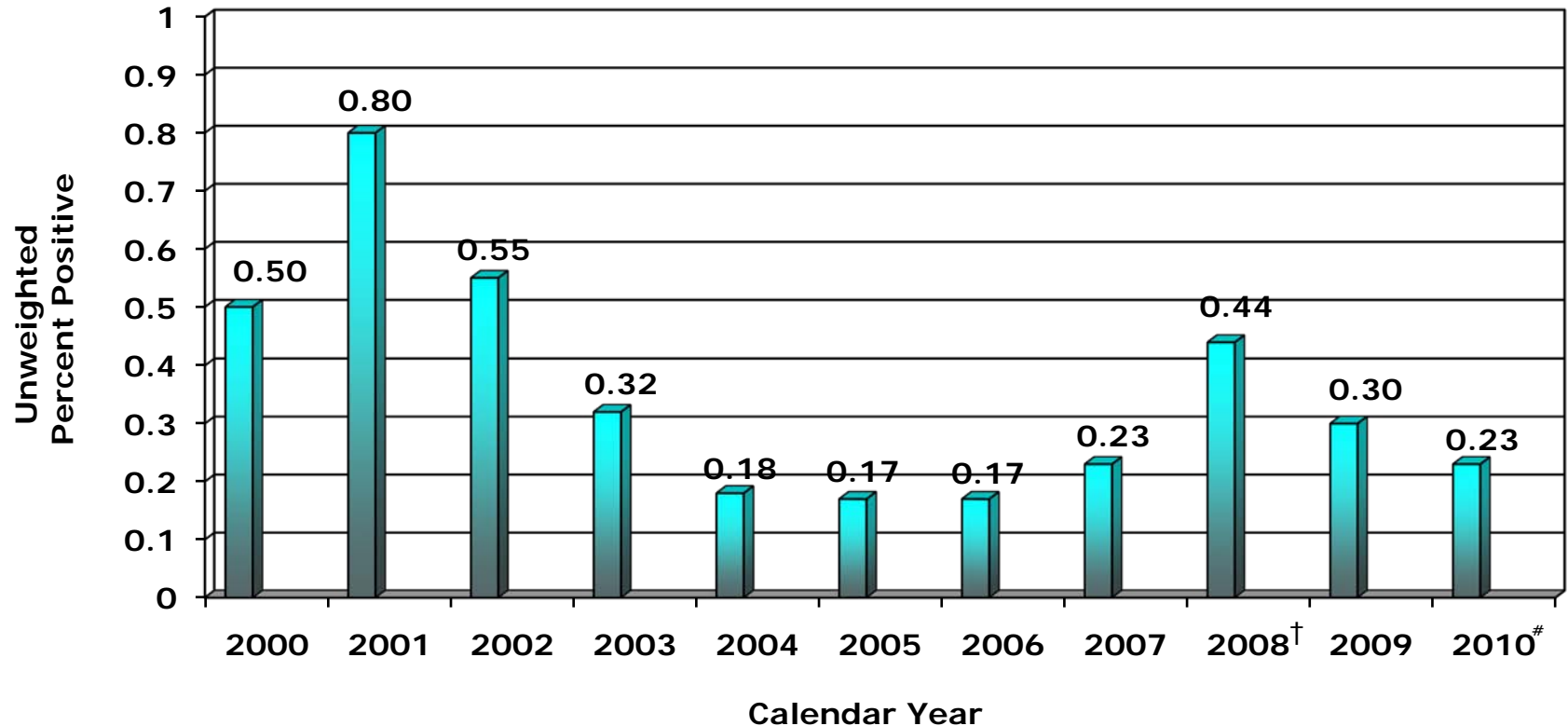


Unweighted *E. coli* O157:H7 percent positive values from the FSIS Raw Ground Beef Testing Federal Verification Program for 2000 to 2010 Initial Federal Verification Samples Only *

(Figure 1)



* This table only includes initial federal verification samples and does not include follow-up samples.

† Starting with CY2008, annual microbiological results are reported by sample collection date as opposed to analysis end date.

In CY2010 (weeks of Aug 5 through Sept 2) approximately 1,100 fewer sample forms were sent out than were scheduled.

Note: The source of the data included in this table are the microbiological results of raw ground beef products analyzed for *Escherichia coli* O157:H7 and can be found at http://www.fsis.usda.gov/Science/Ecoli_O157_Summary_Tables/index.asp.