

# *Mitchell County Community Profile*



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**123rd in order of  
county creation  
December 21, 1857**

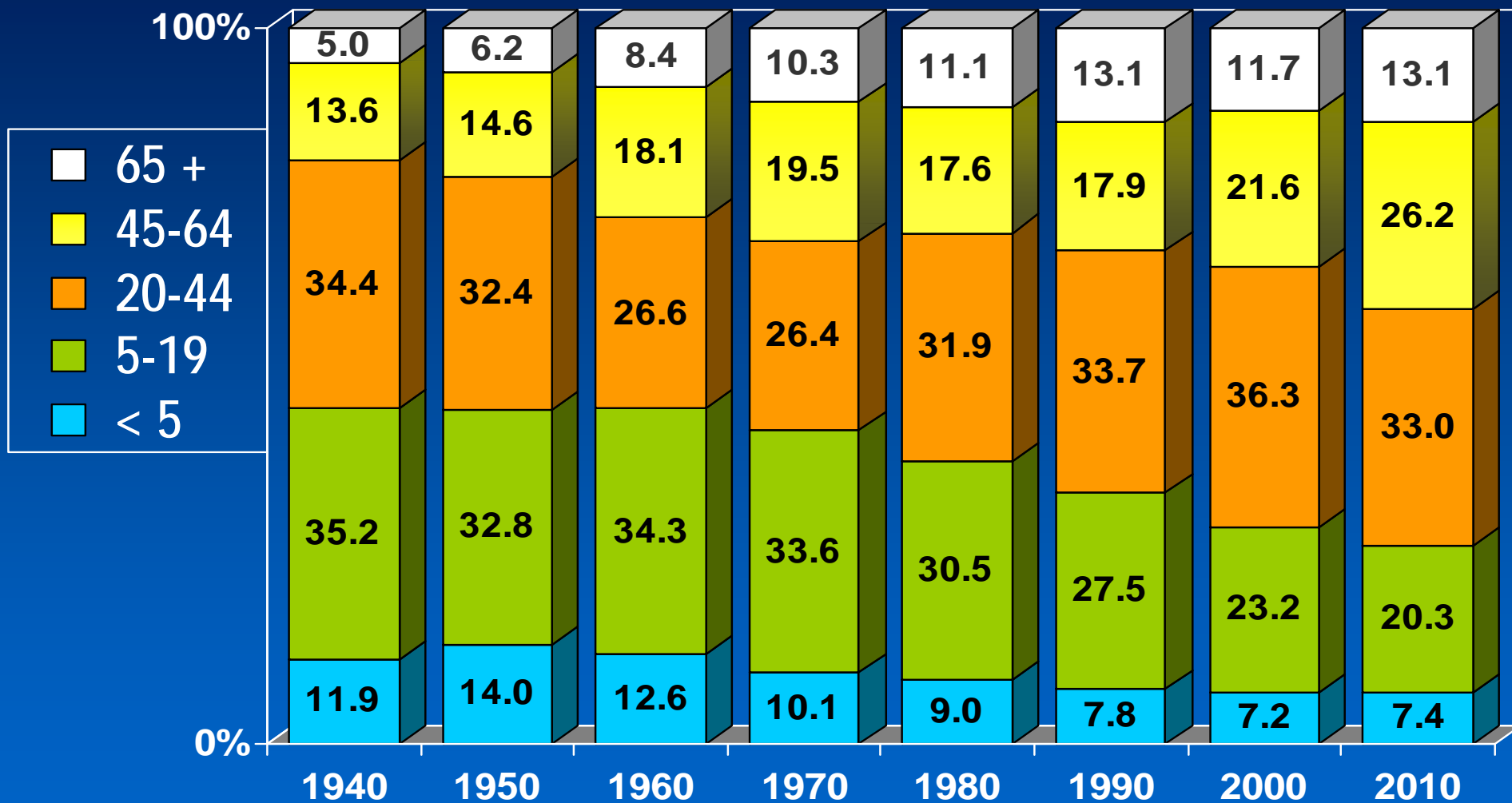
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# Total Population Mitchell County



