

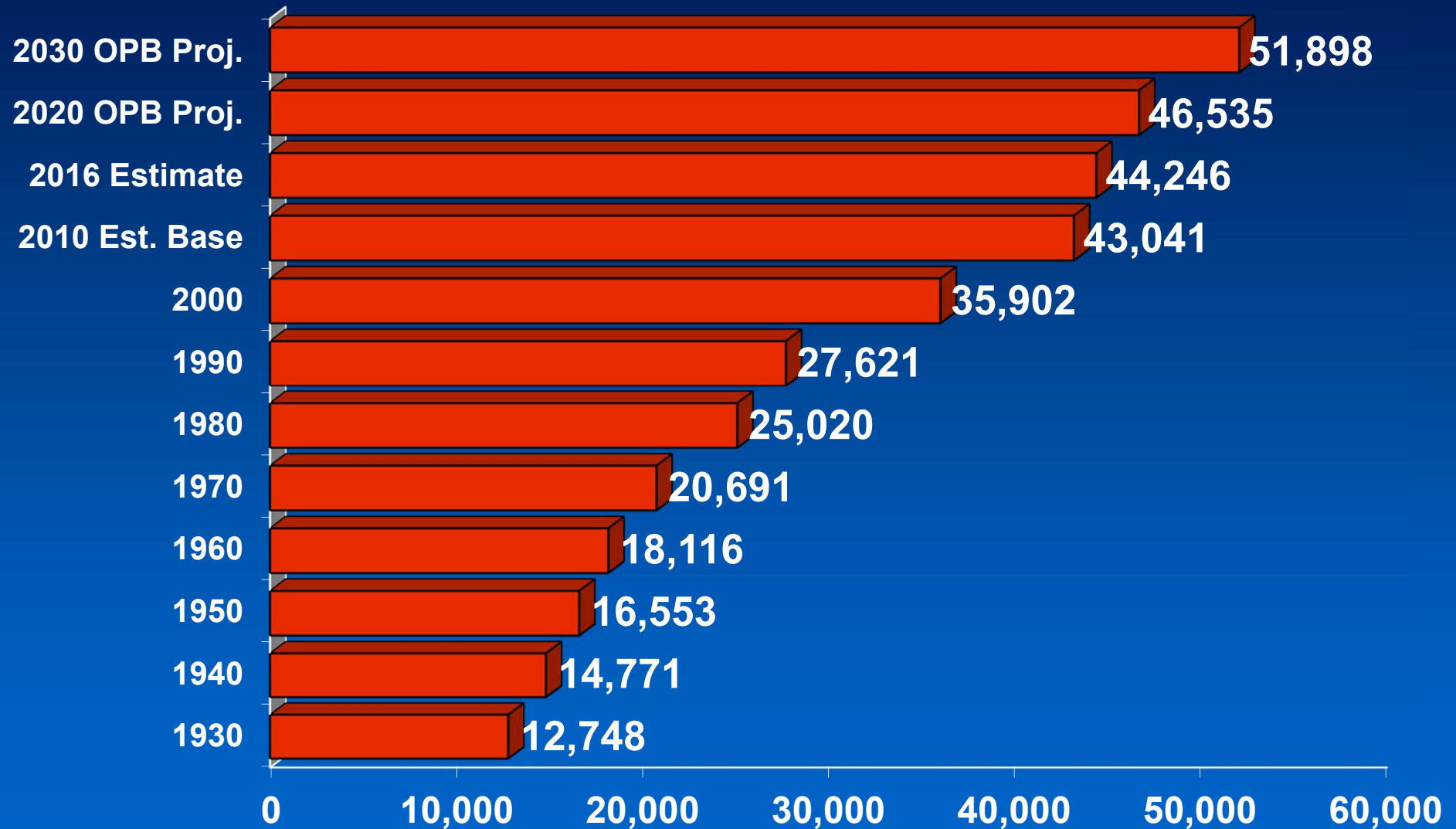
# Habersham County Community Profile



**46th in order of  
county creation  
December 15, 1818**

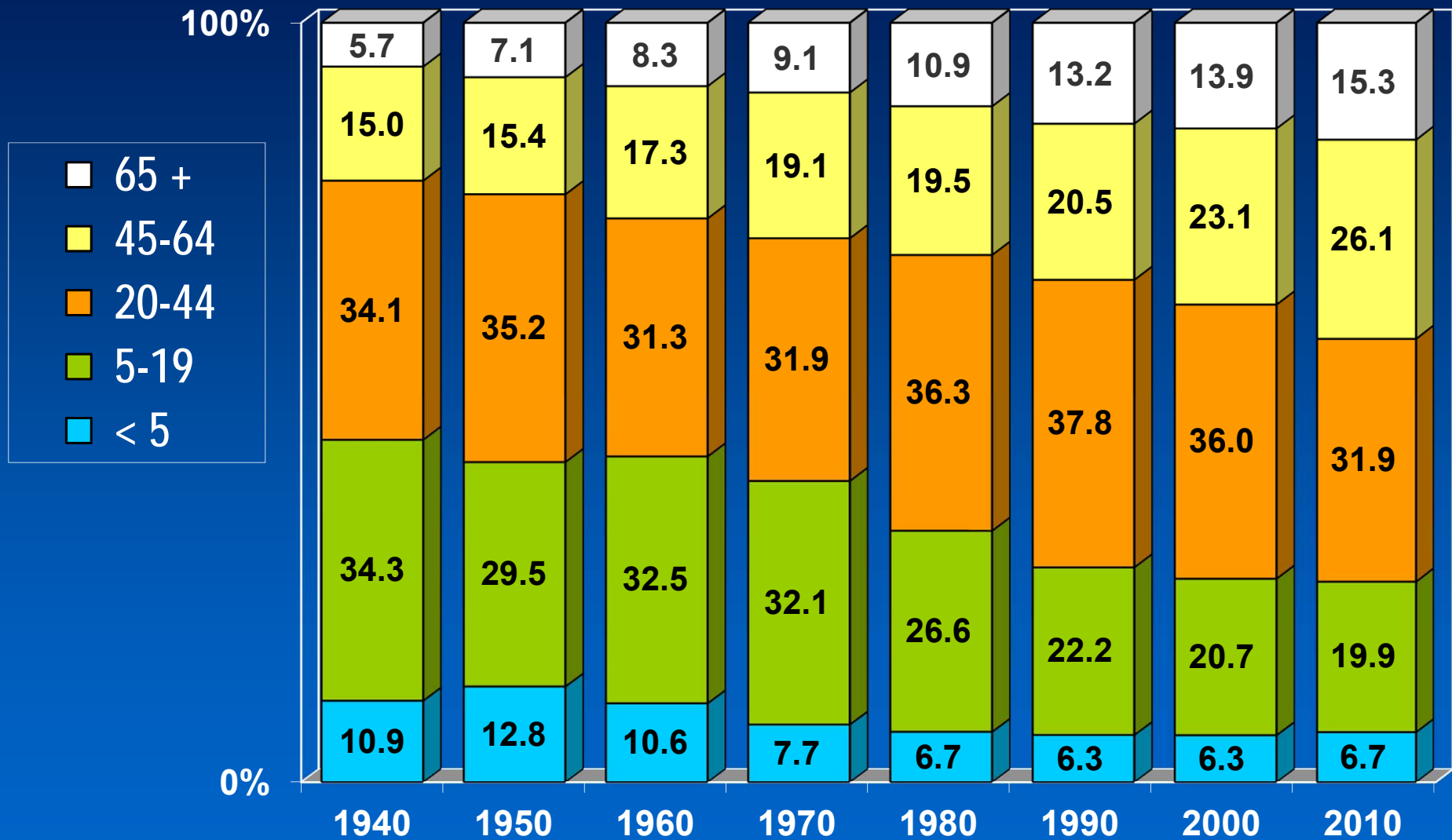
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# Habersham County Total Population



