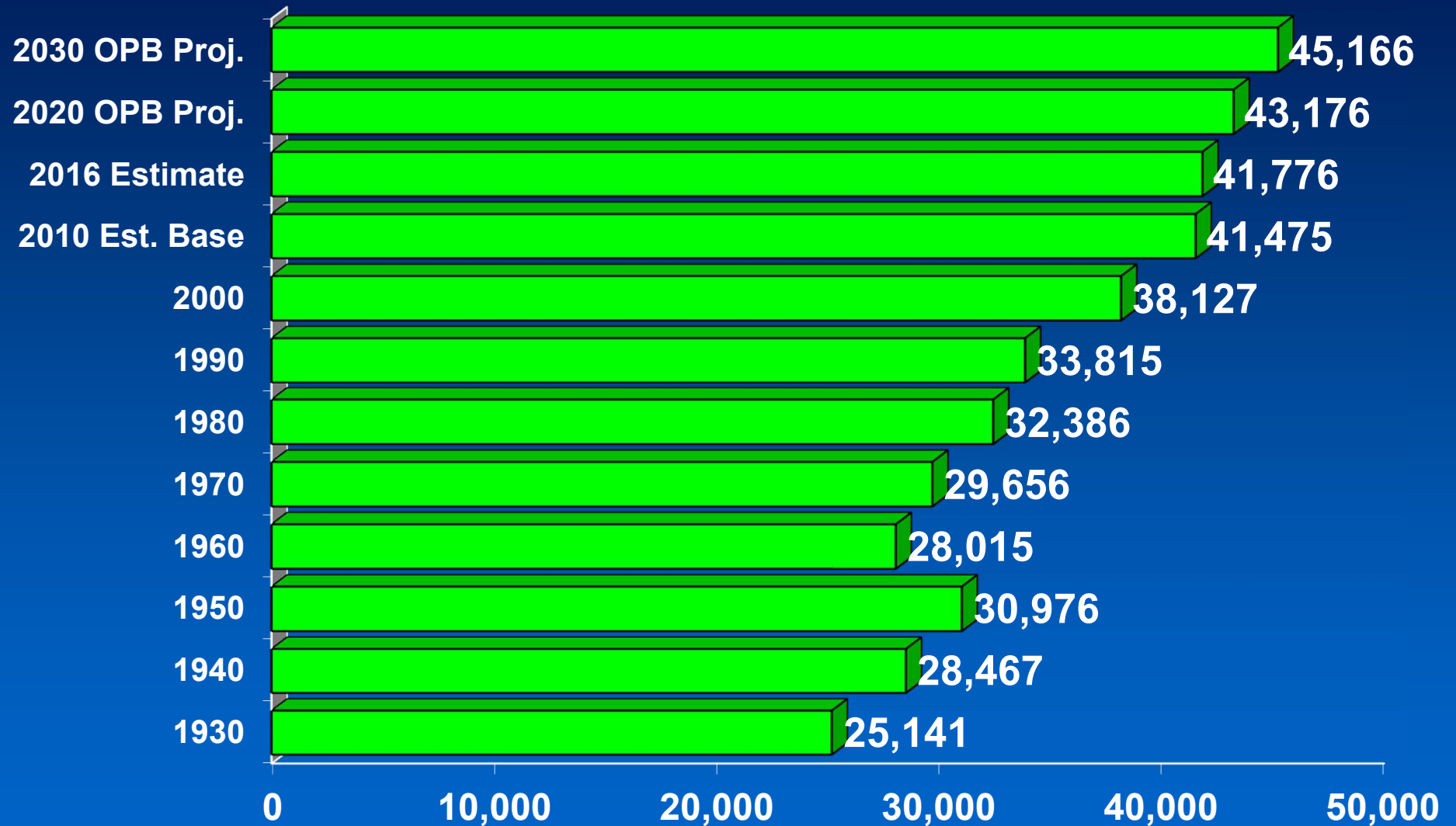




**96th in order of
county creation
December 20, 1851**

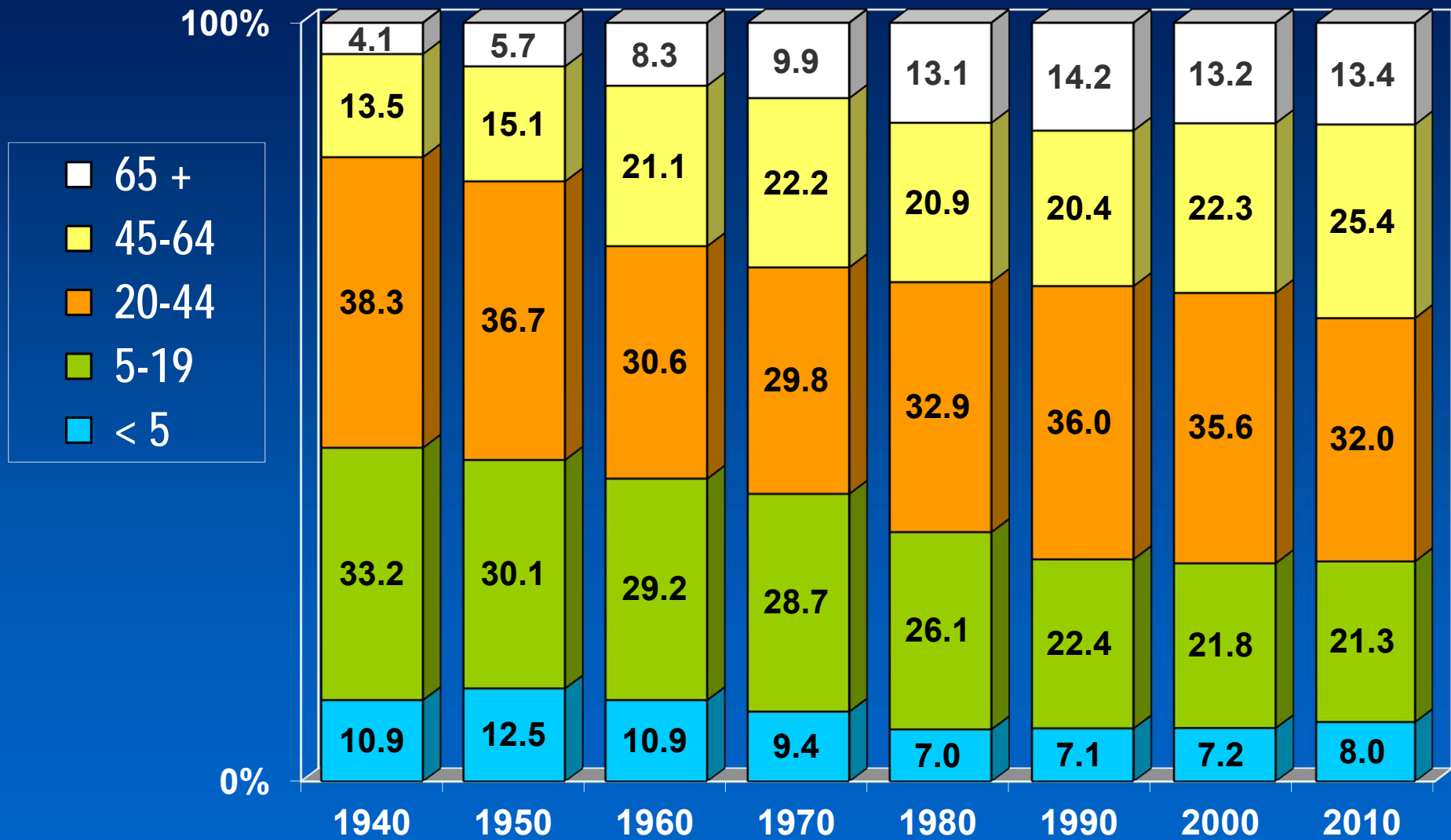
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Polk County Total Population



