

# *Brooks County Community Profile*



**131st in order of  
county creation  
December 11, 1858**

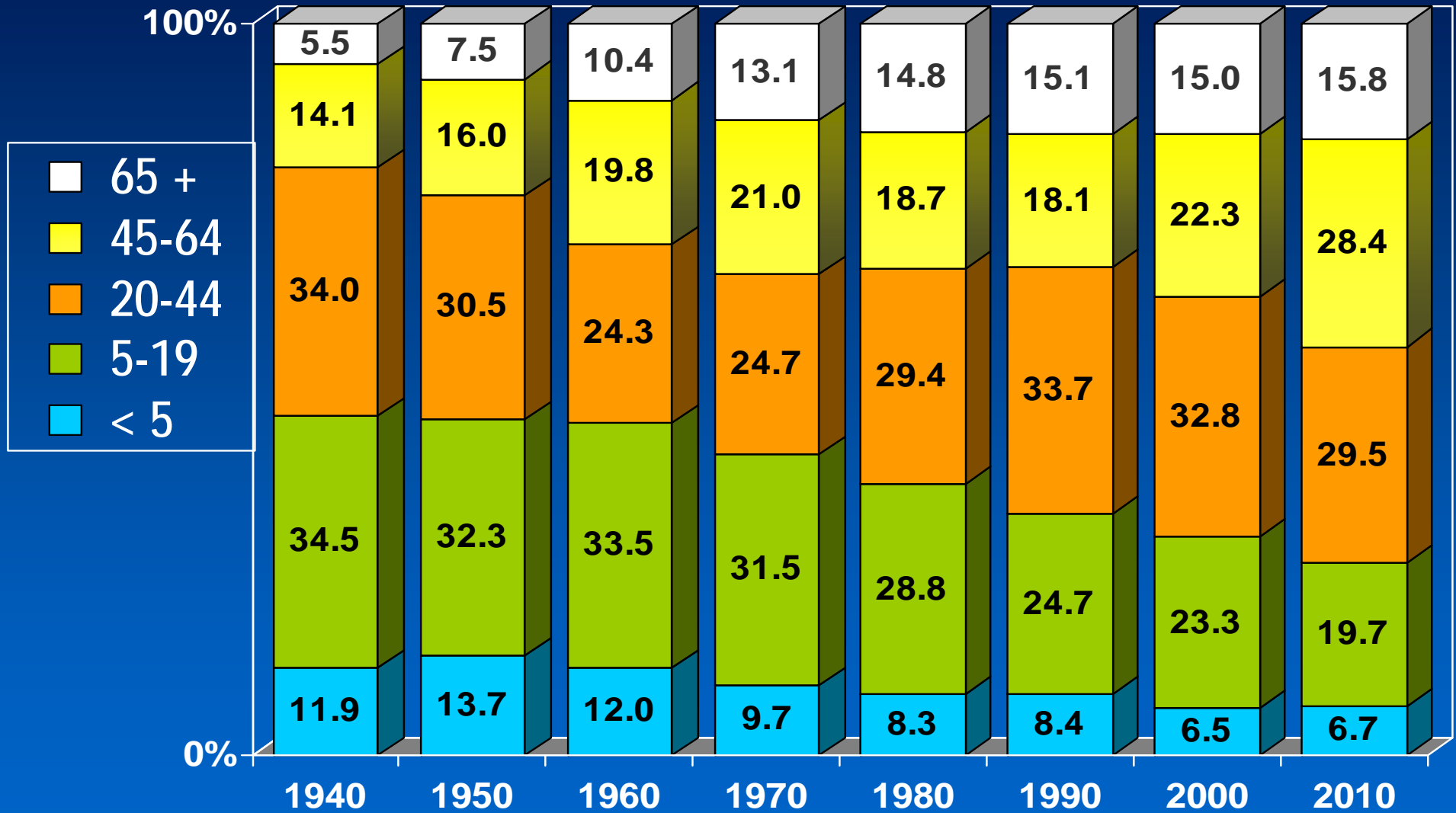
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# Brooks County Total Population



Primary data sources: U.S. Census Bureau, decennial censuses and estimates; GA Office of Planning & Budget projections (2015 series).

