Determining the Costs of Elections

District of Columbia Board of Elections and Ethics

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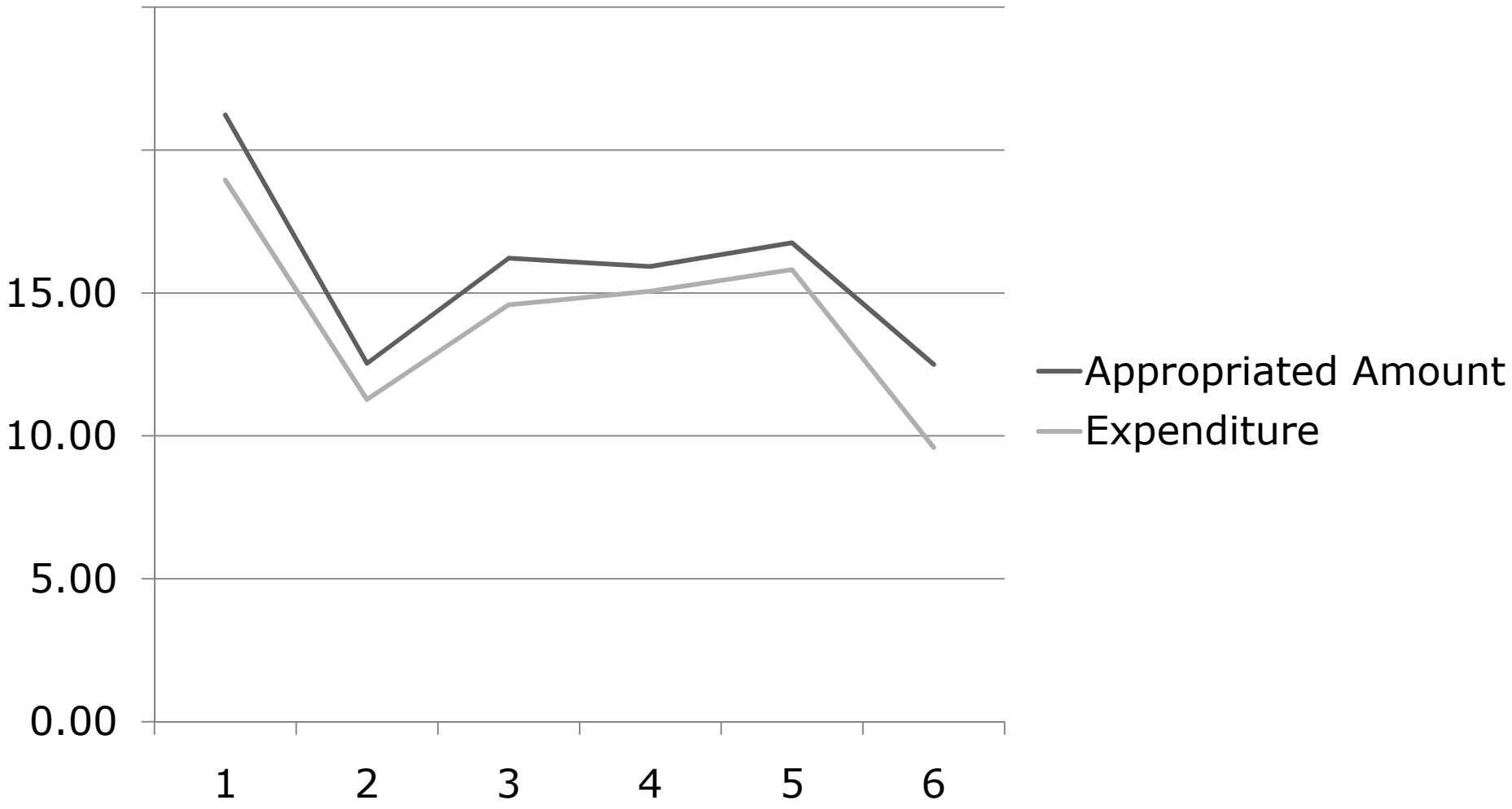
Election Costs

Total Agency	2004	2005	2006	2007	2008	2009
Budget Data						
Appropriations (w/out HAVA)	$7,261,586	$4,815,218	$5,207,248	$6,308,452	$5,554,000	$5,334,225
Expenditures (w/out HAVA)	$6,484,325	$4,325,350	$4,683,549	$5,963,887	$5,244,615	$4,093,412
Program Data						
Election Count	2	1	1	1	2	1
Registration	342,091	383,919	321,087	395,926	331,474	426,761
Turnout	107,845	230,105	109,781	122,356	176,835	266,871
Cost Driver Data						
Cost per Election						
Appropriated	$3,630,793	$4,815,218	$5,207,248	$6,308,452	$2,777,000	$5,334,225
Expended	$3,242,163	$4,325,350	$4,683,549	$5,963,887	$2,622,307	$4,093,412
Cost per Registered Voter						
Appropriated	$21.23	$12.54	$16.22	$15.93	$16.76	$12.50
Expended	$18.95	$11.27	$14.59	$15.06	$15.82	$9.59
Cost per Vote						
Appropriated	$67.33	$20.93	$47.43	$51.56	$31.41	$19.99
Expended	$60.13	$18.80	$42.66	$48.74	$29.66	$15.34