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

Population Composition by Age Polk County



2015 Median Age

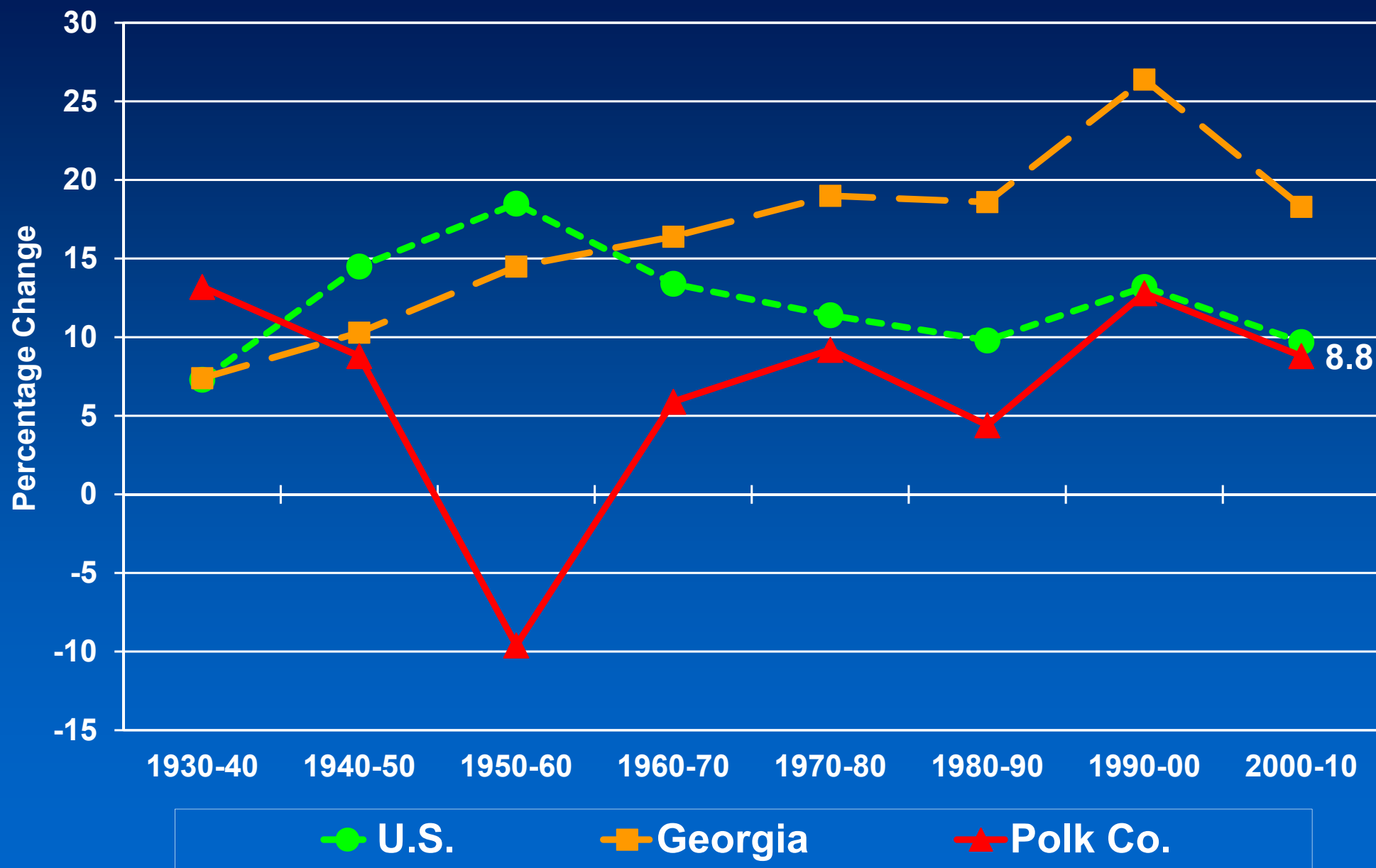
Polk Co. = 36.8 yrs.

GA = 35.3 yrs.

2016 County Population Comparisons

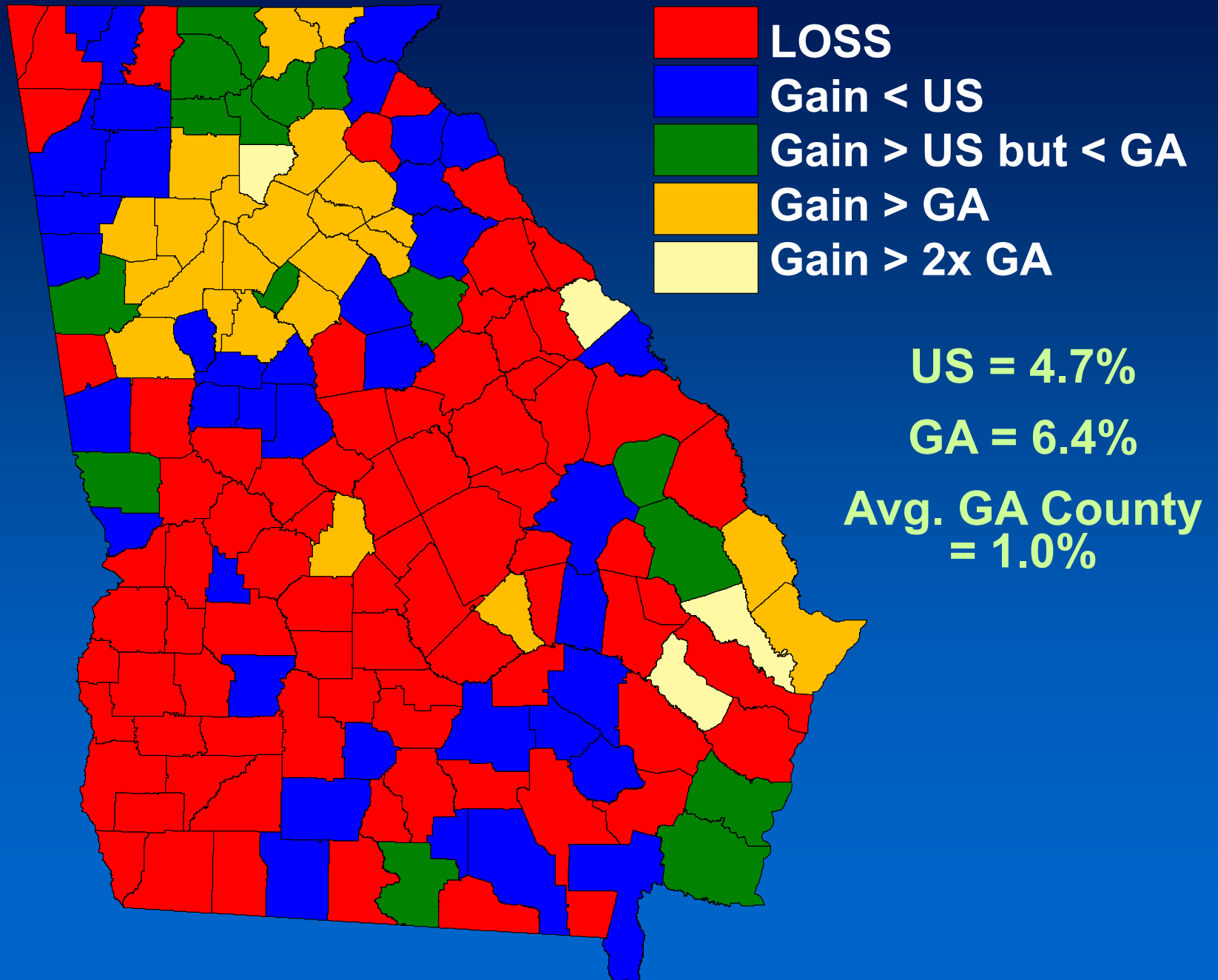
County	Total	Total Rank	Density per sq.mi. land area	% Chg. 2010-16	Rank of % Chg.
POLK	41,776	48	145.5	0.7	71
BARTOW	103,807	25	257.4	3.6	47
FLOYD	96,560	26	199.1	0.3	77
HARALSON	29,042	61	110.5	0.9	69
PAULDING	155,825	13	671.8	9.5	12

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
POLK	301	620	-310	1.6	7.8
BARTOW	3,652	2,823	772	4.0	8.7
FLOYD	243	1,005	-749	0.8	2.2
HARALSON	262	34	201	0.2	6.4
PAULDING	13,501	6,523	6,709	5.3	16.7
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

Total births per 1,000 pop

12.7

12.9

Unwed per 100 total births

49.5

45.1

Teen pregnancy per 1,000 females age 10-19

25.6

16.9

Deaths per 1,000 pop

11.3

7.8

Polk Co.

