



City of Lawrence

Municipal Court
2012 Annual Report
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The Year in Review

2012

Revenue: The annual gross revenue in Municipal Court was \$3,587,199, down 7% from the 2011 total. Net revenue to all city funds was \$2,877,948, down 5% from 2011.

Citations: The total number of citations (charges) issued for the year was 28,707, down 8% from 2011.

Parking: There were 94,064 meter tickets issued in 2012, up 5% from the 2011 total of 89,019. Records reflect that more citizens paid meter ticket fees in a timely manner in 2012 than in past years. 68% of meter tickets were paid within 10 days of issuance.

Court Dockets: There were 804 court sessions held in the Lawrence Municipal Court in 2012. A modified docket structure implemented in 2011 continues to be beneficial to court operations and the public. More frequent court times keep dockets smaller and reduce the time a citizen must wait to appear before the Judge. Trial times are scheduled in such a way that police officers can be called to testify immediately before or during their routine shift whenever possible. This increases officer availability and reduces overtime costs.

Court System Upgrades: The Municipal Court installed an upgrade to the case management software in early 2012. This improved system has several features that make court operations more efficient including imaging of documents and forms within the court system, the capability to import payment information from outside agencies, an improved credit card payment system and modifications to courtroom processing functions.

Case Dispositions – There were 29,450 cases disposed during 2012, more than total case filings for the year.

Court Operations: In 2012, Municipal Court staff issued 3,266 warrants and processed 2,233 bonds. There were 3,113 warrants served, either by appearance, bond payment at the customer service counter or arrest. Defendants worked over 3,000 hours of community service. This sentencing option benefits the community through hours worked and helps defendants satisfy financial obligations to the court.

The Top 5 Traffic Offenses in 2012:

1. Speeding	2268
2. Seat Belt Violation	1684
3. No Proof of Insurance	1617
4. Stop Sign Violation	754
5. Driving While Suspended	701



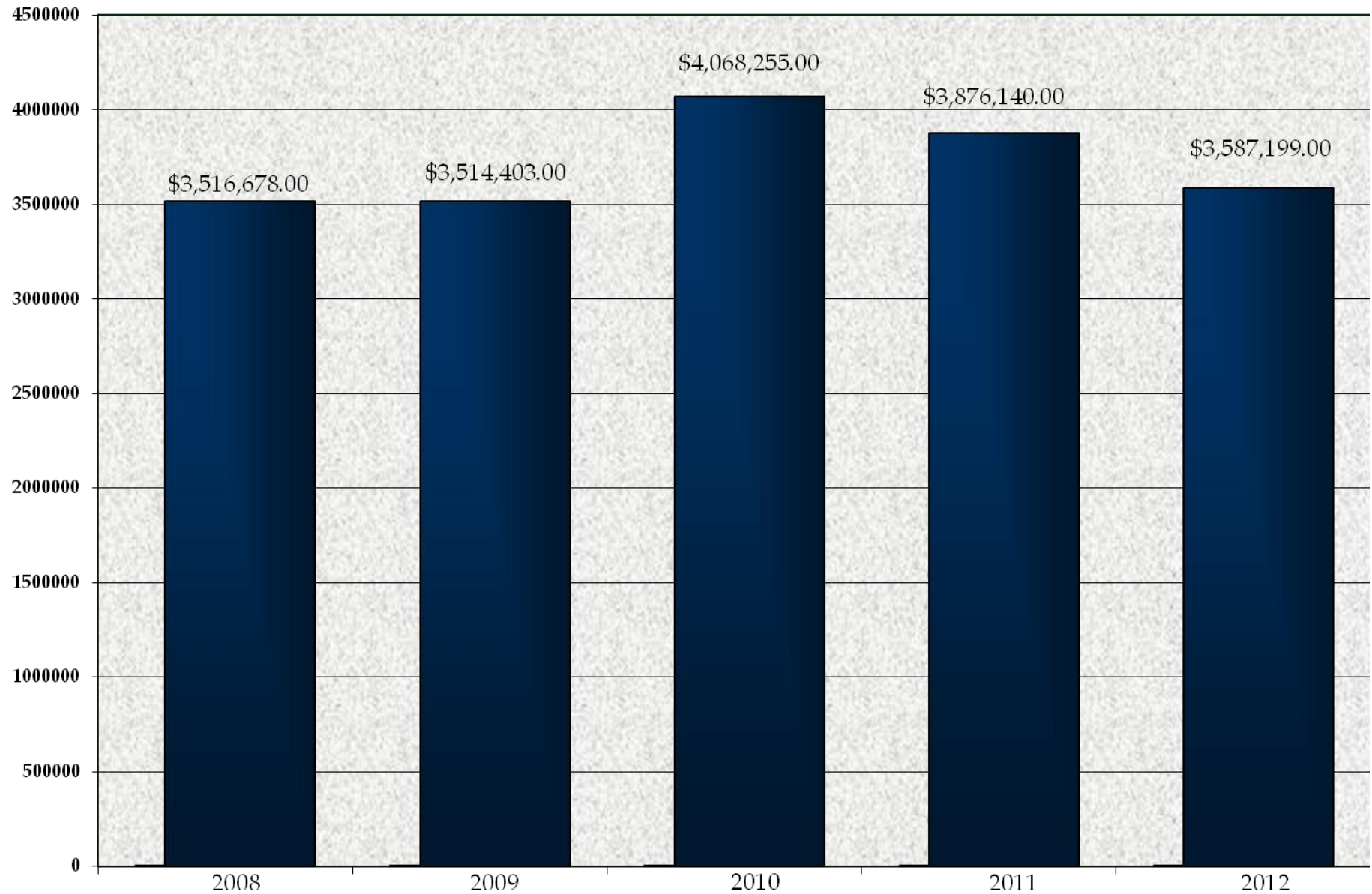
The Top 5 Public Offenses in 2012:

1. Theft	394
2. Minor in Possession	341
3. Animal at Large	260
4. Disorderly Conduct	212
5. Battery	208
Criminal Trespass	208

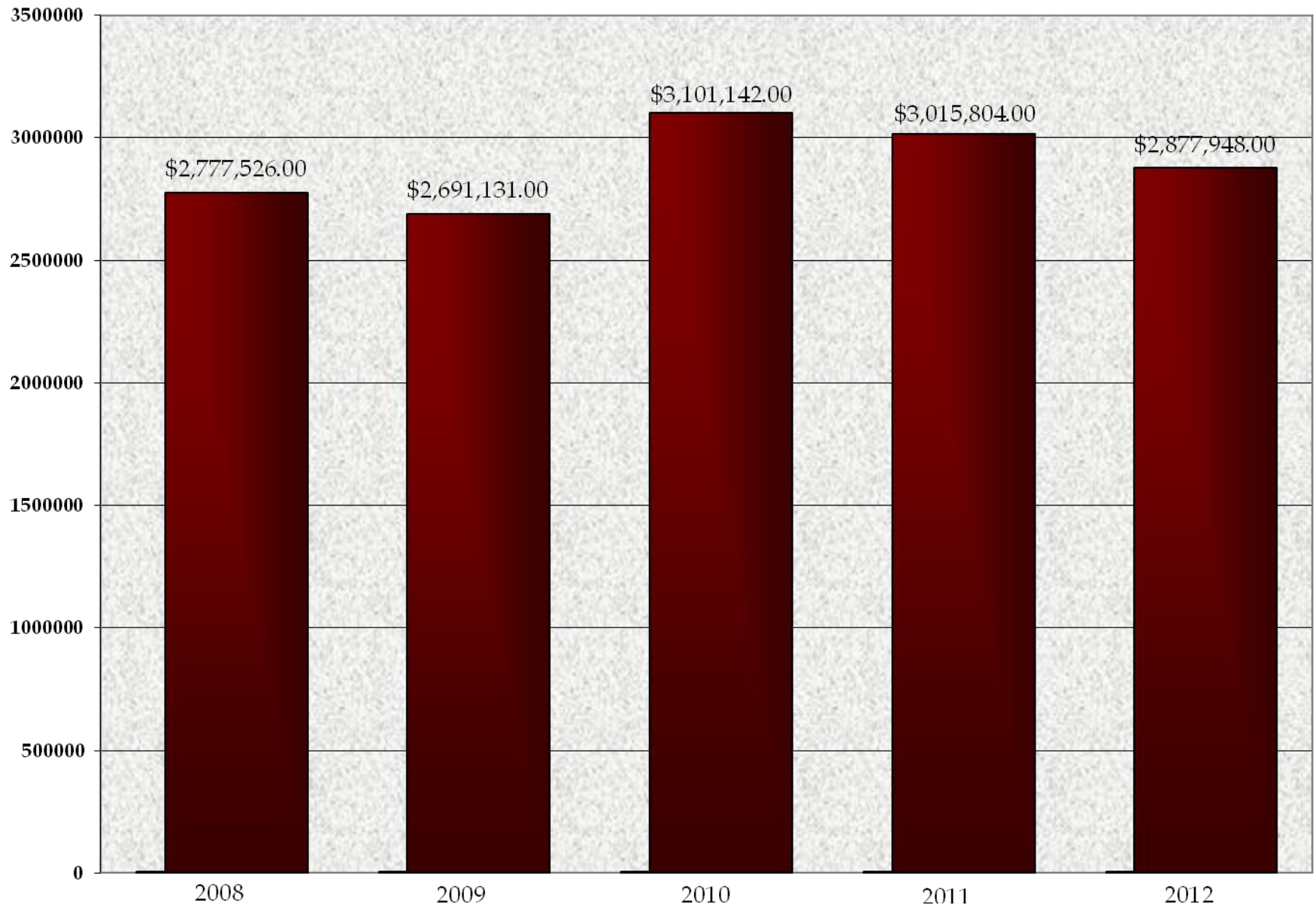
The Top 5 Parking Violations in 2012:

1. Parked with Expired Tag	5044
2. Posted No Parking	1540
3. Habitual Violator (downtown meter pkg)	1502
4. Fire Hydrant Parking	625
5. Improper Stall Parking	568

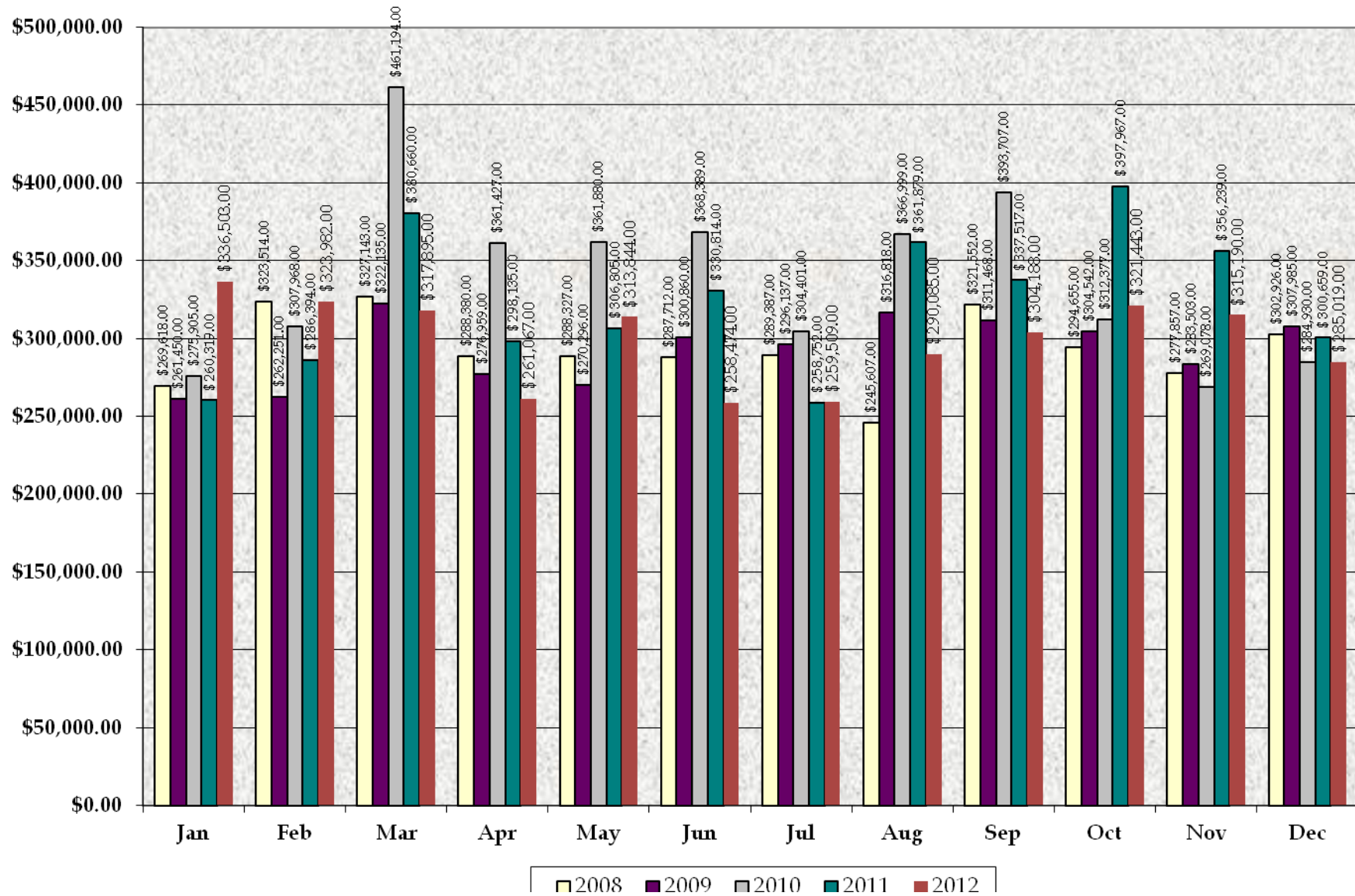
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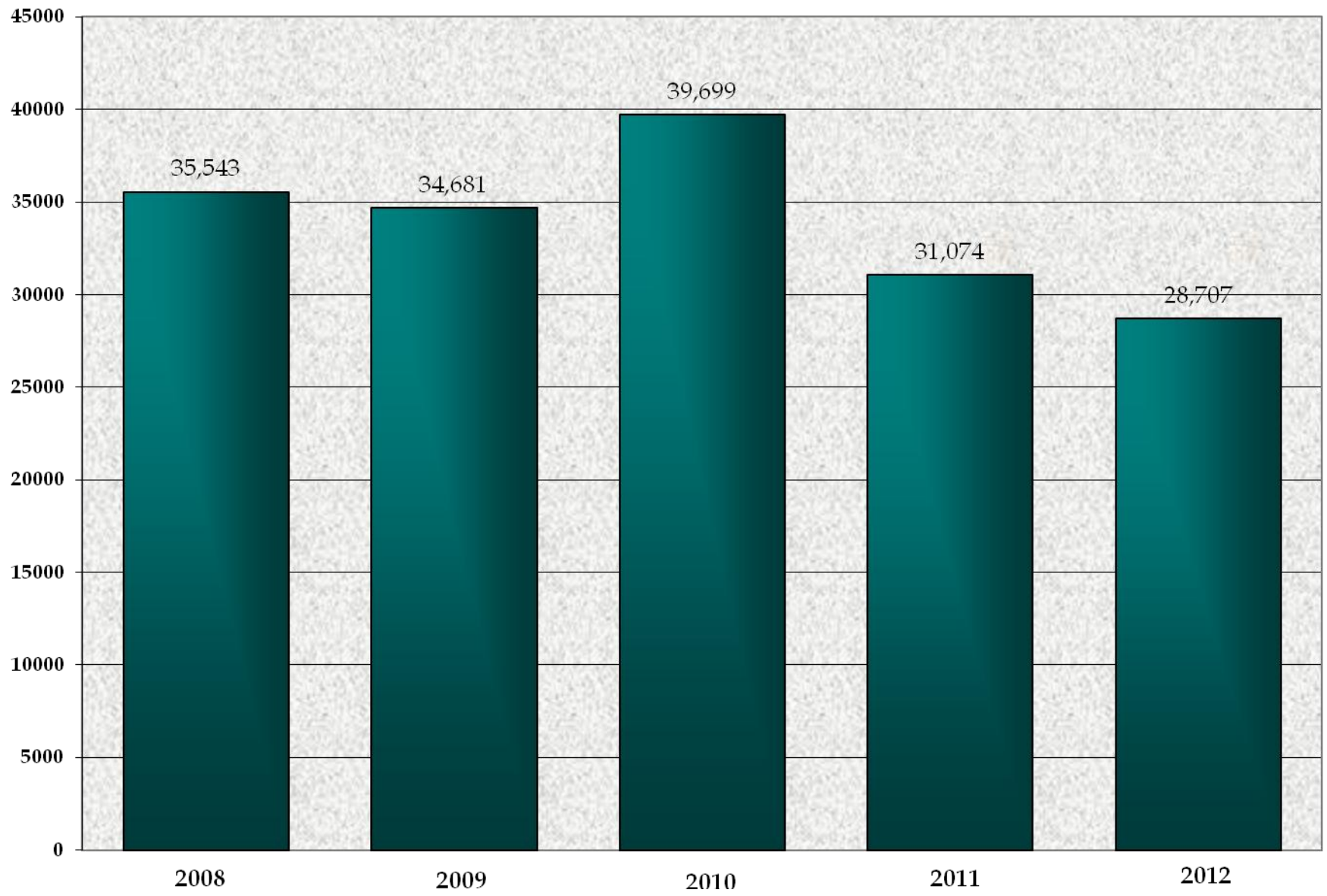
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