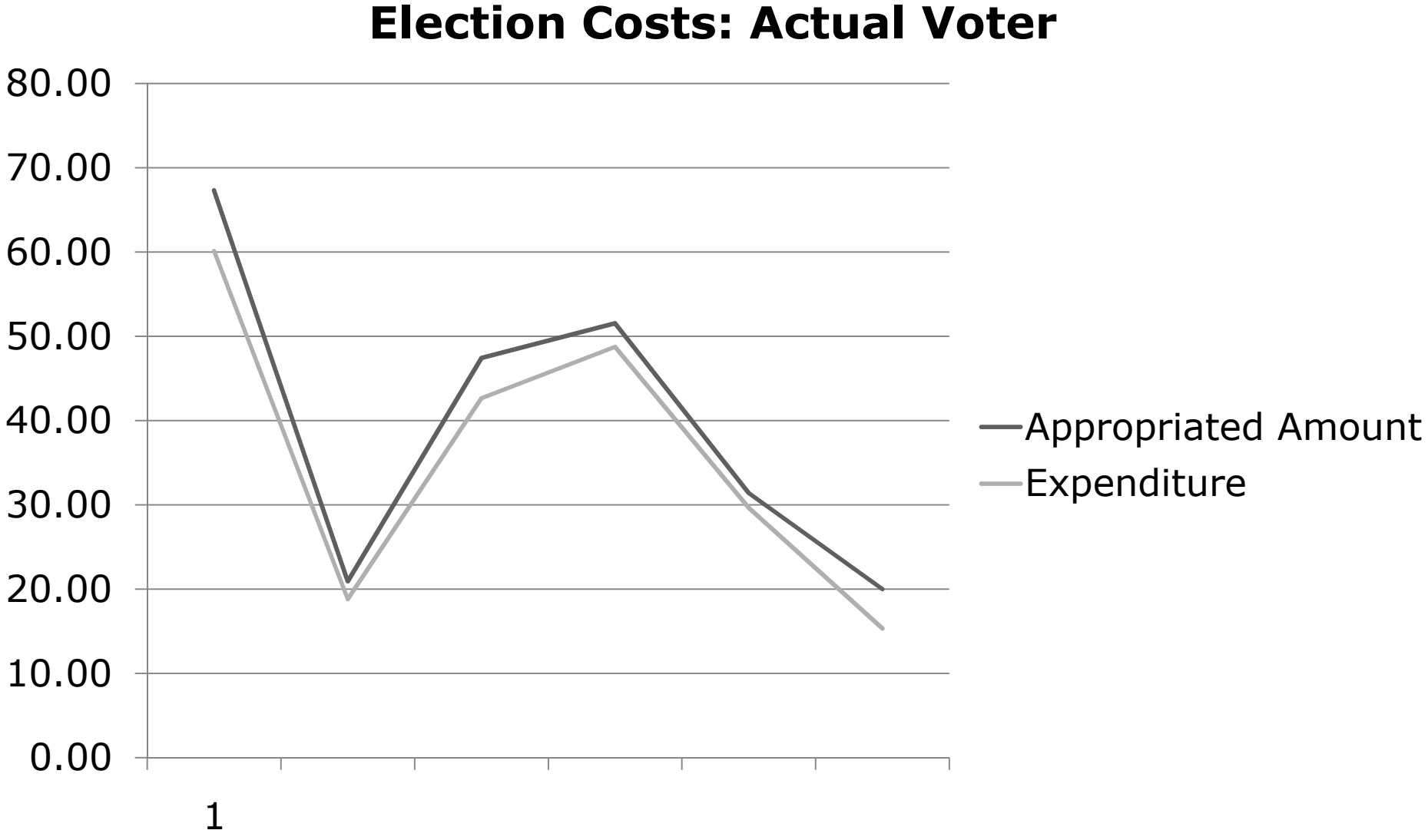
Election Costs

Costs: Registered Voter

Election Costs: Registered Voter



Costs: Actual Voter



Operation Costs

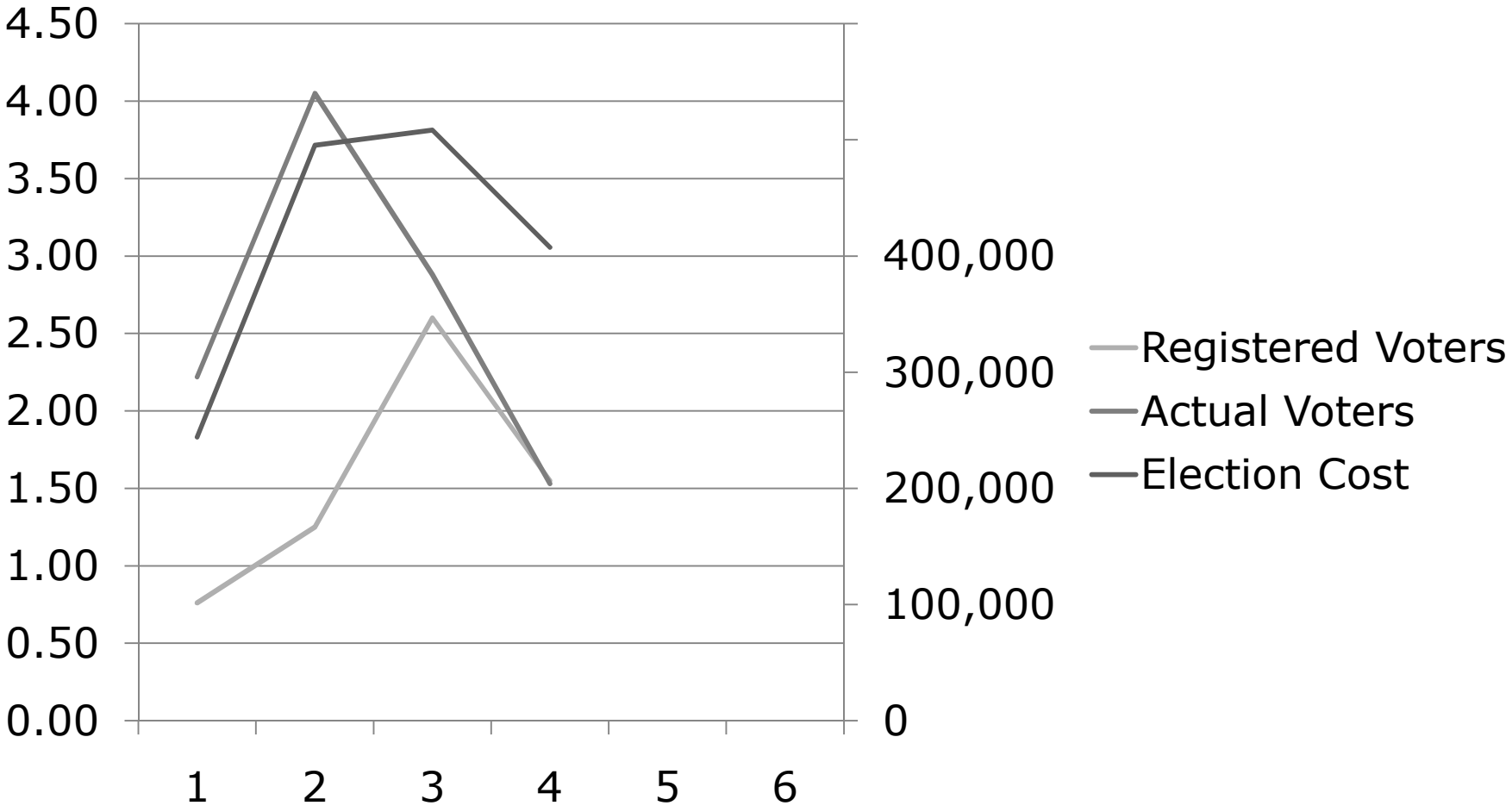
	FY 06	FY07	FY08	FY09
4001 - VOTER REGISTRATION	$244,038	$495,314	$508,458	$407,591
4002 - VOTER SERVICES	$98,576	$361,307	$330,172	$363,732
4004 - ELECTION OPERATIONS	$2,173	$3,277	$2,254	$1,902(M)

