

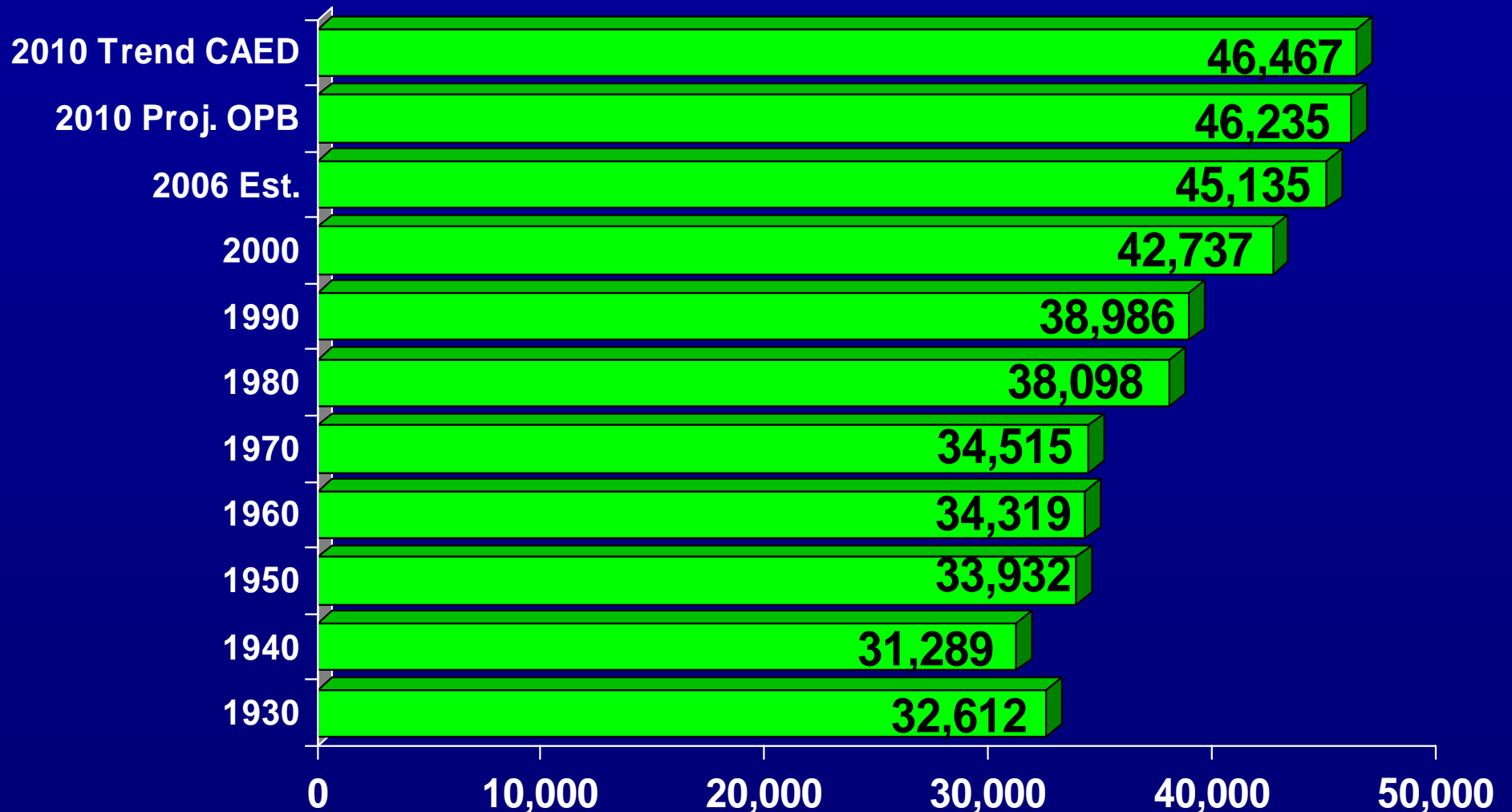
Thomas County Community Profile



**67th in order of
county creation
December 23, 1825**

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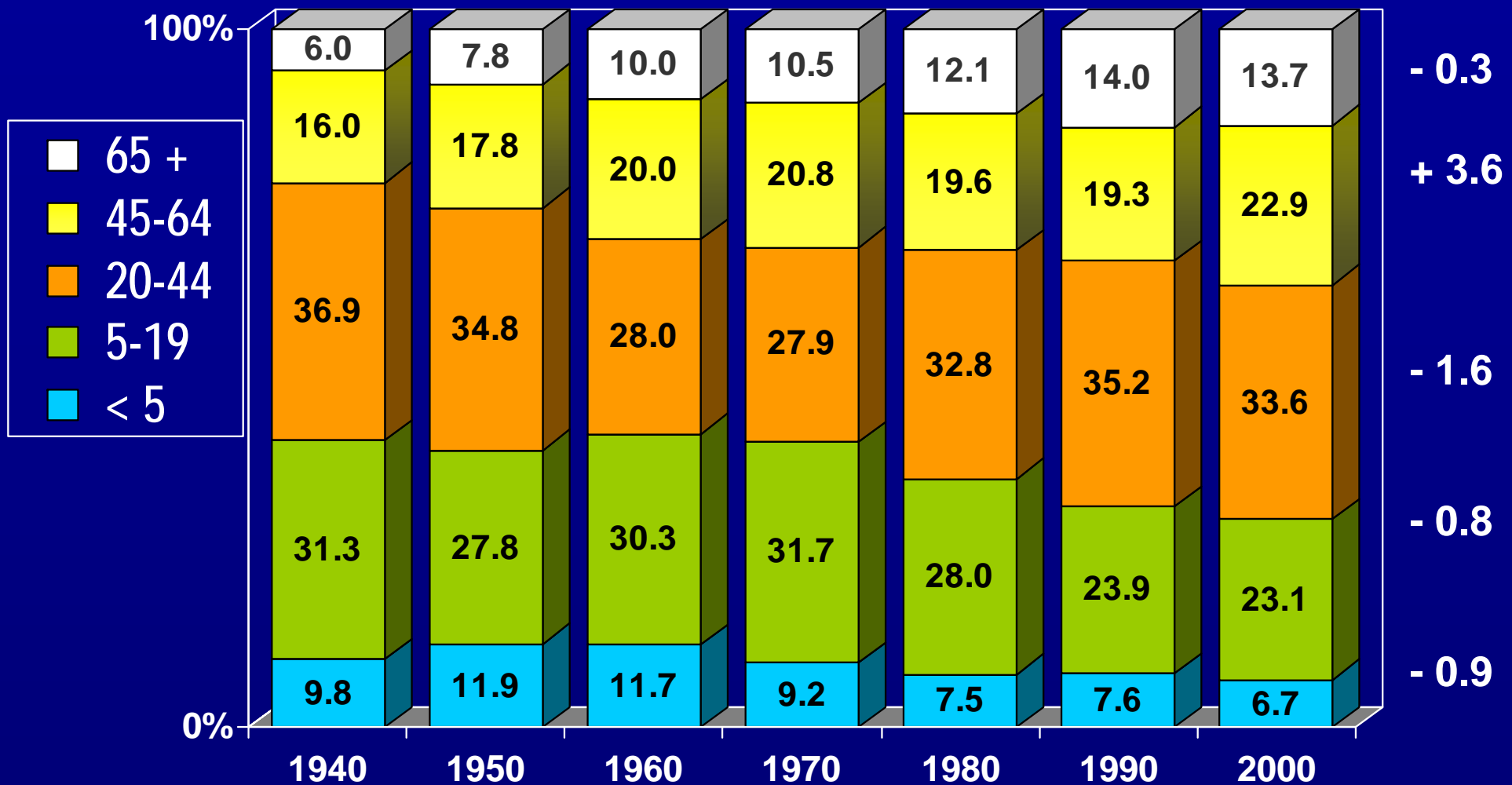
Total Population Thomas County



Primary data sources: U.S. Census Bureau, decennial censuses & estimate; CAED (Center for Agribusiness & Economic Development); OPB (State Office of Planning & Budget).

