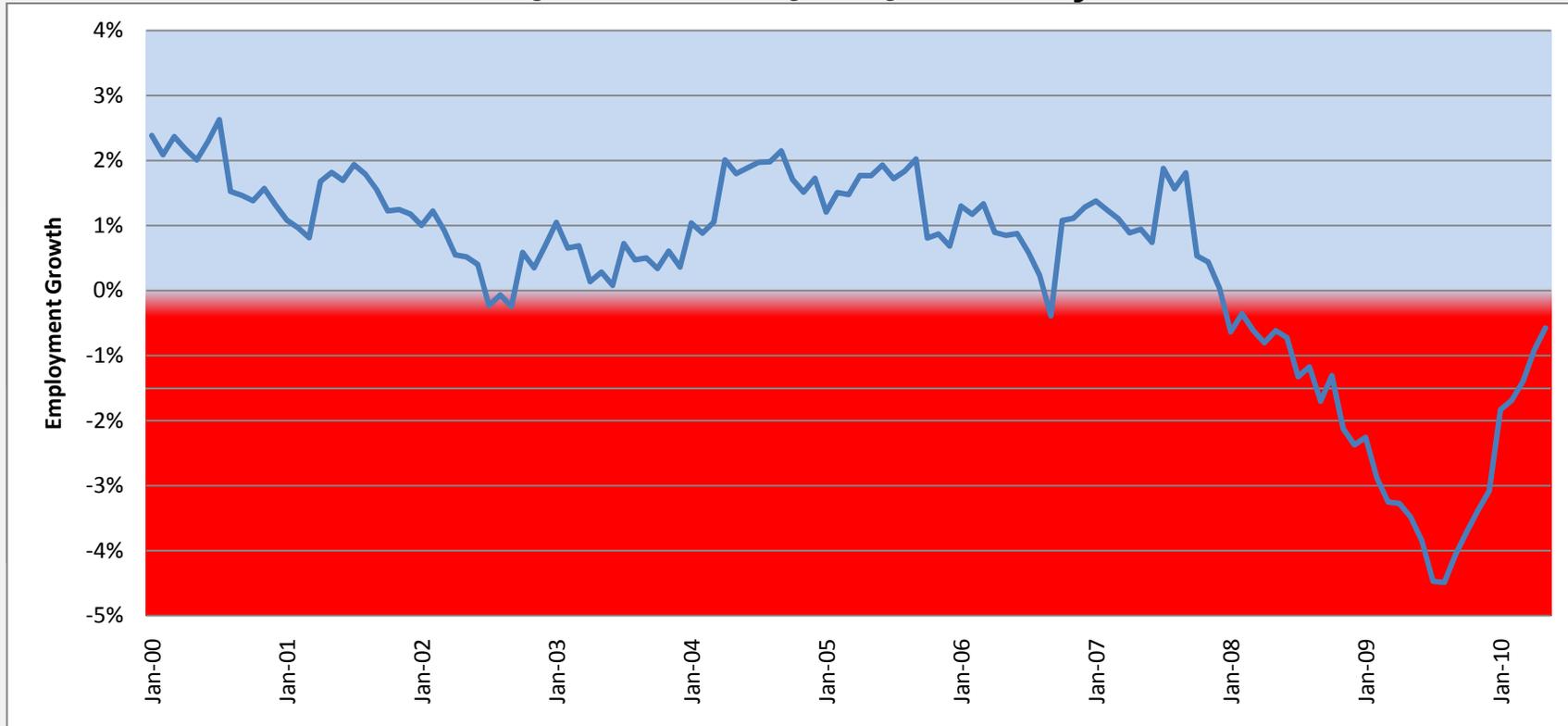


GDP, Annualized Growth Rate United States, 2000Q1 – 2010Q1, Quarterly



Source: Bureau of Labor Statistics

GDP: Gross Domestic Product combines consumption, investment, net exports and government spending to determine the size and general health of the economy. Changes in the nation's GDP tend to be reflected in Hampton Roads' gross regional product. U.S. GDP increased significantly in the fourth quarter of 2009, but that was driven by investment in equipment and software. GDP only grew 2.7% in the first quarter of 2010, below trend growth; further, GDP forecasts for the second quarter have been downgraded on the weakness of net exports and lower retail sales.