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

# Population Composition by Age Habersham County

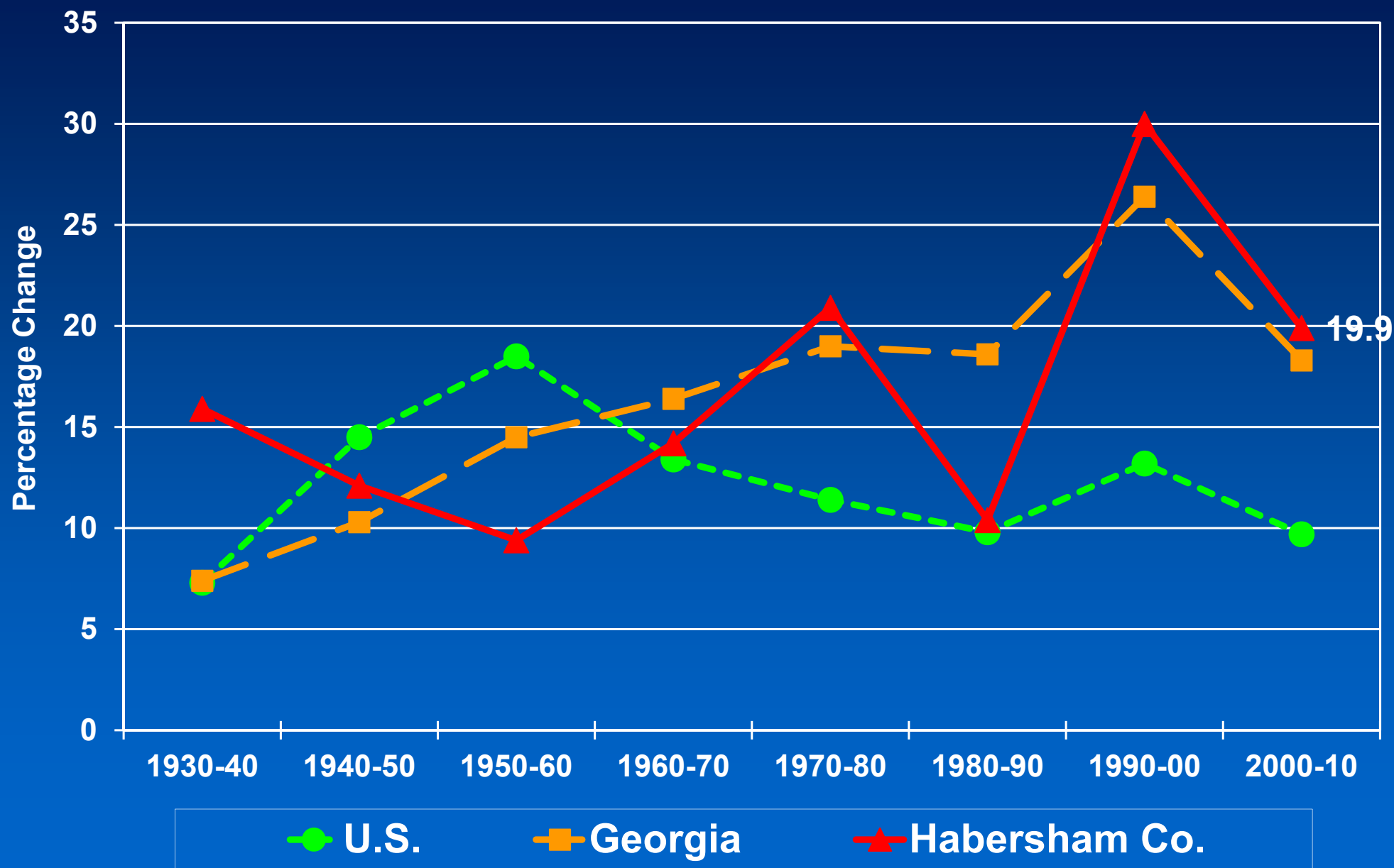


**2015 Median Age Habersham Co. = 39.5 yrs. GA = 35.3 yrs.**

## 2016 County Population Comparisons

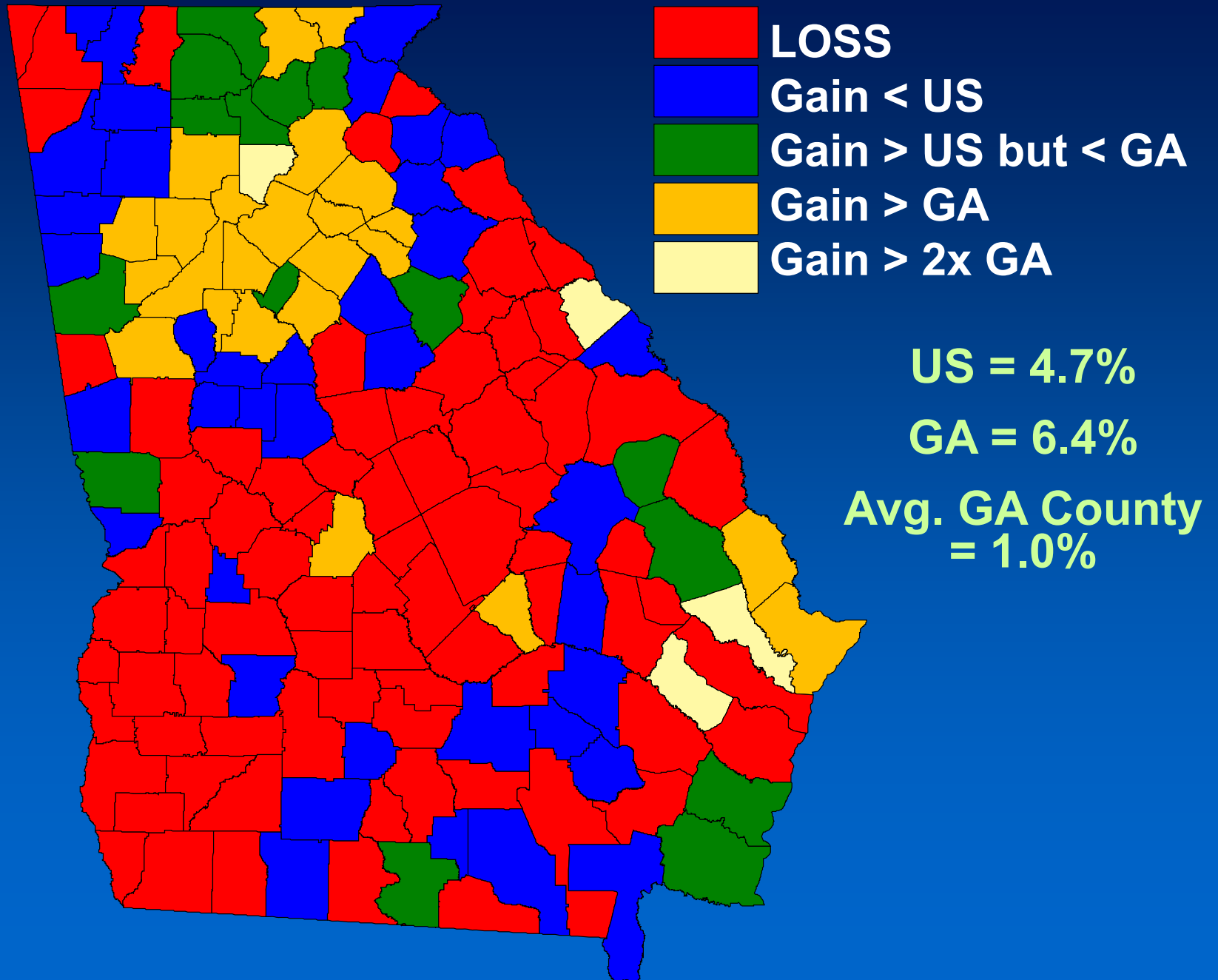
County	Total	Total Rank	Density per sq.mi. land area	% Chg. 2010-16	Rank of % Chg.
HABERSHAM	44,246	46	187.5	2.8	52
BANKS	18,397	96	83.7	0.0	82
HALL	196,637	12	623.7	9.4	13
RABUN	16,559	103	44.5	1.7	59
STEPHENS	25,751	70	145.4	-1.6	99
TOWNS	11,391	119	77.6	8.8	15
WHITE	28,884	62	131.3	6.4	28

# Population Change: 1930-2010



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

# Population Change: 2010-2016



# Components of Population Change

## Natural Increase & Net Migration\*

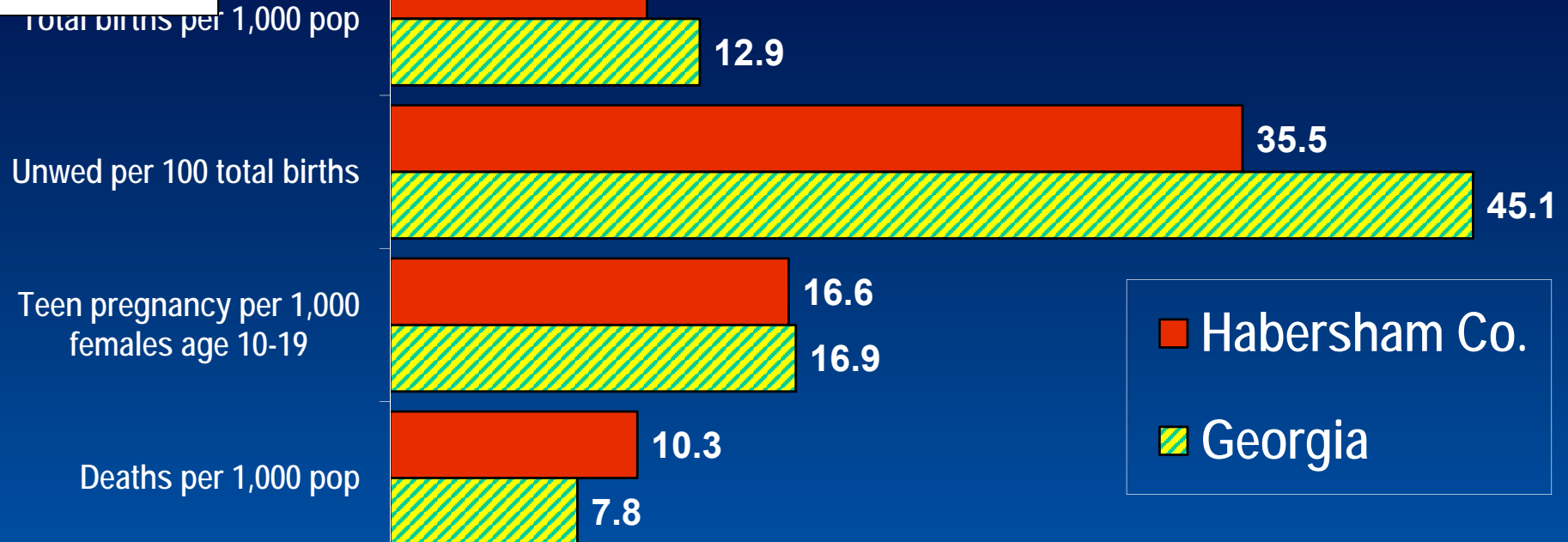
Area	4/1/2010- 6/30/2016 Numerical Change*	4/1/2010- 6/30/2016 # Natural Increase (Births-Deaths)	4/1/2010- 6/30/2016 # Net Migration	7/1/2015- 6/30/2016 1-yr Natural Increase Rate	7/1/2015- 6/30/2016 1-yr Net Migration Rate
HABERSHAM	1,205	531	623	1.2	6.5
BANKS	2	295	-322	3.4	-6.8
HALL	16,953	7,578	9,028	5.6	11.3
RABUN	283	-283	530	-3.8	19.6
STEPHENS	-421	-119	-340	0.3	9.6
TOWNS	920	-492	1,338	-7.2	22.3
WHITE	1,740	-6	1,656	-0.8	16.6
Avg. County	3,910	2,192	1,656	1.5	0.7
GEORGIA	621,691	348,541	263,358	4.8	5.9