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

# Population Composition by Age Mitchell County

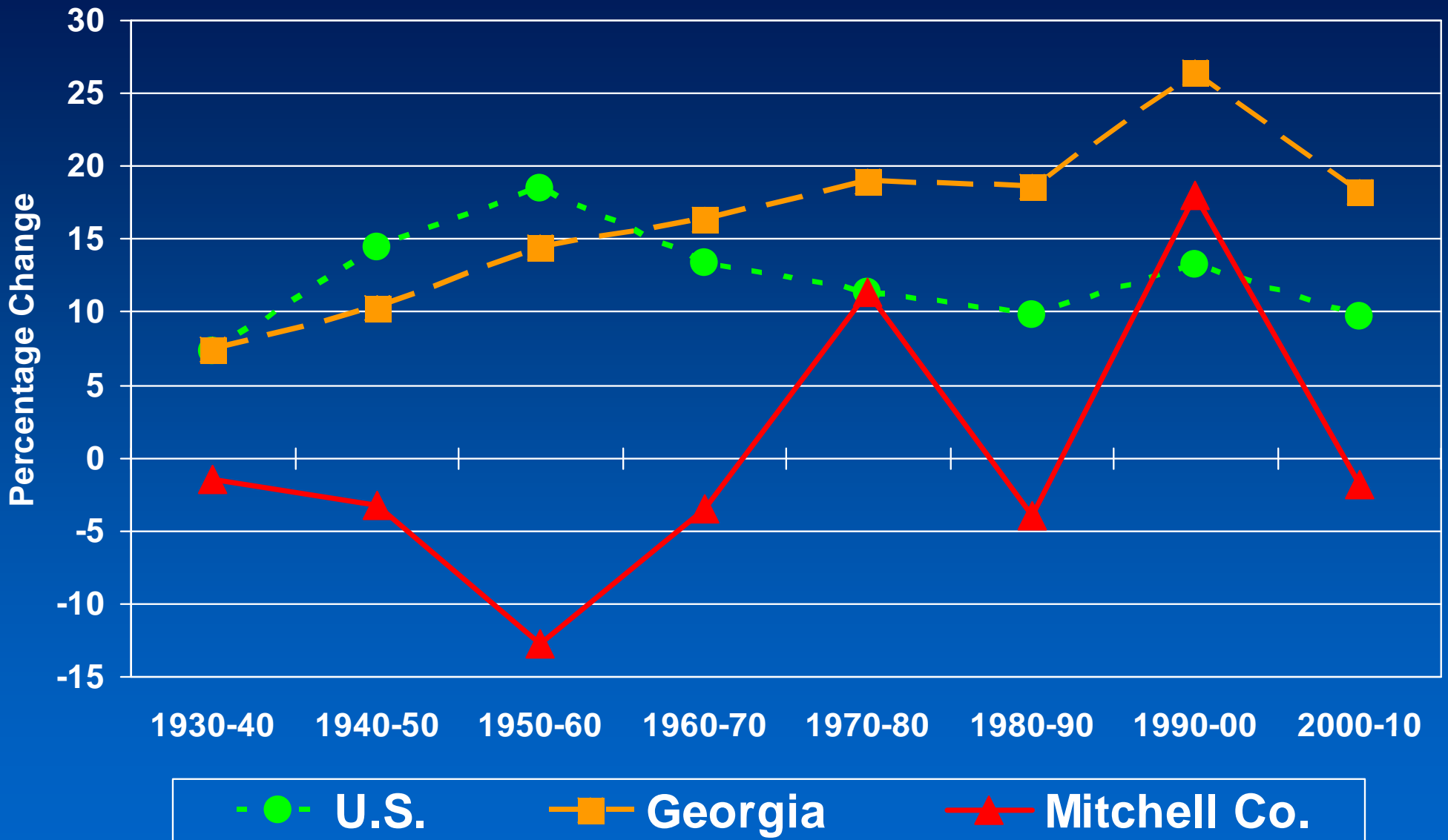


**2012 Median Age Mitchell Co. = 37.7 yrs. GA = 35.7 yrs.**

# 2013 County Population Comparisons

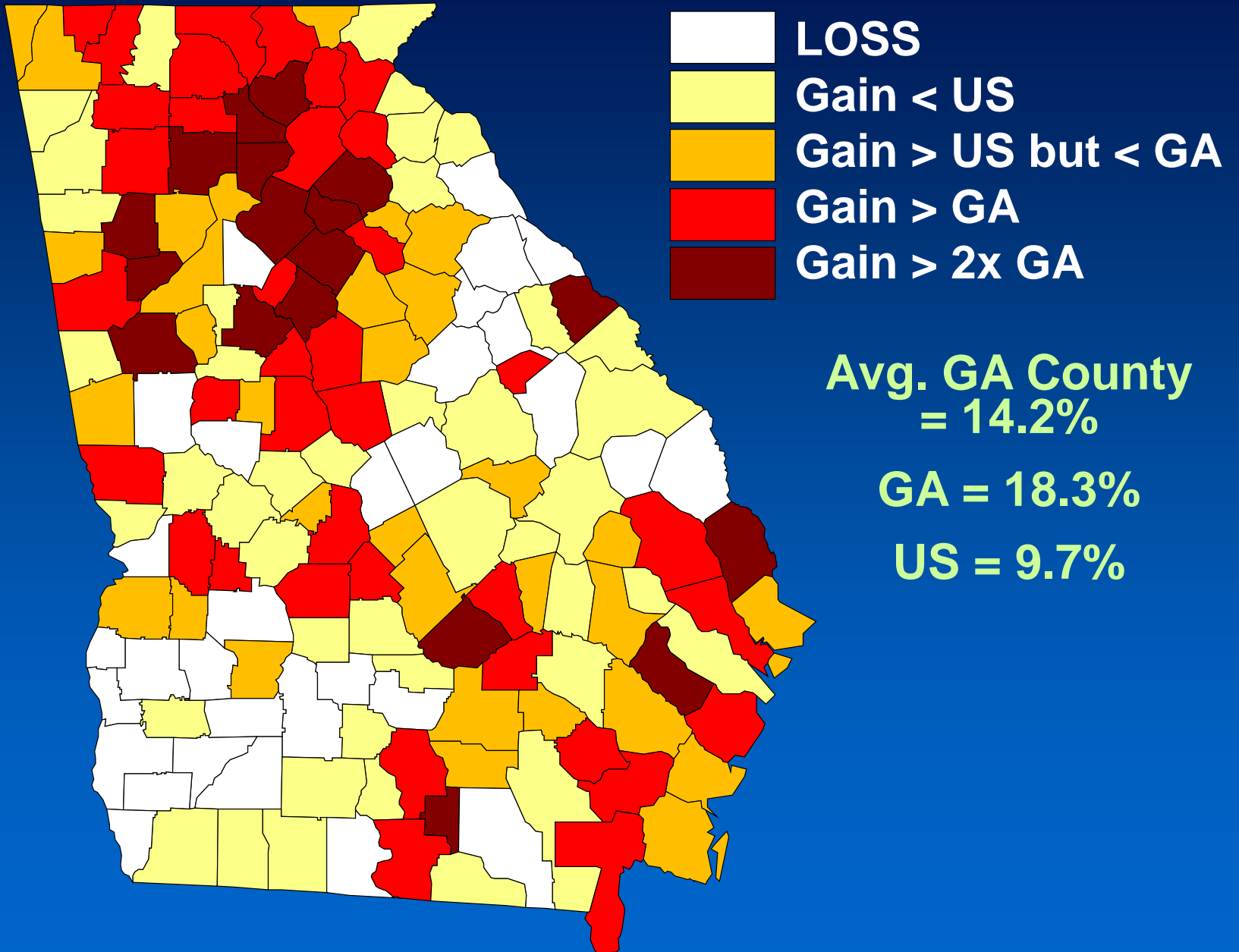
County	Total	Total Rank	Density per sq.mi. land area	% Chg. 2010-13	Rank of % Chg.
MITCHELL	23,045	78	45.0	-1.9	118
BAKER	3,341	154	9.8	-3.2	139
COLQUITT	46,275	43	85.0	1.7	45
DECATUR	27,359	65	45.8	-1.7	115
DOUGHERTY	92,969	27	282.8	-1.7	114
GRADY	25,278	73	55.6	1.1	56
THOMAS	44,869	45	82.4	0.3	73
WORTH	21,291	86	37.3	-1.8	116

# Population Change: 1930-2010



Primary data source: U.S. Census Bureau

# Population Change: 2000-2010



# Components of Population Change

## Natural Increase & Net Migration\*

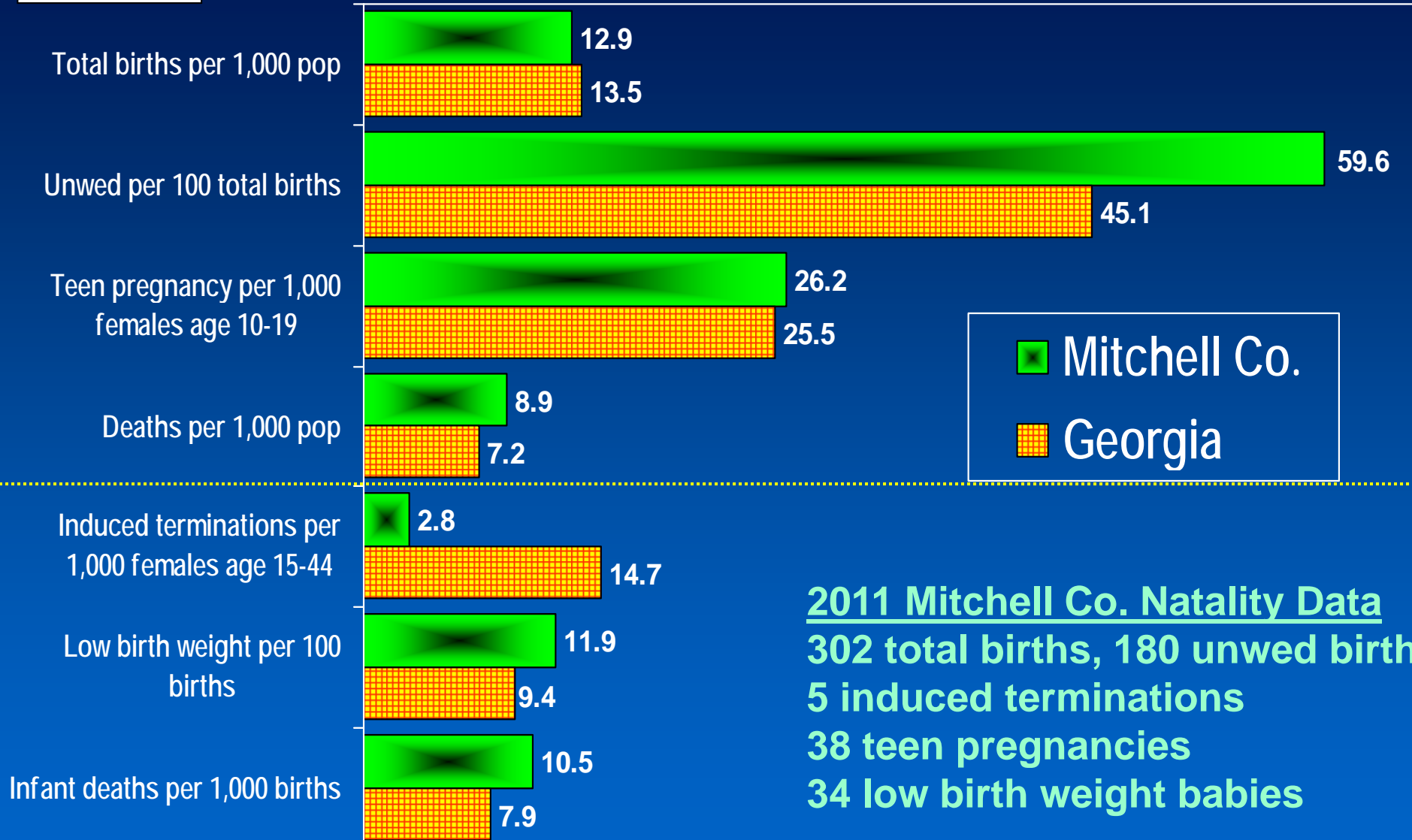
Area	4/1/2010-7/1/2013 Numerical Change*	4/1/2010-7/1/2013 # Natural Increase (Births-Deaths)	4/1/2010-7/1/2013 # Net Migration	7/1/2012-7/1/2013 1-yr Natural Increase Rate	7/1/2012-7/1/2013 1-yr Net Migration Rate
MITCHELL	-453	221	-678	2.5	-5.0
BAKER	-110	59	-154	4.8	-9.5
COLQUITT	777	966	-146	6.0	-0.5
DECATUR	-483	197	-681	1.5	-5.5
DOUGHERTY	-1,596	1,937	-3,509	6.2	-19.2
GRADY	266	454	-183	4.9	-6.8
THOMAS	150	274	-148	2.4	3.8
WORTH	-388	91	-495	1.3	-23.0
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



