

Lamar County Community Profile



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**160th in order of
county creation
November 2, 1920**

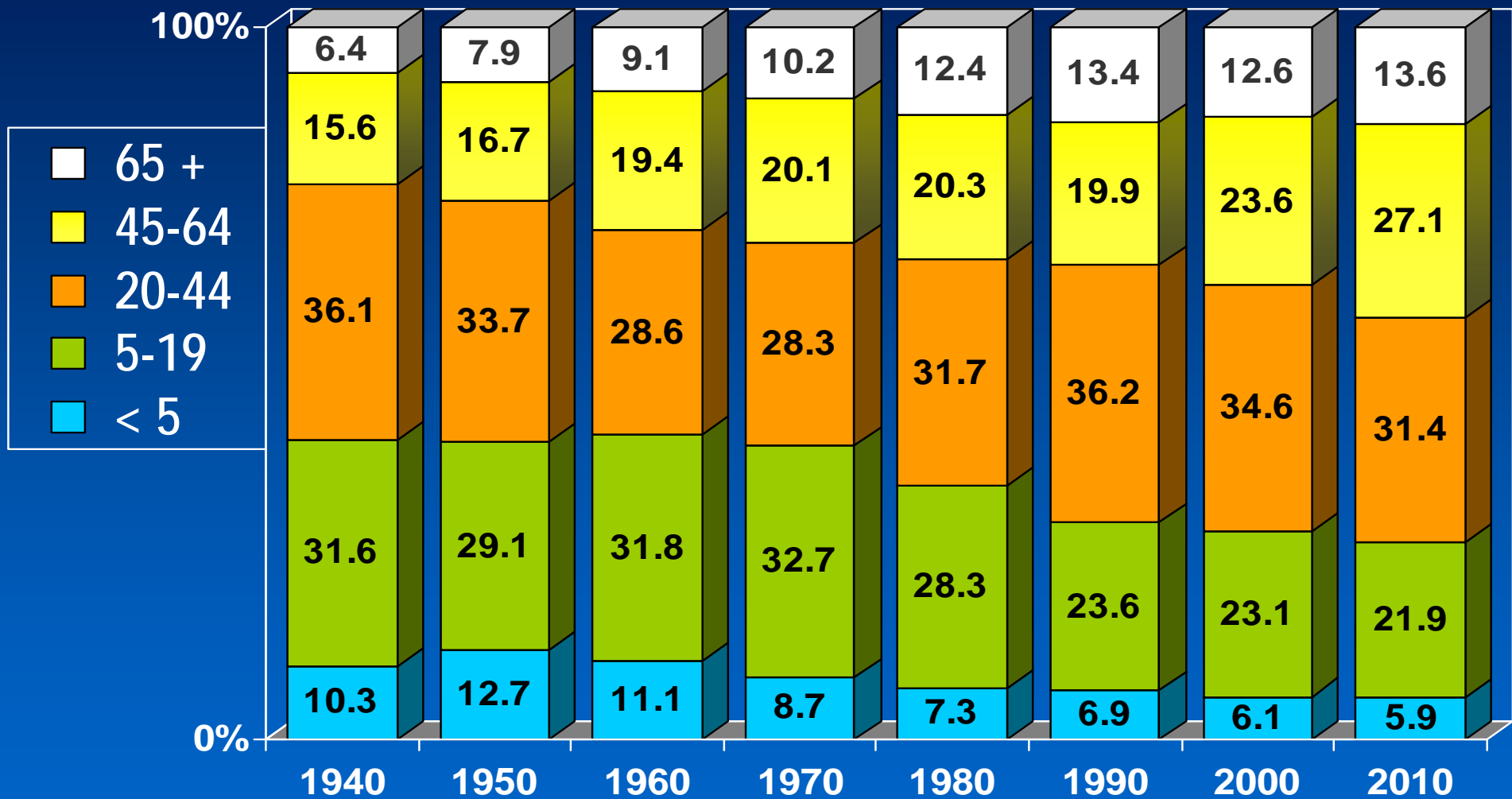
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Total Population Lamar County



Primary data sources: U.S. Census Bureau, decennial censuses and estimates; GA Office of Planning & Budget projections (2012 series).

Population Composition by Age Lamar County



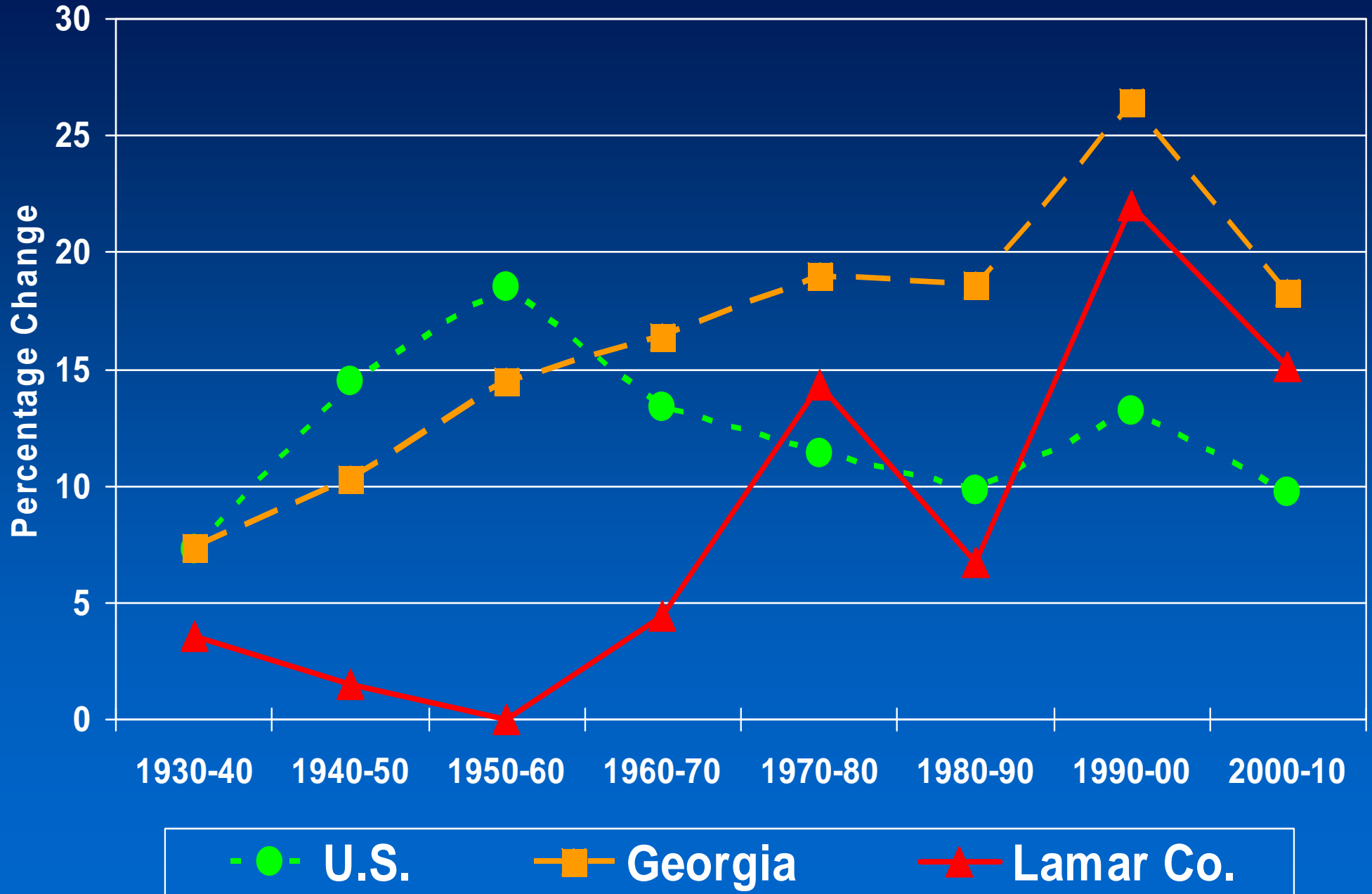
2013 Median Age Lamar Co. = 38.2 yrs. GA = 35.9 yrs.