Primary data source:  
U. S. Census Bureau (4/17)

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

# Selected Vital Statistics

## 2015 Rates

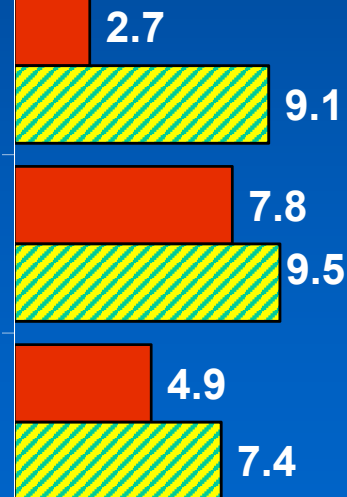


\*\*ITOP per 1,000 females age 10-55

Low birth weight per 100 births

Infant deaths per 1,000 births

10-yr. rates 2006-2015



**2015 Habersham Co. Natality Data**  
 471 total births, 167 unwed births  
 34 induced terminations  
 48 teen pregnancies  
 29 low birth weight babies

**2015 Habersham Co. Mortality Data**  
 452 total deaths  
 4 infant deaths

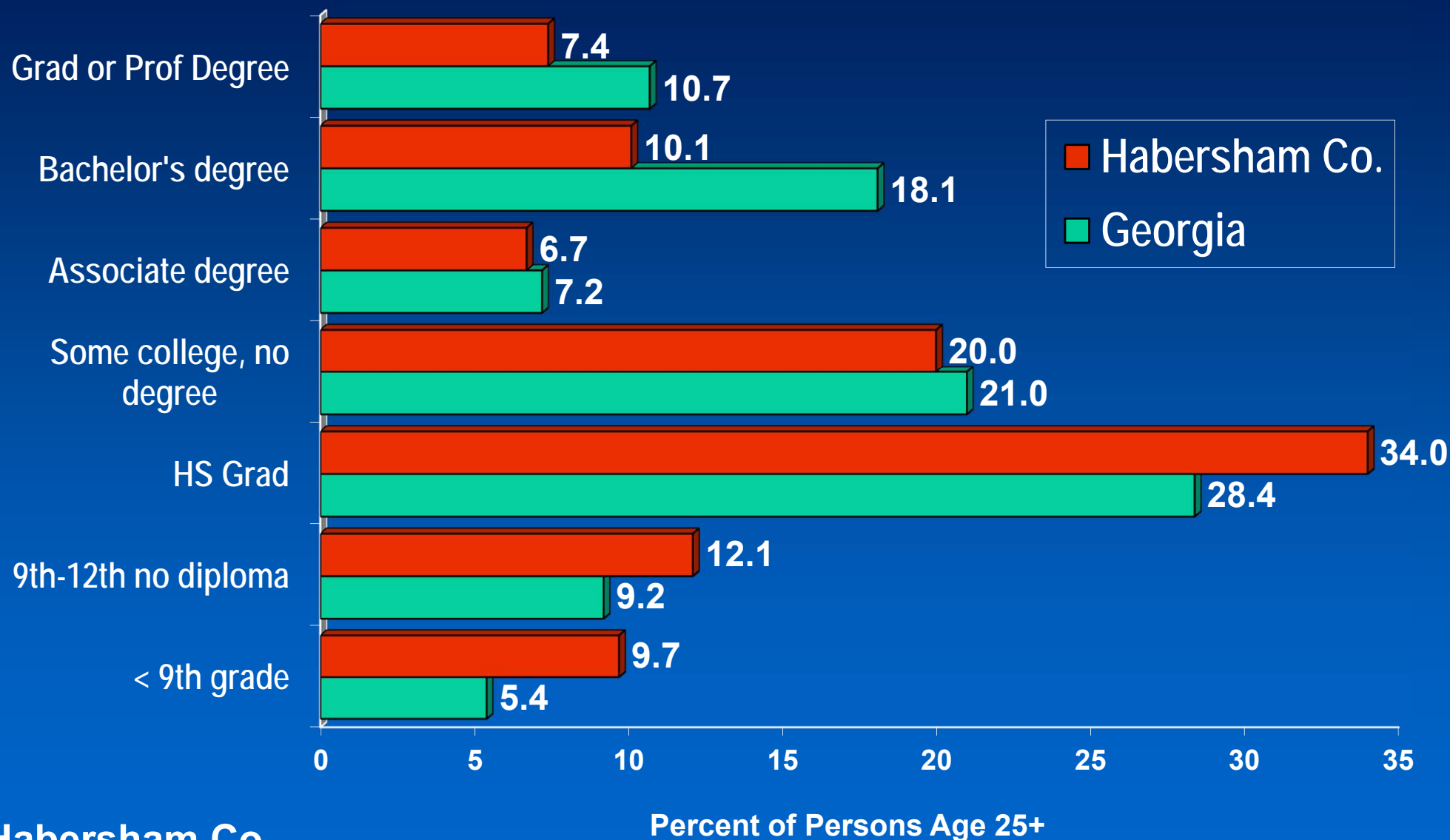
Primary data source: GA Dept. Public Health, OASIS

\*\*ITOP—Induced Terminations of Pregnancy



# Highest Level of Educational Attainment: 2011-2015

## 5 Yr. Avg. – American Community Survey



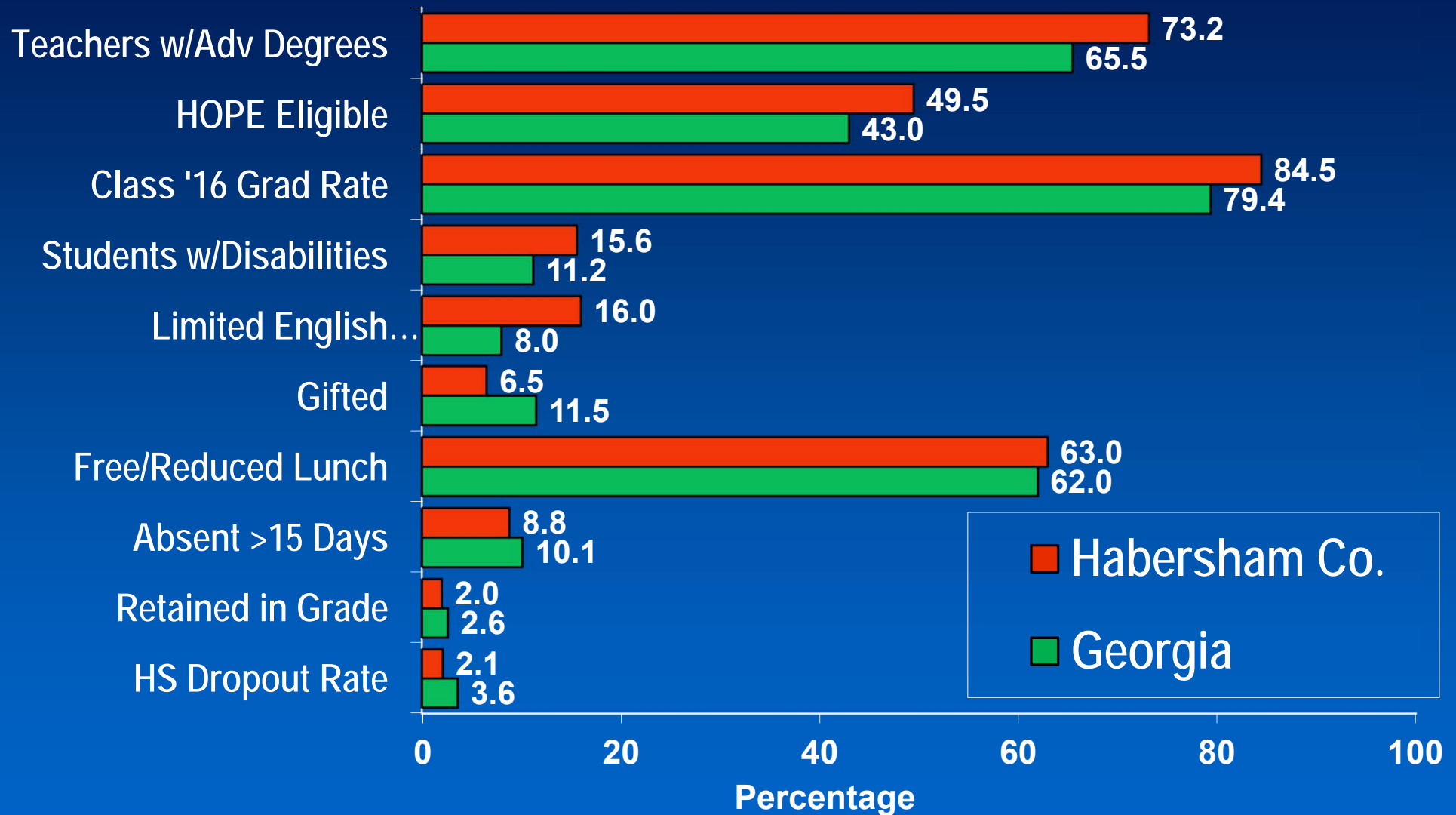
Habersham Co.