# Population Composition by Age Brooks County



**2015 Median Age**

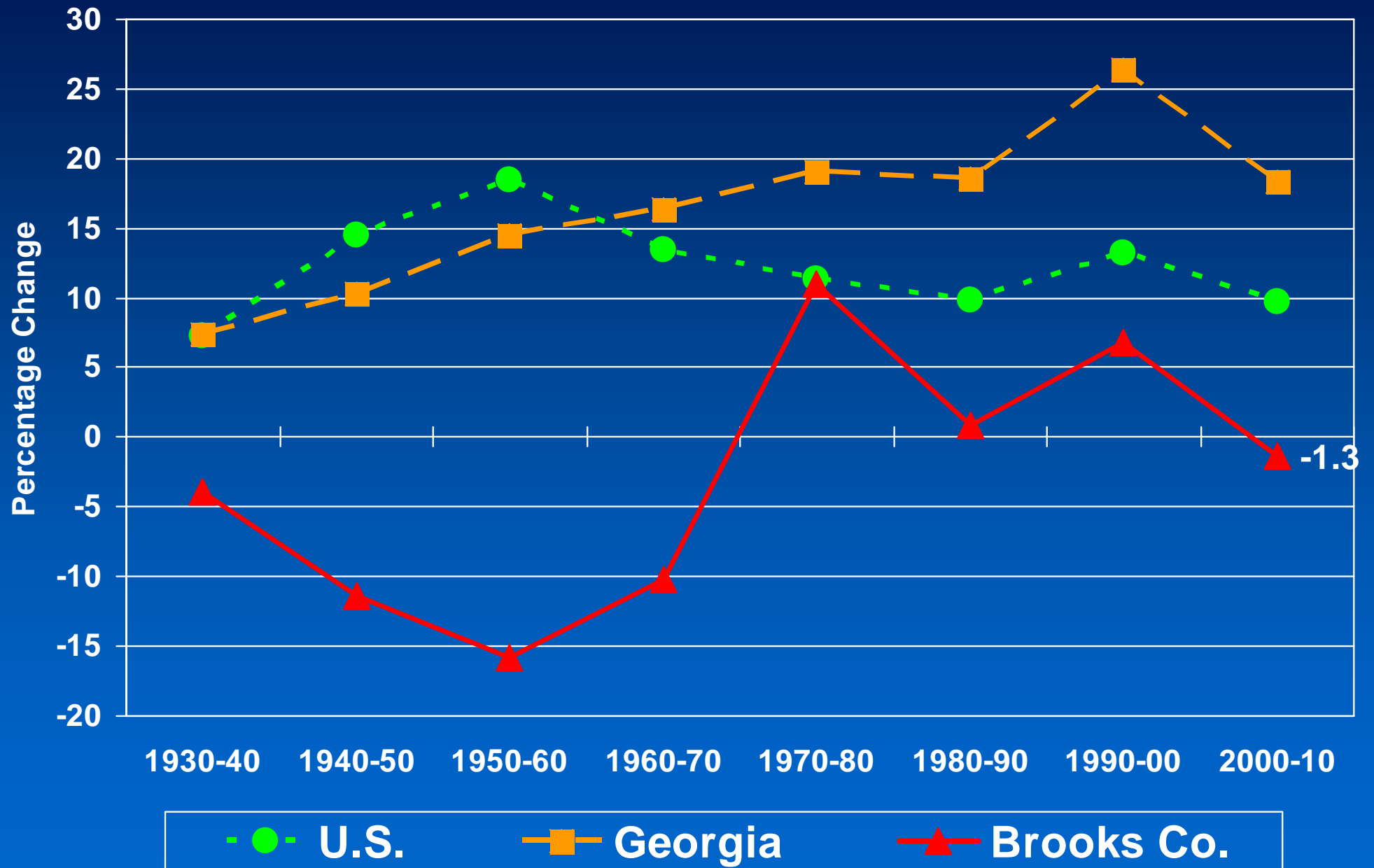
**Brooks Co. = 42.3 yrs.**

**GA = 35.3 yrs.**

# 2015 County Population Comparisons

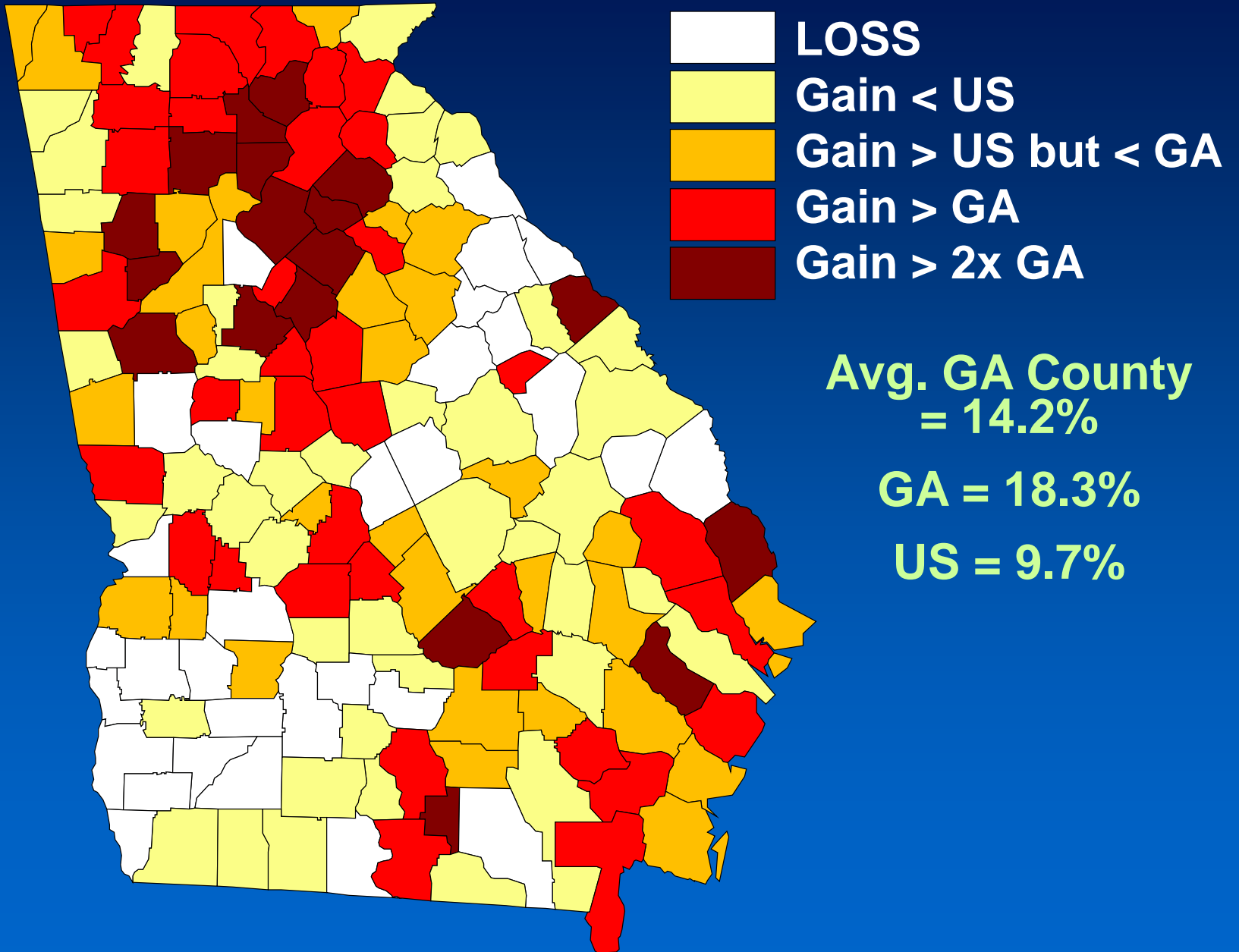
County	Total	Total Rank	Density per sq.mi. land area	% Chg. 2010-15	Rank of % Chg.
BROOKS	15,658	107	31.8	-4.1	134
COLQUITT	45,844	43	84.2	0.8	69
COOK	17,124	101	75.4	-0.5	88
LOWNDES	112,865	21	227.5	3.3	43
THOMAS	45,063	45	82.7	0.8	68

# Population Change: 1930-2010



Primary data source: U.S. Census Bureau, Decennial Censuses

# Population Change: 2000-2010



# Components of Population Change

## Natural Increase & Net Migration\*

Area	4/1/2010- 6/30/2015 Numerical Change*	4/1/2010- 6/30/2015 # Natural Increase (Births-Deaths)	4/1/2010- 6/30/2015 # Net Migration	7/1/2014- 6/30/2015 1-yr Natural Increase Rate	7/1/2014- 6/30/2015 1-yr Net Migration Rate
BROOKS	-666	76	-765	-1.3	15.2
COLQUITT	346	1,281	-901	4.6	-9.4
COOK	-88	221	-316	3.0	-7.7
LOWNDES	3,632	4,373	-1,051	7.0	-13.8
THOMAS	344	497	-155	2.6	-0.6
Avg. County	3,309	1,883	1,368	2.2	1.6
GEORGIA	526,179	299,340	217,464	5.3	6.2

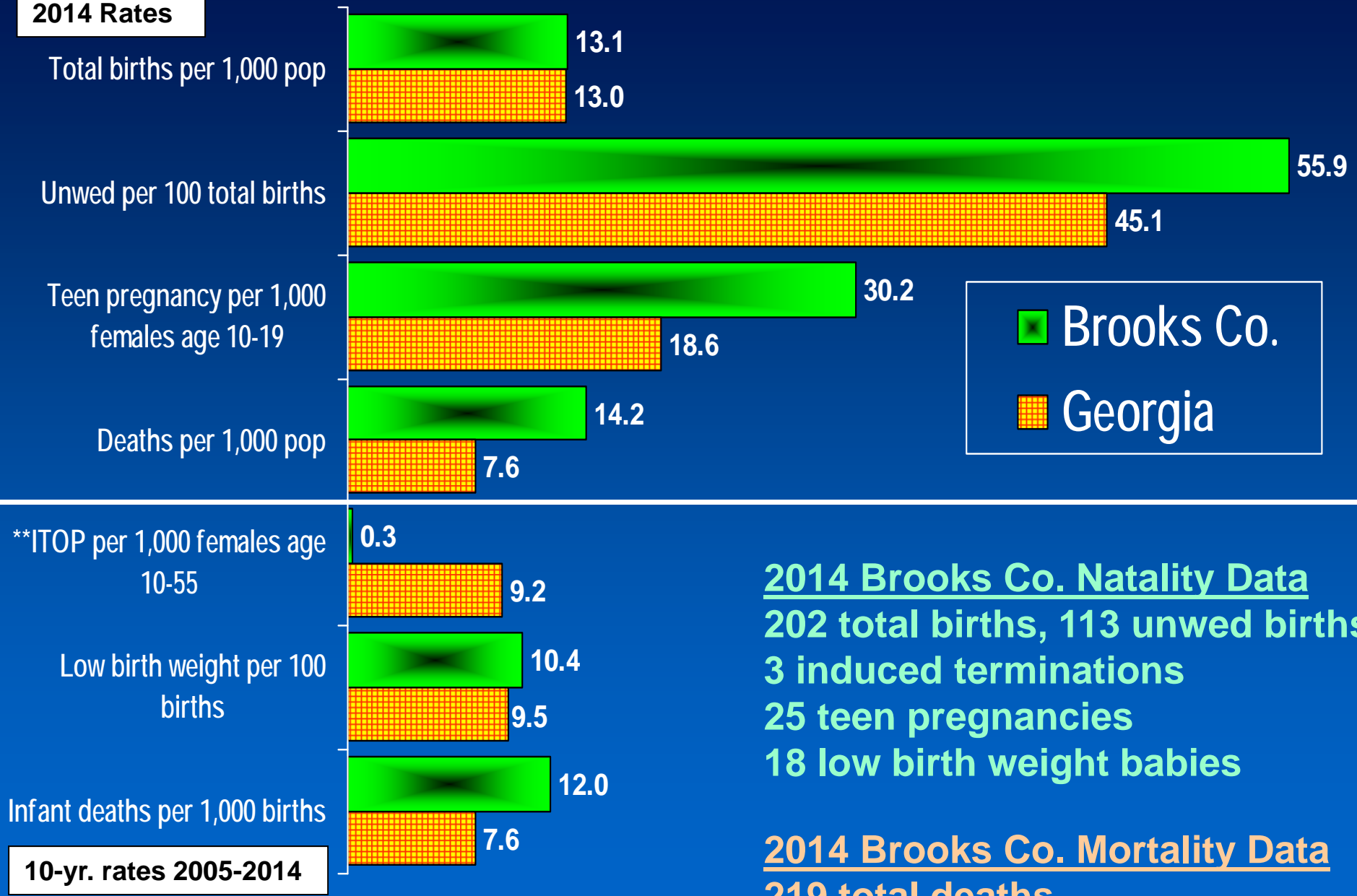
Primary data source:  
U. S. Census Bureau (3/16)

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



# Selected Vital Statistics

## 2014 Rates



**2014 Brooks Co. Natality Data**  
 202 total births, 113 unwed births  
 3 induced terminations  
 25 teen pregnancies  
 18 low birth weight babies

