

# *Lamar County Community Profile*



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

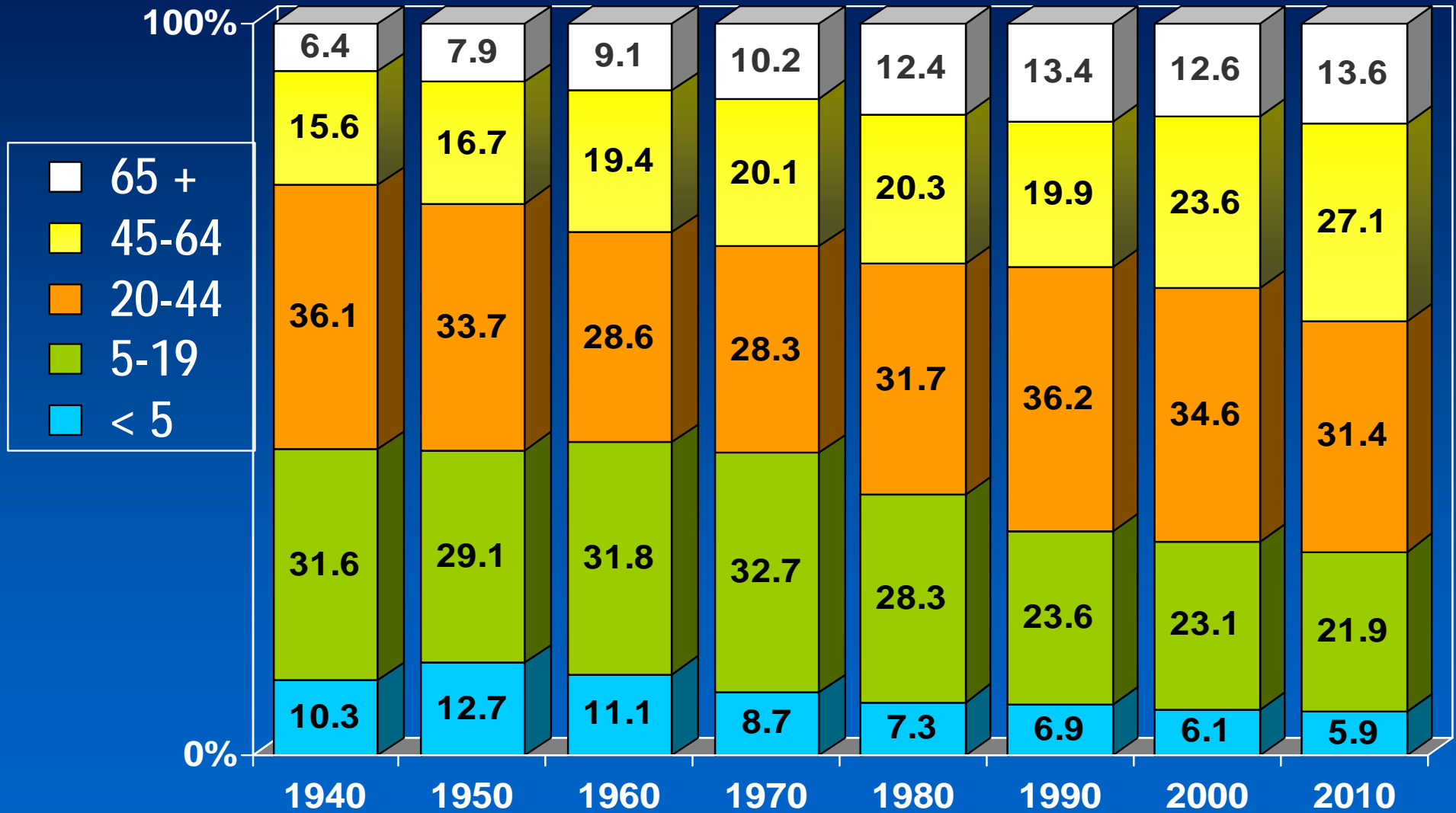
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# Lamar County Total Population