Not completing HS = 21.8%

With a bachelor's + degree = 17.5%

Primary data source: U.S. Census Bureau

# Selected Public School Statistics School Year 2015-16



**Habersham Co.**  
**FTE K12 enrollment = 6,663**  
**HS dropouts = 43**  
**General Fund Expenditures per FTE = \$9,019**

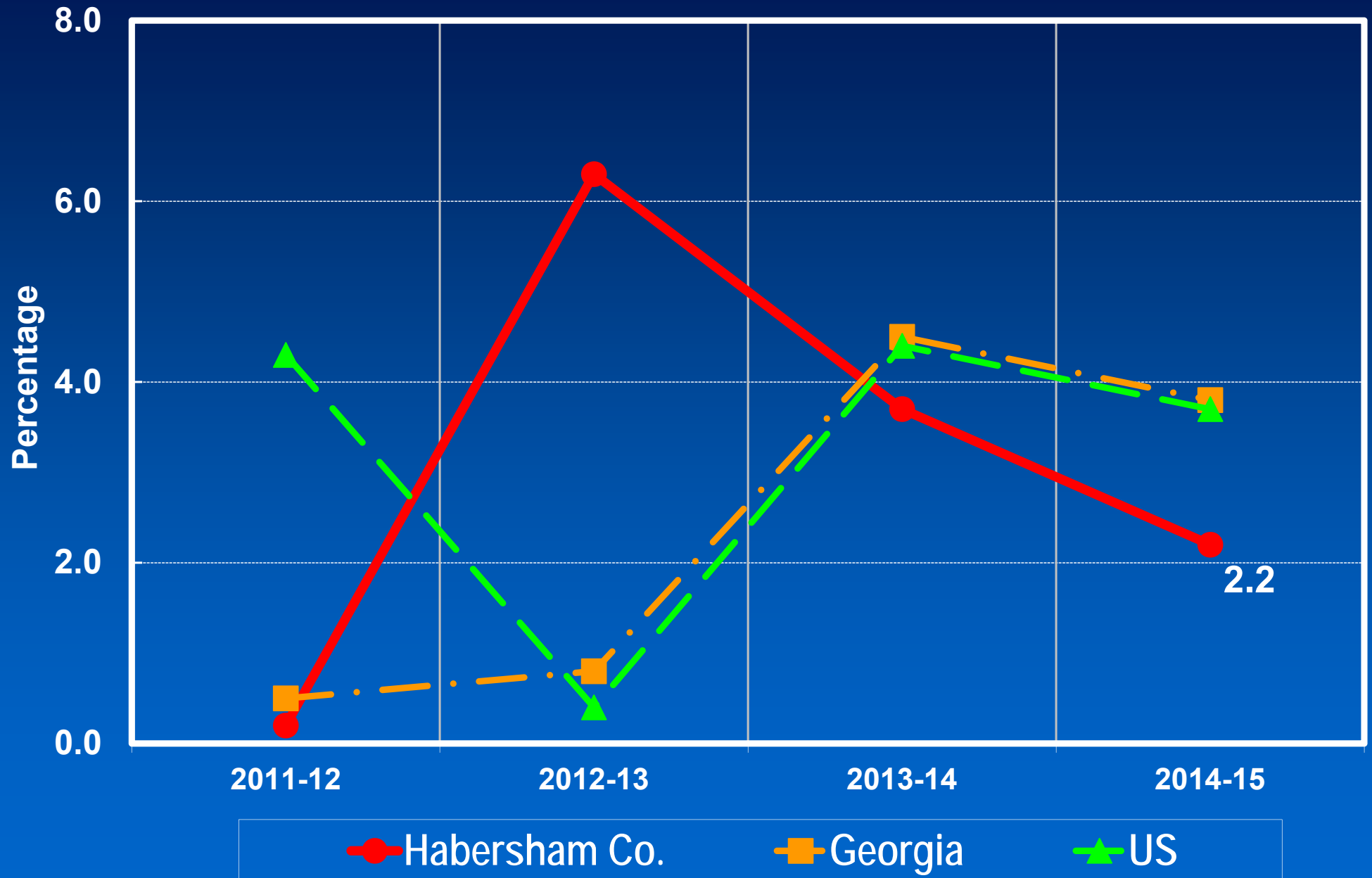
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## Per Capita Income: 2015

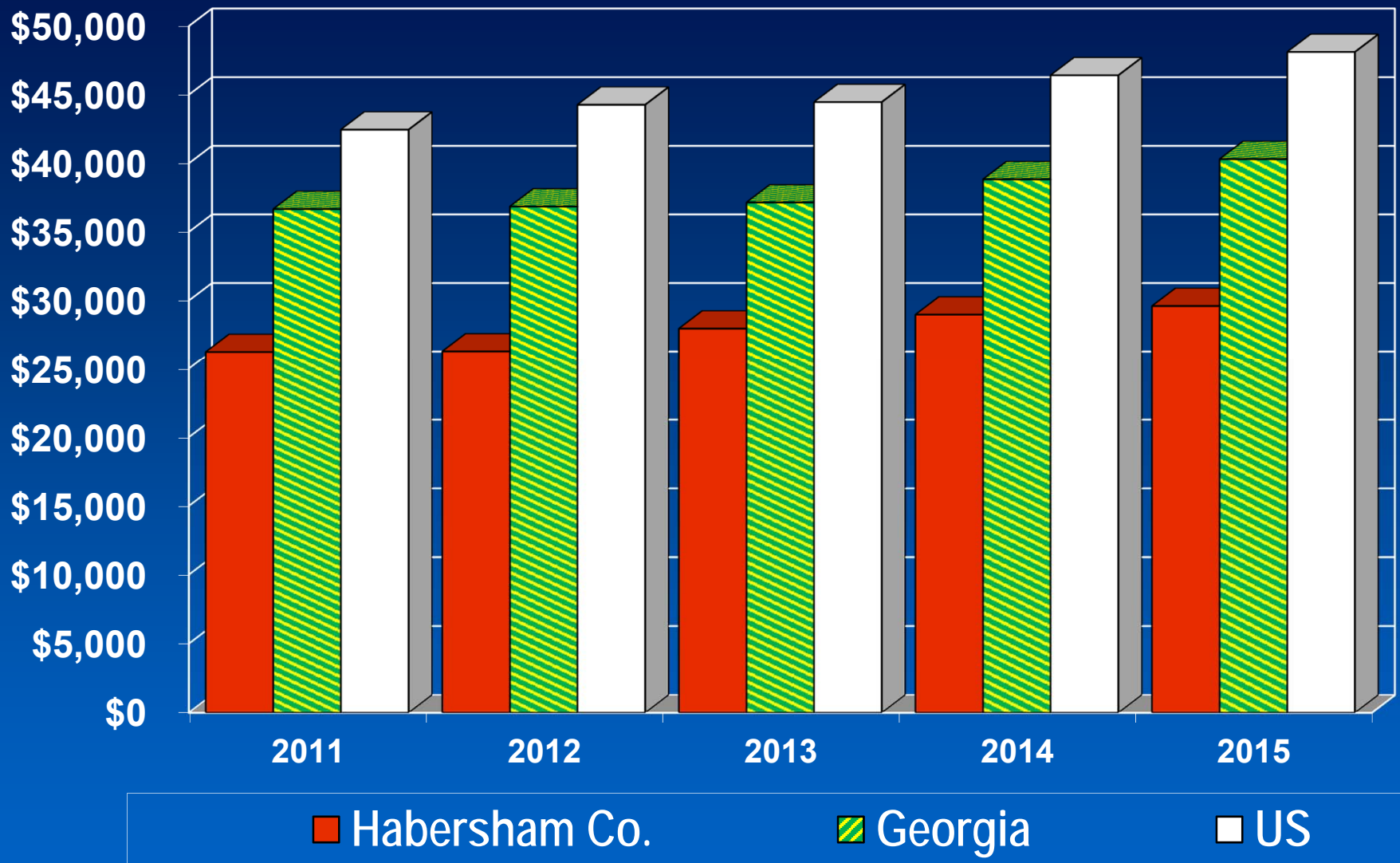
County	PCI	Rank of PCI	% PCI of GA Total	% Change in PCI 2011-2015
HABERSHAM	\$29,603	105	73.4	12.8
BANKS	\$31,775	76	78.8	21.7
HALL	\$36,597	28	90.8	13.9
RABUN	\$35,058	33	87.0	9.7
STEPHENS	\$33,902	45	84.1	17.2
TOWNS	\$30,808	93	76.4	3.8
WHITE	\$30,871	91	76.6	15.4
GA Avg. Co.	\$32,346	--	80.3	10.2