Georgia

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

5.5

9.1

Low birth weight per 100 births

8.9

9.5

Infant deaths per 1,000 births

6.3

7.4

10-yr. rates 2006-2015

2015 Polk Co. Natality Data

529 total births, 262 unwed births

43 induced terminations

72 teen pregnancies

30 low birth weight babies

2015 Polk Co. Mortality Data

468 total deaths

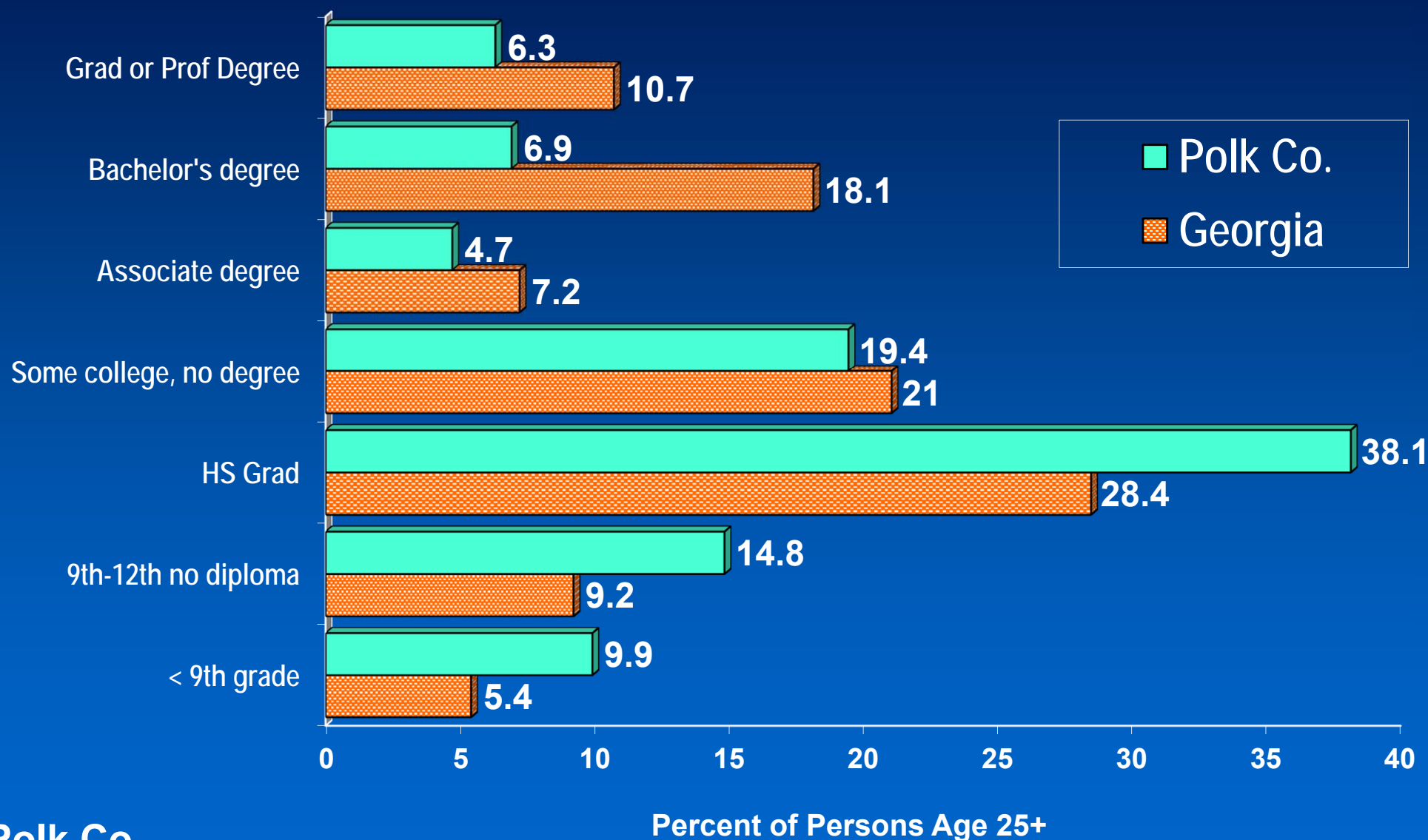
3 infant deaths

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



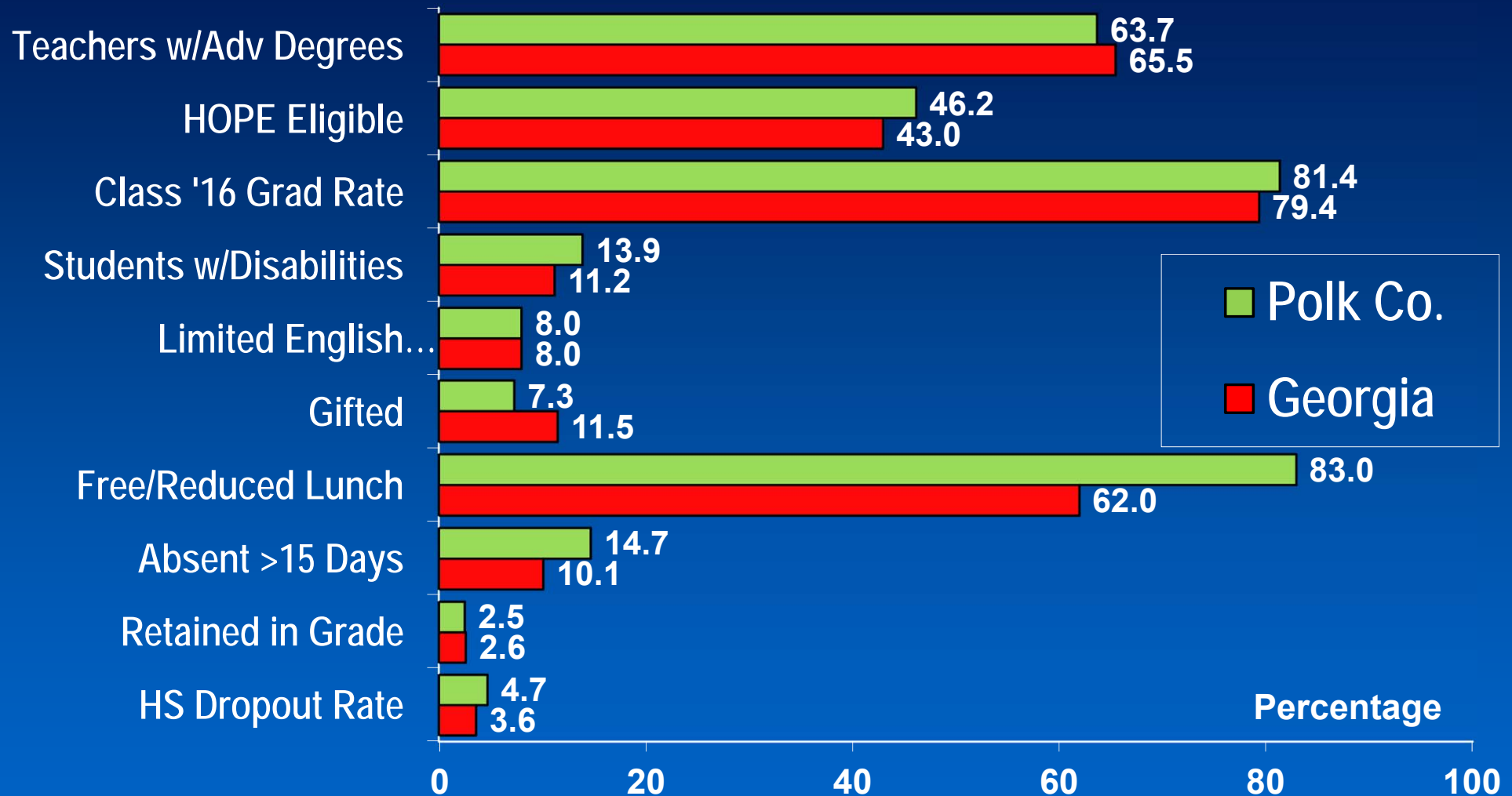
Polk Co.

Not completing HS = 24.7%

With a bachelor's + degree = 13.1%

Primary data source: U.S. Census Bureau

Selected Public School Statistics School Year 2015-16



Polk Co.