Population Composition by Age Thomas County

Change in
proportion
1990-2000



2005 Estimated Median Age

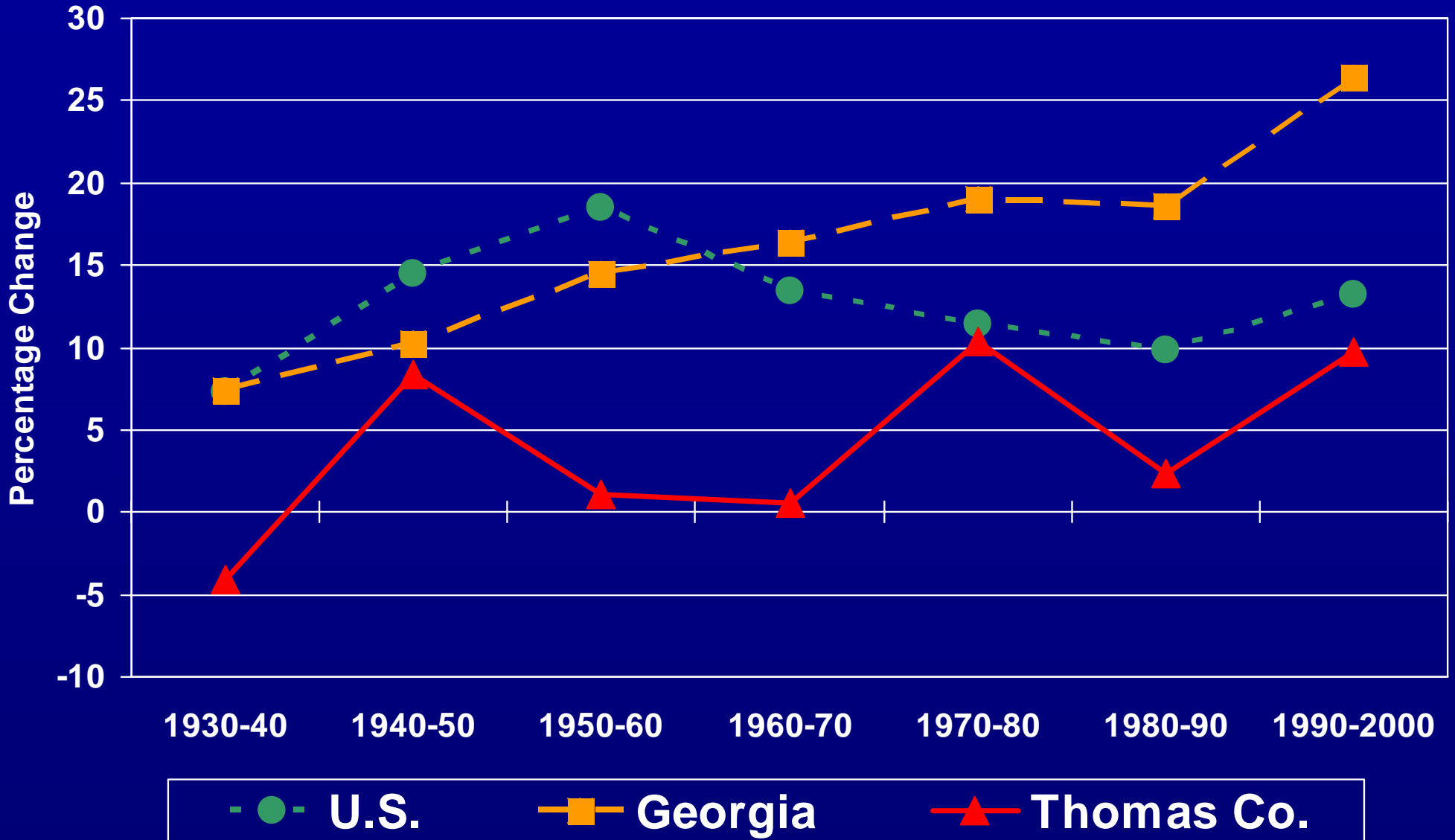
Thomas Co. = 37.0 yrs.

GA = 34.0 yrs.

2006 County Population Comparisons

County	Total	Total Rank	Density per sq.mi. land area	% Chg. 2000-06	Rank of % Chg.
THOMAS	45,135	43	82.3	5.6	86
BROOKS	16,464	99	33.4	0.1	128
COLQUITT	44,821	45	81.2	6.6	75
COOK	16,333	102	71.3	3.6	100
DECATUR	28,665	59	48.0	1.5	117
GRADY	25,082	69	54.7	6.0	79
MITCHELL	23,852	74	46.6	-0.3	132

Population Change: 1930-2000



Primary data source: U.S. Census Bureau

Components of Population Change: 2000-2006

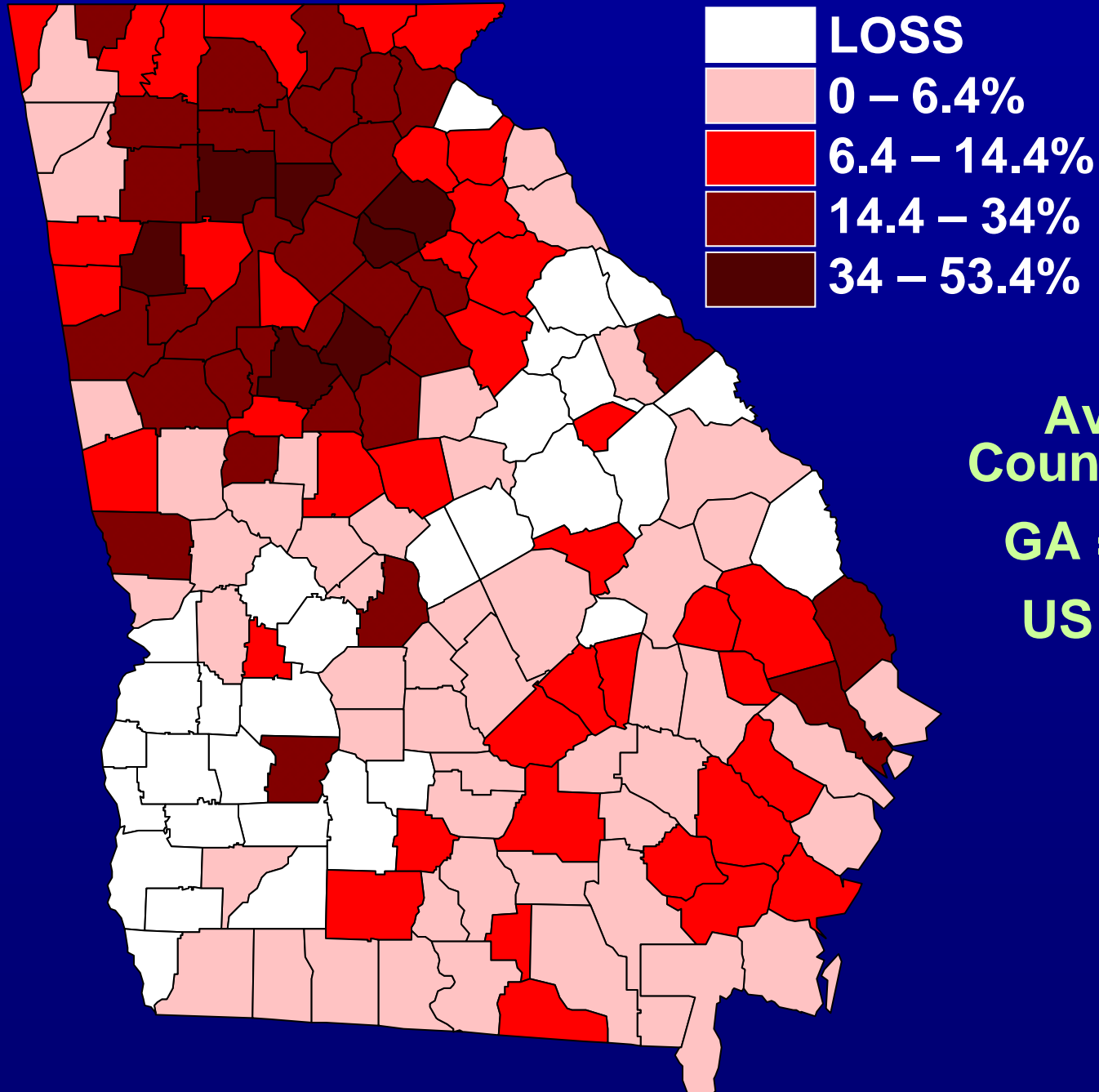
Natural Increase & Net Migration*

Area	Numerical Change	# Natural Increase (Births-Deaths)	Rate of Natural Increase	# Net Migration	Rate of Net Migration
THOMAS	2,401	915	3.3	1,621	5.9
BROOKS	14	85	0.8	-16	-0.2
COLQUITT	2,783	1,673	6.2	1,259	4.6
COOK	562	358	3.6	263	2.6
DECATUR	425	656	3.7	-127	-0.7
GRADY	1,423	943	6.2	568	3.7
MITCHELL	-82	473	3.2	-484	-3.2
Avg. GA Co.	7,403	2,761	4.5	3,816	8.7
GEORGIA	1,777,125	438,939	8.0	606,673	11.1

Primary data source:
U. S. Census Bureau

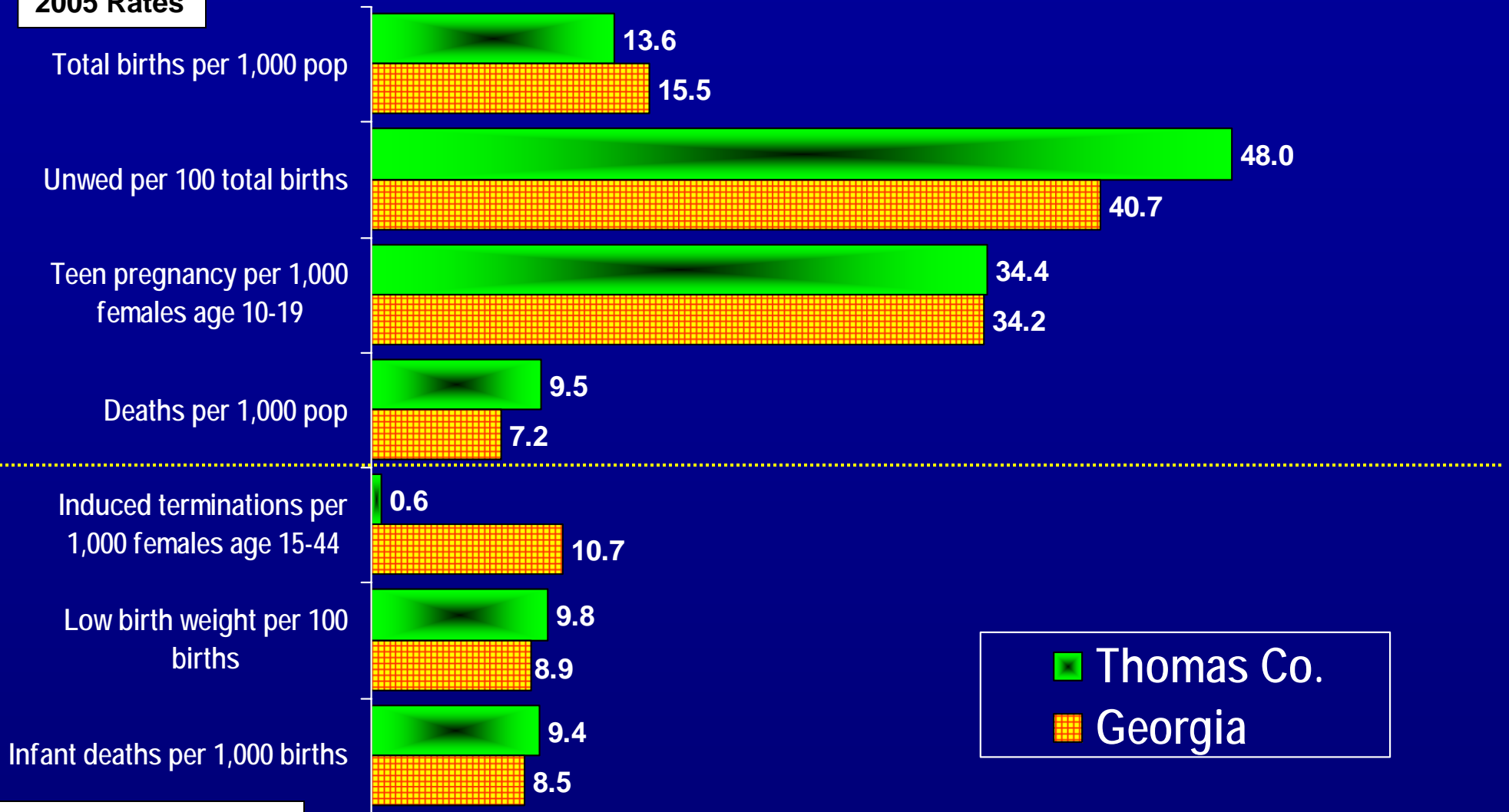
* Numerical change includes "residual" not represented in either NI or NM.
Average annual estimates of annual rates per 1,000 population