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

# Population Composition by Age Lamar County

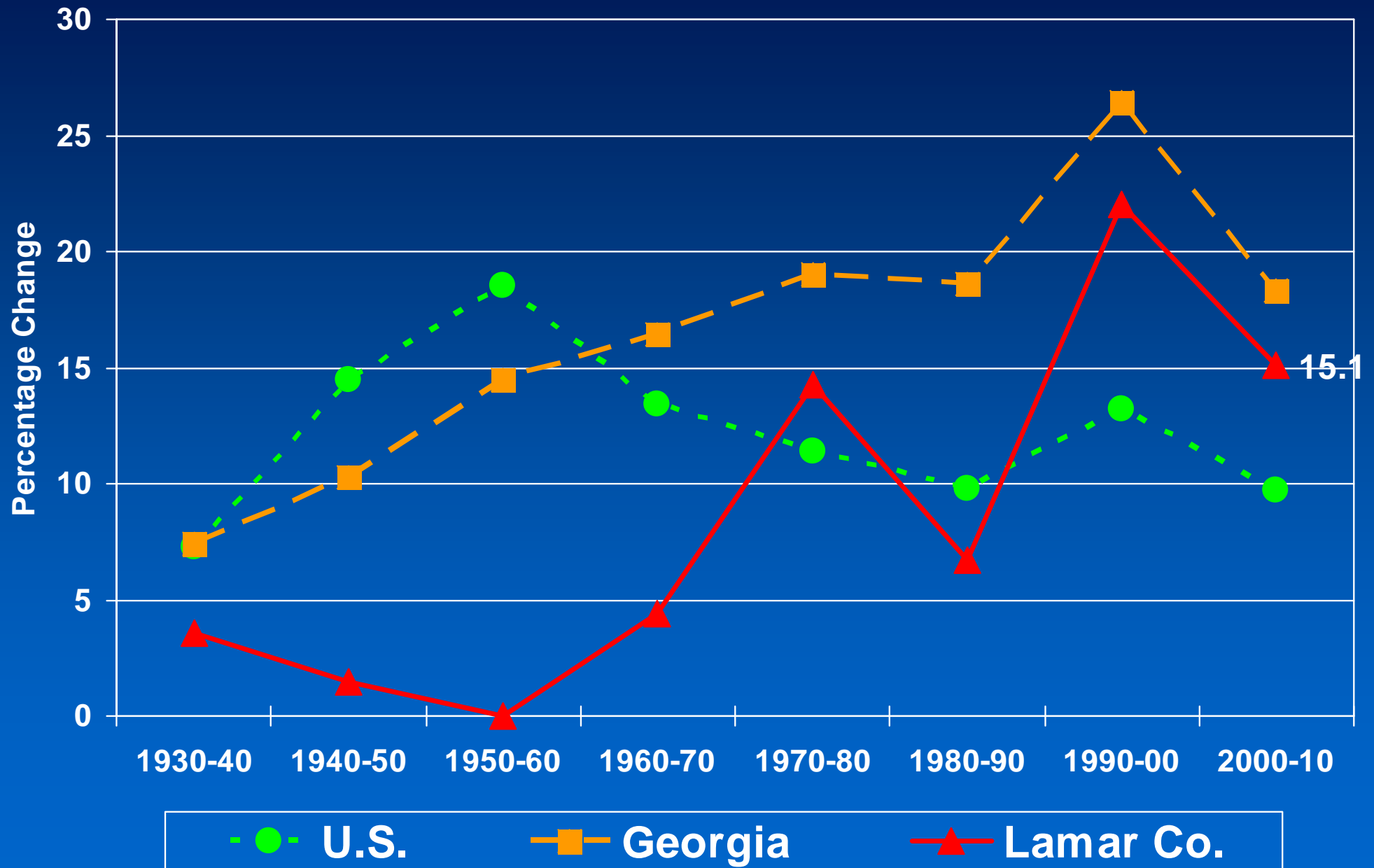


**2014 Median Age    Lamar Co. = 37.8 yrs.    GA = 35.9 yrs.**

## 2015 County Population Comparisons

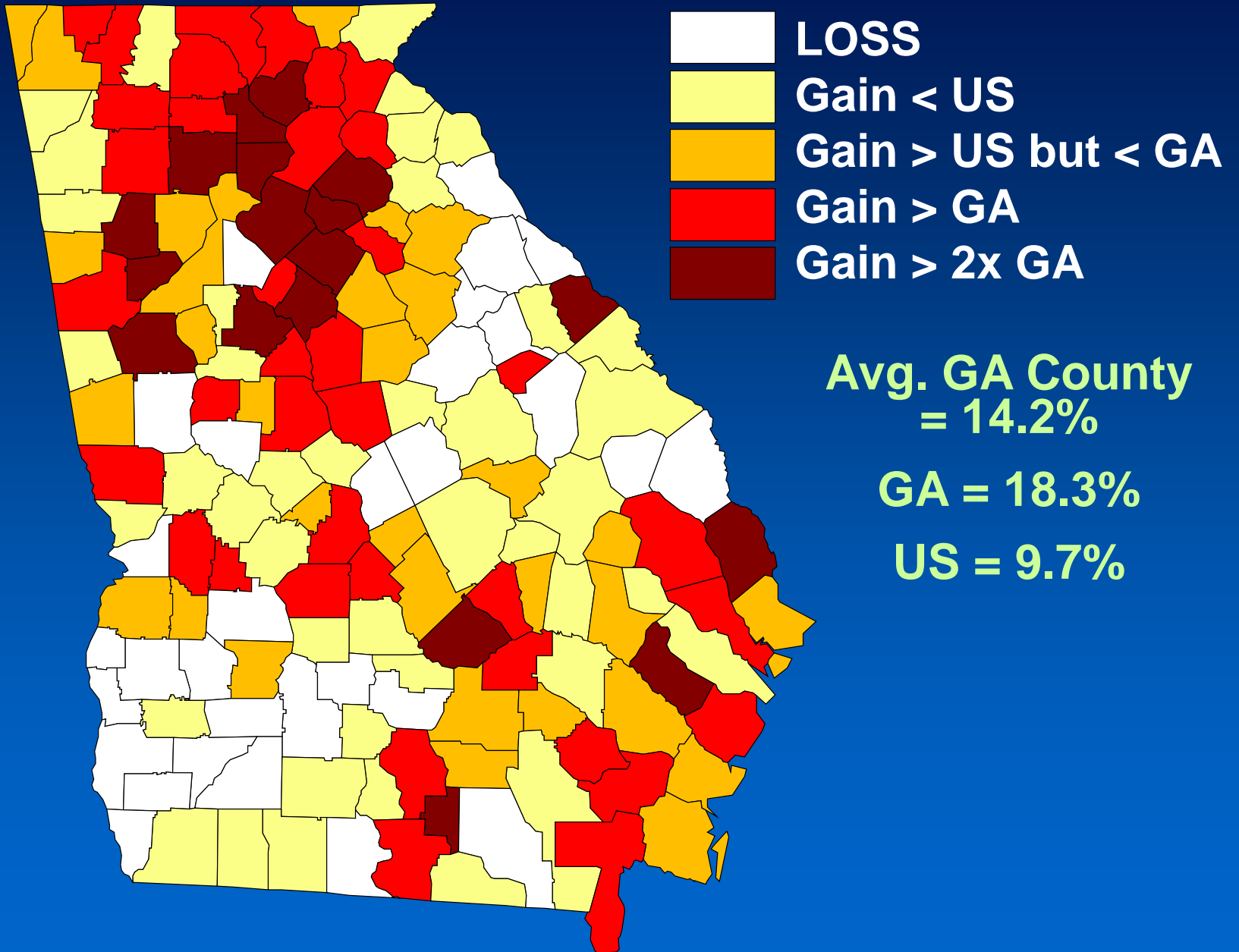
County	Total	Total Rank	Density per sq.mi. land area	% Chg. 2010-15	Rank of % Chg.
LAMAR	18,201	96	99.2	-0.63	92
BUTTS	23,593	76	127.9	-0.26	87
MONROE	27,103	67	68.5	2.43	52
PIKE	17,941	98	83.0	0.40	74
SPALDING	64,051	36	326.0	-0.03	84
UPSON	26,368	69	81.5	-2.89	121

# 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\*

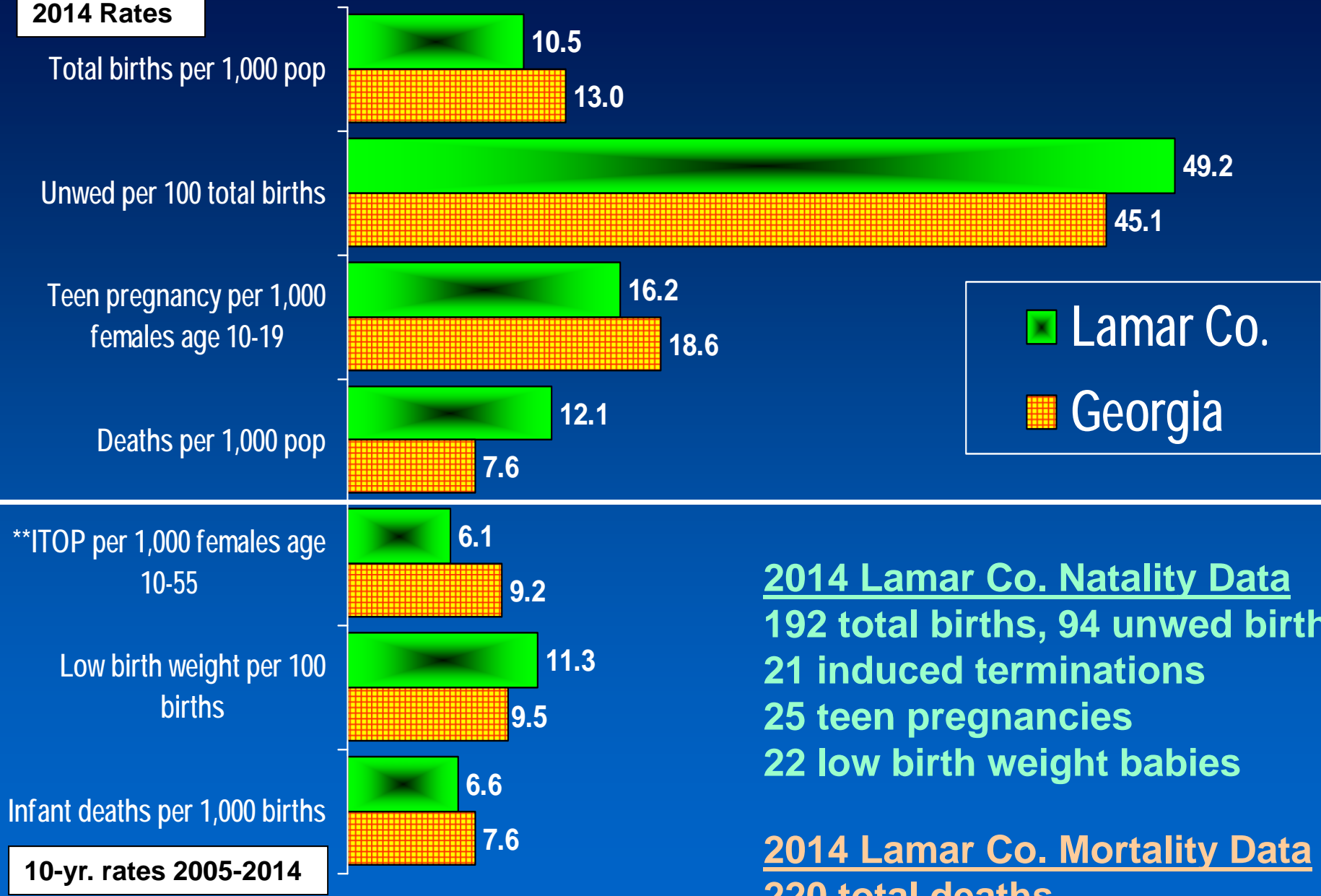
Area	4/1/2010- 6/30/2015 Numerical Change*	4/1/2010- 6/30/2015 # Natural Increase (Births-Deaths)	4/1/2010- 6/30/2015 # Net Migration	7/1/2014- 6/30/2015 1-yr Natural Increase Rate	7/1/2014- 6/30/2015 1-yr Net Migration Rate
LAMAR	-116	-46	-117	-1.8	0.3
BUTTS	-62	181	-238	1.8	6.5
MONROE	644	52	503	-1.7	2.7
PIKE	72	48	-14	0.7	8.5
SPALDING	-22	697	-799	1.0	1.3
UPSON	-785	-202	-550	-2.2	7.9
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 Lamar Co. Natality Data**  
 192 total births, 94 unwed births  
 21 induced terminations  
 25 teen pregnancies  
 22 low birth weight babies