## 10-yr. rates 2002-2011

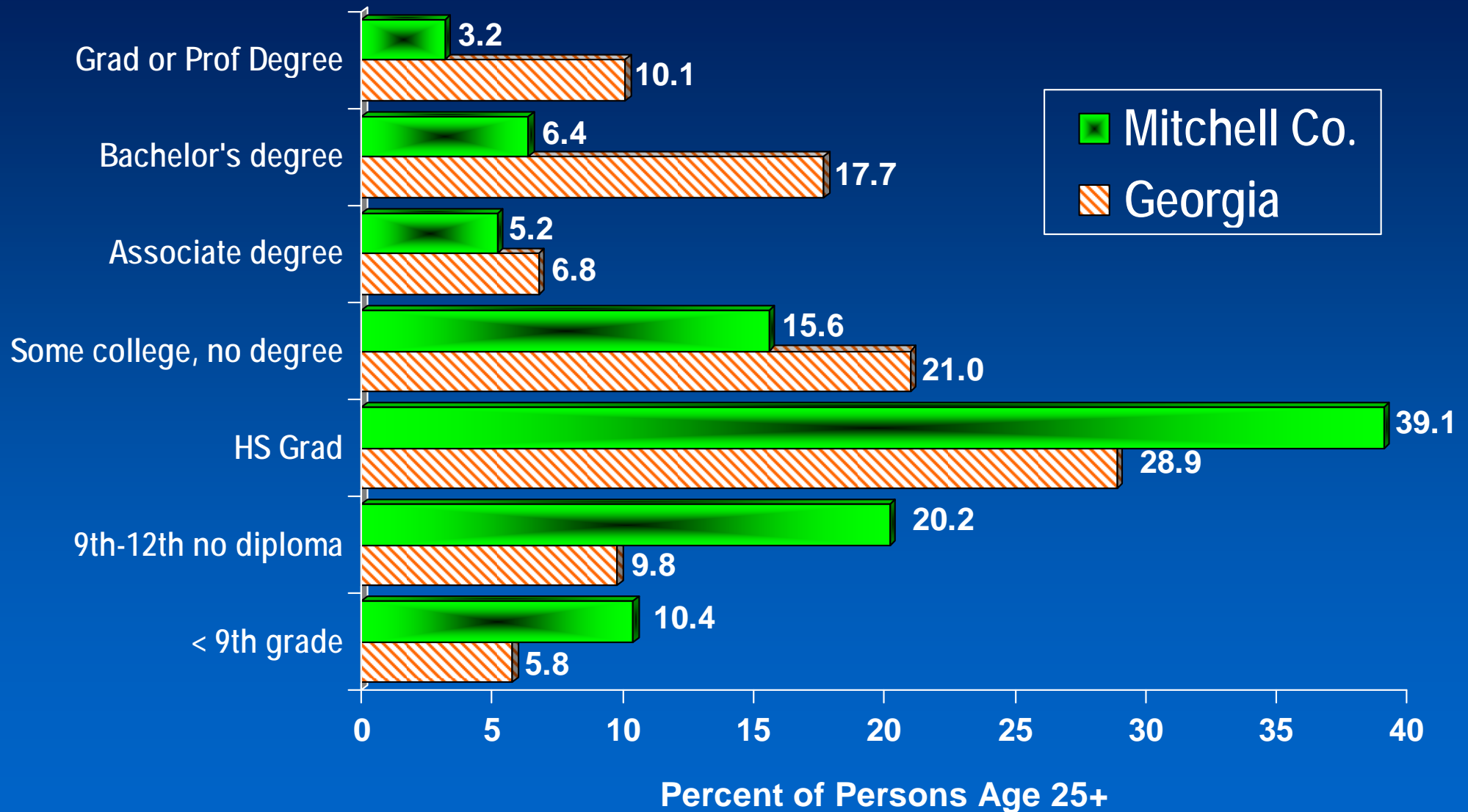
**2011 Mitchell Co. Natality Data**  
 302 total births, 180 unwed births  
 5 induced terminations  
 38 teen pregnancies  
 34 low birth weight babies

**2011 Mitchell Co. Mortality Data**  
 209 total deaths  
 3 infant deaths



# Highest Level of Educational Attainment: 2008-2012

## 5 Yr. Avg. – American Community Survey



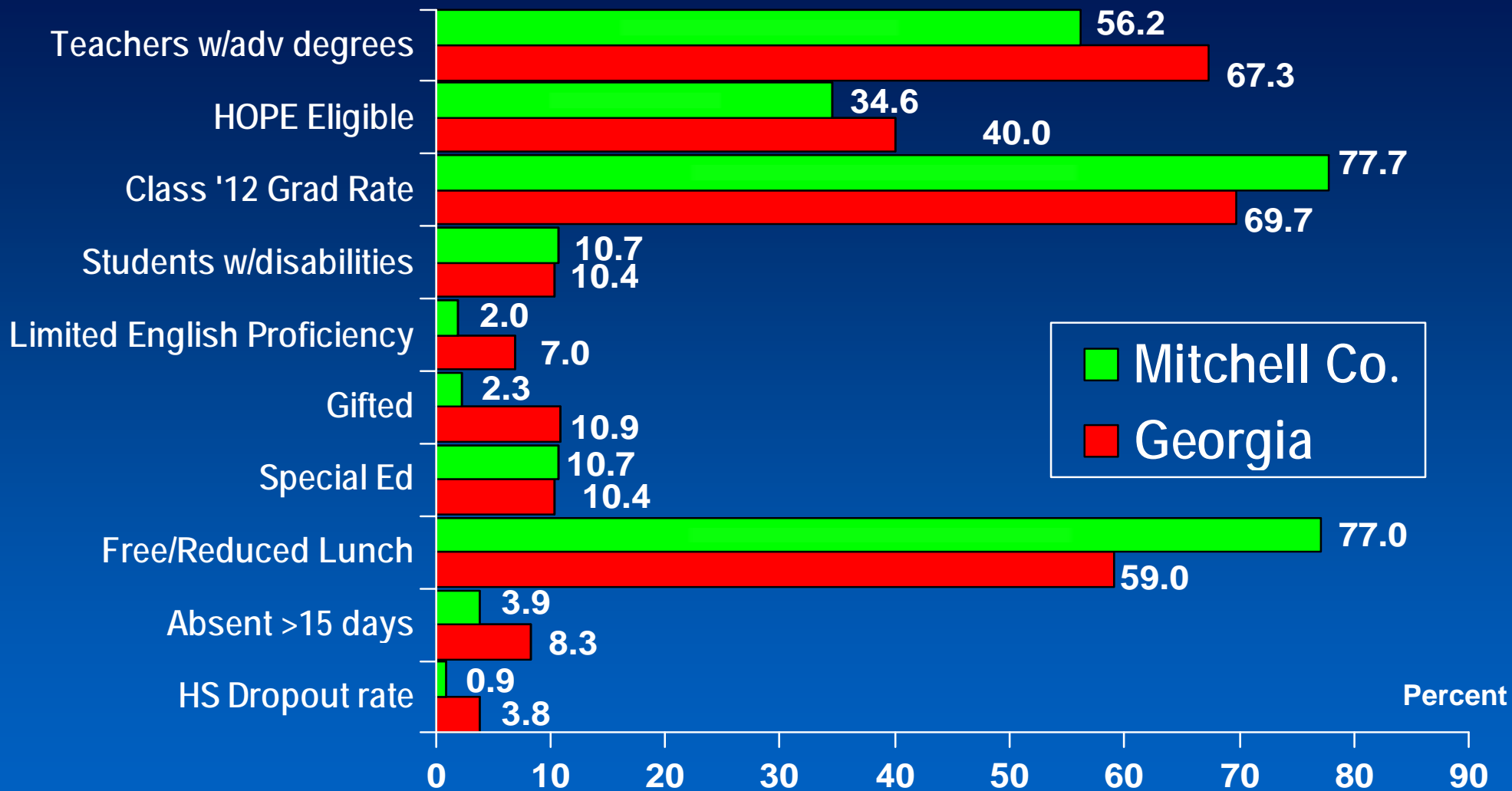
### Mitchell Co.