Population Change: 2000-2006



Selected Vital Statistics

2005 Rates

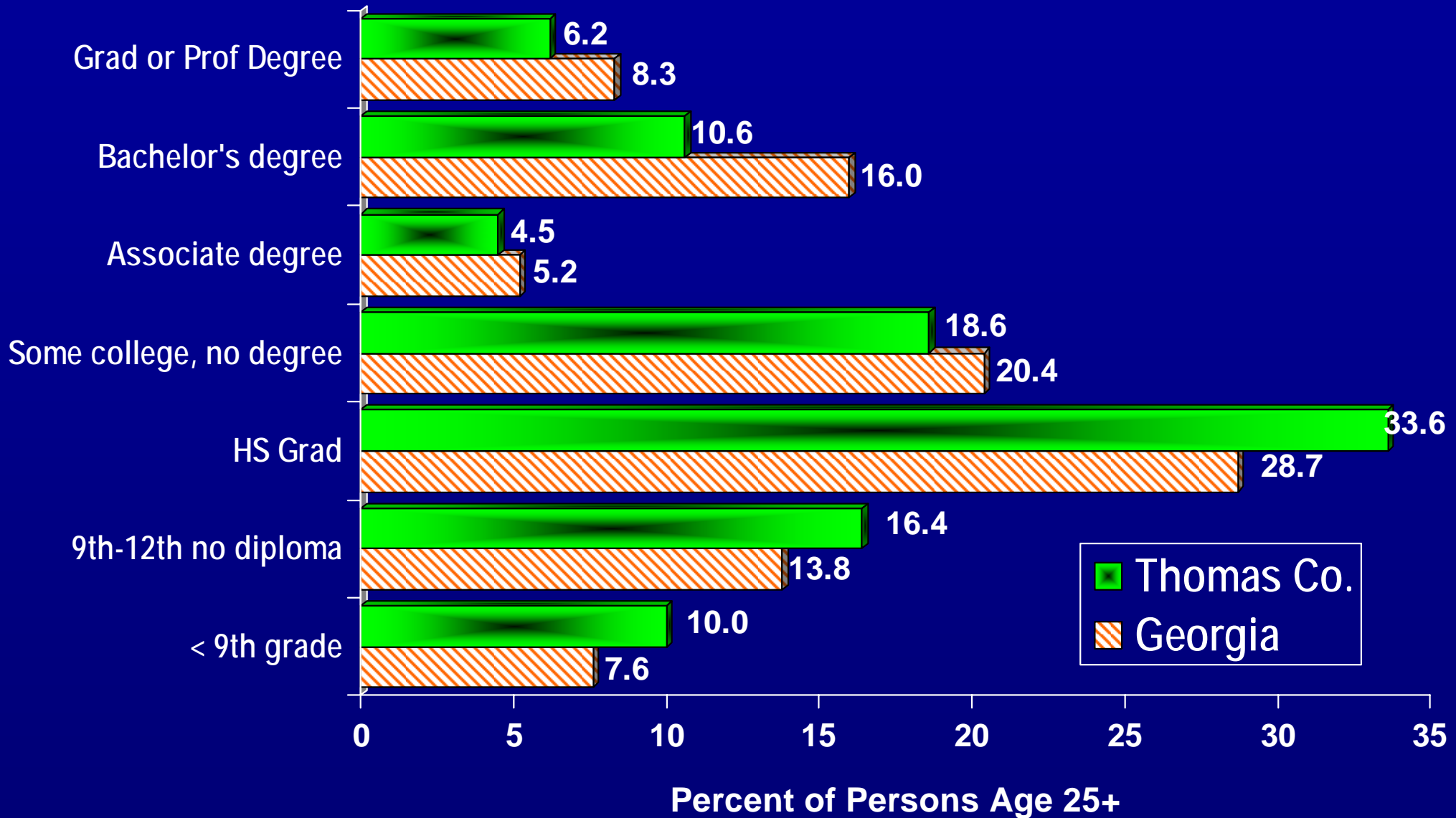


10-yr. rates 1996-2005

2005 Thomas Co. Natality Data
608 total births, 292 unwed births
13 induced terminations
109 teen pregnancies
64 low birth weight babies

2005 Thomas Co. Mortality Data
423 total deaths
6 infant deaths

Highest Level of Educational Attainment: 2000



Thomas Co.

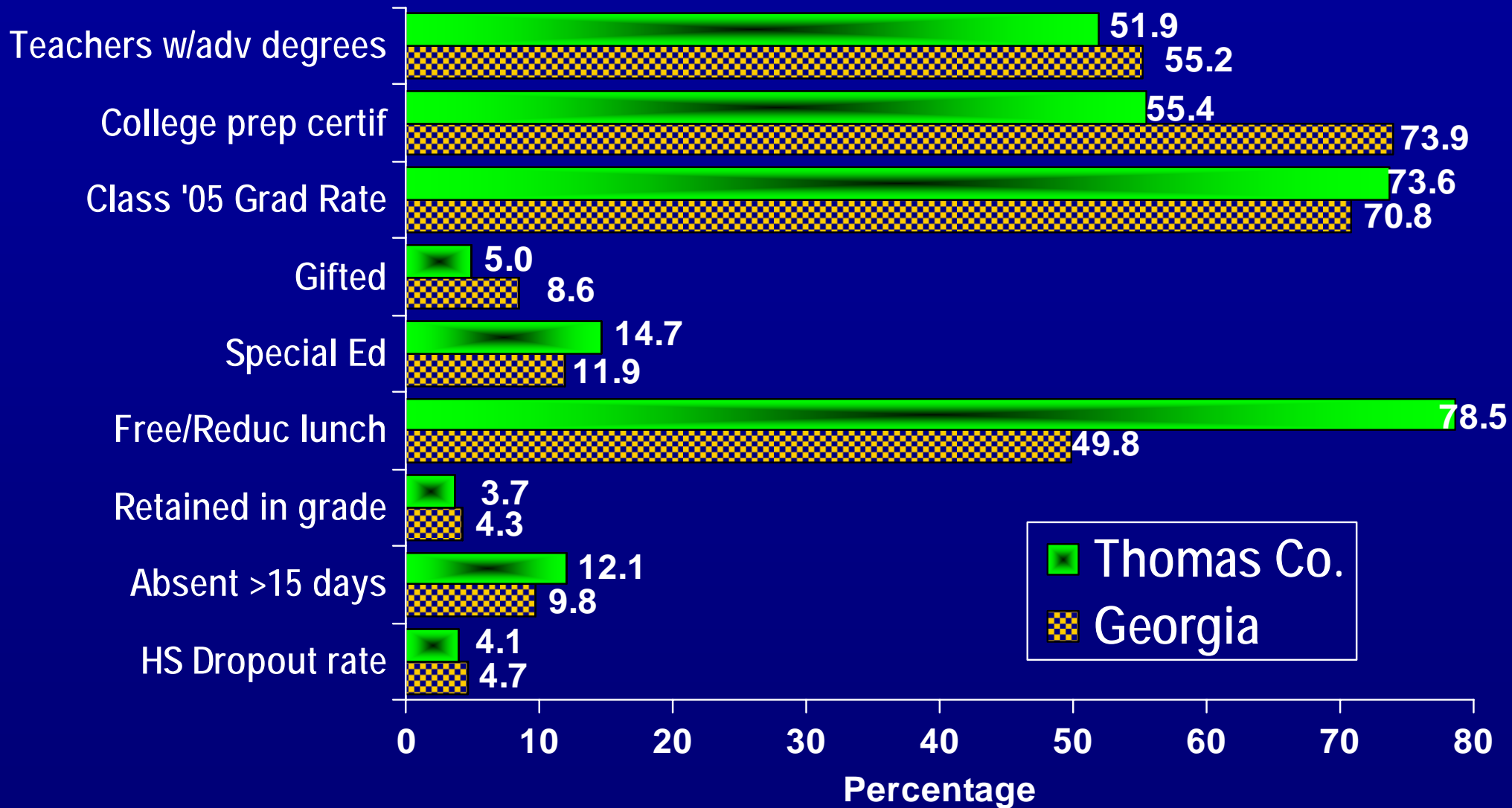
Not completing HS = 26.5%

With a bachelor's + degree = 16.8%

Primary data source: U.S. Census Bureau

Selected Public School Statistics

School Year 2005-06



Thomas Co.