**2014 Lamar Co. Mortality Data**  
 220 total deaths  
 0 infant deaths

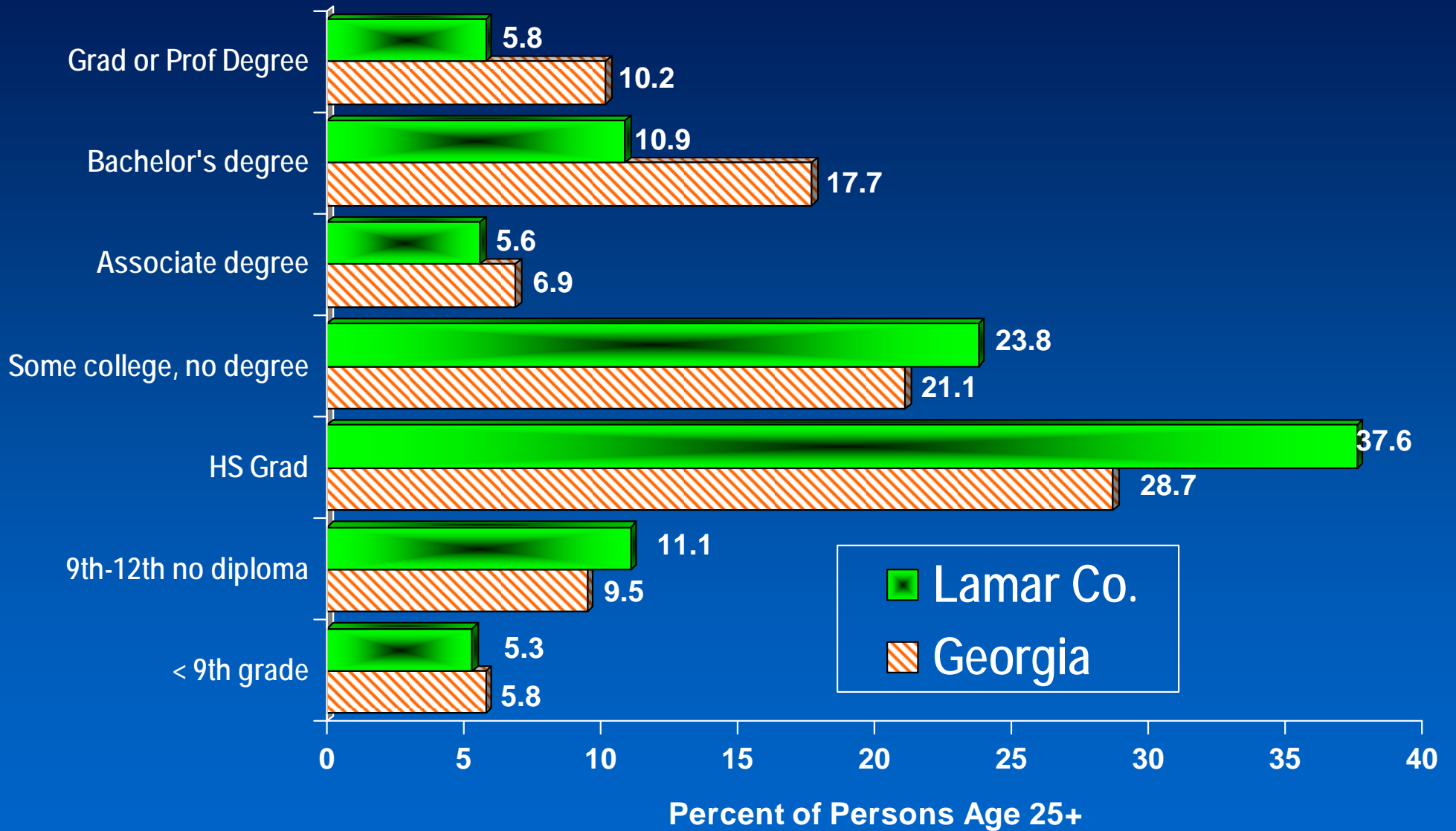
10-yr. rates 2005-2014

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



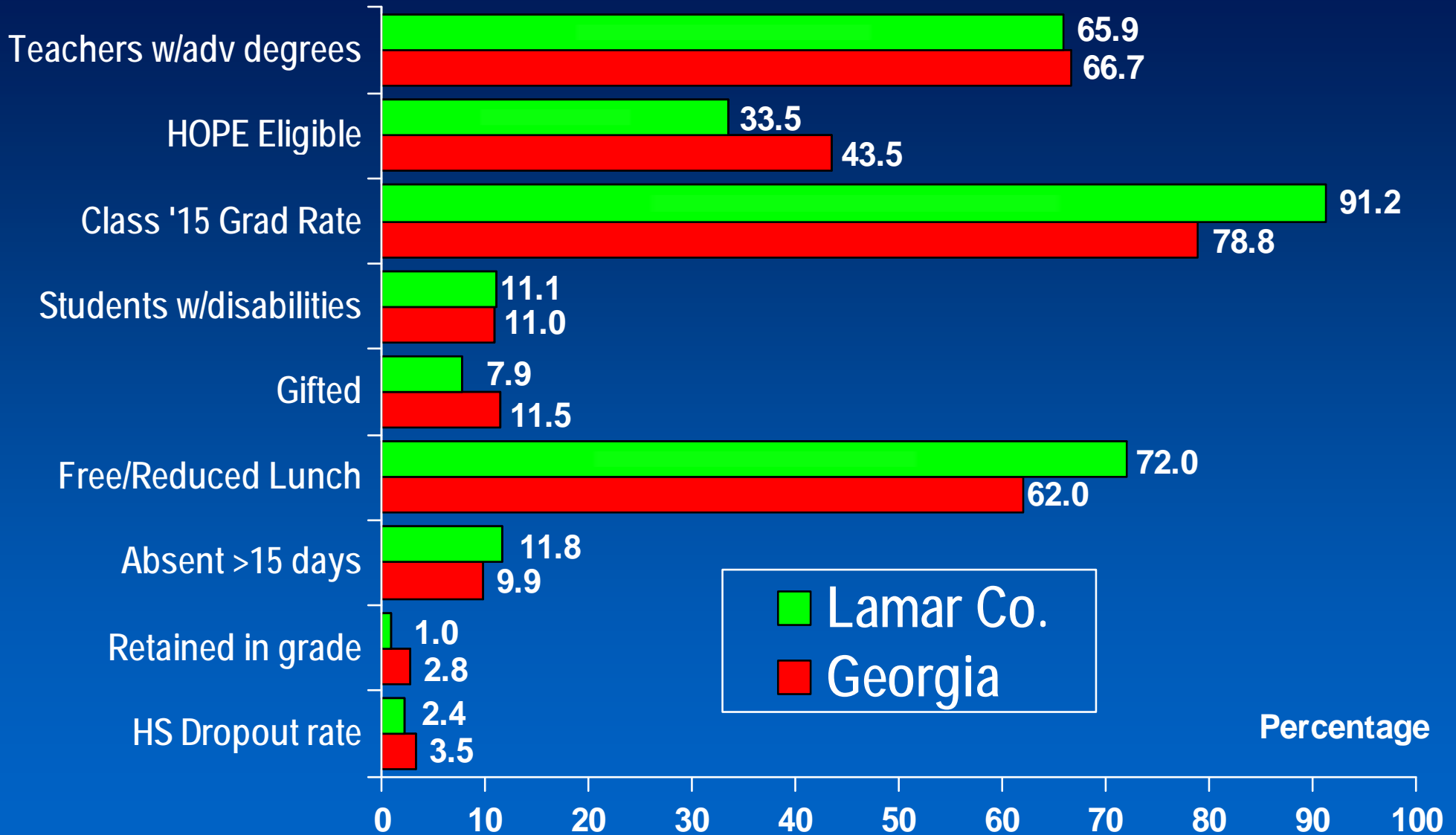
## Lamar Co.

Not completing HS = 16.4%

With a bachelor's + degree = 16.7%

Primary data source: U.S. Census Bureau

# Selected Public School Statistics School Year 2014-15



Percentage

Lamar Co.

K12 enrollment = 2,531

HS dropouts = 19

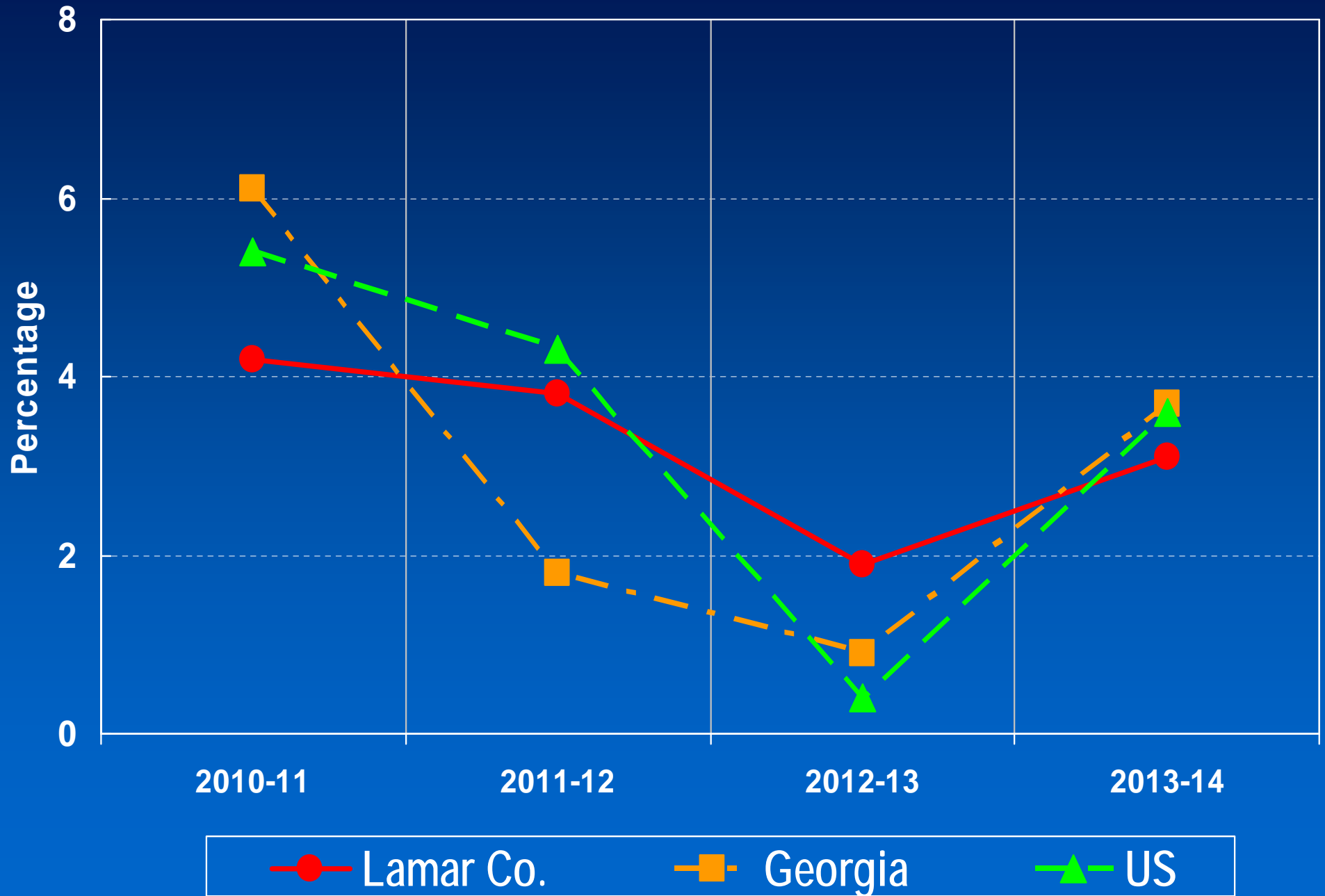
General Fund Expenditures per FTE = \$7,946