FTE K12 enrollment = 7,456

HS dropouts = 105

General Fund Expenditures per FTE = \$7,839

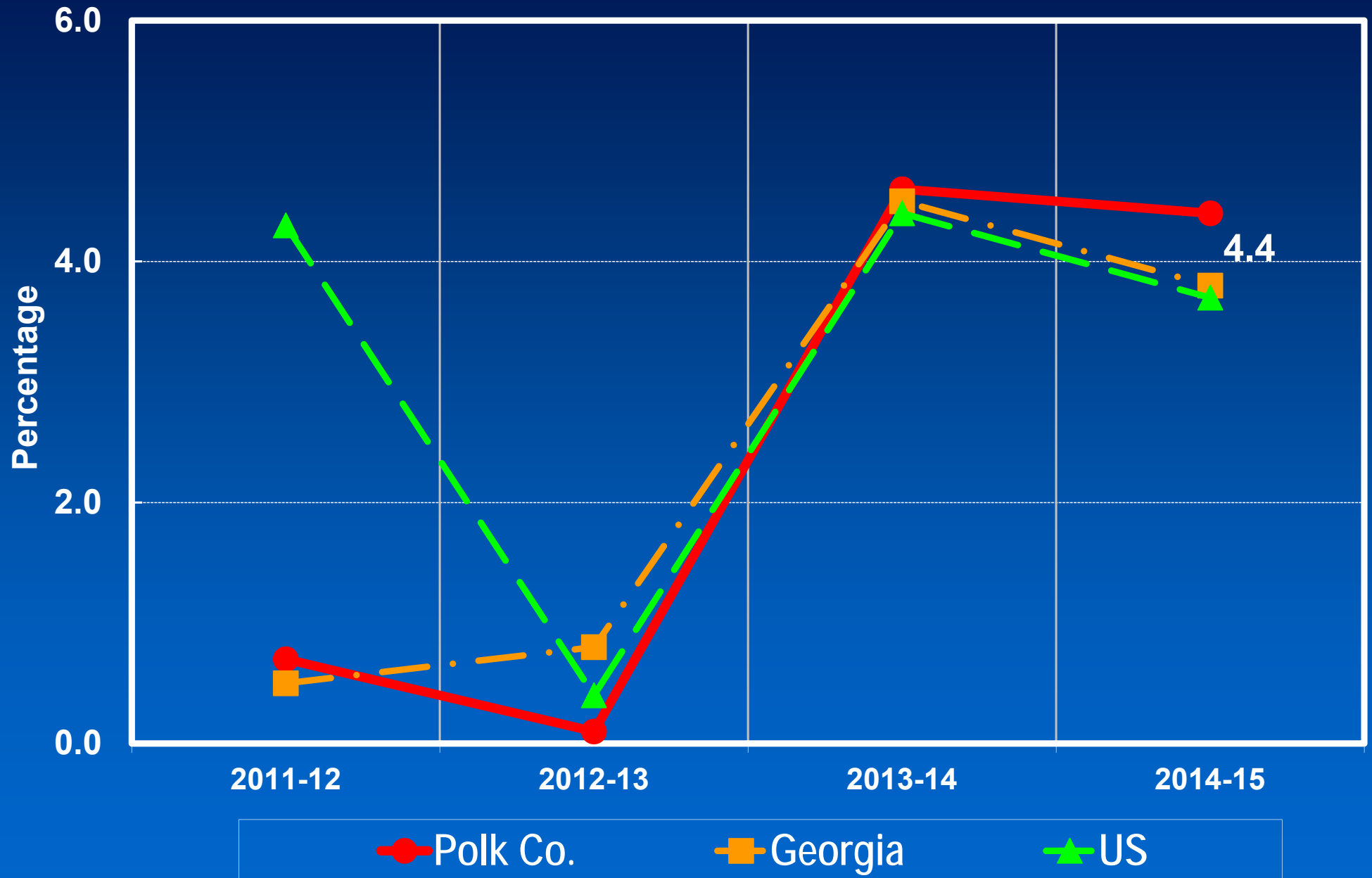
Primary data source:
Governor's Office of Student Achievement

Per Capita Income: 2015

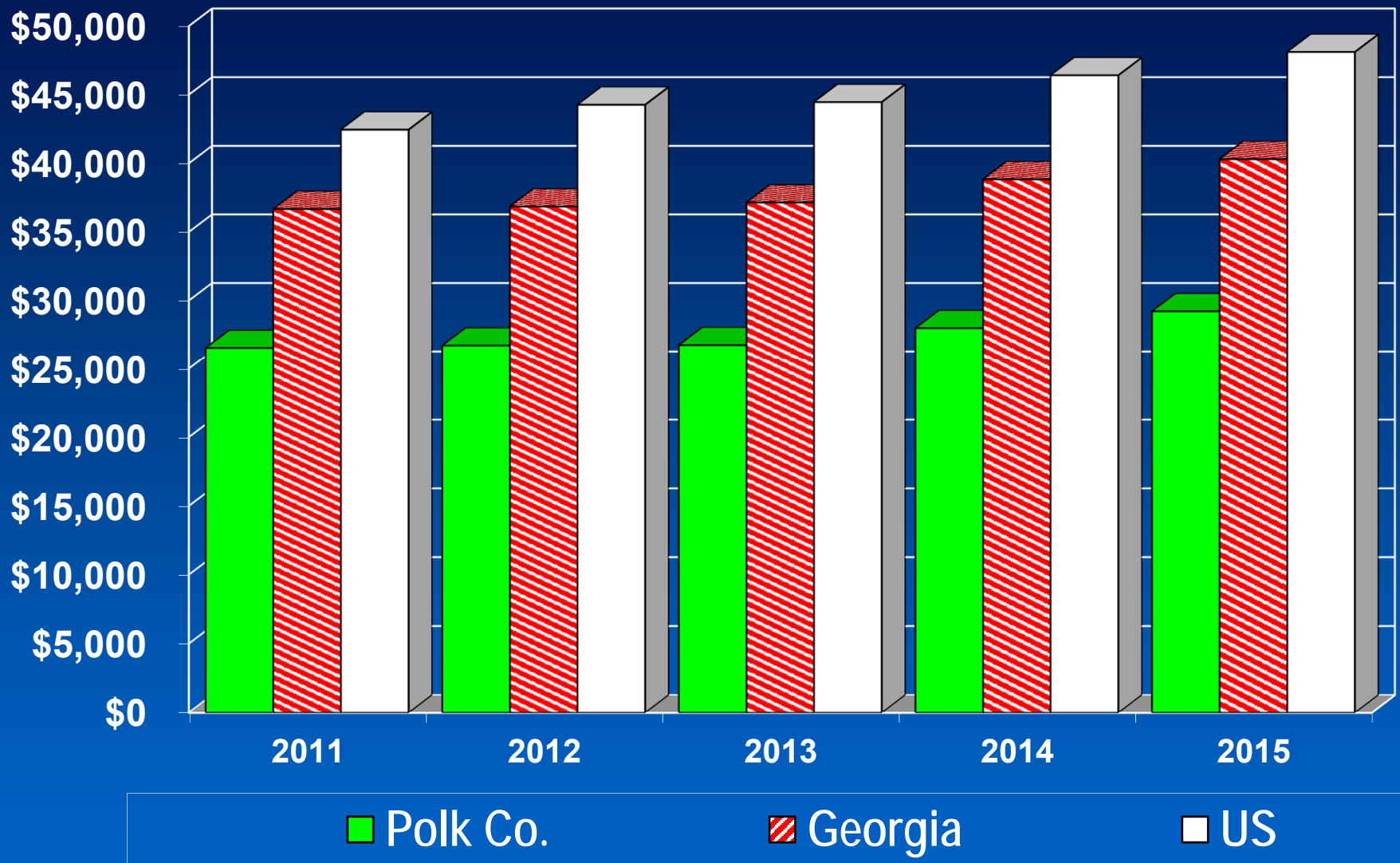
County	PCI	Rank of PCI	% PCI of GA Total	% Change in PCI 2011-2015
POLK	\$29,216	112	72.5	10.1
BARTOW	\$33,856	46	84.0	14.1
FLOYD	\$35,054	35	87.0	10.7
HARALSON	\$31,840	75	79.0	12.2
PAULDING	\$33,011	55	81.9	13.5
GA Avg. Co.	\$32,346	--	80.3	10.2