# Per Capita Income: 2011-2015

## Percentage Change



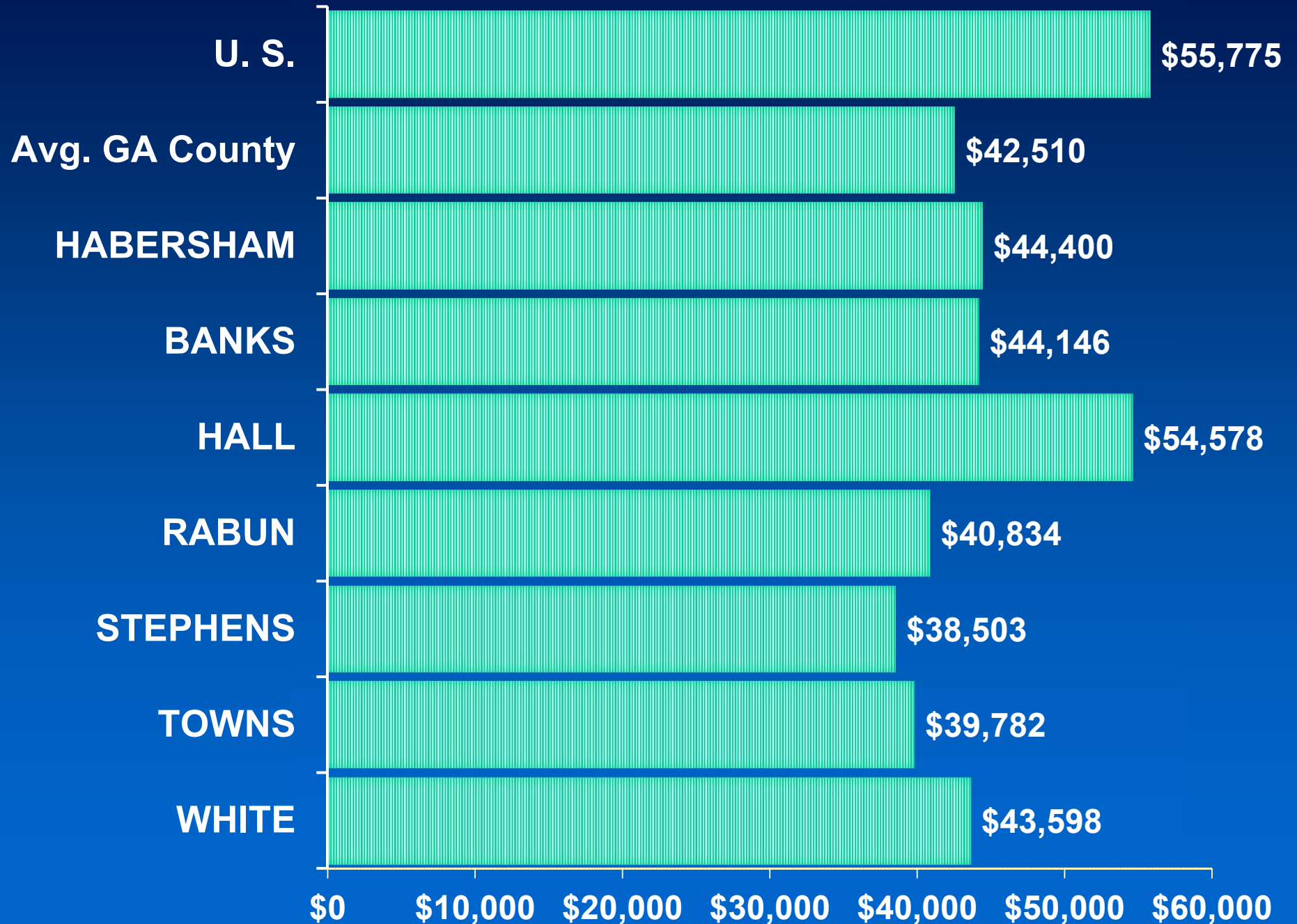
# Per Capita Income: 2011-2015



**2015 PCI**  
**Habersham Co. = \$29,603**

**Georgia = \$40,306**  
**US = \$48,112**

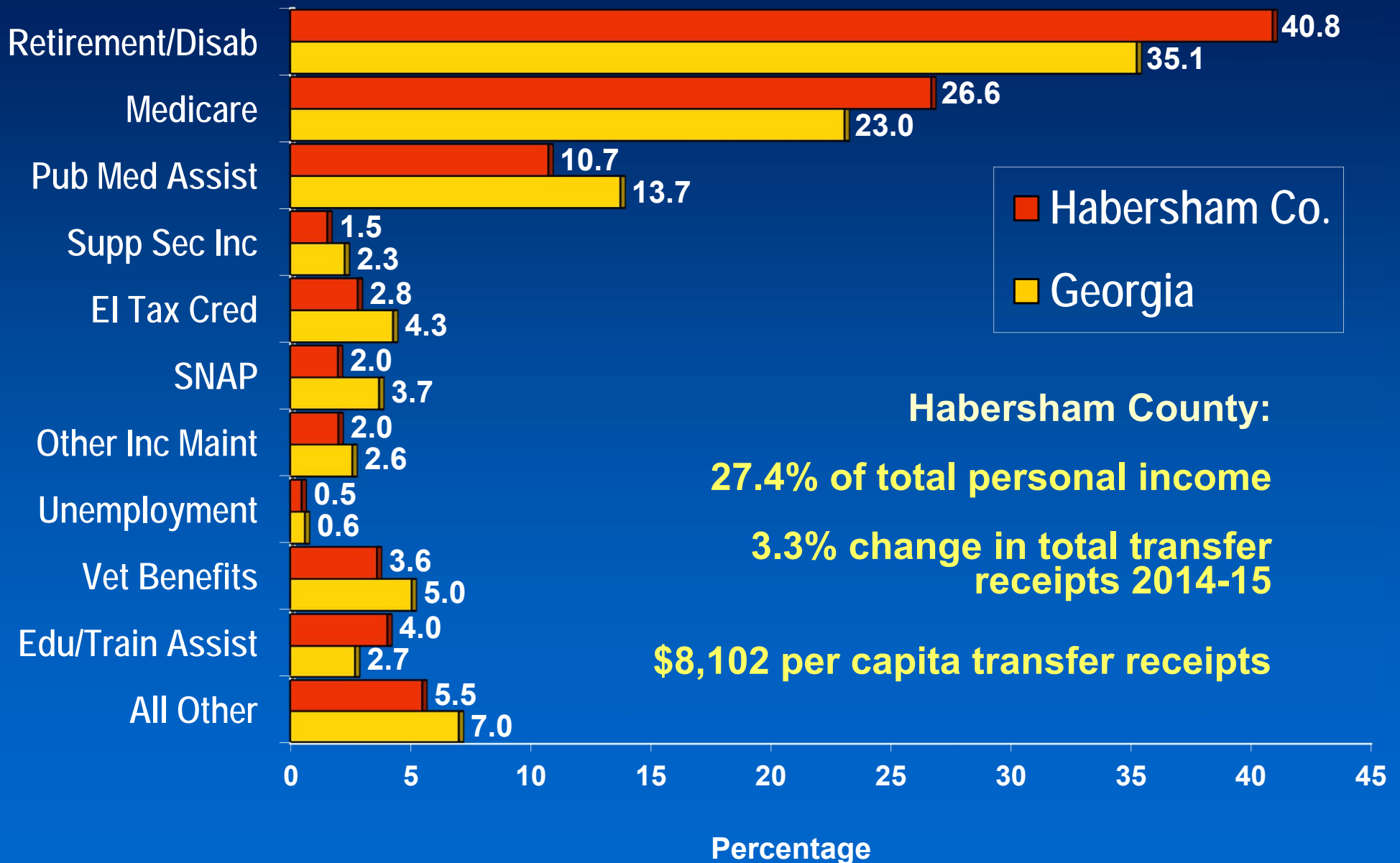
## Median Household Income 2015 Model-Based Estimates



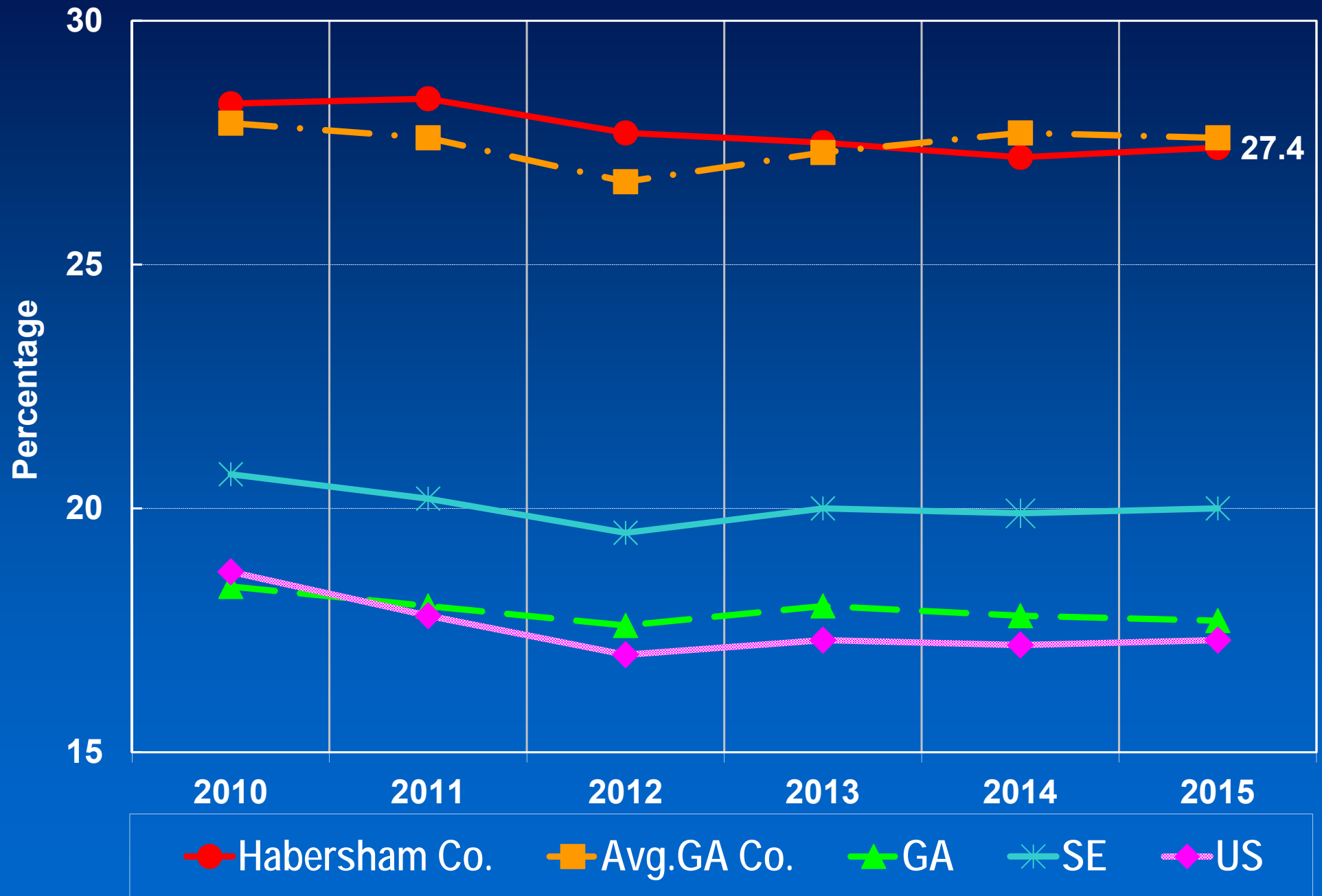
Primary data source: U. S. Census Bureau (1/17)

