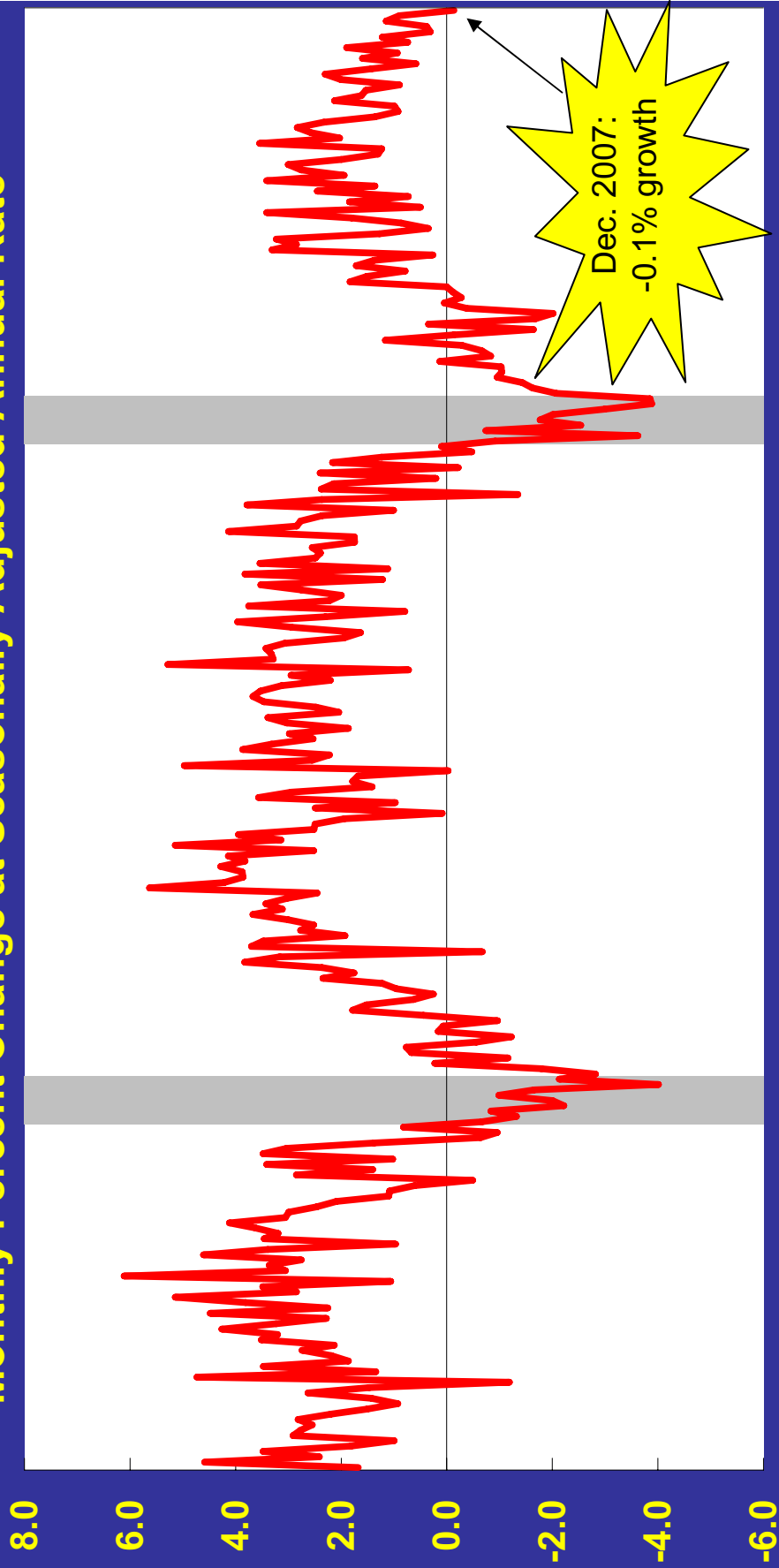


Private Job Growth Negative for First Time Since July '03

Monthly Percent Change at Seasonally Adjusted Annual Rate



1985 1987 1989 1991 1993 1995 1997 1999 2001 2003 2005 2007

Note: The gray area indicates a period of recession as defined by the National Bureau of Economic Research.

Sources: U.S. Department of Labor and National Bureau of Economic Research.