**2014 Brooks Co. Mortality Data**  
 219 total deaths  
 3 infant deaths

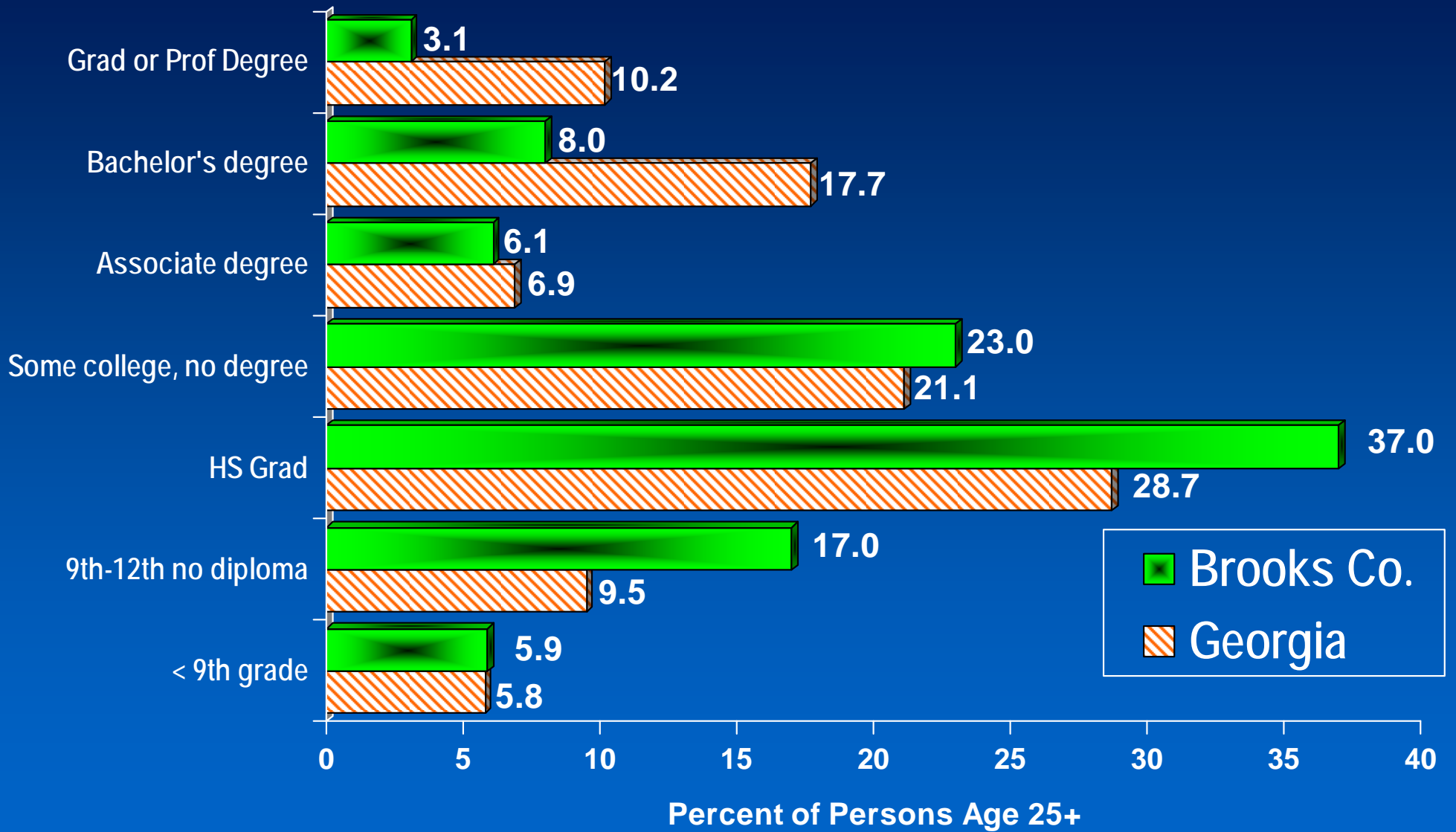
## 10-yr. rates 2005-2014

Primary data source: GA Dept. Public Health, OASIS

\*\*ITOP—Induced Terminations of Pregnancy



# Highest Level of Educational Attainment: 2010-2014 5 Yr. Avg. – American Community Survey



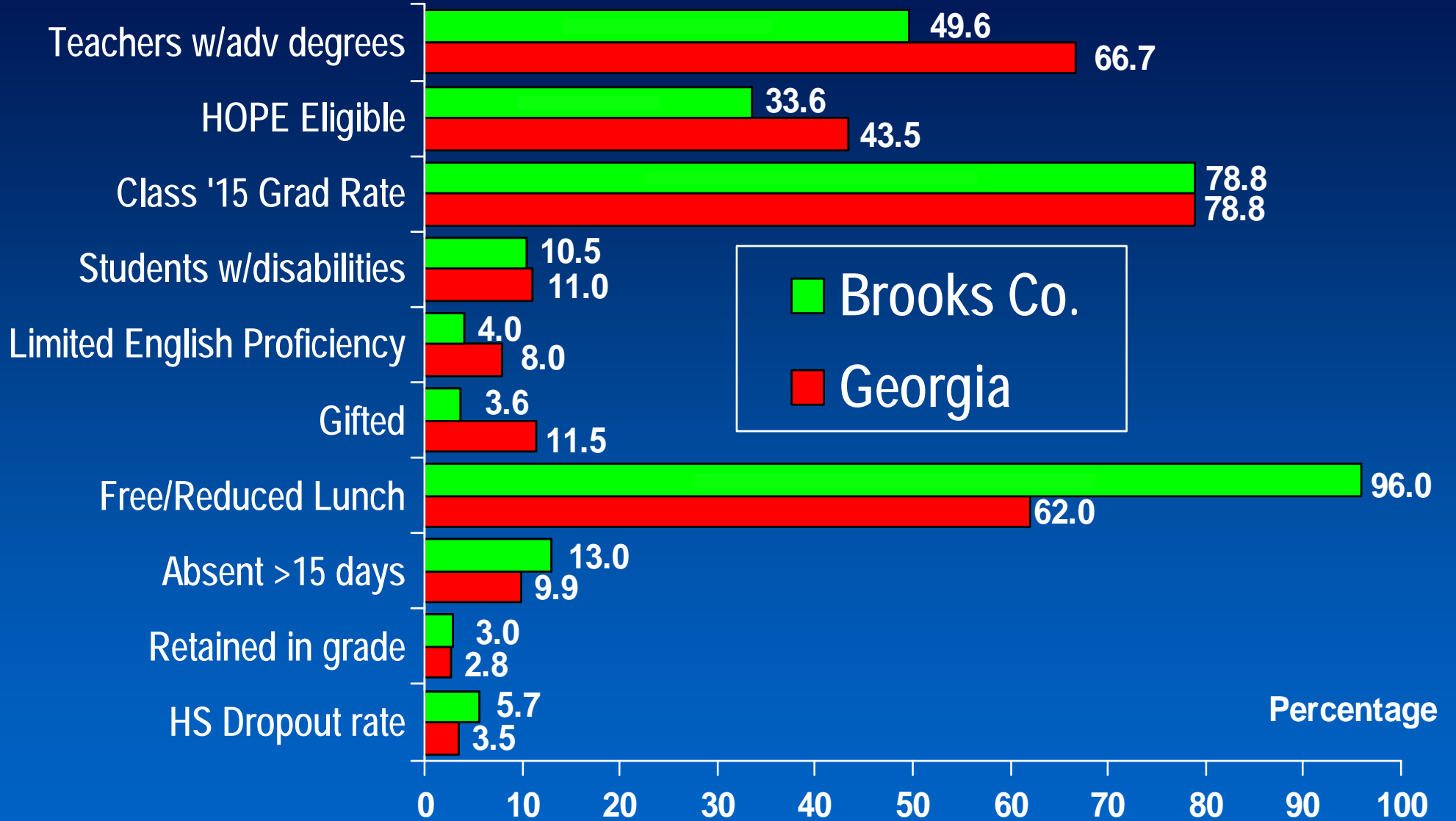
## Brooks Co.

Not completing HS = 22.9%

With a bachelor's + degree = 11.1%

Primary data source: U.S. Census Bureau

# Selected Public School Statistics School Year 2014-15



Percentage

Brooks Co.

