



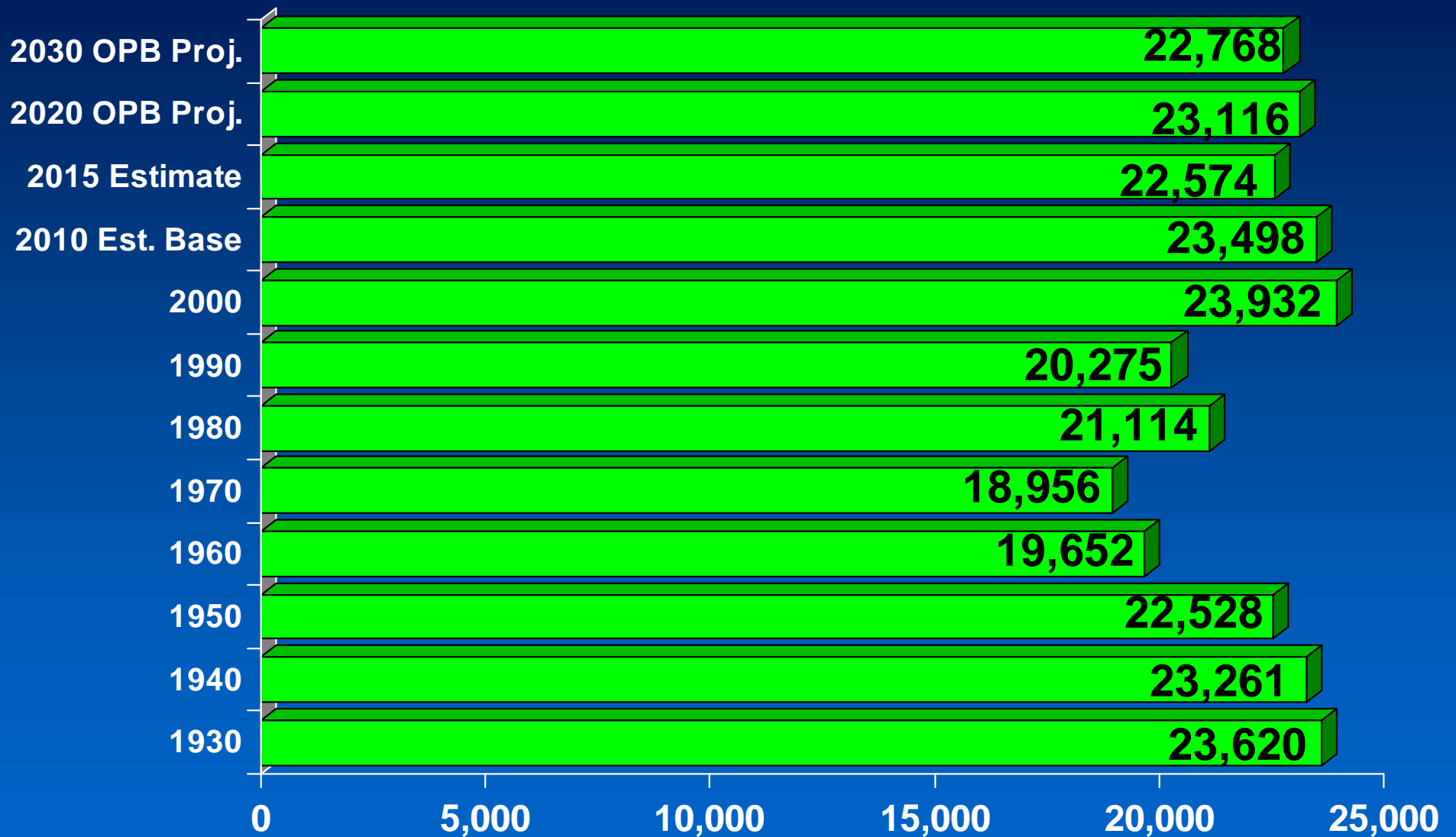
*Mitchell County  
Community Profile*

Photo: Ed Jackson

**123<sup>rd</sup> in order of  
county creation  
December 21, 1857**

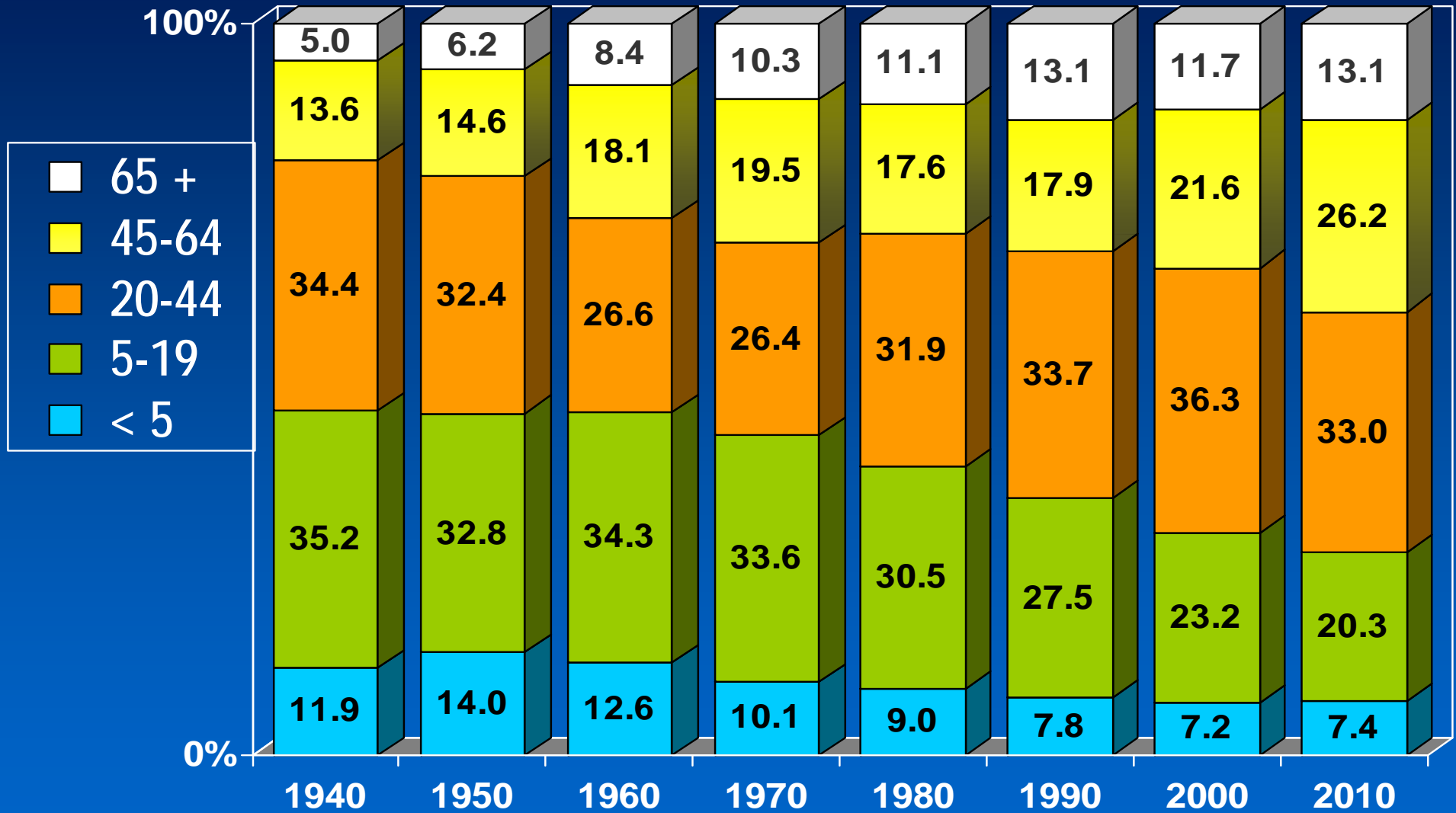
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# Mitchell County Total Population