Primary data source:  
Governor's Office of Student Achievement

## Per Capita Income: 2014

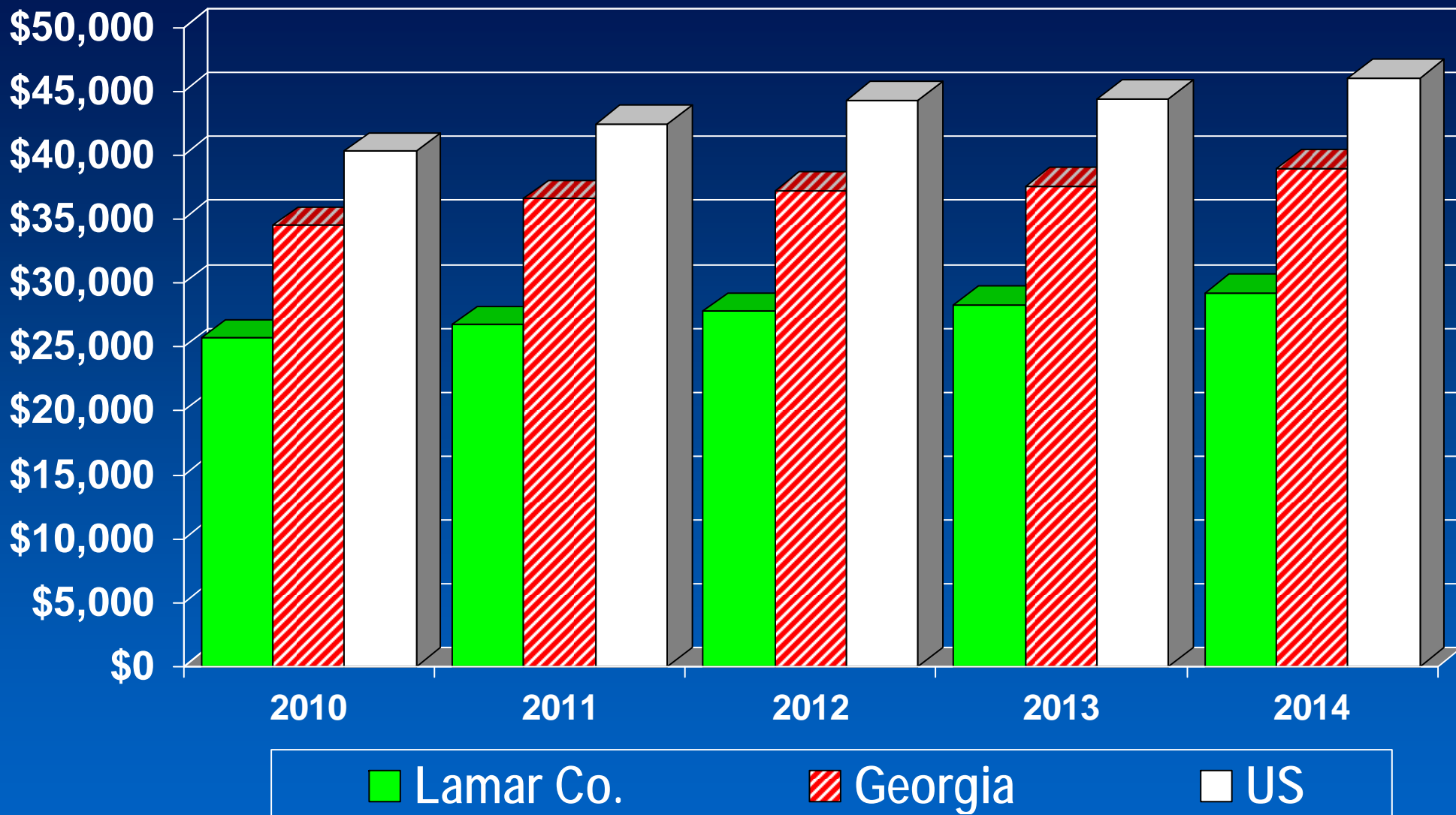
County	PCI	Rank of PCI	% PCI of GA Total	% Change in PCI 2010-2014
LAMAR	\$29,204	102	74.9	13.7
BUTTS	\$29,046	106	74.5	15.4
MONROE	\$37,942	21	97.3	16.5
PIKE	\$32,819	45	84.2	17.1
SPALDING	\$30,264	88	77.6	11.3
UPSON	\$30,815	79	79.1	15.5
GA Avg. Co.	\$32,146	--	84.9	12.9