Primary data source: U.S. Census Bureau

2013 County Population Comparisons

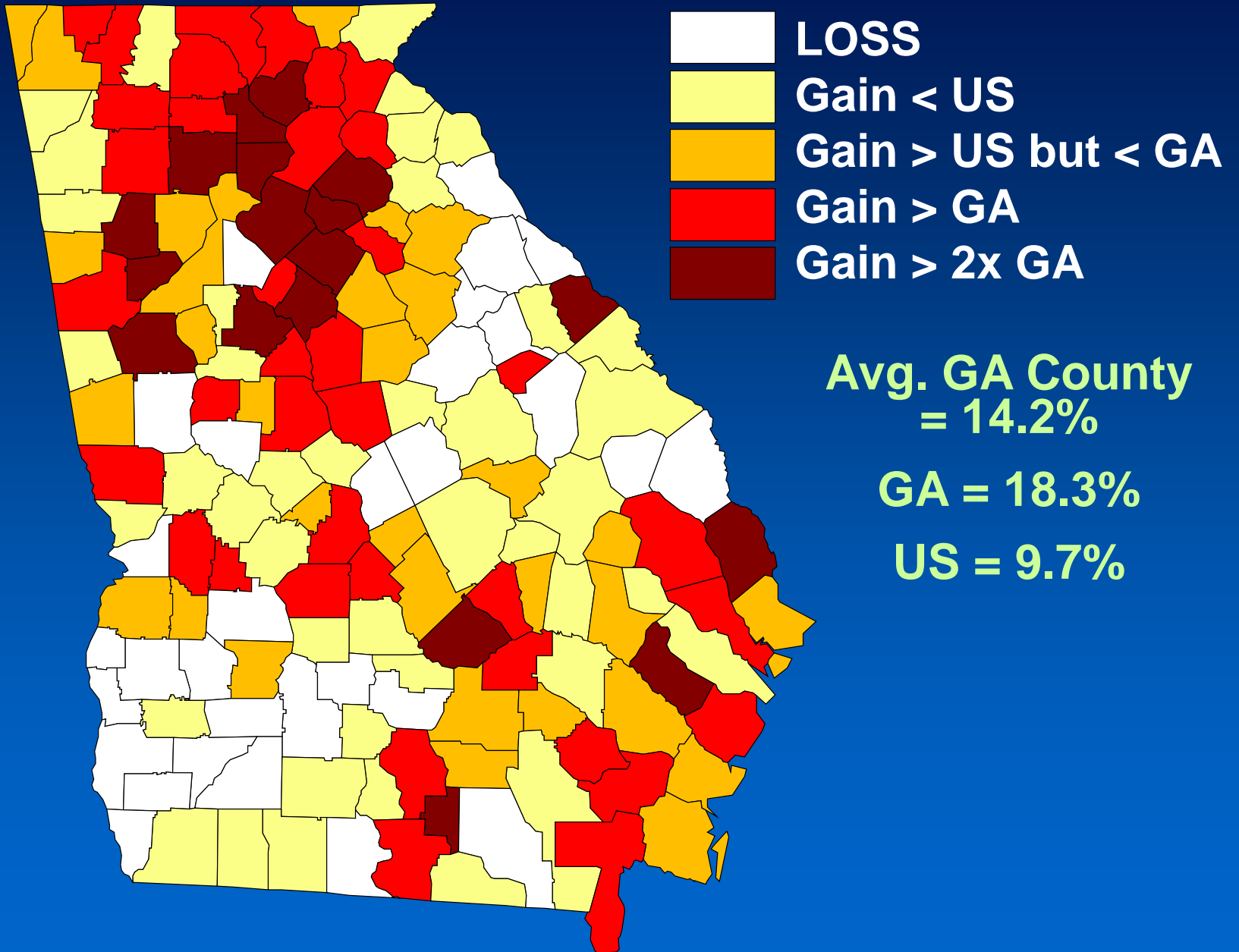
County	Total	Total Rank	Density per sq.mi. land area	% Chg. 2010-13	Rank of % Chg.
LAMAR	17,959	96	97.9	-1.95	119
BUTTS	23,361	76	126.7	-1.24	108
MONROE	26,984	68	68.2	1.98	42
PIKE	17,796	97	82.4	-0.41	85
SPALDING	63,829	37	324.9	-0.38	84
UPSON	26,566	69	82.1	-2.16	122

Population Change: 1930-2010



Primary data source: U.S. Census Bureau

Population Change: 2000-2010



Components of Population Change

Natural Increase & Net Migration*

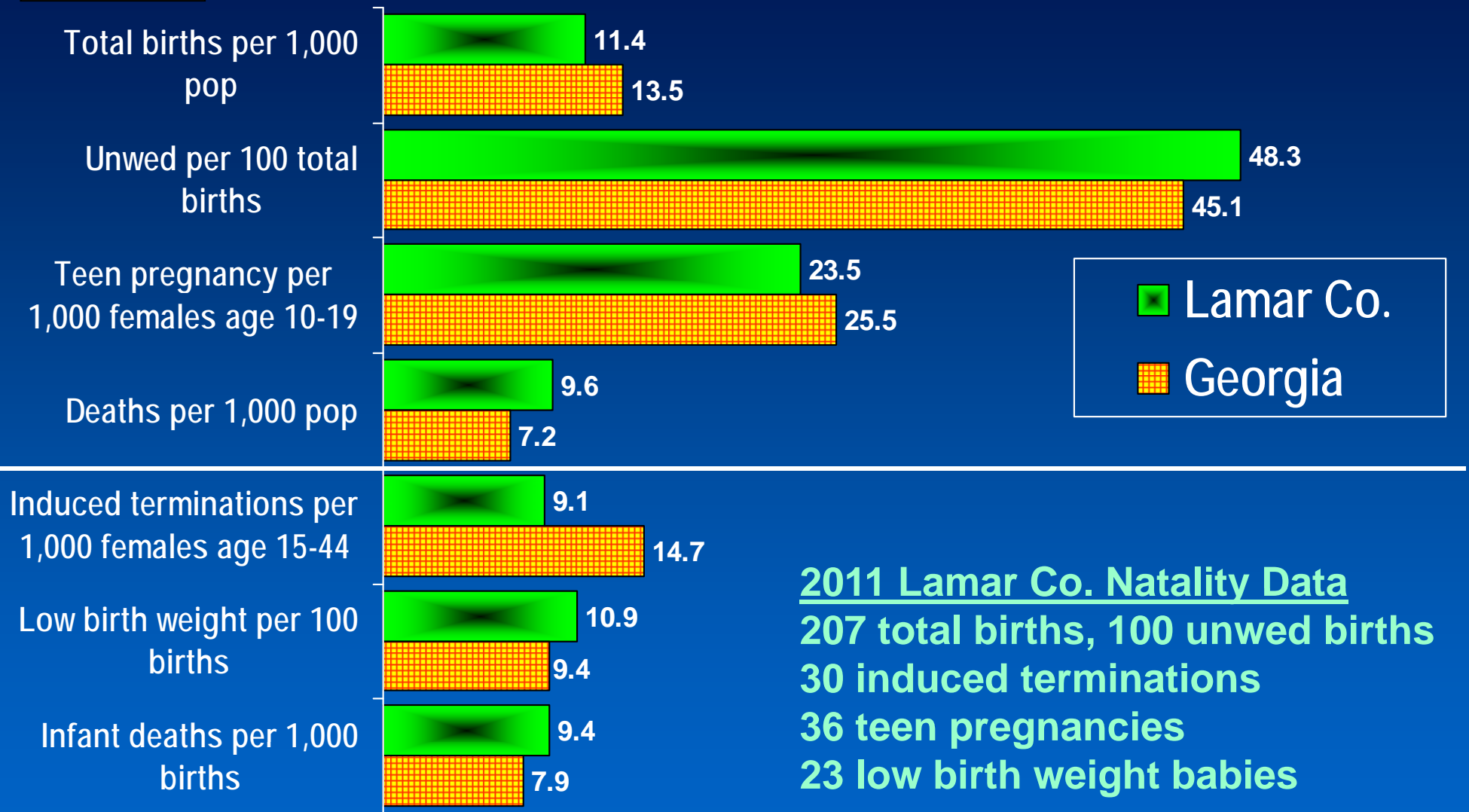
Area	4/1/2010- 7/1/2013 Numerical Change*	4/1/2010- 7/1/2013 # Natural Increase (Births-Deaths)	4/1/2010- 7/1/2013 # Net Migration	7/1/2012- 7/1/2013 1-yr Natural Increase Rate	7/1/2012- 7/1/2013 1-yr Net Migration Rate
LAMAR	-358	24	-404	-0.2	-5.2
BUTTS	-294	188	-483	2.4	-7.3
MONROE	523	63	429	-0.6	9.3
PIKE	-73	79	-174	0.6	-1.2
SPALDING	-244	552	-851	2.1	-2.7
UPSON	-587	-112	-487	-1.9	-1.4
Avg. County	1,915	1,242	631	2.9	-2.4
GEORGIA	304,504	197,541	100,318	5.9	1.6

Primary data source:
U. S. Census Bureau (3/14)

* Numerical change includes "residual" not represented in either NI or NM.