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

# Population Composition by Age Mitchell County



**2015 Median Age**

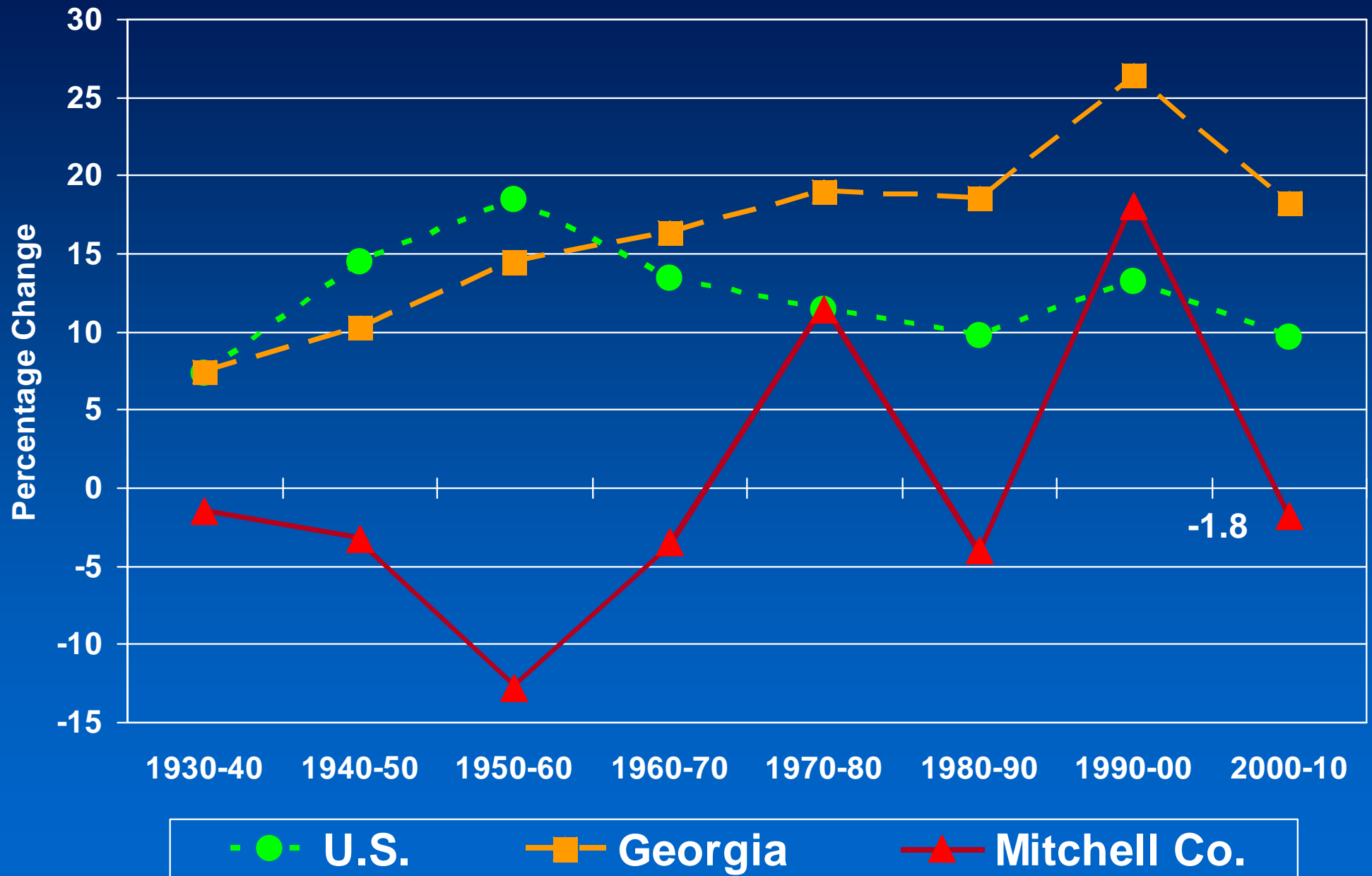
**Mitchell Co. = 38.8 yrs.**

**GA = 35.3 yrs.**

# 2015 County Population Comparisons

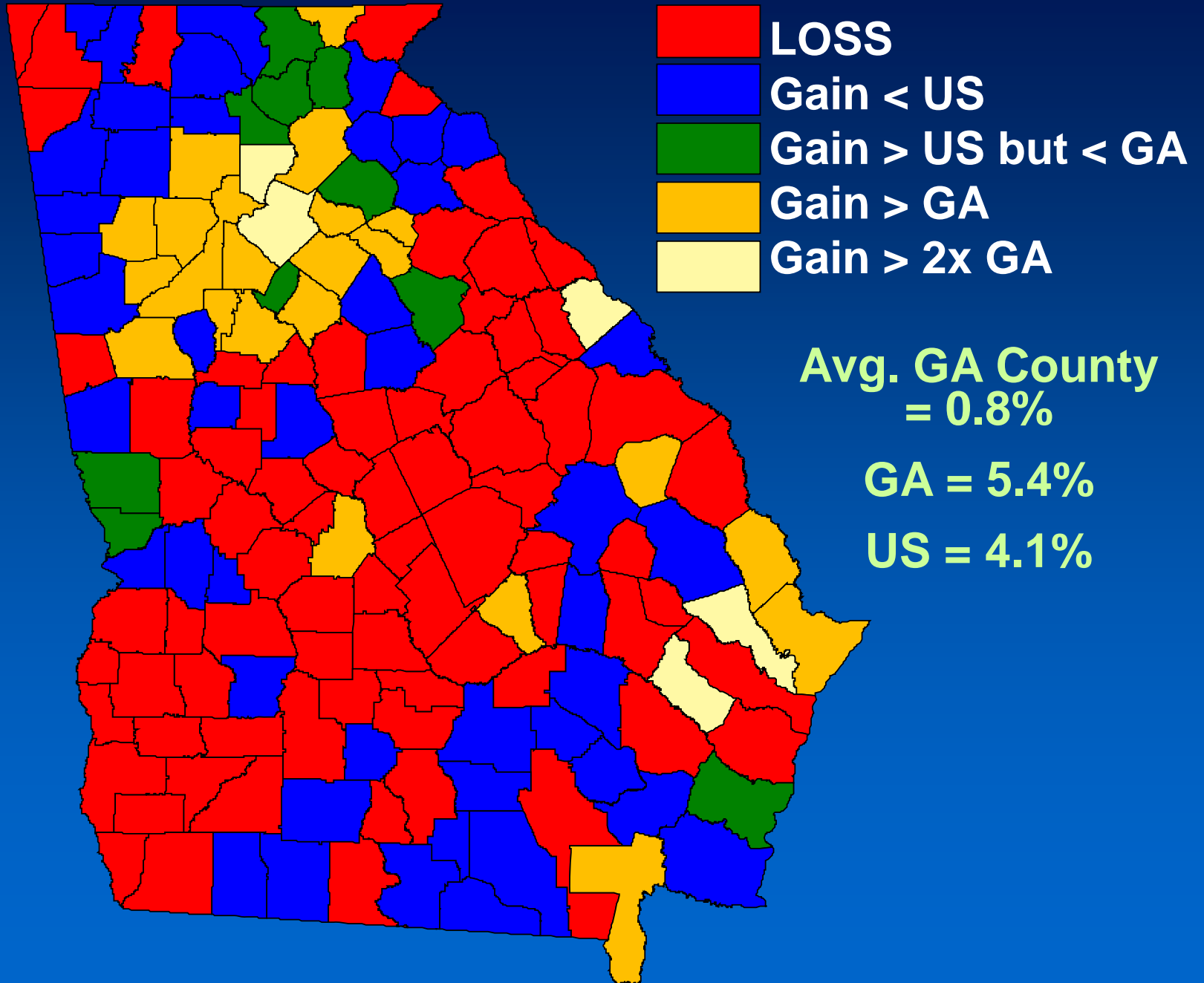
County	Total	Total Rank	Density per sq.mi. land area	% Chg. 2010-15	Rank of % Chg.
MITCHELL	22,574	81	44.1	-3.93	131
BAKER	3,180	154	9.3	-7.85	156
COLQUITT	45,844	43	84.2	0.76	69
DECATUR	27,174	66	45.5	-2.40	116
DOUGHERTY	91,332	27	277.9	-3.42	127
GRADY	25,205	73	55.5	0.77	67
THOMAS	45,063	45	82.7	0.77	68
WORTH	20,699	89	36.3	-4.52	141

# Population Change: 1930-2010



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

# Population Change: 2010-2015



# Components of Population Change

## Natural Increase & Net Migration\*

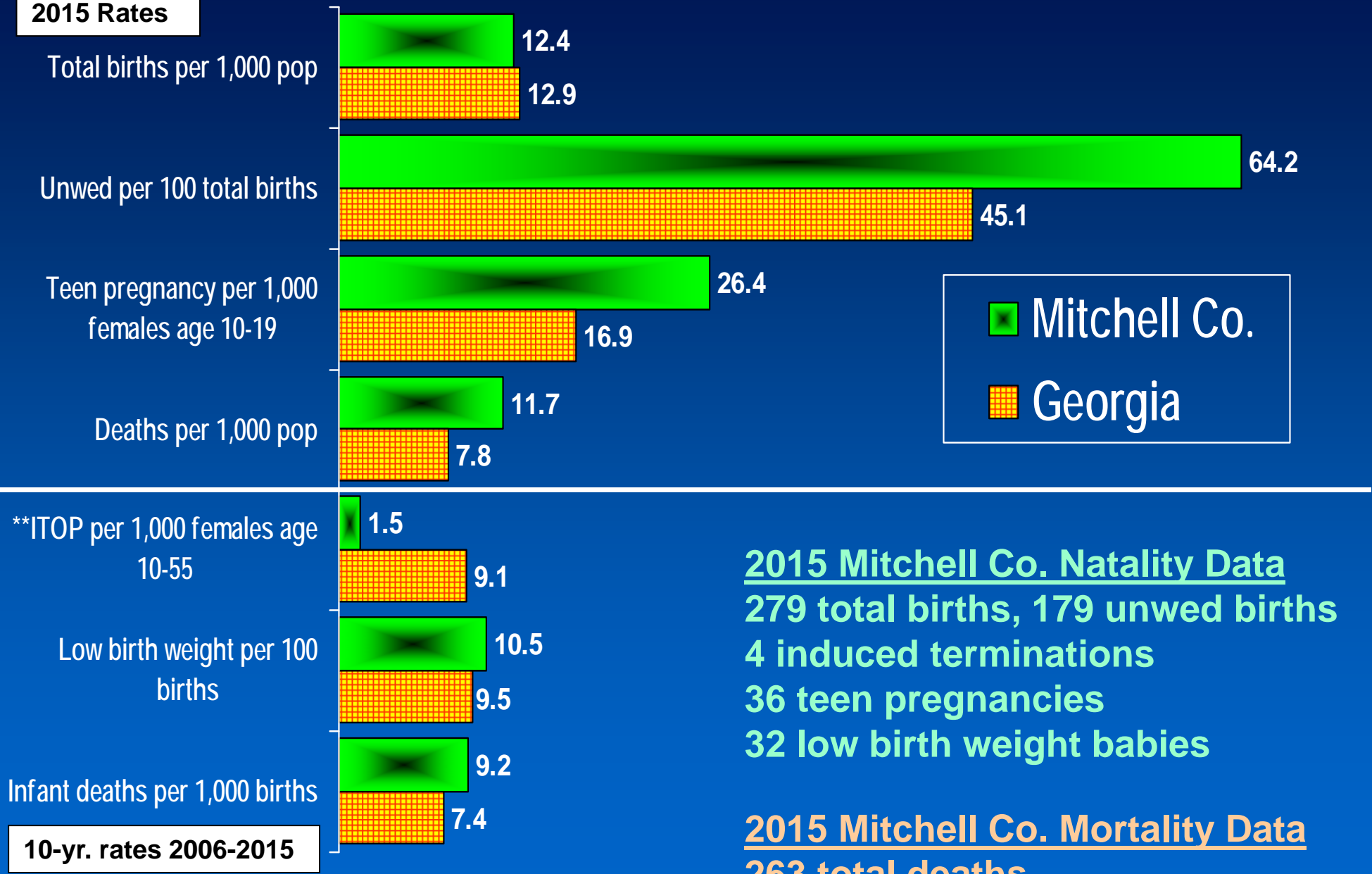
Area	4/1/2010- 6/30/2015 Numerical Change*	4/1/2010- 6/30/2015 # Natural Increase (Births-Deaths)	4/1/2010- 6/30/2015 # Net Migration	7/1/2014- 6/30/2015 1-yr Natural Increase Rate	7/1/2014- 6/30/2015 1-yr Net Migration Rate
MITCHELL	-924	252	-1,238	1.6	-11.3
BAKER	-271	66	-303	4.3	-25.1
COLQUITT	346	1,281	-901	4.6	-9.4
DECATUR	-668	262	-938	0.3	-2.8
DOUGHERTY	-3,233	2,727	-5,953	5.0	-17.7
GRADY	193	574	-391	3.4	-8.3
THOMAS	344	497	-155	2.6	-0.6
WORTH	-980	180	-1,147	0.9	-12.8
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