# Per Capita Income: 2010-2014 Percentage Change



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

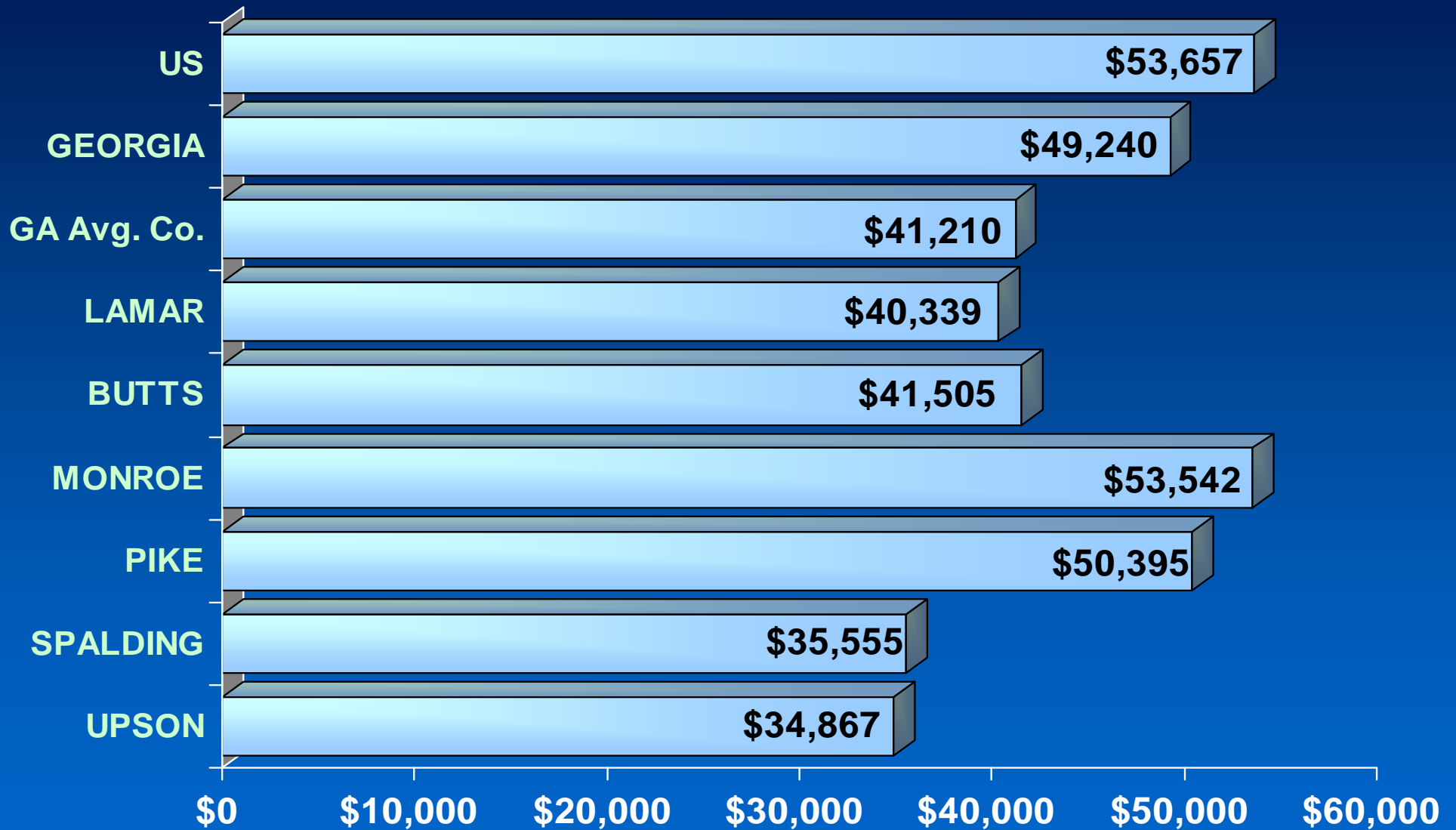
# Per Capita Income: 2010-2014



**2014 PCI**  
**Lamar Co. = \$29,204**

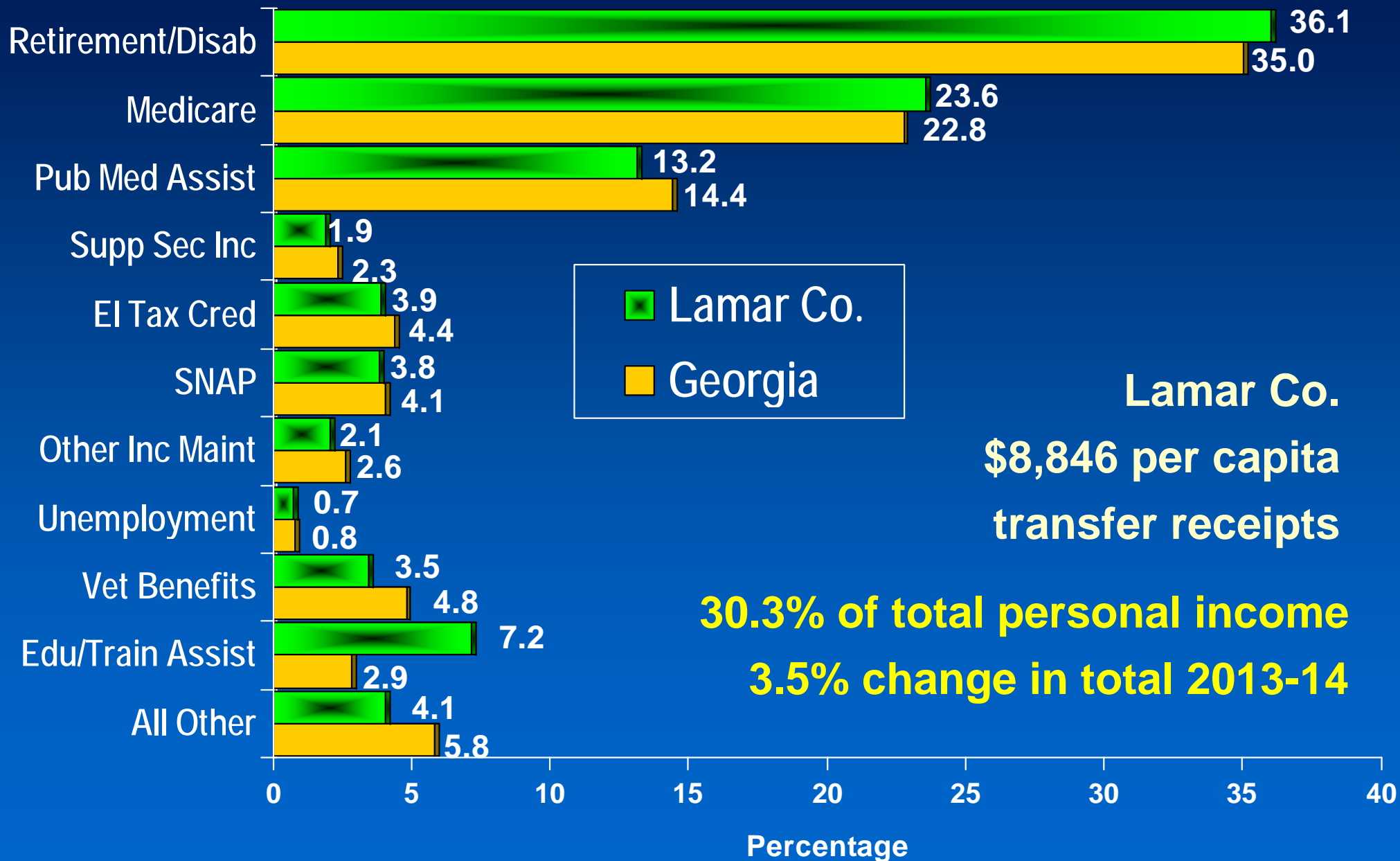
**Georgia = \$38,980**  
**US = \$46,049**