Per Capita Income: 2011-2015

Percentage Change



Per Capita Income: 2011-2015



2015 PCI
Polk Co. = \$29,216

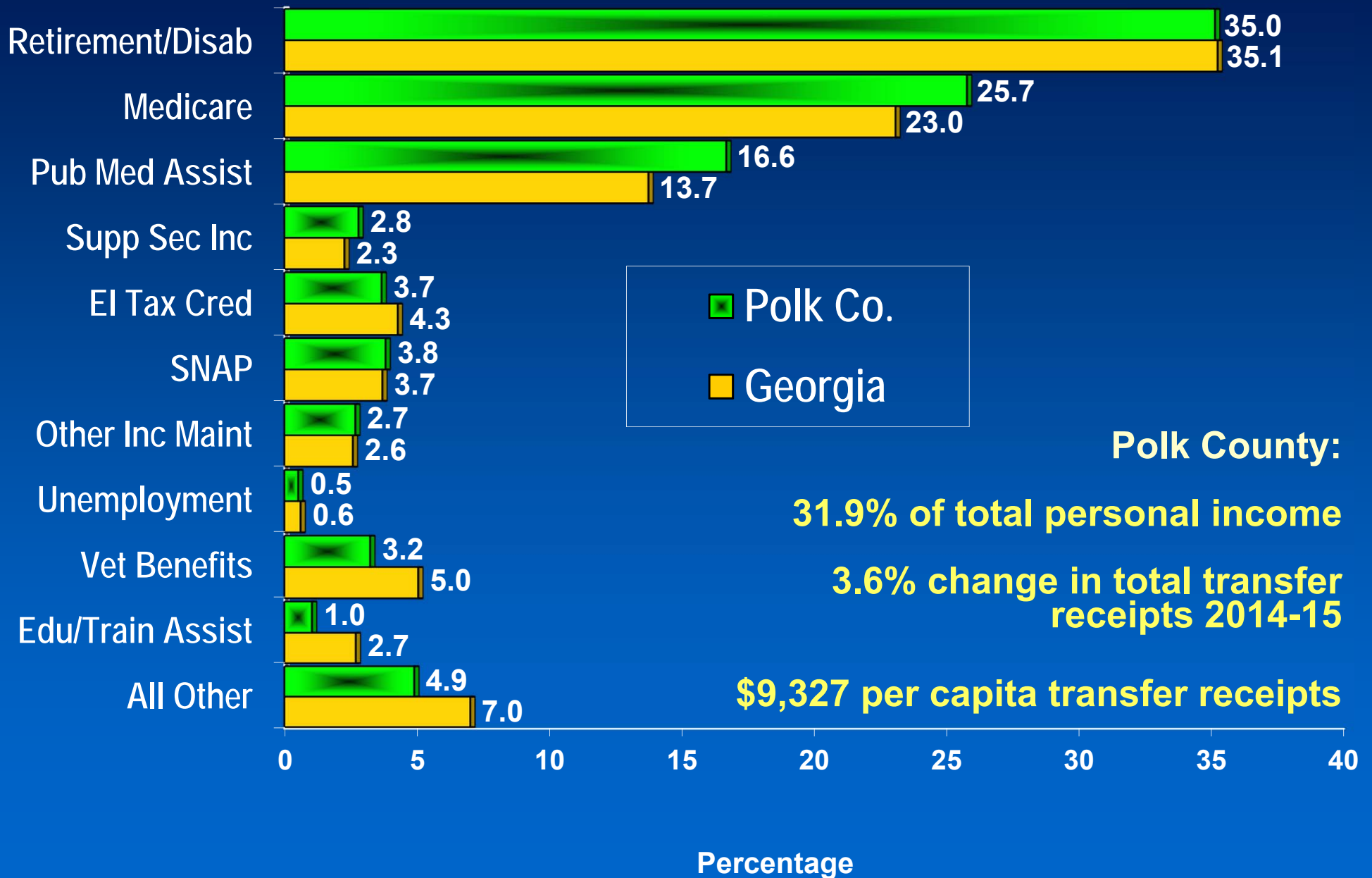
Georgia = \$40,306
US = \$48,112

Median Household Income 2015 Model-Based Estimates

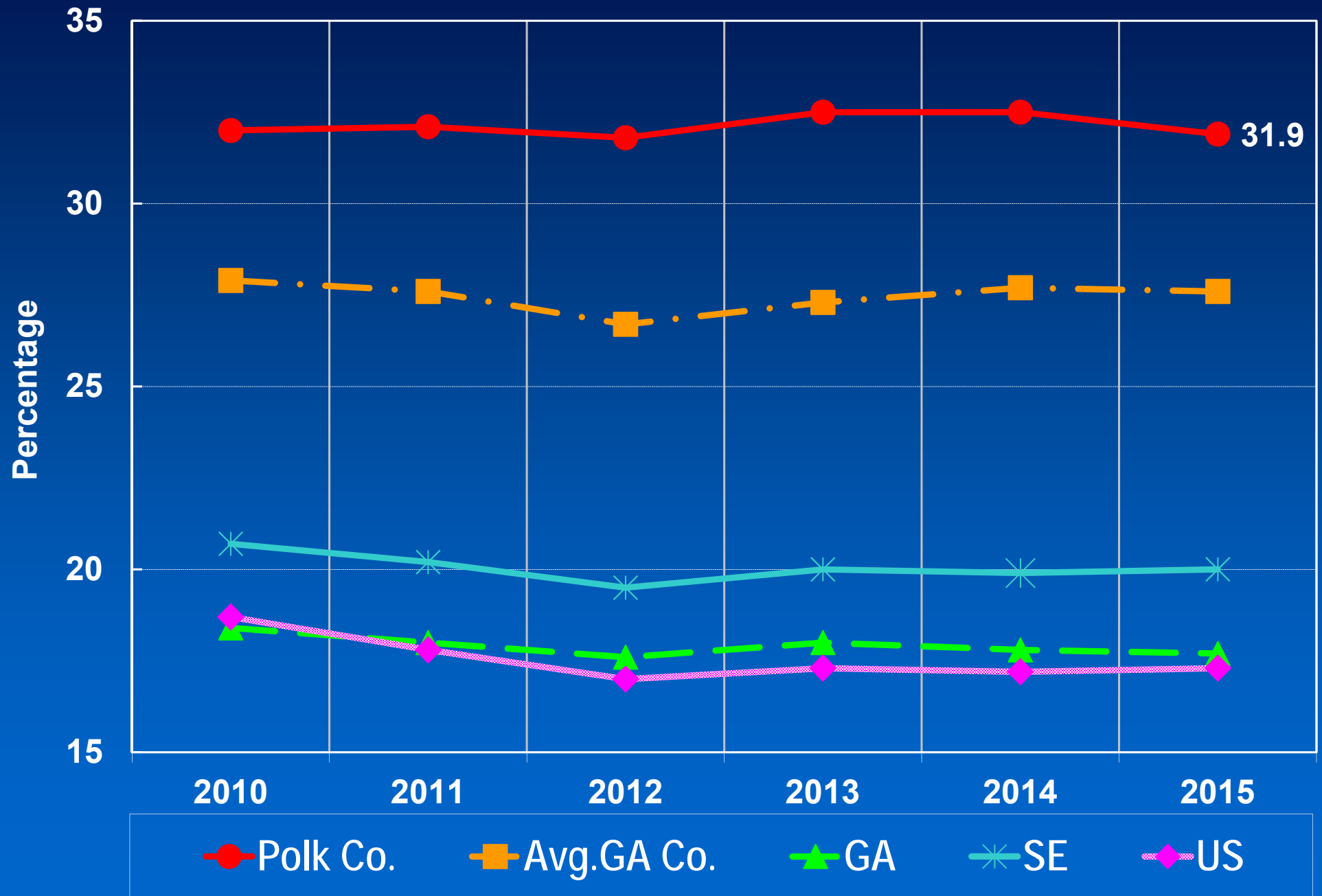


Personal Current Transfer Receipts: 2015

Polk Co. Total = \$387,314,000



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



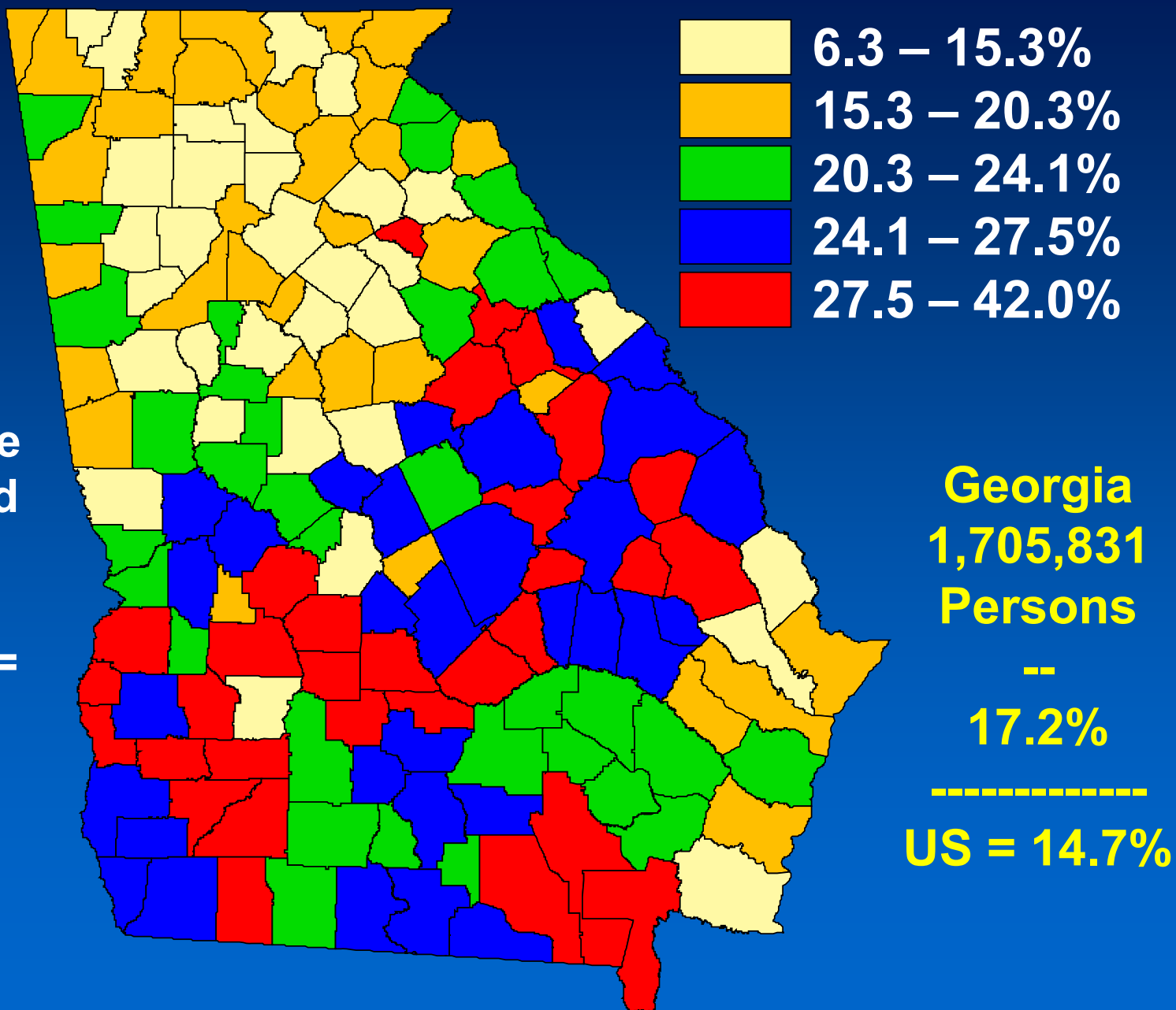
Primary data source: U.S. Bureau of Economic Analysis (1/17)

Persons Living Below Poverty Level 2015 Model-Based Estimates

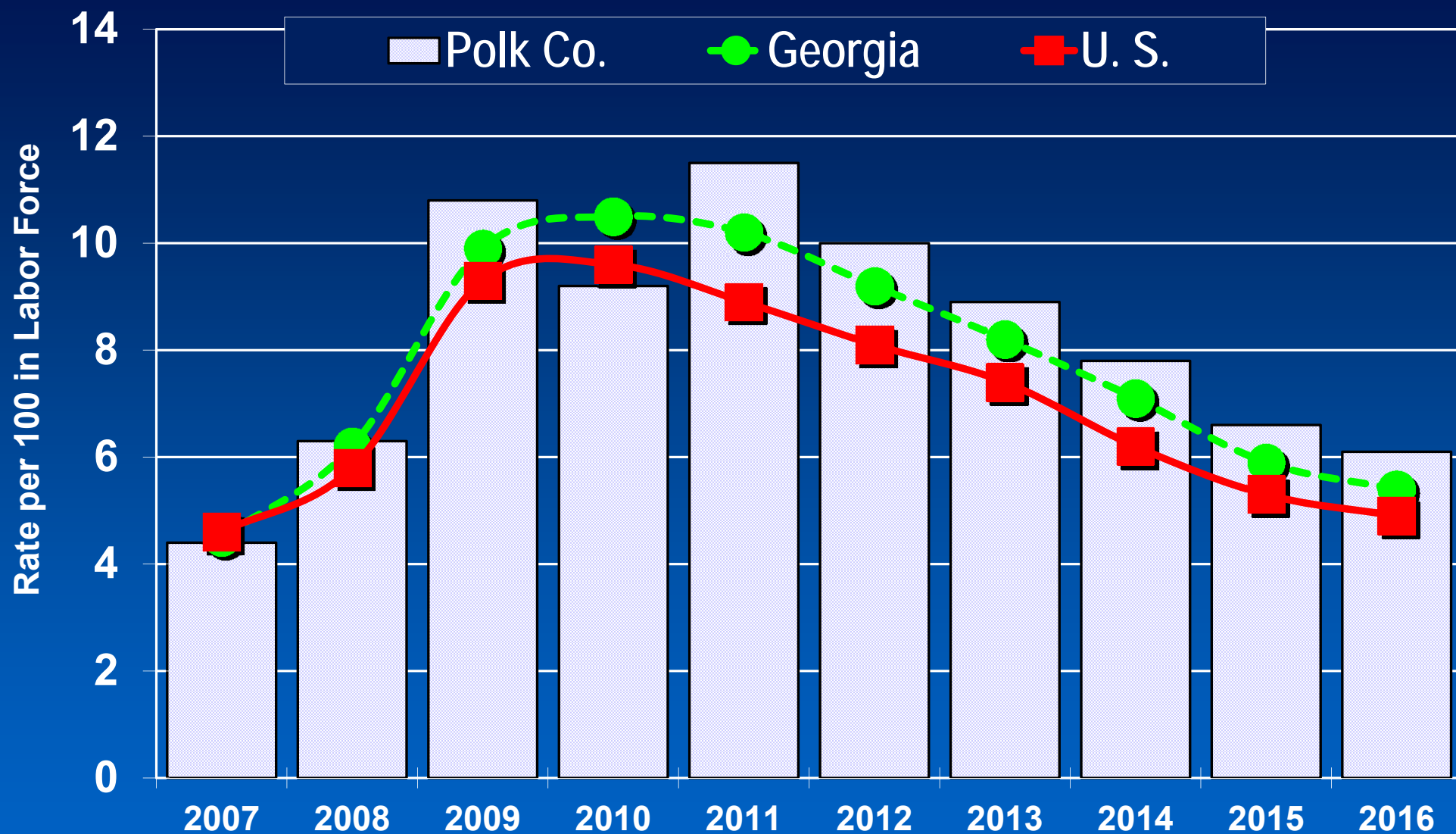
County	# of Persons	% of all Persons	Rank of %
POLK	8,515	20.8	68
BARTOW	13,768	13.6	21
FLOYD	18,060	19.6	63
HARALSON	5,448	19.2	59
PAULDING	13,326	8.8	4
GA Avg. Co.	10,729	21.9	--

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

Polk Co. = 6.1

GA = 5.4

US = 4.9

Avg. GA County = 6.1

Establishments, Employment & Wages: 2015 Averages

Polk County	Avg. # Establishments	Avg. Monthly Employment	Avg. Wage Weekly
TOTAL GOODS PRODUCING	106	3,770	\$812
Ag, forestry, fishing	3	12	\$719
Construction	65	365	\$769
Manufacturing	35	3,374	\$815
TOTAL SERVICE PROVIDING	505	5,803	\$566
Wholesale trade	23	236	\$815
Retail trade	134	1,824	\$496
Transp/Warehousing	14	355	\$844
Finance/Insurance	41	153	\$1,172
Professional/Sci/Tech	32	76	\$688
Admin/Suppt/WasteMgmt/Remediation	76	628	\$491
Health care/Soc Svcs	39	802	\$783
Accommodations/Food Svc	65	1,072	\$235
TOTAL GOVERNMENT	48	1,622	\$760
TOTAL ALL INDUSTRIES	685	11,212	\$677

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

Employment Comparisons by Industry Group: 2015

■ Polk Co.