K12-FTE Enrollment = 2,073

HS Dropouts = 34

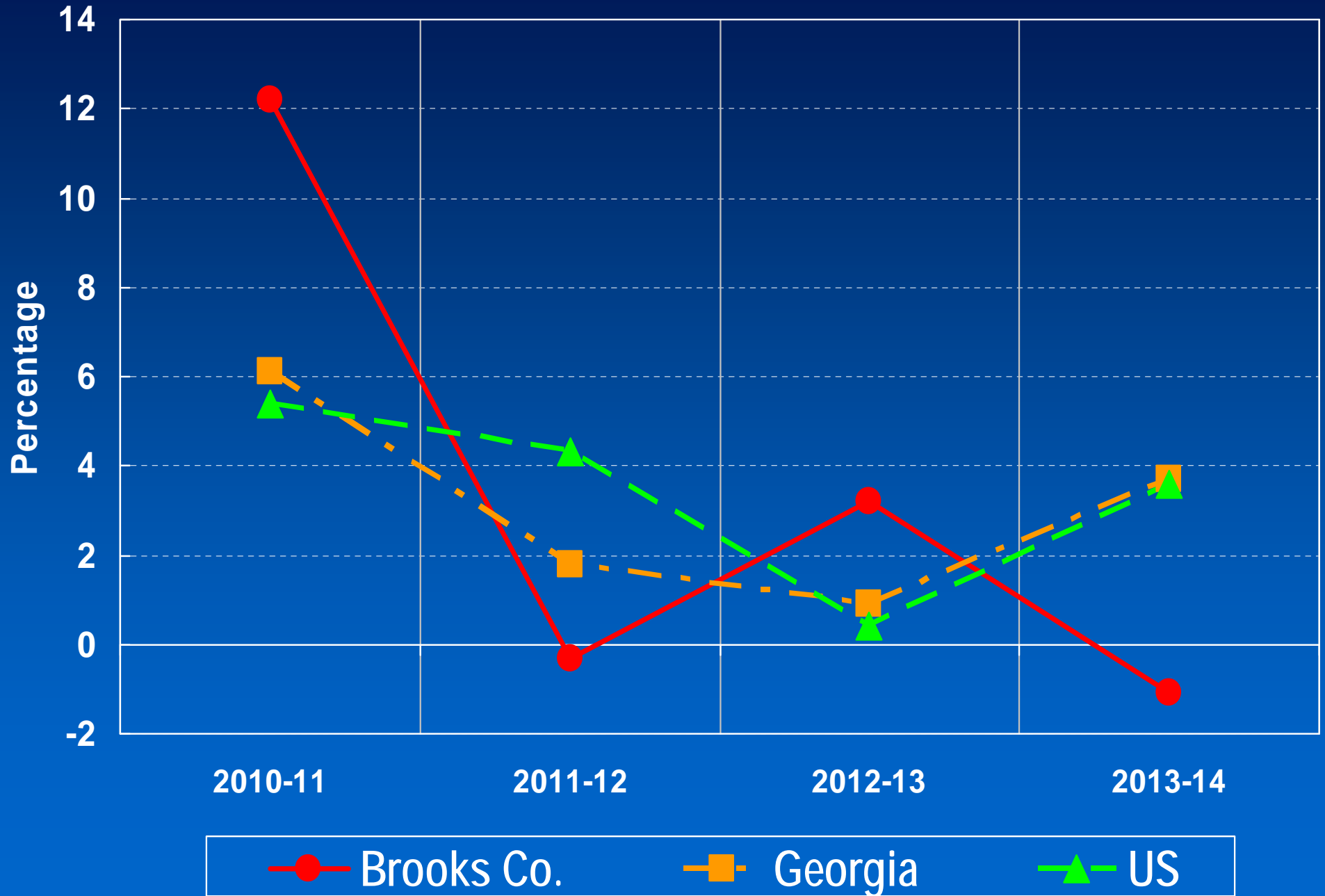
General Fund Expenditures per FTE = \$7,891

Primary data source:  
Governor's Office of Student Achievement

## Per Capita Income: 2014

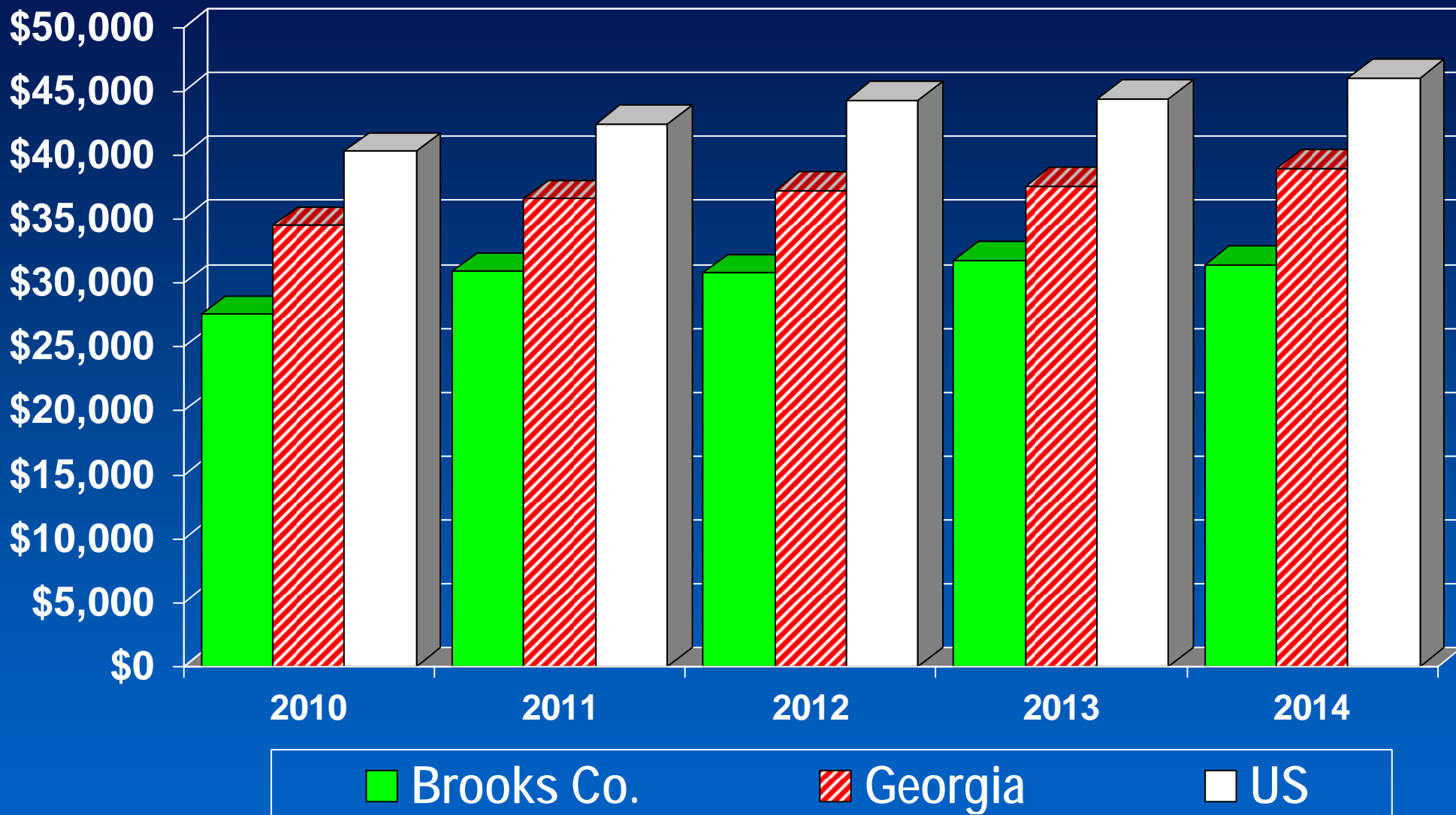
County	PCI	Rank of PCI	% PCI of GA Total	% Change in PCI 2010-2014
BROOKS	\$31,408	72	80.6	14.1
COLQUITT	\$28,971	107	74.3	8.9
COOK	\$25,986	138	66.7	5.3
LOWNDES	\$33,067	39	84.8	6.1
THOMAS	\$36,983	23	94.9	11.7
GA Avg. Co.	\$32,146	--	84.9	12.9

# Per Capita Income: 2010-2014 Percentage Change



Primary data source: U.S. Bureau of Economic Analysis (12/15)

# Per Capita Income: 2010-2014



**2014 PCI**  
**Brooks Co. = \$31,408**

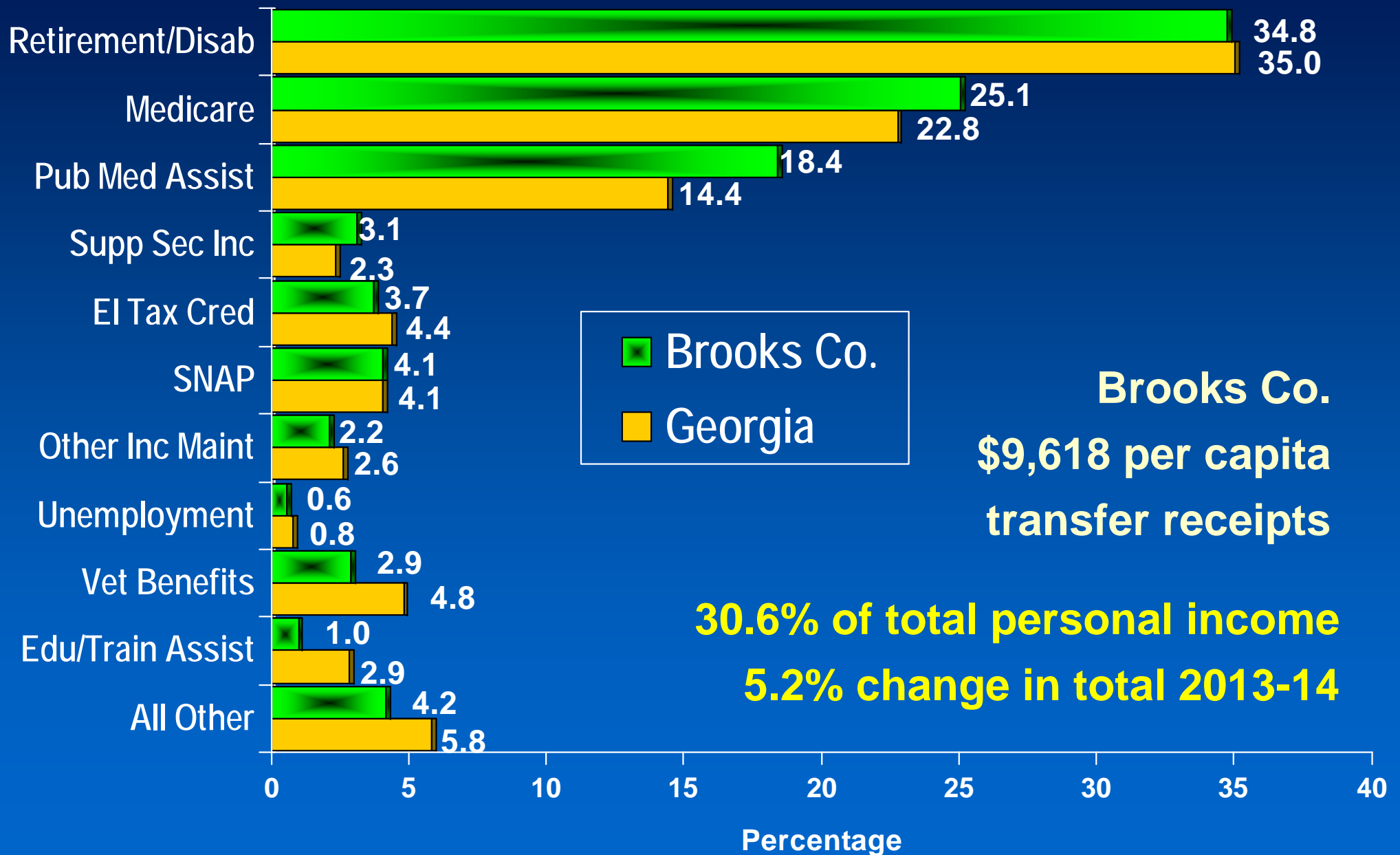
**Georgia = \$38,980**  
**US = \$46,049**

