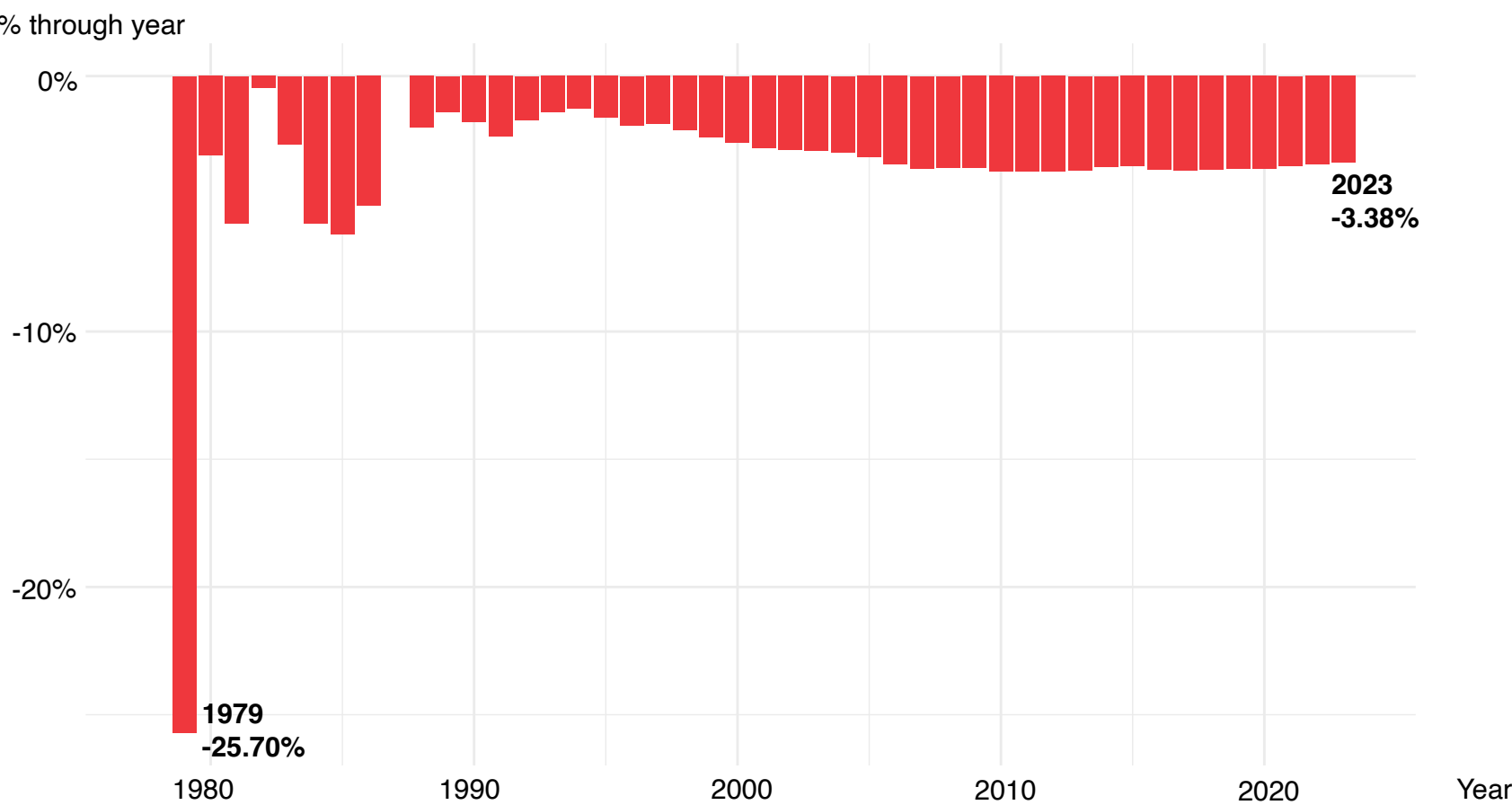


# The North Pole sea ice extent decreases by an average of 3.7% annually from 1978 to 2023.

In December 1979, the sea ice extent decreased by nearly 26%. In 2023, it saw a loss of around 3.4%.



Source: National Snow & Ice Data Center  
Note: Missing data in years of 1978 and 1987