Voter Registration Costs

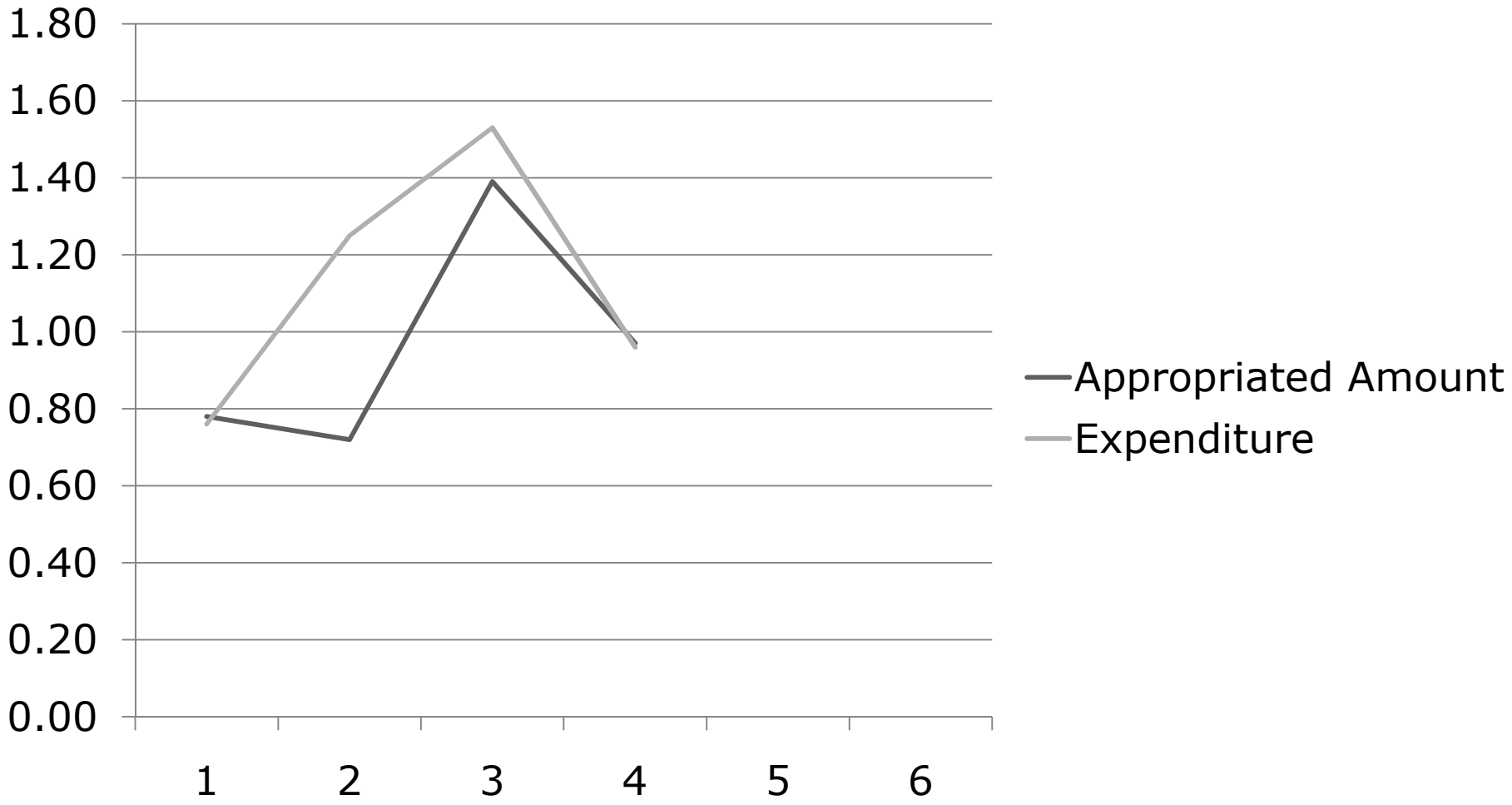
4001 - VOTER REGISTRATION	2006	2007	2008	2009
Budget Data				
Appropriations	$249,371	$286,743	$459,130	$412,725
Expenditures	$244,038	$495,314	$508,458	$407,591
Program Data				
Registration	321,087	395,926	331,474	426,761
Turnout	109,781	122,356	176,835	266,871
Cost Driver Data				
Cost per Voter Registered				
Appropriated	$0.78	$0.72	$1.39	$0.97
Expended	$0.76	$1.25	$1.53	$0.96
Cost per Vote				
Appropriated	$2.27	$2.34	$2.60	$1.55
Expended	$2.22	$4.05	$2.88	$1.53