Not completing HS = 30.6%

With a bachelor's + degree = 9.6%

Primary data source: U.S. Census Bureau

# Selected County Public School Statistics School Year 2011-12



## Mitchell County School System

FTE enrollment	2,309
HS dropouts	80
Gen Fund Expenditures/ FTE	\$8,428

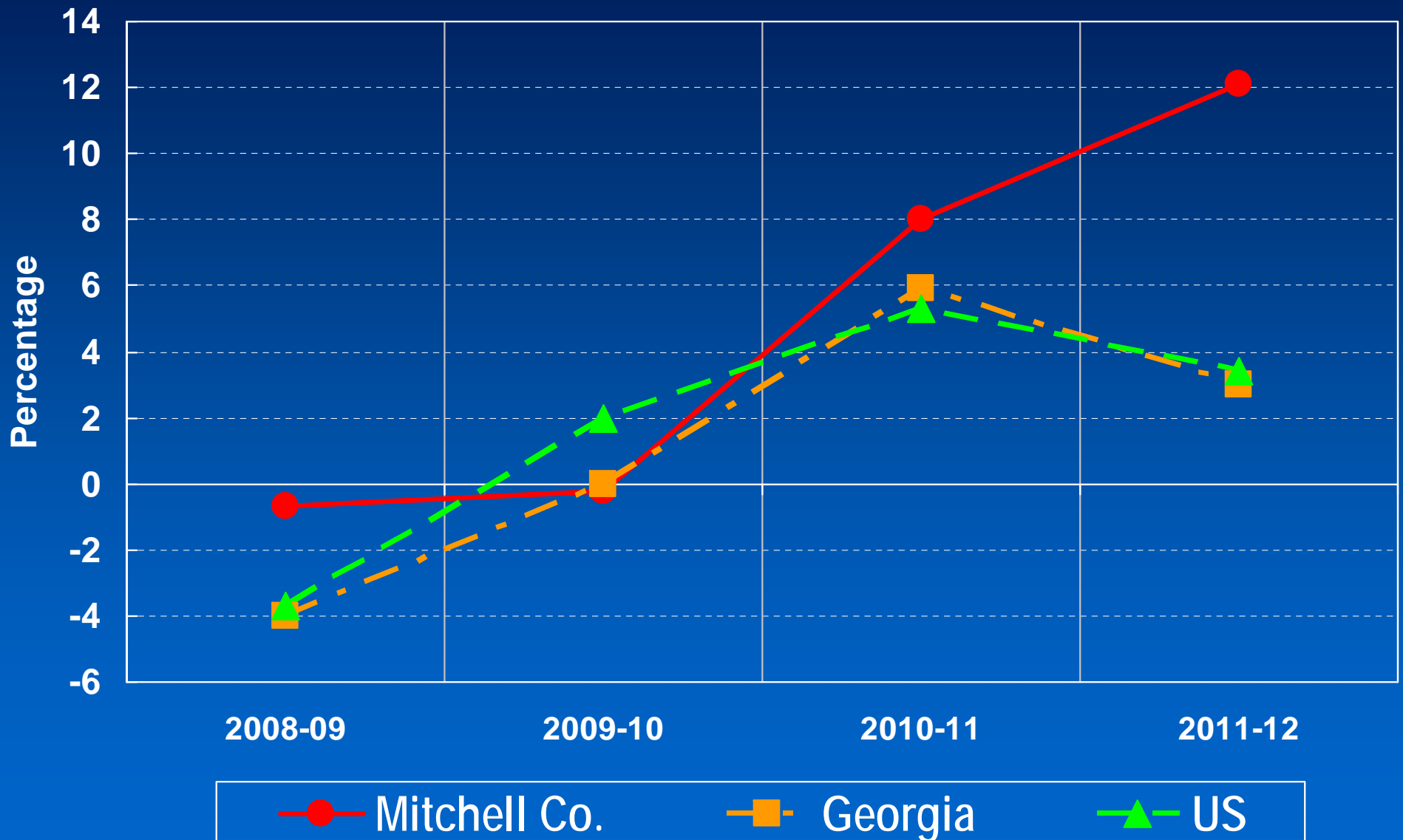
Primary data source: Governor's Office  
of Student Achievement

# Per Capita Income: 2012

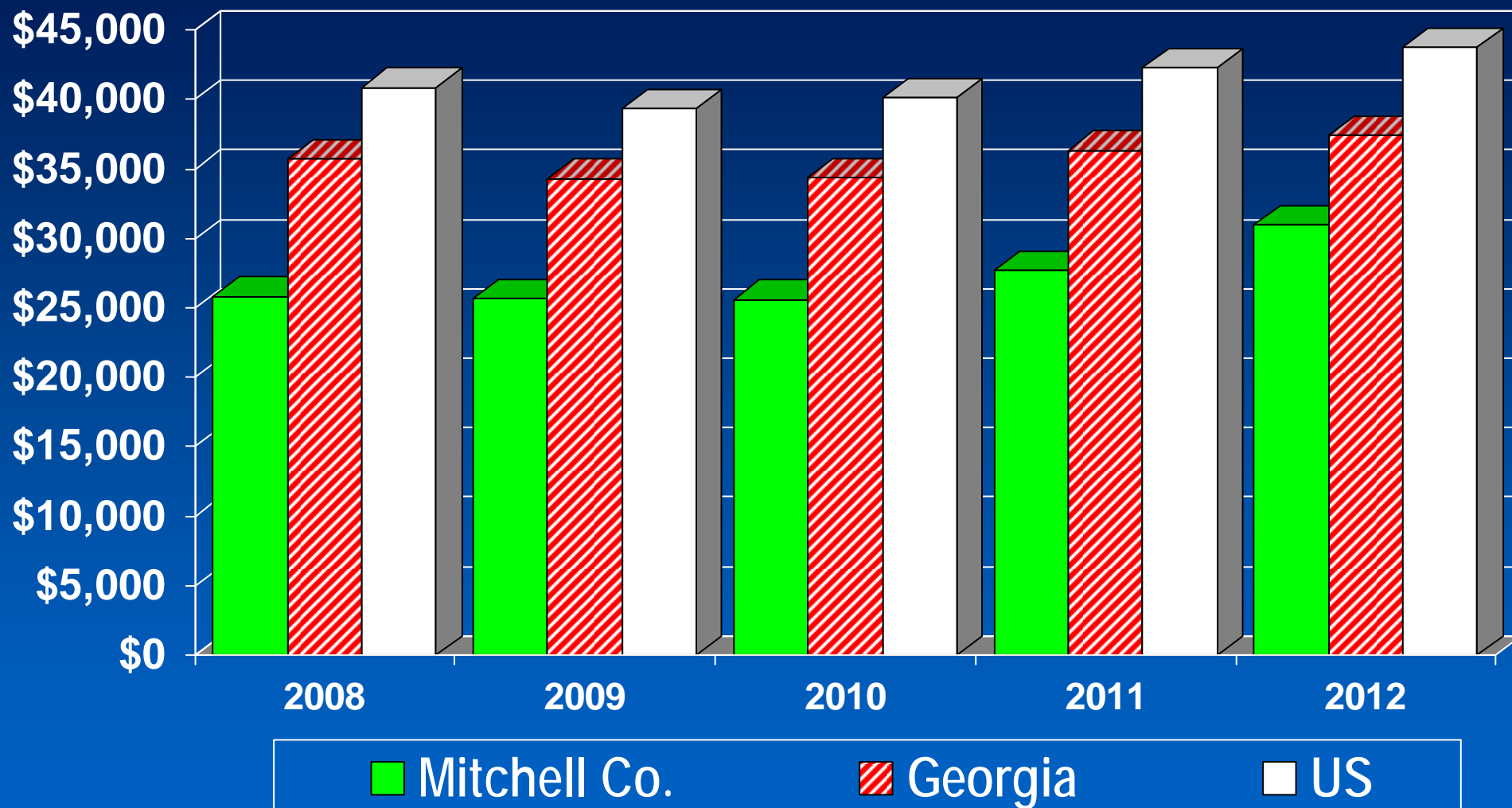
County	PCI	Rank of PCI	% PCI of GA Total	% Change in PCI 2008-2012
MITCHELL	\$31,013	71	82.8	20.0
BAKER	\$44,618	8	119.1	40.6
COLQUITT	\$29,290	98	78.2	8.7
DECATUR	\$32,349	57	86.4	17.5
DOUGHERTY	\$29,986	89	80.1	6.9
GRADY	\$30,764	76	82.1	13.5
THOMAS	\$37,910	25	101.2	13.1
WORTH	\$35,828	30	95.7	17.2
GA Avg. Co.	\$31,645	--	84.5	9.3