Selected Vital Statistics

2011 Rates



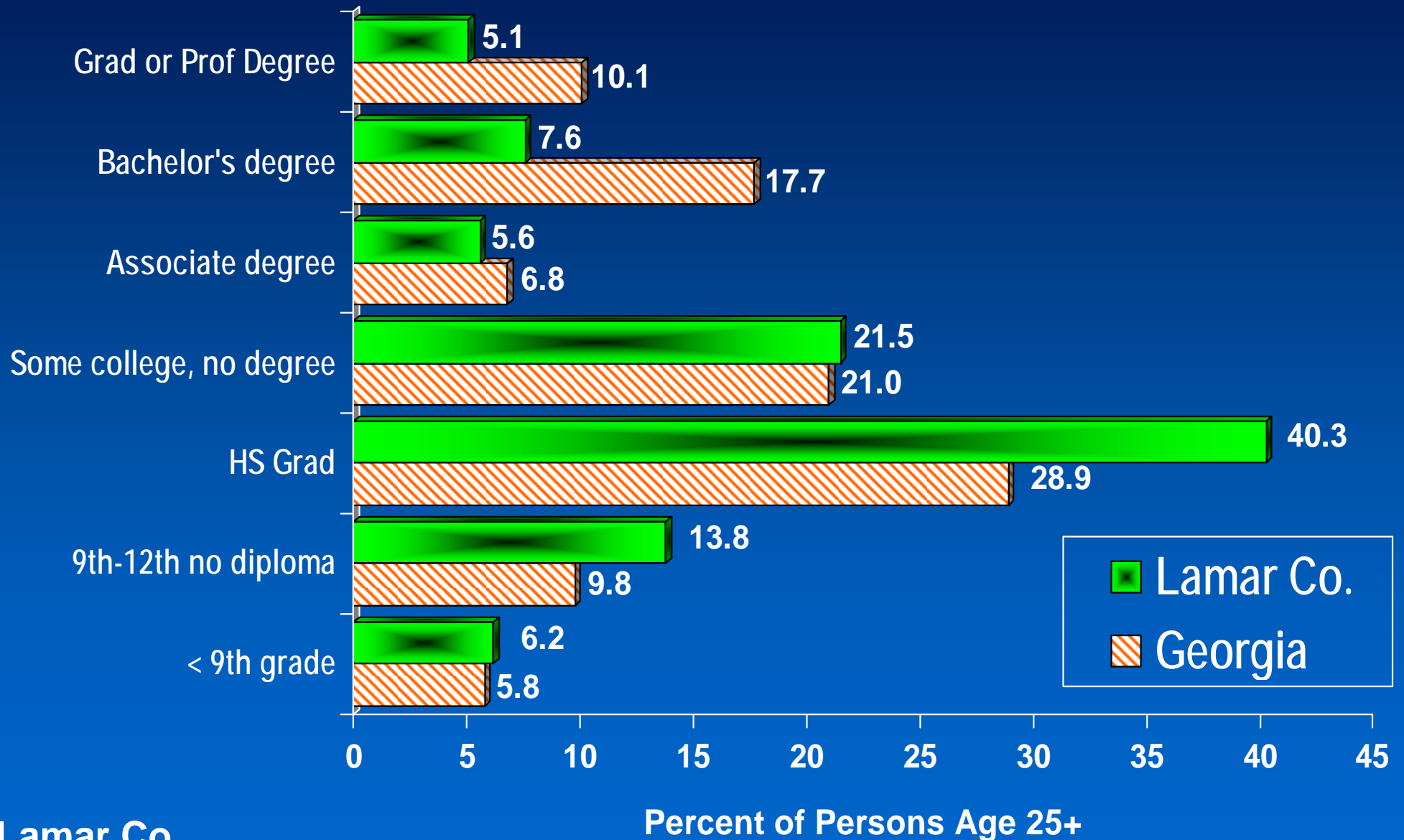
2011 Lamar Co. Natality Data
 207 total births, 100 unwed births
 30 induced terminations
 36 teen pregnancies
 23 low birth weight babies

2011 Lamar Co. Mortality Data
 175 total deaths
 0 infant deaths

10-yr. rates 2002-2011

Highest Level of Educational Attainment: 2008-2012

5 Yr. Avg. – American Community Survey



Lamar Co.

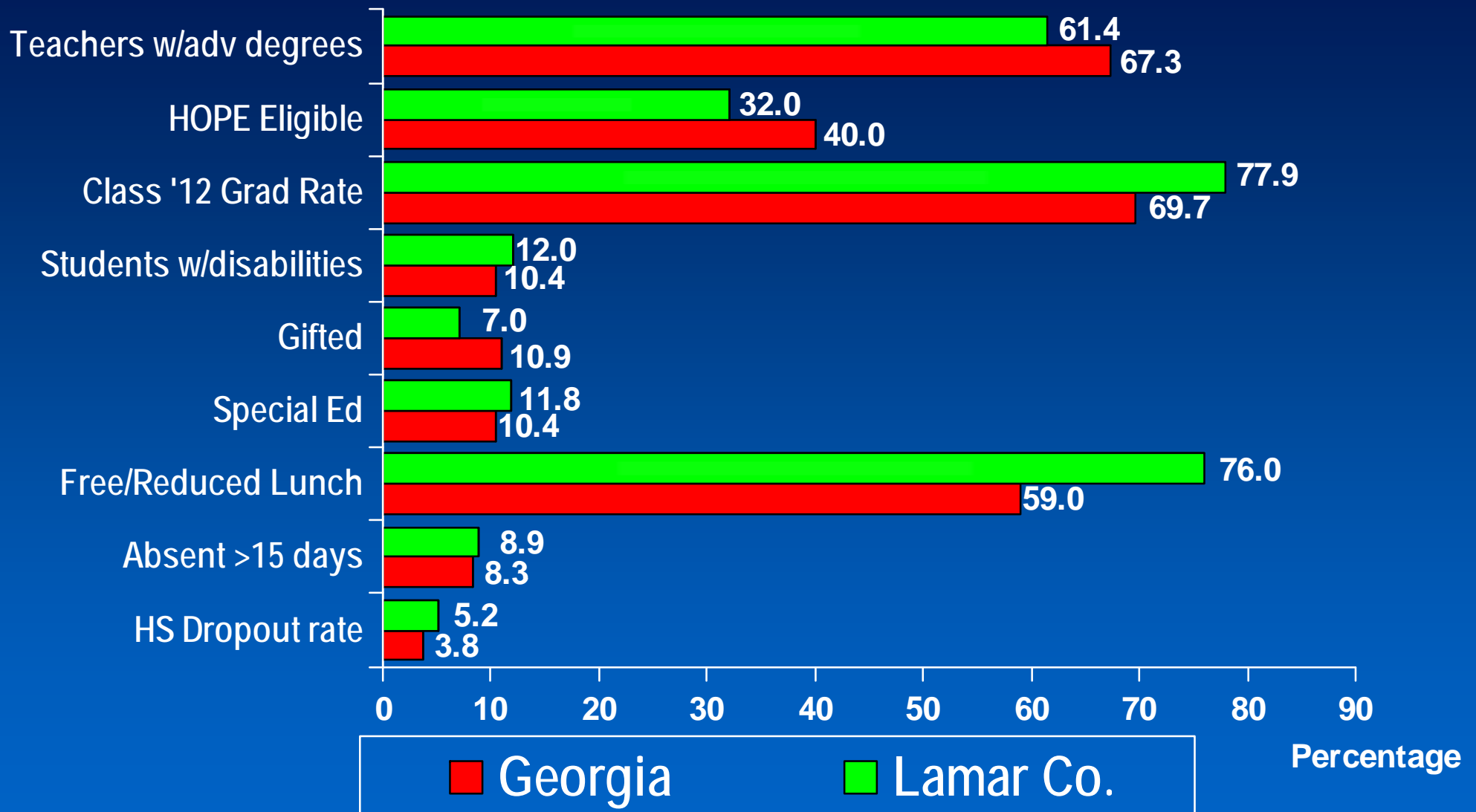
Not completing HS = 20.0%

With a bachelor's + degree = 12.7%

Primary data source: U.S. Census Bureau

Selected Public School Statistics

School Year 2011-12



Lamar Co.