# Personal Current Transfer Receipts: 2015

## Habersham Co. Total = \$356,477,000



# Transfer Receipts as a Percentage of Total Personal Income 2010-2015



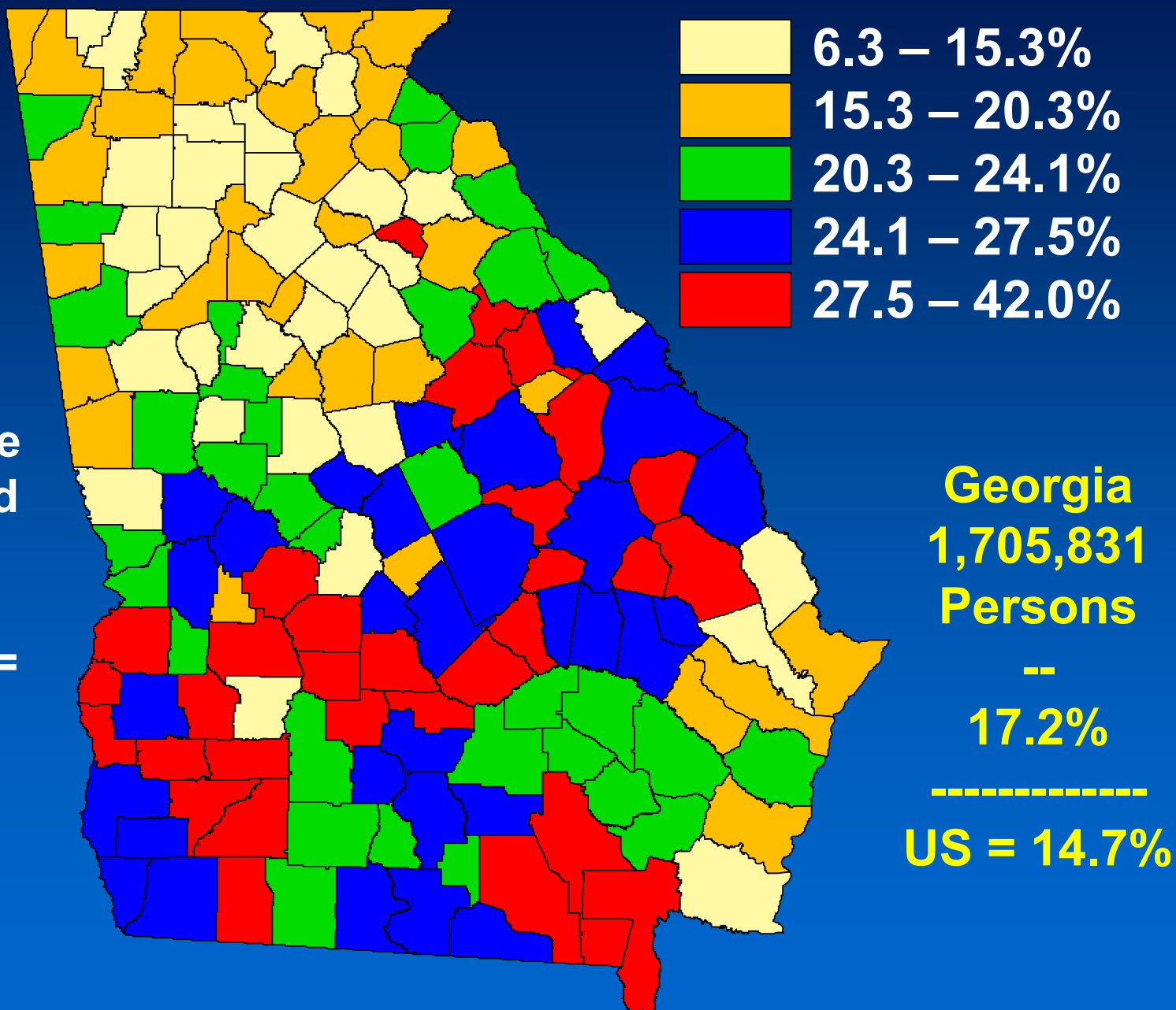


## Persons Living Below Poverty Level 2015 Model-Based Estimates

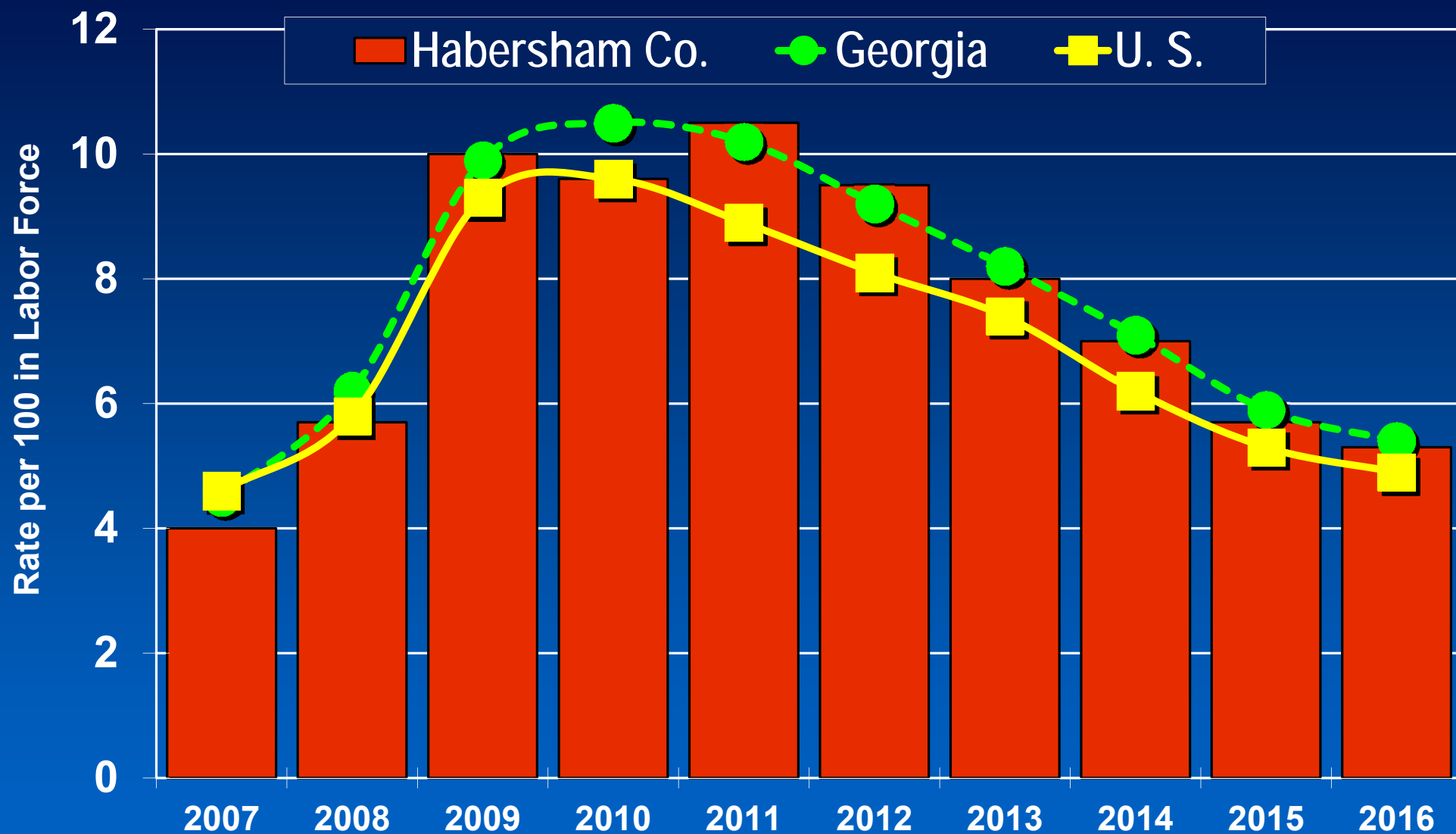
County	# of Persons	% of all Persons	Rank of %
HABERSHAM	6,891	16.6	40
BANKS	2,916	15.8	34
HALL	32,263	16.9	43
RABUN	2,584	16.1	37
STEPHENS	5,290	21.2	74
TOWNS	1,694	16.7	41
WHITE	4,205	15.2	31
GA Avg. Co.	10,729	21.9	--