■ Avg. GA County

■ Georgia

Goods Producing

33.6

22.1

13.8

Service Providing

51.8

52.3

70.4

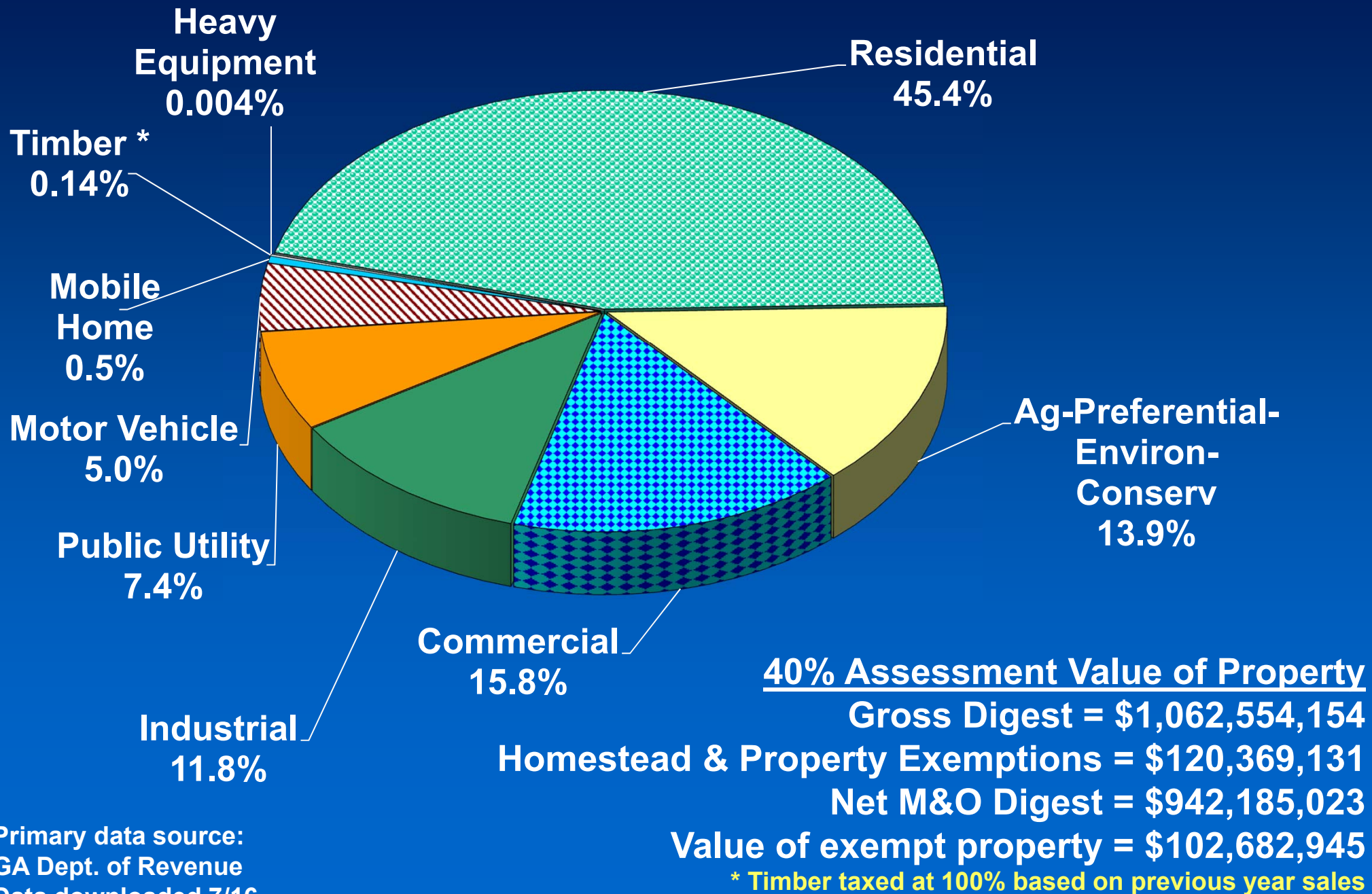
Government

14.5

24.7

15.4

Components of 2015 Property Tax Gross Digest Polk County



Primary data source:
GA Dept. of Revenue
Data downloaded 7/16

Polk Co. Millage Rates, Taxes Levied, & Sales Tax Rate

Tax District	2015 Millage rates
ARAGON	12.513
BRASWELL	5.000
CEDARTOWN	11.309
COUNTY INCORPORATED	11.061
COUNTY UNINCORPORATED	11.061
ROCKMART	8.901
SCHOOL	16.183

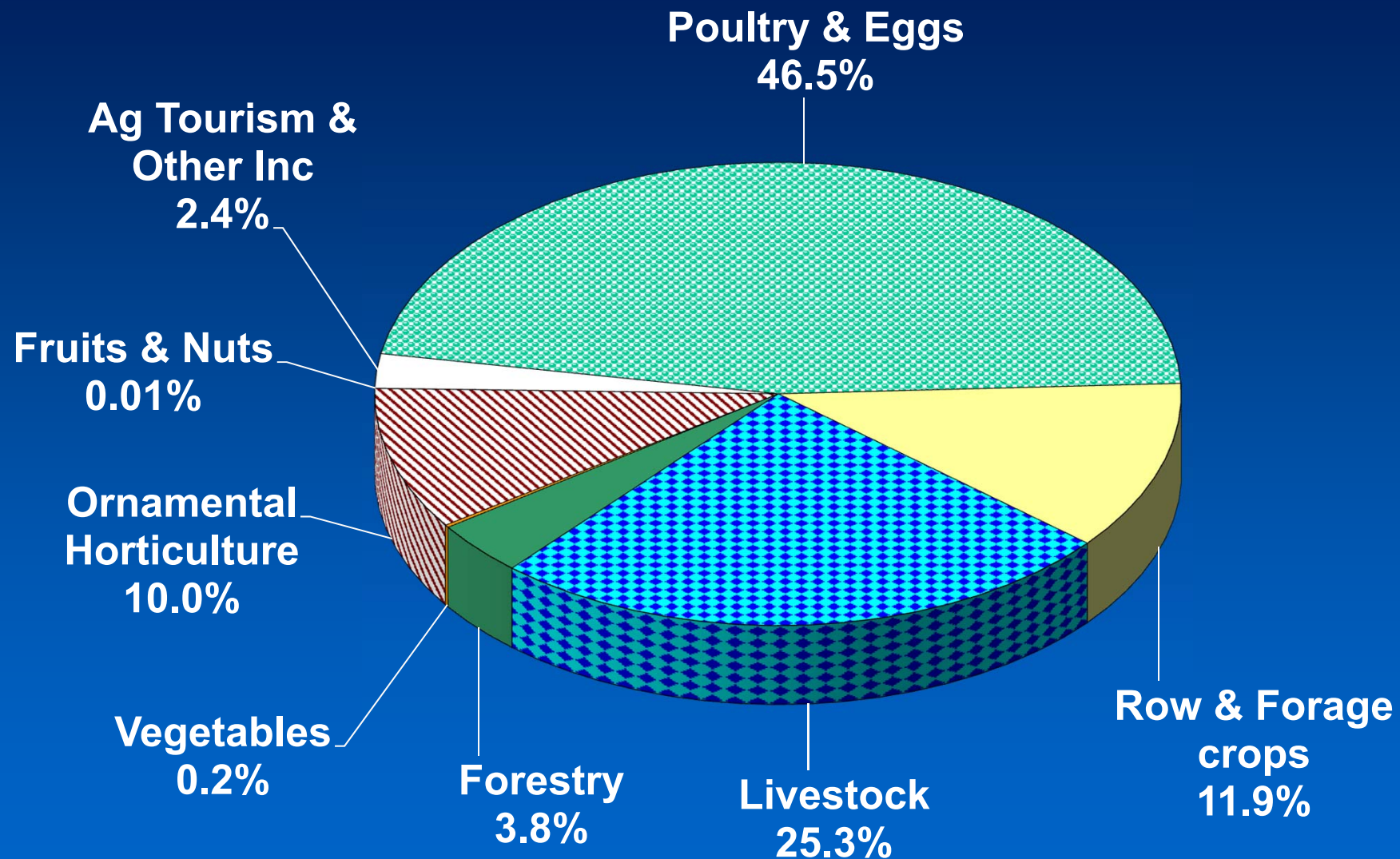
County	2015 Taxes Levied*	Sales Tax Rate as of 7/1/2017	LOST Type* as of 7/2017
POLK	\$29,253,637	7	LSE
BARTOW	\$88,567,662	7	LSE
FLOYD	\$90,267,211	7	LSE
HARALSON	\$22,470,458	7	LSE
PAULDING	\$104,859,134	7	LSE