Registration Department

Registration Costs: Registered v. Actual

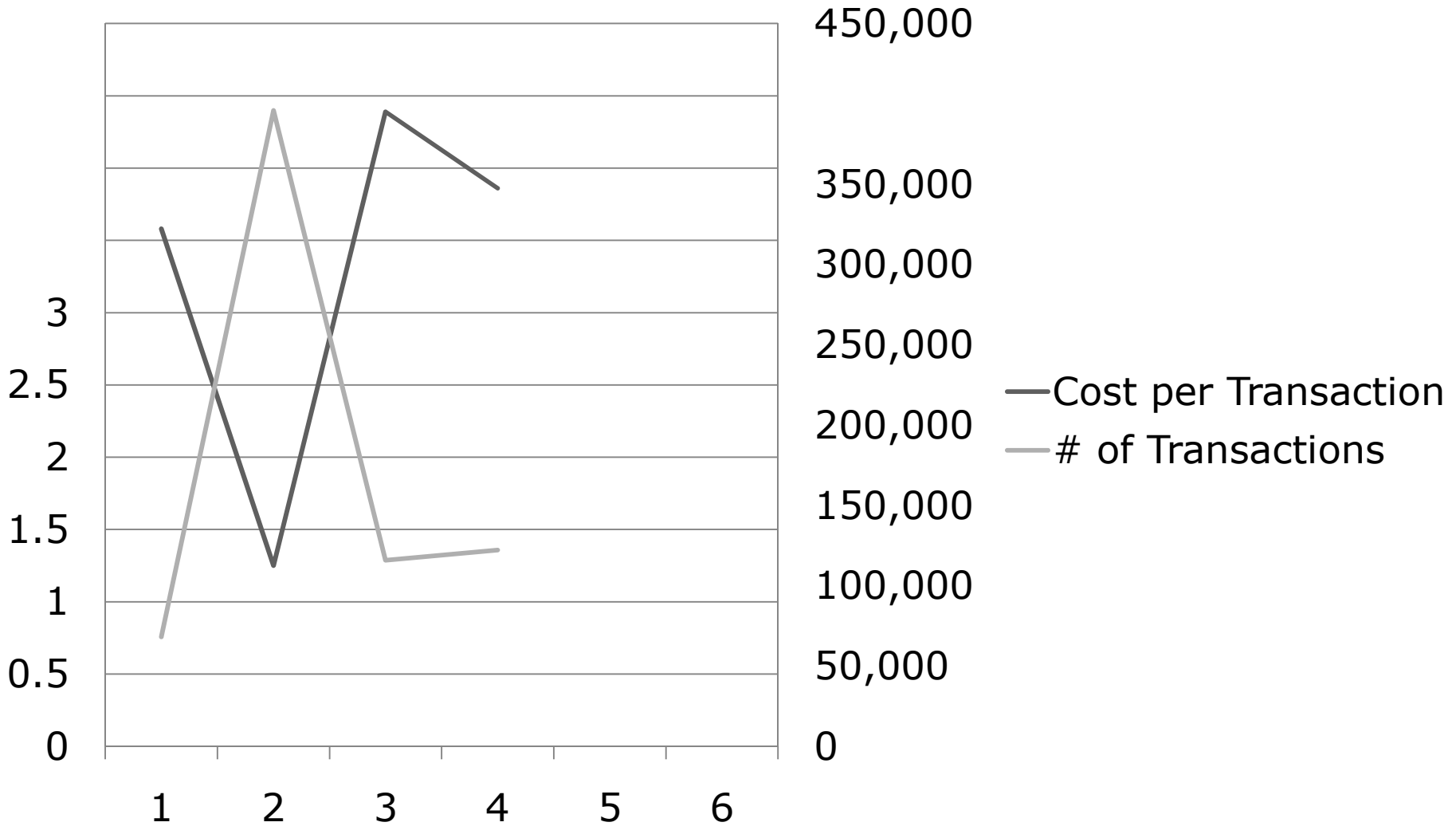


Election Costs: Voter Registration



Registration Activity

Registration Transaction Costs

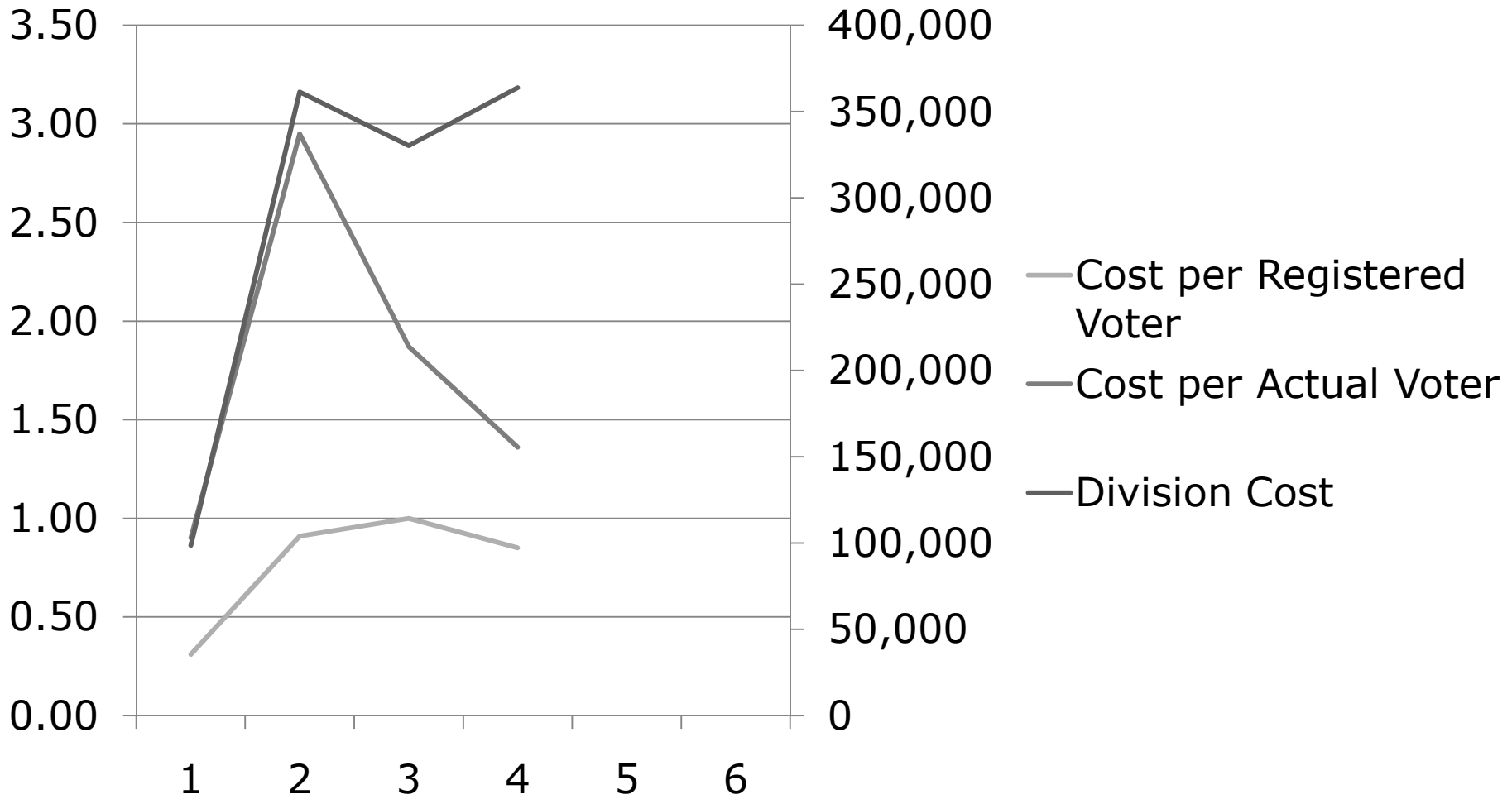


Voter Services Costs

4002 - VOTER SERVICES	2006	2007	2008	2009
Budget Data				
Appropriations	$249,278	$409,061	$279,054	$410,815
Expenditures	$98,576	$361,307	$330,172	$363,732
Program Data				
Registration	321,087	395,926	331,474	426,761
Turnout	109,781	122,356	176,835	266,871
Cost Driver Data				
Cost per Voter Registered				
Appropriated	$0.78	$1.03	$0.84	$0.96
Expended	$0.31	$0.91	$1.00	$0.85
Cost per Vote				
Appropriated	$2.27	$3.34	$1.58	$1.54
Expended	$0.90	$2.95	$1.87	$1.36