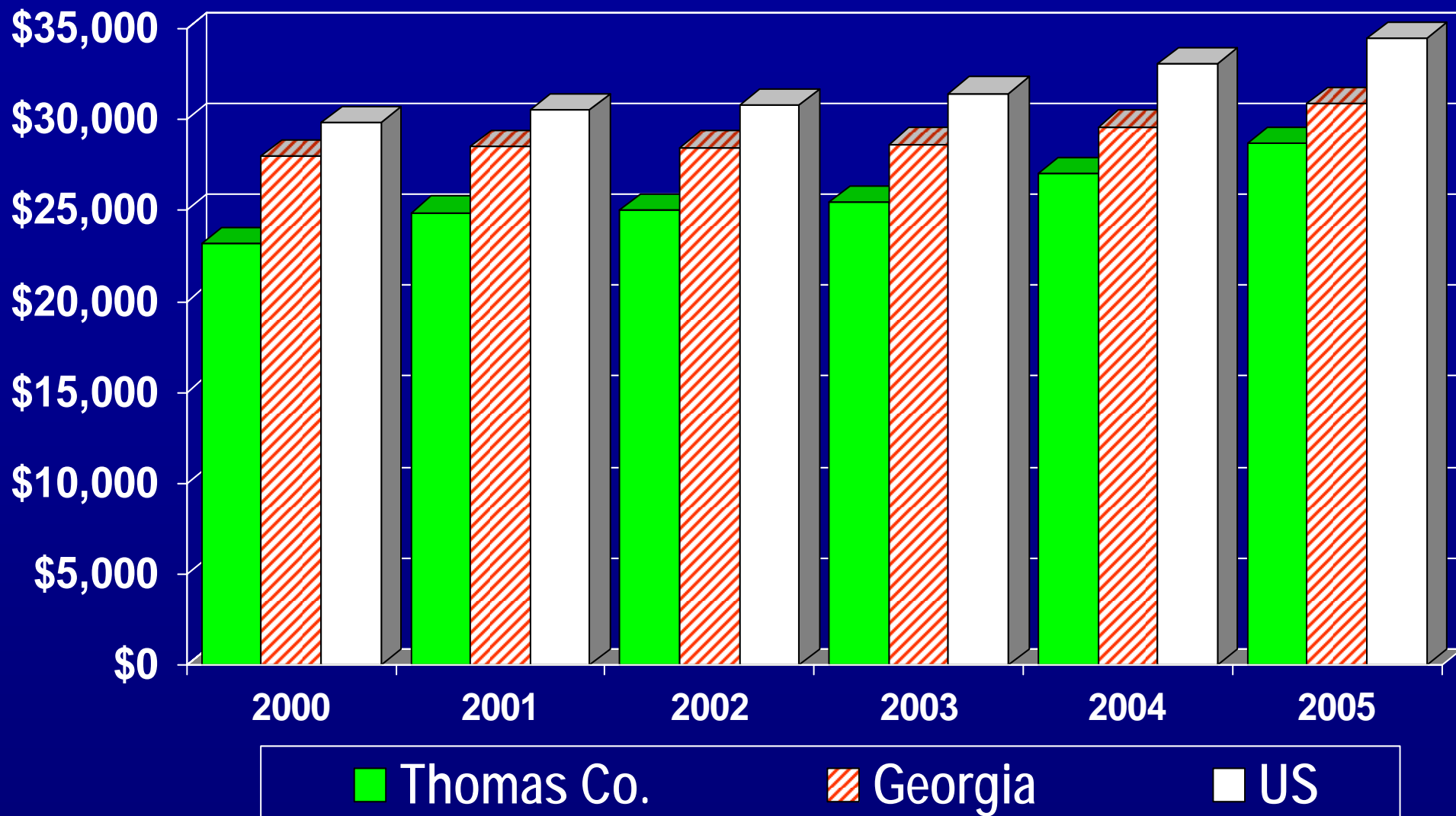
K12 enrollment = 8,049

HS dropouts = 109

General Fund Expenditures per FTE = \$6,738

Primary data source:
Governor's Office of Student Achievement

Per Capita Income: 2000-2005

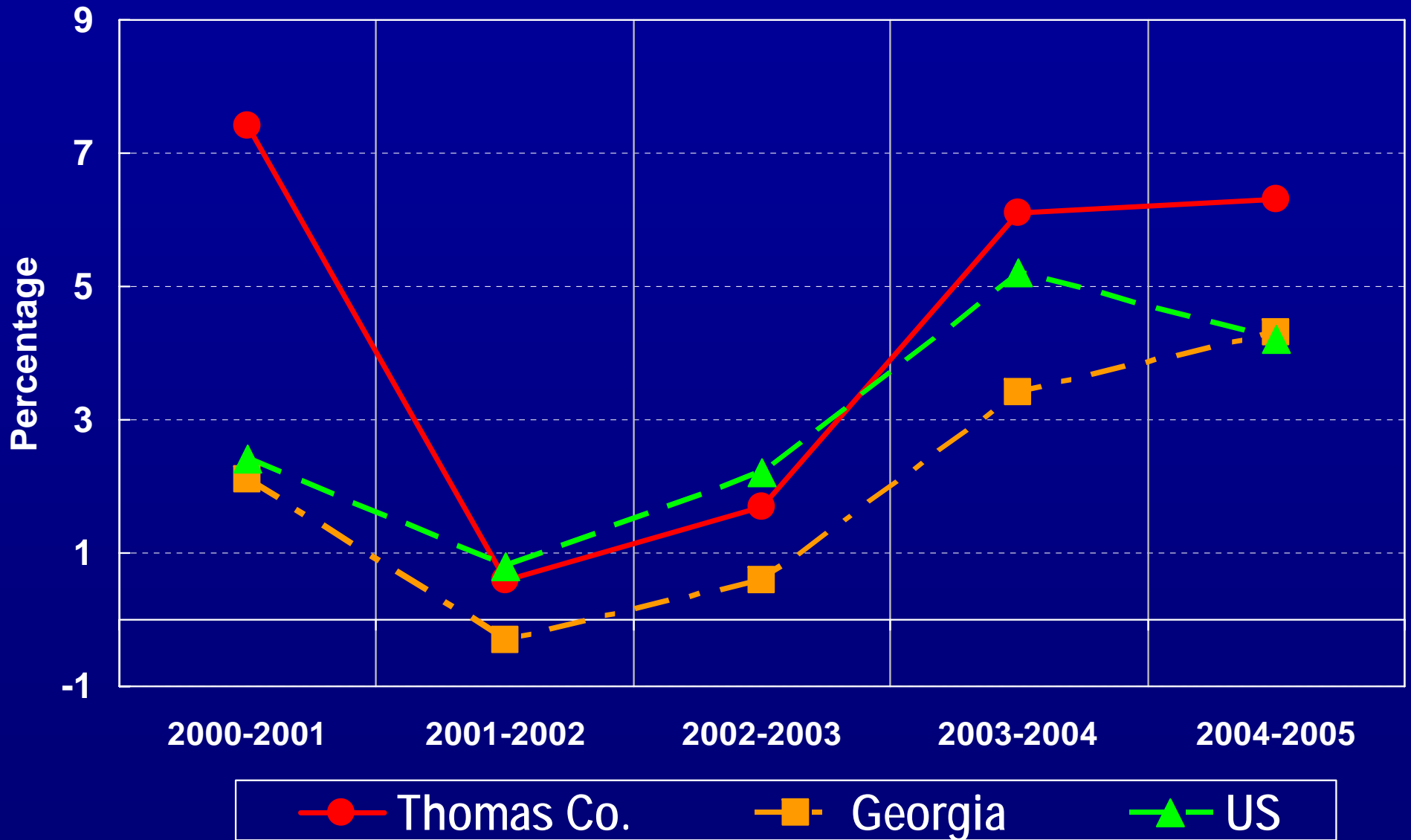


2005 PCI
Thomas Co. = \$28,718

Georgia = \$30,914
US = \$34,471

Per Capita Income: 2000-2005

Percentage Change

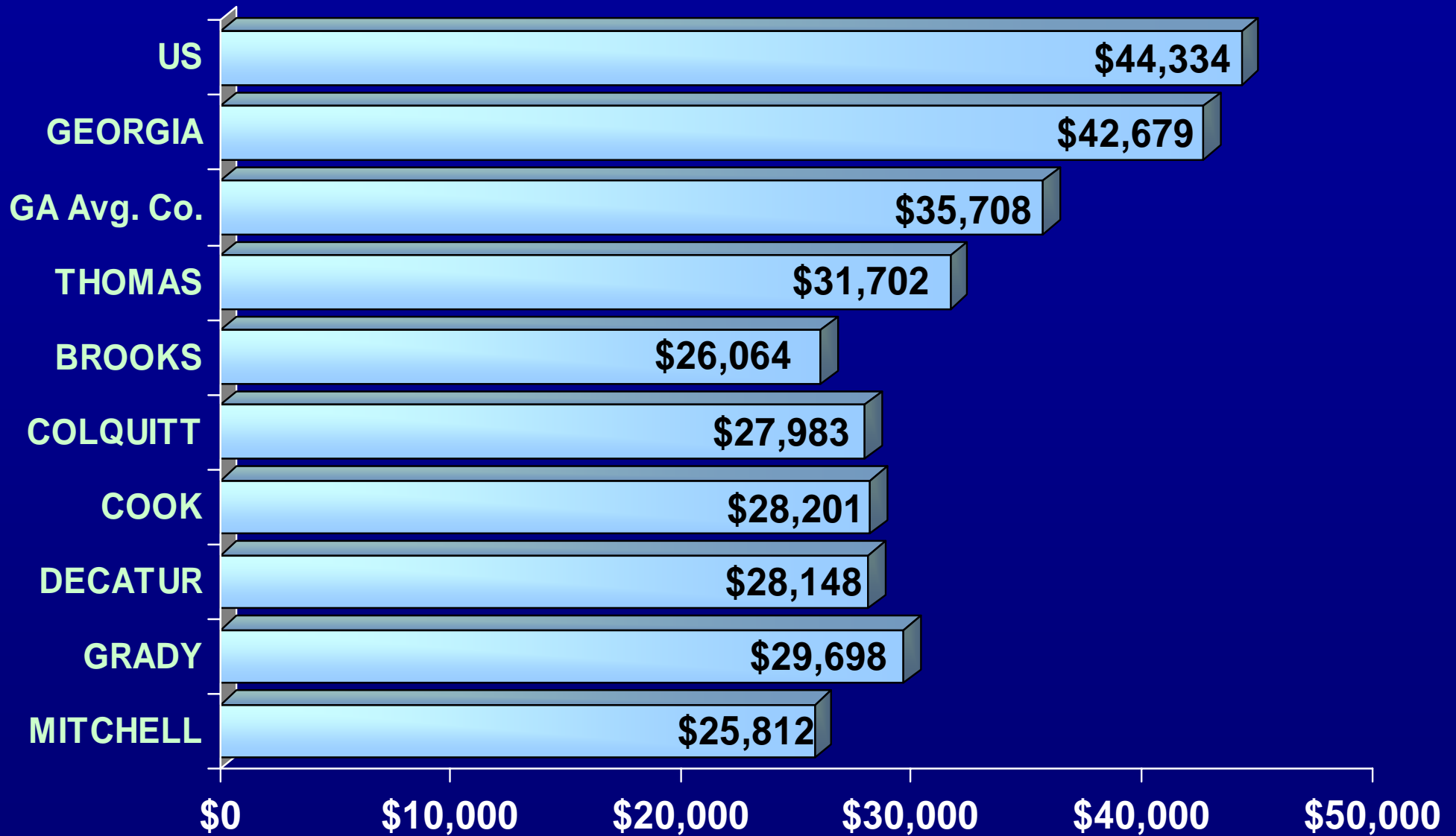


Per Capita Income: 2005

County	PCI	Rank of PCI	% PCI of GA Total	% Change in PCI 2000-2005
THOMAS	\$28,718	21	96.4	24.0
BROOKS	\$22,728	97	76.3	12.3
COLQUITT	\$21,833	115	73.3	13.6
COOK	\$19,663	149	66.0	9.5