## 2015 Rates



**2015 Mitchell Co. Natality Data**  
 279 total births, 179 unwed births  
 4 induced terminations  
 36 teen pregnancies  
 32 low birth weight babies

**2015 Mitchell Co. Mortality Data**  
 263 total deaths  
 2 infant deaths

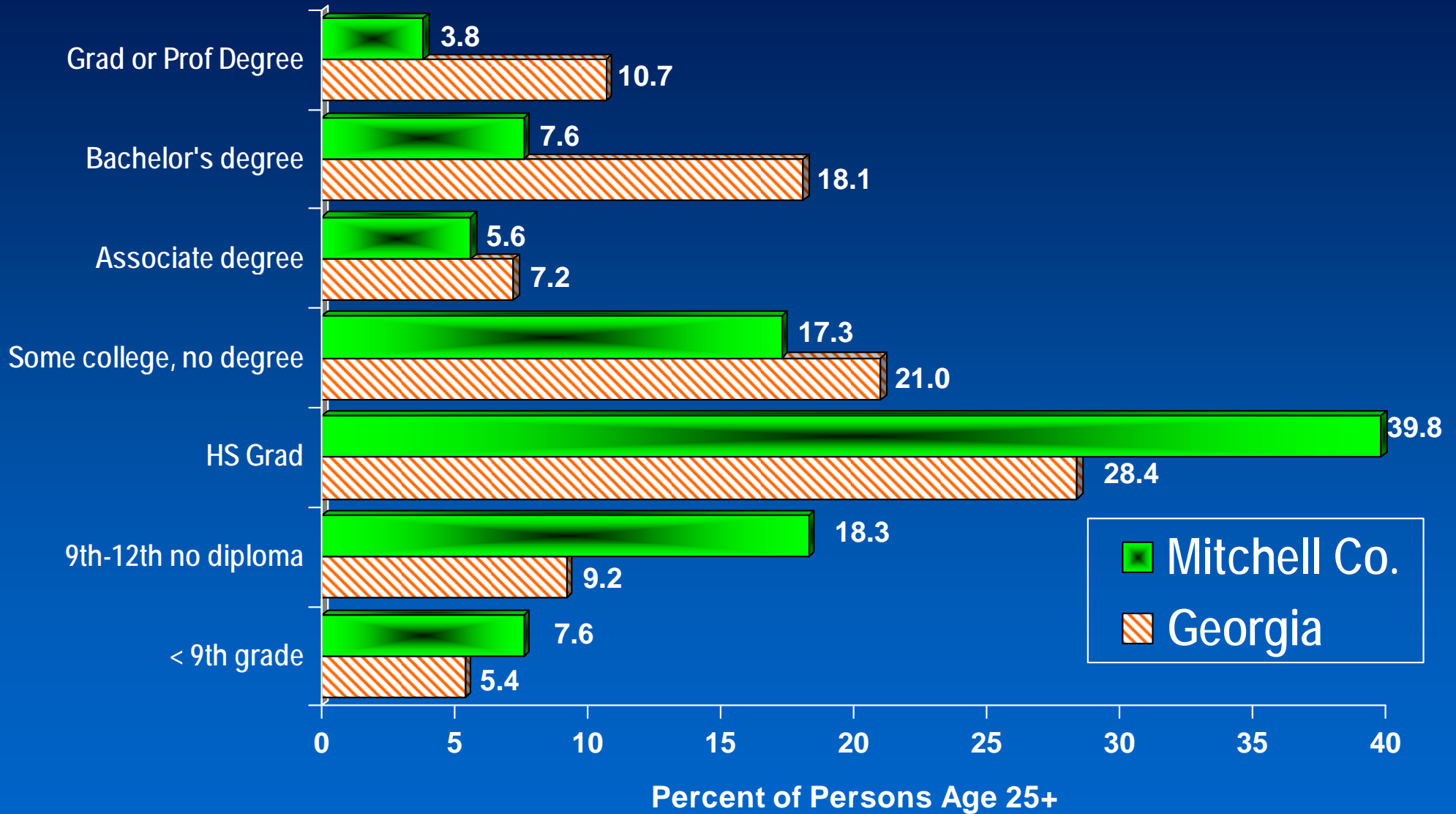
Primary data source: GA Dept. Public Health, OASIS

\*\*ITOP—Induced Terminations of Pregnancy



# Highest Level of Educational Attainment: 2011-2015

## 5 Yr. Avg. – American Community Survey



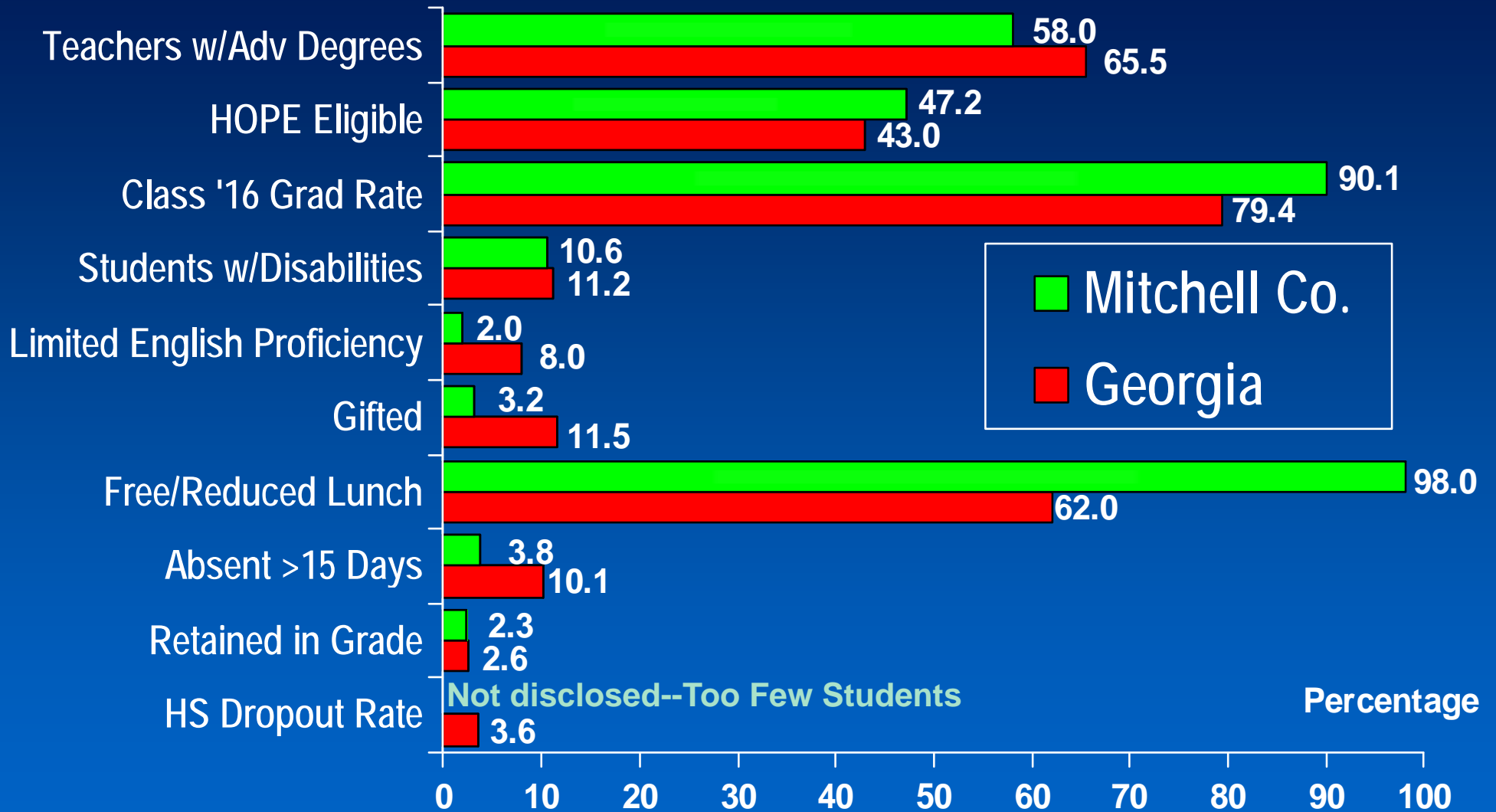
### Mitchell Co.

