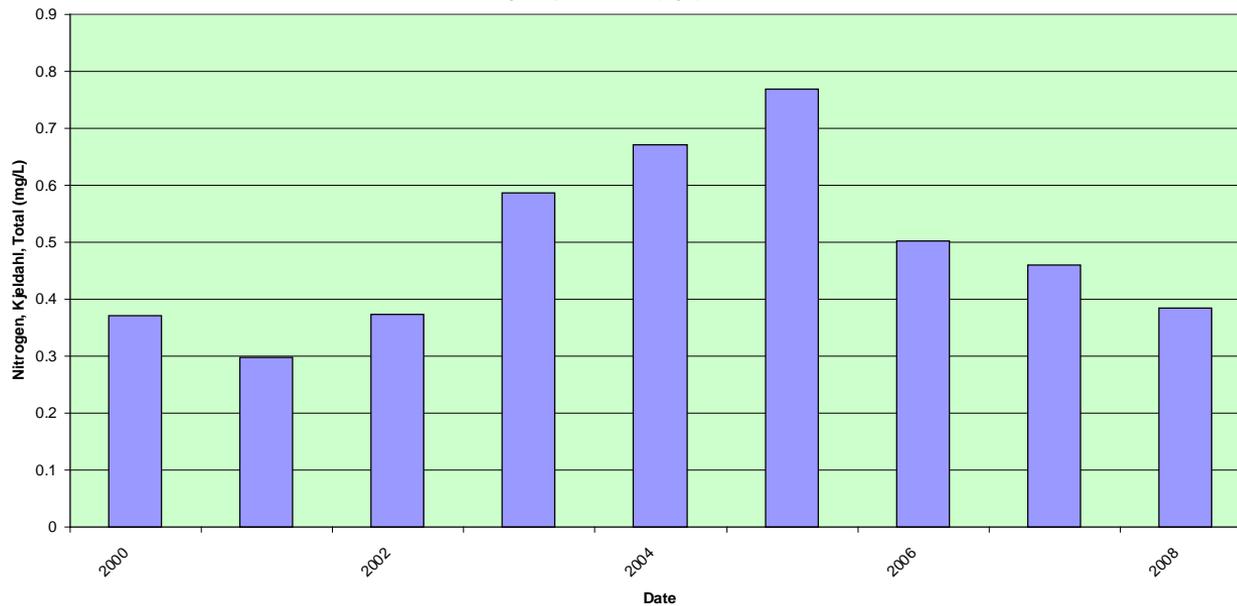
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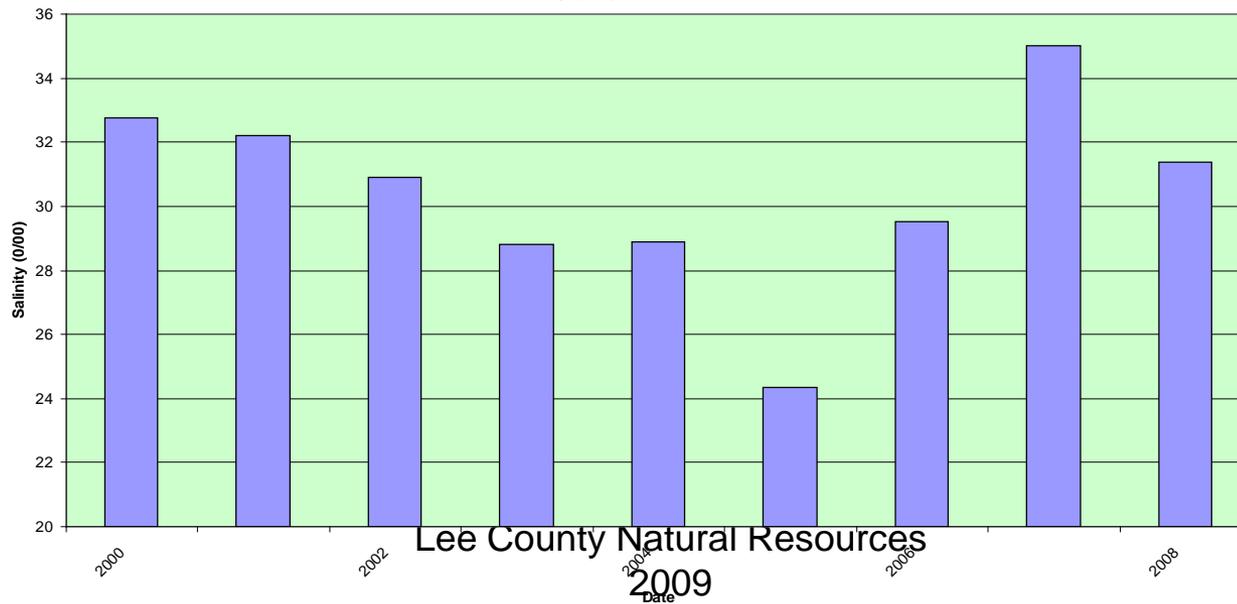
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