DECATUR	\$22,361	103	75.1	12.2
GRADY	\$22,104	111	74.2	17.3
MITCHELL	\$20,162	144	67.7	16.2
GA Avg. Co.	\$24,592	--	82.6	14.7

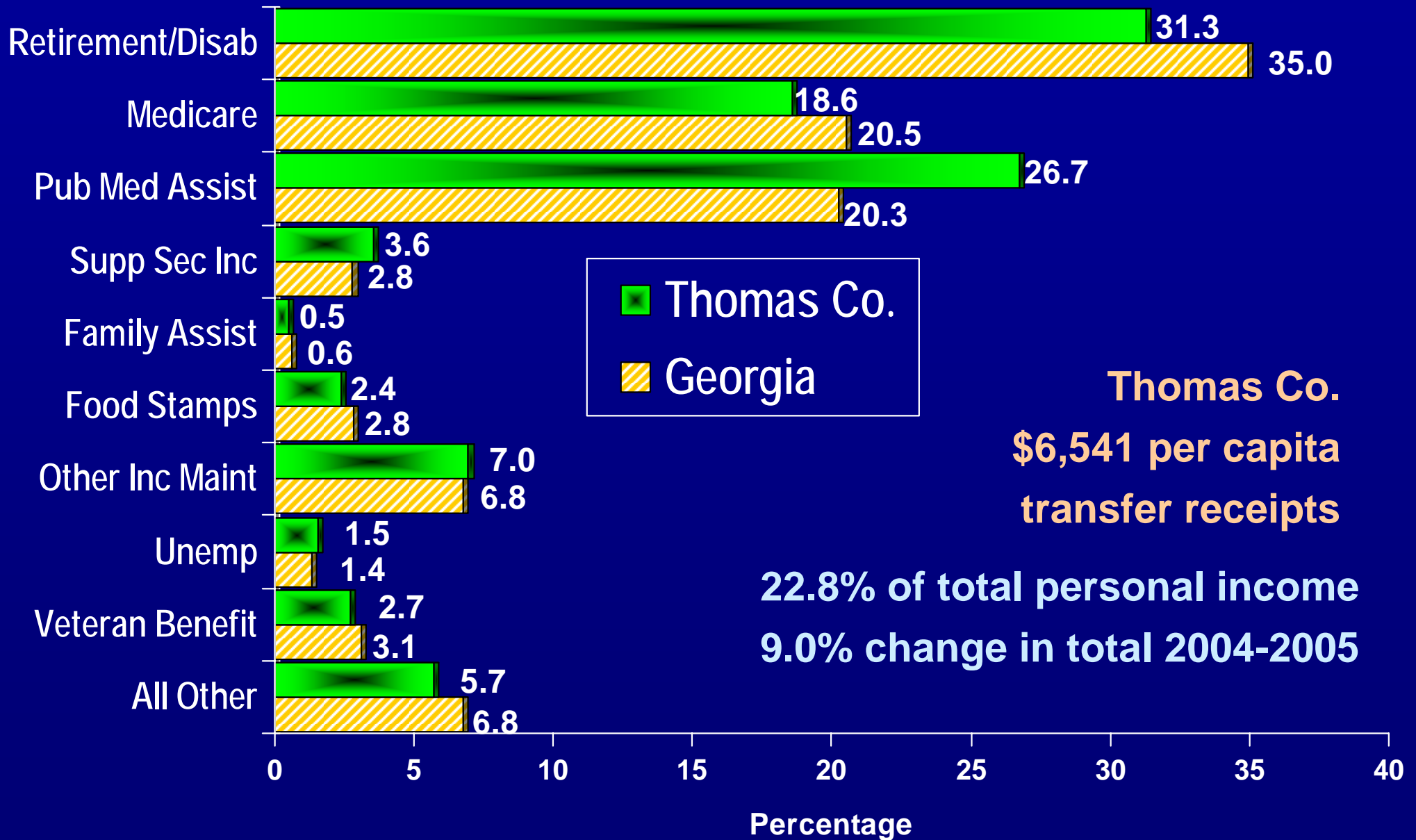
Median Household Income

2004 Model-Based Estimates



2005 Transfer Receipts

Thomas Co. Total = \$291,995,000

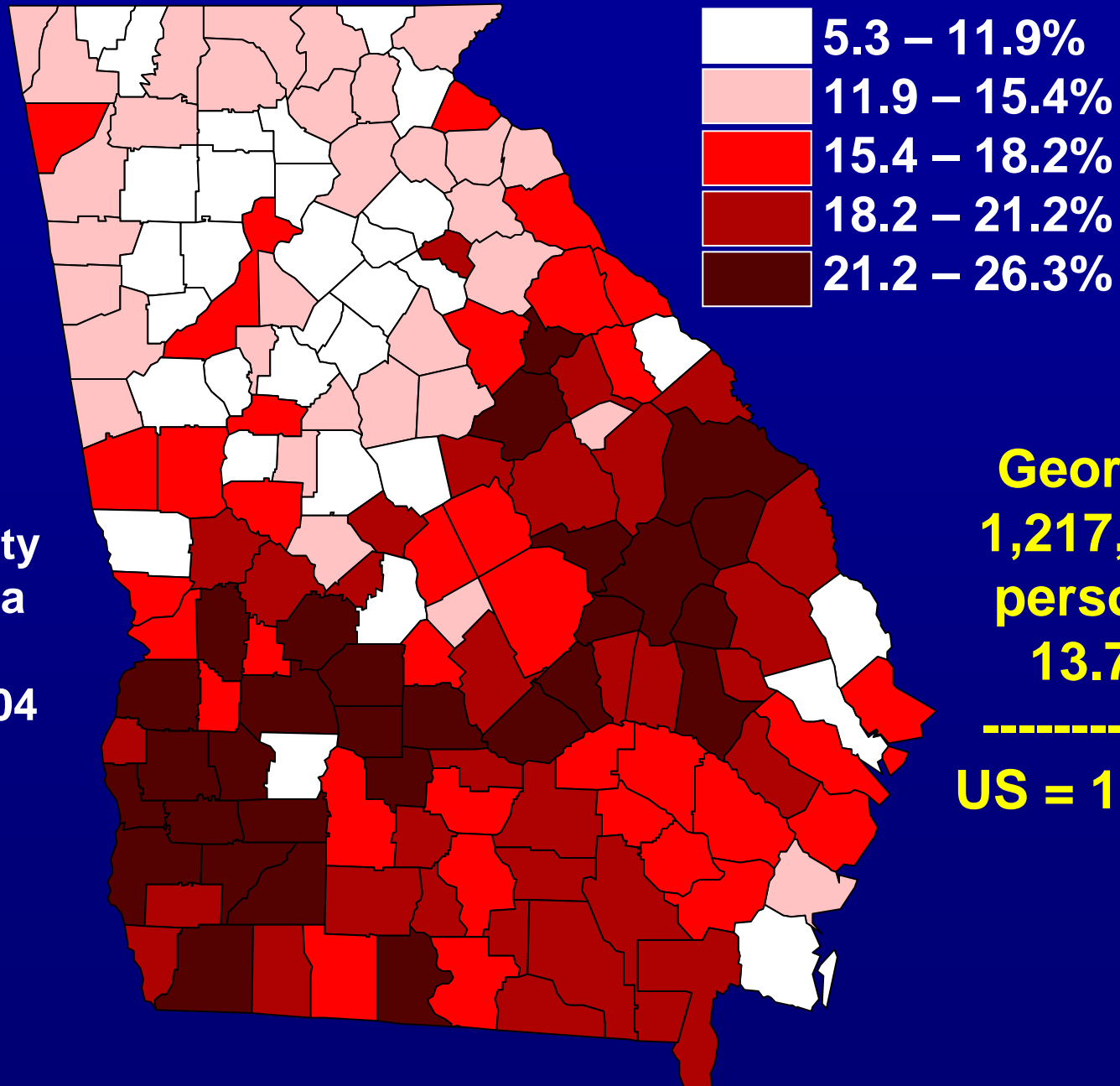


Persons Living Below Poverty Level

2004 Model-Based Estimates

County	# of Persons	% of all Persons	Rank of %
THOMAS	7,611	17.4	84
BROOKS	3,488	21.7	136
COLQUITT	8,681	20.1	120
COOK	2,962	18.3	99
DECATUR	6,029	21.5	133
GRADY	4,581	18.8	104
MITCHELL	5,104	23.2	148
GA Avg. Co.	7,658	16.6	--