Not completing HS = 25.9%

With a bachelor's + degree = 11.4%

Primary data source: U.S. Census Bureau

# Selected Public School Statistics School Year 2015-16



**Mitchell Co.**

**K12 enrollment = 2,298**

**HS dropouts = Too Few Students**

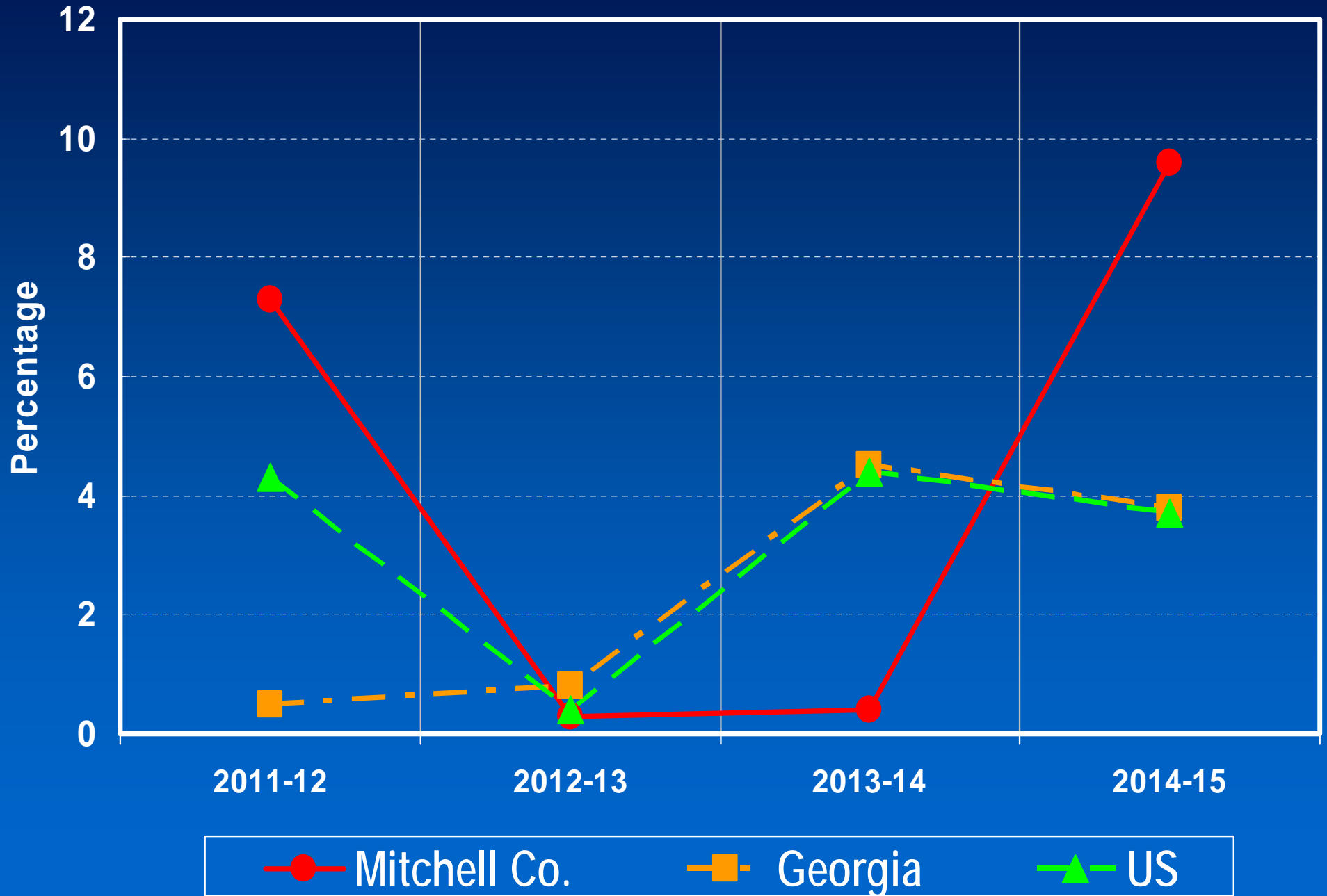
**General Fund Expenditures per FTE = \$9,325**

Primary data source:  
Governor's Office of Student Achievement

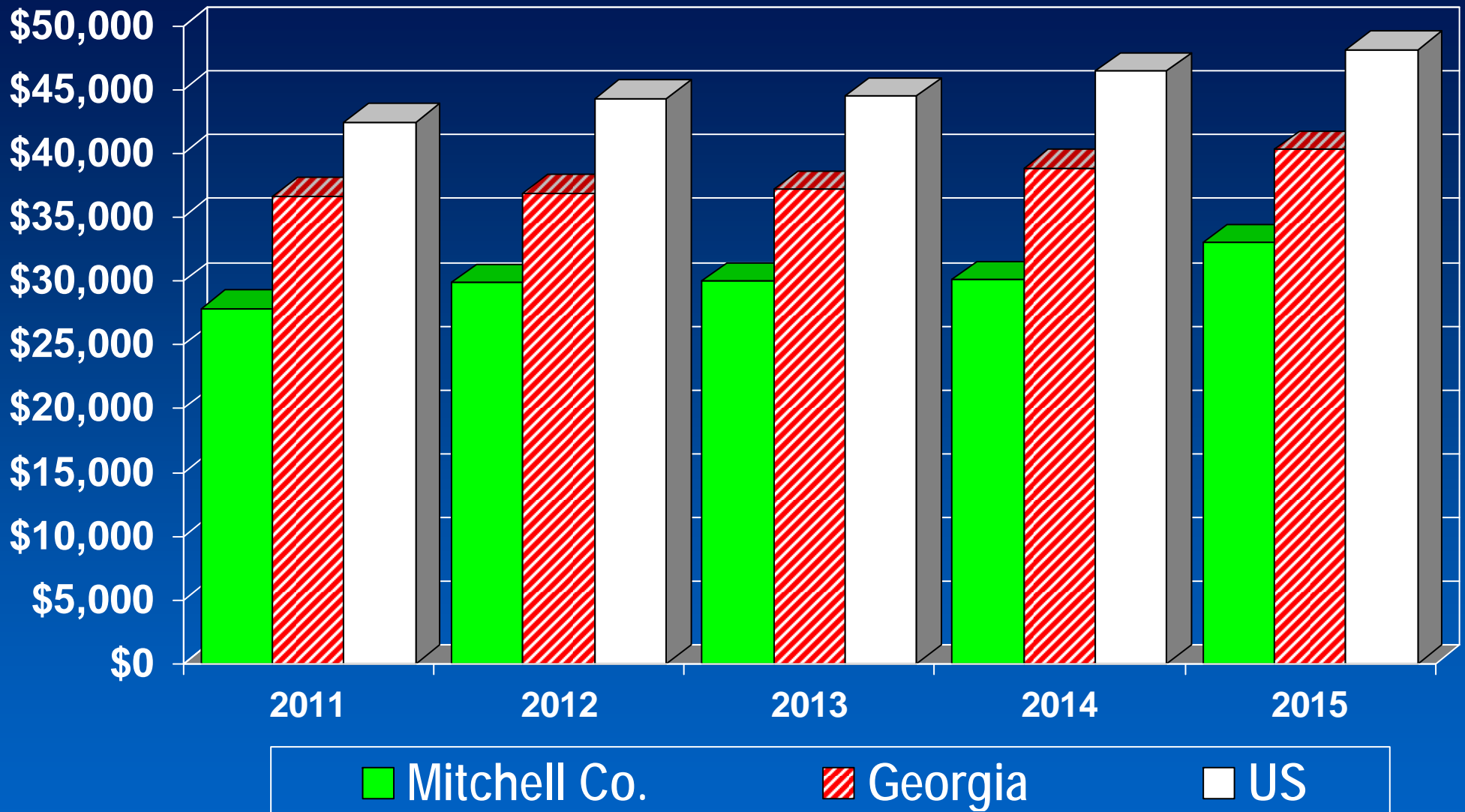
## Per Capita Income: 2015

County	PCI	Rank of PCI	% PCI of GA Total	% Change in PCI 2011-2015
MITCHELL	\$32,983	56	81.8	18.4
BAKER	\$33,167	54	82.3	-7.2
COLQUITT	\$29,603	104	73.4	5.8
DECATUR	\$33,563	49	83.3	5.7
DOUGHERTY	\$32,682	60	81.1	2.9
GRADY	\$30,885	90	76.6	5.0
THOMAS	\$38,574	20	95.7	7.8
WORTH	\$29,763	101	73.8	-1.3
GA Avg. Co.	\$48,112	--	80.3	10.2