# Median Household Income 2014 Model-Based Estimates

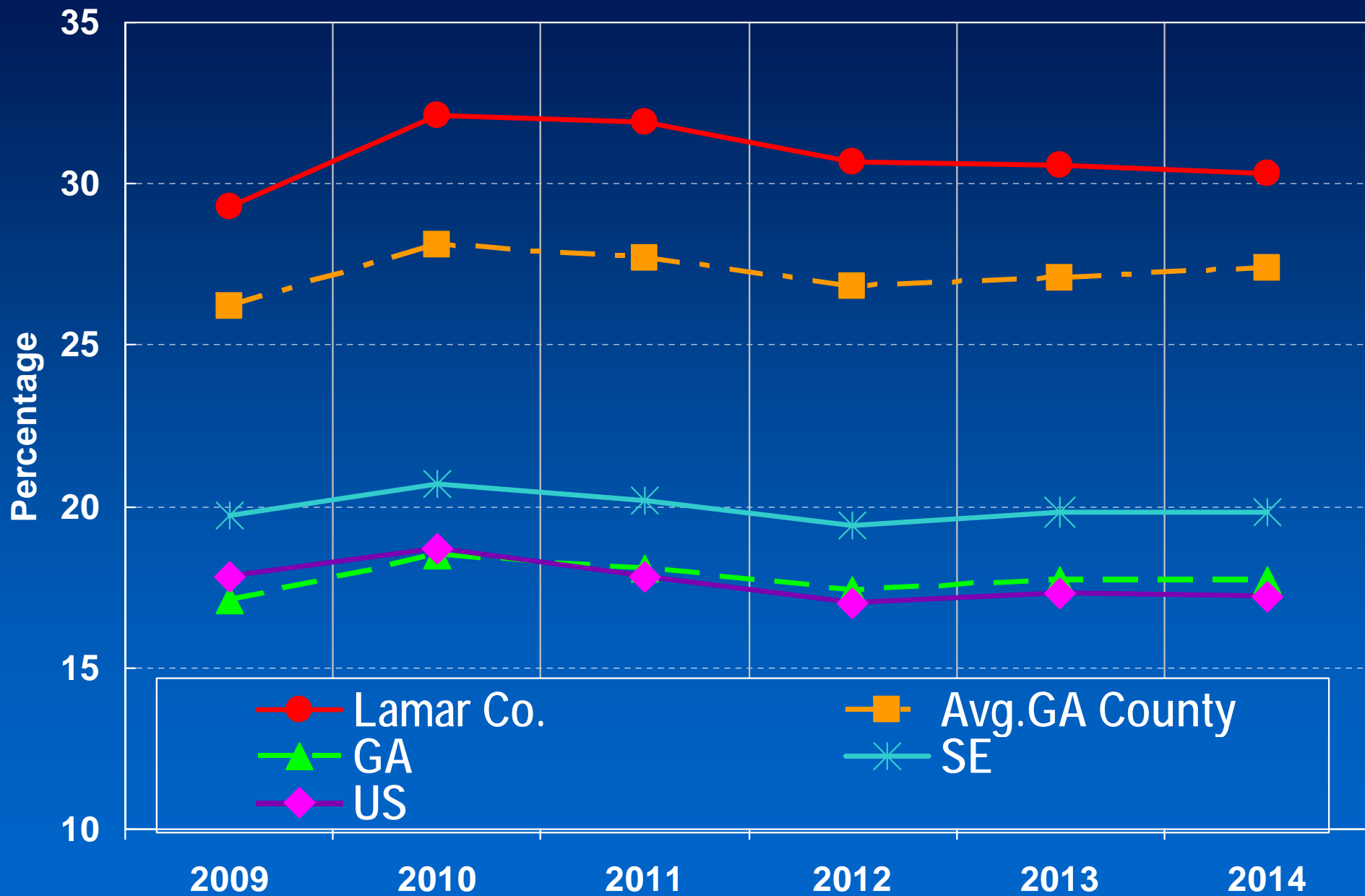


# Personal Current Transfer Receipts: 2014

## Lamar Co. Total = \$161,066,000



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

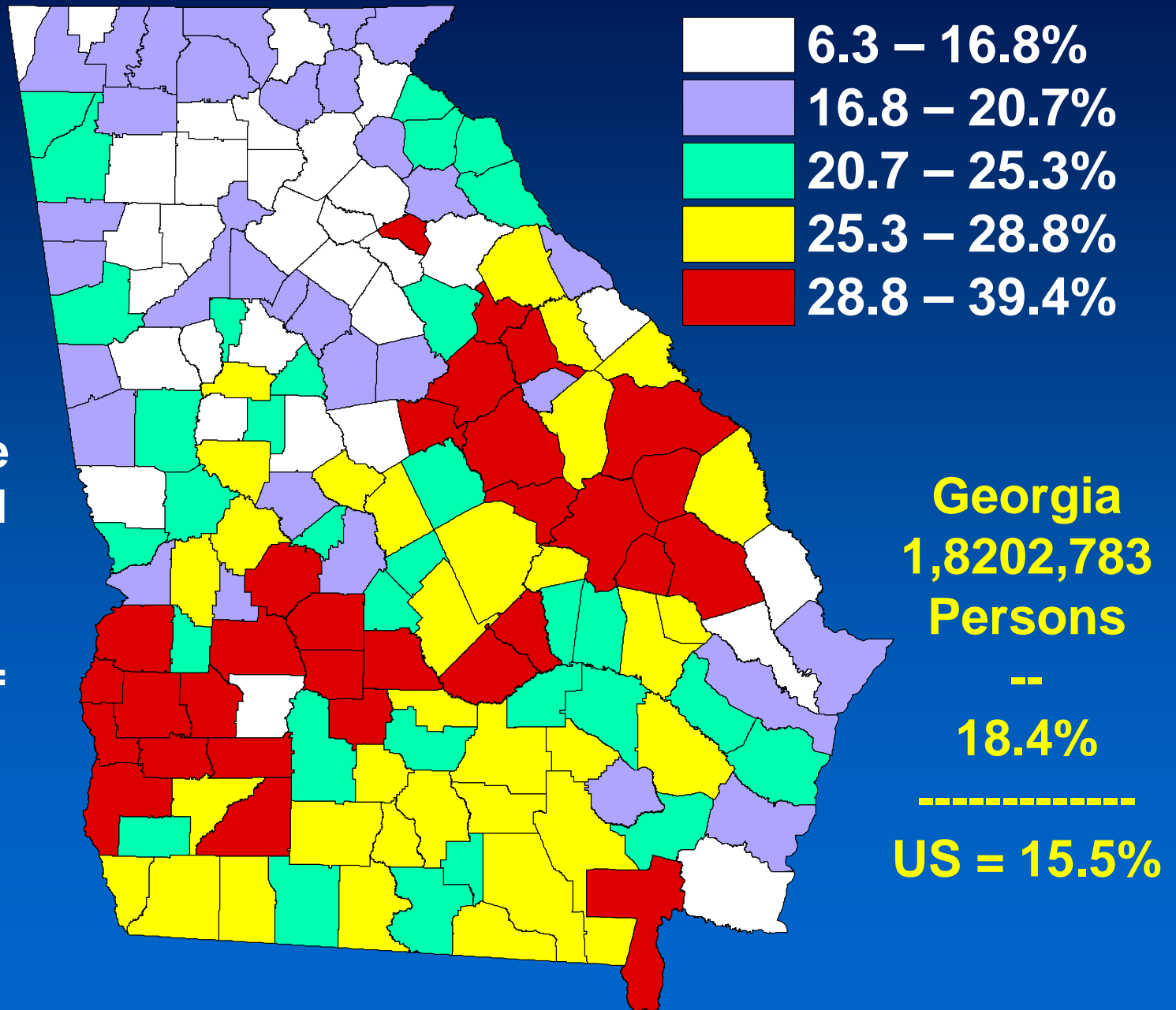




## Persons Living Below Poverty Level 2014 Model-Based Estimates

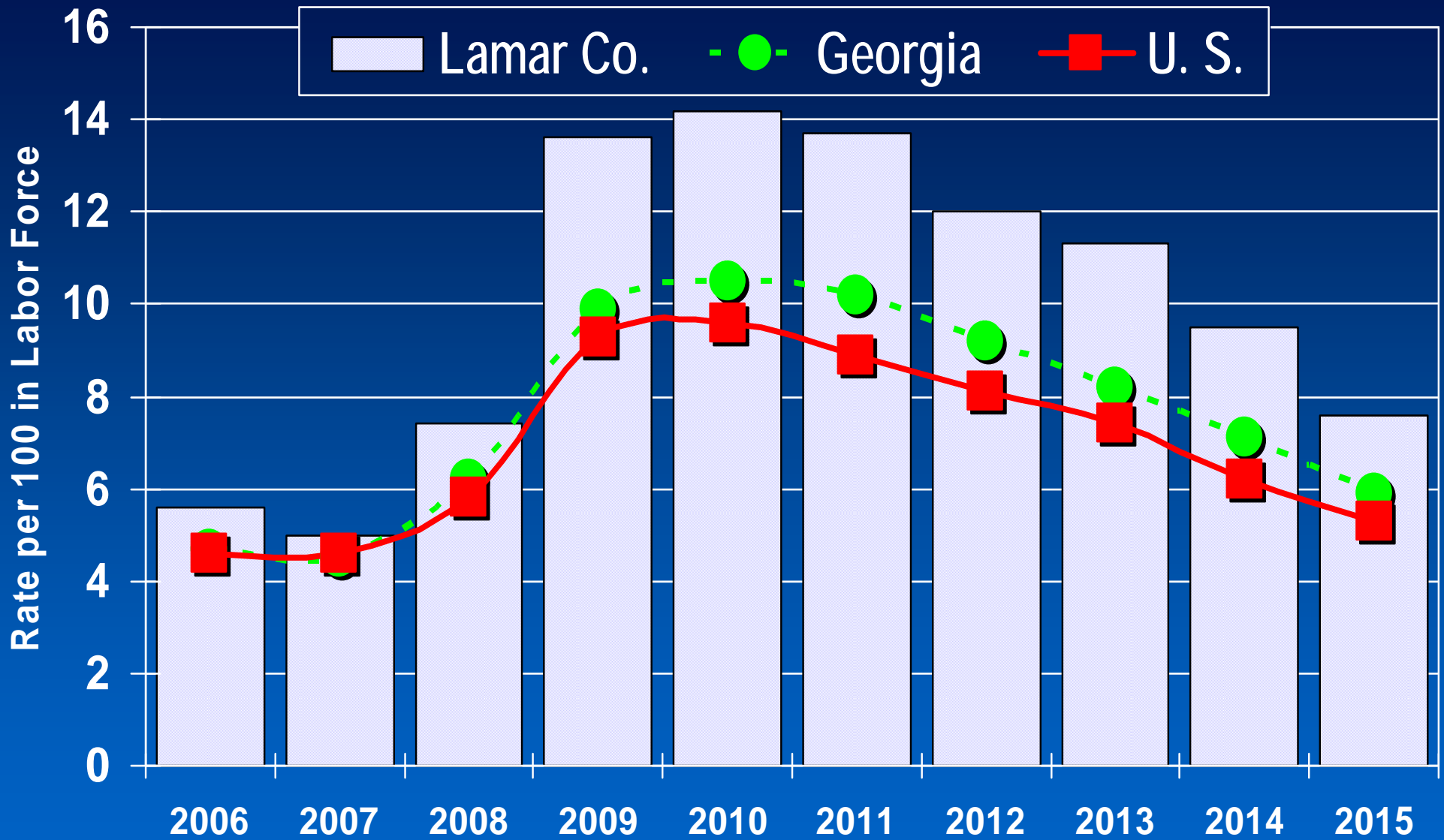
County	# of Persons	% of all Persons	Rank of %
LAMAR	3,605	21.3	69
BUTTS	4,474	21.3	68
MONROE	3,815	14.8	25
PIKE	2,405	13.7	21
SPALDING	17,205	27.4	118
UPSON	6,661	25.9	103
GA Avg. Co.	11,338	22.8	--

# 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    Lamar Co. = 7.6    GA = 5.9    US = 5.3**  
**Avg. GA County = 6.7**

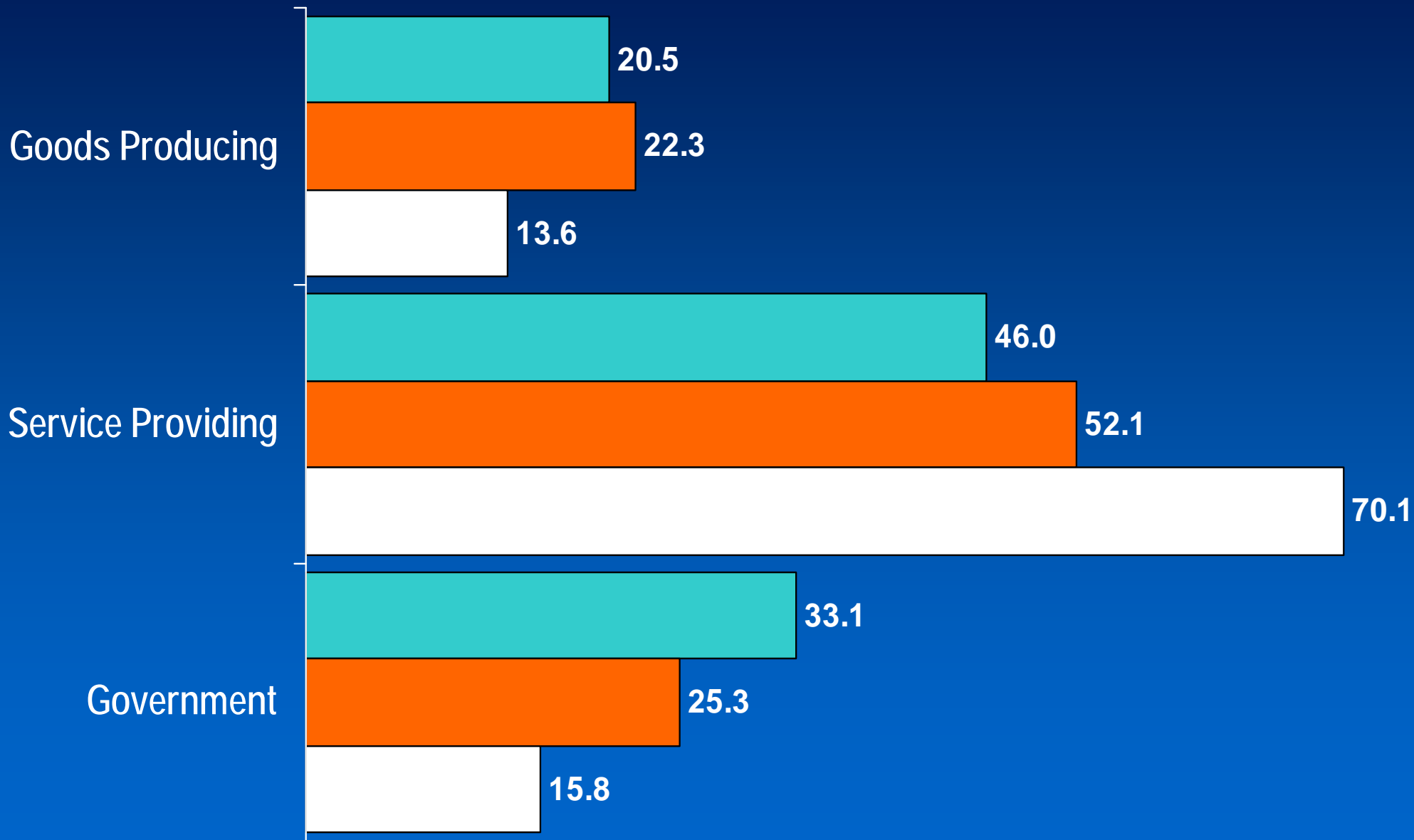
# Establishments, Employment & Wages: 2014 Averages