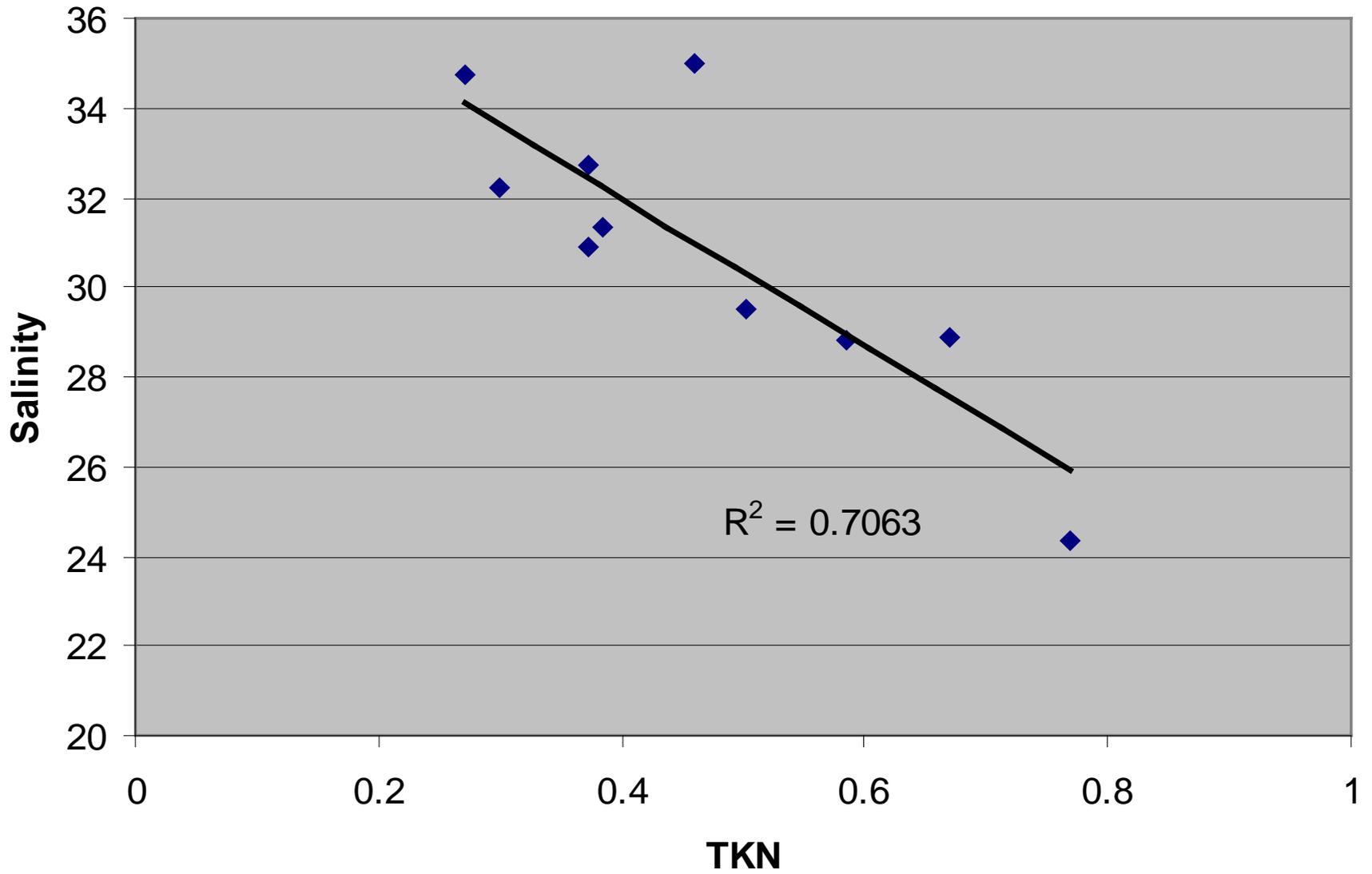


### Estero Bay Site (All)

Salinity (0/00) versus Time



# Salinity verses TKN 2000-2009





# Questions?

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