# Per Capita Income: 2011-2015 Percentage Change



# Per Capita Income: 2011-2015



**2015 PCI**  
**Mitchell Co. = \$32,983**

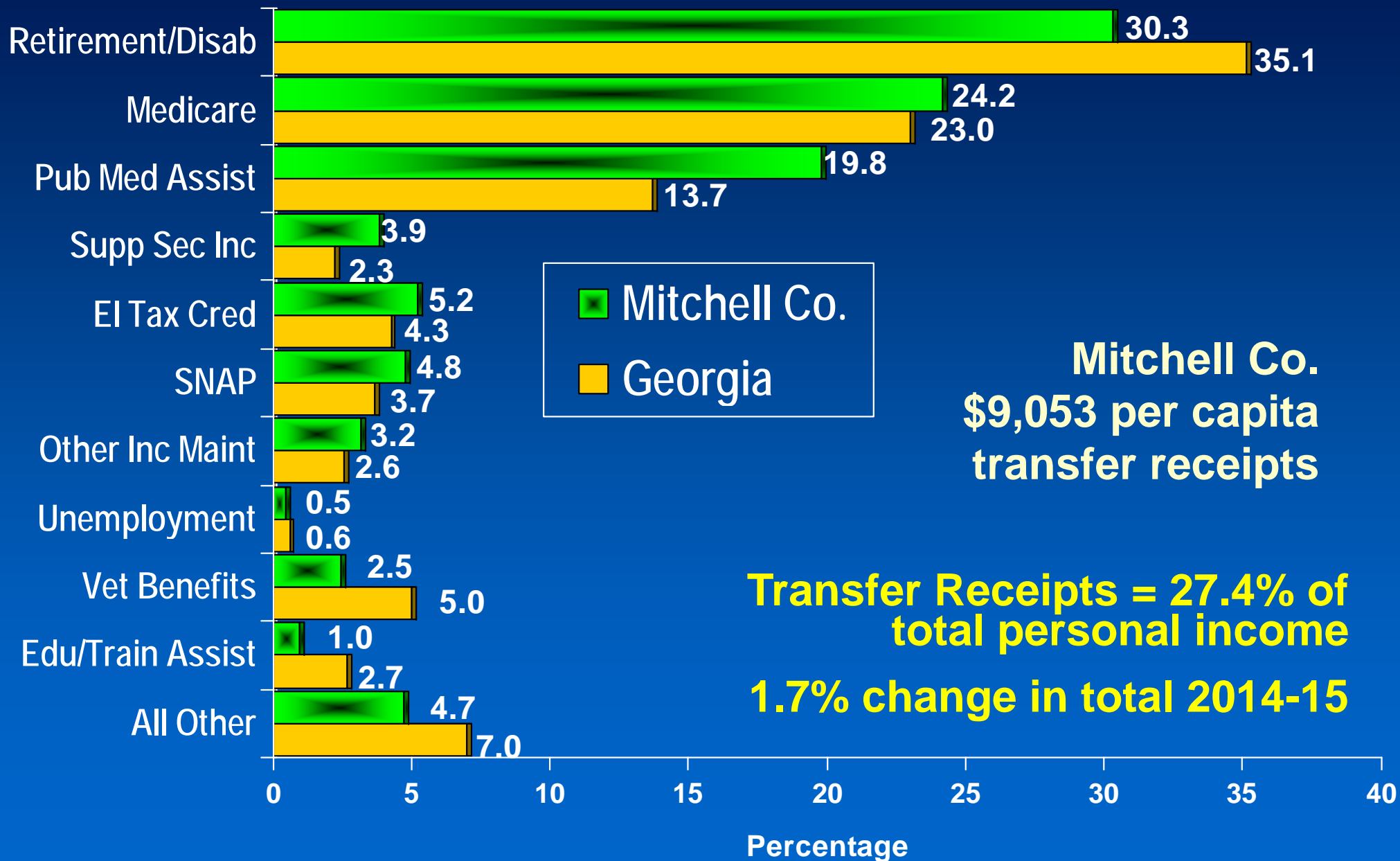
**Georgia = \$40,306**  
**US = \$48,112**

# Median Household Income 2015 Model-Based Estimates

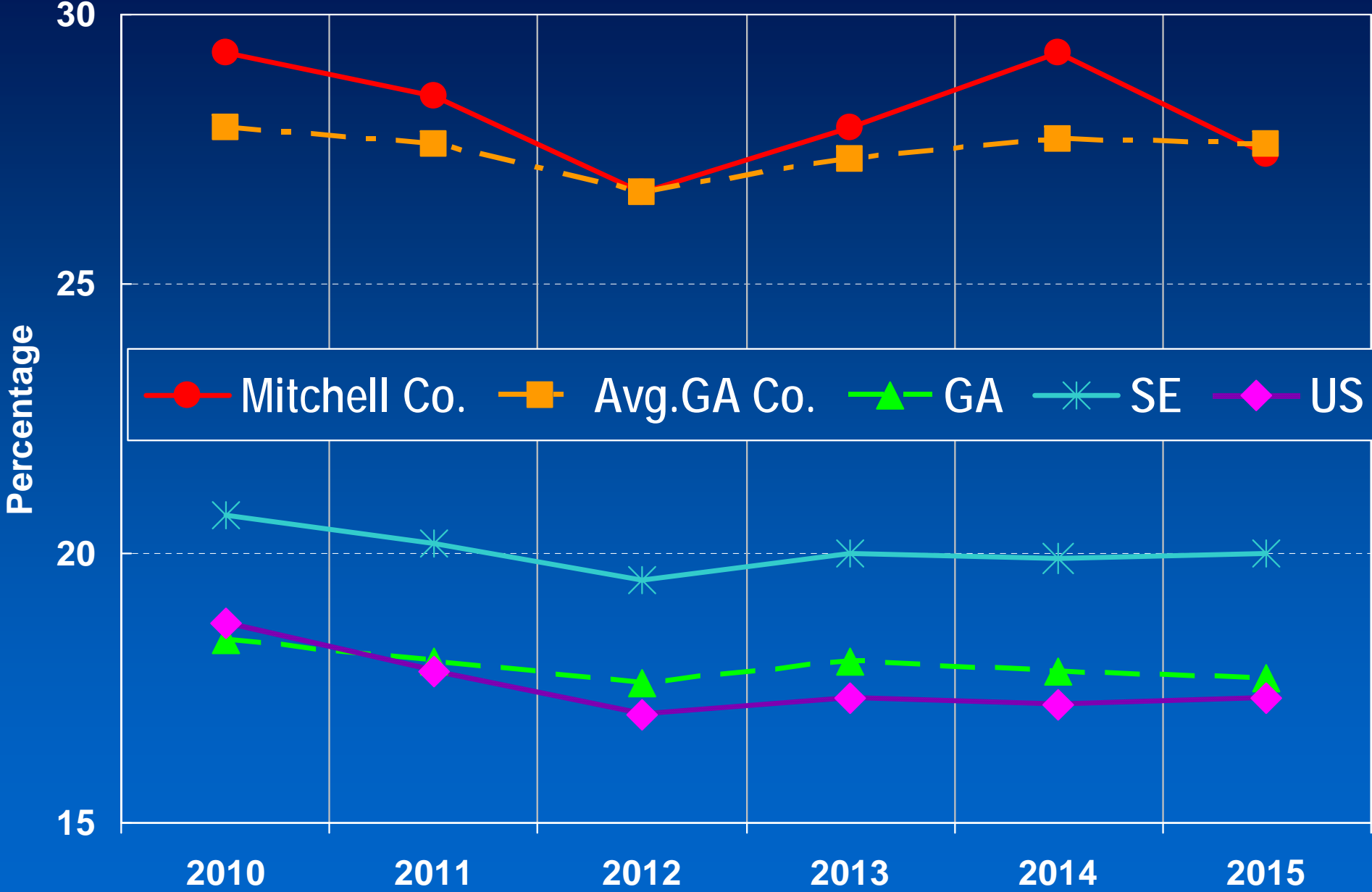


# Personal Current Transfer Receipts: 2015

## Mitchell Co. Total = \$204,352,000



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



Primary data source: U.S. Bureau of Economic Analysis (1/17)

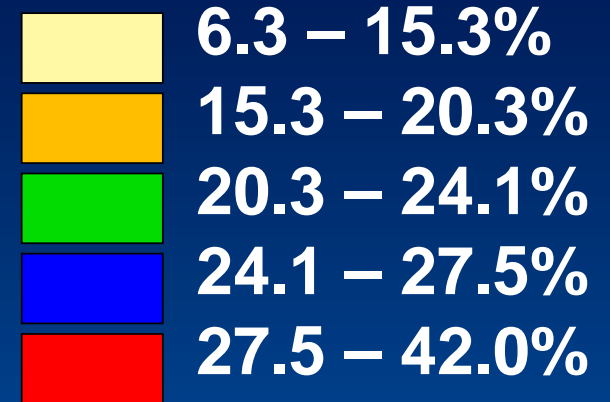
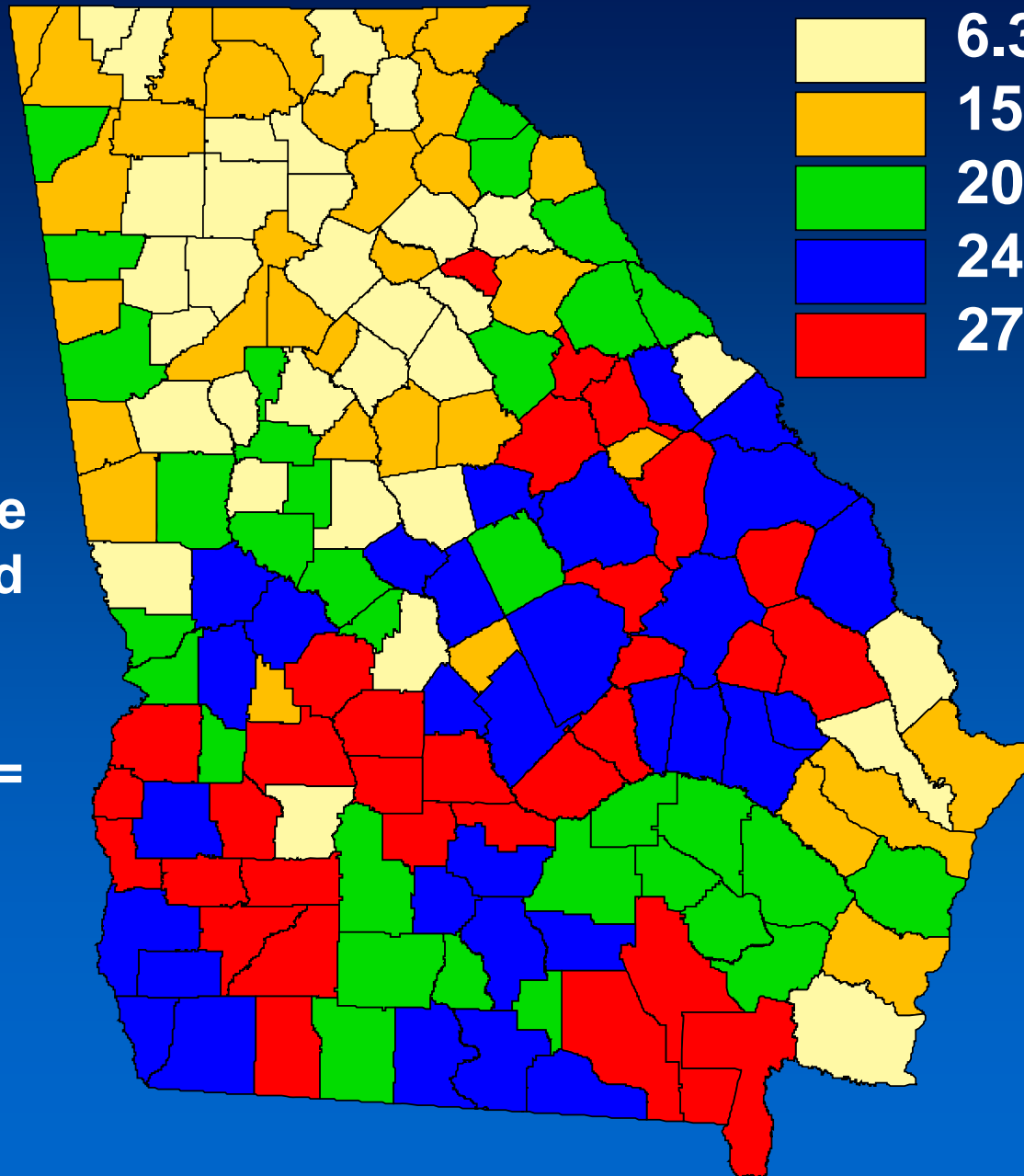