# Per Capita Income: 2008-2012

## Percentage Change



# Per Capita Income: 2008-2012



**2012 PCI**  
**Mitchell Co. = \$31,013**

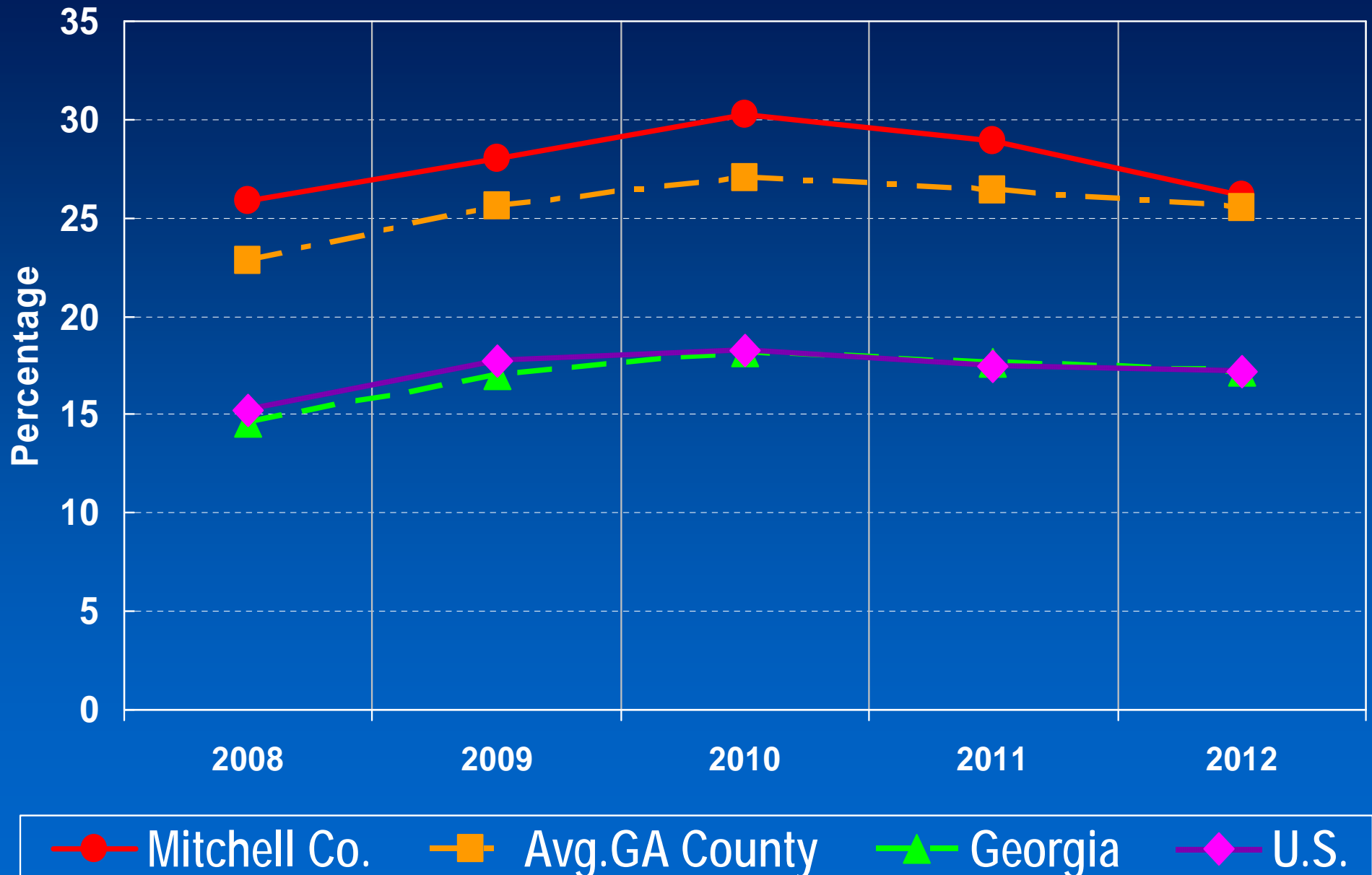
**Georgia = \$37,449**  
**US = \$43,735**

# Median Household Income

## 2012 Model-Based Estimates



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



# Persons Living Below Poverty Level

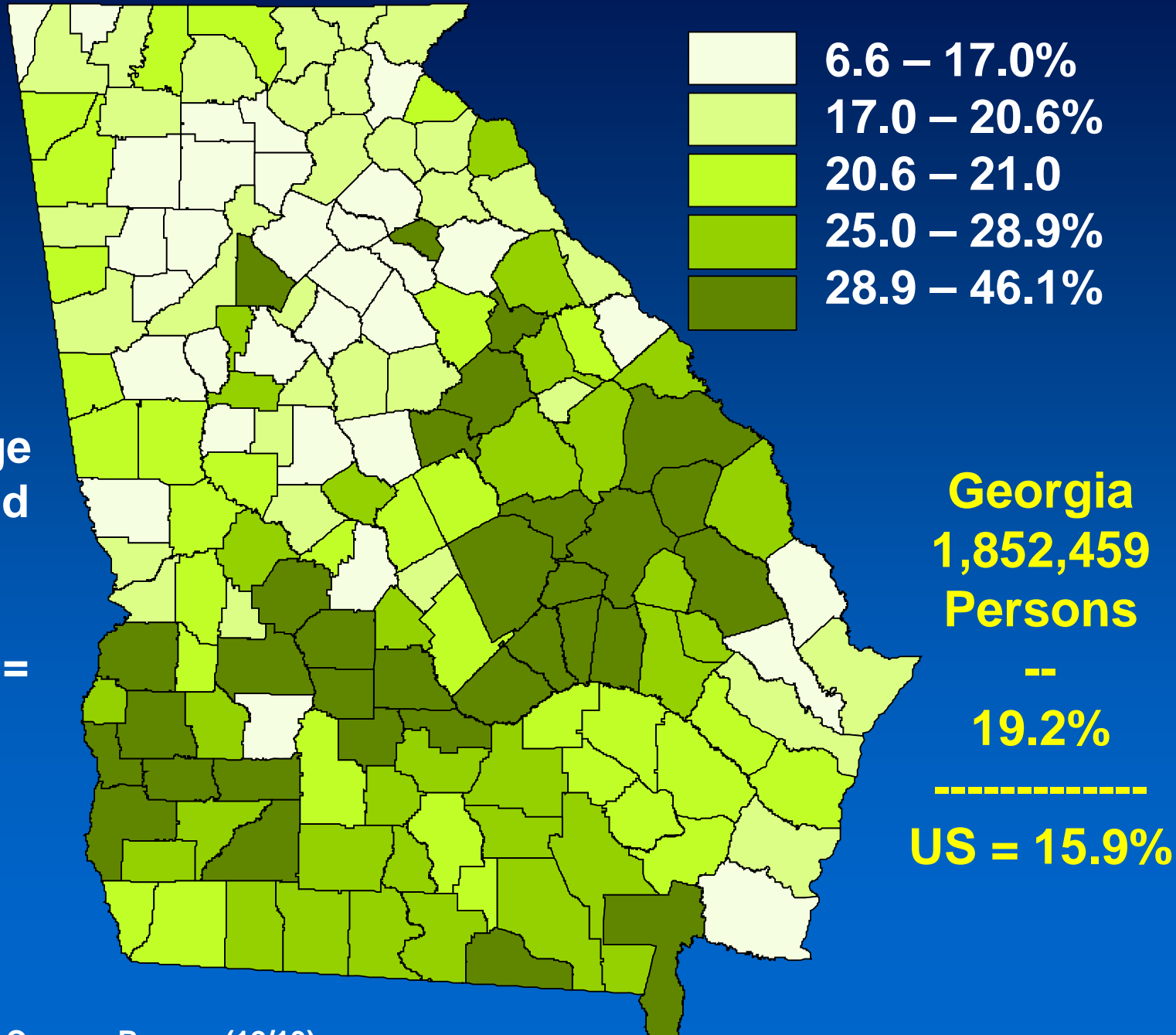
## 2012 Model-Based Estimates

County	# of Persons	% of all Persons	Rank of %
MITCHELL	6,310	30.2	135
BAKER	871	26.0	105
COLQUITT	12,327	27.2	114
DECATUR	8,772	33.1	149
DOUGHERTY	31,101	34.2	151
GRADY	6,525	25.9	103
THOMAS	11,168	25.4	100
WORTH	4,607	21.4	67
GA Avg. Co.	11,651	23.1	--