Voter Services

Voter Services Cost: Registered v. Actual



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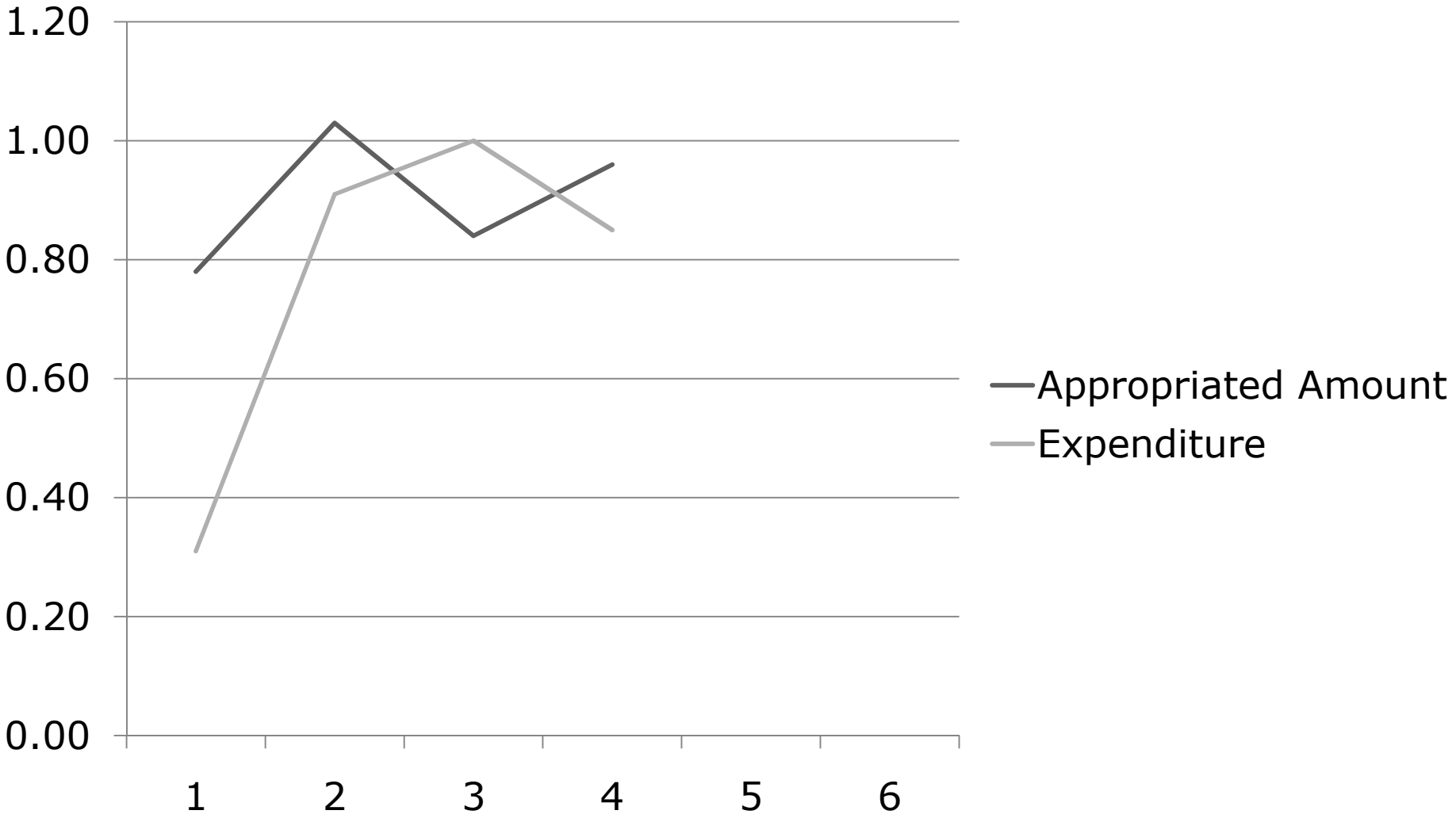
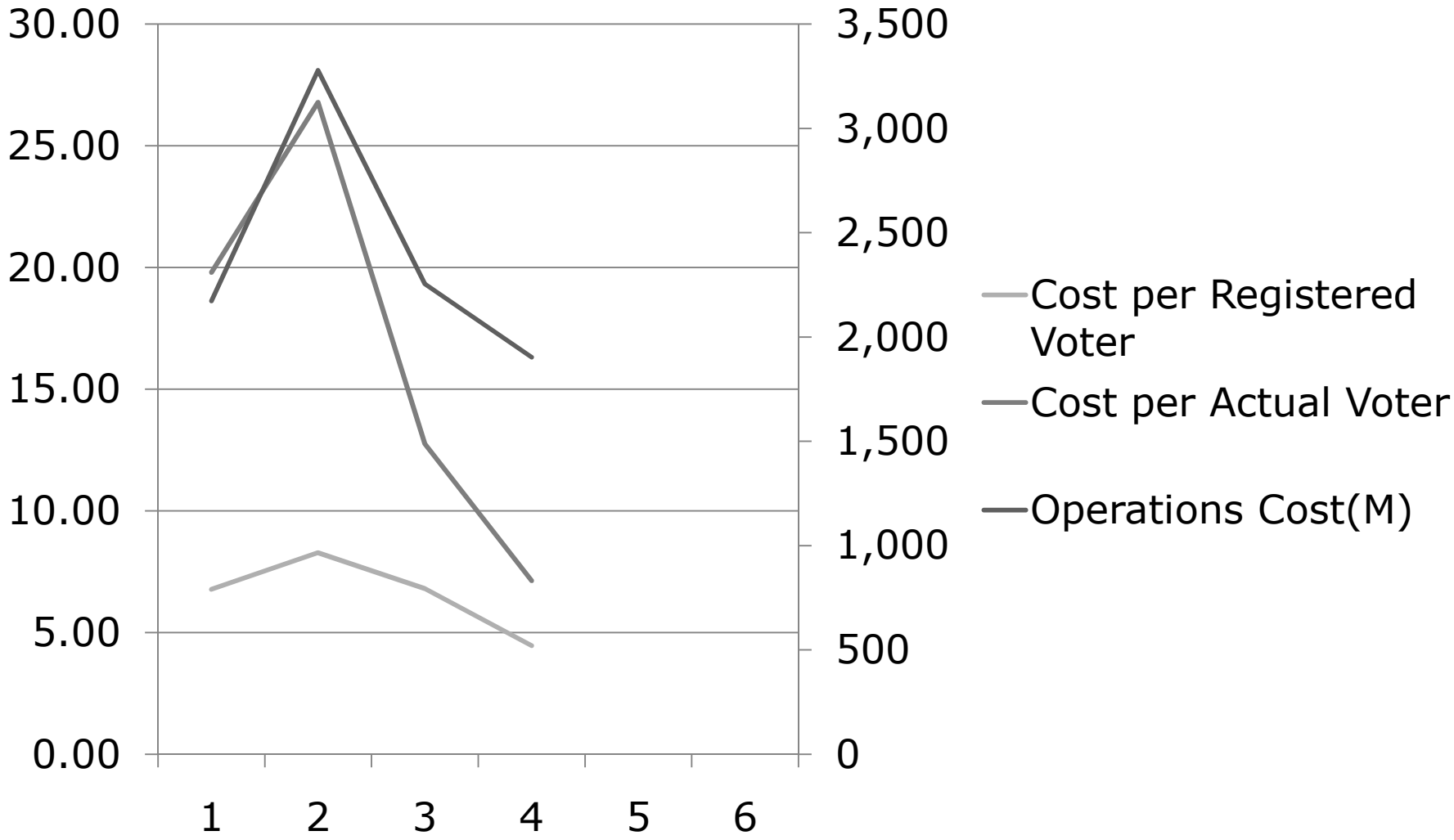