## Persons Living Below Poverty Level 2015 Model-Based Estimates

County	# of Persons	% of all Persons	Rank of %
MITCHELL	5,698	28.0	131
BAKER	910	28.7	136
COLQUITT	10,851	24.1	96
DECATUR	7,114	27.3	124
DOUGHERTY	25,847	29.4	140
GRADY	7,309	29.3	139
THOMAS	9,608	21.7	78
WORTH	4,437	21.7	79
GA Avg. Co.	10,729	21.9	--

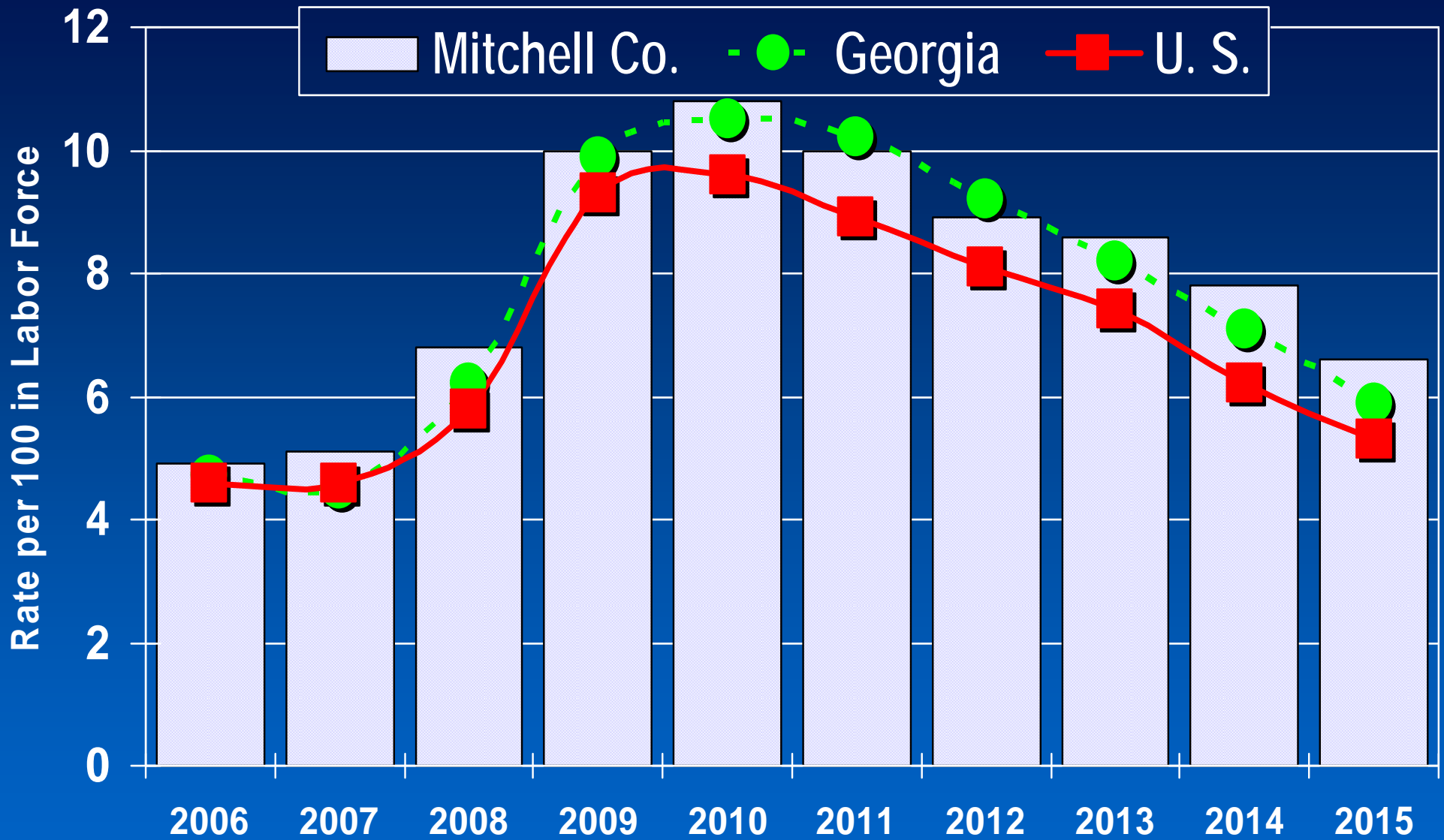
# Persons Living Below the Poverty Level 2015 Model-Based Estimates

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



**Georgia**  
**1,705,831**  
**Persons**  
--  
**17.2%**  
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**US = 14.7%**

# Civilian Labor Force Average Annual Unemployment Rates



**2015 Rates Mitchell Co. = 6.6 GA = 5.9 US = 5.3  
Avg. GA County = 6.7**

# Establishments, Employment & Wages: 2015 Averages

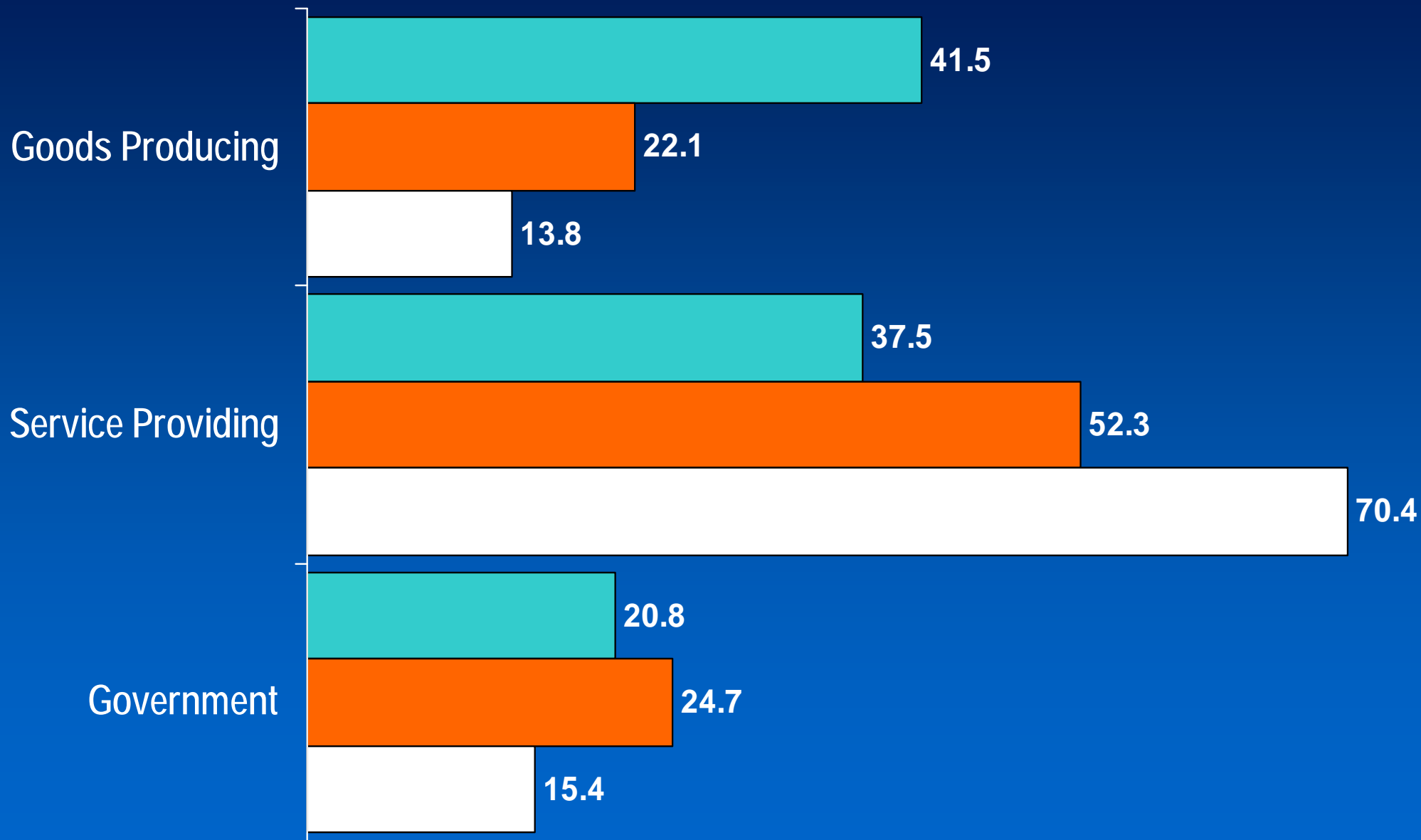
<b>Mitchell County</b>	<b>Avg. # Establishments</b>	<b>Avg. Monthly Employment</b>	<b>Avg. Wage Weekly</b>
TOTAL GOODS PRODUCING	<b>113</b>	<b>3,118</b>	<b>\$609</b>
Ag, forestry, fishing	<b>60</b>	<b>484</b>	<b>\$567</b>
Construction	<b>37</b>	<b>86</b>	<b>\$597</b>
Manufacturing	<b>16</b>	<b>*</b>	<b>*</b>
TOTAL SERVICE PROVIDING	<b>303</b>	<b>2,816</b>	<b>\$552</b>
Wholesale trade	<b>25</b>	<b>203</b>	<b>\$558</b>
Retail trade	<b>94</b>	<b>832</b>	<b>\$413</b>
Transp/Warehousing	<b>14</b>	<b>179</b>	<b>\$746</b>
Finance/Insurance	<b>18</b>	<b>143</b>	<b>\$760</b>
Professional/Sci/Tech	<b>23</b>	<b>282</b>	<b>\$668</b>
Admin/Suppt/WasteMgmt/Remediation	<b>7</b>	<b>*</b>	<b>*</b>
Health care/Soc Svcs	<b>37</b>	<b>530</b>	<b>\$636</b>
Accommodations/Food Svc	<b>30</b>	<b>275</b>	<b>\$324</b>
TOTAL GOVERNMENT	<b>48</b>	<b>1,560</b>	<b>\$592</b>
TOTAL ALL INDUSTRIES	<b>477</b>	<b>7,513</b>	<b>\$584</b>