K12 enrollment = 2,470

HS dropouts = 40

General Fund Expenditures per FTE = \$7,746

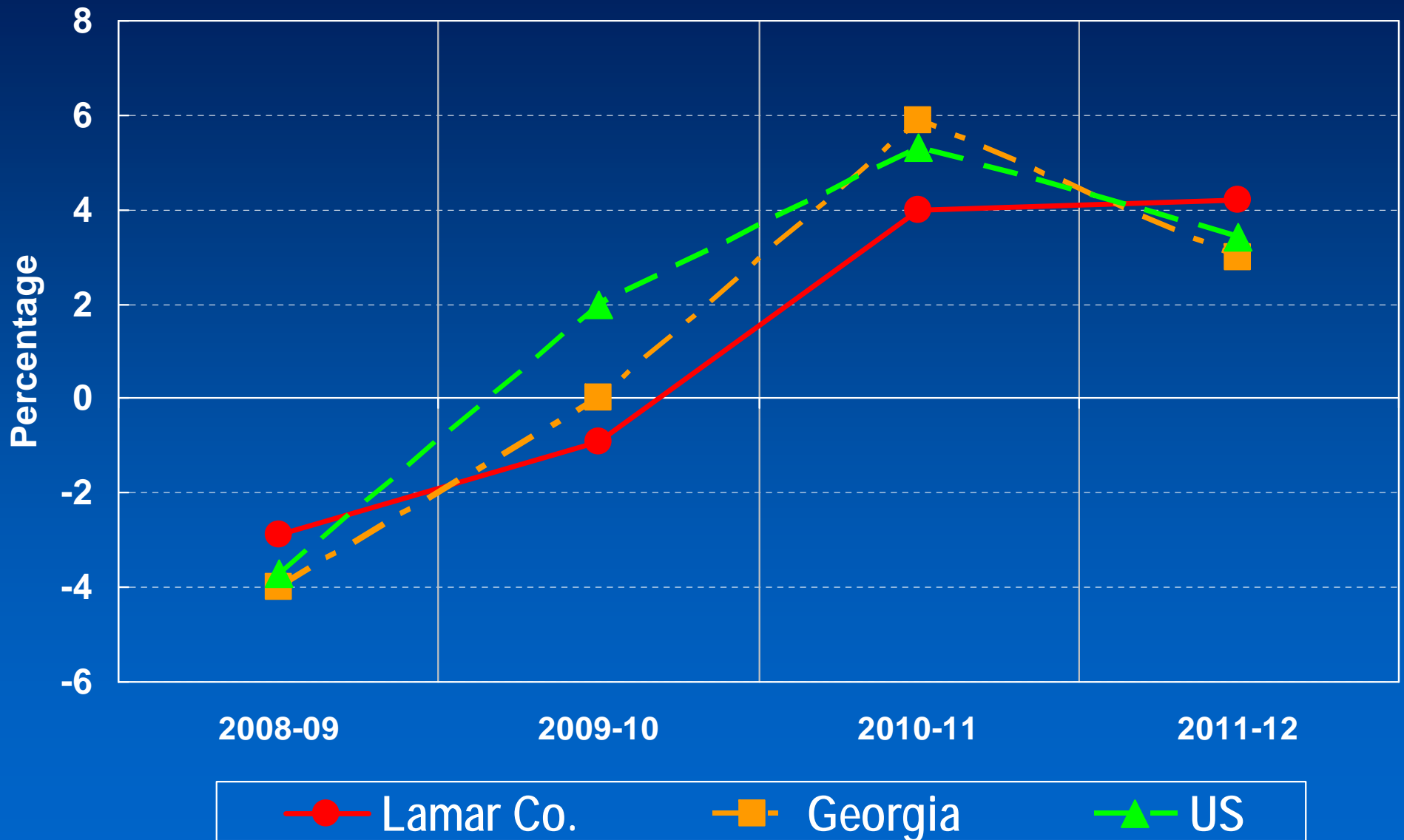
Primary data source:
Governor's Office of Student Achievement

Per Capita Income: 2012

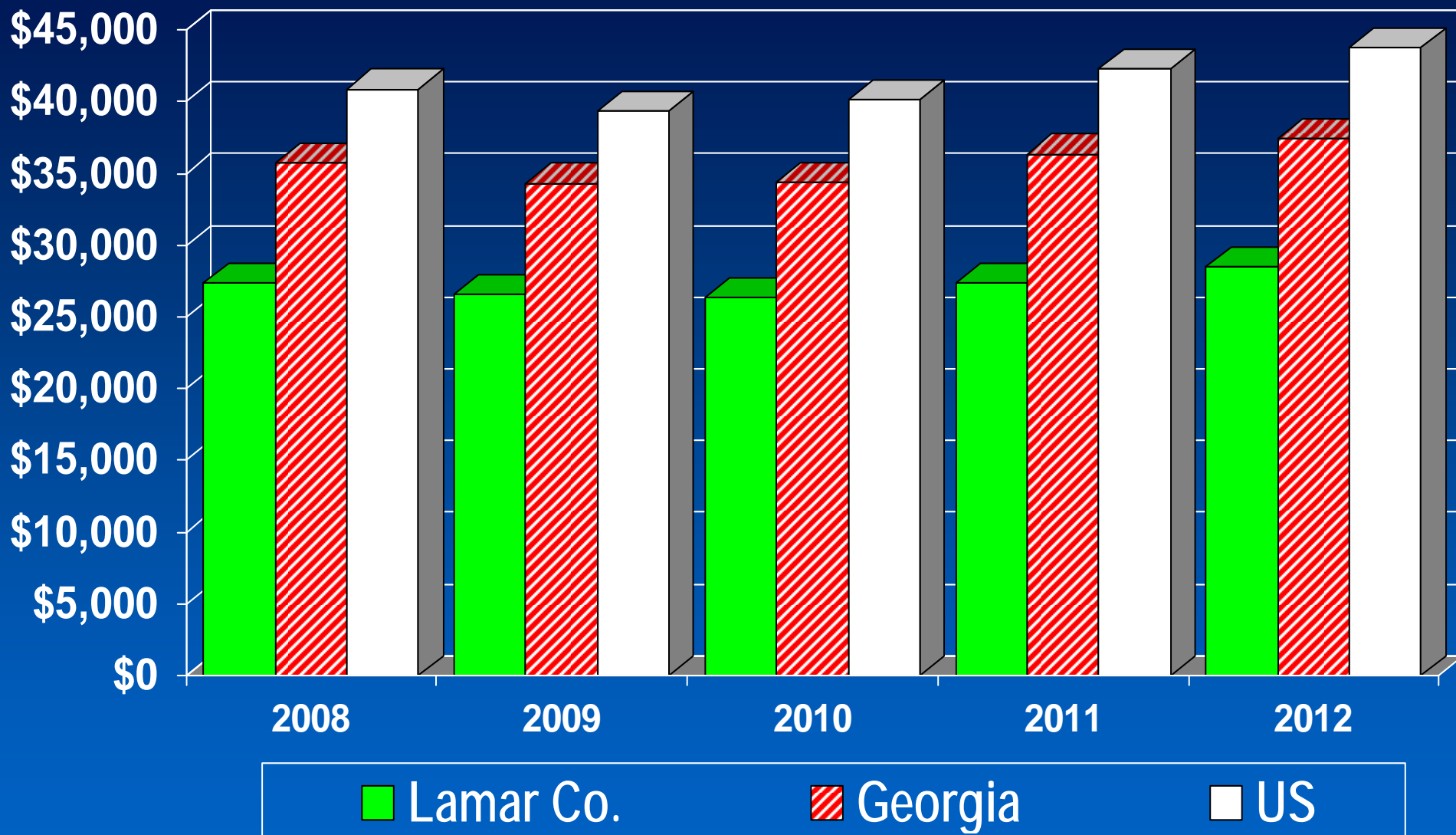
County	PCI	Rank of PCI	% PCI of GA Total	% Change in PCI 2008-2012
LAMAR	\$28,522	109	76.2	4.2
BUTTS	\$26,207	138	70.0	1.2
MONROE	\$42,284	11	112.9	16.1
PIKE	\$32,501	54	86.8	9.3
SPALDING	\$29,712	92	79.3	5.4
UPSON	\$29,211	100	78.0	11.2
GA Avg. Co.	\$31,645	--	84.5	9.3