# Persons Living Below the Poverty Level 2015 Model-Based Estimates

Weighted average  
poverty threshold  
for a family  
household of 4  
persons in 2015 =  
\$24,257



# Civilian Labor Force Average Annual Unemployment Rates



**2016 Rates      Habersham Co. = 5.3      GA = 5.4      US = 4.9**  
**Avg. GA County = 6.1**

# Establishments, Employment & Wages: 2015 Averages

<b>Habersham County</b>	<b>Avg. # Establishments</b>	<b>Avg. Monthly Employment</b>	<b>Avg. Wage Weekly</b>
TOTAL GOODS PRODUCING	164	4,697	\$753
Ag, forestry, fishing	14	*	*
Construction	88	428	\$640
Manufacturing	61	4,078	\$760
TOTAL SERVICE PROVIDING	647	6,888	\$515
Wholesale trade	48	196	\$881
Retail trade	162	1,790	\$453
Transp/Warehousing	17	63	\$841
Finance/Insurance	48	269	\$852
Professional/Sci/Tech	60	207	\$863
Admin/Suppt/WasteMgmt/Remediation	54	498	\$443
Health care/Soc Svcs	78	687	\$694
Accommodations/Food Svc	78	1,510	\$252
TOTAL GOVERNMENT	58	2,913	\$682
TOTAL ALL INDUSTRIES	913	14,536	\$625

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

\* data not disclosed

# Employment Comparisons by Industry Group: 2015

■ Habersham Co.

■ Avg. GA County

■ Georgia

Goods Producing

32.3

22.1

13.8

Service Providing

47.4

52.3

70.4

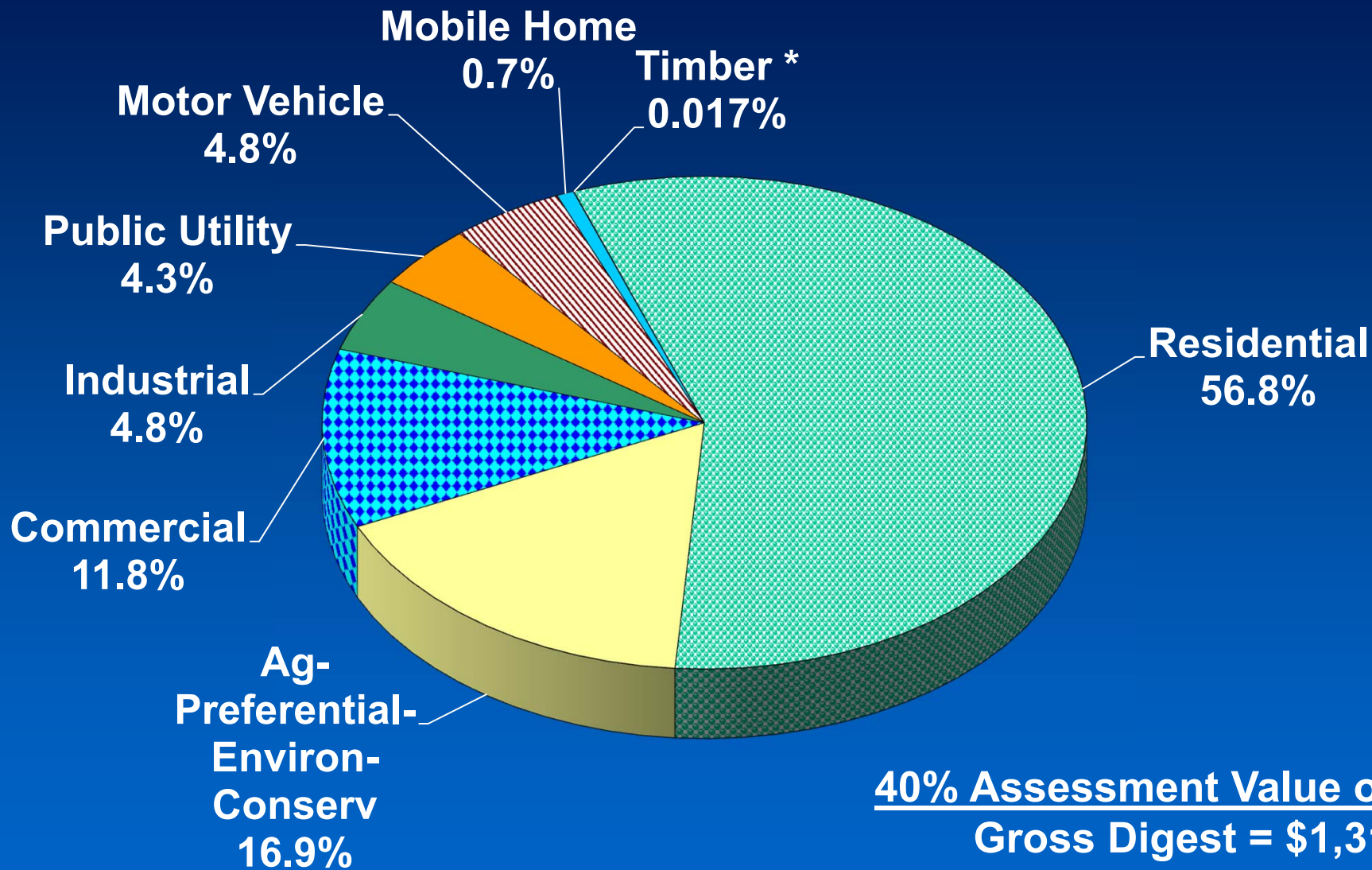
Government

20.0

24.7

15.4

# Components of 2015 Property Tax Gross Digest Habersham County



40% Assessment Value of Property

Gross Digest = \$1,312,391,889

Homestead & Property Exemptions = \$211,441,767

Net M&O Digest = \$1,100,950,122

Value of exempt property = \$155,188,288

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

# Habersham Co. Millage Rates, Taxes Levied, & Sales Tax Rate

Tax District	2015 Millage rates
ALTO	6.200
BALDWIN - HABERSHAM	7.750
CLARKESVILLE	6.350
CORNELIA	8.500
COUNTY INCORPORATED	10.639
COUNTY UNINCORPORATED	10.639
COUNTY WIDE HOSPITAL	0.590
DEMOREST	8.280
MOUNT AIRY	3.910
SCHOOL	14.490
STATE	0.050
TALLULAH FALLS	6.000

County	2015 Taxes Levied*	Sales Tax Rate as of 4/1/2017	LOST Type* as of 4/2017
HABERSHAM	\$29,141,787	7	LSE
BANKS	\$11,863,936	7	LSE
HALL	\$179,113,898	7	LSE
RABUN	\$32,772,308	7	LSE
STEPHENS	\$20,529,397	7	LSE
TOWNS	\$10,172,309	8	LSEO
WHITE	\$23,387,126	7	LSE

**No Bonds**

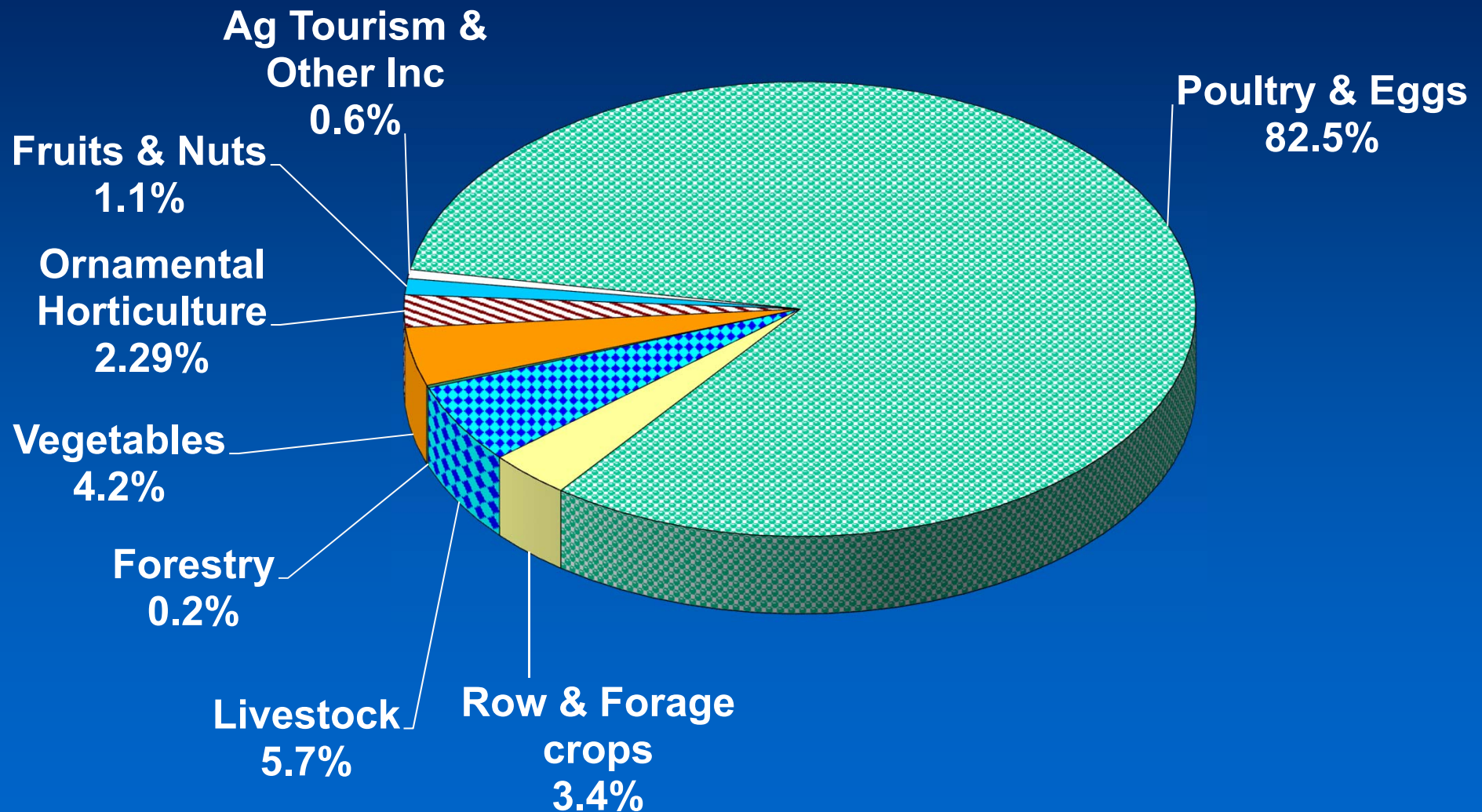
Taxes levied, but not necessarily collected.  
L=Local Option, S=Special Purpose,  
E=Educational, O=Other Local Option