# Persons Living Below the Poverty Level

## 2012 Model-Based Estimates

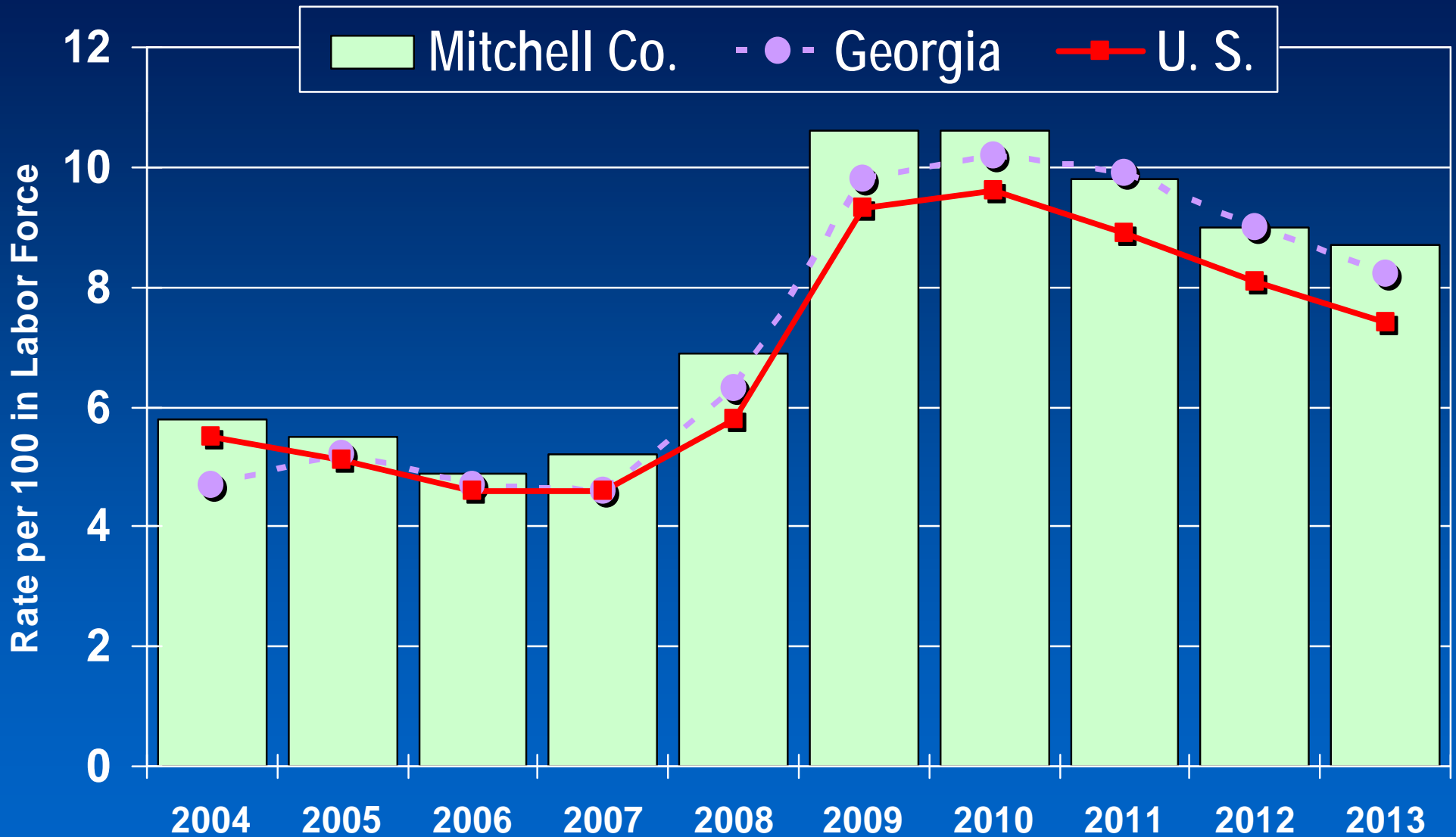


Weighted average  
poverty threshold  
for a family  
household of 4  
persons in 2012 =  
\$23,492

**Georgia**  
**1,852,459**  
**Persons**  
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**19.2%**  
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**US = 15.9%**

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

# Civilian Labor Force Average Annual Unemployment Rates



**2013 Rates**

**Mitchell Co. = 8.7**

**GA = 8.2**

**US = 7.4**

**Avg. GA County = 9.2**

# Establishments, Employment & Wages: 2012 Averages

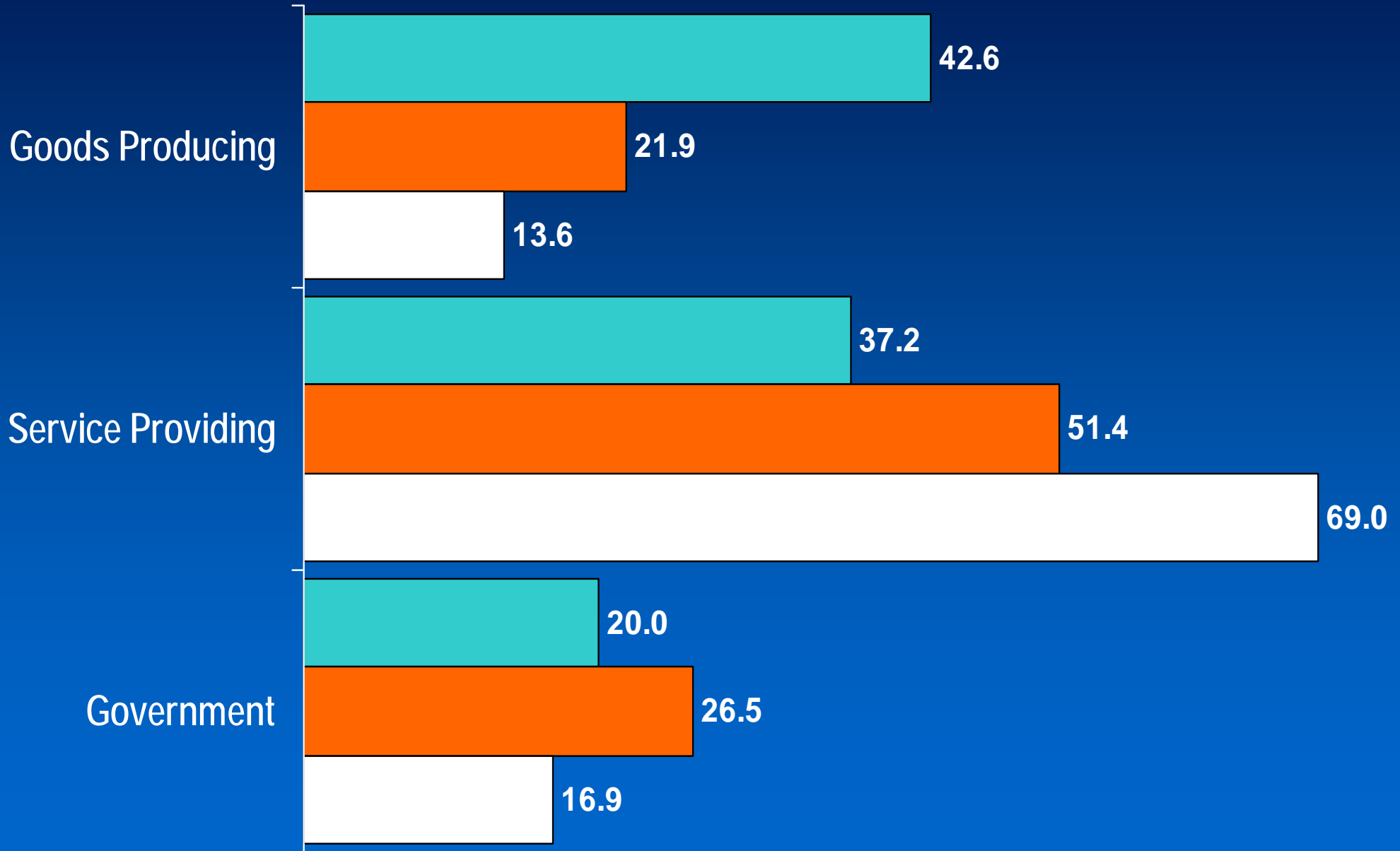
<b>Mitchell County</b>	<b>Avg. # Establishments</b>	<b>Avg. Monthly Employment</b>	<b>Avg. Wage Weekly</b>
TOTAL GOODS PRODUCING	<b>105</b>	<b>3,408</b>	<b>\$539</b>
Ag, forestry, fishing	<b>52</b>	<b>387</b>	<b>\$526</b>
Construction	<b>33</b>	<b>96</b>	<b>\$510</b>
Manufacturing	<b>20</b>	<b>--</b>	<b>--</b>
TOTAL SERVICE PROVIDING	<b>306</b>	<b>2,978</b>	<b>\$511</b>
Wholesale trade	<b>29</b>	<b>311</b>	<b>\$579</b>
Retail trade	<b>92</b>	<b>779</b>	<b>\$415</b>
Transp/Warehousing	<b>13</b>	<b>259</b>	<b>\$564</b>
Finance/Insurance	<b>22</b>	<b>164</b>	<b>\$734</b>
Professional/Sci/Tech	<b>18</b>	<b>268</b>	<b>\$573</b>
Admin/Suppt/WasteMgmt/Remediation	<b>9</b>	<b>--</b>	<b>--</b>
Health care/Soc Svcs	<b>34</b>	<b>563</b>	<b>\$531</b>
Accommodations/Food Svc	<b>32</b>	<b>297</b>	<b>\$307</b>
TOTAL GOVERNMENT	<b>46</b>	<b>1,599</b>	<b>\$592</b>
TOTAL ALL INDUSTRIES	<b>474</b>	<b>8,003</b>	<b>\$539</b>