Persons Living Below the Poverty Level 2004 Model-Based Estimates

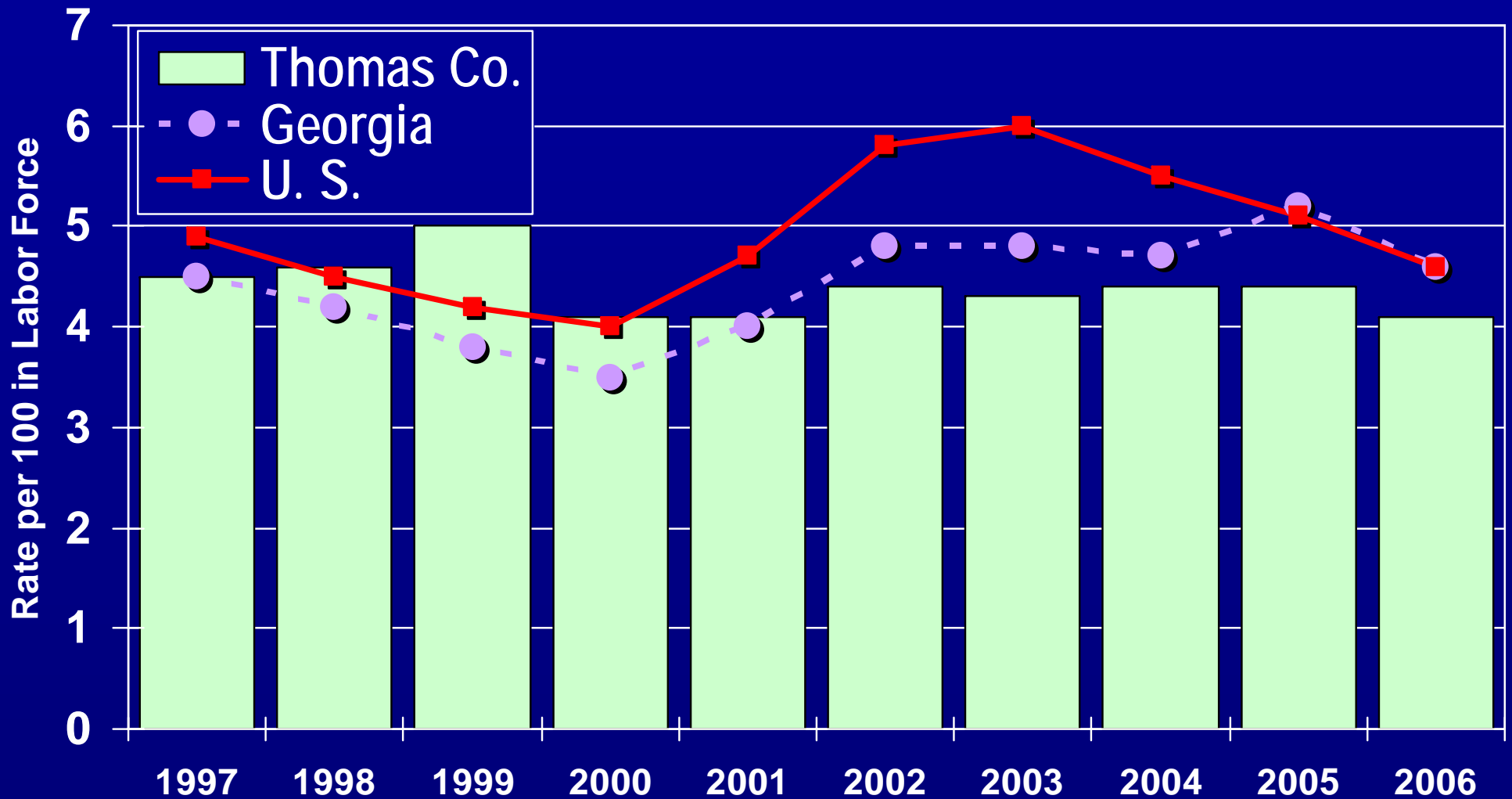


Weighted
average poverty
threshold for a
family of 4
persons in 2004
= \$19,307

Georgia
1,217,686
persons
13.7%

US = 12.7%

Unemployment Rates



2006 Rates

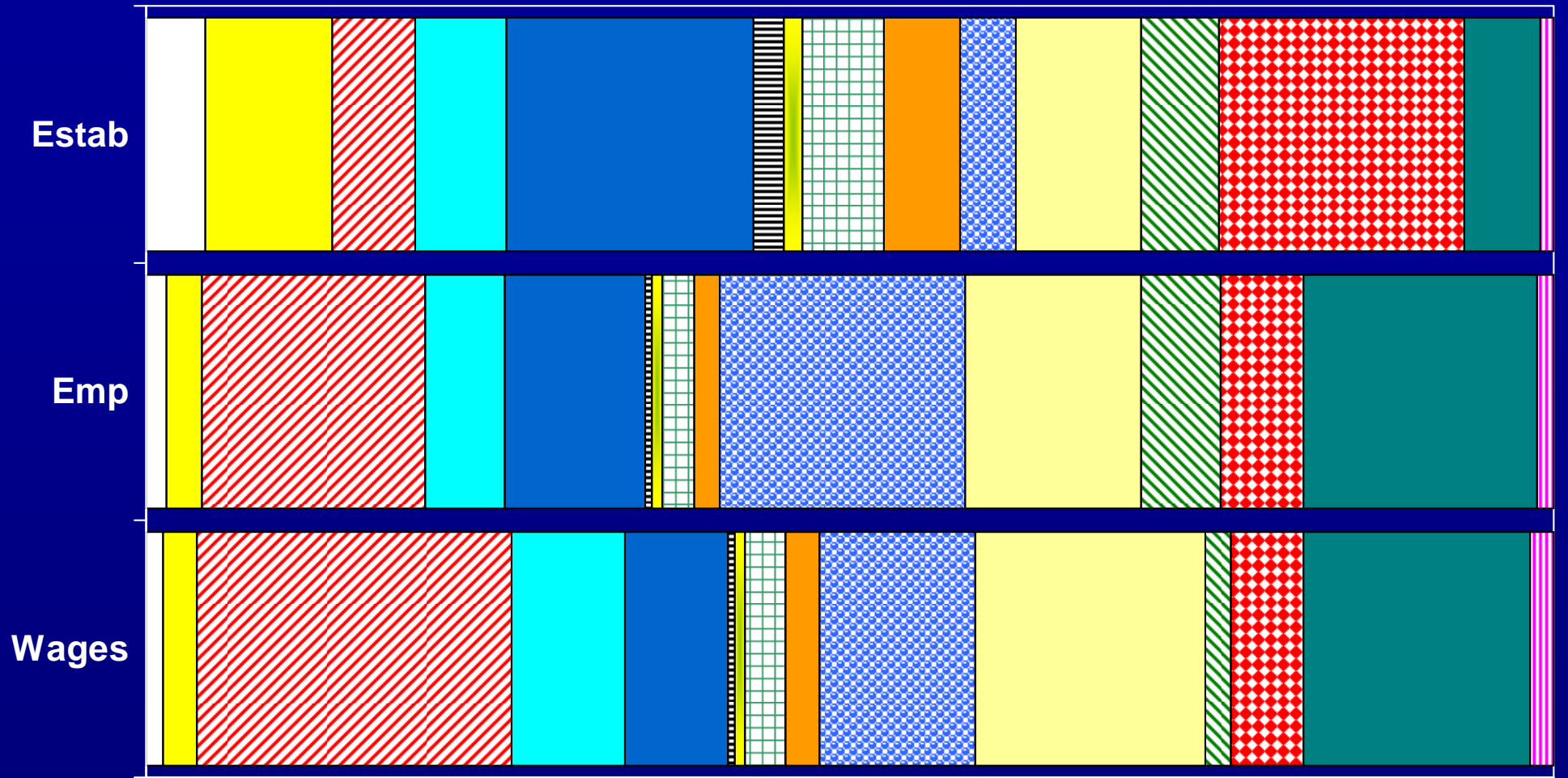
Thomas Co. = 4.1

GA = 4.6

US = 4.6

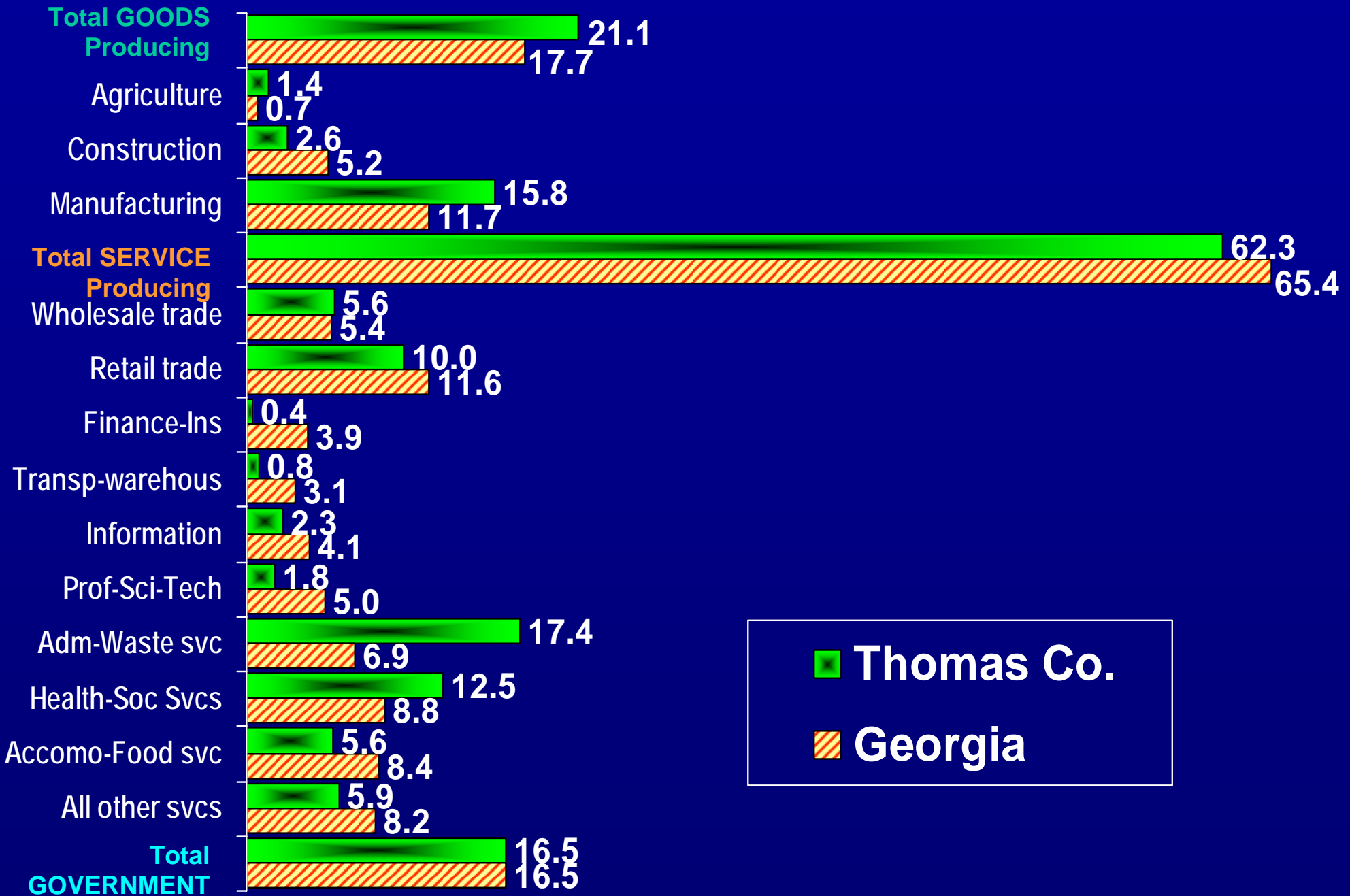
Avg. GA County = 5.0

Business Establishments, Employment and Wages Thomas County 2005 Annual Averages, % of Total