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

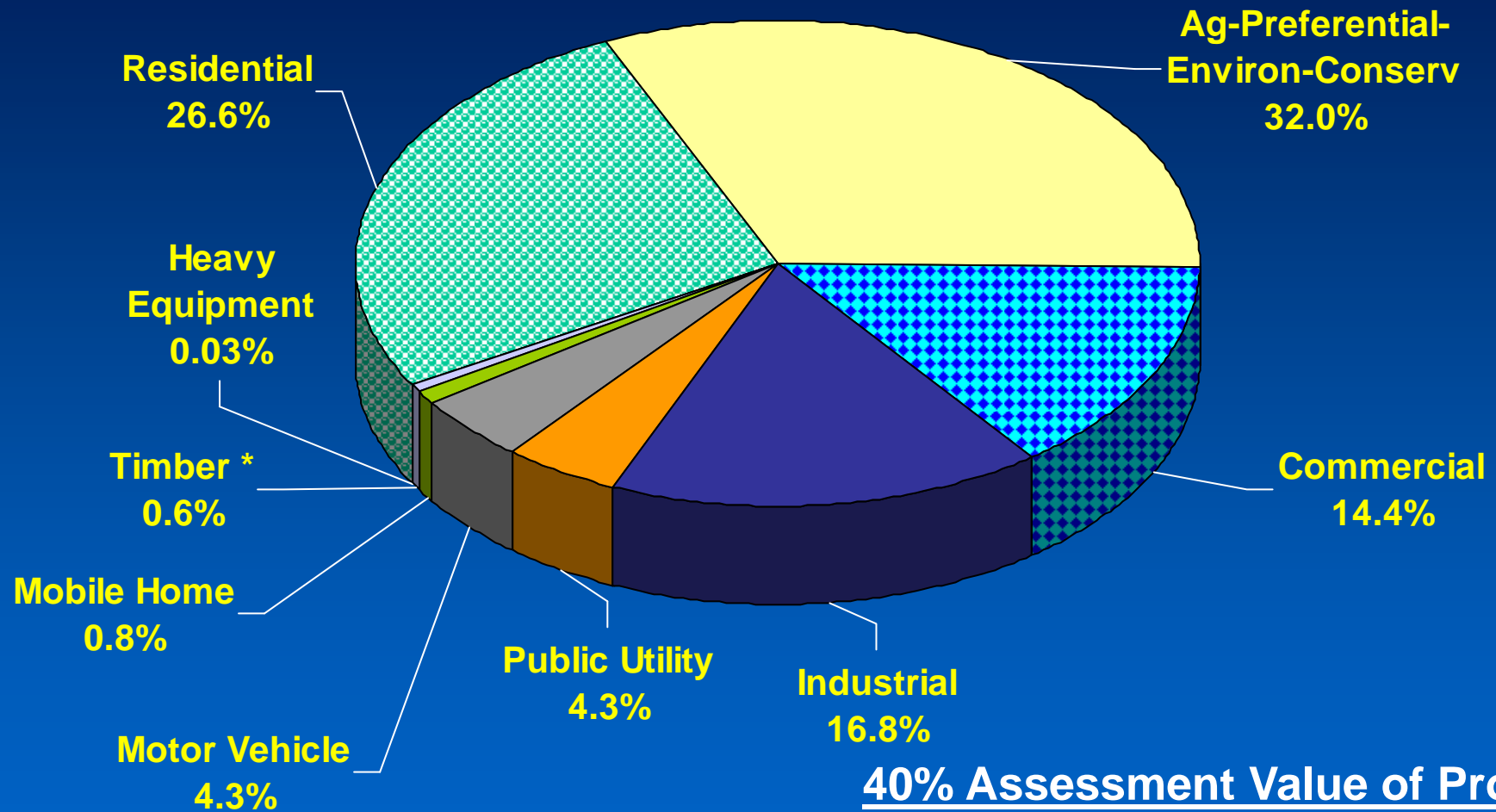
\* data not disclosed

# Employment Comparisons by Industry Group: 2015

■ Mitchell Co.      ■ Avg. GA County      ■ Georgia



# Components of 2015 Property Tax Gross Digest Mitchell County



40% Assessment Value of Property

Gross Digest = \$706,935,981

Homestead & Property Exemptions = \$140,103,521

Net M&O Digest = \$566,832,460

Value of exempt property = \$45,805,744

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

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

Tax District	2015 Millage rate
BACONTON	10.997
CAMILLA	7.245
COUNTY INCORPORATED	19.890
COUNTY UNINCORPORATED	19.890
IND SCHOOL PELHAM	10.285
MEIGS	15.000
PELHAM	15.037

**No Bonds**

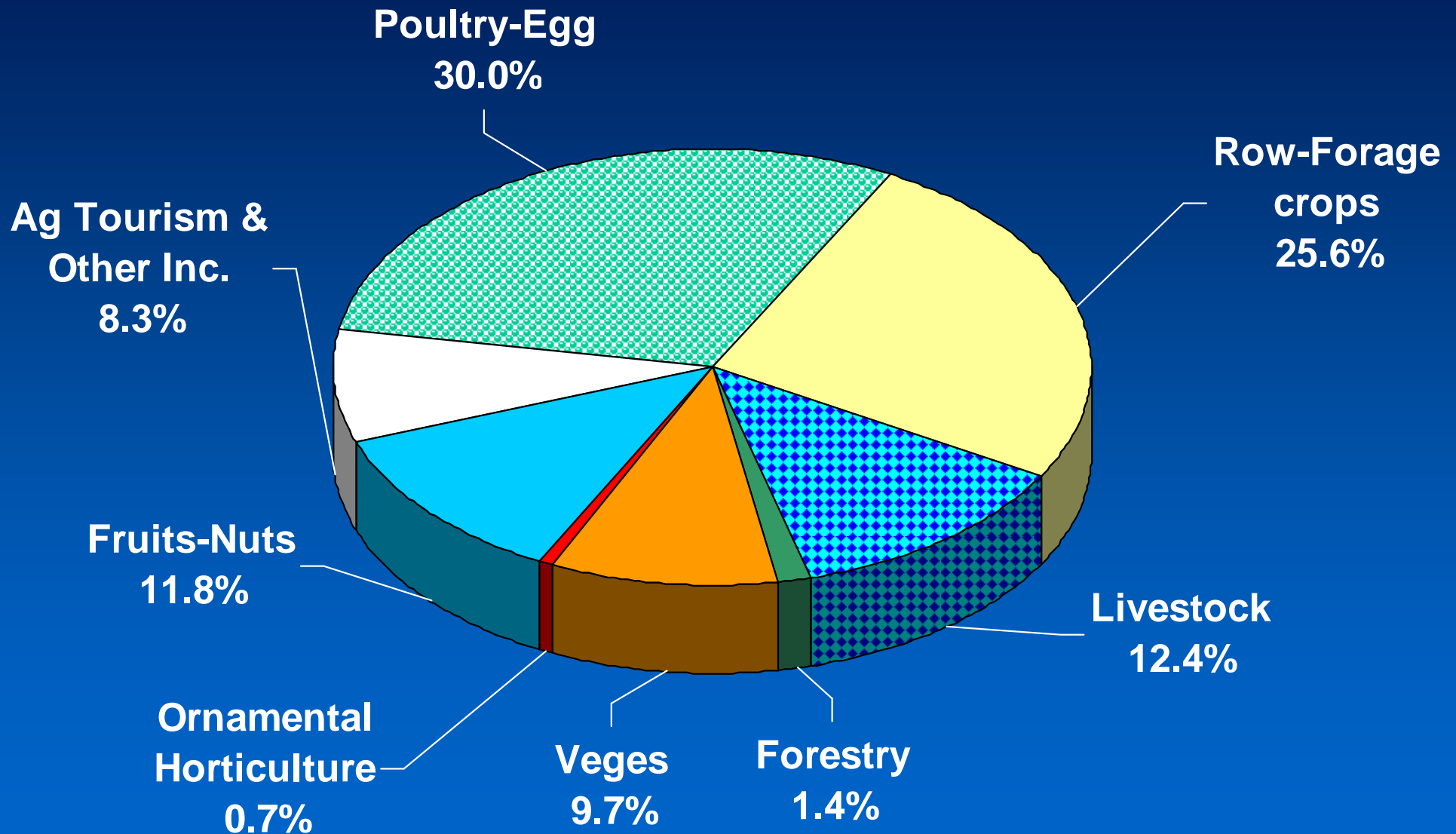
County	2015 Taxes Levied*	Sales Tax Rate as of 1/1/2017	LOST Type* as of 1/2017
MITCHELL	\$22,101,049	7	LSE
BAKER	\$3,214,872	7	LSE
COLQUITT	\$28,754,018	7	LSE
DECATUR	\$26,380,540	7	LSE
DOUGHERTY	\$81,882,548	7	LSE
GRADY	\$15,090,480	7	LSE
THOMAS	\$42,219,332	7	LSE
WORTH	\$15,031,027	7	LSE