Per Capita Income: 2008-2012

Percentage Change



Per Capita Income: 2008-2012



2012 PCI
Lamar Co. = \$28,522

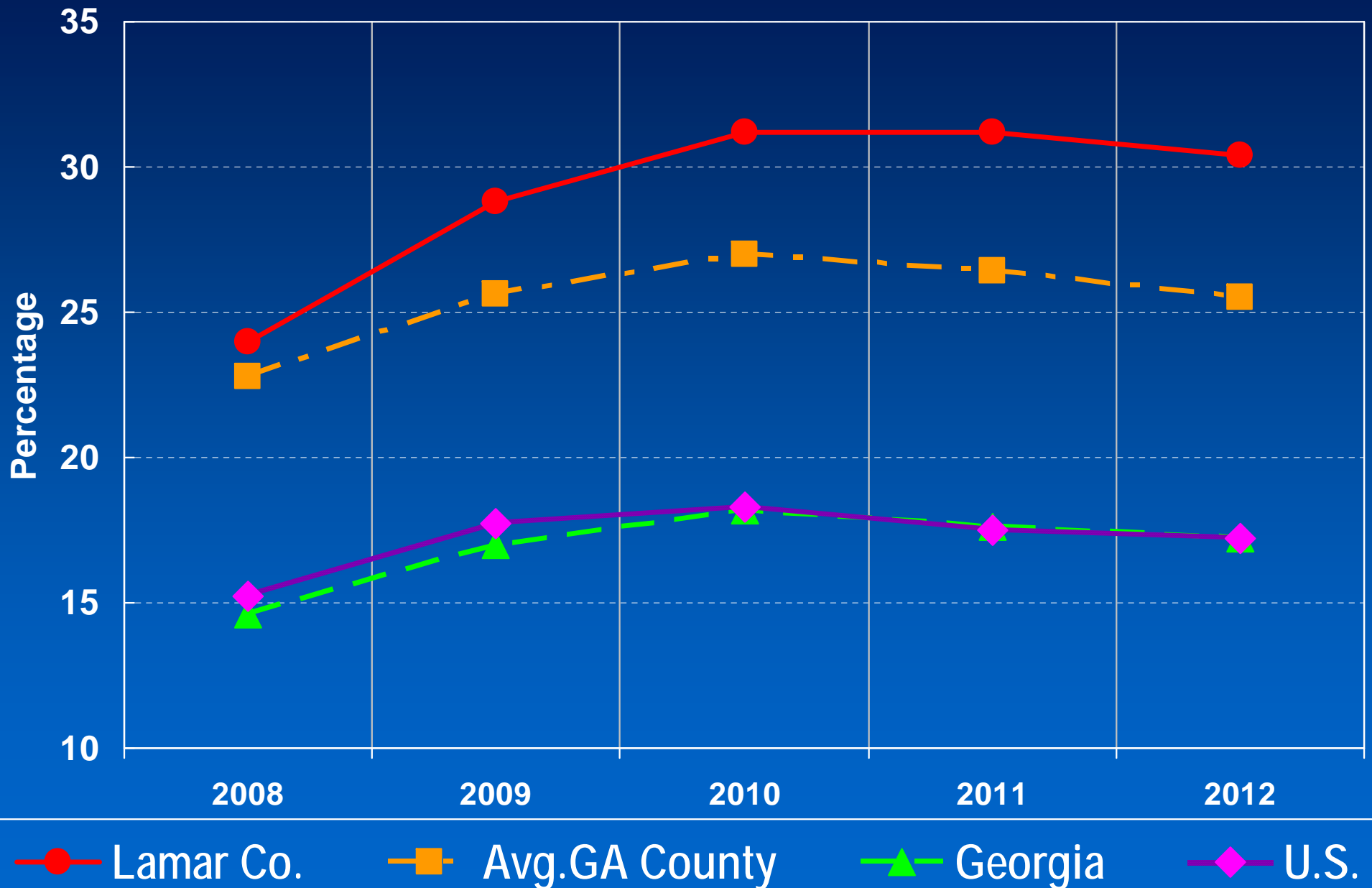
Georgia = \$37,449
US = \$43,735

Median Household Income

2012 Model-Based Estimates



Transfer Receipts as a Percentage of Total Personal Income: 2008-2012



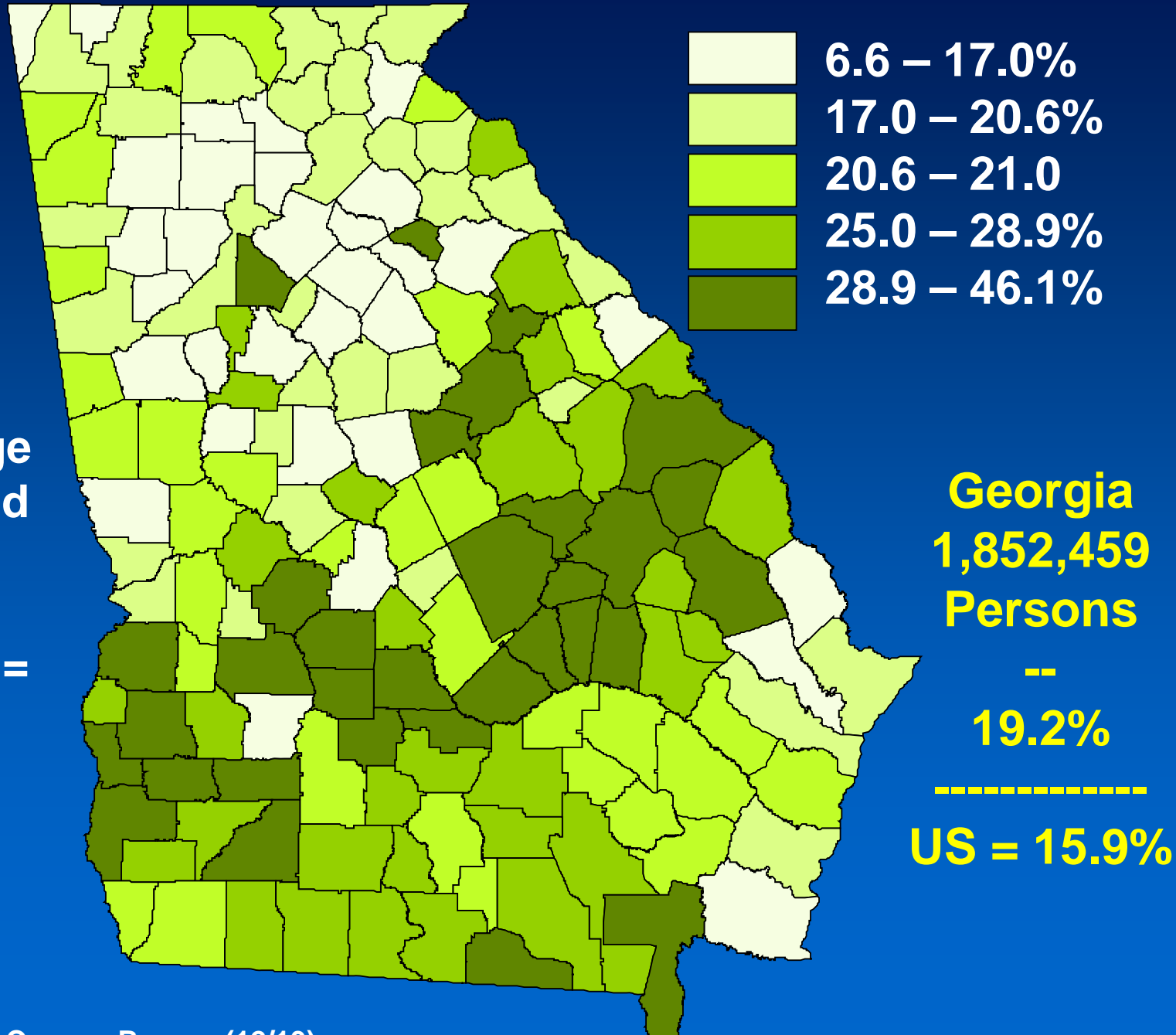
Persons Living Below Poverty Level

2012 Model-Based Estimates

County	# of Persons	% of all Persons	Rank of %
LAMAR	3,398	20.1	52
BUTTS	4,188	20.0	51
MONROE	3,568	14.0	17
PIKE	2,210	12.6	12
SPALDING	16,907	27.0	113
UPSON	6,062	23.2	83
GA Avg. Co.	11,651	23.1	--