- Agriculture
- Construction
- Manufacturing
- Wholesale trade
- Retail trade
- Transp-warehouse
- Information
- Finance/Insur
- Prof-Sci-Tech Svc
- Admin-waste svc
- Health svc
- Accom/Food Svc
- All other svc
- Govt
- All Other

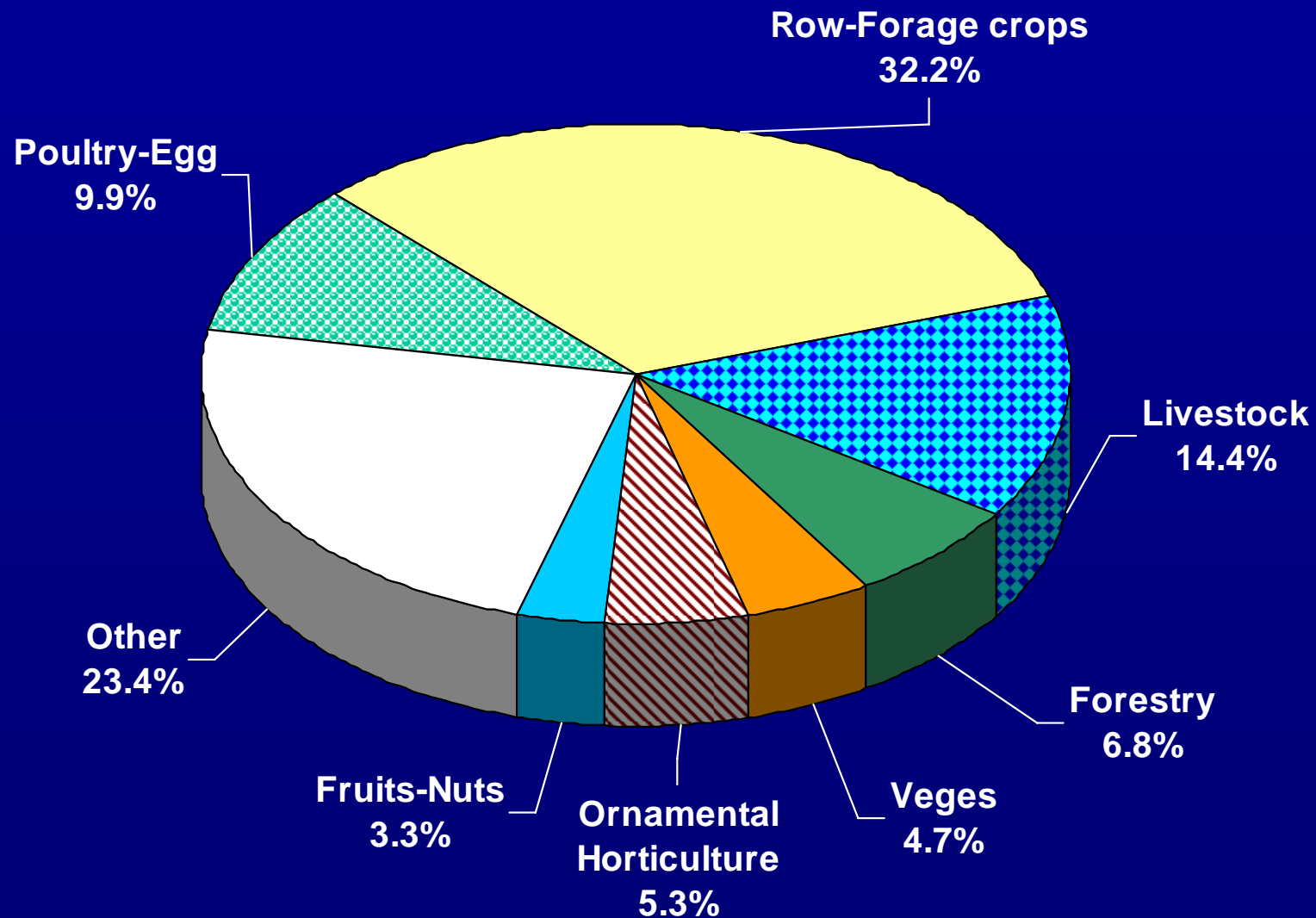
Employment Comparisons by Industry: 2005



Primary data source: GA Dept. of Labor

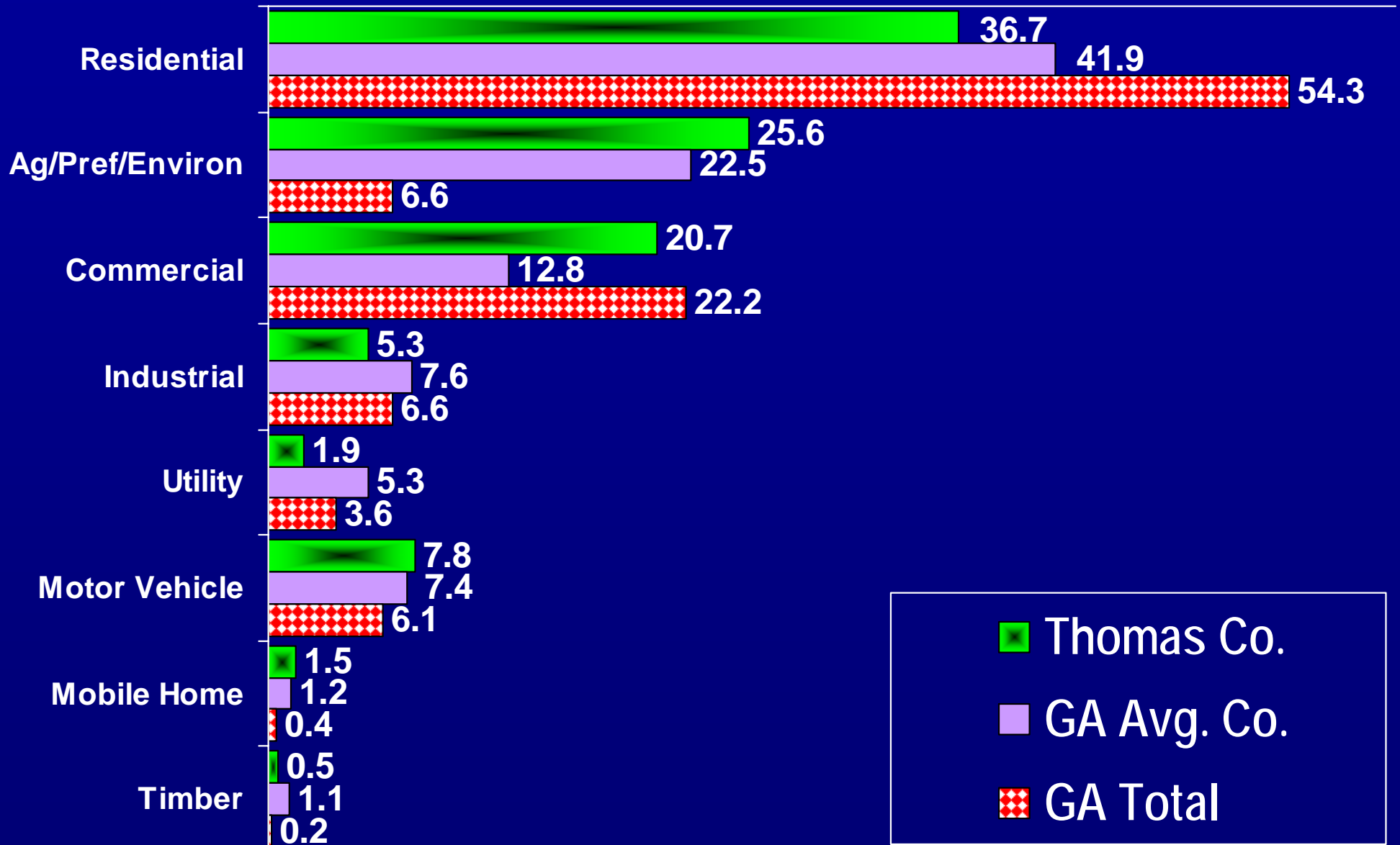
Farm Gate Value by Commodity Group: 2006