No Bonds

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

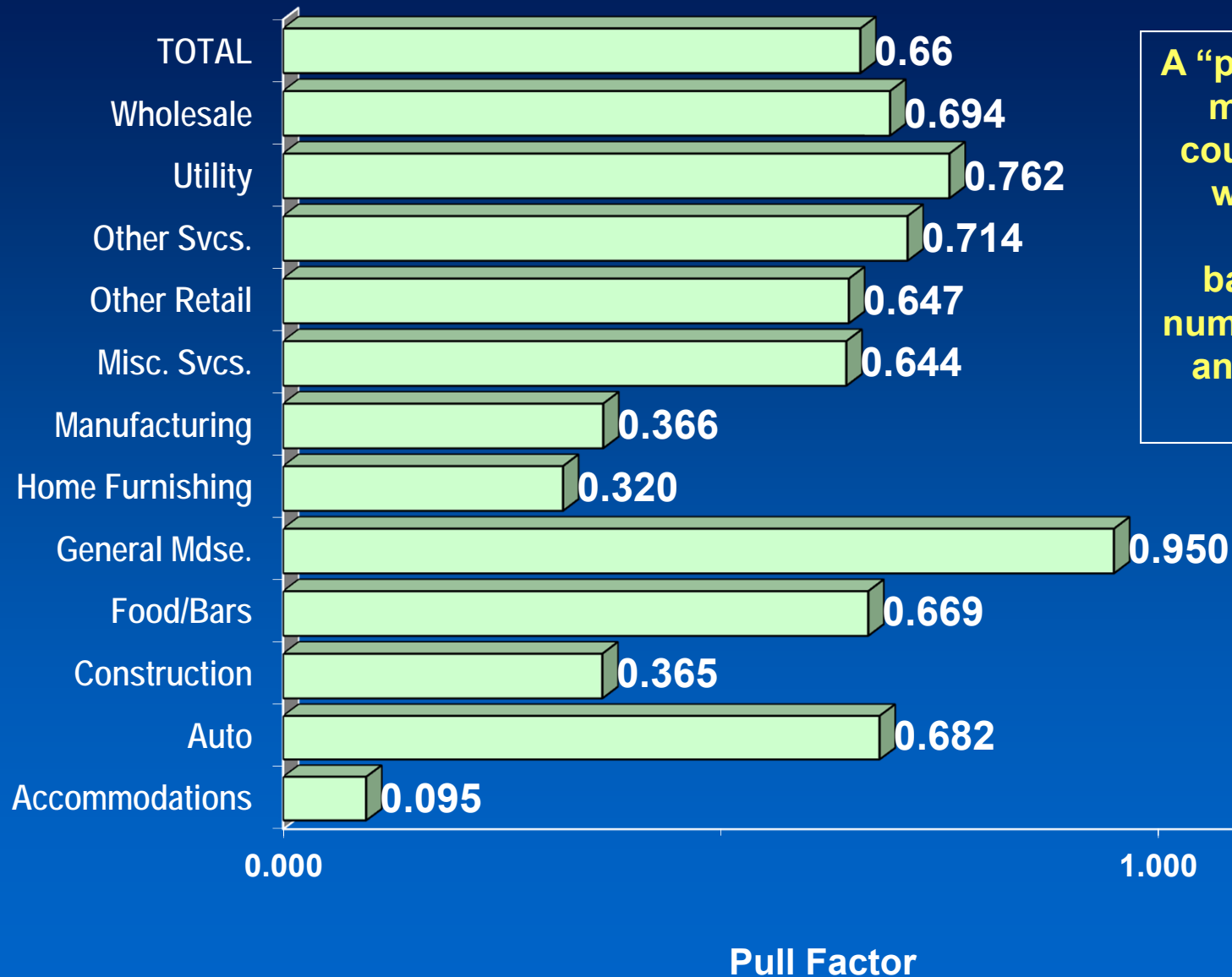
2015 Farm Gate Value by Commodity Group

Polk Co. Total Value = \$39,771,486



1% Sales & Use Tax Distributions: 2015

Polk Co. Total = \$4,463,781

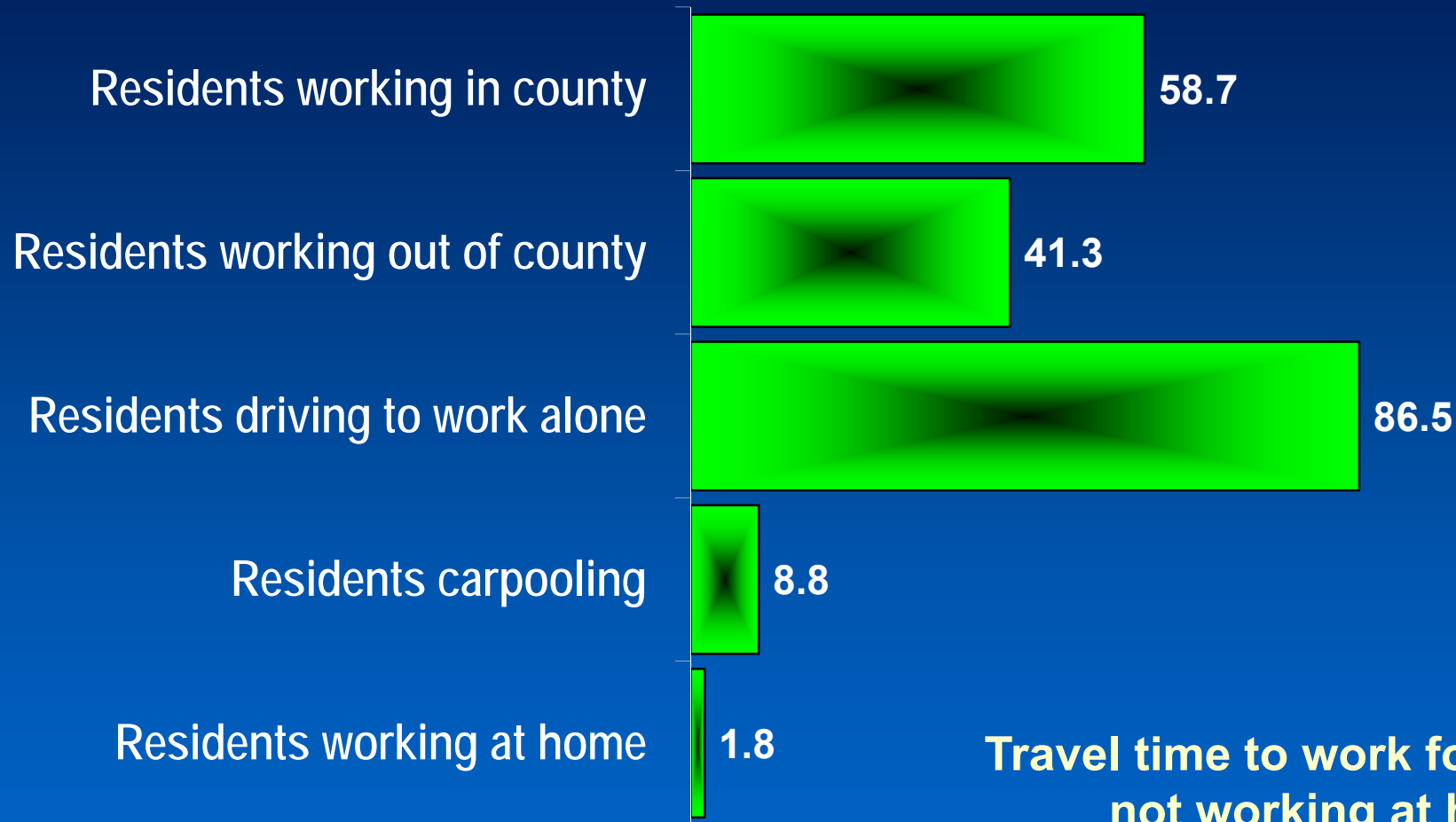


A “pull factor” of 1.0 means that the county’s sales are what would be expected based upon the number of residents and their relative wealth.

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. = 20.3%

60+ min. = 8.9%

Polk Co.

Resident workers 16+ = 15,836

**Mean travel time to work
= 25.9 minutes**

***This study was developed to assist community leadership
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