# Employment Comparisons by Industry Group: 2012

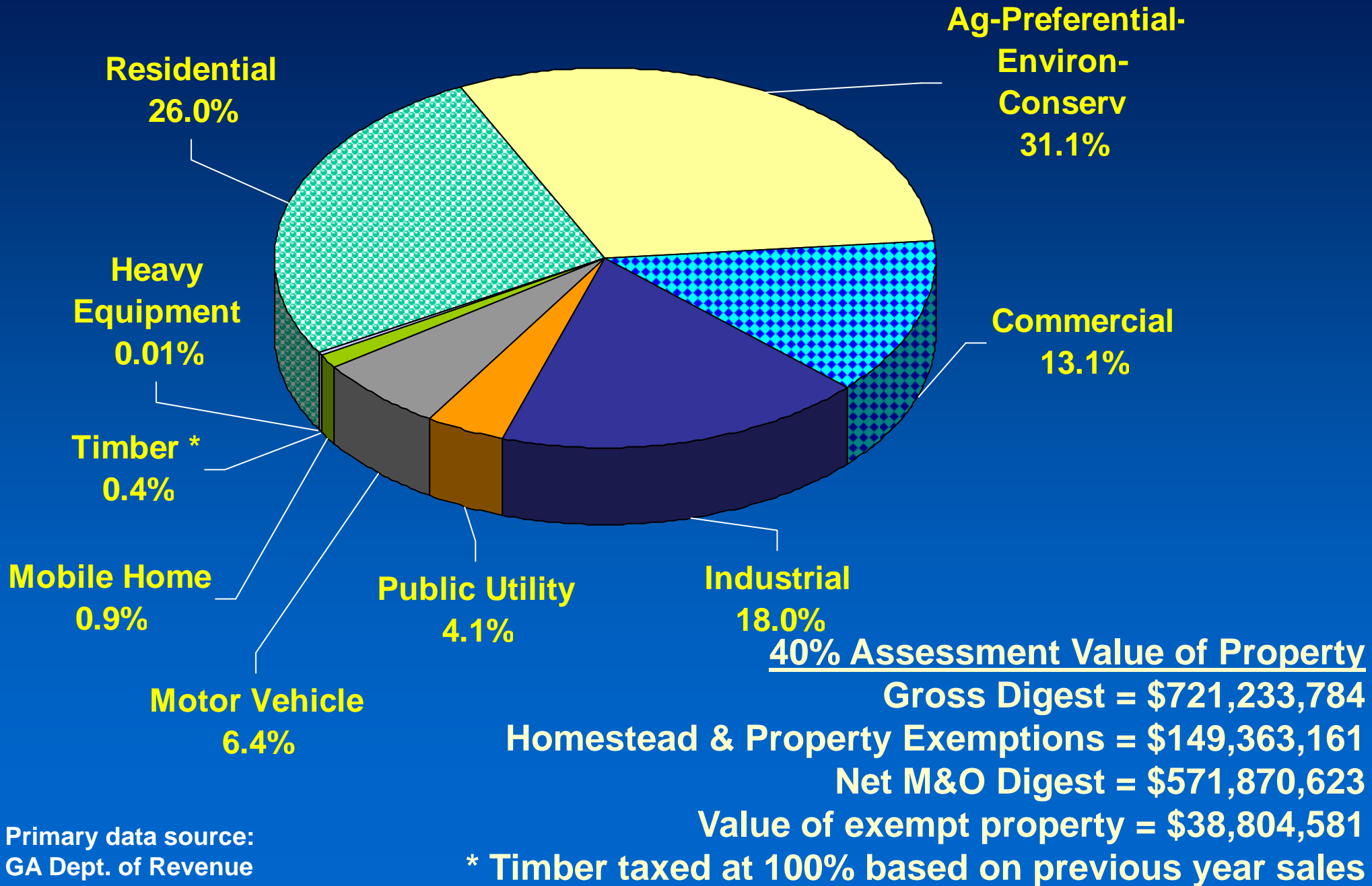
■ Mitchell Co.

■ Avg. GA County

■ Georgia



# Components of 2012 Property Tax Gross Digest Mitchell County



Primary data source:  
GA Dept. of Revenue

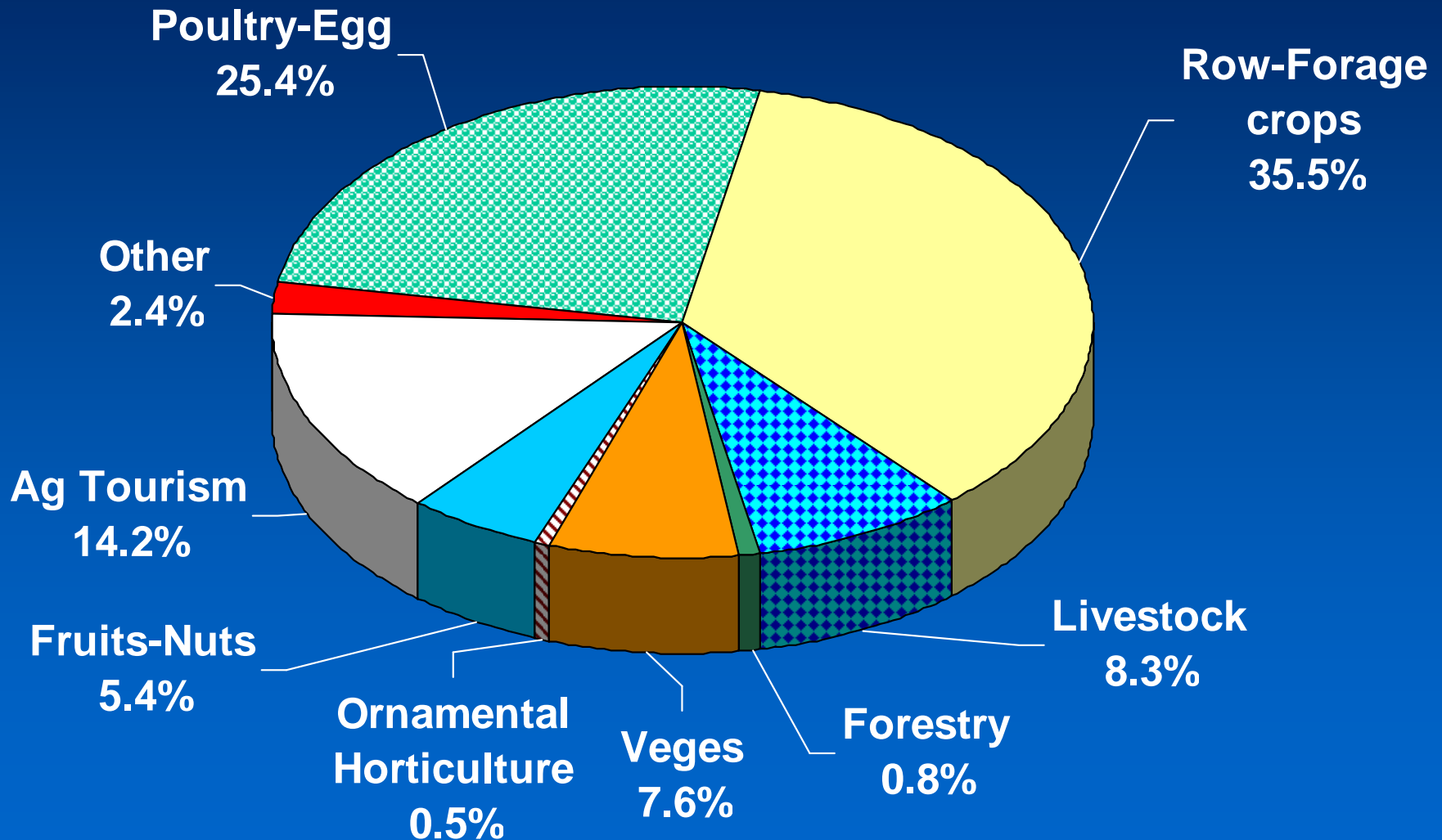
# Millage Rates, Taxes Levied, & Sales Tax Rate