# 2015 Farm Gate Value by Commodity Group

## Habersham Co. Total Value = \$269,793,328

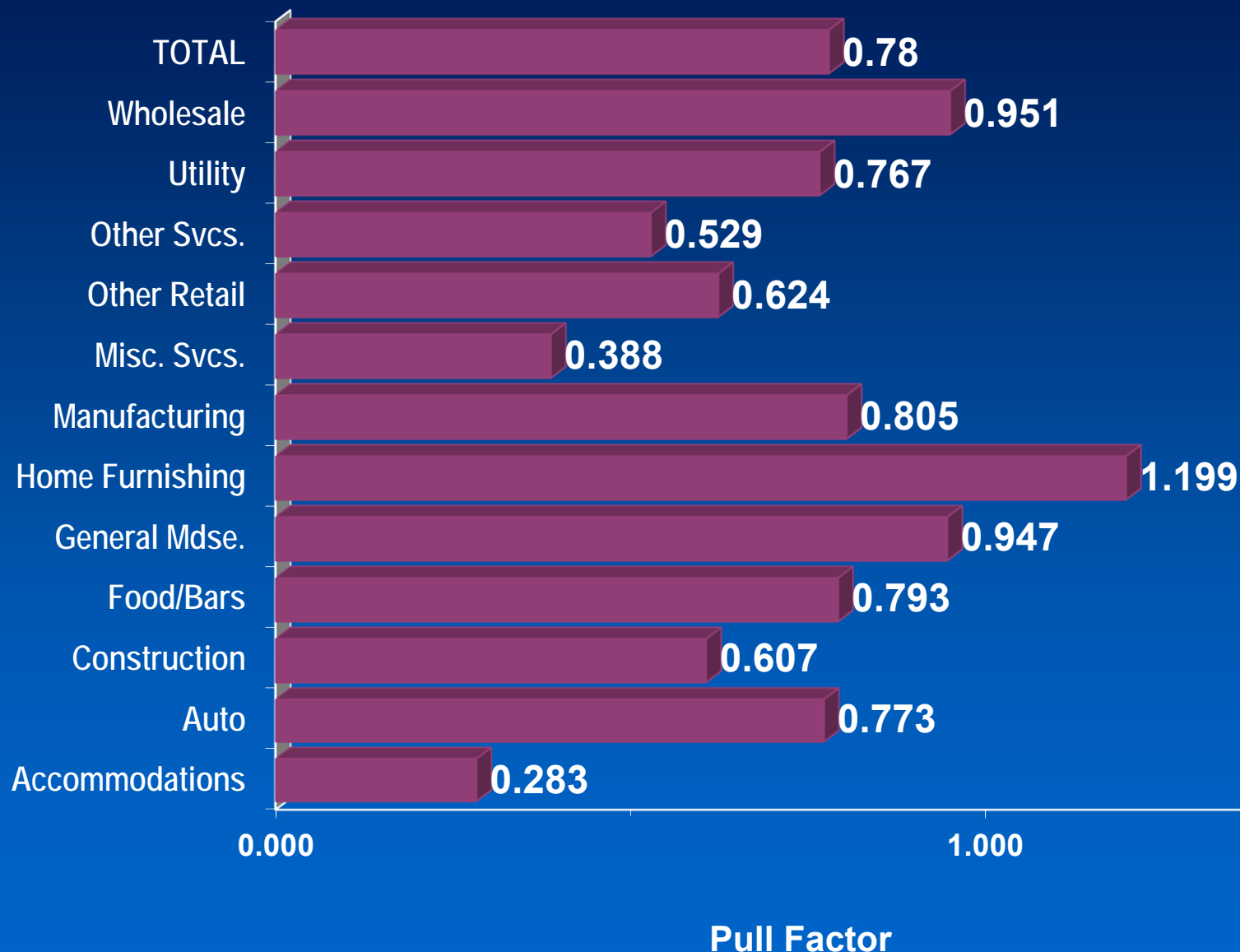
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# 1% Sales & Use Tax Distributions: 2015

## Habersham Co. Total = \$5,593,276

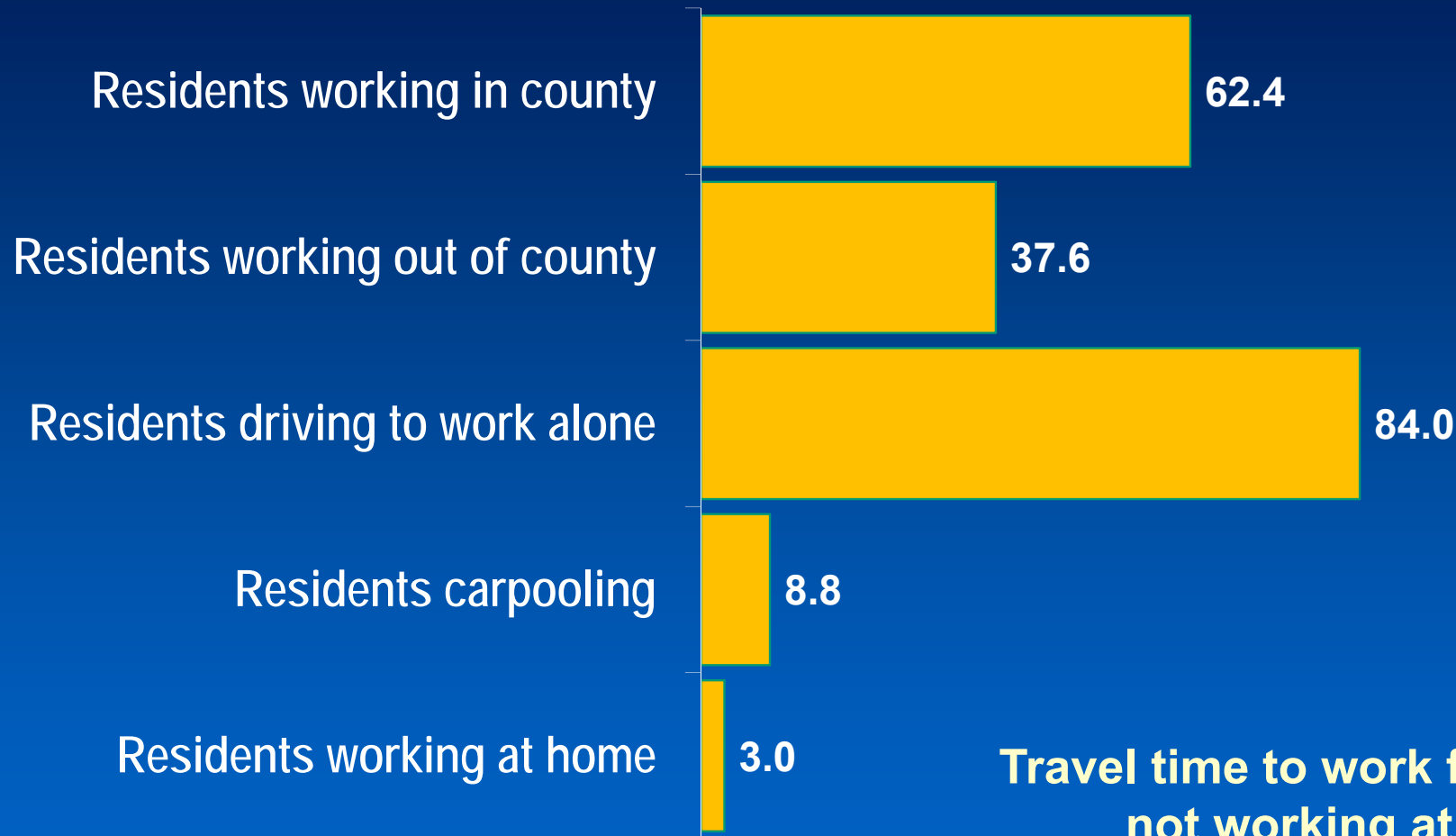


A “pull factor” of 1.0 means that the county’s sales are what would be expected based upon the number of residents and their relative wealth.

# Commuting to Work: 2011-2015

## 5 Yr. Average – American Community Survey

Percentage of:



Travel time to work for residents  
not working at home:

< 10 min. = 13.9%

60+ min. = 8.4%

**Habersham Co.**

**Resident workers 16+ = 16,588**

**Mean travel time to work  
= 24.8 minutes**

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

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