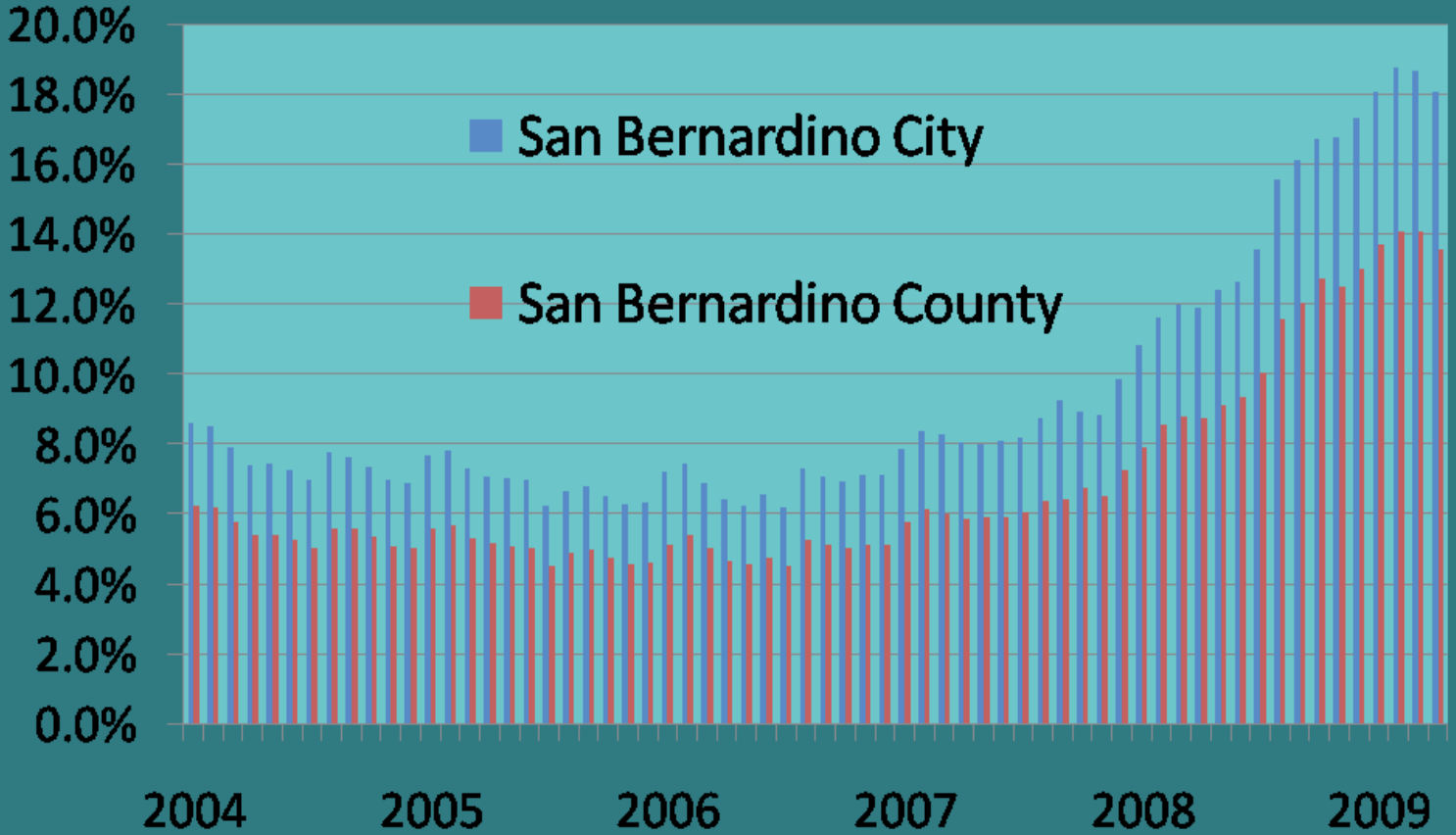




Unemployment Rate



Data from California State Employment Development Department through the third quarter of 2009. Data is collected monthly through a telephone survey with a very small sample size and then extrapolated. The numbers are then revised early each year with payroll tax data. Thus, data more than a year old is much more accurate than recent data, which tends to lag in reflecting what is happening, but the trend lines historically are quite accurate.