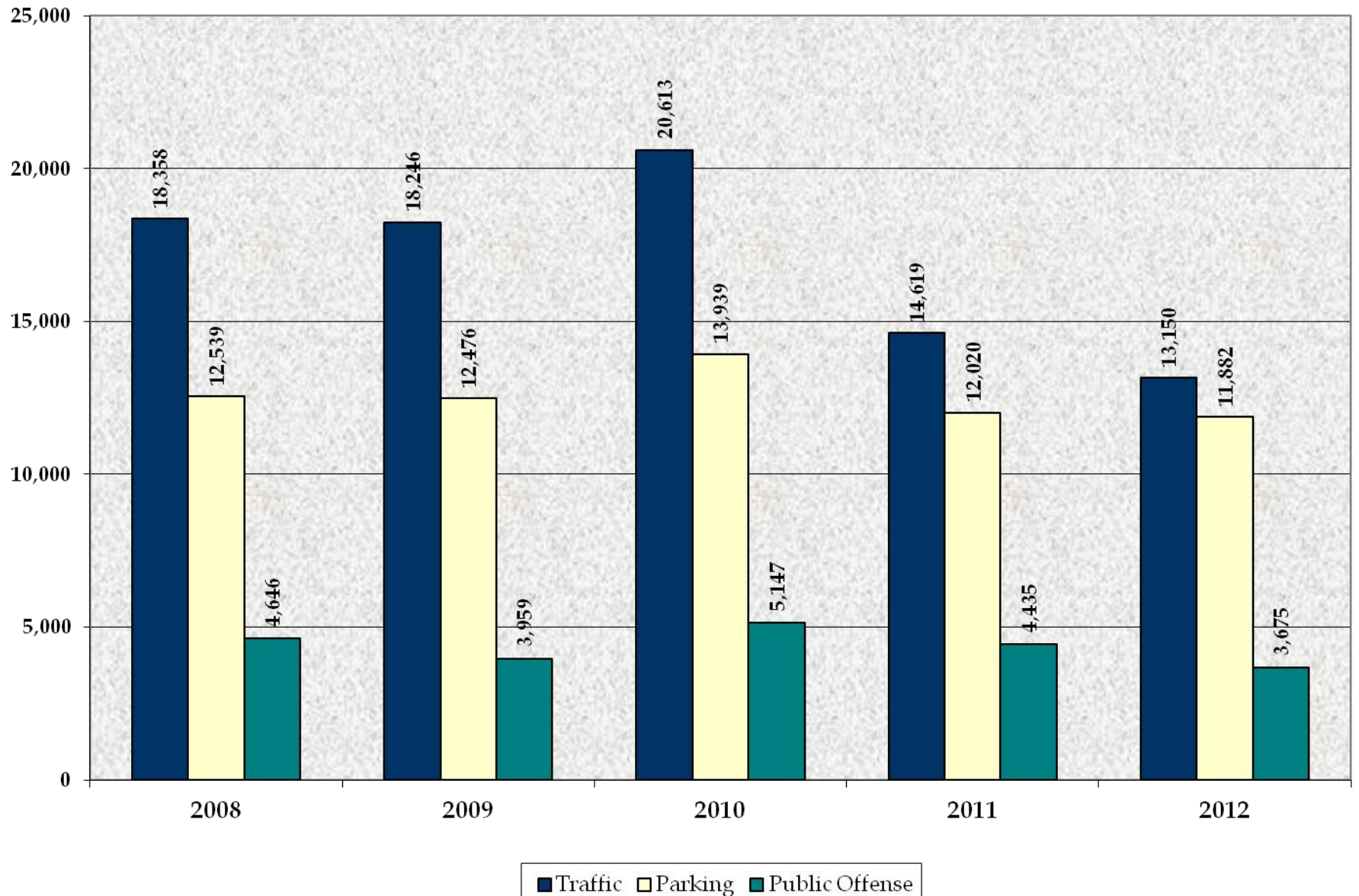
Monthly Gross Revenue (2008-2012)



Total Tickets Issued (2008-2012)



Tickets by Type (2008-2012)



Special Citation Monitoring (2008-2012)