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

Primary data source: GA Dept. of Revenue

# 2015 Farm Gate Value by Commodity Group

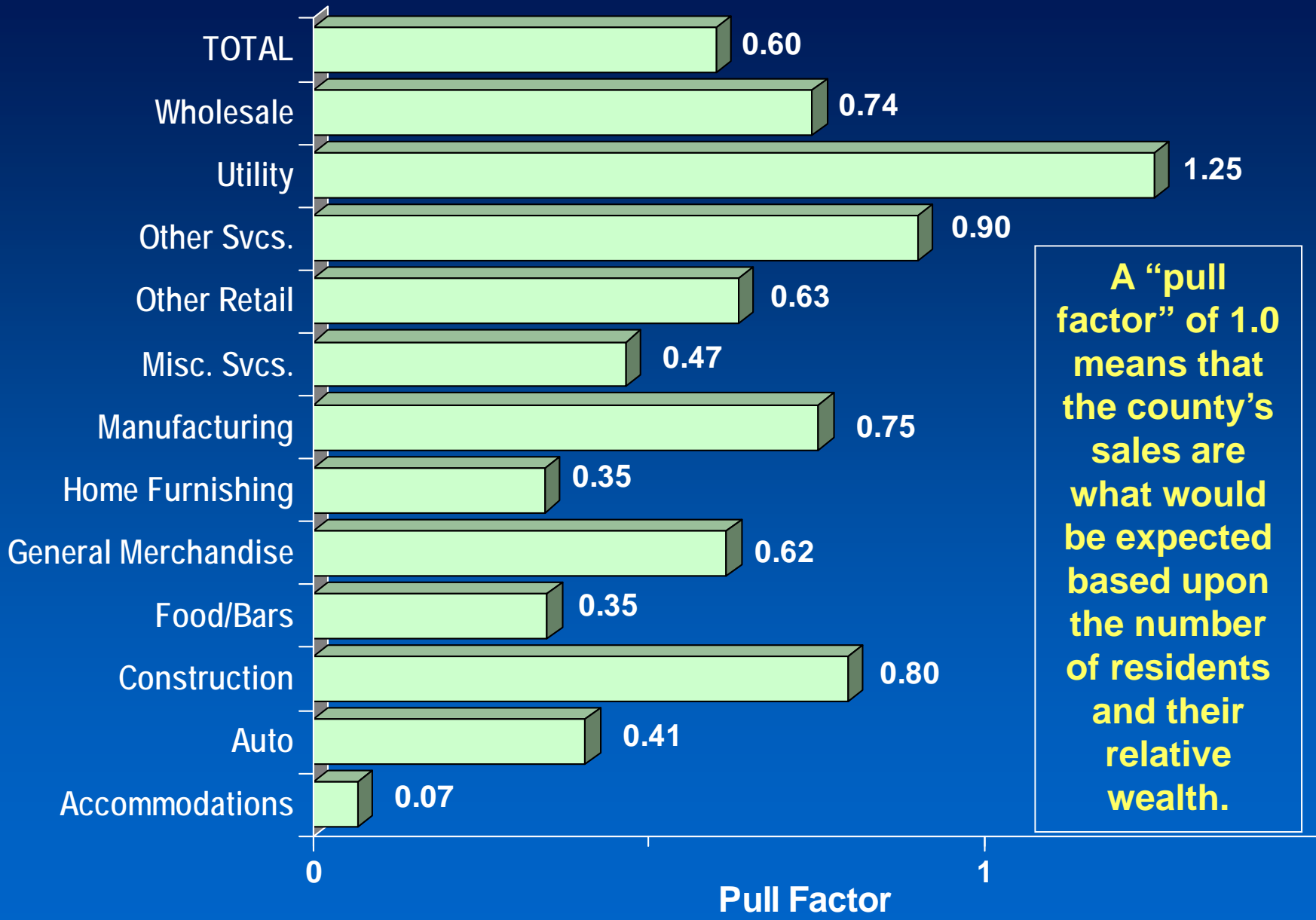
## Mitchell Co. Total Value = \$356,112,652





# 1% Sales & Use Tax Distributions: 2015

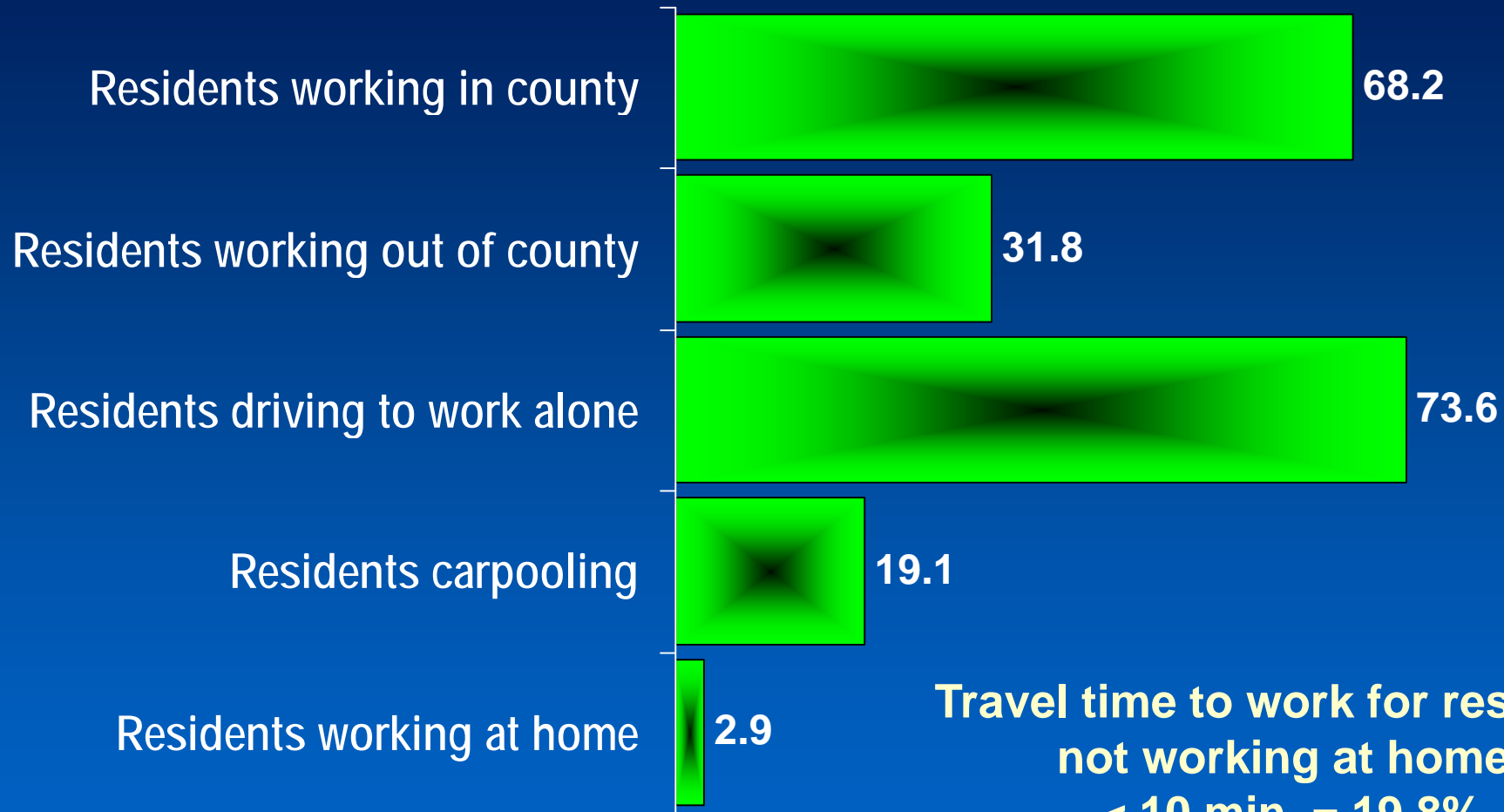
## Mitchell Co. Total = \$22,101,049



Primary data sources: Georgia Dept. of Revenue, Sales Tax Commodity Report, Dec. 2016.  
Pull factors calculated.

# 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. = 19.8%

60+ min. = 3.9%

Mitchell Co.

Resident workers 16+ = 7,720

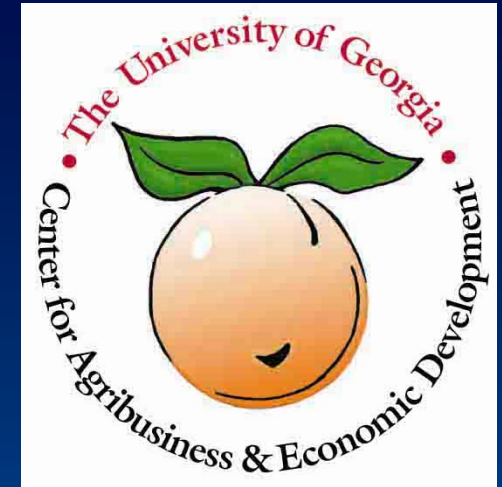
Mean travel time to work  
= 22.1 minutes

*This study was developed to assist  
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