<b>Lamar County</b>	<b>Avg. # Establishments</b>	<b>Avg. Monthly Employment</b>	<b>Avg. Wage Weekly</b>
TOTAL GOODS PRODUCING	<b>40</b>	<b>718</b>	<b>\$850</b>
Ag, forestry, fishing	<b>8</b>	<b>79</b>	<b>\$632</b>
Construction	<b>21</b>	<b>41</b>	<b>\$655</b>
Manufacturing	<b>10</b>	<b>597</b>	<b>\$893</b>
TOTAL SERVICE PROVIDING	<b>182</b>	<b>1,614</b>	<b>\$500</b>
Wholesale trade	<b>11</b>	<b>98</b>	<b>\$690</b>
Retail trade	<b>40</b>	<b>396</b>	<b>\$452</b>
Transp/Warehousing	<b>11</b>	<b>38</b>	<b>\$763</b>
Finance/Insurance	<b>10</b>	<b>*</b>	<b>*</b>
Professional/Sci/Tech	<b>20</b>	<b>59</b>	<b>\$451</b>
Admin/Suppt/WasteMgmt/Remediation	<b>13</b>	<b>48</b>	<b>\$512</b>
Health care/Soc Svcs	<b>17</b>	<b>264</b>	<b>\$414</b>
Accommodations/Food Svc	<b>23</b>	<b>321</b>	<b>\$203</b>
TOTAL GOVERNMENT	<b>32</b>	<b>1,160</b>	<b>\$650</b>
TOTAL ALL INDUSTRIES	<b>264</b>	<b>3,505</b>	<b>\$622</b>

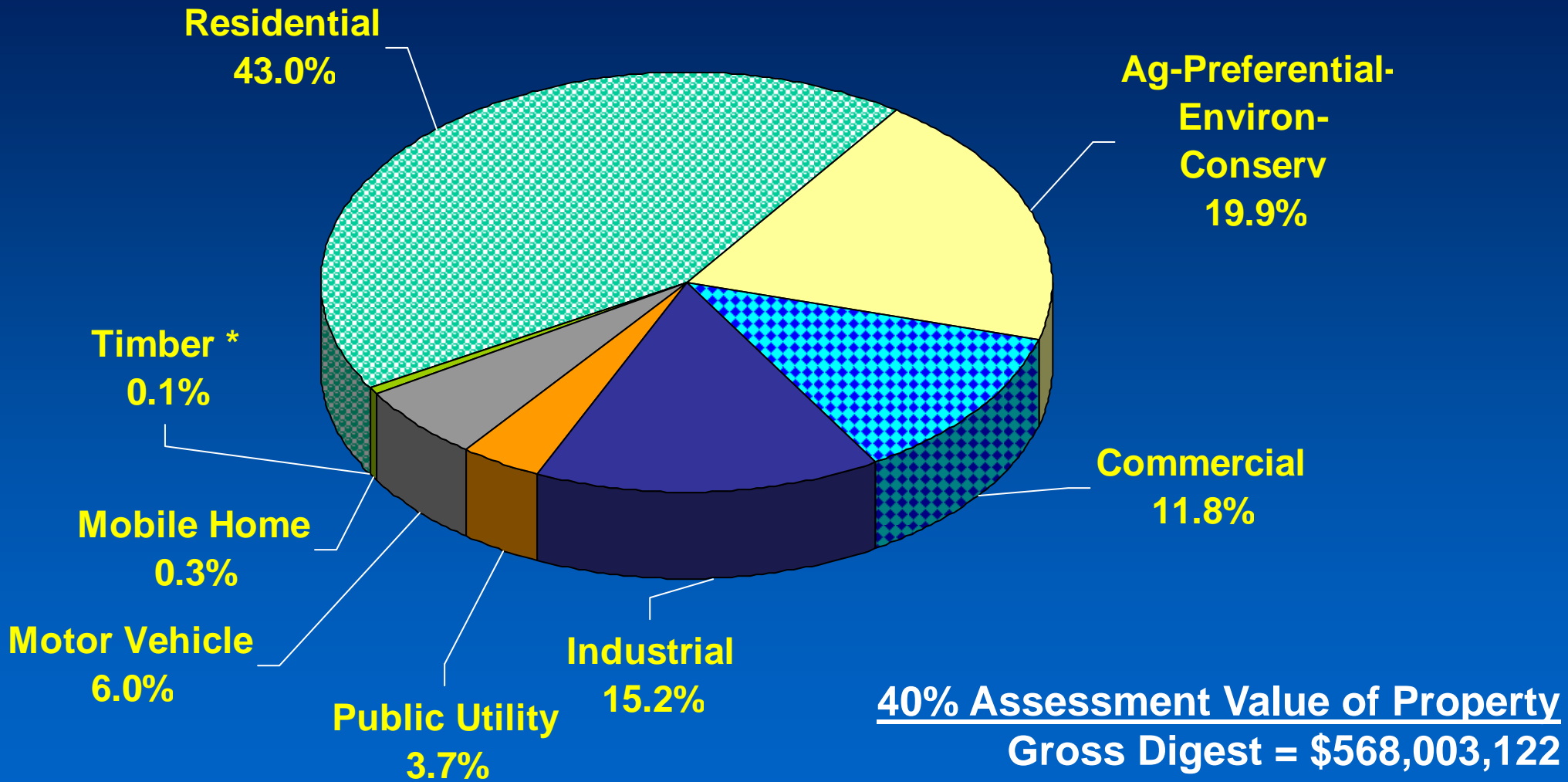
Primary data source: GA Dept. of Labor (7/15)

\* data not disclosed

# Employment Comparisons by Industry Group: 2014



# Components of 2014 Property Tax Gross Digest Lamar County



40% Assessment Value of Property

Gross Digest = \$568,003,122

Homestead & Property Exemptions = \$106,319,131

Net M&O Digest = \$461,683,991

Value of exempt property = \$71,217,404

Primary data source:  
GA Dept. of Revenue  
Data downloaded 12/15

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

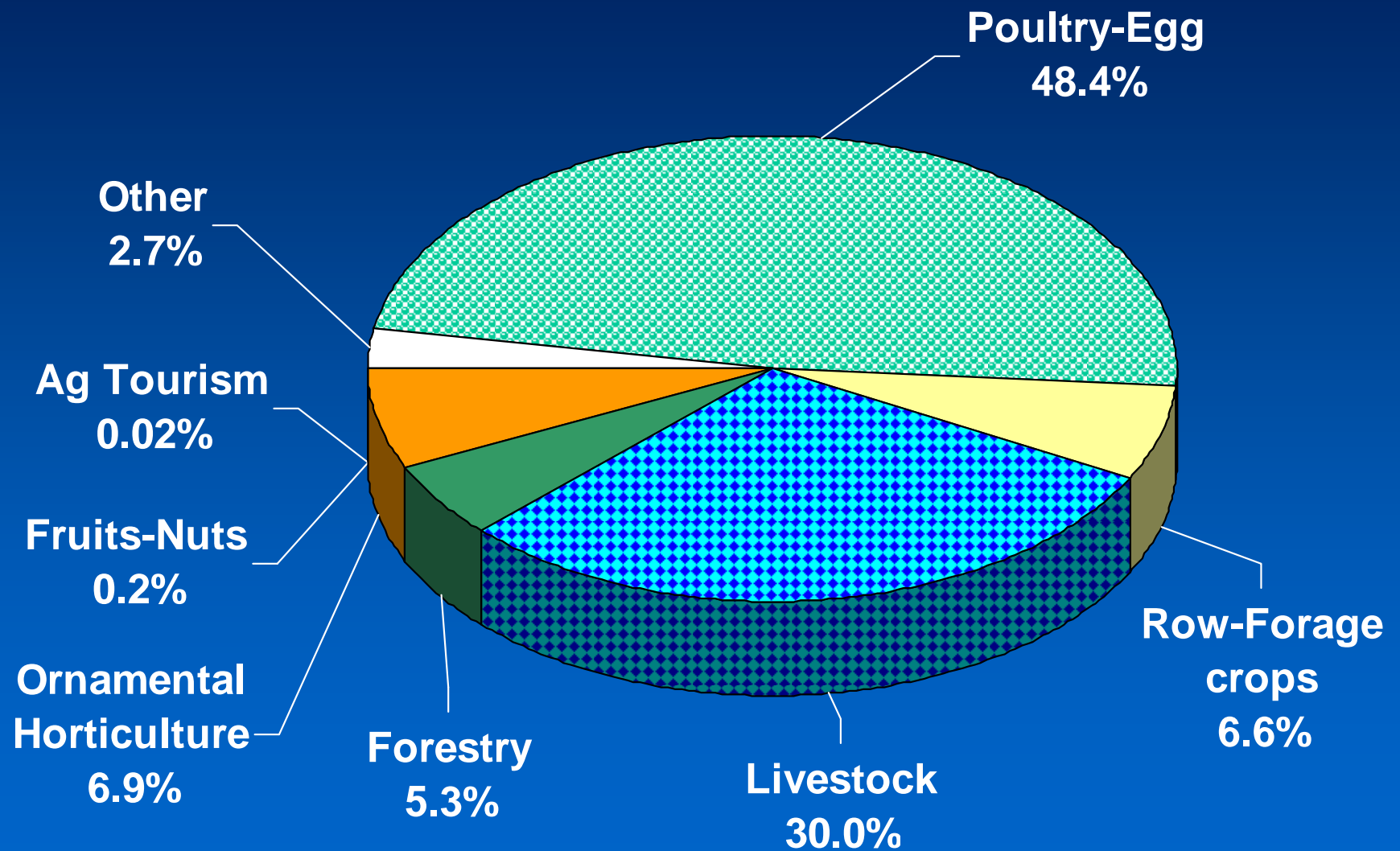
## Millage Rates, Taxes Levied, & Sales Tax Rate