Thomas Co. Total Value = \$104,267,341



Components of Gross Property Tax Digest: 2006

Thomas Co. Gross Digest (40% Value) = \$1,185,459,141



Primary data source: GA Dept. of Revenue

County Property Tax Digest Comparisons: 2006

County	% Residential	% Agricultural	% Commercial	% Industrial	% Motor Vehicle	% Other
THOMAS	36.7	25.6	20.7	5.3	7.8	3.9
BROOKS	26.2	44.4	5.5	9.7	6.9	7.2
COLQUITT	40.8	15.6	21.1	4.4	10.5	7.4
COOK	31.8	27.8	19.7	7.9	7.3	5.5
DECATUR	34.1	20.2	15.8	15.9	7.7	6.3
GRADY	44.0	28.7	10.2	4.9	7.7	4.5
MITCHELL	28.4	36.0	14.2	8.5	6.4	6.5
Avg. GA Co.	41.9	22.5	12.8	7.6	7.4	7.7

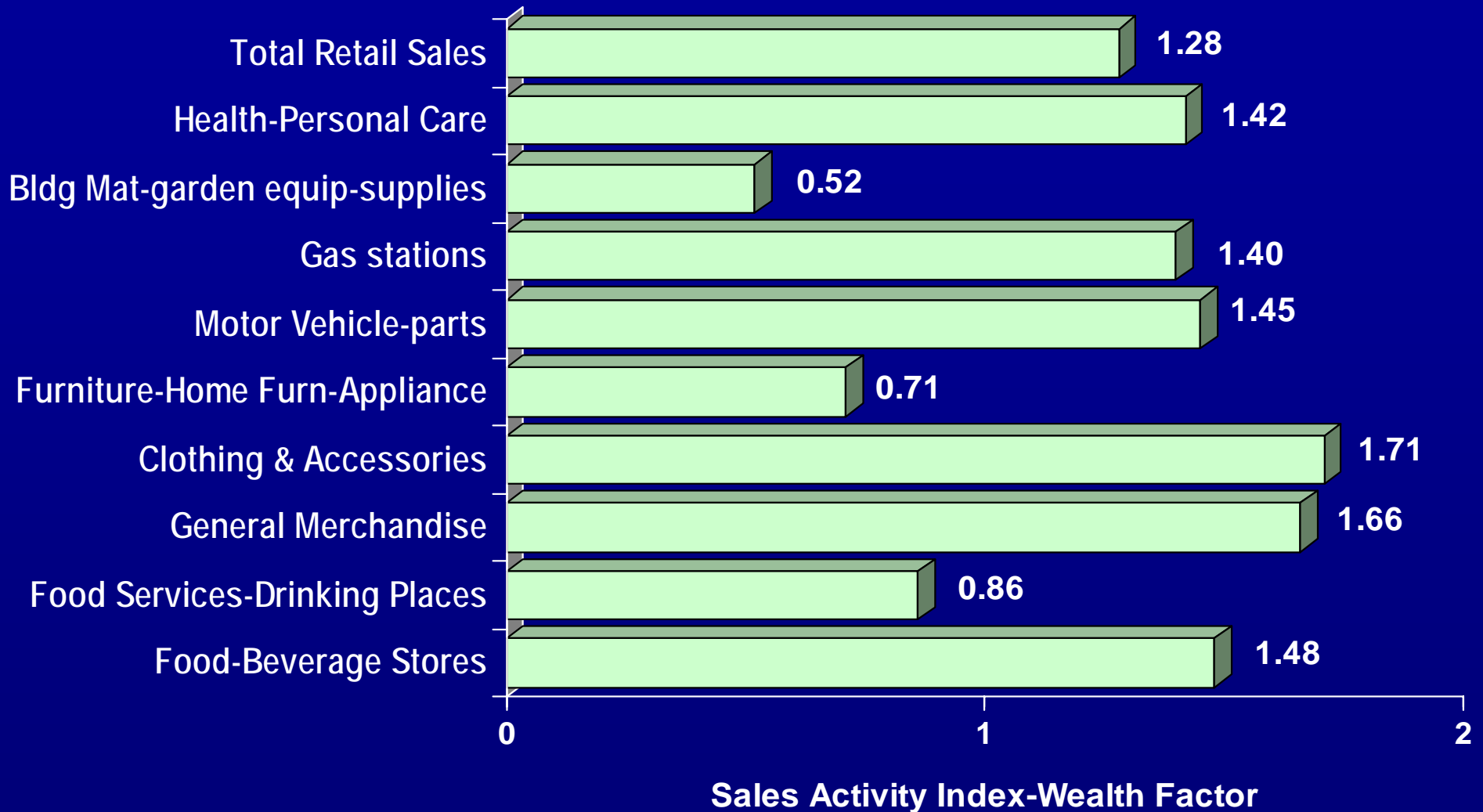
Millage Rates, Taxes Levied, & Sales Tax

County	'06 County-wide Millage*	'06 School Millage*	'05 Taxes Levied* (\$000)	Sales Tax Rate as of 4/07	LOST Type* as of 4/07
THOMAS	23.74	13.96	\$27,951	7	LSE
BROOKS	28.79	15.23	\$9,380	7	LSE
COLQUITT	26.46	8.66	\$20,352	7	LSE
COOK	23.72	14.15	\$8,107	7	LSE
DECATUR	21.40	12.84	\$15,343	7	LSE
GRADY	21.55	11.80	\$12,493	7	LSE
MITCHELL	29.82	12.48	\$15,917	7	LSE

*All tax districts are assessed an additional .250 state millage. Taxes Levied, but not necessarily collected. L=Local Option Sales Tax, S=Special Purpose, E=Educational

Retail Sales Analysis: 2005

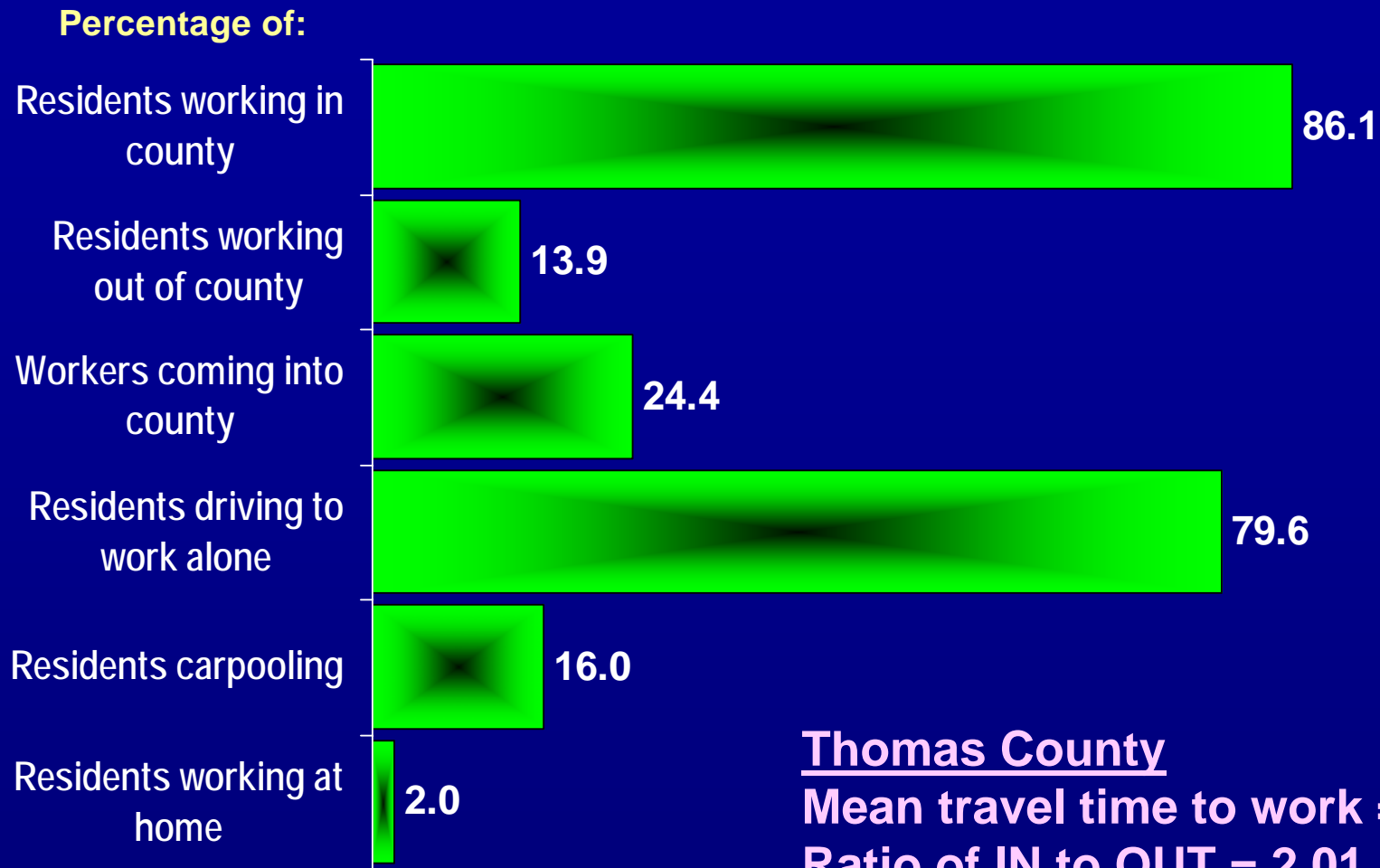
Thomas Co. Total Retail Sales = \$603,340,000



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: “2006 Georgia Outshopping Report,” SBDC, Applied Research, The University of Georgia.

Commuting to Work: 2000



Thomas County
Mean travel time to work = 19.1 min.
Ratio of IN to OUT = 2.01

Resident workers 16+ = 17,833
Residents working in county = 15,361
Residents working out of county = 2,472
Total working in county = 20,318
Workers commuting into county = 4,957

*This study was developed to assist
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future planning and decision making.*

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