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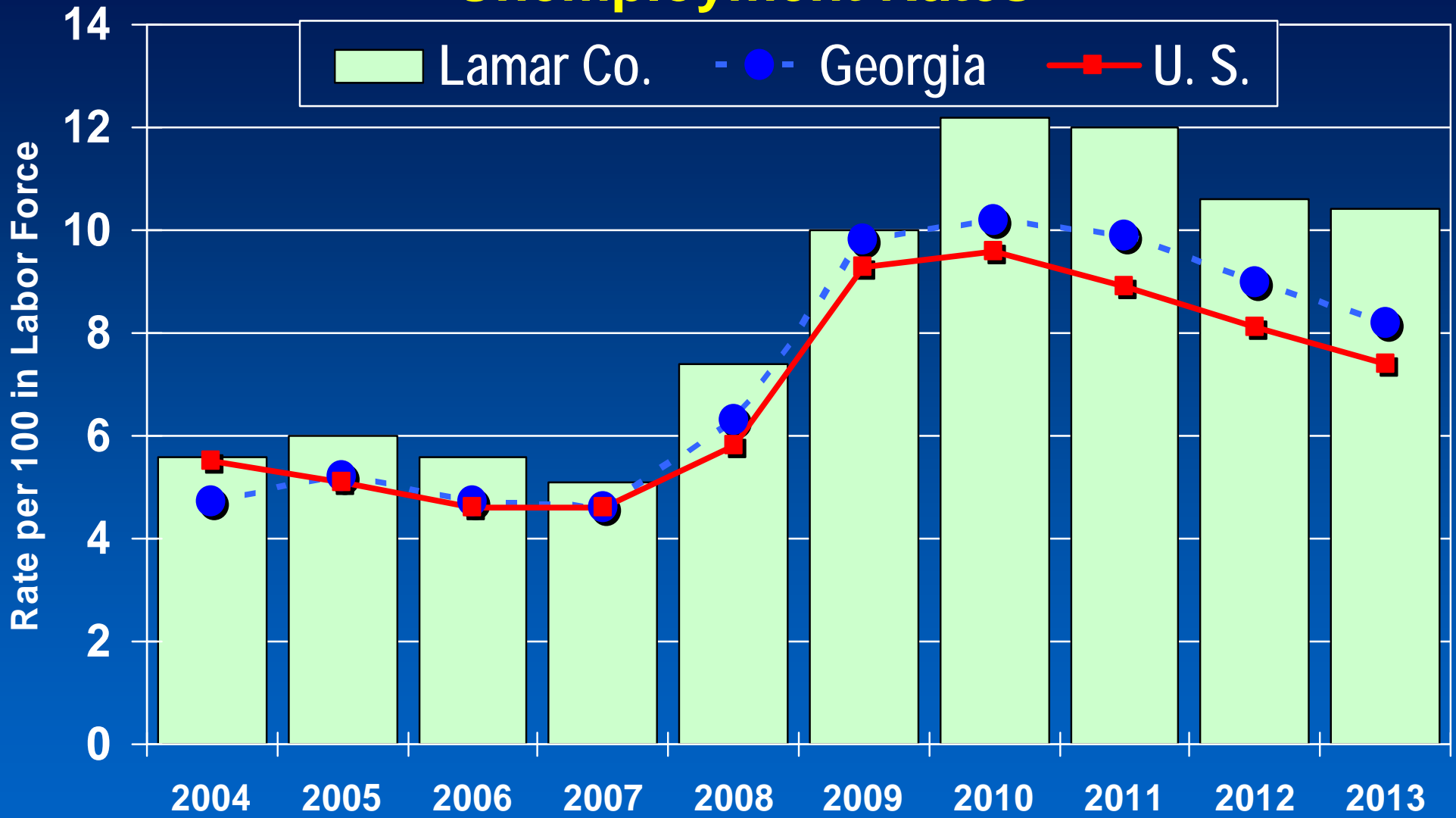
Weighted average
poverty threshold
for a family
household of 4
persons in 2012 =
\$23,492

Georgia
1,852,459
Persons
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19.2%

US = 15.9%

Primary data source: U.S. Census Bureau (12/13)

Civilian Labor Force Average Annual Unemployment Rates



2013 Rates

Lamar Co. = 10.4

GA = 8.2

US = 7.4

Avg. GA County = 9.2

Establishments, Employment & Wages: 2013 Averages

Lamar County	Avg. # Establishments	Avg. Monthly Employment	Avg. Wage Weekly
TOTAL GOODS PRODUCING	43	641	\$830
Ag, forestry, fishing	9	72	\$624
Construction	23	51	\$592
Manufacturing	10	517	\$880
TOTAL SERVICE PROVIDING	191	1,661	\$494
Wholesale trade	11	102	\$624
Retail trade	42	42	\$422
Transp/Warehousing	13	39	\$682
Finance/Insurance	11	96	\$738
Professional/Sci/Tech	20	52	\$559
Admin/Suppt/WasteMgmt/Remediation	16	99	\$652
Health care/Soc Svcs	18	272	\$385
Accommodations/Food Svc	24	304	\$216
TOTAL GOVERNMENT	31	1,155	\$640
TOTAL ALL INDUSTRIES	272	3,466	\$604

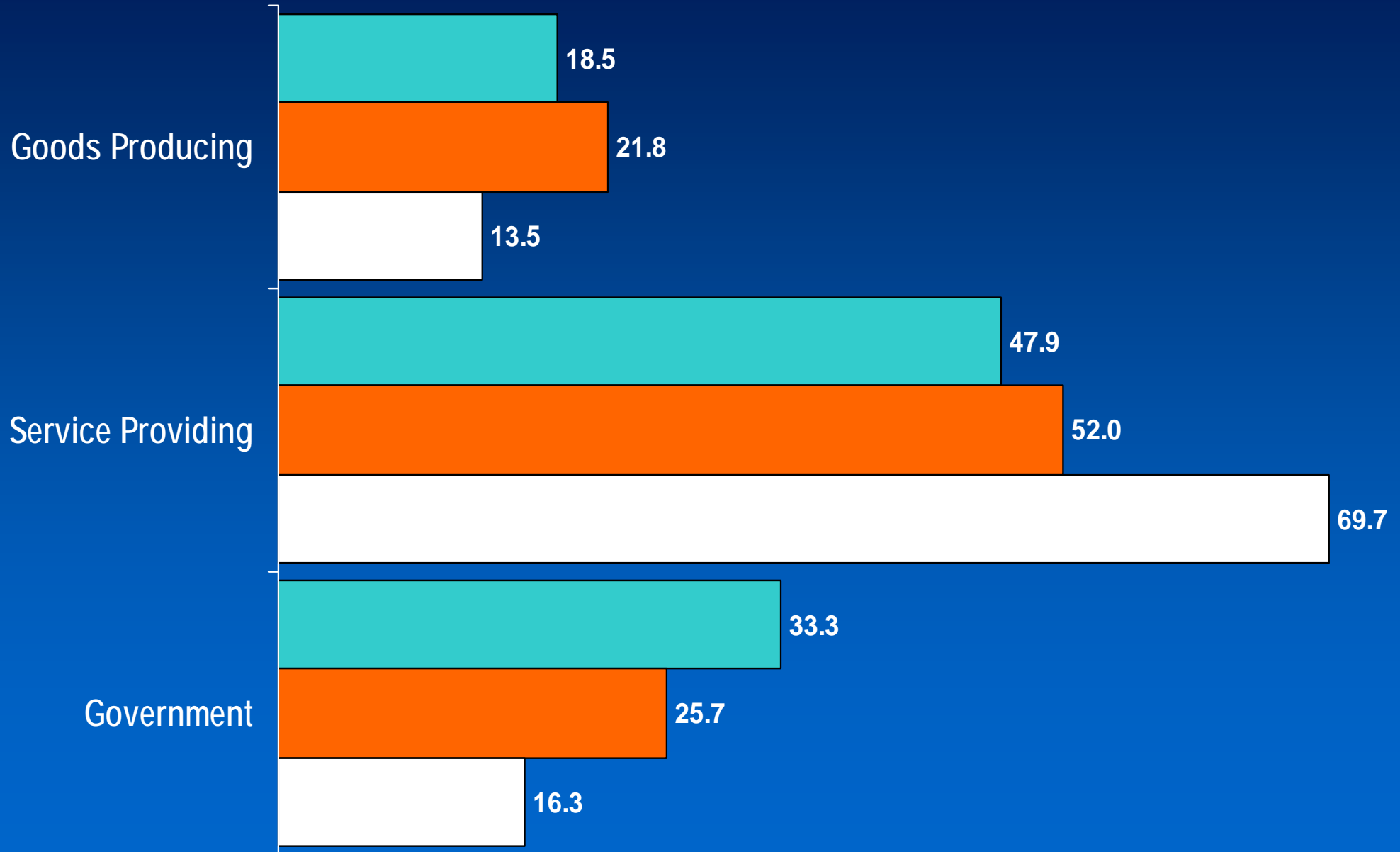
Primary data source: GA Dept. of Labor (6/14)

Employment Comparisons by Industry Group: 2013

■ Lamar Co.