# Median Household Income 2014 Model-Based Estimates



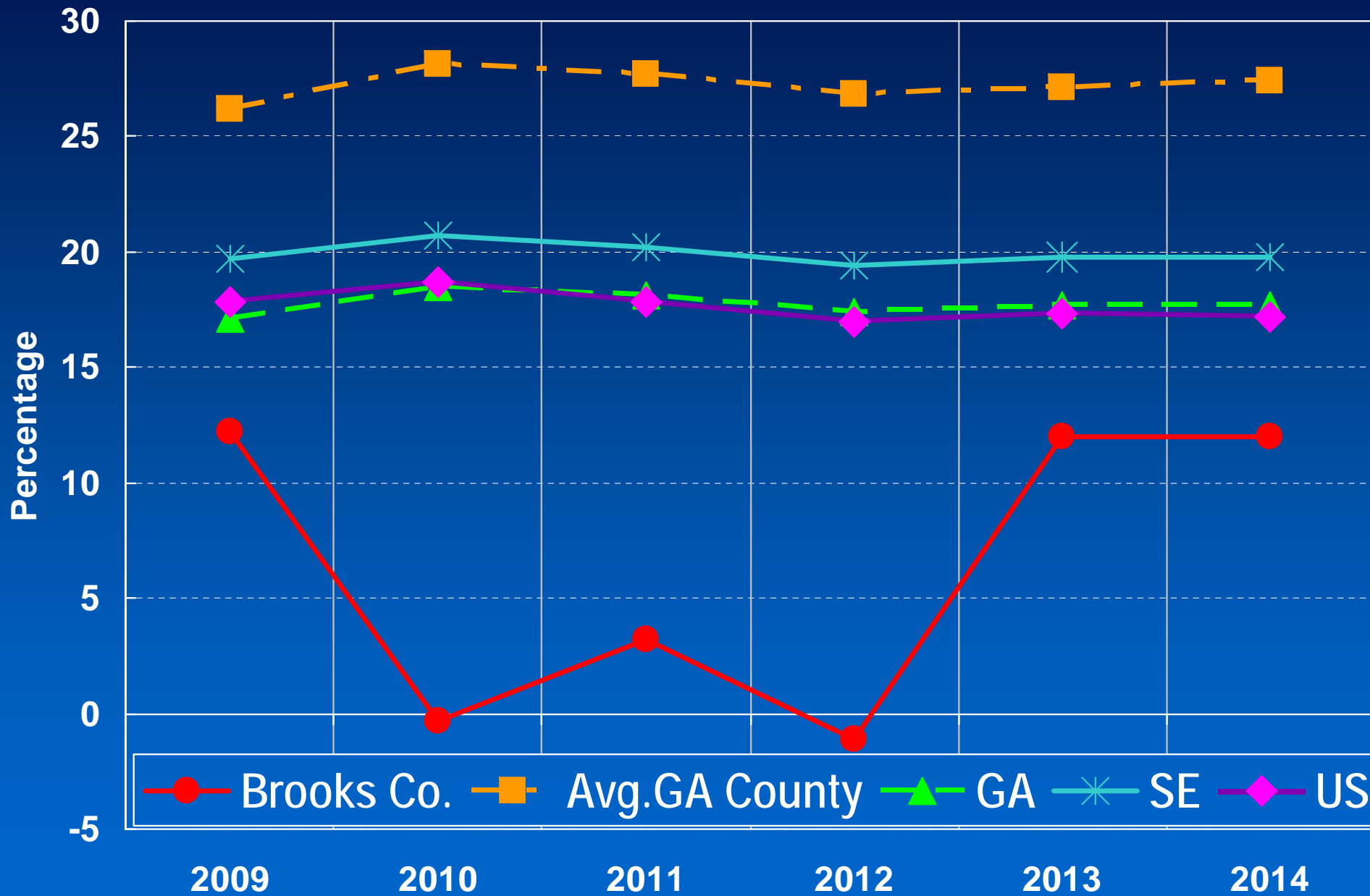
# Personal Current Transfer Receipts: 2014

## Brooks Co. Total = \$148,284,000





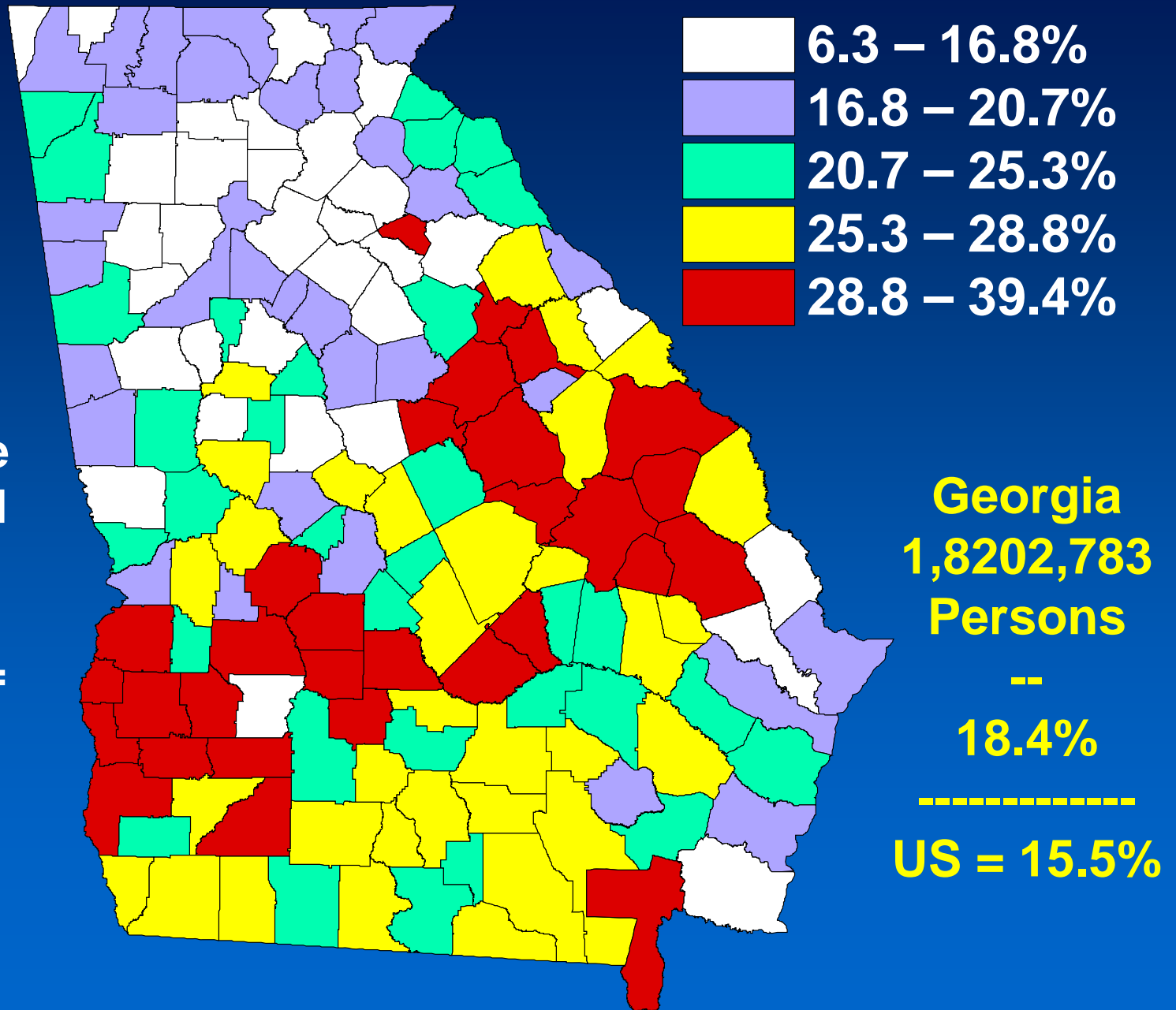
# Transfer Receipts as a Percentage of Total Personal Income 2009-2014