County	2012 County-wide Millage*	2012 Taxes Levied*	Sales Tax Rate as of 4/1/2014	LOST Type* as of 4/1/2014
MITCHELL	33.573	\$21,749,796	7	LSE
BAKER	23.650	\$3,040,702	6	LS
COLQUITT	24.614	\$25,994,790	7	LSE
DECATUR	23.150	\$22,282,516	7	LSE
DOUGHERTY	37.861	\$82,779,319	7	LSE
GRADY	26.220	\$14,872,053	7	LSE
THOMAS	22.174	\$36,868,561	7	LSE
WORTH	25.353	\$13,324,727	7	LSE

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

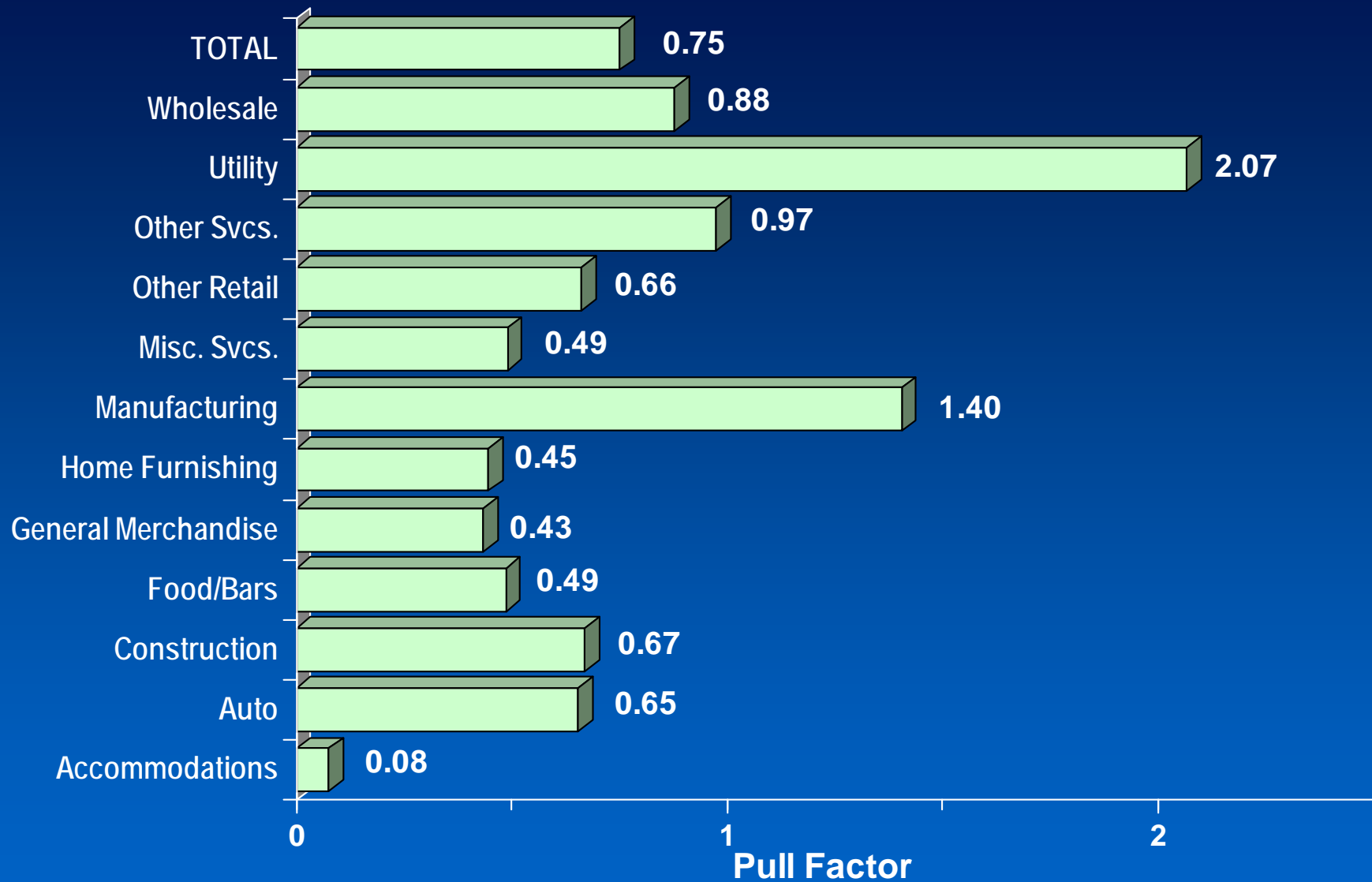
# Farm Gate Value by Commodity Group: 2012

## Mitchell Co. Total Value = \$321,023,699



# 1% Sales & Use Tax Distributions: 2012

## Mitchell Co. = \$2,890,970



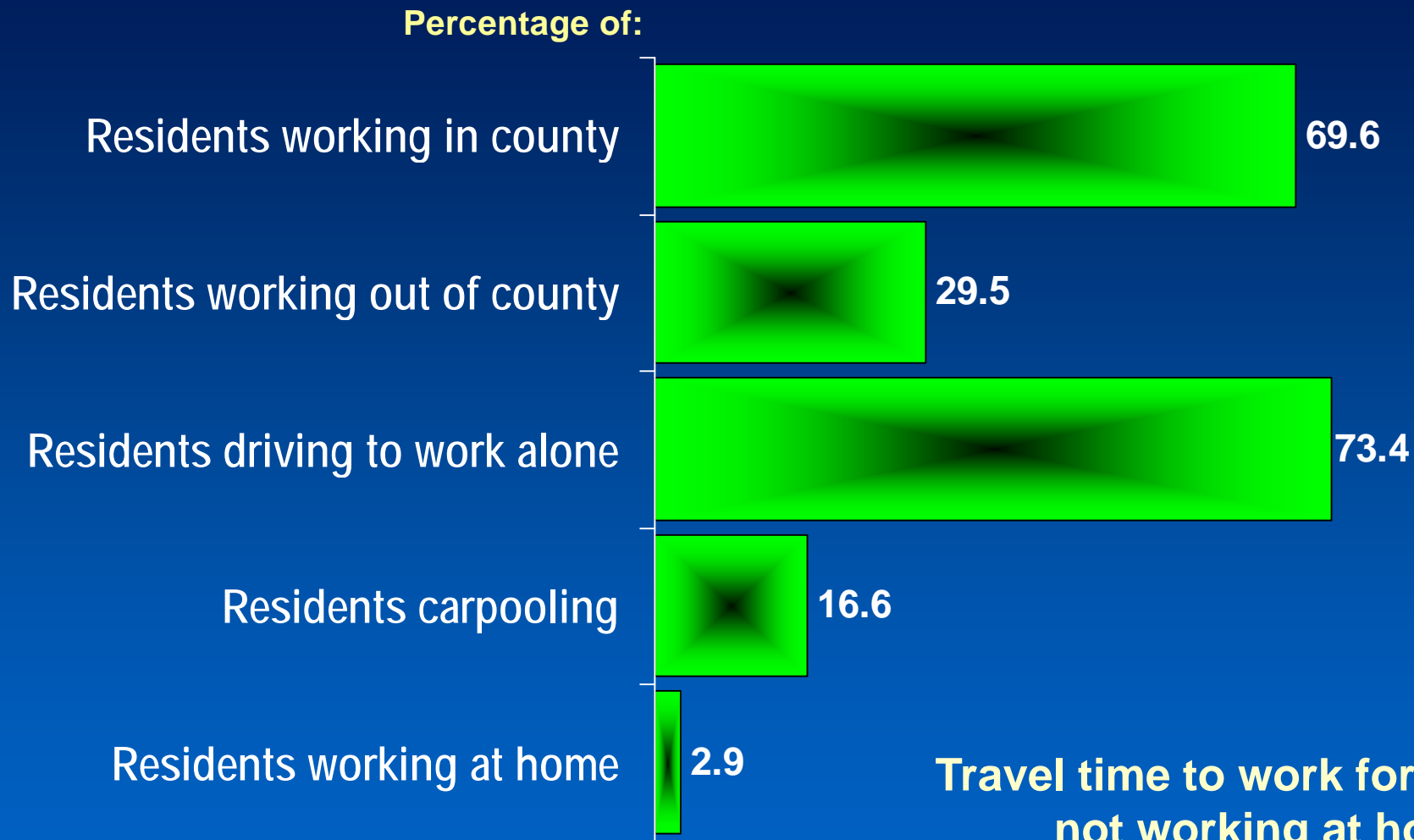
A "pull factor" of 1.0 means that the county's sales are what would be expected based upon the number of residents and their relative wealth.

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. = 55.4%

45+ min. = 10.4%

Mitchell Co.

Resident workers 16+ = 7,910

Mean travel time to work  
= 20.3 minutes

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

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