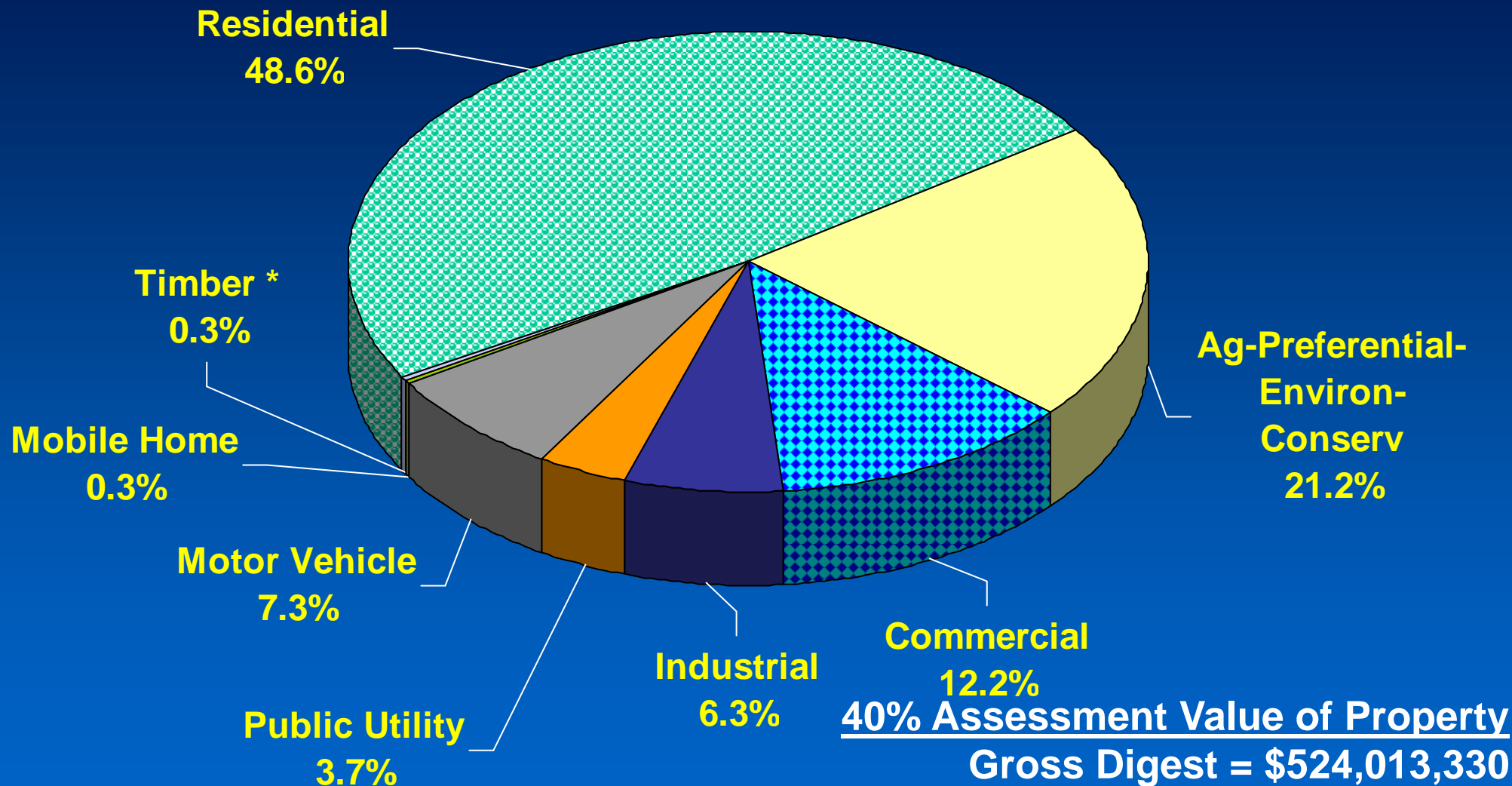
■ Avg. GA County

■ Georgia



Primary data source: GA Dept. of Labor (6/14)

Components of 2012 Property Tax Gross Digest Lamar County



40% Assessment Value of Property

Gross Digest = \$524,013,330

Homestead & Property Exemptions = \$97,229,860

Net M&O Digest = \$426,783,470

Value of exempt property = \$70,779,909

Primary data source:
GA Dept. of Revenue

* Timber taxed at 100% based on previous year sales

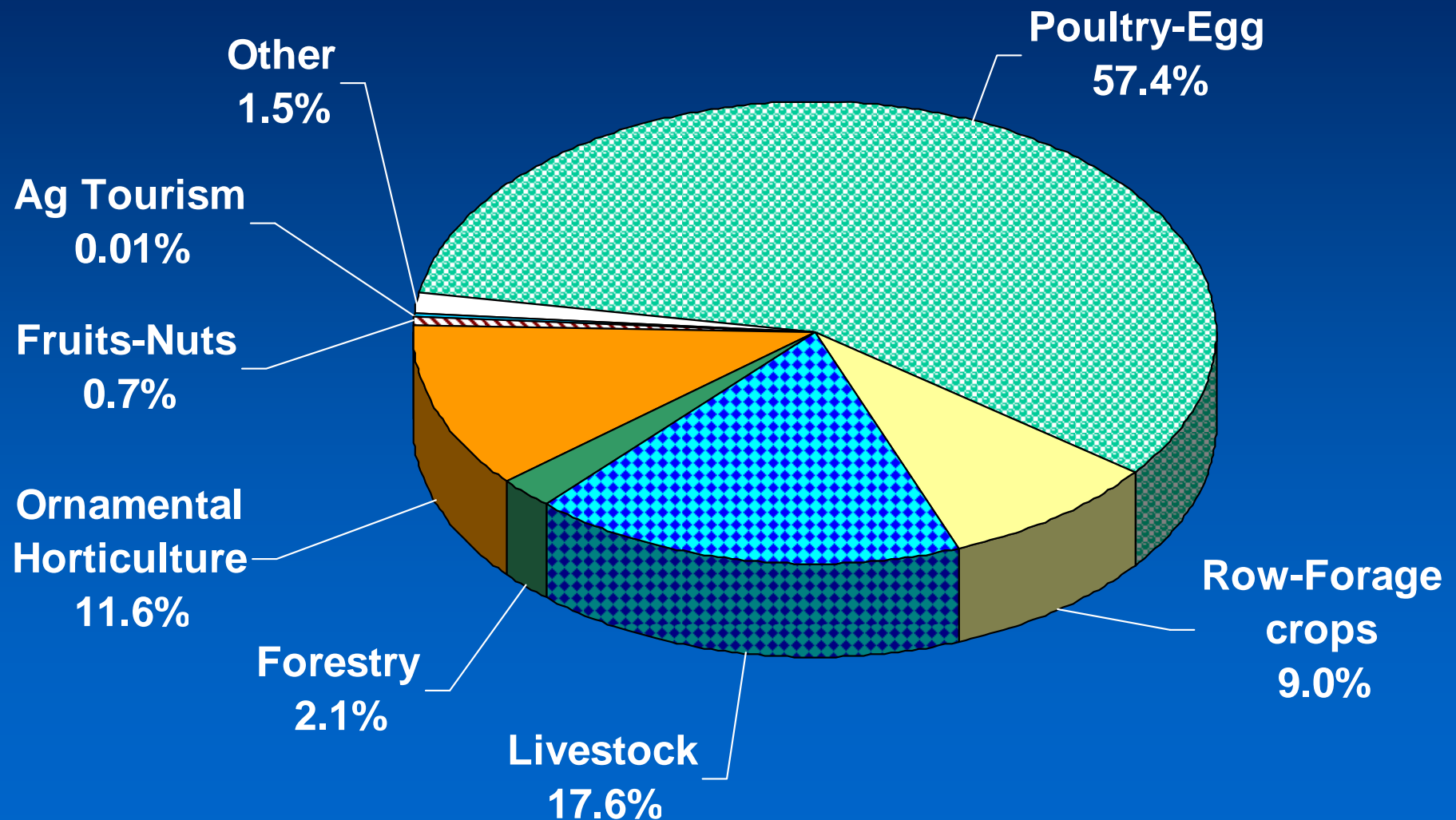
Millage Rates, Taxes Levied, & Sales Tax Rate

County	2012 County-wide Millage*	2012 Taxes Levied*	Sales Tax Rate as of 7/1/2014	LOST Type* as of 7/1/2014
LAMAR	25.992	\$12,334,402	7	LSE
BUTTS	37.163	\$20,030,152	7	LSE
MONROE	24.668	\$33,488,320	7	LSE
PIKE	29.452	\$14,271,924	7	LSE
SPALDING	38.490	\$56,402,378	7	LSE
UPSON	27.270	\$15,223,959	7	LSE

*Countywide Includes .250 state millage. Taxes levied, but not necessarily collected. L=Local Option, S=Special Purpose, E=Educational