## Persons Living Below Poverty Level 2014 Model-Based Estimates

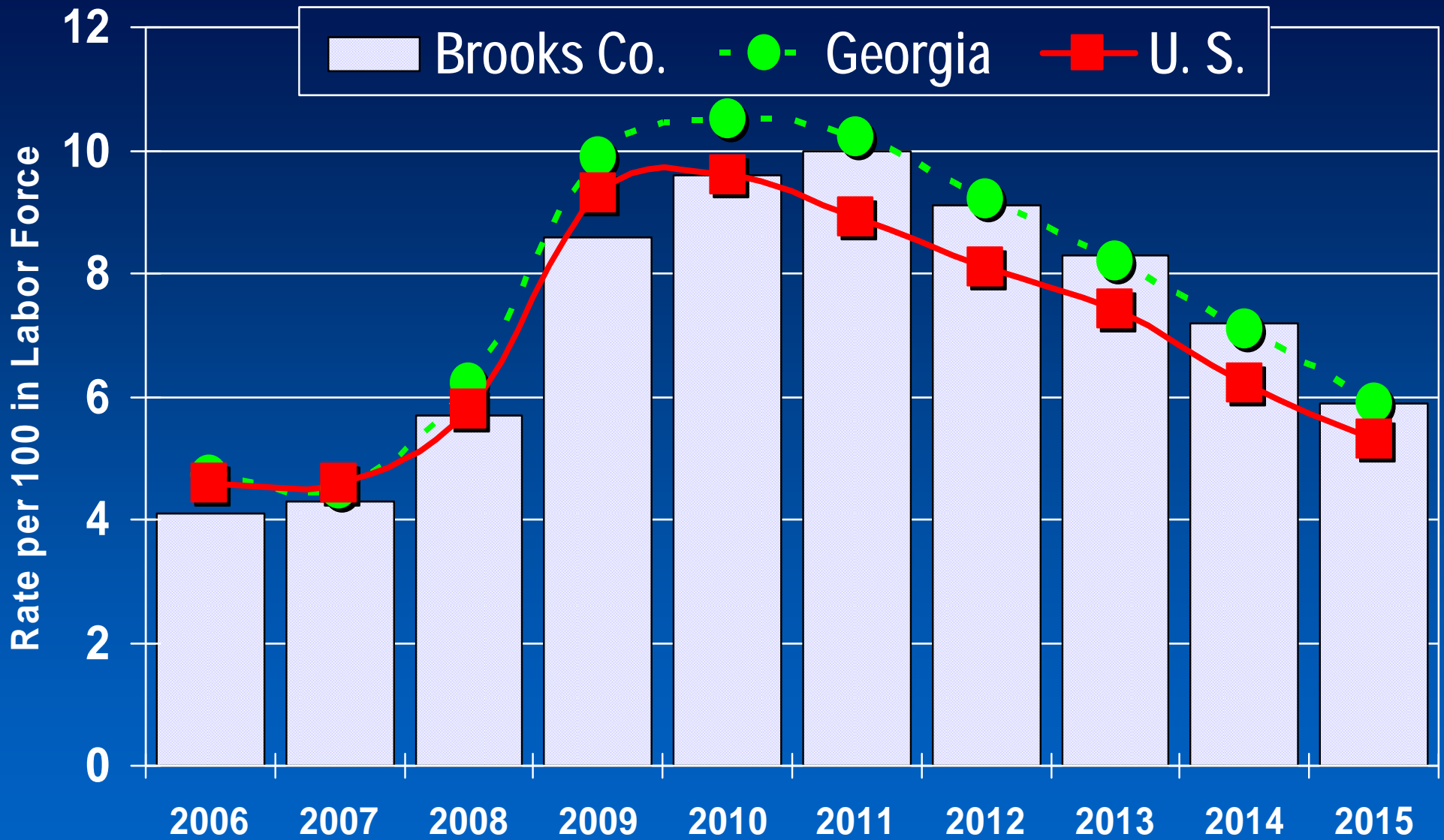
County	# of Persons	% of all Persons	Rank of %
BROOKS	4,410	28.8	128
COLQUITT	11,982	26.5	111
COOK	4,438	26.1	105
LOWNDES	26,225	24.5	90
THOMAS	10,827	24.5	91
GA Avg. Co.	11,338	22.8	--

# Persons Living Below the Poverty Level 2014 Model-Based Estimates



Weighted average  
poverty threshold  
for a family  
household of 4  
persons in 2014 =  
\$24,230

# Civilian Labor Force Average Annual Unemployment Rates



**2015 Rates      Brooks Co. = 5.9      GA = 5.9      US = 5.3**  
**Avg. GA County = 6.7**

# Establishments, Employment & Wages: 2015 Averages

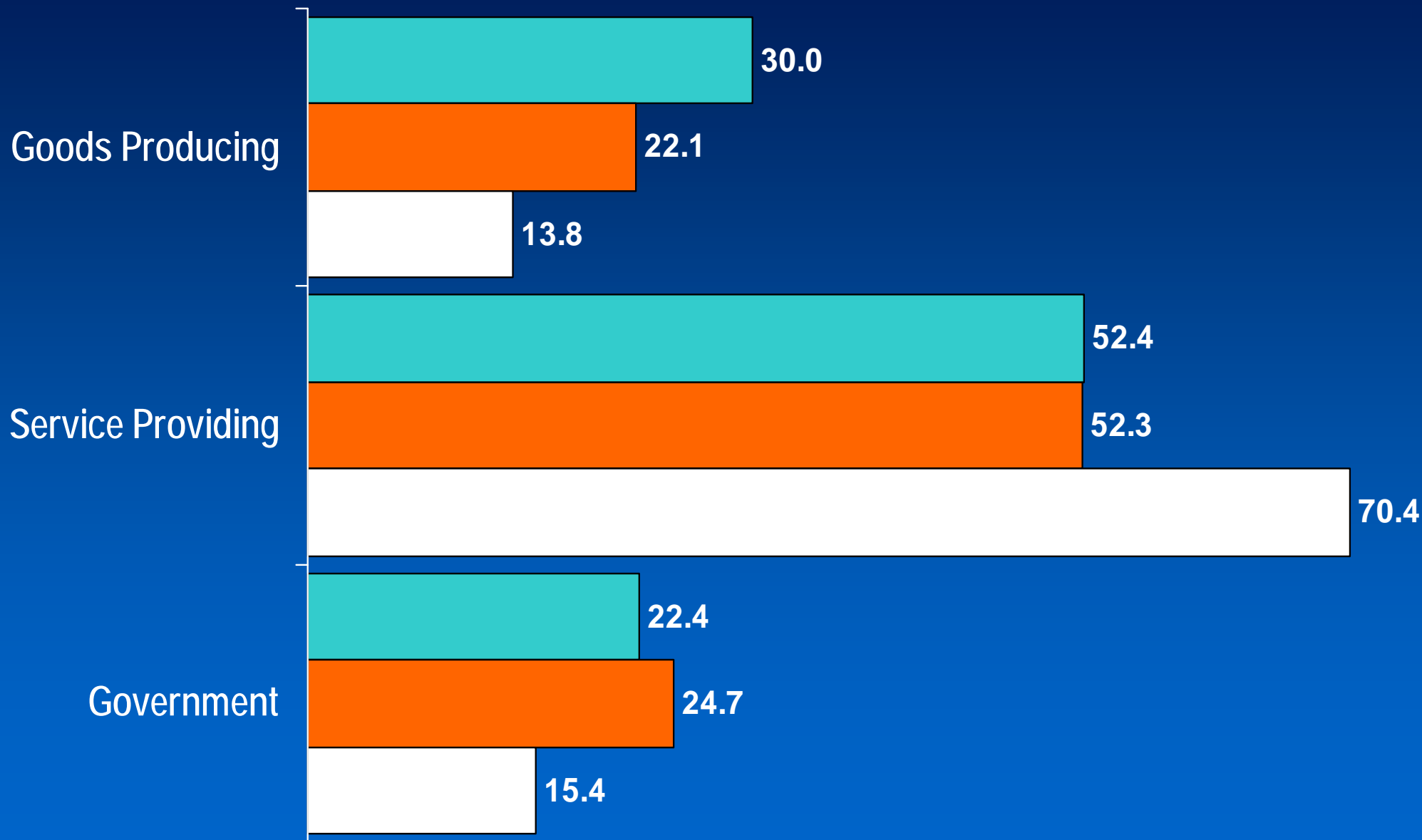
<b>Brooks County</b>	<b>Avg. # Establishments</b>	<b>Avg. Monthly Employment</b>	<b>Avg. Wage Weekly</b>
TOTAL GOODS PRODUCING	72	790	\$631
Ag, forestry, fishing	46	525	\$583
Construction	20	67	\$540
Manufacturing	6	199	\$789
TOTAL SERVICE PROVIDING	183	1564	\$618
Wholesale trade	27	426	\$859
Retail trade	41	257	\$476
Transportation/Warehousing	7	*	*
Finance/Insurance	12	78	\$864
Professional/Scientific/Tech Svcs	13	26	\$505
Admin/Suppt/WasteMgmt/Remediation	10	27	\$666
Health care/Soc Svcs	18	332	\$654
Accommodations/Food Svc	11	97	\$243
TOTAL GOVERNMENT	29	681	\$598
TOTAL ALL INDUSTRIES	293	3,042	\$617