Election Operations

4004 - ELECTION OPERATIONS	2004	2005	2006	2007	2008	2009
Budget Data						
Appropriations	$0	$0	$2,918,775	$3,955,148	$2,469,880	$2,397,447
Expenditures	$0	$0	$2,173,320	$3,277,605	$2,254,800	$1,902,999
Program Data						
Registration	342,091	383,919	321,087	395,926	331,474	426,761
Turnout	107,845	230,105	109,781	122,356	176,835	266,871
Cost Driver Data						
Cost per Voter Registered						
Appropriated			$9.09	$9.99	$7.45	$5.62
Expended			$6.77	$8.28	$6.80	$4.46
Cost per Vote						
Appropriated			$26.59	$32.32	$13.97	$8.98
Expended			$19.80	$26.79	$12.75	$7.13

Operations Cost

Election Operations: Registered v. Actual



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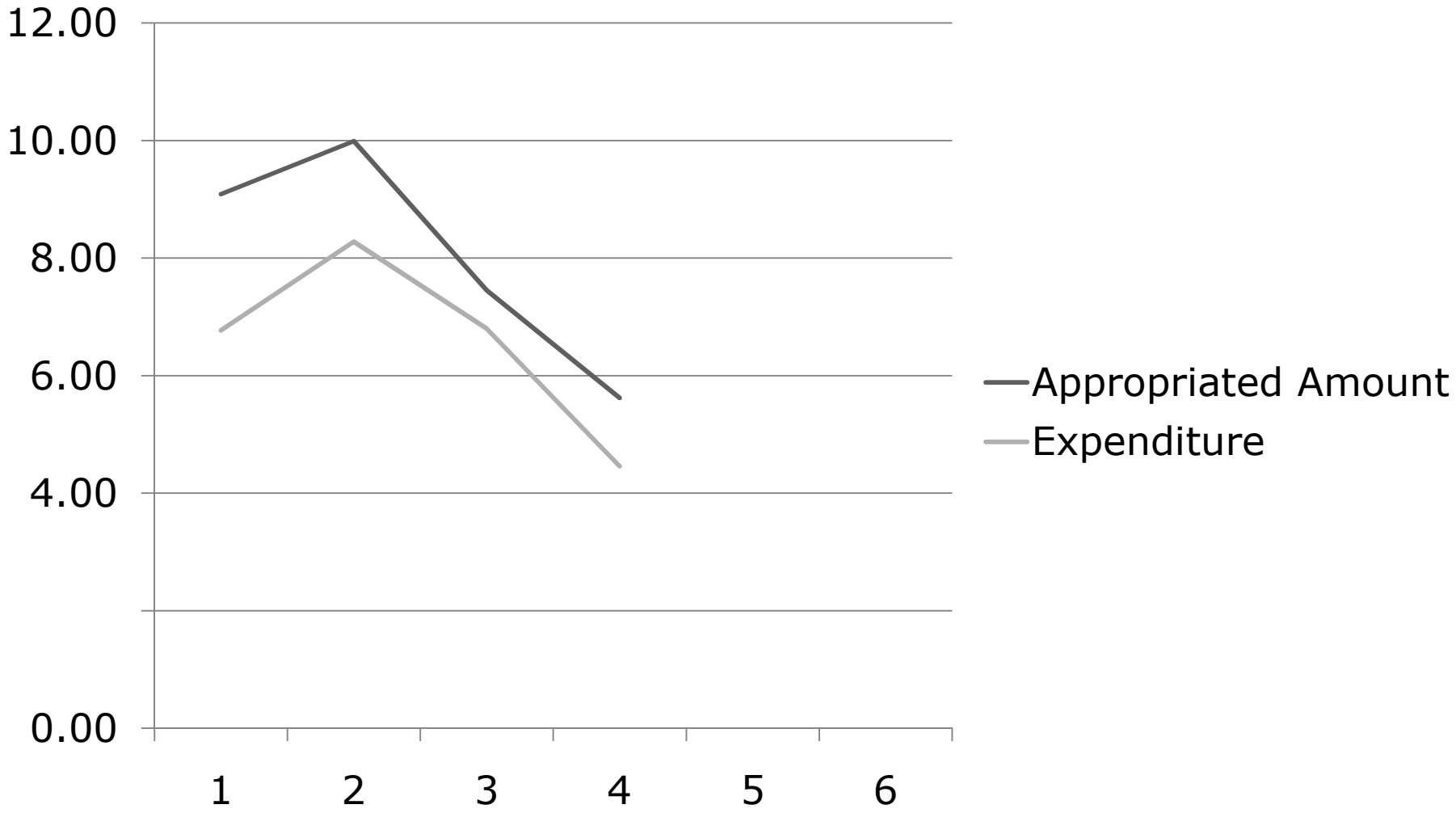

Wrap-up

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