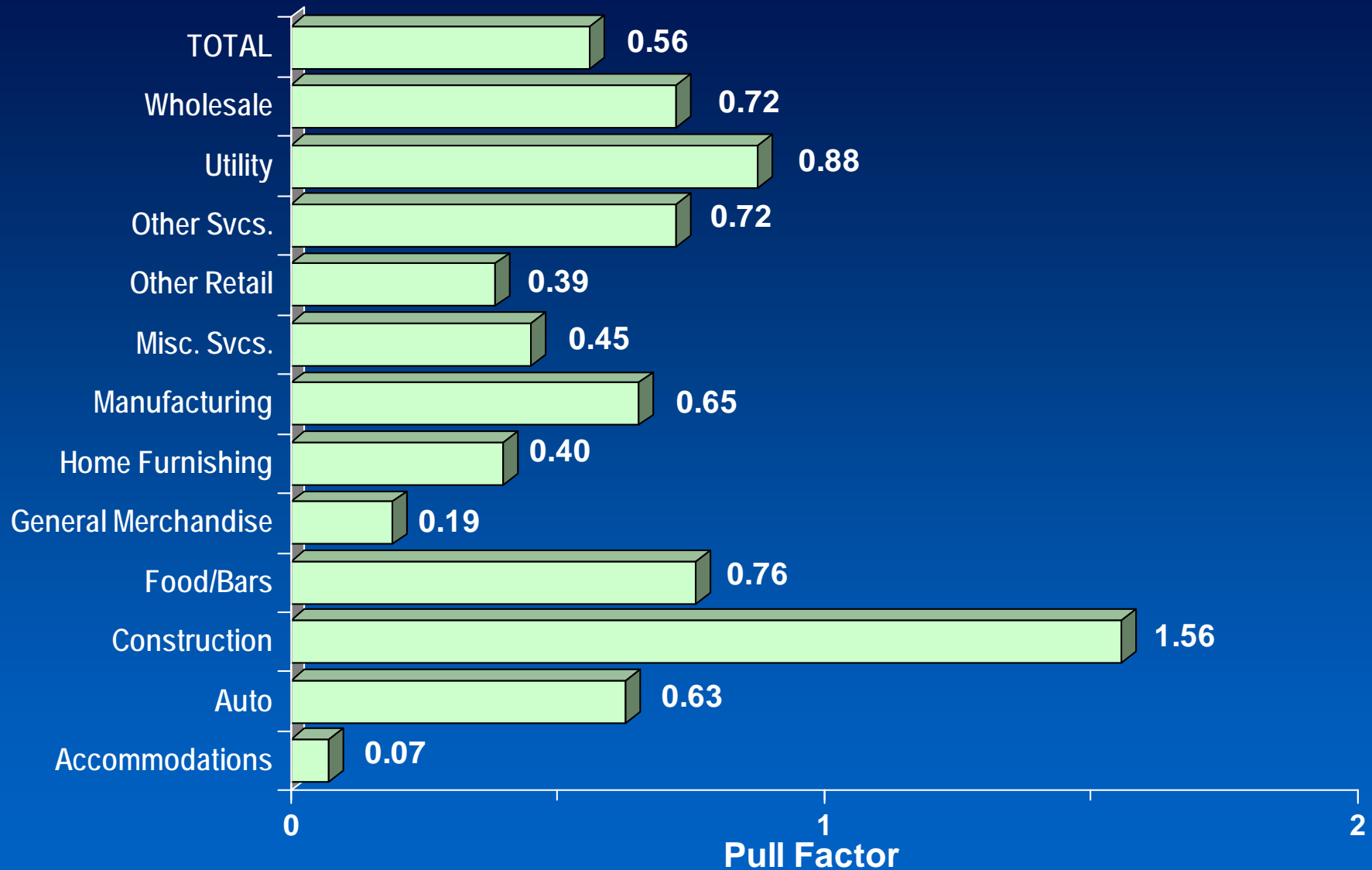
Farm Gate Value by Commodity Group: 2012

Lamar Co. Total Value = \$47,748,921



1% Sales & Use Tax Distributions: 2012

Lamar Co. = \$1,680,519

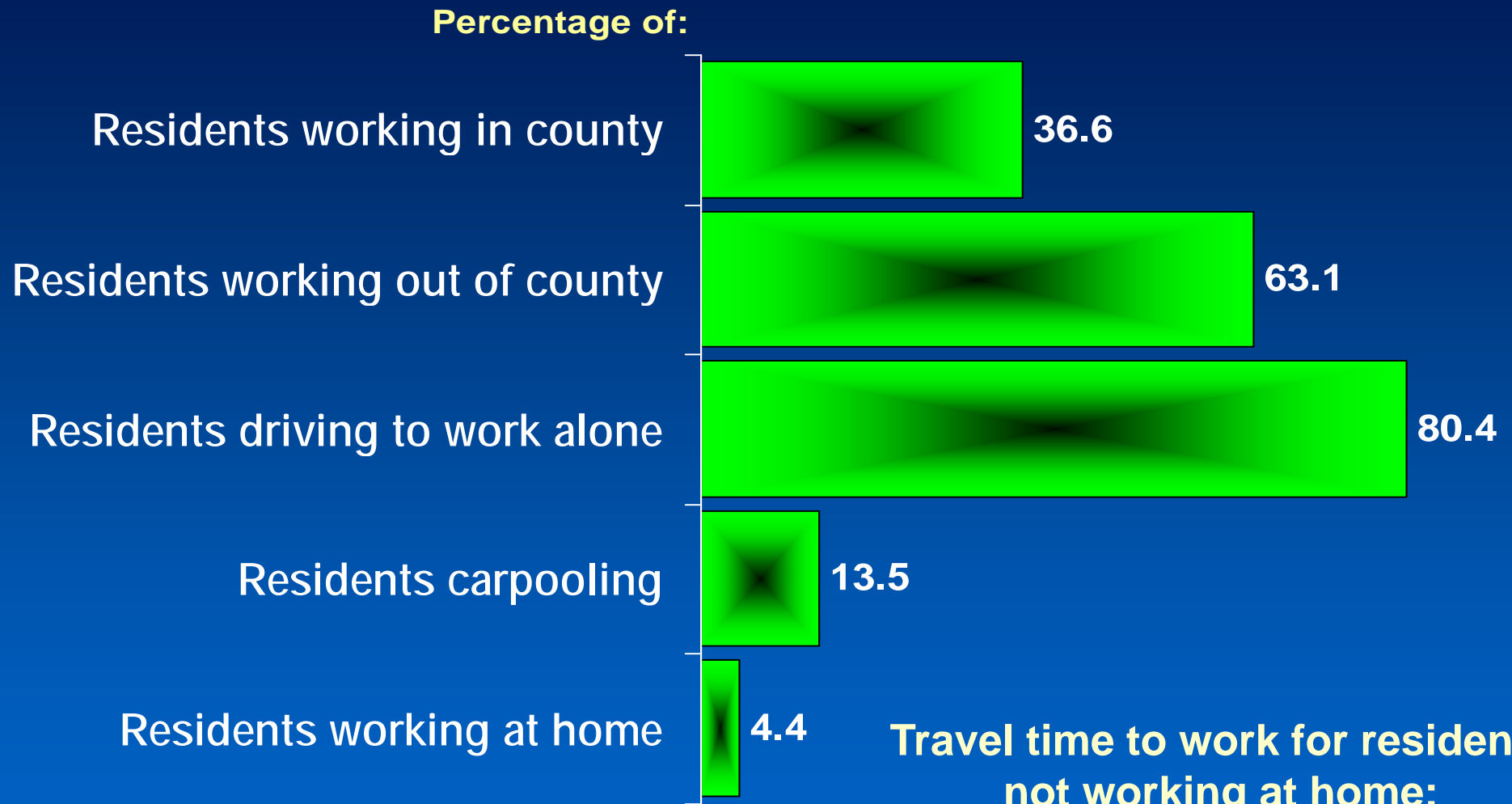


A “pull factor” of 1.0 means that the county’s sales are what would be expected based upon the number of residents and their relative wealth.

Primary data sources: Georgia Dept. of Revenue, Sales & Use Tax Unit. Pull factors calculated.

Commuting to Work: 2008-2012

5 Yr. Average – American Community Survey



Travel time to work for residents not working at home:

< 20 min. = 39.4%

45+ min. = 25.9%

Mean travel time to work
= 30.4 minutes

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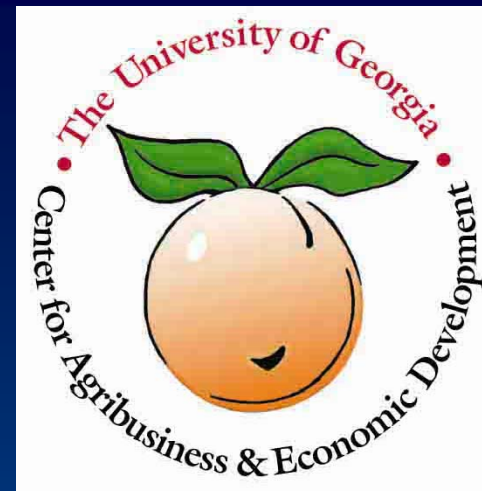
Resident workers 16+ = 7,147

*This study was developed to assist
community leadership with their
future planning and decision making.*

Special Area Report

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