Primary data source: GA Dept. of Labor (7/16)

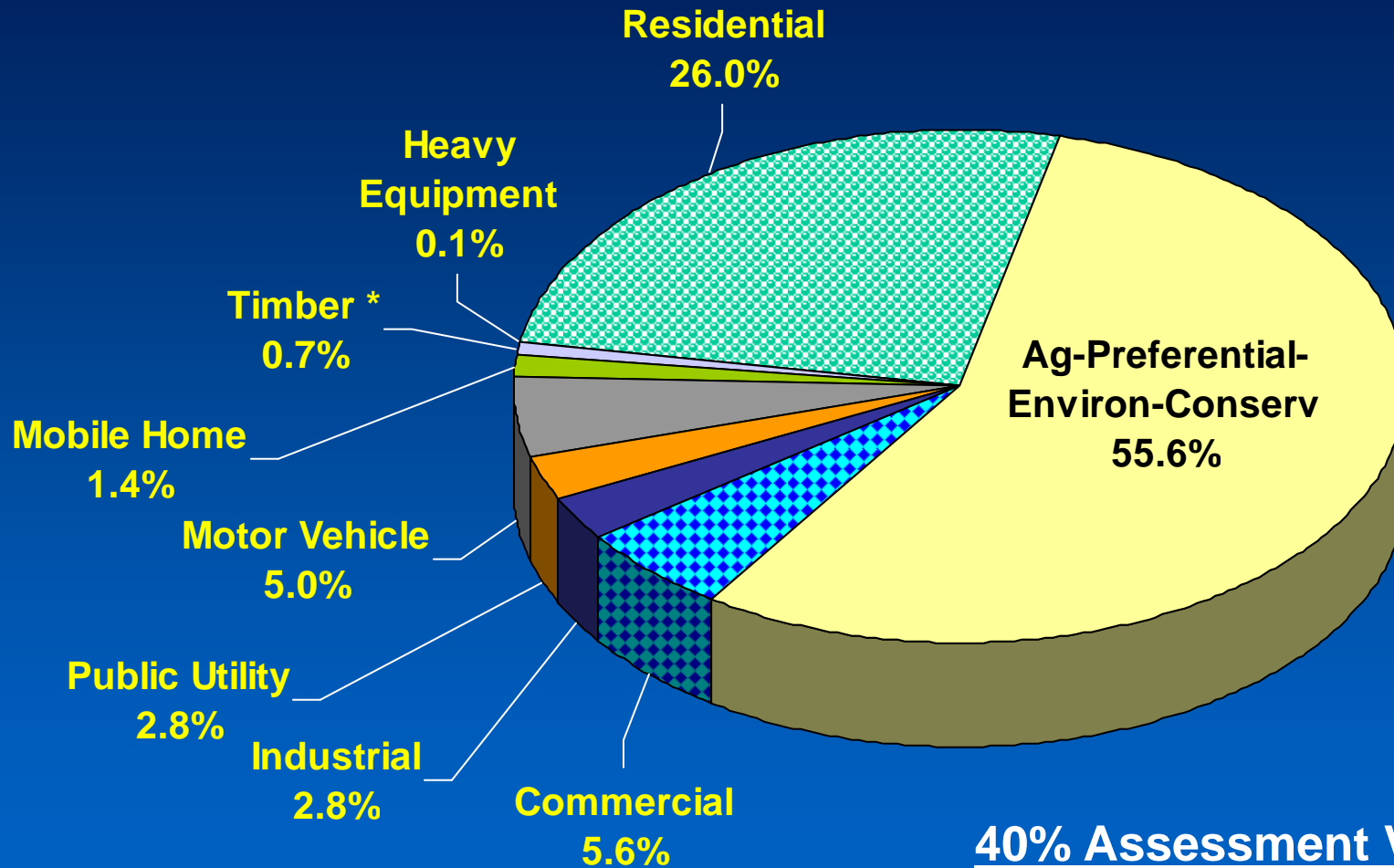
\* data not disclosed

# Employment Comparisons by Industry Group: 2015

■ Brooks Co.      ■ Avg. GA County      ■ Georgia



# Components of 2014 Property Tax Gross Digest Brooks County



40% Assessment Value of Property

Gross Digest = \$605,189,207

Homestead & Property Exemptions = \$206,478,457

Net M&O Digest = \$398,710,750

Value of exempt property = \$45,326,973

\* Timber taxed at 100% based on previous year sales



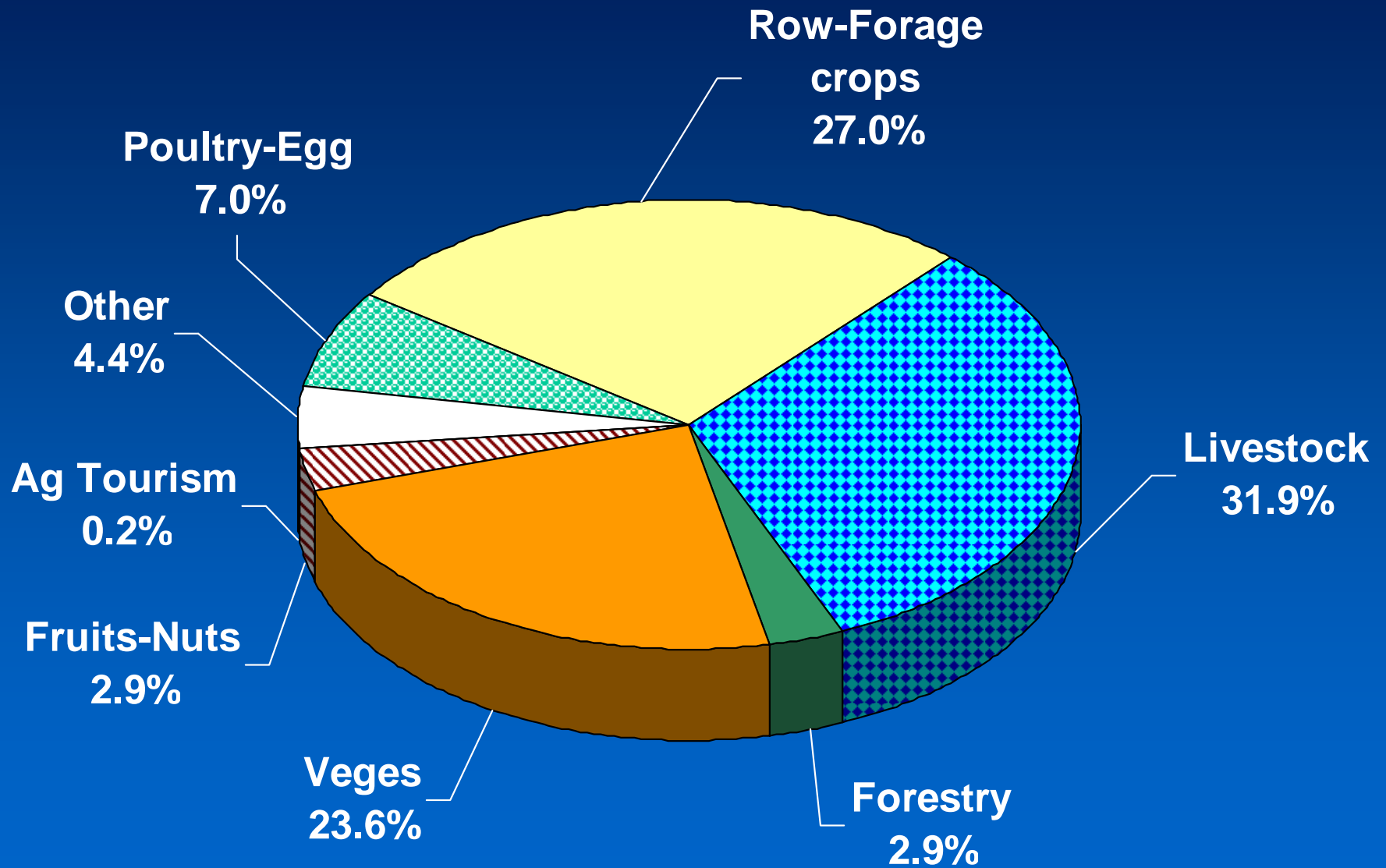
## Millage Rates, Taxes Levied, & Sales Tax Rate

County	2014 County-wide Millage*	2013 Taxes Levied*	Sales Tax Rate as of 7/1/2016	LOST Type* as of 7/1/2016
BROOKS	28.060	\$11,476,291	7	LSE
COLQUITT	27.313	\$27,009,100	7	LSE
COOK	29.065	\$10,458,922	7	LSE
LOWNDES	27.508	\$81,785,645	7	LSE
THOMAS	24.648	\$41,635,456	7	LSE