County	2014 County-wide Millage*	2013 Taxes Levied*	Sales Tax Rate as of 4/1/2016	LOST Type* as of 4/1/2016
LAMAR	29.348	\$13,833,923	7	LSE
BUTTS	33.381	\$19,444,181	7	LSE
MONROE	25.273	\$33,046,108	7	LSE
PIKE	30.722	\$13,137,045	7	LSE
SPALDING	39.750	\$58,151,296	7	LSE
UPSON	18.860	\$20,188,332	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

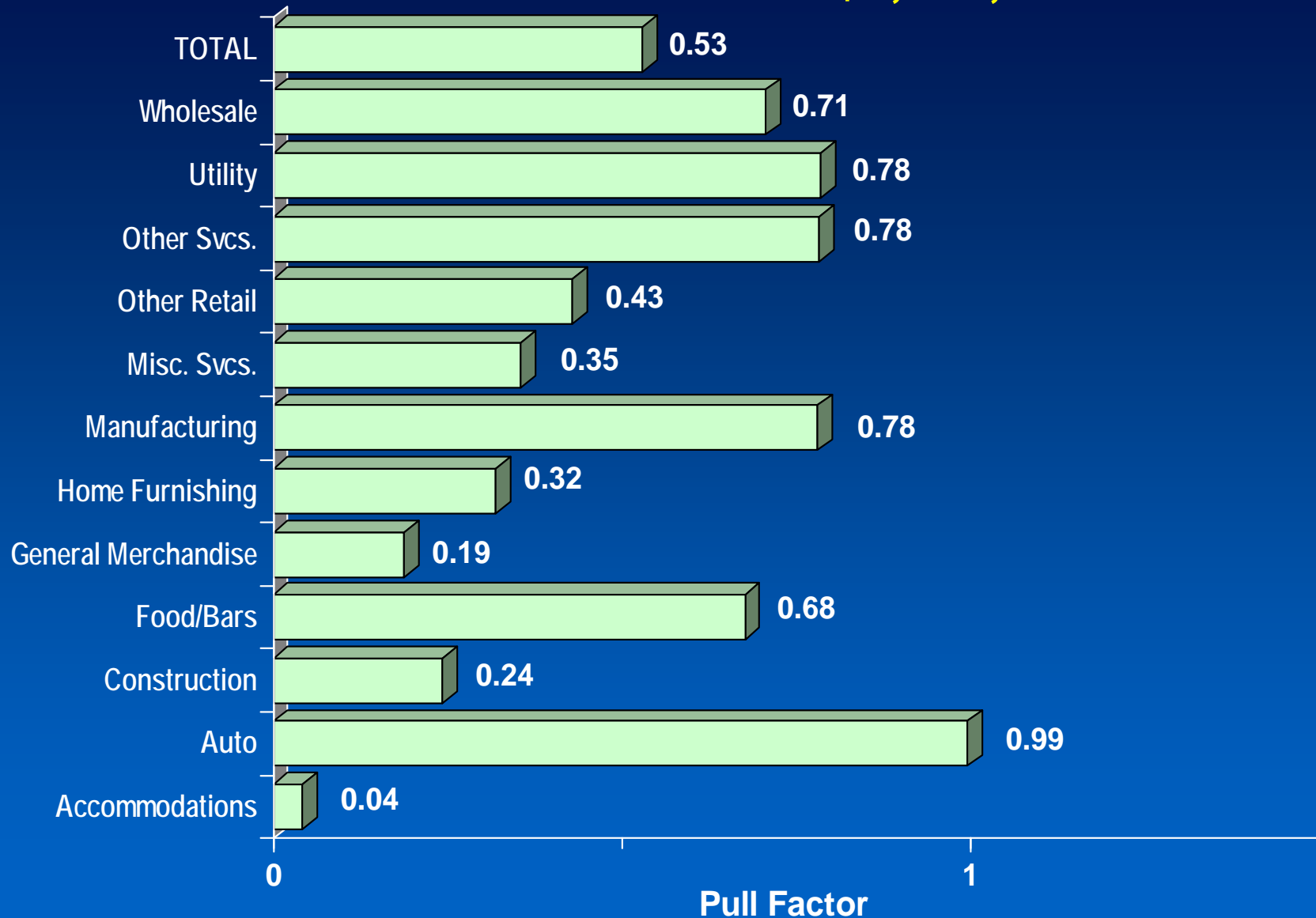
## Lamar Co. Total Value = \$37,250,494





# 1% Sales & Use Tax Distributions: 2014

## Lamar Co. Total = \$1,544,739

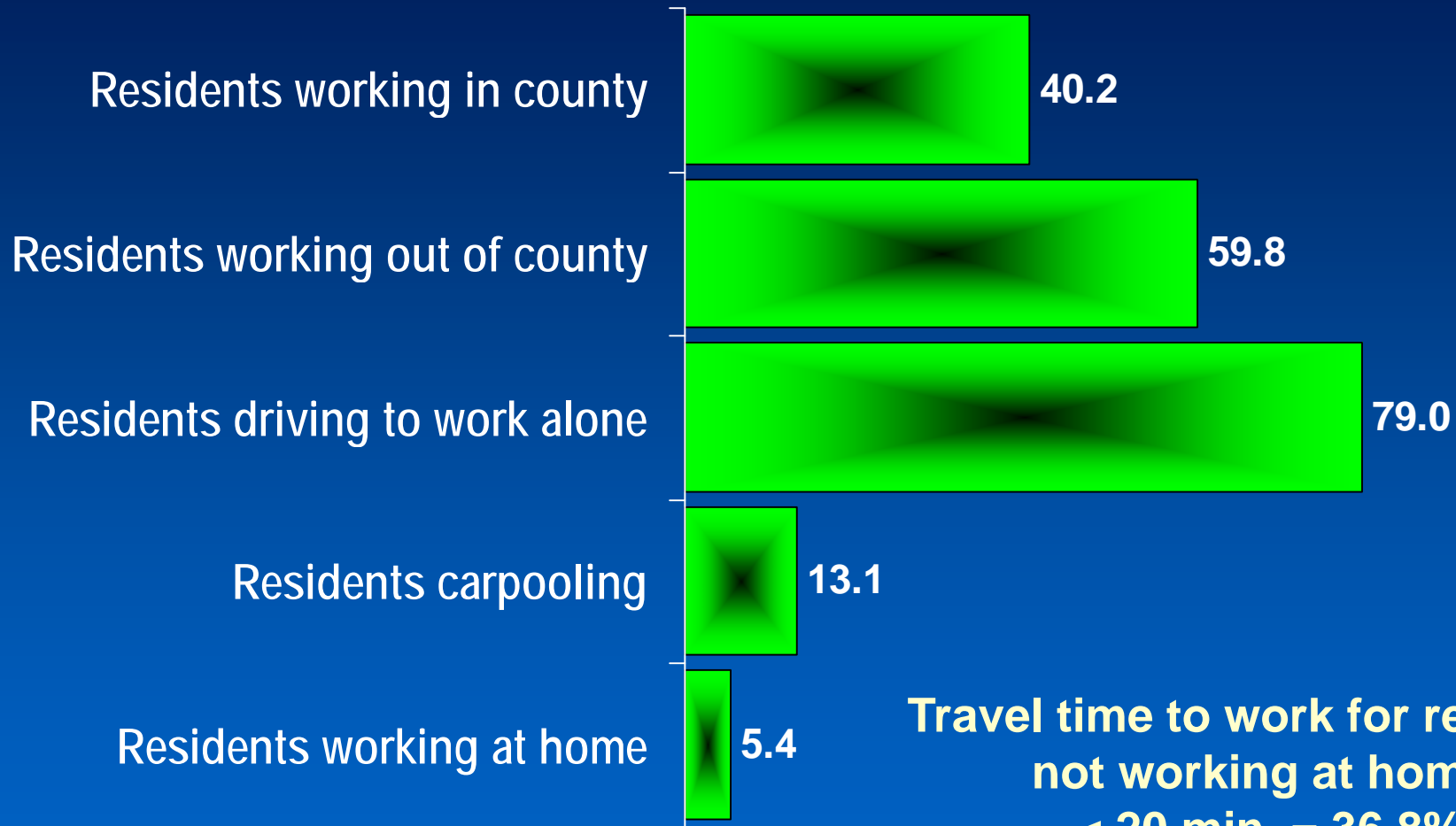


A "pull factor" of 1.0 means that the county's sales are what would be expected based upon the number of residents and their relative wealth.

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

Percentage of:



Travel time to work for residents  
not working at home:  
< 20 min. = 36.8%  
45+ min. = 27.3%

## Lamar Co.

Resident workers 16+ = 7,039

Mean travel time to work  
= 30.5 minutes

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

***Special Area Report***

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