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

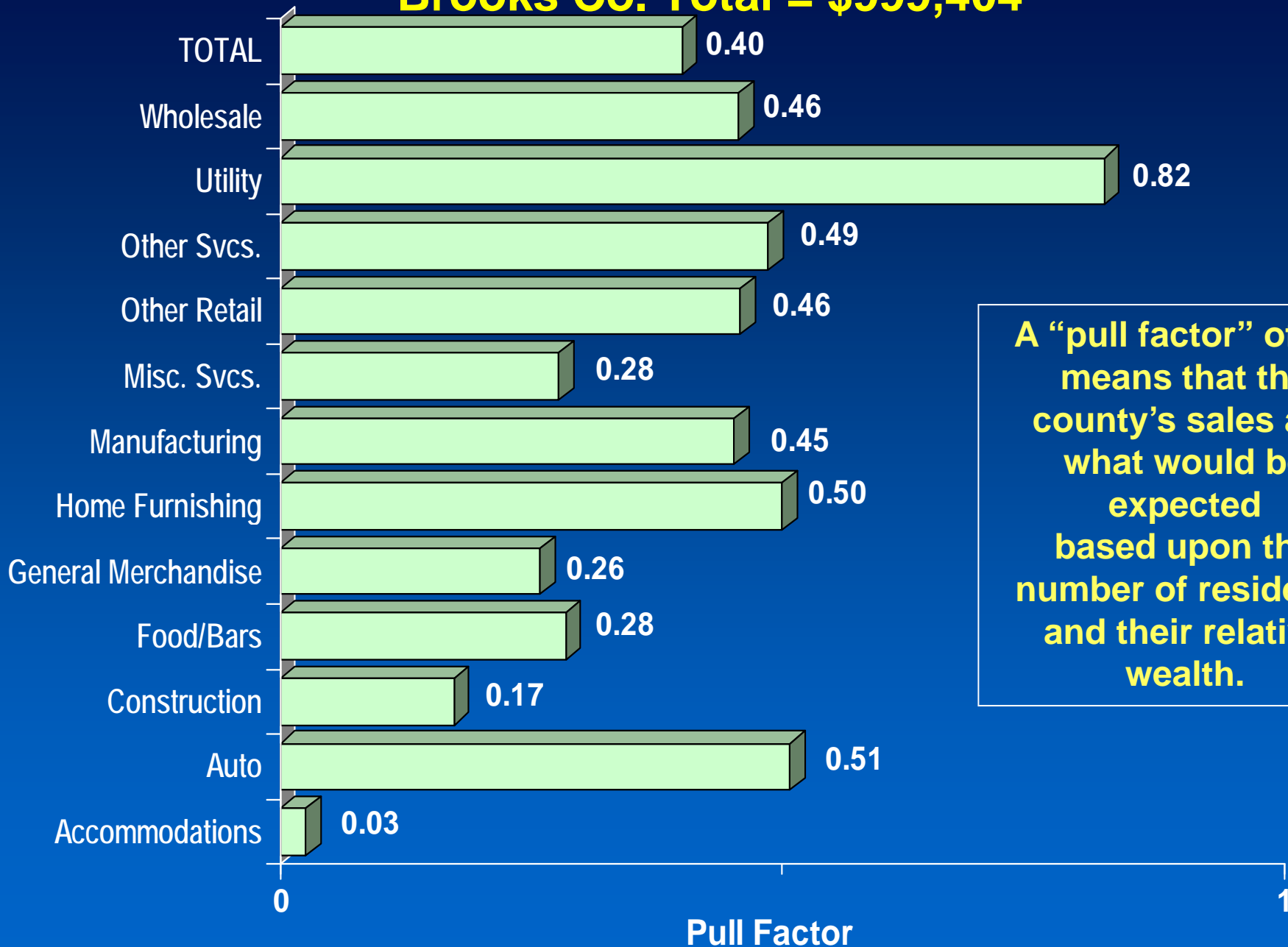
# 2014 Farm Gate Value by Commodity Group

## Brooks Co. Total Value = \$210,323,564



# 1% Sales & Use Tax Distributions: 2014

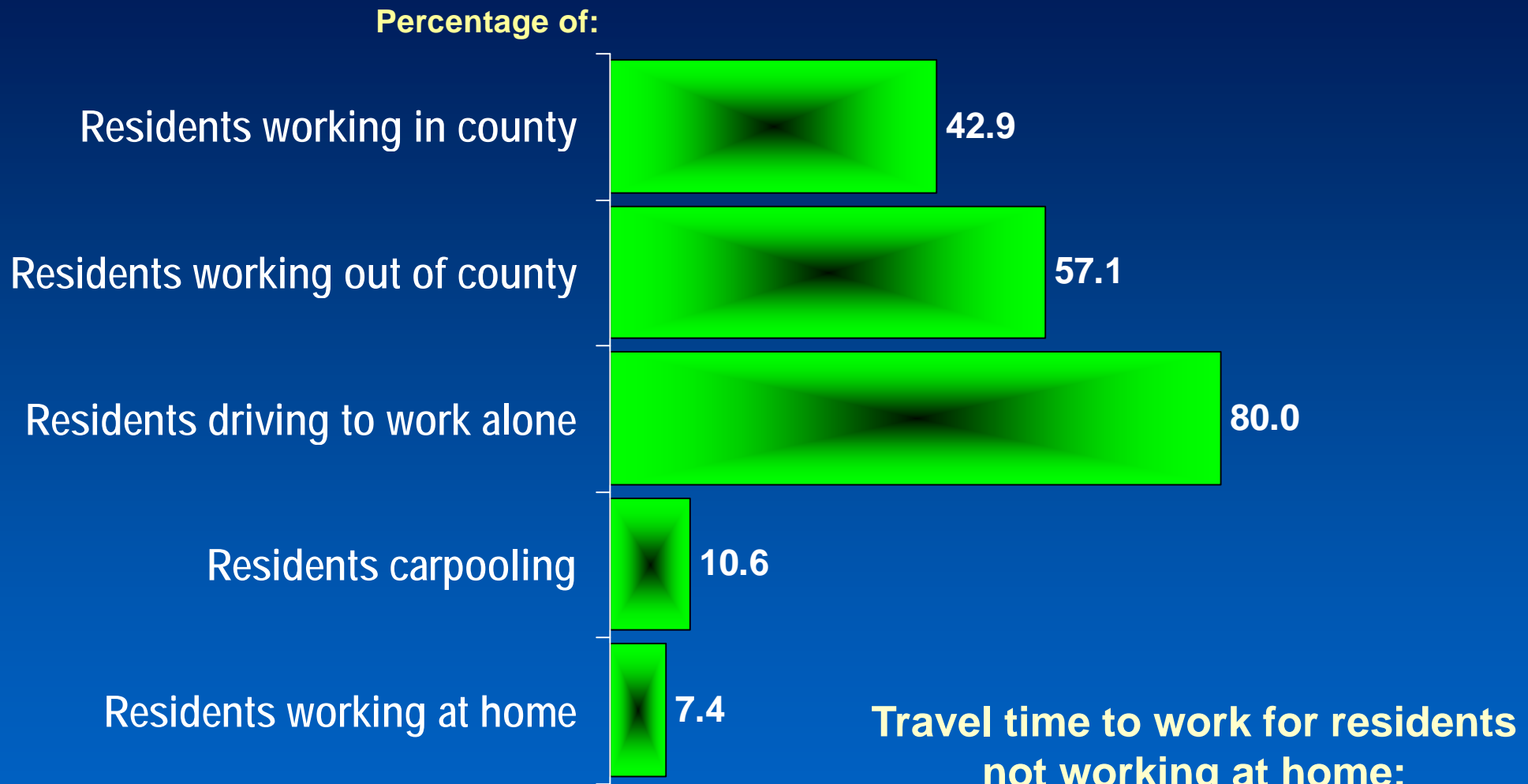
## Brooks Co. Total = \$999,404



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 Tax Commodity Report, Dec. 2014.  
Pull factors calculated.

# Commuting to Work: 2010-2014 5 Yr. Average – American Community Survey



Travel time to work for residents  
not working at home:

< 20 min. = 43.2%

45+ min. = 10.9%

Brooks Co.  
Resident workers 16+ = 5,508

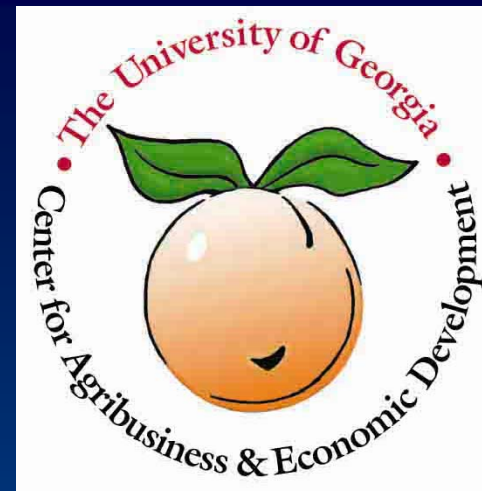
Mean travel time to work  
= 23.3 minutes

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

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